

Supporting information

Binding Enabled Catalytic Activation of SO₂ by Copper Koneramine Complexes at Ambient Conditions

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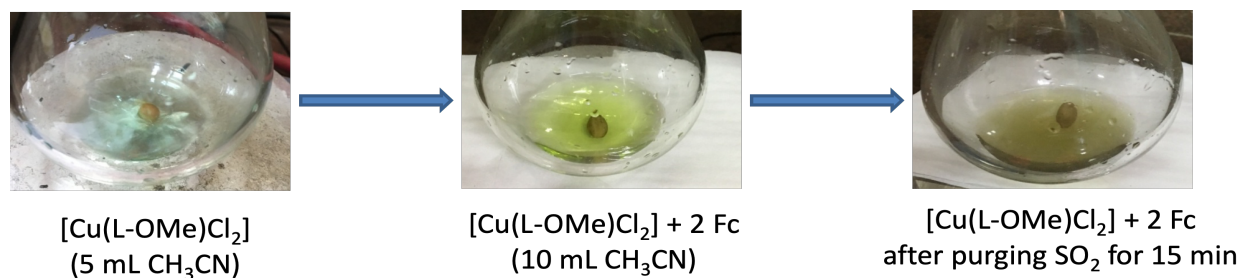
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The reaction of [Cu(L-OMe)Cl₂] and 2 equivalent ferrocene with SO₂ in CH₃CN



[Cu(L-OMe)Cl₂] (50 mg, 0.083 mmol) was dried under vacuum for 30 minutes in Schlenk flask and dissolved with 5 mL CH₃CN under N₂ atmosphere resulted in a light blue-green solution. It was stirred for 5 minutes and the yellow solution of ferrocene (31 mg, 0.166 mmol) in 5 mL CH₃CN was added at room temperature. The light blue-green solution changed to lime green upon addition of ferrocene solution. The lime green solution was stirred for 5 minutes then SO₂ was purged for 15 minutes at room temperature along with the stirring. The clear lime green solution turned to olive green within 10 minutes of SO₂ purging with little turbidity then the solution was left in open air and sample was analysed by high-resolution ESI-MS.

High resolution ESI-MS (cation mode):

m/z for C₁₀H₁₀Fe = 186.0159 (calcd. 186.0132) = Fc⁺

m/z for C₁₁H₂₄N₇ = 254.2113 (calcd. 254.2093) = [N²-(2-aminoethyl)-N⁴,N⁶-diisopropyl-1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6-triamine + H]

m/z for C₁₇H₂₇N₈ = 343.2369 (calcd. 343.2359) = Tim-H

m/z for C₁₇H₂₆N₈CuCl = 440.1289 (calcd. 440.1265) = [Cu(Tim)Cl]⁺

m/z for C₂₄H₃₃N₉OCuCl = 561.1796 (calcd. 561.1793) = [Cu(L-OMe)Cl]⁺

High resolution ESI-MS (anion mode):

m/z for HSO₄ = 96.9595 (calcd. 96.9596) = bisulfate anion

Control reactions:**anhydrous $\text{CuCl}_2 + 2\text{Fc} + \text{SO}_2 + \text{O}_2 \longrightarrow$ No activation**

anhydrous CuCl_2 (14 mg, 0.104 mmol) was dried under vacuum for 30 minutes in Schlenk flask and added to the stirred 10 mL CH_3CN yellow solution of ferrocene (31 mg, 0.166 mmol) at room temperature. The yellow-brown solution changed to green-brown upon addition of metal salt. The green-brown solution was stirred for 5 minutes then SO_2 was purged for 15 minutes at room temperature along with the stirring. The color of the solution changed to red from green-brown on SO_2 purging. The solution was left in open air and sample was analysed by high-resolution ESI-MS. No bisulfate peak was observed in negative ion mode.

 $\text{Fc} + \text{SO}_2 + \text{O}_2 \longrightarrow$ No activation

Ferrocene (15 mg, 0.08 mmol) was dried under vacuum for 30 minutes in Schlenk flask and then dissolved in 10 mL CH_3CN . SO_2 was purged in yellow solution of ferrocene at room temperature along with the stirring. No change in yellow color of the solution upon SO_2 purging. The solution was left in open air and sample was analysed by high-resolution ESI-MS. No bisulfate peak was observed in negative ion mode.

The reaction of [Cu(L-OMe)Cl₂] and 2 equivalent ferrocene with SO₂ in CH₃CN for 3 days

[Cu(L-OMe)Cl₂] (10 mg, 0.016 mmol) was dried under vacuum for 30 minutes in Schlenk flask and dissolved with 5 mL CH₃CN under N₂ atmosphere resulted in a light blue-green solution. It was stirred for 5 minutes and the yellow solution of ferrocene (6 mg, 0.032 mmol) in 5 mL CH₃CN was added at room temperature. The light blue-green solution changed to lime green upon addition of ferrocene solution. The lime green solution was stirred for 5 minutes then SO₂ was purged for 15 minutes at room temperature along with the stirring. The clear lime green solution turned to olive green within 10 minutes of SO₂ purging with little turbidity, and then the Schlenk flask was left at -20 °C for 72 h. The turbid reaction mixture was filtered through the cannula and the filtrate was analysed by high-resolution ESI-MS.

High resolution ESI-MS (cation mode):

m/z for C₁₀H₁₀Fe = 186.0125 (calcd. 186.0131) = Fc⁺

m/z for C₁₁H₂₄N₇ = 254.2100 (calcd. 254.2093) = [*N*²-(2-aminoethyl)-*N*⁴,*N*⁶-diisopropyl-1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6-triamine + H]

m/z for C₁₇H₂₇N₈ = 343.2379 (calcd. 343.2359) = Tim-H

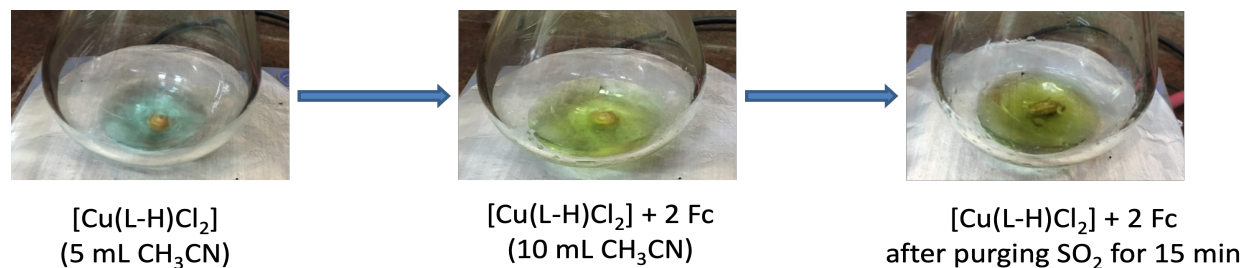
High resolution ESI-MS (anion mode):

m/z for HSO₄ = 96.9589 (calcd. 96.9596) = bisulfate anion

m/z for 2HSO₄ + H = 194.9268 (calcd. 194.9269) = [H(HSO₄)₂]⁻

No peak was observed for [Cu(L-OMe)Cl]⁺

The reaction of [Cu(L-H)Cl₂] and 2 equivalent ferrocene with SO₂ in CH₃CN



[Cu(L-H)Cl₂] (9 mg, 0.016 mmol) was dried under vacuum for 30 minutes in Schlenk flask and dissolved with 5 mL CH₃CN under N₂ atmosphere resulted in a light blue-green solution. It was stirred for 5 minutes and the yellow solution of ferrocene (6 mg, 0.032 mmol) in 5 mL CH₃CN was added at room temperature. The light blue-green solution changed to lime green upon the addition of ferrocene solution. The lime green solution was stirred for 5 minutes, and SO₂ was purged for 15 minutes at room temperature along with the stirring. The lime green solution turned olive green upon SO₂ purging then, the Schlenk flask was left at -20 °C for 70 h. The solution was analysed by high-resolution ESI-MS and evaporated under reduced pressure resulted in green solid. Weight of green solid = 18 mg.

High resolution ESI-MS (cation mode):

$$m/z \text{ for } C_{10}H_{10}Fe = 186.0134 \text{ (calcd. } 186.0131) = Fc^+$$

$$m/z \text{ for } (C_{23}H_{31}N_9Cu)/2 = 248.0979 \text{ (calcd. } 248.0999) = [Cu(L-H)]^{2+}$$

$$m/z \text{ for } (C_{23}H_{32}N_9CuCl)/2 = 266.0861 \text{ (calcd. } 266.0882) = [Cu(L-H)+HCl]^{2+}$$

$$m/z \text{ for } C_{23}H_{31}N_9CuCl = 531.1683 \text{ (calcd. } 531.1687) = [Cu(L-H)Cl]^+$$

$$m/z \text{ for } C_{24}H_{32}N_9O_2Cu = 541.1991 \text{ (calcd. } 541.1975) = [Cu(L-H)HCOO]^+$$

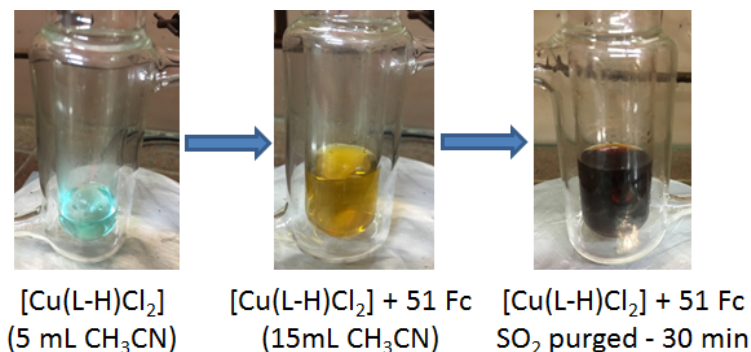
$$m/z \text{ for } C_{23}H_{32}N_9O_4SCu = 593.1595 \text{ (calcd. } 593.1594) = [Cu(L-H)HSO_4]^+$$

High resolution ESI-MS (anion mode):

$$m/z \text{ for } HSO_4 = 96.9606 \text{ (calcd. } 96.9596) = \text{bisulfate anion}$$

$$m/z \text{ for } 2HSO_4 + H = 194.9272 \text{ (calcd. } 194.9269) = [H(HSO_4)_2]^-$$

The reaction of $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})\text{Cl}_2]$ and 51 equivalent ferrocene with SO_2 in CH_3CN



$[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})\text{Cl}_2]$ (9 mg, 0.016 mmol) was dried under vacuum for 30 minutes in Schlenk tube and dissolved with 5 mL CH_3CN under N_2 atmosphere resulted in a blue-green solution. It was stirred for 5 minutes and the yellow solution of ferrocene (153 mg, 0.82 mmol) in 10 mL CH_3CN was added at room temperature. The blue-green solution changed to yellow upon the addition of ferrocene. The yellow solution was stirred for 5 minutes, and SO_2 was purged for 30 minutes at room temperature along with the stirring. The yellow solution changed to wine red upon purging SO_2 within 2 minutes. The solution was transferred to 50 mL round bottom flask and evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure resulted in yellow-green solid.

The weight of the yellow-green solid = 180 mg.

High resolution ESI-MS (cation mode):

m/z for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{Fe} = 186.0169$ (calcd. 186.0131) = Fc^+

m/z for $(\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_9\text{Cu})/2 = 248.0989$ (calcd. 248.0999) = $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})]^{2+}$

m/z for $(\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_9\text{CuCl})/2 = 266.0851$ (calcd. 266.0882) = $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})+\text{HCl}]^{2+}$

m/z for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_9 = 434.2739$ (calcd. 434.2781) = $[(\text{L-H})+\text{H}]$

m/z for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_9\text{CuCl} = 531.1682$ (calcd. 531.1687) = $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})\text{Cl}]^+$

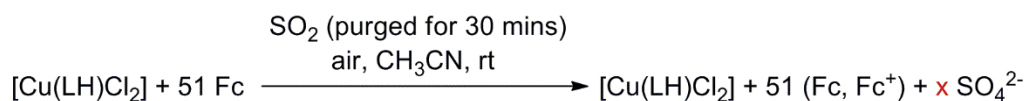
m/z for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_9\text{O}_2\text{Cu} = 541.2021$ (calcd. 541.1975) = $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})\text{HCOO}]^+$

High resolution ESI-MS (anion mode):

m/z for $\text{HSO}_4 = 96.9580$ (calcd 96.9596) = bisulfate anion

m/z for $2\text{HSO}_4 + \text{H} = 194.9250$ (calcd 194.9269) = $[\text{H}(\text{HSO}_4)_2]^-$

Calculation for the conversion of SO₂ to sulfate (SO₄²⁻):



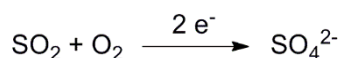
1 equiv. of [Cu(L-H)Cl₂] = 0.016 mmol (9 mg)

51 equiv. of ferrocene = 0.82 mmol (153 mg)

The experimental weight of the reaction mixture after purging SO₂ = 180 mg

The weight of sulfate (SO₄²⁻) = (the exp. weight of the reaction mixture after purging SO₂) - (the weight of copper complex and ferrocene) = (180 – 162) mg = 18 mg

The moles of sulfate (SO₄²⁻) formed from the reaction mixture = the weight of sulfate / the molecular weight of sulfate = 18 mg / 96.0626 g/mol = 0.19 mmol

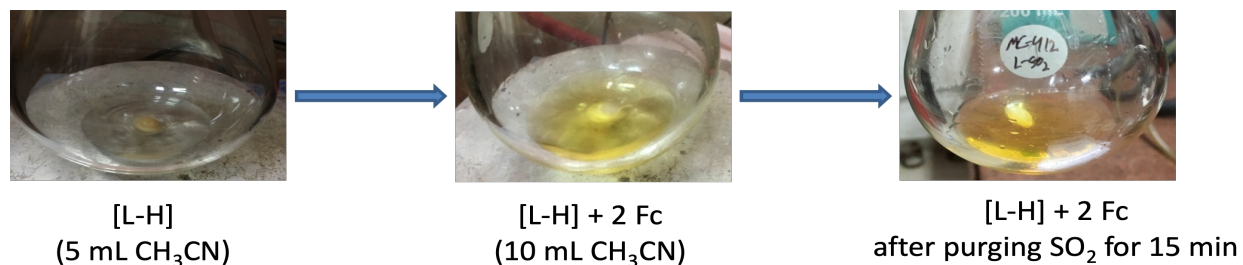


Based on the above reaction, 0.19 mmol of SO₂ was converted to sulfate (SO₄²⁻)

The number of equiv. of SO₂ converted to sulfate (SO₄²⁻) = the moles of SO₂ reacted / the moles of [Cu(L-H)Cl₂] = 0.19 mmol / 0.016 mmol = **11.8 equivalents**

Therefore, 11.8 equivalents of SO₂ was converted to sulfate (SO₄²⁻) for a equivalent of [Cu(L-H)Cl₂] and 51 equivalent of ferrocene.

The reaction of [L-H] and 2 equivalent ferrocene with SO₂ in CH₃CN



[L-H] (7 mg, 0.016 mmol) was dried under vacuum for 30 minutes in Schlenk flask and dissolved with 5 mL CH₃CN under N₂ atmosphere. The colourless solution was stirred for 5 minutes and the yellow solution of ferrocene (6 mg, 0.032 mmol) in 5 mL CH₃CN was added at room temperature. The colourless solution changed to light yellow upon the addition of ferrocene solution. The solution was stirred for 5 minutes then SO₂ was purged for 15 minutes at room temperature along with the stirring. The light yellow solution turned deep yellow upon SO₂ purging, and then, the Schlenk flask was left at -20 °C for 70 h. The yellow solution was analysed by high-resolution ESI-MS. It was evaporated under reduced pressure resulted in yellow solid.

High resolution ESI-MS (cation mode):

m/z for (C₁₇H₃₀N₈)/2 = 173.1266 (calcd. 173.1296) = [N²,N⁴-diisopropyl-N⁶-(2-((pyridin-2-ylmethyl)amino)ethyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6-triamine + 2H]

m/z for C₁₀H₁₀Fe = 186.0118 (calcd. 186.0131) = Fc⁺

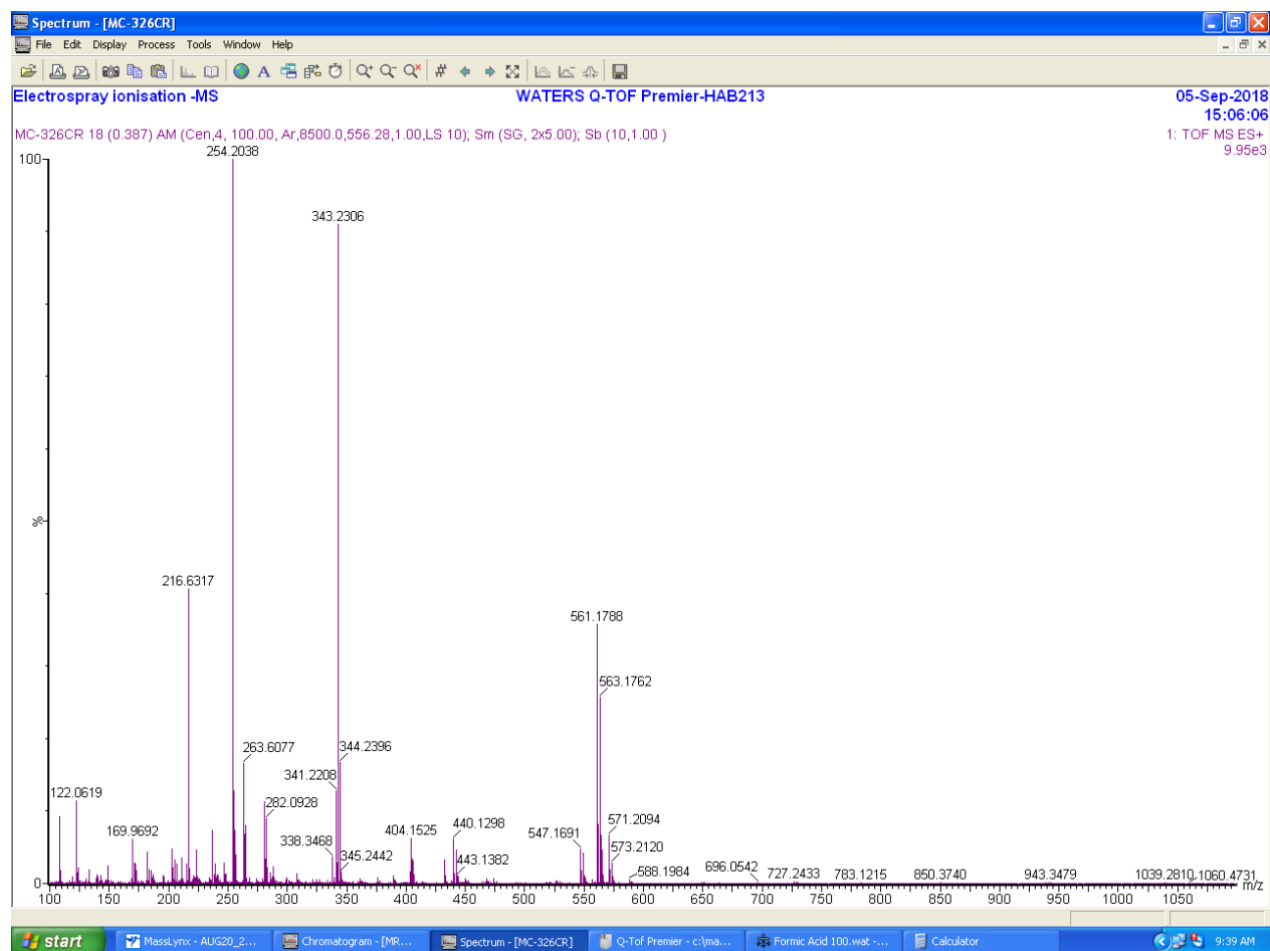
m/z for C₁₇H₂₉N₈ = 345.2511 (calcd. 345.2515) = [N²,N⁴-diisopropyl-N⁶-(2-((pyridin-2-ylmethyl)amino)ethyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6-triamine + H]

High resolution ESI-MS (anion mode):

m/z for HSO₄ = 96.9598 (calcd. 96.9596) = bisulfate anion

m/z for 2HSO₄ + H = 194.9277 (calcd. 194.9269) = [H(HSO₄)₂]⁻

Figure S 1. ESI-MS of [Cu(L-OMe)Cl₂].



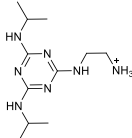
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343.2306	Imd-H	343.2359
561.1788	[Cu(L-OMe)Cl] ⁺	561.1793
571.2094	[Cu(L-OMe)HCOO] ⁺	571.2081

Figure S 2. Simulated ESI-MS of $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-OMe})\text{Cl}]^+$ cation.

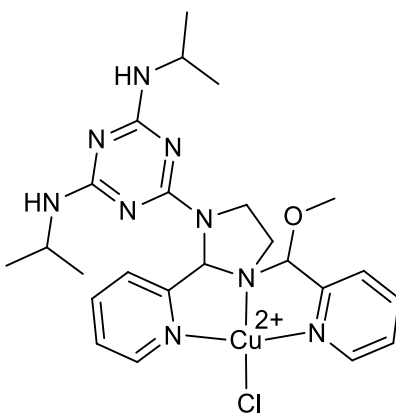
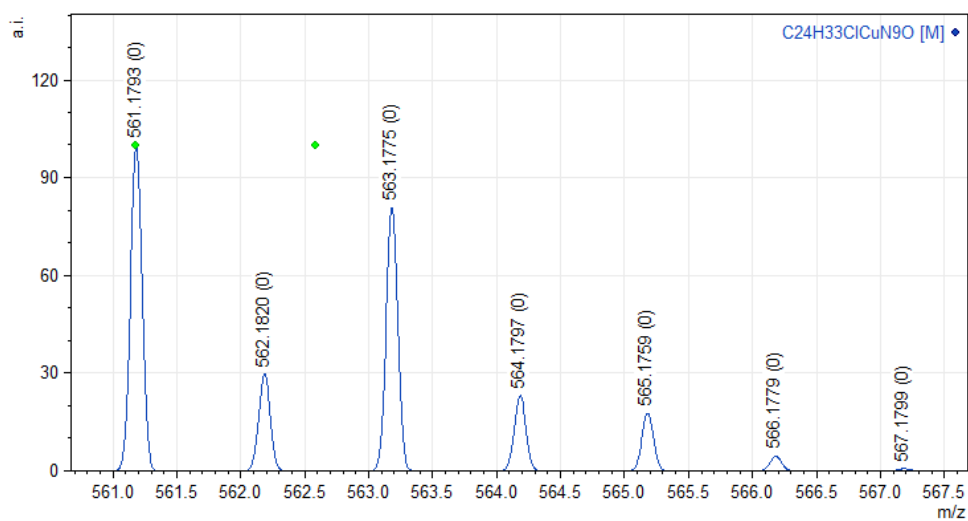


Figure S 3. ORTEP of *syn*-[Cu(L-OMe)Cl₂] drawn at 50% probability level.

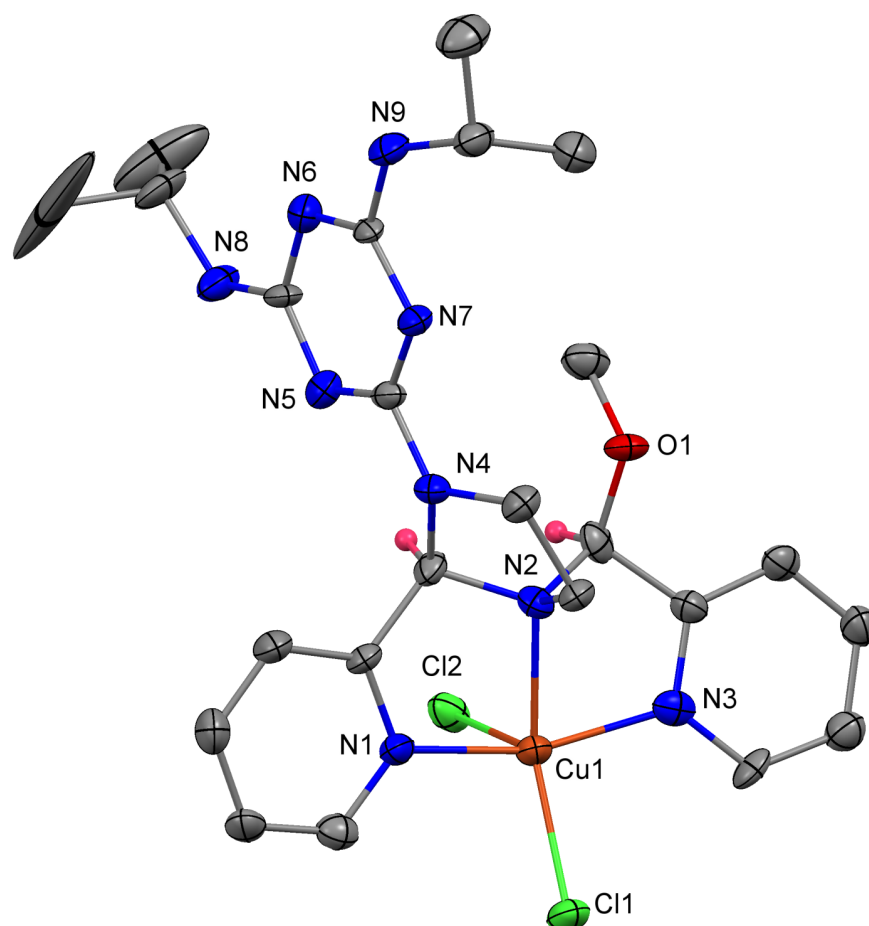
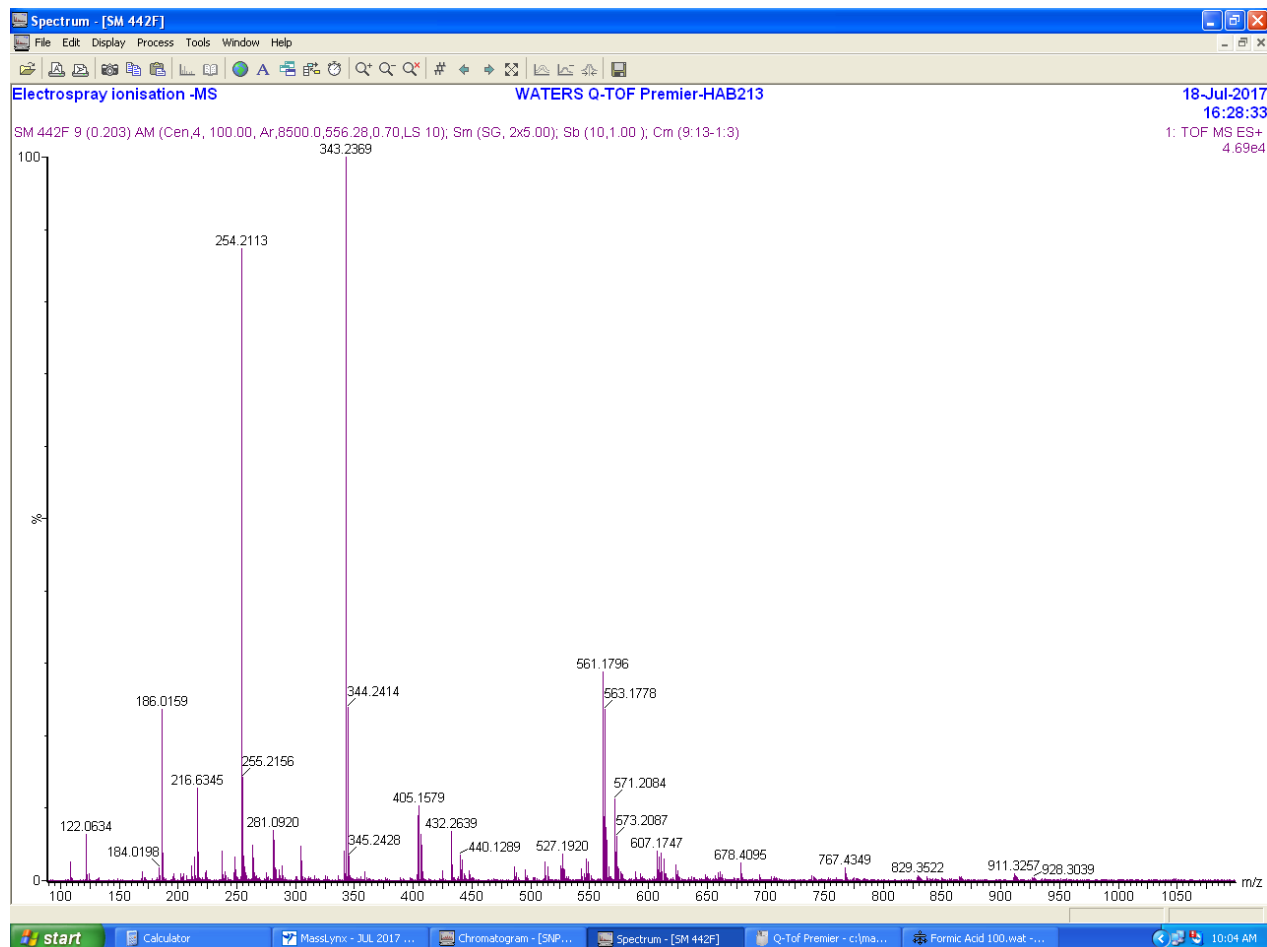


Figure S 4. ESI-MS of the solution containing $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-OMe})\text{Cl}_2]$ and 2 equivalent ferrocene after purging SO_2 (Positive ion mode) in CH_3CN



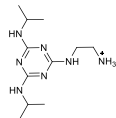
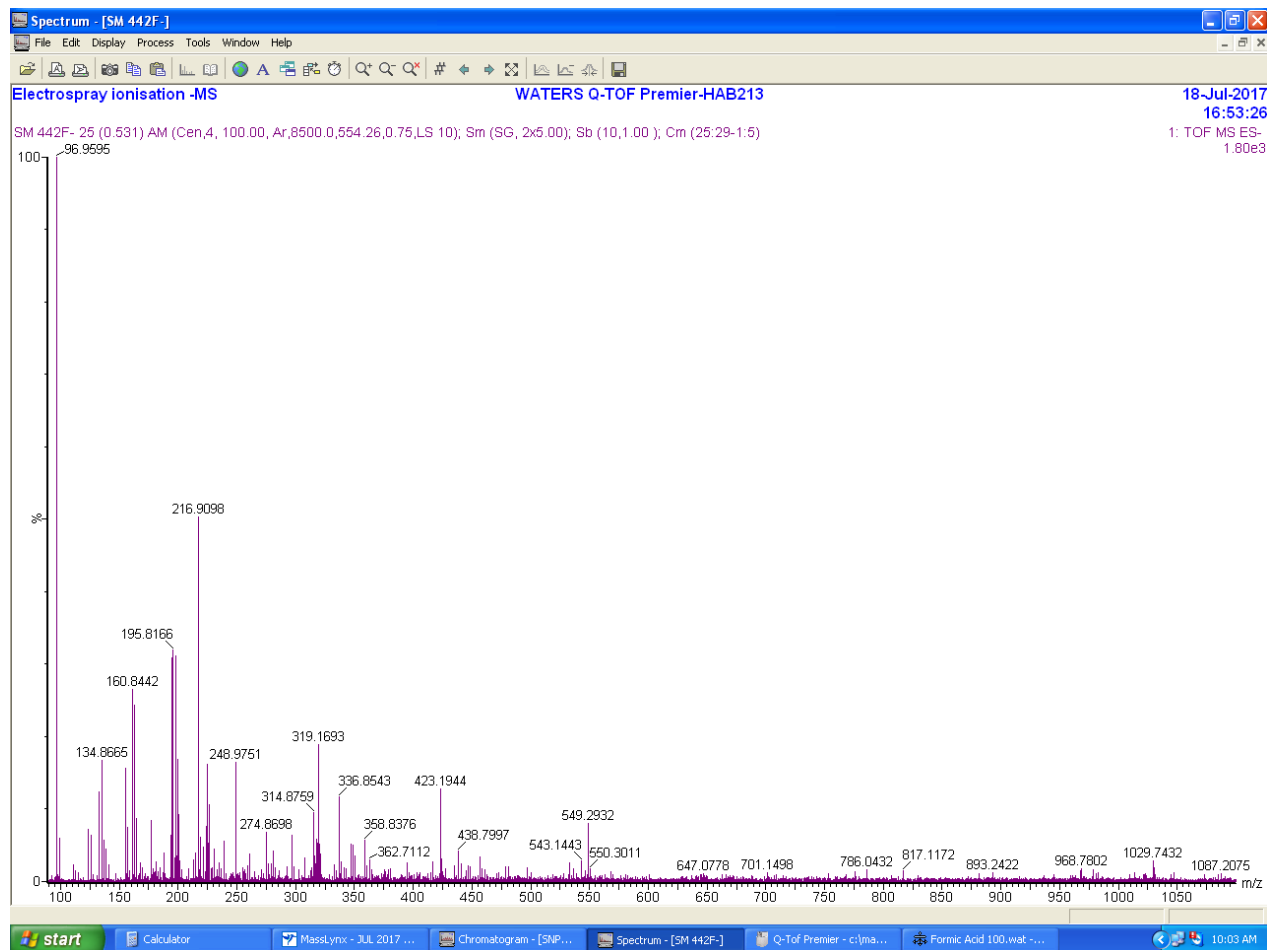
Observed envelope	Observed for	Calculated m/z
186.0159	Ferrocenium ion	186.0132
254.2113		254.2093
343.2369	Imd-H	343.2359
440.1289	$[\text{Cu}(\text{Imd})\text{Cl}]^+$	440.1265
561.1796	$[\text{Cu}(\text{L-OMe})\text{Cl}]^+$	561.1793

Figure S 5. ESI-MS of the solution containing $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-OMe})\text{Cl}_2]$ and 2 equivalent ferrocene after purging SO_2 (Negative ion mode) in CH_3CN



Observed envelope	Observed for	Calculated m/z
96.9595	HSO_4^-	96.9596

Figure S 6. Simulated ESI-MS for HSO_4^- anion

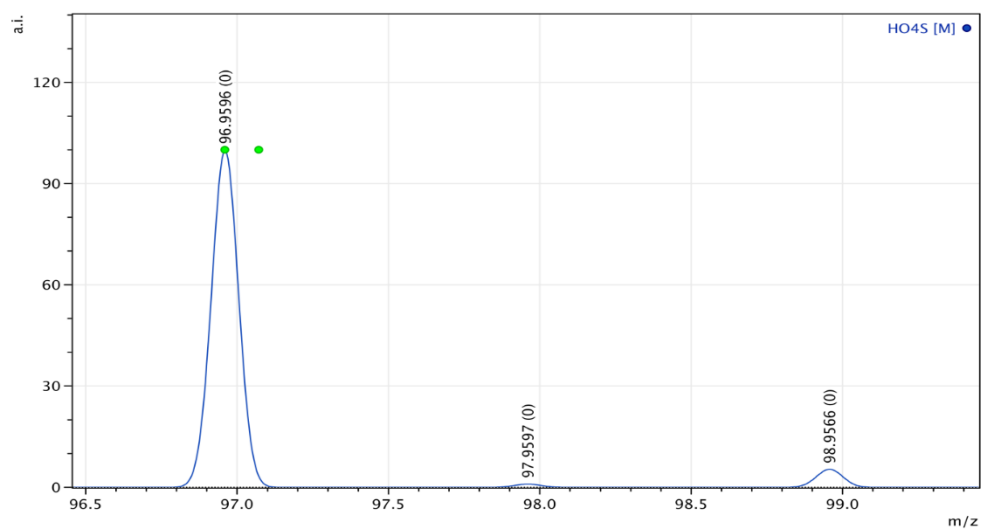


Figure S 7. ESI-MS of the solution containing anhydrous CuCl_2 and 2 equivalent ferrocene after purging SO_2 (Negative ion mode) showing no formation of SO_2 activated products.

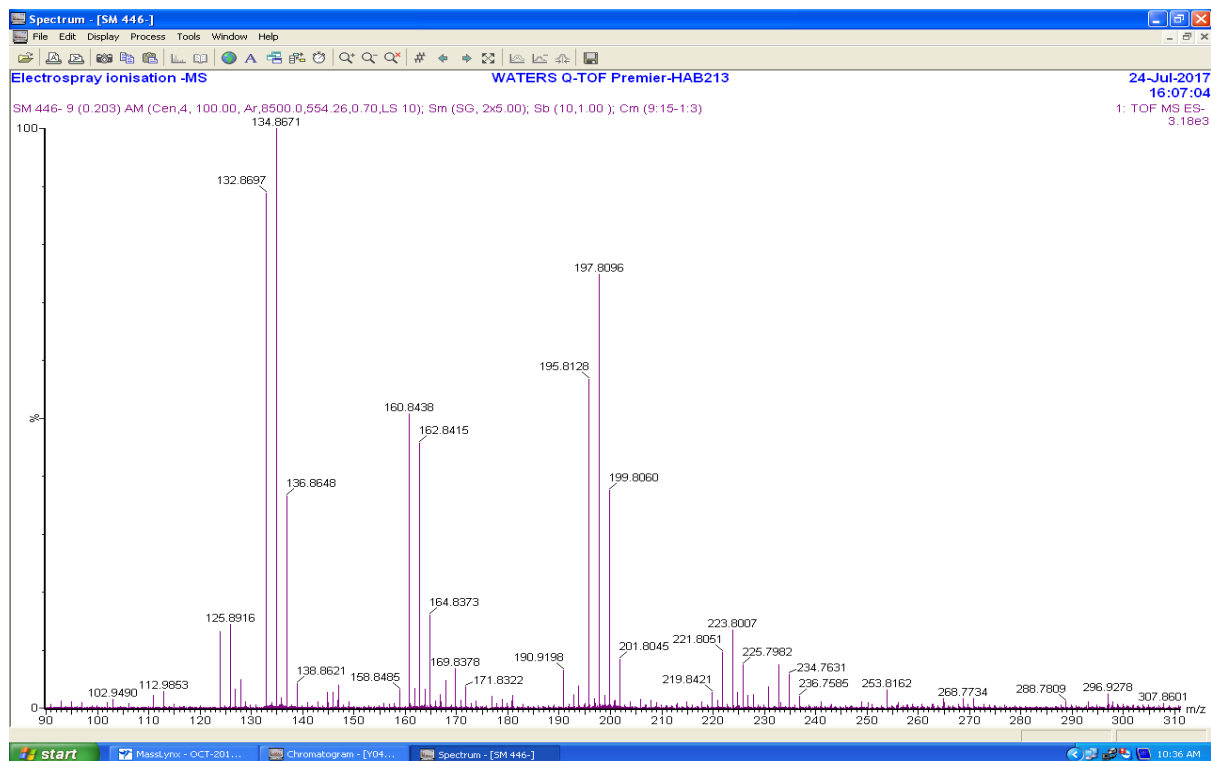
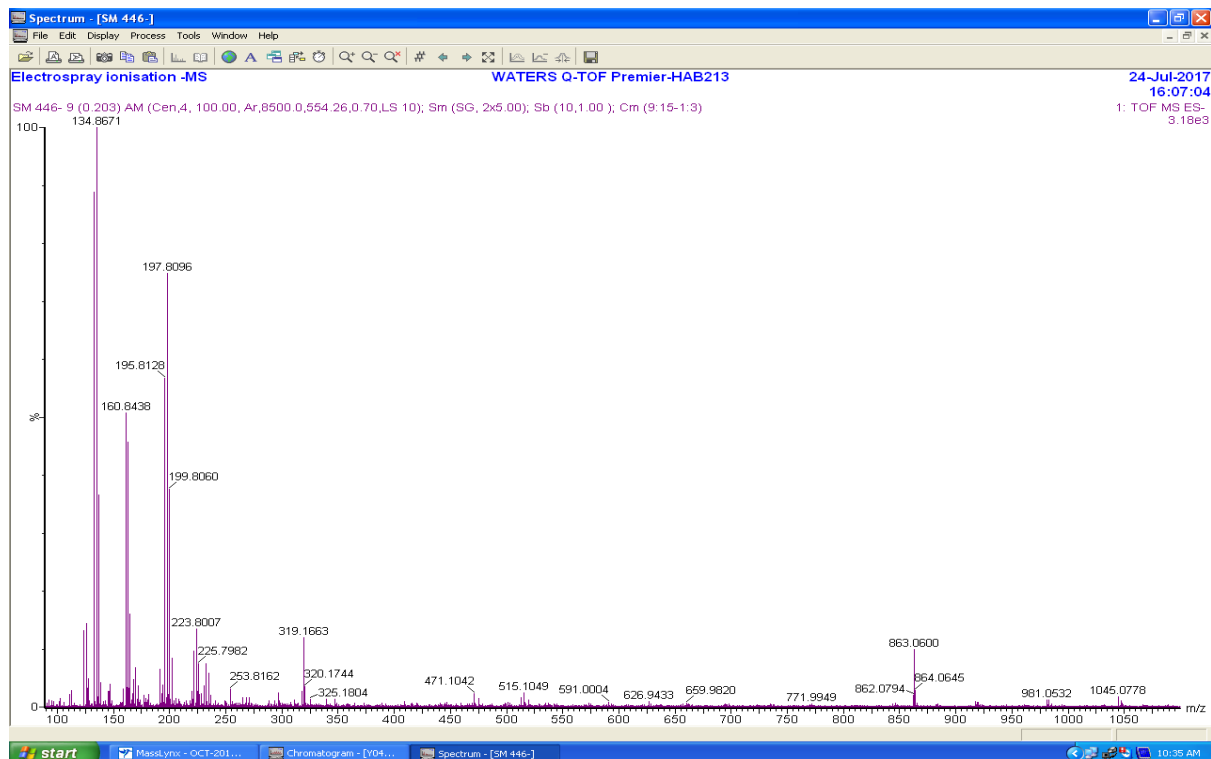


Figure S 8. ESI-MS of the ferrocene solution after purging SO₂ (Negative ion mode) showing no formation of SO₂ activated products.

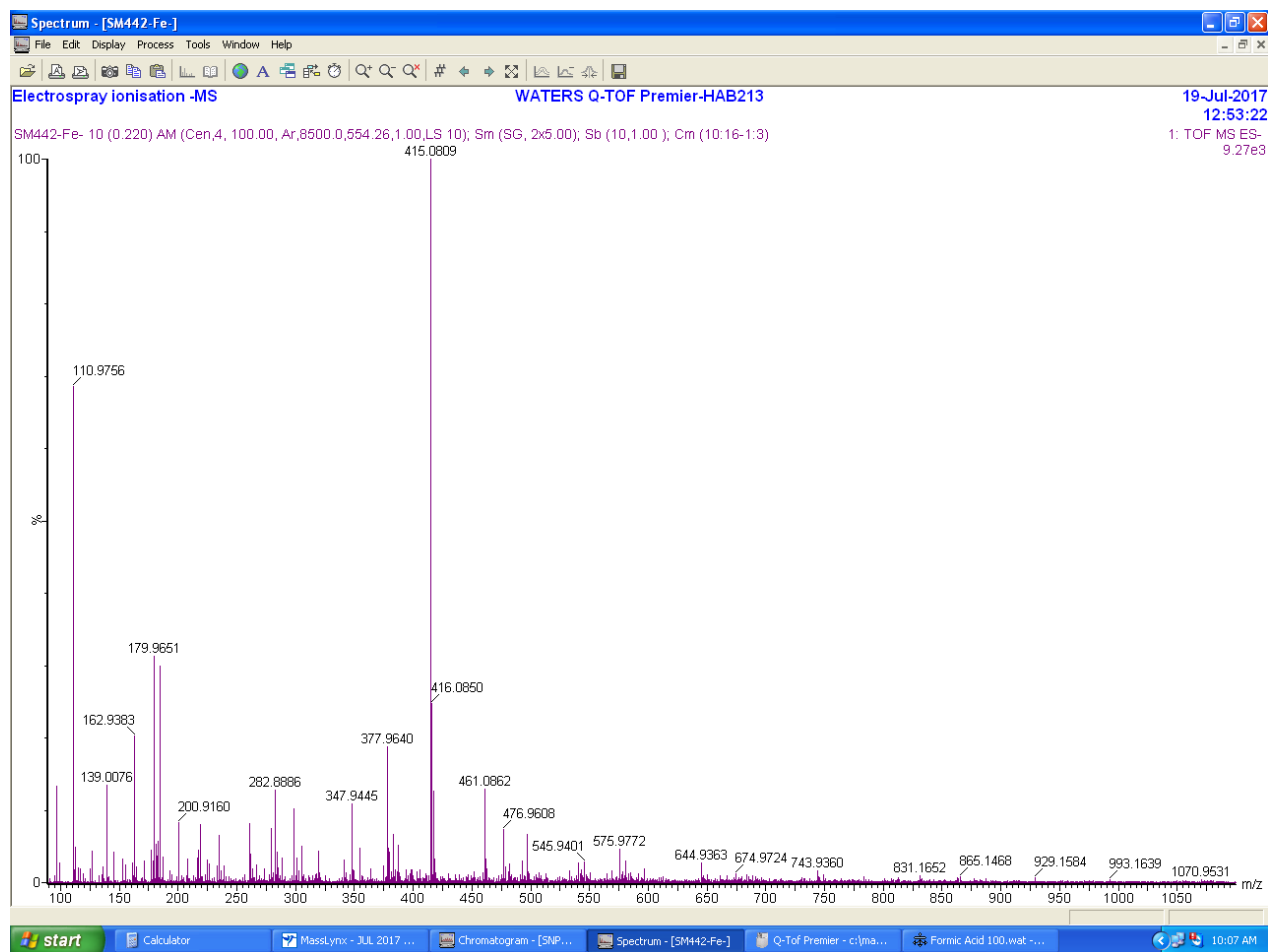
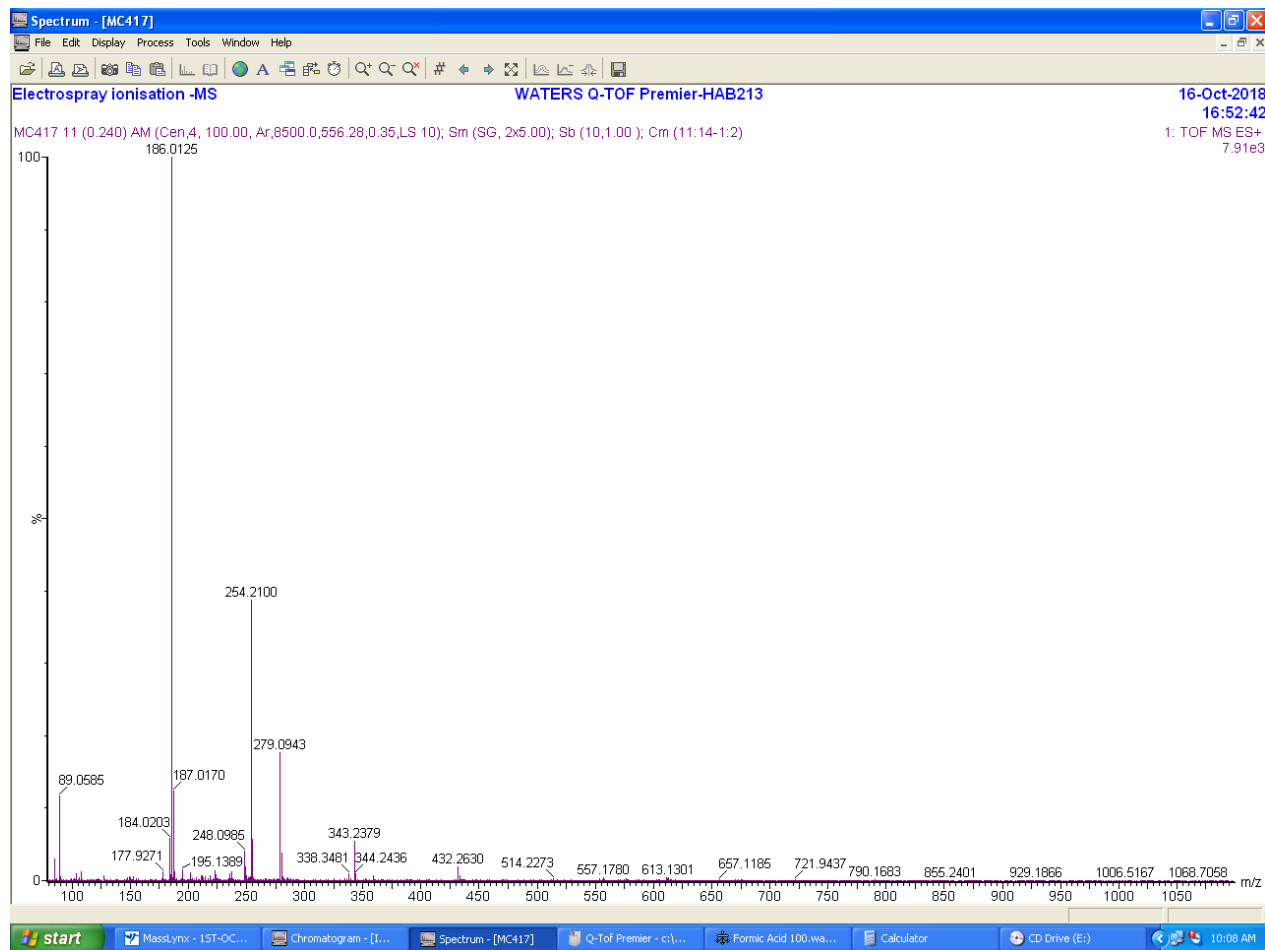


Figure S 9. ESI-MS of the solution containing [Cu(L-OMe)Cl₂] and 2 equivalent ferrocene after purging SO₂ (Positive ion mode) in CH₃CN after 3 days showing no peaks for [Cu(L-OMe)Cl]⁺



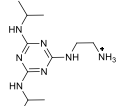
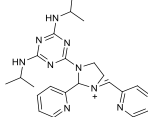
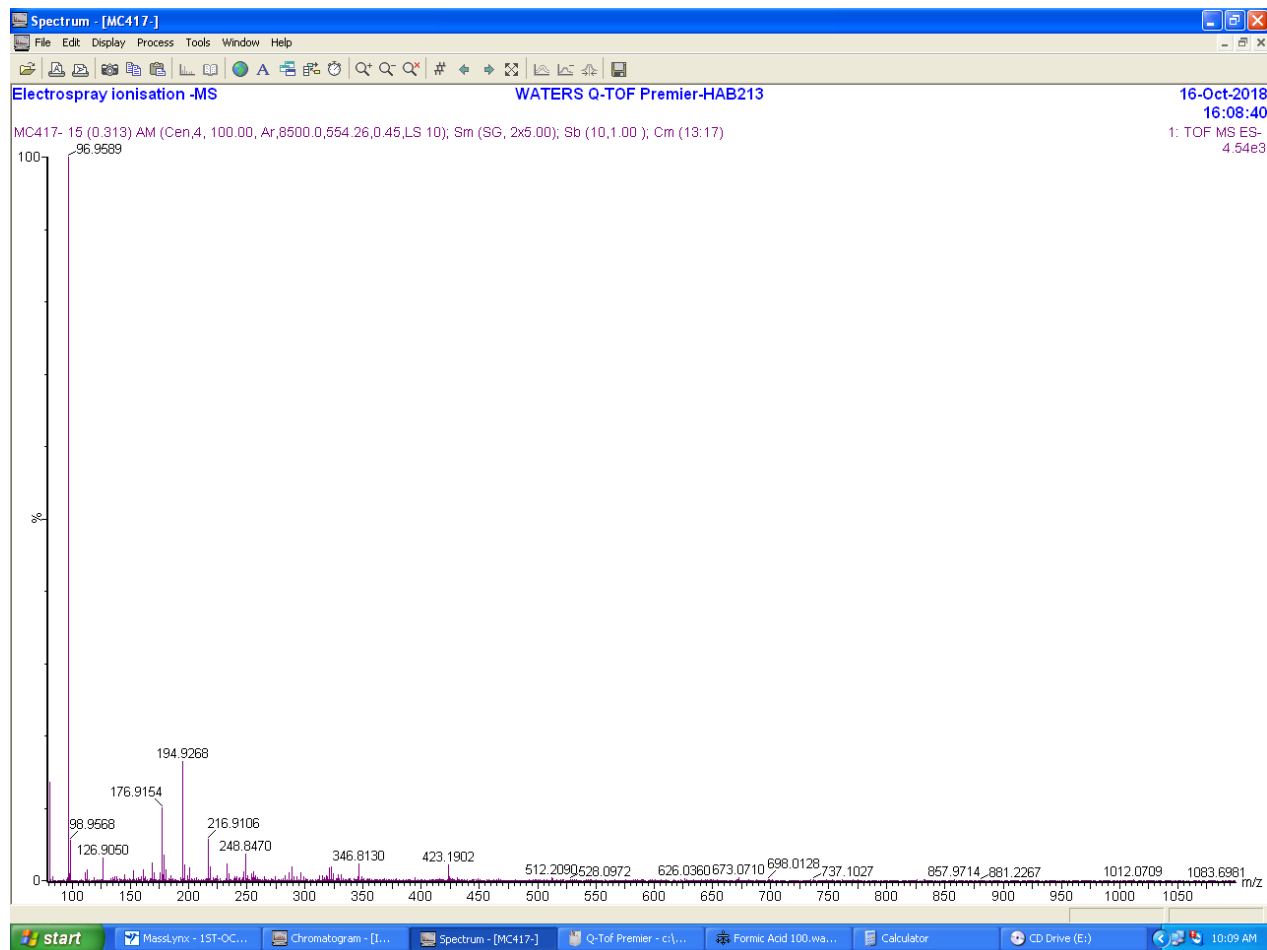
Observed envelope	Observed for	Calculated <i>m/z</i>
186.0125	Ferrocenium ion	186.0131
254.2100		254.2093
343.2379	Imd-H	343.2359
432.2630		432.2624

Figure S 10. ESI-MS of the solution containing $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-OMe})\text{Cl}_2]$ and 2 equivalent ferrocene after purging SO_2 (Negative ion mode) in CH_3CN after 3 days



Observed envelope	Observed for	Calculated m/z
96.9589	HSO_4^-	96.9596
194.9268	$[\text{H}(\text{HSO}_4)_2]^-$	194.9269

Spectrum - [MC-409.B]

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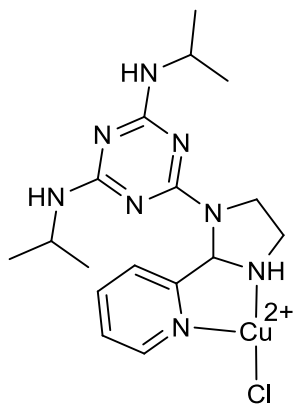
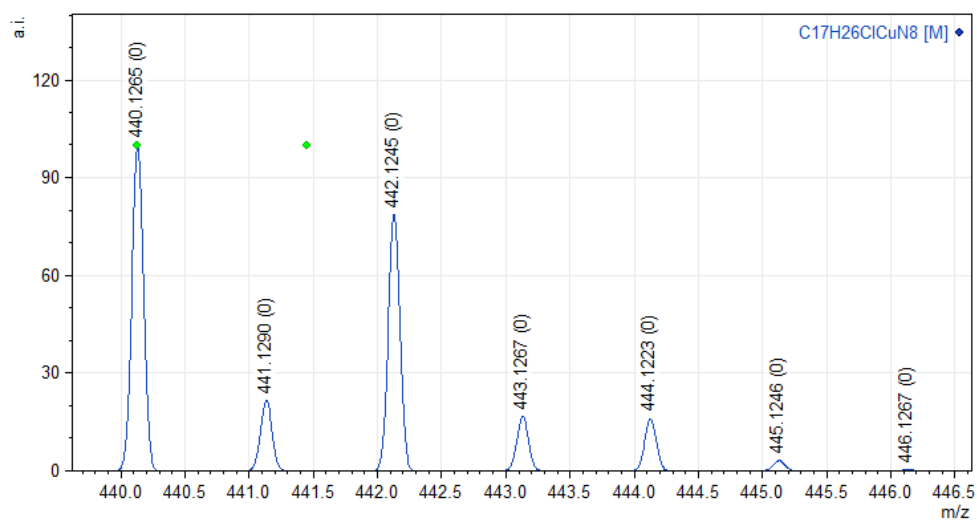
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Mass spectrum plot showing relative intensity (%) on the y-axis and m/z on the x-axis. The base peak is at m/z 343.2299. Other significant peaks are labeled at m/z 140.0737, 172.1209, 202.5752, 254.2059, 255.2146, 279.0972, 338.3445, 344.2404, 404.1602, 440.1282, 442.1271, 443.1325, 561.1851, 621.3262, 675.6844, 729.4512, 828.2157, 917.2329, 976.1854, 1038.2652, and 1259.4529.

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Figure S 12. Simulated ESI-MS of $[\text{Cu}(\text{Tim-H})(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{Cl}_2](\text{OTf})$ for $[\text{Cu}(\text{Tim})\text{Cl}]^+$



$[\text{Cu}(\text{Tim})\text{Cl}]^+$

Figure S 13. ORTEP of [Cu(Tim-H)(H₂O)Cl₂](OTf) drawn at 50% probability level

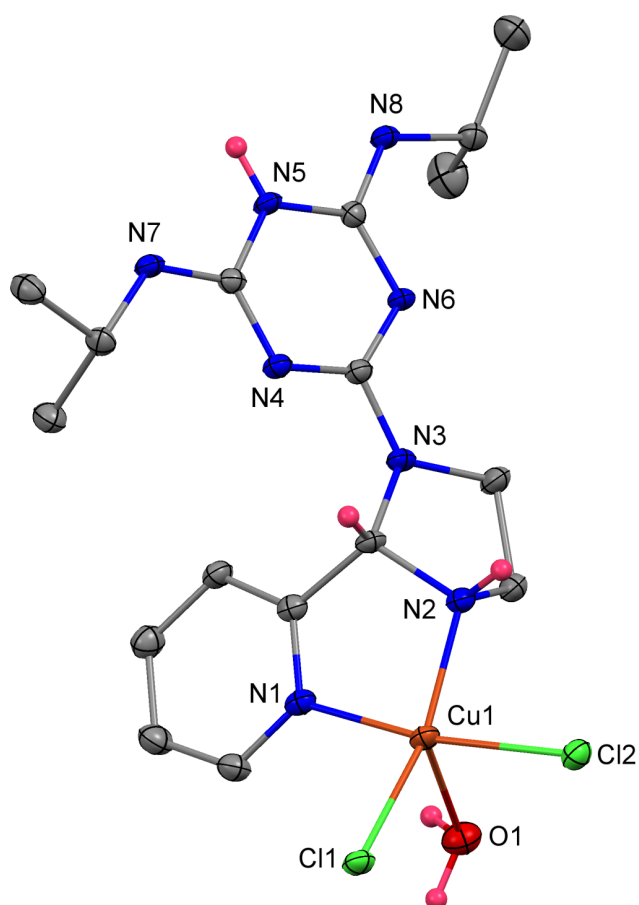


Figure S 14. One-dimensional hydrogen-bonded chain of [Cu(Tim-H)(H₂O)Cl₂](OTf)

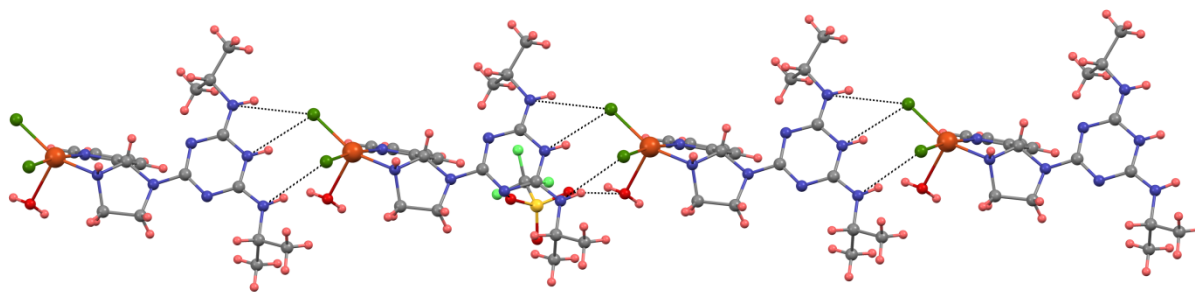


Figure S 15. ^1H NMR of N^2,N^4 -diisopropyl- N^6 -(2-((pyridin-2-ylmethyl)amino)ethyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6-triamine in CDCl_3 .

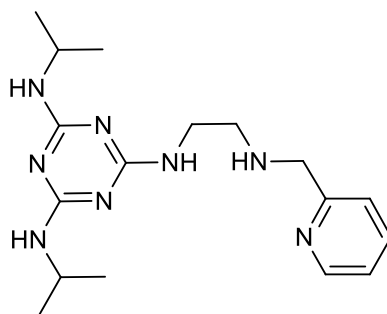
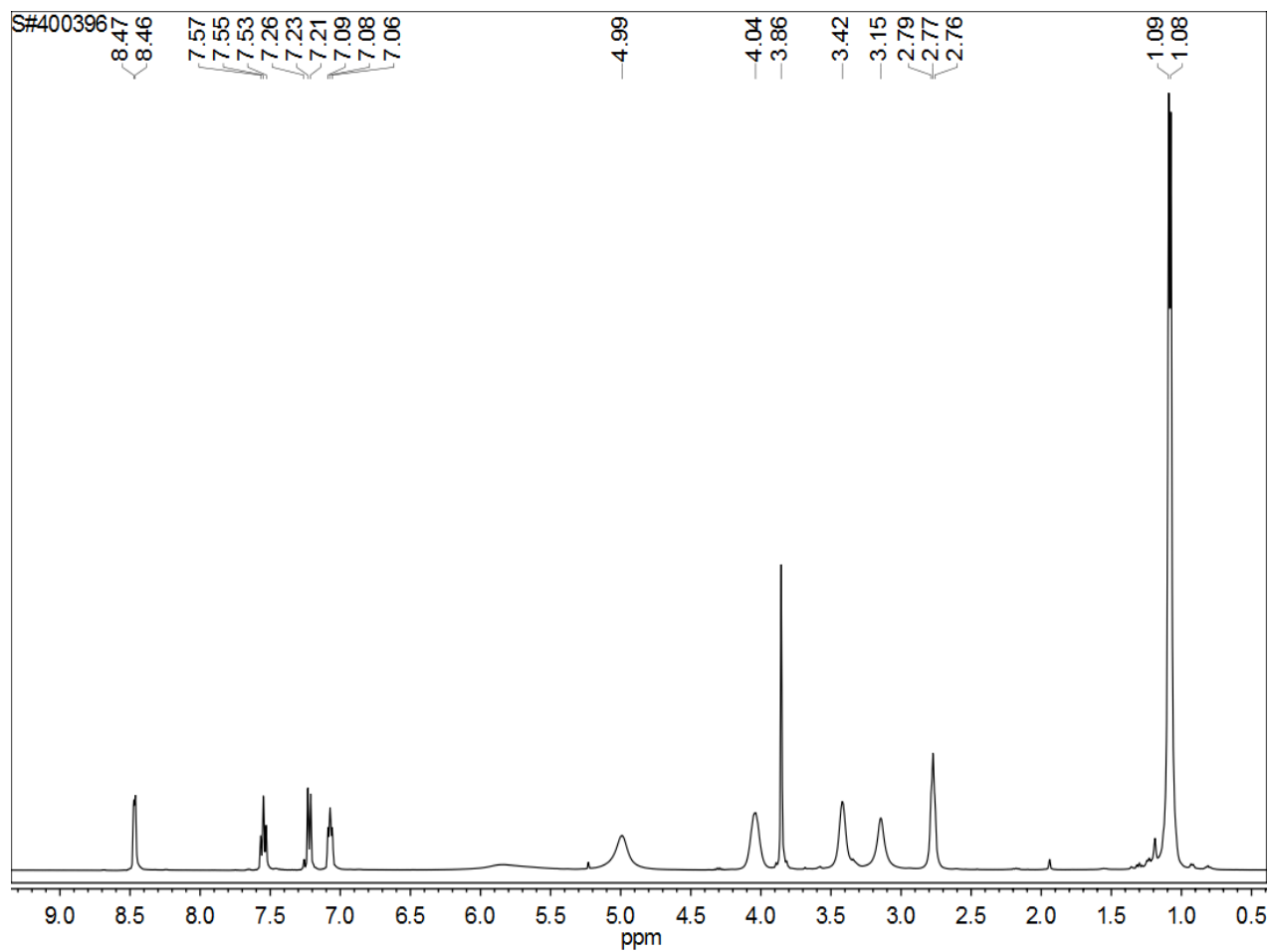


Figure S 16. ^{13}C NMR of N^2,N^4 -diisopropyl- N^6 -(2-((pyridin-2-ylmethyl)amino)ethyl)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6-triamine in CDCl_3 .

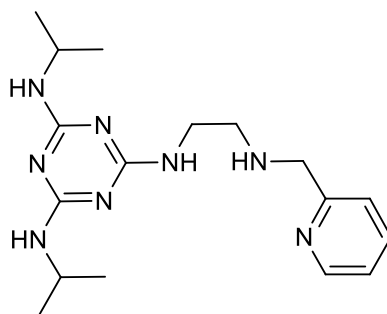
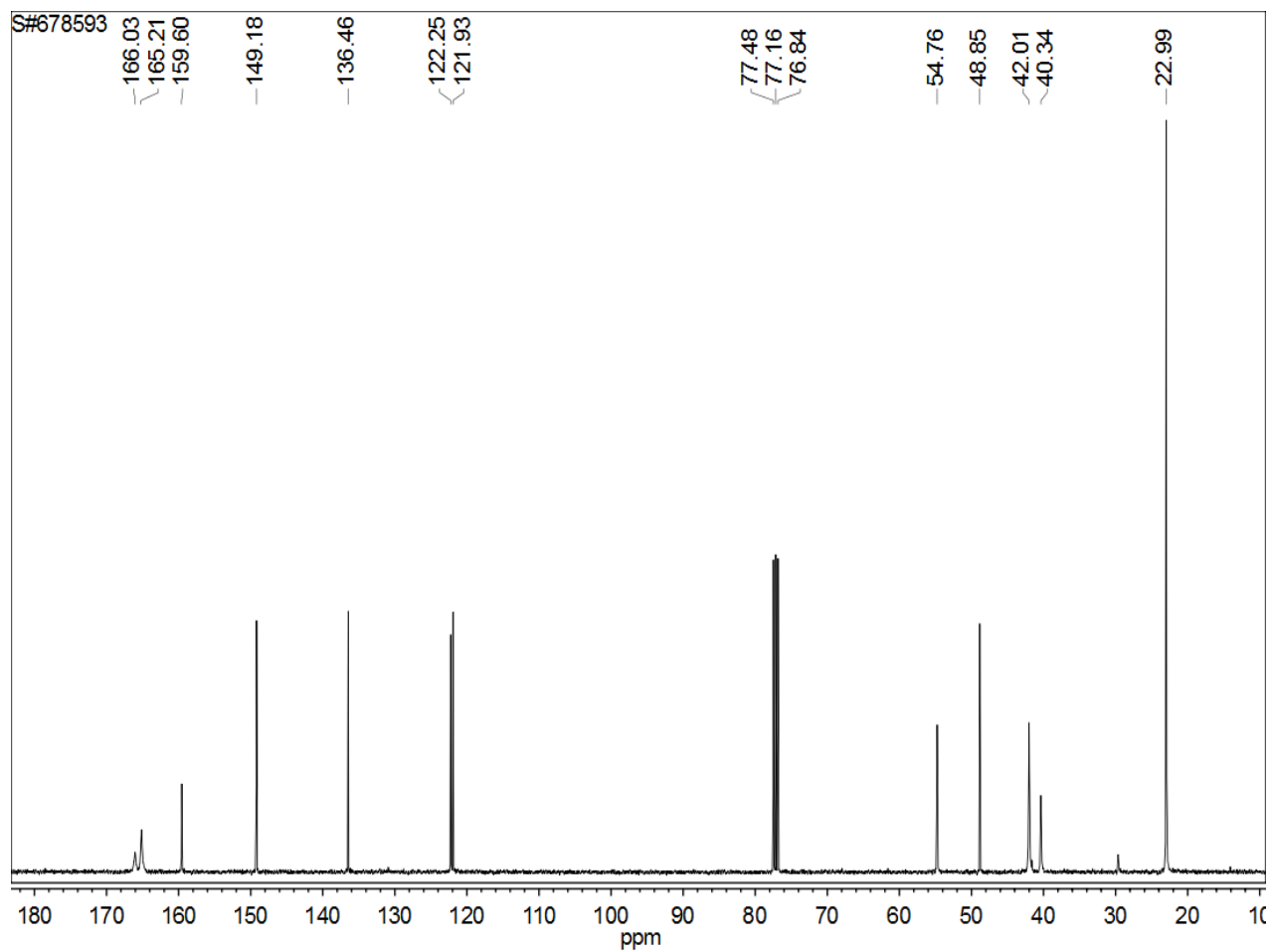


Figure S 17. ^1H NMR of [L-H] in CDCl_3

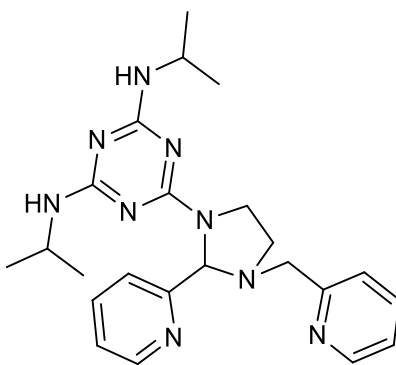
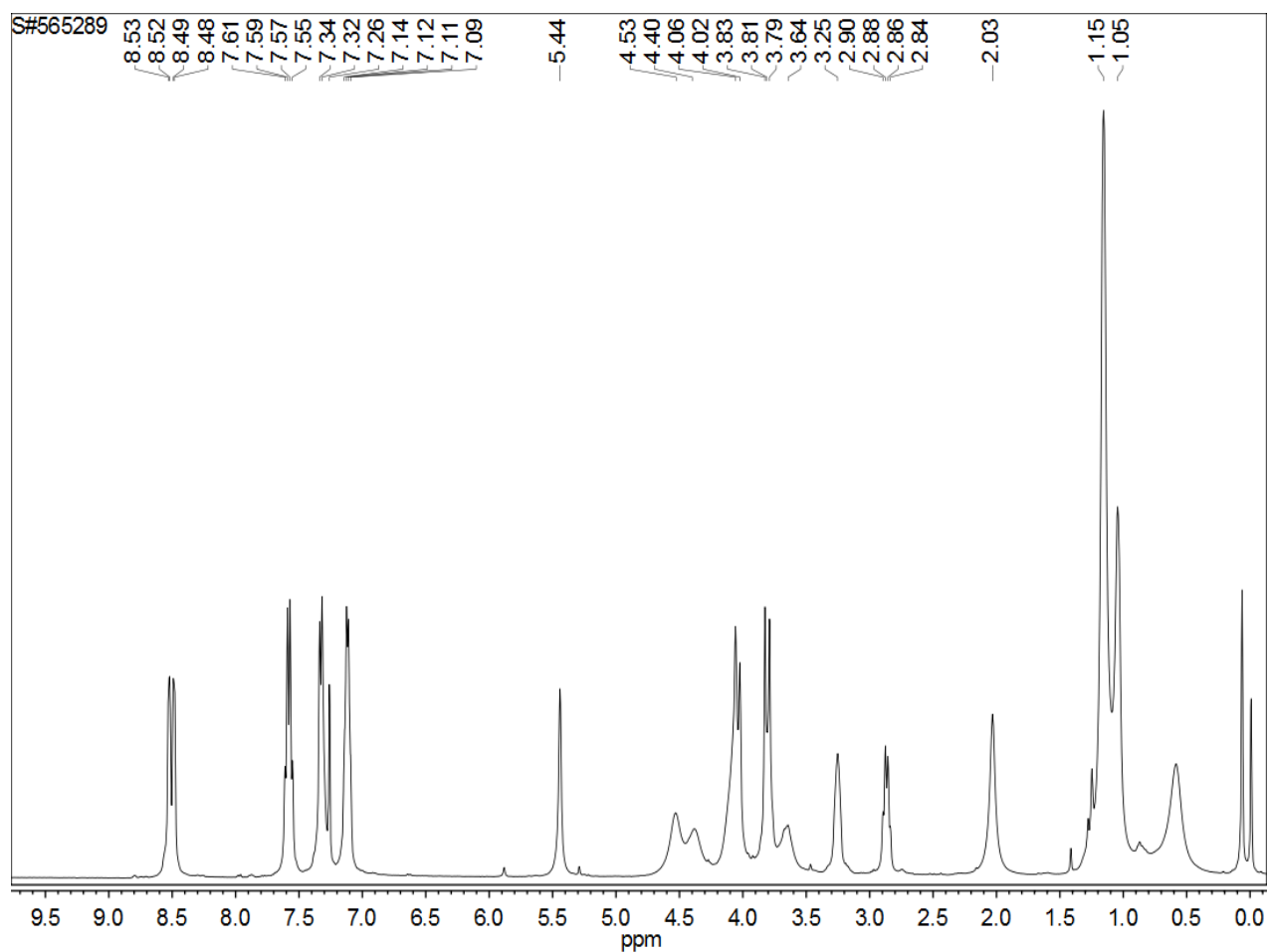


Figure S 18. ^{13}C NMR of [L-H] in CDCl_3

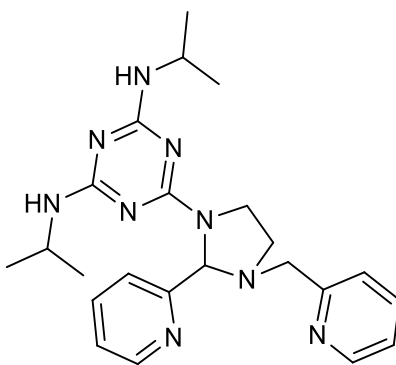
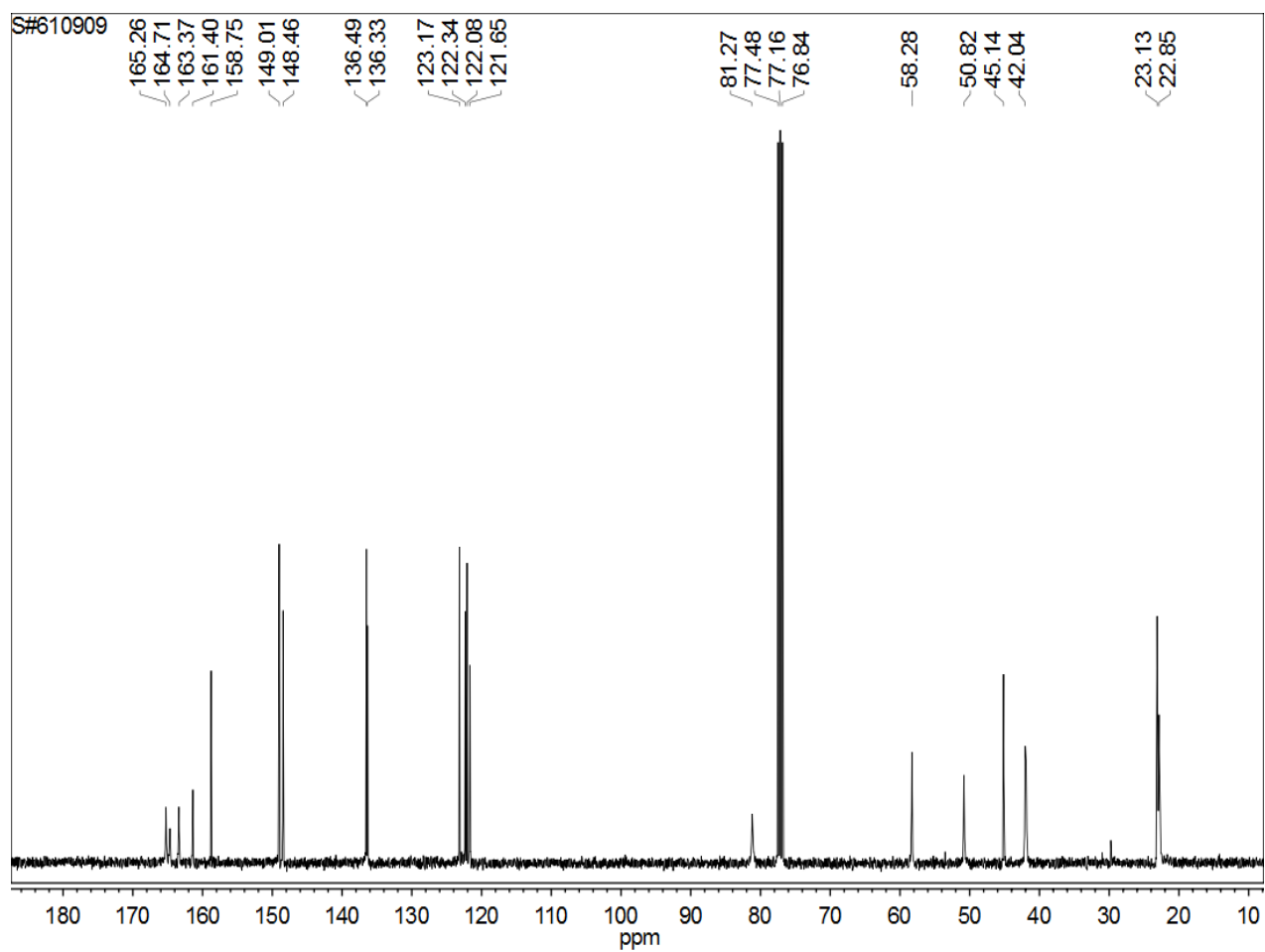
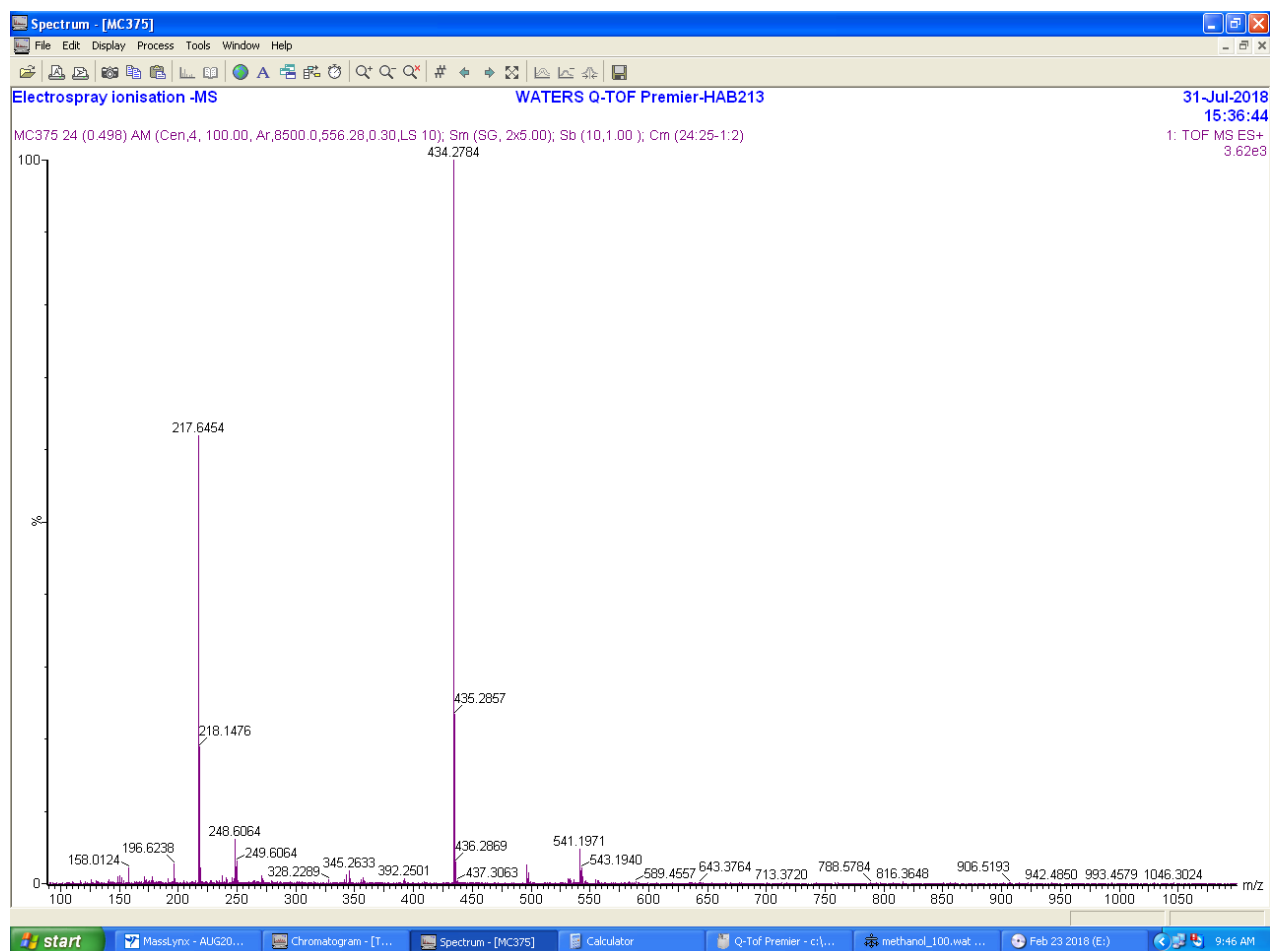
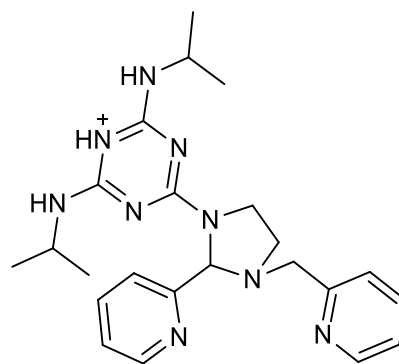
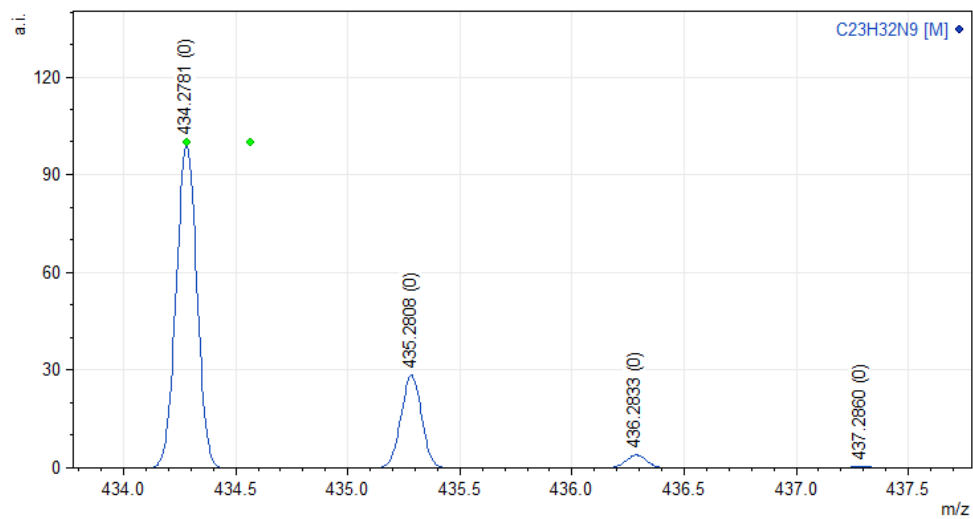


Figure S 19. ESI-MS of [L-H]



Observed envelope	Observed for	Calculated m/z
217.6454	[L-H]+ 2H	217.6429
434.2784	[L-H]+ H	434.2781

Figure S 20. Simulated ESI-MS of [L-H] for [(L-H)+H]



[(L-H)+H]

Figure S 21. ORTEP of [L-H] drawn at 50% probability level

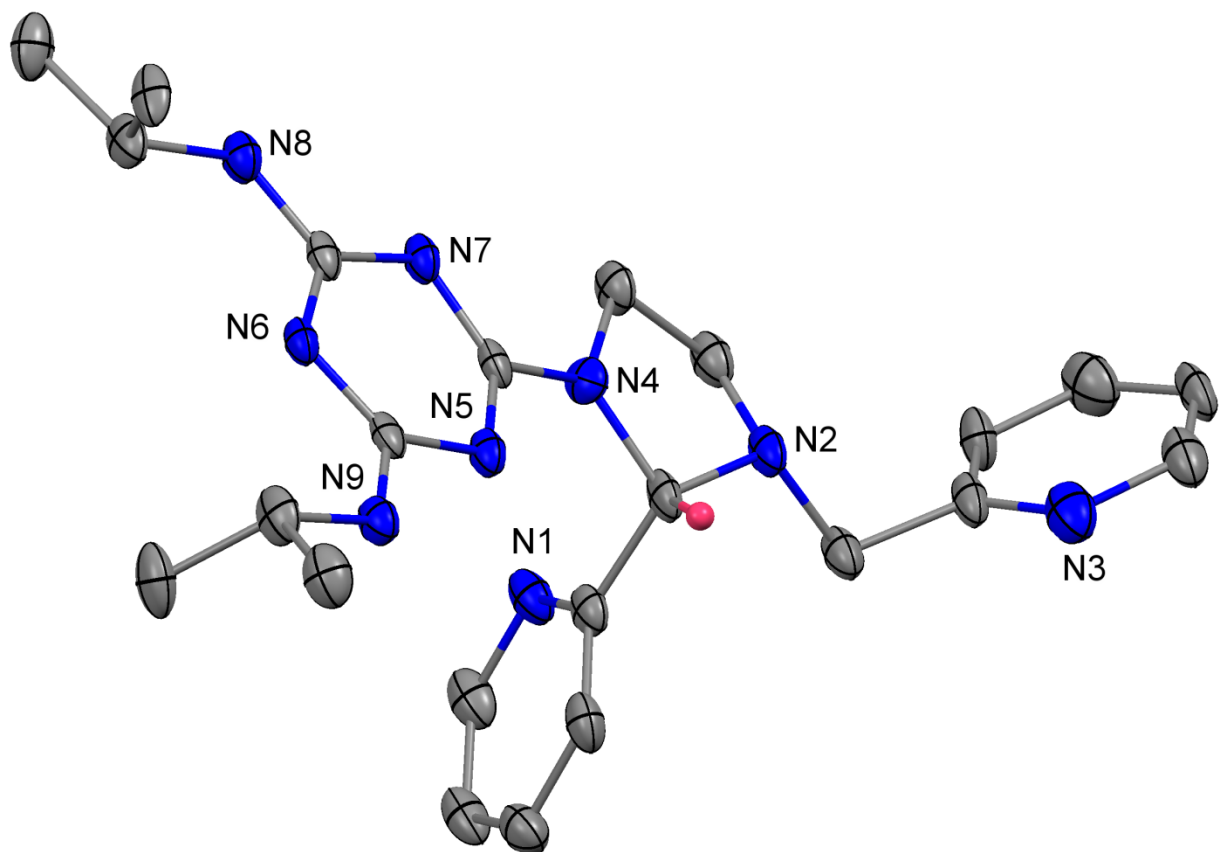
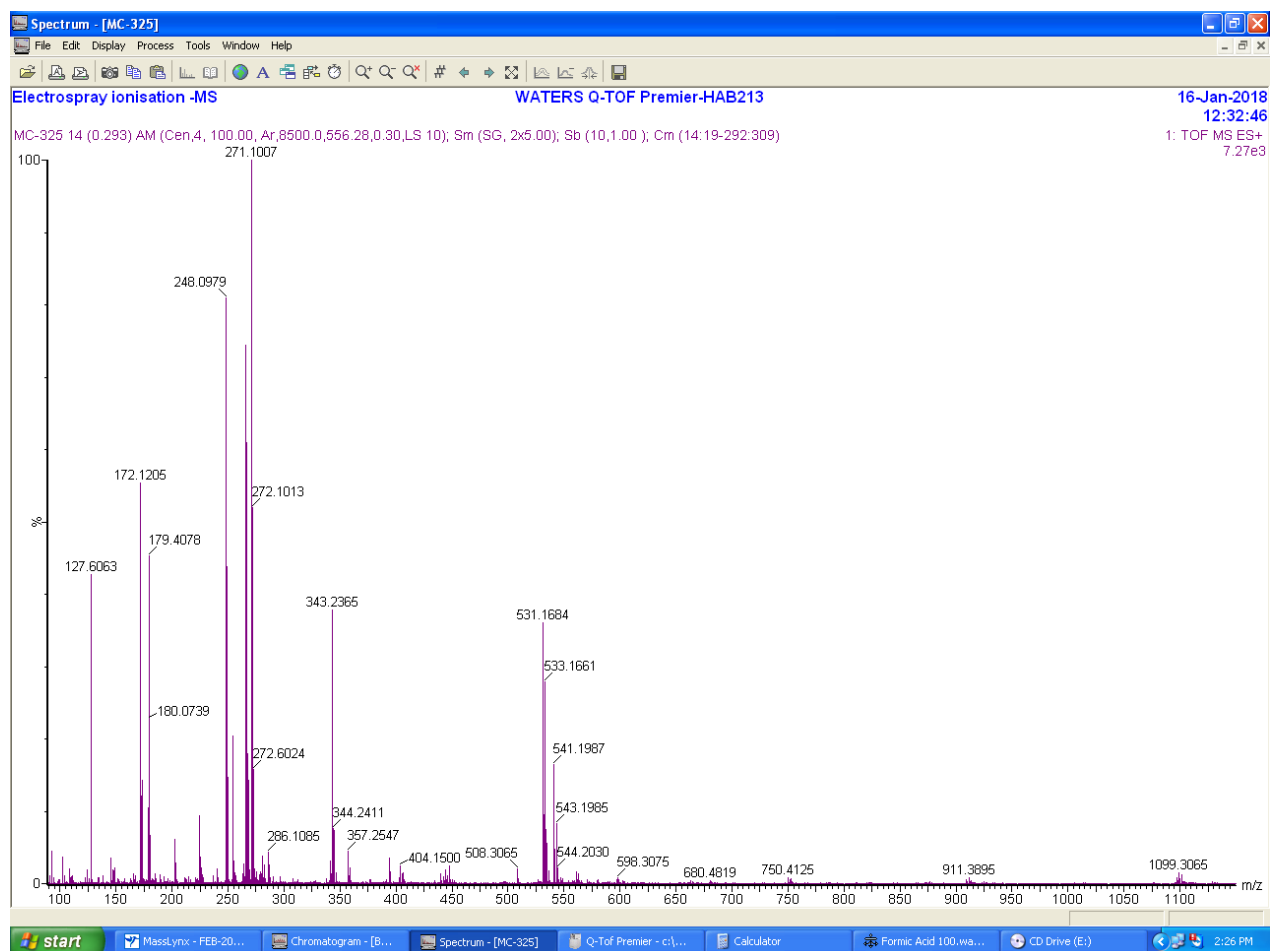


Figure S 22. ESI-MS of [Cu(L-H)Cl₂]



Observed envelope	Observed for	Calculated m/z
248.0979	[Cu(L-H)] ²⁺	248.0999
266.0863	[Cu(L-H)+HCl] ²⁺	266.0882
271.1007	[Cu(L-H)+HCOOH] ²⁺	271.1026
531.1684	[Cu(L-H)Cl] ⁺	531.1687
541.1987	[Cu(L-H)(HCOO)] ⁺	541.1975

Figure S 23. Simulated ESI-MS of $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})\text{Cl}_2]$ for $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})\text{Cl}]^+$

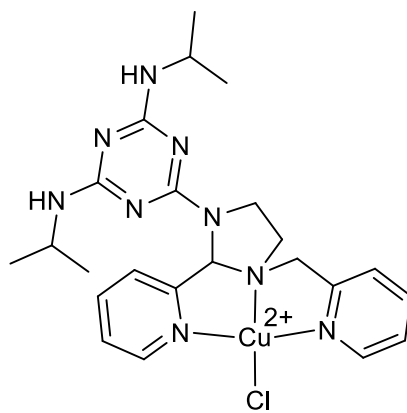
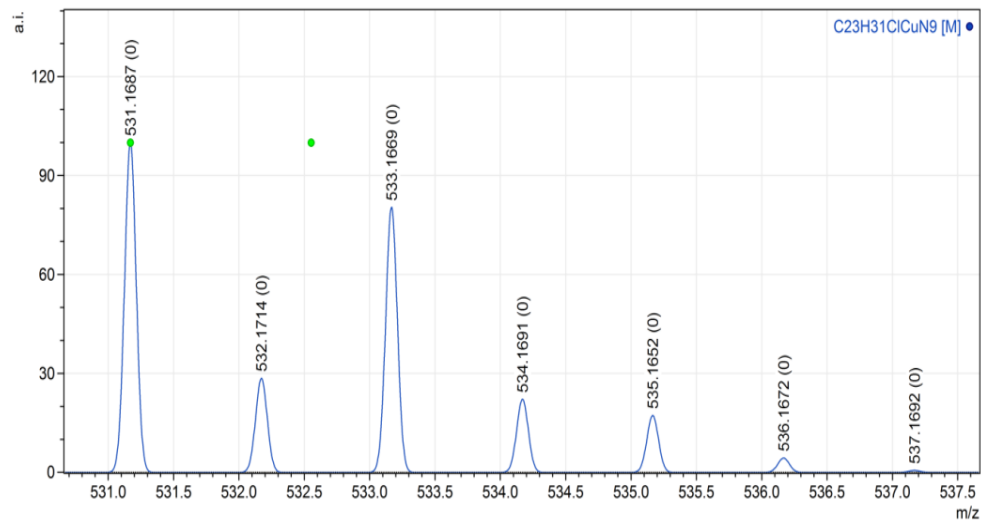


Figure S 24. ORTEP of $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})\text{Cl}_2]$ drawn at 50% probability level

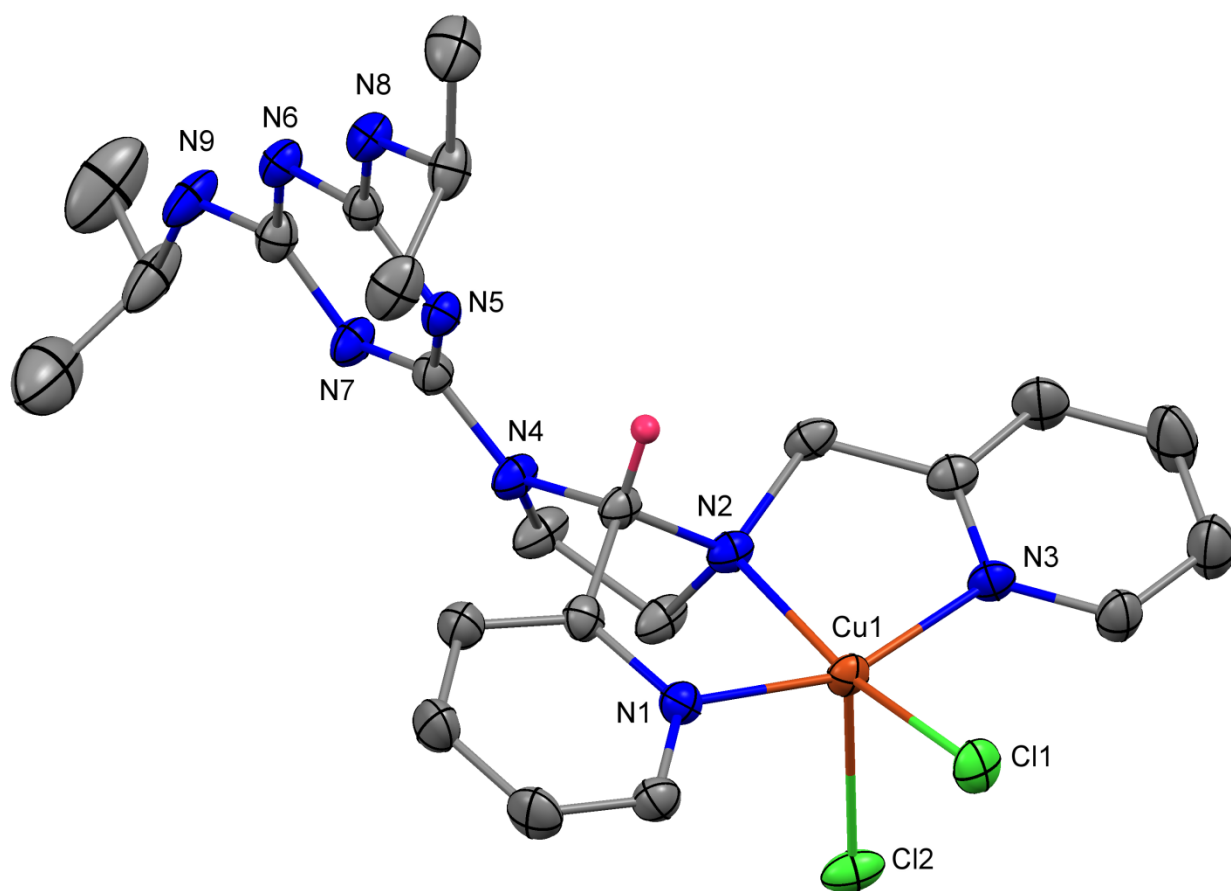
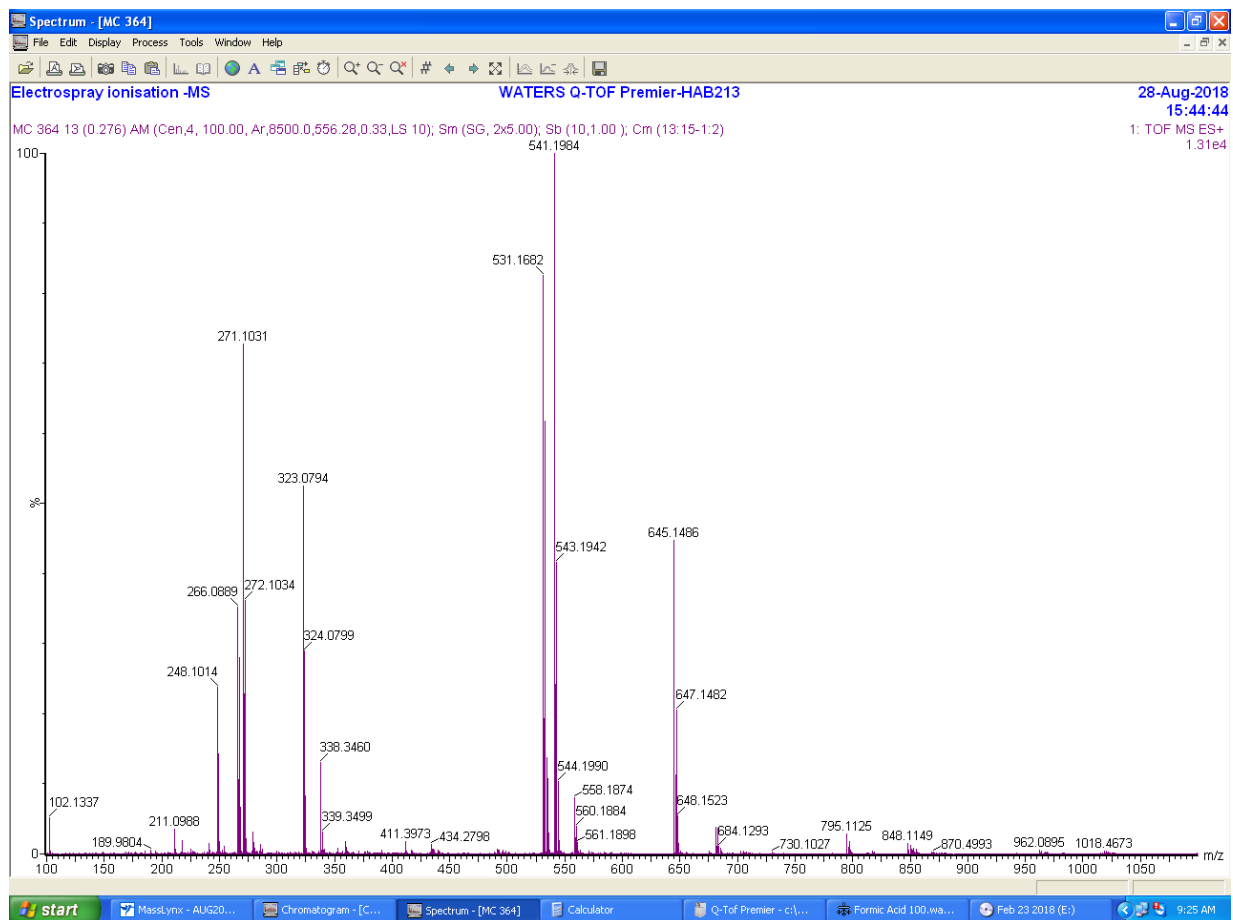


Figure S 25. ESI-MS of $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})(\text{H}^+)(\text{OTf})(\text{Cl})](\text{OTf})$



Observed envelope	Observed for	Calculated m/z
248.1014	$[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})]^{2+}$	248.0999
266.0889	$[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})+\text{HCl}]^{2+}$	266.0882
271.1031	$[\text{Cu}((\text{L-H})+\text{HCOOH})]^{2+}$	271.1026
323.0794	$[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})+\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}]^{2+}$	323.0798
531.1682	$[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})\text{Cl}]^+$	531.1687
541.1984	$[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})(\text{HCOO})]^+$	541.1975
645.1486	$[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)]^+$	645.1519
681.1262	$[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})\text{Cl}+\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}]^+$	681.1285
795.1125	$[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)+\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}]^+$	795.1117

Figure S 26. Simulated ESI-MS of $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})(\text{H}^+)(\text{OTf})(\text{Cl})](\text{OTf})$ for $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})\text{Cl}+\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}]^+$

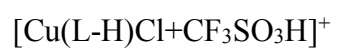
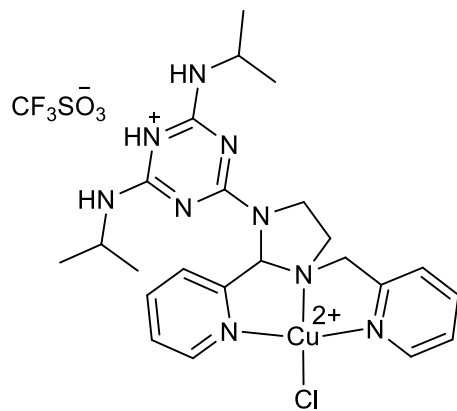
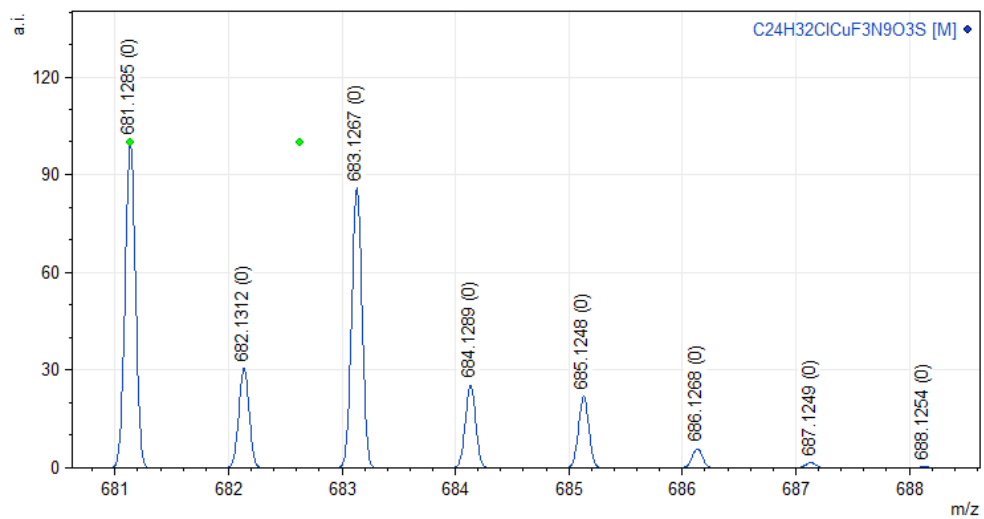


Figure S 27. Simulated ESI-MS of $[\text{Cu}((\text{L-H})(\text{H}^+)(\text{OTf})\text{Cl})(\text{OTf})$ for $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)+\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}]^+$

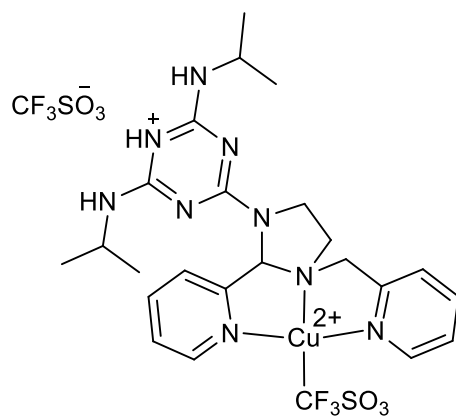
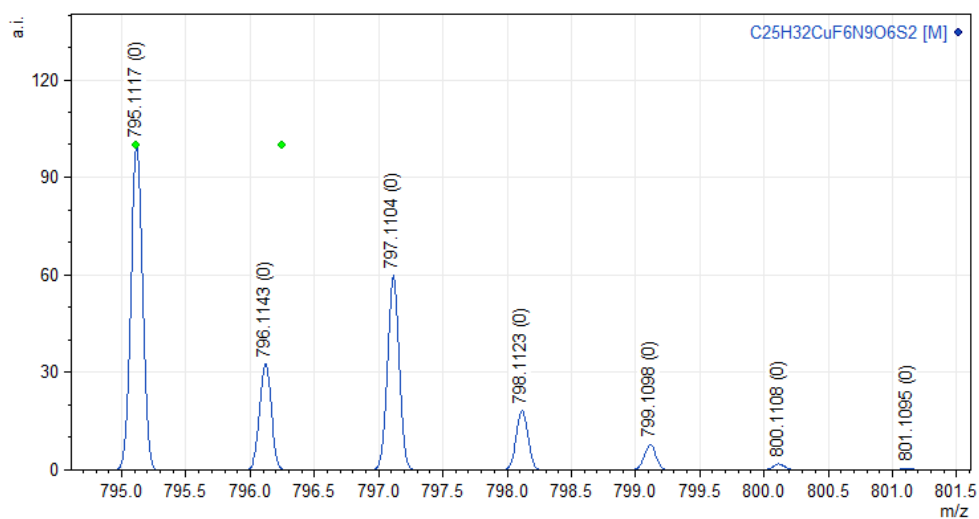


Figure S 28. ORTEP of $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})(\text{H}^+)(\text{OTf})\text{Cl}](\text{OTf})$ drawn at 50% probability level

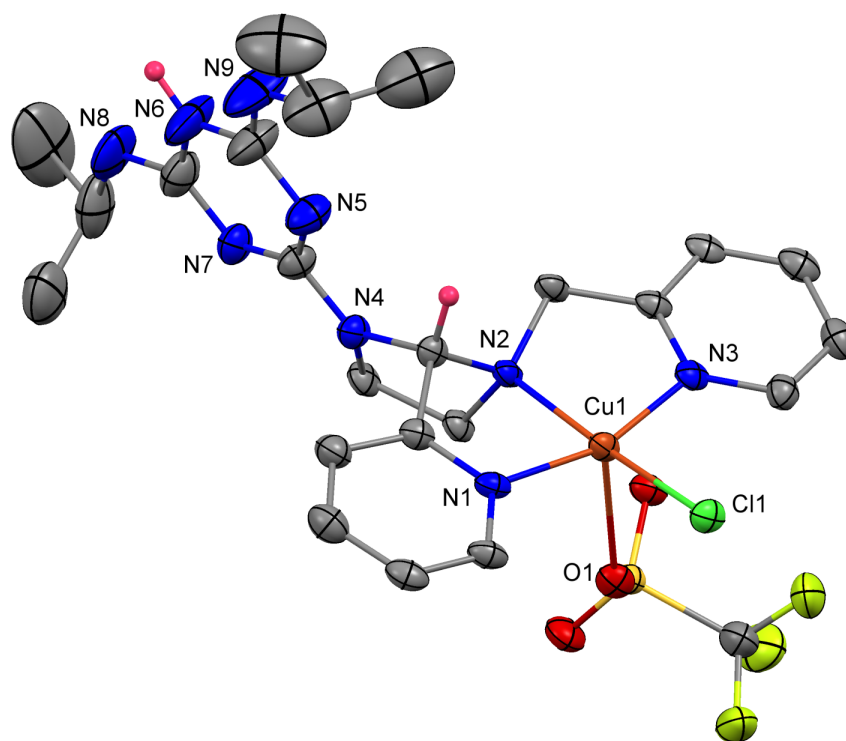
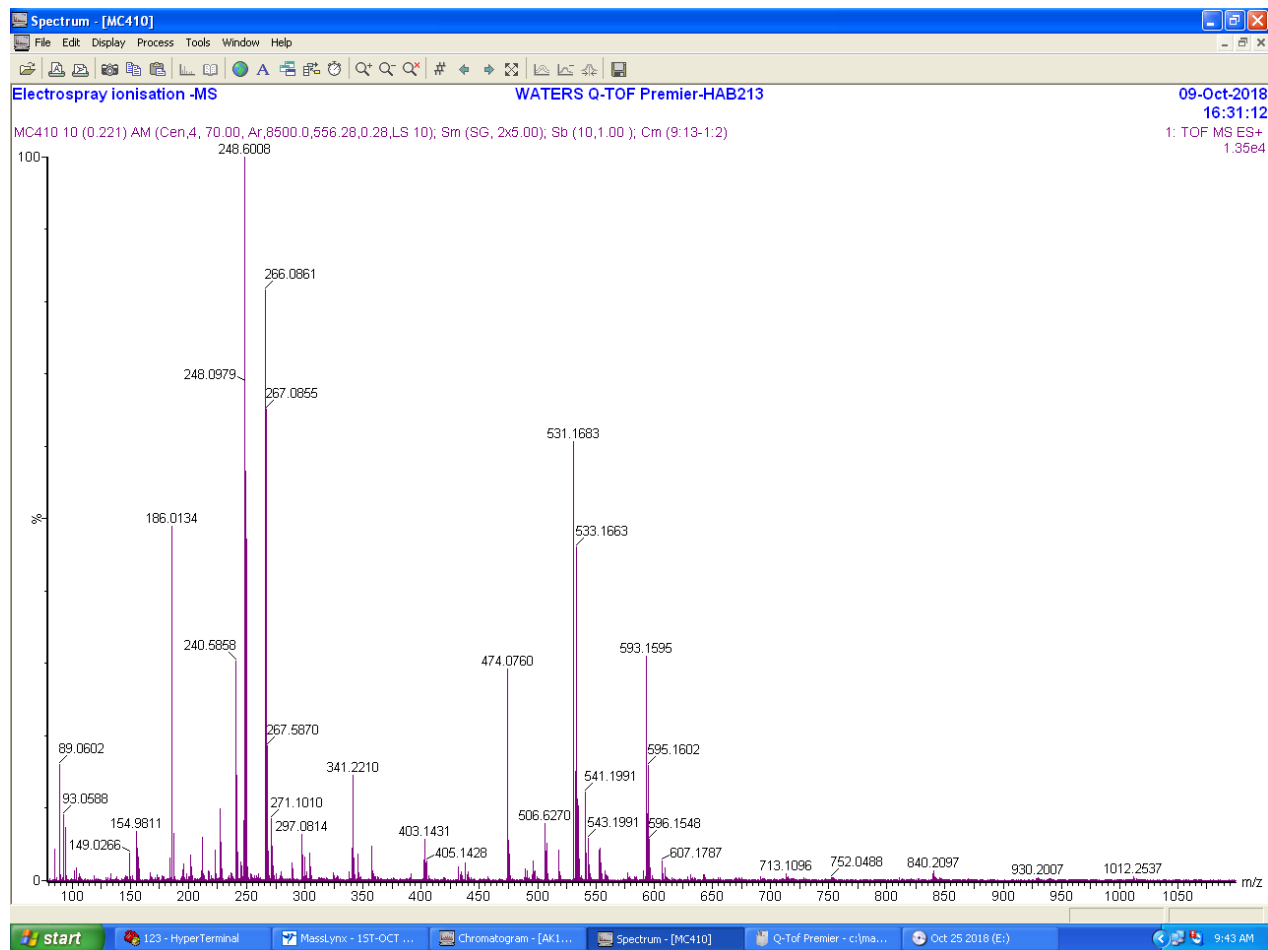
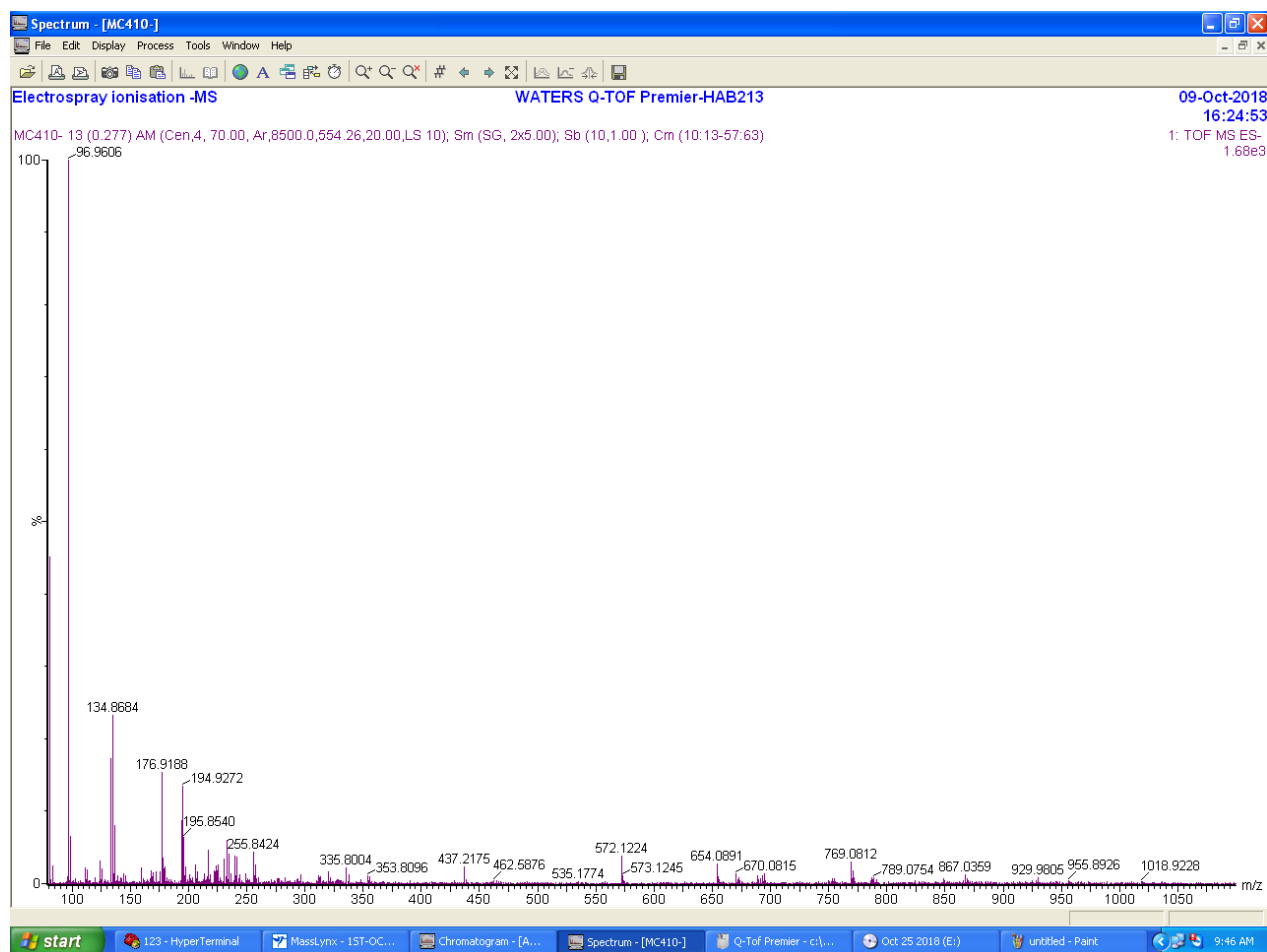


Figure S 29. ESI-MS of the solution containing [Cu(L-H)Cl₂] and 2 equivalent ferrocene after purging SO₂ (Positive ion mode) in CH₃CN



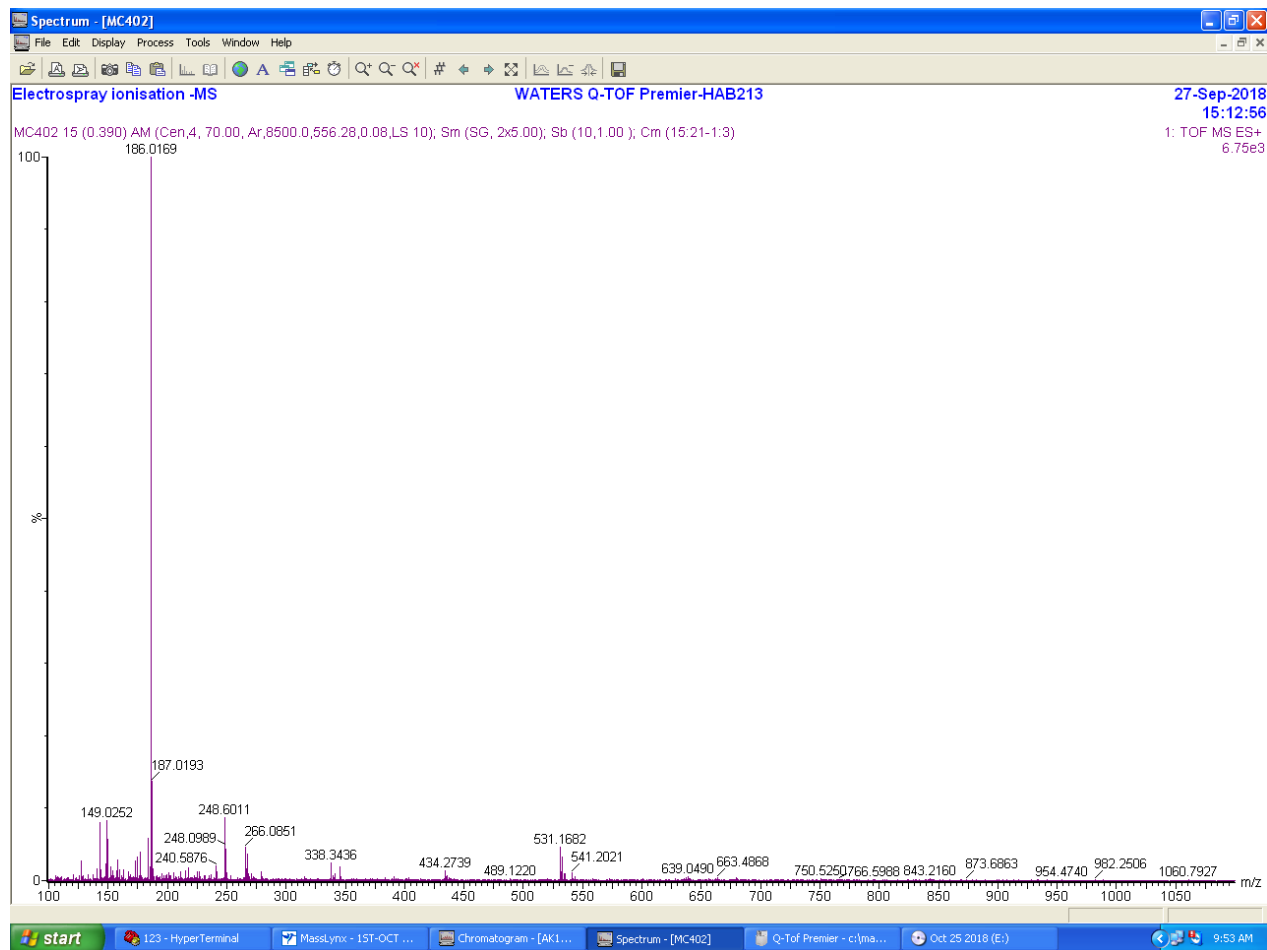
Observed envelope	Observed for	Calculated m/z
186.0134	Ferrocenium ion	186.0131
248.0979	[Cu(L-H)] ²⁺	248.0999
266.0861	[Cu(L-H)+HCl] ²⁺	266.0882
271.1010	[Cu(L-H)+HCOOH] ²⁺	271.1026
531.1683	[Cu(L-H)Cl] ⁺	531.1687
541.1991	[Cu(L-H)(HCOO)] ⁺	541.1975
593.1595	[Cu(L-H)(HSO ₄)] ⁺	593.1595

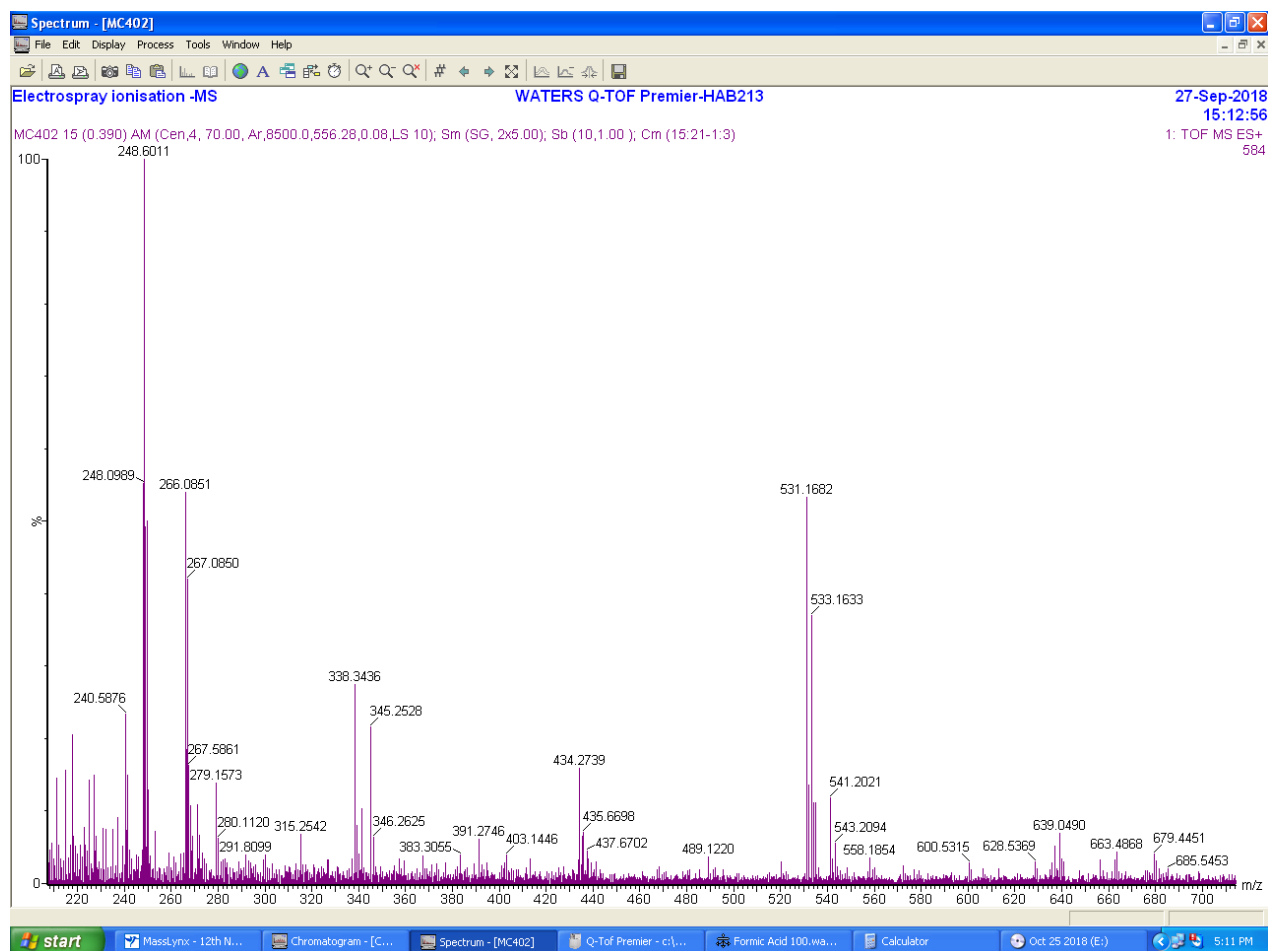
Figure S 30. ESI-MS of the solution containing [Cu(L-H)Cl₂] and 2 equivalent ferrocene after purging SO₂ (Negative ion mode) in CH₃CN



Observed envelope	Observed for	Calculated m/z
96.9606	HSO_4^-	96.9596
194.9272	$[\text{H}(\text{HSO}_4)_2]^-$	194.9269

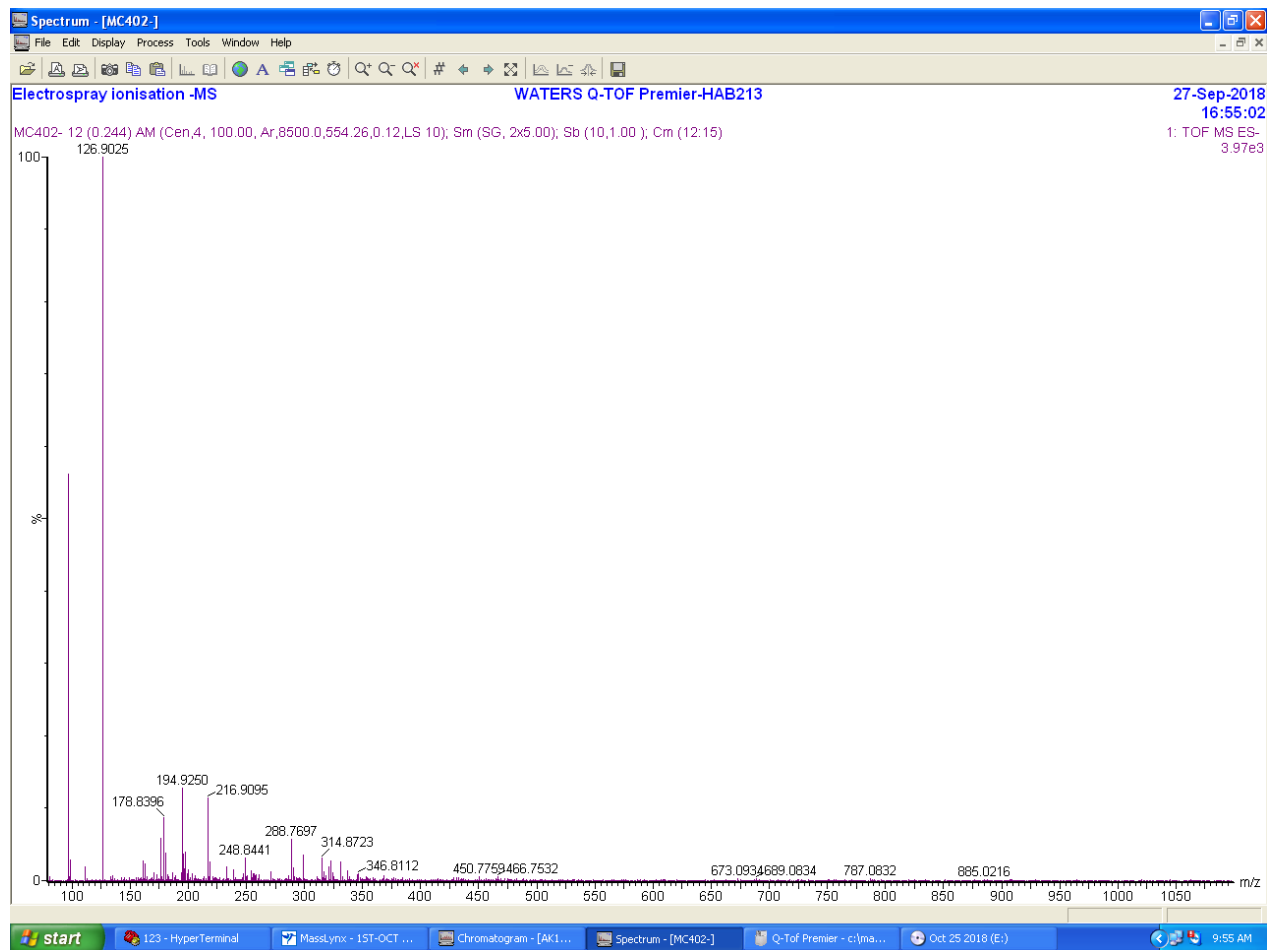
Figure S 31. ESI-MS of the solution containing $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})\text{Cl}_2]$ and 51 equivalent ferrocene after purging SO_2 (Positive ion mode) in CH_3CN

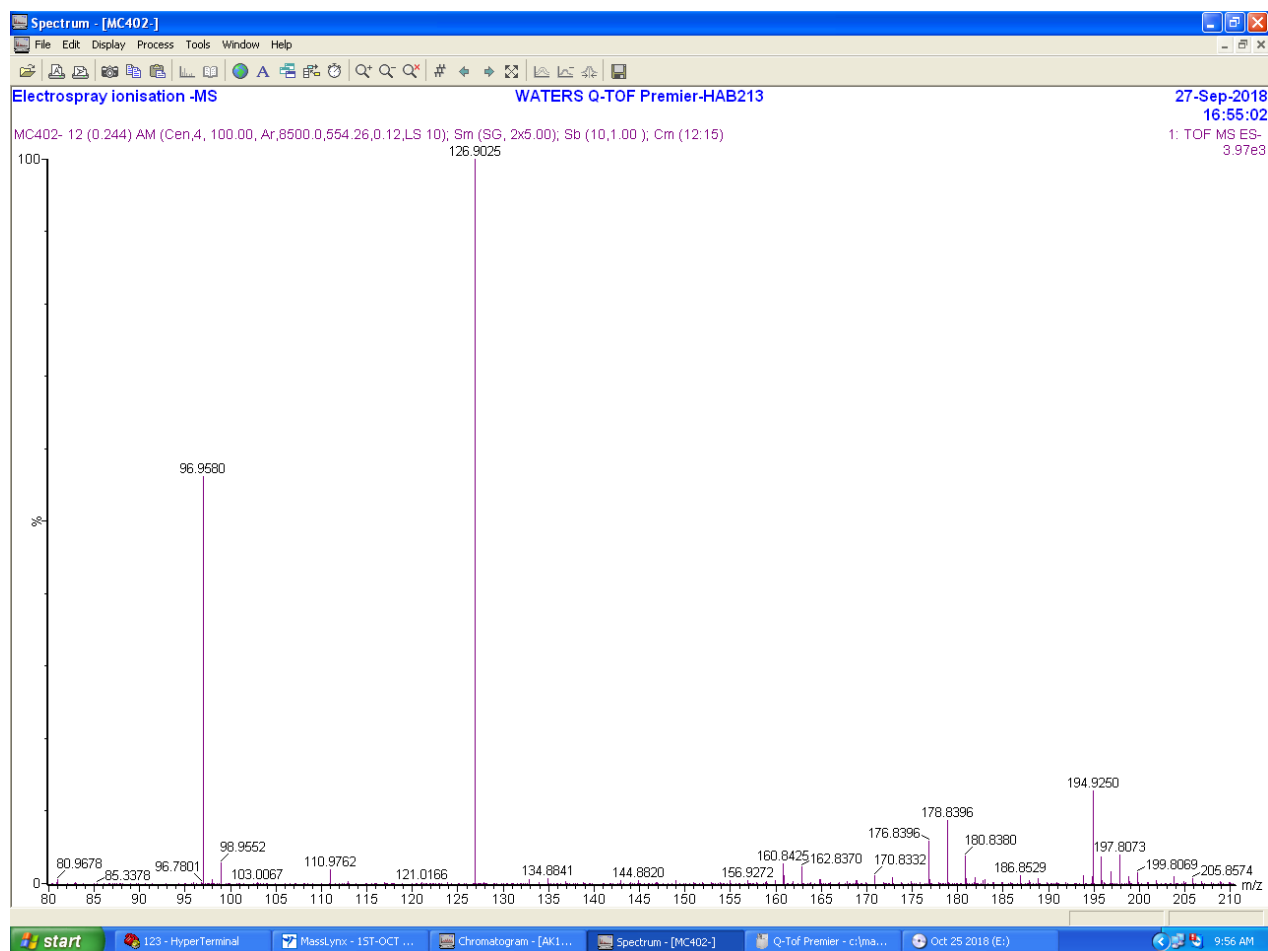




Observed envelope	Observed for	Calculated m/z
186.0169	Ferrocenium ion	186.0131
248.0989	$[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})]^{2+}$	248.0999
266.0851	$[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})+\text{HCl}]^{2+}$	266.0882
434.2739	$[(\text{L-H})+\text{H}^+]$	434.27881
531.1682	$[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})\text{Cl}]^+$	531.1687
541.2021	$[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})(\text{HCOO})]^+$	541.1975

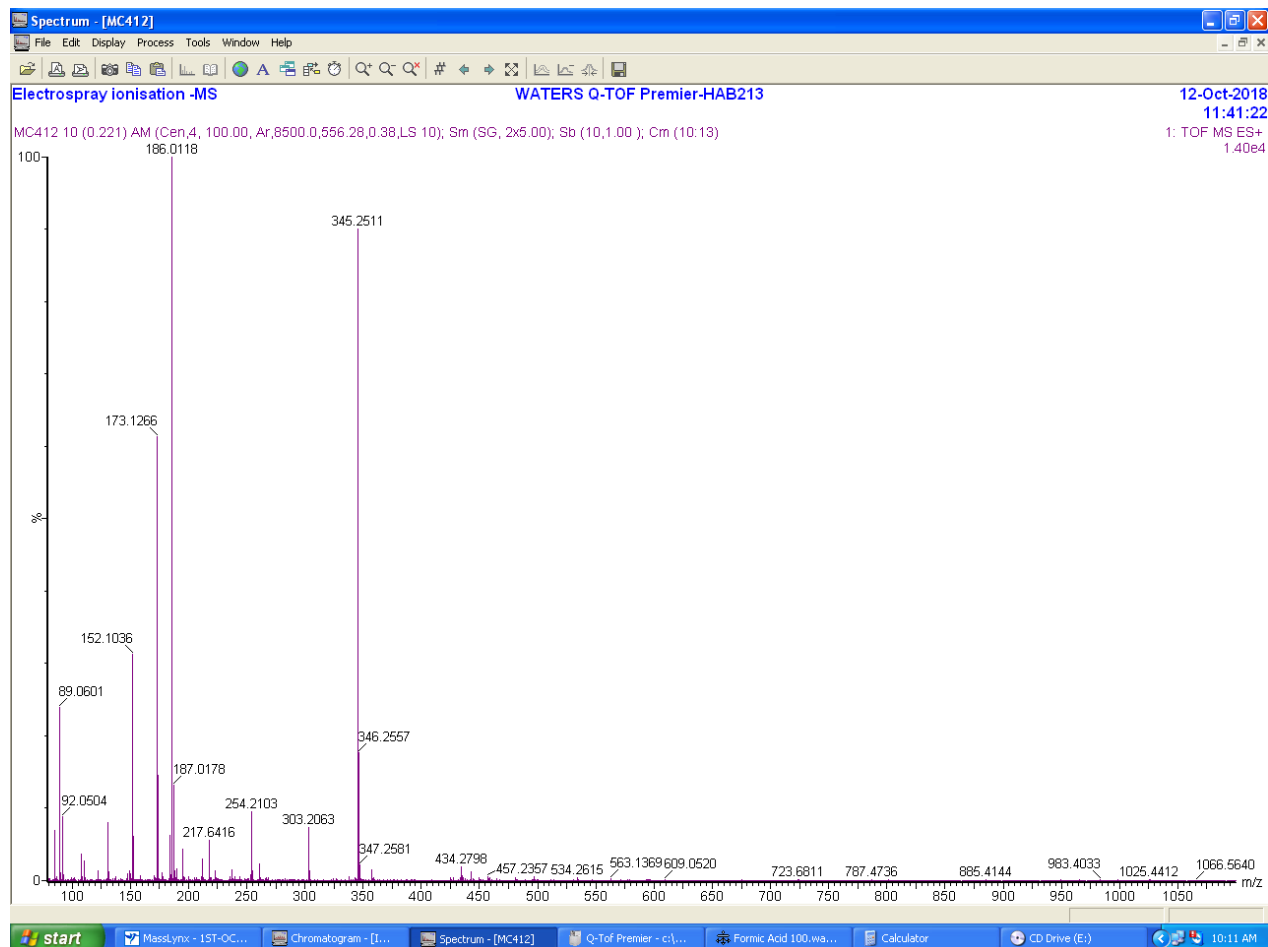
Figure S 32. ESI-MS of the solution containing $[\text{Cu}(\text{L-H})\text{Cl}_2]$ and 51 equivalent ferrocene after purging SO_2 (Negative ion mode) in CH_3CN





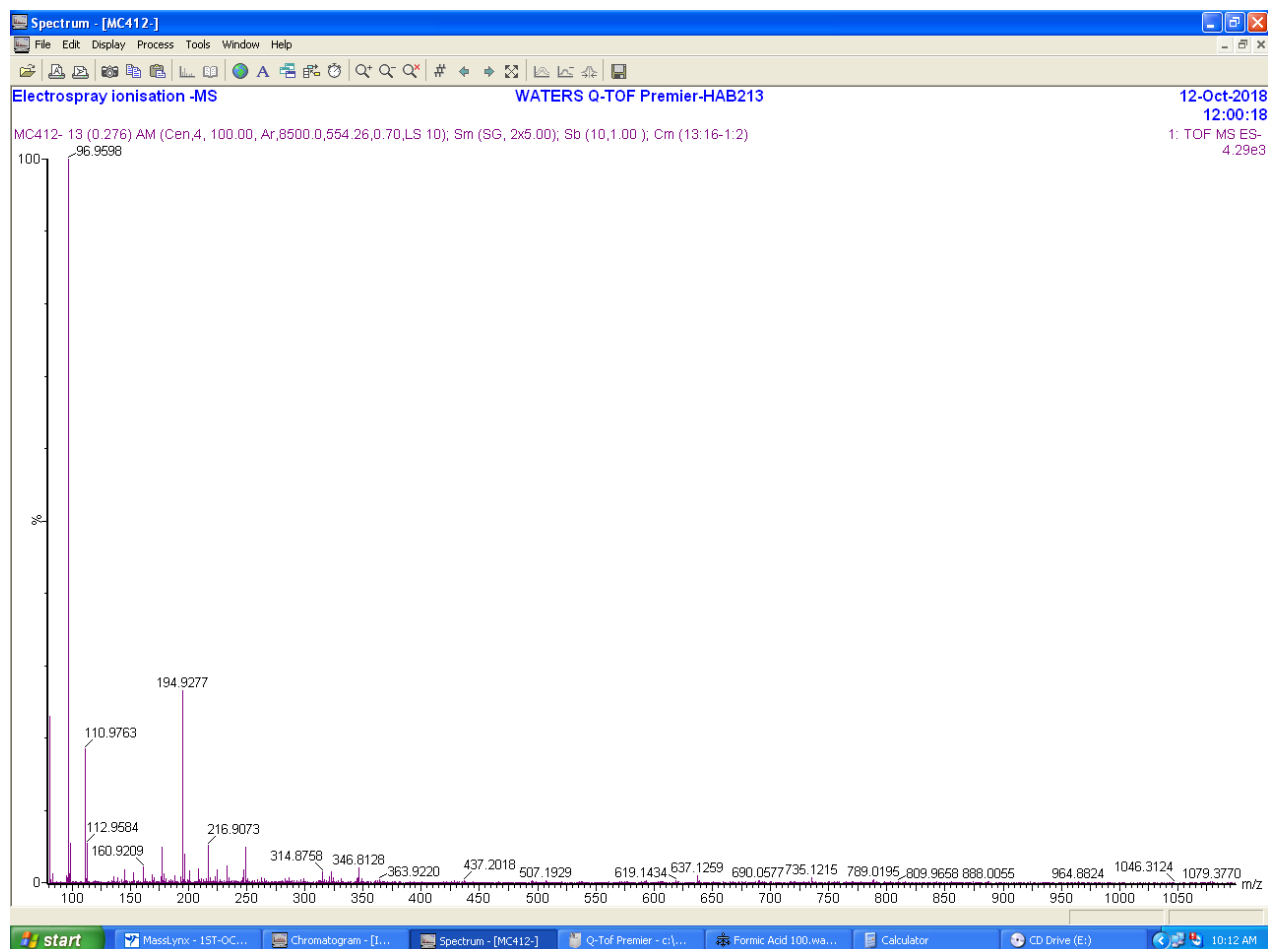
Observed envelope	Observed for	Calculated m/z
96.9580	HSO_4^-	96.9596
194.9250	$[\text{H}(\text{HSO}_4)_2]^-$	194.9269

Figure S 33. ESI-MS of the solution containing [L-H] and 2 equivalent ferrocene after purging SO₂ (Positive ion mode) in CH₃CN



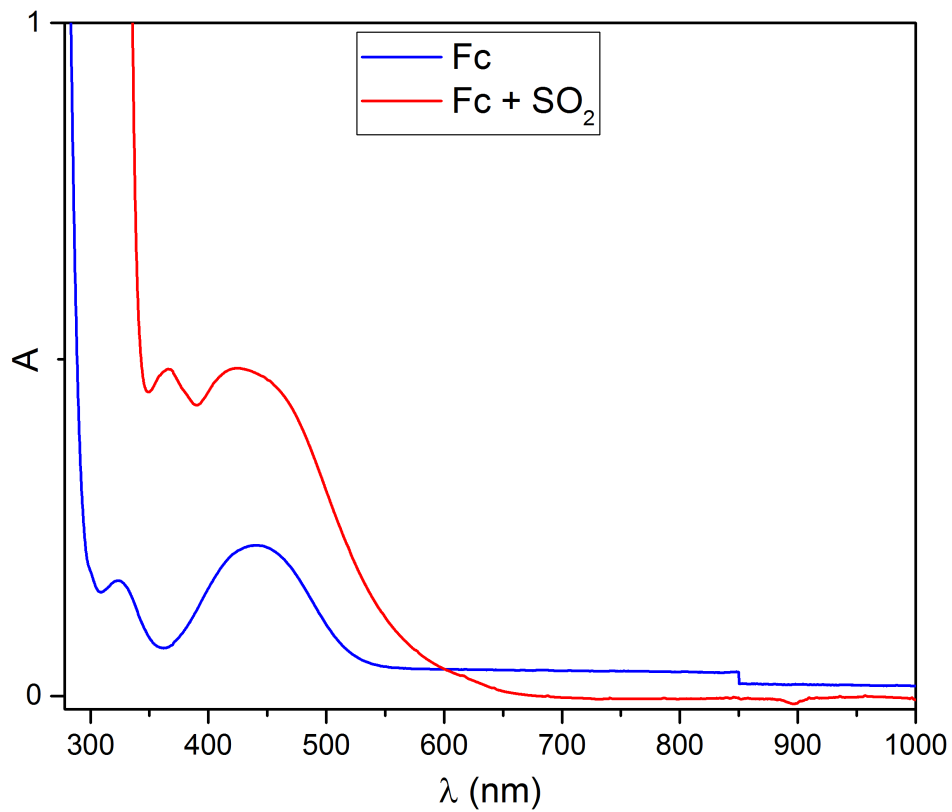
Observed envelope	Observed for	Calculated m/z
173.1266		173.1296
186.0118	Ferrocenium ion	186.0132
345.2511		345.2515

Figure S 34. ESI-MS of the solution containing [L-H] and 2 equivalent ferrocene after purging SO₂ (Negative ion mode) in CH₃CN



Observed envelope	Observed for	Calculated m/z
96.9598	HSO_4^-	96.9596
194.9277	$[\text{H}(\text{HSO}_4)_2]^-$	194.9269

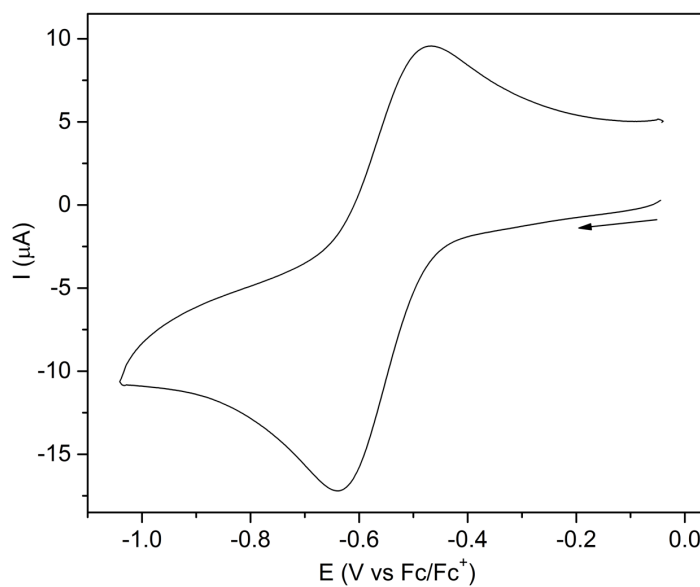
Figure S 35. UV-Vis of ferrocene in acetonitrile and in SO₂-purged acetonitrile.



Blue line: Ferrocene solution in acetonitrile (323nm and 445 nm)

Red line: After purging SO₂; change in absorbance is due to solvent evaporation

Figure S 36. CV of [Cu(L-H)Cl₂] in acetonitrile.



Cyclic voltammogram of 1mM acetonitrile solution of [Cu(L-H)Cl₂] containing 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆ recorded on a static glassy carbon disc working electrode with a Pt wire auxiliary electrode and Ag/AgCl reference electrode (with internal ferrocene) at 25 °C with a scan rate of 200 mV s⁻¹; $E_{pc} = -0.64$ V; $E_{pa} = -0.45$ V vs Fc^{0/+}

Table S 1. Crystal data for [Cu(L-OMe)Cl₂]

Identification code	CCDC-1454816	
Empirical formula	C ₂₆ H ₃₆ Cl ₂ Cu N ₁₀ O	
Formula weight	639.09	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	C 2/c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 27.313(8) Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$.
	b = 9.409(3) Å	$\beta = 107.956(4)^\circ$.
	c = 24.649(7) Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$.
Volume	6026(3) Å ³	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	1.409 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.941 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	2664	
Crystal size	0.25 x 0.17 x 0.11 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	1.567 to 28.431°.	
Index ranges	-36 ≤ h ≤ 27, -12 ≤ k ≤ 11, -29 ≤ l ≤ 32	
Reflections collected	18469	
Independent reflections	7153 [R(int) = 0.0605]	
Completeness to theta = 25.500°	99.5 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.856 and 0.768	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	7153 / 51 / 393	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.060	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0595, wR2 = 0.1358	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1146, wR2 = 0.1876	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.917 and -0.853 e.Å ⁻³	

Table S 2. Crystal data for [Cu(Tim-H)(H₂O)Cl₂](OTf)

Identification code	CCDC-1895745	
Empirical formula	C ₁₈ H ₃₁ Cl ₂ CuF ₃ N ₈ O ₅ S	
Formula weight	663.01	
Temperature	100 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2 ₁ /n	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 14.9180(10) Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	b = 11.9455(8) Å	$\beta = 110.940(2)^\circ$
	c = 16.2476(11) Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	2704.1(3) Å ³	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.629 g/cm ³	
Absorption coefficient	1.149 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	1364.0	
Crystal size	0.22 × 0.2 × 0.18 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	4.34 to 56.586	
Index ranges	-19 ≤ h ≤ 19, -15 ≤ k ≤ 15, -21 ≤ l ≤ 21	
Reflections collected	41974	
Independent reflections	6713 [R _{int} = 0.0654, R _{sigma} = 0.0435]	
Completeness to theta = 28.293°	100 %	
Absorption correction	multi-scan	
Max. and min. transmission	0.746 and 0.701	
Data / restraints / parameters	6713/0/358	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.123	
Final R indices [I > 2sigma(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0471, wR ₂ = 0.1280	
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.0742, wR ₂ = 0.1610	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.06 and -1.02 e.Å ⁻³	

Table S 3. Crystal data for [L-H]

Identification code	CCDC-1895746	
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Formula weight	433.57	
Temperature	100 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	
Space group	Iba2	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 21.678(2) Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	b = 11.7948(13) Å	$\beta = 90^\circ$
	c = 17.695(3) Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	4524.4(10) Å ³	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	1.273 g/cm ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.081 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	1856.0	
Crystal size	0.08 × 0.06 × 0.05 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	5.944 to 50.246	
Index ranges	-25 ≤ h ≤ 25, -14 ≤ k ≤ 14, -21 ≤ l ≤ 21	
Reflections collected	25154	
Independent reflections	4016 [R _{int} = 0.0762, R _{sigma} = 0.0495]	
Completeness to theta = 25.123°	100 %	
Absorption correction	multi-scan	
Max. and min. transmission	0.746 and 0.569	
Data / restraints / parameters	4016/7/314	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.098	
Final R indices [I > 2sigma(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0469, wR ₂ = 0.1038	
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.0604, wR ₂ = 0.1129	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.22 and -0.22 e. Å ⁻³	

Table S 4. Crystal data for [Cu(L-H)Cl₂]

Identification code	CCDC-1895747	
Empirical formula	C ₂₅ H ₃₉ Cl ₂ CuN ₉ O ₂	
Formula weight	632.09	
Temperature	100 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2 ₁ /n	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.1817(3) Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	b = 15.7088(7) Å	$\beta = 95.9210(10)^\circ$
	c = 24.5591(11) Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	3139.6(2) Å ³	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.337 g/cm ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.903 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	1324.0	
Crystal size	0.2 × 0.18 × 0.16 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	4.224 to 56.542	
Index ranges	-10 ≤ h ≤ 10, -20 ≤ k ≤ 20, -32 ≤ l ≤ 32	
Reflections collected	48948	
Independent reflections	7778 [R _{int} = 0.0631, R _{sigma} = 0.0430]	
Completeness to theta = 28.271°	99.9 %	
Absorption correction	Multi-scan	
Max. and min. transmission	0.746 and 0.690	
Data / restraints / parameters	7778/0/360	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.055	
Final R indices [I > 2sigma(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0486, wR ₂ = 0.1375	
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.0667, wR ₂ = 0.1548	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.59 and -0.82 e. Å ⁻³	

Table S 5. Crystal data for [Cu(L-H)(H⁺)(OTf)Cl](OTf)

Identification code	CCDC-1895748	
Empirical formula	C ₂₅ H ₃₂ ClCuF ₆ N ₉ O ₆ S ₂	
Formula weight	831.70	
Temperature	100 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	triclinic	
Space group	P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.4954(8)Å	$\alpha = 100.763(2)^\circ$
	b = 11.7314(11)Å	$\beta = 99.350(2)^\circ$
	c = 19.2810(18)Å	$\gamma = 108.877(2)^\circ$
Volume	1734.2(3)Å ³	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.593g/cm ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.912 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	850.0	
Crystal size	0.24 × 0.22 × 0.2 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	4.43 to 56.676	
Index ranges	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -15 ≤ k ≤ 15, -25 ≤ l ≤ 25	
Reflections collected	21482	
Independent reflections	8622 [R _{int} = 0.0452, R _{sigma} = 0.0680]	
Completeness to theta = 28.338°	99.6 %	
Absorption correction	multi-scan	
Max. and min. transmission	0.746 and 0.679	
Data / restraints / parameters	8622/43/455	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.053	
Final R indices [I > 2sigma(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0819, wR ₂ = 0.2246	
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.1196, wR ₂ = 0.2612	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.59 and -1.19 e.Å ⁻³	

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