SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

EPR Fitting and Quantitation

The signal for the ferric species of N694C was simulated with an effective spin S' = 1/2 Hamiltonian (Figures 3B), with the parameters given in Table S1 (see Figure S1 for simulated spectra). Four rhombic doublets (centered at $g \sim 4.3$) and one axial doublet (g = 6) were required for the simulation.^a The axial simulation parameters were used previously for WT sLO, while the rhombic simulations are distinct from that published for N694H/Fe^{III} and for N694G/Fe^{III}.^{1, 2} It should be noted that for all of the rhombic signal simulations, it was difficult to match the variability of the g-strain of each g-component. Therefore, these simulations are approximations to the true signal shape. Four rhombic doublets were required because one would not adequately fit the broad base of the $g \sim 4.3$ signal. These four rhombic components are considered as a single species in the following discussion. The simulation areas were adjusted for the g_{ave} differences of the rhombic and axial signals as described by Aasa and Vangård and linewidth broadening was applied to each g-value.³

The simulated spectra were integrated over the entire field range to obtain the total EPR intensity from transitions within the middle Kramers doublet for the rhombic signal and the $M_s = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ for the axial signal. Fe^{III}-EDTA was used as a standard for spin quantitation. The double integral was evaluated between 500 and 2500 G, just below the interfering signal from adventitious Cu^{II} at g of 2.0. Quantification of the signal intensity was dependent on the relative populations of the spin manifolds of each of the EPR active species. In order to account for the

^a It should be noted that the feature with $g_{(eff)}$ -values of 9.4, 1.45 and 0.9 is ascribed to the ground doublet of the rhombic S=5/2 spin system. Its simulated intensity is too high (Figure 3B) due to the fact that it covers a large field range (past accessible) and is dependent on the assumption that the D value of the rhombic N694C/Fe^{III} complex is the same as EDTA/Fe^{III}.

spin populations of the three M_s doublets, the ZFS parameters were estimated for each species from the temperature dependence of the EPR spectral intensity over the range 3.8 - 40 K under non-saturating conditions. The temperature dependence of the g ~ 4.3 signals were evaluated and their signal intensity versus temperature was approximately the same as Fe^{III}-EDTA (data not shown), indicating a |D| of approximately 1 cm⁻¹ for the rhombic signal. This approximate zero-field splitting (ZFS) parameter was used to calculate the Boltzmann population distributions of the three doublets and the spin populations were corrected accordingly for the four signals at g \approx 4.3. The g ~ 6 signal observed had significant spectral overlap with the other species and therefore its temperature dependence could not be obtained accurately from the EPR spectral data. Its D-value was set to +2 cm⁻¹, based on the fact that in WT sLO-1/Fe^{III} two axial signals are observed with D values of approximately 2 cm⁻¹.

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Component	E/D	$g_x (\Delta g)^a$	$g_y (\Delta g)^a$	$g_z (\Delta g)^a$	Contribution (%)
Sim Rhombic 1	0.33	4.3 (0.05)	4.3 (0.05)	4.3 (0.05)	
Sim Rhombic 2	0.31	4.4 (0.05)	4.3 (0.1)	4.1 (0.1)	
					$80\pm8^{\mathrm{b}}$
Sim Rhombic 3	0.29	4.5 (0.05)	4.2 (0.2)	4.0 (0.2)	
Sim Rhombic 4	0.29	4.5 (0.1)	4.2 (0.5)	4.0 (0.5)	
Sim Axial	0.0	6.0 (0.5)	6.0 (0.8)	2.0 (0.8)	20 ± 2

Table S1. Theoretical EPR simulation parameters

^aLinewidths in g-values at half-height of the absorption curve are given in parentheses. ^bCombined contribution of all four rhombic components.



Figure S1. EPR Simulation Components for ferric N694C: sim rhombic 1 (black), sim rhombic 2 (red), sim rhombic 3 (blue), sim rhombic 4 (green), sim axial (purple) and the feature ascribed to the ground doublet of the rhombic spin system (orange).



Figure S2. LA oxidation by N694C/Fe^{III}. Decay of the Cys \rightarrow Fe^{III} CT band monitored by the decrease in absorption at 778 nm.



Figure S3. The 278 K CD spectrum of (A) N694C/Fe^{II} + 60% (v/v) glycerol and (B) N694C/Fe^{II} + oleic acid (saturating).