

Supporting Information

Catalytically active μ -oxodiiron(IV) oxidants from iron(III) and dioxygen

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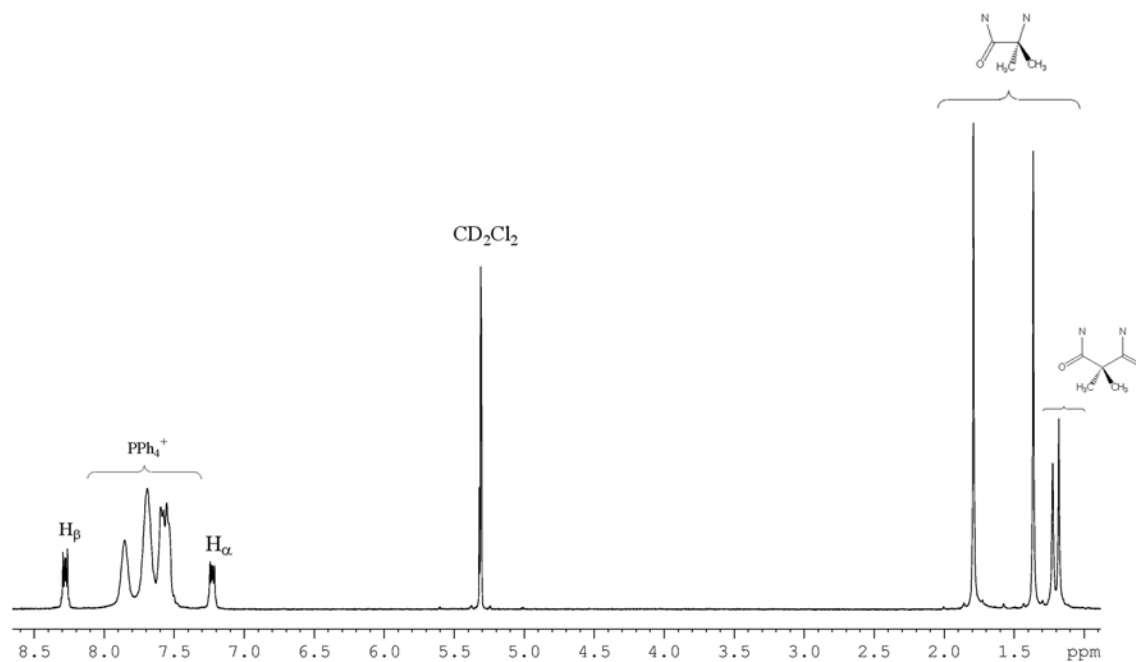


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) of **2a**. δ : 1.18 (s, 6 H, diastereotopic CH_3 6-membered rings), 1.23 (s, 6 H, diastereotopic CH_3 6-membered rings), 1.36 (s, 12 H, diastereotopic CH_3 5-membered rings), 1.79 (s, 12 H, diastereotopic CH_3 5-membered rings), 7.23 (m, 4 H, macrocyclic ArH), 7.57-7.85 (m, PPh_4^+), 8.27 (m, 4 H, macrocyclic ArH)

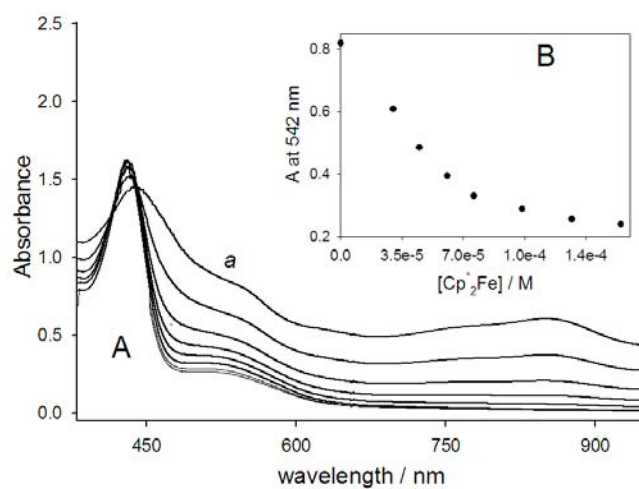


Figure S2. (A) Changes in the UV/Vis spectrum upon incremental addition of Cp^*_2Fe to **2a** (0.109 mM) in dichloromethane. Spectrum *a* was obtained at time $t = 0$. (B) Change in absorbance at 542 nm as a function of $[\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Fe}]$.

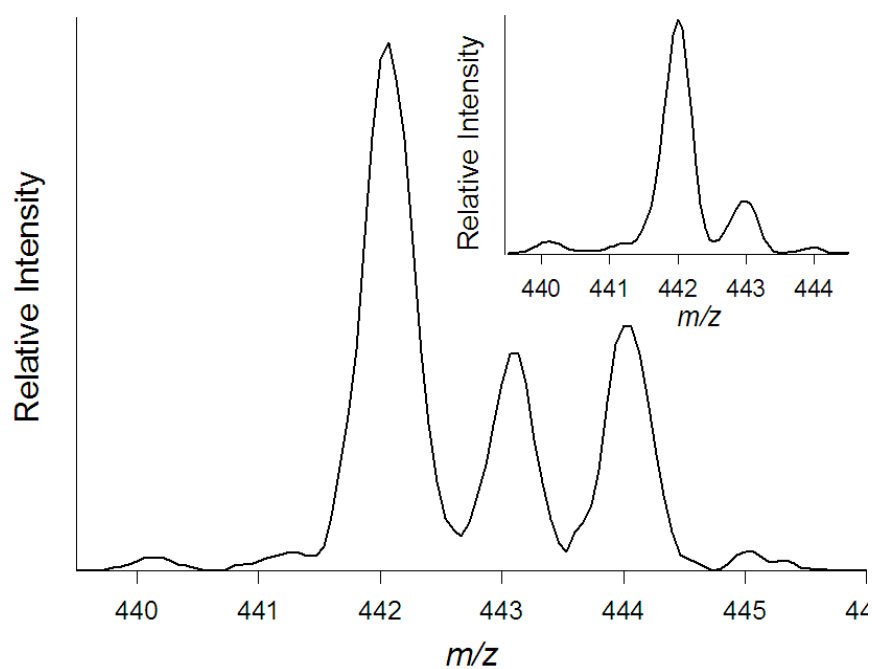


Figure S3. The ESI-MS analysis of a dichloromethane solution of **2a**. Compound **2a** was prepared by reacting $[\text{PPh}_4]\mathbf{1a}\text{-H}_2\text{O}$ with $^{18}\text{O}_2$ giving 31% ^{18}O incorporation. Inset shows the isotope distribution of m/z 442 of **2a** prepared from $^{16}\text{O}_2$.

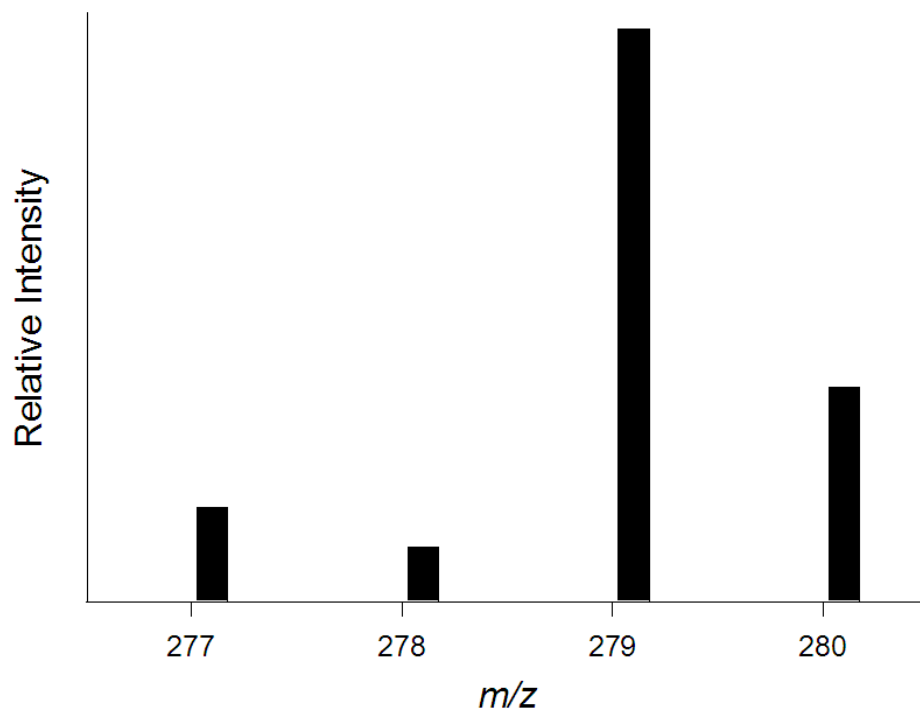


Figure S4. The mass spectrum of 86% ^{18}O enriched OPPh_3 {(M-1) $^+$ peak is shown}.

Compound **2a** was generated from $[\text{PPh}_4]\mathbf{1a}\text{-H}_2^{18}\text{O}$ and $^{18}\text{O}_2$ in CH_2Cl_2 .

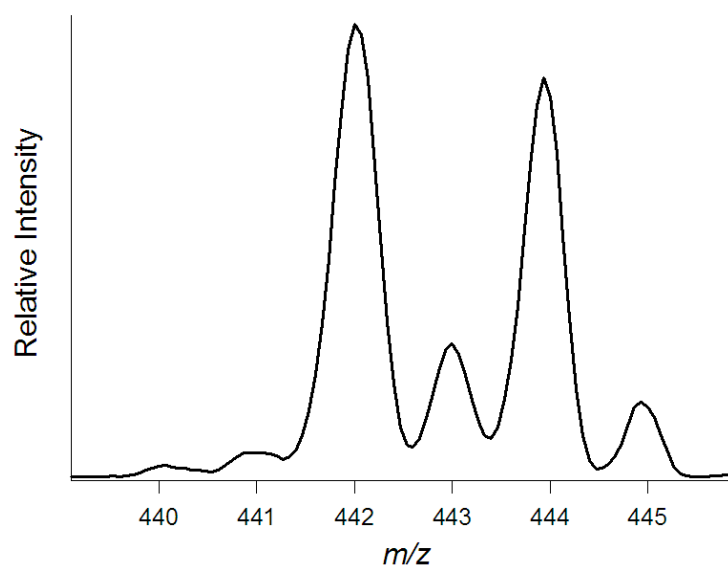


Figure S5. The ESI mass spectrum of compound **2a** that was generated from [PPh₄]**1a**-H₂¹⁸O, dissolved in dichloromethane, and then exposed to ¹⁶O₂. 44% of ¹⁸O incorporation was found in **1a**(O); peak at $m/z = 444$.

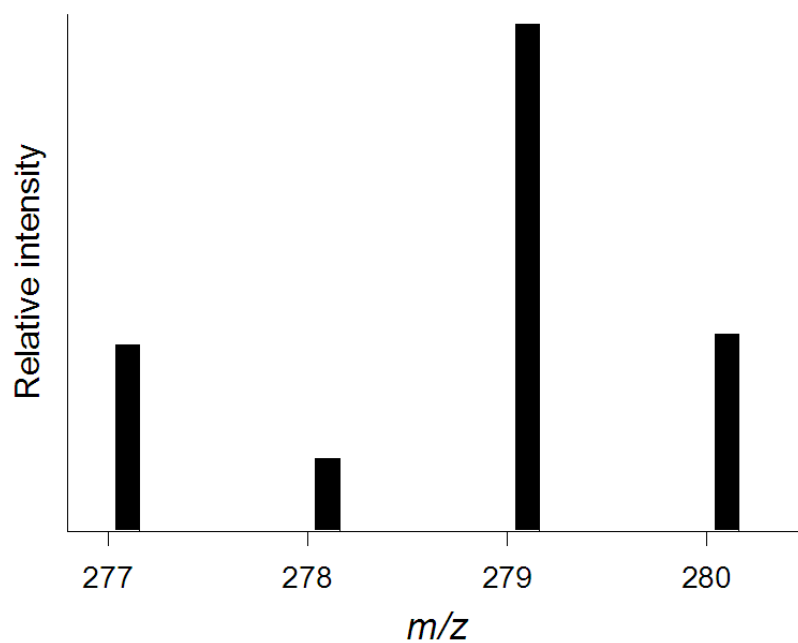


Figure S6. The GC-MS spectrum of the ^{18}O enriched OPPh_3 $\{(\text{M}-1)^+\}$ peak is shown}.

Compound **2a** was stirred with H_2^{18}O (95%) for 3 h and then reacted with PPh_3 . 73% incorporation of ^{18}O -isotope in OPPh_3 ; peak at m/z 279.

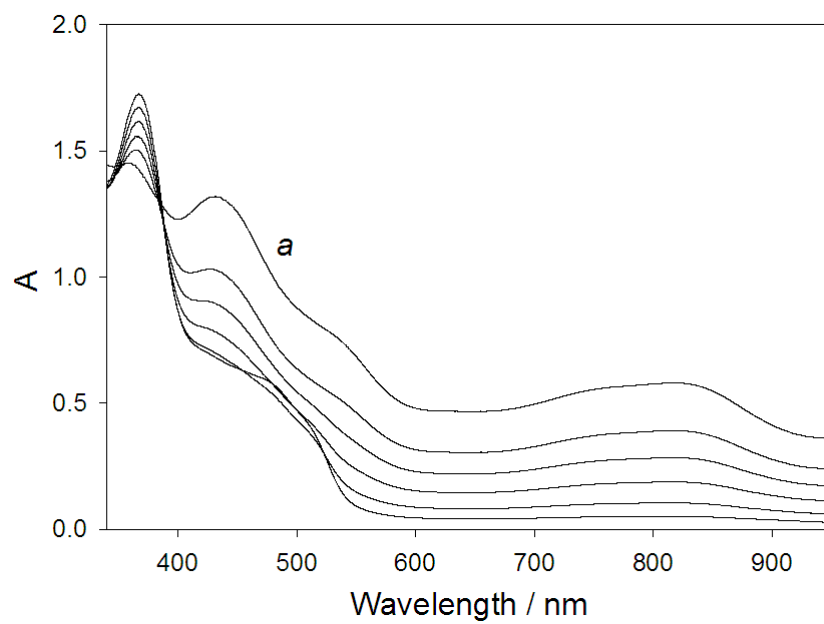


Figure S7. **(A)** Changes in the UV/Vis spectrum upon incremental addition of Orange II to **2a** (1.12×10^{-4} M) dissolved in acetonitrile/water mixture (1:1). Spectrum *a* is of **2a** before dye addition.