# Structural and magnetic studies of copper (II) complexes of verdazyl radicals

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**Figure S3.** EPR of **4** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at RT (g = 2.0037,  $a_{N1} = 6.5$  G,  $a_{N2} = 5.3$  G,  $a_H = 5.3$  G)

## **Details of Magnetic Modeling:**

Goodness of fit R = 
$$\Sigma [\chi_{obs} - \chi_{calc}]^2 / \Sigma [\chi_{obs}]^2$$

## Verdazyl (4)

The antiferromagnetic intermolecular interactions between radicals were modeled using the Bonner-Fisher chain model<sup>1</sup> based on the following Hamiltonian.

$$\mathbf{H} = -\mathbf{J}\Sigma\mathbf{S}_{\mathrm{rad}}\mathbf{S}_{\mathrm{rad}+1}$$

The magnetic susceptibility is thus given by:

$$\chi = \frac{Ng^2\beta^2}{kT} \frac{0.25 + 0.074975x + 0.075235x^2}{1.0 + 0.9931x + 0.172135x^2 + 0.757825x^3}$$

where x = |J|/kT

Fitting of  $\chi$  with g = 2.00 fixed gave  $\rho$  = 0.95, J = -3.33 cm<sup>-1</sup> and R = 0.0011.

#### $Cu(2)Cl_{2}(6)$

The antiferromagnetic intramolecular interaction in complex 6 was modeled using the Bleaney-Bowers dimer model<sup>2</sup> based on the following Hamiltonian.

$$\mathbf{H} = -\mathbf{J}\mathbf{S}_{\mathrm{Cu}}\mathbf{S}_{\mathrm{rad}}$$

The magnetic susceptibility is thus given by:

$$\chi = \frac{2Ng^2\beta^2}{kT[3 + \exp(-J/kT)]}$$

The interdimer interactions observed in the crystal structure of  $\mathbf{6}$  were accounted for using a molecular field correction.<sup>3</sup>

$$\chi' = \frac{\chi}{1 - (2zJ'/Ng^2\beta^2)\chi}$$

A term for a Curie-Weiss impurity was also incorporated to yield an expression similar to that found above. Fitting of  $\chi T$  with g = 2.1 fixed gave values  $\rho = 0.97$ , J = -203.99 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 2zJ' = -520.95 cm<sup>-1</sup>, and  $\theta = -2.31$  K, R = 0.011.

#### Cu(pyvd)(hfac)<sub>2</sub> (8)

An analogous approach was taken to that of compound **6**. Fitting of  $\chi T$  with g = 2.1 fixed gave values  $\rho = 0.99$ ,  $J = 5.00 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2zJ' = -7.57 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $\theta = 1.50 \text{ K}$ , and R = 0.0011. The value of J was optimized by first fitting a truncated portion of the data, removing the high and low temperature linear portions of the data. It should be noted that the exact value of J has little impact on the overall curvature, and values between 2 and 10 cm<sup>-1</sup> can be used to model this data effectively.

### Cu(NMe-imdvd)(hfac)<sub>2</sub> (9)

A four-spin model<sup>4</sup> was employed based on the following spin arrangement:

$$S_{Cu1} \underbrace{J_2}_{Srad1} \underbrace{S_{rad1}}_{Srad2} \underbrace{J_1}_{Srad2} \underbrace{J_2}_{SCu2}$$

The corresponding Hamiltonian is as follows:

$$\mathbf{H} = -2\mathbf{J}_{1}\mathbf{S}_{rad1}\,\mathbf{S}_{rad2} - 2\mathbf{J}_{2}(\mathbf{S}_{rad1}\,\mathbf{S}_{Cu1} + \mathbf{S}_{rad2}\,\mathbf{S}_{Cu2})$$

The related expression for susceptibility is given by:

$$\chi = \frac{Ng^2\beta^2}{kT}\frac{A}{B}$$

 $A = 10exp(-E_1/kT) + 2exp(-E_2/kT) + 2exp(-E_3/kT) + 2exp(-E_4/kT)$ 

 $B = 5\exp(-E_1/kT) + 3[\exp(-E_2/kT) + \exp(-E_3/kT) + \exp(-E_4/kT)] + \exp(-E_5/kT) + \exp(-E_6/kT)$ 

$$E_{1} = -J_{2} - J_{1}/2$$

$$E_{2} = J_{2} - J_{1}/2$$

$$E_{3} = J_{1}/2 + (J_{2}^{2} + J_{1}^{2})^{1/2}$$

$$E_{4} = J_{1}/2 - (J_{2}^{2} + J_{1}^{2})^{1/2}$$

$$E_{5} = J_{2} + J_{1}/2 + (4J_{2}^{2} - 2J_{2}J_{1} + J_{1}^{2})^{1/2}$$

$$E_{6} = J_{2} + J_{1}/2 - (4J_{2}^{2} - 2J_{2}J_{1} + J_{1}^{2})^{1/2}$$

A second term was once again introduced in order to account for paramagnetic impurities displaying Curie-Weiss impurity. It should also be noted that our data was based on molecular units containing two spins rather than a true four spin system, therefore the expression for  $\chi$  was multiplied by one half. The overall equation used to model susceptibility was:

$$\chi' = (\rho) \frac{Ng^2 \beta^2}{2kT} \frac{A}{B} + (1-\rho) \frac{2Ng^2 \beta^2}{k(T-\Theta)}$$

Fitting of  $\chi T$  with g = 2.1 fixed gave values  $\rho = 0.95$ ,  $J_1 = -39.51 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $J_2 = 6.06 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $\theta = 0.59 \text{ K}$ , and R = 0.00058. The curvature from 25-150 K shows dependence on  $J_1$  almost exclusively with the value of  $J_2$  and  $\theta$  having a larger influence on the low temperature data. It should be noted that  $J_2$  has little impact on the overall curvature, and values between 2 and 10 cm<sup>-1</sup> can be used to model this data.

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