## **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

for

## Oxidative Degradation of Toxic Organic Pollutants by Water Soluble Nonheme Iron(IV)-Oxo Complexes of Polydentate Nitrogen Donor Ligands

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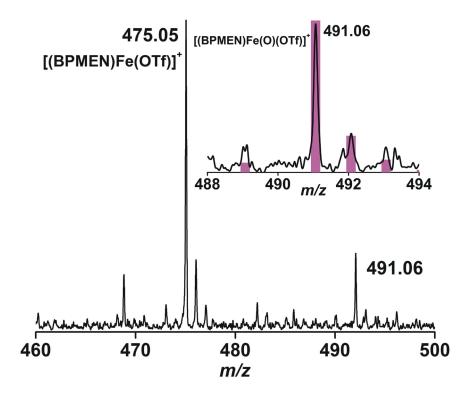


Fig. S1 ESI-mass spectrum (positive ion mode in water) of 1.

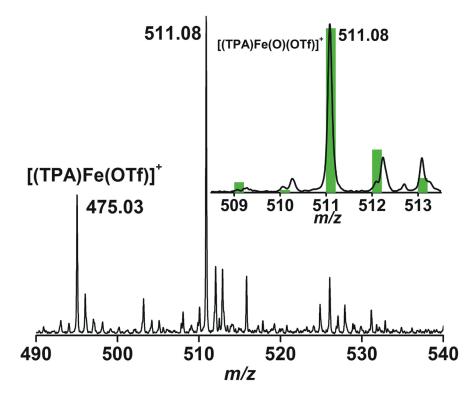


Fig. S2 ESI-mass spectrum (positive ion mode in water) of 2.

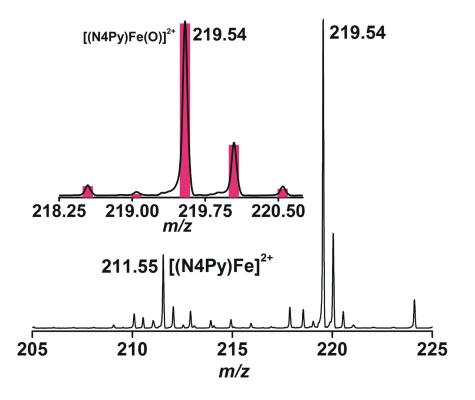


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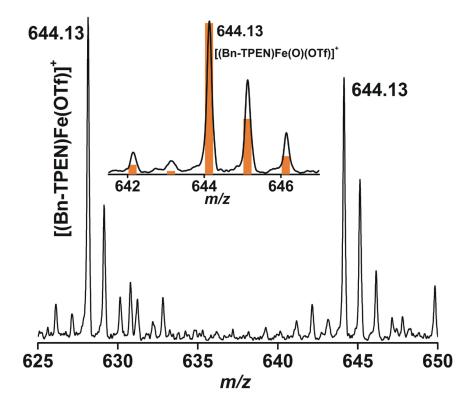
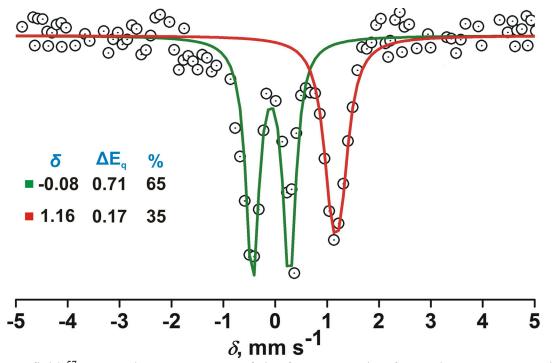
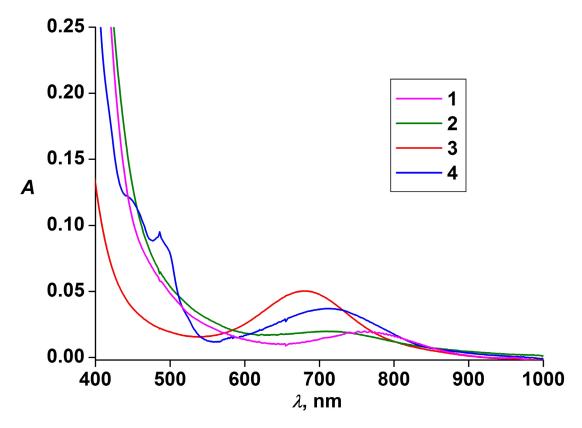


Fig. S4 ESI-mass spectrum (positive ion mode in water) of 4.



**Fig. S5** Zero-field <sup>57</sup>Fe Mössbauer spectrum of the frozen sample of complex **4** at 77 K. Simulation shows the presence of an iron(IV)-oxo species (65%) and the starting iron (II) complex (35%) in the sample used for data collection.



**Fig. S6** Optical spectra of the iron(IV)-oxo species (1-4) generated by oxone (0.25 mM in water at 298 K).

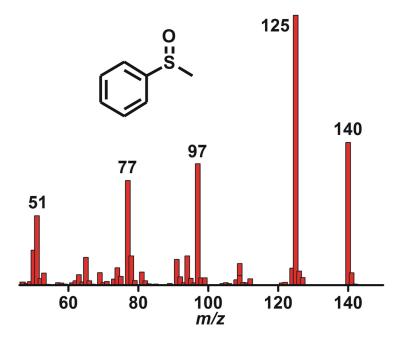


Fig. S7 GC-mass spectrum of thioanisole oxide formed in the reaction of iron(IV)-oxo species (1) with thioanisole (10 equiv.).

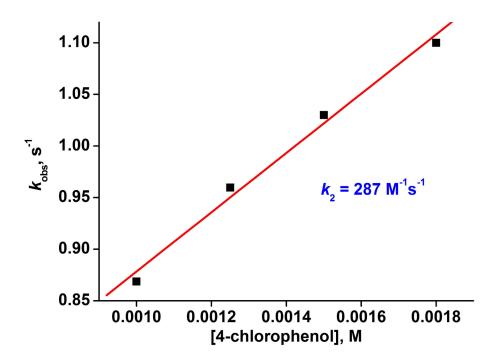


Fig. S8 Second order rate constant for 4-chlorophenol oxidation by 2.

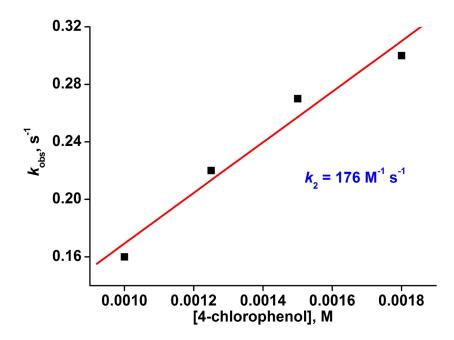


Fig. S9 Second order rate constant for 4-chlorophenol oxidation by 3.

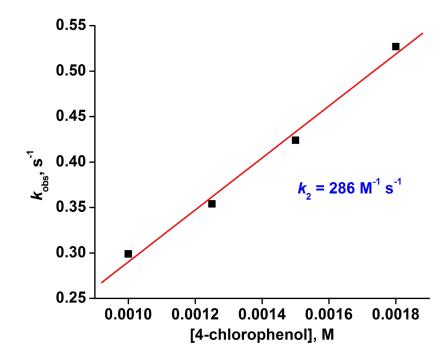
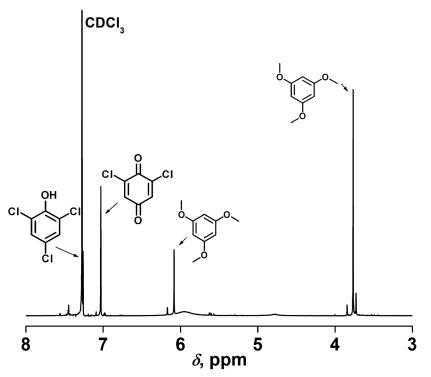
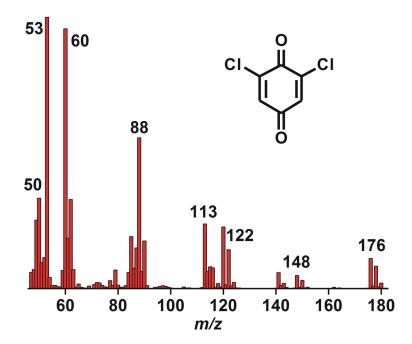


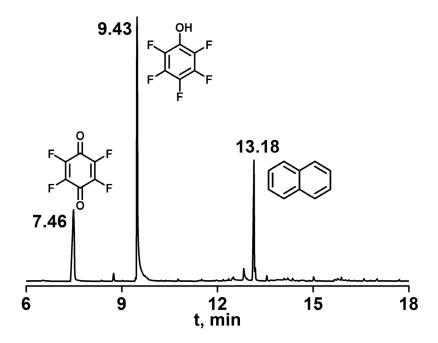
Fig. S10 Second order rate constant for 4-chlorophenol oxidation by 4.



**Fig. S11** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K) spectrum of organic product formed in the reaction of 2,4,6-trichlorophenol (10 equiv.) with **1**.



**Fig. S12** GC-mass spectrum of 2,6-dichloro-*p*-benzoquinone formed in the reaction of **3** with 2,4,6-trichlorophenol (10 equiv.).



**Fig. S13** GC chromatogram of 2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-*p*-benzoquinone obtained in the reaction of **4** with pentafluorophenol (10 equiv.).

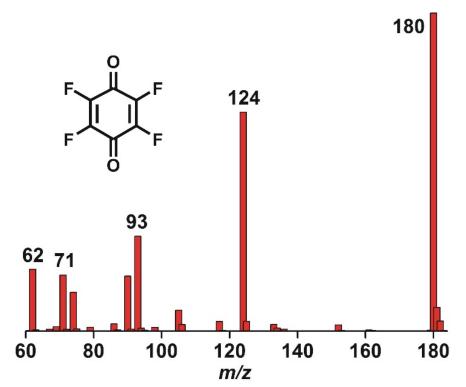
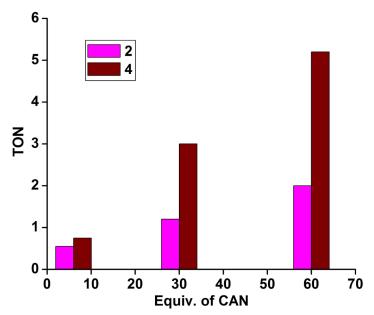


Fig. S14 GC-mass spectrum of 2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-*p*-benzoquinone formed in the reaction of 4 with pentafluorophenol (10 equiv.).



**Fig. S15** TON of 2,3,5,6-tetrafluoro-*p*-benzoquinone derived from pentafluorophenol oxidation by **2** and **4** in the presence of CAN (60 equiv).

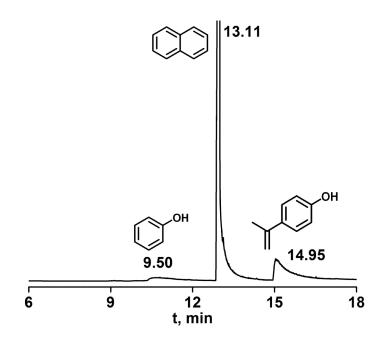


Fig. S16 GC chromatogram of phenols obtained in the oxidation of Bisphenol A (10 equiv.) by 3.

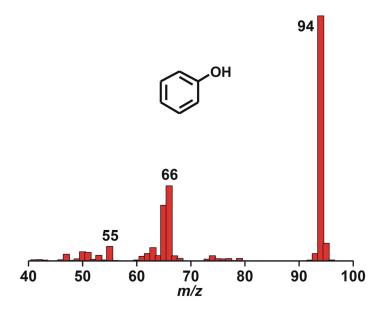
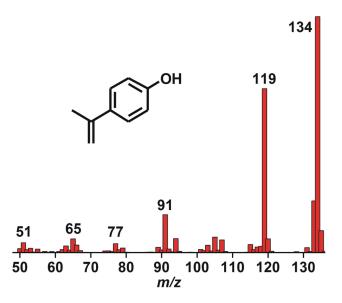


Fig. S17 GC-mass spectrum of phenol formed in the reaction of 3 with Bisphenol A (10 equiv.).



**Fig. S18** GC-mass spectrum of *p*-isopropenylphenol formed in the reaction of **3** with Bisphenol A (10 equiv.).

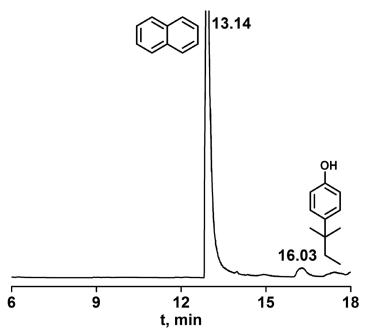


Fig. S19 GC chromatogram of products obtained in the oxidation of nonylphenol (10 equiv.) by 2.

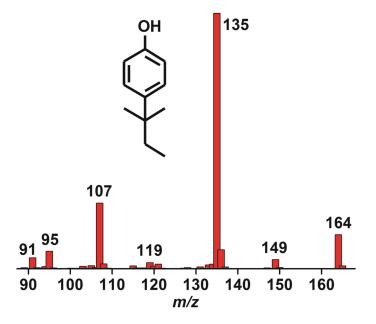
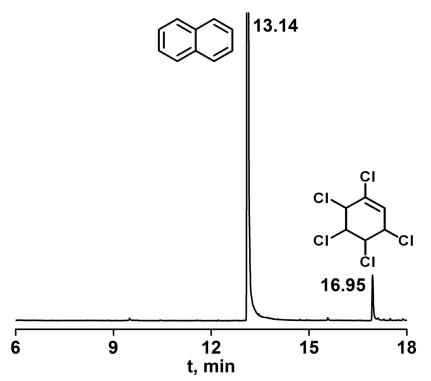
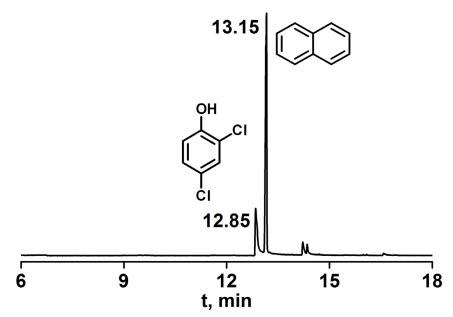


Fig. S20 GC-mass spectrum of *p*-dimethylpropylphenol formed in the reaction of 2 with nonylphenol (10 equiv.).



**Fig. S21** GC chromatogram of pentachlorocyclohexene obtained in the oxidation of lindane (10 equiv.) by **1**.



**Fig. S22** GC chromatogram of 2,4-dichlorophenol obtained in the oxidation of 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (10 equiv.) by **1**.

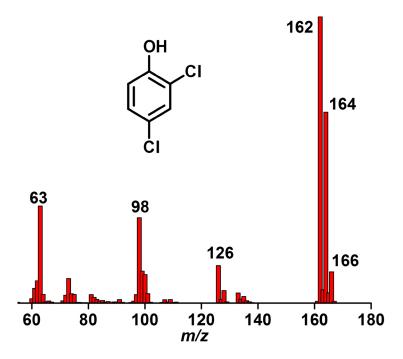


Fig. S23 GC-mass spectrum of 2,4-dichlorophenol formed in the reaction of 1 with 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (10 equiv.).

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