

## ELECTRONIC SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### Synthesis, characterization and electrochemical properties of bis( $\mu_2$ -perchlorato)tricopper (II) complexes derived from succinoyldihydrazone

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Table S1: Effective magnetic moment, magnetic parameters and electronic spectral data for homotrinuclear copper (II) complexes derived from succinoyldihydrzones

Sl. No.	Complex	Magnetic Moment $\mu_{\text{eff}}$ (BM)		Temp	Solid/ Solution	$g_{\parallel}$	$g_{\perp}$	$g_{\text{av}}$	$A_{\parallel}$ ( $A_3$ )	$\Delta M_s=2$	$A_{\perp}$ ( $A_1$ )	$g_{\parallel}/A_{\parallel}$	Electronic Spectral bands $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ (nm), $\epsilon_{\text{max}}$ ( $\text{dm}^3\text{cm}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$ )	
		Per molecular formula	Per emperical formula										Solid	Solution
1.	$[\text{Cu}_3(\text{L}^1)(\text{ClO}_4)_2]$	1.79	1.04	RT	Solid	-	-	2.038	-	-	-	-	440, 640	300( 9690),317( 8581), 381( 8570 ), 650( 65 ) [293(7100),330(5200)] <sup>a</sup>
				LNT	Solid	2.219	2.032	2.094	180	-	55	132.3		
				LNT	Solution	2.281	2.038	2.119	95	-	60	257.5		
2.	$[\text{Cu}_3(\text{L}^2)(\text{ClO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]$	1.87	1.08	RT	Solid	-	-	2.051	-	-	-	-	470, 660	330(22000), 420 (21300), 520 (224) [312(5400), 327 (6200), 365 (5800), 382 (5400)] <sup>a</sup>
				LNT	Solid	2.219	2.026	2.090	180	4.064	55	132.2		
				LNT	Solution	2.169	2.041	2.082	120	-	-	193.9		
3.	$[\text{Cu}_3(\text{L}^3)(\text{ClO}_4)_2]$	2.45	1.42	RT	Solid	-	-	2.048	-	-	-	-	330, 405, 620	305(23250), 320(21250), 393 (21500), 650 (77) [292(8500), 340 (6600), 352 (5600)] <sup>a</sup>
				LNT	Solid	-	-	2.048	-	-	-	-		
				LNT	Solution	2.193	2.048	2.096	140	-	30	168.0		

a, ligand bands are given in square bracket

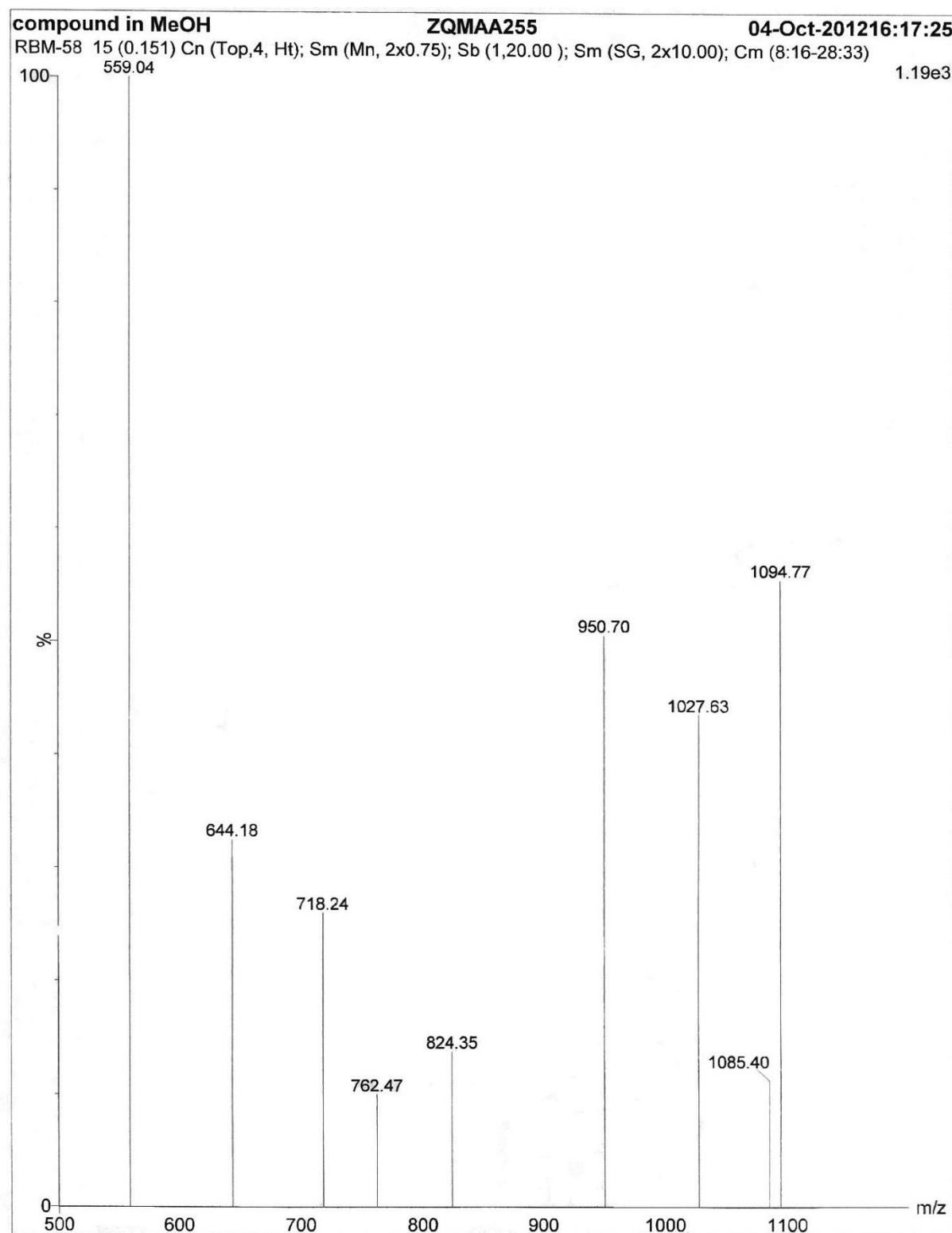
Table S2: Structurally significant infrared (IR) bands (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) for succinoyldihydrazone and their homotrinuclear copper (II) complexes.

Sl. No.	Ligand/ complex	v(OH+NH)	v(C=O)	v(C=N)	Amide II + (C-O)Phenyl/ Naphthyl	v(NCO-)	v(C-O)	$v(\text{---}\text{M}\text{---}\text{O}\text{---}\text{M}\text{---})$	v(M-O) (Phenolic)	v(M-O) (enolate)	v(M-N)	v(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>-</sup>
	(H <sub>4</sub> L <sup>1</sup> )	3421 (s) 3199 (s)	1659 (s) 1622 (s)	1609 (s)	1566 (s)	-	1269 (s)	-	-	-	-	
	(H <sub>4</sub> L <sup>2</sup> )	3235 (s)	1675 (s)	1604 (ssh) 1623 (s)	1530 (s)	-	1280 (m)	-	-	-	-	
	(H <sub>4</sub> L <sup>3</sup> )	3433 (m) 3190 (m)	1669 (s)	1615 (s)	1564 (s)	-	1267 (s)	-	-	-	-	
1.	[Cu <sub>3</sub> (L <sup>1</sup> )(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	3433(mbr)	-	1603 (s)	1533 (s)	1533 <sup>a</sup> (s)	1280 (m)	680(w) 491(m)	536 (w)	449 (w) 426 (w)	356(m) 338(m)	1155 (msh), 1121 (s), 1100(s), 1080 (ssh)
2.	[Cu <sub>3</sub> (L <sup>2</sup> )(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> ]	3430 (s) 3212 (s)	-	1618 (s) 1598 (s)	1551 (s)	1539(s)	1301(w) 1281 (m)	626(m) 484(m)	539 (w)	458 (w) 426(w)	386 (w) 329(w)	1143(s) 1121(s) 1109(s) 1090(s)
3.	[Cu <sub>3</sub> (L <sup>3</sup> )(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	3491(sbr)	-	1596 (s)	1540 (s)	1521 (s)	1276(m)	651(m) 492(m)	548 (w)	448 (w) 430 (w)	384(m) 303(w)	1175(s) 1140 (s), 1110 (s), 1080(s)

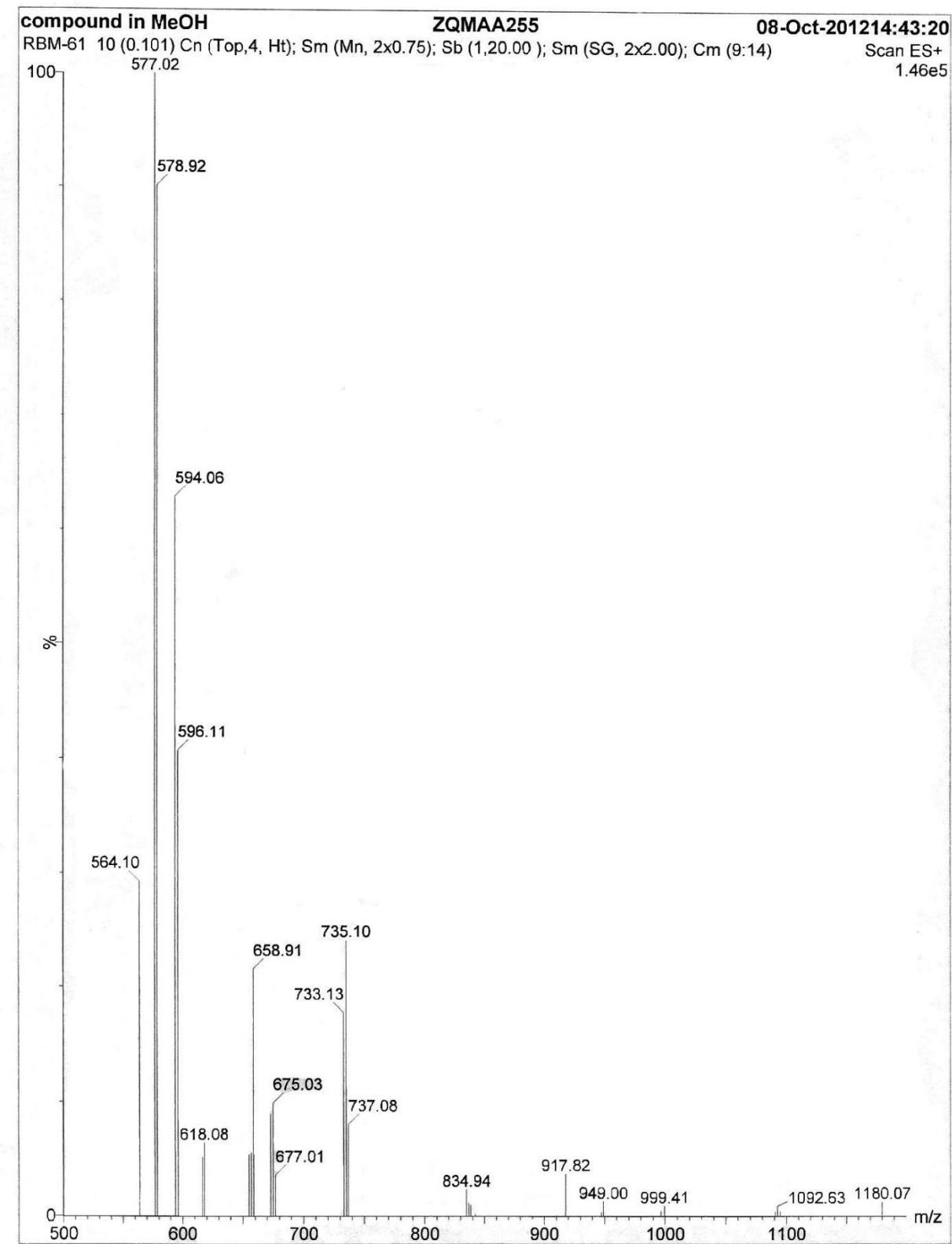
a, masked by ligand band

Table S3: Peak assignment in the mass spectra of homotrinuclear copper (II) complexes

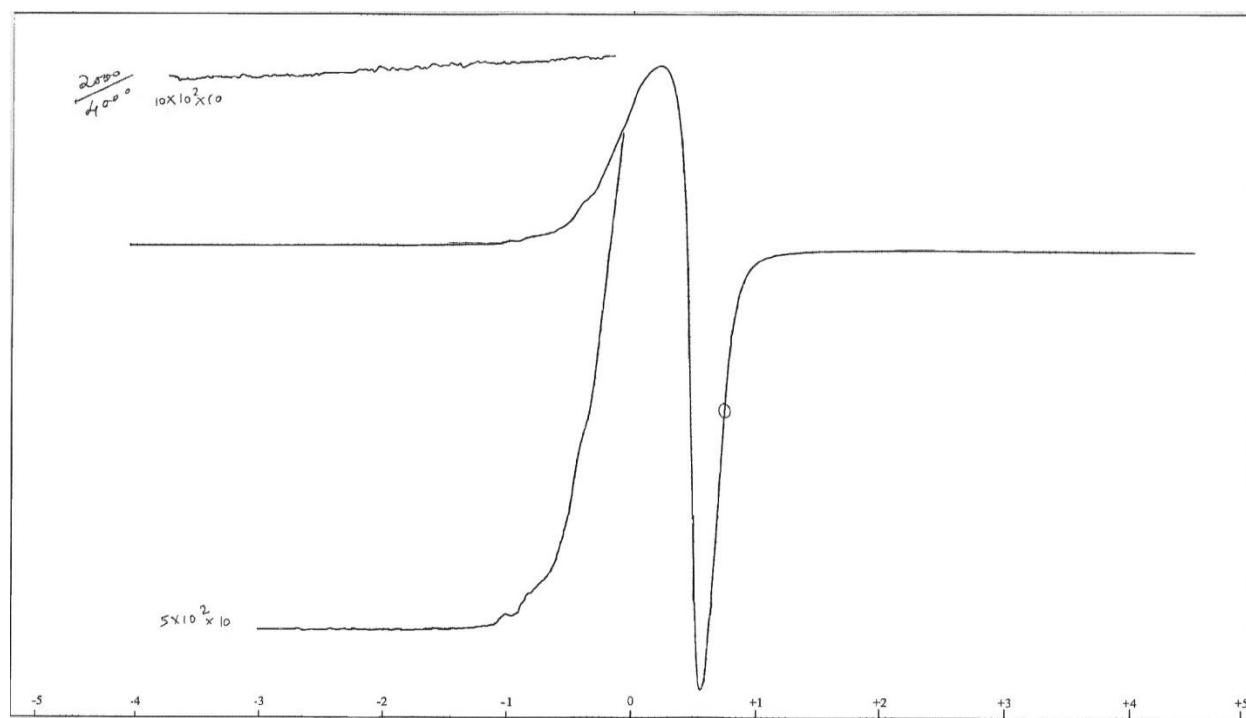
SI. No.	Complex	Molecular ions	Expt. Mass	Theo. Mass
1	$[\text{Cu}_3(\text{L}^1)(\text{ClO}_4)_2]$	$[\text{Cu}_3(\text{H}_5\text{L}^1)(\text{HClO}_4)_2(\text{DMSO})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^+$	1094.77	1094.65
		$[\text{Cu}_3(\text{L}^1)(\text{ClO}_4)_2(\text{DMSO})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^+$	1027.63	1027.65
		$[\text{Cu}_3(\text{HL}^1)(\text{ClO}_4)_2(\text{DMSO})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^+$	950.70	950.65
		$[\text{Cu}_3(\text{HL}^1)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^+$	559.04	559.65
2	$[\text{Cu}_3(\text{L}^2)(\text{ClO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]$	$[\text{Cu}_3(\text{L}^2)(\text{ClO}_4)_2(\text{DMSO})]^+$	917.82	917.65
		$[\text{Cu}_3(\text{L}^2)(\text{ClO}_4)(\text{DMSO})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^+$	834.94	836.15
		$[\text{Cu}_3(\text{L}^2)(\text{DMSO})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^+$	735.10	736.65
		$[\text{Cu}_3(\text{L}^2)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^+$	658.91	658.65
		$[\text{Cu}_2(\text{L}^2)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^+$	594.06, 596.11	595.10
		$[\text{Cu}_2(\text{L}^2)]^+$	577.02, 578.92	577.10
3	$[\text{Cu}_3(\text{L}^3)(\text{ClO}_4)_2]$	$[\text{Cu}_3(\text{H}_4\text{L}^3)(\text{ClO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^+$	956.17	955.65
		$[\text{Cu}_3(\text{H}_4\text{L}^3)(\text{ClO}_4)]^+$	802.45	802.15



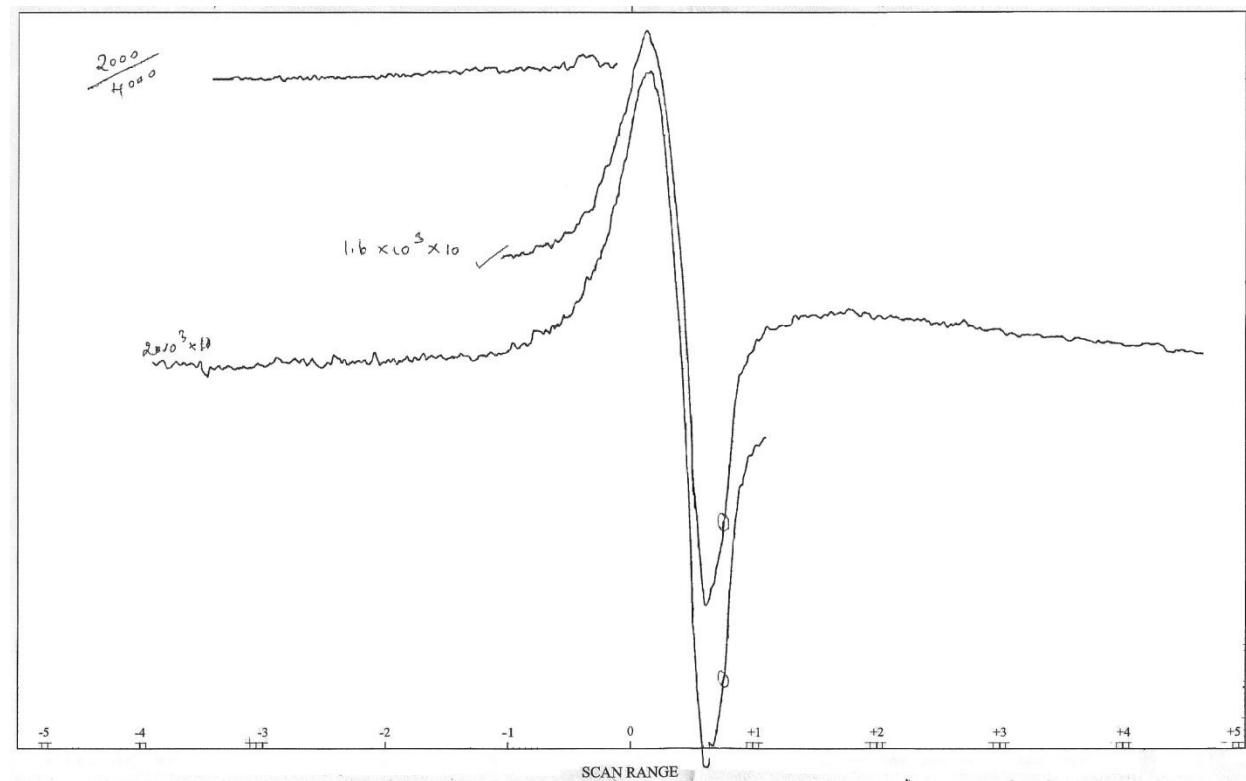
**Fig. S1.** Mass spectrum of the complex  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{L}^1)(\text{ClO}_4)_2]$  (**1**) in DMSO solution.



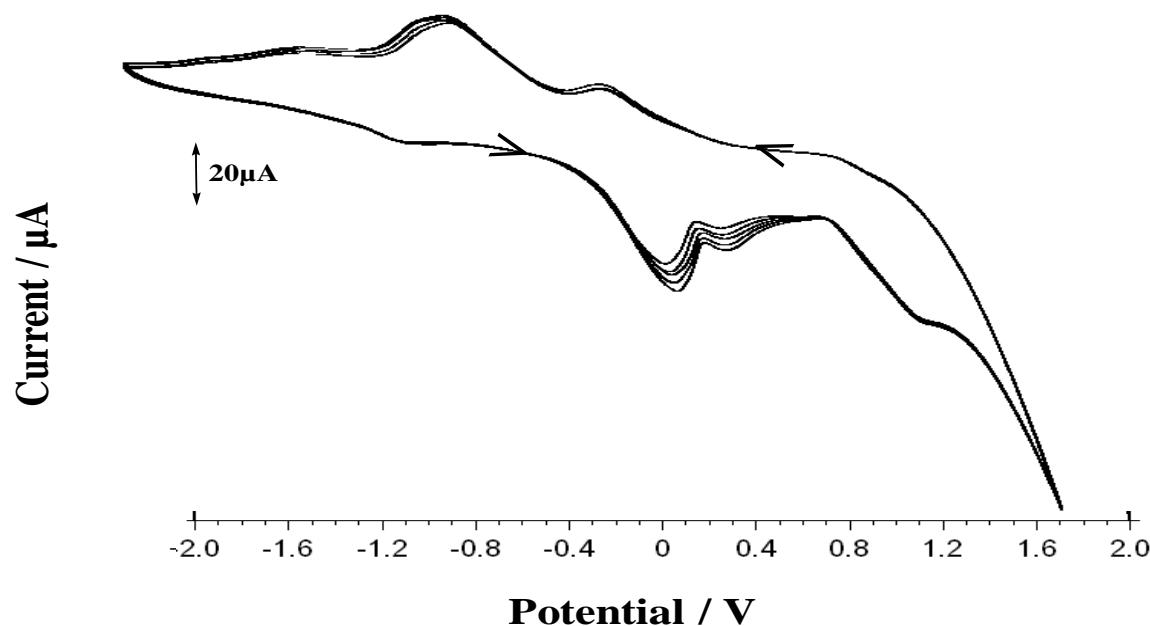
**Fig. S2.** Mass spectrum of the complex  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{L}^2)(\text{ClO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]$  (**2**) in DMSO solution.



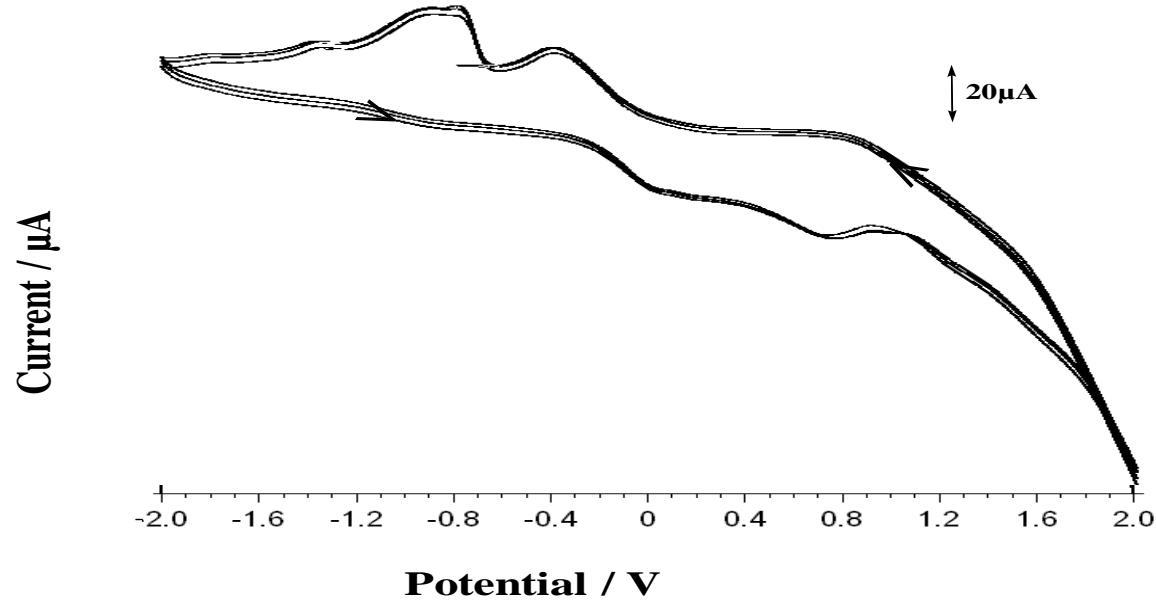
**Fig.S3.** EPR spectrum of the complex  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{L}^2)(\text{ClO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]$  (**2**) in DMSO glass at LNT ( $f = 9.1$  MHz)



**Fig.S4.** EPR spectrum of the complex  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{L}^3)(\text{ClO}_4)_2]$  (**3**) in DMSO glass at LNT ( $f = 9.1$  MHz)



**Fig. S5.** Cyclic Voltammetry of complex  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{L}^2)(\text{ClO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]$  (**2**) at 100 mV/s



**Fig. S6.** Cyclic Voltammetry of complex  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{L}^3)(\text{ClO}_4)_2]$  (**3**) at 100 mV/s