Supporting Information

Reduction of Nitrite to Nitric Oxide and Generation of Reactive Chalcogen Species by Mononuclear Fe(II) and Zn(II) Complexes of Thiolate and Selenolate

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Experimental Procedures.

Experimental Procedure for the Generation, identification, and quantification of NO.

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] (3^{Zn}) with 2 equiv of 'BuSH. To a solution of 18.1 mg (0.04 mmol) of **3^{Zn}** in 0.5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added a solution of 7.2 mg (0.08 mmol) of 'BuSH in 0.5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ and the solution was allowed to stir overnight. The reaction mixture was then filtered through Celite. The filtrate was evaporated to dryness and the yellow solid residue thus obtained was washed twice with 2 mL of Et₂O. The solid product was then dried under vacuum, dissolved in a mixture of MeCN and MeOH and the resulting solution was filtered through Celite. Et₂O was allowed to diffuse into the filtrate at 0°C overnight to obtain the product as yellow, needle-shaped, crystals (12.5 mg, 68%). The identity of the product as the starting material $(3^{\mathbb{Z}n})$ was confirmed by unit cell determination of the single crystals and ¹H NMR spectroscopy. NO trapping. The experiment was carried out in a vial-inside-vial setup, to quantitatively trap nitric oxide (NO) by reaction with the (TPP)Co^{II} complex. A smaller vial containing 3^{Zn} (9.2 mg, 0.02 mmol) dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (~0.2 mL) was placed inside a larger vial containing (TPP)Co^{II} (13.4 mg, 0.02 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (~2 mL). The outer vial was sealed with a rubber septum. A solution of 'BuSH (3.6 mg, 0.04 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (~0.2 mL) was injected into the inner vial and allowed it to stand at room temperature for overnight with occasional shaking. The solution of the outer vial was evaporated to dryness, and the solid thus obtained was analyzed using FTIR and ¹H NMR spectroscopy. The yield of NO was found to be 11%, based on the relative integrals of the ¹H NMR resonances of (TPP)Co(NO) and unreacted (TPP)Co^{II}.

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] (3^{Zn}) with 2 equiv of PhCH₂SH. To a solution of 18.1 mg (0.04 mmol) of (**3^{Zn}**) in 0.5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added a solution of 9.9 mg (0.08 mmol) of PhCH₂SH in 0.5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ and the solution was allowed to stir overnight. Following this, 6.6 mg (0.06 mmol) of sodium tetrafluoroborate (NaBF₄) was added into the reaction mixture and was further stirred for an additional 2 hours. The reaction mixture was then filtered through S10

Celite. Et₂O was subsequently added to the filtrate until the complete precipitation of the metal complex took place. The solution was then again filtered through Celite. The filtrate was kept for GC-MS experiment. The solid residue was washed twice with 2 mL of Et₂O and dried under vacuum. The solid was then dissolved in a mixture of CH₂Cl₂ and MeOH and filtered through Celite. Et₂O was allowed to diffuse into the filtrate at 0°C overnight to obtain the product as yellow, needle-shaped, crystals (8.4 mg, 42%). The identity of the product, [(Py2ald)M]₂(BF₄)₂ $(5(BF_4)_2)$, was confirmed by a unit cell determination of the single crystals, mass spectrometry and ¹H NMR spectroscopy. **NO trapping:** The experiment was carried out in a vial-inside-vial setup as described in the preceding experiment for the reaction of $3^{\mathbb{Z}n}$ with 2 equiv of 'BuSH but by using $3^{\mathbb{Z}n}$ (9.2 mg, 0.02 mmol) and PhCH₂SH (5.0 mg, 0.04 mmol). Yield of NO = 41%. **Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] (3^{Zn}) with 1 equiv of PhSH.** A procedure similar to that described for 3^{Zn} with 2 equiv of PhCH₂SH was followed but by using 3^{Zn} (18.1 mg, 0.04) mmol) and PhSH (4.4 mg, 0.04 mmol) to obtain $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (5(BF₄)₂) as the product (11.6 mg, 58%). The identity of the product was confirmed by a unit cell determination of the single crystals, mass spectrometry and ¹H NMR spectroscopy. **NO trapping:** The experiment was carried out in a vial-inside-vial setup as described in the preceding experiment for the reaction of $3^{\mathbb{Z}n}$ with 2 equiv of 'BuSH but by using $3^{\mathbb{Z}n}$ (9.2 mg, 0.02 mmol) and PhSH (2.2 mg, 0.02 mmol). Yield of NO = 71%.

[(**Py2ald**)**Zn**(**ONO**)] (**3**^{**Zn**}) **with 2 equiv of PhSH.** A procedure similar to that described for $\mathbf{3}^{\mathbf{Zn}}$ with 2 equiv of PhCH₂SH was followed but by using using $\mathbf{3}^{\mathbf{Zn}}$ (18.1 mg, 0.04 mmol) and PhSH (8.8 mg, 0.08 mmol) to obtain [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] ($\mathbf{1a}^{\mathbf{Zn}}$) as the product (15 mg, 72%). The identity of the product was confirmed by a unit cell determination of the single crystals, and ¹H NMR spectroscopy. NO trapping: The experiment was carried out in a vial-inside-vial setup as described in the preceding experiment for the reaction of $\mathbf{3}^{\mathbf{Zn}}$ with 2 equiv of *'*BuSH but by using $\mathbf{3}^{\mathbf{Zn}}$ (9.2 mg, 0.02 mmol) and PhSH (4.4 mg, 0.04 mmol). Yield of NO = 74%.

[(**Py2ald**)**Zn**(**ONO**)] (3^{Zn}) with 2 equiv of PhSeH. A procedure similar to that described for 3^{Zn} with 2 equiv of PhCH₂SH was followed but by using using 3^{Zn} (18.1 mg, 0.04 mmol) and PhSeH (12.6 mg, 0.08 mmol) to obtain [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}) as the product (16.1 mg, 71%). The identity of the product was confirmed by a unit cell determination of the single crystals, and ¹H NMR spectroscopy. NO trapping: The experiment was carried out in a vial-inside-vial setup as described in the preceding experiment for the reaction of 3^{Zn} with 2 equiv of 'BuSH but by using 3^{Zn} (9.2 mg, 0.02 mmol) and PhSeH (6.3 mg, 0.04 mmol). Yield of NO = 81%.

Trapping of NO generated in the reaction of $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BF4)_2 (5^{Fe}(BF4)_2)$ with 4 equiv of (Bu4N)(NO₂). The experiment was carried out in a vial-inside-vial setup, to quantitatively trap nitric oxide (NO) by reaction with the (TPP)Co^{II} complex. A smaller vial containing $5^{Fe}(BF_4)_2$ (20 mg, 0.02 mmol) dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (~0.3 mL) was placed inside a larger vial containing (TPP)Co^{II} (26.8 mg, 0.04 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (~4 mL). The outer vial was sealed with a rubber septum. A solution of (Bu₄N)(NO₂) (23 mg, 0.08 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (~0.3 mL) was injected into The solution of the outer vial was evaporated to dryness, and the solid thus obtained was analyzed using FTIR and ¹H NMR spectroscopy. The yield of NO was found to be 1.80 equiv, based on the relative integrals of the ¹H NMR resonances of (TPP)Co(NO) and unreacted (TPP)Co^{II}.

Trapping of NO generated in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (1a^{Fe}) with 3 equiv of (Bu4N)(NO₂). The experiment was carried out in a vial-inside-vial setup as described in the preceding experiment for the reaction of $5(BF_4)_2$ with 4 equiv of $(Bu_4N)(NO_2)$ was followed but by using $1a^{Fe}$ (10.3 mg, 0.02 mmol) and $(Bu_4N)(NO_2)$ (17.3 mg, 0.06 mmol). Yield of NO = 1.56 equiv.

Trapping of NO generated in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}) with 3 equiv of (**Bu4N**)(**NO**₂). The experiment was carried out in a vial-inside-vial setup as described in the preceding experiment for the reaction of $5(BF_4)_2$ with 4 equiv of (Bu4N)(NO₂) was followed S12

but by using 2^{Fe} (11.2 mg, 0.02 mmol) and (Bu₄N)(NO₂) (17.3 mg, 0.06 mmol). Yield of NO = 1.65 equiv.

Reaction of [{(Py2ald)(ONO)Fe}2-µ2-O] (8^{Fe}) with 4 equiv of PhSH. To a solution of 36.5 mg (0.04 mmol) of 8^{Fe} in 0.5 mL of DCM was added a solution of 17.6 mg (0.16 mmol) of PhSH in 0.5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ and the solution was allowed to stir overnight. The reaction mixture was then filtered through Celite. Et₂O was subsequently added to the filtrate until the complete precipitation of the metal complex took place. The solution was then again filtered through Celite. The filtrate was kept for GC-MS experiment. The solid residue was washed twice with 2 mL of Et₂O and dried under vacuum. The solid product was dissolved in 1 mL MeOH followed by the addition of NaBPh₄ (20.5 mg, 0.06 mmol). The solution was stirred for 30 min during which the precipitation of a brown solid was observed. The brown solid was separated from the reaction mixture, washed twice with MeOH followed by Et₂O and dried under vacuum. The solid was then dissolved in DMF and filtered through Celite. Et₂O was allowed to diffuse into the filtrate at 0°C overnight to obtain the product as brown, needle-shaped, crystals of [{(Py2ald)Fe}2](BPh4)2 (5^{Fe}(BPh4)2) (31.8 mg, 55%). The product was identified by unit cell determination of the single crystals and mass spectrometry. NO trapping: The experiment was carried out in a vial-inside-vial setup (mentioned earlier), to quantitatively trap nitric oxide (NO) with the (TPP)Co^{II} complex. A smaller vial containing 8^{Fe} (18.25 mg, 0.02 mmol) dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (~0.2 mL) was placed inside a larger vial containing (TPP)Co^{II} (26.8 mg, 0.04 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (~4 mL). The outer vial was sealed with a rubber septum. A solution of PhSH (8.8 mg, 0.08 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (~0.2 mL) was injected into the inner vial and allowed it to stand at RT for overnight with occasional shaking. The solution of the outer vial was evaporated to dryness, and the solid thus obtained was analyzed using FTIR and ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Yield of NO = 1.42 equiv.

Reaction of $[{(Py2ald)(ONO)Fe}_2-\mu_2-O]$ (8^{Fe}) with 6 equiv of PhSH. The procedure described above for the reaction of 8^{Fe} with 4 equiv of PhSH was followed but by using 8^{Fe} S13

(36.5 mg, 0.04 mmol) and PhSH (26.4 mg, 0.24 mmol) while addition of NaBPh₄ was not required. The product, **[(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)]** ($1a^{Fe}$) was obtained as orange, needle-shaped, crystals (23.7 mg, 58%) and was identified by unit cell determination of the single crystals. **NO trapping:** The procedure described above for the reaction of 8^{Fe} with 4 equiv of PhSH was followed but by using 8^{Fe} (18.25 mg, 0.02 mmol) and PhSH (13.2 mg, 0.12 mmol). Yield of NO = 1.70 equiv.

Reaction of [{(**Py2ald**)(**ONO**)**Fe**}_{2- μ_2 -**O**] (8^{Fe}) with 4 equiv of PhSeH. The procedure described above for the reaction of 8^{Fe} with 4 equiv of PhSH was followed but by using 8^{Fe} (36.5 mg, 0.04 mmol), PhSeH (25.1 mg, 0.16 mmol) and NaBPh₄ (20.5 mg, 0.06 mmol). The product, [{(**Py2ald**)**Fe**}₂](**BPh**₄)₂ (5^{Fe}(BPh₄)₂) was obtained as brown, needle-shaped, crystals (32.8 mg, 57%) and was identified by unit cell determination of the single crystals and mass spectrometry. **NO trapping:** The procedure described above for the reaction of 8^{Fe} with 4 equiv of PhSH was followed but by using 8^{Fe} (18.25 mg, 0.02 mmol) and PhSeH (12.6 mg, 0.08 mmol). Yield of NO = 1.66 equiv.}

Reaction of [{(**Py2ald**)(**ONO**)**Fe**}_{2- μ_2 -**O**] (8^{Fe}) with 6 equiv of PhSeH. The procedure described above for the reaction of 8^{Fe} with 4 equiv of PhSH was followed but by using 8^{Fe} (36.5 mg, 0.04 mmol) and PhSeH (37.7 mg, 0.24 mmol) while addition of NaBPh₄ was not required. The product, [(**Py2ald**)**Fe**(**SePh**)] (2^{Fe}) was obtained as orange, needle-shaped, crystals (28.1 mg, 63%) and was identified by unit cell determination of the single crystals. **NO trapping:** The procedure described above for the reaction of 8^{Fe} with 4 equiv of PhSH was followed but by using 8^{Fe} (18.25 mg, 0.02 mmol) and PhSeH ((18.8 mg, 0.12 mmol). Yield of NO = 1.76 equiv.}

Experimental Procedure for Transfer Reactions.

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (1a^{Zn}) with MeI. To a solution of 20.8 mg (0.04 mmol) of 1a^{Zn} in 0.5 mL of DMF was added a solution of 5.7 mg (0.04 mmol) of Iodomethane (MeI) in 0.5 mL of DMF and the solution was allowed to stir overnight. Following this, 6.6 mg (0.06 S14

mmol) of sodium tetrafluoroborate (NaBF₄) was added into the reaction mixture and further stirred for an additional 2 hours. The reaction mixture was then filtered through Celite. Et₂O was subsequently added to the filtrate until the complete precipitation of the metal complex occurred. The solution was then again filtered through Celite. The resulting solid residue was washed twice with 2 mL of Et₂O and the remaining solution was kept for GC-MS experiment. The solid product was then dried under vacuum, dissolved in a mixture of 0.5 mL MeOH and 0.5 mL EtOH and the resulting solution was filtered through Celite. Et₂O was allowed to diffuse into the filtrate at 0°C overnight to obtain the product as yellow, needle-shaped, crystals of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ ($5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2$) in 62% yield (12.4 mg). The compound, $5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2$, was identified by ¹H NMR spectroscopy and mass spectrometry.

A similar procedure was followed for the following transfer reactions using the specified amount of the reactants. The compound, $5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2$, was identified by ¹H NMR spectroscopy and mass spectrometry in each case.

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (1a^{Zn}) with PhCH₂Br. 20.8 mg (0.04 mmol) of **1a^{Zn}** and 6.8 mg (0.04 mmol) of PhCH₂Br in DMF. Yield of **5^{Zn}(BF₄)₂ = 59% (11.8 mg)**.

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] ($1a^{Zn}$) with MeC(O)Cl. 20.8 mg (0.04 mmol) of $1a^{Zn}$ and 3.1 mg (0.04 mmol) of MeC(O)Cl in DMF. Yield of $5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2 = 58\%$ (11.6 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (1a^{Zn}) with PhC(O)Cl. 20.8 mg (0.04 mmol) of **1a^{Zn}** and 5.6 mg (0.04 mmol) of PhC(O)Cl in MeCN. Yield of $5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2 = 67\%$ (13.4 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (1a^{Zn}) with CH₂Br₂. 20.8 mg (0.04 mmol) of **1a^{Zn}** and 3.5 mg (0.03 mmol) of CH₂Br₂ in DMF. Yield of **5^{Zn}(BF₄)**₂ = 71% (14.2 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}) with MeI. 22.7 mg (0.04 mmol) of 2^{Zn} and 5.7 mg (0.04 mmol) of MeI in DMF. Yield of $5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2 = 38\%$ (7.6 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}) with PhCH₂Br. 22.7 mg (0.04 mmol) of 2^{Zn} and 6.8 mg (0.04 mmol) of PhCH₂Br in DMF. Yield of $5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2 = 55\%$ (11 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}) with MeC(O)Cl. 22.7 mg (0.04 mmol) of 2^{Zn} and 3.1 mg (0.04 mmol) of MeC(O)Cl in DMF. Yield of $5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2 = 40\%$ (8 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}) with PhC(O)Cl. 22.7 mg (0.04 mmol) of 2^{Zn} and 5.6 mg (0.04 mmol) of PhC(O)Cl in MeCN. Yield of $5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2 = 52\%$ (10.4 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}) with CH₂Br₂. 22.7 mg (0.04 mmol) of 2^{Zn} and 3.5 mg (0.03 mmol) of CH₂Br₂ in DMF. Yield of $5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2 = 68\%$ (13.6 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (1a^{Fe}) with MeI. To a solution of 20.5 mg (0.04 mmol) of 1a^{Fe} in 0.5 mL of DMF was added a solution of 5.7 mg (0.04 mmol) of Iodomethane (MeI) and the solution was allowed to stir overnight. The reaction mixture was then filtered through Celite. Et₂O was subsequently added to the filtrate until the complete precipitation of the metal complex occurred. The solution was then again filtered through Celite. The resulting solid residue was washed twice with 2 mL of Et₂O and the remaining solution was kept for GC-MS experiment. The solid product was then dried under vacuum and dissolved in 1 mL MeOH. Following this, 20.5 mg (0.06 mmol) of sodium tetraphenylborate (NaBPh₄) was added into the solution and further stirred for an additional 30 min. During this period, immediate precipitation of a brown solid was observed. Then the brown solid is separated from the reaction mixture and washed twice with MeOH and Et₂O and dried under vacuum. The solid was then redissolved in DMF and filtered through Celite. Et₂O was allowed to diffuse into the filtrate at 0°C overnight to obtain the product as brown, needle-shaped, crystals of [(Py2ald)Fe]₂(BPh₄)₂ (**5**^{Fe}(BPh₄)₂) in 63% yield (18.2 mg). The compound was identified by unit cell determination of the single crystals and mass spectrometry.

A similar procedure was followed for the following transfer reactions using the specified amount of the reactants. The compound, $5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2$, was identified by unit cell determination of the single crystals and mass spectrometry in each case.

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (1a^{Fe}) with PhCH₂Br. 20.5 mg (0.04 mmol) of 1a^{Fe} and 6.8 mg (0.04 mmol) of PhCH₂Br in DMF. Yield of $(5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2) = 78\%$ (22.5 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] ($1a^{Fe}$) with MeC(O)Cl. 20.5 mg (0.04 mmol) of $1a^{Fe}$ and 3.1 mg (0.04 mmol) of MeC(O)Cl in DMF. Yield of ($5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2$) = 76% (22 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (1a^{Fe}) with PhC(O)Cl. 20.5 mg (0.04 mmol) of $1a^{Fe}$ and 5.6 mg (0.04 mmol) of PhC(O)Cl in MeCN. Yield of $(5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2) = 59\%$ (17 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (1a^{Fe}) with CH₂Br₂. 20.5 mg (0.04 mmol) of **1a^{Fe}** and 3.5 mg (0.03 mmol) of CH₂Br₂ in DMF. Yield (**5^{Fe}(BPh₄)**₂) = 87% (25.1 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}) with MeI. 22.3 mg (0.04 mmol) of 2^{Fe} and 5.7 mg (0.04 mmol) of MeI in DMF. Yield ($5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2$) = 34% (9.8 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}) with PhCH₂Br. 22.3 mg (0.04 mmol) of 2^{Fe} and 6.8 mg (0.04 mmol) of PhCH₂Br in DMF. Yield ($5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2$) = 58% (16.7 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}) with MeC(O)Cl. 22.3 mg (0.04 mmol) of 2^{Fe} and 3.1 mg (0.04 mmol) of MeC(O)Cl in DMF. Yield ($5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2$) = 43% (12.4 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}) with PhC(O)Cl. 22.3 mg (0.04 mmol) of 2^{Fe} and 5.6 mg (0.04 mmol) of PhC(O)Cl in MeCN. Yield ($5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2$) = 55% (15.9 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}) with CH₂Br₂. 22.3 mg (0.04 mmol) of **2^{Fe}** and 3.5 mg (0.03 mmol) of CH₂Br₂ in DMF. Yield (**5^{Fe}(BPh₄)**₂) = 83% (24 mg).

Experimental Procedure for the Transfer of Reactive Sulfur/Selenium Species.

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (1a^{Zn}) with S₈ and MeI. To a solution of 20.8 mg (0.04 mmol) of $1a^{Zn}$ in 1 mL of DMF was added 5.1 mg (0.02 mmol) of S₈ and the solution was allowed to stir for 4h. After that 5.7 mg (0.04 mmol) of Iodomethane (MeI) was added to the reaction mixture and the solution was allowed to stir overnight. Following this, 6.6 mg (0.06 mmol) of sodium tetrafluoroborate (NaBF₄) was added into the reaction mixture and further stirred for an additional 2 hours. The reaction mixture was then filtered through Celite. Et₂O was subsequently added to the filtrate until the complete precipitation of the metal complex occurred. The solution was then again filtered through Celite. The resulting solid residue was washed twice with 2 mL of Et₂O and the remaining solution was kept for GC-MS experiment.

The solid product was then dried under vacuum, dissolved in a mixture of 0.5 mL MeOH and 0.5 mL EtOH and the resulting solution was filtered through Celite. Et₂O was allowed to diffuse into the filtrate at 0°C overnight to obtain the product as yellow, needle-shaped, crystals of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5^{Zn}(BF**₄)₂) in 53% yield (10.6 mg). The compound, **5^{Zn}(BF**₄)₂, was identified by ¹H NMR spectroscopy and mass spectrometry.

A similar procedure was followed for the following reactions using the specified amount of the reactants. The compound, $5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2$, was identified by ¹H NMR spectroscopy and mass spectrometry in each case.

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (1a^{Zn}) with S₈ and PhCH₂Br. 20.8 mg (0.04 mmol) of 1a^{Zn}, 5.1 mg (0.02 mmol) of S₈ and 6.8 mg (0.04 mmol) of PhCH₂Br in DMF. Yield of $5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2 =$ 51% (10.2 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SC₆H₄-2,6-Me₂)] (1b^{Zn}) with S₈ and MeI. 21.92 mg (0.04 mmol) of 1b^{Zn}, 5.1 mg (0.02 mmol) of S₈ and 5.7 mg (0.04 mmol) of MeI in DMF. Yield of $5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2 = 55\%$ (11 mg).

Reaction of $[(Py2ald)Zn(SC_6H_4-2,6-Me_2)]$ (1b^{Zn}) with S₈ and PhCH₂Br. 21.92 mg (0.04 mmol) of 1b^{Zn}, 5.1 mg (0.02 mmol) of S₈ and 6.8 mg (0.04 mmol) of PhCH₂Br in DMF. Yield of 5^{Zn}(BF₄)₂ = 47% (9.4 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}) with S₈ and MeI. 22.7 mg (0.04 mmol) of 2^{Zn} , 5.1 mg (0.02 mmol) of S₈ and 5.7 mg (0.04 mmol) of MeI in DMF. Yield of $5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2 = 48\%$ (9.6 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}) with S₈ and EtBr. 22.7 mg (0.04 mmol) of 2^{Zn} , 5.1 mg (0.02 mmol) of S₈ and 4.35 mg (0.04 mmol) of EtBr in DMF. Yield of $5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2 = 53\%$ (10.6 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (1a^{Fe}) with S₈ and MeI. To a solution of 20.5 mg (0.04 mmol) of $1a^{Fe}$ in 1 mL of DMF was added 5.1 mg (0.02 mmol) of S₈ and the solution was allowed to stir for 4h. After that 5.7 mg (0.04 mmol) of Iodomethane (MeI) was added to the reaction S18

mixture and the solution was allowed to stir overnight. The reaction mixture was then filtered through Celite. Et₂O was subsequently added to the filtrate until the complete precipitation of the metal complex occurred. The solution was then again filtered through Celite. The resulting solid residue was washed twice with 2 mL of Et₂O and the remaining solution was kept for GC-MS experiment. The solid product was then dried under vacuum and dissolved in 1 mL MeOH. Following this, 20.5 mg (0.06 mmol) of sodium tetraphenylborate (NaBPh₄) was added into the solution and further stirred for an additional 30 min. During this period, immediate precipitation of a brown solid was observed. Then the brown solid is separated from the reaction mixture and washed twice with MeOH and Et₂O and dried under vacuum. The solid was then redissolved in DMF and filtered through Celite. Et₂O was allowed to diffuse into the filtrate at 0°C overnight to obtain the product as brown, needle-shaped, crystals of $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2(5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2)$ in 61% yield (17.6 mg).

A similar procedure was followed for the following reactions using the specified amount of the reactants. The compound, $5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2$, was identified by unit cell determination of the single crystals and mass spectrometry in each case.

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (1a^{Fe}) with S₈ and PhCH₂Br. 20.5 mg (0.04 mmol) of 1a^{Fe}, 5.1 mg (0.02 mmol) of S₈ and 6.8 mg (0.04 mmol) of PhCH₂Br in DMF. Yield of $5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2$ = 62% (17.9 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SC₆H₄-2,6-Me₂)] (1b^{Fe}) with S₈ and MeI. 21.58 mg (0.04 mmol) of **1b^{Fe}**, 5.1 mg (0.02 mmol) of S₈ and 5.7 mg (0.04 mmol) of MeI in DMF. Yield of **5^{Fe}(BPh₄)**₂ = 59% (17 mg).

Reaction of $[(Py2ald)Fe(SC_6H_4-2,6-Me_2)]$ (1b^{Fe}) with S₈ and PhCH₂Br. 21.58 mg (0.04 mmol) of 1b^{Fe}, 5.1 mg (0.02 mmol) of S₈ and 6.8 mg (0.04 mmol) of PhCH₂Br in DMF. Yield of 5^{Fe}(BPh₄)₂ = 61% (17.6 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}) with S₈ and MeI. 22.3 mg (0.04 mmol) of 2^{Fe} , 5.1 mg (0.02 mmol) of S₈ and 5.7 mg (0.04 mmol) of MeI in DMF. Yield of $5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2 = 56\%$ (16.2 mg).

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}) with S₈ and EtBr. 22.3 mg (0.04 mmol) of **2^{Fe}**, 5.1 mg (0.02 mmol) of S₈ and 4.35 mg (0.04 mmol) of EtBr in DMF. Yield of **5^{Fe}(BPh₄)**₂ = 49% (14.2 mg).

Reaction of [{(Py2ald)Fe}2](BF4)2 (5^{Fe}(BF4)2) with 2 equiv of (Cp2Fe)(BF4) and (Bu4N)(NO2). To a solution of 5^{Fe}(BF4)2 (20 mg, 0.02 mmol) in MeCN (~0.3 mL) was added a solution of (Cp2Fe)(BF4) (10.9 mg, 0.04 mmol) in MeCN (~4 mL) and the solution was allowed to stir overnight. Then a solution of (Bu4N)(NO2) (11.5 mg, 0.04 mmol) in MeCN (~0.3 mL) was added into the reaction mixture and allowed it to stir for 4 h. The reaction mixture was then evaporated to dryness and the brown solid residue thus obtained was washed twice with 2 mL of Et2O. The solid product was then dried under vacuum, dissolved in a mixture of CH₂Cl₂ and EtOH and the resulting solution was filtered through Celite. Et₂O was allowed to diffuse into the filtrate at 0°C overnight to obtain the product as brown, needle-shaped, crystals (13 mg, 62%). The compound was identified to be [{(Py2ald)(ONO)Fe}₂- μ_2 -O] (8^{Fe}) by unit cell determination of the single crystals.

Reaction of [{(Py2ald)(ONO)Fe}₂- μ_2 -O] (8^{Fe}) with 4 equiv of Cp₂Co. To a solution of 36.5 mg (0.04 mmol) of 8^{Fe} in 0.5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added a solution of 30.3 mg (0.16 mmol) of Cp₂Co in 0.5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ and the solution was allowed to stir overnight. The reaction mixture was then evaporated to dryness and the brown-colored solid residue thus obtained was washed twice with 2 mL of Et₂O. The solid product was then dried under vacuum and dissolved in 1 mL MeOH. Following this, 20.5 mg (0.06 mmol) of sodium tetraphenylborate (NaBPh₄) was added into the solution and further stirred for an additional 30 min. During this period, immediate precipitation of a brown solid was observed. Then the brown solid was separated

from the reaction mixture and washed twice with MeOH and Et₂O and dried under vacuum. The solid was then dissolved in DMF and filtered through Celite. Et₂O was allowed to diffuse into the filtrate at 0°C overnight to obtain the product as brown, needle-shaped, crystals (44 mg, 76%). The compound was identified to be $[{(Py2ald)Fe}_2](BPh_4)_2(5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2)$ by unit cell determination of the single crystals.

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (1a^{Zn}) with (Cp2Fe)(BF4). To a solution of 20.8 mg (0.04 mmol) of $1a^{Zn}$ in 0.5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added a solution of 10.91 mg (0.04 mmol) of (Cp₂Fe)(BF4) in 0.5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then filtered through Celite, the filtrate was evaporated to dryness and the solid residue thus obtained was washed twice with 2 mL of Et₂O. The solid product was then dried under vacuum, dissolved in a mixture of 0.5 mL MeOH and 0.5 mL EtOH and the resulting solution was filtered through Celite. Et₂O was allowed to diffuse into the filtrate at 0°C overnight to obtain the product, [(Py2ald)Zn]₂(BF₄)₂ ($5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2$), as yellow, needle-shaped, crystals (13.2 mg, 66%). Identity of the compound was confirmed by unit cell determination of the single crystals, ¹H NMR spectroscopy and mass spectrometry.

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (1a^{Fe}) with (Cp2Fe)(BF4). To a solution of 20.5 mg (0.04 mmol) of $1a^{Fe}$ in 0.5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added a solution of 10.91 mg (0.04 mmol) of (Cp₂Fe)(BF4) in 0.5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then filtered through Celite, the filtrate was evaporated to dryness and the solid residue thus obtained was washed twice with 2 mL of Et₂O. The solid product was then dried under vacuum and dissolved in 1 mL MeOH. NaBPh₄ (20.5 mg, 0.06 mmol) was added into the solution and the solution was stirred for an additional 30 min. During this period, immediate precipitation of a brown solid was observed. Then the brown solid was separated from the reaction mixture, washed twice with MeOH and Et₂O and dried under vacuum. The solid was then dissolved in DMF and filtered through Celite. Et₂O was allowed to diffuse into

the filtrate at 0°C overnight to obtain the product, $[{(Py2ald)Fe}_2](BPh_4)_2$ (**5**^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2), as brown, needle-shaped, crystals (20.5 mg, 71%). Identity of the compound was confirmed by unit cell determination of the single crystals and mass spectrometry.

Reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(2,6-Me₂-C₆H₃S)] (1b^{Fe}) with (Cp₂Fe)(BF₄). A procedure similar to that described above for the reaction of $1a^{Fe}$ with (Cp₂Fe)(BF₄) was followed but by using $1b^{Fe}$ (21.58 mg, 0.04 mmol), (Cp₂Fe)(BF₄) (10.91 mg, 0.04 mmol) and NaBPh₄ (20.5 mg, 0.06 mmol). Identity of the product, [{(Py2ald)Fe}₂](BPh₄)₂ (5^{Fe}(BPh₄)₂), (16.6 mg, 68%) was confirmed by unit cell determination of the single crystals and mass spectrometry.

Reaction of [(**Py2ald**)**Fe**(**SePh**)] (2^{Fe}) **with** (**Cp2Fe**)(**BF4**). A procedure similar to that described above for the reaction of $1a^{Fe}$ with (Cp2Fe)(BF4) was followed but by using 2^{Fe} (22.3 mg, 0.04 mmol), (Cp2Fe)(BF4) (10.91 mg, 0.04 mmol) and NaBPh4 (20.5 mg, 0.06 mmol). Identity of the product, [{(Py2ald)Fe}2](BPh4)2 (5^{Fe}(BPh4)2), (21.6 mg, 75%) was confirmed by unit cell determination of the single crystals and mass spectrometry.

Reactions	Unit cell parameters							
(in the presence of NaBF ₄)	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	α (°)	β (°)	γ (°)	V (Å) ³	
$1a^{Zn} + MeI$	9.63	10.14	10.45	103.14°	90.22°	91.44°	993	
$1a^{Zn} + PhCH_2Br$	9.87	10.10	10.51	105.21°	90.94°	91.21°	1011	
$1a^{Zn} + MeC(O)Cl$	9.84	10.15	10.56	105.00°	90.92°	91.31°	1018	
$1a^{Zn} + PhC(O)Cl$	9.87	10.12	10.50	105.66°	90.62°	91.45°	1010	
$1a^{Zn} + CH_2Br_2$	9.87	10.10	10.51	105.21°	90.94°	91.21°	1011	
$2^{\mathbf{Zn}} + \mathrm{MeI}$	9.86	10.31	10.43	104.23°	90.58°	91.50°	1027	
$2^{\mathbf{Zn}} + PhCH_2Br$	9.85	10.29	10.50	104.24°	90.64°	91.75°	1031	
$2^{\mathbb{Z}n} + \operatorname{MeC}(O)\operatorname{Cl}$	9.86	10.15	10.46	104.95°	90.99°	91.58°	1010	
$2^{\mathbf{Zn}} + PhC(O)Cl$	9.86	10.22	10.38	105.35°	90.77°	91.79°	1008	
$2^{\mathbf{Zn}} + CH_2Br_2$	9.90	10.29	10.45	104.75°	90.87°	91.77°	1029	
$1a^{Zn} + S_8 + MeI$	10.06	10.13	10.48	104.23°	91.61°	92.49°	1027	
$1a^{Zn} + S_8 + PhCH_2Br$	9.94	10.09	10.44	105.01°	90.58°	91.54°	1011	
$\mathbf{1b^{Zn} + S_8 + MeI}$	9.89	10.17	10.50	105.31°	90.57°	91.62°	1018	
$\mathbf{1b}^{\mathbf{Zn}} + \mathbf{S}_8 + \mathbf{PhCH}_2\mathbf{Br}$	9.93	10.09	10.44	104.93°	90.66°	91.61°	1011	
$2^{\mathbf{Zn}} + S_8 + MeI$	9.88	10.09	10.49	105.62°	90.55°	91.79°	1006	
$2^{\mathbf{Zn}} + S_8 + EtBr$	9.91	10.14	10.50	105.78°	91.07°	91.78°	1015	
$1a^{\mathbf{Zn}} + (\mathbf{Cp}_2\mathbf{Fe})(\mathbf{BF}_4)$	9.81	10.34	10.37	105.41°	91.30°	90.46°	1014	
$3^{\mathbf{Zn}}$ + 2 equiv PhCH ₂ SH	9.93	10.19	10.49	104.85°	90.71°	91.29°	1026	
$3^{\mathbf{Zn}} + 1$ equiv PhSH	9.91	10.11	10.50	105.27°	90.80°	91.96°	1013	
Authentic sample of 5^{Zn}(BF4) 2	9.8506	10.1305	10.4984	105.549°	90.387°	91.566°	1008.8	

Table S1. Unit cell parameters for $5^{\mathbb{Z}n}(BF_4)_2$ obtained from different reactions.

Reactions	Unit cell parameters						
	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	α (°)	β (°)	γ (°)	V (Å) ³
$3^{\mathbf{Zn}}$ + 2 equiv PhSH	10.59	12.13	19.06	90°	90°	90°	2447
$3^{\mathbf{Zn}}$ + 1 equiv NaSPh	10.44	12.05	18.60	90°	90°	90°	2339
Authentic sample of 1a^{Zn}	19.047	12.115	10.586	90°	90°	90°	2442.7

Table S2. Unit cell parameters for $1a^{Zn}$ obtained from different reactions.

Table S3. Unit cell parameters for 2^{Zn} obtained from different reactions.

Reactions	Unit cell parameters						
	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	α (°)	β (°)	γ (°)	V (Å) ³
$3^{\mathbf{Zn}}$ + 2 equiv PhSeH	10.38	12.10	19.18	90°	90°	90°	2410
Authentic sample of 2^{Z_n}	19.1361	12.0931	10.4127	90°	90°	90°	2409.65

Table S4. Unit cell parameters for $3^{\mathbb{Z}n}$ obtained from different reactions.

Reactions	Unit cell parameters							
	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	α (°)	β (°)	γ (°)	V (Å) ³	
$3^{\mathbf{Zn}} + 2$ equiv 'BuSH	11.91	15.52	21.30	90°	90°	90°	3936	
Authentic sample of 3^{Zn}	15.507	11.929	21.331	90°	90°	90°	3945.9	

Reaction	Unit cell parameters								
(in the presence of NaBPh ₄)	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	α (°)	β (°)	γ (°)	V (Å) ³		
1a ^{Fe} + MeI	11.29	12.60	14.94	103.51°	110.11°	104.92°	1803		
$1a^{Fe} + PhCH_2Br$	11.27	12.60	14.92	103.29°	110.22°	105.02°	1796		
1a ^{Fe} + MeC(O)Cl	11.26	12.59	14.89	103.27°	110.27°	105.08°	1789		
1a ^{Fe} + PhC(O)Cl	11.26	12.60	14.91	103.26°	110.25°	105.05°	1794		
$\mathbf{1a^{Fe}} + CH_2Br_2$	11.27	12.61	14.92	103.17°	110.12°	105.07°	1798		
2 ^{Fe} + MeI	11.26	12.59	14.90	103.26°	110.27°	105.08°	1789		
$2^{Fe} + PhCH_2Br$	11.30	12.63	14.96	103.40°	110.12°	104.97°	1812		
$2^{Fe} + MeC(O)Cl$	11.26	12.61	14.90	103.23°	110.24°	105.10°	1794		
$2^{Fe} + PhC(O)Cl$	11.26	12.59	14.89	103.33°	110.18°	105.04°	1792		
$2^{Fe} + CH_2Br_2$	11.28	12.63	14.91	103.25°	110.21°	105.12°	1800		
$1a^{Fe} + S_8 + MeI$	11.30	12.65	14.94	103.37°	110.06°	104.99°	1831		
$\mathbf{1a^{Fe} + S_8 + PhCH_2Br}$	11.29	12.62	14.94	103.34°	110.13°	105.00°	1807		
$\mathbf{1b^{Fe}} + \mathbf{S_8} + \mathbf{MeI}$	11.28	12.62	14.90	103.17°	110.25°	105.19°	1798		
$\mathbf{1b^{Fe}} + \mathbf{S_8} + \mathbf{PhCH_2Br}$	11.31	12.65	14.95	103.39°	110.06°	104.99°	1817		
$2^{Fe}+S_8+MeI$	11.26	12.60	14.90	103.26°	110.27°	105.06°	1791		
$2^{Fe}+S_8+EtBr$	11.28	12.61	14.93	103.26°	110.24°	105.03°	1801		
$1\mathbf{a}^{\mathrm{Fe}} + (\mathrm{Cp}_{2}\mathrm{Fe})(\mathrm{BF}_{4})$	11.27	12.62	14.90	103.06°	110.31°	105.20°	1797		
$\mathbf{1b^{Fe}} + (Cp_2Fe)(BF_4)$	11.28	12.63	14.89	103.05°	110.28°	105.22°	1798		
$\mathbf{2^{Fe}} + (Cp_2Fe)(BF_4)$	11.30	12.66	14.94	103.30°	110.13°	105.04°	1815		
8 ^{Fe} + 4 equiv PhSH	11.30	12.64	14.95	103.45°	110.10°	105.02°	1812		
8 ^{Fe} + 4 equiv PhSeH	11.27	12.62	14.90	103.06°	110.31°	105.20°	1797		
8^{Fe} + 4 equiv Cp ₂ Co	11.27	12.61	14.92	103.15°	110.27°	105.10°	1800		
Authentic sample of 5 ^{Fe} (BPh ₄) ₂	11.1974	12.5730	14.8997	103.670°	110.022°	104.957°	1778.1		

Table S5. Unit cell parameters for $5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2$ obtained from different reactions.

Table S6. Unit cell parameters for 8^{Fe} obtained from different reactions.

Reactions	Unit cell parameters								
	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	α (°)	β(°)	γ (°)	V (Å) ³		
$1a^{Fe} + 3 equiv (Bu_4N)(NO_2)$	10.63	15.39	14.45	90°	98.79°	90°	2336		
2^{Fe} + 3 equiv (Bu ₄ N)(NO ₂)	10.60	15.74	14.65	90°	99.78°	90°	2409		
$5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2 + 2 \text{ equiv } (Cp_2Fe)(BF_4) + 2 \text{ equiv } (Bu_4N)(NO_2)$	10.81	15.56	14.51	90°	100.42°	90°	2400		
Authentic sample of 8 ^{Fe}	10.613	15.673	14.617	90°	100.532°	90°	2390.5		

Table S7. Unit cell parameters for $1a^{Fe}$ obtained from different reactions.

Reactions	Unit cell parameters							
	a (Å)	β (°)	γ (°)	V (Å) ³				
8^{Fe} + 6 equiv PhSH	10.44	12.04	19.04	90°	90°	90°	2393	
Authentic sample of 1a^{Fe}	19.0369	12.0159	10.4305	90°	90°	90°	2385.9	

Table S8. Unit cell parameters for 2^{Fe} obtained from different reactions.

Reactions	Unit cell parameters							
	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	α (°)	β (°)	γ (°)	V (Å) ³	
8^{Fe} + 6 equiv PhSeH	10.47	12.06	19.07	90°	90°	90°	2410	
Authentic sample of 2^{Fe}	19.172	12.076	10.439	90°	90°	90°	2416.7	

Table S9. Yields (GC) of products obtained by the transfer of reactive sulfur / selenium species

 (generated insitu by selected Zn(II) and Fe(II) compounds and elemental sulfur/selenium).

reactants	reactive sulfur / selenium species and by-products (yield)							
	MeI	PhCH ₂ Br / EtBr (for $2^{Zn/Fe}$)						
$1a^{Zn} + S_8$	Me-S-S-Ph (46%)	PhCH ₂ -S-S-Ph (58%)						
	Me-S-S-S-Me (3%)	$PhCH_2$ -S-S-CH ₂ Ph (3%)						
	Me-S-Ph (8%)	PhCH ₂ -S-S-CH ₂ Ph (8%)						
	PhS-SPh (18%)	PhCH ₂ -S-Ph (5%),						
		PhS-SPh (18%)						
$1b^{Zn} + S_8$	Me-S-S-2,6-Me ₂ -C ₆ H ₄ (46%)	PhCH ₂ -S-S-2,6-Me ₂ -C ₆ H ₄ (38%)						
	$(2,6-Me_2-C_6H_4-S)_2$ (15%)	$(2,6-Me_2-C_6H_4-S)_2(5\%)$						
$1a^{Fe} + S_8$	Me-S-S-Ph (58%)	PhCH ₂ -S-S-Ph (61%)						
	PhS-SPh (18%)	PhCH ₂ -S-Ph (5%)						
		PhS-SPh (16%)						
$1b^{Fe} + S_8$	Me-S-S-2,6-Me ₂ -C ₆ H ₄ (62%)	PhCH ₂ -S-S-2,6-Me ₂ -C ₆ H ₄ (71%)						
	$(2,6-Me_2-C_6H_4-S)_2$ (15%)	$(2,6-Me_2-C_6H_4-S)_2$ (11%)						
$2^{Zn} + S_8$	Me-S-Se-Ph (11%)	Et-S-Se-Ph (13%)						
	Ph-Se-Se-Ph (24%)	Et-S-S-S-Et (11%)						
	Me-S-S-S-S-Me (13%)	Et-Se-Ph (4%)						
		Ph-Se-Se-Ph (33%)						
$2^{Fe} + S_8$	Me-S-Se-Ph (14%)	Et-S-Se-Ph (15%)						
	Ph-Se-Se-Ph (30%)	Et-S-S-S-Et (13%)						
		Ph-Se-Se-Ph (34%)						

Table S10. X-ray crystallographic data for compounds 1a^{Zn}, 1b^{Zn}, 2^{Zn}, 3^{Zn}, 4^{Zn}, 5^{Zn}(BF₄)₂, 6^{Zn}

and 7^{Zn} .^a

Compounds	1a ^{Zn}	1b ^{Zn}	2 ^{Zn}	3 ^{Zn}	4 ^{Zn}	5^{Zn} (BF4)2	6 ^{Zn}	7 ^{Zn}
CCDC	2191754	2236890	2208800	2286781	2265576	2226860	2265573	2281940
deposition								
number	272	1.47	1.45	150	140	146	207	140
temp (K)	273	147	145	150	149	146	297	148
formula	C ₂₇ H ₂₅ N ₃ O ₂ SZn	C ₂₉ H ₂₉ N ₃ O ₂ SZn	C ₂₇ H ₂₅ N ₃ O ₂ SeZn	C ₂₁ H ₂₀ N ₄ O ₄ Zn	$C_{21}H_{21}Br_2N_3$ O_2Zn	C42H40B2 F8N6O4Zn2	$C_{21}H_{20}BrN_3$ O_2Zn	$C_{25}H_{21}N_5O_2$ S ₂ Zn
formula weight	520.93	548.98	567.83	457.78	572.60	997.16	491.68	552.96
Crystal system	orthorhombic	monoclinic	orthorhombic	orthorhombic	triclinic	triclinic	orthorhombic	monoclinic
space group	Pca2 ₁	$P2_1/n$	Pca2 ₁	Pbca	P1	P1	Pbca	$P2_1/n$
a, Å	19.047(6)	11.2316(14)	19.1361(8)	15.507(4)	7.734(2)	9.8506(14)	15.2257(12)	9.4688(5)
b, Å	12.115(4)	14.8312(18)	12.0931(5)	11.929(3)	8.957(3)	10.1305(15)	12.0543(9)	13.1273(8)
c, Å	10.586(4)	15.672(2)	10.4127(4)	21.331(5)	16.769(5)	10.4984(13)	21.5492(17)	20.2985(11)
α, deg	90	90	90	90	96.920(10)	105.549(12)	90	90
β, deg	90	103.532(13)	90	90	92.869(10)	90.387(11)	90	97.877(2)
γ, deg	90	90	90	90	92.869(10)	91.566(12)	90	90
V, Å ³	2442.7(14)	2538.1(6)	2409.65(17)	3945.9(17)	1062.3(5)	1008.8(2)	3955.0(5)	2499.3(2)
Ζ	4	4	4	8	2	1	8	4
ρcalcd, gm/cm ³	1.417	1.437	1.565	1.541	1.790	1.641	1.651	1.470
μ, mm ⁻¹	1.120	1.082	2.560	1.282	4.940	1.279	3.284	1.182
θ range, deg	1.992-	1.916-	2.715-	2.318-	2.600-	2.866-	2.353-	2.267-
completeness	23.889	0.998	0.998	0.998	0.988	0.982	0.992	0.998
to θ , %	1.000	0.990	0.770	0.770	0.900	0.962	0.772	0.990
reflections collected	38165	23582	26224	28645	10448	8880	41854	26743
independent reflections	4728	4813	4240	3477	4001	3498	3740	4744
R(int)	0.0690	0.1444	0.0579	0.1141	0.0428	0.0865	0.0514	0.0648
Restraints ^b	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0
parameters	309	328	309	270	257	290	255	264
Max., min.	0.7453,	1.00000,	0.7453,	0.7452,	0.7453,	1.00000,	0.7453,	0.7453,
transmission	0.5752	0.25991	0.5300	0.6011	0.4585	0.61984	0.5103	0.6076
R1 ^c (wR2) ^d	0.0309	0.0777	0.0289	0.0451	0.0399	0.0757	0.0262	0.0805
[I>2sigma(I)]	(0.0567)	(0.1676)	(0.0550)	(0.1051)	(0.1045)	(0.1615)	(0.0611)	(0.2142)
R1°(wR2)°	0.0551 (0.0640)	0.1338 (0.2056)	0.0371 (0.0584)	0.0735 (0.1249)	0.0461 (0.1084)	0.1155 (0.1864)	0.0366 (0.0656)	0.1220 (0.2486)
GOF(F2) ^e	1.009	1.024	1.048	1.037	1.020	1.019	1.026	1.026
^f max, min peaks e Å ⁻³	0.295,	0.992,	0.334, -0.264	0.439,	2.162, -0.638	0.887, -1.094	0.469, -0.380	1.667, -2.072

^aMo Ka radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). ^b**3**^{Zn}, disordered nitrite. ^cR1 = Σ ||Fo|-|Fc||/ Σ |Fo|. ^dwR2 = { Σ [w(Fo2-Fc2)2]/ Σ [w(Fo2)2]}^{1/2}. ^eGOF = { Σ [w(Fo2-Fc2)2]/(n-p)}^{1/2}, where n is the number of data and p is the number of refined parameters. ^felectron density near: **1a**^{Zn}, phenyl ring of benzenethiolate; **1b**^{Zn}, sulfur atom; **2**^{Zn}, selenium atom; **3**^{Zn}, one pyridyl ring of the ligand; **4**^{Zn}, methyl group of the ligand; **5**^{Zn}(BF4)₂, zinc atom; **6**^{Zn}, bromine atom; **7**^{Zn}, phenyl ring of the ligand.

Compounds	1a ^{Fe}	1b ^{Fe}	2 ^{Fe}	5 ^{Fe} (BPh ₄) ₂	8 ^{Fe}
CCDC deposition	2227144	2227145	2233141	2233689	2288735
number					
temp (K)	155	160	148	145	125
formula	$C_{27}H_{25}FeN_3$	$C_{29}H_{29}FeN_3O_2S$	C ₂₇ H ₂₅ FeN ₃ O ₂ Se	$C_{90}H_{76}B_2Fe_2$	$C_{42}H_{40}Fe_2N_8O_9$
Tormula	O_2S			N ₆ O ₄	
formula weight	511.41	539.46	558.31	1438.88	912.52
Crystal system	orthorhombic	monoclinic	orthorhombic	triclinic	monoclinic
space group	Pca2 ₁	$P2_1/n$	Pca2 ₁	P1	$P2_1/c$
a, Å	19.0369(15)	11.3033(5)	19.172(5)	11.1974(12)	10.613(4)
b, Å	12.0159(9)	14.9444(6)	12.076(3)	12.5730(12)	15.673(6)
c, Å	10.4305(8)	15.7897(7)	10.439(3)	14.8997(12)	14.617(6)
α, deg	90	90	90	103.670(3)	90
β, deg	90	103.715(4)	90	110.022(3)	100.532(12)
γ, deg	90	90	90	104.957(3)	90
V, Å ³	2385.9(3)	2591.2(2)	2416.7(11)	1778.1(3)	2390.5(16)
Ζ	4	4	4	1	2
$\rho_{calcd}, gm/cm^3$	1.424	1.383	1.534	1.344	1.268
μ, mm ⁻¹	0.750	0.694	2.160	0.468	0.664
0 man an dag	2.730-	1.902-	2.713-	2.767-	2.549-
θ range, deg	25.675	25.681	25.776	25.070	25.841
completeness to θ , %	0.997	0.991	0.998	0.990	0.988
reflections collected	22153	24063	23000	16800	22154
independent	4519	4868	4643	6248	4562
reflections					
R(int)	0.0462	0.0440	0.0552	0.0618	0.0631
Restraints ^b	1	0	1	1	4
parameters	309	328	309	468	273
Max., min.	1.00000,	1.00000,	0.7453,	0.7452,	0.7453,
transmission	0.69378	0.75874	0.6194	0.6730	0.5331
R1 ^c (wR2) ^d	0.0305	0.0296	0.0305	0.0659	0.0545
[I>2sigma(I)]	(0.0637)	(0.0743)	(0.0644)	(0.1421)	(0.1467)
$R1^{\circ}(wR2)^{\circ}$	0.0347	0.0327	0.0398	0.1019	0.0727
	(0.0663)	(0.0764)	(0.0683)	(0.1637)	(0.1604)
GOF(F2) ^e	1.036	1.027	1.036	1.035	1.092
fmax min peaks e λ^{-3}	0.181,	0.363,	0.232,	1.401,	0.391
max, mm peaks,e.A	-0.270	-0.279	-0.373	-0.561	-0.617

Table S11. X-ray crystallographic data for compounds 1a^{Fe}, 1b^{Fe}, 2^{Fe}, 5^{Fe}(BPh₄)₂ and 8^{Fe}.^a

^aMo Ka radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). ^b**8**^{Fe}, disordered nitrite and aldehyde group. ^cR1 = Σ ||Fo|-|Fc||/ Σ |Fo|. ^dwR2 = { Σ [w(Fo2-Fc2)2]/ Σ [w(Fo2)2]}^{1/2}. ^eGOF = { Σ [w(Fo2-Fc2)2]/(n-p)}^{1/2}, where n is the number of data and p is the number of refined parameters. ^felectron density near: **1a**^{Fe}, iron atom; **1b**^{Fe}, phenyl ring of the ligand; **2**^{Fe}, selenium; **5**^{Fe}(BPh₄)₂, phenyl ring of the ligand; **8**^{Fe}, disordered nitrite.



Figure S1. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (1a^{Zn}).



Figure S2. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (1a^{Zn}).



Figure S3. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn(SC_6H_4-2,6-Me_2)]$ (1b^{Zn}).



Figure S4. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn(SC_6H_4-2,6-Me_2)]$ (1b^{Zn}).



Figure S5. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}).



Figure S6. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}).



FigureS7. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] (3^{Zn}).



Figure S8. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] (3^{Zn}).



Figure S9. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn(Br)_2] (4^{Zn})$.



Figure S10. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn(Br)_2] (4^{Zn})$.



Figure S11. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2)$.



Figure S12. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Zn]₂(BF₄)₂(5^{Zn}(BF₄)₂).



Figure S13. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Zn(Br)] (6^{Zn}).



Figure S14. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Zn(Br)] (6^{Zn}).


Figure S15. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Zn(mnt)] (7^{Zn}).



Figure S16. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Zn(mnt)] (7^{Zn}).



Figure S17. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of[(Py2ald)Zn(mnt)] (7^{Zn}).



Figure S18. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ ($5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2$) shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, orange line; 410.0846, observed data, green line).



Figure S19. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Fe}(BF_4)_2)$ shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0904, observed data, green line).



Figure S20. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ (**5**^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2) shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0902, observed data, green line).



Figure S21. IR spectra (ATR) of [(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] (3^{Zn}) along with that of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ ($5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2$) used as a control.



Figure S22. IR spectra (KBr pellet) of [(Py2ald)Zn(mnt)] (7^{Zn}) shows v_{O-H (H-bonded)} = 3485 cm⁻¹, v_{CN} = 2195 cm⁻¹ and v_{CHO} = 1652 cm⁻¹.



Figure S23. Electronic absorption spectroscopic signatures for the iron compounds in CH₂Cl₂ (0.25 mM).



Figure S24. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (1a^{Fe}).



Figure S25. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] ($1a^{Fe}$), recorded in a coaxial NMR tube, with DMSO-d⁶ inside. Inset shows a shift in the peak of DMSO-d⁶. Solution magnetic moment (μ_{eff}) = 4.63 BM (calculated spin only magnetic moment = 4.90 BM).



Figure S26. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Fe(SC₆H₄-2,6-Me₂)] (1b^{Fe}).



Figure S27. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of[(Py2ald)Fe(SC₆H₄-2,6-Me₂)] (1b^{Fe}).recorded in a coaxial NMR tube, with DMSO-d⁶ inside. Inset shows a shift in the peak of DMSO-d⁶. Solution magnetic moment (μ_{eff}) = 4.71 BM (calculated spin only magnetic moment = 4.90 BM).



Figure S28. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}).



Figure S29. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of[(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}) recorded in a coaxial NMR tube, with DMSO-d⁶ inside. Inset shows a shift in the peak of DMSO-d⁶. Solution magnetic moment (μ_{eff}) = 4.79 BM (calculated spin only magnetic moment = 4.90 BM).



Figure S30. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Fe]₂(BF₄)₂(5^{Fe}(BF₄)₂).



Figure S31. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Fe}(BF_4)_2)$ recorded in a coaxial NMR tube, with inside DMSO-d⁶, inset shows a shift in the peak of DMSO-d⁶. Solution magnetic moment (μ_{eff}) = 8.52 BM (calculated spin only magnetic moment = 8.94 BM).



Figure S32. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Fe]₂(BPh₄)₂(5^{Fe}(BPh₄)₂).



Figure S33. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2(5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2)$, recorded in a coaxial NMR tube, with DMSO-d⁶ inside, inset shows a shift in the peak of DMSO-d⁶. Solution magnetic moment (μ_{eff}) = 8.62 BM (calculated spin only magnetic moment = 8.94 BM).



Figure S34. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [{(Py2ald)(ONO)Fe}₂- μ_2 -O](8^{Fe}).



Figure S35. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [{(Py2ald)(ONO)Fe}₂- μ_2 -O](**8**^{Fe}),recorded in a coaxial NMR tube, with DMSO-d⁶ inside, inset shows a shift in the peak of water.Solution magnetic moment (μ_{eff}) = 2.43 BM (calculated spin only magnetic moment considering 10 unpaired electrons = 10.95 BM and calculated spin only magnetic moment for only two unpaired electron is 2.83).



Figure S36. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2)$ obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] ($1a^{Zn}$) with 1 equiv of (Cp_2Fe)(BF_4), shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, orange line; 410.0845, observed data, green line).



Figure S37. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Zn}(BF₄)₂) obtained from the reaction [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (**1a**^{Zn}) with 1 equiv of (Cp₂Fe)(BF₄).



Figure S38. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (31%) calculation of diphenyl disulfide produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (1a^{Zn}) with 1 equiv of (Cp₂Fe)(BF₄).



Figure S39. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2)$ obtained from the reaction of $[(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)](3^{Zn})$ with 1 equiv of PhSH shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, green line; 410.0844, observed data, purple line).



Figure S40. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Zn}(BF₄)₂) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] (**3**^{Zn}) with 1 equiv of PhSH.



Figure S41. GC-MS data shows that no diphenyldisulfide was generated in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] (**3**^{Zn}) with 1 equiv of NaSPh.



Figure S42. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (32%) calculation of diphenyldisulfide produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] (**3**^{*Z*n}) with 1 equiv of PhSH.



Figure S43. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (**1a**^{Zn}) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] (**3**^{Zn}) with 2 equiv of PhSH.



Figure S44. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (38%) calculation of diphenyldisulfide produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] (**3**^{Zn}) with 2 equiv of PhSH.



Figure S45. IR spectra of [(TPP)Co(NO)] ($v_{NO} = 1696 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) generated by the trapping of NO gas (generated by the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] ($\mathbf{3}^{\mathbf{Zn}}$) with PhSH, PhCH₂SH and PhSeH) by (TPP)Co^{II}.



Figure S46. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of (TPP)Co^{II} after trapping the NO gas generated by the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] (**3**^{Zn}) with (a) ^{*t*}BuSH (2 equiv), (b) PhCH₂SH (2 equiv), (c) PhSH (1 equiv), (d) PhSH (2 equiv) and (e) PhSeH (2 equiv).



Figure S47. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (**2**^{Zn}) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] (**3**^{Zn}) with 2 equiv of PhSeH.



Figure S48. Gas chromatographic data for the identification and yield calculation (35%) of diphenyldiselenide produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] (3^{Zn}) with 2 equiv of PhSeH.



Figure S49. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2((BF_4)_2 (\mathbf{5}^{Zn}(BF_4)_2))$ obtained from the reaction of $[(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] (\mathbf{3}^{Zn})$ and 2 equiv of PhCH₂SH.



Figure S50. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2((BF_4)_2 (5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2) \text{ obtained}$ from the reaction of $[(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] (3^{Zn})$ and 2 equiv of PhCH₂SH shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, green line; 410.0842, observed data, purple line).



Figure S51. Gas chromatographic data for the identification and yield calculation of dibenzyldisulfide produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] (**3**^{Zn}) with 2 equiv of PhCH₂SH. Yields: 32% (PhCH₂S-SCH₂Ph), 53% (unreacted PhCH₂SH).



Figure S52. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of the unreacted [(Py2ald)Zn(ONO)] (3^{Zn}) obtained from the reaction of 3^{Zn} with 2 equiv of 'BuSH. Note that the yield of NO in this reaction was only 9%.



Figure S53. Cyclic voltammograms of $1a^{Fe}$ (a) $1b^{Fe}$ (b), 2^{Fe} (c), 5^{Fe} (d), and 8^{Fe} (e) in CH₂Cl₂ (multiple scans, scan rate = 100 mV/scan). See Figure S54 for the cyclic voltammograms of Zn(II) complexes which helped to identify the redox events related with the Py2ald^{1–} ligand.



Figure S54. Cyclic voltammograms of $1a^{Zn}$ (a) $1b^{Zn}$ (b), 2^{Zn} (c), 5^{Zn} (d), and 3^{Zn} (e) in CH₂Cl₂ (multiple scans, scan rate = 100 mV/scan).



Figure S55. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ (**5**^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2) obtained from the reaction between [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (**1a**^{Fe}) with 1 equiv of (Cp₂Fe)(BF₄) in the presence of NaBPh₄, shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0928, observed data, green line).



Figure S56. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ (**5**^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2) obtained from the reaction between [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (**2**^{Fe}) with 1 equiv of $(Cp_2Fe)(BF_4)$) in the presence of NaBPh₄, shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0872, observed data, green line).



Figure S57. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (33%) calculation of diphenyl disulfide produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (1a^{Fe}) with 1 equiv of (Cp₂Fe)(BF₄) in the presence of NaBPh₄.



Figure S58. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (34%) calculation of diphenyl diselenide produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (**2**^{Fe}) with 1 equiv of $(Cp_2Fe)(BF_4)$ in the presence of NaBPh₄.



Figure S59. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ (**5**^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2) obtained from the reaction of $[(Py2ald)Fe(S-C_6H_4-2,6-Me_2)]$ (**1b**^{Fe}) with 1 equiv of $(Cp_2Fe)(BF_4)$ in the presence of NaBPh_4, shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0916, observed data, green line).



Figure S60. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (33%) calculation of 1, 2-bis(2,6dimethylphenyl)disulfide produced in the reaction of $[(Py2ald)Fe(S-C_6H_4-2,6-Me_2)]$ (**1b**^{Fe}) with 1 equiv of (Cp₂Fe)(BF₄) in the presence of NaBPh₄.



Figure S61. IR spectra of [(TPP)Co(NO)] ($v_{NO} = 1696 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) obtained by the trapping of NO gas which was generated by the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe]₂(BF₄)₂ (**5**^{Fe}(BF₄)₂) and [(Py2ald)Fe(EPh)] (E = S, **1a**^{Fe}, E = Se, **2**^{Fe}) with 4 and 3 equiv of (Bu₄N)(NO₂), respectively.



Figure S62. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectra of (TPP)Co^{II} after trapping the NO gas which was generated by the reaction of $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Fe}(BF₄)₂) and [(Py2ald)Fe(EPh)] (E = S, **1a**^{Fe}, E = Se, **2**^{Fe}) with 4 and 3 equiv of (Bu₄N)(NO₂), respectively.



Figure S63. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (35%) calculation of diphenyldisulfide produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (1a^{Fe}) with 3 equiv of (Bu₄N)(NO₂).



Figure S64. Gas chromatographic data for the identification and yield calculation of diphenyldiselenide (38%) produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}) with 3 equiv of (Bu₄N)(NO₂).



Figure S65. IR spectra (ATR) of [{(Py2ald)(ONO)Fe}₂- μ_2 -O] (**8**^{Fe}) and the corresponding ¹⁵N labelled compound, **8**^{Fe}(¹⁵NO₂).



Figure S66 Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Fe}(BF_4)_2) obtained from the reaction between $[{(Py2ald)(ONO)Fe}_2-\mu_2-O]$ (**8**^{Fe}) and 4 equiv of Cp₂Co shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0870, observed data, green line).



Figure S67. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BF_4)_2(\mathbf{5}^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2)$ obtained from the reaction between $[{(Py2ald)(ONO)Fe}_2-\mu_2-O]$ ($\mathbf{8}^{Fe}$) with 4 equiv of PhSH (in the presence of 2 equiv of NaBPh₄) shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0913, observed data, green line).



Figure S68. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2)$ obtained from the reaction between $[{(Py2ald)(ONO)Fe}_2-\mu_2-O](8^{Fe})$ with 4 equiv of PhSeH (in the presence of 2 equiv of NaBPh₄) shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z:402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0934, observed data, green line).



Figure S69. IR spectra of [(TPP)Co(NO)] ($v_{NO} = 1696 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) obtained by the trapping of NO gas which was generated by the reaction of [{(Py2ald)(ONO)Fe}₂- μ_2 -O] (**8**^{Fe}) with 4 and 6 equiv of PhEH (E = S, Se).



Figure S70. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) spectra of (TPP)Co^{II} after trapping the NO gas generated by the reaction of [{(Py2ald)(ONO)Fe}₂- μ_2 -O] (**8**^{Fe}) with 4 and 6 equiv of PhEH (E = S, Se).



Figure S71. GC-MS data for the identification and yield calculation (1.34 equiv) of diphenyldisulfide produced in the reaction of $[{(Py2ald)(ONO)Fe}_2-\mu_2-O]$ (**8**^{Fe}) with 4 equiv PhSH.



Figure S72. GC-MS data for the identification and yield calculation (1.32 equiv) of diphenyldiselenide produced in the reaction of [{(Py2ald)(ONO)Fe}₂- μ_2 -O] (**8**^{Fe}) with 4 equiv PhSeH.



Figure S73. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (1.41 equiv) calculation of diphenyldisulfide produced in the reaction of $[{(Py2ald)(ONO)Fe}_2-\mu_2-O](8^{Fe})$ with 6 equiv of PhSH.



Figure S74. GC-MS data for the identification and yield calculation (1.41 equiv) of diphenyldiselenide produced in the reaction of [{(Py2ald)(ONO)Fe}₂- μ_2 -O] (**8**^{Fe}) with 6 equiv of PhSeH.



Figure S75. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (58%) calculation of methylphenyl sulfide produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (**1a**^{Zn}) with MeI in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S76. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (56%) calculation of benzyl(phenyl)sulfide produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (1a^{Zn}) with PhCH₂Br in 1:1 ratio.


% yield for S-phenyl ethanethioate:



Figure S77. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (62%) calculation of S-phenyl ethanethioate produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (1a^{Zn}) with MeCOCl in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S78. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (72%) calculation of S-phenyl benzothioate produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (1a^{Zn}) with PhCOCl in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S79. Gas chromatographic data for the identification and yield (38%) calculation of bis(phenylthio)methane produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (1 a^{Zn}) with CH₂Br₂ in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S80. Gas chromatographic data for the identification and yield (69%) calculation of methylphenyl sulfide produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (1a^{Fe}) with MeI in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S81. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (88%) calculation of benzyl(phenyl)sulfide produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (**1a**^{Fe}) with PhCH₂Br in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S82. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (62%) calculation of S-phenyl ethanethioate produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (1a^{Fe}) with MeCOCl in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S83. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (83%) calculation of S-phenyl benzothioate produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (1a^{Fe}) with PhCOCl in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S84. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (46%) calculation of bis(phenylthio)methane produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (**1a**^{Fe}) with CH₂Br₂ in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S85. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (33%) calculation of methyl(phenyl)selane produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}) with MeI in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S86. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (57%) calculation of benzyl(phenyl)selane produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}) with PhCH₂Br in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S87. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (45%) calculation of Se-phenyl ethaneselenoate produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}) with MeCOCl in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S88. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (57%) calculation of Se-phenyl benzoselenoate produced in the reaction of $[(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)](2^{Zn})$ with PhCOCl in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S89. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (37%) calculation of bis(phenylselanyl)methane produced in the reaction of $[(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)](2^{Zn})$ with CH_2Br_2 in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S90. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (31%) calculation of methyl(phenyl)selane produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}) with MeI in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S91. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (70%) calculation of benzyl(phenyl)selane produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}) with PhCH₂Br in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S92. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (48%) calculation of Se-phenyl ethaneselenoate produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}) with MeCOCl in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S93. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (63%) calculation of Se-phenyl benzoselenoate produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (**2**^{Fe}) with PhCOCl in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S94. GC-MS data for the identification and yield (44%) calculation of bis(phenylselanyl)methane produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}) with CH₂Br₂ in 1:1 ratio.



Figure 95. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Zn}(BF₄)₂) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (**1a**^{Zn}) with MeI in DMF.



Figure S96. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Zn}(BF₄)₂) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (**1a**^{Zn}) with PhCH₂Br in DMF.



Figure S97. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Zn}(BF₄)₂) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (**1a**^{Zn}) with MeC(O)Cl in DMF.



Figure S98. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Zn}(BF₄)₂) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (**1a**^{Zn}) with PhC(O)Cl in MeCN.



Figure S99. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Zn}(BF₄)₂) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (**1a**^{Zn}) with CH₂Br₂ in DMF.



Figure S100. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Zn}(BF₄)₂) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (**2**^{Zn}) with MeI in DMF solution.



Figure S101. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Zn}(BF₄)₂) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (**2**^{Zn}) with PhCH₂Br in DMF.



Figure S102. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Zn}(BF₄)₂) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (**2**^{Zn}) with MeC(O)Cl in DMF solution.



Figure S103. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Zn}(BF₄)₂) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (**2**^{Zn}) with PhC(O)Cl in MeCN.



Figure S104. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Zn}(BF₄)₂) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (**2**^{Zn}) with CH₂Br₂ in DMF.



Figure S105. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2)$ obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] ($1a^{Zn}$) with MeI shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, orange line; 410.0825, observed data, green line).



Figure S106. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2)$ obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] ($1a^{Zn}$) with PhCH₂Br shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, orange line; 410.0829, observed data, green line).



Figure S107. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2)$ obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] ($1a^{Zn}$) with MeC(O)Cl, which shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, orange line; 410.0837, observed data, green line).



Figure S108. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2)$ obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] ($1a^{Zn}$) with PhC(O)Cl, shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, orange line; 410.0887, observed data, green line).



Figure S109. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2)$ obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] ($1a^{Zn}$) with CH_2Br_2 shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, orange line; 410.0858, observed data, green line).



Figure S110. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2)$ obtained from the reaction of $[(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)](2^{Zn})$ with MeI shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, orange line; 410.0850, observed data, green line).



Figure S111. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2)$ obtained from the reaction of $[(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)](2^{Zn})$ with PhCH₂Br, which shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, orange line; 410.0846, observed data, green line).



Figure S112. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2)$ obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}) with MeC(O)Cl shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, orange line; 410.0841, observed data, green line).



Figure S113. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2)$ obtained from the reaction of $[(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)](2^{Zn})$ with PhC(O)Cl, which shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, orange line; 410.0839, observed data, green line).



Figure S114. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2)$ obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}) with CH₂Br₂ shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, orange line; 410.0853, observed data, green line).



Figure S115. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ ($5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2$) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] ($1a^{Fe}$) with MeI ((in the presence of 2 equiv of NaBPh_4) shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0888, observed data, green line).



Figure S116. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ (**5**^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (**1a**^{Fe}) with PhCH₂Br (in the presence of 2 equiv of NaBPh_4) shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, green line; 402.0919, observed data, orange line).



Figure S117. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ (**5**^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (**1a**^{Fe}) with MeC(O)Cl (in the presence of 2 equiv of NaBPh_4) shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0880, observed data, green line).



Figure S118. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ (**5**^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (**1a**^{Fe}) with PhC(O)Cl (in the presence of 2 equiv of NaBPh_4) shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0896, observed data, green line).



Figure S119. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ (**5**^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (**1a**^{Fe}) with CH₂Br₂ (in the presence of 2 equiv of NaBPh_4) shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0945, observed data, green line).



Figure S120. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ ($5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2$) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}) with MeI (in the presence of 2 equiv of NaBPh_4) shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0928,observed data, purple line).



Figure S121. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ (**5**^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (**2**^{Fe}) with PhCH₂Br (in the presence of 2 equiv of NaBPh_4) shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0932, observed data, green line).



Figure S122. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ (**5**^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (**2**^{Fe}) with MeC(O)Cl (in the presence of 2 equiv of NaBPh_4) shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0916, simulated data, orange line; 402.0901, observed data, green line).



Figure S123. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ (**5**^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (**2**^{Fe}) with PhC(O)Cl (in the presence of 2 equiv of NaBPh_4) shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0920, observed data, green line).



Figure S124. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ (**5**^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (**2**^{Fe}) with CH₂Br₂ (in the presence of 2 equiv of NaBPh_4) shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0916, observed data, green line).



Figure S125. GC-MS data for the identification and yield calculation of 1-methyl-2phenyldisulfide (Me-S-S-Ph, yield = 46%) produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] $(1a^{Zn})$ with S₈ and MeI.



Figure S126. Gas chromatographic data for the identification and yield calculation of 1-benzyl-2-phenyldisulfide (PhCH₂-S-S-Ph, yield = 58%) produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] ($1a^{Zn}$) with S₈ and PhCH₂Br in 1:1 ratio.



Figure S127. GC-MS data for the identification and yield calculation of 1-(2,6dimethylphenyl)-2-methyldisulfide (Me-S-S-2,6-Me₂-C₆H₄, yield = 46%) produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SC₆H₄-2,6-Me₂)] (**1b**^{Zn}) with S₈ and MeI.



Figure S128. GC-MS data for the identification and yield calculation of 1-benzyl-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-2-methyldisulfide (PhCH₂-S-S-2,6-Me₂-C₆H₄, yield = 38%) produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SC₆H₄-2,6-Me₂)] (**1b**^{Zn}) with S₈ and PhCH₂Br.



Figure S129. GC-MS data for the identification and yield calculation of methyl(phenylselanyl)sulfide (Me-S-Se-Ph, yield = 11%) produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}) with S₈ and MeI.



Figure S130. GC-MS data for the identification and yield calculation of ethyl(phenylselanyl)sulfide (Et-S-Se-Ph, yield = 13%) produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}) with S₈ and EtBr.



Figure S131. GC-MS data for the identification and yield calculation of 1-methyl-2phenyldisulfide (Me-S-S-Ph, yield = 58%) produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] $(1a^{Fe})$ with S₈ and MeI.



Figure S132. GC-MS data for the identification and yield calculation of 1-benzyl-2-phenyldisulfide (PhCH₂-S-S-Ph, yield = 61%) produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] ($1a^{Fe}$) with S₈ and PhCH₂Br.



Figure S133. GC-MS data for the identification and yield calculation of 1-(2,6dimethylphenyl)-2-methyldisulfide (Me-S-S-2,6-Me₂-C₆H₄, yield = 62%) produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SC₆H₄-2,6-Me₂)] (**1b**^{Fe}) with S₈ and MeI.



Figure S134. GC-MS data for the identification and yield calculation of 1-benzyl-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-2-methyldisulfide (PhCH₂-S-S-2,6-Me₂-C₆H₄, yield = 71%) produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SC₆H₄-2,6-Me₂)] (**1b**^{Fe}) with S₈ and PhCH₂Br.



Figure S135. GC-MS data for the identification and yield calculation of methyl(phenylselanyl)sulfide (Me-S-Se-Ph, yield = 14%) produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (**2**^{Fe}) with S₈ and MeI.



Figure S136. Gas chromatographic data for the identification and yield calculation of ethyl(phenylselanyl)sulfide (Et-S-Se-Ph, yield = 15%) produced in the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}) with S₈ and EtBr.



Figure S137. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Zn}(BF₄)₂) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (**1a**^{Zn}) with S₈ and MeI.



Figure S138. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Zn}(BF₄)₂) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] (**1a**^{Zn}) with S₈ and PhCH₂Br.


Figure S139. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Zn}(BF₄)₂) obtained from the reaction of $[(Py2ald)Zn(SC_6H_4-2,6-Me_2)]$ (**1b**^{Zn}) with S₈ and MeI.



Figure S140. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Zn}(BF₄)₂) obtained from the reaction of $[(Py2ald)Zn(SC_6H_4-2,6-Me_2)]$ (**1b**^{Zn}) with S₈ and PhCH₂Br.



Figure S141. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Zn}(BF₄)₂) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (**2**^{Zn}) with S₈ and MeI.



Figure S142. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d⁶) spectrum of $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ (**5**^{Zn}(BF₄)₂) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (**2**^{Zn}) with S₈ and EtBr.



Figure S143. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2)$ obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] ($1a^{Zn}$) with S₈ and MeI shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, orange line; 410.0815, observed data, green line).



Figure S144. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2)$ obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SPh)] ($1a^{Zn}$) S₈ and PhCH₂Br, which shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, orange line; 410.0849, observed data, green line).



Figure S145. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2)$ obtained from the reaction of $[(Py2ald)Zn(SC_6H_4-2,6-Me_2)]$ (**1b**^{Zn}) with S₈ and MeI, which shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, orange line; 410.0819, observed data, green line).



Figure S146. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2(5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2)$ obtained from the reaction of $[(Py2ald)Zn(SC_6H_4-2,6-Me_2)]$ (1b^{Zn}) with S₈ and PhCH₂Br shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, orange line; 410.0831, observed data, green line).



Figure S147. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ ($5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2$) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}) with S₈ and MeI shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, orange line; 410.0837, observed data, green line).



Figure S148. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Zn]_2(BF_4)_2$ ($5^{Zn}(BF_4)_2$) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Zn(SePh)] (2^{Zn}) with S₈ and EtBr shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Zn]^+$ (m/z: 410.0847, simulated data, orange line; 410.0849, observed data, green line).



Figure S149. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ (**5**^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] (**1a**^{Fe}) with S₈ and MeI, which shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0924, observed data, green line).



Figure S150. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ ($5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2$) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SPh)] ($1a^{Fe}$) with S₈ and PhCH₂Br, which shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0923, observed data, green line).



Figure S151. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ ($5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2$) obtained from the reaction of $[(Py2ald)Fe(SC_6H_4-2,6-Me_2)]$ ($1b^{Fe}$) with S₈ and MeI, which shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z:402.0905, simulated data,orange line; 402.0908,observed data, green line).



Figure S152. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ ($5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2$) obtained from the reaction of $[(Py2ald)Fe(SC_6H_4-2,6-Me_2)]$ ($1b^{Fe}$) with S₈ and PhCH₂Br shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0888, observed data, green line).



Figure S153. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ ($5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2$) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}) with S₈ and MeI, which shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0929, observed data, green line).



Figure S154. Mass spectrometric data (in MeCN) for $[(Py2ald)Fe]_2(BPh_4)_2$ (5^{Fe}(BPh_4)_2) obtained from the reaction of [(Py2ald)Fe(SePh)] (2^{Fe}) with S₈ and EtBr, which shows the presence of $[(Py2ald)Fe]^+$ (m/z: 402.0905, simulated data, orange line; 402.0921, observed data, green line).