

## Supporting Information

### Side-effect of ancillary ligand on electron transfer and photodynamics of dinuclear valence tautomeric complex

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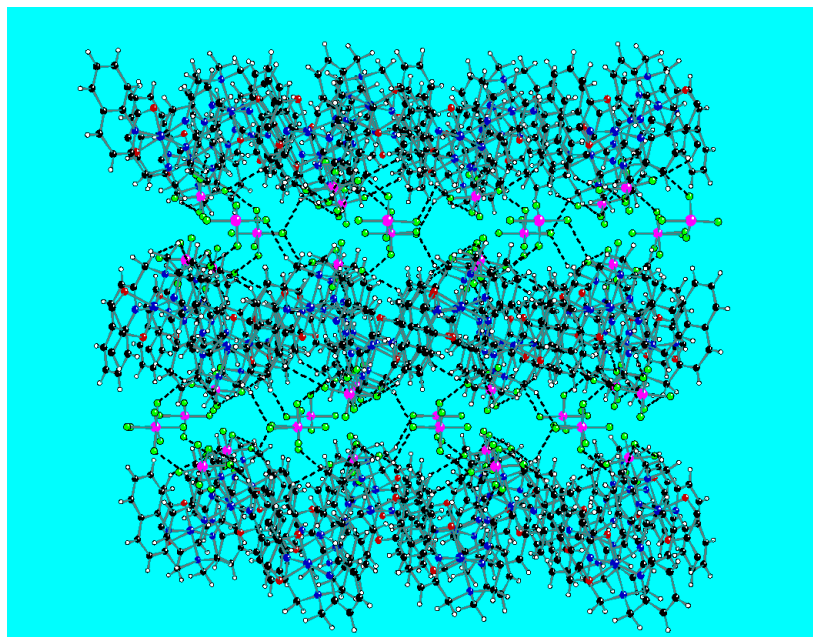


Fig. S1 Three-dimensional structure of  $1 \cdot (\text{PF}_6)_3$  featuring alternating layers of  $1^{3+}$  and counterions.

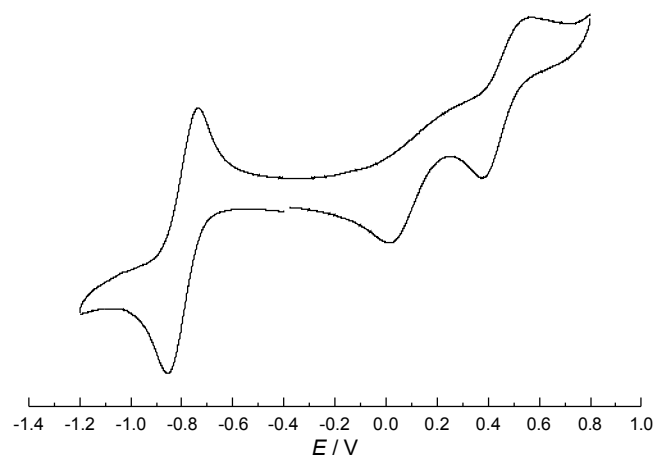


Fig. S2 CV of  $1 \cdot (\text{PF}_6)_3$ .

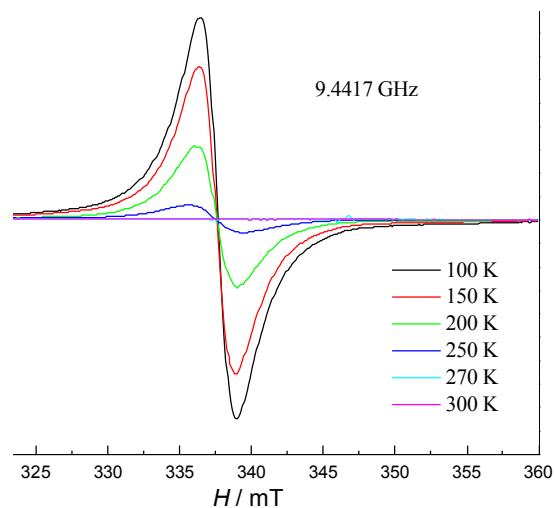


Fig. S3 ESR spectra of  $\mathbf{1} \cdot (\text{PF}_6)_3$  measured from 100 to 300 K.

Table S1. Fitting Parameters for Rate Constants  $K_{vt}(T) / (\text{s}^{-1})$  for  $\mathbf{1} \cdot (\text{PF}_6)_3$  at different temperature.

$T / \text{K}$	$K$
5	5.5E-7
10	4.9E-7
15	2.5E-7
20	6.4E-7
25	1.3E-6
30	1.1E-6
35	1.8E-6
40	2.8E-6
45	4.9E-6
50	9.1E-6
55	1.4E-5
60	1.6E-5
65	3.2E-5
70	4.3E-5

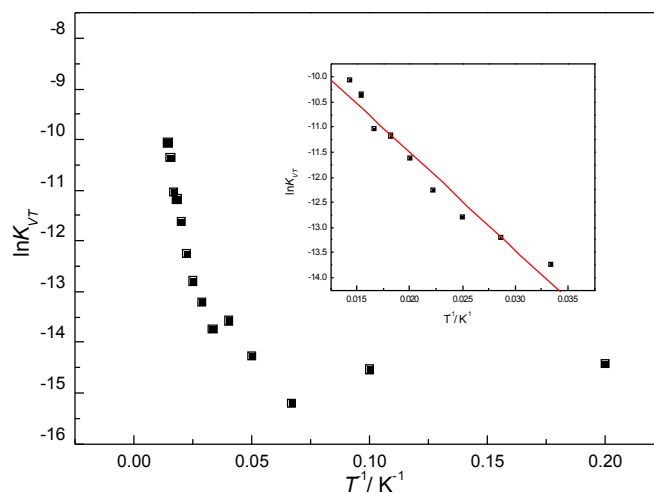


Fig. S4 Plots of  $\ln K_{VT}(T)$  versus  $1/T$  for  $1 \cdot (\text{PF}_6)_3$ , where the inset showing data from 30 K to 70 K with fitted line.

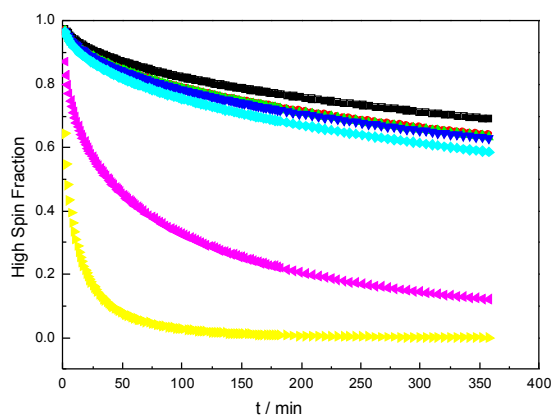


Fig. S5 Time-dependent VT relaxation of the *hs* molar fraction for  $[\{\text{Co}(\text{tpa})\}_2(\text{dhbq})] \cdot (\text{PF}_6)_3$  at temperature: 5K, 10K, 15K, 20K, 25K, 30K, 35K.

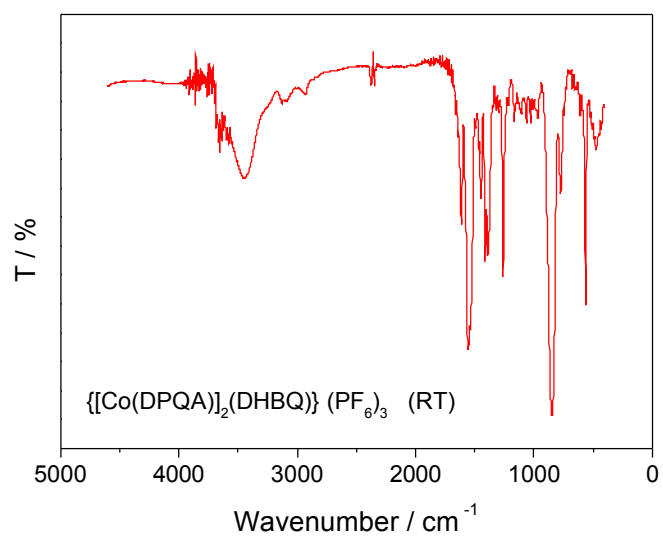


Fig. S6 IR spectra of  $\mathbf{1} \cdot (\text{PF}_6)_3$  at room temperature.