

# ELECTRONIC SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## Copper(II) Complexes of Quinoline Polyazamacrocyclic Scorpiand-Type Ligands: X-Ray, Equilibrium and Kinetic Studies

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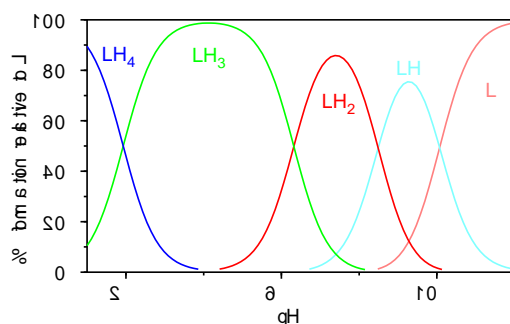


Figure S1. Distribution diagrams for the protonated species of L1.

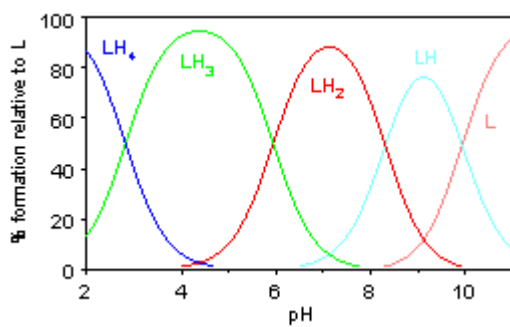


Figure S2. Distribution diagrams for the protonated species of **L2**.

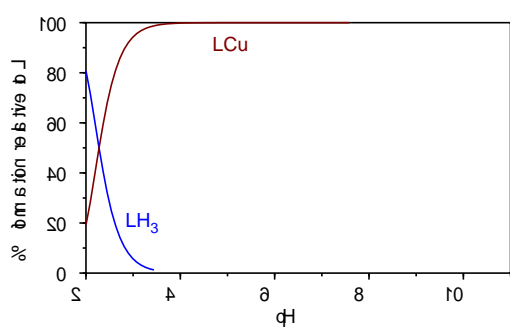


Figure S3. Distribution diagrams for the copper complexes of **L1**.

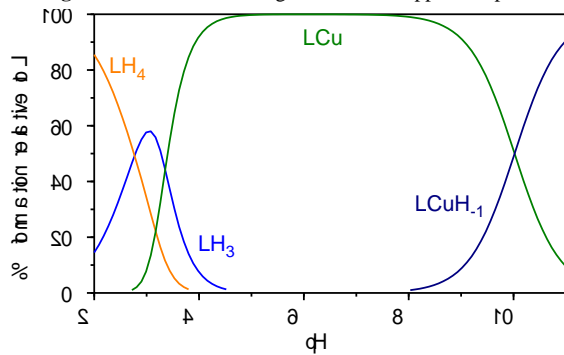


Figure S4. Distribution diagrams for the copper complexes of **L2**.

**Table S1.** Shift of the NMR  $\Delta(\Delta\delta)$  signals in ppm observed upon formation of the different protonated forms of the **L1** ligand.<sup>a</sup>

NMR signal <sup>c</sup>	Protonation process <sup>b</sup>			
	L → HL <sup>+</sup>	HL <sup>+</sup> → H <sub>2</sub> L <sup>2+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> L <sup>2+</sup> → H <sub>3</sub> L <sup>3+</sup>	H <sub>3</sub> L <sup>3+</sup> → H <sub>4</sub> L <sup>4+</sup>
H1	0.32	0.26	0.51	-0.02
H2	0.46	0.31	0.21	-0.02
H3	0.61	0.19	0.02	-0.04
H4	0.36	0.17	0.16	-0.06
H5	0.21	0.13	0.52	0.07
H6	0.03	0.39	0.28	0.21
C1	-2.0	-0.9	0.6	0.0
C2	1.3	0.4	-1.0	-0.1
C3	-0.2	-1.5	-2.0	-0.1
C4	-0.3	-0.6	-1.8	-0.1
C5	-0.4	-0.6	-1.7	1.0
C6	0.8	-0.7	-2.8	-2.9

<sup>a</sup> The values are only approximate because the different protonated forms of the ligand usually do not reach 100% formation at any pH value. <sup>b</sup> The shifts in the signals were obtained from the spectra recorded at pD values where the different species reach its maximum concentration: 12.11 for L, 9.22 for HL<sup>+</sup>, 7.53 for H<sub>2</sub>L<sup>2+</sup>, 4.10 for H<sub>3</sub>L<sup>3+</sup> and 0.93 for H<sub>4</sub>L<sup>4+</sup>. <sup>c</sup> For simplicity, only the most relevant proton and carbon signals are included.

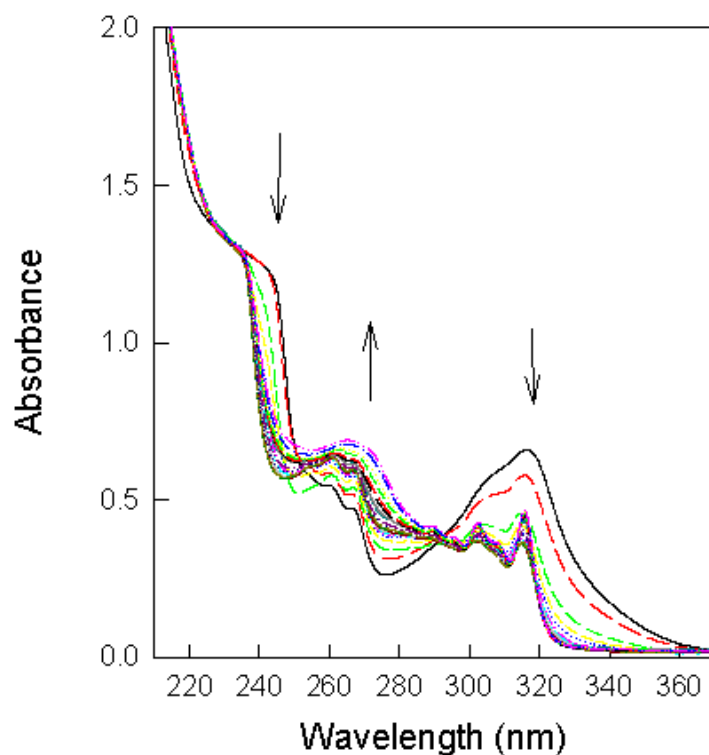
**Table S2.** Shift of the NMR signals observed upon formation of the different protonated forms of the **L2** ligand.<sup>a</sup>

NMR signal <sup>c</sup>	Protonation process <sup>b</sup>			
	L → HL <sup>+</sup>	HL <sup>+</sup> → H <sub>2</sub> L <sup>2+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> L <sup>2+</sup> → H <sub>3</sub> L <sup>3+</sup>	H <sub>3</sub> L <sup>3+</sup> → H <sub>4</sub> L <sup>4+</sup>
H1	0.43	0.42	0.33	-0.17
H2	0.55	0.33	0.24	-0.17
H3	0.59	0.14	0.08	-0.18
H4	0.41	0.11	0.17	-0.16
H5	0.25	0.03	0.60	-0.07
H6	0.00	0.08	0.71	0.11
C1	-1.4	-0.9	0.6	-0.3
C2	0.6	0.6	-0.8	-0.5
C3	-0.9	-2.1	-1.8	-0.3
C4	-0.1	-0.3	-3.8	-0.6
C5	-0.2	-0.5	-1.9	0.3
C6	0.1	-0.4	-0.8	-0.4

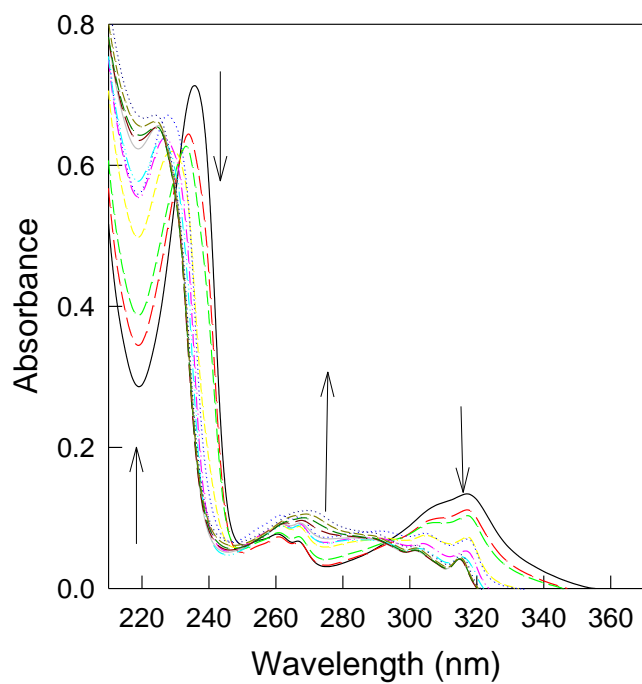
<sup>a</sup> The values are only approximate because the different protonated forms of the ligand usually do not reach 100% formation at any pH value. <sup>b</sup> The shifts in the signals were obtained from the spectra recorded at pD values where the different species reach its maximum concentration: 12.38 for L, 9.17 for HL<sup>+</sup>, 7.36 for H<sub>2</sub>L<sup>2+</sup>, 4.34 for H<sub>3</sub>L<sup>3+</sup>, and 0.00 for H<sub>4</sub>L<sup>4+</sup>. <sup>c</sup> For simplicity, only the most relevant proton and carbon signals are included in the Table. Nevertheless, complete spectra can be found in ref 9.

**Table S3.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) for complex [Cu(L1)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O.

Bond Distances (Å)		Bond Angles	
Cu1-N1	1.979(5)	N1-Cu1-N2	78.8(2)
Cu1-N2	2.309(6)	N1-Cu1-N3	91.8(2)
Cu1-N3	2.183(6)	N1-Cu1-N4	78.9(2)
Cu1-N4	2.276(6)	N1-Cu1-N5	175.0(3)
Cu1-N5	1.976(7)	N1-Cu1-N6	104.4(2)
Cu1-N6	2.173(5)	N2-Cu1-N3	81.1(2)
		N2-Cu1-N4	150.2(2)
		N2-Cu1-N5	98.9(3)
		N2-Cu1-N6	104.0(2)
		N3-Cu1-N4	80.0(2)
		N3-Cu1-N5	83.5(3)
		N3-Cu1-N6	163.7(2)
		N4-Cu1-N5	101.6(3)
		N4-Cu1-N6	100.5(2)
		N5-Cu1-N6	80.4(2)



**Figure S5.** Spectral changes recorded during the titration of **L1**. The spectra were recorded at the following pH values: 1.09, 1.56, 2.10, 2.47, 2.90, 3.61, 4.00, 4.53, 5.11, 5.55, 6.06, 6.56, 6.99, 7.51, 8.08, 8.67, 8.98, 9.46, 9.95, 10.50, and 11.03, and the arrows indicate the direction of changes when the pH is increased.



**Figure S6.** Spectral changes recorded during the titration of **L2**. The spectra were recorded at the following pH values: 2.05, 2.74, 3.01, 3.85, 4.46, 5.15, 5.81, 6.87, 8.18, 8.94, 9.62 and 10.12, and the arrows indicate the direction of changes when the pH is increased.