

# Electronic Supplementary Material

## Synthesis of iron(II) complexes with asymmetric N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> coordinating Schiff base-like ligands and their spin crossover properties

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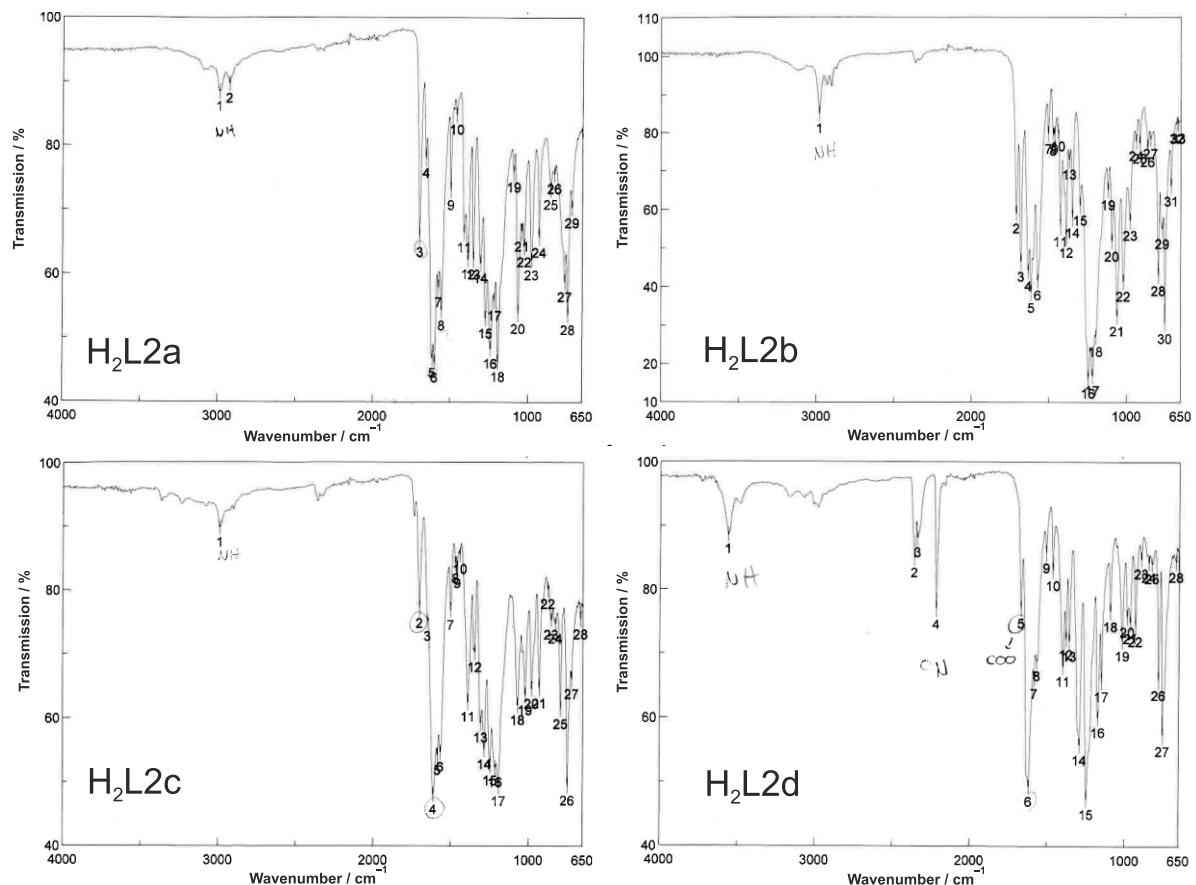
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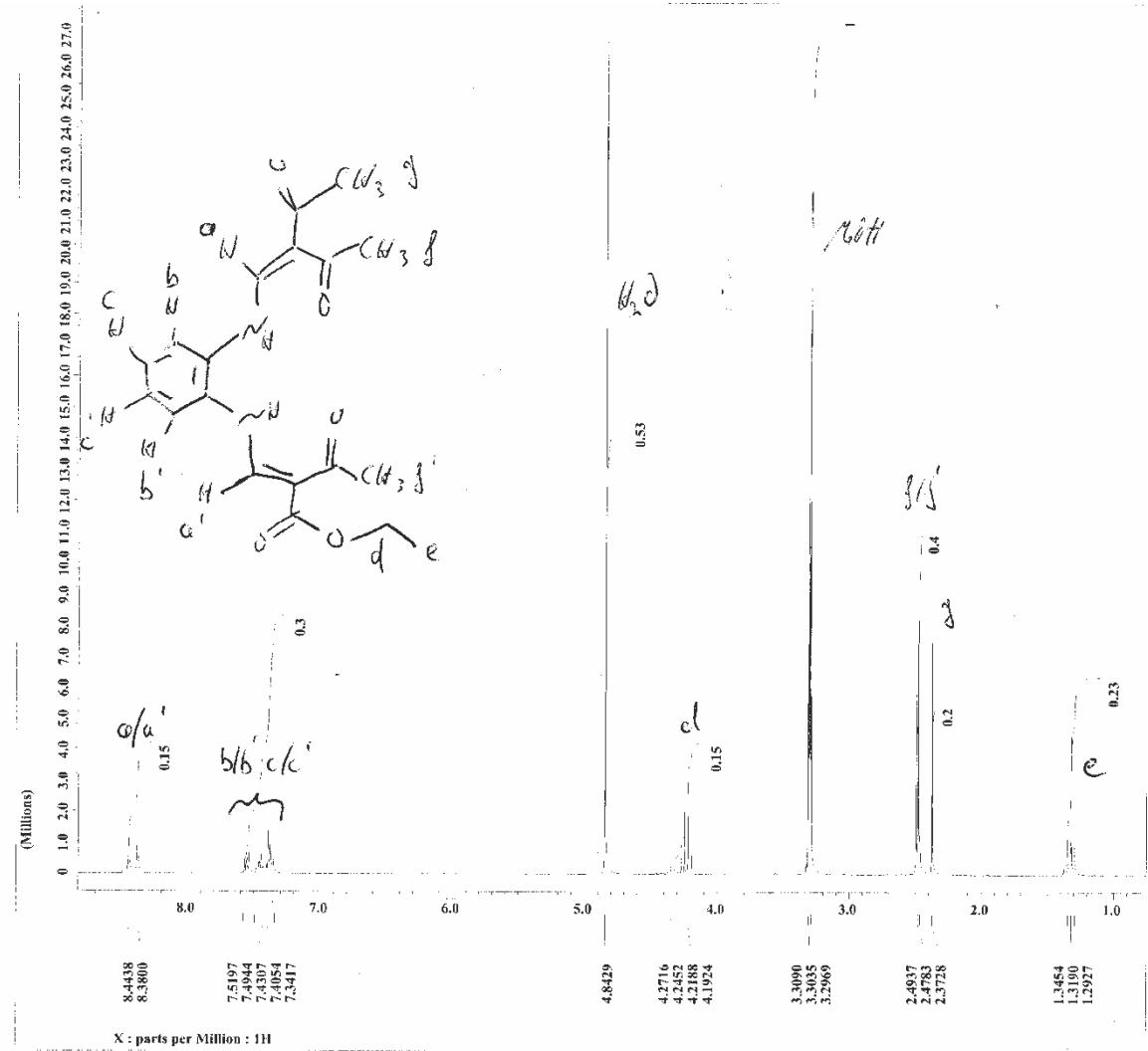
**Table S1** Crystallographic data of the X-ray structures discussed in this work

compound	Ligand H <sub>2</sub> L2a mn260	Ligand H <sub>2</sub> L2c no124	[FeL2b(py) <sub>2</sub> ] oo080
Sum formula	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>34</sub> FeN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>7</sub>
M/gmol <sup>-1</sup>	358.39	388.41	630.47
Temperature/K	200(2)	200(3)	123(3)
Crystal size /mm	0.24 × 0.12 × 0.07	0.32 × 0.13 × 0.06	0.34 × 0.26 × 0.05
Crystal system	triclinic	triclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P-1	P-1	P21/c
λ/Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
a/Å	7.5061(2)	7.67(1)	12.7563(8)
b/Å	11.5182(3)	11.517(4)	29.705(3)
c/Å	21.9706(6)	11.95(2)	8.1222(11)
α/°	87.9623(14)	102.87(6)	90
β/°	89.0686(18)	106.7(1)	97.942(8)
γ/°	87.7438(19)	91.26(6)	90
V/Å <sup>3</sup>	1896.62(9)	982(2)	3084.2(6)
Z	4	2	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /(g·cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.255	1.314	1.374
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.092	0.098	0.548
F(000)	760	412	1320
θ range/°	3.134–25.028	4.3618–24.4971	4.1969–26.2489
Index range	-8 ≤ h ≤ 8 -13 ≤ k ≤ 13 -25 ≤ l ≤ 25	-8 ≤ h ≤ 8 -13 ≤ k ≤ 13 -13 ≤ l ≤ 13	-9 ≤ h ≤ 10 -37 ≤ k ≤ 35 -15 ≤ l ≤ 15
Reflexes measured/independent	12012/6491	6092/3236	24590/6142

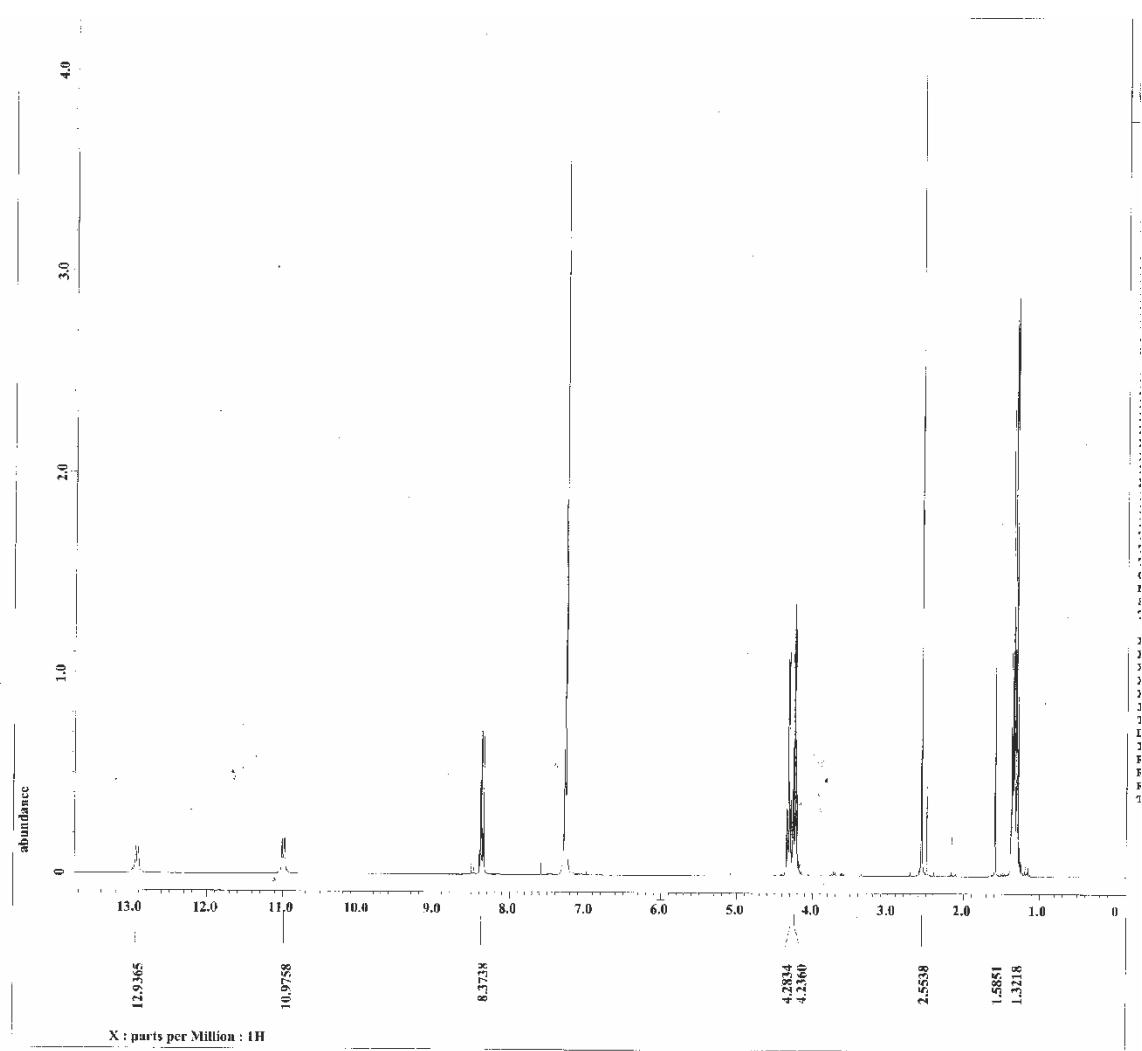
Number of parameters	477	257	392
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0322	0.1059	0.0579
R <sub>σ</sub>	0.0401	0.1570	0.0879
R1(all)	0.0765 (0.0963)	0.0635 (0.1434)	0.0411 (0.0822)
wR2	0.2473	0.2046	0.0896
GooF	1.138	0.825	0.865



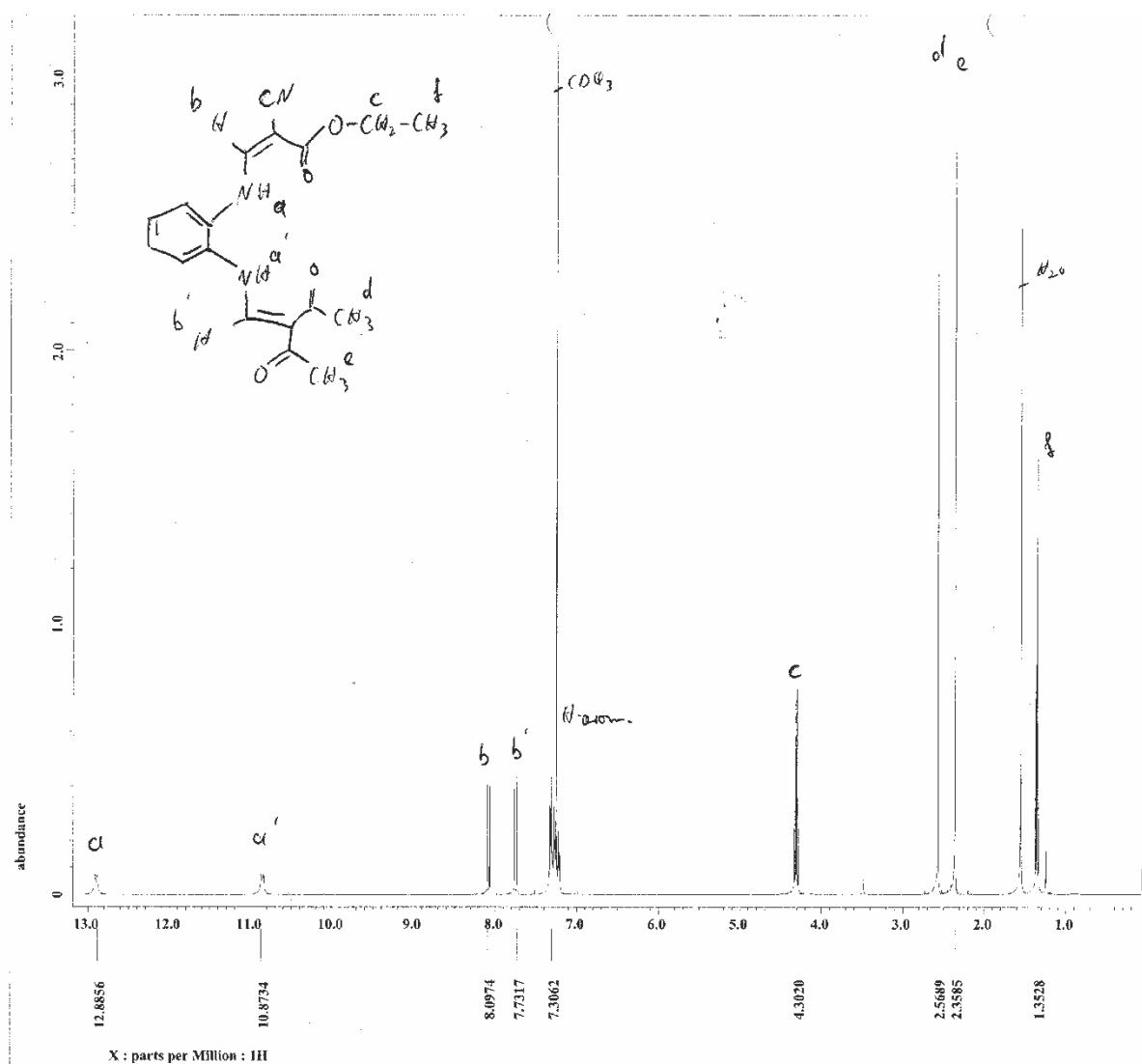
**Fig. S1** IR spectra of the ligands discussed in this work



**Fig. S2** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of H<sub>2</sub>L2a



**Fig. S3** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of H<sub>2</sub>L2b



**Fig. S4**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $\text{H}_2\text{L}2\text{d}$