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Intermediate (S=1) spin state in five-coordinate cobalt(III) : Magnetic properties of N-o-hydroxy-benzamido-*meso*-tetraphenylporphyrin cobalt(III), Co(N-NCO(o-O)C₆H₄-tpp)

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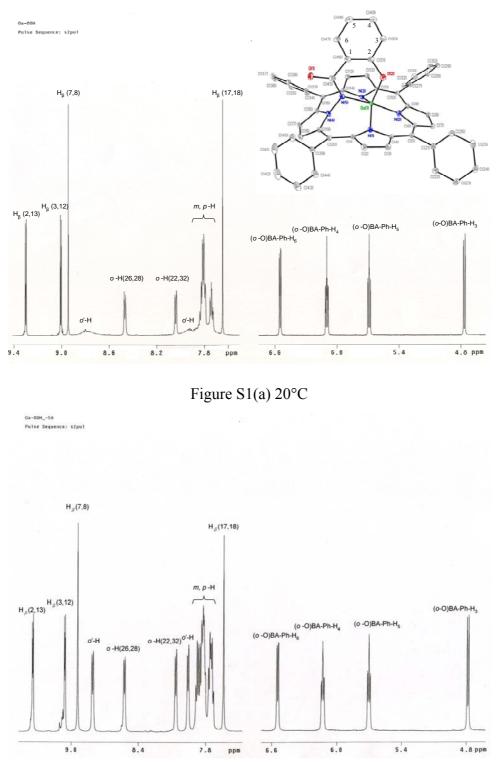
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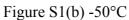
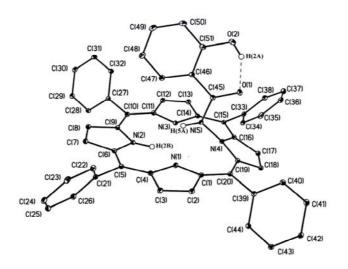
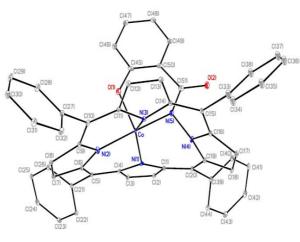


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectra for **3** at 599.95 MHz in CDCl₃ showing four different β -pyrrole protons H_{β}, phenyl protons (*o*-H, *m*, *p*-H) and (*o*-O)BA-Ph protons: (a) 20°C and (b) -50°C.

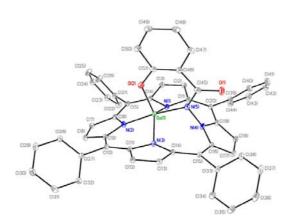
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(a) **1**



(b) **2**



(c) **3**

Figure S2. Molecular configuration and atom-labeling scheme for (a) 1 and (b)

 $Co(N-NCO((o-O)C_6H_4-tpp))$ (2) and (c)

[Ga(N-NCO(o-O)C₆H₄-tpp) ·0.5CHCl₃·MeOH; **3**·0.5CHCl₃·MeOH], with

30% thermal ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms, solvent CHCl₃ and MeOH for

3.0.5CHCl₃·MeOH are omitted for clarity.

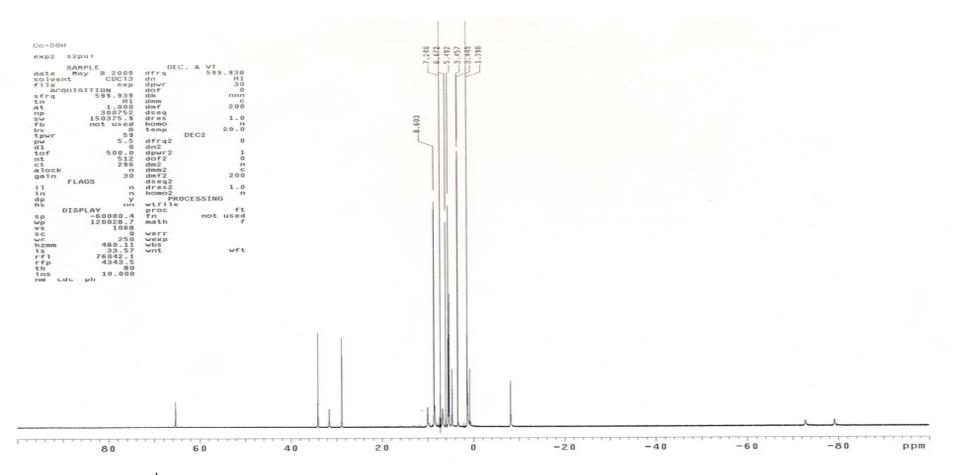


Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectra for 2 at 599.95 MHz at 20°C in CDCl₃.

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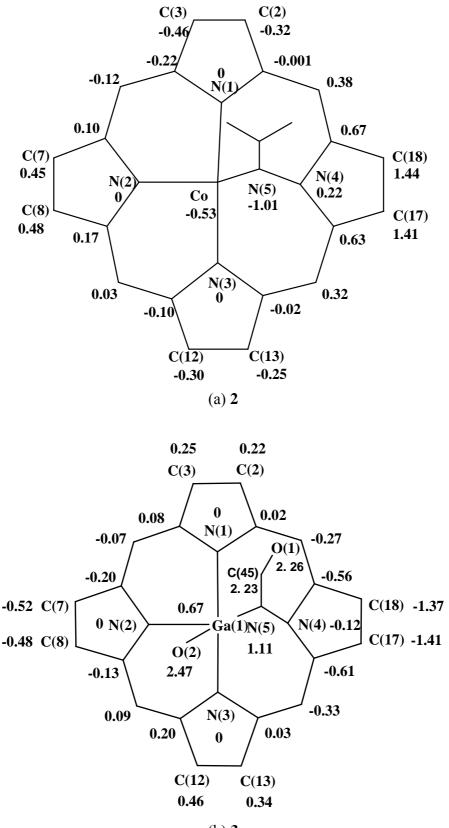




Figure S4. Diagram of the porphyrinato core ($C_{20}N_4$, M, and BA) of (a) compound **2** and (b) compound **3**. The values represent the displacement (in angstroms) of the atoms from the mean 3N plane [i.e. N(1)-N(3) for **2** and **3**].

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