

# *Supporting information*

## **The Homoleptic Curcumin-Copper Single Crystal (ML<sub>2</sub>): A long awaited cherry on the cake in the field of curcumin metal complexes.**

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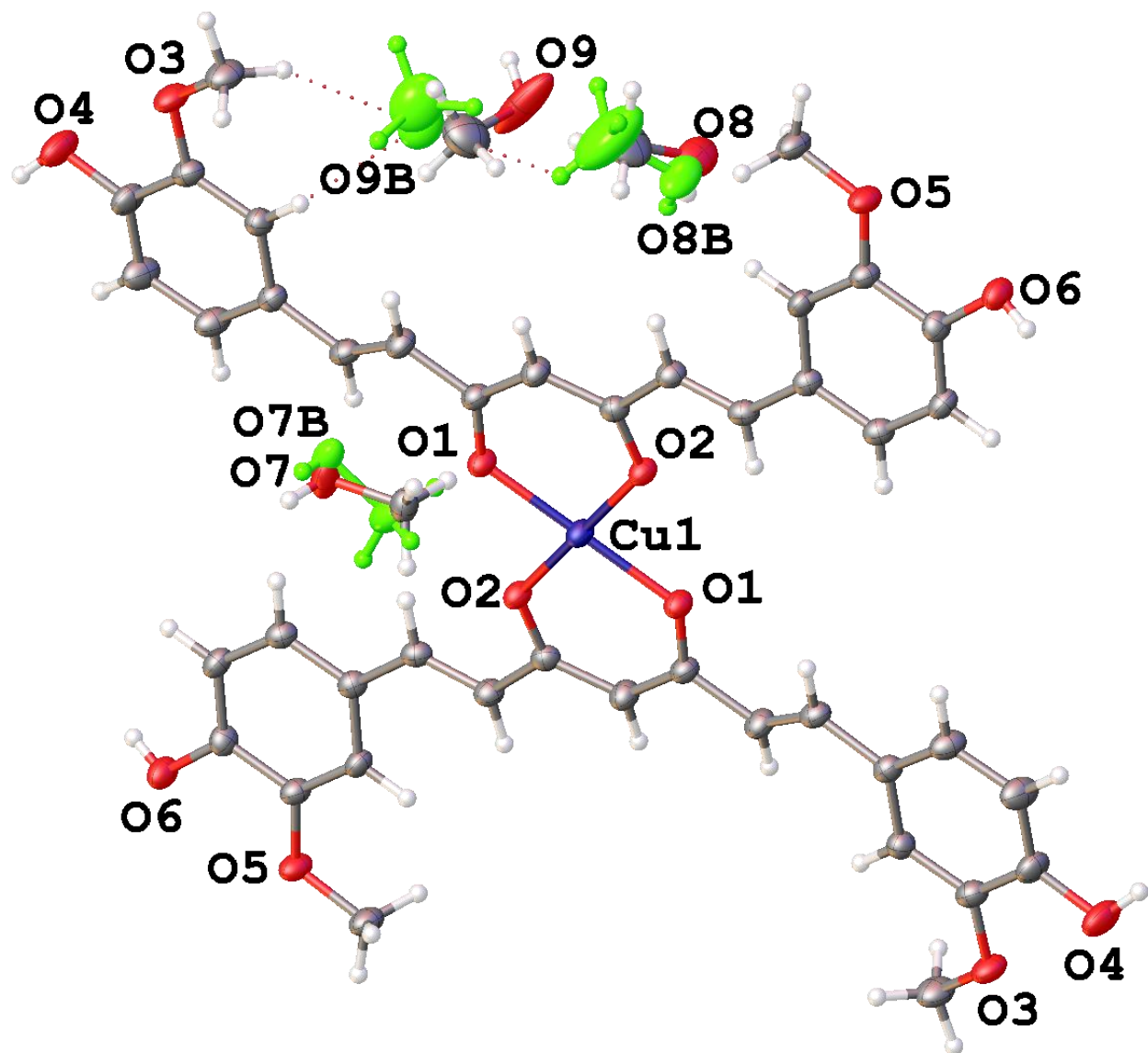
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### 1. Single crystal X-ray diffraction



**Figure S1.** The molecular structure of complex 1 including molecules of solvent (methanol) and the disordered position of methanol (green ellipsoids).

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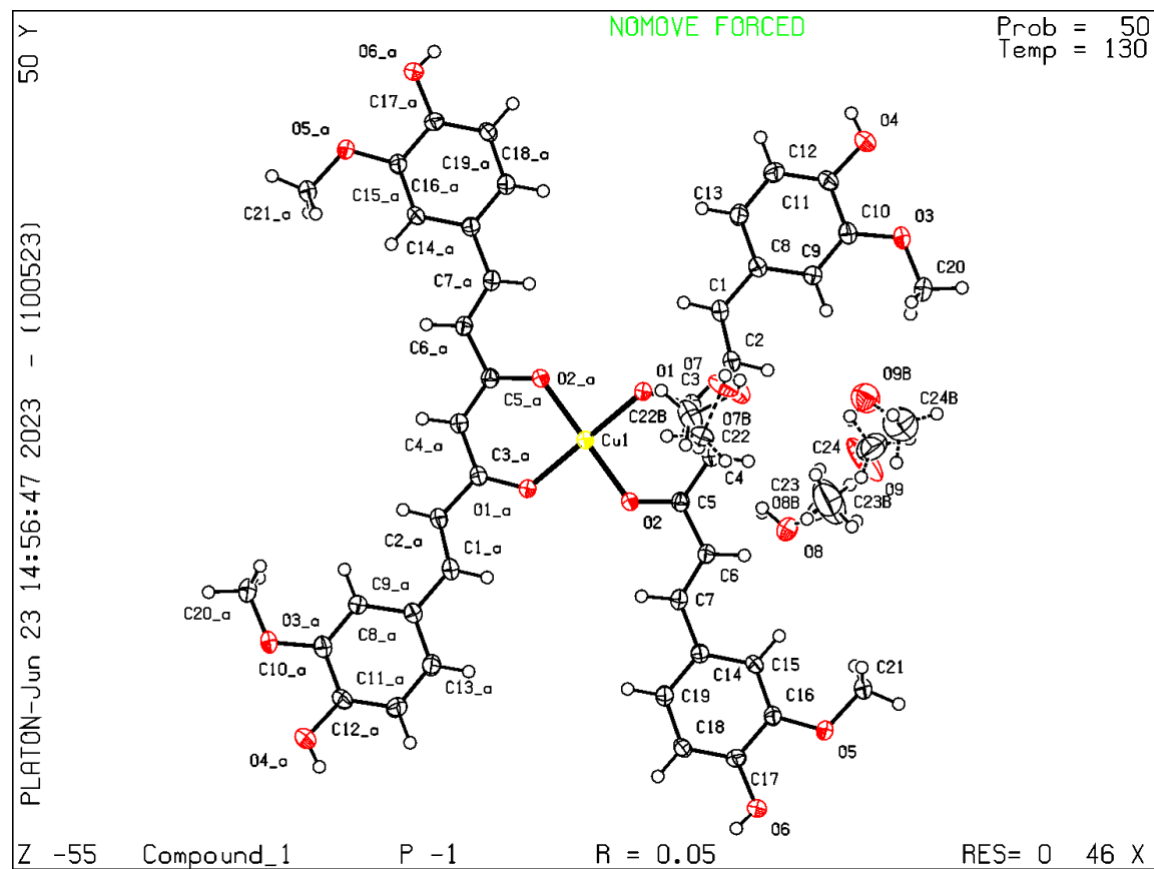
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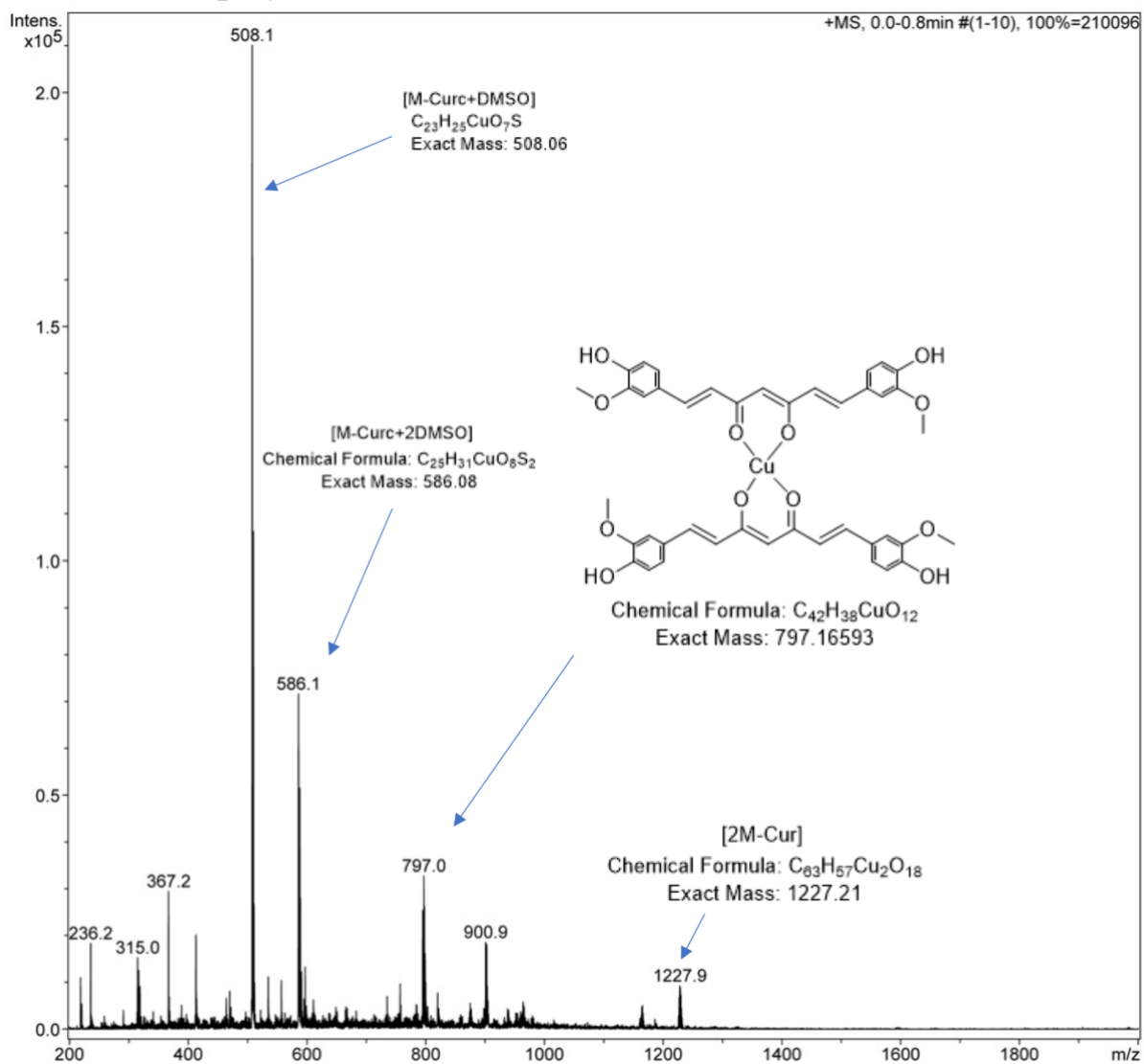
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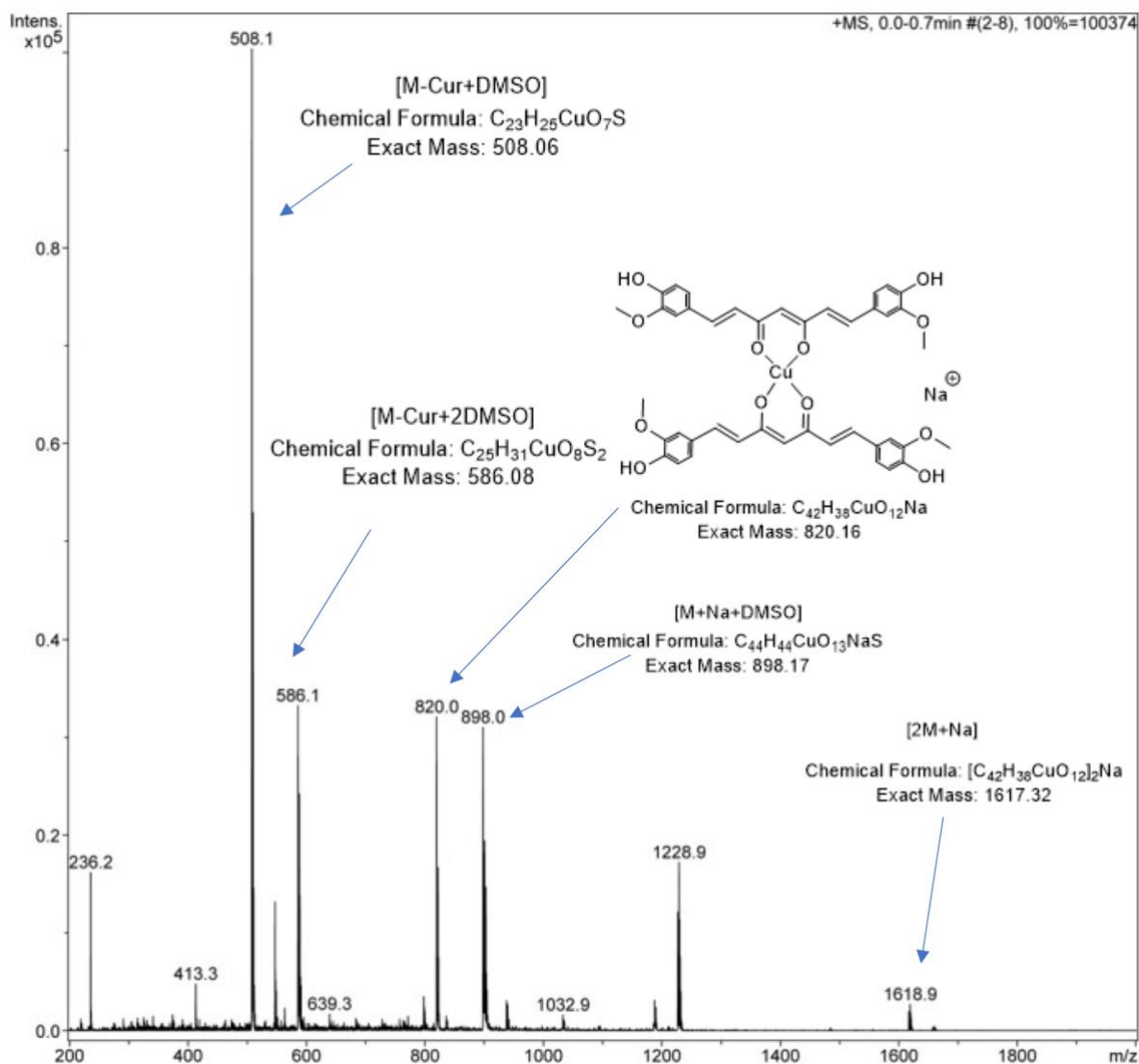


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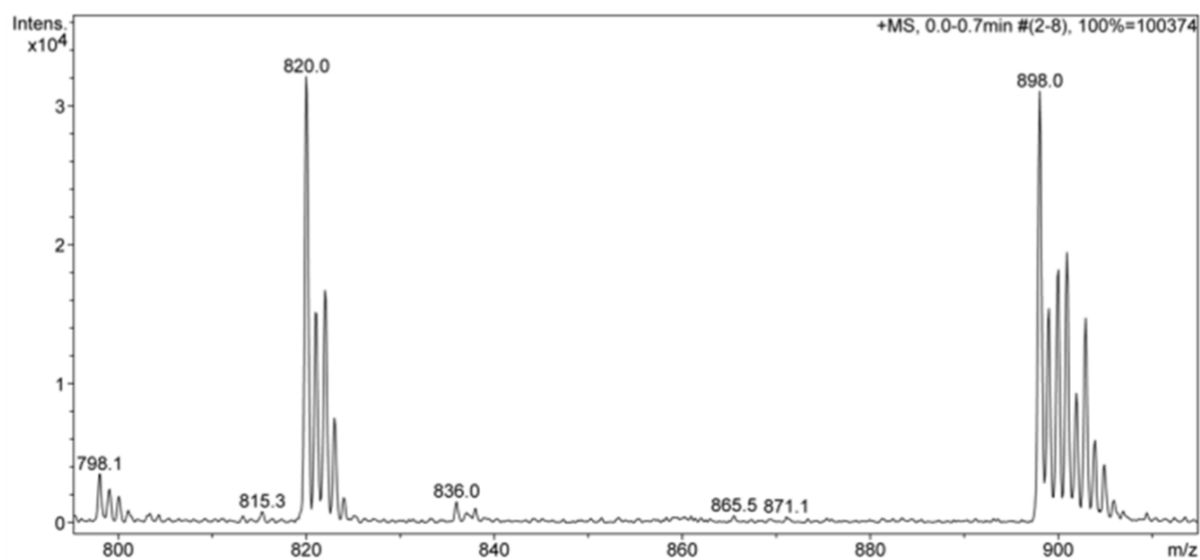
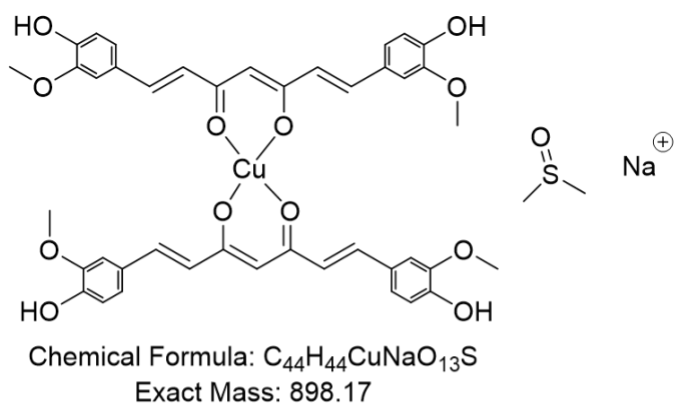
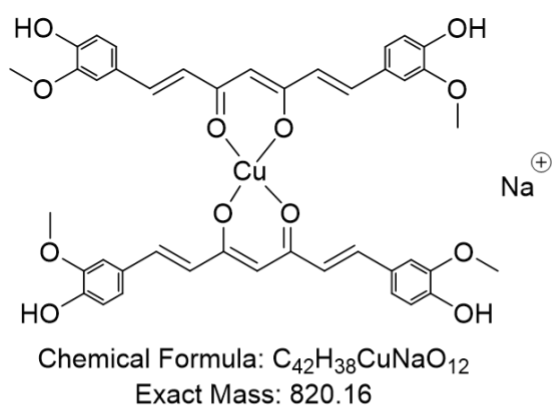


**Figure S2.** Mass spectrum of complex 1 (dark brown solid) by ESI<sup>+</sup> previously dissolved in DMSO.



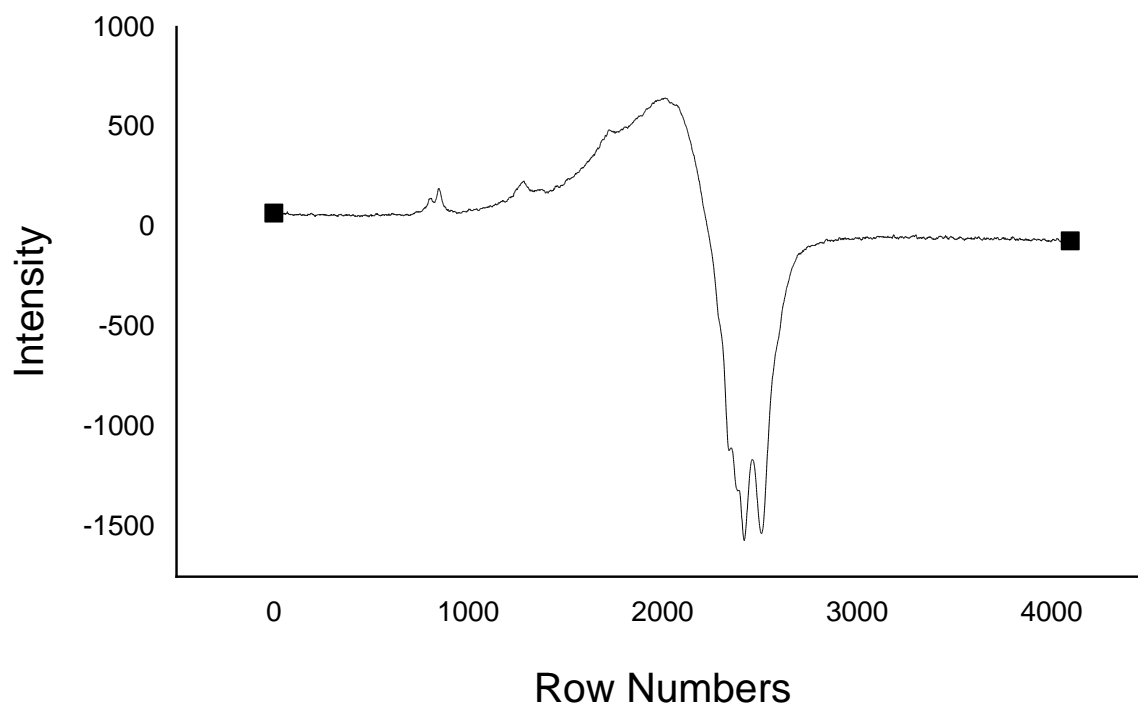


**Figure S3.** Mass spectrum of complex **1** (brilliant brown solid) by ESI<sup>+</sup> previously dissolved in DMSO.

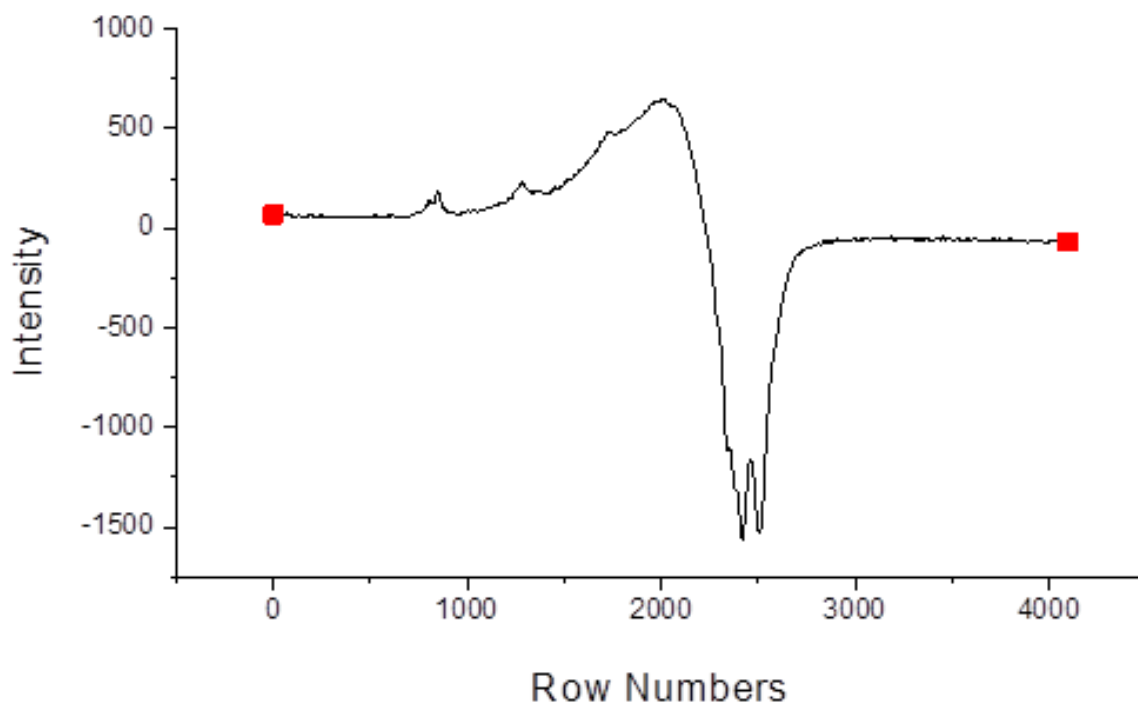


**Figure S4.** Ampliated Mass spectrum of complex 1 (brilliant brown solid) by ESI<sup>+</sup> previously dissolved in DMSO.

### 3. EPR



**Figure S5.** Paramagnetic Electron Resonance of the complex (**1**) at solid-state (dark brown solid).



**Figure S6.** Paramagnetic Electron Resonance of the complex (**1**) compound at 77 K in DMSO of brilliant brown crystalline (mother liquor).

#### 4. IR (ATR)

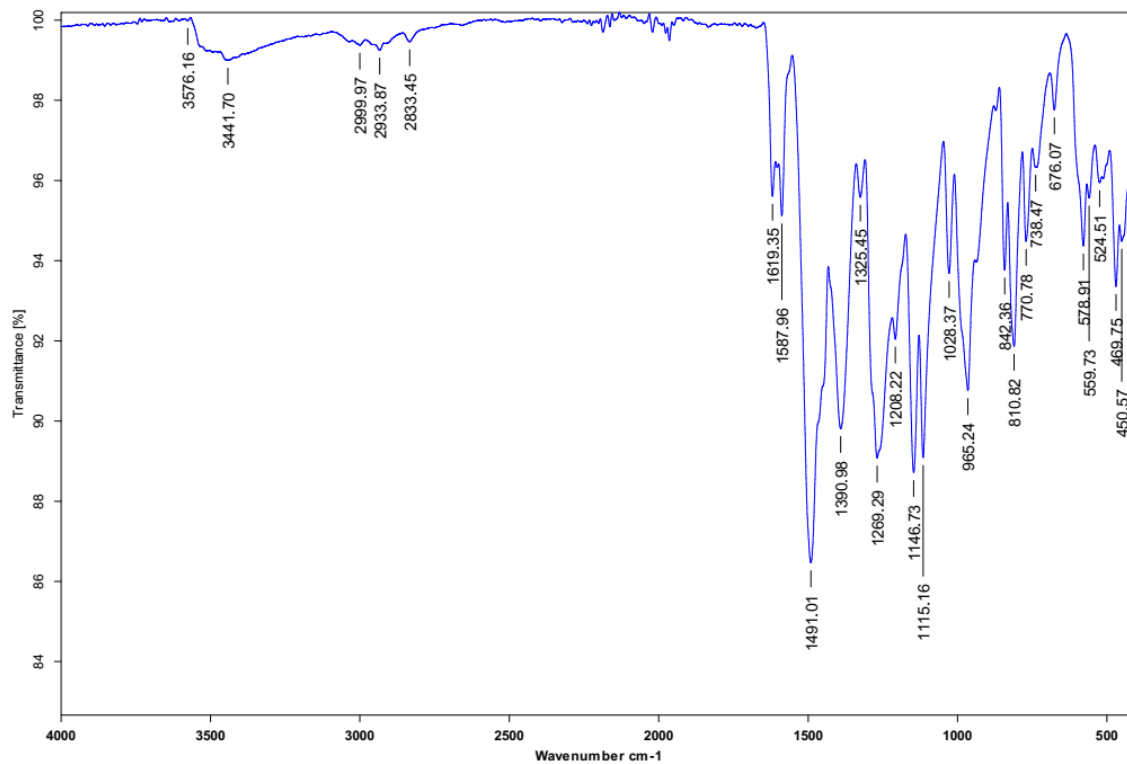


Figure S6. IR-ATR spectra of complex (1) dark brown solid.

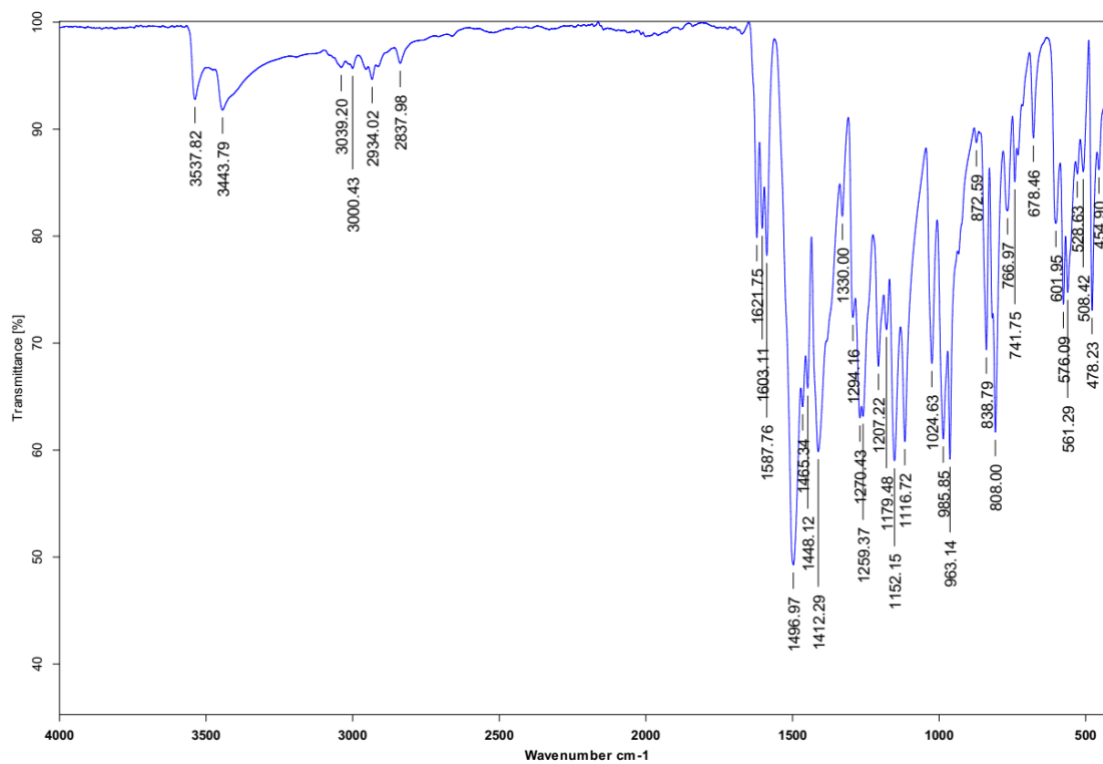
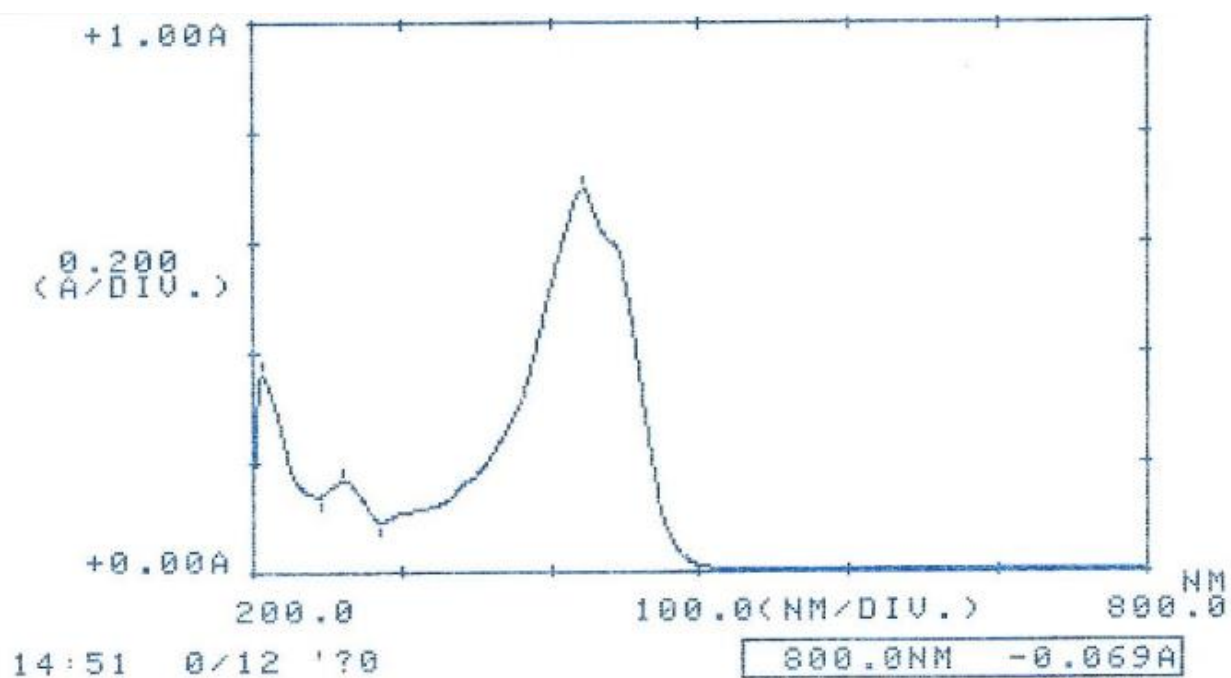
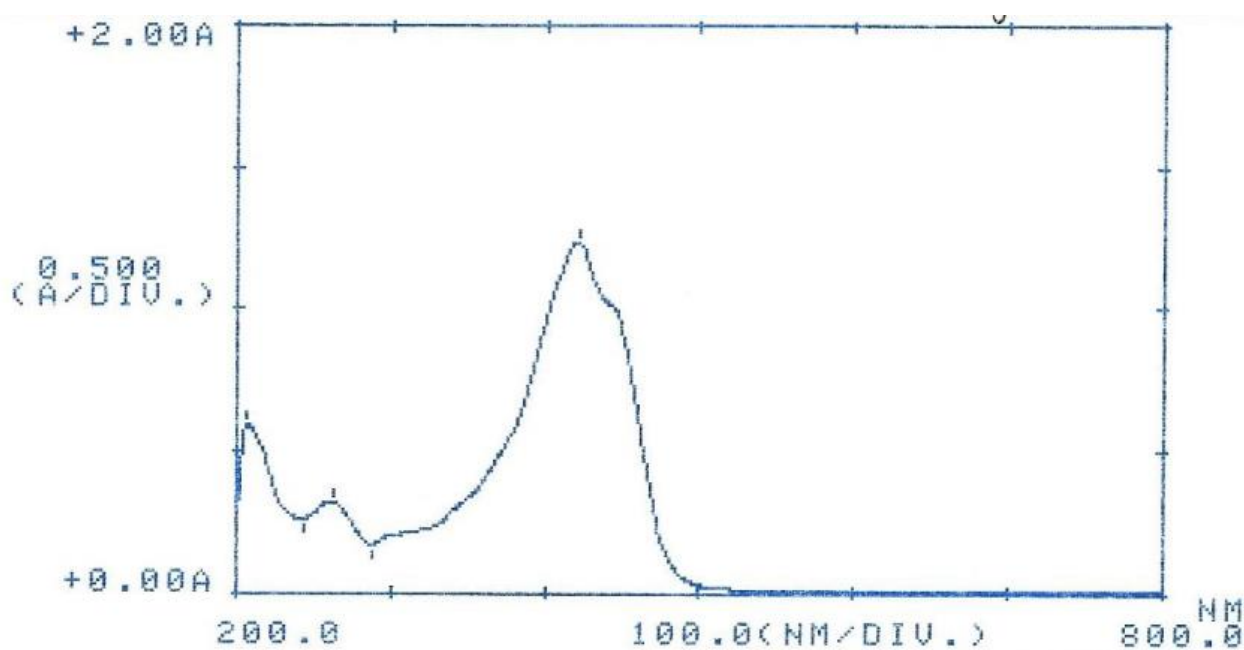


Figure S7. IR-ATR spectra of complex (1) brilliant brown crystalline solid.

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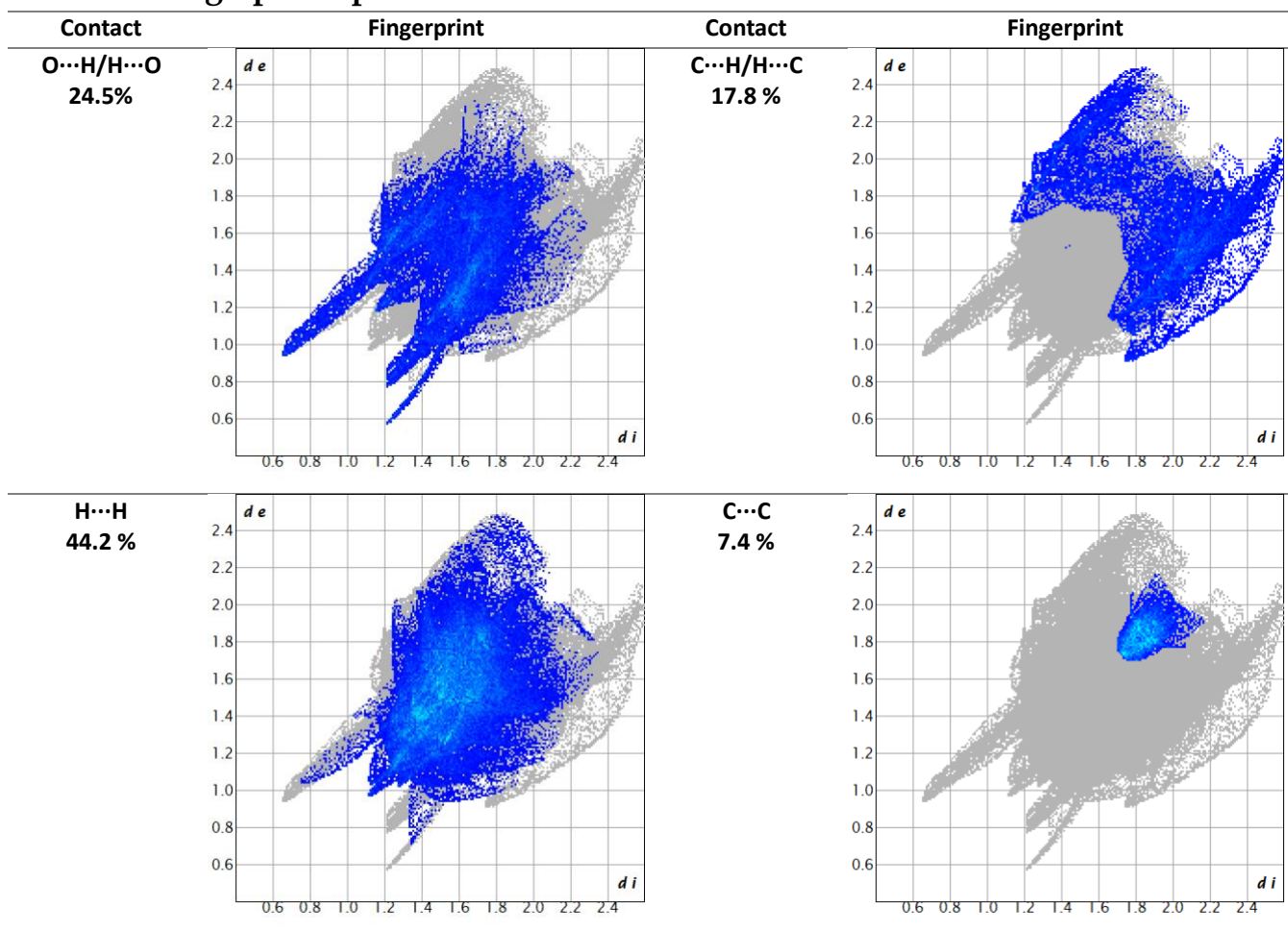


**Figure S8.** UV-Vis spectra of complex (1) dark brown solid (REF: Methanol).



**Figure S9.** UV-Vis spectra of complex (1) brilliant brown crystalline solid (REF: Methanol).

## 6. Fingerprints plots



## 7. Cytotoxicity

**Table S1.** Growth inhibition percentages of cancerous and noncancerous (COS-7) cell lines by compounds (10  $\mu$ M, 48 h).

Sample	Grow inhibition (%) by cell line						
	U251	PC-3	K562	HCT-15	MCF-7	SKLU-1	COS-7
<b>Curcumin</b>	NC	22.7	20.81	10.5	1.30	5.8	5.05
<b>Complex 1</b>	35.43	29.3	62.87	18.8	0.55	26.1	20.35

Inhibition percentages of complex 1 relative to curcumin. Growth inhibition percentages of cancerous and noncancerous (COS-7) cell lines by compounds. U251 (human glioblastoma), PC-3 (human prostatic adenocarcinoma), K562 (human chronic myelogenous leukaemia), HCT-15 (human colorectal adenocarcinoma), MCF-7 (human mammary adenocarcinoma), cell lines were supplied by the National Cancer Institute (USA); and SKLU-1 (human lung adenocarcinoma) and COS-7 cell line (monkey African green kidney) were donated by the Cancer Institute of Mexico. \*The results are the average of three runs.

## 8. Antioxidant

**Table S2.** Inhibition of Lipid Peroxidation on Rat Brain

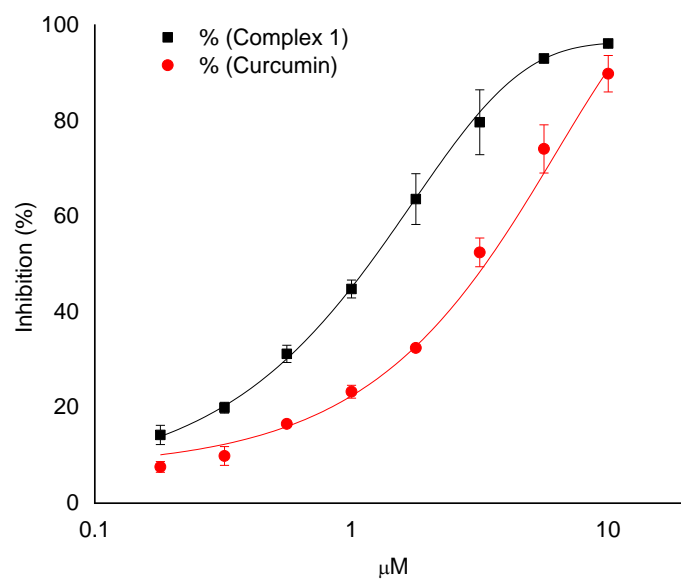
Sample	Concentration ( $\mu$ M)	TBARS (nmol/mg prot.)	Inhibition (%)	IC <sub>50</sub> ( $\mu$ M)
<b>Complex 1</b>	Basal	0.319 $\pm$ 0.051		
	Control	9.038 $\pm$ 0.512		
	0.18	7.759 $\pm$ 0.548	14.27 $\pm$ 2.02	1.26 $\pm$ 0.08
	0.32	7.242 $\pm$ 0.492*	19.98 $\pm$ 1.14*	
	0.56	6.230 $\pm$ 0.488**	31.24 $\pm$ 1.80**	
	1	4.987 $\pm$ 0.315**	44.81 $\pm$ 1.88**	
	1.78	3.239 $\pm$ 0.342**	63.61 $\pm$ 5.30**	
	3.16	1.766 $\pm$ 0.525**	79.69 $\pm$ 6.78**	
	5.62	0.622 $\pm$ 0.053**	93.02 $\pm$ 0.91**	
	10	0.353 $\pm$ 0.072**	96.16 $\pm$ 0.58**	

<b>Curcumin</b>	Basal	0.319±0.051		
	Control	9.038±0.512		
	0.18	8.345±0.412	7.58±1.12	3.03±0.15
	0.32	8.136±0.403	9.88±1.97	
	0.56	7.542±0.462	16.6±0.39	
	1	6.932±0.418**	23.32±1.34**	
	1.78	6.100±0.322**	32.48±0.39**	
	3.16	4.267±0.093**	52.46±3.01**	
	5.62	2.289±0.343**	74.11±5.04**	
	10	0.881±0.286**	89.84±3.81**	
<b>BHT</b> <b>(n=3)</b>	Basal	0.268±0.053		
	Control	7.384±0.630		
	0.56	6.098±0.353	16.64±2.86	1.22±0.44
	0.75	5.559±0.294*	23.92±2.69*	
	1	4.457±0.283**	37.14±7.44**	
	1.33	3.228±0.572**	53.59±8.93**	
	1.78	1.315±0.489**	81.59±6.89**	
	2.37	0.487±0.075**	93.16±1.16**	

Homogenised in: PBS; Vehicle: DMSO; Experiment: Curve; Peroxidation: induced with FeSO<sub>4</sub> 10 µM, Incubation time: 1 h; EDTA: 2 µM.

The values represent the average of three independent experiments ± standard error of the media ( $\bar{x} \pm ES$ ). Data were subjected to an analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by a Dunnett pass to isolate groups with significant differences. The values of  $p \leq 0.05$  (\*) and  $p \leq 0.01$  (\*\*) were considered as significant differences with respect to control.





**Figure S9.** Inhibition curve