

## **Supporting Information**

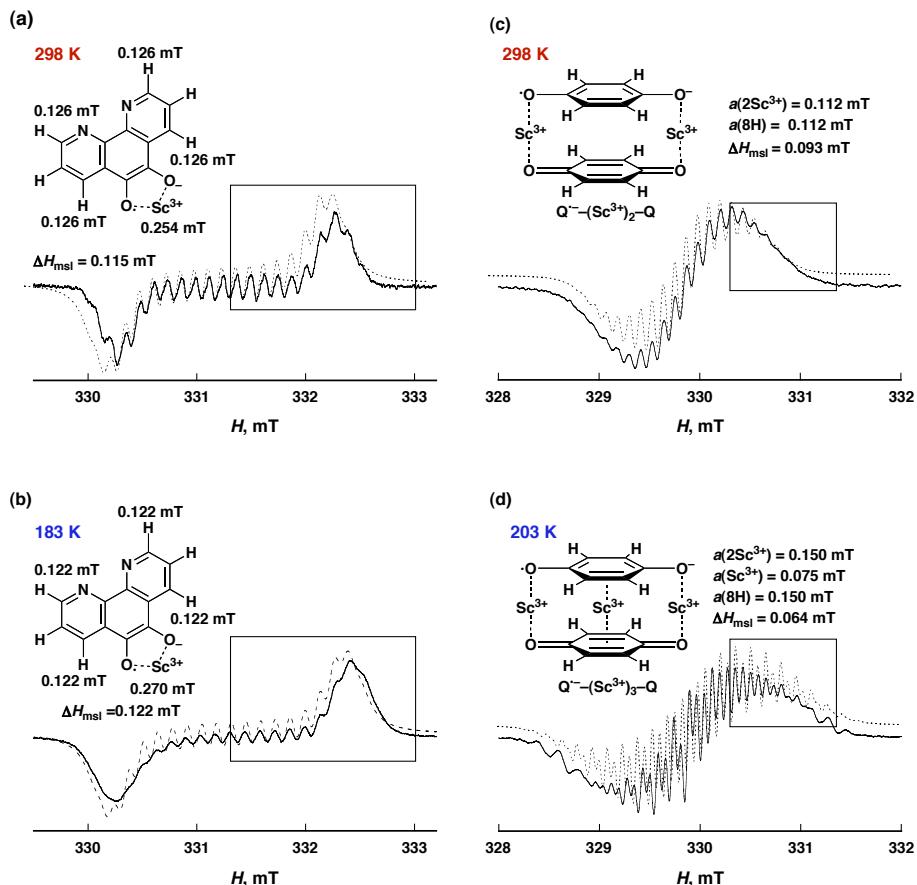
### **Thermochromism of Metal Ion Complexes of Semiquinone Radical Anions. Control of Equilibria between Diamagnetic and Paramagnetic Species by Lewis Acids**

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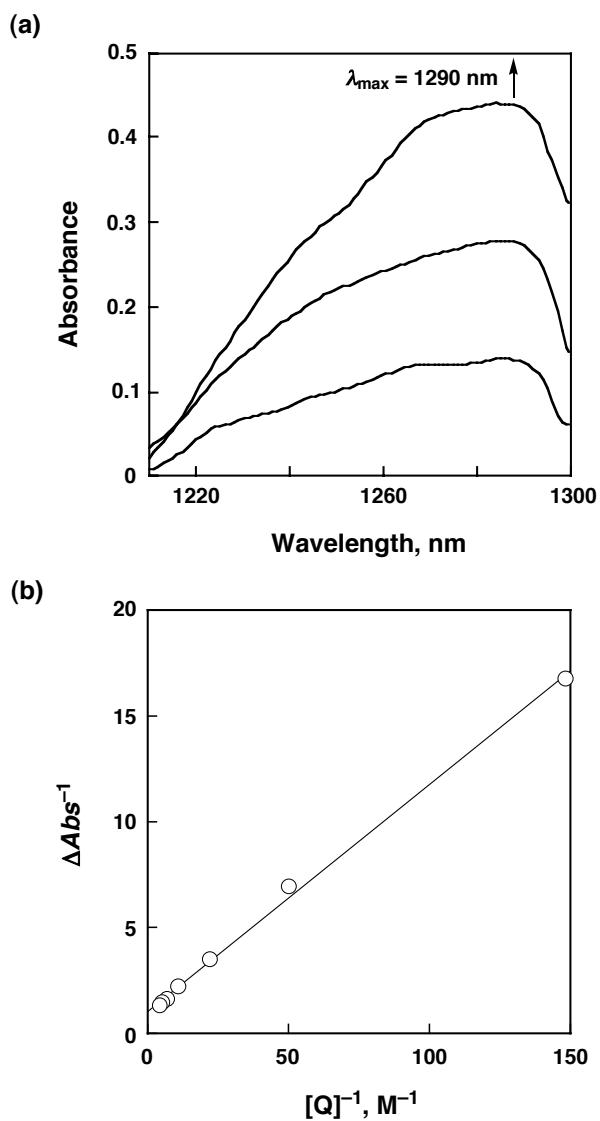
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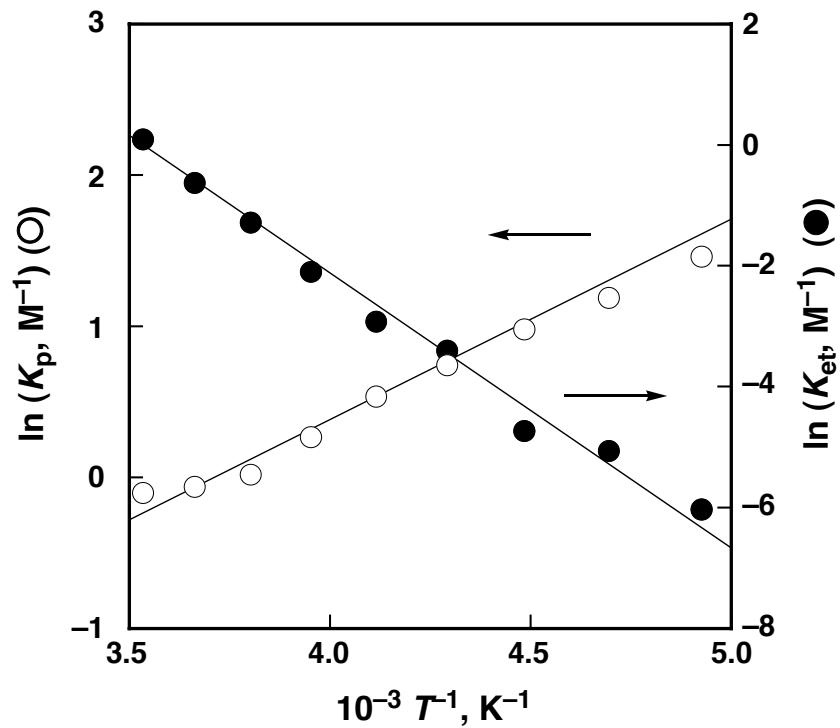
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**Figure S1.** ESR spectra of a deaerated EtCN solution of  $\text{Me}_2\text{Fc}$  ( $3.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$ ) and PTQ ( $3.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$ ) in the presence of  $\text{Sc}(\text{OTf})_3$  ( $4.0 \times 10^{-1} \text{ M}$ ) at (a) 298 K and (b) 183 K. ESR spectra of a deaerated EtCN solution of  $\text{QH}_2$  ( $3.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ ) and Q ( $1.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$ ) in the presence of  $\text{Sc}(\text{OTf})_3$  ( $3.2 \times 10^{-1} \text{ M}$ ) at (c) 298 K and (d) 203 K. Broken lines show the computer simulation spectra. The  $hfs$  values are given with the structures of metal ion complexes of the radical anions. The boxed areas are magnified and shown in Figures 3c and 3d.



**Figure S2.** (a) Absorption spectral change of  $Q_2^{+}$  in the NIR region observed by addition of Q ( $2.0 \times 10^{-2}$ ,  $4.5 \times 10^{-2}$ , and  $9.3 \times 10^{-2}$  M, spectra from bottom to up) to a deaerated MeCN solution of  $Q^{+}$  ( $5.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M) at 298 K. (b) Plot of  $\Delta Abs^{-1}$  vs  $[Q]^{-1}$ .



**Figure S3.** Plots of logarithm of equilibrium constants of the electron-transfer equilibrium ( $K_{\text{et}}$ , ●) and the proportionation equilibrium ( $K_p$ , ○) vs  $T^{-1}$ .

$$K_{\text{et}} = [\text{PTQ}^{\bullet-}\text{-Mg}^{2+}]^2 / \{([\text{Me}_2\text{Fc}]_0 - [\text{PTQ}^{\bullet-}\text{-Mg}^{2+}])([\text{PTQ}]_0 - [\text{PTQ}^{\bullet-}\text{-Mg}^{2+}])([\text{Mg}^{2+}]_0 - [\text{PTQ}^{\bullet-}\text{-Mg}^{2+}])\}$$

Where,  $[\text{Me}_2\text{Fc}]_0 = 1.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{PTQ}]_0 = 1.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ , and  $[\text{Mg}^{2+}]_0 = 3.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ .

$$K_p = 4[\text{PTQ}^{\bullet-}\text{-Sc}^{3+}]^2 / \{([\text{Me}_2\text{Fc}]_0 - [\text{PTQ}^{\bullet-}\text{-Sc}^{3+}])(2[\text{PTQ}]_0 - [\text{PTQ}^{\bullet-}\text{-Sc}^{3+}] - [\text{Me}_2\text{Fc}]_0)[\text{Sc}^{3+}]_0\}$$

Where,  $[\text{Me}_2\text{Fc}]_0 = 3.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{PTQ}]_0 = 3.9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$ , and  $[\text{Sc}^{3+}]_0 = 1.7 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$ .