

# **Modulating *p*-hydroxycinnamate behavior as a ditopic linker or photoacid in copper(II) complexes by auxiliary pyridine ligand**

## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

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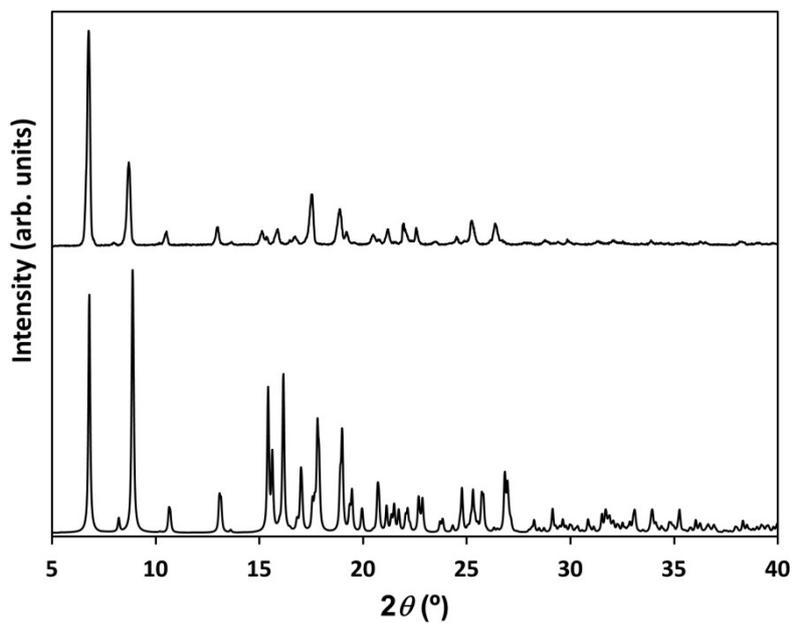
**Table S1.** Crystallographic Data for compounds **1-3**

Formula	C <sub>72</sub> H <sub>86</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>15</sub> Cu <sub>2</sub> ( <b>1</b> )	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Cu ( <b>2</b> )	C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>40</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Cu ( <b>3</b> )
Formula Weight	1374.52	632.10	764.30
Temperature (K)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
System, space group	Monoclinic, C2/c	Monoclinic, P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	Monoclinic, P2 <sub>1</sub> /n
a (Å)	52.0046(17)	8.4342(3)	11.7498(5)
b (Å)	5.9991(2)	8.6978(3)	10.8664(5)
c (Å)	21.5105(8)	18.9953(7)	15.2007(8)
α (°)	90	90	90
β (°)	90.359(2)	96.953(2)	105.000(2)
γ (°)	90	90	90
U (Å <sup>3</sup> ) / Z	6710.7(4) / 4	1383.23(9) / 2	1874.66(15) / 2
D <sub>calc</sub> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> ) / μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.360 / 0.704	1.518 / 0.848	1.354 / 0.639
F(000)	2896	654	798
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.104x0.081x0.057	0.308x0.268x0.144	0.397x0.373x0.284
hkl ranges	-63≤h≤64, -7≤k≤7, -24≤l≤26	-12≤h≤12, -12≤k≤12, -27≤l≤27	-14≤h≤14, -13≤k≤13, -19≤l≤19
2θ Range (°)	2.350 to 25.994	2.539 to 30.601	2.536 to 26.424
Reflections collected/unique/ [R <sub>int</sub> ]	14428/4433 [R(int)=0.0717]	44501/4253 [R(int)=0.0494]	22324/3801 [R(int)=0.0296]
Completeness to θ (%)	65.0	99.9	99.2
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. trans.	0.7453 and 0.6123	0.7461 and 0.7069	0.7454 and 0.6782
Data/restraints/parameters	4429/4/439	4253/0/199	3801/0/246
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.995	1.044	1.092
Final R indices [I>2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0451 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0906	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0316 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0715	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0330 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0856
R indices (all data)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0868 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1171	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0435 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0760	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0387 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0925
Largest diff. peak and hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	+0.699, -0.477	+0.524, -0.285	+0.360, -0.417

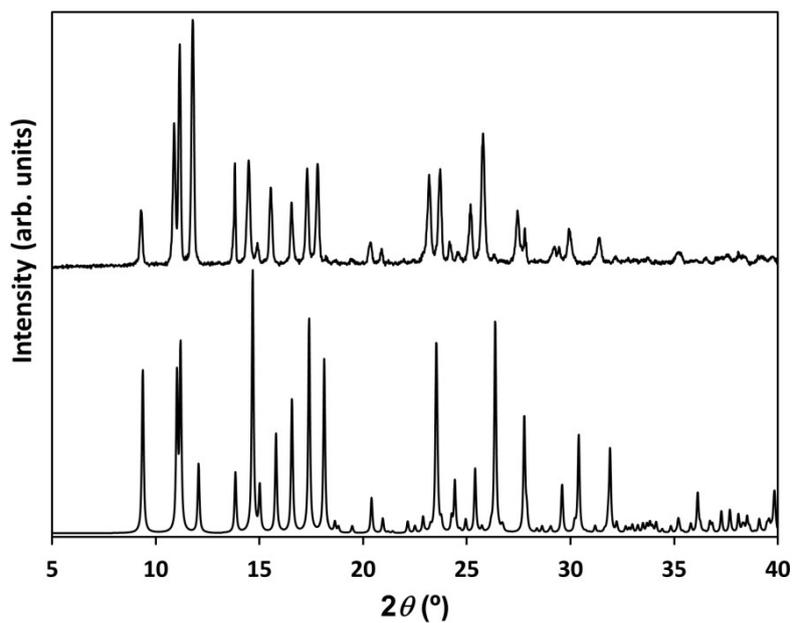
**Table S2.** Crystallographic Data for compound **4** and **5**

Formula	$C_{121.50}H_{106}N_6O_{21.50}Cu_3$ ( <b>4</b> )	$C_{71}H_{56}N_4O_9Cu_2$ ( <b>5</b> )
Formula Weight	2184.74	1236.27
Temperature (K)	293(2)	100(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
System, space group	Triclinic, P-1	Monoclinic, C2/c
a (Å)	12.9562(6)	13.6289(6)
b (Å)	15.7183(7)	25.4524(13)
c (Å)	16.1429(7)	34.1595(17)
$\alpha$ (°)	78.243(2)	90
$\beta$ (°)	71.856(2)	92.4530(10)
$\gamma$ (°)	66.888(2)	90
U (Å <sup>3</sup> ) / Z	2860.8(2) / 1	11838.7(10) / 8
D <sub>calc</sub> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> ) / $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.268 / 0.623	1.387 / 0.783
F(000)	1136	5120
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.772x0.088x0.039	0.145x0.071x0.060
hkl ranges	-16 ≤ h ≤ 16, -19 ≤ k ≤ 19, -20 ≤ l ≤ 20	-17 ≤ h ≤ 14, -31 ≤ k ≤ 31, -42 ≤ l ≤ 42
2 $\theta$ Range (°)	1.890 to 26.405	2.111 to 26.448
Reflections collected/unique/ [R <sub>int</sub> ]	66611/11680 [R(int)=0.0912]	156209/12168 [R(int)=0.0817]
Completeness to $\theta$ (%)	99.8	99.9
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. trans.	0.7454 and 0.6937	0.7454 and 0.7068
Data/restraints/parameters	11678/24/698	12168/0/777
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.017	1.024
Final R indices [I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0832 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.22013	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0404 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0769
R indices (all data)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1277 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2534	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0709 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.08065
Largest diff. peak and hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	+1.755, -1.985	+0.727, -0.397

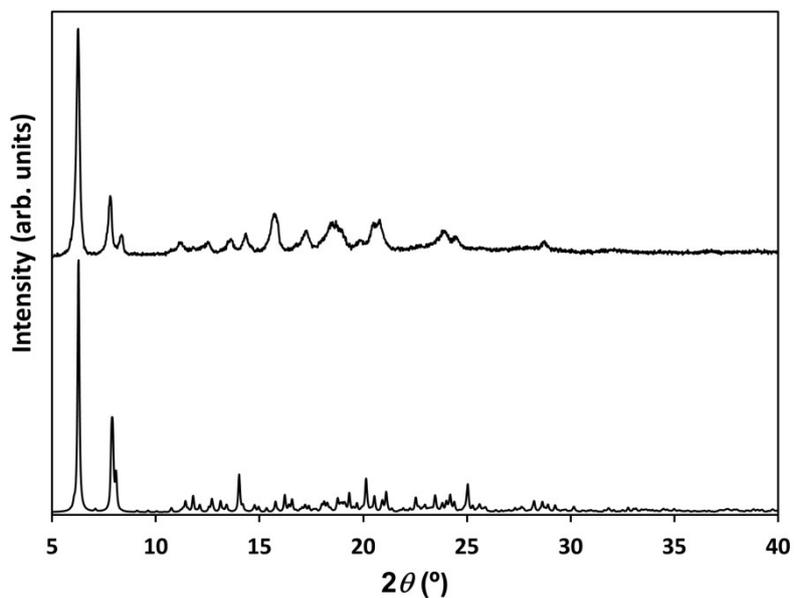
## PXRD patterns and Phase Purity Calculations



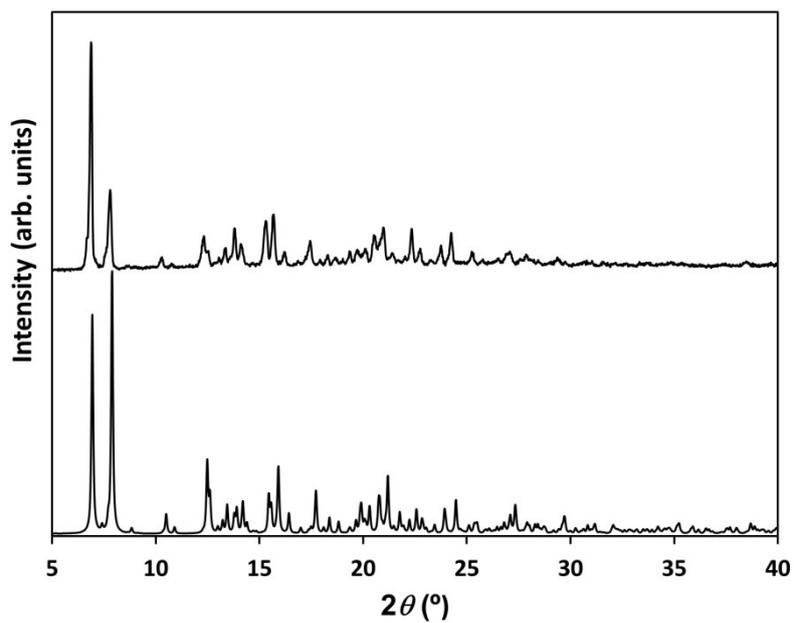
**Figure S1.** X-ray diffractogram of  $[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-pOHcinn})_2(4\text{-}^t\text{Bupy})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})][\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-pOHcinn})_2(4\text{-}^t\text{Bupy})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$  (**1**, up) measured at room temperature. Calculated pattern from resolved crystal structure is also included (down) as a reference, from monocrystal XRD measured at 100 K.



**Figure S2.** X-ray diffractogram of  $[\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-pOHcinn})_2(4\text{-Acpy})_2]_n$  (**2**, up) measured at room temperature. Calculated pattern from resolved crystal structure is also included (down) as a reference, from monocrystal XRD measured at 100 K.



**Figure S3.** X-ray diffractogram of  $\{[\text{Cu}(\text{pOHcinn})_2(4\text{-Phpy})_2]_2 \cdot [\text{Cu}(\text{pOHcinn})_2(4\text{-Phpy})_2] \cdot 1.5\text{MeOH} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**4**, up) measured at room temperature. Calculated pattern from resolved crystal structure is also included (down) as a reference, from monocrystal XRD measured at 100 K.



**Figure S4.** X-ray diffractogram of  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{pOHcinn})_2(\text{trans-4-Phpy})_4(\mu\text{-pOcinn})_2\text{Cu}_2(\text{pOHcinn})_2(\text{cis-4-Phpy})_4]_n$  (**5**, up) measured at room temperature. Calculated pattern from resolved crystal structure is also included (down) as a reference, from monocrystal XRD measured at 100 K.

### FTIR-ATR spectra

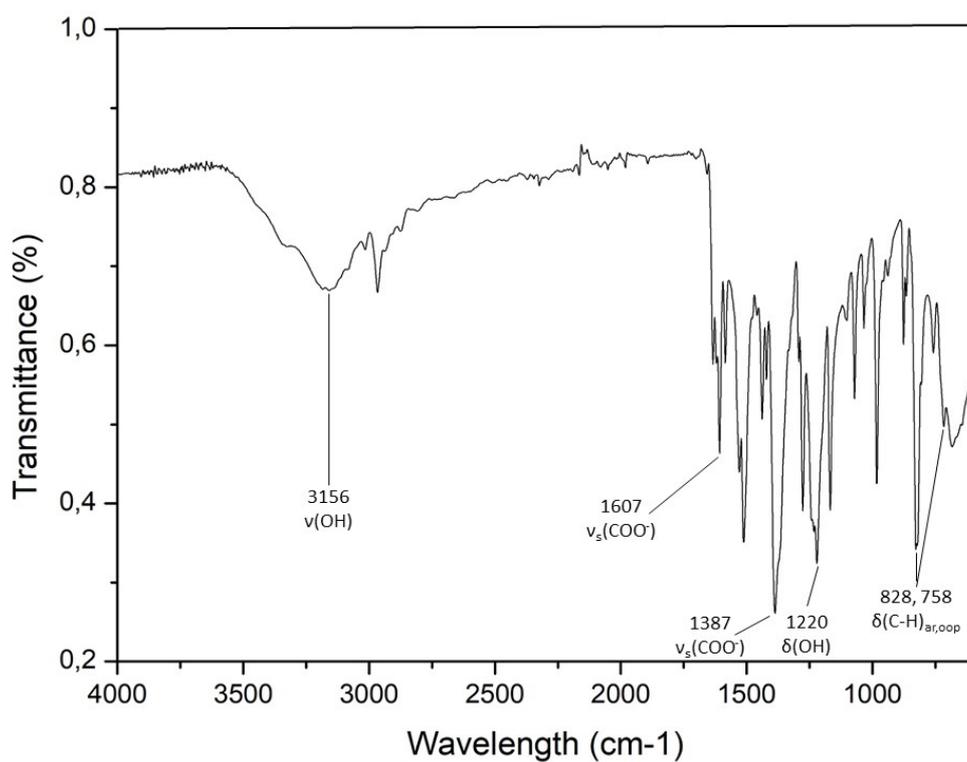


Figure S5. ATR-FTIR spectra of compound 1.

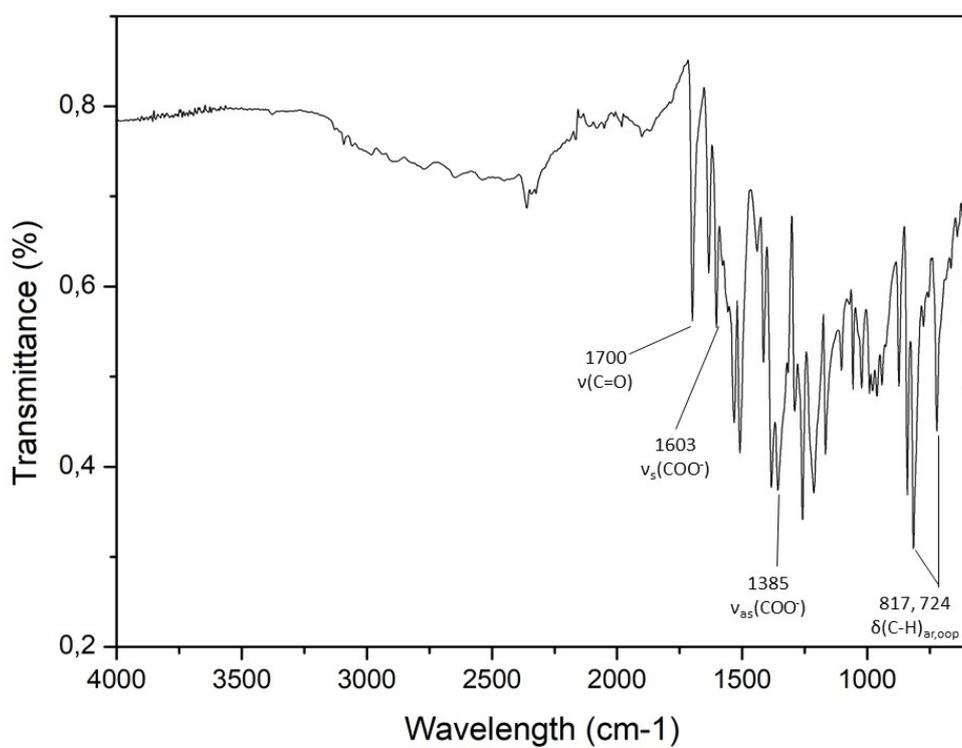
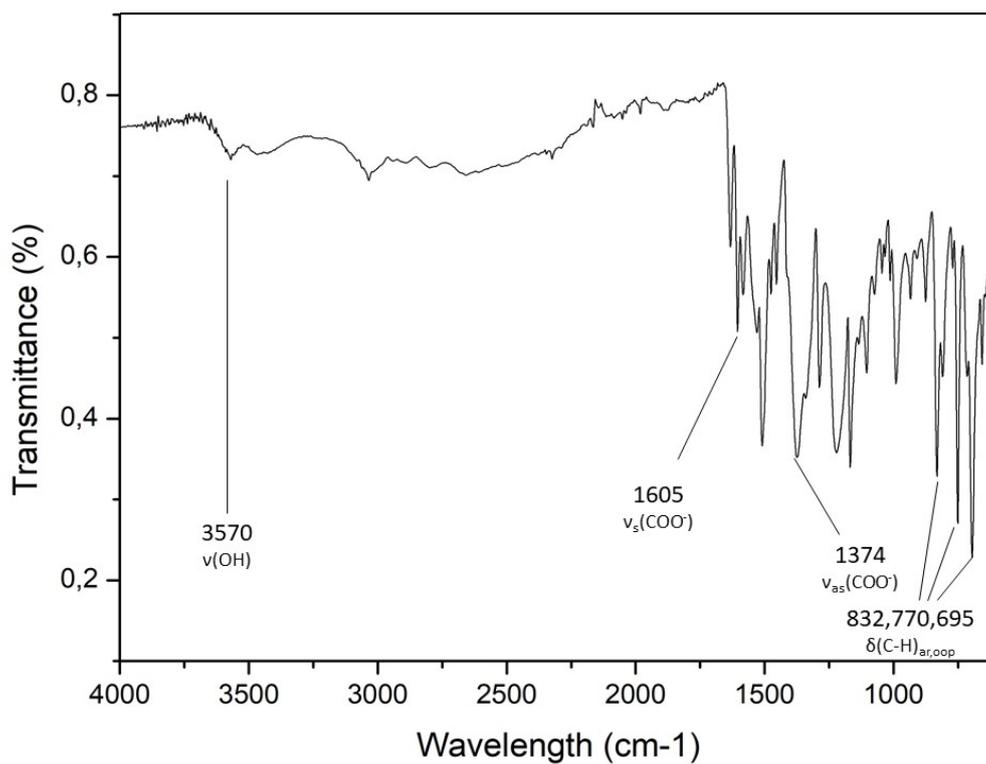
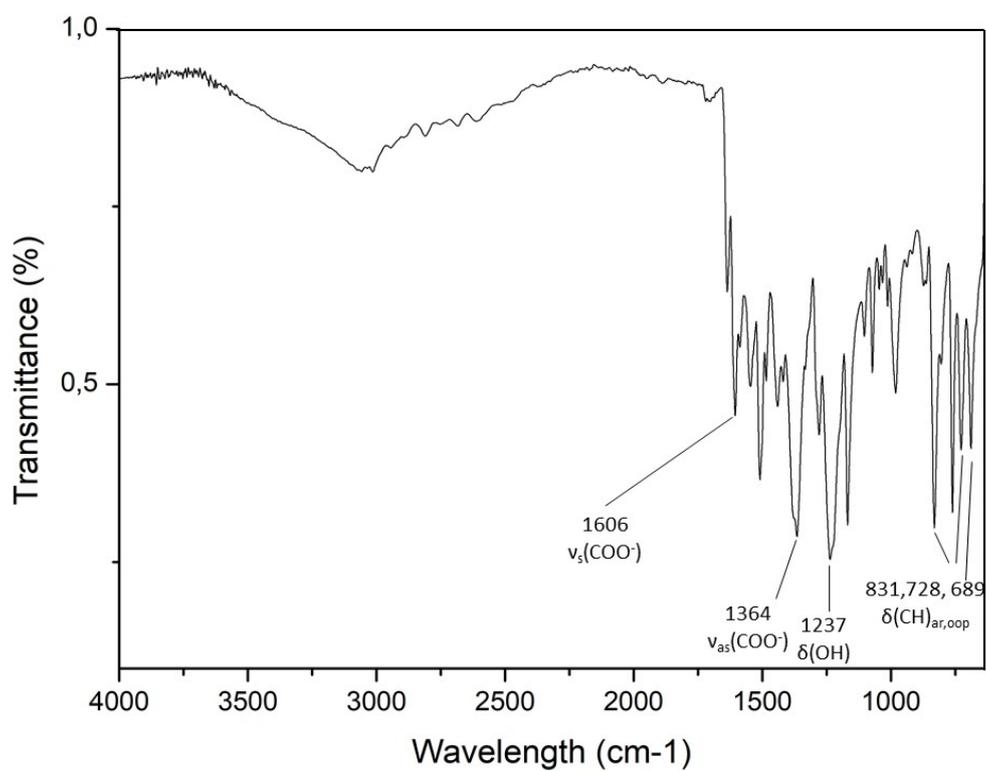


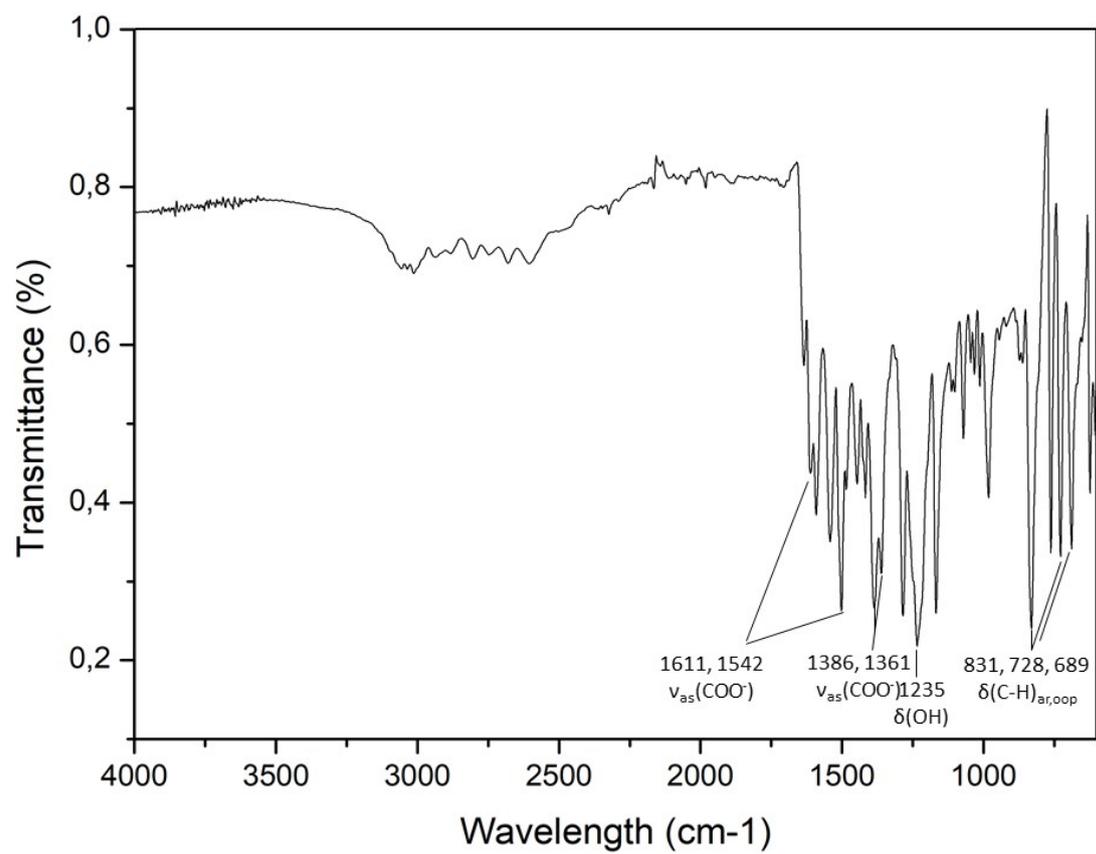
Figure S6. ATR-FTIR spectra of compound 2.



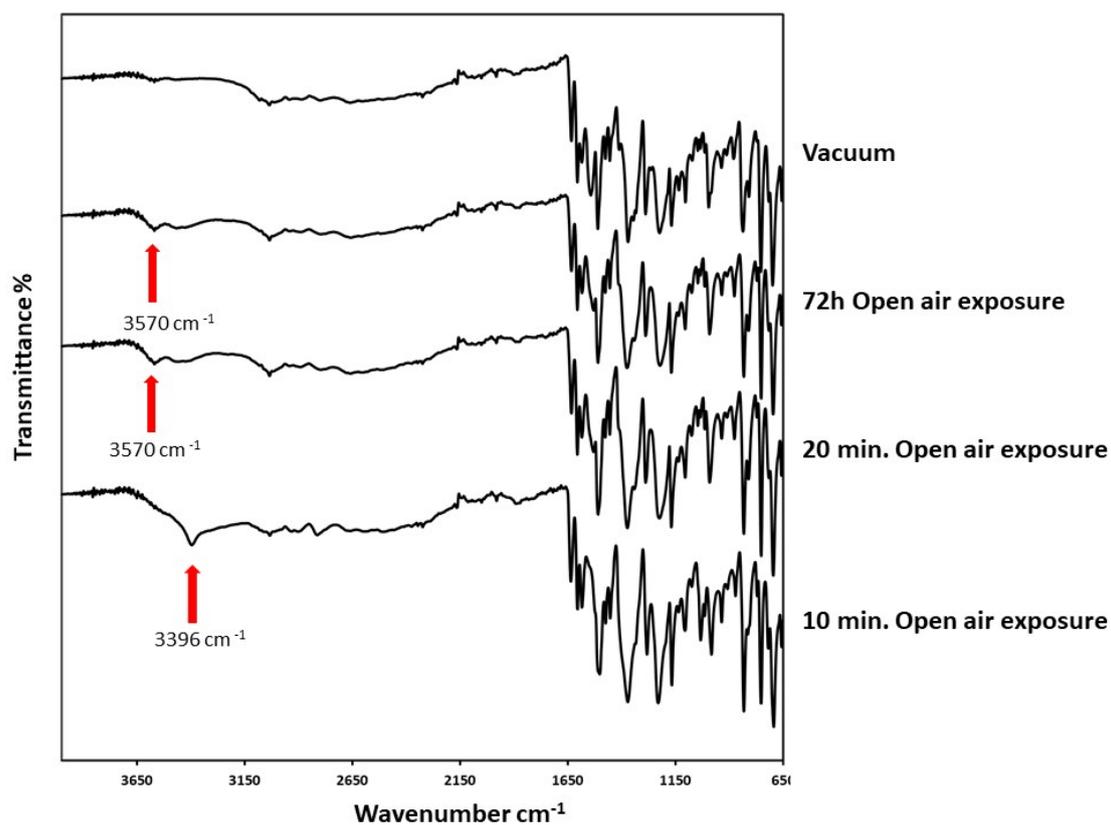
**Figure S7.** ATR-FTIR spectra of compound **3**.



**Figure S8.** ATR-FTIR spectra of compound **4**.



**Figure S9.** ATR-FTIR spectra of compound 5.



**Figure S10.** Temporal FTIR-ATR spectra of compound **3**. Note that the band at  $3396\text{ cm}^{-1}$  corresponding to  $\nu_{\text{st}}(\text{OH})$  of MeOH decreases over time. Conversely, a band at  $3570\text{ cm}^{-1}$  corresponding to  $\nu_{\text{st}}(\text{OH})$  of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  appears. Lastly, note that after exposure to vacuum, the  $3500\text{ cm}^{-1}$ - $3200\text{ cm}^{-1}$  region shows no bands related to  $\nu_{\text{st}}(\text{OH})$ .