

Electronic Supplementary Information

**Mono-, tri- and polynuclear copper(II) complexes of Schiff-base ligands:
Synthesis, characterization and catalytic activity towards alcohol oxidation**

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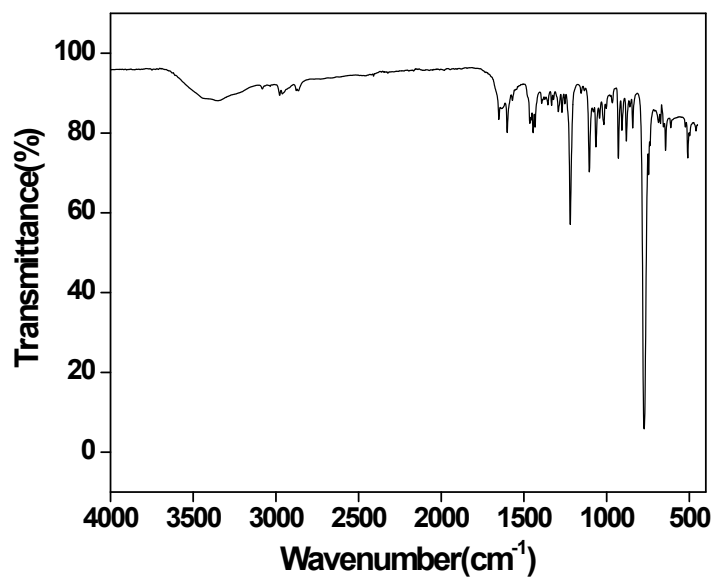


Fig. s1: FT-IR of complex 1

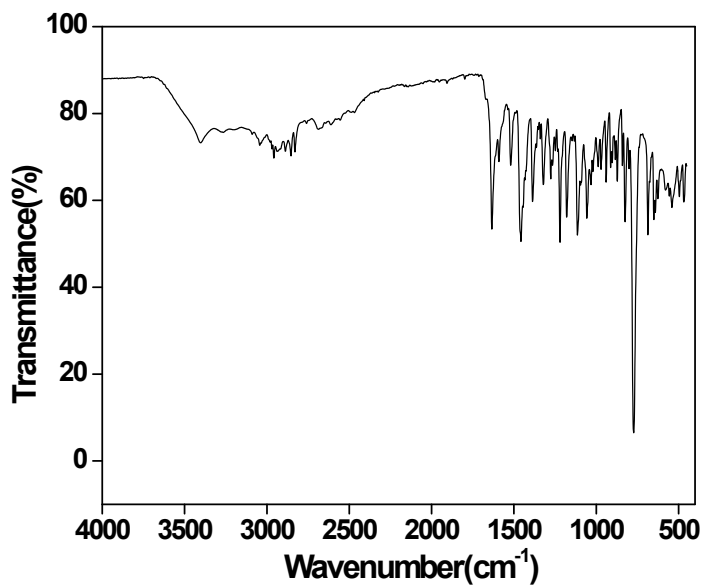


Fig. s2: FT-IR of complex 2

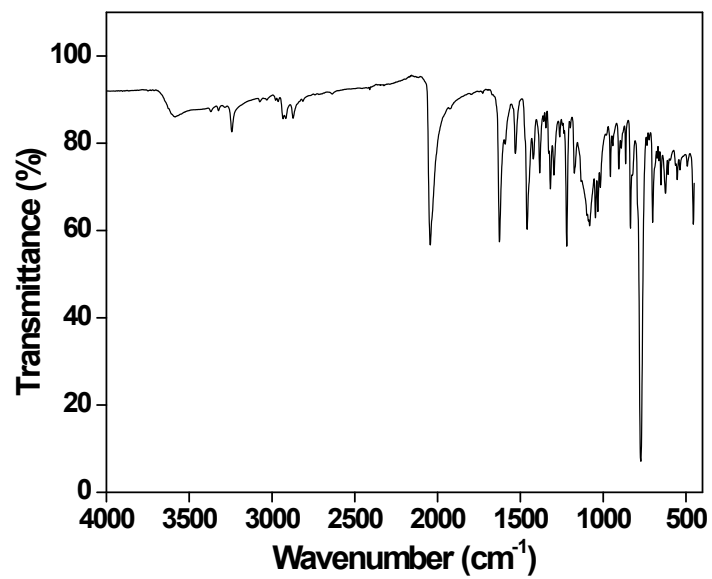


Fig. s3: FT-IR of complex 3

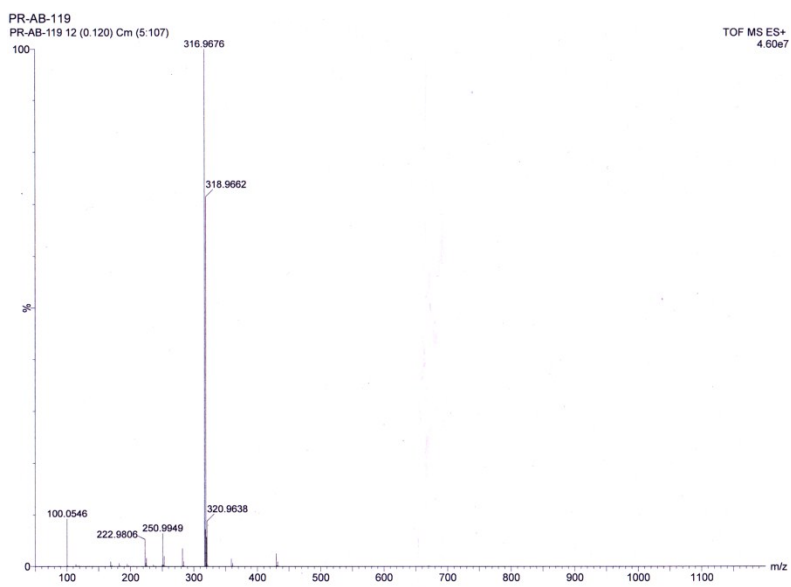


Fig. s4: ESI-mass spectrum of complex 1 in methanol

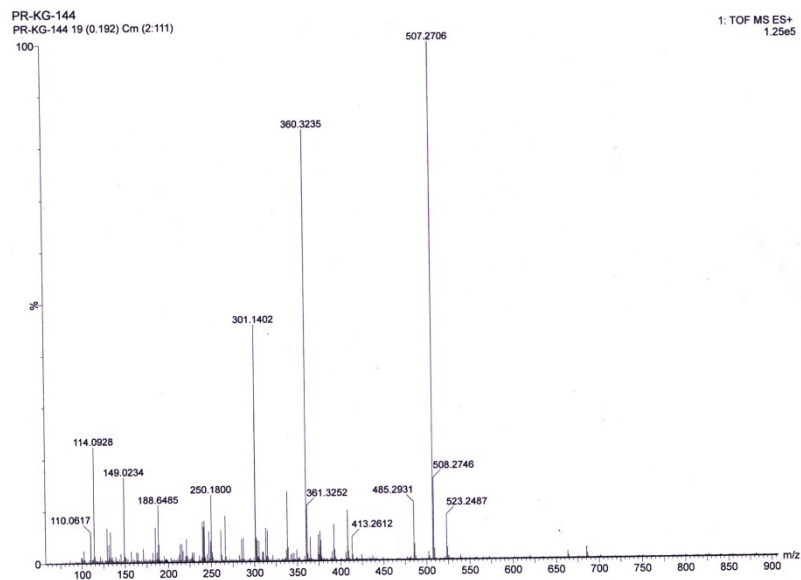


Fig. s5: ESI-mass spectrum of complex **2** in methanol

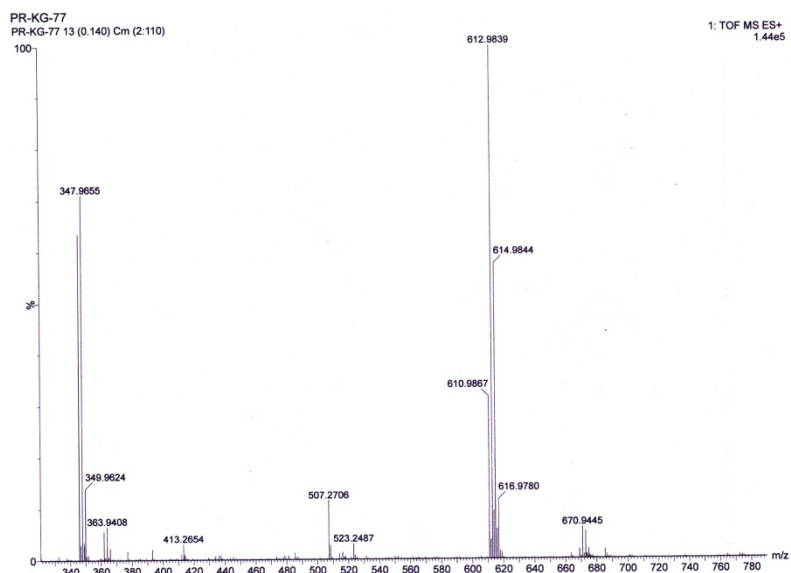


Fig. s6: ESI-mass spectrum of complex **3** in methanol

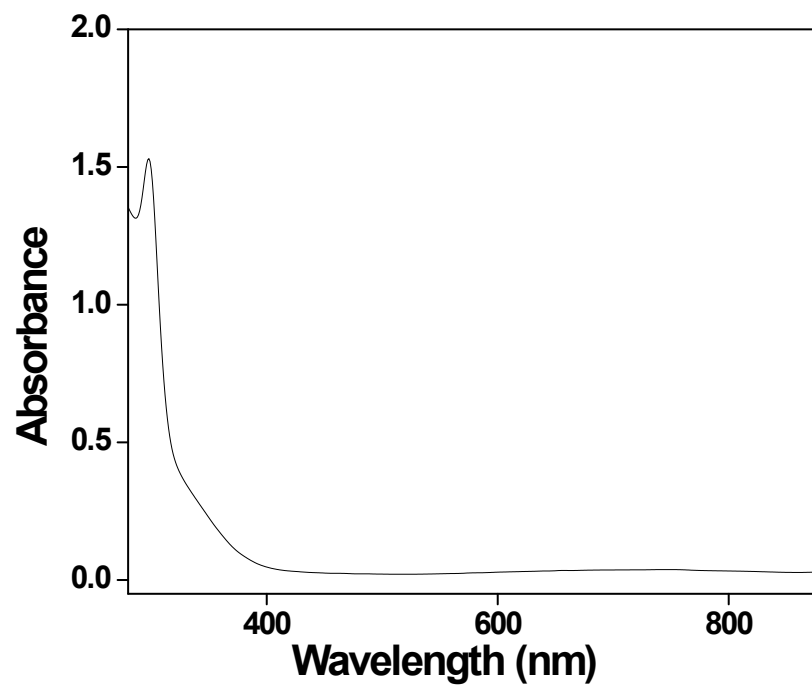


Fig. s7: UV-vis spectrum of complex 1 in methanol at room temperature

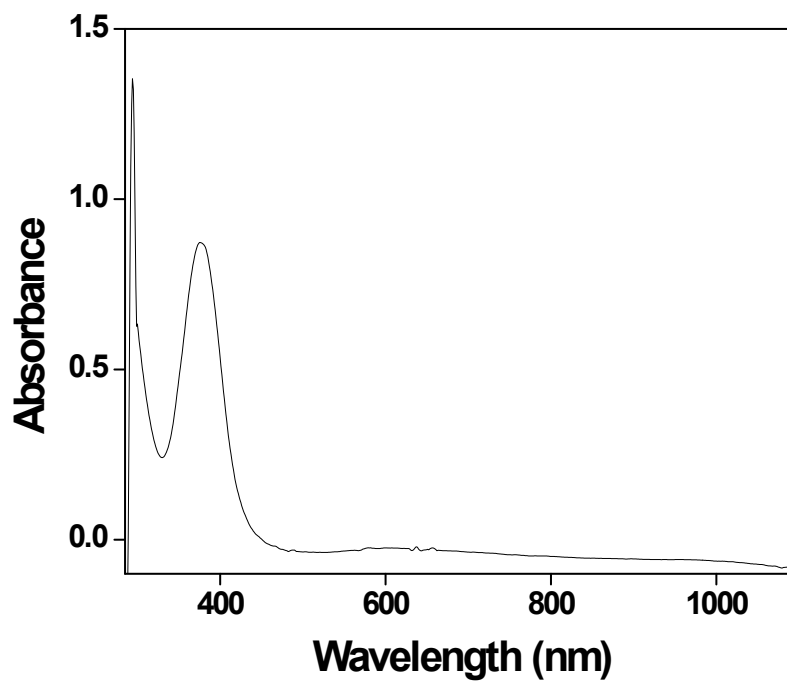


Fig. s8: UV-vis spectrum of complex 2 in methanol at room temperature

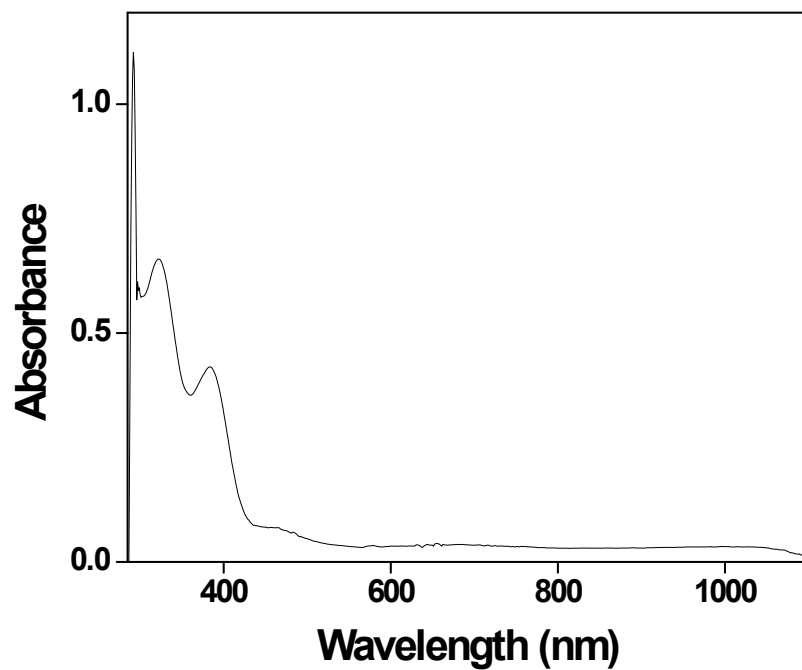


Fig. s9: UV-vis spectrum of complex 3 in methanol at room temperature

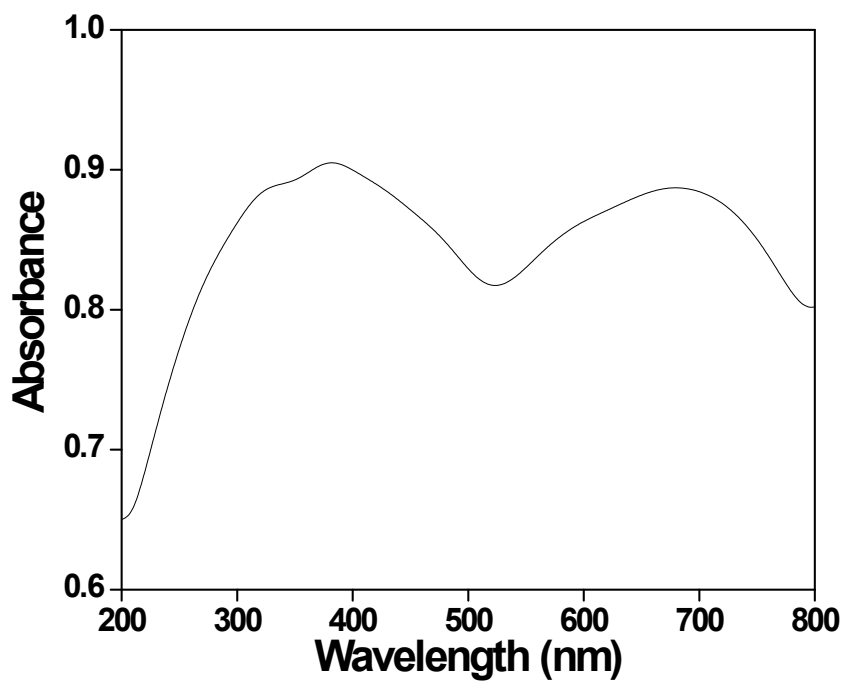


Fig. s10: UV-vis spectrum of complex 2 in solid state at room temperature

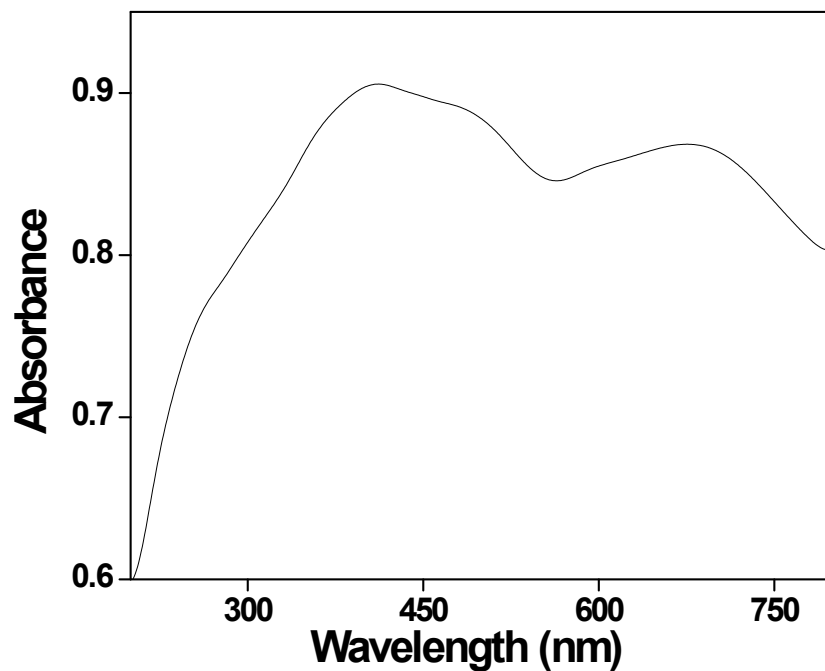


Fig. s11: UV-vis spectrum of complex 3 in solid state at room temperature

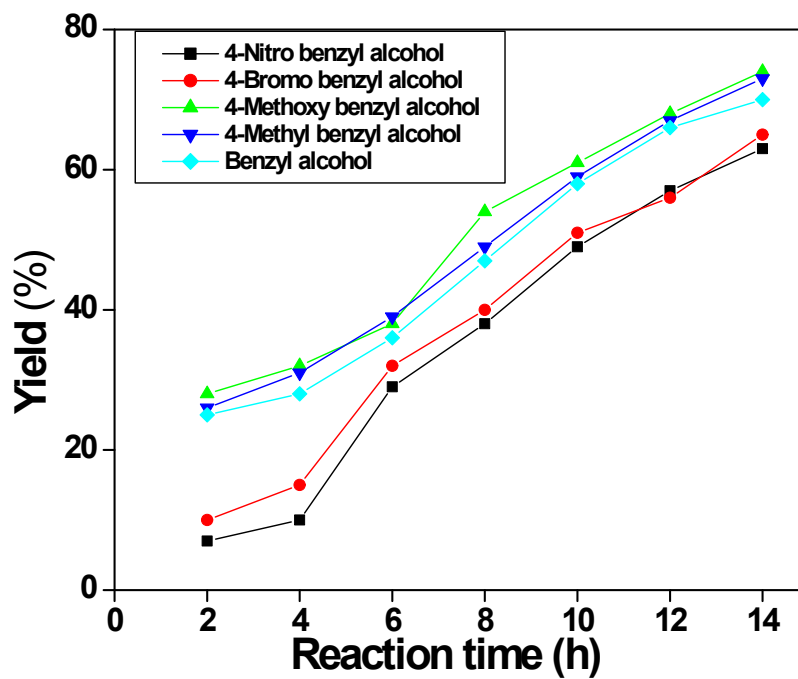


Fig. s12: Plot of yield vs reaction time for complex 2.

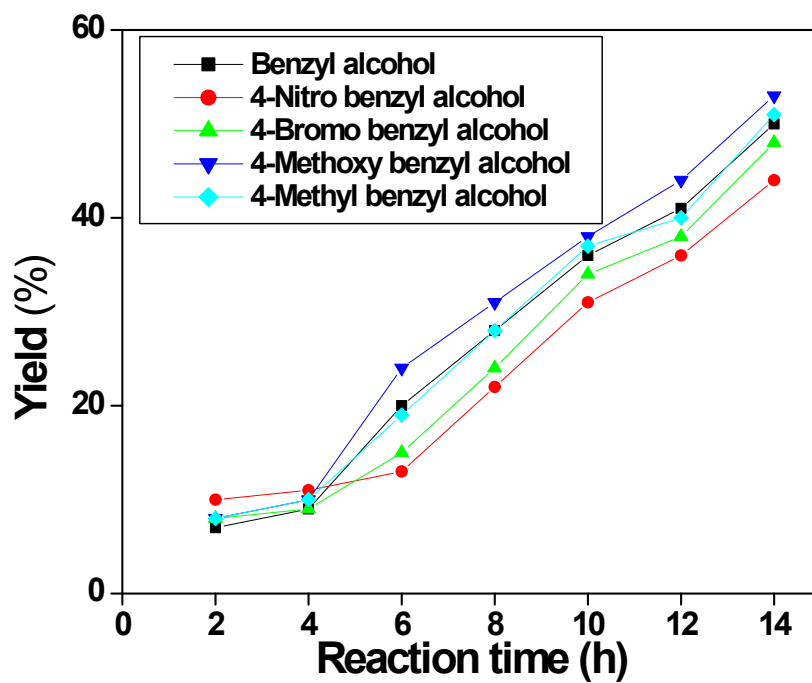


Fig. s13: Plot of yield vs reaction time for complex 3.

Table S1. Hydrogen bonding geometry (Å, °) for complex 1.

D–H···A	D–H	H···A	D···A	∠ D–H···A
C24–H24A...Cl3	0.97	2.77	3.430(9)	126.1
C2–H2...O1 ⁱ	0.93	2.55	3.257(12)	132.8
C7–H7A...Cl1 ⁱⁱ	0.97	2.79	3.490(12)	130.0
C11–H11A...Cl4 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.97	2.83	3.768(10)	163.8
C14–H14...O2 ^{iv}	0.93	2.54	3.268(11)	135.3
Symmetry codes: (i) 1/2+x, 1-y, z; (ii) x, -1+y,z; (iii) 1/2-x, 1+y, -1/2+z; (iv) -0.5+x, -y, z.				

Table S2. Hydrogen bonding geometry (Å, °) for complex 2.

D–H···A	D–H	H···A	D···A	∠ D–H···A
C2–H2...Cl2 ⁱ	0.93	2.69	3.396(3)	133.0
C7–H7...Cl2 ⁱⁱ	0.93	2.72	3.574(3)	152.9
C9–H9A...Br1 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.93	2.92	3.696(3)	138.2
C10–H10B...Cl1 ^{iv}	0.97	2.80	3.724(3)	158.5
Symmetry codes: (i) -x, 1-y, 1-z; (ii) 1/2+x, 0.5-y, 1-z; (iii) x, 1/2-y, 1/2+z; (iv) 1-x, 1-y, 1-z.				

Table S3. Hydrogen bonding geometry (Å, °) for complex 3.

D–H···A	D–H	H···A	D···A	∠ D–H···A
N2–H1...N52 ⁱ	0.79(7)	2.47(6)	3.117(9)	139(5)
C3–H3...N5 ⁱⁱ	0.93	2.53	3.331(7)	145.0
Symmetry codes: (i) x, 1-y, 1/2+z; (ii) -1/2+x, 3/2-y, -1/2+z.				