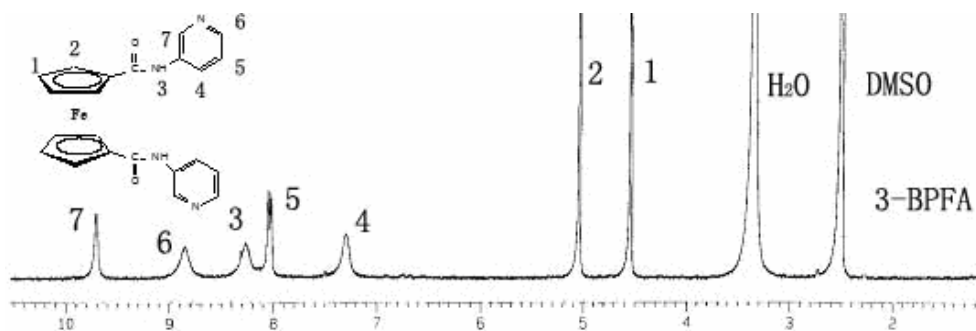


Supporting Information

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Scheme 1. ^1H NMR spectra of the ligand **3-BPFA** (300 MHz, DMSO; 298K).

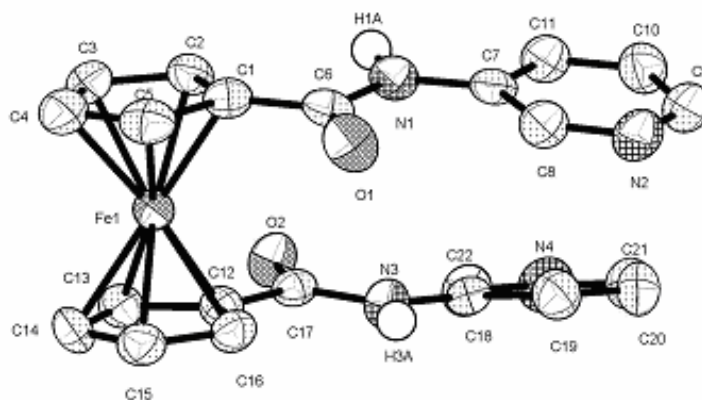


Figure S1. ORTEP diagram showing the structure of **3-BPFA** with 50% thermal ellipsoids probability and the atom-labeling scheme. Hydrogen atoms and water molecules have been omitted for clarity.

Table S1. Hydrogen bonds for ligand **3-BPFA** [\AA and deg.].

D-H \cdots A	d(D-H)	d(H \cdots A)	d(D \cdots A)	\angle (DHA)
N(1)-H(1A) \cdots O(2) ^{#1}	0.86	2.14	2.97	160
N(3)-H(3A) \cdots N(2) ^{#2}	0.86	2.29	3.11	159
O(3)-H(3E) \cdots O(1) ^{#3}	0.85	2.03	2.88	179
O(3)-H(3F) \cdots N(4) ^{#4}	0.85	1.99	2.84	179

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (#1) $-x+1, y+1/2, -z+1$; (#2) $-x, y-1/2, -z+1$; (#3) $x+1, y, z$; (#4) $x, y, z-1$.

Table S2. Selected interatomic distances [Å] and angles [°] for complexes **1-3**.

Complex 1			
Cu-N(2)	2.040(4)	Cu-N(4) ^{#2}	2.045(3)
Cu-O(3)	2.186(5)		
N(2)-Cu(1)-N(2) ^{#1}	167.4(2)	N(2)-Cu(1)-N(4) ^{#2}	88.57(13)
N(2) ^{#1} -Cu(1)-N(4) ^{#2}	90.32(13)	N(2)-Cu(1)-N(4) ^{#3}	90.32(13)
N(2) ^{#1} -Cu(1)-N(4) ^{#3}	88.57(13)	N(4) ^{#2} -Cu(1)-N(4) ^{#3}	169.85(16)
N(2)-Cu(1)-O(3)	96.30(11)	N(2) ^{#1} -Cu(1)-O(3)	96.30(11)
N(4) ^{#2} -Cu(1)-O(3)	95.08(8)	N(4) ^{#3} -Cu(1)-O(3)	95.08(8)
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (#1) -x+5/4, y, -z+1/4; (#2) x, -y+1/4, -z+1/4; (#3) -x+5/4, -y+1/4, z.			
Complex 2			
Ni(1)-N(2)	2.172(7)	Ni(1)-O(3)	2.203(10)
Ni(1)-N(4) ^{#2}	2.200(8)	Ni(1)-Cl(1)	2.615(3)
N(2)-Ni(1)-N(2) ^{#1}	179.0(4)	N(2)-Ni(1)-N(4) ^{#2}	88.9(3)
N(2) ^{#1} -Ni(1)-N(4) ^{#2}	91.2(3)	N(2)-Ni(1)-N(4) ^{#3}	91.2(3)
N(2) ^{#1} -Ni(1)-N(4) ^{#3}	88.9(3)	N(4) ^{#2} -Ni(1)-N(4) ^{#3}	177.8(4)
N(2)-Ni(1)-O(3)	90.49(18)	N(2) ^{#1} -Ni(1)-O(3)	90.49(18)
N(4) ^{#2} -Ni(1)-O(3)	88.92(19)	N(4) ^{#3} -Ni(1)-O(3)	88.92(19)
N(2)-Ni(1)-Cl(1)	89.51(18)	N(2) ^{#1} -Ni(1)-Cl(1)	89.51(18)
N(4) ^{#2} -Ni(1)-Cl(1)	91.08(19)	N(4) ^{#3} -Ni(1)-Cl(1)	91.08(19)
O(3)-Ni(1)-Cl(1)	180.000(1)	Ni(1)-Cl(1)-Ni(1) ^{#3}	180.000(1)
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (#1) -x+1/4, y, -z+5/4; (#2) x, -y+1/4, -z+5/4; (#3) -x+1/4, -y+1/4, z.			
Complex 3			
Co(1)-O(3)	2.125(7)	Co(1)-N(2)	2.162(5)
Co(1)-N(4) ^{#2}	2.175(5)	Co(1)-Cl(1)	2.5621(12)
O(3)-Co(1)-N(2) ^{#1}	90.64(14)	O(3)-Co(1)-N(2)	90.64(14)
N(2) ^{#1} -Co(1)-N(2)	178.7(3)	O(3)-Co(1)-N(4) ^{#2}	89.68(14)
N(2) ^{#1} -Co(1)-N(4) ^{#2}	90.80(18)	N(2)-Co(1)-N(4) ^{#2}	89.20(18)
O(3)-Co(1)-N(4) ^{#3}	89.68(14)	N(2) ^{#1} -Co(1)-N(4) ^{#3}	89.20(18)
N(2)-Co(1)-N(4) ^{#3}	90.80(18)	N(4) ^{#2} -Co(1)-N(4) ^{#3}	179.4(3)
O(3)-Co(1)-Cl(1)	180.000(1)	N(2) ^{#1} -Co(1)-Cl(1)	89.36(14)
N(2)-Co(1)-Cl(1)	89.36(14)	N(4) ^{#2} -Co(1)-Cl(1)	90.32(14)
N(4) ^{#3} -Co(1)-Cl(1)	90.32(14)	Co(1) ^{#3} -Cl(1)-Co(1)	180.0
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (#1) -x+9/4, y, -z+1/4; (#2) x, -y+5/4, -z+1/4; (#3) -x+9/4, -y+5/4, z.			

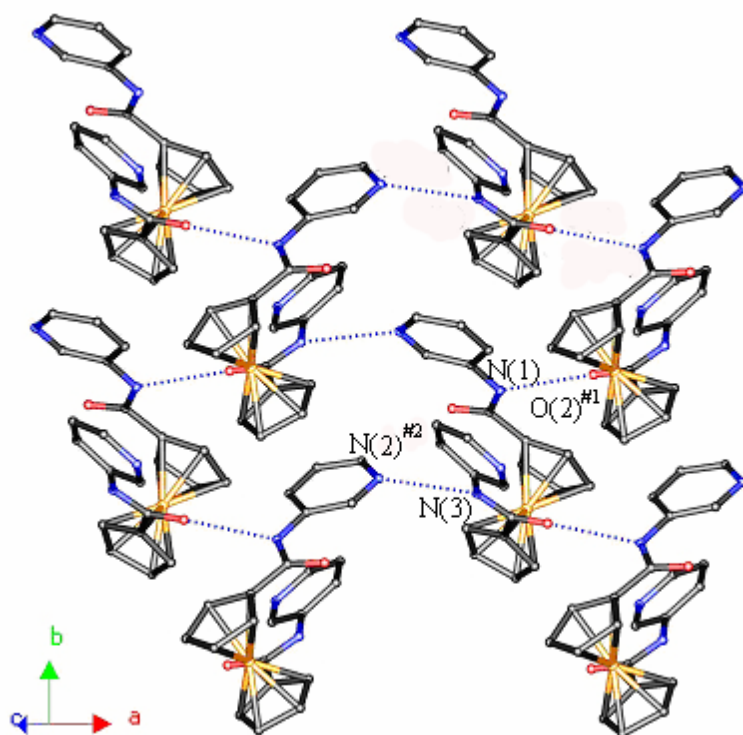


Figure S2. View of the supramolecular adduct **3-BPFA**, showing the hydrogen bonds between N-H donors on **3-BPFA** and the N acceptors on the other moiety. Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (#1) $-x+1, y+1/2, -z+1$; (#2) $-x, y-1/2, -z+1$.

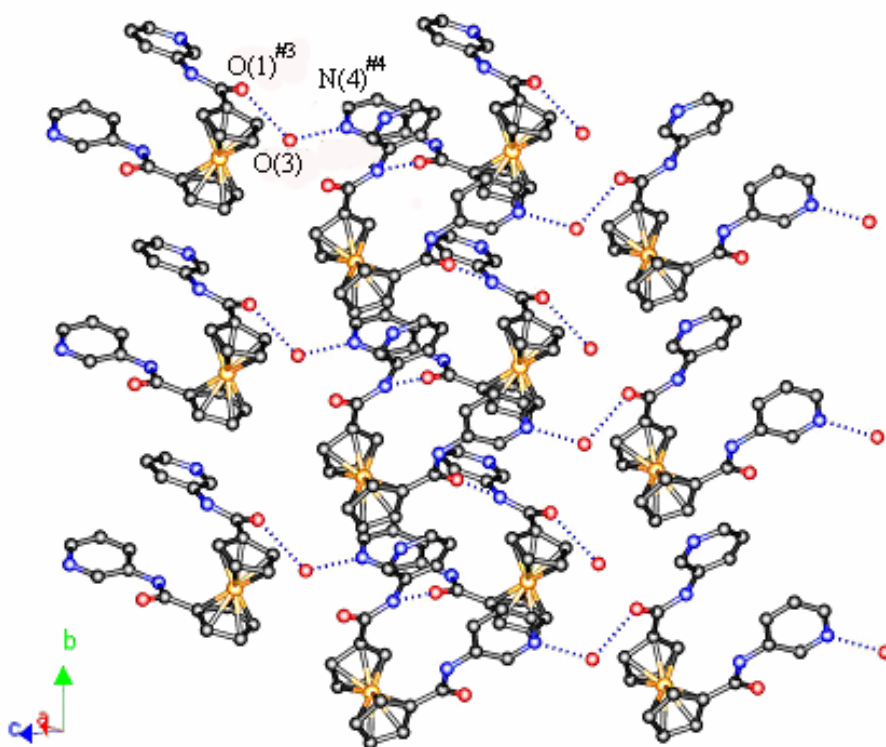


Figure S3. View of the packed structure along *bc* plane in compound **3-BPFA**. Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (#3) $x+1, y, z$; (#4) $x, y, z-1$.

Table S3. Hydrogen bonds for **1** [Å and deg.].

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠ (DHA)
N(3)-H(3A)···O(1)	0.86	2.17	2.84	134
N(1)-H(1A)···O(7) ^{#1}	0.86	2.17	2.96	154
O(3)-H(3B)···O(8) ^{#2}	0.82	1.94	2.71	156
O(8)-H(8A)···O(2) ^{#3}	0.82	2.00	2.77	144

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (#1) x, y, z-1; (#2) -x+5/4, y, -z+1/4; (#3) x-1/2, y+1/2, z.

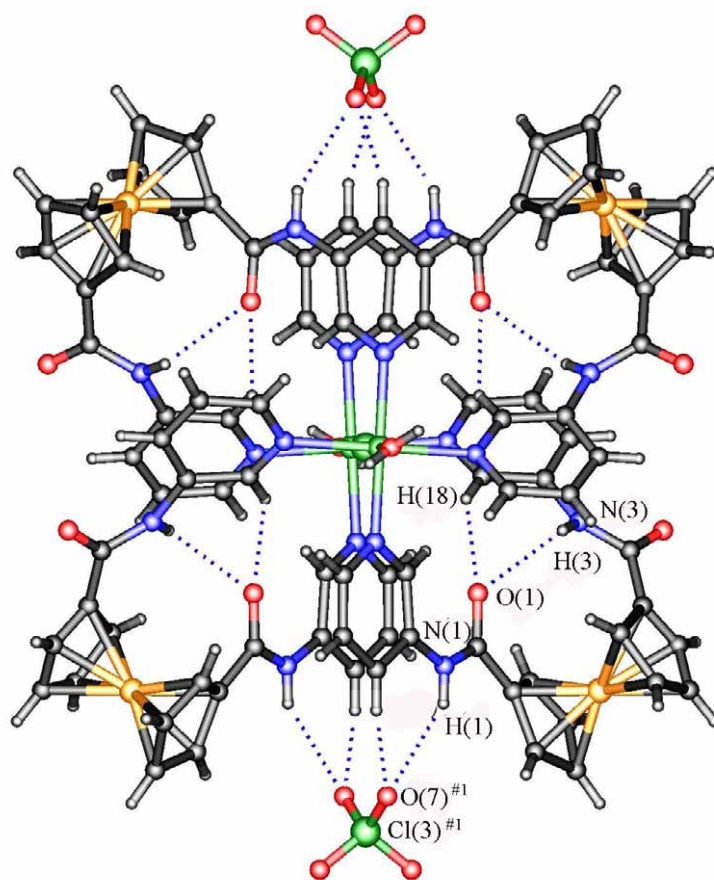


Figure S4. Top view of the pseudo-capsule $[\text{Ni}_2(3\text{-BPFA})_4(\mu\text{-Cl})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_3$, showing multiple N-H...O and C-H...O H-bonding interactions. A ClO_4^- anion is omitted for clarity. Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (#1): -x+1/2, -y+1, -z+3/2.

Table S4. Hydrogen bonds for **2** [Å and deg.].

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠ (DHA)
N(3)-H(3)···O(1)	0.86	2.44	3.04	127
C(18)-H(18)···O(1)	0.93	2.37	3.13	139
C(15)-H(15)···O(7) ^{#1}	0.93	2.51	3.28	140
N(1)-H(1)···O(7) ^{#1}	0.86	2.50	3.27	150

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (#1): -x+1/2, -y+1, -z+3/2

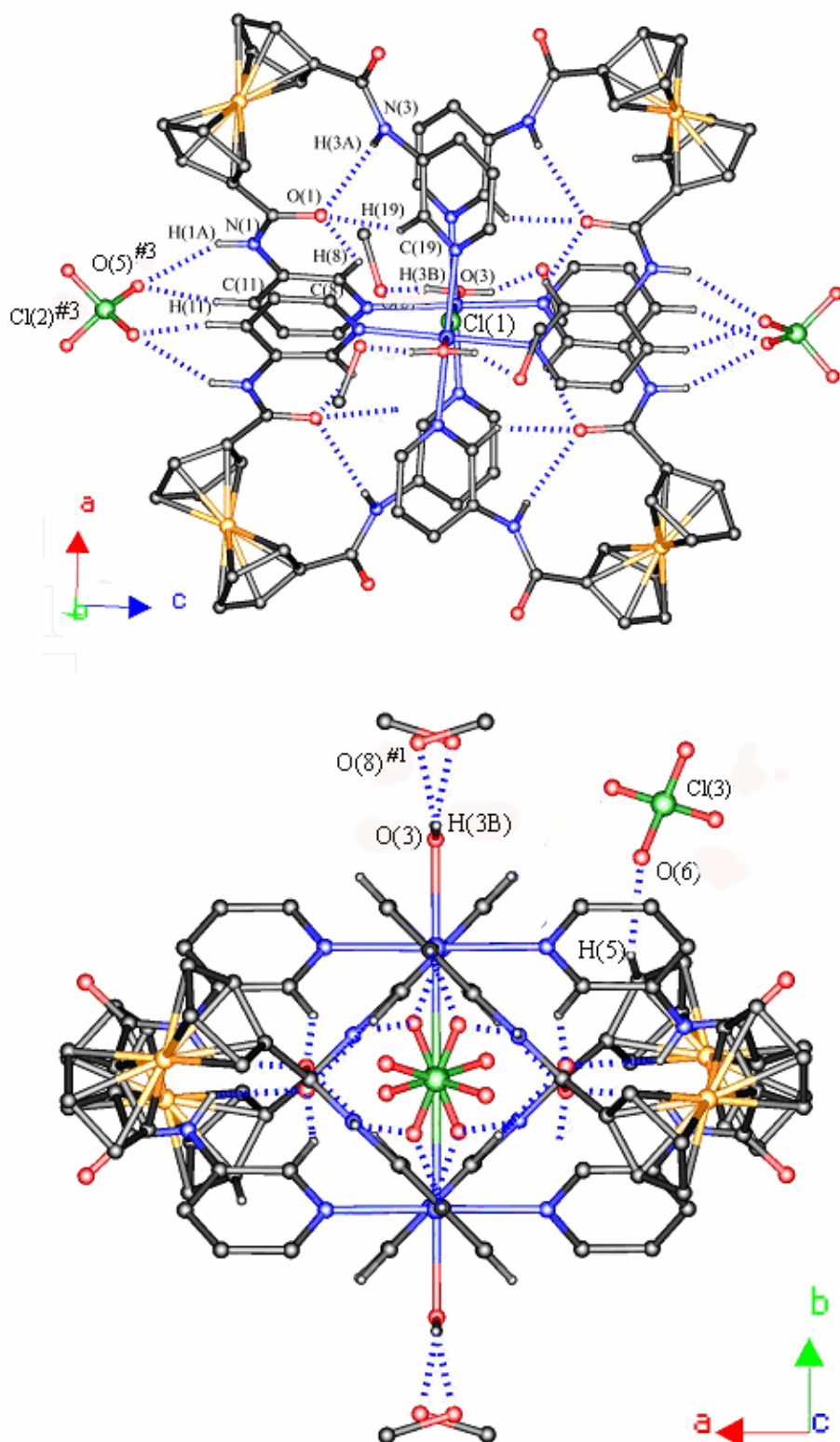


Figure S5. Top and side views of the cage $[\text{Co}_2(3\text{-BPFA})_4(\mu\text{-Cl})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_3 \cdot 4\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$, showing multiple intramolecular N-H \cdots O hydrogen-bonding interactions and intermolecular N-H \cdots O and O-H \cdots O hydrogen-bonding interactions. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (#1): $x+1, y, z$; (#3): $x+1, y, z-1$.

Table S5. Hydrogen bonds for **3** [Å and deg.].

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠ (DHA)
N(3)-H(3A)···O(1)	0.86	2.23	2.87	132
C(5)-H(5)···O(6)	0.93	2.49	3.37	157
C(8)-H(8)···O(1)	0.93	2.11	2.73	123
C(19)-H(19)···O(1)	0.93	2.25	3.03	142
O(3)-H(3B)···O(8) ^{#1}	0.82	2.07	2.77	143
O(8)-H(8B)···O(2) ^{#2}	0.82	2.59	3.29	85
N(1)-H(1A)···O(5) ^{#3}	0.86	2.30	3.08	150
C(11)-H(11)···O(5) ^{#3}	0.93	2.46	3.23	140

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (#1): $x+1, y, z$; (#2): $x-1/2, y-1/2, z$; (#3): $x+1, y, z-1$.

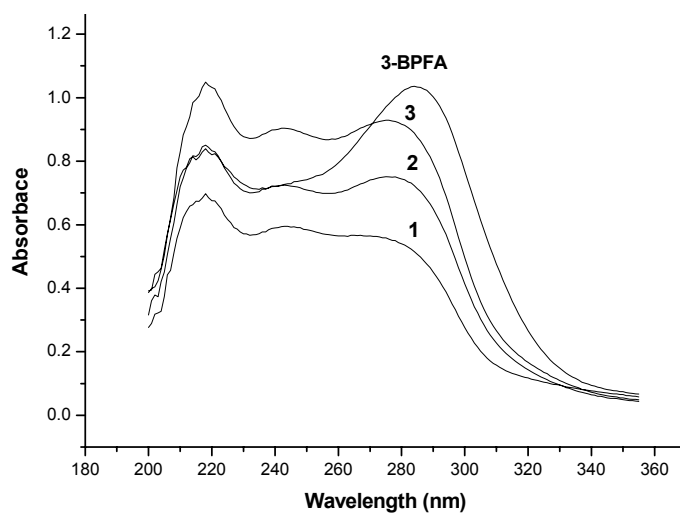


Figure S6. UV-visible absorption spectra at ambient temperature in MeOH (4×10^{-5} M) for the ligand **3-BPFA** and in MeOH (1×10^{-5} M) complexes **1-3**.

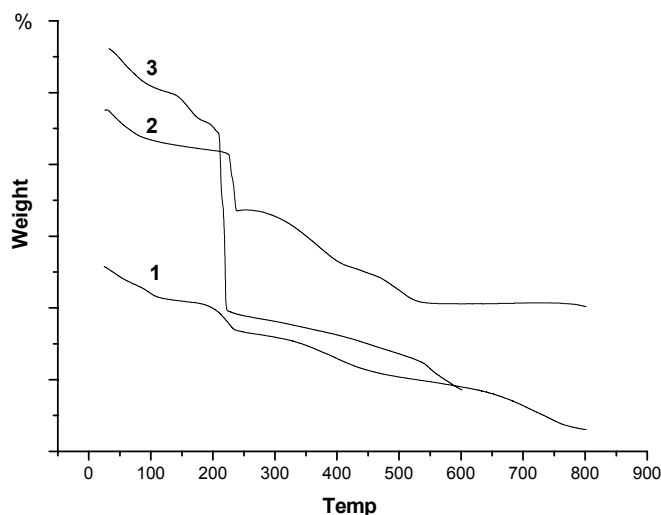


Figure S7. Thermogravimetric analysis of complexes **1-3**.

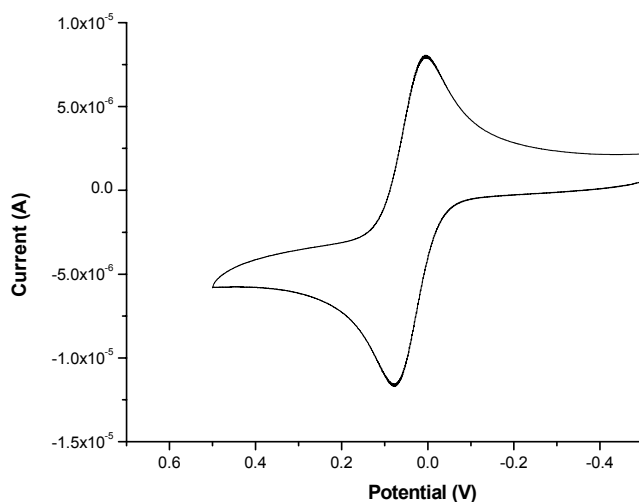


Figure S8. Cyclic voltammogram of **Ferrocene** in acetonitril/0.1 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate; concentration of **Ferrocene**: 0.5×10^{-3} M. Scan rate of 50 mV/s.

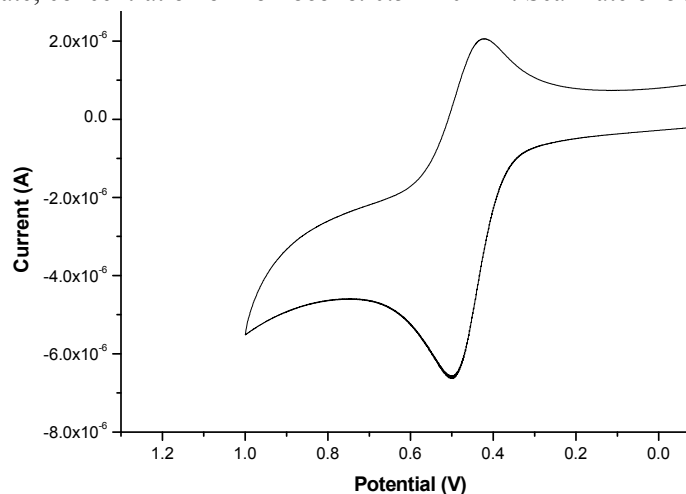


Figure S9. Cyclic voltammogram of **3-BPFA** in acetonitril/0.1 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate; concentration of **3-BPFA**: 0.5×10^{-3} M. Scan rate of 50 mV/s.

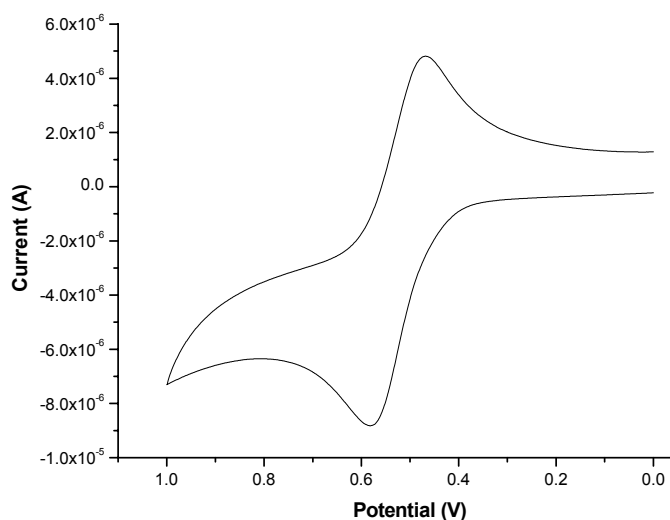


Figure S10. Cyclic voltammogram of **1** in acetonitril/0.1 M tetrabutylammonium

hexafluorophosphate; concentration of **1**: 0.5×10^{-3} M. Scan rate of 50 mV/s.

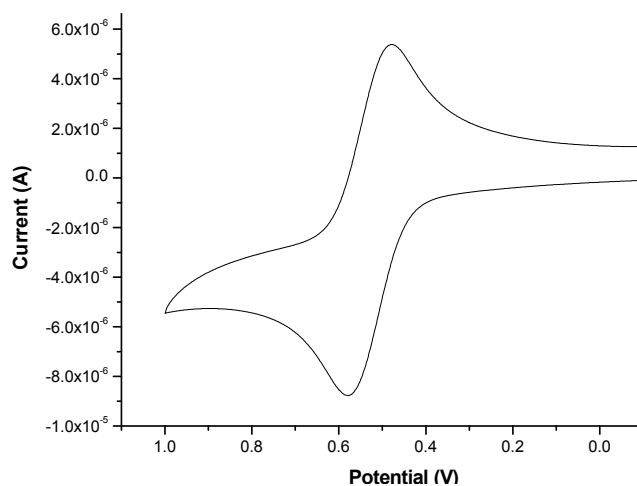


Figure S11. Cyclic voltammogram of **2** in acetonitrile/0.1 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate; concentration of **2**: 0.5×10^{-3} M. Scan rate of 50 mV/s.

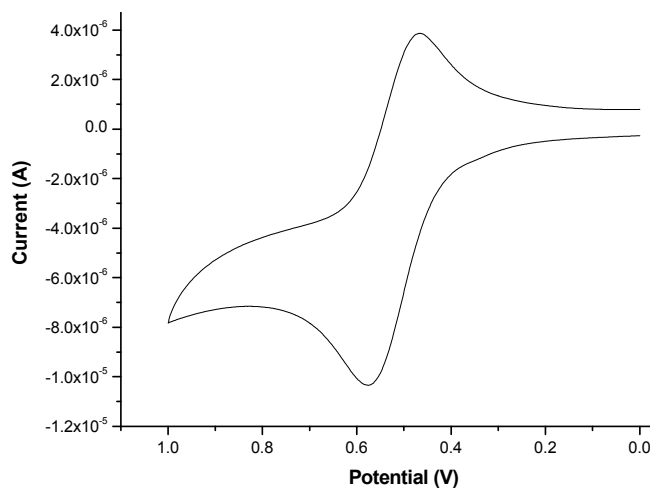


Figure S12. Cyclic voltammogram of **3** in acetonitrile/0.1 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate; concentration of **3**: 0.5×10^{-3} M. Scan rate of 50 mV/s.