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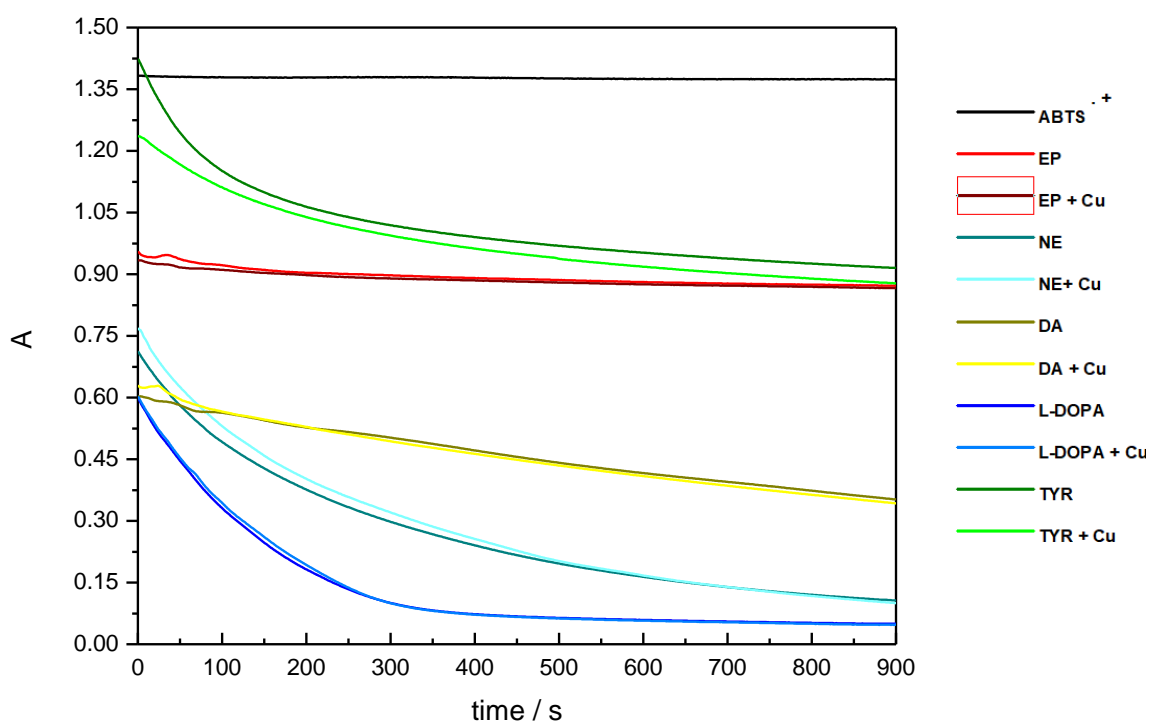
## Interaction of redox active Copper(II) with catecholamines: A combined spectroscopic and theoretical study

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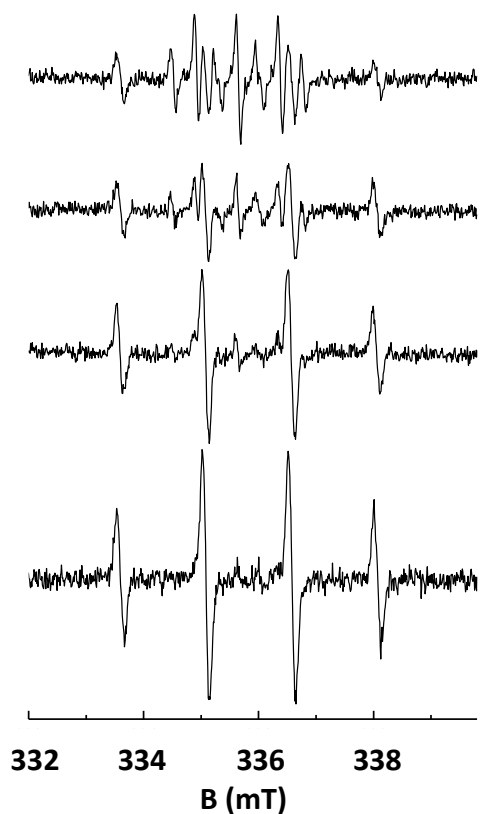
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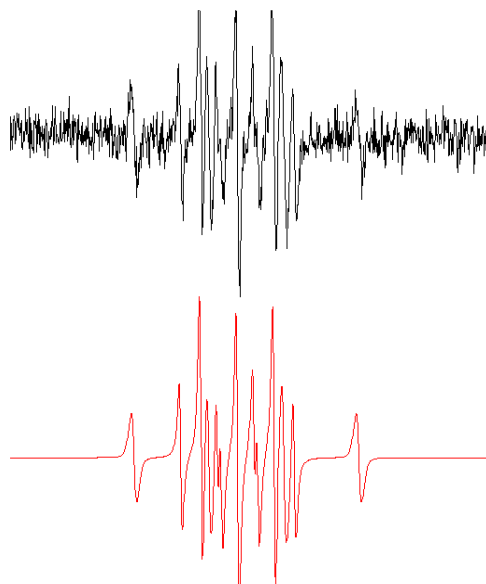
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**Figure S1** Scavenging of ABTS<sup>•+</sup> by studied compounds and their Cu(II) complexes (fresh)



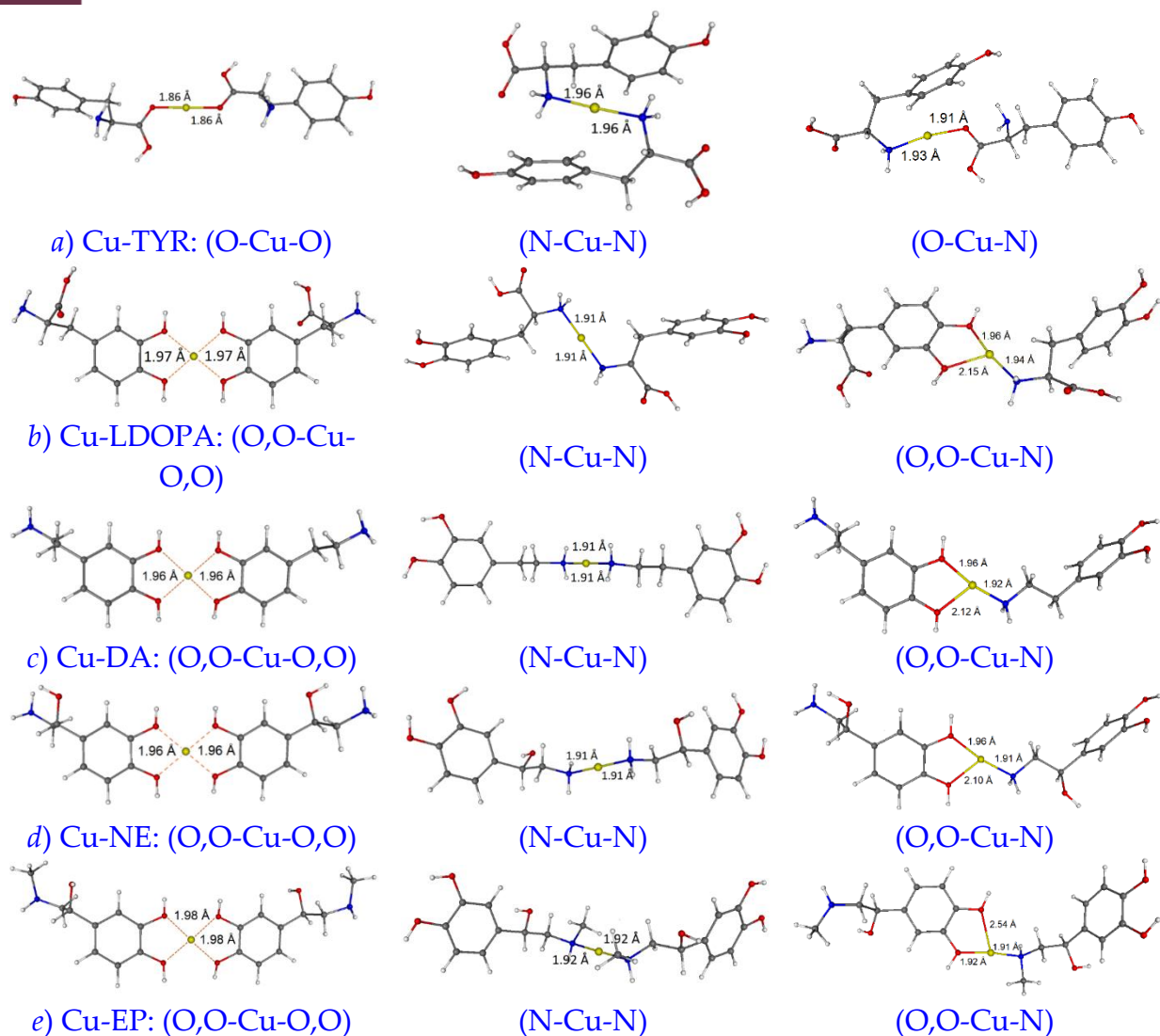
### Experiment



### Simulation

36% DMPO-OH + 64% DMPOX

**Figure S2** EPR spectra of  $\bullet$ DMPO-OH and  $\bullet$ DMPOX measured with starting acquisition 2 min after the addition of hydrogen peroxide to aqueous solution of  $\text{CuCl}_2$  + EP containing DMPO spin trapping agent.



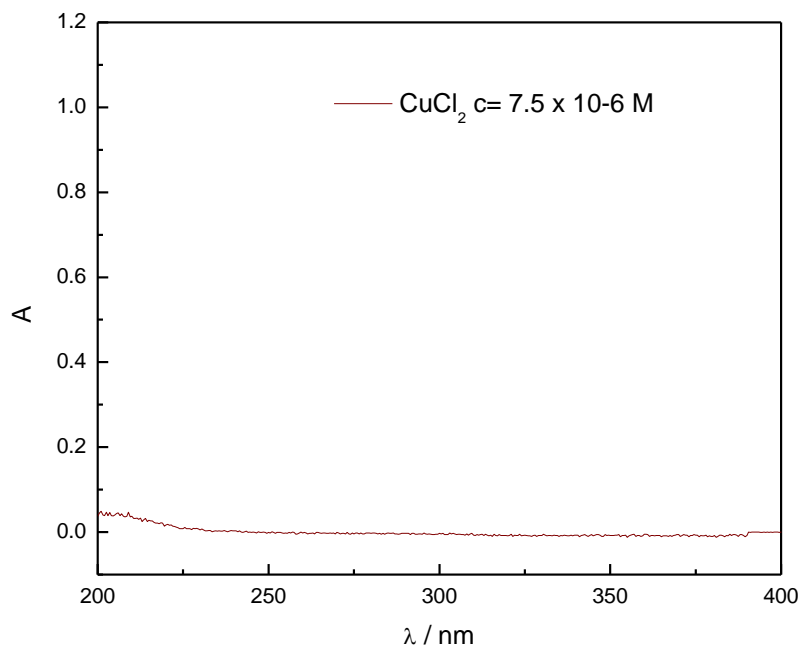
**Figure S3** Optimized B3LYP/6-311G\* structures of the studied Cu-complexes (molar ratio 1:2), including calculated Cu-O and Cu-N bond distances.

**Table S1** Calculated B3LYP/6-311G\* Cu-O, Cu-N bond distances, and corresponding QTAIM characteristics of the studied complexes (Cu : Ligand molar ratio is 1:2).

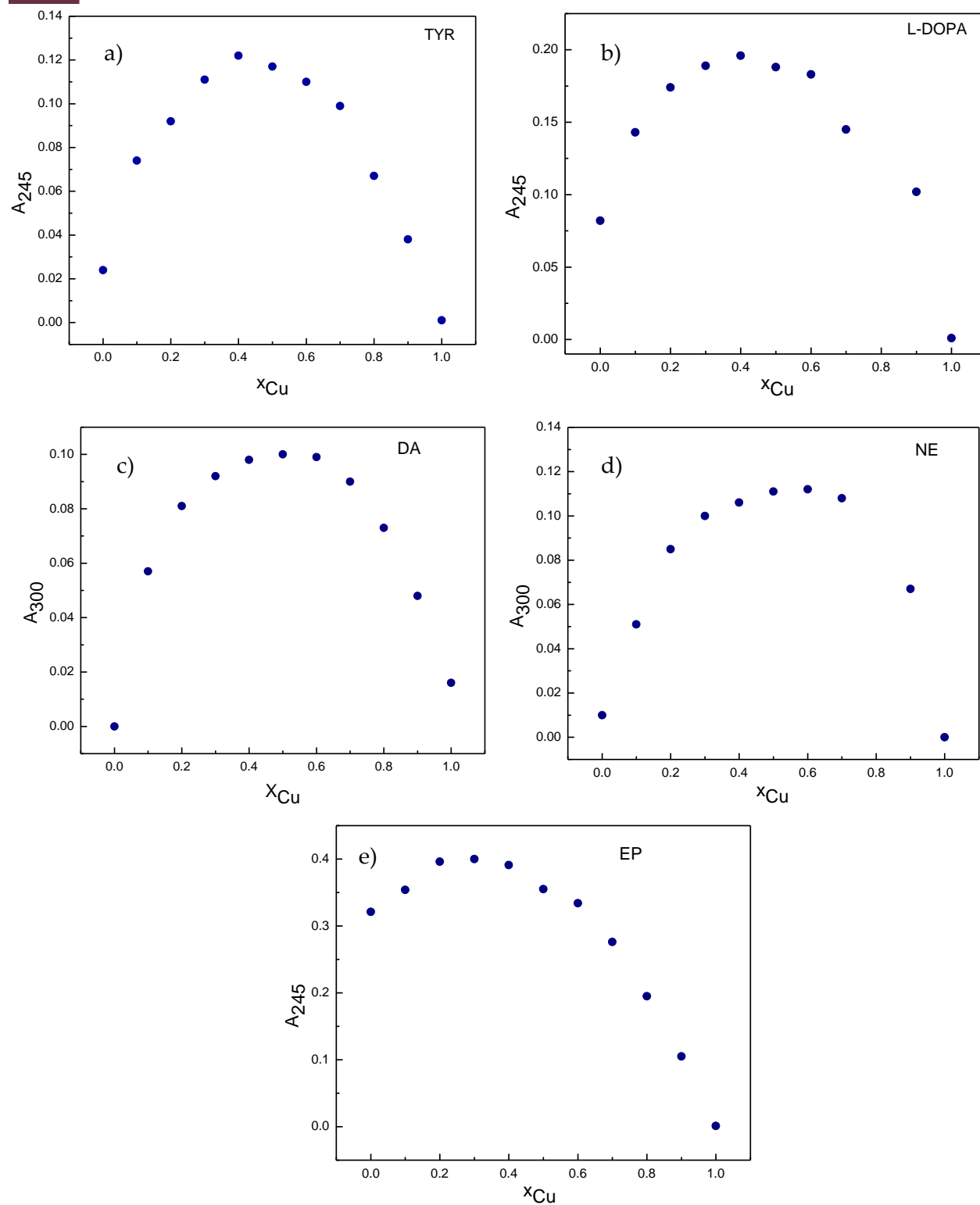
Complex	Binding	d(Cu-X) / Å	$\rho_{\text{BCP}}(\text{Cu-X}) / \text{bohr}^{-3}$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{BCP}}(\text{Cu-X}) / \text{bohr}^{-5}$	DI(Cu-X) / -
Cu-TYR <sup>a</sup>	O-Cu-O <sup>a</sup>	1.86 <sup>a</sup> ; 1.86 <sup>a</sup>	0.10 <sup>a</sup> ; 0.10 <sup>a</sup>	0.66 <sup>a</sup> ; 0.66 <sup>a</sup>	0.52 <sup>a</sup> ; 0.51 <sup>a</sup>
	N-Cu-N	1.96; 1.96	0.10; 0.10	0.41; 0.41	0.55; 0.55
	O-Cu-N	1.91; 1.93 <sup>b</sup>	0.09; 0.10 <sup>b</sup>	0.53; 0.44 <sup>b</sup>	0.45; 0.59 <sup>b</sup>
Cu-LDOPA	O,O-Cu-O,O	1.97; 1.97	0.08; 0.08	0.45; 0.45	0.39; 0.38
		1.97; 1.97	0.08; 0.08	0.45; 0.45	0.38; 0.38
	N-Cu-N	1.91; 1.91	0.11; 0.11	0.50; 0.50	0.62; 0.61
	O,O-Cu-N	1.96, 2.15	0.08; 0.05	0.49; 0.25	0.38; 0.25
		1.94 <sup>b</sup>	0.10 <sup>b</sup>	0.45 <sup>b</sup>	0.58 <sup>b</sup>
Cu-DA	O,O-Cu-O,O	1.97; 1.97	0.08; 0.08	0.46; 0.46	0.39; 0.39
		1.97; 1.97	0.08; 0.08	0.46; 0.46	0.39; 0.39
	N-Cu-N	1.91; 1.91	0.11; 0.11	0.50; 0.50	0.63; 0.63
	O,O-Cu-N	1.96, 2.12	0.08; 0.06	0.49; 0.27	0.37; 0.26
		1.92 <sup>b</sup>	0.11 <sup>b</sup>	0.46 <sup>b</sup>	0.61 <sup>b</sup>
Cu-NE	O,O-Cu-O,O	1.96; 1.96	0.08; 0.08	0.46; 0.46	0.39; 0.39
		1.96; 1.96	0.08; 0.08	0.46; 0.46	0.39; 0.39
	N-Cu-N	1.91; 1.91	0.11; 0.11	0.50; 0.50	0.63; 0.63
	O,O-Cu-N	1.95, 2.10	0.08; 0.06	0.50; 0.29	0.37; 0.27
		1.91 <sup>b</sup>	0.11 <sup>b</sup>	0.45 <sup>b</sup>	0.62 <sup>b</sup>
Cu-EP	O,O-Cu-O,O	1.98; 1.98	0.08; 0.08	0.45; 0.44	0.38; 0.37
		1.98; 1.98	0.08; 0.08	0.45; 0.44	0.37; 0.37
	N-Cu-N	1.92; 1.92	0.11; 0.11	0.48; 0.48	0.60; 0.59
	O,O-Cu-N	1.92; 2.54	0.08; 0.02	0.56; 0.09	0.42; 0.12
		1.91 <sup>b</sup>	0.11 <sup>b</sup>	0.50 <sup>b</sup>	0.62 <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> coordination via oxygens of COOH groups

<sup>b</sup> Cu-N bond

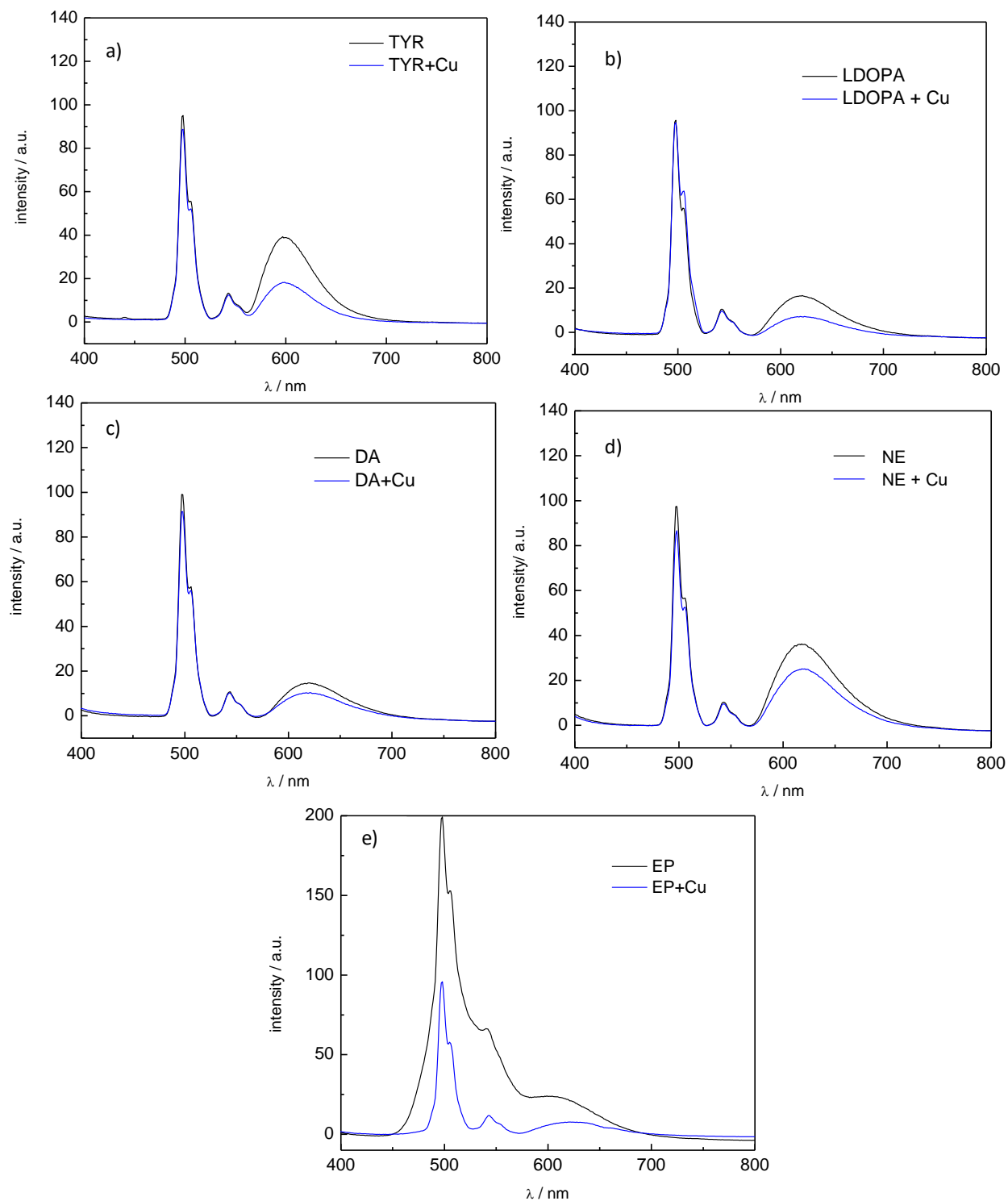


**Figure S4** UV-VIS spectrum of  $\text{CuCl}_2$  reference system,  $c_{\text{CuCl}_2} = 7.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$



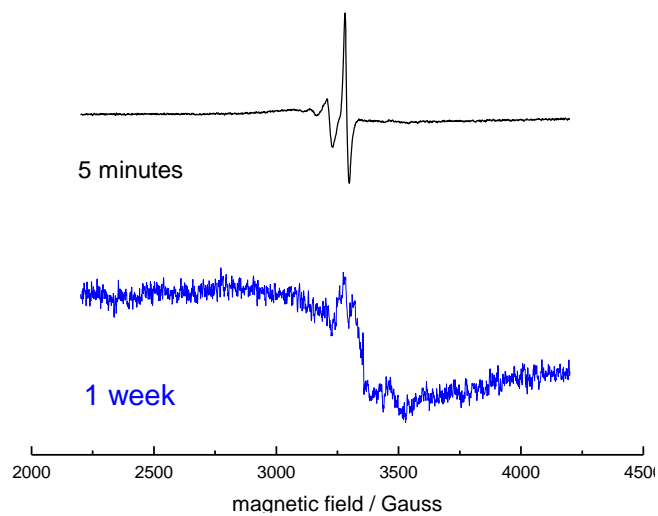
**Figure S5** Job's plots of studied compounds (a)TYR b)L-DOPA c)DA d)NE e)EP and CuCl<sub>2</sub>

Absorption spectra were measured in various molar ratios.



**Figure S6** Emission spectra of studied compound before (black line) and after addition of  $\text{CuCl}_2$  (blue line) in water.

Concentration of studied compounds:  $c_{\text{sample}} = 2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ,  $c_{\text{copper(II)chloride}} = 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$



**Figure S7** EPR spectrum of Cu(II)-DA (1:2) complex at room temperature immediately after mixing (black line) and after one week (blue line)