

**Electronic Supplementary Material (ESI)**

**Synthesis, crystal structures, photoluminescence, magnetic and antioxidant properties, and theoretical analysis of Zn(II) and Cu(II) complexes of an aminoalcohol ligand supported by benzoate counter anions**

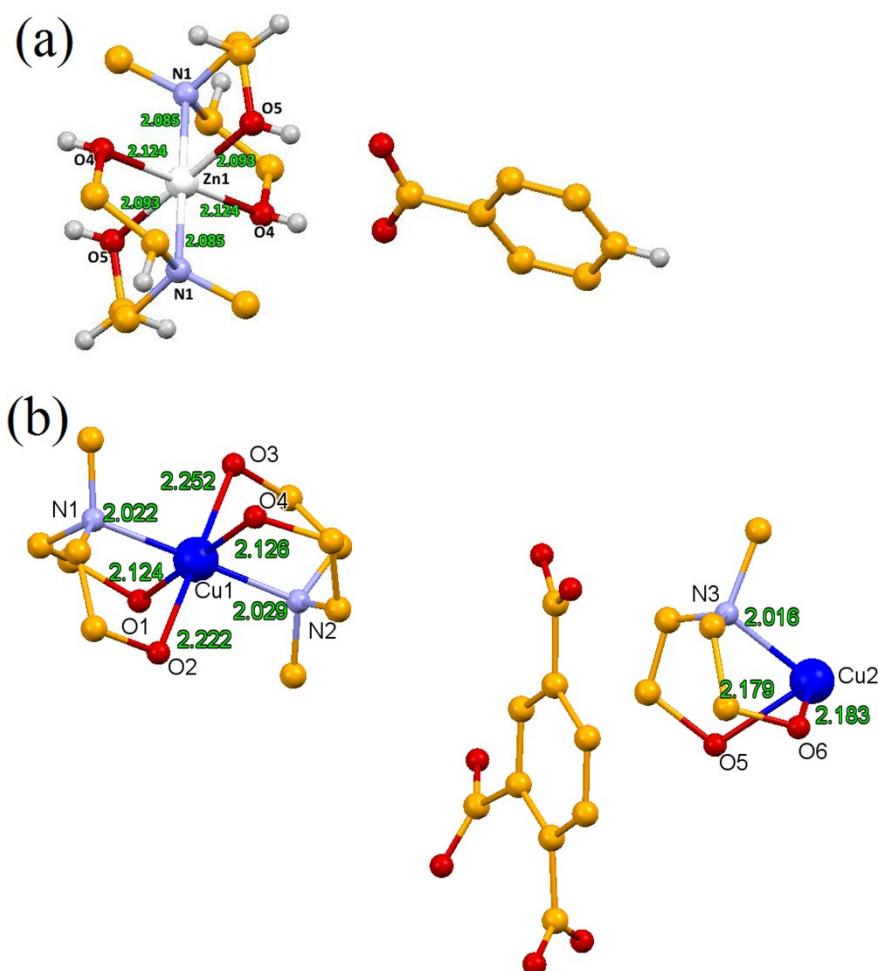


Fig. 1S. Geometric arrangements and selected bond lengths of **1** (a) and **2** (b).

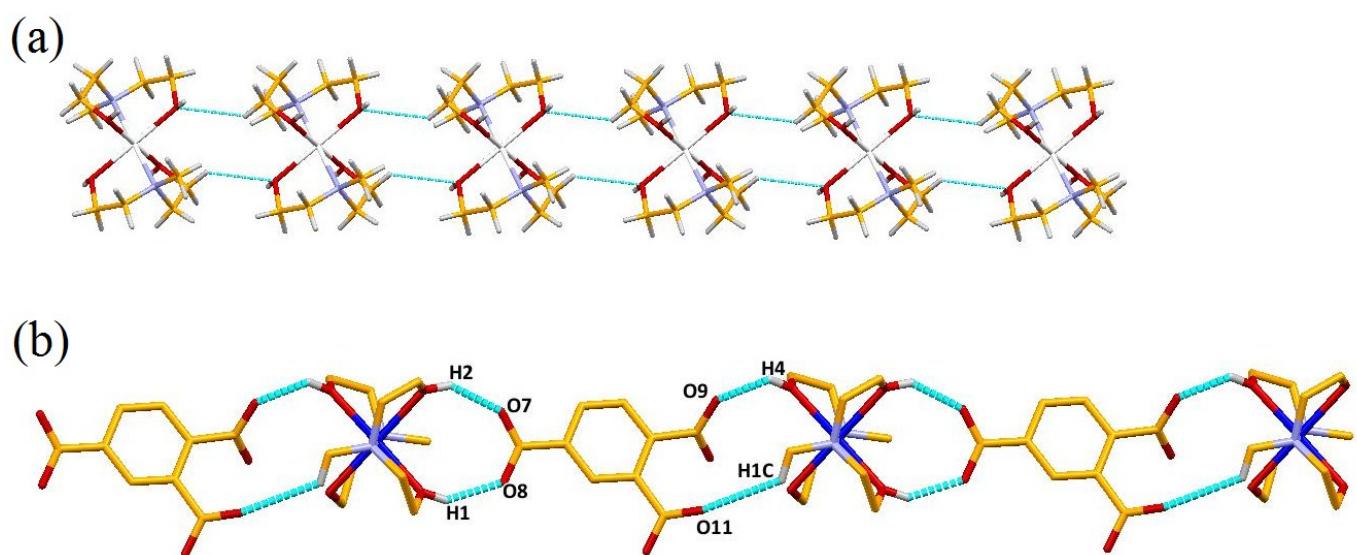


Fig. 2S. (a) 1D chain of **1** through C–H···O contacts (b) 1D chain of **2** through O–H···O contacts.

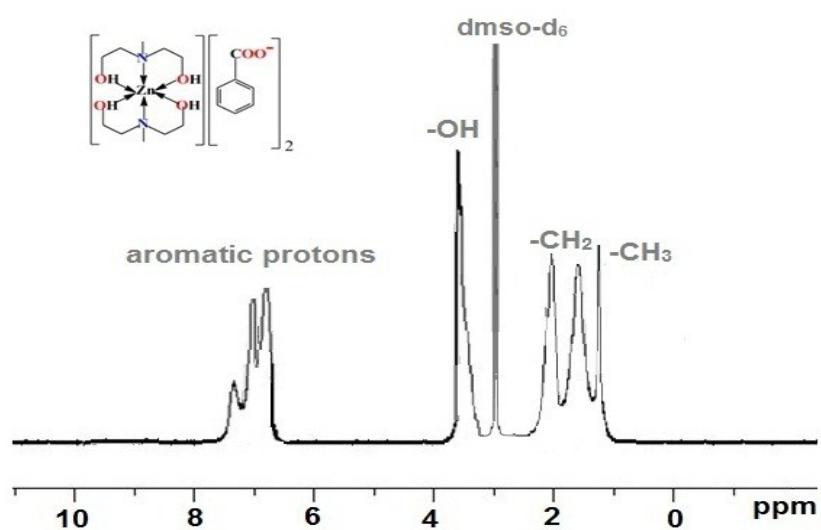


Fig. 3S.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1**.

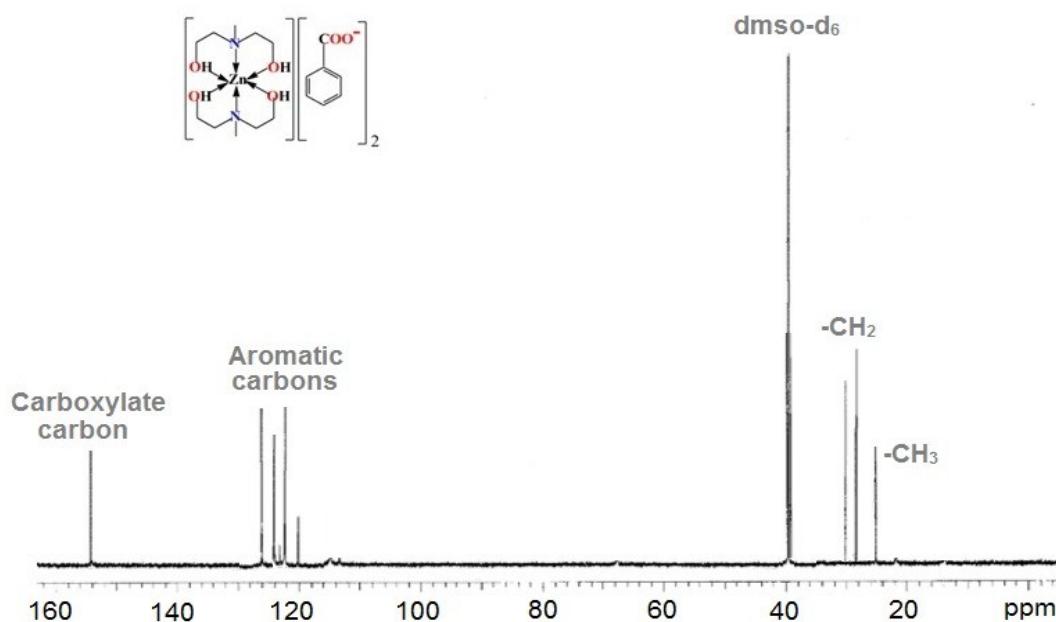


Fig. 4S.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1**.

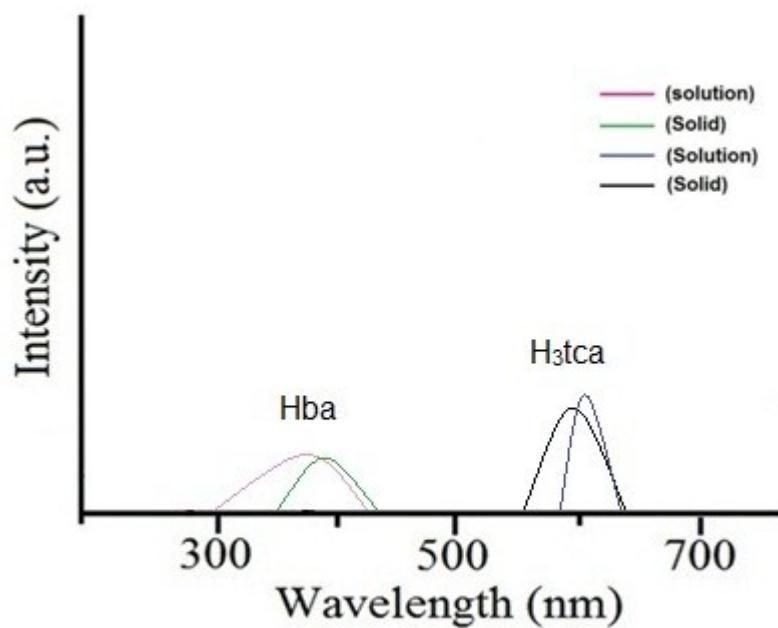


Fig. 5S. Fluorescence spectra of the free ligands [ $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 270 \text{ nm}$  (Hba) and  $240 \text{ nm}$  (H<sub>3</sub>tca)].

Table 1S. Selected bond lengths and bond angles of **1** and **2**.

<b>Bond lengths (Å)</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Zn1–N1=2.085(5)	Cu1–N1=2.022(4)
Zn1–O4=2.124(5)	Cu1–N2=2.030(4)
Zn1–O5=2.093(4)	Cu2–N3=2.015(6)
C1–O2=1.229(5)	Cu1–O1=2.124 (4)
C1– O1=1.230(5)	Cu1–O2=2.221 (4)
C1–C2=1.471(6)	Cu1–O3=2.253(4)
C2– C6=1.376(6)	Cu1–O4=2.125 (4)
C2– C3=1.380(6)	Cu2–O5=2.179(7)
C3– C7=1.349(7)	Cu2–O6=2.184(4)
<b>Bond Angles (°)</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
N1 Zn1 N1 =180.0(2)	N1 Cu1 N2 =179.12(18)
N1 Zn1 O5 =82.6(2)	N1 Cu1 O1 =83.60(18)
N1 Zn1 O5 =97.4(2)	N2 Cu1 O1 =96.08(16)
N1 Zn1 O5 =97.4(2)	N1 Cu1 O4 =97.58(17)
N1 Zn1 O5= 82.6(2)	N2 Cu1 O4 =82.76(15)
O5 Zn1 O5 =180.0(2)	O1 Cu1 O4 =178.27(15)
N1 Zn1 O4 =99.49(18)	N1 Cu1 O2 =81.20(17)
N1 Zn1 O4= 80.51(18)	N2 Cu1 O2 =98.02(17)
O5 Zn1 O4 =87.31(19)	O1 Cu1 O2 =94.25(16)
O5 Zn1 O4 =92.69(19)	O4 Cu1 O2 =87.19(15)
N1 Zn1 O4= 80.51(18)	N1 Cu1 O3 =98.54(17)
	N2 Cu1 O3 =82.25(17)
	O1 Cu1 O3 =85.75(15)
	O4 Cu1 O3 =92.82(14)