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**Structural changes in Cu(II) complexes of potential octadentate ligands by  
coordination with carboxylate/carboxylic acid: DFT, TD-DFT and  
experimental studies**

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## **Supplementary Materials**

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**Table S1.** Geometrical parameters (bond length in Å) of ligands and complexes

	L <sup>1</sup>	L <sup>2</sup> H	L <sup>2</sup>	[CuL <sup>1</sup> ] <sup>2+</sup>	[CuL <sup>2</sup> H] <sup>2+</sup>	[CuL <sup>2</sup> ] <sup>+</sup>
<i>Bond length</i>						
N1-C2	1.367	1.373	1.376	1.314	1.315	1.314
C2-N3	1.323	1.316	1.319	1.375	1.376	1.378
C2-C10	1.502	1.505	1.503	1.501	1.499	1.501
C10-N41	1.476	1.450	1.467	1.480	1.487	1.476
N41-C42	1.470	1.458	1.467	1.475	1.477	1.475
C42-C43	1.532	1.545	1.533	1.525	1.522	1.529
C43-N44	1.473	1.479	1.463	1.494	1.500	1.476
N44-C45	1.464	1.472	1.462	1.499	1.500	1.480
C45-C46	1.532	1.535	1.533	1.518	1.523	1.525
C46-N47	1.473	1.475	1.470	1.497	1.491	1.494
N47-C20	1.470	1.470	1.471	1.489	1.495	1.493
C20-C12	1.506	1.507	1.504	1.491	1.491	1.491
C12-N11	1.368	1.372	1.364	1.352	1.328	1.322
C12-N13	1.318	1.319	1.323	1.328	1.345	1.352
N47-C30	1.451	1.469				
C30-C22	1.518	1.499	1.508	1.505	1.492	1.494
C22-N21	1.315	1.368	1.359	1.313	1.375	1.371
C22-N23	1.376	1.320	1.331	1.378	1.314	1.317
N41-C40	1.482	1.438	1.468	1.483	1.463	1.459
C40-C32	1.506	1.519	1.511	1.500	1.499	1.500
C32-N31	1.377	1.380	1.323	1.361	1.328	1.324
C32-N33	1.319	1.313	1.372	1.319	1.355	1.360
N44-C48	1.476	1.466	1.474	1.502	1.476	1.474
C48-C49	1.500	1.522	1.545	1.505	1.518	1.544
C49-O50	-	1.218	1.271		1.223	1.310
C49-O51	-		1.258		1.323	1.219
C49-N50	1.377					
C49-N51	1.315					
C49-OH51		1.336				
C49-N50				1.378		
C49N51				1.313		
Cu-N3				2.09	2.06	2.06
Cu-N41				3.02	2.81	3.05
Cu-N44				2.28	2.23	2.43
Cu-N47				2.15	2.13	2.16
Cu-N13				2.05	2.01	2.05
Cu-050					2.64	2.27
Cu-N50				2.29		

**Table S2.** Geometrical parameters (bond angles in degrees) of complexes

	$[\text{CuL}^1]^{2+}$	$[\text{CuL}^2\text{H}]^{2+}$	$[\text{CuL}^2]^+$
Bond angle			
N3-Cu-N41	68.1	71.3	67.9
N3-Cu-N44	100.6	99.9	98.2
N3-Cu-N47	167.7	174.6	171.6
N3-Cu-N13	93.7	95.4	95.0
N3-Cu-O50		89.6	94.70
N3-Cu-N50	96.5		
N41-Cu-N44	69.80	73.9	66.5
N41-Cu-N47	102.5	113.7	104.3
N41-Cu-N13	100.5	101.1	91.2
N41-Cu-O50		134.6	134.1
N41-Cu-N50	138.0		
N44-Cu-N47	82.7	83.8	80.9
N44-Cu-N13	157.7	161.2	147.0
N44-Cu-O50		69.3	75.2
N44-Cu-N50	75.6		
N47-Cu-N13	79.8	81.7	81.6
N47-Cu-O50		88.0	93.2
N47-Cu-N50	95.7		
N13-Cu-O50		121.87	133.7
N13-Cu-N50	119.8		

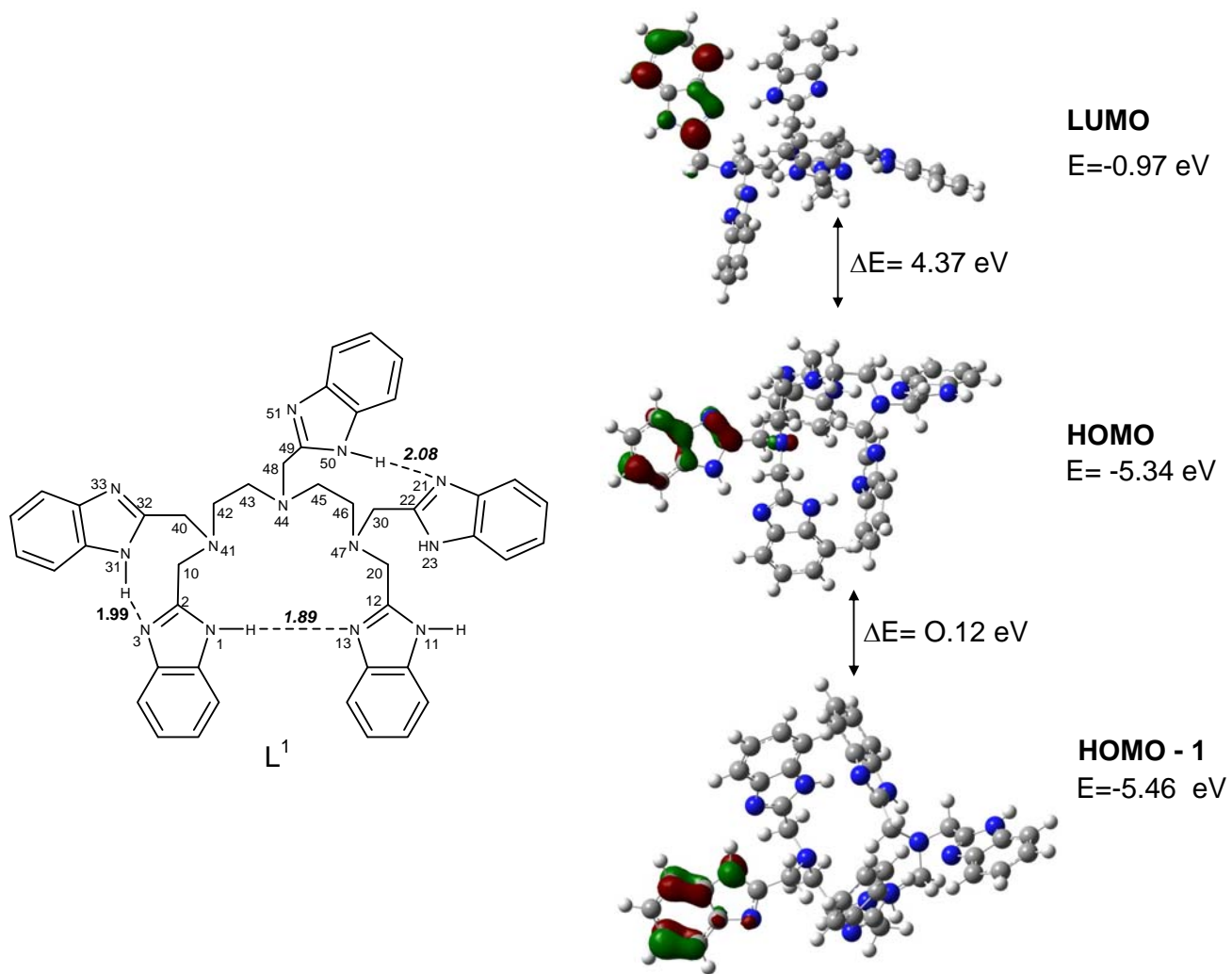
**Table S3.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles for  $[\text{CuL}^2]^+$ 

Cu(1)-N(13)	2.012(7)	Cu(1)-N(3)	2.035(7)
Cu(1)-N(47)	2.119(7)	Cu(1)-N(44)	2.148(7)
Cu(1)-O(50)	2.299(6)		
N(13)-Cu(1)-N(3)	94.0(3)	N(13)-Cu(1)-N(47)	80.8(3)
N(3)-Cu(1)-N(47)	174.1(3)	N(13)-Cu(1)-N(44)	158.6(3)
N(3)-Cu(1)-N(44)	102.5(3)	N(47)-Cu(1)-N(44)	83.3(3)
N(13)-Cu(1)-O(50)	120.8(3)	N(3)-Cu(1)-O(50)	89.0(3)
N(47)-Cu(1)-O(50)	91.4(3)	N(44)-Cu(1)-O(50)	73.7(2)

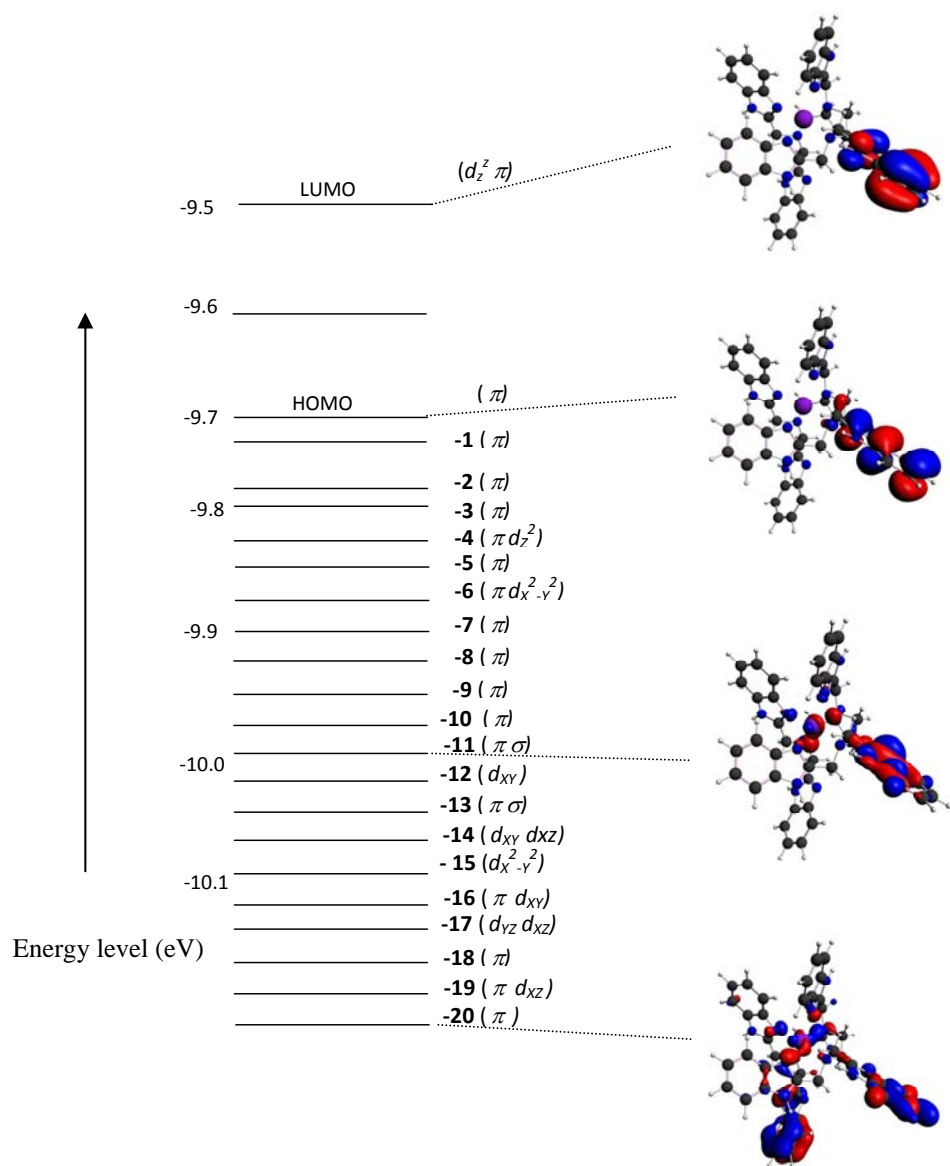
**Table S4.** Electronic absorption spectral and magnetic moment data of copper(II) compounds

Compounds	d-d bands <sup>a</sup>	CT bands <sup>a</sup>	Magnetic moments ( $\mu_{\text{eff}}$ ) <sup>b</sup> BM
$\text{CuL}^1(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	599 (430)	310 (710)	1.72
$\text{CuL}^1\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{MeOH}$	604(435)	330 (735)	1.72
$\text{CuL}^2\text{H}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{MeOH}$	675 (350)	315 (810)	1.78
$\text{CuL}^2\text{HCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	672(330)	315 (800)	1.79
$[\text{CuL}^2](\text{ClO}_4) \cdot (\text{OH}_2)_{4.5}$	596 (450)	312 (716)	1.76
$[\text{CuL}^2]\text{Cl} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	600 (465)	326 (730)	1.78

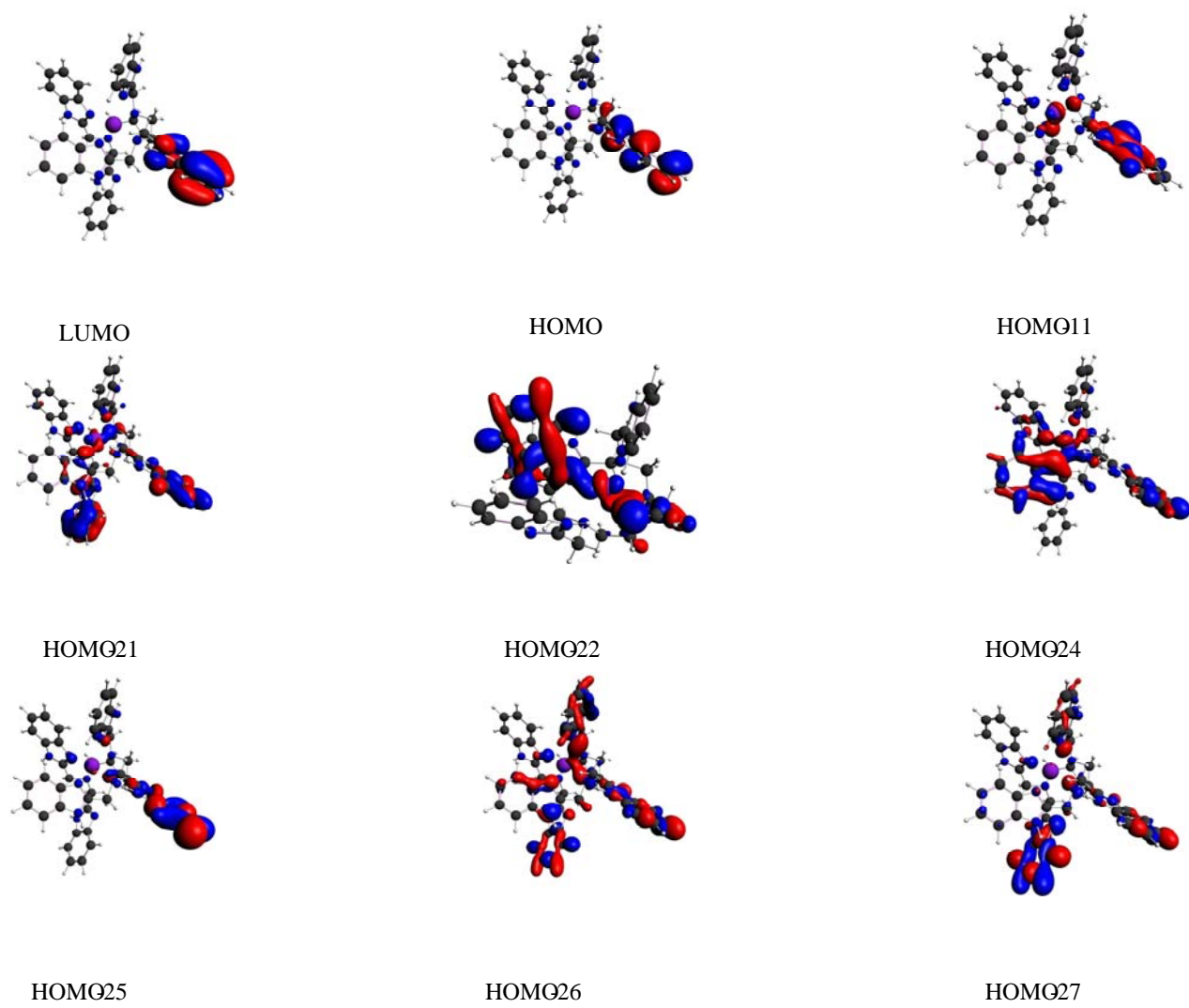
Concentration: a  $\approx 1.0 \times 10^{-2}$ ;  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  in nm with  $\epsilon/\text{dm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$  in parentheses. B)  $\mu_{\text{eff}} = [\mu^2_{\text{complex}}/2]^{1/2}$



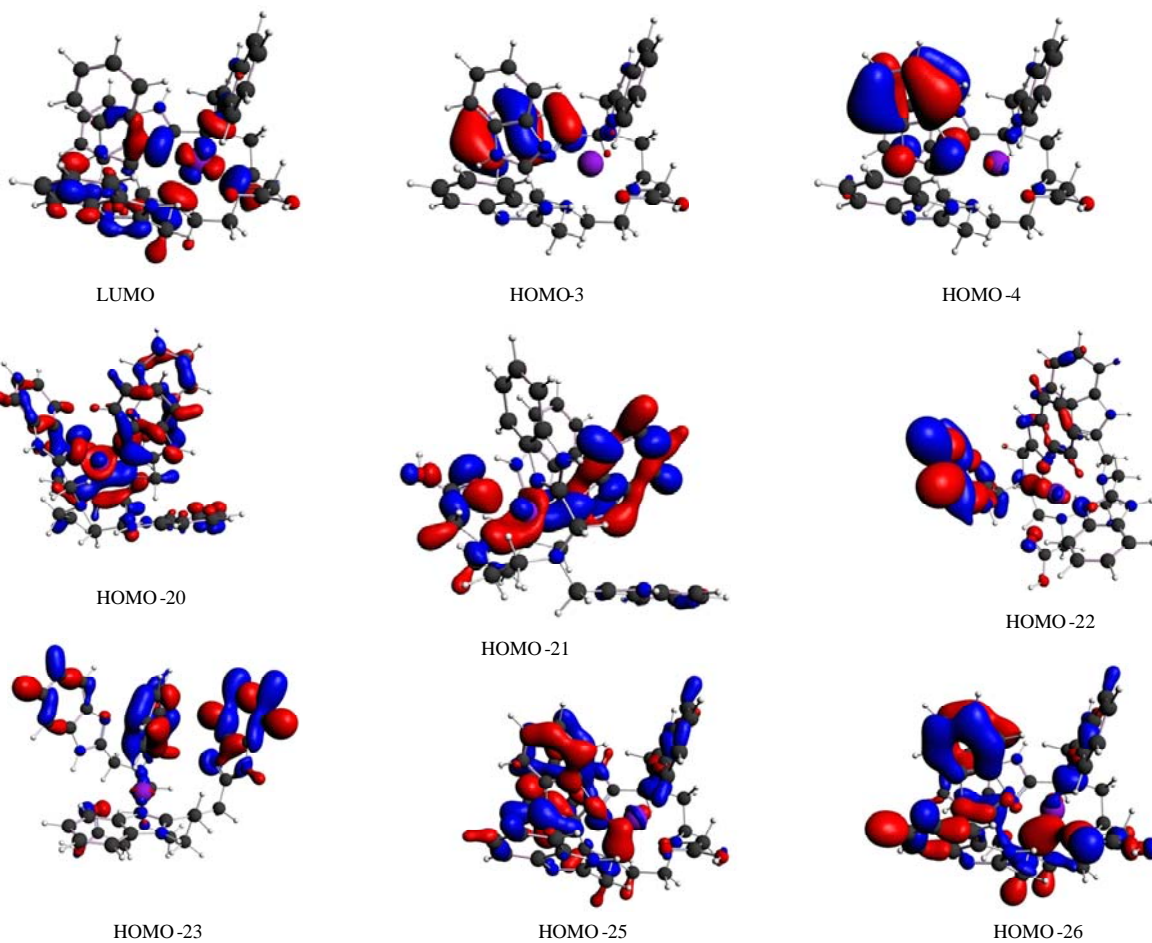
**Fig. S1.** Structural data and molecular orbital analysis of L<sup>1</sup> (MO orbitals, green = bonding; red: antibonding).



**Fig. S2.** Frontier molecular orbital energy level diagram of [CuL<sup>1</sup>]<sup>2+</sup>

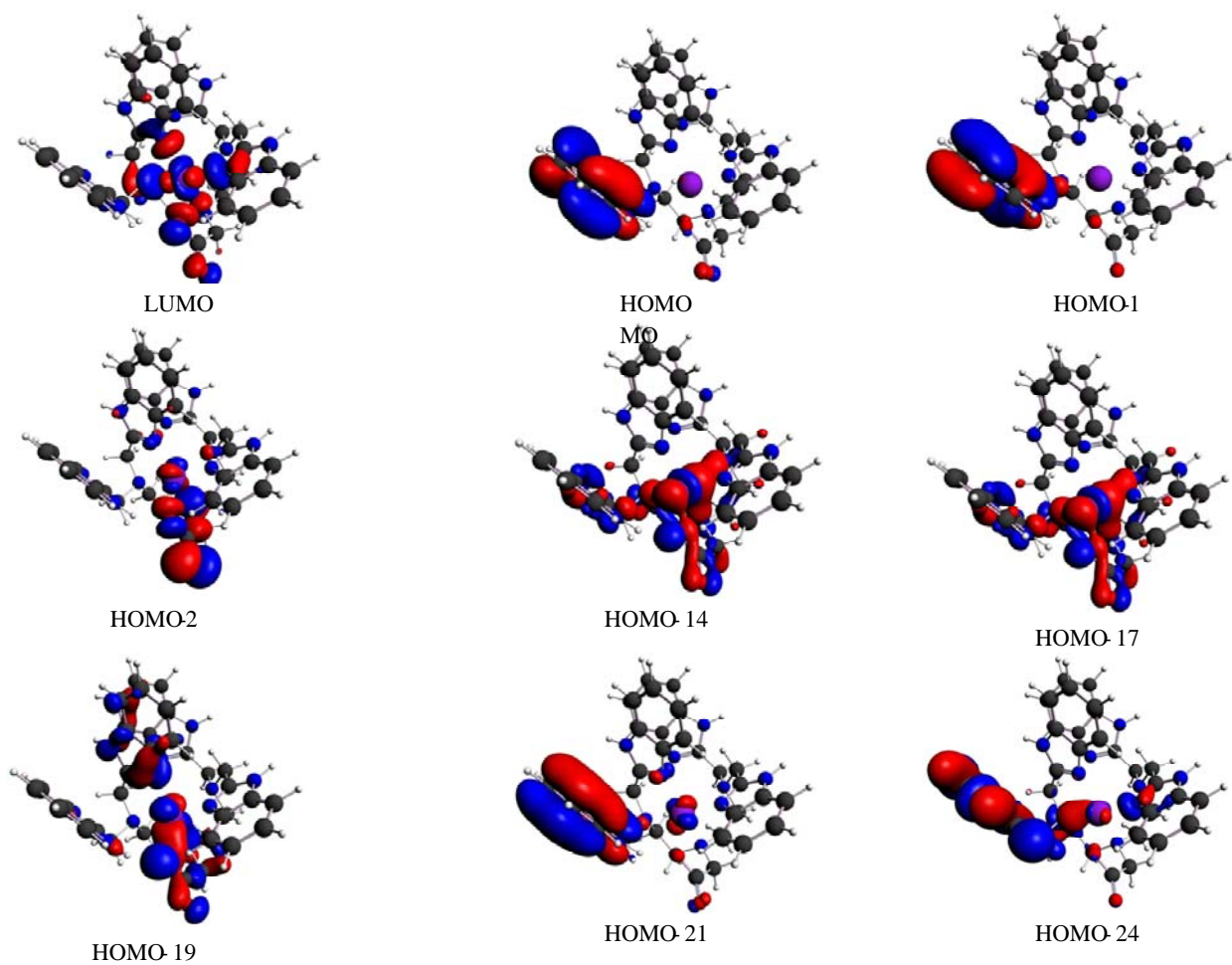


**Fig.S3.** HOMO-LUMO studies of  $[\text{CuL}^1]^{2+}$

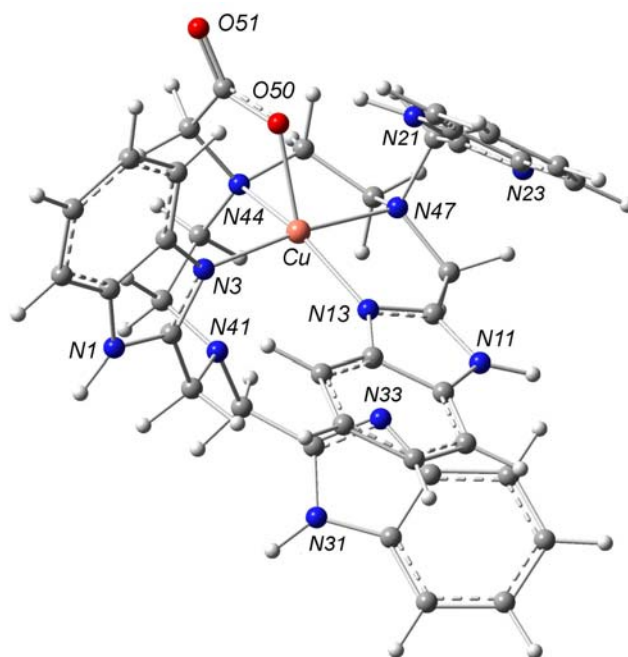
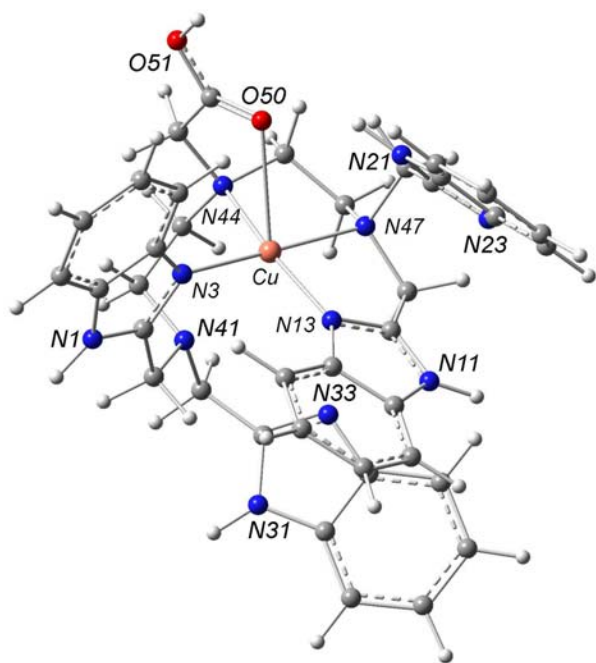
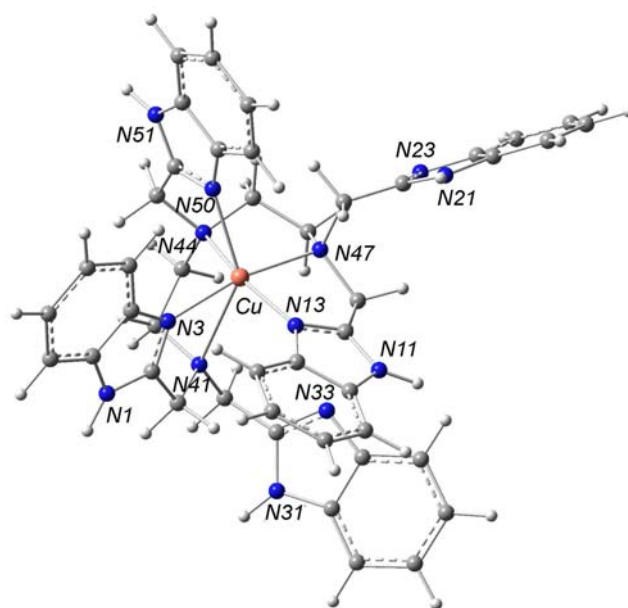


**Fig.S4.** HOMO-LUMO studies of  $[\text{CuL}^1\text{H}]^{2+}$





**Fig.S5.** HOMO-LUMO studies of  $[\text{CuL}^2]^+$



**Fig. S6.** Optimized structures of the copper complexes