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# A Dinuclear Copper(II) Complex Electrochemically Obtained via the Endogenous Hydroxylation of a Carbamate Schiff Base Ligand: Synthesis, Structure and Catalase Activity

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## 1. Schiff base ligand H<sub>2</sub>L

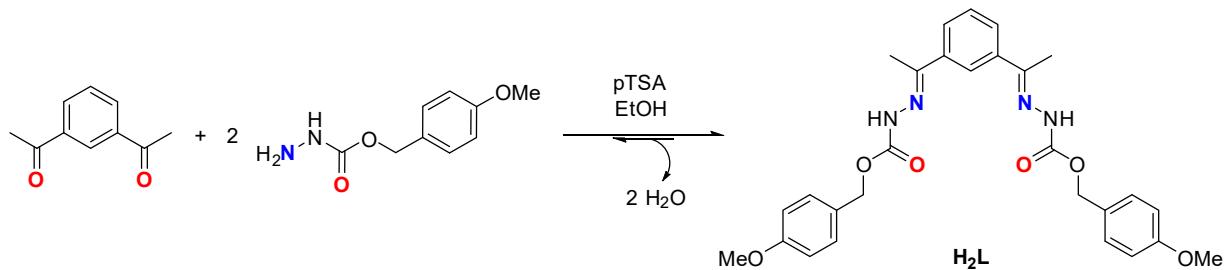


Figure S1. Synthesis of the Schiff base ligand H<sub>2</sub>L

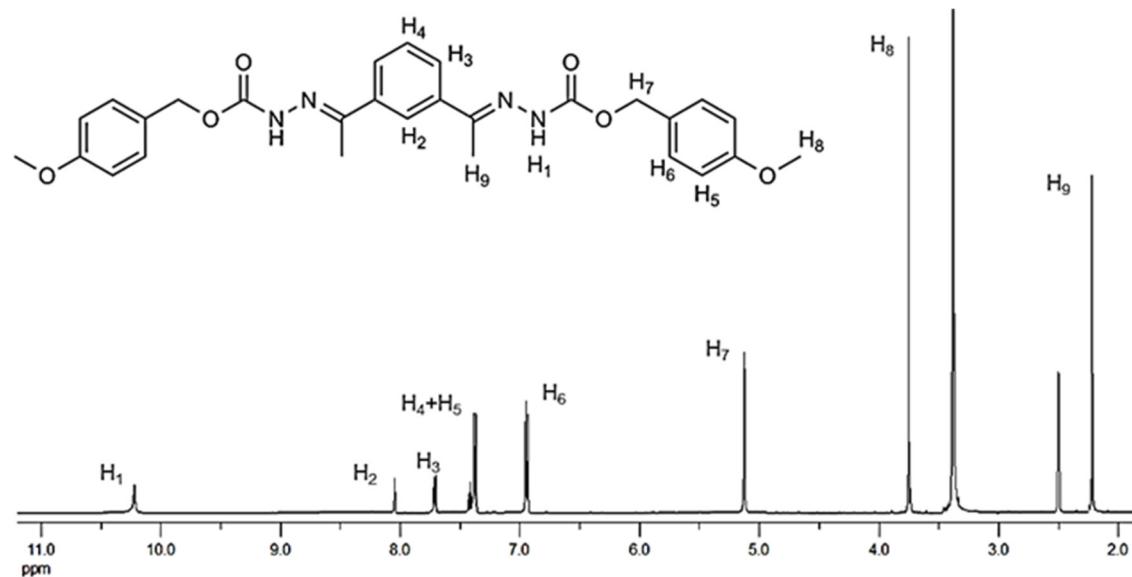


Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of H<sub>2</sub>L (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, r.t.,  $\delta$  (m, nH, Hx, J)): 10.24 (s, 2H, H<sub>1</sub>), 8.03 (s, 2H, H<sub>2</sub>), 7.70 (d, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>,  $J$ =7.8 Hz), 7.39-7.35 (t+d, 1H+4H, H<sub>4</sub>+H<sub>5</sub>,  $J$ <sub>1</sub>=7.8 Hz,  $J$ <sub>2</sub>=8.6 Hz), 6.90 (d, 2H, H<sub>6</sub>,  $J$ =8.6 Hz), 5.11 (s, 4H, H<sub>7</sub>), 3.74 (s, 6H, H<sub>8</sub>), 2.21 (s, 6H, H<sub>9</sub>).

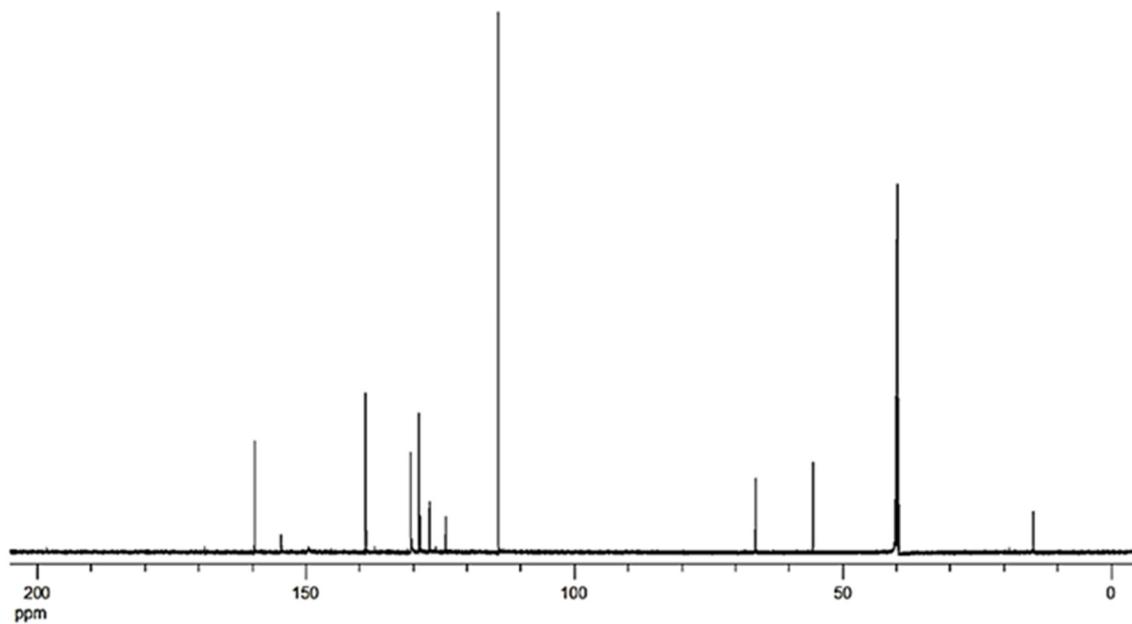


Figure S3. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of H<sub>2</sub>L (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, r.t., δ (m, nH, Hx, J)): 159.5 (C=O), 154.5 (Car-O), 149.5 (C=N), 138.8 (Car), 130.5 (Car), 128.9 (CHar), 128.7 (CHar), 127.0 (CHar), 124.0 (CHar), 114.2 (CHar), 66.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.3 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

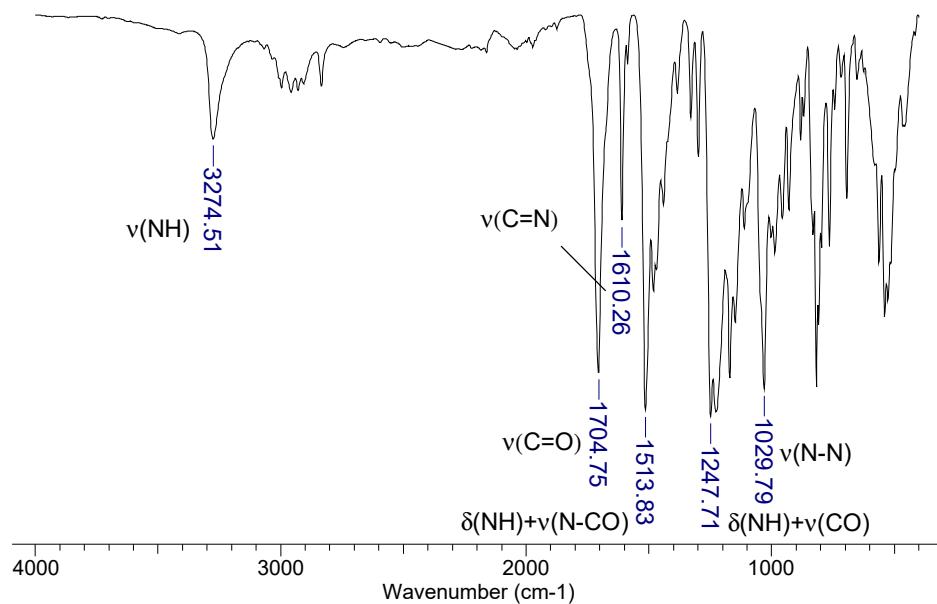


Figure S4. Infrared spectra the Schiff base ligand H<sub>2</sub>L.

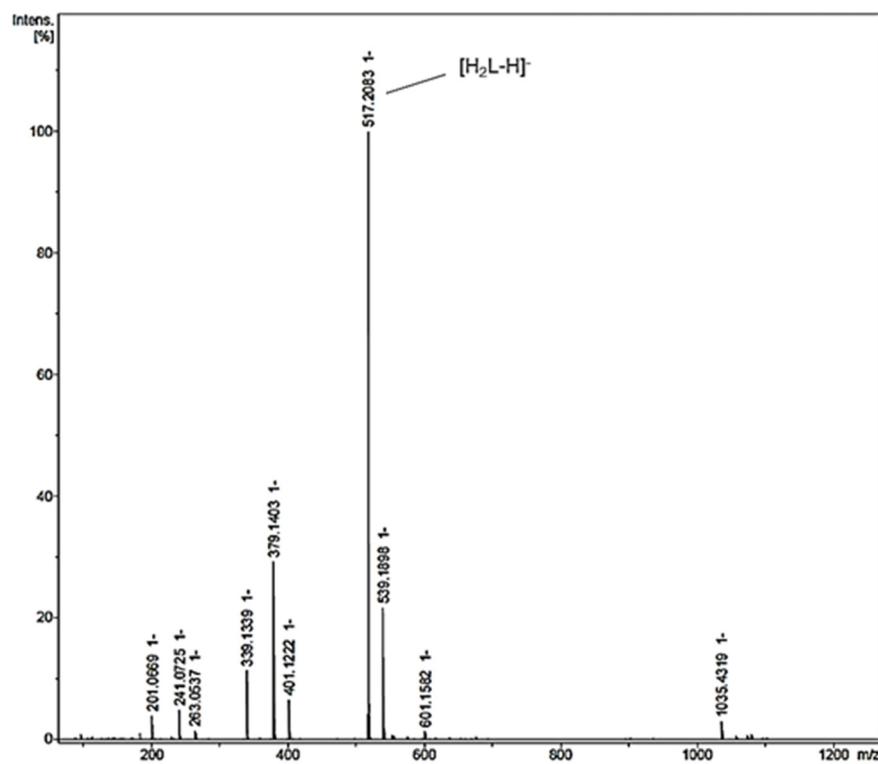


Figure S5. Mass spectra of the Schiff base ligand  $\text{H}_2\text{L}$

## 2. Copper(II) complex $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{L}^1)(\text{OH})]$

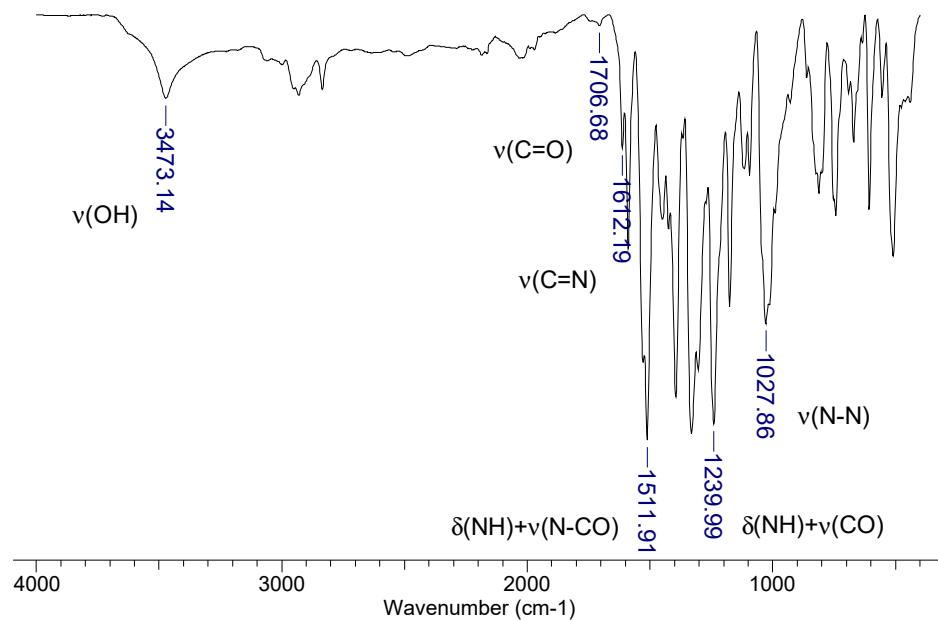


Figure S6. Infrared spectra of  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{L}^1)(\text{OH})]$ .

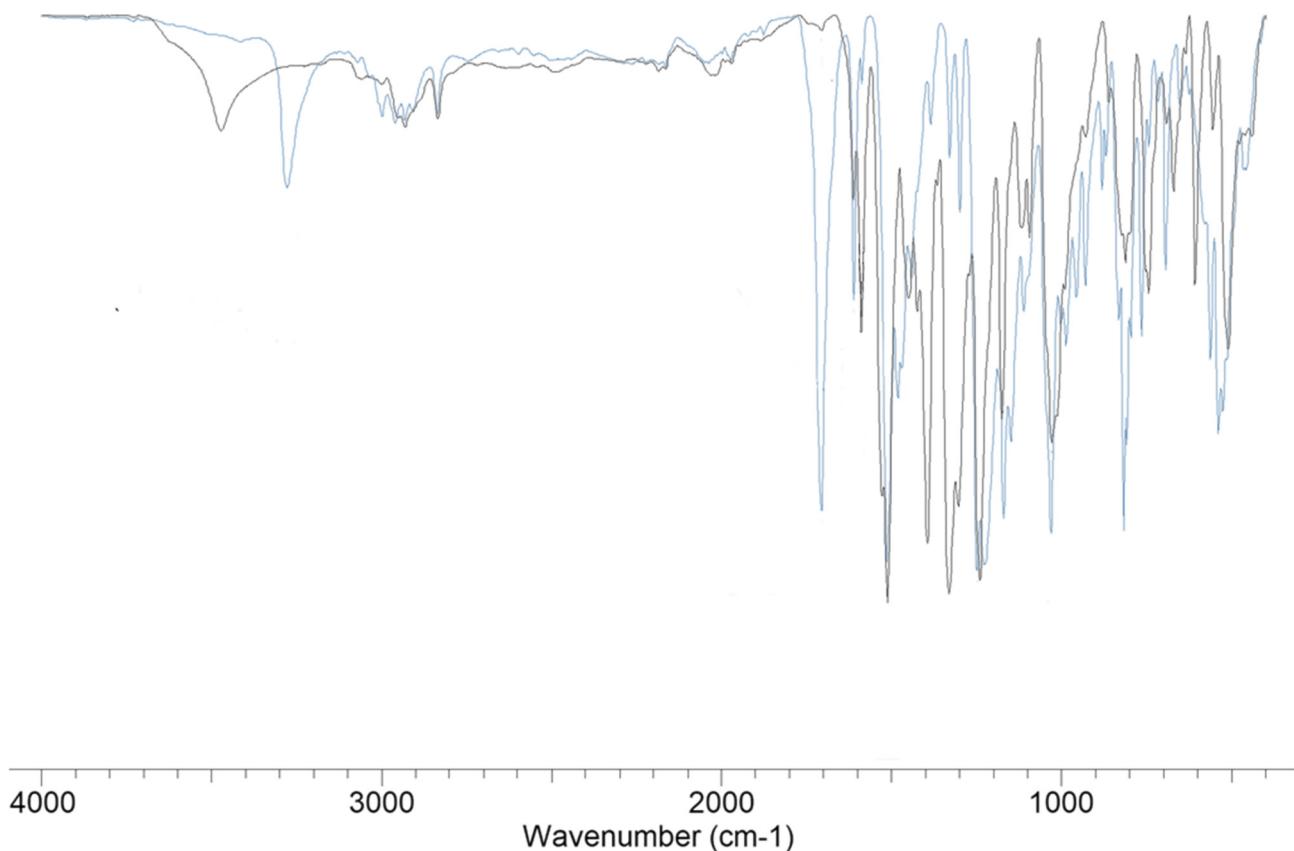


Figure S7. Superposition of the infrared spectra of the copper complex  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{L}^1)(\text{OH})]$  (black) and the H<sub>2</sub>L ligand (blue).

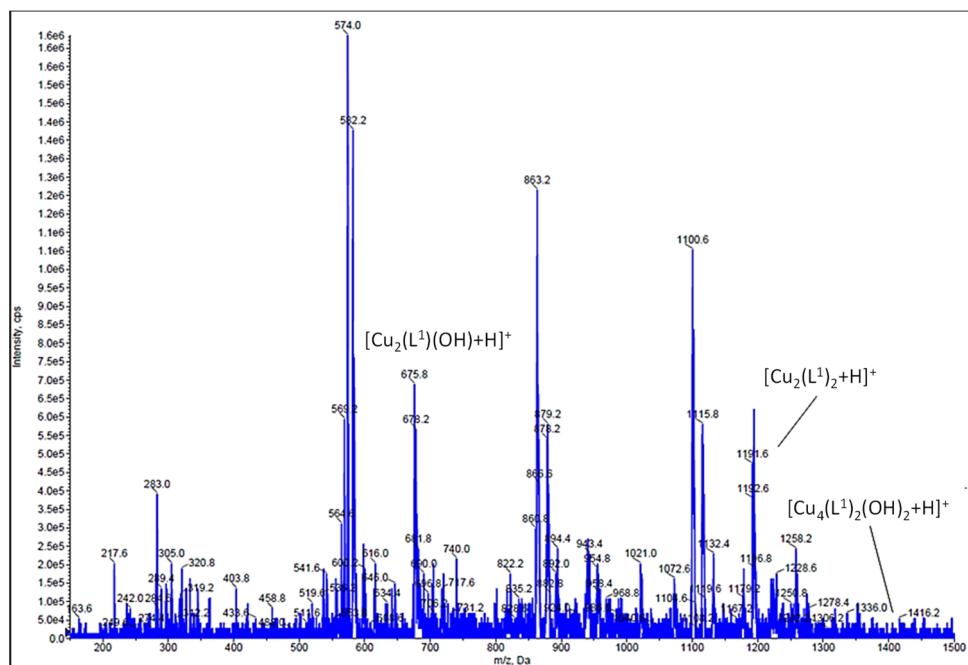


Figure S8. Mass spectra of the  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{L}^1)(\text{OH})]$ .

Table S1. Main crystallographic data for  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{L}^1)(\text{OH})]\cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ .

$[\text{Cu}_2(\text{L}^1)(\text{OH})]\cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$	
Molecular formula	$\text{Cu}_4\text{C}_{60}\text{H}_{62}\text{N}_{10}\text{O}_{16}$
Molecular weight	1433.36
Spatial group	<i>P</i> -1
Crystalline system	Triclinic
Crystal size/mm	$0.15 \times 0.07 \times 0.03$
a/Å	9.0922(2)
b/Å	11.8957(3)
c/Å	14.0610(4)
$\alpha/^\circ$	94.0500(10)
$\beta/^\circ$	90.3190(10)
$\gamma/^\circ$	103.8490(10)
Temperature/K	100
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1472.52(7)
Z	1
Measured reflexions	32274
Unique reflexions [R <sub>int</sub> ]	8768 [0.0421]
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	1.505
Residues/e Å <sup>-3</sup>	-0.49 and -0.53
R	0.0829
wR	0.0771

Table S2. Main bond distances and angles for  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{L}^1)(\text{OH})] \cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ .

Bond distances ( $\text{\AA}$ )					
Cu1-O39	1.9104(17)	Cu1-O28	1.9185(15)	C27-O28	1.2770(3)
Cu1-O40	1.9234(15)	Cu2-N9	1.9145(19)	C27-N26	1.3160(3)
Cu2-O39	1.9371(17)	Cu2-O12	1.9524(15)	O39-Cu2i	2.3311(17)
Cu2-O40	1.9498(15)	N9-N10	1.3990(2)	Cu2-O39i	2.3311(17)
Cu1-Cu2	2.9233(4)	N25-N26	1.4020(2)	Cu1-O12i	2.6780
C1-O40	1.3340(3)	C11-O12	1.2880(3)	O12-Cu1i	2.6780
Cu1-N25	1.9105(19)	C11-N10	1.3050(3)		
Bond angles ( $^{\circ}$ )					
O39-Cu1-N25	174.57(8)	O40-Cu1-N25	92.66(7)	O28-Cu1-Cu2	141.88(5)
O39-Cu1-O28	101.66(7)	O40-Cu2-O12	173.46(7)	O40-Cu1-Cu2	41.34(4)
O39-Cu1-O40	82.00(7)	O40-Cu2-N9	91.13(7)	O39-Cu2i-O40i	99.06(6)
O39-Cu2-O40	80.64(7)	N25-Cu1-O28	83.73(7)	O39-Cu2i-N9i	107.84(7)
O39-Cu2-N9	169.70(8)	N9-Cu2-O12	83.70(7)	O12-Cu2-O39i	86.37(6)
O39-Cu2-O12	104.03(7)	O39-Cu1-Cu2	40.90(5)	O39-Cu2-O39i	79.78(7)
O40-Cu1-O28	175.02(7)	N25-Cu1-Cu2	133.85(6)		