

**Supporting Information**

**For**

**Colorimetric sensing of Cu(II) by 2-methyl-3-[(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-amino]-1,4-naphthoquinone: Cu(II) induced deprotonation of NH responsible for color change .**

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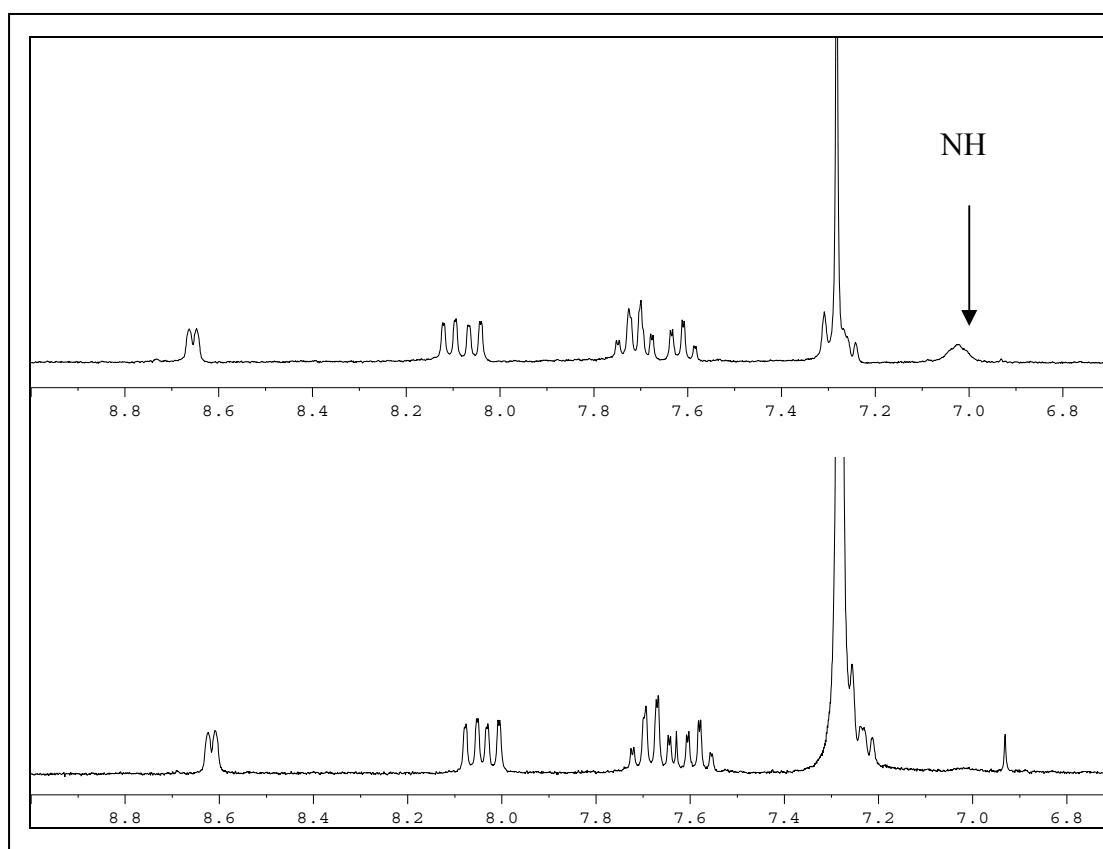
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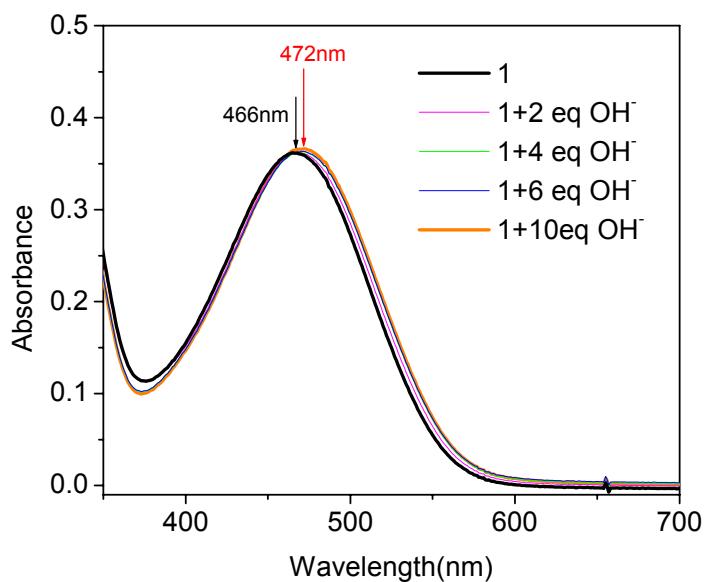
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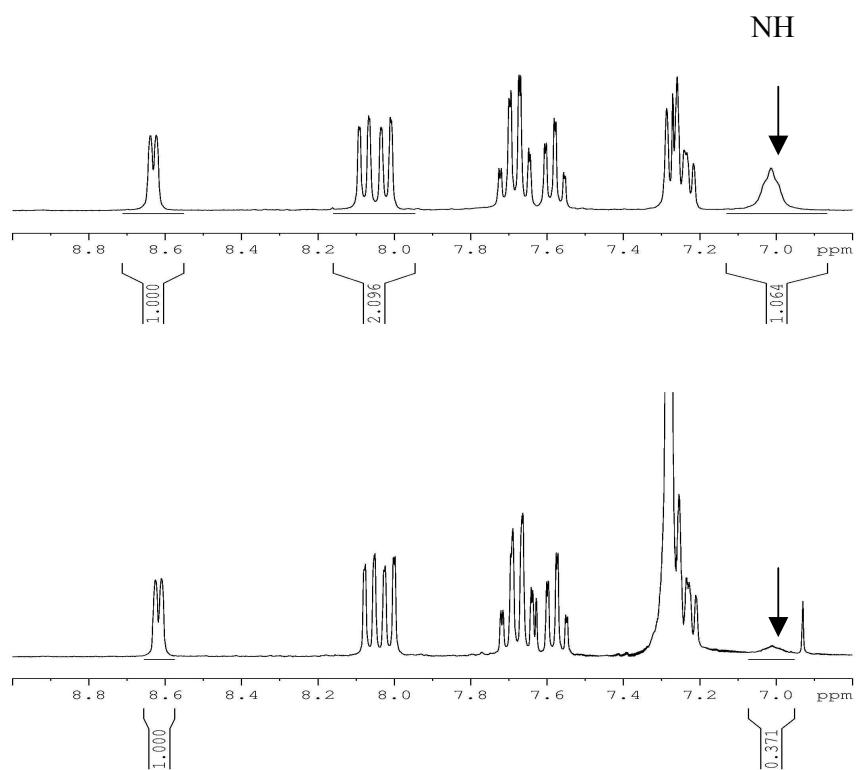
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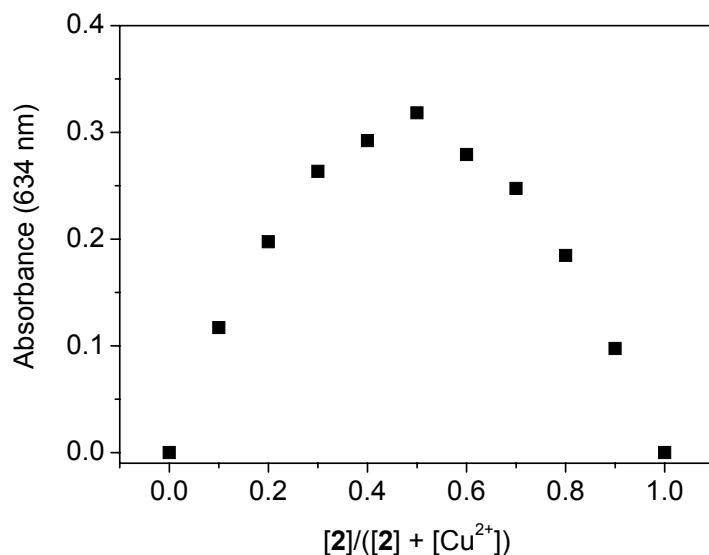
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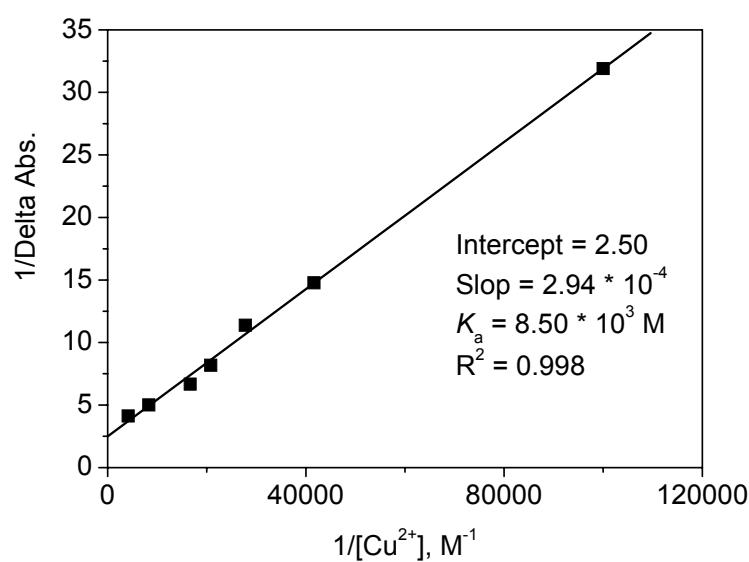
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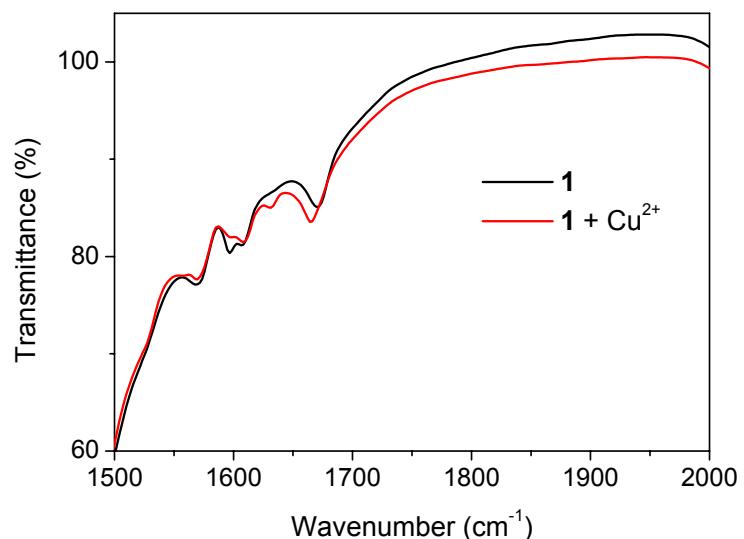
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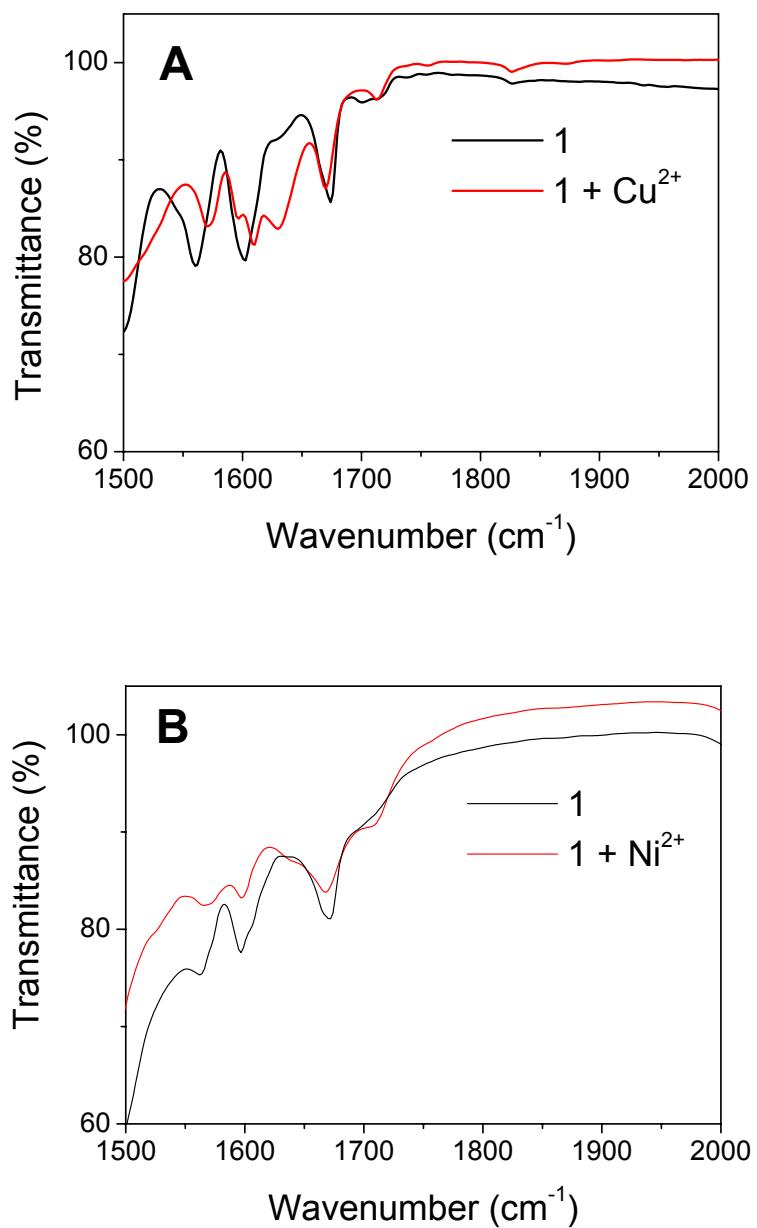
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