

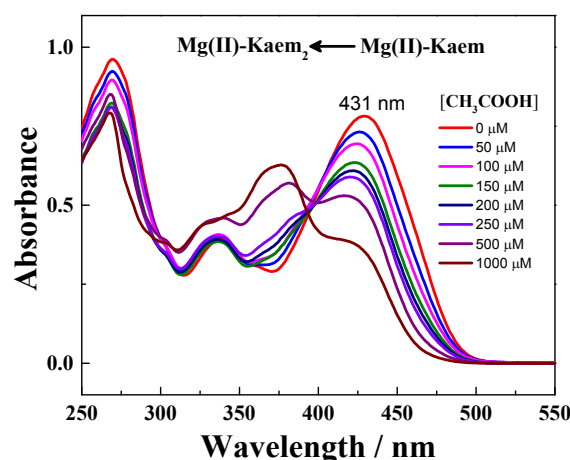
*Supporting information*

**Alkaline earth metal ion coordination increases radical scavenging efficiency of kaempferol**

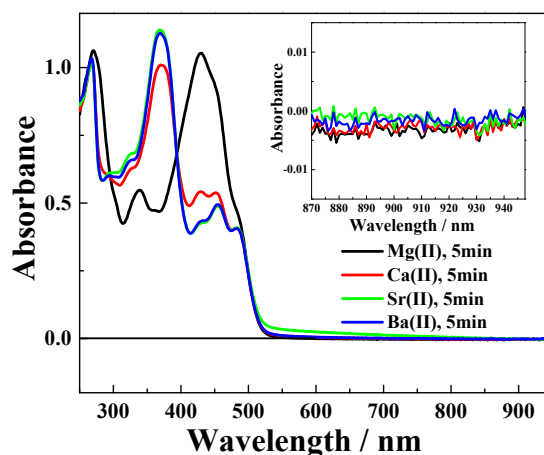
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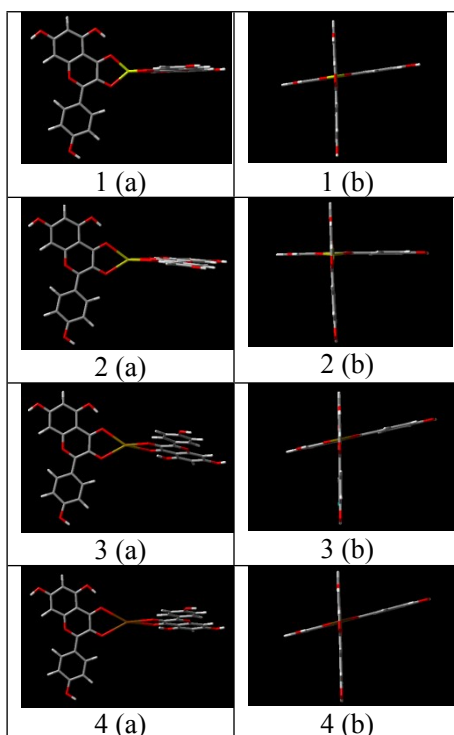
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**Figure S1.** Absorption spectra of 50  $\mu\text{M}$  Kaem in the presence of 500  $\mu\text{M}$   $\text{Mg}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2$  with addition of 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 500 and 1000  $\mu\text{M}$   $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ .



**Figure S2.** Absorption spectra of 5  $\mu\text{M}$   $\beta\text{-Car}$  with 50  $\mu\text{M}$  Kaem and 500  $\mu\text{M}$   $\text{Mg}/\text{Ca}/\text{Sr}/\text{Ba}(\text{II})$  after 532 nm laser radiation (10 Hz, 4 mJ/pulse) for 5 min. Inset: enlarged view of spectra at 870~950 nm.



**Figure S3.** Optimized structures of (1) Mg(II)-Kaem<sub>2</sub>, (2) Ca(II)-Kaem<sub>2</sub>, (3) Sr(II)-Kaem<sub>2</sub>, (4) Ba(II)-Kaem<sub>2</sub> complexes viewed from (a) perpendicular to the plane of one Kaem ligand and parallel to the other Kaem, and from (b) parallel to the two planes of the two Kaem ligands.

**Table S1.** IR spectra peak (cm<sup>-1</sup>) for 1.0 mM Kaem/Api, and solids prepared by removing solvent from ethanol solutions of Kaem/Api and M(CH<sub>3</sub>COO)<sub>2</sub> with ratios of 1:10. M= Mg(II), Ca(II), Sr(II), Ba(II).

Compound	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{C})$	$\nu(\text{C}-\text{OH})$	$\nu(\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{C})$	$\nu(\text{M}-\text{O})$
<b>Kaem</b>	1657	1613	1372	1243	-
<b>Kaem-Mg(II)</b>	1648	1602	1367	1226	609
<b>Kaem-Ca(II)</b>	1650	1615	1365	1223	582
<b>Kaem-Sr(II)</b>	1653	1608	1367	1221	463
<b>Kaem-Ba(II)</b>	1654	1607	1370	1224	644
<b>Api</b>	1659	1605	1357	1243	
<b>Api-Mg(II)</b>	1640	1595	1357	1248	605
<b>Api-Ca(II)</b>	1659	1605	1377	1243	
<b>Api-Sr(II)</b>	1659	1605	1364	1243	
<b>Api-Ba(II)</b>	1659	1605	1367	1243	

**Table S2.** Experimental (Exp.) and calculated (Cal.) ESI mass spectra (m/z) for solids prepared by removing solvent from ethanol solutions of 1000  $\mu\text{M}$  Kaem/Api and  $\text{M}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2$  with ratios of 1:0.5 and 1:1,  $\text{M}=\text{Mg}(\text{II}), \text{Ca}(\text{II}), \text{Sr}(\text{II}), \text{Ba}(\text{II})$ .

Exp. (m/z)	Cal. (m/z)	Kaem:M(II) =1:0.5	Exp. (m/z)	Cal. (m/z)	Kaem/Api:M(II)=1:1
595	595/596/597	$\text{Mg}-(\text{Kaem}-\text{H})_2+\text{H}^+$	363/364/365	363/364/365	$\text{Mg}-(\text{Kaem}-2\text{H})+\text{Na}^++\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$
613/614/615	613/614/615	$\text{Mg}-(\text{Kaem}-\text{H})_2+\text{H}^++\text{H}_2\text{O}$	379/380/381	379/380/381	$\text{Mg}-(\text{Kaem}-2\text{H})+\text{K}^++\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$
617	617/618/619	$\text{Mg}-(\text{Kaem}-\text{H})_2+\text{Na}^+$	147/148	147/148/148	$[\text{Mg}-(\text{Api}-\text{H})]^++\text{H}^+$
627	627/628/629	$\text{Mg}-(\text{Kaem}-\text{H})_2+\text{CH}_3\text{OH}+\text{H}^+$	198	198/199/199	$[\text{Mg}-(\text{Api}-\text{H})]^++\text{K}^++2\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$
665/667	665/666/667	$\text{Mg}-(\text{Kaem}-\text{H})_2+\text{CH}_3\text{OH}+\text{K}^+$	217	217/217/218	$2[\text{Mg}-(\text{Api}-\text{H})]^++\text{H}^++2\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$
667	665/666/667	$\text{Ca}-(\text{Kaem}-\text{H})_2+\text{CH}_3\text{OH}+\text{Na}^+$	339/340/341	339/340/341	$[\text{Mg}-(\text{Api}-\text{H})]^++\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$
649	649/650/651	$\text{Ca}-(\text{Kaem}-\text{H})_2+\text{K}^+$	325/326/327	325/326/327	$[\text{Mg}-(\text{Api}-\text{H})]^++\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$
633	633/634/635	$\text{Ca}-(\text{Kaem}-\text{H})_2+\text{Na}^+$			
657/658/659	657/658/659	$\text{Ca}-(\text{Kaem}-\text{H})_2+\text{H}^++\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$			
652/653	651/652/653	$\text{Ca}-(\text{Kaem}-\text{H})_2+\text{Na}^++\text{H}_2\text{O}$			
659/657	659/660/657	$\text{Sr}-(\text{Kaem}-\text{H})_2+\text{H}^+$			
681	681/682/679	$\text{Sr}-(\text{Kaem}-\text{H})_2+\text{Na}^+$			
709/710/708	709/710/708	$\text{Ba}-(\text{Kaem}-\text{H})_2+\text{H}^+$			
745	745/746/744	$\text{Ba}-(\text{Kaem}-\text{H})_2+2\text{H}_2\text{O}+\text{H}^+$			
759/760/758	759/760/758	$\text{Ba}-(\text{Kaem}-\text{H})_2+\text{H}_2\text{O}+\text{CH}_3\text{OH}+\text{H}^+$			
763/764/762	763/764/762	$\text{Ba}-(\text{Kaem}-\text{H})_2+\text{CH}_3\text{OH}+\text{Na}^+$			

**Table S3.** Fractions ( $F$ , %) of Kaem and AEM(II)-kaempferol complexes in ethanol and in ethanol:chloroform (7/3) at indicated varying ratios.

ratio	F(%) in ethanol			
	$F(\%)$ in ethanol:chloroform (7/3)			
	$\text{Kaem}/\text{Mg}-\text{Kaem}_2/\text{Mg}-\text{Kaem}$	$\text{Kaem}/\text{Ca}-\text{Kaem}_2$	$\text{Kaem}/\text{Sr}-\text{Kaem}_2$	$\text{Kaem}/\text{Ba}-\text{Kaem}_2$
<b>1:0.2</b>	0.64/0.34/0.02 (0.70/0.28/0.02)	0.66/0.34 (0.65/0.35)	0.62/0.38 (0.65/0.35)	0.63/0.37 (0.66/0.34)
<b>1:0.5</b>	0.28/0.62/0.1 (0.42//0.51/0.07)	0.37/0.63 (0.34/0.66)	0.23/0.77 (0.34/0.66)	0.29/0.71 (0.36/0.64)
<b>1:1</b>	0.12/0.64/0.24 (0.26/0.60/0.14)	0.23/0.77 (0.20/0.80)	0.12/0.88 (0.20/0.80)	0.16/0.84 (0.21/0.79)
<b>1:2</b>	0.07/0.55/0.38 (0.16/0.62/0.22)	0.15/0.85 (0.13/0.87)	0.07/0.93 (0.13/0.87)	0.10/0.90 (0.14/0.86)
<b>1:5</b>	0.03/0.39/0.58 (0.09/0.55/0.36)	0.09/0.91 (0.08/0.92)	0.04/0.96 (0.08/0.92)	0.06/0.94 (0.08/0.92)
<b>1:10</b>	0.02/0.27/0.71 (0.05/0.46/0.49)	0.06/0.94 (0.06/0.94)	0.03/0.97 (0.05/0.95)	0.04/0.96 (0.06/0.94)
<b>1:20</b>	0.01/0.17/0.82 (0.03/0.35/0.62)	0.04/0.96 (0.04/0.96)	0.02/0.98 (0.04/0.96)	0.03/0.97 (0.04/0.96)