

The templating effect of halides in the tetrameric copper(II) $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{LH})_2(\text{X})\text{Cu}_2(\text{LH})_2]^{3+}$ complexes (LH = N-(2-pyridylmethyl)-N,N-bis-[2-hydroxy-5-methyl-benzyl]-amine; X = Br, Cl). Synthesis and magneto-structural characterization

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The synthesis, magnetic and structural characterization of two tetrameric copper(II) complexes $\{\text{N}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_9)_4\}[\text{Cu}_2(\text{LH})_2(\text{Br})\text{Cu}_2(\text{LH})_2](\text{PF}_6)_4$ (1) and $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{LH})_2(\text{Cl})\text{Cu}_2(\text{LH})_2](\text{Cl})_2(\text{PF}_6)_2$ (2) is described. LH stands for the hemi-deprotonated anion of the tripodal aminophenol ligand N-(2-pyridylmethyl)-N,N-bis-[2-hydroxy-5-methyl-benzyl]-amine. The complexes are tetrametallic species formed around the central halide ion which behaves as an anion template for the formation of the tetranuclear species, by bridging two dimeric phenoxo bridged $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{LH})_2]^{2+}$ units. The magnetic behaviour is dominated by the strong antiferromagnetic exchange within the dimeric unit, mediated by the phenoxo bridges: $J = -439(4) \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $g = 2.10(2)$ for (1) and $J = -429(2) \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $g = 2.090(9)$ for (2). © 2014 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.