

## **Electronic Supporting Information (ESI)**

# **Nuclearity versus oxidation state in catalytic efficiency of Mn<sup>II/III</sup> azo Schiff base complexes: Computational study on supramolecular interactions and phenoxazinone synthase like activity**

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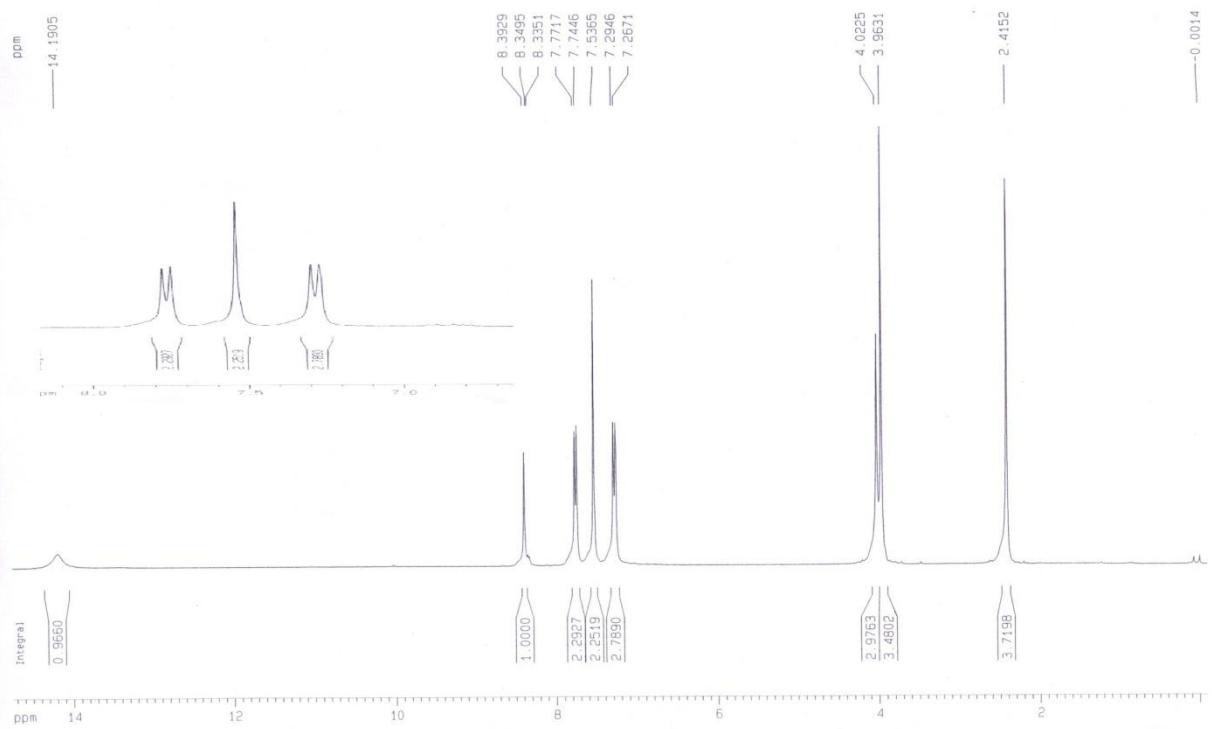


Fig. S1.  $^1\text{H}$ NMR( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz) spectrum of  $\mathbf{H}_2\mathbf{L}^1$ .

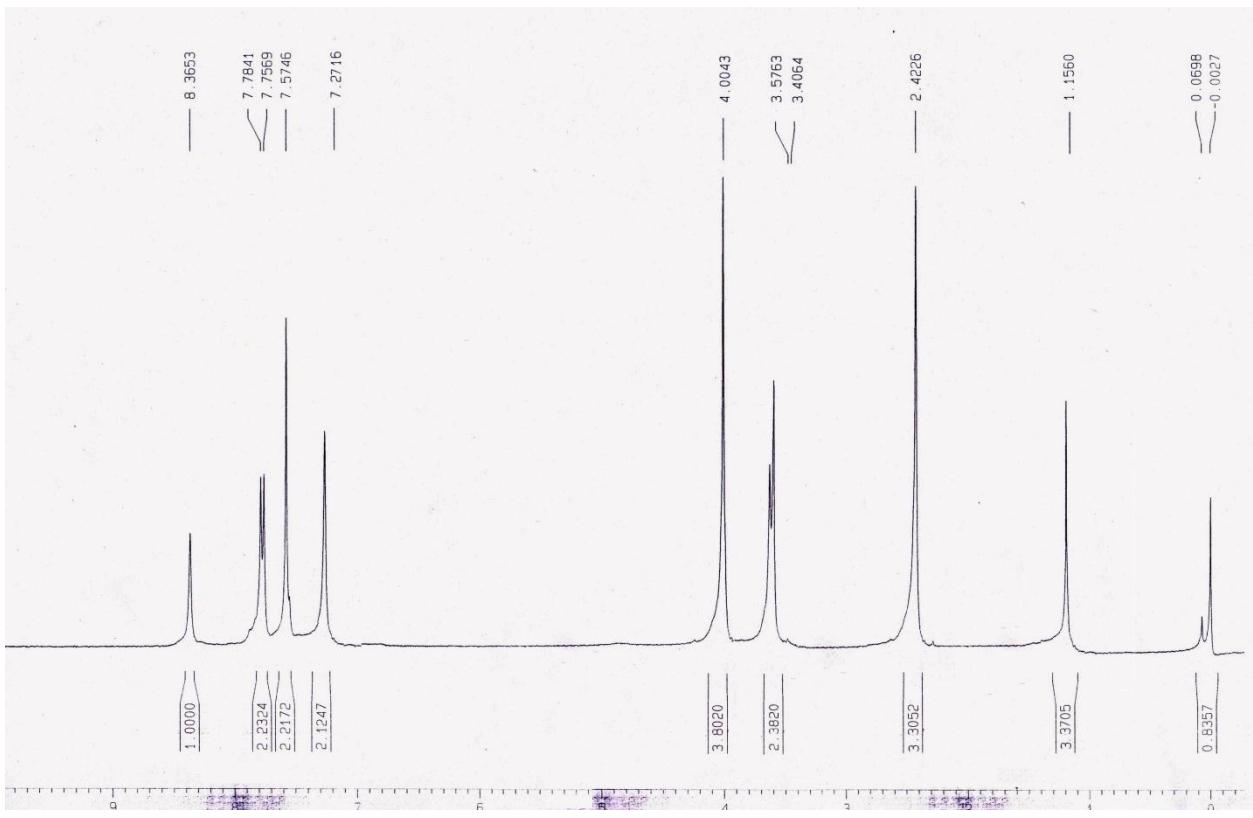


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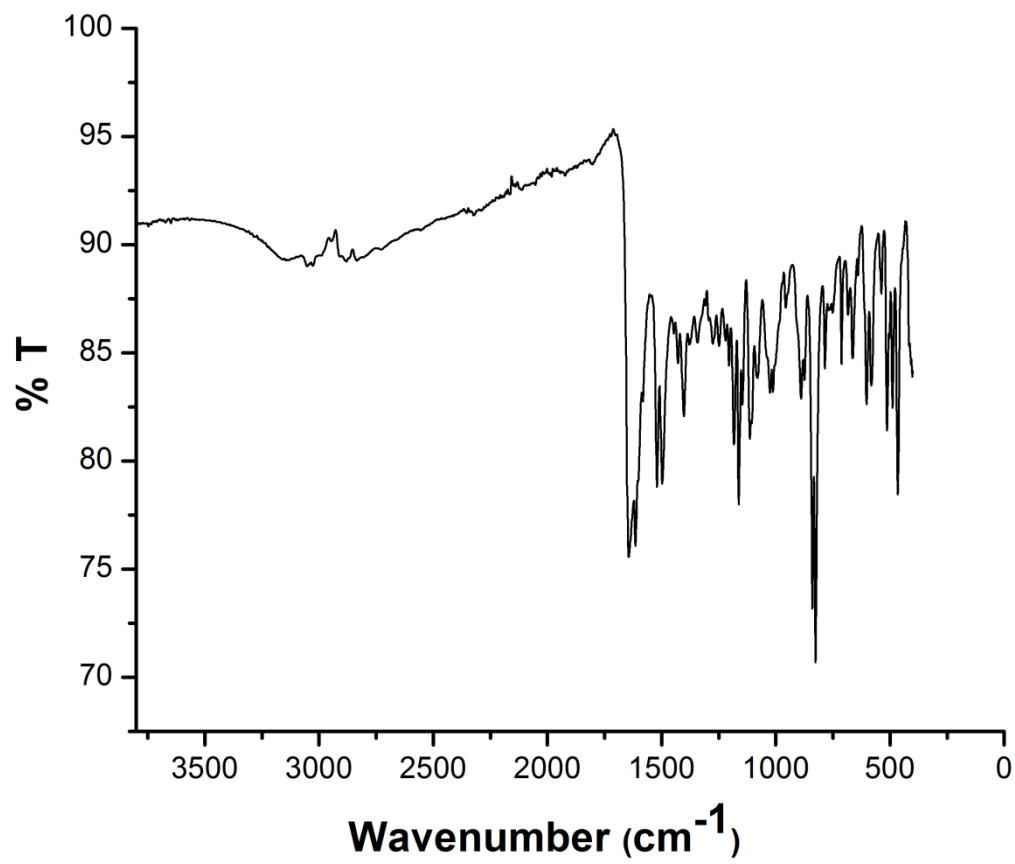


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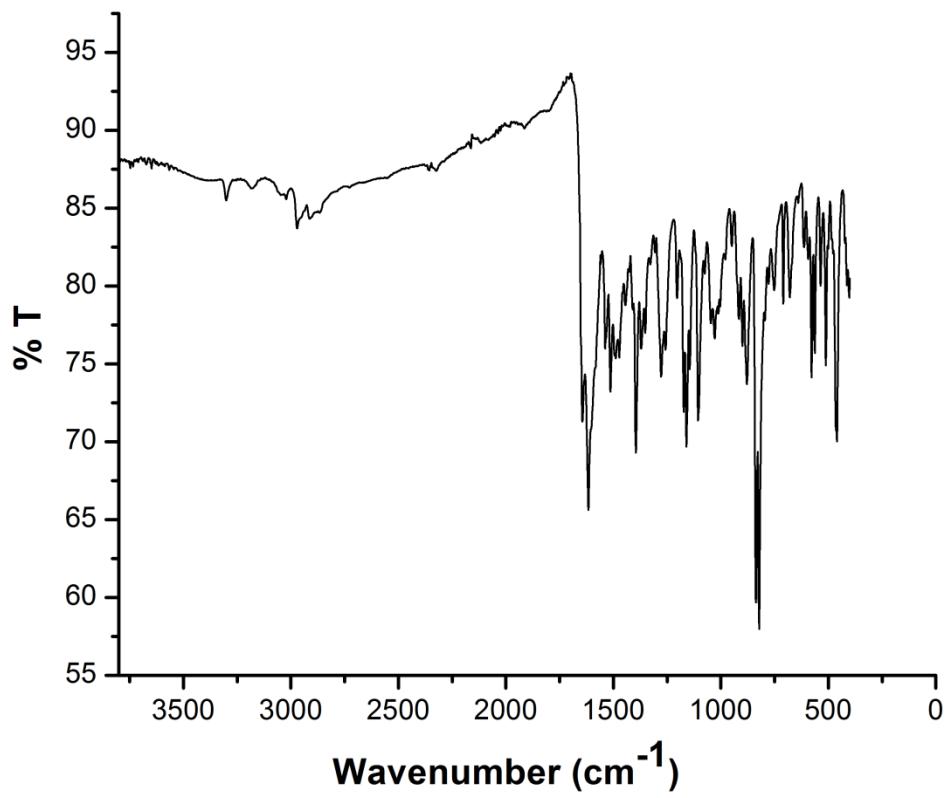


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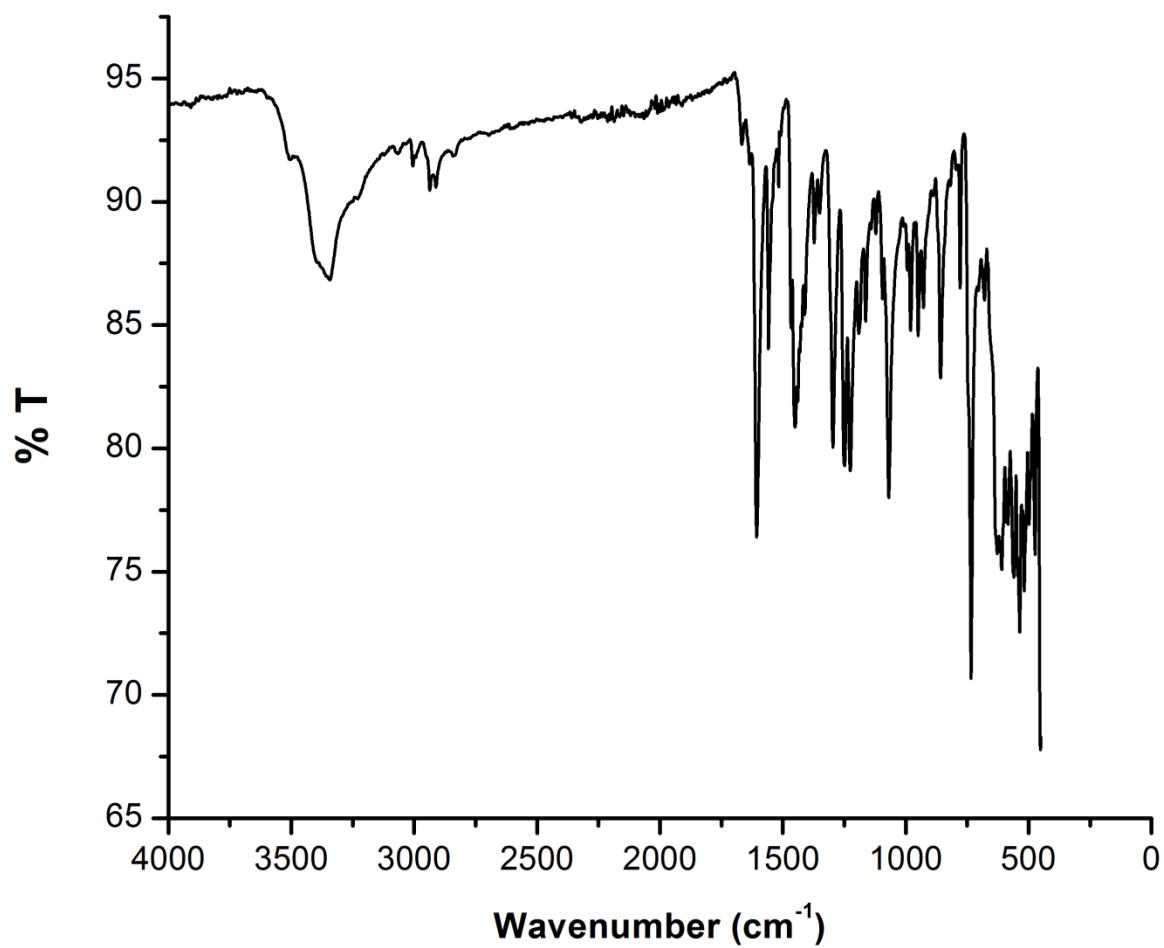


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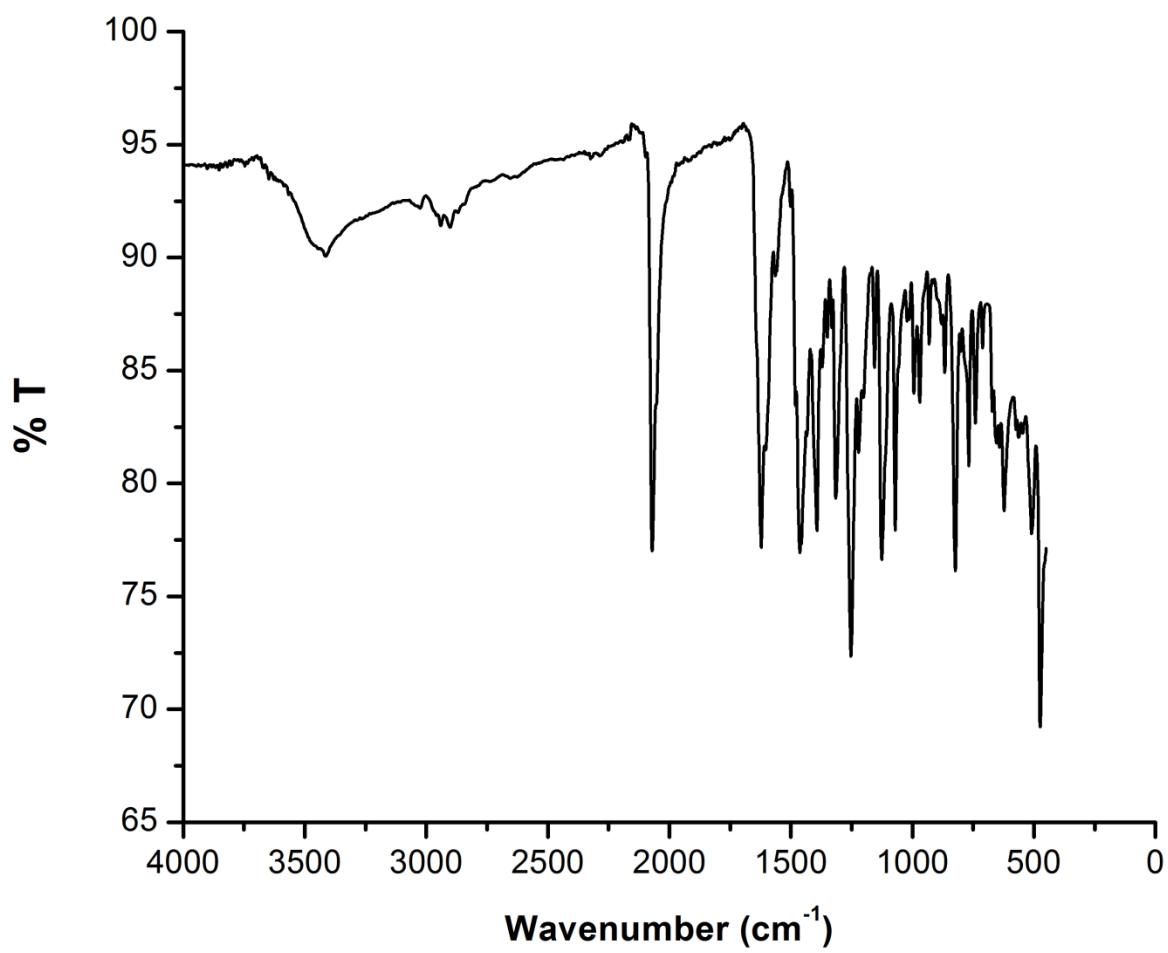


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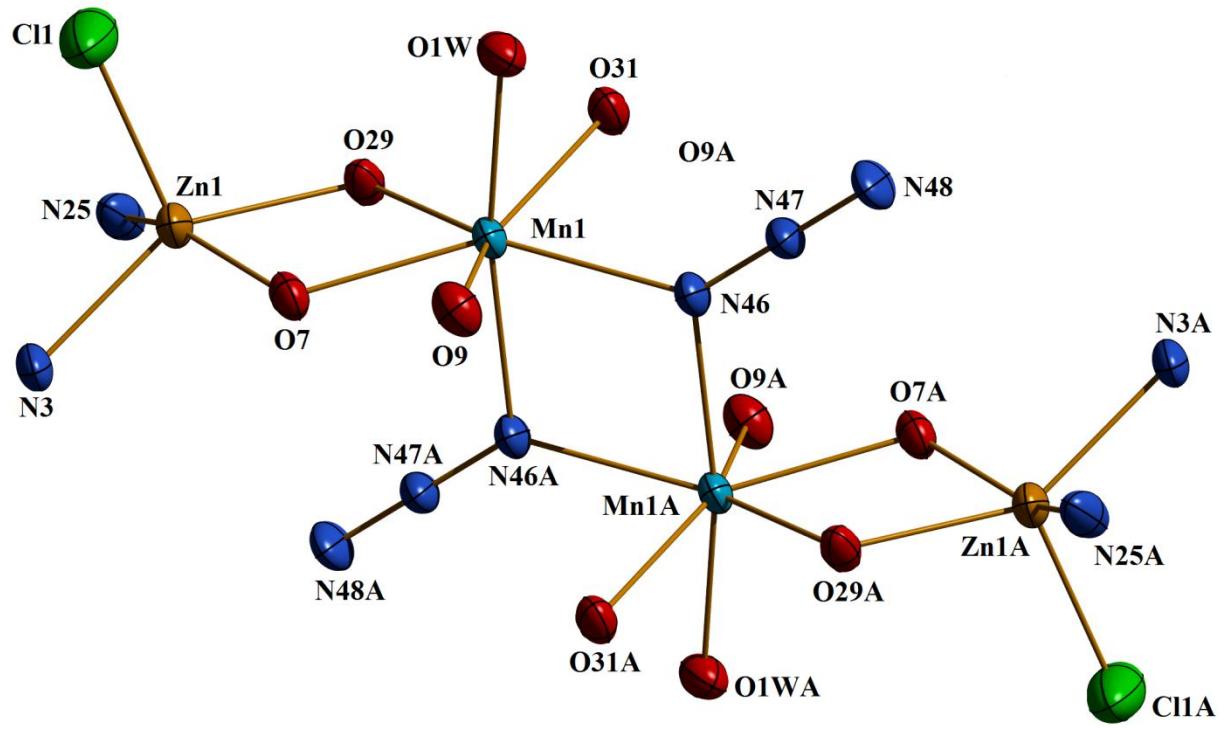


Fig. S7. View of the coordination environment of the Zn(II) and Mn(II) in complex 2.

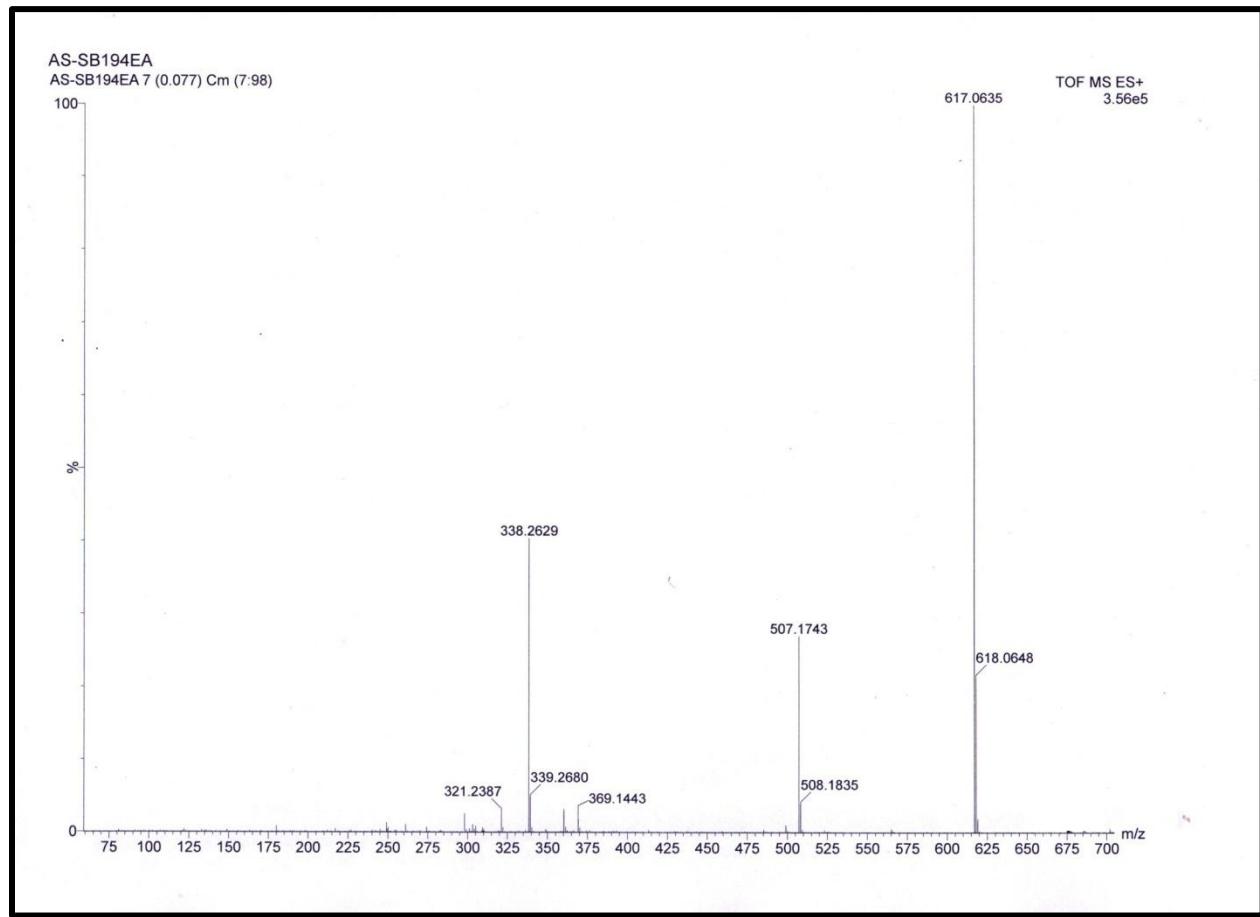


Fig.S8. ESI mass spectrum of complex 1.