

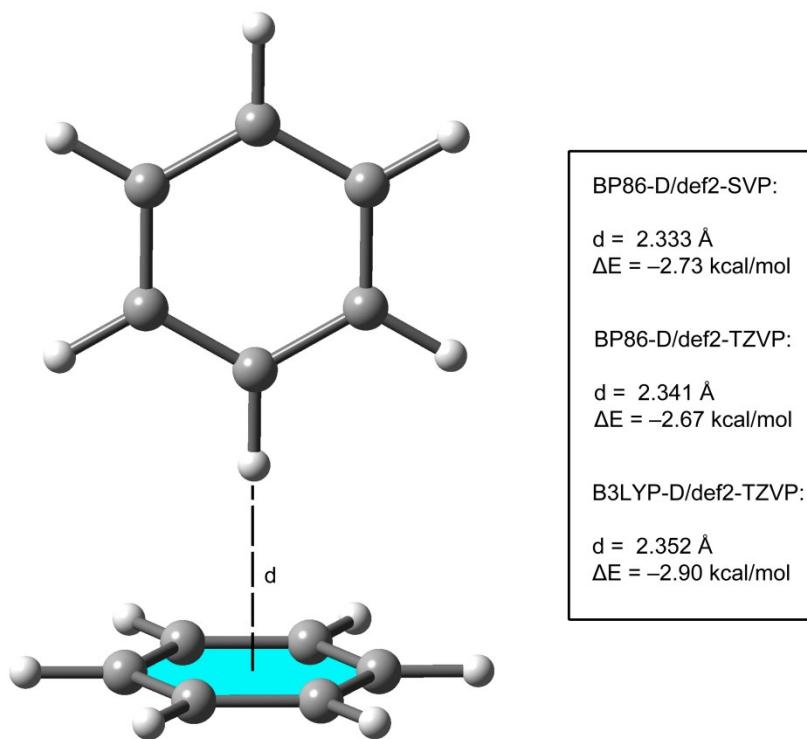
Supporting Information

**Joining of trinuclear  $(\text{CuL})_2\text{M}$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  and  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$ ) nodes by 1,3- and 1,4-benzenedicarboxylate linkers: Positional isomeric effect on co-crystallization**

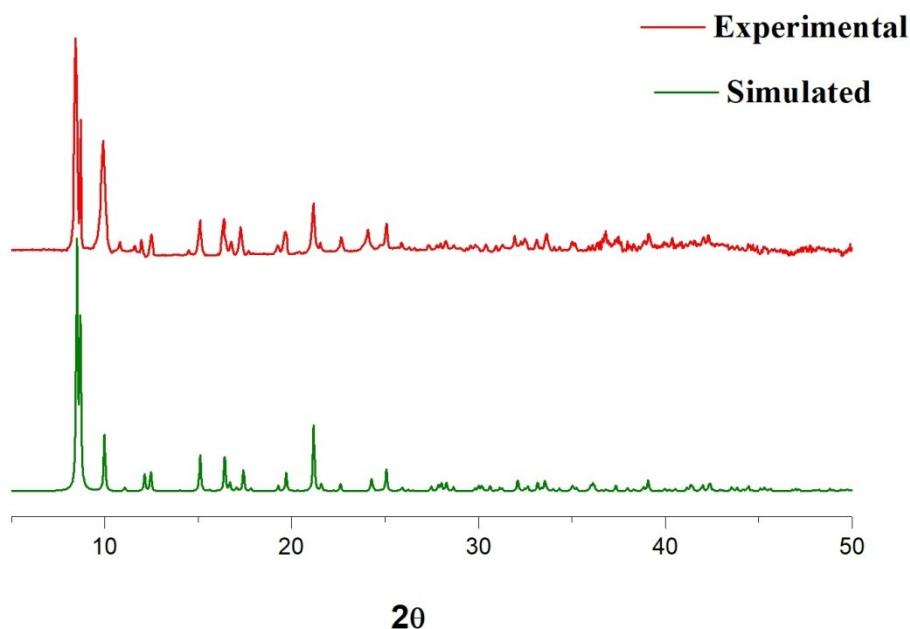
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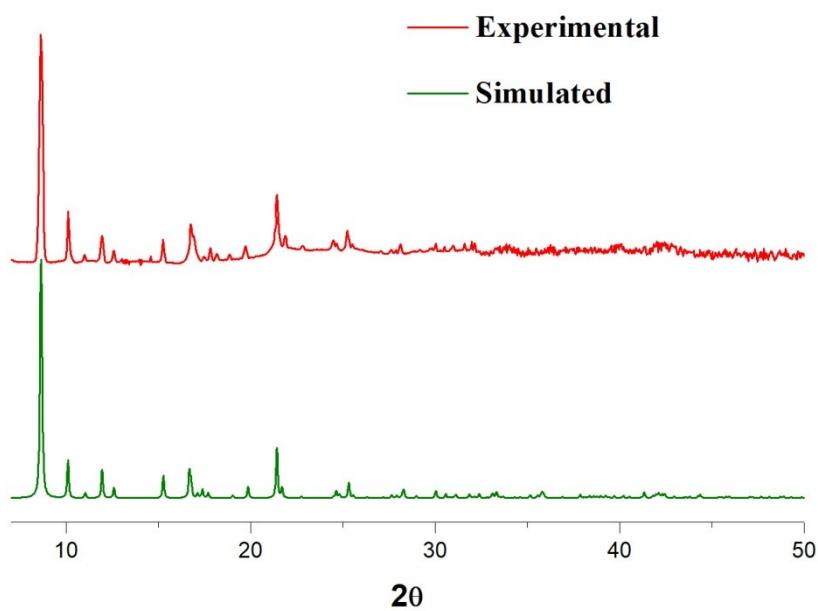
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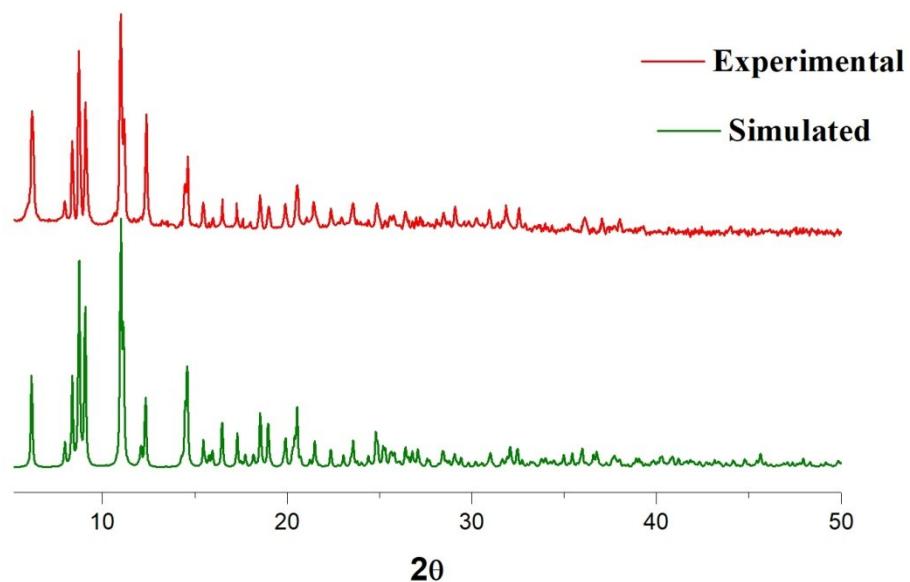
**Fig. S1.** Representative picture of a T-shape benzene dimer.



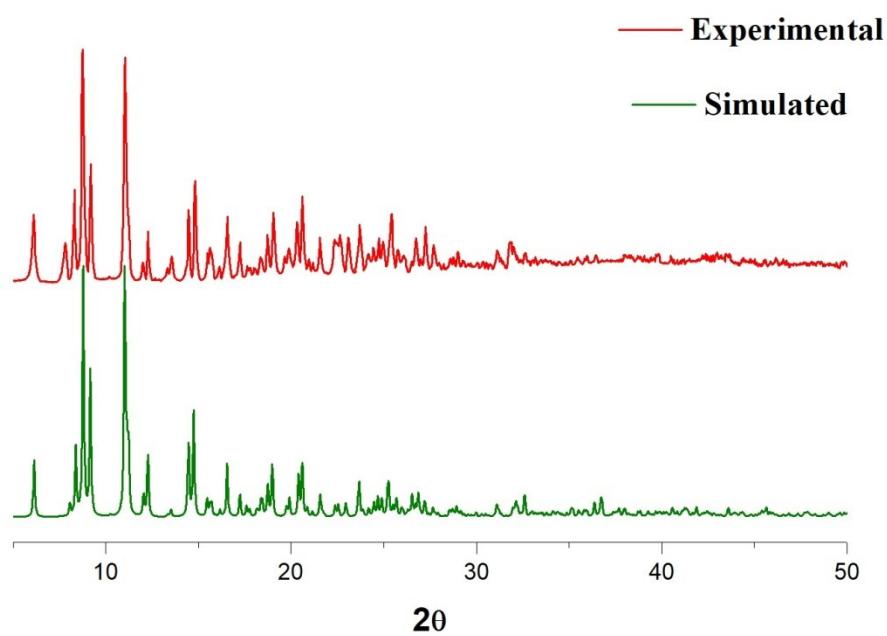
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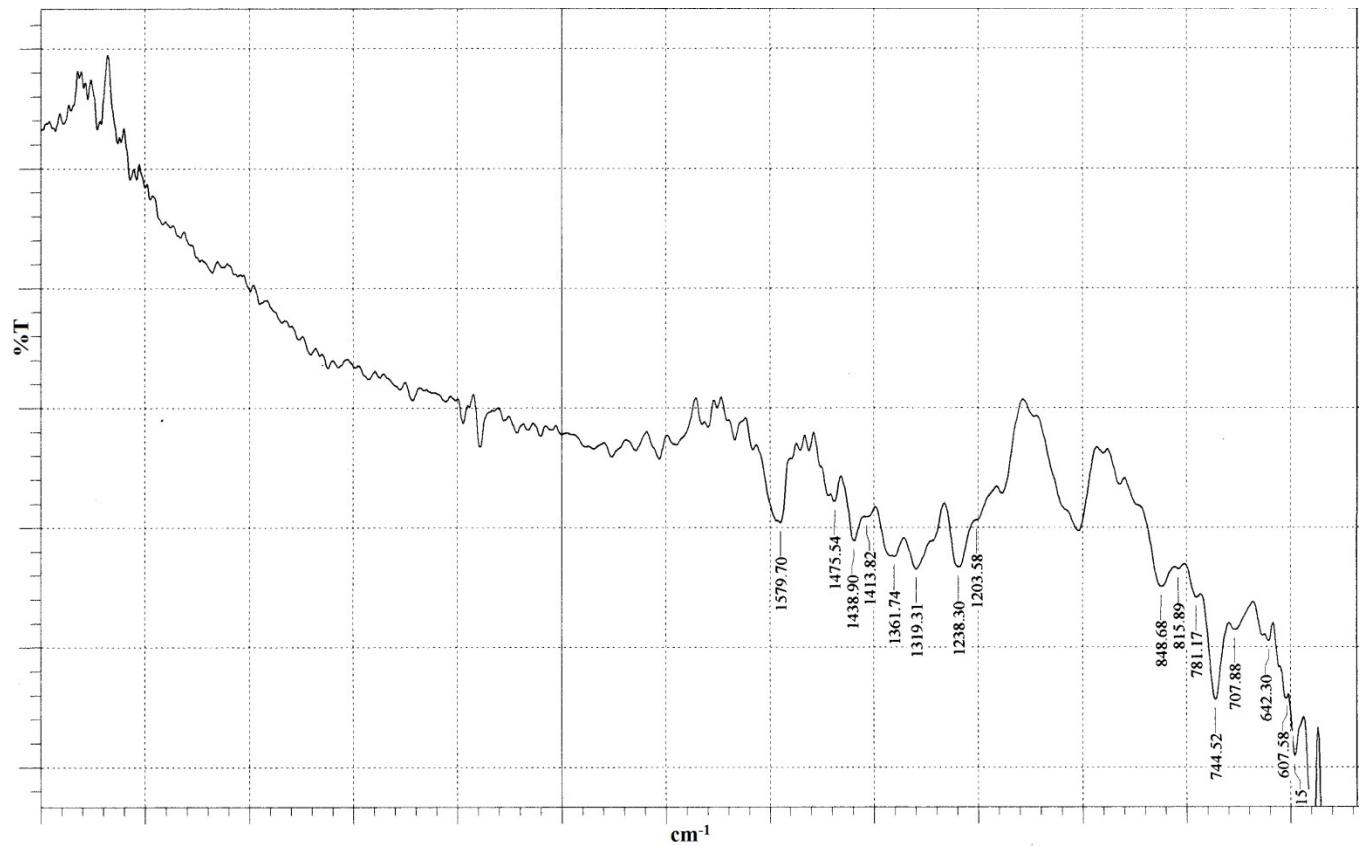
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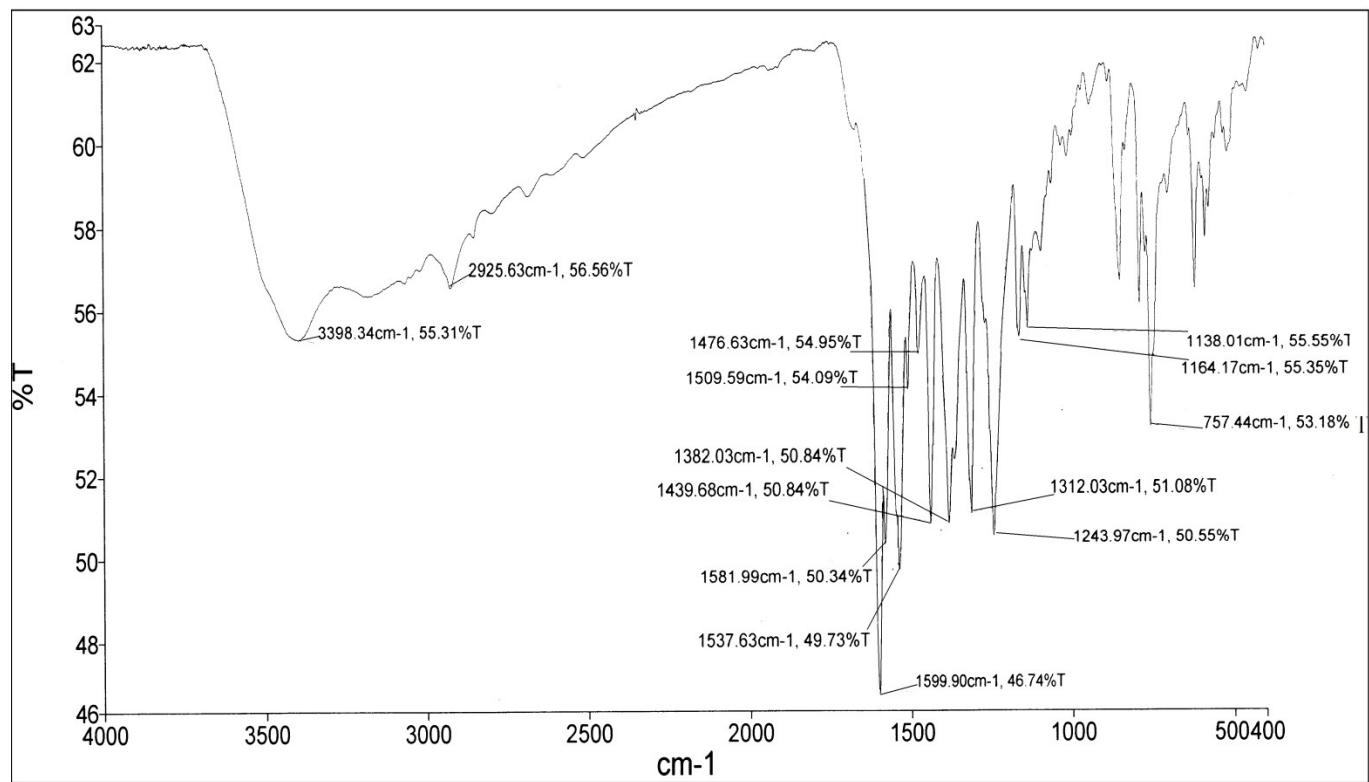
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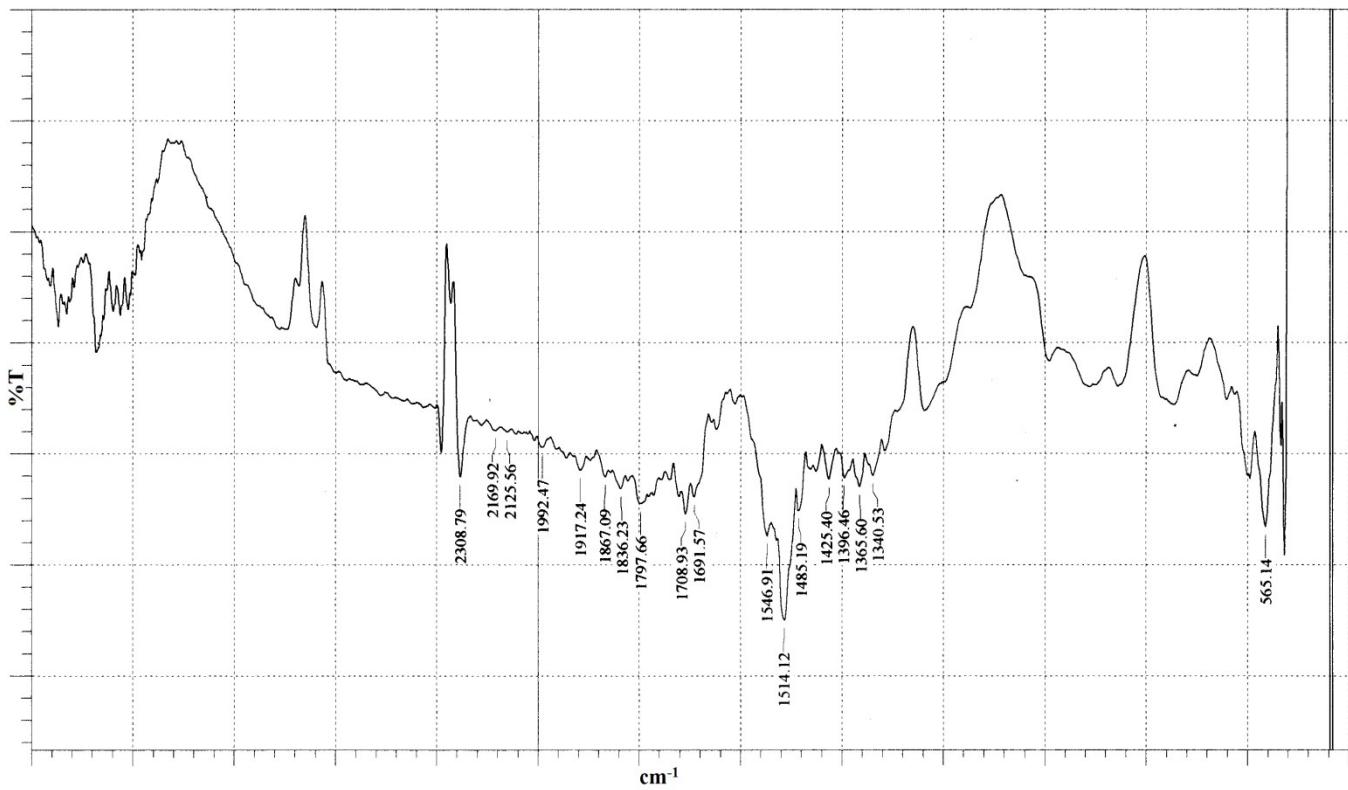
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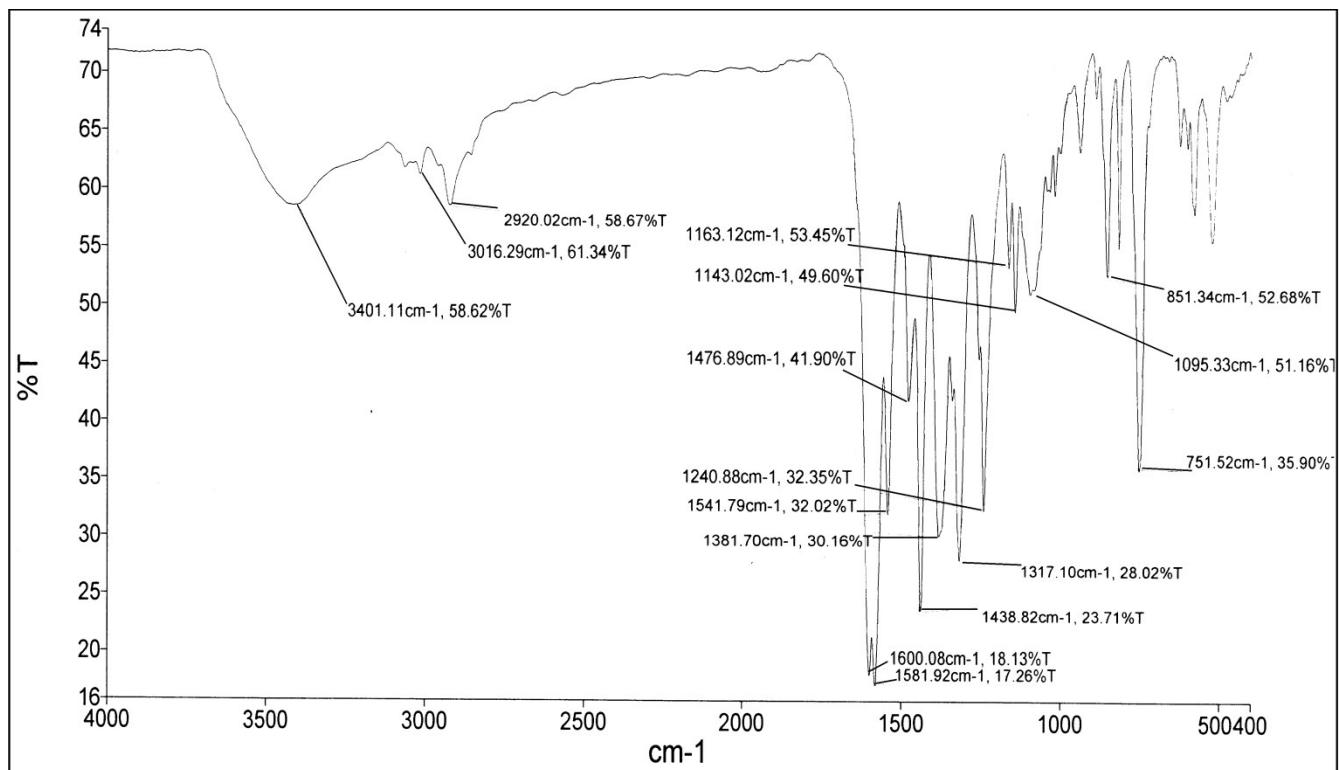
**Fig. S6.** FT- IR spectrum (ATR Technique) of complex **1**.



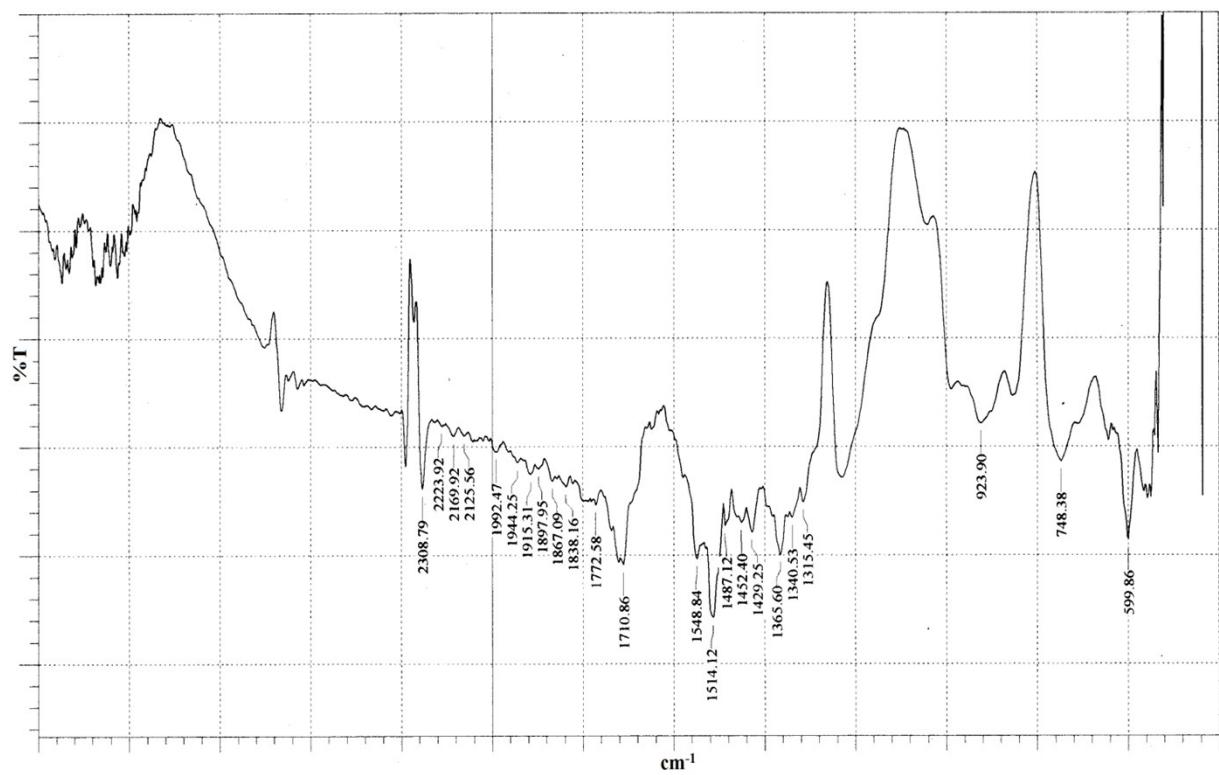
**Fig. S7.** FT-IR Spectrum (KBr pellet Technique) of complex **1**.



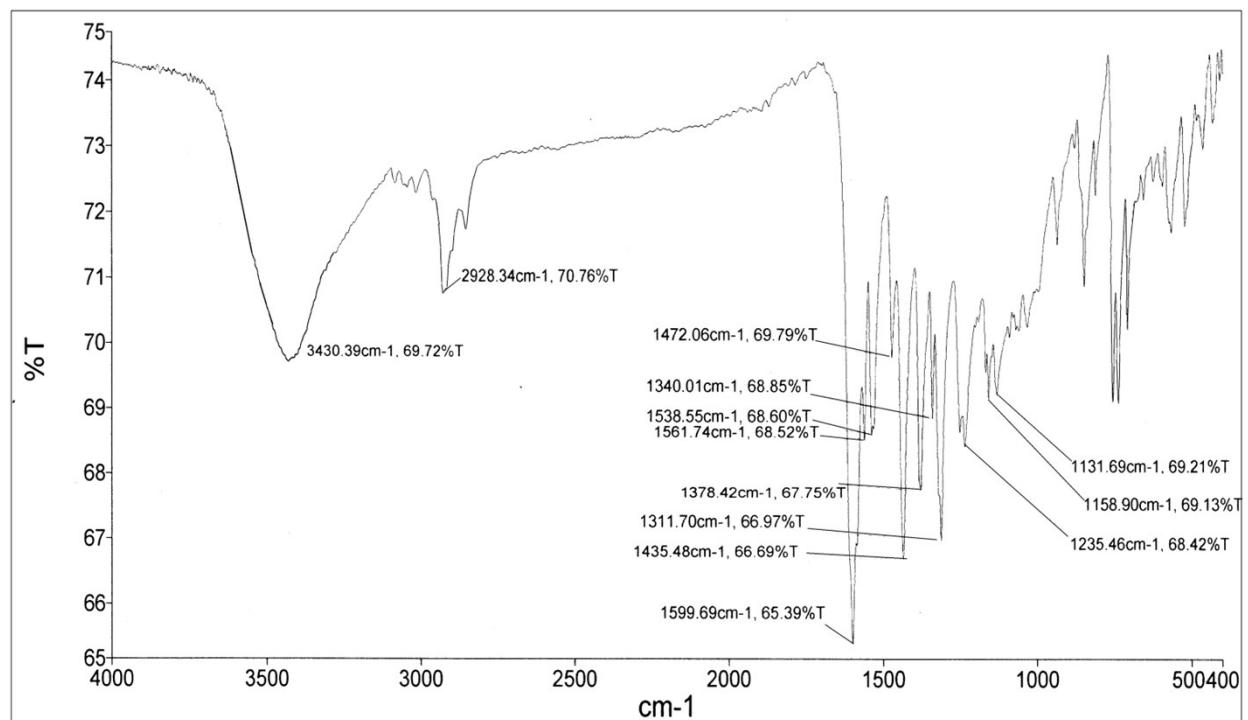
**Fig. S8.** FT- IR spectrum (ATR Technique) of complex **2**.



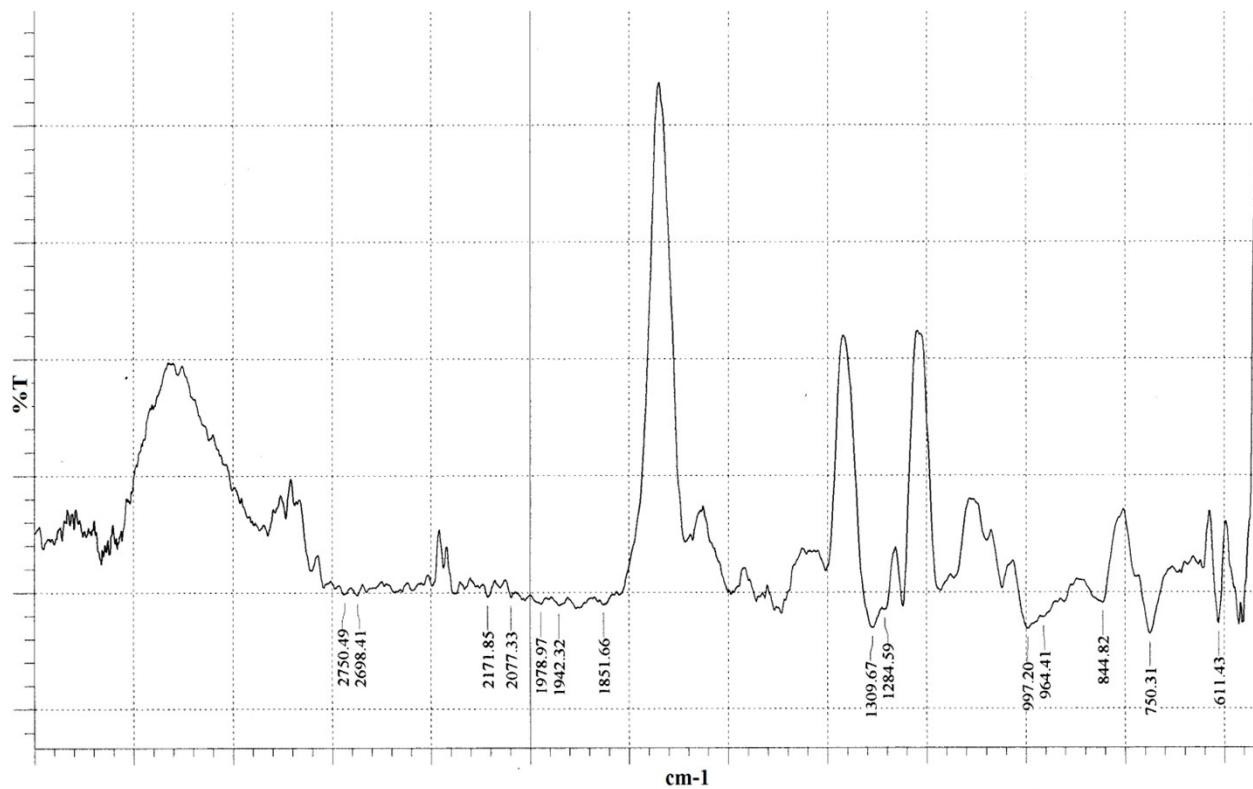
**Fig. S9.** FT- IR spectrum (KBr pellet Technique) of complex **2**.



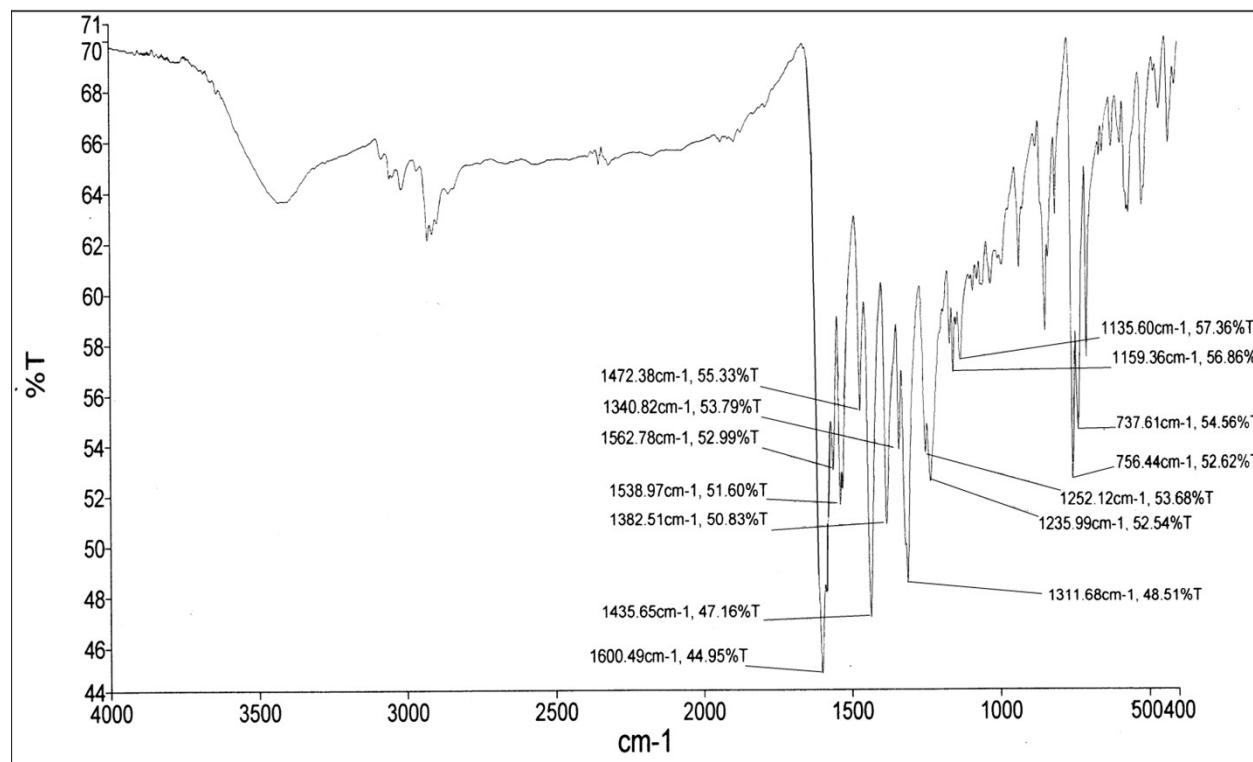
**Fig. S10.** FT- IR spectrum (ATR Technique) of complex 3.



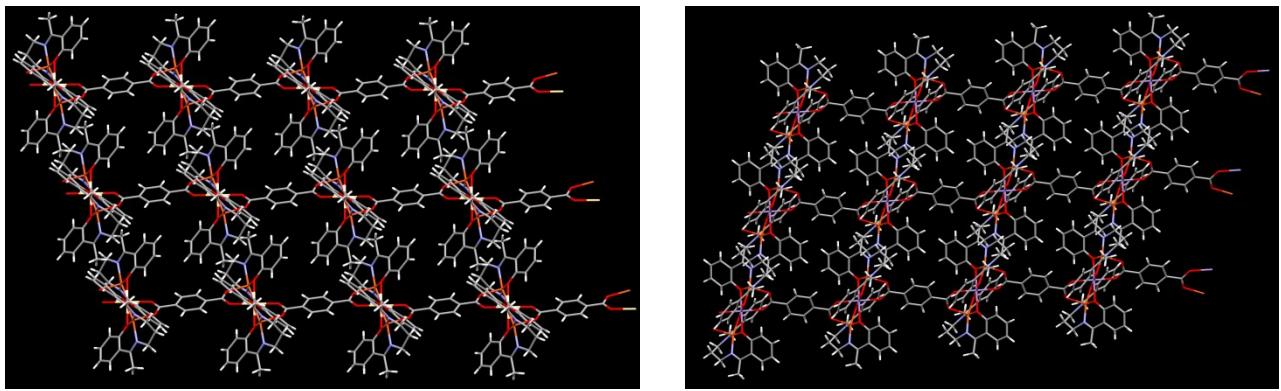
**Fig. S11.** FT- IR spectrum (KBr pellet Technique) of complex 3.



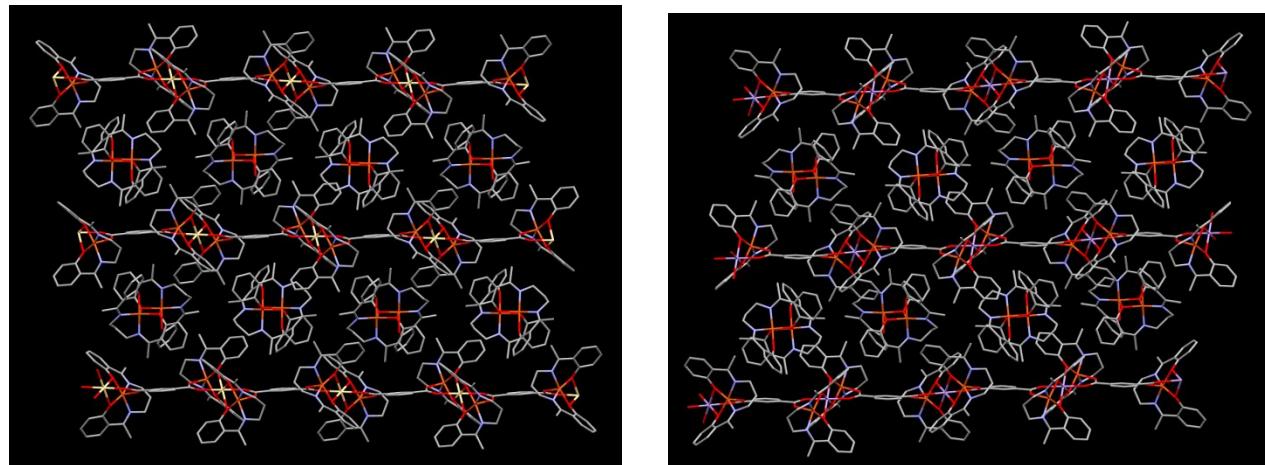
**Fig. S12.** FT- IR spectrum (ATR Technique) of complex 4.



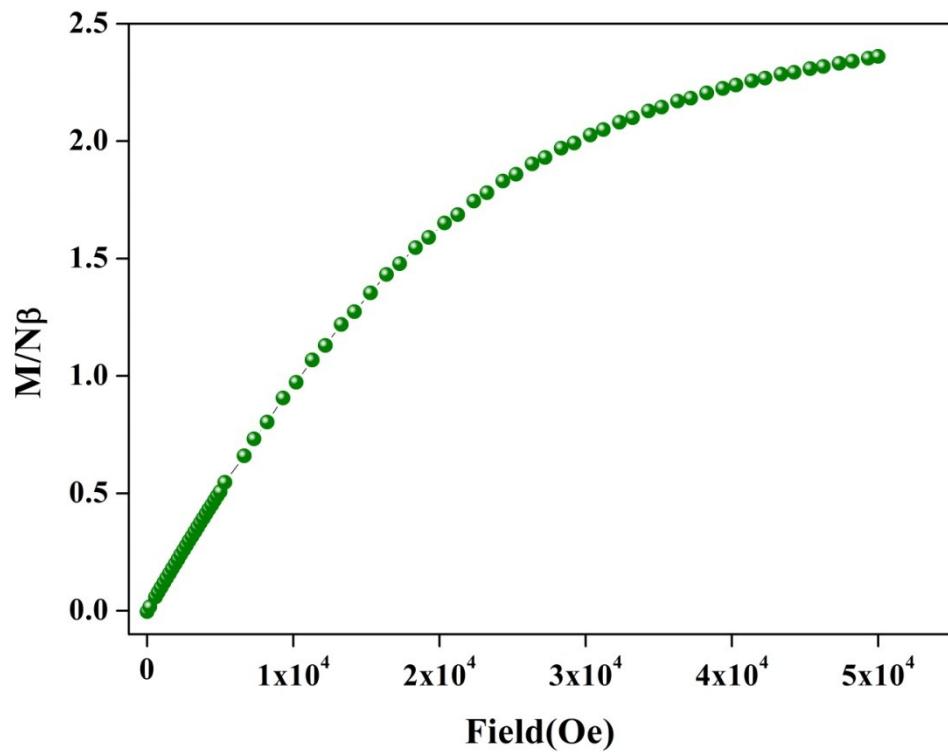
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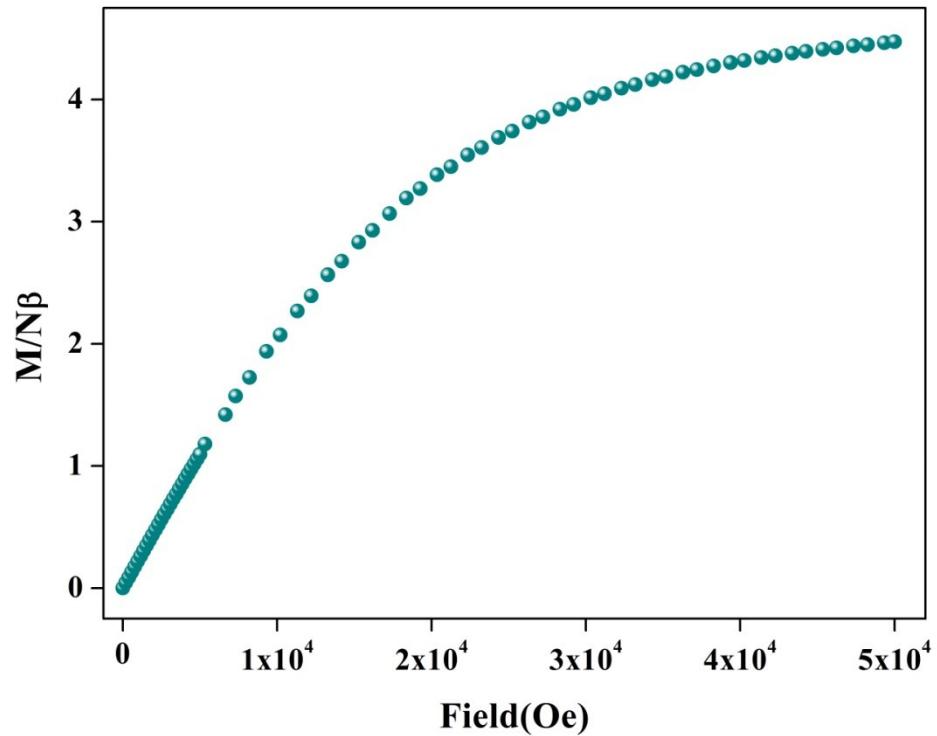
**Fig. S14.** Representative crystal packing structures of complexes **1** and **2**. Solvent water molecules are not shown for clarity.



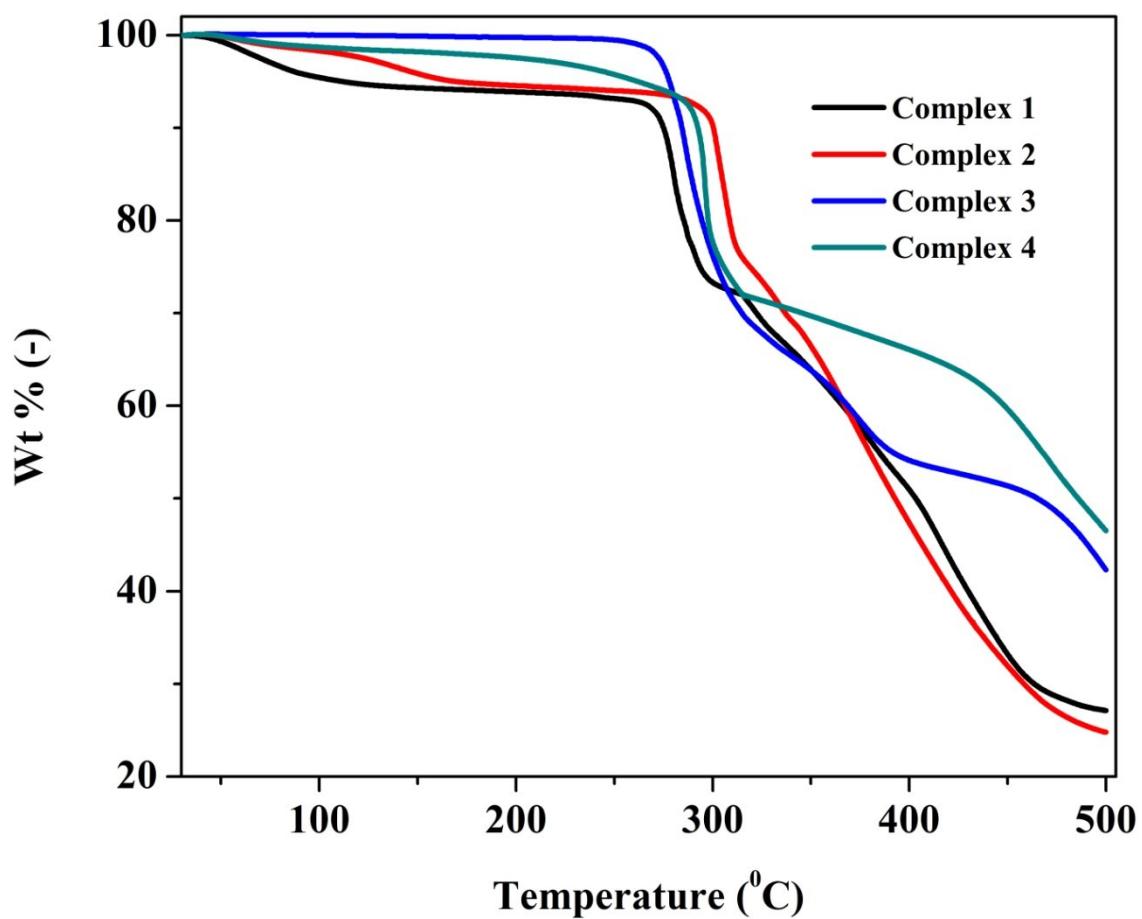
**Fig. S15.** Representative crystal packing structures of complexes **3** and **4**. H atoms are not shown for clarity.



**Fig. S16.** Isothermal magnetizations at 2.5 K for complex 2.



**Fig. S17.** Isothermal magnetizations at 5 K for complex 4.



**Fig. S18.** Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) plot for complexes **1-4**.

**Table S1.** Bond distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ ) for complexes **1** and **2**.

|                              | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Cu(1)–O(1)                   | 1.952(5) | 1.961(7) |
| Cu(1)–O(2)                   | 2.177(5) | 2.165(8) |
| Cu(1)–N(1)                   | 2.002(6) | 1.978(9) |
| M(1)–O(1)                    | 2.346(5) | 2.238(7) |
| M(1)–O(3)                    | 2.232(6) | 2.123(8) |
| O(1)–Cu(1)–O(2)              | 92.1(2)  | 92.8(3)  |
| O(1)–Cu(1)–N(1)              | 89.6(2)  | 90.0(3)  |
| O(1)–Cu(1)–O(1) <sup>a</sup> | 84.8(2)  | 83.7(3)  |
| O(1)–Cu(1)–N(1) <sup>a</sup> | 168.2(2) | 167.3(3) |
| O(2)–Cu(1)–N(1)              | 98.5(2)  | 98.6(3)  |
| N(1)–Cu(1)–N(1) <sup>a</sup> | 93.9(2)  | 94.0(4)  |
| O(1)–M(1)–O(3)               | 87.5(2)  | 88.2(3)  |
| O(1)–M(1)–O(1) <sup>b</sup>  | 111.7(2) | 108.4(2) |
| O(1)–M(1)–O(1) <sup>c</sup>  | 180      | 180      |
| O(1)–M(1)–O(1) <sup>a</sup>  | 68.3(2)  | 71.6(2)  |
| O(1) <sup>a</sup> –M(1)–O(3) | 92.5(2)  | 91.9(3)  |
| O(3)–M(1)–O(3) <sup>b</sup>  | 180      | 180      |
| M(1)–O(1)–Cu(1)              | 99.3(2)  | 98.4(2)  |

(**1**) : <sup>a</sup> =  $x, -y, z$ , <sup>b</sup> =  $2 - x, y, 2 - z$ , <sup>c</sup> =  $2 - x, -y, 2 - z$ .

(**2**) : <sup>a</sup> =  $x, 1 - y, z$ , <sup>b</sup> =  $1 - x, y, 1 - z$ , <sup>c</sup> =  $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$ .

**Table S2.** Bond distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ ) for complexes **3** and **4**.

|                               | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b>  |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Cu(1)–O(1)                    | 1.979(2) | 1.929(4)  |
| Cu(1)–O(2)                    | 1.935(2) | 1.977(4)  |
| Cu(1)–O(3)                    | 2.183(2) | 2.162(4)  |
| Cu(1)–N(1)                    | 1.978(2) | 1.989(4)  |
| Cu(1)–N(2)                    | 1.994(2) | 1.956(5)  |
| Cu(2)–O(5)                    | 1.925(2) | 1.924(4)  |
| Cu(2)–O(5) <sup>c</sup>       | 2.538(2) | 2.512(4)  |
| Cu(2)–N(3)                    | 1.987(2) | 1.958(6)  |
| Cu(2)–N(4)                    | 1.972(3) | 1.980(5)  |
| Cu(2)–O(6)                    | 1.908(2) | 1.898(4)  |
| M(1)–O(1)                     | 2.295(2) | 2.236(4)  |
| M(1)–O(2)                     | 2.331(2) | 2.189(4)  |
| O(1)–M(1)–O(2)                | 71.4(6)  | 73.8(2)   |
| O(1)–M(1)–O(4)                | 86.9(6)  | 89.3 (2)  |
| O(1)–M(1)–O(1) <sup>a</sup>   | 180      | 180       |
| O(1)–M(1)–O(2) <sup>a</sup>   | 108.6(6) | 106.2(2)  |
| O(1)–M(1)–O(4) <sup>a</sup>   | 93.1(6)  | 90.8(2)   |
| O(2)–M(1)–O(2) <sup>a</sup>   | 180      | 180       |
| O(2)–M(1)–O(4)                | 88.1(6)  | 87.6 (2)  |
| O(2)–M(1)–O(4) <sup>a</sup>   | 91.9(6)  | 92.4 (2)  |
| O(4)–M(1)–O(4) <sup>a</sup>   | 180      | 180       |
| O(1)–Cu(1)–O(2)               | 87.2(7)  | 85.8(2)   |
| O(1)–Cu(1)–O(3)               | 92.5(7)  | 91.1(2)   |
| O(1)–Cu(1)–N(1)               | 88.8(8)  | 89.3 (2)  |
| O(1)–Cu(1)–N(2)               | 159.2(8) | 172.6(2)  |
| O(2)–Cu(1)–O(3)               | 90.5(7)  | 93.2(2)   |
| O(2)–Cu(1)–N(1)               | 173.1(9) | 159.5(2)  |
| O(2)–Cu(1)–N(2)               | 88.8(8)  | 89.9 (2)  |
| O(3)–Cu(1)–N(1)               | 95.2(7)  | 106.8 (2) |
| O(3)–Cu(1)–N(2)               | 107.8(9) | 95.3(2)   |
| N(1)–Cu(1)–N(2)               | 92.9(8)  | 92.7(2)   |
| O(5) <sup>c</sup> –Cu(2)–N(3) | 117.8(8) | 85.4(2)   |
| O(5) <sup>c</sup> –Cu(2)–N(4) | 85.8(8)  | 119.0(2)  |
| O(5)–Cu(2)–N(4)               | 90.4(9)  | 155.5(2)  |
| O(5)–Cu(2)–O(5) <sup>c</sup>  | 86.0(7)  | 85.5 (2)  |
| O(6)–Cu(2)–N(3)               | 87.2(1)  | 174.3(2)  |
| O(6)–Cu(2)–N(4)               | 175.0(9) | 87.5(2)   |
| O(5) <sup>c</sup> –Cu(2)–O(6) | 89.6(8)  | 89.5 (2)  |
| O(5)–Cu(2)–O(6)               | 91.3(9)  | 91.3(2)   |

|                 |          |         |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| O(5)–Cu(2)–N(3) | 156.1(9) | 90.7(2) |
| N(3)–Cu(2)–N(4) | 93.1(1)  | 92.9(2) |

(**3**) :  $a = 1 - x, 1 - y, 2 - z$  ;  $c = 1/2 - x, 3/2 - y, 1 - z$ . (**4**) :  $a = 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$  ;  $c = 3/2 - x, 3/2 - y, 1 - z$ . **M** = Cd (for complexes **1** and **3**) and Mn (for complexes **2** and **4**)

**Table S3.** The crystal structures of similar compounds containing  $(\text{CuL})_2\text{M}$  moiety forming supramolecular chain reported in literature.

| Complex   | Linker            | Ref.      |
|---|-------------------|-----------|
| $\{[(\text{CuL})_2\text{Cd}(\mu_{1,5}\text{-N}(\text{CN})_2)](\text{ClO}_4)\}_n$                            | Dicyanamide       | 21(a)     |
| $[(\{\text{CuL}\}_2\text{Co}(m\text{-BDC})\} \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{OH}]_\infty$                            | Isophthalic acid  | 5(b)      |
| $[\{\text{CuL}\}_2\text{Co}(p\text{-BDC})\} \cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{OH}]_\infty$                            | Terephthalic acid | 5(b)      |
| $[(\text{CuL}^2)_2\text{Co}(\text{tph})]_n \cdot 2n\text{H}_2\text{O}$                                      | Terephthalic acid | 21(b)     |
| $\{[(\text{CuL})_2\text{Tb}(\text{NO}_3)_3\text{bpy}] \cdot \text{MeOH} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_\infty$ | Bipyridine        | 21(c)     |
| $(\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{36}\text{Co}_1\text{Cu}_2\text{N}_{10}\text{O}_4)_n$                               | Bipyridine        | 21(d)     |
| $(\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{36}\text{Cu}_2\text{N}_{10}\text{Ni}_1\text{O}_4)_n$                               | Bipyridine        | 21(d)     |
| $(\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{36}\text{Cu}_2\text{N}_{10}\text{O}_4\text{Zn}_1)_n$                               | Bipyridine        | 21(d)     |
| $\{[(\text{CuL})_2\text{Cd}(p\text{-BDC})] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$ ( <b>1</b> )                       | Terephthalic acid | This work |
| $\{[(\text{CuL})_2\text{Mn}(p\text{-BDC})] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$ ( <b>2</b> )                       | Terephthalic acid | This work |
| $\{[(\text{CuL})_2\text{Cd}(m\text{-BDC})]\}[(\text{CuL})_2]\}_n$ ( <b>3</b> )                              | Isophthalic acid  | This work |
| $\{[(\text{CuL})_2\text{Mn}(m\text{-BDC})]\}[(\text{CuL})_2]\}_n$ ( <b>4</b> )                              | Isophthalic acid  | This work |