

Supporting Information

Iron(II) metallomesogens exhibiting coupled spin state and liquid crystal phase transitions at room temperature

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Table S1. Crystallographic data and refinement details for **C₆-1**.

Empirical formula	C ₄₄ H ₆₆ Cl ₂ FeN ₆ O ₁₁
Formula weight	956.48
Temperature [K]	100.0(1)
Wavelength [Å]	0.71073
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	<i>Pbca</i>
<i>a</i> [Å]	18.746(4)
<i>b</i> [Å]	14.398(3)
<i>c</i> [Å]	36.174(7)
Volume [Å ³]	9763.54(347)
<i>Z</i>	8
ρ [g cm ⁻³]	1.335
Absorption coefficient [mm ⁻¹]	0.481
<i>F</i> (000)	4159
θ range for data collection [°]	2.88 to 32.88
Index ranges	$-27 \leq h \leq 28$ $-9 \leq k \leq 21$

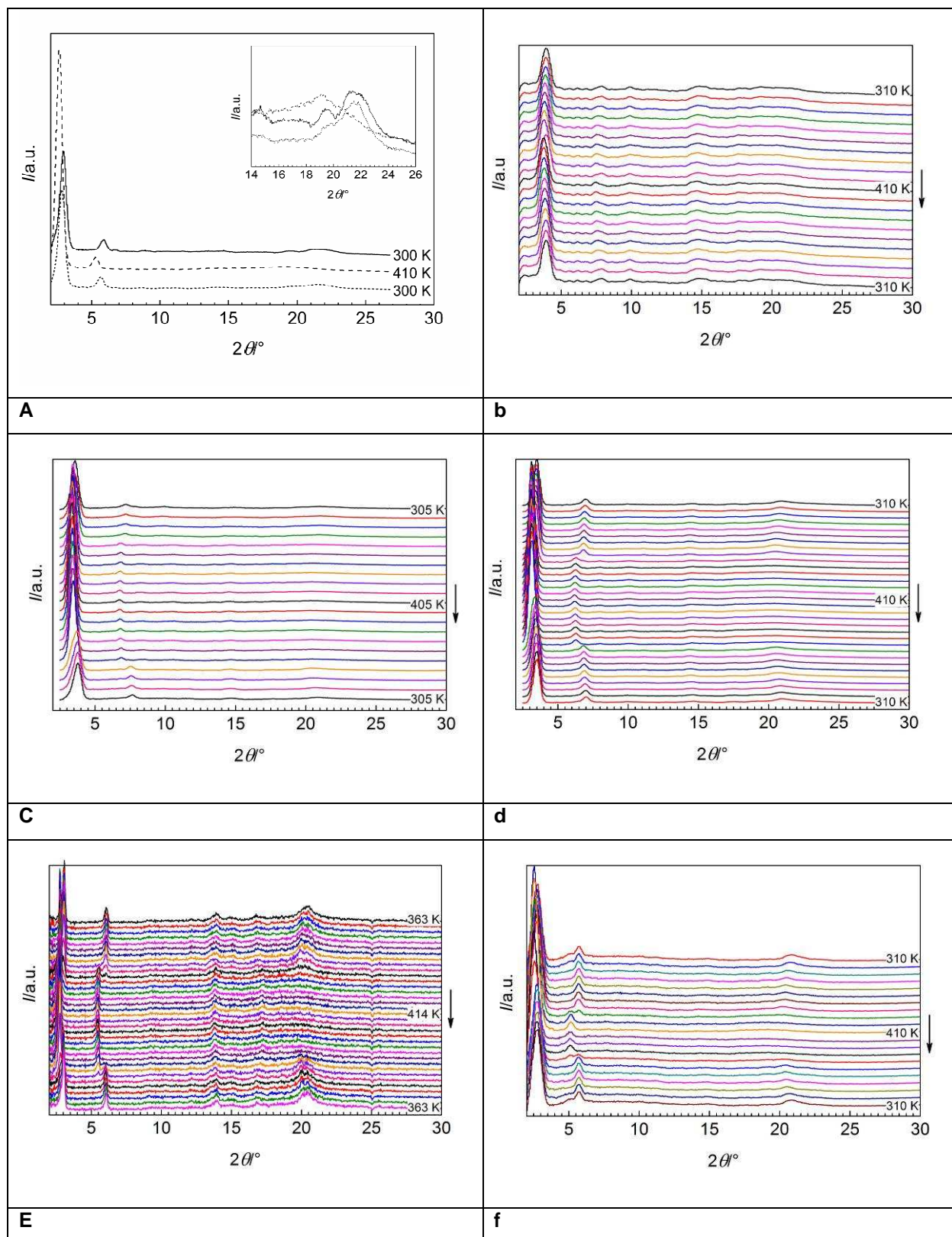
	-53 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 53
Reflections	16690
collected	
Independent	7834
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Data/restraints/para	16690/0/584
meters	
Goodness-of-fit, F^2	0.827
Final <i>R</i> indices [<i>I</i> >	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0456,
2σ(<i>I</i>)]	<i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1050
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.1173,
	<i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1158
ρ _{min} , ρ _{max} [e Å ⁻³]	1.938, -0.692

Table S2. MS, TGA and IR spectral data for complexes **C_n-1** and **C_n-2**.

Compound	MS ^b	TGA, w/w [%]	IR [cm ⁻¹] ^g					
			$\nu(\text{O-H})$	$\nu_s(\text{CH}_2),$ $\nu_{as}(\text{CH}_2)$	$\nu(\text{N=C})$	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$	$\rho(\text{CH}_2)$	$\nu(\text{Anion})$
C₆-1	391 [M] ^{++c} 728 [M+H] ⁺ 881 [M+ClO ₄] ⁺	0	–	2932, 2854	1626	1461	–	1084, 622
C₁₈-1	1387 [M+ClO ₄] ⁺	0	–	2920, 2851	1630	1463	721	1087, 622
C₁₀-2	970 [(M+F) ⁺	0	–	2921, 2852	1647	1464	722	1069
C₁₂-2	1054 [M+F] ⁺	0	–	2921, 2852	1648, 1698	1467	721	1066
C₁₄-2	1206 [M+BF ₄] ⁺	0	–	2919, 2851	1630, 1698	1466	721	1081
C₁₆-2	1289 [M+BF ₄] ⁺	0	–	2918, 2850	1650	1468	721	1072
C₁₆-2^a			–	2919, 2851	1650	1468	721	1072
C₁₇-2	1264 [M+F] ⁺ 1332 [M+BF ₄] ⁺	0	–	2921, 2852	1648, 1699	1463	721	1081
C₁₈-2	644 [M] ⁺⁺ 1375 [M+BF ₄] ⁺	0	–	2918, 2850	1654, 1698	1467	721	1071
C₂₀-2 ·H ₂ O	1458 [M+BF ₄] ⁺ 686 [M] ⁺⁺	1.3	3410 br	2919, 2851	1645, 1697	1464	721	1076

^a After the first heating up to 410 K; ^b Values of the peaks are given for the ions with the isotope ⁵⁶Fe; ^c Trace; ^g ν , stretching; δ , bending; ρ , rocking; as, asymmetric; s, symmetric

Figure S1. Variable temperature XRPD patterns of **C₁₈-1** (a), **C₁₀-2** (b), **C₁₂-2** (b), **C₁₄-2** (d), **C₁₆-2** (e), **C₁₇-2** (f), **C₁₈-2** (g) and **C₂₀-2** (h).



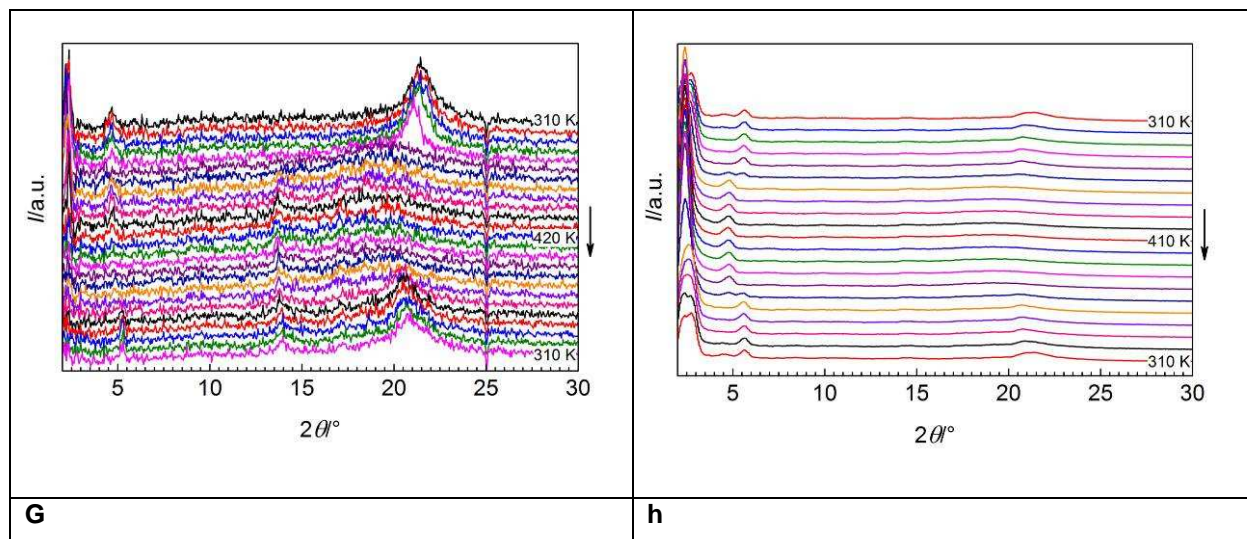


Figure S2. Magnetic properties of compounds **C₆-1** (a), **C₁₈-1** (b), and **C₁₀-2** (c) in the form of $\chi_M T$ vs T .

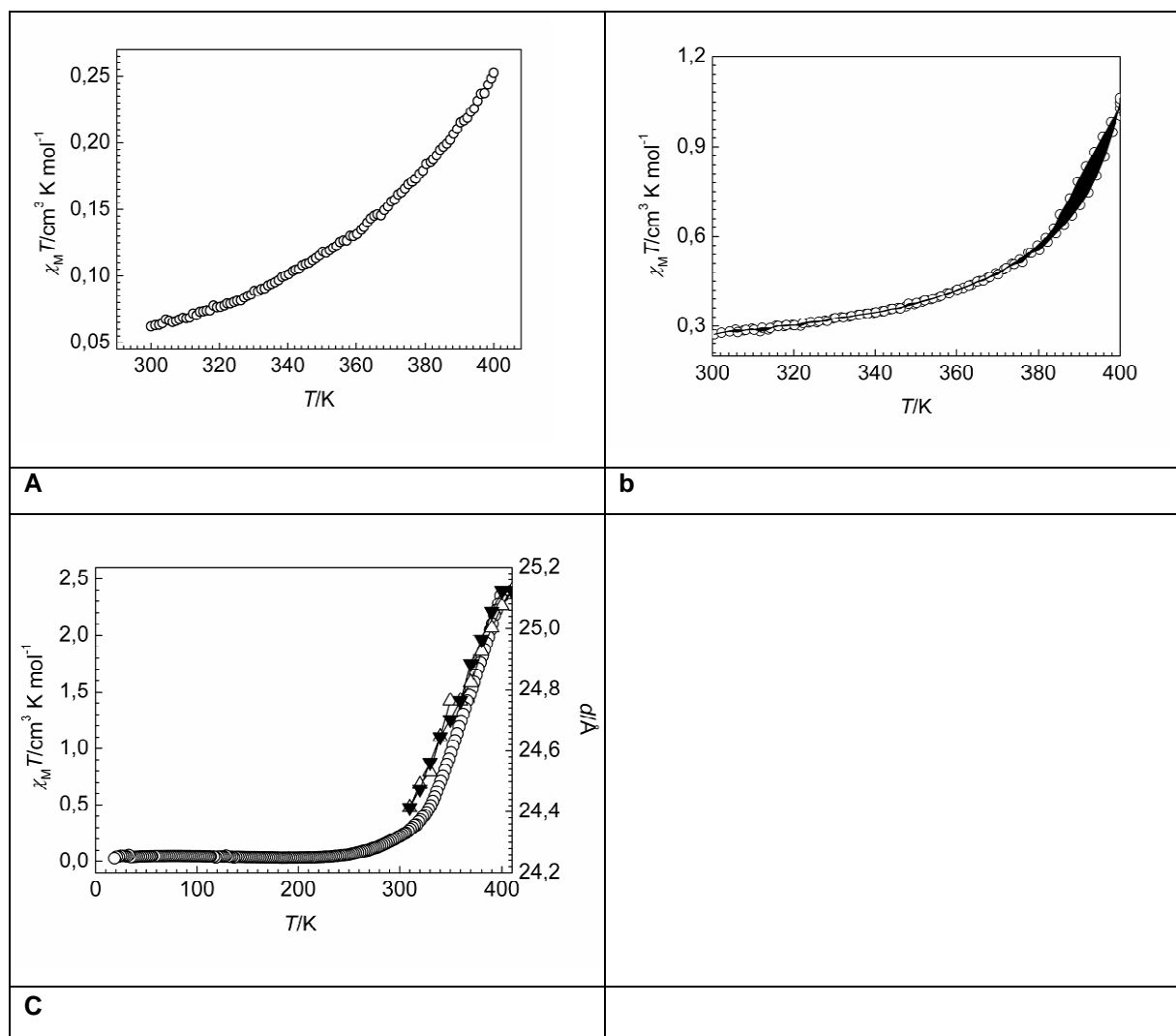


Figure S3. The solid and dashed lines represent the simulation of the transition curve of **C₁₂-2** using the Slichter-Drickamer model in the regions before and after melting.

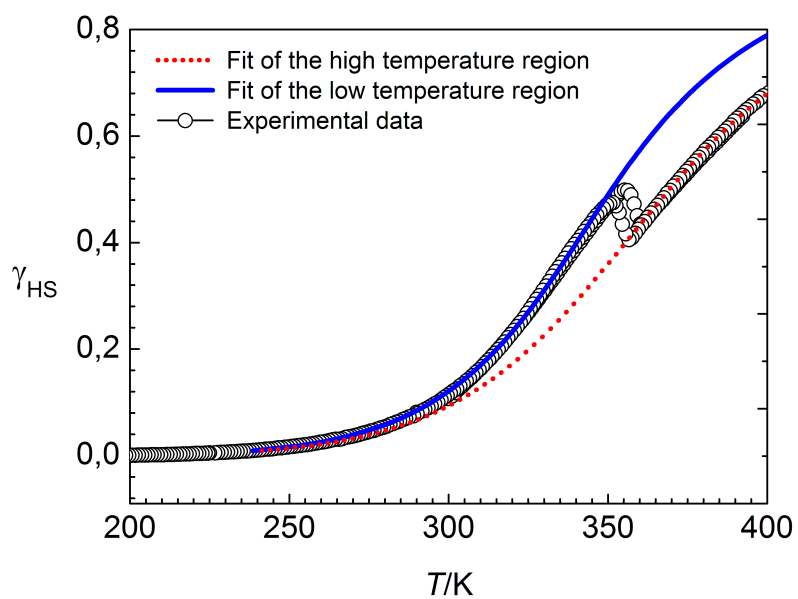


Figure S4. The anisotropic texture of compound **C₁₆-2** under crossed polarizers.

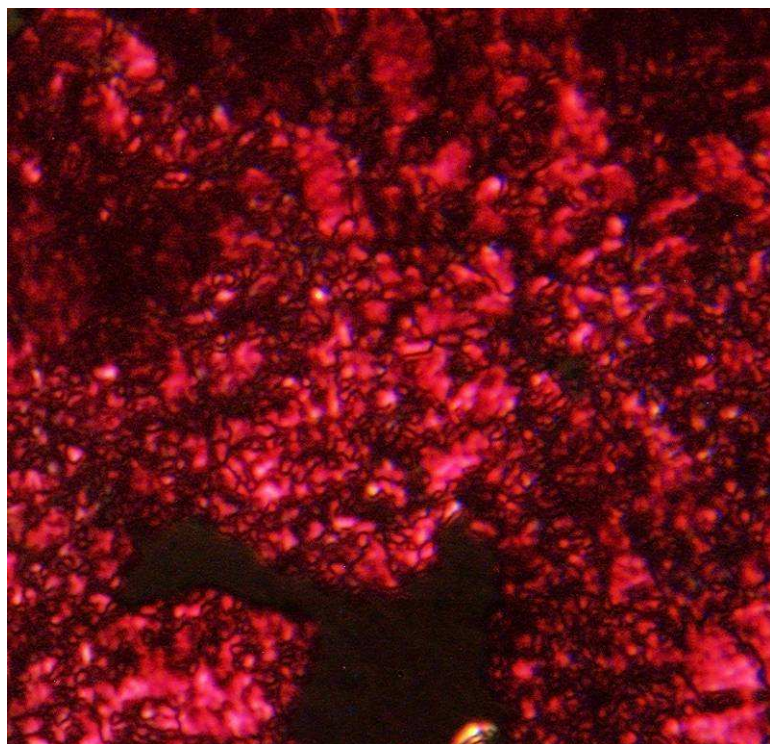
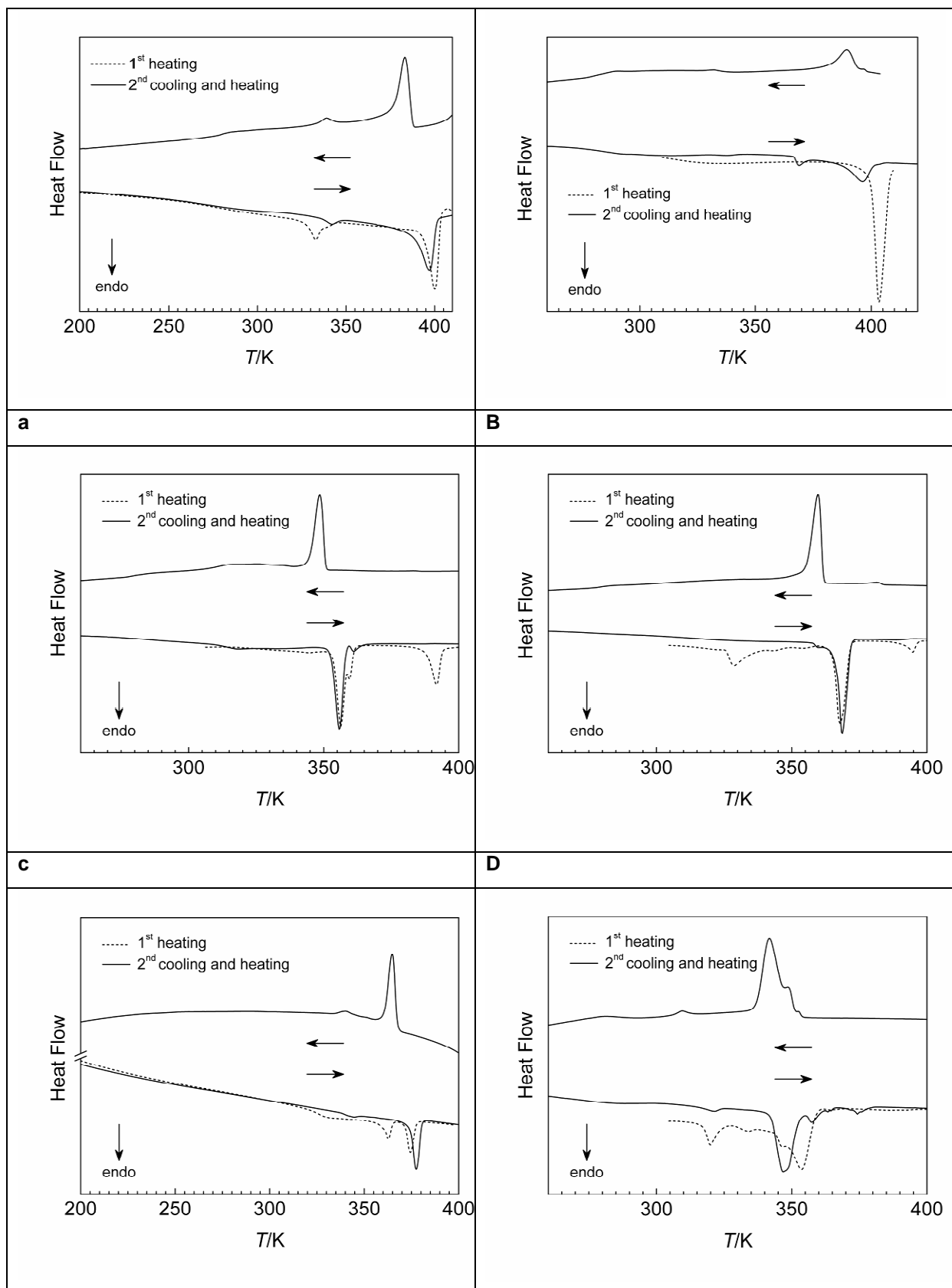


Figure S5. DSC measurements for **C₁₈-1** (a), **C₁₀-2** (b), **C₁₂-3** (c), **C₁₄-2** (d), **C₁₆-2** (e), **C₁₇-2** (f), **C₁₈-2** (g) and **C₂₀-2** (h) in heating and cooling modes at the rate of 10 K/ min. Arrows show direction of the scanning runs.



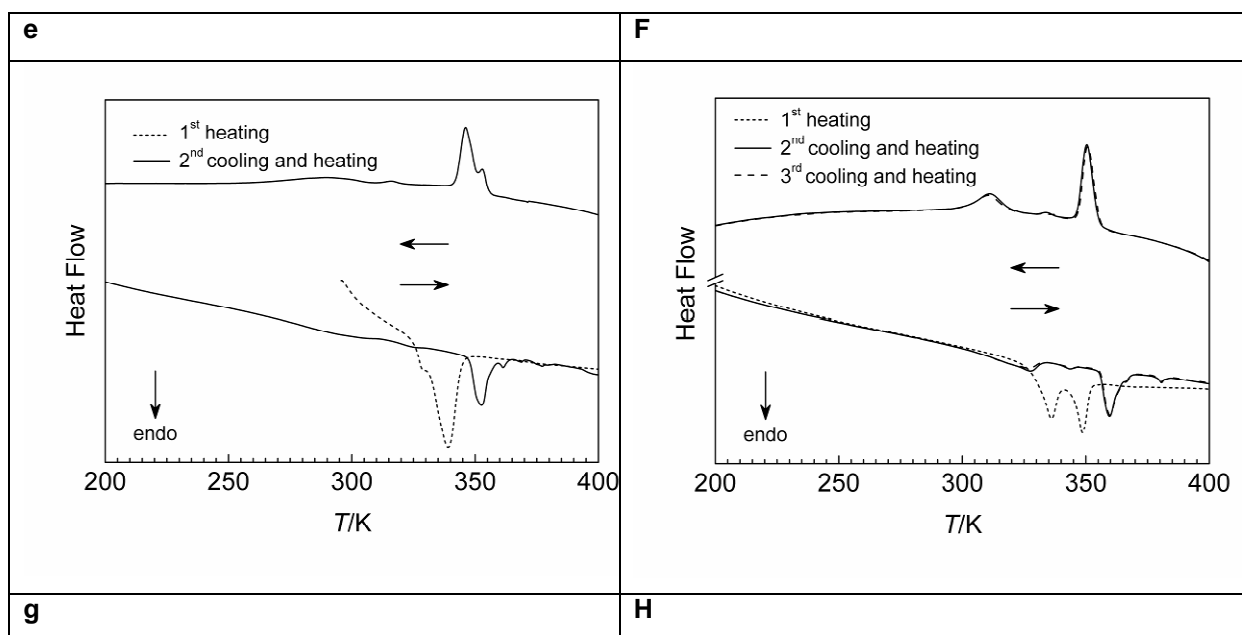
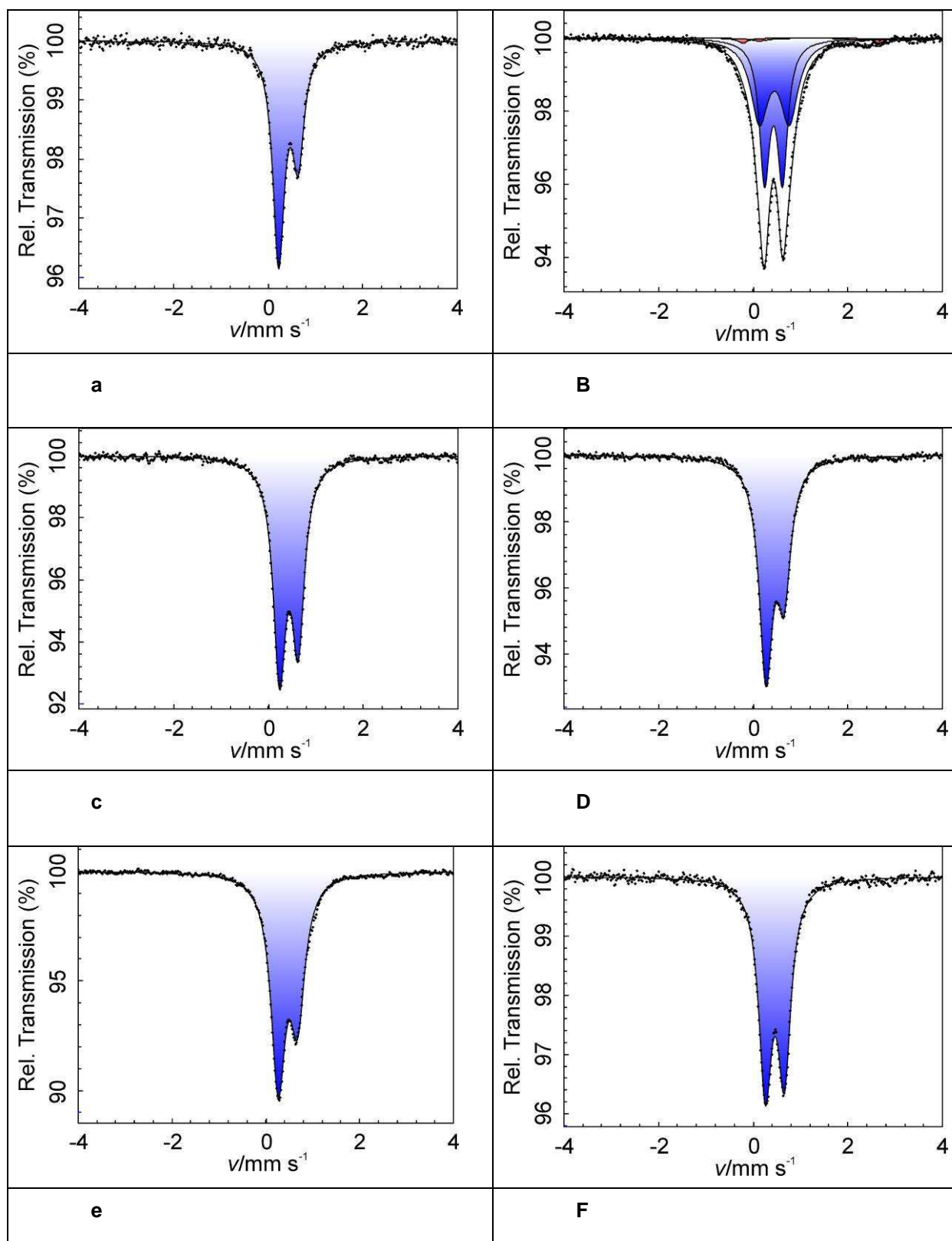


Figure S6. Mössbauer spectra of compounds **C₆-1** (a), **C₁₈-1** (b), **C₁₀-2** (c), **C₁₂-2** (d), **C₁₄-2** (e), **C₁₆-2** (f), **C₁₇-2** (g), **C₁₈-2** (h) and **C₂₀-2** (i) measured at 80 K.



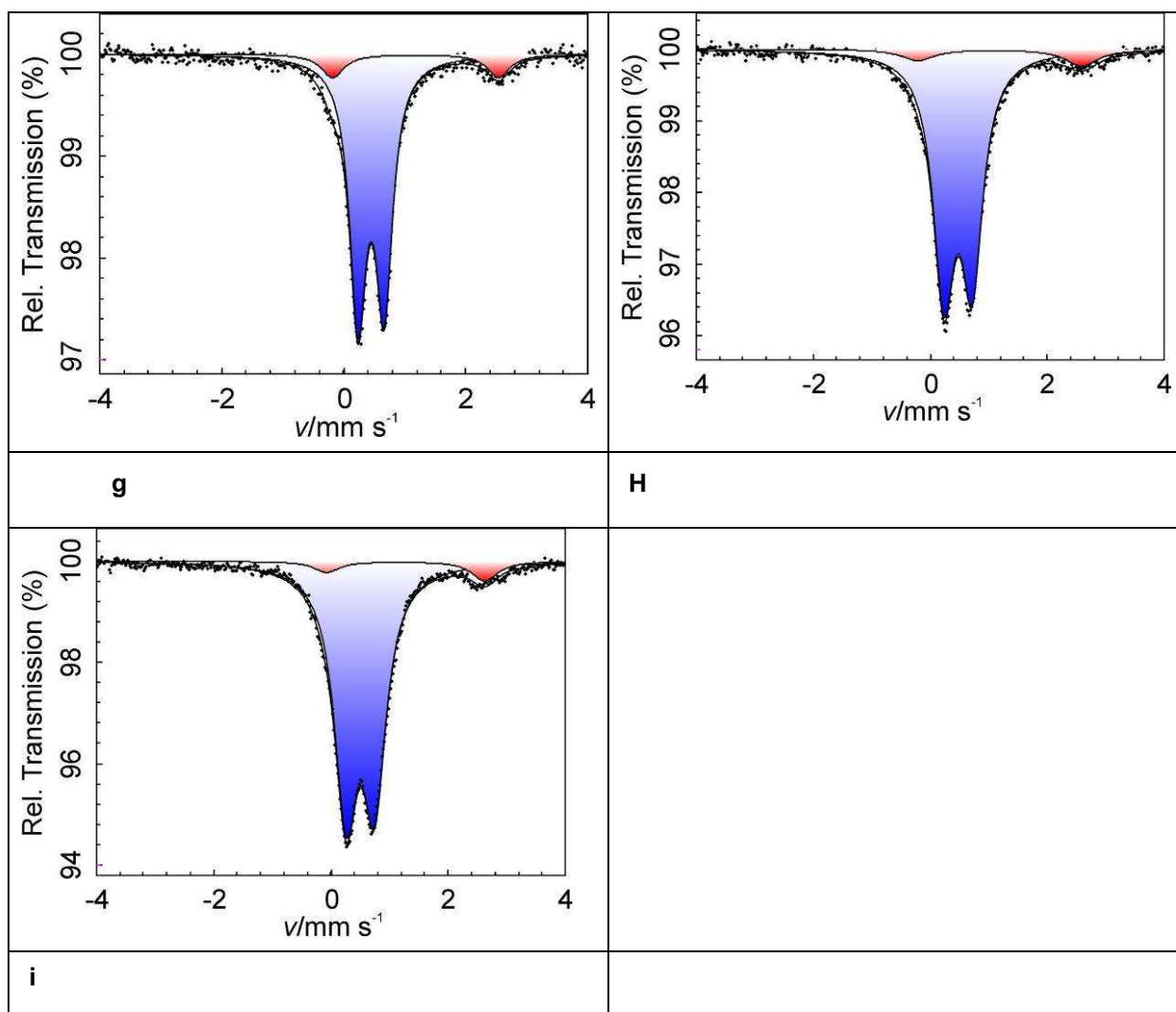


Table S3. Mössbauer parameters, isomer shift (δ , relative to α -iron), quadrupole splitting (ΔE_Q), half-width of the lines ($\Gamma_{1/2}$) and percentage of populations in the HS and LS states (A) for **C_n-1** ($n = 6, 18$), **C_n-2** ($n = 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20$) at 80 K.

Compound	Spin state	δ [mm s ⁻¹]	ΔE_Q [mm s ⁻¹]	$\Gamma_{1/2}$ [mm s ⁻¹]	A [%]
C₆-1	LS	0.43(2)	0.41(0)	0.15(1)	100
C₁₈-1	LS1	0.45(1)	0.38(1)	<i>0.13</i>	<i>47</i>
	LS2	0.45(1)	0.64(0)	<i>0.22</i>	<i>47</i>
	HS1	1.05(3)	2.58(7)	<i>0.13</i>	<i>3</i>
	HS2	1.26(3)	2.91(1)	<i>0.22</i>	<i>3</i>
C₁₀-2	LS	0.43(0)	0.39(0)	0.16(0)	100
C₁₂-2	LS	0.46(0)	0.38(0)	0.17(0)	100
C₁₄-2	LS	0.43(1)	0.40(0)	0.17(1)	100
C₁₆-2	LS	0.46(1)	0.40(0)	0.17(1)	100
C₁₇-2	LS	0.45(1)	0.43(1)	0.17(0)	88.5(16)
	HS	1.18(1)	2.72(1)	0.23(5)	11.5(24)
C₁₈-2	LS	0.48(1)	0.48(0)	0.22(0)	89.5(11)
	HS	1.22(5)	2.81(10)	0.37(8)	10.5(22)
C₂₀-2·H₂O	LS	0.50(0)	0.49(1)	0.24(0)	90.7(7)
	HS	1.32(0)	2.61(5)	0.29(4)	9.3(12)

The values given in italics were fixed during the fitting.

Figure S7. TGA analysis of compound **C₂₀-2·H₂O**.

