

Supplementary Information

A Non-heme Cationic Fe³⁺-complex Intercalated in Montmorillonite K-10: Synthesis, Characterization and Catalytic Alkane Hydroxylation with H₂O₂ at Room Temperature

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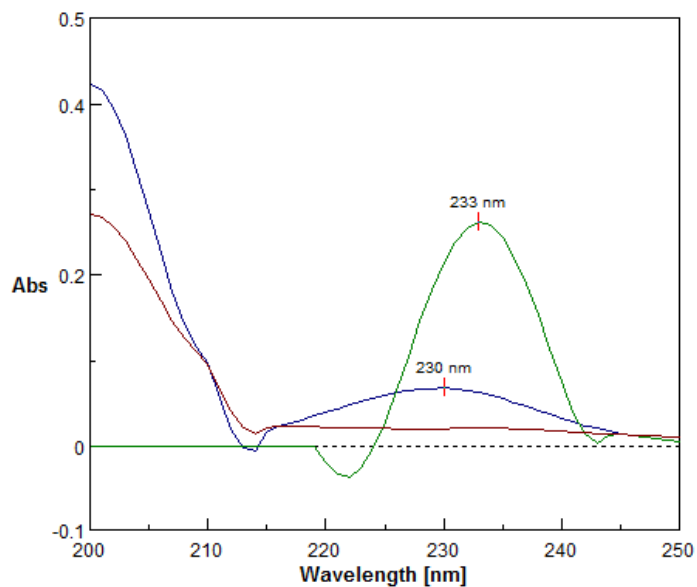


Figure S1. Solid state uv-visible spectra of **1** (green), **Mont** (red) and **1-Mont** (blue) in KBr disc. The curve was obtained using Savitzky-Golay algorithm with 1st order of derivative over 25 data points with 3rd order polynomial fit.

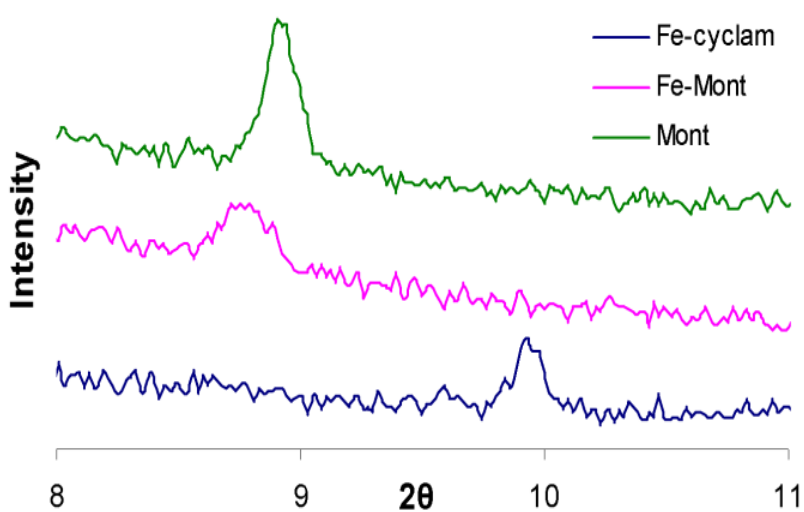


Figure S2. PXRD pattern of **Montmorillonite K-10 (Mont)**, **1(Fe-cyclam)** and **1-Mont (Fe-Mont)** at small angle.

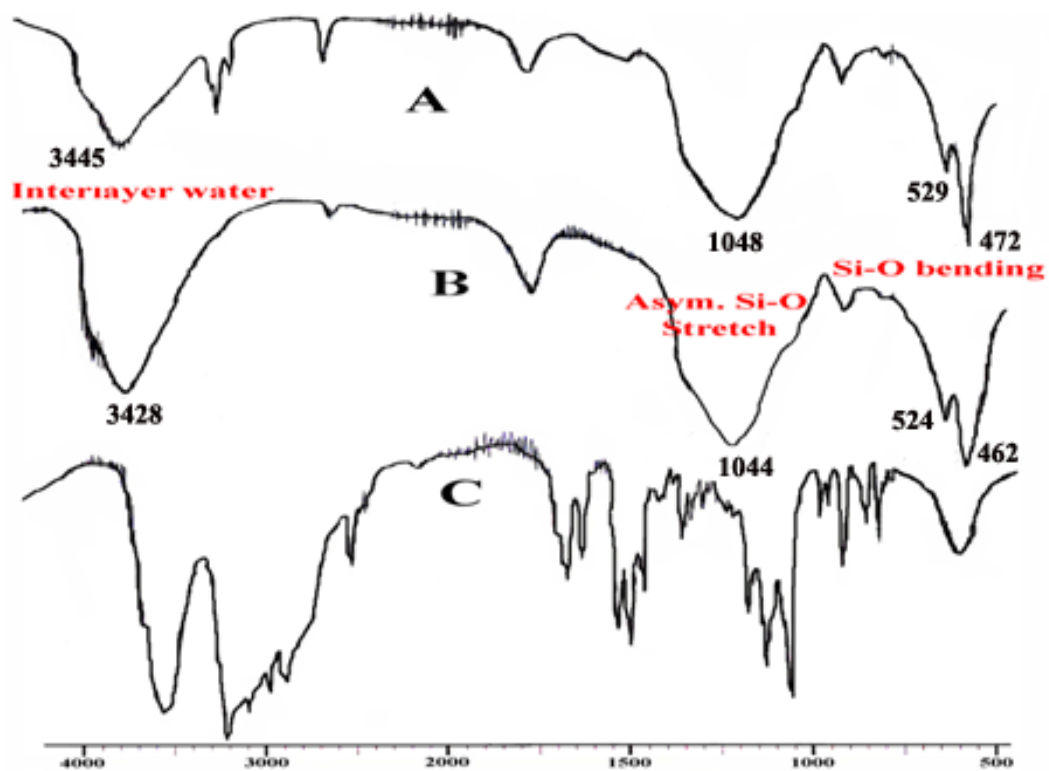


Figure S3. FT-IR spectra of **1-Mont** (A), **Montmorillonite K-10**(B), and **1** (C) in KBr disc.

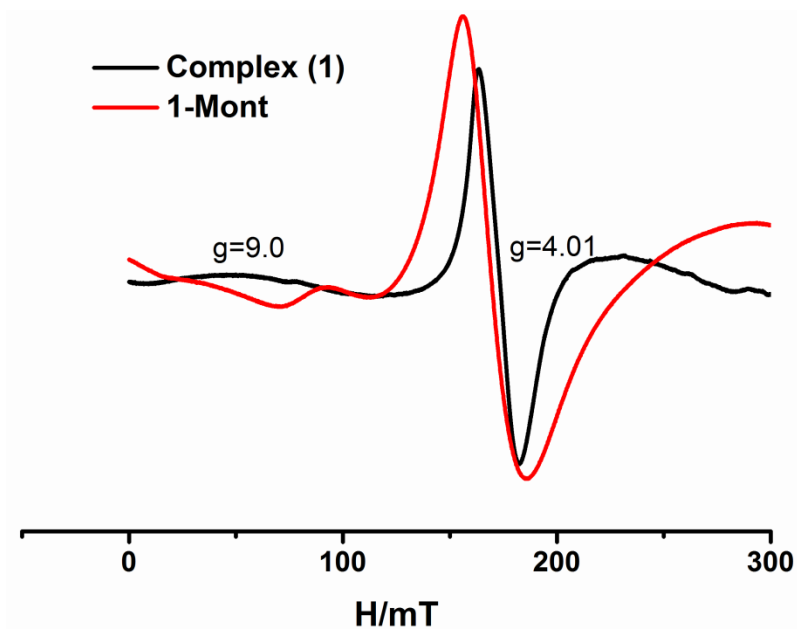


Figure S4. X-band EPR spectra recorded in the solid state at 77K of *cis*-[Fe^{III}(cyclam)Cl₂]Cl (black line) and **1-Mont** (red line).

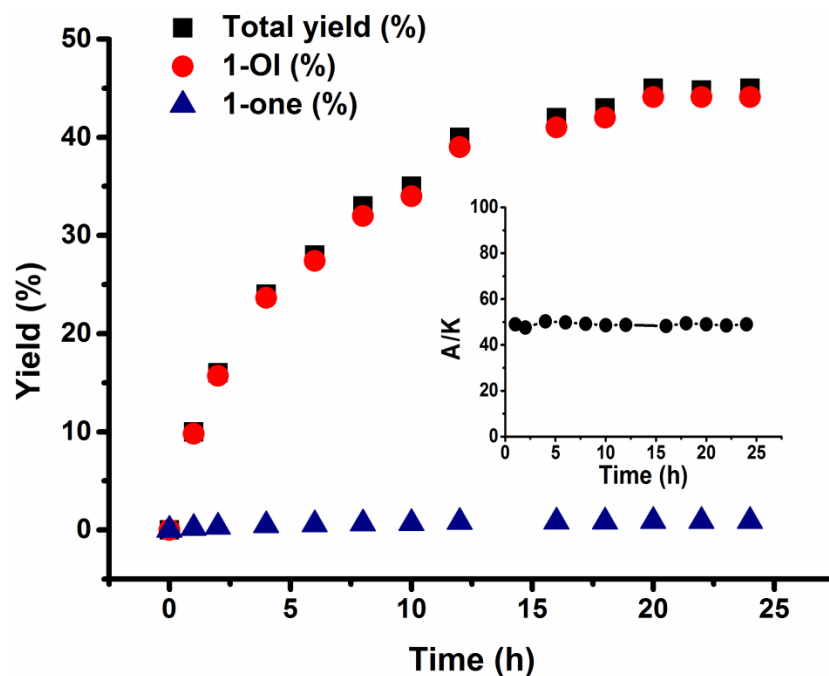


Figure S5. Accumulation of products in oxidation of cyclohexane by **1-Mont**/H₂O₂ with time at room temperature. (Inset: Change of A/K ratio with time)

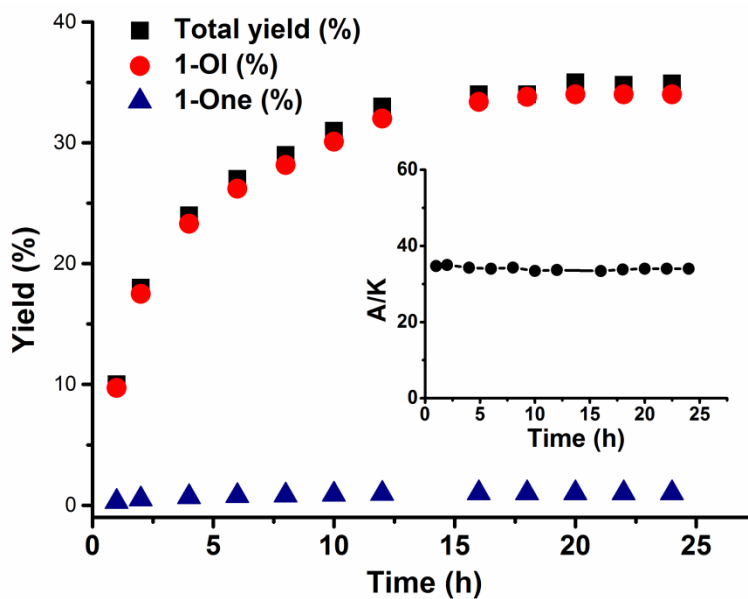


Figure S6. Accumulation of products in oxidation of cyclooctane by **1-Mont**/H₂O₂ with time at room temperature. (Inset: Change of A/K ratio with time)

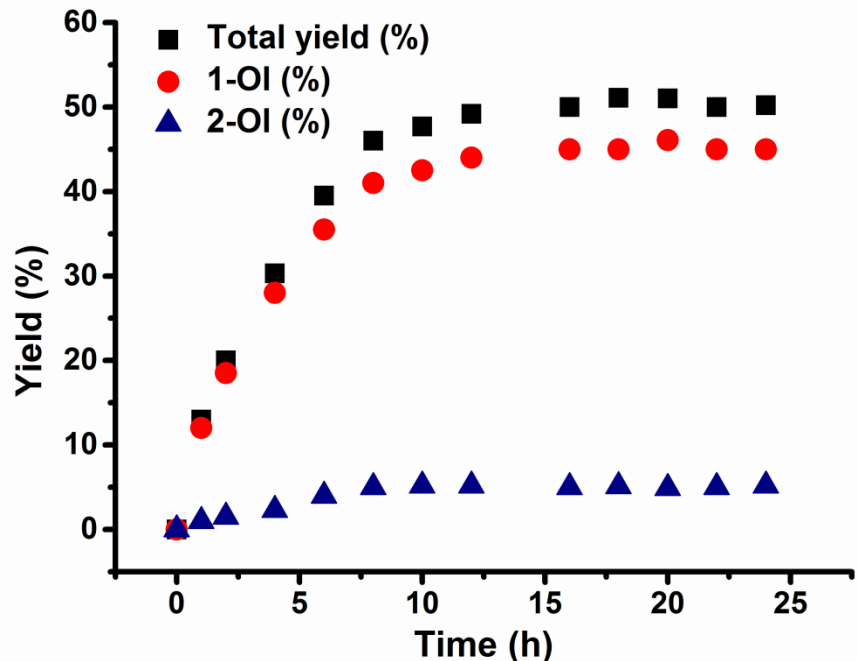


Figure S7. Accumulation of products in oxidation of adamantane by **1-Mont**/H₂O₂ with time at room temperature.

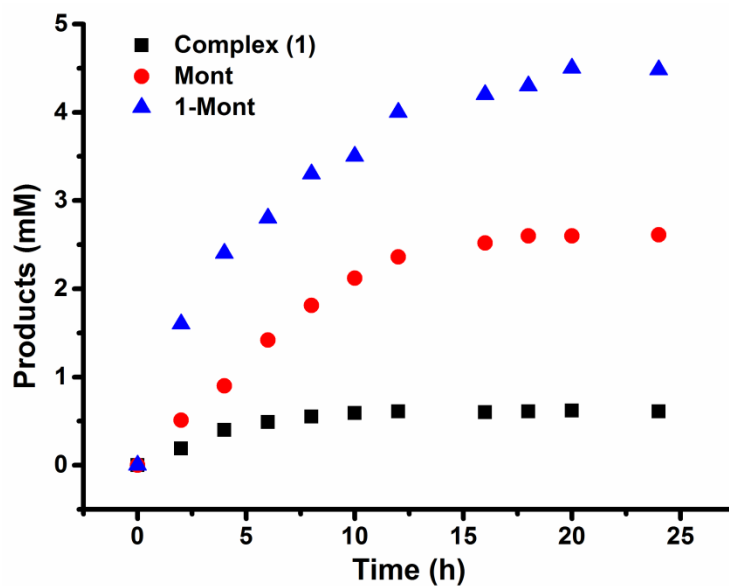


Figure S8. Time course accumulation of oxygenates during oxidation of cyclohexane catalyzed by **1**/H₂O₂, **Mont**/H₂O₂ and **1-Mont**/H₂O₂. The data have been analyzed by initial rate method and the rate constants are given in the main text.

Substrate Limiting Condition*

*Reaction condition: cyclohexane (2.5 mM), acetonitrile (2 mL), 20h, under argon at room temperature. Under Identical condition, reactions using 1 gave little or no product. Blank reaction without oxidant (H₂O₂) gave no product.

Table S1: Effect of H₂O₂ concentration on cyclohexane oxidation

Catalyst: **1-Mont** [60mg]
Solvent: Acetonitrile-[2ml],
Oxidant: H₂O₂ [Varied],
Argon atmosphere, Room temperature.
Substrate: Cyclohexane [2.5mM]

Entry	H ₂ O ₂ (mM)	Yield ^a	Product Profile	
			Cyclohexanol	Cyclohexanone
1	2.5	2.6%	2.6%	0%
2	5.0	5.0%	5.0%	0%
3	10.0	5.3%	3.5%	1.5%
4	20.0	5.7%	4.0%	1.7%
5	40.0	6.1%	4.2%	1.9%

^aYield expressed with respect to substrate concentration

Table S2: Effect of **1-Mont** concentration on cyclohexane oxidation

Catalyst: **1-Mont** [Varied]
Solvent: Acetonitrile-[2ml],
Oxidant: H₂O₂[5mM],
Argon atmosphere, Room temperature.
Substrate: Cyclohexane [2.5mM]

Entry	1-Mont (mg)	Yield ^a	Product Profile	
			Cyclohexanol	Cyclohexanone
1	15	2.5%	2.5%	0%
2	30	2.8%	2.8%	0%
3	45	3.8%	3.8%	0%
4	60	5.0%	5.0%	0%
5	90	6.2%	6.2%	0%

^aYield expressed with respect to substrate concentration

Table S3: Effect of substrate concentration on cyclohexane oxidation

Catalyst: **1-Mont** [60mg]
Solvent: Acetonitrile-[2ml],
Oxidant: Hydrogen peroxide-[5mM],
Argon atmosphere, Room temperature.
Substrate: Cyclohexane [Varied]

Entry	Cyclohexane (mM)	Yield ^a	Product Profile	
			Cyclohexanol	Cyclohexanone
1	2.0	4.5%	4.5%	0%
2	2.5	5.0%	5.0%	0%
3	5.0	5.9%	5.9%	0%
4	7.5	6.8%	6.8%	0%
5	10.0	7.2%	7.2%	0%

^aYield expressed with respect to substrate concentration