## **Electronic supplementary information (ESI)**

## Iron(III) complexes of 2-methyl-6-(pyrimidin-2-yl-hydrazonomethyl)-phenol as spin-crossover molecular materials

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Fig. S1. Simulated and experimental XRD patterns for complexes 1-4.



Fig. S2. TGA curves of desolvated complexes 3 and 4.







Fig. S4. The visible spectra for complexes 1-4 in a  $5 \times 10^{-5}$  mol/L DMF solution.



Fig. S5. DSC curves for complex 2 in the heating and cooling modes.



**Fig. S6.** Temperature dependence of  $\chi_m T$  for complexes **3**' (a) and **4**' (b).

Complex	$E_{\rm pc}/{ m v}$	$E_{ m pa}/{ m v}$	$E_{1/2}  / \mathbf{v}$	$\Delta E_{\rm p}$ /mv
1	-0.97	-0.74	-0.86	230
2	-0.94	-0.73	-0.84	210
3	-0.92	-0.70	-0.81	220
4	-0.91	-0.72	-0.82	190

Table S1 Electrochemical data of complexes 1-4

vs. SCE  $E_{1/2}=1/2 (E_{pa}+E_{pc}) \Delta E_p = E_{pa}-E_{pc}$ 

Complexes	spin state	$Fe\text{-}N_{imine}\!/\; \text{\AA}$	Fe-N <sub>pyridyl</sub> (N <sub>amine</sub> )/ Å	Fe-O <sub>phenolate</sub> / Å	Ref
[Fe(qsal) <sub>2</sub> ]NCSe	LS	1.936, 1.945	1.969, 1.986	1.867, 1.874	[39]
[Fe(SalEen)2]ClO4·0.5H2O	LS	1.939, 1.934	2.046, 2.071	1.888, 1.885	[50]
[Fe(SalEen) <sub>2</sub> ]ClO <sub>4</sub>	LS	1.935, 1.935	2.045, 2.049	1.884, 1.877	[50]
[Fe(4-Br-sal2trien)][MnCr(ox)3]0.67Cl0.33	LS	1.931, 1.933	1.999, 2.003	1.887, 1.888	[51]
Fe(5-Br-qsal) <sub>2</sub> Ni(dmit) <sub>2</sub>	LS	1.961, 1.956	1.986, 1.972	1.898, 1.903	[52]
[Fe(qnal) <sub>2</sub> ][Pd(dmit) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>5</sub>	LS	1.945, 1.935	1.950, 1.969	1.885, 1.888	[41]
[Fe(qsal) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> [Fe(CN) <sub>5</sub> (NO)]	LS (Fe1)	2.06	2.06	1.90	[59]
[Fe(acpa) <sub>2</sub> ]ClO <sub>4</sub>	LS	1.92	1.97	1.89	[60]
[Fe(qnal-OMe) <sub>2</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub> ·acetone	LS	1.989	2.025	1.843	[61]
Fe(4-MeO-SalEen) <sub>2</sub> PF <sub>6</sub>	LS (Fe1)	1.925, 1.925	2.047, 2.058	1.881, 1.879	[55]
	LS (Fe2)	1.928, 1.935	2.039, 2.042	1.883, 1.884	[55]
Fe(4-MeO-SalEen) <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	LS	1.934, 1.934	2.040, 2.040	1.889, 1.889	[55]
[Fe <sup>III</sup> (3-MeO-SalEen) <sub>2</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub>	LS	1.925, 1.920	2.045, 2.057	1.872, 1.872	[56]
[Fe(3-OMe-salEen) <sub>2</sub> ]ClO <sub>4</sub>	LS	1.920, 1.919	2.056, 2.062	1.886, 1.884	[57]
[Fe(3-OMe-salBen) <sub>2</sub> ]ClO <sub>4</sub>	LS	1.928, 1.936	2.057, 2.041	1.882, 1.870	[57]
[Fe(salEen) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> [Fe(CN) <sub>5</sub> (NO)]	LS	1.944, 1.945	2.050, 2.068	1.879, 1.882	[58]
[Fe(acpa) <sub>2</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub>	LS (96.1%)	1.942, 1.942	1.989, 1.989	1.889, 1.889	[53]
[Fe(acpa) <sub>2</sub> ]BPh <sub>4</sub>	LS (96.7%)	1.933, 1.933	1.973, 1.980	1.884, 1.898	[53]
$[Fe(mph)_2]_2(ClO_4)_2$	HS (35%)	2.136, 2.143	2.147, 2.153	1.886, 1.937	[3]
	HS (35%)	2.167, 2.131	2.120, 2.152	1.882, 1.925	[3]
4	HS (70%)	2.016, 2.009	2.041, 2.032	1.881, 1.882	This work
[Fe(qsal) <sub>2</sub> ][Ni(dmit) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>3</sub>	HS (84%)	1.935, 1.982	2.035, 2.015	1.871, 1.861	[49]
[Fe(qsal) <sub>2</sub> ][Ni(dmit) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>3</sub>	HS (84%)	1.991, 1.968	1.956, 2.019	1.894, 1.866	[49]
[Fe <sup>III</sup> (3-MeO-SalEen) <sub>2</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub>	HS (96%)	2.117, 2.139	2.223, 2.239	1.936, 1.904	[56]
[Fe(acpa) <sub>2</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub>	HS (97.7%)	2.082, 2.082	2.155, 2.155,	1.939, 1.941	[54]
1	HS	2.147, 2.141	2.166, 2.177	1.890, 1.886	This work
2	HS	2.139, 2.142	2.172, 2.177	1.885, 1.886	This work
3	HS	2.161, 2.119	2.140, 2.154	1.877, 1.877	This work
[Fe(qsal) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> [Fe(CN) <sub>5</sub> (NO)]	HS (Fe1)	2.14	2.14	1.92	[59]
	HS (Fe2)	2.15	2.15	1.92	[59]
[Fe(acpa) <sub>2</sub> ]ClO <sub>4</sub>	HS	2.05	2.11	1.92	[60]
[Fe(qnal-OMe) <sub>2</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub> ·acetone	HS	2.101	2.151	1.922	[61]
[Fe(qnal-OMe) <sub>2</sub> ]BPh <sub>4</sub> ·2MeOH	HS	2.096, 2.097	2.146, 2.144	1.909, 1.918	[61]
[Fe(pap) <sub>2</sub> ]ClO <sub>4</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	HS	2.112, 2.135	2.216, 2.146	1.929, 1.926	[40]
[Fe(salpm) <sub>2</sub> ]ClO <sub>4</sub>	HS (Fe1)	2.092, 2.093	2.156, 2.181	1.911, 1.917	[23]
	HS (Fe2)	2.105, 2.103	2.166, 2.156	1.917, 1.896	[23]
[Fe(SalEen) <sub>2</sub> ]ClO <sub>4</sub>	HS	2.089, 2.079	2.191, 2.220	1.908, 1.932	[50]
	HS	2.061, 2.056	2.183, 2.192	1.910, 1.904	[50]
[Fe(3-Br-sal <sub>2</sub> -trien)][Mn <sup>II</sup> Cr(ox) <sub>3</sub> ]	HS	2.129, 2.133	2.171, 2.174	1.915, 1.921	[51]
Fe(5-Br-qsal) <sub>2</sub> Ni(dmit) <sub>2</sub>	HS	2.104, 2.110	2.144, 2.114	1.923, 1.922	[52]
[Fe(qnal) <sub>2</sub> ][Pd(dmit) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>5</sub>	HS	2.102, 2.102	2.129, 2.133	1.921, 1.908	[41]
Fe(4-MeO-SalEen) <sub>2</sub> PF <sub>6</sub>	HS (Fe1)	2.068, 2.055	2.194, 2.229	1.917, 1.923	[55]

Table S2 Magnetic and structural data for  $[Fe^{III}(L')_2]^+$  analogous complexes

	HS (Fe2)	2.057, 2.071	2.165, 2.179	1.916, 1.921	[55]
Fe(4-MeO-SalEen) <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	HS	2.090, 2.090	2.221, 2.221	1.925, 1.925	[55]
[Fe(3-OMe-salEen)2]ClO4	HS	2.091, 2.070	2.192, 2.226	1.915, 1.911	[57]
[Fe(3-OMe-salBen) <sub>2</sub> ]ClO <sub>4</sub>	HS	2.070, 2.082	2.195, 2.223	1.901, 1.915	[57]
[Fe(salEen) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> [Fe(CN) <sub>5</sub> (NO)]	HS	2.070, 2.064	2.161, 2.187	1.902, 1.908	[58]
$[Fe(3\text{-}OEt\text{-}SalAPA)_2](ClO_4) \cdot C_6H_5Br$	HS	2.106, 2.077	2.158, 2.200	1.915, 1.919	[46]
[Fe(3-OEt-SalAPA) <sub>2</sub> ](ClO <sub>4</sub> )·C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	HS	2.094, 2.096	2.172, 2.196	1.910, 1.916	[46]