

## **A Systematic Investigation of the Relaxation Properties of Fe(III)-EDTA Derivatives and Their Potential as MRI Contrast Agents**

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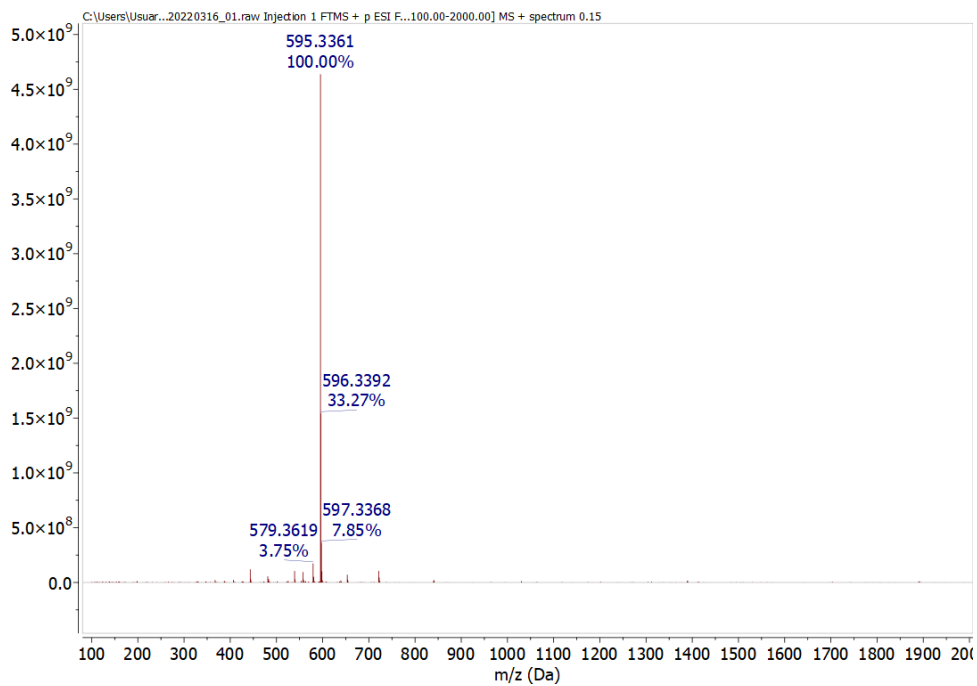
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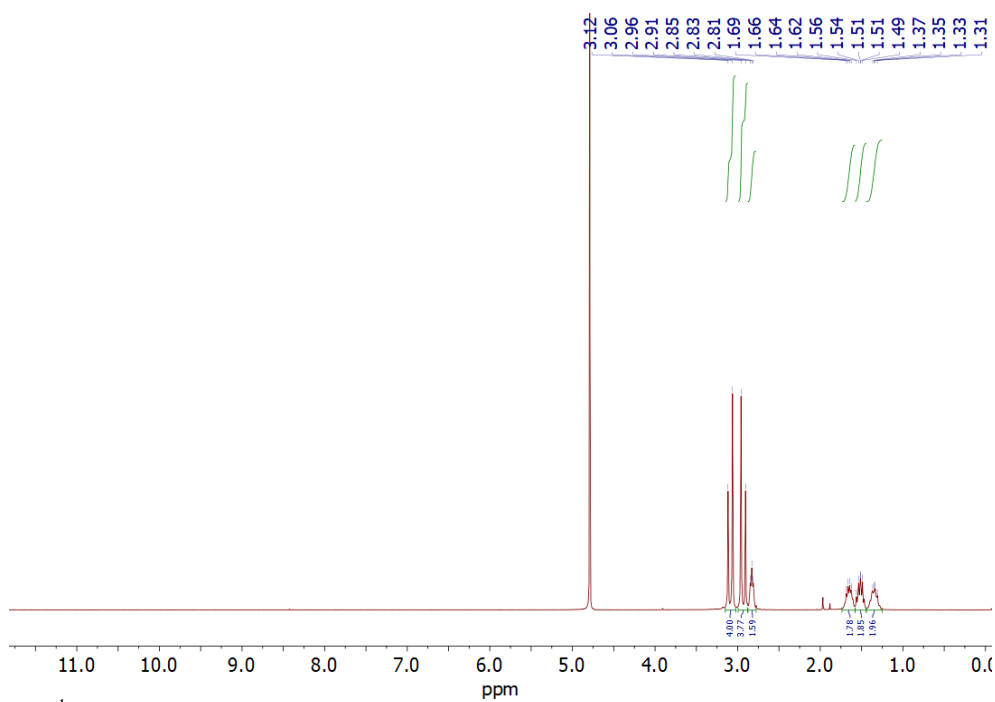
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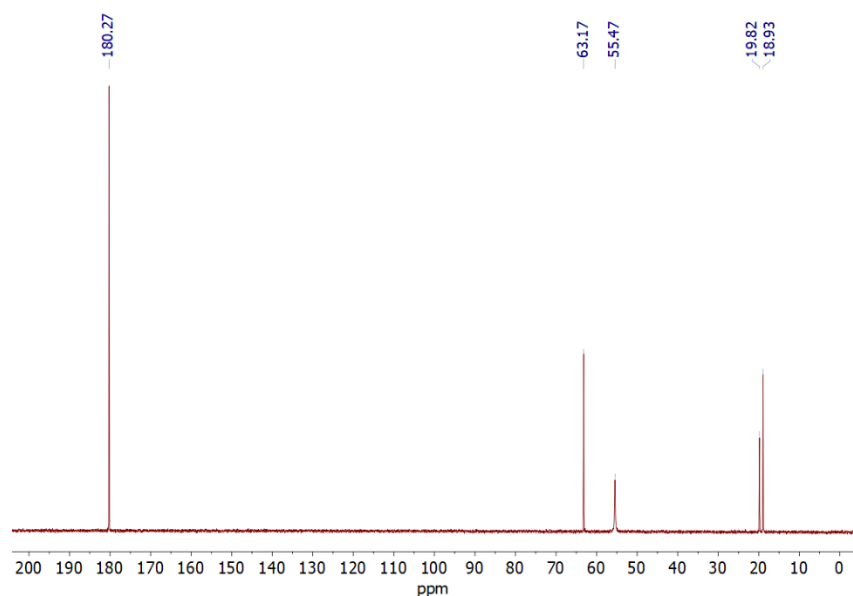




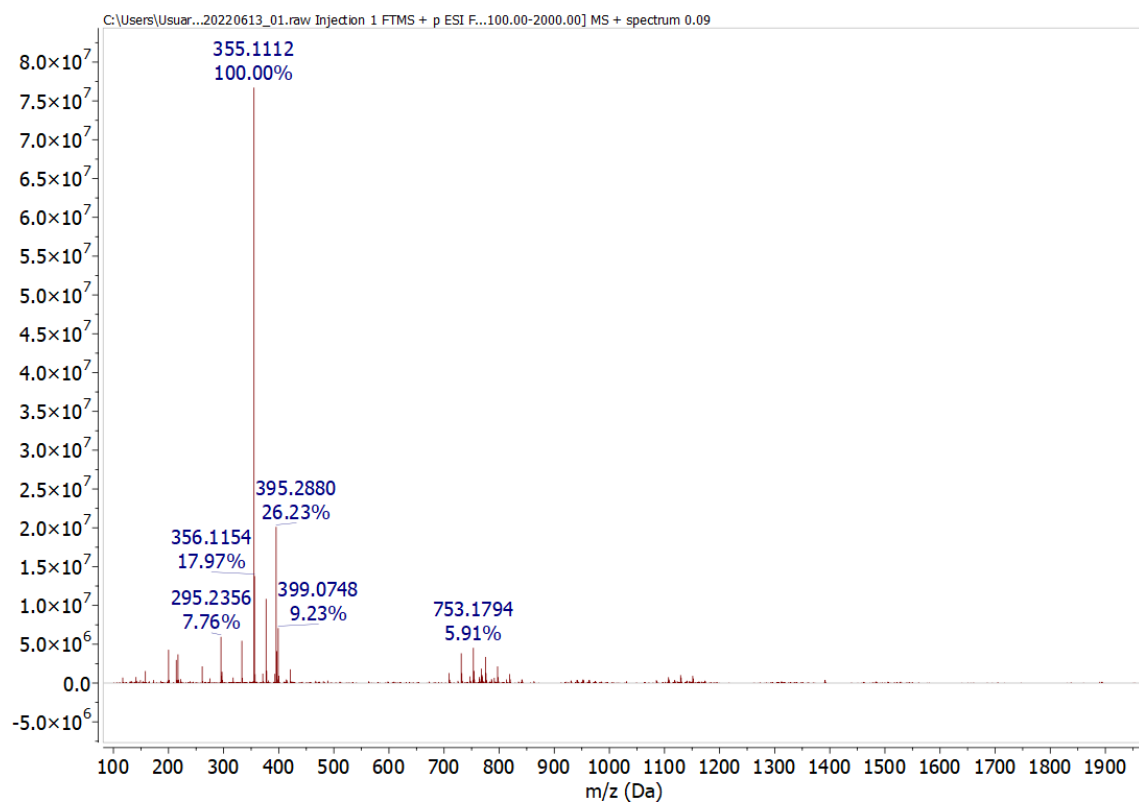
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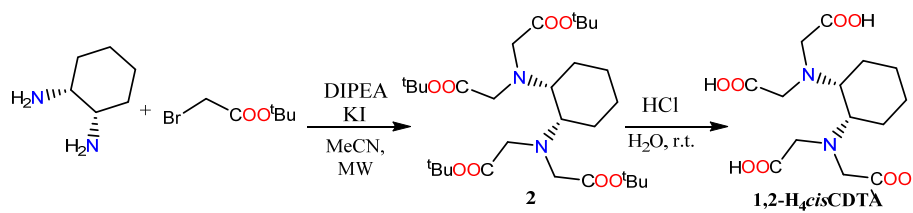
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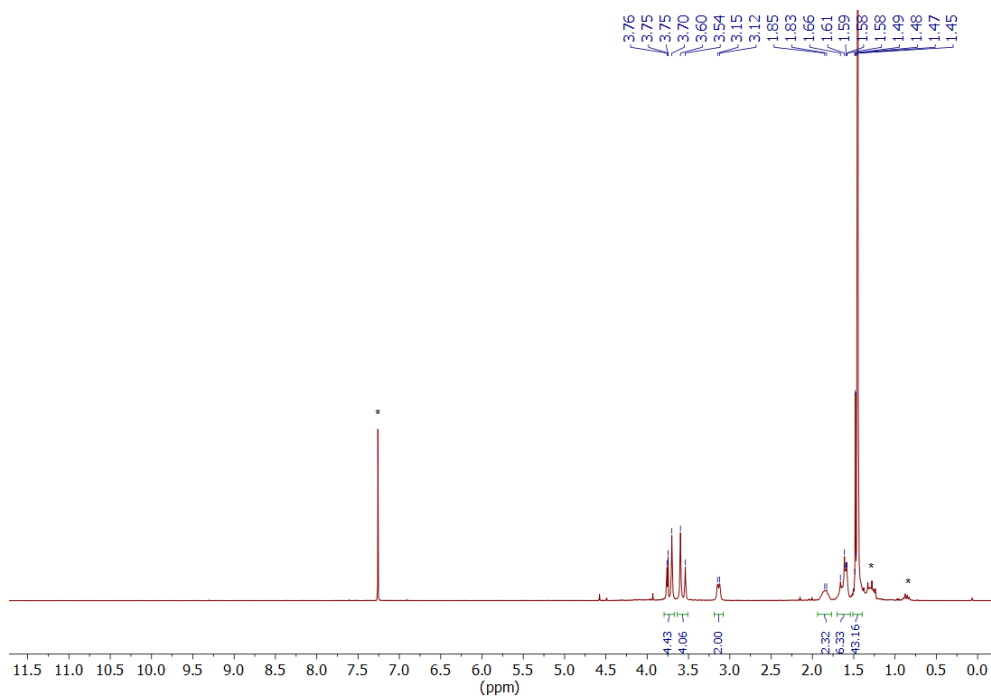
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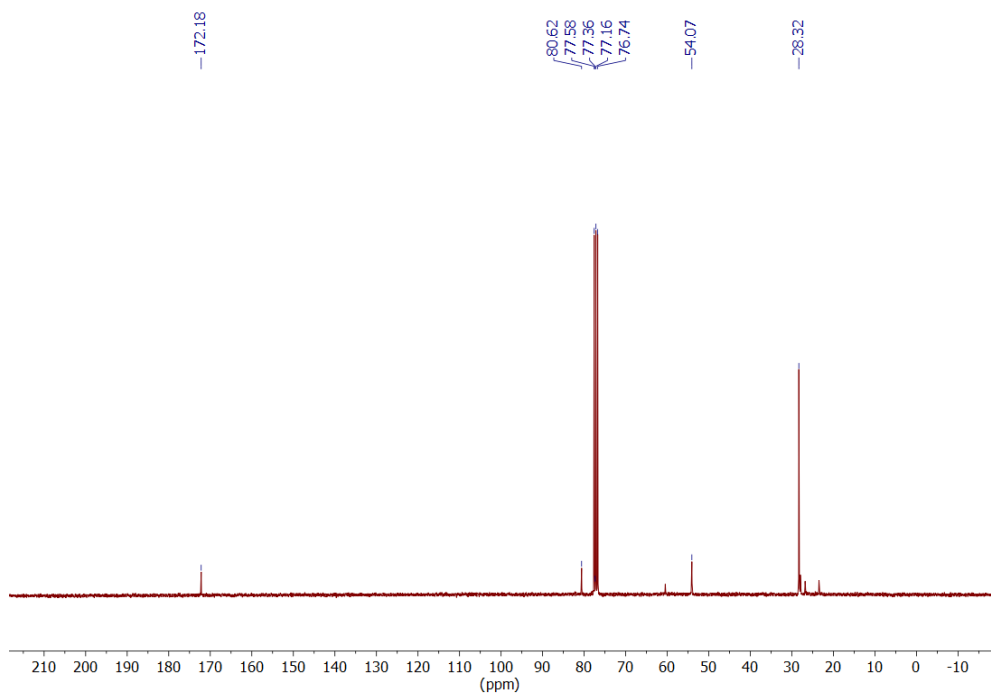
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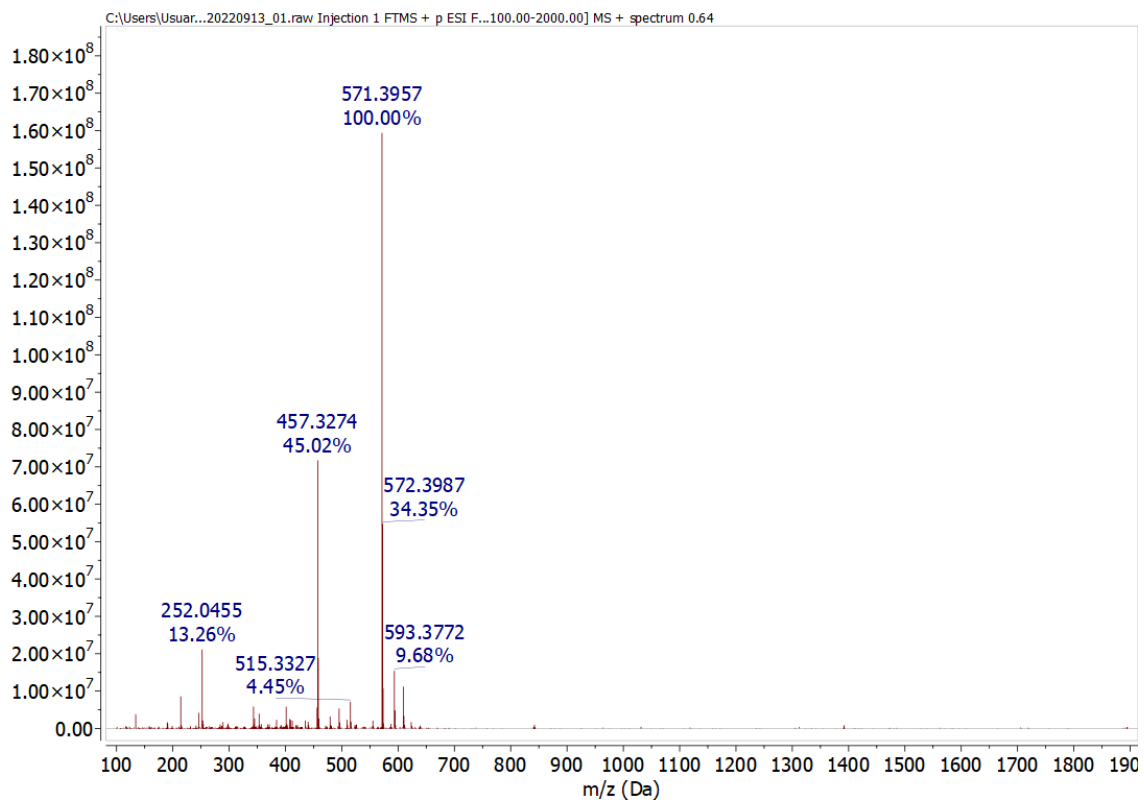
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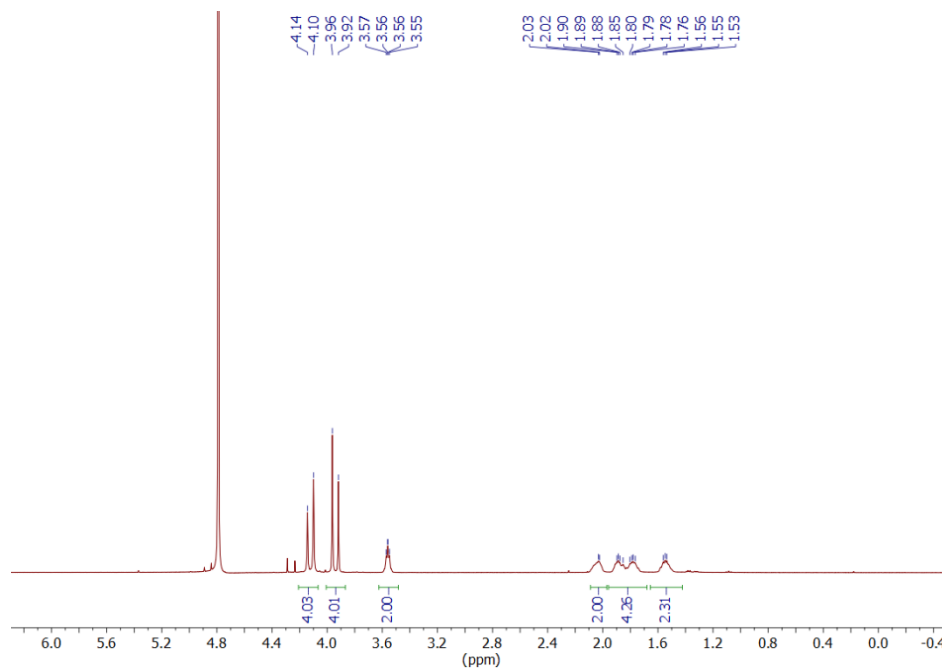
**Figure S7:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **2** (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K). \*Solvent residues



**Figure S8:** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **2** (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K).



**Figure S9:** Experimental high resolution mass spectrum (ESI<sup>+</sup>) of compound **2**.



**Figure S10:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1,2-c-H<sub>4</sub>CDTA** (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, pH 1).



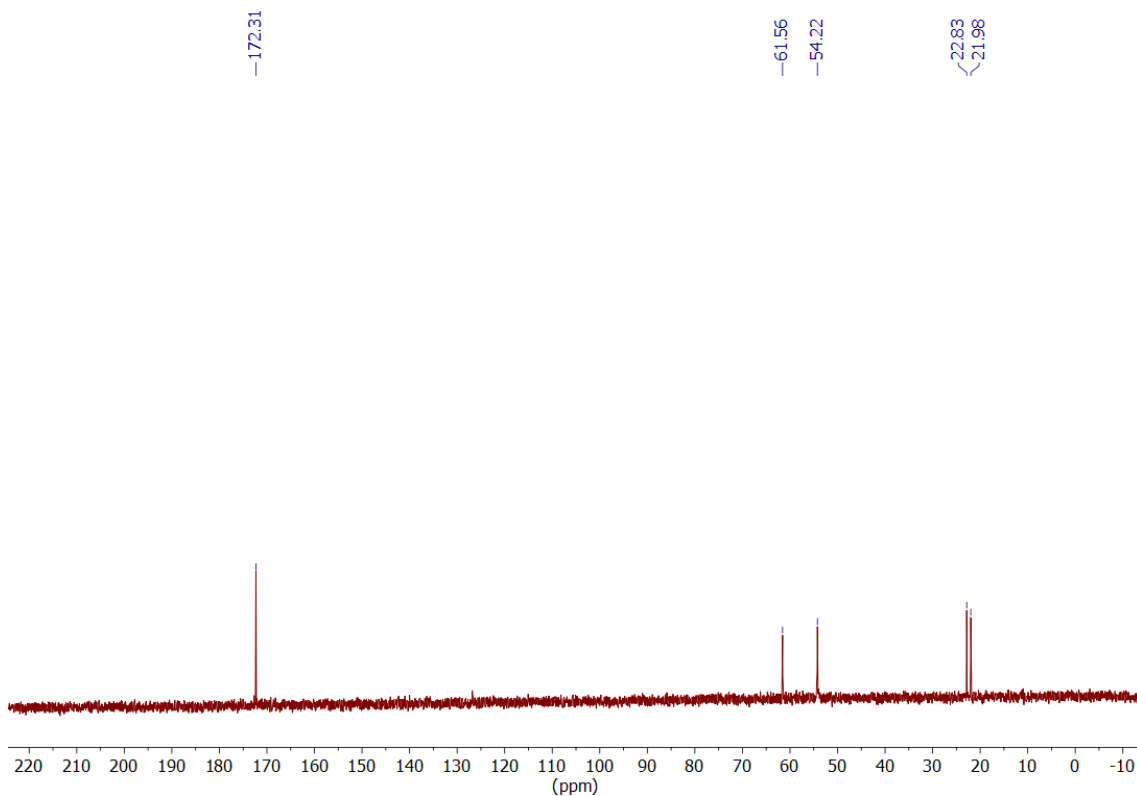


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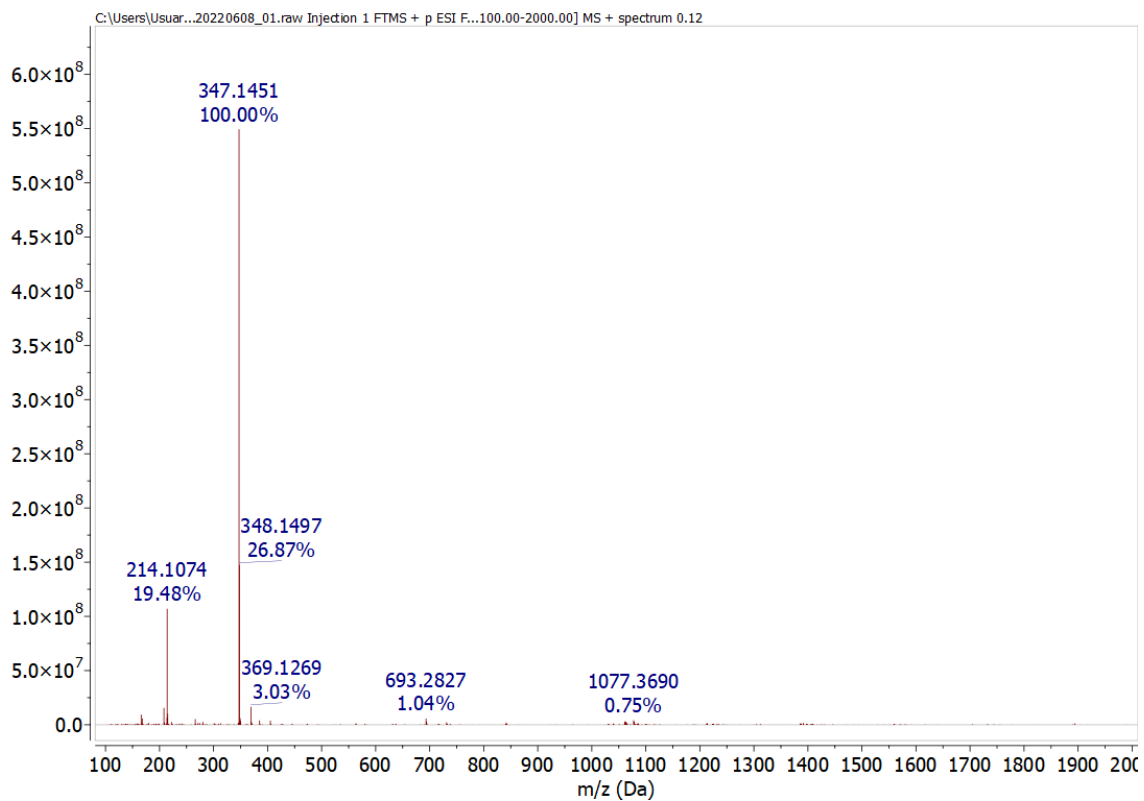
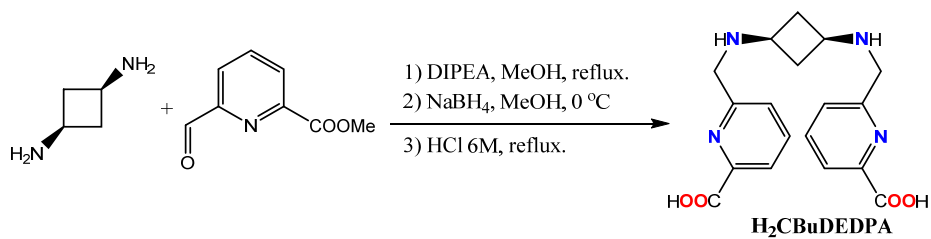
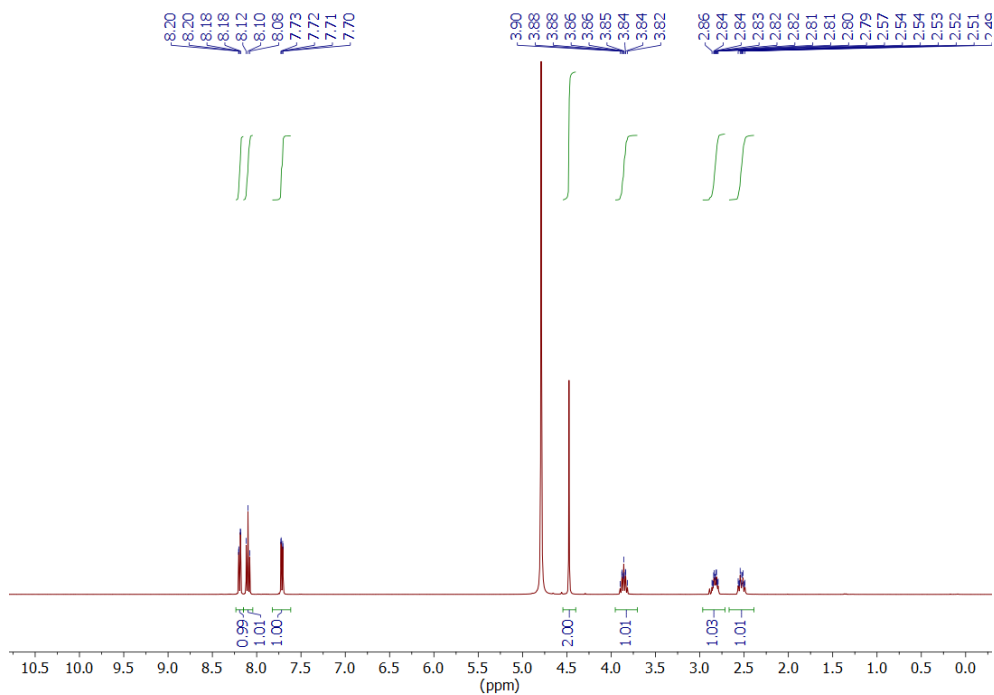


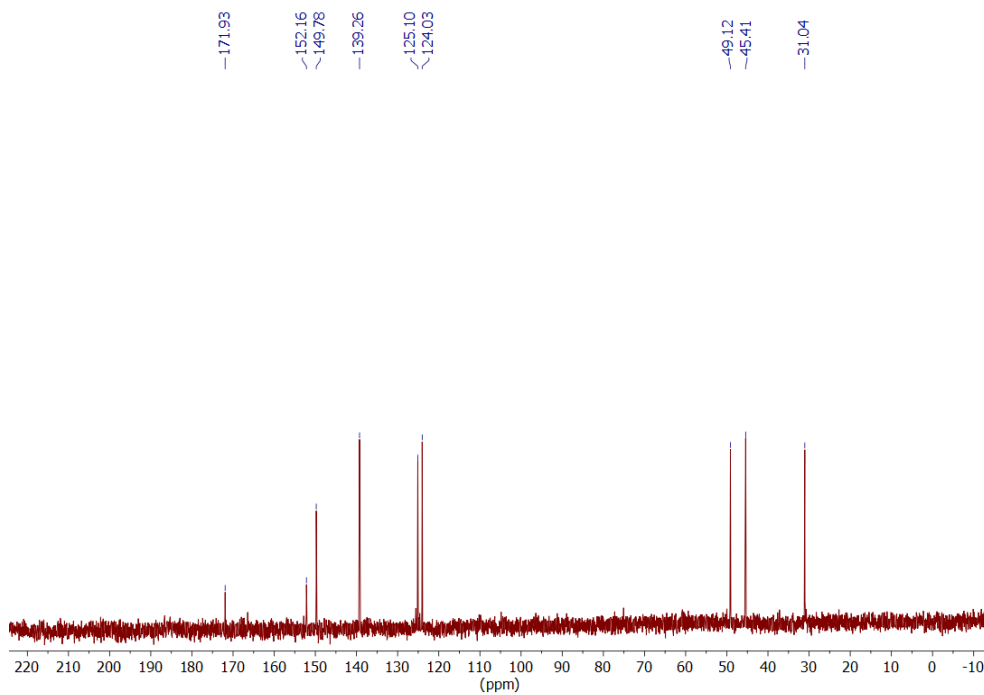
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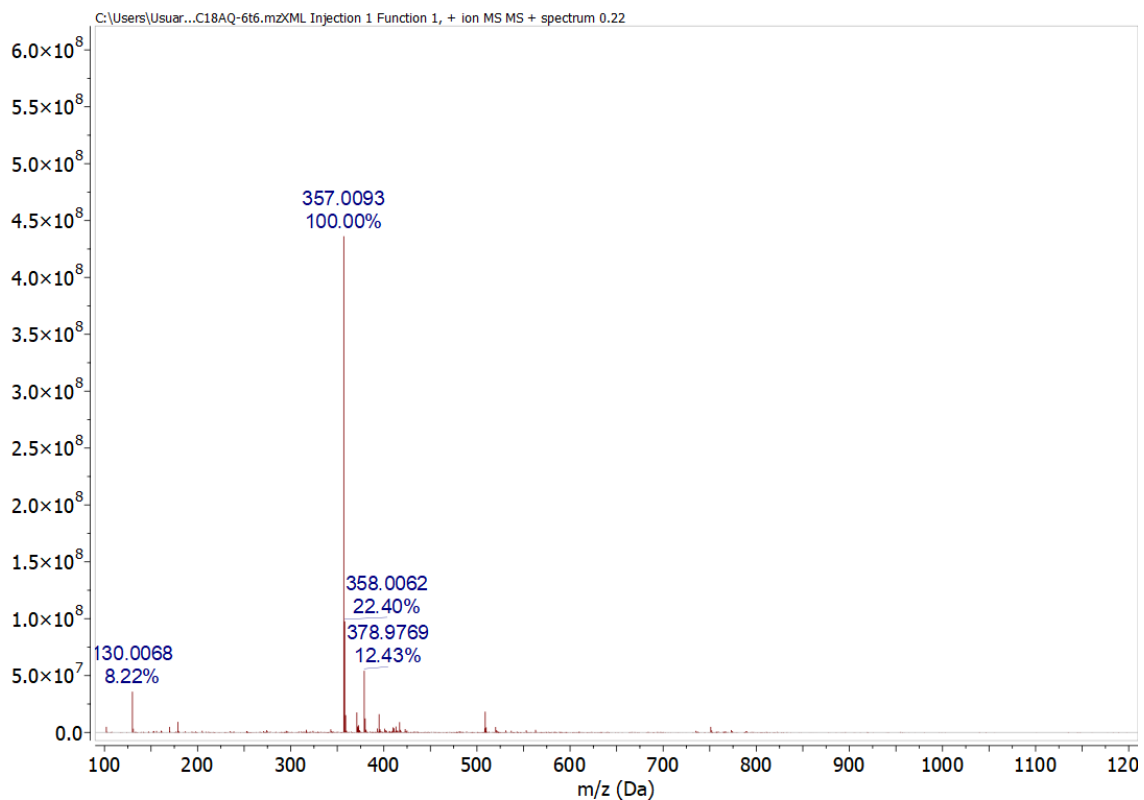
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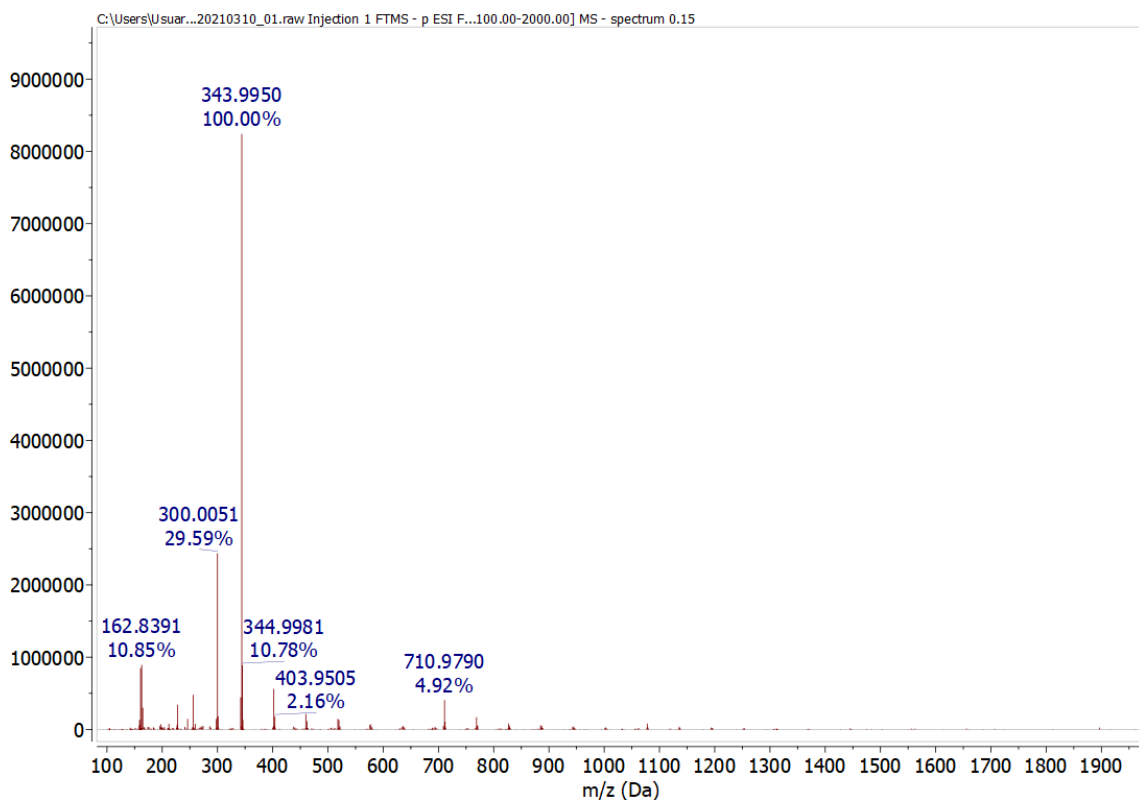
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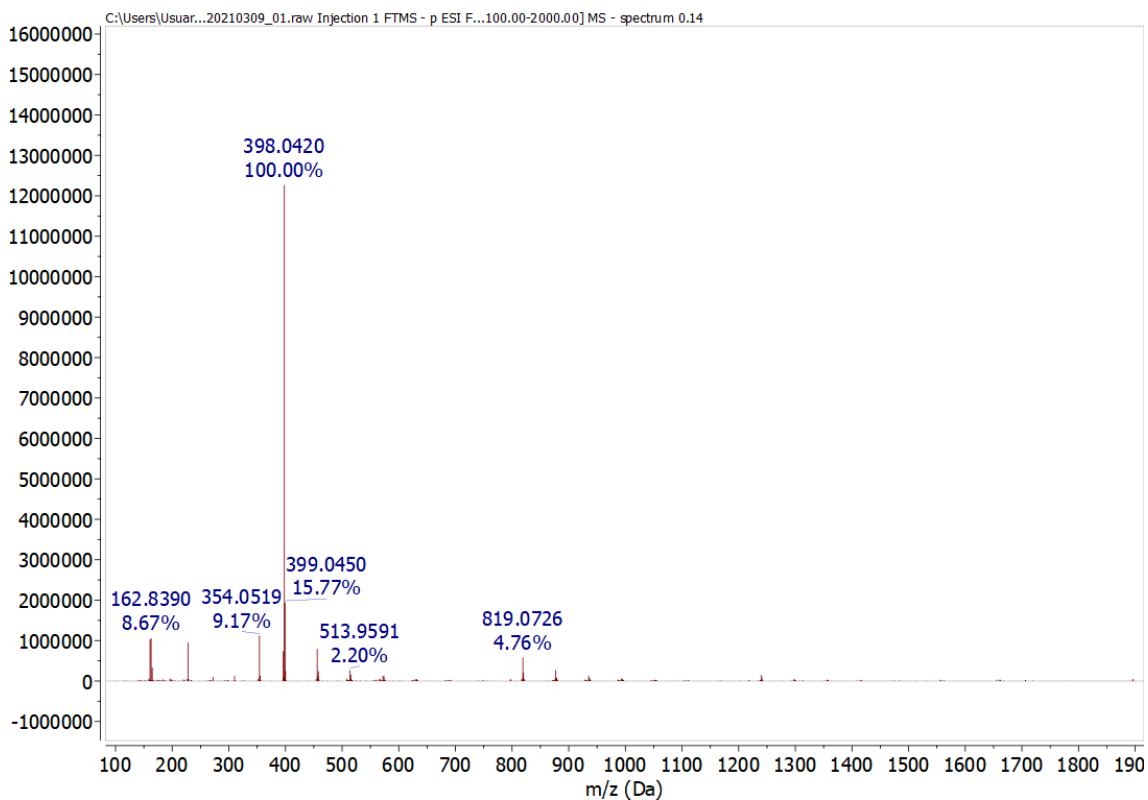
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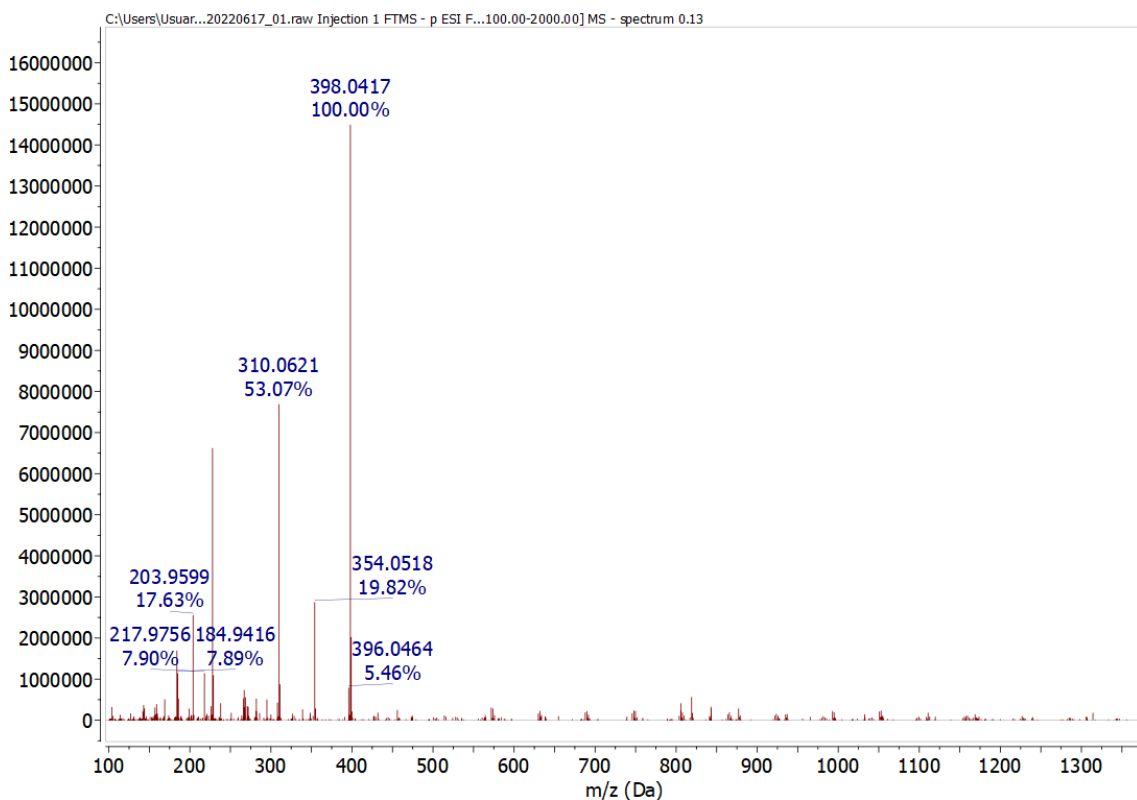
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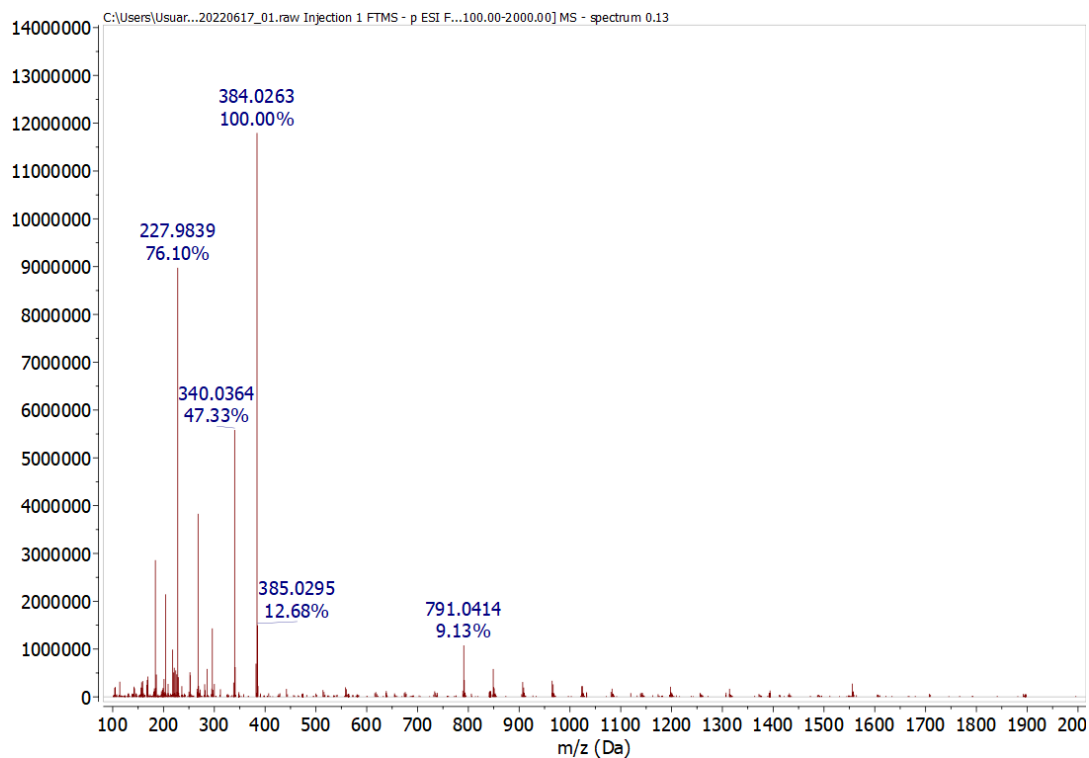
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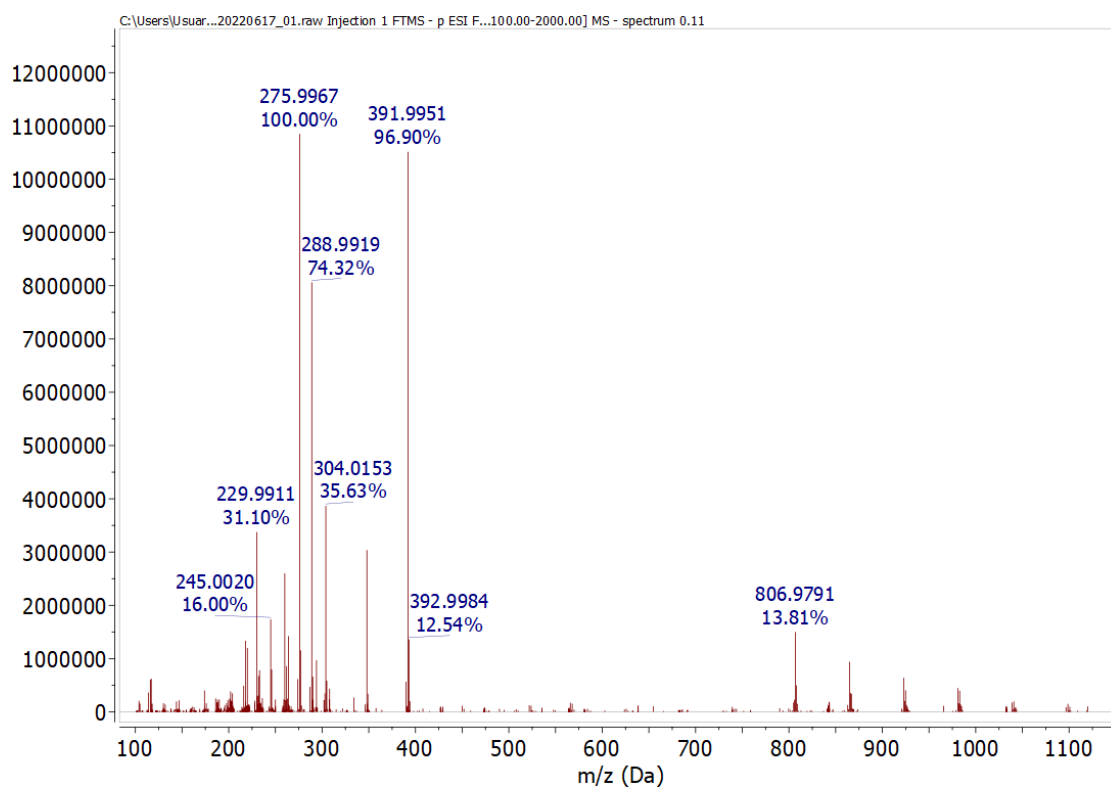
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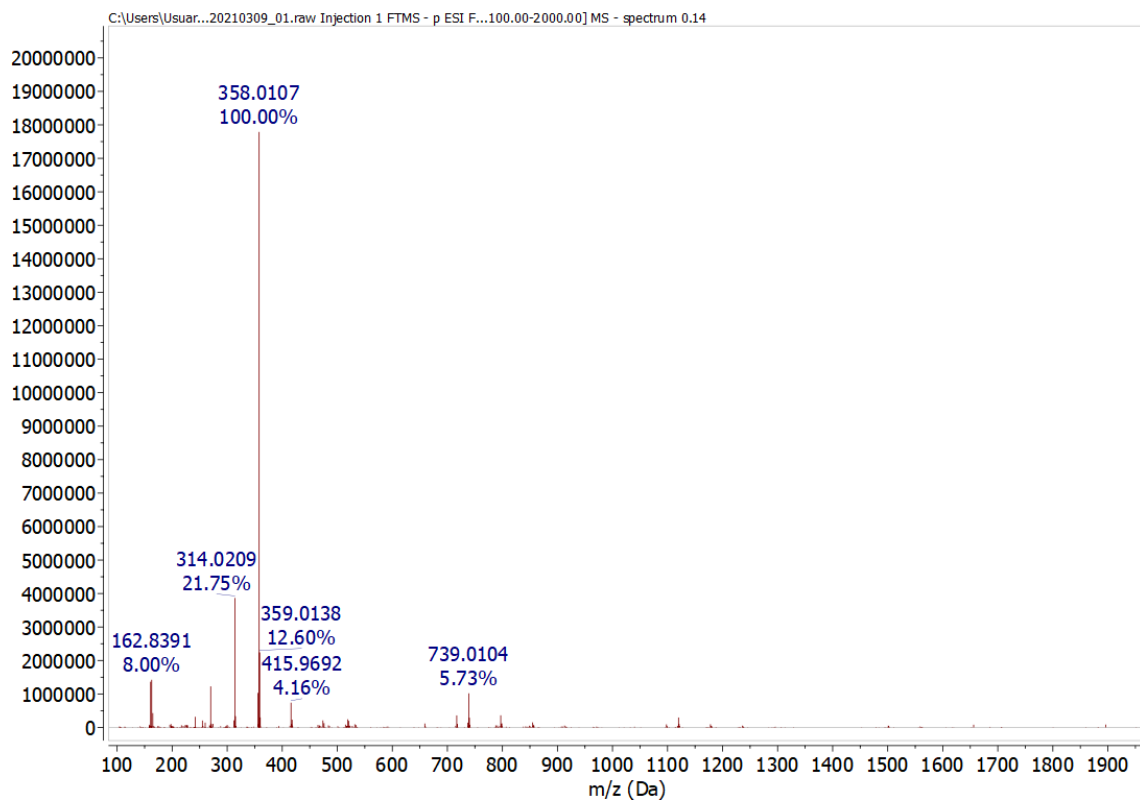
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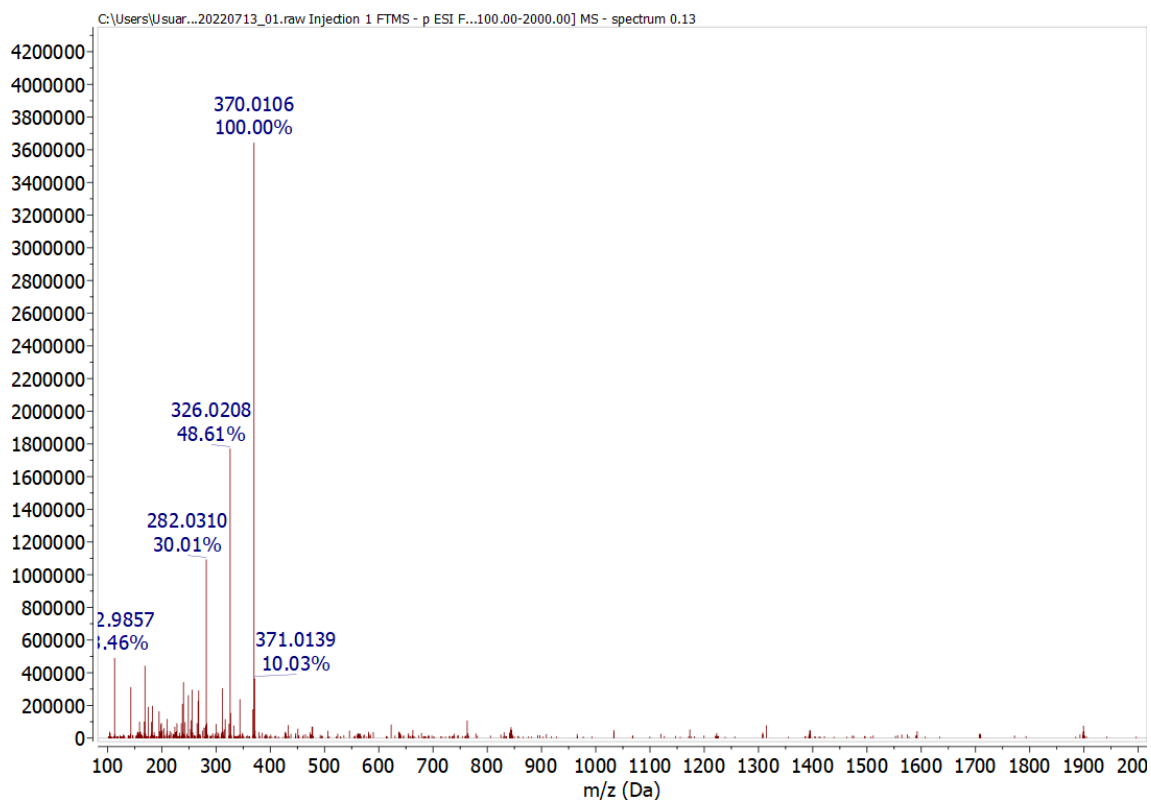
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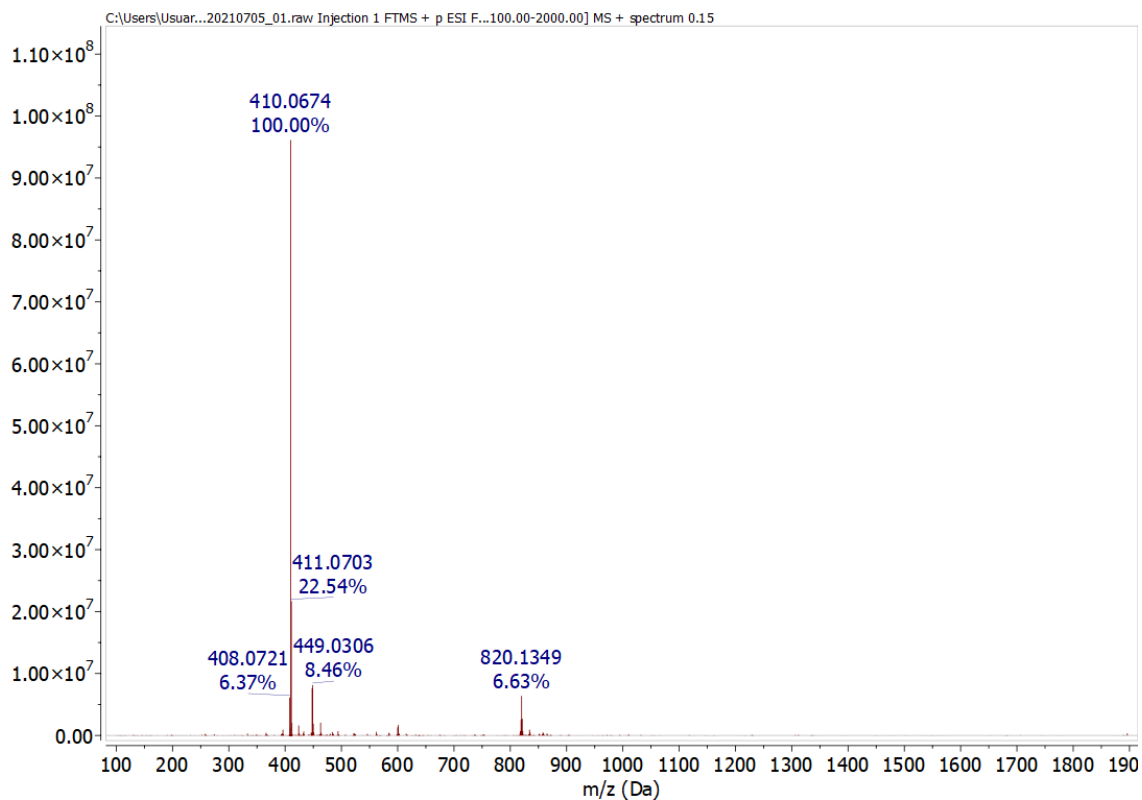
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**Figure S21:** Experimental high resolution mass spectrum (ESI<sup>+</sup>) of [Fe(PDTA)]<sup>-</sup>.



**Figure S22:** Experimental high resolution mass spectrum (ESI<sup>+</sup>) of [Fe(CBuDTA)]<sup>-</sup>.

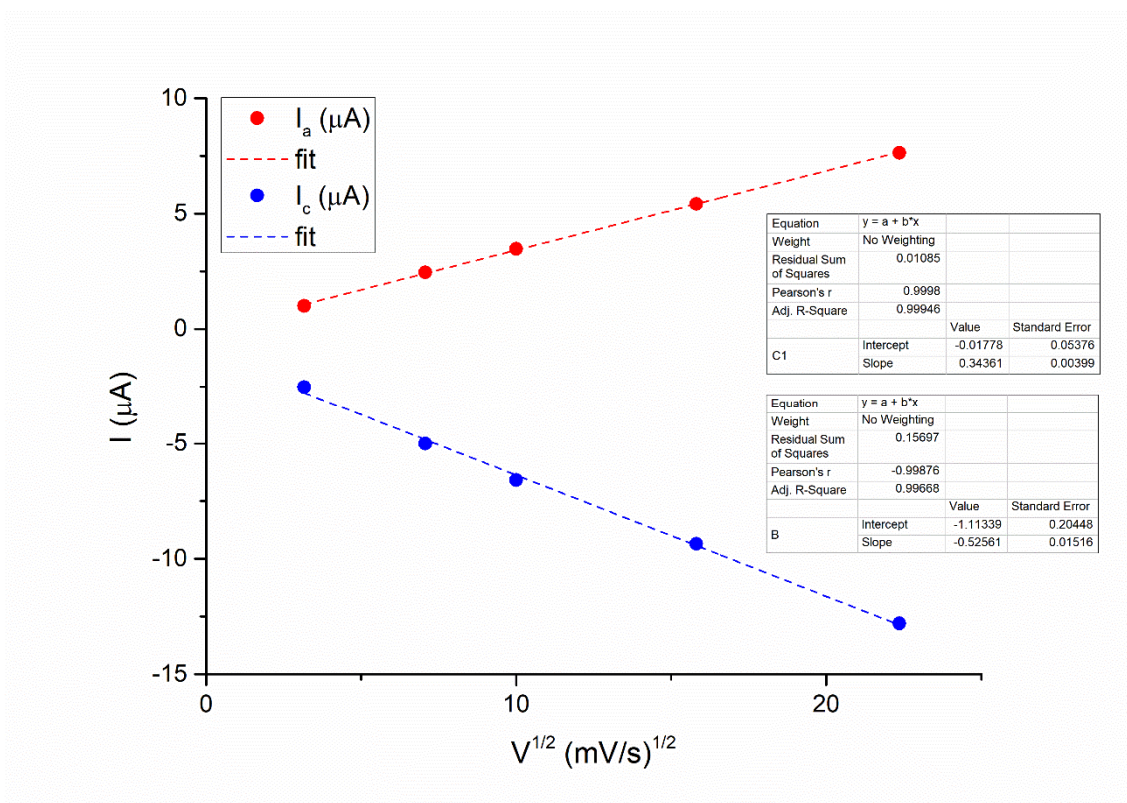
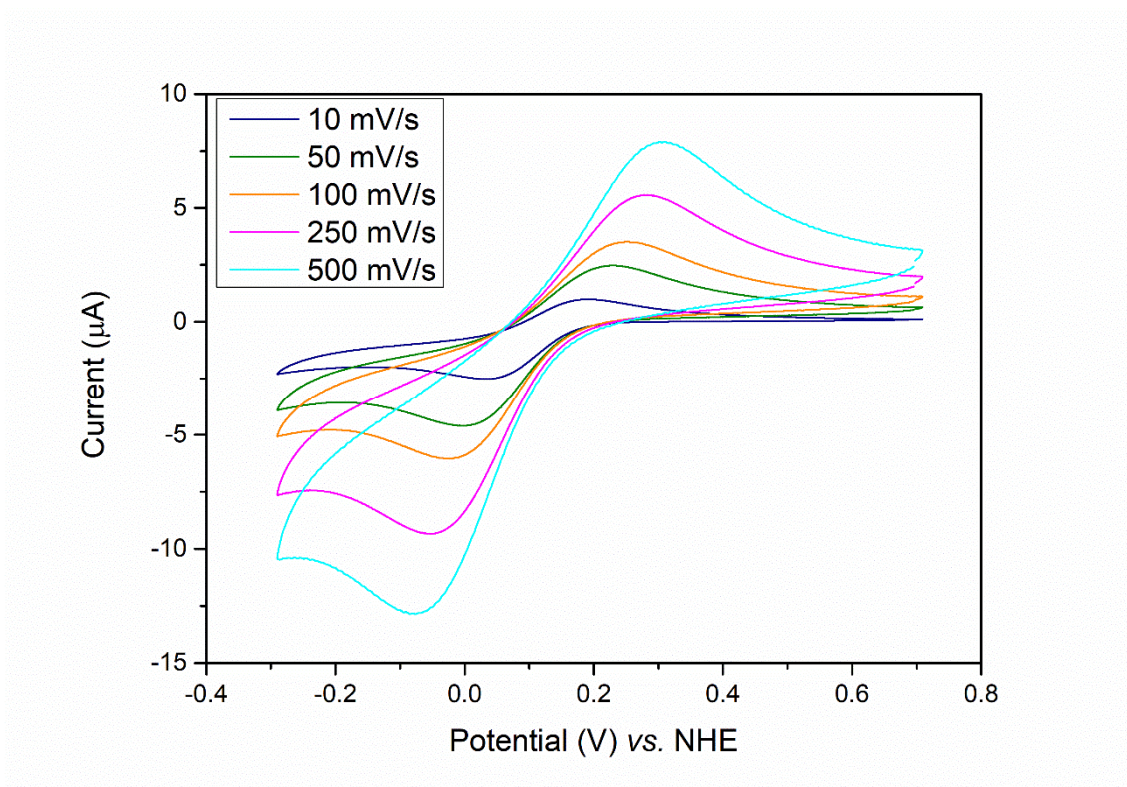


**Figure S23:** Experimental high resolution mass spectrum (ESI<sup>+</sup>) of [Fe(CBuDEDPA)]<sup>+</sup>.

**Table S1:** Crystal Data and Structure Refinement Details. Parameter [Fe(CBuDEDPA)](PF<sub>6</sub>).

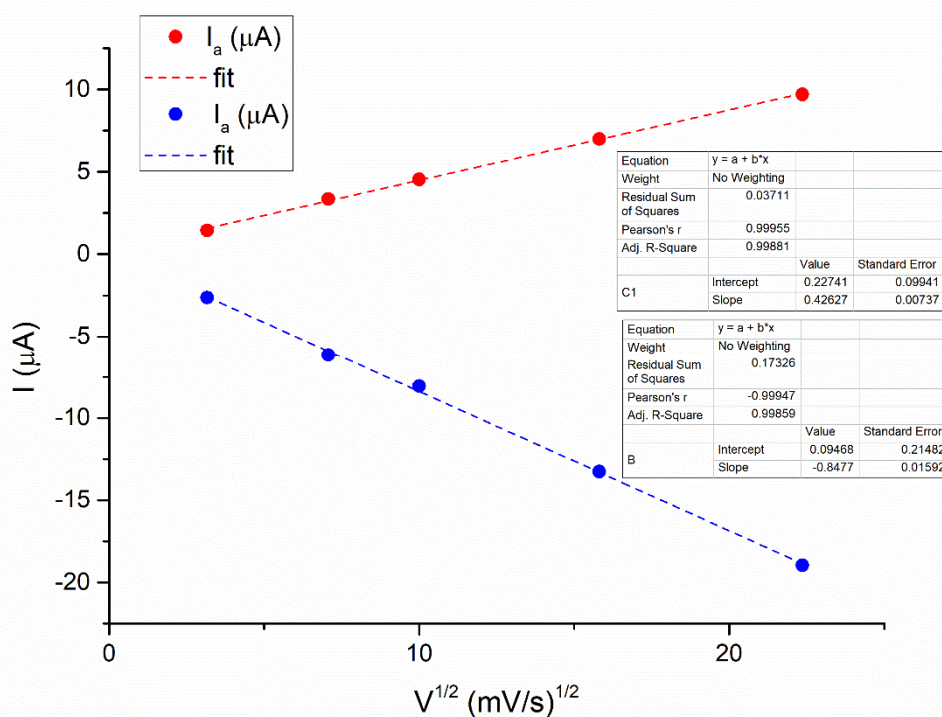
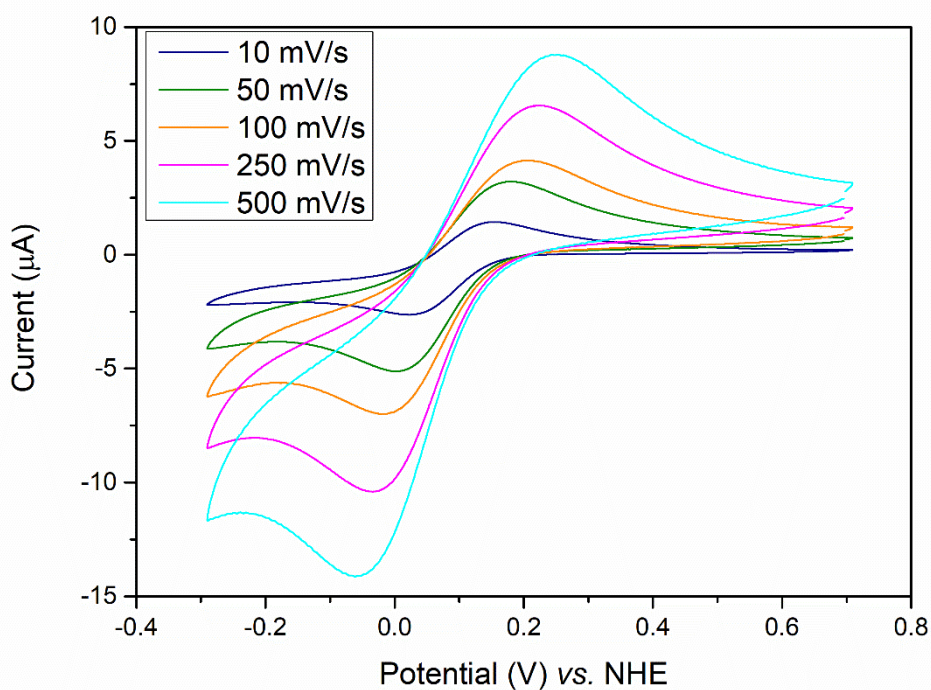
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<b>Molecular weight MW</b>	573.20
<b>Crystal system</b>	Monoclinic
<b>Space group</b>	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n
<b>a/Å</b>	12.4135(5)
<b>b/Å, β/°</b>	10.9733(4), 93.6190(10)
<b>c/Å</b>	15.5664(6)
<b>Volume (Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>	2116.18(14)
<b>Z</b>	4
<b>ρ<sub>calc</sub> (g/cm<sup>3</sup>)</b>	1.799
<b>μ (mm<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	0.883
<b>θ range</b>	2.48°-28.31°
<b>R<sub>int</sub></b>	0.0310
<b>Measured reflections</b>	43559
<b>Independent reflections / unique (I &gt; 2σ(I))</b>	5254 / 4893
<b>Goodness-of-fit on F<sup>2</sup></b>	1.092
<b>R<sub>1</sub></b>	0.0298
<b>wR<sub>2</sub> (all data)</b>	0.0710
<b>Larg. diff. peak and hole (eÅ<sup>-3</sup>)</b>	0.45 and -0.35

## Cyclic voltammetry

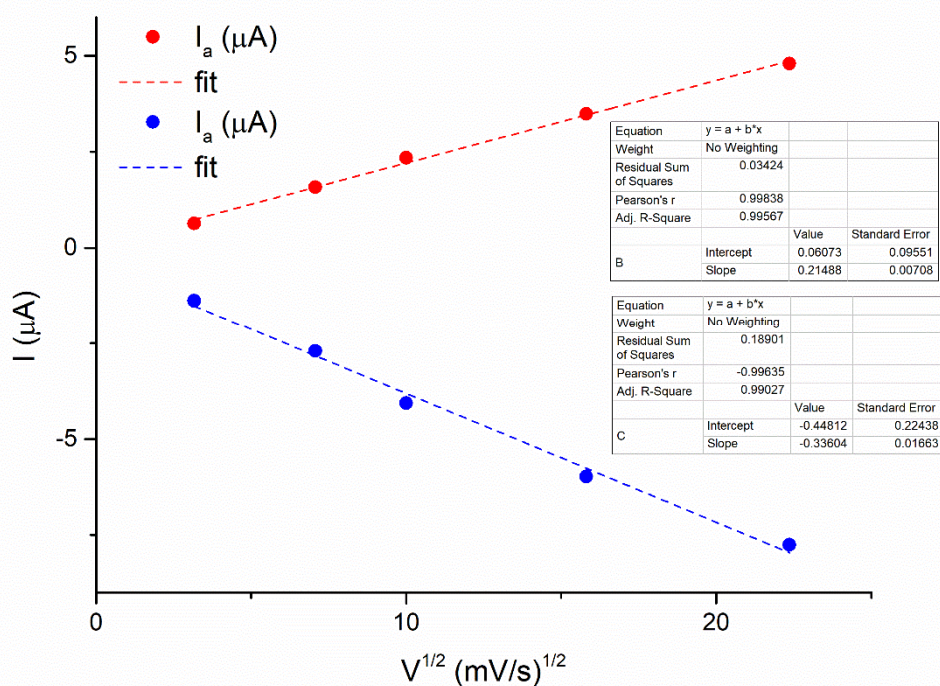
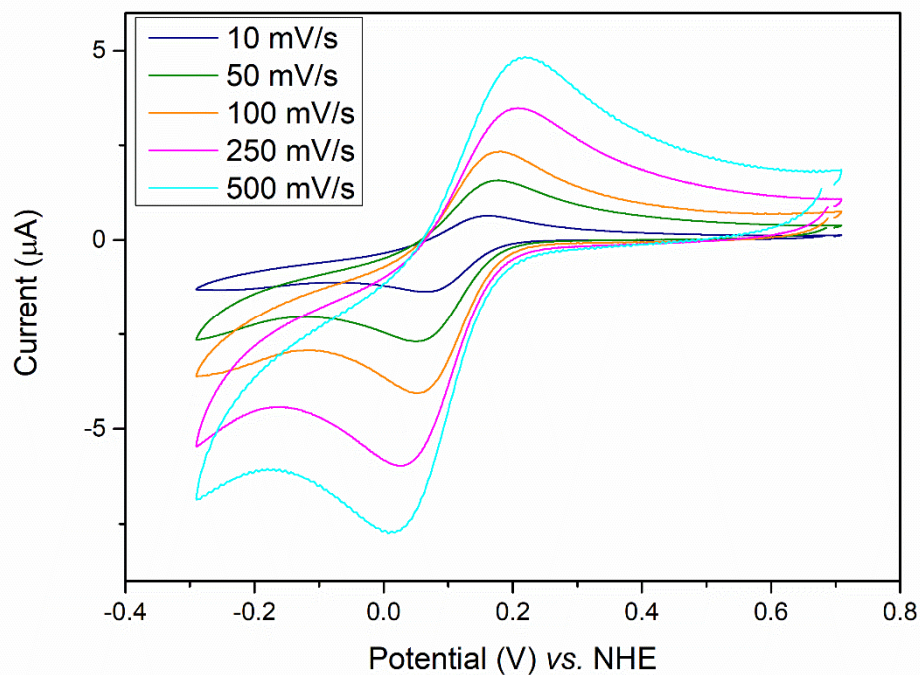


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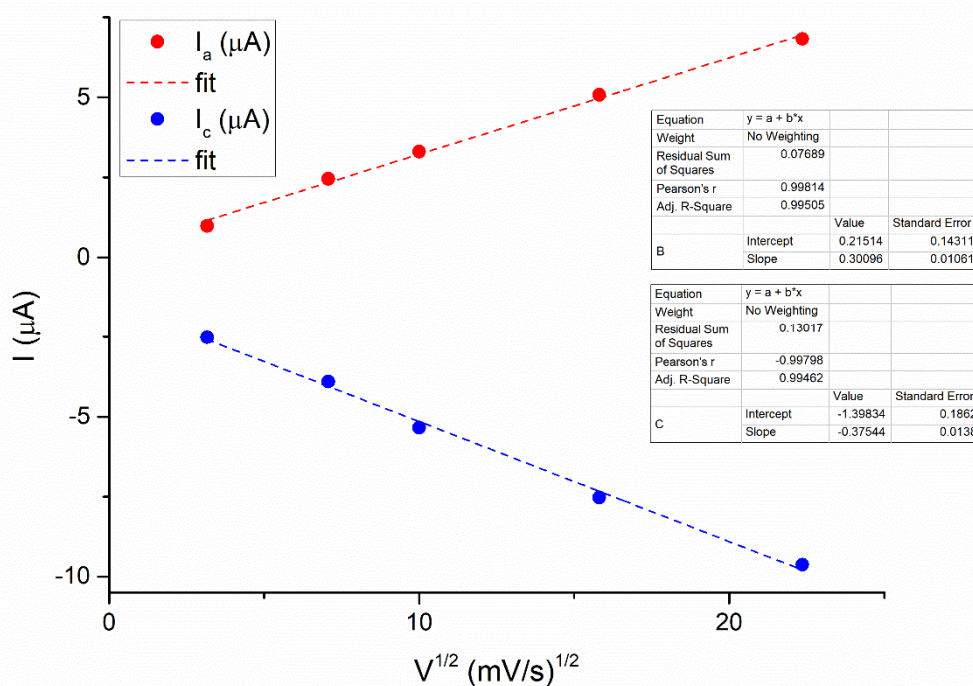
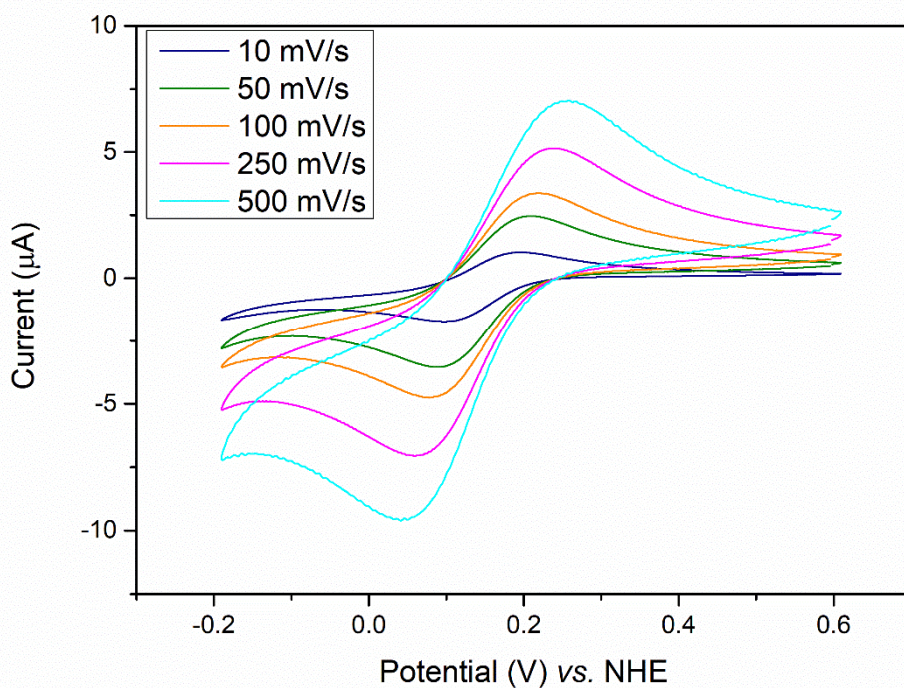


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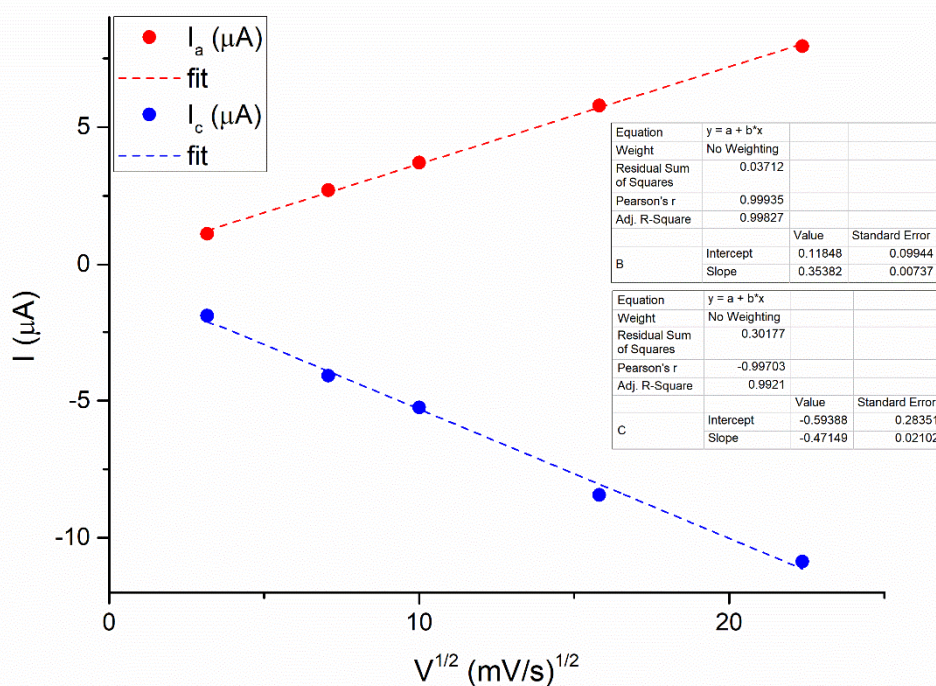
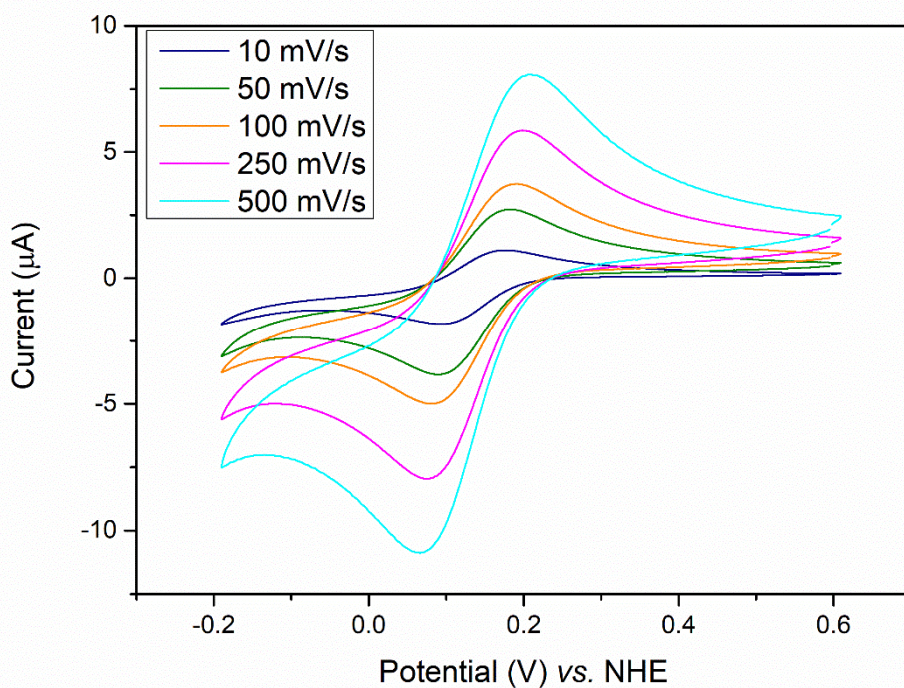


**Figure S26:** Cyclic voltammogram of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{c-CDTA})]^-$  complex in aqueous solution in 0.15 M NaCl (2.0 mM, pH= 6.8), recorded at 10, 50, 100, 250, and 500  $\text{mV}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  (top); and plots of the linear dependence of anodic and cathodic peak currents with the square root of the scan rate (bottom).



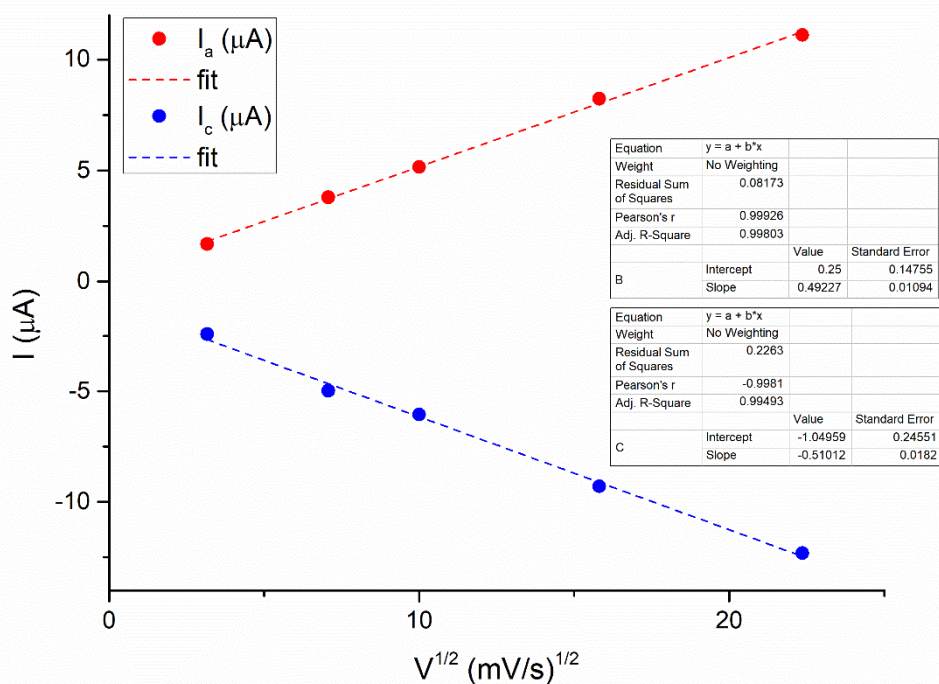
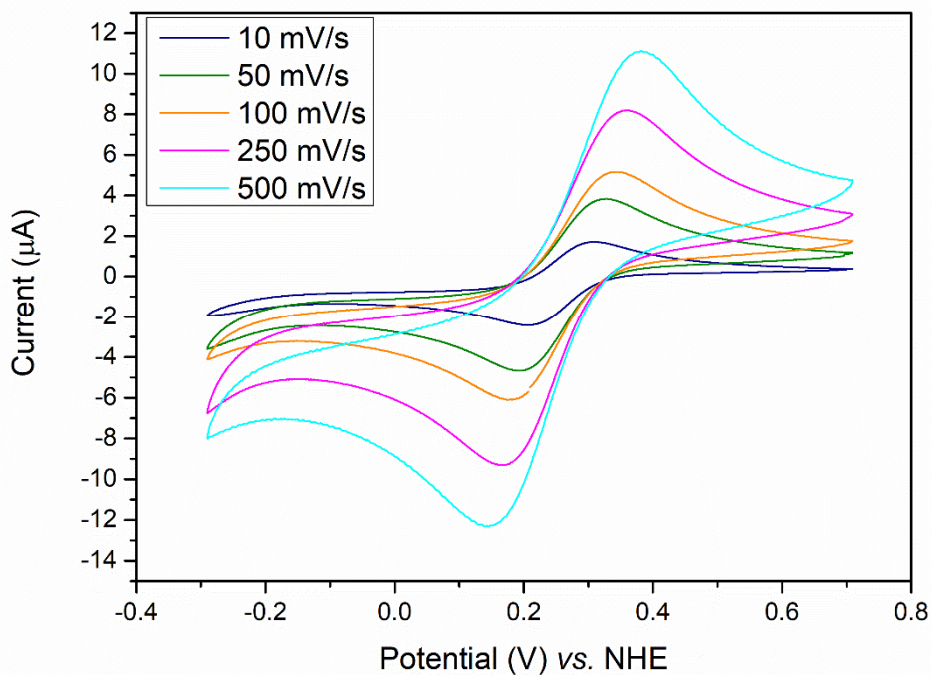


**Figure S27:** Cyclic voltammogram of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CpDTA})]^-$  complex in aqueous solution in 0.15 M NaCl (2.0 mM, pH= 5.7), recorded at 10, 50, 100, 250, and 500  $\text{mV}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  (top); and plots of the linear dependence of anodic and cathodic peak currents with the square root of the scan rate (bottom).

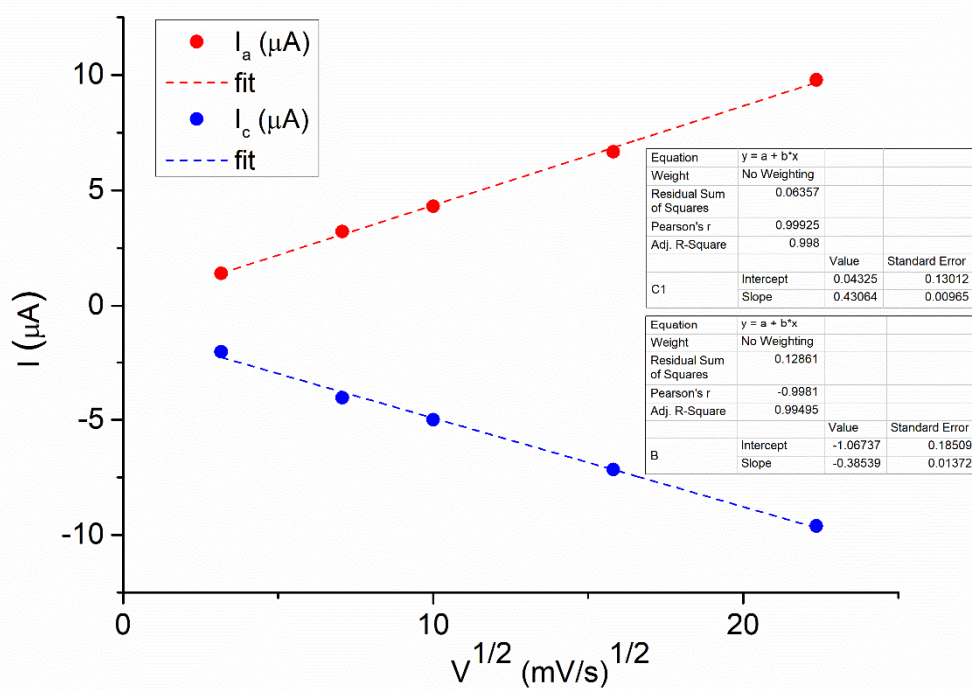
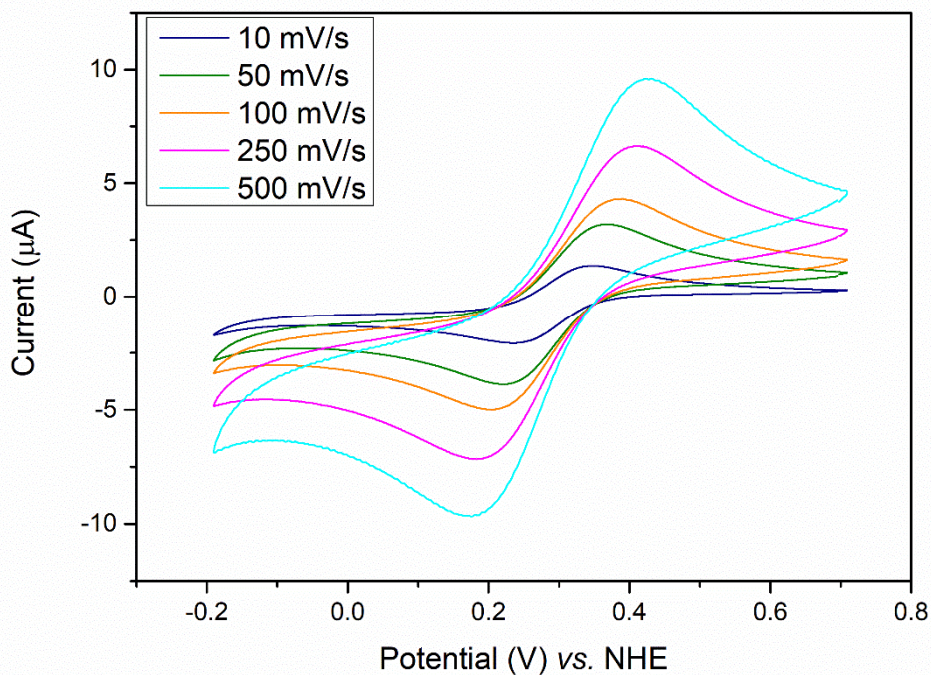


**Figure S28:** Cyclic voltammogram of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{PhDTA})]^-$  complex in aqueous solution in 0.15 M NaCl (2 mM, pH= 5.6), recorded at 10, 50, 100, 250, and 500  $\text{mV}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  (top); and plots of the linear dependence of anodic and cathodic peak currents with the square root of the scan rate (bottom).



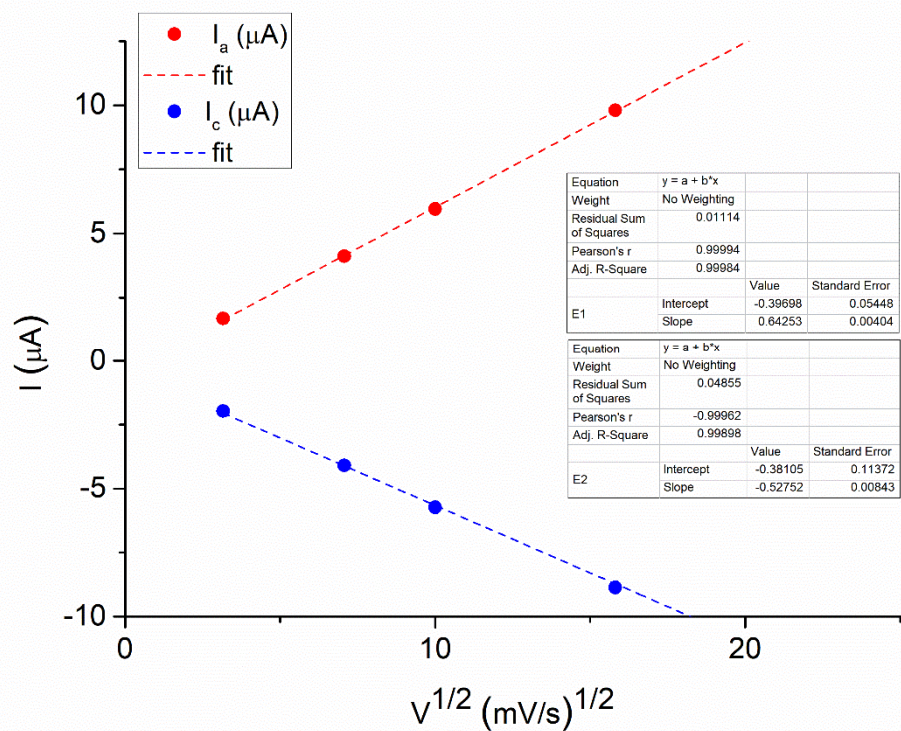
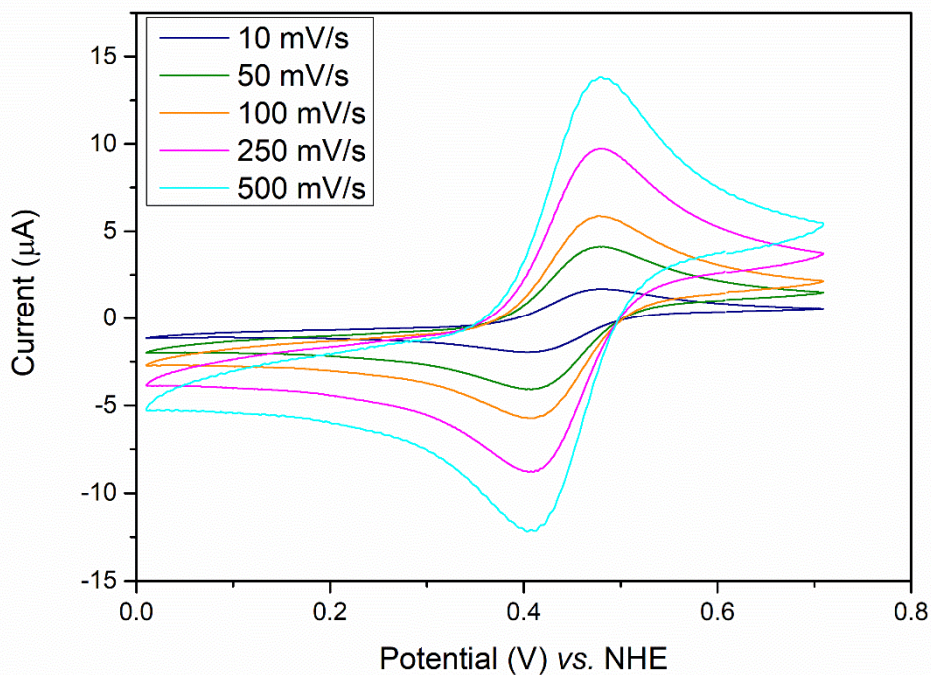


**Figure S29:** Cyclic voltammogram of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{PDTA})]^-$  complex in aqueous solution in 0.15 M NaCl (3.0 mM, pH= 5.9), recorded at 10, 50, 100, 250, and 500  $\text{mV}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  (top); and plots of the linear dependence of anodic and cathodic peak currents with the square root of the scan rate (bottom).

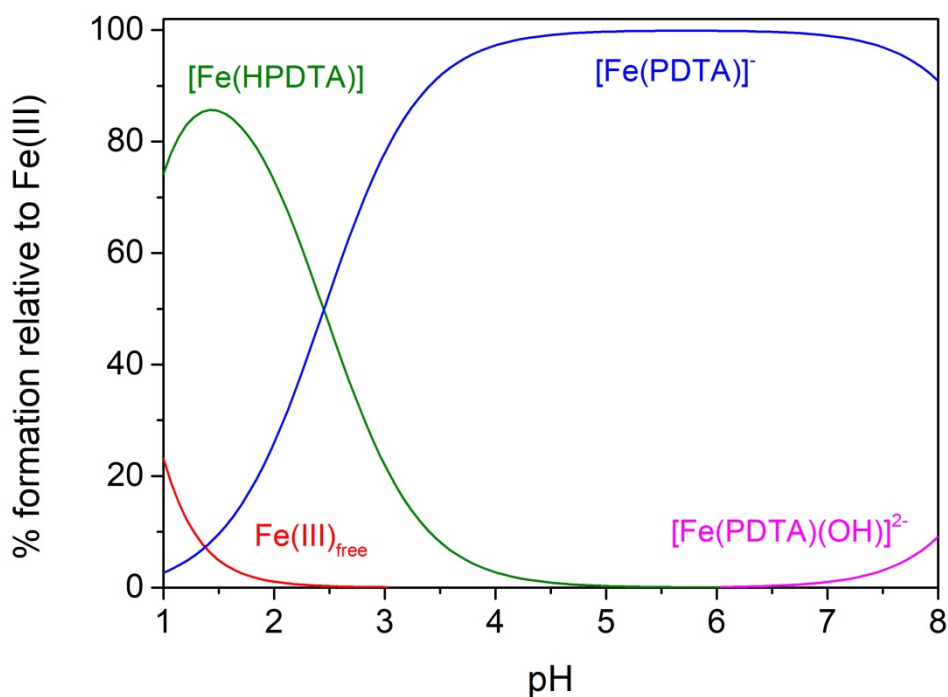


**Figure S30:** Cyclic voltammogram of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CBuDTA})]^-$  complex in aqueous solution in 0.15 M NaCl (2.3 mM, pH= 5.7), recorded at 10, 50, 100, 250, and 500  $\text{mV}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  (top); and plots of the linear dependence of anodic and cathodic peak currents with the square root of the scan rate (bottom).





**Figure S31:** Cyclic voltammogram of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CBuDEDPA})]^+$  complex in aqueous solution in 0.15 M NaCl (1.5 mM, pH= 5.1), recorded at 10, 50, 100, 250, and 500  $\text{mV}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  (top); and plots of the linear dependence of anodic and cathodic peak currents with the square root of the scan rate (bottom).



**Figure S32:** Speciation diagram calculated for the Fe(III)-PDTA<sup>4-</sup> using the equilibrium data reported in the literature.<sup>1</sup>

**Table S2:** Optimized Cartesian coordinates (Å) of the [Fe(EDTA)(δ)(H<sub>2</sub>O)]<sup>-</sup>·5H<sub>2</sub>O system obtained with DFT calculations (0 Imaginary Frequencies).

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	8		2.260386	-0.720986	1.364607
2	8		3.749283	-2.381962	1.257905
3	8		2.699927	3.027797	-1.480850
4	8		1.002364	1.892593	-0.576985
5	8		-0.272768	-2.128111	0.635356
6	8		-1.988091	-3.529867	0.377144
7	8		-1.694301	1.014213	0.143891
8	8		-2.736900	2.265112	-1.379147
9	7		-0.827094	-0.766069	-1.631576
10	7		2.057891	-0.496393	-1.283552
11	6		0.128328	-1.424204	-2.524820
12	1		0.306078	-2.429024	-2.124202
13	6		1.445053	-0.666274	-2.603167
14	1		1.270045	0.334653	-3.014102
15	6		2.712607	-1.691415	-0.771657
16	1		2.064953	-2.560203	-0.934401
17	1		3.675199	-1.891724	-1.265565
18	6		2.943438	-1.602963	0.745886
19	6		2.936161	0.668182	-1.260442
20	1		3.591291	0.606205	-0.384418
21	1		3.575407	0.724569	-2.152972
22	6		2.156569	1.984499	-1.113633
23	6		-1.824685	-1.706111	-1.138329
24	1		-2.701659	-1.155845	-0.779452
25	1		-2.173492	-2.393026	-1.923495
26	6		-1.315330	-2.531780	0.053325



27	6	-1.426654	0.445665	-2.166806
28	1	-0.660697	1.053810	-2.658816
29	1	-2.217997	0.242460	-2.904025
30	6	-2.006828	1.314834	-1.043825
31	8	0.077022	0.976794	2.362594
32	1	0.813332	0.891751	2.996708
33	1	-0.081237	1.926332	2.168212
34	8	-0.177393	3.518512	1.337854
35	8	2.350214	0.298596	3.821716
36	1	0.194793	3.097577	0.537631
37	1	-1.118260	3.699833	1.150147
38	1	2.259482	-0.327626	4.543945
39	1	2.463389	-0.219185	2.988964
40	26	0.348452	-0.025323	0.355241
41	8	-3.321749	-0.447054	1.957513
42	1	-2.779214	0.074710	1.343276
43	1	-3.788655	-1.123553	1.441017
44	8	-4.546015	-2.659609	0.602375
45	8	-2.887960	3.942846	0.740950
46	1	-2.914235	3.324891	-0.030163
47	1	-3.165168	4.805736	0.423509
48	1	-5.040118	-2.637915	-0.220708
49	1	-3.692077	-3.112322	0.424353
50	1	-0.288612	-1.549707	-3.536680
51	1	2.128005	-1.180352	-3.297719

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Zero-point correction= 0.395443 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy= 0.429967

Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.430911

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.328274

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -2822.171259

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -2822.136735

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -2822.135791

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -2822.238428

**Table S3:** Optimized Cartesian coordinates (Å) of the [Fe(EDTA)(λ)(H<sub>2</sub>O)]·5H<sub>2</sub>O system obtained with DFT calculations (0 Imaginary Frequencies).

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
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3	8		2.273762	2.321420	-2.527490
4	8		0.870876	1.509959	-1.011310
5	8		-0.091661	-1.666672	0.995398
6	8		-1.389577	-3.460508	0.956583
7	8		-1.669150	0.625846	0.001190
8	8		-3.323395	1.163769	-1.381370
9	7		-0.551892	-1.054510	-1.644222
10	7		2.174180	-0.901860	-0.875139
11	6		0.510663	-1.410592	-2.588380
12	1		0.172870	-2.164704	-3.304481
13	6		1.714562	-1.914195	-1.833701
14	1		2.512044	-2.187205	-2.530097
15	6		3.026926	-1.492594	0.154341
16	1		2.609105	-2.454462	0.451812
17	1		4.046124	-1.663022	-0.197376
18	6		3.035354	-0.618599	1.395081
19	6		2.830906	0.237419	-1.533504
20	1		3.654899	0.586318	-0.910236
21	1		3.262417	-0.052399	-2.492462
22	6		1.935928	1.457554	-1.740364
23	6		-1.211750	-2.226403	-1.054364
24	1		-2.294595	-2.109896	-1.104855
25	1		-0.978936	-3.133766	-1.614219

26	6	-0.879311	-2.486694	0.411152
27	6	-1.518440	-0.132603	-2.229322
28	1	-0.988399	0.620101	-2.812911
29	1	-2.228898	-0.631732	-2.891617
30	6	-2.253201	0.609001	-1.130900
31	8	-0.174015	1.478969	1.817585
32	1	0.527145	1.734414	2.443825
33	1	-0.481644	2.302274	1.377823
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37	1	-1.622350	3.658216	0.072303
38	1	1.865163	1.633089	4.390385
39	1	2.279885	1.265070	2.954654
40	26	0.364084	0.093494	0.260504
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43	1	-3.650969	-0.993020	1.875342
44	8	-4.054190	-2.796678	1.426149
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50	1	0.769522	-0.521420	-3.161830
51	1	1.453209	-2.811350	-1.274258

Zero-point correction=	0.394748 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy=	0.429716
Thermal correction to Enthalpy=	0.430660
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy=	0.325829
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=	-2822.171634
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-2822.136666
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-2822.135722
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-2822.240552

**Table S4:** Optimized Cartesian coordinates (Å) of the  $[\text{Fe}(t\text{-CDTA})(\delta)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^- \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  system obtained with DFT calculations (0 Imaginary Frequencies).

Center Number	Atomic Number	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
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4	8	0.225805	-1.441606	-1.549676
5	8	0.393909	0.348983	2.018451
6	8	0.799173	2.260032	3.070034
7	8	1.841685	0.548593	-0.693879
8	8	2.174905	1.757605	-2.529111
9	7	-0.508539	1.497323	-0.203773
10	7	-1.899571	-0.959689	-0.026463
11	6	-1.983956	1.509025	-0.084569
12	1	-2.190845	1.546890	0.988163
13	6	-2.572412	0.215599	-0.629643
14	1	-2.344941	0.167342	-1.697698
15	6	-2.365582	-1.316043	1.315097
16	1	-2.443756	-0.419833	1.930497
17	1	-3.340650	-1.804353	1.305338
18	6	-1.352766	-2.238889	1.981375
19	6	-1.970109	-2.108134	-0.939509
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21	1	-2.910771	-2.135840	-1.488863
22	6	-0.804453	-2.125443	-1.918994
23	6	0.100325	2.373449	0.803407
24	1	1.030914	2.794869	0.424736

25	1	-0.543052	3.217023	1.053501
26	6	0.453818	1.622484	2.078679
27	6	0.009947	1.787687	-1.540770
28	1	-0.545013	1.223073	-2.289316
29	1	-0.056563	2.845035	-1.800249
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35	8	1.848351	-3.875050	2.126735
36	1	2.030056	-1.905356	-2.119205
37	1	3.465348	-1.365738	-2.301454
38	1	2.144013	-3.784489	3.032925
39	1	0.971448	-3.450388	2.090040
40	26	0.378230	-0.615393	0.273873
41	8	4.075961	1.530419	0.822138
42	1	3.357395	1.133489	0.312828
43	1	3.691664	2.304304	1.258741
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45	8	4.336835	0.112259	-2.855443
46	1	3.615156	0.763396	-2.734077
47	1	4.524146	0.106938	-3.794078
48	1	2.741609	4.544268	1.823352
49	1	2.171998	3.371342	2.641094
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51	6	-2.642579	2.725965	-0.738967
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55	1	-4.593093	3.569505	-1.060577
56	1	-4.409053	2.776448	0.494178
57	6	-4.735508	1.412765	-1.138092
58	1	-5.815124	1.379232	-0.991772
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60	1	-4.501124	-0.721921	-0.889394
61	1	-4.350058	0.211089	0.588944

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Zero-point correction= 0.490144 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy= 0.528063

Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.529008

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.419060

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -2978.147442

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -2978.109522

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -2978.108578

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -2978.218526

**Table S5:** Optimized Cartesian coordinates (Å) of the  $[\text{Fe}(t\text{-CDTA})(\lambda)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^- \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  system obtained with DFT calculations (0 Imaginary Frequencies).

Center Number	Atomic Number	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	8	-0.077061	2.509234	-1.044476
2	8	-1.447457	3.746546	-2.275408
3	8	-1.292191	1.767531	3.296168
4	8	0.084848	1.087243	1.695130
5	8	0.329110	-0.129453	-1.980184
6	8	0.652157	-1.993808	-3.130780
7	8	1.951603	-0.629504	0.373811
8	8	2.646992	-2.256705	1.716646
9	7	-0.526417	-1.486265	0.276462
10	7	-1.955823	0.911774	-0.163020
11	6	-1.939957	-1.377184	0.706406
12	6	-2.649544	-0.401158	-0.220184
13	6	-2.292253	1.729804	-1.328688

14	1	-2.334746	1.090466	-2.210926
15	1	-3.258631	2.226582	-1.228963
16	6	-1.214218	2.766535	-1.586699
17	6	-2.156683	1.664494	1.086886
18	1	-2.158520	2.730153	0.855994
19	1	-3.114780	1.453773	1.554027
20	6	-1.061254	1.487802	2.134621
21	6	-0.321025	-2.214276	-0.985204
22	1	0.310433	-3.088266	-0.828590
23	1	-1.261419	-2.597087	-1.378969
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31	1	2.645287	1.739545	0.671134
32	8	2.850423	1.668187	2.407306
33	8	1.865048	4.417460	-1.051146
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39	8	4.115271	-1.097259	-1.437346
40	1	3.445155	-0.838178	-0.790118
41	1	3.769968	-1.913780	-1.826616
42	8	2.980594	-3.426150	-2.668428
43	8	4.549490	-0.507767	2.571260
44	1	3.955114	-1.198909	2.214011
45	1	4.779597	-0.798252	3.453798
46	1	2.819178	-4.165238	-2.082053
47	1	2.105597	-3.054444	-2.870100
48	1	-1.913168	-0.931958	1.703602
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51	1	-4.375817	0.145620	0.976576
52	1	-4.616076	0.289428	-0.754061
53	6	-2.651344	-2.727637	0.839983
54	1	-2.543739	-3.306101	-0.078968
55	1	-2.170516	-3.302950	1.631534
56	6	-4.791092	-1.716289	0.041098
57	1	-5.862734	-1.622343	0.216972
58	1	-4.668470	-2.201683	-0.931592
59	6	-4.139771	-2.566997	1.122507
60	1	-4.287160	-2.092306	2.096885
61	1	-4.605640	-3.551134	1.174561

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Zero-point correction=	0.489298 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy=	0.527759
Thermal correction to Enthalpy=	0.528704
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy=	0.416769
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=	-2978.143913
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-2978.105452
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-2978.104507
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-2978.216442

**Table S6:** Optimized Cartesian coordinates (Å) of the  $[\text{Fe}(\text{c-CDTA})(\delta)(\text{H}_2\text{O})] \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  system obtained with DFT calculations (0 Imaginary Frequencies).

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2	8	-2.455947	-1.960899	3.028433

3	8	-0.433807	-3.502788	-2.272742
4	8	0.459984	-1.838031	-1.103061
5	8	0.031558	0.979446	1.706985
6	8	0.321114	3.126872	2.189506
7	8	2.026537	0.261699	-0.573401
8	8	2.805249	0.790207	-2.587868
9	7	-0.281897	1.385570	-0.898310
10	7	-1.897561	-0.866491	-0.313889
11	6	-1.737424	1.488514	-1.199122
12	6	-2.304753	0.075727	-1.390485
13	1	-1.819089	-0.331427	-2.277578
14	6	-2.668272	-0.845920	0.931519
15	1	-2.815691	0.175188	1.268524
16	1	-3.648341	-1.312438	0.824008
17	6	-1.887348	-1.559650	2.027482
18	6	-1.864851	-2.235025	-0.855876
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20	1	-2.666078	-2.407236	-1.573767
21	6	-0.525402	-2.573047	-1.492166
22	6	0.255484	2.495464	-0.104118
23	1	1.314804	2.615177	-0.325423
24	1	-0.208826	3.450866	-0.334516
25	6	0.184260	2.207660	1.387040
26	6	0.509885	1.214695	-2.119723
27	1	0.052722	0.462442	-2.760791
28	1	0.580505	2.142269	-2.692370
29	6	1.901658	0.720860	-1.757161
30	8	1.975383	-1.333742	1.404246
31	1	1.784326	-1.969786	2.117993
32	1	2.544579	-1.789053	0.744736
33	8	3.138930	-2.673712	-0.646036
34	8	1.084274	-3.037273	3.394784
35	1	2.287748	-2.500763	-1.074200
36	1	3.772994	-2.084064	-1.095072
37	1	1.174553	-2.675911	4.276866
38	1	0.267748	-2.648374	3.031525
39	26	0.289663	-0.486185	0.376058
40	8	3.925718	1.695138	1.051215
41	1	3.307854	1.160800	0.535715
42	1	3.517410	2.568735	1.137354
43	8	2.748625	4.268881	1.494514
44	8	4.858497	-0.881318	-1.893890
45	1	4.176412	-0.226202	-2.149415
46	1	5.228869	-1.201919	-2.716191
47	1	2.662758	4.876363	0.759824
48	1	1.840149	4.045317	1.759962
49	1	-1.836351	1.977436	-2.175263
50	6	-2.551918	2.350008	-0.231287
51	1	-2.167793	3.366901	-0.227113
52	1	-2.479296	1.990096	0.794959
53	6	-3.807342	0.118922	-1.706102
54	1	-3.895858	0.484979	-2.731543
55	1	-4.212128	-0.893593	-1.713595
56	6	-4.638280	1.023807	-0.799582
57	1	-5.642467	1.108081	-1.216203
58	1	-4.757744	0.585090	0.190608
59	6	-4.011564	2.405361	-0.678096
60	1	-4.059173	2.909246	-1.647935
61	1	-4.577279	3.018896	0.022751

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Zero-point correction=	0.490986 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy=	0.528626
Thermal correction to Enthalpy=	0.529571
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy=	0.421096
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=	-2978.133845
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-2978.096205
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-2978.095260
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-2978.203735

**Table S7:** Optimized Cartesian coordinates (Å) of the  $[\text{Fe}(\text{c-CDTA})(\lambda)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^- \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  system obtained with DFT calculations (0 Imaginary Frequencies).

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	8		-0.394635	2.379369	1.241319
2	8		0.820456	3.911431	2.289152
3	8		-0.059487	2.508010	-3.250606
4	8		-0.782958	1.261264	-1.563443
5	8		0.236872	-0.332547	1.824398
6	8		1.028643	-2.188241	2.735869
7	8		-1.766548	-1.071124	-0.224962
8	8		-2.311941	-2.628907	-1.712400
9	7		0.793484	-1.158885	-0.749818
10	7		1.613156	1.494993	-0.195718
11	6		1.988481	-0.595836	-1.424660
12	6		2.653292	0.515710	-0.613661
13	6		1.951448	2.244106	1.014398
14	1		2.272523	1.554556	1.791629
15	1		2.747636	2.972764	0.850353
16	6		0.719362	2.931688	1.568221
17	6		1.296273	2.417773	-1.302352
18	1		1.067317	3.403398	-0.895676
19	1		2.149130	2.546306	-1.969101
20	6		0.074909	2.039383	-2.135848
21	6		1.016241	-2.080059	0.374072
22	1		0.341862	-2.932586	0.285464
23	1		2.015886	-2.498021	0.375281
24	6		0.752348	-1.499402	1.757730
25	6		-0.094760	-1.776654	-1.735401
26	1		-0.136716	-1.151718	-2.627137
27	1		0.238010	-2.770963	-2.039085
28	6		-1.506277	-1.856012	-1.194102
29	8		-2.551730	1.023439	0.884952
30	1		-2.699637	1.904986	1.271054
31	1		-3.113445	0.969067	0.081250
32	8		-3.702555	1.083958	-1.567687
33	8		-2.723050	3.582467	1.988809
34	1		-2.804072	1.083133	-1.920477
35	1		-4.073791	0.200596	-1.753297
36	1		-2.885821	3.589772	2.932362
37	1		-1.768304	3.424323	1.888079
38	26		-0.526381	0.565916	0.259454
39	8		-2.884408	-2.485482	2.008015
40	1		-2.572557	-1.961787	1.258130
41	1		-2.180183	-3.126483	2.181769
42	8		-0.773148	-4.303358	2.697309
43	8		-4.761819	-1.452952	-1.843185
44	1		-3.935376	-1.968242	-1.744018
45	1		-5.103707	-1.680316	-2.707867
46	1		-0.511543	-4.975742	2.068378
47	1		-0.023745	-3.687860	2.752756
48	1		1.570731	-0.115892	-2.309542
49	6		3.031609	-1.600373	-1.948595
50	1		2.524019	-2.465320	-2.376412
51	6		3.586613	-0.006332	0.477192
52	1		3.057390	-0.569067	1.246829
53	6		4.107551	-2.043312	-0.954662
54	1		3.728161	-2.798595	-0.266029
55	1		4.909403	-2.532429	-1.509047
56	1		3.315411	1.030779	-1.318644
57	6		4.673204	-0.869173	-0.165673
58	1		4.072794	0.828909	0.977010
59	1		5.264053	-0.236378	-0.834261

60	1	5.352934	-1.228808	0.606536
61	1	3.529756	-1.102620	-2.783602
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Zero-point correction=			0.489949	(Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy=			0.528191	
Thermal correction to Enthalpy=			0.529135	
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy=			0.418318	
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=			-2978.132192	
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=			-2978.093950	
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=			-2978.093005	
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=			-2978.203823	

**Table S8:** Optimized Cartesian coordinates (Å) of the [Fe(CpDTA)( $\delta$ )(H<sub>2</sub>O)]<sup>-</sup>·5H<sub>2</sub>O system obtained with DFT calculations (0 Imaginary Frequencies).

Center Number	Atomic Number	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	8	-0.989101	-1.834115	1.568315
2	8	-2.690666	-1.951264	2.993990
3	8	-1.546916	-2.644907	-2.811489
4	8	-0.222197	-1.496496	-1.446478
5	8	0.271923	0.535237	1.955073
6	8	1.128478	2.353613	2.893306
7	8	1.832187	0.071874	-0.645750
8	8	2.589927	0.974638	-2.529769
9	7	-0.168814	1.678759	-0.400561
10	7	-2.225184	-0.345517	-0.146576
11	6	-1.591863	2.028010	-0.370905
12	1	-1.838069	2.183522	0.682158
13	6	-2.451532	0.897221	-0.893935
14	1	-2.143030	0.686360	-1.920414
15	6	-2.852489	-0.422778	1.169885
16	1	-2.739272	0.526056	1.693955
17	1	-3.918212	-0.650056	1.115919
18	6	-2.151085	-1.490061	2.002937
19	6	-2.550635	-1.512324	-0.972190
20	1	-2.774826	-2.366094	-0.333679
21	1	-3.428286	-1.334598	-1.594423
22	6	-1.372521	-1.928191	-1.843474
23	6	0.589298	2.455307	0.582364
24	1	1.615613	2.594988	0.243943
25	1	0.168081	3.451566	0.722436
26	6	0.670044	1.748179	1.928207
27	6	0.472618	1.695591	-1.711293
28	1	-0.179898	1.242771	-2.457077
29	1	0.718411	2.703307	-2.050311
30	6	1.742020	0.857229	-1.647336
31	8	1.575112	-1.980086	0.855395
32	1	1.304183	-2.722075	1.427913
33	1	1.967598	-2.356662	0.035479
34	8	2.237184	-2.918472	-1.590123
35	8	0.488795	-3.873946	2.542696
36	1	1.412170	-2.481582	-1.846909
37	1	2.947048	-2.360263	-1.959758
38	1	0.765649	-3.772701	3.453694
39	1	-0.235454	-3.234295	2.411949
40	26	0.067649	-0.569115	0.310293
41	8	4.176454	0.558449	0.952154
42	1	3.400696	0.329843	0.423806
43	1	4.003773	1.444412	1.302227
44	8	3.687655	3.109187	2.157725
45	8	4.211496	-1.230530	-2.566330
46	1	3.696067	-0.397641	-2.549255
47	1	4.434215	-1.376967	-3.485629
48	1	3.685869	3.895969	1.612696

49	1	2.776205	3.009619	2.482215
50	6	-3.853691	1.506093	-0.930602
51	1	-4.317233	1.436708	0.052807
52	1	-4.507552	1.000963	-1.637753
53	6	-2.084460	3.234565	-1.167715
54	6	-3.606176	2.990185	-1.298282
55	1	-4.164196	3.641951	-0.629530
56	1	-3.941089	3.207433	-2.310014
57	1	-1.849208	4.181012	-0.686064
58	1	-1.619969	3.241150	-2.153727

Zero-point correction=	0.460375 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy=	0.497639
Thermal correction to Enthalpy=	0.498583
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy=	0.388979
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=	-2938.848257
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-2938.810993
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-2938.810049
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-2938.919653

**Table S9:** Optimized Cartesian coordinates (Å) of the  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CpDTA})(\lambda)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^- \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  system obtained with DFT calculations (0 Imaginary Frequencies).

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	8		0.775798	2.199134	1.247032
2	8		2.447337	3.027728	2.447758
3	8		1.606662	1.809298	-3.218207
4	8		0.210539	1.194884	-1.608000
5	8		-0.103343	-0.419818	1.888926
6	8		-0.624670	-2.310500	2.915194
7	8		-1.942725	-0.251890	-0.383796
8	8		-3.058315	-1.514581	-1.831064
9	7		0.261484	-1.650411	-0.550499
10	7		2.248054	0.390536	0.057031
11	6		1.642358	-1.719993	-1.033774
12	6		2.560398	-1.038994	-0.039703
13	6		2.808457	0.988314	1.265619
14	1		2.762612	0.260261	2.076107
15	1		3.851742	1.283513	1.142383
16	6		1.978303	2.182218	1.702776
17	6		2.563594	1.180671	-1.139396
18	1		2.885268	2.176022	-0.831896
19	1		3.388458	0.756107	-1.708709
20	6		1.389910	1.409811	-2.089632
21	6		-0.027734	-2.467902	0.630800
22	1		-0.906480	-3.088527	0.457251
23	1		0.785340	-3.161685	0.847282
24	6		-0.281513	-1.686038	1.916302
25	6		-0.715423	-1.857747	-1.610011
26	1		-0.355771	-1.384760	-2.524435
27	1		-0.889192	-2.913773	-1.827367
28	6		-2.022716	-1.176299	-1.256655
29	8		-1.698922	2.072139	0.529319
30	1		-1.441778	2.943160	0.882408
31	1		-2.119206	2.225699	-0.345867
32	8		-2.406731	2.427370	-2.053528
33	8		-0.730452	4.439250	1.620457
34	1		-1.592741	1.957353	-2.272982
35	1		-3.141686	1.814576	-2.247226
36	1		-1.022226	4.589955	2.519924
37	1		0.019908	3.823339	1.686639
38	26		-0.127751	0.634046	0.242969
39	8		-3.990832	-0.459150	1.612032
40	1		-3.335869	-0.287046	0.922016



41	1	-3.783580	-1.349683	1.930648
42	8	-3.296190	-3.038412	2.651546
43	8	-4.542779	0.703812	-2.357960
44	1	-4.105798	-0.139263	-2.118899
45	1	-4.866093	0.581231	-3.250527
46	1	-3.387959	-3.774622	2.046813
47	1	-2.340619	-2.923208	2.781487
48	1	1.657716	-1.145437	-1.959707
49	1	2.351226	-1.447807	0.951176
50	6	3.952991	-1.523229	-0.432006
51	1	4.699708	-1.335292	0.336882
52	1	4.291689	-1.053588	-1.356418
53	6	2.290089	-3.093139	-1.313979
54	6	3.691237	-3.017186	-0.665839
55	1	1.704339	-3.916678	-0.908951
56	1	2.357859	-3.255751	-2.387545
57	1	3.686151	-3.536873	0.293181
58	1	4.459027	-3.480322	-1.281277

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Zero-point correction= 0.459916 (Hartree/Particle)  
Thermal correction to Energy= 0.497395  
Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.498339  
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.388328  
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -2938.847031  
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -2938.809552  
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -2938.808608  
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -2938.918619

**Table S10:** Optimized Cartesian coordinates (Å) of the [Fe(PhDTA)(H<sub>2</sub>O)]<sup>-</sup>·5H<sub>2</sub>O system obtained with DFT calculations (0 Imaginary Frequencies).

Center Number	Atomic Number	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	8	-0.389426	2.274311	-1.299831
2	8	-1.883537	3.031418	-2.759985
3	8	-1.270698	2.197524	3.162251
4	8	0.017719	1.252420	1.619567
5	8	0.236256	-0.321410	-1.969188
6	8	0.553327	-2.206972	-3.089687
7	8	1.876544	-0.492011	0.553845
8	8	2.507275	-1.766158	2.262967
9	7	-0.476689	-1.558127	0.324763
10	7	-2.055364	0.740513	-0.027313
11	6	-1.905584	-1.644118	0.492941
12	6	-2.682985	-0.512298	0.321085
13	6	-2.514224	1.231168	-1.334312
14	1	-2.525162	0.397499	-2.035760
15	1	-3.519071	1.653925	-1.291267
16	6	-1.545412	2.276010	-1.865140
17	6	-2.233304	1.750790	1.032669
18	1	-2.216495	2.743822	0.583488
19	1	-3.187067	1.639716	1.544795
20	6	-1.100961	1.733821	2.051221
21	6	0.007043	-2.388548	-0.792924
22	1	0.948214	-2.865181	-0.518275
23	1	-0.692384	-3.188234	-1.030752
24	6	0.280503	-1.594896	-2.062017
25	6	0.236077	-1.858907	1.572245
26	1	-0.250988	-1.333841	2.392980
27	1	0.241229	-2.924966	1.805174
28	6	1.661976	-1.348608	1.474098
29	8	2.054755	1.793689	-0.507798
30	1	1.956478	2.667948	-0.928427
31	1	2.460699	1.934387	0.377588
32	8	2.717724	2.172006	2.078810

33	8	1.479263	4.177517	-1.793901
34	1	1.830267	1.840507	2.269925
35	1	3.331460	1.464261	2.353851
36	1	1.799047	4.210101	-2.695882
37	1	0.641237	3.682930	-1.827855
38	26	0.282877	0.627209	-0.243972
39	8	4.043375	-1.183988	-1.202624
40	1	3.348124	-0.884365	-0.602508
41	1	3.686952	-1.973780	-1.634447
42	8	3.000163	-3.442174	-2.624924
43	8	4.447464	0.101915	2.682277
44	1	3.826168	-0.634906	2.508607
45	1	4.690835	0.022140	3.604578
46	1	2.896395	-4.273005	-2.161232
47	1	2.101662	-3.157279	-2.859716
48	6	-4.063935	-0.594622	0.478113
49	6	-2.510406	-2.851234	0.832690
50	6	-4.660923	-1.794533	0.810180
51	1	-5.734296	-1.846441	0.927777
52	6	-3.879671	-2.928329	0.992229
53	1	-4.338446	-3.870755	1.256928
54	1	-1.901736	-3.734879	0.970875
55	1	-4.674338	0.287407	0.337981

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Zero-point correction= 0.418465 (Hartree/Particle)  
Thermal correction to Energy= 0.455417  
Thermal correction to Enthalpy= 0.456361  
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.348203  
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -2974.563079  
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -2974.526127  
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -2974.525183  
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -2974.633341

**Table S11:** Optimized Cartesian coordinates (Å) of the [Fe(CBuDTA)(H<sub>2</sub>O)]·5H<sub>2</sub>O system obtained with DFT calculations (0 Imaginary Frequencies).

Center Number	Atomic Number	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	8	2.000571	0.434288	1.764372
2	8	3.613501	-0.756986	2.727504
3	8	2.765853	2.757642	-2.012790
4	8	1.095669	1.773591	-0.924763
5	8	-0.581689	-1.426327	1.554053
6	8	-2.119622	-2.995240	1.867670
7	8	-1.831221	0.673898	-0.334106
8	8	-2.917387	1.022713	-2.242468
9	7	-0.699868	-1.506980	-1.089119
10	7	2.383807	-0.513709	-0.602385
11	6	0.401646	-2.379230	-1.514396
12	1	-0.011035	-3.373212	-1.681534
13	6	2.073332	-1.317265	-1.793135
14	1	2.823471	-1.092611	-2.549975
15	6	3.009417	-1.275908	0.476770
16	1	2.482689	-2.219809	0.615648
17	1	4.056408	-1.503514	0.266323
18	6	2.895403	-0.491601	1.779016
19	6	3.188080	0.656748	-0.970516
20	1	3.771806	0.987492	-0.112207
21	1	3.890342	0.424774	-1.771972
22	6	2.307343	1.834863	-1.365152
23	6	-1.716877	-2.268079	-0.358055
24	1	-2.700235	-1.823036	-0.507063
25	1	-1.780502	-3.297908	-0.711870
26	6	-1.461578	-2.254343	1.142192
27	6	-1.295230	-0.722622	-2.168256

28	1	-0.514106	-0.284069	-2.788032
29	1	-1.935775	-1.326325	-2.814638
30	6	-2.092486	0.421451	-1.557489
31	8	-0.474173	1.718936	1.730866
32	1	0.106286	1.977960	2.471245
33	1	-0.688568	2.529005	1.215476
34	8	-0.727250	3.795056	0.016167
35	8	1.371339	2.133222	3.736411
36	1	-0.171777	3.234638	-0.545239
37	1	-1.611694	3.769013	-0.394750
38	1	1.102421	1.769204	4.580202
39	1	1.742835	1.386618	3.230681
40	26	0.260516	0.226672	0.394770
41	8	-3.961809	0.677968	1.306388
42	1	-3.160448	0.784254	0.777408
43	1	-4.158504	-0.270033	1.295631
44	8	-4.553655	-2.120099	1.439793
45	8	-3.242672	3.593264	-1.148318
46	1	-3.131047	2.708043	-1.552320
47	1	-3.381314	4.194457	-1.880111
48	1	-4.937552	-2.545226	0.673038
49	1	-3.688452	-2.543718	1.572043
50	6	0.998238	-1.907359	-2.853431
51	6	2.185040	-2.822275	-1.486432
52	1	2.574338	-3.054907	-0.517293
53	1	2.510560	-3.424696	-2.308640
54	1	1.376953	-2.698009	-3.466903
55	1	0.418327	-1.158720	-3.351569

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Zero-point correction=                0.430168 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy=        0.466168
Thermal correction to Enthalpy=      0.467113
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= 0.361580
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -2899.529010
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= -2899.493010
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= -2899.492066
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= -2899.597598

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