## Valence tautomerism and dynamic behavior of cobalt complexes with an anthracene-containing dioxolene ligand

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## Supplementary Information Data

IR spectra of 1-4, <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 1-4, (i) and  $H_2L$ , variable temperature <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 1-4, Eyring plots of 1 and 2, LIVT measurements of complexes 2 and 3, and TRESR spectrum of  $H_2L$  are presented as supplementary information.



Figure S1. IR spectra of complexes 1-4 at room temperature.



Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (300 MHz) of complexes 1-4 at room temperature in acetonitrile- $d_3$ .



**Figure S3.** Temperature dependence of magnetic susceptibilities of complex **2**, the bulk powder sample ( $\bigcirc$ ), after irradiation with 355 nm light ( $\square$ ) and 532 nm light ( $\triangle$ ). The  $\chi_M$ T values of the thin samples at 5 K before photo-irradiation were corrected by using that of the bulk powder sample at 5 K. The values after photo-irradiation are lower than those of the bulk powder sample above 7 K because the susceptibility data were not corrected for the diamagnetism of the tape.



**Figure S4.** Temperature dependence of magnetic susceptibilities of complex **3**, the bulk powder sample ( $\bigcirc$ ), after photo-irradiation 355 nm ( $\square$ ) and 532 nm ( $\triangle$ ). The  $\chi_M$ T values of the thin samples at 5 K before photo-irradiation were corrected by using that of the bulk powder sample at 5 K. The values after photo-irradiation are lower than those of the bulk powder sample above 7 K because the susceptibility data were not corrected for the diamagnetism of the tape.



**Figure S5.** TRESR spectrum of  $H_2L$  at 30 K in a 2-Me-THF glass matrix at 0.5  $\mu$ s. "Abs." and "Emi." denote the absorption and emission of microwave. The signals were observed in the range of 250 to 420 mT. The deduced *D* value is about 0.07 cm<sup>-1</sup>, which is similar to that of anthracene (0.0710 cm<sup>-1</sup>).





**Figure S6.** Observed (left) and simulated (middle) signals of 10-H proton of the anthracene ring in variable temperature <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **1** in acetonitrile-*d*<sub>3</sub>. Eyring plot of complex **1** (right):  $\ln(k/T) = -\Delta H^{\ddagger}/(RT) + \ln(k_{\rm B}/h) + \Delta S^{\ddagger}/R; k, \text{ rate constant; } T, \text{ temperature; } R, \text{ gas constant; } k_{\rm B},$ Boltzmann constant; *h*, Planck constant;  $\Delta H^{\ddagger}$ , activation enthalpy;  $\Delta S^{\ddagger}$ , activation entropy.



**Figure S7.** Observed (left) and simulated (middle) signals of 10-H proton of the anthracene ring in variable temperature <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **2** in acetonitrile-*d*<sub>3</sub>. Eyring plot of complex **2** (right):  $\ln(k/T) = -\Delta H^{\ddagger}/(RT) + \ln(k_{\rm B}/h) + \Delta S^{\ddagger}/R$ ; *k*, rate constant; *T*, temperature; *R*, gas constant; *k*<sub>B</sub>, Boltzmann constant; *h*, Planck constant;  $\Delta H^{\ddagger}$ , activation enthalpy;  $\Delta S^{\ddagger}$ , activation entropy.



**Figure S8.** Variable temperature <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (300 MHz) of complex **3** in acetonitrile- $d_3$ . Residual solvent signals are marked with an asterisk.



**Figure S9.** Variable temperature <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (300 MHz) of complex 4 in acetonitrile- $d_3$ . Residual solvent signals are marked with an asterisk.



Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of (i).



Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of H<sub>2</sub>L.