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## Results and Discussion

### *Synthesis of the complexes 1 and 2 and their interconversion*

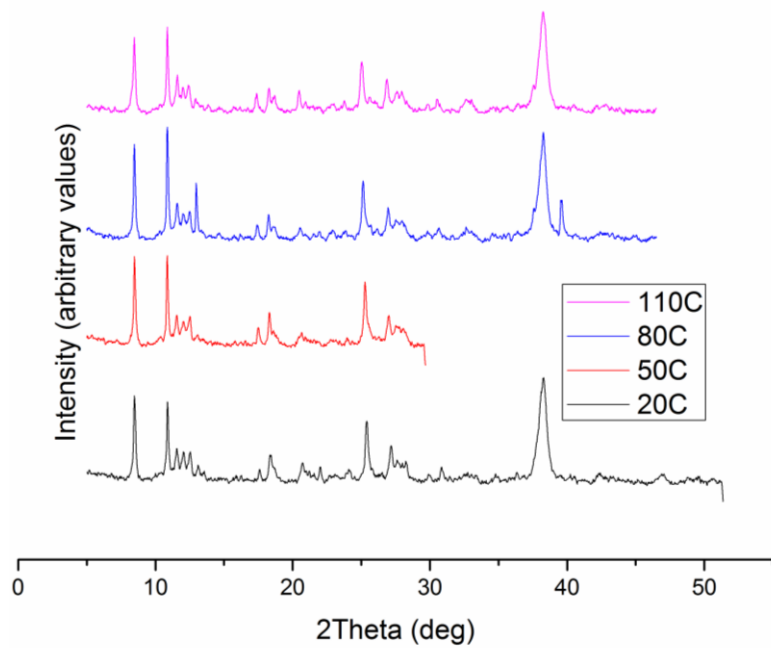


Figure S1. Diffractograms for complex **1** obtained on heating.

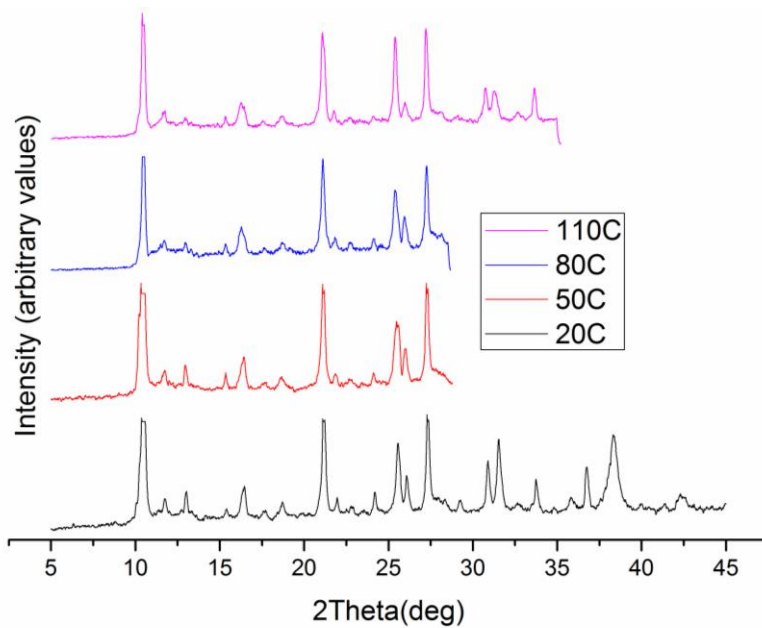


Figure S2. Diffractograms for complex **2** obtained on heating.

*Analysis of Crystal Structures*

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for copper(II) complexes **1** and **2**

Compound	[CuCl <sub>2</sub> (alphaOMe)] ( <b>1</b> )	[Cu <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> (alphaOMe) <sub>2</sub> ] ( <b>2</b> )
Empirical formula	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> CuN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>26</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> Cu <sub>2</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
Formula weight	341.67	683.35
Temperature (K)	293(2)	293(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>
Unit cell dimensions	<i>a</i> = 7.4591(7) Å <i>b</i> = 9.0156(5) Å <i>c</i> = 11.3223(10) Å <i>α</i> = 101.220(6)° <i>β</i> = 105.312(8)° <i>γ</i> = 109.259(7)°	<i>a</i> = 9.0304(3) Å <i>b</i> = 13.8032(4) Å <i>c</i> = 10.9337(4) Å <i>α</i> = 90° <i>β</i> = 100.752(3)° <i>γ</i> = 90°
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	659.27(9)	1338.94(8)
Z	2	2
D <sub>calc</sub> (Mg m <sup>-3</sup> )	1.721	1.695
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	2.058	2.026
F(000)	346	692
Theta range for data collection (°)	3.02 to 25.00	2.95 to 25.00
Reflections collected	3936	5372
Independent reflections	2318 [R(int) = 0.0194]	2351 [R(int) = 0.0266]
Completeness to theta = 25.00°	99.9 %	99.8 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.98190	1.00000 and 0.95290
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	2318 / 0 / 215	2351 / 0 / 193
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.082	1.069
Final R indices [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )]	R1 = 0.0351, wR2 = 0.0745	R1 = 0.0372, wR2 = 0.0805
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0430, wR2 = 0.0783	R1 = 0.0471, wR2 = 0.0851
Largest diff. peak and hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.391 and -0.260	0.623 and -0.415

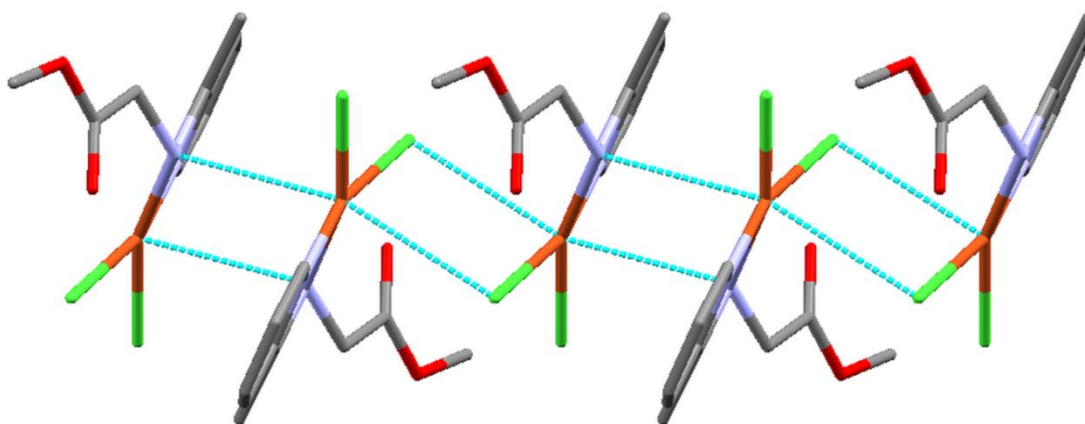


Figure S3. Infinite one-dimensional chains parallel to the *a*-axis in the crystal structure of complex **1**. View direction is close to *c*-axis.

Table S2. C–H...O interaction parameters for **2**

C–H...O	r(C–H) (Å)	r(H...O) (Å)	r(C...O) (Å)	Angle C–H...O (°)	Symmetry
C(4)–H(4)...O(1)	0.87	2.70	3.240(5)	122	1 – <i>x</i> , 1 – <i>y</i> , 1 – <i>z</i>
C(5)–H(5)...O(1)	0.95	2.67	3.267(5)	121	1 – <i>x</i> , 1 – <i>y</i> , 1 – <i>z</i>

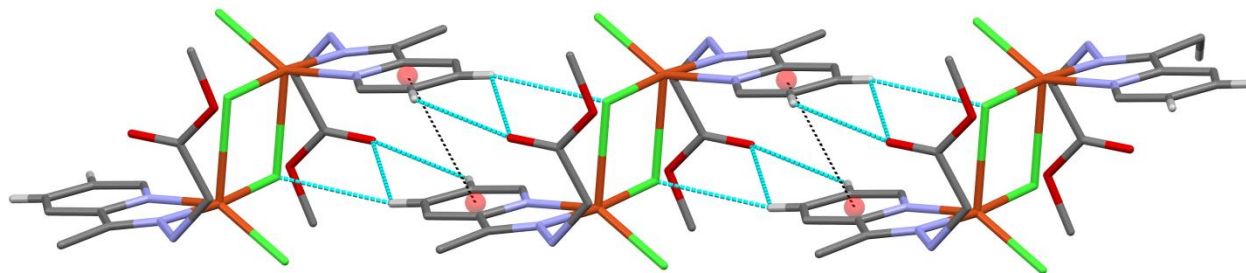


Figure S4. One-dimensional supramolecular chain along [100] direction formed by binuclear units of complex **2**. Black dashed lines indicate  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions of pyridine fragments while blue dashed lines indicate C-H $\cdots$ O interactions.

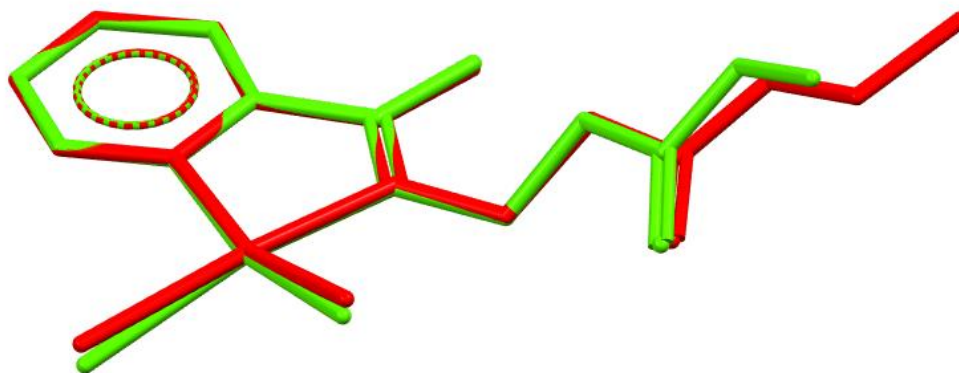


Figure S5. The result of a least-squares fit of the aromatic frames of complexes **1** (green) and **4** (red). Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity. Main directions of the side chains are separated by cca.  $5^\circ$ .

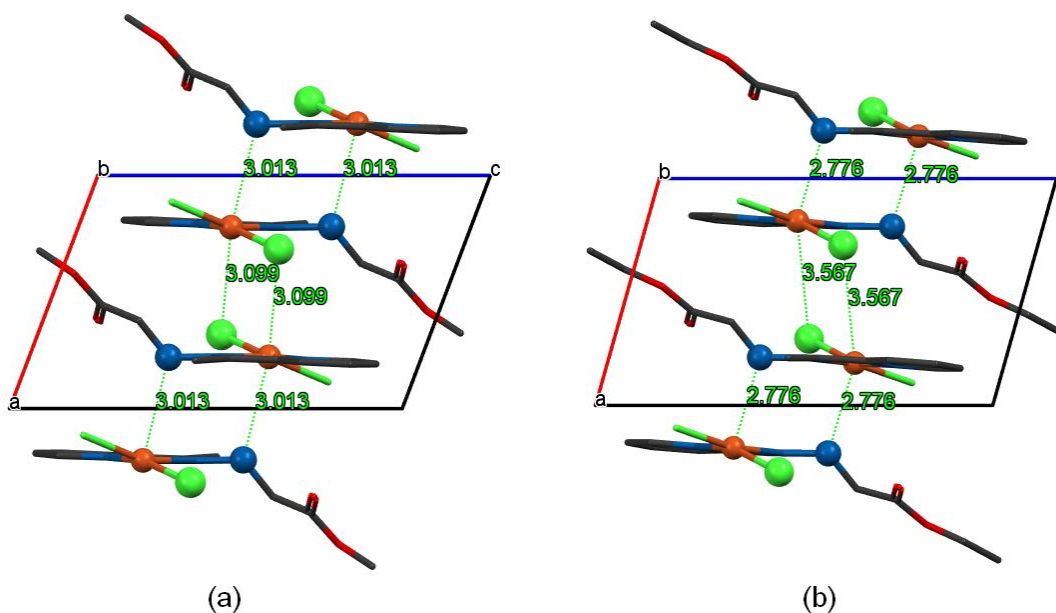


Figure S6. Packing of molecules in the crystal structures of complexes **1** (a) and **4** (b). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Color code: gray – C, blue – N, red – O, green – Cl, dark orange – Cu.

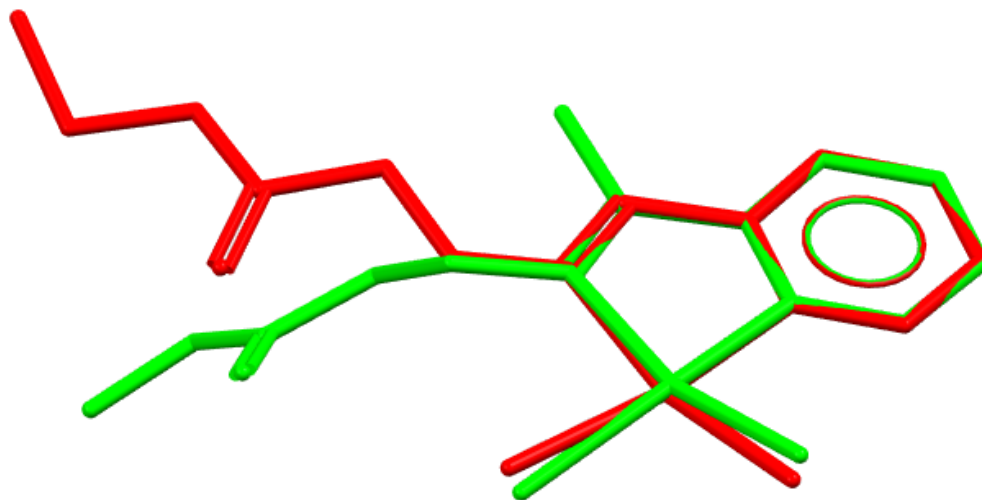


Figure S7. The result of a least-squares fit of the aromatic frames of complexes **1** (green) and **3** (red). Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity. Main directions of the side chains are separated by cca. 54°.



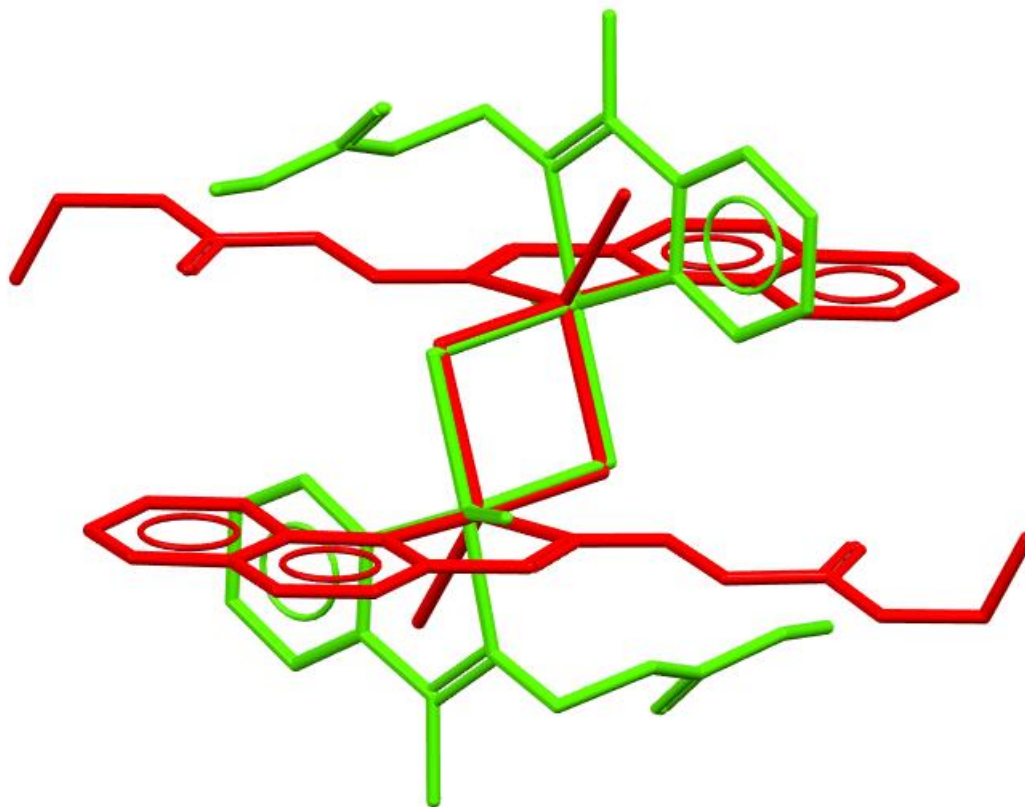


Figure S8. The result of a least-squares fit of the Cu-( $\mu$ -Cl)<sub>2</sub>-Cu skeleton of complexes **2** (green) and **5** (red). Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

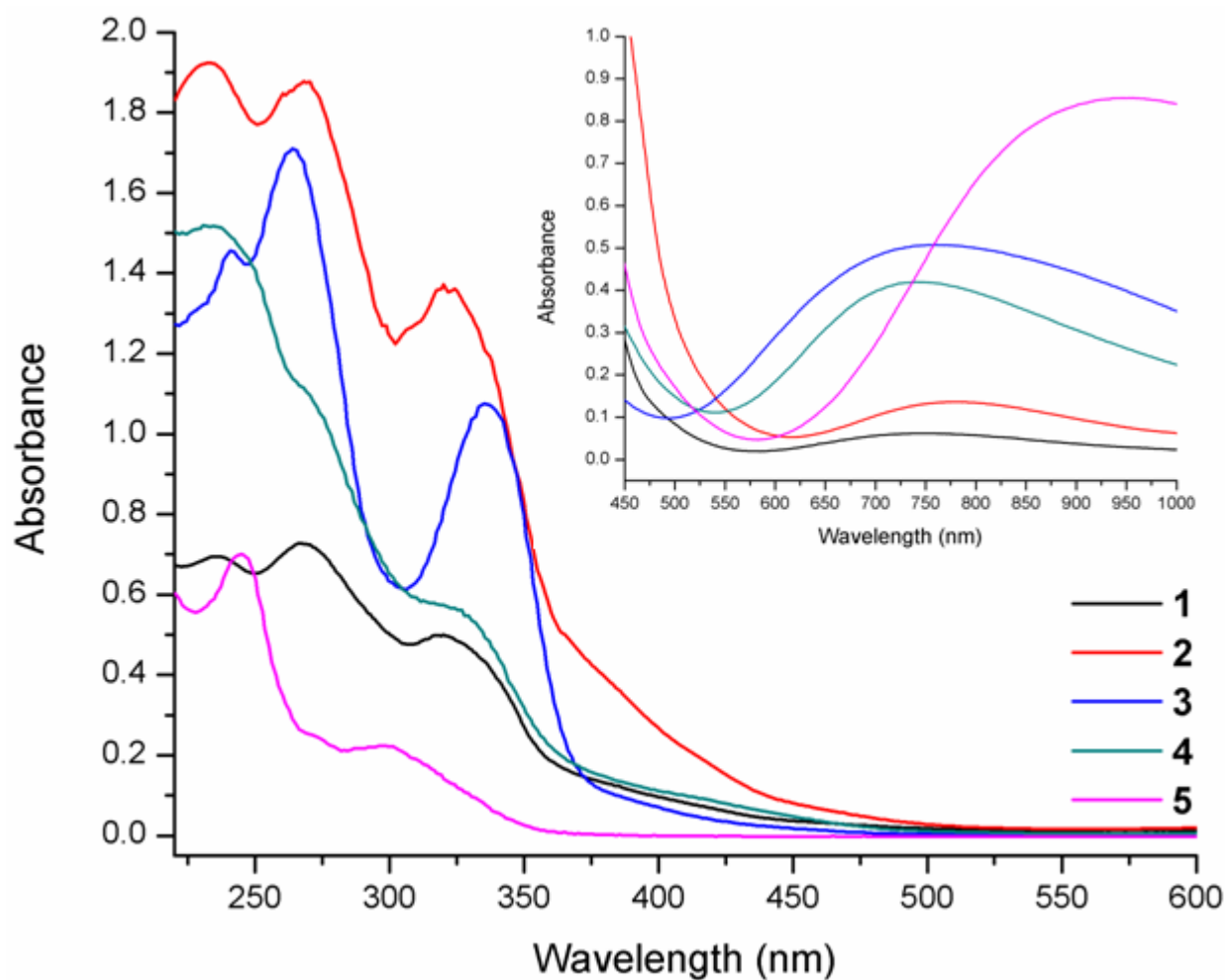


Figure S9. The electronic absorption spectra of complexes **1–5** in DMSO/H<sub>2</sub>O 0.5 : 100 (v/v) at 298 K ( $c_{1,2} = 5 \times 10^{-5}$  M;  $c_{3,4} = 1 \times 10^{-4}$  M;  $c_5 = 1 \times 10^{-5}$  M). Inset: The electronic absorption spectra of complexes **1–5** in DMSO/H<sub>2</sub>O 0.5 : 100 (v/v) at 298 K ( $c_{1,2} = 1 \times 10^{-3}$  M;  $c_3 = 5 \times 10^{-3}$  M;  $c_4 = 4.8 \times 10^{-3}$  M;  $c_5 = 4.5 \times 10^{-3}$  M).

Table S3. Electronic spectral data for complexes **1–5**.

Complex	$\lambda_{\text{max}}$ / nm
<b>1</b>	235, 269, 320, 749, 752 <sup>a</sup>
<b>2</b>	233, 268, 322, 783, 786 <sup>a</sup>
<b>3</b>	240, 264, 336, 751
<b>4</b>	234, 269sh, 328, 742
<b>5</b>	245, 272sh, 200, 942

<sup>a</sup> In diffuse reflectance.

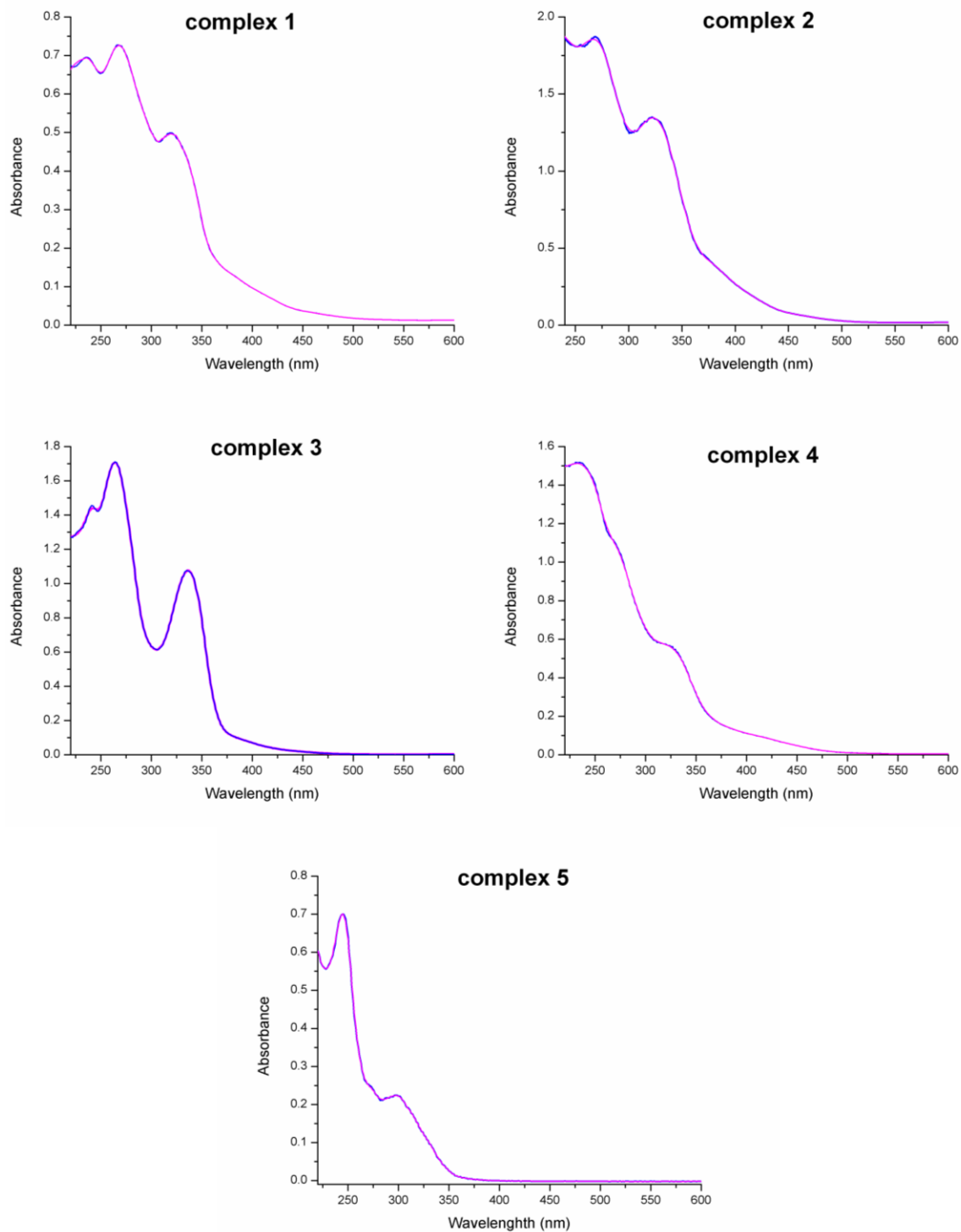


Figure S10. The UV-Vis spectroscopy data for complexes **1–5** in DMSO/H<sub>2</sub>O 0.5 : 100 (v/v) at 298 K. First measurement (blue), after 24 h (pink).

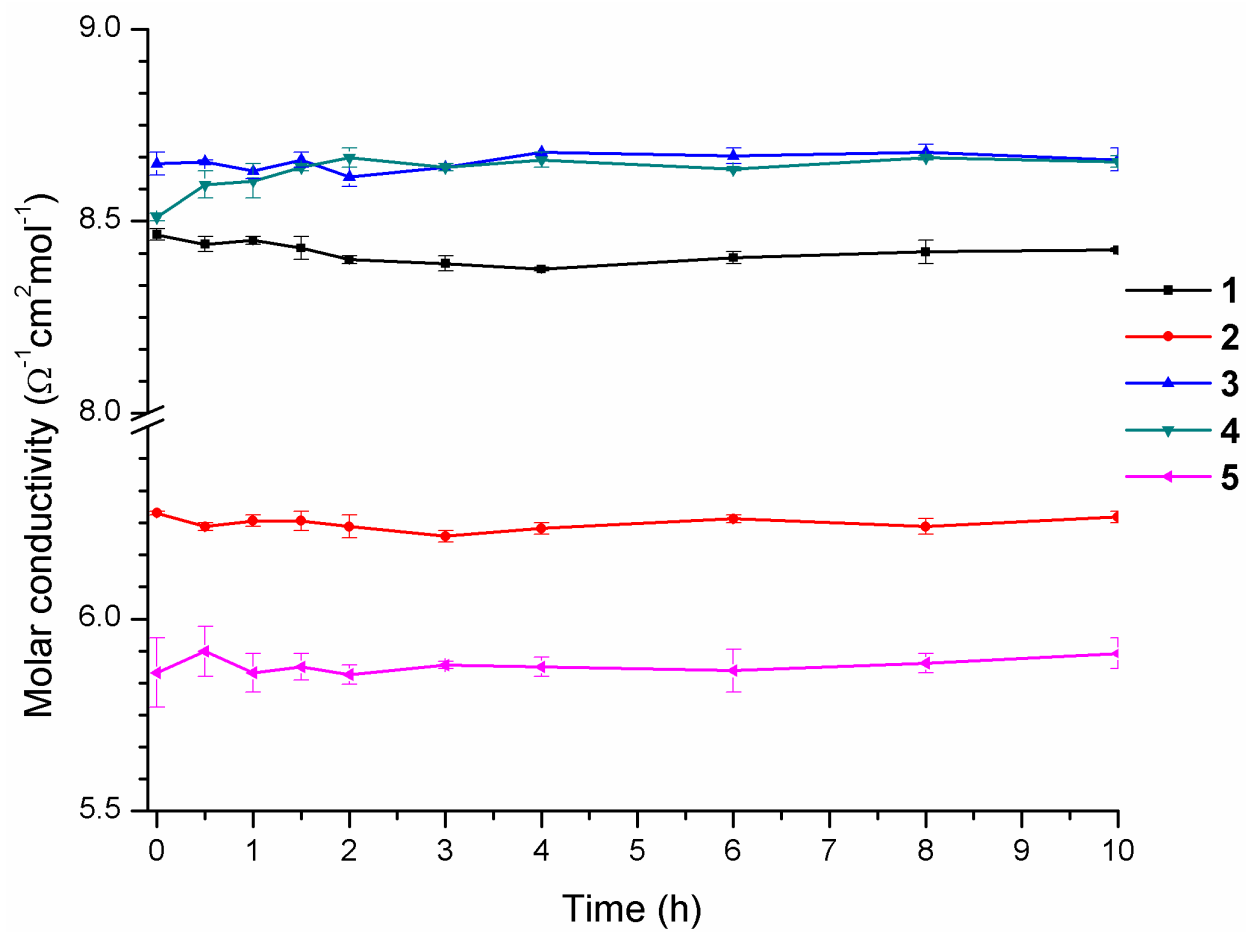


Figure S11. The molar conductivity plot for complexes **1–5** vs. time.

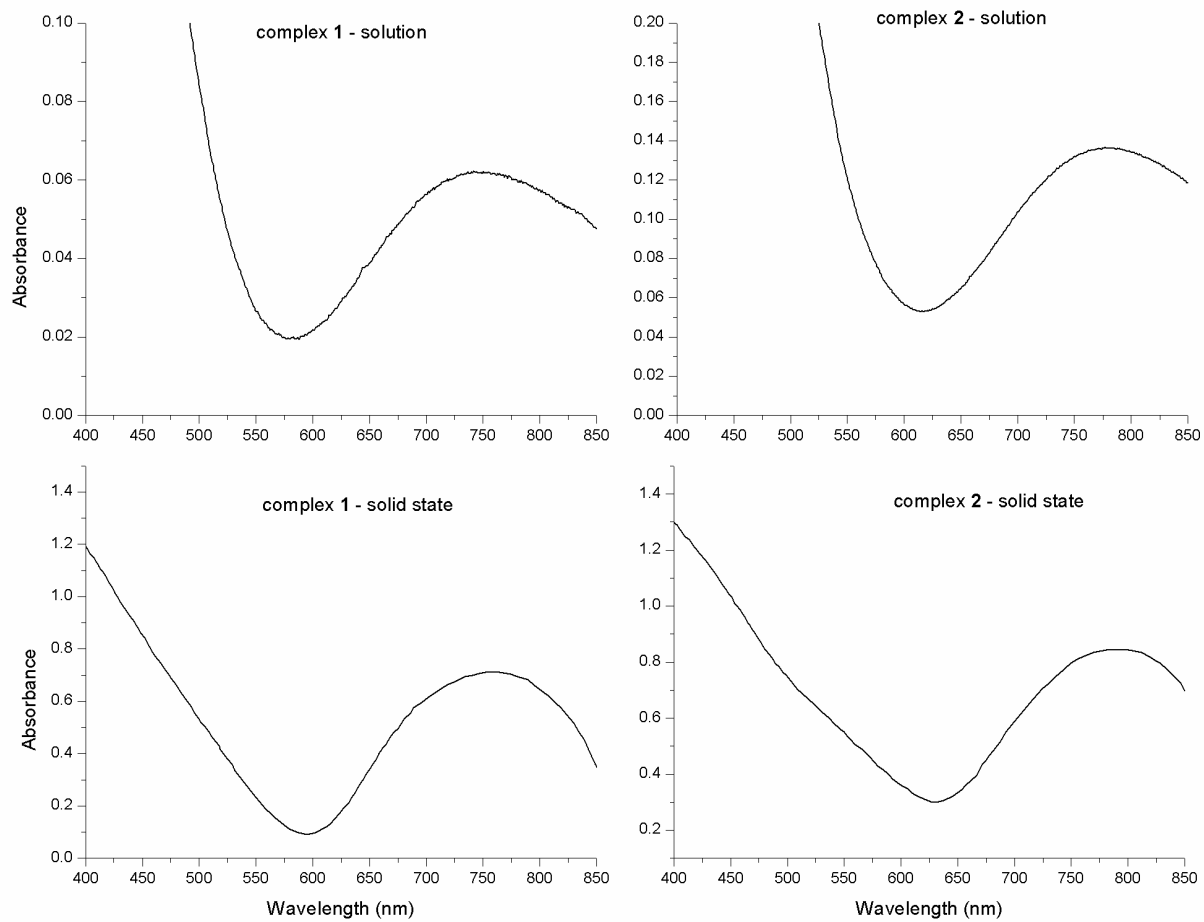


Figure S12. The solid state diffuse reflectance spectra of complexes **1** and **2** (lower panels) and UV-Vis spectra of the same complexes in solution (upper panels).

## Magnetic behavior

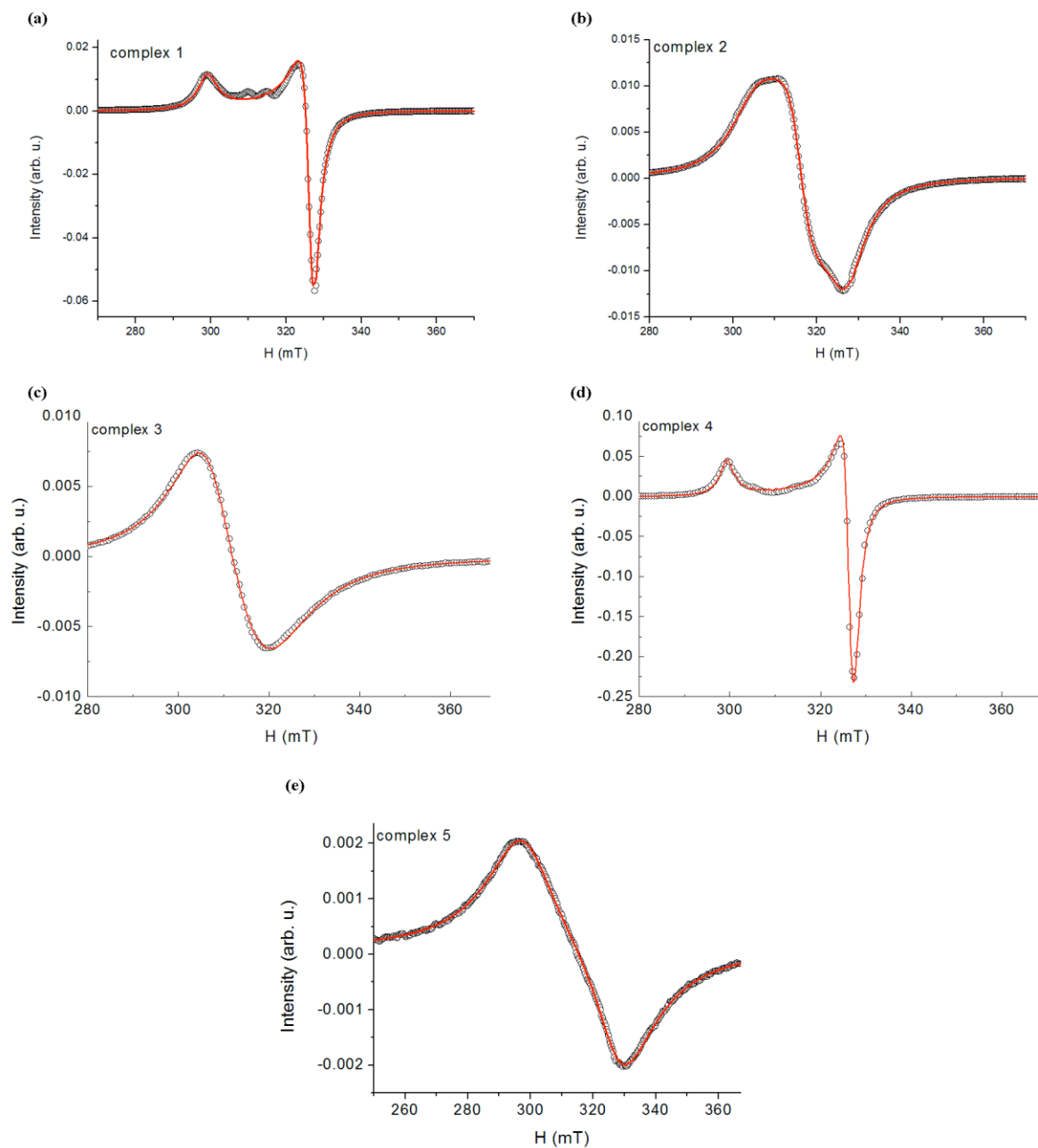


Figure S13. EPR spectra for complexes **1** (a), **2** (b), **3** (c), **4** (d) and **5** (e) with corresponding simulations plotted as red solid lines.

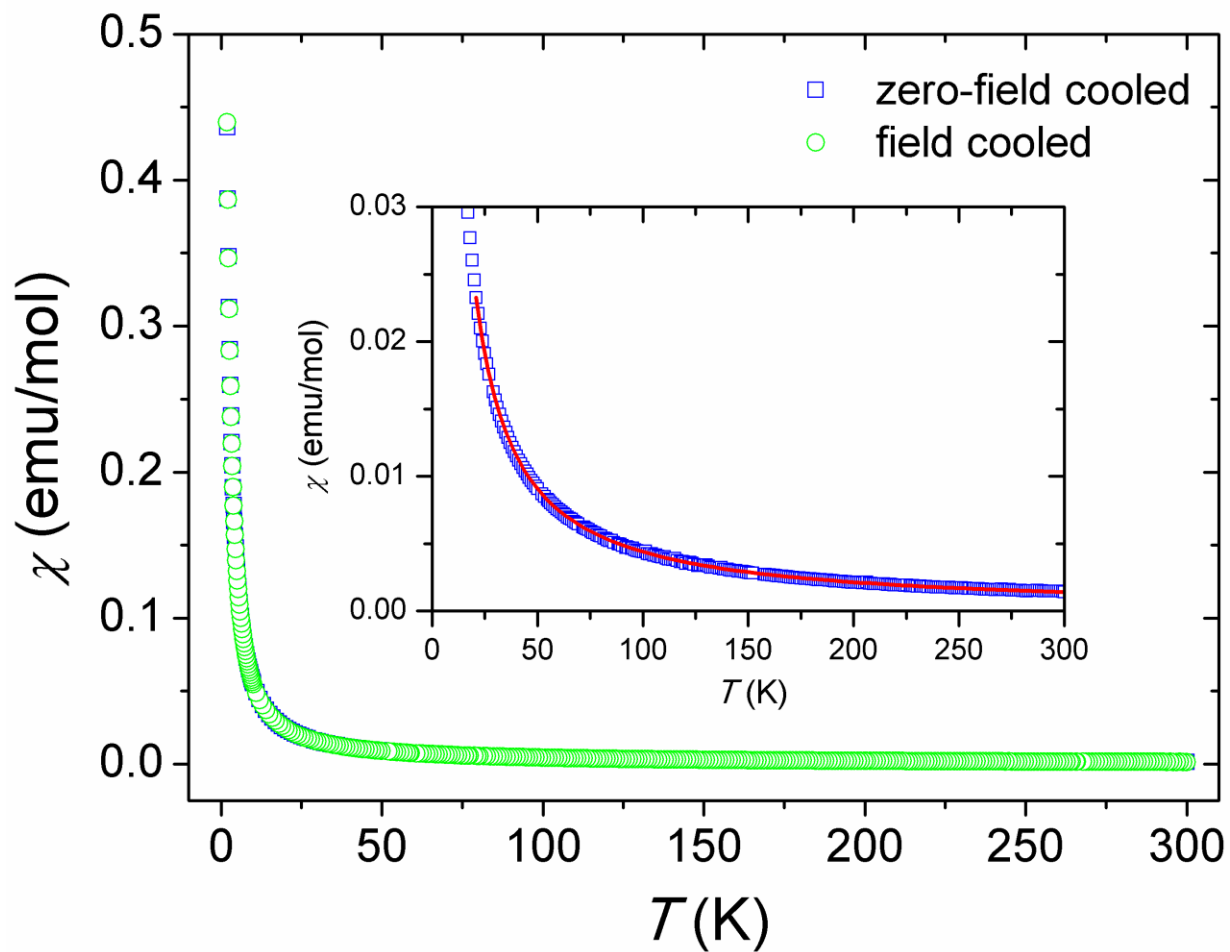


Figure S14. Temperature dependence of zero-field cooled (open blue squares) and field cooled susceptibility (open green circles) for complex **3**. A fit of the zero-field cooled curve with the Curie-Weiss law above 20 K is shown as a red full line in the inset.



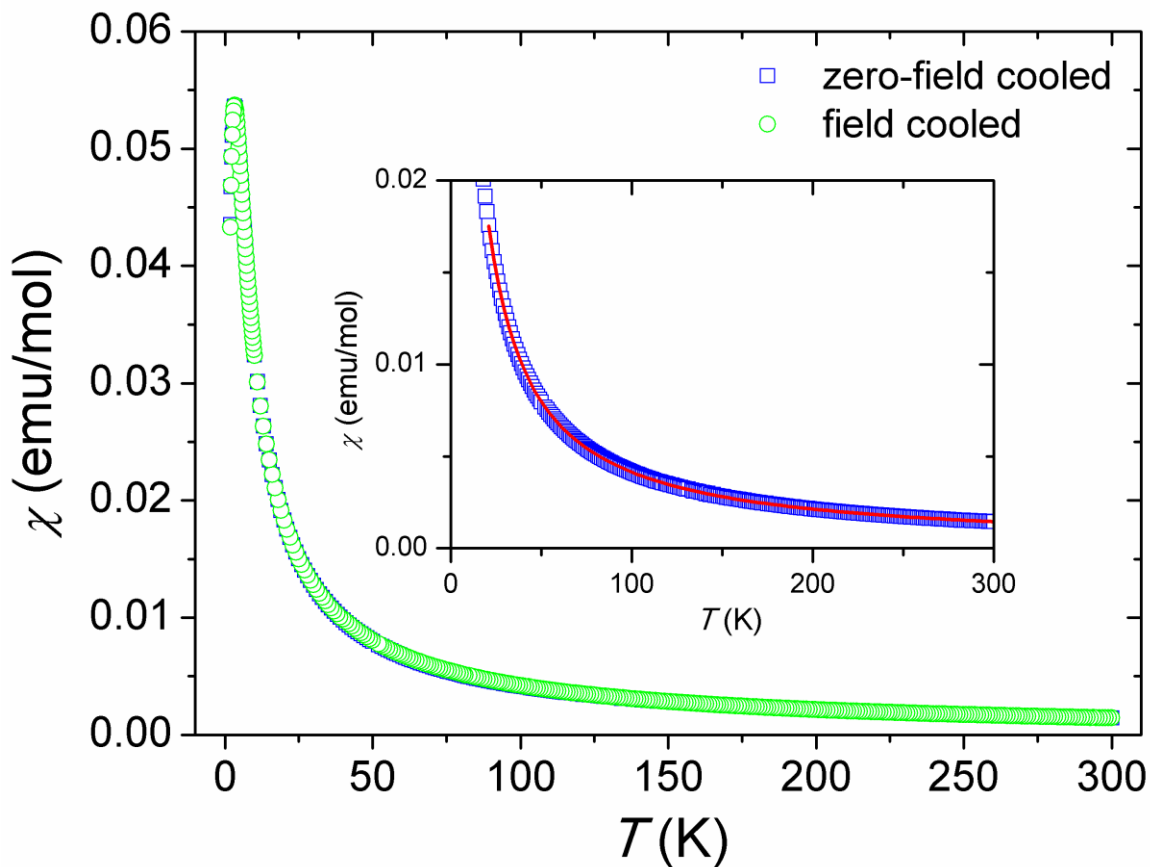


Figure S15. Temperature dependence of zero-field cooled (open blue squares) and field cooled susceptibility (open green circles) for complex **4**. A fit of the zero-field cooled curve with the Curie-Weiss law above 20 K is shown as a red full line in the inset.

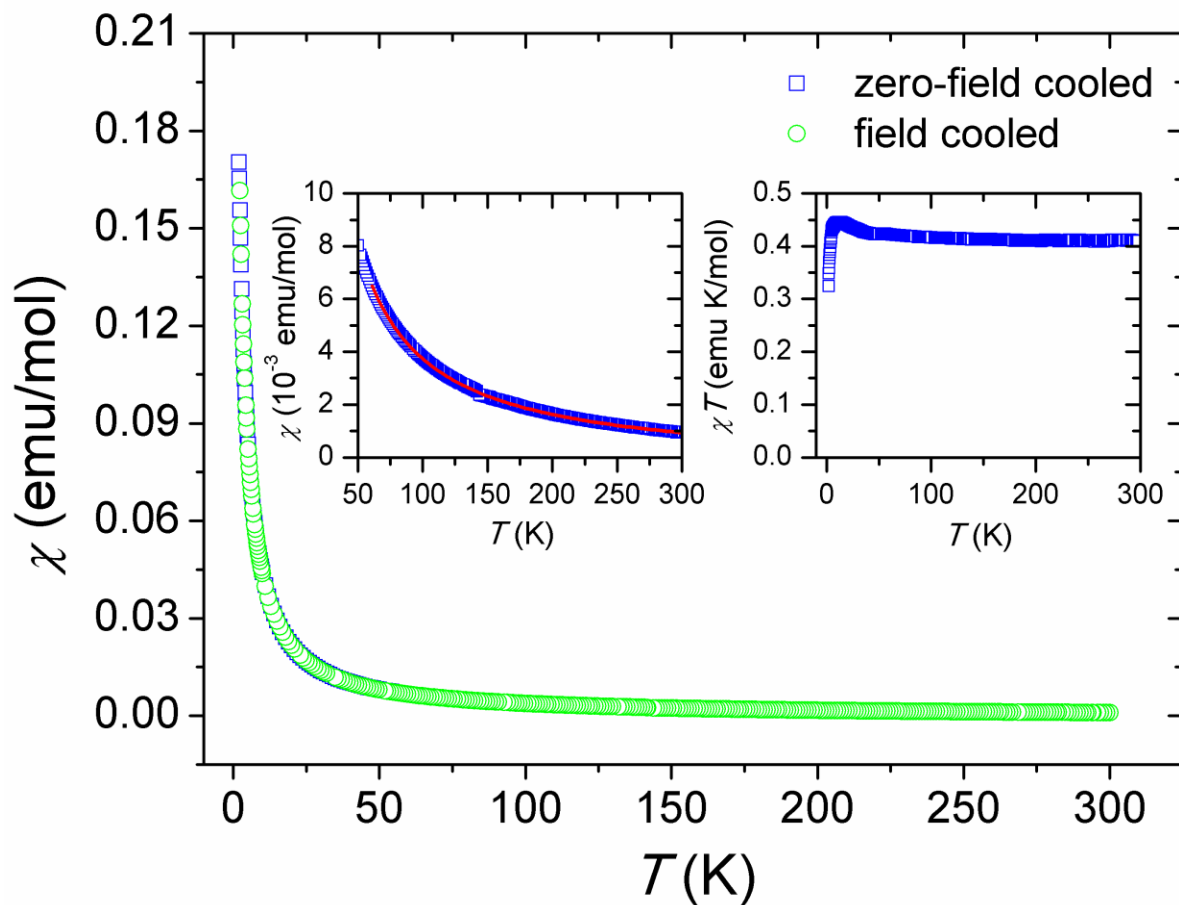


Figure S16. Temperature dependence of zero-field cooled (open blue squares) and field cooled susceptibility (open green circles) for complex **5**. A fit of the zero-field cooled curve with the Curie-Weiss law above 60 K is shown as a red full line in the left inset. The  $\chi T(T)$  plot is shown in the right inset.

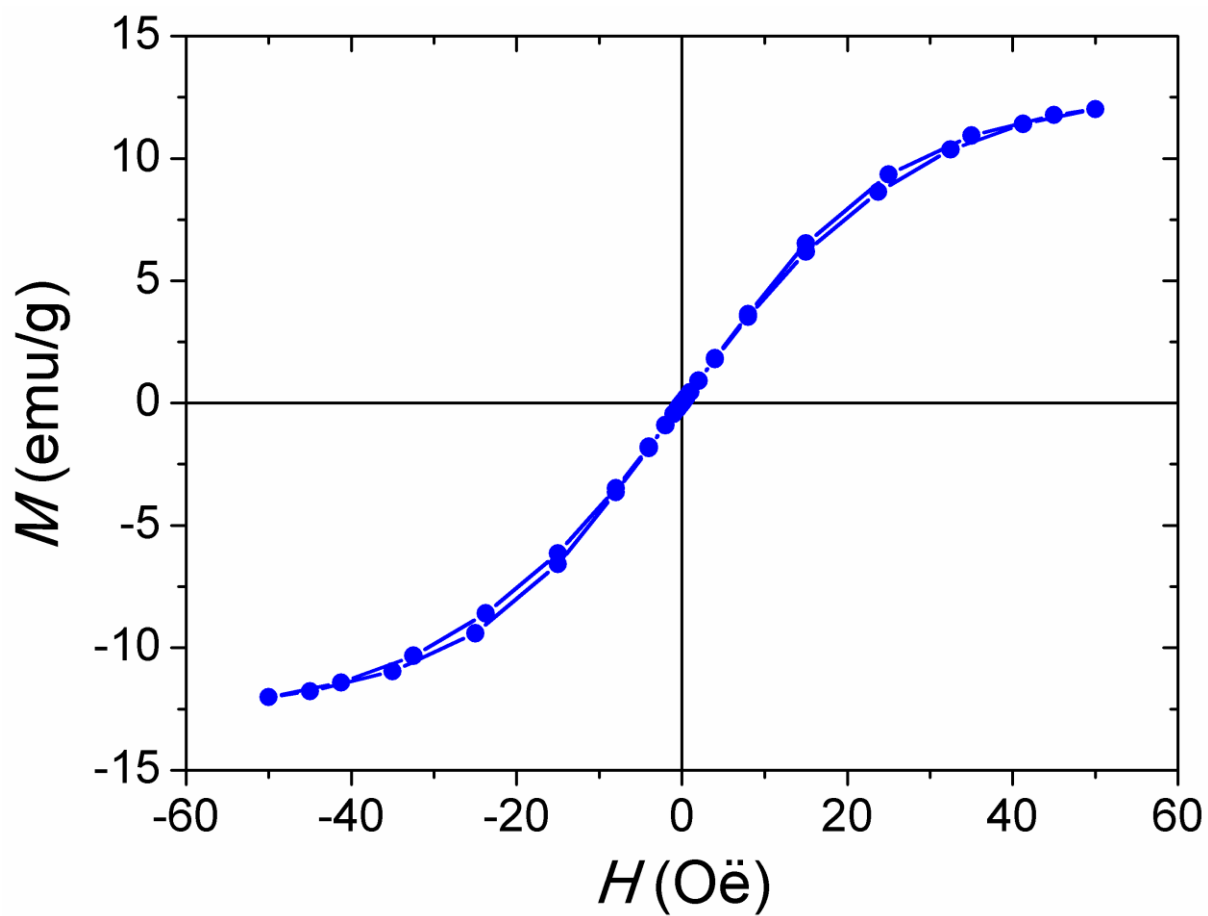


Figure S17. Magnetization curve for complex 5 measured at 2 K.

*DFT calculations*Table S4. Summary of the DFT optimization results for the complexes **1–5**

Bond	Distance (Å)	$N^{[a]}$	Angles (°)
<b>[CuCl<sub>2</sub>(aphaOMe)] (1)</b>			
Cu–Cl	2.18 (2.24) <sup>[b]</sup>	2 / 1	$\theta$ (Cl–Cu–Cl): 94.6 (95.4)
Cu–N	2.00 (2.01)	2 / 2	$\theta$ (Cl–Cu–N): 93.1 (95.1)
		1	$\theta$ (N–Cu–N): 79.9 (79.3)
<b>[Cu<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>(aphaOMe)<sub>2</sub>] (2)</b>			
Cu···Cu	3.56 (3.64)	1 / 2	$\theta$ (Cu–Cl–Cu): 88.5 (94.4)
Cu–Cl	2.46 (2.39)	6 / 4	$\theta$ (Cl–Cu–N): 95.1 (94.6)
Cu–N	2.13 (2.03)	4 / 2	$\theta$ (N–Cu–N): 76.9 (79.3)
<b>[CuCl<sub>2</sub>(fphaOEt)] (3)</b>			
Cu–Cl	2.26 (2.24)	2 / 1	$\theta$ (Cl–Cu–Cl): 97.8 (93.9)
Cu–N	2.12 (2.04)	2 / 2	$\theta$ (Cl–Cu–N): 94.9 (91.9)
		1	$\theta$ (N–Cu–N):77.3 (79.8.6)
<b>[CuCl<sub>2</sub>(aphaOEt)] (4)</b>			
Cu–Cl	2.26 (2.24)	2 / 1	$\theta$ (Cl–Cu–Cl): 97.4 (95.0)
Cu–N	2.11 (2.031)	2 / 2	$\theta$ (Cl–Cu–N): 94.6 (93.4)
		1	$\theta$ (N–Cu–N): 76.9 (79.3)
<b>[Cu<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>(qahaOEt)<sub>2</sub>] (5)</b>			
Cu···Cu	3.55 (3.44)	1 / 2	$\theta$ (Cu–Cl–Cu): 93.4 (92.8)
Cu–Cl	2.34 (2.34)	6 / 4	$\theta$ (Cl–Cu–N): 90.1 (89.5)
Cu–N	2.17 (2.06)	4 / 2	$\theta$ (N–Cu–N): 80.9 (80.3)

[a]  $N$  = number of bonds / angles. [b] Values obtained from X-ray diffraction analysis are given in parenthesis.