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Nitric Oxide Release study of a Bio-inspired Copper(I)-Nitrito Complex on Chemical and Biological Conditions

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Fig. S8 Eyring plot for the reactions of **4** and TFA. The ΔH^{\ddagger} and ΔS^{\ddagger} values are determined from the Eyring equation, k' = $(kT/h)exp(\Delta S^{\ddagger}/R) exp(-\Delta H^{\ddagger}/RT)$.



Fig. S9 (a) Absorption spectral change of complex 3 for the titration of TFA (0~3 eq. TFA) in CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature, Each spectrum was obtained after equilibration for 10 min. (b) Absorbance change at 300 nm over TFA concentration



Fig. S10 FT-IR spectra of complex 3 before and after protonation



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Fig. S12 (a) Absorption spectral change of complex 4 for the titration of TFA (0~3 eq. TFA) in CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature, Each spectrum was obtained after equilibration for 10 min. (b) Absorbance change at 300 nm over TFA concentration.



Fig. S13 EPR spectra of complex **4** for the titration of TFA ($0\sim1$ eq. TFA) in CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature, each spectra was obtained after equilibration for 10 mins.



Fig. S14 Fluorescence emission spectra of FA-OMe (1 μ M) upon reaction with various amounts of DETA NONOate in 100 mM PBS bu \Box er with 0.54% DMSO of pH 8.5 at 25.0 ± 0.1 °C(λ ex 460 nm, λ em 515 nm). Inset shows an enhancement in fluorescence intensity presents a linear correlation with concentration of DETA NONOate.



Fig. S15 Normalized fluorescence response of the FA-OMe (1 μ M) with DETA NONOate, 1, and 4 (5 μ M) in different pH values (100 mM PBS buffer with 0.54% DMSO) and 25.0 \pm 0.1 °C. Tabulated values indicates the NO release response shown by DETA NONOate compared with the complex 4 and complex 1.

Tab. S1 First order rate constants for the reaction of 1 and 4 with excess TFA in CH_2Cl_2 at 273 K.

[TFA] / mM	$k_{obs}/s^{-1}(complex 1)$	k _{obs} /s ⁻¹ (complex 4)	
9.41	$(1.4 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-2}$	$(6.9 \pm 0.62) \times 10^{-3}$	
18.82	$(2.1 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-2}$	$(1.2 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-2}$	
28.23	$(2.9 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-2}$	$(1.9 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-2}$	
37.64	$(4.0 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-2}$	$(2.2 \pm 0.22) \times 10^{-2}$	
47.05	$(4.9 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-2}$	$(3.0 \pm 0.44) \times 10^{-2}$	

^a Average values of three experimental values.

	2	3	4
Cu(1)-P(1)	2.230(1)	2.2781(7)	2.233(1)
Cu(1)-P(2)	2.225(1)	2.2410(6)	2.243(1)
Cu(1)-N(1)	2.212(3)	2.251(2)	-
Cu(1)-N(2)	2.071(3)	-	-
Cu(1)-O(2)	-	-	2.257(3)
Cu(1)-O(1)	-	-	2.226(3)
Cu(1)-halide	-	2.3073(8)	-
P(1)-Cu(1)-P(2)	131.66(4)	126.05(3)	129.58(4)

Tab. S2 Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (°) for 2, 3, and 4.