

## **Supporting Information**

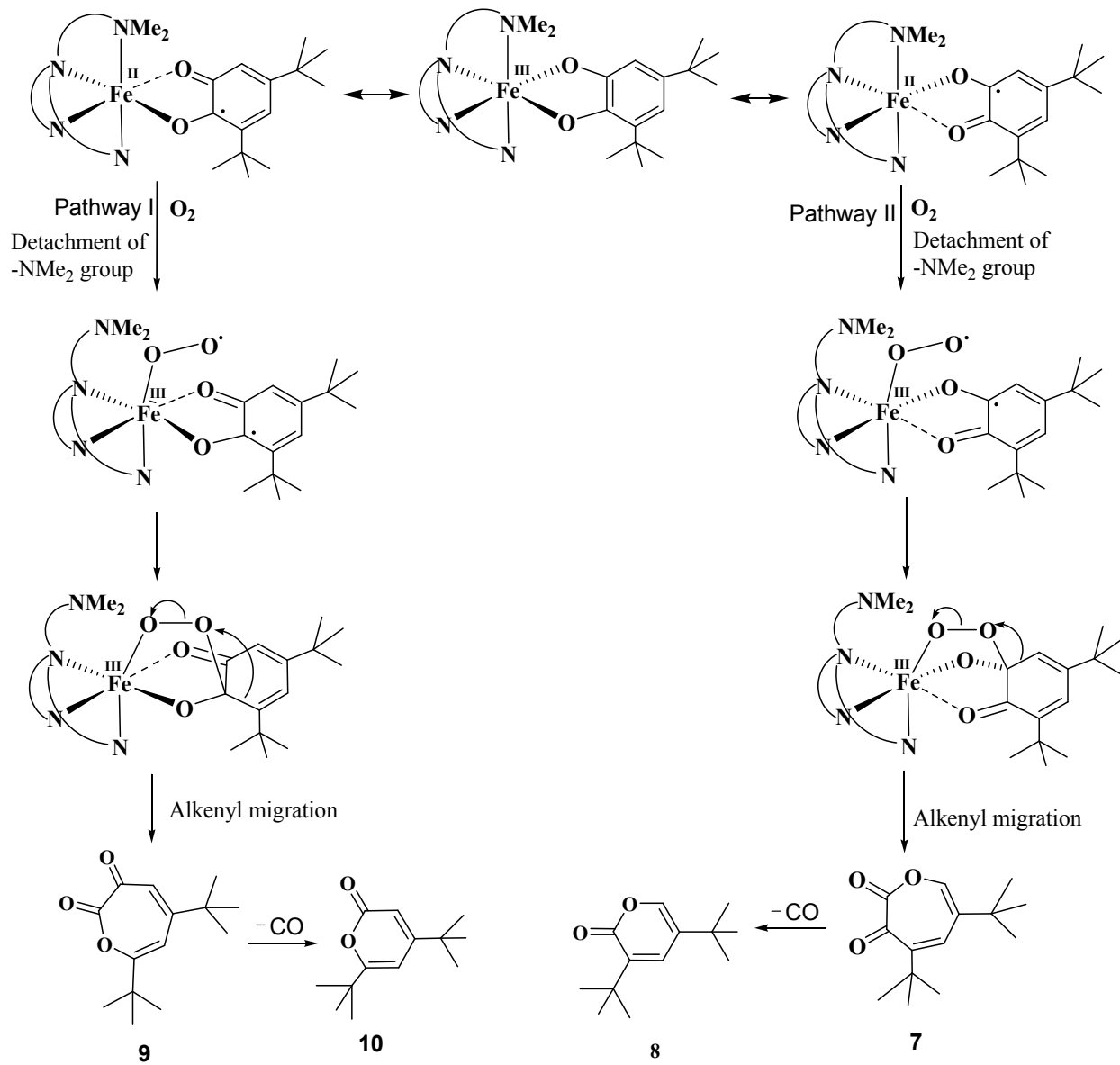
### **Iron(III) Complexes of Tripodal Tetradentate 4N Ligands as Functional Models for Catechol Dioxygenases: Electronic Vs Steric Effect on Exradiol Cleavage**

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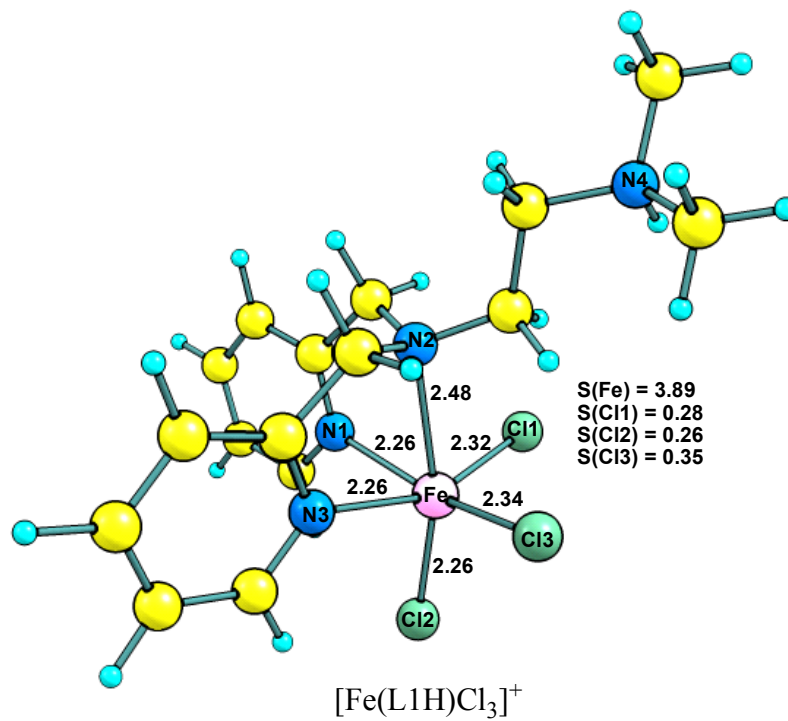
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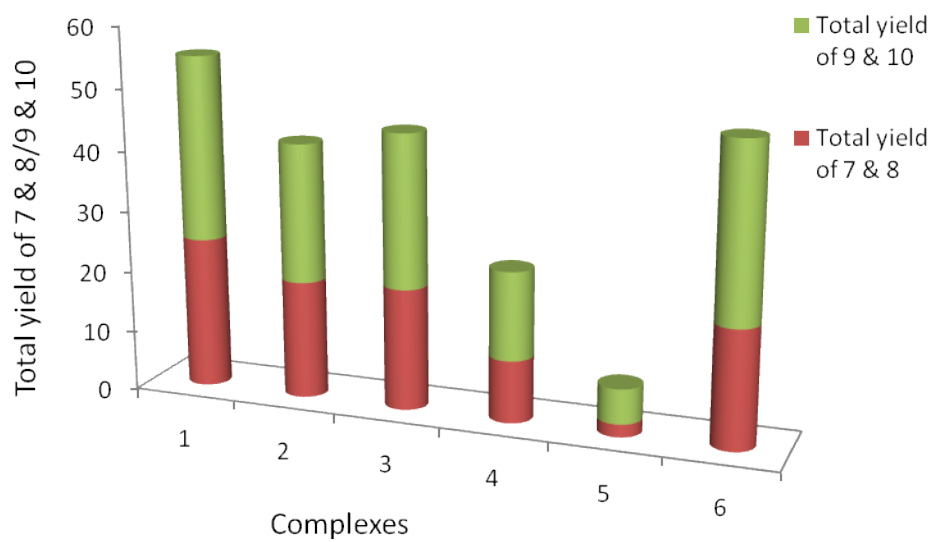
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**Scheme S1.** Mechanistic pathway for the formation of extradiol products **7 & 8** and **9 & 10**



**Figure S1.** The optimized geometries of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{L1H})\text{Cl}_3]^+$  (**1a**). Selected bond lengths (Å) along with the key spin densities are given.



**Figure S2.** Variation of extradiol products yield in the oxidative cleavage of  $\text{H}_2\text{DBC}$  by **1** - **6**