

## Supporting information

### **A novel triazidoruthenium(III) building block for the construction of polynuclear compounds**

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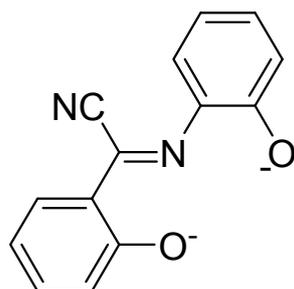
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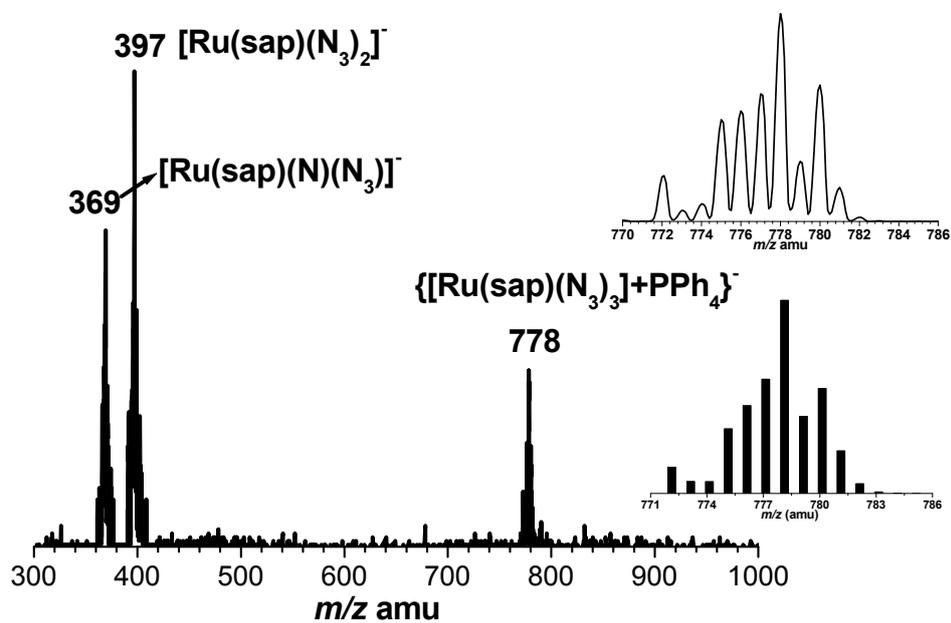
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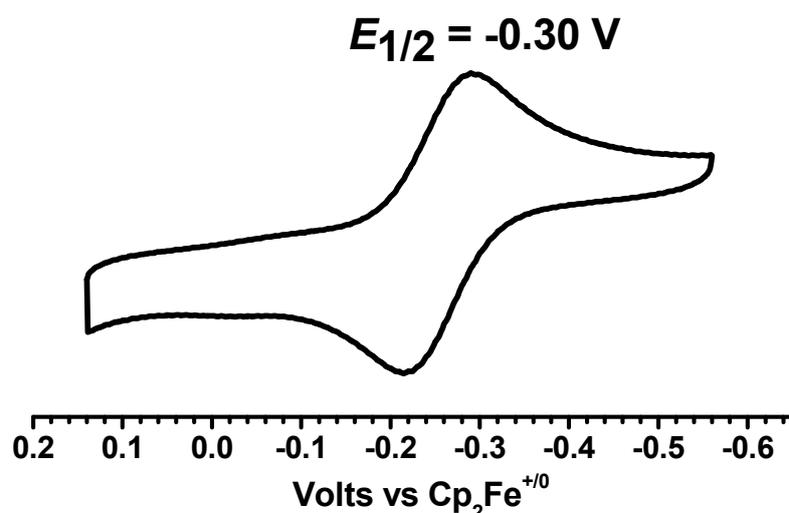
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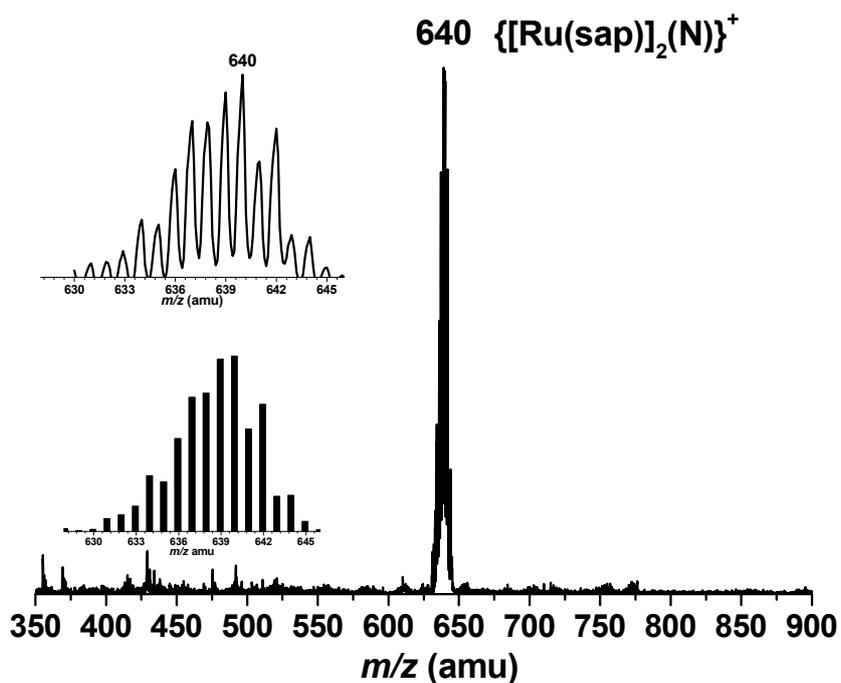
**Fig. S1** Structure of CN-sap.



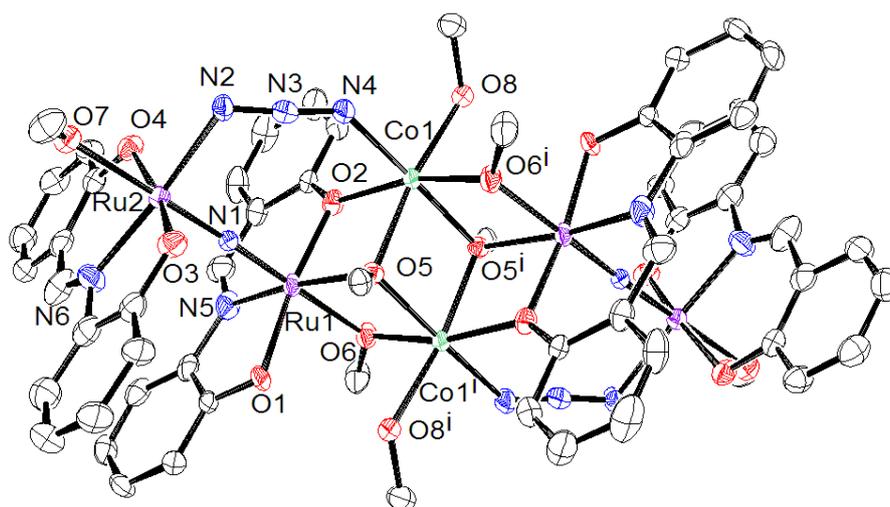
**Fig. S2** ESI/MS of **1** in MeOH. Insets show the expanded (top) and simulated (bottom) isotopic distribution patterns of  $m/z$  778.



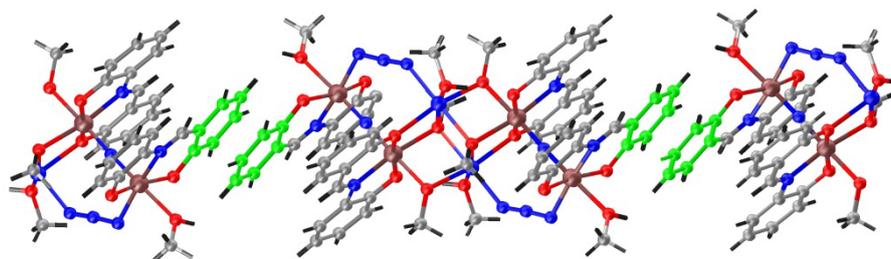
**Fig. S3** Cyclic voltammogram of **1** in 0.1 M  $[\text{nBu}_4\text{N}]\text{PF}_6$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$



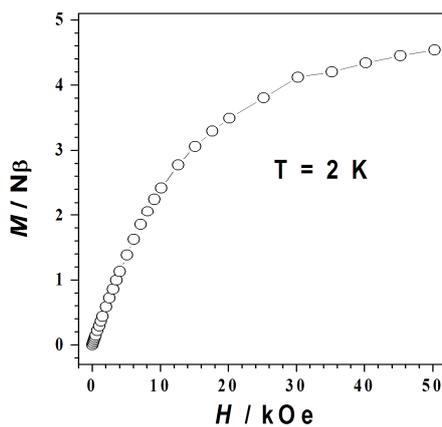
**Fig. S4** ESI-MS of **2** in 0.1 M  $\text{CF}_3\text{COOH}$  in acetone. Insets show the expanded (top) and simulated (bottom) isotopic distribution patterns of  $m/z$  640.



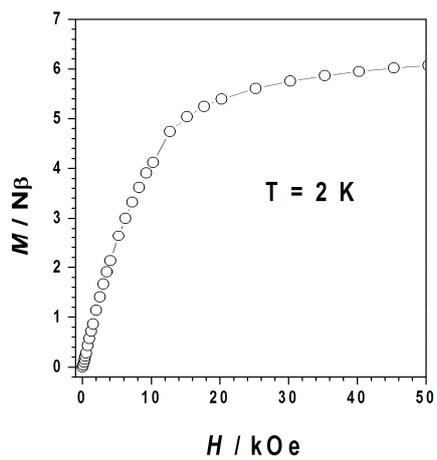
**Fig. S5** ORTEP diagram of **3** and thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability (Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x+2, -y+2, -z+2$ ).



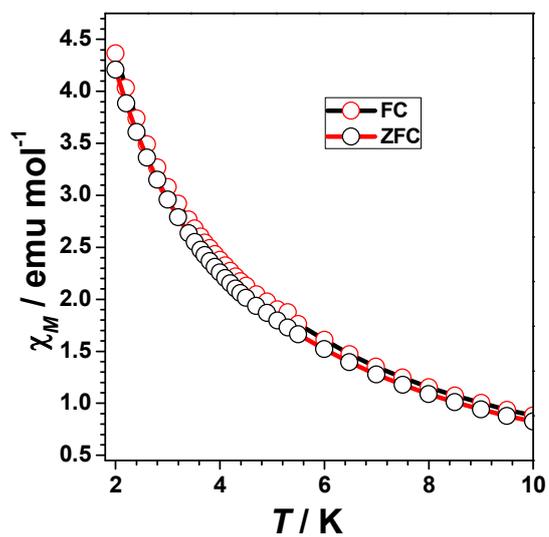
**Fig. S6** The packing diagram of **3** showing the  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions among the phenol rings of sap ligands.



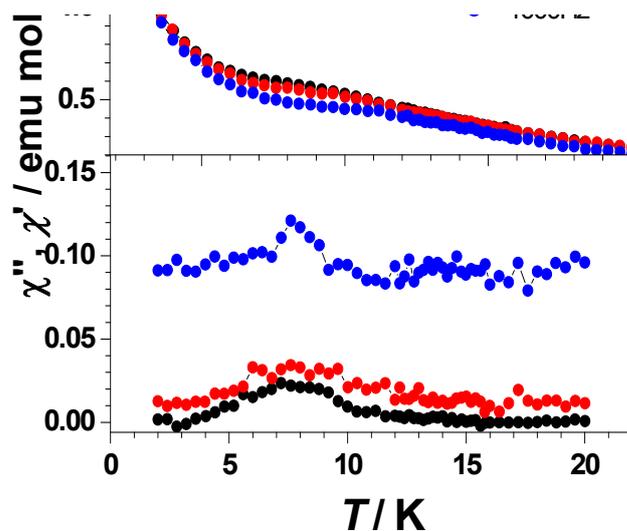
**Fig. S7** Temperature dependence of  $\chi_M$  and  $\chi_M^{-1}$  for **2**



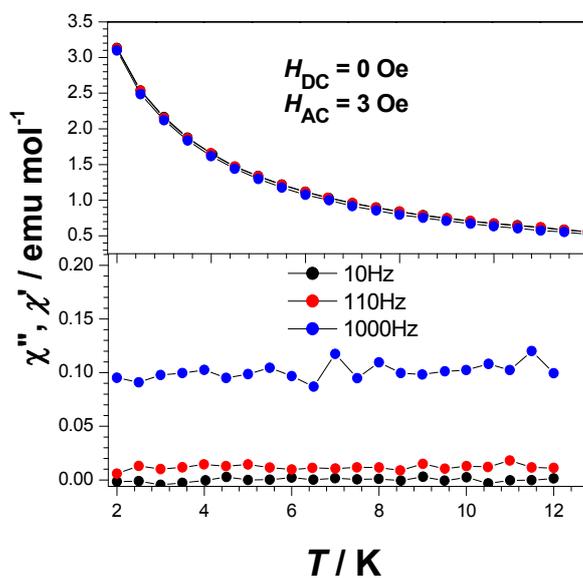
**Fig. S8** Temperature dependence of  $\chi_M$  and  $\chi_M^{-1}$  for **3**



**Fig. S9** ZFCM/FCM of **2** at 10 Oe



**Fig. S10** Temperature dependence of real ( $\chi'$ ) and imaginary ( $\chi''$ ) part of the *ac* susceptibility for **2** measured under various oscillating frequencies (10, 110, 1000Hz).



**Fig S11** Temperature dependence of real ( $\chi'$ ) and imaginary ( $\chi''$ ) part of the *ac* susceptibility for **3** measured under various oscillating frequencies (10, 110, 1000Hz).