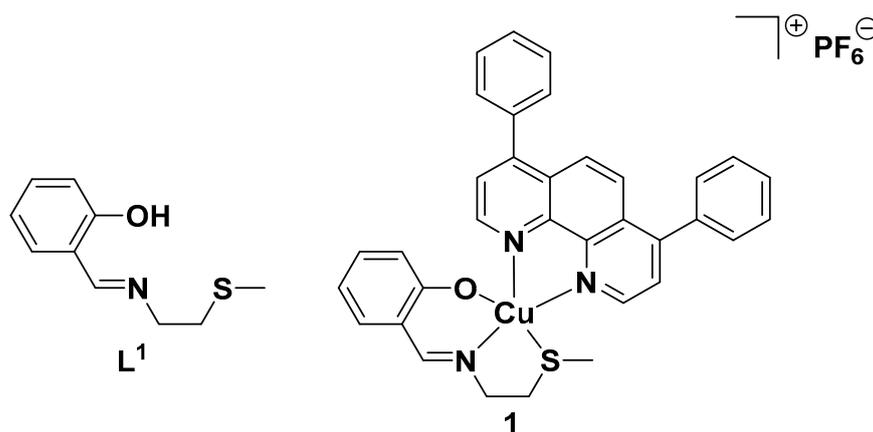


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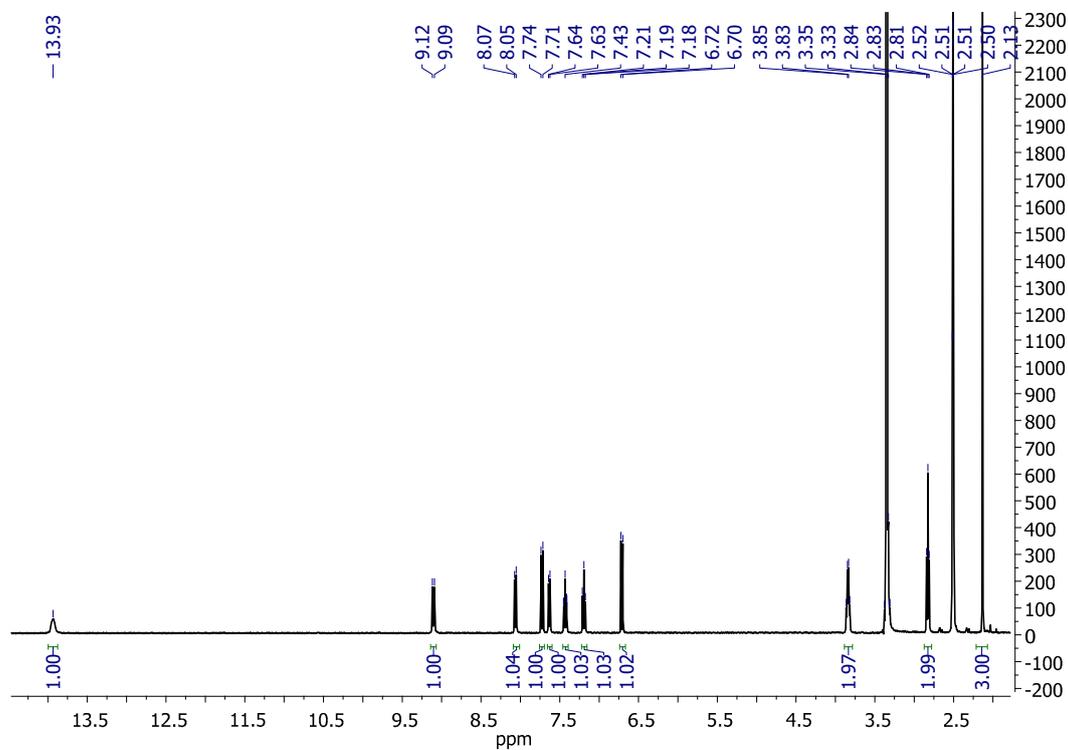
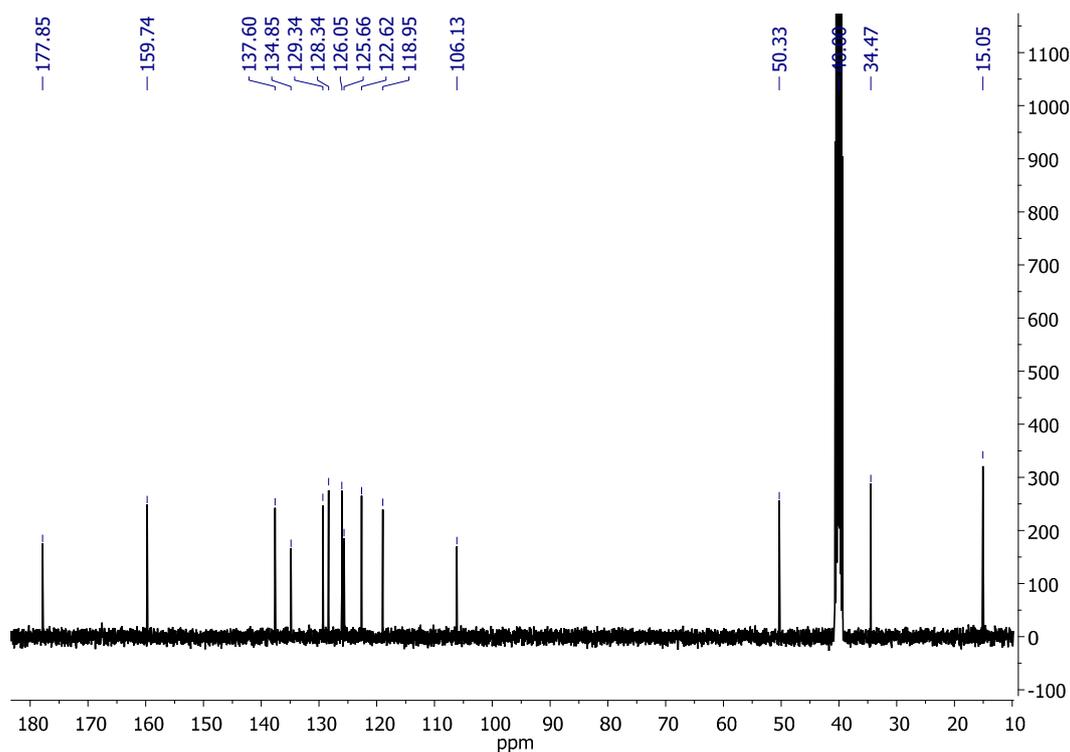
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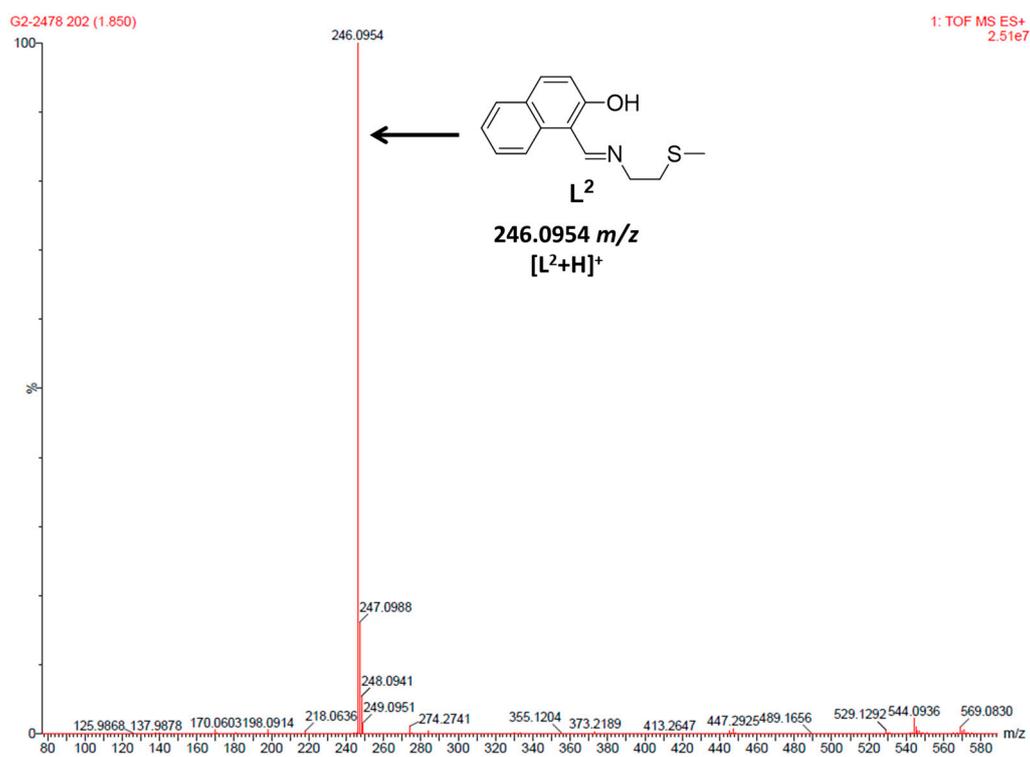
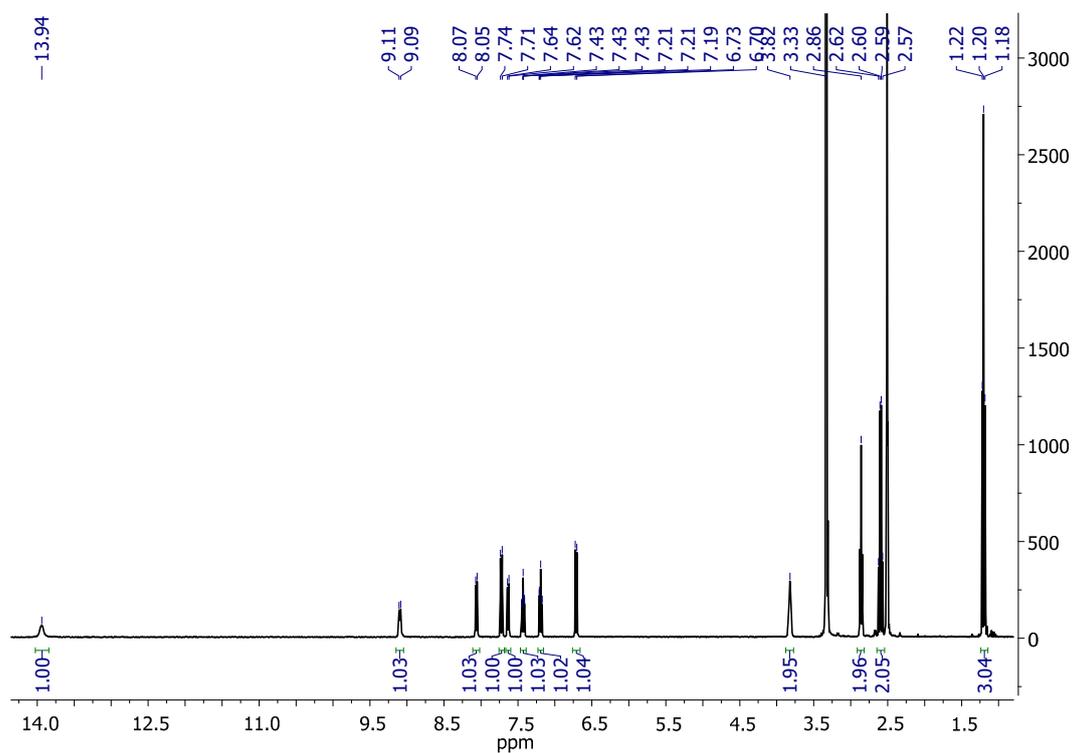
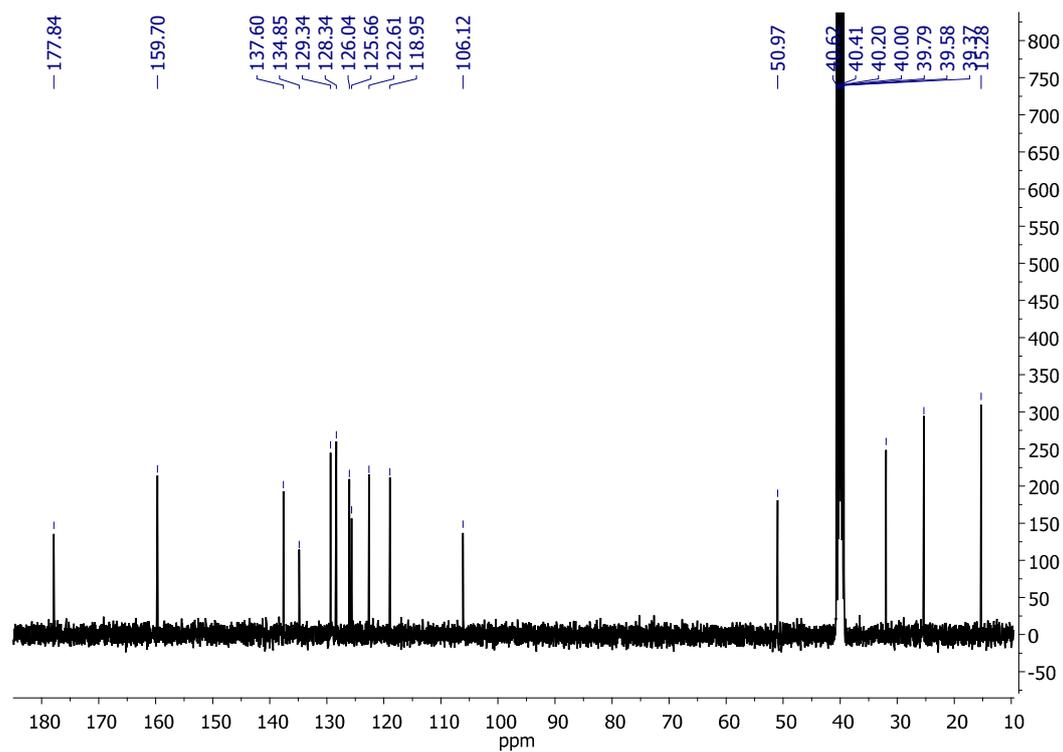
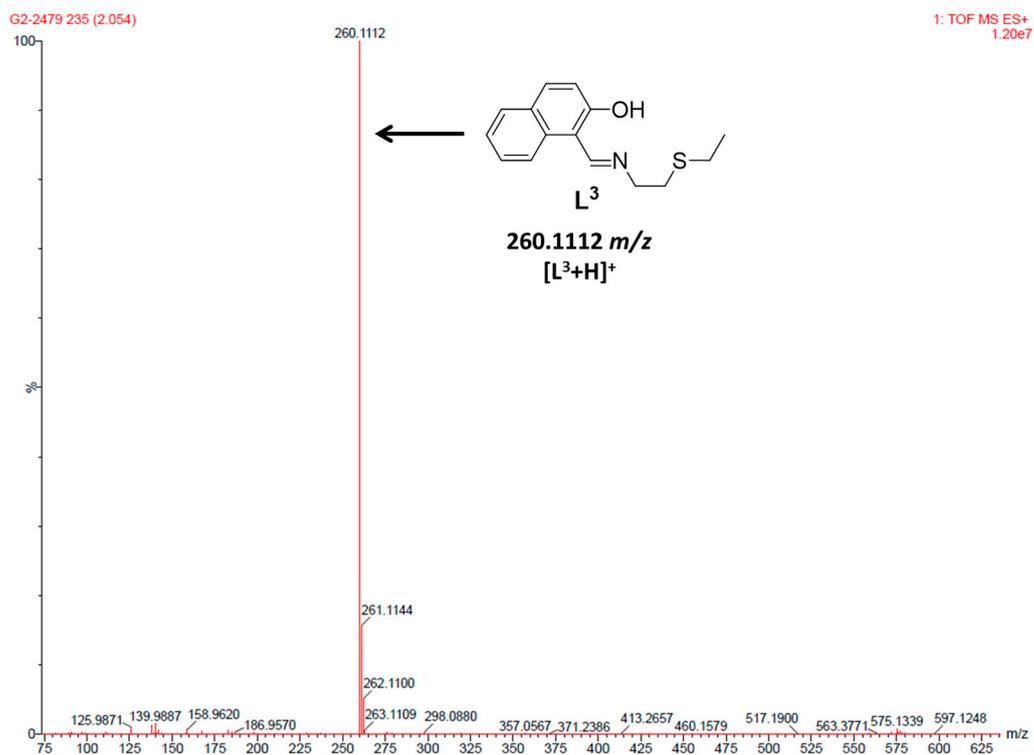
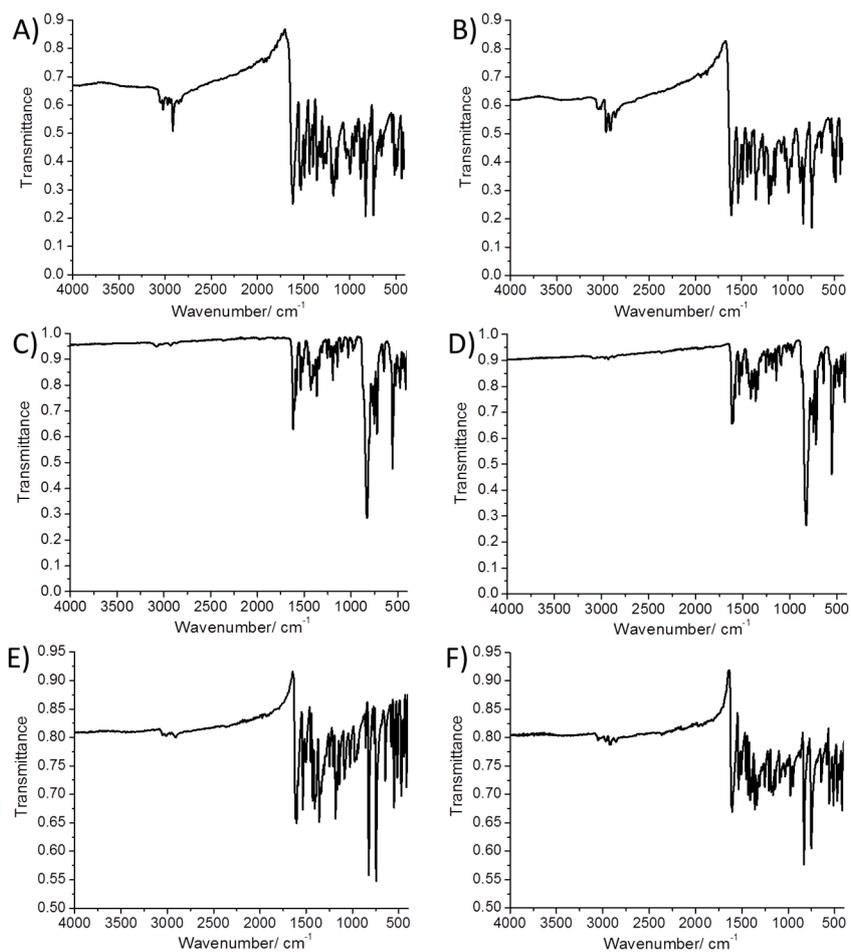


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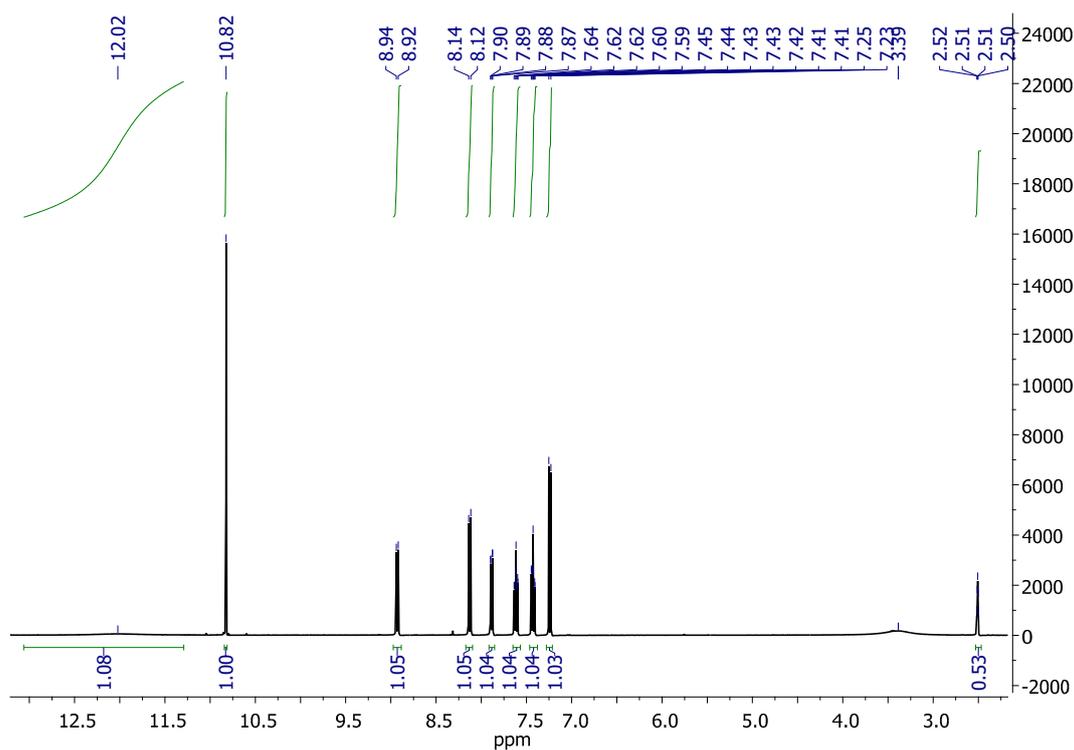
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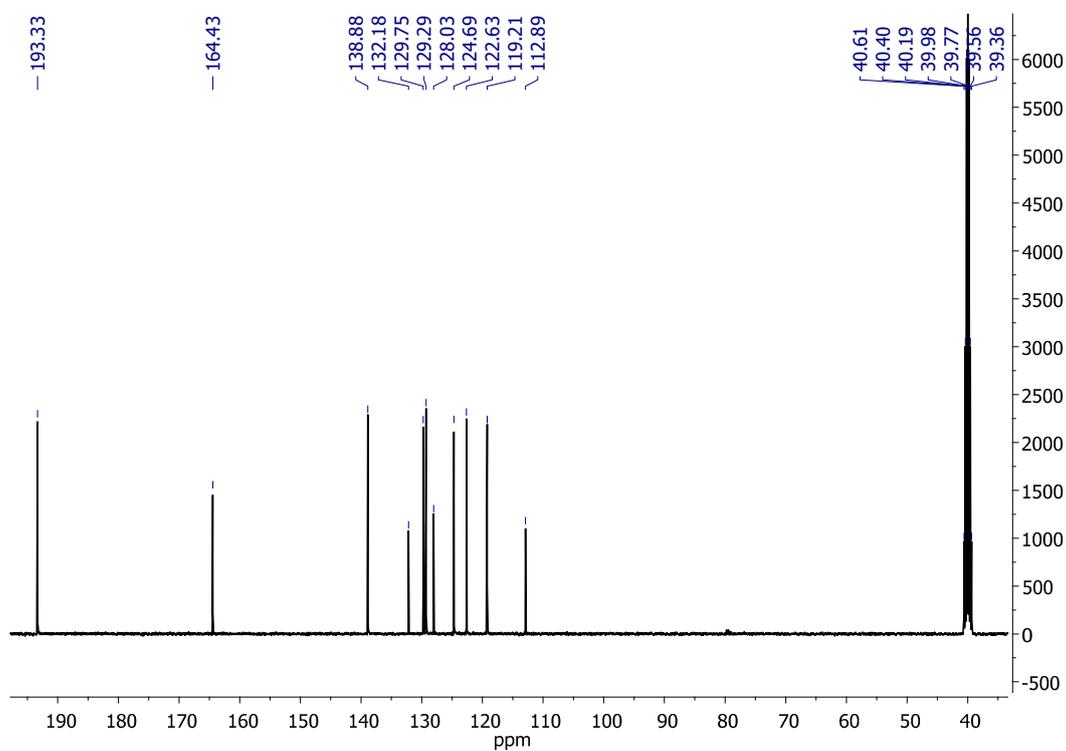


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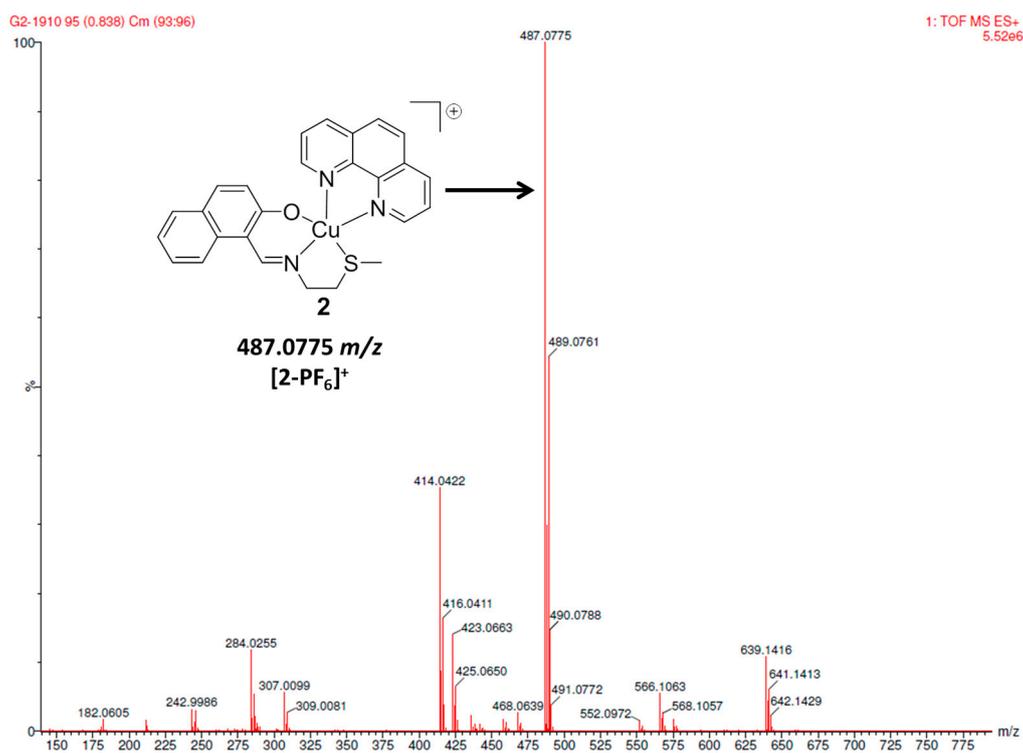


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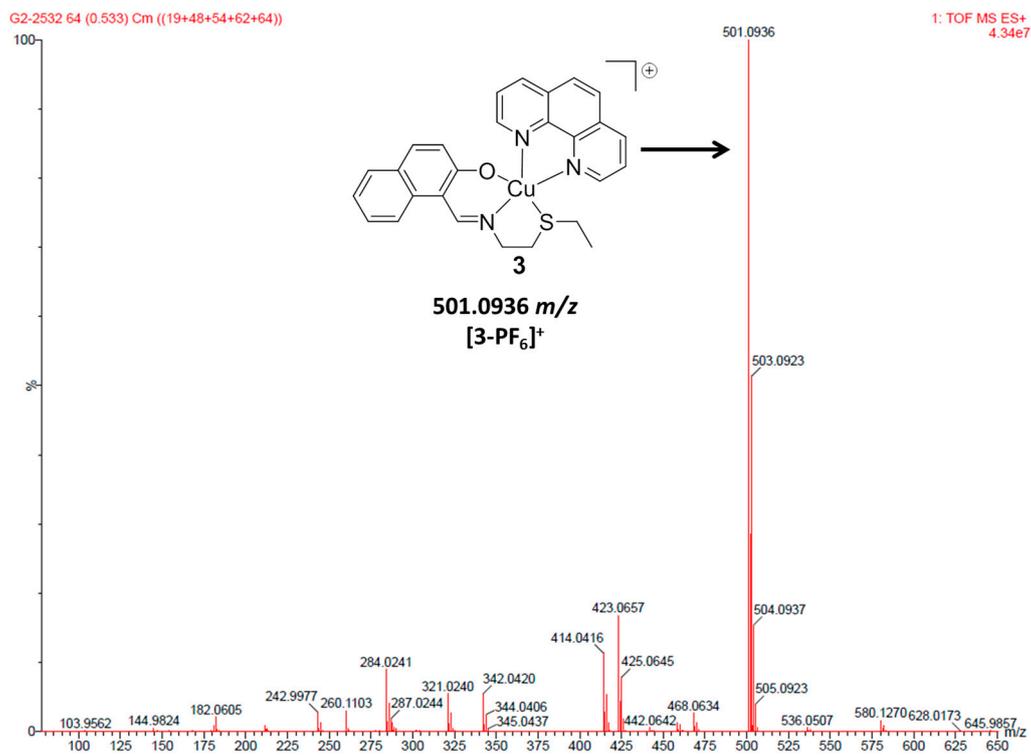
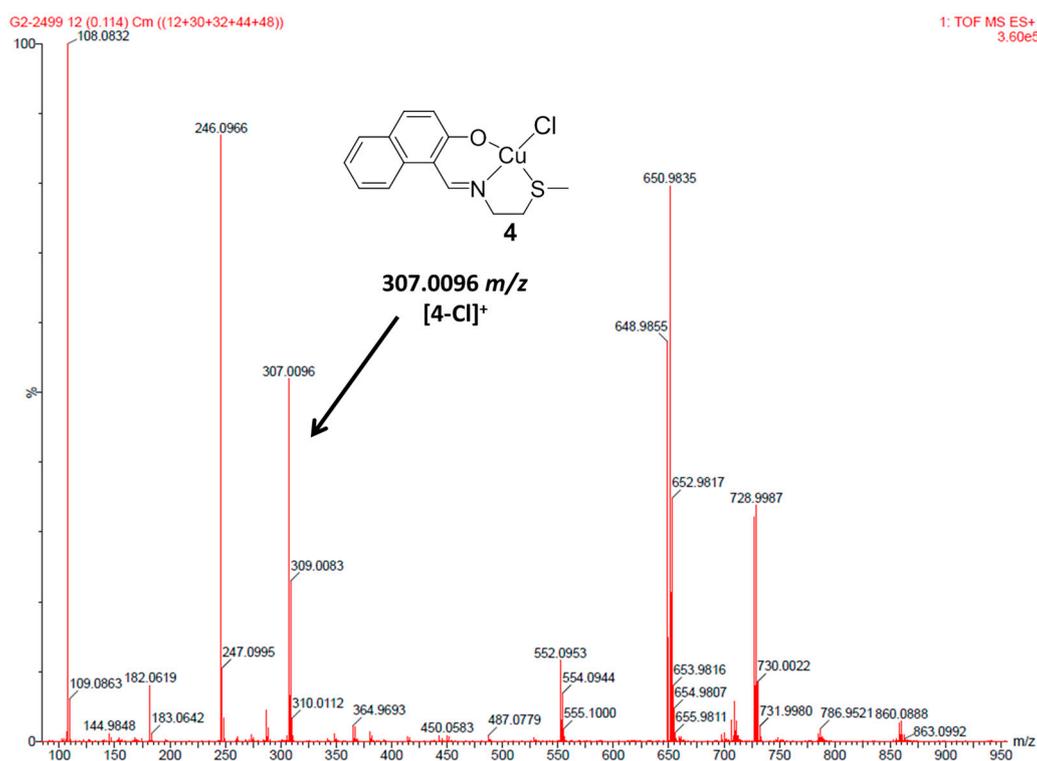
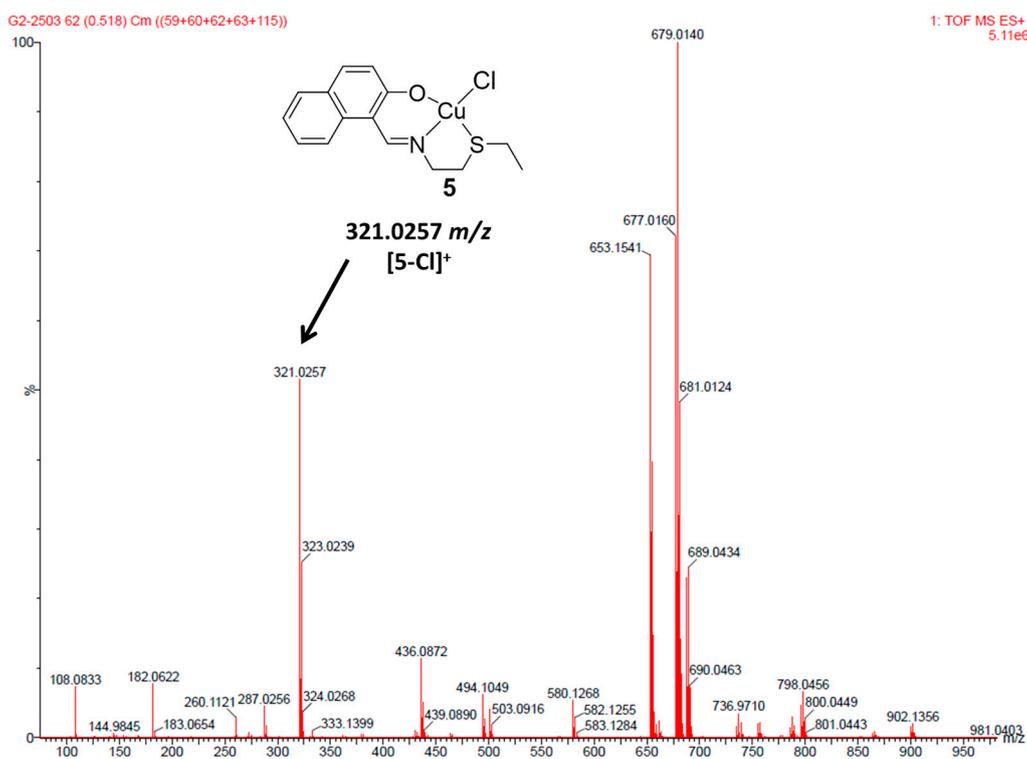
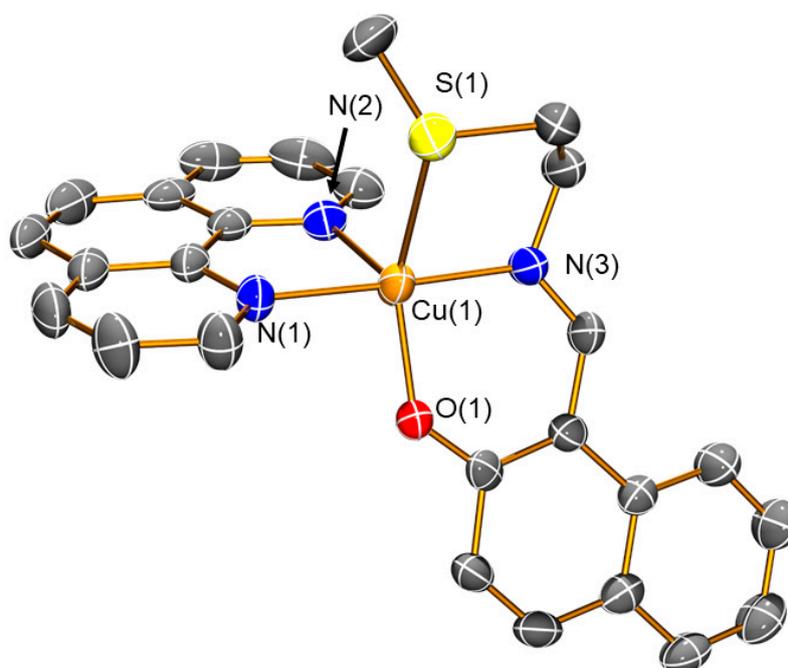


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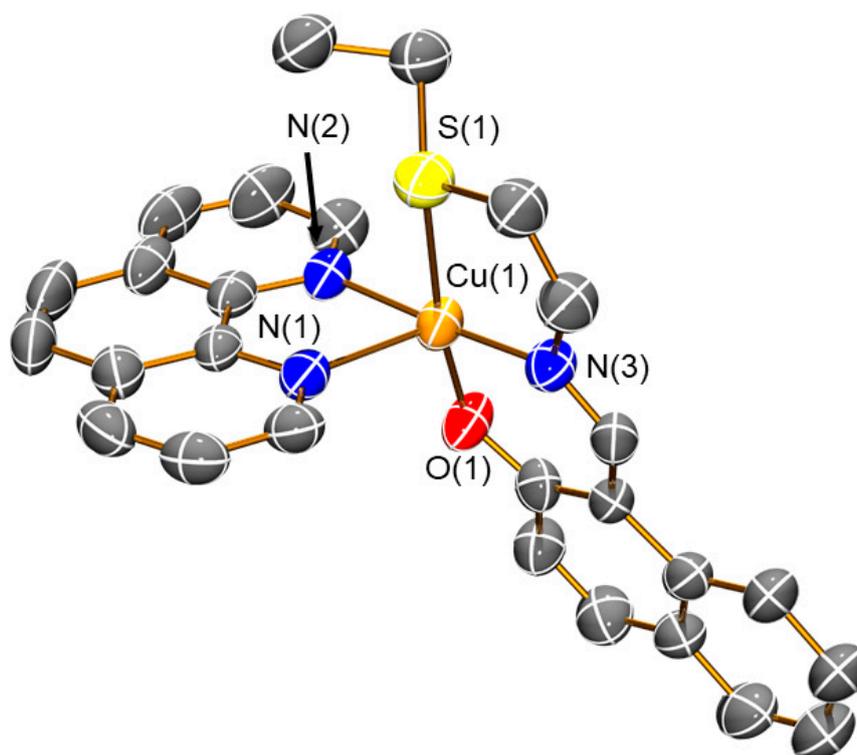
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**Table S1.** Crystallographic data for **2** and **3**.

Metal complex	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
CCDC No.	2046680	2046679
formula	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>6</sub> PSCu	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>24</sub> CuF <sub>6</sub> N <sub>3</sub> OPS
<i>F</i> <sub>w</sub>	633.03	647.06
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>
<i>a</i> , Å	13.926(3)	8.471(4)
<i>b</i> , Å	13.293(3)	17.550(9)
<i>c</i> , Å	14.251(3)	18.443(9)
$\alpha$ , deg.	90	90
$\beta$ , deg.	97.527(4)	99.605(11)
$\gamma$ , deg.	90	90
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	2615.3(11)	2703(2)
<i>Z</i>	4	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$ /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.608	1.590
$2\theta$ / deg.	3.846 to 51.994	3.226 to 51.998
Reflections collected	19911	20967
Independent reflections	5119	5307
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	0.996	0.886
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> [ <i>I</i> ≥ 2σ ( <i>I</i> )]	0.0545, 0.1193	0.0636, 0.1198
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> [all data]	0.0788, 0.1282	0.1315, 0.1426
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.59/-0.41	0.42/-0.40

**Table S2.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **2**.

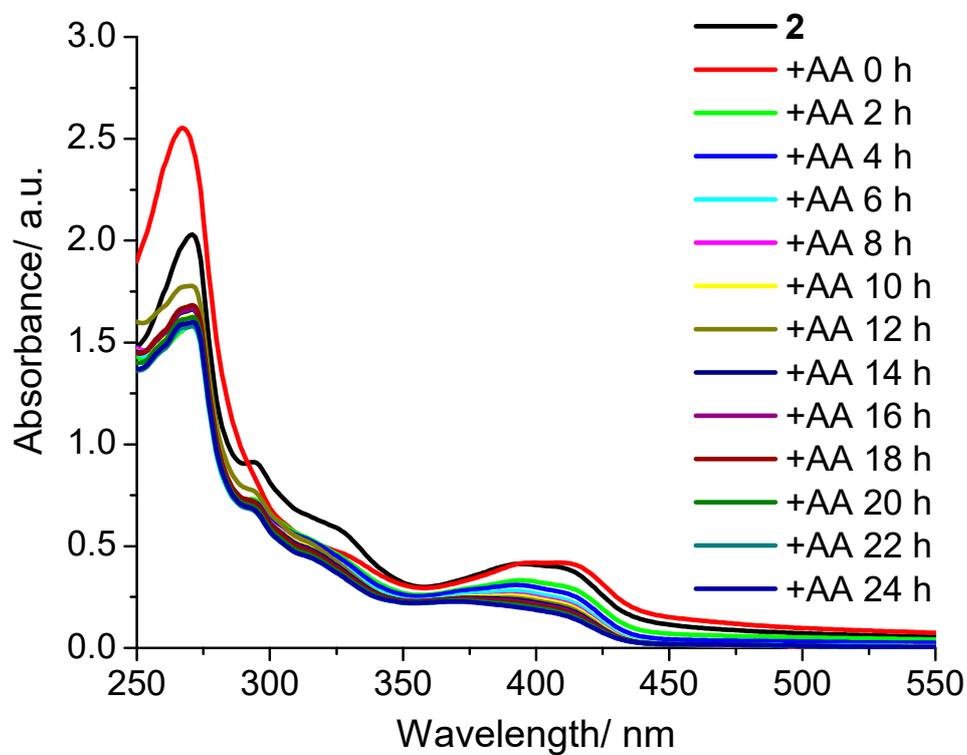
Cu(1)-S(1)	2.5220(11)	Cu(1)-N(2)	2.152(3)
Cu(1)-O(1)	1.908(2)	Cu(1)-N(3)	1.933(3)
Cu(1)-N(1)	2.007(3)		
O(1)-Cu(1)-S(1)	131.68(8)	N(2)-Cu(1)-S(1)	102.30(8)
O(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)	89.49(10)	N(3)-Cu(1)-S(1)	83.50(9)
O(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)	125.71(10)	N(3)-Cu(1)-N(1)	177.78(12)
O(1)-Cu(1)-N(3)	92.59(11)	N(3)-Cu(1)-N(2)	99.72(12)
N(1)-Cu(1)-S(1)	94.53(9)	N(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)	79.67(11)

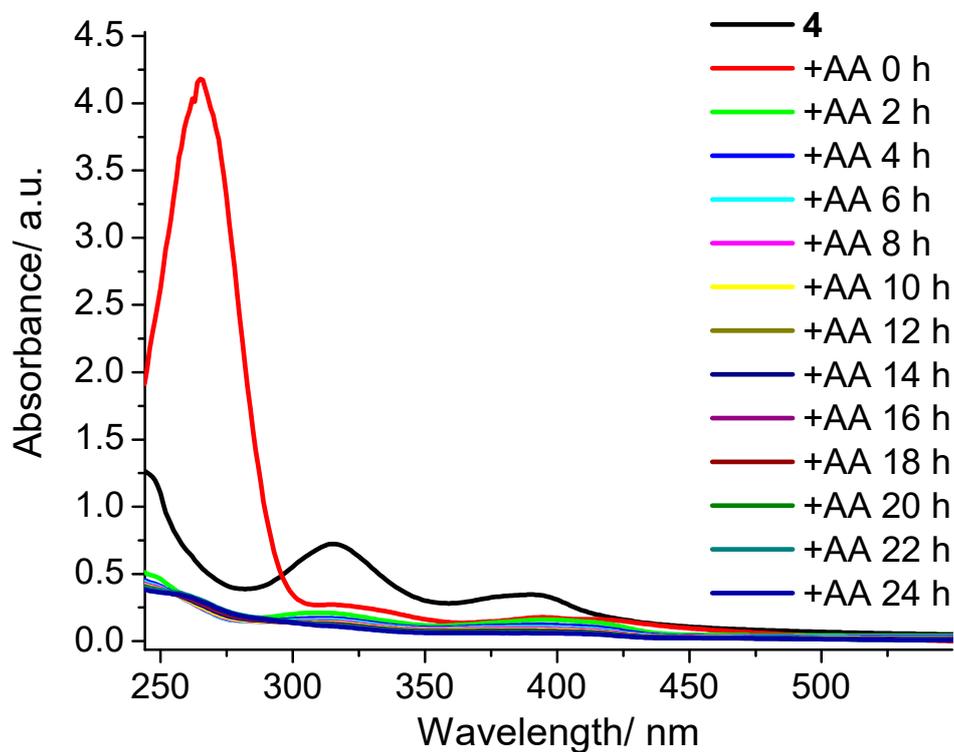
**Table S3.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **3**.

Cu(1)-S(1A)	2.50(2)	Cu(1)-N(1)	2.220(4)
Cu(1)-S(1B)	2.50(2)	Cu(1)-N(2)	2.000(4)
Cu(1)-O(1)	1.916(3)	Cu(1)-N(3)	1.915(4)
O(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)	108.4(2)	N(2)-Cu(1)-S(1A)	93.3(4)
O(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)	90.4(2)	N(2)-Cu(1)-S(1B)	91.15(13)
O(1)-Cu(1)-S(1A)	172.6(4)	N(3)-Cu(1)-O(1)	93.4(2)
O(1)-Cu(1)-S(1B)	144.42(13)	N(3)-Cu(1)-N(1)	100.4(2)
N(1)-Cu(1)-S(1A)	78.6(4)	N(3)-Cu(1)-N(2)	176.2(2)
N(1)-Cu(1)-S(1B)	106.73(11)	N(3)-Cu(1)-S(1A)	82.9(4)
N(2)-Cu(1)-N(1)	78.9(2)	N(3)-Cu(1)-S(1B)	85.44(13)

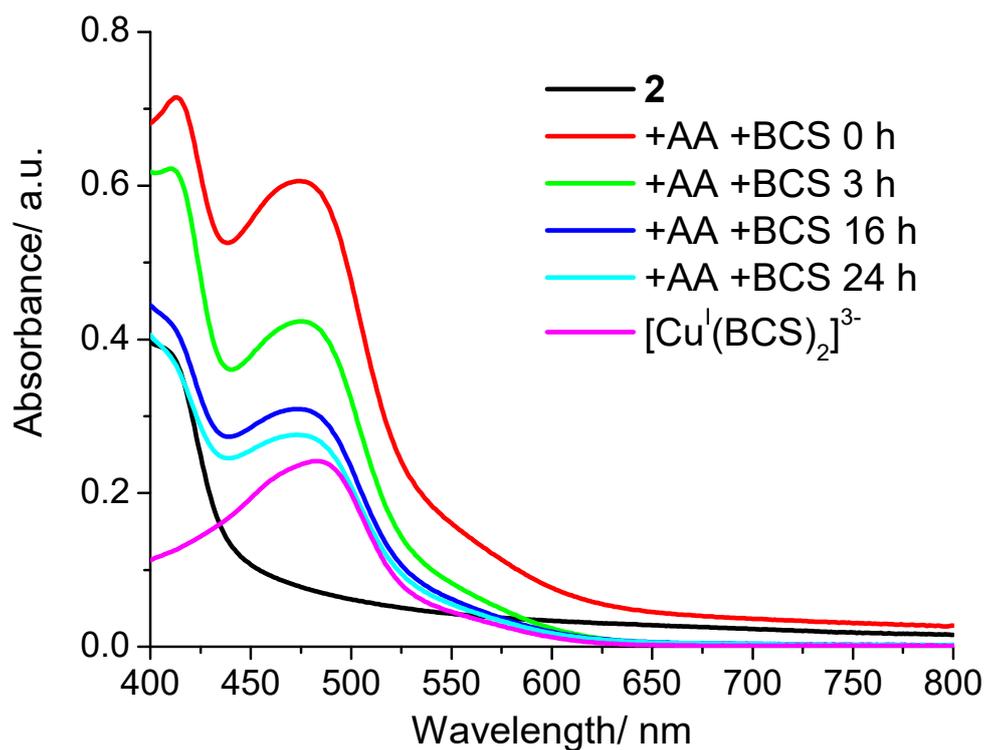
**Table S4.** Experimentally determined LogP values for 2-5.

Metal complex	LogP
2	$-0.39 \pm 0.06$
3	$-0.63 \pm 0.03$
4	$0.02 \pm 0.04$
5	$0.34 \pm 0.03$

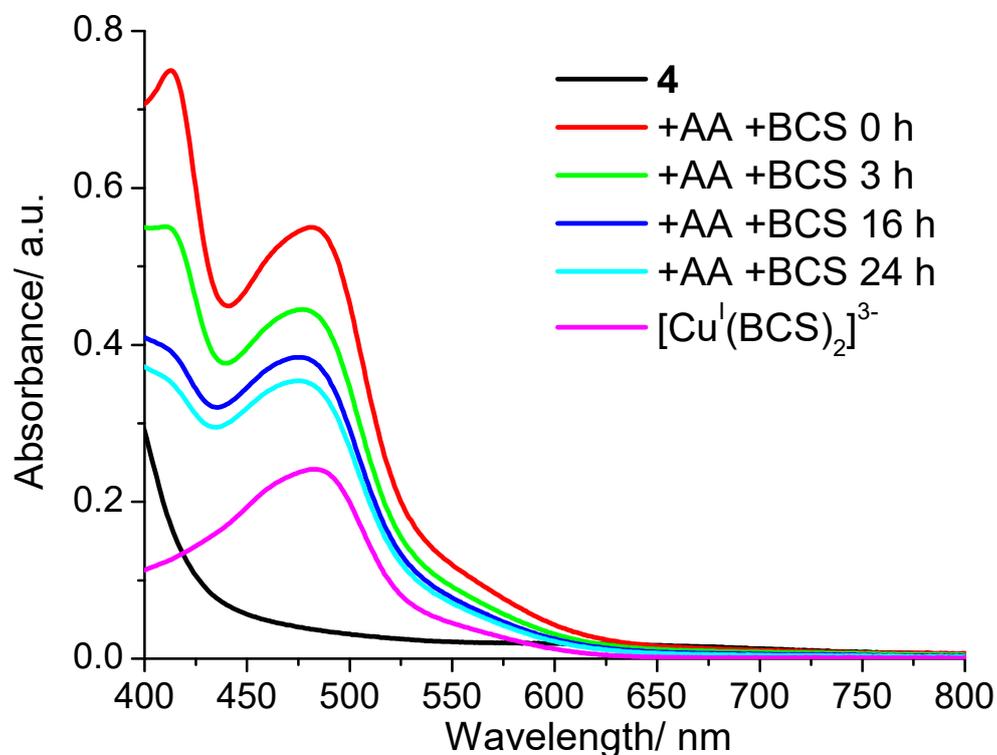
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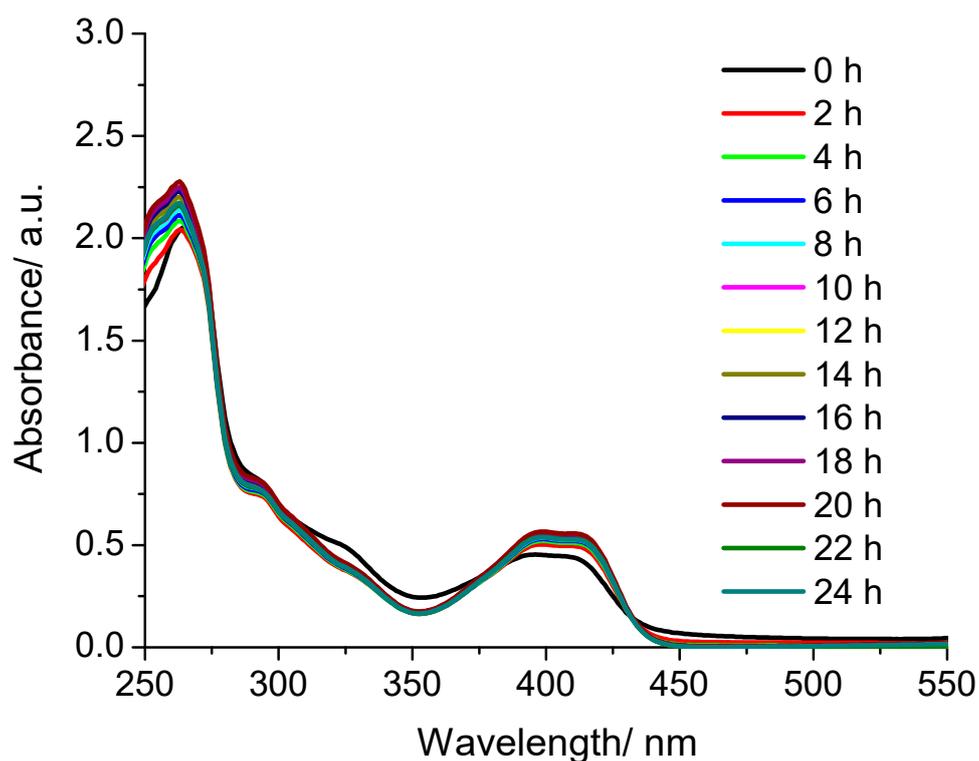
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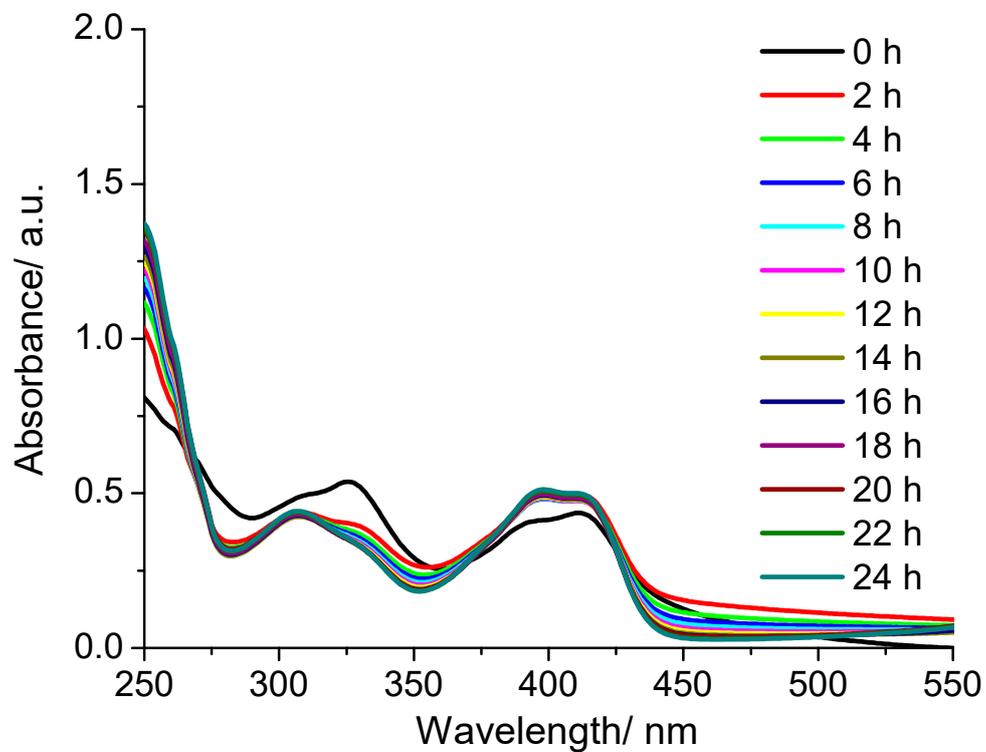
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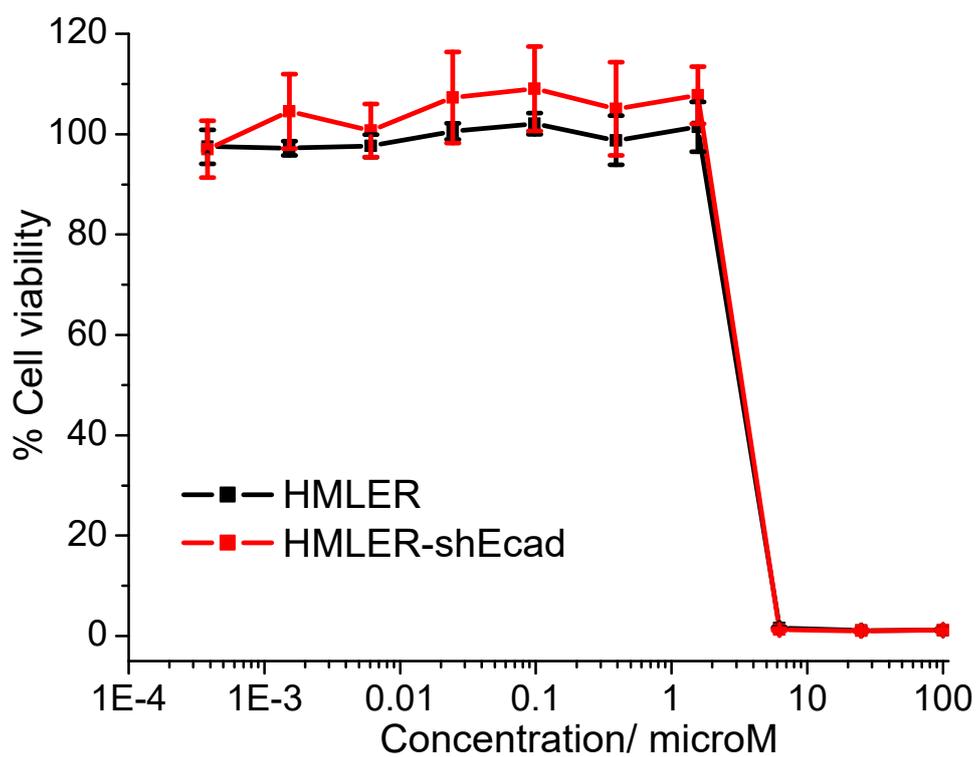


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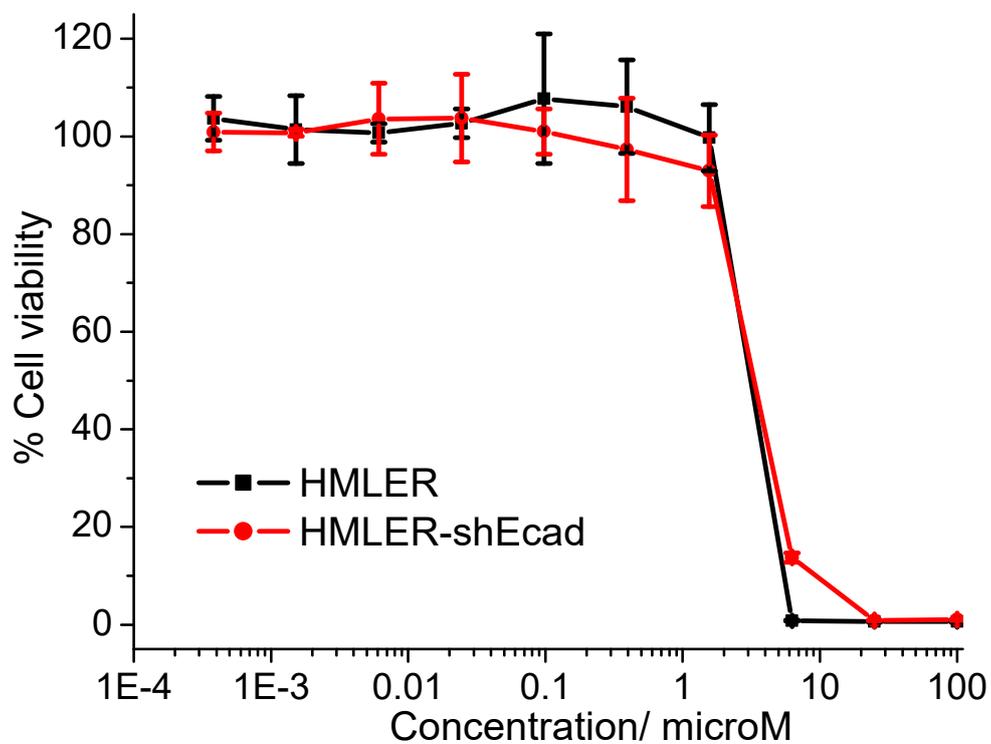


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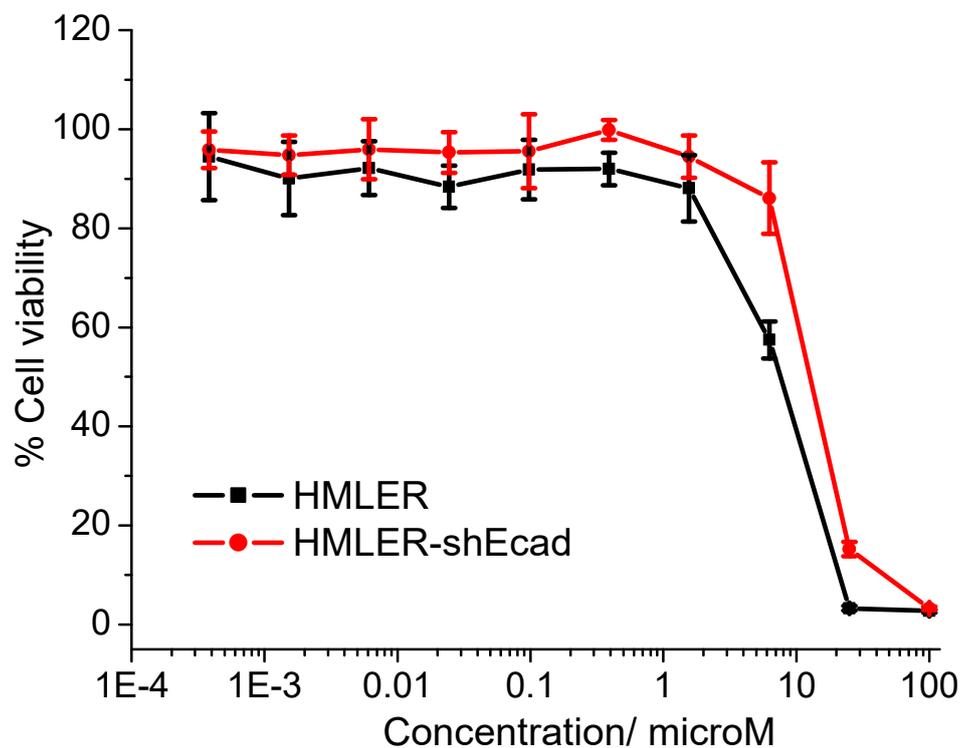


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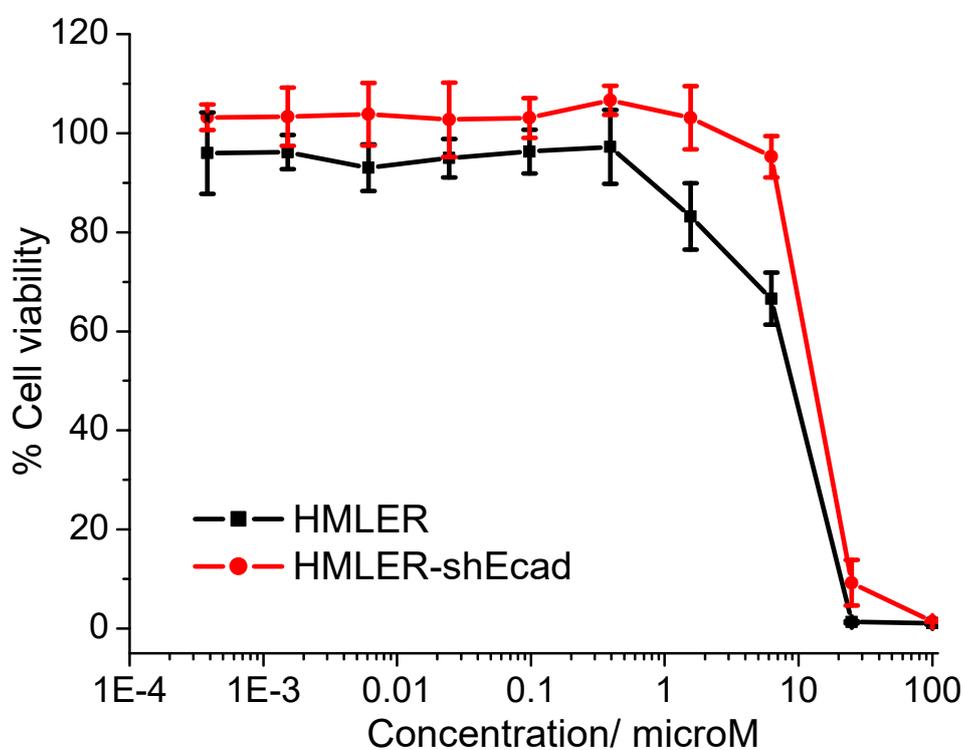


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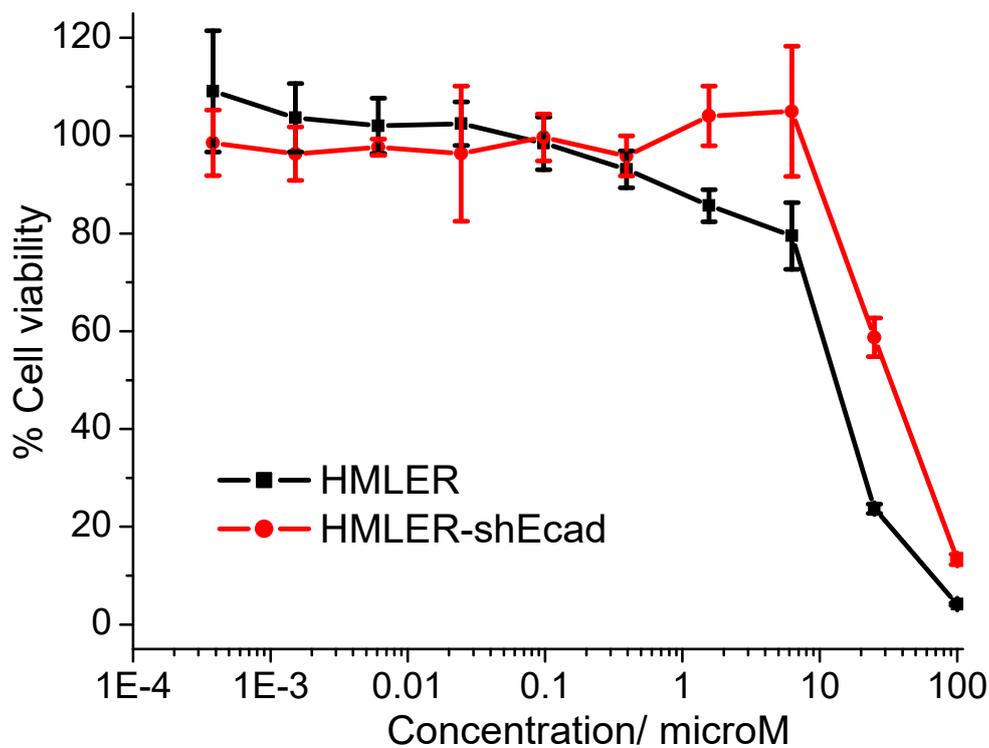


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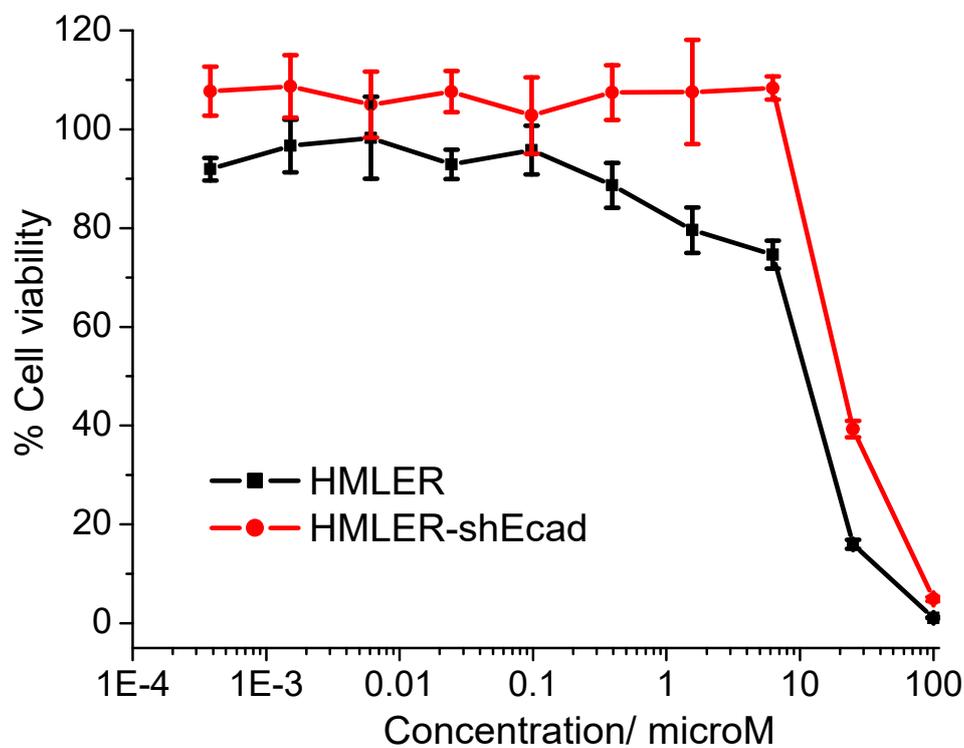
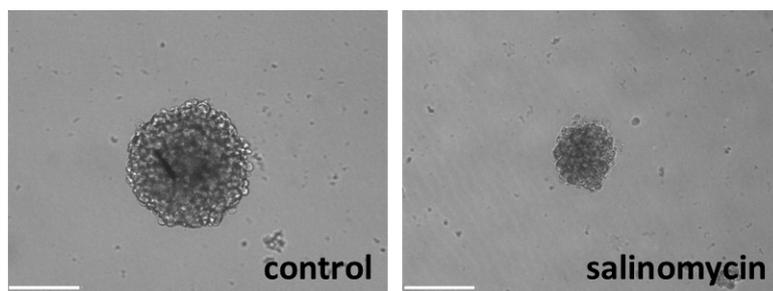
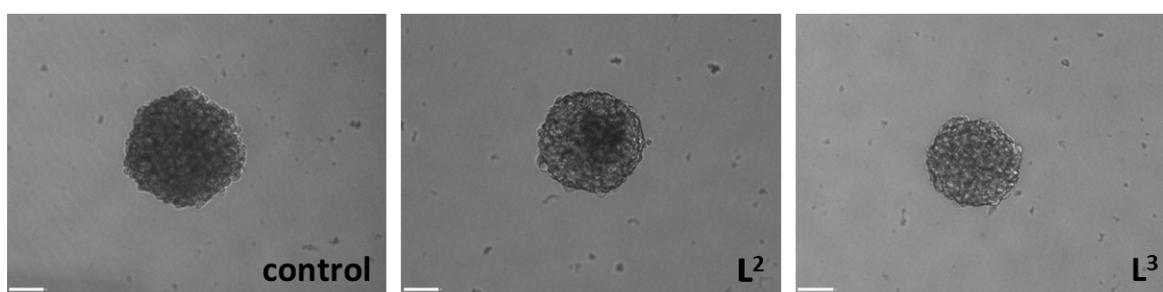


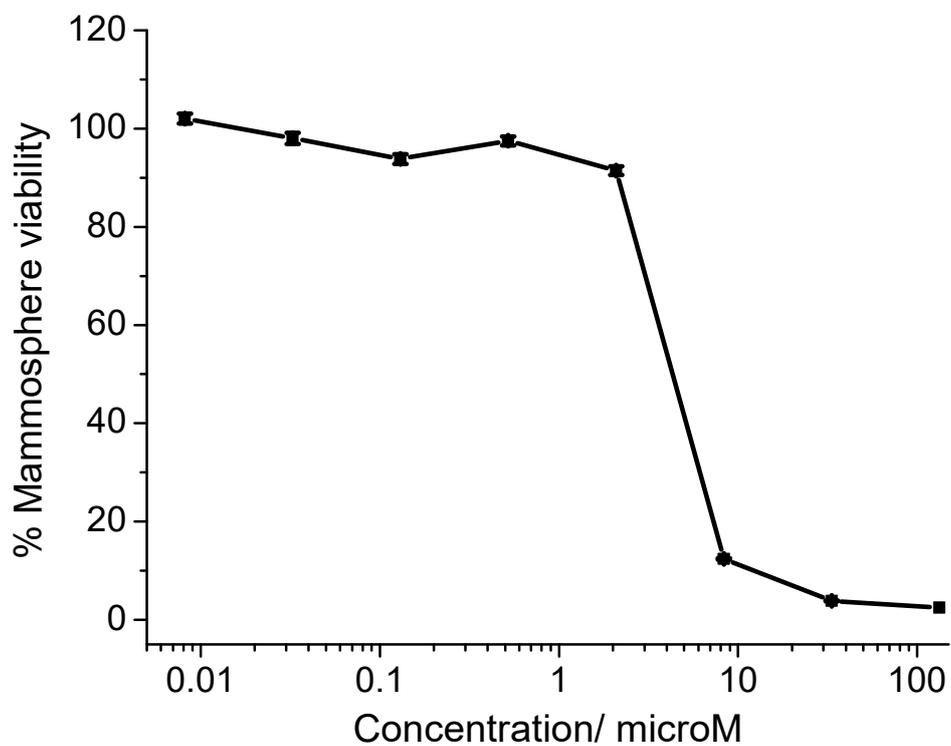
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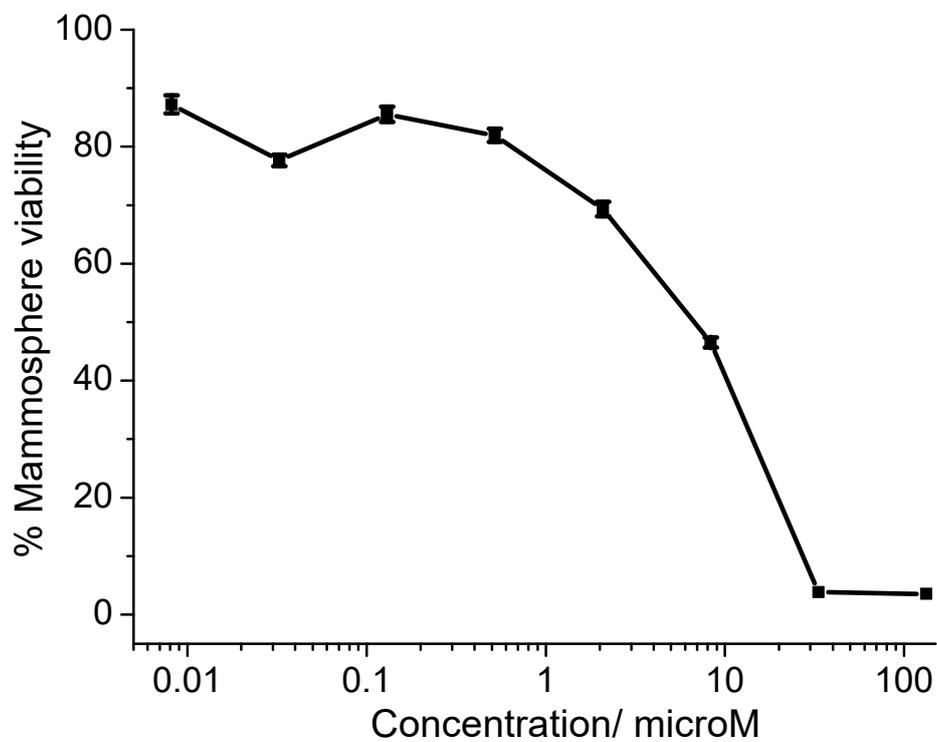
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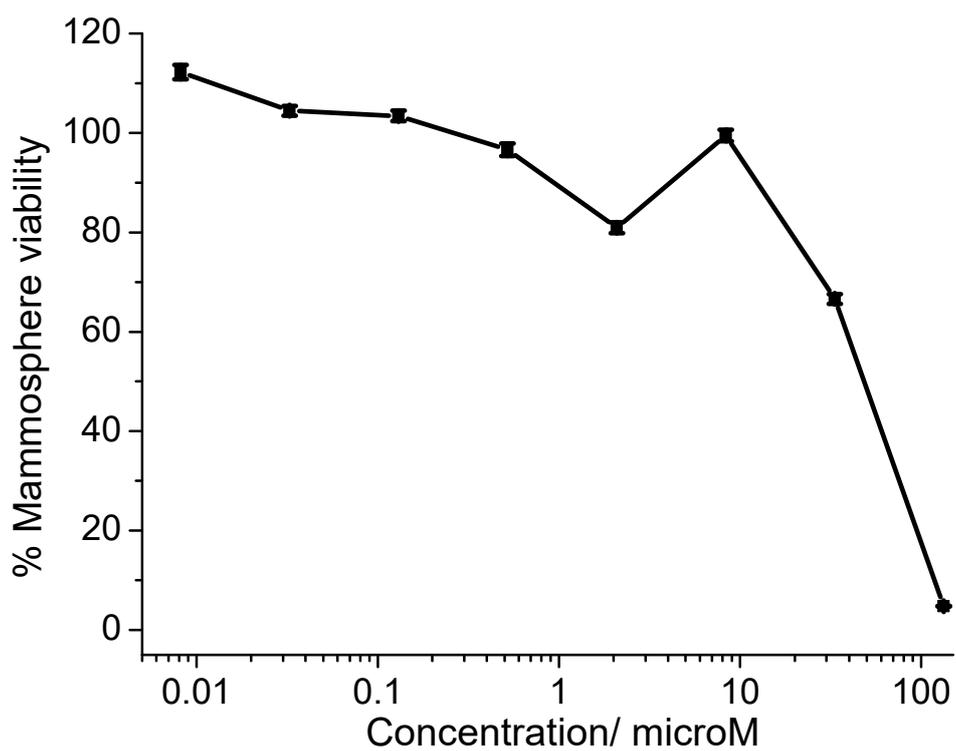
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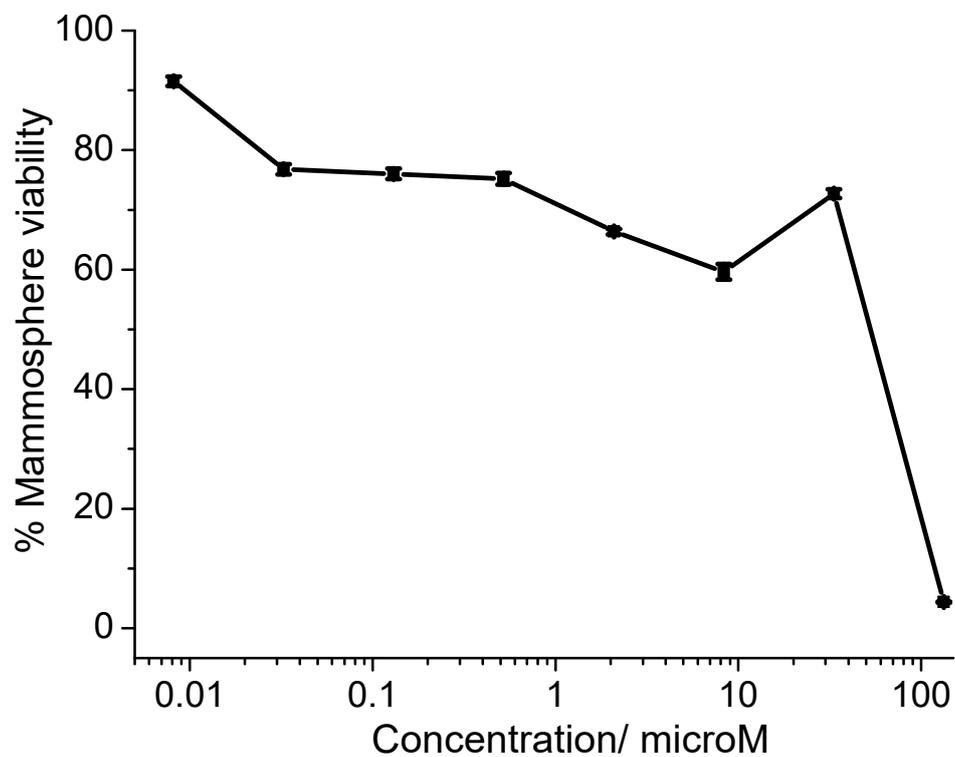
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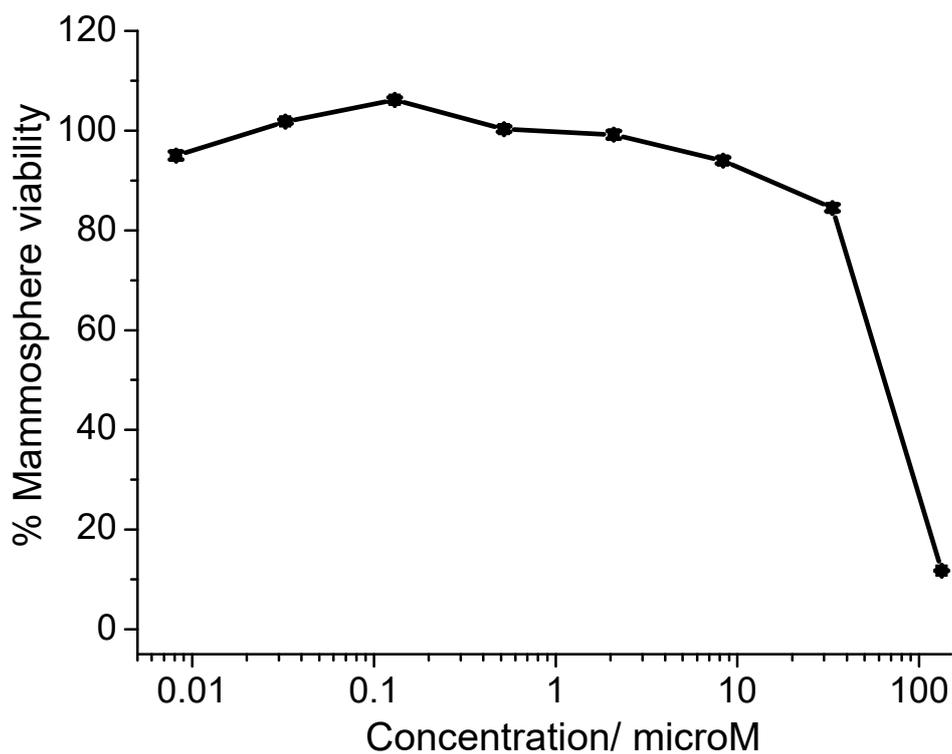
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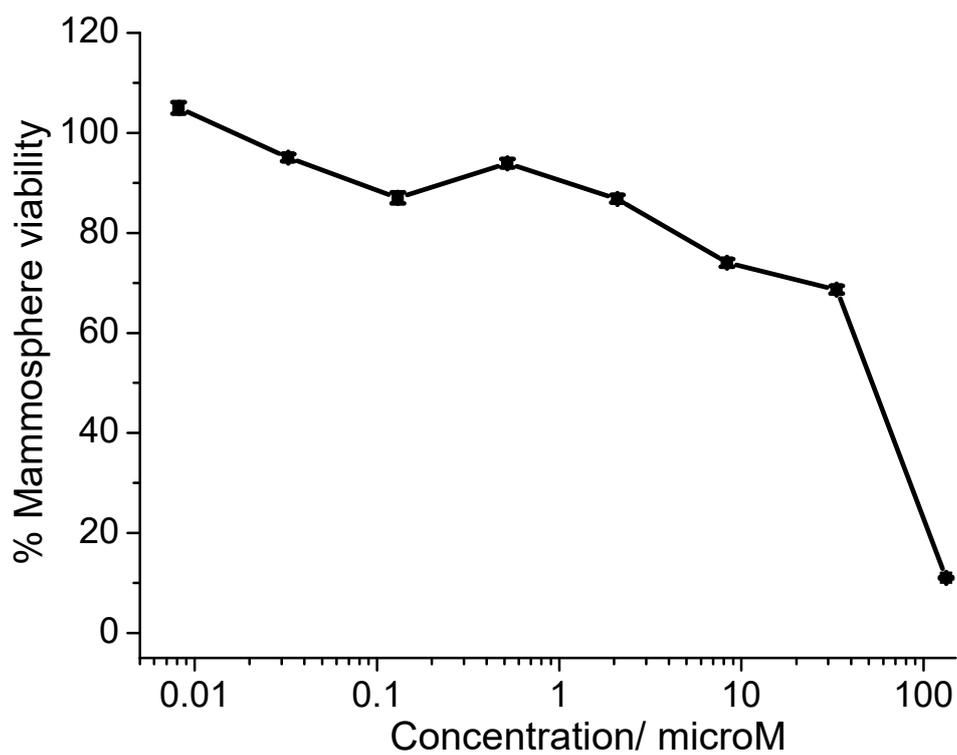
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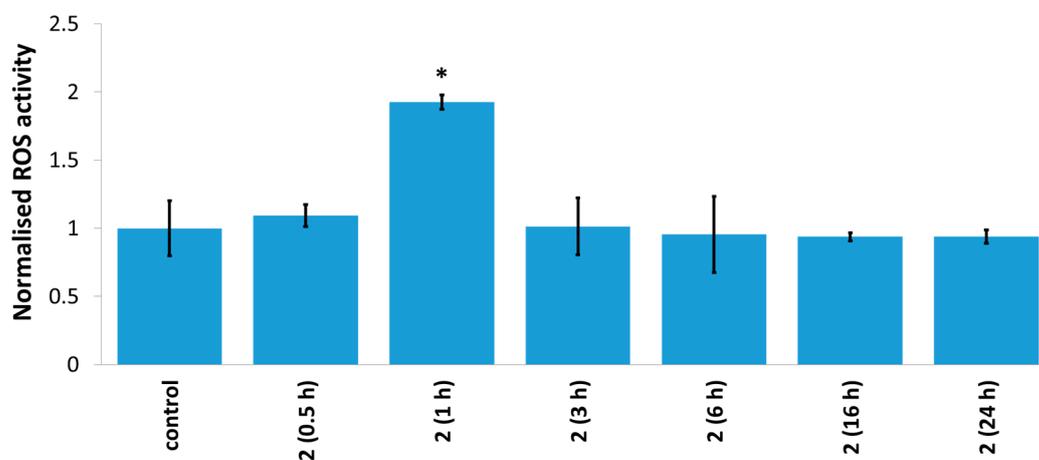
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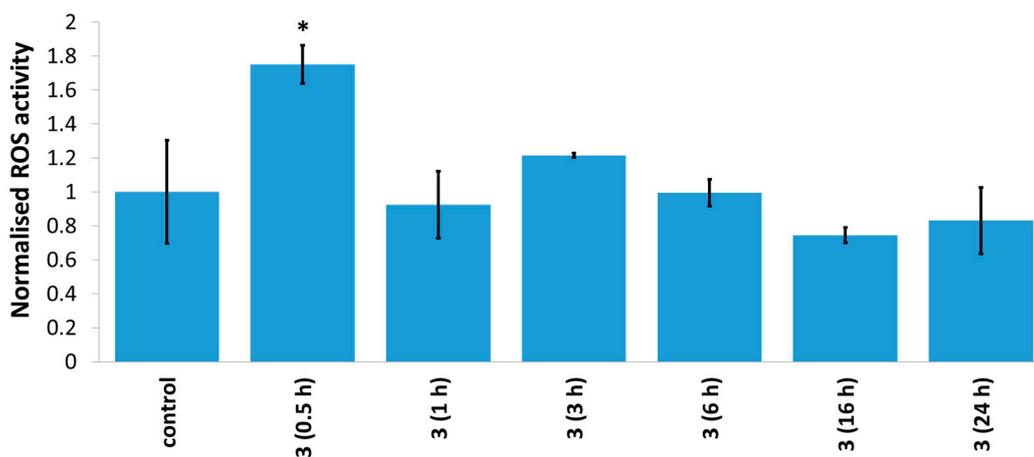
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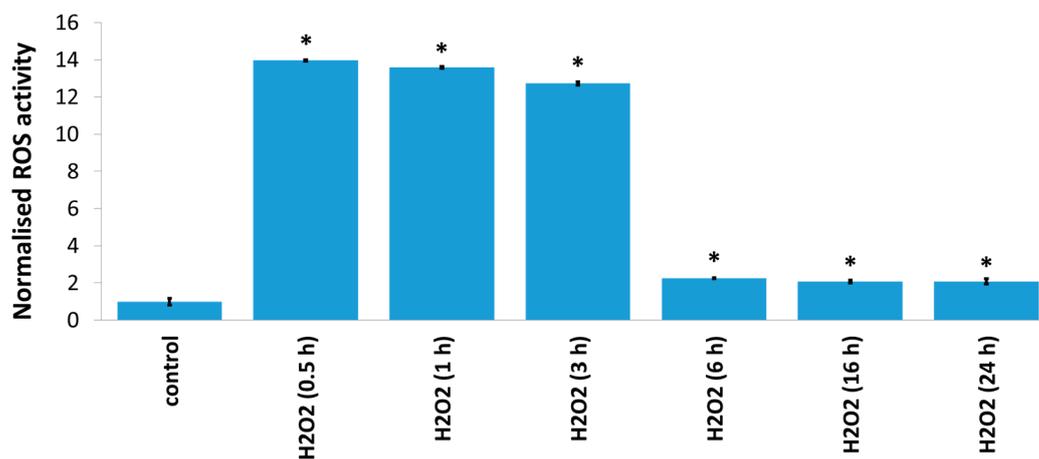
**Figure S34.** Representative dose-response curve for the treatment of HMLER-shEcad mammospheres with L<sup>3</sup> after 5 days incubation.



**Figure S35.** Normalised ROS activity in untreated HMLER-shEcad cells (control) and HMLER-shEcad cells treated with 2 ( $2 \times IC_{50}$  value for 0.5, 1, 3, 6, 16, and 24 h). Error bars represent standard deviations and Student *t* test, \* =  $p < 0.05$ .



**Figure S36.** Normalised ROS activity in untreated HMLER-shEcad cells (control) and HMLER-shEcad cells treated with 3 ( $2 \times IC_{50}$  value for 0.5, 1, 3, 6, 16, and 24 h). Error bars represent standard deviations and Student *t* test, \* =  $p < 0.05$ .



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**Figure S37.** Normalised ROS activity in untreated HMLER-shEcad cells (control) and HMLER-shEcad cells treated with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (150 μM for 0.5, 1, 3, 6, 16, and 24 h). Error bars represent standard deviations and Student *t test*, \* = *p* < 0.05.