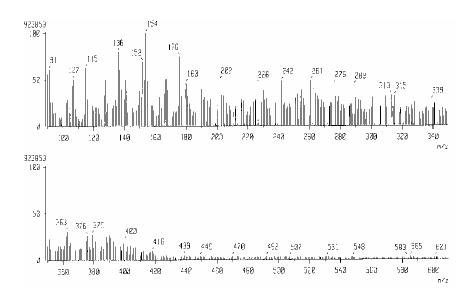
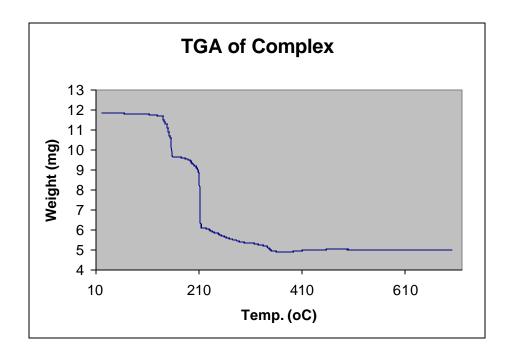
## **Supporting Information**



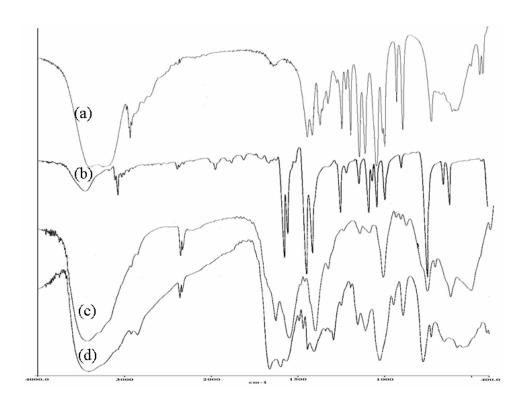
S1.FAB-Mass of the complex  $[\text{Cu}_3\text{ins}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]$  in m-nitrobenzyl alcohol.



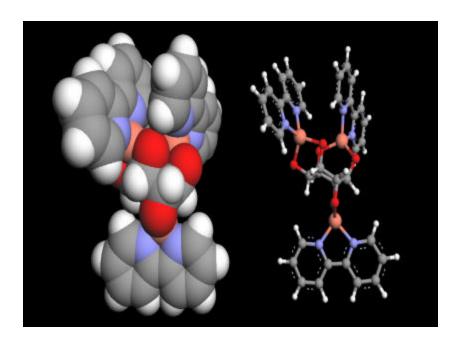
S2. Gel in Inverted test tube.



S3. TGA of the trinuclear complex [Cu<sub>3</sub>ins(bipy)<sub>3</sub>]

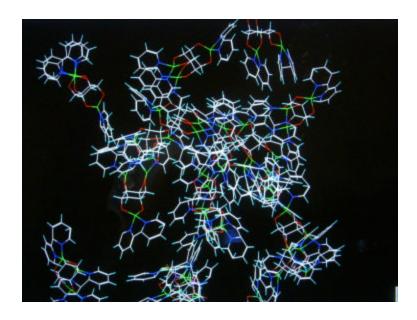


S4. FTIR spectra of inositol(a), bipyridyl(b), xerogel(c) and the trinuclear complex(d).



S5. Space filling model of the complex [Cu<sub>3</sub>ins(bipy)<sub>3</sub>] optimized by UFF methods.

(Shows the possibility of intramolecular p- p stacking)



S6. Solvated structure of the complex [Cu<sub>3</sub>(ins)(bipy)<sub>3</sub>] with water.