

**Insights into the Electronic Structure of Copper(II) Bound to an Imidazole
Analogue of Westiellamide**

Supporting Information

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Table S1. Calculated g and $A(^{63}\text{Cu})$ matrices for $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{L}^2)(\text{MeOH})_2]^+$ with various combinations of functionals and basis sets. The Wachters¹ basis set was solely applied to copper.

	g-values			A(⁶³ Cu) values [10 ⁻⁴ cm ⁻¹]		
	g_x	g_y	g_z	$ A_x $	$ A_y $	$ A_z $
Experimental values ²	2.083	2.034	2.279	15	17	153
Functional / Basis set						
MAG-ReSpect ³	2.081	2.095	2.292	19	4	182
BHLYP / TZVP ⁴ Wachters	2.092	2.102	2.319	9	31	314
BHLYP / IGLO-II ⁵ Wachters	2.081	2.101	2.305	1	17	298
BHLYP / EPR-II ⁶ Wachters	2.060	2.142	2.304	21	72	305
BHLYP / 6-311g* ⁷ Wachters	2.085	2.100	2.304	11	33	311
B40LYP / IGLO-II ⁵ Wachters	2.086	2.097	2.302	21	72	305
BHLYP / IGLO-II ⁵ Wachters SOC	2.061	2.143	2.305	15	66	291

Table S2. Calculated g and $A(^{63}\text{Cu})$ matrices for $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{L}^3)(\text{MeOH})_2]^+$ with various combinations of functionals and basis sets. The Wachters¹ basis set was solely applied to copper.

	g values			A(⁶³ Cu) values [10 ⁻⁴ cm ⁻¹]		
	g_x	g_y	g_z	$ A_x $	$ A_y $	$ A_z $
Experimental values ²	2.082	2.037	2.263	15	19	150
Functional / Basis set						
MAG-ReSpect ³	2.082	2.096	2.295	35	25	166
B38LYP / IGLO-II ⁵ Wachters	2.070	2.083	2.244	9	28	289
B38LYP / IGLO-II ⁵ Bauschlicher	2.071	2.085	2.257	100	120	175
BHLYP / 6-311g* ⁷ IGLO-II Wachters	2.088	2.099	2.305	11	31	311
BHLYP / 6-311g* ⁷ Wachters	2.081	2.102	2.306	18	18	298
BHLYP / EPR II ⁶ Wachters	2.087	2.099	2.302	109	31	310
BHLYP / IGLO-II ⁵ Wachters	2.081	2.101	2.305	2	17	298
BHLYP / IGLO-II ⁵ grid5	2.086	2.099	2.302	10	31	310
BHLYP / IGLO-II ⁵ grid5 SCF tight	2.086	2.099	2.302	11	31	311
BHLYP / IGLO-II ⁵ Kaupp	2.089	2.100	2.309	12	31	305
BHLYP / IGLO-II ⁵ SOCFIag 1,3,3,5	2.086	2.099	2.302	10	31	310
BHLYP / TZV ⁴ Wachters	2.086	2.109	2.322	2	15	300
BHLYP / TZV ⁴ IGLO-II ⁵ Wachters	2.088	2.099	2.306	10	30	310
BHLYP / TZVP ⁴ Wachters	2.086	2.109	2.322	3	15	300
BHLYP / IGLO-II ⁵ Wachters	2.086	2.099	2.302	11	31	310
BHLYP / IGLO-II ⁵ Wachters SOC	2.086	2.098	2.300	12	30	176

Table S3. Calculated g and $A(^{63}\text{Cu})$ matrices for $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{wa}})(\text{MeOH})_2]^+$ with various combinations of functionals and basis sets. The Wachters¹ basis set was solely applied to copper.

	g values			$A(^{63}\text{Cu})$ values [10^{-4}cm^{-1}]		
	g_x	g_y	g_z	$ A_x $	$ A_y $	$ A_z $
Experimental values ²	2.083	2.051	2.267	14	16	175
Functional / Basis set						
BHLYP / EPR-II ⁶ Wachters	2,072	2,097	2,298	0	35	303
BHLYP / IGLO-II ⁵ Wachters	2,091	2,101	2,324	8	16	302
BHLYP / IGLO-II ⁵ Partridge	2,095	2,110	2,344	0	13	296
MAG-ReSpect ³ BHLYP IGLO-II ⁵	2,090	2,094	2,311	not determined		

Table S4. Calculated $A(^{14}\text{N})$ matrices for the ligating nitrogen atoms in $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{L}^1)(\text{MeOH})_2]^+$.

Method & Nucleus	A_x^a	A_y^a	A_z^a	A_{iso}^a	P^a	η
Experimental values (Pulsed EPR)						
N (Im) : N-3	14.00	11.50	12.70	12.73	-3.2	0.62
N (Amide) : N-4	13.80	14.30	12.70	13.60	-2.0	0.40
N (Im) : N-5	14.00	11.50	12.70	12.73	-3.2	0.62
BHLYP-IGLOII-TZVP (Orca)						
N (Im) : N-3	10.12	10.23	12.84	11.06	-2.314	0.869
N (Amide) : N-4	11.70	12.09	16.20	13.33	3.352	0.638
N (Im) : N-5	10.85	11.06	13.32	11.74	-2.454	0.673
MAG-ReSpect BHLYP IGLO-II						
N (Im) : N-3	10.60	10.70	13.45	11.58	- ^b	- ^b
N (Amide) : N-4	12.68	13.08	17.61	14.46	- ^b	- ^b
N (Im) : N-5	11.38	11.60	13.93	12.30	- ^b	- ^b

^a Units for hyperfine and quadrupole couplings are 10^{-4}cm^{-1} . ^b Not calculated.

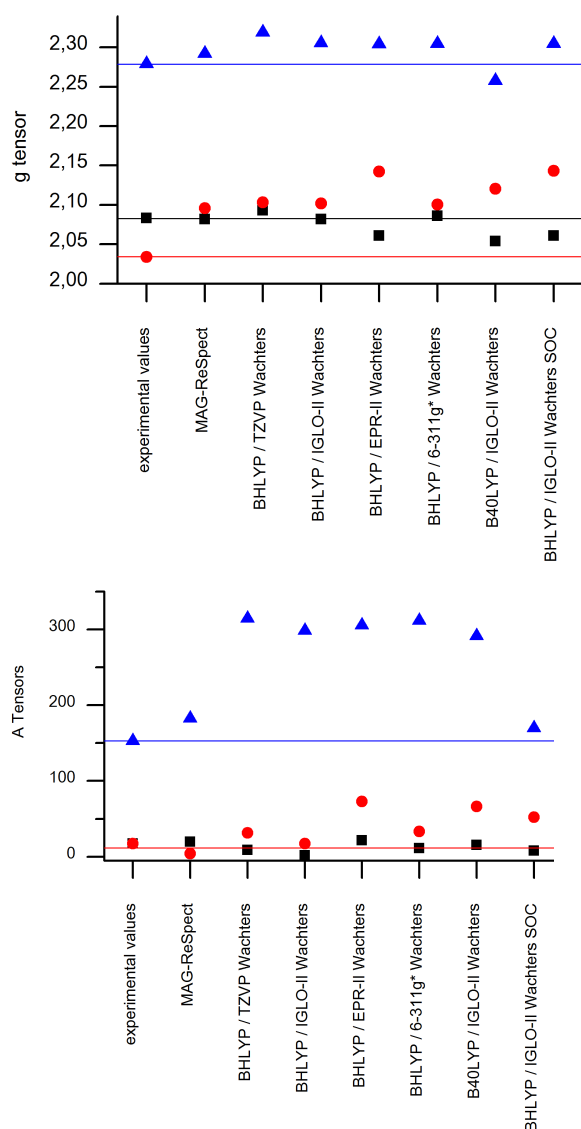


Figure S1. Calculated and experimental² (a) *g* and (b) $|A|(^{63}\text{Cu})$ matrices for the copper(II) complex of H_3L^2 , $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{L}^2)(\text{MeOH})_2]^+$ calculated with various combinations of functionals and basis sets with the program packages ORCA⁸ and MAG-ReSpect.³ The experimental values are depicted as horizontal lines.

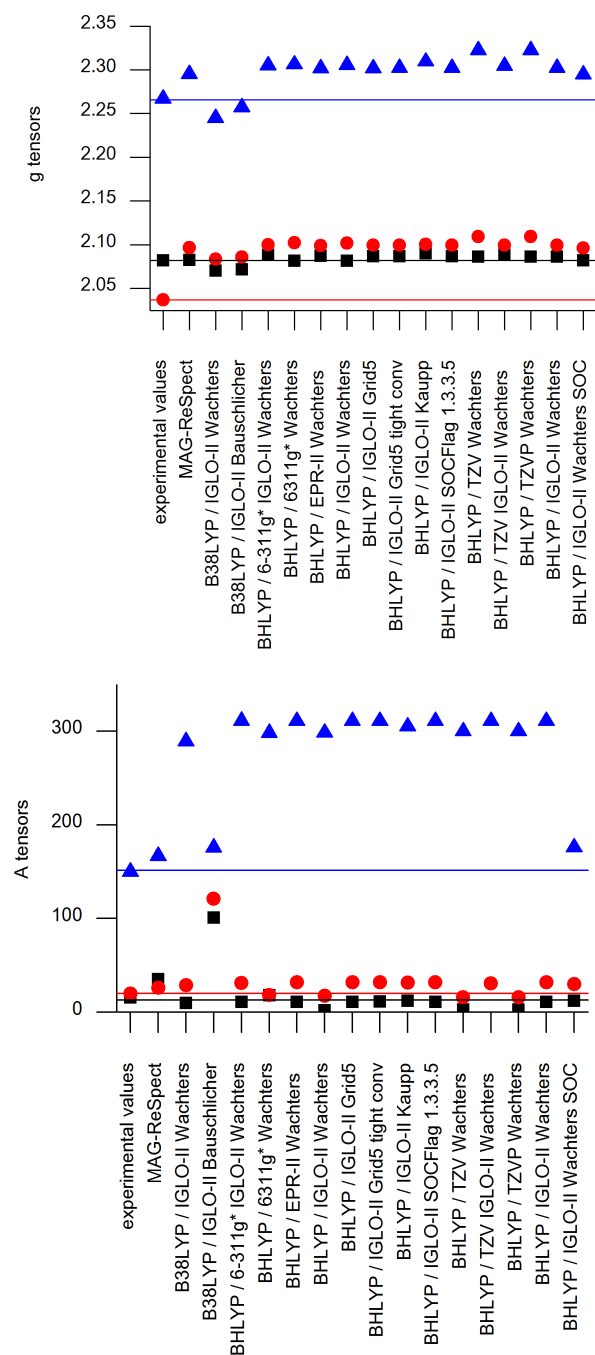
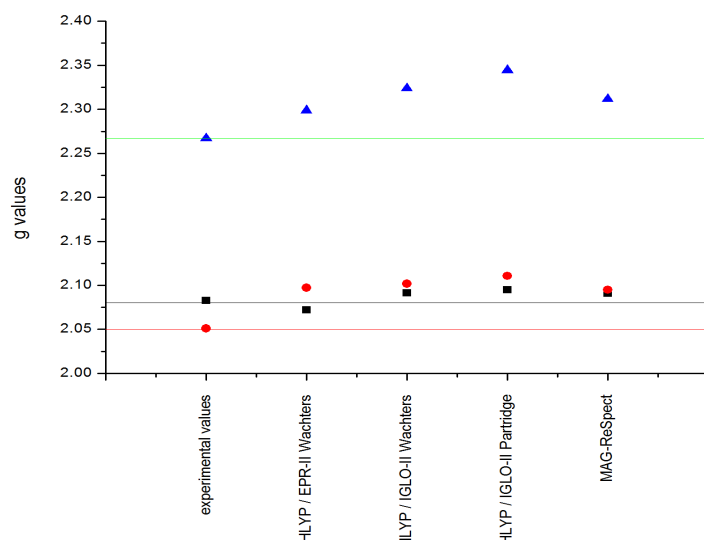


Figure S2. Calculated and experimental² (a) g and (b) $|A|(^{63}\text{Cu})$ matrices for the copper(II) complex of H_3L^3 , $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{L}^3)(\text{MeOH})_2]^+$ calculated with various combinations of functionals and basis sets with the program packages ORCA⁸ and MAG-ReSpect.³ The experimental values are depicted as horizontal lines.

(a)



(b)

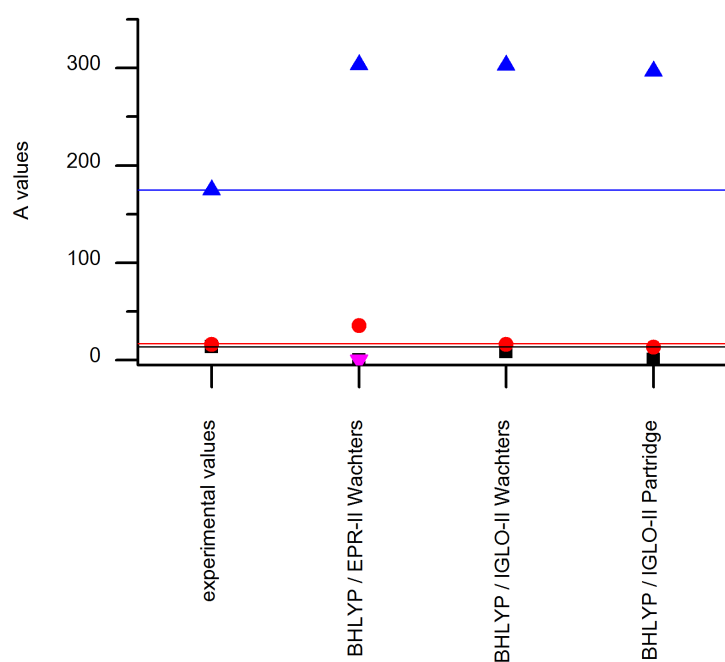


Figure S3. Calculated and experimental² (a) g and (b) $|A|(^{63}\text{Cu})$ matrices for the copper(II) complex of $\text{H}_3\text{L}^{\text{wa}}$, $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{wa}})(\text{MeOH})_2]^+$ calculated with various combinations of functionals and basis sets with the program packages ORCA⁸ and MAG-ReSpect.³ The experimental values are depicted as horizontal lines.

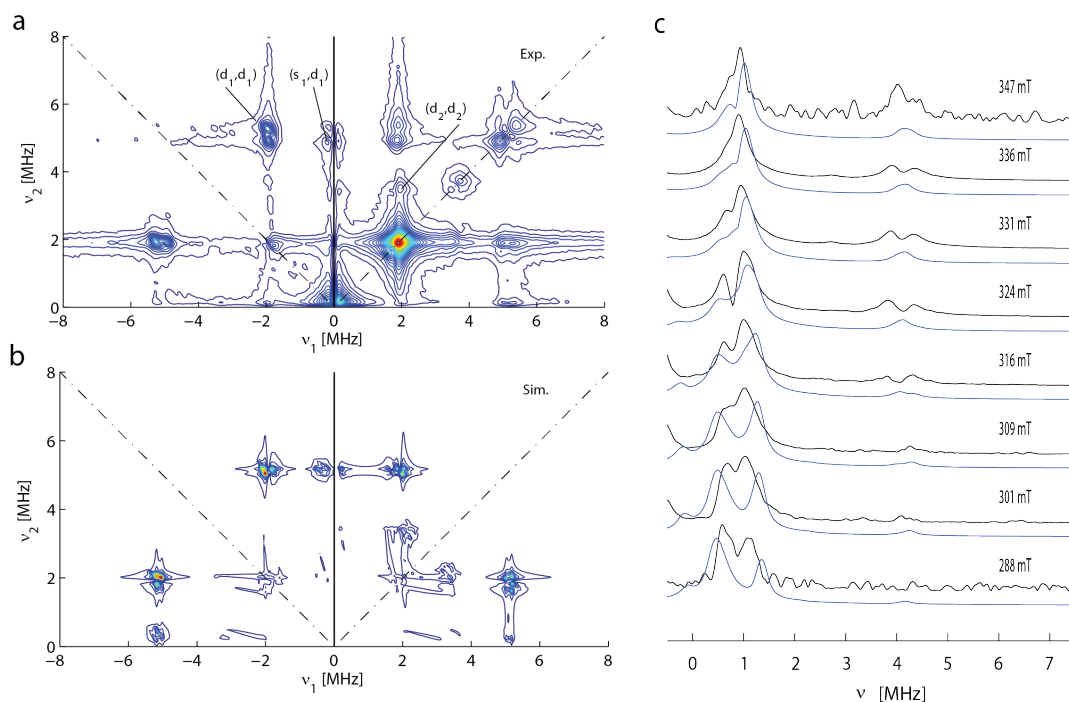


Figure S4. HYSCORE and 3-pulse ESEEM spectra of $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{L}^1)(\text{MeOH})_2]^+$ in methanol. (a) X-band ($\nu = 9.671$ GHz) HYSCORE spectrum recorded at 335.0 mT and 5.0 K. ^{14}N single- and double-quantum cross peaks are labeled s and d, respectively. A selection of cross-peaks are labeled for two nuclei which are identified by the subscript, for reference the nitrogen Larmor frequency is $\nu(^{14}\text{N}) = 1.03$ MHz. (b) Computer simulation of (a). (c) X-band ($\nu = 9.671$ GHz) three-pulse ESEEM spectra recorded at 5.0 K at the indicated field positions (black) along with the simulations (blue) for a remote nitrogen. Computer simulation of the HYSCORE and orientation selective 3-pulse ESEEM spectra assumed coupling to two different ^{14}N nuclei. Spin Hamiltonian parameters for these nuclei are: $A_{x,y,z} (^{14}\text{N}-14) = 2.5, 2.6, 3.0$ MHz; $\alpha, \beta, \gamma = 20, 0, 0$; $P (^{14}\text{N}-14) = -2.4$ MHz, $\eta = 0.2$; $A_{x,y,z} (^{14}\text{N}-34) = 0.6, 0.6, 1.0$ MHz; $\alpha, \beta, \gamma = -20, 0, 0$; $P (^{14}\text{N}-14) = -2.2$ MHz, $\eta = 0.1$. Clearly, the simulations assuming two different ^{14}N nuclei do not account for the double peaks in both the HYSCORE and orientation selective 3-pulse ESEEM spectra.

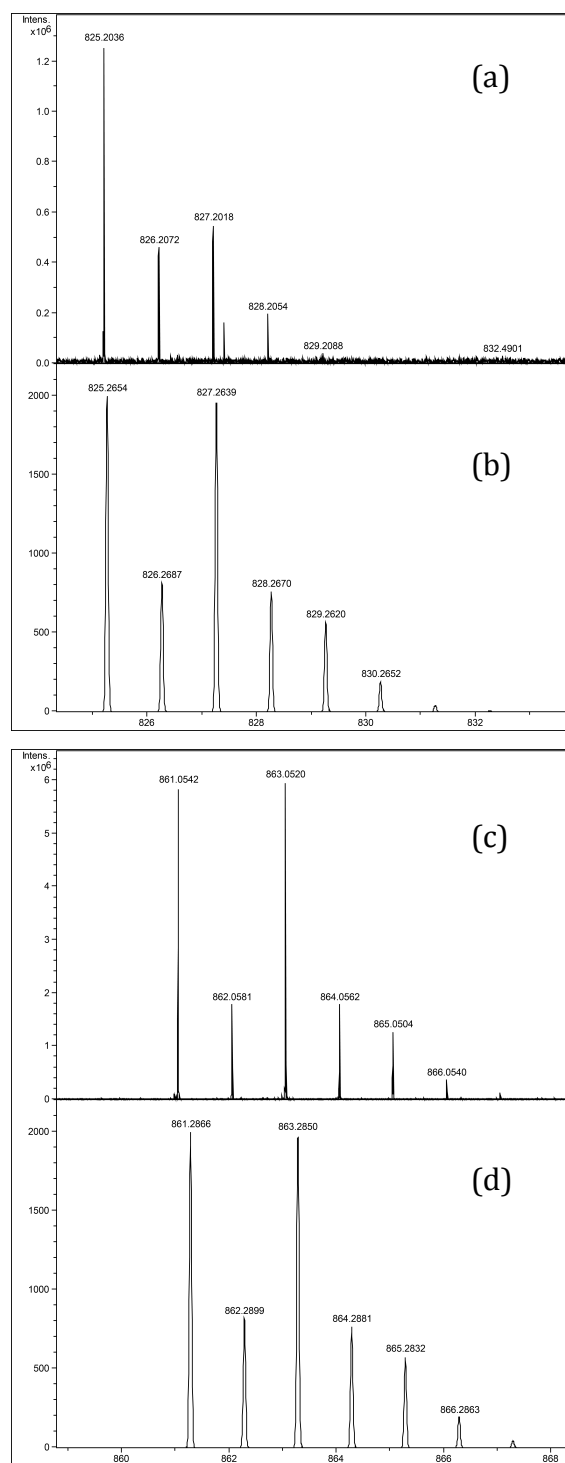


Figure S5. Mass Spectra of the dinuclear Cu^{II} complex of H_3L^1 in a 50:50 methanol:glycerol solution. (a) Experimental spectrum showing the $m/z = 825.20358$ peak, (b) Calculated spectrum for $[\text{Cu}_2\text{HL}^1(\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2)\text{MeOH}]^+$, $m/z=825.26545$, (c) Experimental spectrum showing the $m/z=861.05422$ peak, (d) Calculated spectrum for $[\text{Cu}_2\text{L}^1(\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_2)\text{MeOH}(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^+$ ($m/z= 861.28658$).

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