

## Supporting Information

### Mono- or multinuclear Copper(II), Nickel(II) and Cobalt(III) Complexes with in Situ Schiff Base Ligands from a Linear Polyamine : Synthesis, Structures and Magnetic Properties

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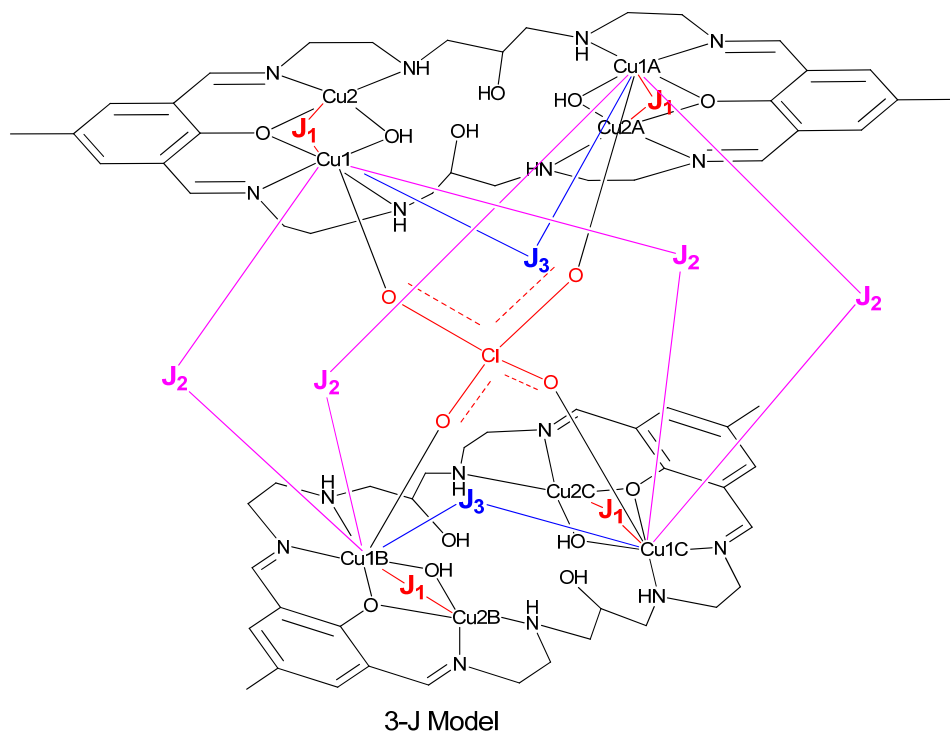
**Table S1.** Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (°) for the Metal Complexes **1 ~ 4**.

| Complex 1    |          |                     |           |                     |            |                   |            |
|--------------|----------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Co(1)-O(2)#1 | 1.892(2) | O(2)#1-Co(1)-O(2)   | 89.87(16) | O(2)#1-Co(1)-N(2)#1 | 177.50(12) | O(2)-Co(1)-N(2)   | 177.50(12) |
| Co(1)-O(2)   | 1.892(2) | O(2)#1-Co(1)-N(1)   | 86.11(12) | O(2)-Co(1)-N(2)#1   | 88.76(12)  | N(1)-Co(1)-N(2)   | 84.94(14)  |
| Co(1)-N(1)   | 1.900(3) | O(2)-Co(1)-N(1)     | 92.89(12) | N(1)-Co(1)-N(2)#1   | 96.04(14)  | N(1)#1-Co(1)-N(2) | 96.04(14)  |
| Co(1)-N(1)#1 | 1.900(3) | O(2)#1-Co(1)-N(1)#1 | 92.89(12) | N(1)#1-Co(1)-N(2)#1 | 84.94(14)  | N(2)#1-Co(1)-N(2) | 92.68(18)  |
| Co(1)-N(2)#1 | 1.960(3) | O(2)-Co(1)-N(1)#1   | 86.11(12) | O(2)#1-Co(1)-N(2)   | 88.76(12)  | N(1)-Co(1)-N(1)#1 | 178.60(19) |
| Co(1)-N(2)   | 1.960(3) |                     |           |                     |            |                   |            |

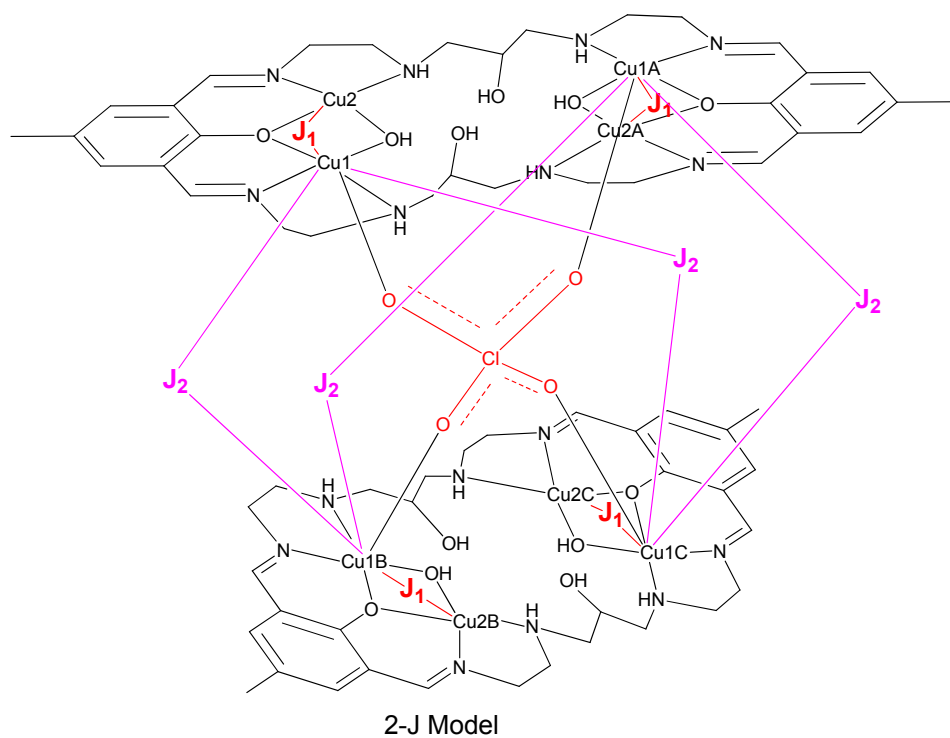
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+1, y, -z+1/2

| Complex 2    |           |                     |           |                   |            |                   |            |
|--------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Ni(1)-O(2)   | 1.844(3)  | Ni(1)-N(2)          | 1.920(4)  | O(2)-Ni(1)-N(1)   | 94.06(14)  | O(2)-Ni(1)-N(3)   | 84.71(13)  |
| Ni(1)-N(1)   | 1.858(4)  | N(1)-Ni(1)-N(2)     | 86.41(16) | O(2)-Ni(1)-N(2)   | 178.40(16) | N(1)-Ni(1)-N(3)   | 177.93(15) |
| Ni(1)-N(3)   | 1.957(3)  | N(2)-Ni(1)-N(3)     | 94.87(15) |                   |            |                   |            |
| Complex 3    |           |                     |           |                   |            |                   |            |
| Ni(1)-N(8)   | 2.005(9)  | N(8)-Ni(1)-N(9)     | 94.8(4)   | N(7)-Ni(1)-O(5)   | 94.1(3)    | Ni(4)-N(6)        | 1.869(8)   |
| Ni(1)-N(9)   | 2.036(10) | N(8)-Ni(1)-O(1)     | 87.1(3)   | N(4)-Ni(2)-N(11)  | 91.4(4)    | O(1)-Ni(3)-N(1)   | 96.8(4)    |
| Ni(1)-O(1)   | 2.061(7)  | N(9)-Ni(1)-O(1)     | 91.8(3)   | N(4)-Ni(2)-O(4)   | 162.3(3)   | O(1)-Ni(3)-O(2)   | 85.4(3)    |
| Ni(1)-O(2)   | 2.068(7)  | N(8)-Ni(1)-O(2)     | 160.5(3)  | N(11)-Ni(2)-O(4)  | 90.8(3)    | N(1)-Ni(3)-O(2)   | 175.5(3)   |
| Ni(1)-N(7)   | 2.122(8)  | N(9)-Ni(1)-O(2)     | 91.8(3)   | N(4)-Ni(2)-O(3)   | 87.0(3)    | O(1)-Ni(3)-N(2)   | 174.2(3)   |
| Ni(1)-O(5)   | 2.127(8)  | O(1)-Ni(1)-O(2)     | 74.4(3)   | N(11)-Ni(2)-O(3)  | 92.0(3)    | N(1)-Ni(3)-N(2)   | 88.7(4)    |
| Ni(2)-N(4)   | 2.014(9)  | N(8)-Ni(1)-N(7)     | 84.6(4)   | O(4)-Ni(2)-O(3)   | 75.3(3)    | O(2)-Ni(3)-N(2)   | 89.0(3)    |
| Ni(2)-N(11)  | 2.056(10) | N(9)-Ni(1)-N(7)     | 87.2(3)   | N(4)-Ni(2)-N(3)   | 84.4(4)    | N(5)-Ni(4)-O(3)   | 95.9(4)    |
| Ni(2)-O(4)   | 2.056(7)  | O(1)-Ni(1)-N(7)     | 171.6(3)  | N(11)-Ni(2)-N(3)  | 93.1(3)    | N(5)-Ni(4)-O(4)   | 176.3(4)   |
| Ni(2)-O(3)   | 2.076(7)  | O(2)-Ni(1)-N(7)     | 114.0(3)  | O(4)-Ni(2)-N(3)   | 113.0(3)   | O(3)-Ni(4)-O(4)   | 86.4(3)    |
| Ni(2)-N(3)   | 2.101(8)  | N(8)-Ni(1)-O(5)     | 91.1(3)   | O(3)-Ni(2)-N(3)   | 170.1(3)   | N(5)-Ni(4)-N(6)   | 88.4(4)    |
| Ni(2)-N(10)  | 2.175(10) | N(9)-Ni(1)-O(5)     | 174.1(3)  | N(4)-Ni(2)-N(10)  | 89.4(4)    | O(3)-Ni(4)-N(6)   | 175.0(3)   |
| Ni(3)-O(1)   | 1.836(7)  | O(1)-Ni(1)-O(5)     | 87.7(3)   | O(4)-Ni(2)-N(10)  | 88.5(3)    | O(4)-Ni(4)-N(6)   | 89.1(3)    |
| Ni(3)-N(1)   | 1.839(9)  | O(2)-Ni(1)-O(5)     | 82.4(3)   | O(3)-Ni(2)-N(10)  | 88.5(3)    | Ni(3)-O(2)-Ni(1)  | 99.8(3)    |
| Ni(3)-O(2)   | 1.844(7)  | N(11)-Ni(2)-N(10)   | 179.0(4)  | N(3)-Ni(2)-N(10)  | 86.5(3)    | Ni(4)-O(3)-Ni(2)  | 98.5(3)    |
| Ni(4)-N(5)   | 1.820(9)  | Ni(3)-N(2)          | 1.876(9)  | Ni(3)-O(1)-Ni(1)  | 100.3(3)   | Ni(4)-O(4)-Ni(2)  | 99.2(3)    |
| Ni(4)-O(4)   | 1.846(7)  | Ni(4)-O(3)          | 1.843(7)  |                   |            |                   |            |
| Complex 4    |           |                     |           |                   |            |                   |            |
| Cu(1)-O(5)   | 1.877(5)  | Cu(2)-O(5)          | 1.896(5)  | O(5)-Cu(1)-N(1)   | 165.0(2)   | N(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)   | 84.5(2)    |
| Cu(1)-N(1)   | 1.937(5)  | Cu(2)-O(1)          | 1.952(4)  | O(5)-Cu(1)-O(1)   | 78.1(2)    | O(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)   | 172.3(2)   |
| Cu(1)-O(1)   | 1.983(4)  | N(4)#1-Cu(2)-O(1)   | 92.0(2)   | N(1)-Cu(1)-O(1)   | 90.2(2)    | O(5)-Cu(1)-O(3)   | 89.3(2)    |
| Cu(1)-N(2)   | 2.038(6)  | O(5)-Cu(2)-O(1)     | 78.4(2)   | O(5)-Cu(1)-N(2)   | 106.2(2)   | N(1)-Cu(1)-O(3)   | 100.4(2)   |
| Cu(1)-O(3)   | 2.389(5)  | N(4)#1-Cu(2)-N(3)#1 | 86.1(3)   | Cu(2)-O(1)-Cu(1)  | 98.4(2)    | O(1)-Cu(1)-O(3)   | 90.68(18)  |
| N(3)-Cu(2)#1 | 1.997(6)  | O(5)-Cu(2)-N(3)#1   | 103.8(3)  | Cu(1)-O(5)-Cu(2)  | 104.2(2)   | N(2)-Cu(1)-O(3)   | 95.7(2)    |
| N(4)-Cu(2)#1 | 1.887(7)  |                     |           | O(1)-Cu(2)-N(3)#1 | 175.6(3)   | N(4)#1-Cu(2)-O(5) | 169.1(3)   |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+2, -y+3/2, z



**Scheme S1.** Magnetic exchange pathways for complex 4 assuming three different J values.



**Scheme S2.** Magnetic exchange pathways for complex 4 assuming two different J values.