

# Copper(II) Heterocyclic Thiosemicarbazone Complexes as Single-Source Precursors for the Preparation of Cu<sub>9</sub>S<sub>5</sub> Nanoparticles: Application in Photocatalytic Degradation of Methylene Blue

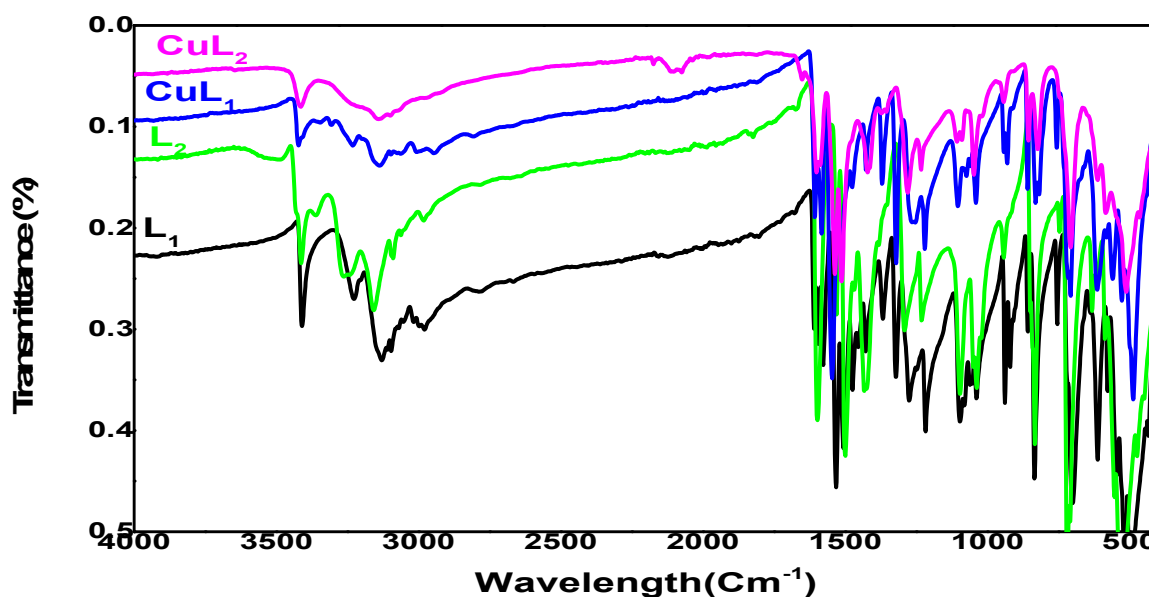
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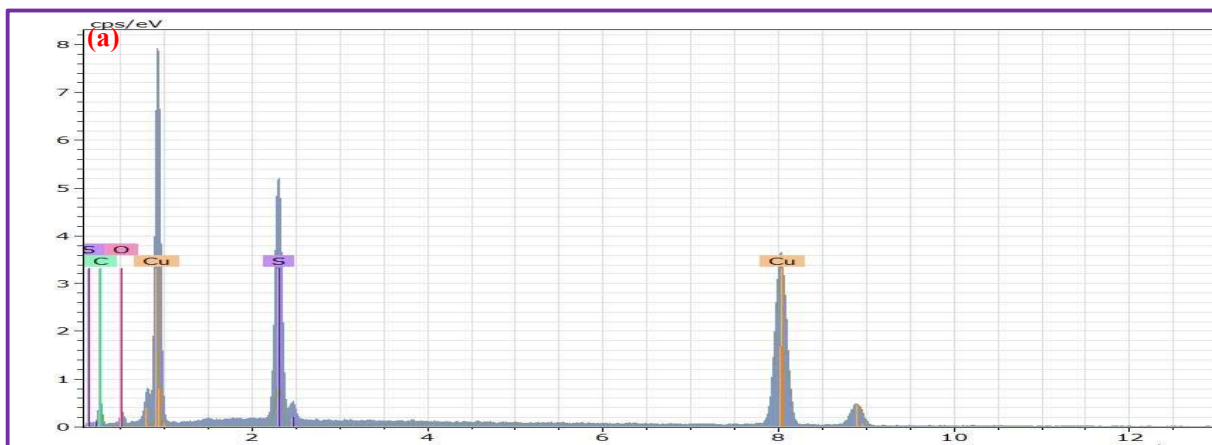
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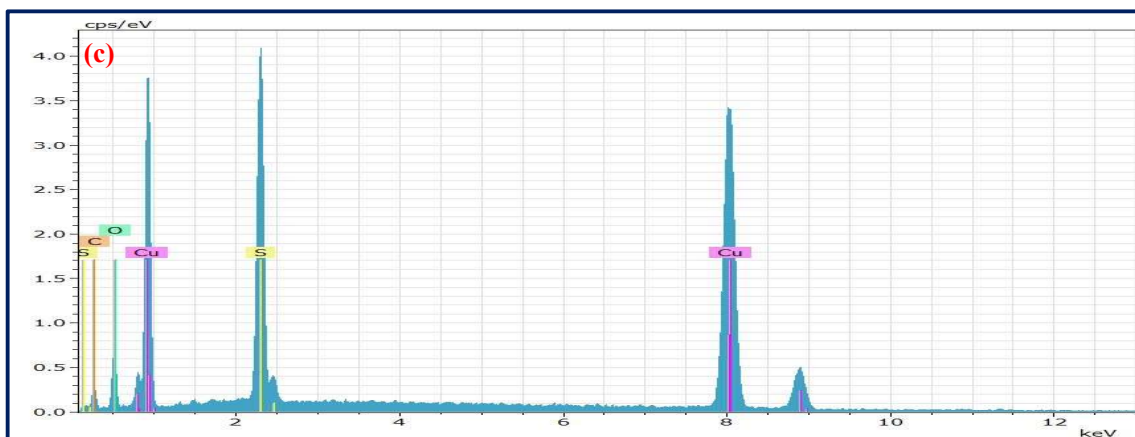
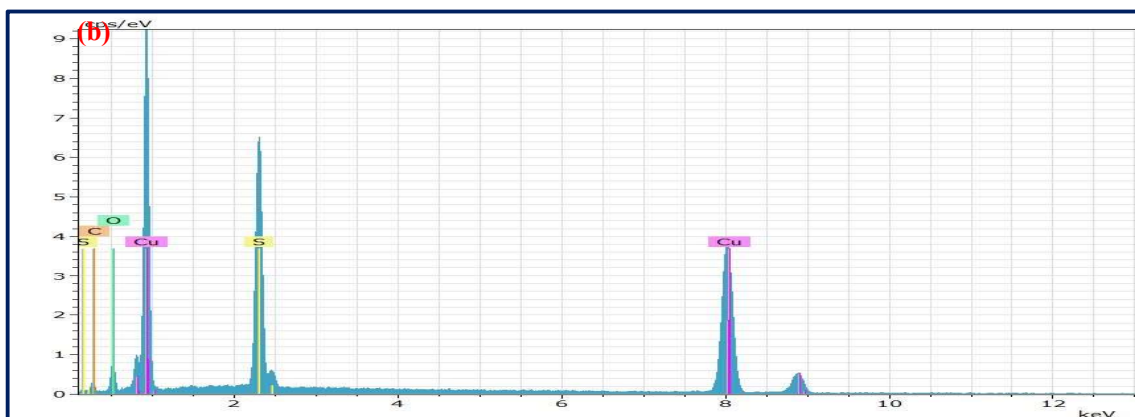
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## Supplementary Data

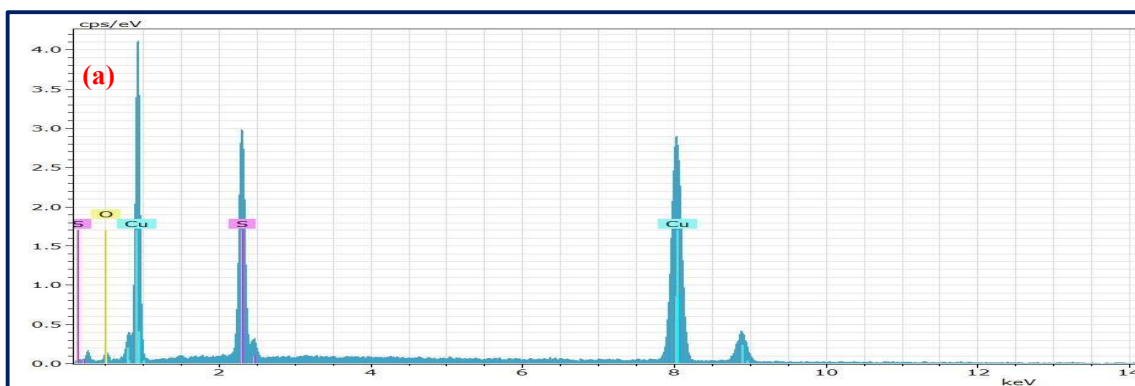


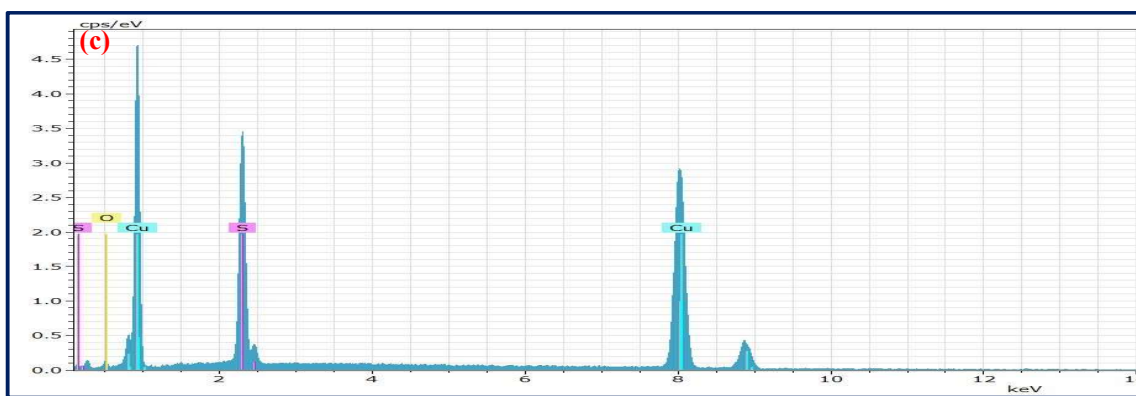
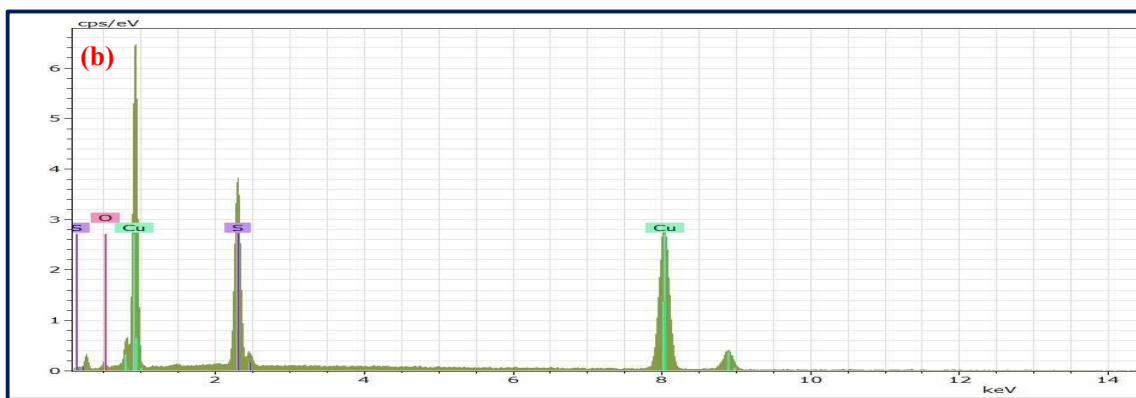
ESI Figure S1: Infrared spectra of ligands and their corresponding complexes.



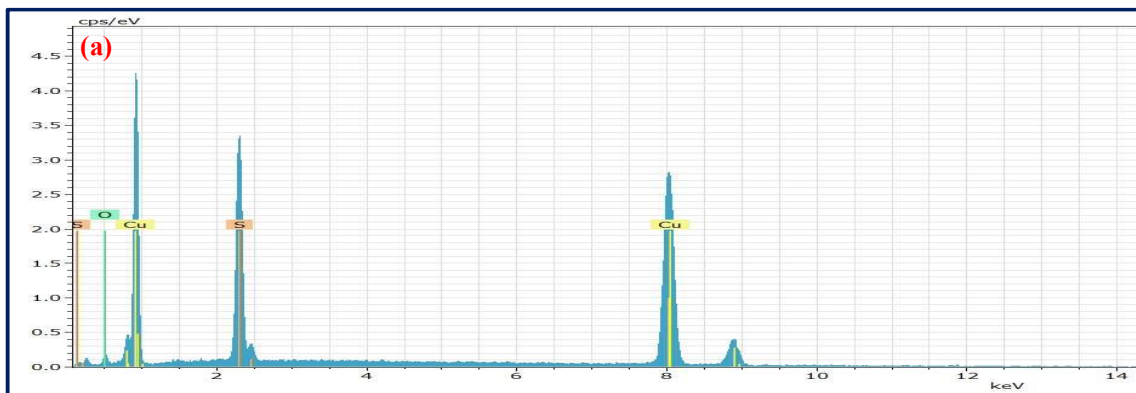


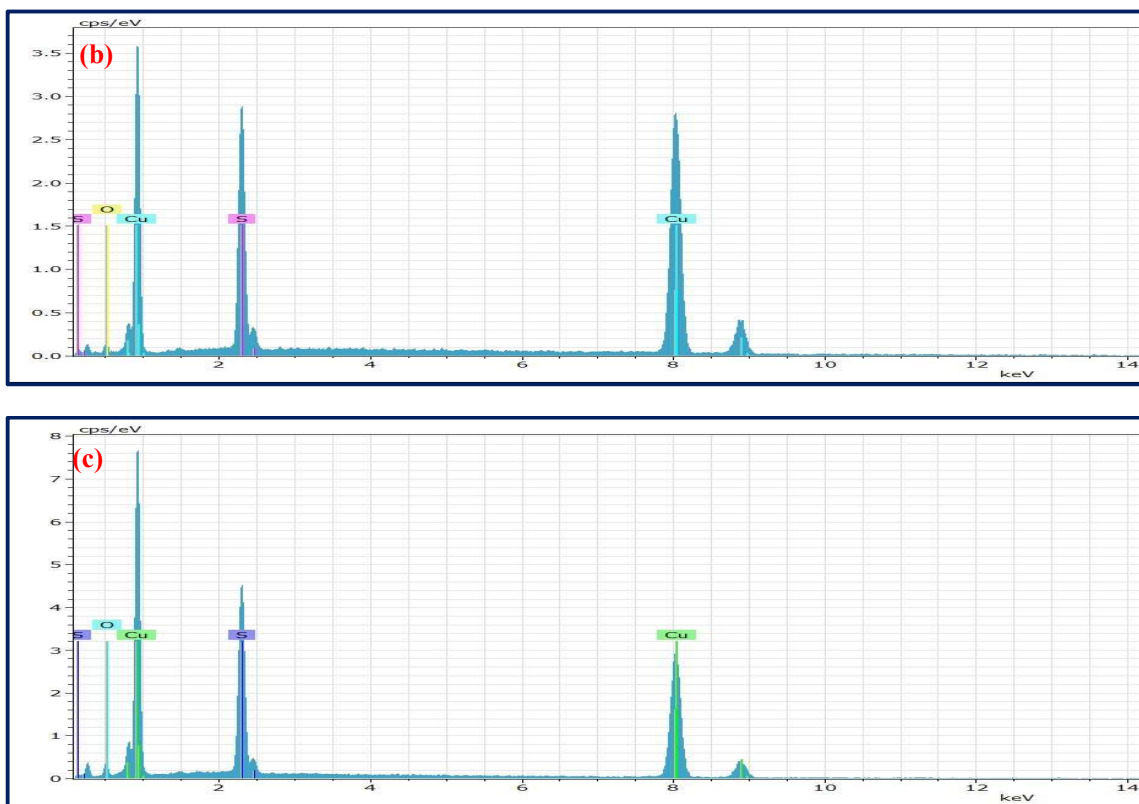
**ESI Figure S2:** EDX spectra of  $\text{Cu}_x\text{S}_y$  nanoparticles prepared in (a) OLA, (b) HDA and (c) DDA at 190 °C using complex (2).



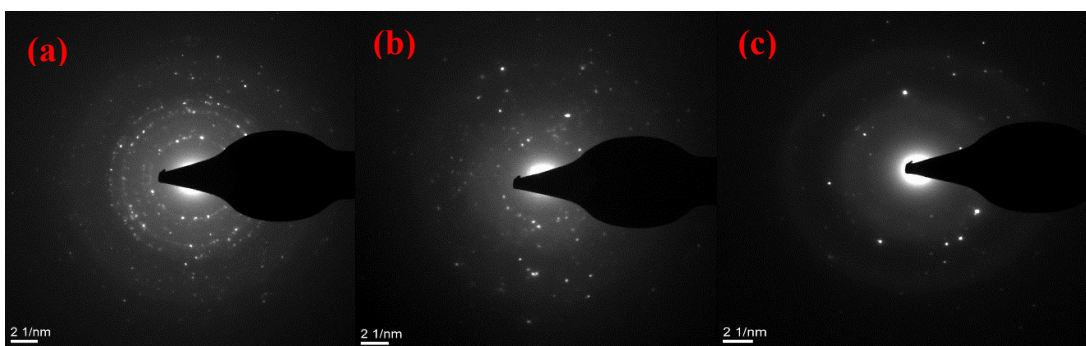


**ESI Figure S3:** EDX spectra of  $\text{Cu}_x\text{S}_y$  nanoparticles prepared in (a) OLA, (b) HAD and (c) DDA at 230 °C using complex (1).

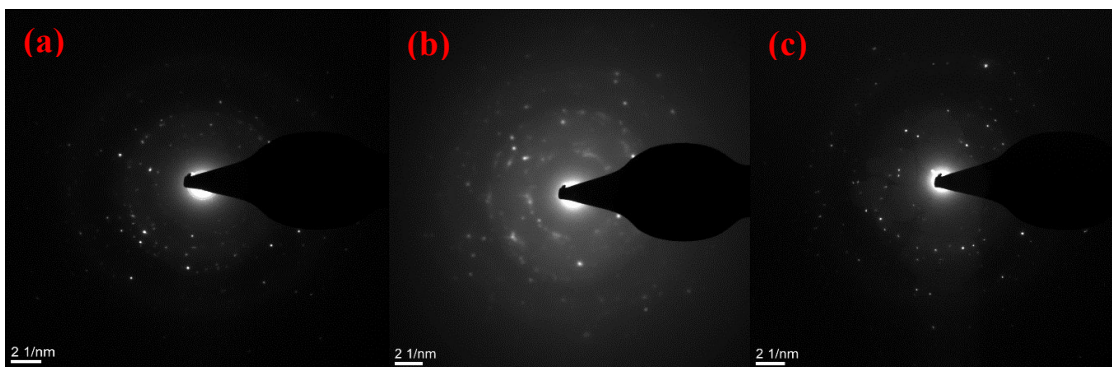




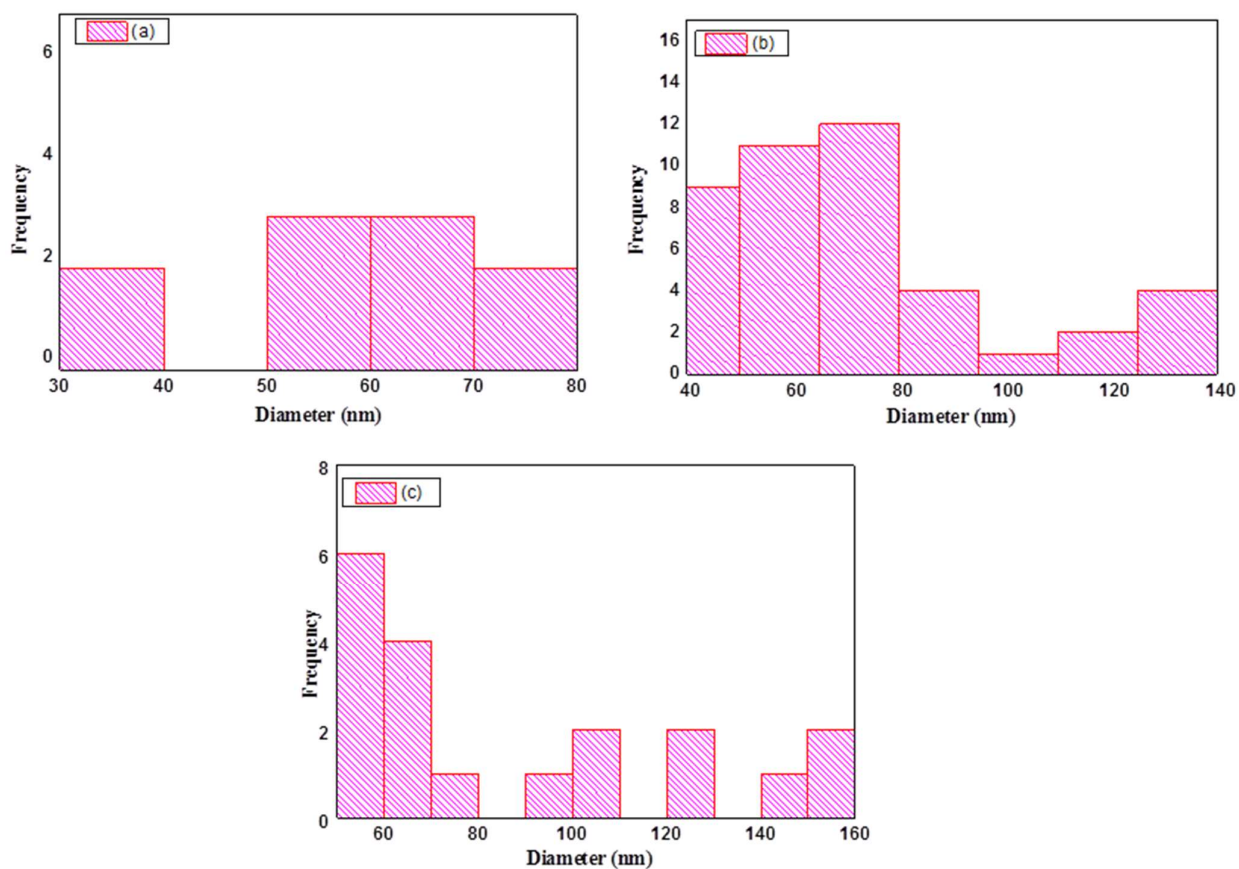
**ESI Figure S4:** EDX spectra of  $\text{Cu}_x\text{S}_y$  nanoparticles prepared in (a) OLA, (b) HAD and (c) DDA at 230 °C using complex (2).



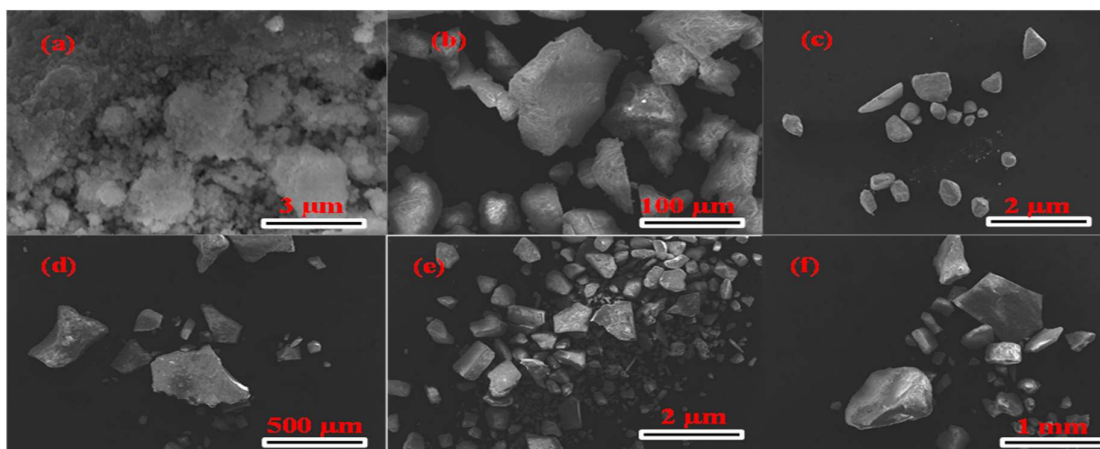
**ESI Figure S5:** SAED patterns of  $\text{Cu}_x\text{S}_y$  nanoparticles prepared at 190 °C in (a) OLA, (b) HDA and (c) DDA using complex (2).



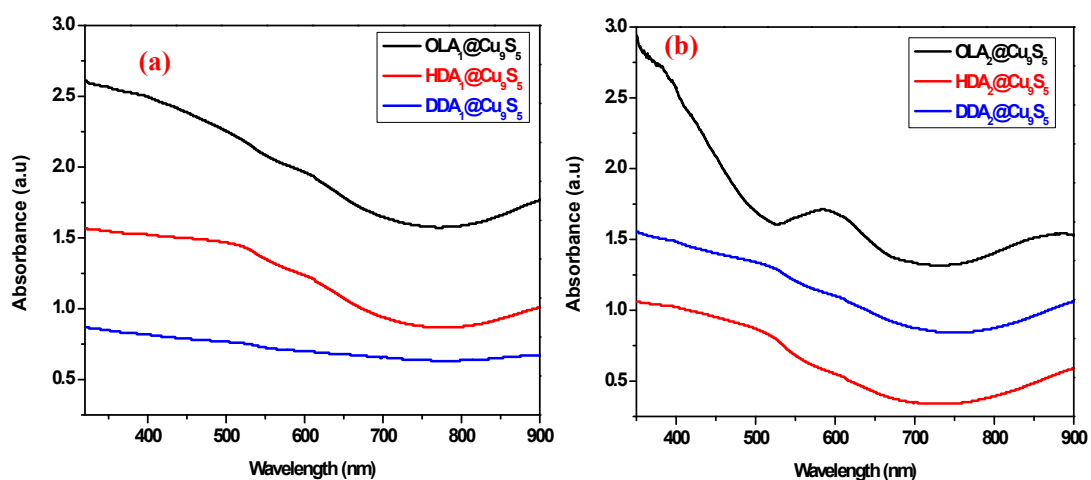
**ESI Figure S6:** SAED patterns of  $\text{Cu}_x\text{S}_y$  nanoparticles prepared at 230 °C in (a) OLA, (b) HDA and (c) DDA using complex **(2)**.



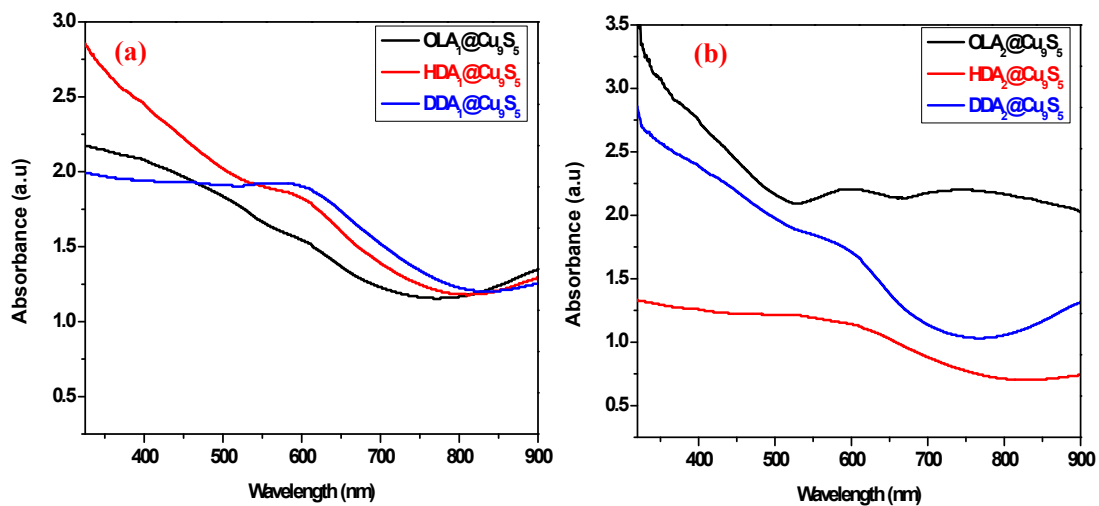
**ESI Figure S7:** Particle size distribution for  $\text{Cu}_x\text{S}_y$  nanoparticles prepared in (a) OLA, (b) HDA and (c) DDA using complex **(1)** at 190 °C.



**ESI Figure S8:** SEM images of  $\text{Cu}_x\text{S}_y$  nanoparticles prepared in (a, d) OLA, (b, e) HDA and (c, f) DDA at 230 °C using the complexes (1) and (2) as precursors.

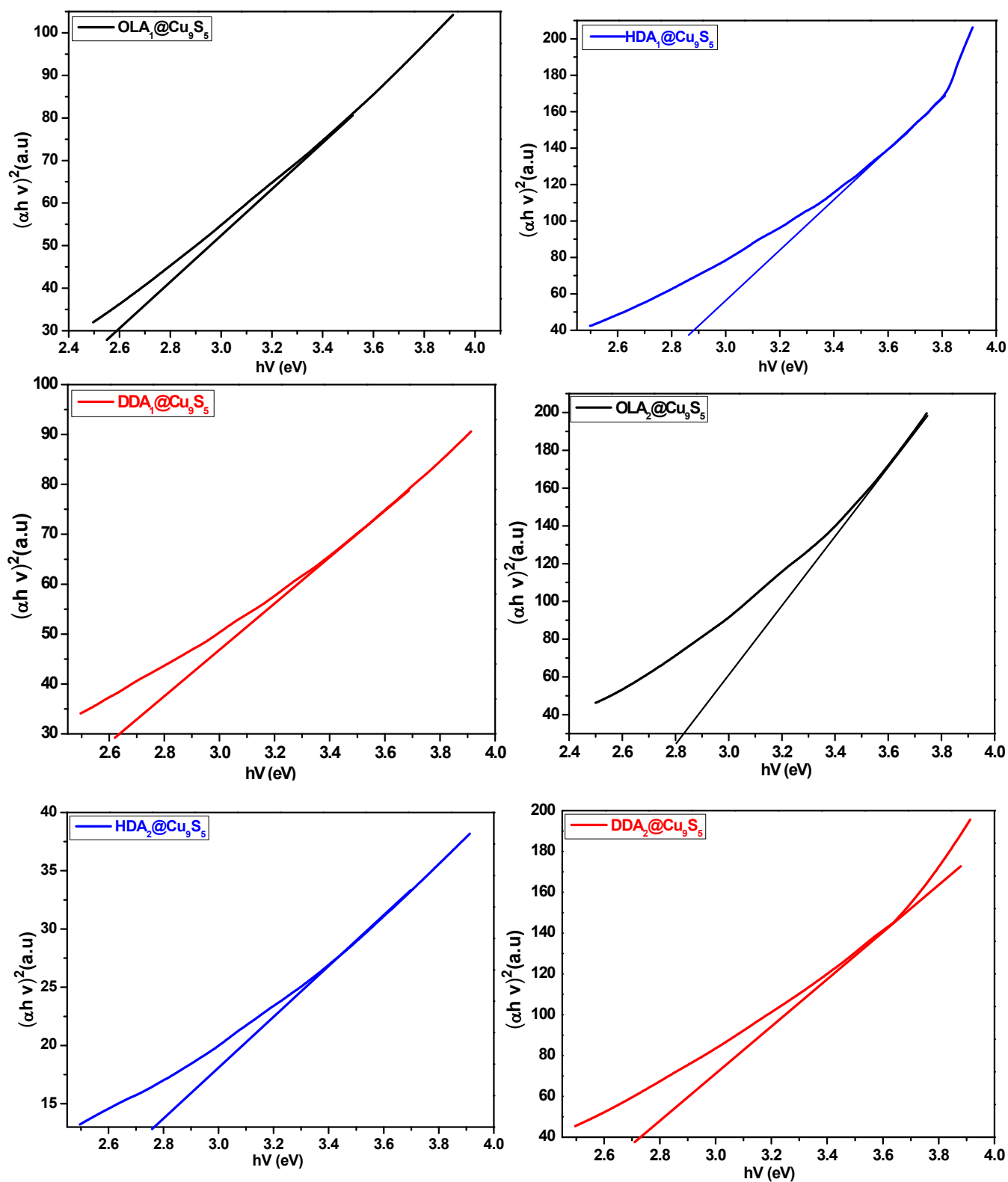


**ESI Figure S9:** UV-vis-NIR of  $\text{Cu}_x\text{S}_y$  nanoparticles prepared in OLA, HAD and DDA at 190 °C using (a) complex (1) and (b) complex (2) as single source precursors.

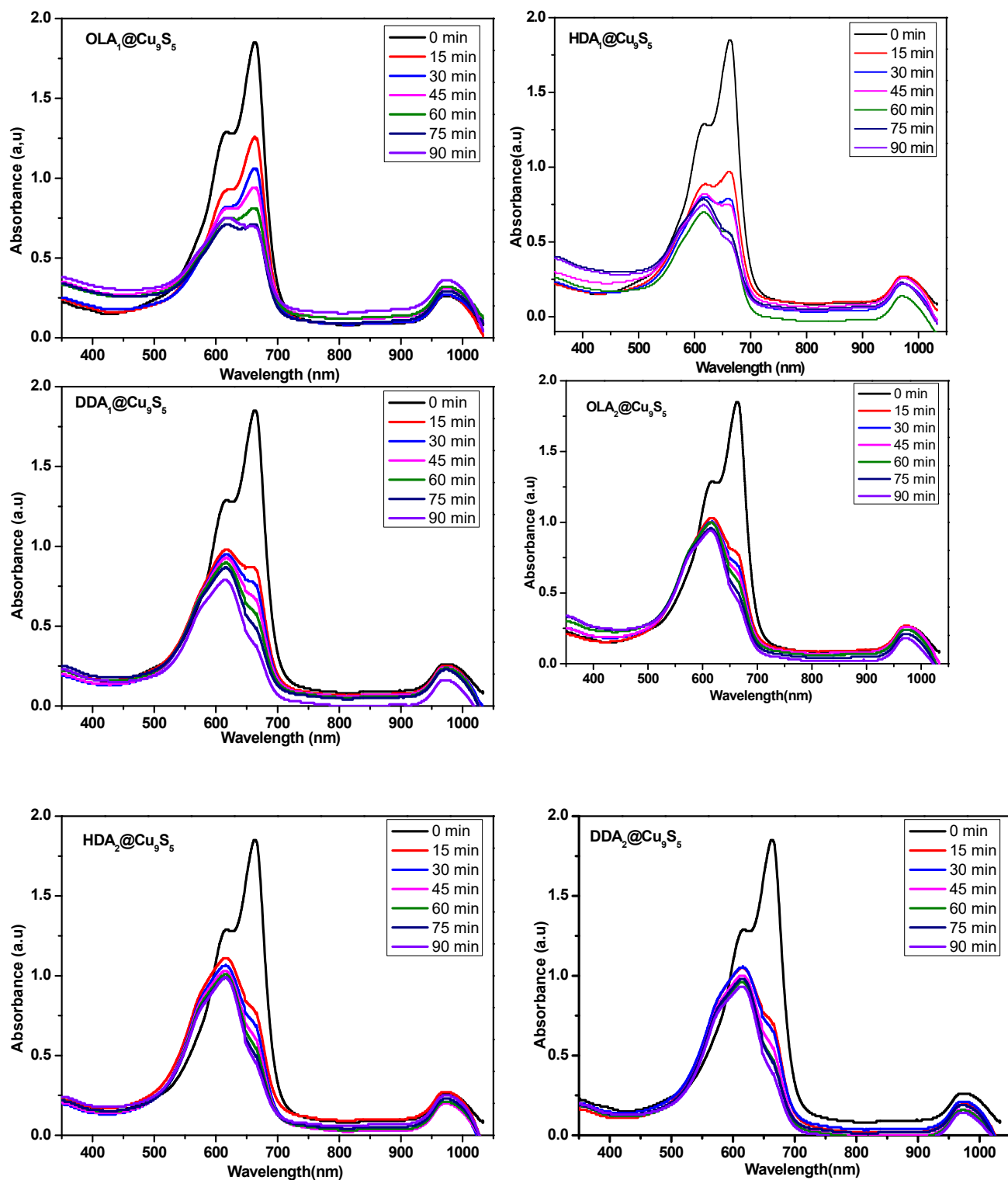




**ESI Figure S10:** UV-visible-NIR of  $\text{Cu}_x\text{S}_y$  nanoparticles prepared in OLA, HDA and DDA at 230 °C using (a) complex (1) and (b) complex (2) as single source precursors.

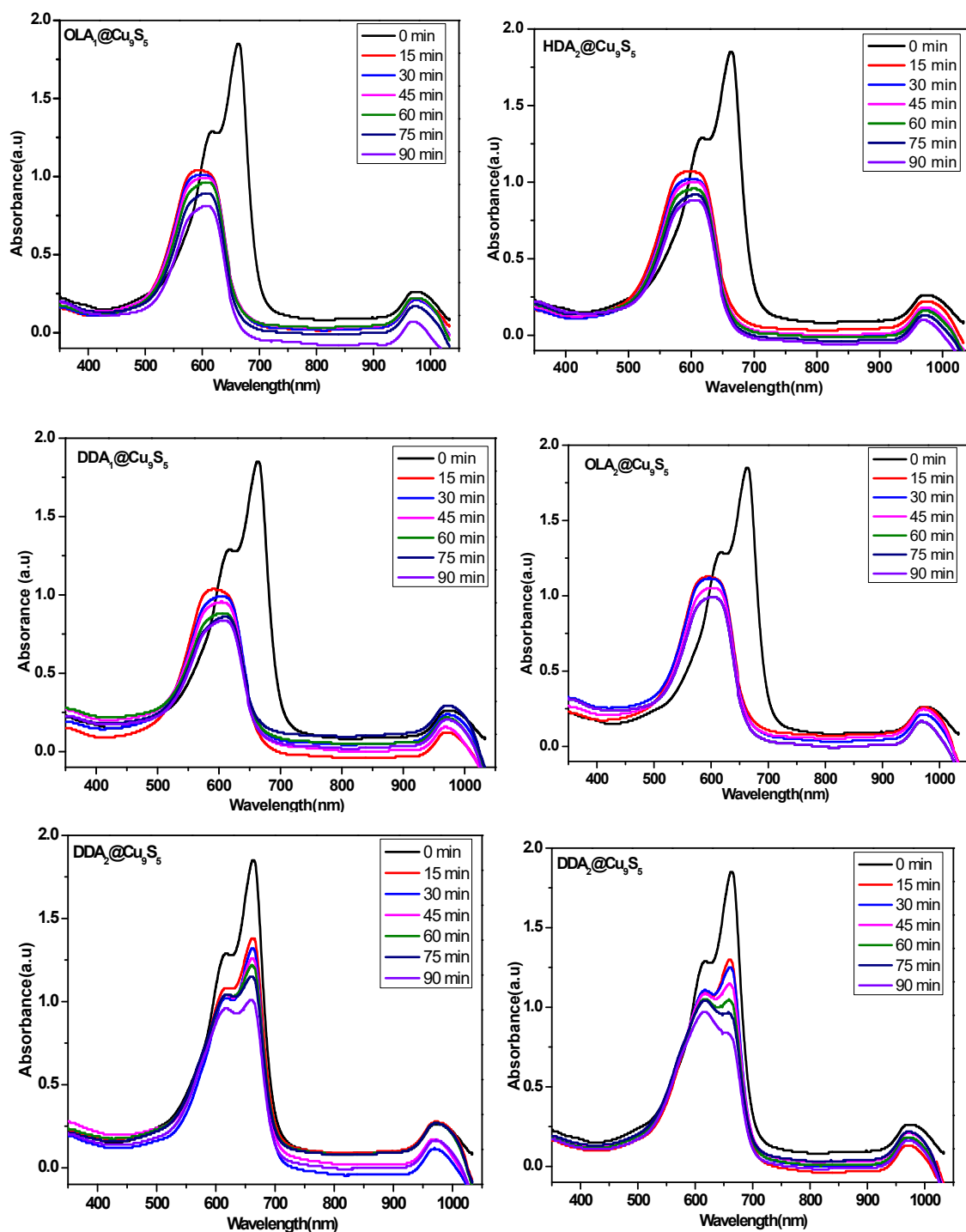


**SI Figure S11:** Tauc plots of  $\text{Cu}_x\text{S}_y$  nanoparticles prepared in OLA, HDA, and DDA at 230 °C using complexes (1) and (2).





**ESI Figure S12:** UV-Vis absorption spectra for methylene blue photodegradation using copper sulfide nanoparticles synthesized at 190 °C.



**ESI Figure S13:** UV-Vis absorption spectra for methylene blue photodegradation using Cu<sub>x</sub>S<sub>y</sub> nanoparticles synthesized at 230 °C.