

Table S1. New OLYP calculations on large DNC Models with neutral protonated Y237 sidechain.^a

State ^b	Geometry						<i>E</i>	Q	<i>S</i> ²	Net Spin			
	Fe-N (H384)	Fe-O1	Cu-O2	O1...O2	Fe...Cu	O...O (Y237)				Fe ³⁺	O1	O2	Cu ²⁺
Fe ^{3+,LS} -OH ⁻ ...H ₂ O-Cu ²⁺ (H376H ⁺ ,H282H,Y237H)(F) ^c	2.06	1.83	2.26	2.68	5.54	3.32	-151.68	2	2.03	1.27	0.15	0.03	0.38
Fe ^{3+,LS} -OH ⁻ ...H ₂ O-Cu ²⁺ (H376H ⁺ ,H282H,Y237H)(AF) ^c	2.06	1.85	2.16	2.62	5.49	3.32	-146.82	2	1.00	0.82	0.11	-0.06	-0.46
Fe ^{3+,LS} -OH ⁻ ...H ₂ O-Cu ²⁺ (H376,H282H,Y237H)(F) ^d	2.07	1.83	2.22	2.68	5.47	3.37	-151.28	1	2.03	1.24	0.14	0.03	0.40
Fe ^{3+,LS} -OH ⁻ ...H ₂ O-Cu ²⁺ (H376,H282H,Y237H)(AF) ^d	2.07	1.86	2.14	2.62	5.41	3.33	-147.26	1	1.00	0.82	0.12	-0.06	-0.47
Fe ^{3+,LS} -OH ⁻ ...H ₂ O-Cu ²⁺ (H376H ⁺ ,H282 ⁻ ,Y237H)(F) ^e	2.07	1.84	2.26	2.66	5.51	3.28	-147.43	1	2.02	1.05	0.14	0.03	0.41
Fe ^{3+,LS} -OH ⁻ ...H ₂ O-Cu ²⁺ (H376H ⁺ ,H282 ⁻ ,Y237H)(AF) ^e	2.07	1.85	2.20	2.63	5.48	3.31	-146.55	1	1.02	0.95	0.13	-0.04	-0.43

- a. OLYP calculations have been performed on the larger model. The calculated properties given here include energies (*E*, -28000 kcal mol⁻¹), *S*² expectation value, net charge of the cluster (Q), the Mulliken net spin polarizations for Fe, Cu, O1 and O2 atoms, and the key geometric data (distances in Angstrom).
- b. LS represents low-spin, (F) stands for ferromagnetically-coupling, and (AF) for antiferromagnetically-coupling.
- c. This is formally state **13**+H₂O+H⁺, where H₂O is scalar water on Cu²⁺ and H⁺ is on Y237.
- d. This is formally state **14**+H₂O+H⁺, where H₂O is scalar water on Cu²⁺ and H⁺ is on Y237.
- e. This is formally state **1**+H₂O+H⁺, where H₂O is scalar water on Cu²⁺ and H⁺ is on Y237.

Table S2. New calculations on Modified smaller 2008 DNC Models of **11-1** in the Cycle with the scalar water on Cu^{+2+} .

State	$E(\text{PW91})$	$E(\text{B3LYP}^*)$
11₂_2H^b	-26902.90	-28300.30
12_H₂O^c	-27011.72	-28405.55
13_H₂O_H^d	-27009.64	-28410.97
14_H₂O_H^e	-27349.22	-28766.61
1_H₂O_H^f	-27006.19	-28402.81
13_H₂O^g	-27019.56	-28417.51
14_H₂O^h	-27357.54	-28770.82
1_H₂Oⁱ	-27011.06	-28403.19

^a. Geometries were optimized with PW91 potential the same way described in the 2008 JACS paper. B3LYP* single-point energy calculations were performed on the PW91 optimized geometries. Electronic energy (E) in kcal mol^{-1} . Fe^{3+} and Cu^{2+} are F-coupled.

^b. State $\text{Fe}^{3+, \text{LS}}-\text{OH}^- \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{H376H}^+, \text{H282H}, \text{Y237}^*)(\text{F})$.

^c. State $\text{Fe}^{4+, \text{IS}}=\text{O} \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{Cu}^+(\text{H376H}^+, \text{H282H}, \text{Y237H})$.

^d. State $\text{Fe}^{3+, \text{LS}}-\text{OH}^- \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{H376H}^+, \text{H282H}, \text{Y237H})(\text{F})$.

^e. State $\text{Fe}^{3+, \text{LS}}-\text{OH}^- \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{H376}, \text{HOH}, \text{H282H}, \text{Y237H})(\text{F})$.

^f. State $\text{Fe}^{3+, \text{LS}}-\text{OH}^- \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{H376H}^+, \text{H282}^-, \text{Y237H})(\text{F})$.

^g. State $\text{Fe}^{3+, \text{LS}}-\text{OH}^- \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{H376H}^+, \text{H282H}, \text{Y237}^-)(\text{F})$.

^h. State $\text{Fe}^{3+, \text{LS}}-\text{OH}^- \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{H376}, \text{HOH}, \text{H282H}, \text{Y237}^-)(\text{F})$.

ⁱ. State $\text{Fe}^{3+, \text{LS}}-\text{OH}^- \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{H376H}^+, \text{H282}^-, \text{Y237}^-)(\text{F})$.

Table S3. Absolute zero kelvin energies in eV (energies in parentheses are in kcal/mol) of the individual compounds obtained for the smaller models.

Compound	Exchange correlation potential	
	PW91	B3LYP*
1 {H376H ⁺ ,Fe3OH_Cu2,H282 ⁻ ,Y'O ⁻ ,ups=2,184,Q=0}	-1156.5514 (-26670.48)	-1216.1144 (-28044.02)
2 {H376H ⁺ ,Fe2_Cu1,H282H,Y'O ⁻ ,ups=4,183,Q=0}	-1150.0376	-1209.5118
2H {H376H ⁺ ,Fe2_Cu1,H282H,Y'OH,ups=4,184,Q=+1}	-1150.3103	-1209.2909
3 {H376H ⁺ ,Fe2-O ₂ ,H ₂ O-Cu1,H282H,Y'OH,ups=0,189,Q=+1}	-1175.7395	-1236.0939
4 {H376,HOH,Fe3-O-O-Cu2,H282H,Y'OH,ups=2,188,Q=0}	-1176.4647	-1236.9466
5 {H376H ⁺ ,Fe3-O-O-Cu2,H282H,Y'O ⁻ ,ups=2,185,Q=0}	-1161.6314	-1221.2326
5₂ {H376H ⁺ ,Fe3-O-O-Cu2,H282 ⁻ ,Y'OH,ups=2,185,Q=0}	-1161.4193	-1221.2580
6 {H376H ⁺ ,Fe3-O-OH-Cu2,H282H,Y'O ⁻ ,ups=2,186,Q=+1}	-1161.5300	-1221.4689
6₂ {H376H ⁺ ,Fe3-O-O-Cu2,H282H,Y'OH,ups=2,186,Q=+1}	-1161.7892	-1221.9196
6₃ {H376H ⁺ ,Fe3-O-OH-Cu2,H282 ⁻ ,Y'OH,ups=2,186,Q=+1}	-1161.2242	-1221.3505
7 {H376,HOH,Fe4=O,HO-Cu2,H282H,Y'O [•] ,ups=4,188,Q=0}	-1176.0769	-1236.8902
7₂ {H376,HOH,Fe4=O,H ₂ O-Cu2,H282 ⁻ ,Y'O [•] ,ups=4,188,Q=0}	-1176.2470	-1236.8659
8 {H376H ⁺ ,Fe4=O,HO-Cu2,H282 ⁻ ,Y'O [•] ,ups=4,185,Q=0}	-1160.9090	-1220.4212
8H₁ {H376H ⁺ ,Fe4=O,HO-Cu2,H282H,Y'O [•] ,ups=4,186,Q=+1} ^a	-1161.4331	-1221.5749
8H₂ {H376H ⁺ ,Fe4=O,H ₂ O-Cu2,H282 ⁻ ,Y'O [•] ,ups=4,186,Q=+1} ^a	-1161.6013	-1221.6329
9 {H376H ⁺ ,Fe4O,H ₂ O-Cu2,H282 ⁻ ,Y'OH,ups=3,187,Q=+1}	-1166.3966	-1226.6185
9₂ {H376H ⁺ ,Fe4O,H ₂ O-Cu2,H282H,Y'O ⁻ ,ups=3,187,Q=+1}	-1166.9517	-1227.1210
9₃ {H376H ⁺ ,Fe4O,HO-Cu2,H282H,Y'OH,ups=3,187,Q=+1}	-1166.2602	-1226.6891
10 {H376,HOH,Fe4=O,H ₂ O-Cu2,H282 ⁻ ,Y'OH,ups=3,189,Q=0}	-1181.1346	-1242.0818
10₂ {H376,HOH,Fe4=O,H ₂ O-Cu2,H282H,Y'O ⁻ ,ups=3,189,Q=0}	-1181.7404	-1242.2962
10₃ {H376,HOH,Fe4=O,HO-Cu2,H282H,Y'OH,ups=3,189,Q=0}	-1181.1518	-1242.3326
11 {H376H ⁺ ,Fe4=O,Cu2,H282 ⁻ ,Y'O ⁻ ,ups=3,183,Q=0}	-1152.0253	-1211.1518
11₂ {H376H ⁺ ,Fe4=O,H ₂ O-Cu2,H282 ⁻ ,Y'O ⁻ ,ups=3,186,Q=0} ^b	-1166.6995	-1226.6947
11₃ {H376H ⁺ ,Fe4=O,HO-Cu2,H282H,Y'O ⁻ ,ups=3,186,Q=0} ^b	-1166.3661	-1226.7129
11₄ {H376H ⁺ ,Fe4=O,HO-Cu2,H282 ⁻ ,Y'OH,ups=3,186,Q=0} ^b	-1165.9874	-1226.1545
12 {H376H ⁺ ,Fe4=O,Cu1,H282H,Y'OH,ups=2,185,Q=+1}	-1156.9845 (-26680.47)	-1216.8226 (-28060.36)
13 {H376H ⁺ ,Fe3-OH,Cu2,H282H,Y'O ⁻ ,ups=2,185,Q=+1}	-1157.0116 (-26681.09)	-1216.5724 (-28054.59)
13₂ {H376H ⁺ ,Fe3-OH,Cu2,H282 ⁻ ,Y'OH,ups=2,185,Q=+1}	-1156.7243	-1216.3119
14 {H376,HOH,Fe3-OH,Cu2,H282H,Y'O ⁻ ,ups=2,187,Q=0}	-1171.8059 (-27022.25)	-1232.0310 (-28411.07)
14₂ {H376,HOH,Fe3-OH,Cu2,H282 ⁻ ,Y'OH,ups=2,187,Q=0}	-1171.5138	-1231.6896

^a. A proton was added to the original intermediate **8**. ^b. A water molecule added to original intermediate **11**.

