

## Nitric oxide (NO) reactivity studies on mononuclear Iron(II) complexes supported by a tetradentate Schiff base Ligand

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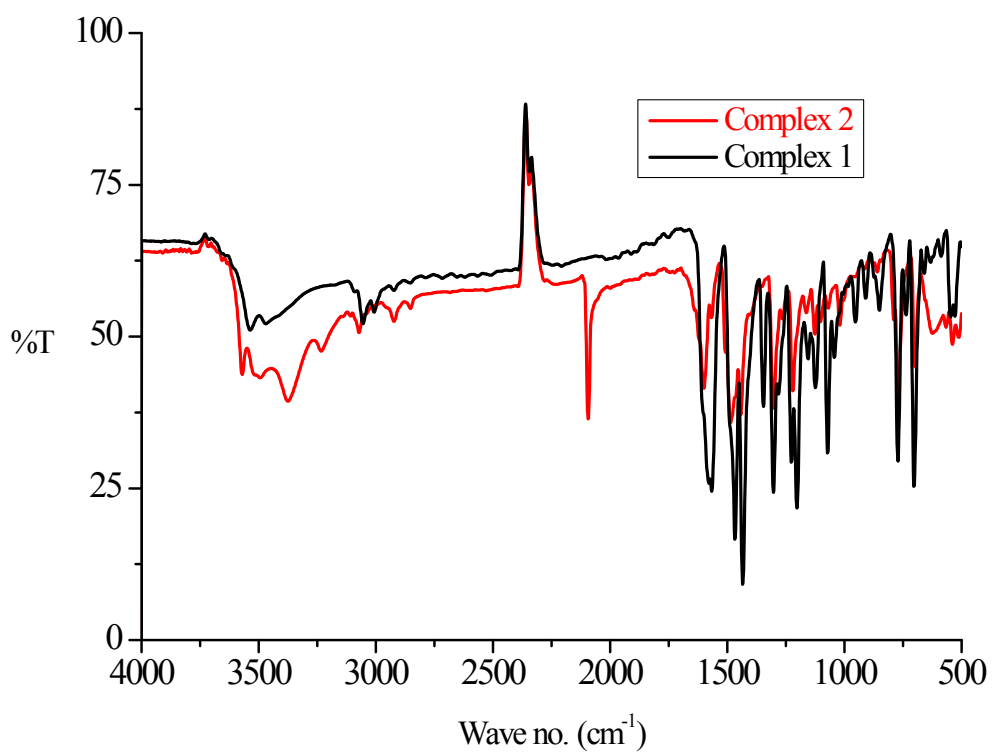
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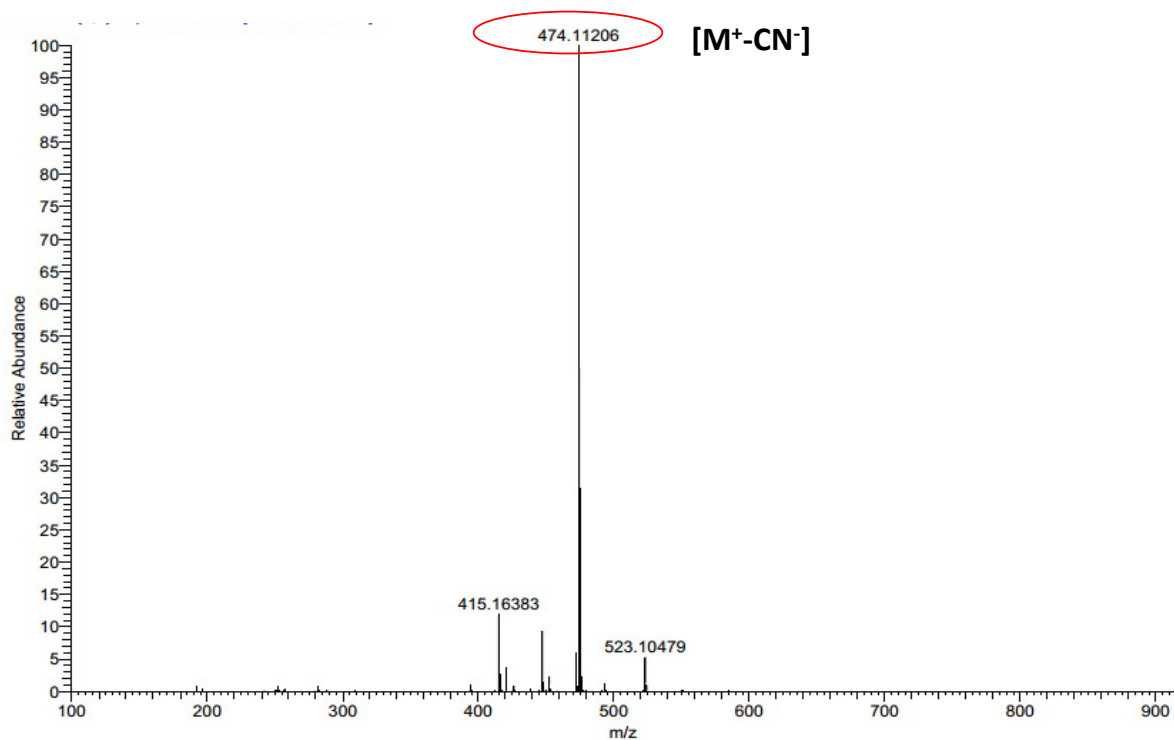
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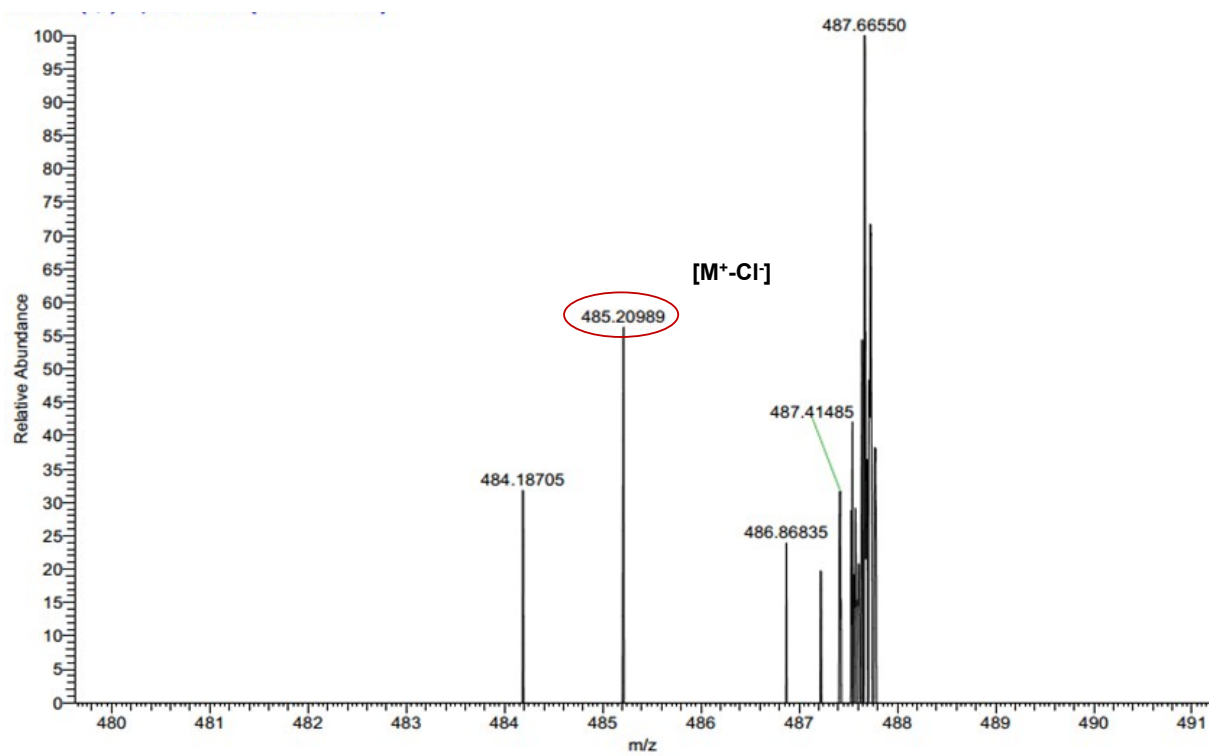
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(A)



(B)

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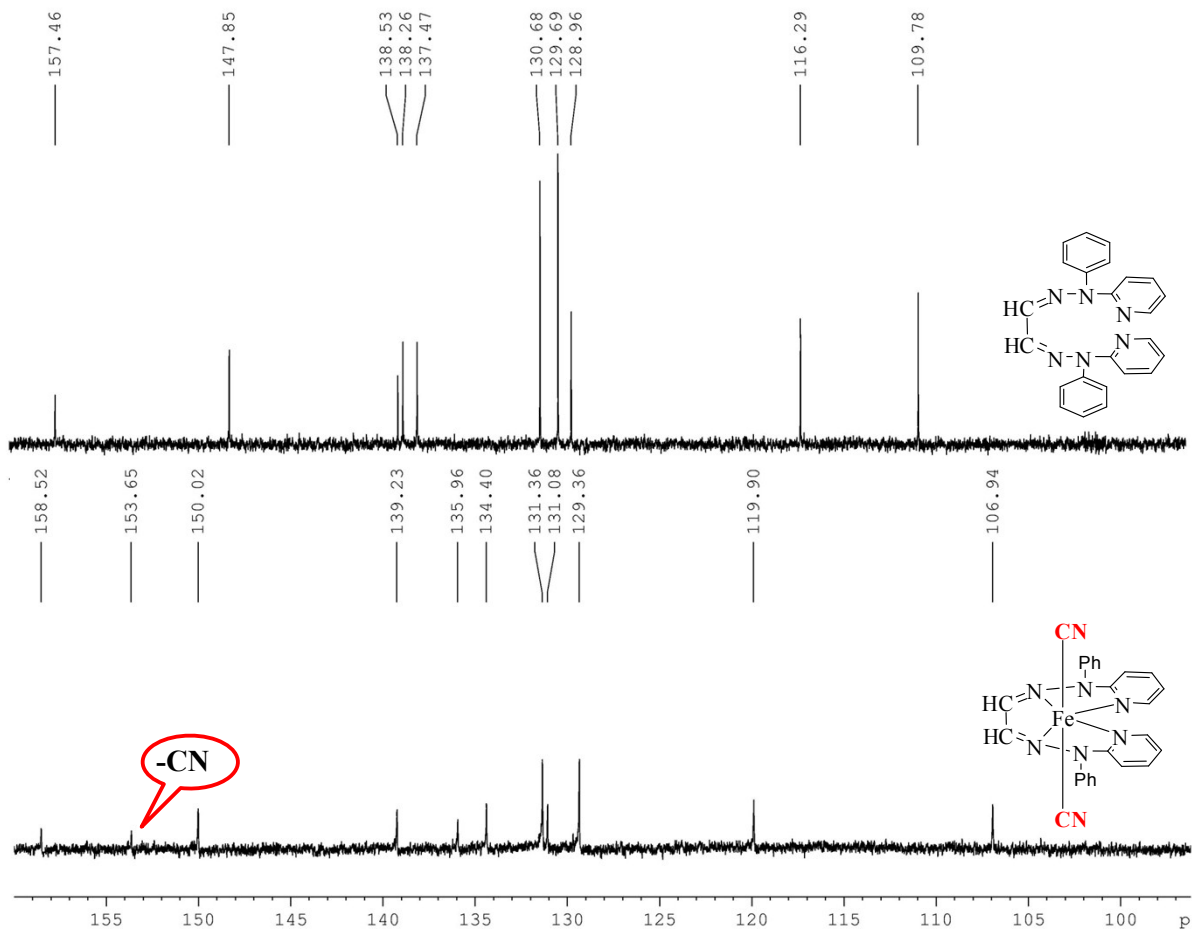
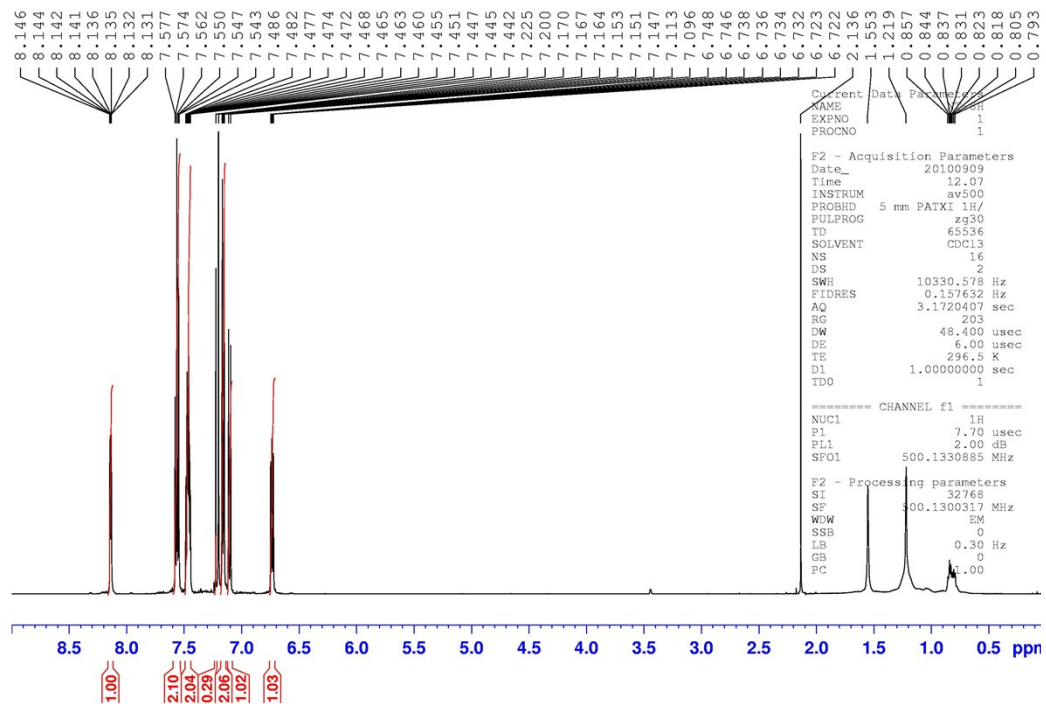
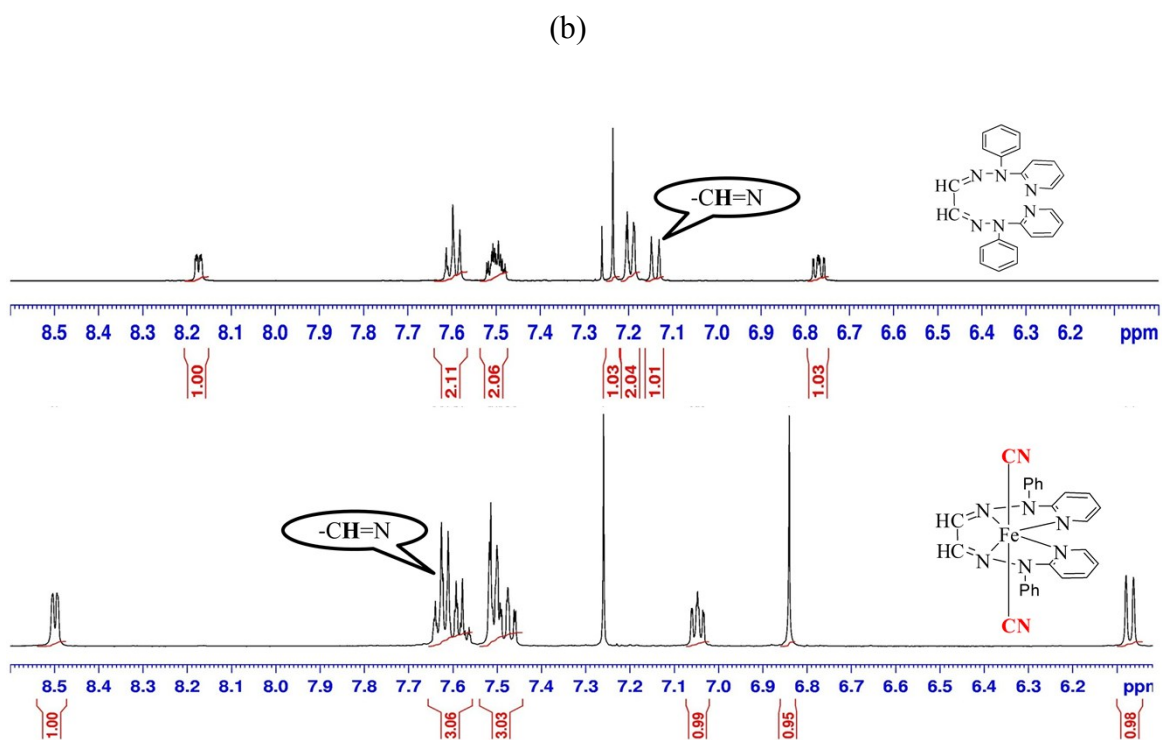
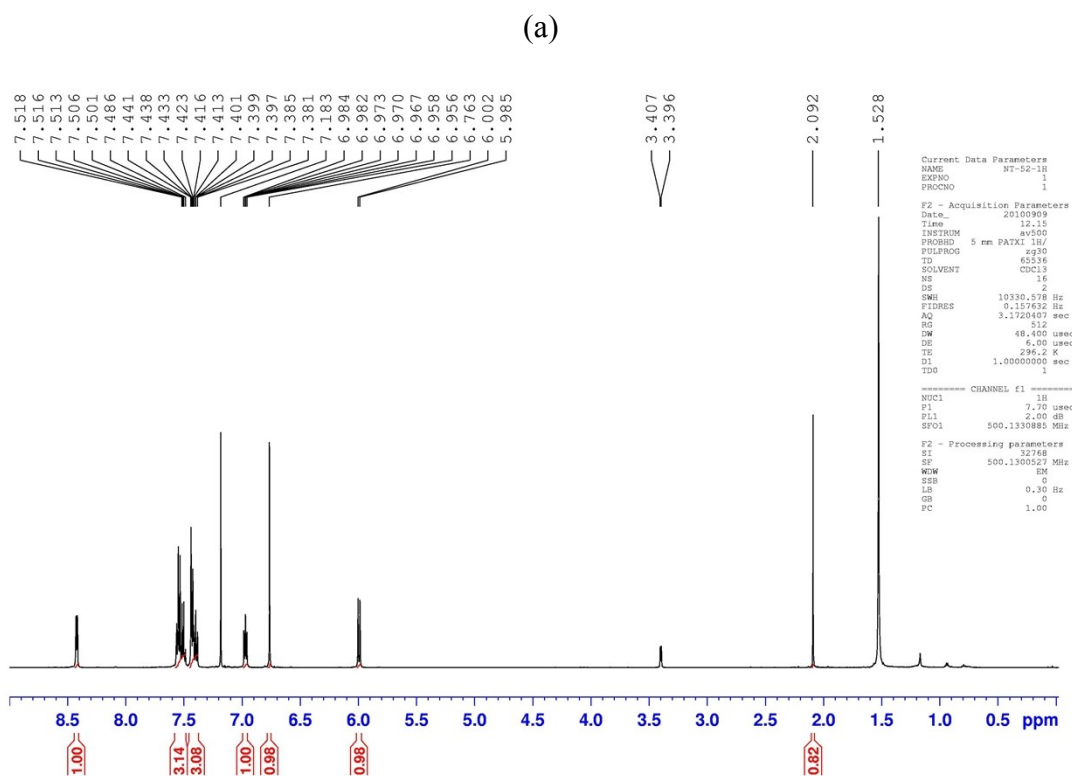


Fig. 3.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of Gimpy and complex 2.





**Fig.S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of (a) ligand (**Gimpy**), (b) complex **2** and (c) expanded  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of ligand and complex **2**.

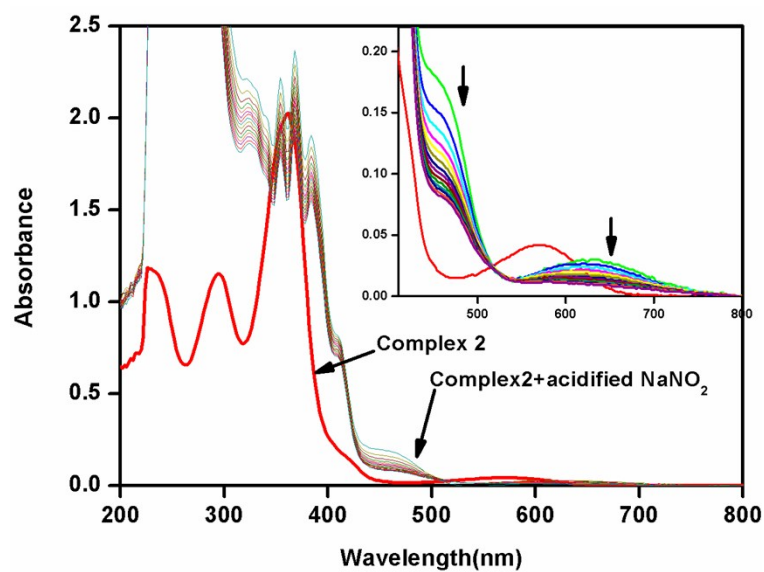


Fig. S5. *In-situ* UV-Visible spectral changes of complex 2 in presence of acidified NaNO<sub>2</sub>

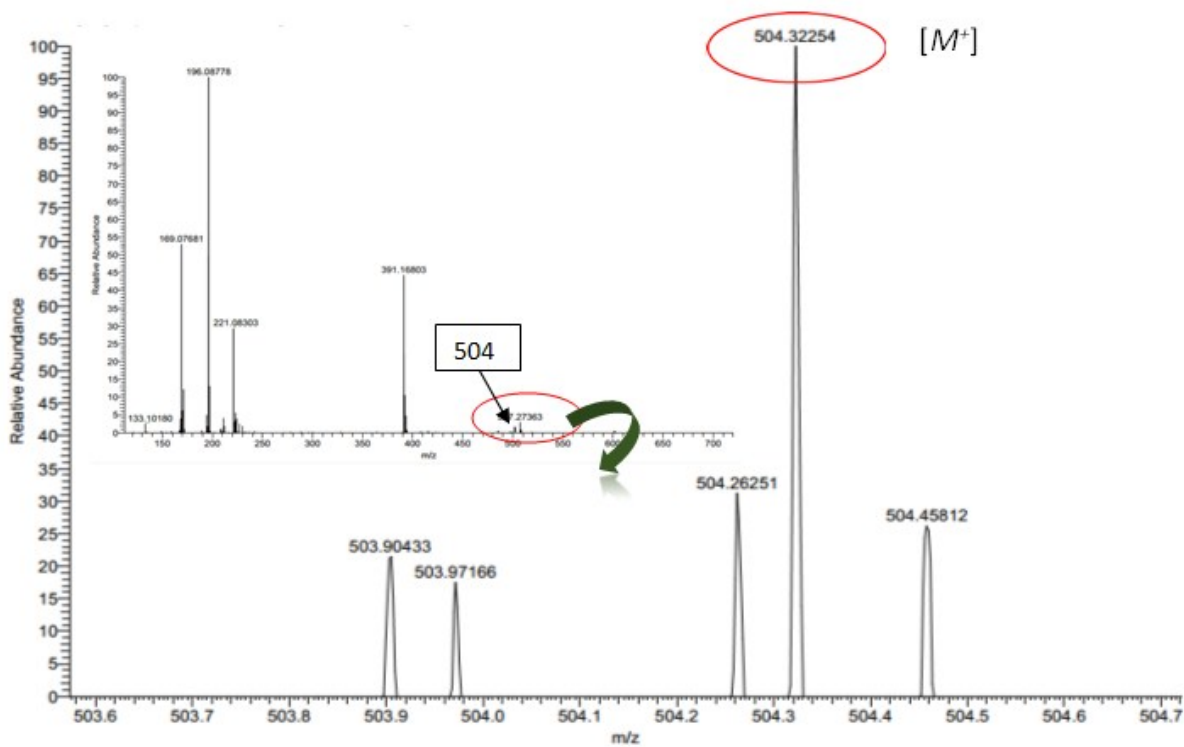
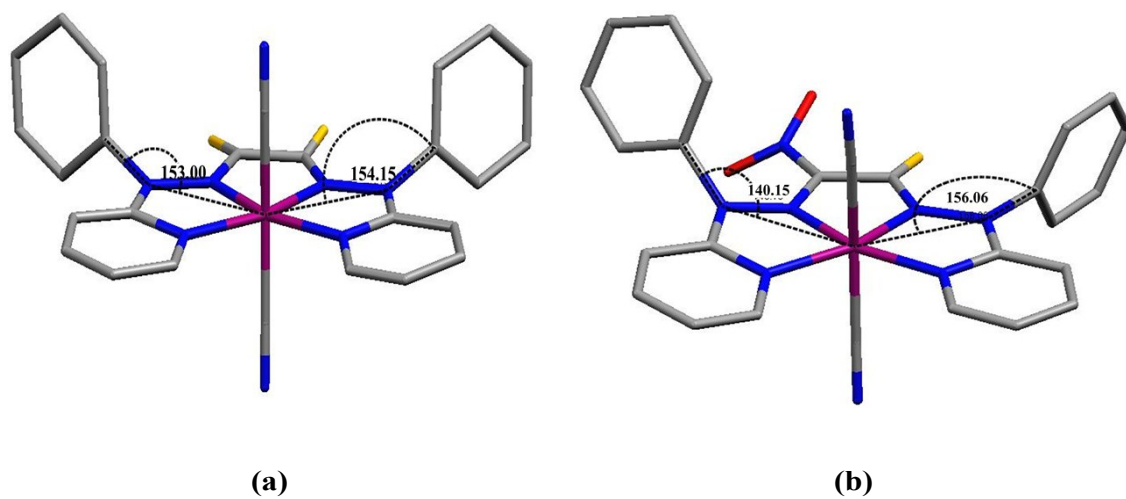
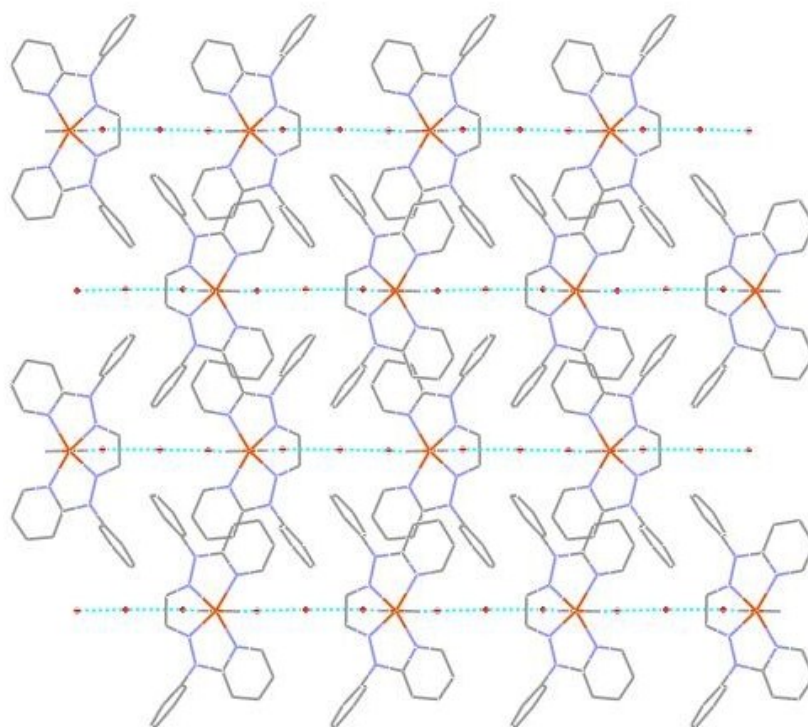


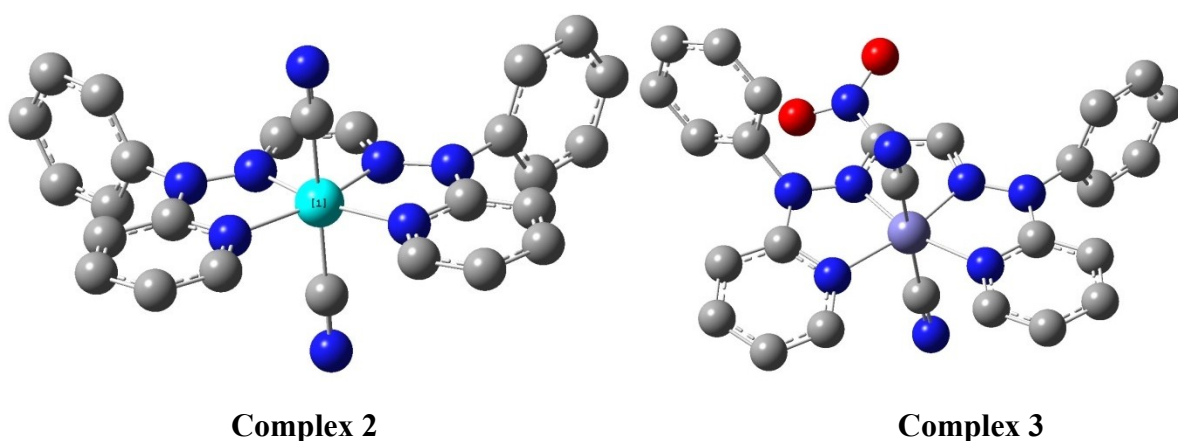
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**Fig. S8.** Packing diagram of complex 2 along c axis

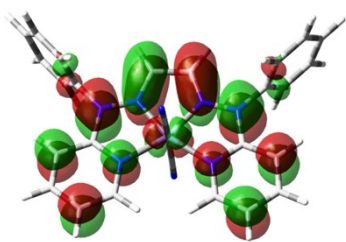


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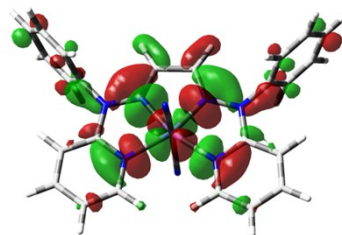
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**Fig. S9.** Geometry optimized structure for complexes 2 and 3

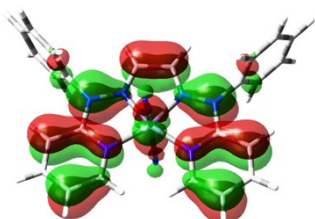




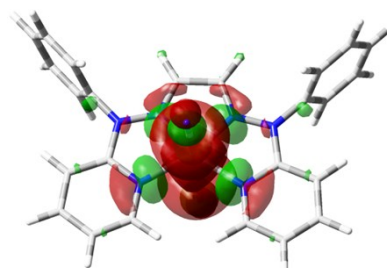
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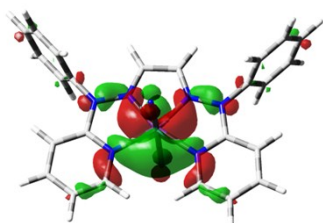
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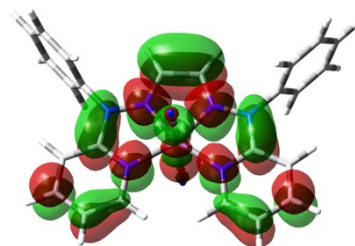
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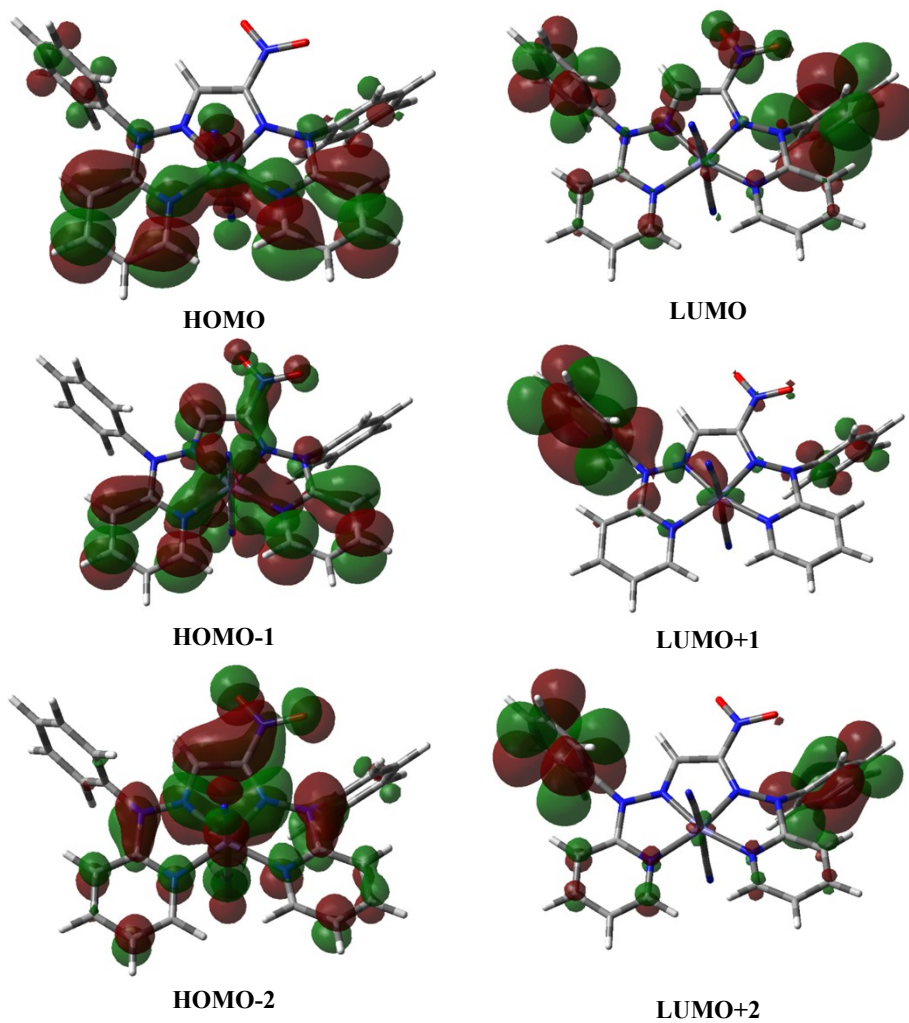


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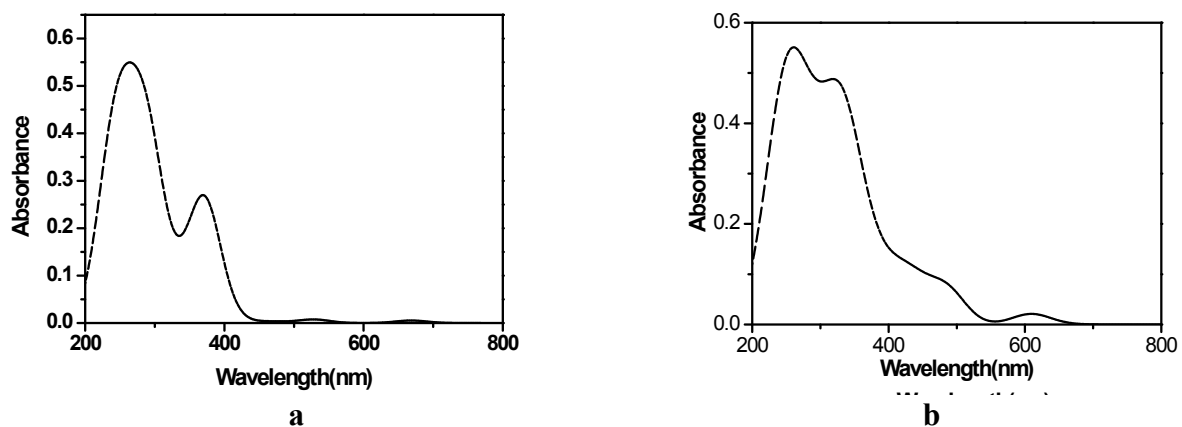


**LUMO+2**

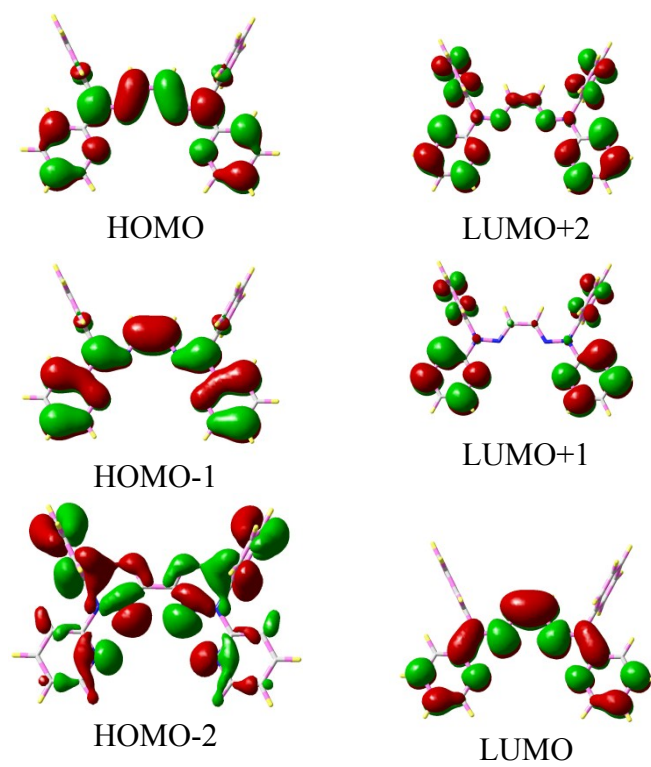
**(a)**



**Fig. S10.** Frontier orbitals diagram for the HOMO, HOMO-1, HOMO-2, and LUMO, LUMO+1, LUMO+2, of (a) complex 2 (b) complex 3.



**Fig. S11.** UV-vis spectra of complexes a) 2 and b) 3 obtained from TD-DFT calculation



**Fig. S12.** Frontier orbitals diagram for ligand, **Gimpy**.

**Table S1.** Crystallographic parameters of complex **2** and **3**

Complex	Complex 2	Complex 3
<b>Colour</b>	purple	green
<b>Formula weight [g mol<sup>-1</sup>]</b>	554.40	661.31
<b>Temperature [K]</b>	293(2)	293(2)
<b><math>\lambda</math> [Å] (Mo-K<math>\alpha</math>)</b>	0.71073	0.71073
<b>Crystal system</b>	orthorhombic	Triclinic
<b>Space group</b>	<i>Pn21a</i>	<i>P-1</i>
<b>a [Å]</b>	16.979(5)	9.885(4)
<b>b [Å]</b>	15.130(5)	12.712(5)
<b>c [Å]</b>	10.163(5)	13.207(5)
<b><math>\alpha</math> [°]</b>	90.000(5)	94.82(2)
<b><math>\beta</math> [°]</b>	90.000(5)	111.057(19)
<b><math>\gamma</math> [°]</b>	90.000(5)	101.56(2)
<b>V [Å<sup>3</sup>]</b>	2610.8(17)	1495.1(11)
<b>Crystal size [mm]</b>	0.28 x 0.19 x 0.10	0.29 x 0.19 x 0.11
<b>Z</b>	4	2
<b><math>\rho_{\text{calc}}</math> [gcm<sup>-3</sup>]</b>	1.373	1.469
<b>F(000)</b>	1152.0	678
<b><math>\theta</math> range for data Collection</b>	2.34-28.33	1.66-22.88
<b>Index ranges</b>	-22<h<22, -19<k<19, -13<l<13	-10<h<10, -13<k<13, -14<l<14
<b>Refinement method</b>	Full matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	Full matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
<b>Data/restraints/parameters</b>	6180/1/375	3809/0/384
<b>GOF on F<sup>2</sup></b>	0.813	1.085
<b>R<sub>1</sub><sup>b</sup>[I&gt;2<math>\sigma</math>(I)]</b>	0.0367	0.0842
<b>R<sub>1</sub>[all data]</b>	0.0582	0.1754
<b>wR<sub>2</sub><sup>c</sup>[I&gt; 2<math>\sigma</math>(I)]</b>	0.0964	0.2154
<b>wR<sub>2</sub> [all data]</b>	0.1160	0.2650

<sup>a</sup>GOF =  $[\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / (M - N)]^{1/2}$  (M = number of reflections, N = number of parameters refined). <sup>b</sup>R<sub>1</sub> =  $\sum \|F_o\| - \|F_c\| / \sum \|F_o\|$ , <sup>c</sup>wR<sub>2</sub> =  $[\sum[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2]]^{1/2}$

**Table S2.**Electrochemical data for Fe(III)/Fe(II) redox couple at 298 K<sup>a</sup>vsAg/AgCl

Complex	Fe(III)/Fe(II)		
	E <sub>pa</sub> /V	E <sub>pc</sub> /V	E <sub>1/2</sub> <sup>b</sup> , V (ΔE <sub>p</sub> <sup>c</sup> , mV)
<b>1</b>	-0.082	-0.435	-
<b>2</b>	0.860	0.703	0.782 (157)
<b>3</b>	1.210	1.120	1.165 (90)

<sup>a</sup>measured in dichloromethane for **1**, **2** and **3** with 0.1 M tetrabutylammonium perchlorate (TBAP).<sup>b</sup>Data from cyclic voltammetric measurements; E<sub>1/2</sub> is calculated as average of anodic (E<sub>pa</sub>) and cathodic (E<sub>pc</sub>) peak potentials E<sub>1/2</sub> = 1/2(E<sub>pa</sub>+E<sub>pc</sub>); and <sup>c</sup>ΔE<sub>p</sub> = E<sub>pa</sub>-E<sub>pc</sub> at scan rate 0.1 V/s.

**Table S3: Cartesian coordinates for complex [Fe(Gimpy)(CN)<sub>2</sub>]**

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N -0.019011000 0.977331000 3.143389000

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C -0.011101000 0.880631000 1.954789000

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**Table S4: Cartesian coordinates for complex [Fe(Gimpy-NO<sub>2</sub>)(CN)<sub>2</sub>]**

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**Table S5.** Selected bond distances (Å) for complexes **2** and **3** with optimized DFT bond parameters in gas phase.

Bond distances (Å)			
Complex 2		Complex 3	
Fe1-N6	2.04042	Fe1-N1	2.00924
Fe1-N4	1.87929	Fe1-N3	1.86994
Fe1-N3	1.87930	Fe1-N4	1.88082
Fe1-N1	2.04041	Fe1-N6	2.03928

**Table S6.** Calculated TD-DFT oscillator strengths (*f*) and nature of transitions in the complexes **2** and **3**

	$\lambda_{\max}(\text{nm})$	<i>f</i>	Transition	Significant contribution	Energy for transition
<b>Complex 2</b>	370	0.2274	HOMO-1 → LUMO+1	19.6%	3.3466eV
<b>Complex 3</b>	609	0.0210	HOMO-1 → LUMO	70%	2.0350 eV
			HOMO-2 → LUMO	2.2%	
	484	0.0691	HOMO → LUMO	11%	2.5615 eV
			HOMO-3 → LUMO	42%	
	430	0.0721	HOMO → LUMO+1	63%	2.8806 eV
		HOMO-1 → LUMO	3.2%		
	326	0.1120	HOMO → LUMO+1	2.14%	3.7927 eV

**Table S7. Percentage orbitals contribution of complex [Fe(Gimpy)(CN)<sub>2</sub>]**

Orbitals	Fe	CN-1	CN-2	Py-1	Py-2	Ph-1	Ph-2	Nimi-1	Nimi-2	Main bond type
LUMO+3	2	0	0	34	33	13	14	2	2	d(Fe)+ $\pi^*(L)$
LUMO+2	0	0	0	0	0	48	46	2	2	$\pi^*(L)$
LUMO+1	1	0	0	37	38	11	11	1	1	d(Fe)+ $\pi^*(L)$
LUMO	9	3	3	14	14	0	0	28	28	d(Fe)+ $\pi^*(L)$
HOMO	51	3	3	6	6	0	0	15	15	d(Fe)+ $\pi(L)$
HOMO-1	65	10	10	1	1	0	0	6	6	d(Fe)+ $\pi(L)$
HOMO-2	84	2	2	3	3	1	1	2	2	d(Fe)+ $\pi(L)$
HOMO-3	18	13	13	11	11	1	1	15	15	d(Fe)+ $\pi(L)$

**Table S8. Percentage orbitals contribution of complex [Fe(Gimpy-NO<sub>2</sub>)(CN)<sub>2</sub>]**

Orbitals	Fe	CN-1	CN-2	Py-1	Py-2	Ph-1	Ph-2	NO2	Nimi-1	Nimi-2	Main bond type
LUMO+3	2	0	0	61	21	8	0	1	2	5	d(Fe)+ $\pi^*(L)$
LUMO+2	2	0	0	23	70	2	1	0	1	1	d(Fe)+ $\pi^*(L)$
LUMO+1	3	1	1	17	6	0	1	31	7	32	d(Fe)+ $\pi^*(L)$
LUMO	12	2	2	2	6	0	1	45	27	3	d(Fe)+ $\pi^*(L)$
HOMO	42	3	2	9	4	1	1	4	13	20	d(Fe)+ $\pi(L)$
HOMO-1	65	11	10	1	3	0	1	1	8	5	d(Fe)+ $\pi(L)$
HOMO-2	51	15	10	7	5	1	1	0	6	6	d(Fe)+ $\pi(L)$
HOMO-3	52	6	5	10	6	1	5	0	6	9	d(Fe)+ $\pi(L)$

**Table S9. Percentage contribution of ligand, Gimpy**

Orbitals	Nimine1	Nimine2	Phenyl1	Phenyl2	Pyridine1	Pyridine2
LUMO+2	4	4	13	13	33	33
LUMO+1	1	1	7	7	43	43
LUMO	32	32	0	0	17	17
HOMO	34	34	1	1	15	15
HOMO-1	26	26	1	1	23	23
HOMO-2	17	17	25	25	8	8

**“End”**