

Electronic Supplementary Information

**Di- and tri-valent metal complexes with *tris*-amide-functionalised 1,4,7-triazacyclononane chelators**

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**Table S1** X-ray crystallographic parameters<sup>a</sup>

| Compound                                                                                 | [Ni(1)](NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·1½CH <sub>3</sub> OH                          | [Ni(2)](NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·0.249H <sub>2</sub> O                           | [Cu(1)] <sub>3</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ·1¼Et <sub>2</sub> O·MeOH                                                                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Formula                                                                                  | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>36</sub> N <sub>8</sub> NiO <sub>9</sub> ·1½CH <sub>3</sub> OH | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>48</sub> N <sub>8</sub> NiO <sub>9</sub> ·0.249 H <sub>2</sub> O | [C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>36</sub> CuN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>3</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub><br>·1.25Et <sub>2</sub> O·CH <sub>3</sub> OH |
| <i>M</i>                                                                                 | 759.426                                                                               | 655.892                                                                                 | 2273.340                                                                                                                                                     |
| Crystal system                                                                           | monoclinic                                                                            | monoclinic                                                                              | triclinic                                                                                                                                                    |
| Space group (no.)                                                                        | P2 <sub>1</sub> /c (14)                                                               | P2 <sub>1</sub> /n (14)                                                                 | P-1 (2)                                                                                                                                                      |
| <i>a</i> /Å                                                                              | 16.2195(5)                                                                            | 17.7391(7)                                                                              | 17.6146(3)                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>b</i> /Å                                                                              | 19.5074(8)                                                                            | 11.5230(4)                                                                              | 17.6300(3)                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>c</i> /Å                                                                              | 11.0872(3)                                                                            | 18.2239(7)                                                                              | 20.0301(3)                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>α</i> /°                                                                              | 90                                                                                    | 90                                                                                      | 85.355(1)                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>β</i> /°                                                                              | 95.999(3)                                                                             | 119.134(5)                                                                              | 80.554(1)                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>γ</i> /°                                                                              | 90                                                                                    | 90                                                                                      | 60.327(2)                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>U</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>                                                                 | 3488.8(2)                                                                             | 3253.8(3)                                                                               | 5331.28(19)                                                                                                                                                  |
| <i>Z</i>                                                                                 | 4                                                                                     | 4                                                                                       | 2                                                                                                                                                            |
| μ(Mo-K <sub>α</sub> ) /mm <sup>-1</sup>                                                  | 0.625                                                                                 | 0.656                                                                                   | 0.681                                                                                                                                                        |
| <i>F</i> (000)                                                                           | 1598.644                                                                              | 1404.471                                                                                | 2382.868                                                                                                                                                     |
| Total no. reflns                                                                         | 45487                                                                                 | 81694                                                                                   | 124966                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>                                                                  | 0.058                                                                                 | 0.065                                                                                   | 0.067                                                                                                                                                        |
| Unique reflns                                                                            | 8997                                                                                  | 8412                                                                                    | 27524                                                                                                                                                        |
| No. of params, restraints                                                                | 755, 740                                                                              | 479, 350                                                                                | 1464, 384                                                                                                                                                    |
| GOF                                                                                      | 1.0487                                                                                | 1.0326                                                                                  | 1.0385                                                                                                                                                       |
| <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )] <sup>b</sup> | 0.057, 0.135                                                                          | 0.056, 0.124                                                                            | 0.058, 0.136                                                                                                                                                 |
| <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)                                | 0.090, 0.149                                                                          | 0.083, 0.136                                                                            | 0.096, 0.154                                                                                                                                                 |

Table S1 continued

| Compound                                                                                 | [Cu(2)](NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>                          | [Co(1-H)](NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·2MeOH                                      | [Ga(3)](NO <sub>3</sub> )·1½H <sub>2</sub> O                                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Formula                                                                                  | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>48</sub> CuN <sub>8</sub> O <sub>9</sub> | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>35</sub> CoN <sub>8</sub> O <sub>9</sub> ·2CH <sub>3</sub> OH | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>24</sub> GaN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>8</sub> ·1½H <sub>2</sub> O |
| <i>M</i>                                                                                 | 656.243                                                         | 774.67                                                                               | 535.166                                                                             |
| Crystal system                                                                           | monoclinic                                                      | monoclinic                                                                           | monoclinic                                                                          |
| Space group (no.)                                                                        | P2 <sub>1</sub> /n (14)                                         | P2 <sub>1</sub> /c (14)                                                              | P2 <sub>1</sub> /n (14)                                                             |
| <i>a</i> /Å                                                                              | 16.4229(3)                                                      | 10.8001(2)                                                                           | 8.7590(5)                                                                           |
| <i>b</i> /Å                                                                              | 10.9307(2)                                                      | 17.3514(3)                                                                           | 20.1534(14)                                                                         |
| <i>c</i> /Å                                                                              | 17.9733(3)                                                      | 19.5643(3)                                                                           | 12.8678(6)                                                                          |
| $\alpha$ /°                                                                              | 90                                                              | 90                                                                                   | 90                                                                                  |
| $\beta$ /°                                                                               | 103.813(2)                                                      | 96.185(2)                                                                            | 108.467(6)                                                                          |
| $\gamma$ /°                                                                              | 90                                                              | 90                                                                                   | 90                                                                                  |
| <i>U</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>                                                                 | 3133.15(10)                                                     | 3644.95(11)                                                                          | 2154.5(2)                                                                           |
| <i>Z</i>                                                                                 | 4                                                               | 4                                                                                    | 4                                                                                   |
| $\mu$ (Mo-K $\alpha$ ) /mm <sup>-1</sup>                                                 | 0.758                                                           | 0.540                                                                                | 1.342                                                                               |
| <i>F</i> (000)                                                                           | 1398.432                                                        | 1624                                                                                 | 1110                                                                                |
| Total no. reflns                                                                         | 85801                                                           | 74317                                                                                | 20958                                                                               |
| <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>                                                                  | 0.038                                                           | 0.043                                                                                | 0.053                                                                               |
| Unique reflns                                                                            | 10252                                                           | 9423                                                                                 | 5491                                                                                |
| No. of params,<br>restraints                                                             | 811, 0                                                          | 494, 4                                                                               | 505, 566                                                                            |
| GOF                                                                                      | 1.0629                                                          | 1.071                                                                                | 1.041                                                                               |
| <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )] <sup>b</sup> | 0.024, 0.051                                                    | 0.057, 0.164                                                                         | 0.056, 0.146                                                                        |
| <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)                                | 0.036, 0.056                                                    | 0.064, 0.169                                                                         | 0.085, 0.160                                                                        |

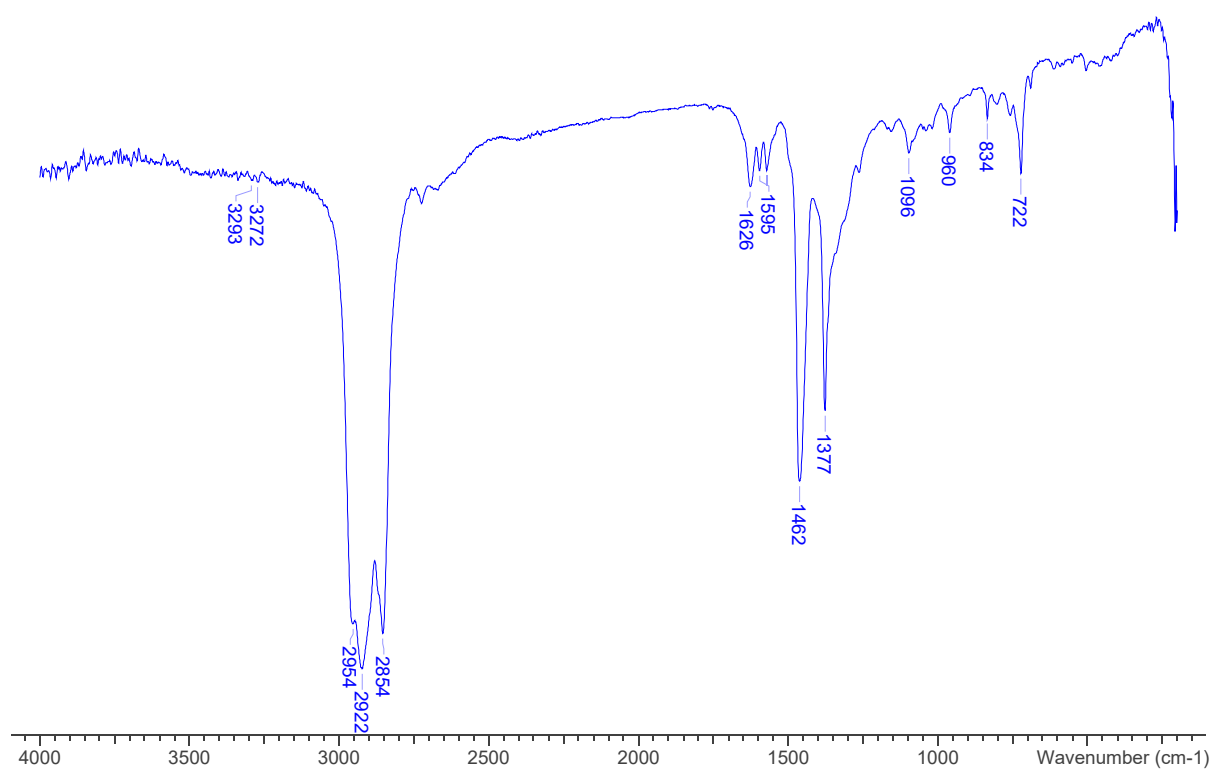
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common items: *T* = 100 K; wavelength (Mo-K $\alpha$ ) = 0.71073 Å;  $\theta$ (max) = 27.5°; <sup>b</sup> *R*<sub>1</sub> =  $\Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|$ ;

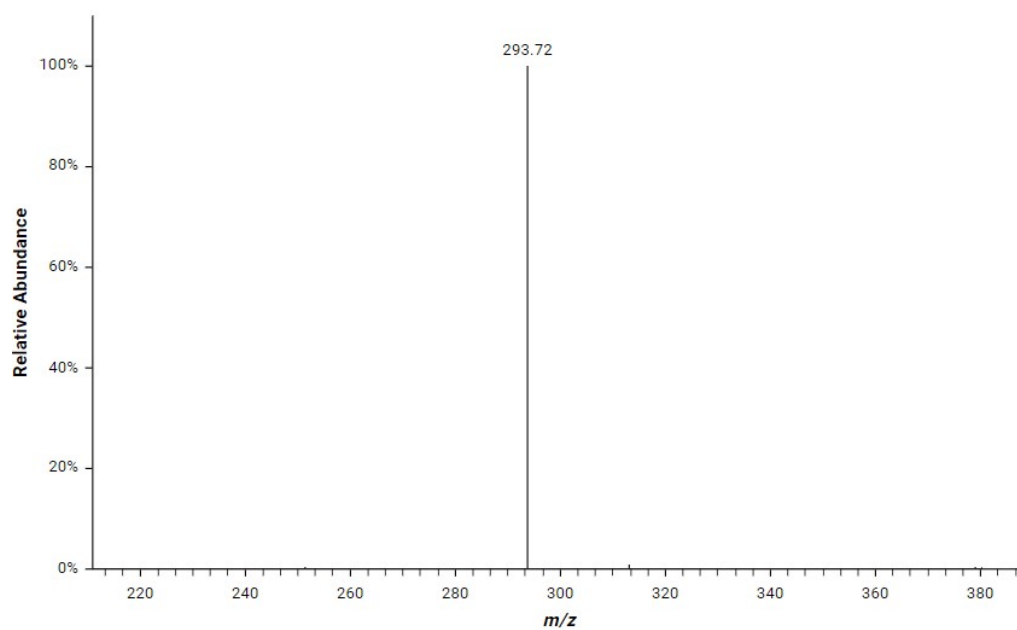
$$wR_2 = [\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \Sigma wF_o^4]^{1/2}$$

Figure S1: Spectroscopic data for [Co(**1-H**)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

S1a: IR spectrum (Nujol)



S1b: ESI<sup>+</sup> MS (MeOH)



S1c: UV-vis spectrum (MeOH)

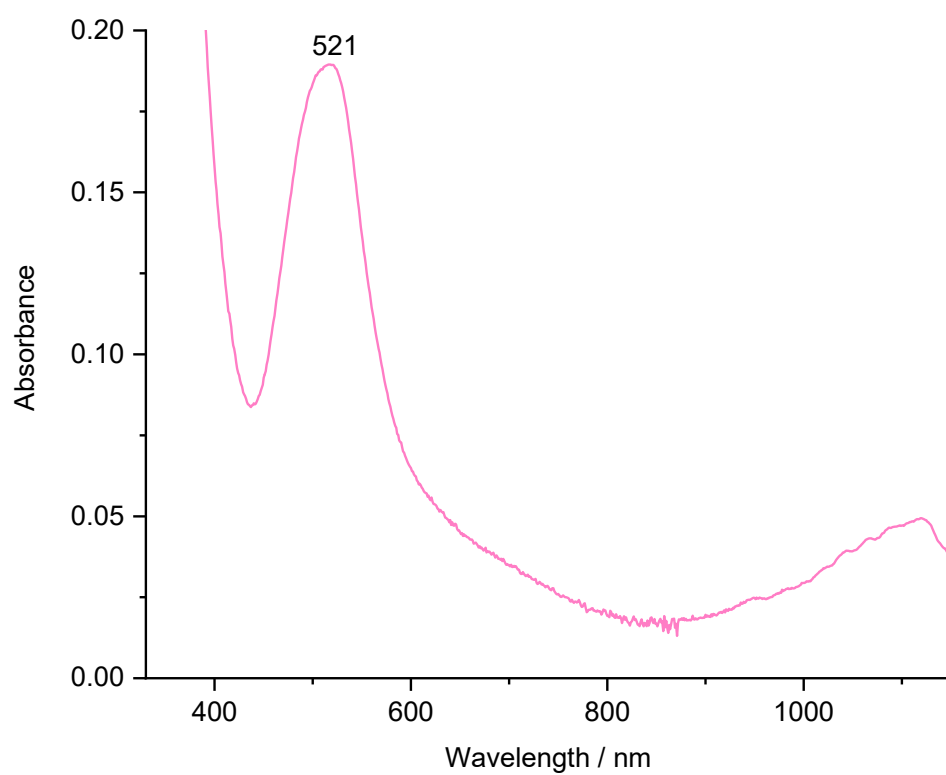
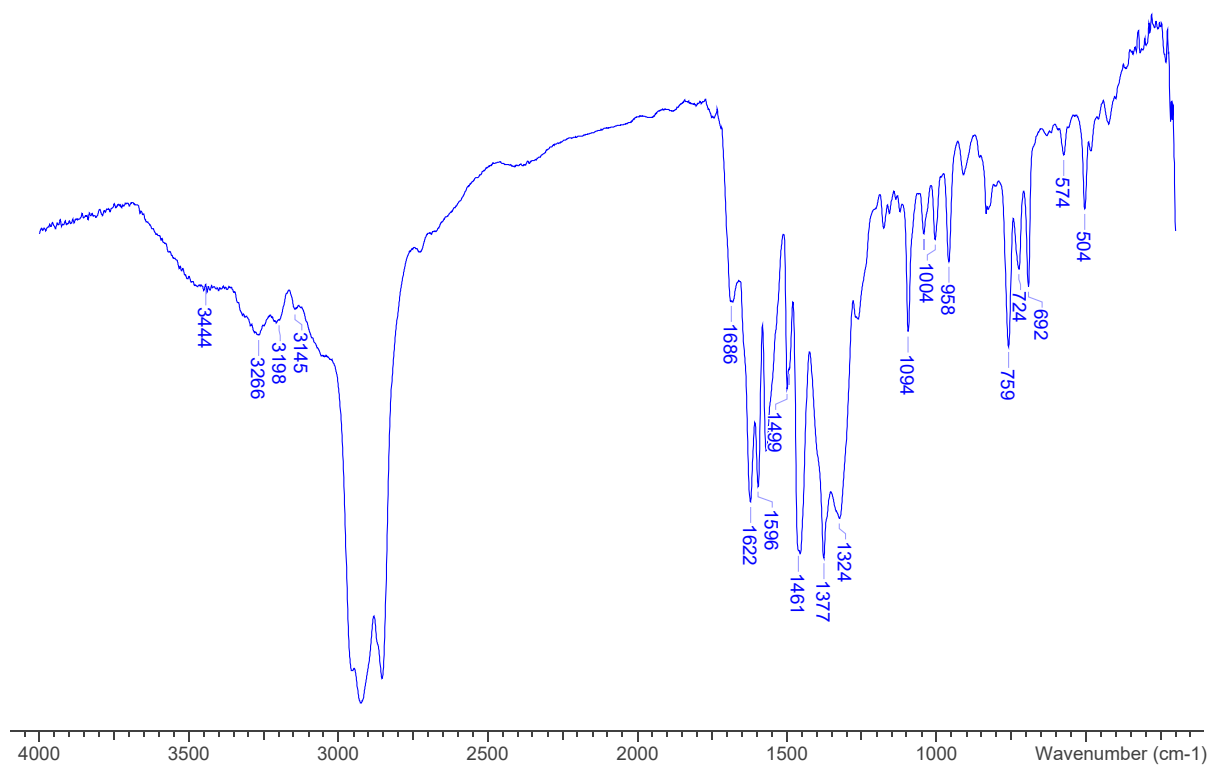
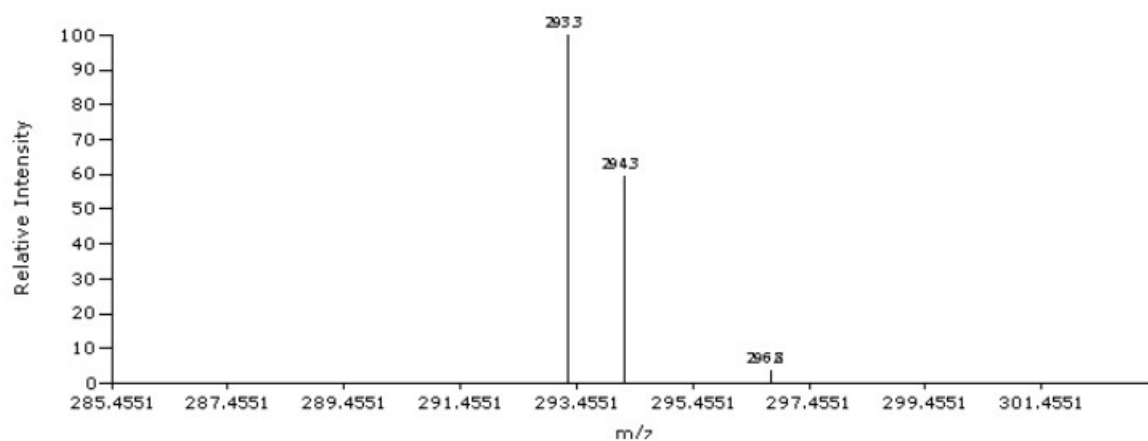


Figure S2: Spectroscopic data for [Ni(**1**)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

S2a: IR spectrum (Nujol).



S2b: ESI<sup>+</sup> MS (MeOH)



S2c: UV-Vis spectrum (MeOH)

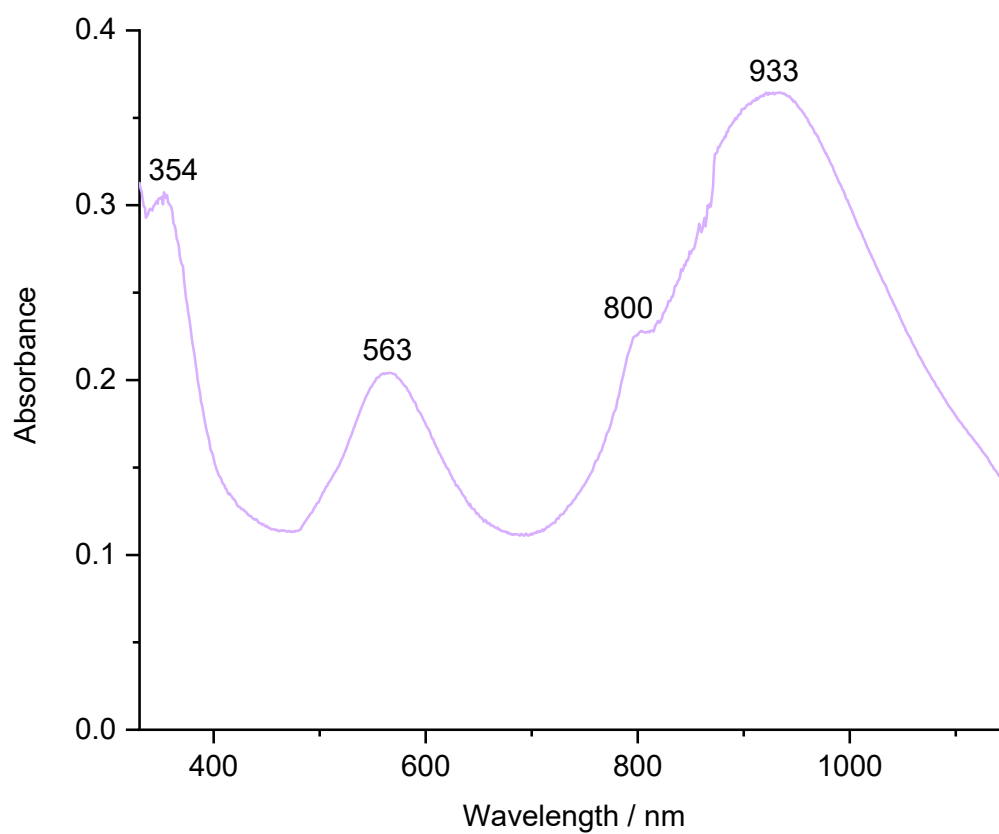
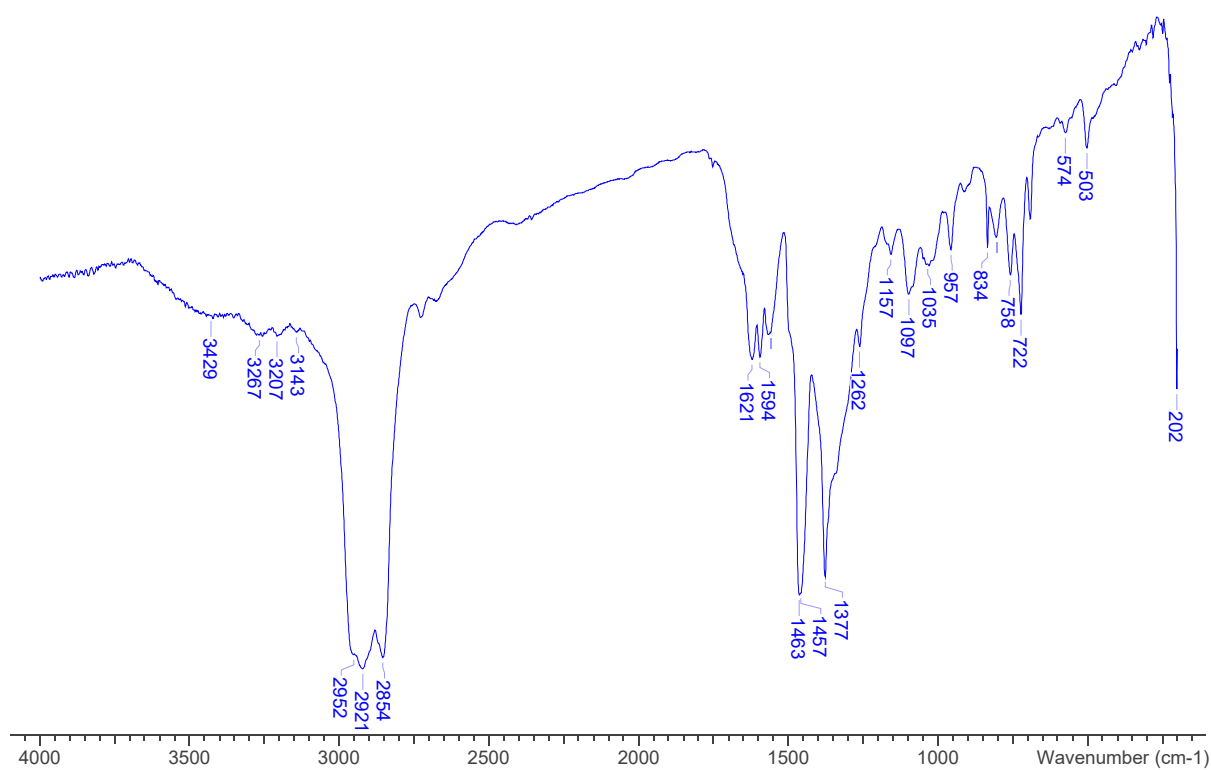
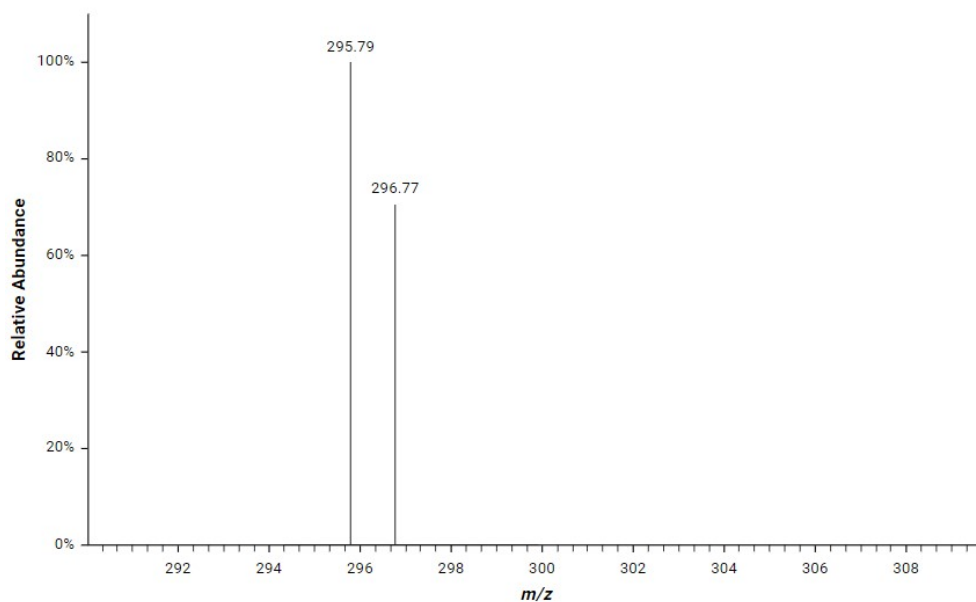


Figure S3: Spectroscopic data for [Cu(**1**)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

S3a: IR spectrum (Nujol):



S3b: ESI<sup>+</sup> MS (MeOH)



S3c: UV-Vis spectrum (MeOH)

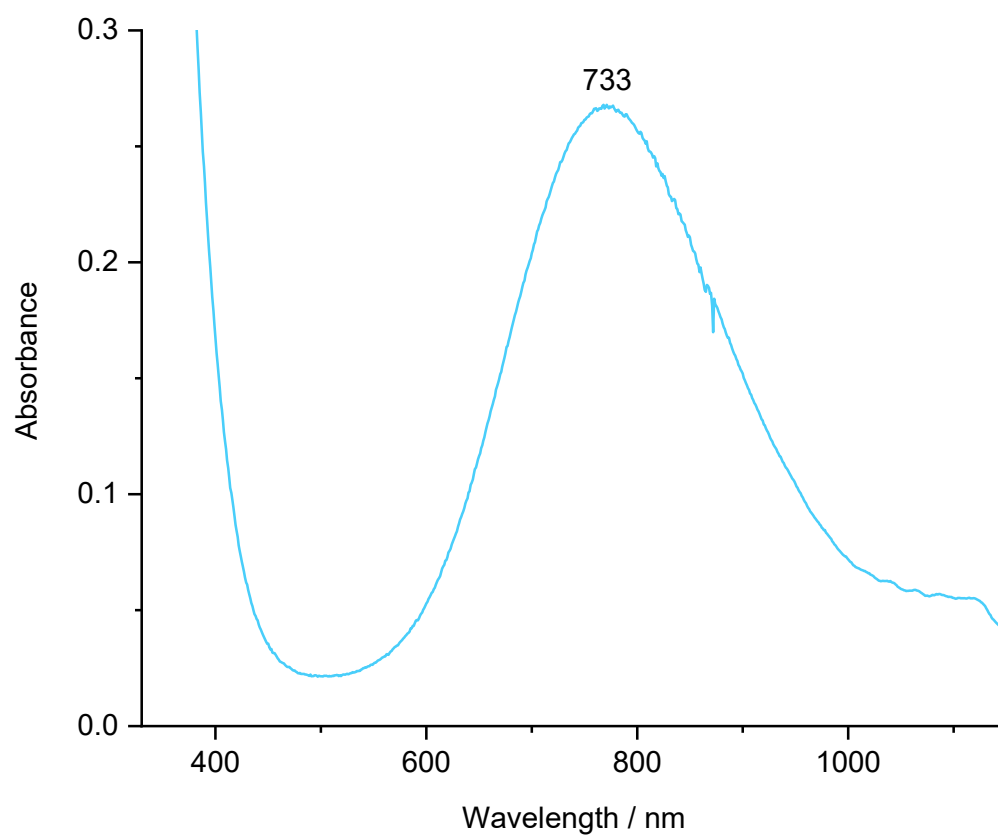
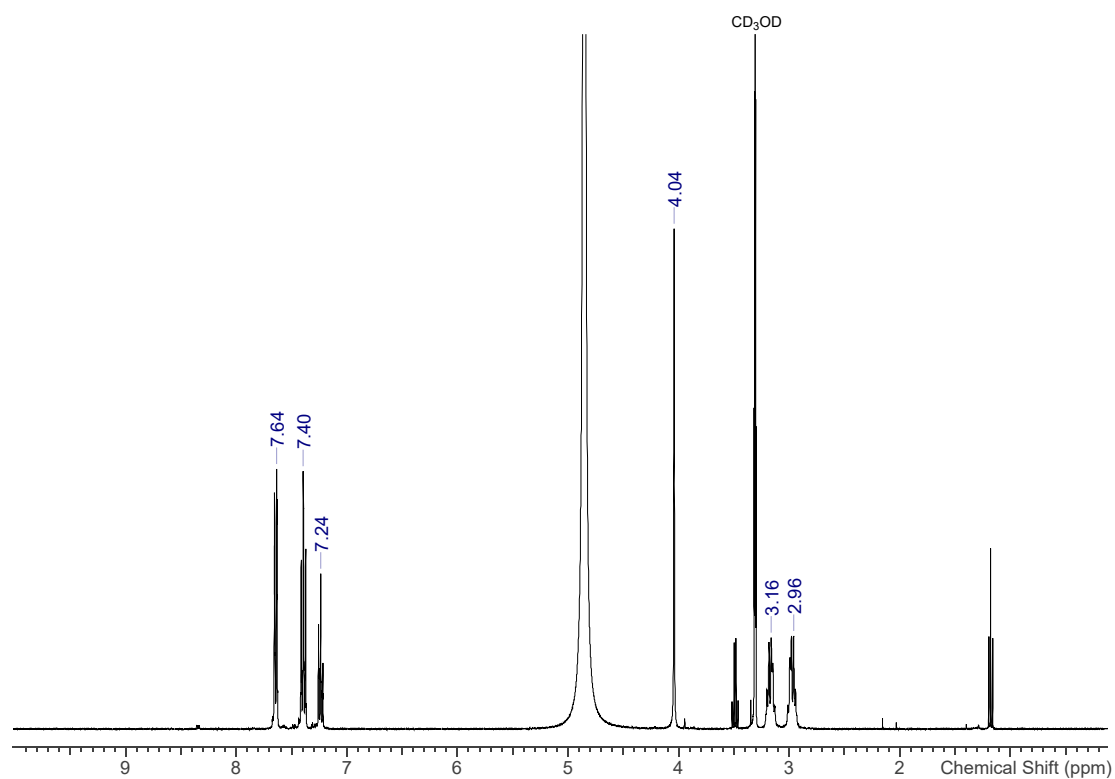


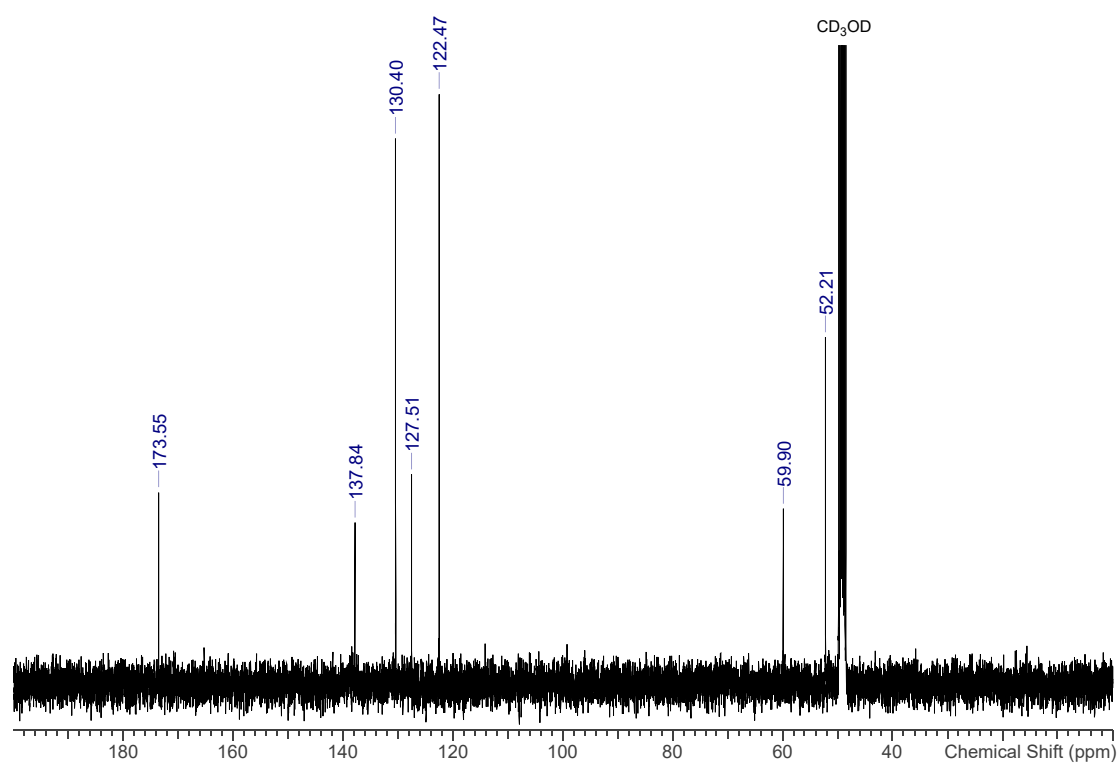


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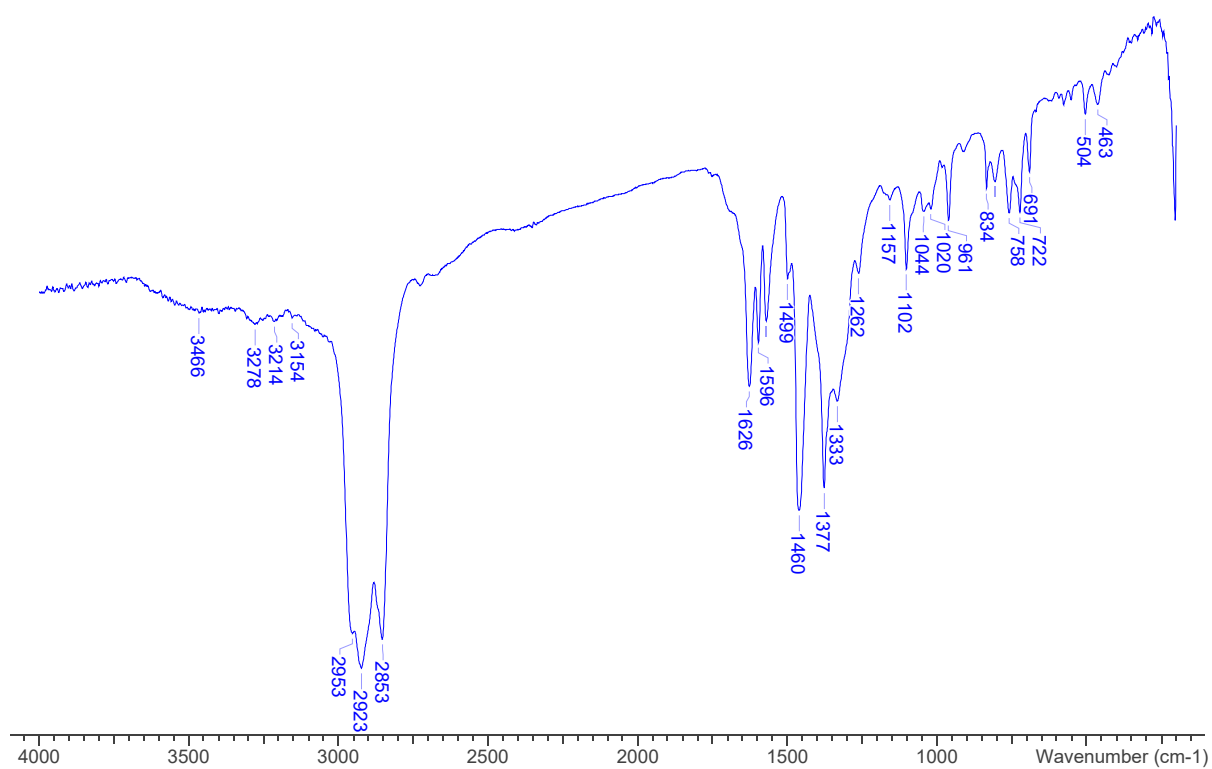
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S4b: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum d<sub>4</sub>-MeOH)



S4c: IR spectrum (Nujol)



S4d: ESI<sup>+</sup> MS (MeOH)

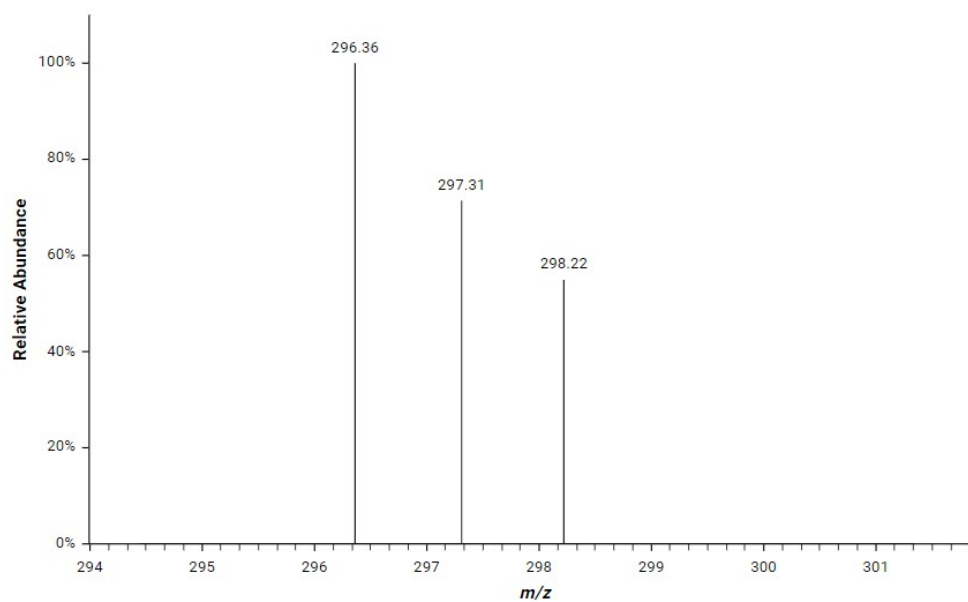
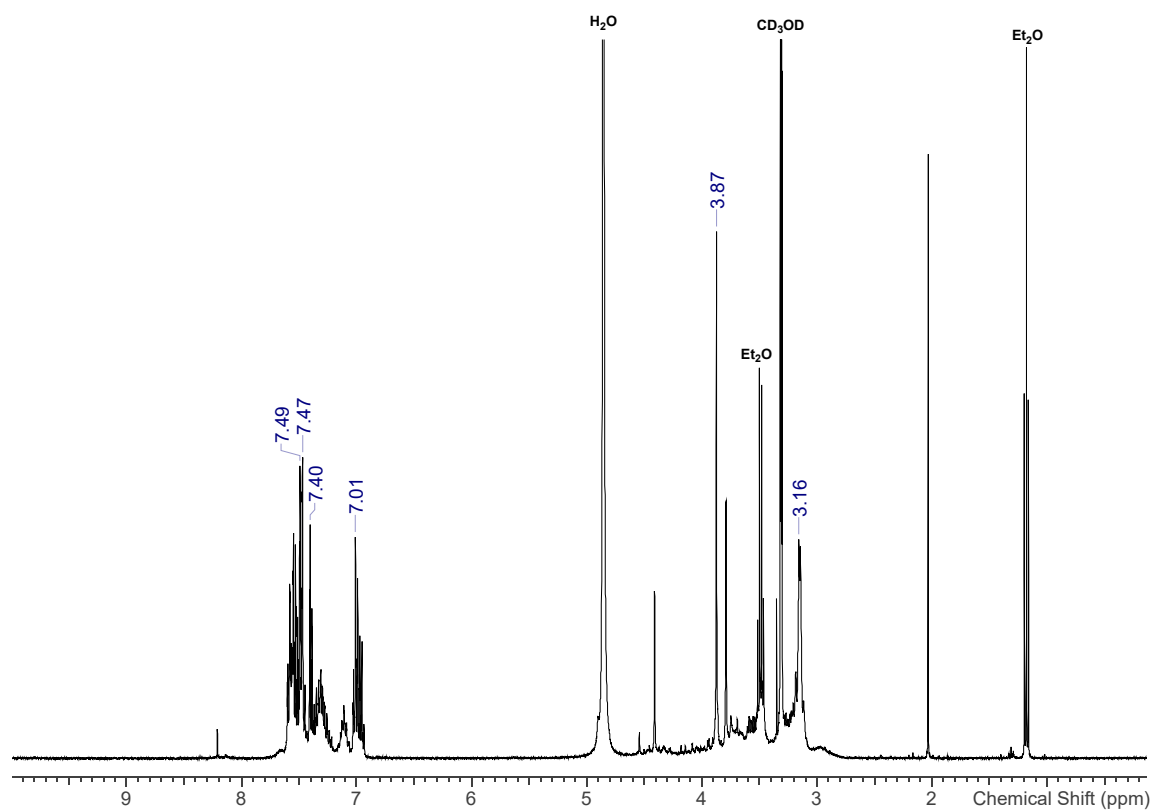
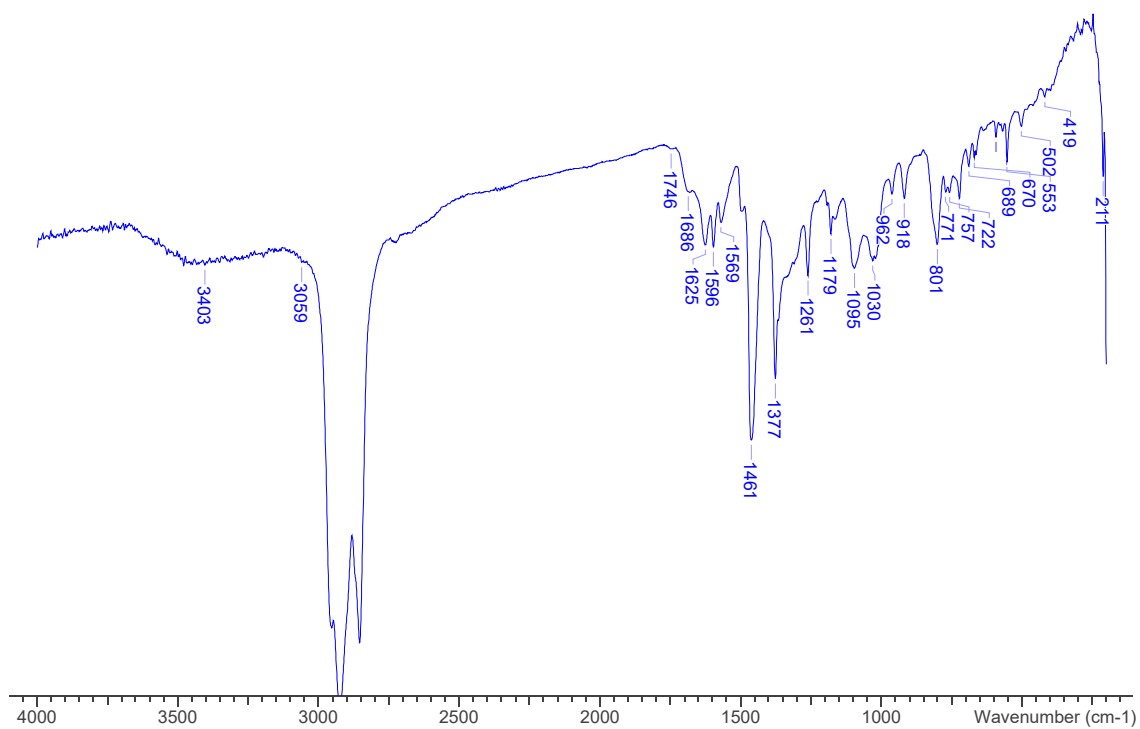


Figure S5: Spectroscopic data for [Ga(1)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>

S5a: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (d<sub>4</sub>-MeOH (isolated from RT, overnight))



S5b: IR spectrum (Nujol)



S5c:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopic data ( $\text{d}_4\text{-MeOH}$ ) for preparation of  $[\text{Ga}(\mathbf{1})][\text{NO}_3]_3$  over time at  $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (left) and RT (right) (note that some white precipitate also appeared after  $\sim 6\text{ h}$ )

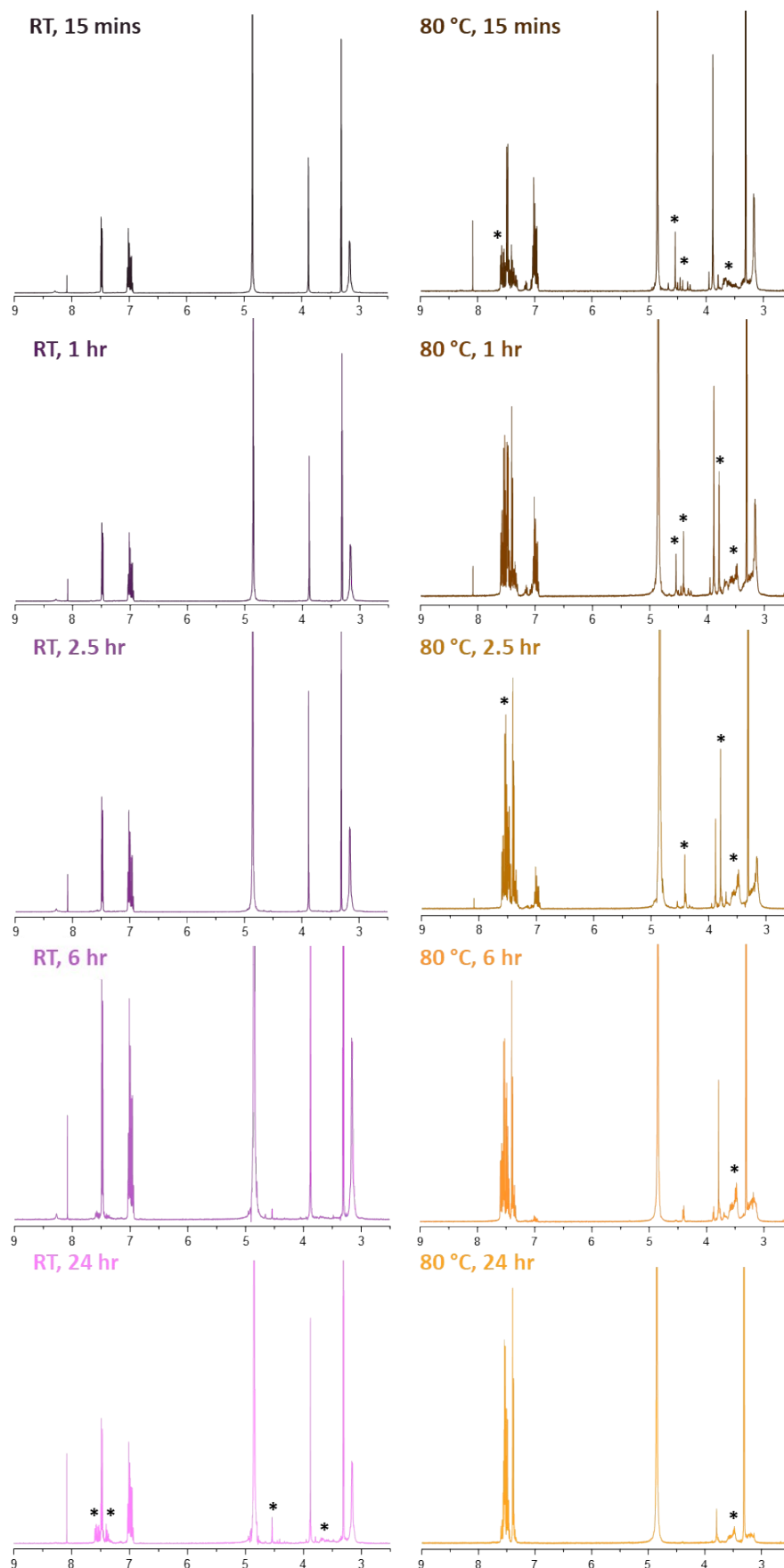
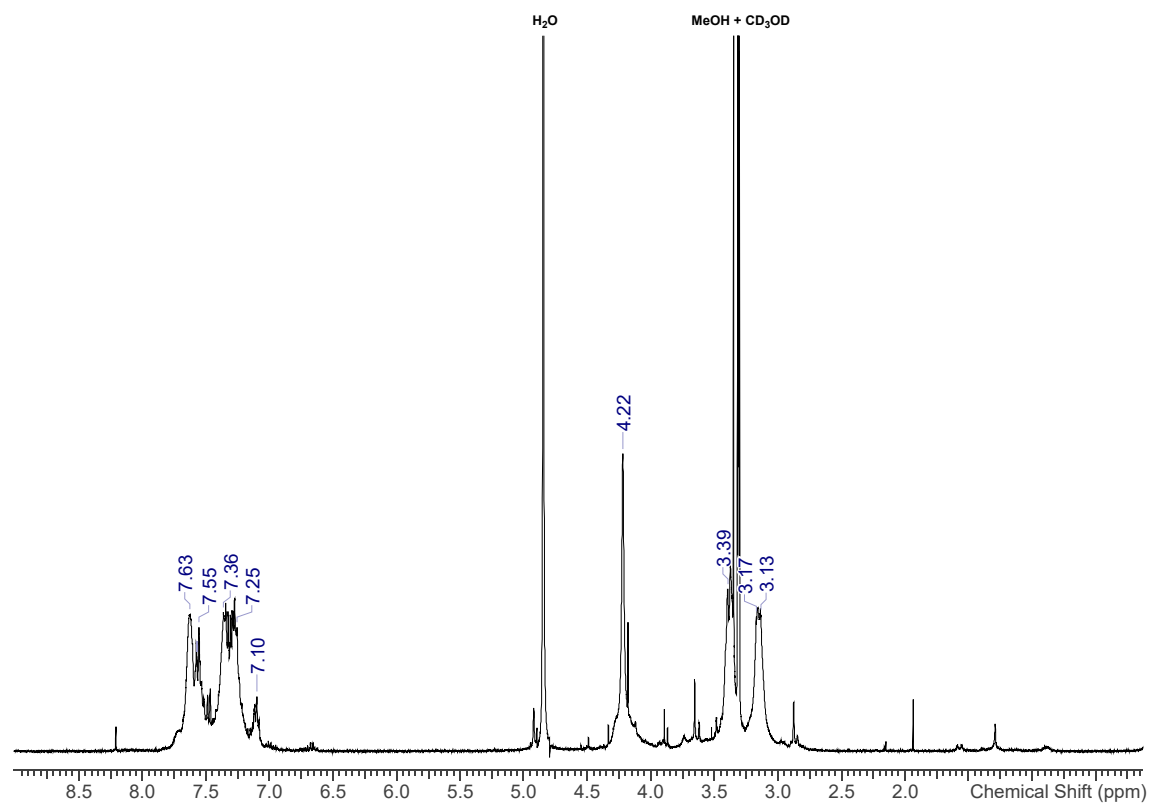


Figure S6: Spectroscopic data for [In(1)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>

S6a: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (d<sub>4</sub>-MeOH) - reaction conditions: RT, overnight



S6b: IR spectrum (Nujol)

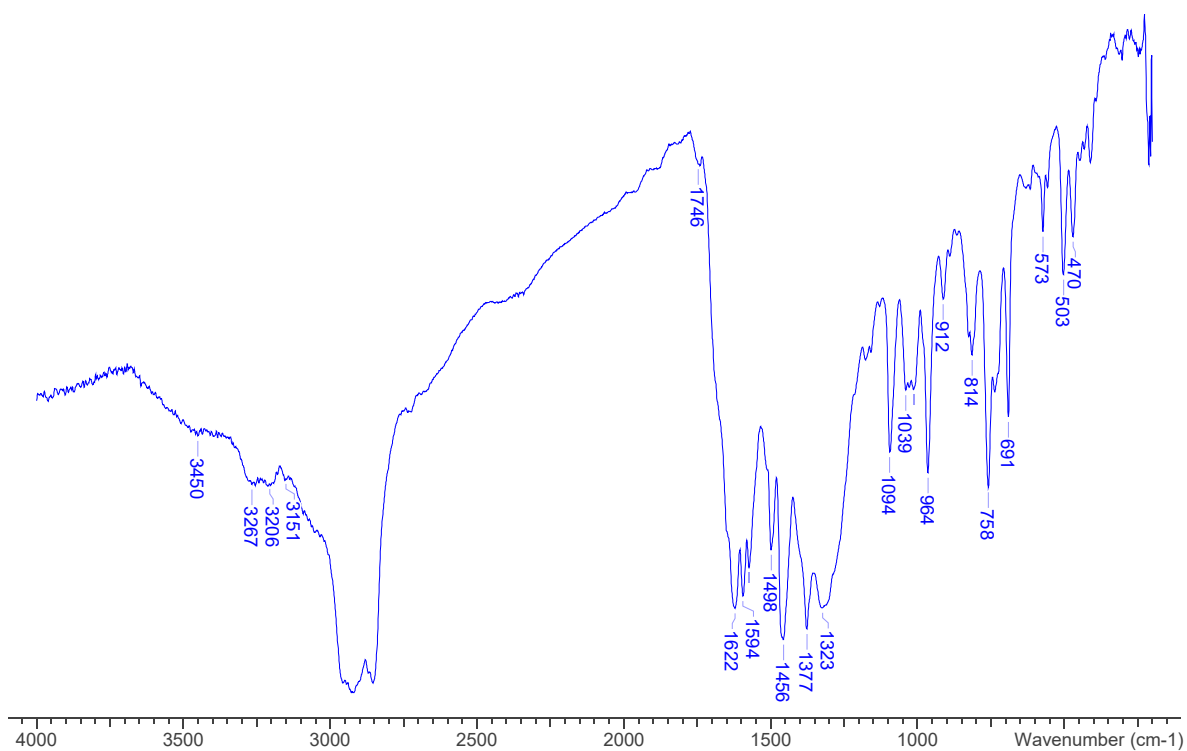
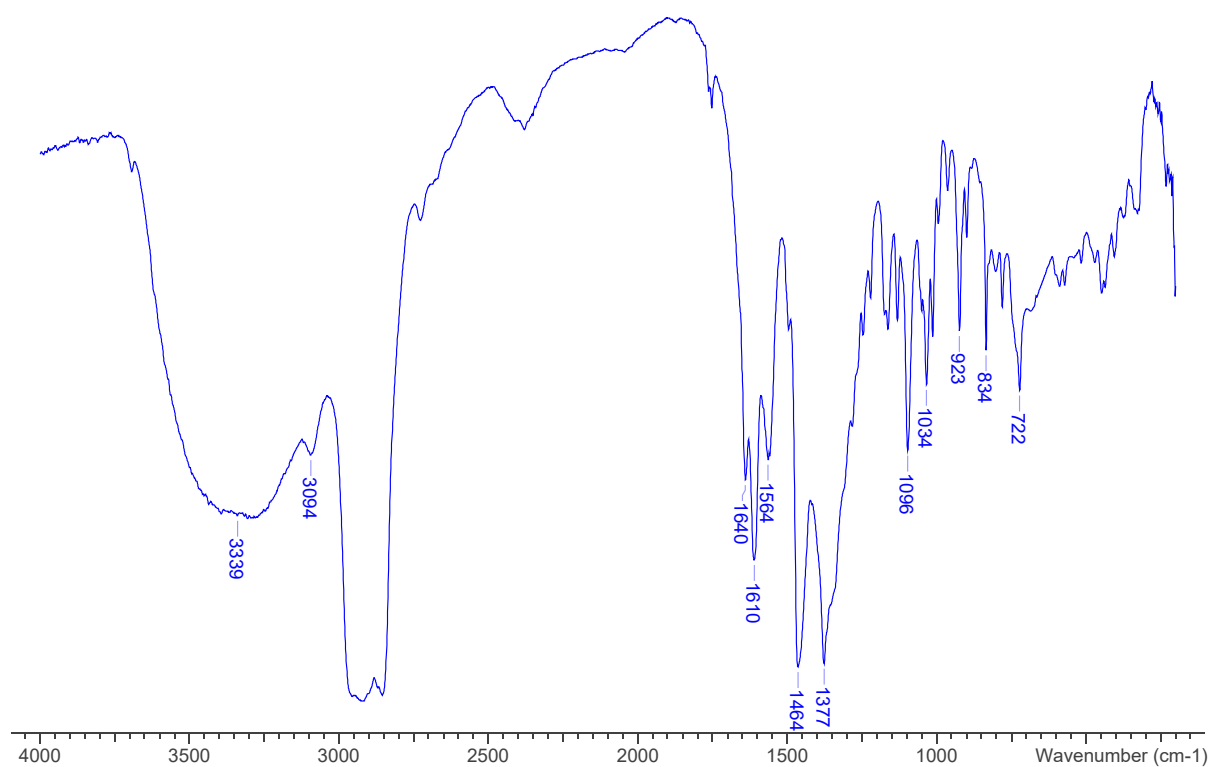
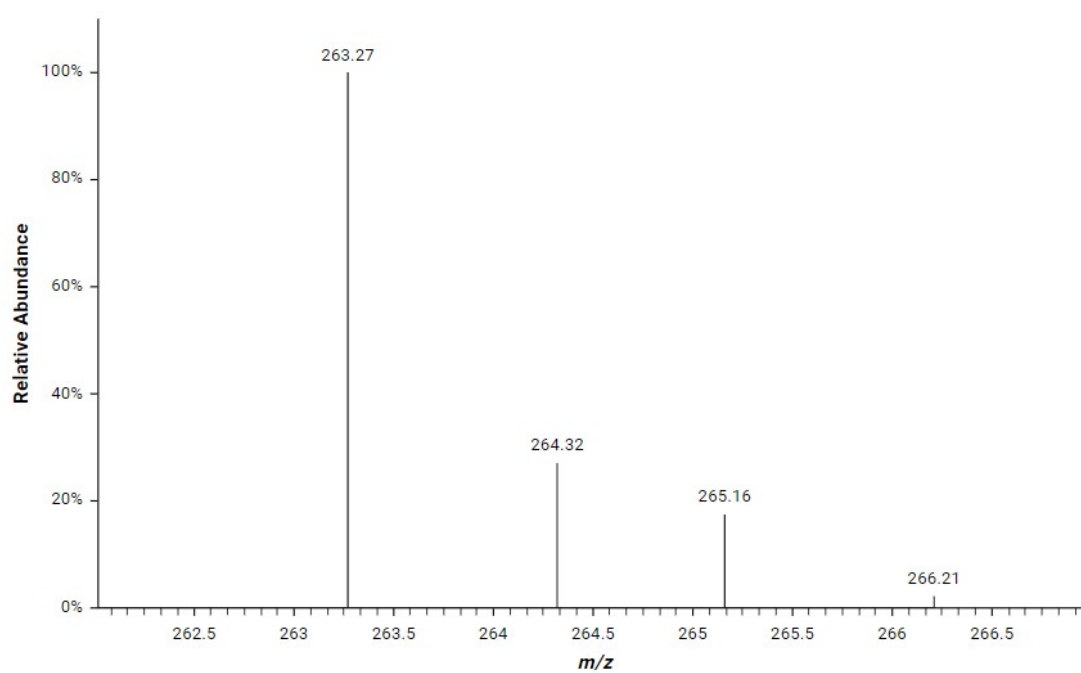


Figure S7: Spectroscopic data for [Ni(2)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

S7a: IR spectrum (Nujol)



S7b: ESI<sup>+</sup> MS (MeOH)



S7c: UV-Vis (MeOH)

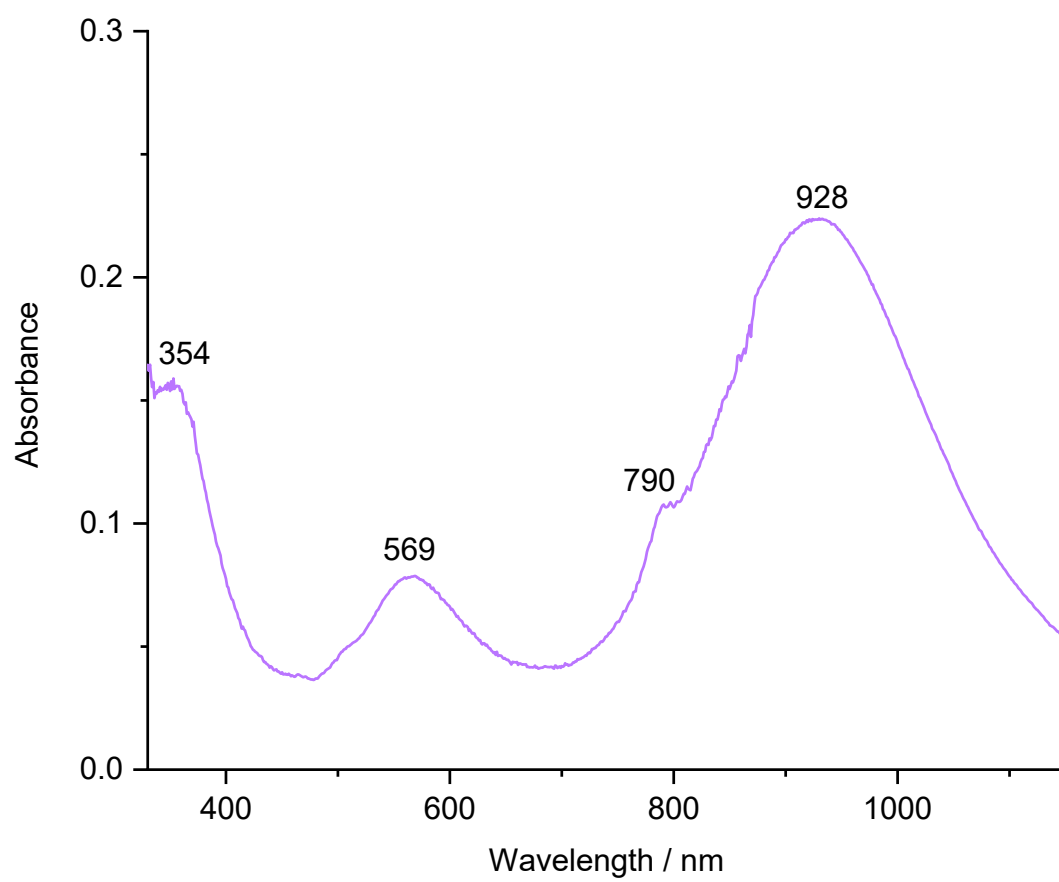
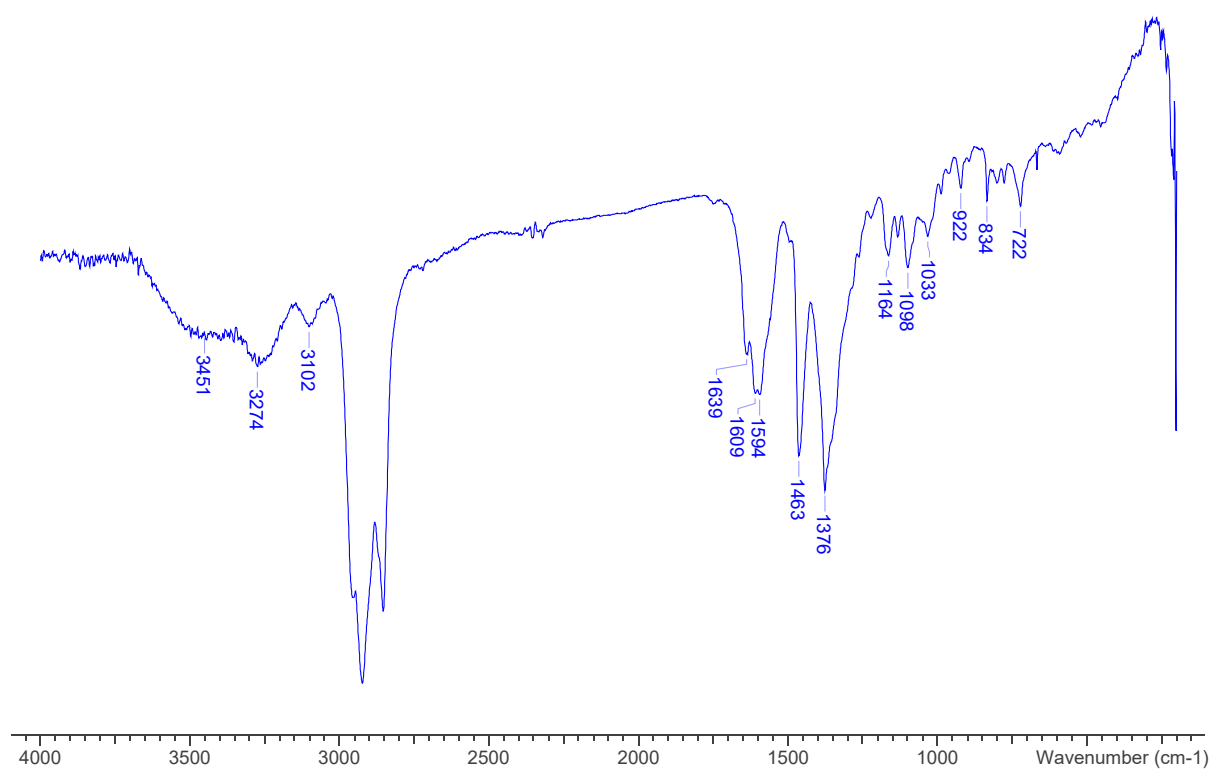
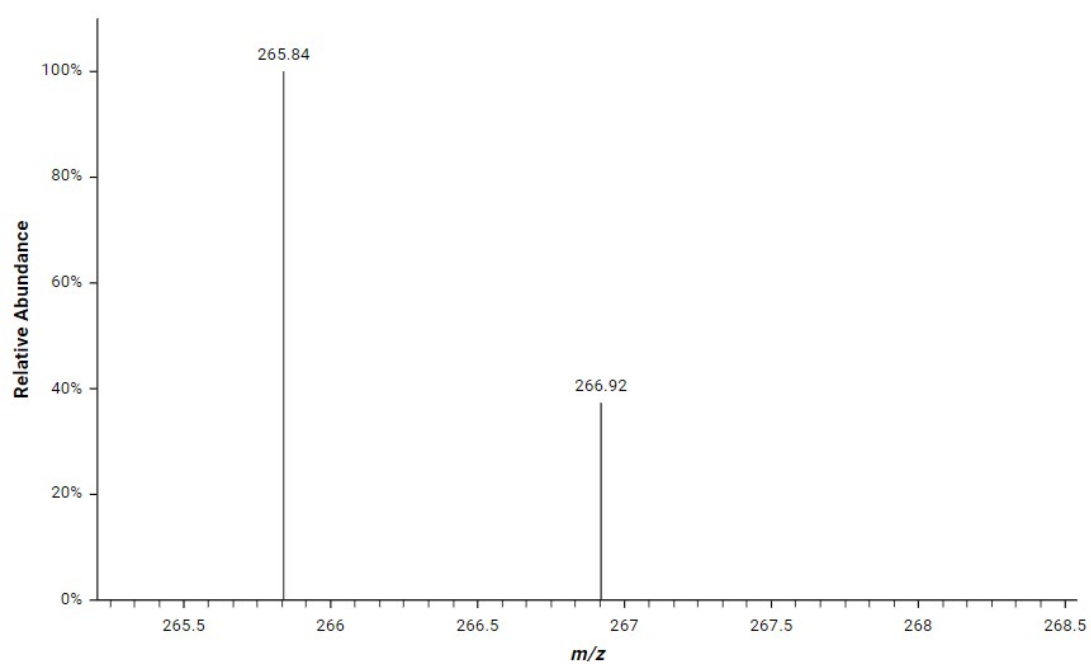


Figure S8: Spectroscopic data for [Cu(2)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

S8a: IR spectrum (Nujol)



S8b: ESI MS (MeOH)





S8c: UV-Vis spectrum (MeOH)

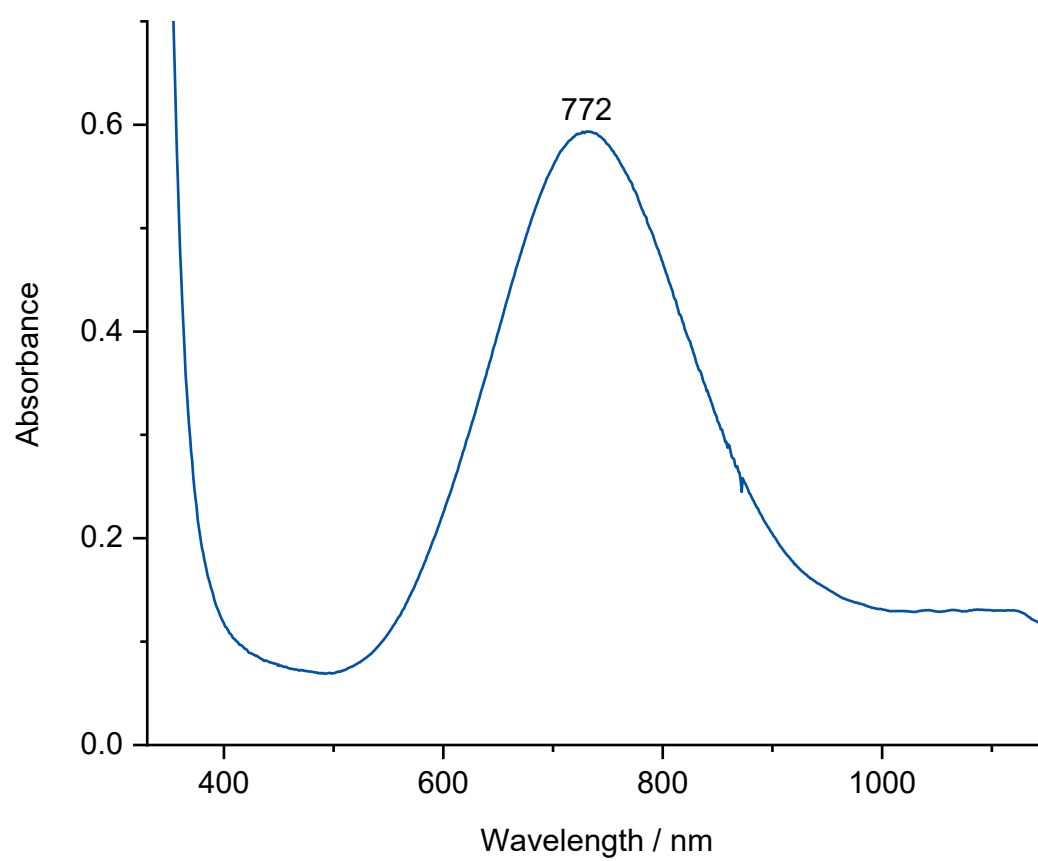
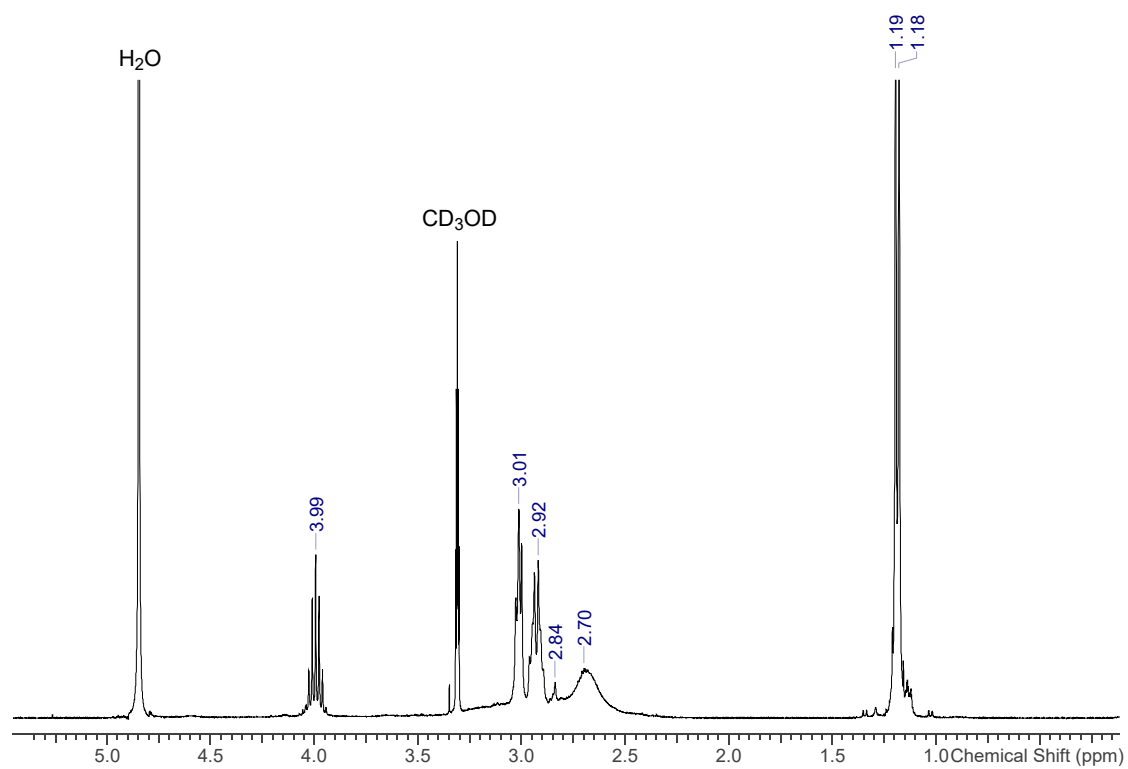
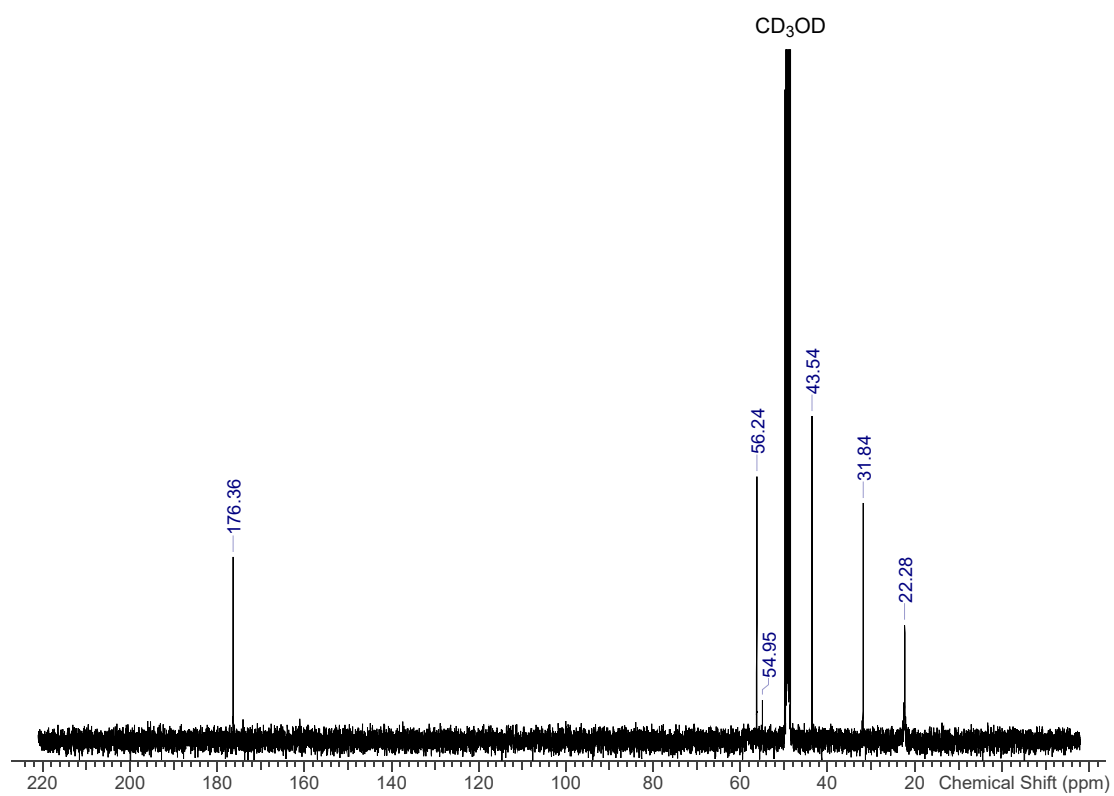


Figure S9: Spectroscopic data for [Zn(2)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

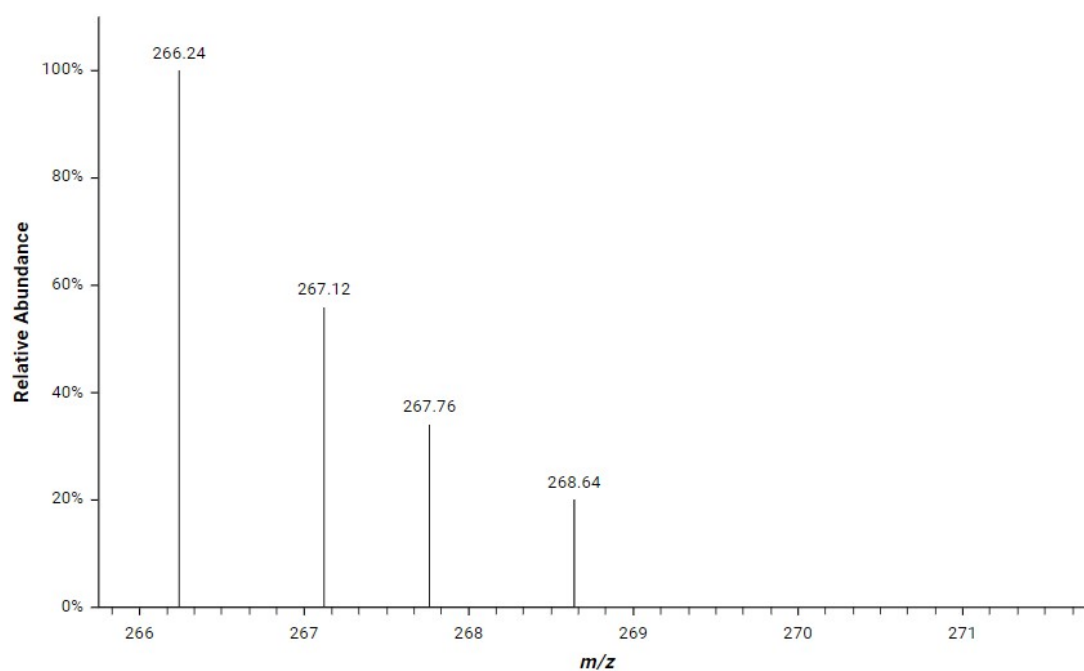
S9a: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (d<sub>4</sub>-MeOH)



S9b: <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (d<sub>4</sub>-MeOH)



S9c: ESI<sup>+</sup> MS (MeOH)



S9d: IR spectrum (Nujol)

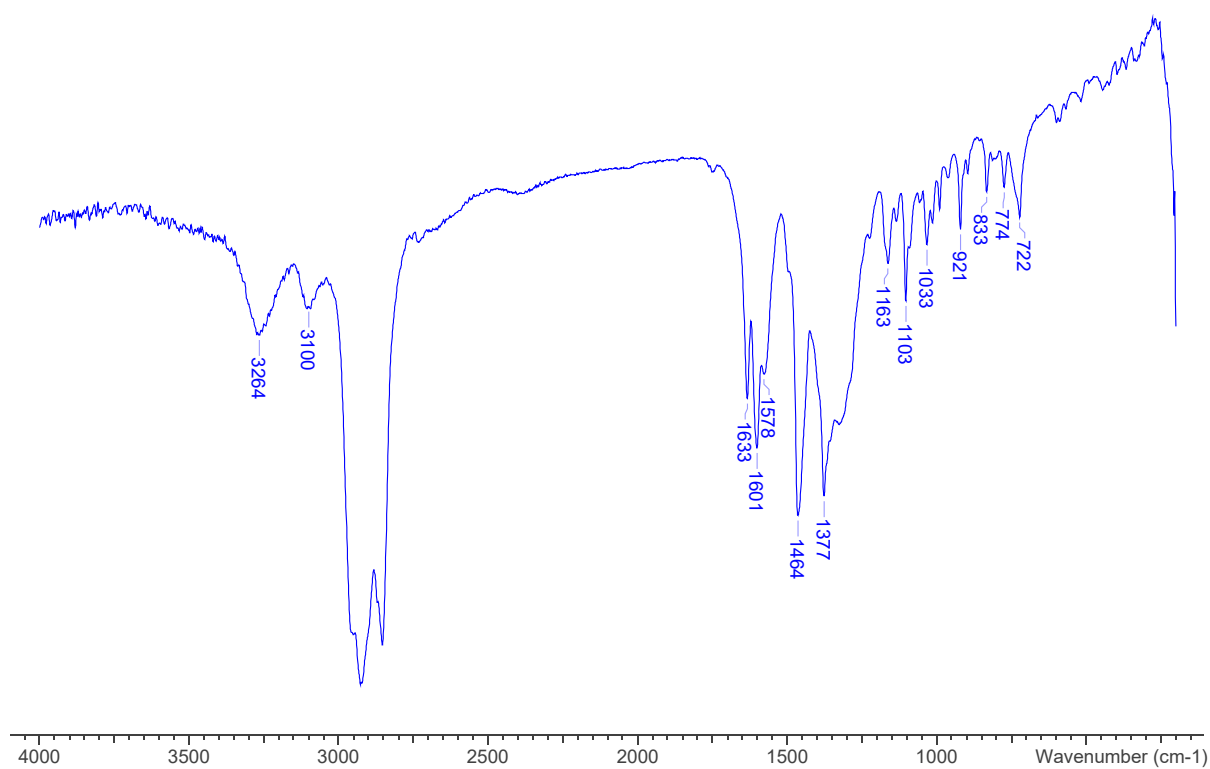
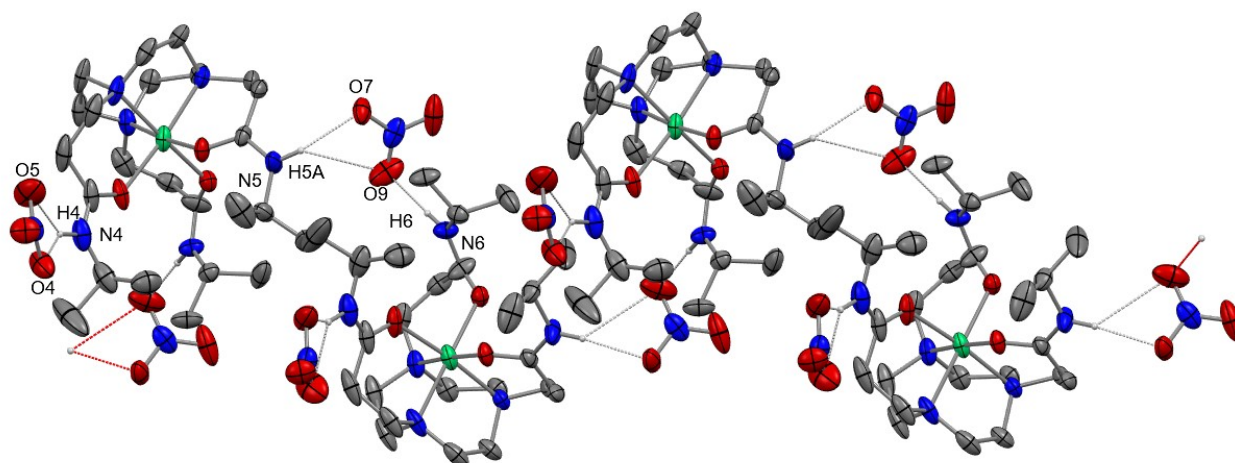


Figure S10: View of the 1D chain present in  $[\text{Ni}(\mathbf{2})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  formed via the H-bonds between the amide



NH groups and the nitrate anions.

Figure S11 Highlighting the variation in the twist angles at the three crystallographically independent copper centres in  $[\text{Cu}(\mathbf{1})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (Cu2 is top right).

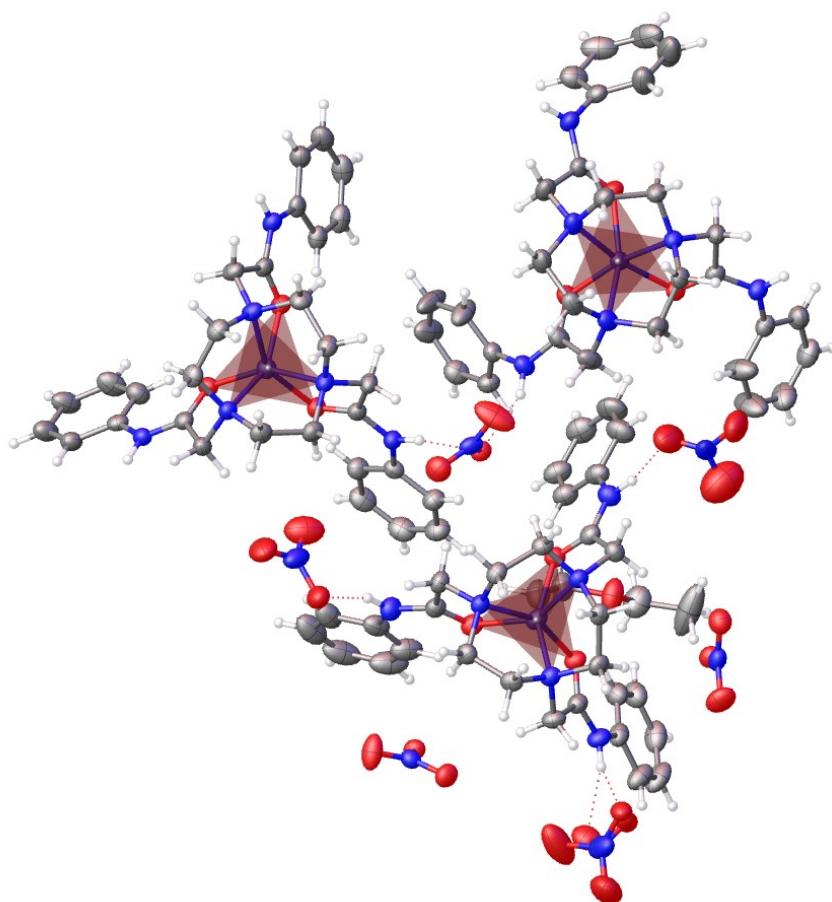


Figure S12 View of the 1D chain present in  $[\text{Cu}(\mathbf{2})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  formed via the H-bonds between the amide NH groups and the nitrate anions.

