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## DESIGN, SYNTHESIS, AND STRUCTURAL STUDY OF MONO- AND POLYNUCLEAR Cu(II) IMINODIACETATE COMPLEXES

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**Abstract.** The synthesis of three structurally distinct copper(II) coordination compounds was conducted under different pH conditions, employing iminodiacetic acid (IDAH<sub>2</sub>) as the ligand. In a neutral medium, compound **1** was obtained as a two-dimensional ionic coordination polymer with the formula  $\{(NH_2(CH_3)_2)_2[Cu_3(IDA)_4]\cdot 1.75H_2O\}_n$ , featuring layered  $[Cu_3(IDA)_4]_n^{2n}$  anions stabilized by hydrogen bonding networks (pH= 6–6.5). In a basic medium (pH= 8–8.5), compound **2** was isolated as a neutral 2D molecular coordination polymer,  $\{[Cu_3(IDA)_2(IDAH)_2]\cdot 5H_2O\}_n$ , based on trinuclear copper units bridged by bi- and monodeprotonated ligands. Acidic conditions (pH= 3) led to the formation of compound **3**, ((CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>OH)<sub>2</sub>[Cu(IDA)<sub>2</sub>]·[Cu(IDAH)<sub>2</sub>]. The compound exhibits an ionic structure composed of a neutral and anionic mononuclear complexes, charge-balanced by protonated dimethylether cations. The observed structural diversity is attributable to the various deprotonation states of the ligand, in association with the nature of the outer-sphere components. A detailed investigation into the infrared (IR) spectra of the compounds provided substantial evidence supporting the proposed coordination modes and hydrogen-bonding interactions. These interactions have been demonstrated to play a pivotal role in the formation of extended supramolecular architectures in all three compounds.

**Keywords:** coordination compound, Cu(II), iminodiacetic acid, dioxime, X-ray study.

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