

Supporting Information

Mapping the working route of phosphate monoester hydrolysis catalyzed by copper based models with special emphasis on the role of oxoanions by experimental and theoretical studies

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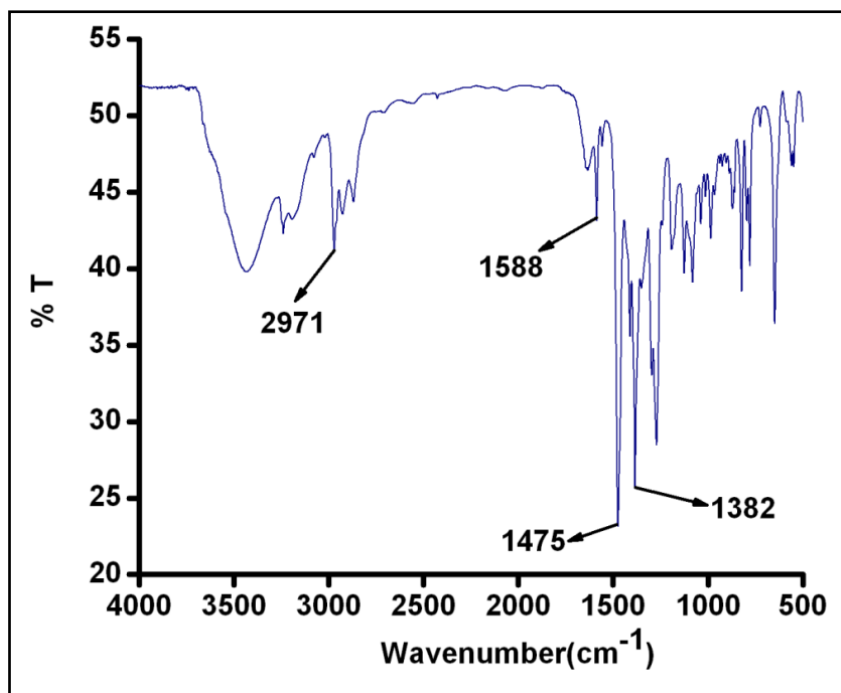


Fig. S1 FT-IR spectrum of complex 2.

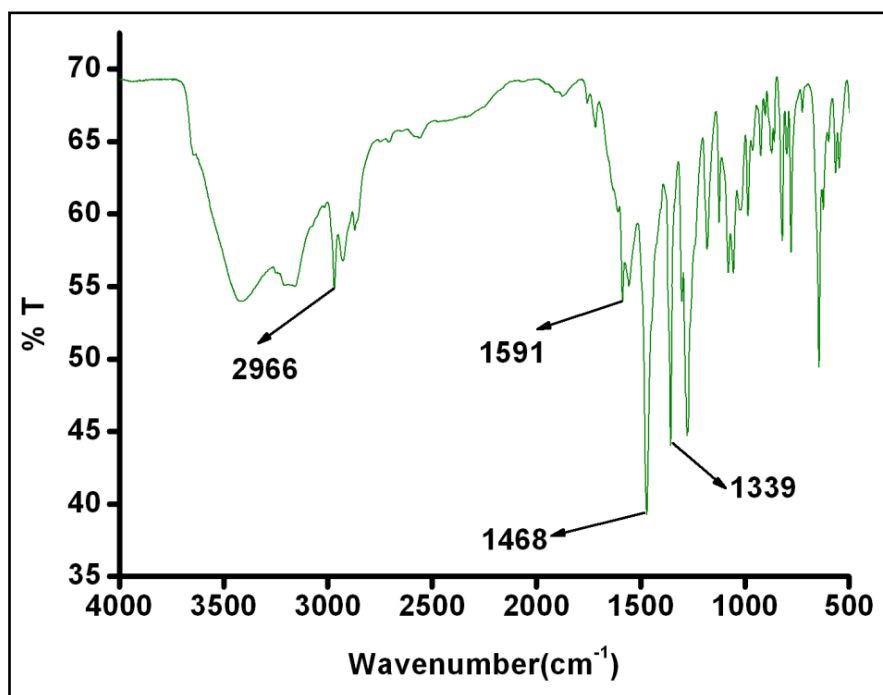


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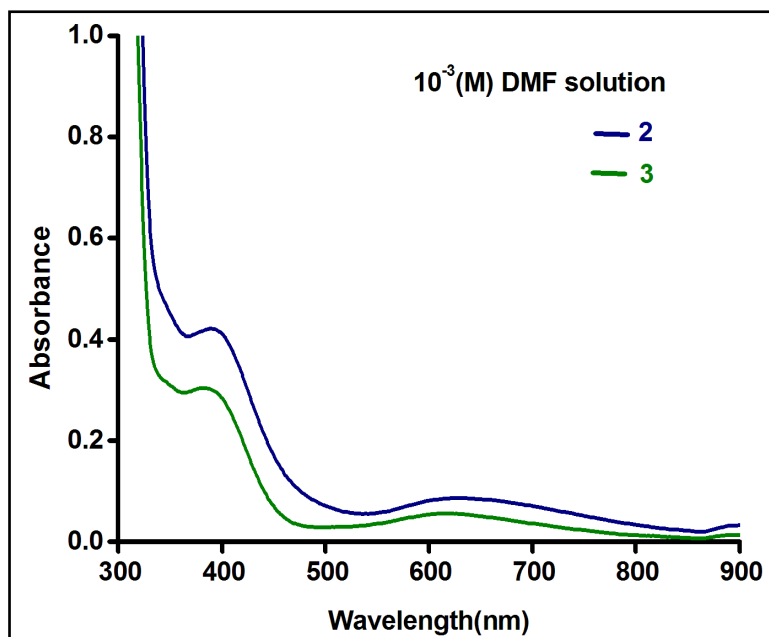


Fig. S3 UV-Vis spectra of complexes **2** and **3** in DMF medium.

Table S1 Coordination bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for complex **2**

Cu(1)-O(1)	1.921(5)	Cu(2)-O(3)	1.907(5)
Cu(1)-N(1)	1.985(6)	Cu(2)-N(2)	1.972(6)
Cu(1)-O(2)	1.973(5)	Cu(2)-O(4)	1.926(5)
Cu(1)-O(4)	1.907(5)	Cu(2)-O(1)	2.094(5)
Cu(1)-O(5)	2.355(7)	Cu(2)-O(3')	2.172(5)
Cu(1)-Cu(2)	2.9735(14)	Cu(2)-Cu(2')	3.131(2)

O(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)	95.5(2)	O(3)-Cu(2)-N(2)	96.5(2)
N(1)-Cu(1)-O(2)	84.4(2)	N(2)-Cu(2)-O(4)	84.7(2)
O(4)-Cu(1)-O(1)	83.7(2)	O(3)-Cu(2)-O(4)	178.5(2)
O(4)-Cu(1)-N(1)	171.4(3)	O(3)-Cu(2)-O(3')	79.9(2)
O(4)-Cu(1)-O(2)	95.3(2)	O(4)-Cu(2)-O(3')	98.6(2)
O(1)-Cu(1)-O(2)	173.0(2)	N(2)-Cu(2)-O(3')	126.3(2)
O(1)-Cu(1)-O(5)	92.0(3)	O(3)-Cu(2)-O(1)	100.7(2)
O(2)-Cu(1)-O(5)	95.0(3)	O(4)-Cu(2)-O(1)	78.8(2)
O(4)-Cu(1)-O(5)	93.5(2)	N(2)-Cu(2)-O(1)	141.1(2)
N(1)-Cu(1)-O(5)	95.0(3)	O(3')-Cu(2)-O(1)	91.1(2)

Primed atoms at $-x+1, -y, -z+1$

Table S2 Coordination bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for complex **3**.

Cu(1)-O(1)	1.927(3)	Cu(2)-O(3)	1.925(3)
Cu(1)-N(1)	1.983(4)	Cu(2)-N(2)	1.997(4)
Cu(1)-O(2)	2.013(3)	Cu(2)-O(4)	1.928(3)
Cu(1)-O(4)	1.905(3)	Cu(2)-O(1)	2.061(3)
Cu(1)-O(5)	2.279(4)	Cu(2)-O(3')	2.214(3)
Cu(1)-Cu(2)	2.9936(8)	Cu(2)-Cu(2')	3.1996(12)

O(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)	94.74(14)	O(3)-Cu(2)-N(2)	95.25(14)
N(1)-Cu(1)-O(2)	84.18(14)	N(2)-Cu(2)-O(4)	84.11(14)
O(4)-Cu(1)-O(1)	81.64(13)	O(3)-Cu(2)-O(4)	179.36(13)
O(4)-Cu(1)-N(1)	160.01(16)	O(3)-Cu(2)-O(3')	78.95(13)
O(4)-Cu(1)-O(2)	97.67(14)	O(4)-Cu(2)-O(3')	101.39(13)
O(1)-Cu(1)-O(2)	174.87(15)	N(2)-Cu(2)-O(3')	124.61(14)
O(1)-Cu(1)-O(5)	96.88(14)	O(3)-Cu(2)-O(1)	102.81(13)
O(2)-Cu(1)-O(5)	88.24(14)	O(4)-Cu(2)-O(1)	77.73(13)
O(4)-Cu(1)-O(5)	101.80(14)	N(2)-Cu(2)-O(1)	142.72(15)
N(1)-Cu(1)-O(5)	98.15(15)	O(3')-Cu(2)-O(1)	91.04(13)

Primed atoms at -x+1,-y+1,-z+1

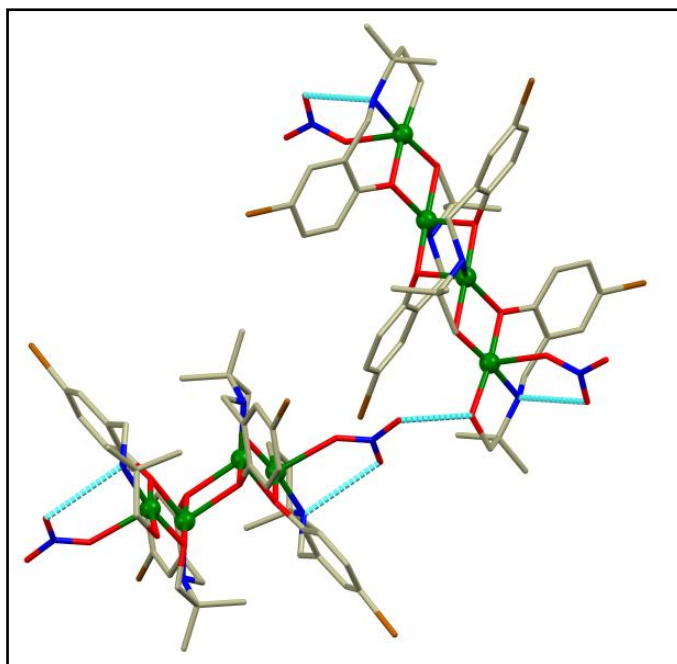


Fig. S4 Intramolecular and Intermolecular H-bonding interactions operative between two tetranuclear units of complex **2**.

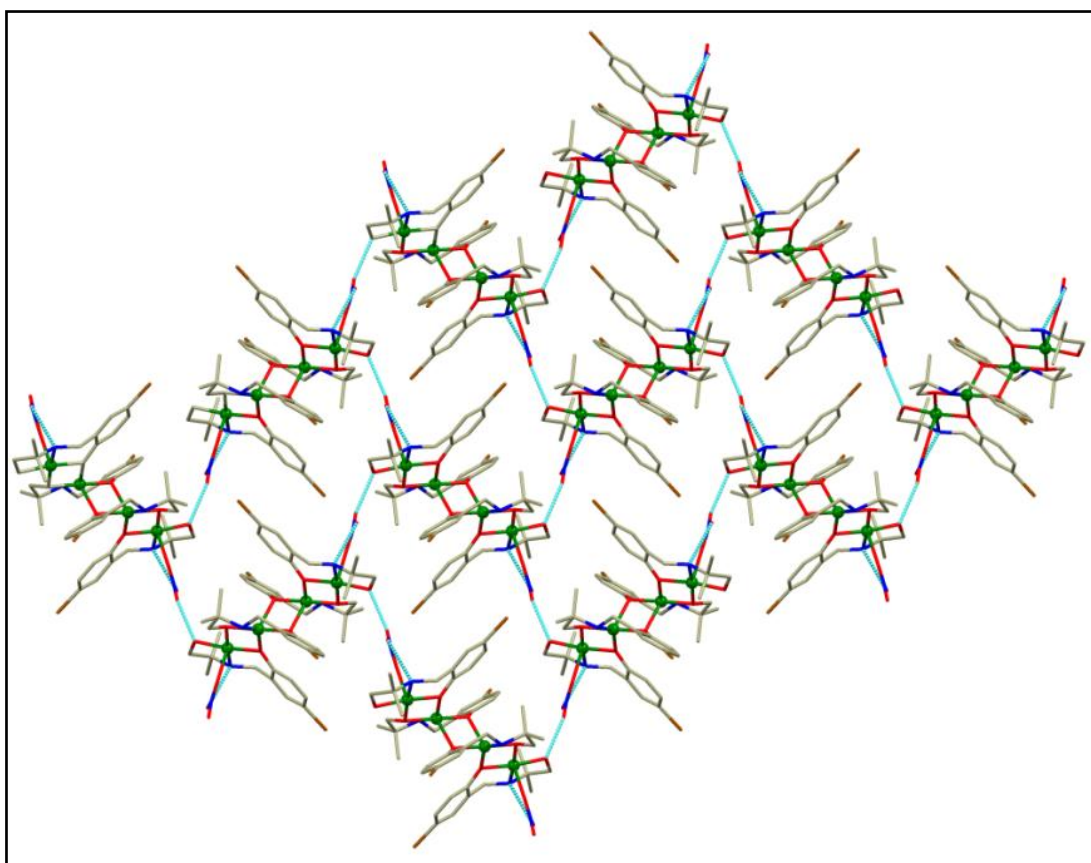


Fig. S5 Polymeric network of complex **2** viewed along crystallographic axis *a* propagated via H-bonding interactions.

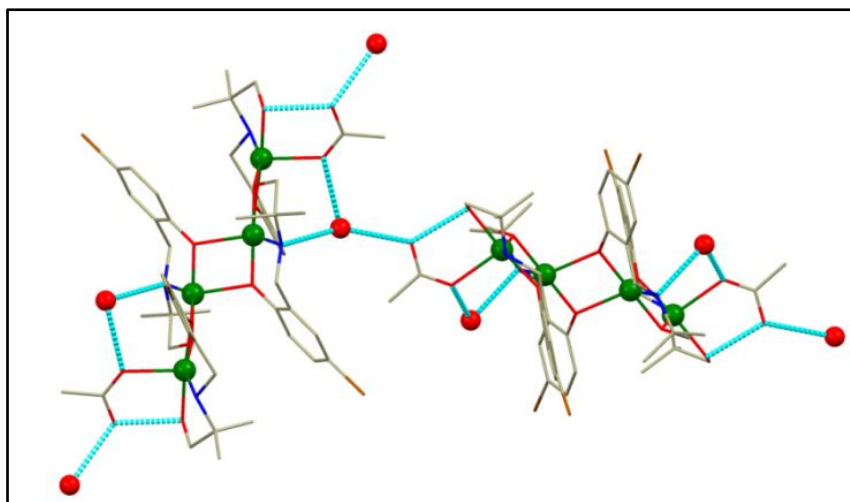


Fig. S6 Intramolecular and intermolecular H-bonding interactions operative between two tetranuclear units of complex **3** via lattice water molecule.

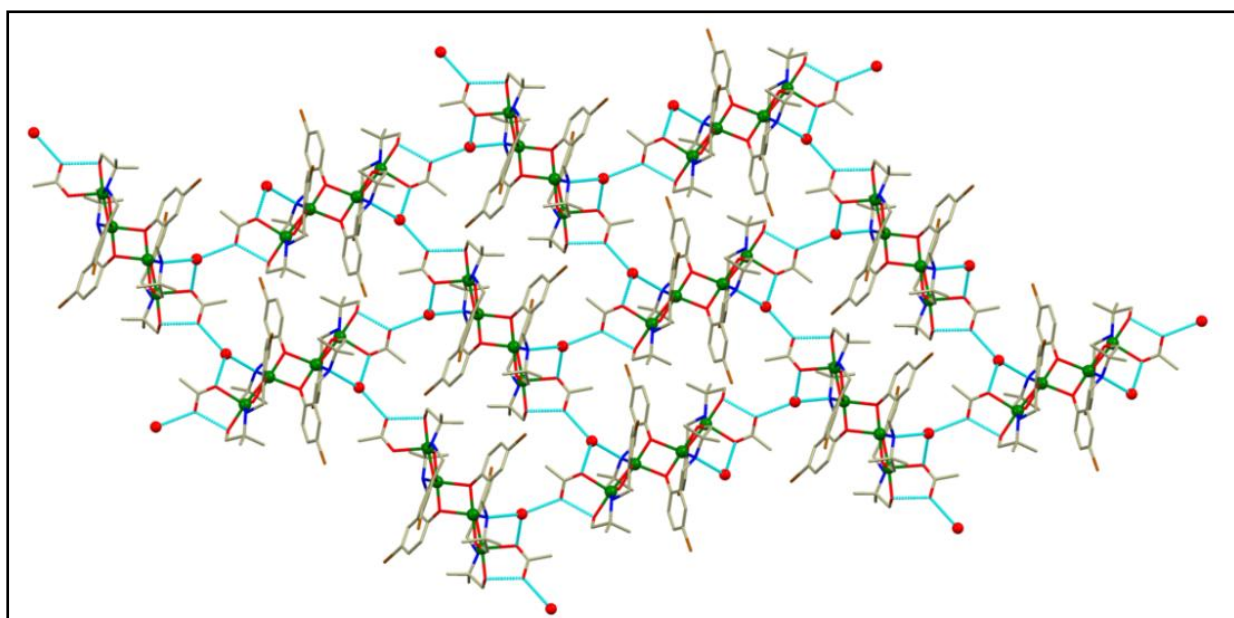


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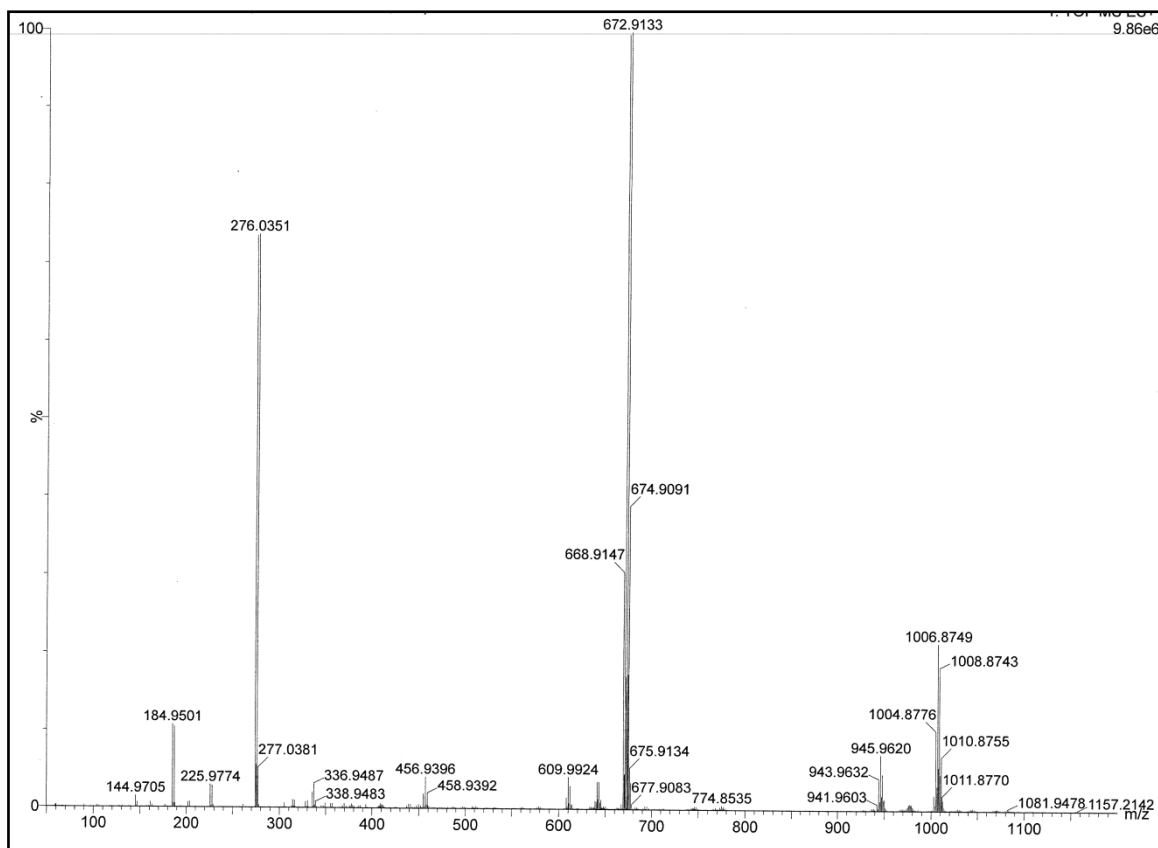


Fig. S8 ESI-MS spectrum of complex **2** in acetonitrile medium.

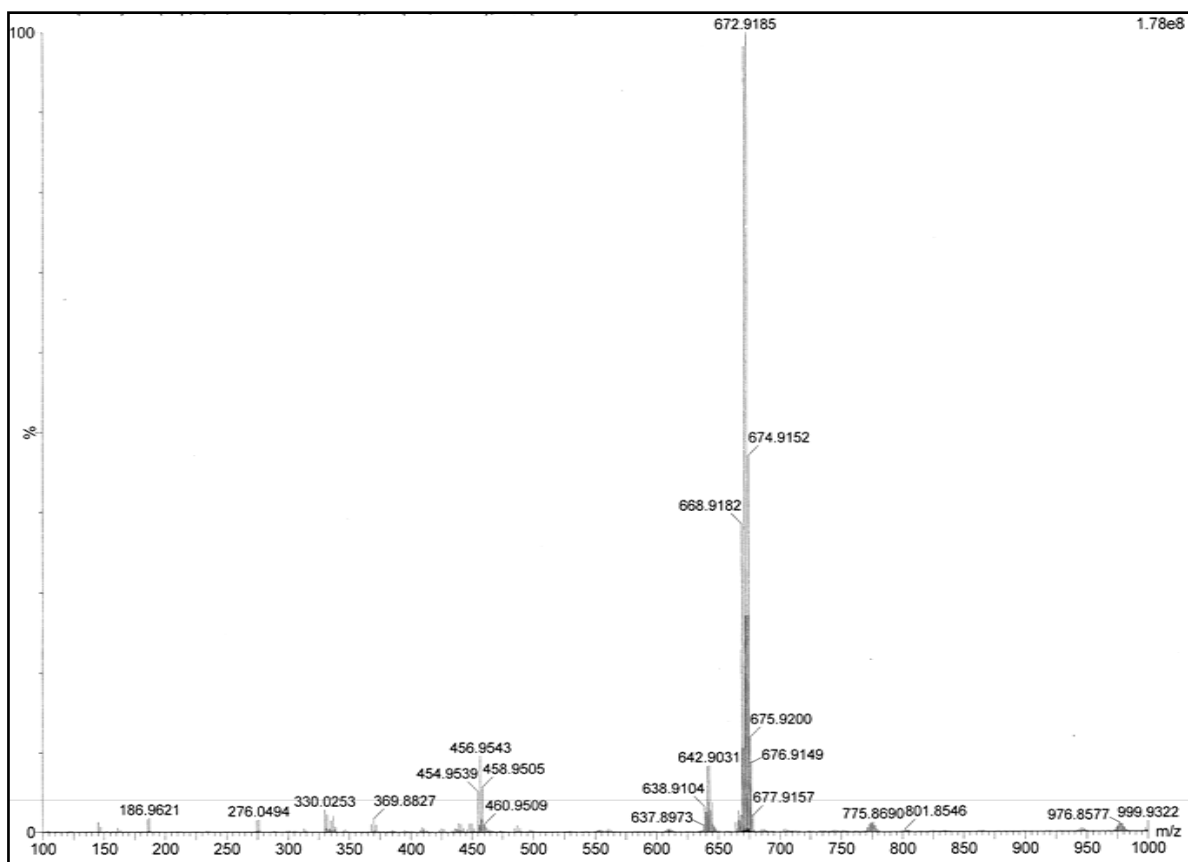


Fig. S9 ESI-MS spectrum of complex **3** in acetonitrile medium.

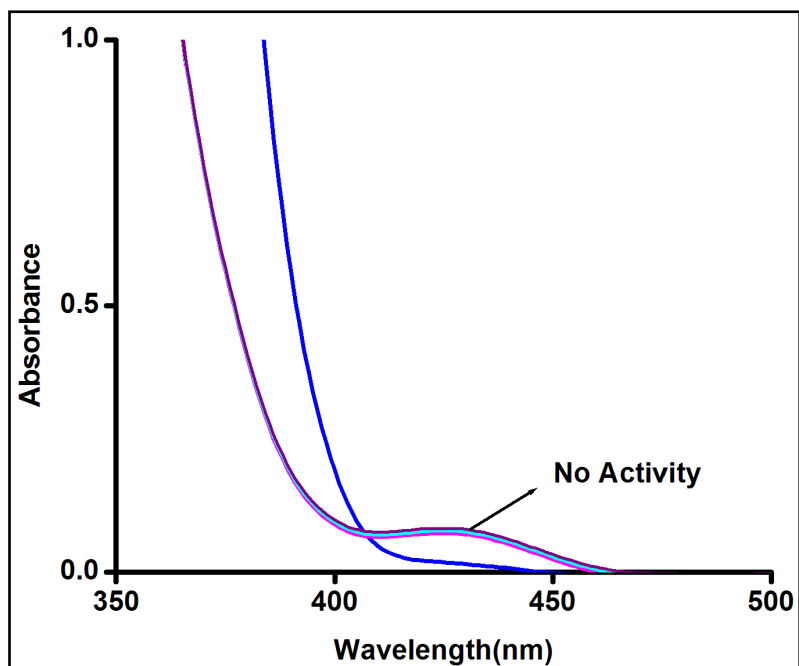


Fig. S10 Controlled experiment of Phosphatase activity for ligand H_2L in 97.5% DMF- H_2O mixture.

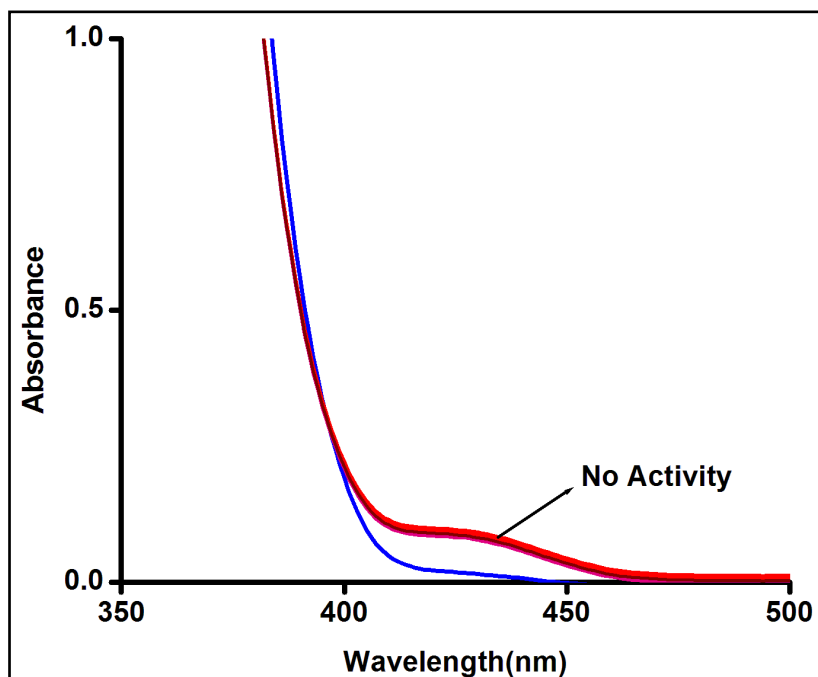


Fig. S11 Controlled experiment of Phosphatase activity for $[Cu(ClO_4)_2]$ in 97.5% DMF- H_2O mixture .

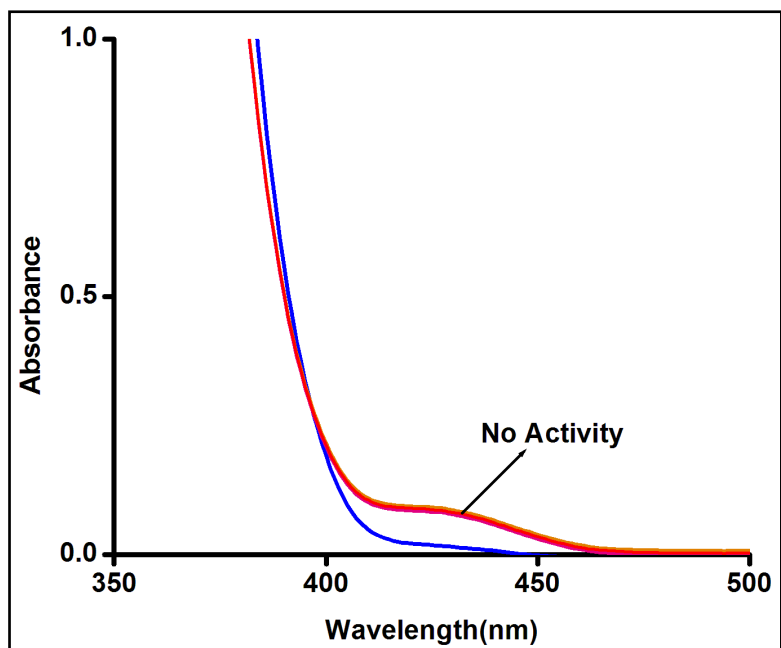


Fig. S12 Controlled experiment of Phosphatase activity for [Cu(NO₃)₂] in 97.5% DMF-H₂O mixture .

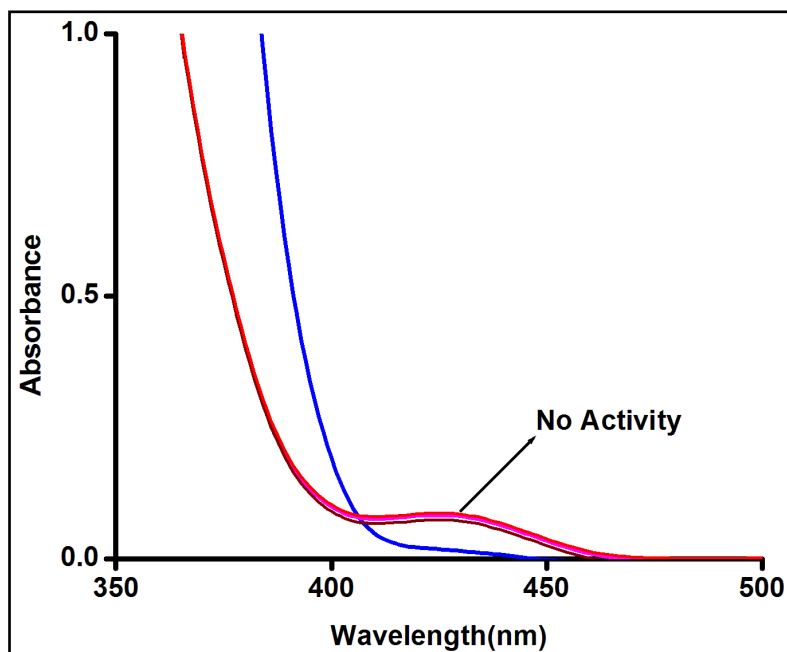
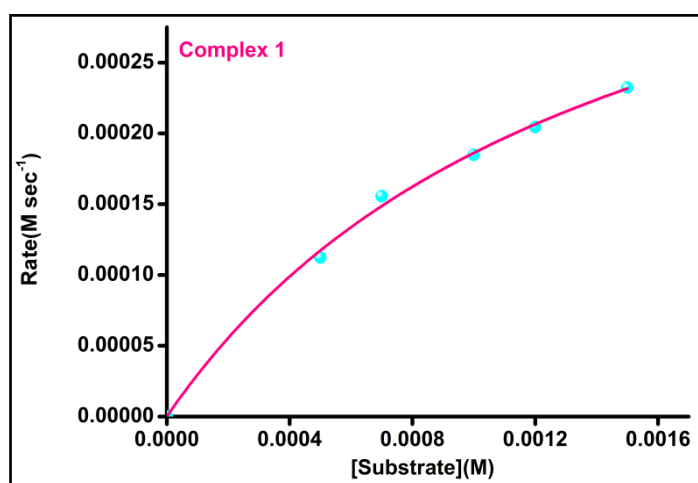


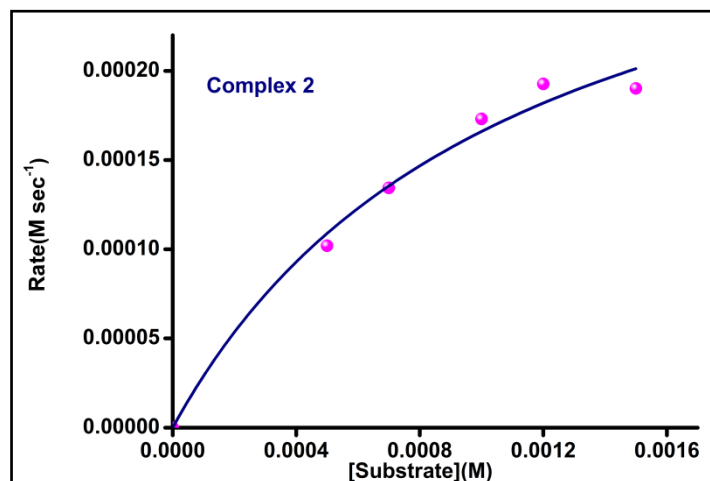
Fig. S13 Controlled experiment of Phosphatase activity for [Cu(OAc)₂] in 97.5% DMF-H₂O mixture .

Table S3 First-order rate parameters for phosphatase activity as obtained by the non linear treatment of Michaelis-Menten treatment of complexes **1**, **2** and **3**

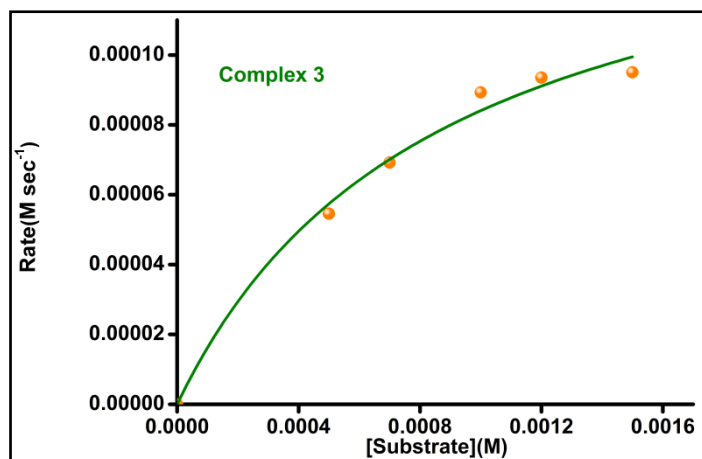
Complex	V_{\max} ($M s^{-1}$)	K_M (M)	k_{cat} (s^{-1})	$k_{cat}/K_M(M^{-1} s^{-1})$	Std. Error
Complex 1	4.526×10^{-4}	1.43×10^{-3}	9.052	6.336×10^3	3.59×10^{-5}
Complex 2	3.495×10^{-4}	1.11×10^{-3}	6.990	6.297×10^3	5.49×10^{-5}
Complex 3	1.570×10^{-4}	8.68×10^{-4}	3.14	3.617×10^3	1.83×10^{-5}



(a)



(b)



(c)

Fig. S14 Plot of enzymatic kinetics of hydrolysis of 4-NPP for (a) complex **1**, (b) complex **2** and (c) complex **3**.

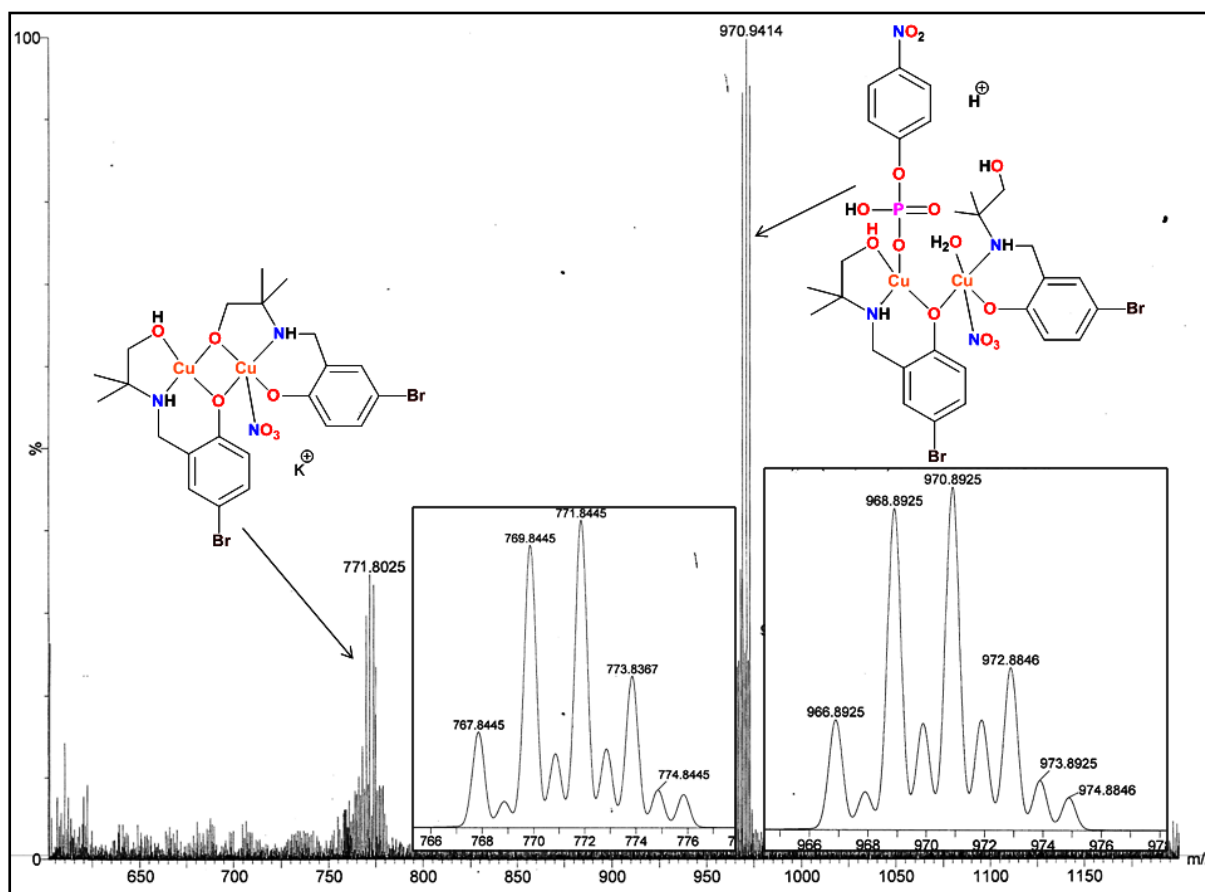


Fig. S15 ESI-MS spectrum of reaction mixture of complex **2** and 4-NPP recorded in positive mode.

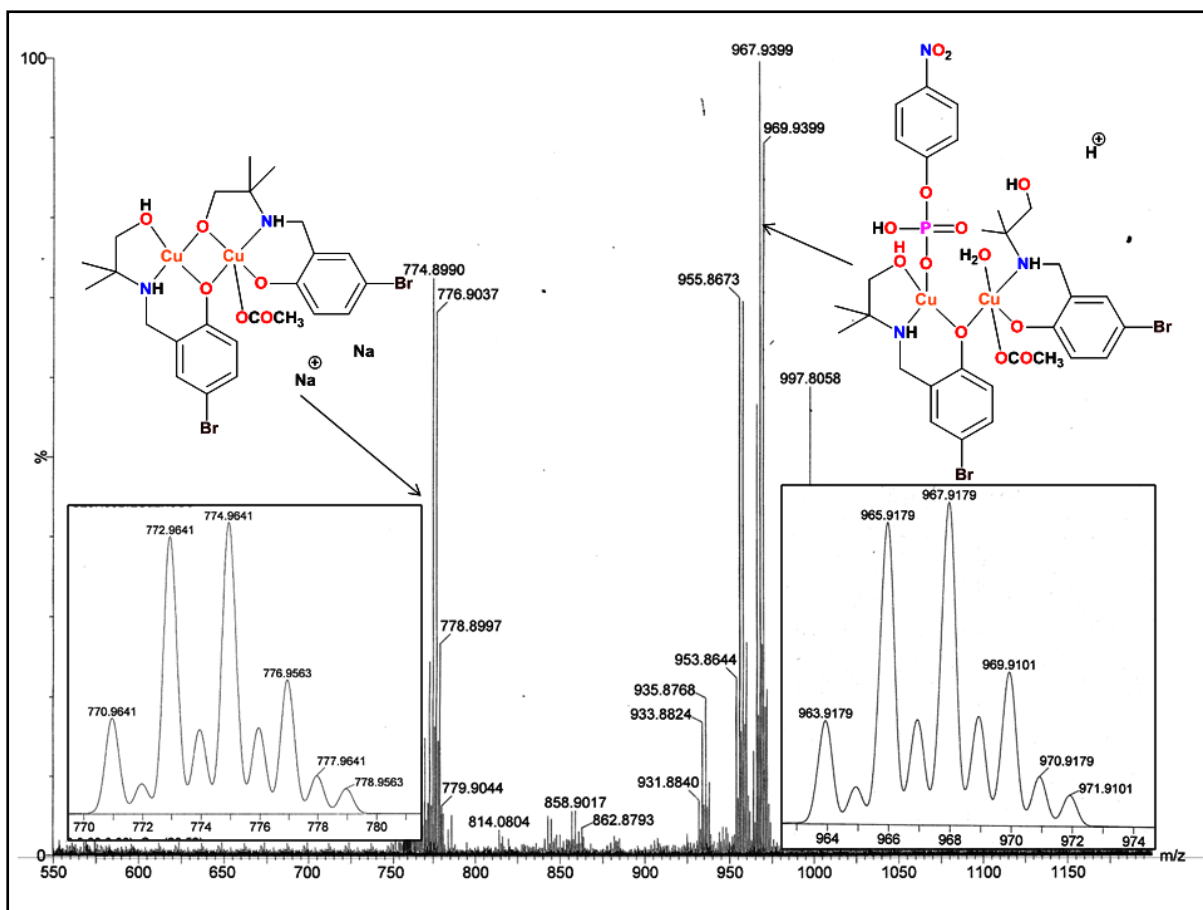


Fig. S16 ESI-MS spectrum of reaction mixture of complex **3** and 4-NPP recorded in positive mode.

Table S4 Relative Gibbs free energies in DMF solution for compounds involved in the reaction shown in the scheme 2 having symmetrically disposition of bischelate ligand L. The energy for initial complexes is arbitrarily taken to zero. All energies are in kJ/mol.

Compounds	Relative Free Energies in DMF			
	Vacant	ClO_4^-	NO_3^-	AcO^-
$[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2] (\text{As}) + \text{HPO}_4\text{Ar}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
$[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{HPO}_4\text{Ar})]^- (\text{Bs}) + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-42.1	-50.6	-43.1	-39.5
$[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{HPO}_4\text{Ar})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^- (\text{Cs})$	-85.6	-101.2	-97.0	-93.0
$[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4)]^- (\text{Ds}) + \text{HOAr}$	-74.3	-70.6	-66.1	-72.4
$[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})] (\text{Es}) + \text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^- + \text{HOAr}$	-27.1	-37.2	-36.3	-34.9

Ar = $-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2$.

Table S5 Main geometric parameters for the optimized binuclear structures. Distances in

Angstroms, Angles in Degrees.

Compounds	Vacant	ClO ₄ ⁻	NO ₃ ⁻	AcO ⁻
[Cu₂(L)₂] (A)				
Cu _A ···Cu _B	3.014	2.899	2.851	2.875
Cu _A - μ -O _{Alk}	1.929	1.947	1.958	1.965
Cu _A - μ -O _{Ar}	2.028	2.021	2.038	1.998
Cu _A -O _{Ar}	1.886	1.911	1.915	1.938
Cu _A -N	2.086	2.087	2.090	2.118
Cu _A -O _X	<i>n.a.</i>	2.718	2.492	2.511
Cu _B - μ -O _{Alk}	1.958	1.982	1.988	1.993
Cu _B - μ -O _{Ar}	2.008	2.050	2.065	2.330
Cu _B -O _{Alk}	1.874	1.898	1.905	1.924
Cu _B -N	2.062	2.043	2.037	2.048
Cu _B -O _X	<i>n.a.</i>	2.588	2.432	2.131
θ	161.9°	143.0°	136.8°	129.8°
[Cu₂L₂(HPO₄Ar)]⁻ (B)				
Cu _A ···Cu _B	3.066	3.051	3.009	3.000
Cu _A - μ -O _{Alk}	2.012	2.011	2.007	2.005
Cu _A - μ -O _{Ar}	2.094	2.091	2.089	2.065
Cu _A -O _{Ar}	1.923	1.936	1.939	1.945
Cu _A -N	2.132	2.113	2.113	2.126
Cu _A -O _P	2.168	2.185	2.208	2.216
Cu _B - μ -O _{Alk}	2.001	2.002	2.007	2.018
Cu _B - μ -O _{Ar}	1.974	2.013	2.030	2.075
Cu _B -O _{Alk}	1.880	1.902	1.924	1.926
Cu _B -N	2.084	2.060	2.051	2.056
Cu _B -O _X	<i>n.a.</i>	2.564	2.386	2.289
θ	175.9°	159.2°	151.6°	147.1°

$[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{HPO}_4\text{Ar})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^-$ (C)				
$\text{Cu}_A \cdots \text{Cu}_B$	3.066	3.033	2.984	2.974
$\text{Cu}_A - \mu - \text{O}_{\text{Alk}}$	2.029	2.020	2.023	2.023
$\text{Cu}_A - \mu - \text{O}_{\text{Ar}}$	2.101	2.081	2.069	2.044
$\text{Cu}_A - \text{O}_{\text{Ar}}$	1.923	1.928	1.932	1.944
$\text{Cu}_A - \text{N}$	2.138	2.111	2.108	2.123
$\text{Cu}_A - \text{O}_P$	2.148	2.213	2.233	2.240
$\text{Cu}_B - \mu - \text{O}_{\text{Alk}}$	2.025	2.010	2.013	2.018
$\text{Cu}_B - \mu - \text{O}_{\text{Ar}}$	1.963	1.991	2.020	2.082
$\text{Cu}_B - \text{O}_{\text{Alk}}$	1.914	1.926	1.940	1.957
$\text{Cu}_B - \text{N}$	2.075	2.036	2.029	2.026
$\text{Cu}_B - \text{O}_X$	<i>n.a.</i>	2.761	2.403	2.284
$\text{Cu}_B \cdots \text{O}_W$	2.437	3.023	3.136	3.332
θ	165.0°	157.9°	148.7°	143.3°
$[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{HPO}_4\text{Ar})]^-$ (C1)				
$\text{Cu}_A \cdots \text{Cu}_B$	3.694	3.631	3.651	3.669
$\text{Cu}_A - \mu - \text{O}_{\text{Alk}}$	2.062	1.999	1.993	1.990
$\text{Cu}_A - \text{O}_W$	2.036	2.039	2.036	2.031
$\text{Cu}_A - \text{O}_{\text{Ar}}$	1.947	1.962	1.966	1.968
$\text{Cu}_A - \text{N}$	2.094	2.092	2.091	2.094
$\text{Cu}_A - \text{O}_P$	2.254	2.293	2.303	2.312
$\text{Cu}_B - \mu - \text{O}_{\text{Alk}}$	1.949	1.958	1.969	1.980
$\text{Cu}_B - \text{O}_{\text{Ar}}$	1.932	1.951	2.008	2.018
$\text{Cu}_B - \text{O}_{\text{Alk}}$	1.954	1.991	1.991	2.034
$\text{Cu}_B - \text{N}$	2.108	2.074	2.074	2.082
$\text{Cu}_B - \text{O}_X$	<i>n.a.</i>	2.655	2.379	2.248
$[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}(\text{LH})(\mu - \text{OH})(\text{HPO}_4\text{Ar})]^-$ (C2)				

$\text{Cu}_A \cdots \text{Cu}_B$	2.968	2.991	3.006	2.970
$\text{Cu}_A - \mu - \text{O}_{\text{Alk}}$	1.991	2.074	2.068	2.023
$\text{Cu}_A - \mu - \text{OH}$	2.054	1.930	1.924	1.973
$\text{Cu}_A - \text{O}_{\text{Ar}}$	1.945	1.981	1.984	1.961
$\text{Cu}_A - \text{N}$	2.109	2.119	2.119	2.128
$\text{Cu}_A - \text{O}_{\text{P}}$	2.182	2.272	2.285	2.253
$\text{Cu}_B - \mu - \text{O}_{\text{Alk}}$	2.022	2.023	2.014	2.059
$\text{Cu}_B - \mu - \text{OH}$	1.951	2.282	2.329	2.007
$\text{Cu}_B - \text{O}_{\text{Ar}}$	1.917	1.956	1.995	2.250
$\text{Cu}_B - \text{N}$	2.098	2.078	2.065	2.085
$\text{Cu}_B - \text{O}_{\text{X}}$	<i>n.a.</i>	2.721	2.397	2.250
$\text{Cu}_B - \text{O}_{\text{Alk}}$	3.316	2.107	2.157	2.756
θ	158.9°	145.8°	144.7°	156.3°
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$[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}(\text{LH})(\text{HO} \cdots \text{HPO}_3 \cdots \text{OAr})]^-$ (TS)				
$\text{Cu}_A \cdots \text{Cu}_B$	3.204	3.071	3.100	3.174
$\text{Cu}_A - \mu - \text{O}_{\text{Alk}}$	2.272	2.057	2.057	2.064
$\text{Cu}_A - \text{OH}$	2.077	1.939	1.932	1.923
$\text{Cu}_A - \text{O}_{\text{Ar}}$	1.952	1.996	2.002	2.009
$\text{Cu}_A - \text{N}$	2.112	2.081	2.086	2.092
$\text{Cu}_A - \text{O}_{\text{P}}$	1.983	2.245	2.261	2.273
$\text{Cu}_B - \mu - \text{O}_{\text{Alk}}$	1.892	1.936	1.942	1.924
$\text{Cu}_B - \text{O}_{\text{Ar}}$	1.926	1.961	1.985	1.920
$\text{Cu}_B - \text{O}_{\text{Alk}}$	2.065	2.100	2.129	2.168
$\text{Cu}_B - \text{N}$	2.086	2.075	2.069	2.077
$\text{Cu}_B - \text{O}_{\text{X}}$	<i>n.a.</i>	2.496	2.312	2.190
$\text{P} \cdots \text{OH}$	1.796	2.286	2.338	2.379
$\text{P} \cdots \text{OAr}$	2.271	1.872	1.863	1.858

[Cu₂L(LH)(H₂PO₄-OAr)]⁻ (C3)				
Cu _A ···Cu _B	2.990	3.092	3.105	3.119
Cu _A - μ -O _{Alk}	1.993	1.986	1.987	1.997
Cu _A - μ -O _{Ar}	2.151	2.165	2.161	2.105
Cu _A -O _{Ar}	1.919	1.932	1.939	1.953
Cu _A -N	2.096	2.133	2.129	2.127
Cu _A -O _P	2.150	2.099	2.095	2.117
Cu _B - μ -O _{Alk}	1.920	1.911	1.912	1.920
Cu _B - μ -O _{Ar}	2.038	2.066	2.103	2.196
Cu _B -O _{Alk}	1.907	2.107	2.159	2.142
Cu _B -N	2.068	2.057	2.055	2.060
Cu _B -O _X	<i>n.a.</i>	2.184	2.097	2.020
<i>θ</i>	150.1°	176.5°	179.1°	178.6°
[Cu₂L₂(H₂PO₄)]⁻ (D)				
Cu _A ···Cu _B	3.245	3.130	3.070	3.046
Cu _A - μ -O _{Alk}	2.001	1.998	1.995	1.997
Cu _A - μ -O _{Ar}	2.513	2.289	2.246	2.172
Cu _A -O _{Ar}	1.930	1.936	1.938	1.952
Cu _A -N	2.148	2.132	2.132	2.140
Cu _A -O _P	1.973	2.043	2.075	2.102
Cu _B - μ -O _{Alk}	2.006	1.990	1.991	1.994
Cu _B - μ -O _{Ar}	1.971	2.010	2.047	2.129
Cu _B -O _{Alk}	1.884	1.902	1.919	1.935
Cu _B -N	2.107	2.069	2.063	2.066
Cu _B -O _X	<i>n.a.</i>	2.716	2.405	2.257
<i>θ</i>	172.3°	162.7°	153.9°	148.5°
[Cu₂L₂(H₂O)] (E)				
Cu _A ···Cu _B	3.009	2.894	2.847	2.828

$\text{Cu}_A-\mu-\text{O}_{\text{Alk}}$	1.939	1.955	1.964	1.964
$\text{Cu}_A-\mu-\text{O}_{\text{Ar}}$	2.037	2.023	2.035	2.023
$\text{Cu}_A-\text{O}_{\text{Ar}}$	1.882	1.906	1.909	1.924
Cu_A-N	2.084	2.082	2.084	2.106
Cu_A-O_X	<i>n.a.</i>	2.732	2.537	2.242
$\text{Cu}_B-\mu-\text{O}_{\text{Alk}}$	1.964	1.988	1.992	1.975
$\text{Cu}_B-\mu-\text{O}_{\text{Ar}}$	1.991	2.042	2.064	2.144
$\text{Cu}_B-\text{O}_{\text{Alk}}$	1.893	1.919	1.928	1.960
Cu_B-N	2.055	2.042	2.032	2.045
Cu_B-O_X	<i>n.a.</i>	2.455	2.345	2.465
$\text{Cu}_B\cdots\text{O}_W$	3.392	3.399	3.391	3.491
θ	159.7°	141.5°	135.2°	129.4°

Ar = $-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2$. The θ value is defined as the bent angle between CuO_2 planes in the Cu_2O_2 ring.

Table S6 Continuous Shape Measures (CSM) for copper atoms in the computed geometries across the proposed pathway.

Compounds	Vacant	ClO_4^-	NO_3^-	AcO^-
[Cu₂(L)₂] (A)				
Cu_A	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.01$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 0.73$ $S_{\text{SPY}} = 3.09$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 0.67$ $S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.35$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 0.64$ $S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.81$
Cu_B	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 0.70$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.70$ $S_{\text{SPY}} = 3.07$ $S_{\text{TBP}} = 4.10$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.98$ $S_{\text{SPY}} = 3.30$ $S_{\text{TBP}} = 3.84$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 3.66$ $S_{\text{SPY}} = 4.71$ $S_{\text{SQ}} = 4.60$
[Cu₂L₂(HPO₄Ar)]⁻ (B)				
Cu_A	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.57$ $S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.40$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.85$ $S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.73$ $S_{\text{TBP}} = 3.74$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.73$ $S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.41$ $S_{\text{TBP}} = 4.15$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.68$ $S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.28$ $S_{\text{TBP}} = 4.64$
Cu_B	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.11$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.04$ $S_{\text{SPY}} = 1.40$ $S_{\text{TBP}} = 3.63$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.24$ $S_{\text{SPY}} = 1.51$ $S_{\text{TBP}} = 3.40$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 1.38$ $S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.41$ $S_{\text{TBP}} = 3.54$

$[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{HPO}_4\text{Ar})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^-$ (C)				
Cu_A	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.51$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.80$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.64$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.63$
	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.36$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.44$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.09$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 0.97$
Cu_B	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.21$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.73$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.91$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.45$
	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.02$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.63$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.29$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 2.45$
		$S_{\text{TBP}} = 3.33$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 2.92$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 2.86$
$[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{HPO}_4\text{Ar})]^-$ (C1)				
Cu_A	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 1.71$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 1.77$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 1.76$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 1.83$
	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 1.77$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 1.87$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 1.96$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 1.92$
Cu_B	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 2.28$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 2.15$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 2.35$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 2.27$
		$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.90$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 1.84$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 1.72$
	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 0.33$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.34$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 2.01$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.20$
		$S_{\text{TBP}} = 2.66$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 2.02$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 2.92$
$[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}(\text{LH})(\mu\text{-OH})(\text{HPO}_4\text{Ar})]^-$ (C2)				
Cu_A	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.55$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.30$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.32$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.59$
	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.33$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 0.79$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 0.76$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.33$
Cu_B	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 4.38$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 5.32$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 5.23$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 3.87$
		$S_{\text{SPY}} = 1.32$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.96$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 1.15$
	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 6.37$	$S_{\text{OCT}} = 1.87$	$S_{\text{OCT}} = 1.22$	$S_{\text{OCT}} = 2.76$
$[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}(\text{LH})(\text{HO}\cdots\text{HPO}_3\cdots\text{OAr})]^-$ (TS)				
Cu_A	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.95$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.86$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.86$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.93$
	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.53$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.05$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.01$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.03$
Cu_B	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 4.19$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 2.73$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 2.67$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 2.57$
		$S_{\text{SQ}} = 0.42$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.49$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.66$
	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 0.57$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.67$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 0.61$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.29$
$[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}(\text{LH})(\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4\text{-OAr})]^-$ (C3)				
Cu_A	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 1.76$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.66$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.69$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.77$

	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 2.47$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.54$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.56$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.45$
	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 2.77$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 5.22$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 4.90$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 3.91$
Cu_B	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 6.46$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 0.76$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 0.49$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 0.68$
		$S_{\text{SPY}} = 4.27$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 4.59$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 4.95$
[Cu₂L₂(H₂PO₄)]⁻ (D)				
	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.57$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 1.19$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.89$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 0.69$
Cu_A	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 4.09$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 2.45$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.90$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.50$
	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 4.29$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 4.20$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 4.70$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 5.10$
		$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.49$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.61$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 1.82$
Cu_B	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 0.39$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.06$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 1.86$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 2.08$
		$S_{\text{TBP}} = 3.07$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 2.89$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 2.82$
[Cu₂L₂(H₂O)] (E)				
		$S_{\text{SQ}} = 0.75$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 0.67$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 0.74$
Cu_A	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 0.99$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 3.29$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.56$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.40$
		$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.36$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 1.64$	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 2.25$
Cu_B	$S_{\text{SQ}} = 0.63$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.41$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.62$	$S_{\text{SPY}} = 2.94$
		$S_{\text{TBP}} = 4.25$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 3.92$	$S_{\text{TBP}} = 3.98$

Continuous shape measures from ideal square-planar (S_{SQ}), square-pyramidal (S_{SPY}), trigonal-bipyramidal (S_{TBP}), or octahedral (S_{OCT}) geometries.

Ar = -C₆H₄NO₂.

Table S7 Crystallographic data and details of refinements for complexes **2** and **3**

	2 ·C ₂ H ₅ OH·0.5(H ₂ O)	3 ·MeCN·H ₂ O
CCDC Number	1835391	1835392
empirical formula	C ₄₆ H ₆₄ Br ₄ Cu ₄ N ₆ O _{15.5}	C ₅₂ H ₇₄ Br ₄ Cu ₄ N ₆ O ₁₄
Fw	1522.83	1580.97
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	12.401(3)	11.3423(10)
<i>b</i> /Å	19.901(6)	11.3744(10)
<i>c</i> /Å	13.776(4)	24.430(2)

$\alpha /^\circ$	90.0	90.0
$\beta /^\circ$	107.718(5)	100.142(3)
$\gamma /^\circ$	90.0	90.0
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	3238.5(16)	3102.5(5)
Z	2	2
$D_{\text{calcd}}/\text{mg m}^{-3}$	1.562	1.692
μ (Mo-K α) (mm^{-1})	3.823	3.993
F(000)	1524	1592
θ range ($^\circ$)	1.86-25.6	1.69 -24.13
collected reflections	15198	32079
indep reflections	5700	4926
R_{int}	0.086	0.081
Obs reflcs [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]	2963	3609
Parameters	342	372
$R1$ [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]	0.0621	0.0444
$wR2$ [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]	0.1518	0.0977
GOF on F^2	0.973	1.014
residuals ($e \text{\AA}^{-3}$)	1.183, -1.319	0.670, -0.422

CCDC 1835391-1835392 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/5 data_request/cif.