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Data for Deposition; Figs S1 to S7; Structure of 3; Magnetism of 1 and 2, EPR of 2**

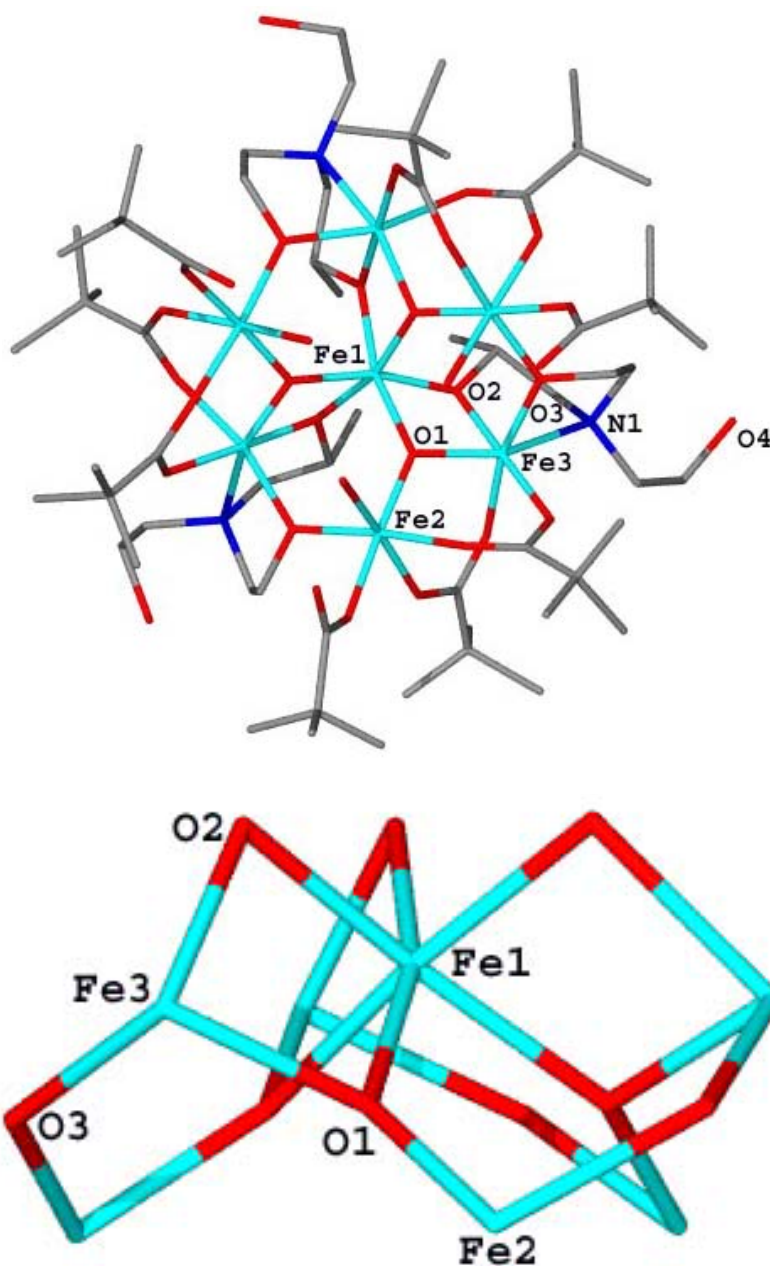


Fig. S1 (bottom) Structure of the dome-like core in **3** (top) Structure of the heptanuclear cluster **3**, H atoms omitted for clarity

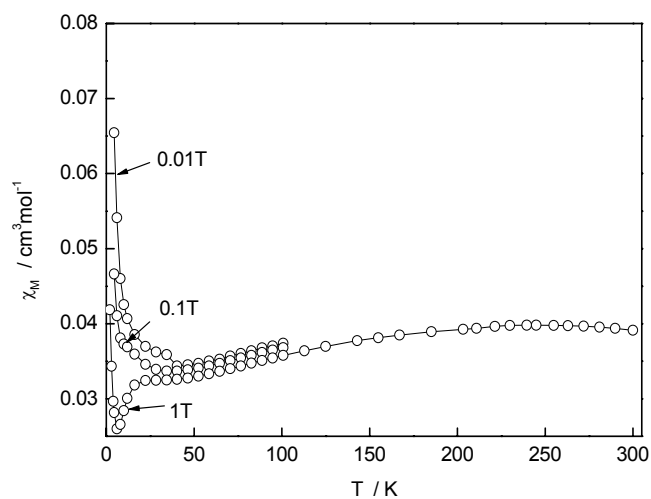


Fig S2 Plots of χ_M , per Fe_6 , for $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}_8\text{O}_3(\text{O}_2\text{CCH}_2\text{CH}_3)_6(\text{tea})(\text{teaH})_3(\text{F})_3]\cdot\text{MeOH}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**1**) in fields of 1T (2 – 300 K) and 0.1 and 0.01 T (2 – 100 K)

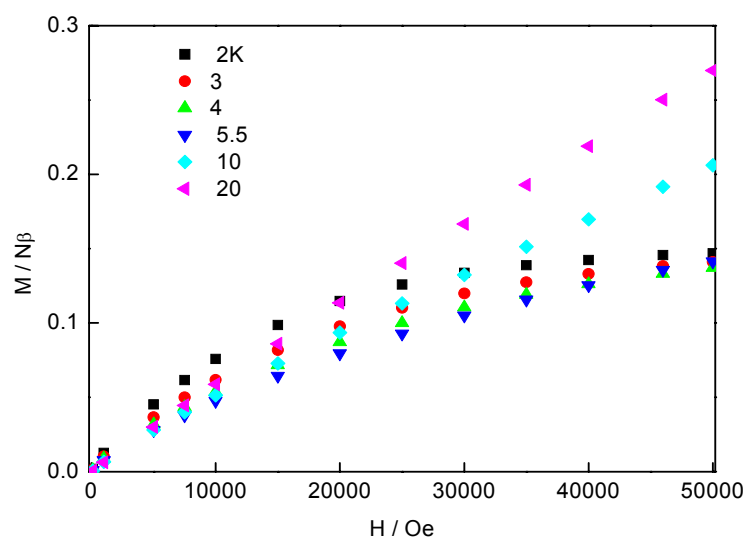


Fig S3 Magnetisation isotherms for compound $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}_8\text{O}_3(\text{O}_2\text{CCH}_2\text{CH}_3)_6(\text{tea})(\text{teaH})_3(\text{F})_3]\cdot\text{MeOH}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**1**)

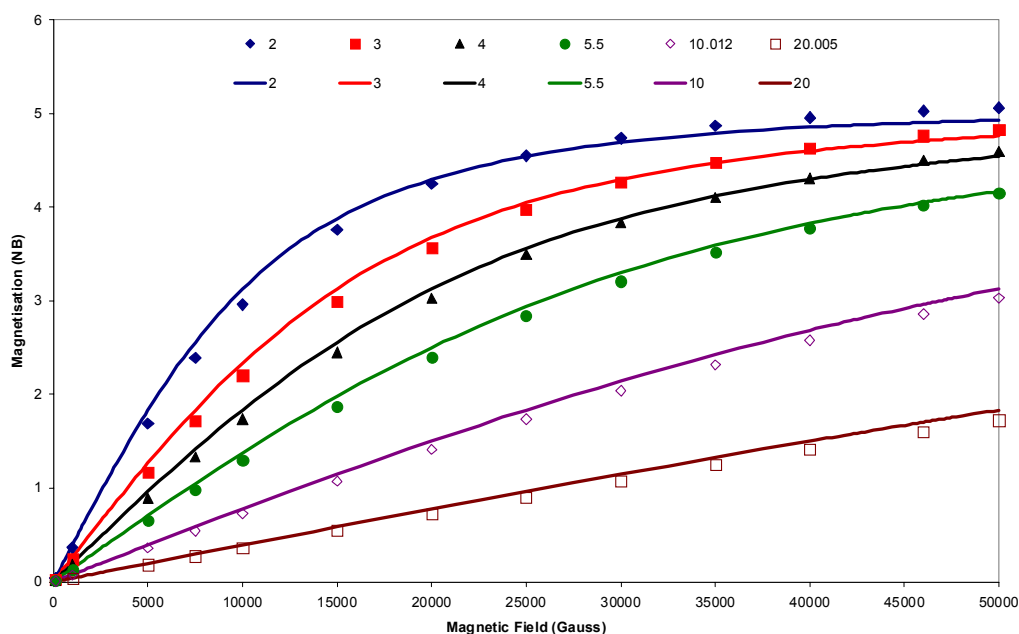


Fig S4 Magnetisation isotherms for $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}_7\text{O}_3(\text{O}_2\text{CCMe}_3)_9(\text{bheapH})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]$ (**2**), with solid lines calculated using a $S = 5/2$ Brillouin function and $g = 2.0$

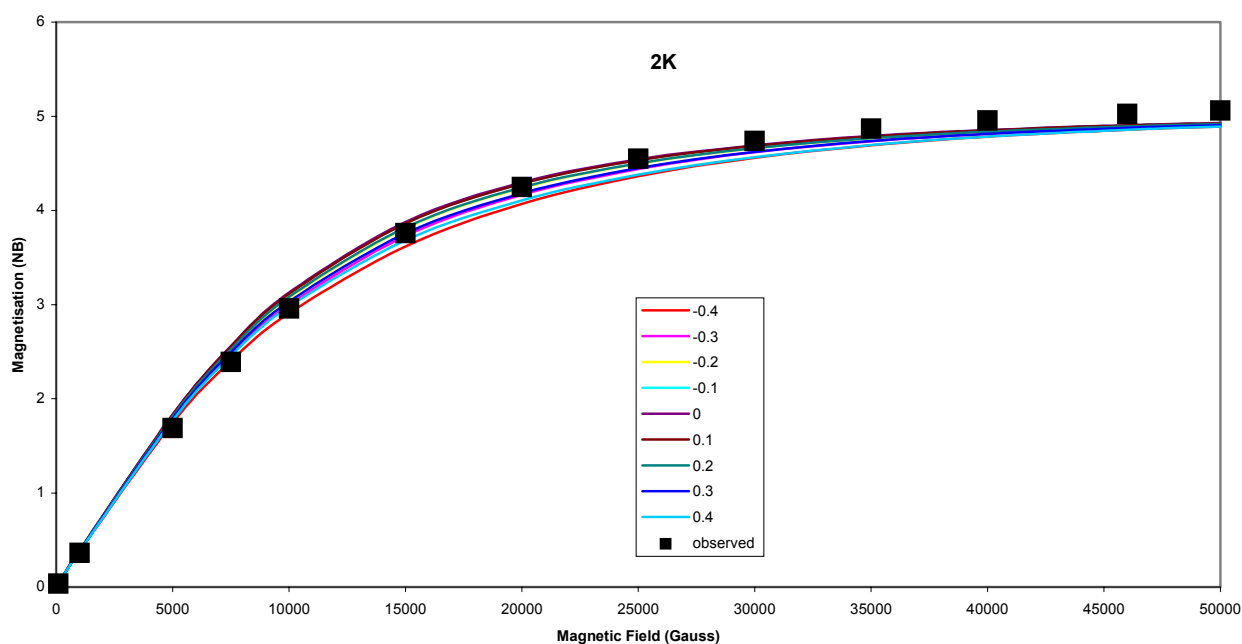


Fig S5 Magnetisation isotherm values for **2** shown as solid squares, at 2 K, and calculated values plotted for D varying between $\pm 0.4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ using an axial DS_z^2 spin Hamiltonian. (see colour codes in inset)

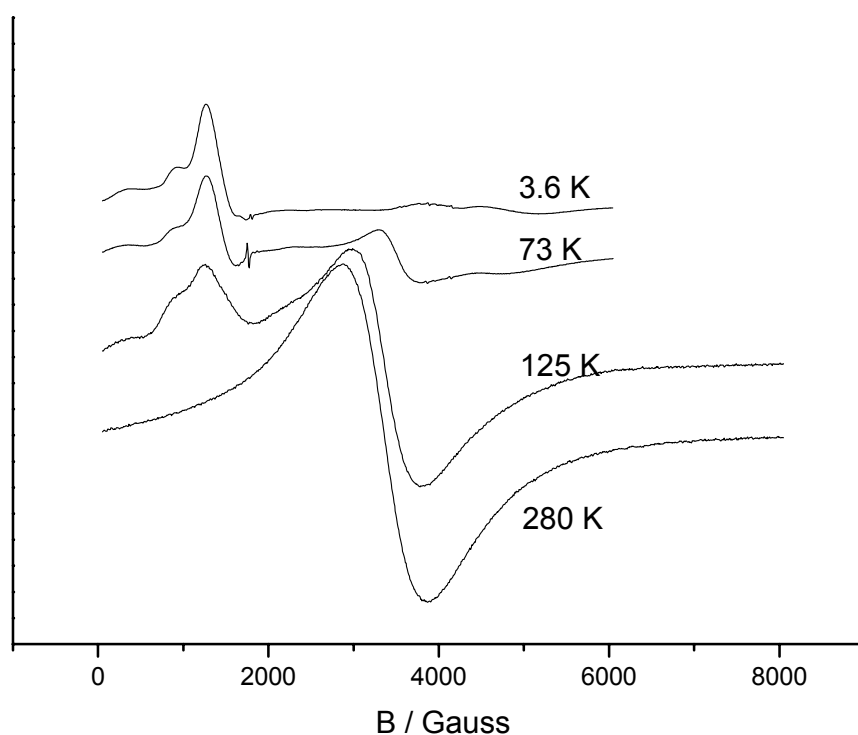


Fig S6 EPR spectra of polycrystalline powders of (compound **2**) at the indicated temperatures. Microwave frequency for 280 K and 125 K was 9.433 GHz, for 72 K and 3.6 K, 9.700 GHz. Microwave power 1.05 mW, field scan time 83.886 s, time constant 20 ms. relative spectral intensities arbitrarily scaled.

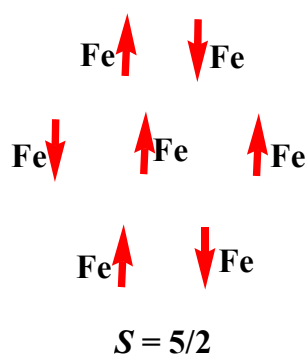


Fig. S7 Model for the $S = 5/2$ ground spin rationale in **2** and **3**