

## Dioxygen Activation by a Dinuclear Thiolate-ligated Fe(II) Complex

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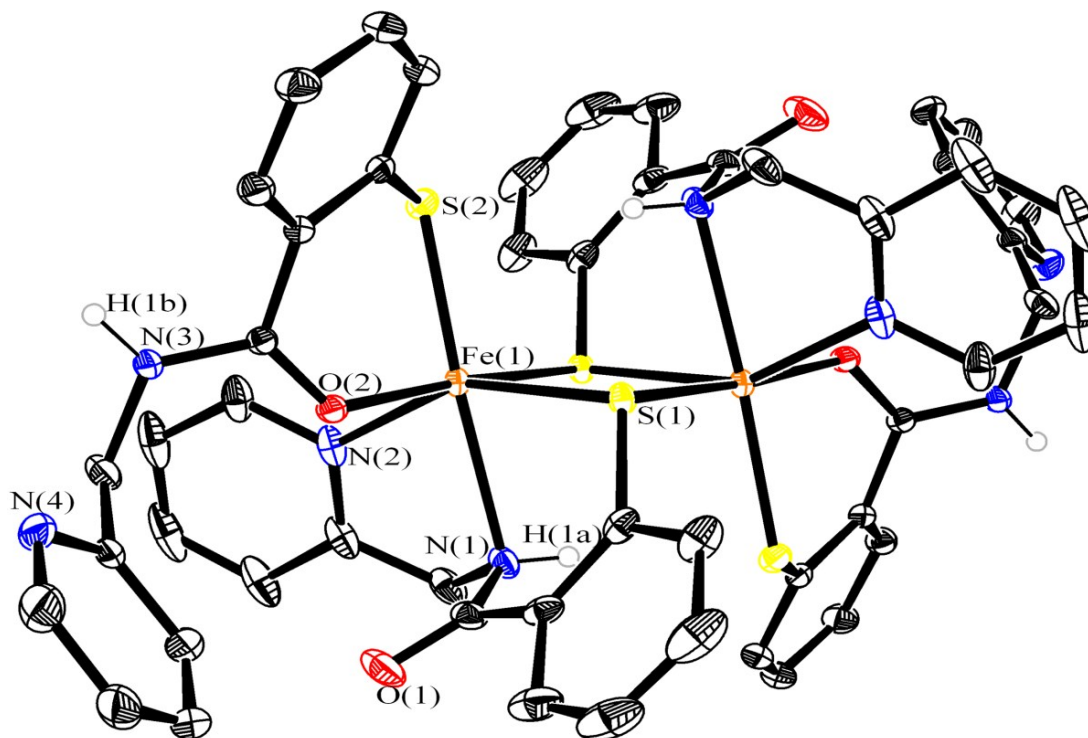
## Supplementary Tables and Figures

**Table S0.** The summary of crystallographic data for complexes and organic ligands.

	Complex 1	Complex 2 · H <sub>2</sub> O	(LNHS) <sub>2</sub>	LN-S
formula	C <sub>52</sub> H <sub>44</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>42</sub> FeN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S
fw	1084.89	688.70	486.60	242.30
temp, K	150(2)	150(2)	296(2) K	296(2) K
cryst syst	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
space group	<i>P2(1)/n</i>	<i>P2(1)/c</i>	<i>P2(1)/n</i>	<i>P2(1)/c</i>
<i>a</i> , Å	11.1144(6)	15.879(3)	7.8144(4)	9.9938(16)
<i>b</i> , Å	15.7599(7)	12.862(3)	19.0194(9)	13.994(2)
<i>c</i> , Å	14.9052(7)	16.892(3)	15.7767(7)	8.1879(13)
$\alpha$ , °	90	90	90	90
$\beta$ , °	105.382(3)	102.985(14)	95.996(3)	97.361(11)
$\gamma$ , °	90	90	90	90
Volume, Å <sup>3</sup> / <i>Z</i>	2517.3(2)/2	3361.8(11)/4	2331.99(19)/4	1135.7(3)/4
Density (cald.), Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.431	1.361	1.386	1.417
Absorption coefficient, mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.796	0.615	0.261	0.267
crystal size, mm	0.25 x 0.16 x 0.07	0.17 x 0.07 x 0.05	0.27 x 0.08 x 0.08	0.32 x 0.11 x 0.11
$\theta$ range, deg	1.92 to 28.72	2.01 to 24.50	1.68 to 28.28	2.05 to 28.79
no. of reflns collected	29928	31974	34428	13677
no. of indep reflns	6489	5583	5720	2935
max. and min. trans	0.940 and 0.852	0.960 and 0.940	0.979 and 0.933	0.952 and 0.944
no. of data /restraints /params	6489 / 0 / 324	5583 / 3 / 418	5720 / 0 / 307	2935 / 0 / 154
goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	0.789	0.937	0.866	0.985
final <i>R</i> indices	0.0350	0.0629	0.0533	0.0389
[ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )] <i>R</i> <sub><i>I</i></sub> <sup><i>a</i></sup> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup><i>b</i></sup>	0.1019	0.1419	0.1274	0.1295
<i>R</i> indices (all data), <i>R</i> <sub><i>I</i></sub> <sup><i>a</i></sup> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup><i>b</i></sup>	0.0539	0.1547	0.1514	0.0541
	0.1213	0.2051	0.1768	0.1428
largest diff. peak and hole, e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.377 and -0.373	0.302 and -0.365	0.194 and -0.223	0.163 and -0.307

$$^a R_I = \Sigma |F_0| - |F_c| / \Sigma |F_0|$$

$$^b wR_2 = [\Sigma [\omega(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \Sigma [\omega(F_0^2)^2]]^{1/2}$$



**Table S1.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for complex **1<sup>a</sup>**

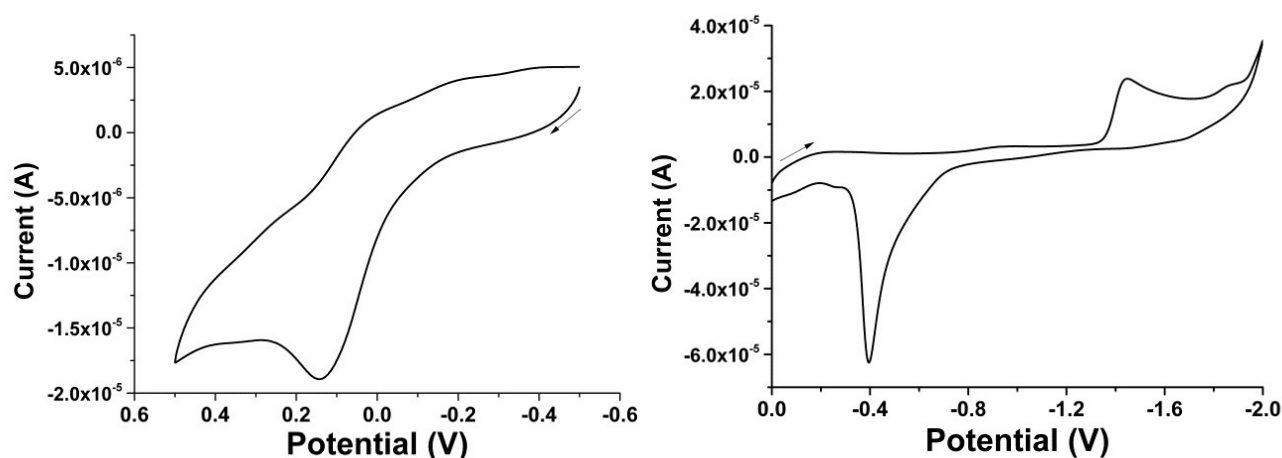
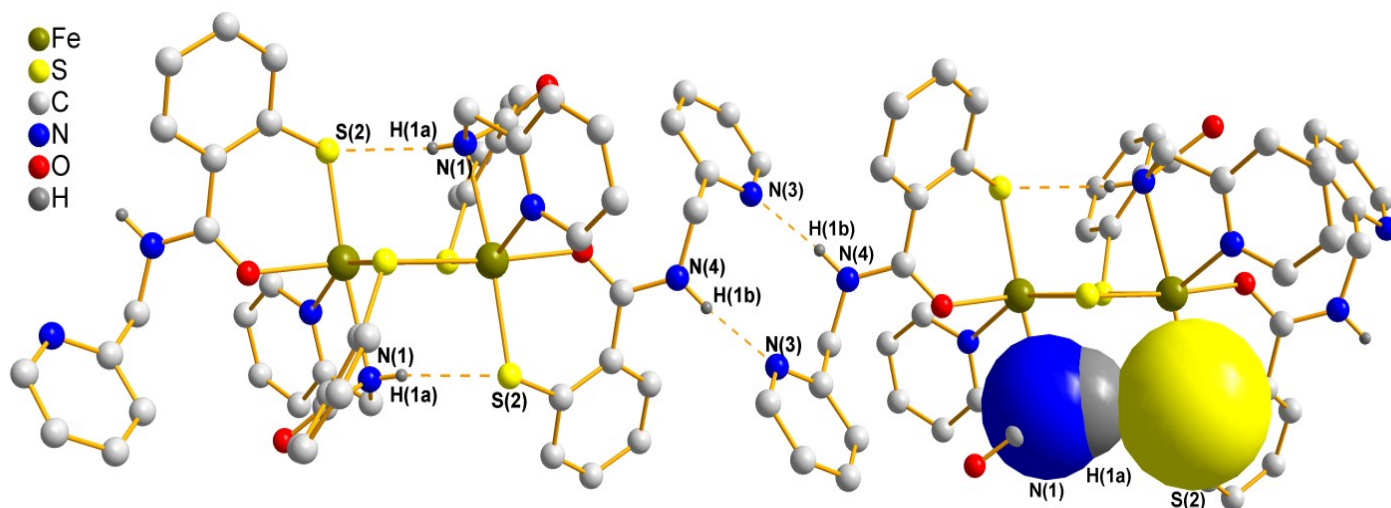
Fe(1)- Fe(1)A	3.5477(4)	S(1)-Fe(1)-O(2)	94.35(4)
Fe(1)-S(1)	2.4451(6)	S(2)-Fe(1)-S(1)A	94.477(19)
Fe(1)-S(1)A	2.5306(5)	S(2)-Fe(1)-N(1)	174.53(5)
Fe(1)-S(2)	2.3555(6)	S(2)-Fe(1)-N(2)	106.80(6)
Fe(1)-N(1)	2.45020(20)	S(2)-Fe(1)-O(2)	89.64(4)
Fe(1)-N(2)	2.1430(18)	N(1)-Fe(1)-S(1)A	80.07(5)
Fe(1)-O(2)	2.1788(14)	N(1)-Fe(1)-N(2)	73.43(7)
S(1)-S(1)A	3.4899(6)	N(1)-Fe(1)-O(2)	95.78(6)
S(1)-Fe(1)-S(2)	101.25(2)	N(2)-Fe(1)-S(1)A	93.28(5)
S(1)-Fe(1)-S(1)A	89.060(18)	N(2)-Fe(1)-O(2)	81.41(6)
S(1)-Fe(1)-N(1)	79.11(5)	O(2)-Fe(1)-S(1)A	174.05(4)
S(1)-Fe(1)-N(2)	151.57(6)	Fe(1)-S(1)-Fe(1)A	90.941(18)

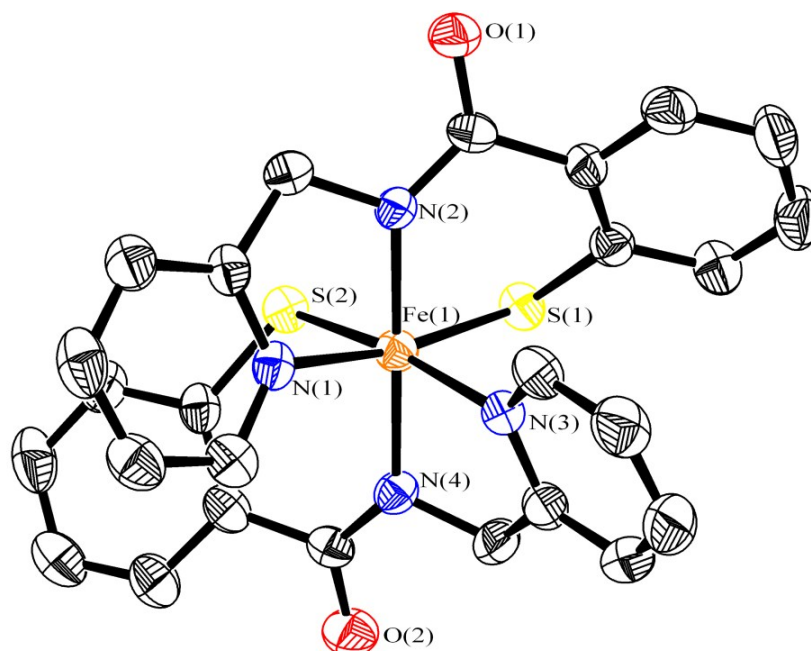
<sup>a</sup> Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: A: 1 -x+1,-y,-z+1.

**Table S2.** Collected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for complexes with similar Fe<sup>II</sup>-Fe<sup>II</sup>(μ-SR)<sub>2</sub> cores

Metal complex	Fe-Fe	S-S	Fe-S	Fe-S	Fe-S <sup>a</sup>	Fe-S-Fe	S-Fe-S	C. N.
(μ-S,S)[Fe(L <sup>AP</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> <sup>1</sup>	2.919	3.799 <sup>b</sup>	2.397	2.394	2.396	75.07 <sup>b</sup>	104.93 <sup>b</sup>	5
[(bme*-daco)Fe] <sub>2</sub> <sup>2</sup>	3.31	3.595 <sup>b</sup>	2.444	2.441	2.443	85.24 <sup>b</sup>	94.76 <sup>b</sup>	5
[(bme-daco)Fe] <sub>2</sub> <sup>3</sup>	3.217 <sup>b</sup>	3.611 <sup>b</sup>	2.421	2.417	2.419	83.4	96.6	5
[Fe(C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> )] <sub>2</sub> <sup>4</sup>	3.206	3.558	2.471	2.379	2.425	82.68 <sup>b</sup>	97.32 <sup>b</sup>	5
[Fe(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> )] <sub>2</sub> <sup>4</sup>	3.371	3.641	2.490	2.411	2.451	86.91 <sup>b</sup>	93.09 <sup>b</sup>	5
[Fe('N <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> ')] <sub>2</sub> <sup>5</sup>	3.340 <sup>b</sup>	3.673 <sup>b</sup>	2.517	2.447	2.482	84.57 <sup>b</sup>	95.43 <sup>b</sup>	6
[Fe(pyCO <sub>2</sub> MeS <sub>4</sub> )] <sub>2</sub> <sup>6</sup>	3.391 <sup>b</sup>	3.146 <sup>b</sup>	2.348	2.277	2.313	94.28 <sup>b</sup>	85.72 <sup>b</sup>	6
Complex 1	3.548	3.490	2.531	2.445	2.488	90.94	89.06	6

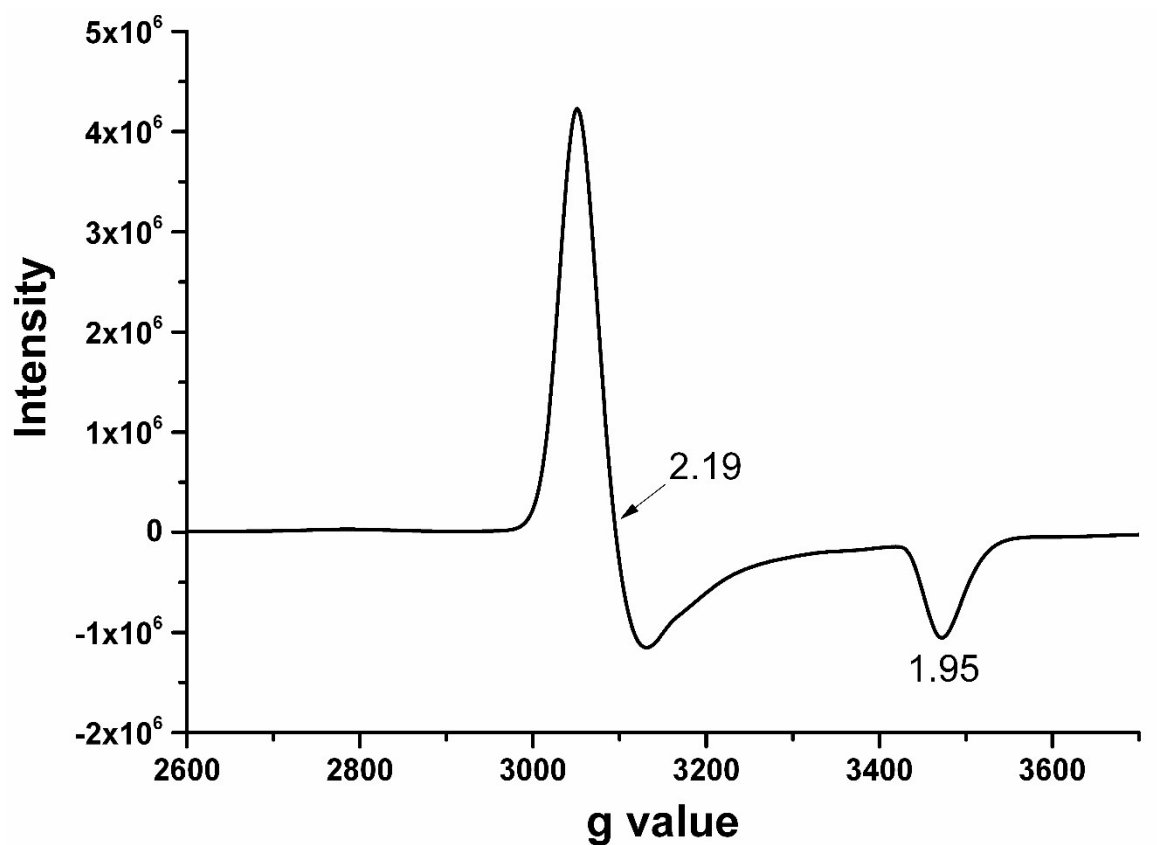
<sup>a</sup> Averaged of bond lengths or angles. <sup>b</sup> The data were measured by Mercury 3.5.1 software.

**Figure S1.** Cyclic voltammetry analyses of **1** (1 mM) at RT, scan rate 0.05 V/s.**Figure S2.** Packing diagrams of complex **1** with NH⋯S intramolecular (N⋯S: 3.379 Å, NH⋯S: 2.587 Å and ∠NH⋯S: 173.37°) and NH⋯N intermolecular (N⋯N: 2.911 Å, NH⋯N: 2.034 Å and ∠NH⋯N: 163.56°) hydrogen bond interactions. The space-fill drawings of NH⋯S intramolecular hydrogen bond interactions are shown in the right molecule. Some carbon atoms are omitted for clarity.

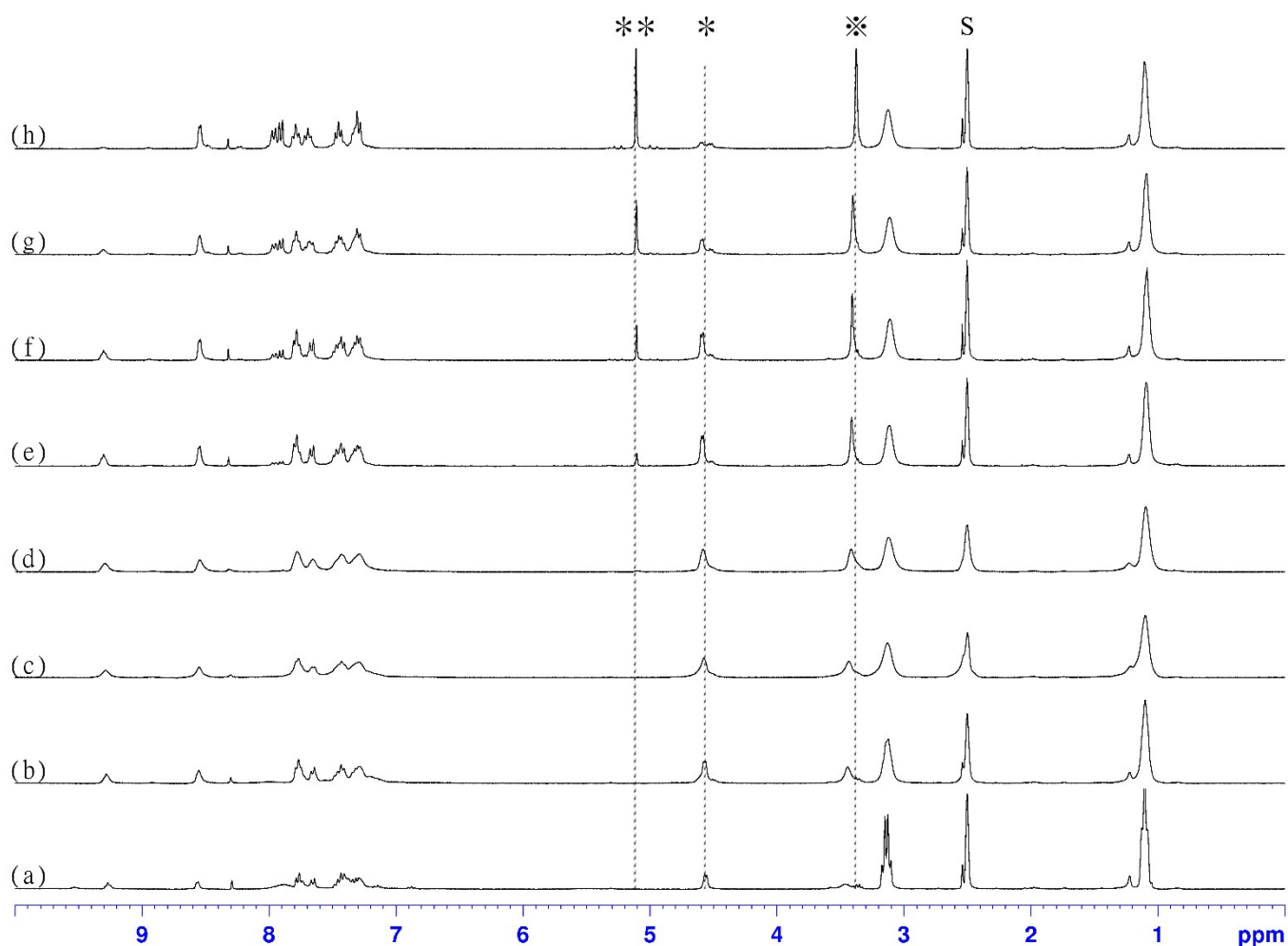


**Table S3.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for complex **2**

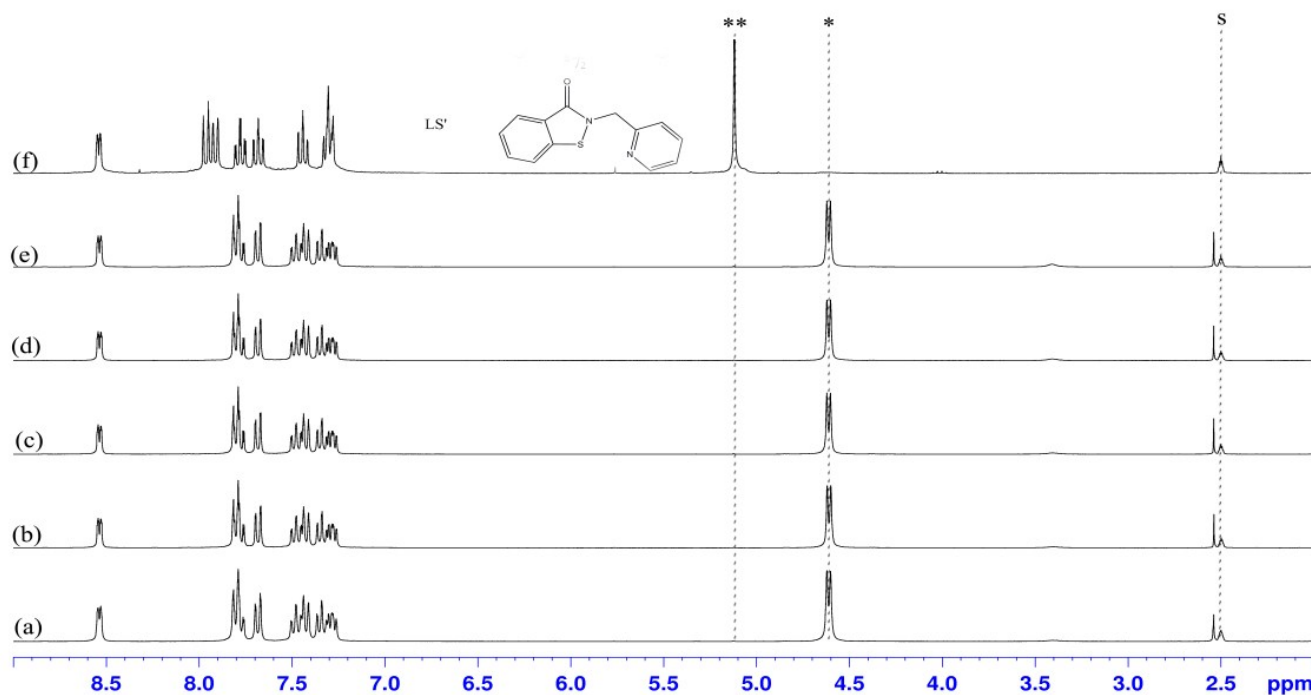
Fe(1)-S(1)	2.265(2)	S(2)-Fe(1)-N(1)	89.78(15)
Fe(1)-S(2)	2.265(2)	S(2)-Fe(1)-N(2)	93.24(16)
Fe(1)-N(1)	2.018(5)	S(2)-Fe(1)-N(3)	171.26(17)
Fe(1)-N(2)	1.942(5)	S(2)-Fe(1)-N(4)	90.77(17)
Fe(1)-N(3)	2.002(5)	N(1)-Fe(1)-N(2)	79.8(2)
Fe(1)-N(4)	1.949(5)	N(1)-Fe(1)-N(3)	92.0(2)
S(1)-Fe(1)-S(2)	89.15(7)	N(1)-Fe(1)-N(4)	96.4(2)
S(1)-Fe(1)-N(1)	170.11(17)	N(2)-Fe(1)-N(3)	95.5(2)
S(1)-Fe(1)-N(2)	90.45(16)	N(2)-Fe(1)-N(4)	174.4(2)
S(1)-Fe(1)-N(3)	90.59(16)	N(3)-Fe(1)-N(4)	80.5(2)
S(1)-Fe(1)-N(4)	93.45(16)		



**Figure S3.** EPR spectrum of complex **2** in 50% DMSO aqueous solution measured at 77 K. Spectrometer settings: microwave frequency, 9.5 GHz; modulation frequency, 100 kHz; modulation amplitude, 10 G; time constant, 655.36 msec; conversion time, 20.48 msec; microwave power, 0.632 mW; receiver gain,  $5.02 \times 10^3$ .

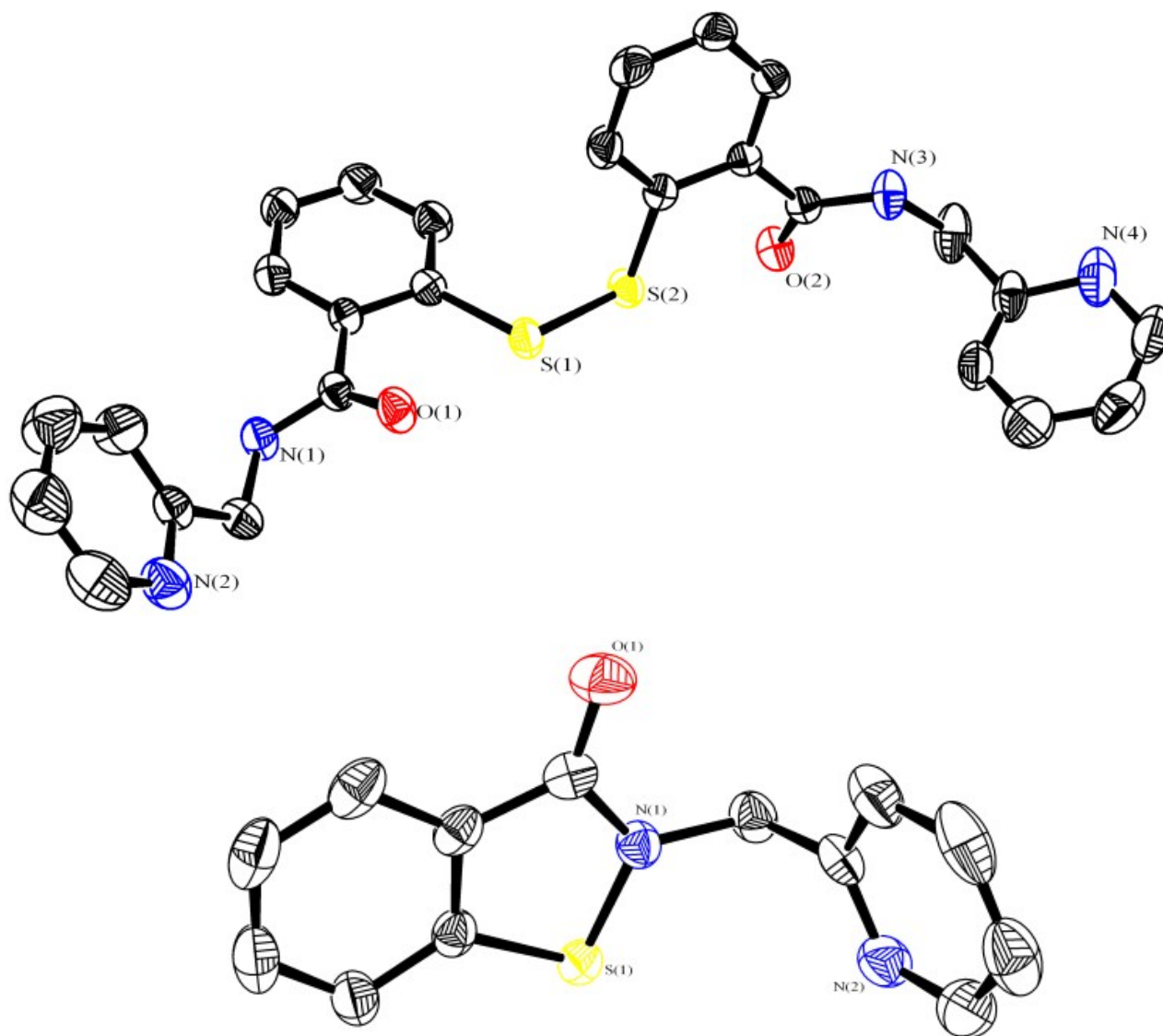


**Figure S4** Time-dependent <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra in d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO (S) of (a) the solution containing pure **1** and one equiv (LNHS)<sub>2</sub> in N<sub>2</sub>(g), (b) after addition of oxygen for 10 mins, (c) for 25 mins, (d) for 2 h, (e) for 6 h, (f) for 11 h, (g) for 1 day, and (h) for 2 days. The chemical shifts of CH<sub>2</sub>(\*) in (LNHS)<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>(\*\*) in LN-S, and H<sub>2</sub>O (※) are marked.

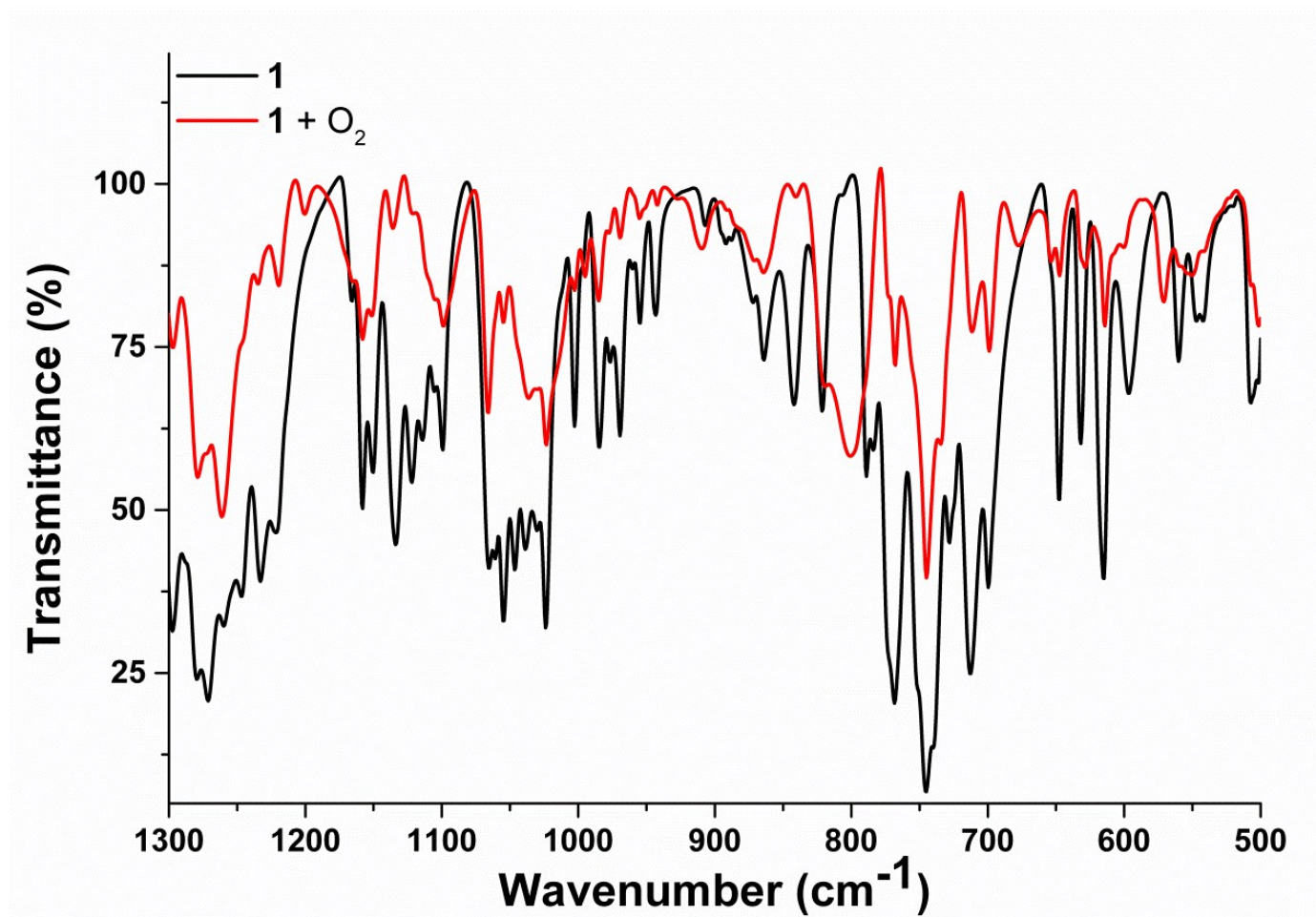


**Figure S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (300 MHz, 298 K,  $\text{d}_6\text{-DMSO}$  (S)) of pure  $(\text{LNHS})_2$  in air for (a) 0 day, (b) 1 days, (c) 2 days, (d) 3 days, (e) 4 days, and (f) of pure LN-S. The chemical shifts of  $\text{CH}_2$  (\*) in  $(\text{LNHS})_2$  and  $\text{CH}_2$  (\*\*) in LN-S are indicated. LN-S was not generated from the solution of  $(\text{LNHS})_2$  in DMSO for 5 days in air.

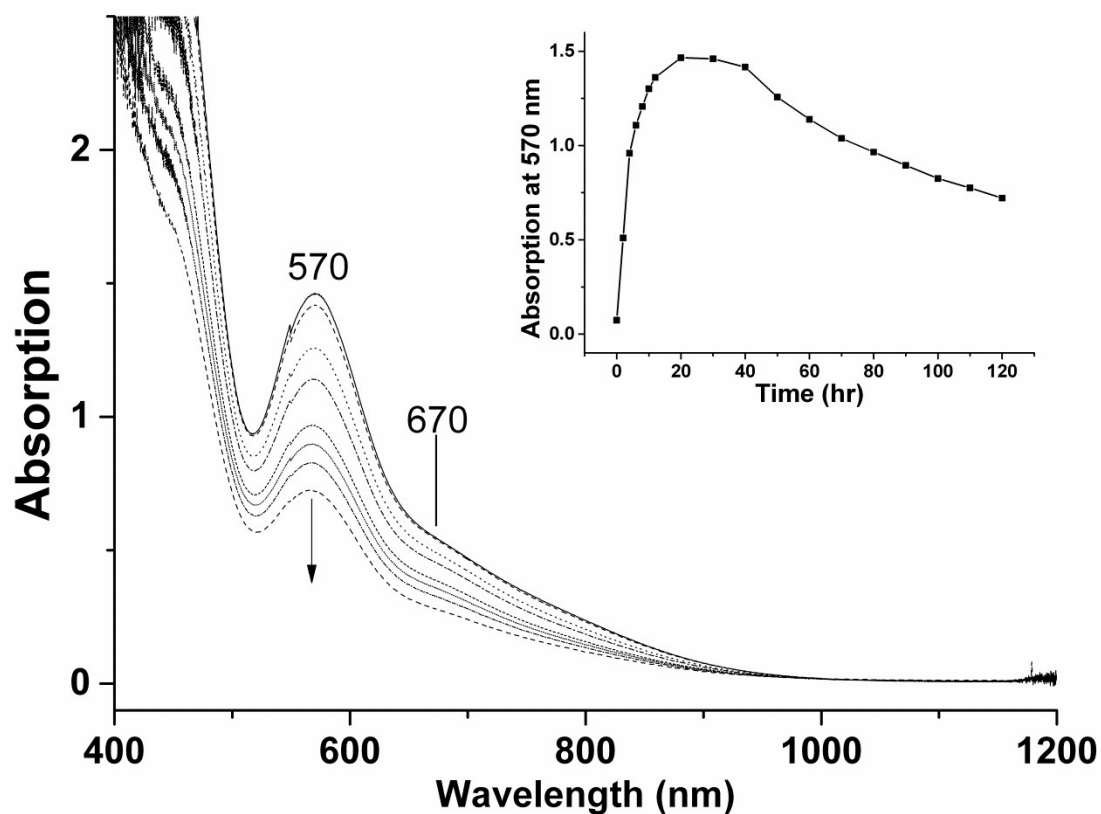




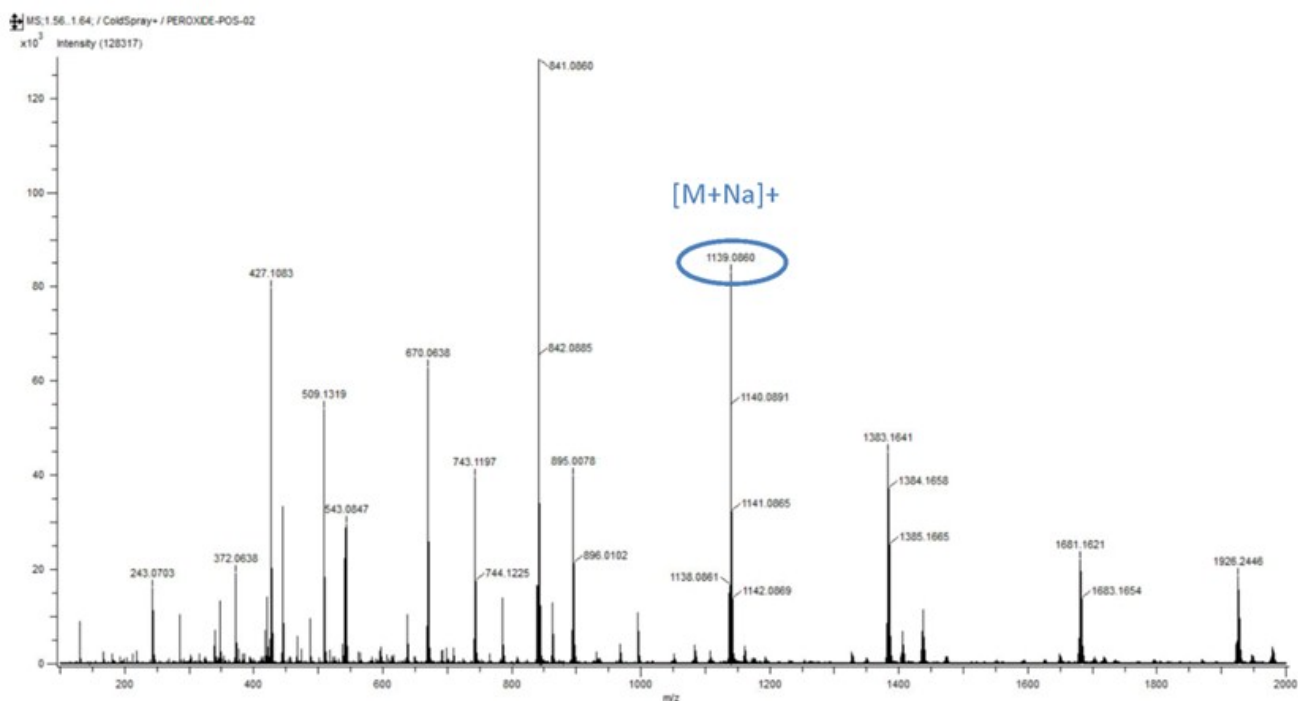
**Figure S6.** ORTEP drawings of  $(\text{LNHS})_2$  (Top) and LN-S (Bottom). The thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 35% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



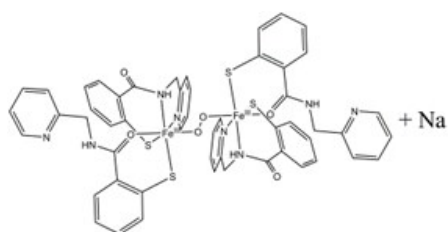
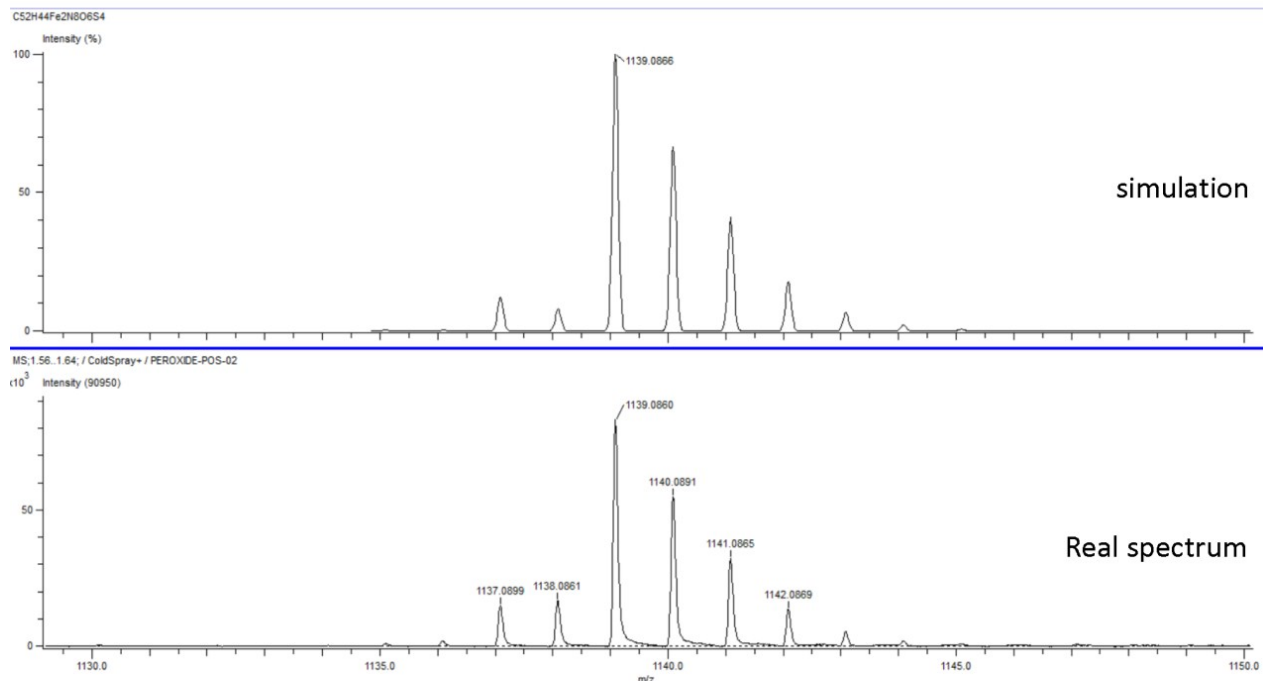
**Figure S7.** Solid IR spectra of complex **1** and oxygenated complex **1** (the preparation of oxygenated complex **1** was described in the experimental section).



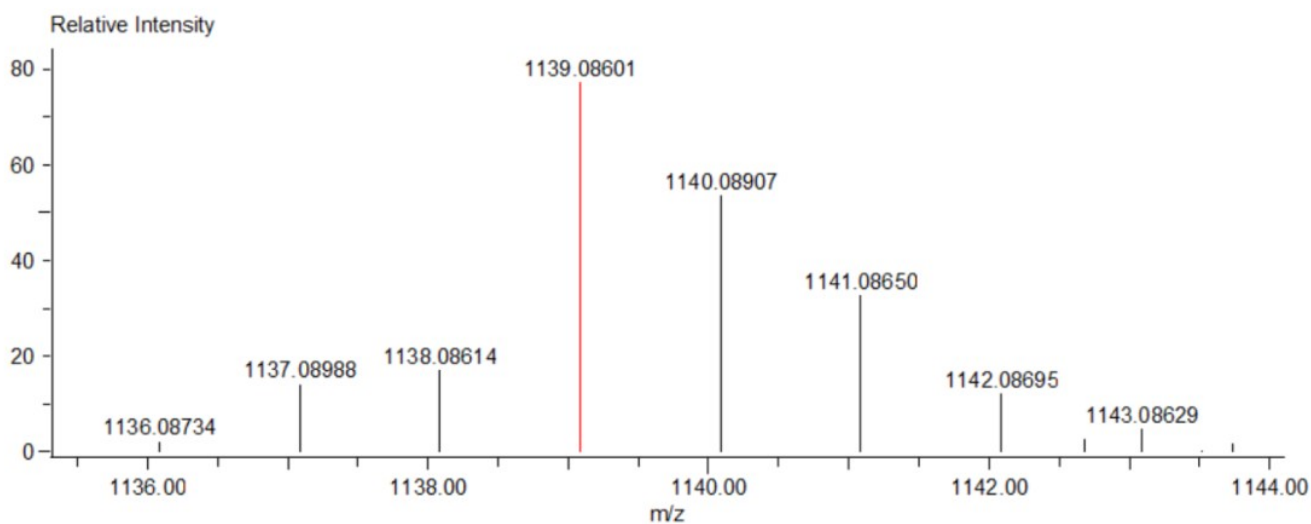
**Figure S8.** UV-vis spectral changes of the decaying  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-O}_2\text{-Fe}^{\text{III}}$  intermediate for the reaction of **1** with limited excess  $\text{O}_2$  in DMSO at RT. The inset shows the time-dependent formation and degradation of the  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-O}_2\text{-Fe}^{\text{III}}$  intermediate by following the absorption band at 570 nm.



**Figure S9.** CSI-TOF MS analysis of pure **1** reacted with a slight excess  $\text{O}_2$  in DMF at  $-50^\circ\text{C}$ .

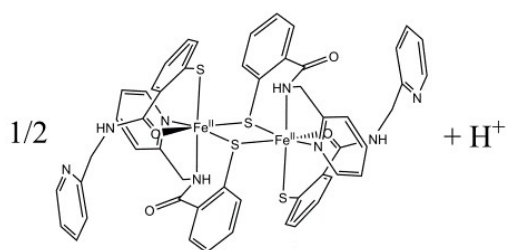
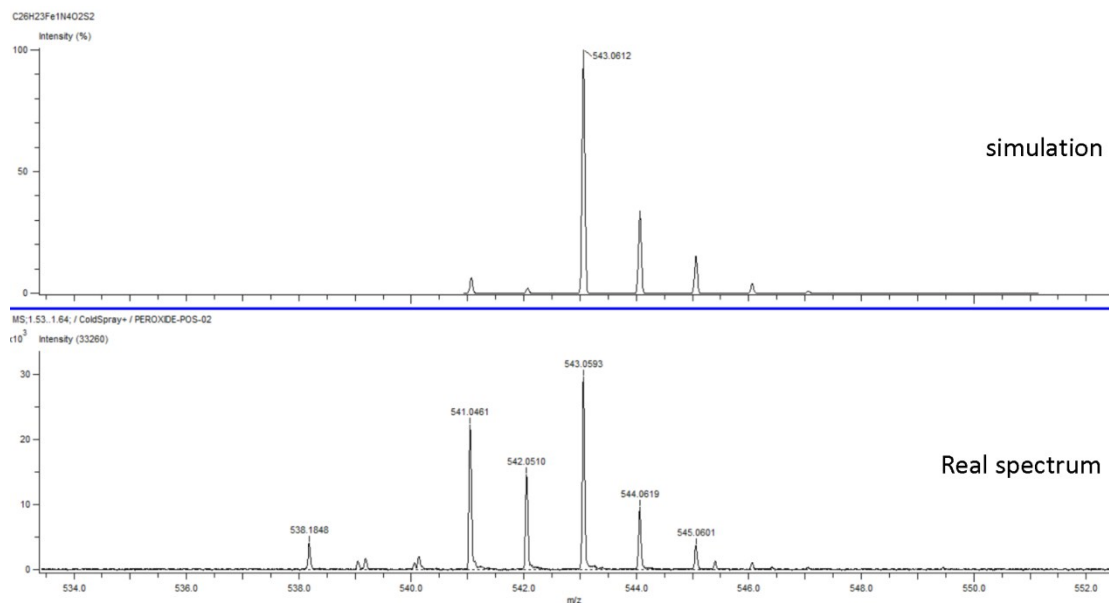


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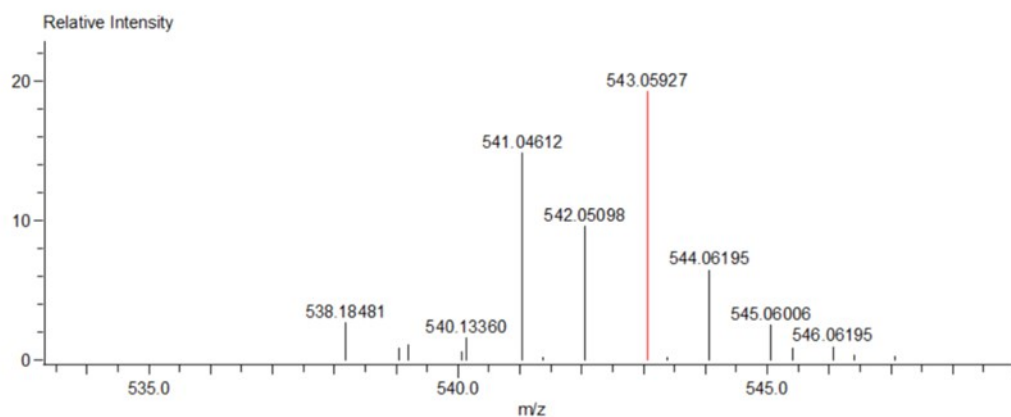


Mass	Calc. Mass	Mass Difference [mDa]	Mass Difference [ppm]	Possible Formula
1139.08601	1139.08632	-0.31	-0.27	$^{12}\text{C}_{52}^{1}\text{H}_{44}^{56}\text{Fe}_2^{14}\text{N}_8^{23}\text{Na}_1^{16}\text{O}_6^{32}\text{S}_4$

**Figure S10.** The HRMS data along with isotopic distribution pattern of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{-O}_2\text{-Fe}^{\text{III}}$  complex with the composition of  $[\mathbf{1} + \text{O}_2 + \text{Na}]^+$ .

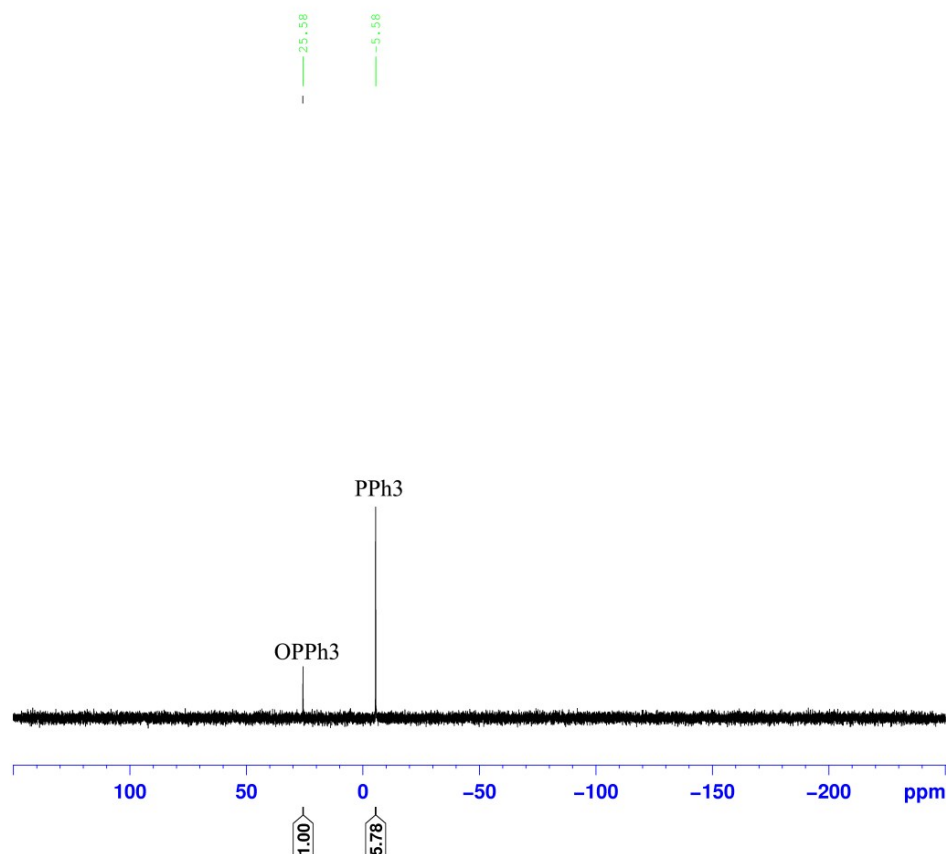


## Elemental Composition Estimation



Mass	Calc. Mass	Mass Difference [mDa]	Mass Difference [ppm]	Possible Formula
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**Figure S11.** The HRMS data along with isotopic distribution pattern of monomeric **1** complex with the composition of [0.5×**1** + H]<sup>+</sup>.



**Figure S12.**  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum at 298 K. Four equiv.  $\text{PPh}_3$  was added to complex **1** in DMF, and then the solution was exposed to air for 20 mins.

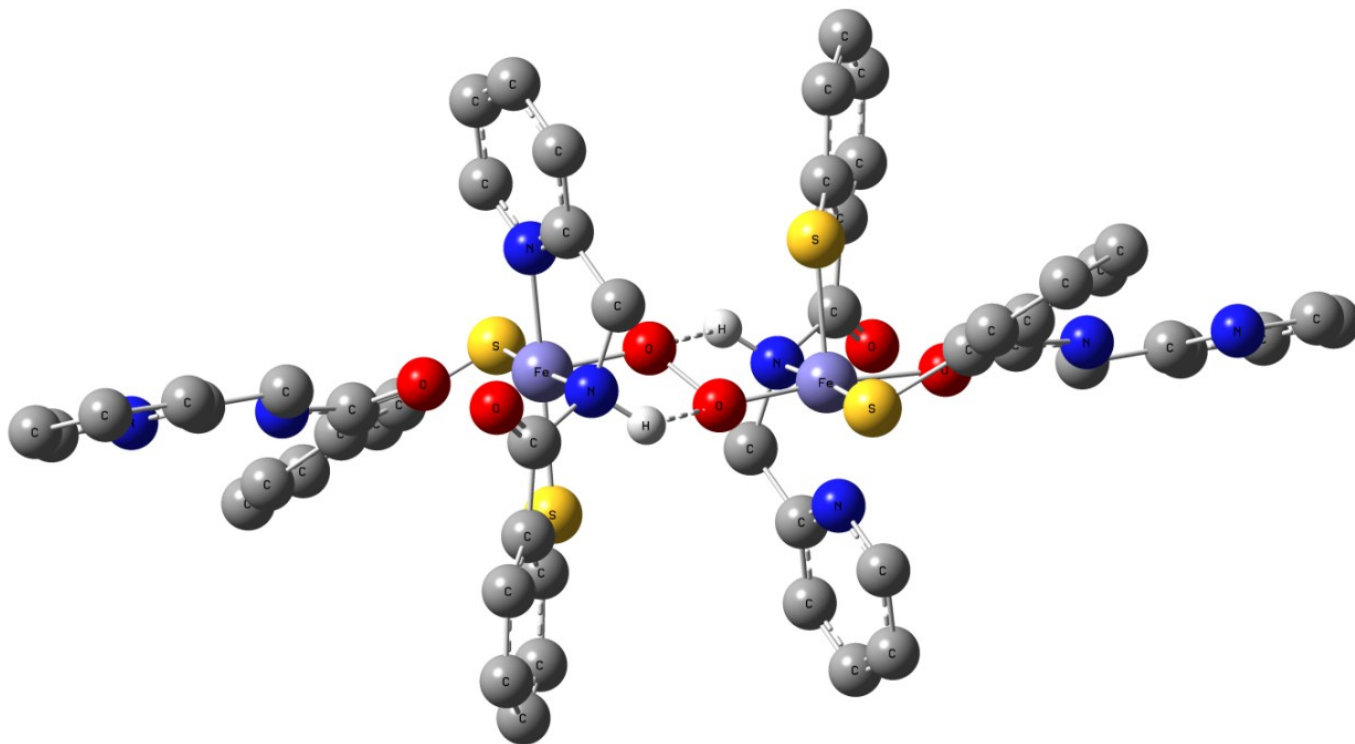
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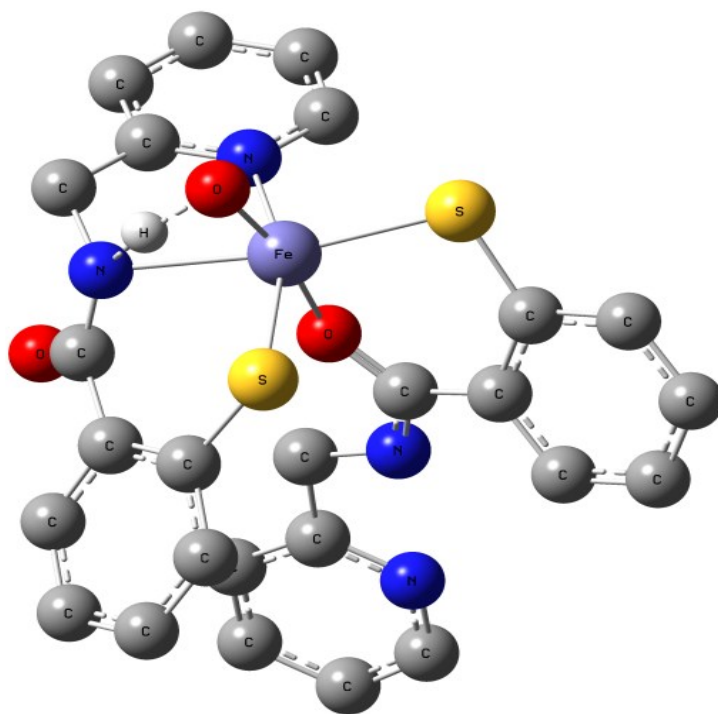
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**Figure S13.** HRMS of anthracene for hydride-transfer reaction. 9, 10-dihydroanthracene was added to complex **1** in DCM, and the solution was exposed to air for 30 mins.





**Figure S14.** The intramolecular hydrogen bond interactions of the intermediate with **end-on** conformation (A) by DFT calculation. The N-O and N-H $\cdots$ O bond distances are 2.69 Å and 1.92 Å, respectively. The other hydrogens were omitted for clarity.



**Figure S15.** Ball- and stick-type drawings of the transition state **TS**. Some hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

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