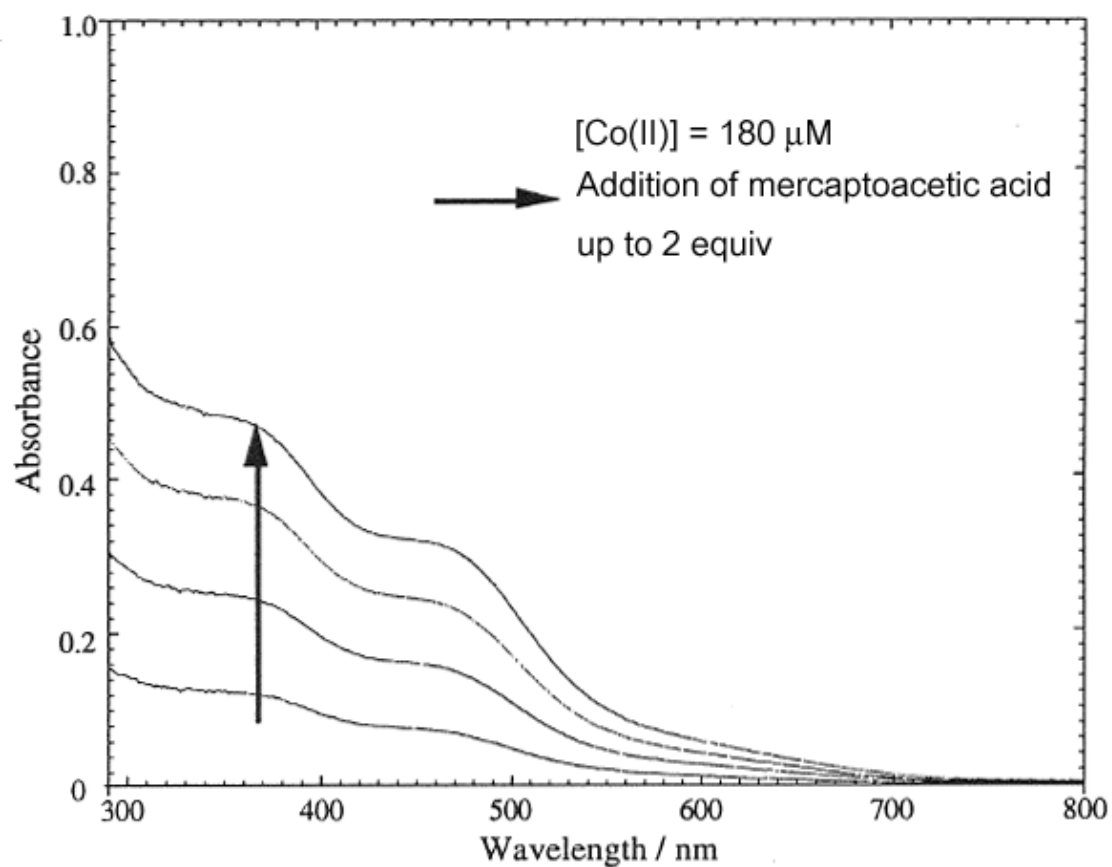


### Supplementary materials



**Fig. S1** UV-visible spectral changes of Co(II) with varying concentrations of mercaptoacetic acid.