## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## **Copper(II) coordination properties of decapeptides containing three His residues: the impact of cyclization and Asp residue coordination.**

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**Figure S1.** Species distribution diagrams for the C-Asn (upper) and O-Asn (lower) peptides at 298.2 K,  $I = 0.1 \text{ M KNO}_3$  and [Peptide] =  $1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ . Charges are omitted for simplicity.



**Figure S2.** Species distribution diagrams for the copper(II) complexes of (upper) C-Asn  $(1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$  with 2 equiv of Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; (middle) O-Asn  $(1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$  with 2 equiv of Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and (lower) O-Asn  $(1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$  with 3 equiv of Cu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> at 298.2 K and I = 0.1 M KNO<sub>3</sub>. Charges are omitted for simplicity.



**Figure S3.** UV-Vis spectra of the copper(II) complexes formed with C-Asn (upper) and O-Asn (lower) at a 1:1 ratio  $(1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$  at different pH values and 298.2 K.



**Figure S4.** CD spectra of the copper(II) complexes formed with C-Asn (upper) and O-Asn (lower) at a 1:1 ratio  $(0.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$  at different pH values and 298.2 K.



**Figure S5.** ESI-MS spectra of the C-Asn (upper) and O-Asn (lower) peptides with one equiv of  $Cu^{2+}$  at  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M concentration and pH 6.0. Spectra were recorded in the positive detection mode.