

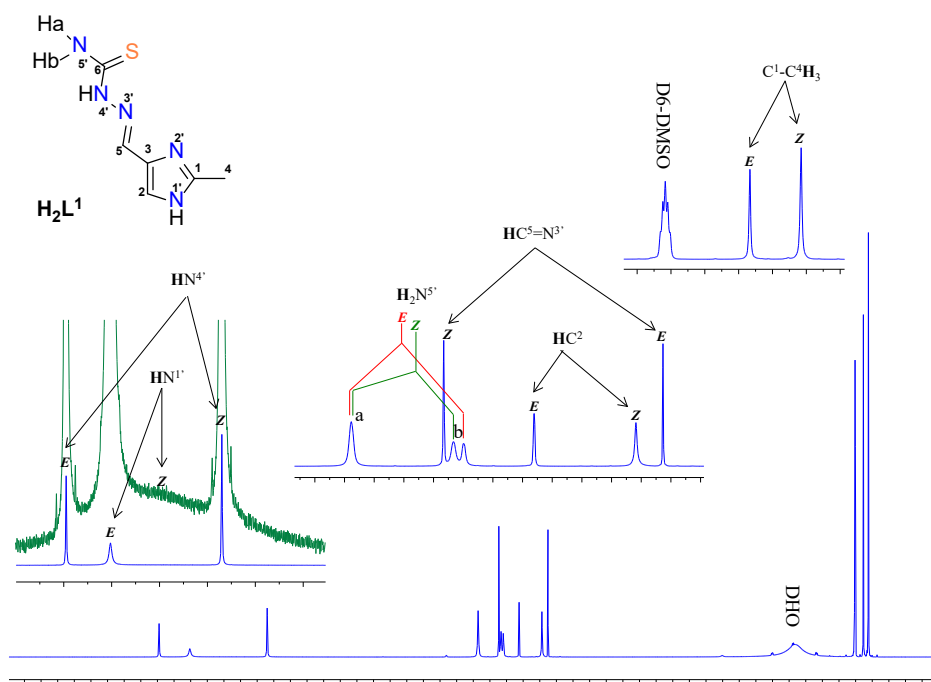
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thiosemicarbazones and their copper(II) complexes with dichloroacetate as  
co-ligand**

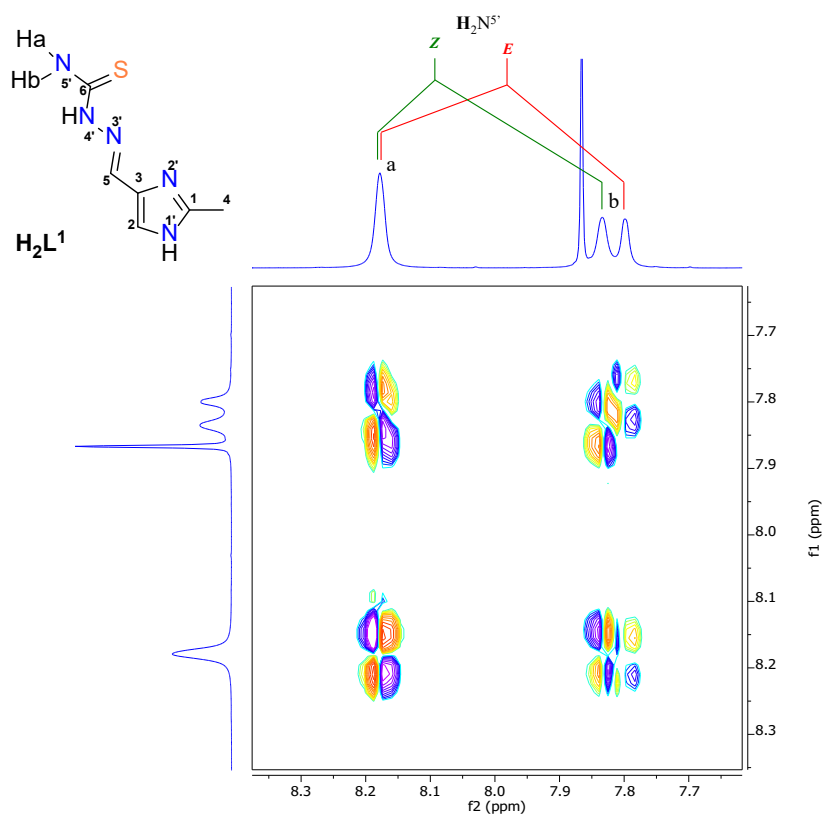
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**Fig. S1a**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz) spectra of  $\text{HL}^1$  in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  (Z : E = 1.5 : 1)



**Fig. S1b**  $^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}$  COSY NMR spectrum of  $\text{HL}^1$  in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ .

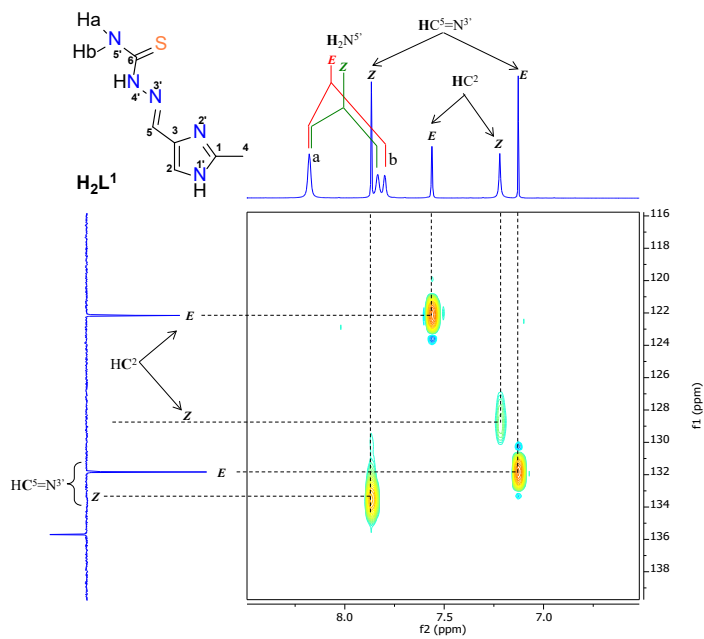


Fig. S1c  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  HSQC NMR spectrum of **HL**<sup>1</sup> in DMSO- $d_6$ .

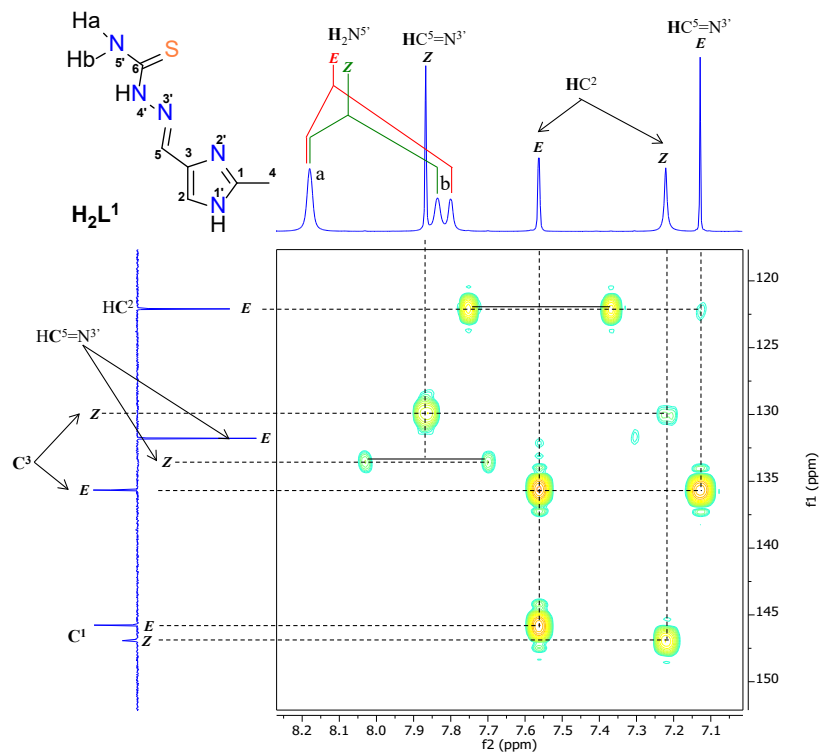
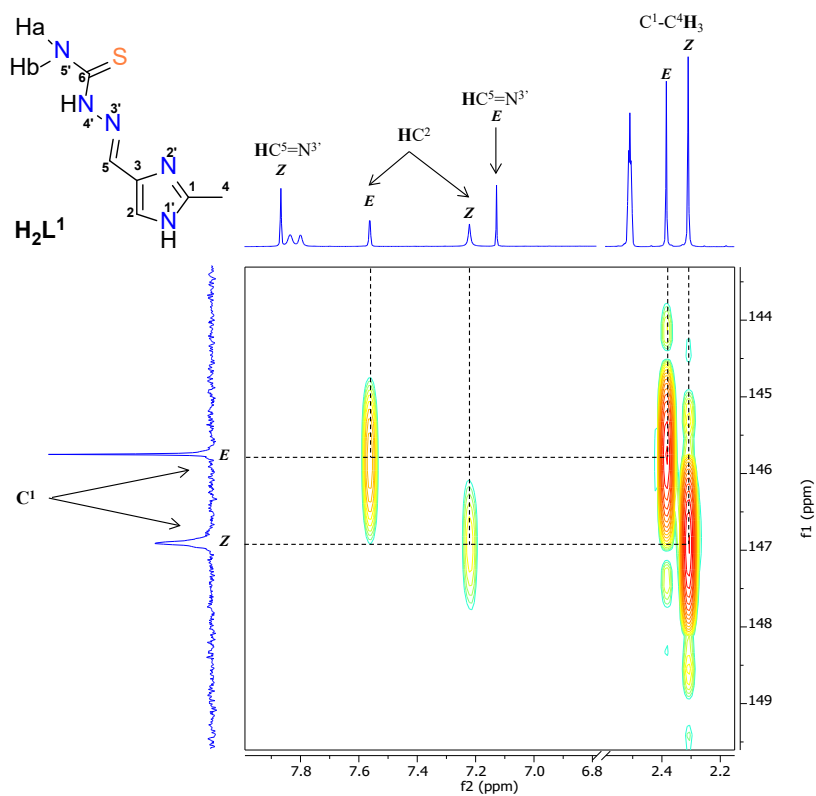
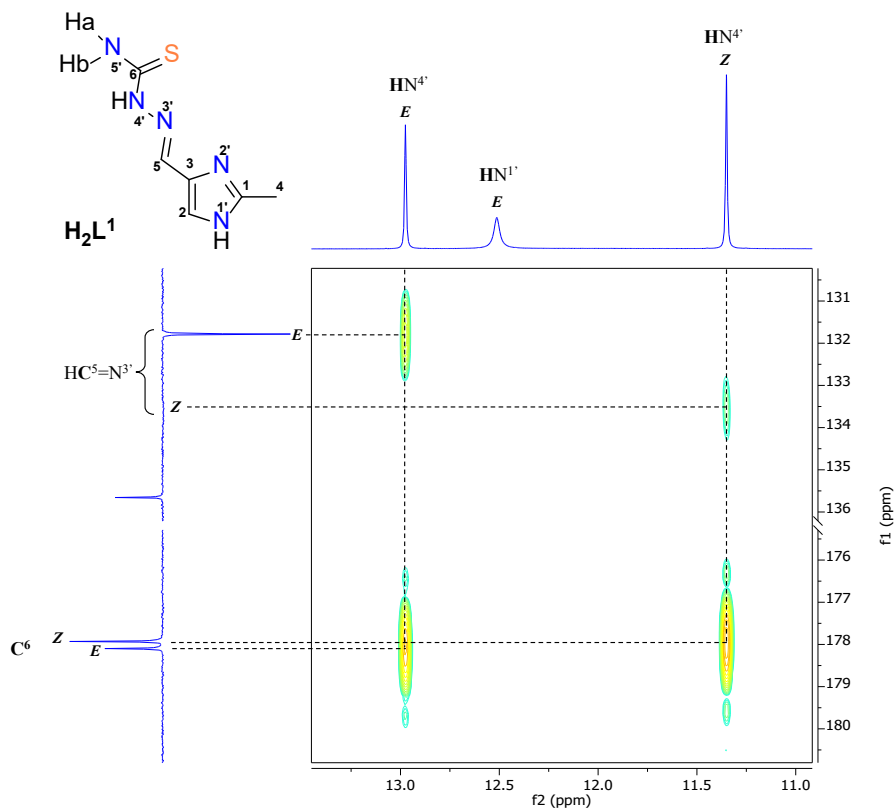


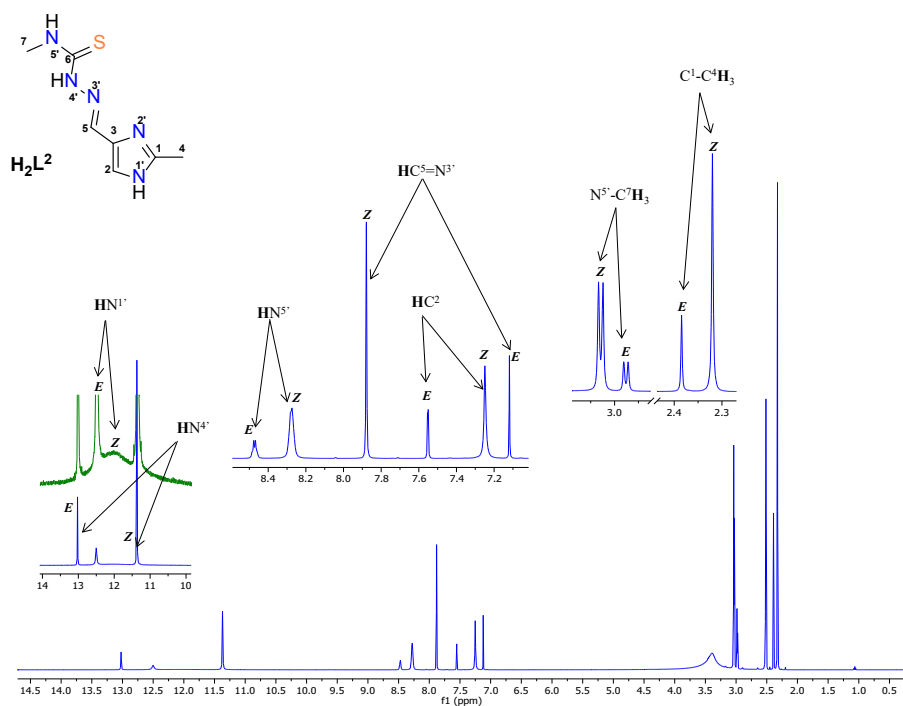
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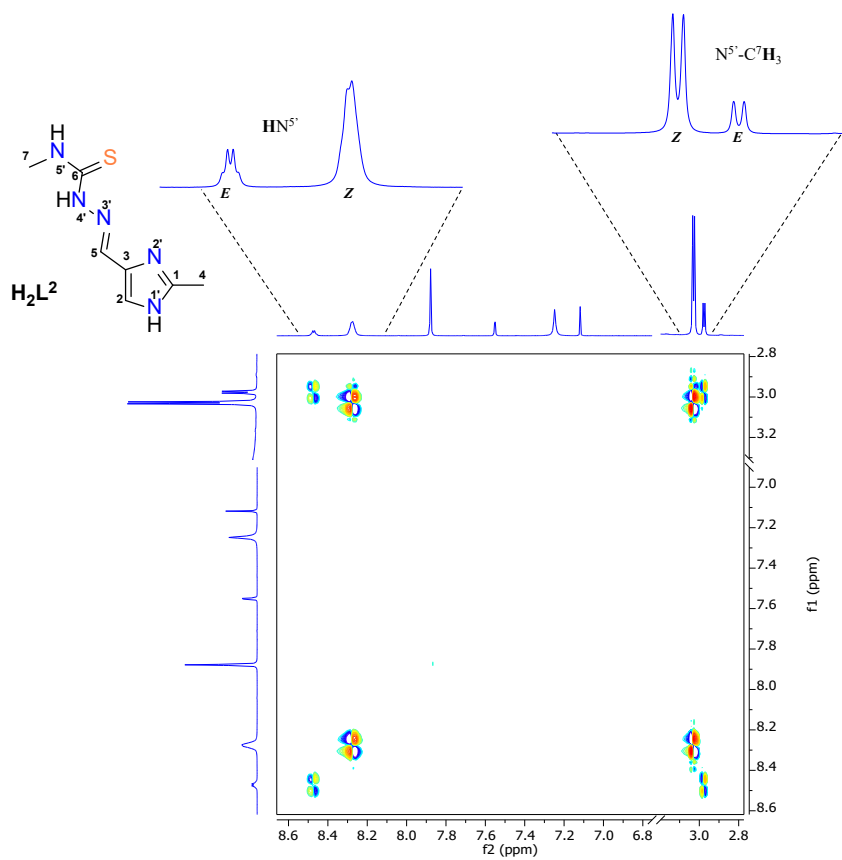
**Fig. S1e** Fragment of  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  HMQC NMR spectrum of **HL<sup>1</sup>** in DMSO- $d_6$ .



**Fig. S1f** Fragment of  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  HMQC NMR spectrum of **HL<sup>1</sup>** in DMSO- $d_6$ .



**Fig. S2a**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz) spectra of  $\text{HL}^2$  in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  (Z:E=3.9:1).



**Fig. S2b**  $^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}$  COSY NMR spectrum of  $\text{HL}^2$  in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ .

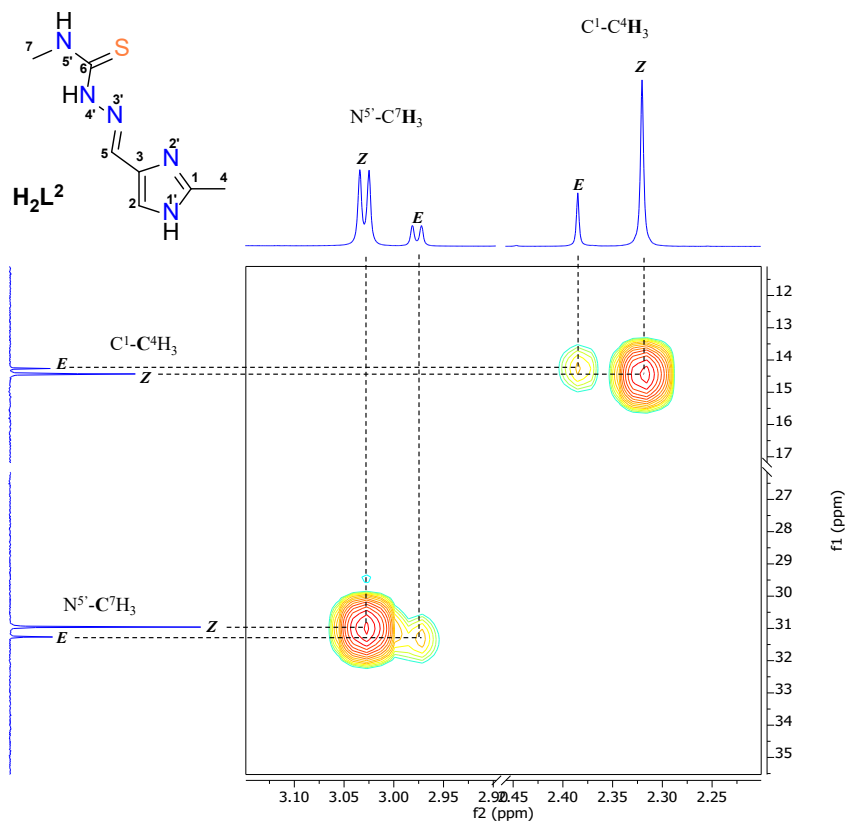


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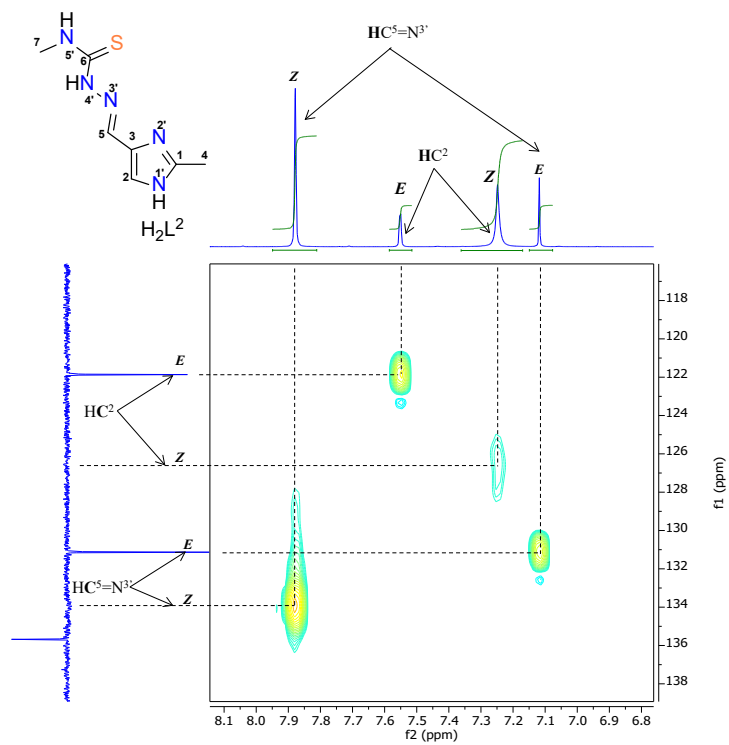
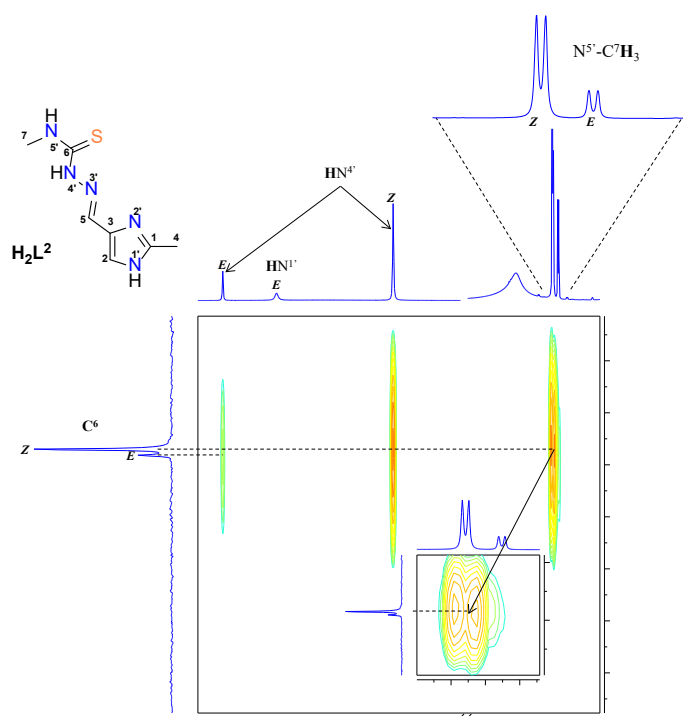
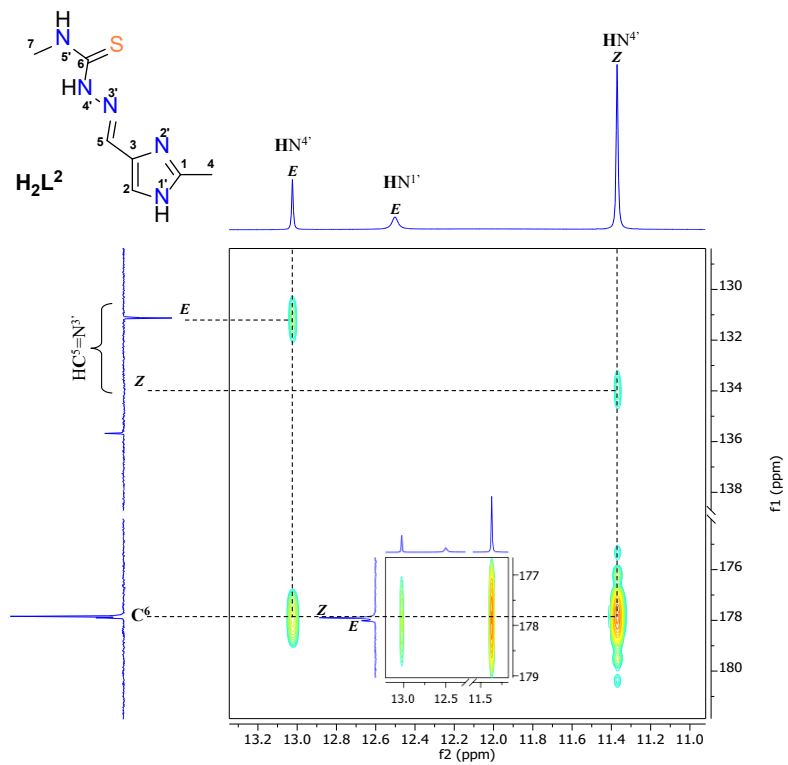


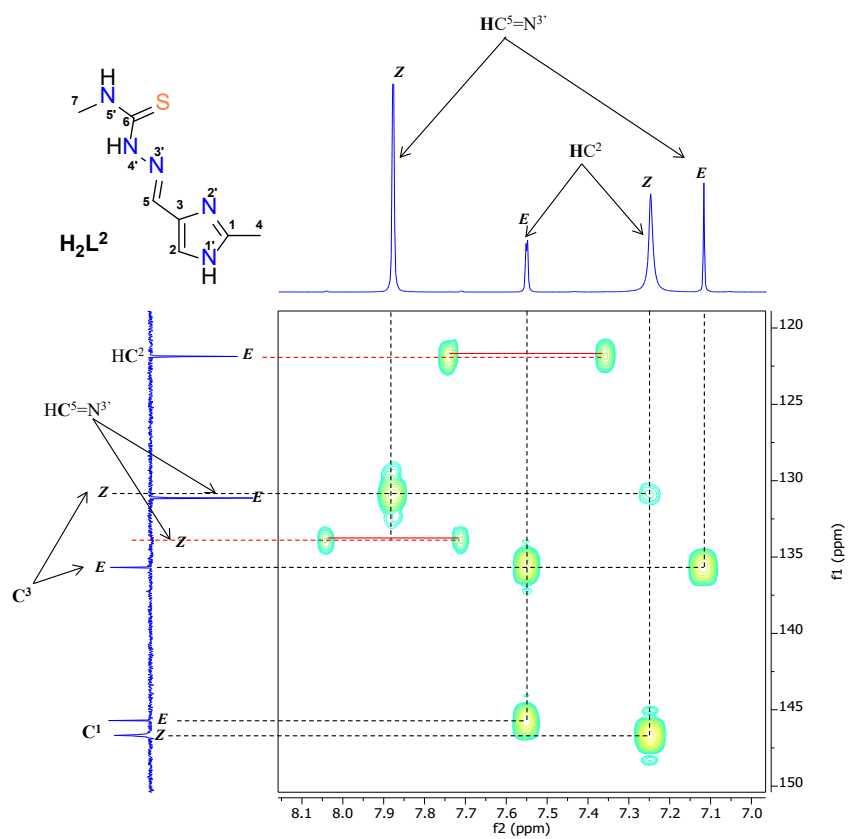
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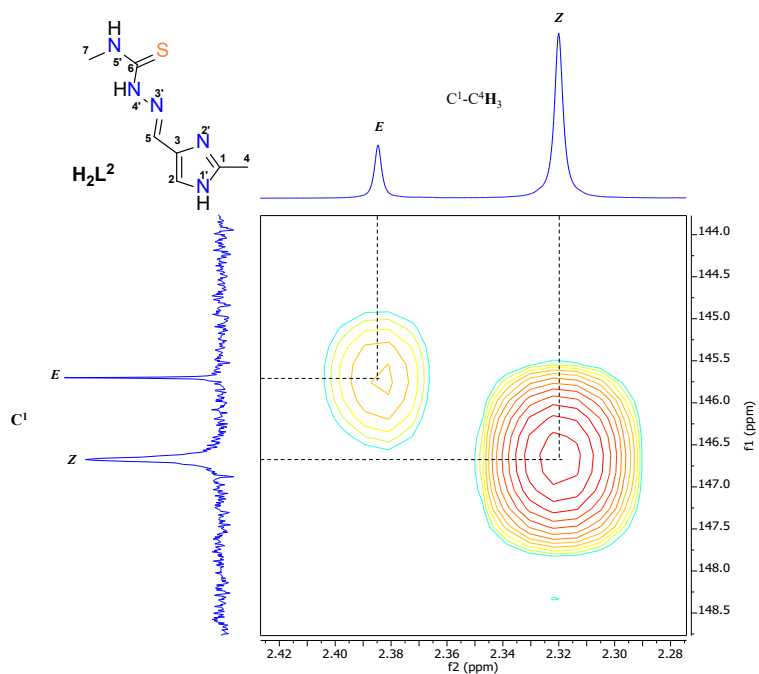
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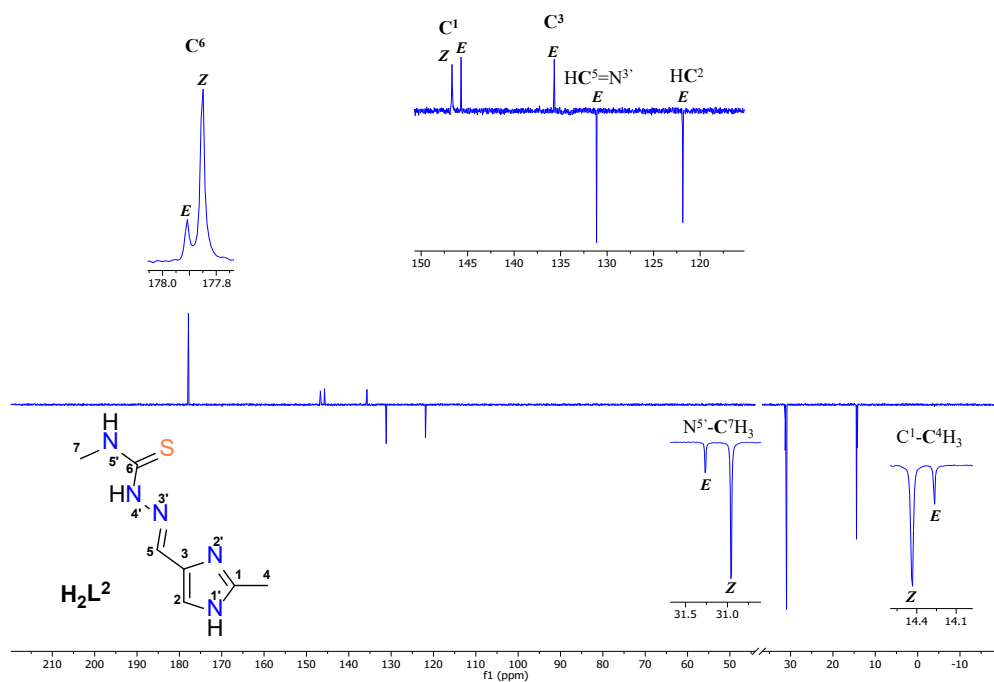


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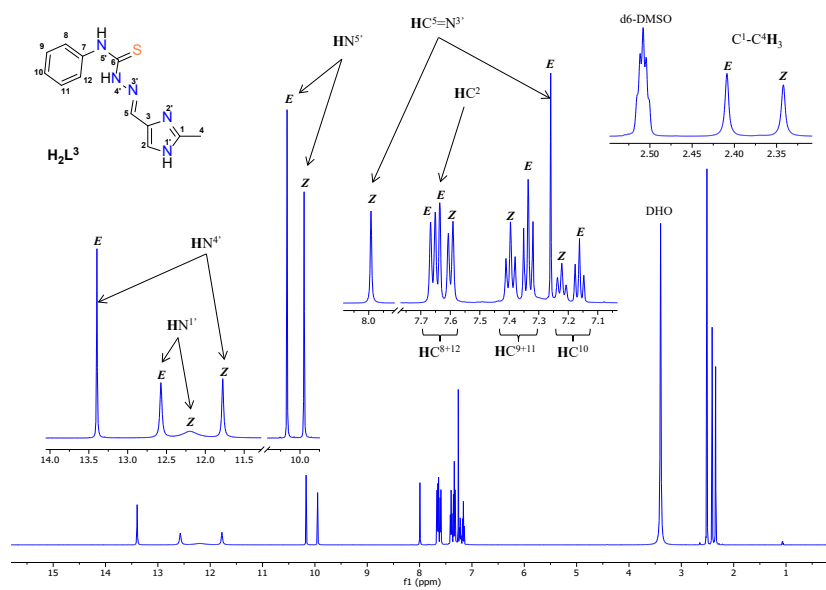


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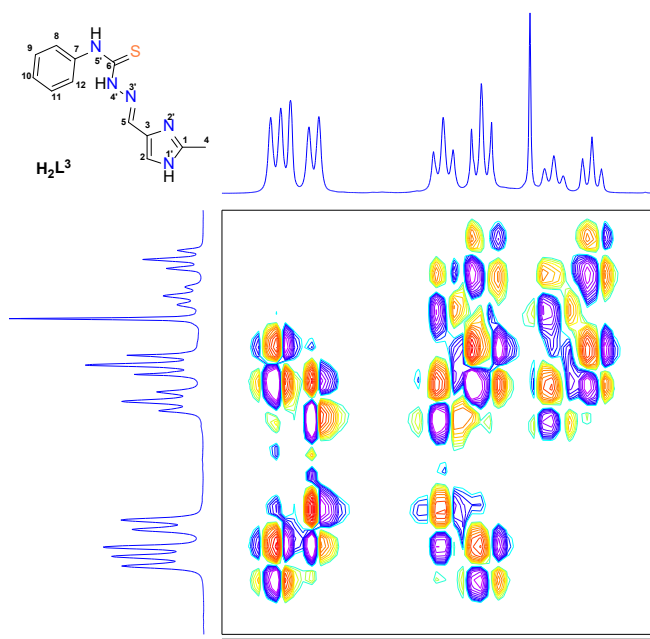




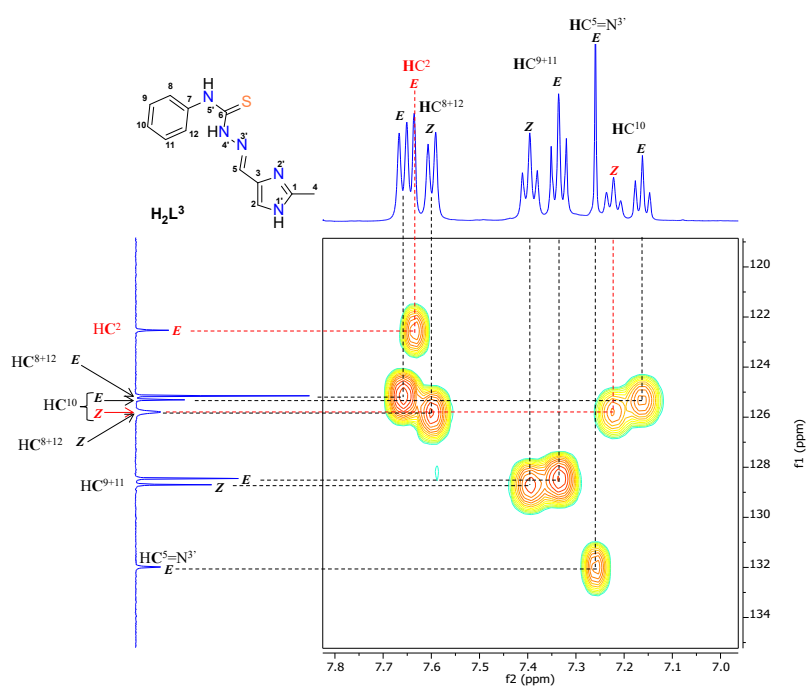
**Fig. S2i**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of  $\text{HL}^2$  in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$



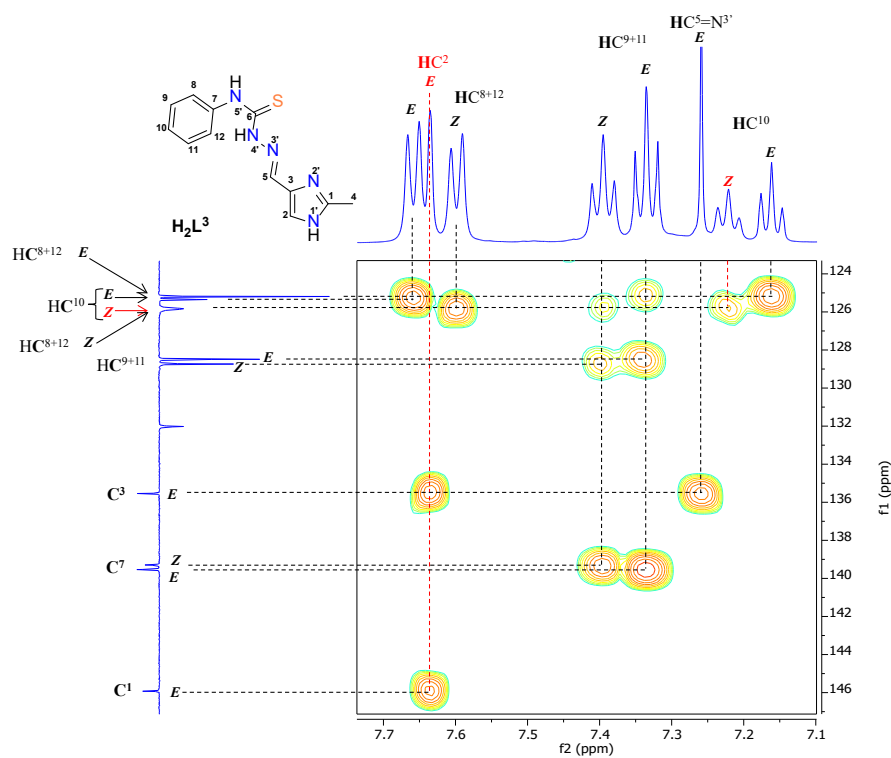
**Fig. S3a**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz) spectra of  $\text{HL}^3$  in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  (Z:E~0.8:1).



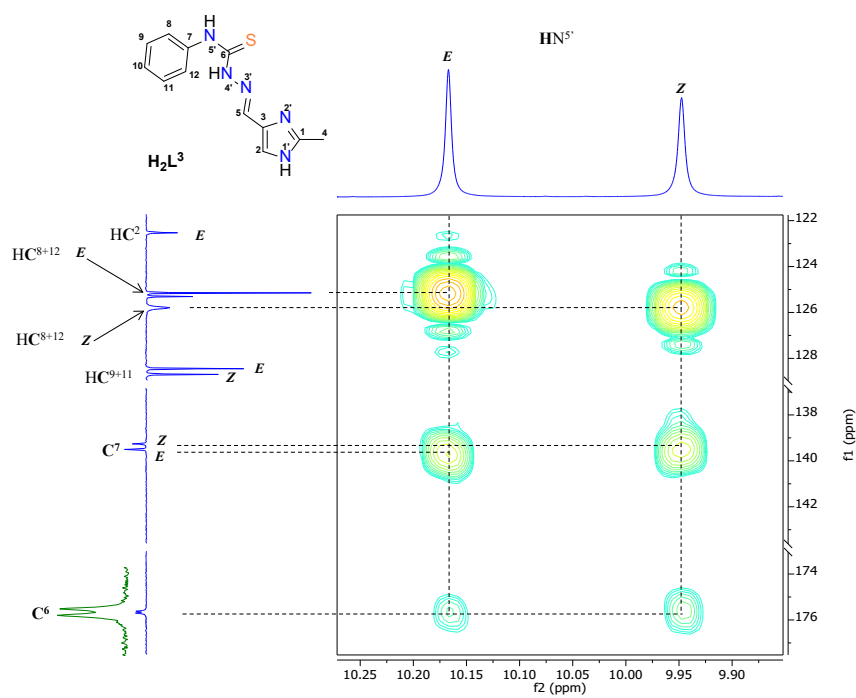
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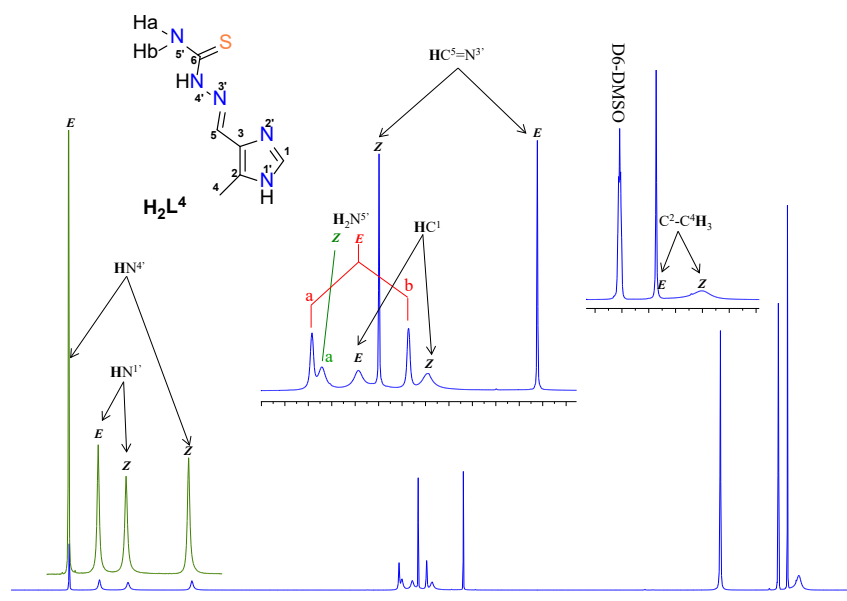
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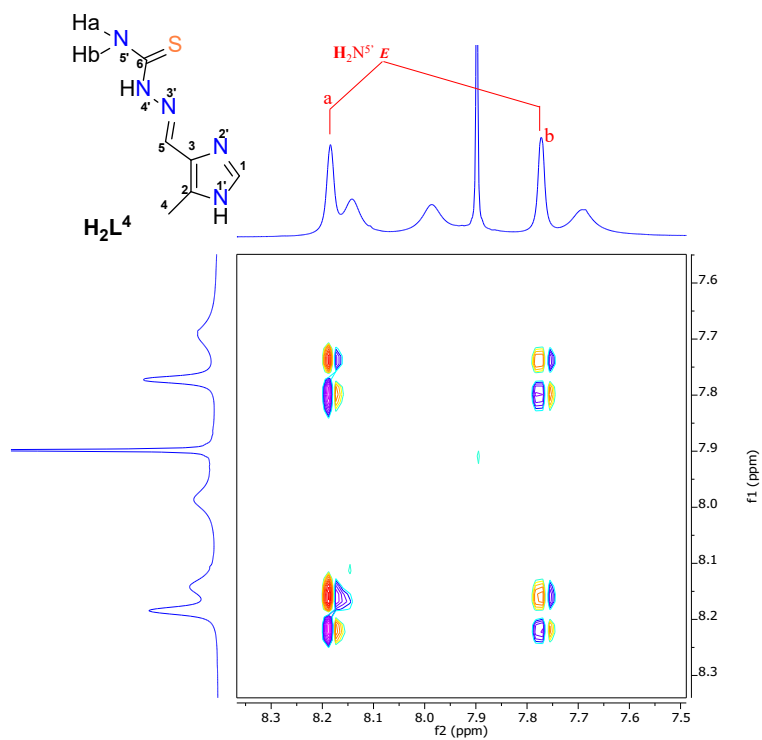
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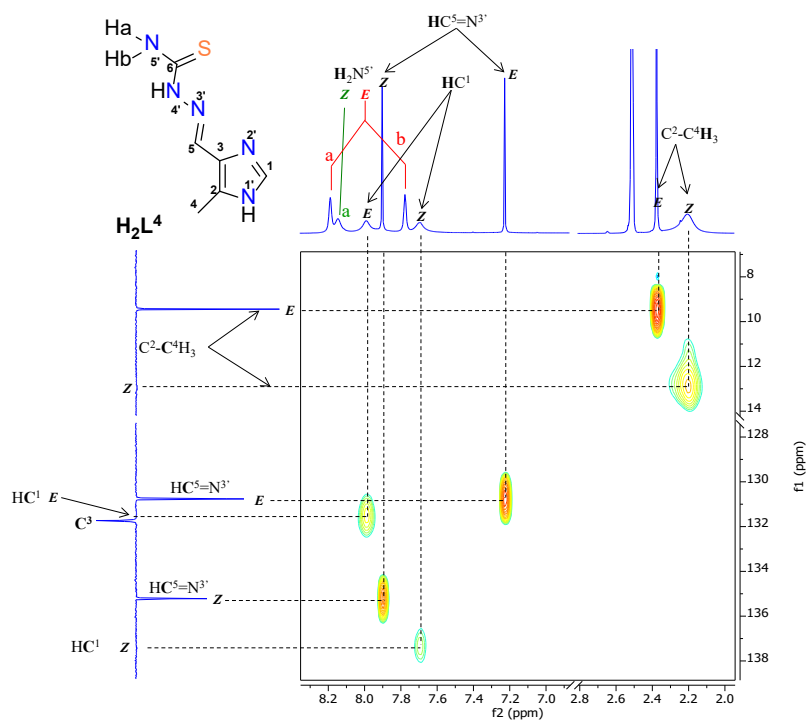
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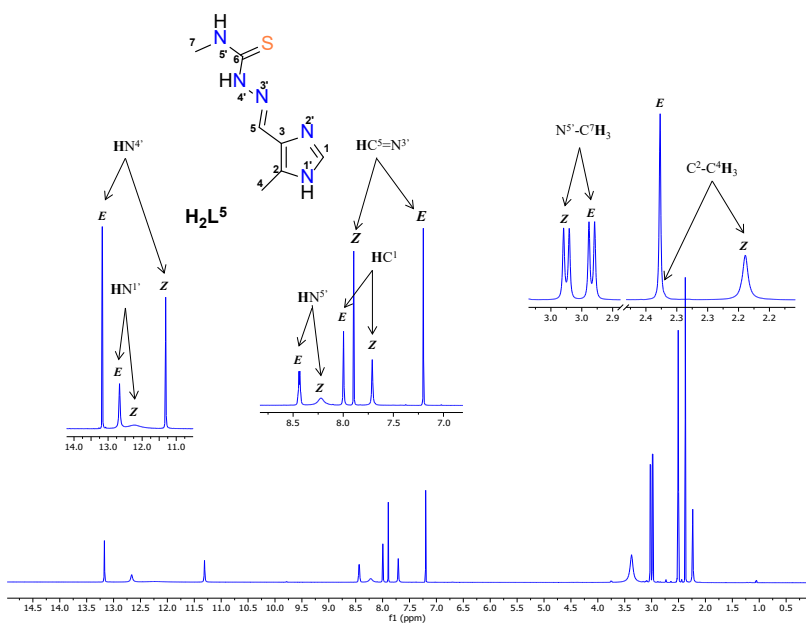
**Fig. S4a**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz) spectra of  $\text{HL}^4$  in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  (Z:E = 1:1).



**Fig. S4b**  $^1\text{H}, ^1\text{H}$  COSY NMR spectrum of  $\text{HL}^4$  in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ .



**Fig. S4c** <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C HSQC NMR spectrum of **HL<sup>4</sup>** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



**Fig. S5a** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) spectra of **HL<sup>5</sup>** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (Z:E=1:1).

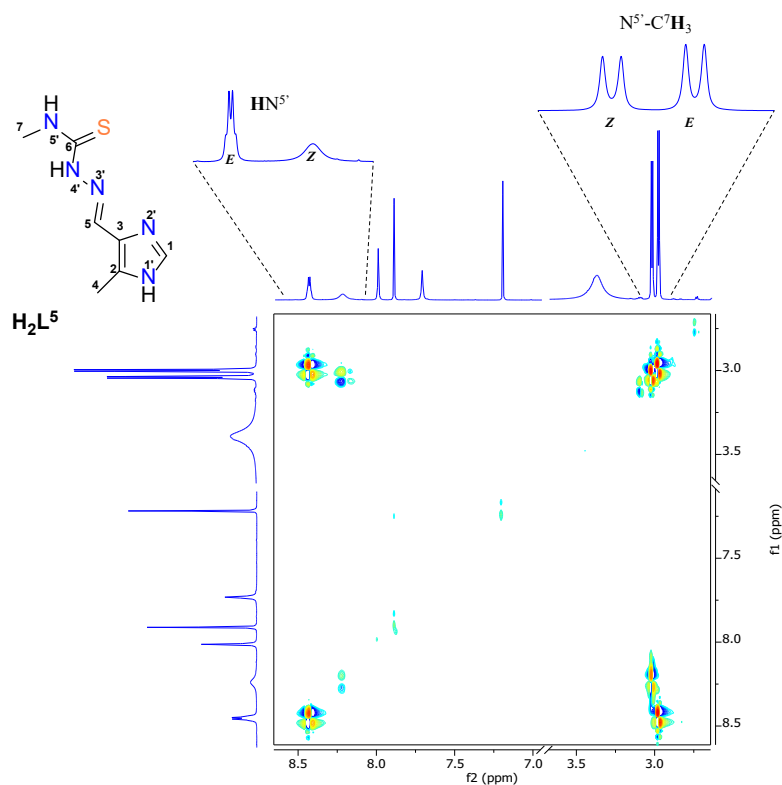


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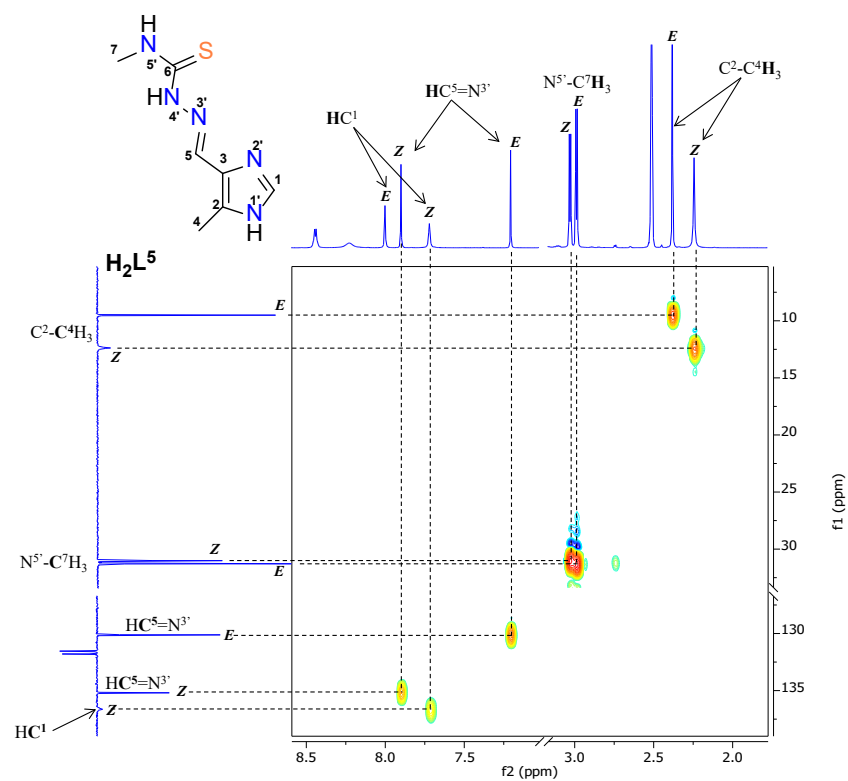
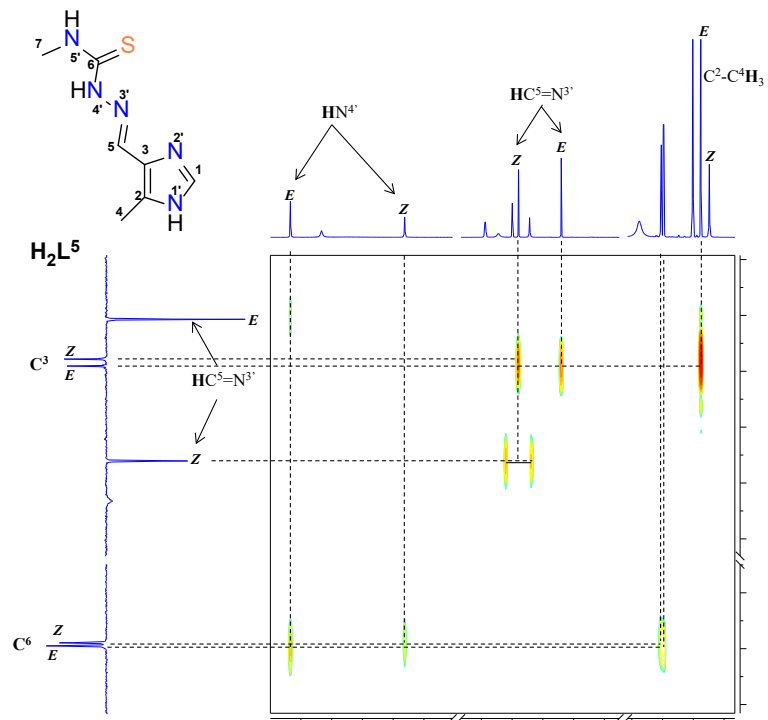
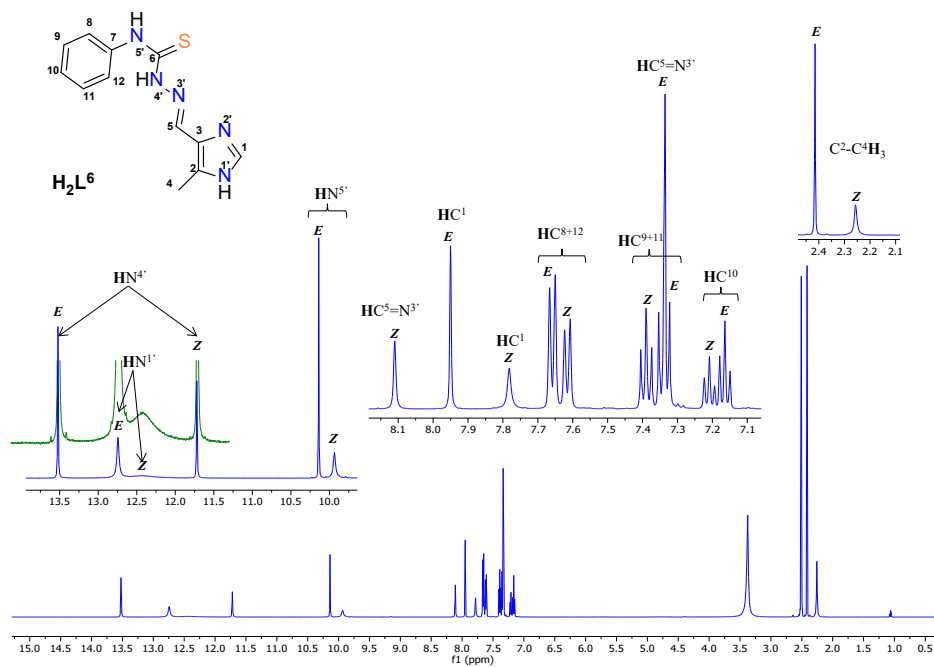


Fig. S5c  $^1\text{H}, ^{13}\text{C}$  HSQC NMR spectrum of  $\text{H}_2\text{L}^5$  in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ .



**Fig. S5d**  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  HMQC NMR spectrum of **HL<sup>5</sup>** in DMSO- $d_6$ .



**Fig. S6a**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz) spectra of **HL<sup>6</sup>** in DMSO- $d_6$  (Z:E = 0.7:1).

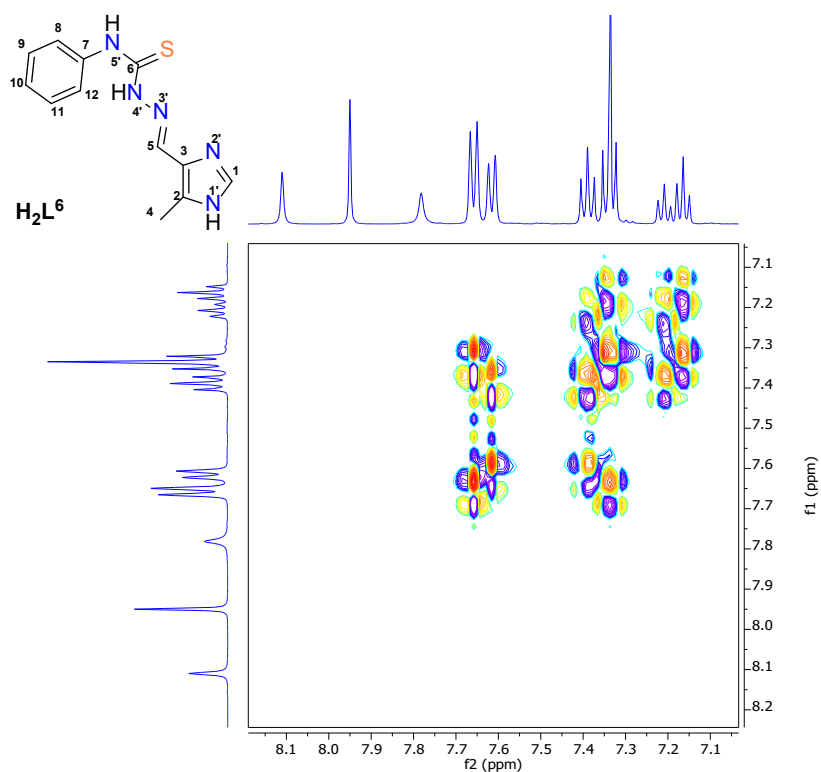


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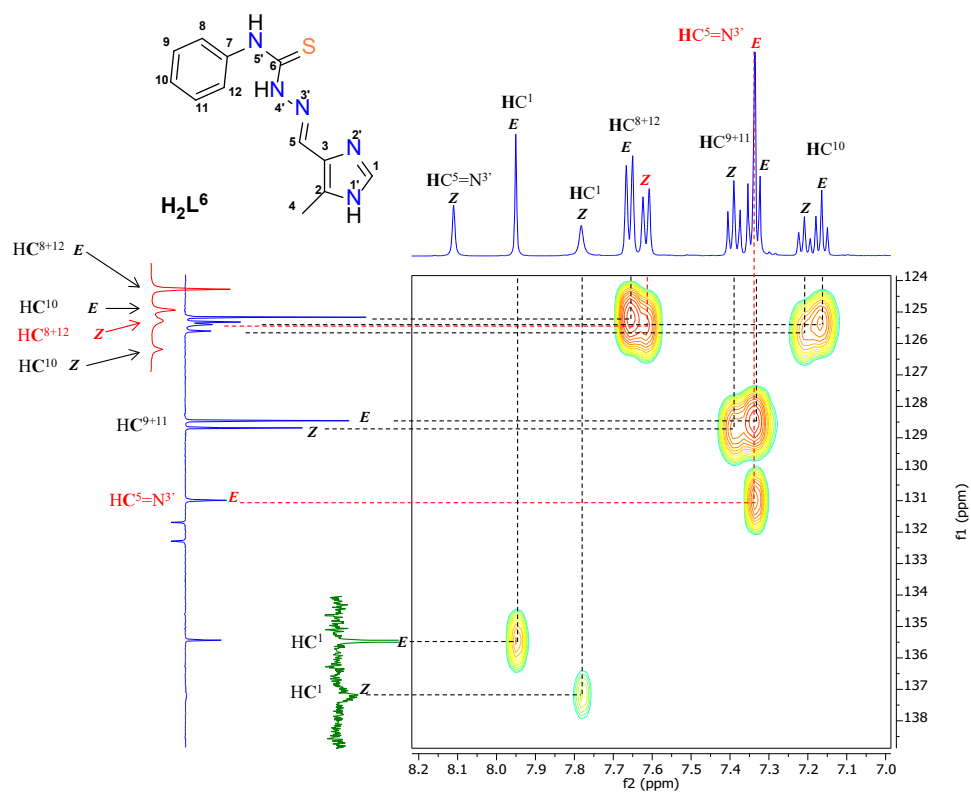
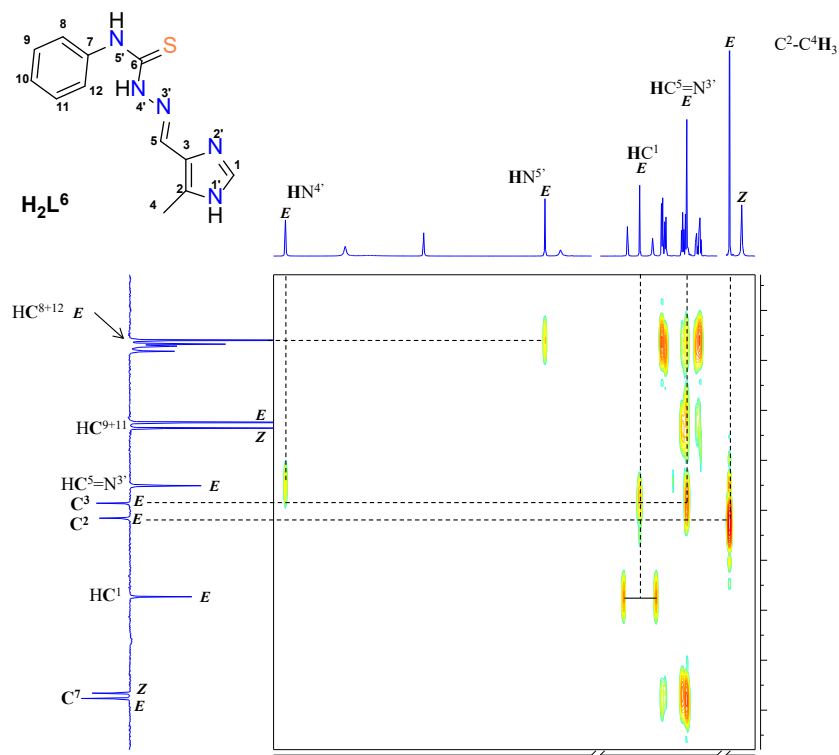
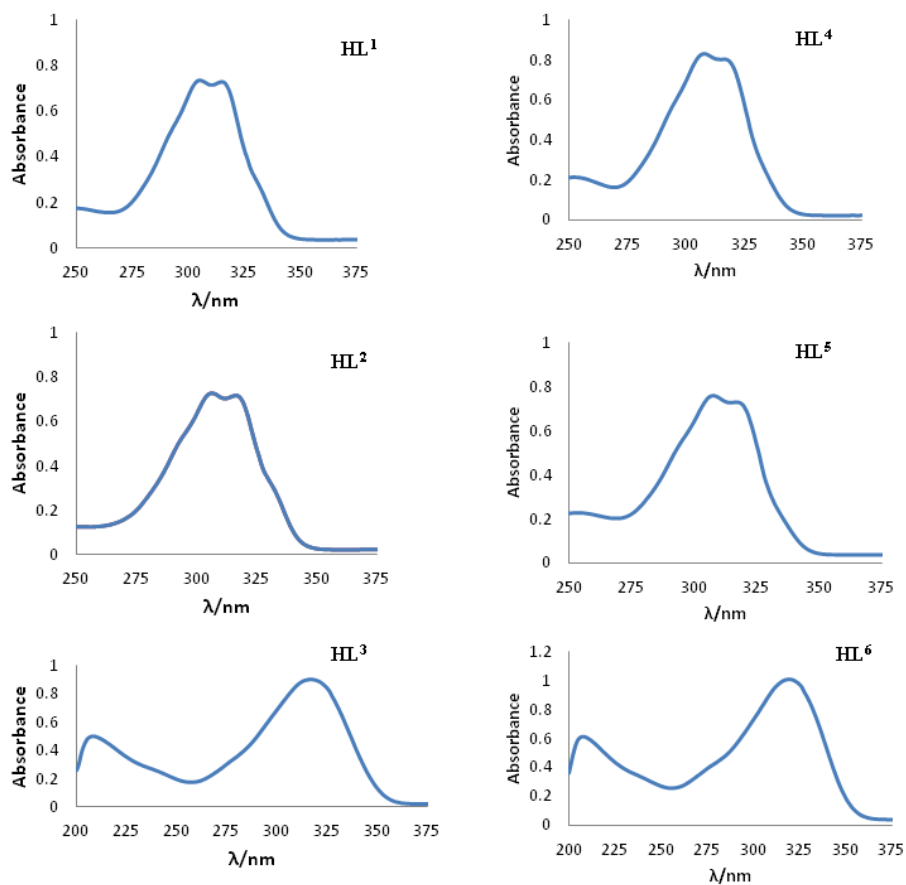


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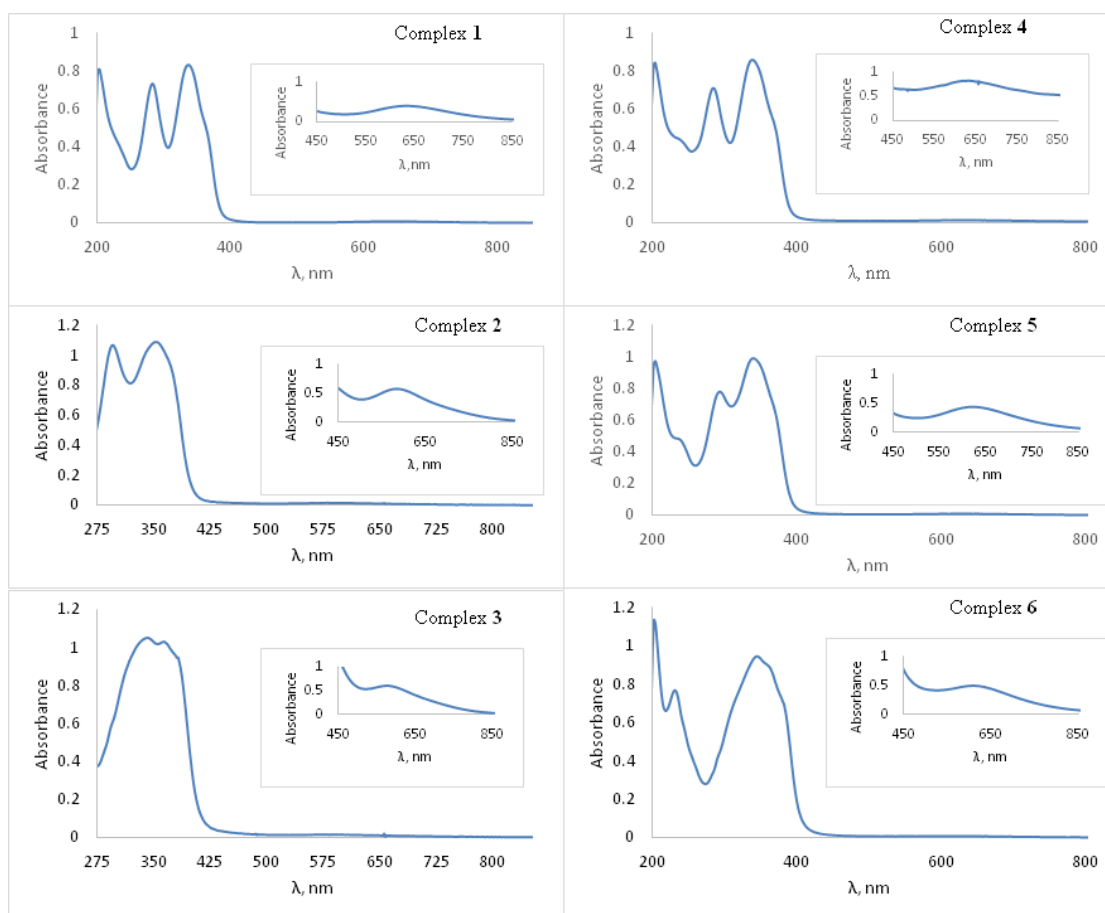




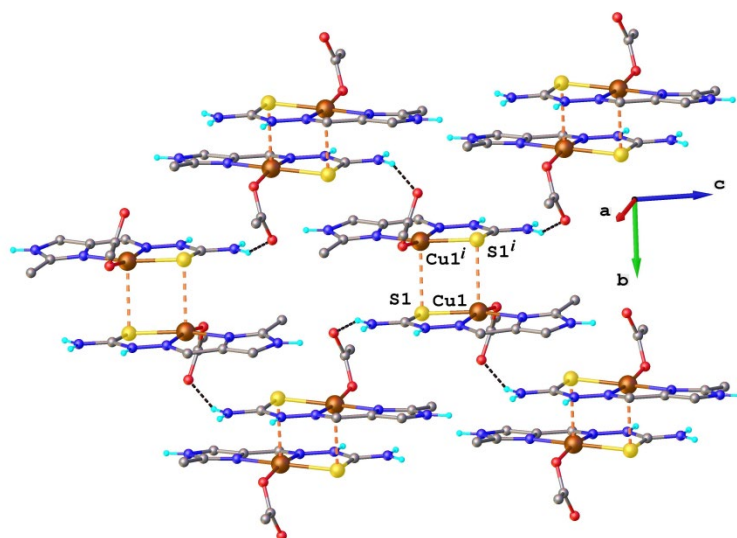
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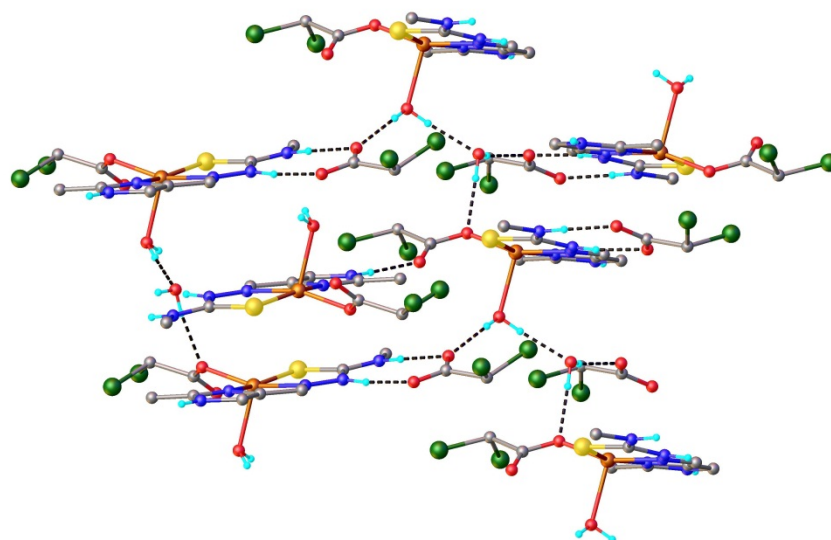
**Fig. S7** UV-vis spectra of **HL<sup>1</sup>–HL<sup>6</sup>**.



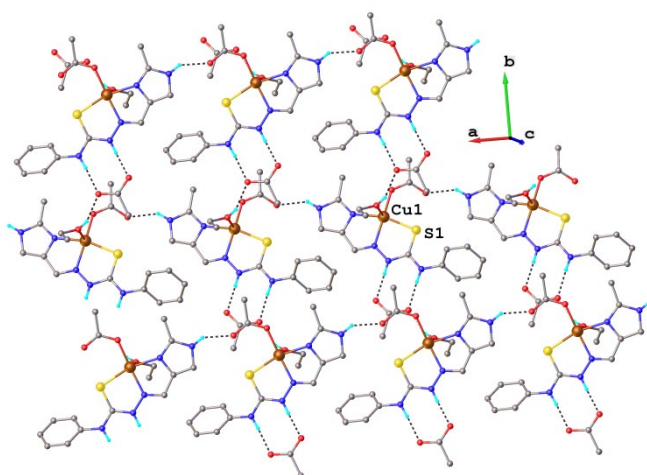
**Fig. S8** UV-vis spectra of 1–6.



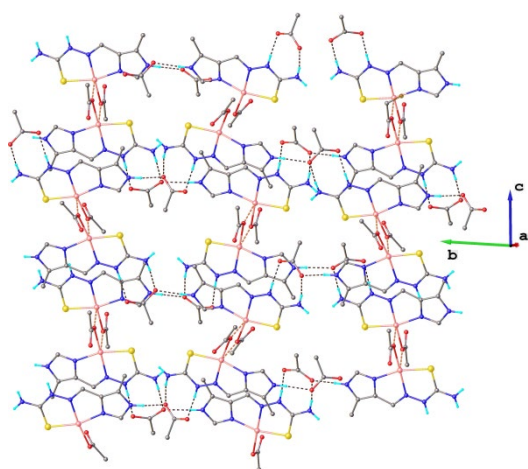
**Fig. S9** View of the part of the crystal structure in 1.



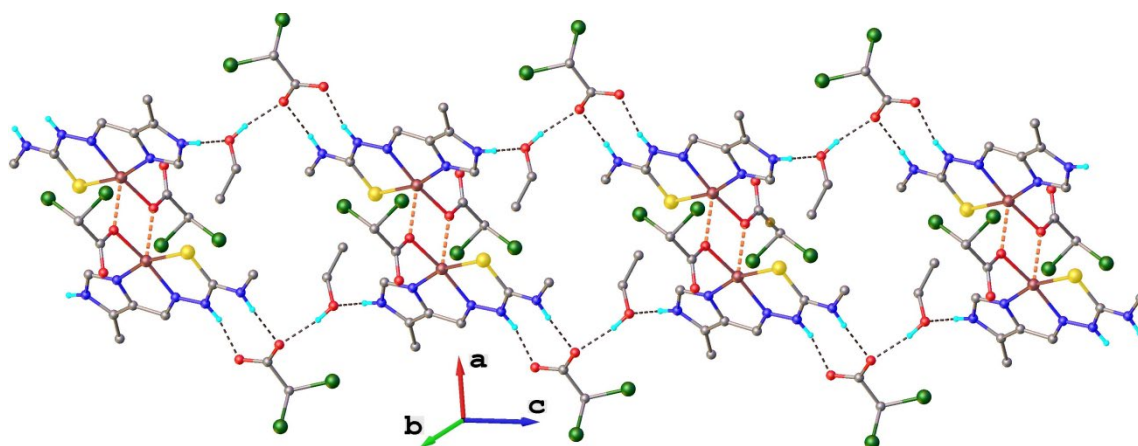
**Fig. S10** View of the part of the crystal structure in 2.



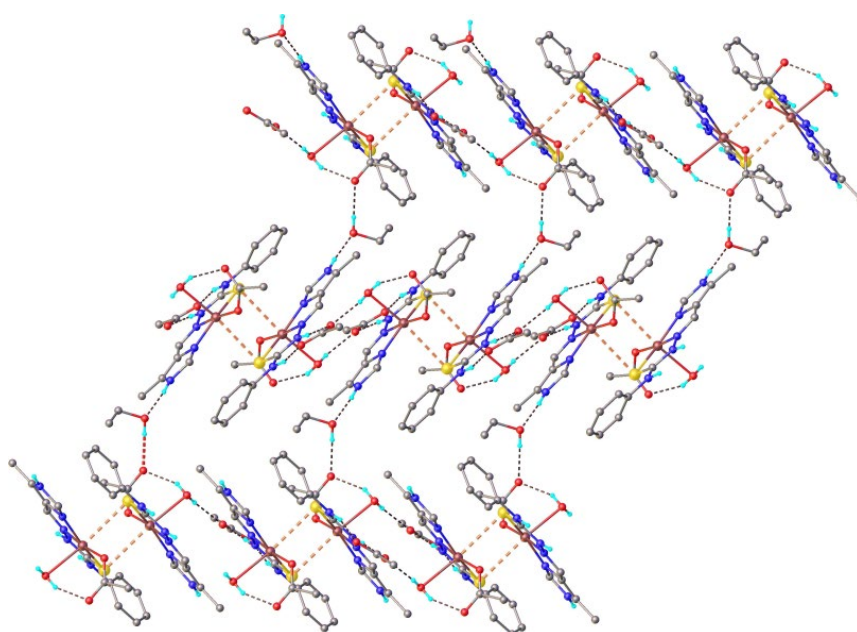
**Fig. S11** View of the part of the crystal structure in 3.



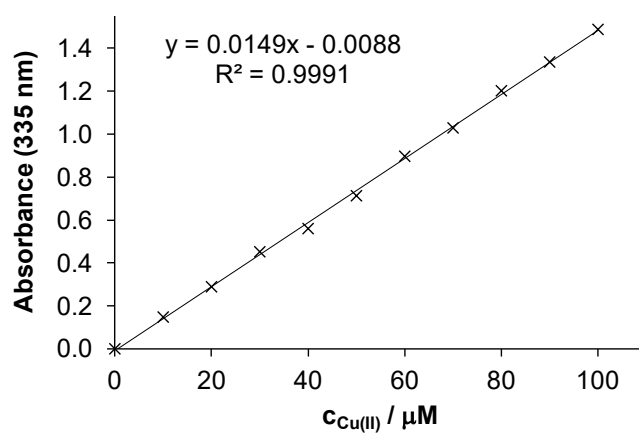
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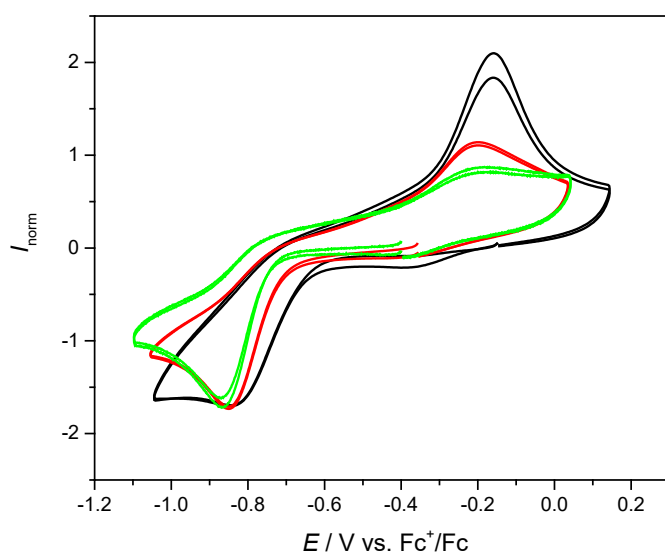
**Fig. S13** H-bonded ribbon in the crystal structure of **5**.



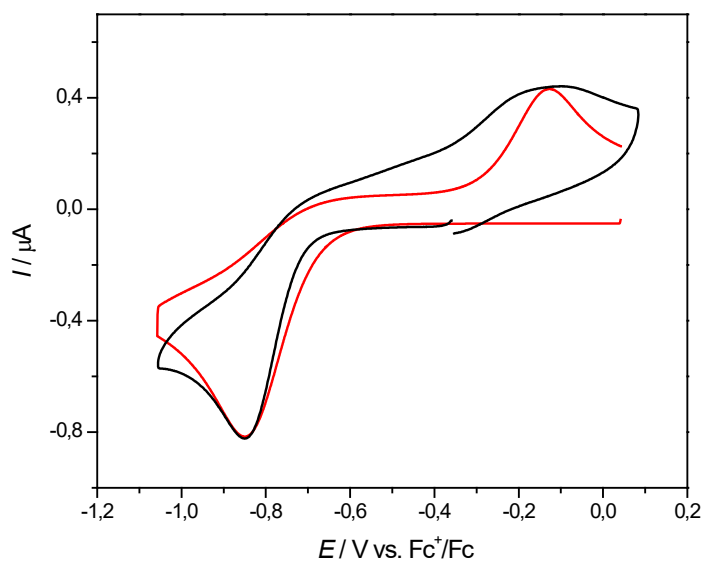
**Fig. S14** View of the part of the crystal structure in **6**.



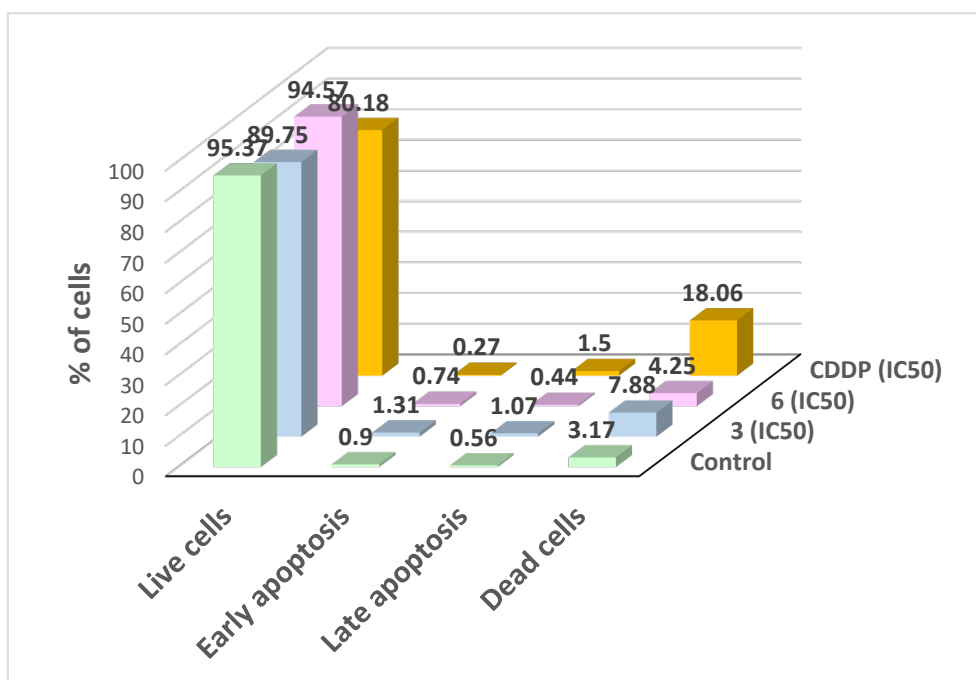
**Fig. S15** Calibration curve for the Cu(II)–H<sub>2</sub>L<sup>1</sup> system at  $\lambda = 335$  nm. ( $c_{\text{ligand}} = 145 \mu\text{M}$ ;  $I = 0.10$  M KCl, pH = 4.07).



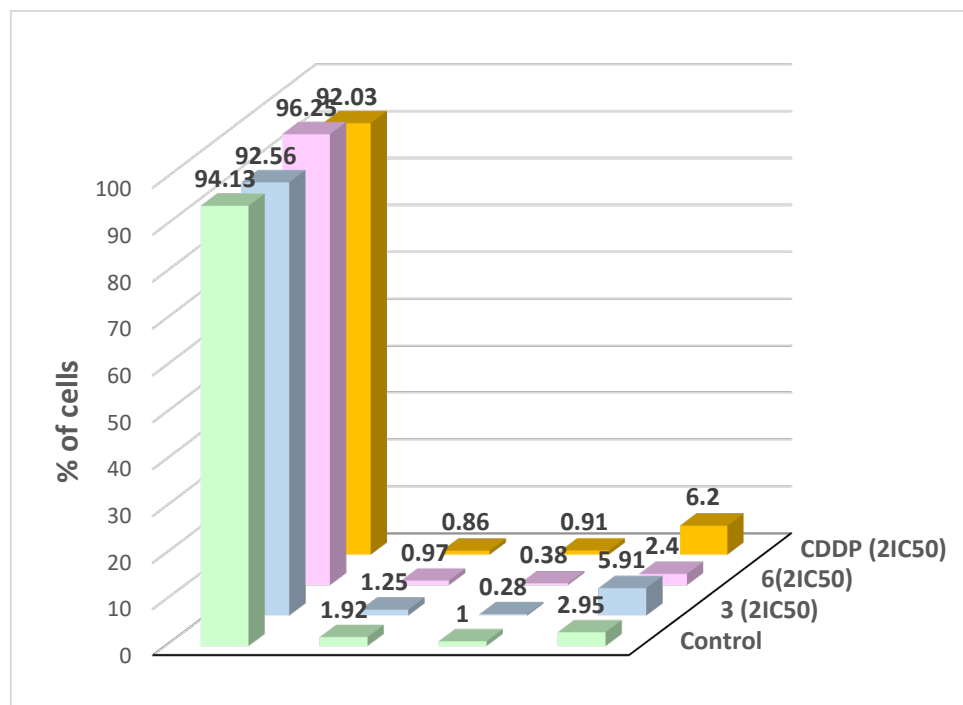
**Fig. S16** The cyclic voltammograms of **1** (black trace), **2** (red trace), **3** (green trace) in DMSO/*n*Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> at scan rate of 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



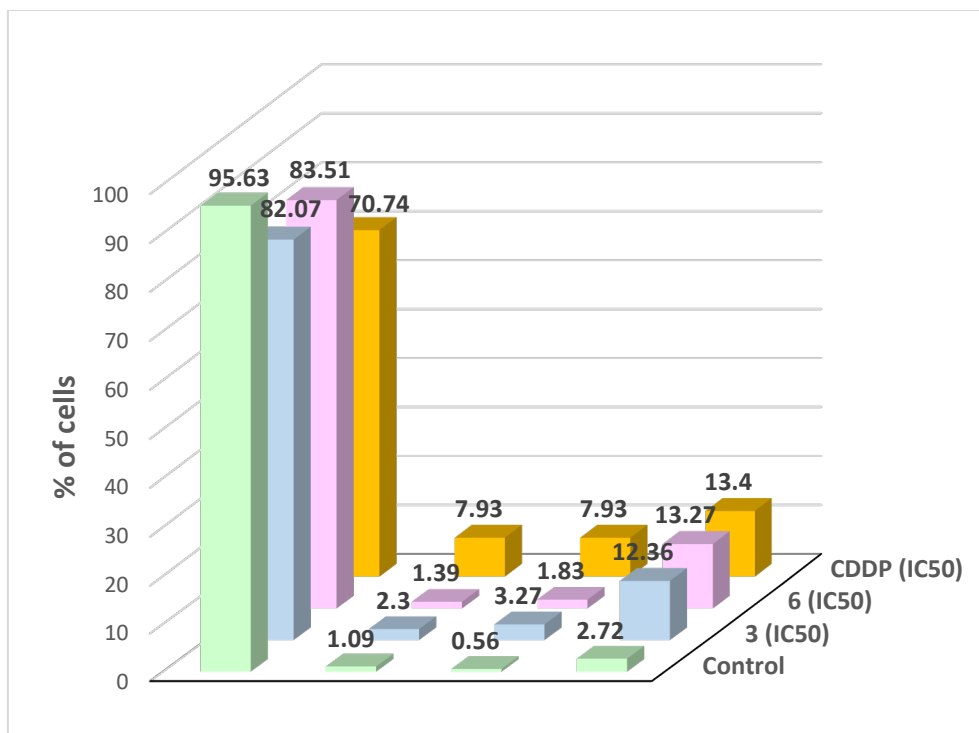
**Fig. S17** Digital simulations of cyclic voltammograms for one-electron reduction of Cu(II) complex **6** (red lines) compared to the experimental traces in DMSO/*n*Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> at scan rate of 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup> (black lines). Formal redox potential  $E^{o'}$  = -0.48 V vs. Fc<sup>+</sup>/Fc,  $k_s$  =  $0.9 \times 10^{-5}$  cm s<sup>-1</sup>,  $\Gamma_{\max}$  =  $3.7 \times 10^{-9}$ .



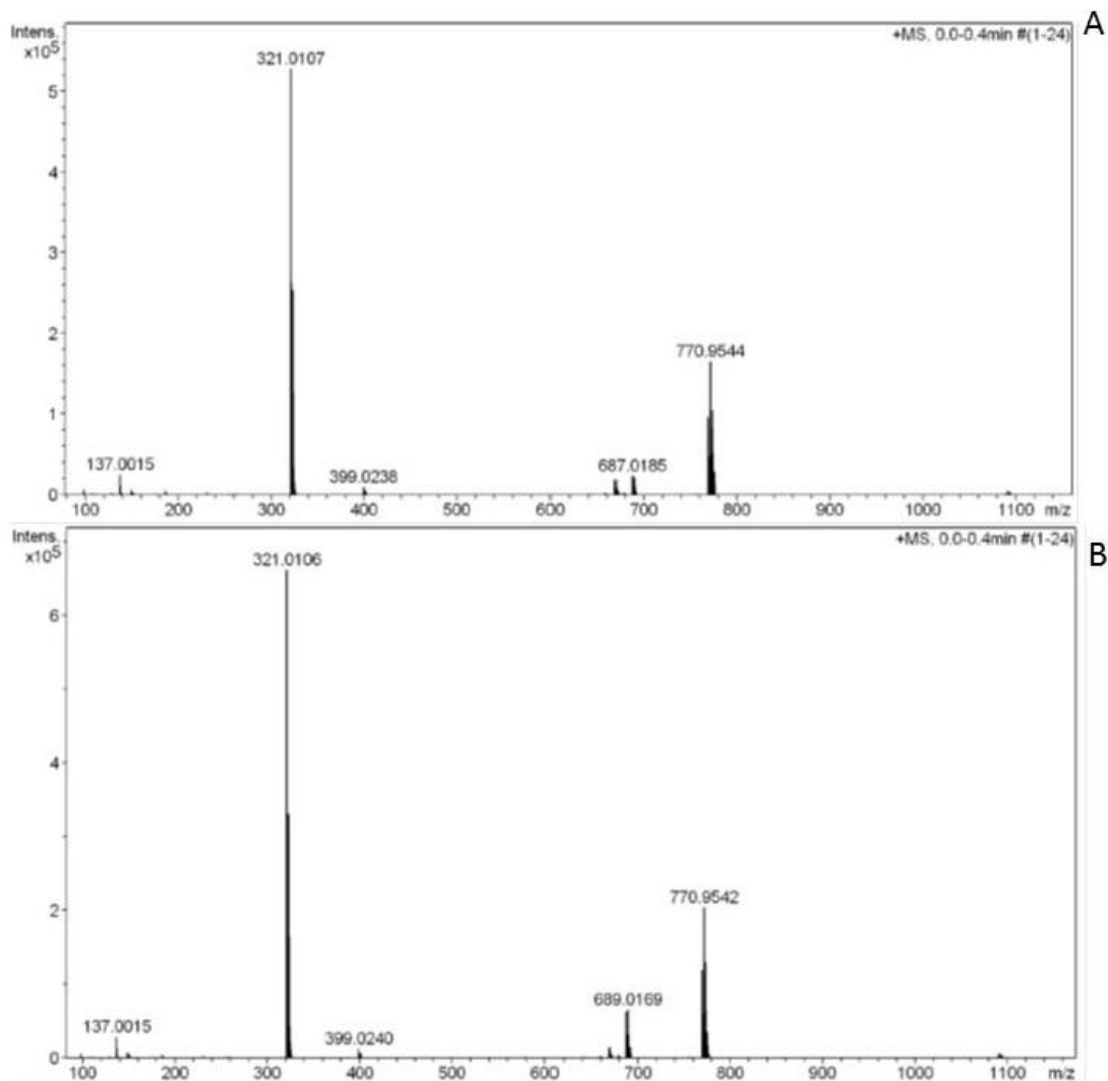
**Fig. S18** Analysis of apoptotic potential of investigated complexes **3** and **6** in comparison to cisplatin (CDDP). The A549 cells were exposed for 24 h to investigated agents and apoptosis was determined by flow cytometry using Annexin V-FITC /PI staining.



**Fig. S19** Analysis of apoptotic potential of investigated complexes **3** and **6** in comparison to cisplatin. The A549 cells were exposed for 24 h to investigated agents and apoptosis was determined by flow cytometry using annexin V-FITC /PI staining.



**Fig. S20** Analysis of apoptotic potential of investigated complexes **3** and **6** in comparison to cisplatin. The A549 cells were exposed for 48 h to investigated agents and apoptosis was determined by flow cytometry using annexin V-FITC /PI staining.



**Fig. S21** ESI mass spectra (in positive mode) of a methanolic solution of **6** with an excess of DMSO measured immediately (A) and 24 h (B) after sample preparation. The  $m/z$  values of 321, 399 and 771 were attributed to  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{L}^6)]^+$ ,  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{L}^6)\text{DMSO}]^+$  and  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}_2(\text{L}^6)_2(\text{CHCl}_2\text{CO}_2)]^+$ , respectively.



**Table S1.** Bond distances (Å) and angle (deg.) for **1**.

C1-C3	1.355(3)	C7-O2	1.229(2)
C1-C5	1.442(2)	C8-C11	1.779(2)
C1-N1	1.396(2)	C8-C12	1.765(2)
C2-C4	1.486(2)	Cu1-N1	2.0171(15)
C2-N1	1.320(2)	Cu1-N3	1.9778(15)
C2-N2	1.356(3)	Cu1-O1	1.9294(12)
C3-N2	1.370(2)	Cu1-S1	2.3186(5)
C5-N3	1.288(2)	N3-N4	1.367(2)
C6-N4	1.337(2)	C9-C10	1.536(3)
C6-N5	1.320(2)	C9-O3	1.252(2)
C6-S1	1.7335(18)	C9-O4	1.248(2)
C7-C8	1.536(2)	C10-C13	1.7745(17)
C7-O1	1.277(2)	C10-C14	1.780(5)

C3-C1-C5	134.27(18)	O1-Cu1-N1	100.69(6)
C3-C1-N1	109.52(16)	O1-Cu1-N3	169.70(6)
N1-C1-C5	116.17(16)	O1-Cu1-S1	94.48(4)
N1-C2-C4	126.26(17)	C1-N1-Cu1	111.28(11)
N1-C2-N2	110.20(16)	C2-N1-C1	105.99(15)
N2-C2-C4	123.52(16)	C2-N1-Cu1	142.74(13)
C1-C3-N2	105.79(17)	C2-N2-C3	108.49(15)
N3-C5-C1	113.72(17)	C5-N3-Cu1	118.29(12)
N4-C6-S1	121.39(13)	C5-N3-N4	120.43(16)
N5-C6-N4	117.36(16)	N4-N3-Cu1	121.21(12)
N5-C6-S1	121.24(14)	C6-N4-N3	117.13(15)
O1-C7-C8	111.68(16)	C7-O1-Cu1	119.32(11)
O2-C7-C8	120.49(17)	C6-S1-Cu1	96.31(6)
O2-C7-O1	127.74(16)	O3-C9-C10	113.05(16)
C7-C8-C11	106.02(12)	O4-C9-C10	119.74(15)
C7-C8-C12	112.49(14)	O4-C9-O3	127.17(17)
C12-C8-C11	110.36(11)	C9-C10-C13	112.33(13)
N1-Cu1-S1	163.60(4)	C9-C10-C14	107.0(4)
N3-Cu1-N1	80.33(6)	C13-C10-C14	106.5(4)
N3-Cu1-S1	83.63(4)		

**Table S2.** Bond distances (Å) and angle (deg.) for **2**.

Cu1-S1	2.2980(6)	N3-N4	1.367(2)
Cu1-O1	1.9820(14)	N3-C5	1.292(3)
Cu1-O1 <sub>w</sub>	2.1874(14)	N4-C6	1.353(3)
Cu1-N1	2.0404(17)	N5-C6	1.319(3)
Cu1-N3	2.0070(17)	N5-C7	1.456(3)
C11-C9	1.782(2)	C1-C2	1.366(3)
C12-C9	1.765(2)	C1-C5	1.436(3)
S1-C6	1.712(2)	C3-C4	1.481(3)
O1-C8	1.279(2)	C8-C9	1.543(3)
O2-C8	1.227(2)	C13-C10	1.766(2)
N1-C1	1.392(3)	C14-C10	1.758(2)

N1-C3	1.328(3)	O3-C11	1.242(3)
N2-C2	1.368(3)	O4-C11	1.251(3)
N2-C3	1.354(3)	C10C11	1.550(3)

O1-Cu1-S1	97.30(4)	C2-C1-N1	109.35(18)
O1-Cu1-O1 <sub>w</sub>	91.47(6)	C2-C1-C5	133.5(2)
O1-Cu1-N1	96.22(6)	C1-C2-N2	105.56(18)
O1-Cu1-N3	160.86(6)	N1-C3-N2	109.79(18)
O1 <sub>w</sub> -Cu1-S1	102.54(4)	N1-C3-C4	126.29(19)
N1-Cu1-S1	160.88(5)	N2-C3-C4	123.85(18)
N1-Cu1-O1 <sub>w</sub>	90.55(6)	N3-C5-C1	113.62(19)
N3-Cu1-S1	83.22(5)	N4-C6-S1	121.04(16)
N3-Cu1-O1 <sub>w</sub>	107.15(6)	N5-C6-S1	122.77(16)
N3-Cu1-N1	79.59(7)	N5-C6-N4	116.19(19)
C6-S1-Cu1	97.94(7)	O1-C8-C9	112.72(17)
C8-O1-Cu1	122.10(13)	O2-C8-O1	127.14(19)
C1-N1-Cu1	111.16(13)	O2-C8-C9	120.12(18)
C3-N1-Cu1	142.35(15)	Cl2-C9-Cl1	108.76(12)
C3-N1-C1	106.28(17)	C8-C9-Cl1	110.23(14)
C3-N2-C2	109.01(17)	C8-C9-Cl2	112.85(14)
N4-N3-Cu1	120.60(12)	Cl4-C10-Cl3	111.26(12)
C5-N3-Cu1	118.29(14)	C11-C10-Cl3	112.08(15)
C5-N3-N4	121.11(17)	C11-C10-Cl4	111.76(15)
C6-N4-N3	116.82(17)	O3-C11-O4	126.3(2)
C6-N5-C7	123.80(18)	O3-C11-C10	117.66(19)
N1-C1-C5	117.20(18)	O4-C11-C10	115.90(18)

**Table S3.** Bond distances (Å) and angle (deg.) for **3**.

Cu1-S1	2.2939(9)	N5-C6	1.330(4)
Cu1-O1	1.935(2)	N5-C7	1.431(4)
Cu1-O3	2.263(2)	C1-C2	1.361(5)
Cu1-N1	2.028(3)	C1-C5	1.429(5)
Cu1-N3	1.993(3)	C3-C4	1.483(5)
Cl1-C14	1.770(3)	C7-C8	1.384(5)
Cl2-C14	1.774(3)	C7-C12	1.387(5)
S1-C6	1.713(3)	C8-C9	1.386(5)
O1-C13	1.260(4)	C9-C10	1.369(6)
O2-C13	1.264(6)	C10-C11	1.387(6)
O2X-C13	1.270(6)	C11-C12	1.386(5)
O3-C17	1.410(5)	C13-C14	1.532(5)
N1-C1	1.394(4)	C17-C18	1.493(6)
N1-C3	1.329(4)	Cl3-C16	1.776(4)
N2-C2	1.372(5)	Cl4-C16	1.758(4)
N2-C3	1.350(4)	O4-C15	1.244(4)
N3-N4	1.372(4)	O5-C15	1.262(4)
N3-C5	1.289(4)	C15-C16	1.536(5)
N4-C6	1.351(4)		

O1-Cu1-S1	100.00(7)	N2-C3-C4	124.3(3)
O1-Cu1-O3	97.01(9)	N3-C5-C1	114.0(3)
O1-Cu1-N1	95.17(10)	N4-C6-S1	121.2(2)

O1-Cu1-N3	167.46(11)	N5-C6-S1	123.2(2)
O3-Cu1-S1	96.12(7)	N5-C6-N4	115.5(3)
N1-Cu1-S1	163.21(8)	C8-C7-N5	118.2(3)
N1-Cu1-O3	89.07(10)	C8-C7-C12	120.5(3)
N3-Cu1-S1	83.68(8)	C12-C7-N5	121.1(3)
N3-Cu1-O3	94.49(10)	C7-C8-C9	119.6(4)
N3-Cu1-N1	80.00(11)	C10-C9-C8	120.4(4)
C6-S1-Cu1	97.39(12)	C9-C10-C11	119.9(4)
C13-O1-Cu1	129.3(2)	C12-C11-C10	120.5(4)
C17-O3-Cu1	131.4(2)	C11-C12-C7	119.0(3)
C1-N1-Cu1	110.7(2)	O1-C13-O2	125.0(5)
C3-N1-Cu1	140.8(2)	O1-C13-O2X	125.3(5)
C3-N1-C1	106.4(3)	O1-C13-C14	113.2(3)
C3-N2-C2	109.3(3)	O2-C13-C14	117.8(4)
N4-N3-Cu1	120.5(2)	C11-C14-C12	109.07(17)
C5-N3-Cu1	117.9(2)	C13-C14-C11	112.9(2)
C5-N3-N4	121.5(3)	C13-C14-C12	109.4(2)
C6-N4-N3	116.7(3)	O3-C17-C18	113.6(4)
C6-N5-C7	125.1(3)	O4-C15-O5	126.5(3)
N1-C1-C5	116.8(3)	O4-C15-C16	119.1(3)
C2-C1-N1	109.4(3)	O5-C15-C16	114.4(3)
C2-C1-C5	133.7(3)	C14-C16-C13	109.45(19)
C1-C2-N2	105.4(3)	C15-C16-C13	107.6(2)
N1-C3-N2	109.5(3)	C15-C16-C14	113.2(2)
N1-C3-C4	126.2(3)		

**Table S4.** Bond distances (Å) and angle (deg.) for **4**.

Cu1A-S1A	2.2862(6)	Cu1B-S1B	2.2861(5)
Cu1A-O1A	1.9549(13)	Cu1B-O1B	1.9586(13)
Cu1A-N1A	1.9951(16)	Cu1B-N1B	1.9921(16)
Cu1A-N3A	1.9739(16)	Cu1B-N3B	1.9740(16)
C11A-C8A	1.783(2)	C11B-C8B	1.785(2)
C12A-C8A	1.779(2)	C12B-C8B	1.775(2)
C13A-C10A	1.776(2)	C13B-C10B	1.771(2)
C14A-C10A	1.777(2)	C14B-C10B	1.779(2)
S1A-C6A	1.711(2)	S1B-C6B	1.720(2)
O1A-C7A	1.283(2)	O1B-C7B	1.283(2)
O2A-C7A	1.227(2)	O2B-C7B	1.228(2)
O3A-C9A	1.249(2)	O3B-C9B	1.241(2)
O4A-C9A	1.247(2)	O4B-C9B	1.259(3)
N1A-C1A	1.394(2)	N1B-C1B	1.392(2)
N1A-C4A	1.313(3)	N1B-C4B	1.313(2)
N2A-C2A	1.378(3)	N2B-C2B	1.378(3)
N2A-C4A	1.350(3)	N2B-C4B	1.350(3)
N3A-N4A	1.370(2)	N3B-N4B	1.370(2)
N3A-C5A	1.290(3)	N3B-C5B	1.292(2)
N4A-C6A	1.341(3)	N4B-C6B	1.336(3)
N5A-C6A	1.330(3)	N5B-C6B	1.326(3)
C1A-C2A	1.374(3)	C1B-C2B	1.374(3)
C1A-C5A	1.436(3)	C1B-C5B	1.445(3)
C2A-C3A	1.485(3)	C2B-C3B	1.486(3)
C7A-C8A	1.527(3)	C7B-C8B	1.534(3)

C9A-C10A	1.538(3)	C9B-C10B	1.542(3)
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O1A-Cu1A-S1A	94.93(4)	O1B-Cu1B-S1B	102.12(4)
O1A-Cu1A-N1A	99.59(6)	O1B-Cu1B-N1B	92.65(6)
O1A-Cu1A-N3A	176.95(6)	O1B-Cu1B-N3B	173.00(6)
O1A-C7A-C8A	117.42(18)	O1B-C7B-C8B	117.86(17)
O2A-C7A-O1A	125.59(18)	O2B-C7B-O1B	125.40(18)
O2A-C7A-C8A	116.91(17)	O2B-C7B-C8B	116.73(17)
O3A-C9A-C10A	114.00(17)	O3B-C9B-C10B	118.43(18)
O4A-C9A-O3A	127.58(19)	O3B-C9B-O4B	127.26(19)
O4A-C9A-C10A	118.38(17)	O4B-C9B-C10B	114.24(17)
N1A-Cu1A-S1A	164.70(5)	N1B-Cu1B-S1B	163.17(5)
N3A-Cu1A-S1A	84.73(5)	N3B-Cu1B-S1B	84.62(5)
N3A-Cu1A-N1A	80.52(6)	N3B-Cu1B-N1B	80.41(6)
C6A-S1A-Cu1A	96.23(7)	C6B-S1B-Cu1B	96.22(7)
C7A-O1A-Cu1A	108.58(12)	C7B-O1B-Cu1B	110.22(12)
C1A-N1A-Cu1A	111.19(12)	C1B-N1B-Cu1B	111.78(12)
C4A-N1A-Cu1A	141.23(14)	C4B-N1B-Cu1B	140.84(14)
C4A-N1A-C1A	106.04(16)	C4B-N1B-C1B	106.41(16)
C4A-N2A-C2A	108.54(16)	C4B-N2B-C2B	108.79(16)
N4A-N3A-Cu1A	120.06(12)	N4B-N3B-Cu1B	120.14(12)
C5A-N3A-Cu1A	118.00(13)	C5B-N3B-Cu1B	118.17(13)
C5A-N3A-N4A	121.90(16)	C5B-N3B-N4B	121.69(16)
C6A-N4A-N3A	116.50(16)	C6B-N4B-N3B	116.72(16)
C7A-C8A-C11A	108.33(15)	C7B-C8B-C11B	112.05(13)
C7A-C8A-C12A	112.33(15)	C7B-C8B-C12B	110.13(14)
C9A-C10A-C13A	111.25(14)	C9B-C10B-C13B	112.52(14)
C9A-C10A-C14A	107.40(14)	C9B-C10B-C14B	110.40(15)
N1A-C1A-C5A	116.34(16)	N1B-C1B-C5B	115.78(16)
C2A-C1A-N1A	109.45(17)	C2B-C1B-N1B	109.31(16)
C2A-C1A-C5A	134.11(18)	C2B-C1B-C5B	134.91(18)
N2A-C2A-C3A	123.64(18)	N2B-C2B-C3B	122.49(17)
C1A-C2A-N2A	104.98(17)	C1B-C2B-N2B	104.90(16)
C1A-C2A-C3A	131.29(18)	C1B-C2B-C3B	132.57(18)
N1A-C4A-N2A	110.99(18)	N1B-C4B-N2B	110.59(17)
N3A-C5A-C1A	113.25(17)	N3B-C5B-C1B	113.14(17)
N4A-C6A-S1A	122.47(15)	N4B-C6B-S1B	122.14(15)
N5A-C6A-S1A	120.94(15)	N5B-C6B-S1B	121.10(15)
N5A-C6A-N4A	116.58(18)	N5B-C6B-N4B	116.76(18)
C12A-C8A-C11A	110.48(12)	C12B-C8B-C11B	110.45(11)
C13A-C10A-C14A	110.27(11)	C13B-C10B-C14B	110.76(11)

**Table S5.** Bond distances (Å) and angle (deg.) for **5**.

Cu1-S1	2.2903(4)	N4-C6	1.3524(18)
Cu1-O2	1.9670(9)	N5-C6	1.3196(18)
Cu1-N1	1.9923(11)	N5-C7	1.4554(18)
Cu1-N3	1.9863(11)	C1-C2	1.3690(19)
C11-C9	1.7873(14)	C1-C5	1.4389(19)
C12-C9	1.7706(14)	C2-C3	1.4870(19)
S1-C6	1.7165(13)	C8-C9	1.5371(18)

O1-C8	1.2274(17)	C13-C11	1.7719(14)
O2-C8	1.2784(17)	C14-C11	1.7892(14)
N1-C1	1.3944(17)	O3-C10	1.2506(17)
N1-C4	1.3114(18)	O4-C10	1.2442(17)
N2-C2	1.3754(18)	C10-C11	1.5423(18)
N2-C4	1.3522(18)	O5-C12	1.4293(18)
N3-N4	1.3666(15)	C12-C13	1.500(2)
N3-C5	1.2881(18)		

O2-Cu1-S1	95.73(3)	C1-C2-N2	105.07(12)
O2-Cu1-N1	98.90(4)	C1-C2-C3	131.89(13)
O2-Cu1-N3	171.15(4)	N1-C4-N2	110.72(12)
N1-Cu1-S1	164.29(3)	N3-C5-C1	113.21(12)
N3-Cu1-S1	84.31(3)	N4-C6-S1	121.54(10)
N3-Cu1-N1	80.35(5)	N5-C6-S1	122.34(10)
C6-S1-Cu1	96.88(5)	N5-C6-N4	116.12(12)
C8-O2-Cu1	110.61(8)	O1-C8-O2	126.60(12)
C1-N1-Cu1	111.77(9)	O1-C8-C9	116.45(12)
C4-N1-Cu1	141.42(10)	O2-C8-C9	116.92(11)
C4-N1-C1	106.12(11)	C12-C9-C11	110.78(7)
C4-N2-C2	108.61(11)	C8-C9-C11	107.84(9)
N4-N3-Cu1	120.29(8)	C8-C9-C12	112.55(9)
C5-N3-Cu1	118.11(9)	O3-C10-C11	117.99(12)
C5-N3-N4	121.57(11)	O4-C10-O3	127.73(13)
C6-N4-N3	116.84(11)	O4-C10-C11	114.23(12)
C6-N5-C7	124.17(12)	C13-C11-C14	110.47(7)
N1-C1-C5	116.31(11)	C10-C11-C13	112.24(9)
C2-C1-N1	109.48(12)	C10-C11-C14	106.86(9)
C2-C1-C5	134.16(12)	O5-C12C13	108.55(13)
N2-C2-C3	122.95(12)		

**Table S6.** Bond distances (Å) and angle (deg.) for **6**.

Cu1-S1	2.3075(5)	N5-C7	1.425(3)
Cu1-O1	1.9474(13)	C1-C2	1.367(3)
Cu1-O1w	2.4381(14)	C1-C5	1.434(3)
Cu1-N1	2.0055(16)	C2-C3	1.492(3)
Cu1-N3	1.9718(16)	C7-C8	1.392(3)
C11-C14	1.777(2)	C7-C12	1.389(3)
C12-C14	1.769(2)	C8-C9	1.386(3)
S1-C6	1.717(2)	C9-C10	1.384(3)
O1-C13	1.267(2)	C10-C11	1.383(3)
O2-C13	1.234(2)	C11-C12	1.386(3)
N1-C1	1.392(3)	C13-C14	1.530(3)
N1-C4	1.314(3)	O5-C17	1.428(3)
N2-C2	1.371(3)	C17-C18	1.493(3)
N2-C4	1.351(3)	C13-C16	1.784(2)
N3-N4	1.364(2)	C14-C16	1.772(2)
N3-C5	1.290(3)	O3-C15	1.247(2)
N4-C6	1.348(3)	O4-C15	1.246(2)
N5-C6	1.336(3)	C15-C16	1.544(3)

S1-Cu1-O1W	99.42(4)	N1-C4-N2	110.93(18)
O1-Cu1-S1	96.12(4)	N3-C5-C1	113.87(17)
O1-Cu1-O1W	94.36(5)	N4-C6-S1	120.65(15)
O1-Cu1-N1	98.51(6)	N5-C6-S1	125.31(15)
O1-Cu1-N3	173.62(6)	N5-C6-N4	114.04(17)
N1-Cu1-S1	162.86(5)	C8-C7-N5	115.92(18)
N1-Cu1-O1W	88.34(6)	C12-C7-N5	123.88(18)
N3-Cu1-S1	83.62(5)	C12-C7-C8	120.09(19)
N3-Cu1-O1W	91.96(6)	C9-C8-C7	119.7(2)
N3-Cu1-N1	80.85(7)	C10-C9-C8	120.4(2)
C6-S1-Cu1	97.11(7)	C11-C10-C9	119.6(2)
C13-O1-Cu1	123.55(12)	C10-C11-C12	120.7(2)
C1-N1-Cu1	110.92(12)	C11-C12-C7	119.5(2)
C4-N1-Cu1	143.49(14)	O1-C13-C14	112.25(17)
C4-N1-C1	105.54(16)	O2-C13-O1	128.11(18)
C4-N2-C2	108.63(17)	O2-C13-C14	119.61(17)
N4-N3-Cu1	120.92(12)	C12-C14-C11	109.48(11)
C5-N3-Cu1	117.67(13)	C13-C14-C11	106.86(14)
C5-N3-N4	121.39(16)	C13-C14-C12	112.46(15)
C6-N4-N3	117.31(16)	O5-C17-C18	112.65(19)
C6-N5-C7	129.36(17)	O3-C15-C16	119.08(18)
N1-C1-C5	116.59(17)	O4-C15-O3	126.71(19)
C2-C1-N1	109.98(17)	O4-C15-C16	114.21(17)
C2-C1-C5	133.43(19)	C14-C16-C13	109.94(11)
N2-C2-C3	123.39(18)	C15-C16-C13	108.41(14)
C1-C2-N2	104.92(17)	C15-C16-C14	113.25(14)
C1-C2-C3	131.65(19)		

**Table S7.** Bond distances (Å) and angle (deg.) for Cu(II) atom.

	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
Cu1-S1	2.2939(9)	2.3075(5)
Cu1-O1	1.935(2)	1.9474(13)
Cu1-O3(O1w)*	2.263(2)	2.4381(14)
Cu1-N1	2.028(3)	2.0055(16)
Cu1-N3	1.993(3)	1.9718(16)

O1-Cu1-S1	100.00(7)	96.12(4)
O1-Cu1-O3(O1w)*	97.01(9)	94.36(5)
O1-Cu1-N1	95.17(10)	98.51(6)
O1-Cu1-N3	167.46(11)	173.62(6)
O3-Cu1-S1	96.12(7)	99.42(4)
N1-Cu1-S1	163.21(8)	162.86(5)
N1-Cu1-O3	89.07(10)	88.34(6)
N3-Cu1-S1	83.68(8)	83.62(5)
N3-Cu1-O3	94.49(10)	91.96(6)
N3-Cu1-N1	80.00(11)	80.85(7)

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	1	2	4		5
			Molecule A	Molecule B	
Cu1-N1	2.0171(15)	2.022(2)	1.9951(16)	1.9921(16)	1.9923(11)
Cu1-N3	1.9778(15)	1.978(2)	1.9739(16)	1.9740(16)	1.9863(11)
Cu1-O1	1.9294(12)	-	1.9549(13)	1.9586(13)	1.9670(9)
Cu1-S1	2.3186(5)	2.2877(7)	2.2862(6)	2.2861(5)	2.2903(4)
Cu1-Cl1	-	2.2244(7)	-	-	-

	1	2	4		5
			Molecule A	Molecule B	
O1-Cu1-N1	100.69(6)	-	99.59(6)	92.65(6)	98.90(4)
O1-Cu1-N3	169.70(6)	-	176.95(6)	173.00(6)	171.15(4)
O1-Cu1-S1	94.48(4)	-	94.93(4)	102.12(4)	95.73(3)
N1-Cu1-S1	163.60(4)	161.55(6)	164.70(5)	163.17(5)	164.29(3)
N3-Cu1-N1	80.33(6)	80.56(8)	80.52(6)	80.41(6)	80.35(5)
N3-Cu1-S1	83.63(4)	83.81(6)	84.73(5)	84.62(5)	84.31(3)
Cl1-Cu1-S1	-	93.89(2)	-	-	-
N1-Cu1-Cl1	-	102.09(6)	-	-	-
N3-Cu1-Cl1	-	176.74(6)	-	-	-

**Table S8.** Formal redox potential, heterogeneous rate constant and surface excess values for all studied complexes obtained from simulation.

	$E / V$ vs. $Fc^+/Fc$	$E / V$ vs. NHE	$k_s / 10^{-5} \text{ cm s}^{-1}$	$\Gamma_{\text{max}} / 10^{-8}$
<b>1</b>	-0.52	0.12	2.3	8.80
<b>2</b>	-0.52	0.12	2.0	1.30
<b>3</b>	-0.50	0.14	1.4	0.25
<b>4</b>	-0.51	0.13	2.9	9.00
<b>5</b>	-0.51	0.13	5.0	17.00
<b>6</b>	-0.48	0.16	0.9	0.37