

**Aerobic Oxygenation Catalyzed by First Row Transition Metal Complexes Coordinated by
Tetradentate Mono-Carbon Bridged Bis-Phenanthroline Ligands: Intra- versus
Intermolecular Carbon-Hydrogen Bond Activation**

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Electronic Supporting Information

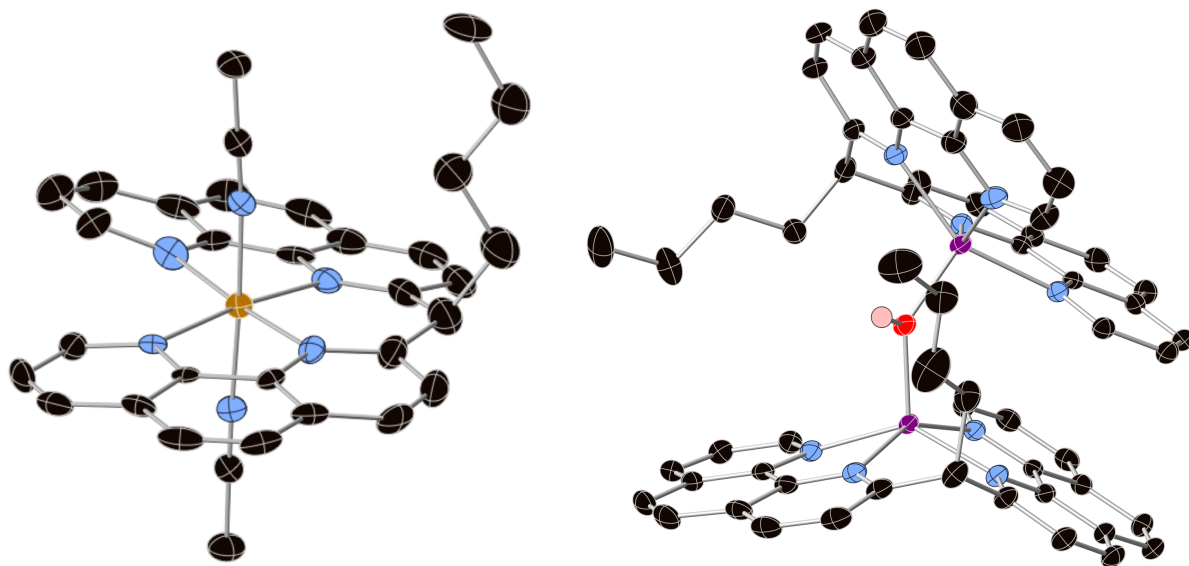


Figure S1. Thermal Ellipsoid Structure of Fe(II)-L3 (left) and Zn(II)-L3 (right) at 50% probability. The PF_6 anions and H atoms (except for the hydroxy moiety) are not shown, Fe-brown, Zn-purple, O-red, N-blue, C-black, H-pink.

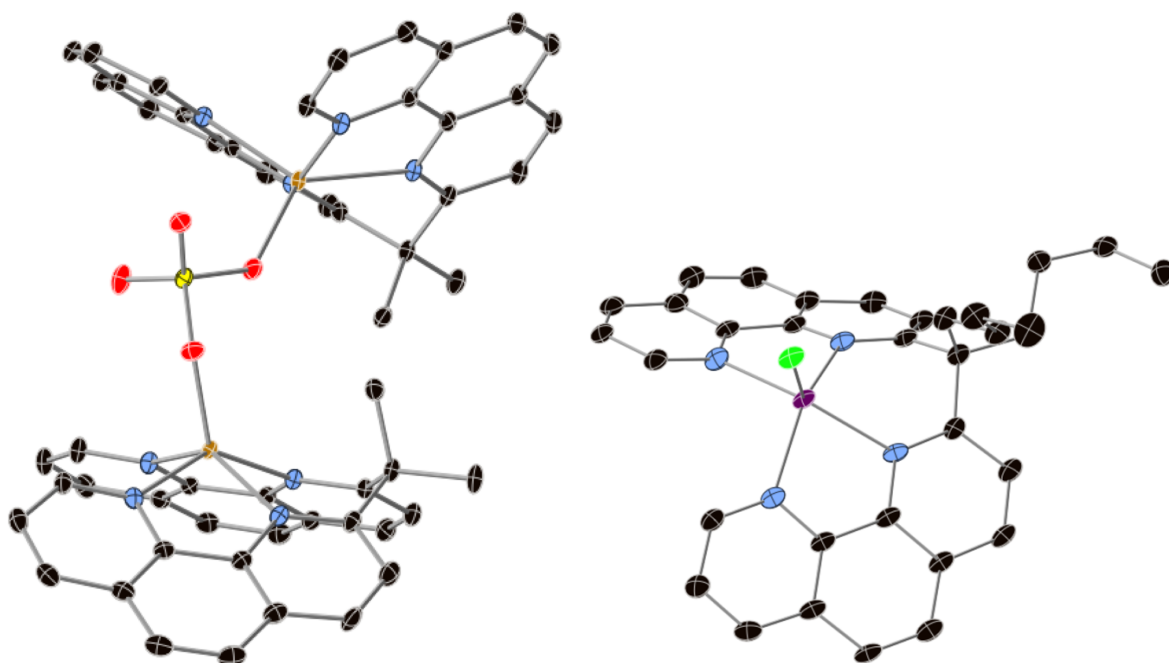


Figure S2. Thermal Ellipsoid Structure of Fe(II)-L4 (left) and Zn(II)-L4 (right) at 50% probability. The PF_6 anions and H atoms are not shown. Fe-brown, Zn-purple, O-red, S-yellow, N-blue, C-black.

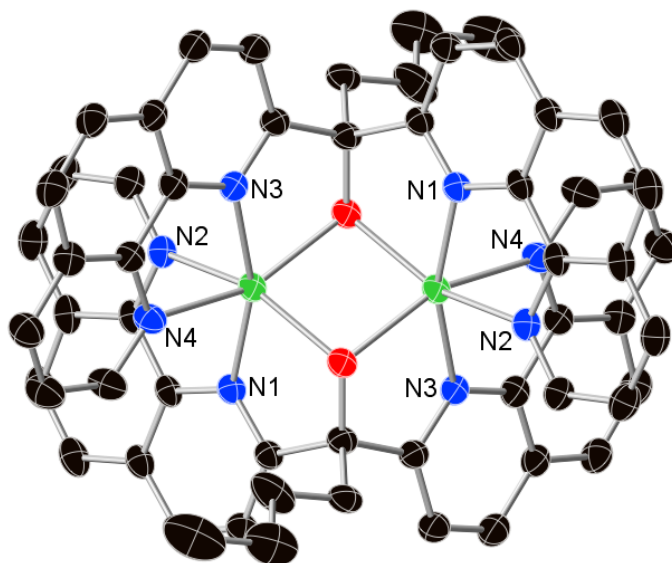


Figure S3. Thermal Ellipsoid Structure of Complex **11** at 50% probability. The PF_6 anions and H atoms are not shown, Co-green, N-blue, C-black, O-red.

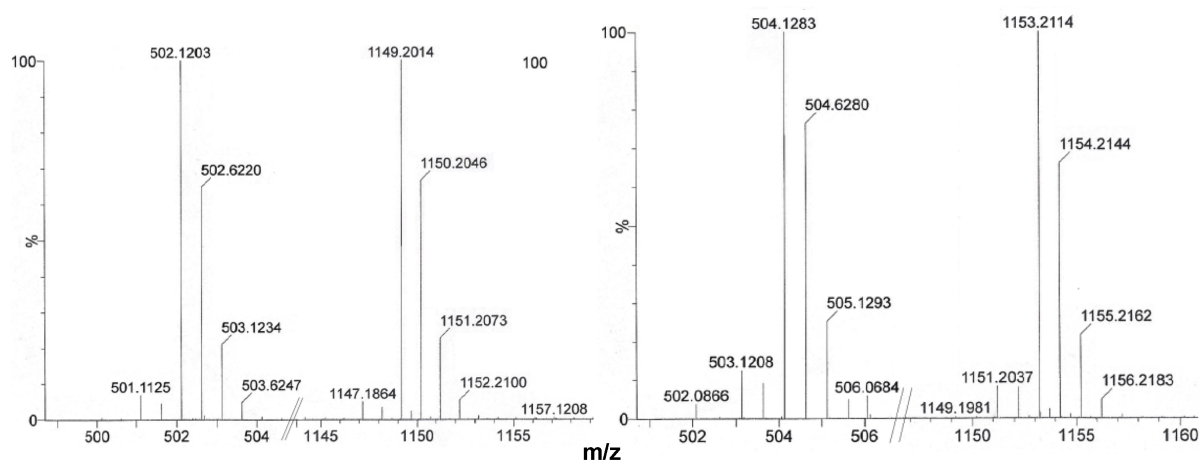
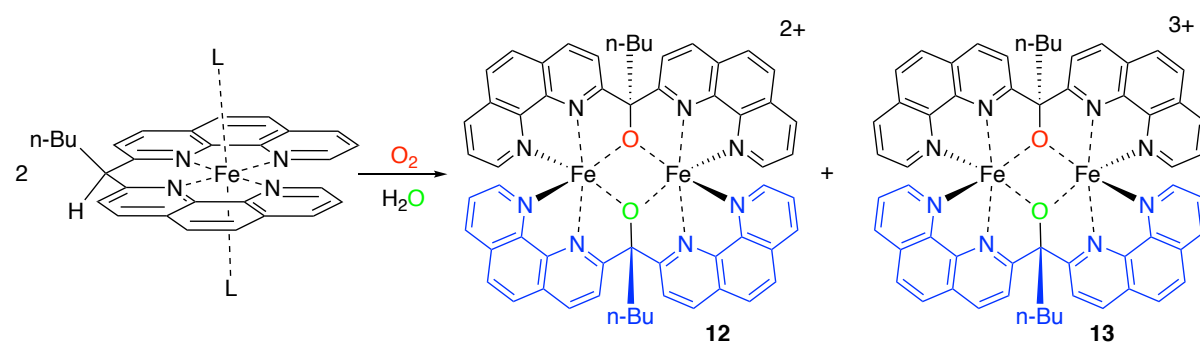


Figure S4. HR ESI-MS of Complex **11** formed from $^{16}\text{O}_2$ (left) and $^{18}\text{O}_2$ (right)



Scheme S1. Reaction of Fe(II)-L3 with O_2

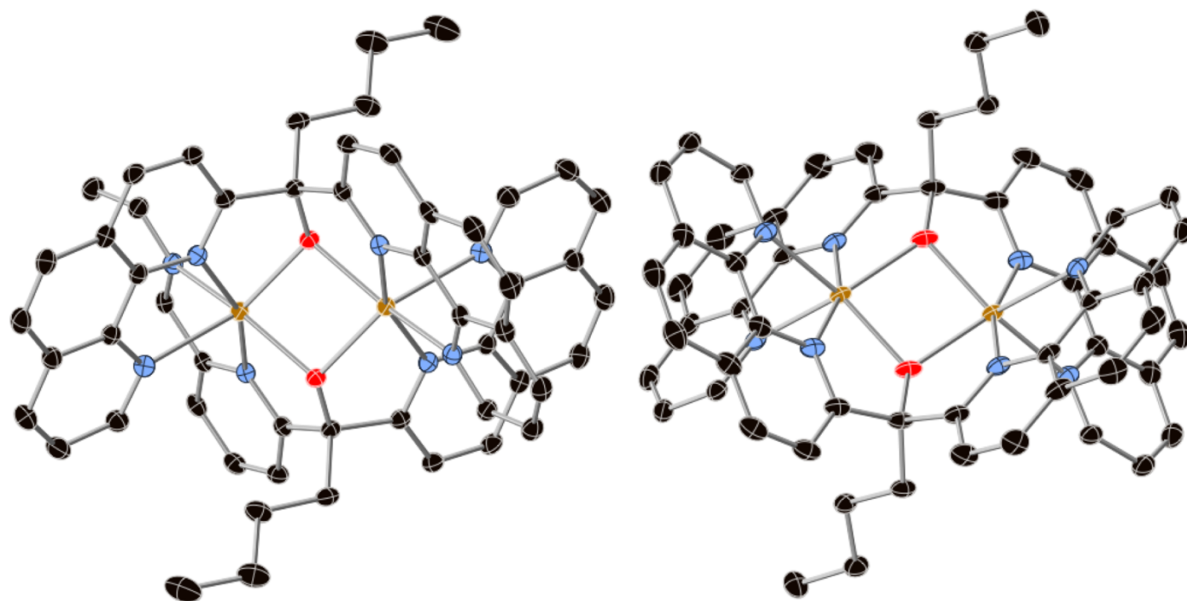


Figure S5. Thermal Ellipsoid Structure of Complex **12** (left) and **13** (right) at 50% probability. The PF_6 anions and H atoms are not shown, Fe-brown, N-blue, C-black, O-red.

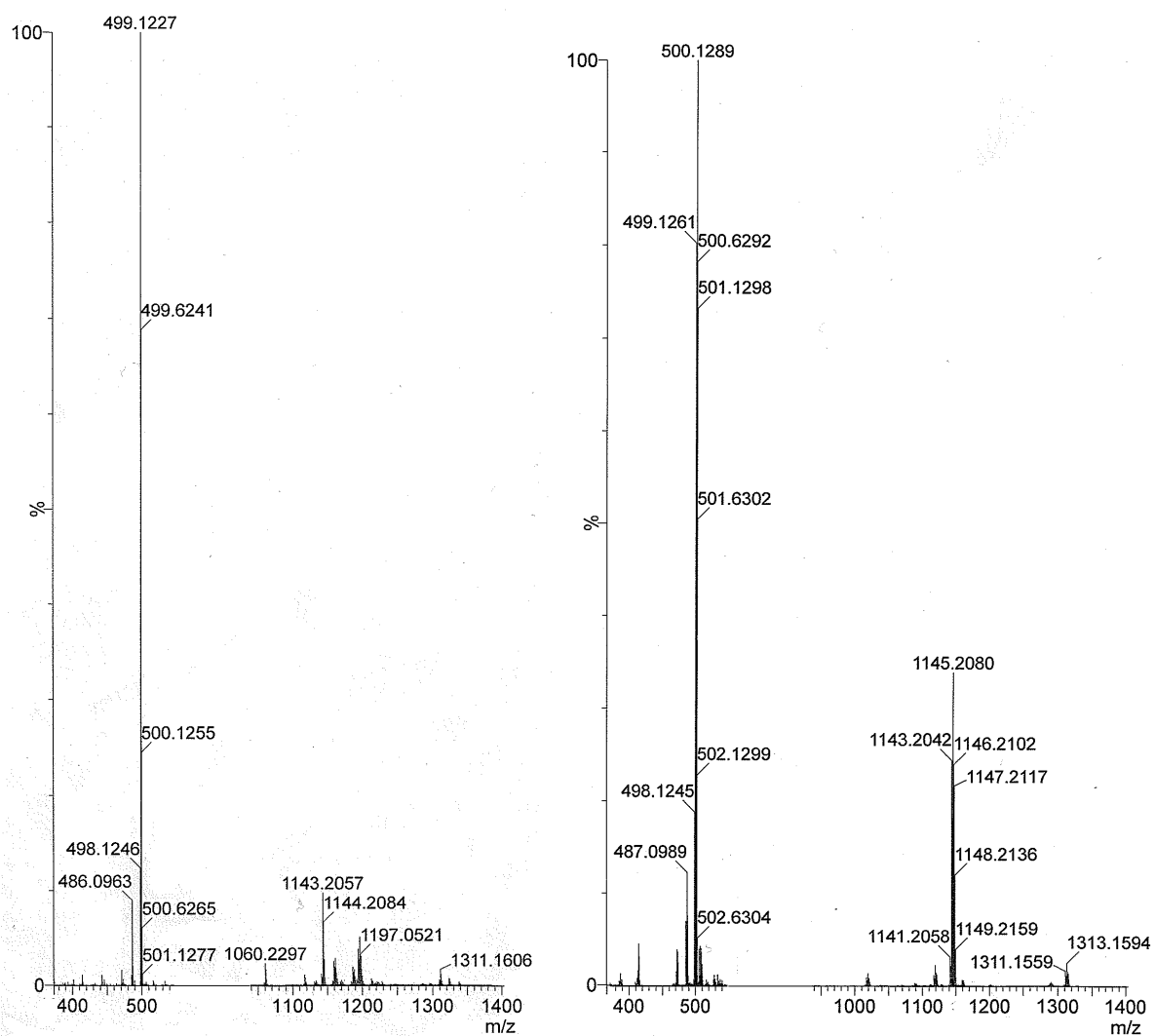


Figure S6. HR ESI-MS of Complex **12** formed from $^{16}\text{O}_2$ (left) and $^{18}\text{O}_2$ (right) where $z = 1$ or 2

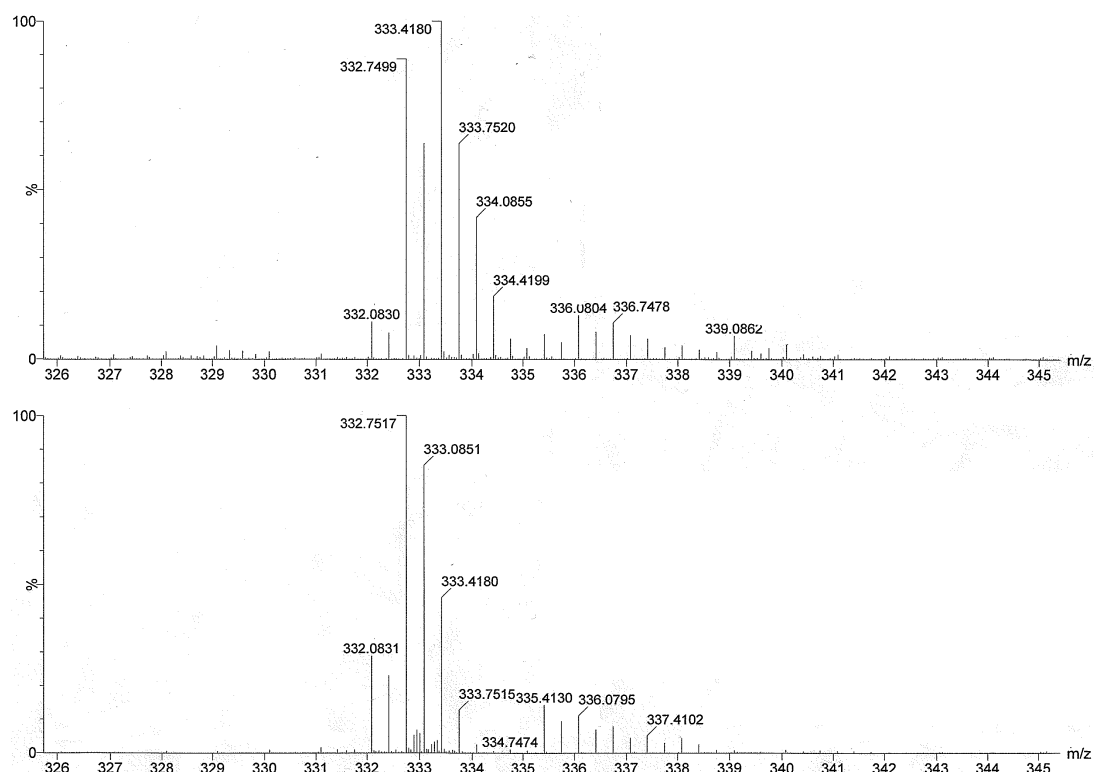


Figure S7. HR ESI-MS of Complex **13** where $z = 3$ from $^{16}\text{O}_2$ (bottom) and from $^{18}\text{O}_2$ (top)

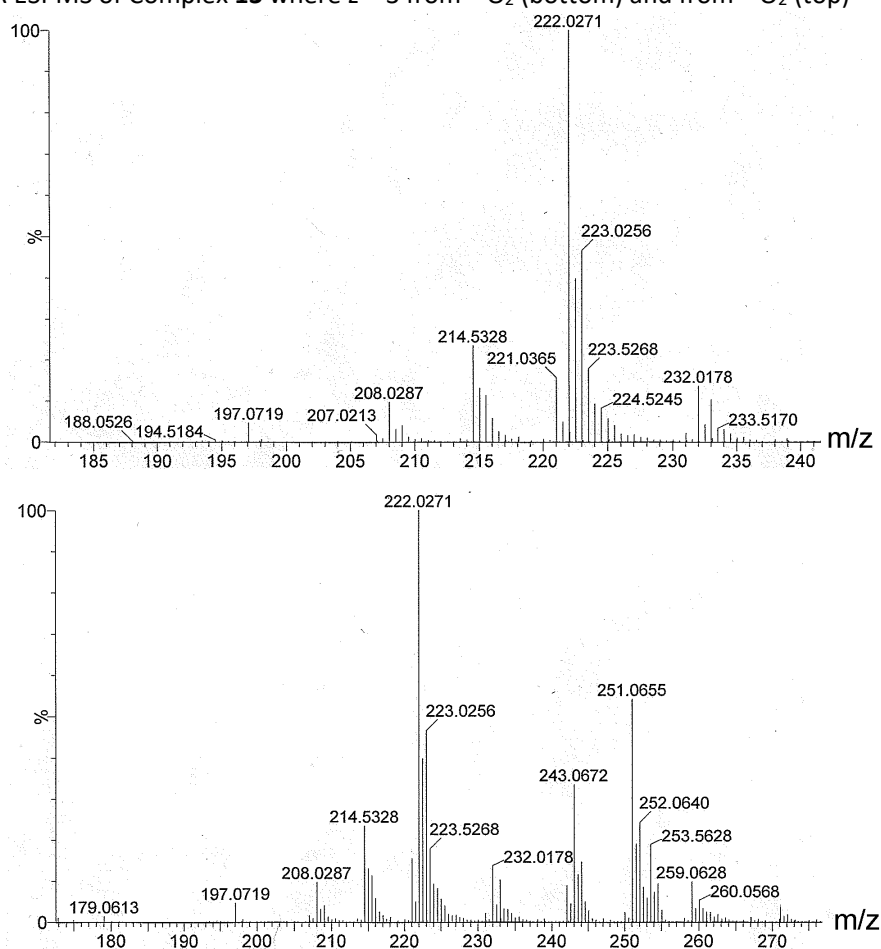


Figure S8. HR ESI-MS of Complex **14** (top) and **15** (bottom) where $z = 2$. Compound **15** is not pure and contains Compound **14**.

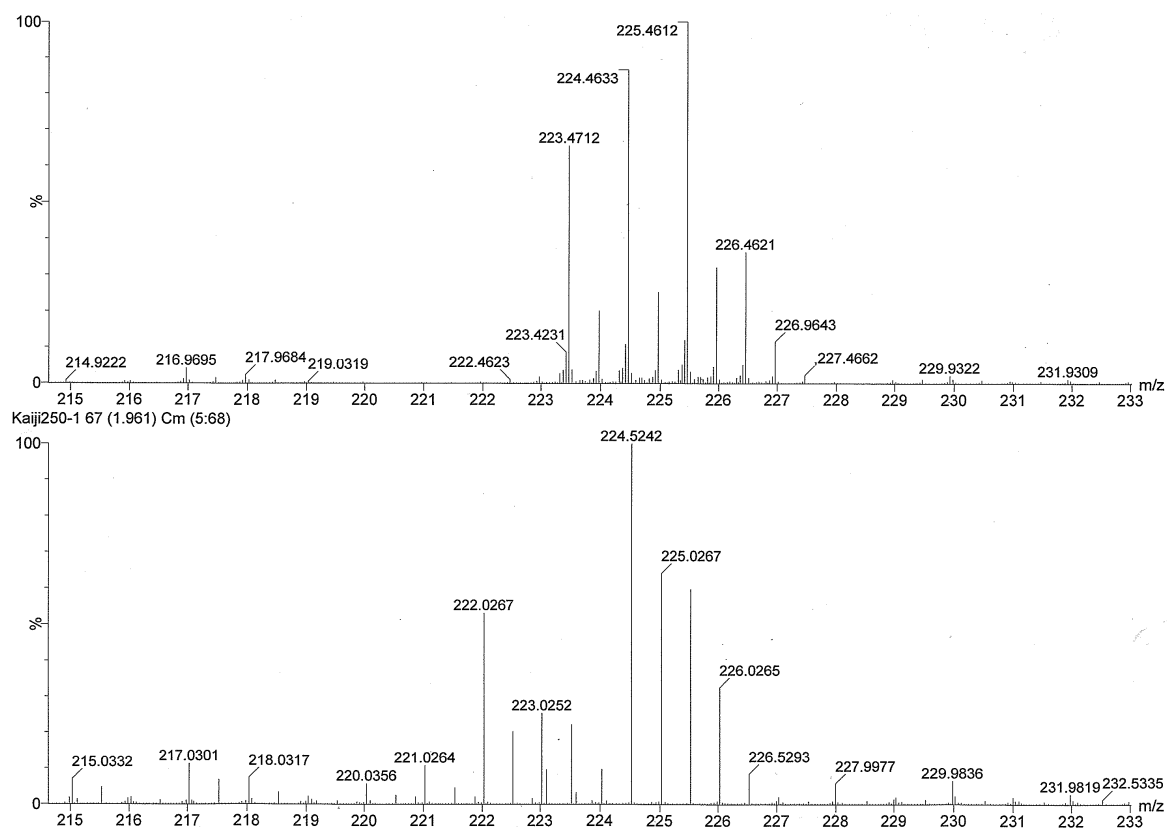


Figure S9. HR ESI-MS of Complex 16 where $z = 2$ from $^{16}\text{O}_2$ (bottom) and from $^{18}\text{O}_2$ (top)

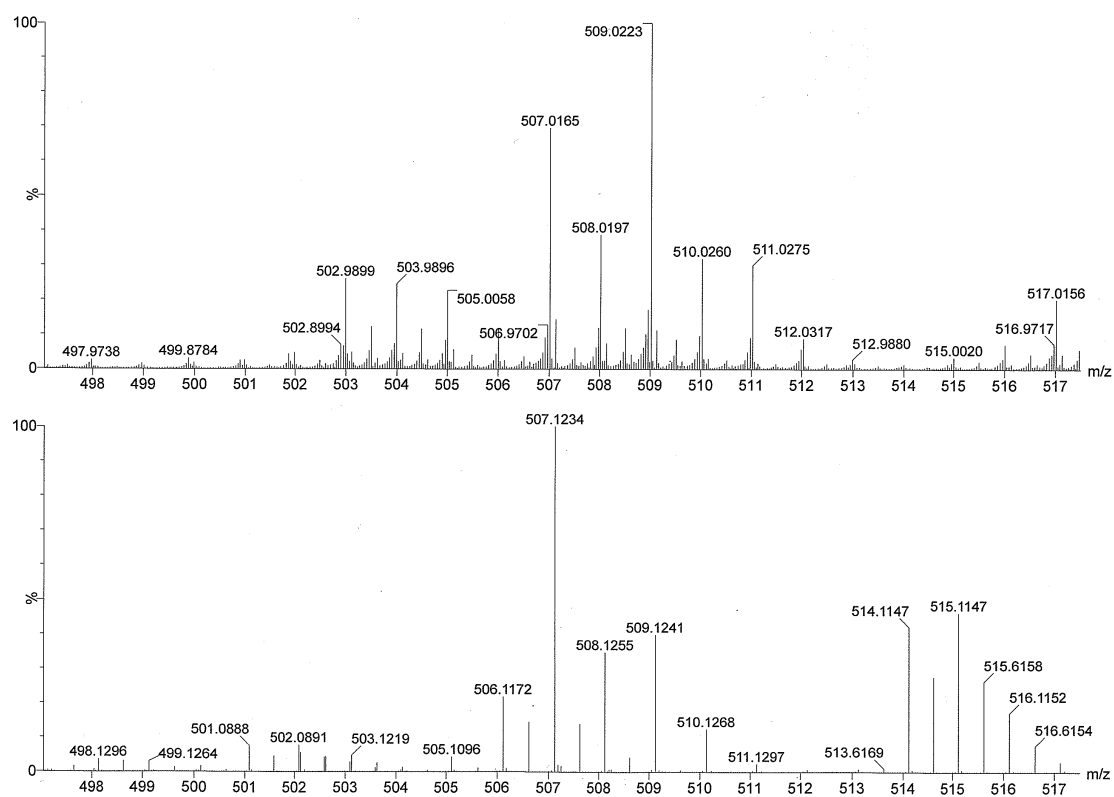


Figure S10. HR ESI-MS of Complex 17 where $z = 2$ from $^{16}\text{O}_2$ (bottom) and from $^{18}\text{O}_2$ (top)

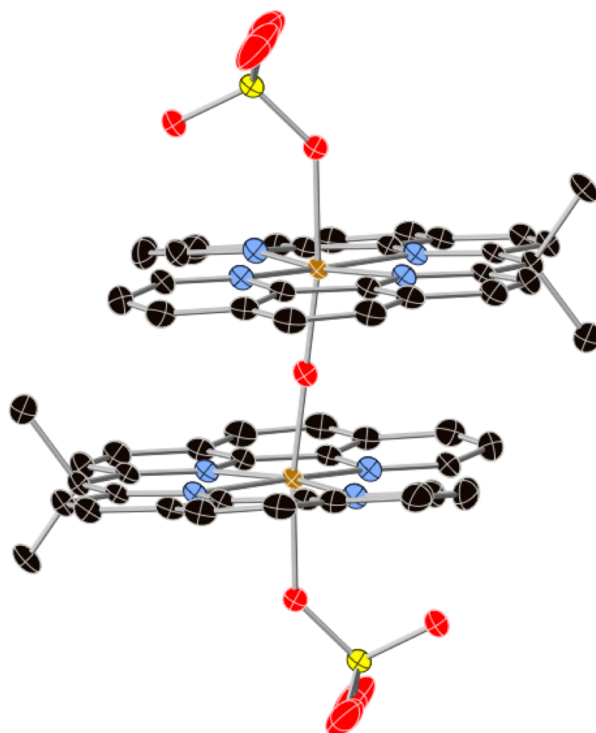


Figure S11. Thermal Ellipsoid Structure of the Fe(III)- μ -O-Fe(III) Compound Formed During Intermolecular Oxidation of Cyclohexene. 50% probability. The PF_6 anions and H atoms are not shown, Fe-brown, N-blue, C-black, O-red, S-yellow.

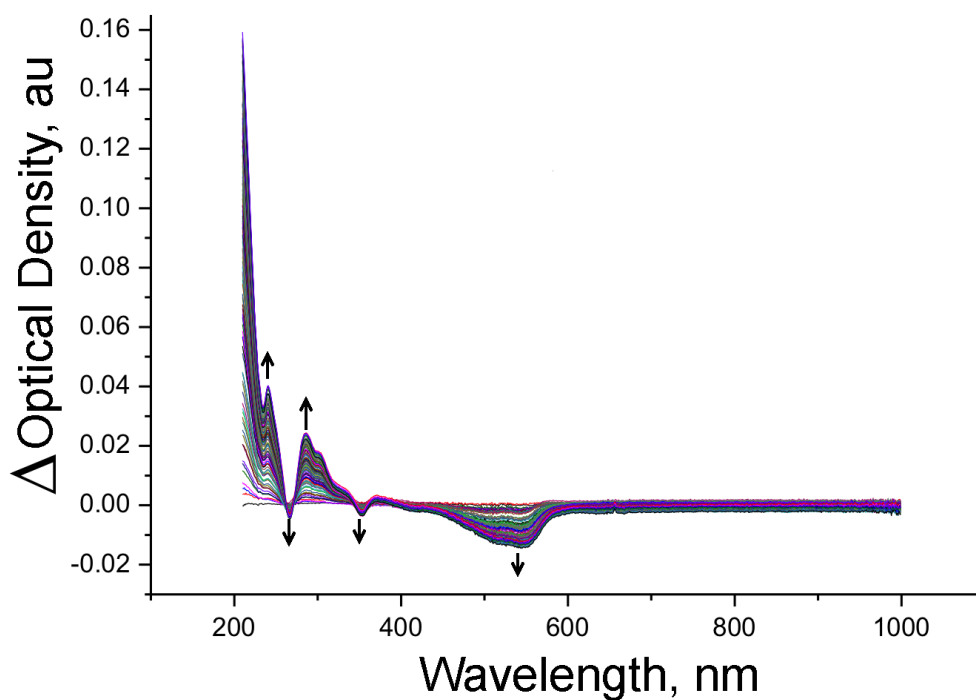


Figure S12. UV-vis spectra shown as difference spectra ($t_x - t_0$) for clarity at RT of the reaction of 0.01 mM Co(II)-**L3** in MeOH in the presence of O_2 (1 bar air). Time 0 – 250 s. Isosbestic points at 261, 273, 341 and 360 nm.

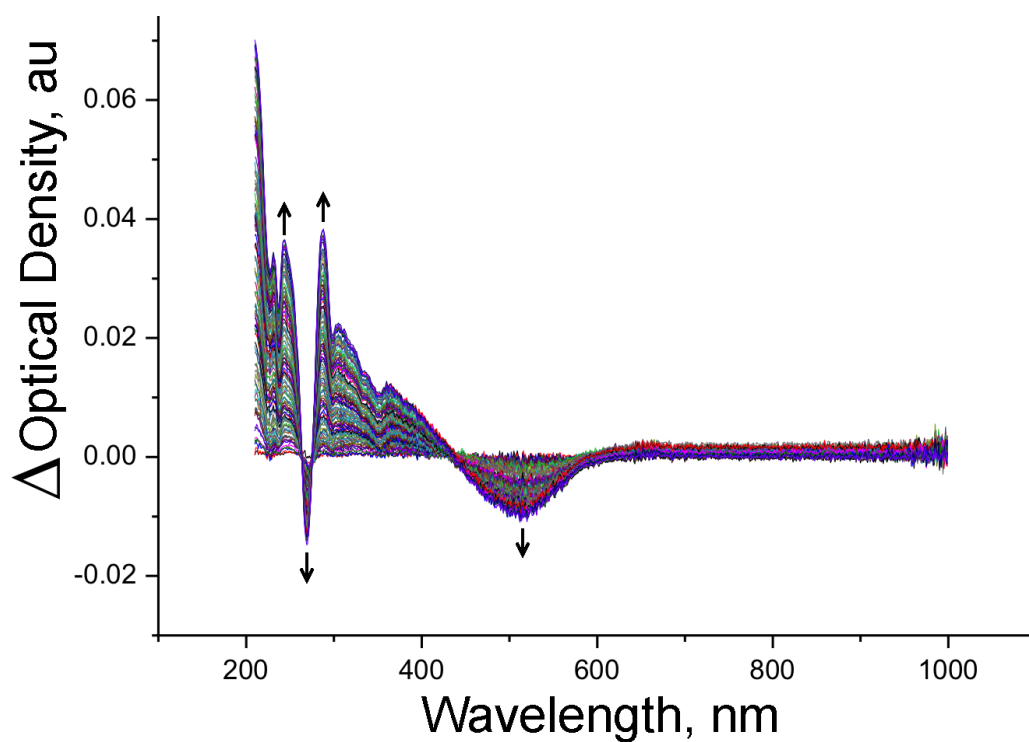


Figure S13. UV-vis spectra shown as difference spectra ($t_x - t_0$) for clarity at RT of the reaction of 0.01 mM Fe(II)-**L3** in MeOH in the presence of O₂ (1 bar air). Time 0 – 90 s. Isosbestic points at 263, 275, 435 nm.

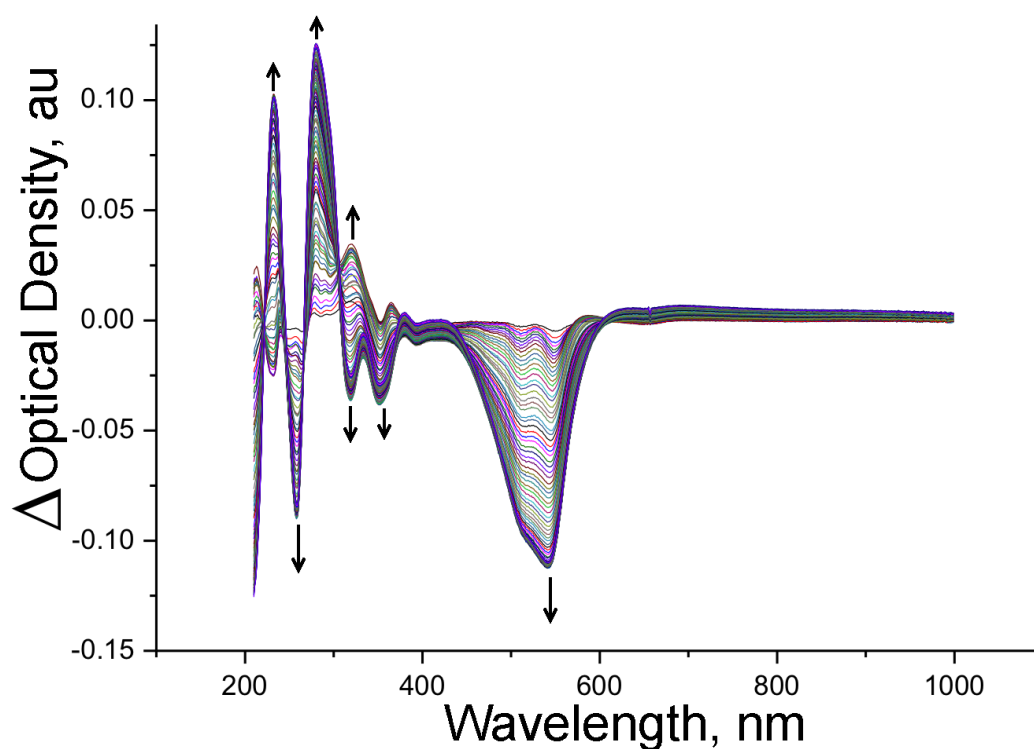


Figure S14. UV-vis spectra shown as difference spectra ($t_x - t_0$) for clarity at RT of the reaction of 0.01 mM Ni(II)-**L3** in 1:1 MeOH/MeCN in the presence of O₂ (1 bar air). Time 0 – 600 s. Isosbestic points at 245, 266, 305, 375 nm.

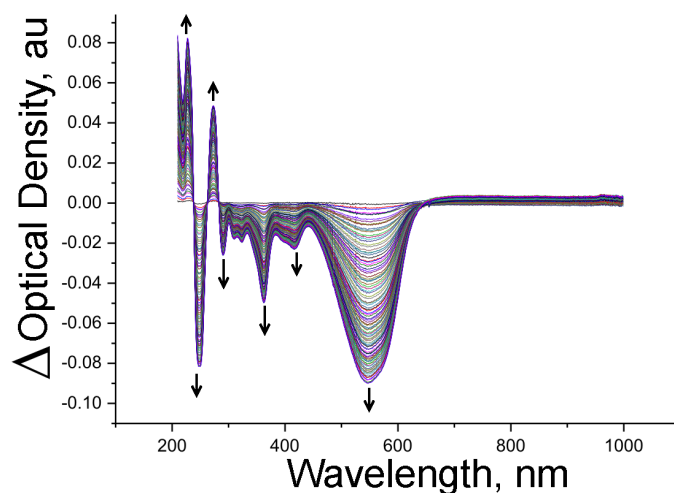


Figure S15. UV-vis spectra shown as difference spectra ($t_x - t_0$) for clarity at RT of the reaction of 0.01 mM Cu(II)-**L3** in 1:1 MeOH/MeCN in the presence of O_2 (1 bar air). Time 0 – 100 s. Isosbestic points at 240, 263, 282 nm.

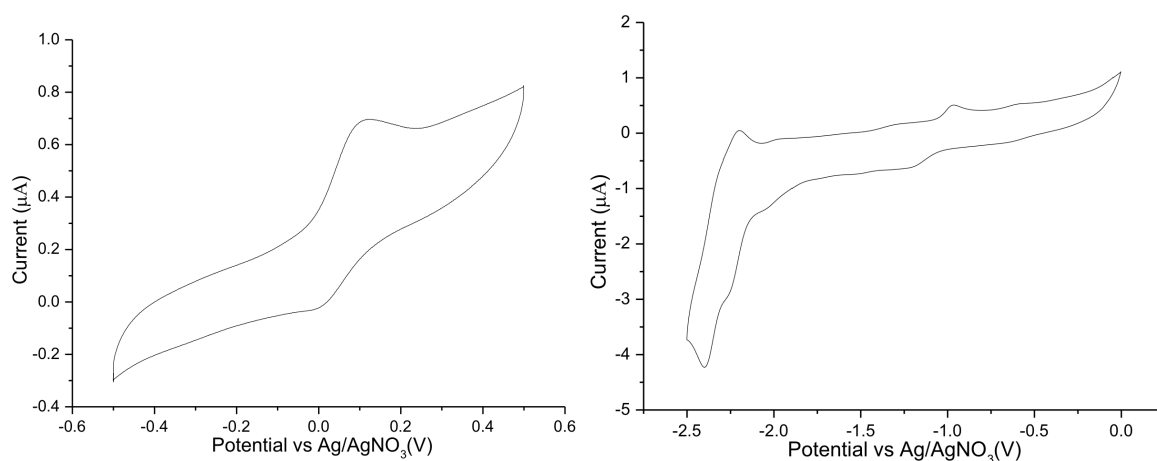


Figure S16. Cyclic voltammogram of 0.5 mM **L3** in DMF with 0.1 M Bu_4NPF_6 as electrolyte. Oxidation (left) at 0.1 V; Reduction (right) at -1.1 V. Working electrode –glassy carbon; Counter electrode – Pt; Reference electrode – Ag/AgNO₃; scan rate –50 mV/sec.

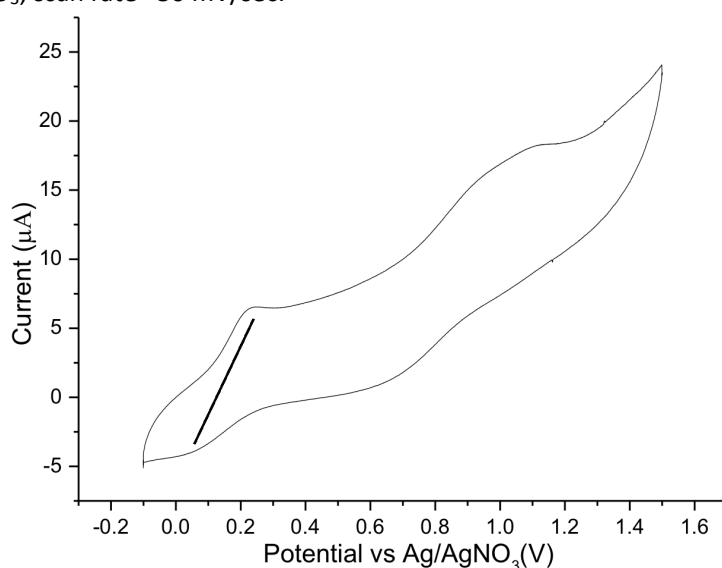


Figure S17. Cyclic voltammogram (oxidation) of 0.6 mM Ni(II)-**L3** in MeCN under N_2 in an “oxygen free glovebox” with 0.1 M Bu_4NPF_6 as electrolyte. Working electrode –glassy carbon; Counter electrode – Pt; Reference electrode – Ag/AgNO₃; scan rate –50 mV/sec.

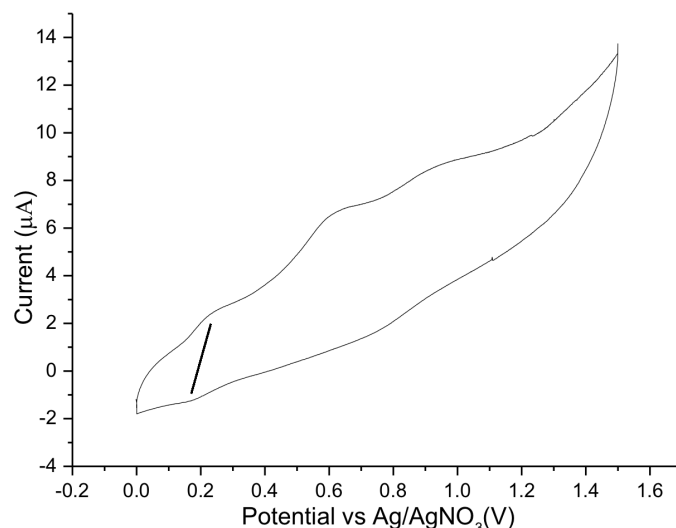


Figure S18. Cyclic voltammogram (oxidation) of 0.6 mM Cu(II)-**L3** in MeCN under N₂ in an “oxygen free” glovebox with 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆ as electrolyte. Working electrode –glassy carbon; Counter electrode – Pt; Reference electrode – Ag/AgNO₃; scan rate –50 mV/sec.

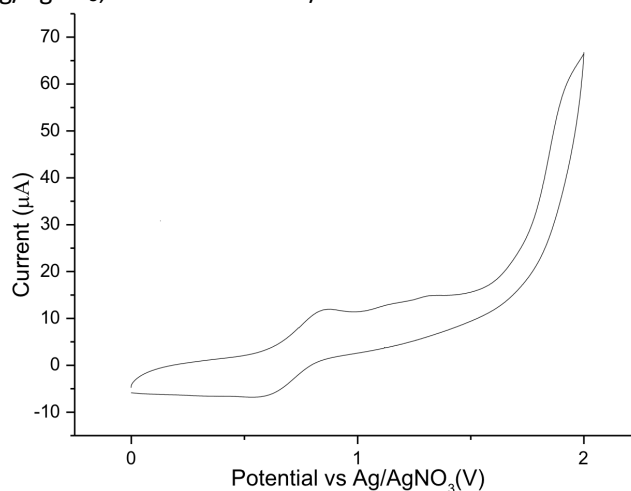


Figure S19. Cyclic voltammogram (oxidation) of 0.4 mM Co(II)-**L3** in MeCN under N₂ in an “oxygen free” glovebox with 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆ as electrolyte. Working electrode –glassy carbon; Counter electrode – Pt; Reference electrode – Ag/AgNO₃; scan rate –50 mV/sec.

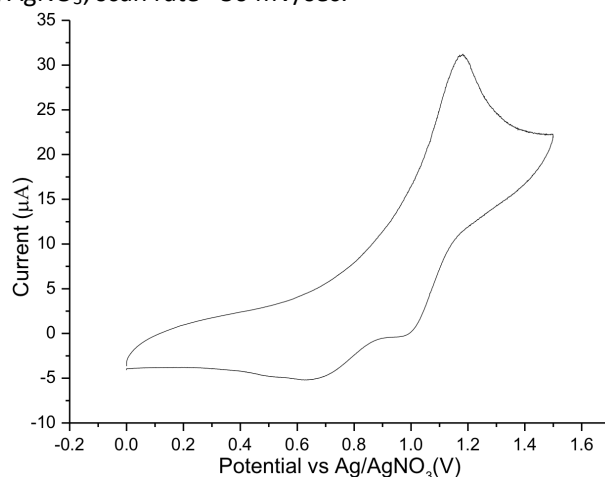


Figure S20. Cyclic voltammogram (oxidation) of 0.6 mM Fe(II)-**L3** in MeCN under N₂ in an “oxygen free” glovebox with 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆ as electrolyte. Working electrode –glassy carbon; Counter electrode – Pt; Reference electrode – Ag/AgNO₃; scan rate –50 mV/sec.

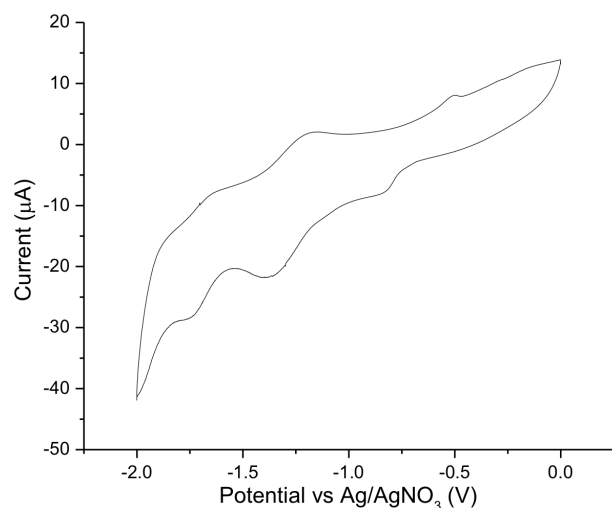


Figure S21. Cyclic voltammogram (reduction) of 0.6 mM Ni(II)-**L3** in MeCN under N₂ in an “oxygen free glovebox” with 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆ as electrolyte. Working electrode –glassy carbon; Counter electrode – Pt; Reference electrode – Ag/AgNO₃; scan rate –50 mV/sec.

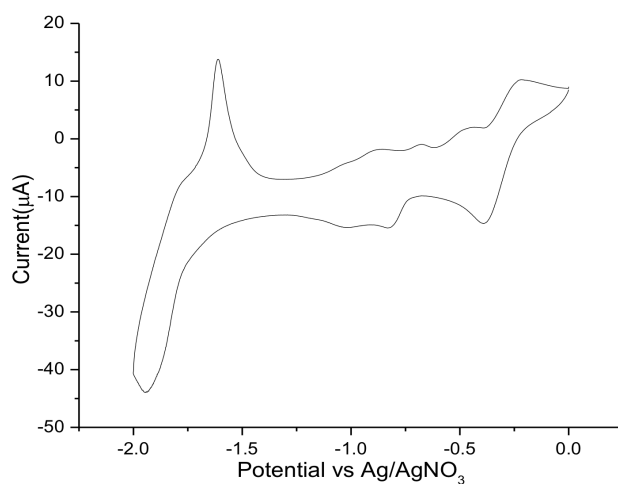


Figure S22. Cyclic voltammogram (reduction) of 0.6 mM Cu(II)-**L3** in MeCN under N₂ in an “oxygen free glovebox” with 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆ as electrolyte. Working electrode –glassy carbon; Counter electrode – Pt; Reference electrode – Ag/AgNO₃; scan rate –50 mV/sec.

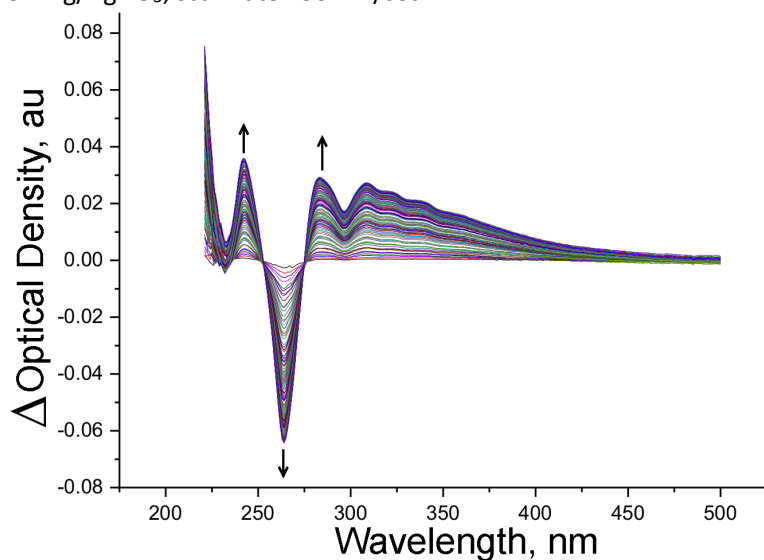


Figure S23. UV-vis spectra shown as difference spectra ($t_x - t_0$) for clarity at RT of the reaction of 0.1 mM Co(II)-**L4** in MeOH in the presence of 1 mM cyclohexene and O₂ (1 bar air). Isosbestic points at 253, 277 nm.

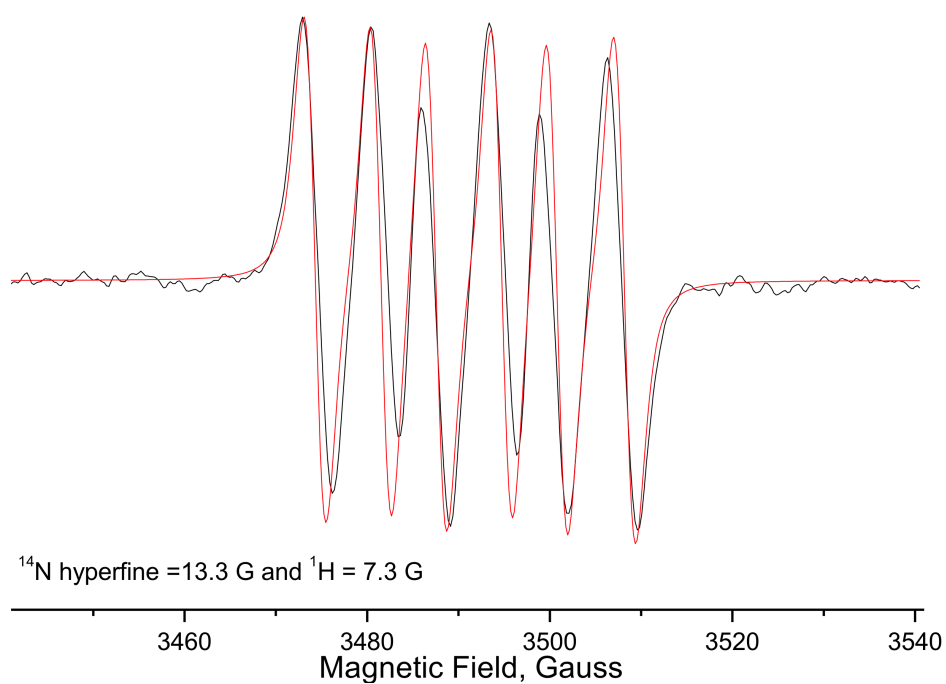


Figure S24. X-band EPR spectrum at room temperature of 5 mM Ni(II)-**L4** in the presence of 0.1 M cyclohexene and 10 mM BMPO under 1 bar O₂. Black – measured spectrum; red – simulated spectrum.

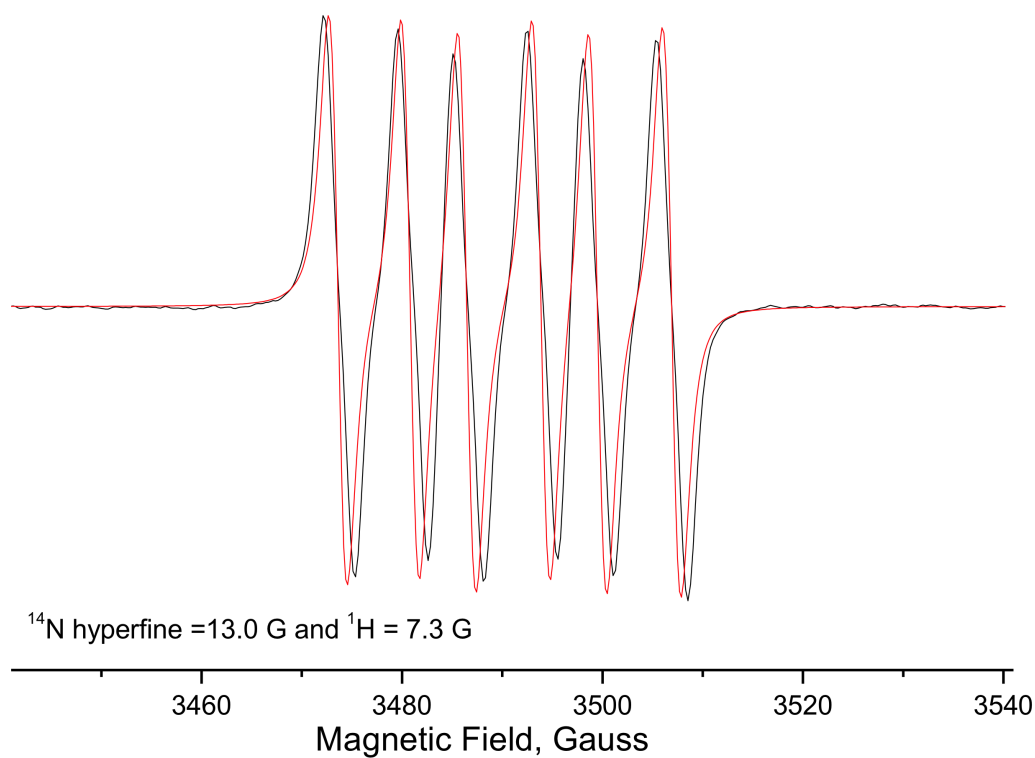


Figure S25. X-band EPR spectrum at room temperature of 5 mM Cu(II)-**L4** in the presence of 0.1 M cyclohexene and 10 mM BMPO under 1 bar O₂. Black – measured spectrum; red – simulated spectrum.

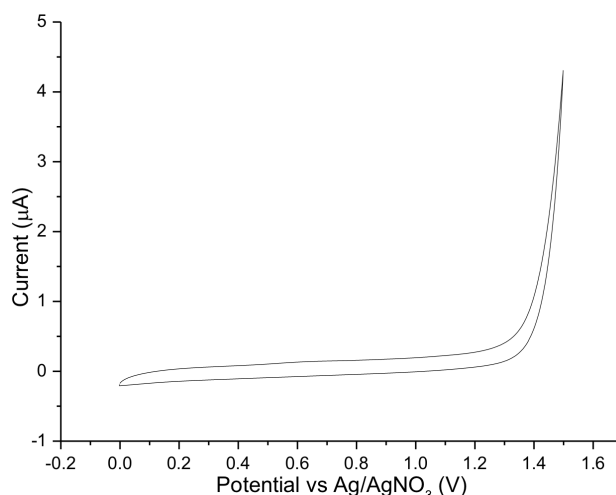


Figure S26. Cyclic voltammogram of 10 mM cyclohexene in acetonitrile with 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆ as electrolyte under Ar. Working electrode –glassy carbon; Counter electrode – Pt; Reference electrode – Ag/AgNO₃; scan rate –50 mV/sec.

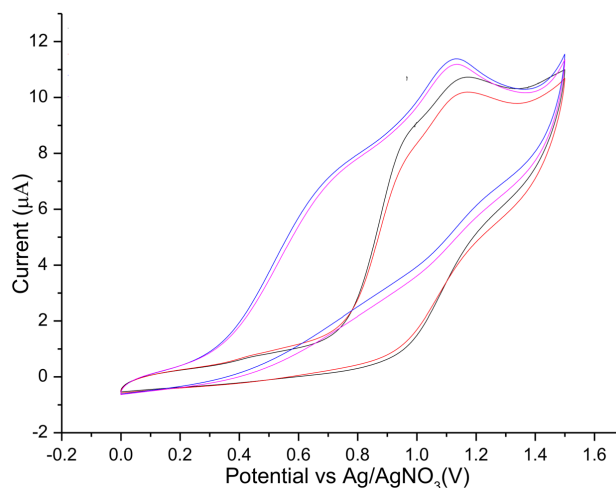


Figure S27. Cyclic voltammogram of 0.4 mM Cu(II)-L4 in acetonitrile with 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆ as electrolyte. Working electrode –glassy carbon; Counter electrode – Pt; Reference electrode – Ag/AgNO₃; scan rate –50 mV/sec. Black –1 bar Ar; Red - 1 bar air; Blue - 10 mM cyclohexene, 1 bar Ar; Magenta - 10 mM cyclohexene, 1 bar air.

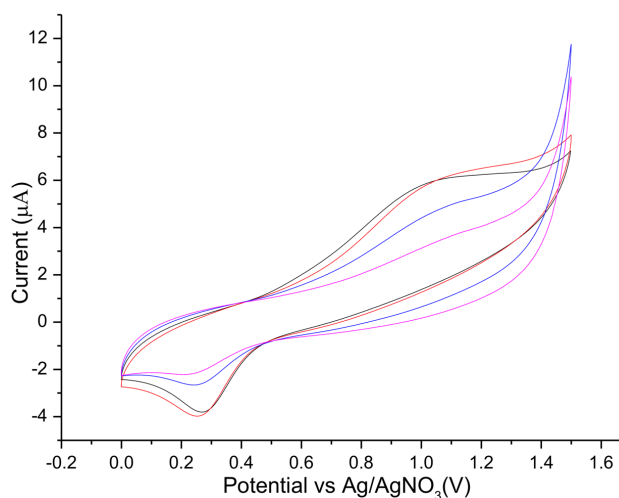


Figure S28. Cyclic voltammogram of 0.4 mM Co(II)-L4 in acetonitrile with 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆ as electrolyte. Working electrode –glassy carbon; Counter electrode – Pt; Reference electrode – Ag/AgNO₃; scan rate –50 mV/sec. Black –1 bar Ar; Red - 1 bar air; Blue - 10 mM cyclohexene, 1 bar Ar; Magenta - 10 mM cyclohexene, 1 bar air.

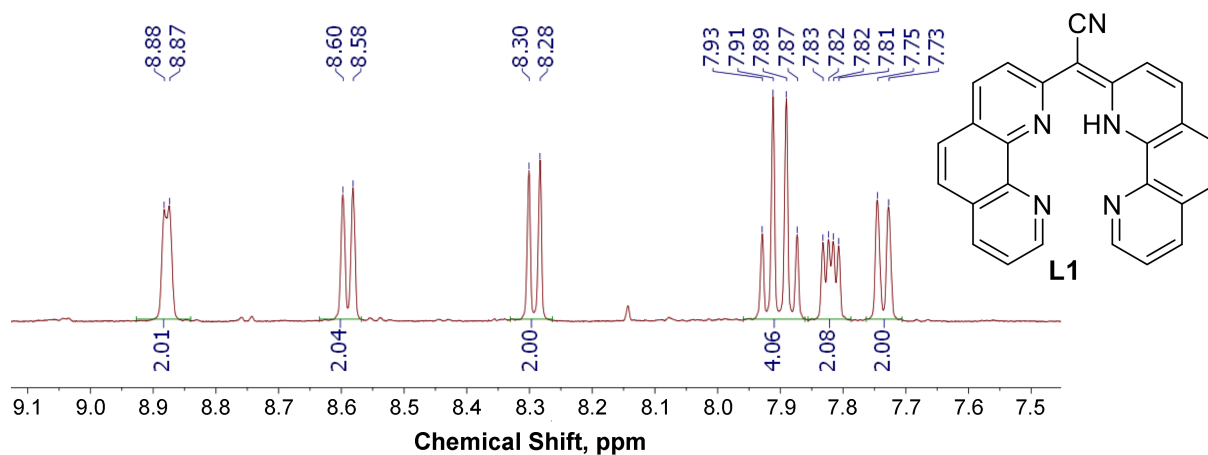


Figure S29. ^1H NMR of **L1**. Note that this spectrum was measured at 373.2 K in order to obtain a good resolution of the peaks. At this temperature the N-H proton undergoes fast exchange and is not observed. It can be observed at RT as a singlet at 16.14 ppm.

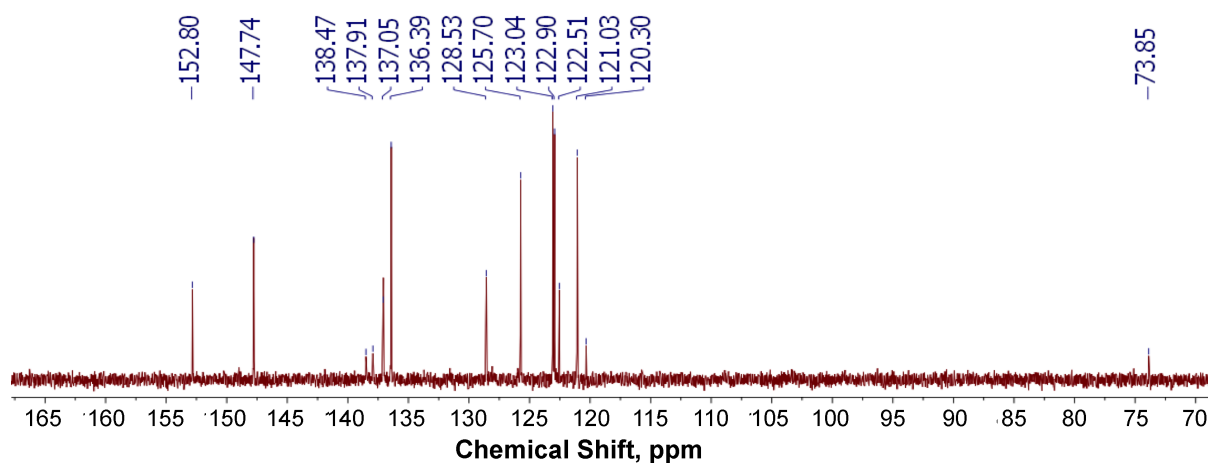


Figure S30. ^{13}C NMR of **L1**

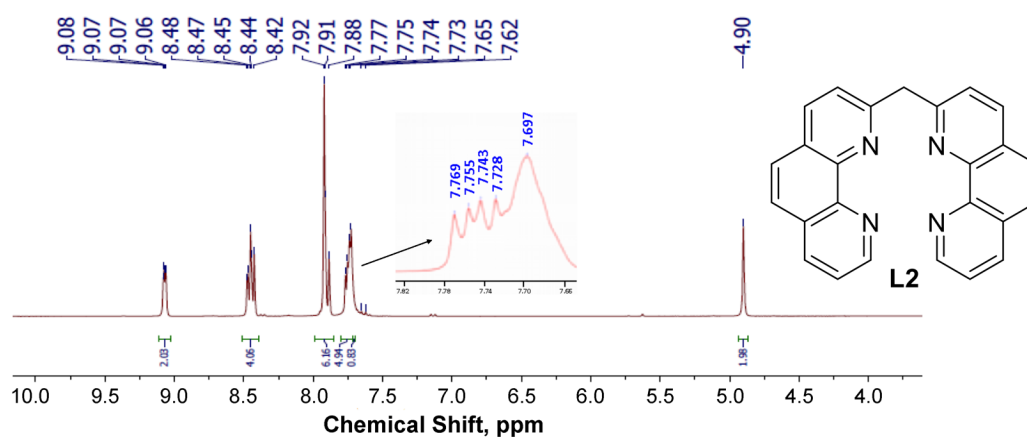


Figure S31. ^1H NMR of **L2**

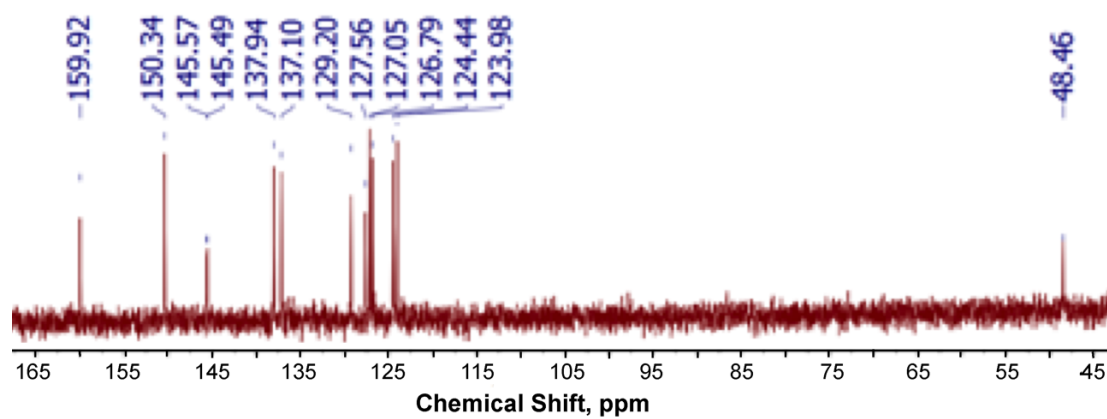


Figure S32. ^{13}C NMR of L2

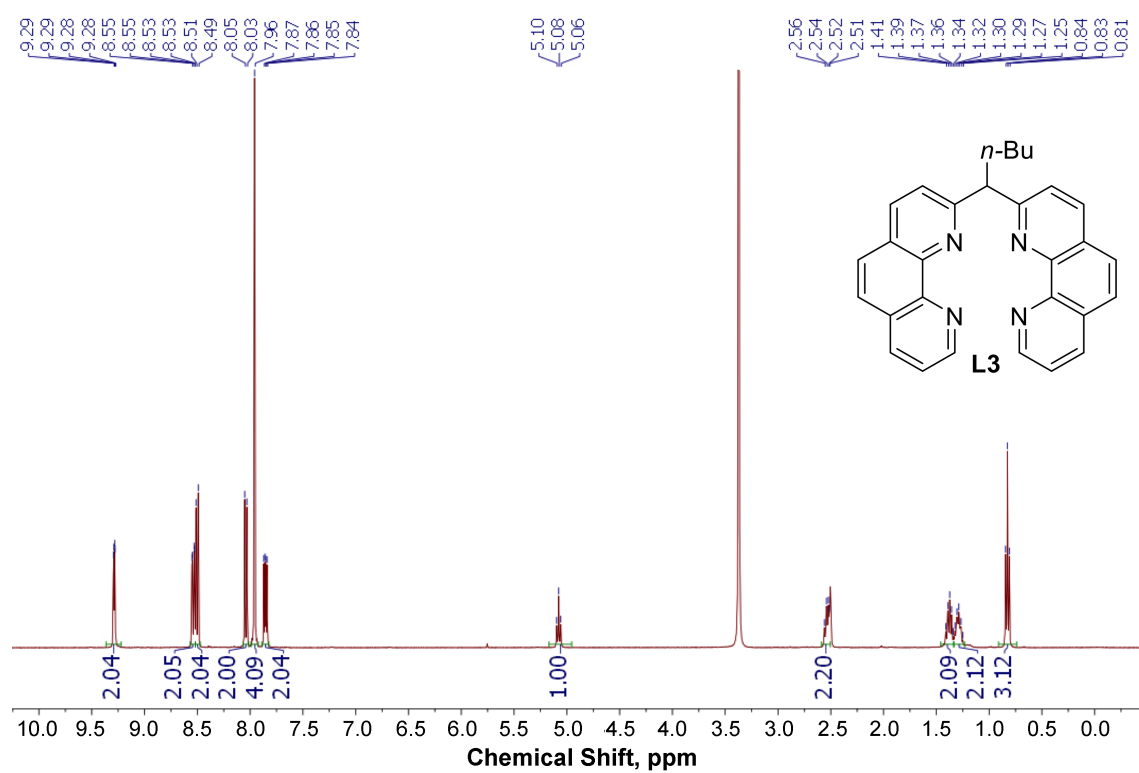


Figure S33. ^1H NMR of L3

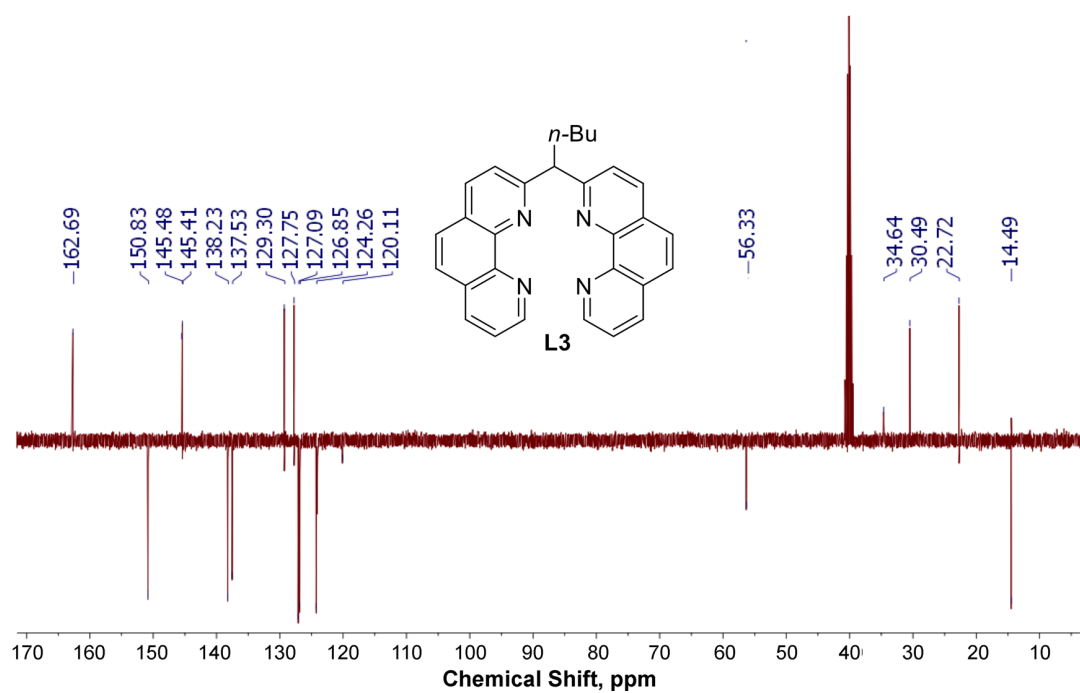


Figure S34. DEPT ^{13}C NMR of L3

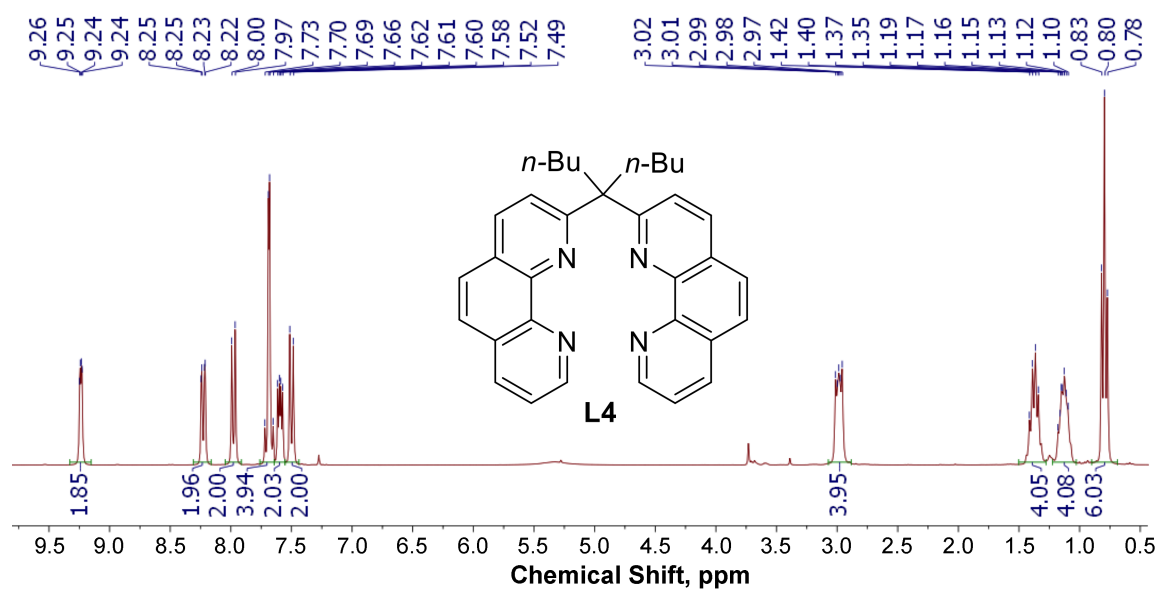


Figure S35. ^1H NMR of L4

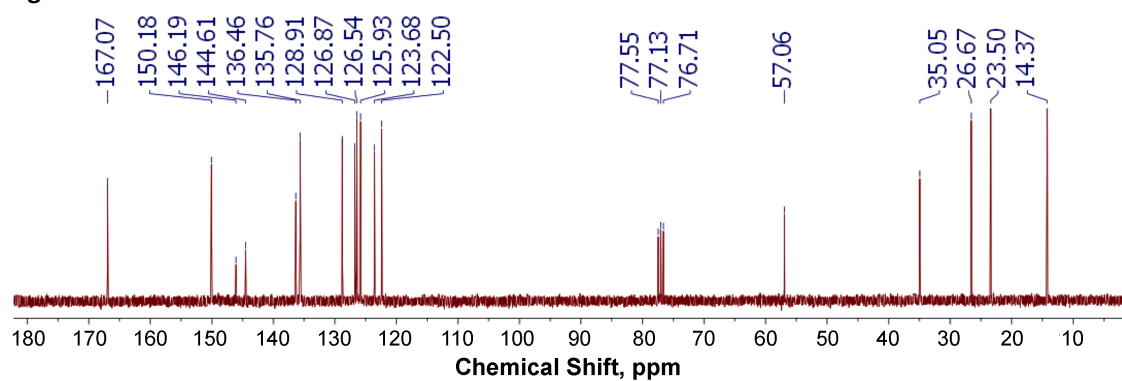


Figure S36. ^{13}C NMR of L4

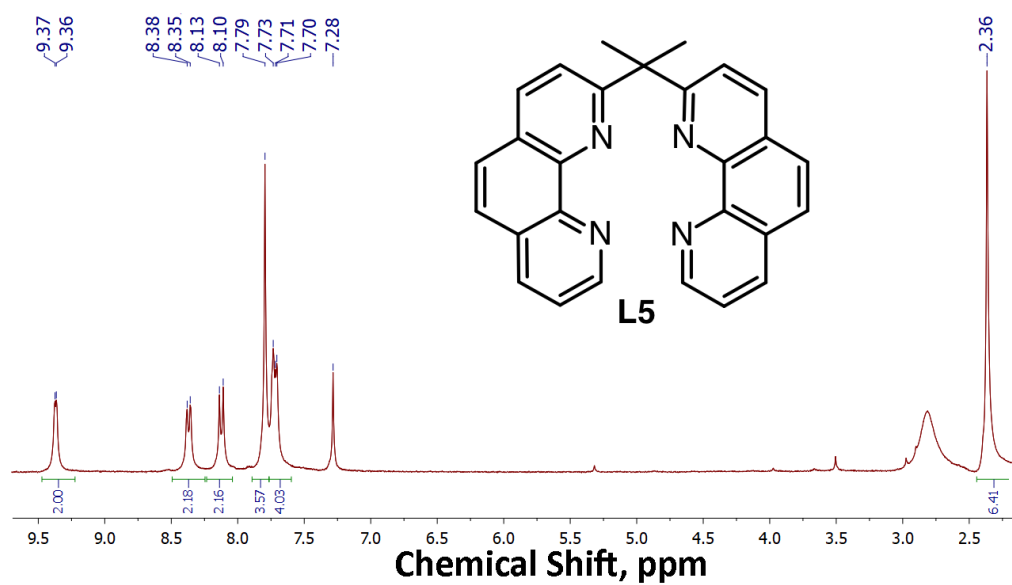


Figure S37. ¹H NMR of L5

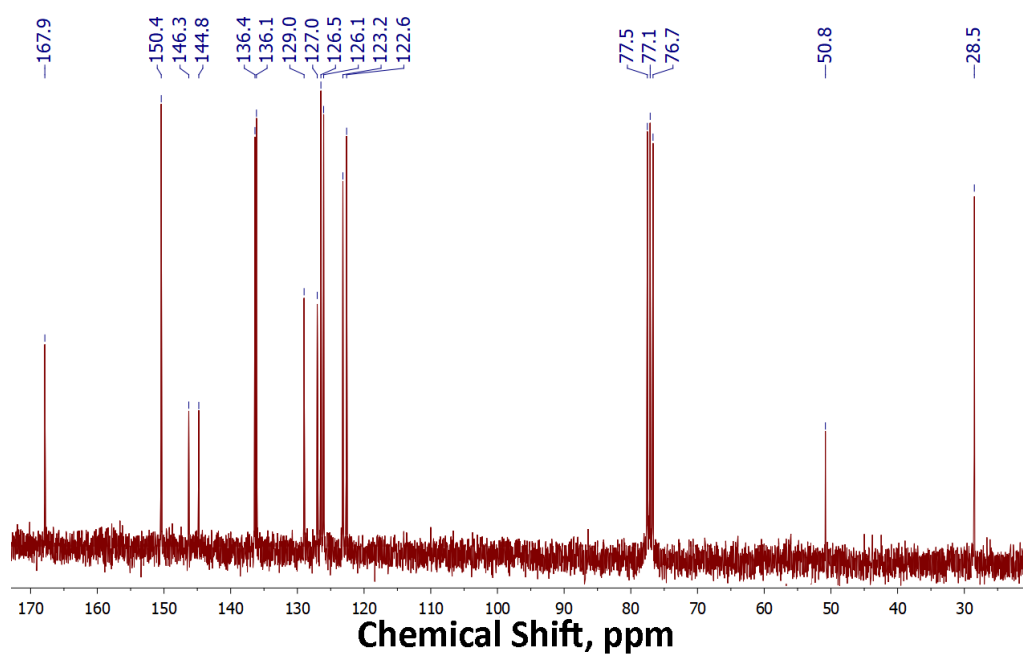


Figure S38. ¹³C NMR of L5

Table S1. Crystal data and refinement parameters for complexes

Complex	1	3	4	5	6	7	8
CCDC number	1857319	1857316	1882739	1889967	1857313	1857315	1857317
Formula	C ₂₉ H ₂₈ CoN ₄ O ₂ , 2(PF ₆), H ₂ O, C ₂ H ₃ N	C ₃₁ H ₂₇ Cu N ₅ , 2(F ₆ P)	C ₃₃ H ₃₀ FeN ₆ , 2(F ₆ P)	C ₅₈ H ₄₉ N ₈ OZn, 3(C ₂ H ₃ N), 3(F ₆ P)	C ₃₃ H ₃₄ CoN ₄ O ₂ , 2(F ₆ P), CH ₄ O	C ₃₅ H ₃₇ N ₅ NiO, 2(F ₆ P), 2(H ₂ O)	C ₆₆ H ₆₄ Cu ₂ F ₁₂ N ₈ P ₂ , 2(F ₆ P), 2(C ₂ H ₃ N) [+ solvent]
Fw	872.49	823.05	856.42	1562.86	899.55	928.38	879.16
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P-1	P2 ₁ /c	P 21/c	P-1	P2 ₁ /c	P2 ₁ /c	P2 ₁ /c
a(Å)	9.6288(2)	14.5775(1)	13.4587(10)	13.266(5)	20.5794(15)	8.90691(18)	12.4834(8)
b(Å)	12.0061(2)	13.1921(1)	12.5513(9)	16.158(6)	11.4538(7)	19.3126(4)	28.3893(16)
c(Å)	16.9177(2)	16.6972(1)	20.0189(14)	16.489(6)	18.0531(5)	23.1855(4)	20.6218(12)
α (deg)	100.669(1)	90(-)	90(-)	93.441(14)	90(-)	90(-)	90(-)
β (deg)	97.557(1)	98.116(1)	96.006(4)	103.769(13)	111.791(9)	99.2505(16)	98.475(6)
γ (deg)	111.039(1)	90(-)	90(-)	109.242(13)	90(-)	90(-)	90(-)
V(Å ³)	1751.54(5)	3178.84(4)	3363.1(4)	3204(2)	3951.3(5)	3936.41(13)	7228.5(8)
Z	2	4	4	2	4	4	4
D _{calc} (g/cm ³)	1.654	1.720	1.691	1.620	1.512	1.567	1.616
μ (mm ⁻¹)	5.677	2.878	0.647	0.930	0.611	2.383	0.790
λ(Å)	1.54184	1.54184	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	1.54184	0.71073
Data with I>2σ(I)	6357	6376	3728	15271	5290	6712	10521
Parameters	519	462	536	994	528	581	1035
GOF on F ²	1.038	1.107	1.042	1.027	1.036	1.050	1.058
R1 ^a	0.0473	0.0484	0.0850	0.0488	0.0861	0.0727	0.0725
wR2 ^b	0.1285	0.1386	0.2021	0.1248	0.2431	0.2056	0.1691

$$^a R1 = \sum |F_o| - |F_d| / \sum |F_o|, \quad ^b wR2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$$

Table S1. Continuation

Complex	9	10	11	12	13	16	Fe-O-Fe dimer
CCDC number	1882738	1889966	1857314	1882740	1882741	1857318	1882737
Formula	C ₅₄ H ₄₀ Fe ₂ N ₈ O ₄ S, 2(F ₆ P), C ₂ H ₃ N	C ₃₃ H ₃₂ ClN ₄ Zn, F ₆ P, C ₂ H ₃ N	C ₅₈ H ₄₆ Co ₂ N ₈ O ₂ , 2(F ₆ P), 2(C ₂ H ₃ N)	C ₅₈ H ₄₆ Fe ₂ N ₈ O ₂ , 2(F ₆ P) [+solvent]	C ₅₈ H ₄₆ Fe ₂ N ₈ O ₂ , 3(F ₆ P), 2.758(CH ₄ O)	C ₂₅ H ₁₆ CuN ₄ O ₂ , 2(F ₆ P)	C ₅₄ H ₄₀ Fe ₂ N ₈ O ₉ S ₂ , 14(H ₂ O)
Fw	1339.69	771.47	1376.93	1288.67	1522.07	757.90	1372.98
Crystal system	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P-1	P-1	P-1	P-1	P-1	P2 ₁ /n	I 2/m
a(Å)	13.5658(1)	9.0269(2)	9.4342(2)	9.4135(3)	9.6742(19)	11.6270(1)	13.8024(4)
b(Å)	14.0483(1)	14.0229(4)	12.4800(3)	12.4551(4)	13.311(3)	14.4780(1)	15.8143(4)
c(Å)	14.1414(1)	15.4725(3)	12.6695(2)	12.8728(5)	13.419(3)	16.6429(2)	14.0624(3)
α (deg)	83.802(1)	114.122(2)	102.318(2)	103.555(2)	67.90(3)	90(-)	90(-)
β (deg)	84.964(1)	92.3850(10)	97.292(2)	97.785(2)	78.59(3)	109.253(1)	110.939(3)
γ (deg)	82.540(1)	105.600(2)	92.148(2)	92.746(2)	89.36(3)	90(-)	90(-)
V(Å ³)	2649.14(3)	1695.92(8)	1442.35(5)	1448.74(9)	1565.7(6)	2644.91(5)	2866.77(14)
Z	2	2	1	1	1	4	2
D _{calc} (g/cm ³)	1.679	1.511	1.585	1.477	1.614	1.903	1.591
μ (mm ⁻¹)	6.232	2.763	5.857	0.644	5.425	3.443	5.526
λ(Å)	1.54184	1.54184	1.54184	0.71073	1.54184	1.54184	1.54184
Data with I>2σ(I)	10099	5391	5247	6649	5490	4926	2921
Parameters	780	445	408	398	498	416	228
GOF on F ²	1.043	1.245	1.074	1.053	1.177	1.025	1.068
R1 ^a	0.0261	0.0796	0.0532	0.0444	0.0426	0.0390	0.0628
wR2 ^b	0.0706	0.2575	0.1526	0.1120	0.1233	0.1118	0.1508

$$^a R1 = \sum ||F_o| - F_c| / \sum |F_o|, \quad ^b wR2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$$