

## Supplementary Information

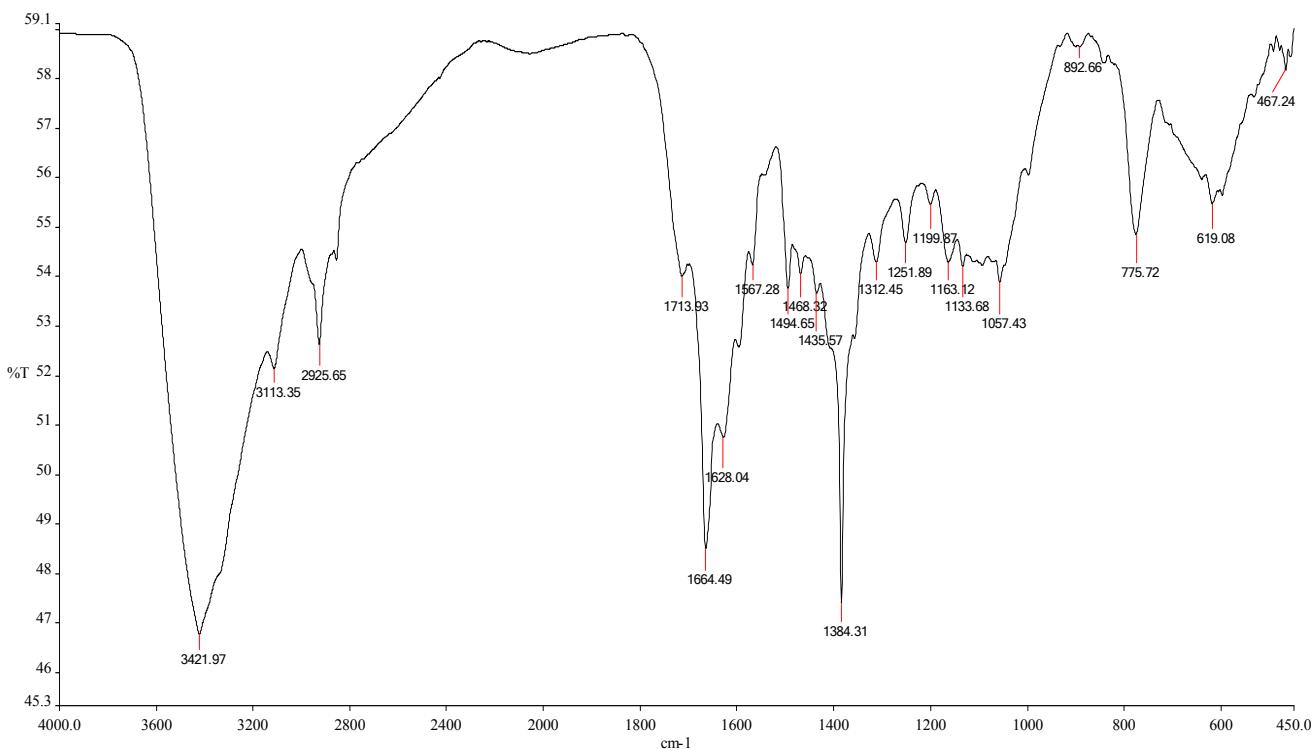
### **Exploring the catalytic activity of new water soluble dinuclear copper(II) complexes towards the glycoside hydrolysis**

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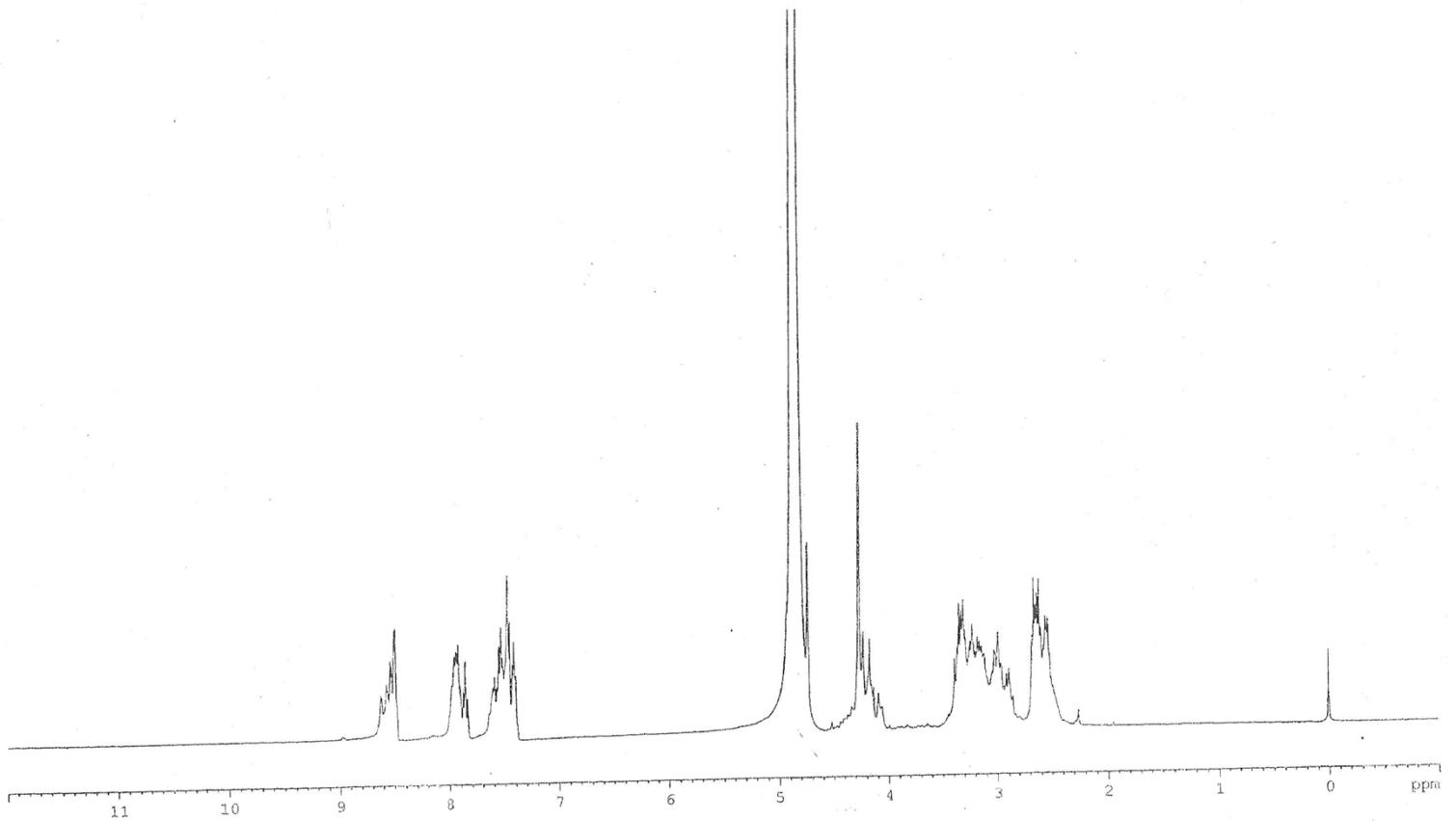
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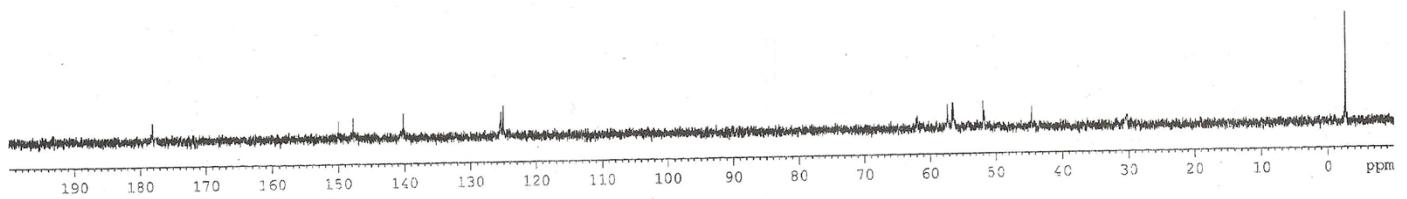
#### **Figures with captions**



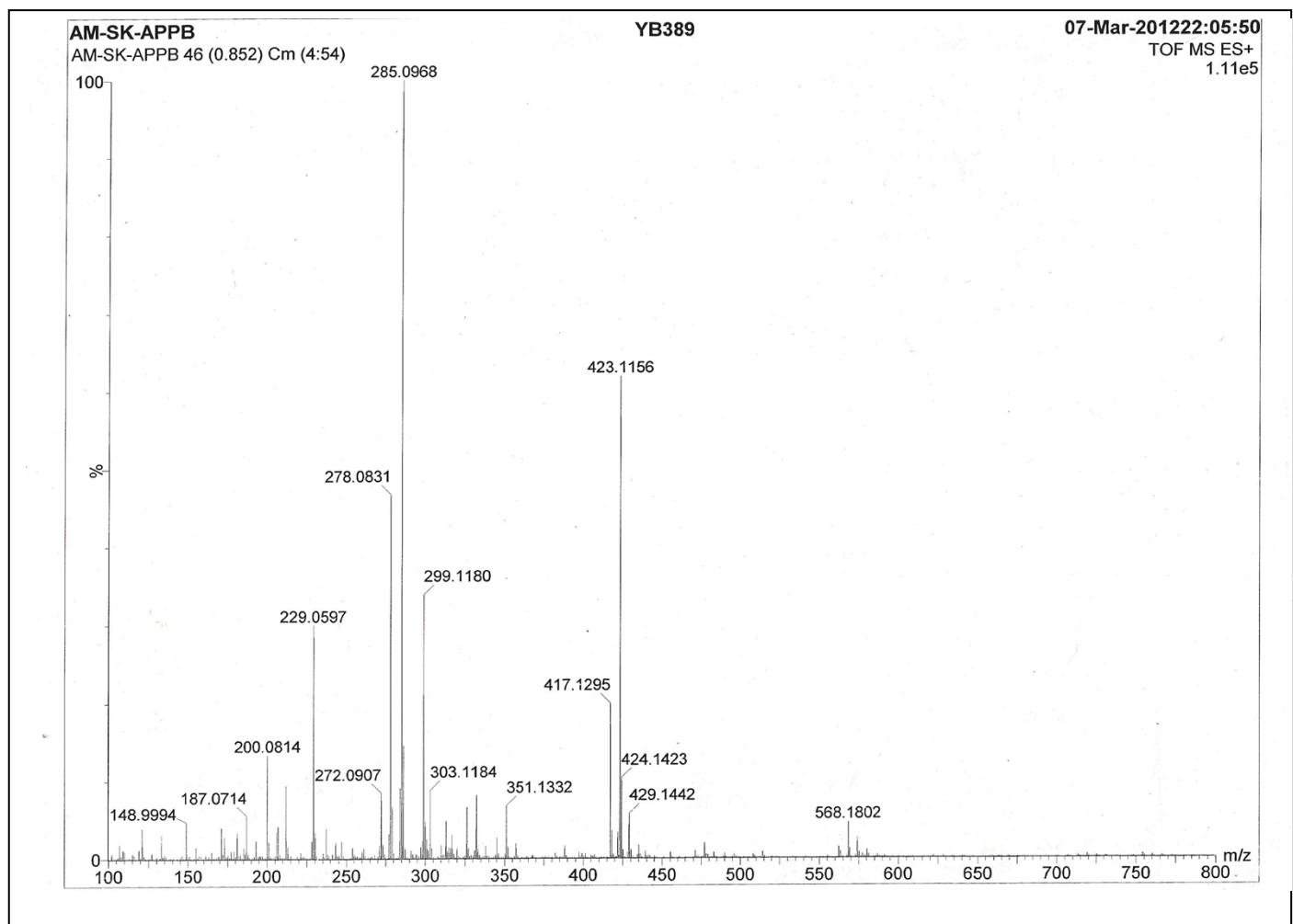
**Fig. S1** FTIR spectrum of the ligand  $\text{H}_3\text{phpda}$  in the region of  $4000\text{-}450 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .



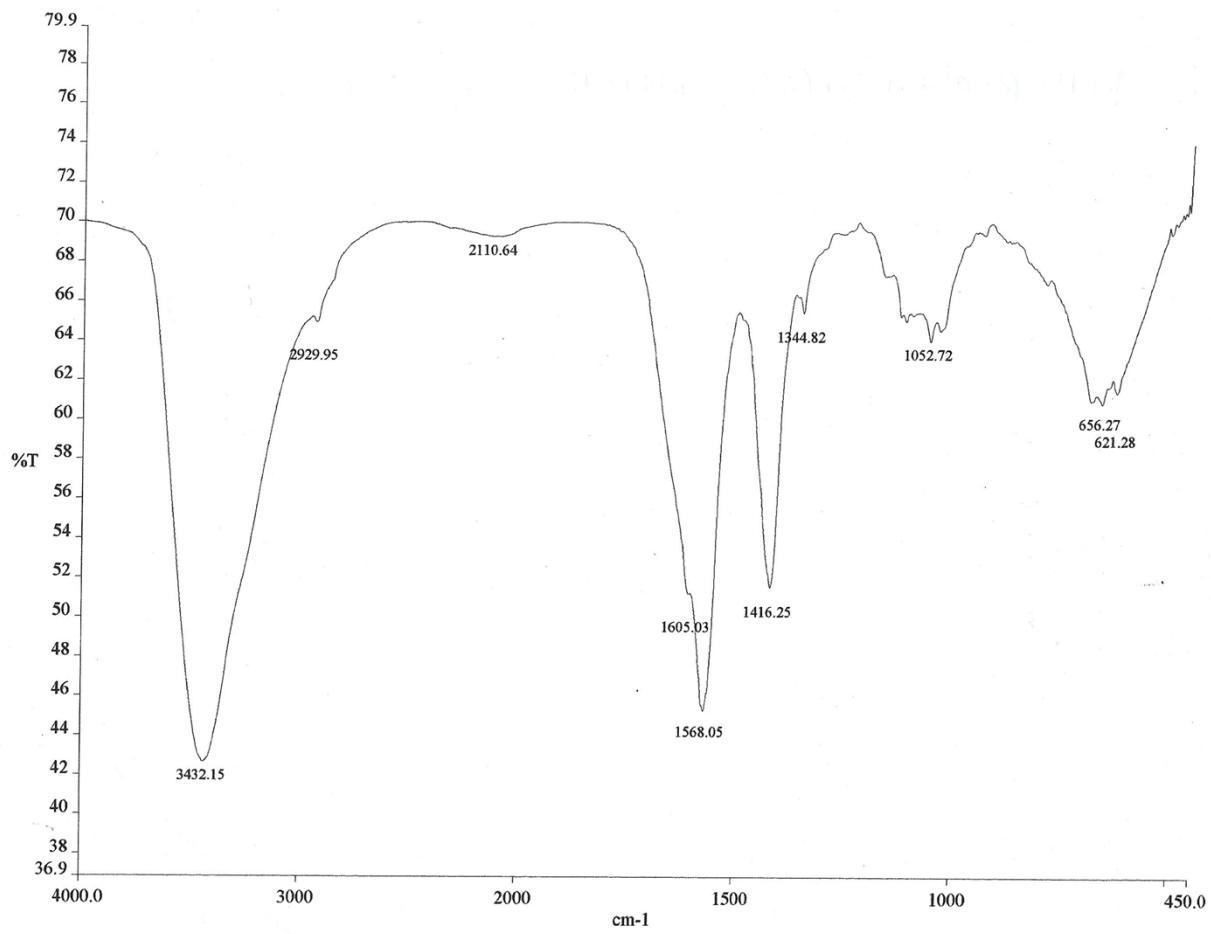
**Fig. S2** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the ligand H<sub>3</sub>phpda in D<sub>2</sub>O.



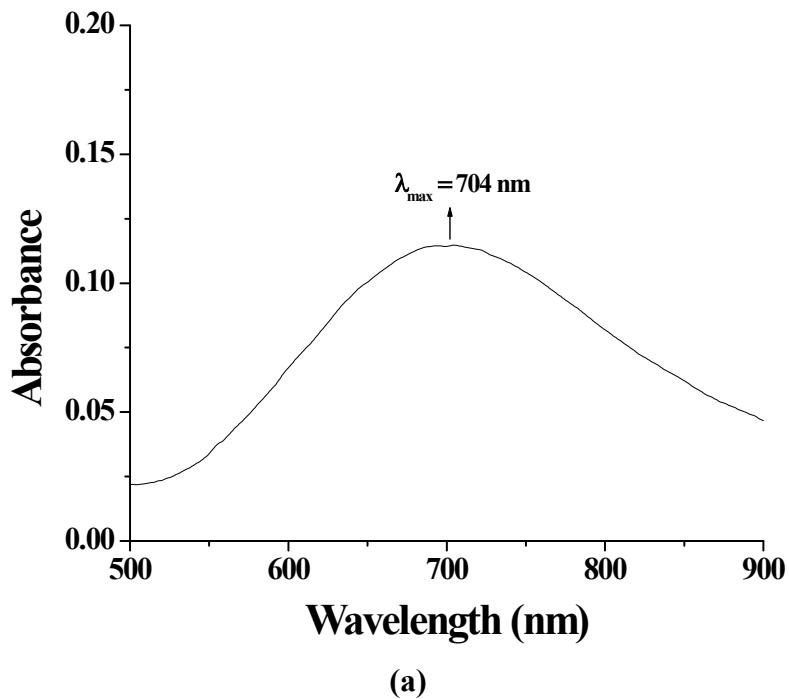
**Fig. S3** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of the ligand H<sub>3</sub>phpda in D<sub>2</sub>O.



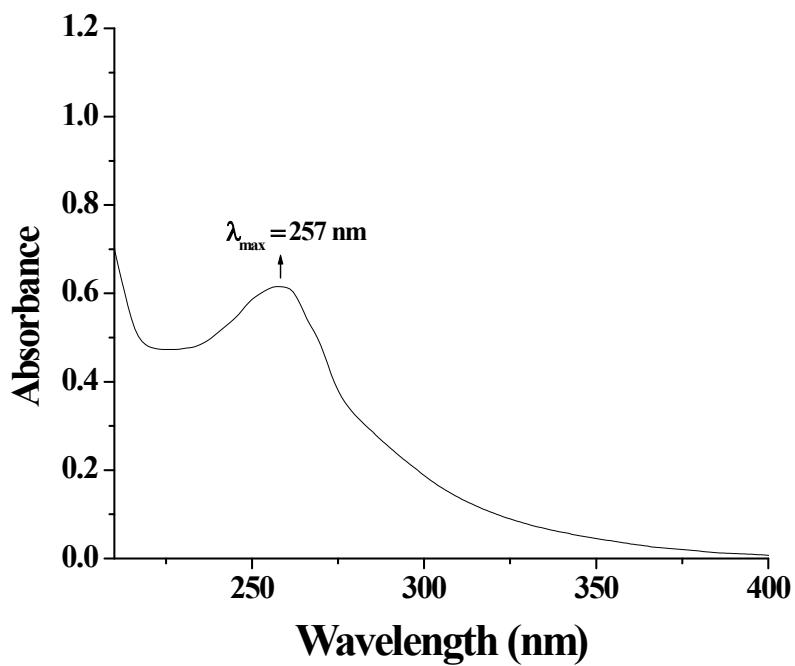
**Fig. S4** ESI mass spectrum (positive ion mode) of the ligand H<sub>3</sub>phpda in methanol solution.



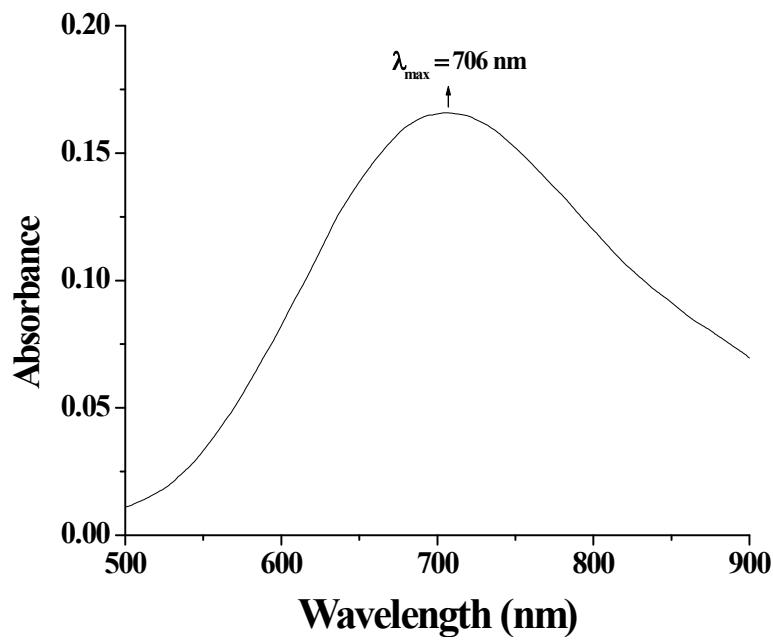
**Fig. S5** FTIR spectrum of complex **1** in the region of 4000-450  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



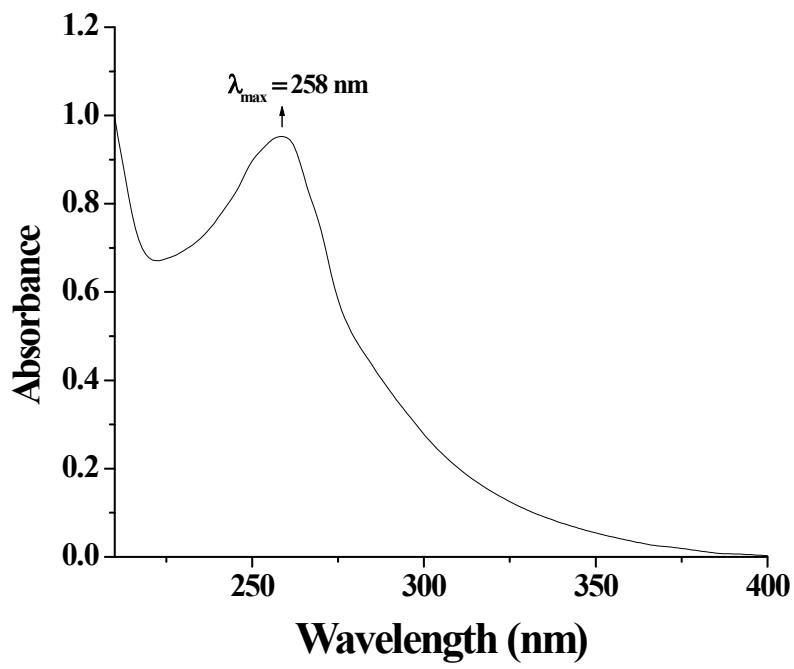
(a)



**Fig. S6** UV-vis spectra of complex **1** at (a)  $10^{-3}(\text{M})$  and (b)  $10^{-4}(\text{M})$  in aqueous solution at pH~7.2.

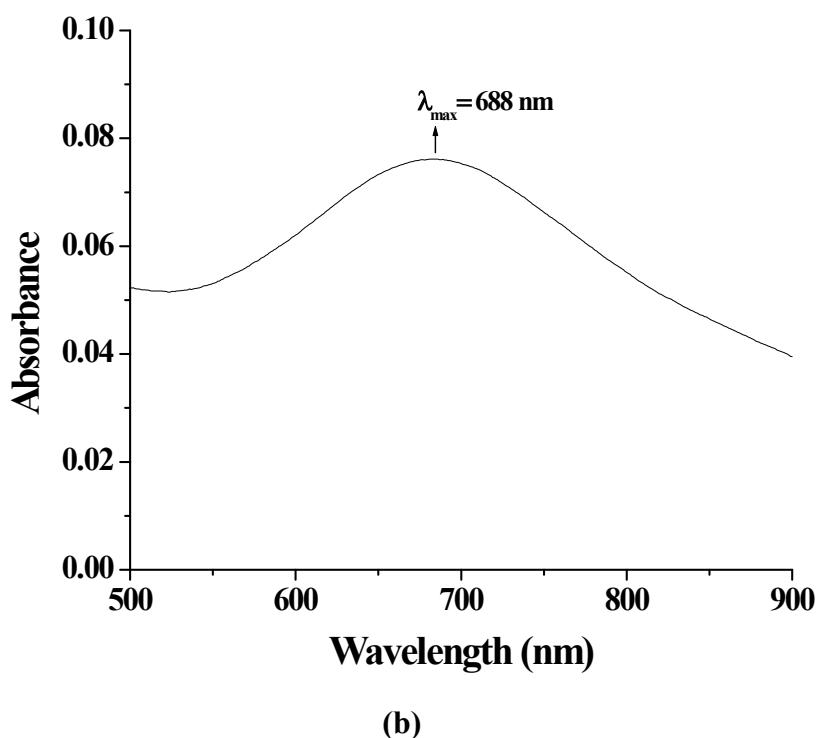
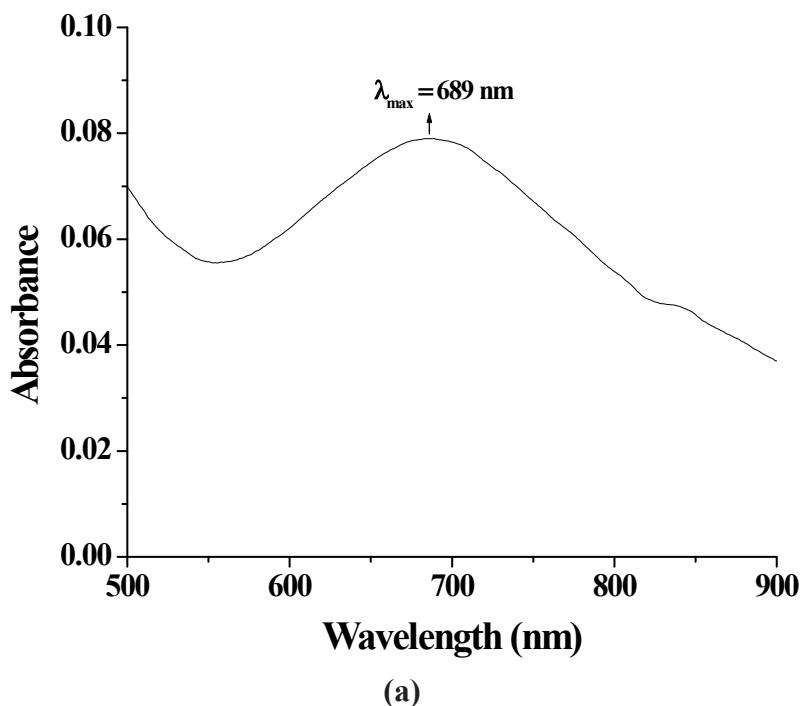


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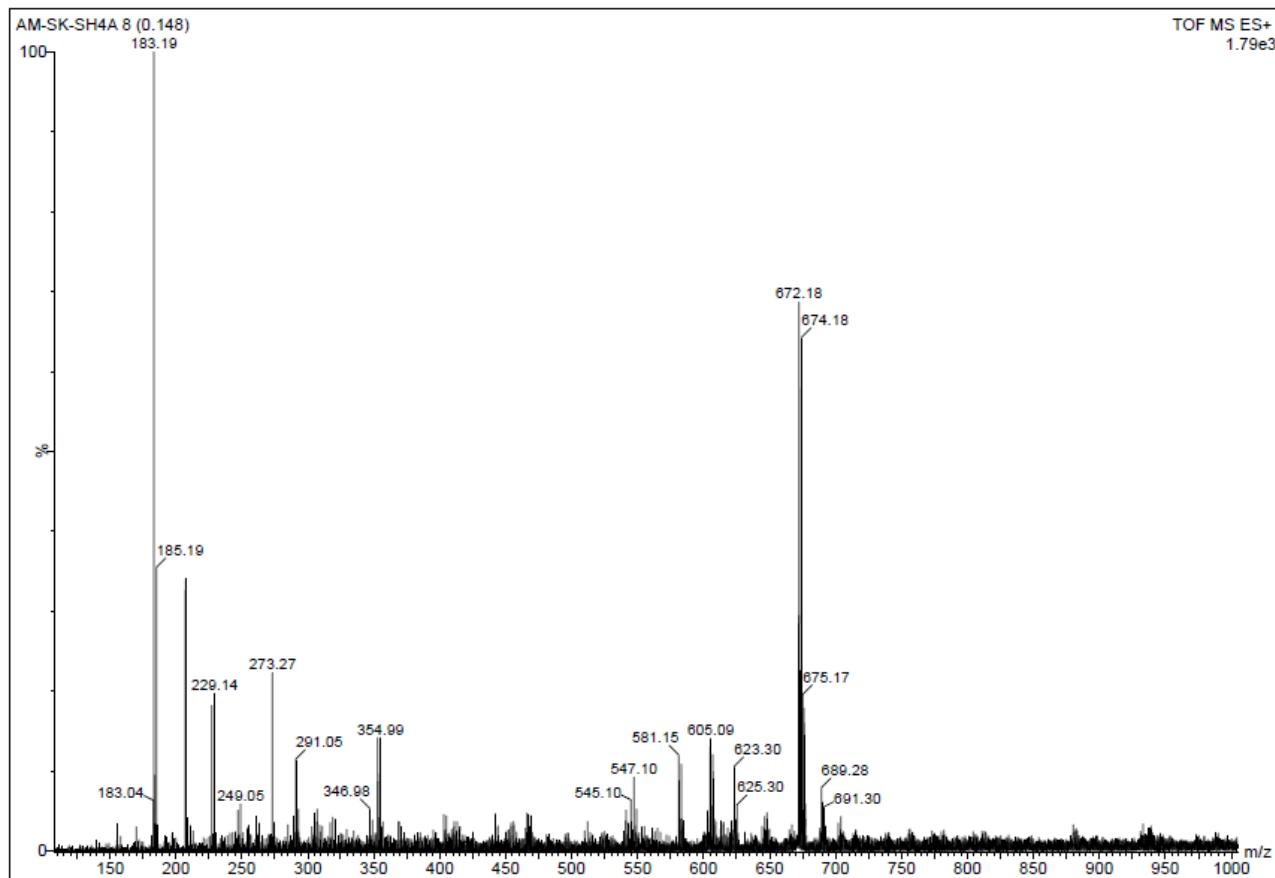


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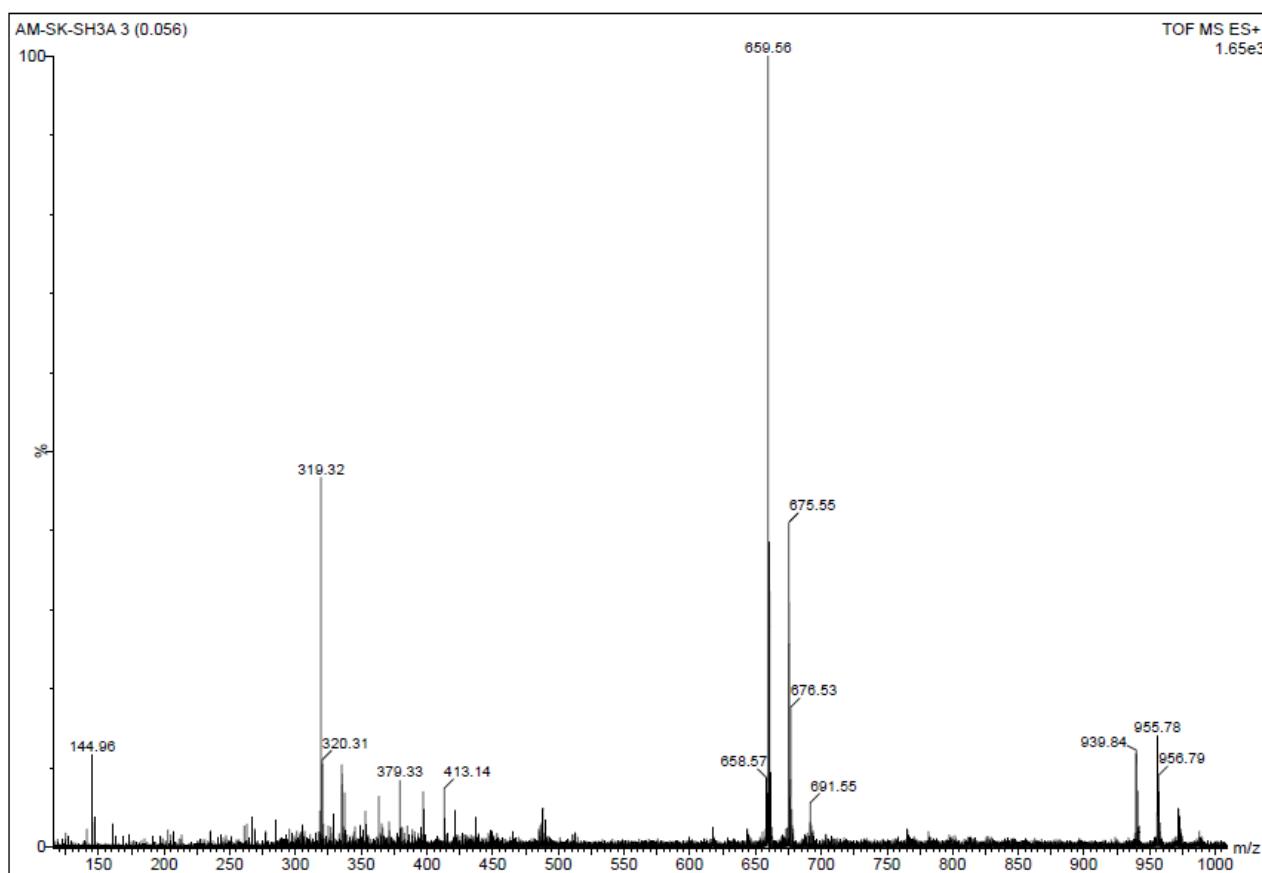
**Fig. S7** UV-vis spectra of complex **2** at (a)  $10^{-3}(\text{M})$  and (b)  $10^{-4}(\text{M})$  in aqueous solution at pH~7.2.



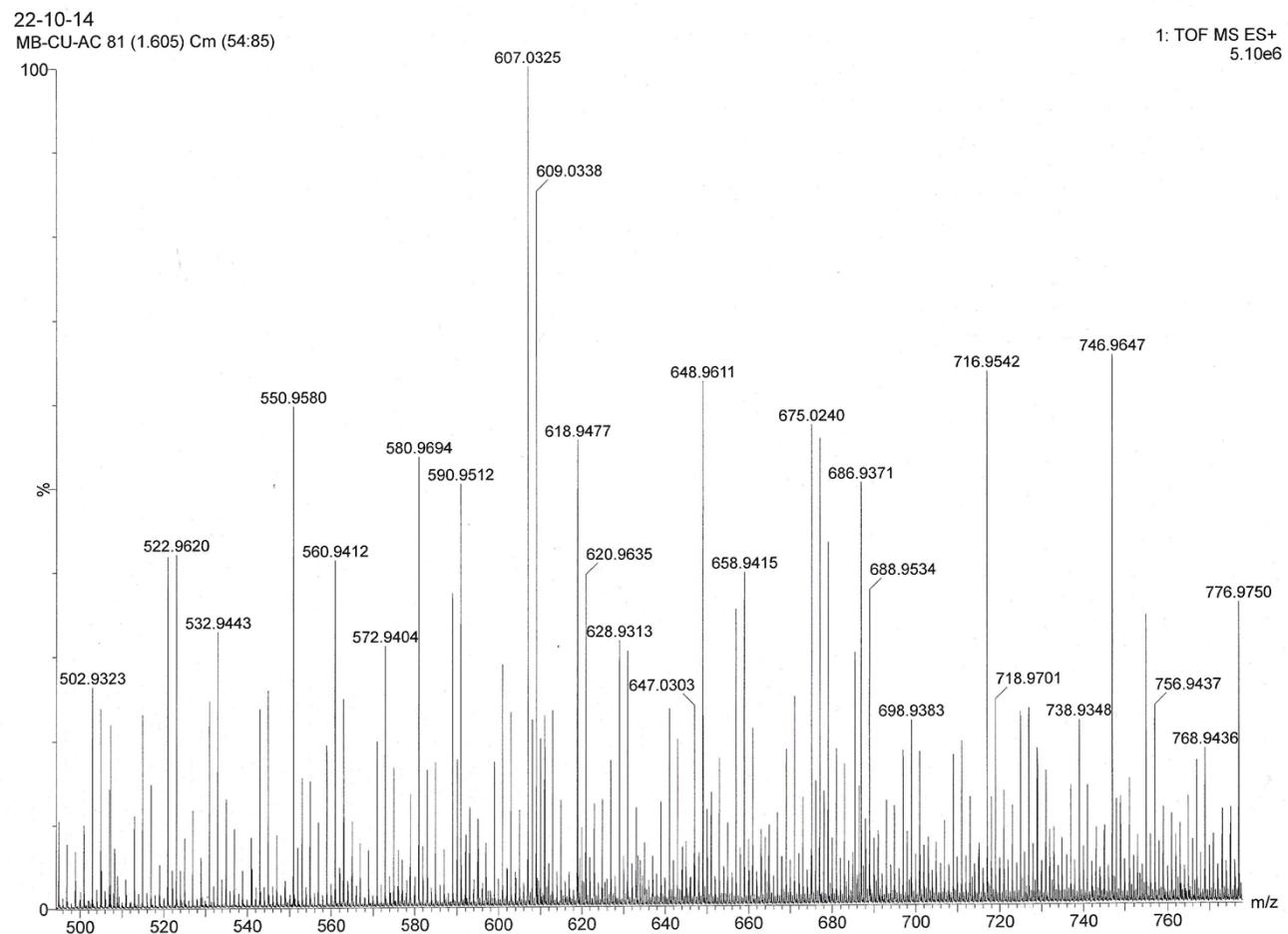
**Fig. S8** UV-vis spectra of (a) complex **1** at  $10^{-3}(\text{M})$  and (b) complex **2** at  $10^{-3}(\text{M})$  in aqueous solution at pH~10.5.



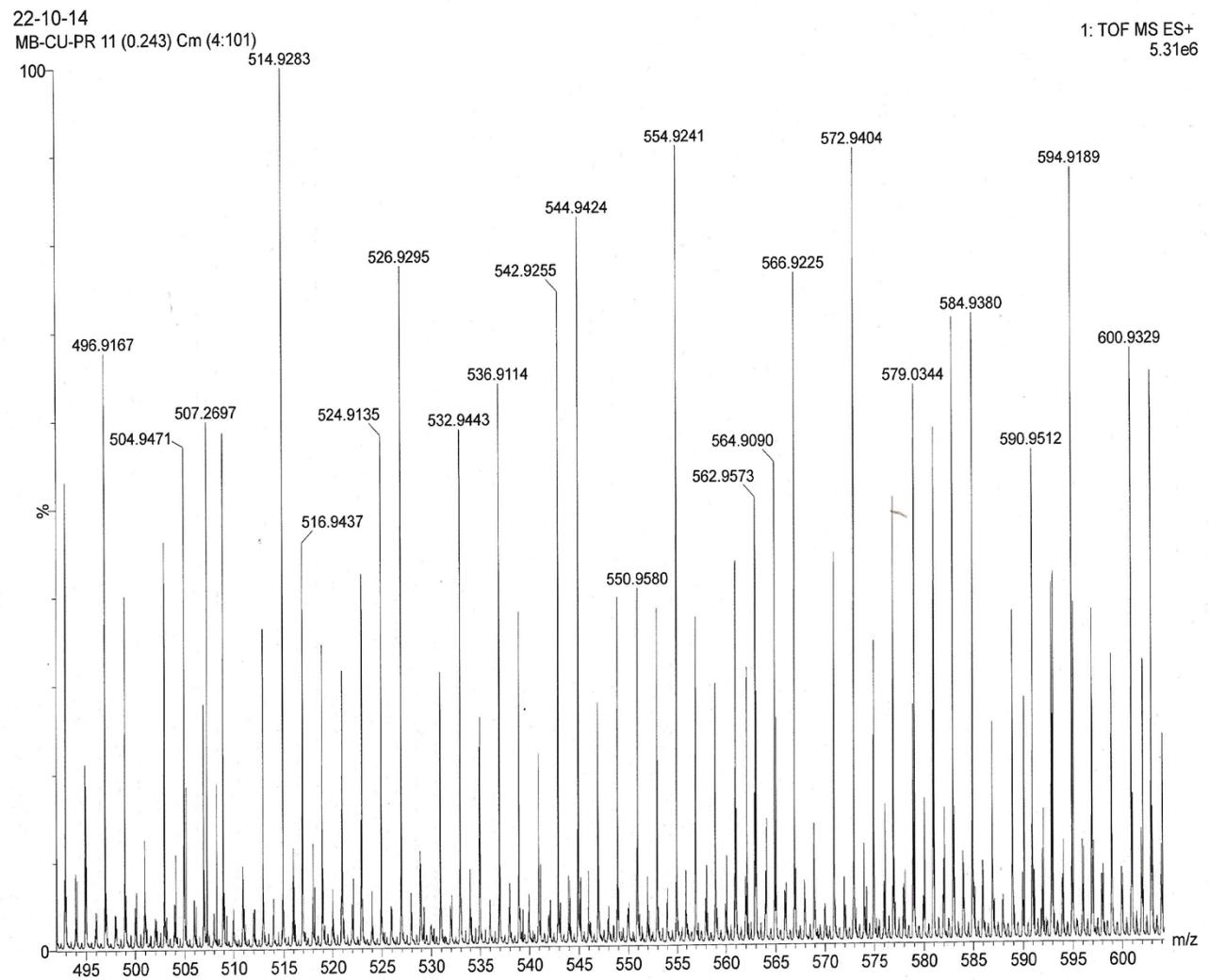
**Fig. S9** ESI mass spectrum (positive ion mode) of complex **1** in aqueous solution at pH~7.2.



**Fig. S10** ESI mass spectrum (positive ion mode) of complex **2** in aqueous solution at pH~7.2.



**Fig. S11** ESI mass spectrum (positive ion mode) of complex **1** in aqueous solution at pH~10.5.



**Fig. S12** ESI mass spectrum (positive ion mode) of complex **2** in aqueous solution at pH~10.5.