

Supplementary Materials: Synthesis and Characterisation of Linear and Towards Cyclic Diferrocenes with Alkynyl Spacers

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1. NMR Spectroscopy

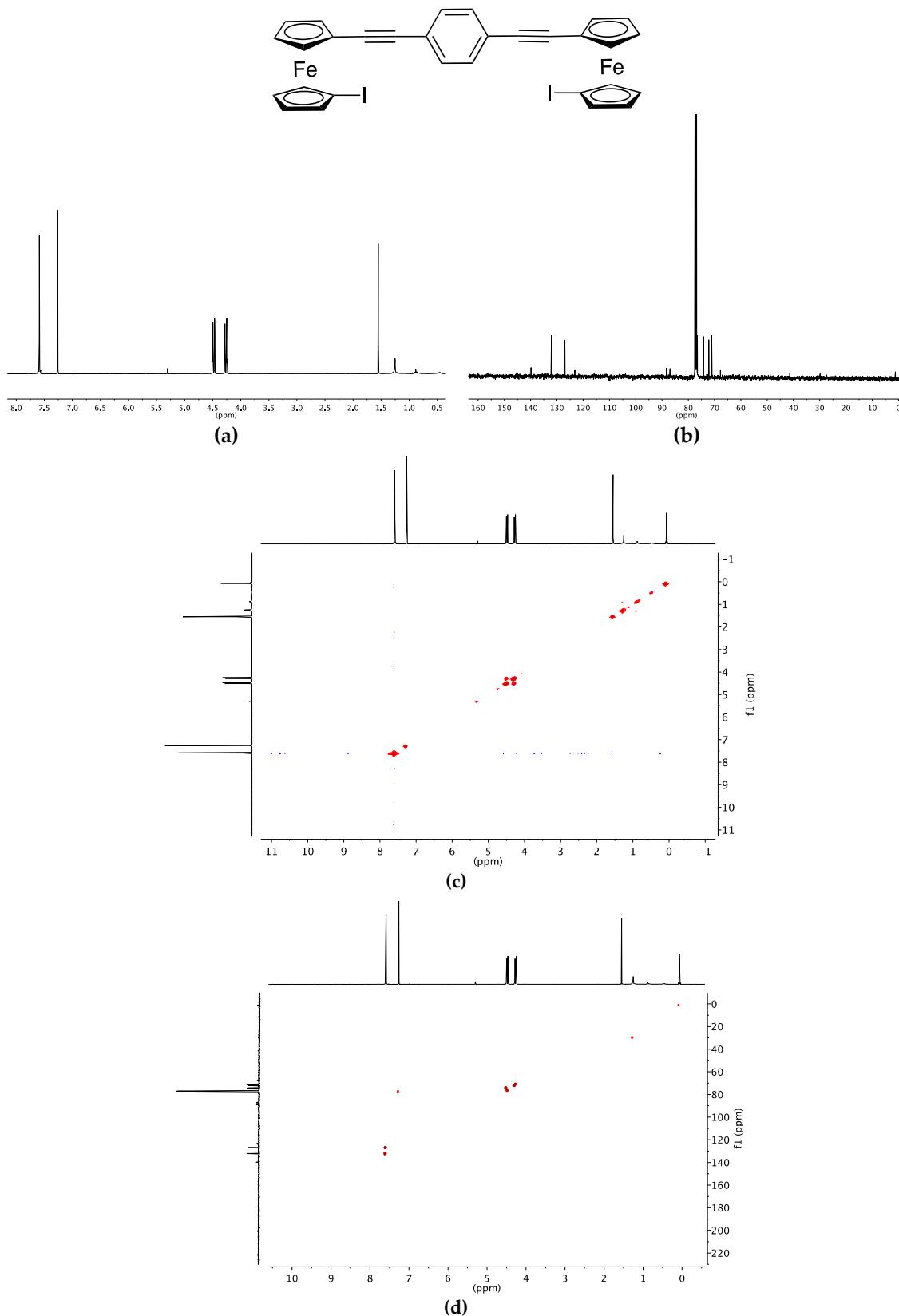


Figure S1. Compound 1: (a) ^1H NMR, (b) $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR, (c) COSY and (d) HSQC in CDCl_3 .

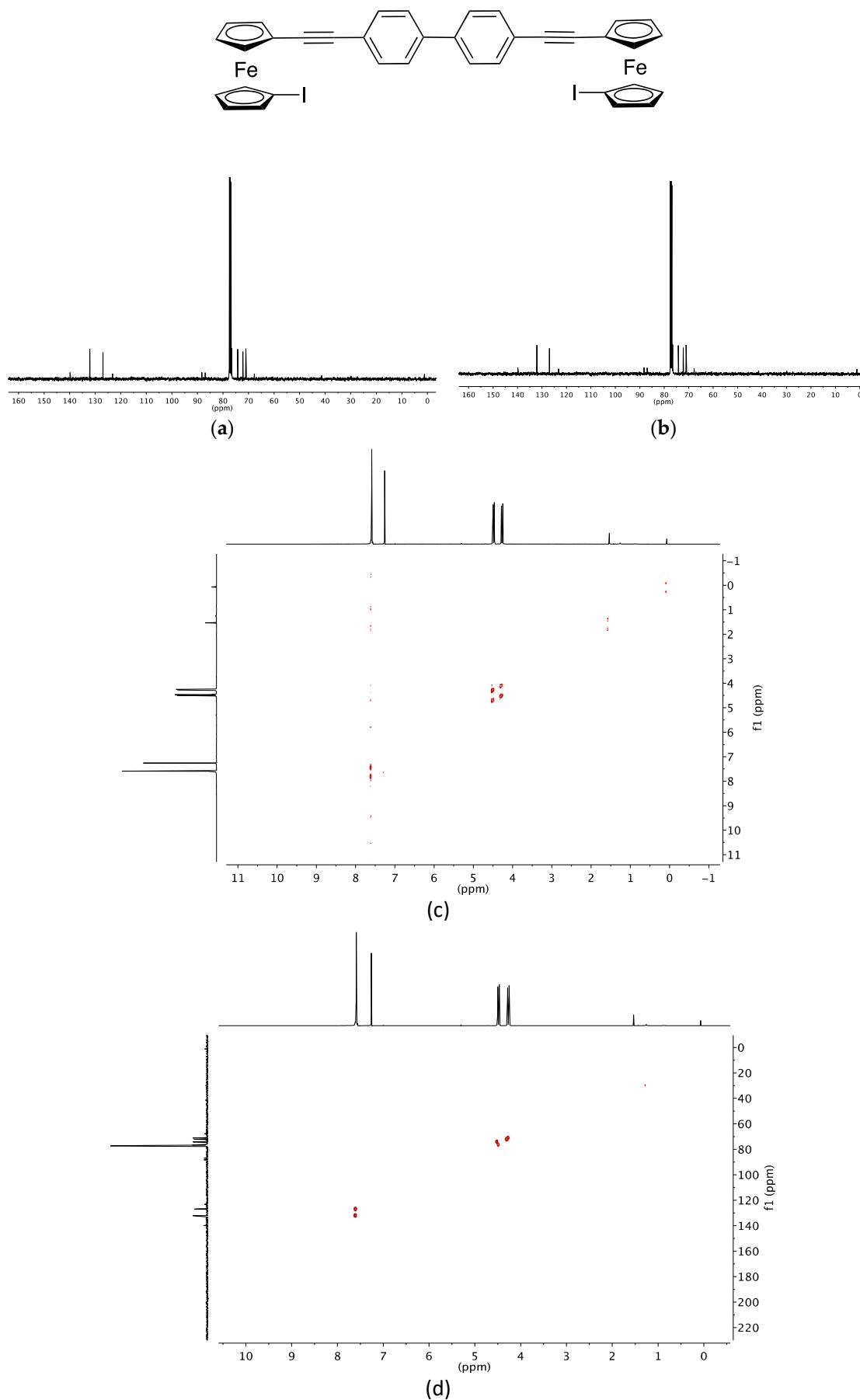


Figure S2. Compound 2: (a) ^1H NMR, (b) $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR, (c) COSY and (d) HSQC in CDCl_3 .

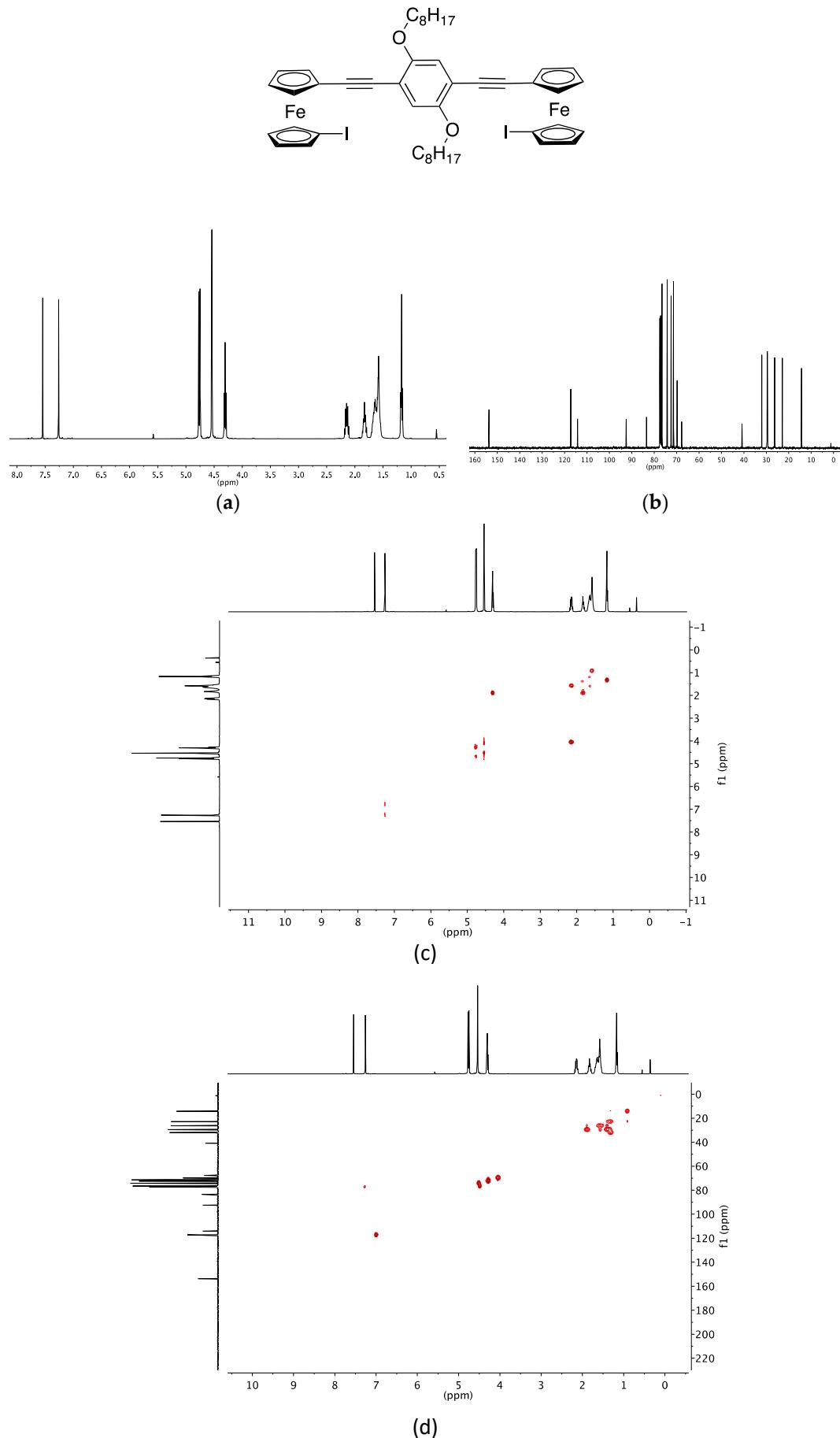


Figure S3. Compound 3: (a) ^1H NMR, (b) $^{13}\text{C}\{{}^1\text{H}\}$ NMR, (c) COSY and (d) HSQC in CDCl_3 .

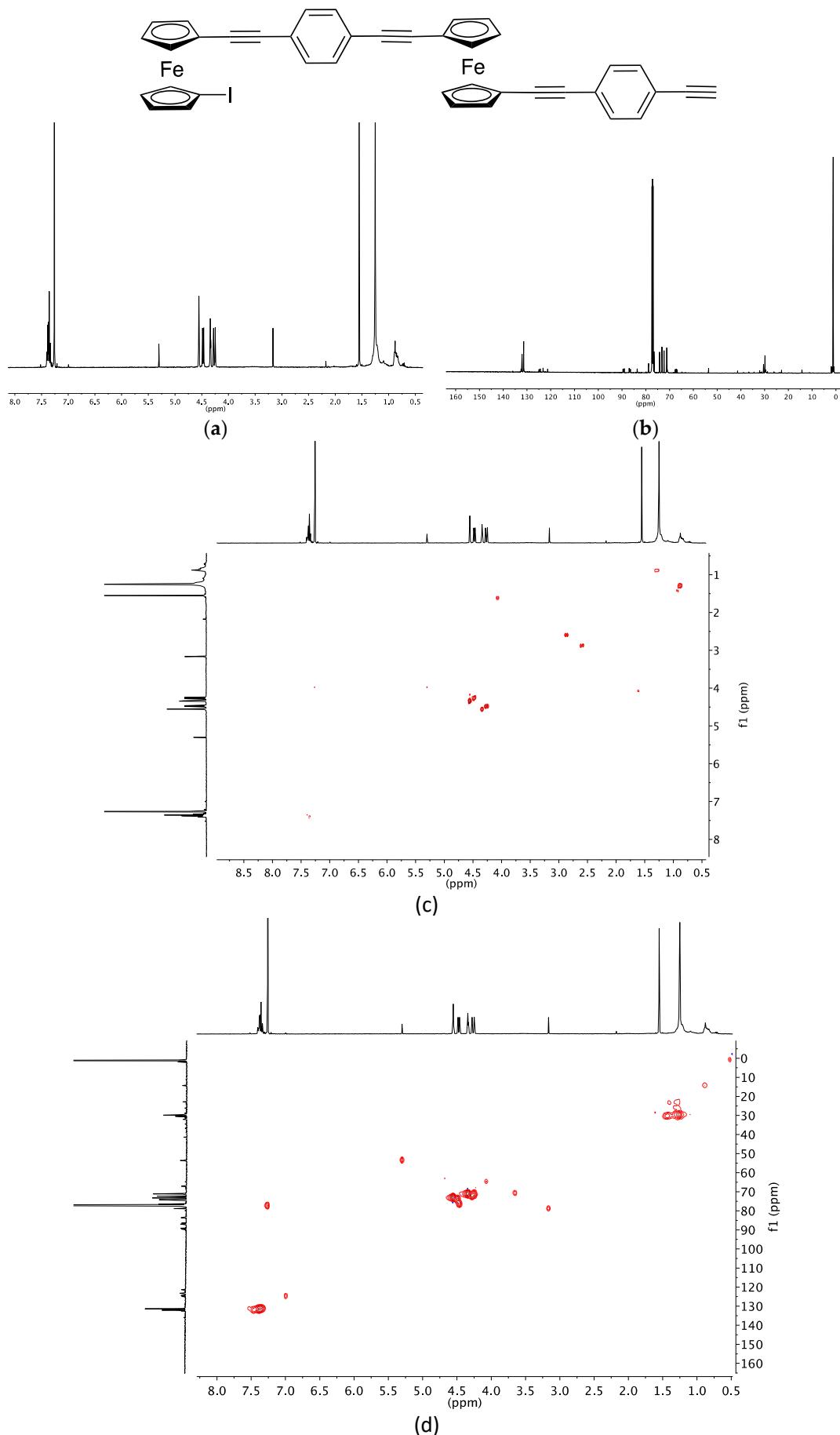


Figure S4. Compound 4: (a) ^1H NMR, (b) $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR, (c) COSY and (d) HSQC in CDCl₃.

2. Electrochemistry

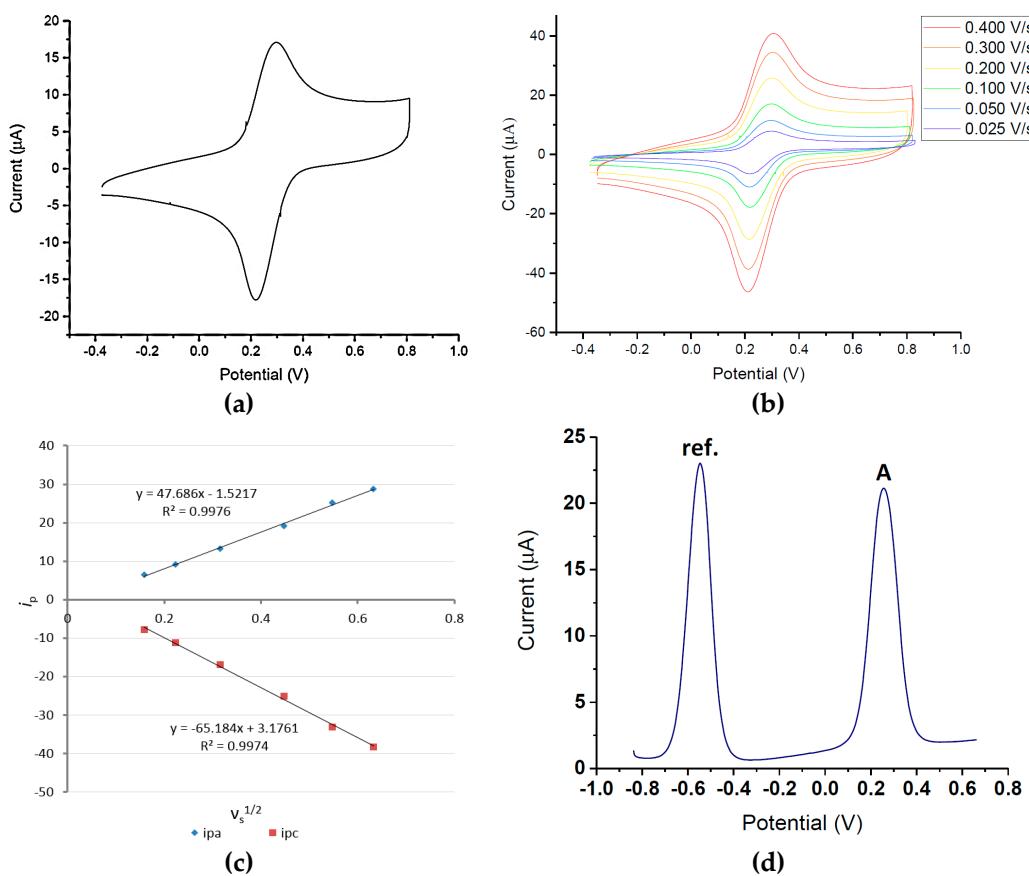
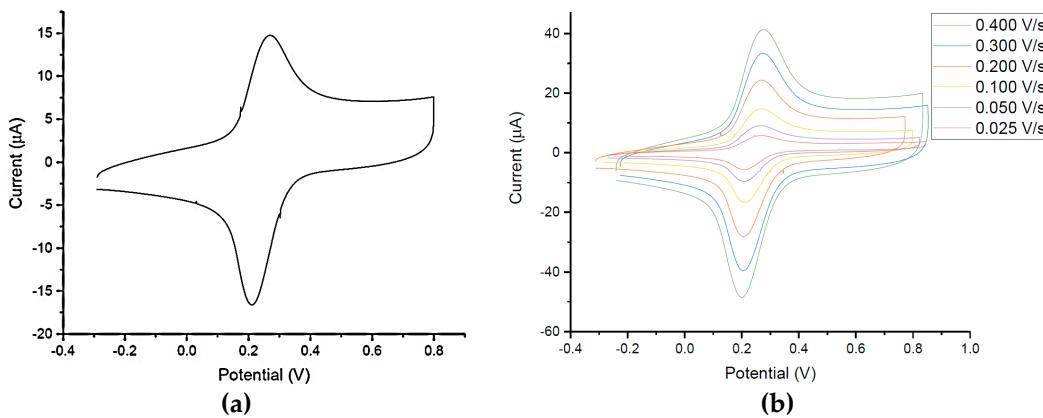


Figure S5. Compound **1** in 0.1M [$(^n\text{Bu})_4\text{N}$]PF₆/CH₂Cl₂ (E vs. [Cp₂Fe]/[Cp₂Fe]⁺). (a): CV at 100 mVs⁻¹ . (b): Varying scan rates (25 mV–400 mV). (c): $i_{\text{pa}}/i_{\text{pc}}$ vs. $V_s^{1/2}$ plot. (d): DPV of oxidation with a decamethylferrocene reference.



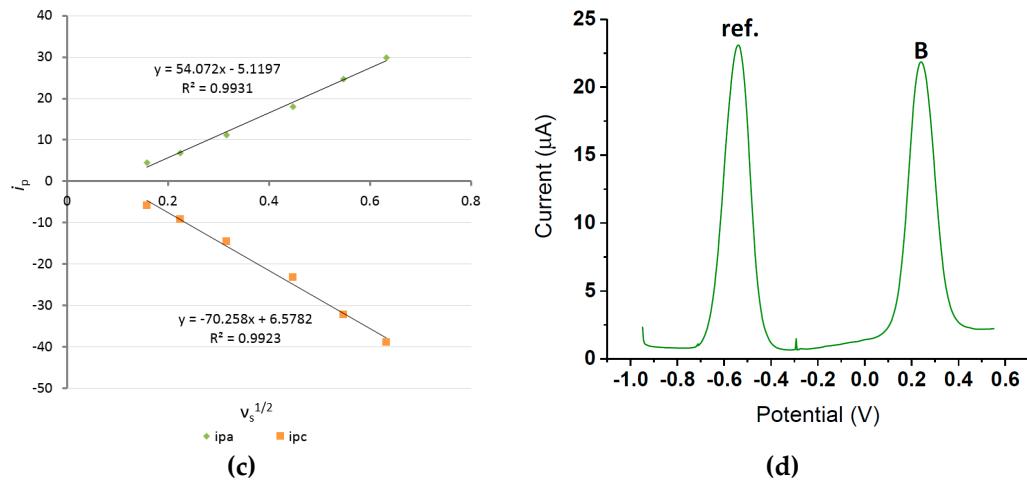


Figure S6. Compound **2** in 0.1M $[({}^n\text{Bu})_4\text{N}] \text{PF}_6/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (E vs. $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Fe}]/[\text{Cp}_2\text{Fe}]^+$). (a): CV at 100 mVs^{-1} . (b): Varying scan rates (25 mV–400 mV). (c): $i_{\text{pa}}/i_{\text{pc}}$ vs. $V_s^{1/2}$ plot. (d): DPV of oxidation with a decamethylferrocene reference.

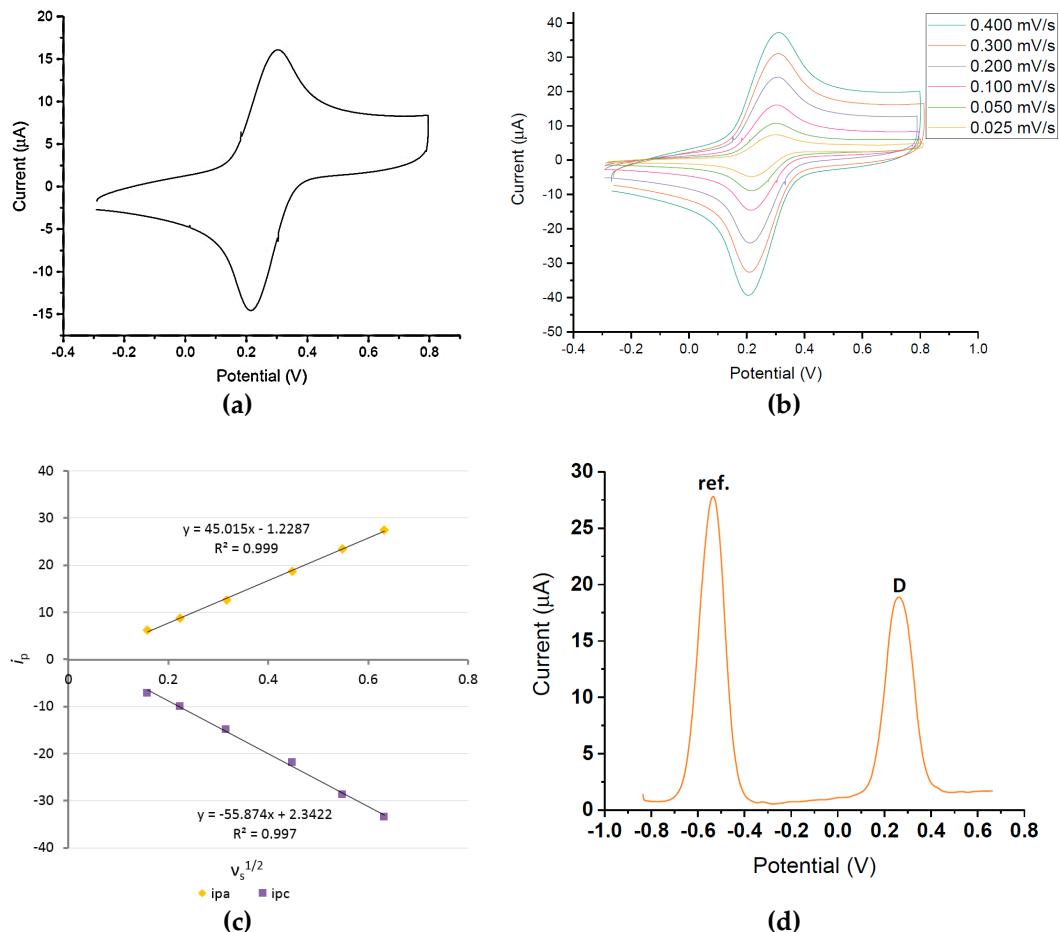


Figure S7. Compound **3** in 0.1M $[({}^n\text{Bu})_4\text{N}] \text{PF}_6/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (E vs. $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Fe}]/[\text{Cp}_2\text{Fe}]^+$). (a): CV at 100 mVs^{-1} . (b): Varying scan rates (25 mV–400 mV). (c): $i_{\text{pa}}/i_{\text{pc}}$ vs. $V_s^{1/2}$ plot. (d): DPV of oxidation with a decamethylferrocene reference.

3. X-ray Crystallography

*Crystal data for **1**:* C₃₀H₂₀Fe₂I₂, $M = 745.96$, monoclinic, $P2_1/c$ (no. 14), $a = 7.6679(4)$, $b = 15.1621(6)$, $c = 11.0464(6)$ Å, $\beta = 107.689(6)^\circ$, $V = 1223.54(11)$ Å³, $Z = 2$ [C_i symmetry], $D_c = 2.025$ g cm⁻³, $\mu(\text{Mo-K}\alpha) = 3.726$ mm⁻¹, $T = 173$ K, orange shards, Agilent Xcalibur 3 E diffractometer; 2433 independent measured reflections ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0208$), F^2 refinement [21,22], $R_1(\text{obs}) = 0.0304$, $wR_2(\text{all}) = 0.0814$, 2095 independent observed absorption-corrected reflections ($|F_o| > 4\sigma(|F_o|)$), completeness to $\theta_{\text{full}}(25.2^\circ) = 98.6\%$), 154 parameters. CCDC 1861394.

The structure of **1** was found to sit across a centre of symmetry at the middle of the C₆H₄ ring.