# Supporting information

Syntheses, crystal structures and photophysical properties of Cu(II)

complexes: Fine tuning of coordination sphere for selective binding of

# Azamethiphos.

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Bond lengths(Å)						
Cu(1)-N(2)	1.9814(18)	O(1)-C(1)	1.211(3)	O(4)-N(3)	1.246(3)	
Cu(1)-O(2)	2.1307(15)	O(2)-C(12)	1.231(2)	O(5)-N(3)	1.220(2)	
Cu(1)-O(3)	2.1632(17)	O(3)-N(3)	1.273(2)	N(1)-C(12)	1.387(3)	
Bond angles(°)						
N(2)#1-Cu(1)-N(2)	180.0	O(2)-Cu(1)-O(2)#1	180.0	N(2)#1-Cu(1)-O(3)#1	96.38(8)	
N(2)#1-Cu(1)-O(2)	99.70(6)	N(2)#1-Cu(1)-O(3)	83.62(8)	N(2)-Cu(1)-O(3)#1	83.62(8)	
N(2)-Cu(1)-O(2)	80.30(6)	N(2)-Cu(1)-O(3)	96.38(8)	O(2)-Cu(1)-O(3)#1	81.45(6)	
N(2)#1-Cu(1)-O(2)#1	80.30(6)	O(2)-Cu(1)-O(3)	98.55(6)	O(2)#1-Cu(1)-O(3)#1	98.55(6)	
N(2)-Cu(1)-O(2)#1	99.70(6)	O(2)#1-Cu(1)-O(3)	81.45(6)	O(3)-Cu(1)-O(3)#1	180.0	

<b>D-H···</b> A	D····A∕ Å	H···A∕ Å	D-H····A/º
N2-H1AO1 <sup>i</sup>	2.983(2)	2.178(3)	172.4(2)
N2-H1BO4 <sup>ii</sup>	2.866(3)	2.033(3)	164.9(3)
C4-H4AO5 <sup>iii</sup>	3.251(3)	2.675(2)	120.7(2)

Table S2. Hydrogen bonding parameters (Å, °) of C1

Equivalent positions: (i) -x,-y+1,-z+1, (ii) -x+1,-y,-z+1, (iii) -x+1,-y+1,-z, (iv) x,+y+1,+z-1,

## Table S3. Selected bond lengths and angles (Å,°) for C2

Bond lengths(Å)						
Cu(1)-N(1)	1.9819(17)	Cu(1)-O(3)#1	1.9930(16)	N(1)-C(1)	1.338(3)	
Cu(1)-N(1)#1	1.9819(17)	Cu(1)-O(5)	2.423(2)	N(1)-C(5)	1.339(3)	
Cu(1)-O(3)	1.9930(16)	Cu(1)-O(5)#1	2.423(2)	N(2)-C(18)	1.395(3)	
Bond angles(°)						
N(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)#1	91.50(10)	O(3)-Cu(1)-O(3)#1	90.53(10)	N(1)-Cu(1)-O(5)#1	104.15(7)	
N(1)-Cu(1)-O(3)	92.22(7)	N(1)-Cu(1)-O(5)	107.83(8)	N(1)#1-Cu(1)-O(5)#1	107.83(8)	
N(1)#1-Cu(1)-O(3)	160.65(7)	N(1)#1-Cu(1)-O(5)	104.15(7)	O(3)-Cu(1)-O(5)#1	89.63(8)	
N(1)-Cu(1)-O(3)#1	160.65(7)	O(3)-Cu(1)-O(5)	56.71(7)	O(3)#1-Cu(1)-O(5)#1	56.71(7)	
N(1)#1-Cu(1)-O(3)#1	92.22(7)	O(3)#1-Cu(1)-O(5)	89.63(8)	O(5)-Cu(1)-O(5)#1	133.53(11)	

Table S4. Hydrogen bonding parameters (Å, °) of C2

<b>D-H···</b> A	D····A/ Å	H····A/ Å	D-H···A/º
С1-Н1О4 і	3.172(3)	2.571(3)	121.4(1)
С2-Н2О1	3.207(3)	2.576(2)	124.2(1)
C5-H5O1 ii	3.273(3)	2.437(2)	146.7(1)

Equivalent positions: (i) -x+1,-y+1,-z+1, (ii)x,-y,+z-1/2

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# Table S5. Comparisons table between literatures reported sensors and present sensor of organophophate.

S.NO	Material used	Technique used for sensing	Detection limit	Solvent System	Reference No.
1	Zirconium nanoparticles	electrochemical	9 ng/ml	Water	1
2	Organic receptor	Fluorescence	Not given	dichloromethane	2
3	Lysine modified carbon nanotubes	electrochemical	Microlevel	Ethanol/water	3
4	Metal complexes	Fluorescence	44 – 71 nM	Water	4
5	Organic receptor	NMR spectroscopy	Not given	DMSO-d6	5
6	Metal complex	Fluorescence	Not given	Chloroform: methanol	6
7	Organic receptor	Fluorescence	Not given	Methanol	7
8	Metal complexes	Fluorescence	Not given	Chloroform: acetonitrile	8
9	Metal complexes	Fluorescence	19 nM	Methanol	Present manuscript

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