

## Supplementary Materials

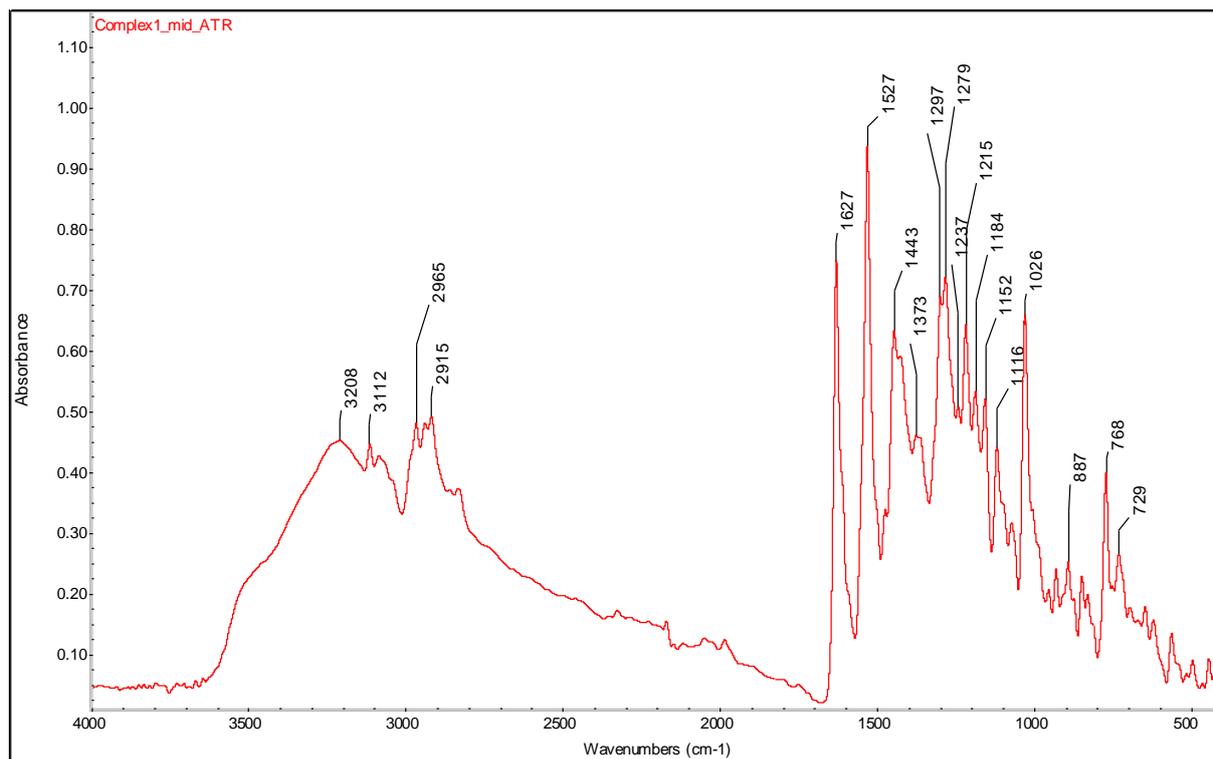
# Copper(II) complexes containing natural flavonoid pomiferin show considerable in vitro cytotoxicity and anti-inflammatory effects

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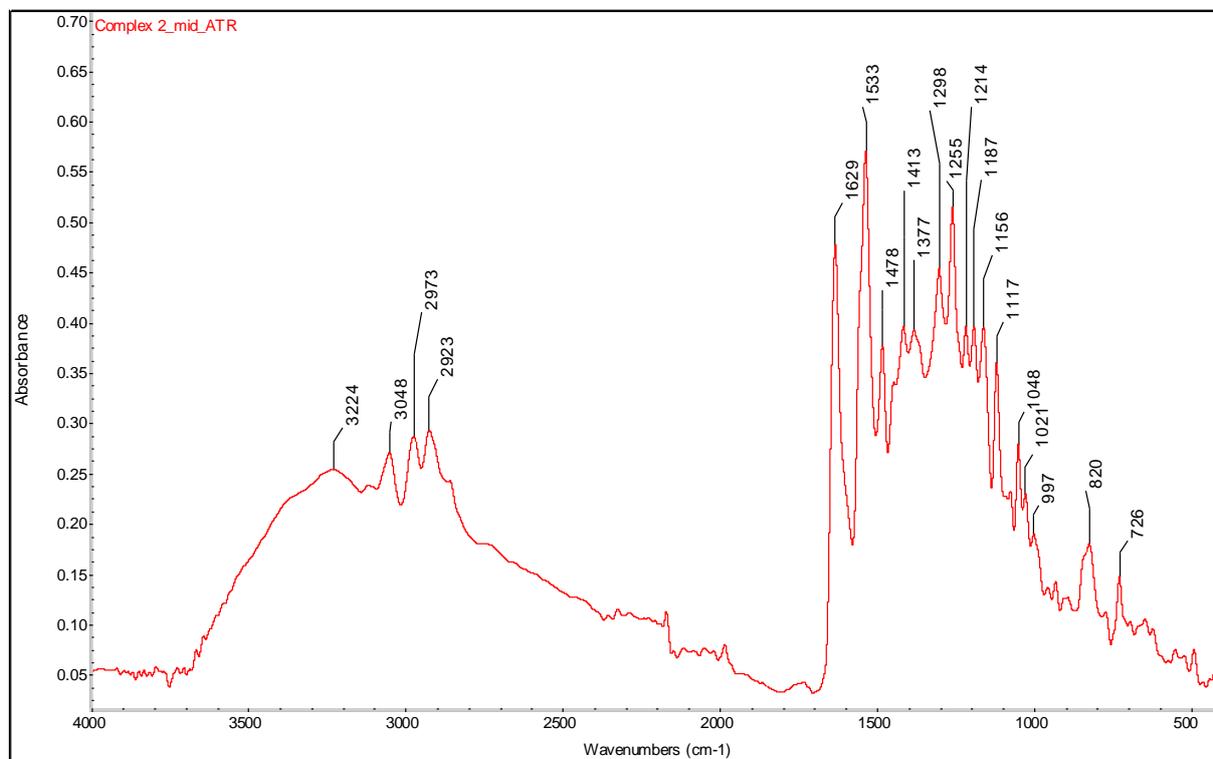
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**Figure S1** IR Spectrum of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{L})(\text{bpy})]\text{NO}_3 \cdot 2\text{MeOH}$  (1).



**Figure S2** IR Spectrum of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{L})(\text{dimebpy})]\text{NO}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (2).

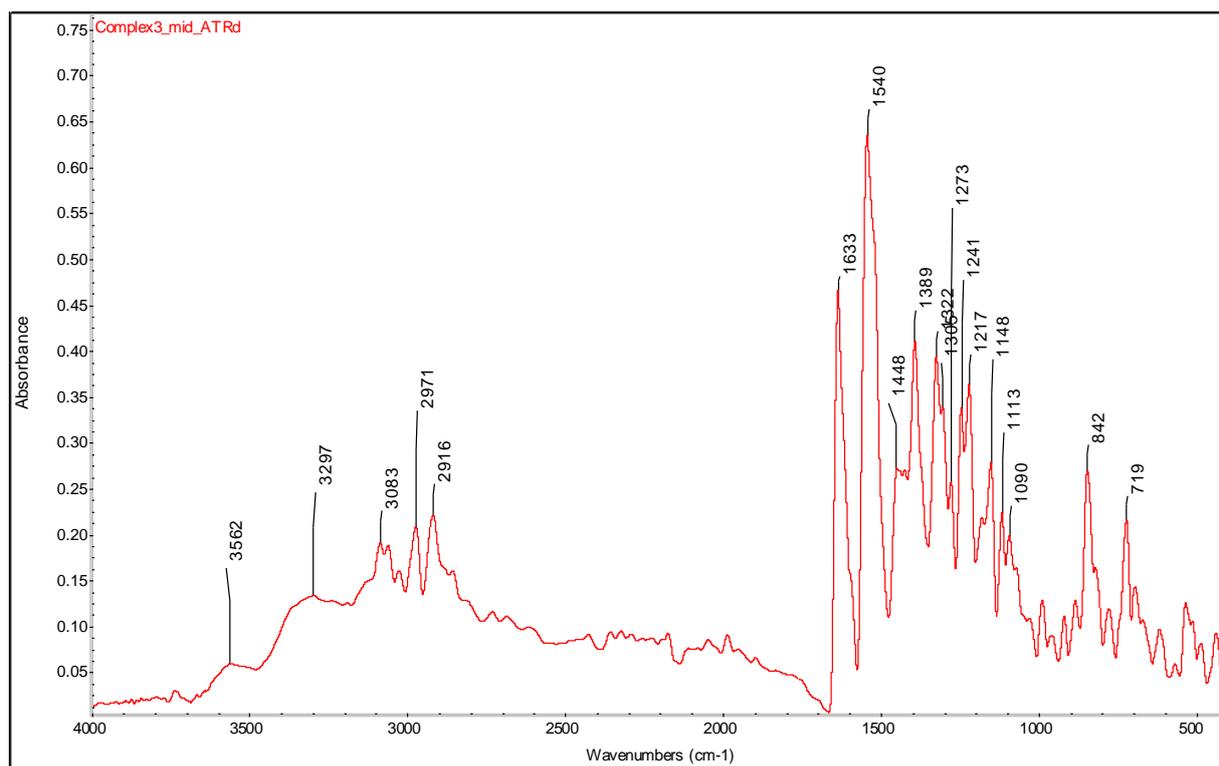


Figure S3 IR Spectrum of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{L})(\text{phen})]\text{NO}_3 \cdot 2\text{MeOH}$  (3).

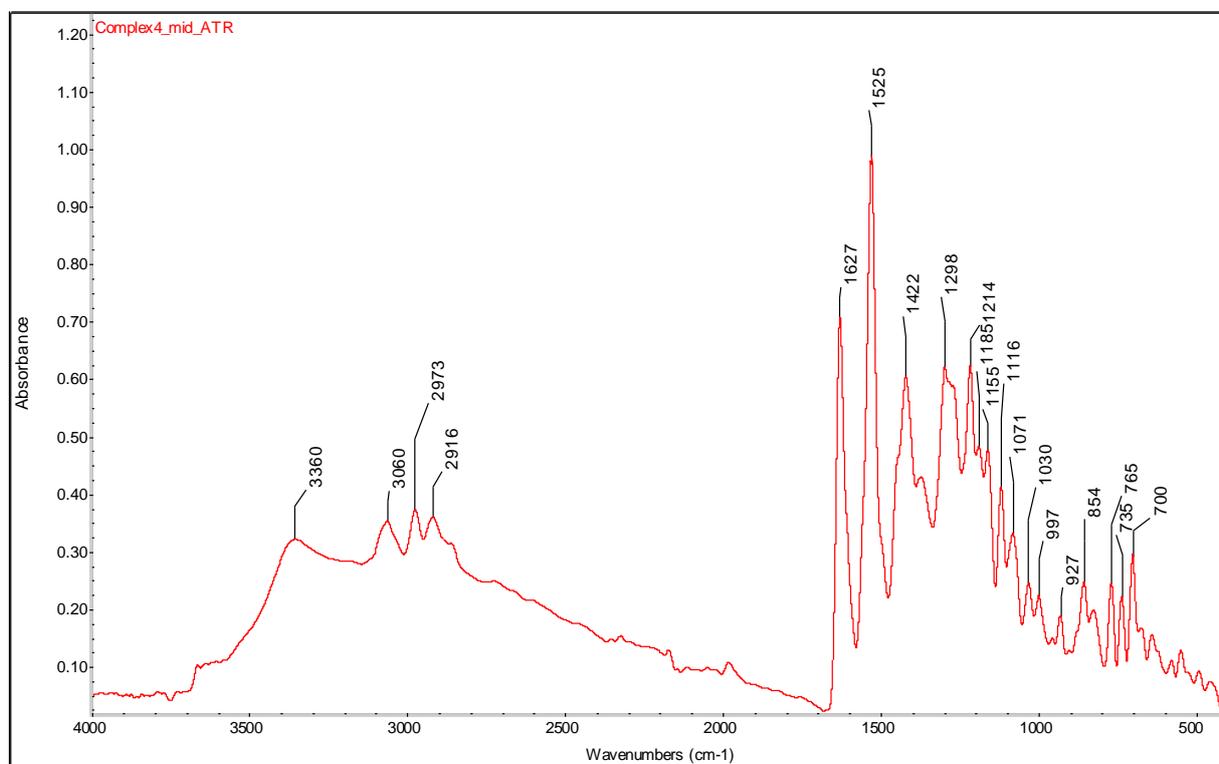


Figure S4 IR Spectrum of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{L})(\text{bphen})]\text{NO}_3 \cdot \text{MeOH}$  (4).

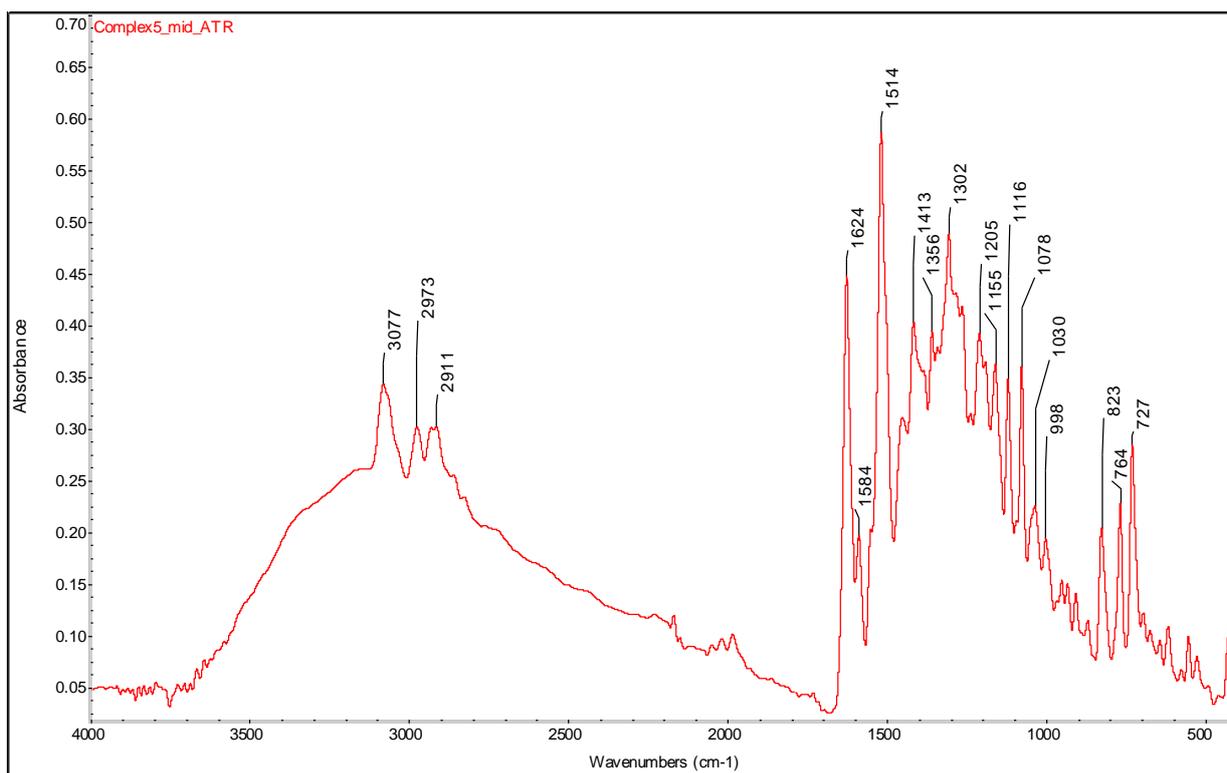


Figure S5 IR Spectrum of [Cu(L)(dppz)]NO<sub>3</sub>·MeOH (5).

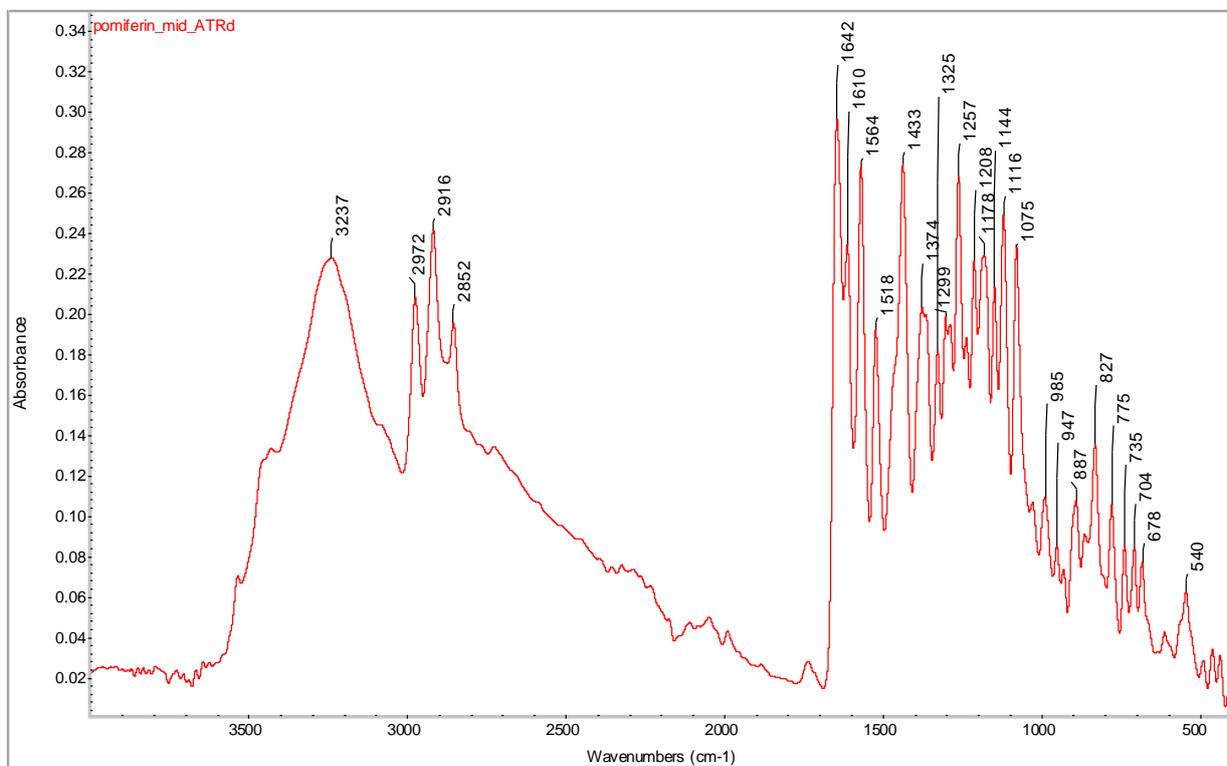
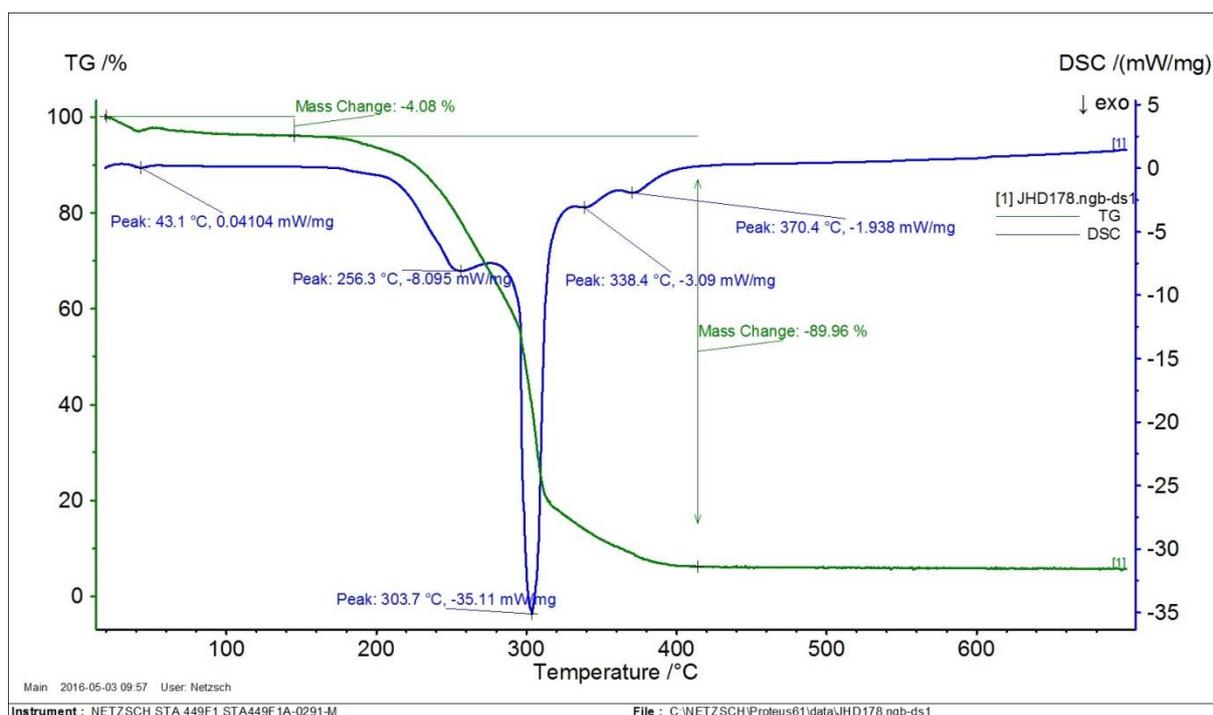
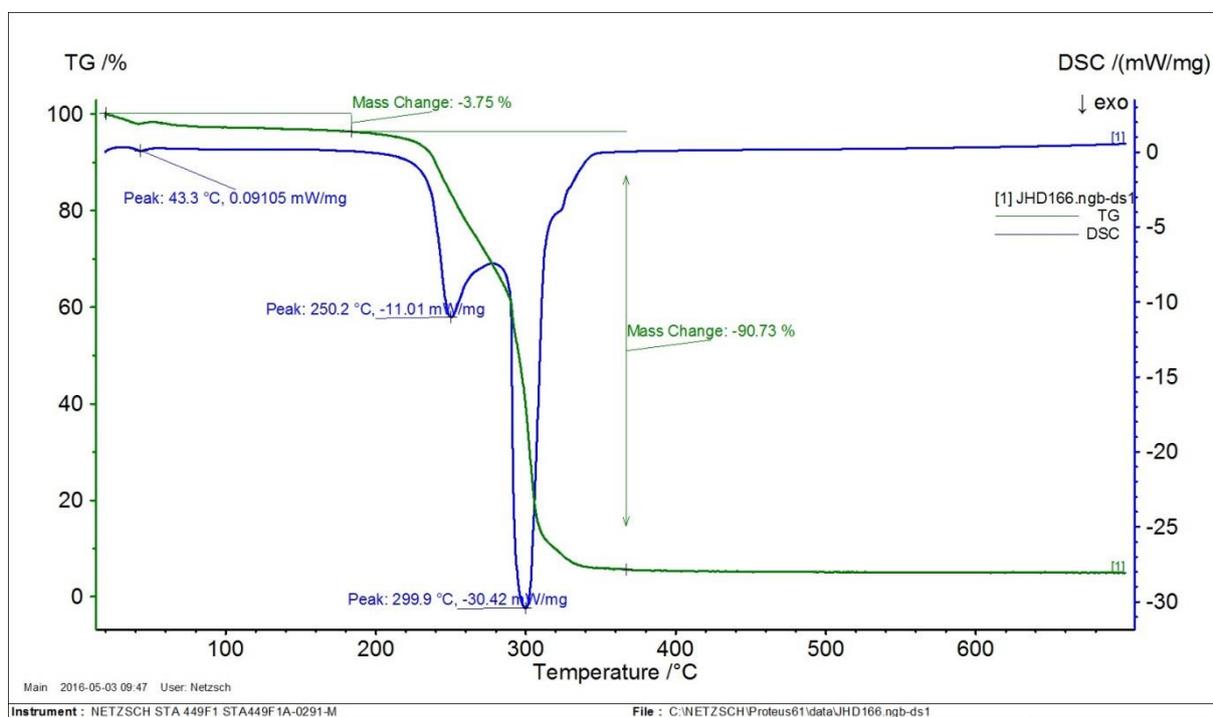


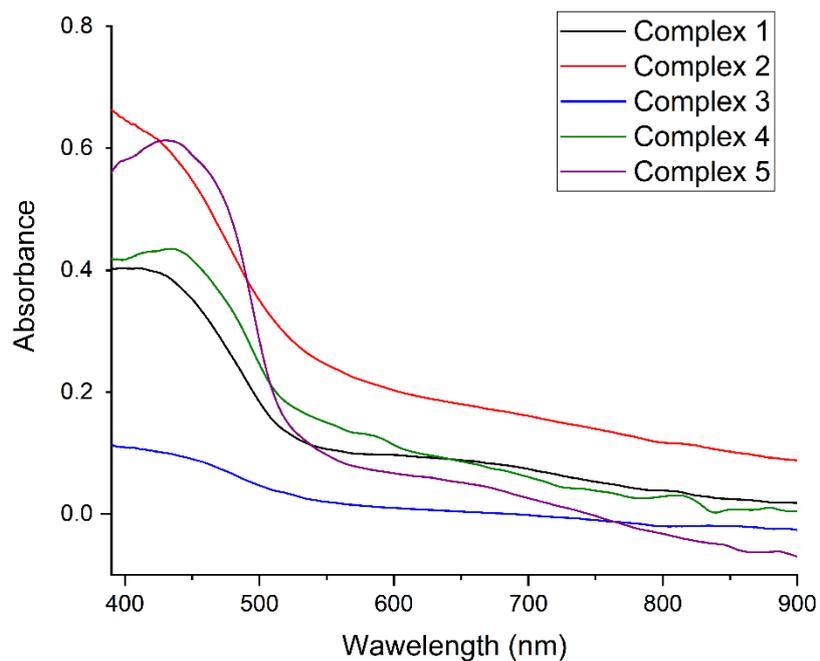
Figure S6 IR Spectrum of pomiferin (HL).



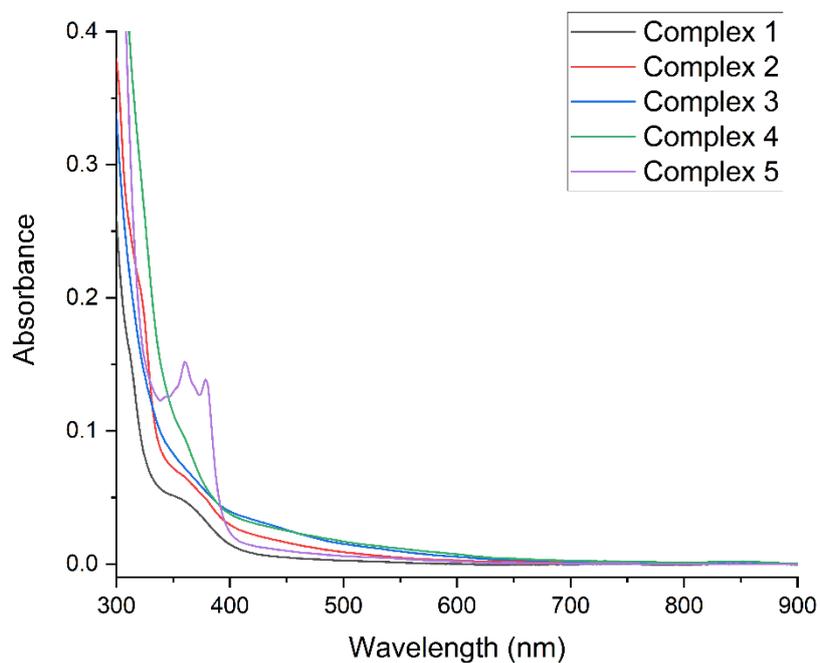
**Figure S7.** TG/DSC curves of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{L})(\text{bphen})]\text{NO}_3 \cdot \text{MeOH}$  **4** (here labelled as JHD 178). The loss of the MeOH molecule is accompanied by a theoretical weight loss of 3.52% (an experimental weight loss = 4.08%).



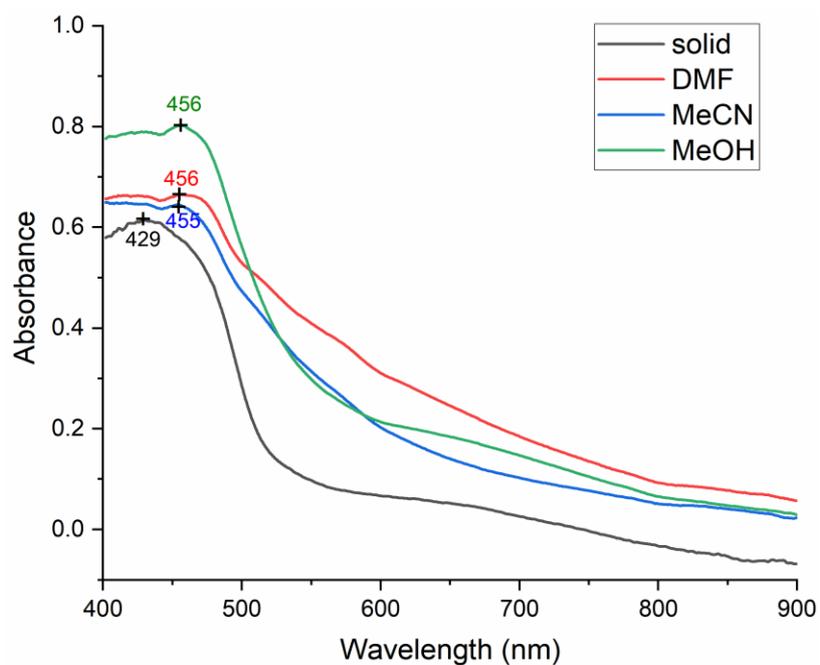
**Figure S8** TG/DSC curves of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{L})(\text{dppz})]\text{NO}_3 \cdot \text{MeOH}$  **5** (here labelled as JHD 166). The elimination of the MeOH molecule is accompanied by a theoretical weight loss of 3.73% (an experimental weight loss = 3.75%).



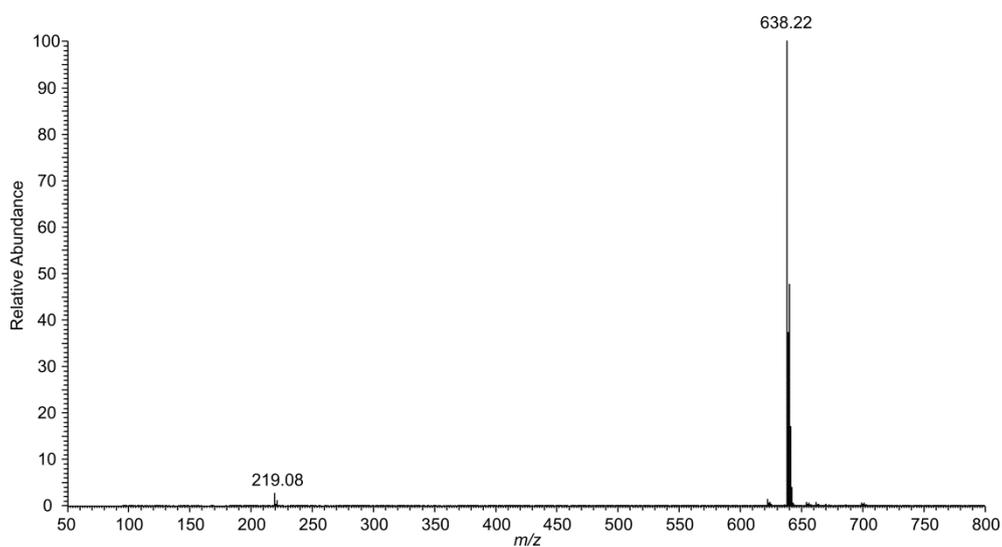
**Figure S9** Diffuse reflectance UV/Vis spectra of complexes **1–5** measured in solid state (Nujol mulls).



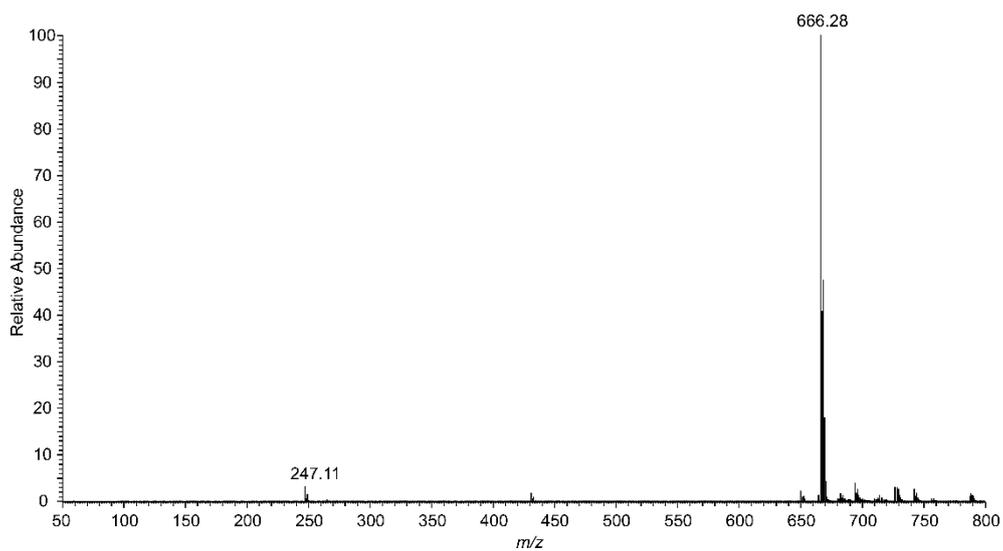
**Figure S10** UV/Vis spectra of complexes **1–5** measured in DMF solutions at the 10  $\mu\text{M}$  concentration.



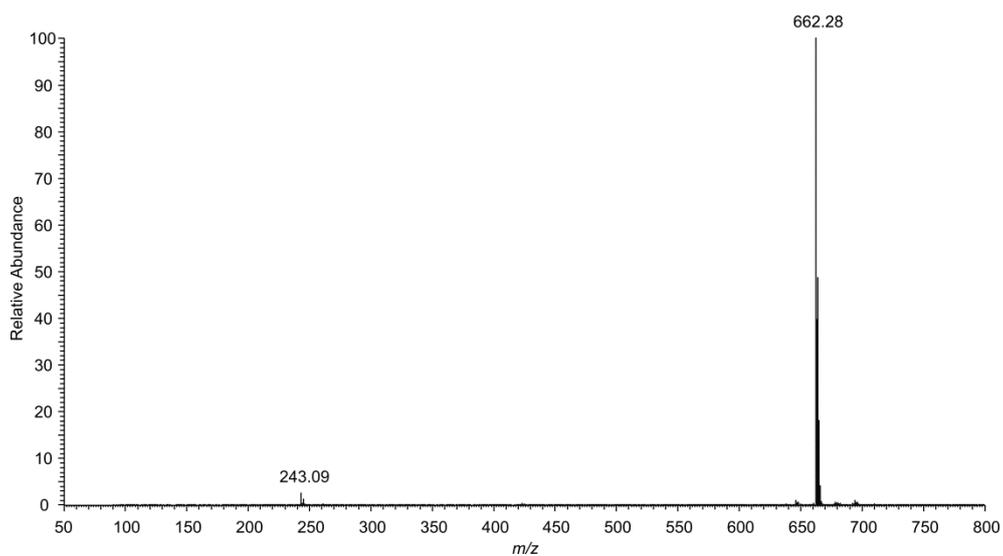
**Figure S11** UV/Vis spectra of  $[Cu(L)(dppz)]NO_3 \cdot MeOH$  **5** in DMF, MeCN and MeOH (each at 15 mM concentration), and in the solid state.



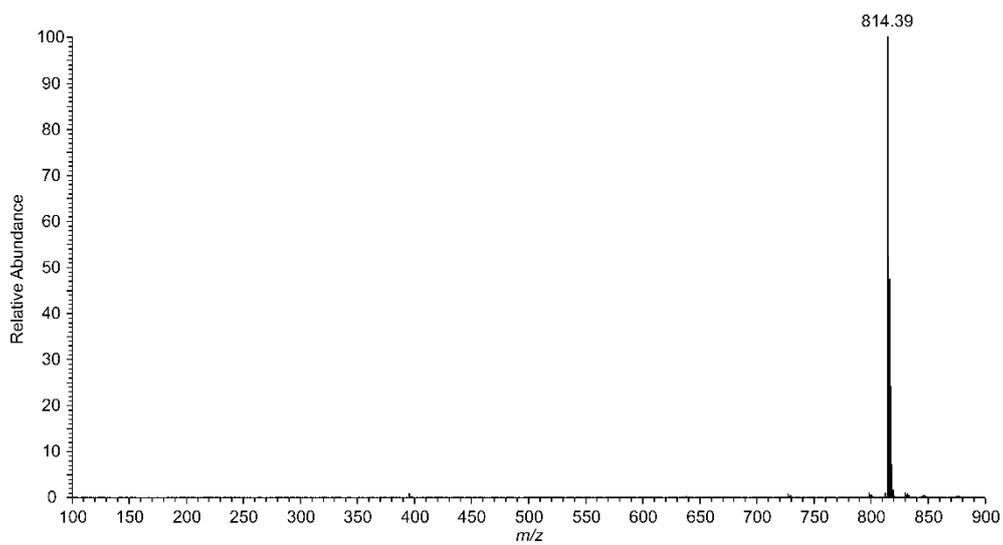
**Figure S12** Mass spectra (ESI+MS) of the complex **1** showing the dominant peak associated with the corresponding complex cations.



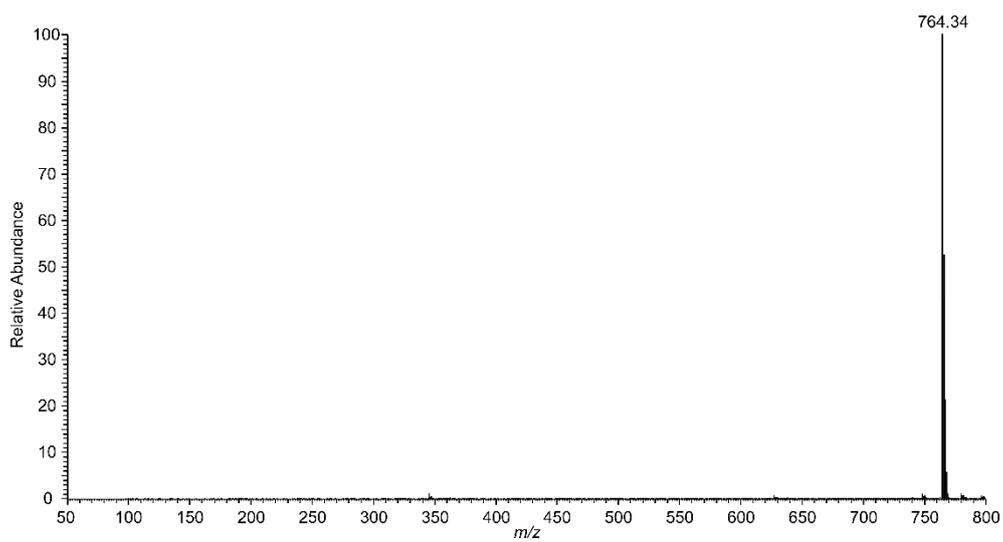
**Figure S13** Mass spectra (ESI+MS) of the complex 2 showing the dominant peak associated with the corresponding complex cations.



**Figure S14** Mass spectra (ESI+MS) of the complex 3 showing the dominant peak associated with the corresponding complex cations.



**Figure S15** Mass spectra (ESI+MS) of the complex **4** showing the dominant peak associated with the corresponding complex cations.



**Figure S16** Mass spectra (ESI+MS) of the complex **5** showing the dominant peak associated with the corresponding complex cations.

**Table S1** The values of molar conductivity of complexes **1–5** in different solvents.

<b>Complex</b>	$\Lambda_M(\text{MeCN})$ [S cm <sup>2</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Lambda_M(\text{MeOH})$ [S cm <sup>2</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Lambda_M(\text{DMF})$ [S cm <sup>2</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> ]
<b>1</b>	143	83	68
<b>2</b>	132	84	82
<b>3</b>	143	81	85
<b>4</b>	138	81	80
<b>5</b>	n.m.	104	78
Reference data*	120-160	80-115	65-90

\* Reference data for 1:1 electrolytes in the corresponding solvent, ref. W.J. Geary, The use of conductivity measurements in organic solvents for the characterization of coordination compounds, *Coord. Chem. Rev.* 7 (1971) 81–122. n.m. = not measured.