

**Supporting Information**  
**for**  
**O<sub>2</sub> activation by non-heme thiolate-based dinuclear Fe complexes**

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## Crystallographic tables

**Table S1.** Crystallographic Data for  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]\cdot 0.5\text{CH}_3\text{CN}\cdot 0.75\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  and  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]$ .

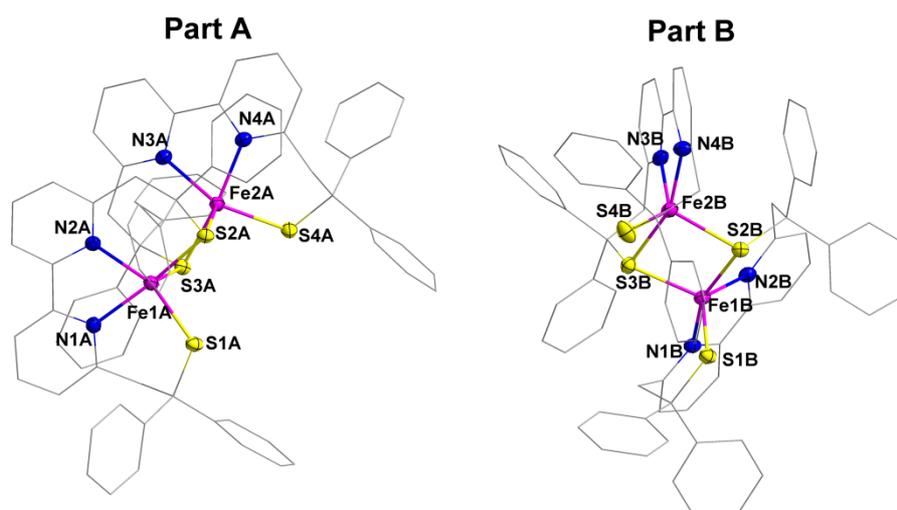
	$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]\cdot 0.5\text{CH}_3\text{CN}\cdot 0.75\text{Et}_2\text{O}$	$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]$
empirical formula	$2[\text{C}_{80}\text{H}_{69}\text{Fe}_2\text{N}_{4.5}\text{O}_{0.75}\text{S}_4]$	$\text{C}_{76}\text{H}_{60}\text{Fe}_2\text{N}_4\text{OS}_4$
formula weight	2690.67	1285.30
crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic
space group	P 21/n	P 21/c
$a \text{ \AA}$	26.347(5)	19.625(4)
$b \text{ \AA}$	19.908(4)	21.001(4)
$c \text{ \AA}$	26.789(5)	17.413(4)
$\alpha^\circ$	90	90
$\beta^\circ$	106.47(3)	91.93(3)
$\gamma^\circ$	90	90
$V \text{ \AA}^3$	13475(5)	7173(2)
$Z$	4	4
$T \text{ K}$	200	100
$D_{\text{calcd}} \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$	1.326	1.1902
$\mu \text{ mm}^{-1}$	0.605	0.601
$\theta \text{ range }^\circ$	1.401-25.000	1.065-32.352
total no. data	129233	109409
no.unique data	23118	17888
no. params refined	1709	939
$R_1$	0.0745	0.1447
$wR_2$	0.1608	0.3618
GOF	1.056	1.1019

**Table S2.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for the two crystallographically independent units of  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}] \cdot 0.5\text{CH}_3\text{CN} \cdot 0.75\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ .

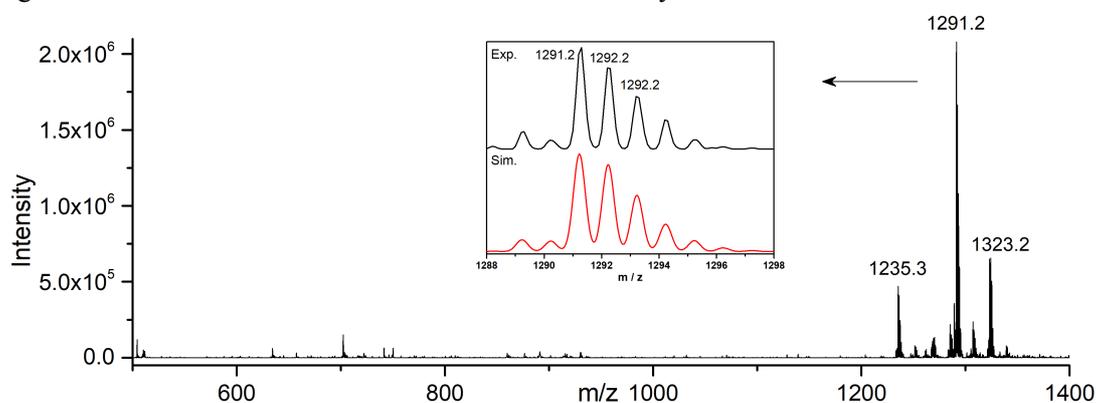
Fe1A-S1A	2.3382(15)	Fe2A-S2A	2.3959(15)
Fe1A-S2A	2.3905(16)	Fe2A-S3A	2.3985(17)
Fe1A-S3A	2.4243(17)	Fe2A-S4A	2.3632(17)
Fe1A-N1A	2.145(4)	Fe2A-N3A	2.235(4)
Fe1A-N2A	2.240(5)	Fe2A-N4A	2.129(4)
S2A-Fe1A-S3A	91.70(5)	S2A-Fe2A-S3A	92.21(5)
S1A-Fe1A-S2A	87.50(5)	S4A-Fe2A-S2A	104.70(6)
S1A-Fe1A-S3A	102.75(6)	S4A-Fe2A-S3A	90.05(5)
N2A-Fe1A-S2A	92.60(12)	N3A-Fe2A-S2A	116.22(12)
N2A-Fe1A-S1A	136.12(12)	N3A-Fe2A-S4A	138.88(12)
N2A-Fe1A-S3A	121.09(12)	N3A-Fe2A-S3A	92.16(11)
N1A-Fe1A-S2A	162.69(14)	N4A-Fe2A-S2A	101.62(12)
N1A-Fe1A-S1A	91.75(12)	N4A-Fe2A-S4A	91.89(13)
N1A-Fe1A-S3A	105.31(13)	N4A-Fe2A-S3A	165.05(12)
N1A-Fe1A-N2A	76.04(17)	N4A-Fe2A-N3A	76.71(16)
Fe1A-Fe2A	3.2544(12)		
Fe1B-S1B	2.3295(15)	Fe2B-S2B	2.3992(16)
Fe1B-S2B	2.4047(17)	Fe2B-S3B	2.4110(18)
Fe1B-S3B	2.4092(16)	Fe2B-S4B	2.334(2)
Fe1B-N1B	2.132(4)	Fe2B-N3B	2.215(5)
Fe1B-N2B	2.242(5)	Fe2B-N4B	2.123(5)
S1B-Fe1B-S2B	88.98(5)	S2B-Fe2B-S3B	95.32(5)
S1B-Fe1B-S3B	105.42(6)	S4B-Fe2B-S2B	110.43(7)
S2B-Fe1B-S3B	95.22(6)	S4B-Fe2B-S3B	86.76(6)
N2B-Fe1B-S1B	132.55(12)	N3B-Fe2B-S2B	116.37(13)
N2B-Fe1B-S2B	91.73(12)	N3B-Fe2B-S3B	92.82(14)
N2B-Fe1B-S3B	121.71(12)	N3B-Fe2B-S4B	133.01(14)
N1B-Fe1B-S1B	88.95(12)	N4B-Fe2B-S2B	105.96(14)
N1B-Fe1B-S2B	160.17(13)	N4B-Fe2B-S3B	158.61(14)
N1B-Fe1B-S3B	104.34(13)	N4B-Fe2B-S4B	87.73(14)
N1B-Fe1B-N2B	75.34(17)	N4B-Fe2B-N3B	76.06(19)
Fe1B-Fe2B	3.2179(13)		

**Table S3.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for  $[\text{Fe}_2^0]$ .

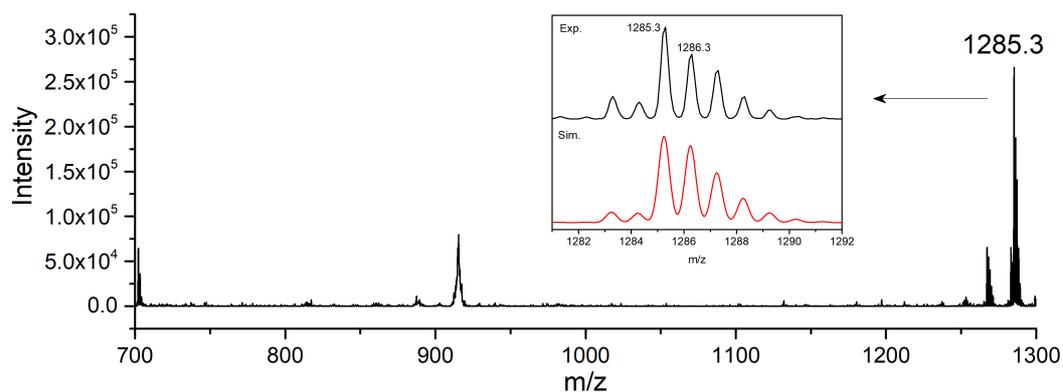
Fe1-S2	2.348(3)	Fe2-S4	2.341(3)
Fe1-S1	2.288(3)	Fe2-S3	2.317(3)
Fe1-O1	1.807(6)	Fe2-O1	1.777(7)
Fe1-N1	2.224(7)	Fe2-N3	2.132(7)
Fe1-N2	2.157(7)	Fe2-N4	2.168(8)
S1-Fe1-S2	86.30(11)	S3-Fe2-S4	80.30(12)
O1-Fe1-S2	114.2(2)	O1-Fe2-S4	113.4(2)
O1-Fe1-S1	102.3(2)	O1-Fe2-S3	115.1(3)
O1-Fe1-N1	110.5(3)	O1-Fe2-N3	98.7(3)
O1-Fe1-N2	97.1(3)	O1-Fe2-N4	105.3(3)
N1-Fe1-S2	134.4(2)	N3-Fe2-S4	147.7(2)
N1-Fe1-S1	92.9(2)	N3-Fe2-S3	89.2(2)
N2-Fe1-S2	89.6(2)	N3-Fe2-N4	76.7(3)
N2-Fe1-S1	160.16(19)	N4-Fe2-S4	91.3(2)
N2-Fe1-N1	76.2(3)	N4-Fe2-S3	138.8(2)



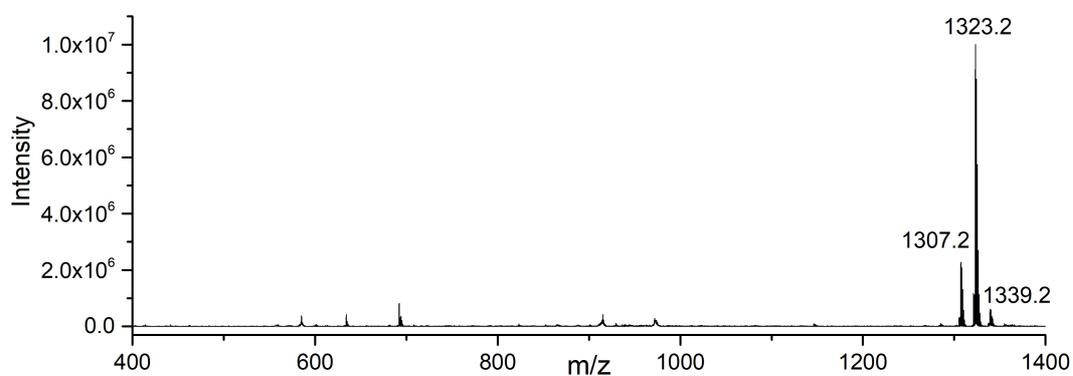
**Figure S1.** X-ray crystal structure of  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}] \cdot 0.5\text{CH}_3\text{CN} \cdot 0.75\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  displaying both crystallographically independent units. The thermal ellipsoids of the metal cores are drawn at 30% probability level. All hydrogen atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.



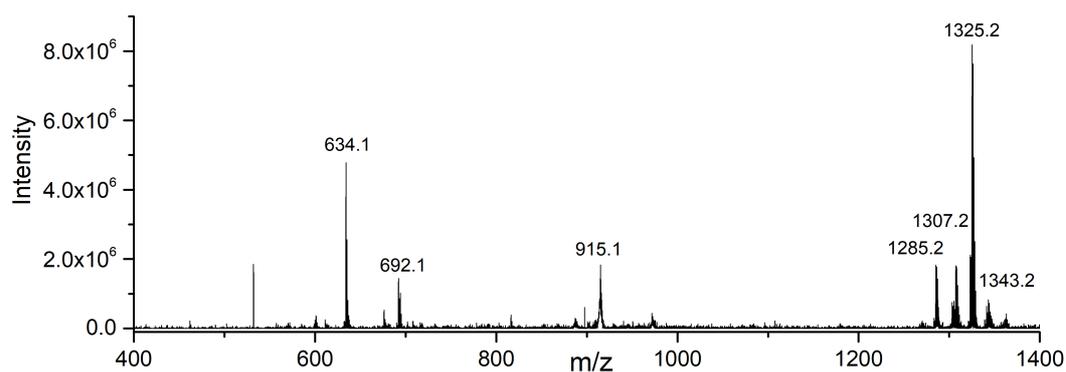
**Figure S2.** Full ESI-mass spectrum of  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (the inset displays a zoom of the molecular peak,  $m/z$  1291.2,  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}] + \text{Na}^+$ , experimental and simulated data).



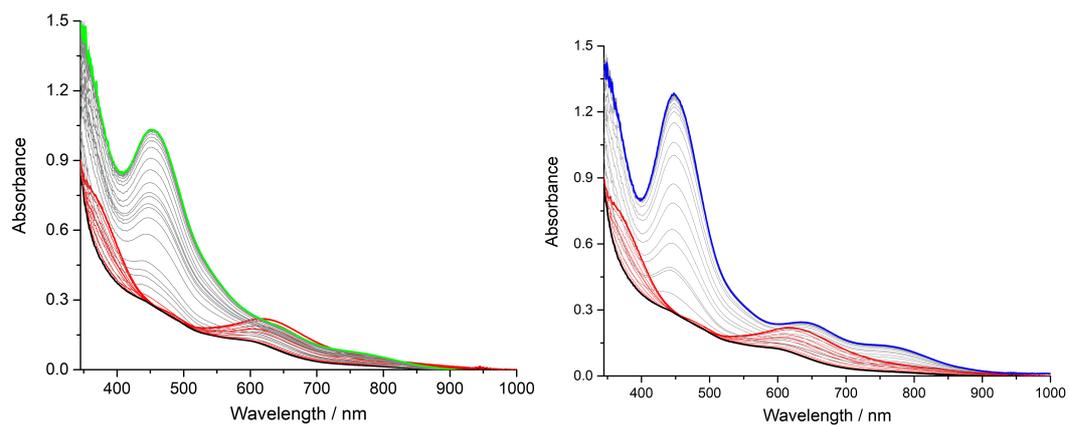
**Figure S3.** Full ESI-mass spectrum of  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OH}}]^+$  generated from  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{SH}}]^+$  and  $\text{O}_2$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (the inset displays a zoom of the molecular peak,  $m/z$  1285.3,  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OH}}]^+$ , experimental and simulated data).



**Figure S4.** Full ESI-mass spectrum of  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]$  generated from  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]$  and  $^{16}\text{O}_2$  in acetonitrile.



**Figure S5.** Full ESI-mass spectrum of  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]^{18}$  generated from  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]$  and  $^{18}\text{O}_2$  in acetonitrile.

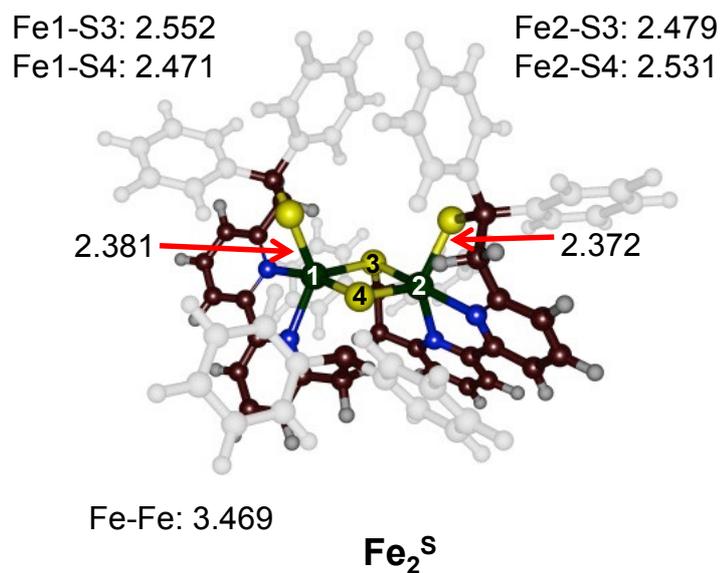


**Figure S6.** UV-vis spectra of  $[\text{Fe}_2\text{S}]$  (1 cm path length, scan every 1 s) in MeCN before (red) and after (black) addition of 1 (left) and 2 (right) equivalent of  $\text{LutH}^+$ , followed by exposing to  $\text{O}_2$ .

## DFT calculations

**Figure S7.** Optimized structures for Schemes 3-5 (except for the structures of  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{SH}}]^+$ ,  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO/SH}}]^+$  and  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO/SH}}]^+$ , which were previously reported{Wang, 2019 #1}) calculated at the UBLYP/BS1 level of theory in Gaussian with phenyl substituents. Antiferromagnetic configurations only with bond lengths in angstroms. For ferromagnetic structures, see Tables and Cartesian coordinates.

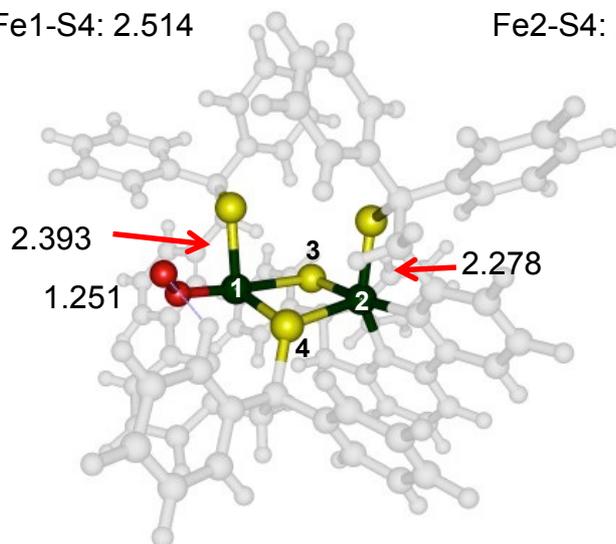
a)  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]$



b)  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]$

Fe1-S3: 2.680  
Fe1-S4: 2.514

Fe2-S3: 2.343  
Fe2-S4: 2.631

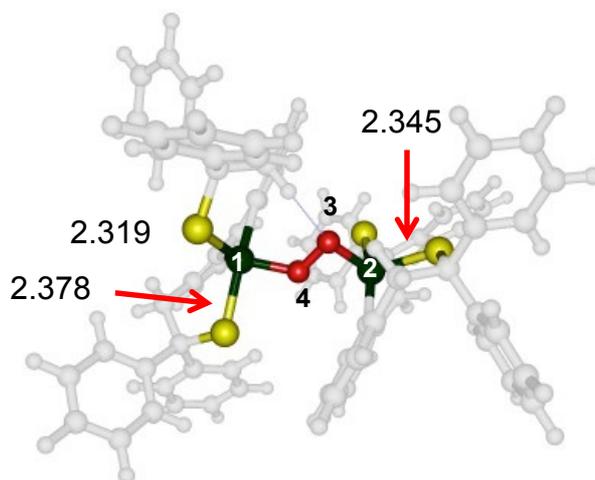


Fe-O: 1.881  
Fe-Fe: 3.661  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]$

c)  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]$

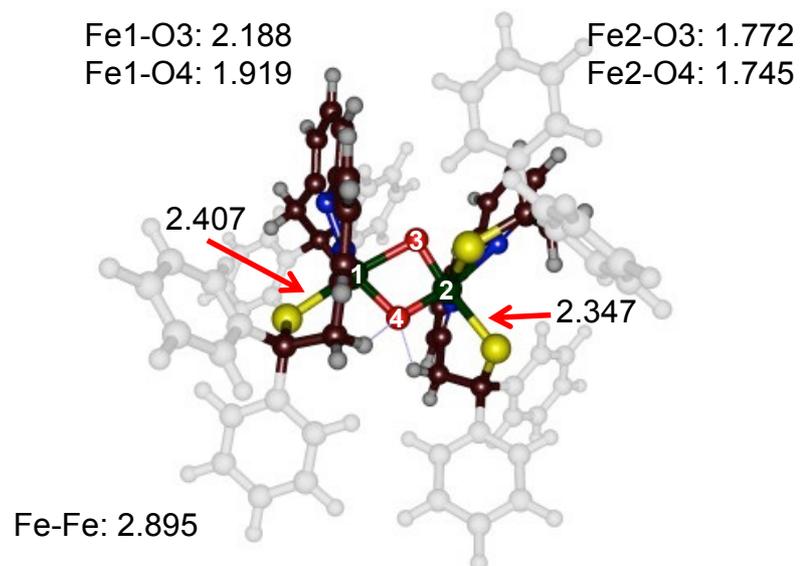
Fe1-O4: 1.885

Fe2-O3: 1.890  
O3-O4: 1.424



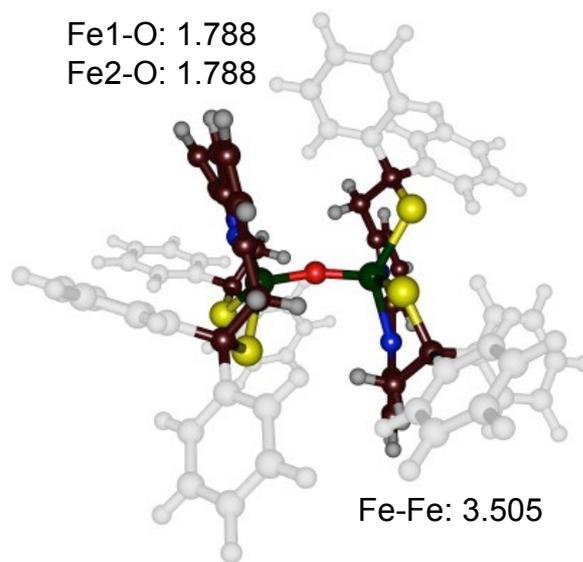
Fe-Fe: 4.214  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]$

d)  $[\text{Fe}_2^{(O)2}]$



$[\text{Fe}_2^{(O)2}]$

e)  $[\text{Fe}_2^O]$



$[\text{Fe}_2^O]$

**Table S4.** Absolute energies (in au) of antiferromagnetic (AF) states of complexes in Schemes 3-5. Data obtained with the **small model** with methyl substituents at the **UBLYP** level of theory in Gaussian-09.

		E [BS1]	ZPE [BS1]	G [BS1]	Esolv [BS2]	Esolv [BS2] + ZPE
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]$	AF	-3456.2330	-3455.5167	-3455.5944	-3456.9033	-3456.1870
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]$	AF	-3606.5535	-3605.8314	-3605.9105	-3607.2813	-3606.5591
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]$	AF	-3606.5721	-3605.8498	-3605.9313	-3607.3072	-3606.5849
$[\text{Fe}_2^{(\text{O})_2}]$	AF	-3606.6107	-3605.8882	-3605.9664	-3607.3493	-3606.6267
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]$	AF	-3531.4466	-3530.7281	-3530.8107	-3532.1682	-3531.4498

**Table S5.** Relative energies along the reaction mechanism in Schemes 3-5. All values are in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. Data obtained with the **small model** with methyl substituents at the **UBLYP** level of theory in Gaussian-09.

		$\Delta E$ [BS1]	$\Delta E + \text{ZPE}$ [BS1]	$\Delta G$ [BS1]	$\Delta E$ [BS2]	$\Delta E + \text{ZPE}$ [BS2]	$\Delta E_{\text{solv}}$ [BS2]	$\Delta E_{\text{solv}} + \text{ZPE}$ [BS2]
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]$	AF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]$	AF	-5.7	-4.1	7.6	-2.9	-1.4	-5.4	-3.8
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]$	AF	-17.3	-15.7	-5.5	-18.2	-16.6	-21.7	-20.0
$[\text{Fe}_2^{(\text{O})_2}]$	AF	-41.5	-39.8	-27.5	-44.8	-43.1	-48.1	-46.3
$2^* [\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]_{\text{AF}} \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + 2^* [\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]_{\text{AF}}$		-38.0	-40.6	-54.5	-45.8	-48.4	-57.4	-60.0

**Table S6.** Group spin densities of the complexes from Schemes 3-5 as calculated at various levels of theory. Data obtained with the **small model** with methyl substituents at the **UBLYP** level of theory in Gaussian-09.

		BLYP/BS1			BLYP/BS2			BLYP+PCM/BS2		
		$\rho$ Fe1	$\rho$ Fe2	All Else	$\rho$ Fe1	$\rho$ Fe2	All Else	$\rho$ Fe1	$\rho$ Fe2	All Else
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]$	AF	2.00	-2.00	0.00	1.96	-1.96	0.00	1.91	-1.91	0.00
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]$	AF	0.82	-2.01	1.18	0.78	-1.92	1.15	0.84	-1.88	1.04
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]$	AF	0.89	-0.89	0.00	0.81	-0.80	0.00	0.78	-0.78	0.00
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}2}]$	AF	1.47	-1.43	-0.04	1.34	-1.30	-0.04	1.37	-1.33	-0.03
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]$	AF	2.20	-2.20	0.00	2.23	-2.24	0.01	2.25	-2.26	0.01

**Table S7.** Absolute energies (in au) and spin densities (at BS1) of various ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic states of complex  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]$ . Data obtained with the **small model** with methyl substituents at **UB3LYP** in Gaussian-09. A star on ID refers to the selected complex as best.

ID	E [BS1]	ZPE [BS1]	G [BS1]	Esolv [BS2]	Spin Fe1	Spin Fe2	Spin Ligand
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]_{\text{AF}}^*$	-3457.195305	-3456.457952	-3456.537581	-3457.826967	3.6	-3.6	0.0
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]_{\text{F5}}$	-3457.173744	-3456.435104	-3456.514098	-3457.813186	3.6	0.0	0.3
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]_{\text{F7}}$	-3457.187307	-3456.449003	-3456.528696	-3457.813186	3.6	2.1	0.3
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]_{\text{F9}}$	-3457.194143	-3456.456870	-3456.538844	-3457.825798	3.6	3.6	0.8
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]_{\text{F11}}$	-3457.147392	-3456.411386	-3456.492725	-3457.783347	3.8	3.6	2.6

**Table S8.** Absolute energies (in au) and spin densities (at BS1) of various ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic states of complex  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]$ . Data obtained with the **small model** with methyl substituents at **UB3LYP** in Gaussian-09. A star on ID refers to the selected complex as best.

ID	E [BS1]	ZPE [BS1]	G [BS1]	Esolv [BS2]	Spin Fe1	Spin Fe2	Spin Ligand
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]_{\text{AF}}^*$	-3607.490739	-3606.746237	-3606.826100	-3608.171501	2.8	-2.1	-0.7
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]_{\text{F5}}$	-3607.486315	-3606.742674	-3606.828502	-3608.157499	2.1	0.0	1.9
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]_{\text{F7}}$	-3607.500273	-3606.756814	-3606.843672	-3608.170884	2.1	2.1	1.7
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]_{\text{F9}}$	-3607.507508	-3606.764891	-3606.853321	-3608.183216	3.6	2.1	2.3
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]_{\text{F11}}$	-3607.514655	-3606.773189	-3606.861298	-3608.195802	3.6	3.6	2.8

\*Note: Complexes F5-F11 result in dissociation of molecular  $\text{O}_2$  off the complex.

**Table S9.** Absolute energies (in au) and spin densities (at BS1) of various ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic states of complex  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]$ . Data obtained with the **small model** with methyl substituents at **UB3LYP** in Gaussian-09. A star on ID refers to the selected complex as best.

ID	E [BS1]	ZPE [BS1]	G [BS1]	Esolv [BS2]	Spin Fe1	Spin Fe2	Spin Ligand
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]_{\text{AF}}^*$	-3607.521135	-3606.777269	-3606.859218	-3608.209409	2.9	-2.9	-0.1
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]_{\text{F5}}$	-3607.503816	-3606.758935	-3606.842328	-3608.192450	2.9	1.2	-0.1
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]_{\text{F7}}$	-3607.499966	-3606.755450	-3606.840082	-3608.197228	3.7	1.1	1.2
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]_{\text{F9}}$	-3607.512214	-3606.768384	-3606.853547	-3608.212080	3.7	2.9	1.4
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]_{\text{F11}}$	-3607.507219	-3606.764020	-3606.850764	-3608.216507	3.7	3.7	2.5

**Table S10.** Absolute energies (in au) and spin densities (at BS1) of various ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic states of complex  $[\text{Fe}_2(\text{O}^2)]$ . Data obtained with the **small model** with methyl substituents at **UB3LYP** in Gaussian-09. A star on ID refers to the selected complex as best.

ID	E [BS1]	ZPE [BS1]	G [BS1]	Esolv [BS2]	Spin Fe1	Spin Fe2	Spin Ligand
$[\text{Fe}_2(\text{O}^2)]_{\text{AF}}^*$	-3607.522758	-3606.779048	-3606.858632	-3608.224259	3.4	-3.4	0.0
$[\text{Fe}_2(\text{O}^2)]_{\text{F5}}$	-3607.511199	-3606.766713	-3606.846362	-3608.200891	3.3	-1.1	1.7
$[\text{Fe}_2(\text{O}^2)]_{\text{F7}}$	-3607.521386	-3606.776586	-3606.856738	-3608.217360	3.3	2.0	0.6
$[\text{Fe}_2(\text{O}^2)]_{\text{F9}}$	-3607.513389	-3606.769438	-3606.850933	-3608.204249	3.8	2.0	2.2
$[\text{Fe}_2(\text{O}^2)]_{\text{F11}}$	-3607.515173	-3606.772303	-3606.855018	-3608.211916	3.9	3.4	2.7

**Table S11.** Absolute energies (in au) and spin densities (at BS1) of various ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic states of complex  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]$ . Data obtained with the **small model** with methyl substituents at **UB3LYP** in Gaussian-09. A star on ID refers to the selected complex as best.

ID	E [BS1]	ZPE [BS1]	G [BS1]	Esolv [BS2]	Spin Fe1	Spin Fe2	Spin Ligand
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]_{\text{AF}}$	-3532.391338	-3531.650001	-3531.731410	-3533.062831	2.9	-2.9	0.0
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]_{\text{F5}}$	-3532.375059	-3532.375059	-3531.714295	-3533.051284	3.8	-1.0	1.2
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]_{\text{F7}}$	-3532.372717	-3531.631170	-3531.713755	-3533.049788	3.8	1.1	1.1
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]_{\text{F9}}$	-3532.386013	-3531.645368	-3531.729926	-3533.065842	3.8	3.0	1.2
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]_{\text{F11}}^*$	-3532.389758	-3531.649344	-3531.733952	-3533.075555	3.8	3.8	2.4

**Table S12.** Group spin densities of selected complexes from Schemes 3-5 as calculated at various levels of theory. Data obtained with the **small model** with methyl substituents at **UB3LYP** in Gaussian-09.

#	BLYP/BS1			BLYP/BS2			BLYP+PCM/BS2		
	$\rho$ Fe1	$\rho$ Fe2	All Else	$\rho$ Fe1	$\rho$ Fe2	All Else	$\rho$ Fe1	$\rho$ Fe2	All Else
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]_{\text{AF}}$	3.63	-3.63	0.00	3.40	-3.40	0.00	3.41	-3.42	0.00
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]_{\text{AF}}$	2.82	-2.12	-0.70	2.43	-2.04	-0.39	2.44	-1.97	-0.48
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]_{\text{AF}}$	2.93	-2.86	-0.06	2.72	-2.68	-0.04	2.72	-2.69	-0.03
$[\text{Fe}_2(\text{O}^2)]_{\text{AF}}$	3.41	-3.41	0.00	3.17	3.17	0.00	3.17	-3.17	0.00
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]_{\text{F11}}$	3.83	3.82	2.35	3.98	3.99	2.03	4.00	4.00	2.00

**Table S13.** Absolute energies (in au) of antiferromagnetic (AF) states of complexes in Schemes 3-5. Data obtained from the **large model** at **UB3LYP** in Gaussian-09.

#	Spin	E [BS1]	ZPE [BS1]	G [BS1]	Esolv [BS2]	Esolv [BS2]+ZPE
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]$	AF	-4991.006921	-4989.847868	-4989.963916	-4992.001491	-4990.842438
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]$	AF	-5141.295988	-5140.130212	-5140.248071	-5142.331485	-5141.165710
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]$	AF	-5141.319598	-5140.154675	-5140.276469	-5142.377973	-5141.213050
$[\text{Fe}_2(\text{O}^2)]$	AF	-5141.319465	-5140.155284	-5140.273918	-5142.381148	-5141.216967
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]$	AF	-5066.205488	-5065.042934	-5065.163351	-5067.239385	-5066.076831
Isolated MeCN	N/A	-132.751485	-132.7058	-132.72985	-132.7461	-132.7547

**Table S14.** Relative energies (in kcal/mol) of selected models of schemes 3-5. Data obtained with the **small model** with methyl substituents at **UB3LYP** in Gaussian-09.

ID	E [BS1]	ZPE [BS1]	G [BS1]	Esolv [BS2]	Esolv [BS2]+ZPE
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]_{\text{AF}}$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}\cdot}]_{\text{AF}}$	12.7	15.0	28.9	15.5	17.7
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]_{\text{AF}}$	-6.3	-4.5	8.1	-8.3	-6.4
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{(O)}2}]_{\text{AF}}$	-7.3	-5.6	8.5	-17.6	-15.9
$2^* [\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]_{\text{AF}} \rightarrow \text{O}_2+$ $2^* [\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]_{\text{F11}}$	-33.8	-35.8	-51.6	-64.5	-66.5

Note: Molecular  $\text{O}_2$  energies were employed to complement relative energy vs complex  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]$ .

**Table S15.** Absolute energies (in kcal/mol) of selected models of scheme 1. Data obtained from the **large model** at **UB3LYP** in Gaussian-09.

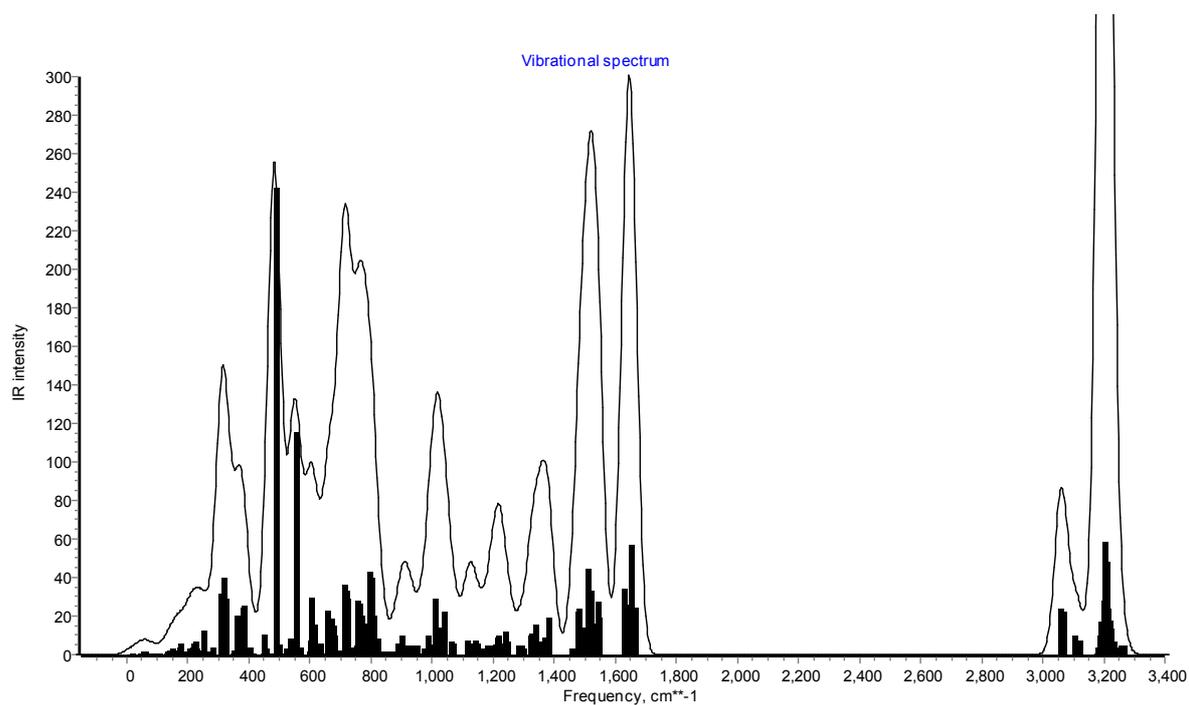
ID	E [BS1]	ZPE [BS1]	G [BS1]	Esolv [BS2]	Esolv [BS2]+ZPC
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]_{\text{AF}}$	-4991.006921	-4989.847868	-4989.963916	-4991.949959	-4990.790907
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}\cdot}]_{\text{AF}}$	-5141.295988	-5140.130212	-5140.248071	-5142.331485	-5141.165710
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]_{\text{AF}}$	-5141.319598	-5140.154675	-5140.276469	-5142.377973	-5141.213050
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{(O)}2}]_{\text{AF}}$	-5141.319595	-5140.154686	-5140.276528	-5142.377929	-5141.213020
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]_{\text{F11}}$	-5066.205488	-5065.042934	-5065.163351	-5067.239385	-5066.076831

**Table S16.** Relative energies (in kcal/mol) of selected models of schemes 3-5. Data obtained from the **large model** at **UB3LYP** in Gaussian-09.

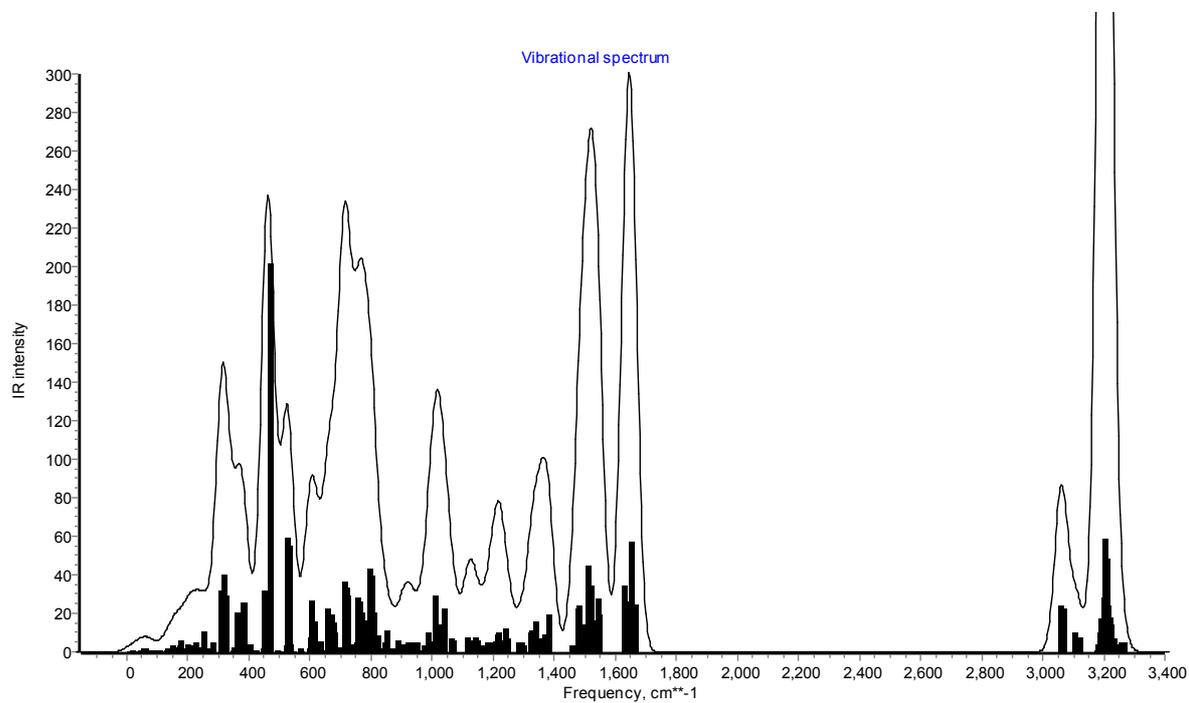
ID	E [BS1]	ZPE [BS1]	G [BS1]	Esolv [BS2]	Esolv [BS2]+ZPC
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{S}}]_{\text{AF}}$	0	0	0	0	0
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}\cdot}]_{\text{AF}}$	17.3	19.1	30.5	25.4	27.3
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]_{\text{AF}}$	-4.5	-3.6	4.8	-15.6	-14.7
$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{(O)}2}]_{\text{AF}}$	2.5	3.4	14.3	-5.7	-4.9
$2^* [\text{Fe}_2^{\text{OO}}]_{\text{AF}} \rightarrow \text{O}_2+$ $2^* [\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]$	-55.5	-56.1	-66.9	-58.6	-59.2

**Figure S8.** B3LYP/BS1 calculated IR spectra of selected structures.

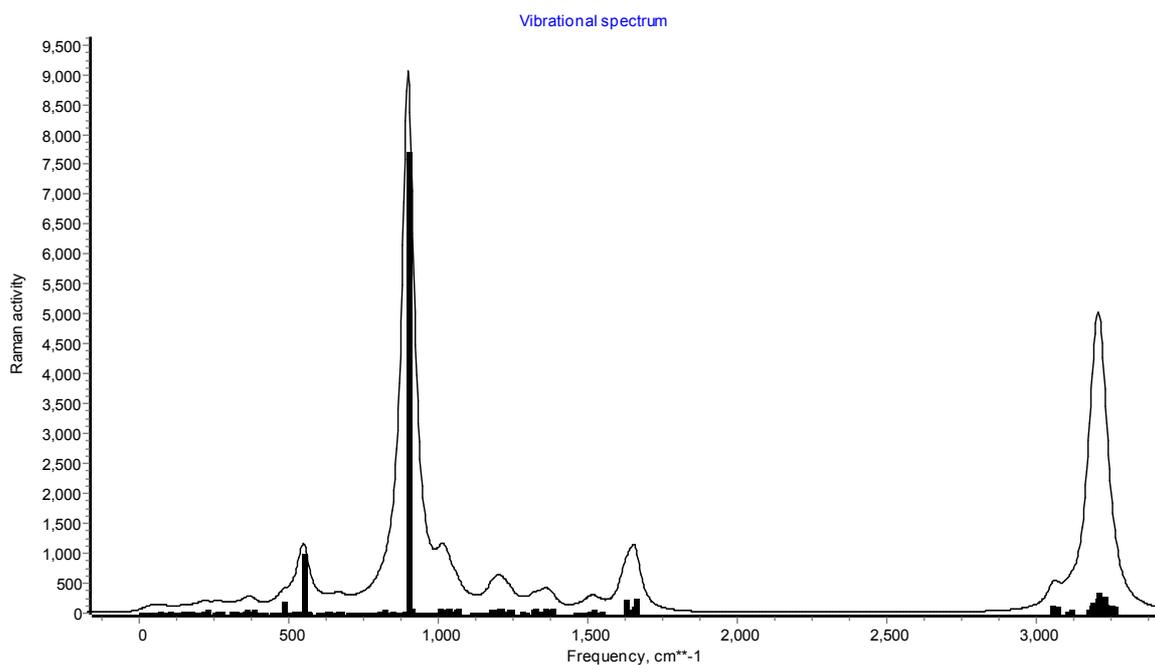
IR spectrum of  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}_0}] \text{O}^{16}$ :



IR spectrum of  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}_0}] \text{O}^{18}$ :



Raman spectrum of  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}_0}] \text{O}^{16}$ :

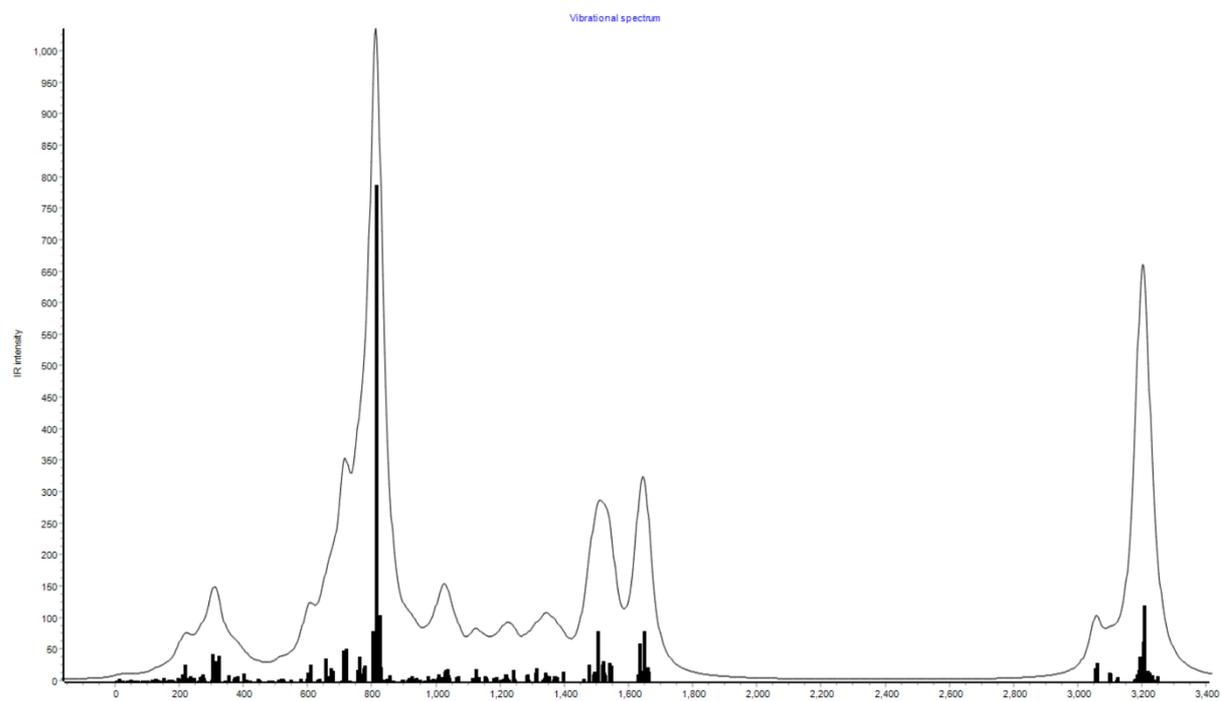


**Table S17.** Characterization of frequencies in IR and Raman spectra of  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}_0}]$  with  $^{16}\text{O}_2$  and  $^{18}\text{O}_2$ . Frequencies in wave numbers.

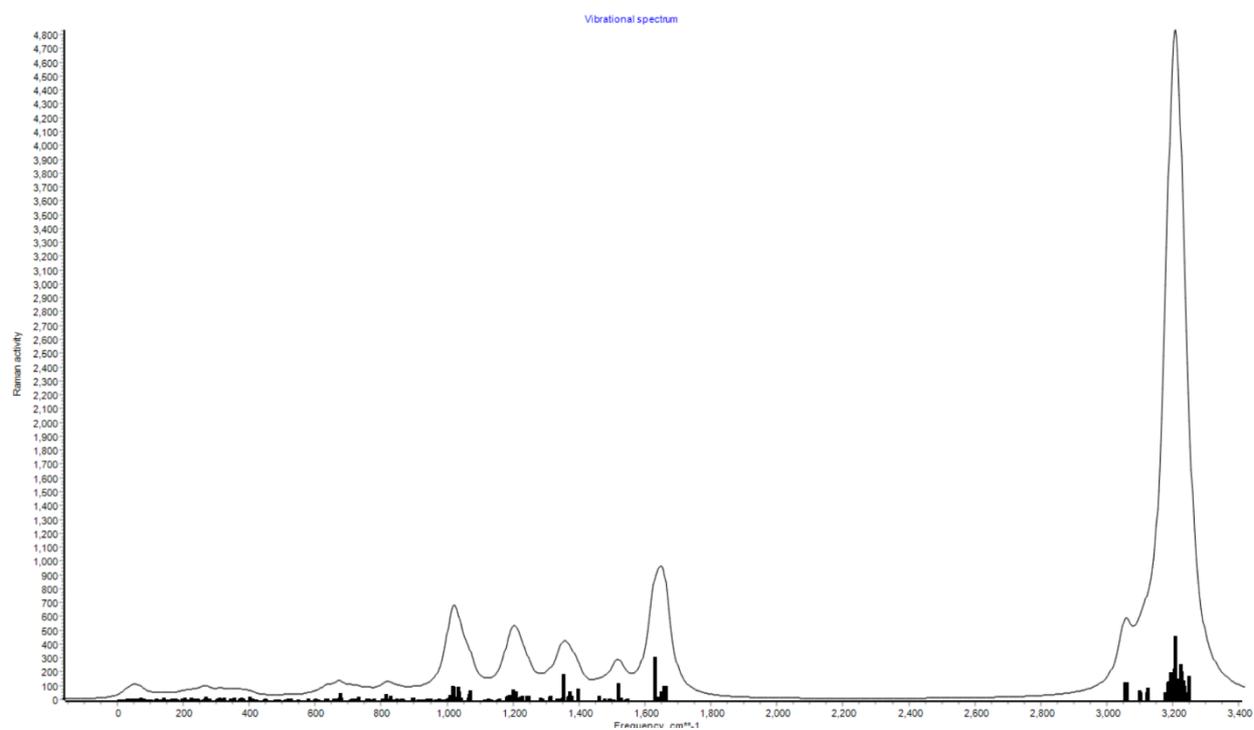
IR frequencies:	$^{16}\text{O}_2$		$^{18}\text{O}_2$	
	IR freq	IR int	IR freq	IR int
S-Fe-O bend	307.39	12.5		
S-Fe-O bend	308.58	32.0		
S-Fe-O bend	311.15	12.1		
S-Fe-O bend	311.90	8.2		
Fe-O stretch	483.35	242.3	464.50	201.4
Fe-O stretch	551.08	115.2	524.50	59.4
O-O stretch	900.75	10.0	850.36	11.2

**Figure S9.** B3LYP/BS1 calculated IR spectra of selected structures.

IR spectrum of  $[\text{Fe}_2^0] \text{O}^{16}$ :



Raman spectrum of  $[\text{Fe}_2^0] \text{O}^{16}$ :



**Table S18.** Characterization of IR and Raman Intensities on  $[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}]$ , frequencies in wave numbers.

IR frequencies	$[\text{Fe}_2^{\text{O}}] \text{O}^{16}$		
	IR freq	IR Intensity	Raman Intensity
Fe-O-Fe vibration	149.07	4.4208	1.6034
O Vibration	165.9333	1.1831	2.8324
Fe-O-Fe vibration	194.4084	4.7694	5.246
SFe-O-FeS Vibration	208.6508	9.5764	1.1659
SFe-O-FeS Vibration	218.1176	24.6289	1.4336
O Vibration	222.6664	3.6117	14.7891
SFe-O-FeS Vibration	302.2062	41.7378	4.2171
S – Ph Vibrations	309.8841	30.5718	2.8398
S – Ph Vibrations	321.0626	39.438	11.8412
Fe-O-Fe Vibration	398.904	11.3992	22.0675
Fe-O-Fe stretch	812.6341	786.7154	36.8733
Ph C-H Bond Bends	824.5046	103.3963	7.6047
Ph C-C Bond Streches	1504.38	78.4501	3.0453
Ph C-C Bond Streches	1647.233	78.7102	48.6016
Ph-CH Bond Strech	3206.097	118.5677	167.474