

BaCu(OH)₃Cl: A new one-dimensional Mott insulator with a CuO₂ chessboard layer

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Table S1 Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2) for BaCu(OH)₃Cl

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
Ba1	0.0083(2)	0.0329(2)	0.0085(2)	0.000	0.00170(13)	0.000
Cu1	0.0172(4)	0.0107(3)	0.0081(3)	0.0026(3)	0.0015(3)	0.0000(2)
Cl1	0.0137(7)	0.0189(7)	0.0128(6)	0.000	0.0017(5)	0.000
O1	0.017(2)	0.015(2)	0.012(2)	0.000	0.0013(17)	0.000
O2	0.0246(16)	0.0127(14)	0.0099(13)	-0.0010(12)	-0.0001(12)	-0.0008(11)

Table S2 Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$) for BaCu(OH)₃Cl

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
O2-H2 ^v …Cl1 ^v	0.83(2)	2.93(5)	3.410(3)	119(5)

Symmetry codes: (v) -x+1, -y+1, -z+1.

Table S3 Selected bond lengths and angles for BaCu(OH)₃Cl

Atoms	Dis. (Ang.)	Atoms	Dis. (Ang.)
Ba1–O2	2.693(3)	Ba1–Cl1 ^{iv}	3.4739(7)
Ba1–O2 ⁱ	2.693(3)	Ba1–Cl1 ^v	3.4739(7)
Ba1–O2 ⁱⁱ	2.712(3)	Cu1–O2 ^{viii}	1.889(3)
Ba1–O2 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.712(3)	Cu1–O2	1.889(3)
Ba1–O1	2.864(4)	Cu1–O1	1.992(2)
Ba1–Cl1	3.1917(18)	Cu1–O1 ^{viii}	1.992(2)
Ba1–Cl1 ⁱⁱⁱ	3.2012(15)	Cu1–O1–Cu1 ^{vi}	113.8(2)
O2 ^{viii} –Cu1–O2	180.0	Cu1–O1–Ba1	99.11(13)
O2 ^{viii} –Cu1–O1	92.39(15)	Cu1 ^{vi} –O1–Ba1	99.11(13)
O2–Cu1–O1	87.61(15)	Cu1–O1–H1	101(3)
O2 ^{viii} –Cu1–O1 ^{viii}	87.61(15)	Cu1 ^{vi} –O1–H1	101(3)
O2–Cu1–O1 ^{viii}	92.39(15)	Ba1–O1–H1	142(6)
O1–Cu1–O1 ^{viii}	180.0	Cu1–O2–Ba1	108.07(13)
Cu1–O2–H2	105(5)	Cu1–O2–Ba1 ^{vii}	119.55(14)
Ba1–O2–H2	116(4)	Ba1 ^{vii} –O2–H2	109(5)

Symmetry codes: (i) $x, -y+1/2, z$; (ii) $x-1, -y+1/2, z$; (iii) $x-1, y, z$; (iv) $-x+1, -y, -z+1$; (v) $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$; (vi) $-x+1, y-1/2, -z$; (vii) $x+1, y, z$; (viii) $-x+1, -y+1, -z$.

Table S4 Bond valence sums (BVS) for BaCu(OH)₃Cl

atoms	Ba1	Cu1	BVS
O1	0.212	0.429 ($\times 2$)	1.070
O2	0.336 ($\times 2$)*, 0.319 ($\times 2$)	0.567 ($\times 2$)	1.223
Cl1	0.258, 0.251, 0.120 ($\times 2$)	—	0.749
BVS	2.27	1.992	

* ($\times n$) for the sum of columns;

Table S5 Magnetic susceptibility fitting formula and the corresponding parameters

$$\chi_{\text{fit}}(T) = \chi_0 + C_{\text{imp}} / (T - \theta_{\text{imp}}) + \chi^*_{\text{chain}}(T); \chi^*_{\text{chain}}(T) = \frac{N g^2 U_B^2 \frac{1}{4K_B T} \sum_{n=1}^5 N_n/t^n}{1 + \sum_{n=1}^6 D_n/t^n}$$

$$\chi_0 = 0.00011, C_{\text{imp}} = 0.00026, \theta_{\text{imp}} = 0.00139, N_1 = -0.05384, N_2 = 0.09740, N_3 = 0.01447, N_4 = 0.00011, N_5 = 0.00011, D_1 = 0.44616, D_2 = 0.32048, D_3 = 0.13304, D_4 = 0.03718, D_5 = 0.00281$$

The experimental magnetic susceptibility data of the title compound in the temperature range from 2 to 300 K were well fitted using a model for the $S = 1/2$

Heisenberg antiferromagnetic (HAFM) uniform spin chain with the consideration for diamagnetic corrections and impurities:^{1, 2}

$$\chi_{\text{fit}}(T) = \chi_0 + C_{\text{imp}} / (T - \theta_{\text{imp}}) + \chi^*_{\text{chain}}(T),$$

where $\chi^*_{\text{chain}}(T)$ (see below) is the spin susceptibility of the uniform $S = 1/2$ chain parameterized by Johnston et al.¹, and χ_0 is the temperature independent susceptibility. The Curie constant (C_{imp}) and Curie-Weiss temperature (θ_{imp}) are related to intrinsic and extrinsic impurity contributions, which give rise to a low-temperature upturn in $\chi(T)$. The fitted parameters are $\chi_0 = -1.8(1) \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$, g (the Landè factor) = 2.01(1).

The intrachain coupling constant of $J/k_B = 135.7(6) \text{ K}$, which is deduced from the magnetic susceptibility data, is consistent with the expected value of the broad local maximum at $T_{\text{max}} = 70 \text{ K}$ for a 1D AFM uniform Heisenberg chain model: *i.e.*, $T_{\text{max}} = \sim 0.641 \times J/k_B$, and $\chi_{\text{max}} T_{\text{max}} = \sim 0.0353 \text{ g}^2$.¹ Other parameters are $C_{\text{imp}} = 7.6(1) \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ K mol}^{-1}$ and $\theta_{\text{imp}} = -2.9(1) \text{ K}$, which suggest the presence of $\sim 0.76 \text{ wt\% Cu oxides}$ as impurities.

The spin susceptibility of the uniform $S = 1/2$ chain, $\chi^*_{\text{chain}}(T)$, is given by the following equation:

$$\chi^*_{\text{chain}}(T) = \frac{Ng^2U_B^2 \frac{1}{4K_B T} + \sum_{n=1}^5 N_n/t^n}{1 + \sum_{n=1}^6 D_n/t^n}$$

where N , g , U_B , and k_B are the Avogadro number, Landè factor, Bohr magneton, and Boltzmann constant, respectively, and $t = k_B T / J$; $\chi^*_{\text{chain}}(T)$ and the corresponding parameters are summarized in Table S5.

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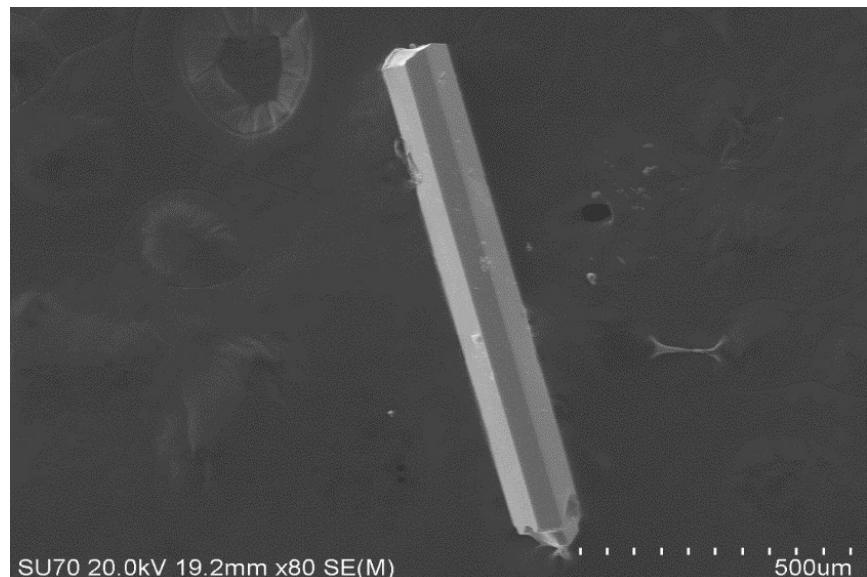
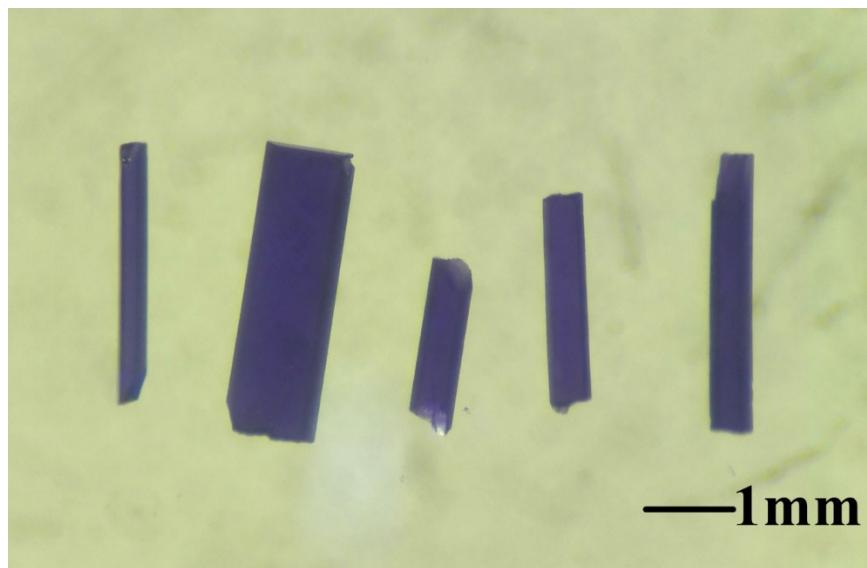
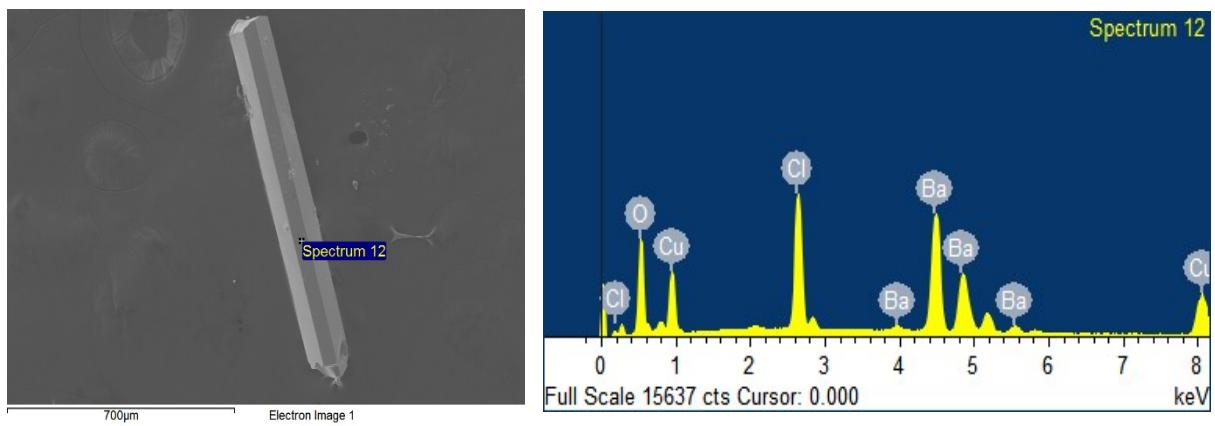


Figure S1. Crystal morphologies of $\text{BaCu}(\text{OH})_3\text{Cl}$ (upper: optical microscope photograph; bottom: scanning electron microscopy (SEM) image)



Element	Weight%	Atomic%
O K	19.04	53.61
Cl K	12.89	16.38
Cu K	20.15	14.29
Ba L	47.92	15.72
Totals	100.00	

Figure S2. EDX spectrum and composition of $\text{BaCu}(\text{OH})_3\text{Cl}$

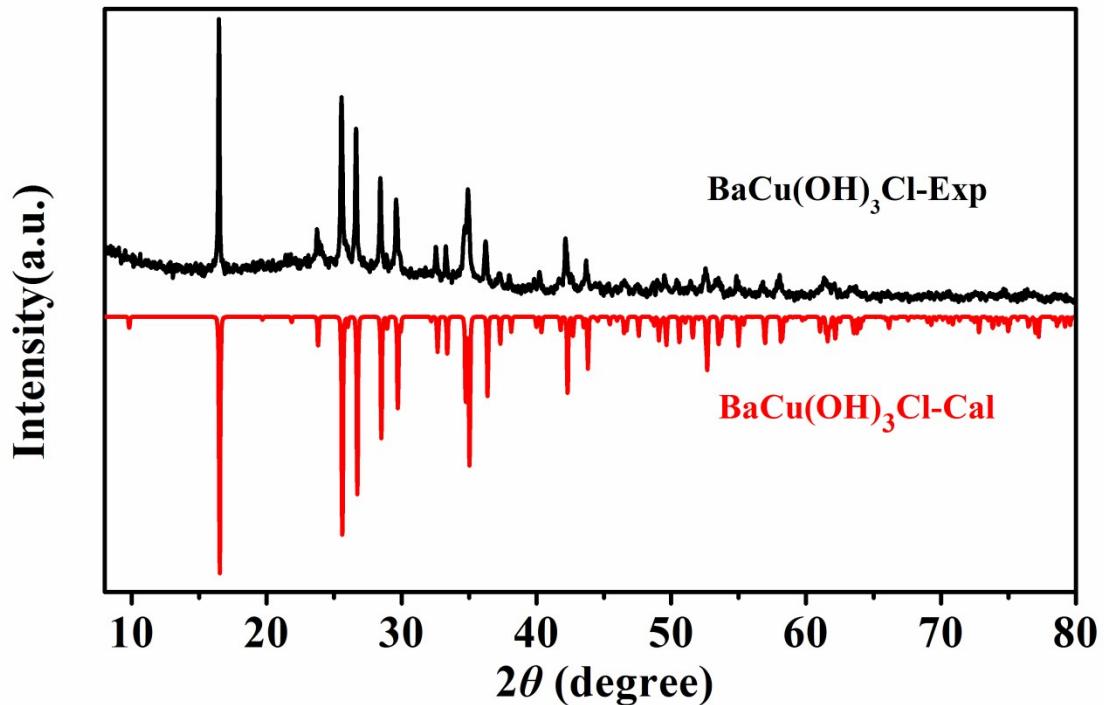


Figure S3. Experimental and calculated PXRD patterns of $\text{BaCu}(\text{OH})_3\text{Cl}$

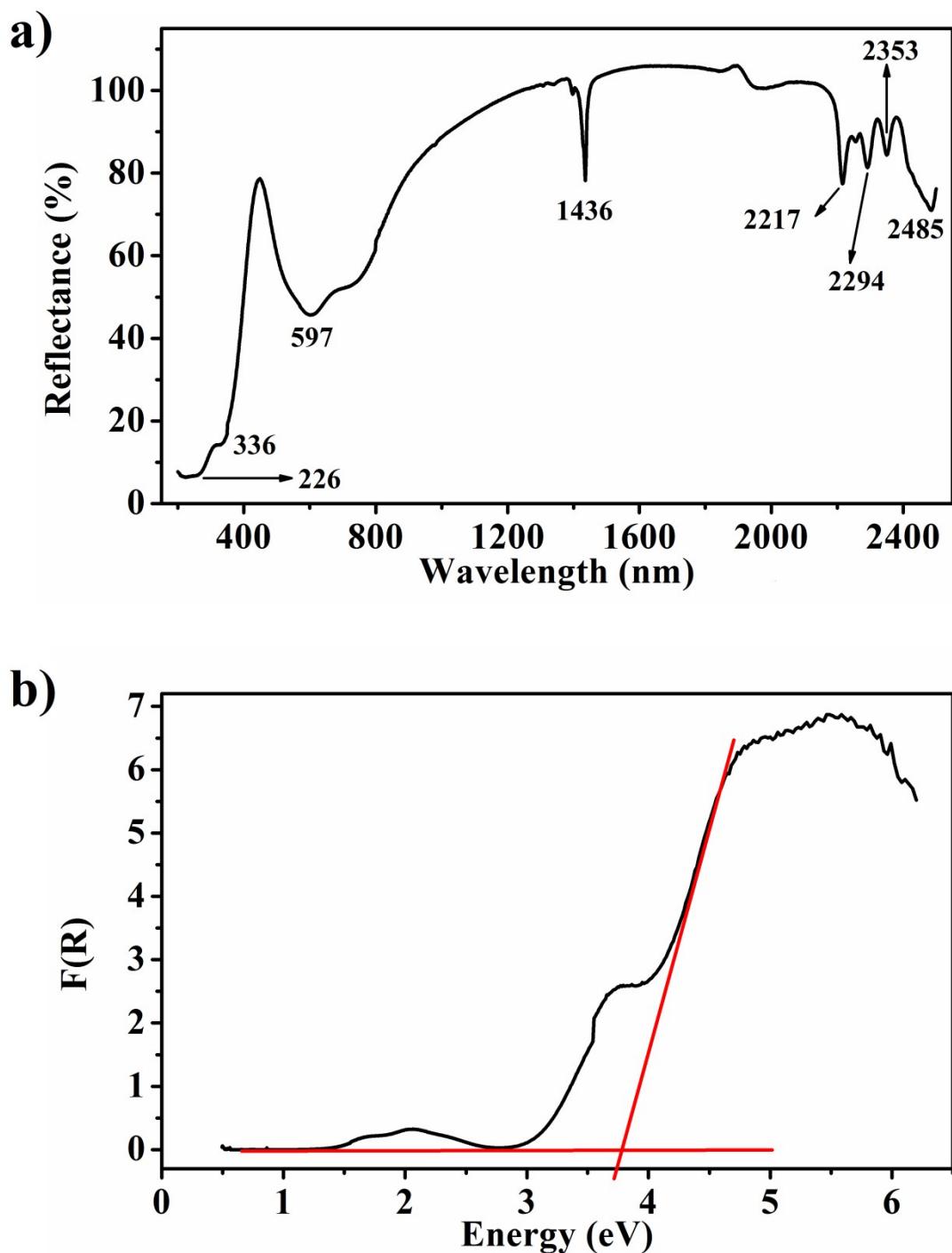


Figure S4. UV-Vis-NIR diffuse reflectance spectrum of $\text{BaCu}(\text{OH})_3\text{Cl}$ (a) and its plot of absorption (K/S) data based on the Kubelka–Munk function (b).

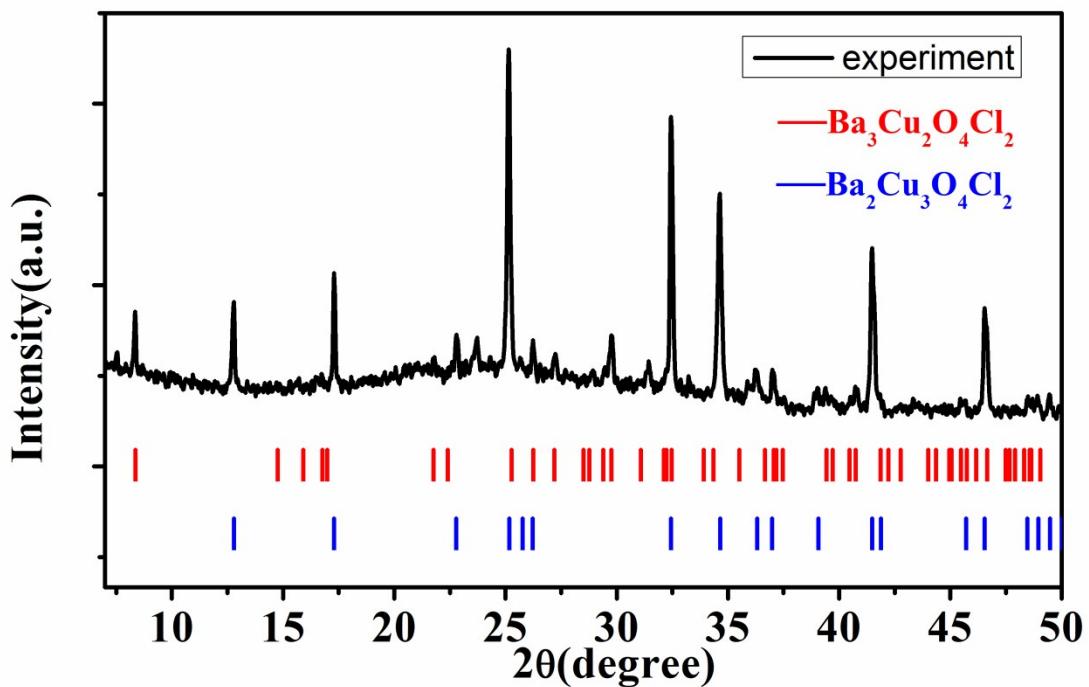


Figure S5. The PXRD pattern of the solid residual from $\text{BaCu}(\text{OH})_3\text{Cl}$ after TG-DSC analysis

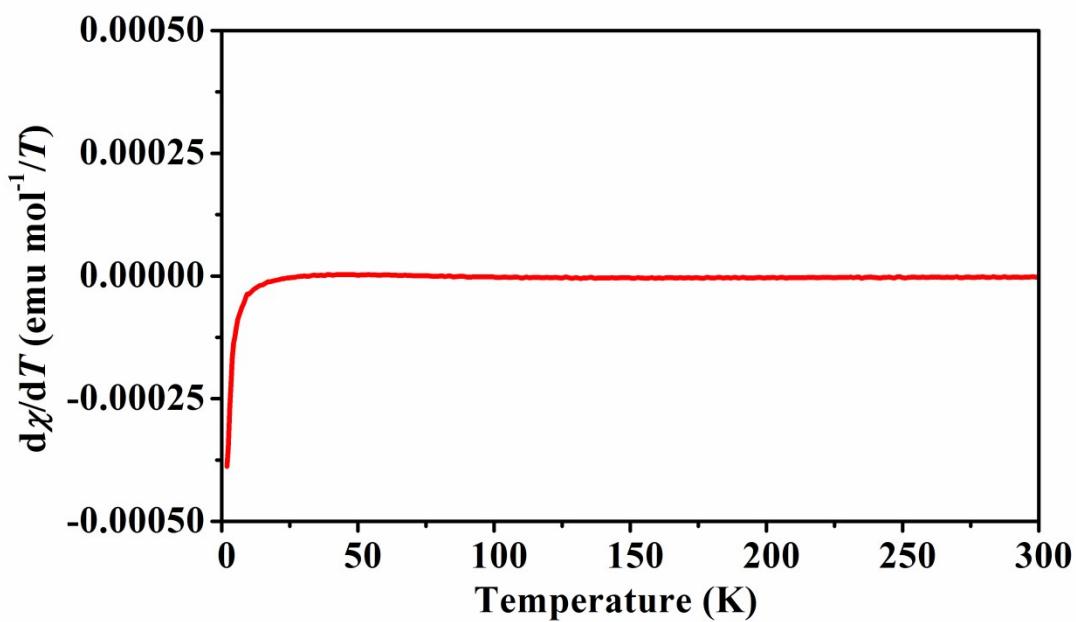


Figure S6 The derivative curve ($d\chi/dT$ versus T) for magnetic susceptibility of $\text{BaCu}(\text{OH})_3\text{Cl}$

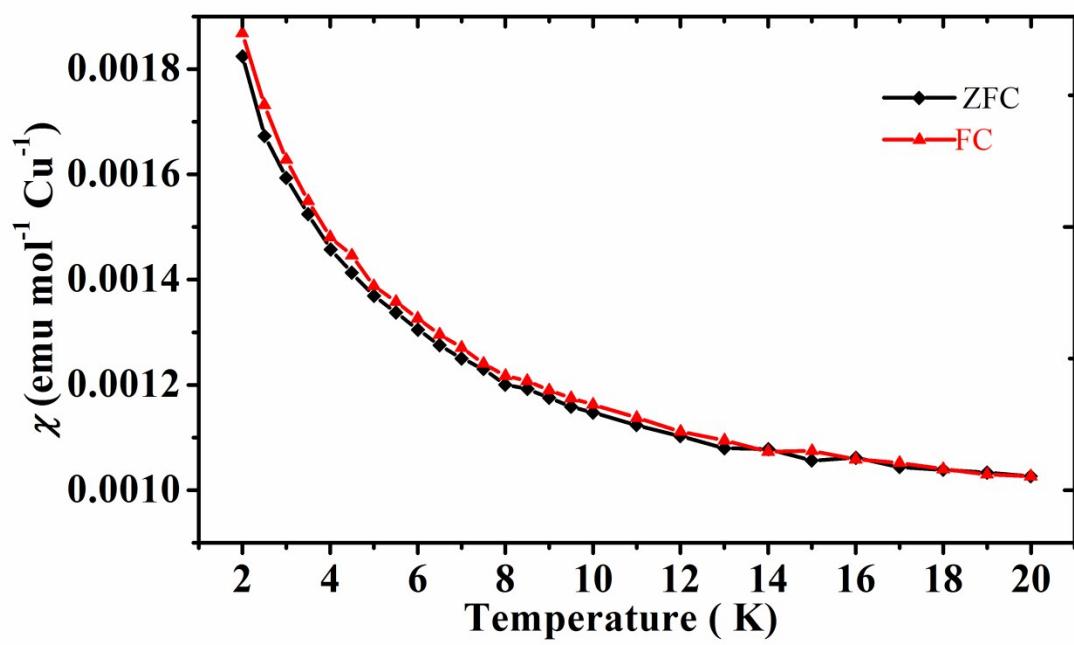


Figure S7 Comparison of magnetic susceptibility of $\text{BaCu}(\text{OH})_3\text{Cl}$ under FC and ZFC