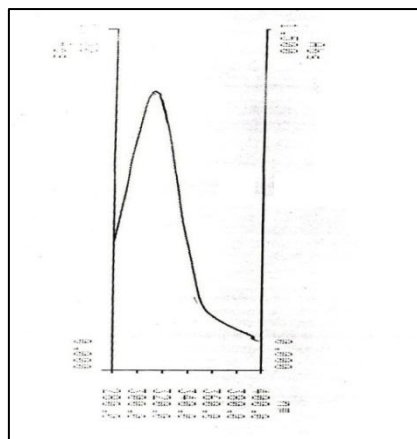
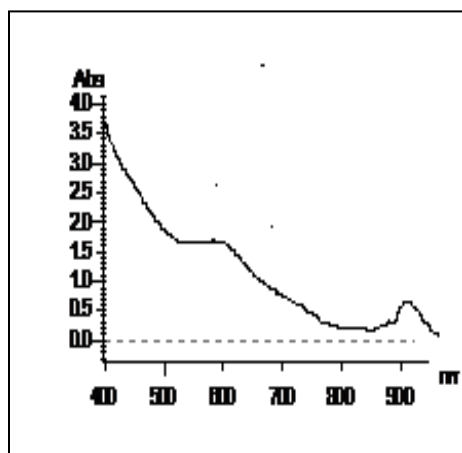


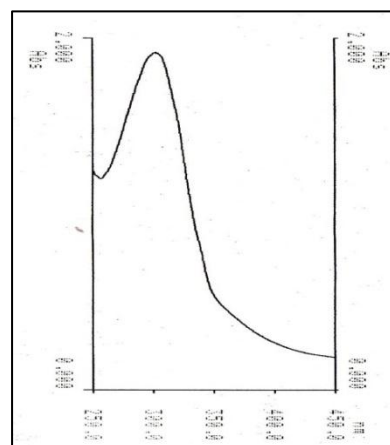
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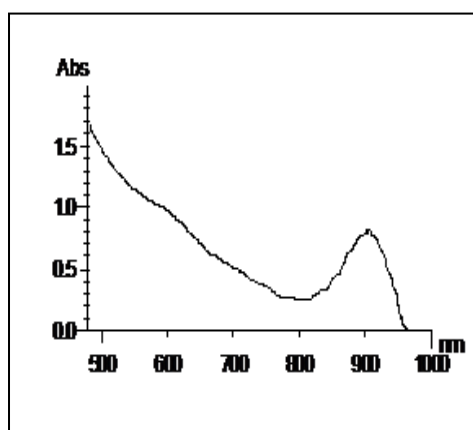
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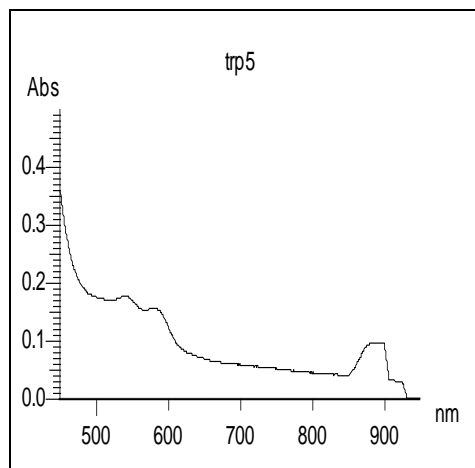


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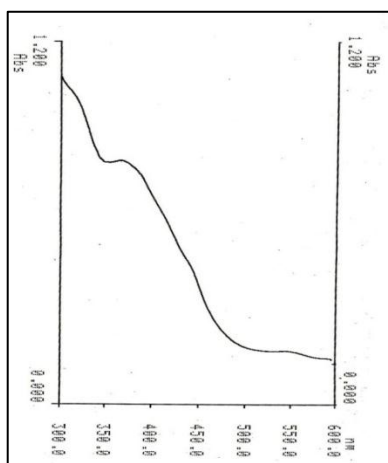


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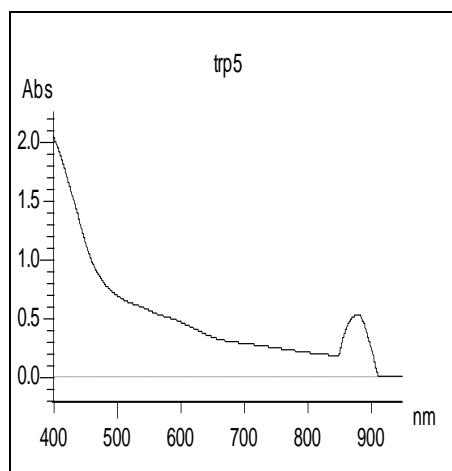
**Fig. S1.** Electronic spectra of  $\text{Fe}(\text{acac})(\text{tbh})_2$  in benzene (a & b), acetonitrile (c & d), DMSO (e)



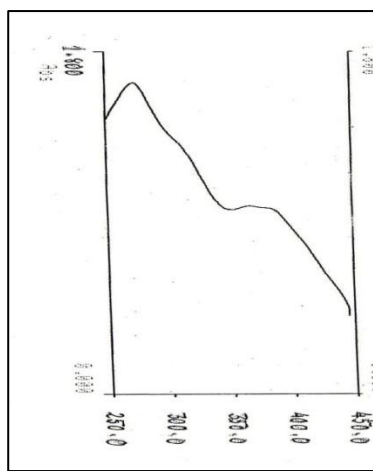
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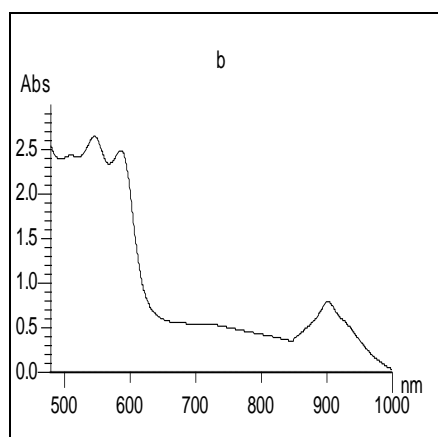
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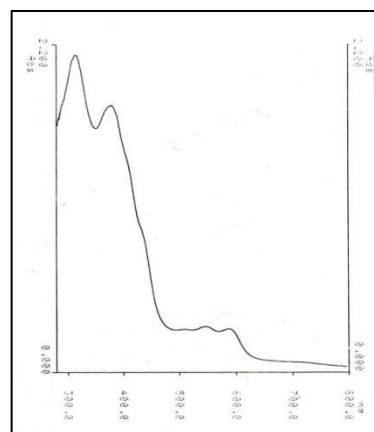
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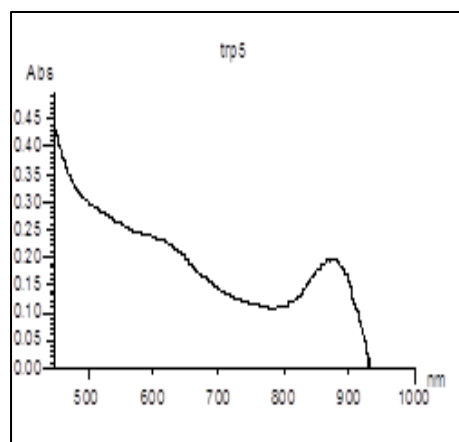


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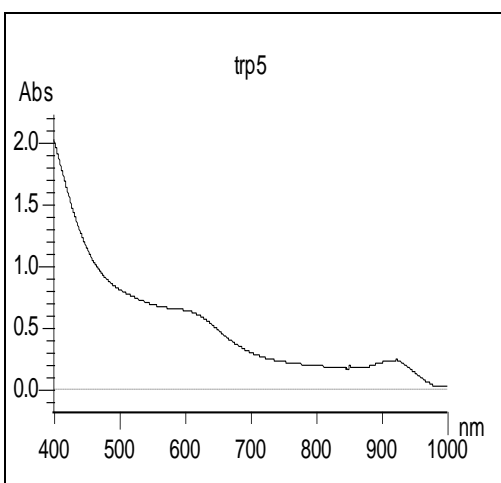


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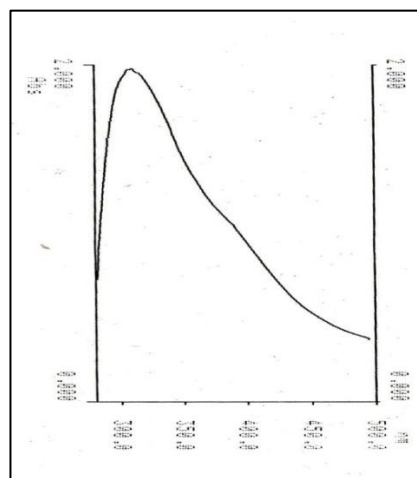
**Fig. S2.** Electronic spectra of  $\text{Fe}(\text{acac})(\text{htbh})_2$  in benzene (a & b), in acetonitrile (c & d), in DMSO (e & f)



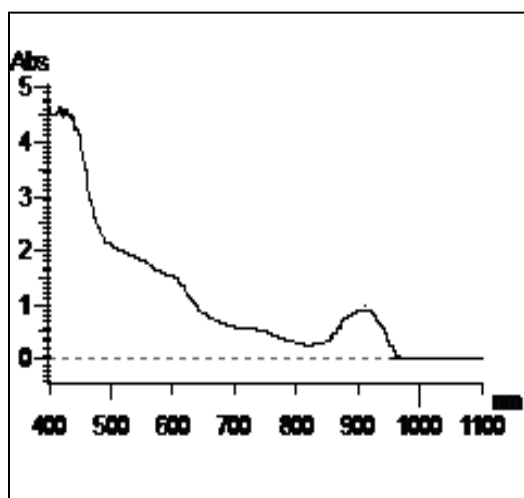
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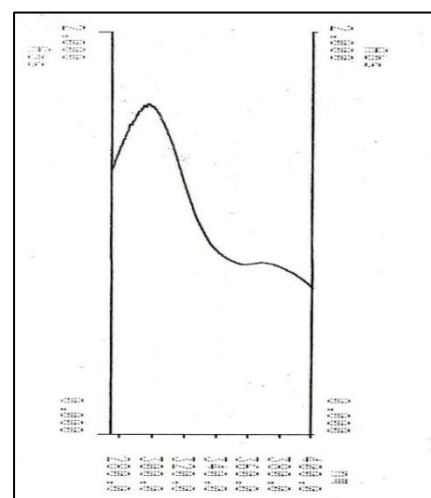
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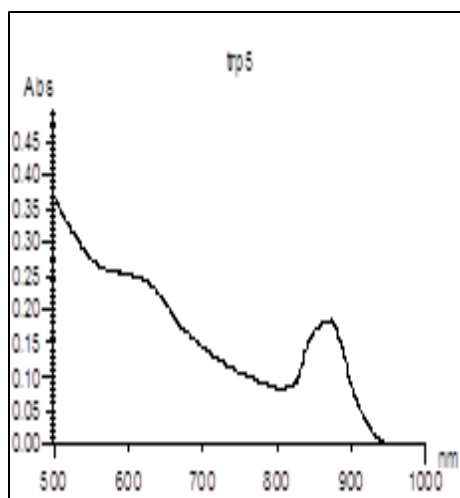


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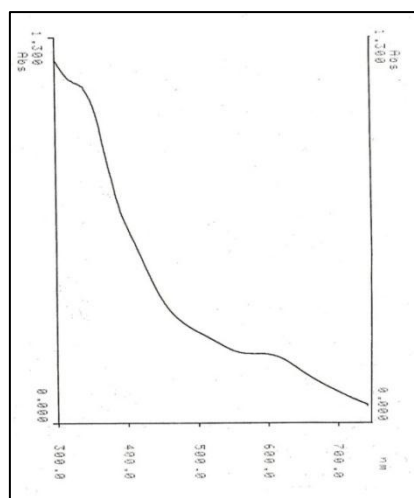


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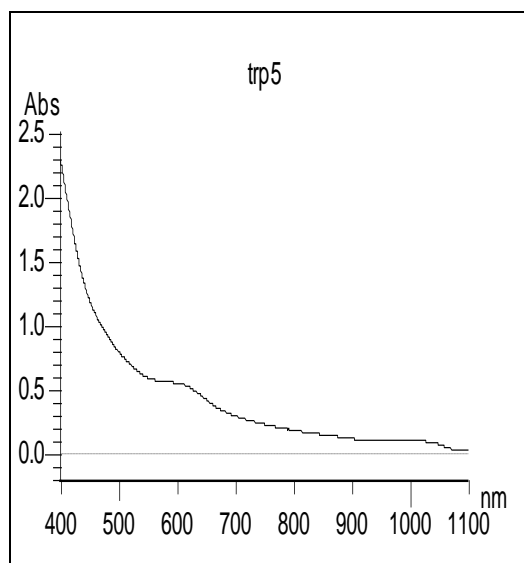
**Fig. S3.** Electronic Spectra of  $\text{Fe}(\text{acac})(\text{fth})_2$  in benzene (a), in acetonitrile (b & c), DMSO (d & e)



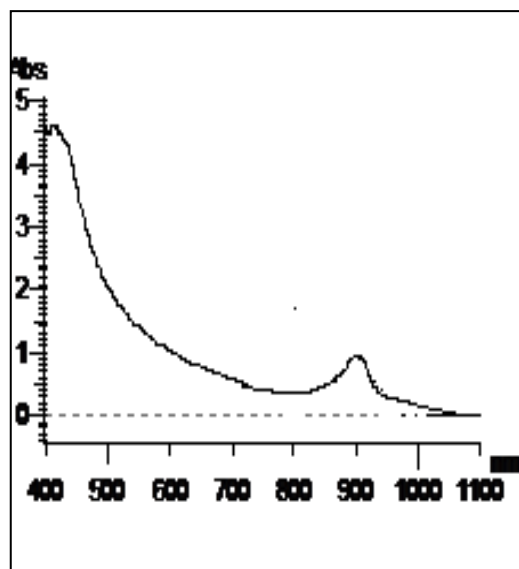
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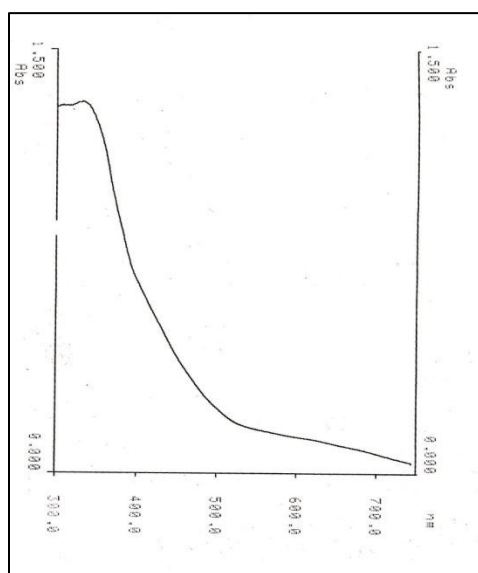
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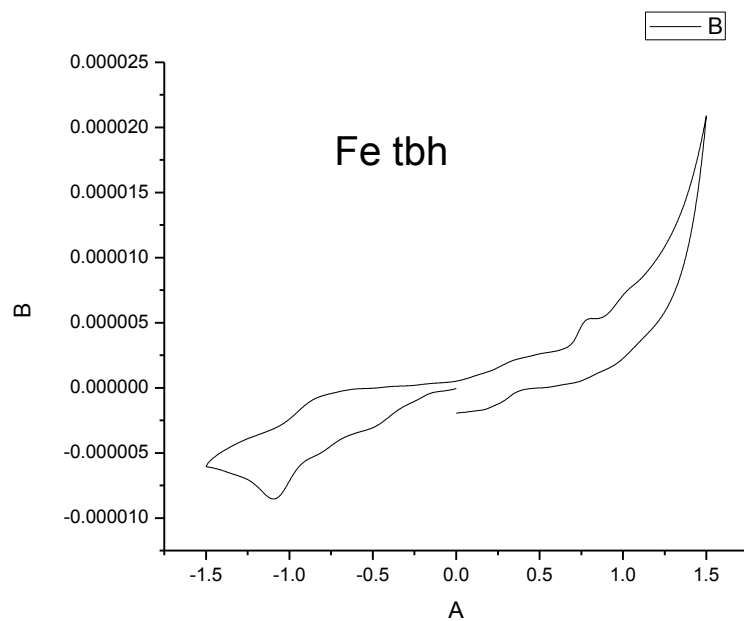
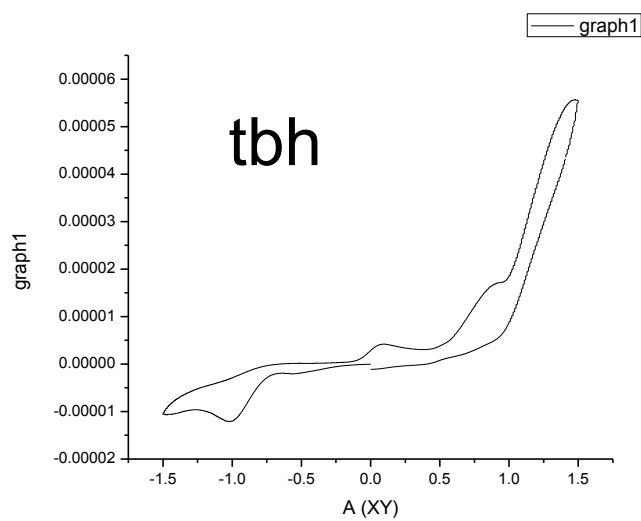


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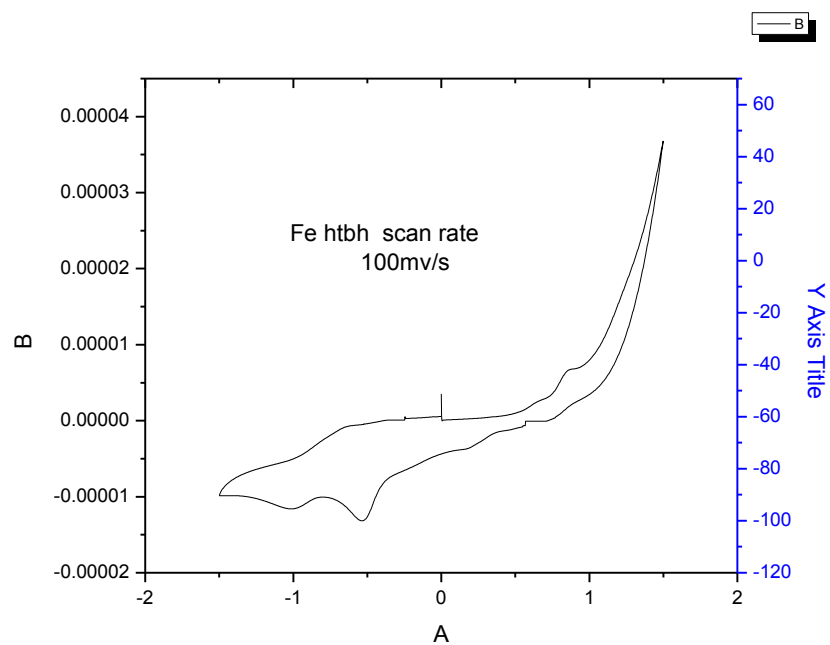


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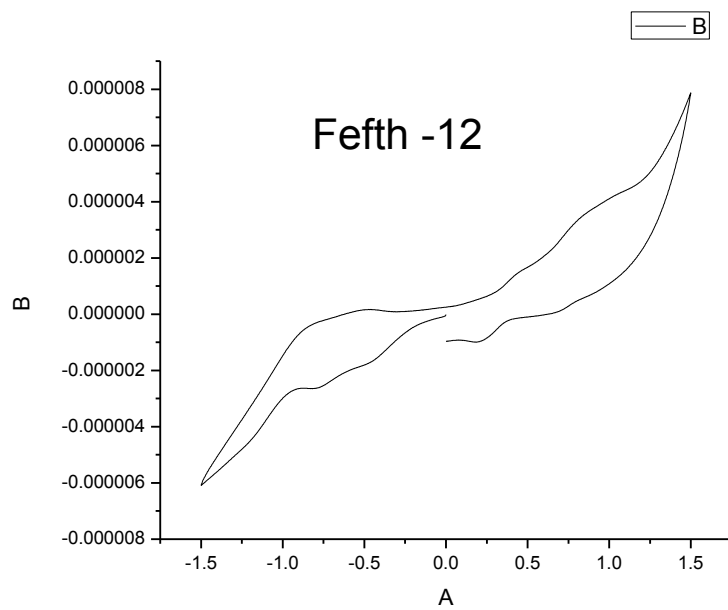
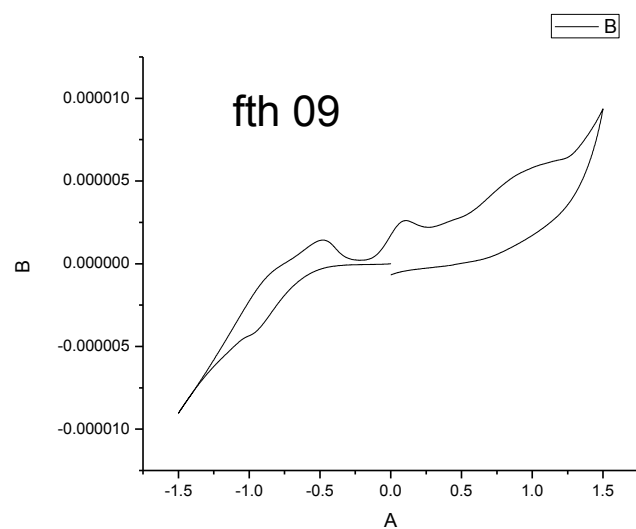
**Fig. S4.** Electronic spectra of  $\text{Fe}(\text{acac})(\text{tth})_2$  in benzene (a & b), acetonitrile (c), DMSO (d & e)



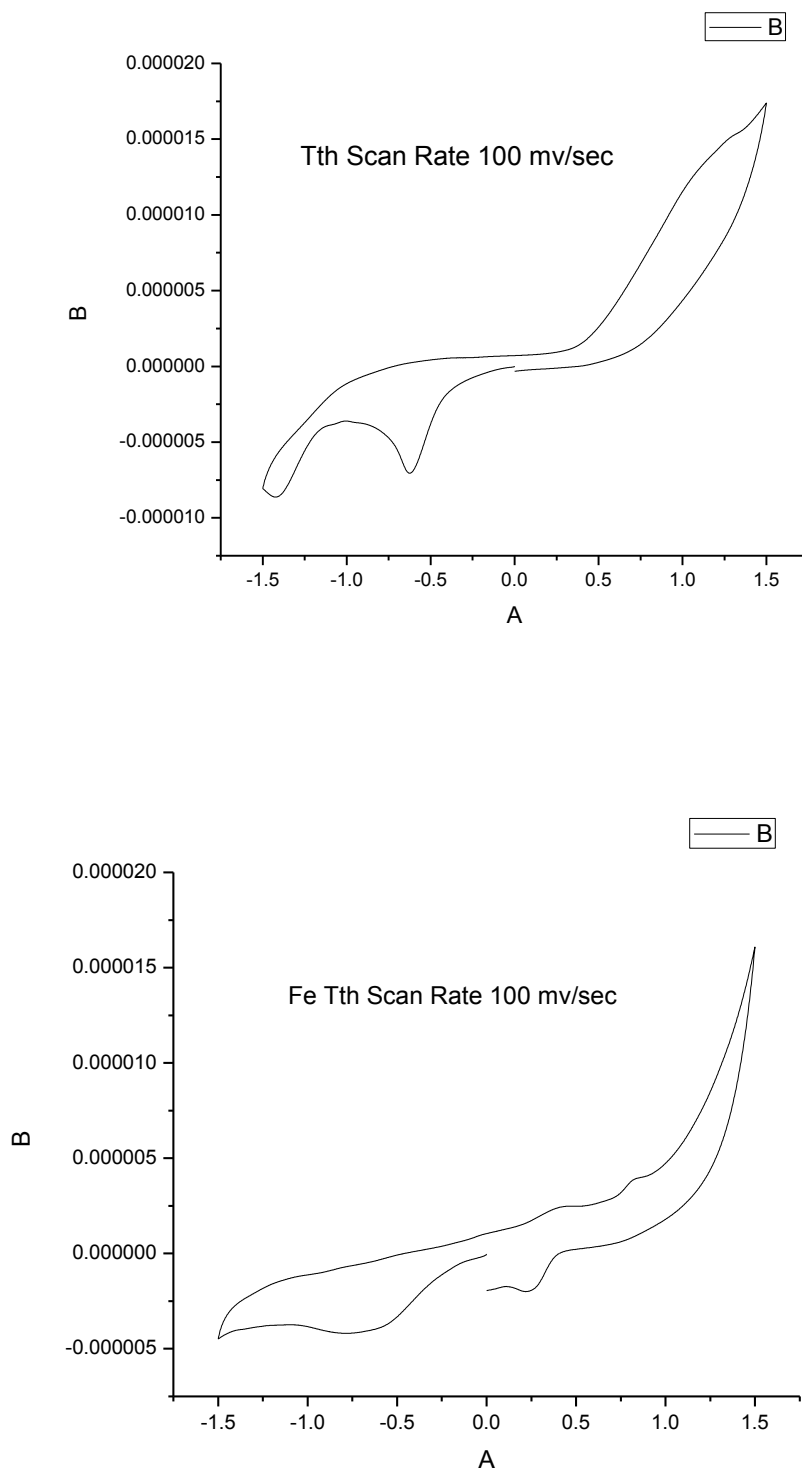
**Fig. S5.** Cyclic Voltammograms of thiobenzhydrazide and (acetylacetonato)bisthiobenzhydrazido iron(III) complex (scan rate 100 mv sec<sup>-1</sup>)



**Fig. S6.** Cyclic Voltammogram of (acetylacetonato)bis-2-hydroxythiobenzhydrazido iron(III) complex (scan rate 100 mv sec<sup>-1</sup>)



**Fig. S7.** Cyclic Voltammograms of furan-2-thiohydrazide and (acetylacetonato)bisfuran-2-thiohydrazido iron(III) complex (scan rate 100 mv sec<sup>-1</sup>)



**Fig. S8.** Cyclic Voltammograms of thiophen-2-thiohydrazide and (acetylacetonato)bisthiophen-2-thiohydrazido iron(III) complex (scan rate 100 mv sec<sup>-1</sup>)



**Table S1** The Cartesian coordinates of the optimized structure for acetylacetonatobis-2-hydroxythiobenzhydrazidoiron(III) [Fe(acac)(htbh)<sub>2</sub>] calculated from DFT studies

| Atom | x           | y           | z           |
|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fe   | -0.07433682 | -0.21682177 | -0.01651677 |
| O    | -1.87759685 | -0.88248246 | 0.42594413  |
| O    | -0.67445953 | 0.71090692  | -1.61095448 |
| C    | -1.89535363 | 0.80306798  | -2.01750438 |
| C    | -2.08247878 | 1.64135026  | -3.27678029 |
| H    | -3.12538042 | 1.63989301  | -3.62729990 |
| H    | -1.77492244 | 2.68196723  | -3.07495920 |
| H    | -1.43046937 | 1.25857806  | -4.07982105 |
| C    | -3.01742667 | 0.19346472  | -1.39765554 |
| H    | -3.99146899 | 0.33410791  | -1.86853126 |
| C    | -2.95898355 | -0.61871534 | -0.25018962 |
| C    | -4.22016904 | -1.28946067 | 0.28221512  |
| H    | -5.12721087 | -0.93760355 | -0.23161763 |
| H    | -4.14142019 | -2.38308022 | 0.15086625  |
| H    | -4.32279537 | -1.10222565 | 1.36478380  |
| S    | 0.53341550  | -2.08017714 | -1.21075482 |
| N    | 0.38149042  | -1.38316333 | 1.57934404  |
| H    | 0.86361136  | -0.93181804 | 2.37035699  |
| H    | -0.55358803 | -1.66563768 | 1.92260468  |
| C    | 1.15283413  | -3.03614986 | 0.15191690  |
| C    | 1.77848790  | -4.36021574 | -0.16175722 |
| C    | 2.72030202  | -4.46113624 | -1.21107665 |
| C    | 1.44507630  | -5.54442431 | 0.55473514  |
| C    | 3.33702531  | -5.67827283 | -1.53903910 |
| H    | 2.96722941  | -3.55332137 | -1.76608897 |
| C    | 2.05974213  | -6.76928625 | 0.21920711  |
| C    | 3.00290120  | -6.83715254 | -0.81745571 |
| H    | 4.06944336  | -5.72024612 | -2.34938342 |
| H    | 1.78940902  | -7.67328636 | 0.77811734  |
| H    | 3.47035910  | -7.79649678 | -1.05863916 |
| O    | 0.49533608  | -5.47352318 | 1.55245185  |
| H    | 0.35643001  | -6.38389740 | 1.89171792  |
| S    | 1.96450676  | 0.66423785  | -0.10560940 |
| N    | -0.57818277 | 2.80207965  | 0.54469379  |
| N    | 1.13176385  | -2.66239391 | 1.40423914  |
| C    | 1.80374441  | 2.37167472  | -0.05338260 |
| H    | 2.73669062  | 2.92012116  | -0.21693004 |
| C    | 0.60430264  | 3.16603268  | 0.06121880  |
| N    | -0.57149662 | 1.47045843  | 1.13998220  |
| H    | 0.05282080  | 1.49991406  | 1.96563753  |
| H    | -1.52740891 | 1.33747041  | 1.49385796  |
| C    | 0.67852649  | 4.58596852  | -0.43082210 |
| C    | 1.14476976  | 4.84759199  | -1.73842264 |
| C    | 0.30988744  | 5.69315686  | 0.38227311  |

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|---|-------------|------------|-------------|
| C | 1.23147936  | 6.15344703 | -2.24858059 |
| H | 1.42844159  | 3.99611478 | -2.36334737 |
| C | 0.39774195  | 7.00564202 | -0.12749918 |
| C | 0.85247860  | 7.23523566 | -1.43548939 |
| H | 1.58717094  | 6.32260156 | -3.26822536 |
| H | 0.11292724  | 7.84940029 | 0.51236491  |
| H | 0.91176727  | 8.26049764 | -1.81242648 |
| O | -0.09794215 | 5.45297974 | 1.67881710  |
| H | -0.27264498 | 6.32152172 | 2.10092921  |

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**Table S2** Atomic Spin Population (Major contribution shown in bold)

| Atom      | Atomic Number | Atomic Spin Population |
|-----------|---------------|------------------------|
| <b>Fe</b> | <b>26.0</b>   | <b>-0.67705</b>        |
| O         | 8.0           | 0.00300                |
| O         | 8.0           | -0.00539               |
| C         | 6.0           | 0.01122                |
| C         | 6.0           | 0.00018                |
| H         | 1.0           | 0.00031                |
| H         | 1.0           | 0.00033                |
| H         | 1.0           | 0.00049                |
| C         | 6.0           | -0.01378               |
| H         | 1.0           | 0.00033                |
| C         | 6.0           | 0.00033                |
| C         | 6.0           | -0.00049               |
| H         | 1.0           | 0.00010                |
| H         | 1.0           | 0.00060                |
| H         | 1.0           | 0.00040                |
| S         | 16.0          | 0.01126                |
| N         | 7.0           | 0.01181                |
| H         | 1.0           | -0.00040               |
| H         | 1.0           | 0.00054                |
| C         | 6.0           | 0.00332                |
| C         | 6.0           | 0.00034                |
| C         | 6.0           | 0.00059                |
| C         | 6.0           | 0.00028                |
| C         | 6.0           | -0.00016               |
| H         | 1.0           | -0.00004               |
| C         | 6.0           | 0.00001                |
| C         | 6.0           | 0.00038                |
| H         | 1.0           | 0.00001                |
| H         | 1.0           | 0.00001                |
| H         | 1.0           | -0.00002               |
| O         | 8.0           | 0.00010                |
| H         | 1.0           | -0.00001               |
| <b>S</b>  | <b>16.0</b>   | <b>0.13714</b>         |
| <b>N</b>  | <b>7.0</b>    | <b>0.22218</b>         |
| N         | 7.0           | -0.00070               |
| <b>C</b>  | <b>6.0</b>    | <b>0.31681</b>         |
| H         | 1.0           | -0.01260               |
| C         | 6.0           | -0.03273               |
| N         | 7.0           | 0.00142                |
| H         | 1.0           | 0.00945                |
| H         | 1.0           | -0.00085               |
| C         | 6.0           | 0.00391                |
| C         | 6.0           | -0.00102               |
| C         | 6.0           | -0.00247               |
| C         | 6.0           | 0.00213                |
| H         | 1.0           | 0.00084                |
| C         | 6.0           | 0.00190                |

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| C | 6.0 | -0.00275 |
| H | 1.0 | -0.00017 |
| H | 1.0 | 0.00005  |
| H | 1.0 | 0.00016  |
| O | 8.0 | -0.00030 |
| H | 1.0 | 0.00028  |

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**Table S3** DFT Final Molecular Orbital Analysis for Alpha spin:

Vector 130 Occ=1.000000D+00 E=-1.255216D-01

MO Center= 3.0D-01, -2.2D-01, -1.1D-01, r^2= 4.2D+00

| Bfn.  | Coefficient | Atom+Function | Bfn.  | Coefficient | Atom+Function |
|-------|-------------|---------------|-------|-------------|---------------|
| ----- | -----       | -----         | ----- | -----       | -----         |
| 28    | 0.278013    | 1 Fe d 2      | 160   | -0.263605   | 16 S px       |
| 33    | 0.252804    | 1 Fe d 2      | 24    | -0.226740   | 1 Fe d -2     |
| 38    | 0.214356    | 1 Fe d 2      | 29    | -0.205838   | 1 Fe d -2     |
| 320   | -0.203045   | 33 S pz       | 34    | -0.176704   | 1 Fe d -2     |
| 362   | 0.154625    | 36 C pz       |       |             |               |

Vector 131 Occ=0.000000D+00 E=-1.049618D-01

MO Center= 2.9D-01, 2.9D-01, -7.0D-02, r^2= 3.6D+00

| Bfn.  | Coefficient | Atom+Function | Bfn.  | Coefficient | Atom+Function |
|-------|-------------|---------------|-------|-------------|---------------|
| ----- | -----       | -----         | ----- | -----       | -----         |
| 27    | 0.342616    | 1 Fe d 1      | 32    | 0.312785    | 1 Fe d 1      |
| 320   | 0.300270    | 33 S pz       | 37    | 0.264875    | 1 Fe d 1      |
| 324   | 0.197539    | 33 S pz       | 362   | -0.151274   | 36 C pz       |

**Table S4** DFT Final Molecular Orbital Analysis for Beta spin:

Vector 130 Occ=1.000000D+00 E=-1.380487D-01

MO Center= 1.3D-01, -8.5D-01, -2.4D-01, r<sup>2</sup>= 3.2D+00

| Bfn. | Coefficient | Atom+Function | Bfn. | Coefficient | Atom+Function |
|------|-------------|---------------|------|-------------|---------------|
|------|-------------|---------------|------|-------------|---------------|

|     |           |          |     |           |           |
|-----|-----------|----------|-----|-----------|-----------|
| 160 | 0.316982  | 16 S px  | 24  | 0.261983  | 1 Fe d -2 |
| 28  | -0.261636 | 1 Fe d 2 | 29  | 0.237967  | 1 Fe d -2 |
| 33  | -0.238488 | 1 Fe d 2 | 34  | 0.196638  | 1 Fe d -2 |
| 38  | -0.197367 | 1 Fe d 2 | 164 | 0.188286  | 16 S px   |
| 161 | 0.169096  | 16 S py  | 346 | -0.153328 | 35 N px   |

Vector 131 Occ=0.000000D+00 E=-1.071531D-01

MO Center= 9.1D-01, 1.7D+00, 7.6D-02, r<sup>2</sup>= 4.6D+00

| Bfn. | Coefficient | Atom+Function | Bfn. | Coefficient | Atom+Function |
|------|-------------|---------------|------|-------------|---------------|
|------|-------------|---------------|------|-------------|---------------|

|     |           |         |     |           |         |
|-----|-----------|---------|-----|-----------|---------|
| 320 | 0.392515  | 33 S pz | 362 | -0.324178 | 36 C pz |
| 366 | -0.305638 | 36 C pz | 334 | 0.285828  | 34 N pz |
| 324 | 0.278240  | 33 S pz | 338 | 0.241887  | 34 N pz |