

# Supplementary Material

## **Thiosemicarbazonecopper/Halido Systems: Structure and DFT Analysis of the Magnetic Coupling**

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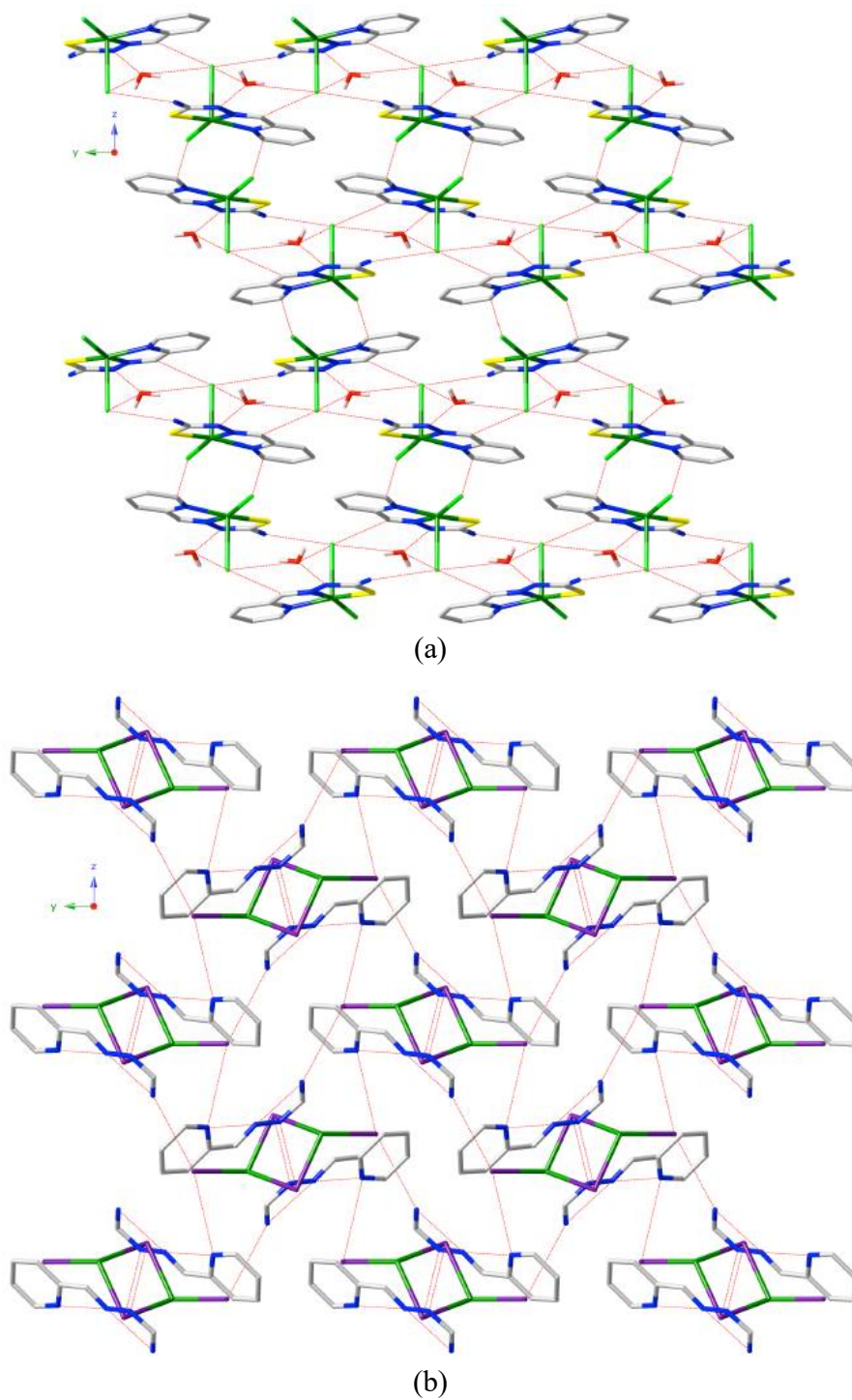
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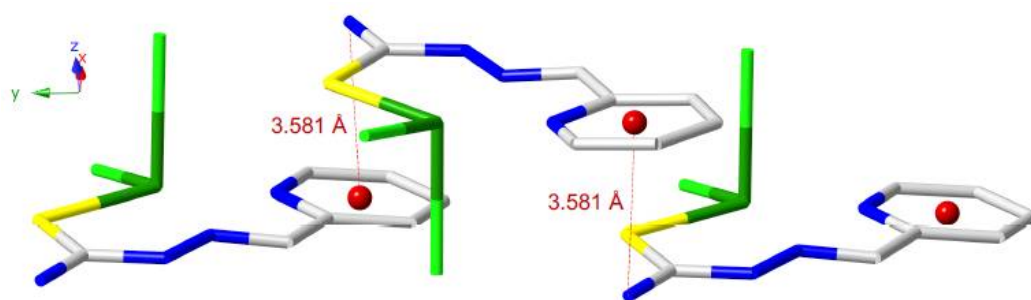
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## 1. Cu/HL/Cl<sup>-</sup> and Cu/HL/I<sup>-</sup> compounds

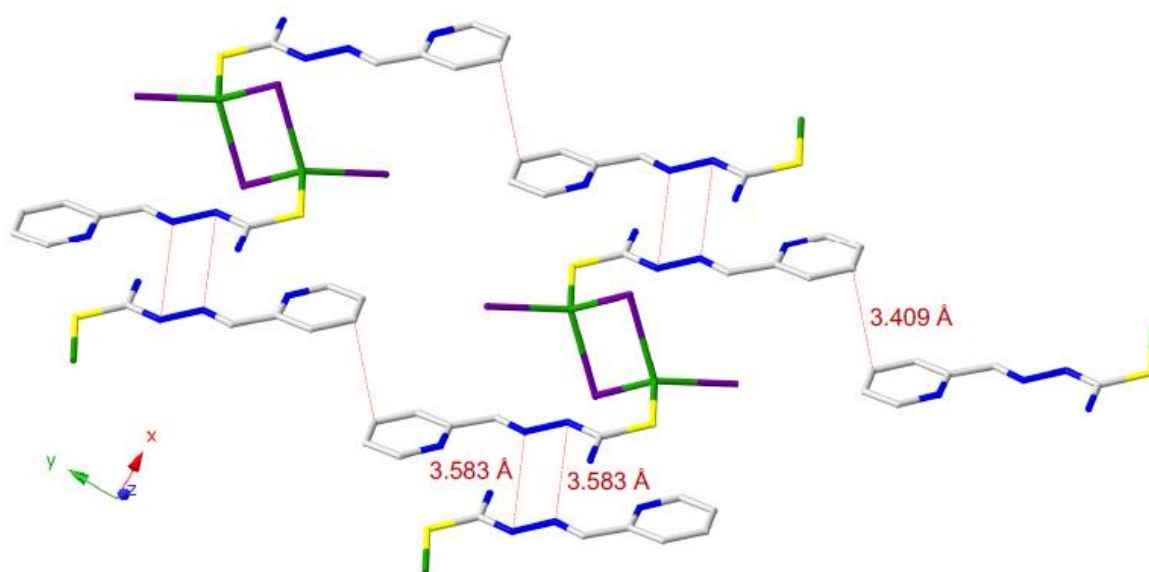
### 1. Figures



**Figure S1.1.** H-bonds (dotted red lines) for compounds **3** (a) and **4** (b). Hydrogen atoms (except in water molecules) have been omitted for clarity.

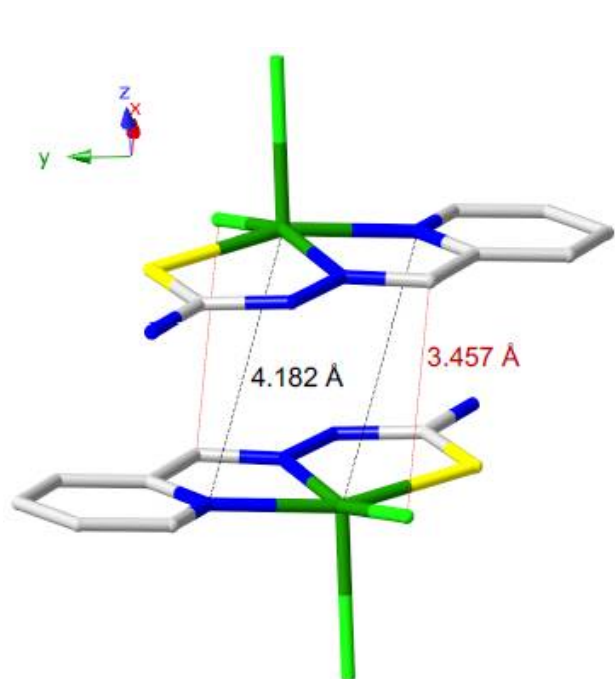


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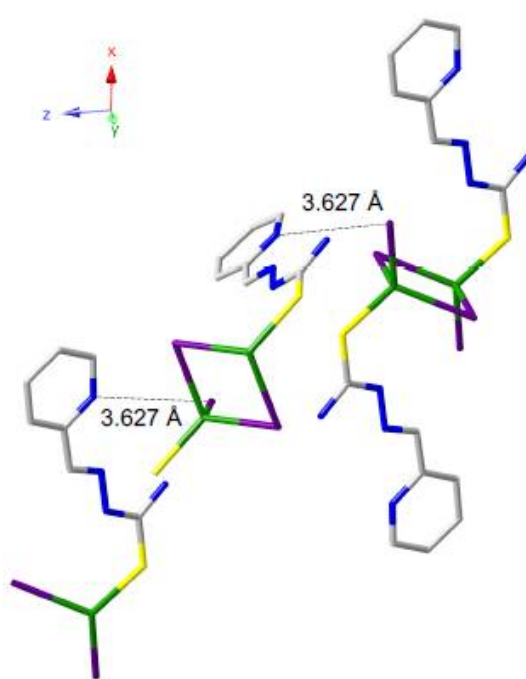


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**Figure S1.2.**  $\pi$ - $\pi$  Stacking interactions for compounds **3** (a) and **4** (b).

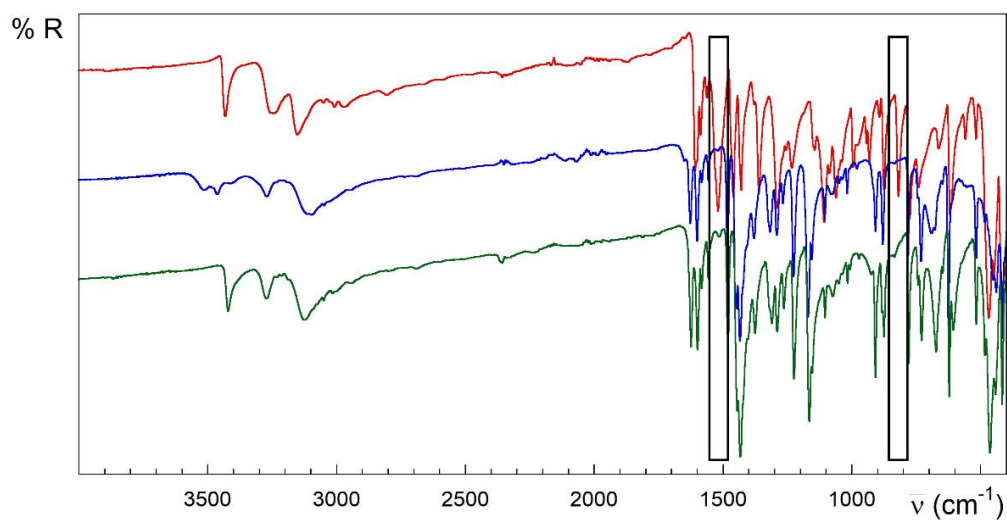


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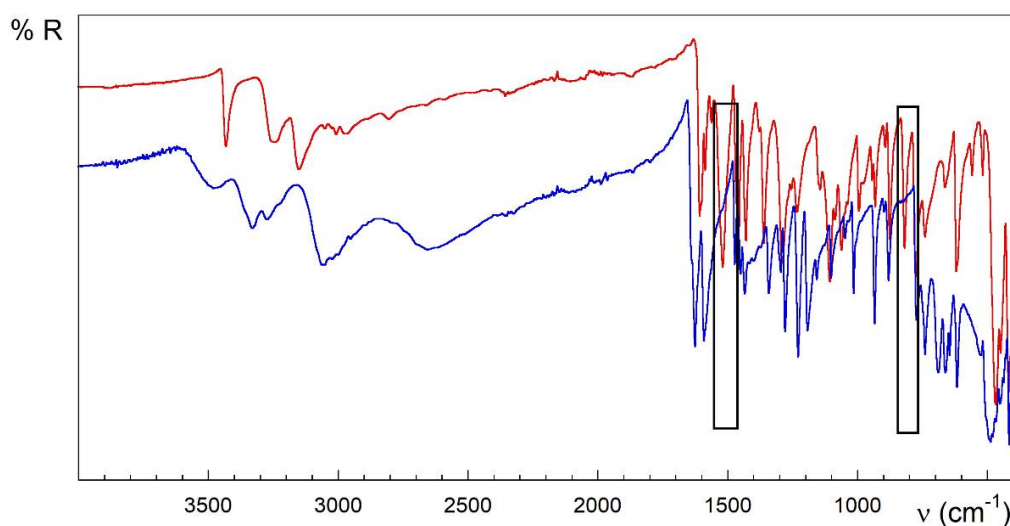


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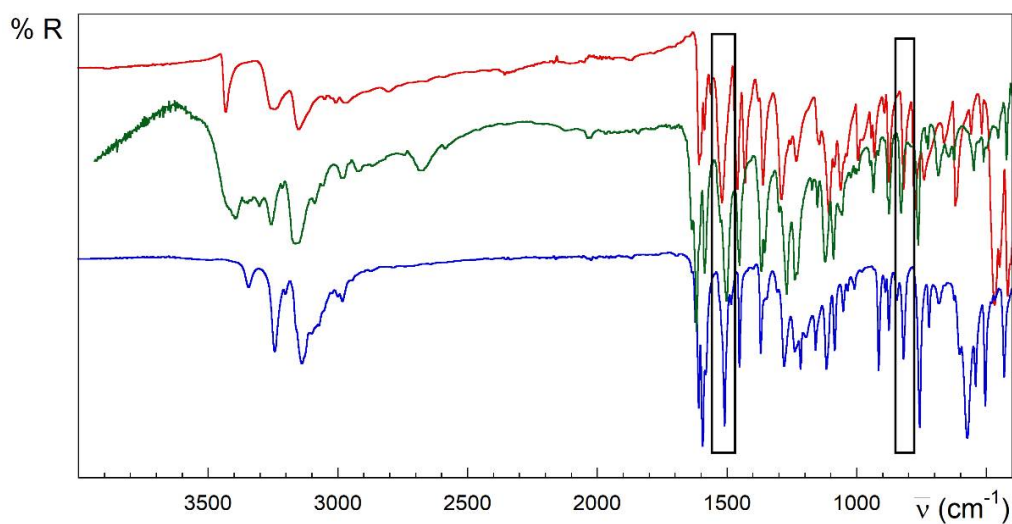
**Figure S1.3.** Anion– $\pi$  interactions for compounds **3** (a) and **4** (b).



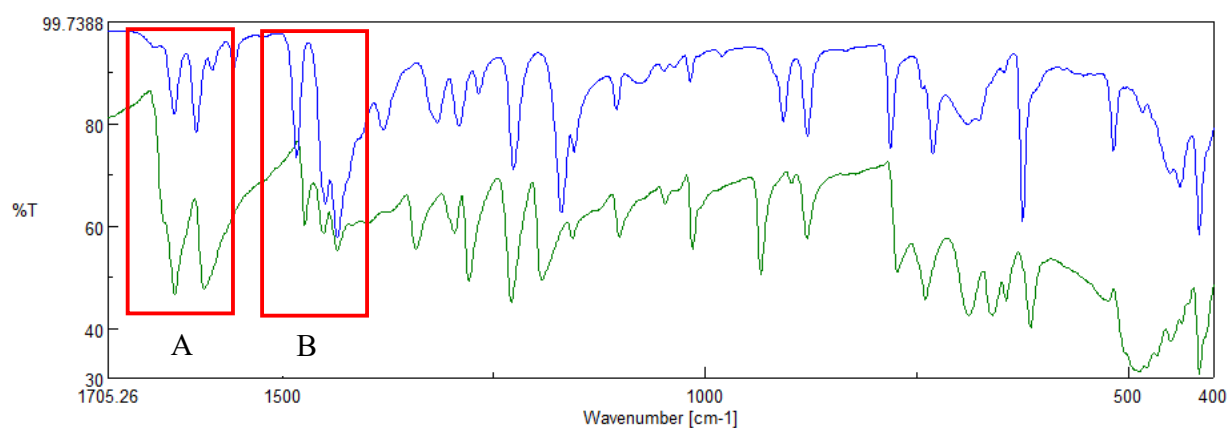
**Figure S1.4.** FTIR-ATR spectra of HL (red), **1** (blue) and **2** (green). Rectangles in black highlight the main differences between the spectra of the free ligand and  $[\{\text{CuLX}\}_2]$  complexes.



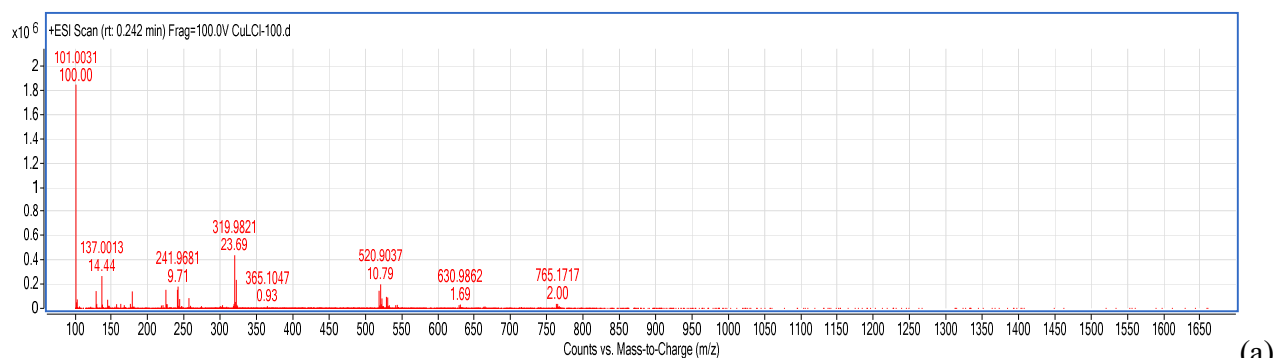
**Figure S1.5.** FTIR ATR spectra of compounds **1** vs **3**, rectangles frame the A and B regions (see main text).



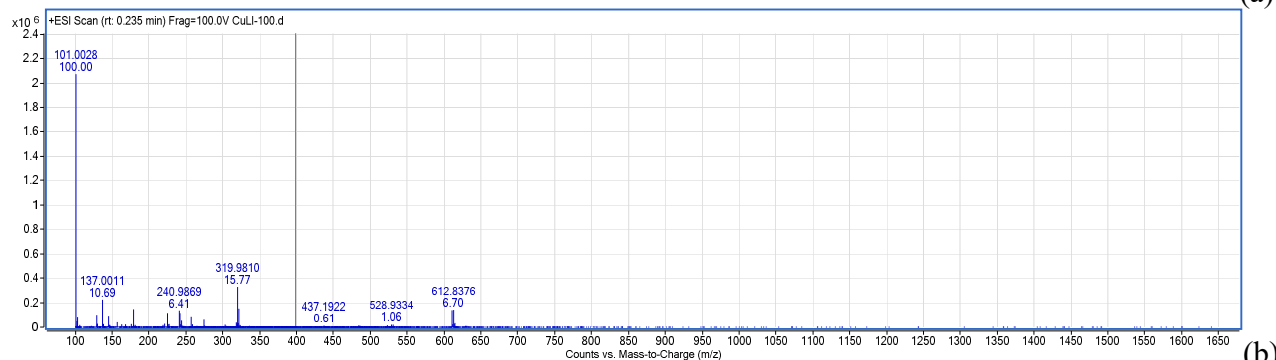
**Figure S1.6.** FTIR-ATR spectra of HL (red),  $(\text{H}_2\text{L})\text{Cl}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (green) and **4** (blue). Rectangles in black show bands in the same spectral regions for the three compounds.



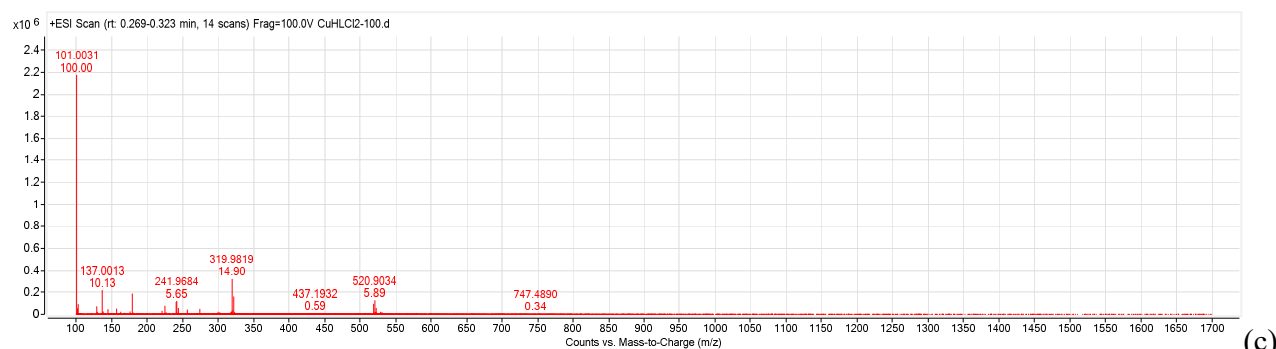
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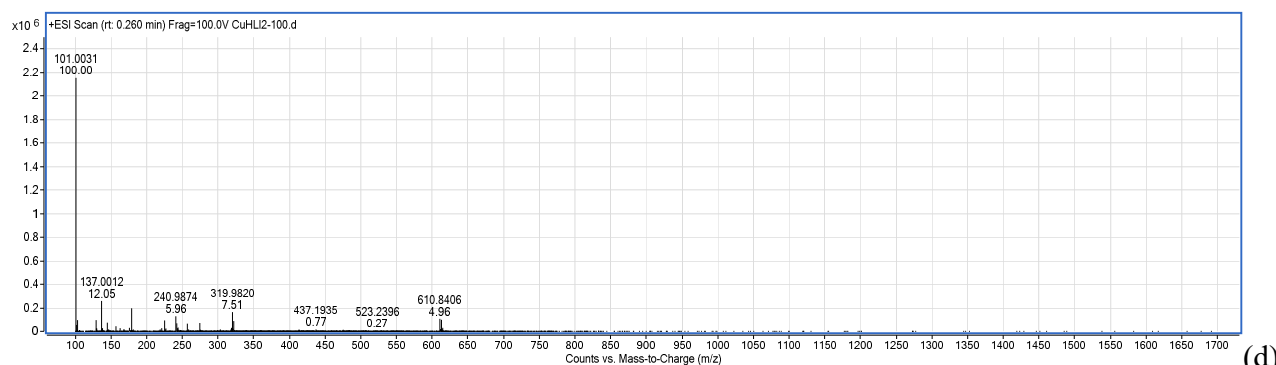
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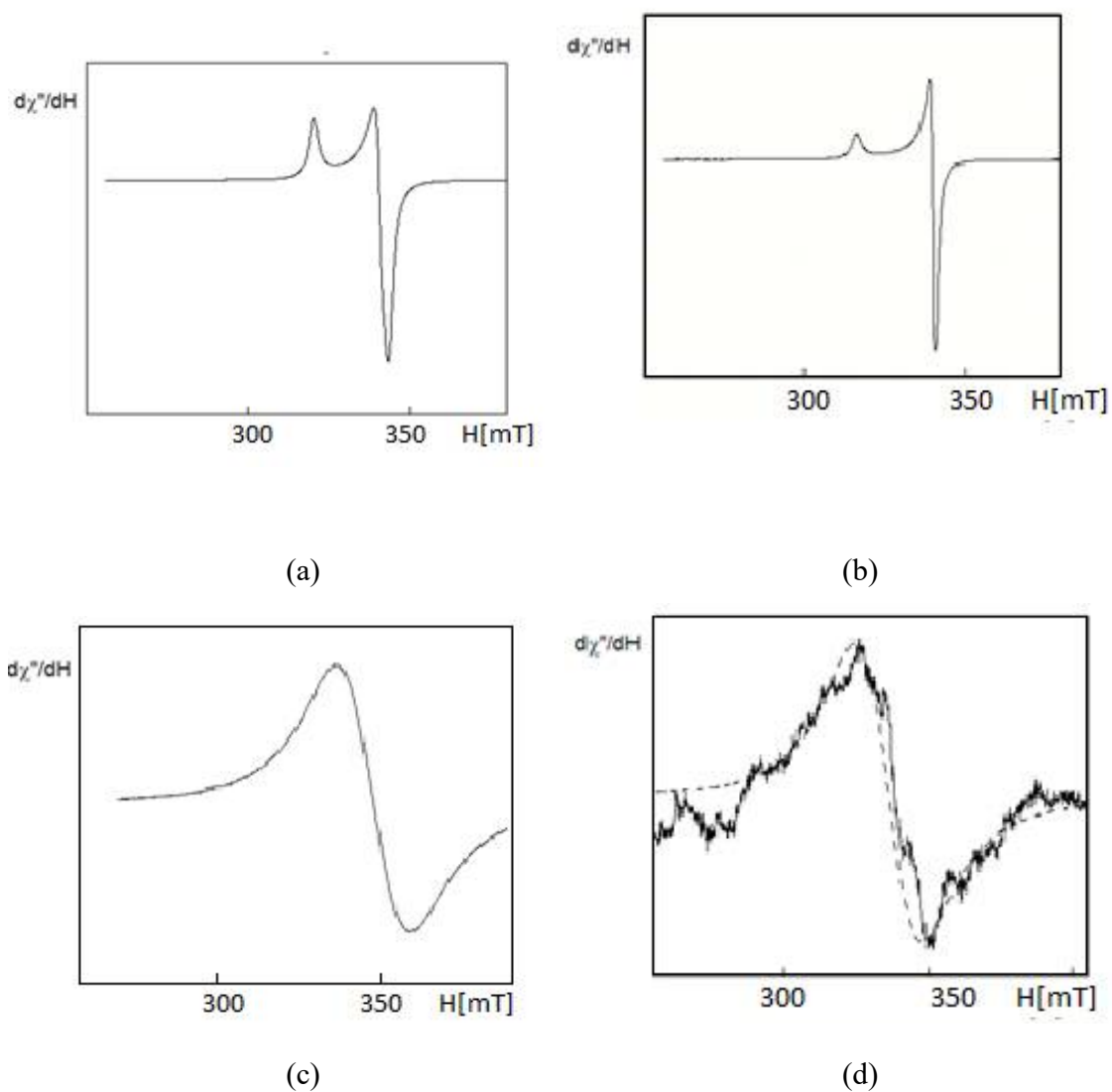
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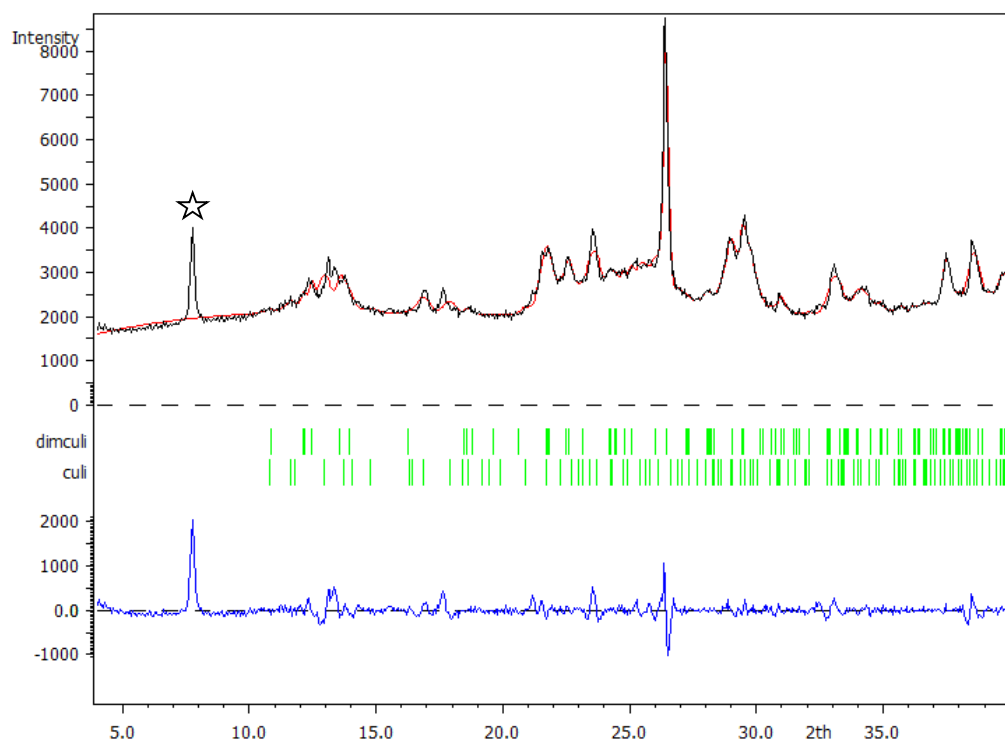
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**Figure S1.8.** ESI<sup>+</sup> mass spectra of compounds **1** (a), **2** (b), **3** (c) and **4** (d), in DMSO solution.





**Figure S1.9.** X-band EPR spectra at RT of compounds **1** (a), **3** (b) and **2** (c). Impurities in **4** (d), whose spectrum has been 120 fold magnified; in dotted lines, the spectrum of **2** for comparative purposes.



**Figure S1.10.** XRD pattern experimental (black) and fitted to the calculated diffractograms of compounds **2** and **4** (red). The only non-fitted peak (marked with a star) corresponds to an unidentified crystalline phase.

## 2. Tables

**Table S1.1.** Selected hydrogen bonds (Å, °).

Compound	D–H···A	d (D–H)	d (H···A)	d (D···A)	∠ (DHA)
<b>3</b>	O1W–H1W···Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	0.850	2.55	3.2138(3)	136
	O1W–H2W···Cl2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.850	2.55	3.3580(3)	159
	N3–H3N···O1W <sup>iii</sup>	0.860	1.85	2.6886(2)	165)
	N4–H42···Cl2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.860	2.31	3.1505(3)	168
	C6–H62···Cl2 <sup>iv</sup>	0.930	2.81	3.6987(3)	159
<b>4</b>	N1–H1A···N2	0.860	2.33	2.686(11)	105
	N1–H1A···I2 <sup>v</sup>	0.860	2.93	3.627(9)	139
	N3–H3N···I1	0.86	2.83	3.616(7)	154
	N4–H4A···N2	0.860	2.31	2.656(11)	104
	N4–H4B···I2 <sup>vi</sup>	0.860	2.84	3.639(8)	155

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: i =  $-x, y+1/2, -z+1/2$ ; ii =  $x, y+1, z$ ; iii =  $-x+1, y-1/2, -z+1/2$ ; iv =  $-x+1, y+1/2, -z+1/2$ ; v =  $-x+1/2, y+1/2, -z+3/2$ ; vi =  $x-1/2, -y+1/2, z+1/2$ .

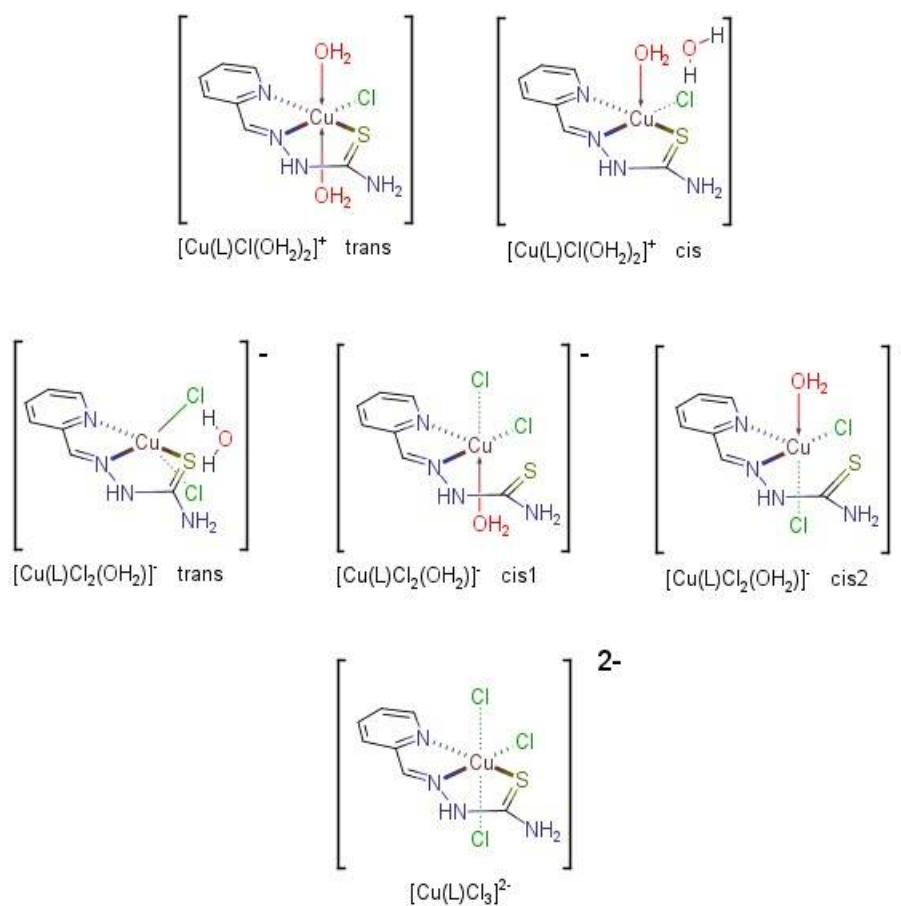
**Table S1.2.** Selected IR bands for neutral and anionic thiosemicarbazone derivatives and proposed assignments.

	HL ligand	Compound 1	Compound 2	Compound 3	Compound 4
$\nu(\text{OH})$		3514(vw)			
$\nu(\text{NH}_2) + \nu(\text{NH})$	3433(s)	3462(vw),3409(vw)	3422(s)	3474(w),3341(w),	3344(m),3244(s),
$\nu(=\text{CH})$	3248(m),3151(m)	3271(vw),3111(vw)	3273(vw),3130(vw)	3274(vw)	3140(s)
$\nu(\text{C-H})$	3008(vw),2969(vw)			3063-2976(vw)	3072-2982(vw)
$\nu(\text{C=N})_{\text{az,py}} + \delta(\text{NH}_2)$	1608(vs)	1628(s),1602(s)	1626(s),1600(s)	1626(m)	1610(sh, f)
Tioamide I [ $\delta(\text{N-H}) + \delta(\text{N-H})$ ]	1588(m), 1561(vw)	1582(vw),1557(vw)	1583(vw),1557(vw)	1591(m)	1594(sh, f)
Thioamide I [ $\delta(\text{N-H}) + \nu(\text{C=N})$ ]	1520(vs)				1509(s)
$\text{Ar}(\text{C-C})_{\text{py}} + \delta(\text{C-H})_{\text{py}}$	1461(vs)	1483(vs)	1481(vs)	1472(vw)	1484(vw)
Thioamide II [ $\delta(\text{N-H}) + \nu(\text{C=N})$ ]	1430(vs)	1448(m),1436(vs)	1447(m),1436(vs)	1451(vw),1435(vw)	1451(m)
Thioamide III [ $\delta(\text{N-H}) + \nu(\text{C=N}) + \delta(\text{N-C-S}) + \nu(\text{C=S})$ ]	1362(vs),1290(vs), 1233(m),1145(w), 1108(vs),1063(m), 994(vw)	1381(w),1317(w), 1291(w),1268(vw), 1227(s),1171(s), 1155(m),1105(w) 1018(vw),	1376(w),1311(w), 1291(w),1264(vw), 1226(s),1167(s), 1154(m),1105(w) 1017(vw),	1373(vw),1342(w), 1297(w),1280(m), 1229(m),1193(m), 1156(w),1102(w), 1049(vw),1034(vw), 1015(w)	1370(m),1347(w), 1307(vw),1281(m), 1241(w),1217(w), 1197(w),1159(w), 1117(m),1086(w), 1053(w),1035(w), 1010(vw),
$\nu(\text{N-N})$	932(vw)	909(m)	909(m)	934(m)	915(m)
$\delta(=\text{CH})$	876(s)	879(m)	876(sh, m)	880(m)	876(m)
Thioamide IV [ $\nu(\text{C=S})$ ]	820(s)				821(m)
$\gamma(\text{C-C-C/N})_{\text{py}}$	775(s),740(m)	781(s),731(sh,m)	780(s),731(sh,m)	772(m),742(m)	758(s),721(m)
(C-C)	619(s)	626(s)	623(s)	617(m)	685(w)
$\delta(\text{C-H})_{\text{py}}$	559(vw),519(w)	519(w)	519(w)	526-495(vw)	575(s),542(m)
$\gamma(\text{C-H})_{\text{pi}} + \gamma(\text{C-C-C/N})_{\text{py}}$	419(m)	417(m)	417(m)	416(w)	432(w)

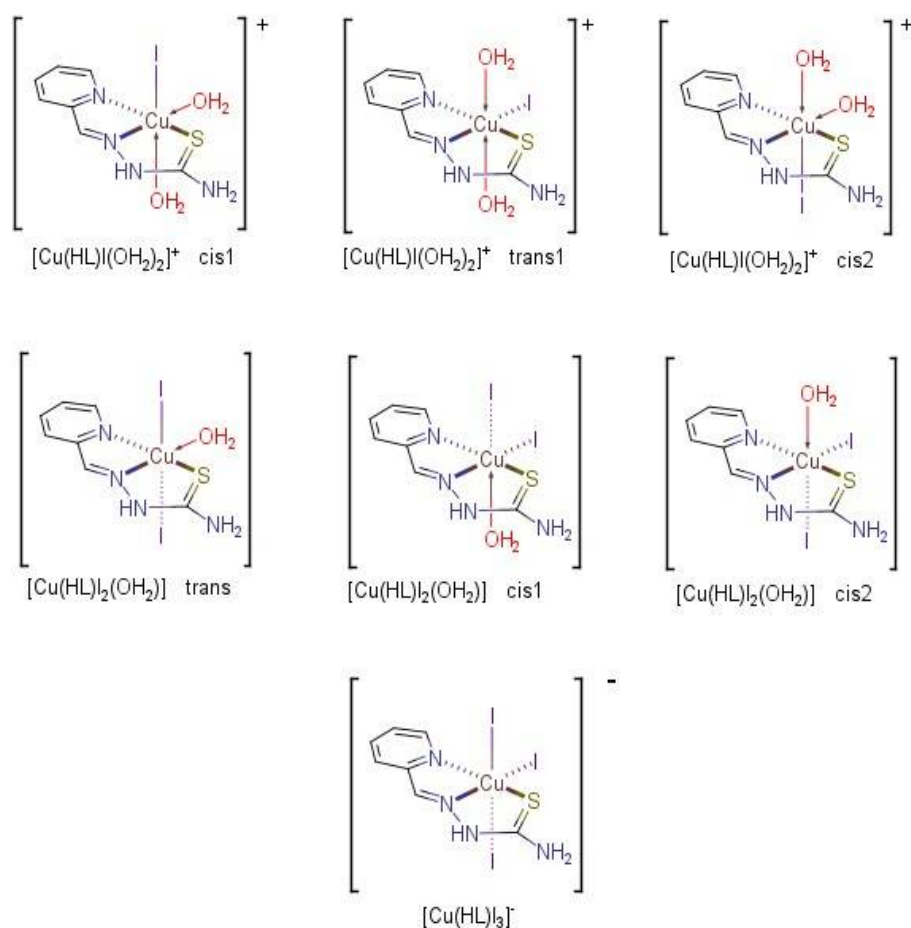
vs = very strong, s = strong, m = medium, w = weak, vw = very weak, sh = shoulder, az = azomethinic, py = pyridine ring.

## 2. Computational studies

### 1. Thermodynamics



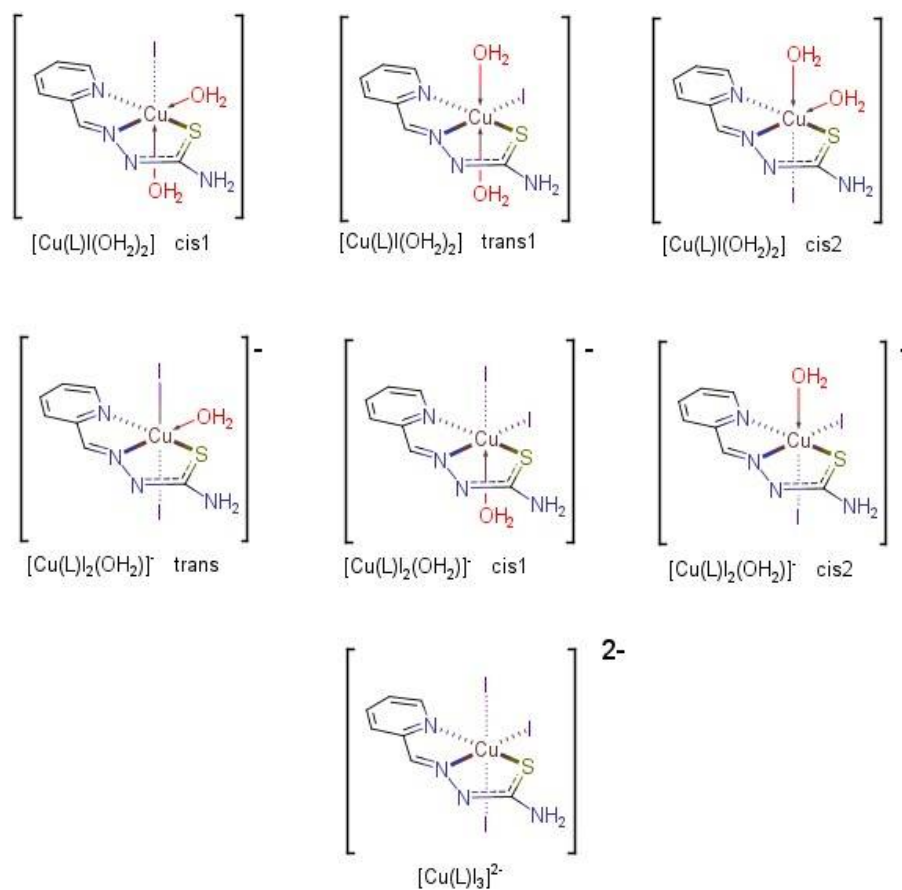
**Figure S2.1.** Substitution of aqua ligands by chlorido ones in complex with neutral HL ligand.



**Figure S2.2.** Substitution of aqua ligands by iodido ones in complex with neutral HL ligand.

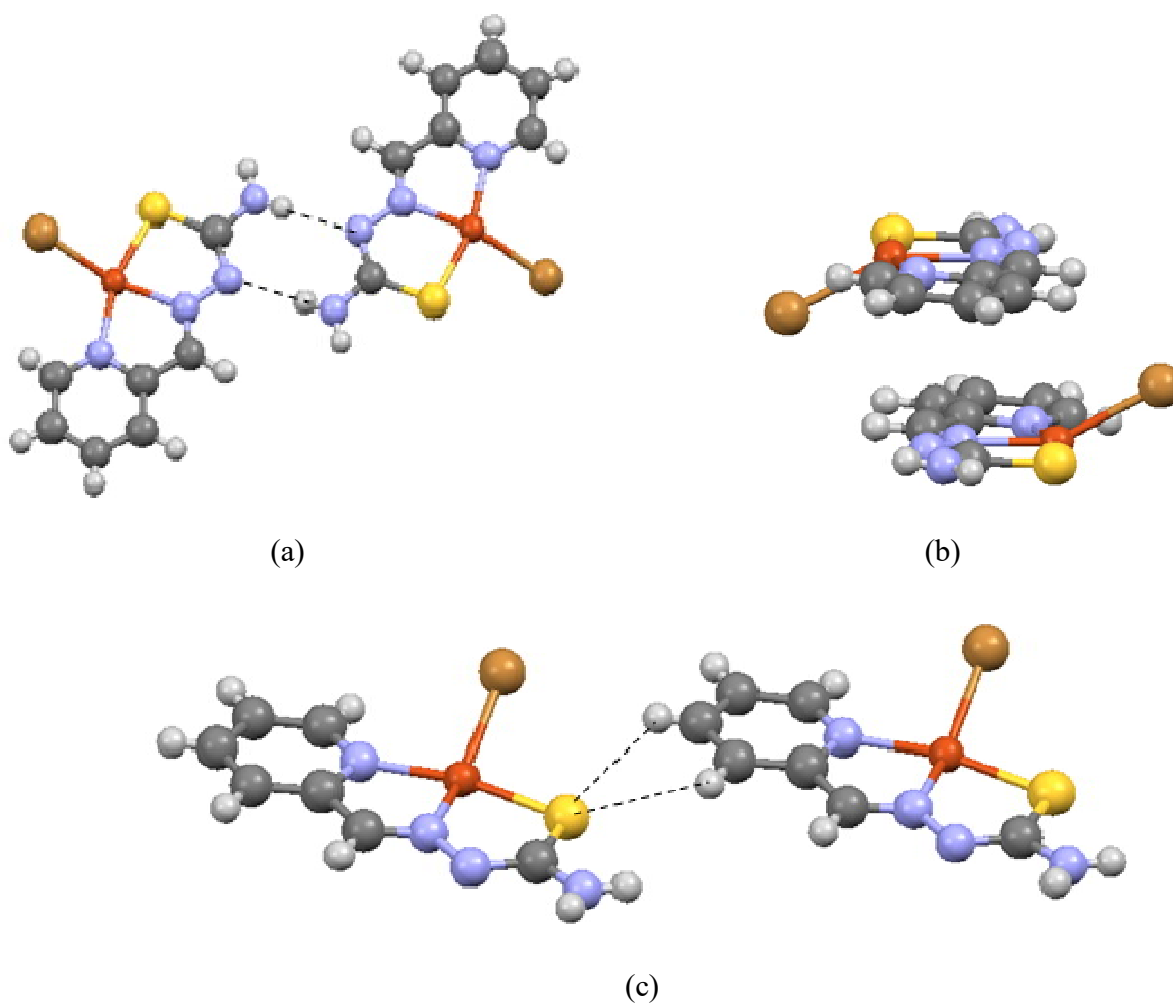


**Figure S2.3.** Substitution of aqua ligands by chlorido ones in complex with anionic  $L^-$  ligand.



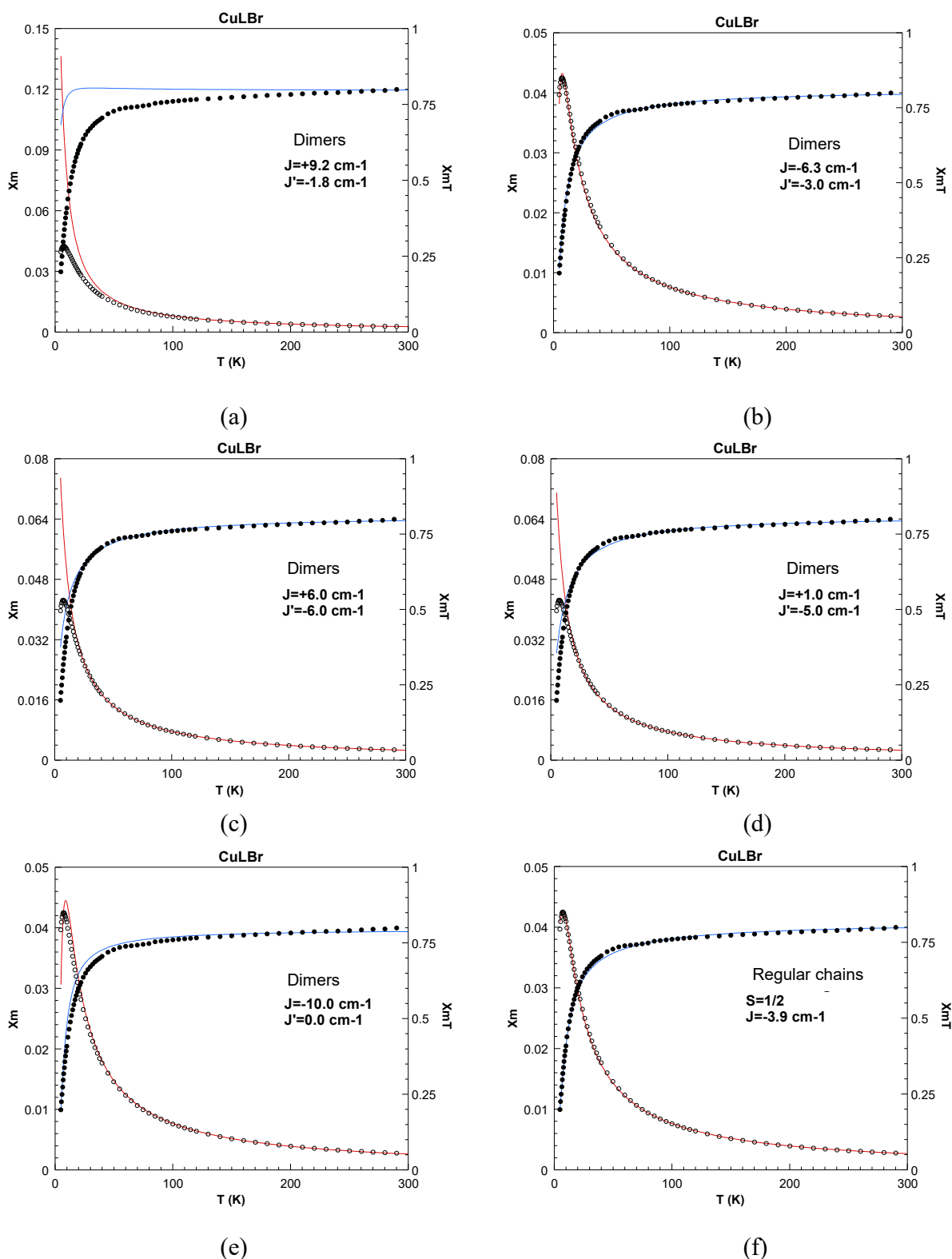
**Figure S2.4.** Substitution of aqua ligands by iodido ones in complex with anionic L<sup>-</sup> ligand.

## 2. Molecular magnetism



**Figure S2.5.** Different models to evaluate the intermolecular magnetic interactions in the  $[\{\text{CuLBr}\}_2]$  compound. (a) Model 1, interaction through the (N $\cdots$ H–N) hydrogen bonds ( $J_1$ ). (b) Model 2,  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking between two  $[\text{CuLBr}]$  units ( $J_2$ ). (c) Model 3, magnetic interactions through (S $\cdots$ H–C) linkages ( $J_3$ ).





**Figure S2.6.** Experimental  $\chi_m$  vs  $T$  (●) and  $\chi_m T$  vs  $T$  (○) for the CuLBr ( $= [\{\text{CuLBr}\}_2]$ ) compound, together with the corresponding fits  $\chi_m$  vs  $T$  (red) and  $\chi_m T$  vs  $T$  (blue) considering the  $J$  values given on each chart (these values come from a  $H = -J S_1 S_2$  hamiltonian, so that they double those given in text for the  $J$  parameter). Note that (c) and (d) are meaningless approaches.