

**Design, synthesis, magnetic properties of a π -radical ligand
with photo-excited high-spin state and its Fe(II) complex.
The first stage of a new strategy for LIESST materials.**

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Supplementary Information Data

NMR spectra of (i), (ii), (iii), L^1 and L^2 and the results of the DFT calculations are presented as the supplementary informations.

NMR spectra of (i), (ii), (iii), L^1 and L^2

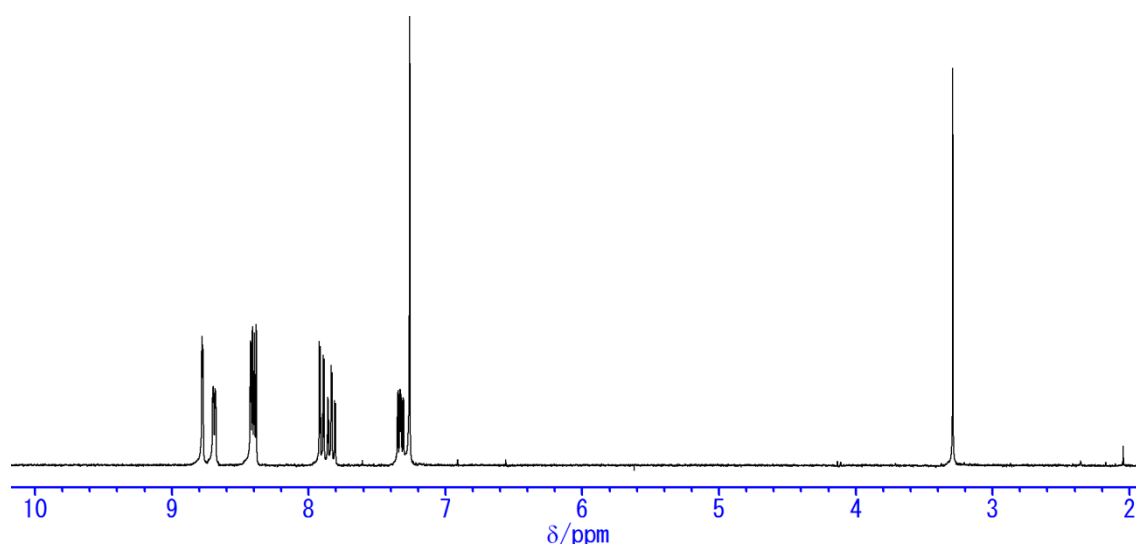


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of (i).

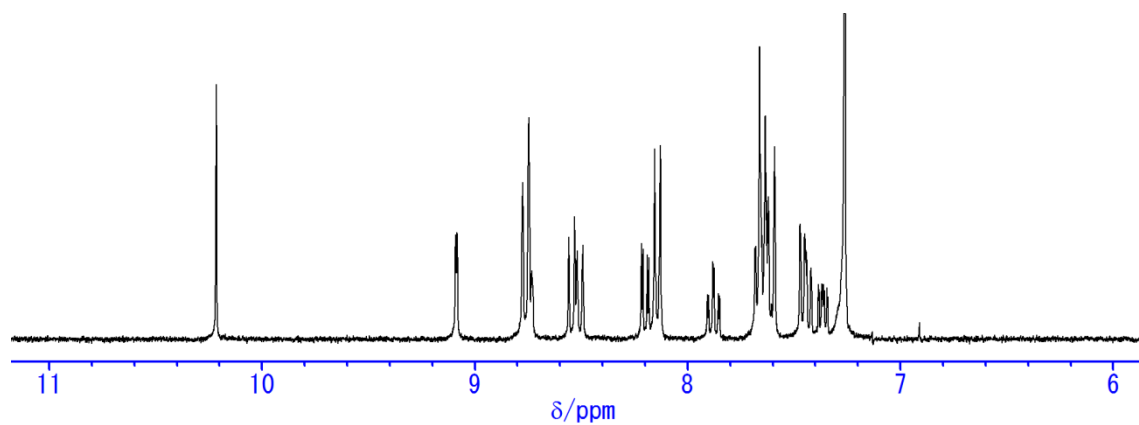


Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of **(ii)**.

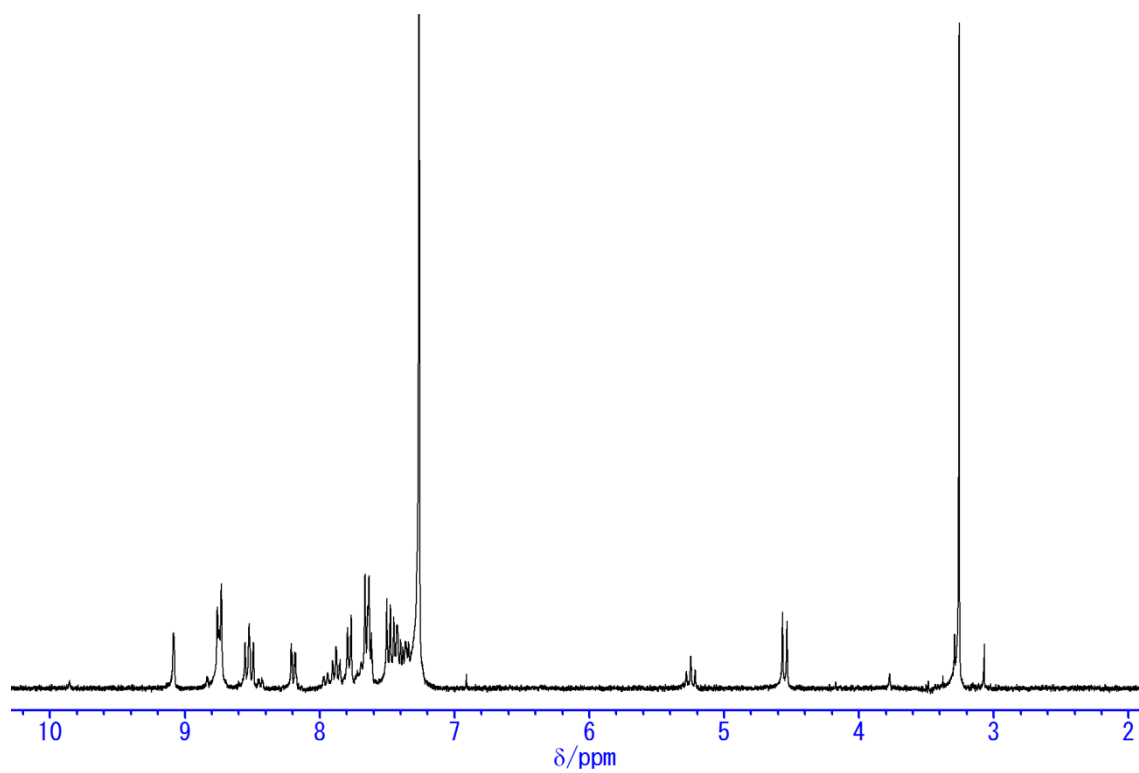


Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of **(iii)**.

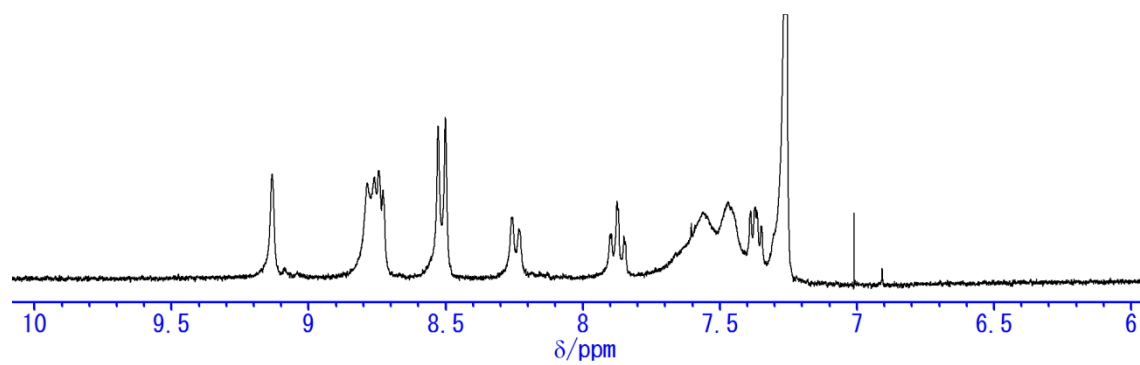


Figure S4. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of L^1 .

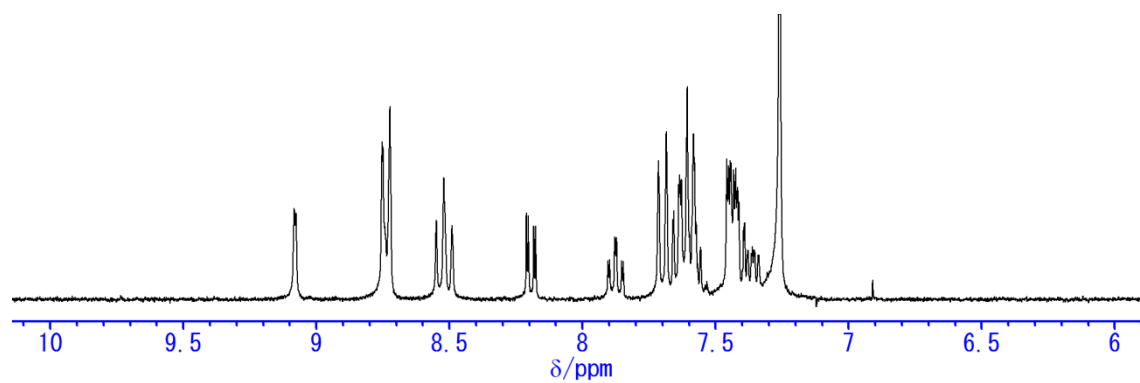


Figure S5. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl_3) of L^2 .

DFT calculations of L^1 and complex 1

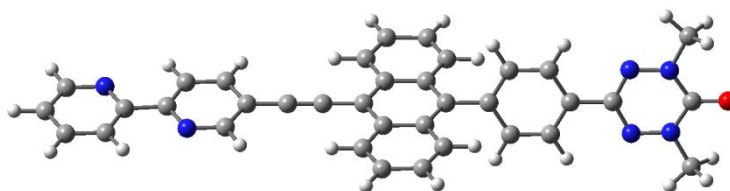


Figure S6. Molecular structure of L^1 ($S = 1/2$) optimized by the DFT calculation.

α-LUMO (-0.08222 a.u.)	β-LUMO+1 (-0.08201 a.u.)
α-HOMO-1 (SOMO) (-0.19948 a.u.)	β-LUMO (SOMO) (-0.09671 a.u.)
α-HOMO (-0.18948 a.u.)	β-HOMO (-0.18934 a.u.)

Figure S7. Molecular orbitals of L^1 ($S = 1/2$) calculated by DFT.

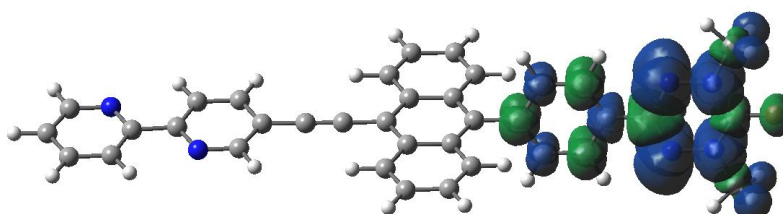


Figure S8. Spin density of L^1 ($S = 1/2$).

Table S1. Molecular coordinates of L^1 ($S = 1/2$) optimized by the DFT calculation

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1	6	0.717286	3.700476	-0.416353
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3	6	0.703181	1.265323	-0.140865
4	6	-0.742249	1.287397	-0.138658
5	6	-1.410335	2.545309	-0.265078
6	6	-0.706308	3.718184	-0.396933
7	6	1.396923	0.035042	-0.012490
8	6	-1.468026	0.067791	-0.019042
9	6	-0.770963	-1.168213	0.102961
10	6	0.674654	-1.179111	0.111972
11	6	1.338955	-2.442227	0.268211
12	1	2.421352	-2.458199	0.295847
13	6	0.631515	-3.613971	0.386621
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15	6	-1.468397	-2.410459	0.225646
16	1	1.264352	4.630512	-0.532475
17	1	2.479606	2.503806	-0.316395
18	1	-2.493965	2.552962	-0.257445
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25	6	-6.272108	1.316893	-0.069270
26	6	-6.270710	-1.091667	0.045615
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28	1	-5.749710	2.266001	-0.116928
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34	6	-10.430355	-1.319481	0.075559
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45	6	5.012669	0.427715	1.129997
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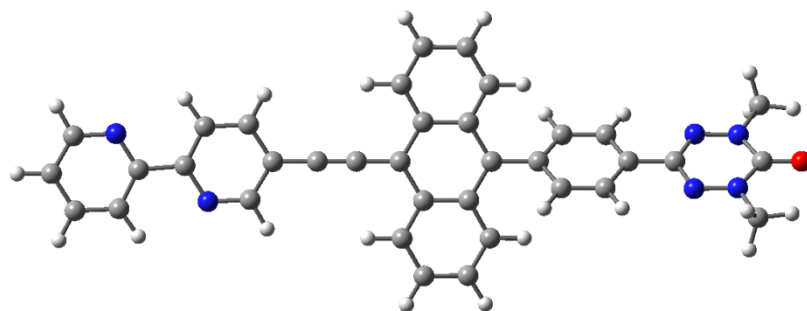


Figure S9. Molecular structure of L^1 ($S = 3/2$) optimized by the DFT calculation.

α-LUMO (-0.05996 a.u.)	β-LUMO+3 (-0.04999 a.u.)
α-HOMO (SOMO) (-0.13743 a.u.)	β-LUMO+2 (SOMO) (-0.07644 a.u.)
α-HOMO-1 (SOMO) (-0.19944 a.u.)	β-LUMO (SOMO) (-0.13552 a.u.)
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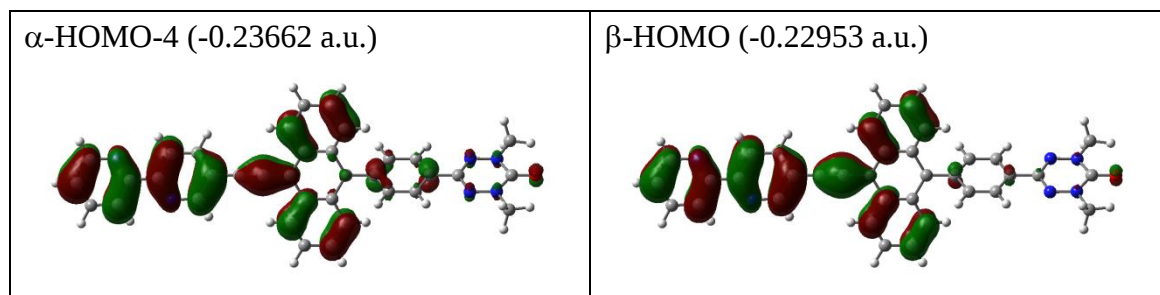


Figure S10. Molecular orbitals of $\mathbf{L}^1$ ($S = 3/2$) calculated by DFT.

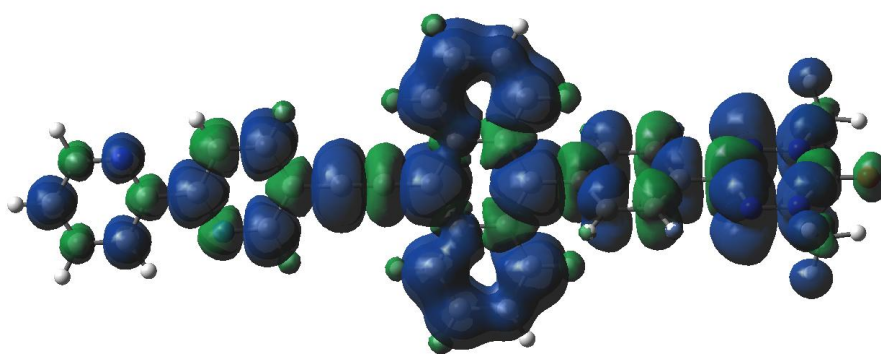


Figure S11. Spin density of $\mathbf{L}^1$ ($S = 3/2$).

Table S2. Molecular coordinates of $\mathbf{L}^1$ ($S = 3/2$) optimized by the DFT calculation

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9	6	0.771528	-1.191263	0.144891
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11	6	-1.311117	-2.430863	0.412083
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13	6	-0.593591	-3.624574	0.574243
14	6	0.798053	-3.613404	0.512110
15	6	1.468267	-2.397120	0.307991
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17	1	-2.457844	2.501459	-0.511425
18	1	2.485159	2.558111	-0.319245
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27	6	7.654008	1.271928	-0.131155
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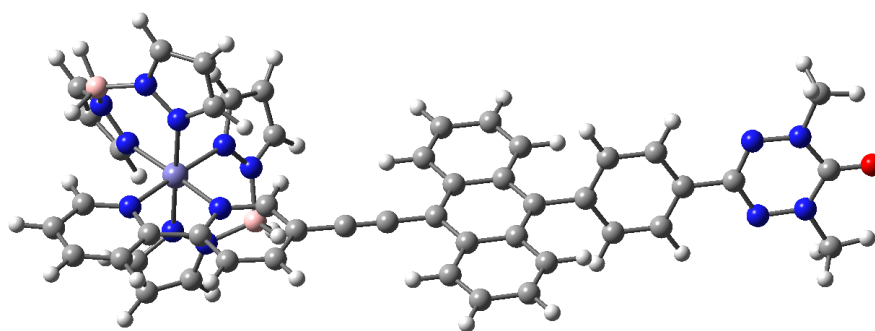


Figure S12. Molecular structure of **1** ($S = 1/2$) optimized by the DFT calculation.

α-LUMO+1 (-0.07721 a.u.)	β-LUMO+2 (-0.10159 a.u.)
α-LUMO (-0.10171 a.u.)	β-LUMO+1 (-0.10961 a.u.)
α-HOMO-4 (SOMO) (-0.21054 a.u.)	β-LUMO (SOMO) (-0.19432 a.u.)
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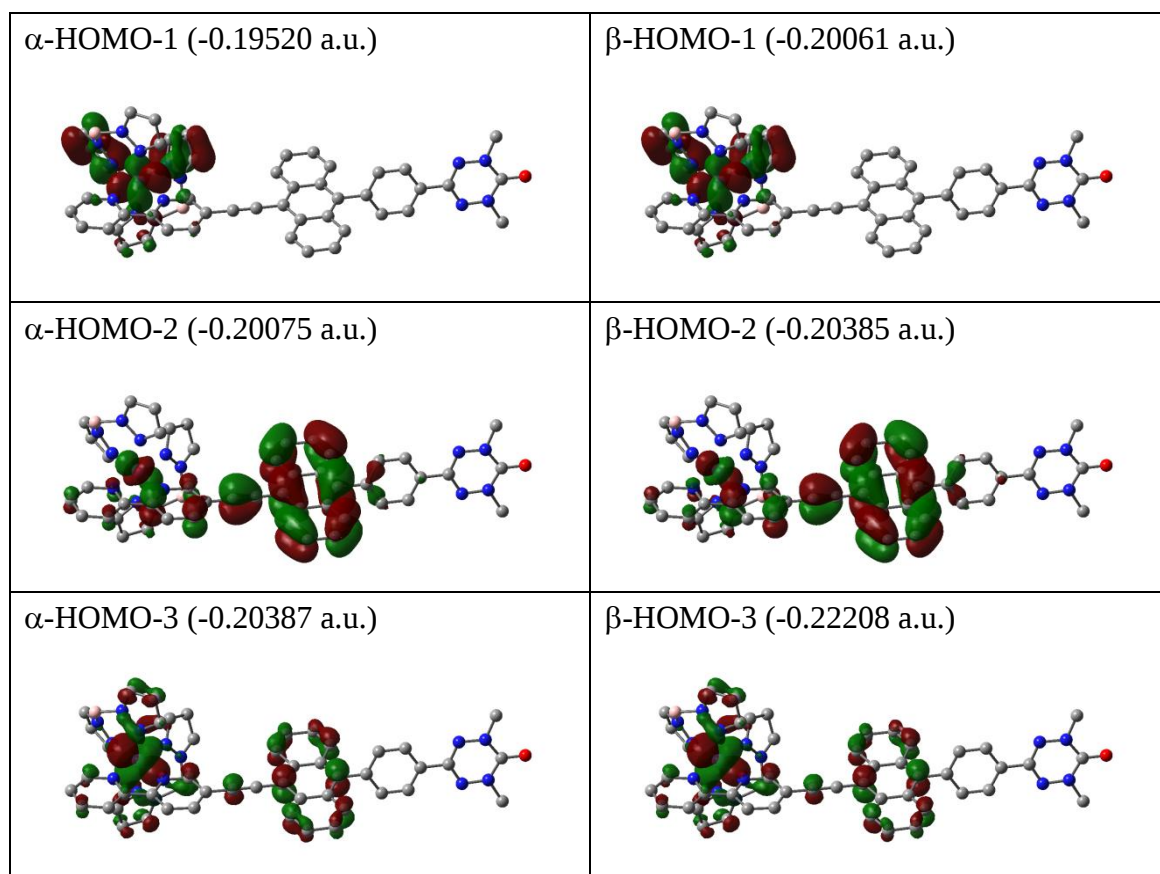


Figure S13. Molecular orbitals of **1** ($S = 1/2$) calculated by DFT.

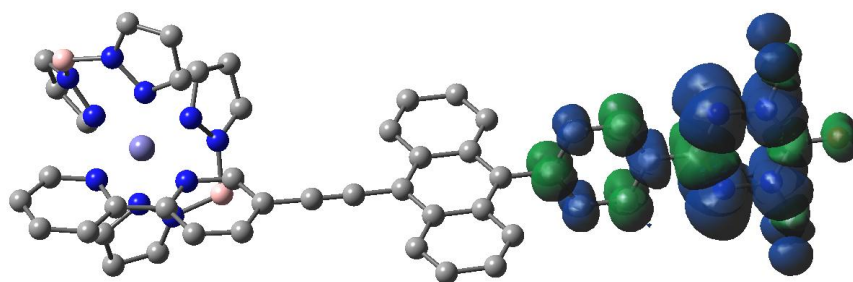


Figure S14. Spin density of **1** ($S = 1/2$).

Table S3. Molecular coordinates of **1** ($S = 1/2$) optimized by the DFT calculation

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4	7	-5.699095	-0.019404	2.060951
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56	1	-8.357856	-2.305418	-3.056370
57	1	-2.923813	-1.613692	3.580838
58	1	-2.647429	-0.123448	2.296636
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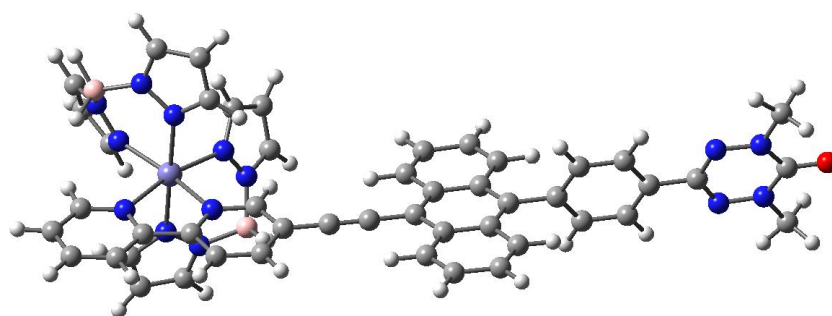


Figure S15. Molecular structure of **1** ($S = 5/2$) optimized by the DFT calculation.

α-LUMO (-0.10265 a.u.)	β-LUMO+1 (-0.10315 a.u.)
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α- HOMO-2 (-0.21078 a.u.)	β-HOMO (-0.17933 a.u.)
α- HOMO-3 (-0.22342 a.u.)	

Figure S16. Molecular orbitals of **1** ($S = 5/2$) calculated by DFT.

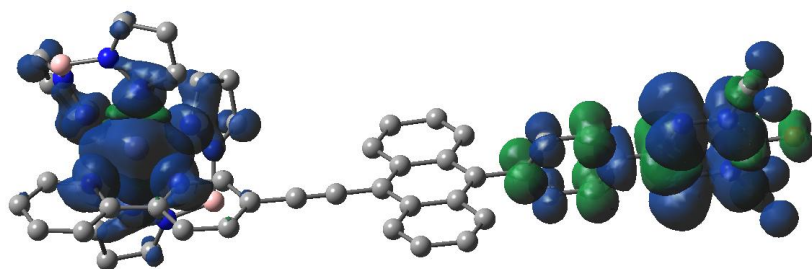


Figure S17. Spin density of **1** ($S = 5/2$).

Table S4. Molecular coordinates of **1** ($S = 5/2$) optimized by the DFT calculation

	Atomic number	$x/\text{\AA}$	$y/\text{\AA}$	$z/\text{\AA}$
1	26	5.610579	-0.408219	0.037802
2	5	3.448811	-1.590708	-2.511092
3	7	4.156010	1.299590	-0.172937
4	7	5.838433	-0.662046	-2.154203
5	7	4.109998	-1.981079	-0.034773
6	7	4.897991	-1.261775	-2.981500
7	7	3.490275	-2.430842	-1.196709
8	6	2.824661	1.111261	-0.162580
9	6	1.894859	2.180418	-0.271168
10	6	2.431153	3.486684	-0.401183
11	6	3.817713	3.672123	-0.411352
12	6	4.673014	2.556417	-0.291413
13	6	6.941537	-0.443815	-2.924102
14	6	6.724158	-0.889726	-4.247279
15	6	5.416666	-1.405121	-4.235878
16	6	3.875328	-2.923346	0.922218
17	6	3.100239	-3.979669	0.395126
18	6	2.882142	-3.627343	-0.948533
19	5	7.862104	-0.771214	2.749662
20	7	6.824930	1.475134	-0.132211
21	7	5.380335	-0.240337	2.234520
22	7	7.297131	-1.727117	0.406538
23	7	6.374751	-0.540586	3.156425
24	7	7.950939	-1.852782	1.628839
25	6	8.177067	1.467403	-0.112516
26	6	8.935433	2.643815	-0.237432
27	6	8.256078	3.866190	-0.384905
28	6	6.851995	3.872819	-0.405963
29	6	6.154232	2.653078	-0.277776
30	6	4.246452	-0.011484	2.955576
31	6	4.496376	-0.153456	4.338872
32	6	5.857776	-0.493651	4.418689
33	6	7.669546	-2.801099	-0.346570
34	6	8.567824	-3.620193	0.371835
35	6	8.715464	-2.983298	1.616414

36	1	8.643630	0.498062	0.013164
37	1	10.018924	2.595263	-0.211459
38	1	8.807423	4.797391	-0.481812
39	1	6.318486	4.809280	-0.521598
40	1	4.222807	4.672632	-0.508060
41	1	1.761826	4.336745	-0.492073
42	1	2.484830	0.087231	-0.068861
43	1	4.277136	-2.798541	1.916127
44	1	2.760418	-4.867537	0.905910
45	1	2.342760	-4.141878	-1.729362
46	1	4.833425	-1.853630	-5.025601
47	1	7.409262	-0.852447	-5.080342
48	1	7.827481	0.000177	-2.497024
49	1	3.318620	0.224239	2.457717
50	1	3.798381	-0.036134	5.153571
51	1	6.479261	-0.698966	5.276974
52	1	9.307886	-3.256241	2.476517
53	1	9.032439	-4.537289	0.043730
54	1	7.270920	-2.930229	-1.341267
55	1	8.329242	0.271239	2.348996
56	1	8.464240	-1.176430	3.715987
57	1	2.908303	-2.251198	-3.366482
58	1	2.851135	-0.556902	-2.314203
59	6	0.494180	1.928354	-0.247978
60	6	-0.710006	1.682517	-0.224675
61	6	-2.101922	1.374346	-0.191141
62	6	-3.068198	2.425881	-0.170340
63	6	-2.524559	0.009446	-0.174092
64	6	-2.675559	3.807192	-0.192701
65	6	-4.481056	2.103092	-0.132079
66	6	-3.939737	-0.303599	-0.122542
67	6	-1.577574	-1.069915	-0.199678
68	6	-3.615763	4.821087	-0.191538
69	1	-1.616097	4.042931	-0.214506
70	6	-5.428674	3.189295	-0.144821
71	6	-4.905140	0.743482	-0.103107
72	6	-4.328925	-1.690583	-0.069181

73	1	-0.519659	-0.834601	-0.253384
74	6	-1.992158	-2.388261	-0.160166
75	6	-5.013053	4.506682	-0.173109
76	1	-3.299519	5.861119	-0.210524
77	1	-6.488231	2.958199	-0.138727
78	6	-3.387746	-2.702060	-0.087227
79	1	-5.383507	-1.935682	-0.006603
80	1	-1.258641	-3.189969	-0.179978
81	1	-5.744766	5.310450	-0.185433
82	1	-3.702449	-3.741638	-0.043488
83	6	-6.368381	0.416299	-0.049246
84	6	-7.042262	-0.087753	-1.184825
85	6	-7.108259	0.606337	1.140075
86	6	-8.412204	-0.387859	-1.137465
87	1	-6.490877	-0.236060	-2.109957
88	6	-8.476493	0.301008	1.196370
89	1	-6.605540	0.986879	2.025759
90	6	-9.144732	-0.197725	0.055712
91	1	-8.923034	-0.768683	-2.015486
92	1	-9.035424	0.444899	2.114889
93	6	-10.594249	-0.515893	0.110442
94	6	-13.303183	-1.108137	0.213343
95	8	-14.526322	-1.375685	0.259916
96	7	-12.523619	-1.294111	-0.934191
97	7	-12.591401	-0.595606	1.304085
98	6	-13.300835	-0.356734	2.569326
99	1	-14.117462	0.357240	2.420014
100	1	-13.728328	-1.290375	2.949632
101	1	-12.571866	0.042028	3.275298
102	6	-13.158005	-1.830055	-2.147238
103	1	-13.575695	-2.823470	-1.952834
104	1	-13.972305	-1.174663	-2.473173
105	1	-12.385679	-1.886914	-2.914742
106	7	-11.163359	-1.009781	-1.023404
107	7	-11.233859	-0.286443	1.290162

Table S5. Calculated results for L^1 and **1**^a

L^1 (UB3LYP/6-31G)	GS ($S = 1/2$) [Hartree/Particle]	ES ($S = 3/2$) [Hartree/Particle]	Δ (ES-GS) [kJ mol ⁻¹]
E _{el} (UB+HF-LYP)	-1790.070912	-1790.017834	139.4
E _{el} + zero-point energy	-1789.538689	-1789.487712	133.8
E _{el} + thermal energy	-1789.505819	-1789.453168	138.2
E _{el} + thermal enthalpy	-1789.504875	-1789.452224	138.2
E _{el} + thermal free energy	-1789.609691	-1789.561377	126.8
Complex 1 (UB3LYP/LANL2DZ)	LS ($S = 1/2$) [Hartree/Particle]	HS ($S = 5/2$) [Hartree/Particle]	Δ (HS-LS) [kJ mol ⁻¹]
E _{el} (UB+HF-LYP)	-2868.324909	-2868.321553	8.811
E _{el} + zero-point energy	-2867.492105	-2867.493648	-4.051
E _{el} + thermal energy	-2867.437942	-2867.438939	-2.618
E _{el} + thermal enthalpy	-2867.436998	-2867.437995	-2.618
E _{el} + thermal free energy	-2867.587757	-2867.592155	-11.55

^a Zero-point energy and enthalpic and entropic thermal contributions to thermodynamic properties at 298.15 K and 1 atm were calculated from harmonic vibrational frequencies obtained at the UB3LYP/6-31G level for L^1 and the UB3LYP/LANL2DZ level for **1** without scaling factors.

Table S6. Bond distances (Å) for optimized structures of **1**

	$S = 1/2$	$S = 5/2$
Fe–N1	1.995	2.253
Fe–N2	1.993	2.247
Fe–N3	2.028	2.173
Fe–N4	2.042	2.215
Fe–N5	2.028	2.175
Fe–N6	2.042	2.218

