

**Electronic Supporting Information**

**Heterobimetallic cyanide-bridged  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\mu\text{-CN})\text{M}^{\text{II}}$  complexes (M = Mn and Cu). Synthesis, structure and magnetism†**

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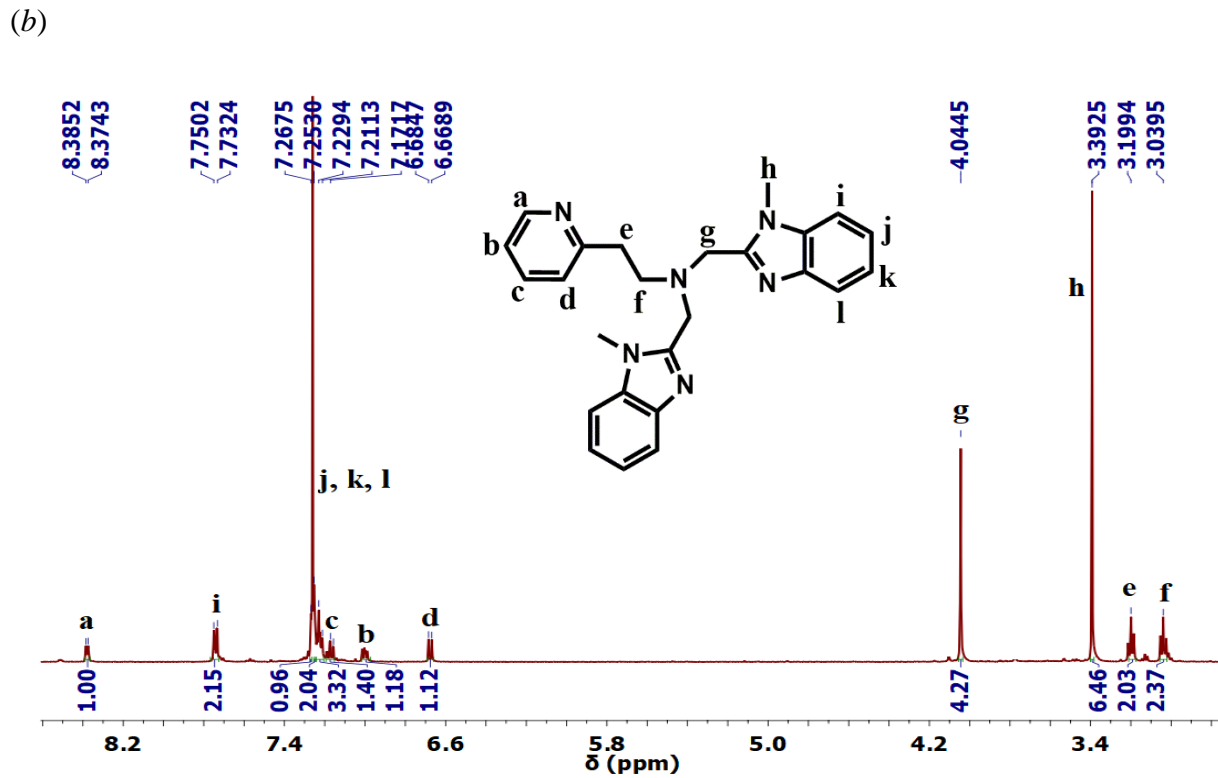
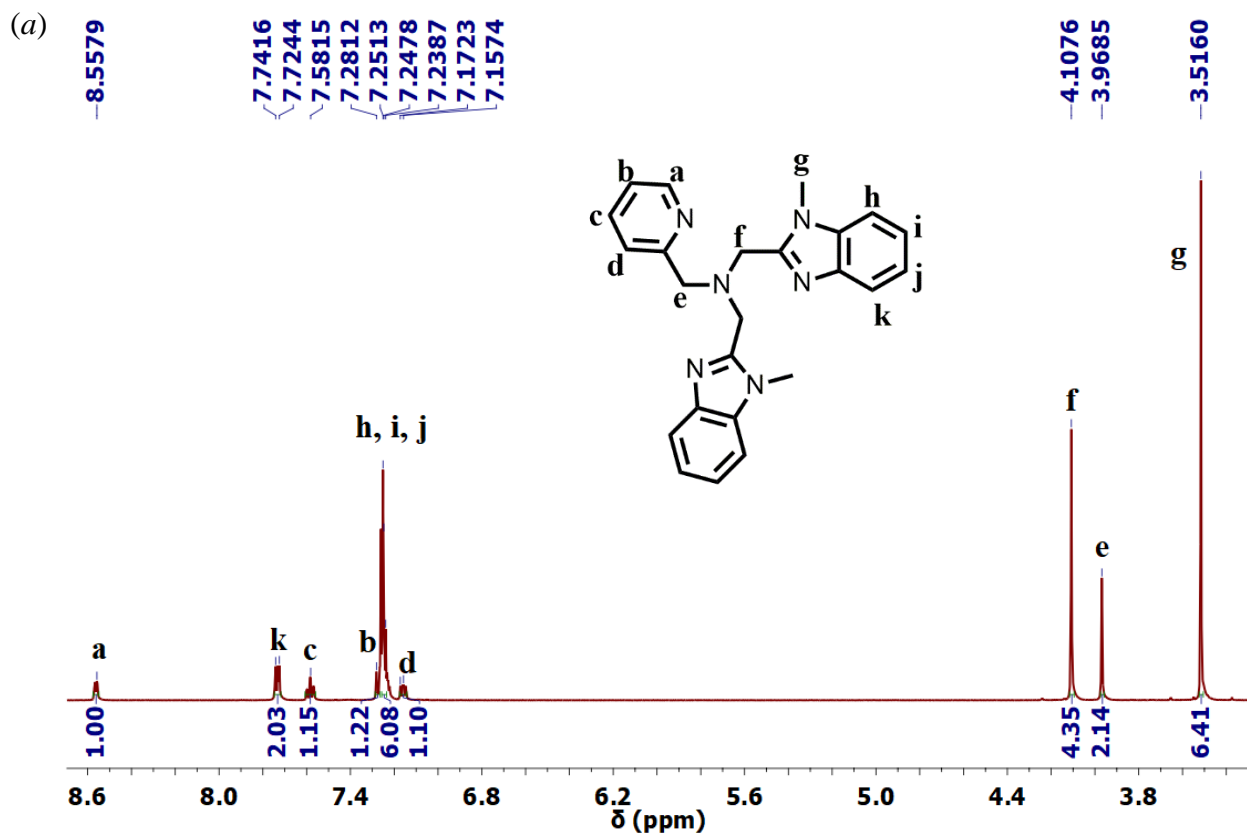
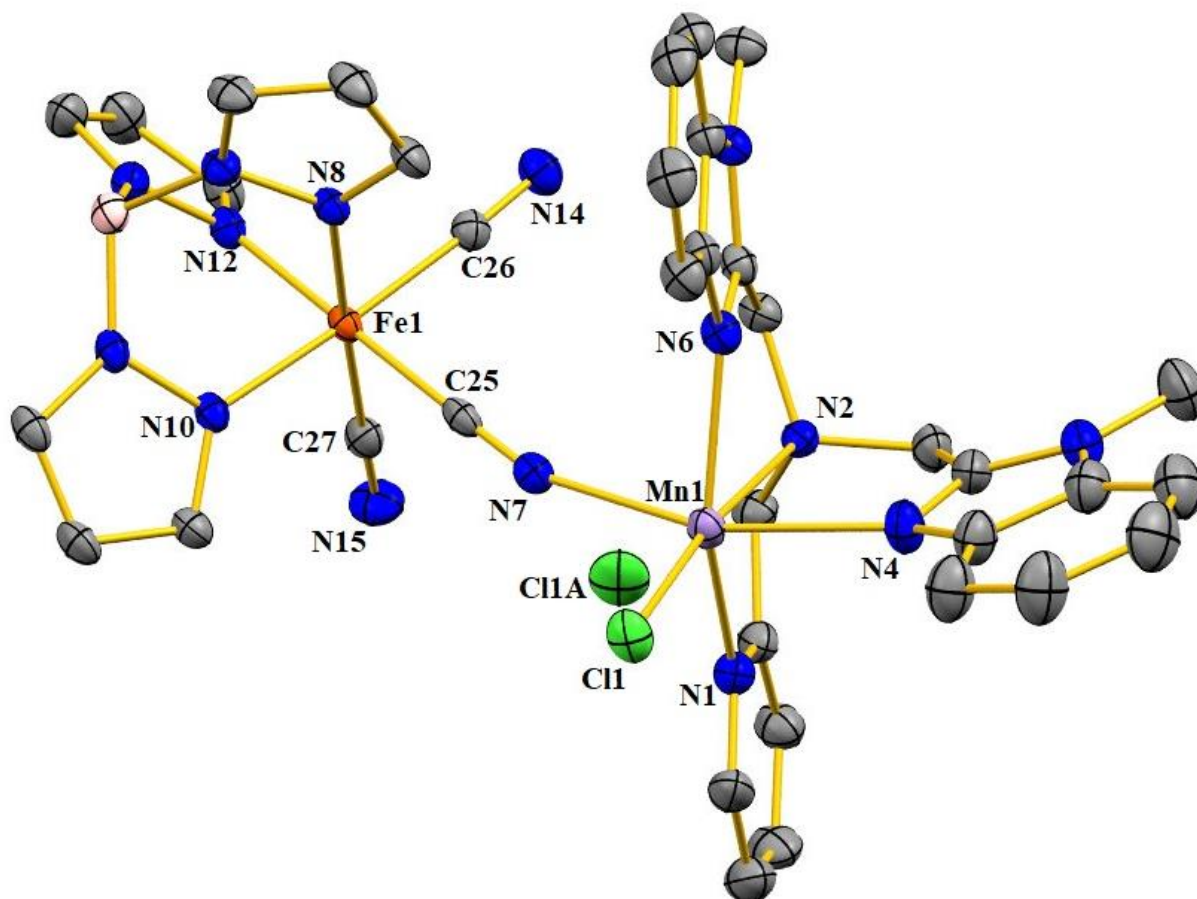
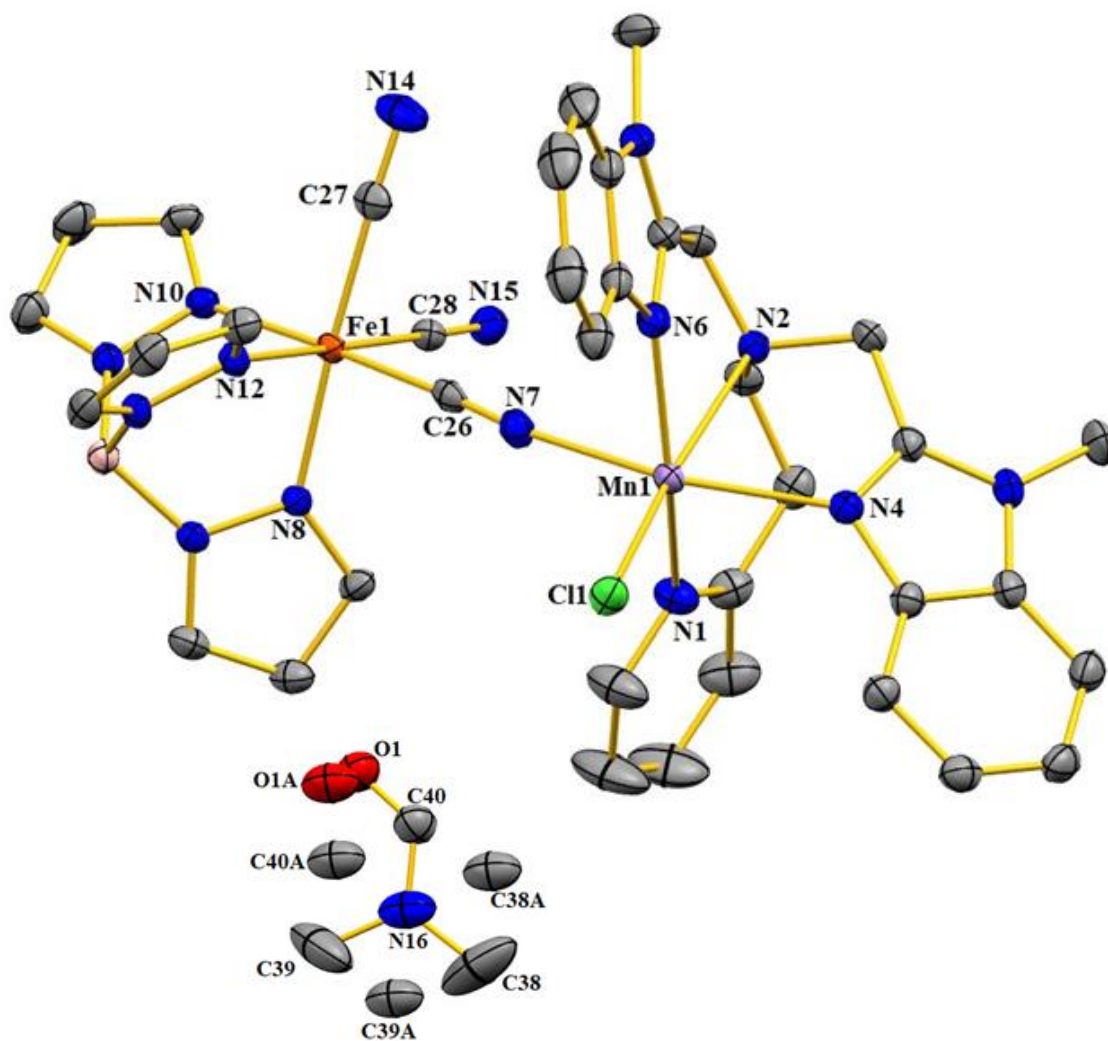


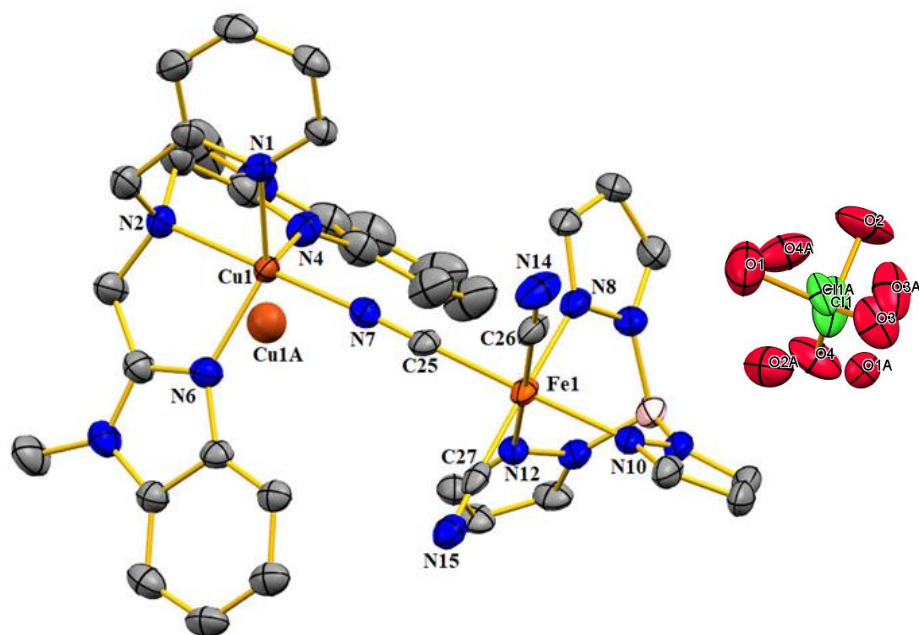
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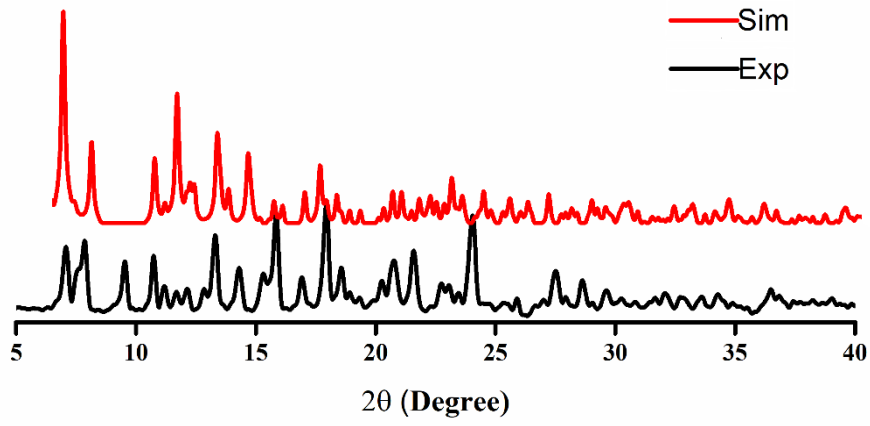


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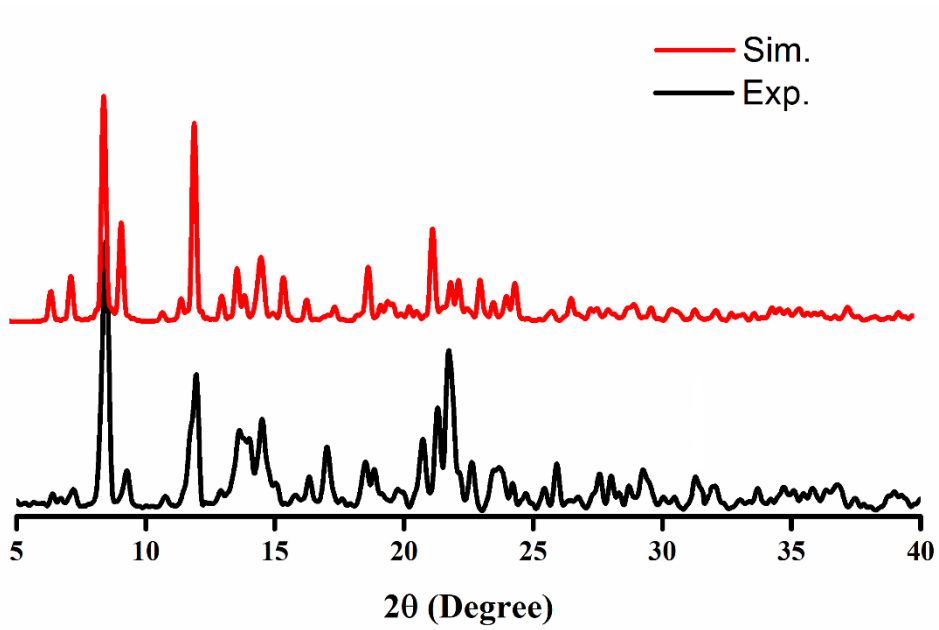


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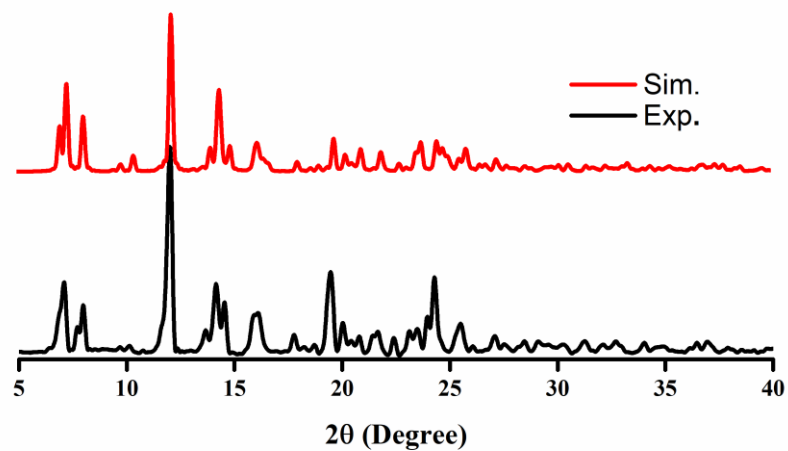
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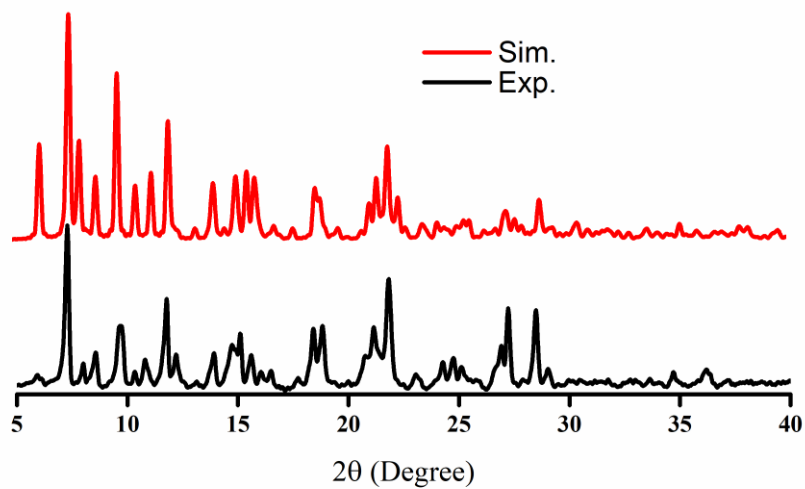
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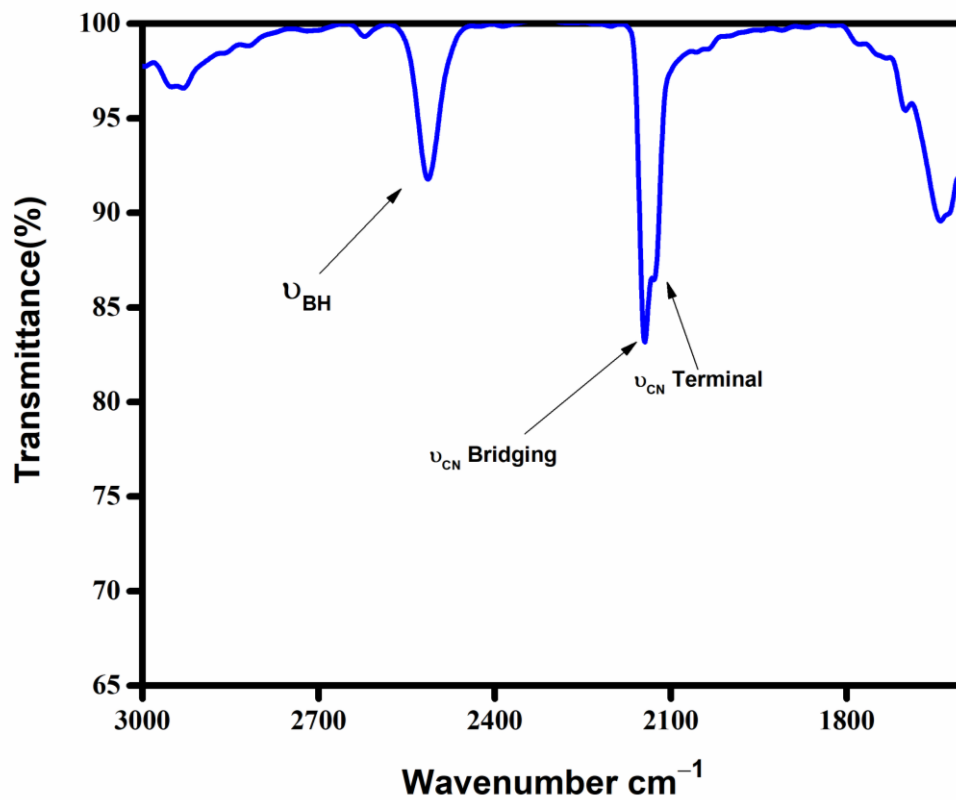


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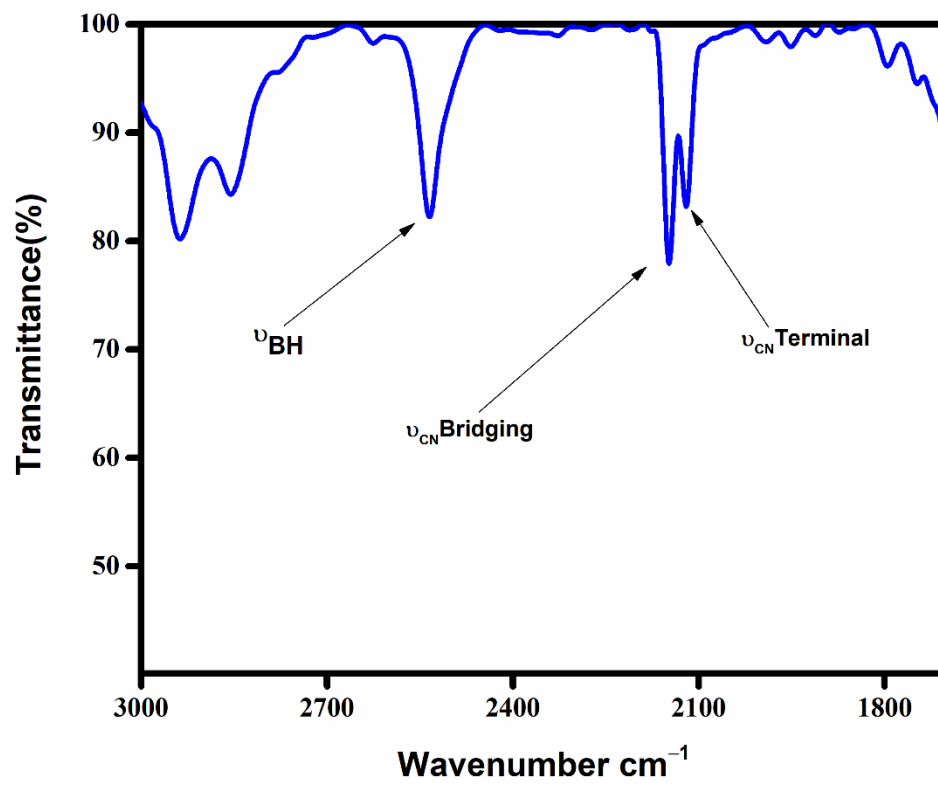


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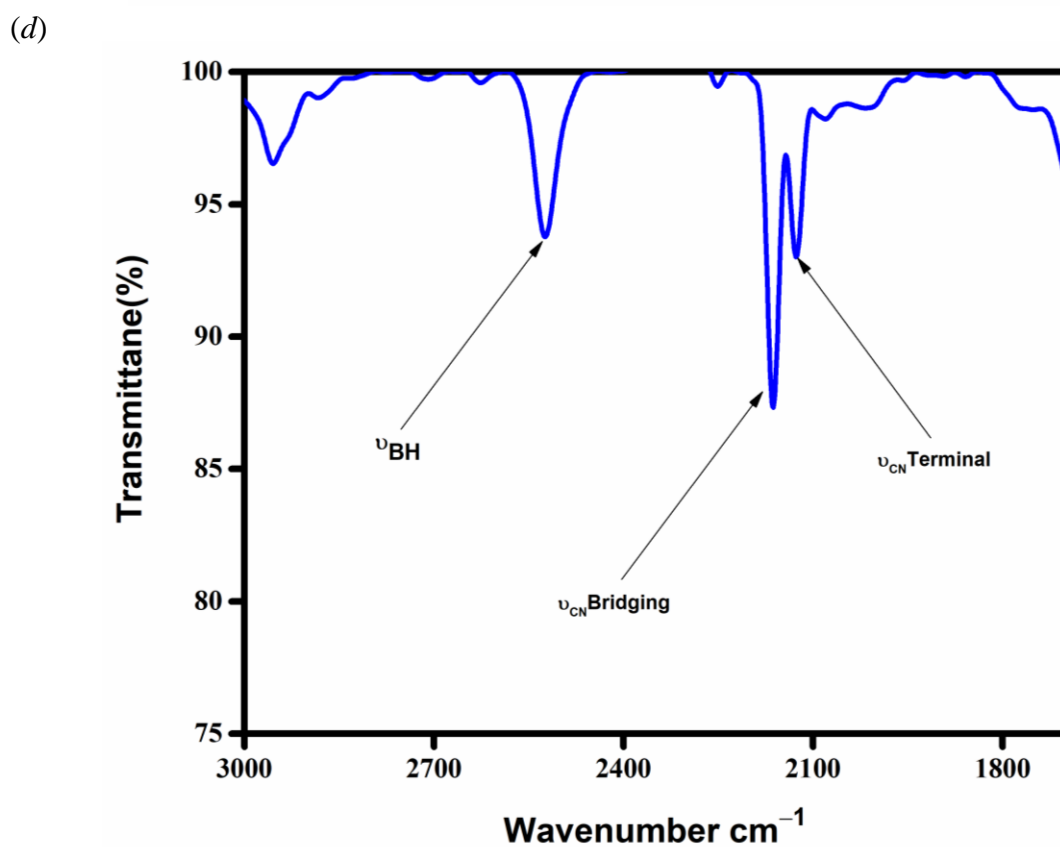
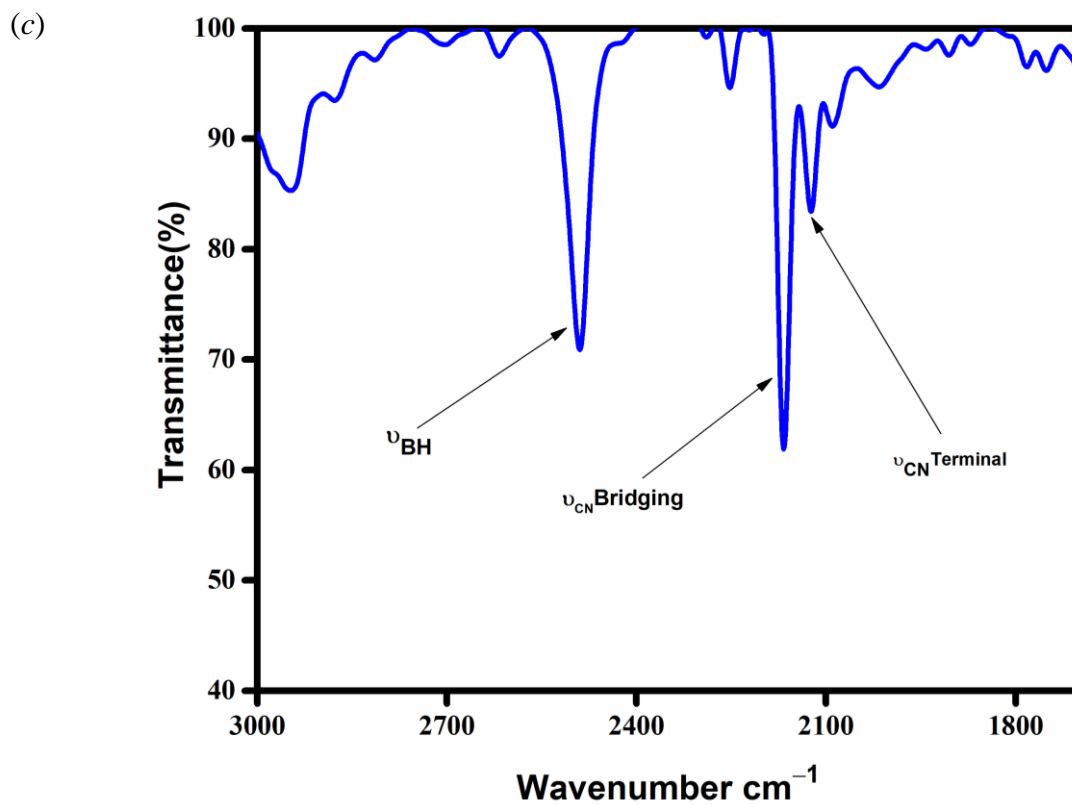
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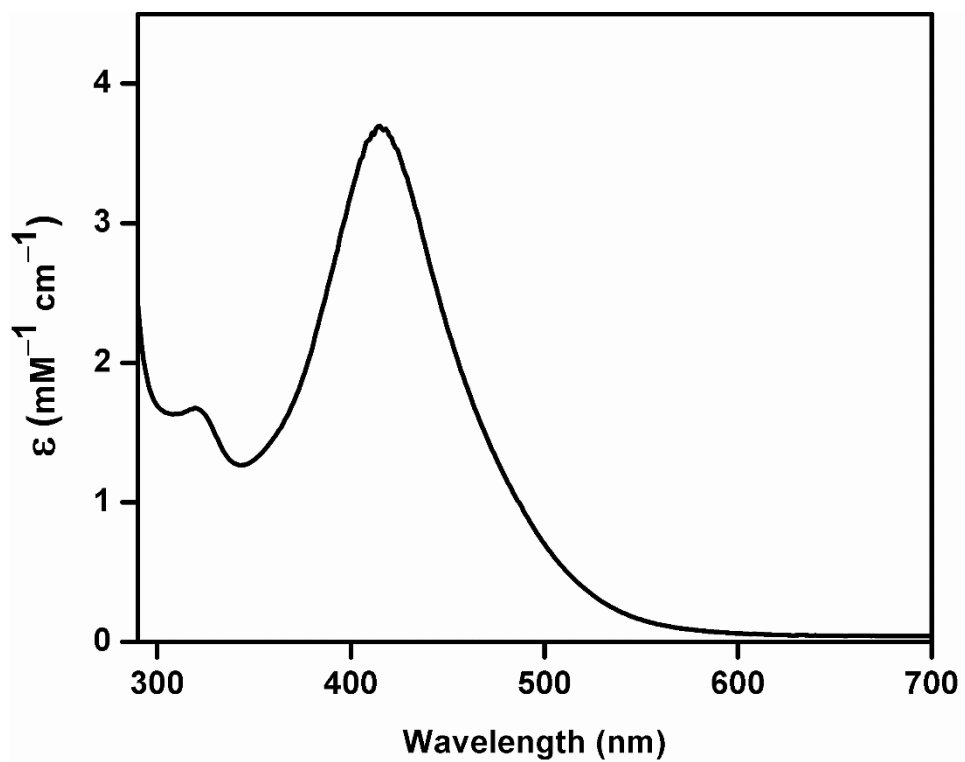




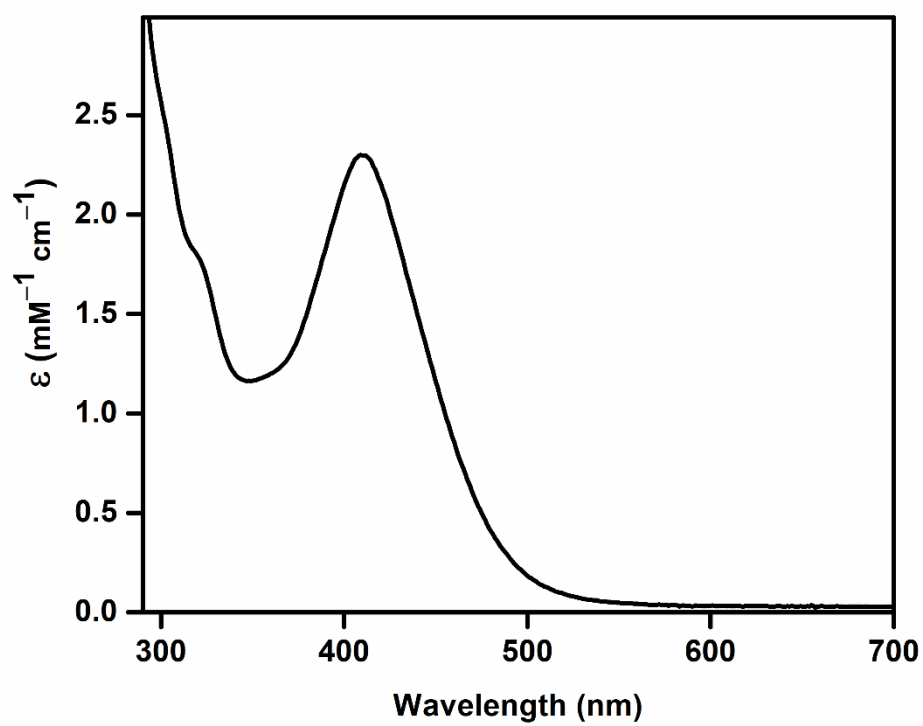


**Fig. S6** Selected portion of IR spectra (in KBr) of (a)  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{Tp})(\text{CN})_2(\mu\text{-CN})\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}\text{Cl}(\text{L}^1)]\cdot 3\text{DMF}\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1), (b)  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{Tp})(\text{CN})_2(\mu\text{-CN})\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}\text{Cl}(\text{L}^2)]\cdot \text{DMF}$  (2), (c)  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{Tp})(\text{CN})_2(\mu\text{-CN})\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{L}^1)](\text{ClO}_4)\cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  (3) and (d)  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{Tp})(\text{CN})_2(\mu\text{-CN})\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{L}^2)](\text{ClO}_4)\cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (4).

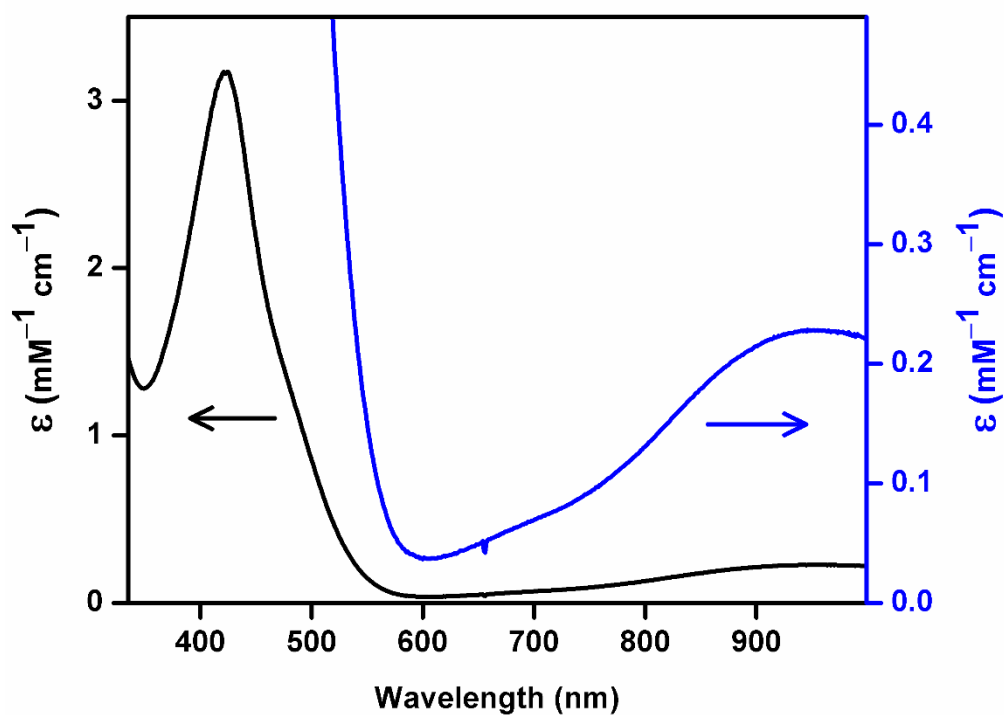
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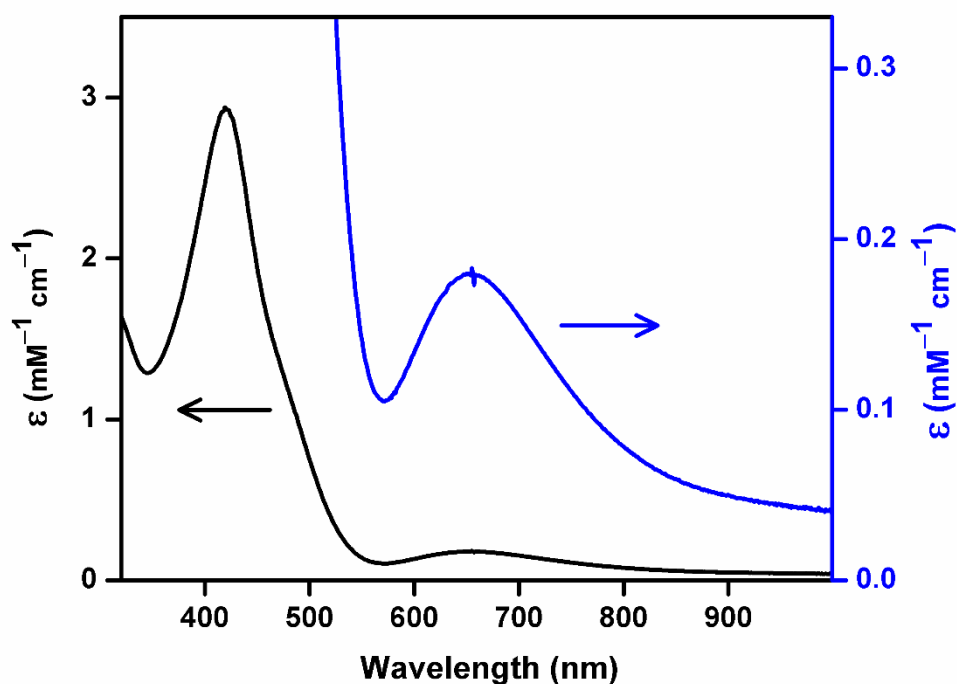
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**Fig. S7** Electronic spectra in CH<sub>3</sub>CN of (a) [Fe<sup>III</sup>(Tp)(CN)<sub>2</sub>(μ-CN)Mn<sup>II</sup>Cl(L<sup>1</sup>)]•3DMF•3H<sub>2</sub>O (**1**), (b) [Fe<sup>III</sup>(Tp)(CN)<sub>2</sub>(μ-CN)Mn<sup>II</sup>Cl(L<sup>2</sup>)]•DMF (**2**), (c) [Fe<sup>III</sup>(Tp)(CN)<sub>2</sub>(μ-CN)Cu<sup>II</sup>(L<sup>1</sup>)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)•2CH<sub>3</sub>OH (**3**) and (d) [Fe<sup>III</sup>(Tp)(CN)<sub>2</sub>(μ-CN)Cu<sup>II</sup>(L<sup>2</sup>)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)•2CH<sub>3</sub>CN (**4**).