Dear Franc Perdih,

Thank you for your evaluation of our manuscript.

We have corrected the manuscript in accord with the suggestions and uploaded the three documents in a single ZIP file using the Upload Author Version.

The revisions are marked as red.

Sincerely yours,

Ling-Wei Xue

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Reviewer A:

• The typographical errors are corrected.

• The introduction has been specified to show the objective of the current work. New literature is given.

• The novelty of this work is described in the introduction.

• The synthesis of the reported hydrazone ligand (J. Chem. Soc.,Dalton

Trans., 2002, 3015–3023) and its metal complexes were (Chem. Pharm.Bull.58 (10) 1306—1312 (2010)) reported previously. This has been clarified in the manuscript.

• The caption of the structure of the ligand illustrated in page 2 has been given.

• In material and methods: the sentence of “Copper analyses were carried out by EDTA titration.” is omitted.

• Since the synthesis of the ligand has been omitted, the infrared and UV-vis spectra of the ligand are not given. The IR and UV-vis data of the complexes are given in the manuscript.

• The method used for antibacterial study has been added to the

experimental section.

• The discussion of the antimicrobial activity is given.

• Some references are changed to recent work in the field.

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