

## *Supplementary Materials*

# Ferrocene-bearing Homoleptic and Heteroleptic Paddlewheel-type Dirhodium Complexes

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Table S1. Averaged bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) of observed and optimized geometries of  $[\text{Rh}_2(\text{fca})_4(\text{MeOH})_2]$  (**1(MeOH)<sub>2</sub>**).

	observed geometry	optimized geometry
Rh-Rh	2.377	2.407
Rh-O <sub>(fca)</sub>	2.033	2.066
Rh-O <sub>(MeOH)</sub>	2.283	2.389

Table S2. Averaged bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) of observed and optimized geometries of  $[\text{Rh}_2(\text{fca})(\text{piv})_3(\text{MeOH})_2]$  (**2(MeOH)<sub>2</sub>**).

	observed geometry	optimized geometry
Rh-Rh	2.371	2.405
Rh-O <sub>(fca)</sub>	2.031	2.067
Rh-O <sub>(trans-piv)</sub>	2.030	2.067
Rh-O <sub>(cis-piv)</sub>	2.027	2.068
Rh-O <sub>(MeOH)</sub>	2.296	2.390

Table S3. TDDFT results (excitation wavelength, oscillator strength, and orbital contribution) of **1(MeOH)<sub>2</sub>**.

Excitation state	Wavelength (nm)	Oscillator strength	Orbital contribution
S <sub>1</sub>	594.4	0.0043	H-8[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ]→L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (84%), H-10[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ]→L+1[ <i>anti-bonding-dx<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup>(Rh<sub>2</sub>)</i> ] (6%), H-4[d(fca)]→L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (6%)
S <sub>2</sub>	585.5	0.0001	H-6[d(fca)]→L+2[d(fca)] (21%), H-5[d(fca)]→L+7[d(fca)] (16%), H-7[d(fca)]→L+5[delocalization] (7%), H-2[d(fca)]→L+9[d(fca)] (7%), H-7[d(fca)]→L+4[delocalization] (6%), H-6[d(fca)]→L+13[d(fca)] (5%), H-1[d(fca)]→L+5[delocalization] (5%), H[d(fca)]→L+9[d(fca)] (5%)
S <sub>4</sub>	584.9	0.0001	H-4[d(fca)]→L+3[d(fca)] (20%), H-3[d(fca)]→L+8[d(fca)] (15%), H[d(fca)]→L+10[d(fca)] (7%), H-1[d(fca)]→L+4[delocalization] (5%), H-2[d(fca)]→L+10[d(fca)] (5%)
S <sub>6</sub>	582.9	0.0059	H-10[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ]→L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (23%), H-6[d(fca)]→L+9[d(fca)] (9%), H-2[d(fca)]→L+2[d(fca)] (8%), H-5[d(fca)]→L+5[delocalization] (8%), H[d(fca)]→L+2[d(fca)] (7%) H-5[d(fca)]→L+4[delocalization] (7%), H-7[d(fca)]→L+7[d(fca)] (7%)
S <sub>8</sub>	582.1	0.0034	H[d(fca)]→L+3[d(fca)] (10%), H-4[d(fca)]→L+10[d(fca)] (9%), H-1[d(fca)]→L+8[d(fca)] (7%), H-2[d(fca)]→L+3[d(fca)] (7%), H-3[d(fca)]→L+6[ <i>bonding-dx<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup>(Rh<sub>2</sub>)</i> ] (7%), H-3[d(fca)]→L+4[delocalization] (7%), H-7[d(fca)]→L+8[d(fca)] (7%)
S <sub>10</sub>	581.0	0.0006	H-10[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ]→L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (62%), H-8[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ]→L+1[ <i>anti-bonding-dx<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup>(Rh<sub>2</sub>)</i> ] (5%)
S <sub>11</sub>	503.4	0.0019	H-13[d(fca)]→L+5[delocalization] (11%), H-6[d(fca)]→L+9[d(fca)] (11%), H-13[d(fca)]→L+4[delocalization] (9%), H-14[d(fca)]→L+2[d(fca)] (9%), H-7[d(fca)]→L+7[d(fca)] (8%), H-1[d(fca)]→L+7[d(fca)] (5%), H-15[d(fca)]→L+2[d(fca)] (5%)
S <sub>14</sub>	503.1	0.0018	H-4[d(fca)]→L+10[d(fca)] (10%), H-14[d(fca)]→L+3[d(fca)] (9%), H-12[d(fca)]→L+6[ <i>bonding-dx<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup>(Rh<sub>2</sub>)</i> ] (8%), H-12[d(fca)]→L+4[delocalization] (8%), H-1[d(fca)]→L+8[d(fca)] (7%), H-7[d(fca)]→L+8[d(fca)] (7%), H-12[d(fca)]→L+5[delocalization] (5%), H-15[d(fca)]→L+3[d(fca)] (5%)
S <sub>16</sub>	492.8	0.0001	H-13[d(fca)]→L+7[d(fca)] (20%), H-5[d(fca)]→L+7[d(fca)] (19%), H-2[d(fca)]→L+9[d(fca)] (10%), H-14[d(fca)]→L+9[d(fca)] (9%), H-6[d(fca)]→L+2[d(fca)] (6%), H[d(fca)]→L+9[d(fca)] (5%)
S <sub>22</sub>	432.3	0.0026	H-8[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ]→L+1[ <i>anti-bonding-dx<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup>(Rh<sub>2</sub>)</i> ] (80%), H-10[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ]→L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (8%), H-4[d(fca)]→L+1[ <i>anti-bonding-dx<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup>(Rh<sub>2</sub>)</i> ] (6%)

S <sub>23</sub>	424.9	0.0028	H-10[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] → L+1[ <i>anti-bonding-dx<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup>(Rh<sub>2</sub>)</i> ] (86%), H-8[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] → L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (6%)
S <sub>26</sub>	379.7	0.0017	H-6[d(fca)] → L+9[d(fca)] (11%), H-13[d(fca)] → L+5[delocalization] (9%), H-7[d(fca)] → L+7[d(fca)] (9%), H-14[d(fca)] → L+2[d(fca)] (8%), H-13[d(fca)] → L+4[delocalization] (8%), H-2[d(fca)] → L+2[d(fca)] (6%), H-1[d(fca)] → L+7[d(fca)] (6%), H[d(fca)] → L+2[d(fca)] (5%), H-5[d(fca)] → L+4[delocalization] (5%), H-5[d(fca)] → L+5[delocalization] (5%), H-11[ $\delta(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] → L+2[d(fca)] (5%)
S <sub>28</sub>	379.4	0.0017	H-4[d(fca)] → L+10[d(fca)] (10%), H-14[d(fca)] → L+3[d(fca)] (8%), H-7[d(fca)] → L+8[d(fca)] (7%), H-12[d(fca)] → L+4[delocalization] (7%), H-1[d(fca)] → L+8[d(fca)] (7%), H-12[d(fca)] → L+6[ <i>bonding-dx<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup>(Rh<sub>2</sub>)</i> ] (7%), H[d(fca)] → L+3[d(fca)] (6%), H-2[d(fca)] → L+3[d(fca)] (5%), H-11[ $\delta(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] → L+3[d(fca)] (5%)
S <sub>32</sub>	367.5	0.0003	H-13[d(fca)] → L+7[d(fca)] (23%), H-14[d(fca)] → L+9[d(fca)] (13%), H-5[d(fca)] → L+7[d(fca)] (11%), H-6[d(fca)] → L+2[d(fca)] (9%), H-2[d(fca)] → L+9[d(fca)] (6%), H-15[d(fca)] → L+10[d(fca)] (5%)
S <sub>38</sub>	357.3	0.0018	H-4[d(fca)] → L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (89%), H-8[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] → L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (6%)
S <sub>39</sub>	357.2	0.0019	H-6[d(fca)] → L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (94%)
S <sub>44</sub>	322.0	0.0001	H[d(fca)] → L+1[ <i>anti-bonding-dx<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup>(Rh<sub>2</sub>)</i> ] (89%)
S <sub>49</sub>	316.5	0.0044	H-4[d(fca)] → L+1[ <i>anti-bonding-dx<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup>(Rh<sub>2</sub>)</i> ] (89%), H-8[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] → L+1[ <i>anti-bonding-dx<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup>(Rh<sub>2</sub>)</i> ] (6%)
S <sub>50</sub>	316.4	0.0044	H-6[d(fca)] → L+1[ <i>anti-bonding-dx<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup>(Rh<sub>2</sub>)</i> ] (94%)
S <sub>56</sub>	310.0	0.0002	H-10[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] → L+2[d(fca)] (74%), H-8[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] → L+2[d(fca)] (18%)
S <sub>58</sub>	307.8	0.0001	H-10[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] → L+3[d(fca)] (85%), H-8[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] → L+3[d(fca)] (8%)
S <sub>60</sub>	303.0	0.0036	H-6[d(fca)] → L+13[d(fca)] (23%), H-6[d(fca)] → L+2[d(fca)] (18%), H-6[d(fca)] → L+12[d(fca)] (11%), H-7[d(fca)] → L+14[d(fca)] (11%), H-1[d(fca)] → L+14[d(fca)] (8%), H-7[d(fca)] → L+16[d(fca)] (7%), H-1[d(fca)] → L+16[d(fca)] (5%)
S <sub>62</sub>	302.1	0.0037	H-4[d(fca)] → L+3[d(fca)] (17%), H-4[d(fca)] → L+12[d(fca)] (16%), H-4[d(fca)] → L+13[d(fca)] (10%), H-7[d(fca)] → L+14[d(fca)] (7%), H-7[d(fca)] → L+16[d(fca)] (7%), H-4[d(fca)] → L+15[d(fca)] (7%), H-1[d(fca)] → L+14[d(fca)] (7%), H-1[d(fca)] → L+16[d(fca)] (9%)
S <sub>65</sub>	300.0	0.0024	H-9[ $\delta^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] → L+4[delocalization] (53%), H-1[d(fca)] → L+4[delocalization] (21%), H-16[ $\sigma(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] → L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (9%)

Table S4. TDDFT results (excitation wavelength, oscillator strength, and orbital contribution) of **2(MeOH)<sub>2</sub>**.

Excitation state	Wavelength (nm)	Oscillator strength	Orbital contribution
S <sub>1</sub>	594.4	0.0038	H-2[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (85%), H-3[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (6%), H-1[d(fca)]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (5%)
S <sub>2</sub>	583.9	0.0001	H-1[d(fca)]→L+2[d(fca)] (33%), H[d(fca)]→L+4[d(fca)] (32%), H-1[d(fca)]→L+6[d(fca)] (10%), H-1[d(fca)]→L+3[bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (9%)
S <sub>3</sub>	583.2	0.003	H-3[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )](82%), H-2[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (7%)
S <sub>4</sub>	580.7	0.0012	H[d(fca)]→L+2[d(fca)] (33%), H-1[d(fca)]→L+4[d(fca)] (32%), H[d(fca)]→L+6[d(fca)] (12%), H[d(fca)]→L+3[bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (10%)
S <sub>5</sub>	502.4	0.0008	H-5[d(fca)]→L+2[d(fca)] (28%), H-1[d(fca)]→L+4[d(fca)] (26%), H-5[d(fca)]→L+6[d(fca)] (11%), H[d(fca)]→L+2[d(fca)] (9%), H-5[d(fca)]→L+3[bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (8%)
S <sub>10</sub>	433.9	0.002	H-2[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (82%), H-3[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )](8%)
S <sub>11</sub>	427.4	0.0024	H-3[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (83%), H-2[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )](7%)
S <sub>14</sub>	378.8	0.0007	H-5[d(fca)]→L+2[d(fca)] (27%), H-1[d(fca)]→L+4[d(fca)] (27%), H[d(fca)]→L+2[d(fca)] (17%), H-5[d(fca)]→L+6[d(fca)] (7%), H-5[d(fca)]→L+3[bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (7%)
S <sub>15</sub>	367.0	0.0001	H-5[d(fca)]→L+4[d(fca)] (50%), H[d(fca)]→L+4[d(fca)] (24%), H-1[d(fca)]→L+2[d(fca)] (14%)
S <sub>17</sub>	354.8	0.0009	H-1[d(fca)]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )](84%), H-4[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (8%), H-2[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )](5%)
S <sub>20</sub>	320.3	0.0001	H-11[π(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )](73%), H-9[π(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )](7%), H-2[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+2[d(fca)] (6%)
S <sub>22</sub>	315.4	0.0021	H-1[d(fca)]→L+1[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (85%), H-4[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (7%), H-2[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (5%)
S <sub>24</sub>	303.5	0.0002	H-3[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+2[d(fca)] (58%), H-3[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+3[bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (19%), H-2[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+2[d(fca)] (12%)
S <sub>25</sub>	302.5	0.0017	H-4[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+2[d(fca)] (47%), H-1[d(fca)]→L+2[d(fca)] (13%), H-1[d(fca)]→L+6[d(fca)] (10%), H-4[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+3[bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (10%), H-3[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+2[d(fca)] (6%)
S <sub>26</sub>	300.6	0.0005	H-1[d(fca)]→L+6[d(fca)] (35%), H-4[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+2[d(fca)] (24%), H-1[d(fca)]→L+2[d(fca)] (10%), H-4[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+6[d(fca)] (5%), H-1[d(fca)]→L+5[d(fca)] (6%)

Table S5. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) of **1(MeOH)<sub>2</sub>**.

bond lengths (Å)			
Rh1-Rh1'	2.3771(3)	Fe1-C7	2.045(2)
Rh1-O1	2.0226(13)	Fe1-C8	2.040(2)
Rh1-O2	2.0466(13)	Fe1-C9	2.044(2)
Rh1-O3	2.0131(12)	Fe1-C10	2.046(2)
Rh1-O4	2.0502(12)	Fe1-C11	2.043(2)
Rh1-O5	2.2839(14)	Fe2-C13	2.0219(18)
C1-O1	1.267(2)	Fe2-C14	2.036(2)
C1-O2	1.275(2)	Fe2-C15	2.056(2)
C12-O3	1.264(2)	Fe2-C16	2.0678(19)
C12-O4	1.277(2)	Fe2-C17	2.0456(19)
Fe1-C2	2.0380(18)	Fe2-C18	2.042(2)
Fe1-C3	2.0484(19)	Fe2-C19	2.037(2)
Fe1-C4	2.0488(19)	Fe2-C20	2.043(2)
Fe1-C5	2.038(2)	Fe2-C21	2.046(2)
Fe1-C6	2.033(2)	Fe2-C22	2.044(2)
bond angles (°)			
Rh1-Rh1'-O1'	89.32(4)	Rh1-Rh1'-O5'	173.96(4)
Rh1-Rh1'-O2	87.53(4)	O1-C1-O2	126.01(17)
Rh1-Rh1'-O3'	88.24(4)	O3-C12-O4	125.97(17)
Rh1-Rh1'-O4	88.55(4)		

Table S6. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) of **2(MeOH)<sub>2</sub>**.

bond lengths (Å)					
Rh1-Rh2	2.3712(3)	Fe1-C3	2.021(4)	C29-O11	1.267(4)
Rh1-O1	2.029(2)	Fe1-C4	2.042(5)	C29-O12	1.268(4)
Rh2-O2	2.044(2)	Fe1-C5	2.048(4)	C40-O13	1.266(4)
Rh1-O3	2.025(2)	Fe1-C6	2.042(4)	C40-O14	1.272(4)
Rh2-O4	2.029(2)	Fe1-C7	1.988(5)	C45-O15	1.265(4)
Rh1-O5	2.020(2)	Fe1-C8	1.998(5)	C45-O16	1.273(4)
Rh2-O6	2.031(3)	Fe1-C9	2.019(5)	C50-O17	1.263(4)
Rh1-O7	2.033(2)	Fe1-C10	2.034(4)	C50-O18	1.267(4)
Rh2-O8	2.029(2)	Fe1-C11	2.011(4)	Fe2-C30	2.010(4)
Rh1-O9	2.285(2)	Rh3-Rh4	2.3724(3)	Fe2-C31	2.029(4)
Rh2-O10	2.310(2)	Rh3-O11	2.036(3)	Fe2-C32	2.044(4)
C1-O1	1.262(4)	Rh4-O12	2.015(3)	Fe2-C33	2.044(4)
C1-O2	1.283(4)	Rh3-O13	2.025(2)	Fe2-C34	2.024(4)
C12-O3	1.272(4)	Rh4-O14	2.031(2)	Fe2-C35	2.019(4)
C12-O4	1.258(4)	Rh3-O15	2.033(2)	Fe2-C36	2.027(4)
C17-O5	1.262(4)	Rh4-O16	2.036(2)	Fe2-C37	2.040(4)
C17-O6	1.267(4)	Rh3-O17	2.008(2)	Fe2-C38	2.053(4)
C22-O7	1.260(4)	Rh4-O18	2.038(2)	Fe2-C39	2.042(4)
C22-O8	1.275(4)	Rh3-O19	2.292(2)		
Fe1-C2	2.021(3)	Rh4-O20	2.297(3)		
bond angles (°)					
Rh1-Rh2-O2	88.34(6)	Rh3-Rh4-O12	88.56(7)		
Rh1-Rh2-O4	88.20(7)	Rh3-Rh4-O14	87.85(7)		
Rh1-Rh2-O6	87.61(7)	Rh3-Rh4-O16	88.52(6)		
Rh1-Rh2-O8	88.07(7)	Rh3-Rh4-O18	87.39(6)		
Rh2-Rh1-O1	88.33(7)	Rh4-Rh3-O11	88.16(7)		
Rh2-Rh1-O3	88.28(7)	Rh4-Rh3-O13	88.65(7)		
Rh2-Rh1-O5	88.80(7)	Rh4-Rh3-O15	87.78(6)		
Rh2-Rh1-O7	88.21(7)	Rh4-Rh3-O17	89.03(7)		
Rh1-Rh2-O10	178.38(7)	Rh3-Rh4-O20	177.59(7)		
Rh2-Rh1-O9	176.86(7)	Rh4-Rh3-O19	174.90(7)		
O1-C1-O2	124.6(3)	O11-C29-O12	125.9(3)		
O3-C12-O4	125.3(3)	O13-C40-O14	124.8(3)		
O5-C17-O6	125.1(4)	O15-C45-O16	124.2(3)		
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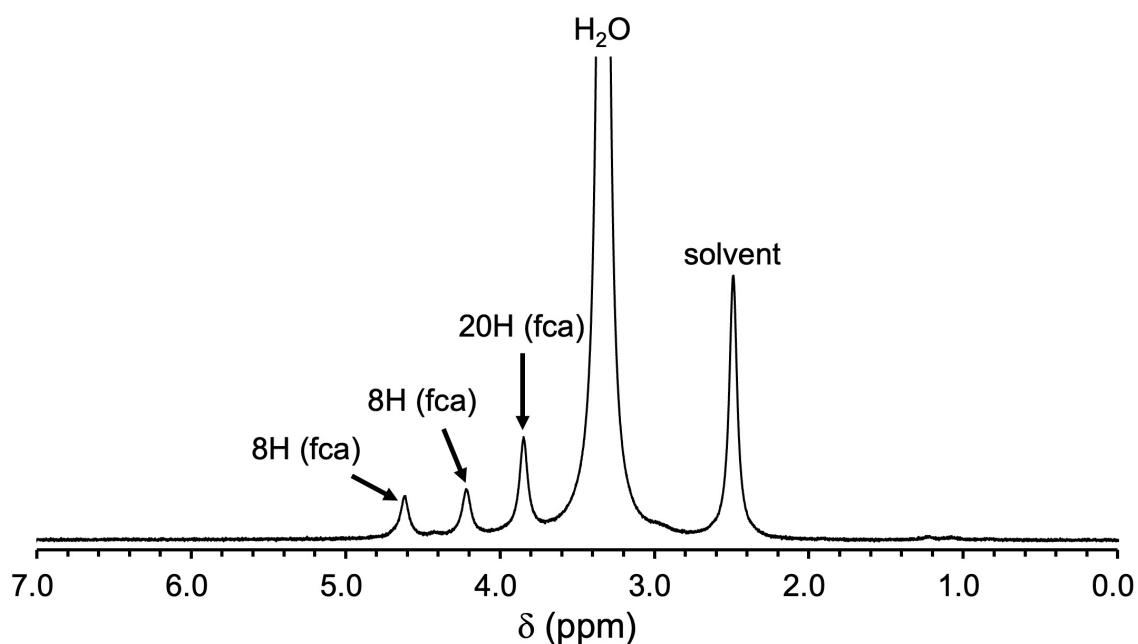


Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.

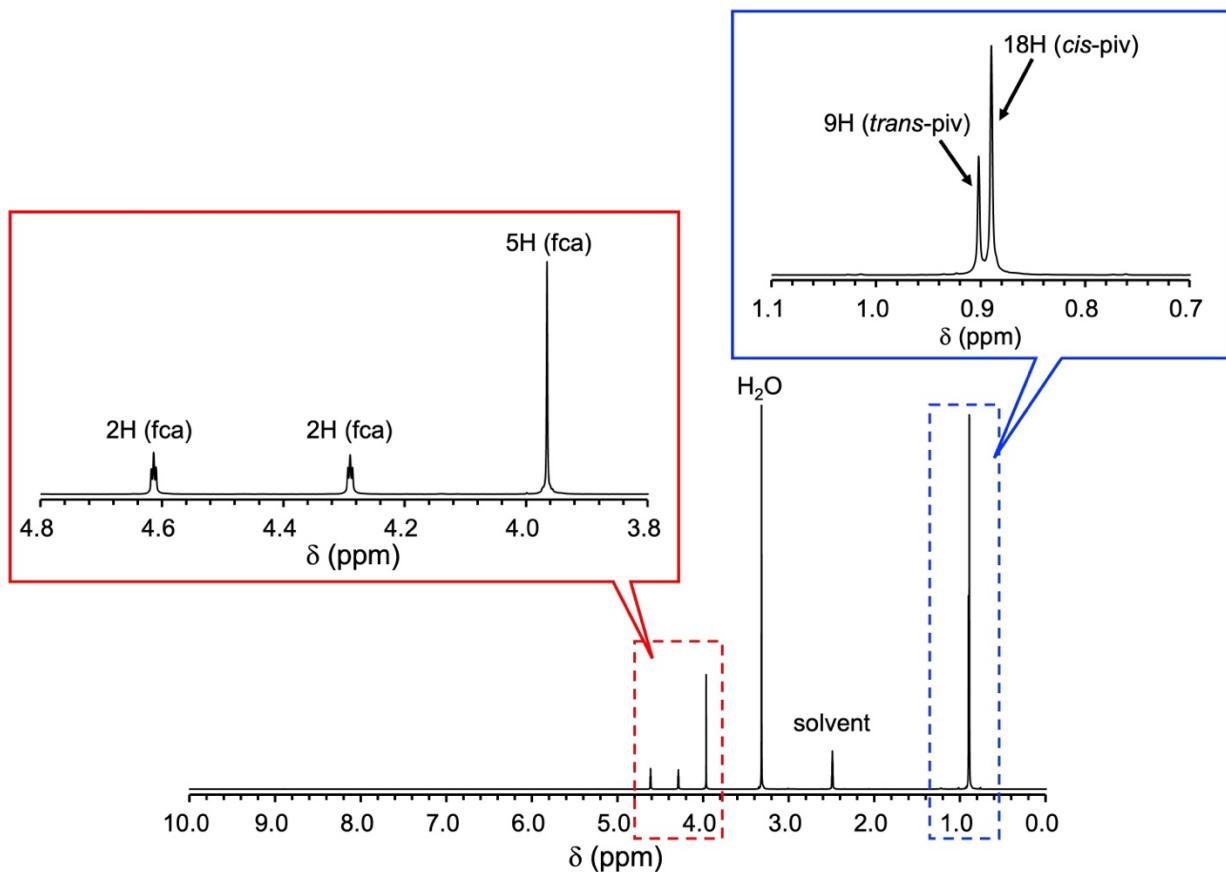


Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.

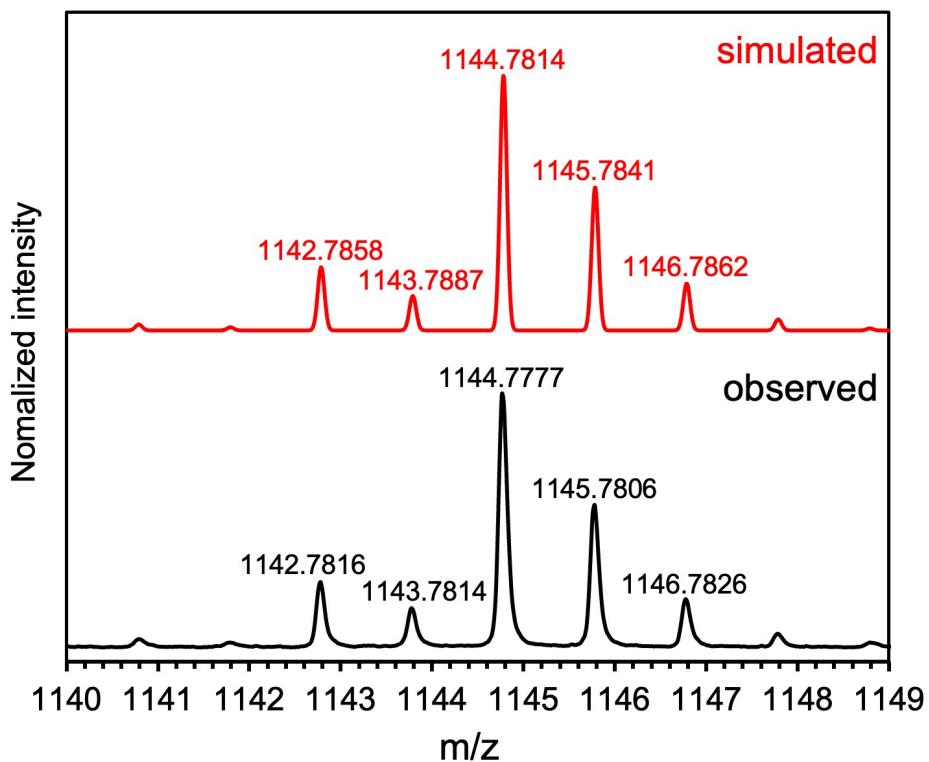


Figure S3. Observed and simulated ESI-TOF-MS spectra of **1**.

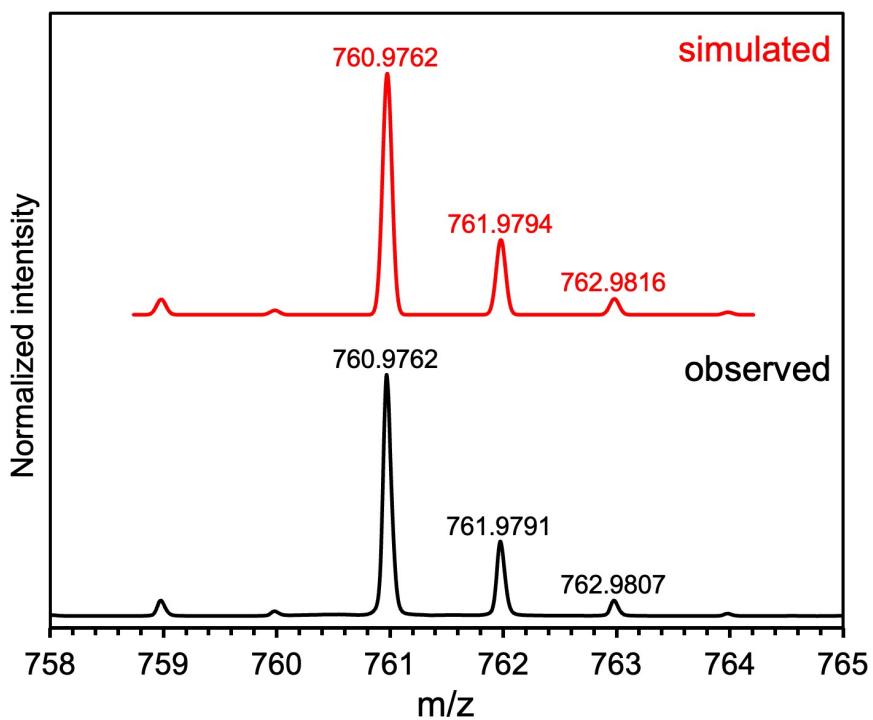


Figure S4. Observed and simulated ESI-TOF-MS spectra of **2**.

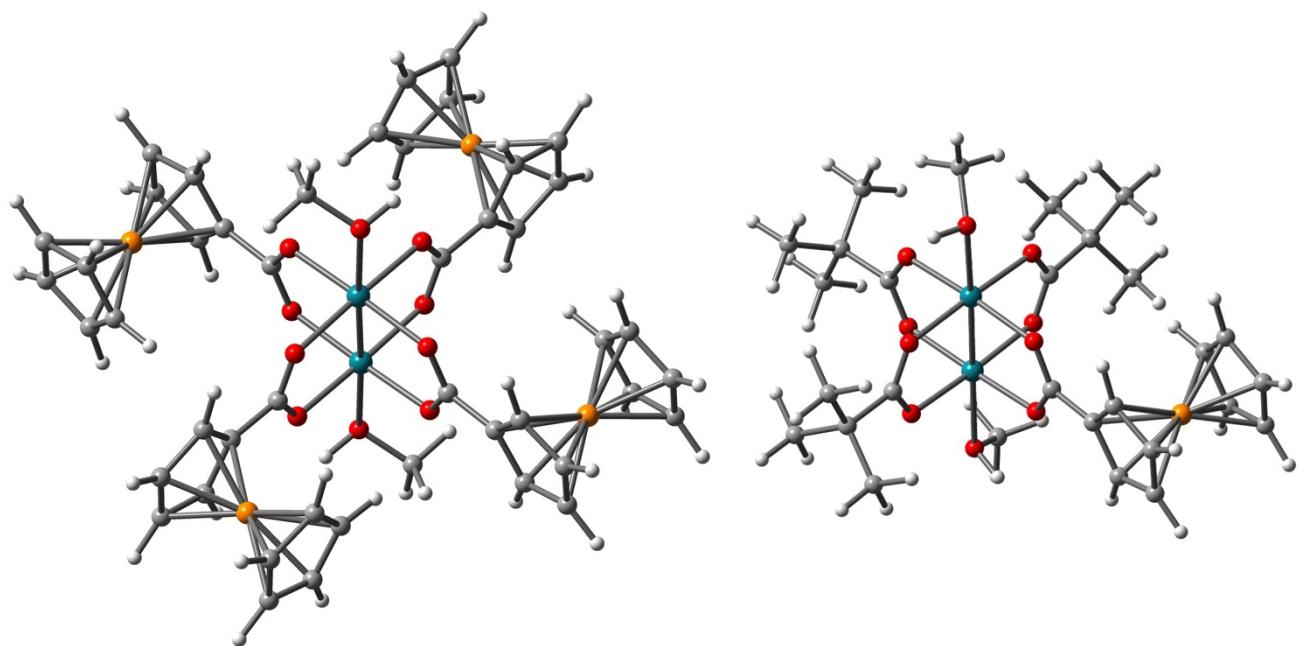


Figure S5. Optimized geometries of **1(MeOH)<sub>2</sub>** (left) and **2(MeOH)<sub>2</sub>** (right).

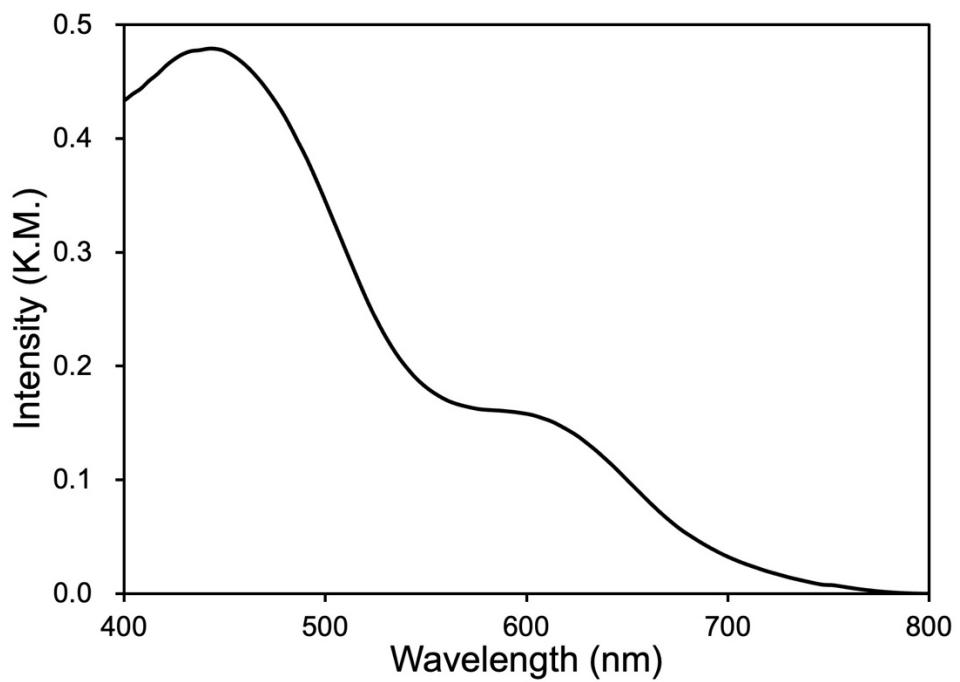


Figure S6. Diffuse reflectance (DR) spectrum of **1**.

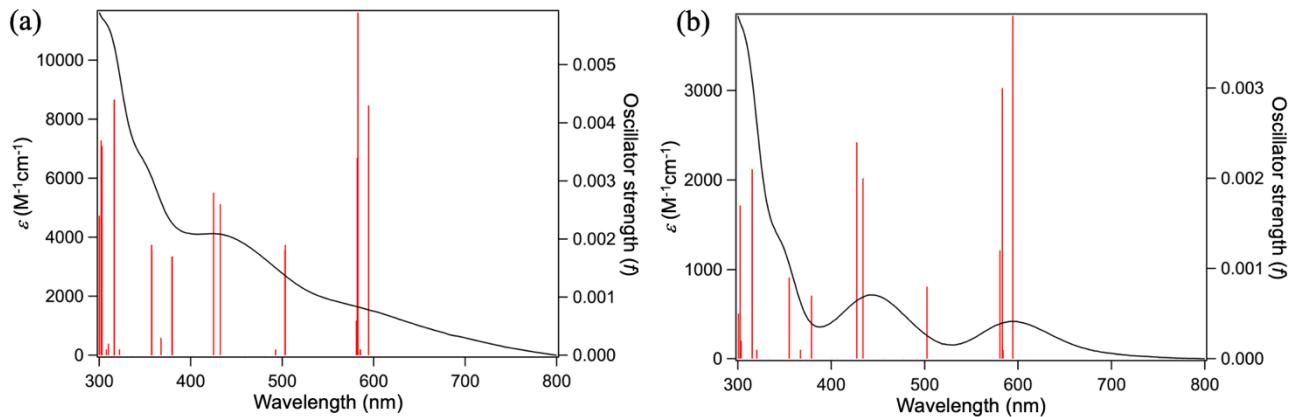


Figure S7. Observed spectra (black line) and calculated vertical excitations (red line) of (a) **1(MeOH)<sub>2</sub>** and (b) **2(MeOH)<sub>2</sub>**.

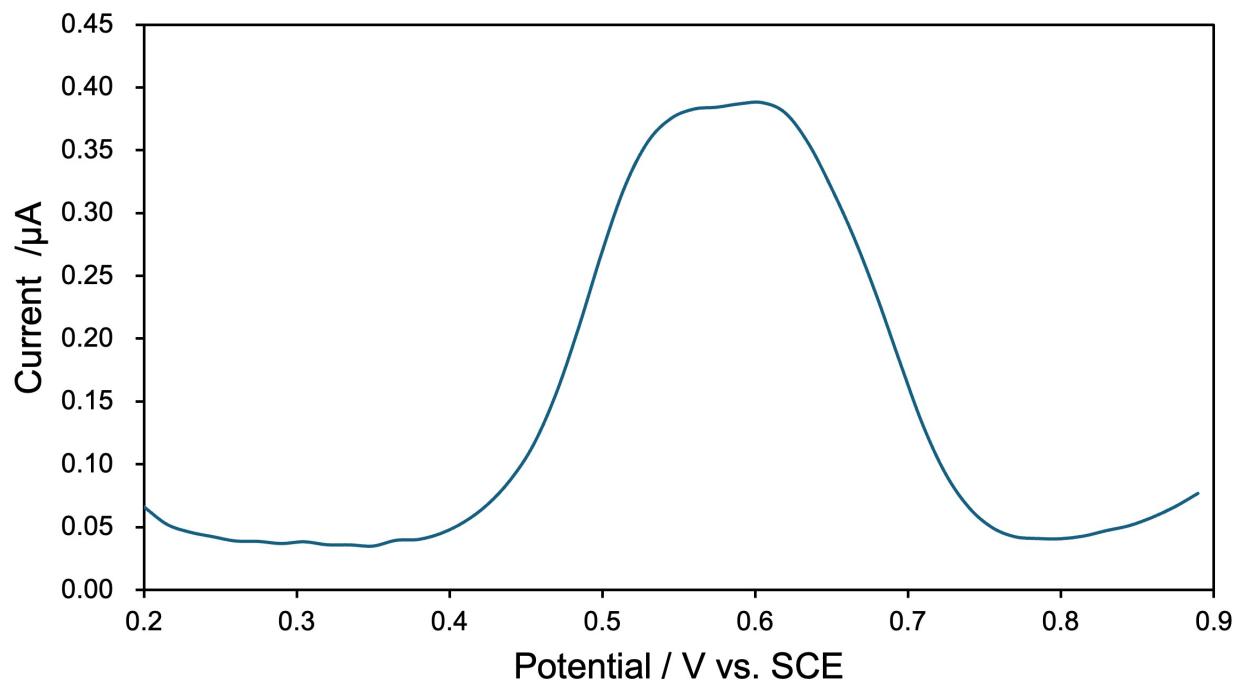


Figure S8. Differential pulse voltammetry (DPV) diagram of **1** (0.10 mM) in 9:1 CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH solution containing 0.10 M TBAPF<sub>6</sub>.