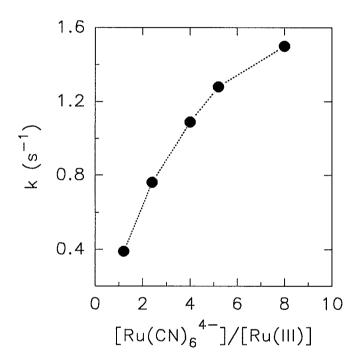


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Supporting Information Fig. 1. Substitution rate constants (obtained by dividing the slope (in M s<sup>-1</sup>) of the zero order phase by the concentration of the catalyst) for the catalyzed reaction as a function of R.  $[[Ru(NH_3)_5H_2O]^{3+}] = 2.5 \times 10^{-4} M$ ,  $[[Ru(NH_3)_5H_2O]^{2+}] = 2.5 \times 10^{-5} M$ , temperature  $22.0 \pm 0.5$  ° C, pH 4.7 (acetate buffer  $3.0 \times 10^{-3} M$ ).