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Abstract:

A non-heme tetra-iron cluster, [Fe4III(μ -O)2(μ -OAc)6(2,2'-bpy)2(H2O)2](NO3-)(OH-) (1), [OAc = acetate; 2,2'-bpy = 2,2'-bipyridine] containing oxido- and acetato-bridges was synthesized and structurally characterized by different spectroscopic methods including single crystal X-ray diffraction studies. X-ray crystal structure analysis of 1 revealed that tetra-iron complex was crystallized in monoclinic system with C2/c space group. Each of the Fe centres in 1 was found to exist in octahedral geometry and interconnected by oxido- and acetato-bridges. Bond valence sum (BVS) calculation recommended the existence of iron centres in +3 oxidation state. Variable temperature magnetic measurement authenticated the dominating antiferromagnetic ordering among the iron centres in the solid state of 1. This tetra-iron cluster was also evaluated as an efficient catalytic system towards the oxidation of both linear & cyclic alkanes without production of primary Csingle bondH bond oxidation products. Oxidation of secondary Csingle bondH bonds attested the formation of both the corresponding alcohols & ketones in 27–900 TONs. The tetra-iron catalytic system with Alcohol/Ketone values 0.2–1.7 indicated the involvement of freely diffusing carbon-centered radicals rather than metal based oxidant.

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