

## **Supporting Information**

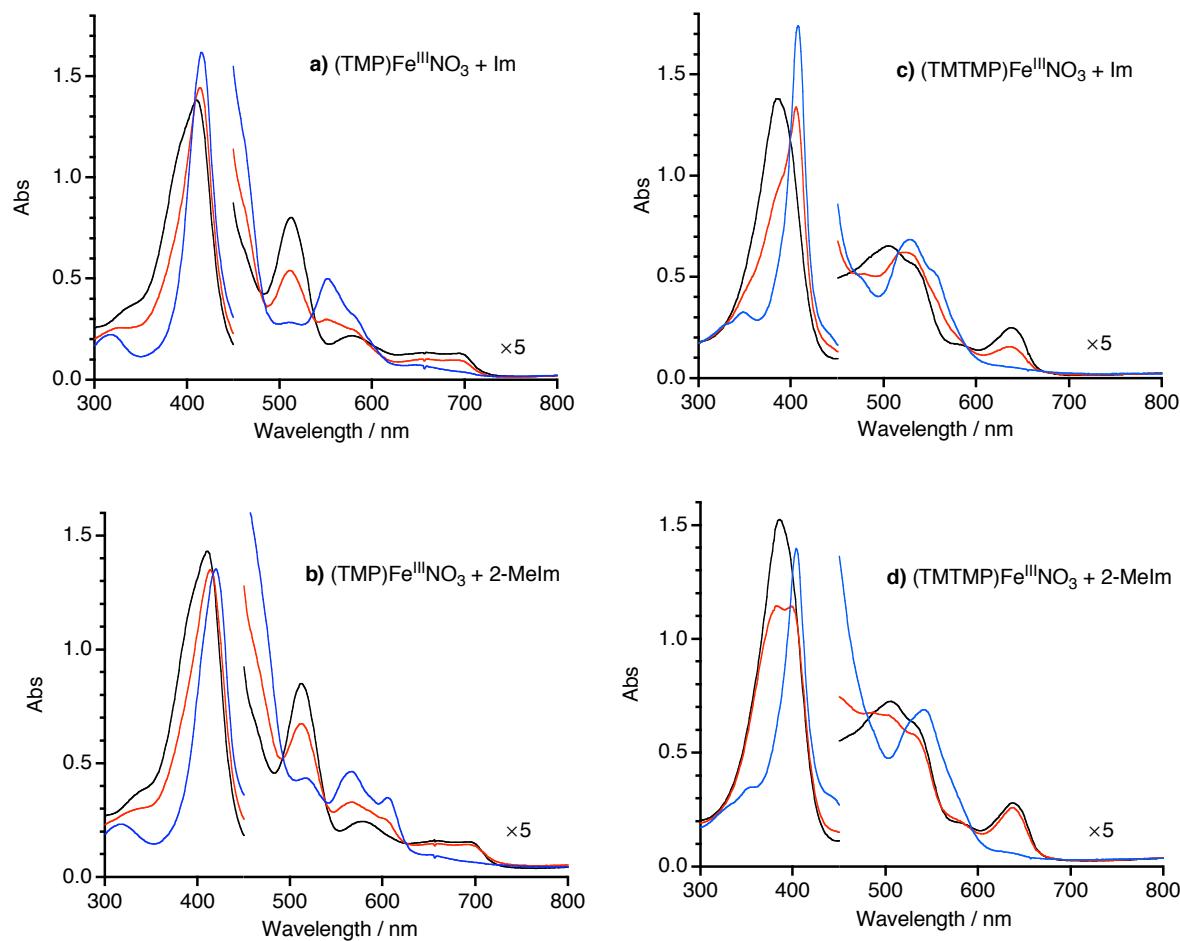
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### **Effect of Imidazole and Phenolate Axial Ligands on the Electronic Structure and Reactivity of Oxoiron(IV) Porphyrin $\pi$ -Cation Radical Complexes: Drastic Increase in Oxo-Transfer and Hydrogen Abstraction Reactivity**

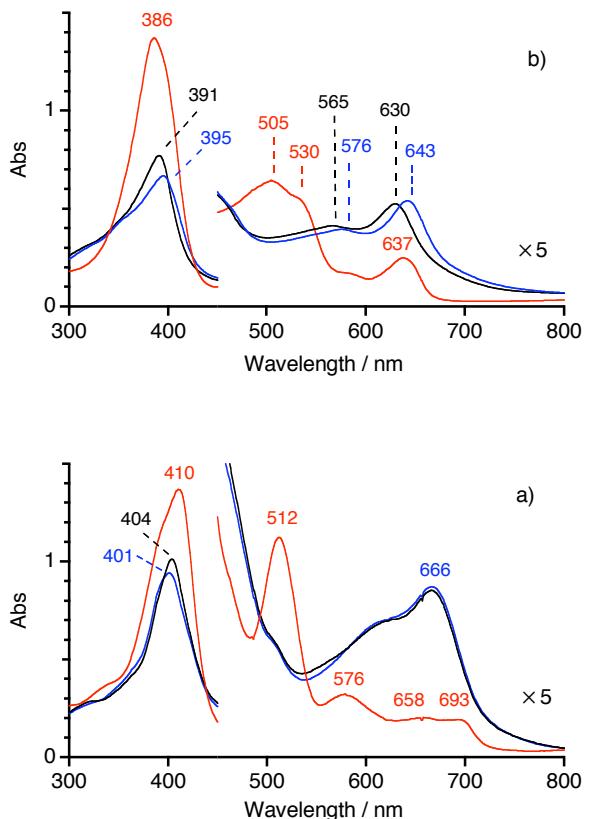
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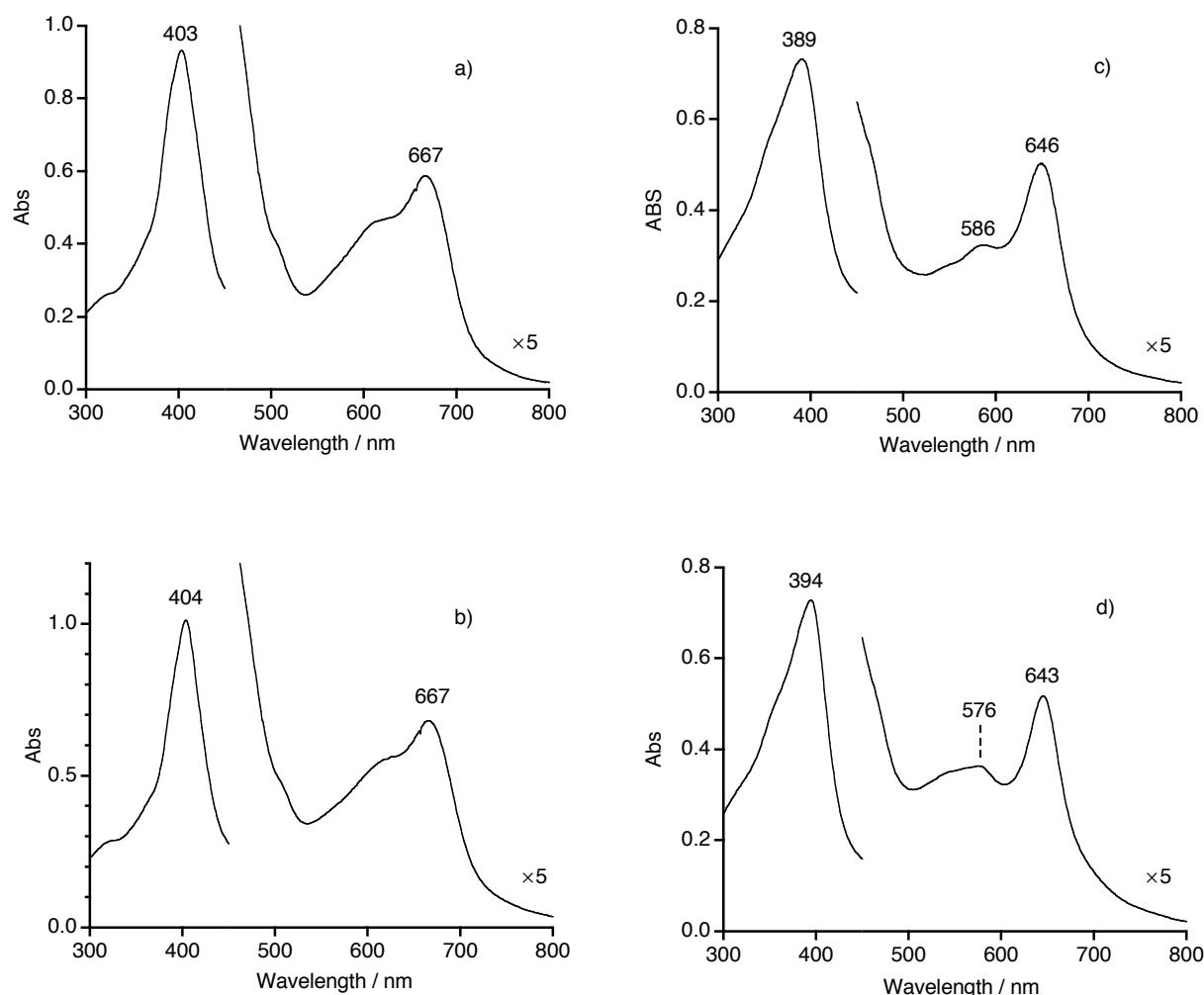
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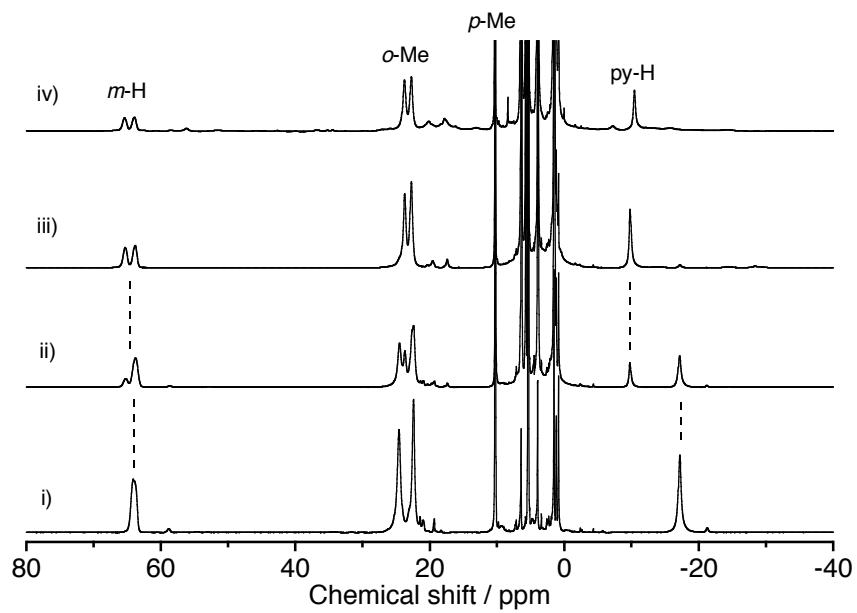
**Figure S1.** Absorption spectral changes for the titrations of (Por)Fe<sup>III</sup>NO<sub>3</sub> with imidazole (Im) and 2-methylimidazole (2-MeIm) in dichloromethane at -80°C: **a)** (TMP)Fe<sup>III</sup>NO<sub>3</sub> + Im; **b)** (TMP)Fe<sup>III</sup>NO<sub>3</sub> + 2-MeIm; **c)** (TMTMP)Fe<sup>III</sup>NO<sub>3</sub> + Im; **d)** (TMTMP)Fe<sup>III</sup>NO<sub>3</sub> + 2-MeIm. Black lines; (Por)Fe<sup>III</sup>NO<sub>3</sub>, red lines; + 1.0 equiv of imidazoles, blue lines; + excess of imidazoles.



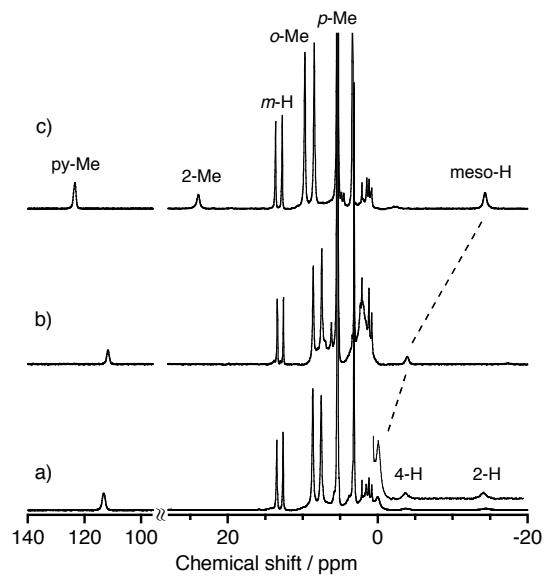
**Figure S2.** UV-visible absorption spectra of oxoiron(IV) porphyrin p-cation radical complexes (10 mM) with imidazole in dichloromethane at -80 °C. Red lines : (P)Fe<sup>III</sup>(NO<sub>3</sub>), black lines : (P<sup>+</sup>)Fe<sup>IV</sup>O(NO<sub>3</sub>), blue lines : [(P<sup>+</sup>)Fe<sup>IV</sup>O(Im)](NO<sub>3</sub>). (a) P = TMP, (b) P = TMTMP.



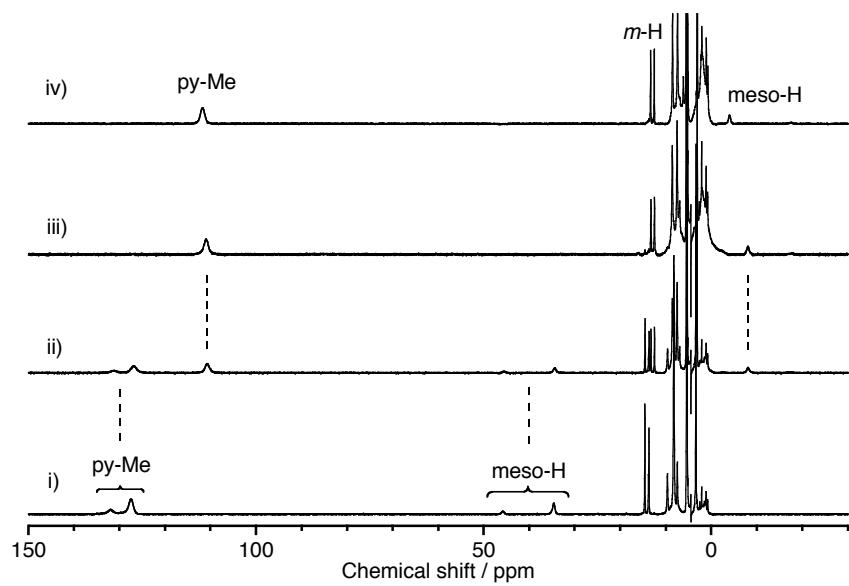
**Figure S3.** UV-vis absorption spectra of oxoiron(IV) porphyrin  $\pi$ -cation radical complexes ( $10\mu\text{M}$ ) with 2-methylimidazole (2-MeIm) and 5-methylimidazole (5-MeIm) in dichloromethane at  $-80^\circ\text{C}$ . a)  $[(\text{TMP}^+)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(2\text{-MeIm})](\text{NO}_3)$ ; b)  $[(\text{TMTMP}^+)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(2\text{-MeIm})](\text{NO}_3)$ ; c)  $[(\text{TMTMP}^+)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(5\text{-MeIm})](\text{NO}_3)$ ; d)  $[(\text{TMTMP}^+)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(5\text{-MeIm})](\text{NO}_3)$ .



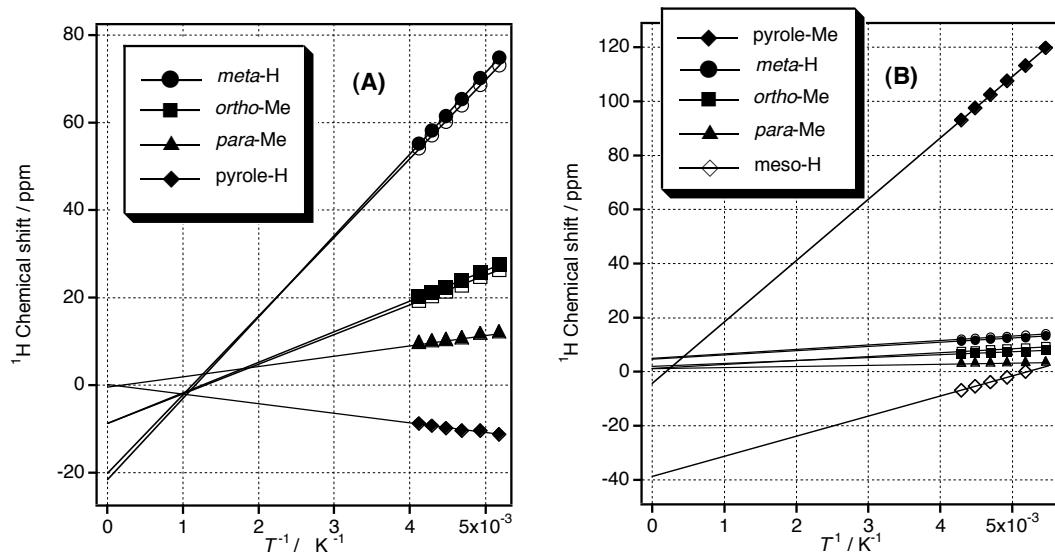
**Figure S4.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral changes for the titration of  $(\text{TMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{NO}_3)$  with imidazole in dichloromethane-*d*<sub>2</sub> at  $-60^\circ\text{C}$ : i)  $(\text{TMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{NO}_3)$ ; ii) i) + 0.4 equiv of Im; iii) i) + 1.1 equiv of Im; iv)  $[(\text{TMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{Im})](\text{ClO}_4)$ .



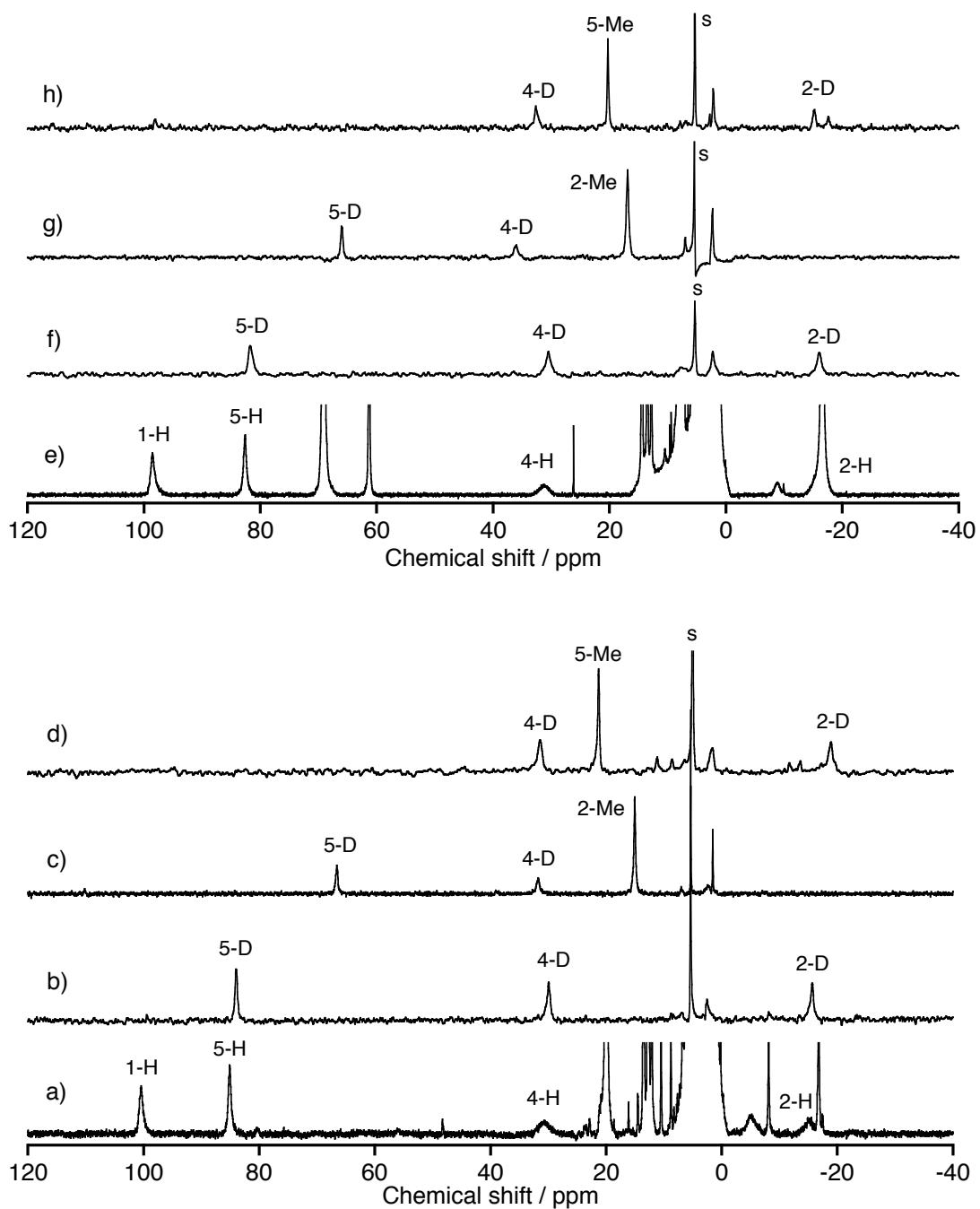
**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of  $[(\text{TMTMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{L})](\text{ClO}_4)$  in dichloromethane-*d*<sub>2</sub> at  $-80^\circ\text{C}$ . a) L = Im, b) L = 5-MeIm, c) L = 2-MeIm.



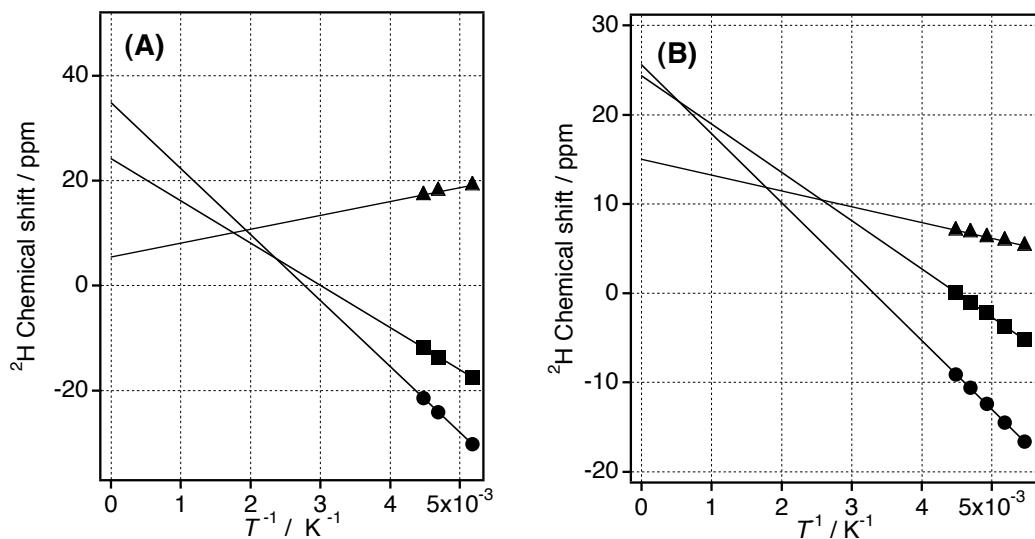
**Figure S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectral changes for the titration of  $(\text{TMTMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{NO}_3)$  with 5-methylimidazole in dichloromethane- $d_2$  at  $-80^\circ\text{C}$ : **i)**  $(\text{TMTMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{NO}_3)$ ; **ii)** **i)** + 0.4 equiv of 5-MeIm; **iii)** **i)** + 1.1 equiv of 5-MeIm; **iv)**  $[(\text{TMTMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(5\text{-MeIm})](\text{ClO}_4)$ .



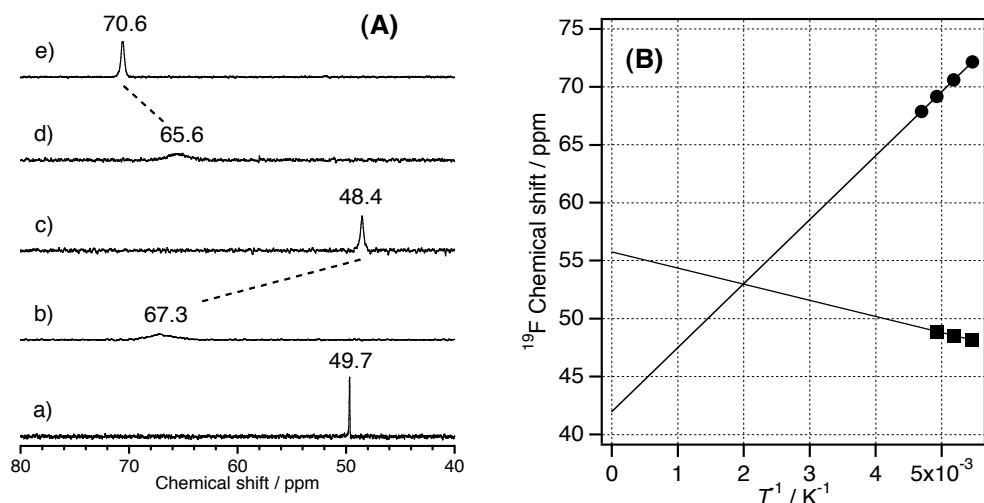
**Figure S7.** Curie plot of the  $^1\text{H}$  chemical shifts versus reciprocal temperature. **(A)**  $[(\text{TMTMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{Im})](\text{ClO}_4)$ ; **(B)**  $[(\text{TMTMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(5\text{-MeIm})](\text{ClO}_4)$ .



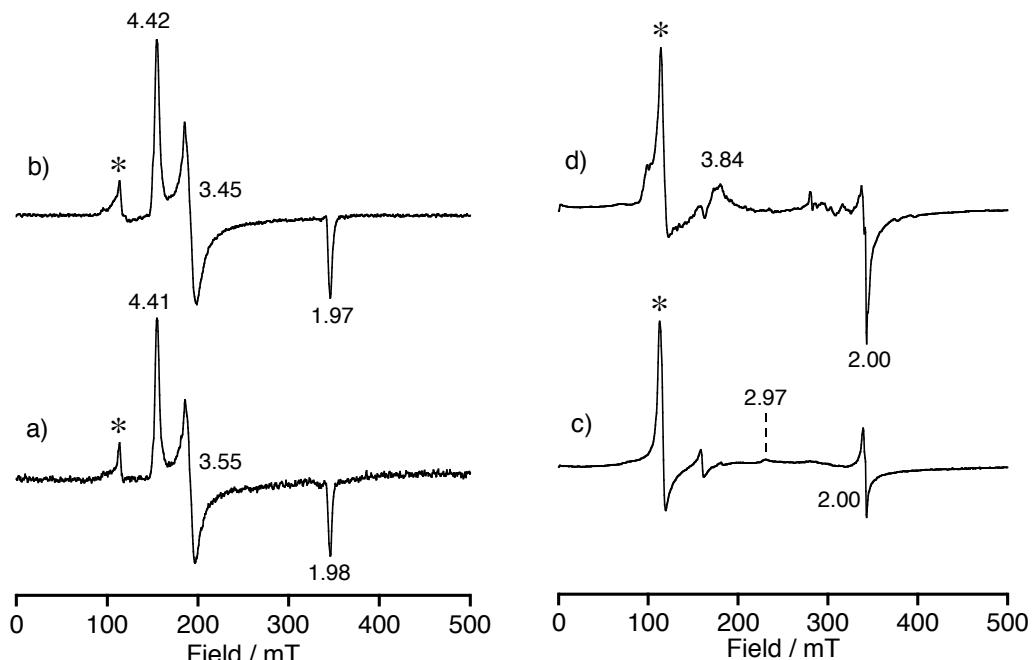
**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^2\text{H}$  NMR spectra of mono-Imidazole coordinated ferric porphyrin complexes in dichloromethane( $-d_2$ ) at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ : a)  $[(\text{TMP})\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{Im})](\text{ClO}_4)$ ; b)  $[(\text{TMP})\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{Im}-d_4)](\text{ClO}_4)$ ; c)  $[(\text{TMP})\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(2\text{-MeIm}-d_6)](\text{ClO}_4)$ ; d)  $[(\text{TMP})\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(5\text{-MeIm}-d_6)](\text{ClO}_4)$ ; e)  $[(\text{TMTMP})\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{Im})](\text{ClO}_4)$ ; f)  $[(\text{TMTMP})\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{Im}-d_4)](\text{ClO}_4)$ ; g)  $[(\text{TMTMP})\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(2\text{-MeIm}-d_6)](\text{ClO}_4)$ ; h)  $[(\text{TMTMP})\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(5\text{-MeIm}-d_6)](\text{ClO}_4)$ .



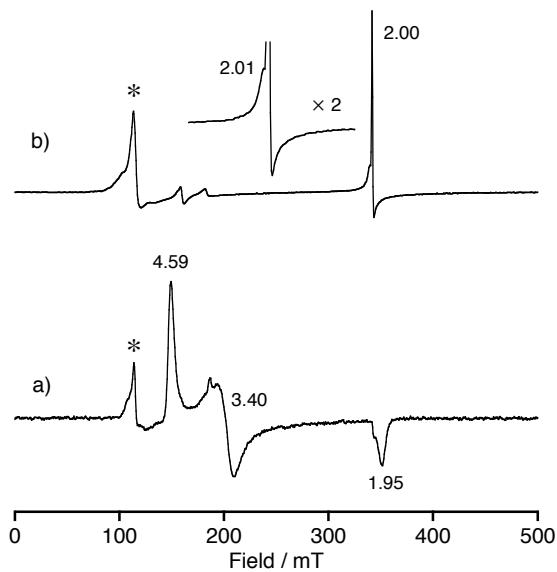
**Figure S9.** Curie plots for  $^2\text{H}$  chemical shifts of the iron bound imidazole- $d_4$  (2-D; ●, 4-D; ■, 5-D; ▲) of (A)  $[(\text{TMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{Im}-d_4)](\text{ClO}_4)$  and (B)  $[(\text{TMTMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{Im}-d_4)](\text{ClO}_4)$  versus reciprocal temperature.



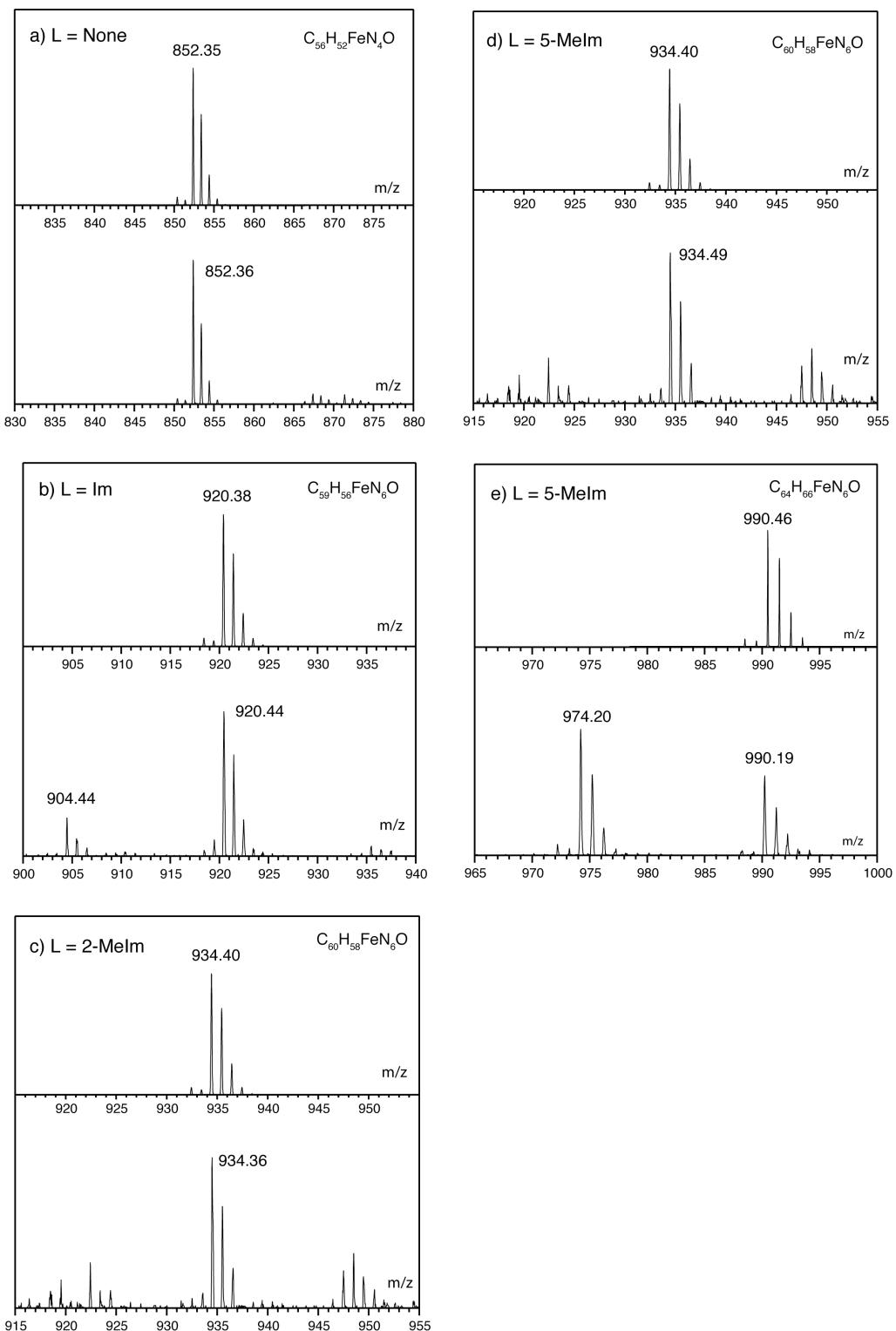
**Figure S10.** (A)  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra of phenolate coordinated iron porphyrin complexes in dichloromethane- $d_2$  at  $-80^\circ\text{C}$ : a) 3-fluoro4-nitrophenol; b)  $(\text{TMP})\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(3\text{-F-4-NO}_2\text{-PhO})$ ; c)  $(\text{TMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(3\text{-F-4-NO}_2\text{-PhO})$ ; d)  $(\text{TMTMP})\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(3\text{-F-4-NO}_2\text{-PhO})$ ; e)  $(\text{TMTMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(3\text{-F-4-NO}_2\text{-PhO})$ . (B) Curie plot of the  $^{19}\text{F}$  chemical shifts versus reciprocal temperature of the resonance:  $(\text{TMTMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(3\text{-F-4-NO}_2\text{-PhO})$ ; (●) and  $(\text{TMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(3\text{-F-4-NO}_2\text{-PhO})$ ; (■).



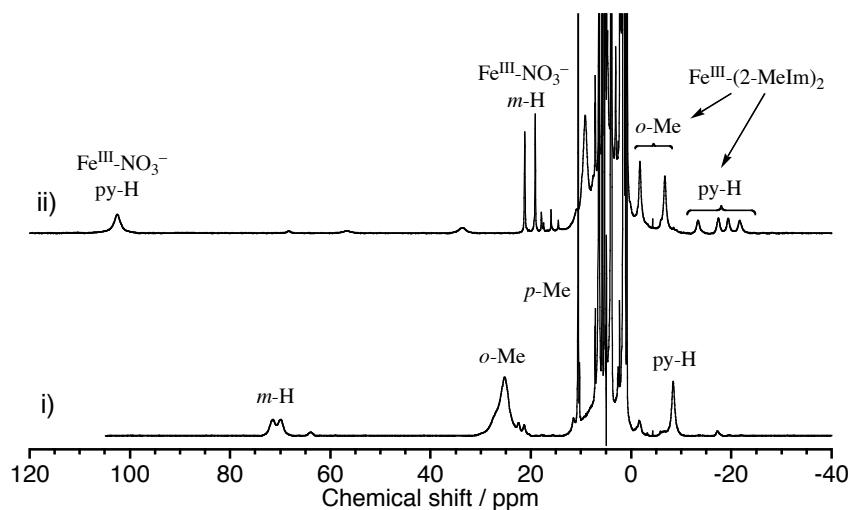
**Figure S11.** EPR spectra of imidazole coordinated oxoiron(IV) porphyrin  $\pi$ -cation radical complexes in dichloromethane-toluene (5:1) at 4K: a)  $[(\text{TMP}^+)^*\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{Im})](\text{ClO}_4)$ ; b)  $[(\text{TMP}^+)^*\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(5\text{-MeIm})](\text{ClO}_4)$ ; c)  $[(\text{TMTMP}^+)^*\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{Im})](\text{ClO}_4)$ ; d)  $[(\text{TMTMP}^+)^*\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(5\text{-MeIm})](\text{ClO}_4)$ . Signals denoted by asterisks are due to unoxidized ferric mono-imidazole complex. These signal intensities indicated that the contents of these ferric complexes were less than 8 %. The EPR spectra of  $[(\text{TMP}^+)^*\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{L})](\text{NO}_3)$  and  $[(\text{TMTMP}^+)^*\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{L})](\text{NO}_3)$  were almost identical to those of  $[(\text{TMP}^+)^*\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{L})](\text{ClO}_4)$  and  $[(\text{TMTMP}^+)^*\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{L})](\text{ClO}_4)$ , respectively.



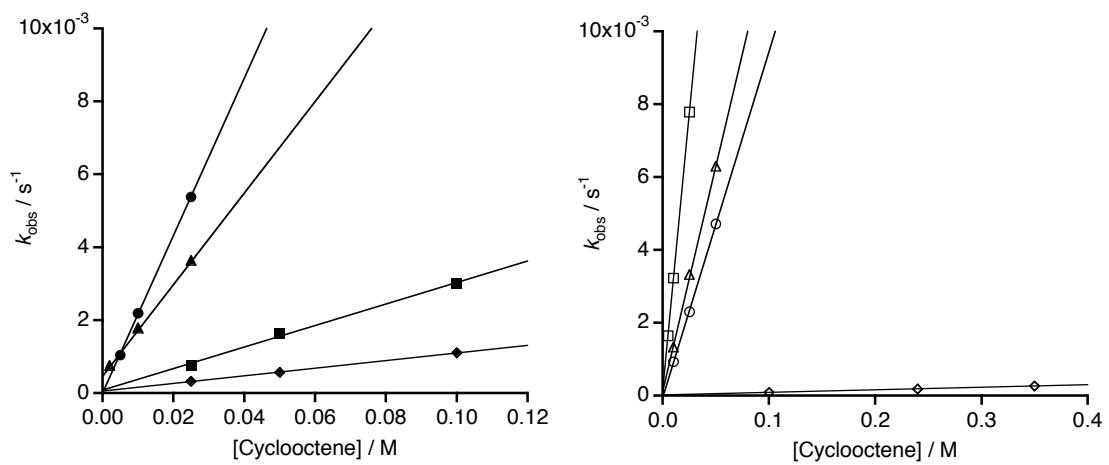
**Figure S12.** EPR spectra of a)  $(\text{TMP}^{+}\cdot)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(3\text{-F-4-NO}_2\text{-PhO})$  and b)  $(\text{TMTMP}^{+}\cdot)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(3\text{-F-4-NO}_2\text{-PhO})$  in dichloromethane-toluene (5:1) at 4 K. The signals denoted by asterisks exhibit signals for  $(\text{TMP})\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(3\text{-F-4-NO}_2\text{-PhO})$  and  $(\text{TMTMP})\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}(3\text{-F-4-NO}_2\text{-PhO})$ . Spin analyses of these peaks indicated that the contents of the unoxidized ferric complexes were less than 8 %. Presence of minor impurities of the unoxidized ferric complexes were confirmed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of  $(\text{TMP}^{+}\cdot)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(3\text{-F-4-NO}_2\text{-PhO})$  and  $(\text{TMTMP}^{+}\cdot)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(3\text{-F-4-NO}_2\text{-PhO})$ , shown in Figure 4. Further oxidation of the sample solutions resulted in a decrease of the intensities of the EPR signals for  $(\text{TMP}^{+}\cdot)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(3\text{-F-4-NO}_2\text{-PhO})$  and  $(\text{TMTMP}^{+}\cdot)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(3\text{-F-4-NO}_2\text{-PhO})$ .



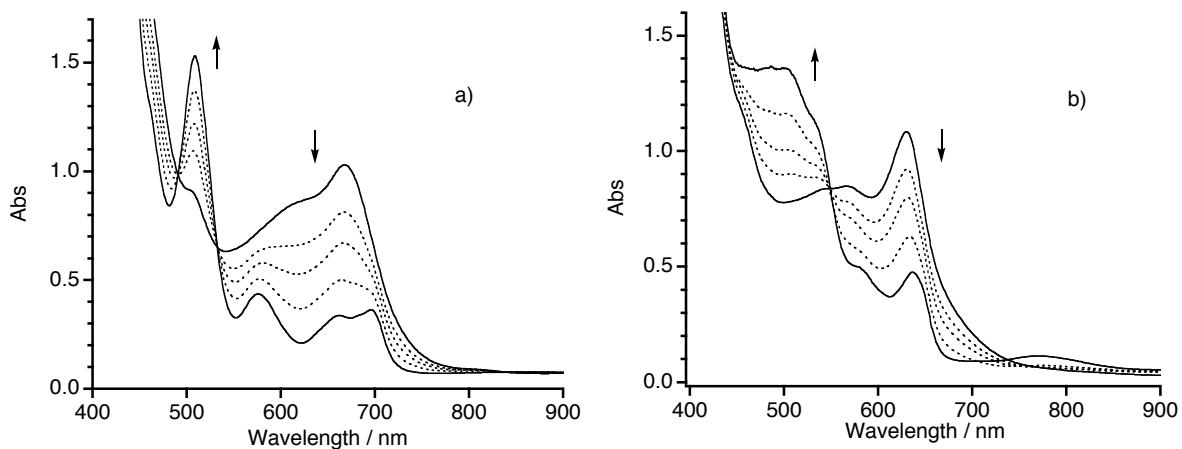
**Figure S13.** ESI-MS spectra of  $[(\text{TMP}^+)^*\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{L})](\text{ClO}_4)$  ( $\text{L} = \text{None}, \text{Im}, 2\text{-MeIm}, 5\text{-MeIm}$ ) taken in acetonitrile solution at low temperature: a)  $[(\text{TMP}^+)^*\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}](\text{ClO}_4)$ ; b)  $[(\text{TMP}^+)^*\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{Im})](\text{ClO}_4)$ ; c)  $[(\text{TMP}^+)^*\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(2\text{-MeIm})](\text{ClO}_4)$ ; d)  $[(\text{TMP}^+)^*\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(5\text{-MeIm})](\text{ClO}_4)$ ; e)  $[(\text{TMTMP}^+)^*\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(5\text{-MeIm})](\text{ClO}_4)$ . Observed (bottom) and calculated (top) isotope distribution patterns.



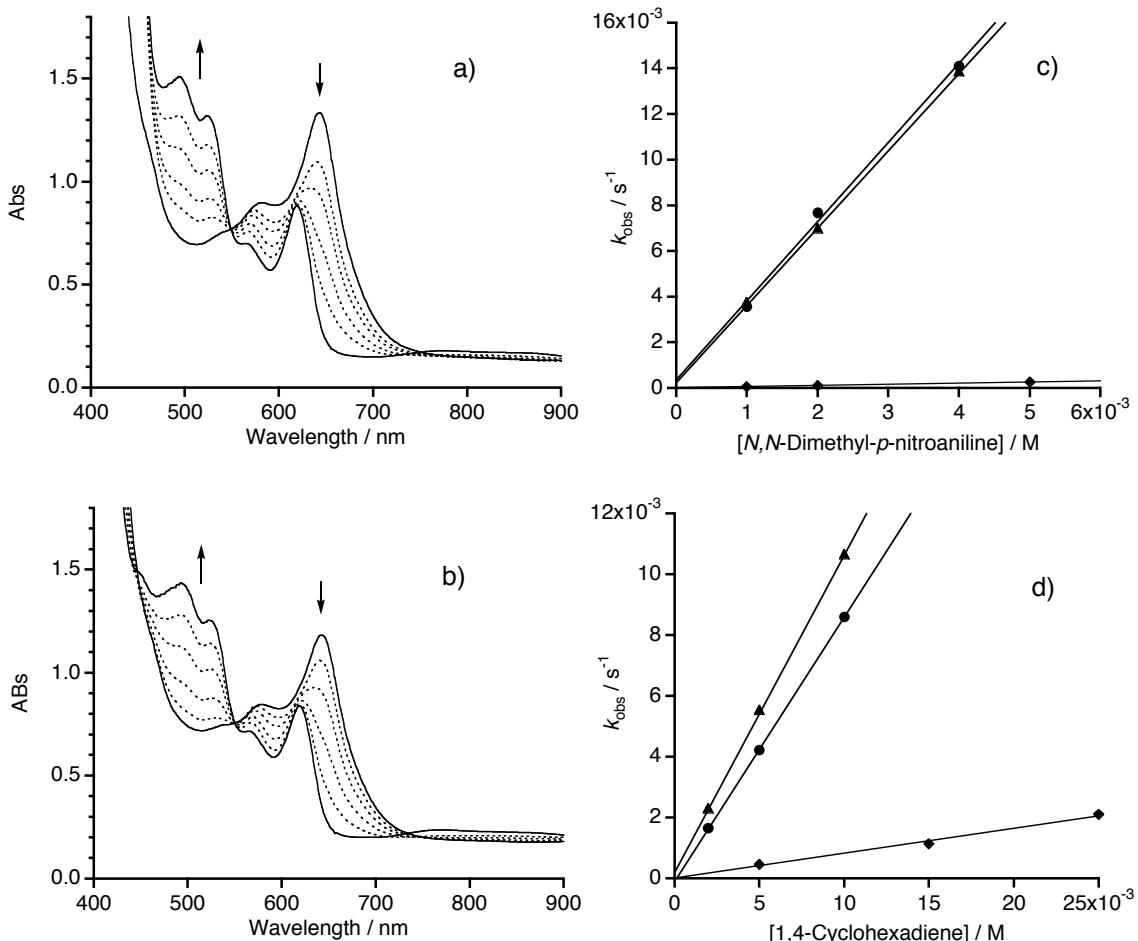
**Figure S14.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral changes for the reaction of  $[(\text{TMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O(2-MeIm)}](\text{NO}_3)$  with cyclooctene in dichloromethane- $d_2$  at  $-60^\circ\text{C}$ : **i)**  $[(\text{TMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O(2-MeIm)}](\text{NO}_3)$ ; **ii)** **i)** + 10 equiv of cyclooctene.



**Figure S15.** Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  versus cyclooctene concentration for the reaction of  $(\text{TMP}^+*)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O(L)}$  with cyclooctene in dichloromethane at  $-80^\circ\text{C}$ :  $[(\text{TMP}^+*)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O(Im)}](\text{NO}_3)$ ; (●),  $(\text{TMP}^+*)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O(3-F-4-NO}_2\text{-PhO)}$ ; (▲),  $[(\text{TMP}^+*)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O(2-MeIm)}](\text{NO}_3)$ ; (■),  $(\text{TMP}^+*)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O(Cl)}$ ; (◆),  $[(\text{TMTMP}^+*)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O(Im)}](\text{NO}_3)$ ; (○),  $(\text{TMTMP}^+*)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O(3-F-4-NO}_2\text{-PhO)}$ ; (△),  $[(\text{TMTMP}^+*)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O(2-MeIm)}](\text{NO}_3)$ ; (□),  $(\text{TMTMP}^+*)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O(NO}_3)$ ; (◇).



**Figure S16.** UV-vis absorption spectral change upon addition of cyclooctene in dichloromethane solution (concentration  $100 \mu\text{M}$ , 1cm path length cell) of  $(\text{Por}^+*)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O(L)}$  at  $-80^\circ\text{C}$ : a)  $(\text{TMP}^+*)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O(Cl)}$ ; b)  $(\text{TMTMP}^+*)\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O(NO}_3)$ .



**Figure S17.** UV-vis Absorption spectral change for the reaction of  $(\text{TMTMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(3\text{-F-4-NO}_2\text{-PhO})$  with a) *N,N*-dimethyl-*p*-nitroaniline and b) 1,4-cyclohexadiene in dichloromethane solution (concentration 100  $\mu\text{M}$ , 1cm path length cell) at  $-80^\circ\text{C}$ . Plot of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  versus substrate concentration for the reaction of  $(\text{TMTMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O(L)}$  with c) *N,N*-dimethyl-*p*-nitroaniline and d) 1,4-cyclohexadiene in dichloromethane at  $-80^\circ\text{C}$ :  $[(\text{TMTMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O(Im)}](\text{NO}_3)$ ; (●),  $(\text{TMTMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(3\text{-F-4-NO}_2\text{-PhO})$ ; (▲),  $(\text{TMP}^{+*})\text{Fe}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{NO}_3)$ ; (◆).

**Table S1.** The Parent Peak Values ( $m/z$ ) of  $[(P^{+*})Fe^{IV}O(L)](ClO_4)$  Determined by ESI-TOF-MS

Porphyrin	L =	Observed	Calculated
TMP	None	852.36 <sup>a</sup>	852.35
	Im	920.44 <sup>a</sup>	920.38
	2-MeIm	934.36 <sup>a</sup>	934.40
	5-MeIm	934.49 <sup>a</sup>	934.40
TMTMP	None	908.11 <sup>b</sup>	908.12
	Im	976.06 <sup>b</sup>	976.45
	2-MeIm	990.96 <sup>b</sup>	990.46
	5-MeIm	990.19 <sup>b</sup>	990.46

<sup>a</sup> In acetonitrile solution at low temperature. <sup>b</sup> In dichloromethane solution at low temperature.

**Table S2.**  $^1H$  NMR Chemical shift (ppm) of  $(P)Fe^{IV}=O(L)$  in  $CD_2Cl_2$  at  $-80^\circ C$

Complex	Py-H (Me)	meso-H	<i>ortho</i>	<i>meta</i>	<i>para</i>
(TMP)Fe <sup>IV</sup> =O	6.5		1.0, 3.5	6.0, 6.6	2.7
(TMP)Fe <sup>IV</sup> =O(N-MeIm)	3.8		1.2, 3.8	7.1, 7.2	2.8
(TMP)Fe <sup>IV</sup> =O(1,2-DiMeIm)	4.3		0.9, 3.7	7.0, 7.6	2.7
(TMTMP)Fe <sup>IV</sup> =O	(8.6)	33.3	1.5, 3.8	7.3, 8.8	2.6
(TMTMP)Fe <sup>IV</sup> =O(N-MeIm)	(4.7)	17.2	1.6, 2.8	7.3, 8.1	2.5
(TMTMP)Fe <sup>IV</sup> =O(1,2-DiMeIm)	(4.8)	18.0	1.7, 3.5	7.3, 8.1	2.4