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# Synthesis of Novel Tetra( $\mu_3$ -Methoxo) Bridged with [Cu(II)-O-Cd(II)] Double-Open-Cubane Cluster: XRD/HSA-Interactions, Spectral and Oxidizing Properties

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**Abstract:** A new double-open-cubane core Cd(II)-O-Cu(II) bimetallic ligand mixed cluster of type  $[\text{Cl}_2\text{Cu}_4\text{Cd}_2(\text{NNO})_6(\text{NN})_2(\text{NO}_3)_2] \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  was made available in EtOH/ $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution. The 1-hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazole (NNOH) and 3,5-dimethylpyrazole (NNH) act as N,O-polydentate anion ligands in coordinating the Cu(II) and Cd(II) centers. The structure of the cluster in the solid state was proved by XRD study and confirmed in the liquid state by UV-vis analysis. The XRD result supported the construction of two octahedral and one square pyramid geometries types around the four Cu(II) centers and only octahedral geometry around Cd(II) two centers. Interestingly, NNOH ligand acts as a tetra- $\mu^3$ -oxo and tri- $\mu^2$ -oxo ligand; meanwhile, the N-N in NNH acts as classical bidentate anion/neutral ligands. The interactions in the lattice were detected experimentally by the XRD-packing result and computed via Hirschfeld surface analysis (HSA). The UV-vis., FT-IR and Energy Dispersive X-ray (EDX), supported the desired double-open cubane cluster composition. The oxidation potential of the desired cluster was evaluated using a 3,5-DTB-catechol 3,5-DTB-quinone as a catecholase model reaction.

**Keywords:** Cd-O-Cu cluster; XRD/HSA; catecholase; spectral

## 1. Introduction

Multinuclear cluster chemistry has gained high interest due to their biochemistry potential applications and structural diversity [1]. The synthesis of multinuclear Cu(II) complexes have been planned via various factors, for example, counter ions, ligands, reagents sequence, solvents, temperature and pH [2]. Cu(II) complexes with various ligands compositions and polynuclear structures are recorded in the literature with their molecular biology, magnetism applications and catalysis. Multi-copper clusters can enhance several oxidation reactions of amines and alcohols [3–7]. Copper (II)

complexes clusters can also serve as metallo-pharmaceutical agents as antitumor, antimicrobials, antibacterial, antifungal, antipyretic, antidiabetic and antiviral agents [8–12]. The use of O, N, P-ligands as polydentate was been a good preference to build multilateral and multinuclear architectures cluster because of their electronic, steric effect and several coordination modes [13–16]. Tetra-nuclear Cu(II) clusters are existing as hot-urge points in bioinorganic modeling, magnetochemistry, multielectron transfer and catalysis. In the two last decades, plenty of cubane clusters were prepared by using alkoxo-bridged NOO or NNO types of donor ligands were prepared until now [17–22].

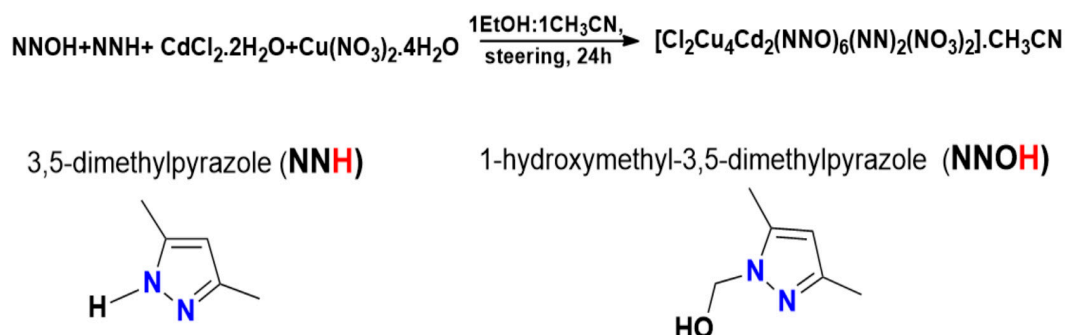
On the other hand, clusters with multiple spin molecular centers revealed a good catalytic aspect, especially in industrial oxidation processes [23–29]. Clusters with chelate mixed alcoholic pyrazole ligands and metal have recently received less interest due to their difficulty in preparation, low stability and rear in collecting suitable crystals to be judged by XRD single structure analysis [25–28].

We recently synthesized several novel tetra-nuclear metal cubane clusters; their structures were evaluated by XRD analysis, and their cluster catecholase catalytic activities were also evaluated by converting catechol to O-quinone as an oxidation model [21,22,30]. In this piece of work, the bimetallic Cd-O-Cu double-open cubane  $[\text{Cl}_2\text{Cu}_4\text{Cd}_2(\text{NNO})_6(\text{NN})_2(\text{NO}_3)_2]\cdot\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  cluster made available using chelate NNOH and NNH ligands, the structure of the cluster was proven by XRD, the tetrahedral- $\mu_3$ -O and trigonal pyramidal- $\mu_2$ -O bridges were detected. The octahedral and square pyramid geometries were resolved for both the metal centers. Moreover, physicochemical and HS analyses were determined to ensure the catecholase catalytic process of the desired cluster in mild or harsh conditions.

## 2. Results and Discussion

### 2.1. Cluster Preparation

The desired bimetallic cluster was prepared by stirring  $\text{CuCl}_2\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Cd}(\text{NO}_3)_2\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  metallic salts together with 1-hydroxymethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazole (NNOH) and 3,5-dimethylpyrazole (NNH) at RT for 24 h using  $\text{EtOH}:\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution (Scheme 1). The desired reaction of clusterization was performed at RT in an open  $\text{O}_2$  atmosphere with equivalent amounts of each ligand and metal salt, and the final bimetallic  $[\text{Cl}_2\text{Cu}_4\text{Cd}_2(\text{NNO})_6(\text{NN})_2(\text{NO}_3)_2]\cdot\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  cluster was isolated in 78% yield. Moreover, the 3D structure was definite by XRD analysis (for the first time).



**Scheme 1.** Synthesis of the  $[\text{Cl}_2\text{Cu}_4\text{Cd}_2(\text{NNO})_6(\text{NN})_2(\text{NO}_3)_2]\cdot\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  bimetallic cluster.

### 2.2. Single Crystal X-ray Diffraction (SC-XRD) Investigation

The 3D structure of the newly desired cluster is shown in Figure 1, whereas the selected atomic and angles distances are provided in Table 1. The cluster crystallized in the monoclinic/ $P21/c$  crystal system and space group, respectively. The cluster crystallized with 4Cu and 2Cd metal ion double open cubane core centers with  $[\text{Cl}_2\text{Cu}_4\text{Cd}_2(\text{NNO})_6(\text{NN})_2(\text{NO}_3)_2]\cdot\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  formula. All the organic NNOH and NNH and inorganic  $\text{NO}_3$  and Cl ligands acted as chelate or bridge anion donors, which stabilized the cluster as neutral with no, counter ions (Figure 1a). No solvents like MeOH or water molecules were detected, but only one uncoordinated  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  molecule was present in the crystal lattice (Figure 1b). The cationic units of the two Cd(II) and four Cu(II) centers were not directly bonded. On the other hand,

all the centers had methoxo-bridge like  $4\mu^3\text{-O}$ ,  $2\mu^2\text{-O}$ ,  $2\mu^2\text{-NO}_3$  or  $2\mu^2\text{-Cl}$ - bridge functional groups. Furthermore, both  $\text{NN}^-$  ligands, which acted as terminal bridge donors bidentate that coordinated to the Cu(II) centers only, supported the formation of two different Cu(II) geometrical centers: terminal 2Cu(II) centers with 6-coordinate [2N, 3O, 1Cl], constructing an octahedral center. Both centers were saturated with one  $\text{O}\cap\text{O}$ -bidentate  $\text{NO}_3$  ligand (Figure 1c). Conversely, the other Cu(II) core centers were sterically forced to be with 5-coordinate [2N, 3O], constructing a square pyramid geometry center with  $\tau_{[1\text{O}2\text{O}6\text{N}1\text{N}]} = 3.12^\circ$  (Figure 1d). Both core 2Cd(II) centers were constructed with distorted octahedral centers once the 6-coordinates [1N, 4O, 1Cl] were recorded (Figure 1e). It was delightful to observe that  $\text{NNO}^-$  ligands coordinated with the both Cu and Cd centers via  $\eta^3:\eta^1\text{-O,N}$ -modes of coordination, hence the di- $\mu^2$ -methoxo-trigonal pyramid-O center (Figure 1f), and two different tetra- $\mu^3$ -methoxo-tetrahedral-O centers (Figure 1g,h).

**Table 1.** Selected bond ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles lengths ( $^\circ$ ) of the desired cluster.

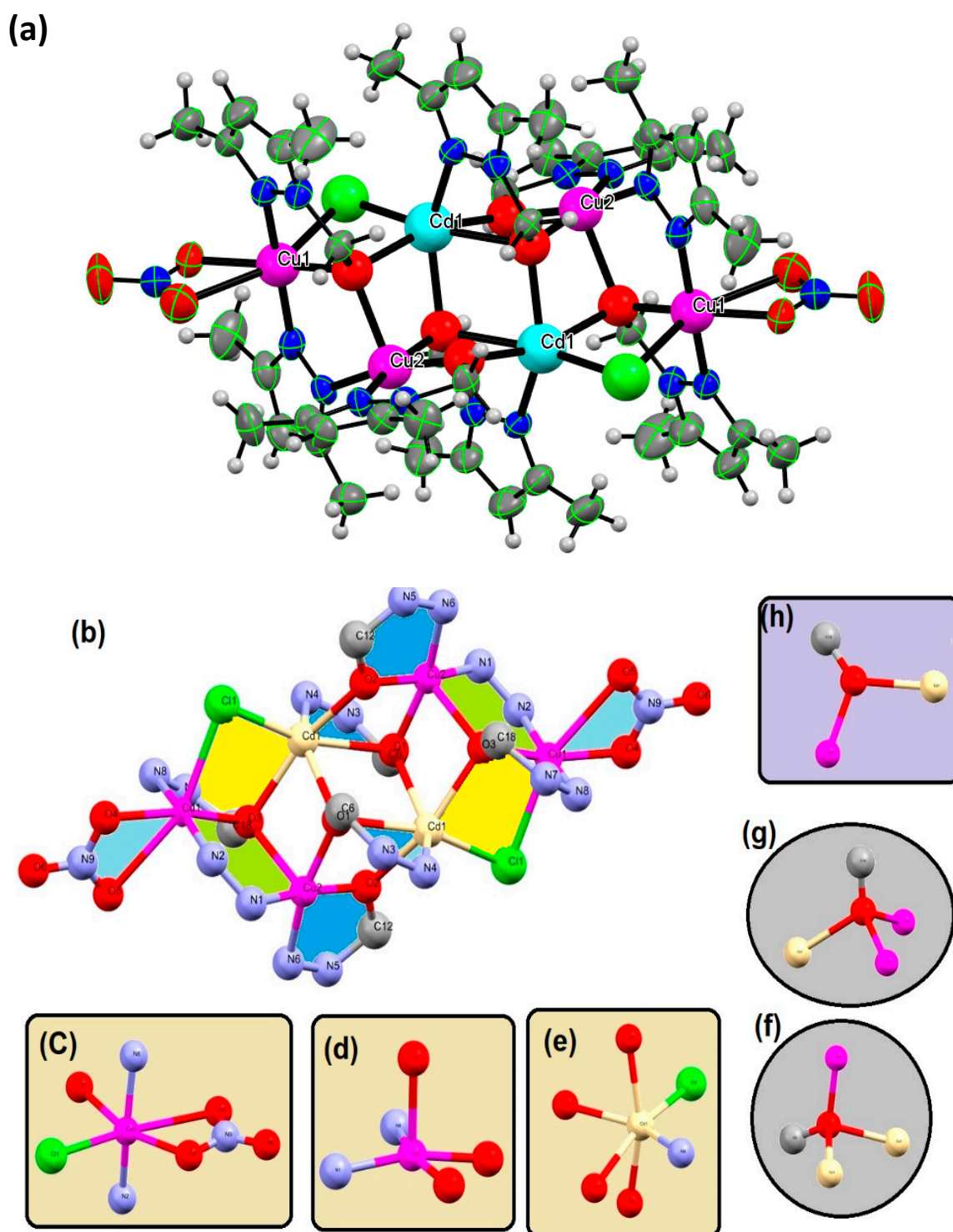
No.	Bond Type		Bond Length $\text{\AA}$	No.	Angle Type			Angle Value ( $^\circ$ )
1	Cu2	N1	1.972 (5)	1	N2	Cu1	N8	170.5 (2)
2	Cu1	N2	1.951 (6)	2	N2	Cu1	O3	94.5 (2)
3	Cu1	O3	2.030 (4)	3	N2	Cu1	O4	93.7 (2)
4	Cu1	O4	2.041 (6)	4	N2	Cu1	O5	92.8 (2)
5	Cu1	O5	2.662 (8)	5	N2	Cu1	Cl1	96.3 (2)
6	Cu1	Cl1	2.712 (3)	6	N8	Cu1	O3	80.1 (2)
7	Cu2	O1	2.008 (4)	7	N8	Cu1	O4	89.3 (2)
8	Cu2	N6	2.010 (5)	8	N8	Cu1	O5	81.9 (2)
2	Cu1	N8	1.995 (6)	9	N8	Cu1	Cl1	91.5 (2)
10	Cu2	O2	1.927 (4)	10	O3	Cu1	O4	161.0 (2)
11	Cu2	O3	2.279 (5)	11	O3	Cu1	O5	110.5 (2)
12	Cd1	Cl1	2.542 (3)	12	O3	Cu1	Cl1	89.2 (1)
13	Cd1	N4	2.301 (5)	13	O4	Cu1	O5	51.9 (2)
14	Cd1	O1	2.472 (4)	14	O4	Cu1	Cl1	106.9 (2)
15	Cd1	O2	2.235 (5)	15	O5	Cu1	Cl1	157.5 (2)
16	Cd1	O1	2.299 (5)	16	N1	Cu2	N6	101.6 (2)
17	Cd1	O3	2.362 (4)	17	N1	Cu2	O1	93.2 (2)
18	Cl1	Cu1	2.712 (3)	18	N1	Cu2	O2	167.2 (2)
19	N1	N2	1.395 (9)	19	N1	Cu2	O3	90.6 (2)

Experimentally, several polar shorter interactions  $< 3 \text{\AA}$  were detected in the crystal lattice since the cluster contains O, N and Cl heteroatoms together with polar H atoms. The non-bonded O atom of  $\text{NO}_3$  ligands played a critical role in the building of the net of H-bonds in cluster lattice. Therefore,  $4 \times 2 \text{H}_{\text{CH}} \dots \text{O}_{\text{NO}_2}$  with 2.58 and 2.70  $\text{\AA}$  (Figure 2a) with full geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ , degree) are illustrated in Table 2 are recorded. The  $\text{C-H} \dots \pi\text{C}=\text{C}$  ring of NN ligands as a short interaction with 2.80  $\text{\AA}$  distance played a critical role in stabilizing the crystal lattice since four bonds of such type were recorded (Figure 2b) and the interesting solvent interactions  $2\text{Cl} \dots \text{II CN}_{\text{CH}_3\text{CN}}$  with 3.56  $\text{\AA}$  (Figure 2c) [31–35].

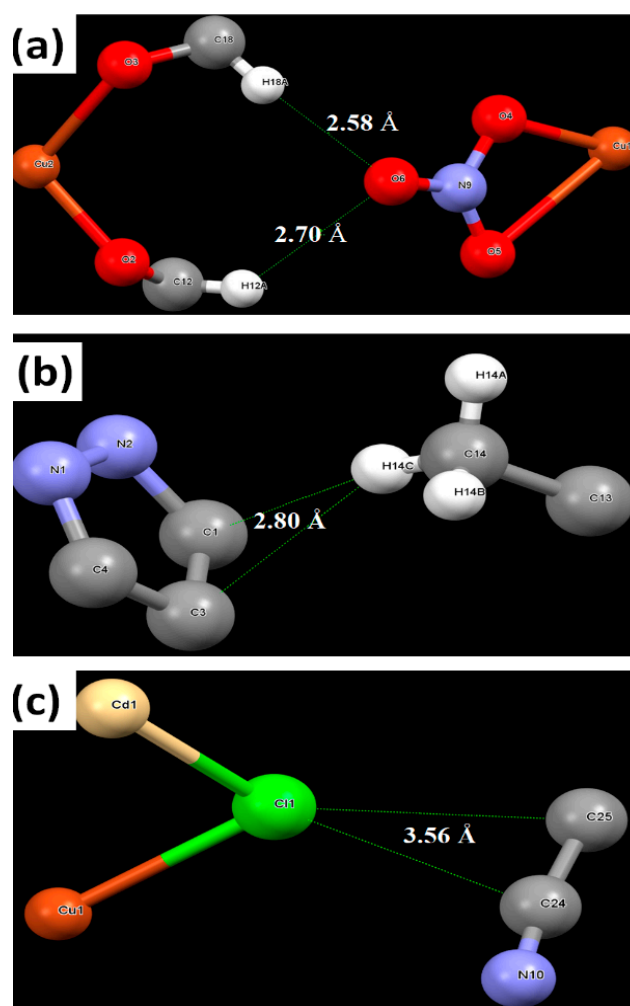
**Table 2.** Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ , degree) for C-H... O interactions.

D-H	d(D-H)	d(H..A)	$\angle\text{DHA}$	d(D..A)	A
C6-H6A	0.970	2.620	127.17	3.298	O2 <sup>i</sup>
C18-H18A	0.970	2.578	141.13	3.388	O6 <sup>ii</sup>

Symmetry code: i:  $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$ ; ii:  $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$ .



**Figure 1.** (a) ORTEP structure (50% probability) of the bimetallic cluster, (b) molecular structure without protons showing no water in the crystal lattice, (c) octahedral geometry around Cu(II) centers, (d) pyramidal geometry around the other Cu(II) centers, (e) distorted octahedral geometry around Cd(II) centers, (f) di- $\mu^2$ -methoxy-trigonal pyramid-O centers, (g) and (h) two different tetra- $\mu^3$ -methoxy-tetrahedral-O centers.



**Figure 2.** (a) H...O-NO<sub>2</sub> H-bonds, (b) H...C=C and (c) Cl...C interactions.

### 2.3. HS and 2D-FP Investigation

The surface was mapped to obtain more interaction information on the molecule and its surrounding molecules in the crystal lattice that played critical roles in stabilizing the structural formula via short intermolecular forces reflected by red spot sizes on the normalized  $d_{\text{norm}}$  [36–41]. The results illustrated in Figure 3 showed that the values of HS with three-dimensional shape and cave centers and shape ranged from 0.723 to 1.874 a.u. The red spots were behind the polar atoms such as oxygen, nitrogen, chlorine and hydrogen. Eleven red points were detected on the computed cluster surface, and they were attributed to the existence of 8 H-bond interactions. Two C-H...O-NO<sub>2</sub> (Figure 3a–c) formed H-bonds with a distance of 2.56 and 2.72 Å and two C<sub>ring</sub>-H...C=C with a length of 2.76 Å (Figure 3d). The computed HS and experimental XRD interactions were highly matched in their positions and structural parameter values.

The 2D-FP plots illustrated in Figure 4 were constructed from the 2D-HS by considering outside and inside closest-neighbor molecules. These integrated visions on contacts were helpful in the imagining of nonpolar and polar atoms interactions contributions in the cluster lattice. The other atom...atom contact ratios were resolved as H...H (60.0%). Intermolecular contacts showed the larger contribution part and H...M (Cu and Cd) (0.0%) interactions ratio. Early studies concerned H...H connections as steric repulsive interactions that disturb the molecular system [42]. Moreover, the understanding of H...H interactions was verified and changed in the 1990s since a new type of interaction named the dihydrogen bond (DHB) was recorded in crystal structures of different organometallic complexes [42–45]. The other atom...atom intermolecular forces are illustrated in the

following importance order: H...H (60.0%) > H...C(10.0%) > H...N (5.6%) > H...O (5.40%) > H...Cl(1.0%) > H...M(0.0%).

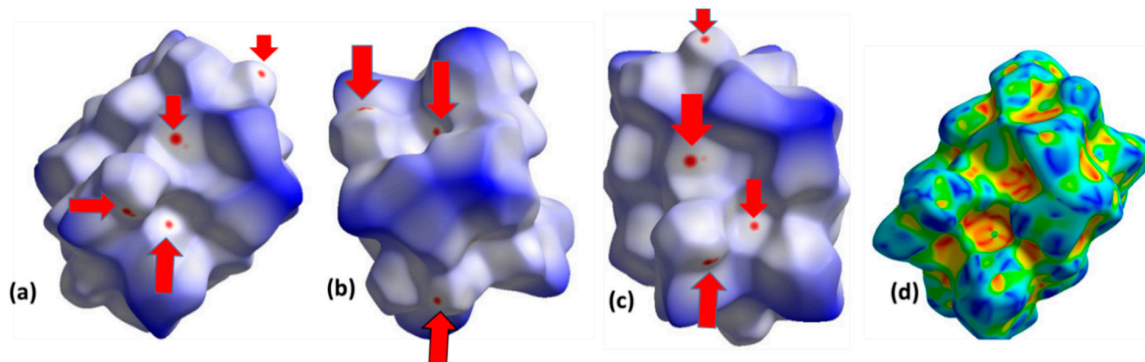


Figure 3. HSA-mapped (a–c)  $d_{\text{norm}}$  and (d) shape index.

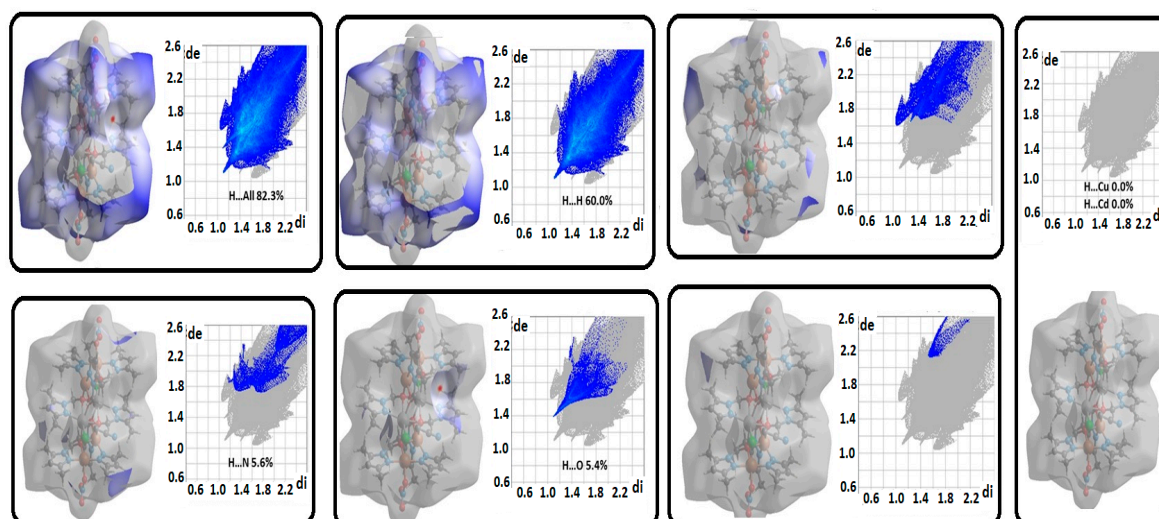


Figure 4. HSA-computed cluster structure together with 2D-FP and H...X% interaction ratios.

#### 2.4. FT-IR and EDX Investigations

For the preparation of  $[\text{Cl}_2\text{Cu}_4\text{Cd}_2(\text{NNO})_6(\text{NN})_2(\text{NO}_3)_2]$ , the  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  cluster was followed up by FT-IR, as shown in Figure 5. The obtained bimetallic cluster reflected several IR bands matching with its continent functional groups. Several stretching vibrations were exposed in the cluster backbone like aliphatic and aromatic C-H,  $\text{NO}_3$ , C=N, MeCN, C-O, C=C, Cu-O, Cd-O, Cu-N, Cd-N and M-Cl, which were cited to their expected wavenumbers (see experimental part). Kinetically, the important changes supporting the clusterization process were the vanishing of N-H (in NNH ligand) peak at  $3170\text{ cm}^{-1}$  by the complexation NNH with metal centers and the appearing of new M-O/M-N bands at  $>400\text{ cm}^{-1}$  chemical shifts [21,22]. The broad peak at  $\sim 3400\text{ cm}^{-1}$  was mostly due to humidity on the crystal surface of the cluster. Peaks at  $\sim 2930\text{--}2820\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in both the ligand and the cluster were attributed to C-H stretching vibrations, the C=N stretching vibration in the free ligand shifted from  $1610\text{ cm}^{-1}$  to  $1560\text{ cm}^{-1}$  upon coordination to the metal center. The appearance of broad peaks at  $265\text{--}2500\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the cluster was only due to the presence of MeCN stretching vibration. The C=C and C-O stretching vibrations in both ligand and cluster were the same, with  $\sim 1480$  and  $1100\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. The M-O and M-N bonds for the both metals (Cu and Cd) vibrations were in the low range  $\sim 400\text{--}450\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

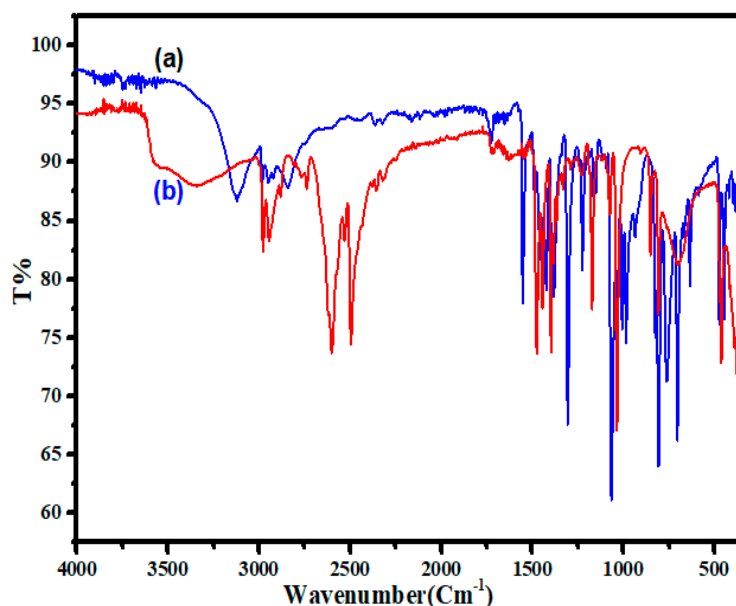


Figure 5. FT-IR of (a) 3,5-dimethylpyrazole (NNH) ligand and (b) the desired cluster.

The qualitative compositions of the cluster were confirmed by EDX analysis, as presented in Figure 6. The presence of Cu atoms was confirmed by energy signals at 1.2, 8.2 and 9.1 keV. Meanwhile, the Cd atoms peaks were cited to 3.3 and 3.5 keV positions, moreover, Cl to 2.4 keV position, respectively. Moreover, C, N and O atoms were cited to their expected atomic energy peaks as seen in Figure 6.

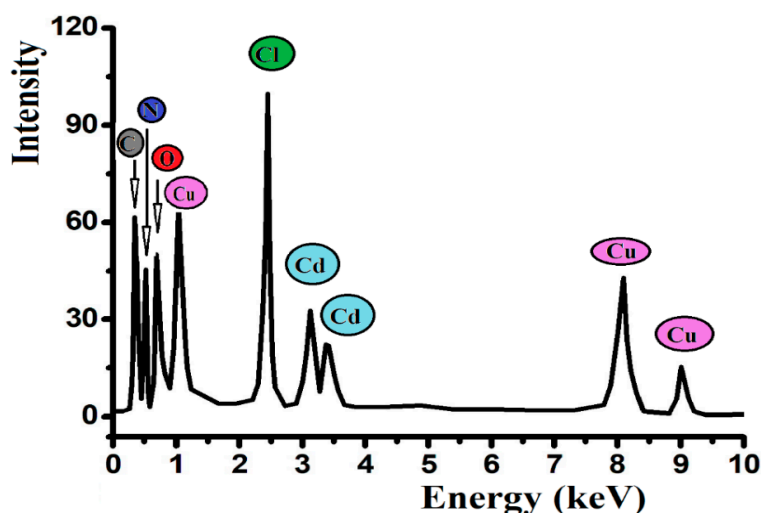
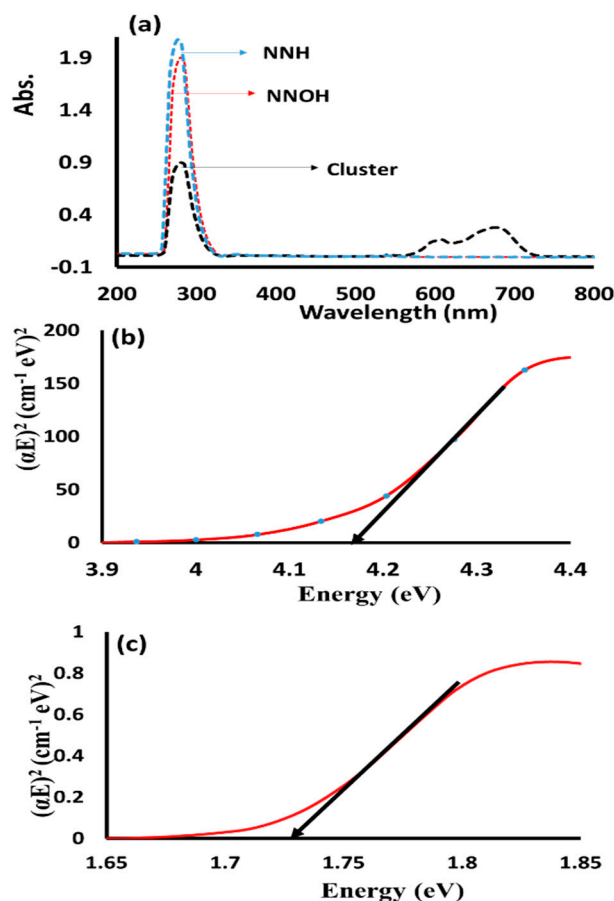


Figure 6. EDX spectra of the desired cluster.

### 2.5. Electronic Transfer and Optical Energy Gap

The electronic absorption of the novel desired cluster and its free ligands in DMSO solvent were combined, as illustrated in Figure 7a. Peaks in the UV-region: the recorded  $\lambda_{\max} = 280$  nm ( $\epsilon = 1.0 \times 10^3$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>) for the cluster,  $\lambda_{\max} = 282$  nm ( $\epsilon = 1.8 \times 10^3$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>) for NNH ligand and  $\lambda_{\max} = 286$  nm ( $\epsilon = 1.6 \times 10^3$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>) for NNOH ligand all can be assigned to  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  ligands e-transition. The two broad and low-intensity peaks in the visible region at  $\lambda_{\max} = 605$  nm ( $\epsilon = 2.2 \times 10^2$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>) and  $\lambda_{\max} = 685$  nm ( $\epsilon = 8.4 \times 10^2$  L mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>) cited to the Cu(II) d-d e-transfer in the cluster only confirmed the N-M and O-M bond coordination [46]. The experimental optical band gap energies ( $\Delta E_g$ ) in DMSO were obtained by using the Tauc relation [40]. The organic ligands direct  $\Delta E_g$  was found to be 4.18 eV, as seen in Figure 7b. Meanwhile, the metallic direct  $\Delta E_g$

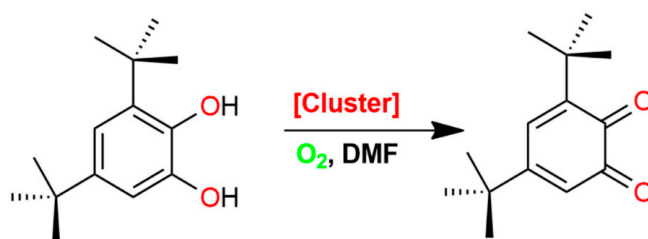
was found to be 1.73 eV, as seen in Figure 7c. The attained  $\Delta E_g$  results reflected the 4Cu(II) cluster centers complexes within the visible region; meanwhile, the NNO and NN ligands with invisible region electron transfer. Therefore, clusters with such optical performance properties are expected to be an important material for solar cells, optoelectronic devices and photonic devices [47].



**Figure 7.** (a) Electronic spectra of NNH, NNOH and cluster, (b) optical band gap of ligands, and (c) optical band gap of the metal center in the cluster dissolved in DMSO.

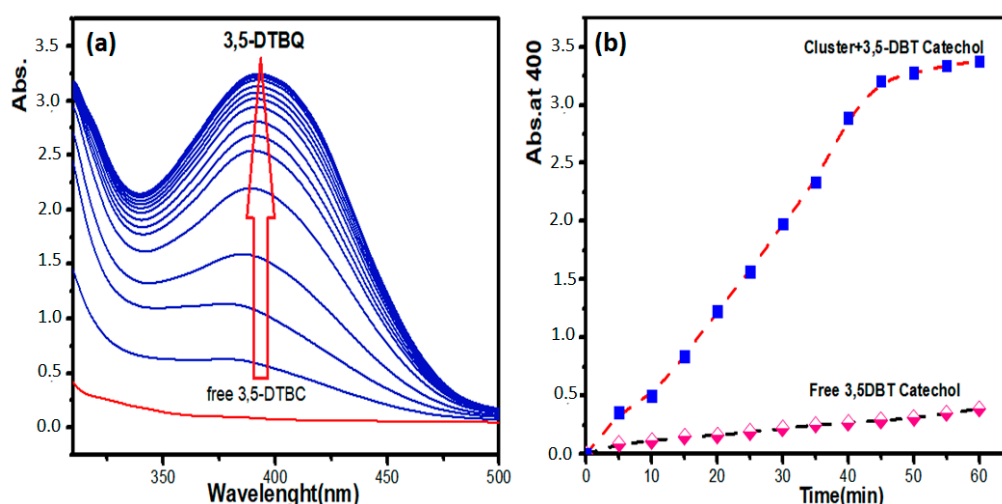
### 2.6. Cluster Oxidation Potential toward Catecholase of Catechol

One of the goals of the present study is to evaluate the aerobic catecholase catalytic oxidation of the cluster. To accomplish this, 0.1 M of 3,5-di-tert-butylbenzene-1,2-diol (3,5-DBT) was mixed with  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  M of the desired cluster in DMF solvent under stirring an open RT system for around 1 h (Scheme 2). The formation of the 3,5-di-tert-butylcyclohexa-3,5-diene-1,2-dione (3,5-DTBQ) product was monitored by UV-vis analysis in 250–500 nm range [20,21,44], as seen in Figure 8.



**Scheme 2.** Cluster catalytic oxidation of catechol to O-quinone.

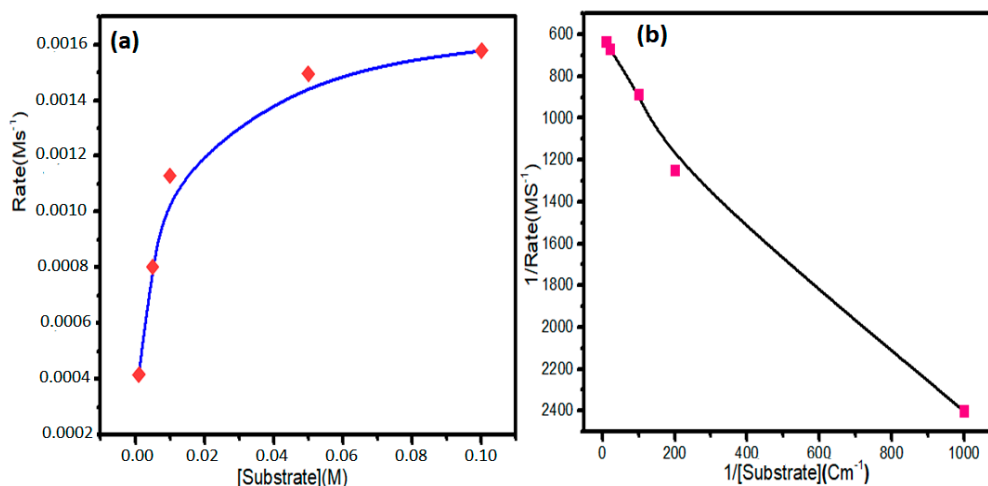




**Figure 8.** Time-dependent 3,5-DBT oxidation process: (a) abs. vs.  $\lambda$ , and (b) abs. vs.  $t$ .

In Figure 8a, the absorptions of 3,5-DTBQ product at  $\lambda_{\max} \sim 400$  nm were gradually raised by time only with the presence of the cluster catalyst. The result revealed without ambiguity that the cluster acts as an excellent oxidation catalyst since the reaction was completely finished within 1 h. Moreover, neither side products nor products were detected by the UV-vis absorption in the absence of the cluster Figure 8b.

The oxidation rates of the cluster using several concentrations of 3,5-DBT find to be suited to the Michaelis–Menten plot (Figure 9a), which was linearized to Lineweaver–Burk plot (Figure 9b), in order to figure out the  $V_{\max}$ ,  $K_M$  and  $K_{cat}$  kinetic parameters. The kinetic parameter values were compared to similar catalytic processes [48–54]. In general, the cluster catalyst results were excellent compared to other complexes, where many factors like solvents, substrate and complex nature control the ability of catalysts [2,20,51].



**Figure 9.** (a) Oxidation reaction initial rates vs. 3,5-DBT conc., and (b) the Lineweaver–Burk plots.

### 3. Materials and Methods

The commercially available  $\text{CdCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  salts, solvents and chemicals, were served without purification. The NNOH and NNH were prepared in our lab [22]. EDX was performed using Bruker D/MAX 2500 X-ray diffractometer, with  $\lambda = 1.54 \text{ \AA}$  Cu K radiation, TU-1901 double-beam UV-visible spectrophotometer was used to measure the UV-vis. The TG was carried out using TGA SDT-Q600, FT-IR spectra were performed in the range of  $4000\text{--}400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  of frequency

using a PerkinElmer Spectrum, and HS calculation was performed using CRYSTAL EXPLORER 3.1 package [33].

### 3.1. Synthesis of $[Cl_2Cu_4Cd_2(NNO)_6(NN)_2(NO_3)_2].CH_3CN$ Bimetallic Cluster

0.16 mmol of each salt  $CdCl_2 \cdot 4H_2O$  and  $Cu(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$  were dissolved in 50 mL of ethanol solvent. After complete dissolving, 0.16 mmol of NNOH and NNH each (in 20 mL of  $CH_3CN$ ) were added to the reaction mixture, which was stirred for 24 h in an open condition. The reaction was then stopped and subjected to the solvent-evaporation process. After 3 weeks, light green plate crystals of  $[Cl_2Cu_4Cd_2(NNO)_6(NN)_2(NO_3)_2].CH_3CN$  cluster had formed in 74% yield. Peaks of selected IR vibrations are listed as  $\nu = 3018$  (C-H), (1520–1380) ( $NO_3$ ), 2936 (C-H), 1622 (C=N), (2200–2550) (-CN), 1485 (C=C), 1020 (C-O),  $cm^{-1}$ . The peak at 420–550  $cm^{-1}$  belongs to M–O and M–N stretching vibrations [21,22]. UV-vis. (DMSO) at  $\lambda_{max} = 280, 605$  and 685 nm and m.p. > 340 °C.

### 3.2. Catechol Oxidation Reaction

The catalytic part was performed using the procedure described recently in the literature [22].

### 3.3. X-Ray

Single crystal X-ray data were collected on a Bruker D8 Quest diffractometer (MoK $\alpha$  radiation  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) at 298 K. The structure was solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares methods based on  $F^2$  using the SHELXL software [34]. Crystal data for the desired cluster is illustrated in Table 3.

**Table 3.** Crystal data and structure refinement of the desired cluster.

Empirical Formula	$C_{48} H_{71} Cd_2 Cl_2 Cu_4 N_{19} O_{12}$
Formula weight	1656.09
CCDC	1956507
Temperature	298(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P 2 <sub>1</sub> /c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.860(9) Å
	b = 20.665(19) Å
	c = 17.212(16) Å
	B = 95.96(3)°
Volume	3842(6) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	2
Density (calculated)	1.432 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	1.759 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	1668
Crystal size	0.220 × 0.180 × 0.060 mm <sup>3</sup>
Theta range for data collection	2.576 to 29.850°.
Index ranges	−14 ≤ h ≤ 14, −27 ≤ k ≤ 27, −23 ≤ L ≤ 24
Reflections collected	107,448
Independent reflections	9719 [R(int) = 0.0711]
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$

Table 3. Cont.

Empirical Formula	C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>71</sub> Cd <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>4</sub> N <sub>19</sub> O <sub>12</sub>
Data/restraints/parameters	9719/2/401
Goodness-of-fit on F2	1.111
Final R indices [I>2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0719, wR2 = 0.2085
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1029, wR2 = 0.2370
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.825 and −1.000 e.Å <sup>−3</sup>

#### 4. Conclusions

A new [Cl<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>4</sub>Cd<sub>2</sub>(NNO)<sub>6</sub>(NN)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].CH<sub>3</sub>CN cluster of type double-open cubane core with Cd(II)-O-Cu(II) center was made available. The 3D structure of the newly synthesized cluster was proven by XRD crystal. The XRD showed the presence of both octahedral and square pyramid metal ions geometry centers. Moreover, the di-μ<sup>2</sup>-methoxo-trigonal pyramid-O center and tetra-μ<sup>3</sup>-methoxo-tetrahedral-O centers were recorded. Several short interactions like H<sub>CH</sub> . . . .O-NO<sub>2</sub>, C-H . . . .π C=C<sub>NN</sub> and Cl . . . . II CN were detected in the lattice by XRD and computed via HS-analysis. Furthermore, the cluster composition and structural behavior were proved spectrally furthermore via FT-IR, EDX and UV-vis. Finally, the cluster recorded an excellent catecholase potential when it was applied to the Catechol O-quinone room condition oxidation reaction.

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