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**Interfacial effects of crystal surface through free quinolinyl groups on
crystal organization and catalysis**

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Table S1 Crystal refinement parameters for [CuCl₂L]₂, [CuBr₂L]₂, [HgCl₂L]₂, and [HgBr₂L]₂

| | [CuCl ₂ L] ₂ | [CuBr ₂ L] ₂ | [HgCl ₂ L] ₂ | [HgBr ₂ L] ₂ |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Formula | 1/2 C ₇₂ H ₄₂ Cl ₄ Cu ₂ N ₆ O ₁₂ | 1/2 C ₇₂ H ₄₂ Br ₄ Cu ₂ N ₆ O ₁₂ | 1/2 C ₇₂ H ₄₂ Cl ₄ Hg ₂ N ₆ O ₁₂ | 1/2 C ₇₂ H ₄₂ Br ₄ Hg ₂ N ₆ O ₁₂ |
| <i>M_w</i> | 726.00 | 814.92 | 863.05 | 951.97 |
| Crystal system | Orthorhombic | Orthorhombic | Orthorhombic | Orthorhombic |
| Space group | <i>Cmca</i> | <i>Cmca</i> | <i>Cmca</i> | <i>Cmca</i> |
| <i>a</i> [Å] | 26.648(3) | 26.8621(2) | 26.7895(7) | 26.8929(9) |
| <i>b</i> [Å] | 14.3871(1) | 14.5732(8) | 14.5479(4) | 14.6597(4) |
| <i>c</i> [Å] | 15.1191(1) | 15.1408(7) | 15.1124(5) | 15.0879(4) |
| <i>V</i> [Å ³] | 5796.6(8) | 5927.1(6) | 5889.8(3) | 5948.3(3) |
| <i>Z</i> | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| ρ [g cm ⁻³] | 1.664 | 1.826 | 1.947 | 2.126 |
| μ [mm ⁻¹] | 0.996 | 3.491 | 5.465 | 7.919 |
| F(000) | 2952 | 3240 | 3360 | 3648 |
| Index ranges | -32 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 32 -17 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 17 -18 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 18 | -33 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 32 -17 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 17 -18 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 18 | -33 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 33 -18 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 18 -18 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 18 | -33 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 33 -18 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 17 -18 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 18 |
| Completeness | 100.0% ($\theta = 25.99^\circ$) | 100.0% ($\theta = 25.99^\circ$) | 100.0% ($\theta = 26.49^\circ$) | 100.0% ($\theta = 26.50^\circ$) |
| <i>R</i> _{int} | 0.1597 | 0.1261 | 0.0531 | 0.0981 |
| Goodness-of-fit | 2.242 | 2.353 | 2.433 | 1.986 |
| <i>R</i> ₁ [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)] ^a | 0.2272 | 0.2047 | 0.1679 | 0.1384 |
| <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data) ^b | 0.5743 | 0.5770 | 0.5272 | 0.4686 |

^a $R_1 = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}$, ^b $wR_2 = \left(\frac{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]}{\sum [w(F_o^2)^2]} \right)^{1/2}$

Table S2 Selected bond lengths and [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$] for $[\text{CuCl}_2\text{L}]_2$, $[\text{CuBr}_2\text{L}]_2$, $[\text{HgCl}_2\text{L}]_2$, and $[\text{HgBr}_2\text{L}]_2$

| $[\text{CuCl}_2\text{L}]_2$ | | $[\text{CuBr}_2\text{L}]_2$ | |
|---|------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Cu(1)–N(1) | 2.120(1) | Cu(1)–N(1) | 2.117(2) |
| Cu(1)–N(1) ^{#1} | 2.120(1) | Cu(1)–N(1) ^{#3} | 2.117(2) |
| Cu(1)–Cl(1) | 2.224(5) | Cu(1)–Br(1) | 2.381(3) |
| Cu(1)–Cl(1) ^{#1} | 2.224(5) | Cu(1)–Br(1) ^{#3} | 2.381(3) |
| Cu(1)⋯Cu(1) ^{#2} | 17.9791(2) | Cu(1)⋯Cu(1) ^{#4} | 17.9807(1) |
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| N(1)–Cu(1)–N(1) ^{#1} | 151.5(7) | N(1)–Cu(1)–N(1) ^{#3} | 155.3(1) |
| Cl(1)–Cu(1)–Cl(1) ^{#1} | 151.7(3) | Br(1)–Cu(1)–Br(1) ^{#3} | 147.2(2) |
| N(1)–Cu(1)–Cl(1) | 95.0(3) | N(1)–Cu(1)–Br(1) | 97.0(4) |
| N(1)–Cu(1)–Cl(1) ^{#1} | 91.9(4) | N(1) ^{#3} –Cu(1)–Br(1) | 89.9(5) |
| N(1) ^{#1} –Cu(1)–Cl(1) ^{#1} | 95.0(4) | N(1)–Cu(1)–Br(1) ^{#3} | 89.9(5) |
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| $[\text{HgCl}_2\text{L}]_2$ | | $[\text{HgBr}_2\text{L}]_2$ | |
| Hg(1)–N(1) | 2.529(1) | Hg(1)–N(1) | 2.531(1) |
| Hg(1)–N(1) ^{#5} | 2.529(1) | Hg(1)–N(1) ^{#7} | 2.531(1) |
| Hg(1)–Cl(1) | 2.368(6) | Hg(1)–Br(1) | 2.481(3) |
| Hg(1)–Cl(1) ^{#5} | 2.368(6) | Hg(1)–Br(1) ^{#7} | 2.481(3) |
| Hg(1)⋯Hg(1) ^{#6} | 19.3120(5) | Hg(1)⋯Hg(1) ^{#8} | 19.3374(6) |
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| N(1)–Hg(1)–N(1) ^{#5} | 128.7(7) | N(1)–Hg(1)–N(1) ^{#7} | 125.4(6) |
| Cl(1)–Hg(1)–Cl(1) ^{#5} | 167.9(3) | Br(1)–Hg(1)–Br(1) ^{#7} | 166.26(2) |
| N(1)–Hg(1)–Cl(1) ^{#5} | 90.8(3) | N(1)–Hg(1)–Br(1) | 94.5(3) |
| N(1) ^{#5} –Hg(1)–Cl(1) | 90.8(3) | N(1) ^{#7} –Hg(1)–Br(1) | 91.8(3) |
| N(1) ^{#5} –Hg(1)–Cl(1) ^{#5} | 94.5(3) | N(1)–Hg(1)–Br(1) ^{#7} | 91.8(3) |

^{#1} $x, -y, -z+2$, ^{#2} $-x, -y, 2-z$, ^{#3} $x, -y, -z+1$, ^{#4} $-x, -y, 1-z$, ^{#5} $x, -y+2, -z+1$, ^{#6} $-x, 2-y, 1-z$, ^{#7} $x, -y+1, -z+2$, ^{#8} $-x, 1-y, 2-z$

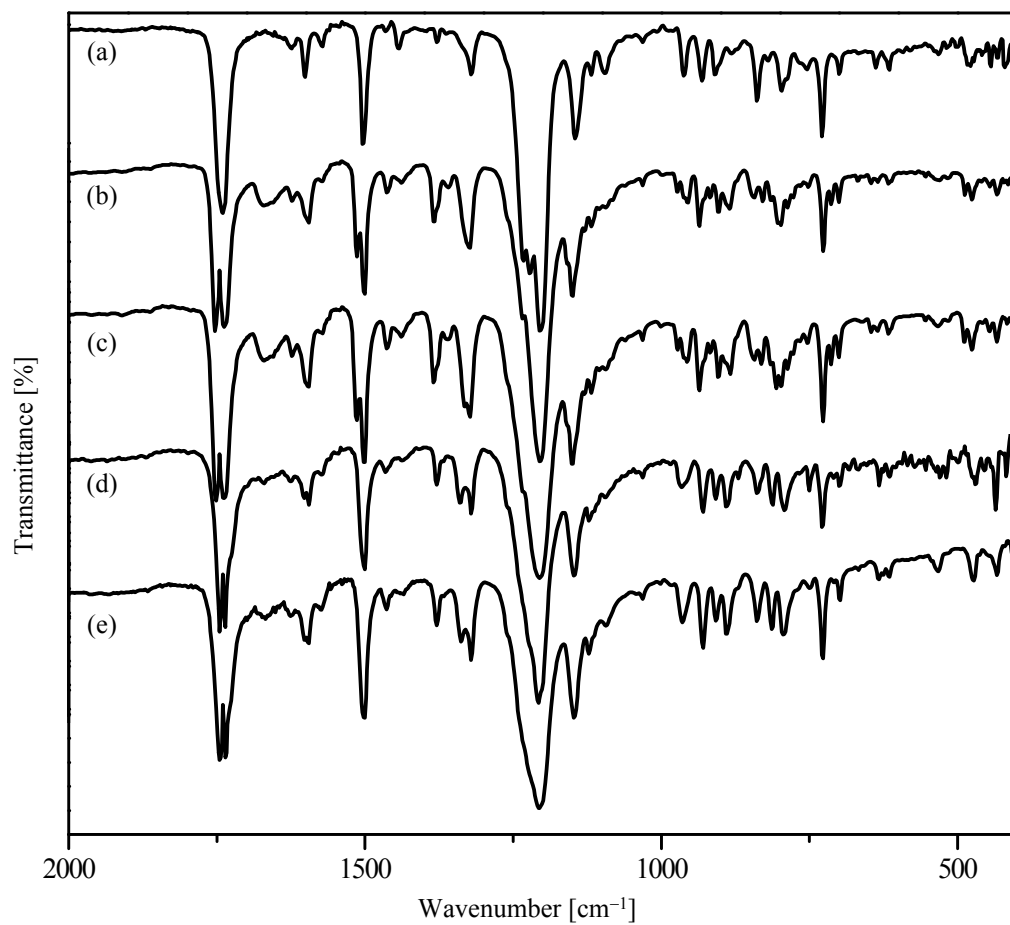


Fig. S1 IR spectra of L (a), $[\text{CuCl}_2\text{L}]_2$ (b), $[\text{CuBr}_2\text{L}]_2$ (c), $[\text{HgCl}_2\text{L}]_2$ (d), and $[\text{HgBr}_2\text{L}]_2$ (e).

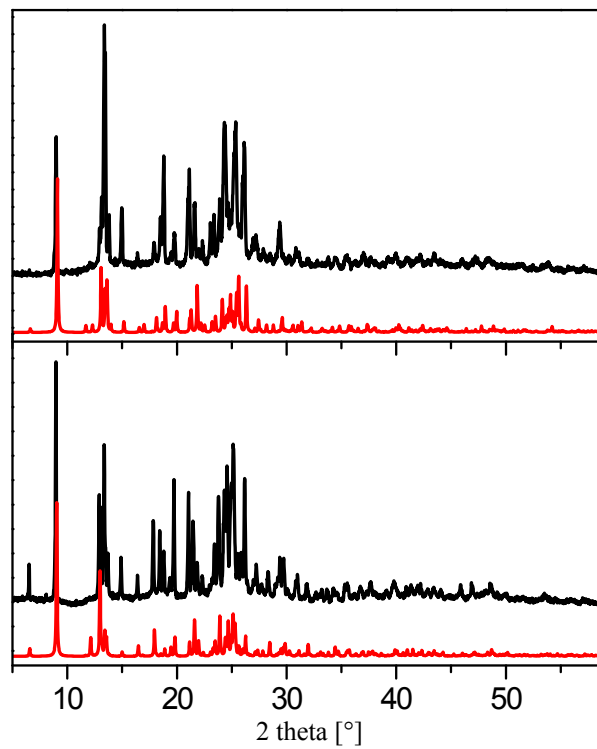


Fig. S2 Powder XRD patterns (black lines) for $[\text{CuCl}_2\text{L}]_2$ (a) and $[\text{CuBr}_2\text{L}]_2$ (b) along with the simulated pattern (red line) from single-crystal X-ray diffraction data.

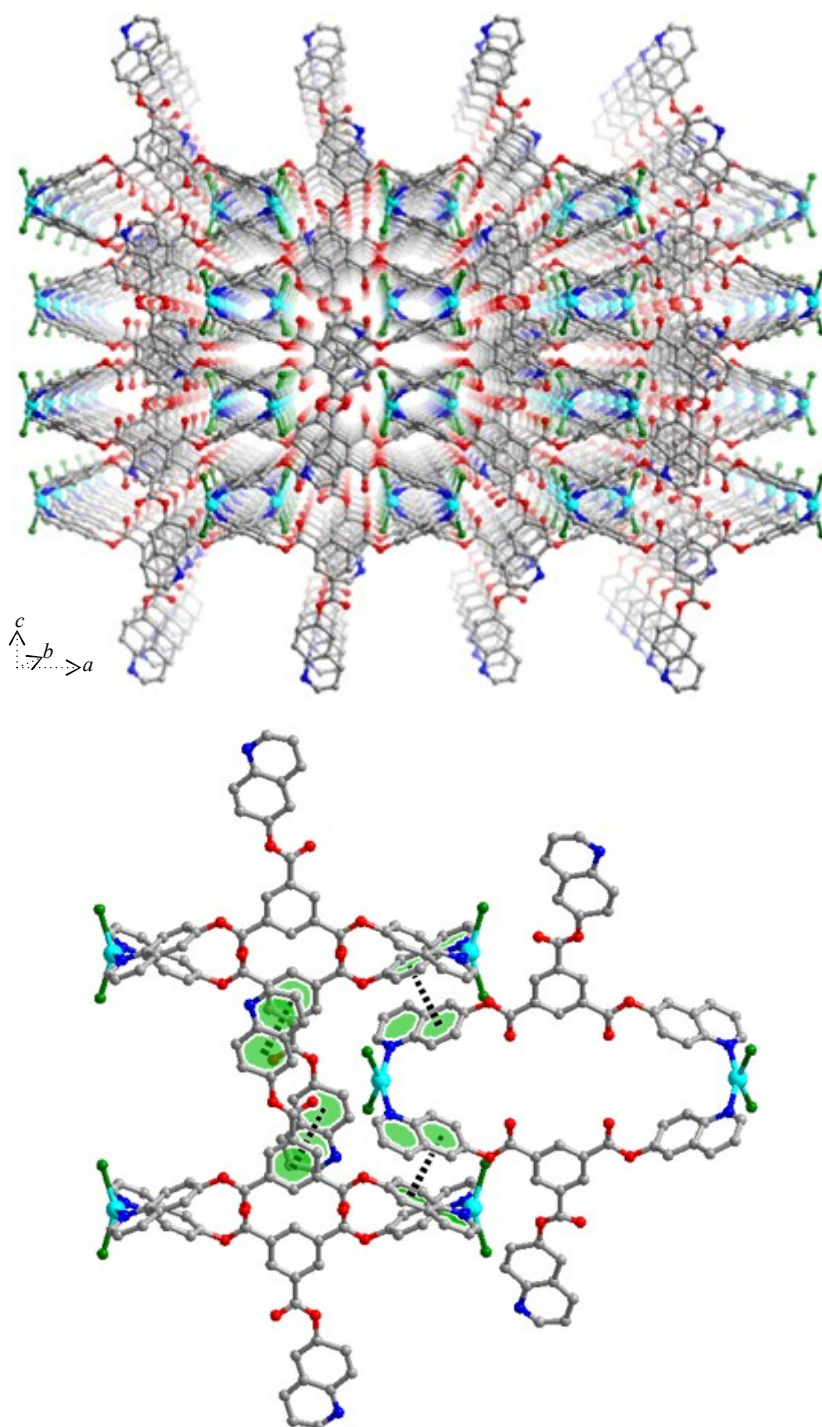


Fig. S3 Top: Crystal structure of $[\text{CuCl}_2\text{L}]_2$ showing packing diagram (top) and $\pi \cdots \pi$ interactions between the adjacent quinolinyl groups and between quinolinyl and central phenyl group in the solid state (bottom).

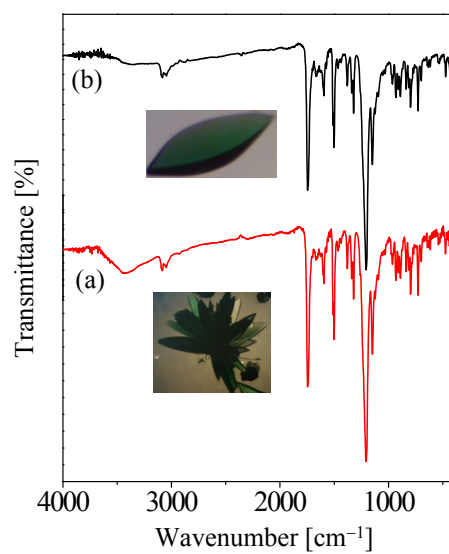


Fig. S4 IR spectra of $[\text{CuCl}_2\text{L}]_2$ aggregates (a) representing the existence of water molecules in contrast to single crystal (b).

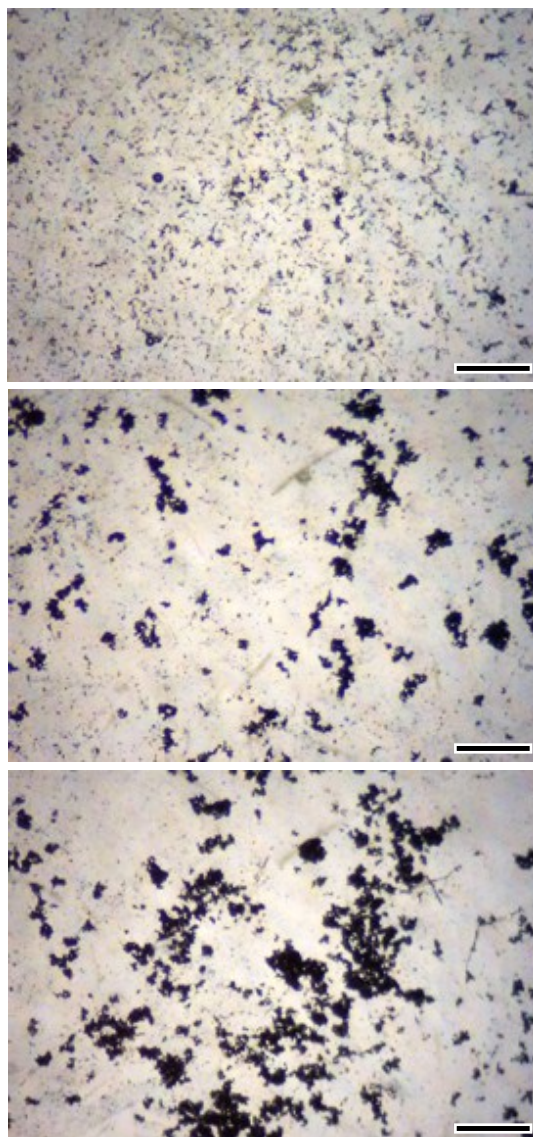


Fig. S5 Optical microscopic images showing self-aggregation of $[\text{HgCl}_2\text{L}]_2$ microcrystals in an aqueous solution: top, initial state; middle, after 12 h; bottom, after 1 day. Bar = 600 μm .

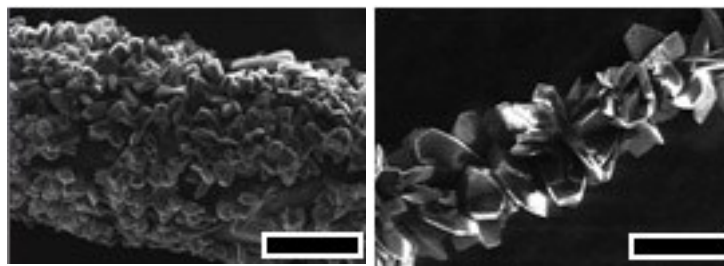


Fig. S6 SEM images of [CuX₂L]₂@cotton (left) and [CuX₂L]₂@glass (right) showing crystal growth in the presence of glass-fiber and cotton-thread, respectively.

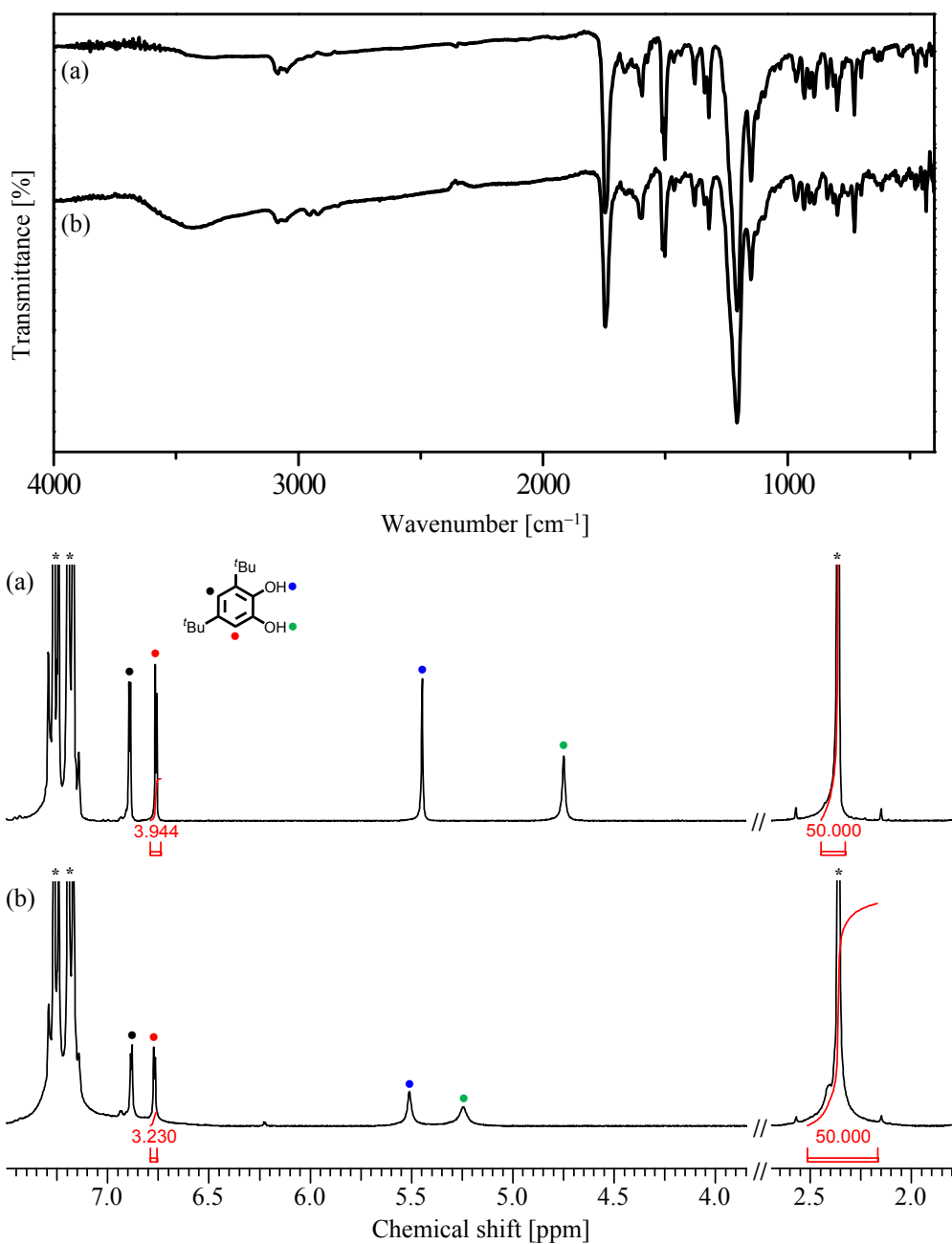


Fig. S7 Top: IR spectra of $[\text{CuCl}_2\text{L}]_2$ crystals before (a) and after (b) adsorption of 3,5-DBCat on the surface. 73 mg of $[\text{CuCl}_2\text{L}]_2$ crystals were immersed in a CDCl_3 solution of 3,5-DBCat at $-15\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 6 h. Bottom: ^1H NMR spectra of the CDCl_3 solution before (a) and after (b) adsorption. Asterisks denote the resonances corresponding to toluene used as an internal reference.

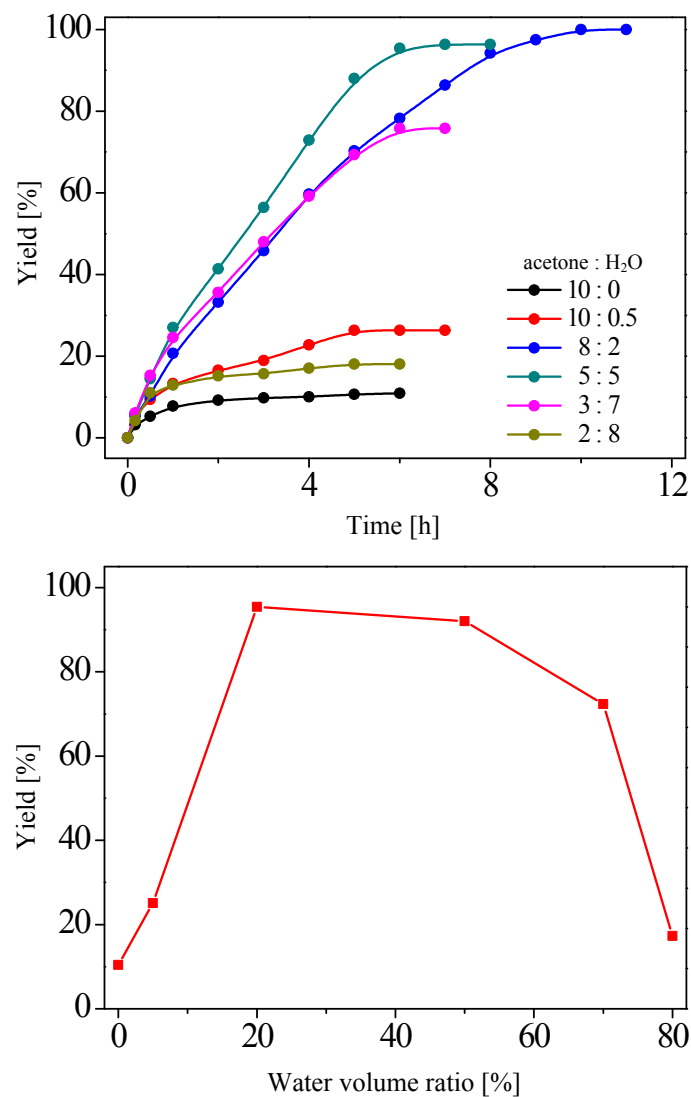


Fig. S8 Top: plot showing catalytic oxidation yields of 3,5-DBCat as a function of time using [CuCl₂L]₂ in a various mixture of acetone and water at 50 °C. Bottom: the final oxidation yield of 3,5-DBCat as a function of water volume ratio.

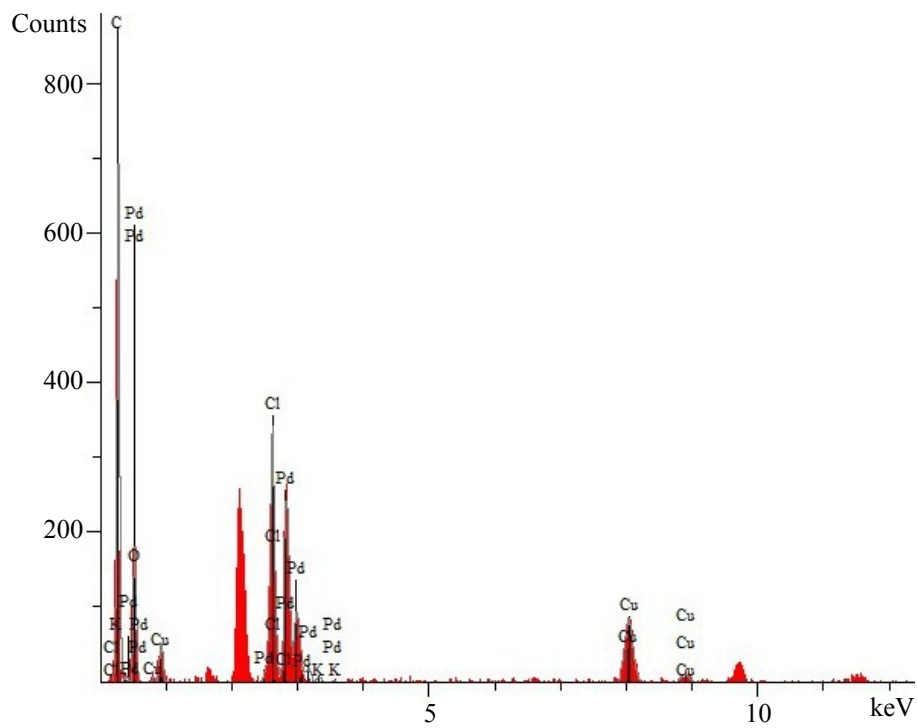


Fig. S9 SEM-EDX data for PdCl₂@[CuCl₂L]₂.