

## Supporting Information

### **Photo induced NO release of $[\text{Fe}_2(\mu\text{-SL})_2(\text{NO})_4]$ complexes and their protein adducts: insights from structure, cytotoxicity and photodynamic studies**

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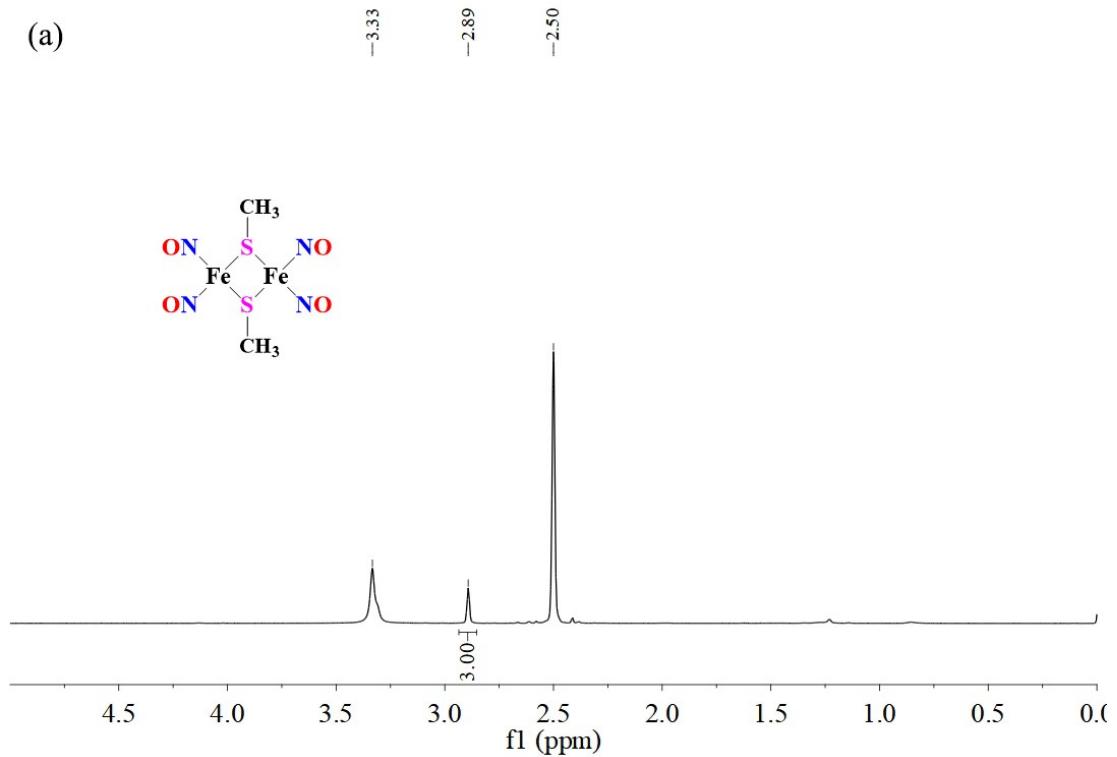
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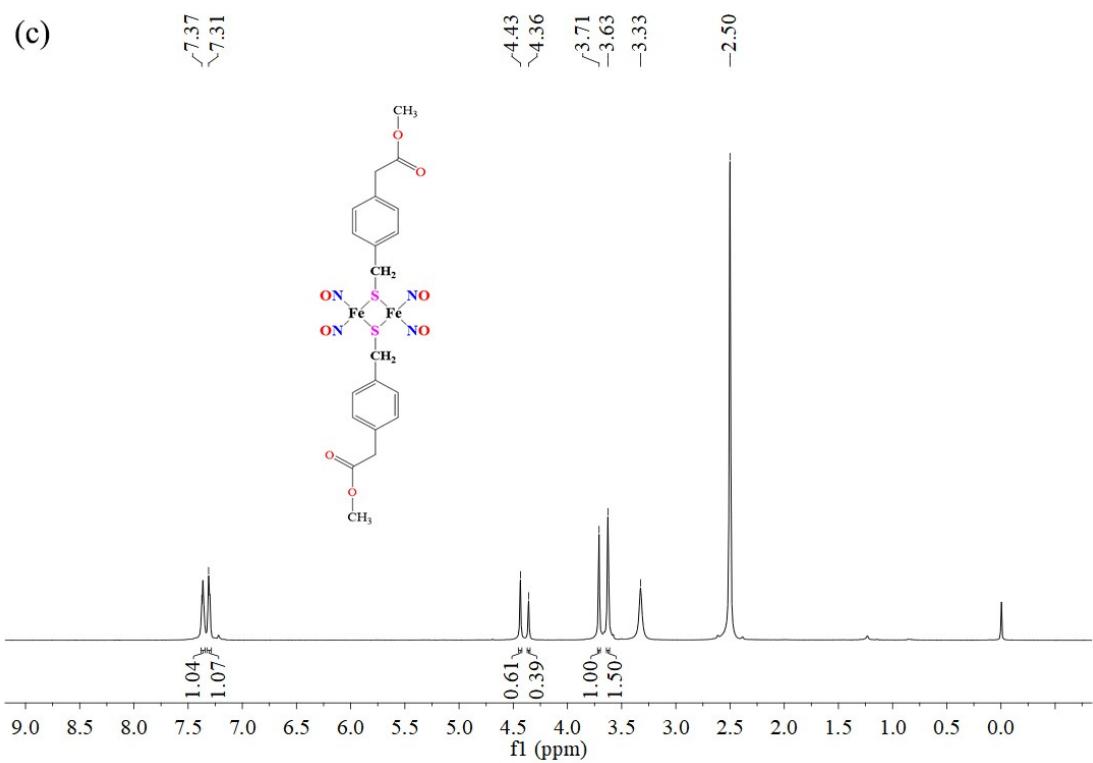
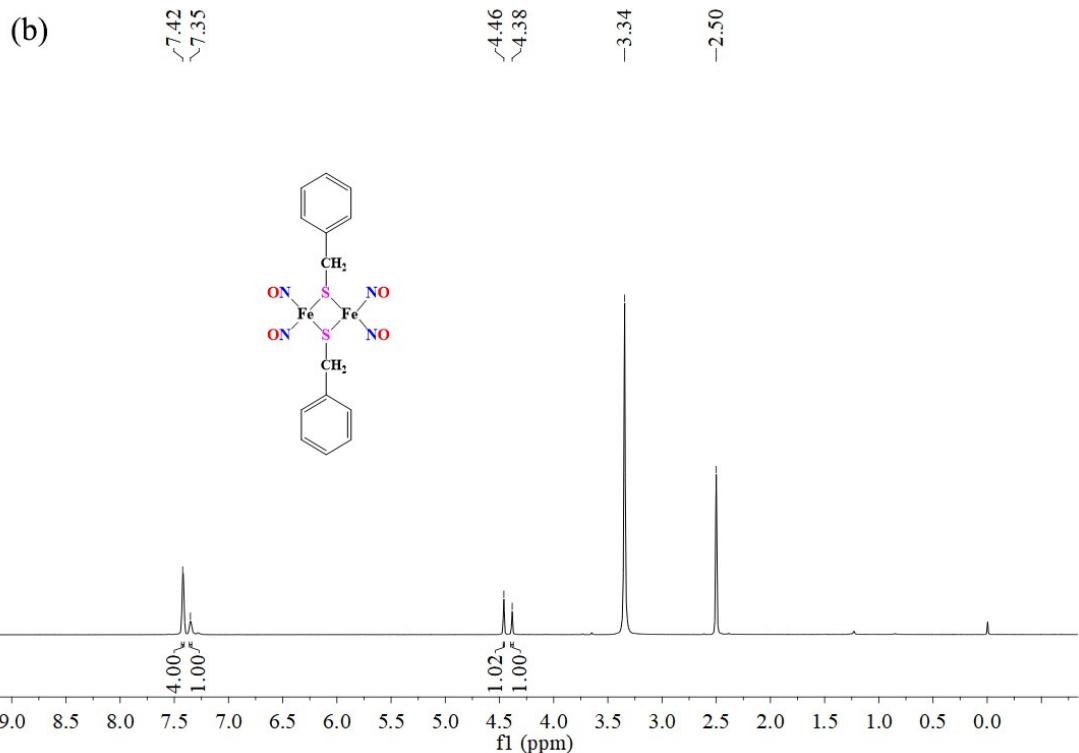
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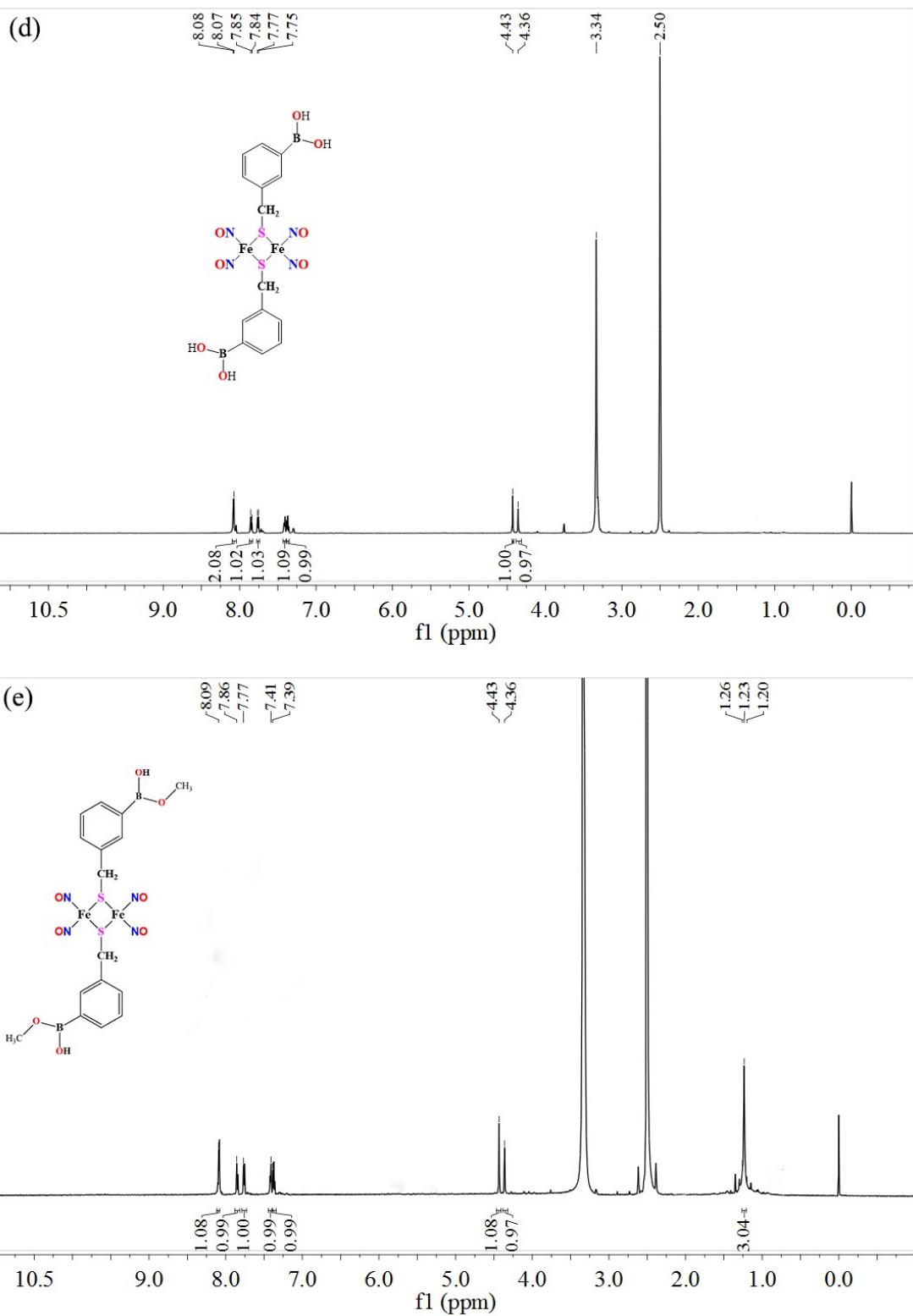
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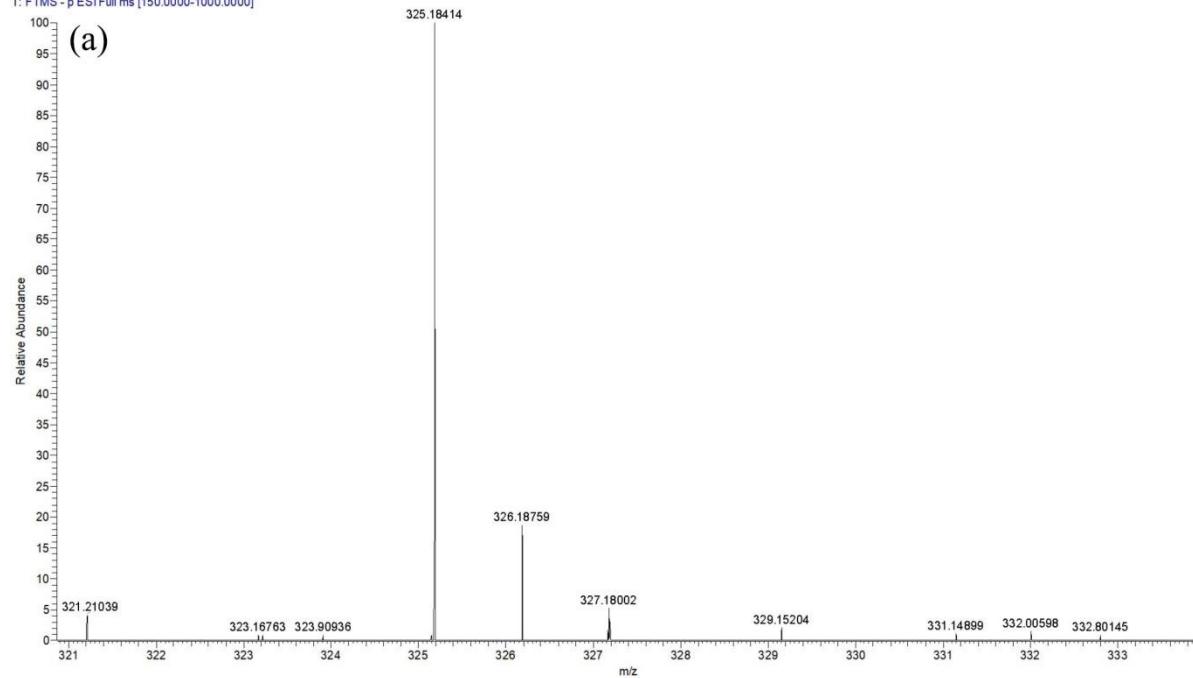




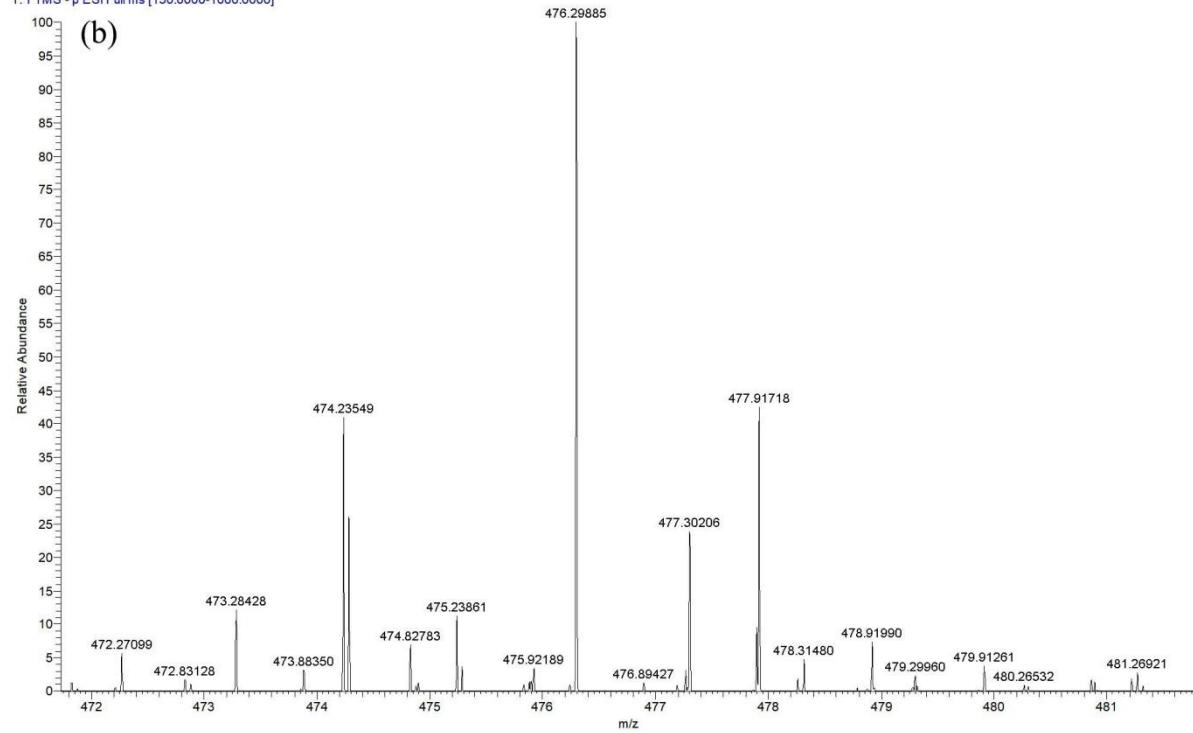


**Fig. S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (600 MHz) of the four complexes: (a) complex 1, (b) complex 2, (c) complex 3, (d) complex 4, (e) crystallized complexes 4.

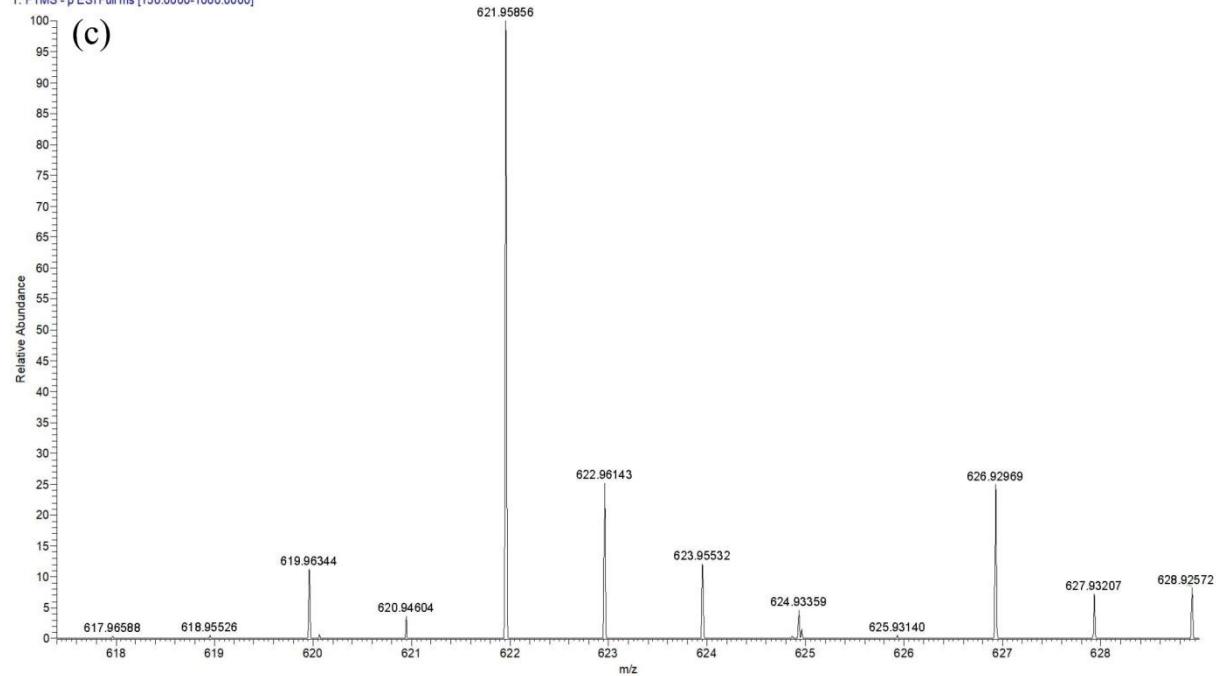
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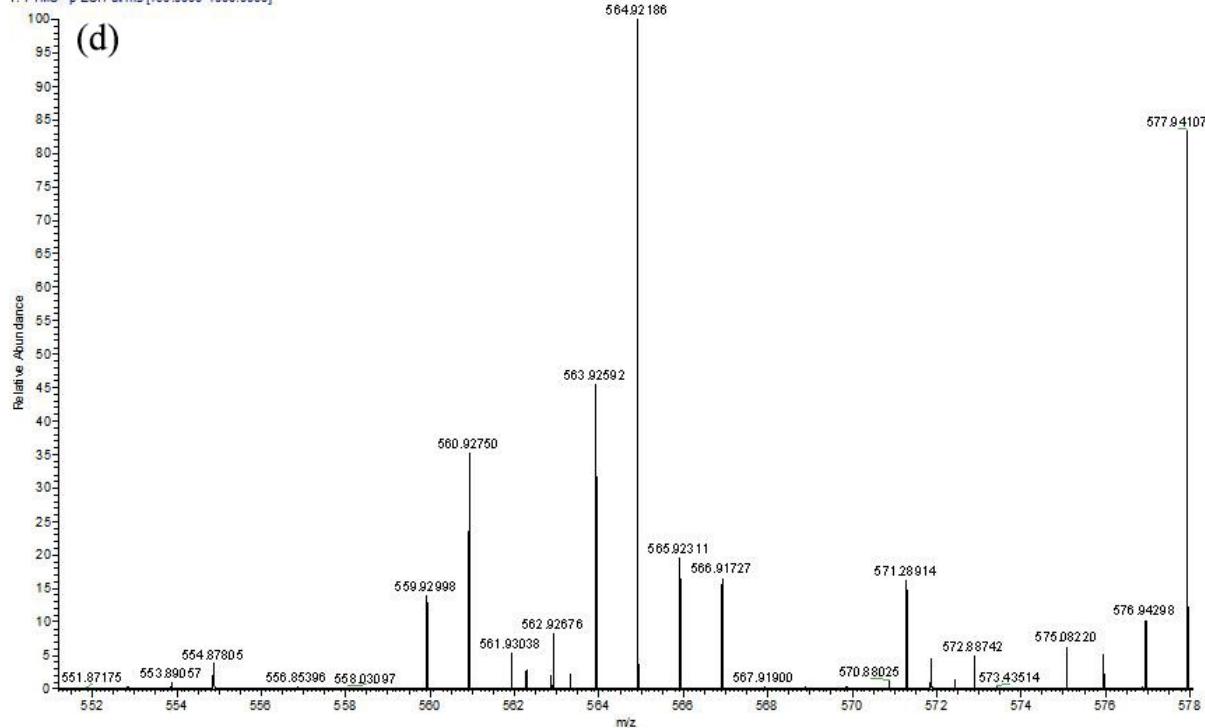
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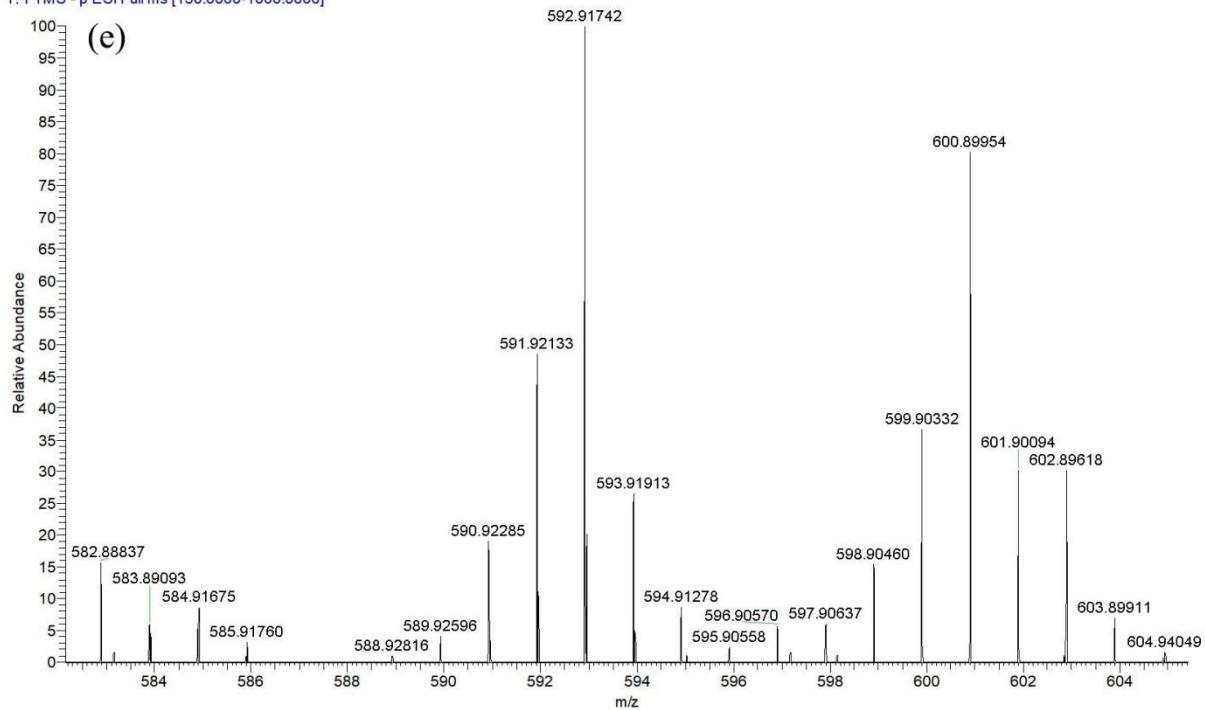
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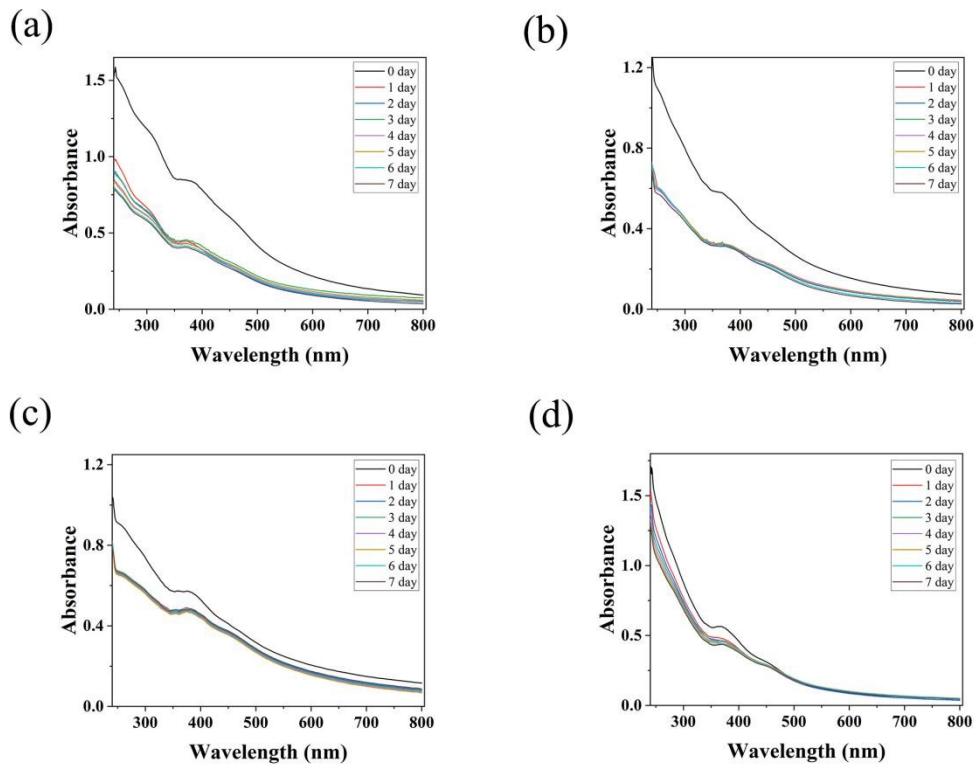
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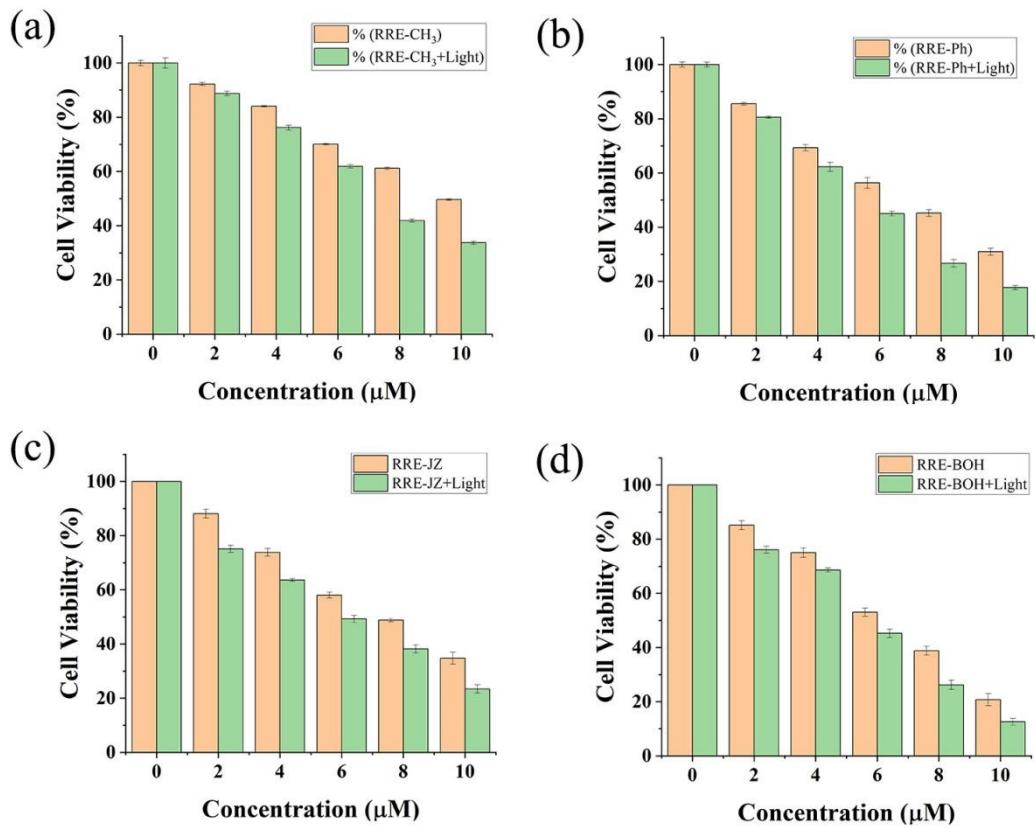
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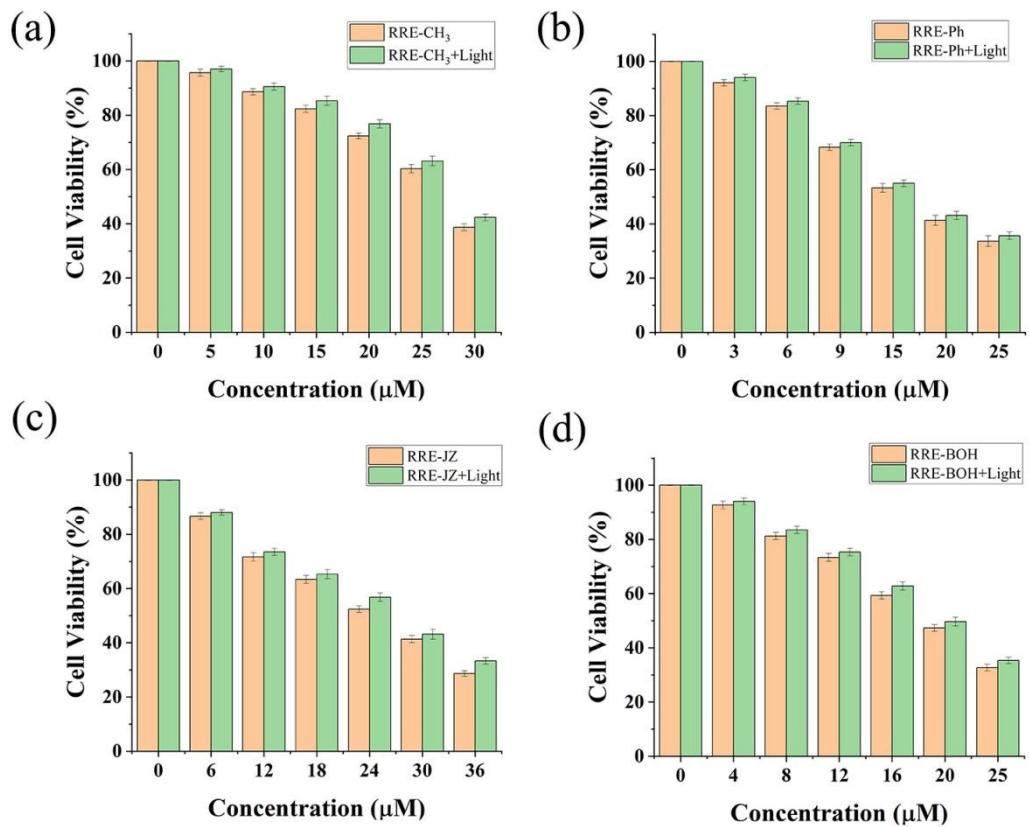
**Fig. S2.** ESI-MS spectra of the four complexes in CH<sub>3</sub>OH: (a) complex **1**, (b) complex **2**, (c) complex **3**, (d) complex **4**, (e) crystallized complexes **4**.



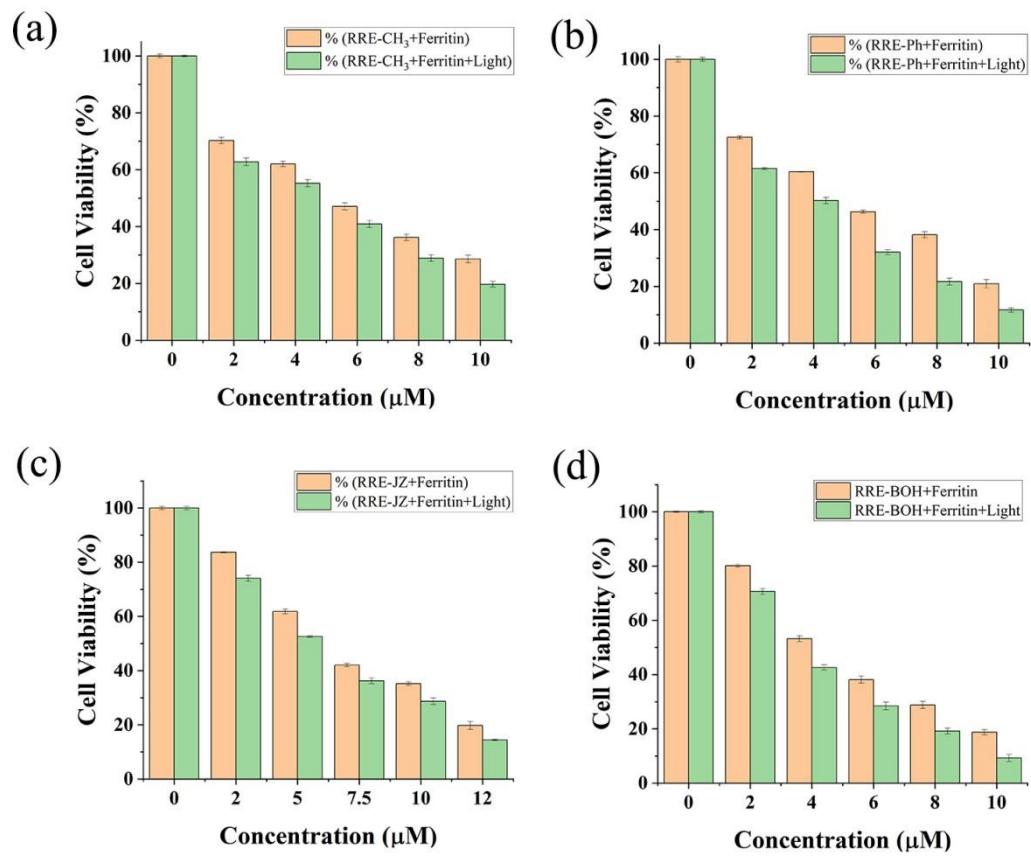
**Fig. S3.** UV-vis spectra of complexes **1–4** in PBS buffer (5% DMSO) for 7 days: (a) complex **1**, (b) complex **2**, (c) complex **3**, and (d) complex **4**.



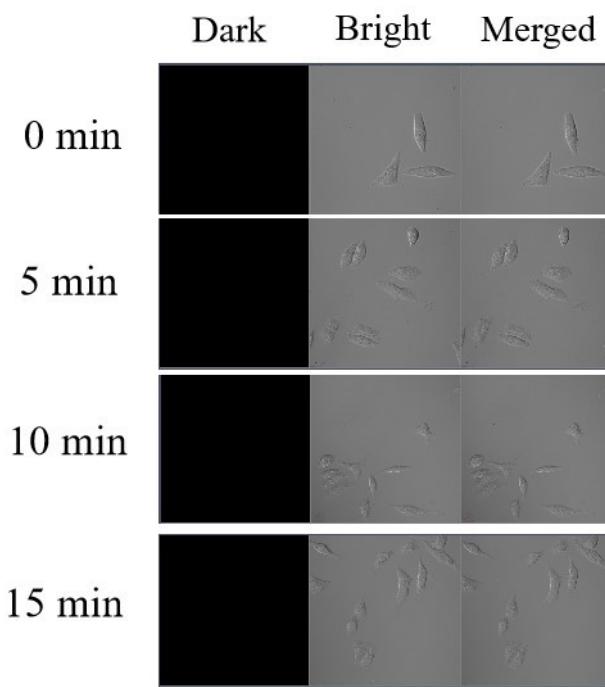
**Fig. S4.** Cell viability of HeLa cells incubated with complexes **1–4** at various concentrations for 24 h under dark and light irradiation: (a) complex **1**, (b) complex **2**, (c) complex **3**, and (d) complex **4**.



**Fig. S5.** Cell viability of HL7702 cells incubated with complexes **1–4** at various concentrations for 24 h under dark and light irradiation: (a) complex **1**, (b) complex **2**, (c) complex **3**, and (d) complex **4**.



**Fig. S6.** Cell viability of HeLa cells incubated with ferritin complexes **1–4** adducts at various concentrations for 24 h under dark and light irradiation: (a) adduct **1**, (b) adduct **2**, (c) adduct **3**, and (d) adduct **4**.



**Fig. S7.** Red confocal microscopy images of HeLa cells treated with DAX-J2 for 0, 5, 10 and 15 min under an LED light (420 nm). Excitation was performed with a 561 nm laser, and the emission wavelength was recorded in the range of 579–701 nm.

**Table S1.** Crystallographic data and refinement statistics for the four nitrosyl iron-sulfur complexes.

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4'</b>
<b>Chemical formula</b>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>14</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>22</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>20</sub> B <sub>2</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub> S <sub>2</sub>
<b>Formula weight</b>	325.92	478.11	622.23	593.80
<b>Crystal system</b>	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
<b>Space group</b>	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> /c	<i>C</i> 2/c	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> /c
<b>a (Å)</b>	7.0639(4)	7.142(4)	35.2604 (13)	5.0645(2)
<b>b (Å)</b>	8.7633(8)	16.668(11)	5.0790 (2)	23.6415(8)
<b>c (Å)</b>	9.5289(8)	7.986(5)	16.1563 (6)	10.1545(4)
<b>α (°)</b>	89.048(7)	90	90	90
<b>β (°)</b>	68.641(7)	93.36(2)	115.6664 (11)	95.0247(10)
<b>γ (°)</b>	89.088(6)	90	90	90
<b>V (Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>	549.25 (8)	949.1 (10)	2607.90 (17)	1211.15(8)
<b>Z</b>	4	2	4	2
<b>Temperature (K)</b>	293 K	298 K	273 K	298 K
<b>DX (g cm<sup>-3</sup>)</b>	1.971	1.673	1.585	1.628
<b>F (000)</b>	324.0	484.0	1272.0	604.0
<b>Theta range (°)</b>	4.6-28.9°	2.8-27.6°	2.9-28.3°	2.7-28.5°
<b>R [F<sup>2</sup>&gt; 2 σ(F<sub>2</sub>)]</b>	0.040	0.052	0.028	0.029
<b>wR (F<sup>2</sup>)</b>	0.119	0.093	0.076	0.074
<b>S</b>	1.07	1.01	1.02	1.05
<b>Δ &gt; max, Δ &gt; min (e Å<sup>-3</sup>)</b>	0.66, -0.61	0.42, -0.40	0.31, -0.28	0.27, -0.22

**Table S2.** Selected bond distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and bond angles ( $^\circ$ ) of complex **1**.

Fe1—N1	1.669 (3)	O1—N1	1.162 (4)
Fe1—N2	1.666 (4)	O2—N2	1.155 (5)
Fe1—S1	2.2513 (12)	S1—C1	1.825 (4)
O1—N1—Fe1	169.7 (4)	O2—N2—Fe1	171.0 (3)
Fe1—S1—Fe1 <sup>i</sup>	73.54 (4)	S1—Fe1—S1 <sup>i</sup>	106.46 (4)

**Table S3.** Selected bond distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and bond angles ( $^\circ$ ) of complex **2**.

Fe1—N1	1.665 (3)	O1—N1	1.169 (3)
Fe1—N2	1.666 (3)	O2—N2	1.161 (4)
Fe1—S1	2.2567 (16)	S1—C1	1.839 (3)
O1—N1—Fe1	169.5 (3)	O2—N2—Fe1	167.6 (3)
Fe1—S1—Fe1 <sup>i</sup>	73.95 (4)	S1—Fe1—S1 <sup>i</sup>	106.05 (4)

**Table S4.** Selected bond distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and bond angles ( $^\circ$ ) of complex **3**.

Fe1—N1	1.6640 (19)	O1—N1	1.161 (2)
Fe1—N2	1.6649 (18)	O2—N2	1.157 (2)
Fe1—S1	2.2485 (6)	S1—C1	1.845 (2)
O1—N1—Fe1	172.40 (18)	O2—N2—Fe1	171.9 (2)
Fe1—S1—Fe1 <sup>i</sup>	73.018 (19)	S1—Fe1—S1 <sup>i</sup>	106.984 (19)

**Table S5.** Selected bond distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and bond angles ( $^\circ$ ) of complex **4'**.

Fe1—N1	1.6653 (16)	O1—N1	1.161 (2)
Fe1—N2	1.6703 (17)	O2—N2	1.155 (2)
Fe1—S1	2.2546 (5)	S1—C1	1.8444 (18)
O1—N1—Fe1	170.52 (18)	O2—N2—Fe1	170.3 (2)
Fe1—S1—Fe1 <sup>i</sup>	73.188 (15)	S1—Fe1—S1 <sup>i</sup>	106.810 (15)

**Table S6.** In vitro cytotoxic IC<sub>50</sub> values ( $\mu\text{M}$ ) for complexes **1–4** and their Ferritin complex adducts against HeLa cells under dark and light irradiation.

Adducts		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
HeLa	Light (-)	5.03 $\pm$ 0.25	4.87 $\pm$ 0.41	6.13 $\pm$ 0.19	4.46 $\pm$ 0.65
	Light (+)	4.02 $\pm$ 0.32	3.25 $\pm$ 0.26	4.75 $\pm$ 0.39	3.36 $\pm$ 0.72