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Lability of spin state of Fe(III) complexes with tetradentate Schiff's bases

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Abstract

© 2016, Pleiades Publishing, Ltd.[FeLX2]Y [L = N,N'-ethylenebis(salicylimine) (salen), N,N'ethylenebis(acetylacetonylimine) (acen), or N,N'-ethylenebis(3-methyloxysalicylimine) (vanen); X = imidazole or N-methylimidazole; Y = BF4, ClO4, or BPh4] compounds have been prepared and studied by means of EPR and magnetic susceptibility measurements at 5-300 K. It has been shown that the different electron-donating properties of acen and salen planar ligands result in different spin states of Fe(III) ions. Intermolecular π -interactions of the outer-sphere BPh4 ion affect the complexes spin state as well.

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