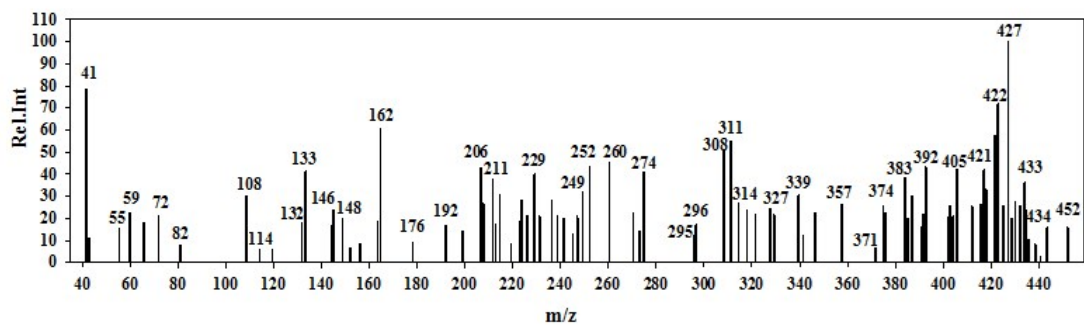
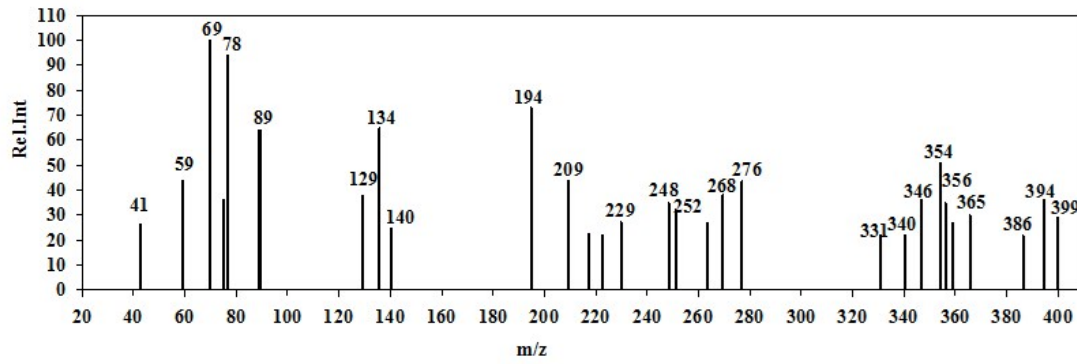


**Fig. S1** Mass spectrum of Sbat



**Fig. S2 Mass spectrum of Ag-Sbat**



**Fig. S3** Mass spectrum of Cu-Sbat

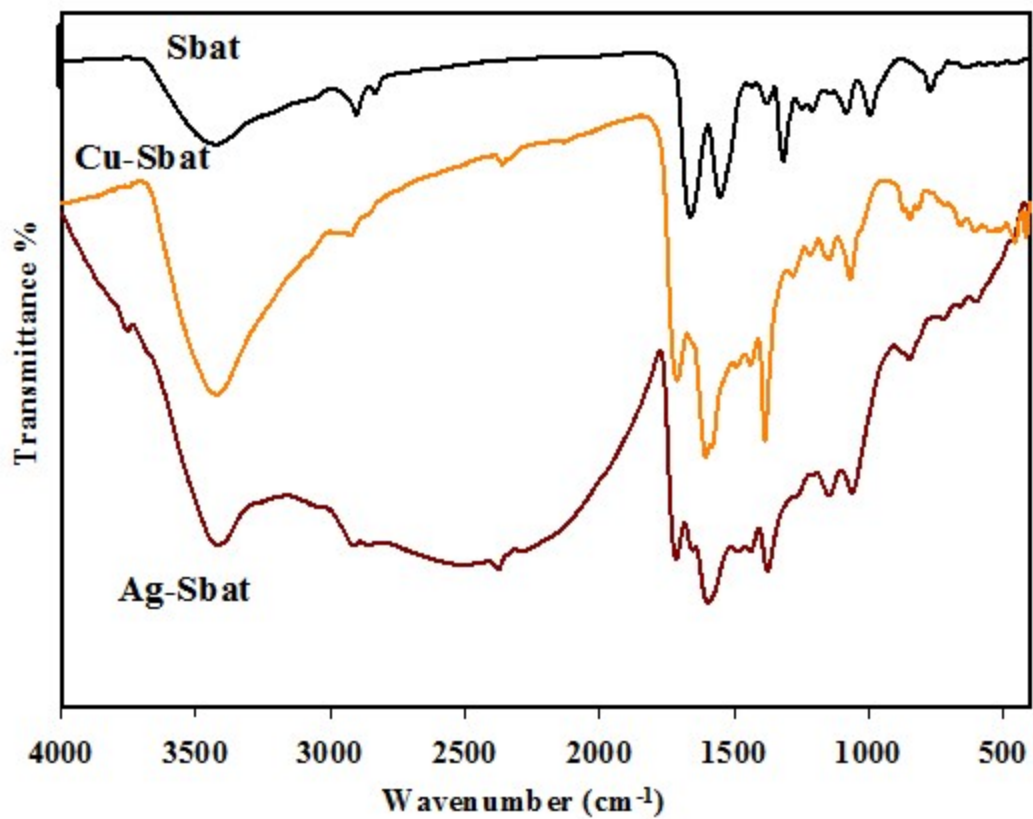
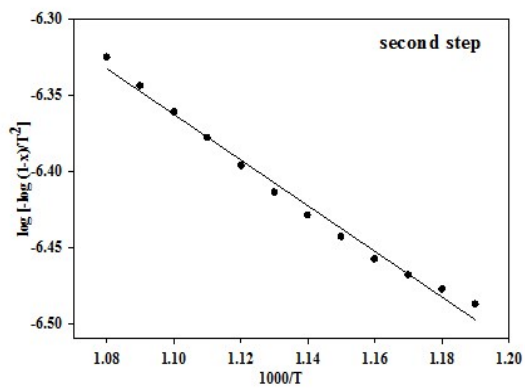
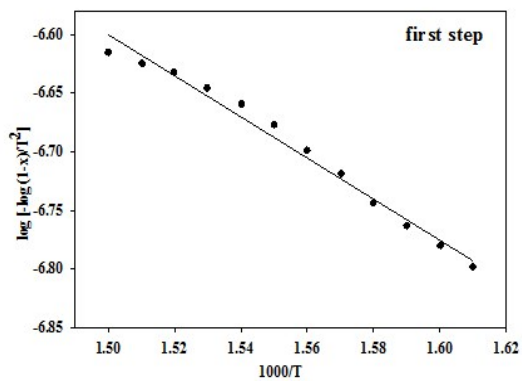
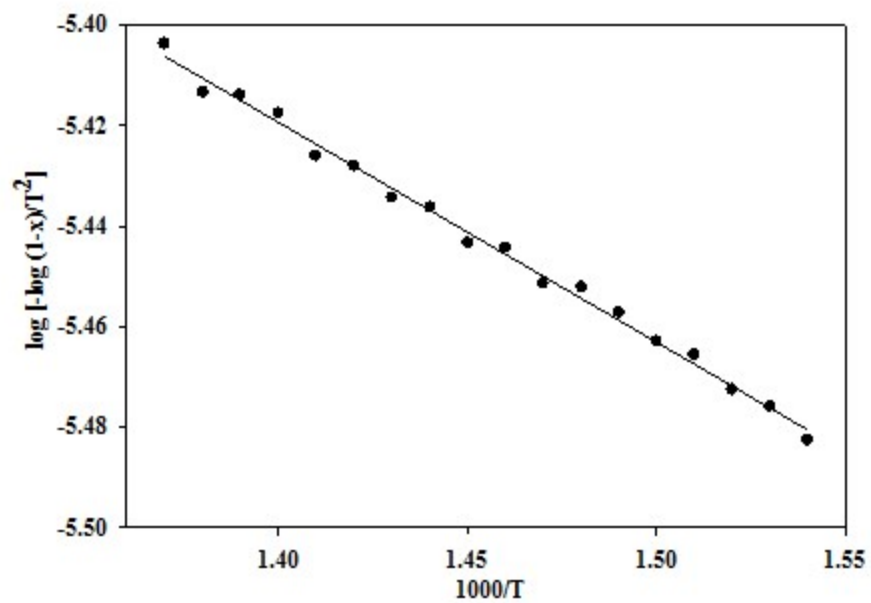


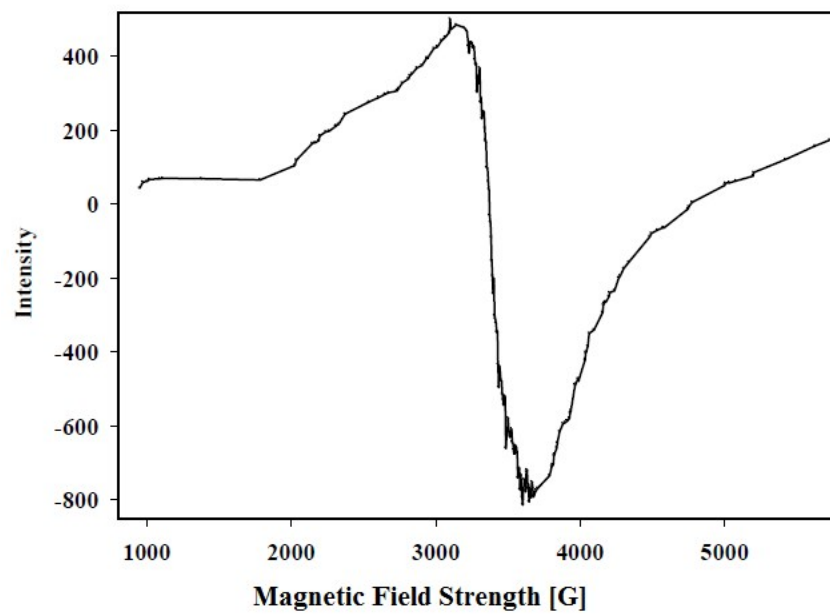
Fig. S4 IR spectra of the Schiff base and its complexes



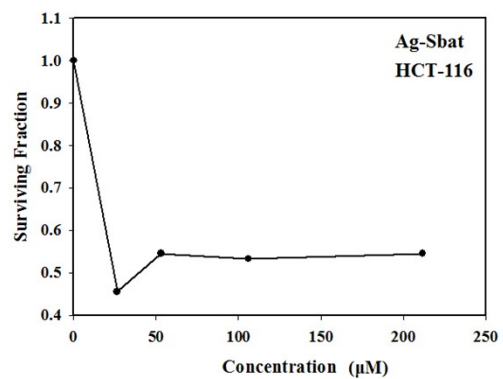
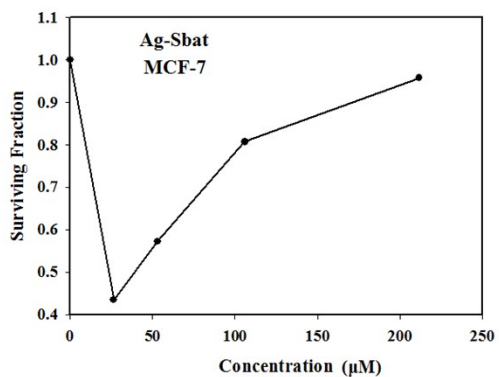
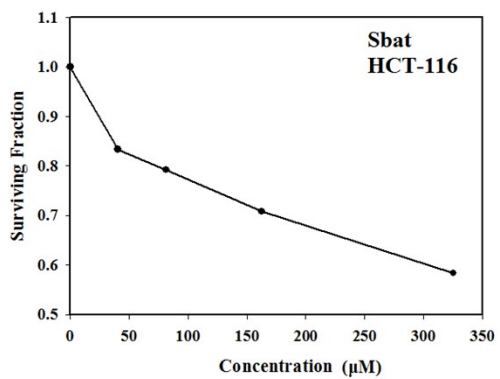
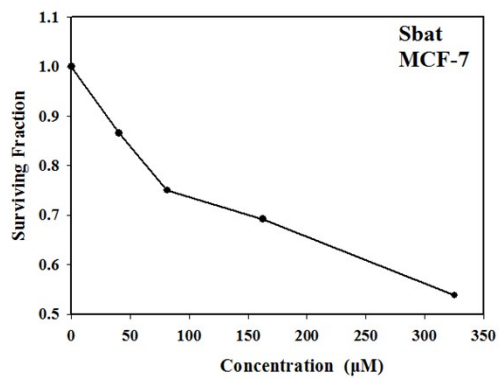
**Fig. S5** A plot of  $\log (-\log (1-x) / T^2)$  vs.  $1000 / T$  of silver complex based on Coats-Redfern equation



**Fig. S6** A plot of  $\log (-\log (1-x)/T^2)$  vs.  $1000/T$  of copper complex based on Coats-Redfern equation



**Fig. S7** The ESR spectrum of Cu-Sbat complex



**Fig. S8 The  $IC_{50}$  values of the studied Sbat Schiff base and its complex Ag-Sbat against MCF-7 and HCT-116 cell lines**



**Table S1 Natural population of the total electrons in the complexes on the sub-shells using B3LYP/LANL2DZ**

	Ag-Sbat	Cu-Sbat
Effective Core	28.00000	10.00000
Core	57.97789 (99.9619% of 58)	55.97833 (99.9613% of 56)
Valence	139.50109 (99.6436% of 140)	138.53080 (99.6624% of 139)
Natural Minimal Basis	225.47899 (99.7695% of 226)	204.50912 (99.7605% of 205)
Natural Rydberg Basis	0.52101 (0.2305% of 226)	0.49088 (0.2395% of 205)

**Table S2 Total static dipole moment ( $\mu$ ), the mean polarizability  $\langle\alpha\rangle$ , the anisotropy of the polarizability  $\Delta\alpha$  and the first order hyperpolarizability  $\langle\beta\rangle$  for the complexes using B3LYP/LANL2DZ**

Property	Urea	Sbat	Ag-Sbat	Cu-Sbat
$x\mu$		-1.8302	0.8845	2.8811
$y\mu$		2.0683	6.5057	0.0263
$z\mu$		0.5491	1.0940	0.6637
$\mu$ (,D)	1.3197	2.8159	6.6551	2.9567
$\alpha_{xx}$ , au		-66.5128	-144.2016	-116.7465
$\alpha_{yy}$		-140.6692	-163.4716	-149.2615
$\alpha_{zz}$		-123.2214	-161.2235	-155.8040
$\alpha_{xy}$		21.4380	-64.1960	41.3467
$\alpha_{xz}$		-0.0708	2.9646	3.7723
$\alpha_{yz}$		-1.8738	-0.6322	5.1133
$\langle\alpha\rangle$ , esu		$-1.632\times 10^{-23}$	$-2.316\times 10^{-23}$	$-2.084\times 10^{-23}$
$\Delta\alpha$ , esu		$9.952\times 10^{-24}$	$2.705\times 10^{-24}$	$5.370\times 10^{-24}$
$\beta_{xxx}$ , au.		-236.4058	-159.5028	157.1280
$\beta_{yyy}$		47.9714	159.2092	-72.7442
$\beta_{zzz}$		0.2297	-34.0541	-28.8688
$\beta_{xyy}$		-20.1473	-92.0317	146.0700
$\beta_{xxy}$		-6.0145	44.0277	32.9440
$\beta_{xxz}$		-6.4757	-6.9564	33.2657
$\beta_{xzz}$		-4.9762	-46.5174	28.2583
$\beta_{yzz}$		-7.1374	-5.1148	-11.3472
$\beta_{yyz}$		1.7659	7.2477	-10.9779
$\beta_{xyz}$		-0.0682	43.9141	26.2119
$\langle\beta\rangle$ , esu	$0.1947\times 10^{-30}$	$2.280\times 10^{-30}$	$3.106\times 10^{-30}$	$2.898\times 10^{-30}$

**Table S3 Orbital involved in vertical transition, coefficient, oscillator strength, transition energy, observed and calculated wavelength for Ag-Sbat and Cu-Sbat**

State	Orbital	Coefficient t	f	$\Delta E$ , eV	$\lambda_{\max}$	
					Exp.	Calc.
Ag-Sbat						
S1	96-100	0.1405	0.046	3.9	320	326
	97-100	0.1551				
	98-100	0.6192				
	98-101	0.1485				
	98-102	0.1139				
	94-101	0.1007				
S2	97-100	0.2507	0.483	4.90	290	289
	98-102	0.1152				
	99-100	0.2025				
	98-101	0.6001				
Cu-Sbat						
S1	91A-99A	0.1062	0.015	3.9	327	335
	93A-99A	0.1384				
	96A-99A	0.1948				
	97A-99A	0.4883				
	98A-100A	0.3602				
	89B-98B	0.1219				
	96B-99B	0.4668				
	96B-100B	0.1876				
	97B-100B	0.3762				
S2	93A-100A	0.662	0.433	4.13	298	300
	94A-99A	0.1141				
	96A-99A	0.2710				
	97A-100A	0.1167				
	98A-102A	0.1942				
	87B-98B	0.1592				
	88B-98B	0.2910				
	92B-100B	0.1021				
	93B-100B	0.1391				
	94B-99B	0.4617				
	95B-99B	0.5221				
	96B-100B	0.1752				
	97B-102B	0.1582				