

## Supporting Information

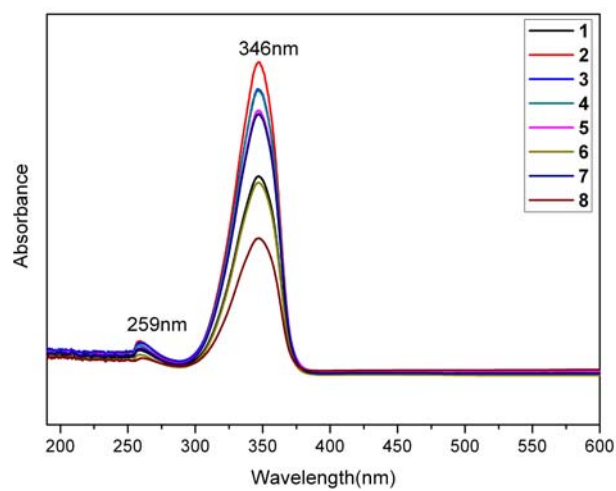
### Ionic Binuclear Ferrocenyl Compounds Containing 1,1,3,3-Tetracyanopropenide Anions. Synthesis, Structural Characterization and Catalytic Effects on Thermal Decomposition of Main Components of Solid Propellants

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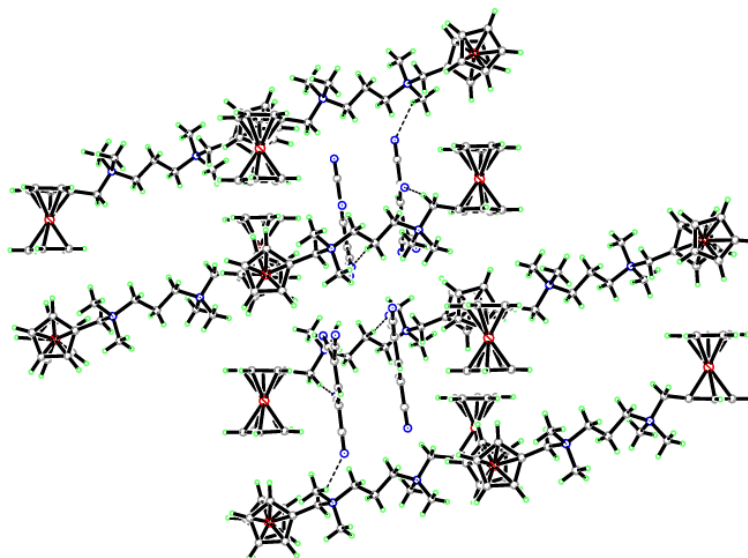
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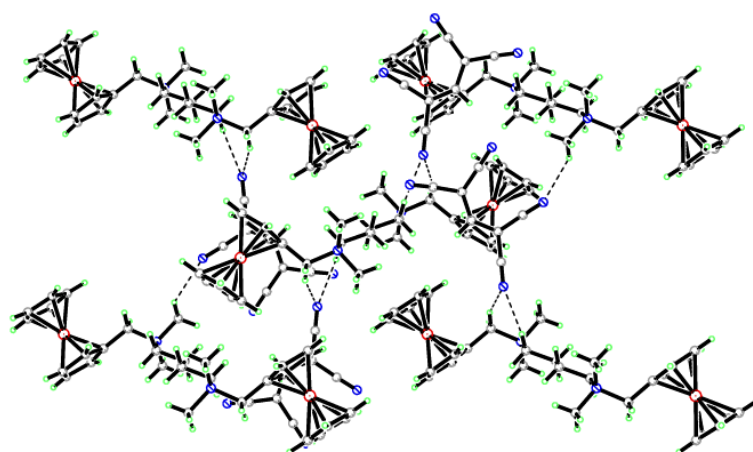
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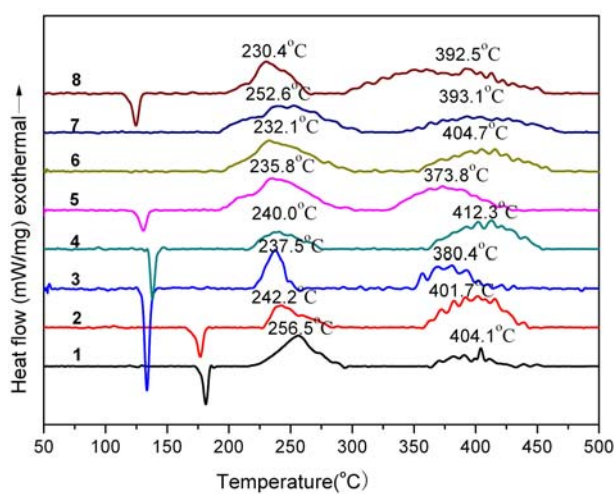
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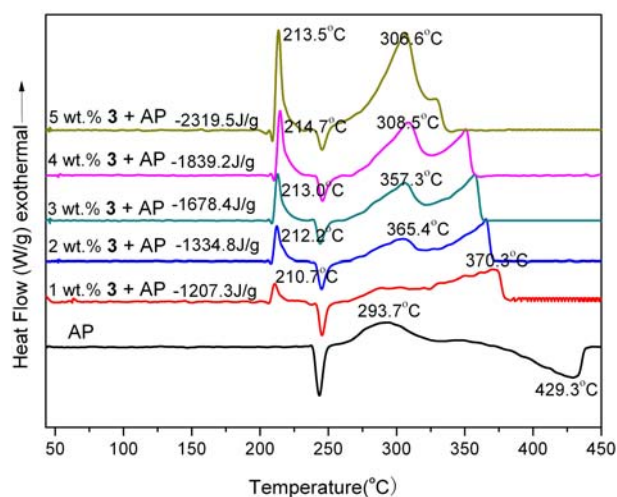
**Fig. S2.** Crystal structure of **1** as viewed along the *b* axis.



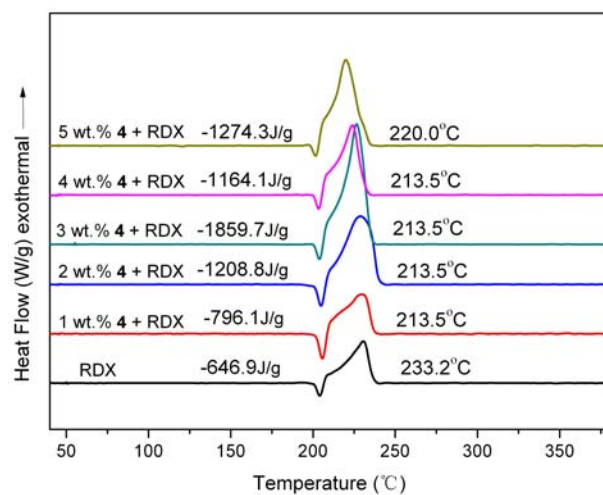
**Fig. S3.** Crystal structure of **2** as viewed along the *a* axis.



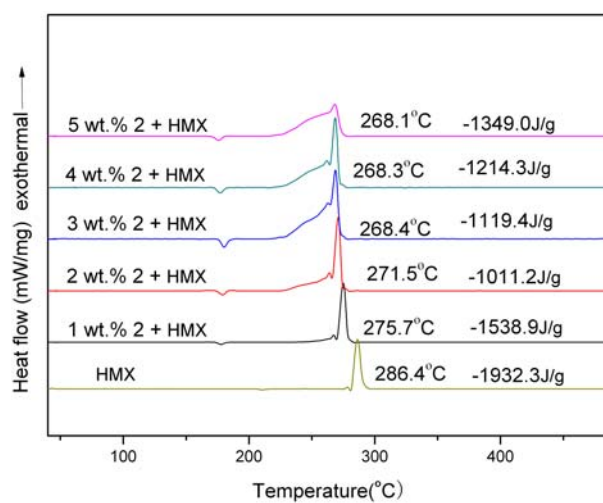
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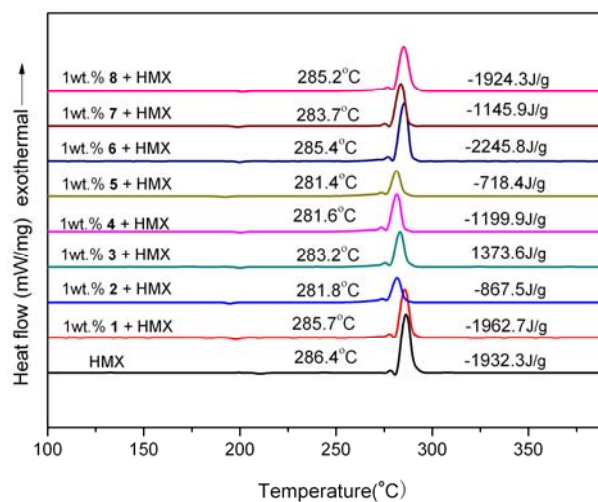
**Fig. S5.** The DSC curves of pure AP and of the mixtures AP + 1–5 wt.% **1**.



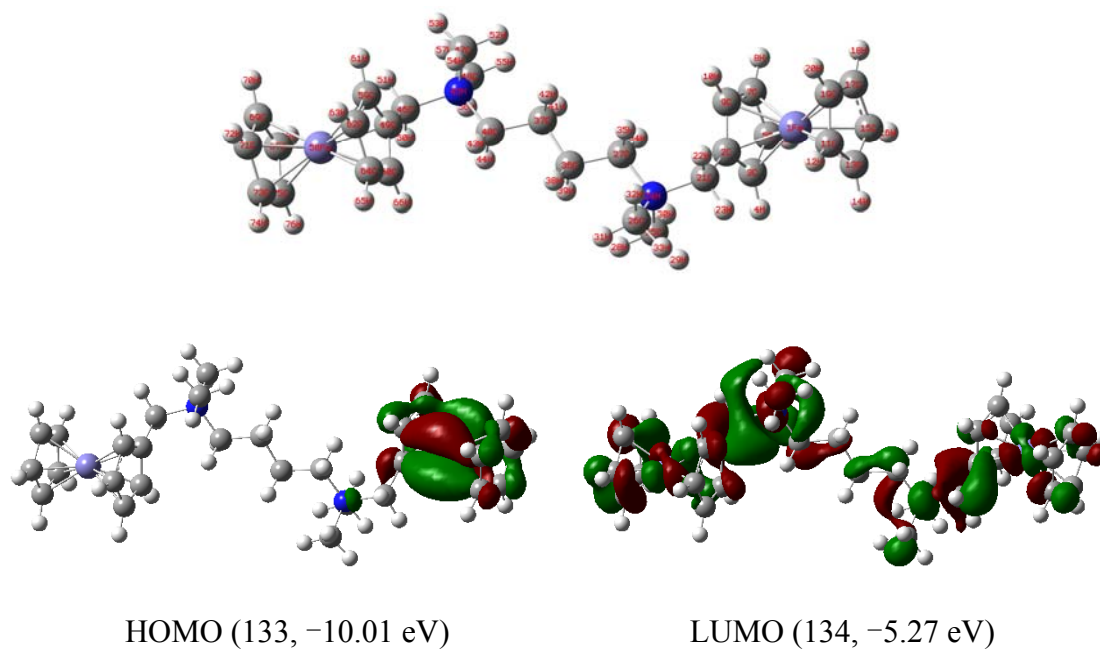
**Fig. S6.** The DSC curves of pure RDX and of the mixtures RDX + 1–5 wt.% **1**.



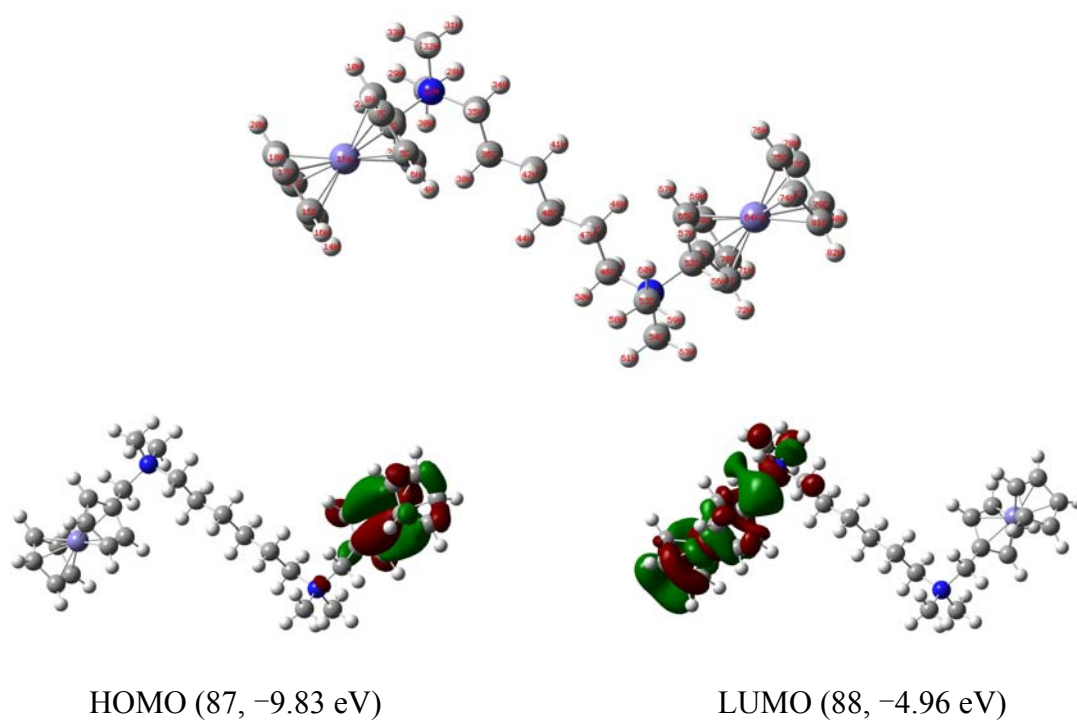
**Fig. S7.** The DSC curves of pure HMX and of the mixtures HMX + 1–5 wt.% **1**.



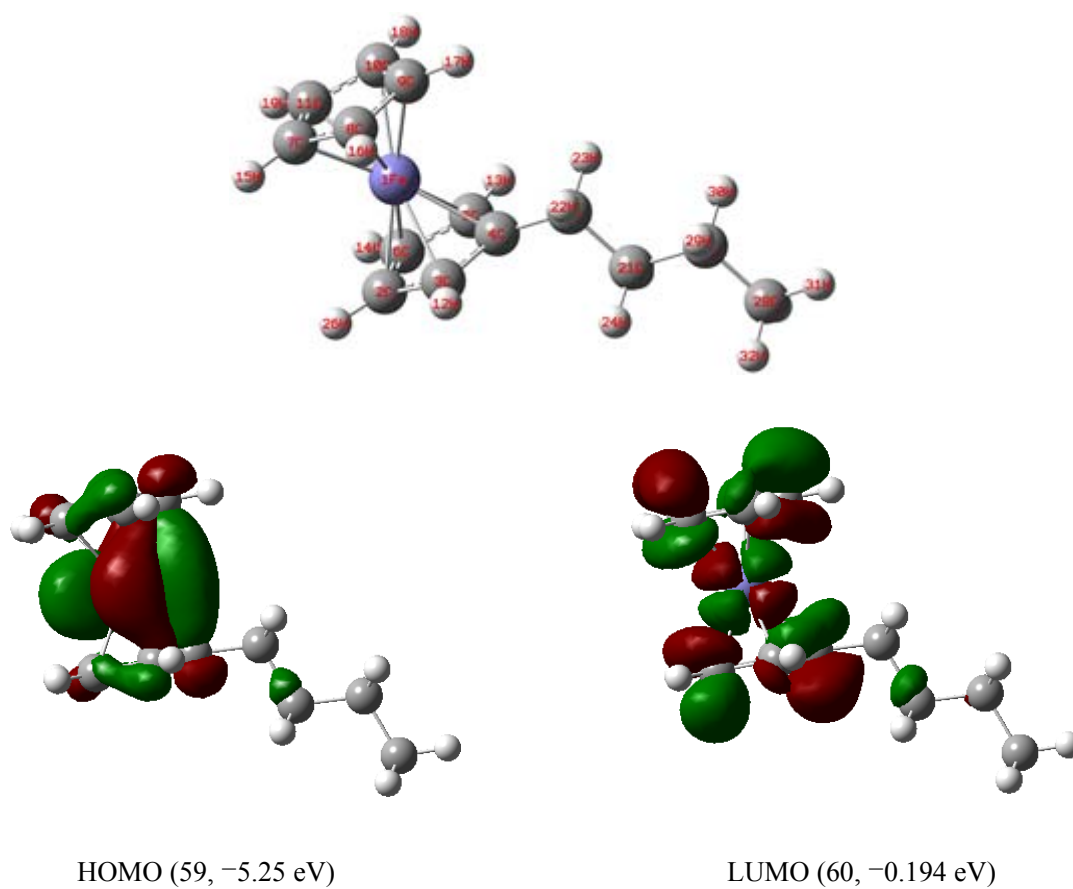
**Fig. S8.** The DSC curves of pure HMX and of the mixtures HMX + 1 wt.% **1–8**.



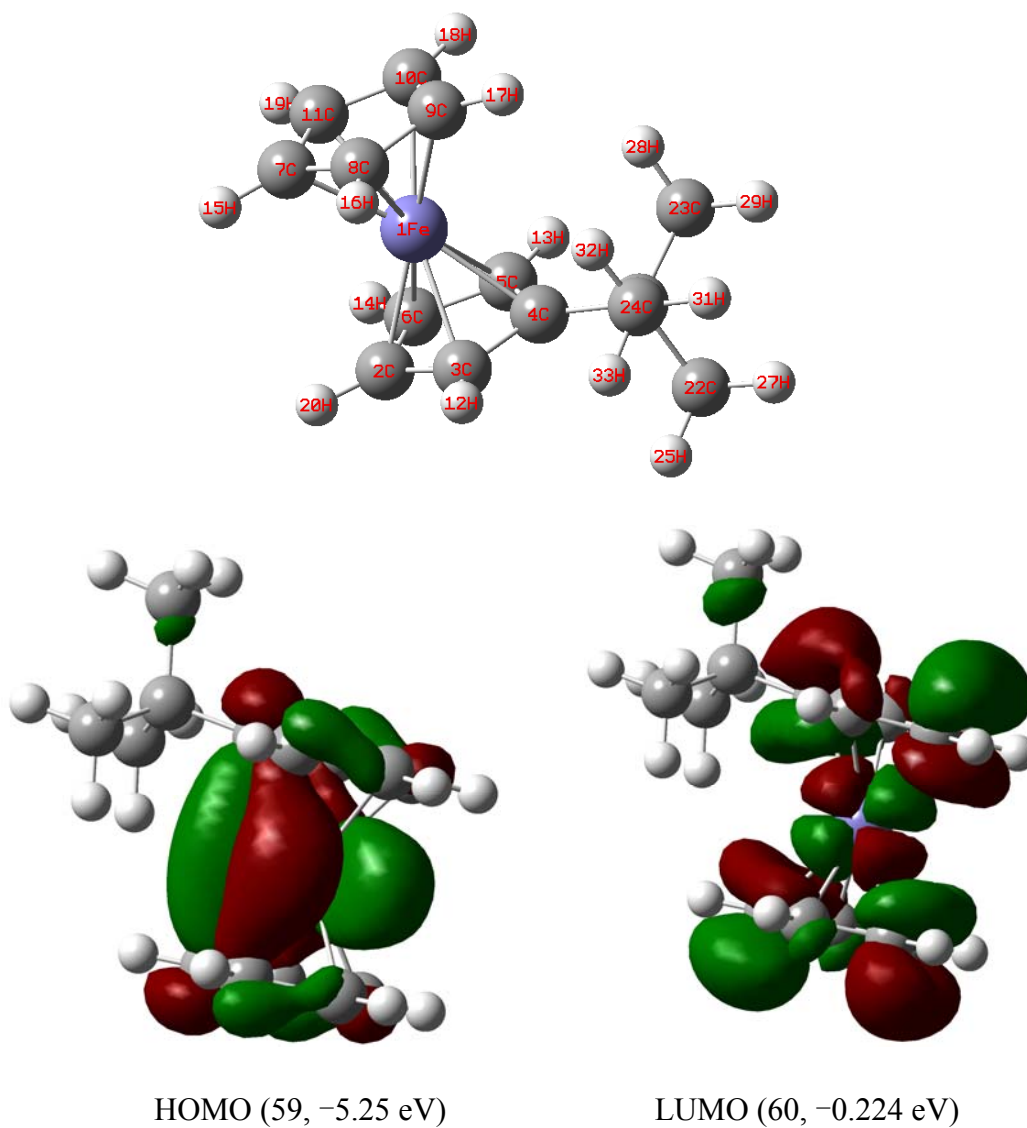
**Fig. S9.** The structure of cation of **2** optimized by theoretical calculations (top) and energy diagram of the HOMO (bottom right) and LUMO (bottom left) of the cation of **2**.



**Fig. S10.** The structure of cation of **4** optimized by theoretical calculations (top) and energy diagram of the HOMO (bottom right) and LUMO (bottom left) of the cation of **4**.

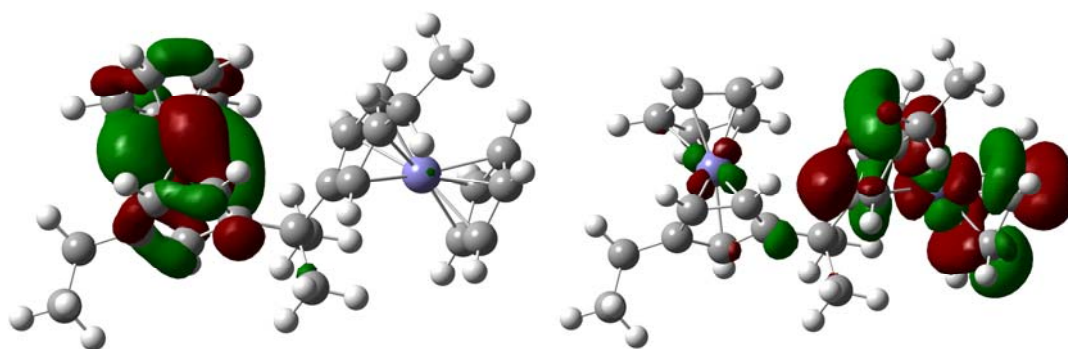


**Fig. S11.** The structure of **NBF** optimized by theoretical calculations (top) and energy diagram of the HOMO (bottom right) and LUMO (bottom left) of **NBF**.



**Fig. S12.** The structure of **TBF** optimized by theoretical calculations (top) and energy diagram of the HOMO (bottom right) and LUMO (bottom left) of **TBF**.





HOMO (113, -5.14 eV)

LUMO (114, -0.26 eV)

**Fig. S13.** The structure of **Catocene** optimized by theoretical calculations (top) and energy diagram of the HOMO (bottom right) and LUMO (bottom left) of **Catocene**.

**Table S1.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) of **1**, **2** and **4**.

| <b>1</b>          |          |                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| C(30)–C(31)       | 1.420(4) | C(31)–C(33)       | 1.379(4) |
| C(31)–C(32)       | 1.417(4) | C(33)–C(35)       | 1.382(3) |
| C(34)–C(35)       | 1.422(4) | C(35)–C(36)       | 1.416(4) |
| C(30)–N(3)        | 1.140(3) | C(32)–N(4)        | 1.141(3) |
| C(34)–N(5)        | 1.137(3) | C(36)–N(6)        | 1.145(4) |
| C(11)–N(1)        | 1.526(4) | C(19)–N(2)        | 1.529(3) |
| C(33)–C(31)–C(32) | 119.1(2) | C(33)–C(31)–C(30) | 124.2(2) |
| C(32)–C(31)–C(30) | 116.7(2) | C(31)–C(33)–C(35) | 130.2(2) |
| C(33)–C(35)–C(36) | 120.3(2) | C(33)–C(35)–C(34) | 124.9(2) |
| C(36)–C(35)–C(34) | 114.7(2) | N(4)–C(32)–C(31)  | 178.5(3) |
| N(3)–C(30)–C(31)  | 179.3(3) | N(6)–C(36)–C(35)  | 178.5(3) |
| N(5)–C(34)–C(35)  | 177.5(3) |                   |          |
| <b>2</b>          |          |                   |          |
| C(17)–C(19)       | 1.386(3) | C(19)–C(21)       | 1.374(3) |
| C(20)–C(21)       | 1.415(3) | C(21)–C(22)       | 1.423(3) |
| C(16)–C(17)       | 1.421(3) | C(17)–C(18)       | 1.427(3) |
| C(16)–N(2)        | 1.140(3) | C(18)–N(3)        | 1.143(3) |
| C(20)–N(4)        | 1.143(3) | C(22)–N(5)        | 1.137(3) |
| C(11)–N(1)        | 1.534(3) |                   |          |
| C(19)–C(17)–C(16) | 124.7(2) | C(19)–C(17)–C(18) | 117.5(2) |
| C(16)–C(17)–C(18) | 117.8(2) | N(3)–C(18)–C(17)  | 176.3(2) |
| C(21)–C(19)–C(17) | 130.7(2) | N(4)–C(20)–C(21)  | 177.9(3) |
| C(19)–C(21)–C(20) | 125.4(2) | C(19)–C(21)–C(22) | 118.9(2) |
| C(20)–C(21)–C(22) | 115.7(2) | N(5)–C(22)–C(21)  | 178.9(3) |
| <b>4</b>          |          |                   |          |
| N(2)–C(17)        | 1.136(3) | N(3)–C(19)        | 1.143(3) |
| N(4)–C(21)        | 1.139(3) | N(5)–C(23)        | 1.147(3) |
| C(17)–C(18)       | 1.422(3) | C(18)–C(20)       | 1.370(3) |
| C(18)–C(19)       | 1.423(3) | C(20)–C(22)       | 1.387(3) |
| C(21)–C(22)       | 1.418(3) | C(22)–C(23)       | 1.419(3) |
| C(11)–N(1)        | 1.528(2) |                   |          |
| C(17)–C(18)–C(19) | 115.0(2) | C(20)–C(18)–C(19) | 119.9(2) |
| C(20)–C(18)–C(17) | 125.1(2) | C(18)–C(20)–C(22) | 130.3(2) |
| C(20)–C(22)–C(21) | 124.6(2) | C(20)–C(22)–C(23) | 120.5(2) |
| C(21)–C(22)–C(23) | 114.9(2) | N(2)–C(17)–C(18)  | 177.5(2) |
| N(3)–C(19)–C(18)  | 179.4(3) | N(4)–C(21)–C(22)  | 177.8(2) |
| N(5)–C(23)–C(22)  | 179.0(3) |                   |          |

Note: Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms. For **2**:#1 1–x, 1–y, 1–z. For **4**: #1 2–x, –y, 1–z.

**Table S2.** Hydrogen bond parameters for **1**, **2** and **4**.

| D–H···A                | (D–H) (Å) | (H···A) (Å) | (D···A) (Å) | (D–H···A) (deg) |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| <b>1</b>               |           |             |             |                 |
| C(10)–H(10)···N(7)#1   | 0.98      | 2.62        | 3.492(6)    | 148             |
| C(13)–H(13A)···N(10)#2 | 0.96      | 2.44        | 3.175(4)    | 133             |
| C(15)–H(15B)···N(3)    | 0.97      | 2.56        | 3.527(4)    | 175             |
| C(16)–H(16A)···N(6)#2  | 0.97      | 2.62        | 3.474(4)    | 147             |
| C(19)–H(19B)···N(9)    | 0.97      | 2.62        | 3.489(5)    | 150             |
| C(33)–H(33)···N(10)#   | 0.93      | 2.54        | 3.456(4)    | 169             |
| C(40)–H(40)···N(6)#    | 0.93      | 2.53        | 3.418(5)    | 160             |
| <b>2</b>               |           |             |             |                 |
| C(11)–H(11A)···N(5)#1  | 0.98      | 2.58        | 3.464(3)    | 151             |
| C(13)–H(13B)···N(4)#2  | 0.96      | 2.59        | 3.096(3)    | 113             |
| C(14)–H(14B)···N(5)#1  | 0.97      | 2.45        | 3.376(3)    | 159             |
| <b>4</b>               |           |             |             |                 |
| C(7)–H(7)···N(4)#1     | 0.98      | 2.60        | 3.435(4)    | 143             |
| C(20)–H(20)···N(3)#2   | 0.93      | 2.49        | 3.374(4)    | 159             |

Note: Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms. For **1**: #1 1–x, 1–y, 1–z; #2 1–x, 1–y, –z; #3 2–x, 1–y, –z. For **2**: #1 x, 1/2–y, –1/2+z; #2 1–x, 1/2+y, 1/2–z; #3 1–x, –1/2+y, 1/2–z. For **4**: #1 x, y, –1+z; #2 2–x, –y, 2–z.

**Table S3.** Redox potentials from cyclic voltammetry of ferrocenyl groups in **1–8**, NBF, TBF and Catocene in 0.1 M *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub>-MeCN

| Compd           | $E_{pa}$ (mV) | $E_{pb}$ (mV) | $E_p^{1/2}$ (mV) | $\Delta E_p^a$ (mV) |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>1</b>        | 681           | 599           | 640              | 82                  |
| <b>2</b>        | 681           | 590           | 636              | 91                  |
| <b>3</b>        | 690           | 602           | 646              | 88                  |
| <b>4</b>        | 680           | 586           | 633              | 94                  |
| <b>5</b>        | 688           | 599           | 644              | 89                  |
| <b>6</b>        | 679           | 571           | 625              | 108                 |
| <b>7</b>        | 681           | 591           | 636              | 90                  |
| <b>8</b>        | 687           | 596           | 642              | 91                  |
| <b>NBF</b>      | 435           | 353           | 394              | 82                  |
| <b>TBF</b>      | 428           | 327           | 378              | 101                 |
| <b>Catocene</b> | 401, 541      | 292, 456      | 347, 499         | 109, 85             |

<sup>a</sup>  $\Delta E_p = E_{pa} - E_{pb}$