

Supplementary Information for:

**Solvent Dependent Spin-State Behavior via Hydrogen Bonding in Neutral Fe(II) Diimine Complexes**

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Figures S1 and S2:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra collected for **1** in deuterated methanol and acetonitrile, respectively. The top spectra are obtained under “normal” conditions; the bottom spectra are obtained under “paramagnetic” conditions (increased number of scans, no time between excitation and measurement).

Figures S3 – S5:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra collected for **2** in deuterated methanol, acetonitrile and dichloromethane, respectively. The top spectra are obtained under “normal” conditions; the bottom spectra are obtained under “paramagnetic” conditions (increased number of scans, no time between excitation and measurement).

Figures S6 and S7: Electronic absorption spectra for **1** and **2**, respectively, obtained in methanol.

Figures S8 and S9:  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking plots for **1** and **2**, respectively.

Figure S1. NMR of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{pizH})_2(\text{NCS})_2]$  in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  at 273 K:

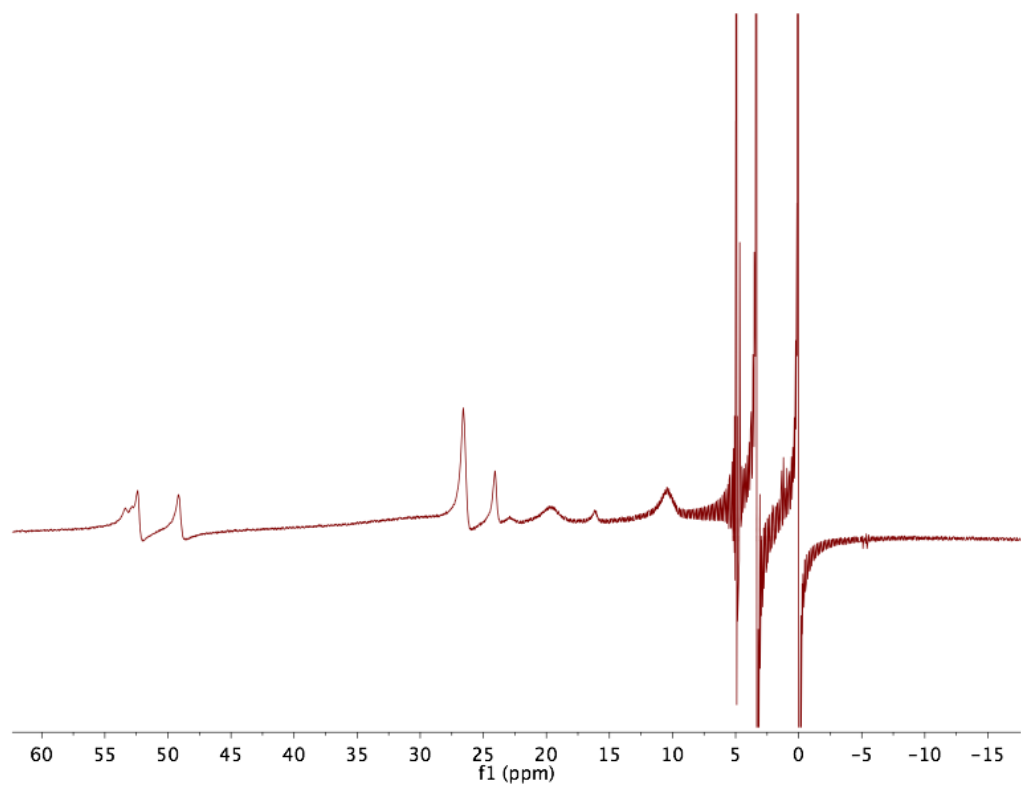
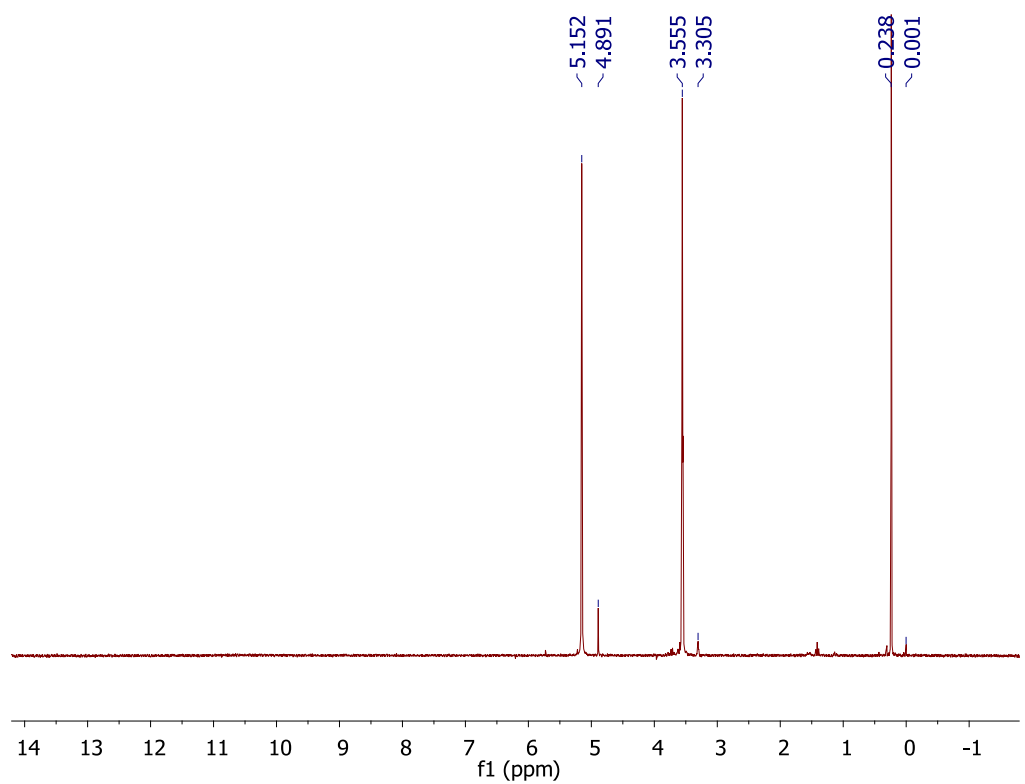


Figure S2. NMR of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{pizH})_2(\text{NCS})_2]$  in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  at 293 K:

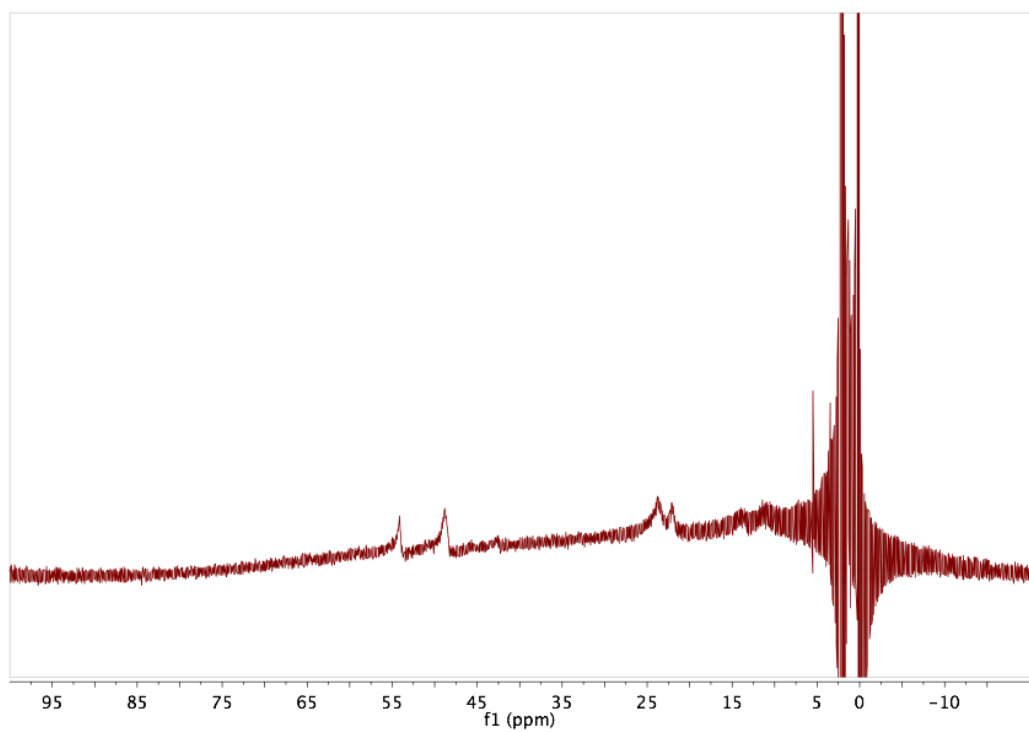
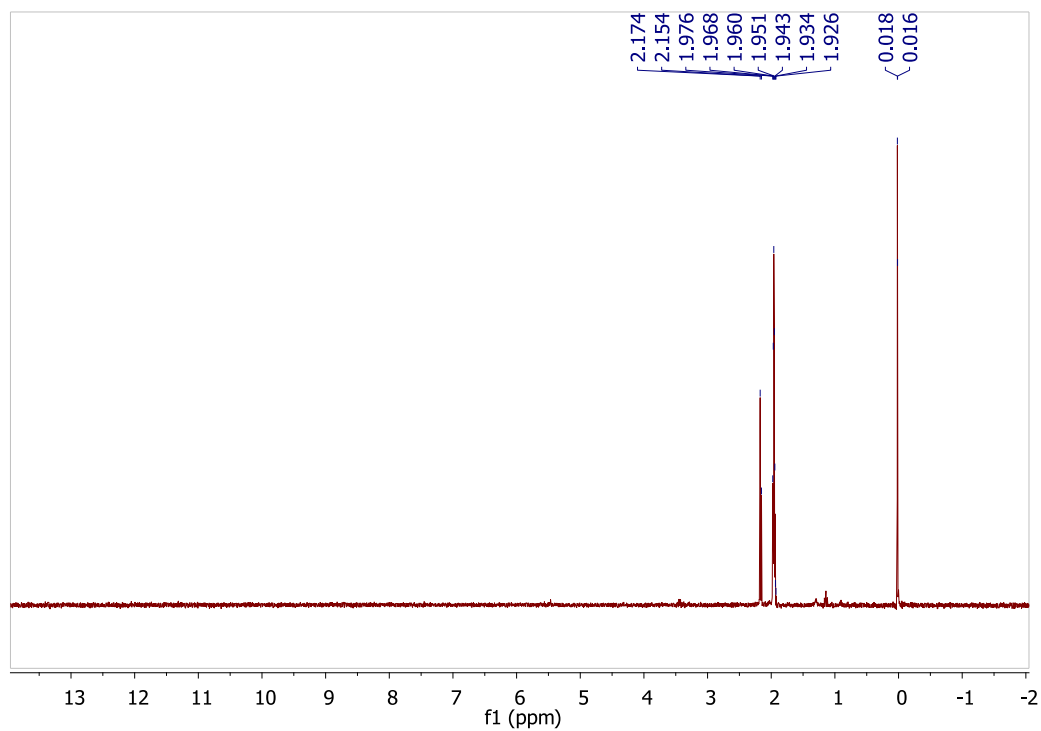
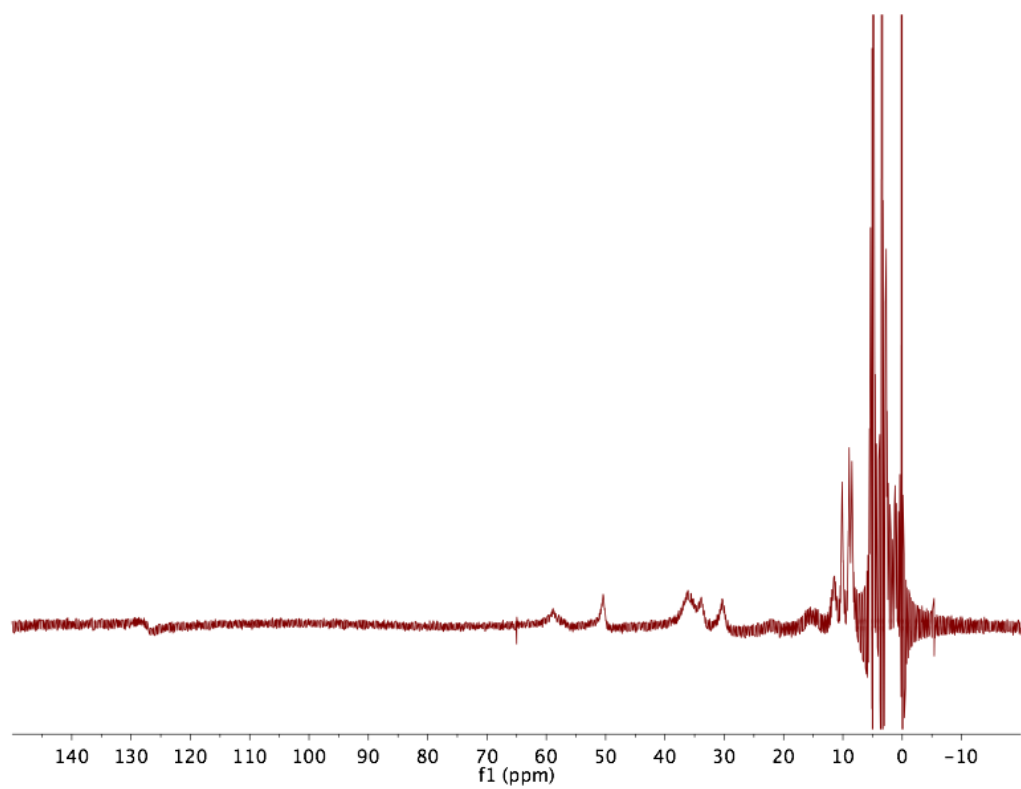
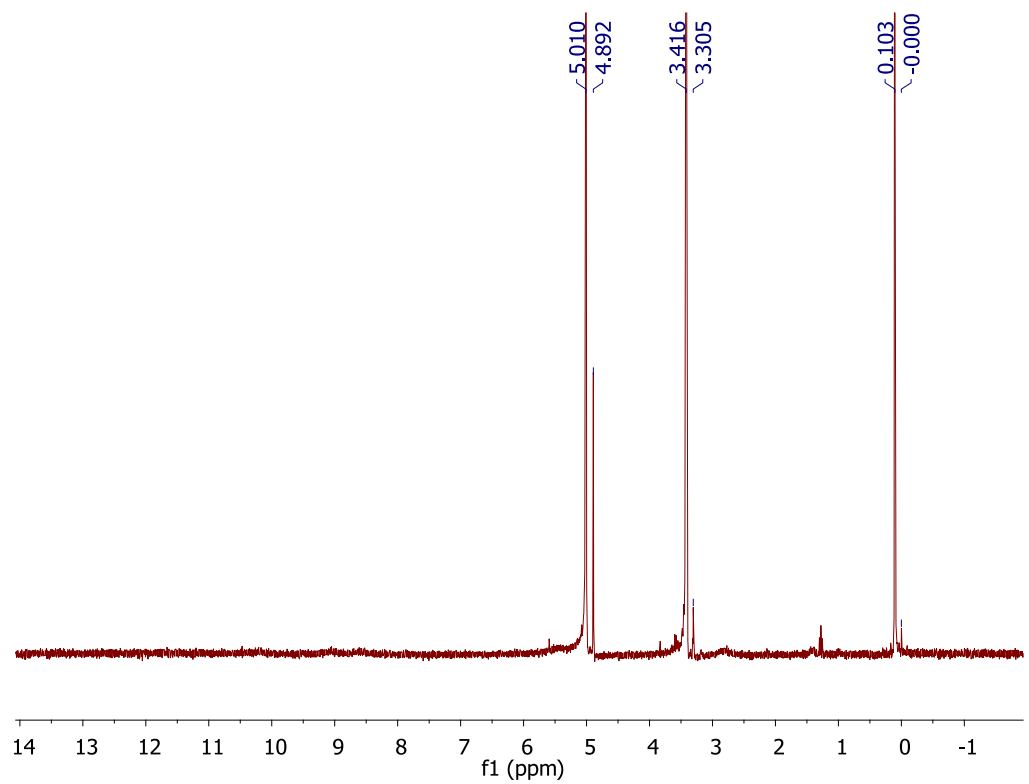


Figure S3. NMR of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{pizMe})_2(\text{NCS})_2]$  in  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  at 293 K:



**Figure S4.** NMR of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{pizMe})_2(\text{NCS})_2]$  in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  at 293 K:

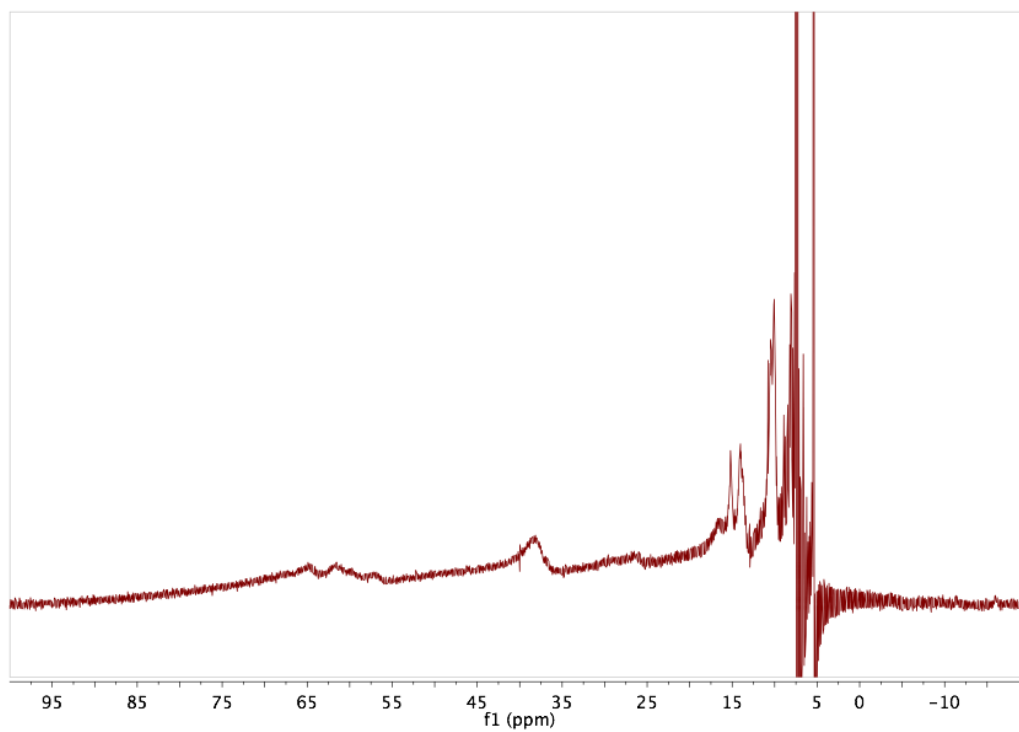
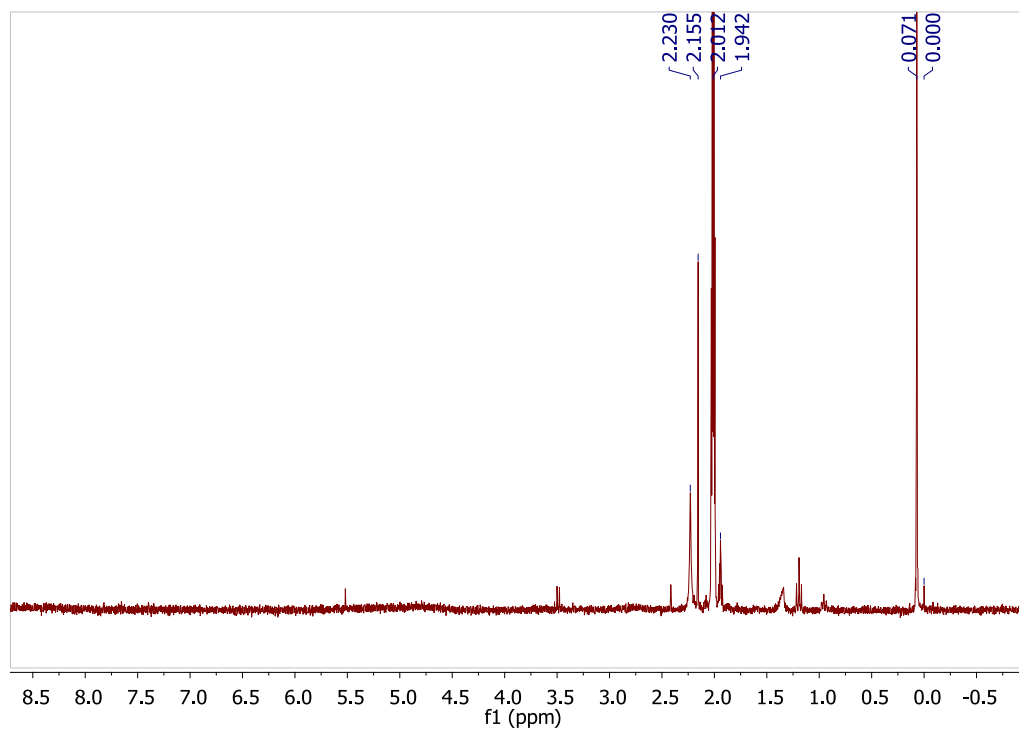
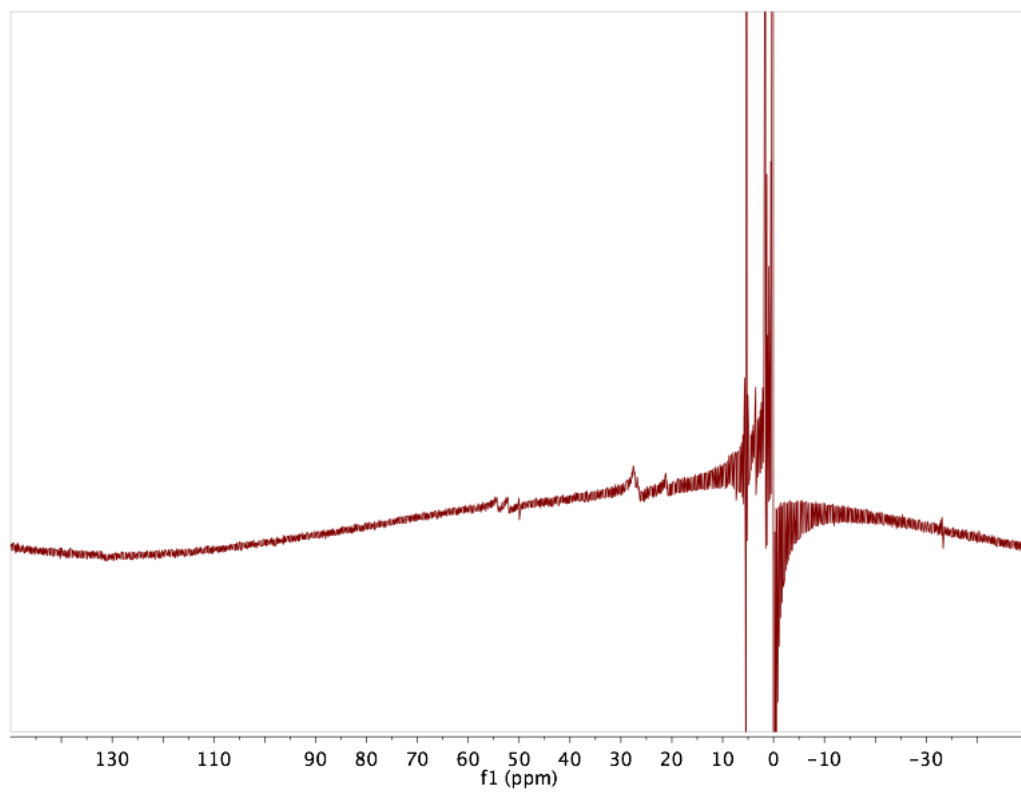
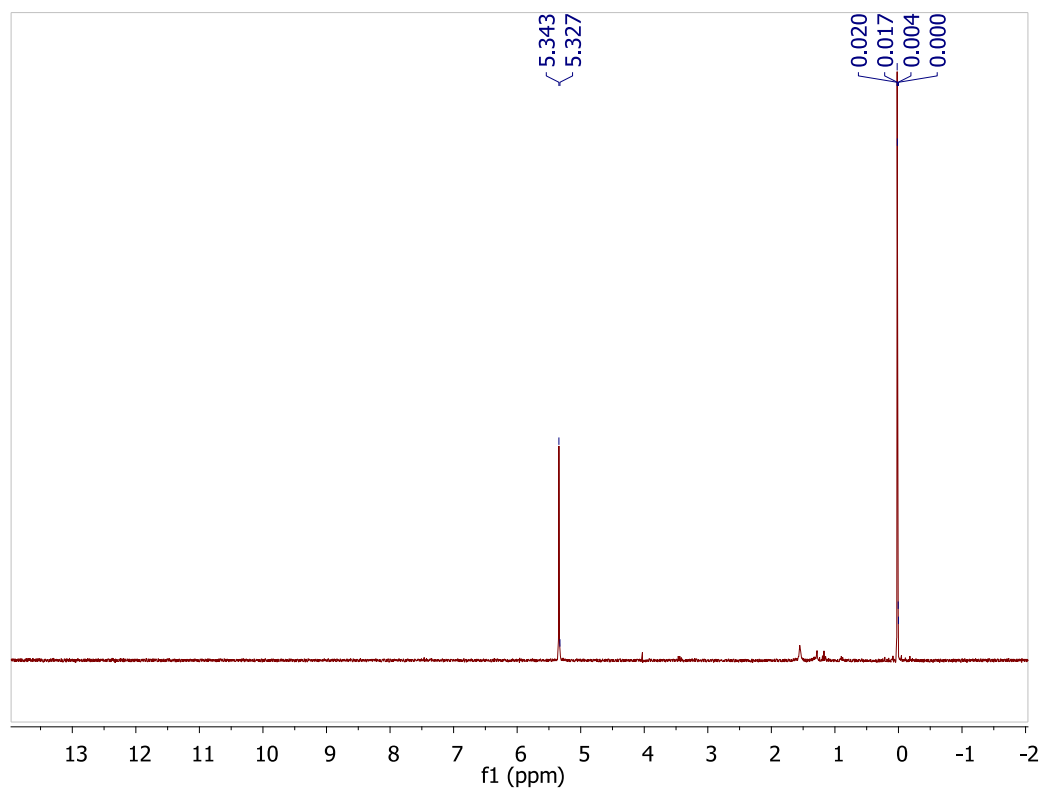
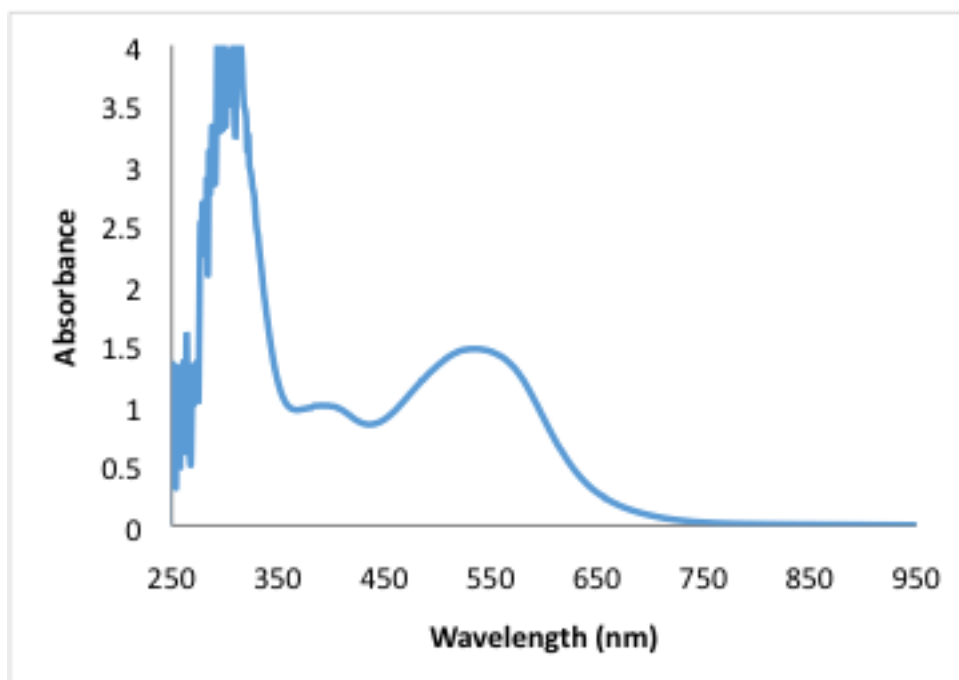


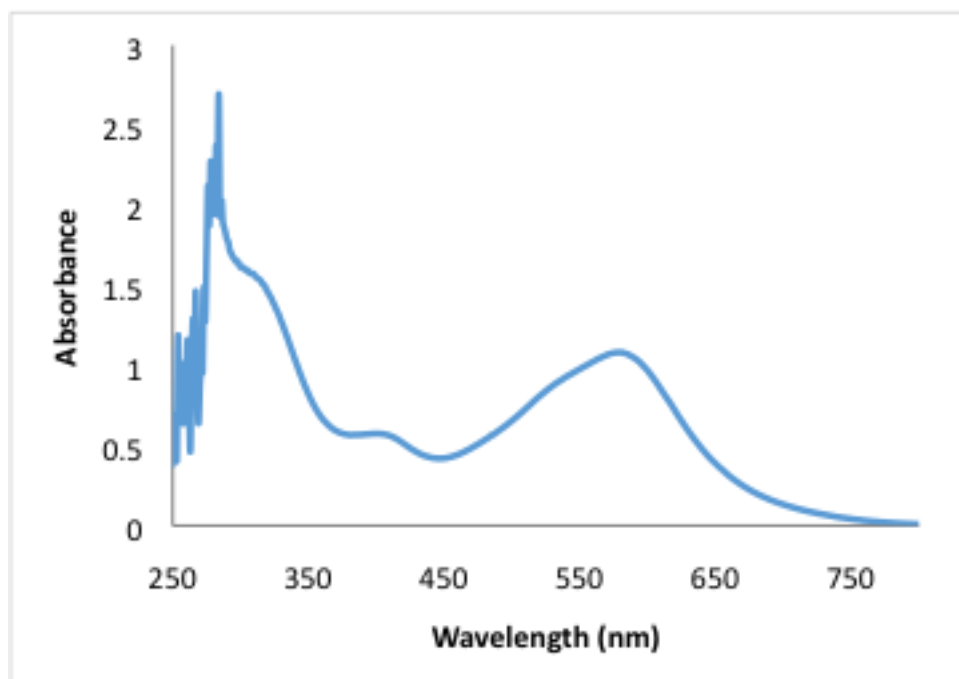
Figure S5. NMR of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{pizMe})_2(\text{NCS})_2]$  in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 293 K:



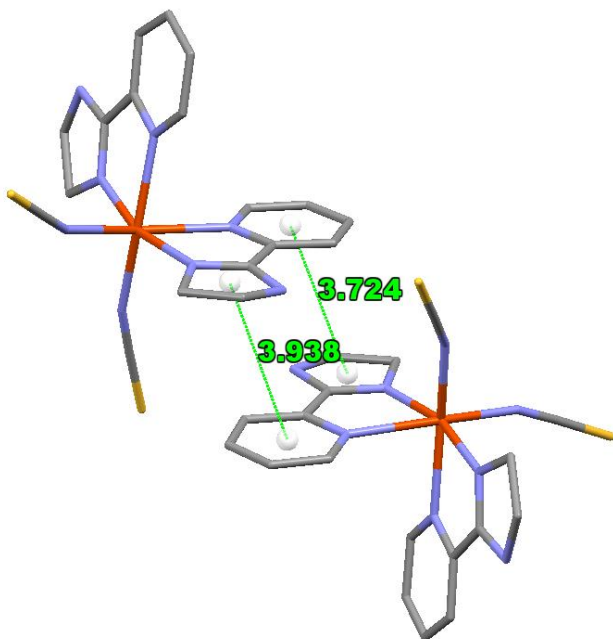
**Figure S6.** UV-vis of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{pizH})_2(\text{NCS})_2]$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ :



**Figure S7.** UV-vis of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{pizMe})_2(\text{NCS})_2]$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ :



**Figure S8.**  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking plot of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{pizH})_2(\text{NCS})_2]$  (**1**). The pyridine–imidazoline overlap centroid–centroid distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) are shown in green. The rings are offset by  $\sim 1.4 \text{ \AA}$  from direct overlap. The mean planes of each pizH ligand are *not* parallel, with the angle between planes =  $3.55^\circ$ .



**Figure S9.**  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking plot of  $[\text{Fe}(\text{pizMe})_2(\text{NCS})_2]$  (**2**). The pyridine–imidazoline overlap centroid–centroid distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) are shown in green. The rings are offset by  $\sim 1.9 \text{ \AA}$  from direct overlap. The mean planes of each pizMe ligand are parallel to one another (i.e. angle between planes =  $0^\circ$ ) and an interplanar distance of  $3.339 \text{ \AA}$ .

