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Supplementary information for

Mononuclear complexes of Fe^{II}, Co^{II} and Co^{III} containing imine-based ligands of 8-aminoquinoline and 7-aminoindazole: spin state tuning of Fe^{II} complexes in solution

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1. NMR spectroscopy



Fig S1. $^1\!H$ NMR and $^{13}\!C$ NMR of complex $\bm{1}$ in CD_3CN solution.



Fig S2. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR of complex **2** in CD₃CN solution.



Fig S3. $^1\!H$ NMR and ^{13}C NMR of complex ${\bm 3}$ in CD_3CN solution.



Figure S4. Paramagnetic VT-¹H NMR for complex **4** in CD₃CN solution.



Figure S5. Paramagnetic ¹H NMR for complex 5·(MeOH)₂(Et₂O)_{0.5} in CD₃CN solution. Inset shows an expansion of the 0.5-5.0 ppm range.

2. IR Spectroscopy



Figure S6. IR spectrum for complex 1.



Figure S7. IR spectrum for complex 2.



Figure S8. IR spectrum for complex **3**.



Figure S9. IR spectrum for complex 4.



Figure S10. IR spectrum for complex 5.

3. Comments on checkcif alert for complex 2

The following alert level B for complex **2** (JMSV14sq.cif) was not possible to remove. The alert in this file is:

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Alert level B
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O19 and C31 are the atoms corresponding to the methoxy group in the α -aminoether, which has some disorder. Attempts to model the disorder were not successful. Thus, this alert B is caused by vibration of the entire methoxy group and not due to wrong atom assignment.^{S1}

S1. G. Valluru, S. Rahman, P. E. Georghiou, L. N. Dawe, A. N. Alodhayb and L. Y. Beaulieu, *N. J. Chem.*, 2014, **38**, 5868-5872.

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for complexes 2, 3	and 5 .
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Compound	2·solvents	3-solvents	5·(MeOH)(Et₂O)₀.₅
Identification code	JMSV14sq	JMSV01sq	ICQ02
Empirical formula	C31H25B2C0F8N6O	C ₂₆ H ₂₀ B ₂ F ₈ FeN ₈	C60H66B4C02F16N16O5
Formula weight	730.12	673.97	1556.38
Temperature	298(2) K	293(2) K	166(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P21/n	I2/a	C2/c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 12.1427(7) Å, α = 90° b = 15.5443(9) Å, β = 106.570(2)° c = 19.5164(12) Å, γ = 90°	a = 16.375(3) Å, α = 90° b =12.327(3) Å, β = 102.25(3)° c = 17.399(4), γ = 90°	a = 21.699(9) Å, α = 90° b = 12.540(4) Å, β = 119.63(2)° c = 15.873(8) Å, γ = 90°
Volume	3530.7(4) Å ³	3431.9(13) Å ³	3754(3) Å ³
Z	4	4	2
Density (calculated)	1.374 mg/m ³	1.304 mg/m ³	1.377 mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.562 mm ⁻¹	0.511 mm ⁻¹	0.537 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	1480	1360	1592
Crystal size	0.390 x 0.250 x 0.150 mm ³	0.320 x 0.290 x 0.180 mm ³	0.460 x 0.300 x 0.200 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	2.186 to 25.026°.	2.396 to 26.575°.	2.660 to 28.907°.
Index ranges	-14 ≤ h ≤ 14, -18 ≤ k ≤ 18, -23 ≤ l ≤ 23	-20 ≤ h ≤ 20, -15 ≤ k ≤ 15, -21 ≤ l ≤ 21	-29 ≤ h ≤ 29, -17 ≤ k ≤ 17, -21 ≤ l<=21
Reflections collected	113448	55537	136671
Independent reflections	6231 [R(int) = 0.0997]	3536 [R(int) = 0.1307]	4897 [R(int) = 0.0784]
Completeness to theta	99.8 %	99.8 %	99.6 %
Max. and min. transmission	0.7458 and 0.6496	0.7455 and 0.5768	0.7458 and 0.6754
Data / restraints / parameters	6231 / 306 / 516	3536 / 0 / 204	4897 / 21 / 279
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.971	1.037	1.222
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0620, wR2 = 0.1709	R1 = 0.0587, wR2 = 0.1570	R1 = 0.0548, wR2 = 0.1578
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0840, wR2 = 0.1892	R1 = 0.1046, wR2 = 0.1812	R1 = 0.0701, wR2 = 0.1660
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.945 and -0.488 e.Å ⁻³	0.420 and -0.343 e.Å ⁻³	0.658d -0.541 e.Å ⁻³

4. Supramolecular interactions

Complex 3



Figure S11. H-bonds of the type $NH\cdots F-BF_3$, $N=C-H\cdots F-BF_3$ and $C-H\cdots F-BF_3$ found in the crystal structure of complex **3**.

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D-HA	d(D-H)	d(HA)	d(DA)	<(DHA)
C(2)-H(2)N(2)#1	0.93	2.65	3.116(5)	111.3
N(4)-H(4A)F(11)#1	0.86	2.31	2.936(4)	129.5
N(4)-H(4A)F(12)#1	0.86	2.01	2.864(4)	169.9
C(3)-H(3)F(14)#2	0.93	2.53	3.434(6)	164.9
C(11)-H(11)F(12)#3	0.93	2.36	3.240(4)	157.4
C(14)-H(14)F(11)#4	0.93	2.31	3.148(5)	149.6

Table S2. Hydrogen bonds for complex **3** [Å and °].

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -x+1/2,y,-z+1 #2 -x+1,-y+1,-z+1 #3 -x+1/2,-y+1/2,-z+1/2 #4 x-1/2,-y,z



Figure S12. Embracing π - π and C-H- π interactions found in the crystal structure of complex **3** (top). Supramolecular zig-zag polymer running along a-axis (bottom).

Complex 2



Figure S13. H-bonds interactions (green dotted lines) present in complex 2.

D-HA	d(D-H)	d(HA)	d(DA)	<(DHA)	
C(31)-H(31)F(12)#3	0.98	2.36	3.279(10)	156.4	
C(22)-H(22)F(26)	0.93	2.45	3.144(14)	131.2	
C(11)-H(11)F(12)	0.93	2.34	2.939(10)	122.1	
C(11)-H(11)F(15)	0.93	2.48	3.142(10)	128.3	
C(11)-H(11)F(25)	0.93	2.56	3.330(13)	140.6	

Table S3. Hydrogen bonds for Complex **2** [Å and °].

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 x+1/2,-y+1/2,z-1/2 #2 x+1,y,z #3 -x+1/2,y+1/2,-z+1/2

#4 -x+1,-y+1,-z+1



Figure S14. Perspective view of the dimers formed via π - π and C-H \cdots π interactions observed in the crystal lattice of complex **2**.

Complex 5



Figure S15. Perspective views of complex **5** showing the C-C bond lengths for the 7-amino-2*H*indazole unit (left) and the hydrogen bonding of the NH_{indazole} unit to the methanol solvent molecule (right).



Figure S16. Perspective view of complex ${\bf 5}$ showing the H-bond interactions between the imine C-H and the $F\text{-}BF_3$ anions.

D-HA	d(D-H)	d(HA)	d(DA)	<(DHA)	
N(2)-H(2)O(1)	0.88	1.88	2.751(4)	168.3	
C(3)-H(3)F(4A^a)	0.95	2.53	3.277(9)	136.1	
C(15)-H(15)F(1)#2	0.95	2.52	3.225(4)	131.4	
C(12)-H(12)F(4A^a)#3	0.95	2.57	3.440(10)	151.8	
C(10)-H(10)F(3A^a)#3	0.95	2.40	3.305(5)	158.3	
C(20)-H(1B)F(4B^b)	0.98	2.63	3.58(3)	163.1	
C(20)-H(1C)F(3B^b)#4	0.98	2.64	3.152(18)	112.5	
O(1)-H(1)F(2A^a)#4	0.953(10)	2.08(8)	2.796(5)	131(8)	
O(1)-H(1)F(3B^b)#4	0.953(10)	2.19(8)	2.89(2)	129(8)	
O(1)-H(1)F(4B^b)#4	0.953(10)	2.61(8)	3.30(3)	130(8)	

Table S4. Hydrogen bonds for complex **5** [Å and °].

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -x+1,y,-z+1/2 #2 x,-y+1,z-1/2 #3 x+1/2,y-1/2,z

#4 -x+1/2,y-1/2,-z+1/2



Figure S17. Perspective view of the dimers formed via π - π and C-H··· π interactions observed in the crystal lattice of complex **5**.