

Supporting Information for

**Amphiphilic iron(II) complexes with short alkyl chains – Crystal
Packing and Spin Transition properties**

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Figure S1. ^1H NMR of the ligand $\mathbf{H}_2\mathbf{L}$ (left). S denotes the residual solvent.

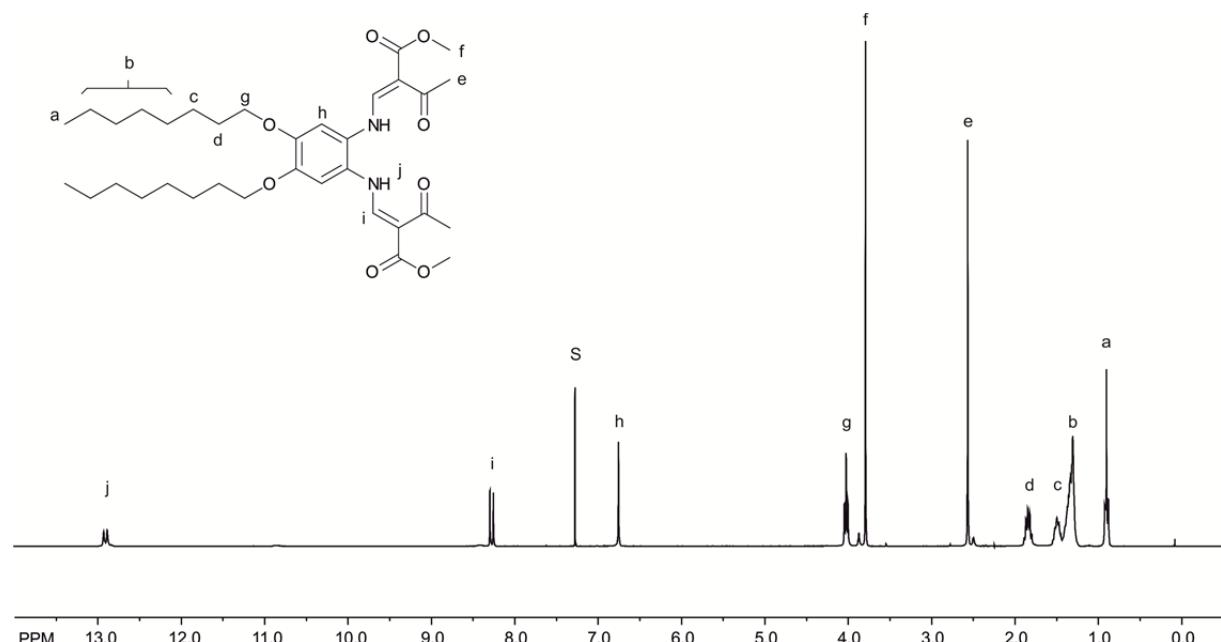


Table S1. Parameters for crystal structure determination of **1a(HS)**, **1a(LS)**, **1b**, **2a** and **2b**.

| Compound reference | 1a(HS) | 1a(LS) | 1b | 2a | 2b |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| Chemical formula | C ₄₈ H ₇₀ FeN ₆ O ₈ ·MeOH | C ₄₈ H ₇₀ FeN ₆ O ₈ ·MeOH | C ₄₈ H ₇₀ FeN ₆ O ₈ ·1.5MeOH | C ₄₁ H ₆₀ FeN ₄ O ₈ | C ₄₁ H ₆₀ FeN ₄ O ₈ |
| M _r /g mol ⁻¹ | 946.99 | 946.99 | 963.01 | 792.78 | 792.78 |
| crystal dimensions /mm | 0.20×0.27×0.40 | 0.37×0.40×0.42 | 0.14×0.19×0.39 | 0.20×0.26×0.34 | 0.11×0.12×0.29 |
| radiation /nm | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 |
| crystal system | triclinic | triclinic | monoclinic | monoclinic | triclinic |
| a /Å | 12.0361(8) | 11.9287(5) | 10.599(5) | 19.8161(9) | 11.9872(7) |
| b /Å | 13.4241(10) | 13.1406(5) | 31.295(5) | 8.2415(4) | 12.5380(8) |
| c /Å | 17.3275(13) | 17.0569(7) | 15.997(5) | 25.5905(11) | 14.6613(10) |
| α /° | 103.289(6) | 103.154(3) | 90 | 90 | 95.394(5) |
| β /° | 101.608(6) | 100.508(3) | 101.404(5) | 98.224(3) | 102.327(5) |
| γ /° | 99.935(6) | 100.246(3) | 90 | 90 | 106.231(5) |
| Unit cell volume /Å ³ | 2597.7(3) | 2491.76(18) | 5201(3) | 4136.3(3) | 2039.0(2) |
| Temperature /K | 273 | 133 | 133 | 133 | 133 |
| space group | P $\bar{1}$ | P $\bar{1}$ | P2 ₁ /c | P2 ₁ /c | P $\bar{1}$ |
| Z | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| μ /mm ⁻¹ | 0.347 | 0.362 | 0.349 | 0.419 | 0.425 |
| No. of reflections measured | 31745 | 30301 | 56290 | 38465/5508 | 24231 |
| No. of independent reflections | 8697 | 8344 | 8715 | 5508 | 6827 |
| R _{int} | 0.154 | 0.073 | 0.185 | 0.00 (0.142)* | 0.142 |
| Final R _I values ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) | 0.0660 | 0.0384 | 0.0852 | 0.1008 | 0.0632 |
| Final R _I values (all data) | 0.1055 | 0.0531 | 0.1626 | 0.1147 | 0.1335 |
| Final wR(F^2) values ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) | 0.1737 | 0.0975 | 0.2514 | 0.2606 | 0.1380 |
| Goodness of fit on F^2 | 0.87 | 0.93 | 0.93 | 1.13 | 0.88 |
| CCDC number | CCDC 944437 | CCDC 944436 | CCDC 944434 | CCDC 944438 | CCDC 944435 |

* new hkl file generated by PLATON. Original R_{int} in brackets.

Figure S2. Spin crossover behaviour of the reaction products of $[\text{Fe}(\text{L})(\text{MeOH})_2]$ with 20 (triangles), 30 (open squares), 70 (cycles), 90 (squares) and 110 (open cycles) equivalents of dmap.

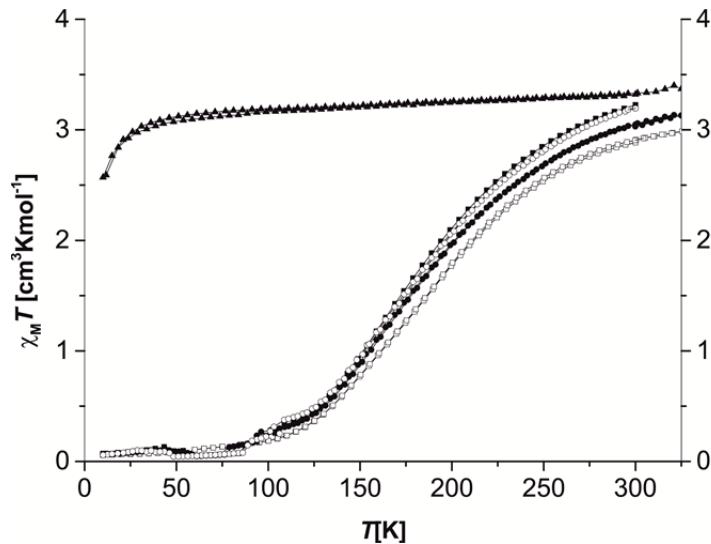


Figure S3. Left: Spin crossover behaviour of fresh crystals of $[\text{Fe}(\text{L})(\text{dmap})_2]$ (**1c**). Right: Spin transition curve of **1a** (cycles) and combined curve of the 50:50 weighted contributions of the spin transition curves of **1b** and **1c** (open triangles).

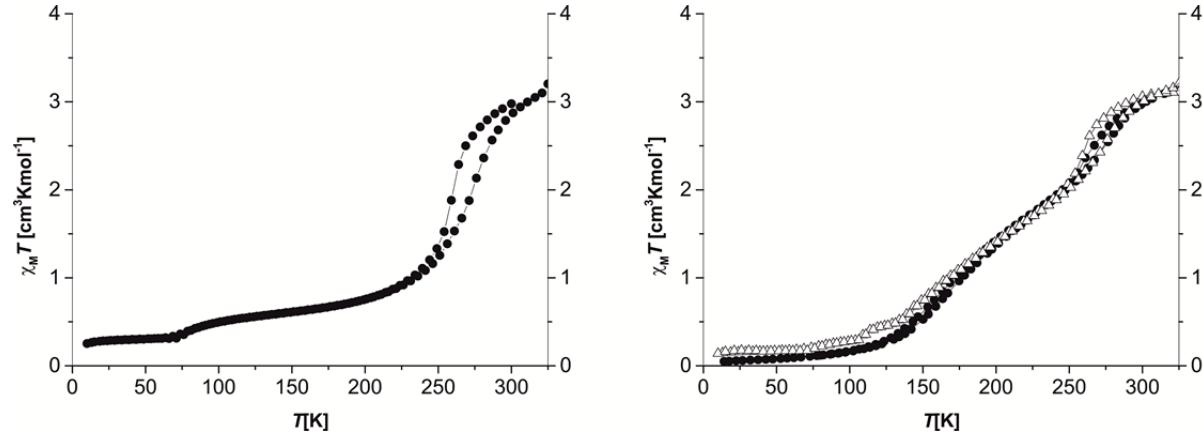


Figure S4. Left: appearance of the high spin state of the solution of $[\text{Fe}(\text{L})(\text{MeOH})_2]$ with 50 equivalents of dmap. Right: low spin state of the solution after cooling with liquid nitrogen.

