

**Figure S1** UV-Vis spectrum of the reacting solution indicating the presence of Cu(III) peak at 415 nm at [DPC] =  $1.75 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ , [OH-] = 0.02 M, [L-leucine] =  $2.75 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$ , [Ru<sup>3+</sup>] =  $2.5 \times 10^{-6}$ , I = 0.1 M (KNO<sub>3</sub>), Temp = 298 K, [IO<sub>4</sub>-] =  $5.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$ , [CPC] =  $6.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$