

## Supplementary Information

### Synthesis, Characterization, and DFT Computational Study of Cu(II) Complex with 3-Hydroxybenzoate

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#### Calculation of Cu Content in AAS Analysis

The concentration of Cu(II) in each sample can be determined using the following Equations 1 and 2.

$$\text{Weight of Cu (mg)} = \text{Cu Concentration (ppm)} \times \text{Volume (L)} \quad (1)$$

$$\% \text{Cu} = \frac{\text{Weight of Cu (mg)}}{\text{Weight of complex sample (mg)}} \times 100\% \quad (2)$$

**Table S1.** Calculation of Cu(II) content in the Cu(II)-3HBA complex.

Sample Weight (mg)	Volume (mL)	Concentration (ppm)	Cu <sup>2+</sup> mass (mg)	% Cu <sup>2+</sup>	Average %Cu <sup>2+</sup>
7	10	3.6864	0.9216	13.1657	13.168 ± 0.03
		3.6878	0.9219	13.1707	
		3.6875	0.9218	13.169	

#### Thermogravimetric Analysis

**Table S2.** Calculation of H<sub>2</sub>O release in the Cu(II)-3HBA complex.

Temperature (°C)	Weight loss (%)	Estimated H <sub>2</sub> O (482.756 g/mol)	Cu(3-hydroxybenzoic acid) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O
30 – 110	14.913	Experiment	Theory
		14.91% × 482.756 = 65.36 ~ 4H <sub>2</sub> O	$\frac{0}{482.756} \times 100\% = 14.914\%$