

Seven-coordinated iron(II) spin-crossover molecule: some learning from iron substitution in the $[\text{Fe}_x\text{Mn}_{1-x}(\text{L}_{222}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2)(\text{CN})_2]\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ solid solutions

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x	C	H	N	Fe	Mn
1	50.78(50.89)	5.88(5.78)	17.61(17.45)	14.22(13.92)	-
0.966	50.59(50.89)	5.94(5.78)	17.51(17.46)	13.82 (13.45)	0.49 (0.47)
0.964	49.58(50.89)	5.75(5.78)	16.96(17.46)	14.64(13.42)	0.55(0.49)
0.953	50.29(50.89)	5.76(5.78)	17.21(17.46)	13.98(13.27)	0.69(0.64)
0.949	50.04(50.89)	5.79(5.78)	17.19(17.46)	14.18 (13.21)	0.76 (0.70)
0.930	50.76(50.90)	5.95(5.78)	17.48(17.46)	12.39 (12.95)	0.94 (0.96)
0.912	50.68(50.90)	5.79(5.78)	17.45(17.46)	12.70 (12.70)	1.22 (1.21)
0.892	50.90(50.90)	5.66(5.78)	17.56(17.46)	12.86 (12.42)	1.56 (1.48)
0.867	50.46(50.9)	5.83(5.78)	17.31(17.46)	12.77(12.17)	1.83(1.73)
0.853	51.04(50.90)	5.83(5.78)	17.38(17.46)	12.03 (12.02)	1.91(1.88)
0.832	50.90(50.90)	5.84(5.78)	17.52(17.46)	11.71(11.58)	2.32(2.30)
0.812	50.84(50.90)	5.78(5.78)	17.54(17.46)	11.22(11.31)	2.55(2.58)
0.659	49.31(50.93)	5.64(5.78)	16.84(17.47)	9.24(9.18)	4.77(4.67)
0.550	49.68(50.94)	5.77(5.78)	16.89(17.47)	7.99(7.66)	6.53(6.17)
0.312	50.04(50.97)	5.34(5.78)	16.02(17.48)	4.41(4.35)	9.73(9.43)

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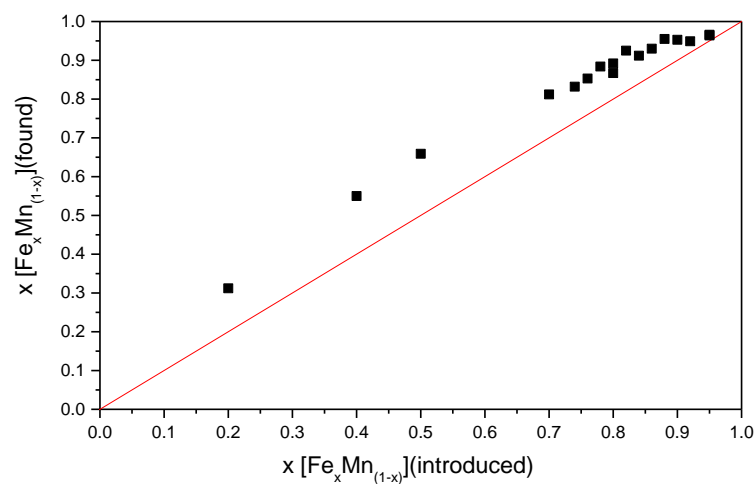


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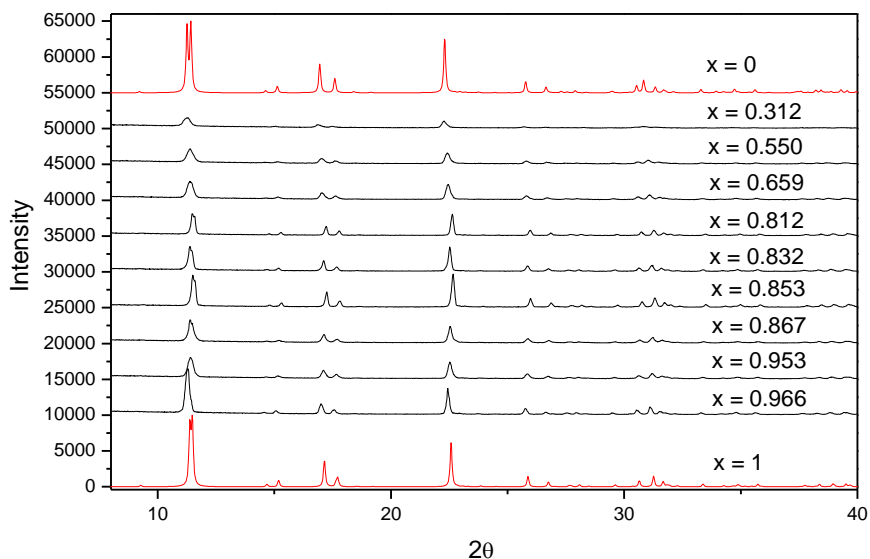


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Compound	$[\text{Mn}(\text{L}_{222}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2)(\text{CN})_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	
	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{MnN}_5\text{O}_3$	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{MnN}_5\text{O}_3$
Formula	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{MnN}_5\text{O}_3$	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{MnN}_5\text{O}_3$
λ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
M_r ($\text{g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$)	400.34	400.34
Colour	brown	brown
Crystal size (mm^3)	$0.45 \times 0.25 \times 0.25$	$0.45 \times 0.25 \times 0.25$
Crystal morphology	cubic	cubic
Temperature (K)	270(2)	120(2)
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	C 2/c	C 2/c
a (Å)	17.5613(3)	17.093(3)
b (Å)	12.0994(2)	11.990(2)
c (Å)	10.17850(10)	10.330(2)
β (°)	116.5790(10)	113.011(2)
V (Å ³)	1934.18(5)	1893.1(8)
Z	4	4
Density ($\text{g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$)	1.375	1.405
μ (mm^{-1})	0.708	0.724
No. of total reflections	2815	8979
R_{obs}	0.0309	0.0319
$wR2_{\text{obs}}$	0.0839	0.0805
S	1.042	1.082

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Formula	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{Mn}_{0.04}\text{Fe}_{0.96}\text{N}_5\text{O}_3$
λ (Å)	0.71073
M_r ($\text{g}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$)	401.22
Colour	dark blue
Crystal size (mm^3)	$0.08 \times 0.08 \times 0.08$
Crystal morphology	cubic
Temperature (K)	293(2)
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	C 2/c
a (Å)	17.3438(8)
b (Å)	12.0771(7)
c (Å)	10.1378(7)
β (°)	116.269(3)
V (Å^3)	1904.19(19)
Z	4
Density ($\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$)	1.400
μ (mm^{-1})	0.818
No. of total reflections	2586
R_{obs}	0.0773
$wR2_{\text{obs}}$	0.1536
S	0.989

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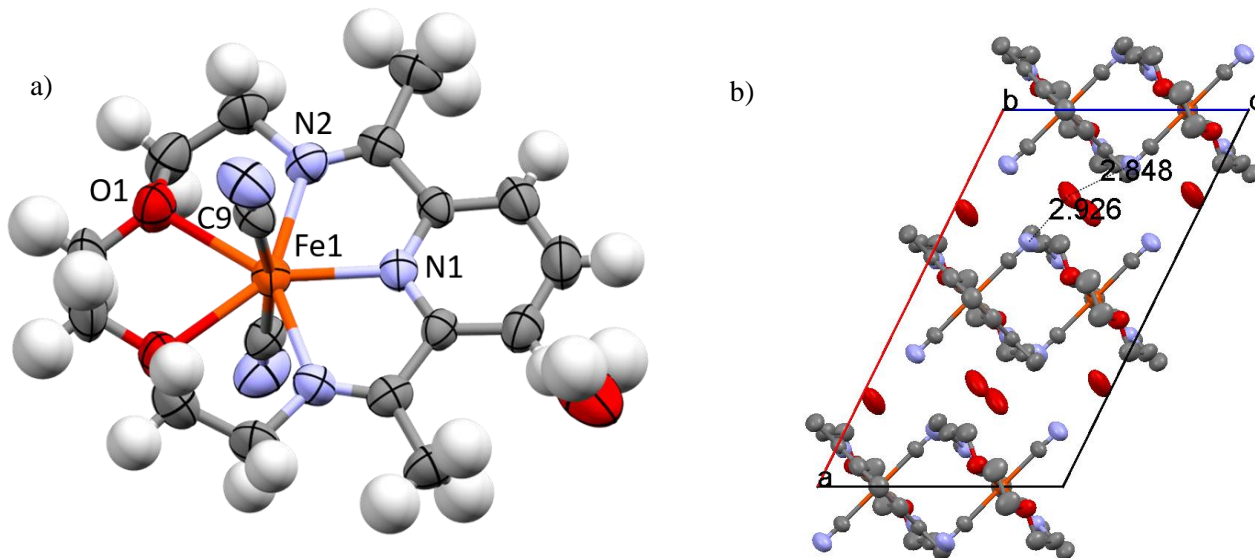


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Formula	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{Mn}_{0.36}\text{Fe}_{0.64}\text{N}_5\text{O}_3$	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{23}\text{Mn}_{0.36}\text{Fe}_{0.64}\text{N}_5\text{O}_3$
λ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
M_r (g.mol ⁻¹)	400.93	400.93
Colour	dark blue	dark blue
Crystal size (mm ³)	$0.17 \times 0.13 \times 0.13$	$0.17 \times 0.13 \times 0.13$
Crystal morphology	prism	prism
Temperature (K)	250(2)	100(2)
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	C 2/c	C 2/c
a (Å)	17.3332(4)	17.0528(5)
b (Å)	12.0778(4)	12.0023(4)
c (Å)	10.1168(2)	10.0974(3)
β (°)	116.210(2)	115.880(2)
V (Å ³)	1900.16(9)	1859.40(10)
Z	4	4
Density (g.cm ⁻³)	1.403	1.433
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.820	0.838
No. of total reflections	2164	2116
R_{obs}	0.0589	0.0631
wR2 _{obs}	0.1105	0.1208
S	1.061	1.08

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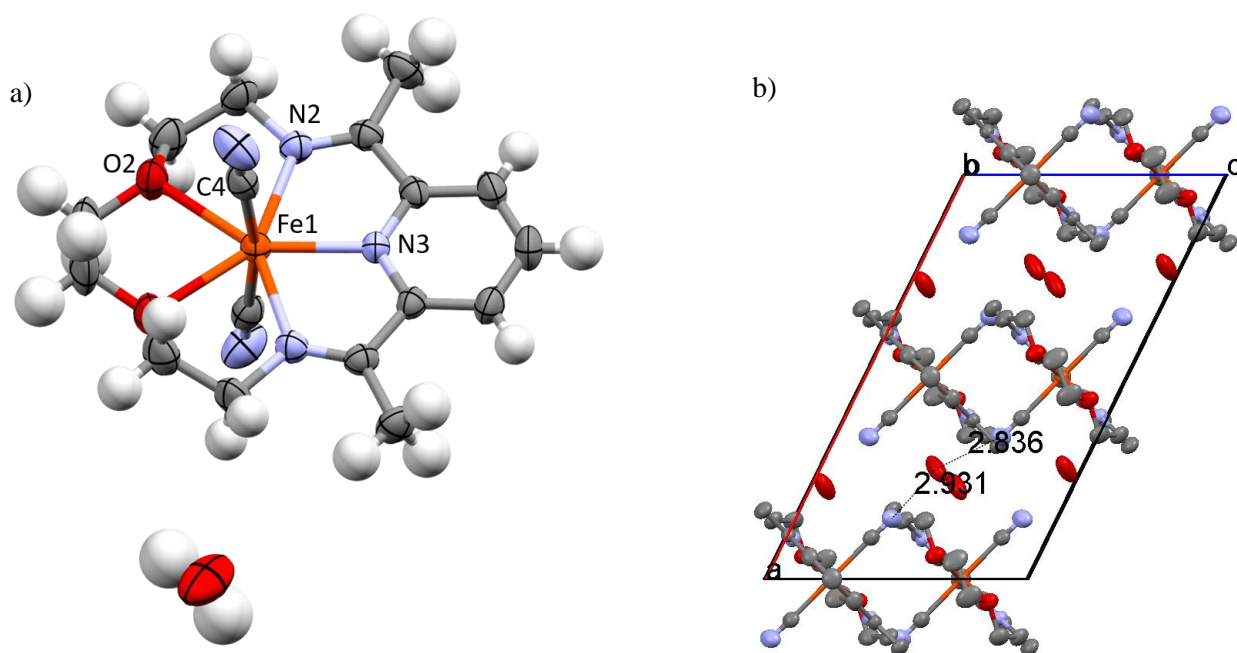


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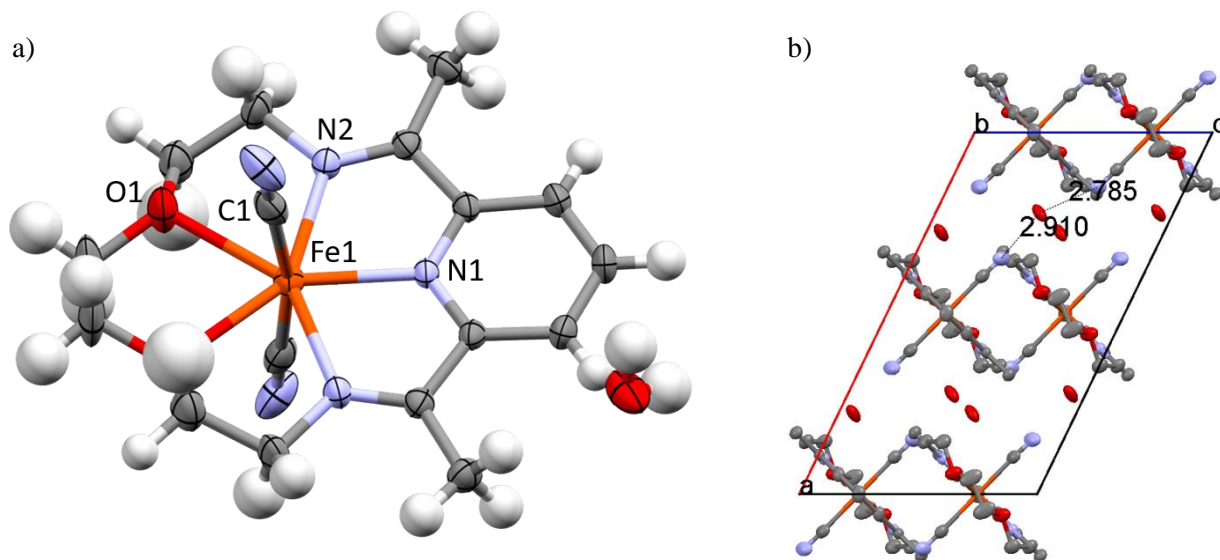


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<i>RMSD</i> (Å): average (max.)	Mn, RT			
Fe, RT	0.058 (0.131)	Fe, RT		
Fe_{0.64}Mn_{0.36}, RT	0.043 (0.118)	0.021 (0.060)	Fe_{0.64}Mn_{0.36}, RT	
Mn, LT	0.085 (0.267)	0.102 (0.298)	0.103 (0.307)	Mn, LT
Fe_{0.96}Mn_{0.04}, RT	0.060 (0.136)	0.012 (0.018)	0.022 (0.056)	0.101 (0.301)
Fe_{0.64}Mn_{0.36}, LT	0.045 (0.120)	0.019 (0.048)	0.009 (0.056)	0.095 (0.299)

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Fe1 — N1	2.122(5)	Fe1 — N2	2.211(3)
Fe1 — O1	2.337(3)	Fe1 — C9	2.174(6)
N1 — Fe1 — N2	72.7(2)	C9 — Fe1 — N1	95.0(2)
N1 — Fe1 — O1	144.5(2)	C9 — Fe1 — N2	92.9(2)
N2 — Fe1 — O1	71.9(1)	C9 — Fe1 — O1	84.2(2)
N2 — Fe1 — N2 ⁱ	145.3(1)	C9 — Fe1 — O1 ⁱ	87.7(2)
N2 — Fe1 — O1 ⁱ	142.7(1)	C9 — Fe1 — N2 ⁱ	90.0(2)
O1 — Fe1 — O1 ⁱ	71.1(1)	C9 — Fe1 — C9 ⁱ	170.0(2)

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Fe1 — N3	2.143(2)	Fe1 — N2	2.225(2)
Fe1 — O2	2.323(2)	Fe1 — C4	2.224(4)
N3 — Fe1 — N2	72.17(9)	C4 — Fe1 — N3	95.0(1)
N3 — Fe1 — O2	144.05(8)	C4 — Fe1 — N2	92.86(9)
N2 — Fe1 — O2	71.99(7)	C4 — Fe1 — O2	84.07(9)
N2 — Fe1 — N2 ⁱ	144.35(8)	C4 — Fe1 — O2 ⁱ	87.82(9)
N2 — Fe1 — O2 ⁱ	143.60(8)	C4 — Fe1 — N2 ⁱ	90.21(9)
O2 — Fe1 — O2 ⁱ	71.89(7)	C4 — Fe1 — C4 ⁱ	170.0(1)

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Fe1 — N1	2.118(4)	Fe1 — N2	2.214(2)
Fe1 — O1	2.329(2)	Fe1 — C1	2.208(4)
N1 — Fe1 — N2	72.6(1)	C1 — Fe1 — N1	95.4(1)
N1 — Fe1 — O1	144.3(1)	C1 — Fe1 — N2	92.9(1)
N2 — Fe1 — O1	71.88(9)	C1 — Fe1 — O1	83.8(1)
N2 — Fe1 — N2 ⁱ	145.13(9)	C1 — Fe1 — O1 ⁱ	87.5(1)
N2 — Fe1 — O1 ⁱ	142.93(9)	C1 — Fe1 — N2 ⁱ	90.3(1)
O1 — Fe1 — O1 ⁱ	71.33(9)	C1 — Fe1 — C1 ⁱ	169.3(1)

Table SI.6: Kinetics performed at 148 K and 190 K after fast cooling at 10 K for the complex $[\text{Fe}_x\text{Mn}_{1-x}(\text{L}_{222}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2)(\text{CN})_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ with $x = 0.949$

