Supporting information

for

Copper(II) mediated phenol ring nitration by nitrogen dioxide

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Figure S1: FT-IR spectrum of ligand L^1H_2 in KBr pellet.



Figure S2: ¹H-NMR spectrum of ligand L^1H_2 in CDCl₃.



Figure S3: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of ligand L¹H₂ in CDCl₃.



Figure S4: ESI mass spectrum of ligand L^1H_2 in methanol.



Figure S5: FT-IR spectrum of complex 1 in KBr pellet.



Figure S6: UV-visible spectrum of complex 1 in methanol.



Figure S7: X-Band EPR spectrum of complex 1 in THF at 77 K.



Figure S8: ORTEP diagram of complex **1** (50% thermal ellipsoid plot, hydrogen atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity).

Table S1: Crystallographic table for complex 1.

	Complex 1	
Formulae	C ₃₉ H ₅₇ N ₂ O ₅ Cu	
Mol. wt.	697.41	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P21/n	
Temperature /K	296(2)	
Wavelength /Å	0.71073	
a /Å	26.8261(11)	
b /Å	10.7728(4)	
c /Å	27.9227(17)	
α/°	90.00	
β/°	96.304(4)	
V/°	90.00	
V/ Å ³	8020.6(7)	
Ζ	8	
Density/Mgm ⁻³	1.155	
Abs. co-eff. /mm ⁻¹	0.585	
Abs. correction	multi-scan	
F(000)	2992	
Total no. of reflections	18185	
Reflections, $I > 2\sigma(I)$	7961	
Max. 20/°	28.75	
Ranges (h, k, l)	-34≤h ≤35	
	-14≤ k ≤13	
	$-37 \le 1 \le 33$	
Complete to 2θ (%)	87.2	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-	
	squares on F ²	
$Goof(F^2)$	1.270	
R indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.1204	
R indices (all data)	0.2014	

 Table S2:
 Selected bond angles (°) for complex 1.

Atoms	Angles (°)	Atoms	Angles (°)
N1 - Cu1 - N2	83.7(2)	O2 - Cu1 - O3	95.1(2)
N1 - Cu1 - O1	162.8(2)	Cu1 - N1 - C5	115.3(4)
N1 - Cu1 - O2	90.9(2)	Cu1 - N1 - C1	126.3(5)

N1 - Cu1 - O3	93.8(2)	Cu1 - N2 - C7	107.8(4)
N2 - Cu1 - O1	94.5(2)	Cu1 - N2 - C22	111.8(4)
N2 - Cu1 - O2	86.7(2)	Cu1 - O1 - C13	127.9(4)
N2 - Cu1 - O3	177.0(2)	Cu1 - O3 - C37	126.3(5)
O1 - Cu1 - O2	106.1(2)	Cu1 - N2 - C6	106.8(4)
O1 - Cu1 - O3	87.4(2)	-	-

 Table S3: Selected bond distances (Å) for complex 1 and 5.

Atoms	Distances (Å)	Atoms	Distances (Å)
Cu1 - N1	1.993(5)	O3 - C37	1.25(1)
Cu1 - N2	2.047(4)	N1 - C1	1.340(9)
Cu1 - O1	1.900(4)	N2 - C7	1.498(8)
Cu1 - O2	2.404(5)	N2 - C6	1.485(8)
Cu1 - O3	1.959(4)	N2 - C22	1.47(1)
N1 - C5	1.342(8)	O1 - C13	1.335(8)
C8 - C7	1.506(9)	O2 - C28	1.348(9)



Figure S9: X-Band EPR spectrum of complex **1** (black trace), phenoxyl radical intermediate (blue trace) and complex **3** (red trace) in THF at 77 K.



Figure S10: FT-IR spectrum of complex 3 in KBr pellet.



Figure S11: UV-visible spectrum of complex 3 in methanol at room temperature.



Figure S12: X-Band EPR spectrum of complex 5 in methanol at room temperature.



Figure S13: FT-IR spectrum of ligand L^2H_2 in KBr pellet.



Figure S14: ¹H-NMR spectrum of ligand L²H₂ in CDCl₃.



Figure S15: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of ligand L²H₂ in CDCl₃.



Figure S16: ESI mass spectrum of ligand L^2H_2 in methanol.



Figure S17: FT-IR spectrum of complex 2 in KBr pellet.



Figure S18: UV-visible spectra of complex 2 in different solvents.



Figure S19: X-Band EPR spectrum of complex 2 in THF at 77 K.



Figure S20: X-Band EPR spectrum of complex **2** (black trace) and phenoxyl radical intermediate (blue trace) in THF at 77 K.



Figure S21: X-Band EPR spectrum of complex **2** (black trace), phenoxyl radical intermediate (blue trace) and complex **4** (red trace) in THF at 77 K.



Figure S22: UV-visible spectra of complex **2** (red trace), phenoxyl radical (black traces) and final decomposition product (violet trace) in THF at -80 °C.



Figure S23: FT-IR spectrum of complex 4 in KBr pellet.



Figure S24: UV-visible spectrum of complex 4 in methanol at room temperature.



Figure S25: X-Band EPR spectrum of complex 4 in methanol at room temperature.



Figure S26: ESI mass spectrum of complex 4 in methanol.



Figure S27: UV-visible spectra of NO₂ purged in THF at -80 °C at various time after purging.



Figure S28: ESI-Mass of $(CH_3)_3NO_2$ from the reaction of complex 1 with NO_2 .



Figure S29: ESI-Mass of $(CH_3)_3NO_2$ from the reaction of complex 2 with NO_2 .