

Supporting Information for "Thermal induced spin crossover in  $\text{Fe}(\text{PyrDer})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$  with PyrDer = 4-substituted pyridine derivatives," by Y. Avila, P. M. Crespo, Y. Plasencia, H. R. Mojica, J. Rodríguez-Hernández, E. Reguera

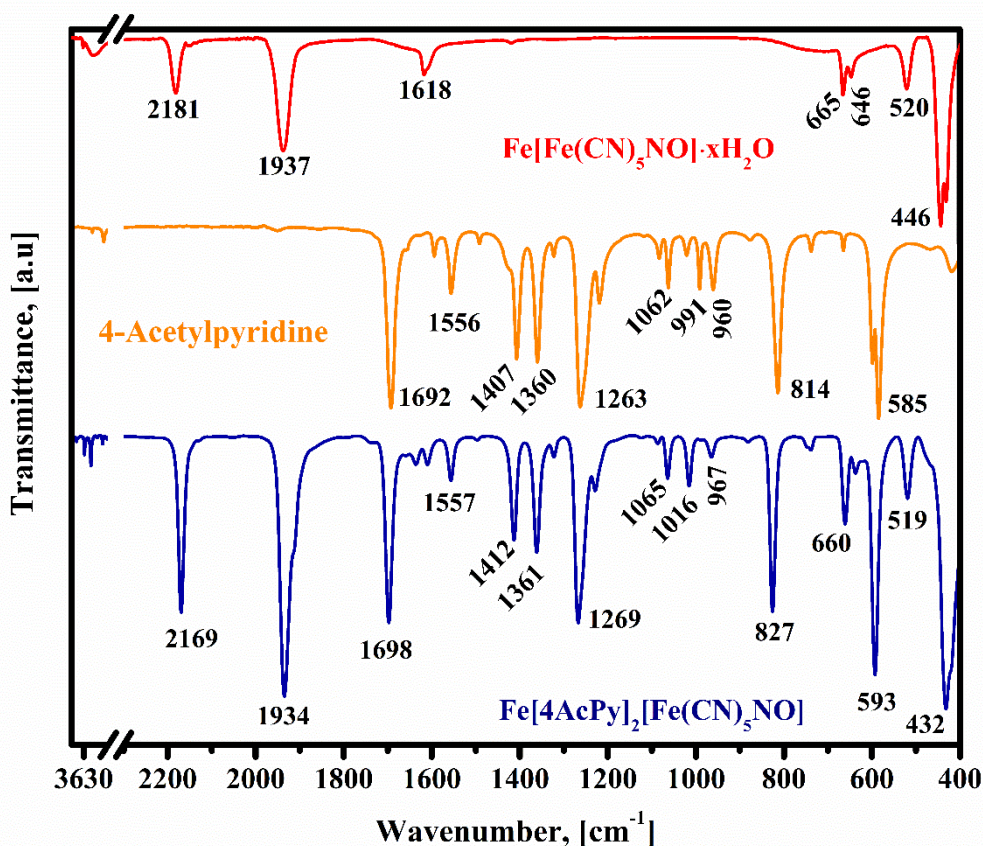


Figure S1: IR spectra for: ferrous nitroprusside,  $\text{Fe}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (3D orthorhombic phase); 4-acetylpyridine; and 2D ferrous nitroprusside with 4-acetylpyridine molecules intercalated between neighboring layers,  $\text{Fe}(4\text{AcPy})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$ . The 4-acetylpyridine molecule coordination to the axial positions of the iron (2+) atom is appreciated as a frequency shift for the  $\nu(\text{CN})$ ,  $\nu(\text{NO})$  stretching vibrations, absence of water molecule  $\nu(\text{OH})$  and  $\delta(\text{HOH})$  bands, and changes in the IR spectra for the intercalated molecule (4-acetylpyridine) relative to the one recorded for the non-intercalated molecule.

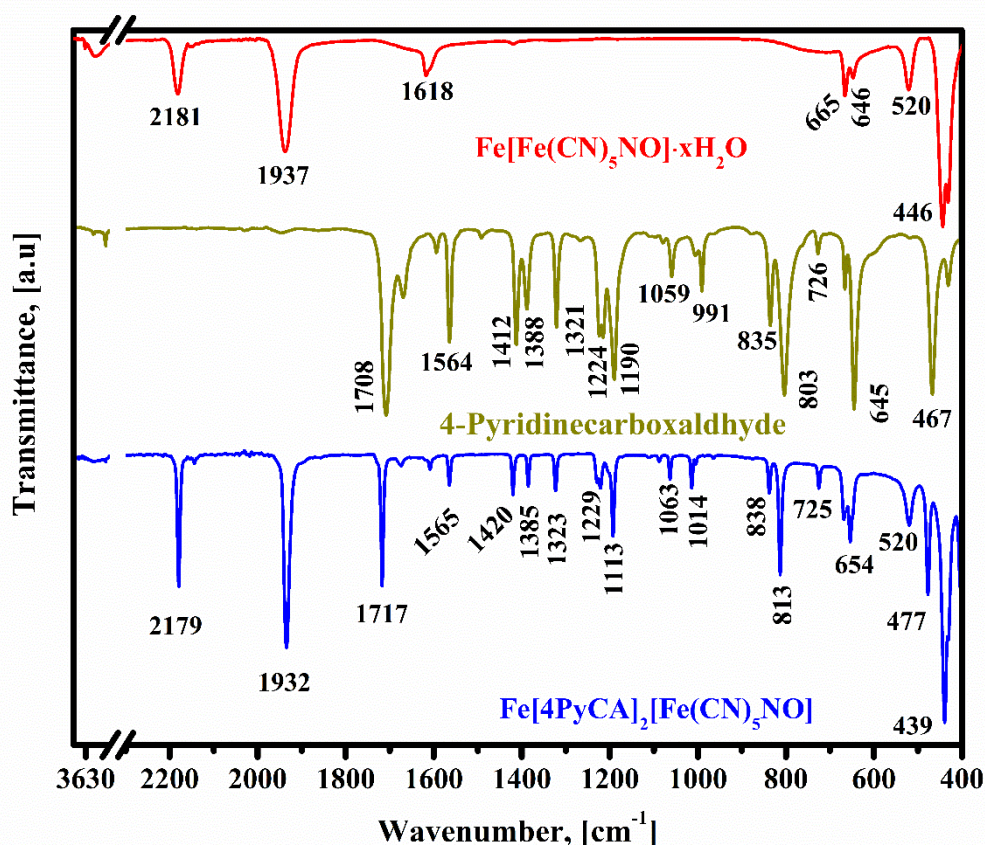


Figure S2: IR spectra for: ferrous nitroprusside,  $\text{Fe}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (3D orthorhombic phase); 4-pyridinecarboxaldehyde; and 2D ferrous nitroprusside with 4-pyridinecarboxaldehyde molecules intercalated between neighboring layers,  $\text{Fe}(\text{4PyCA})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$ . The 4-pyridinecarboxaldehyde molecule coordination to the axial positions of the iron (2+) atom is appreciated as a frequency shift for the  $\nu(\text{CN})$ ,  $\nu(\text{NO})$  vibrations, absence of water molecule  $\nu(\text{OH})$  and  $\delta(\text{HOH})$  bands, and changes in the IR spectra for the intercalated molecule (4-pyridinecarboxaldehyde) relative to the one recorded for the non-intercalated molecule.

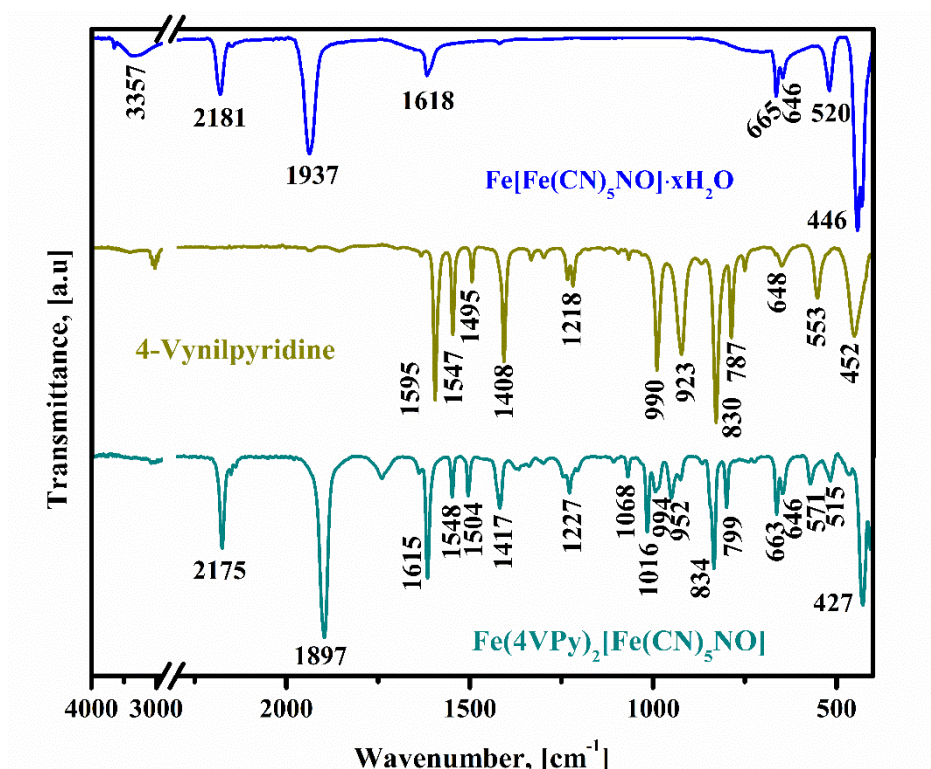


Figure S3: IR spectra for: ferrous nitroprusside,  $\text{Fe}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (3D orthorhombic phase); 4-vinylpyridine; and 2D ferrous nitroprusside with 4-vinylpyridine molecules intercalated between neighboring layers,  $\text{Fe}(\text{4VPy})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$ . The 4-vinylpyridine molecule coordination to the axial positions of the iron (2+) atom is appreciated as a frequency shift for the  $\nu(\text{CN})$ ,  $\nu(\text{NO})$  vibrations, absence of water molecule  $\nu(\text{OH})$  and  $\delta(\text{HOH})$  bands, and changes in the IR spectra for the intercalated molecule (4-Vinylpyridine) relative to the one recorded for the non-intercalated molecule.

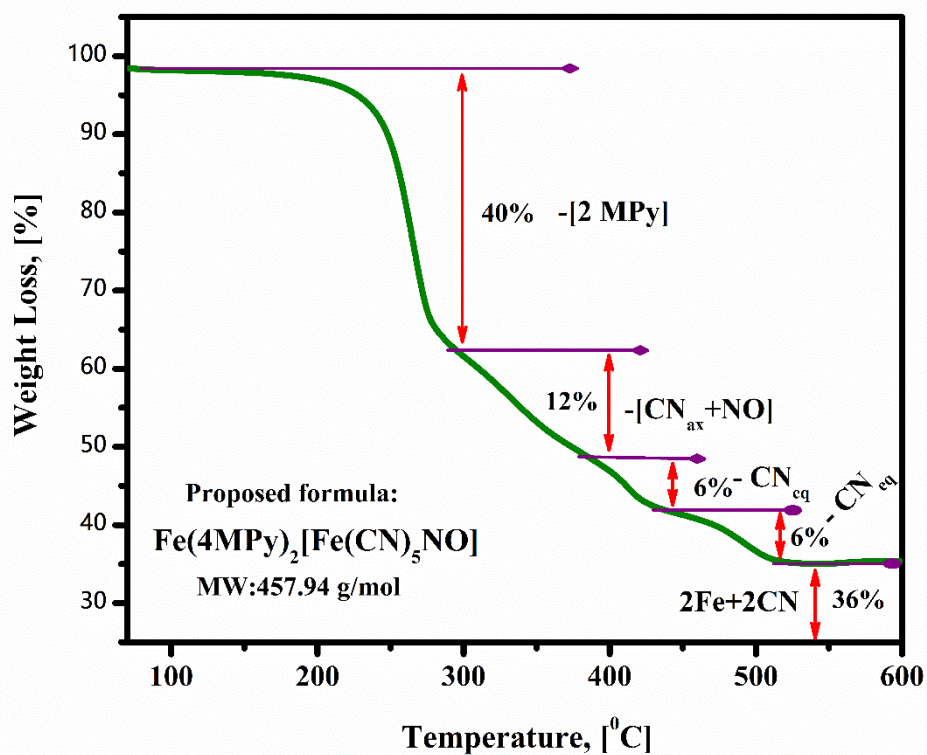


Figure S4: TG curve for 2D ferrous nitroprusside with 4-methylpyridine molecules intercalated between neighboring layers. The weight loss on heating for the 2D solid corresponds to a material with two 4-methylpyridine molecules per formula unit,  $\text{Fe}(\text{4MPy})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$ , where 4MPy = 4-methylpyridine.

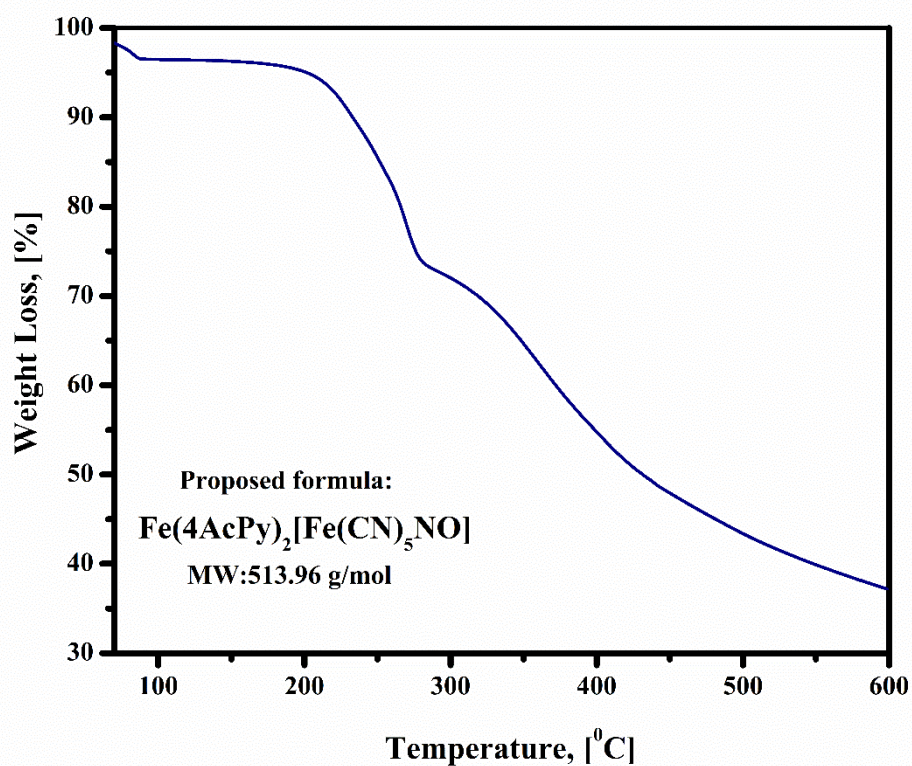


Figure S5: TG curve for 2D ferrous nitroprusside with 4-acetylpyridine molecules intercalated between neighboring layers. The weight loss on heating for the 2D solid corresponds to a material with two 4-acetylpyridine molecules per formula unit,  $\text{Fe(4AcPy)}_2[\text{Fe(CN)}_5\text{NO}]$ , where 4AcPy = 4-acetylpyridine.

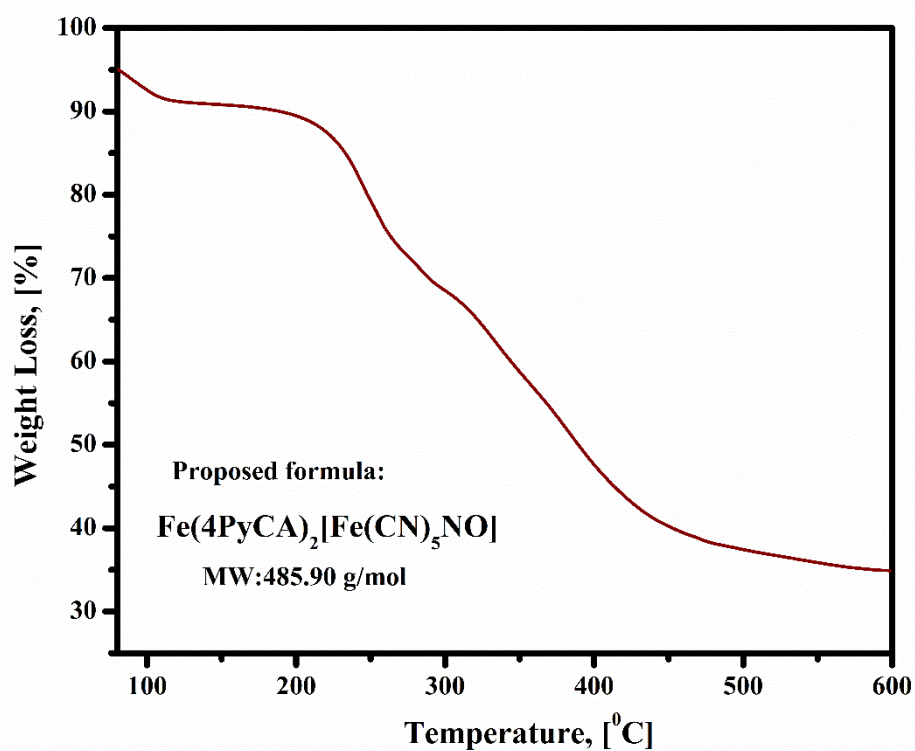


Figure S6: TG curve for 2D ferrous nitroprusside with 4-pyridinecarboxaldehyde molecules intercalated between neighboring layers. The weight loss on heating for the 2D solid corresponds to a material with two 4-pyridinecarboxaldehyde molecules per formula unit,  $\text{Fe(4PyCA)}_2[\text{Fe(CN)}_5\text{NO}]$ , where 4PyCA = 4-pyridinecarboxaldehyde.

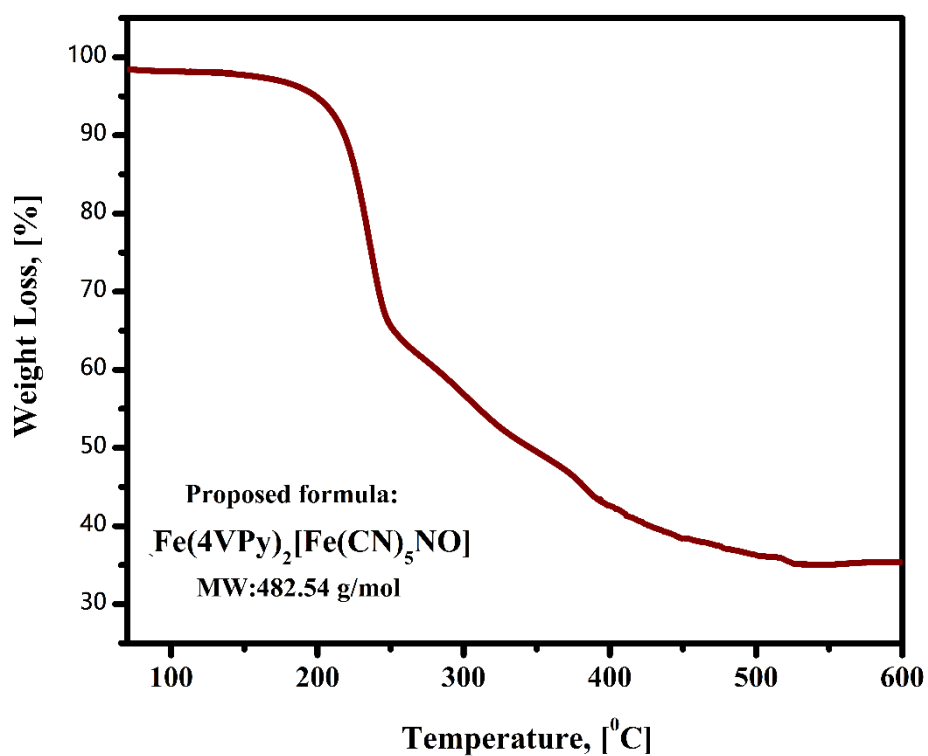


Figure S7: TG curve for 2D ferrous nitroprusside with 4-vinylpyridine molecules intercalated between neighboring layers. The weight loss on heating for the 2D solid corresponds to a material with two 4-vinylpyridine molecules per formula unit,  $\text{Fe(4VPy)}_2[\text{Fe(CN)}_5\text{NO}]$ , where 4VPy = 4-vinylpyridine.

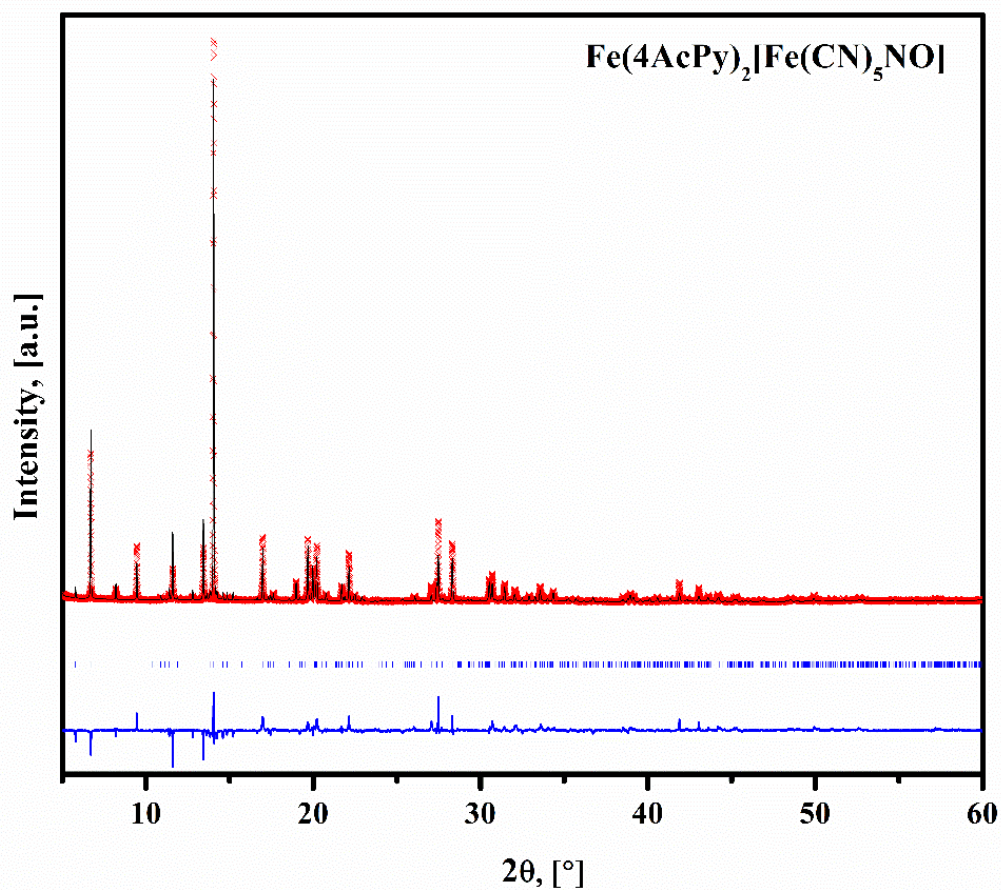


Figure S8: XRD powder pattern for  $\text{Fe}(\text{4AcPy})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$  (black), its fitting (red) according to the refined crystal structure, and the difference (blue) with 4AcPy= 4-acetylpyridine. This solid crystallizes in an orthorhombic unit cell, in the  $P2_12_12_1$  space group, with four formula units per cell ( $Z=4$ ).

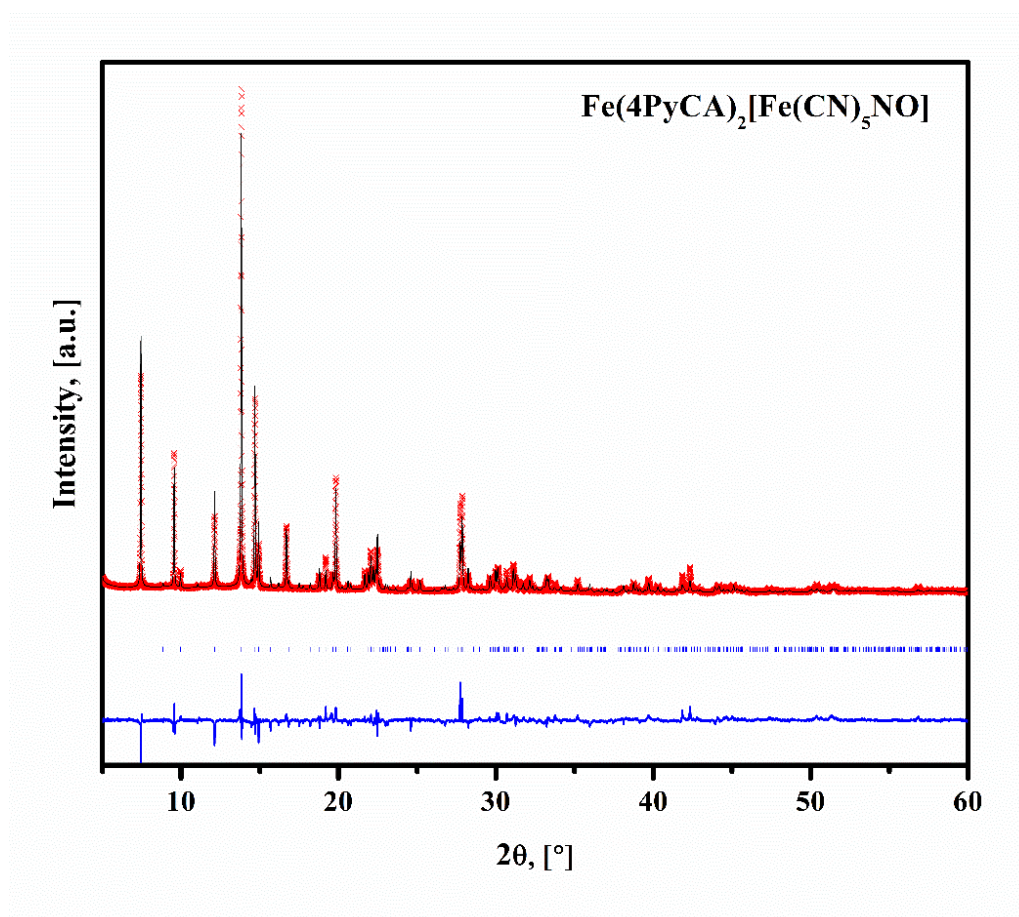


Figure S9: XRD powder pattern for  $\text{Fe}(\text{4PyCA})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$  (black), its fitting (red) according to the refined crystal structure, and the difference (blue) with 4PyCA= 4-pyridinecarboxaldehyde. This solid crystallizes in a monoclinic unit cell in the  $P2_1$  space group, with two formula units per cell ( $Z = 2$ ).

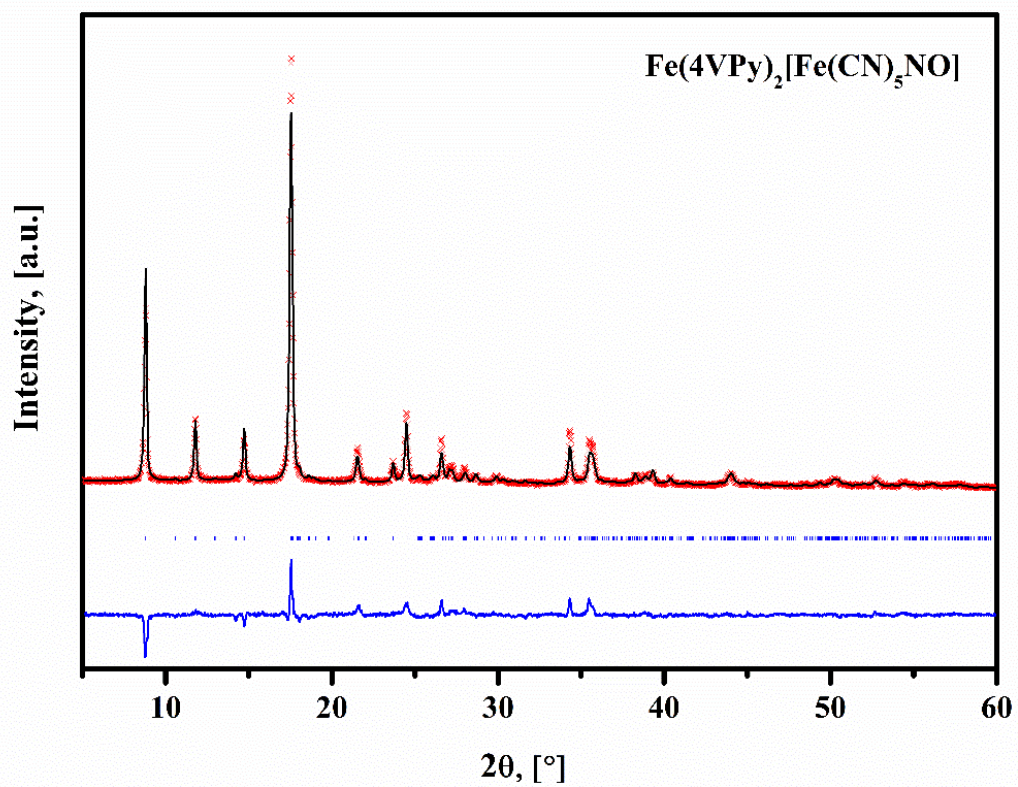


Figure S10: XRD powder pattern for  $\text{Fe(4VPy)}_2[\text{Fe(CN)}_5\text{NO}]$  (black), its fitting (red) according to the refined crystal structure, and the difference (blue) with 4VPy= 4-vinylpyridine. This solid crystallizes in a monoclinic unit cell in the  $P2_1$  space group, with two formula units per cell ( $Z = 2$ ).

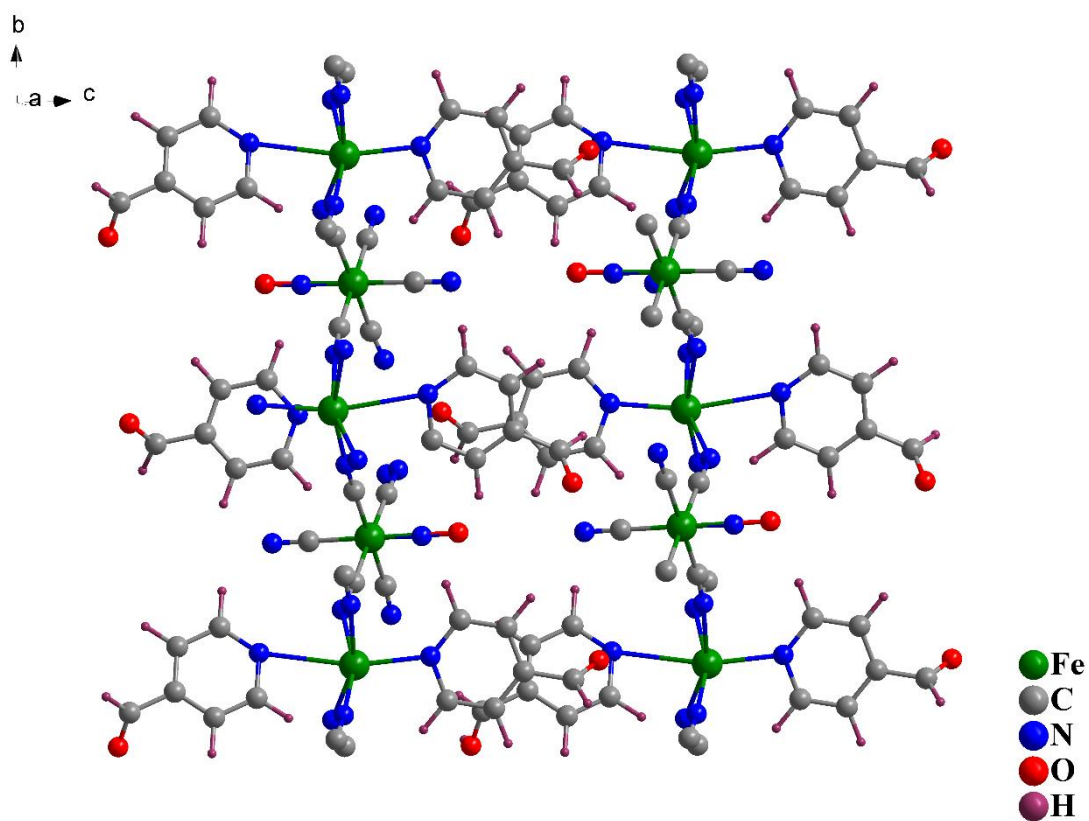


Figure S11: Atomic packing for  $\text{Fe}(\text{4PyCA})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$  wit 4PyCA= 4-pyridinecarboxaldehyde.

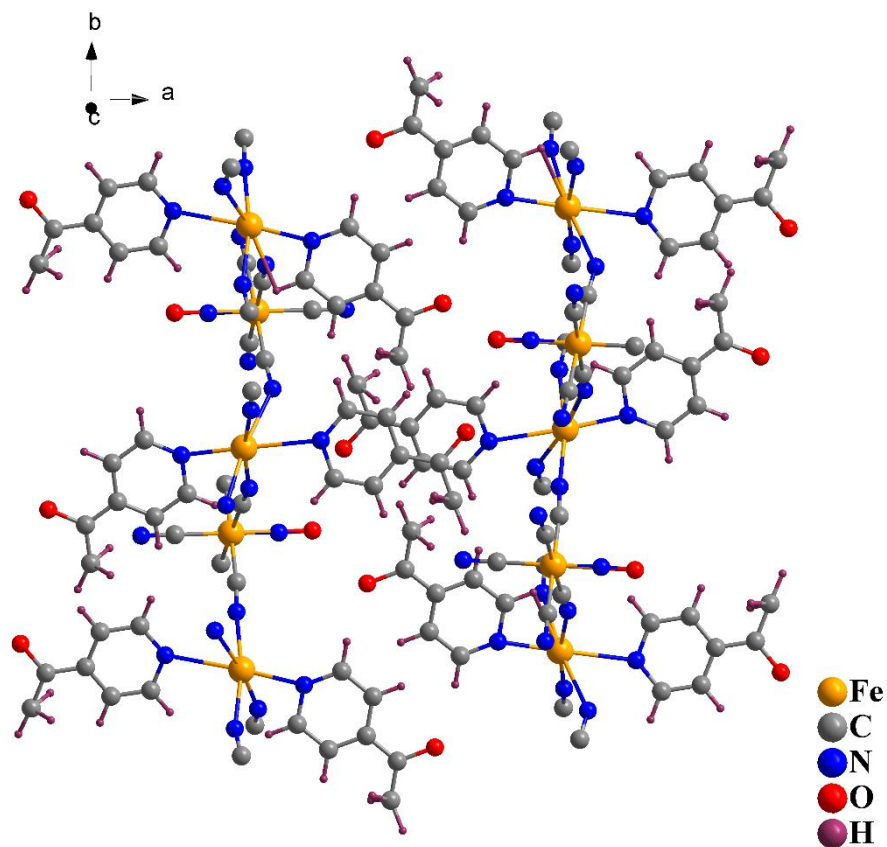


Figure S12: Atomic packing for  $\text{Fe}(\text{4AcPy})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$  wit 4AcPy= 4-acetylpyridine.

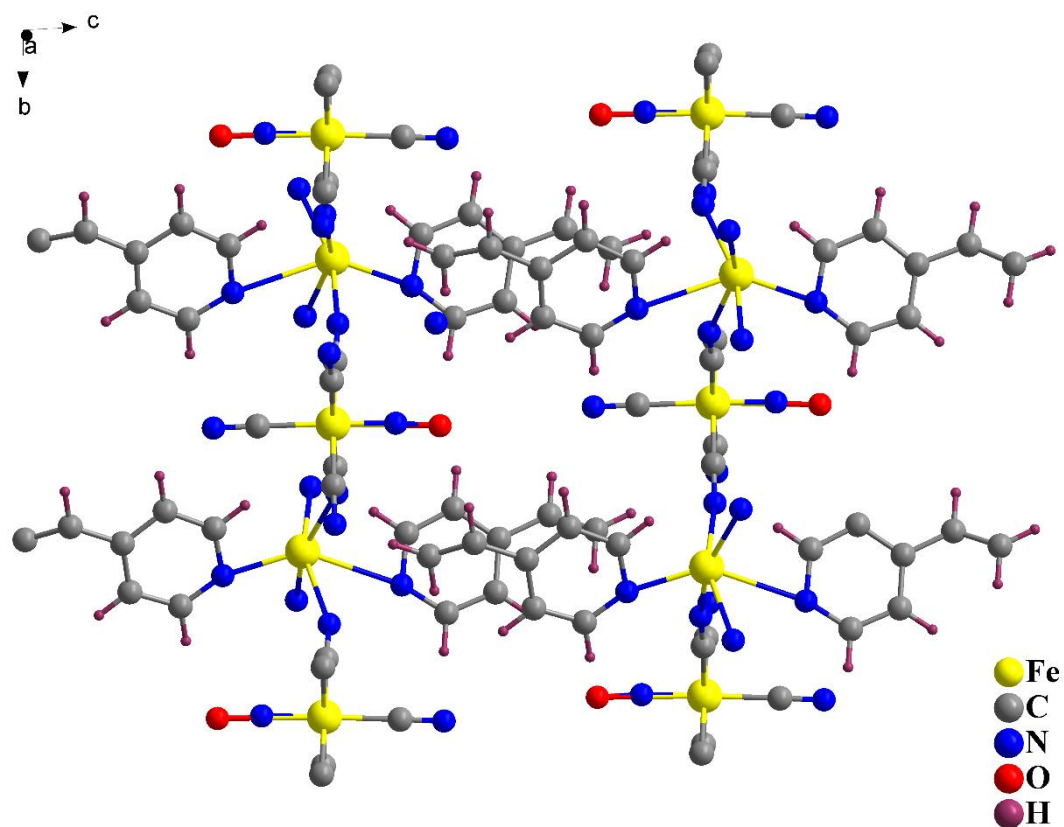


Figure S13: Atomic packing for  $\text{Fe}(\text{4VPy})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$  with 4VPy = 4-vinylpyridine.

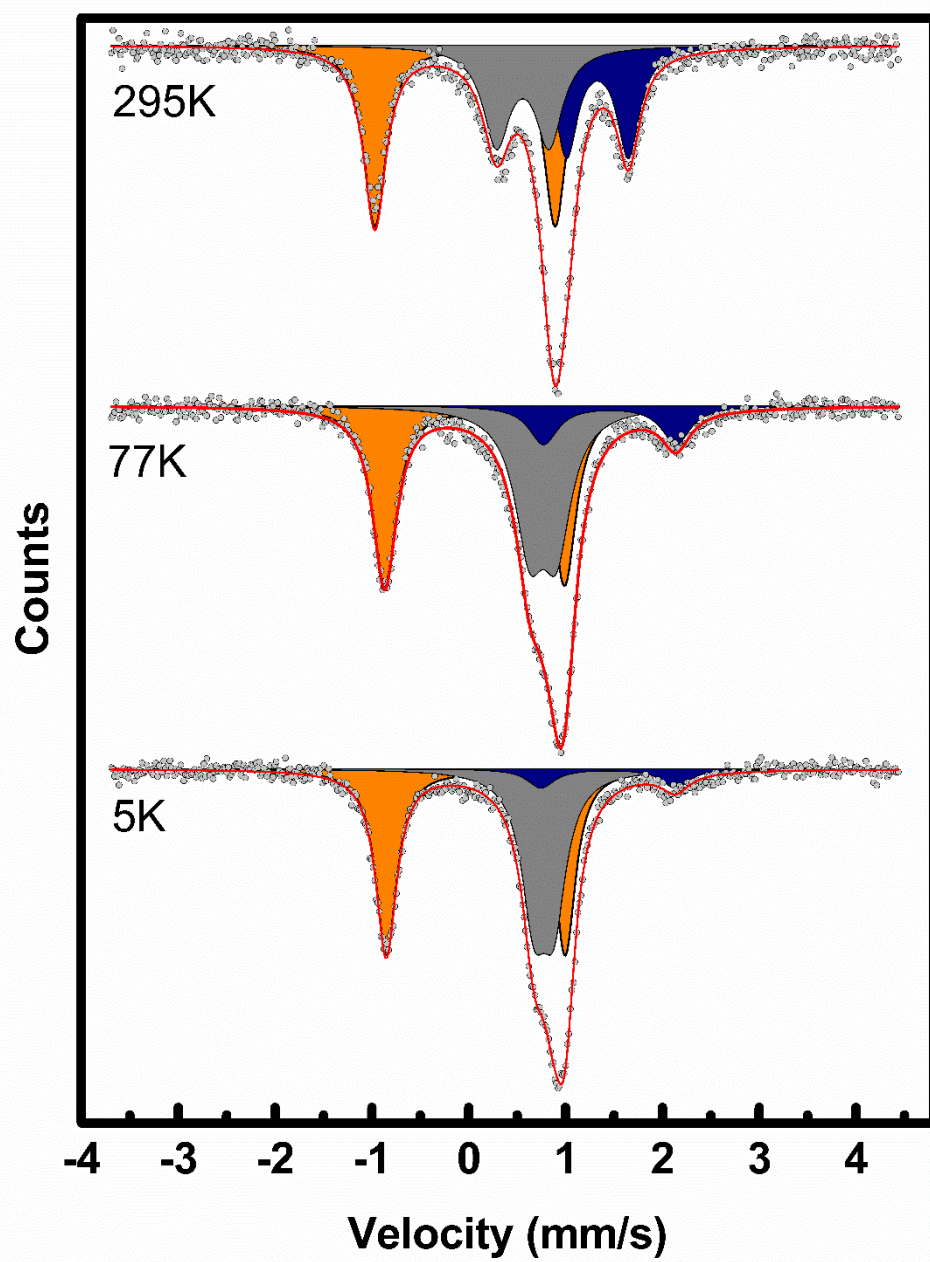


Figure S14: Mössbauer spectra for  $\text{Fe}(\text{4VPy})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$  recorded at 298, 77 and 5 K.

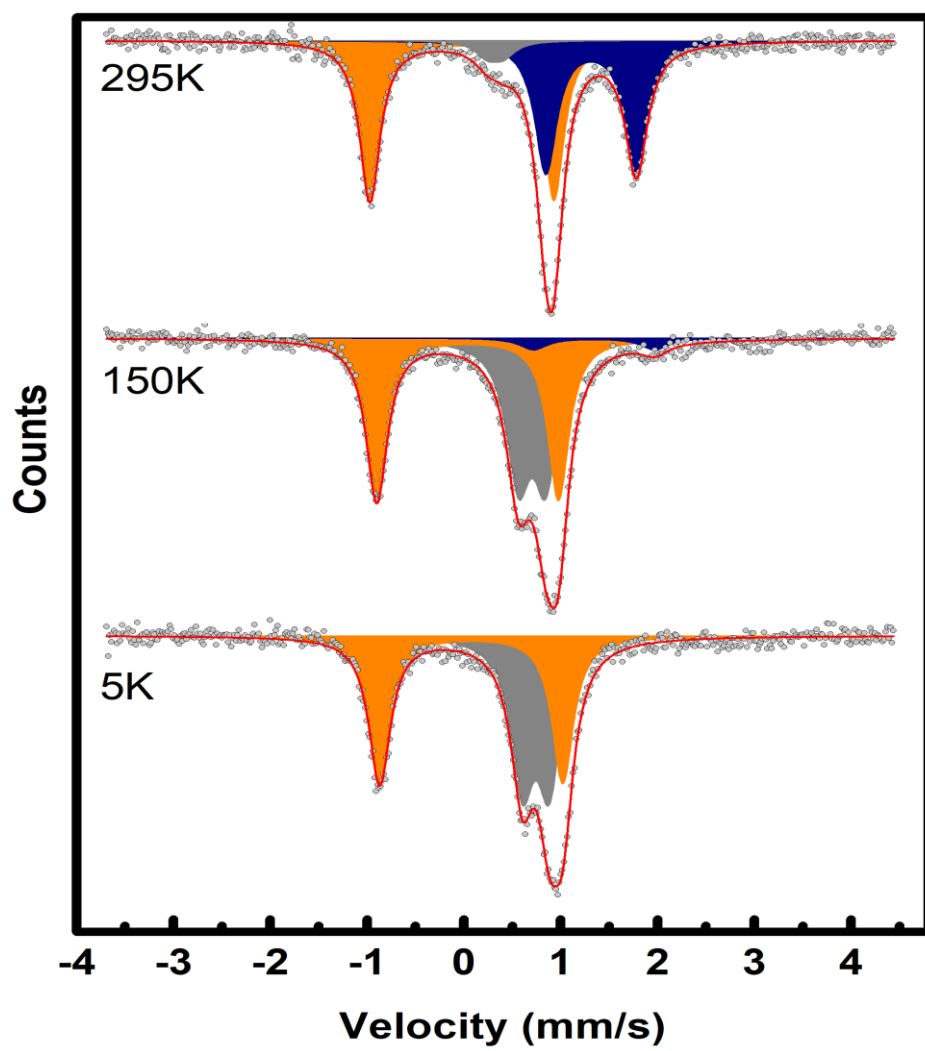


Figure S15: Mössbauer spectra for  $\text{Fe}(\text{4PyCA})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$  recorded at 298, 150 and 5 K.

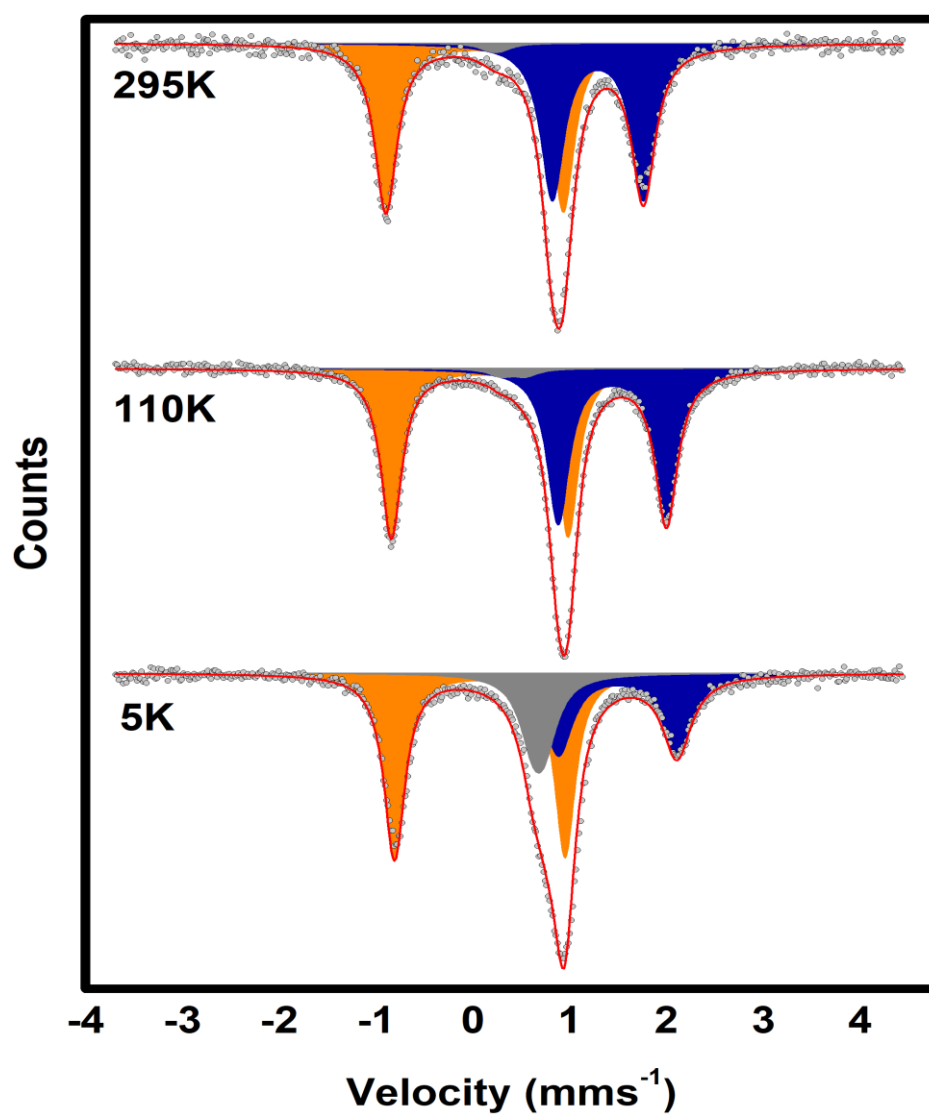


Figure S16: Mössbauer spectra for  $\text{Fe}(\text{4AcPy})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$  recorded at 298, 110 and 5 K.

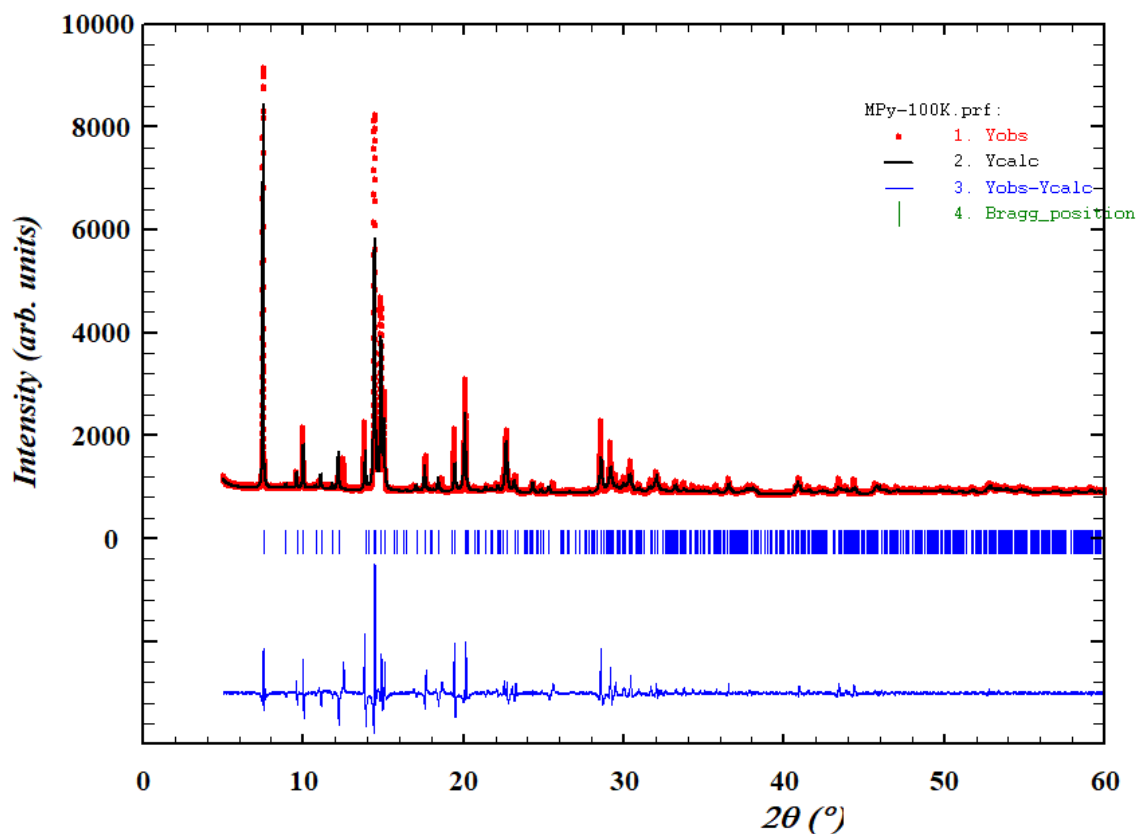


Figure S17: XRD powder pattern recorded at 100 K for  $\text{Fe}(\text{4MPy})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$ . This pattern corresponds to a monoclinic unit cell with cell parameters:  $a = 9.821 \text{ \AA}$ ;  $b = 14.805 \text{ \AA}$ ;  $c = 7.372 \text{ \AA}$ ;  $\beta = 105.58^\circ$ , and unit cell volume of  $1032.6 \text{ \AA}^3$ . The unit cell volume at 300 K is  $1042.56 \text{ \AA}^3$ . The unit cell contraction related to the spin transition results 1.05 %.

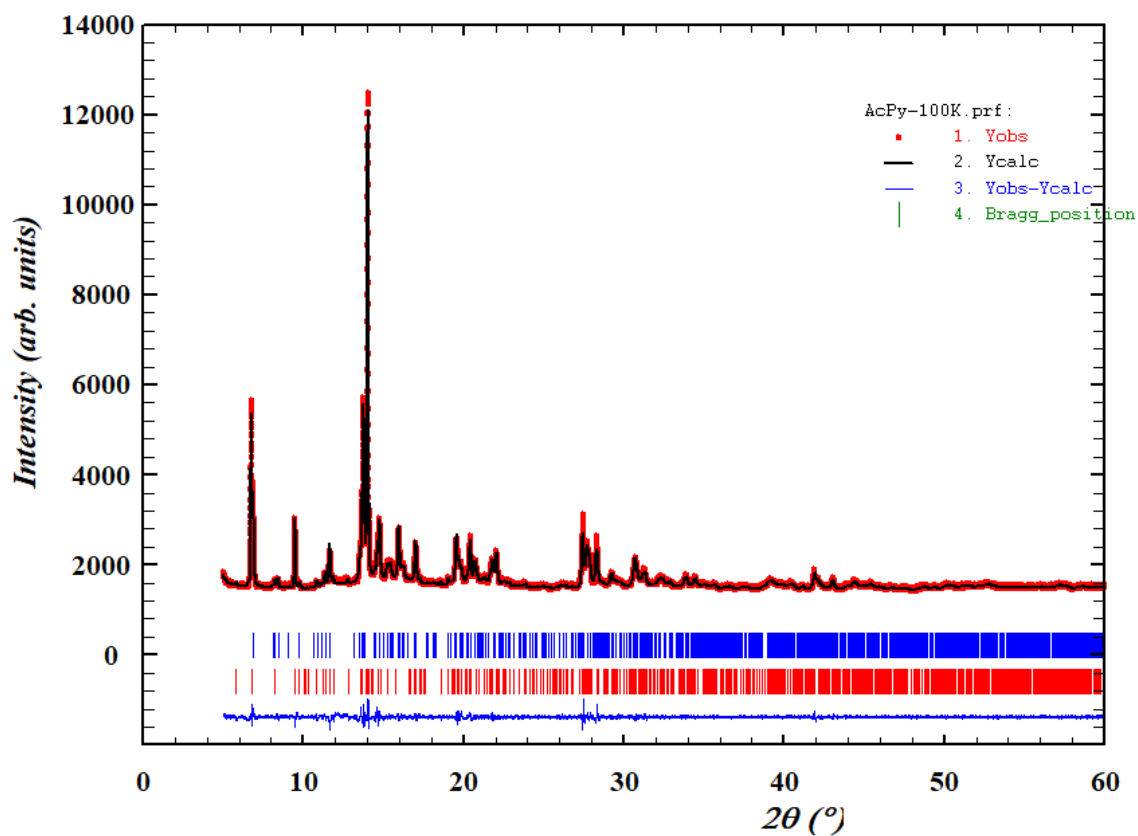


Figure S18: XRD powder pattern recorded at 100 K for  $\text{Fe}(\text{4CAPy})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$ . This pattern corresponds to a monoclinic unit cell with cell parameters:  $\mathbf{a} = 7.306 \text{ \AA}$ ;  $\mathbf{b} = 14.836 \text{ \AA}$ ;  $\mathbf{c} = 9.648 \text{ \AA}$ ;  $\beta = 101.96^\circ$ , and unit cell volume of  $1023.2 \text{ \AA}^3$ . The unit cell volume at 300 K is  $1035.96 \text{ \AA}^3$ . The unit cell contraction related to spin transition results 1.23 %.

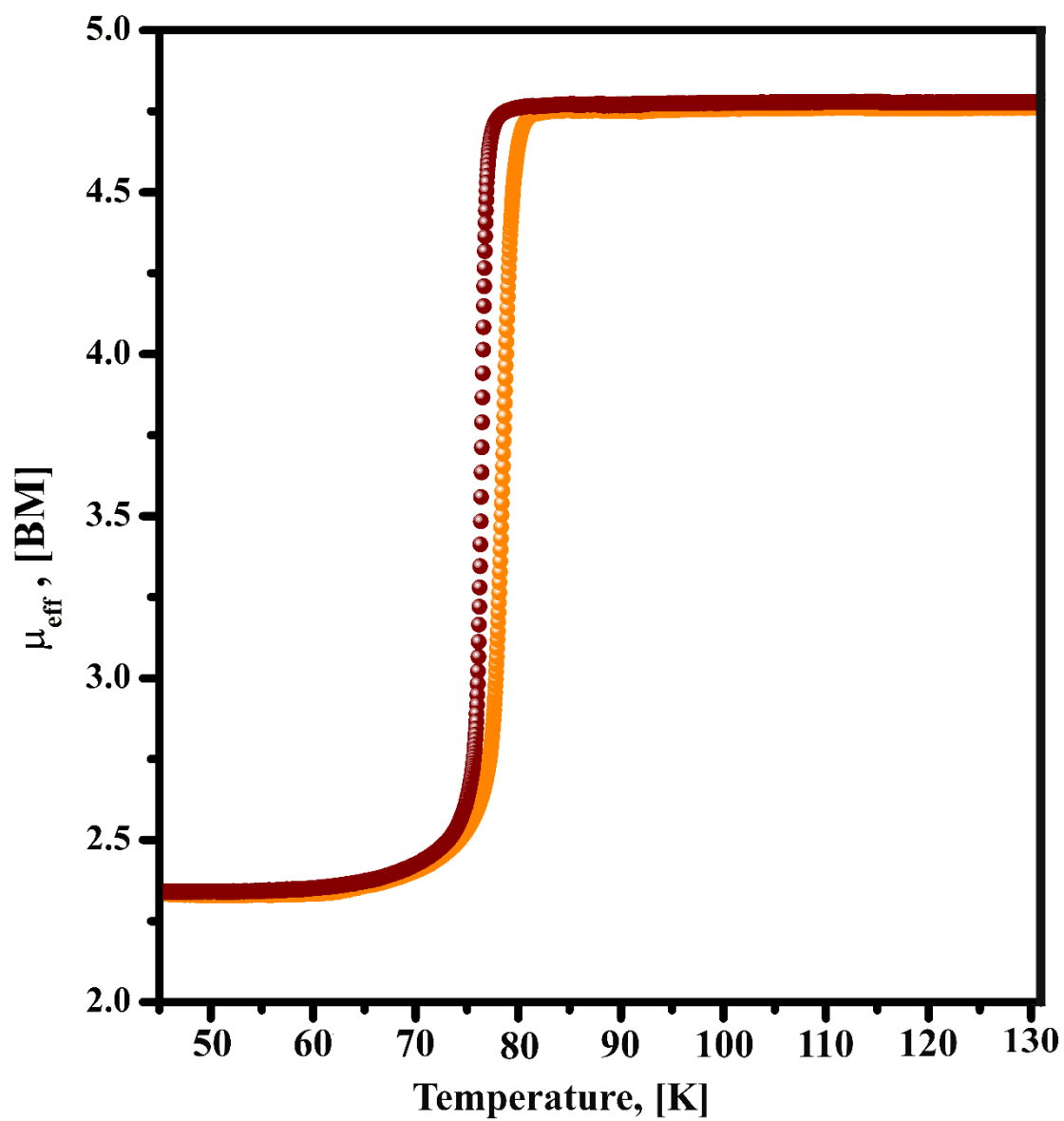


Figure S19: Effective magnetic moment ( $\mu_{\text{eff}}$ ) versus temperature curve for  $\text{Fe}(\text{4VPy})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$ .

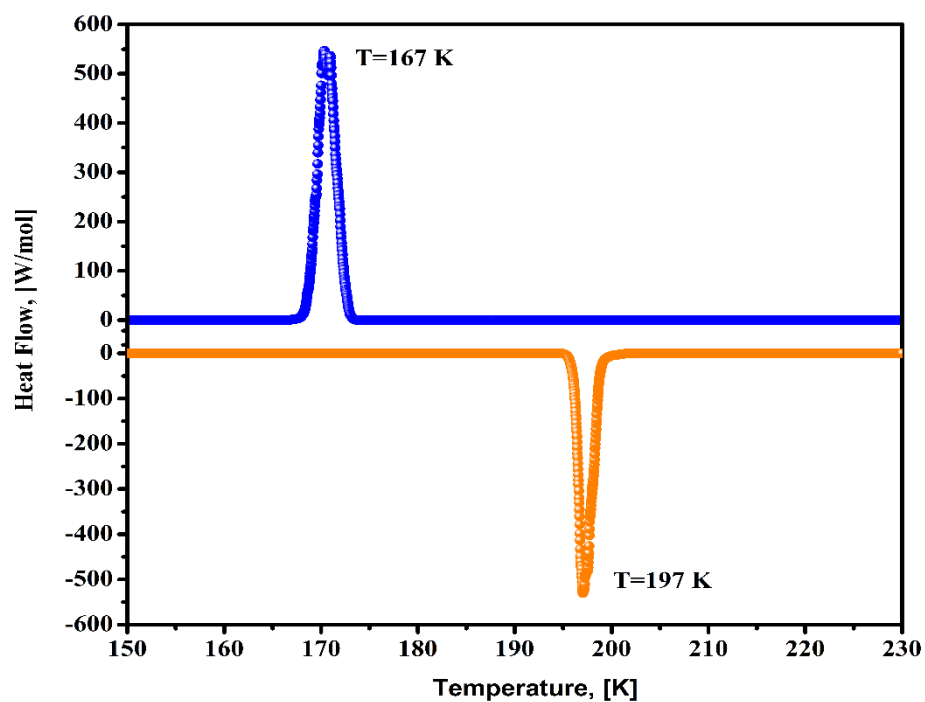


Figure S20: DSC curves on the sample cooling and then on heating for  $\text{Fe(4MPy)}_2[\text{Fe(CN)}_5\text{NO}]$ .

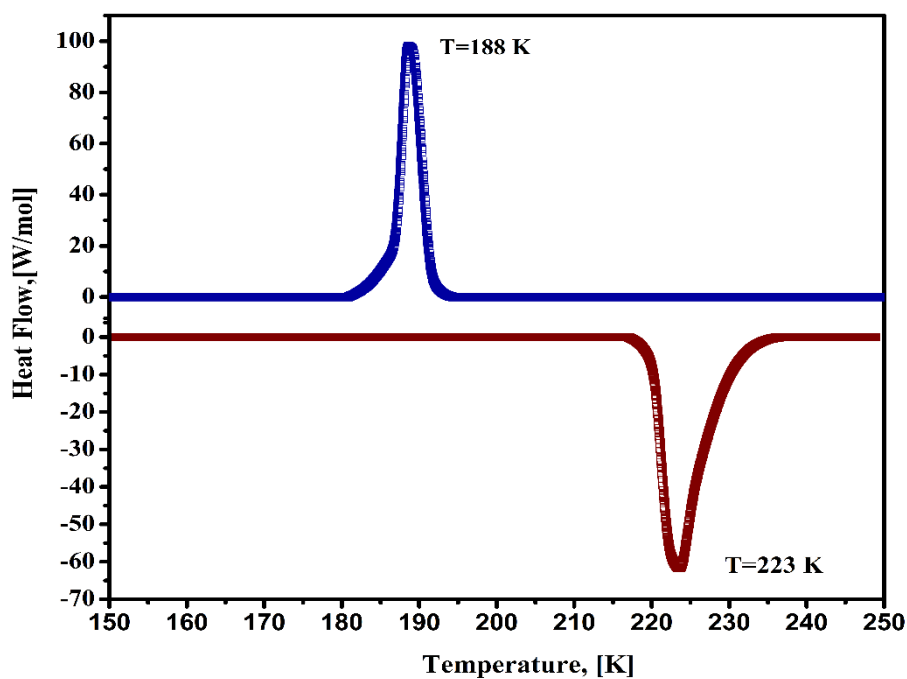


Figure S21: DSC curves on the sample cooling and then on heating for  $\text{Fe(4PyCA)}_2[\text{Fe(CN)}_5\text{NO}]$ .

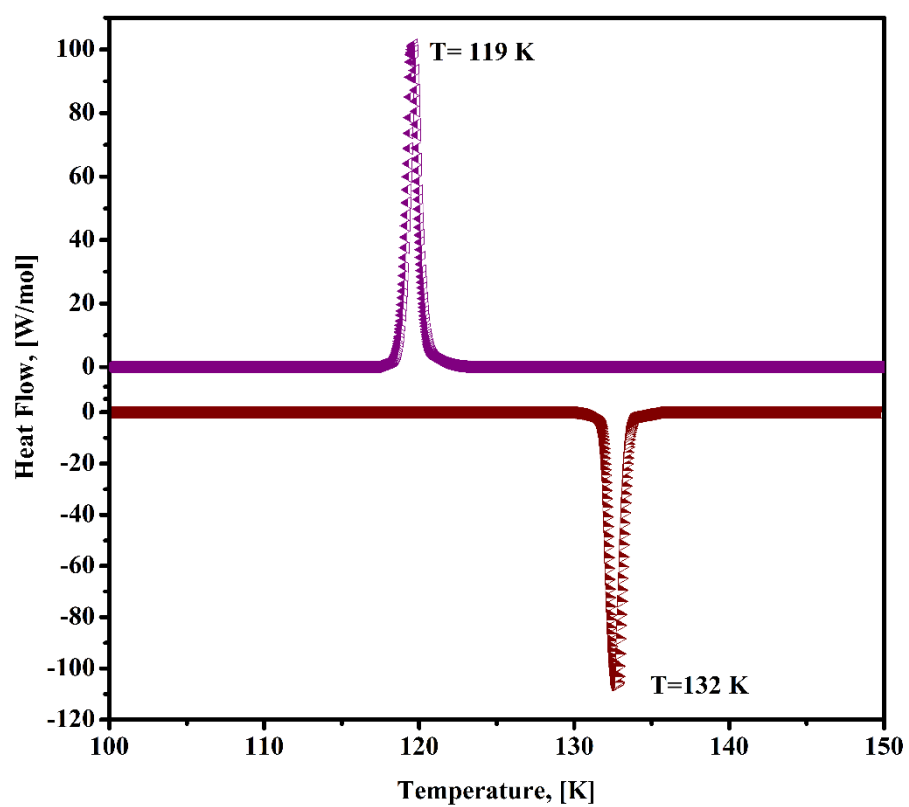


Figure S22: DSC curves on the sample cooling and then on heating for  $\text{Fe}(\text{4AcPy})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$ .

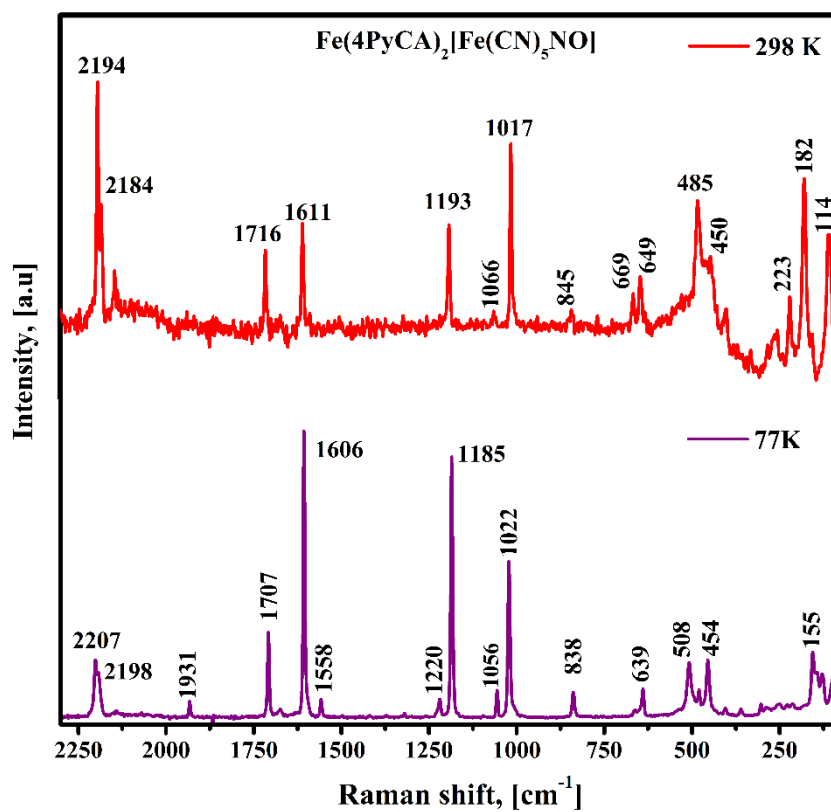


Figure S23: Raman spectra for  $\text{Fe}(\text{4PyCA})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$  recorded at 298 and 77 K.

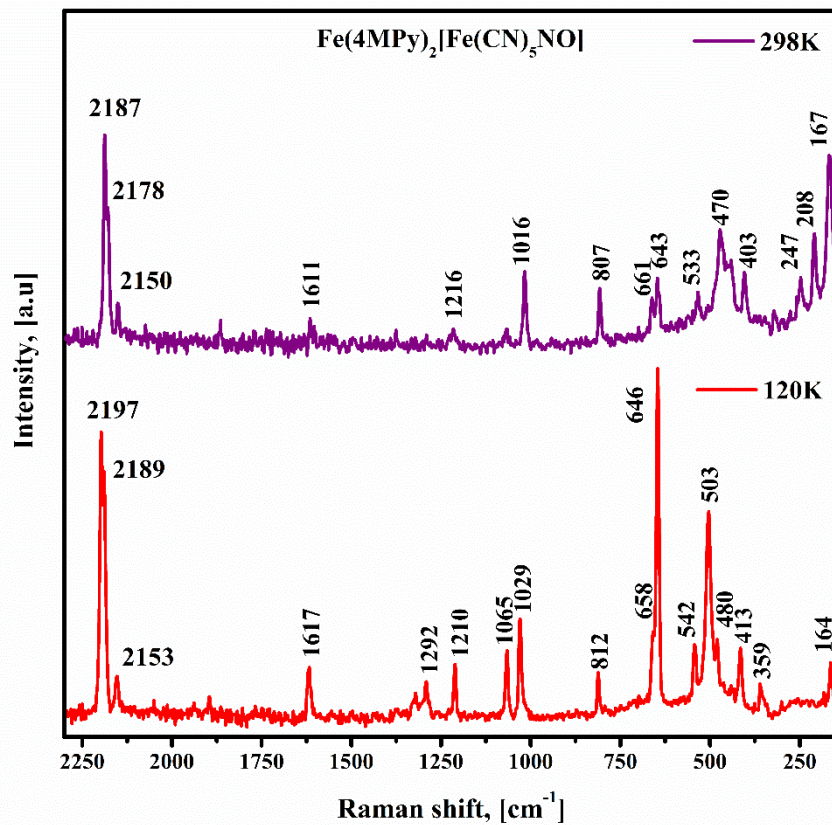


Figure S24: Raman spectra for  $\text{Fe}(\text{4MPy})_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_5\text{NO}]$  recorded at 298 and 77 K.

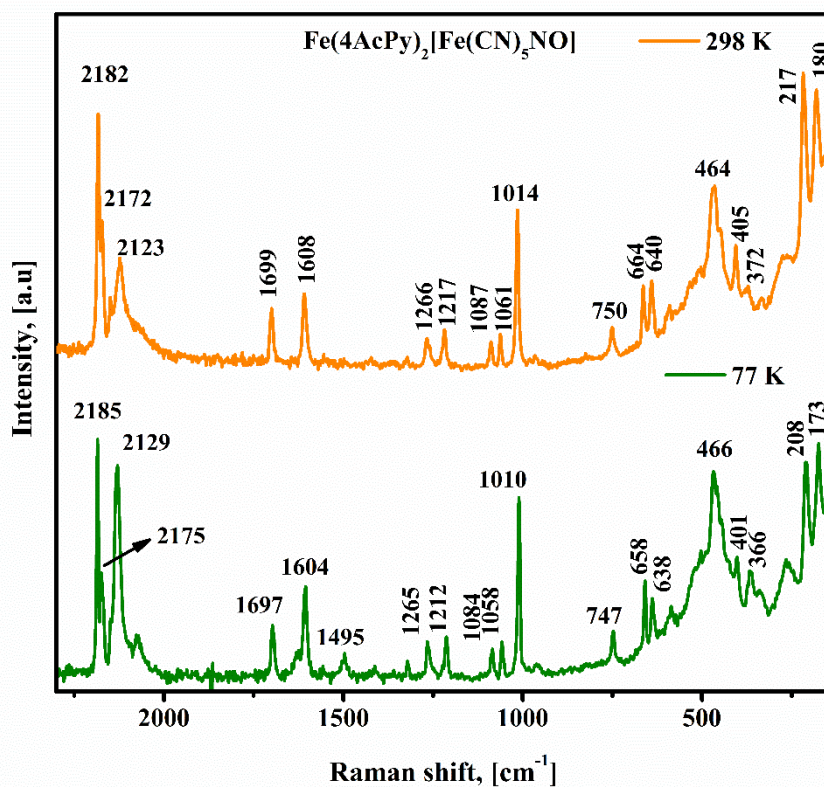


Figure S25: Raman spectra for  $\text{Fe(4AcPy)}_2[\text{Fe(CN)}_5\text{NO}]$  recorded at 298 and 77 K.

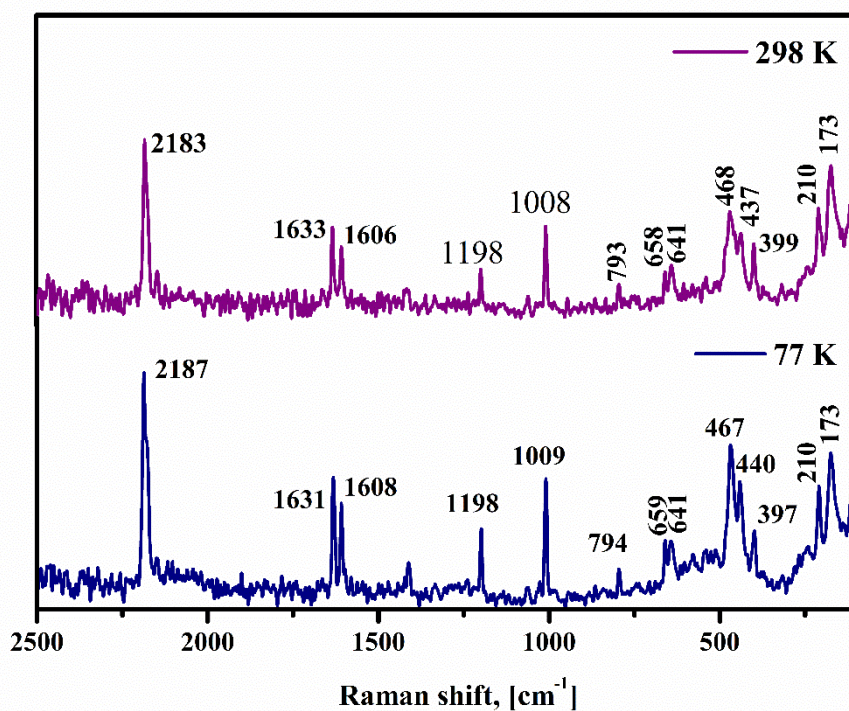


Figure S26: Raman spectra for  $\text{Fe(4VPy)}_2[\text{Fe(CN)}_5\text{NO}]$  recorded at 298 and 77 K.

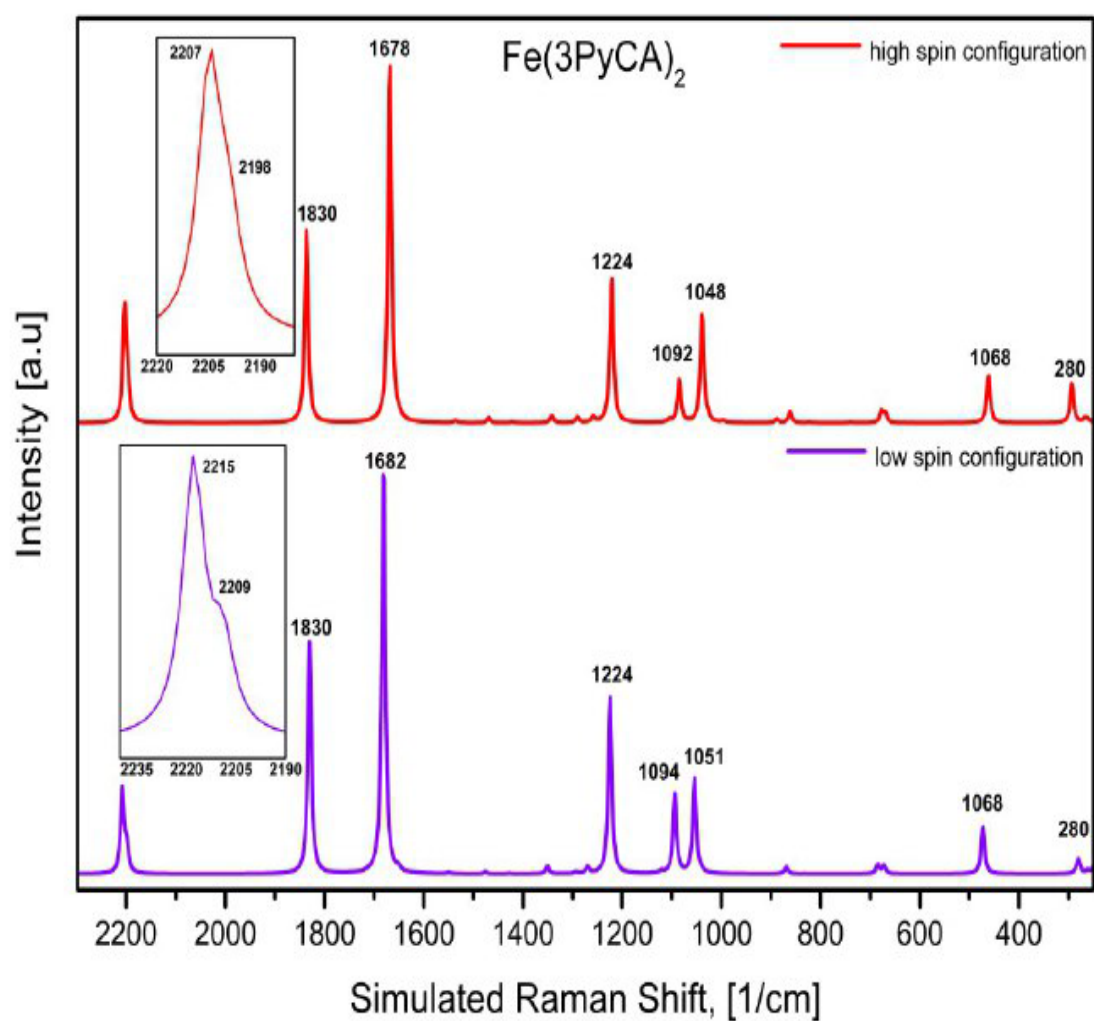


Figure S27: Comparison of the simulated Raman spectra for  $\text{Fe(3PyCA)}_2[\text{Fe(CN)}_5\text{NO}]$  in High Spin and Low Spin configurations.

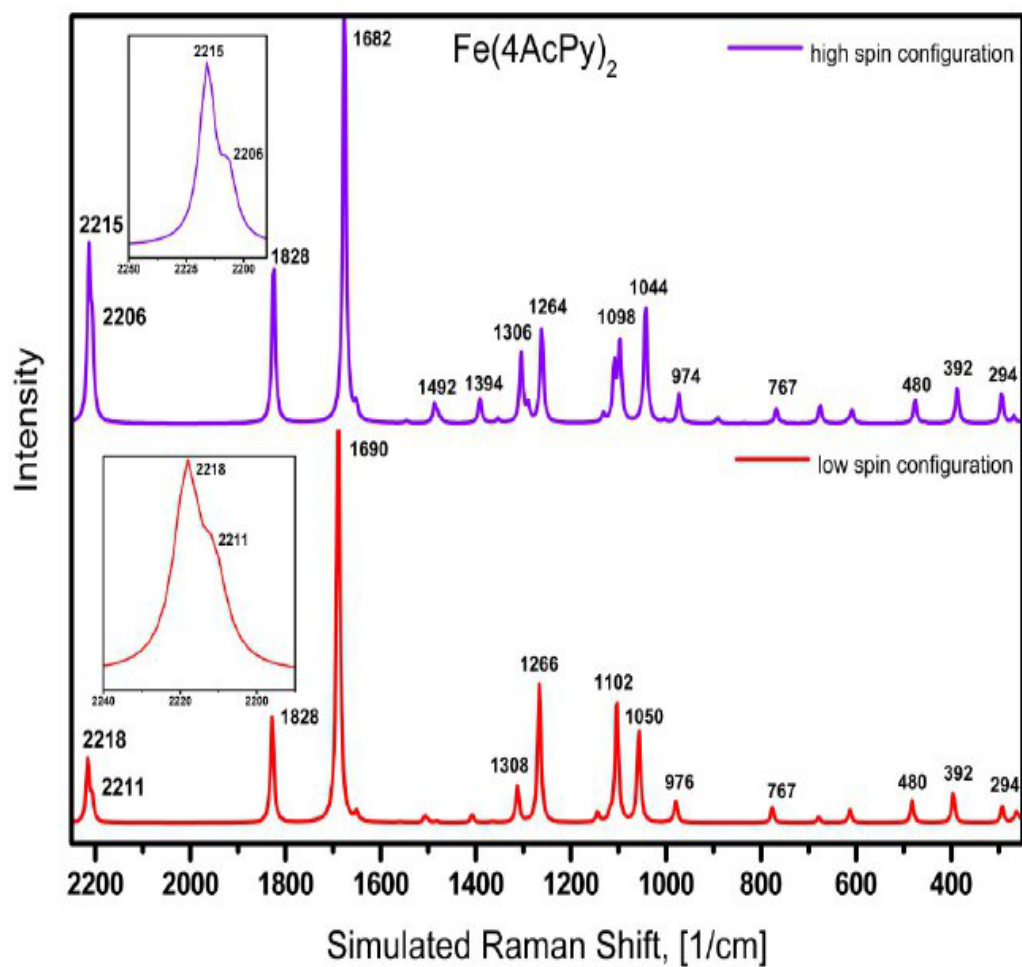


Figure S28: Comparison of the simulated Raman spectra for  $\text{Fe(4AcPy)}_2[\text{Fe(CN)}_5\text{NO}]$  in High Spin and Low Spin configurations.

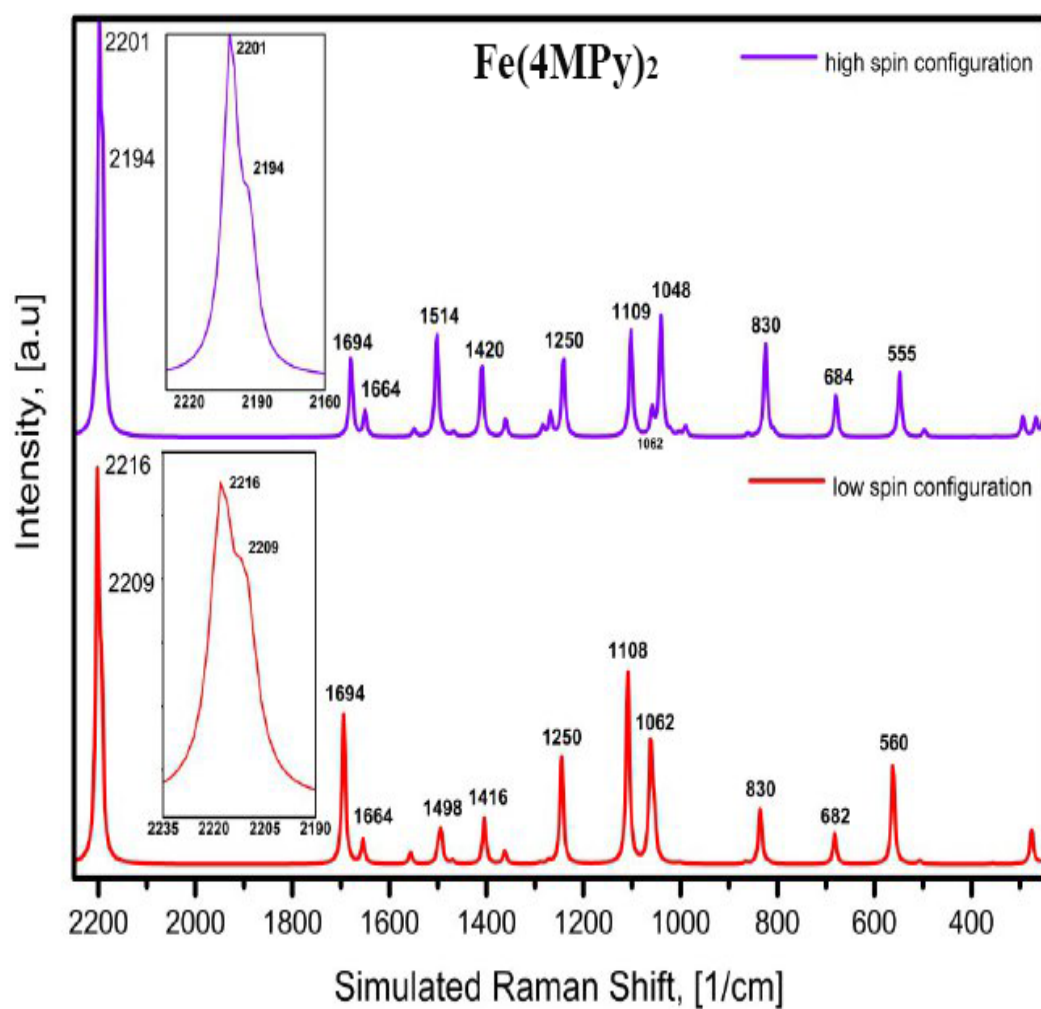


Figure S29: Comparison of the simulated Raman spectra for Fe(4MPy)<sub>2</sub>[Fe(CN)<sub>5</sub>NO] in High Spin and Low Spin configurations.

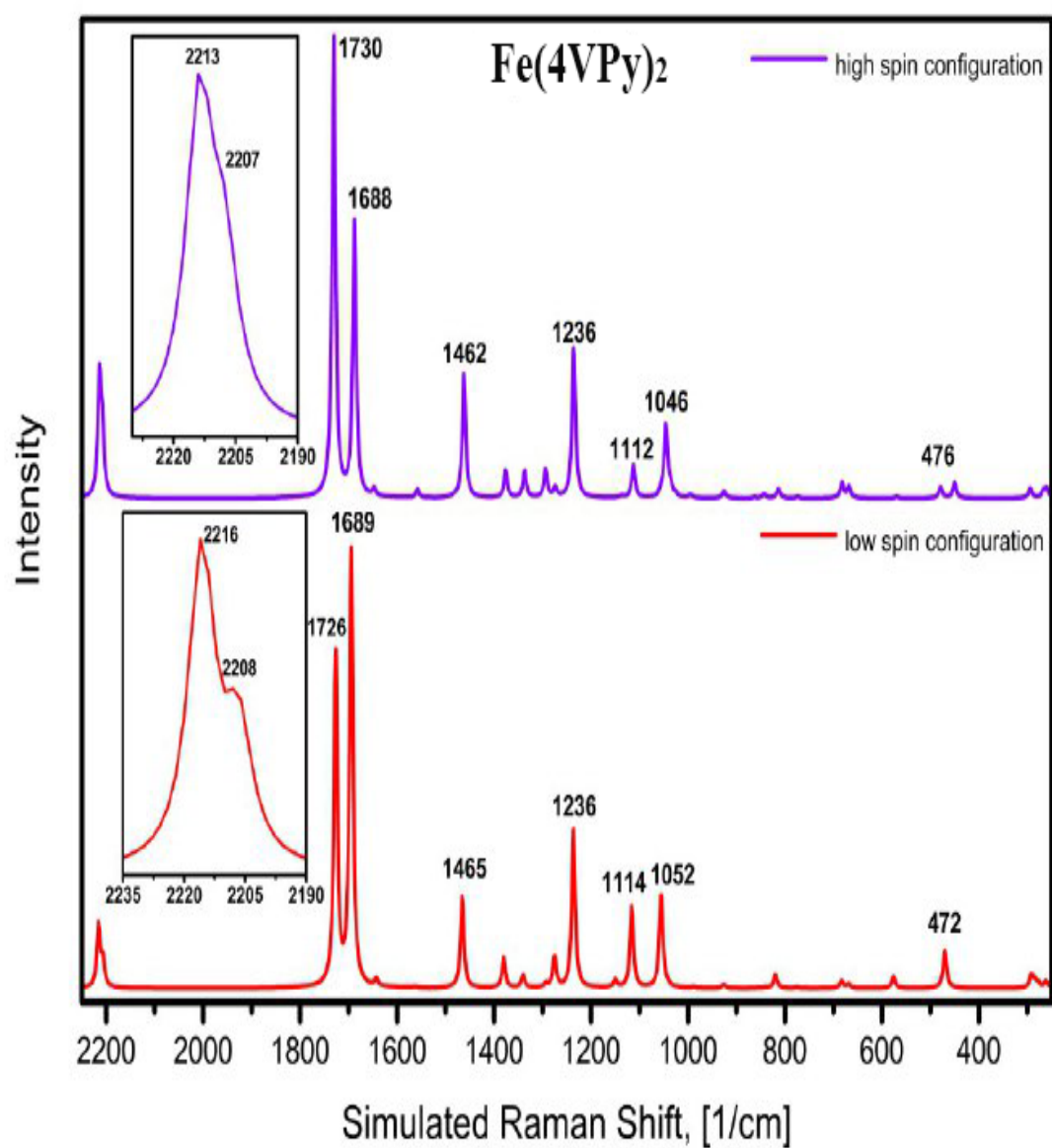


Figure S30: Comparison of the simulated Raman spectra for Fe(4VPy)<sub>2</sub>[Fe(CN)<sub>5</sub>NO] in High Spin and Low Spin configurations.

Table S1: Details of data collection, crystal data and structure refinement for Fe(4MPy)<sub>2</sub>[Fe(CN)<sub>5</sub>NO] at 300 K.

|                         | Fe(4MPy) <sub>2</sub> [Fe(CN) <sub>5</sub> NO]              |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Data collection</i>  |                                                             |
| Diffractometer          | XPD-10B beamline of the LNLS synchrotron radiation facility |
| Detector                | Ge (111) analyzer crystal                                   |
| Wavelength (Å)          | 1.239840                                                    |
| 2θ range (°)            | 5.0-60.0                                                    |
| Step size (°)           | 0.003                                                       |
| Time per step (s)       | 5                                                           |
| <i>Unit cell</i>        |                                                             |
| Space Group             | P2 <sub>1</sub>                                             |
| Parameters (Å)          | a= 9.8979(2)                                                |
|                         | b= 14.8359(4)                                               |
|                         | c= 7.3795(1)                                                |
|                         | β= 105.826(1)                                               |
| V(Å <sup>3</sup> )      | 1042.40(2)                                                  |
| Z                       | 2                                                           |
| <i>Refinement</i>       |                                                             |
| # of reflections        | 603                                                         |
| # of refined parameters |                                                             |
| Structural              | 85                                                          |
| Profile                 | 11                                                          |
| R <sub>exp</sub>        | 1.55                                                        |
| R <sub>wp</sub>         | 3.48                                                        |
| RB                      | 2.28                                                        |
| S                       | 2.24                                                        |

Table S2: Details of data collection, crystal data and structure refinement for Fe(4AcPy)<sub>2</sub>[Fe(CN)<sub>5</sub>NO] at 300 K.

|                        | Fe(4AcPy) <sub>2</sub> [Fe(CN) <sub>5</sub> NO]             |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Data collection</i> |                                                             |
| Diffractometer         | XPD-10B beamline of the LNLS synchrotron radiation facility |
| Detector               | Ge (111) analyzer crystal                                   |
| Wavelength (Å)         | 1.239840                                                    |
| 2θ range (°)           | 5.0-60.0                                                    |
| Step size (°)          | 0.003                                                       |
| Time per step (s)      | 5                                                           |
| <i>Unit cell</i>       |                                                             |

|                         |                                               |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Space Group             | P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> |
| Parameters (Å)          | a= 21.2004(2)                                 |
|                         | b= 15.0384(2)                                 |
|                         | c= 7.2541(1)                                  |
| V(Å <sup>3</sup> )      | 2312.75(2)                                    |
| Z                       | 4                                             |
| <i>Refinement</i>       |                                               |
| # of reflections        | 788                                           |
| # of refined parameters |                                               |
| Structural              | 45                                            |
| Profile                 | 12                                            |
| R <sub>exp</sub>        | 1.71                                          |
| R <sub>wp</sub>         | 5.40                                          |
| R <sub>B</sub>          | 3.68                                          |
| S                       | 3.15                                          |

Table S3: Details of data collection, crystal data and structure refinement for Fe(4PyCA)<sub>2</sub>[Fe(CN)<sub>5</sub>NO] at 300 K.

|                         | Fe(4PyCA) <sub>2</sub> [Fe(CN) <sub>5</sub> NO]             |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Data collection</i>  |                                                             |
| Diffractometer          | XPD-10B beamline of the LCLS synchrotron radiation facility |
| Detector                | Ge (111) analyzer crystal                                   |
| Wavelength (Å)          | 1.239840                                                    |
| 2θ range (°)            | 5.0-60.0                                                    |
| Step size (°)           | 0.003                                                       |
| Time per step (s)       | 5                                                           |
| <i>Unit cell</i>        |                                                             |
| Space Group             | P2 <sub>1</sub>                                             |
| Parameters (Å)          | a= 7.3006(1)                                                |
|                         | b= 14.8714(2)                                               |
|                         | c= 9.7573(2)                                                |
|                         | β= 102.062(1)                                               |
| V(Å <sup>3</sup> )      | 1035.97(2)                                                  |
| Z                       | 2                                                           |
| <i>Refinement</i>       |                                                             |
| # of reflections        | 600                                                         |
| # of refined parameters |                                                             |
| Structural              | 85                                                          |
| Profile                 | 11                                                          |
| R <sub>exp</sub>        | 1.68                                                        |
| R <sub>wp</sub>         | 4.17                                                        |
| R <sub>B</sub>          | 2.58                                                        |
| S                       | 2.48                                                        |

Table S4: Details of data collection, crystal data and structure refinement for Fe(4VPy)<sub>2</sub>[Fe(CN)<sub>5</sub>NO] at 300 K.

|                                |                                                |         |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------|
|                                | Fe(4VPy) <sub>2</sub> [Fe(CN) <sub>5</sub> NO] |         |
| <i>Data collection</i>         |                                                |         |
| Diffractometer                 | D8-Advance (Bruker)                            |         |
| Detector                       | Lynkeye                                        |         |
| Wavelength (Å)                 | 1.54183                                        |         |
| 2θ range (°)                   | 5.0-80.0                                       |         |
| Step size (°)                  | 0.02                                           |         |
| Time per step (s)              | 10                                             |         |
| <i>Unit cell</i>               |                                                |         |
| Space Group                    | P2 <sub>1</sub>                                |         |
| Parameters (Å)                 | a= 7.2712(2)                                   |         |
|                                | b= 15.0207(4)                                  |         |
|                                | c= 10.7144(2)                                  |         |
|                                | β= 110.20(1)                                   |         |
| V(Å <sup>3</sup> )             | 1098.22 (2)                                    |         |
| Z                              | 2                                              |         |
| <i>Refinement</i>              |                                                |         |
| # of reflections               | 707                                            |         |
| <i># of refined parameters</i> | Structural                                     | Profile |
|                                | 85                                             | 11      |
| Rexp                           | 4.59                                           |         |
| Rwp                            | 9.68                                           |         |
| RB                             | 7.46                                           |         |
| S                              | 2.11                                           |         |

Table S5. Refined atomic positions and thermal ( $B_{iso}$ ) and occupation (Occ) factors for  $Fe_{ext}(4MPy)_2[Fe_{int}(CN)_5NO]$  at 300K

| Composition                                | site | x         | y         | z         | Biso    | Occ |
|--------------------------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----|
| $Fe_{ext}(4MPy)_2[Fe_{int}(CN)_5NO]$ -300K |      |           |           |           |         |     |
| $Fe_{ext}$                                 | 2a   | 0.9819(1) | 0.5453(1) | 0.5102(1) | 1.51(2) | 1   |
| $Fe_{int}$                                 | 2a   | 0.9934(1) | 0.8116(1) | 0.9962(1) | 1.87(2) | 1   |
| C1                                         | 2a   | 0.9824(3) | 0.9098(2) | 0.8236(3) | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| N1                                         | 2a   | 0.9725(3) | 0.9717(4) | 0.7314(4) | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| C2                                         | 2a   | 0.9948(3) | 0.7260(4) | 0.8009(3) | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| N2                                         | 2a   | 1.0010(2) | 0.6738(3) | 0.6931(5) | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| C3                                         | 2a   | 0.9889(5) | 0.8971(5) | 1.1844(5) | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| N3                                         | 2a   | 0.9861(4) | 0.9481(4) | 1.2965(3) | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| C4                                         | 2a   | 0.9982(4) | 0.7120(2) | 1.1661(4) | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| N4                                         | 2a   | 0.9964(3) | 0.6522(2) | 1.2605(2) | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| C5                                         | 2a   | 0.7924(3) | 0.8065(3) | 0.9345(2) | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| N5                                         | 2a   | 0.6743(2) | 0.8096(3) | 0.9054(3) | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| N6                                         | 2a   | 1.1612(2) | 0.8178(3) | 1.0418(1) | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| O1                                         | 2a   | 1.2789(2) | 0.8228(5) | 1.0673(5) | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| N7                                         | 2a   | 1.2216(5) | 0.5264(4) | 0.6004(3) | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C6                                         | 2a   | 1.2849(4) | 0.6095(4) | 0.5990(3) | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C7                                         | 2a   | 1.4290(4) | 0.6172(2) | 0.6690(3) | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C8                                         | 2a   | 1.5082(3) | 0.5418(2) | 0.7397(4) | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C9                                         | 2a   | 1.4448(3) | 0.4587(2) | 0.7410(4) | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C10                                        | 2a   | 1.3007(4) | 0.4510(4) | 0.6710(5) | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C11                                        | 2a   | 1.6655(5) | 0.5502(4) | 0.8162(3) | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| N8                                         | 2a   | 0.7426(2) | 0.5189(6) | 0.3413(2) | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C12                                        | 2a   | 0.6600(2) | 0.4433(4) | 0.3371(2) | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C13                                        | 2a   | 0.5151(2) | 0.4501(3) | 0.2880(3) | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C14                                        | 2a   | 0.4521(3) | 0.5333(3) | 0.2428(4) | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C15                                        | 2a   | 0.5348(4) | 0.6089(4) | 0.2471(5) | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C16                                        | 2a   | 0.6797(4) | 0.6022(5) | 0.2961(3) | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C17                                        | 2a   | 0.2941(2) | 0.5415(5) | 0.1891(3) | 3.8(2)  | 1   |

Table S6. Calculated inter-atomic distances (in Å) and bond angles (in °) from the refined crystal structure for Fe<sub>ext</sub>(MPy)<sub>2</sub>[Fe<sub>int</sub>(CN)<sub>5</sub>NO] at 300K.

| Bond distances (Å)                                                                  | Bond angles (°)                      |                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> (4MPy) <sub>2</sub> [Fe <sub>int</sub> (CN) <sub>5</sub> NO]-300K |                                      |                                       |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N1 = 2.239(2)                                                    | N1-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N2 = 149.79(3) | N1-C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 174.70(5)   |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N2 = 2.314(1)                                                    | N1-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N3 = 100.95(4) | N2-C2-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 176.50(5)   |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N3 = 1.992(1)                                                    | N1-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N4 = 69.70(3)  | N3-C3-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 179.94(6)   |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N4 = 2.465(2)                                                    | N1-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7 = 75.81(4)  | N4-C4-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 177.21(5)   |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7 = 2.299(2)                                                    | N1-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 83.75(4)  | N5-C5-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 174.68(9)   |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 2.389(2)                                                    | N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N3 = 101.95(2) | O1-N6-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 177.53(10)  |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C1 = 1.919(1)                                                    | N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N4 = 83.90(3)  | C1-N1-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 150.65(5)   |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C2 = 1.924(2)                                                    | N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7 = 91.03(3)  | C2-N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 165.75(5)   |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C3 = 1.890(2)                                                    | N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 110.56(3) | C3-N3-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 168.73(5)   |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C4 = 1.930(1)                                                    | N3-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N4 = 166.12(3) | C4-N4-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 168.23(5)   |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 1.917(2)                                                    | N3-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7 = 75.79(4)  | Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7-C6 = 108.82(6)  |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -N6 = 1.605(2)                                                    | N3-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 101.32(4) | N7-C6-C7 = 119.58(6)                  |
| C1-N1 = 1.131(1)                                                                    | N4-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7 = 91.66(3)  | C6-C7-C8 = 119.64(7)                  |
| C2-N2 = 1.124(1)                                                                    | N4-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 88.11(3)  | C7-C8-C9 = 120.74(4)                  |
| C3-N3 = 1.127(1)                                                                    | N7-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 158.25(5) | C8-C9-C10 = 119.62(6)                 |
| C4-N4 = 1.131(1)                                                                    | C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C2 = 90.84(3)  | C9-C10-N7 = 119.61(7)                 |
| C5-N5 = 1.130(1)                                                                    | C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C3 = 88.27(4)  | C10-N7-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 129.86(5)  |
| N6-O = 1.131(1)                                                                     | C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C4 = 178.17(4) | C10-N7-C6 = 120.81(4)                 |
| N7-C6 = 1.384(1)                                                                    | C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 90.28(4)  | C7-C8-C11 = 119.65(6)                 |
| C6-C7 = 1.383(1)                                                                    | C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> -N6 = 87.92(4)  | C9-C8-C11 = 119.61(6)                 |
| C7-C8 = 1.384(1)                                                                    | C2-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C3 = 178.76(4) | Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8-C12 = 129.83(5) |
| C8-C9 = 1.385(1)                                                                    | C2-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C4 = 88.70(4)  | N8-C12-C13 = 120.71(7)                |
| C9-C10 = 1.383(1)                                                                   | C2-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 90.86(4)  | C12-C13-C14 = 119.70(6)               |
| C10-N7 = 1.383(1)                                                                   | C2-Fe <sub>int</sub> -N6 = 88.65(4)  | C13-C14-C15 = 119.55(4)               |
| C8-C11 = 1.510(1)                                                                   | C3-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C4 = 92.17(3)  | C14-C15-C16 = 120.81(7)               |
| N8-C12 = 1.383(1)                                                                   | C3-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 88.29(4)  | C15-C16-N8 = 119.57(6)                |
| C12-C13 = 1.384(1)                                                                  | C3-Fe <sub>int</sub> -N6 = 92.17(5)  | C16-N8-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 107.24(6)  |
| C13-C14 = 1.382(1)                                                                  | C4-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 87.95(4)  | C16-N8-C12 = 119.65(4)                |
| C14-C15 = 1.384(1)                                                                  | C4-Fe <sub>int</sub> -N6 = 93.84(4)  | C13-C14-C17 = 120.14(6)               |
| C15-C16 = 1.384(1)                                                                  | C5-Fe <sub>int</sub> -N6 = 178.14(7) | C15-C14-C17 = 120.30(6)               |
| C16-N8 = 1.383(1)                                                                   |                                      |                                       |
| C14-C17 = 1.510(2)                                                                  |                                      |                                       |

Table S7. Refined atomic positions and thermal ( $B_{iso}$ ) and occupation (Occ) factors for  $Fe_{ext}(4AcPy)_2[Fe_{int}(CN)_5NO]$  at 300K

| Composition                                | site | x          | y         | z          | Biso   | Occ |
|--------------------------------------------|------|------------|-----------|------------|--------|-----|
| $Fe_{ext}(AcPy)_2[Fe_{int}(CN)_5NO]$ -300K |      |            |           |            |        |     |
| $Fe_{ext}$                                 | 4a   | 0.0012(1)  | 1.0011(1) | -0.2521(1) | 1.5(2) | 1   |
| $Fe_{int}$                                 | 4a   | 0.0165(1)  | 0.7541(1) | 0.2487(1)  | 1.8(2) | 1   |
| C1                                         | 4a   | 0.0303(2)  | 0.6651(2) | 0.4337(4)  | 3.0(2) | 1   |
| N1                                         | 4a   | 0.0428(2)  | 0.6116(3) | 0.5368(3)  | 3.0(2) | 1   |
| C2                                         | 4a   | 0.0015(5)  | 0.8406(3) | 0.0571(3)  | 3.0(2) | 1   |
| N2                                         | 4a   | -0.0089(3) | 0.8890(3) | -0.0580(4) | 3.0(2) | 1   |
| C3                                         | 4a   | 0.1042(5)  | 0.7535(4) | 0.2028(4)  | 3.0(2) | 1   |
| N3                                         | 4a   | 0.1565(4)  | 0.7531(4) | 0.1755(4)  | 3.0(2) | 1   |
| C4                                         | 4a   | 0.0077(3)  | 0.6632(4) | 0.0650(2)  | 3.0(2) | 1   |
| N4                                         | 4a   | 0.0074(3)  | 0.6086(2) | -0.0421(3) | 3.0(2) | 1   |
| C5                                         | 4a   | 0.0249(4)  | 0.8426(3) | 0.4397(4)  | 3.0(2) | 1   |
| N5                                         | 4a   | 0.0287(3)  | 0.8922(2) | 0.5562(3)  | 3.0(2) | 1   |
| N6                                         | 4a   | -0.0580(2) | 0.7523(2) | 0.2877(3)  | 3.0(2) | 1   |
| O1                                         | 4a   | -0.1105(2) | 0.7550(2) | 0.3150(4)  | 3.0(2) | 1   |
| N7                                         | 4a   | 0.1179(3)  | 0.5257(3) | 0.8037(4)  | 3.6(2) | 1   |
| C6                                         | 4a   | 0.2415(4)  | 0.4955(4) | 0.8117(4)  | 3.6(2) | 1   |
| C7                                         | 4a   | 0.2199(4)  | 0.5776(3) | 0.7877(2)  | 3.6(2) | 1   |
| C8                                         | 4a   | 0.1582(3)  | 0.5928(4) | 0.7836(2)  | 3.6(2) | 1   |
| C9                                         | 4a   | 0.1394(4)  | 0.4435(4) | 0.8277(2)  | 3.6(2) | 1   |
| C10                                        | 4a   | 0.2012(5)  | 0.4283(3) | 0.8318(3)  | 3.6(2) | 1   |
| C11                                        | 4a   | 0.3032(3)  | 0.4803(3) | 0.8157(3)  | 3.6(2) | 1   |
| C12                                        | 4a   | 0.3248(3)  | 0.3982(3) | 0.8398(3)  | 3.6(2) | 1   |
| O2                                         | 4a   | 0.3435(2)  | 0.5475(2) | 0.7956(4)  | 3.6(2) | 1   |
| N8                                         | 4a   | 0.0983(4)  | 0.9754(2) | 0.8124(4)  | 3.6(2) | 1   |
| C13                                        | 4a   | 0.1566(4)  | 1.0080(3) | 0.8170(5)  | 3.6(2) | 1   |
| C14                                        | 4a   | 0.2056(2)  | 0.9532(4) | 0.8302(5)  | 3.6(2) | 1   |
| C15                                        | 4a   | 0.1964(2)  | 0.8659(5) | 0.8388(4)  | 3.6(2) | 1   |
| C16                                        | 4a   | 0.0885(3)  | 0.8877(5) | 0.8210(3)  | 3.6(2) | 1   |
| C17                                        | 4a   | 0.1381(3)  | 0.8333(3) | 0.8343(2)  | 3.6(2) | 1   |
| C18                                        | 4a   | 0.2453(3)  | 0.8111(2) | 0.8519(2)  | 3.6(2) | 1   |
| C19                                        | 4a   | 0.2362(4)  | 0.7238(2) | 0.8606(2)  | 3.6(2) | 1   |
| O3                                         | 4a   | 0.3037(5)  | 0.8438(3) | 0.8565(2)  | 3.6(2) | 1   |

Table S8. Calculated inter-atomic distances (in Å) and bond angles (in °) from the refined structure for Fe<sub>ext</sub>(4AcPy)<sub>2</sub>[Fe<sub>int</sub>(CN)<sub>5</sub>NO] at 300K.

| Bond distances (Å)                                                                  | Bond angles (°)                      |                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> (AcPy) <sub>2</sub> [Fe <sub>int</sub> (CN) <sub>5</sub> NO]-300K |                                      |                                      |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N1 = 2.464(2)                                                    | N5-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N2 = 82.07(3)  | N3-C3-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 179.96(3)  |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N2 = 2.207(2)                                                    | N5-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N4 = 97.93(3)  | N4-C4-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 174.67(6)  |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N4 = 2.208(2)                                                    | N5-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7 = 105.74(2) | N5-C5-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 177.31(6)  |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N5 = 2.226(1)                                                    | N5-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N1 = 172.42(3) | O1-N6-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 176.98(3)  |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7 = 2.579(2)                                                    | N5-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 75.67(2)  | C1-N1-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 144.19(5)  |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 2.146(1)                                                    | N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N4 = 169.31(4) | C2-N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 160.91(5)  |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C1 = 1.918(1)                                                    | N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7 = 96.15(2)  | C4-N4-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 175.53(5)  |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C2 = 1.930(1)                                                    | N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N1 = 94.25(2)  | C5-N5-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 159.08(5)  |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C3 = 1.889(1)                                                    | N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 79.42(2)  | Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7-C8 = 136.19(3) |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C4 = 1.918(1)                                                    | N4-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7 = 73.50(2)  | N7-C8-C7 = 119.97(3)                 |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 1.929(2)                                                    | N4-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N1 = 84.46(3)  | C8-C7-C6 = 120.16(3)                 |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -N6 = 1.605(1)                                                    | N4-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 111.01(2) | C7-C6-C10 = 119.91(4)                |
| C1-N1 = 1.130(1)                                                                    | N7-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N1 = 67.95(2)  | C6-C10-C9 = 119.94(3)                |
| C2-N2 = 1.129(1)                                                                    | N7-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 175.19(2) | C10-C9-N7 = 120.04(3)                |
| C3-N3 = 1.126(1)                                                                    | N1-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 110.27(2) | C9-N7-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 102.79(2)  |
| C4-N4 = 1.130(1)                                                                    | N6-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C3 = 178.76(3) | C9-N7-C8 = 119.98(4)                 |
| C5-N5 = 1.130(1)                                                                    | N6-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C1 = 90.86(3)  | C7-C6-C11 = 120.16(3)                |
| N6-O1 = 1.131(1)                                                                    | N6-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C4 = 90.84(3)  | C6-C11-C12 = 120.15(3)               |
| N7-C9 = 1.329(1)                                                                    | N6-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 88.62(3)  | C6-C11-O2 = 119.93(3)                |
| C9-C10 = 1.330(1)                                                                   | N6-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C2 = 88.63(3)  | C10-C6-C11 = 119.93(3)               |
| C10-C6 = 1.331(1)                                                                   | C3-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C1 = 88.27(3)  | Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8-C16 = 92.22(3) |
| C6-C7 = 1.328(1)                                                                    | C3-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C4 = 88.27(2)  | N8-C16-C17 = 119.03(4)               |
| C7-C8 = 1.328(1)                                                                    | C3-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 92.24(3)  | C16-C17-C15 = 120.50(3)              |
| C8-N7 = 1.330(1)                                                                    | C3-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C2 = 92.20(2)  | C17-C15-C14 = 119.96(4)              |
| C6-C11 = 1.328(1)                                                                   | C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C4 = 90.21(4)  | C15-C14-C13 = 120.08(4)              |
| C11-O2 = 1.331(1)                                                                   | C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 87.98(3)  | C14-C13-N8 = 119.96(3)               |
| C11-C12 = 1.328(1)                                                                  | C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C2 = 178.07(4) | C13-N8-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 146.14(3) |
| N8-C16 = 1.337(1)                                                                   | C4-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 178.10(4) | C13-N8-C16 = 120.46(4)               |
| C16-C17 = 1.336(1)                                                                  | C4-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C2 = 87.94(3)  | C17-C15-C18 = 119.90(3)              |
| C17-C15 = 1.330(1)                                                                  | C5-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C2 = 93.87(4)  | C15-C18-C19 = 120.22(4)              |
| C15-C14 = 1.329(1)                                                                  | N1-C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 174.76(5)  | C15-C18-O3 = 119.88(3)               |
| C14-C13 = 1.329(1)                                                                  | N2-C2-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 177.33(6)  | C14-C15-C18 = 120.13(4)              |
| C13-N8 = 1.330(1)                                                                   |                                      |                                      |
| C15-C18 = 1.328(1)                                                                  |                                      |                                      |
| C18-O3 = 1.333(1)                                                                   |                                      |                                      |
| C18-C19 = 1.328(1)                                                                  |                                      |                                      |

Table S9. Refined atomic positions and thermal ( $B_{iso}$ ) and occupation (Occ) factors for  $Fe_{ext}(4PyCA)_2[Fe_{int}(CN)_5NO]$  at 300K

| Composition                              | site | x          | y          | z          | Biso   | Occ |
|------------------------------------------|------|------------|------------|------------|--------|-----|
| $Fe_{ext}(CA)_2[Fe_{int}(CN)_5NO]$ -300K |      |            |            |            |        |     |
| $Fe_{ext}$                               | 2a   | 0.0111(1)  | 0.0195(1)  | 0.5248(1)  | 3.8(2) | 1   |
| $Fe_{int}$                               | 2a   | 0.5095(1)  | 0.2791(1)  | 0.5173(1)  | 3.8(2) | 1   |
| C1                                       | 2a   | 0.6995(2)  | 0.1881(3)  | 0.5396(3)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| N1                                       | 2a   | 0.8073(2)  | 0.1333(2)  | 0.5420(3)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| C2                                       | 2a   | 0.3123(3)  | 0.3677(2)  | 0.4958(4)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| N2                                       | 2a   | 0.1932(4)  | 0.4174(4)  | 0.4860(5)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| C3                                       | 2a   | 0.5010(4)  | 0.2765(4)  | 0.3225(5)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| N3                                       | 2a   | 0.4960(3)  | 0.2749(3)  | 0.2063(4)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| C4                                       | 2a   | 0.3190(2)  | 0.1882(2)  | 0.4889(4)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| N4                                       | 2a   | 0.2100(2)  | 0.1334(3)  | 0.4625(3)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| C5                                       | 2a   | 0.7071(3)  | 0.3676(3)  | 0.5484(3)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| N5                                       | 2a   | 0.8270(5)  | 0.4172(2)  | 0.5704(3)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| N6                                       | 2a   | 0.5166(5)  | 0.2790(4)  | 0.6829(2)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| O1                                       | 2a   | 0.5216(3)  | 0.2831(5)  | 0.7992(3)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| N7                                       | 2a   | 0.1239(3)  | 0.0337(4)  | 0.7542(2)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| C6                                       | 2a   | 0.1721(3)  | -0.0530(3) | 0.7992(2)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| C7                                       | 2a   | 0.2337(2)  | -0.0698(4) | 0.9406(4)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| C8                                       | 2a   | 0.2463(3)  | 0.0001(3)  | 1.0356(4)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| C9                                       | 2a   | 0.1980(5)  | 0.0868(3)  | 0.9905(3)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| C10                                      | 2a   | 0.1364(5)  | 0.1037(2)  | 0.8490(2)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| C11                                      | 2a   | 0.3118(2)  | -0.0178(2) | 1.1860(2)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| O2                                       | 2a   | 0.4478(5)  | 0.0211(5)  | 1.2514(2)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| N8                                       | 2a   | -0.0992(3) | 0.0475(4)  | 0.2346(4)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| C12                                      | 2a   | -0.1371(3) | 0.0998(4)  | 0.1148(4)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| C13                                      | 2a   | -0.2302(2) | 0.0625(2)  | -0.0102(3) | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| C14                                      | 2a   | -0.2846(2) | -0.0268(3) | -0.0139(3) | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| C15                                      | 2a   | -0.2467(3) | -0.0790(3) | 0.1060(4)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| C16                                      | 2a   | -0.1535(4) | -0.0417(4) | 0.2310(4)  | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| C17                                      | 2a   | -0.3835(2) | -0.0665(4) | -0.1468(2) | 6.8(2) | 1   |
| O3                                       | 2a   | -0.3191(2) | -0.1316(3) | -0.1941(2) | 6.8(2) | 1   |

Table S10. Calculated inter-atomic distances (in Å) and bond angles (in °) from the refined structure for Fe<sub>ext</sub>(4PyCA)<sub>2</sub>[Fe<sub>int</sub>(CN)<sub>5</sub>NO] at 300K.

| Bond distances (Å)                                                                  | Bond angles (°)                       |                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> (4PyCA) <sub>2</sub> [Fe <sub>int</sub> CN) <sub>5</sub> NO]-300K |                                       |                                        |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N1 = 2.283(2)                                                    | N5-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N2 = 85.391(4)  | N5-C5-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 177.259(6)   |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N2 = 2.115(2)                                                    | N5-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N4 = 88.546(2)  | O1-N6-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 176.852(11)  |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N4 = 2.391(2)                                                    | N5-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7 = 111.357(4) | C1-N1-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 174.405(5)   |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N5 = 2.243(1)                                                    | N5-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N1 = 160.238(3) | C2-N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 174.722(5)   |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7 = 2.228(2)                                                    | N5-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 75.401(3)  | C4-N4-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 152.720(5)   |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 2.808(3)                                                    | N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N4 = 162.778(3) | C5-N5-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 144.876(5)   |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C1 = 1.917(1)                                                    | N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7 = 103.111(4) | C6-N7-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 104.278(6)   |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C2 = 1.930(2)                                                    | N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N1 = 94.139(2)  | Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7-C10 = 134.614(6) |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C3 = 1.889(2)                                                    | N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 90.319(4)  | C10-N7-C6 = 120.821(4)                 |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C4 = 1.918(1)                                                    | N4-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7 = 94.110(4)  | N7-C6-C7 = 119.573(5)                  |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 1.929(2)                                                    | N4-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N1 = 86.175(4)  | C6-C7-C8 = 119.708(8)                  |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -N6 = 1.606(2)                                                    | N4-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 72.543(3)  | C7-C8-C9 = 120.682(4)                  |
| C1-N1 = 1.130(1)                                                                    | N7-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N1 = 88.030(4)  | C8-C9-C10 = 119.661(5)                 |
| C2-N2 = 1.130(1)                                                                    | N7-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 165.229(6) | C9-C10-N7 = 119.556(8)                 |
| C3-N3 = 1.127(1)                                                                    | N1-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 84.850(4)  | C12-N8-Fe = 154.179(6)                 |
| C4-N4 = 1.130(1)                                                                    | N6-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C3 = 178.774(8) | Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8-C16 = 84.471(6)  |
| C5-N5 = 1.130(1)                                                                    | N6-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C1 = 90.842(5)  | C16-N8-C12 = 120.820(4)                |
| N6-O1 = 1.129(1)                                                                    | N6-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C4 = 90.842(5)  | N8-C12-C13 = 119.652(9)                |
| N7-C6 = 1.384(1)                                                                    | N6-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 88.654(5)  | C12-C13-C14 = 119.566(5)               |
| C6-C7 = 1.382(1)                                                                    | N6-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C2 = 88.654(5)  | C13-C14-C15 = 120.717(4)               |
| C7-C8 = 1.383(1)                                                                    | C3-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C1 = 88.316(4)  | C14-C15-C16 = 119.713(9)               |
| C8-C9 = 1.384(1)                                                                    | C3-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C4 = 88.271(4)  | C15-C16-N8 = 119.532(5)                |
| C9-C10 = 1.383(1)                                                                   | C3-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 92.205(5)  | C11-C8-C7 = 119.691(8)                 |
| C10-N7 = 1.383(1)                                                                   | C3-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C2 = 92.160(5)  | C11-C8-C9 = 119.627(5)                 |
| C8-C11 = 1.470(1)                                                                   | C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C4 = 90.258(4)  | O2-C11-C8 = 120.009(9)                 |
| C11-O2 = 1.209(1)                                                                   | C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 87.948(3)  | C15-C14-C17 = 119.700(9)               |
| N8-C12 = 1.383(1)                                                                   | C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C2 = 178.093(4) | C13-C14-C17 = 119.584(5)               |
| C12-C13 = 1.382(1)                                                                  | C4-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 178.129(4) | O3-C17-C14 = 119.992(5)                |
| C13-C14 = 1.384(1)                                                                  | C4-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C2 = 87.911(3)  |                                        |
| C14-C15 = 1.383(1)                                                                  | C5-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C2 = 93.879(5)  |                                        |
| C15-C16 = 1.382(1)                                                                  | N1-C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 174.708(5)  |                                        |
| C16-N8 = 1.383(1)                                                                   | N2-C2-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 177.320(6)  |                                        |
| C14-C17 = 1.470(1)                                                                  | N3-C3-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 179.955(10) |                                        |
| C17-O3 = 1.209(1)                                                                   | N4-C4-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 174.747(5)  |                                        |

Table S11. Refined atomic positions and thermal ( $B_{iso}$ ) and occupation (Occ) factors for  $Fe_{ext}(4VPy)_2[Fe_{int}(CN)_5NO]$  at 300K

| Composition                         | site | x         | y         | z          | Biso    | Occ |
|-------------------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------|-----|
| $Fe_{ext}(VPy)_2[Fe_{int}(CN)_5NO]$ |      |           |           |            |         |     |
| $Fe_{ext}$                          | 2a   | 0.0023(2) | 0.1785(3) | 0.0369(1)  | 1.51(2) | 1   |
| $Fe_{int}$                          | 2a   | 0.4801(1) | 0.4307(2) | 0.0104(2)  | 1.87(2) | 1   |
| C1                                  | 2a   | 0.3136(2) | 0.3344(1) | 0.0254(2)  | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| N1                                  | 2a   | 0.2222(4) | 0.2766(1) | 0.0381(2)  | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| C2                                  | 2a   | 0.6658(4) | 0.3438(1) | -0.0053(3) | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| N2                                  | 2a   | 0.7663(2) | 0.2909(2) | -0.0190(3) | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| C3                                  | 2a   | 0.6510(2) | 0.5258(5) | 0.0013(2)  | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| N3                                  | 2a   | 0.7435(5) | 0.5861(2) | 0.00000    | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| C4                                  | 2a   | 0.3026(1) | 0.5174(2) | 0.0285(2)  | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| N4                                  | 2a   | 0.1969(2) | 0.5690(5) | 0.0394(2)  | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| C5                                  | 2a   | 0.3688(2) | 0.4348(2) | -0.1812(2) | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| N5                                  | 2a   | 0.3109(2) | 0.4378(2) | -0.2934(3) | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| N6                                  | 2a   | 0.5786(1) | 0.4293(4) | 0.1695(3)  | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| O                                   | 2a   | 0.6417(4) | 0.4337(4) | 0.2817(3)  | 2.3(2)  | 1   |
| N7                                  | 2a   | 0.1555(4) | 0.2230(2) | 0.2369(2)  | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C6                                  | 2a   | 0.1145(2) | 0.1387(5) | 0.2632(4)  | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C7                                  | 2a   | 0.1491(3) | 0.1060(2) | 0.3900(4)  | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C8                                  | 2a   | 0.2313(4) | 0.1632(1) | 0.4967(3)  | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C9                                  | 2a   | 0.2758(2) | 0.2503(1) | 0.4736(2)  | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C10                                 | 2a   | 0.2354(1) | 0.2766(3) | 0.3431(2)  | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C11                                 | 2a   | 0.2706(3) | 0.1320(4) | 0.6319(4)  | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| N8                                  | 2a   | 0.8642(2) | 0.2368(4) | 0.7841(3)  | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C12                                 | 2a   | 0.4163(2) | 0.1599(3) | 0.7414(3)  | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C13                                 | 2a   | 0.7796(2) | 0.2838(1) | 0.6712(2)  | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C14                                 | 2a   | 0.7446(3) | 0.2503(1) | 0.5447(3)  | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C15                                 | 2a   | 0.8001(1) | 0.1630(2) | 0.5333(1)  | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C16                                 | 2a   | 0.8875(4) | 0.1126(1) | 0.6472(4)  | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C17                                 | 2a   | 0.9160(5) | 0.1522(2) | 0.7691(2)  | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C18                                 | 2a   | 0.7670(3) | 0.1245(3) | 0.4029(1)  | 3.8(2)  | 1   |
| C19                                 | 2a   | 0.6193(4) | 0.1447(4) | 0.2896(2)  | 3.8(2)  | 1   |

Table S12. Calculated inter-atomic distances (in Å) and bond angles (in °) from the refined structure for Fe<sub>ext</sub>(4VPy)<sub>2</sub>[Fe<sub>int</sub>(CN)<sub>5</sub>NO] at 300K.

| Bond distances (Å)                                                            | Bond angles (°)                      |                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> (VPy) <sub>2</sub> [Fe <sub>int</sub> (CN) <sub>5</sub> NO] |                                      |                                       |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N1 = 2.171(2)                                              | N1-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N2 = 89.18(3)  | N2-C2-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 176.45(5)   |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N2 = 2.333(2)                                              | N1-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N3 = 77.90(2)  | N3-C3-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 174.65(5)   |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N3 = 2.450(2)                                              | N1-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N4 = 156.40(3) | N4-C4-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 179.93(5)   |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N4 = 2.157(1)                                              | N1-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7 = 69.90(3)  | N5-C5-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 177.27(7)   |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7 = 2.152(2)                                              | N1-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 78.64(3)  | O-N6-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 175.28(8)    |
| Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 2.690(2)                                              | N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N3 = 153.82(3) | C1-N1-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 169.54(5)   |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C1 = 1.929(1)                                              | N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N4 = 96.66(2)  | C2-N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 158.84(4)   |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C2 = 1.928(1)                                              | N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7 = 96.49(3)  | C3-N3-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 160.19(4)   |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C3 = 1.918(1)                                              | N2-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 61.31(2)  | C4-N4-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 151.52(4)   |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C4 = 1.889(1)                                              | N3-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N4 = 87.26(3)  | Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7-C6 = 80.86(4)   |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 1.930(2)                                              | N3-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7 = 100.17(3) | N7-C6-C7 = 123.99(4)                  |
| Fe <sub>int</sub> -N6 = 1.605(1)                                              | N3-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 93.57(3)  | C6-C7-C8 = 117.95(6)                  |
| C1-N1 = 1.129(1)                                                              | N4-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N7 = 131.55(3) | C7-C8-C9 = 119.72(4)                  |
| C2-N2 = 1.123(1)                                                              | N4-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 84.16(3)  | C8-C9-C10 = 117.90(4)                 |
| C3-N3 = 1.131(1)                                                              | N7-Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8 = 141.85(4) | C9-C10-N7 = 124.06(7)                 |
| C4-N4 = 1.127(1)                                                              | C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C2 = 88.71(4)  | C10-N7-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 161.46(5)  |
| C5-N5 = 1.129(1)                                                              | C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C3 = 178.15(3) | C10-N7-C6 = 116.38(4)                 |
| N6-O = 1.131(1)                                                               | C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C4 = 92.15(3)  | C7-C8-C11 = 120.11(6)                 |
| N7-C6 = 1.352(1)                                                              | C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 93.86(4)  | C9-C8-C11 = 120.16(4)                 |
| C6-C7 = 1.384(1)                                                              | C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> -N6 = 87.96(4)  | C8-C11-C12 = 126.33(7)                |
| C7-C8 = 1.389(1)                                                              | C2-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C3 = 90.83(3)  | Fe <sub>ext</sub> -N8-C13 = 165.48(5) |
| C8-C9 = 1.390(1)                                                              | C2-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C4 = 178.75(4) | N8-C13-C14 = 124.05(7)                |
| C9-C10 = 1.384(1)                                                             | C2-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 88.71(4)  | C13-C14-C15 = 117.92(4)               |
| C10-N7 = 1.351(1)                                                             | C2-Fe <sub>int</sub> -N6 = 90.83(4)  | C14-C15-C16 = 119.71(4)               |
| C8-C11 = 1.454(1)                                                             | C3-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C4 = 88.28(4)  | C15-C16-C17 = 117.93(7)               |
| C11-C12 = 1.347(1)                                                            | C3-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 87.92(3)  | C16-C17-N8 = 124.03(4)                |
| N8-C13 = 1.351(1)                                                             | C3-Fe <sub>int</sub> -N6 = 90.26(4)  | C17-N8-Fe <sub>ext</sub> = 77.92(4)   |
| C13-C14 = 1.384(1)                                                            | C4-Fe <sub>int</sub> -C5 = 92.14(4)  | C17-N8-C13 = 116.36(4)                |
| C14-C15 = 1.389(1)                                                            | C4-Fe <sub>int</sub> -N6 = 88.29(4)  | C14-C15-C18 = 120.19(4)               |
| C15-C16 = 1.390(1)                                                            | C5-Fe <sub>int</sub> -N6 = 178.11(6) | C16-C15-C18 = 120.09(6)               |
| C16-C17 = 1.384(1)                                                            | N1-C1-Fe <sub>int</sub> = 177.27(5)  | C15-C18-C19 = 126.31(7)               |
| C17-N8 = 1.352(1)                                                             |                                      |                                       |
| C15-C18 = 1.453(1)                                                            |                                      |                                       |
| C18-C19 = 1.348(1)                                                            |                                      |                                       |

Table S13: Unit cell parameter for Fe(4MPy)<sub>2</sub>[Fe(CN)<sub>5</sub>NO] and Fe(4CAPy)<sub>2</sub>[Fe(CN)<sub>5</sub>NO]  
100 K

| Molecule | Unit cell parameters                                                         | Unit cell volume, Å <sup>3</sup>        | Unit cell volume reduction, % |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 4MPy     | <b>a</b> = 9.821 Å; <b>b</b> = 14.805 Å;<br><b>c</b> = 7.372 Å; β = 105.58 ° | V (100 K): 1032.6<br>V (300 K): 1042.56 | 1.05                          |
| 4CAPy    | <b>a</b> = 7.306 Å; <b>b</b> = 14.836 Å;<br><b>c</b> = 9.648 Å; β = 101.96 ° | V (100 K): 1023.2<br>V (300 K): 1035.96 | 1.23                          |