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Dear Professor Nikolić,

We wish to submit a manuscript for possible publication in the *Journal of the Serbian Chemical Society* as an *Original scientific paper*.

Title: Synthesis and crystal structure of copper(II) complexes with pyridoxal
*S*-methylisothiosemicarbazone bearing a new coordination mode

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The results presented are part of our ongoing research in the field of transition metal chemistry with thiosemicarbazone-based Schiff base ligands. The manuscript reports synthesis of two copper(II) complexes with pyridoxal *S*-methylisothiosemicarbazone in which tetradentate coordination mode of this ligand is found for the first time. Complexes are characterized by elemental analysis, conductometry, IR spectroscopy, and their structures are unequivocally determined by single crystal X-ray crystallography. The Cambridge Structural Database was surveyed for complexes with pyridoxal-based Schiff bases as ligands, revealing that the novel tetradentate coordination mode of the title ligand is an example of quite a few cases in which hydroxymethyl group of the pyridoxal moiety takes a role in coordination. We hope that this paper will be of interest to researchers in the field of structural coordination chemistry.

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