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Expanded Ligands Based upon Iron(II) Coordination Compounds of Asymmetrical Bis(terpyridine) Domains

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The synthesis and characterization of two tritopic ligands containing a 2,2':6'',2''- terpyridine (tpy) metal binding domain and either a 3,2'':6'',3''- or a 4,2'':6'',4''-tpy domain are detailed. The synthetic routes to these ligands involved the [Pd(dppf)Cl₂]-catalyzed coupling of a boronic ester-functionalized 2,2'':6'',2''-tpy with bromo-derivatives of 3,2'':6'',3''-tpy or 4,2'':6'',4''-tpy. The 2,2'':6'',2''-tpy domains of the tritopic ligands preferentially bind Fe²⁺ in reactions with iron(II) salts leading to the formation of two homoleptic iron(II) complexes containing two peripheral 3,2'':6'',3''- tpy or 4,2'':6'',4''-tpy metal-binding sites, respectively. These iron(II) complexes are potentially tetratopic ligands and represent expanded versions of tetra(pyridin-4-yl)pyrazine

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