

## Supporting Information

### **Novel anthracene and pyridine comprising schiff base probe for selective “OFF-ON” fluorescent determination of Cu<sup>2+</sup> ions towards live cell application**

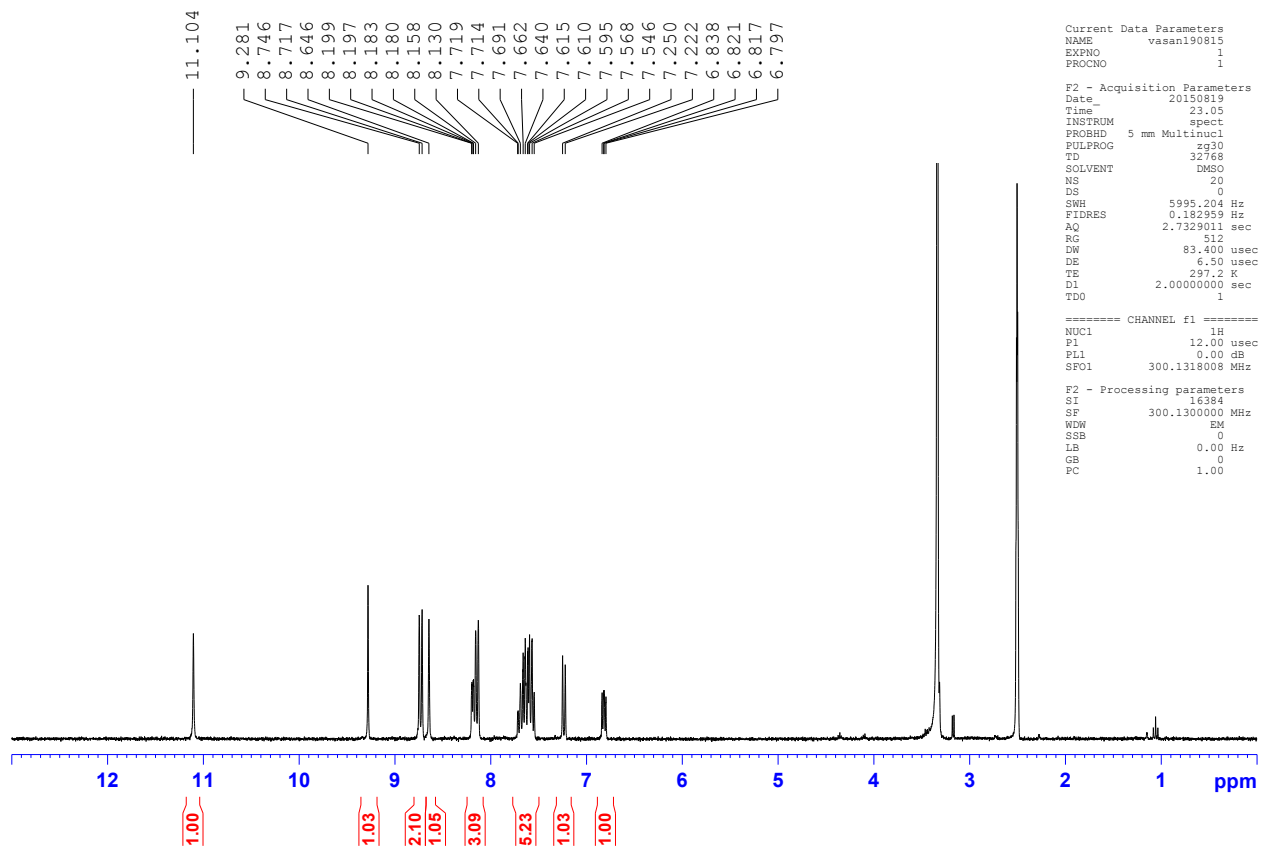
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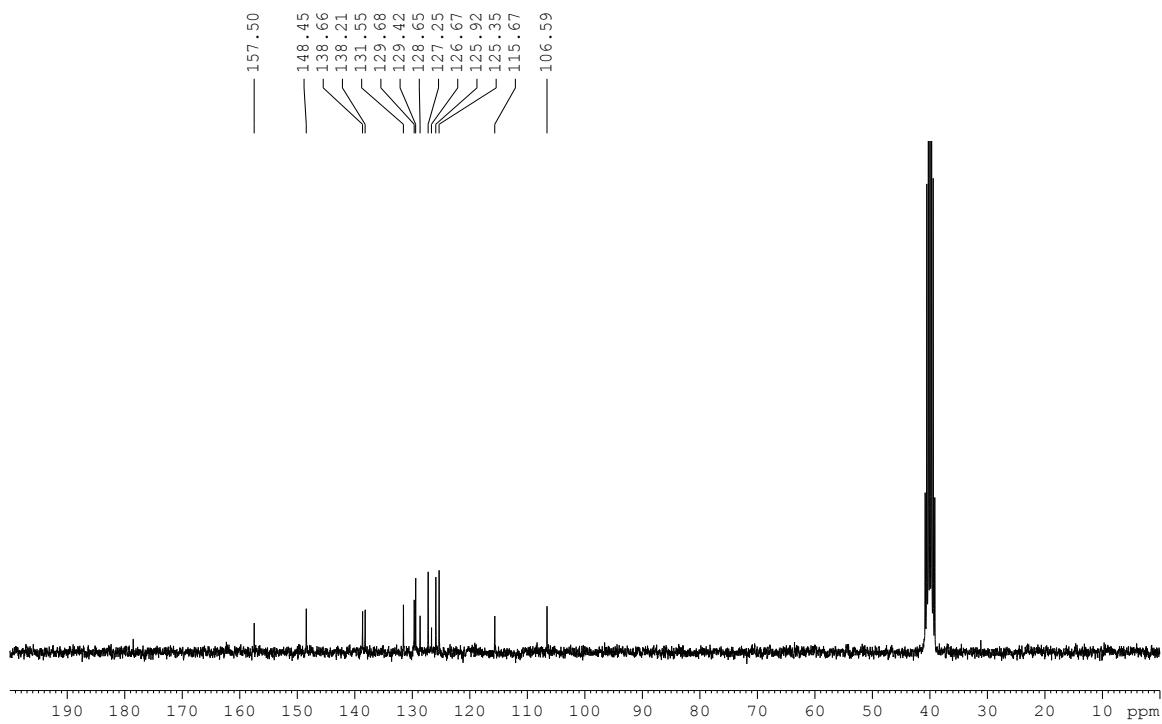
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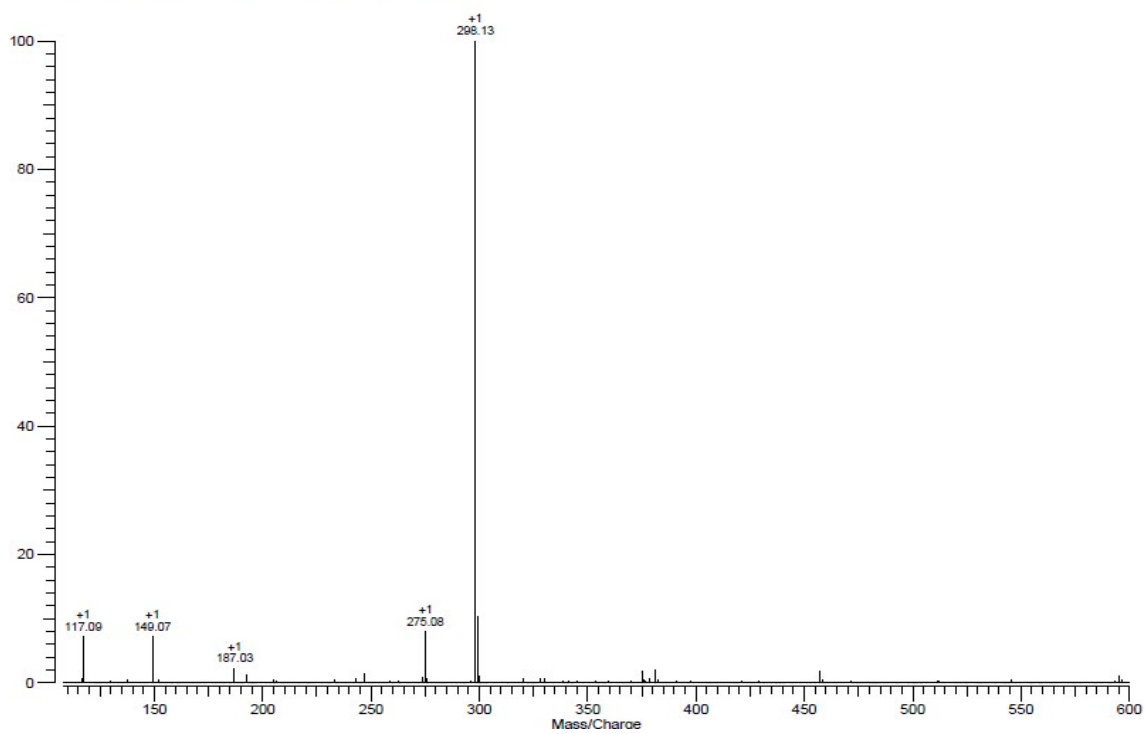
**Fig. S1**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of AP in  $d_6$ -DMSO.



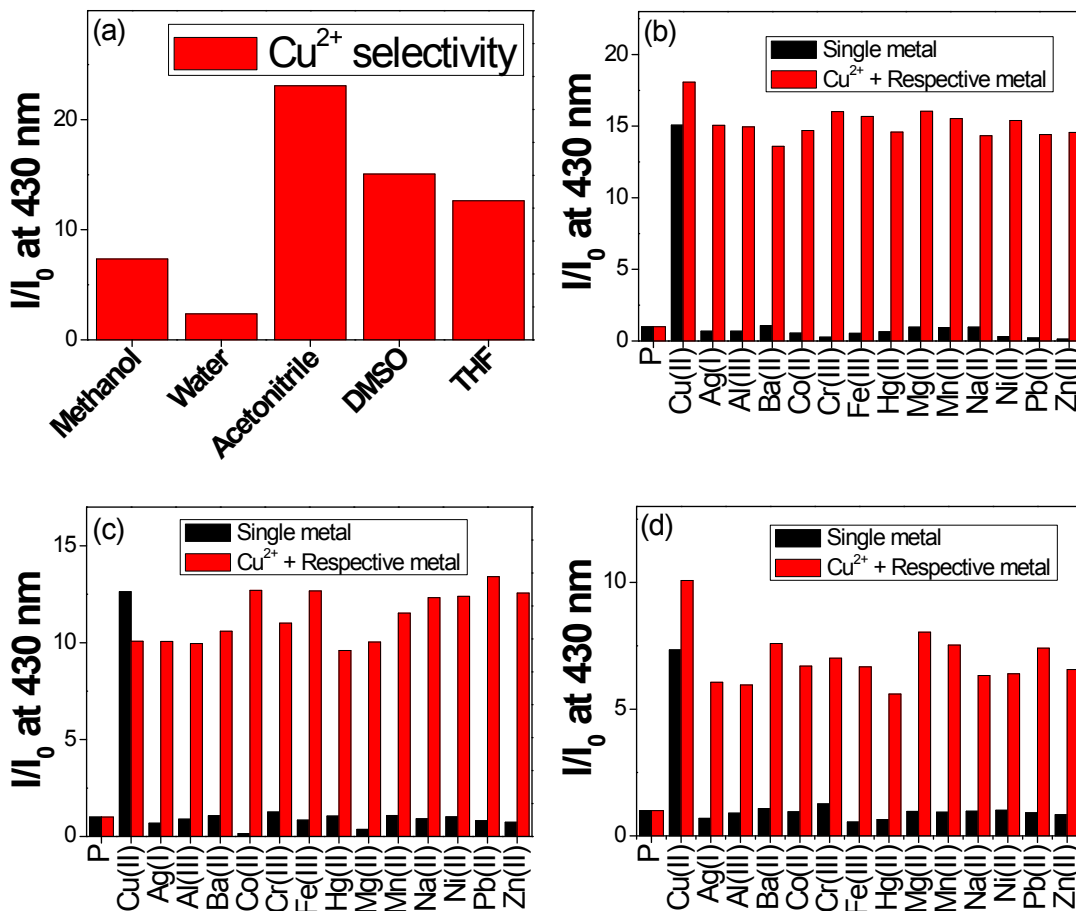
**Fig. S2**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **AP** in  $\text{d}_6\text{-DMSO}$ .

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**Fig. S3** Mass (ESI) spectrum of AP.



**Fig. S4** (a) Cu<sup>2+</sup> selectivity in different solvents; Histograms on single and dual metal studies of AP (20 μM in CH<sub>3</sub>CN) probe in (b) DMSO, (c) THF and (d) Methanol (Single metal studies: 30 μM of Cu<sup>2+</sup> and 150 μM of other metal ions were taken; Dual metal studies: 30 μM of Cu<sup>2+</sup> + 150 μM of other metal ions were taken; 180 μM of Cu<sup>2+</sup> ions were taken for its effect).

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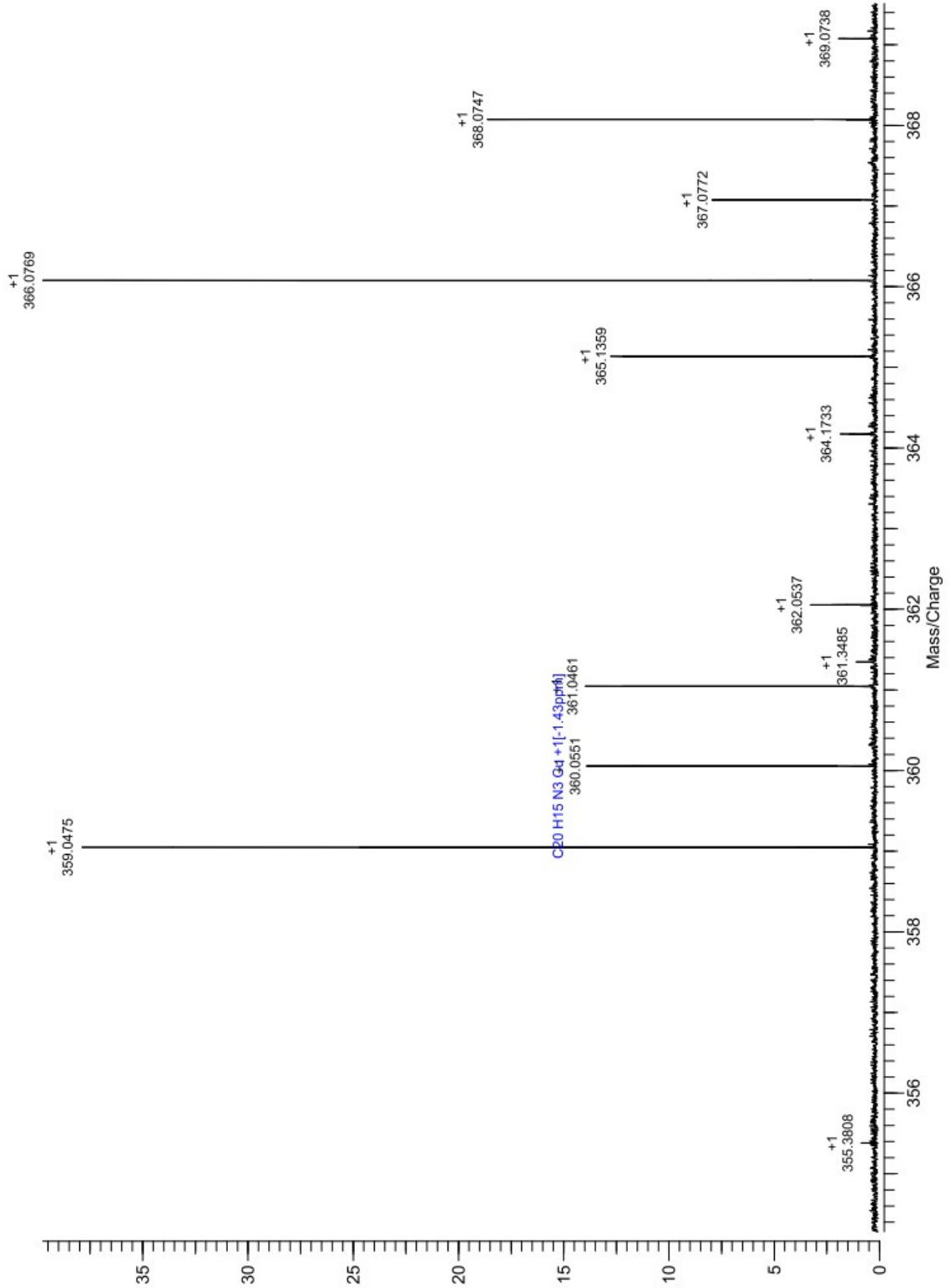
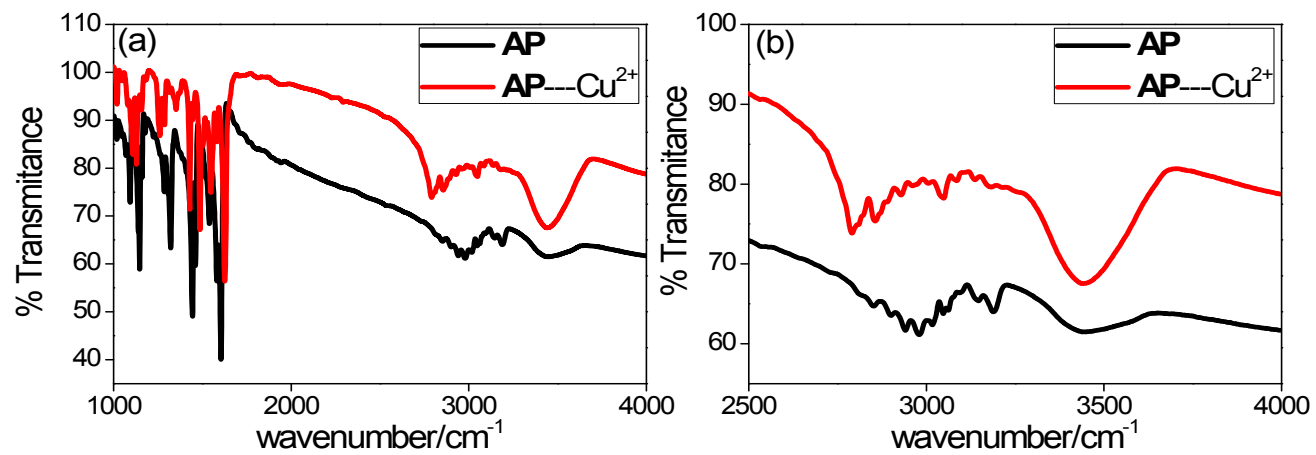
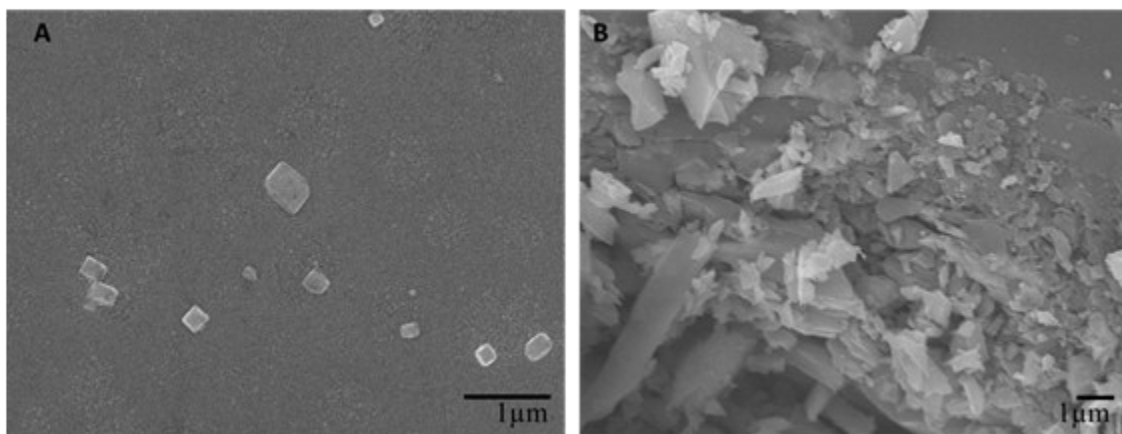


Fig. S5 HR-Mass spectrum of AP---Cu<sup>2+</sup> complex.



**Fig. S6** FTIR Analysis (a) AP probe and (b) AP---Cu<sup>2+</sup>.



**Fig. S7** SEM Image (A) AP probe and (B) AP---Cu<sup>2+</sup>.

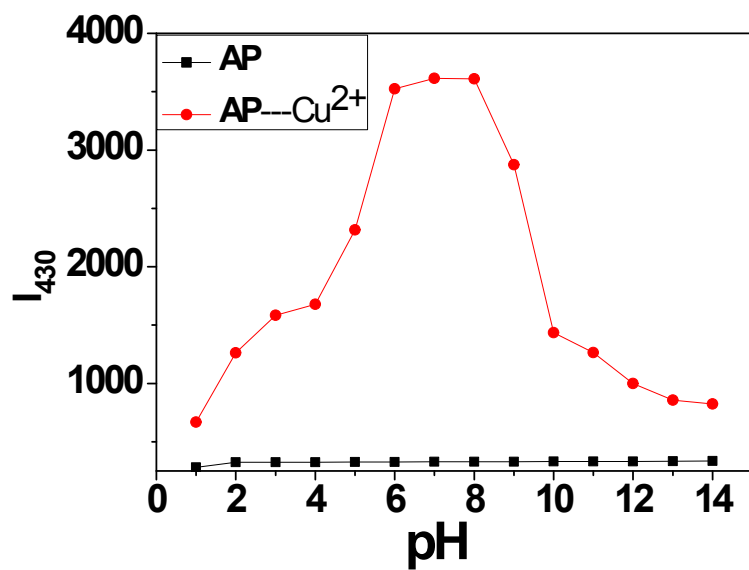


Fig. S8 pH effect on AP and AP-Cu<sup>2+</sup> sensor system.



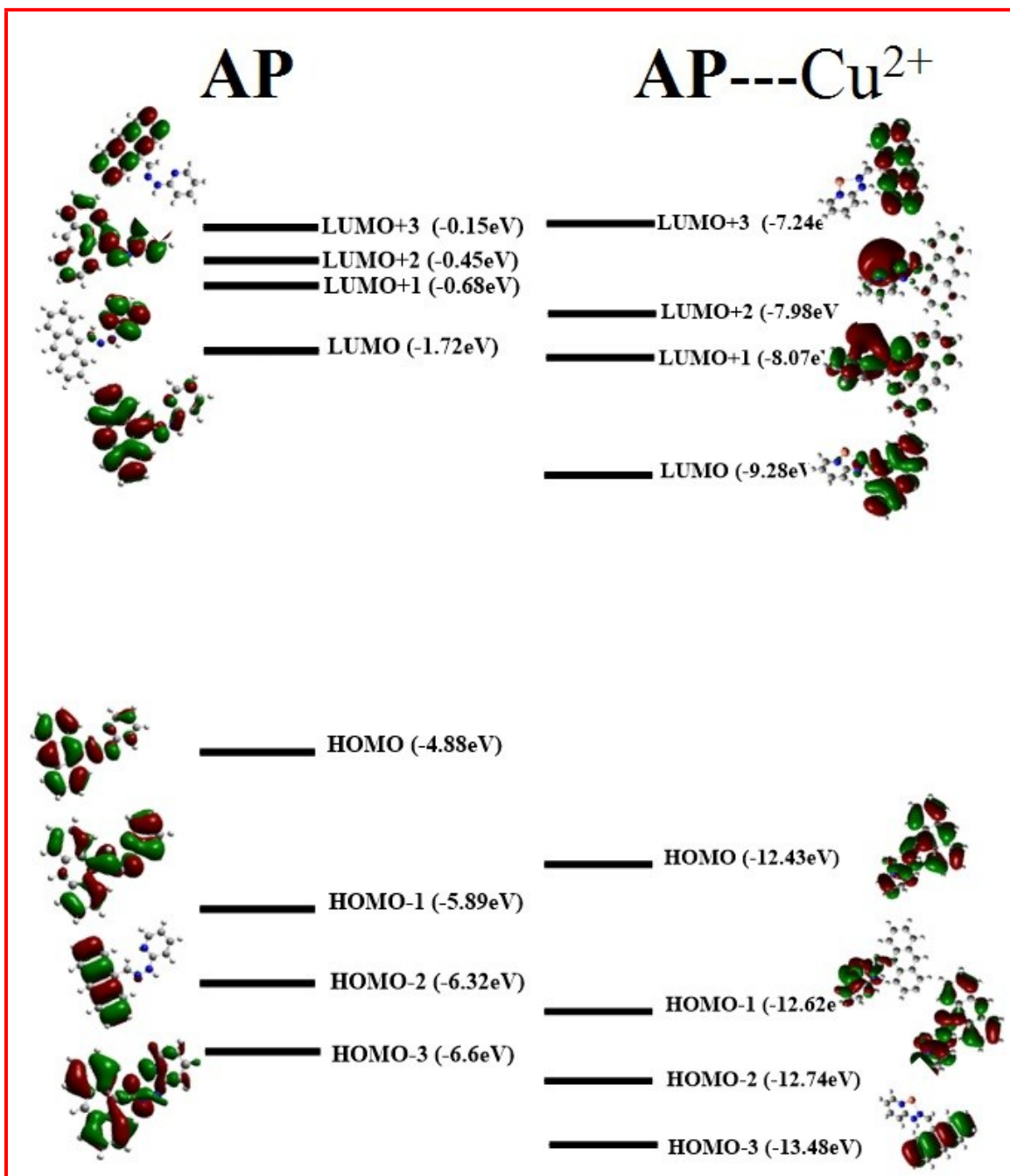


Fig. S9 HOMOs and LUMOs of AP and AP---Cu<sup>2+</sup> complex.