

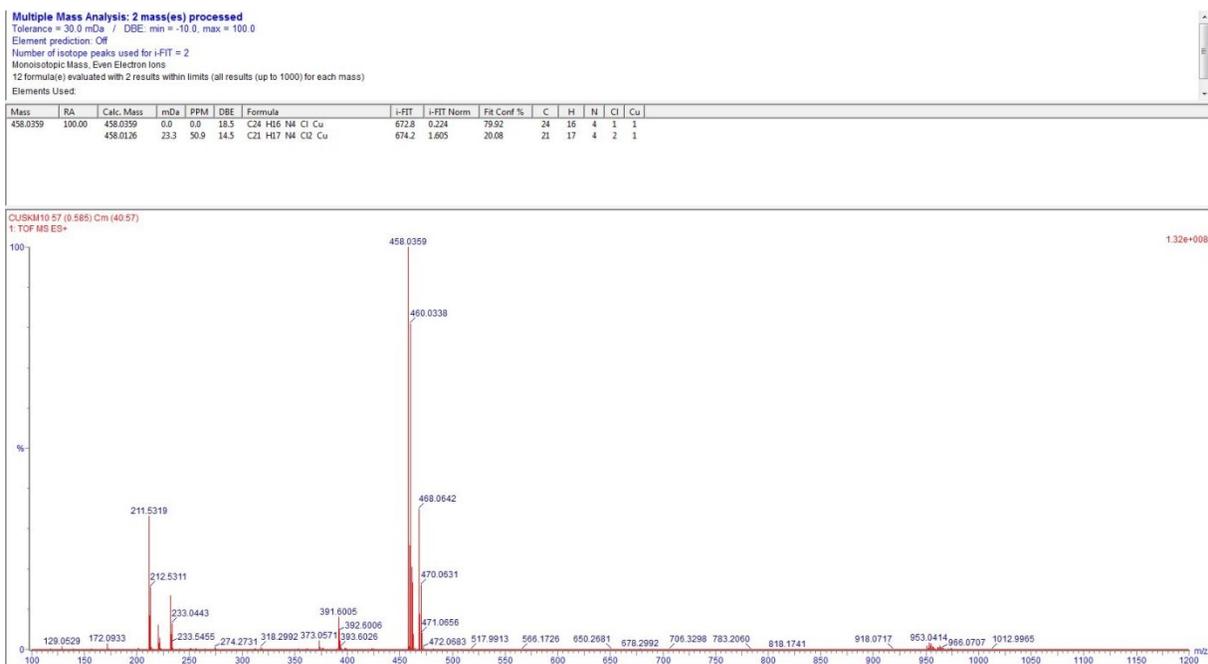
**Copper(II) complexes with 2,2':6',2''-terpyridine, 2,6-di(thiazol-2-yl)pyridine and 2,6-di(pyrazin-2-yl)pyridine substituted with quinolines. Synthesis, structure, cytotoxicity, and catalytic activity in oxidation of alkanes with peroxides**

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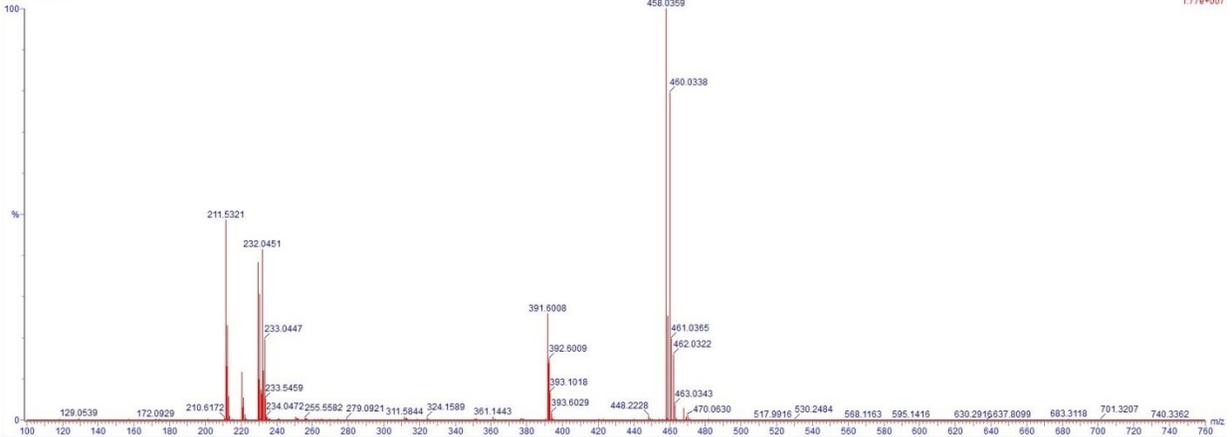
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458.0126	23.3	50.9	14.5			C21 H17 N4 Cl2 Cu	538.7	0.108	89.72	21	17	4	2	1
458.1065	-70.6	-154.1	7.5			C20 H29 N4 Cl2 Cu	542.5	3.947	1.93	20	29	4	2	1
457.9420	93.9	205.0	25.5			C25 H4 N4 Cl Cu	545.0	6.434	0.16	25	4	4	1	1
458.1299	-94.0	-205.2	11.5			C23 H28 N4 Cl Cu	542.5	3.933	1.96	23	28	4	1	1

CUSK157 170 (1.672) Cm (169.171)

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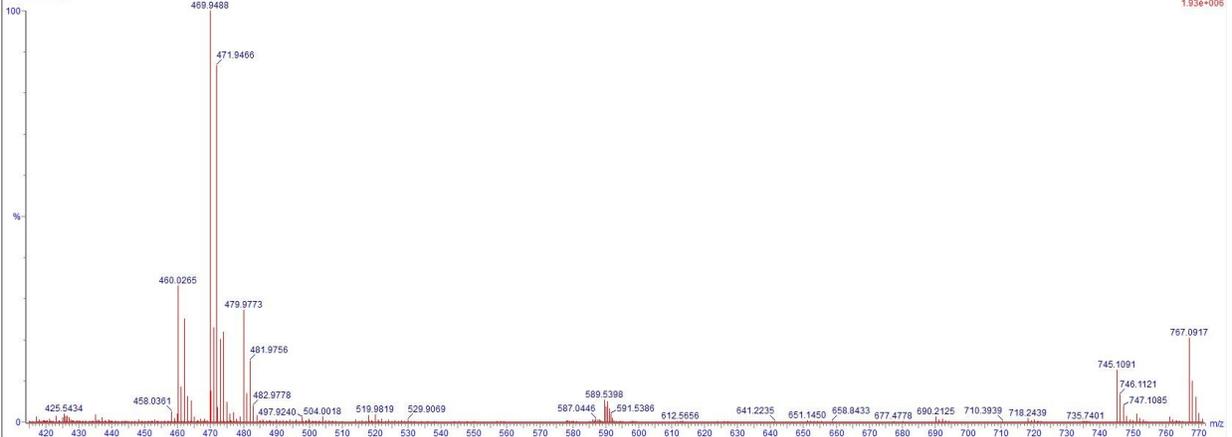
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471.9466	86.63	471.9411	5.5	11.7	11.5	C17 H15 N4 S2 Cl2 Cu	452.0	1.374	25.31	17	13	4	2	2	1
		471.9644	-17.8	-37.7	15.5	C20 H14 N4 S2 Cl Cu	426.1	0.205	81.45	17	15	4	2	2	1
							427.6	1.685	18.55	20	14	4	2	1	1

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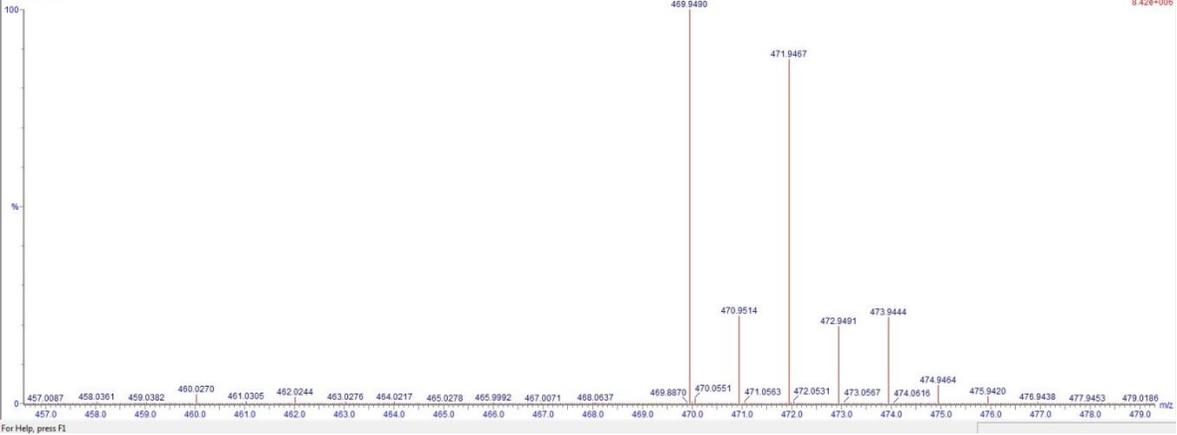
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471.9467	87.28	469.9255	23.5	50.0	12.5	C17 H13 N4 S2 Cl2 Cu	527.7	0.149	86.15	17	13	4	2	2	1
		471.9431	5.6	11.9	11.5	C17 H15 N4 S2 Cl2 Cu	522.3	0.080	99.04	17	15	4	2	2	1
		471.9644	-17.7	-37.5	15.5	C20 H14 N4 S2 Cl Cu	527.0	4.651	0.96	20	14	4	2	1	1

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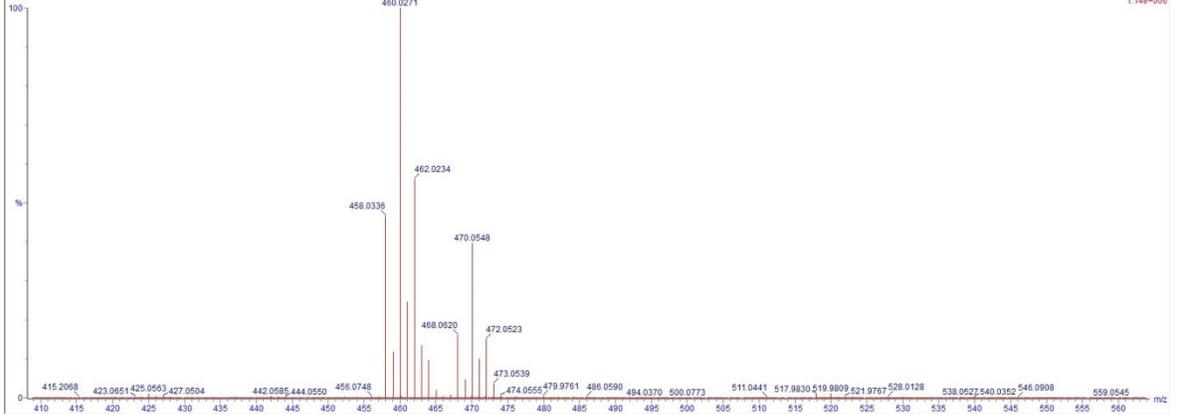
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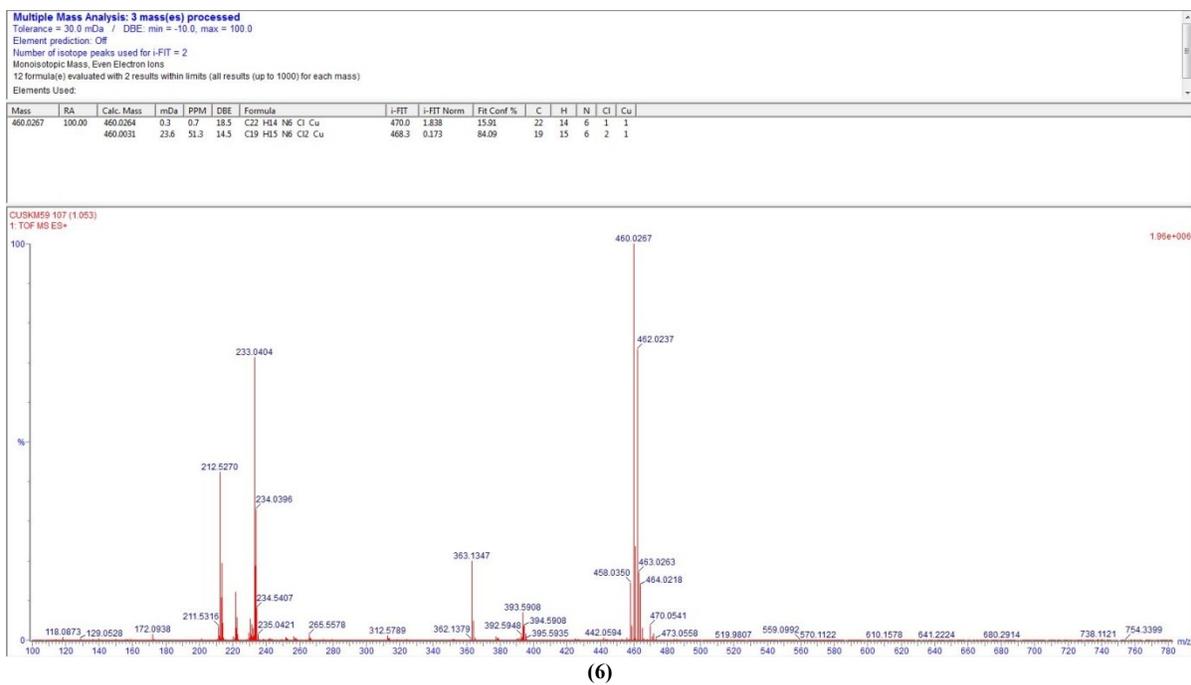
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		460.0031	24.0	52.2	14.5	C19 H15 N6 Cl2 Cu	464.4	2.140	11.77	19	15	6	2	1	

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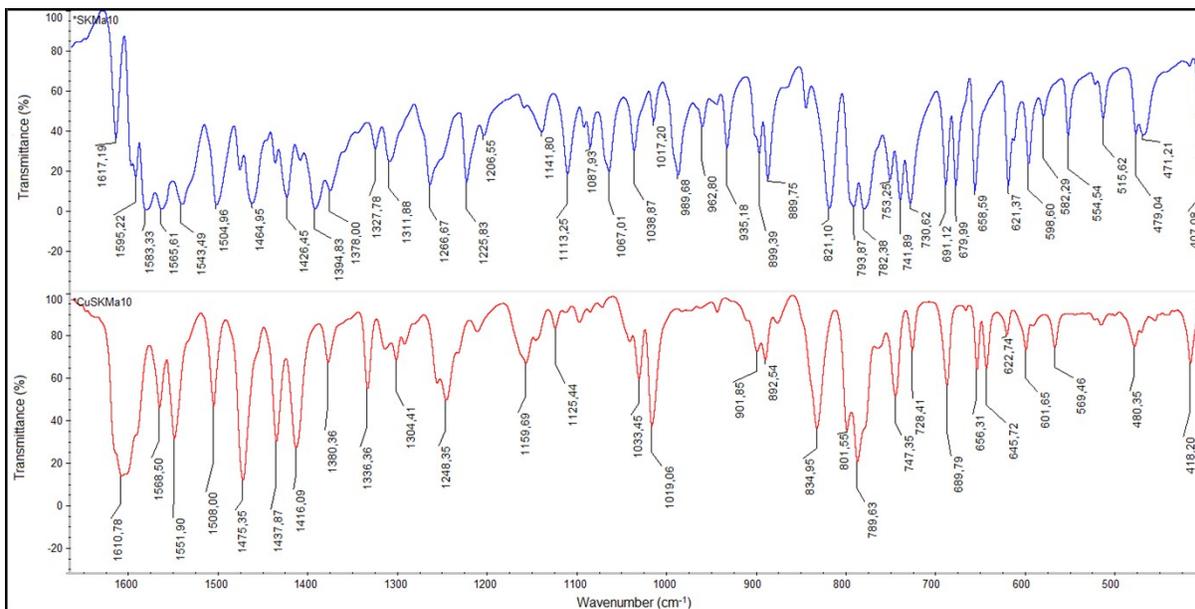
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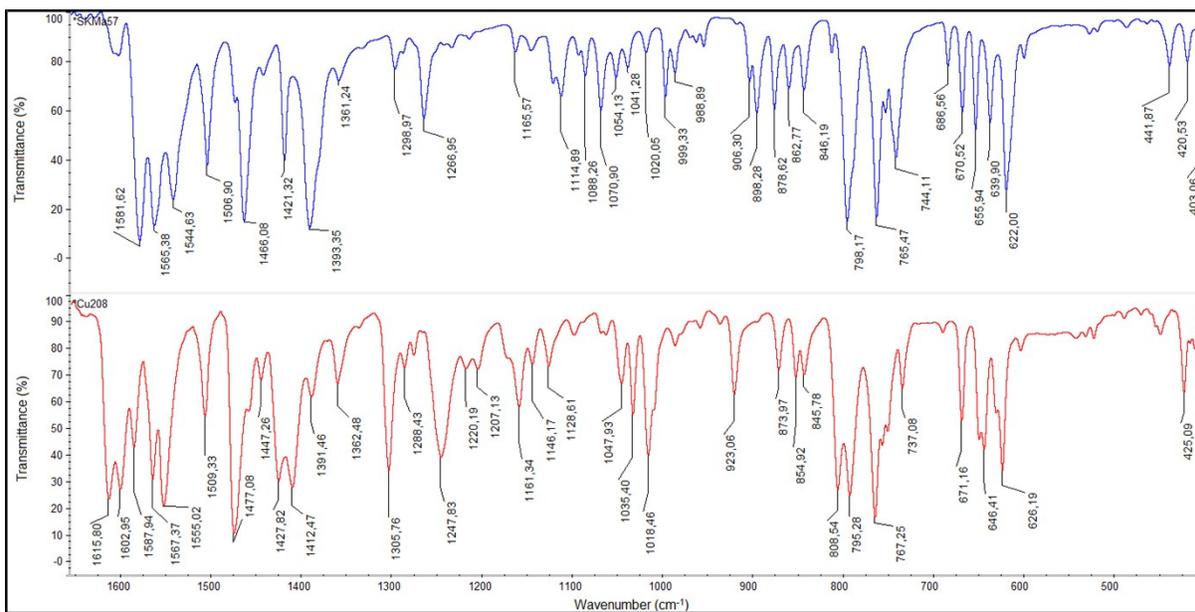
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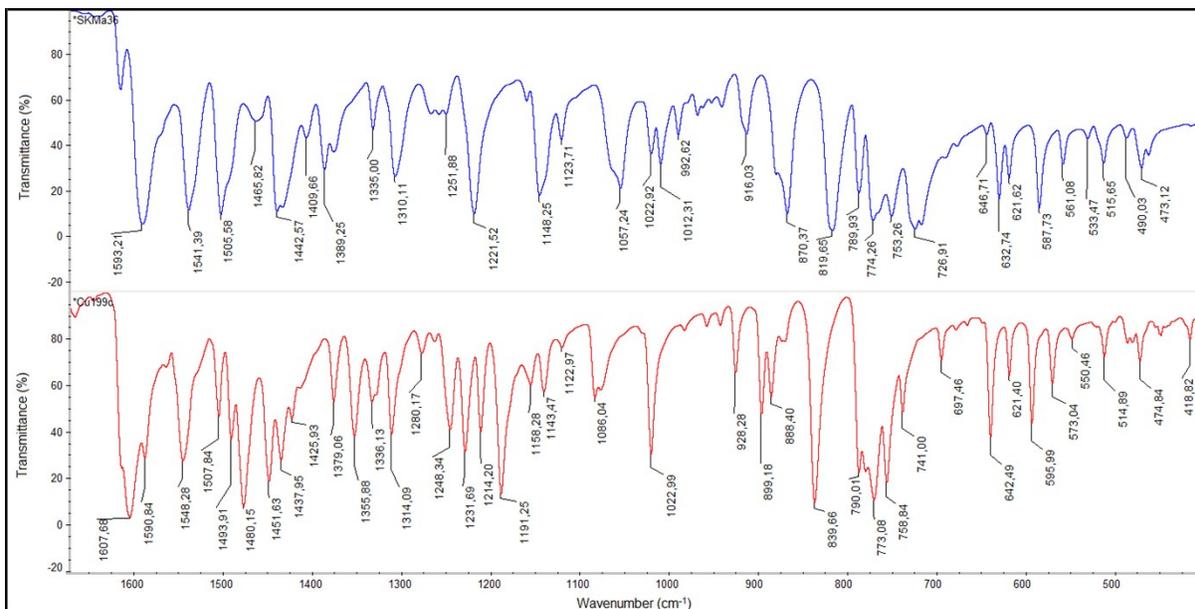
**Figure S1.** ESI-MS spectra of copper(II) complexes 1-6.



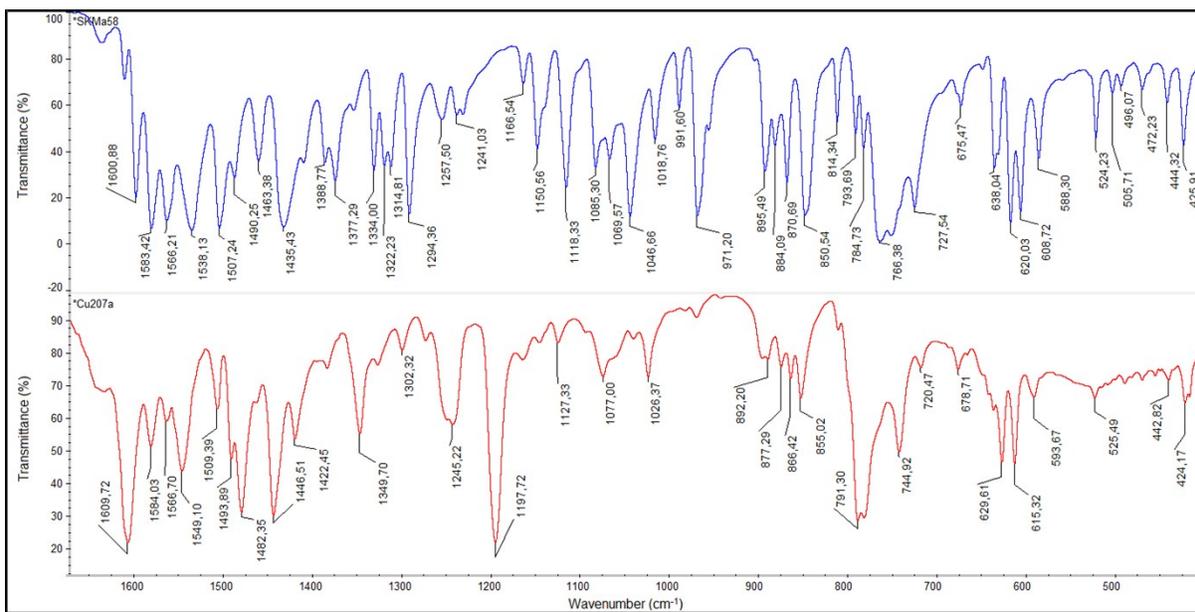
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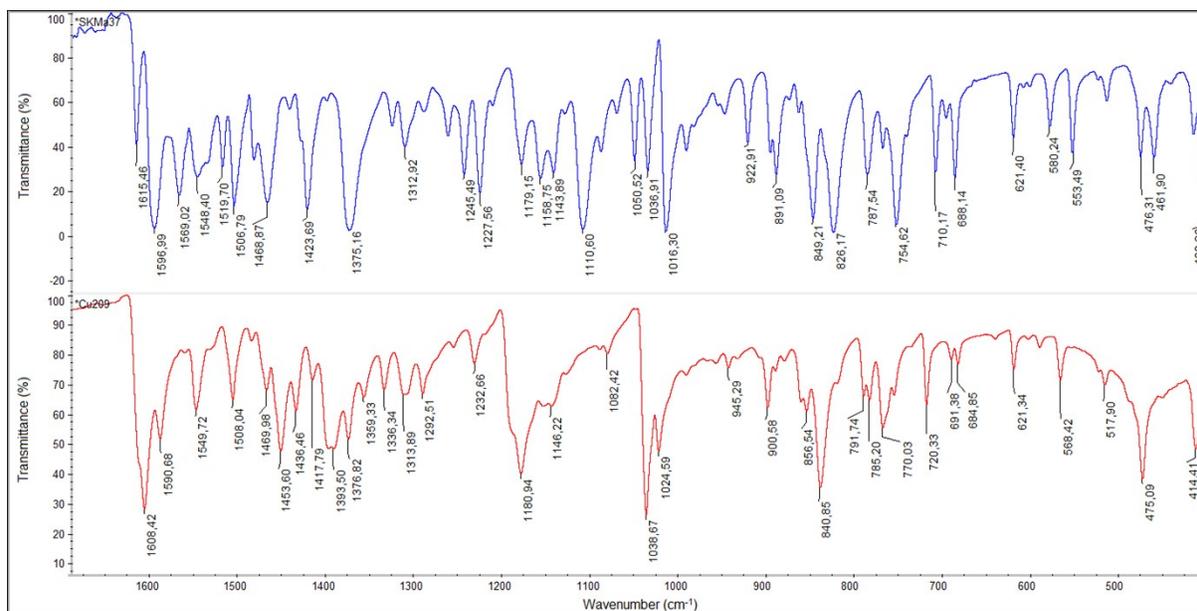
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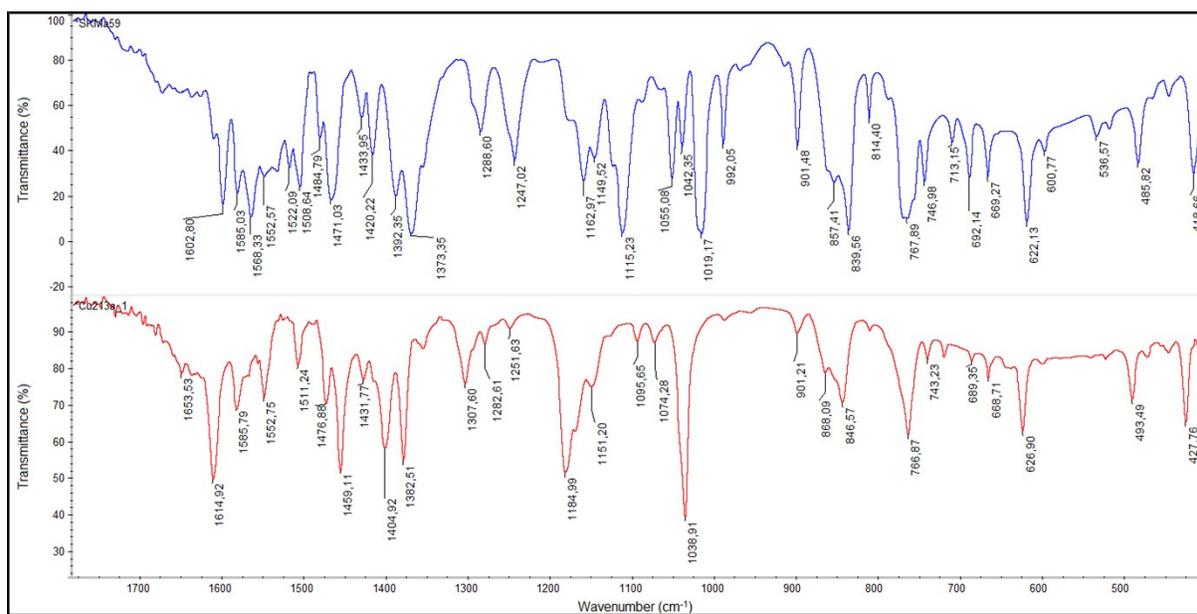
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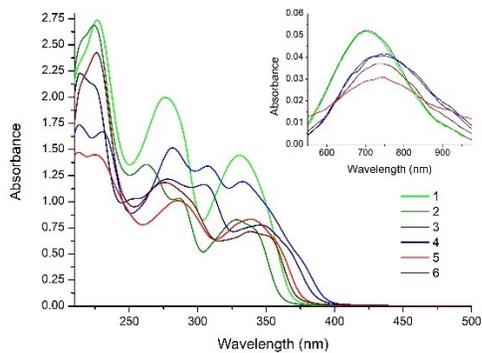


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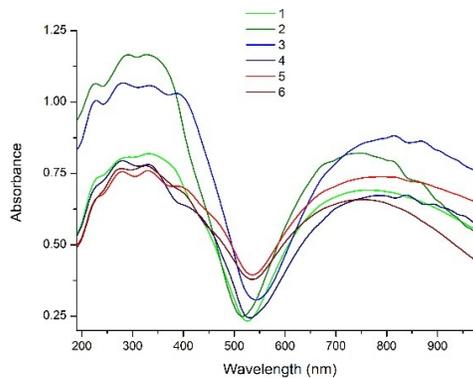


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Figure S2. IR spectra of complexes **1-6** (red line) and appropriate free ligands (blue line).

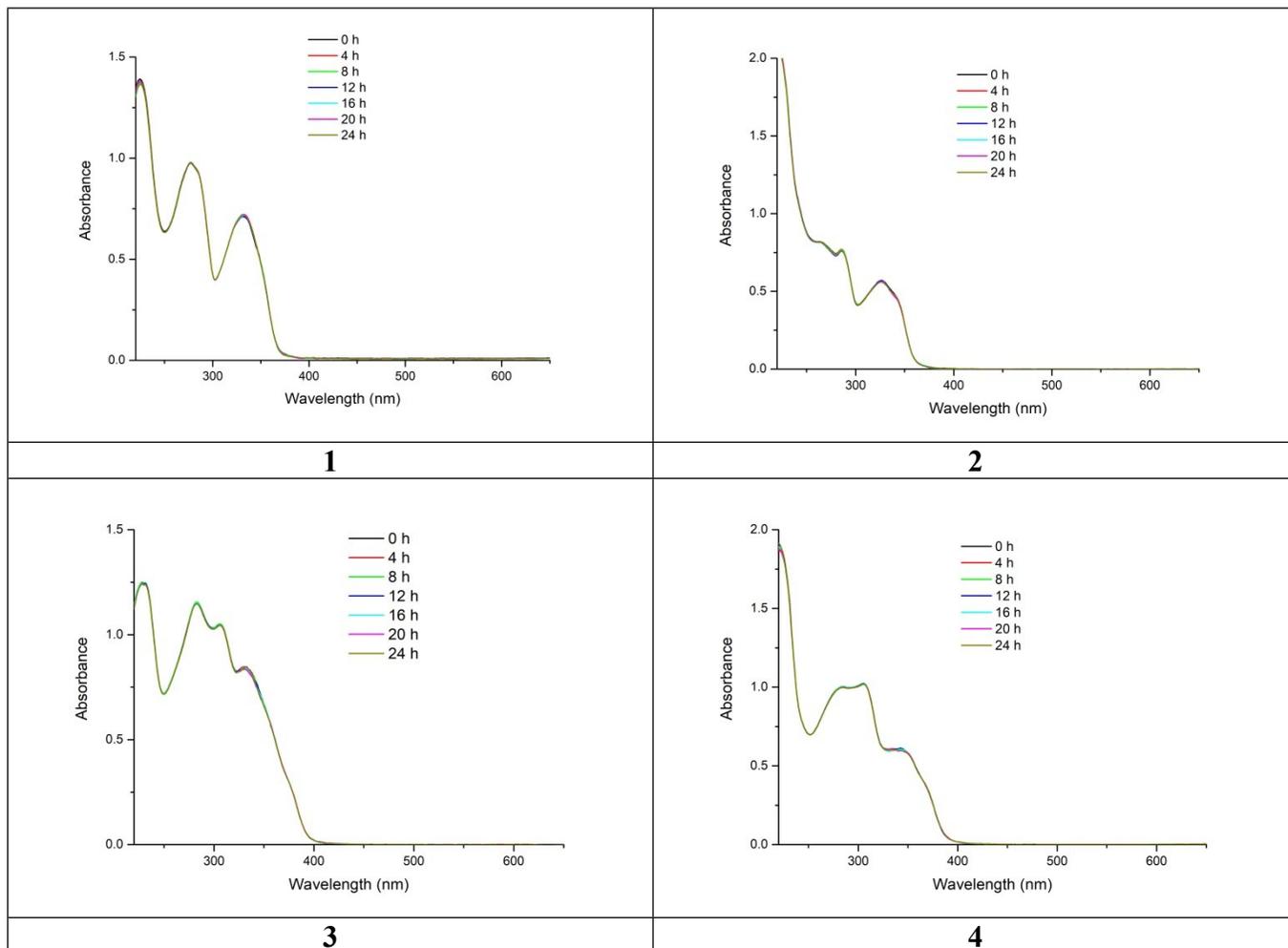


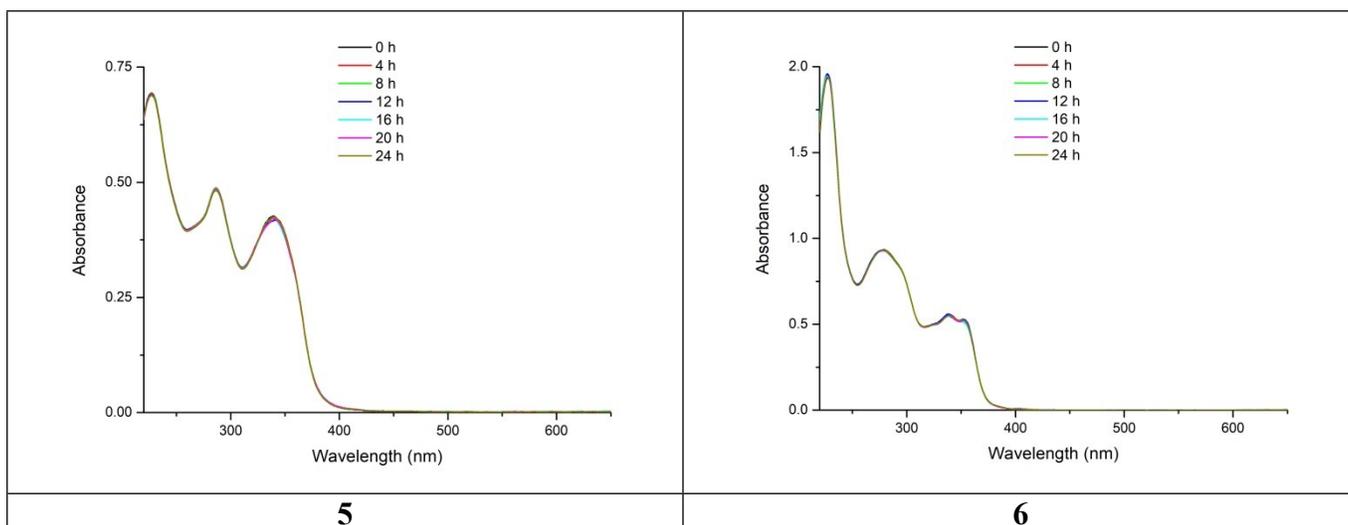
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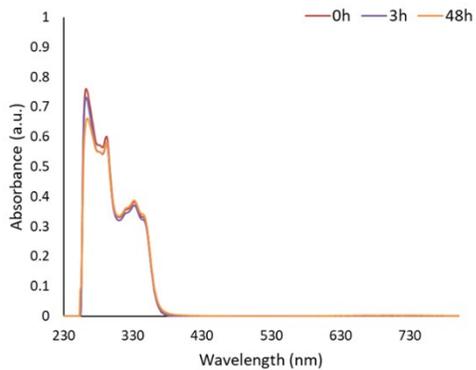
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**Figure S3.** UV-Vis spectra of complexes **1-6** in methanol (a) ( $5 \cdot 10^{-5}$  M, inset:  $5 \cdot 10^{-4}$  M) and the reflectance spectra in powder samples (b).

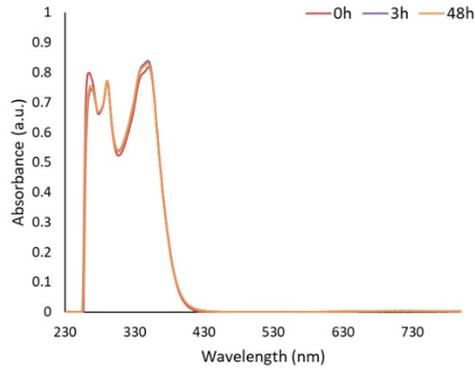




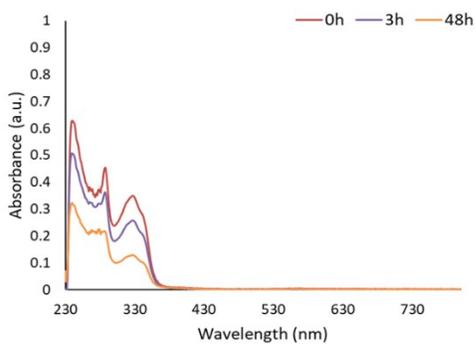
**Figure S4.** UV-Vis solutions stability of complexes **1-6** in methanol ( $5 \cdot 10^{-5}$  M). Spectra were collected every 4 hours for 24 h.



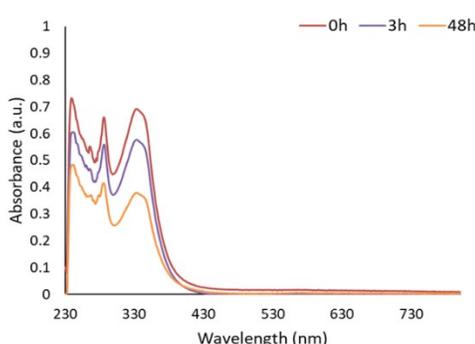
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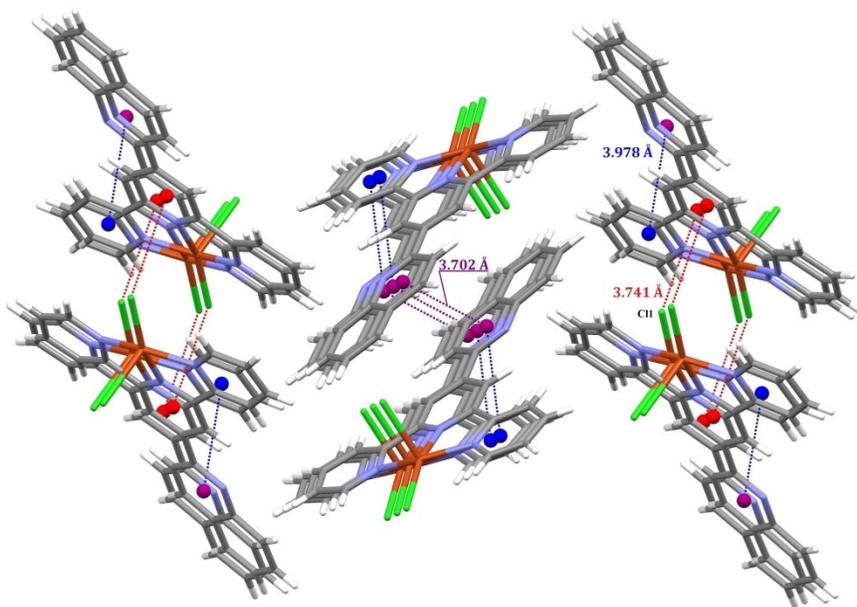


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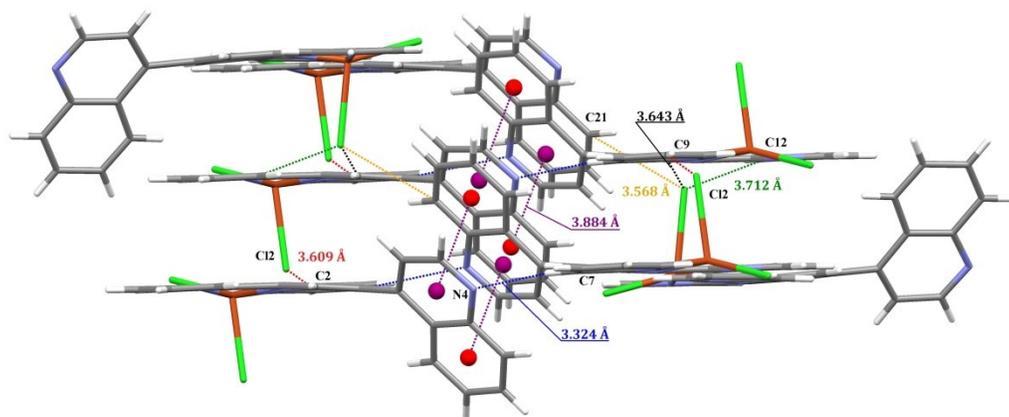


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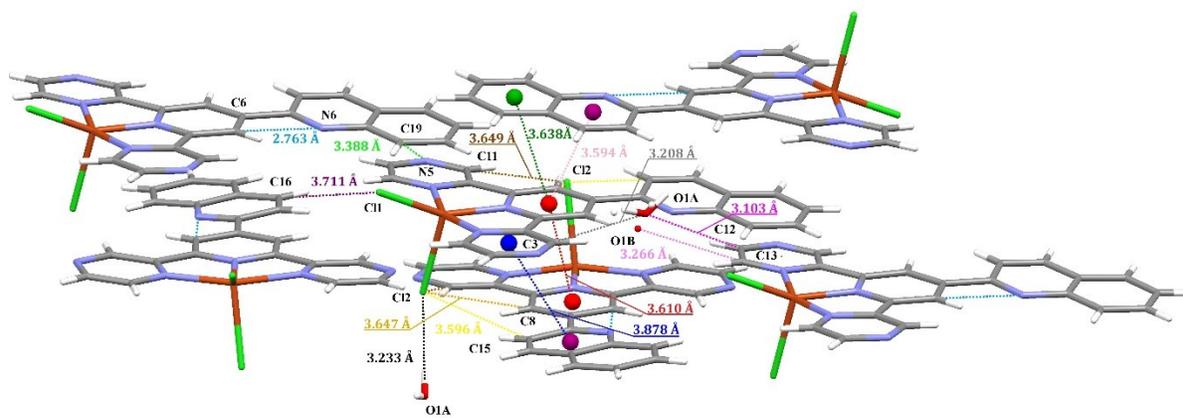
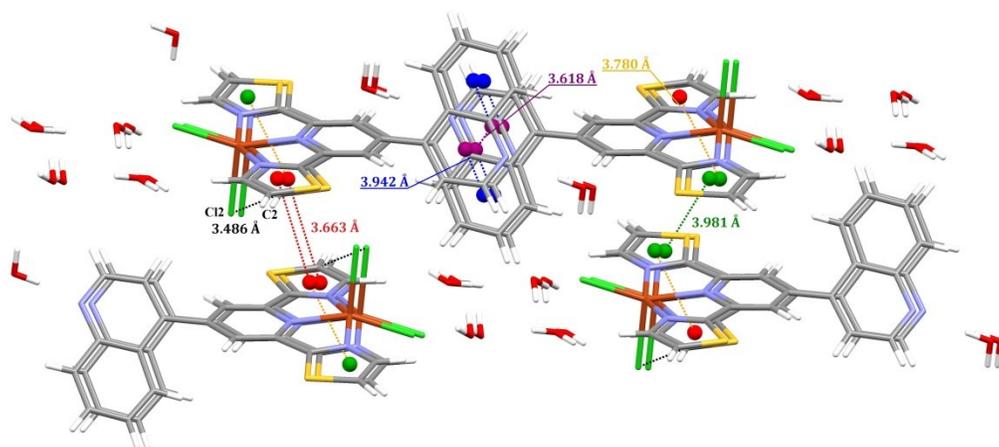
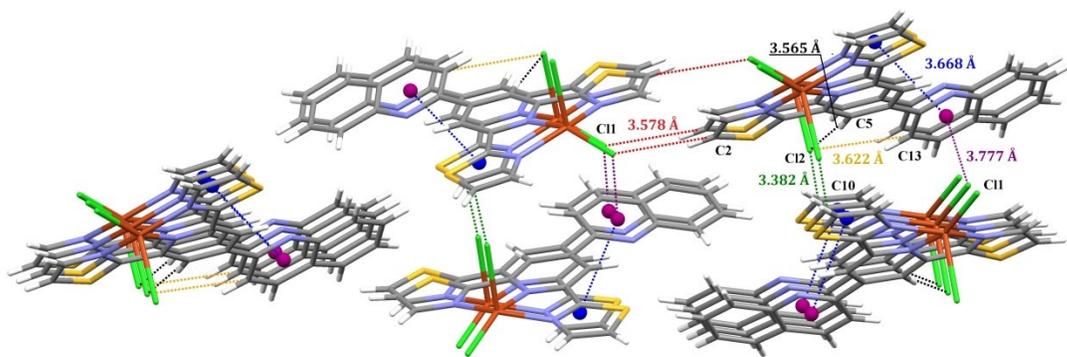
**Figure S5.** UV-Vis spectra of complexes **2** (a) and **5** (b) dissolved in DMSO and complexes **2** (c) and **5** (d) dissolved in DMEM incubated at 37 °C for 0 h (control), 3 h and 48 h.

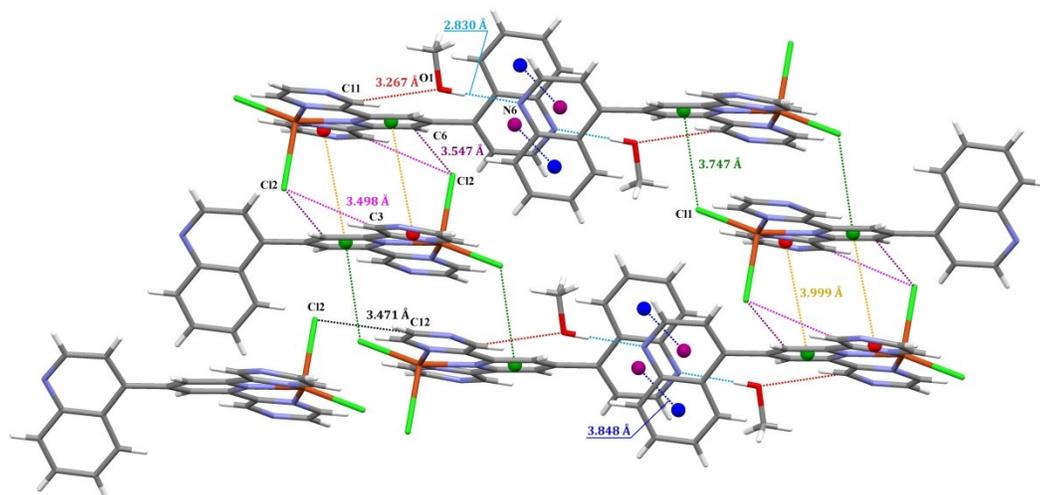


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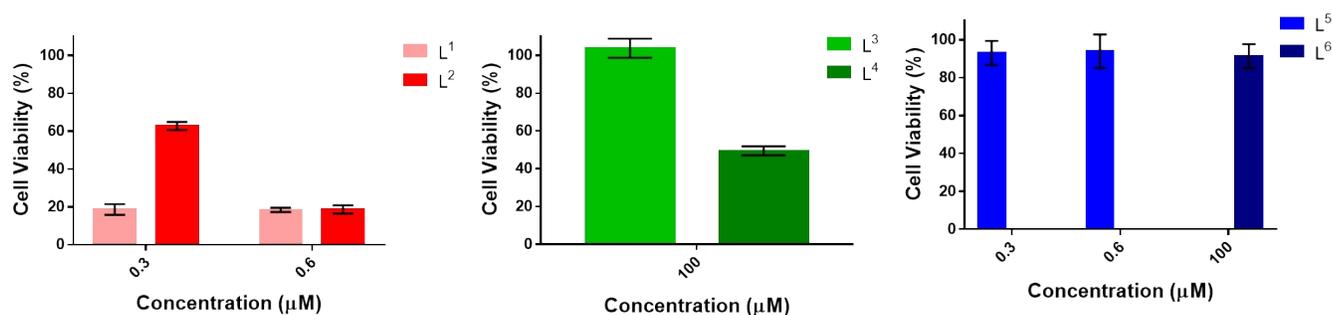


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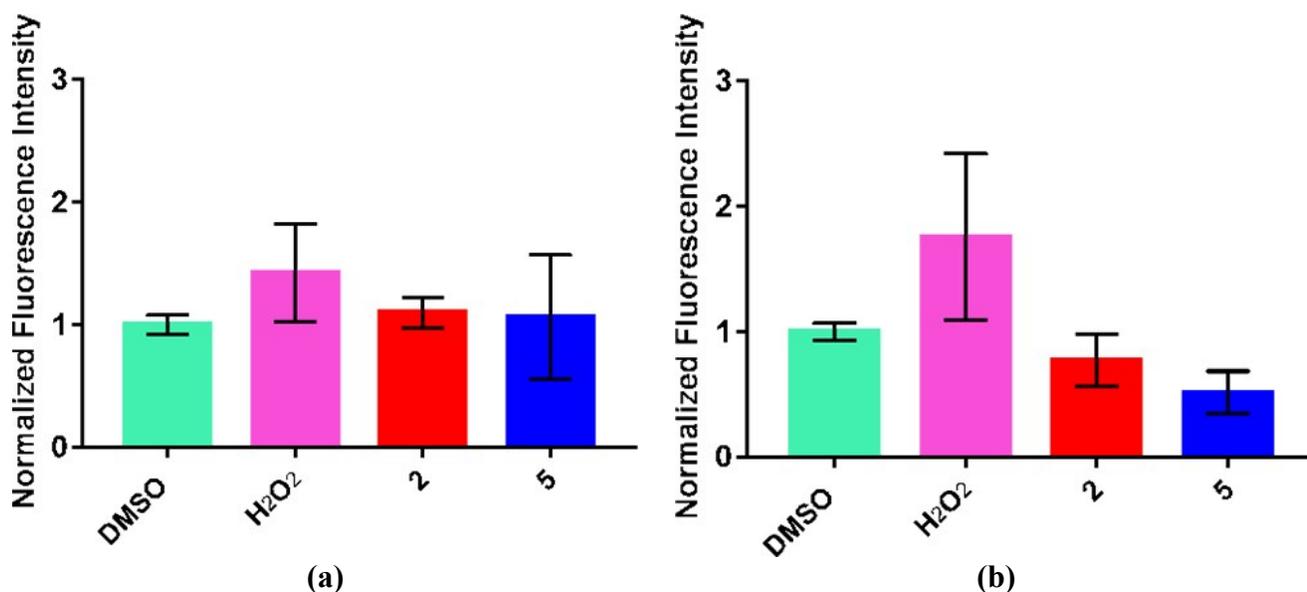




**Figure S6.** View of the supramolecular packing of complexes **1-6** arising from weak  $\pi\cdots\pi$  and D-H $\cdots$ A and Cu-Cl $\cdots$ A type interactions.<sup>(6)</sup>



**Figure S7.** Cytotoxicity of ligands 2-quinolyl-terpy (L<sup>1</sup>), 4-quinolyl-terpy (L<sup>2</sup>), 2-quinolyl-dtpy (L<sup>3</sup>), 4-quinolyl-dtpy (L<sup>4</sup>), 2-quinolyl-dppy (L<sup>5</sup>) and 4-quinolyl-dppy (L<sup>6</sup>) employed in this research used to synthesize complexes **1-6** in HCT116 cell line evaluated 48 h after exposure to the IC<sub>50</sub>, 2×IC<sub>50</sub> concentrations of the corresponding complexes, or at 100 μM when the complexes were not so effective against HCT116 cells. Cell viability was determined by the MTS method. DMSO 0.1% (v/v) was used as solvent control condition.



**Figure S8.** Production of reactive oxygen species (ROS) in HCT116 cells exposed for 3 h (a) and 6 h (b) to IC<sub>50</sub> concentrations of complex **2** and **5**. DMSO 0.1% (v/v) was used as solvent control and 25  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> was used as positive control.

**Table S1.** Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] of complexes **1-6**

Bond lengths [Å]						
Name used ligand	1 4'-(2-quinoline)-terpy	2 4'-(4-quinoline)-terpy	3 4'-(2-quinoline)-dtpy	4 4'-(4-quinoline)-dtpy	5 4'-(2-quinoline)-dppy	6 4'-(4-quinoline)-dppy
Cu(1)–N(1)	2.049(2)	2.055(4)	2.068(4)	2.048(3)	2.047(2)	2.068(2)
Cu(1)–N(3)	2.059(2)	2.052(5)	2.067(4)	2.055(3)	2.047(3)	2.048(2)
Cu(1)–N(2)	1.9536(19)	1.947(4)	1.983(4)	1.973(4)	1.962(2)	1.9642(19)
Cu(1)–Cl(1)	2.2254(7)	2.2289(15)	2.2187(14)	2.2289(13)	2.2184(8)	2.2256(7)
Cu(1)–Cl(2)	2.5300(7)	2.5050(15)	2.4966(13)	2.4332(15)	2.5077(9)	2.4437(7)
Bond angles [°]						
N(1)–Cu(1)–N(2)	79.71(8)	78.89(18)	77.93(16)	78.92(14)	78.80(9)	78.44(8)
N(2)–Cu(1)–N(3)	78.39(8)	79.23(18)	78.41(16)	77.90(14)	78.77(10)	78.80(8)
N(1)–Cu(1)–N(3)	156.56(8)	156.33(17)	154.11(16)	154.91(17)	156.73(10)	153.97(8)
Cl(1)–Cu(1)–N(1)	98.69(6)	99.60(13)	101.01(11)	99.50(11)	99.46(7)	97.01(6)
Cl(1)–Cu(1)–N(2)	162.16(6)	159.71(13)	159.62(11)	154.73(12)	155.90(7)	159.36(6)
Cl(1)–Cu(1)–N(3)	99.56(6)	97.78(13)	97.50(11)	97.35(10)	98.46(8)	99.85(6)
Cl(2)–Cu(1)–N(1)	91.58(6)	92.11(12)	95.48(11)	96.35(11)	99.88(7)	100.09(6)
Cl(2)–Cu(1)–N(2)	93.18(6)	90.76(12)	95.35(11)	98.42(12)	101.70(7)	98.42(6)
Cl(2)–Cu(1)–N(3)	97.89(6)	97.10(13)	97.05(11)	96.42(11)	90.66(8)	95.57(6)
Cl(1)–Cu(1)–Cl(2)	104.64(3)	109.53(6)	105.00(5)	106.80(6)	102.27(3)	102.21(3)

**Table S2.** Short intra- and intermolecular hydrogen bonds detected in complexes **1-6**

D-H...A	D-H [Å]	H...A [Å]	D-A [Å]	D-H...A [°]
<b>1</b>				
no hydrogen bonds detected				
<b>2</b>				
C(2)–H(2)•••Cl(2) <sup>a</sup>	0.93	2.72	3.609(6)	161.5
C(7)–H(7)•••N(4) <sup>b</sup>	0.93	2.43	3.324(7)	161.0
C(9)–H(9)•••Cl(2) <sup>c</sup>	0.93	2.75	3.643(6)	162.2
C(12)–H(12)•••Cl(2) <sup>c</sup>	0.93	2.81	3.712(6)	164.5
C(21)–H(21)•••Cl(2) <sup>d</sup>	0.93	2.83	3.568(6)	137.3
<b>3</b>				
C(2)–H(2)•••Cl(1) <sup>e</sup>	0.93	2.73	3.578(5)	151.9
C(5)–H(5)•••Cl(2) <sup>e</sup>	0.93	2.64	3.565(5)	173.5
C(10)–H(10)•••Cl(2) <sup>f</sup>	0.93	2.60	3.384(5)	141.8
C(13)–H(13)•••Cl(2) <sup>e</sup>	0.93	2.78	3.622(5)	150.9
<b>4</b>				
O(1)–H(1A)•••N(4) <sup>g</sup>	0.85	1.98	2.820(5)	172.9
O(1)–H(1B)•••Cl(1) <sup>h</sup>	0.85	2.47	3.298(4)	163.7
O(2)–H(2A)•••Cl(1) <sup>i</sup>	0.85	2.45	3.259(6)	158.7
O(2)–H(2B)•••O(3)	0.85	1.95	2.761(8)	158.3
O(3)–H(3B)•••O(2) <sup>j</sup>	0.85	2.07	2.824(11)	146.6
C(2)–H(2)•••Cl(2) <sup>a</sup>	0.93	2.62	3.486(4)	156.2
C(7)–H(7)•••O(1) <sup>k</sup>	0.93	2.35	3.265(5)	168.7
C(10)–H(10)•••O(1)	0.93	2.32	3.250(5)	177.6
C(14)–H(14)•••O(2)	0.93	2.60	3.503(7)	164.2
<b>5</b>				
O(1)–H(1AA)•••Cl(2) <sup>l</sup>	0.80	2.45	3.233(6)	164.4
C(3)–H(3)•••O(1A)	0.93	2.55	3.208(7)	127.8
C(6)–H(6)•••N(6)	0.93	2.45	2.763(4)	99.7
C(8)–H(8)•••Cl(2) <sup>m</sup>	0.93	2.77	3.647(3)	158.1
C(11)–H(11)•••Cl(2) <sup>m</sup>	0.93	2.74	3.649(4)	165.3
C(12)–H(12)•••O(1A) <sup>n</sup>	0.93	2.47	3.103(14)	125.5
C(13)–H(13)•••O(1B) <sup>n</sup>	0.93	2.54	3.266(8)	135.0
C(15)–H(15)•••Cl(2) <sup>m</sup>	0.93	2.76	3.596(3)	150.2
C(16)–H(16)•••Cl(1) <sup>o</sup>	0.93	2.80	3.711(3)	165.3
C(19)–H(19)•••N(5) <sup>p</sup>	0.93	2.61	3.388(5)	140.9
<b>6</b>				
O(1)–H(1A)•••N(6) <sup>f</sup>	0.82	2.02	2.830(3)	171.9
C(3)–H(3)•••Cl(2) <sup>s</sup>	0.93	2.61	3.498(3)	159.9
C(6)–H(6)•••Cl(2) <sup>s</sup>	0.93	2.71	3.545(2)	150.3
C(11)–H(11)•••O(1)	0.93	2.37	3.267(4)	160.9
C(12)–H(12)•••Cl(2) <sup>t</sup>	0.93	2.82	3.471(3)	128.3

**Table S3.** Short  $\pi\cdots\pi$  interactions for complexes 1-6

Cg(I) $\cdots$ Cg(J)	Cg(I) $\cdots$ Cg(J) [Å]	$\alpha$ [°]	$\beta$ [°]	$\gamma$ [°]	Cg(I)-Perp [Å]	Cg(J)-Perp [Å]
<b>1</b>						
Cg5 is the centroid of atoms N(3)/C(11)/C(12)/C(13)/C(14)/C(15); Cg6 is the centroid of atoms N(4)/C(16)/C(17)/C(18)/C(19)/C(20)						
Cg(5) $\cdots$ Cg(6) <sup>a</sup>	3.9780	12.958	22.66	33.52	3.3165	-3.6710
Cg(6) $\cdots$ Cg(6) <sup>a</sup>	3.7020	0	18.70	18.70	-3.5066	-3.5066
<b>2</b>						
Cg6 is the centroid of atoms N(4)/C(16)/C(17)/C(22)/C(23)/C(24); Cg7 is the centroid of atoms C(17)/C(18)/C(19)/C(20)/C(21)/C(22)						
Cg(6) $\cdots$ Cg(7) <sup>v</sup>	3.8835	2.216	15.24	16.93	-3.7151	-3.7470
<b>3</b>						
Cg4 is the centroid of atoms S(2)/C(9)/N(3)/C(10)/C(11); Cg6 is the centroid of atoms N(4)/C(12)/C(13)/C(14)/C(15)/C(16)						
Cg(4) $\cdots$ Cg(6) <sup>w</sup>	3.6682	8.682	26.24	20.66	-3.4324	3.2903
<b>4</b>						
Cg3 is the centroid of atoms S(1)/C(3)/N(1)/C(1)/C(2); Cg4 is the centroid of atoms S(2)/C(9)/N(3)/C(10)/C(11); Cg6 is the centroid of atoms N(4)/C(12)/C(13)/C(14)/C(15)/C(16); Cg7 is the centroid of atoms C(15)/C(16)/C(17)/C(18)/C(19)/C(20)						
Cg(3) $\cdots$ Cg(3) <sup>x</sup>	3.6633	0	21.50	21.50	3.4084	3.4084
Cg(3) $\cdots$ Cg(4) <sup>a</sup>	3.7802	5.338	27.46	24.48	3.4403	-3.3545
Cg(4) $\cdots$ Cg(4) <sup>y</sup>	3.981	0	27.94	27.94	-3.5197	-3.5197
Cg(6) $\cdots$ Cg(6) <sup>z</sup>	3.6187	0	10.76	10.76	-3.5550	-3.5550
Cg(6) $\cdots$ Cg(7) <sup>b</sup>	3.9429	4.146	26.14	29.14	3.4439	3.5395
<b>5</b>						
Cg3 is the centroid of atoms N(1)/C(1)/C(2)/N(4)/C(3)/C(4); Cg4 is the centroid of atoms N(2)/C(5)/C(6)/C(7)/C(8)/C(9); Cg6 is the centroid of atoms N(6)/C(14)/C(15)/C(16)/C(17)/C(18); Cg7 is the centroid of atoms C(17)/C(18)/C(19)/C(20)/C(21)/C(22)						
Cg(3) $\cdots$ Cg(6) <sup>aa</sup>	3.8775(16)	5.25(14)	32.4	28.8	3.3994(12)	3.2746(11)
Cg(4) $\cdots$ Cg(4) <sup>aa</sup>	3.6104(15)	2.80(13)	21.2	21.2	3.3664(11)	3.3664(11)
Cg(4) $\cdots$ Cg(6) <sup>z</sup>	3.5941(16)	4.86(13)	25.5	20.6	3.3643(11)	3.2450(11)
Cg(4) $\cdots$ Cg(7) <sup>z</sup>	3.6376(18)	4.47(15)	19.8	22.5	3.3597(11)	3.4216(15)
<b>6</b>						
Cg3 is the centroid of atoms N(1)/C(1)/C(2)/N(4)/C(3)/C(4); Cg4 is the centroid of atoms N(2)/C(5)/C(6)/C(7)/C(8)/C(9); Cg6 is the centroid of atoms N(6)/C(14)/C(15)/C(16)/C(17)/C(18); Cg7 is the centroid of atoms C(17)/C(18)/C(19)/C(20)/C(21)/C(22)						
Cg(3) $\cdots$ Cg(4) <sup>s</sup>	3.9990	7.410	21.30	15.58	-3.8521	-3.7257
Cg(6) $\cdots$ Cg(7) <sup>r</sup>	3.8485	3.982	25.88	24.73	-3.4955	-3.4624

$\alpha$  = dihedral angle between Cg(I) and Cg(J); Cg(I)-Perp = Perpendicular distance of Cg(I) on ring J; Cg(J)-Perp = perpendicular distance of Cg(J) on ring I;  $\beta$  = angle Cg(I) $\rightarrow$ Cg(J) vector and normal to ring I;  $\gamma$  = angle Cg(I) $\rightarrow$ Cg(J) vector and normal to plane J;

**Table S4.** X—Y⋯Cg(J)( $\pi$ -ring) interactions for complexes 1-6

Y-X(I)⋯Cg(J)	X(I)⋯Cg(J) [Å]	X-Perp [Å]	$\gamma$ [°]	Y-X(I)⋯Cg(J) [°]
<b>1</b>				
Cg4 is the centroid of atoms N(2)/C(6)/C(7)/C(8)/C(9)/C(10)				
Cu(1)-Cl(1)⋯Cg(4) <sup>ab</sup>	3.7407	3.281	28.72	130.00
<b>2</b>				
no X—Y⋯ $\pi$ interactions detected				
<b>3</b>				
Cg6 is the centroid of atoms N(4)/C(12)/C(13)/C(14)/C(15)/C(16)				
Cu(1)-Cl(1)⋯Cg(6) <sup>f</sup>	3.7777	3.502	22.02	79.00
<b>4</b>				
no X—Y⋯ $\pi$ interactions detected				
<b>5</b>				
no X—Y⋯ $\pi$ interactions detected				
<b>6</b>				
Cg4 is the centroid of atoms N(2)/C(5)/C(6)/C(7)/C(8)/C(9)				
Cu(1)-Cl(1)⋯Cg(4) <sup>ab</sup>	3.7473	3.255	29.71	114.00

$\gamma$  = angle X(I)→Cg(J) vector and normal to plane J.

symmetry codes: (a) =  $-1+x,y,z$ ; (b) =  $1-x,1-y,1-z$ ; (c) =  $1/2+x,1/2-y,-1/2+z$ ; (d) =  $3/2-x,1/2+y,3/2-z$ ; (e) =  $-x,1-y,-1/2+z$ ; (f) =  $1/2-x,-1/2+y,1/2+z$ ; (g) =  $x,-1+y,1+z$ ; (h) =  $1+x,y,z$ ; (i) =  $1+x,1+y,-1+z$ ; (j) =  $2-x,2-y,-1-z$ ; (k) =  $3-x,-y,-z$ ; (l) =  $-1/2+x,1-y,z$ ; (m) =  $1/2-x,y,1-z$ ; (n) =  $x,1+y,z$ ; (o) =  $x,3/2-y,1/2+z$ ; (p) =  $x,-1+y,z$ ; (r) =  $1-x,2-y,1-z$ ; (s) =  $-x,2-y,-z$ ; (t) =  $-1-x,1-y,-z$ ; (u) =  $1-x,-y,-z$ ; (v) =  $-x,-y,-z$ ; (w) =  $x,y,1+z$ ; (x) =  $-1-x,1-y,2-z$ ; (y) =  $-x,-y,2-z$ ; (z) =  $-x,1-y,1-z$ ; (aa) =  $1/2-x,y,1-z$ ; (ab) =  $-x,1-y,-z$