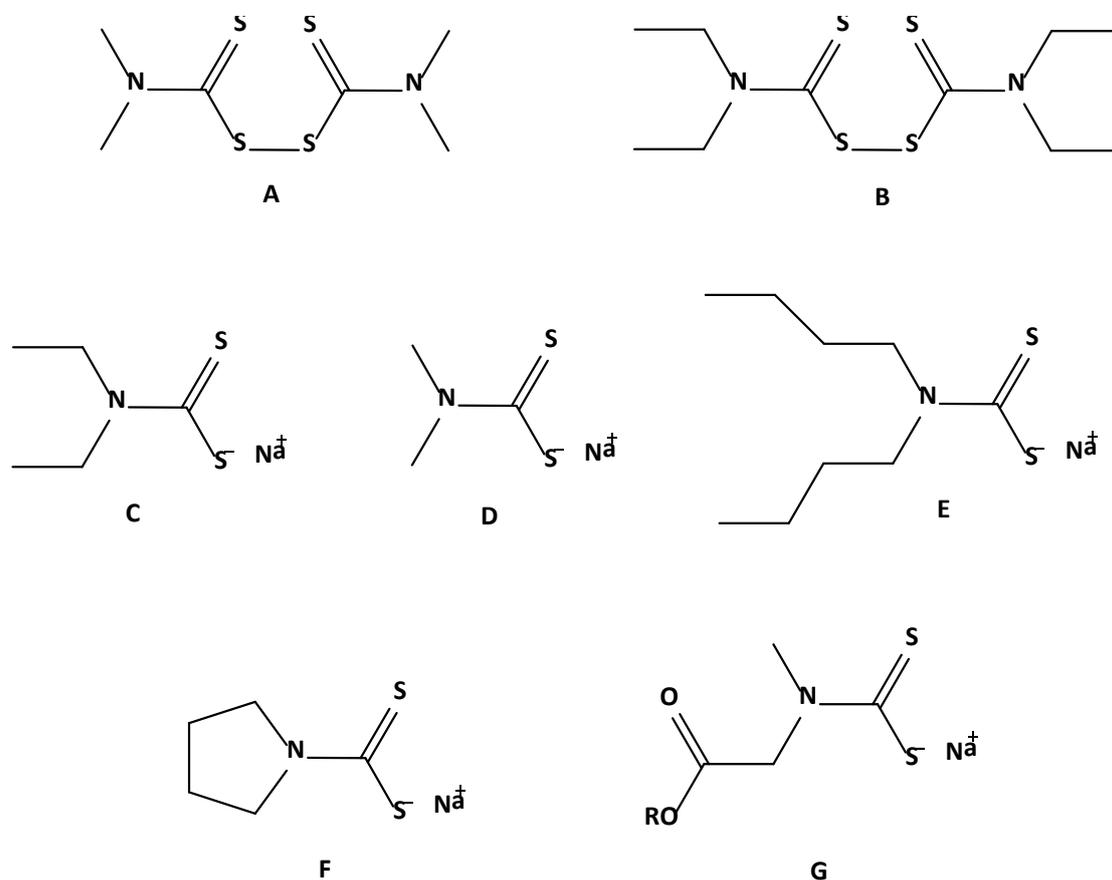
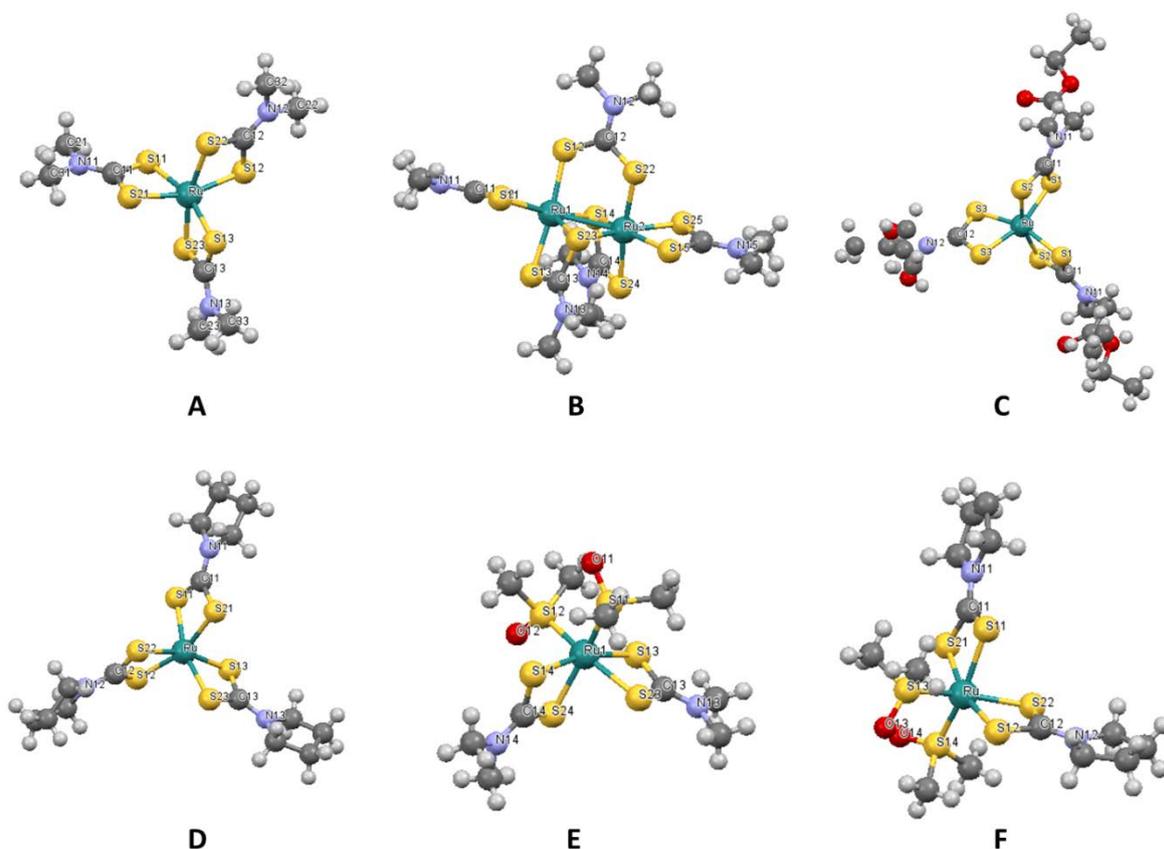


Supplementary information



**Figure SI-1. Structures of some disulfides and dithiocarbamates.** Tetramethyldisulfide (TMDTS) **A**, Tetraethylthiuramdisulfide **B**, diethylthiocarbamate sodium salt (NaDET) **C**, dimethylthiocarbamate sodium salt (NaDMDT) **D**, butylthiocarbamate sodium salt **E**, pyrrolidinedithiocarbamate sodium salt (NaPDT) **F**, sarcosine ester dithiocarbamate (RSDT, R= Me, Et, *t*Bu) **G**.



**Figure SI-2. A .Crystal structure of the mononuclear [Ru(DMDT)<sub>3</sub>] complex (Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre number: 824317 ) [75]. B. Crystal structure of the dinuclear derivative [Ru<sub>2</sub>(DMDT)<sub>5</sub>]BF<sub>4</sub> (Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre number: 882747) [57]. C. Crystal structure of the mononuclear [Ru(ESDT)<sub>3</sub>] complex (Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre number: 824319 ) [75]. D. Crystal structure of the mononuclear [Ru(PDT)<sub>3</sub>] complex (Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre number: 824318 ) [75]. E. Crystal structure of the Ru(II) heteroleptic [Ru(DMDT)<sub>2</sub>(DMSO)<sub>2</sub>] complex (Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre number: 882745 ) [57]. F: Crystal structure of the Ru(II) heteroleptic [Ru(PDT)<sub>2</sub>(DMSO)<sub>2</sub>] complex (Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre number: 882745 ) [57].**

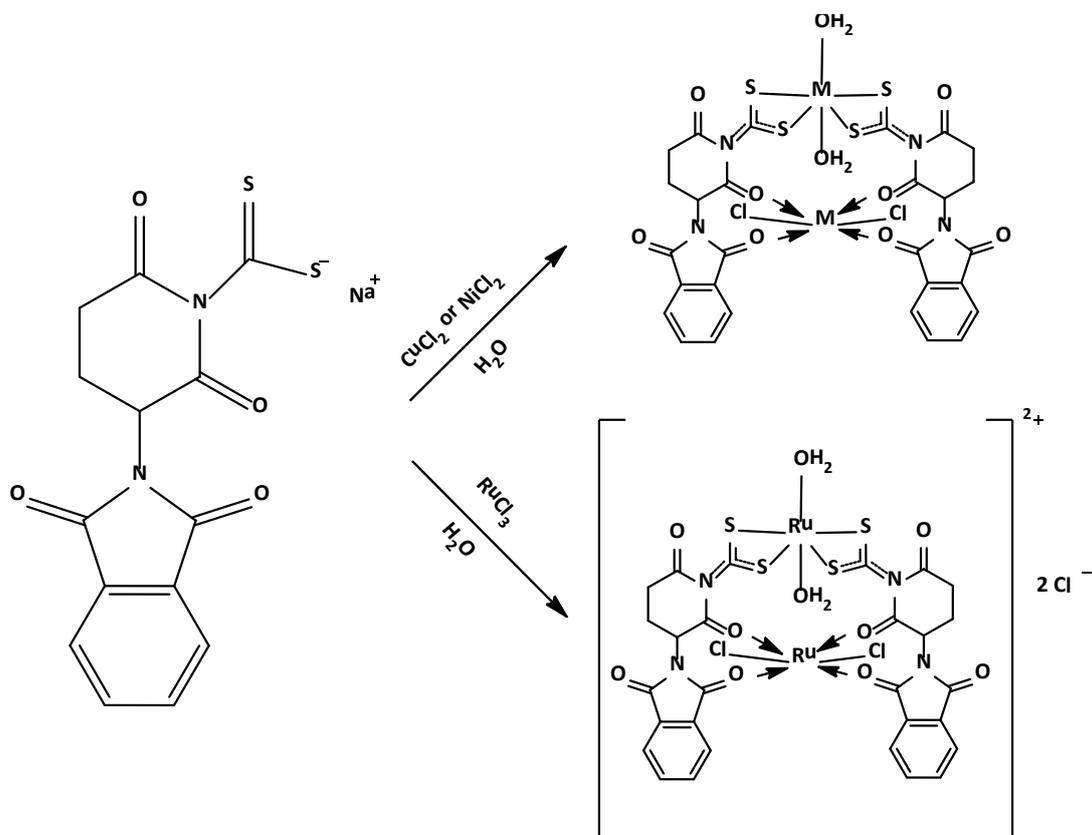


Figure SI-3. Synthetic strategy for the preparation of thalidomide-dithiocarbamate derivatives of Cu(II), Ni(II) and Ru(III).