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**Copper(II) complexes based on levofloxacin and 2N-donor ligands:  
synthesis, crystal structures and *in vitro* biological evaluation**

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## Crystallographic data

**Table S1.** Crystallographic data collection and structural refinement parameters for complexes **1** and **2**.

	(1)	(2)
Formula	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>29</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> CuFN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>36</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> CuFN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
M <sub>w</sub>	702.46	863.65
T (K)	298	293 (2)
Crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic
Space group	P 21/n	P -1
a, Å	15.1992 (16)	12.5234(11)
b, Å	13.4765 (11)	13.0688(14)
c, Å	15.5358 (17)	13.2794(12)
α (°)	90	101.577 (8)
β (°)	103.078 (11)	108.055 (8)
γ (°)	90	94.122 (8)
Volume Å <sup>3</sup>	3099.7 (6)	2003.2 (3)
Z	4	2
Z'	1	1
D <sub>calc.</sub> /g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.505	1.432
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.013	0.799
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.09×0.08×0.07	0.09×0.07×0.06
Colour	Blue	Light green
Wavelength/Å	0.71073	0.71073
Radiation type	MoKα	MoKα
Θ <sub>min</sub> /°	3.310	3.425
Θ <sub>max</sub> /°	26.369	25.681
Measured Refl	41879	25765
Independent Refl.	6335	7589
Reflections with I >2(I)	4140	4868
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0773	0.0919
Parameters	431	534
Restraints	109	24
Largest Peak	0.483	1.399
Deepest Hole	-0.408	-0.895
GooF	1.049	1.069
wR <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.1828	0.3031
wR <sub>2</sub>	0.1625	0.2669
R <sub>1</sub> (all data)	0.1073	0.1410
R <sub>1</sub>	0.0696	0.1014

**Table S2.** Hydrogen bonding interactions in the structures of the complexes **1** and **2**.

$D-H \cdots A$	$D(D \cdots H)$ (Å)	$d(H \cdots A)$ (Å)	$d(D \cdots A)$ (Å)	$\angle(DHA)$ (°)
[Cu( <i>lvx</i> )(bipyam)Cl] <sup>+</sup> ,				
<b>(1)</b>				
C(27)–H(27B)···O(4)	0.971	2.346	2.841	110.91
C(3)–H(3A)···O(3)	0.930	2.313	3.114	144.09
N(3)–H(3)···Cl(0A)	0.931	2.356	3.231	156.23
C(28)–H(28B)···Cl(1)	0.959	3.196	3.443	96.67
[Cu( <i>lvx</i> )(BPhen)Cl] <sup>+</sup> ,				
<b>(2)</b>				
C(32)–H(32B)···Cl(1)	0.970	2.006	3.397	132.52
C(2)–H(2)···O(3)	0.929	2.461	3.217	136.31
C(41)–H(41B)···O(4)	0.970	2.419	2.871	108.00
N(5)–H(5)···Cl(2)	0.980	2.004	2.995	163.09
C(7)–H(7)···Cl(3)	0.930	2.617	3.349	136.00

**Table S3.** The BSA and HSA binding parameters ( $K_{sv}$ ,  $kq$ ,  $K$ ,  $n$ ) derived for Cu(II) complexes at two different temperature 30 and 35°C.

Complexes	T (°C)	$K_{sv} \times 10^5$	$kq \times 10^{13}$	$K \times 10^5$	$n$
		(M <sup>-1</sup> )	(M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	(M <sup>-1</sup> )	
<b>BSA</b>					
<b>1</b>	30	4.31±0.01	4.31±0.01	2.88±0.02	1.05±0.03
	35	3.36±0.01	3.36±0.01	2.42±0.01	0.69±0.04
<b>2</b>	30	10.58±0.02	10.58±0.02	6.43±0.03	1.21±0.02
	35	5.37±0.02	5.37±0.02	5.82±0.06	1.35±0.03
<b>HSA</b>					
<b>1</b>	30	7.89±0.01	7.89±0.01	1.2±0.04	0.82±0.05
	35	7.42±0.02	7.42±0.02	1.1±0.02	1.13±0.03
<b>2</b>	30	1.12±0.01	1.12±0.01	0.69±0.01	1.45±0.01
	35	1.09±0.01	1.09±0.01	0.41±0.02	1.56±0.02

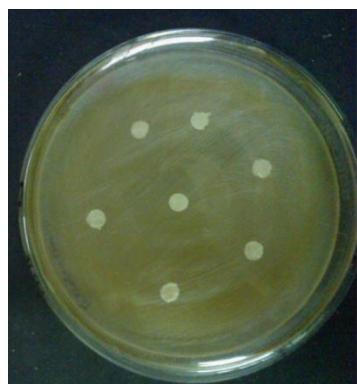
**Table S4.** Antibacterial assay of the compounds (*lvx* and complexes **1** and **2**) against *Gram(+)* positive bacterial pathogens.

Test pathogens	Concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{disc}$ )	Compounds			Standard drug	Control DMSO ( $10\mu\text{L}/\text{disc}$ )
		<i>lvx</i>	<i>Complex 1</i>	<i>Complex 2</i>		
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	10	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.4	-
	20	1.1	1.6	1.7	1.9	
	30	1.3	1.9	2.1	2.3	
	40	1.7	2.6	2.9	3.2	
	50	2.5	3.2	3.3	3.5	
	60	3.0	3.4	3.6	3.9	
	10	0.5	1.2	1.0	1.4	
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	20	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.8	-
	30	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.1	
	40	1.8	2.4	2.3	2.5	
	50	2.0	3.0	2.8	3.2	
	60	2.5	3.3	3.1	3.5	
	10	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.5	
	20	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.8	
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	30	1.4	2.0	1.8	2.2	-
	40	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.4	
	50	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.9	
	60	2.8	3.0	2.8	3.2	
	10	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.8	
	20	1.5	2.1	2.2	2.3	
	30	1.8	2.6	2.8	3.0	
<i>Streptococcus pneumonia</i>	40	2.3	2.9	3.1	3.3	-
	50	2.8	3.2	3.5	3.6	
	60	3.0	3.6	3.7	4.0	

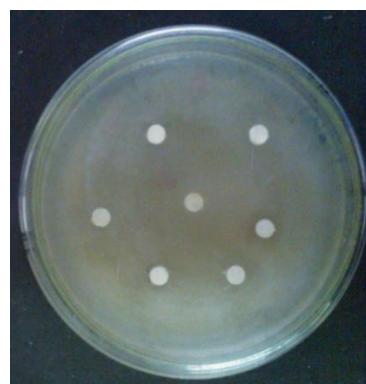
**Table S5.** Antibacterial assay of the compounds (*lvx* and complexes **1** and **2**) against *Gram(–)* bacterial pathogens.

Test pathogens	Concentration (μg/disc)	Compounds			Standard drug Neomycin sulfate	Control DMSO (10 μL/disc)
		<i>lvx</i>	Complex <b>1</b>	Complex <b>2</b>		
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	10	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.5	–
	20	1.4	2.0	1.5	2.1	–
	30	1.6	2.1	1.8	2.3	–
	40	2.0	2.3	2.5	2.7	–
	50	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.9	–
	60	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.2	–
<i>Shigella flexneri</i>	10	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.4	–
	20	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.7	–
	30	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.1	–
	40	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.5	–
	50	2.4	2.5	2.9	3.1	–
	60	2.7	2.8	3.2	3.4	–
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	10	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.9	–
	20	1.6	1.8	1.8	2.1	–
	30	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.7	–
	40	2.5	3.1	3.2	3.3	–
	50	3.4	3.7	3.8	4.0	–
	60	3.6	4.0	4.1	4.2	–
<i>Citrobacter species</i>	10	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.9	–
	20	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.5	–
	30	2.4	2.5	2.6	3.0	–
	40	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.8	–
	50	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.9	–
	60	3.5	3.7	3.8	4.1	–
<i>Salmonella typhi</i>	10	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	–
	20	1.6	1.8	1.9	2.2	–
	30	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.6	–
	40	2.6	2.9	2.8	3.0	–
	50	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.6	–
	60	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.9	–

## Antibacterial Activity



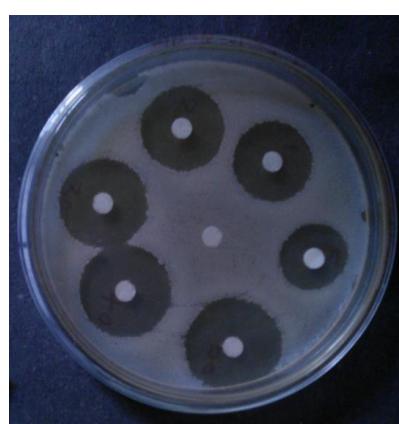
Metal salts ( $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )



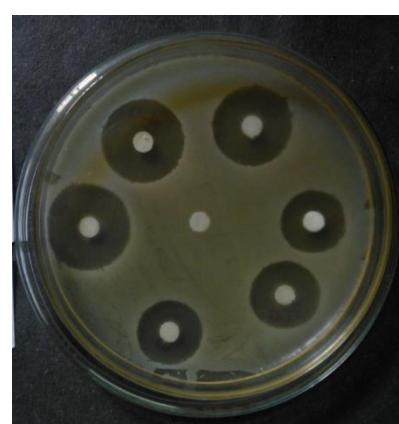
DMSO as control (No effect)



Effect of *lvx* on *S. flexneri*

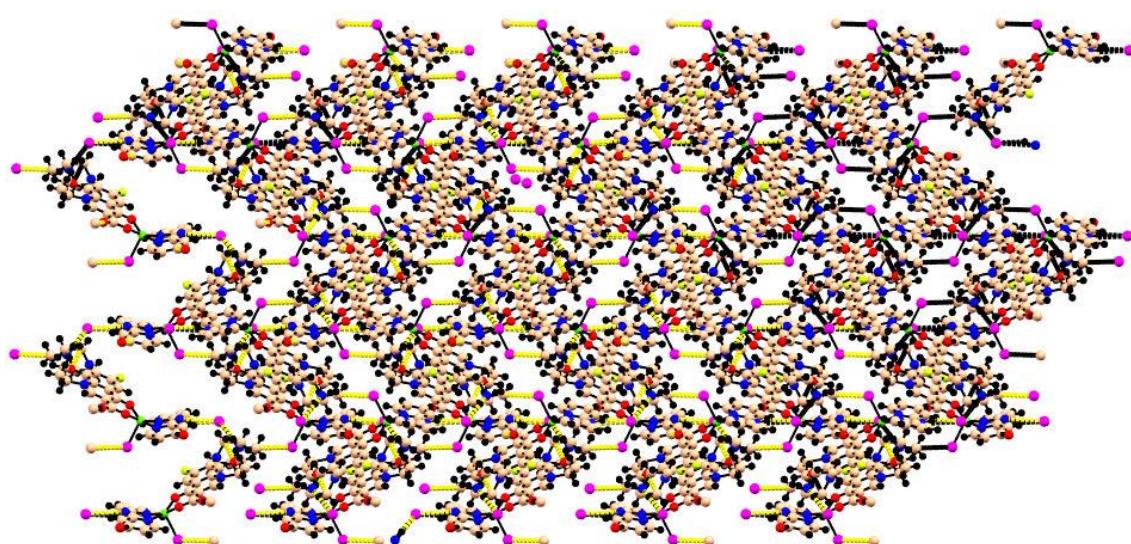


Complex 1 over *E.Coli*

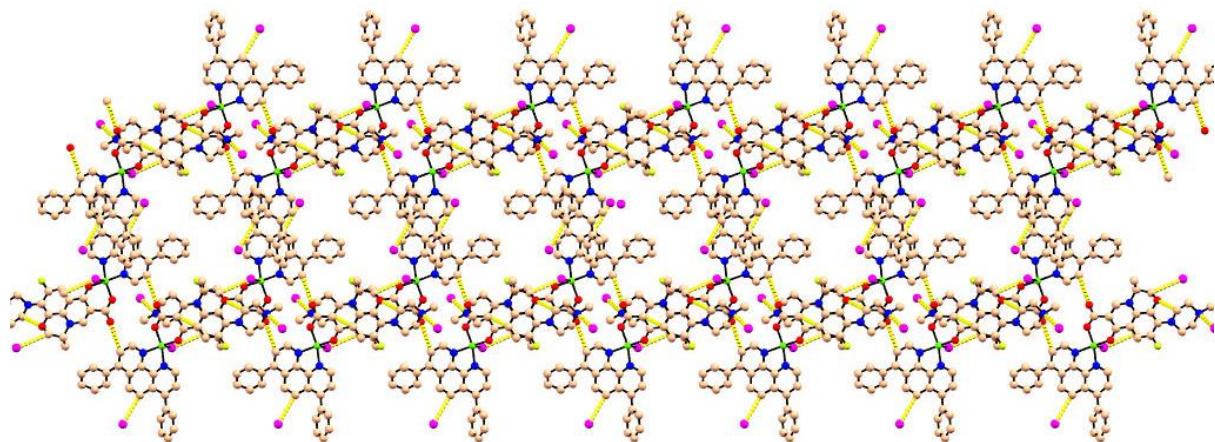


Complex 2 over *E.Coli*

**Scheme 2.** The *in vitro* antibacterial screening of metal salts ( $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), *lvx* and copper (II) complexes against Gram(+) and Gram(−) microorganisms.

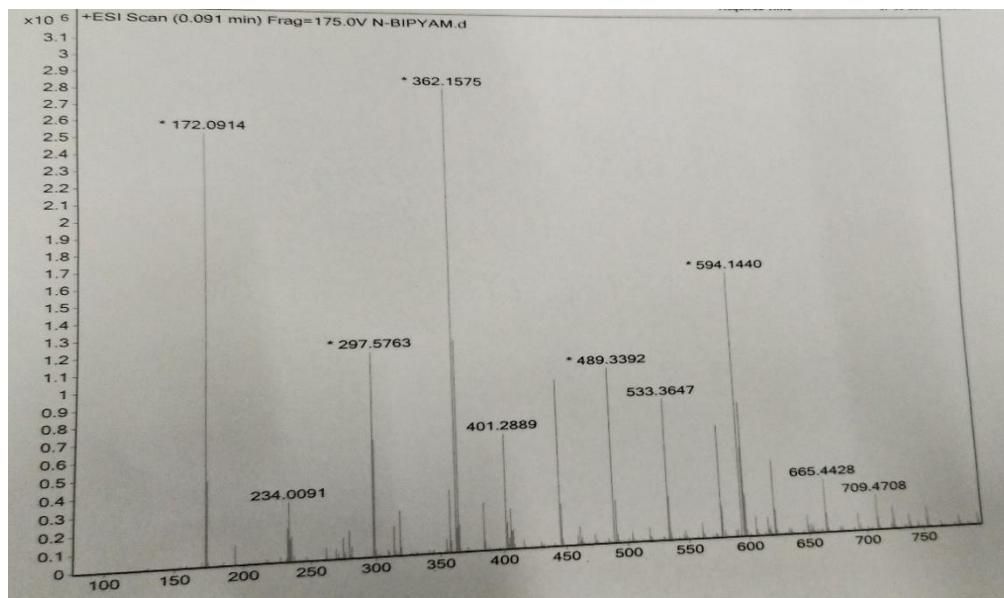


**Fig. S1.** Intermolecular hydrogen bonding interactions in complex (**1**) leading to the formation of cage-like structure.

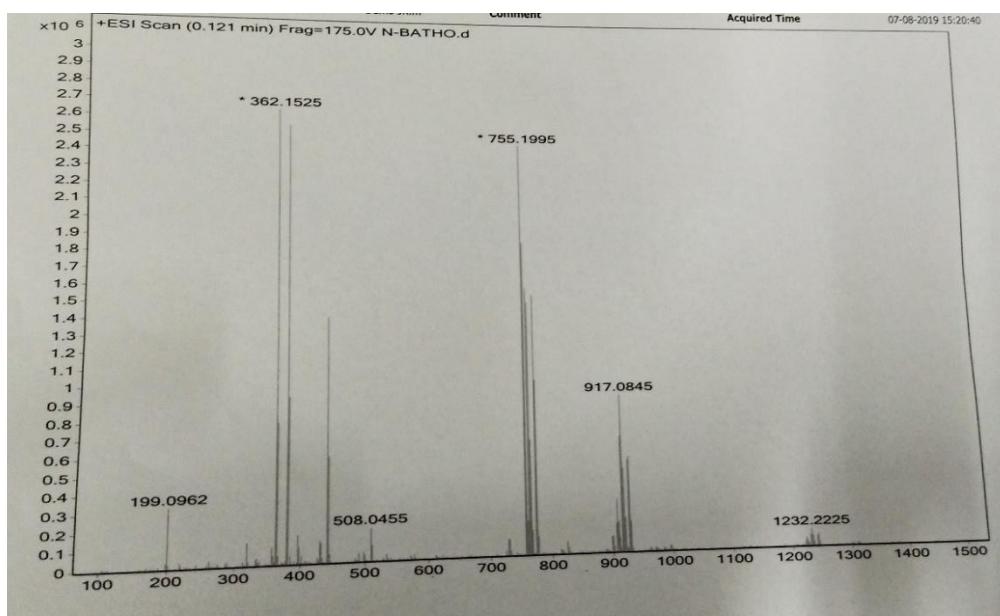


**Fig. S2.** Intermolecular hydrogen bonding interactions in complex (**2**) leading to the formation of sheet-like structure.

### 1. Mass Spectrum analysis

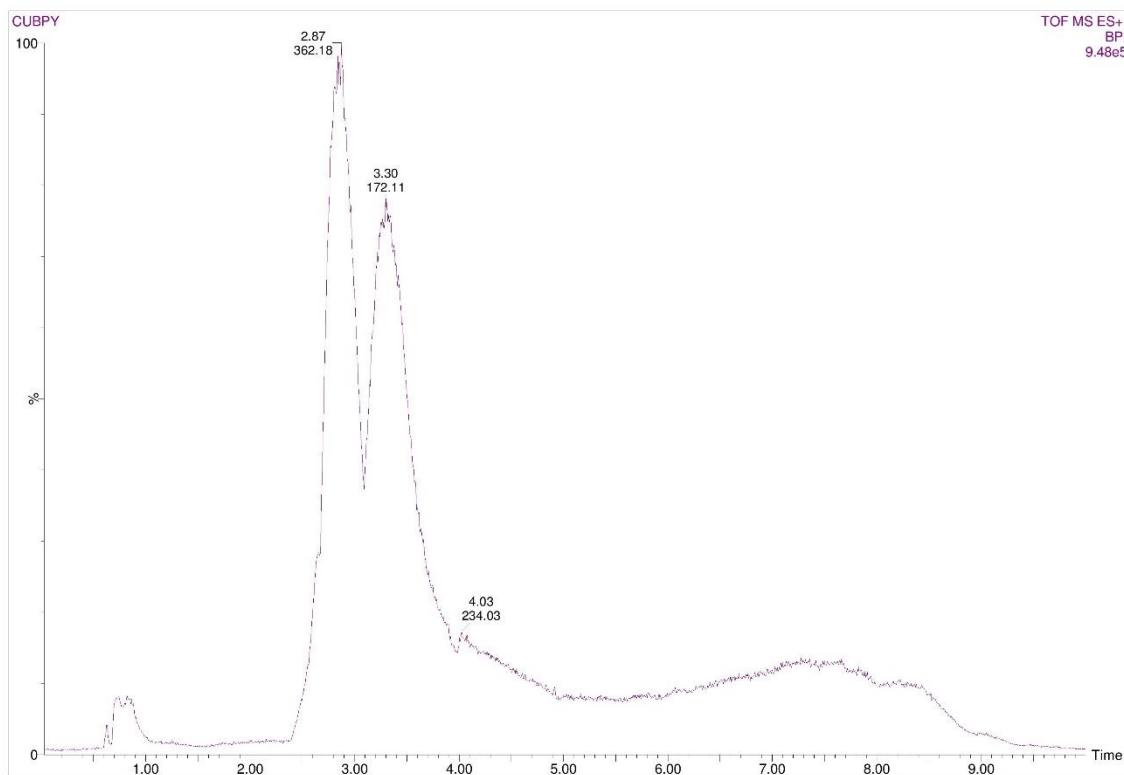


**Fig. S3.** ESI-MS spectrum of complex **1**.

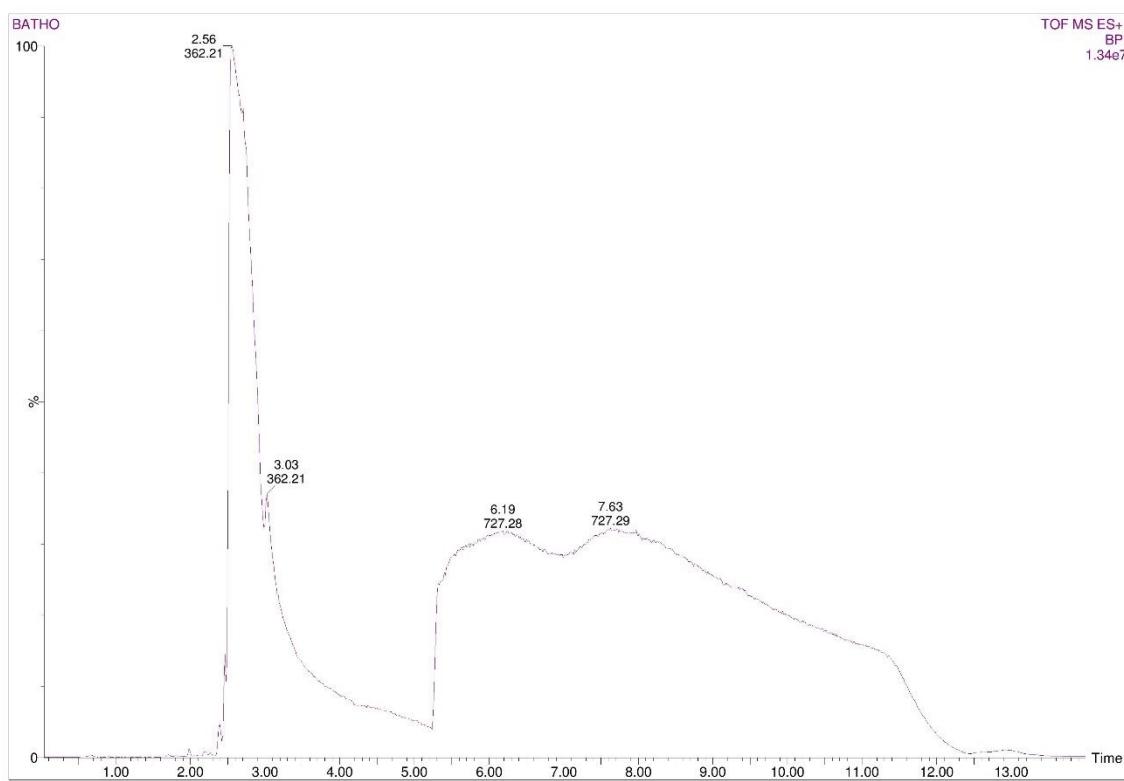


**Fig. S4.** ESI-MS spectrum of complex **2**.

## 2. LC-MS analysis

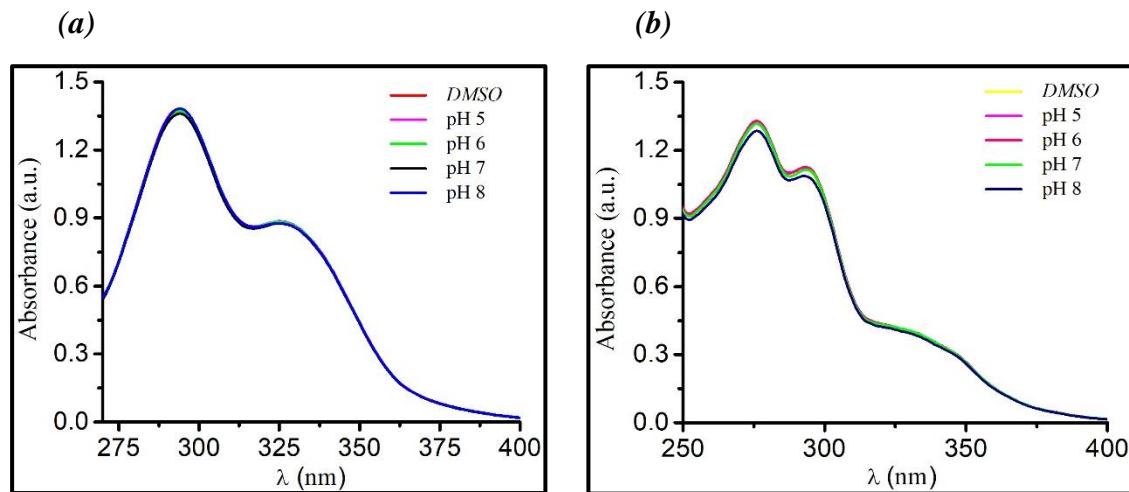


**Fig. S5.** LC-MS chromatography of the complex **1**.



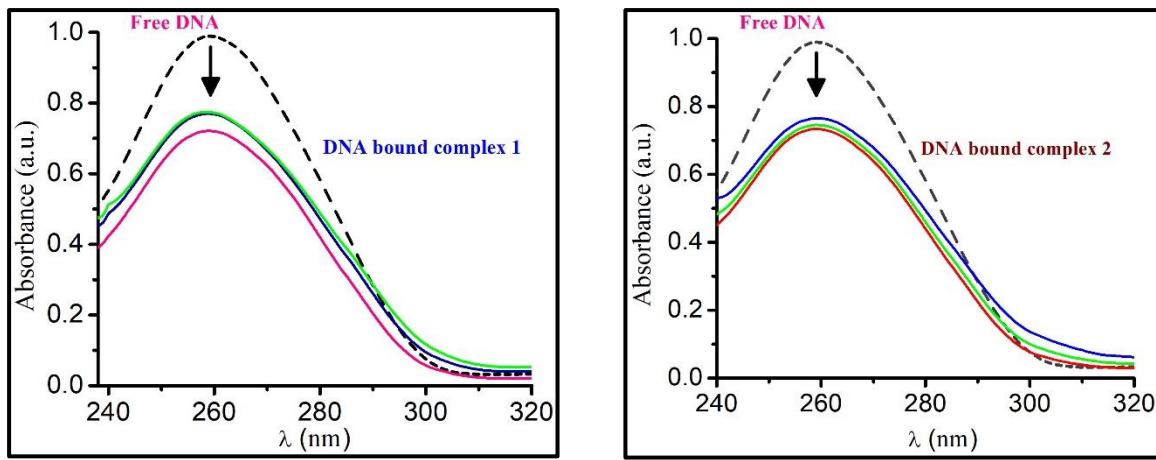
**Fig. S6.** LC-MS chromatography of the complex **2**.

### 3. Stability and solubility



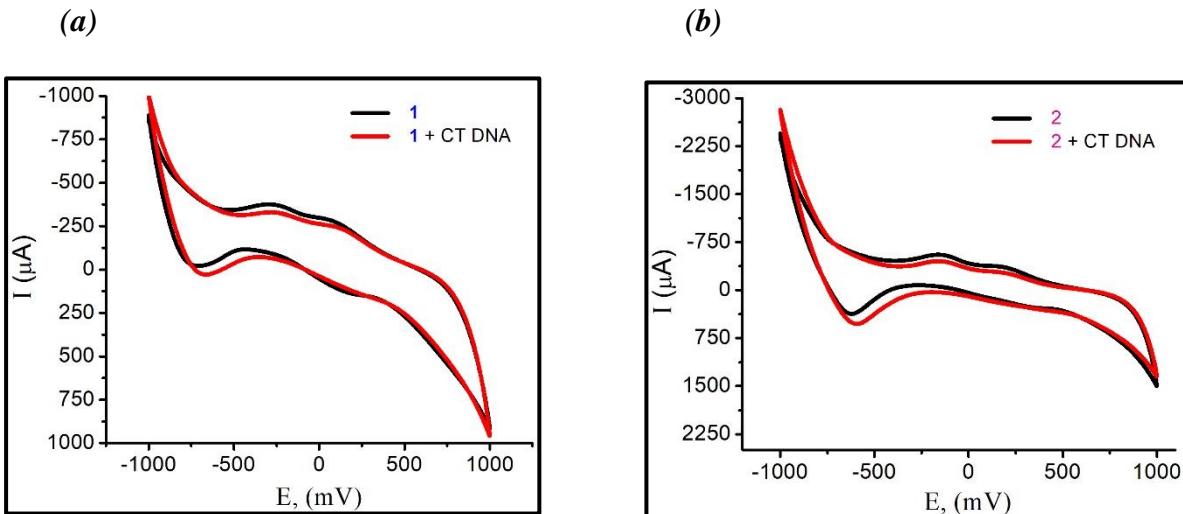
**Fig. S7.** The stability plots of complexes **(a)**  $[\text{Cu}(l\text{vx})(\text{bipyam})\text{Cl}]^+$ , **(1)** and **(b)**  $[\text{Cu}(l\text{vx})\text{BPhen}\text{Cl}]^+$ , **(2)** in DMSO and different pH range (5-8).

### 4. DNA binding studies



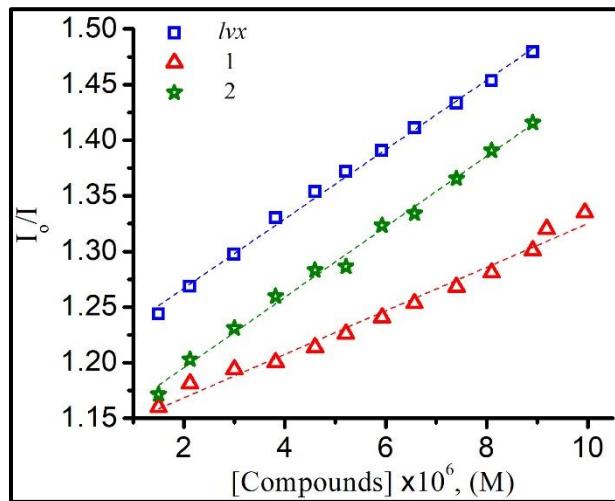
**Fig. S8.** UV spectra of CT DNA solution (90  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in buffer solution (150 mM NaCl and 15mM trisodium citrate at pH 7.2) were recorded in the absence as well presence of the increasing concentrations of the complexes (a)  $[\text{Cu}(\text{lvx})(\text{bipyam})\text{Cl}]^+$ , (1) and (b)  $[\text{Cu}(\text{lvx})(\text{BPhen})\text{Cl}]^+$ , (2). The arrows represents the changes occurs during the addition of the complexes.

### 5. Cyclic voltammetry



**Fig. S9.** Cyclic voltammogram of 0.5 mM 1:2 dmso:buffer solution of (a)  $[\text{Cu}(\text{lvx})(\text{bipyam})\text{Cl}]^+$ , (1) and (b)  $[\text{Cu}(\text{lvx})(\text{BPhen})\text{Cl}]^+$ , (2) in the absence as well as in the presence of CT DNA. Scan rate = 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. Supporting electrolyte = buffer solution.

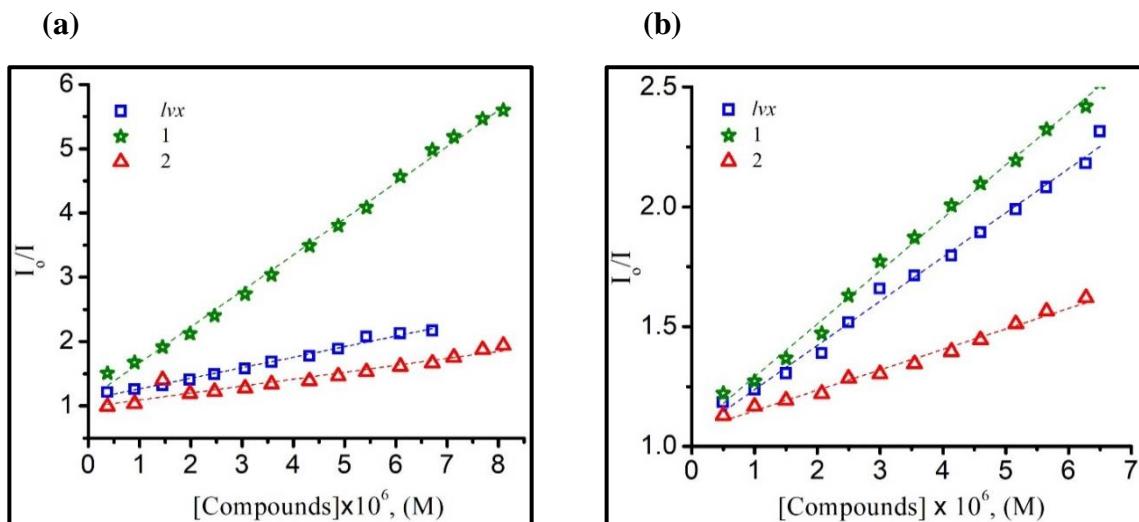
## 6. Ethidium Bromide



**Fig. S10.** Stern-Volmer quenching plots of EB bound to CT DNA for *lvx* and complexes (**1**) or (**2**).

## 7. Proteins binding studies

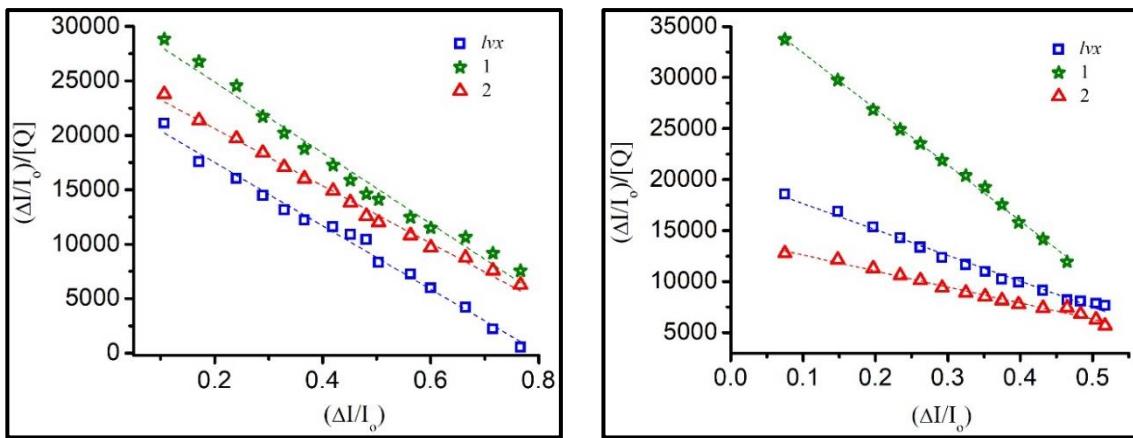
### a. Stern-Volmer quenching plots at 25 °C



**Fig. S11.** Stern-Volmer quenching plots of (a) BSA (b) HSA for *lvx* and complexes (**1**) or (**2**) at 25 °C.

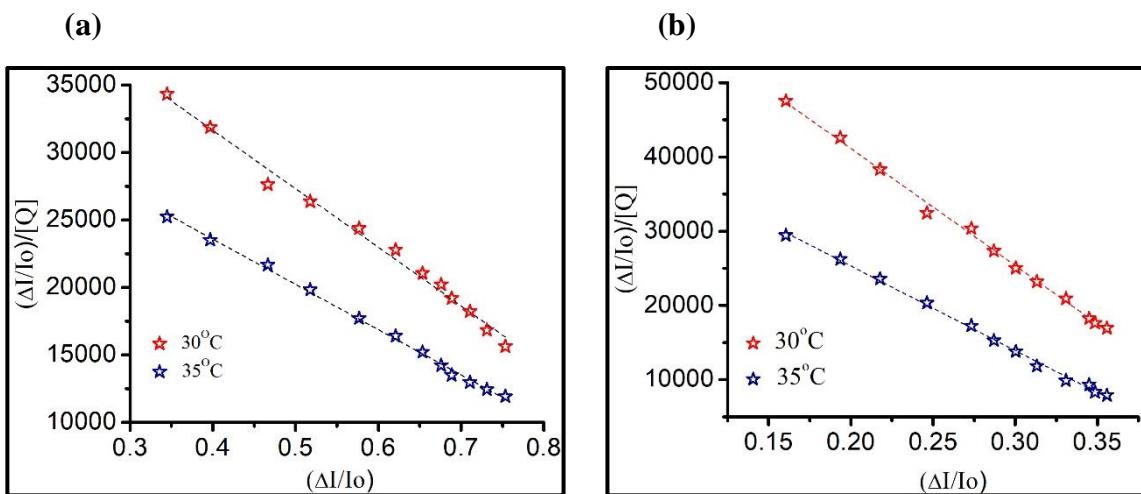
### b. Scatchard plots at 25 °C



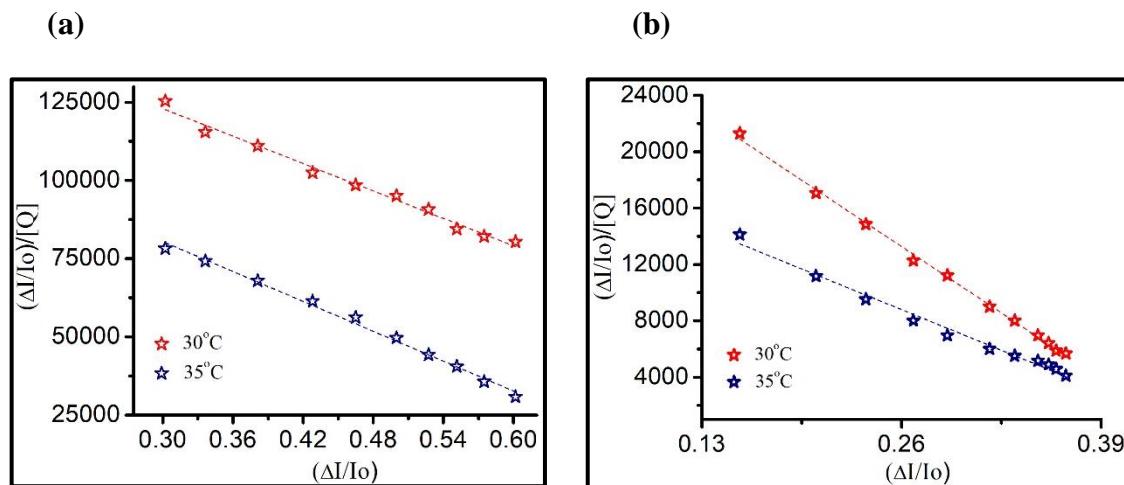


**Fig. S12.** Scatchard plots of (a) BSA (b) HSA for *lvx* and complexes (1) and (2) at 25 °C.

*c. Scatchard plots at two different temperatures at 30 and 35 °C*



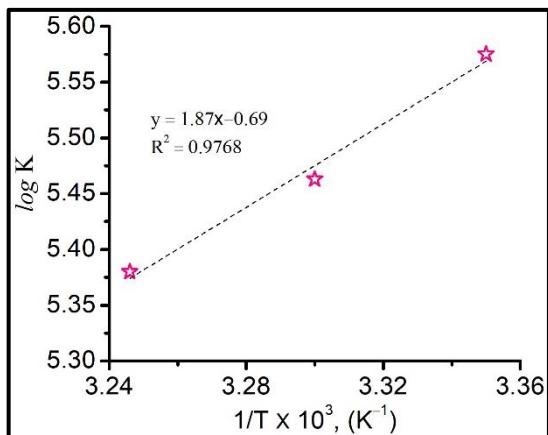
**Fig. S13.** Scatchard plots of BSA for (a) complex (1) and (b) complex (2) at two different temperature 30 and 35°C.



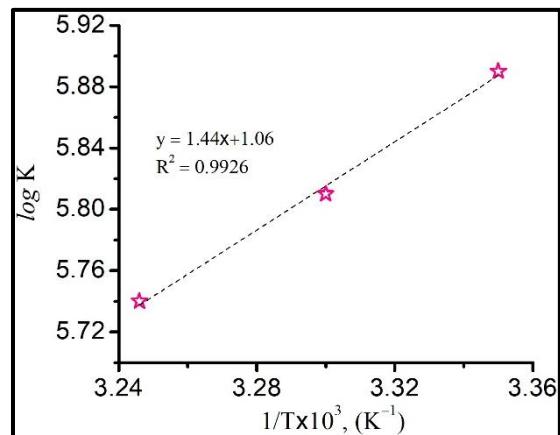
**Fig. S14.** Scatchard plots of HSA for (a) complex (1) and (b) complex (2) at two different temperature 30 and 35°C.

### 8. van't Hoff plots

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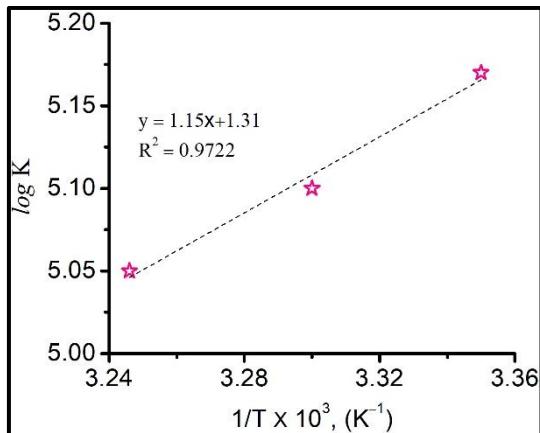


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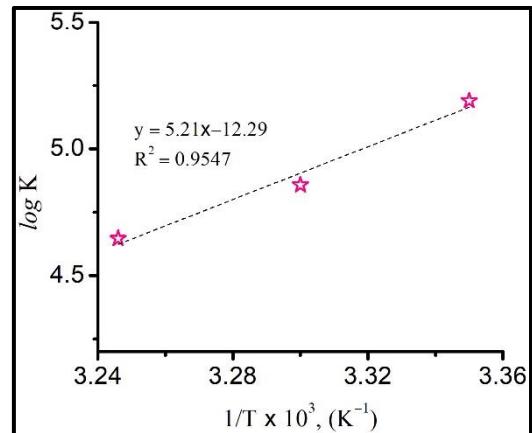


**Fig. S15.** The van't Hoff plots for the binding of BSA to the (a) complex (1) and (b) complex (2) at 298, 303, and 308 K (25, 30 and 35 °C).

(a)



(b)



**Fig. S16.** The van't Hoff plots for the binding of HSA to the (a) complex (1) and (b) complex (2) at 298, 303, and 308 K (25, 30 and 35 °C).