

Supporting Information

A joint application of spectroscopic, electrochemical and theoretical approaches in evaluation of the radical scavenging activity of 3-OH flavones and their iron complexes towards different radical species

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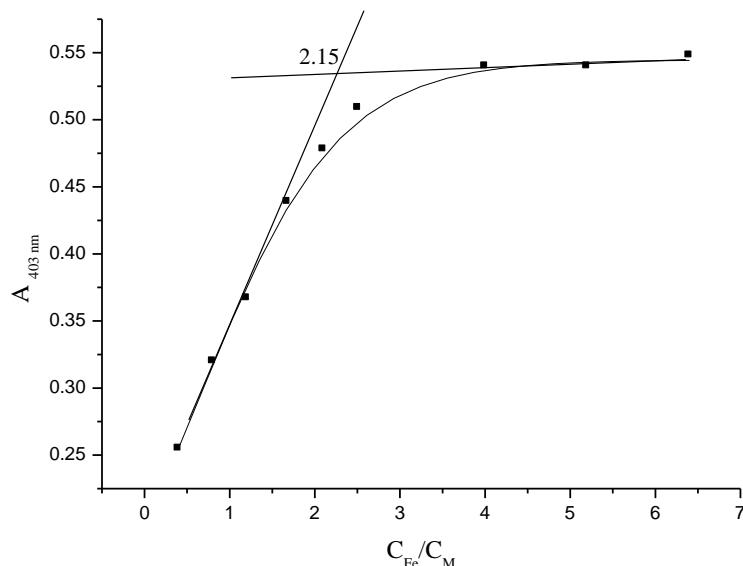


Fig. S1 Complex absorbance at 420 nm *versus* $[\text{Fe}]/[\text{M}]$ concentrations

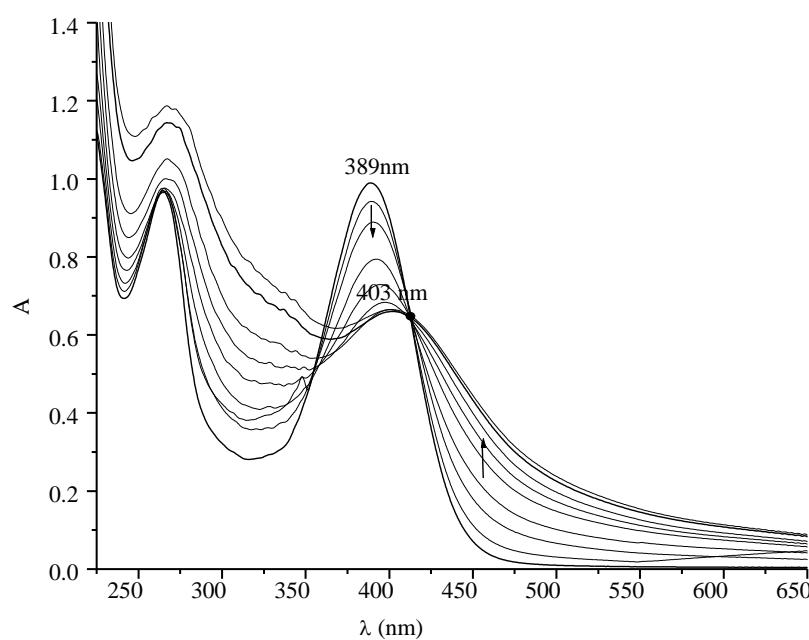


Fig. S2 Titration curves of morin with iron(III) at pH 7

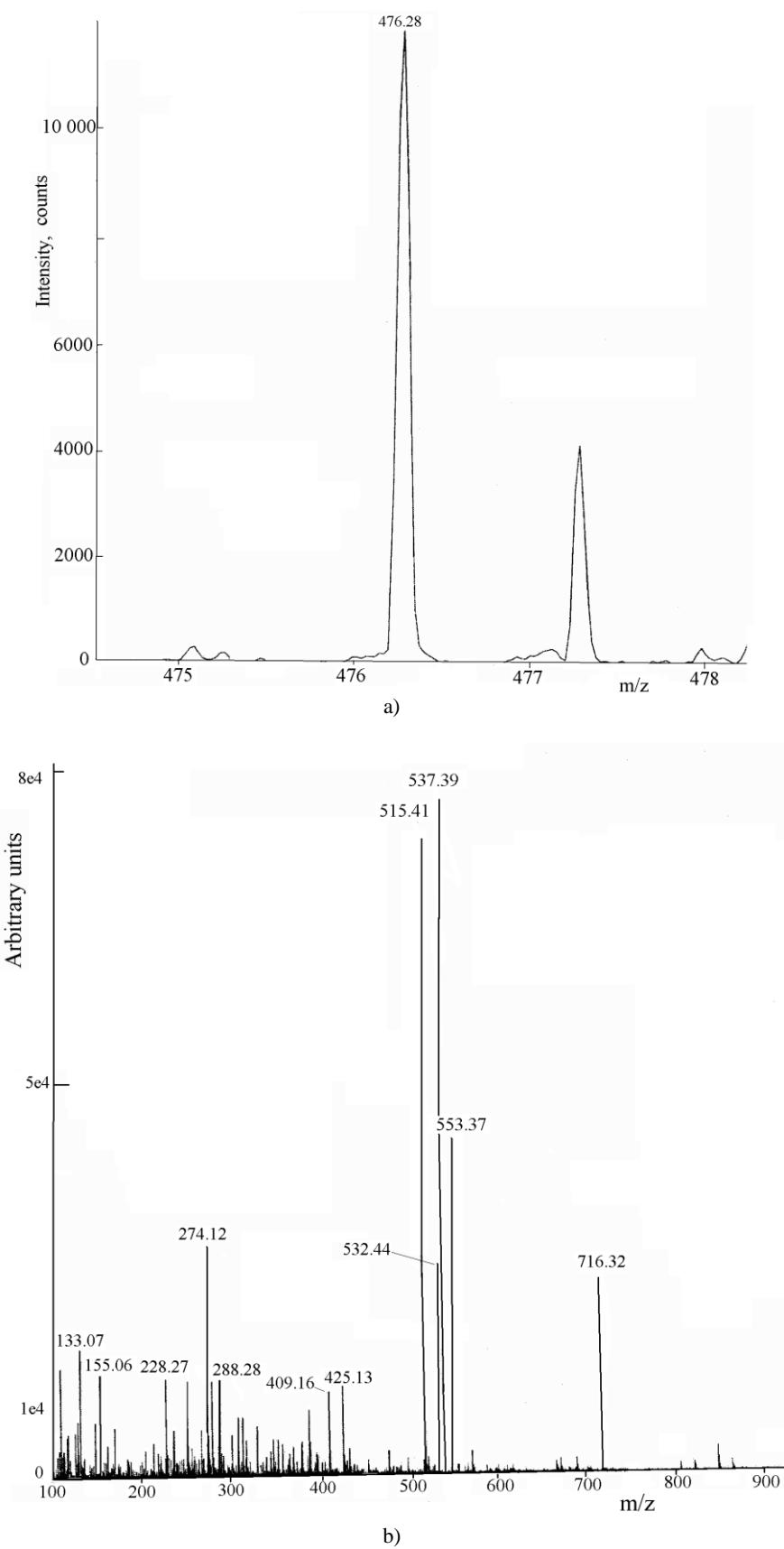


Fig. S3 Isotopic pattern of the peak at $m/z = 476.28$ (a) MS spectra of MeOH-H₂O (1:1) mixture (b)

Table S1
Bond lengths (in Å) calculated for morin and corresponding iron complex

| Bond lengths | X ray* | M052X/6-311G(d,p) | Iron(II)-morin complex (2:1) |
|------------------|--------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| C(2)-O(1) | 1.375 | 1.365 | 1.340 |
| C(2)-C(3) | 1.355 | 1.352 | 1.406 |
| C(2)-C(1') | 1.464 | 1.462 | 1.432 |
| C(3)-C(4) | 1.455 | 1.444 | 1.393 |
| C(3)-O(3) | 1.372 | 1.365 | 1.355 |
| O(3)-- Fe | | | 1.822 |
| Fe—OH-Me | | | 1.942 |
| C(4)-C(10) | 1.438 | 1.433 | 1.410 |
| C(4)-O(4) | 1.258 | 1.244 | 1.366 |
| C(10)-C(5) | 1.425 | 1.415 | 1.428 |
| C(10)-C(9) | 1.396 | 1.400 | 1.414 |
| C(5)-C(6) | 1.368 | 1.382 | 1.382 |
| C(5)-O(5) | 1.348 | 1.334 | 1.325 |
| O(5)-- Fe | | | 1.800 |
| Fe—OH-Me | | | 1.953 |
| C(6)-C(7) | 1.410 | 1.398 | 1.401 |
| C(7)-C(8) | 1.396 | 1.390 | 1.394 |
| C(7)-O(7) | 1.349 | 1.350 | 1.331 |
| C(8)-C(9) | 1.386 | 1.382 | 1.372 |
| C(9)-O(1) | 1.369 | 1.355 | 1.356 |
| C(1')-C(2') | 1.404 | 1.407 | 1.426 |
| C(2')-C(3') | 1.394 | 1.393 | 1.386 |
| C(2')-O(2') | 1.370 | 1.347 | 1.338 |
| C(3')-C(4') | 1.376 | 1.384 | 1.387 |
| C(4')-C(5') | 1.394 | 1.397 | 1.410 |
| C(4')-O(4') | 1.372 | 1.355 | 1.329 |
| C(5')-C(6') | 1.378 | 1.375 | 1.360 |
| C(1')-C(6') | 1.403 | 1.405 | 1.427 |
| O(2')-H(2') | 1.000 | 0.970 | 0.982 |
| O(4')-H(4') | 0.913 | 0.959 | 0.962 |
| O(3)-H(3) | 0.845 | 0.970 | |
| O(5)-H(5) | 0.912 | 0.979 | |
| O(7)-H(7) | 0.877 | 0.960 | 0.962 |
| O(2')-H(2')--- | | | |
| O(3) | 1.739 | 1.735 | 1.566 |
| O(3)-H(3)---O(4) | 2.287 | 2.031 | |
| O(5)-H(5)---O(4) | 1.832 | 1.782 | |

* Data taken from ref. [28]

Table S2
 Bond angles and dihedral angles (in °) for morin and corresponding iron complex

| Angles | X ray* | M052X/6-311G (d,p) | Iron(II)-morin complex (2:1) |
|--------------------------|--------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| O(1)-C(2)-C(3) | 120.40 | 119.588 | 116.327 |
| O(1)-C(2)-C(1') | 111.20 | 112.127 | 112.831 |
| C(3)-C(2)-C(1') | 128.30 | 128.249 | 130.805 |
| C(2)-C(3)-C(4) | 121.90 | 122.230 | 120.490 |
| C(2)-C(3)-O(3) | 120.20 | 122.748 | 123.087 |
| C(4)-C(3)-O(3) | 117.70 | 115.020 | 116.313 |
| C(3)-O(3)--Fe | | | 110.678 |
| O(3)--Fe-- OH-Me | | | 99.352 |
| C(3)-C(4)-C(10) | 115.60 | 115.896 | 121.710 |
| C(3)-C(4)-O(4) | 120.10 | 119.000 | 114.628 |
| C(10)-C(4)-O(4) | 124.30 | 125.086 | 123.654 |
| C(4)-C(10)-C(5) | 122.30 | 121.715 | 126.751 |
| C(4)-C(10)-C(9) | 119.90 | 119.468 | 115.767 |
| C(5)-C(10)-C(9) | 117.80 | 118.811 | 117.398 |
| C(10)-C(5)-C(6) | 120.30 | 119.672 | 119.310 |
| C(10)-C(5)-O(5) | 120.00 | 120.758 | 121.572 |
| C(6)-C(5)-O(5) | 119.60 | 119.570 | 119.111 |
| C(5)-O(5)--Fe | | | 125.765 |
| O(5)--Fe-- OH-Me | | | 93.815 |
| C(5)-C(6)-C(7) | 119.90 | 119.564 | 120.927 |
| C(6)-C(7)-C(8) | 121.60 | 122.158 | 121.139 |
| C(6)-C(7)-O(7) | 121.30 | 121.170 | 122.441 |
| C(8)-C(7)-O(7) | 117.10 | 116.672 | 116.418 |
| C(7)-C(8)-C(9) | 117.10 | 117.611 | 117.648 |
| O(1)-C(9)-C(10) | 121.20 | 120.675 | 119.997 |
| O(1)-C(9)-C(8) | 115.50 | 117.141 | 116.440 |
| C(10)-C(9)-C(8) | 123.30 | 122.183 | 123.555 |
| C(2)-C(1')-C(2') | 123.90 | 123.808 | 126.011 |
| C(2)-C(1')-C(6') | 118.50 | 117.950 | 116.824 |
| C(1')-C(2')-C(3') | 120.60 | 119.635 | 120.134 |
| C(1')-C(2')-O(2') | 122.50 | 124.376 | 124.004 |
| C(3')-C(2')-O(2') | 116.80 | 115.905 | 115.807 |
| C(2')-C(3')-C(4') | 120.10 | 120.796 | 120.854 |
| C(3')-C(4')-C(5') | 120.60 | 120.375 | 120.310 |
| C(3')-C(4')-O(4') | 122.00 | 122.256 | 123.163 |
| C(5')-C(4')-O(4') | 117.30 | 117.369 | 116.525 |
| C(4')-C(5')-C(6') | 119.00 | 118.780 | 119.074 |
| C(1')-C(6')-C(5') | 122.10 | 122.279 | 122.627 |
| C(2)-O(1)-C(9) | 120.80 | 122.089 | 125.640 |
| t(C(3)-C(2)-C(1')-C(2')) | 43.4 | 38.269 | 23.90 |

* Data taken from ref. [28]

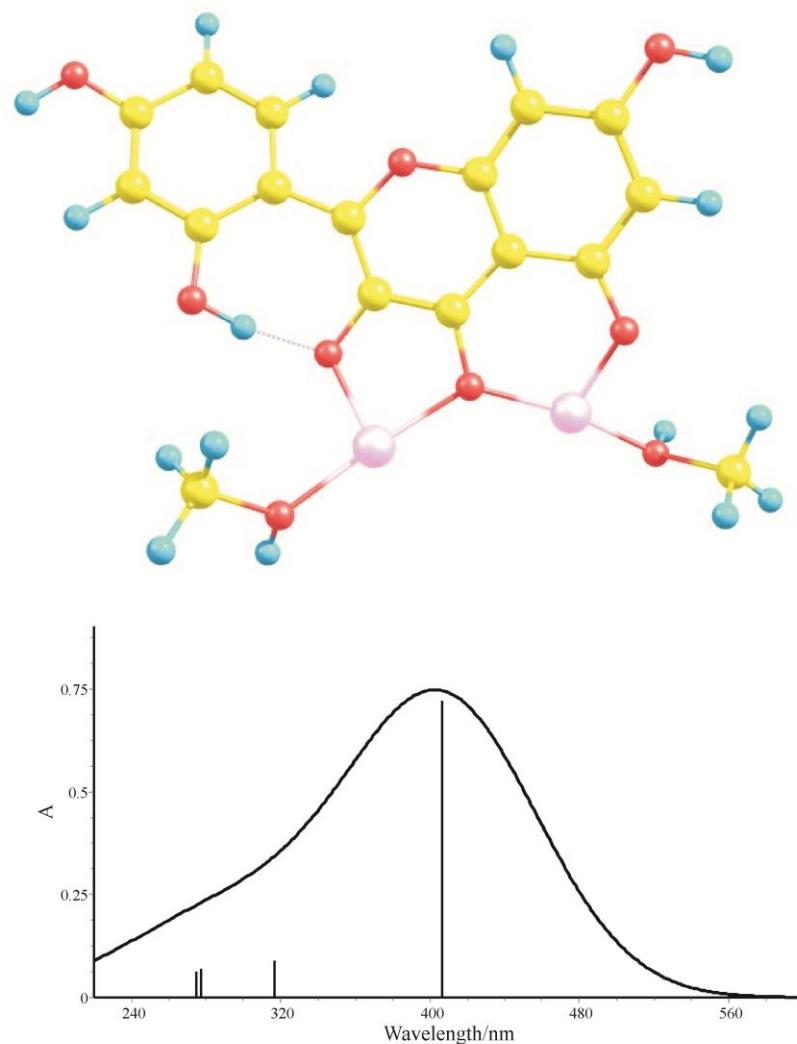


Fig. S4 Geometrically optimized structure of the 2:1 iron(II)-morin complex (top) and the calculated electronic spectrum of the supposed complex structure (bottom)

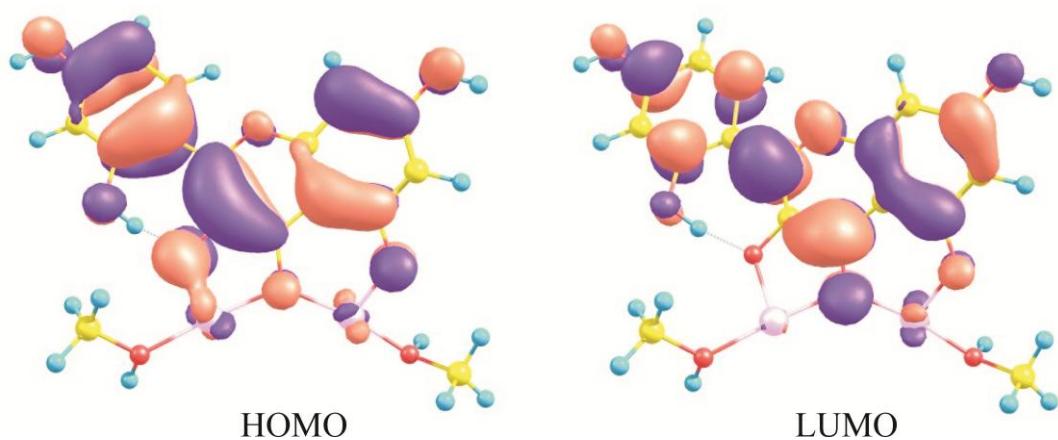


Fig. S5 The corresponding HOMO and LUMO orbitals responsible for UV-spectrum of the 2:1 iron(II)-morin complex

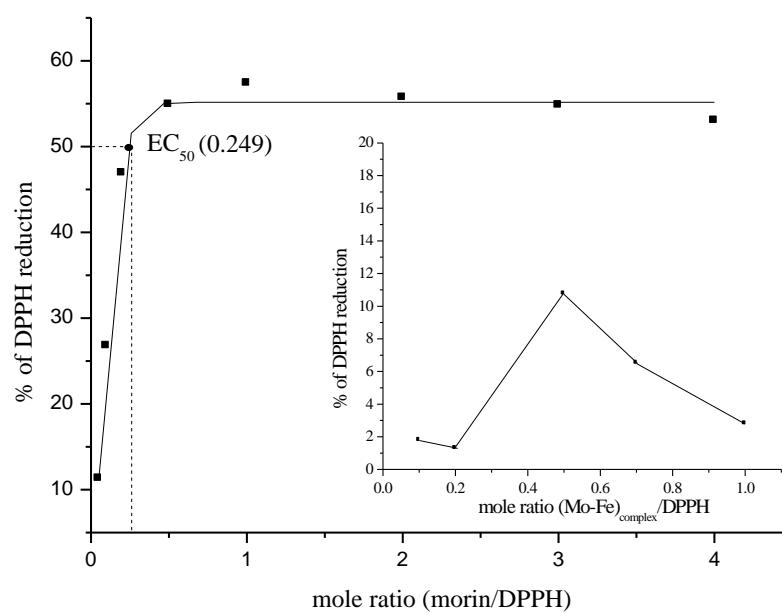


Fig. S6 Percentage of the DPPH (0.05 mM) reduction as a function of different morin/DPPH mol ratios. Inset: Percentage of DPPH reduction as a function of different (morin-Fe)/DPPH mole ratios

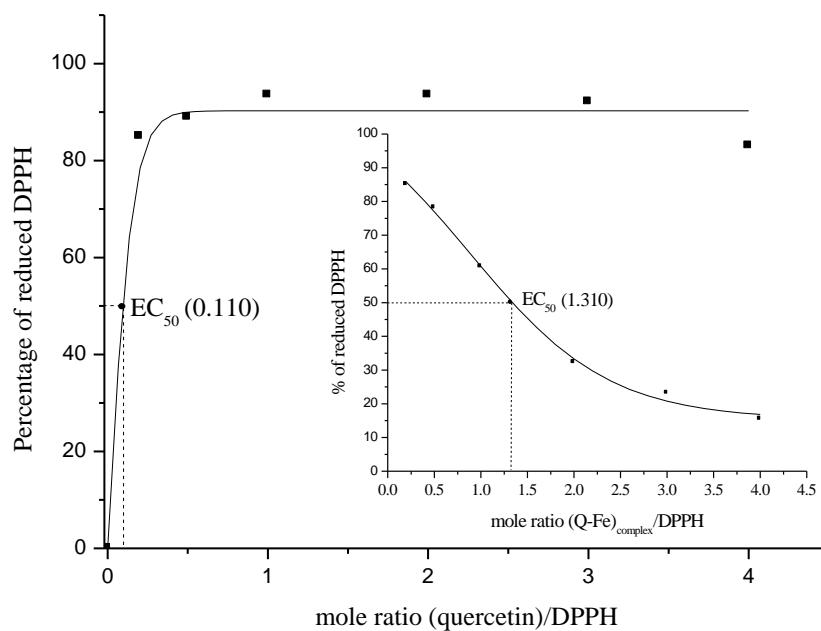


Fig. S7 Percentage of the DPPH (0.05 mM) reduction as a function of different quercetin/DPPH mole ratios. Inset: Percentage of DPPH reduction as a function of different (quercetin-Fe)/DPPH mole ratios

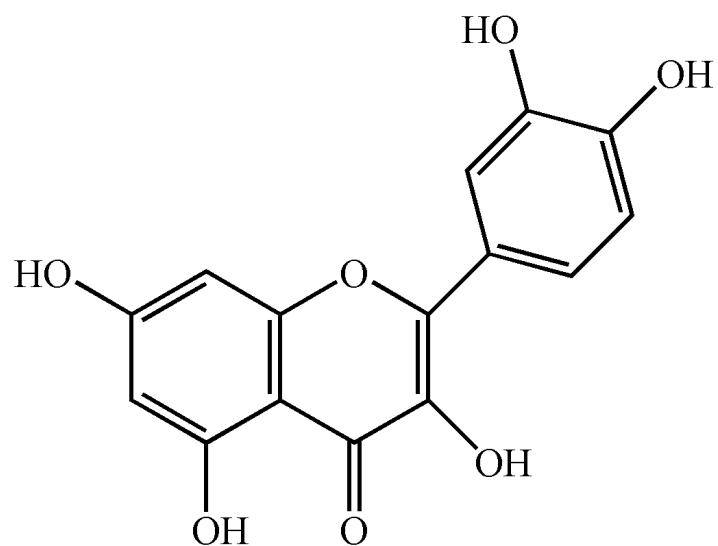


Fig. S8 Structure of quercetin

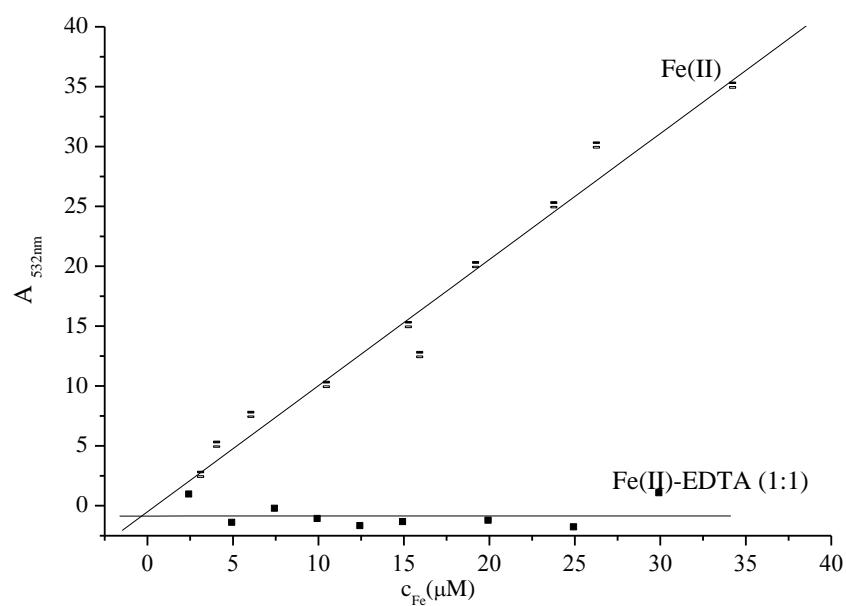


Fig. S9 Absorbance of malonaldehyde-TBA complex at 532 nm at various Fe(II) concentrations in the absence and presence of equimolar EDTA

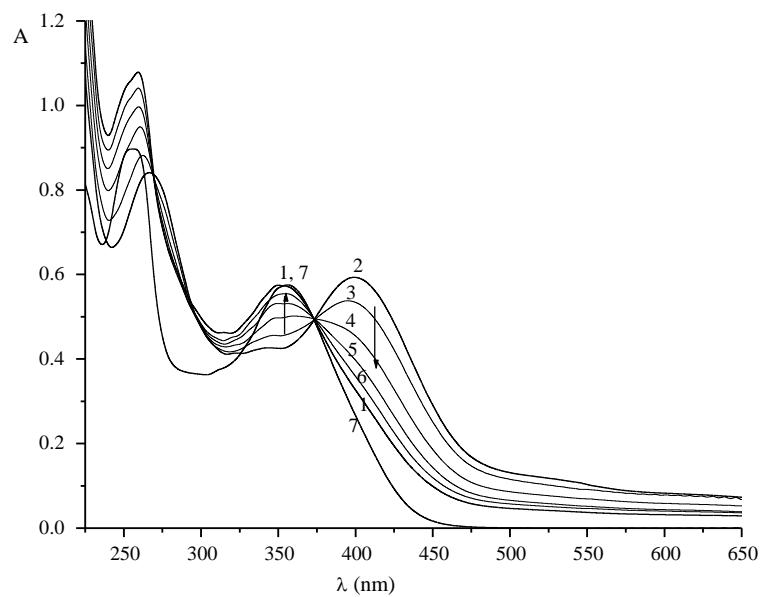


Fig. S10 Morin recovery from iron-morin complex (pH 4) by EDTA (1-morin; 2: iron-morin complex without EDTA; 3: complex + 1.0 μM EDTA; 4: complex + 1.5 μM EDTA; 5: complex + 3.1 μM EDTA 6: complex + 4.8 μM EDTA 7:complex + 6.5 mM EDTA)

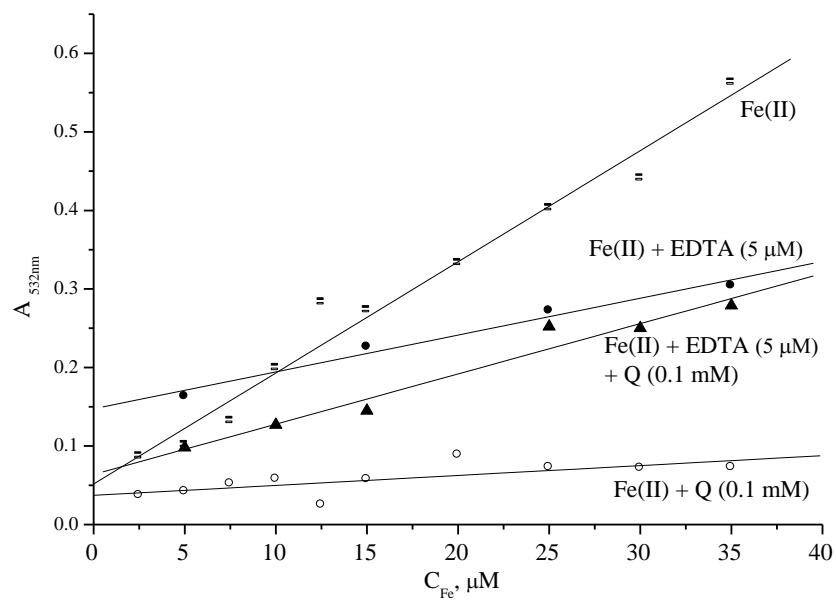


Fig. S11 Absorbance of malonaldehyde-TBA complex at 532 nm: at various Fe(II) concentrations in the presence or absence of quercetin and EDTA