

## Molybdenum-doped $\alpha$ -MnO<sub>2</sub> as an efficient reusable heterogeneous catalyst for aerobic sulfide oxygenation

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**Table S1** Average oxidation states (AOSs) of manganese oxides

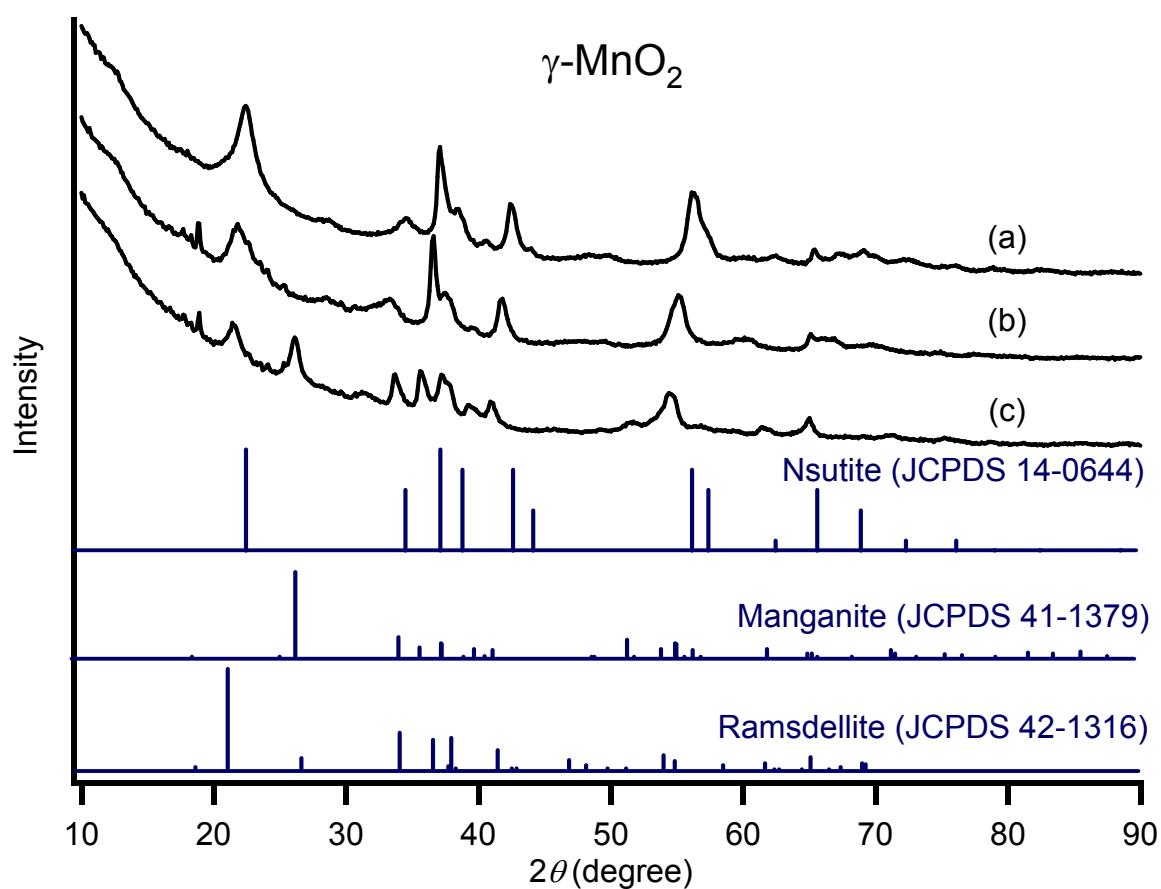
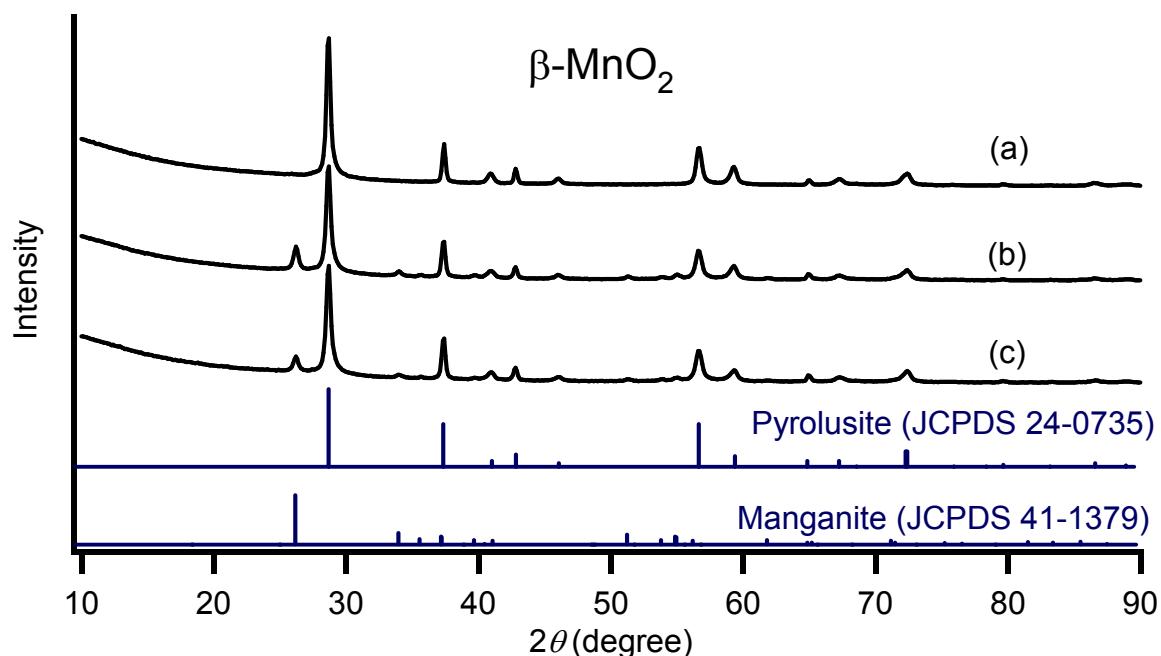
Catalyst	AOS	
	As prepared	After reaction <sup>a</sup>
$\alpha$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	3.77	3.52
$\beta$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	3.90	3.60
$\gamma$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	3.90	3.42
$\delta$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	3.92	3.68

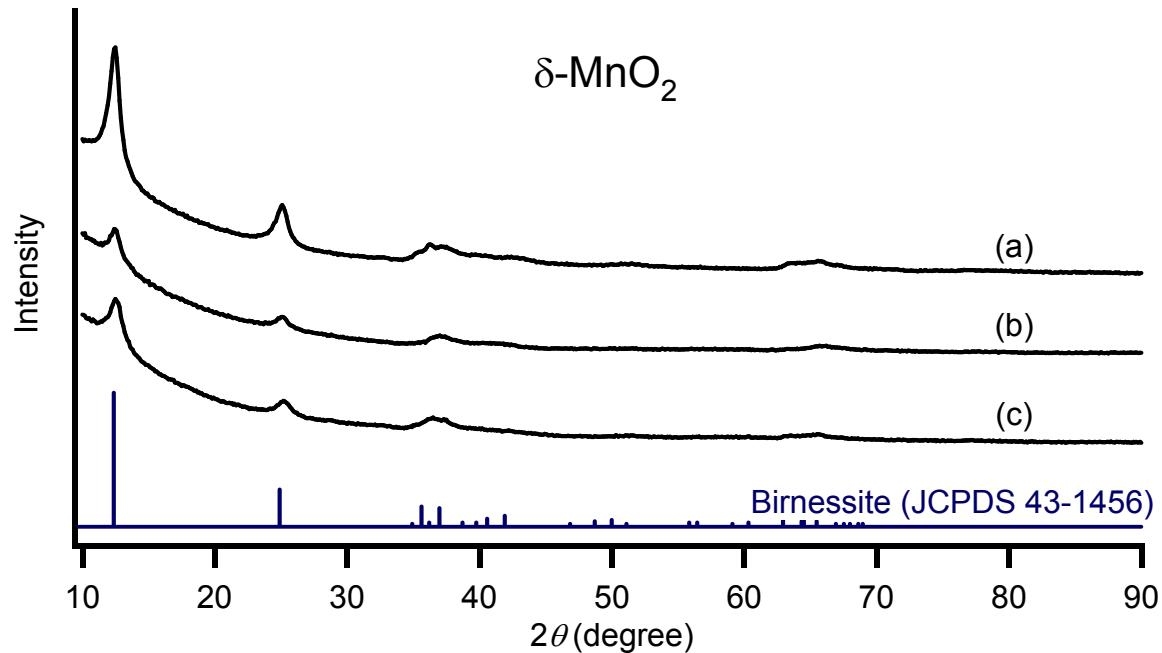
<sup>a</sup> The retrieved catalyst after the oxygenation of **1a** under the aerobic conditions described in Table 2.

**Table S2** The binding energies and the contents of oxygen species in M-MnO<sub>2</sub>

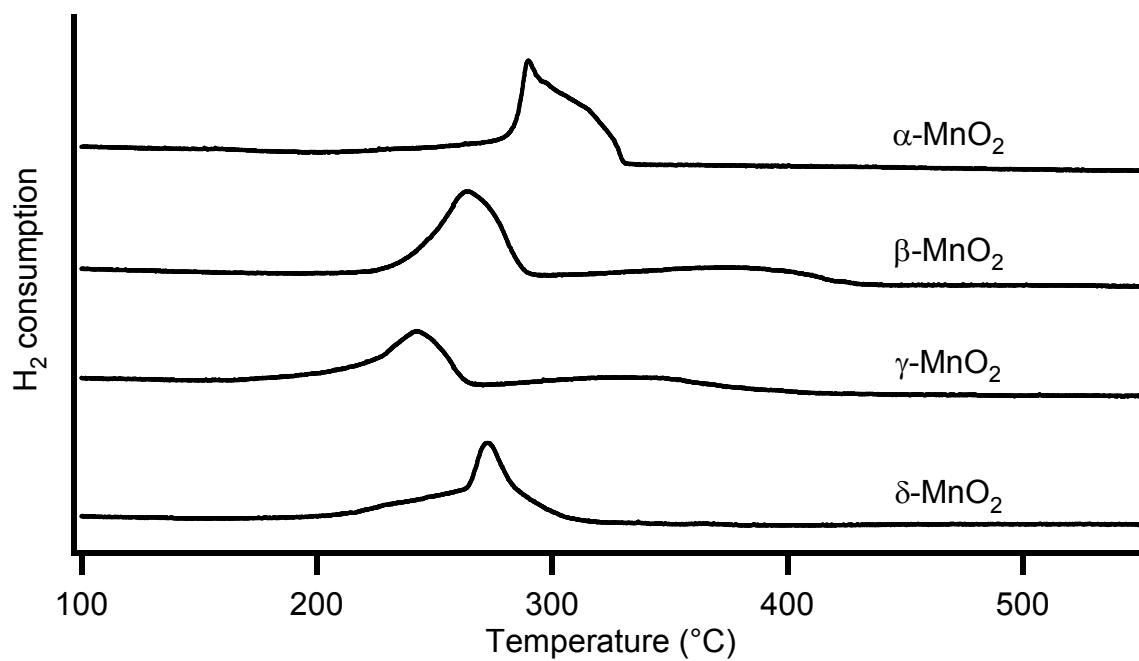
Catalyst	Oxygen 1s (O <sub>sat</sub> )		Oxygen 1s (O <sub>unsat</sub> )		Oxygen 1s (O <sub>water</sub> )	
	BE (eV)	Content (%)	BE (eV)	Content (%)	BE (eV)	Content (%)
$\alpha$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	529.9	72.2	531.3	23.2	532.2	4.5
Mo-MnO <sub>2</sub>	530.0	76.1	531.3	17.0	532.2	6.9
V-MnO <sub>2</sub>	529.4	72.3	531.3	23.9	532.2	3.8
Cr-MnO <sub>2</sub>	529.9	70.2	531.3	25.8	532.2	4.0
Cu-MnO <sub>2</sub>	529.8	66.6	531.3	30.4	532.2	3.0

O<sub>sat</sub>: the coordinatively saturated lattice oxygen species. O<sub>unsat</sub>: the coordinatively unsaturated oxygen species (e.g., OH and adsorbed oxygen species on the surface). O<sub>water</sub>: the adsorbed H<sub>2</sub>O molecule on the surface.

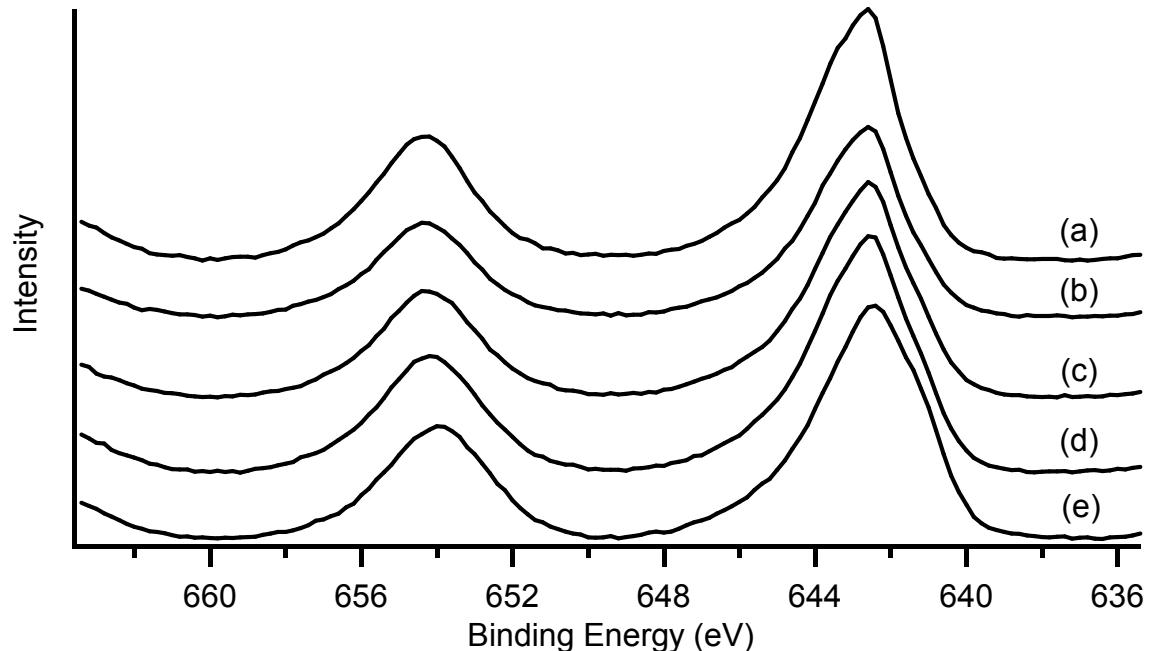




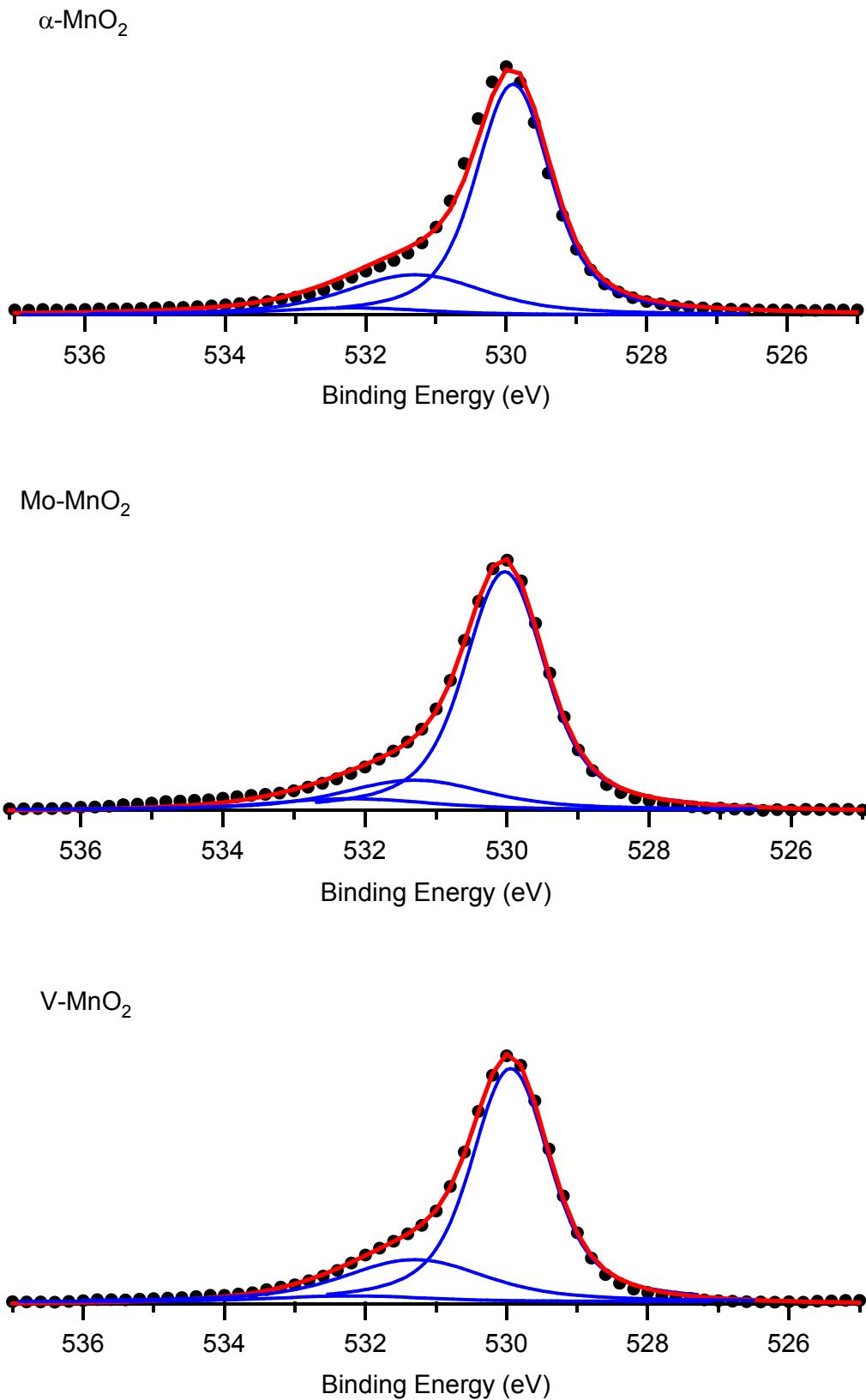
**Fig. S1** The XRD patterns of  $\beta$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>,  $\gamma$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>, and  $\delta$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>: (a) As-prepared manganese oxides, (b) manganese oxides retrieved after the oxygenation of **1a** under aerobic conditions, and (c) manganese oxides retrieved after the oxygenation of **1a** under anaerobic conditions.

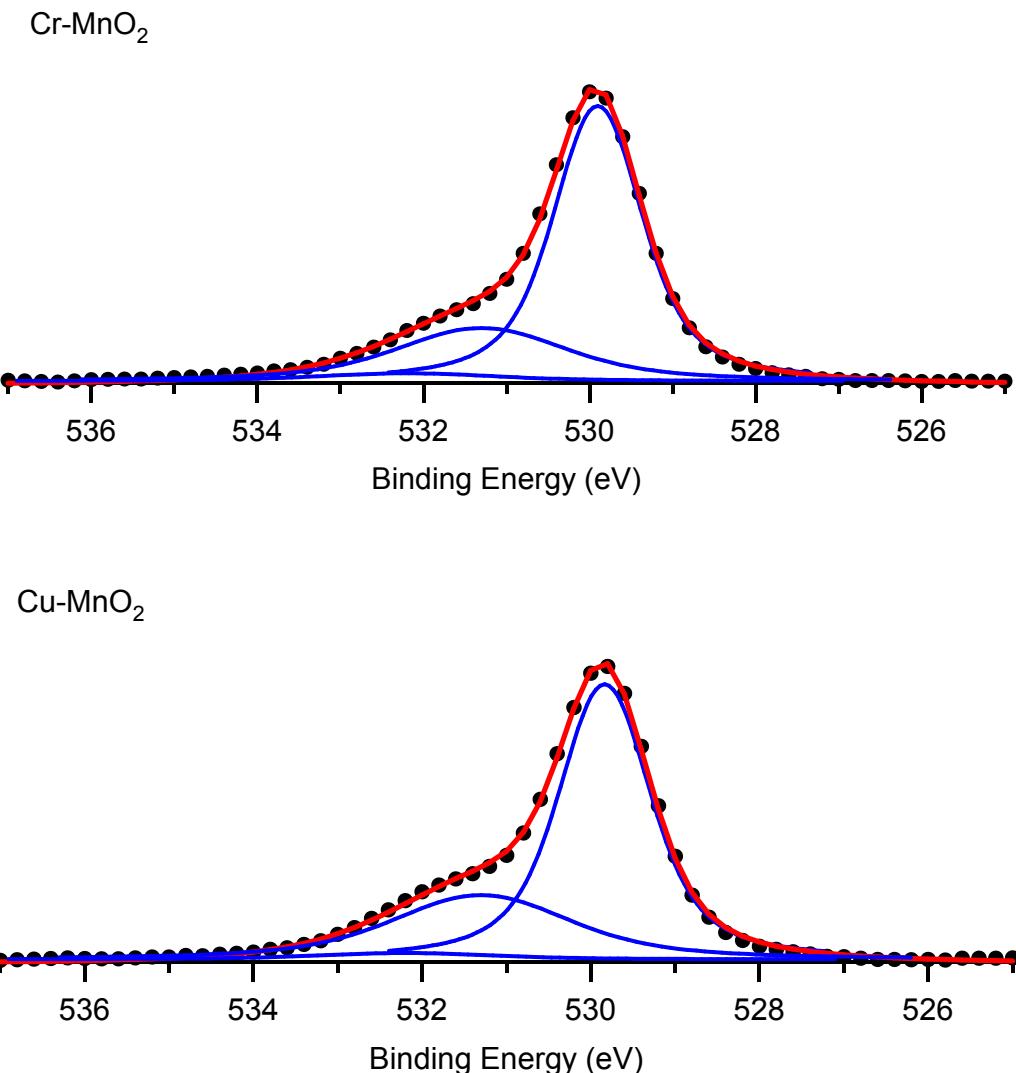


**Fig. S2** H<sub>2</sub>-TPR profiles of  $\alpha$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>,  $\beta$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>,  $\gamma$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>, and  $\delta$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>.

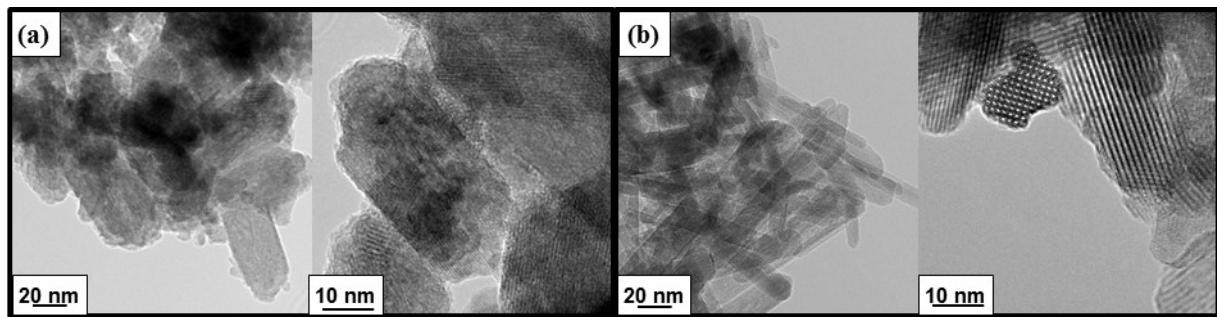


**Fig. S3** XPS spectra of (a)  $\alpha$ -MnO<sub>2</sub>, (b) Mo-MnO<sub>2</sub>, (c) V-MnO<sub>2</sub>, (d) Cr-MnO<sub>2</sub>, and (e) Cu-MnO<sub>2</sub> in the Mn 2p regions.

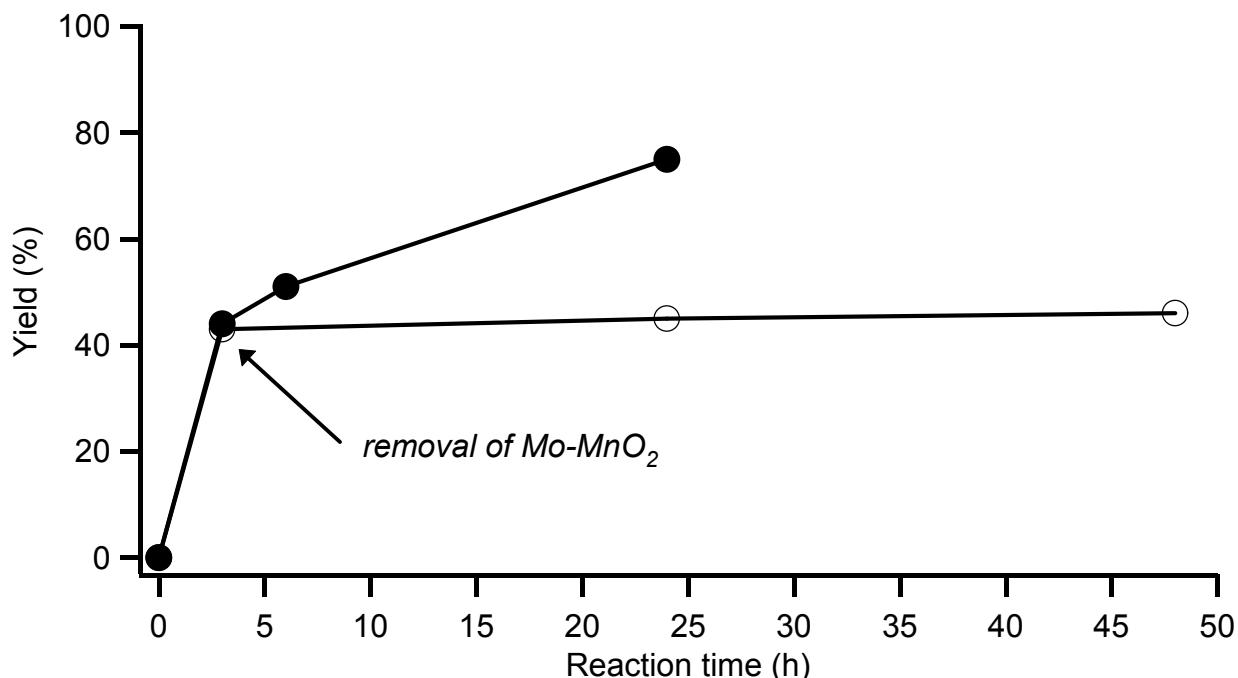




**Fig. S4** XPS spectra of  $\alpha$ -MnO<sub>2</sub> and M-MnO<sub>2</sub> in the O 1s regions. The red and blue lines represent the sum of the deconvolution and the deconvolution of the spectra, respectively. The low (around 530 eV), medium (around 531 eV), and high binding energy peaks (around 532 eV) show the coordinatively saturated lattice oxygen species, the coordinatively unsaturated oxygen species (e.g., OH and adsorbed oxygen species), and adsorbed molecular H<sub>2</sub>O, respectively.



**Fig. S5** TEM images of (a) Mo-MnO<sub>2</sub> (molybdenum content = 2.5 mol%), (b) V-MnO<sub>2</sub> (vanadium content = 2.5 mol%).



**Fig. S6** Effect of removal of Mo-MnO<sub>2</sub> on the oxidation of **1a**; without (●) or with removal of Mo-MnO<sub>2</sub> (○). The arrow indicates the removal of Mo-MnO<sub>2</sub>. Reaction conditions: Mo-MnO<sub>2</sub> (25 mg), **1a** (0.5 mmol), *o*-dichlorobenzene (1 mL), 150 °C (bath temp.), O<sub>2</sub>(5 atm). Yields were determined by GC analysis using naphthalene as an internal standard.