

**Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) for**

**Tuning of intramolecular charge transfer properties and charge distributions in ferrocene-appended catechol derivatives by chemical substitution**

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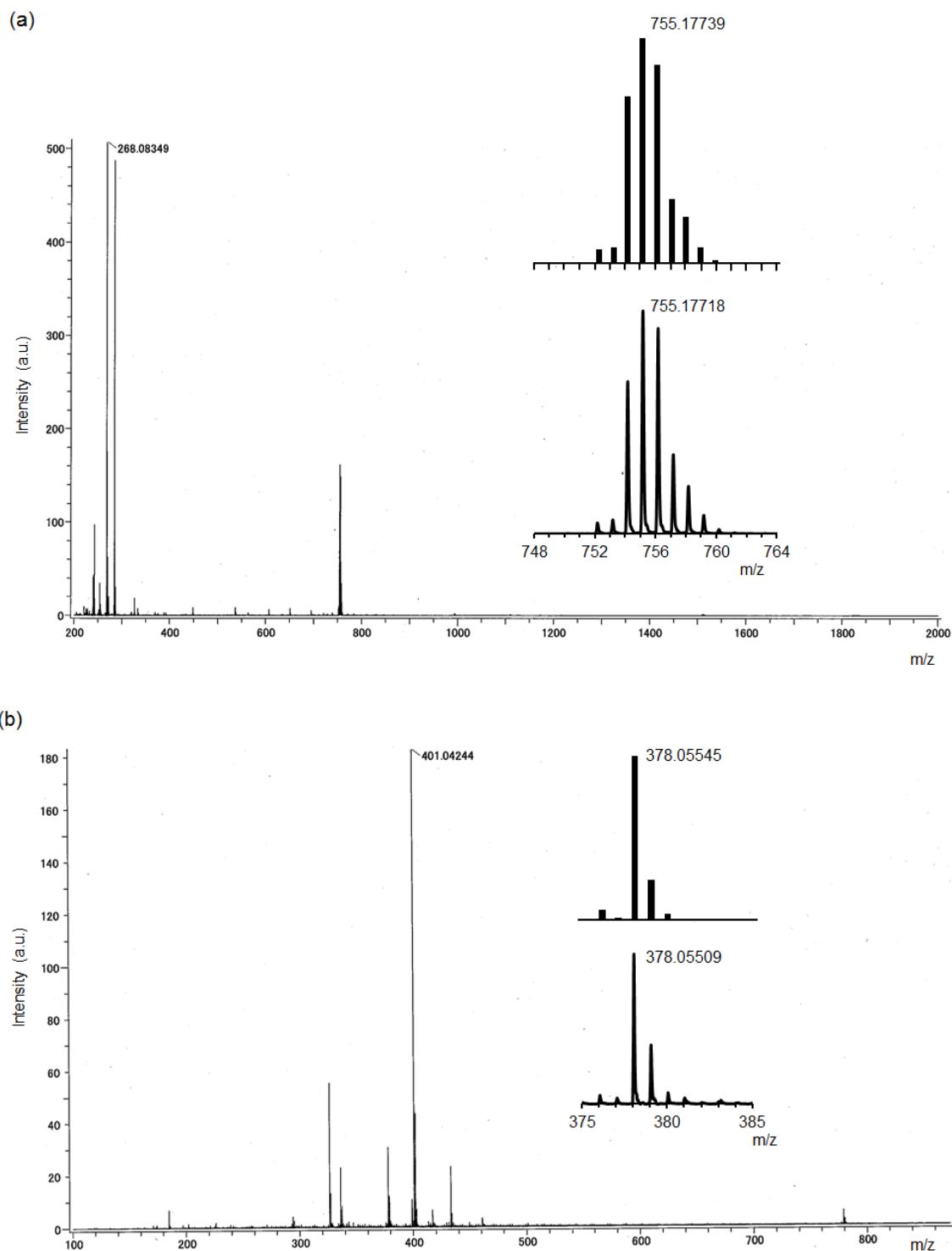
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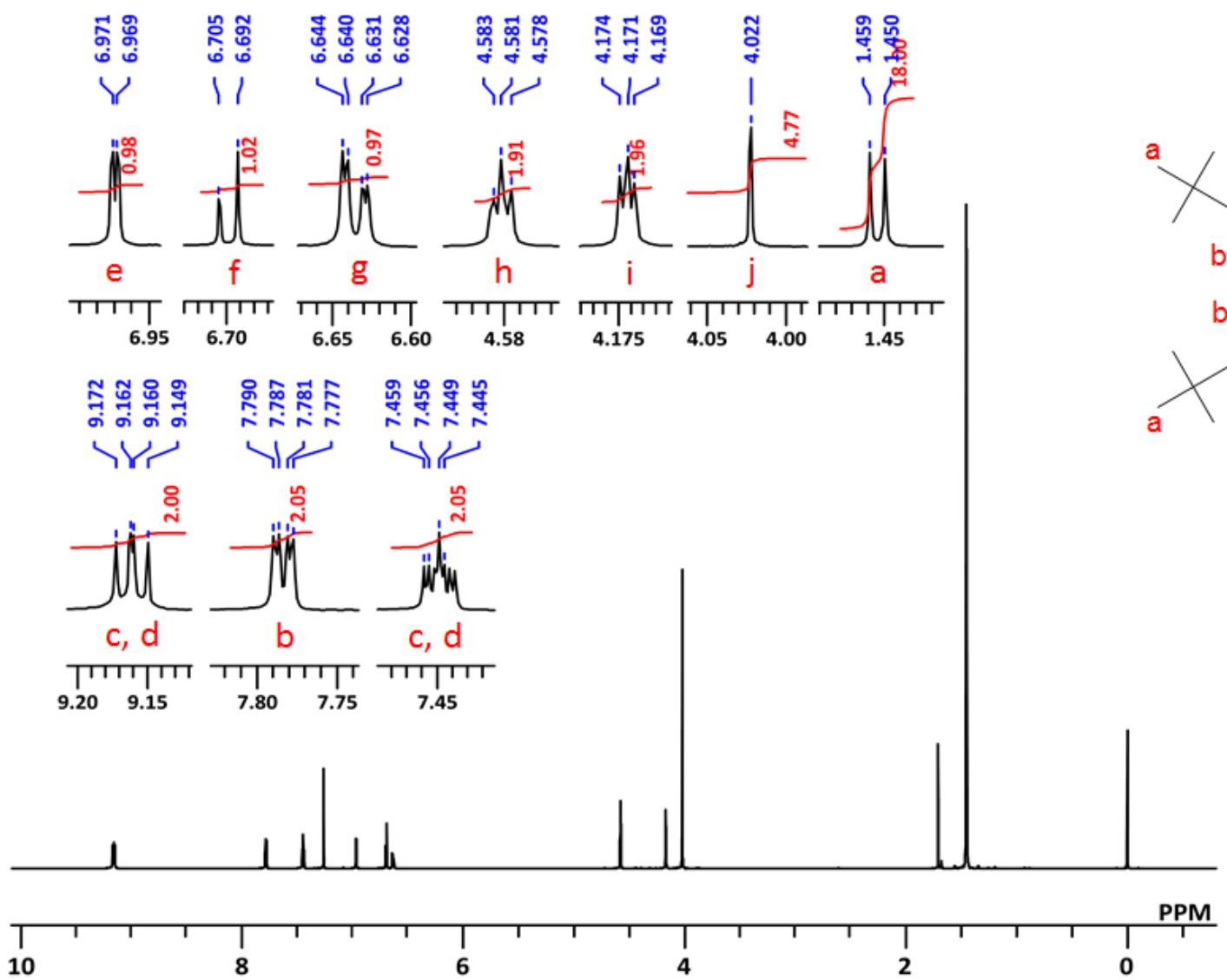
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## 1. Characterization of new compounds



**Figure S1.** HR-ESI-MS of (a) **3** and (b) **5**. Inset: experimental (bottom) and theoretical (top) isotopic distributions for  $[M]^+$ .



**Figure S2.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (600 MHz).

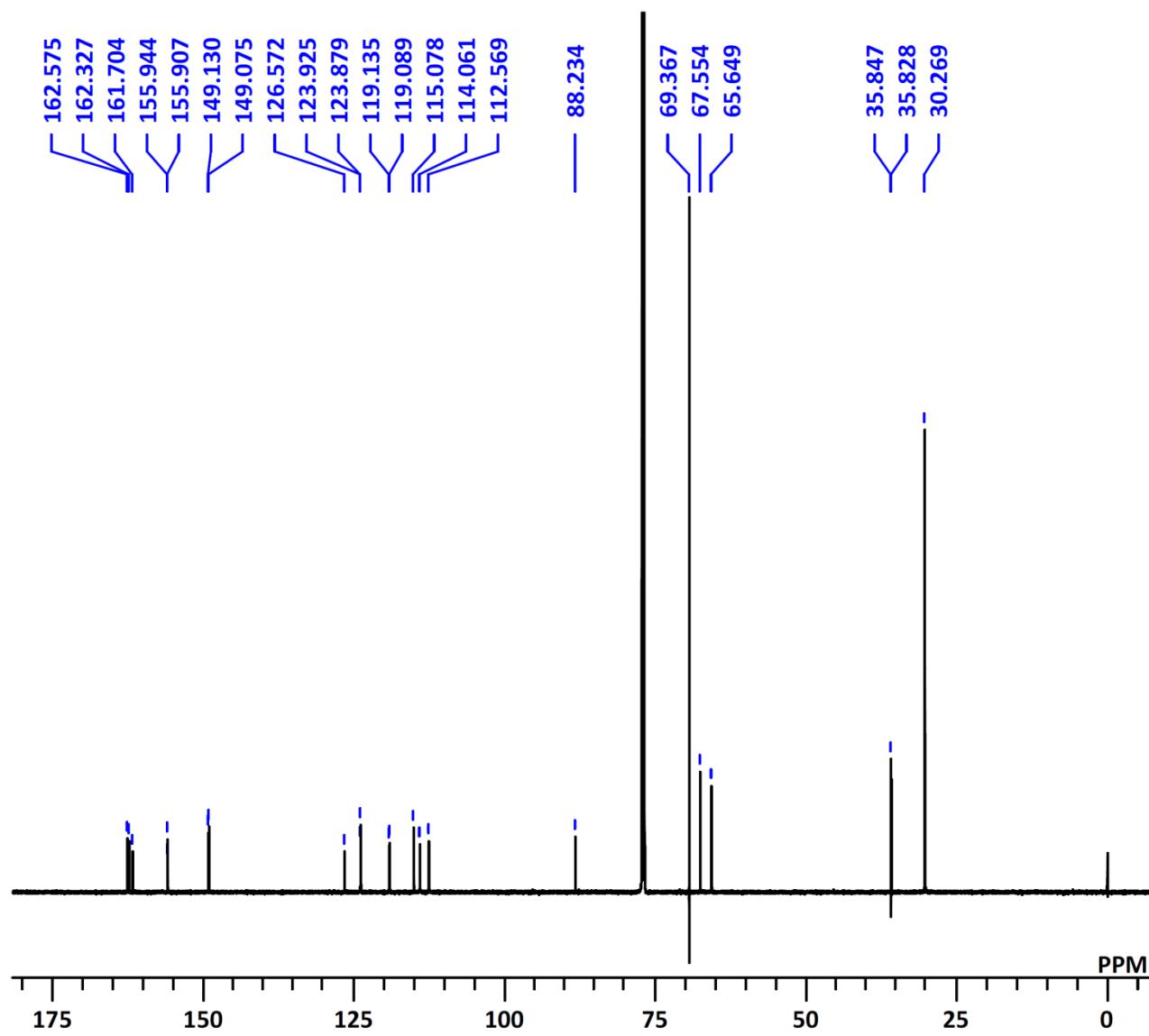


Figure S3.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (150 MHz).

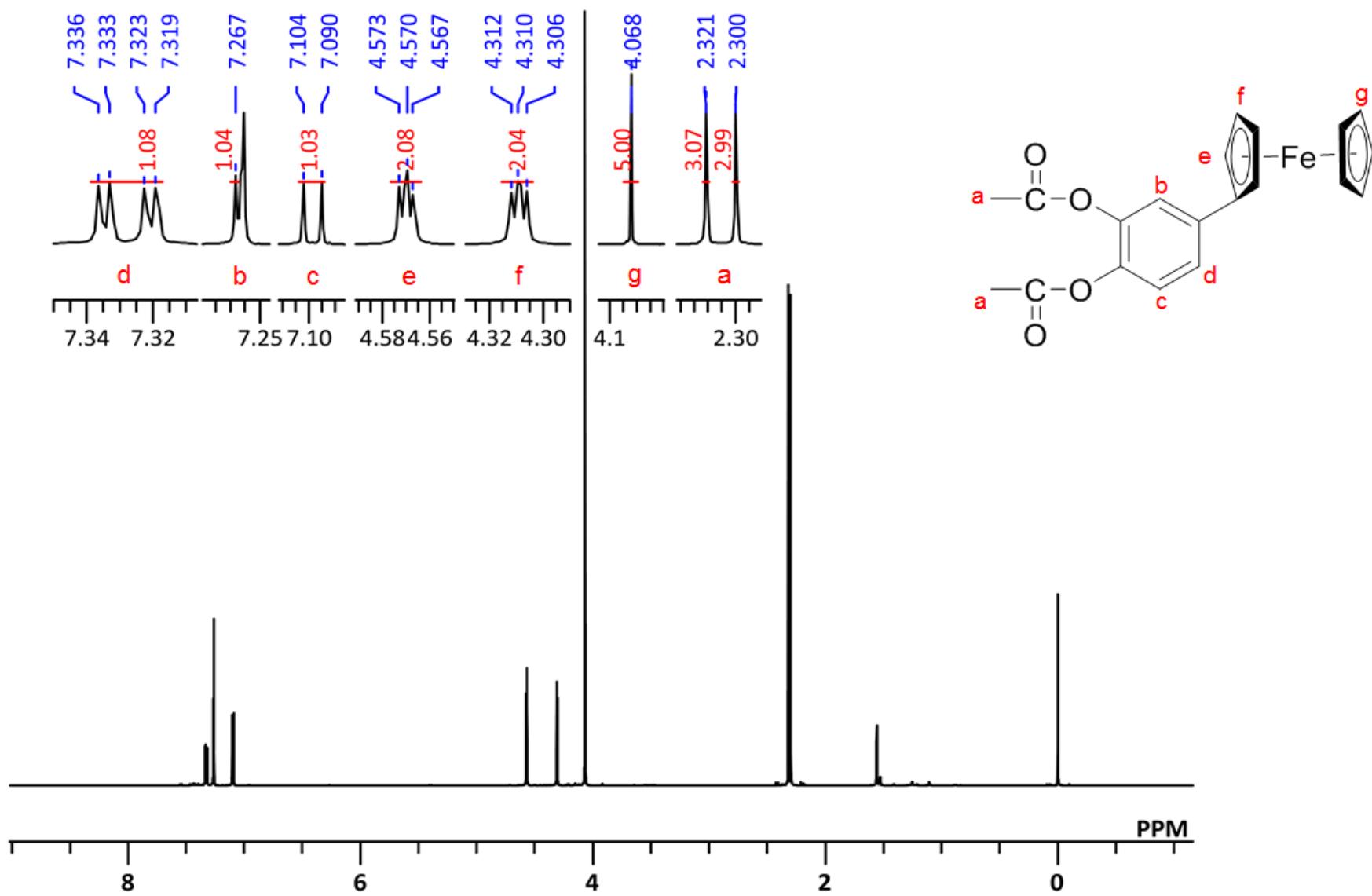


Figure S4.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of **5** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (600 MHz).

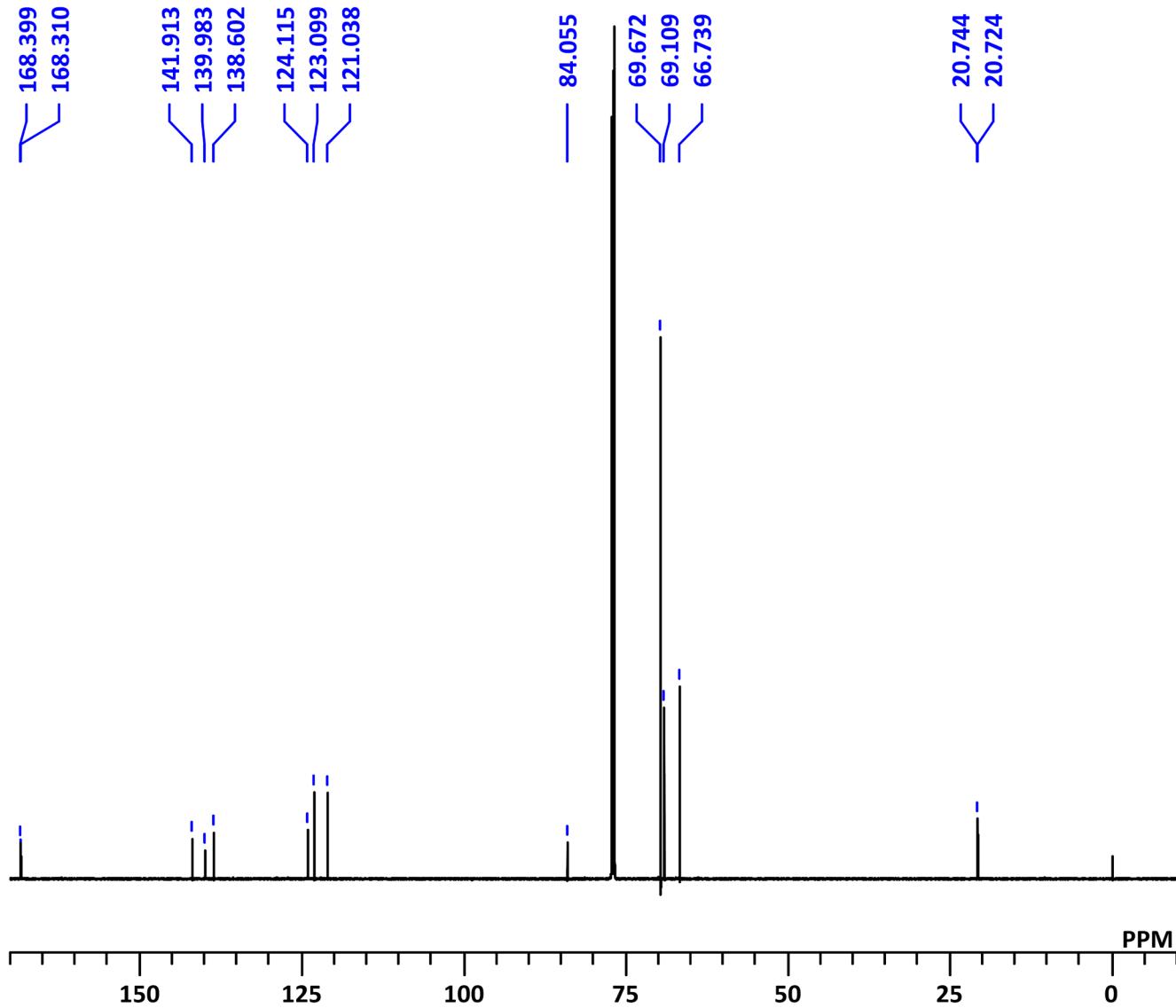
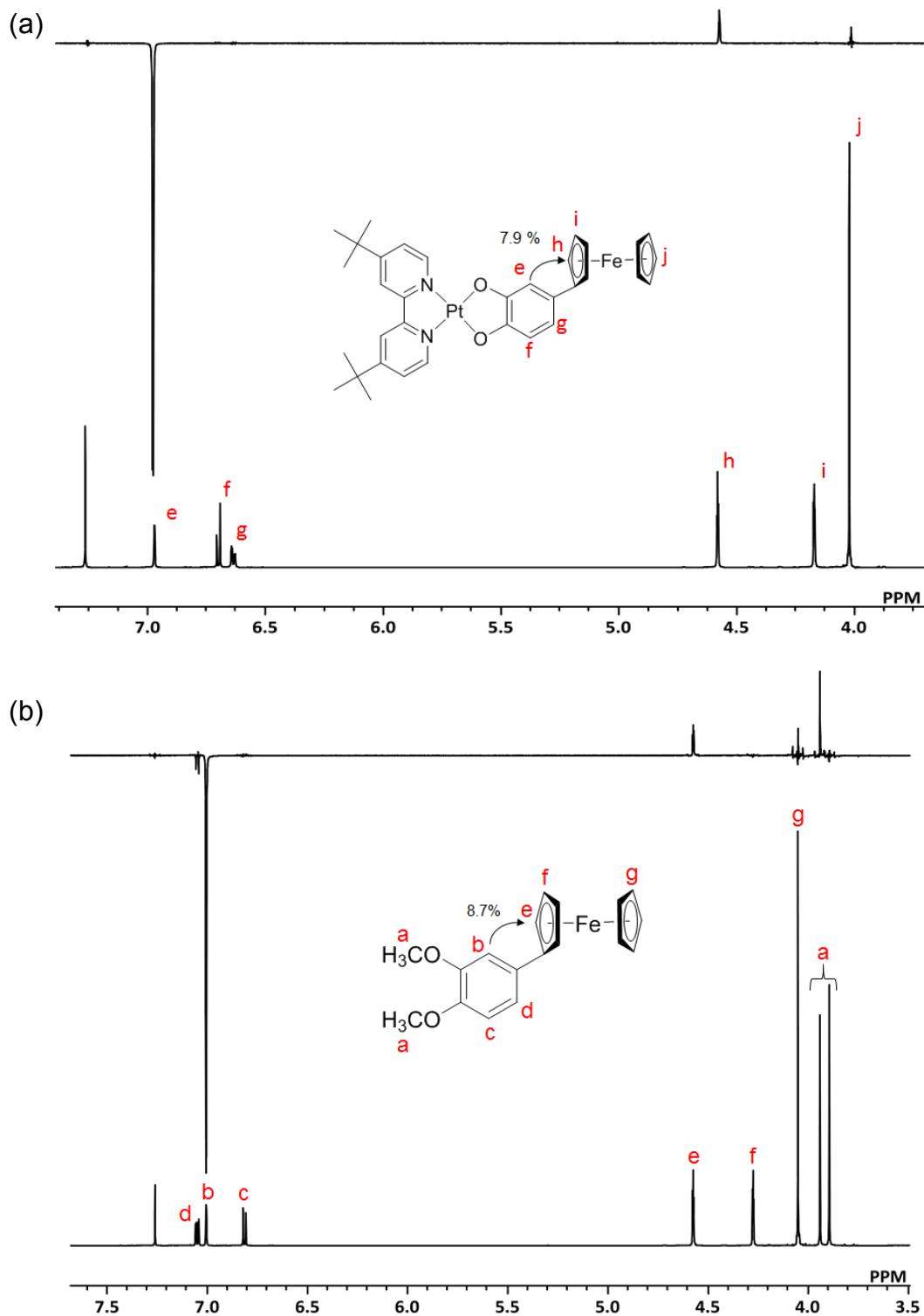


Figure S5.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of **5** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (150 MHz).

## 2. Differential NOE experiments



**Figure S6.** Partial  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (bottom) and differential NOE (top) spectra of (a) **3** and (b) **1** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . A nuclear overhauser effects between protons is indicated as an arrow.

### 3. Electrochemical data

**Table S1.** Electrochemical data for Fc derivatives.<sup>a</sup>

compound	$E_{1/2}^1$	$E_{1/2}^2$
<b>1</b>	568 <sup>b</sup>	1668 <sup>c</sup>
<b>2</b>	486 <sup>b</sup>	653 <sup>b</sup>
<b>3</b>	321	845
<b>4</b>	588	1938 <sup>c</sup>
<b>5</b>	649	1922 <sup>c</sup>
Pt( <i>t</i> Bu <sub>2</sub> bpy)(C)	534	1570

<sup>a</sup>Potentials in mV vs. Fc\*<sup>+</sup>/Fc\*. In CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mM) containing 0.1M <sup>n</sup>Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub>.

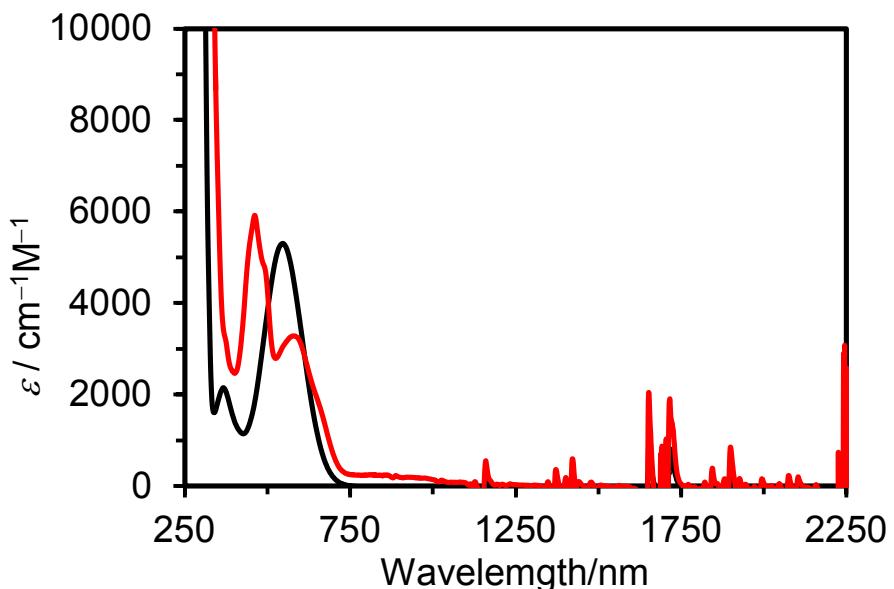
<sup>b</sup>Previous work.<sup>1</sup> <sup>c</sup> $E_{ox}^2$  values were adopted because irreversible waves were observed.

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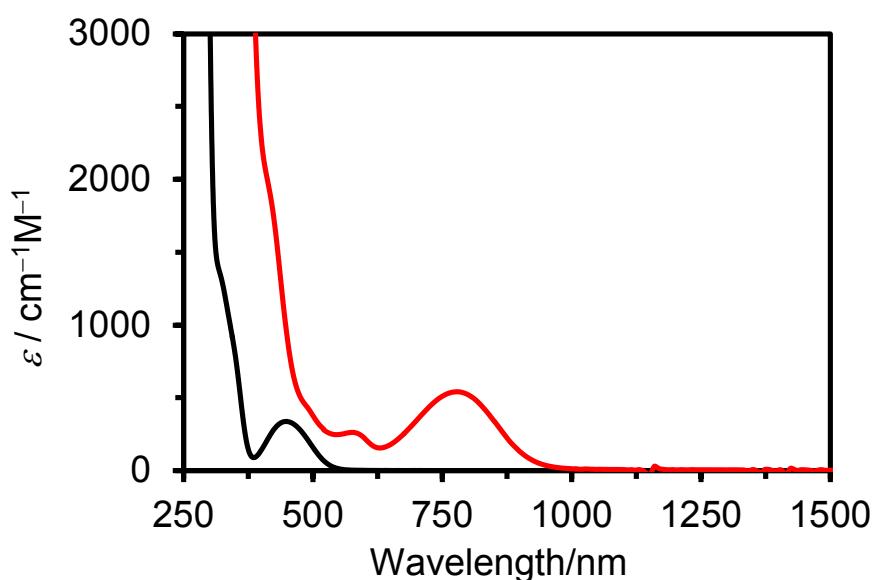
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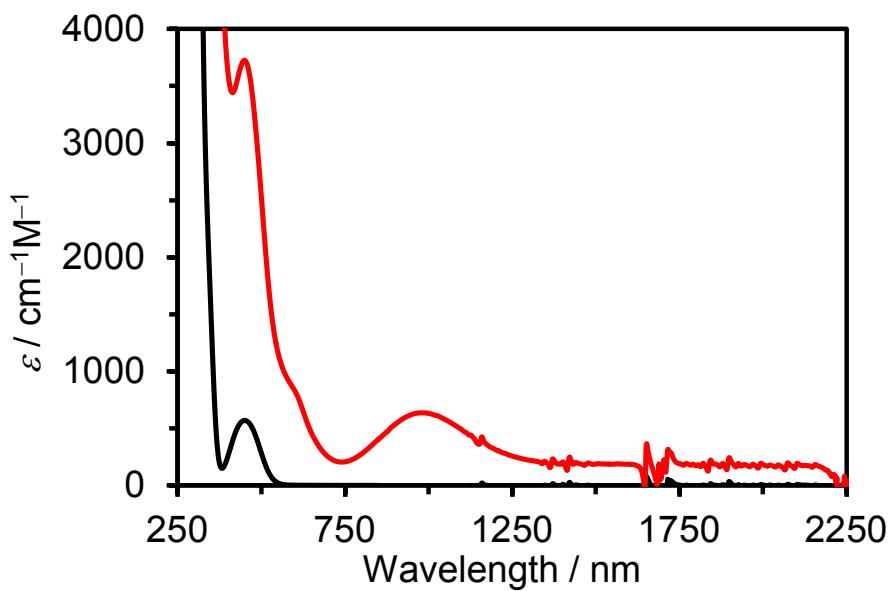
#### 4. Chemical oxidation



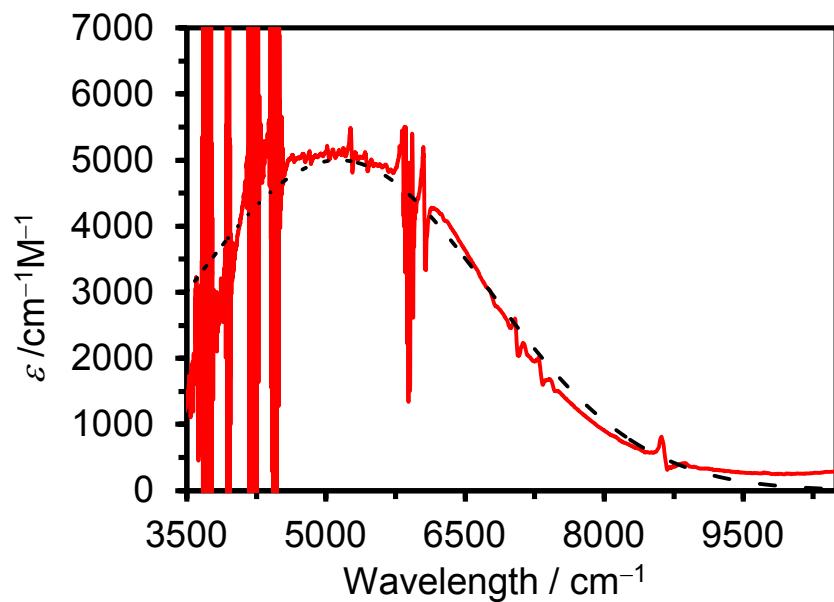
**Figure S7.** UV-vis-NIR spectra of  $\text{Pt}(^t\text{Bu}_2\text{bpy})(\text{C})$  in the absence (black line) and presence of 1.0 equiv. of magic blue (black line) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



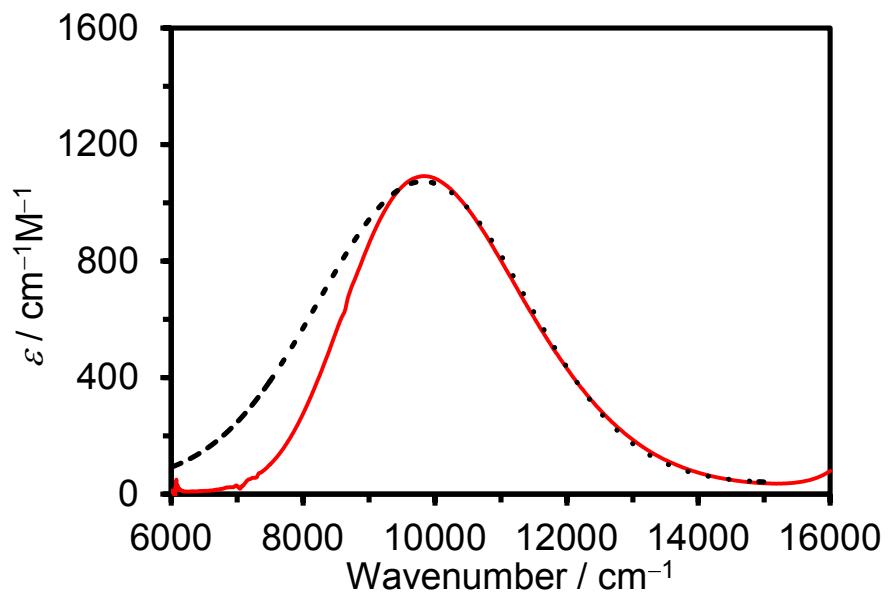
**Figure S8.** UV-vis-NIR spectra of **4** in the absence (black line) and presence of 0.8 equiv. of magic blue (black line) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



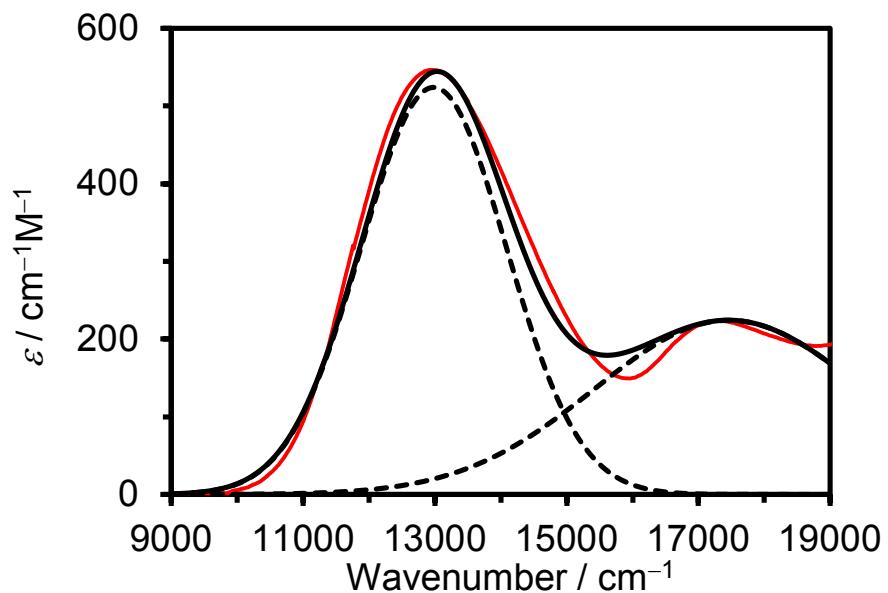
**Figure S9.** UV-vis-NIR spectra of **2** in the absence (black line) and presence of 1.0 equiv. of magic blue (black line) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .



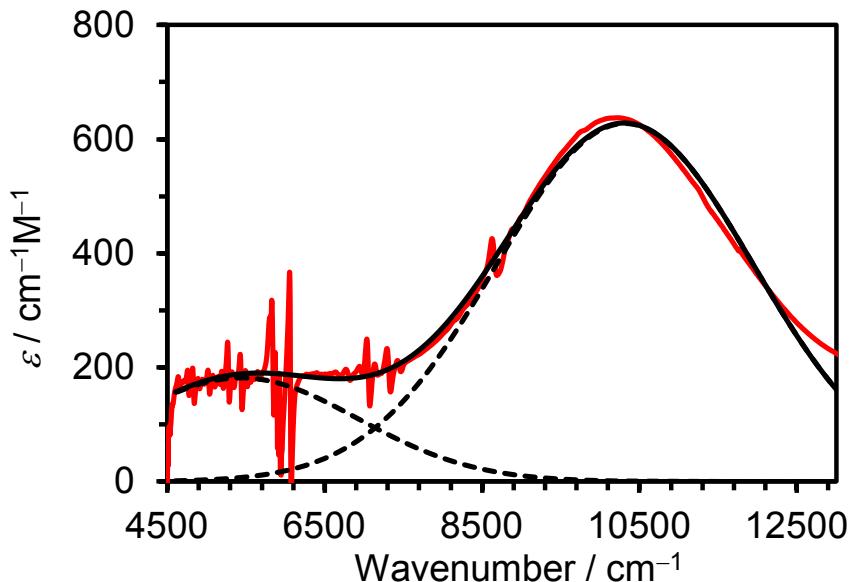
**Figure S10.** NIR spectra of  $\mathbf{3}^+$  (red line) with Gaussian deconvolution (black broken line).



**Figure S11.** NIR spectra of  $\mathbf{1}^+$  (red line) with Gaussian deconvolution (black broken line).



**Figure S12.** NIR spectra of  $\mathbf{5}^+$  (red line) with Gaussian deconvolution (black broken line) and the sum (black line).

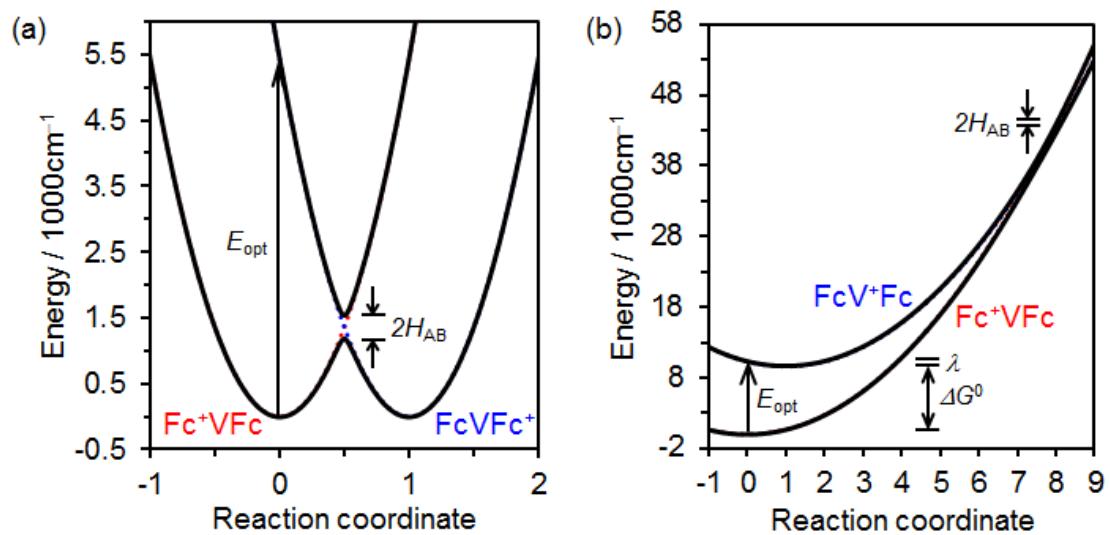


**Figure S13.** NIR spectra of  $\mathbf{2}^+$  (red line) with Gaussian deconvolution (black broken line).

**Table S2.** Parameters of IVCT and ICT bands and electronic coupling of  $\mathbf{2}^+$ .

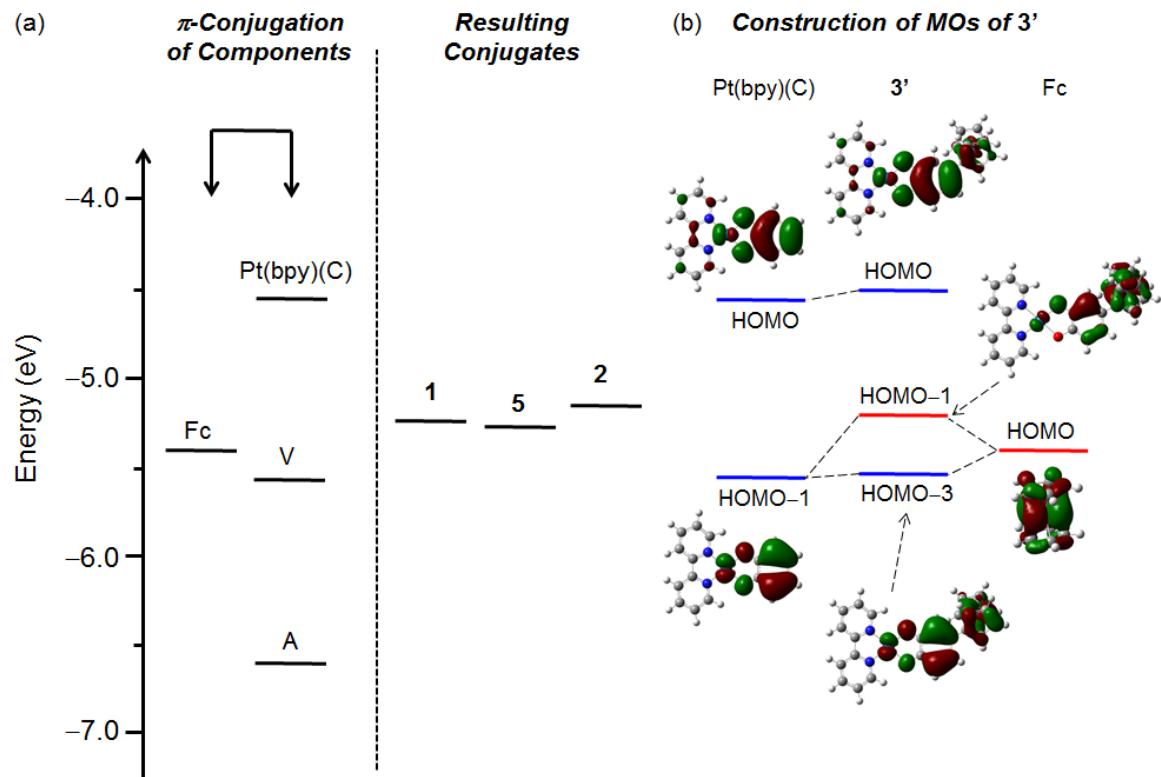
	IVCT	ICT
$\Delta\nu_{1/2}$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	3510	3840
$\nu_{\max}$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	5430	10310
$\varepsilon_{\max}$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	180	630
$r_{\text{DA}}$ ( $\text{\AA}$ )	6.808 <sup>a</sup>	5.847 <sup>b</sup>
$H_{\text{AB}}$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	180	560
$\alpha^c$	0.033	0.054
$\Delta G^0$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	0	9630
$\lambda$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	5430	680

<sup>a</sup> The distance between Fe atoms. <sup>b</sup> Average of distances between Fe and the center of C-C-C-O of the catecholate moiety. <sup>c</sup> Delocalization parameter  $\alpha = H_{\text{AB}}/\nu_{\max}$ .

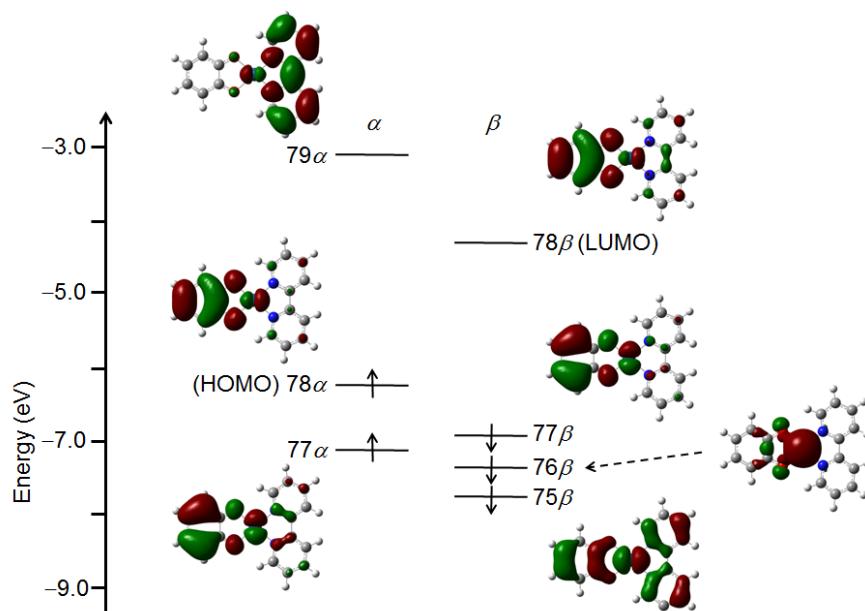


**Figure S14.** Diabatic (dashed line) and adiabatic (solid line) potential energy surfaces of (a) the  $\text{Fc}^+\text{VFc}$  and  $\text{FcVFc}^+$  states and (b) the  $\text{Fc}^+\text{VFc}$  and  $\text{FcV}^+\text{Fc}$  states for  $\mathbf{2}^+$  as a function the ET reaction coordinate.

#### 4. DFT calculations



**Figure S15.** (a) Calculated HOMO levels with IEFPCM ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ). (b) Selected molecular orbitals (MOs) for **3** calculated using a DFT method with IEFPCM ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).



**Figure S16.** Selected molecular orbitals for  $[\text{Pt}(\text{bpy})(\text{C})]^+$  calculated using a DFT method with IEFPCM ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

**Table S3.** Coordinates of optimized gas-phase geometries of **3** and **3<sup>+</sup>** calculated using a DFT method (B3LYP or UB3LYP/ Lanl2DZ (Fe and Pt atoms) and 6-31G(d) (all other atoms) levels of theory) with IEFPCM (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

Center Number	Atomic Number	Coordinates (Å)		
		X	Y	Z
1	7	4.155601	-1.02445	0.265403
2	7	3.558831	1.474992	-0.09122
3	8	0.59662	0.768977	-0.45732
4	8	1.193167	-1.81415	-0.08741
5	6	-0.40135	-0.12773	-0.54575
6	6	-0.07416	-1.50489	-0.34194
7	6	-1.08433	-2.47976	-0.42227
8	6	-2.39134	-2.10651	-0.7033
9	1	-3.15215	-2.87686	-0.77338
10	6	-1.7115	0.231506	-0.82839
11	6	4.329922	-2.34884	0.428902
12	1	3.432132	-2.95133	0.354407
13	6	5.584316	-2.8924	0.676387
14	1	5.686859	-3.96398	0.803151
15	6	6.686908	-2.04007	0.755947
16	1	7.678564	-2.43555	0.948217
17	6	6.503008	-0.67013	0.585099
18	1	7.347483	0.00608	0.642962
19	6	5.221523	-0.17581	0.338876
20	6	4.882965	1.240373	0.137907
21	6	5.791851	2.298709	0.16627
22	1	6.842773	2.110371	0.349049
23	6	5.336549	3.598296	-0.04241
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32	78	-0.14991	32	78
33	1	-6.22393	33	1

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34	6	-4.94016	-1.03484	-0.01438
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40	6	-3.67225	3.266208	0.922992
41	1	-3.71045	4.200909	0.363217
42	1	-4.68299	2.864736	1.048063
43	1	-3.26532	3.446601	1.923116

**5<sup>+</sup>**

Center Number	Atomic Number	Coordinates (Å)		
		X	Y	Z
1	26	-2.9736	-0.05309	0.005197
2	6	2.030288	0.014249	-0.28436
3	6	0.713372	-0.14204	-0.69256
4	6	-0.02664	-1.26174	-0.28119
5	6	-1.44842	-1.38572	-0.64348
6	6	-2.45656	-2.08498	0.108466
7	6	-3.71198	-1.93153	-0.55274
8	6	-3.50203	-1.12295	-1.71179
9	6	-2.11692	-0.78001	-1.76441
10	6	-2.10906	1.635309	0.913137
11	6	-2.78693	0.84618	1.891962
12	6	-4.16849	0.768865	1.523301
13	6	-4.34526	1.511814	0.31556
14	6	-3.07207	2.041178	-0.06458
15	6	2.646069	-0.96646	0.502745

16	6	1.931883	-2.09863	0.883622
17	6	0.598236	-2.24113	0.506867
18	1	0.25847	0.635595	-1.29355
19	1	-2.30166	-2.59566	1.049318
20	1	-4.66271	-2.31142	-0.20401
21	1	-4.26324	-0.79044	-2.40429
22	1	-1.65707	-0.14902	-2.51278
23	1	-1.04498	1.835963	0.876194
24	1	-2.32773	0.350523	2.736702
25	1	-4.93405	0.207296	2.04164
26	1	-5.26713	1.610143	-0.24147
27	1	-2.86452	2.611819	-0.95997
28	1	2.425617	-2.85308	1.486617
29	1	0.051463	-3.12619	0.814507
30	8	2.785577	1.116486	-0.65413
31	6	2.339299	2.378797	-0.32768
32	8	1.304966	2.588499	0.261075
33	8	3.934051	-0.78377	0.978374
34	6	4.981659	-0.89025	0.084957
35	8	4.825256	-1.18916	-1.07271
36	6	6.280705	-0.58983	0.779822
37	1	7.108946	-0.74364	0.088011
38	1	6.279636	0.447296	1.131686
39	1	6.398107	-1.23422	1.656448
40	6	3.322693	3.409349	-0.80736
41	1	2.943864	4.406946	-0.58504
42	1	4.288345	3.259857	-0.31358
43	1	3.484435	3.299121	-1.88422

**Table S6.** Coordinates of optimized gas-phase geometries of **1<sup>+</sup>** and **2<sup>+</sup>** calculated using a DFT method (UB3LYP/ Lanl2DZ (Fe atom) and 6-31G(d) (all other atoms) levels of theory) with IEFPCM (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

Center Number	Atomic Number	Coordinates (Å)		
		X	Y	Z
1	26	-2.36827	-0.0471	0.001554
2	8	3.681281	1.824475	0.099851
3	8	4.782448	-0.47415	0.534316
4	6	3.141263	3.120769	-0.14049
5	6	2.881779	0.746805	-0.10823
6	6	1.559001	0.80198	-0.52503
7	6	0.804237	-0.37841	-0.71995
8	6	-0.58249	-0.30733	-1.1859
9	6	-1.50253	-1.40777	-1.33445
10	6	-2.73935	-0.91888	-1.85283
11	6	-2.6254	0.497903	-1.99112
12	6	-1.31747	0.874519	-1.56032
13	6	-1.85168	0.138273	2.032284
14	6	-2.69524	-0.999	1.843105
15	6	-3.9437	-0.54462	1.30803
16	6	-3.86925	0.873667	1.160617
17	6	-2.57403	1.294537	1.60174

18	6	5.457374	-1.70693	0.78673
19	6	3.493064	-0.51767	0.131009
20	6	2.748674	-1.68186	-0.06469
21	6	1.419467	-1.61332	-0.48573
22	1	2.291437	3.327901	0.521616
23	1	2.827381	3.234348	-1.1853
24	1	3.948068	3.822192	0.074822
25	1	1.10259	1.767	-0.70336
26	1	-1.30716	-2.43975	-1.0783
27	1	-3.62116	-1.51195	-2.05394
28	1	-3.40325	1.173157	-2.32061
29	1	-0.95466	1.891822	-1.51629
30	1	-0.82706	0.120365	2.377963
31	1	-2.42324	-2.02929	2.029545
32	1	-4.77766	-1.17106	1.021767
33	1	-4.6359	1.511236	0.741814
34	1	-2.1937	2.306902	1.575063
35	1	5.505827	-2.32438	-0.1176
36	1	4.968044	-2.26894	1.590522
37	1	6.466222	-1.43169	1.095396
38	1	3.199764	-2.65223	0.10376
39	1	0.877247	-2.5398	-0.63928

**2<sup>+</sup>**

Center Number	Atomic Number	Coordinates (Å)		
		X	Y	Z
1	26	-3.39123	-1.12998	0.029473
2	26	3.416356	-1.07282	-0.00496
3	8	1.109192	4.328563	-0.53621
4	8	-1.21424	4.195285	0.607398
5	6	2.371519	4.465539	-1.18205
6	6	0.615551	3.077634	-0.35113
7	6	1.256724	1.899946	-0.69983
8	6	0.675334	0.63041	-0.46341
9	6	1.467862	-0.56468	-0.79319
10	6	1.473056	-1.83366	-0.10946
11	6	2.391321	-2.71183	-0.76216
12	6	3.006866	-1.98641	-1.82885
13	6	2.457884	-0.66863	-1.83387
14	6	4.055372	0.34659	1.412345
15	6	3.965559	-0.94493	2.015091
16	6	4.863222	-1.82191	1.323984
17	6	5.504927	-1.07158	0.291441
18	6	4.999966	0.265843	0.342297
19	6	-2.48689	4.196711	1.252856
20	6	-0.66271	3.006567	0.269902
21	6	-1.25357	1.763312	0.464012
22	6	-0.62124	0.561115	0.090113
23	6	-1.34771	-0.716	0.288958
24	6	-1.54414	-1.76601	-0.67209
25	6	-2.22458	-2.84456	-0.03185
26	6	-2.46951	-2.46911	1.324064
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28	6	-4.36391	0.489804	-0.84751
29	6	-4.60888	-0.69613	-1.60328
30	6	-5.25461	-1.63949	-0.74686
31	6	-5.40853	-1.0364	0.538351
32	6	-4.85712	0.280065	0.477199
33	1	3.173764	4.002827	-0.5936
34	1	2.551283	5.538559	-1.257
35	1	2.354342	4.026069	-2.18677
36	1	2.247816	1.94846	-1.13341
37	1	0.899823	-2.07295	0.773789
38	1	2.620769	-3.726	-0.46459
39	1	3.777554	-2.35489	-2.49213
40	1	2.747197	0.123301	-2.51128
41	1	3.466162	1.213998	1.677228
42	1	3.302845	-1.22364	2.823288
43	1	4.995293	-2.87732	1.519716
44	1	6.209295	-1.45791	-0.43262
45	1	5.261415	1.067089	-0.33592
46	1	-2.45358	3.639447	2.196363
47	1	-3.26292	3.774354	0.603653
48	1	-2.71307	5.244113	1.454903
49	1	-2.24825	1.700496	0.885774
50	1	-1.24617	-1.72959	-1.71175
51	1	-2.54115	-3.76501	-0.50455
52	1	-2.99716	-3.05798	2.06286
53	1	-1.97022	-0.58862	2.44081
54	1	-3.85704	1.375563	-1.20677
55	1	-4.32561	-0.86247	-2.63442
56	1	-5.54243	-2.64799	-1.01392
57	1	-5.83506	-1.50706	1.414585
58	1	-4.80403	0.983982	1.297721

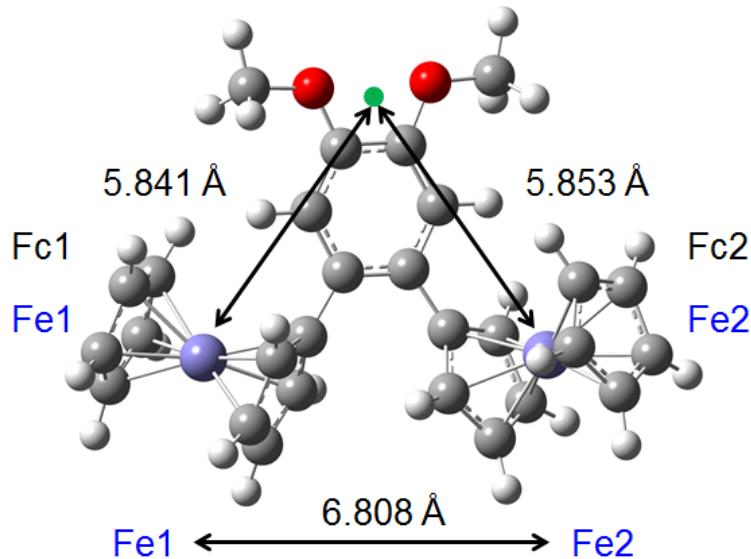
**Table S7.** Selected vertical excitation energies for **3<sup>+</sup>** and [Pt(bpy)(C)]<sup>•+</sup> predicted by TD-DFT with IEFPCM (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

<b>3<sup>+</sup></b>					
#	f	eV	nm	transition <sup>a</sup>	coefficients
2	0.0109	0.8881	1396.09	119β → 120β	0.82151
4	0.2493	1.5614	794.06	120α → 121α	0.76312
				119β → 120β	0.52422
14	0.1967	2.5703	482.36	119β → 122β	0.62573
				119α → 121α	0.60675
				118β → 120β	0.20117

<b>[Pt(bpy)(C)]<sup>•+</sup></b>					
#	f	eV	nm	transition <sup>a</sup>	coefficients
4	0.0323	2.5135	493.27	78α → 79α	0.98325

5	0.2255	2.5893	478.84	$75\beta \rightarrow 78\beta$	0.98693
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<sup>a</sup> Main contributions (> 0.2) are shown.



**Figure S17.** Optimized structures of  $\mathbf{2}^+$  calculated using a DFT method (B3LYP/Lanl2DZ (Fe atom) and 6-31G(d) (all other atoms) levels of theory) with IEFPCM ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ). The green dot indicates the center of C-C-C-O of the catecholate moiety.

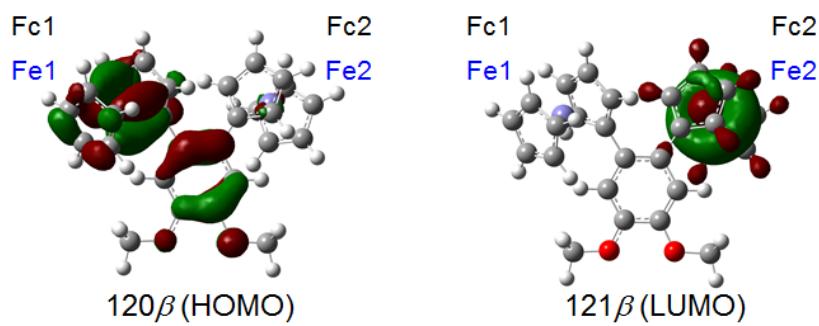
**Table S8.** DFT-calculated NPA charges of fragments with IEFPCM ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).<sup>a</sup>

Compound	Fc1	Fc2	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$	$\text{CH}_3$
<b>2</b>	-0.019	-0.019	-0.620	0.659
<b><math>\mathbf{2}^+</math></b>	0.0066 (-0.003)	0.8643 (1.019)	-0.5510 (-0.016)	0.6798 -0.0001

<sup>a</sup>NPA spin densities are also shown in parentheses.

**Table S9.** DFT-calculated frontier molecular orbital compositions of  $\mathbf{2}^+$  (%) with IEFPCM ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

MO	$E / \text{eV}$	Fc1	Fc2	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$	$\text{CH}_3$
121 $\beta$ (LUMO)	-4.18	0	99	1	0
120 $\beta$ (HOMO)	-5.71	85.2	1.3	13.0	0.4



**Figure S18.** Frontier orbitals of  $\mathbf{2}^+$  with IEFPCM ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

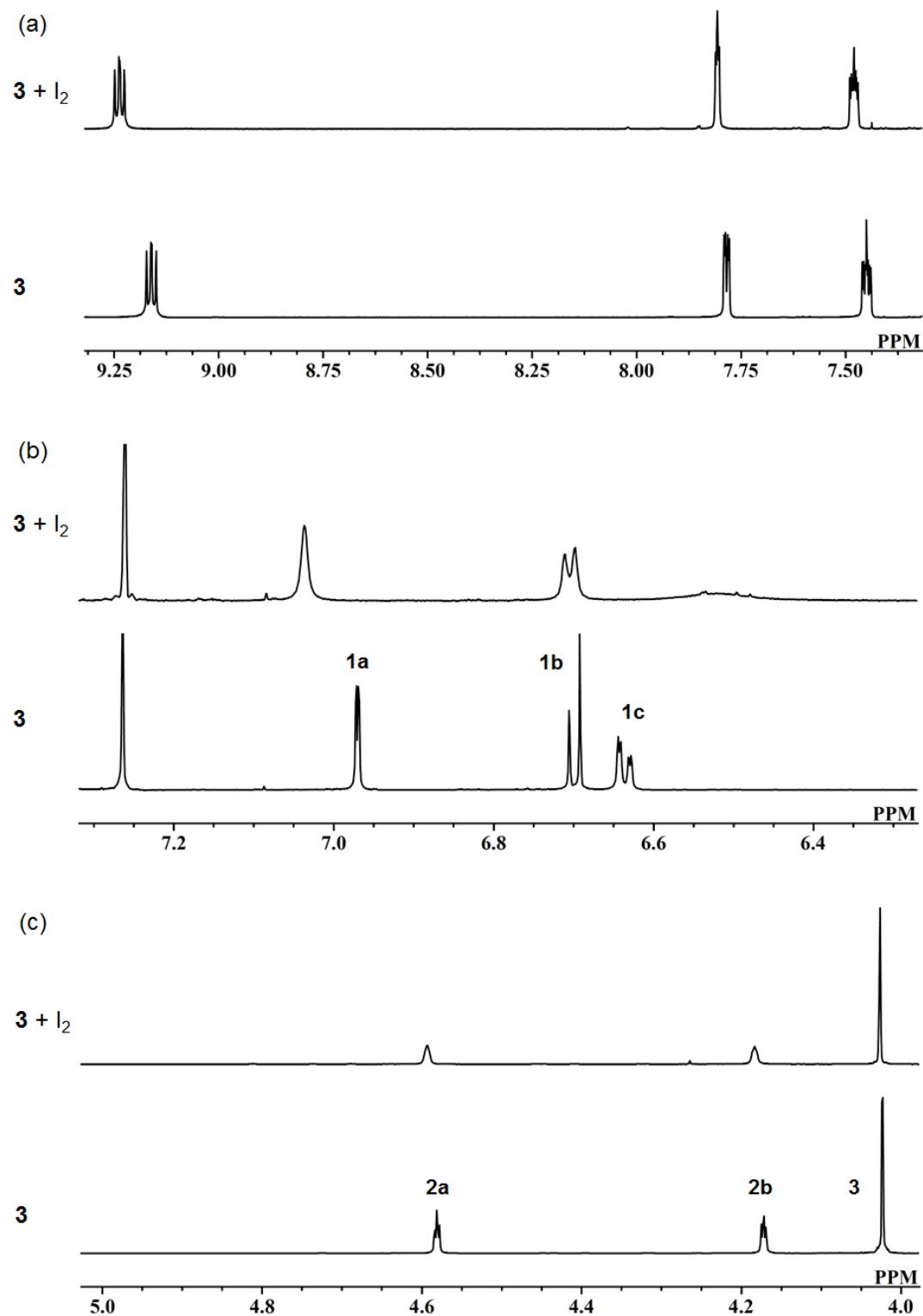
## 6. X-ray crystallographic data

**Table S10.** Summary of crystallographic data and refinement parameters for [FcV](I<sub>3</sub>), [FcVFc](I<sub>3</sub>), and [FcVFc](I<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.

	[FcV](I <sub>3</sub> )	[FcVFc](I <sub>3</sub> )	[FcVFc](I <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>
empirical formula	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>18</sub> FeI <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>26</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> I <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>26</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> I <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
formula weight	702.90	886.92	1267.63
crystal dimensions (mm)	0.100 × 0.070 × 0.020	0.070 × 0.040 × 0.010	0.110 × 0.080 × 0.030
crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
crystal colour, habit	brown, block	brown, block	brown, block
space group	P-1 (#2)	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n (#14)	C2/c (#15)
temperature (°C)	-150.0	-150.0	-150.0
<i>a</i> (Å)	9.8756(2)	10.3656(2)	12.4059(3)
<i>b</i> (Å)	10.3246(2)	27.5580(5)	14.7753(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	10.3781(2)	10.6174(2)	18.8792(4)
$\alpha$ (deg)	84.8912(7)	90	90
$\beta$ (deg)	79.7892(7)	112.2398(7)	102.6439(7)
$\gamma$ (deg)	88.3020(7)	90	90
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1037.16(4)	2807.29(9)	3376.6(1)
<i>Z</i>	2	4	4
$\rho_{\text{calcd}}$ (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	2.251	2.098	2.493
F(000)	654.00	1684.00	2320.00
$\mu$ (MoK $\alpha$ ) (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	52.005	43.566	63.702
2 $\phi_{\text{max}}$ (deg)	55.0	55.0	54.9
GOF	1.128	1.094	1.160
R1 <sup>a</sup>	0.0436	0.0173	0.0349
wR2 <sup>b</sup>	0.1116	0.0389	0.1165
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}/\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e/Å <sup>3</sup> )	4.49/-0.92	0.75/-0.44	4.99/-1.13
CCDC No.	987994	987989	987990

<sup>a</sup> R1 =  $\sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ . <sup>b</sup> wR2 =  $[\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2) / \sum w(F_o^2)]^{1/2}$ .

**7. Chemical oxidation followed by  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR**



**Figure S18.** Partial  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of **1** (5.0 mM) in the absence (bottom) and presence of 0.020 equiv. of  $\mathbf{I}_2$  (top) corresponding to (a) bpy, (b)  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$ , and (c) Fc moieties.