

Computational Calculations of pK_a Values of Imidazole in Cu(II)

Complexes of Biological Relevance

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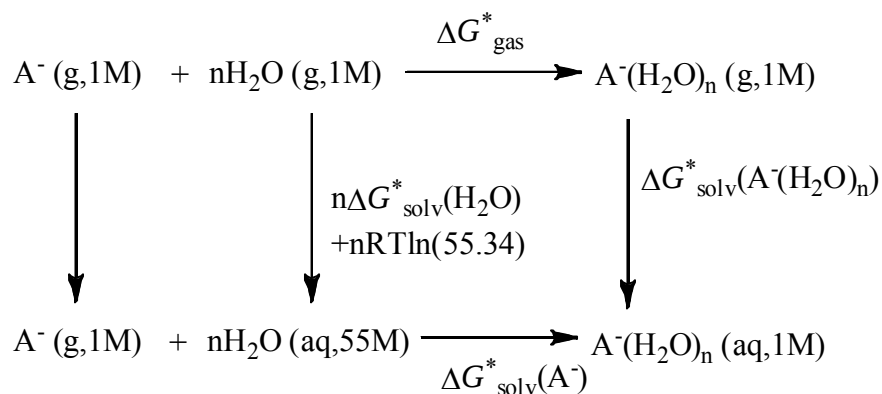
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Determination of the value of n in the cluster-continuum model.

The number of water molecules (n) to include in the ion cluster in this method is determined using cycle S1:

Cycle S1



In this approach the solvation free energy of the ionic species $\Delta G_{\text{solv}}^*(\text{A}^-)$ is calculated using the following expression:

$$\Delta G_{\text{solv}}^*(\text{A}^-) = \Delta G_{\text{gas}}^* + \Delta G_{\text{solv}}^*(\text{A}^-(\text{H}_2\text{O})_n) - n\Delta G_{\text{solv}}^*(\text{H}_2\text{O}) - nRT\ln(55.34) \quad (\text{S1})$$

The size of the ion cluster is determined “variationally” in the sense that corresponds to the value that provides the minimum of the free energy of solvation of the ion ($\Delta G_{\text{solv}}^*(\text{A}^-)$).

Table S1: Calculated energies at the B3LYP/6-311G++(d,p) level kcal mol⁻¹.

Compound	E_{gas}	G_{gas}	ΔG_{solv}
H ₂ O	-76.458531	-76.454890	-0.010242
OH ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₃	-305.318293	-305.271929	-0.085779
ImH ₂ ⁺	-226.654921	-226.596279	-0.104038
ImH	-226.282843	-226.238270	-0.014550
Im ⁻	-225.714073	-225.683046	-0.094341
Im ⁻ + H ₂ O	-302.199965	-302.150176	-0.084259
Im ⁻ + 2(H ₂ O)	-378.683852	-378.615368	-0.075947
Im ⁻ + 3(H ₂ O)	-455.162424	-455.075706	-0.072353
Cu ²⁺ (HimH) ₂	-2360.680668	-2360.426909	-0.248901
Cu ²⁺ (HimH)(Him ⁻)	-2360.361182	-2360.122867	-0.092374
Cu ²⁺ (HimH)(Him ⁻) + H ₂ O	-2436.839096	-2436.579326	-0.084236
Cu ²⁺ (ImH)(H ₂ O) ₃	-2095.634181	-2095.528778	-0.308457
Cu ²⁺ Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₃	-2095.381872	-2095.296902	-0.079280
<i>cis</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂	-2245.512142	-2245.361357	-0.278383
<i>cis</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH)Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₂	-2245.208326	-2245.073372	-0.107024
<i>cis</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH)Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₂ + H ₂ O	-2321.695130	-2321.535561	-0.100817
<i>trans</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂	-2245.514762	-2245.363502	-0.275741
<i>trans</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH)Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₂	-2245.229258	-2245.100990	-0.068111
<i>cis</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₃ (H ₂ O)	-2395.382421	-2395.186700	-0.252197
<i>cis</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₂ Im ⁻ (H ₂ O)	-2395.063604	-2394.882725	-0.095193
<i>cis</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₂ Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) + H ₂ O	-2471.548353	-2471.342799	-0.090307
<i>trans</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₃ (H ₂ O)	-2395.382421	-2395.186700	-0.252197
<i>trans</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₂ Im ⁻ (H ₂ O)	-2395.058891	-2394.878768	-0.101724
<i>trans</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₂ Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) + H ₂ O	-2471.540590	-2471.337994	-0.089680

Table S2: Calculated energies at the MPWB1K/6-311G++(d,p) level kcal mol⁻¹.

Compound	E_{gas}	G_{gas}	ΔG_{solv}
H ₂ O	-76.416258	-76.412441	-0.010027
OH ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₃	-305.141119	-305.092334	-0.085956
ImH ₂ ⁺	-226.539705	-226.478253	-0.104374
ImH	-226.165845	-226.118664	-0.014913
Im ⁻	-225.593723	-225.560470	-0.095656
Im ⁻ + H ₂ O	-302.036918	-301.984171	-0.085404
Im ⁻ + 2(H ₂ O)	-378.478225	-378.406032	-0.076817
Im ⁻ + 3(H ₂ O)	-454.914655	-454.821902	-0.069562
Cu ²⁺ (HimH) ₂	-2360.472859	-2360.209058	-0.251538
Cu ²⁺ (HimH)(Him ⁻)	-2360.149239	-2359.900340	-0.099621
Cu ²⁺ (HimH)(Him ⁻) + H ₂ O	-2436.587421	-2436.315877	-0.089866
Cu ²⁺ (ImH)(H ₂ O) ₃	-2095.577142	-2095.462534	-0.310457
Cu ²⁺ Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₃	-2095.281938	-2095.182715	-0.130503
Cu ²⁺ Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₃ + H ₂ O	-2171.732406	-2171.609753	-0.118119
<i>cis</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂	-2245.379337	-2245.219024	-0.282602
<i>cis</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH)Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₂	-2245.071323	-2244.924712	-0.112290
<i>cis</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH)Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₂ + H ₂ O	-2321.518518	-2321.348551	-0.104595
<i>trans</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂	-2245.382459	-2245.223992	-0.277744
<i>trans</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH)Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₂	-2245.071986	-2244.926062	-0.112892
<i>trans</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH)Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₂ + H ₂ O	-2321.519617	-2321.349957	-0.103322
<i>cis</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₃ (H ₂ O)	-2395.175916	-2394.969682	-0.255903
<i>cis</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₂ Im ⁻ (H ₂ O)	-2394.855048	-2394.661443	-0.098565
<i>cis</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₂ Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) + H ₂ O	-2471.297209	-2471.081945	-0.091608
<i>trans</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₃ (H ₂ O)	-2395.175916	-2394.969682	-0.255903
<i>trans</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₂ Im ⁻ (H ₂ O)	-2394.849308	-2394.656499	-0.103759
<i>trans</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₂ Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) + H ₂ O	-2471.281641	-2471.067169	-0.101357

Table S3: Calculated single point CCSD(T)/6-311++G(d,p) energies in kcal mol⁻¹

Compound	CCSD(T)//B3LYP	CCSD(T)//MPWB1K
ImH ₂ ⁺	-226.067591	-226.065009
ImH	-225.694154	-225.691498
Im ⁻	-225.124442	-225.121749
Cu ²⁺ (ImH)(H ₂ O) ₃	--	-2093.295819
Cu ²⁺ Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₃	--	-2093.002826
<i>cis</i> -Cu ²⁺ Im ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂	-2242.764969	-2242.759526
<i>cis</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH)Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₂	-2242.457273	-2242.453460
<i>trans</i> -Cu ²⁺ Im ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂	--	-2242.761764
<i>trans</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH)Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₂	--	-2242.452234

Table S4: Calculated energies at different levels with the 6-311++G(2df,2pd) basis set in kcal mol⁻¹.

	E_{gas}	G_{gas}	ΔG_{solv}
B3LYP			
ImH ₂ ⁺	-226.670301	-226.611659	-0.104038
ImH	-226.298050	-226.253477	-0.014550
Im ⁻	-225.727448	-225.696421	-0.094341
MPWB1K			
ImH ₂ ⁺	-226.556156	-226.494704	-0.104374
ImH	-226.181549	-226.134368	-0.014913
Im ⁻	-225.607356	-225.574103	-0.095656
CCSD(T)//B3LYP			
ImH ₂ ⁺	-226.199123		
ImH	-225.826160		
Im ⁻	-225.255496		
CCSD(T)//MPWB1K			
ImH ₂ ⁺	-226.197808		
ImH	-225.824650		
Im ⁻	-225.253801		

Table S5: Gibbs energy of solvation of the deprotonated complexes computed using cycle S1 in kcal mol⁻¹.

Compound	n = 0	n = 1	n = 2
B3LYP			
Im ⁻	-59.20	-58.50	-57.70
<i>cis</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH)Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₂	-67.16	-65.79	
<i>cis</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH)Im ₂ ⁻ (H ₂ O)	-59.73	-57.87	
<i>trans</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₂ Im ⁻ (H ₂ O)	-63.83	-56.95	
MPWB1K			
Im ⁻	-60.03	-58.61	-57.08
Cu ²⁺ Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₃	-81.89	-81.23	
<i>cis</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH)Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₂	-70.46	-70.74	
<i>trans</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH)Im ⁻ (H ₂ O) ₂	-70.84	-69.97	
<i>cis</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₂ Im ⁻ (H ₂ O)	-61.85	-62.72	
<i>trans</i> -Cu ²⁺ (ImH) ₂ Im ⁻ (H ₂ O)	-65.11	-60.44	

Table S6: pK_a values for $\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{ImH})_n(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{4-n}$ complexes computed using cycle 4 and UAHF radii. All calculations were carried out using the 6-311++G(d,p) basis set.

	n = 0		n = 1	
	B3LYP	MPWB1K	B3LYP	MPWB1K
$\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{ImH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$	--	5.6	--	4.9
<i>cis</i> - $\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{ImH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$	6.4	7.9	7.0	6.7
<i>trans</i> - $\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{ImH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$	--	7.1	--	6.8
$\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{ImH})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O}) \rightarrow$ <i>cis</i> - $\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{ImH})_2\text{Im}^-(\text{H}_2\text{O}) + \text{H}^+$	7.2	8.3	8.3	6.8
$\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{ImH})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O}) \rightarrow$ <i>trans</i> - $\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{ImH})_2\text{Im}^-(\text{H}_2\text{O}) + \text{H}^+$	6.3	8.5	10.8	11.3

Table S7: Gas phase and solution acidities of ImH and $\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{ImH})_m(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{4-m}$ complexes in kcal mol^{-1} . All calculations were carried out using the 6-311++G(d,p) basis set.

	Gas phase		Solution	
	B3LYP	MPWB1K	B3LYP	MPWB1K
ImH	342.1	344.0	28.0	29.3
$\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{ImH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$	--	169.3	--	18.2
<i>cis</i> - $\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{ImH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$	174.4	178.4	18.0	21.3
<i>trans</i> - $\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{ImH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$	--	180.7	--	20.1
$\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{ImH})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O}) \rightarrow$				
<i>cis</i> - $\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{ImH})_2\text{Im}^-(\text{H}_2\text{O}) + \text{H}^+$	184.5	187.1	19.0	21.9
$\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{ImH})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O}) \rightarrow$				
<i>trans</i> - $\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{ImH})_2\text{Im}^-(\text{H}_2\text{O}) + \text{H}^+$	187.0	190.2	17.4	21.7

Figure S1. Optimized structures of deprotonated imidazole considering explicit solvent molecules. Distances are given in Å.

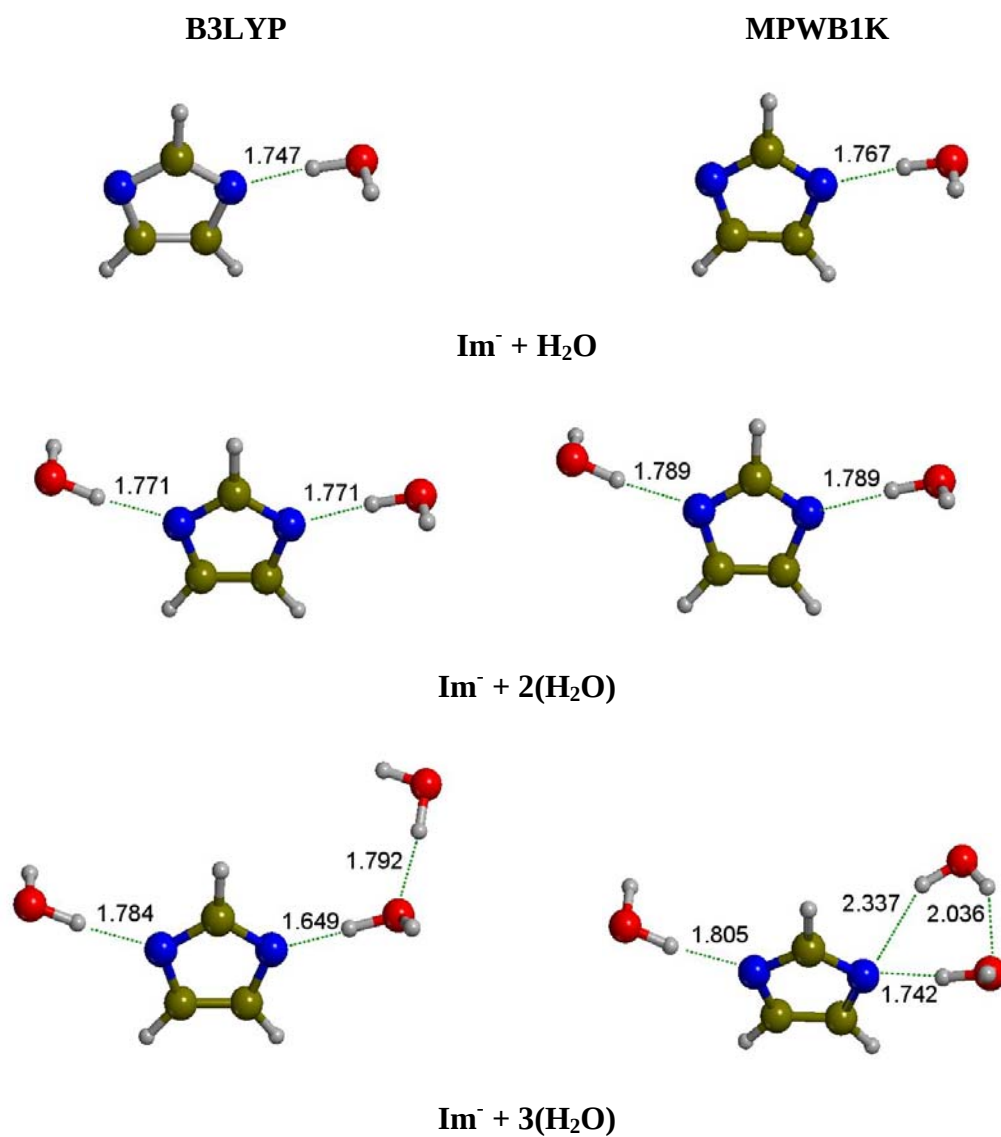


Figure S2. B3LYP optimized structures of deprotonated complexes considering one explicit solvent molecule. Distances are given in Å.

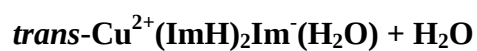
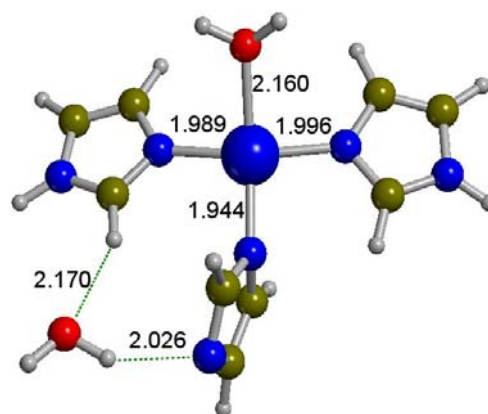
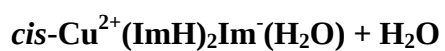
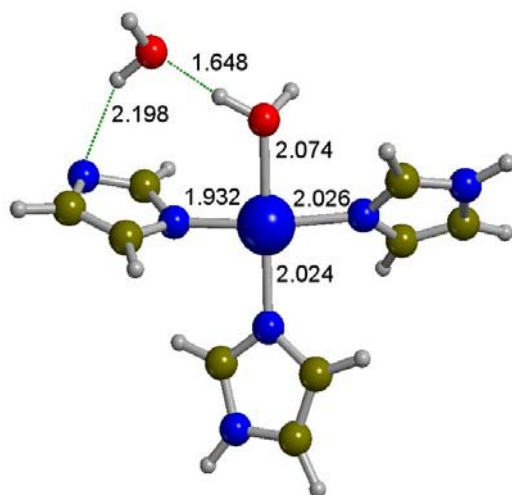
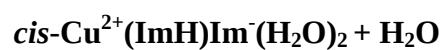
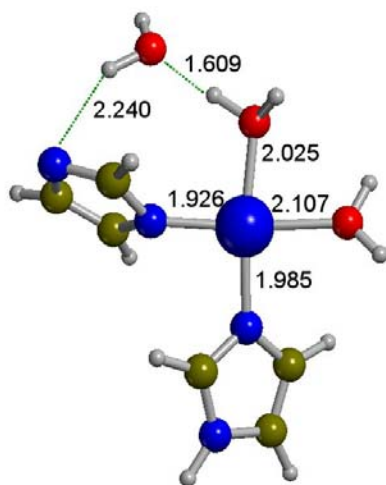


Figure S3. MPWB1K optimized structures of deprotonated complexes considering one explicit solvent molecule. Distances are given in Å.

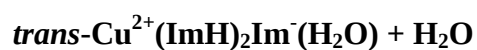
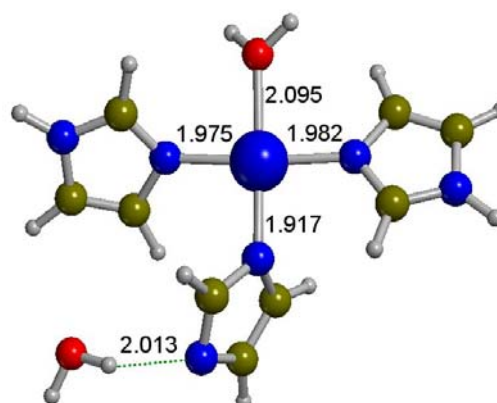
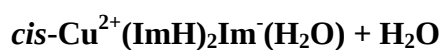
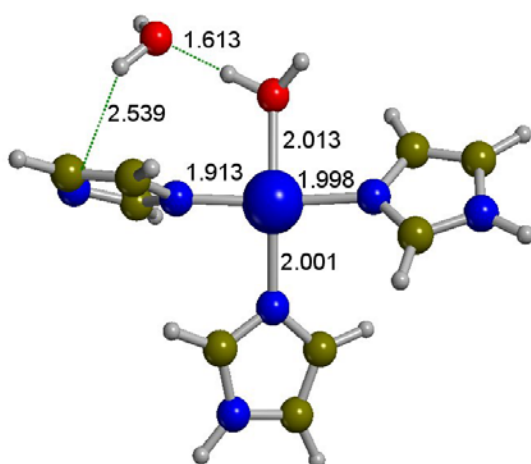
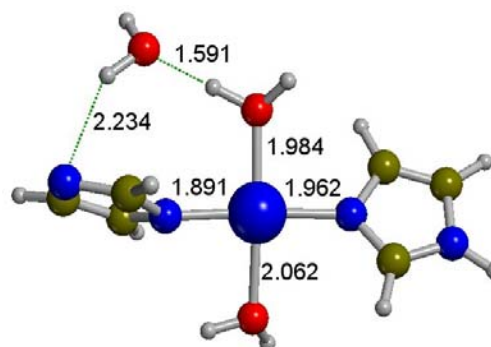
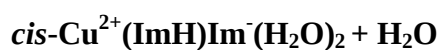
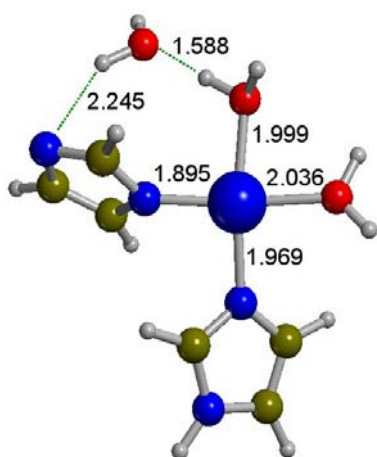
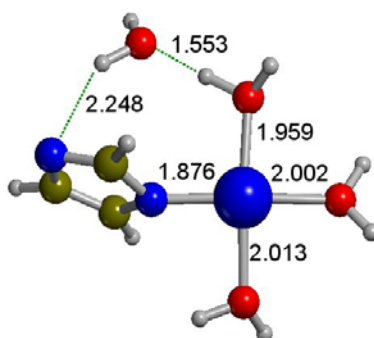


Figure S4. B3LYP and MPWB1K solution optimized structures of protonated and deprotonated $\text{cis-Cu}^{2+}(\text{ImH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$. Distances are given in Å.

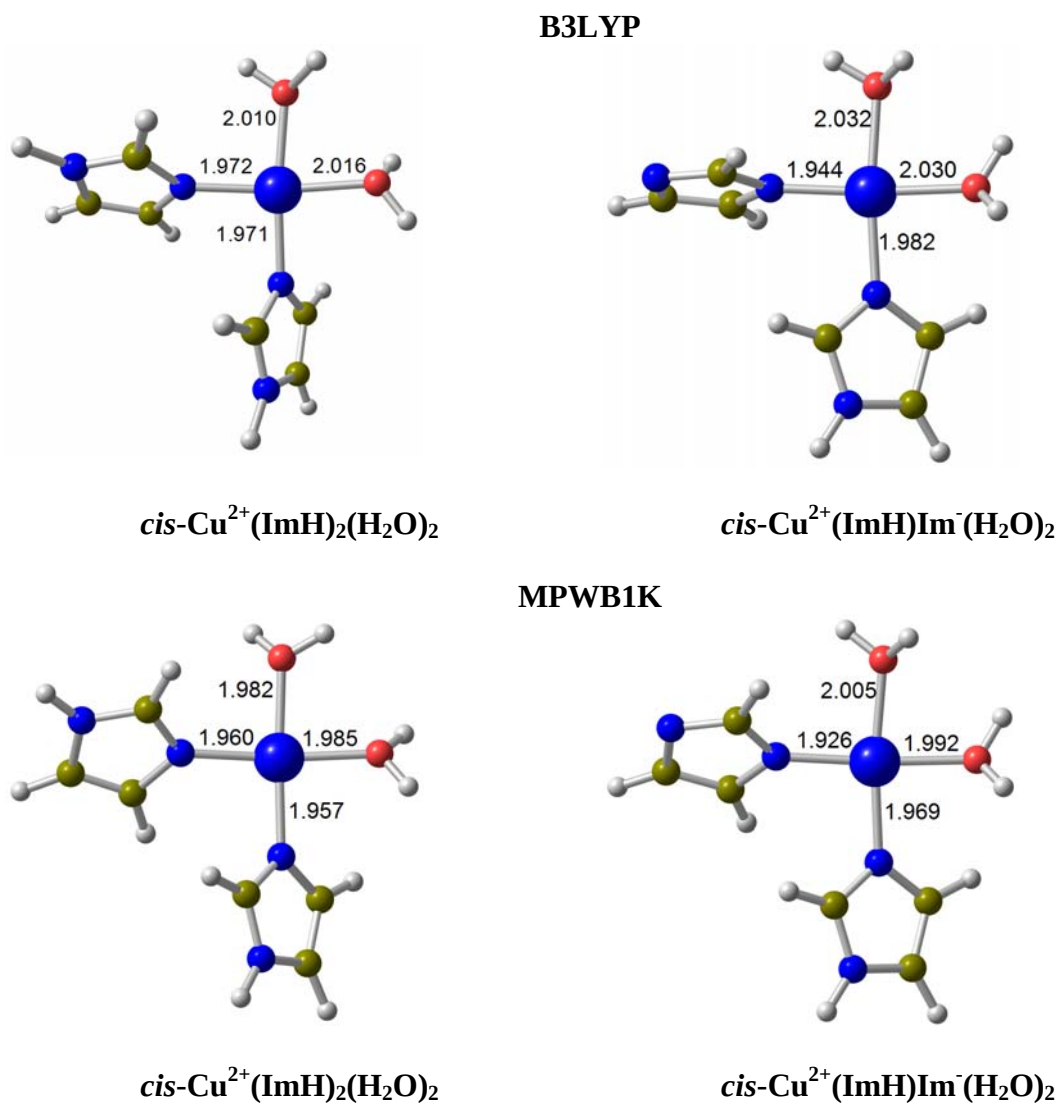
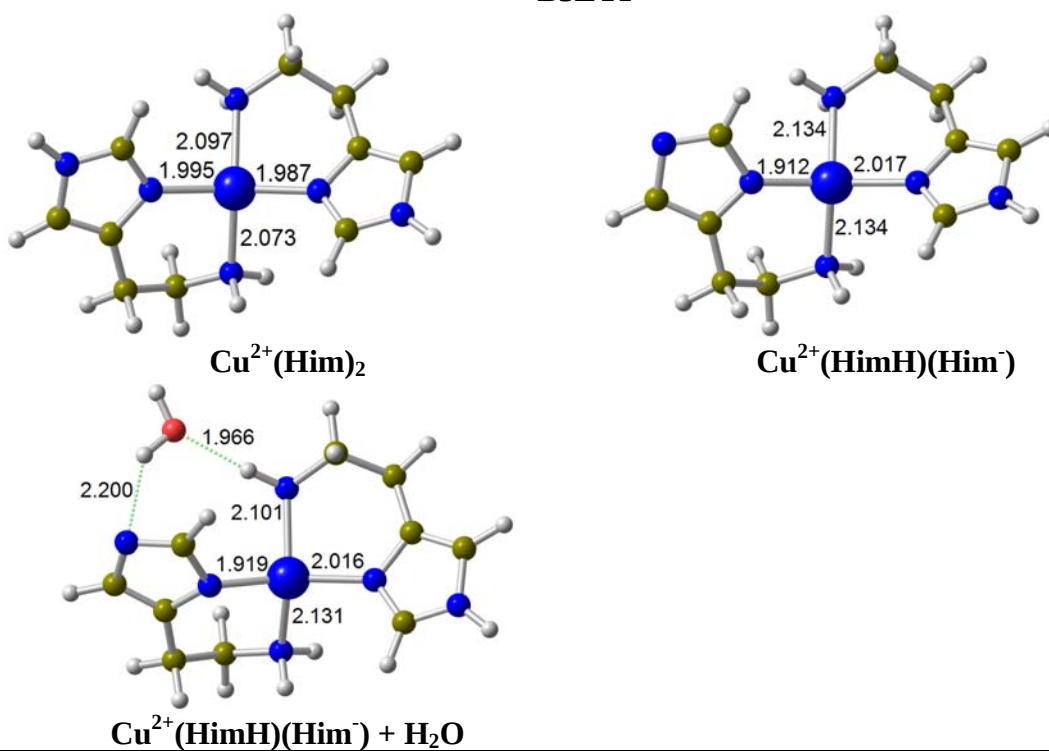


Figure S5. B3LYP and MPWB1K optimized structures of $\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{Him})_2$ and $\text{Cu}^{2+}(\text{HimH})(\text{Him}^-)$ complexes. Distances are given in Å.

B3LYP



MPWB1K

