

## Electronic Supplementary Information

# Mixed-Valent, Heteroleptic Homometallic Diketonates as Templates for the Design of Heterometallic Precursors

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## **Experimental Section. General Procedures**

All of the manipulations were carried out in a dry, oxygen-free argon atmosphere by employing standard Schlenk and glove box techniques. Transition metal(III) diketonates, M(acac)<sub>3</sub> (M = Fe, Mn), hexafluoroacetylacetone (Hhfac), iron and manganese metals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used upon received. Transition metal(III) and metal(II) diketonates M(hfac)<sub>3</sub> (M = Fe, Mn) and M(hfac)<sub>2</sub> (M = Fe, Mn, Ni), respectively, were prepared according to previously published procedures.<sup>1,2</sup> The attenuated total reflection (ATR) spectra were recorded on a PerkinElmer Spectrum 100 FT-IR spectrometer. Thermal decomposition of heterometallic precursors was studied in air at ambient pressure. The solid sample (*ca.* 40 mg) was placed into a 20 mL Coors high-alumina crucible (Aldrich) and heated at a rate of *ca.* 35 °C/min in a muffle furnace (Lindberg Blue M). The decomposition residues were analyzed by X-ray powder diffraction. X-ray powder diffraction data were collected on a Bruker D8 Advance diffractometer (Cu K $\alpha$  radiation, focusing Göbel Mirror, LynxEye one-dimensional detector, step of 0.02° 2 $\theta$ , 20 °C). The crystalline samples under investigation were ground and placed in the dome-like airtight zero-background holders inside a glove box. Le Bail fit for powder diffraction patterns has been performed using TOPAS, version 4 software package (Bruker AXS, 2006). Elemental analysis has been done by Complete Analysis Laboratories, Inc., Parsippany, NJ. Samples for transmission electron microscopy (TEM) measurements were prepared by crushing the decomposition residues in a mortar in ethanol and depositing drops of suspension onto holey carbon grids. Bright field TEM images, high angle annular dark field scanning transmission electron microscopy (HAADF-STEM) images and energy dispersive X-ray (EDX) spectra were obtained with a Tecnai Osiris electron microscope operated at 200 kV.

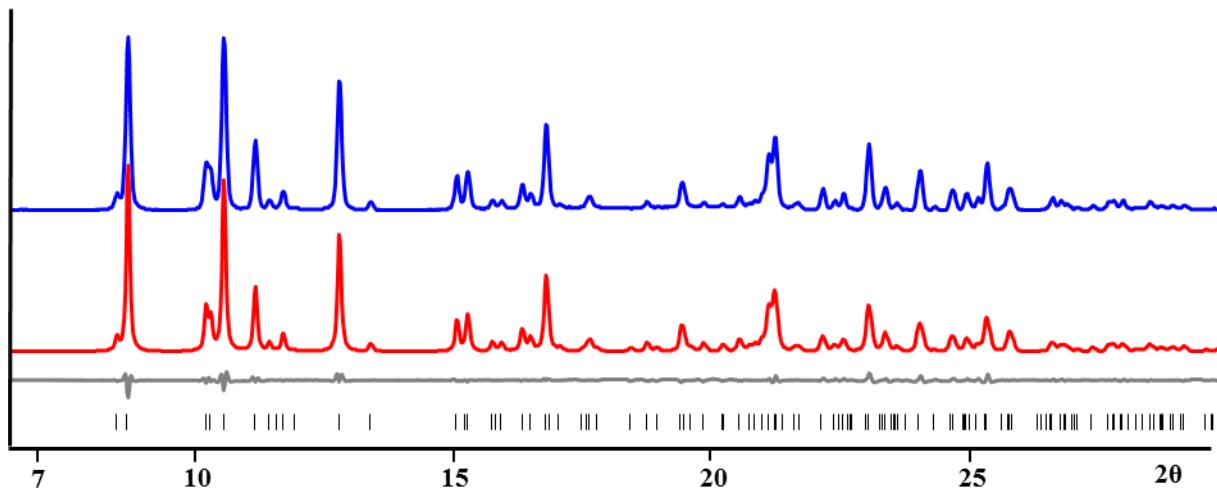
## Synthesis of Homometallic and Heterometallic Diketonate Precursors 1-5

Homo- and heterometallic diketonates **1-5** have been obtained by the solid state synthesis. In a typical experiment, a mixture of two powdered reagents was sealed in an evacuated glass ampule and placed in an electric furnace having a temperature gradient along the length of the tube. The ampule was kept at constant temperature for several days to allow crystals of diketonate products **1-5** to be deposited in the cold section of the container where the temperature was set approximately 5 °C lower. The yield was calculated in each case based on amount of crystals collected. Anal. Calc. for FeMnC<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>10</sub>F<sub>12</sub> (**4**) (%): Fe 6.79; Mn 6.78; C 36.52; H 2.82. Found: Fe 7.01; Mn 6.41; C 36.30; H 2.52. Anal. Calc. for FeNi<sub>2</sub>C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>14</sub>F<sub>24</sub> (**5**) (%): Fe 4.30; Ni 9.04; C 32.37; H 1.94. Found: Fe 3.98; Ni 8.92; C 32.21; H 1.62. The experimental conditions for different synthetic methods are summarized in the Table S1.

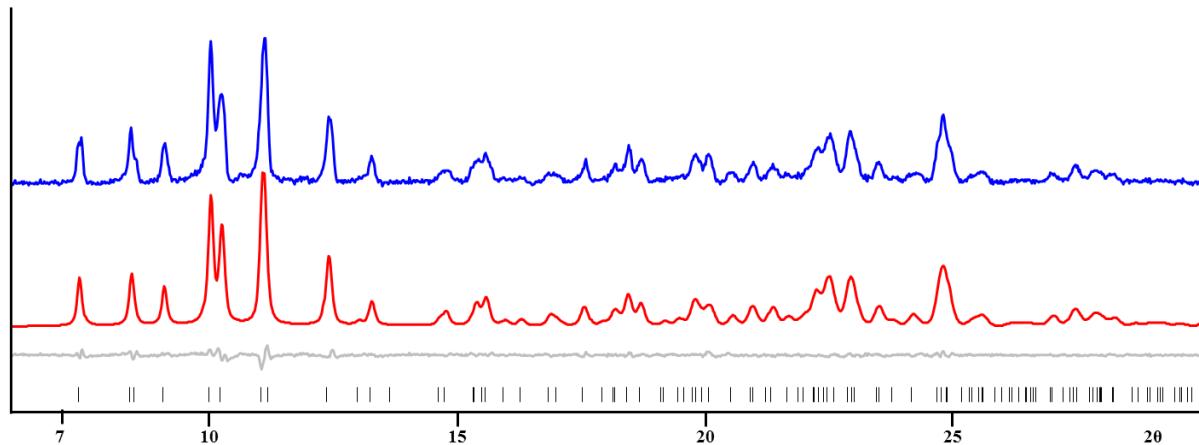
**Table S1.** Experimental Conditions for the Solid State Syntheses of [Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**1**), [Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>][Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**2**), [Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>][Fe(acac)<sub>2</sub>(hfac)][Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**3**), [Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Mn(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**4**), and [Ni(hfac)<sub>2</sub>][Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Ni(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**5**)

Reagent I g/mmol	Reagent II g/mmol	Temp. (°C)	Time (days)	Yield (%)
<b>[Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (<b>1</b>)</b> (red block-shaped crystals)				
Fe(acac) <sub>3</sub> 0.064/0.18	Fe(hfac) <sub>2</sub> 0.084/0.18	85-95	4-6	95
<b>[Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>][Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (<b>2</b>)</b> (red block-shaped crystals)				
Fe(acac) <sub>3</sub> 0.032/0.09	Fe(hfac) <sub>2</sub> 0.084/0.18	85-95	4-5	85
<b>[Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>][Fe(acac)<sub>2</sub>(hfac)][Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (<b>3</b>)</b> (red block-shaped crystals)				
Fe(hfac) <sub>3</sub> 0.016/0.023	Fe(acac) <sub>2</sub> 0.06/0.023	85	4	50
<b>[Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Mn(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (<b>4</b>)</b> (red-brown block-shaped crystals).				
Fe(acac) <sub>3</sub> 0.064/0.18	Mn(hfac) <sub>2</sub> 0.084/0.18	85-95	5-7	90
<b>[Ni(hfac)<sub>2</sub>][Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Ni(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (<b>5</b>)</b> (red-brown block-shaped crystals)				
Fe(acac) <sub>3</sub> 0.032/0.09	Ni(hfac) <sub>2</sub> 0.086/0.18	90-105	5-7	85

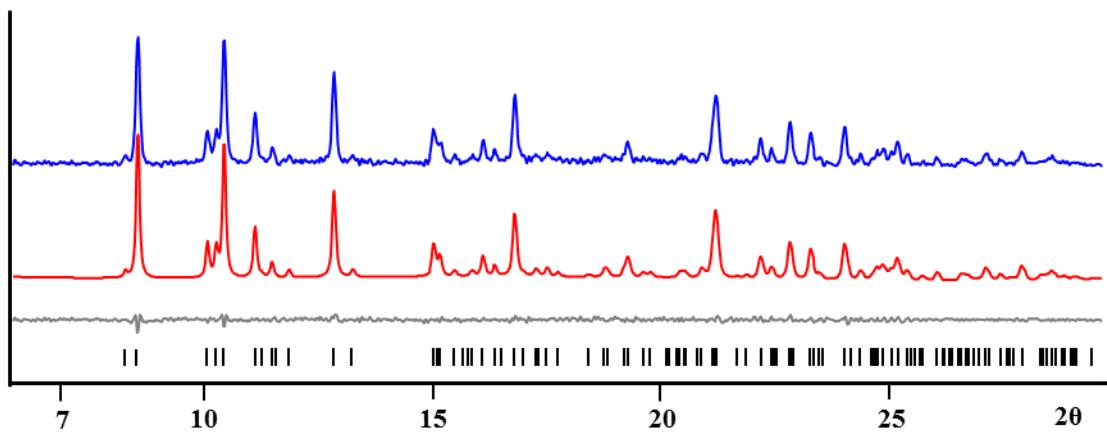
## X-ray Powder Diffraction Patterns of Homo- and Heterometallic Diketonates



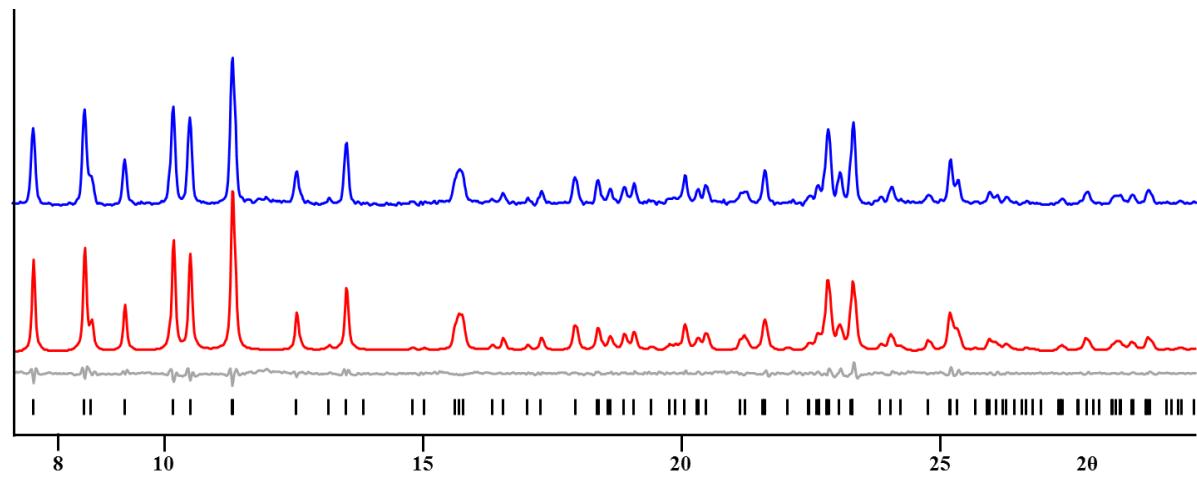
**Figure S1.** X-ray powder pattern of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Fe}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**1**) and the Le Bail fit. The blue and red curves are the experimental and calculated patterns, respectively. The grey line is the difference curve. Theoretical peak positions are shown at the bottom as black lines.



**Figure S2.** X-ray powder pattern of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{hfac})_2][\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Fe}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**2**) and the Le Bail fit. The blue and red curves are the experimental and calculated patterns, respectively. The grey line is the difference curve. Theoretical peak positions are shown at the bottom as black lines.



**Figure S3.** X-ray powder pattern of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Mn}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**4**) and the Le Bail fit. The blue and red curves are the experimental and calculated patterns, respectively. The grey line is the difference curve. Theoretical peak positions are shown at the bottom as black lines.



**Figure S4.** X-ray powder pattern of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{hfac})_2][\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Ni}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**5**) and the Le Bail fit. The blue and red curves are the experimental and calculated patterns, respectively. The grey line is the difference curve. Theoretical peak positions are shown at the bottom as black lines.

**Table S2.** Unit Cell Parameters for Homo- and Heterometallic Diketonates **1**, **2**, **4**, and **5**  
Obtained by the Le Bail Fit and from the Single Crystal Data

Compound	Sp. Gr.	Unit Cell Parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ , deg., $\text{\AA}^3$ )	
		Le Bail fit (20 °C)	Single crystal (-173 °C)
[Fe(acac) <sub>3</sub> ][Fe(hfac) <sub>2</sub> ] ( <b>1</b> )	<i>P</i> -1	$a = 9.5084(7)$ $b = 11.7343(7)$ $c = 16.6103(7)$ $\alpha = 102.688(6)$ $\beta = 96.779(1)$ $\gamma = 112.585(7)$ $V = 1626.7(1)$	$a = 9.507(2)$ $b = 11.729(3)$ $c = 16.605(4)$ $\alpha = 102.703(2)$ $\beta = 96.771(2)$ $\gamma = 112.595(2)$ $V = 1625.0(7)$
[Fe(hfac) <sub>2</sub> ][Fe(acac) <sub>3</sub> ][Fe(hfac) <sub>2</sub> ] ( <b>2</b> )	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>	$a = 10.0323 (4)$ $b = 21.0176 (7)$ $c = 12.3594(5)$ $\beta = 103.8223(12)$ $V = 2530.5(3)$	$a = 10.0494(10)^a$ $b = 21.0159 (20)$ $c = 12.3897 (12)$ $\beta = 103.9526(26)$ $V = 2539.5(7)$
[Fe(acac) <sub>3</sub> ][Mn(hfac) <sub>2</sub> ] ( <b>4</b> )	<i>P</i> -1	$a = 9.4689(8)$ $b = 11.8310(6)$ $c = 16.5156(4)$ $\alpha = 102.01(2)$ $\beta = 97.87(2)$ $\gamma = 112.67(7)$ $V = 1620.7(1)$	$a = 9.4640(6)$ $b = 11.8255(8)$ $c = 16.5080(11)$ $\alpha = 102.0220(18)$ $\beta = 97.8590(18)$ $\gamma = 112.6820(17)$ $V = 1618.30(18)$
[Ni(hfac) <sub>2</sub> ][Fe(acac) <sub>3</sub> ][Ni(hfac) <sub>2</sub> ] ( <b>5</b> )	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>	$a = 9.7712(1)$ $b = 20.7697(9)$ $c = 12.0639(1)$ $\beta = 103.11(4)$ $V = 2384.5(6)$	$a = 9.7682(7)$ $b = 20.7583(15)$ $c = 12.0575(9)$ $\beta = 103.1260(17)$ $V = 2381.0(3)$

<sup>a</sup>at 20 °C.

## Crystal Growth

Crystals of heterometallic diketonates suitable for X-ray structural measurements were obtained directly from the reaction procedures described above: [Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**1**), 85 °C, 4 days; [Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>][Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**2** and **2a**), 85 °C, 6 days; [Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>][Fe(acac)<sub>2</sub>(hfac)][Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**3**), 75 °C, 3 days; [Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Mn(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**4**), 90 °C, 5 days; [Ni(hfac)<sub>2</sub>][Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Ni(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**5**), 95 °C, 5 days.

## X-ray Crystallographic Procedures

The single crystal diffraction data for [Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**1**) and [Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>][Fe(acac)<sub>2</sub>(hfac)][Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**3**) were measured on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD-based X-ray diffractometer system equipped with a Mo-target X-ray tube ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). The single crystal diffraction data for two enantiomers of [Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>][Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**2** and **2a**), [Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Mn(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**4**) and [Ni(hfac)<sub>2</sub>][Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Ni(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**5**) were collected on a Bruker D8 VENTURE with PHOTON 100 CMOS detector system using Mo radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). Data reduction and integration were performed with the Bruker software package SAINT. Data were corrected for absorption effects using the empirical methods as implemented in SADABS. The structures were solved and refined by full-matrix least-squares procedures using the Bruker SHELXTL (version 6.14) software package. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically and hydrogen atoms were included in idealized positions for structure factor calculations. Two of the CF<sub>3</sub> groups in **1**, **4**, and **5**, three of the CF<sub>3</sub> groups in **2a**, four of the CF<sub>3</sub> groups in **3**, and five of the CF<sub>3</sub> groups in **2** were found to be rotationally disordered. All fluorine atoms of the disordered parts were modeled with isotropic thermal parameters using similarity restraints. Some bond distances in the disordered moieties were also restrained. Crystallographic data for **1-5** and details of the data collection and structure refinement are listed in Tables S3 and S3a.

**Table S3.** Crystal Data and Structure Refinement Parameters for  $[\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Fe}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**1**),  $[\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Mn}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**4**),  $[\text{Fe}(\text{hfac})_2][\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Fe}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**2**), and  $[\text{Ni}(\text{hfac})_2][\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Ni}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**5**)

Compound	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_{10}\text{F}_{12}\text{Fe}_2$	$\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_{10}\text{F}_{12}\text{Mn}$ Fe	$\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_{14}\text{F}_{24}\text{Fe}_3$	$\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_{14}\text{F}_{24}\text{Ni}_2\text{Fe}$
Formula weight	823.13	822.22	1293.10	1298.82
Temperature (K)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	$P\bar{1}$	$P\bar{1}$	$P2_1$	$P2_1$
$a$ (Å)	9.507(2)	9.4640(6)	9.7834(7)	9.7682(7)
$b$ (Å)	11.729(3)	11.8255(8)	20.8414(16)	20.7583(15)
$c$ (Å)	16.605(4)	16.5080(11)	12.0955(9)	12.0575(9)
$\alpha$ (°)	102.703(2)	102.0220(18)	90.00	90.00
$\beta$ (°)	96.771(2)	97.8590(18)	102.5700(19)	103.1260(17)
$\gamma$ (°)	112.595(2)	112.6820(17)	90.00	90.00
$V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1625.0(7)	1618.30(18)	2407.2(3)	2381.0(3)
Z	2	2	2	2
$\rho_{\text{calcd}}$ (g·cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.682	1.687	1.784	1.812
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.012	0.958	1.045	1.238
$F(000)$	826	824	1282	1290
Crystal size (mm)	0.25×0.10×0.10	0.20×0.18×0.17	0.37×0.22×0.12	0.18×0.17×0.14
$\theta$ range for data collection (°)	2.36–27.89	2.99–28.75	2.89–28.32	2.90–27.88
Reflections collected	13069	48869	45822	60549
Independent reflections	7052	8376	11964	11379
	[ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0255$ ]	[ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0431$ ]	[ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0260$ ]	[ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0388$ ]
Transmission factors (min/max)	0.7859/0.9055	0.8314/0.8540	0.6984/0.8848	0.8079/0.8458
Data/restraints/params.	7052/36/466	8376/36/466	11964/91/736	11379/37/709
Flack $x$ parameter			0.044(8)	0.005(11)
$R1^{\text{a}}$ , $wR2^{\text{b}}$ ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )	0.0481, 0.1106	0.0444, 0.0987	0.0291, 0.0656	0.0349, 0.0657
$R1^{\text{a}}$ , $wR2^{\text{b}}$ (all data)	0.0728, 0.1249	0.0729, 0.1110	0.0329, 0.0675	0.0450, 0.0698
Quality-of-fit <sup>c</sup>	1.037	1.016	1.026	1.061

<sup>a</sup> $R1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ . <sup>b</sup> $wR2 = [\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2]]$ .

<sup>c</sup>Quality-of-fit =  $[\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / (N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{params}})]^{1/2}$ , based on all data.

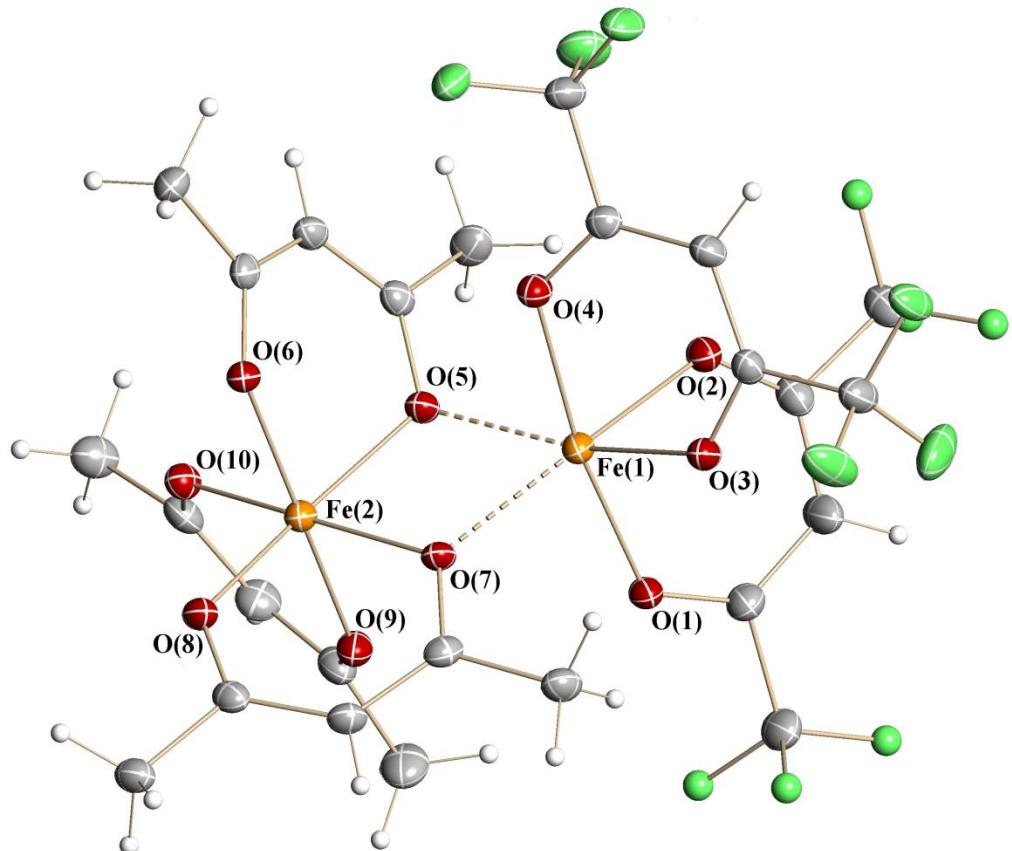
**Table S3a.** Crystal Data and Structure Refinement Parameters for  $\Delta,\Delta,\Delta$ -[Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>][Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**2**),  $\Delta,\Delta,\Delta$ -[Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>][Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**2a**), and [Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>][Fe(acac)<sub>2</sub>(hfac)][Fe(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**3**)

Compound	<b>2</b>	<b>2a</b>	<b>3</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>25</sub> O <sub>14</sub> F <sub>24</sub> Fe <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>25</sub> O <sub>14</sub> F <sub>24</sub> Fe <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>19</sub> O <sub>14</sub> F <sub>30</sub> Fe <sub>3</sub>
Formula weight	1293.10	1293.10	1401.05
Temperature (K)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub>	P2 <sub>1</sub>	C2/c
<i>a</i> (Å)	9.7834(7)	9.7979(13)	20.934(3)
<i>b</i> (Å)	20.8414(16)	20.819(3)	13.481(2)
<i>c</i> (Å)	12.0955(9)	12.0998(16)	17.739(3)
$\alpha$ (°)	90.00	90.00	90.00
$\beta$ (°)	102.5700(19)	102.659(3)	92.848(2)
$\gamma$ (°)	90.00	90.00	90.00
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2407.2(3)	2408.2(6)	4999.8(14)
<i>Z</i>	2	2	4
$\rho_{\text{calcd}}$ (g·cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.784	1.783	1.861
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.045	1.045	1.031
<i>F</i> (000)	1282	1282	2756
Crystal size (mm)	0.37×0.22×0.12	0.32×0.13×0.10	0.30×0.25×0.16
$\theta$ range for data collection (°)	2.89–28.32	2.89–28.29	2.16–28.23
Reflections collected	45822	56462	21346
Independent reflections	11964	11929	5851
	[ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0260$ ]	[ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0250$ ]	[ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0226$ ]
Transmission factors (min/max)	0.6984/0.8848	0.7310/0.9027	0.7473/0.8524
Data/restraints/params.	11964/91/736	11929/55/718	5851/36/391
Flack <i>x</i> parameter	0.044(8)	0.007(7)	
<i>R</i> 1, <sup>a</sup> <i>wR</i> 2 <sup>b</sup> ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0291, 0.0656	0.0293, 0.0687	0.0422, 0.1087
<i>R</i> 1, <sup>a</sup> <i>wR</i> 2 <sup>b</sup> (all data)	0.0329, 0.0675	0.0348, 0.0718	0.0494, 0.1149
Quality-of-fit <sup>c</sup>	1.026	1.005	1.034

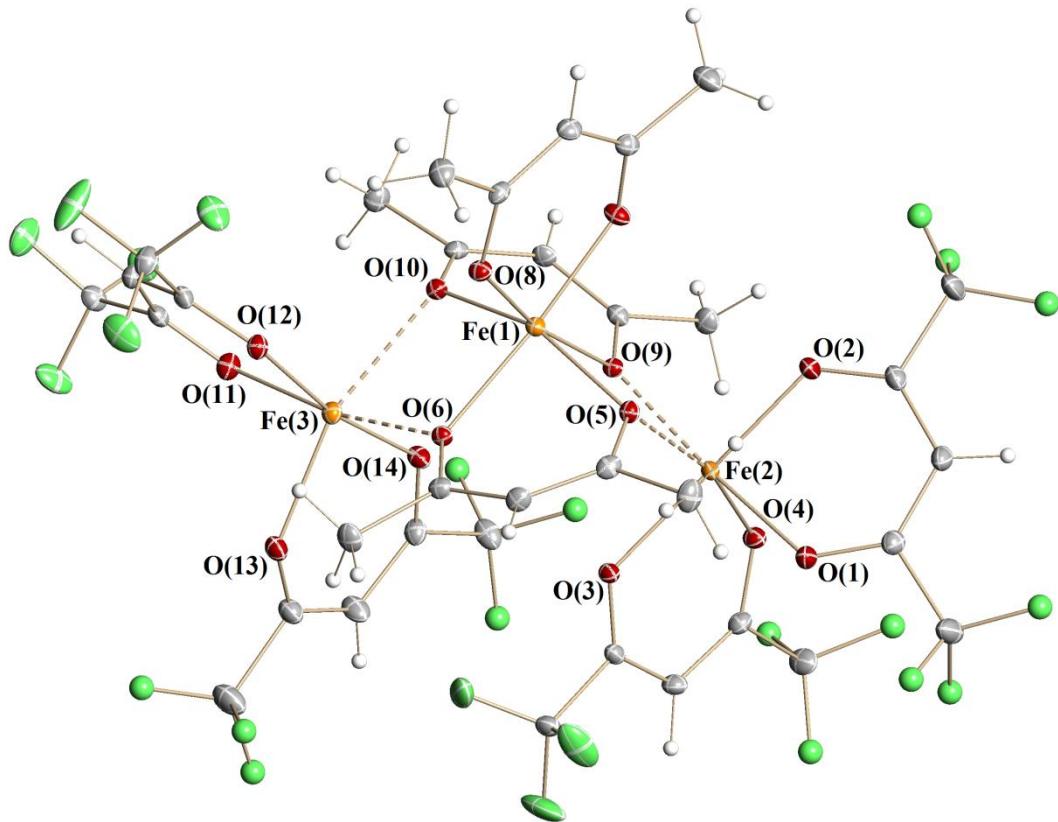
<sup>a</sup> $R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ . <sup>b</sup> $wR2 = [\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2]]^{1/2}$

<sup>c</sup>Quality-of-fit =  $[\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / (N_{\text{obs}} - N_{\text{params}})]^{1/2}$ , based on all data.

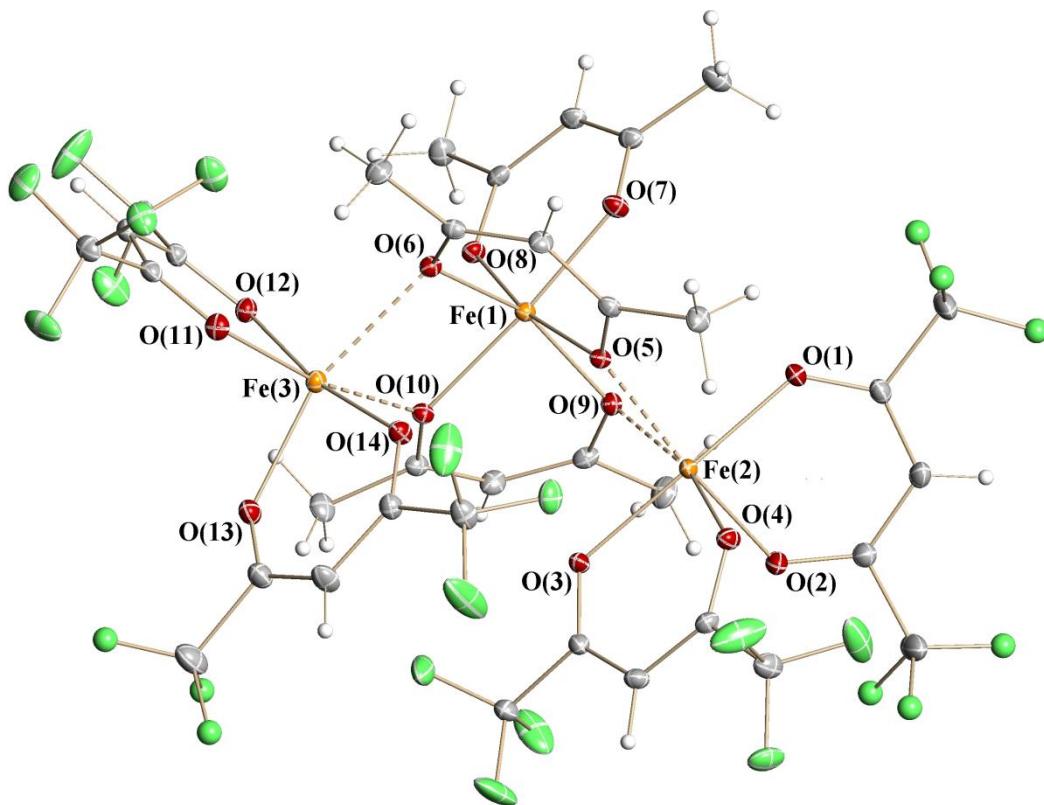
## Molecular Structures of Homo- and Heterometallic Diketonates 1-5



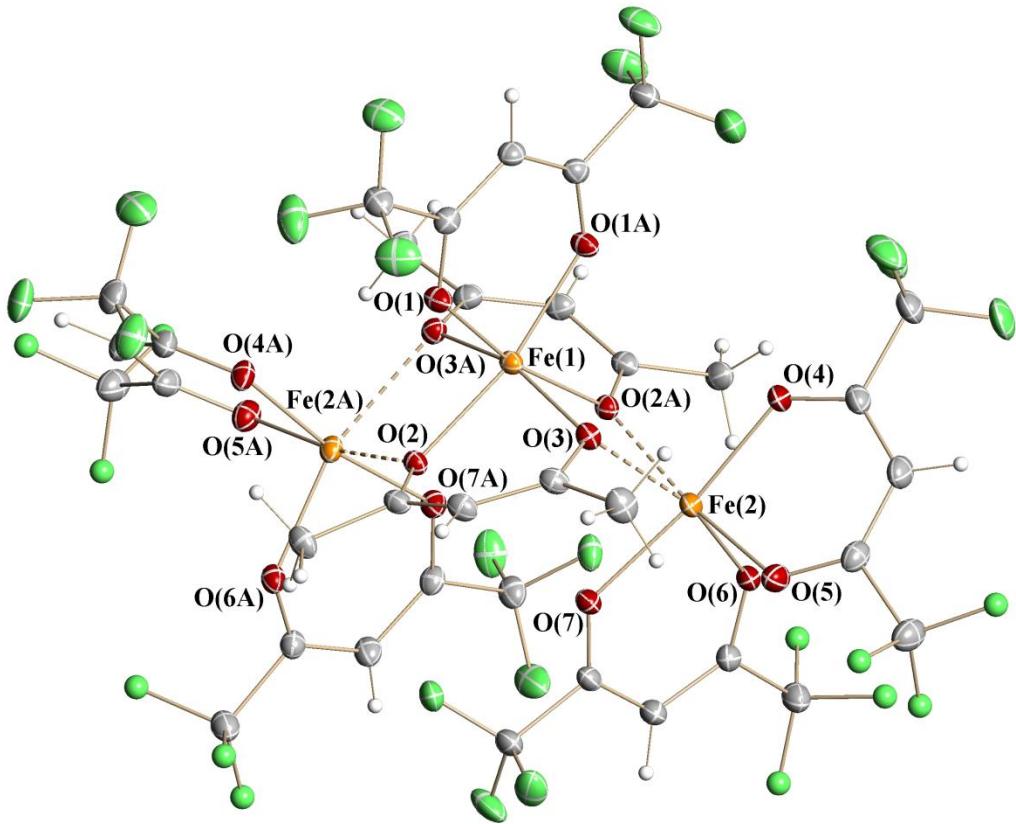
**Figure S5.** Solid state structure of homometallic diketonate  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**1**). Atoms are represented by thermal ellipsoids at the 40% probability level. Hydrogen and some of the fluorine atoms are represented by spheres of arbitrary radii. Only one orientation of disordered  $\text{CF}_3$  groups is shown. Only iron and oxygen atoms are labeled. Bridging  $\text{Fe}-\text{O}$  interactions are drawn by dashed lines.



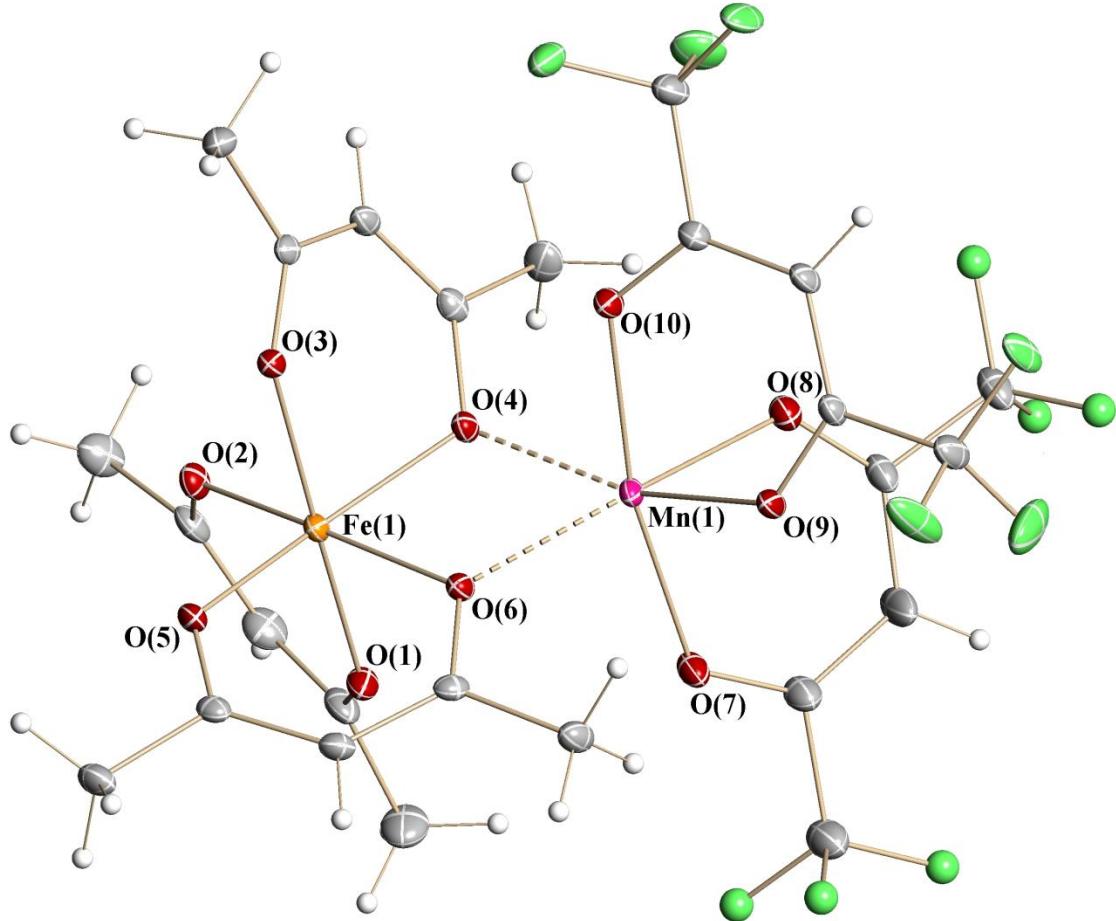
**Figure S6.** Solid state structure of *A,A,A*-enantiomer of homometallic diketonate  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2][\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{acac})_3]\text{[Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**2**). Atoms are represented by thermal ellipsoids at the 40% probability level. Hydrogen and some of the fluorine atoms are represented by spheres of arbitrary radii. Only one orientation of disordered  $\text{CF}_3$  groups is shown. Only iron and oxygen atoms are labeled. Bridging Fe–O interactions are drawn by dashed lines.



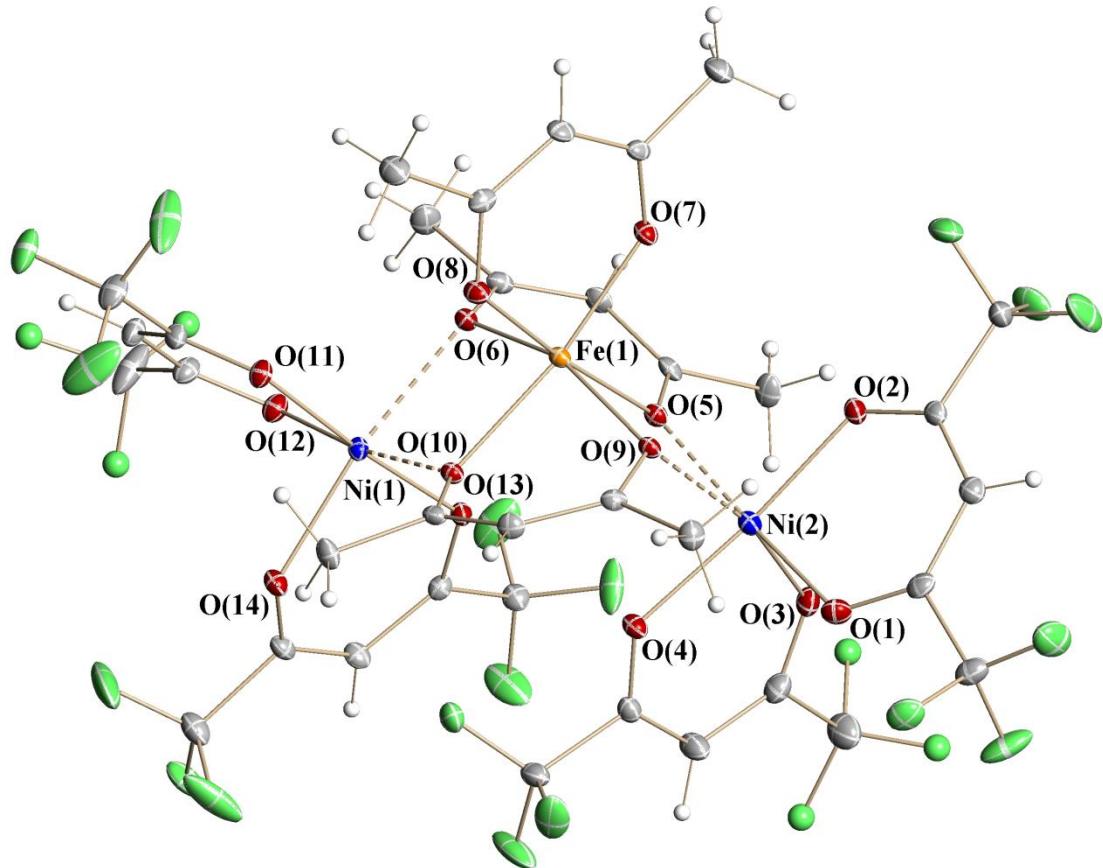
**Figure S6a.** Solid state structure of  $\Delta,\Delta,\Delta$ -enantiomer of homometallic diketonate  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2][\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{acac})_3]\text{[Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**2a**). Atoms are represented by thermal ellipsoids at the 40% probability level. Hydrogen and some of the fluorine atoms are represented by spheres of arbitrary radii. Only one orientation of disordered  $\text{CF}_3$  groups is shown. Only iron and oxygen atoms are labeled. Bridging Fe–O interactions are drawn by dashed lines.



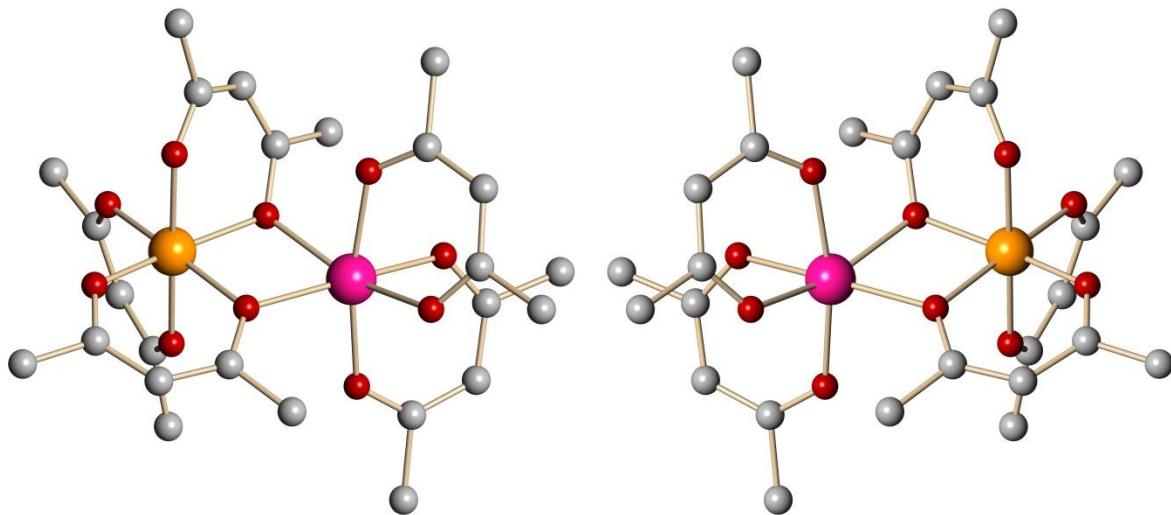
**Figure S7.** Solid state structure of homometallic diketonate  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2][\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{acac})_2(\text{hfac})][\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**3**). Atoms are represented by thermal ellipsoids at the 40% probability level. Hydrogen and some of the fluorine atoms are represented by spheres of arbitrary radii. Only one orientation of disordered  $\text{CF}_3$  groups is shown. Only iron and oxygen atoms are labeled. Bridging Fe–O interactions are drawn by dashed lines.



**Figure S8.** Solid state structure of heterometallic diketonate  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**4**). Atoms are represented by thermal ellipsoids at the 40% probability level. Hydrogen and some of the fluorine atoms are represented by spheres of arbitrary radii. Only one orientation of disordered  $\text{CF}_3$  groups is shown. Only metal and oxygen atoms are labeled. Bridging  $\text{Mn}-\text{O}$  interactions are drawn by dashed lines.



**Figure S9.** Solid state structure of heterometallic diketonate  $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2][\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{acac})_3]\text{[Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (5). Atoms are represented by thermal ellipsoids at the 40% probability level. Hydrogen and some of the fluorine atoms are represented by spheres of arbitrary radii. Only one orientation of disordered  $\text{CF}_3$  groups is shown. Only metal and oxygen atoms are labeled. Bridging Ni–O interactions are drawn by dashed lines.



**Figure S10.**  $\Lambda,\Lambda$ - (left) and  $\Delta,\Delta$ - (right) enantiomers in the crystal structure of heterometallic diketonate  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**4**). Color scheme: iron, dark orange; manganese, deep pink; oxygen, red; carbon, gray. Atoms are represented by spheres of arbitrary radii. Hydrogen and fluorine atoms are omitted for clarity.

**Table S4.** Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg.) in the Structure of  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**1**)

Distances		Angles		Angles	
Fe(1)–O(1)	2.039(2)	O(1)–Fe(1)–O(2)	85.32(9)	O(5)–Fe(2)–O(7)	80.77(9)
Fe(1)–O(2)	2.094(2)	O(1)–Fe(1)–O(3)	92.48(9)	O(6)–Fe(2)–O(5)	86.31(9)
Fe(1)–O(3)	2.106(2)	O(1)–Fe(1)–O(4)	171.30(9)	O(6)–Fe(2)–O(7)	96.40(8)
Fe(1)–O(4)	2.054(2)	O(1)–Fe(1)–O(5)	103.64(8)	O(6)–Fe(2)–O(8)	87.63(9)
Fe(1)–O(5)*	2.188(2)	O(1)–Fe(1)–O(7)	89.35(8)	O(6)–Fe(2)–O(9)	176.88(9)
Fe(1)–O(7)*	2.178(2)	O(2)–Fe(1)–O(3)	86.16(9)	O(6)–Fe(2)–O(10)	89.37(9)
		O(2)–Fe(1)–O(4)	86.80(9)	O(7)–Fe(2)–O(8)	88.36(9)
Fe(2)–O(6)	2.007(2)	O(2)–Fe(1)–O(5)	99.56(9)	O(7)–Fe(2)–O(9)	86.05(9)
Fe(2)–O(8)	1.964(2)	O(2)–Fe(1)–O(7)	170.72(9)	O(7)–Fe(2)–O(10)	172.11(9)
Fe(2)–O(9)	1.977(2)	O(3)–Fe(1)–O(4)	83.29(8)	O(8)–Fe(2)–O(5)	166.87(9)
Fe(2)–O(10)	1.976(2)	O(3)–Fe(1)–O(5)	163.23(8)	O(8)–Fe(2)–O(9)	94.39(10)
Fe(2)–O(5)"	2.015(2)	O(3)–Fe(1)–O(7)	101.67(9)	O(8)–Fe(2)–O(10)	97.28(9)
Fe(2)–O(7)"	2.055(2)	O(4)–Fe(1)–O(5)	81.32(8)	O(9)–Fe(2)–O(5)	92.18(9)
		O(4)–Fe(1)–O(7)	98.94(8)	O(9)–Fe(2)–O(10)	88.02(9)
		O(5)–Fe(1)–O(7)	74.32(8)	O(10)–Fe(2)–O(5)	94.29(9)

\*- bridging oxygen; "- chelating-bridging oxygen

**Table S5.** Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg.) in the Structure of *A,A,A*-[Fe<sup>II</sup>(hfac)<sub>2</sub>][Fe<sup>III</sup>(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Fe<sup>II</sup>(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**2**)

Distances		Angles		Angles	
Fe(1)–O(7)	1.962(2)	O(5)–Fe(1)–O(6)	85.18(7)	O(1)–Fe(2)–O(2)	86.32(7)
Fe(1)–O(8)	1.954(2)	O(6)–Fe(1)–O(7)	173.97(7)	O(1)–Fe(2)–O(3)	91.14(7)
Fe(1)–O(5)"	2.005(2)	O(6)–Fe(1)–O(8)	86.63(7)	O(1)–Fe(2)–O(4)	85.44(7)
Fe(1)–O(6)"	2.047(2)	O(6)–Fe(1)–O(9)	103.49(6)	O(1)–Fe(2)–O(5)	101.25(7)
Fe(1)–O(9)"	2.047(2)	O(6)–Fe(1)–O(10)	80.61(7)	O(1)–Fe(2)–O(9)	172.83(7)
Fe(1)–O(10)"	2.004(2)	O(7)–Fe(1)–O(5)	96.90(7)	O(2)–Fe(2)–O(3)	173.98(8)
		O(7)–Fe(1)–O(8)	87.48(7)	O(2)–Fe(2)–O(4)	99.68(7)
Fe(2)–O(1)	2.065(2)	O(7)–Fe(1)–O(9)	82.46(7)	O(2)–Fe(2)–O(5)	92.46(7)
Fe(2)–O(2)	2.020(2)	O(7)–Fe(1)–O(10)	99.12(7)	O(2)–Fe(2)–O(9)	89.23(7)
Fe(2)–O(3)	2.034(2)	O(8)–Fe(1)–O(5)	97.78(7)	O(3)–Fe(2)–O(4)	85.54(7)
Fe(2)–O(4)	2.083(2)	O(8)–Fe(1)–O(9)	169.49(7)	O(3)–Fe(2)–O(5)	82.68(6)
Fe(2)–O(5)*	2.235(2)	O(8)–Fe(1)–O(10)	99.58(7)	O(3)–Fe(2)–O(9)	92.74(7)
Fe(2)–O(9)*	2.149(2)	O(9)–Fe(1)–O(5)	80.49(6)	O(4)–Fe(2)–O(5)	166.53(7)
		O(9)–Fe(1)–O(10)	85.08(6)	O(4)–Fe(2)–O(9)	100.87(6)
Fe(3)–O(11)	2.057(2)	O(10)–Fe(1)–O(5)	156.79(7)	O(5)–Fe(2)–O(9)	73.30(6)
Fe(3)–O(12)	2.017(2)			O(10)–Fe(3)–O(6)	71.40(6)
Fe(3)–O(13)	2.070(2)			O(11)–Fe(3)–O(6)	169.94(7)
Fe(3)–O(14)	2.026(2)			O(11)–Fe(3)–O(10)	101.10(7)
Fe(3)–O(6)*	2.196(2)			O(11)–Fe(3)–O(12)	86.24(7)
Fe(3)–O(10)*	2.293(2)			O(11)–Fe(3)–O(13)	89.97(7)
				O(11)–Fe(3)–O(14)	93.97(7)
				O(12)–Fe(3)–O(6)	86.73(6)
				O(12)–Fe(3)–O(10)	90.79(6)
				O(12)–Fe(3)–O(13)	104.90(7)
				O(12)–Fe(3)–O(14)	169.93(7)
				O(13)–Fe(3)–O(6)	99.20(7)
				O(13)–Fe(3)–O(10)	161.44(7)
				O(13)–Fe(3)–O(14)	85.17(7)
				O(14)–Fe(3)–O(6)	91.63(7)
				O(14)–Fe(3)–O(10)	79.28(6)

\*- bridging oxygen; "- chelating-bridging oxygen

**Table S5a.** Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg.) in the Structure of  $\Delta,\Delta,\Delta$ -[Fe<sup>II</sup>(hfac)<sub>2</sub>][Fe<sup>III</sup>(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Fe<sup>II</sup>(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**2a**)

Distances		Angles		Angles	
Fe(1)–O(7)	1.962(2)	O(5)–Fe(1)–O(6)	84.98(6)	O(1)–Fe(2)–O(2)	86.35(7)
Fe(1)–O(8)	1.954(2)	O(6)–Fe(1)–O(7)	99.10(7)	O(1)–Fe(2)–O(3)	173.95(7)
Fe(1)–O(5)"	2.053(2)	O(6)–Fe(1)–O(8)	99.71(7)	O(1)–Fe(2)–O(4)	99.53(7)
Fe(1)–O(6)"	2.004(2)	O(6)–Fe(1)–O(9)	156.82(7)	O(1)–Fe(2)–O(5)	89.24(7)
Fe(1)–O(9)"	2.001(2)	O(6)–Fe(1)–O(10)	80.60(6)	O(1)–Fe(2)–O(9)	92.50(7)
Fe(1)–O(10)"	2.051(2)	O(7)–Fe(1)–O(5)	82.39(7)	O(2)–Fe(2)–O(3)	91.06(7)
		O(7)–Fe(1)–O(8)	87.52(7)	O(2)–Fe(2)–O(4)	85.46(7)
Fe(2)–O(1)	2.019(2)	O(7)–Fe(1)–O(9)	96.88(7)	O(2)–Fe(2)–O(5)	172.95(7)
Fe(2)–O(2)	2.063(2)	O(7)–Fe(1)–O(10)	173.91(7)	O(2)–Fe(2)–O(9)	101.23(7)
Fe(2)–O(3)	2.035(2)	O(8)–Fe(1)–O(5)	169.46(7)	O(3)–Fe(2)–O(4)	85.70(7)
Fe(2)–O(4)	2.082(2)	O(8)–Fe(1)–O(9)	97.64(7)	O(3)–Fe(2)–O(5)	92.79(7)
Fe(2)–O(5)*	2.148(2)	O(8)–Fe(1)–O(10)	86.53(7)	O(3)–Fe(2)–O(9)	82.63(6)
Fe(2)–O(9)*	2.237(2)	O(9)–Fe(1)–O(5)	80.61(6)	O(4)–Fe(2)–O(5)	100.71(6)
		O(9)–Fe(1)–O(10)	85.25(7)	O(4)–Fe(2)–O(9)	166.62(6)
Fe(3)–O(11)	2.057(2)	O(10)–Fe(1)–O(5)	103.61(6)	O(5)–Fe(2)–O(9)	73.44(6)
Fe(3)–O(12)	2.021(2)			O(10)–Fe(3)–O(6)	71.52(6)
Fe(3)–O(13)	2.068(2)			O(11)–Fe(3)–O(6)	101.06(6)
Fe(3)–O(14)	2.031(2)			O(11)–Fe(3)–O(10)	169.59(7)
Fe(3)–O(6)*	2.292(2)			O(11)–Fe(3)–O(12)	86.26(7)
Fe(3)–O(10)*	2.195(2)			O(11)–Fe(3)–O(13)	90.04(7)
				O(11)–Fe(3)–O(14)	93.91(7)
				O(12)–Fe(3)–O(6)	90.82(6)
				O(12)–Fe(3)–O(10)	86.57(6)
				O(12)–Fe(3)–O(13)	104.83(7)
				O(12)–Fe(3)–O(14)	169.98(7)
				O(13)–Fe(3)–O(6)	161.44(6)
				O(13)–Fe(3)–O(10)	99.08(6)
				O(13)–Fe(3)–O(14)	85.19(7)
				O(14)–Fe(3)–O(6)	79.30(6)
				O(14)–Fe(3)–O(10)	91.84(7)

\* - bridging oxygen; " - chelating-bridging oxygen

**Table S6.** Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg.) in the Structure of  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2][\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{acac})_2(\text{hfac})][\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**3**)

Distances		Angles		Angles	
Fe(1)–O(1)	2.008(2)	O(1)–Fe(1)–O(1A)	84.59(10)	O(3)–Fe(2)–O(2A)	71.75(6)
Fe(1)–O(2)"	2.012(2)	O(1)–Fe(1)–O(2)	84.15(7)	O(4)–Fe(2)–O(2A)	85.69(7)
Fe(1)–O(3)"	1.986(2)	O(1)–Fe(1)–O(2A)	167.50(7)	O(4)–Fe(2)–O(3)	90.14(7)
		O(1)–Fe(1)–O(3)	94.84(7)	O(4)–Fe(2)–O(5)	86.58(7)
Fe(2)–O(4)	2.019(2)	O(1)–Fe(1)–O(3A)	99.92(7)	O(4)–Fe(2)–O(6)	103.34(7)
Fe(2)–O(5)	2.061(2)	O(1A)–Fe(1)–O(2A)	84.15(7)	O(4)–Fe(2)–O(7)	170.45(7)
Fe(2)–O(6)	2.053(2)	O(2)–Fe(1)–O(1A)	167.50(7)	O(5)–Fe(2)–O(2A)	170.77(7)
Fe(2)–O(7)	2.035(2)	O(2)–Fe(1)–O(2A)	107.54(9)	O(5)–Fe(2)–O(3)	103.26(7)
Fe(2)–O(2A)*	2.201(2)	O(2)–Fe(1)–O(3)	86.45(7)	O(5)–Fe(2)–O(6)	88.02(7)
Fe(2)–O(3)*	2.264(2)	O(2)–Fe(1)–O(3A)	81.77(7)	O(5)–Fe(2)–O(7)	94.80(7)
		O(3)–Fe(1)–O(1A)	99.92(7)	O(6)–Fe(2)–O(2A)	98.65(6)
		O(3)–Fe(1)–O(2A)	81.77(7)	O(6)–Fe(2)–O(3)	163.02(6)
		O(3)–Fe(1)–O(3A)	160.02(10)	O(6)–Fe(2)–O(7)	86.16(7)
		O(3A)–Fe(1)–O(1A)	94.84(7)	O(7)–Fe(2)–O(2A)	92.02(6)
		O(3A)–Fe(1)–O(2A)	86.45(7)	O(7)–Fe(2)–O(3)	80.35(7)

\*- bridging oxygen; "-chelating-bridging oxygen

**Table S7.** Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg.) in the Structure of  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**4**)

Distances	Angles		Angles		
Fe(1)–O(1)	1.971(2)	O(1)–Fe(1)–O(2)	88.05(8)	O(6)–Mn(1)–O(4)	73.98(6)
Fe(1)–O(2)	1.971(2)	O(1)–Fe(1)–O(3)	176.70(8)	O(7)–Mn(1)–O(4)	106.83(7)
Fe(1)–O(3)	2.001(2)	O(1)–Fe(1)–O(4)	91.73(7)	O(7)–Mn(1)–O(6)	90.57(7)
Fe(1)–O(5)	1.964(2)	O(1)–Fe(1)–O(5)	94.90(8)	O(7)–Mn(1)–O(8)	83.93(7)
Fe(1)–O(4)"	2.014(2)	O(1)–Fe(1)–O(6)	85.25(7)	O(7)–Mn(1)–O(9)	91.98(7)
Fe(1)–O(6)"	2.060(2)	O(2)–Fe(1)–O(3)	89.81(7)	O(7)–Mn(1)–O(10)	168.48(7)
		O(2)–Fe(1)–O(4)	94.45(7)	O(8)–Mn(1)–O(4)	99.16(7)
Mn(1)–O(7)	2.095(2)	O(2)–Fe(1)–O(5)	97.37(7)	O(8)–Mn(1)–O(6)	169.62(7)
Mn(1)–O(8)	2.138(2)	O(2)–Fe(1)–O(6)	171.90(7)	O(8)–Mn(1)–O(9)	86.00(7)
Mn(1)–O(9)	2.158(2)	O(3)–Fe(1)–O(4)	85.92(7)	O(9)–Mn(1)–O(4)	160.87(7)
Mn(1)–O(10)	2.112(2)	O(3)–Fe(1)–O(5)	87.88(7)	O(9)–Mn(1)–O(6)	103.03(7)
Mn(1)–O(4)*	2.212(2)	O(3)–Fe(1)–O(6)	96.67(7)	O(10)–Mn(1)–O(4)	80.45(6)
Mn(1)–O(6)*	2.195(2)	O(4)–Fe(1)–O(5)	166.63(7)	O(10)–Mn(1)–O(6)	100.15(7)
		O(4)–Fe(1)–O(6)	81.23(7)	O(10)–Mn(1)–O(8)	86.11(7)
		O(5)–Fe(1)–O(6)	87.75(7)	O(10)–Mn(1)–O(9)	81.55(7)

\*- bridging oxygen; "-chelating-bridging oxygen

**Table S8.** Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg.) in the Structure of  $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2]\text{[Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{acac})_3\text{][Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**5**)

<b>Distances</b>		<b>Angles</b>		<b>Angles</b>	
Fe(1)–O(7)	1.956(2)	O(5)–Fe(1)–O(10)	101.79(8)	O(10)–Ni(1)–O(6)	75.61(8)
Fe(1)–O(8)	1.961(2)	O(6)–Fe(1)–O(5)	85.49(8)	O(11)–Ni(1)–O(6)	92.24(9)
Fe(1)–O(5)"	2.047(2)	O(6)–Fe(1)–O(7)	97.97(9)	O(11)–Ni(1)–O(10)	88.11(8)
Fe(1)–O(6)"	2.003(2)	O(6)–Fe(1)–O(8)	96.29(9)	O(11)–Ni(1)–O(12)	90.63(9)
Fe(1)–O(9)"	2.002(2)	O(6)–Fe(1)–O(9)	157.44(8)	O(11)–Ni(1)–O(13)	175.56(10)
Fe(1)–O(10)"	2.053(2)	O(6)–Fe(1)–O(10)	80.30(8)	O(11)–Ni(1)–O(14)	94.91(9)
		O(7)–Fe(1)–O(5)	87.22(9)	O(12)–Ni(1)–O(6)	97.58(9)
Ni(1)–O(11)	1.984(2)	O(7)–Fe(1)–O(8)	87.84(9)	O(12)–Ni(1)–O(10)	173.02(9)
Ni(1)–O(12)	2.012(2)	O(7)–Fe(1)–O(9)	98.90(9)	O(12)–Ni(1)–O(13)	88.34(9)
Ni(1)–O(13)	2.003(2)	O(7)–Fe(1)–O(10)	170.61(9)	O(12)–Ni(1)–O(14)	86.60(9)
Ni(1)–O(14)	2.035(2)	O(8)–Fe(1)–O(5)	174.94(9)	O(13)–Ni(1)–O(6)	83.61(8)
Ni(1)–O(6)*	2.178(2)	O(8)–Fe(1)–O(9)	99.21(9)	O(13)–Ni(1)–O(10)	92.40(8)
Ni(1)–O(10)*	2.088(2)	O(8)–Fe(1)–O(10)	83.20(9)	O(13)–Ni(1)–O(14)	89.34(9)
		O(9)–Fe(1)–O(5)	80.49(8)	O(14)–Ni(1)–O(6)	171.67(9)
Ni(2)–O(1)	2.015(2)	O(9)–Fe(1)–O(10)	85.34(8)	O(14)–Ni(1)–O(10)	100.34(8)
Ni(2)–O(2)	1.995(2)			O(1)–Ni(2)–O(2)	89.84(9)
Ni(2)–O(3)	2.031(2)			O(1)–Ni(2)–O(3)	89.12(9)
Ni(2)–O(4)	1.998(2)			O(1)–Ni(2)–O(4)	90.53(9)
Ni(2)–O(5)*	2.136(2)			O(1)–Ni(2)–O(5)	172.03(9)
Ni(2)–O(9)*	2.222(2)			O(1)–Ni(2)–O(9)	99.22(9)
				O(2)–Ni(2)–O(3)	98.79(9)
				O(2)–Ni(2)–O(4)	172.63(9)
				O(2)–Ni(2)–O(5)	86.70(8)
				O(2)–Ni(2)–O(9)	92.36(8)
				O(3)–Ni(2)–O(4)	88.57(9)
				O(3)–Ni(2)–O(5)	98.50(8)
				O(3)–Ni(2)–O(9)	166.11(8)
				O(4)–Ni(2)–O(5)	91.99(9)
				O(4)–Ni(2)–O(9)	80.32(8)
				O(5)–Ni(2)–O(9)	73.77(8)

\*- bridging oxygen; "-chelating-bridging oxygen

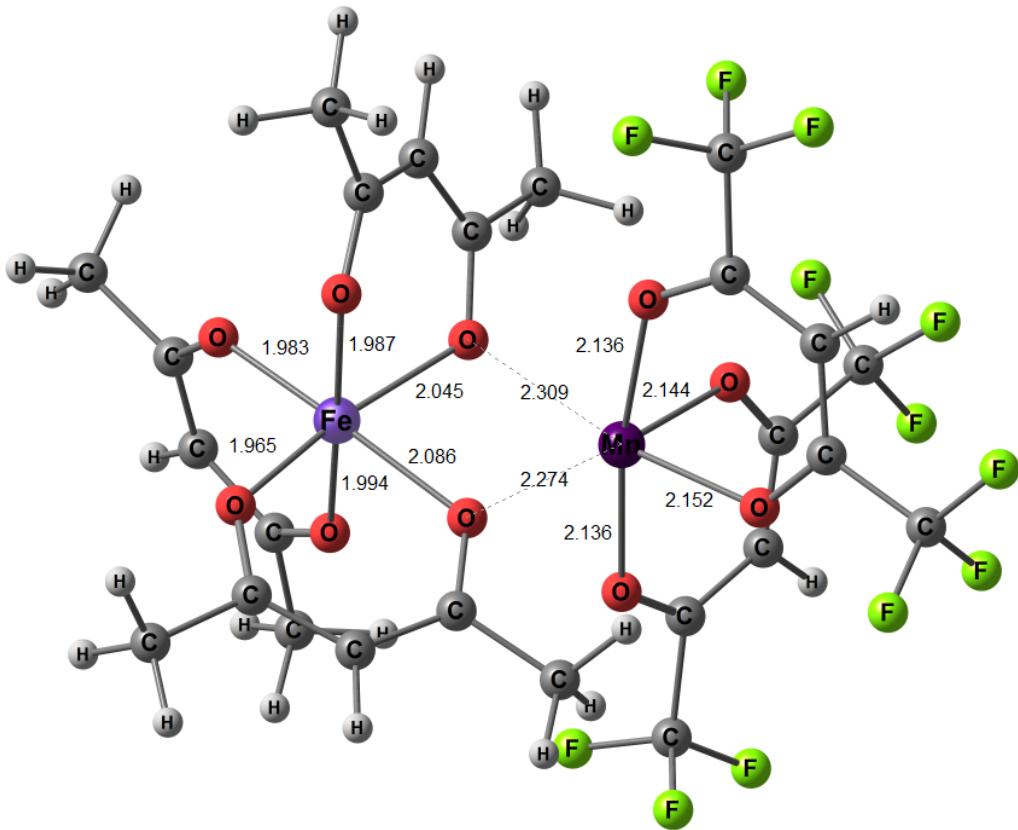
## Theoretical Calculations

All geometry optimizations were performed at the DFT level of theory using hybrid exchange-correlation functional PBE0. All atoms were described by the def2-TZVP basis sets. The nature of stationary points on the potential energy surface (PES) was determined by calculating the full Hessian matrix followed by computing harmonic vibrational frequencies. All structures reported were found to be true minima on the corresponding PES (no imaginary frequencies). All calculations were carried out utilizing the Firefly program package.

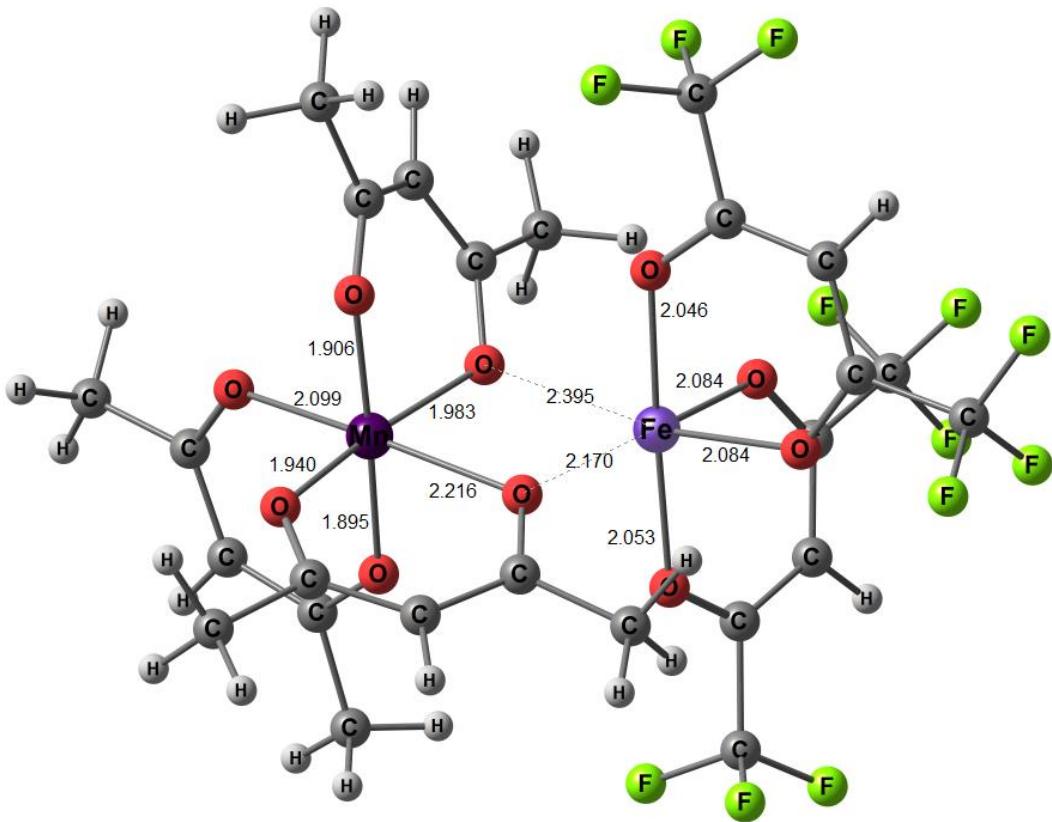
Spin states of systems under investigations were taken as:

System	<i>S</i>
[Fe <sup>III</sup> (acac) <sub>3</sub> ][Mn <sup>II</sup> (hfac) <sub>2</sub> ] ( <b>4</b> )	10/2
[Mn <sup>III</sup> (acac) <sub>3</sub> ][Fe <sup>II</sup> (hfac) <sub>2</sub> ] ( <b>4'</b> )	8/2
[Fe <sup>III</sup> (hfac) <sub>3</sub> ][Mn <sup>II</sup> (acac) <sub>2</sub> ]	10/2
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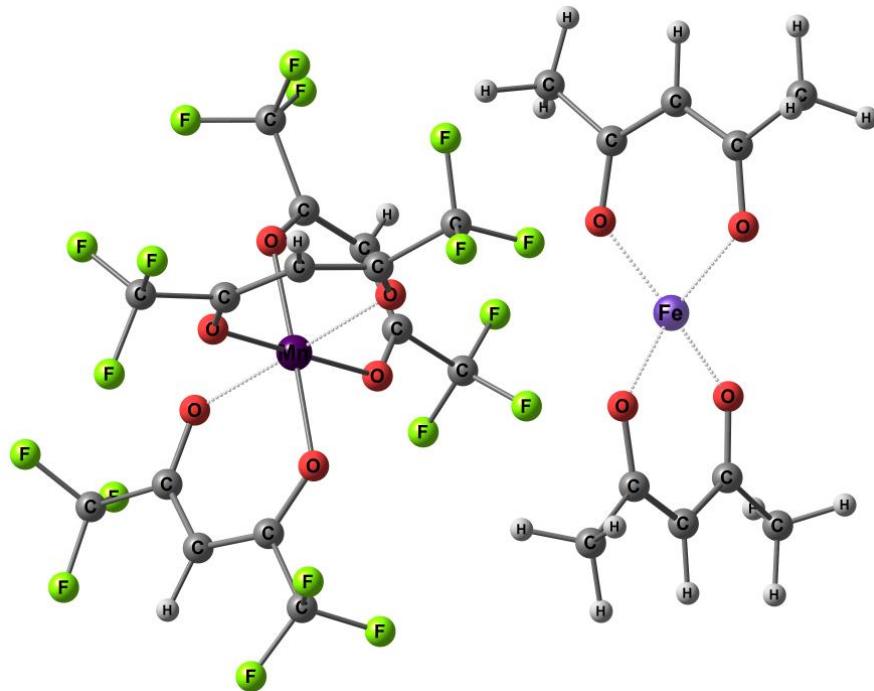
In order to obtain a better evaluation of energetics, single-point calculations were performed utilizing the recently developed double-hybrid DFT functional with empiric dispersion corrections (here B2PLYP-D3). All atoms were described by all-electron relativistically re-contracted triple- $\zeta$  basis sets (TZVP). Relativistic effects were accounted through the ZORA approach. All calculations at this level of theory were executed using ORCA (v. 3.0.1) program suite.



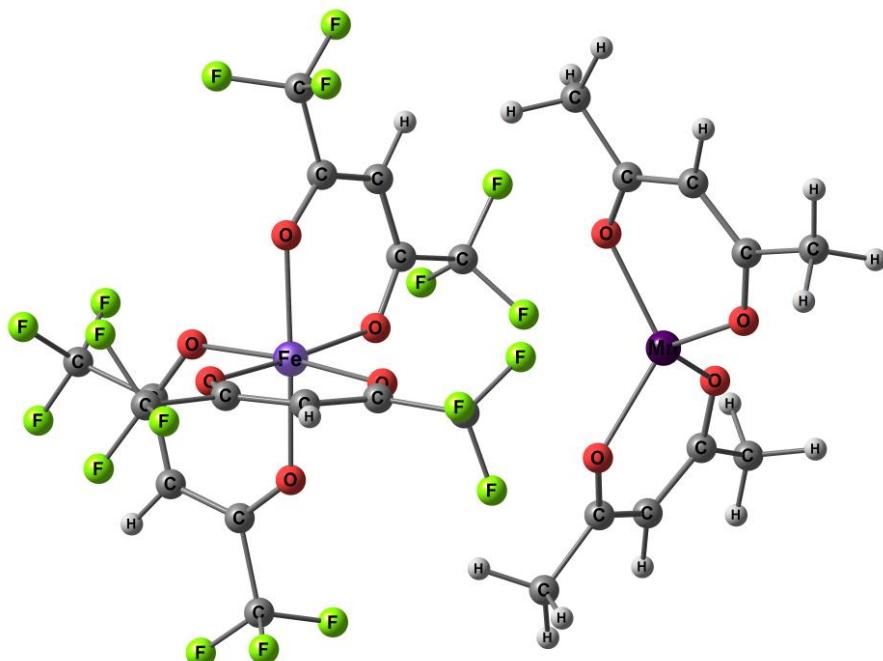
**Figure S11.** Equilibrium geometry configuration of heterobimetallic complex  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**4**) optimized at the PBE0/def2-TZVP level of theory.



**Figure S12.** Equilibrium geometry configuration of heterobimetallic complex  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**4'**) optimized at the PBE0/def2-TZVP level of theory.



**Figure S13.** Equilibrium configuration of geometry optimization for  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{hfac})_3][\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{acac})_2]$  system at the PBE0/def2-TZVP level of theory.



**Figure S14.** Equilibrium configuration of geometry optimization for  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{hfac})_3][\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{acac})_2]$  system at the PBE0/def2-TZVP level of theory.

**Table S9.** Cartesian Coordinates for  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**4**) Optimized at the PBE0/def2-TZVP Level of Theory

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Mn	1.825871000	5.707634000	11.777112000
O	2.821956000	2.026553000	12.198792000
O	5.311292000	2.149548000	11.103512000
O	4.545201000	4.027104000	9.230119000
O	3.890650000	4.674638000	11.796859000
O	3.005449000	1.677874000	9.325002000
O	1.697124000	3.873655000	10.438266000
O	0.609609000	4.626317000	13.160138000
O	2.218841000	6.924314000	13.498614000
O	0.155485000	6.917150000	11.163759000
O	2.870423000	7.042420000	10.476800000
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H	1.677544000	0.177765000	13.678674000
C	3.377553000	1.288074000	13.062073000
C	4.736356000	0.954250000	13.053339000
H	5.111449000	0.308824000	13.834472000
C	5.623495000	1.389175000	12.070683000
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H	5.698679000	5.743243000	7.533499000
C	5.516163000	4.810489000	9.419464000
C	5.837213000	5.378871000	10.662885000
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H	6.315534000	6.587122000	12.913214000
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C	0.152784000	8.022959000	10.589114000
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H	1.067397000	9.652339000	9.543204000
C	2.504388000	8.130285000	9.994070000
C	3.639996000	8.910504000	9.304161000

F	4.614061000	9.174778000	10.177260000
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C	-1.239682000	8.679205000	10.519292000

**Table S10.** Cartesian Coordinates for [Mn<sup>III</sup>(acac)<sub>3</sub>][Fe<sup>II</sup>(hfac)<sub>2</sub>] (**4'**) Optimized at the PBE0/def2-TZVP Level of Theory

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O	0.750912000	4.625017000	13.173354000
O	2.185783000	6.999816000	13.412792000
O	0.146623000	6.897352000	11.277514000
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C	7.078744000	0.829729000	12.223648000
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F	4.826066305	5.340644730	7.157643645
C	5.203106472	6.167877800	12.901136568
F	5.655354618	7.357858671	12.517897156
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H	-1.895327963	10.535800866	10.737910789
C	3.160429105	8.446262692	9.080846974
H	4.074294555	8.727443619	9.608218925
H	3.306705147	7.440590778	8.676842675
H	2.992655307	9.131439681	8.251278576

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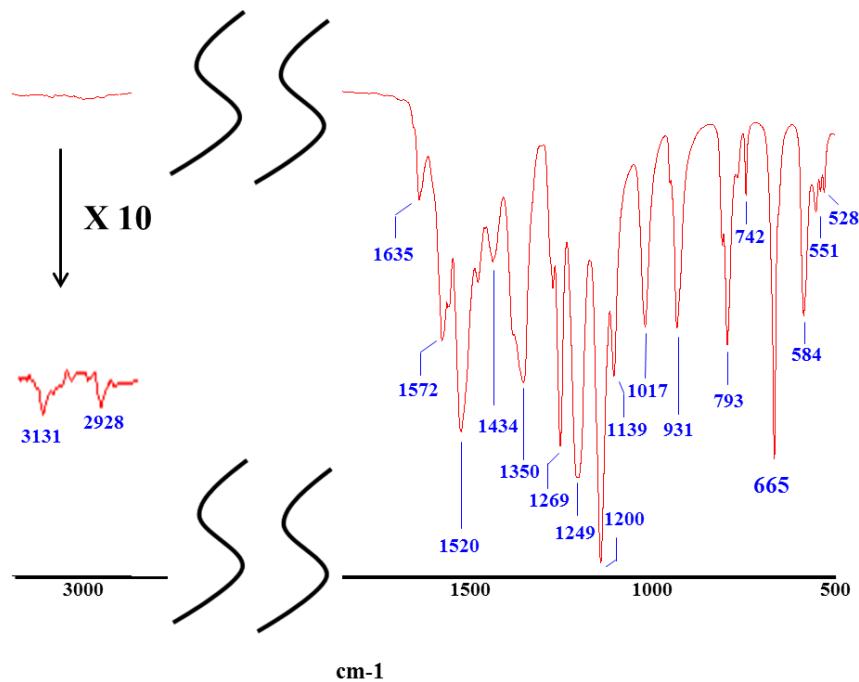
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O	2.282366276	7.834611415	11.012117118
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C	5.713123114	0.787612033	12.144441473
C	5.285105167	4.708666153	9.444248973
C	5.479124204	5.549835805	10.530329979
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C	2.186651606	1.110248098	8.933500590
C	1.099897133	1.975076425	8.908176217
H	0.272316281	1.778154048	8.246698395
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C	0.470322606	5.423611840	14.484796936
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H	0.815913702	5.789416198	16.549426953
C	1.261563060	7.569415394	15.477939872
C	-0.262930257	9.195046901	10.328665335
C	0.918697359	9.144393321	9.574497855
H	0.917145907	9.656142787	8.622160602
C	2.097055716	8.483414447	9.939255624
C	2.183430812	-0.128544516	8.020806178
F	3.225247037	-0.088430905	7.196229276
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C	-0.193909828	3.972437100	9.753607532
F	0.140402830	5.254823014	9.791864445
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F	2.339423215	1.177039196	15.189837532
F	1.490768208	-0.211257036	13.772281842
F	3.181725262	-0.795762381	14.974112536
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F	6.653529172	4.128215932	7.617884113
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C	0.054783889	4.006318714	14.747741410
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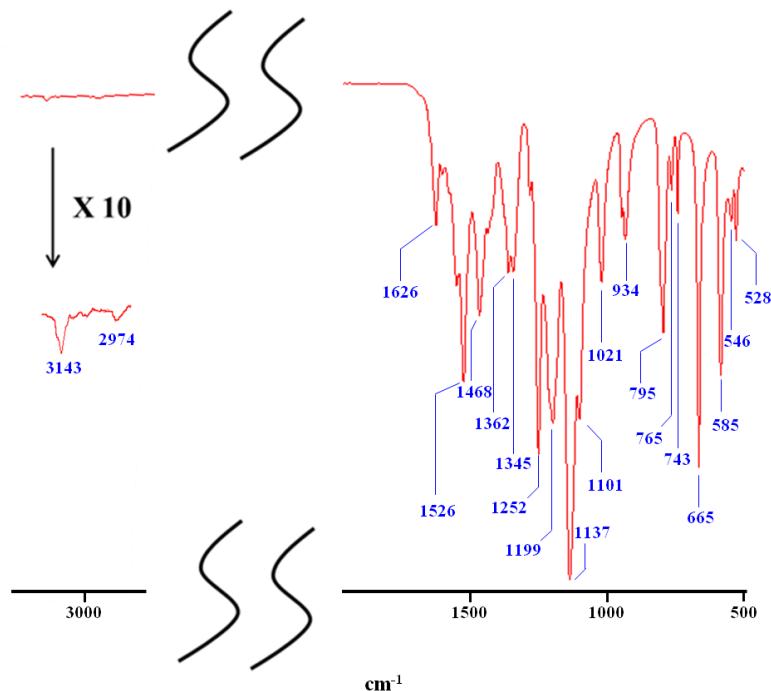
**Table S13.** Absolute Energies for Heteroleptic Fe-Mn Systems Calculated at Different Levels of Theory

System	PBE0/def2-TZVP	B2PLYP-D3/TZVP/ZORA
[Fe <sup>III</sup> (acac) <sub>3</sub> ][Mn <sup>II</sup> (hfac) <sub>2</sub> ] ( <b>4</b> )	-5329.6559391	-5359.771578668012
[Mn <sup>III</sup> (acac) <sub>3</sub> ][Fe <sup>II</sup> (hfac) <sub>2</sub> ] ( <b>4'</b> )	-5329.6423313	-5359.755994653803
[Mn <sup>III</sup> (hfac) <sub>3</sub> ][Fe <sup>II</sup> (acac) <sub>2</sub> ]	-5924.7851120	-
[Fe <sup>III</sup> (hfac) <sub>3</sub> ][Mn <sup>II</sup> (acac) <sub>2</sub> ]	-5924.7946172	-

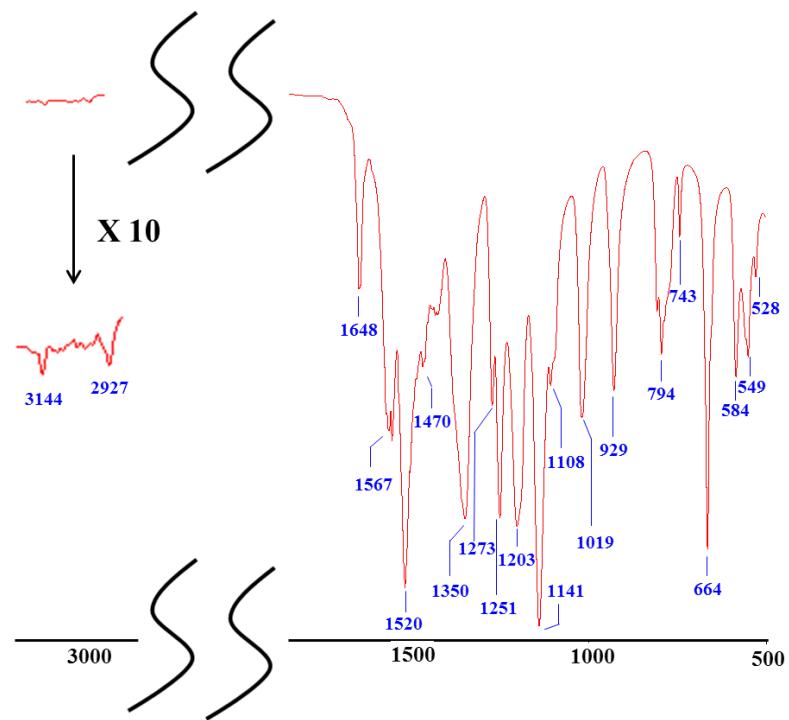
### ATR-IR Spectra of Diketonate Precursors



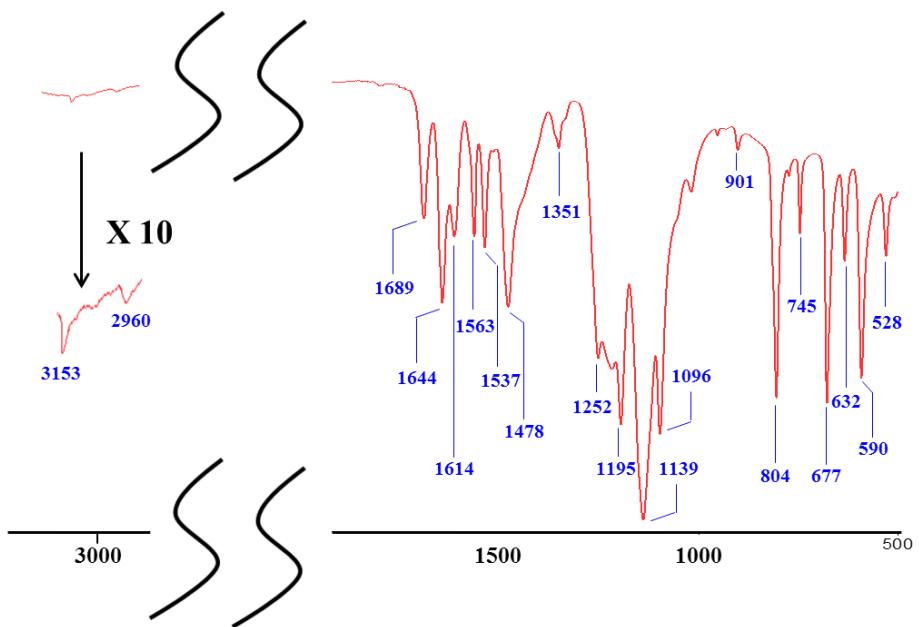
**Figure S15.** The attenuated total reflection (ATR) spectrum of  $[Fe(acac)_3][Fe(hfac)_2]$  (**1**).



**Figure S16.** The attenuated total reflection (ATR) spectrum of  $[Fe(hfac)_2][Fe(acac)_3][Fe(hfac)_2]$  (**2**).

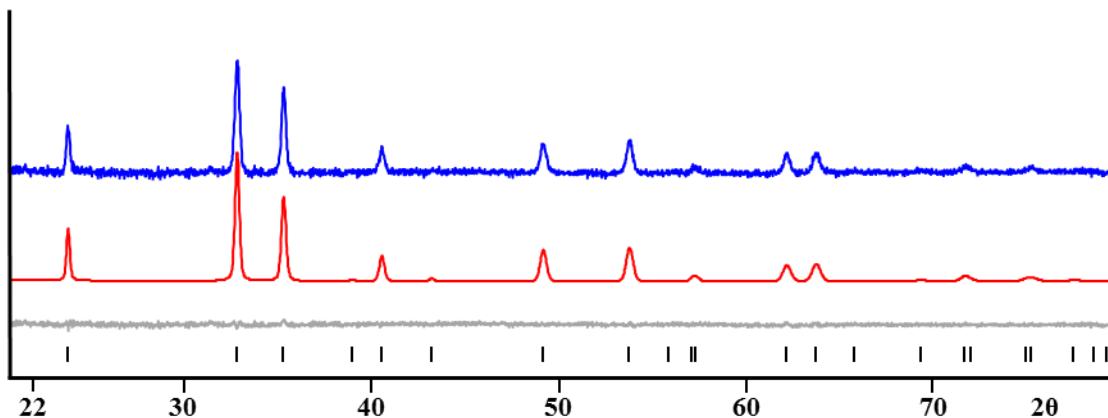


**Figure S17.** The attenuated total reflection (ATR) spectrum of  $[Fe(acac)_3][Mn(hfac)_2]$  (**4**).

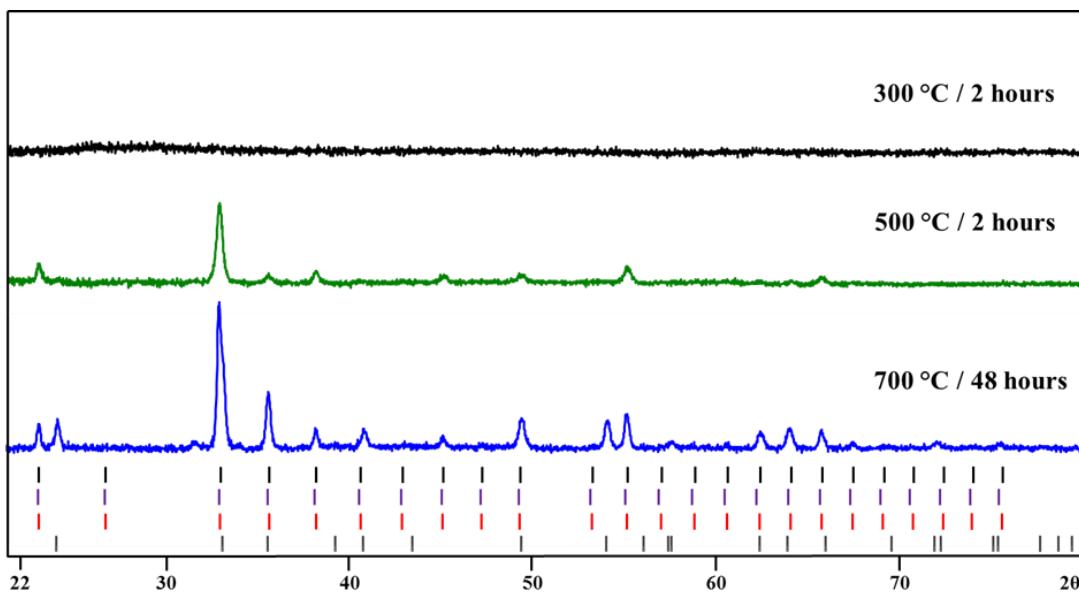


**Figure S18.** The attenuated total reflection (ATR) spectrum of  $[Ni(hfac)_2][Fe(acac)_3][Ni(hfac)_2]$  (**5**).

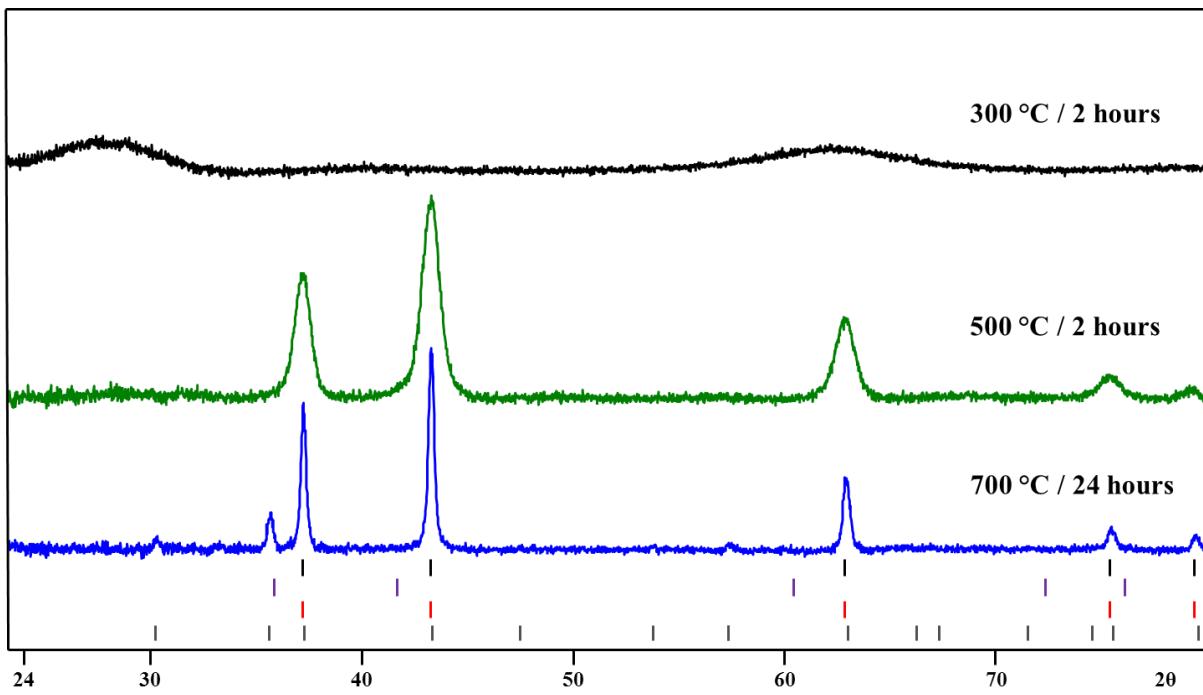
## Analysis of Decomposition Residues of Diketonate Precursors



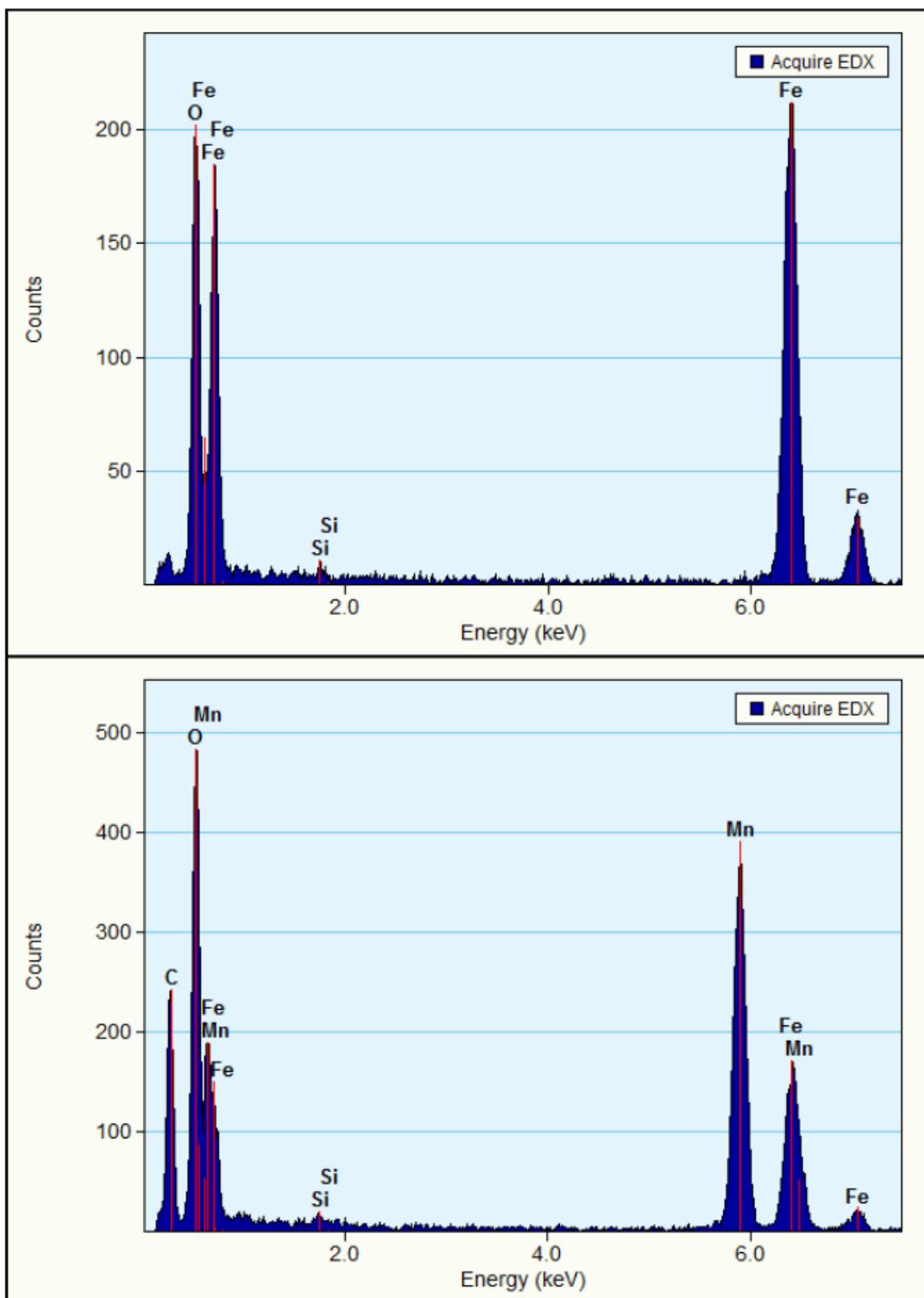
**Figure S19.** X-ray powder diffraction pattern of oxide sample obtained by decomposition of homometallic complex  $[\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Fe}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**1**) in air at  $500\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and the Le Bail fit for the trigonal unit cell (Sp. gr.  $R\text{-}3c$ ). Blue and red curves are experimental and calculated patterns. Grey line is the difference curve. Theoretical peak positions for hematite  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  (PDF No. 00-033-0664) are shown at the bottom.



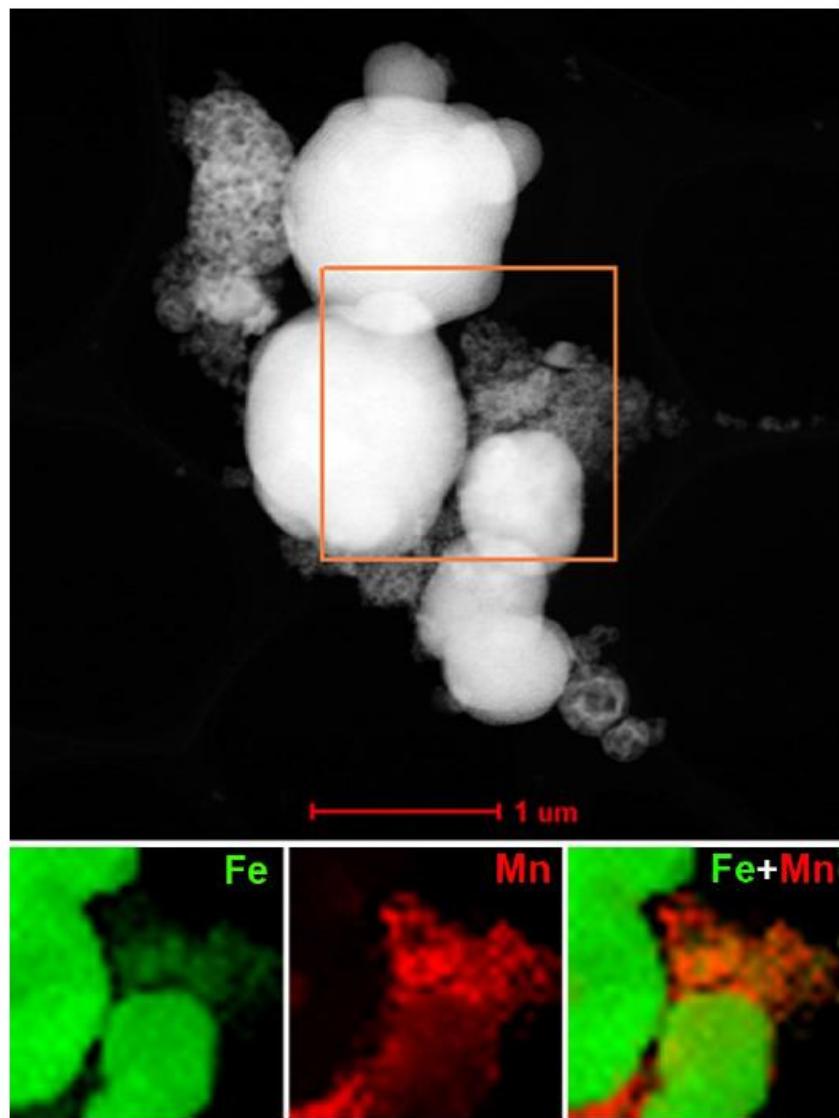
**Figure S20.** X-ray powder diffraction patterns of the residues obtained by decomposition of heterometallic precursor  $[\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Mn}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**4**) in air at  $300\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (black),  $500\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (green), and  $700\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (blue). Theoretical peak positions for  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  (Sp. gr.  $I\text{a-}3$ ),<sup>3</sup>  $\text{Mn}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $I\text{a-}3$ ),<sup>4</sup>  $\text{FeMnO}_3$  ( $I\text{a-}3$ ),<sup>5</sup> and  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $R\text{-}3c$ )<sup>6</sup> are shown at the bottom as black, purple, red, and grey lines, respectively.



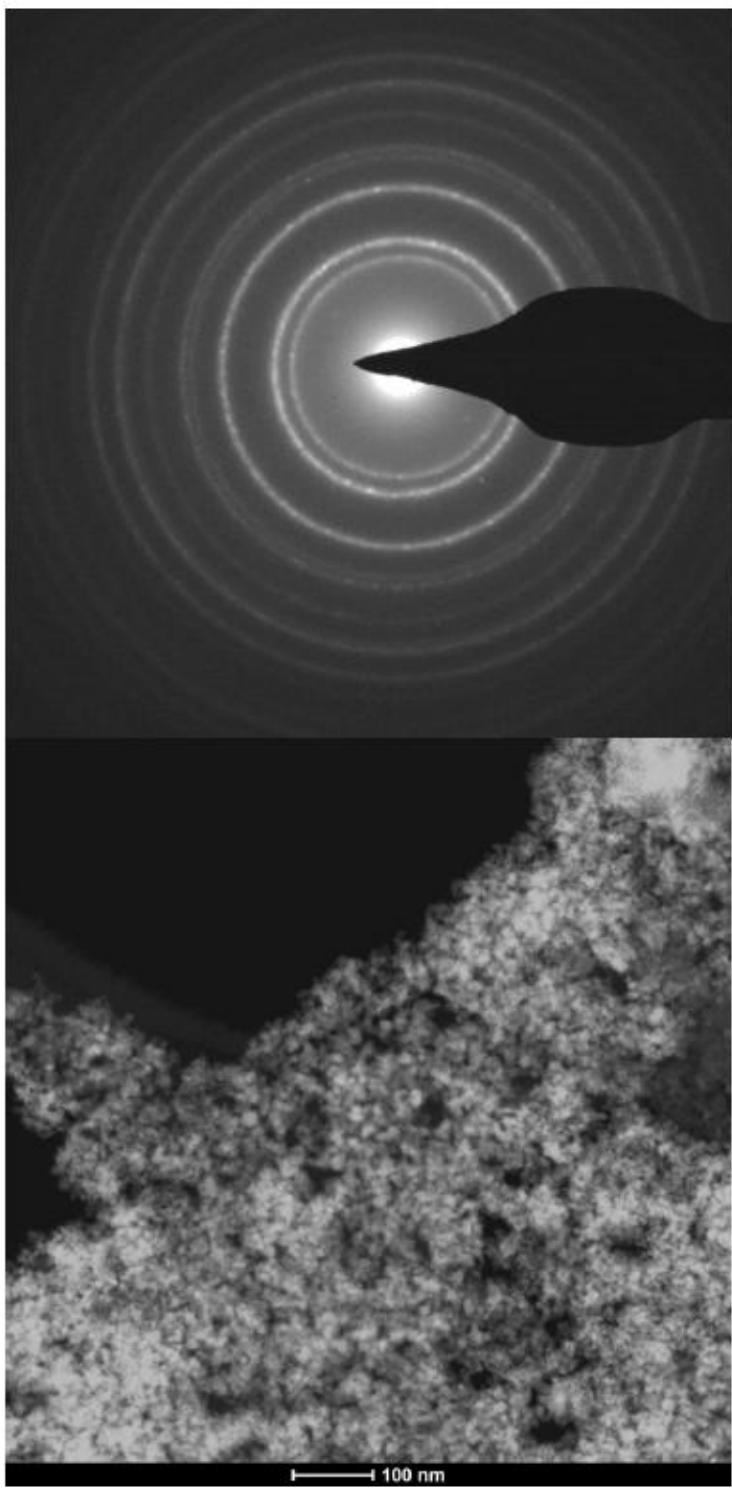
**Figure S21.** X-ray powder diffraction patterns of the residues obtained by decomposition of heterometallic precursor  $[\text{Ni}(\text{hfac})_2][\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Ni}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**5**) in air at 300 °C (black), 500 °C (green), and 700 °C (blue). Theoretical peak positions for NiO (Sp. gr.  $Fm\text{-}3m$ ),<sup>7</sup> FeO ( $Fm\text{-}3m$ ),<sup>8</sup>  $\text{Fe}_{0.05}\text{Ni}_{0.95}\text{O}$  ( $Fm\text{-}3m$ ),<sup>9</sup> and  $\text{Fe}_{2.1}\text{Ni}_{0.9}\text{O}_4$  ( $Fd\text{-}3m$ )<sup>9</sup> are shown at the bottom as black, purple, red, and grey lines, respectively.



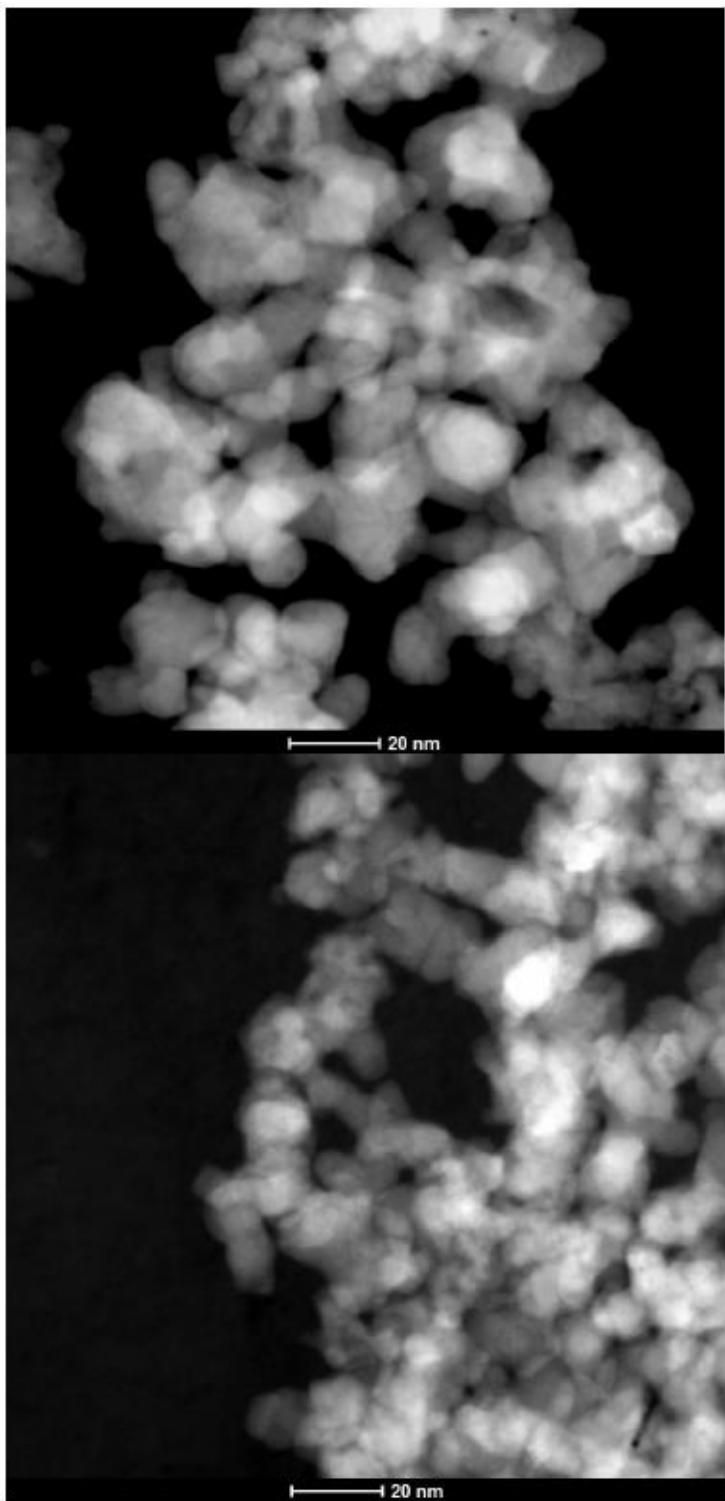
**Figure S22.** Energy dispersive X-ray (EDX) spectra for the two phases in the sample obtained by decomposition of heterometallic precursor  $[\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Mn}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**4**) in air at  $500^\circ\text{C}$ :  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  oxide (top) and  $\text{Fe}_x\text{Mn}_{2-x}\text{O}_3$  oxide (bottom).



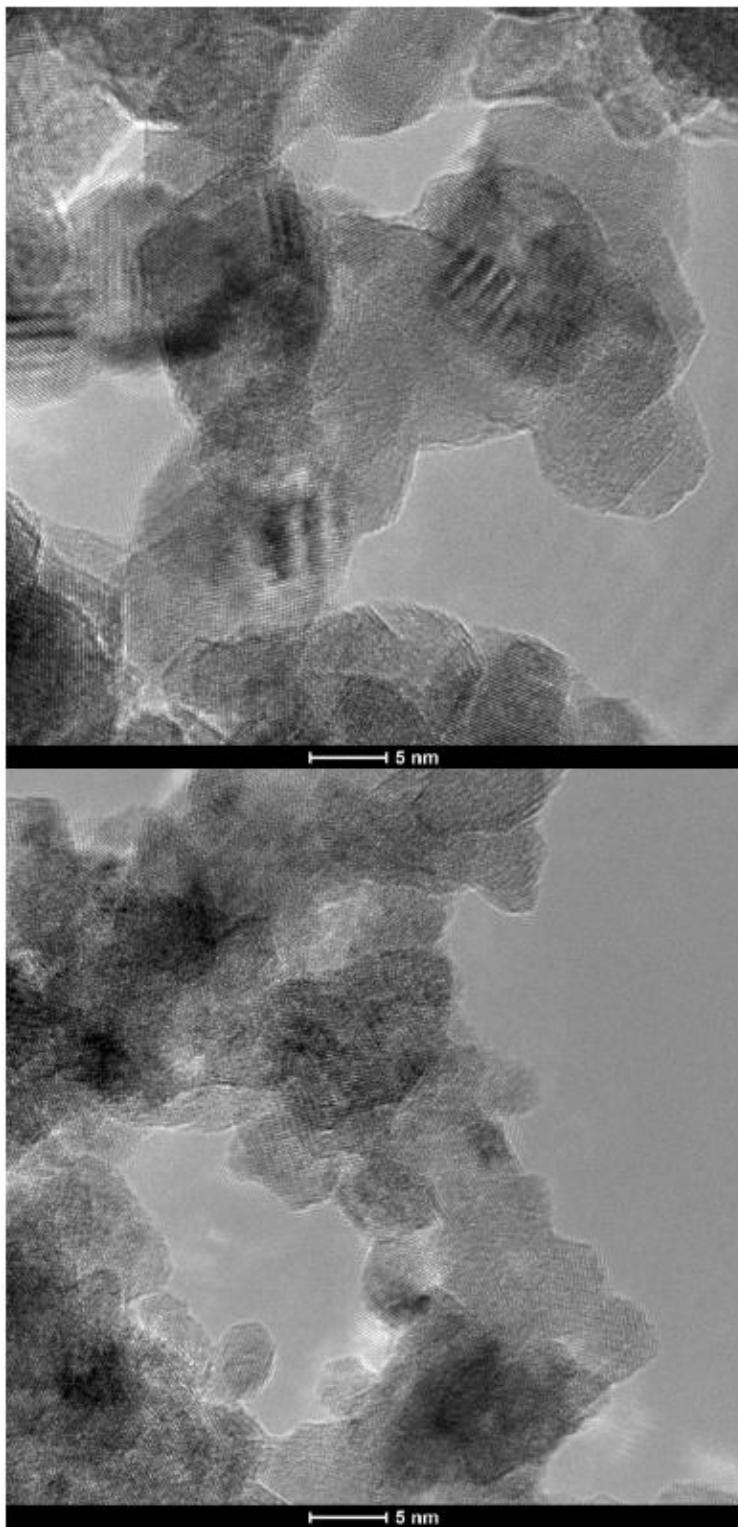
**Figure S23.** EDX Fe-Mn map of the sample obtained by decomposition of heterometallic precursor  $[\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Mn}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**4**) in air at  $500^\circ\text{C}$  showing two phases: large micron-size particles of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  oxide and agglomerated nanocrystals of  $\text{Fe}_x\text{Mn}_{2-x}\text{O}_3$  oxide.



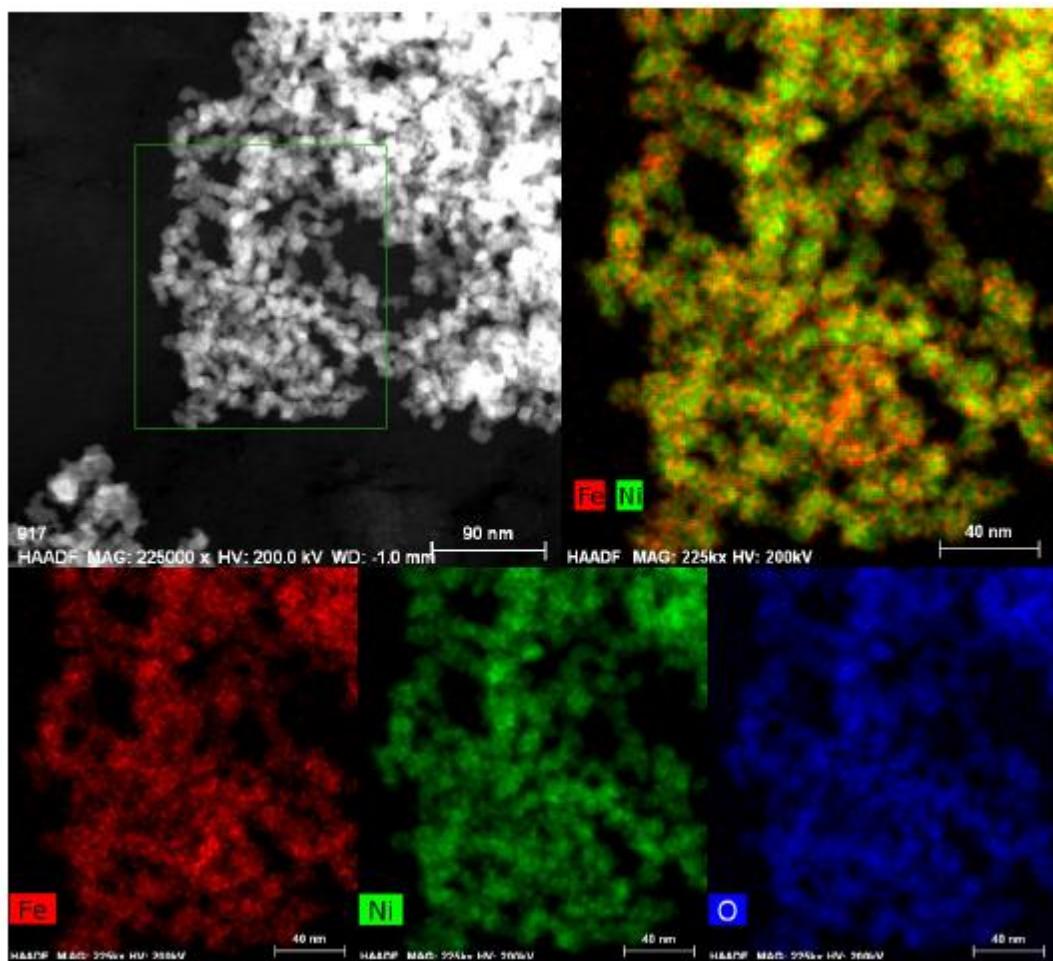
**Figure S24.** Electron diffraction pattern and overview high angle annular dark field scanning transmission electron microscopy (HAADF-STEM) image of the sample obtained by decomposition of heterometallic precursor  $[\text{Ni}(\text{hfac})_2][\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Ni}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**5**) in air at  $500^\circ\text{C}$ . The electron diffraction pattern corresponds to the face-centered cubic structure with  $a \approx 4.3 \text{ \AA}$ .



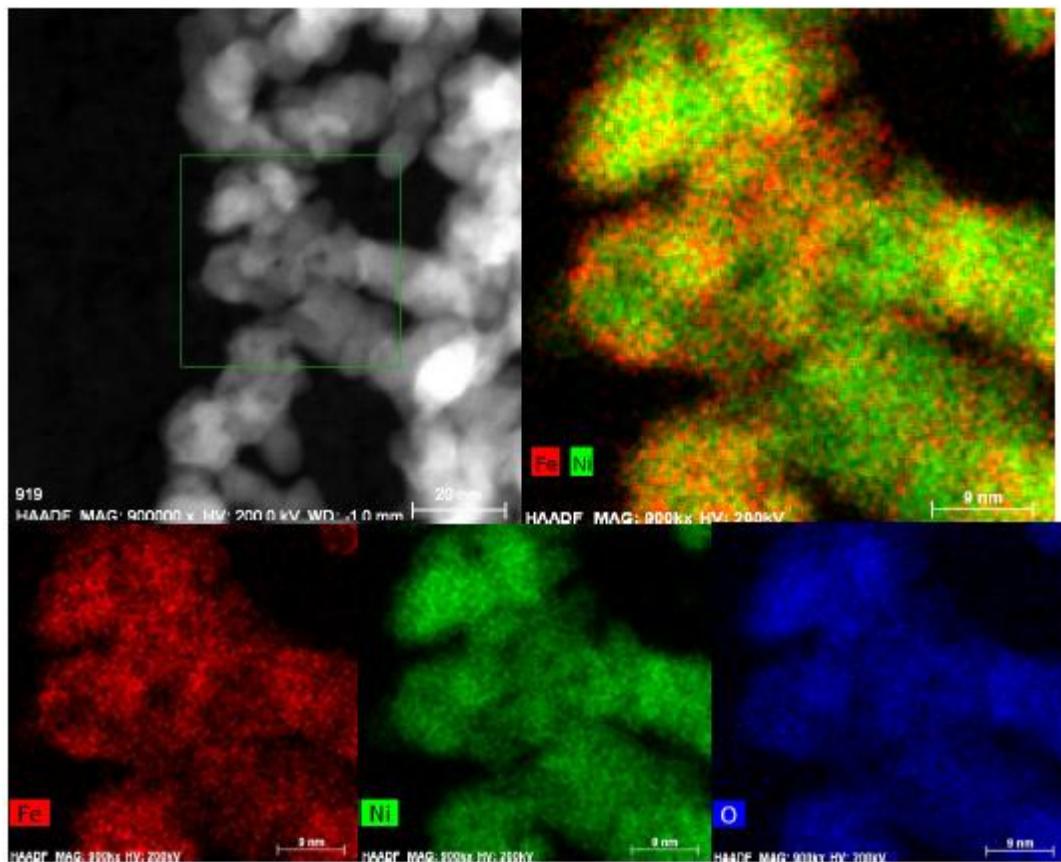
**Figure S25.** HAADF-STEM image of the sample obtained by decomposition of heterometallic precursor  $[\text{Ni}(\text{hfac})_2][\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Ni}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**5**) in air at  $500^\circ\text{C}$  showing agglomerated nanoparticles.



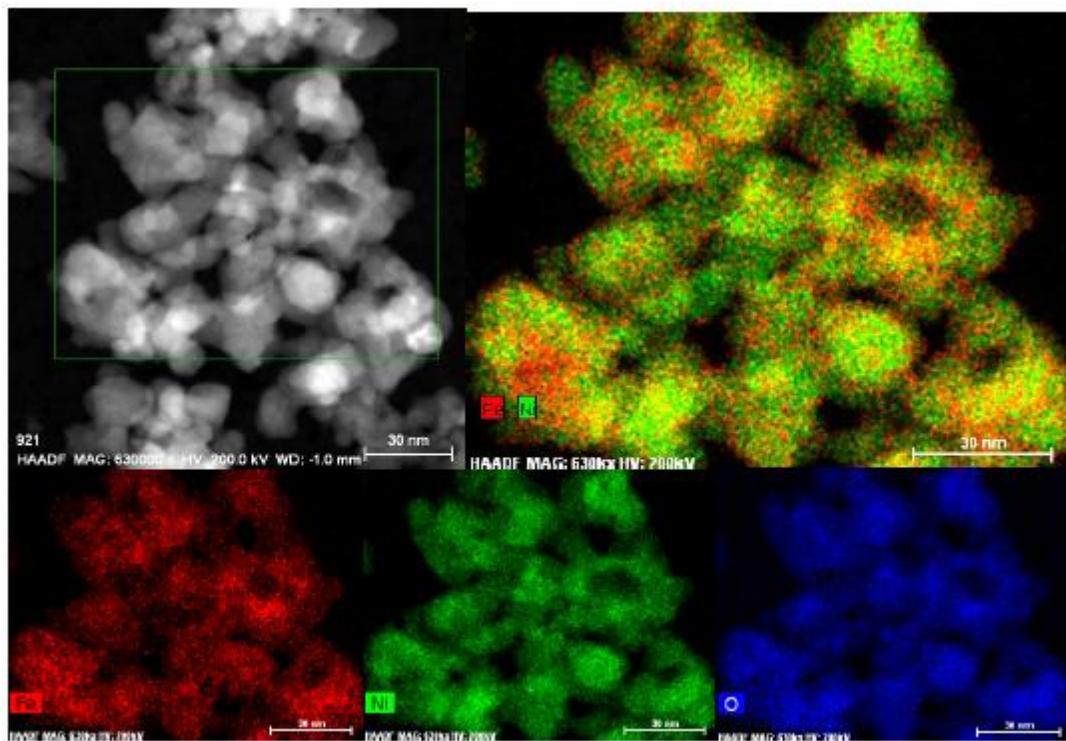
**Figure S26.** Bright field (BF TEM) image of the sample obtained by decomposition of heterometallic precursor  $[\text{Ni}(\text{hfac})_2][\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Ni}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**5**) in air at  $500^\circ\text{C}$  showing crystalline agglomerated nanoparticles.



**Figure S27.** EDX Fe-Ni-O map of the sample obtained by decomposition of heterometallic precursor  $[\text{Ni}(\text{hfac})_2][\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Ni}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**5**) in air at  $500^\circ\text{C}$ .



**Figure S28.** EDX Fe-Ni-O map of the sample obtained by decomposition of heterometallic precursor  $[\text{Ni}(\text{hfac})_2][\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3][\text{Ni}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**5**) in air at  $500^\circ\text{C}$ .



**Figure S29.** EDX Fe-Ni-O map of the sample obtained by decomposition of heterometallic precursor  $[\text{Ni}(\text{hfac})_2][\text{Fe}(\text{acac})_3]\text{[Ni}(\text{hfac})_2]$  (**5**) in air at  $500^\circ\text{C}$ .

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