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**Metallomacrocyclic or coordination polymer:  
Spacer-directed self-assembly of transition-metal complexes  
based on flexible bis(benzotriazole) ligands**

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**Table S1** Selected bond lengths (Å), angles (°) and weak interaction for complex **1**

Ag(1)-O(1)	2.578(3)	Ag(1)-N(8)	2.553(4)	
Ag(1)-N(1)	2.247(3)	Ag(1)-N(4) <sup>i</sup>	2.213(3)	
O(1)-Ag(1)-N(1)	81.42(10)	N(1)-Ag(1)-N(8)	91.61(14)	
O(1)-Ag(1)-N(8)	136.75(18)	N(1)-Ag(1)-N(4) <sup>i</sup>	151.17(11)	
O(1)-Ag(1)-N(4) <sup>i</sup>	107.84(10)	N(8)-Ag(1)-N(4) <sup>i</sup>	98.65(15)	
N(3)-C(7)-C(8)-N(6)		-61.6(4)		
D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠(D-H...A)
C(8)-H(8A)...O(1) <sup>ii</sup>	0.97	2.38	3.307(5)	160
C(8)-H(8B)...O(3) <sup>iii</sup>	0.97	2.37	3.292(5)	158
C(15)-H(15C)...N(5) <sup>iv</sup>	0.96	2.61	3.353(6)	134
$\pi \cdots \pi$ Interactions □ Face-to-Face □				
Cg(a)-Cg(b)	dihedral angle (a,b) (°)		Ring Centroids Distance (Å)	
Cg(1)-Cg(1) <sup>v</sup>	0		3.5396(17)	
Cg(1)-Cg(2) <sup>v</sup>	0.99		3.6840(19)	

Symmetry codes: i) x, -1+y, z; ii) 2-x, 2-y, 2-z; iii) 1+x, 1+y, z; iv) 2-x, 2-y, 1-z; v) 2-x, 3-y, 2-z; Ring Cg(1): N(4)-N(5)-N(6)-C(14)-C(9); Ring Cg(2): C(9)-C(10)-C(11)-C(12)-C(13)-C(14).

**Table S2** Selected bond lengths (Å), angles (°) and weak interaction for complex **2**

Ag(1)-N(1)	2.243(5)	Ag(1)-N(1) <sup>ii</sup>	2.243(9)	
Ag(1)-N(1) <sup>i</sup>	2.243(8)	Ag(1)-Ag(1) <sup>iii</sup>	3.186(1)	
N(1)-Ag(1)-N(1) <sup>i</sup>	120.0(3)	N(1)-Ag(1)-Ag(1) <sup>iii</sup>	88.95(13)	
N(1)-Ag(1)-N(1) <sup>ii</sup>	120.0(2)	N(1) <sup>i</sup> -Ag(1)-Ag(1) <sup>iii</sup>	88.95(13)	
N(1) <sup>i</sup> -Ag(1)-N(4) <sup>ii</sup>	120.0(3)	N(1) <sup>ii</sup> -Ag(1)- Ag(1) <sup>iii</sup>	88.95(13)	
N(3)-C(7)-C(8)-O(1)		-68.1(1)		
D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠(D-H...A)
C(3)-H(3)...N(2) <sup>i</sup>	0.93	2.59	3.491(11)	163
C(6)-H(6)...O(2) <sup>iv</sup>	0.93	2.36	3.219(10)	153
C(7)-H(7A)...O(2) <sup>v</sup>	0.97	2.57	3.214(9)	124
C(8)-H(8B)...O(2) <sup>v</sup>	0.97	2.45	2.947(13)	111
$\pi \cdots \pi$ Interactions □ Face-to-Face □				

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Cg(a)–Cg(b)	dihedral angle (a,b) (°)	Ring Centroids Distance (Å)
Cg(1)–Cg(2) <sup>vi</sup>	10.23	3.968(4)
Cg(2)–Cg(2) <sup>vi</sup>	11.20	3.663(4)

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Symmetry codes: i) 1-y, 1+x-y, z; ii) -x+y, 1-x, z; iii) -1/3+y, 1/3+x, 5/6-z; iv) 1+x-y, 1+x, 1-z; v) 1-x, 2-y, 1-z; vi) 2/3-x, 1/3-x+y, 5/6-z; Ring Cg(1): N(1)–N(2)–N(3)–C(1)–C(2); Cg(2): C(1)–C(2)–C(3)–C(4)–C(5)–C(6).

**Table S3** Selected bond lengths (Å), angles (°) and weak interaction for complex 3

Ag(1)-O(3)	2.424(2)	Ag(1)-O(3) <sup>i</sup>	2.590(2)	
Ag(1)-N(1)	2.199(2)	Ag(1)-N(6) <sup>ii</sup>	2.217(2)	
O(3)-Ag(1)-N(1)	112.18(7)	N(1)-Ag(1)-O(3) <sup>i</sup>	105.78(7)	
O(3)-Ag(1)-O(3) <sup>i</sup>	75.99(7)	N(1)-Ag(1)-N(6) <sup>ii</sup>	134.41(7)	
O(3)-Ag(1)-N(6) <sup>ii</sup>	109.14(7)	O(3) <sup>i</sup> -Ag(1)-N(6) <sup>ii</sup>	102.05(7)	
Ag(1)-O(3)-Ag(1) <sup>i</sup>	104.01(7)			
N(3)-C(7)-C(8)-O(1)			-67.5(3)	
O(2)-C(11)-C(12)-N(4)			-62.8(3)	
D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠(D-H...A)
C(8)-H(8B)...O(2)	0.97	2.36	3.016(3)	125
C(12)-H(12B)...O(3) <sup>iii</sup>	0.97	2.54	3.447(3)	156
C(14)-H(14)...O(5) <sup>iii</sup>	0.93	2.57	3.499(4)	176
π...π Interactions □Face-to-Face□				
Cg(a)-Cg(b)	dihedral angle (a,b) (°)		Ring Centroids Distance (Å)	
Cg(1)-Cg(1) <sup>iv</sup>	0		3.5487(18)	
Cg(1)-Cg(2) <sup>iv</sup>	0.96		3.7593(19)	
Cg(2)-Cg(3) <sup>v</sup>	25.87		3.991(2)	
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**Table S4** Selected bond lengths (Å), angles (°) and weak interaction for complex 4

Cu(1)-Cl(1)	2.2311(13)	Cu(1)-N(1)	1.987(3)	
Cu(1)-Cl(2)	2.2064(16)	Cu(1)-N(4) <sup>i</sup>	1.985(3)	
Cl(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(2)	156.24(6)	Cl(2)-Cu(1)-N(1)	90.85(10)	
Cl(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)	92.90(10)	Cl(2)-Cu(1)-N(4) <sup>i</sup>	91.96(10)	
Cl(1)-Cu(1)-N(4) <sup>i</sup>	93.18(9)	N(1)-Cu(1)-N(4) <sup>i</sup>	158.19(13)	
N(3)-C(7)-C(8)-N(6)			63.5(4)	
D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠(D-H...A)
C(7)-H(7B)...Cl(1) <sup>ii</sup>	0.97	2.75	3.716(4)	173
C(8)-H(8A)...N(5) <sup>iii</sup>	0.97	2.45	3.347(5)	153
π...π Interactions □Face-to-Face□				
Cg(a)-Cg(b)	dihedral angle (a,b) (°)		Ring Centroids Distance (Å)	
Cg(1)-Cg(1) <sup>ii</sup>	0.03		3.681(2)	
Cg(1)-Cg(2) <sup>ii</sup>	3.81		3.916(2)	
Cg(2)-Cg(3) <sup>iv</sup>	26.66		3.798(3)	
Cg(3)-Cg(3) <sup>v</sup>	0		3.865(3)	

Symmetry codes: i)  $x, 1+y, z$ ; ii)  $-x, 2-y, -z$ ; iii)  $1-x, 1-y, -z$ ; iv)  $x, y, z$ ; v)  $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ; Ring Cg(1): N(1)–N(2)–N(3)–C(6)–C(1); Ring Cg(2): C(1)–C(2)–C(3)–C(4)–C(5)–C(6); Ring Cg(3): C(9)–C(10)–C(11)–C(12)–C(13)–C(14).

**Table S5** Selected bond lengths (Å), angles (°) and weak interaction for complex **5**

Cu(1)-Cl(1)	2.5334(8)	Cu(1)-N(1)	2.007(2)	
Cu(1)-Cl(2)	2.2749(9)	Cu(1)-N(4) <sup>i</sup>	2.006(2)	
Cu(1)-Cl(1) <sup>i</sup>	2.3782(8)			
Cl(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(2)	117.20(3)	Cl(1)-Cu(1)-N(4) <sup>i</sup>	93.97(7)	
Cl(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)	93.57(7)	Cl(1) <sup>i</sup> -Cu(1)-Cl(2)	152.58(3)	
Cl(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(1) <sup>i</sup>	90.19(3)	Cl(2)-Cu(1)-N(4) <sup>i</sup>	89.13(7)	
Cl(2)-Cu(1)-N(1)	88.80(7)	N(1)-Cu(1)-N(4) <sup>i</sup>	172.30(10)	
Cl(1) <sup>i</sup> -Cu(1)-N(1)	90.73(7)	Cu(1)	89.81(3)	
Cl(1) <sup>i</sup> -Cu(1)-N(4) <sup>i</sup>	87.70(7)	-Cl(1)-Cu(1) <sup>i</sup>		
N(3)-C(7)-C(8)-O(1)		67.4(3)		
O(1)-C(9)-C(10)-N(6)		-62.0(3)		
D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠(D-H...A)
C(7)-H(7B)...O(1) <sup>ii</sup>	0.97	2.57	3.524(4)	166
C(10)-H(10B)...N(5) <sup>iii</sup>	0.97	2.50	3.423(4)	159
C(14)-H(14)...Cl(1) <sup>iv</sup>	0.93	2.79	3.676(4)	160
C(15)-H(15)...Cl(1) <sup>i</sup>	0.93	2.78	3.407(3)	126
$\pi \cdots \pi$ Interactions □ Face-to-Face □				
Cg(a)-Cg(b)	dihedral angle (a,b) (°)		Ring Centroids Distance (Å)	
Cg(1)-Cg(2) <sup>v</sup>	14.12		3.9141(15)	
Cg(1)-Cg(3) <sup>v</sup>	13.33		3.8316(17)	
Cg(2)-Cg(3) <sup>vi</sup>	0.84		3.6717(16)	
Cg(4)-Cg(4) <sup>vii</sup>	0.03		3.8546(18)	
Cg(3)-Cg(4) <sup>v</sup>	13.79		3.8375(17)	
Cg(3)-Cg(3) <sup>vi</sup>	0		3.7242(17)	
Symmetry codes: i) 2-x, -y, -z; ii) 1-x, 1-y, 1-z; iii) 2-x, 1-y, -z; iv) -1+x, y, z; v) x, y, z; vi) 1-x, 1-y, -z; vii) 1-x, -y, 1-z; Ring Cg(1): N(1)-N(2)-N(3)-C(6)-C(1); Cg(2): N(4)-N(5)-N(6)-C(11)-C(16); Cg(3): C(11)-C(12)-C(13)-C(14)-C(15)-C(16); Cg(4): C(1)-C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6).				

**Table S6** Selected bond lengths (Å), angles (°) and weak interaction for complex **6**

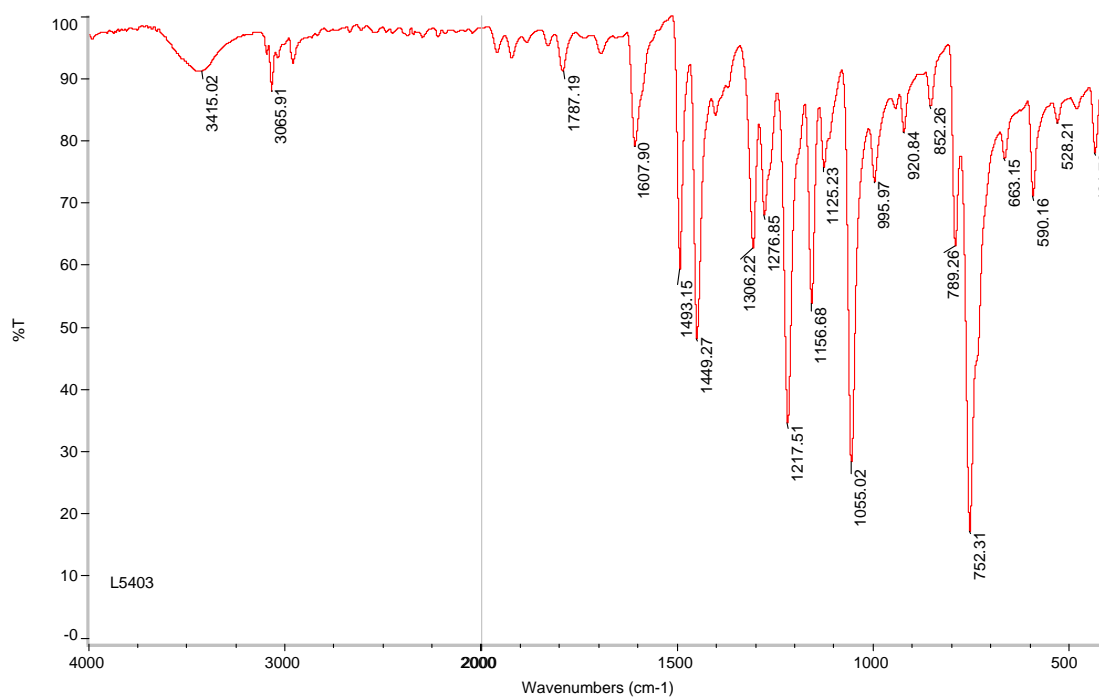
Cu(1)-Cl(1)	2.286(3)	Cu(2)-Cl(3)	2.245(3)	
Cu(1)-Cl(2)	2.4370(19)	Cu(2)-Cl(4)	2.2937(19)	
Cu(1)-O(5)	2.090(7)	Cu(2)-O(6)	2.340(6)	
Cu(1)-N(1)	1.999(5)	Cu(2)-N(6)	2.035(6)	
Cu(1)-N(12)	1.997(6)	Cu(2)-N(7)	2.045(6)	
Cl(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(2)	120.12(10)	Cl(3)-Cu(2)-Cl(4)	148.29(11)	
Cl(1)-Cu(1)-O(5)	144.2(2)	Cl(3)-Cu(2)-O(6)	103.03(16)	
Cl(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)	89.7(2)	Cl(3)-Cu(2)-N(6)	91.71(19)	
Cl(1)-Cu(1)-N(12)	88.8(2)	Cl(3)-Cu(2)-N(7)	92.5(2)	
Cl(2)-Cu(1)-O(5)	95.7(2)	Cl(4)-Cu(2)-O(6)	108.66(16)	
Cl(2)-Cu(1)-N(1)	93.0(2)	Cl(4)-Cu(2)-N(6)	90.00(19)	
Cl(2)-Cu(1)-N(12)	90.7(2)	Cl(4)-Cu(2)-N(7)	90.76(19)	
O(5)-Cu(1)-N(1)	88.3(3)	O(6)-Cu(2)-N(6)	84.9(2)	
O(5)-Cu(1)-N(12)	90.9(3)	O(6)-Cu(2)-N(7)	86.1(2)	
N(1)-Cu(1)-N(12)	176.3(3)	N(6)-Cu(2)-N(7)	170.7(3)	
N(3)-C(7)-C(8)-O(1)		-71.0(10)		
N(9)-C(25)-C(26)-O(3)		-68.7(8)		
O(4)-C(29)-C(30)-N(10)		65.7(7)		
O(2)-C(11)-C(12)-N(4)		65.4(10)		
D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠(D-H...A)
C(7)-H(7B)...Cl(2) <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.70	3.523(8)	143
C(11)-H(11B)...Cl(3) <sup>ii</sup>	0.97	2.79	3.538(10)	134
C(12)-H(12B)...O(2) <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.53	3.500(11)	171
C(25)-H(25B)...Cl(2) <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.69	3.562(7)	150
C(29)-H(29B)...Cl(3) <sup>ii</sup>	0.97	2.77	3.560(8)	139
C(30)-H(30A)...Cl(4) <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.78	3.667(7)	152
C(37)-H(37)...N(11)	0.93	2.50	3.076(14)	120
C(42)-H(42A)...O(6)	0.96	2.45	2.817(12)	103
$\pi \cdots \pi$ Interactions □ Face-to-Face □				
Cg(a)-Cg(b)	dihedral angle (a,b) (°)		Ring Centroids Distance (Å)	
Cg(1)-Cg(5) <sup>iii</sup>	1.14		3.668(5)	
Cg(2)-Cg(6) <sup>iii</sup>	0.64		3.840(4)	
Cg(3)-Cg(8) <sup>iv</sup>	0.81		3.784(5)	
Cg(4)-Cg(7) <sup>iv</sup>	0.20		3.722(5)	

Symmetry codes: i) x, 1/2-y, -1/2+z; ii) x, 1/2-y, 1/2+z; iii) x, 1/2-y, -1/2+z; iv) 1/2-x, -y, -1/2+z; Ring Cg(1): N(1)-N(2)-N(3)-C(6)-C(1); Ring Cg(2): N(4)-N(5)-N(6)-C(18)-C(13); Ring Cg(3): N(7)-N(8)-N(9)-C(24)-C(19); Ring Cg(4): N(10)-N(11)-N(12)-C(36)-C(31); Ring Cg(5): C(1)-C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6); Ring Cg(6): C(13)-C(14)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17)-C(18); Ring Cg(7):

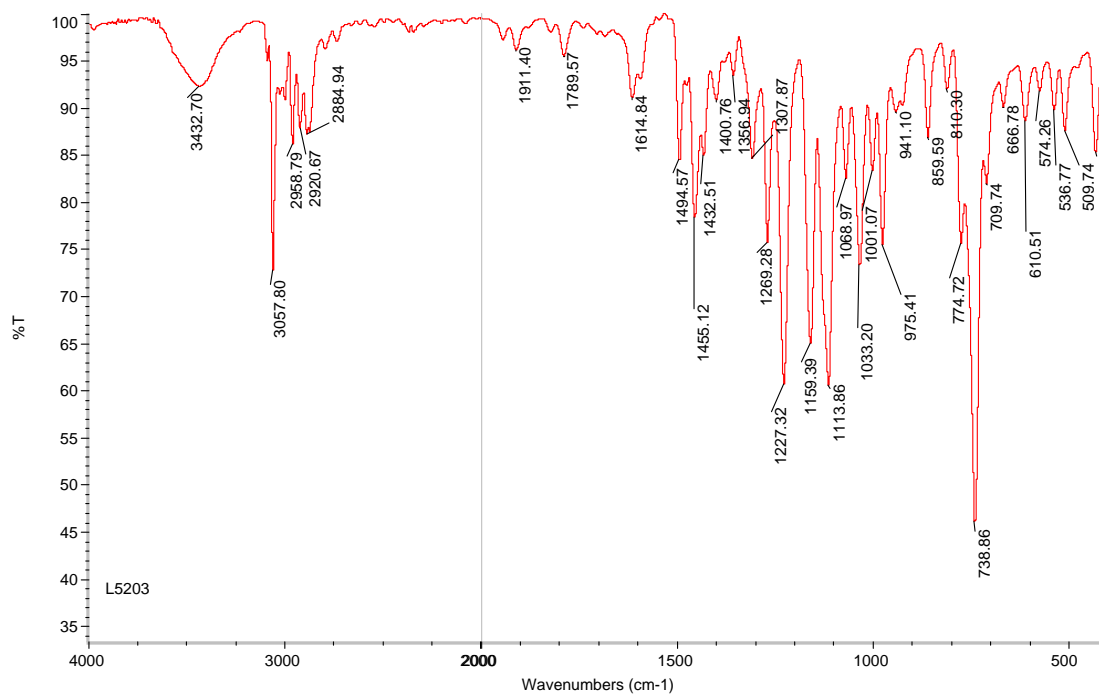


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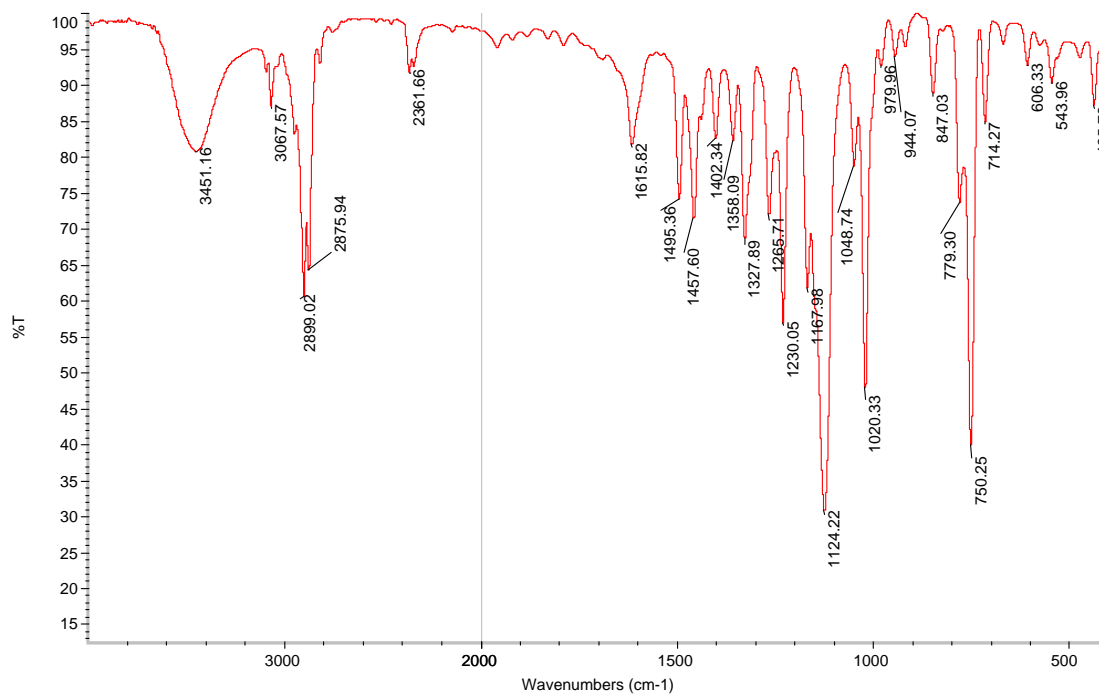
**Fig. S1** IR of the ligands **L<sup>1</sup>**, **L<sup>2</sup>** and **L<sup>3</sup>**



**Ligand L<sup>1</sup>**

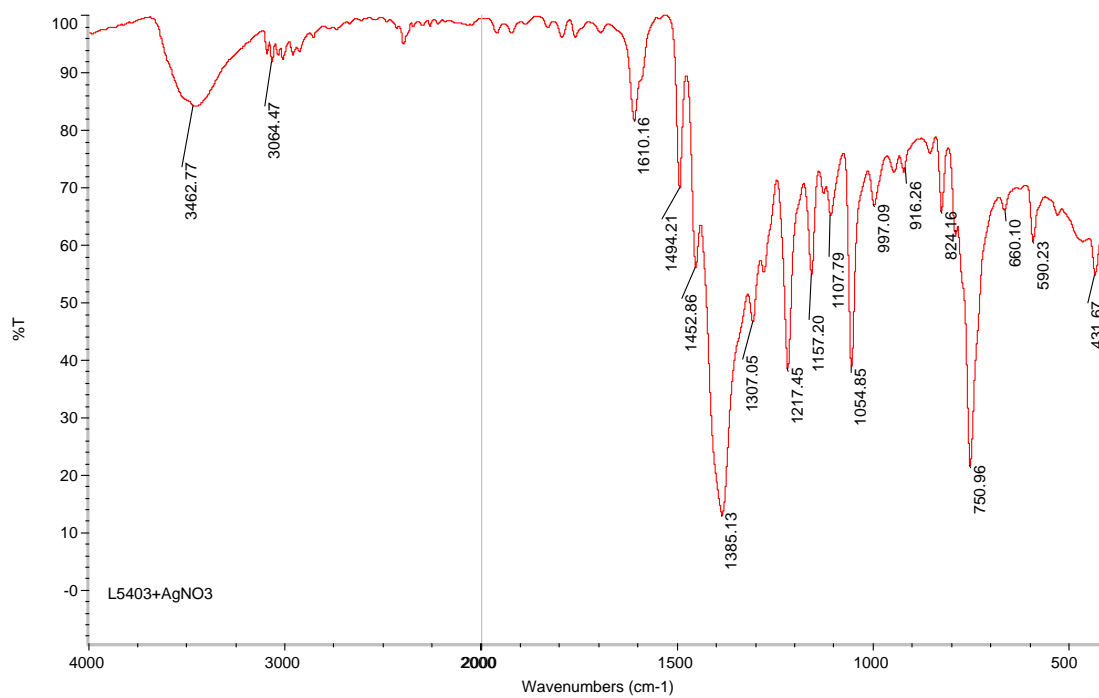


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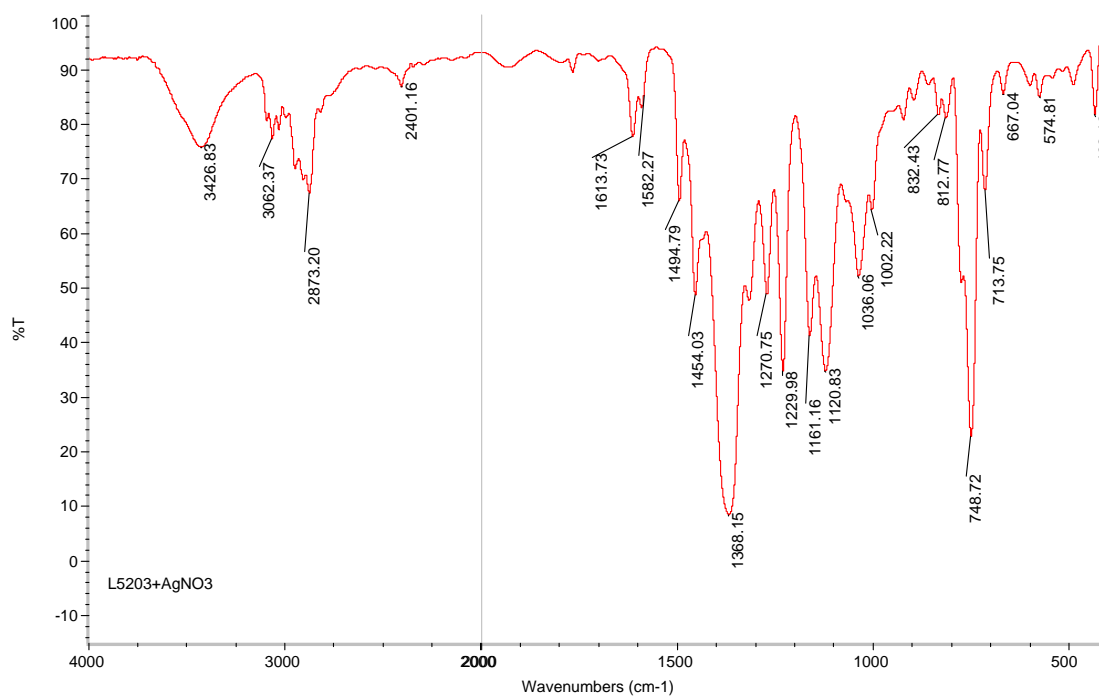


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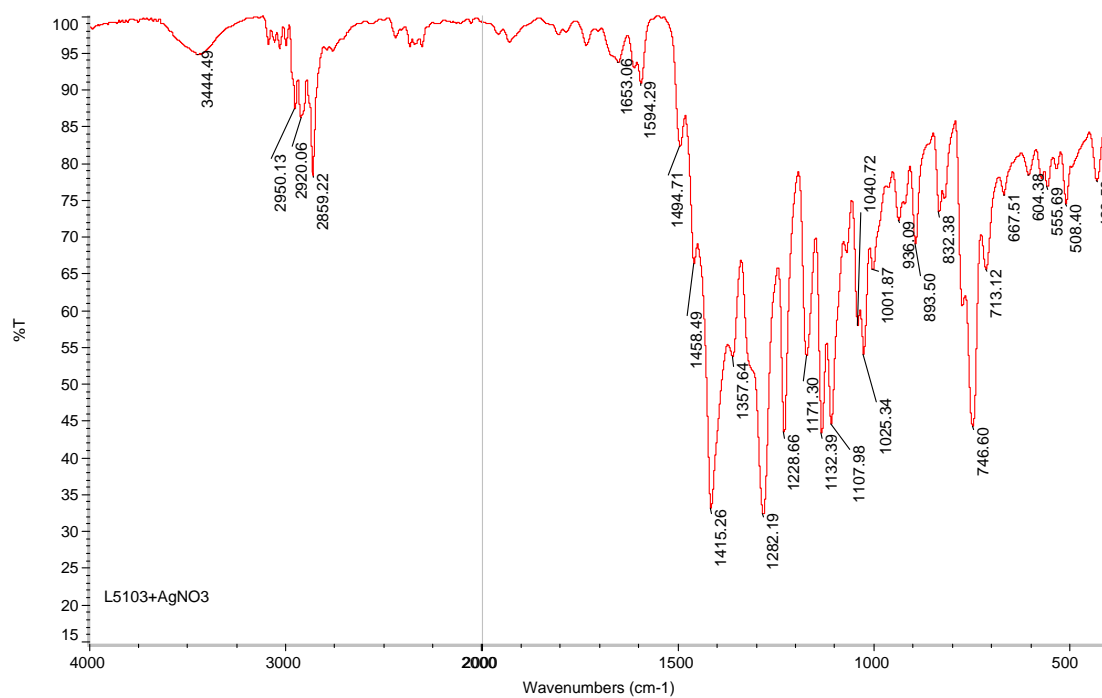
**Fig. S2** IR of the complexes **1–6**.



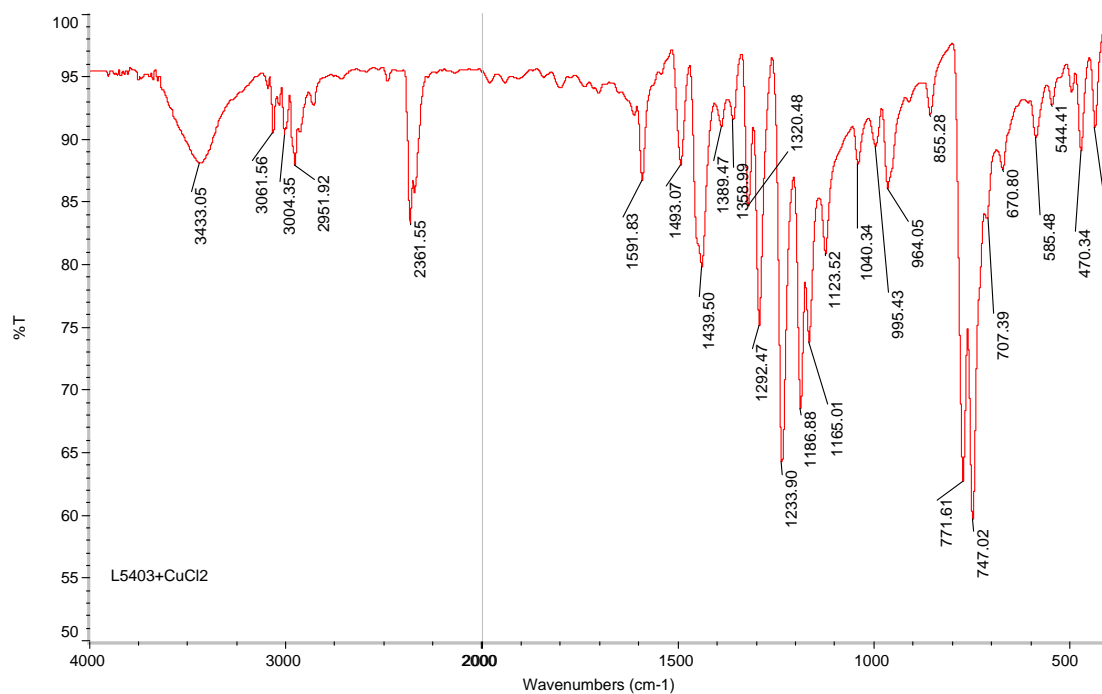
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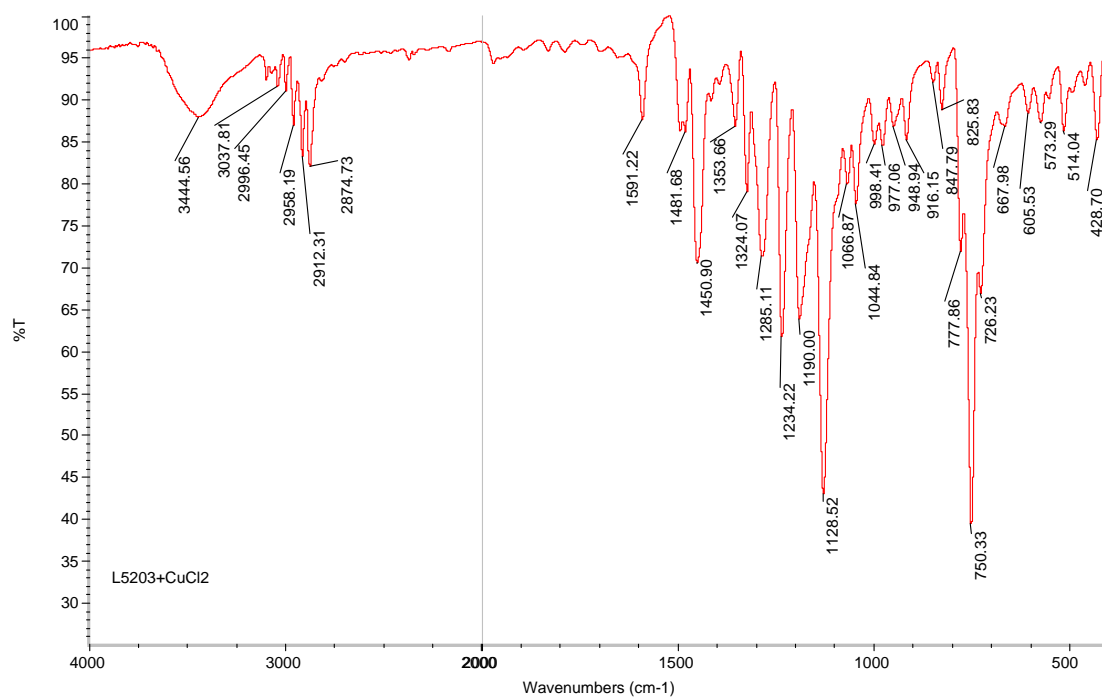
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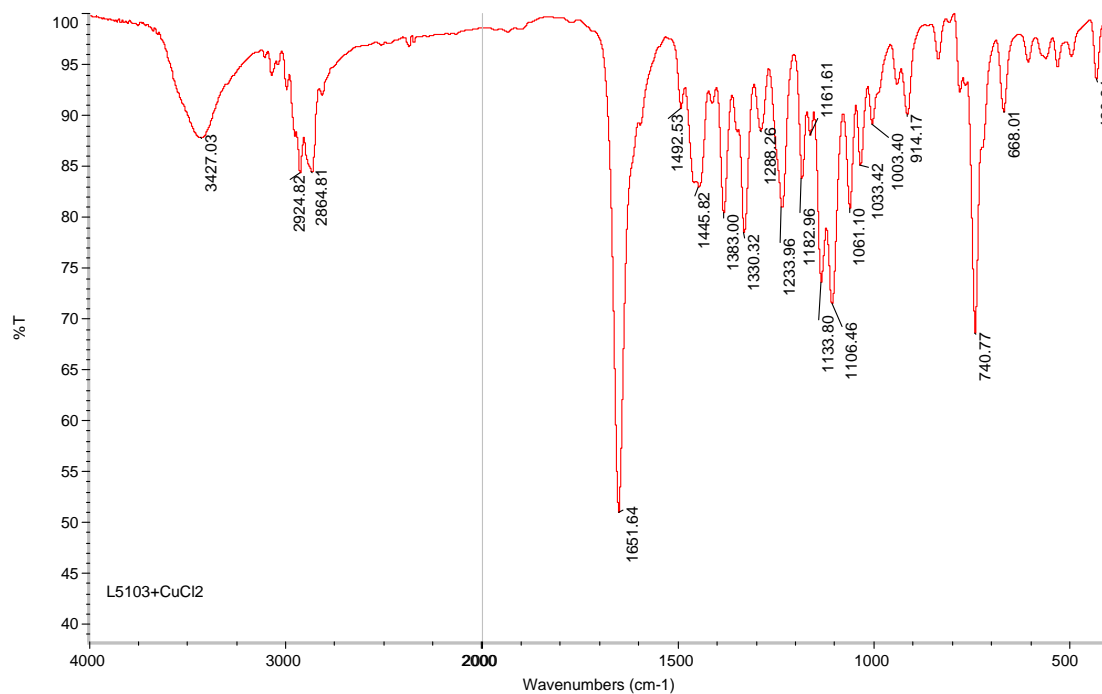
**Complex 3**



**Complex 4**



**Complex 5**



**Complex 6**