

Supplementary Information:

**Efficient uptake of dimethyl sulfoxide by desoxomolybdenum(IV) dithiolate
complex containing bulky hydrophobic groups**

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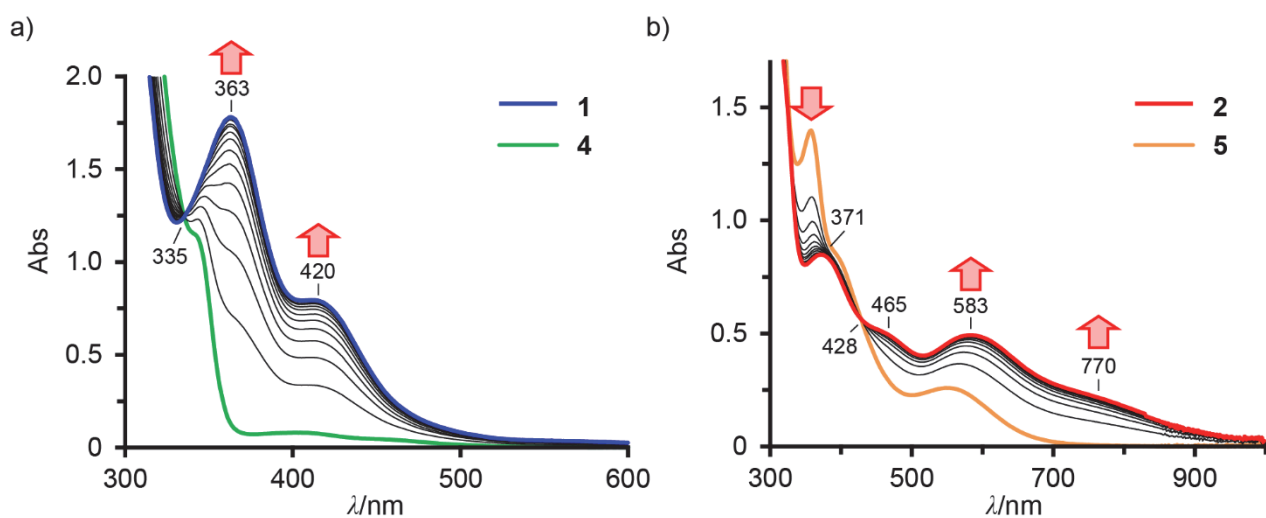


Fig. S1 UV-vis spectral change (measured every 30 min.) of the reaction of a 1 mM solution of (a) **4** (green) and (b) **5** (orange) with 1.7 eq. of $t\text{BuPh}_2\text{SiCl}$ in toluene at 27 °C to afford **1** (blue) and **2** (red), respectively.

Table S1 Crystallographic Data for **1** and **3**

	1 ·5CH ₃ CN·2H ₂ O	3 ·7/2CH ₃ CN·5/2H ₂ O ^c
empirical formula	C ₁₇₄ H ₂₂₂ MoN ₁₀ O ₇ S ₄ Si	C ₁₇₁ H _{218.5} N _{8.5} O _{8.5} S ₄ SiW
formula weight	2817.87	2869.33
color	green	dark purple
crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic
<i>a</i> , Å	18.8827(13)	18.246(3)
<i>b</i> , Å	23.9699(18)	20.495(4)
<i>c</i> , Å	20.0864 (14)	26.099(4)
α , deg		93.493(7)
β , deg	102.832(7)	104.138(7)
γ , deg		90.070(6)
<i>V</i> , Å ³	8864.4(11)	9445(3)
space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<i>Z</i>	2	2
<i>D</i> _{calc} , g/cm ³	1.056	1.009
<i>F</i> (000)	3024	3048
$\mu(\text{MoK}\alpha)$, mm ⁻¹	0.181	0.711
scan type	ω	ω
2 θ_{max} , deg	50	50
No. of reflections unique	15579	33198
No. variables	1206	1790
residuals; <i>R</i> 1 ^a (<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)), <i>wR</i> 2 ^b (all data)	0.0908, 0.3094	0.1028, 0.2707
GOF	0.966	1.002

^a $R1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$. ^b $wR2 = \{ \sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2] \}^{1/2}$. ^cNot all solvent was detected.

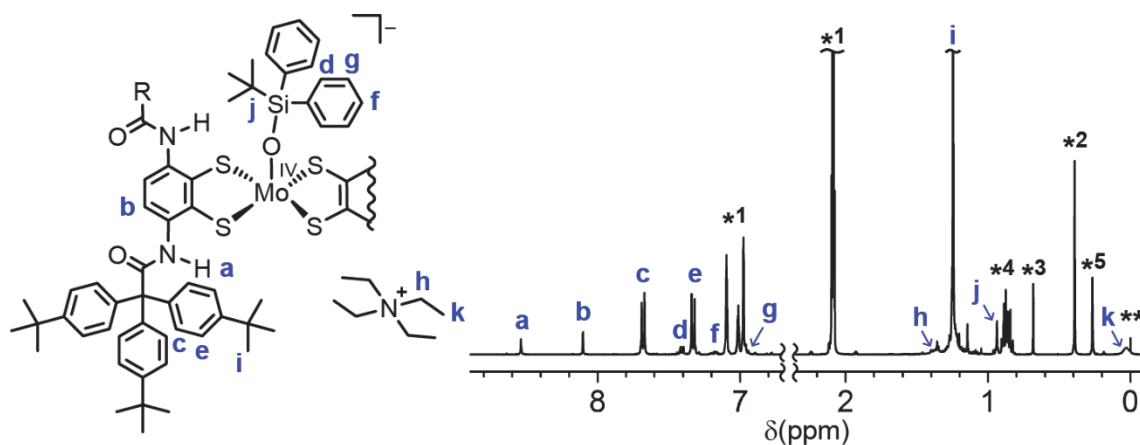


Fig. S2 ^1H NMR spectrum of **1** in toluene- d_8 at 30 °C. The asterisks denote solvents as a contaminant (*1: toluene; *2: water; *3: acetonitrile; *4: petroleum ether; *5: silicone grease). The double asterisk (**) denotes TMS.

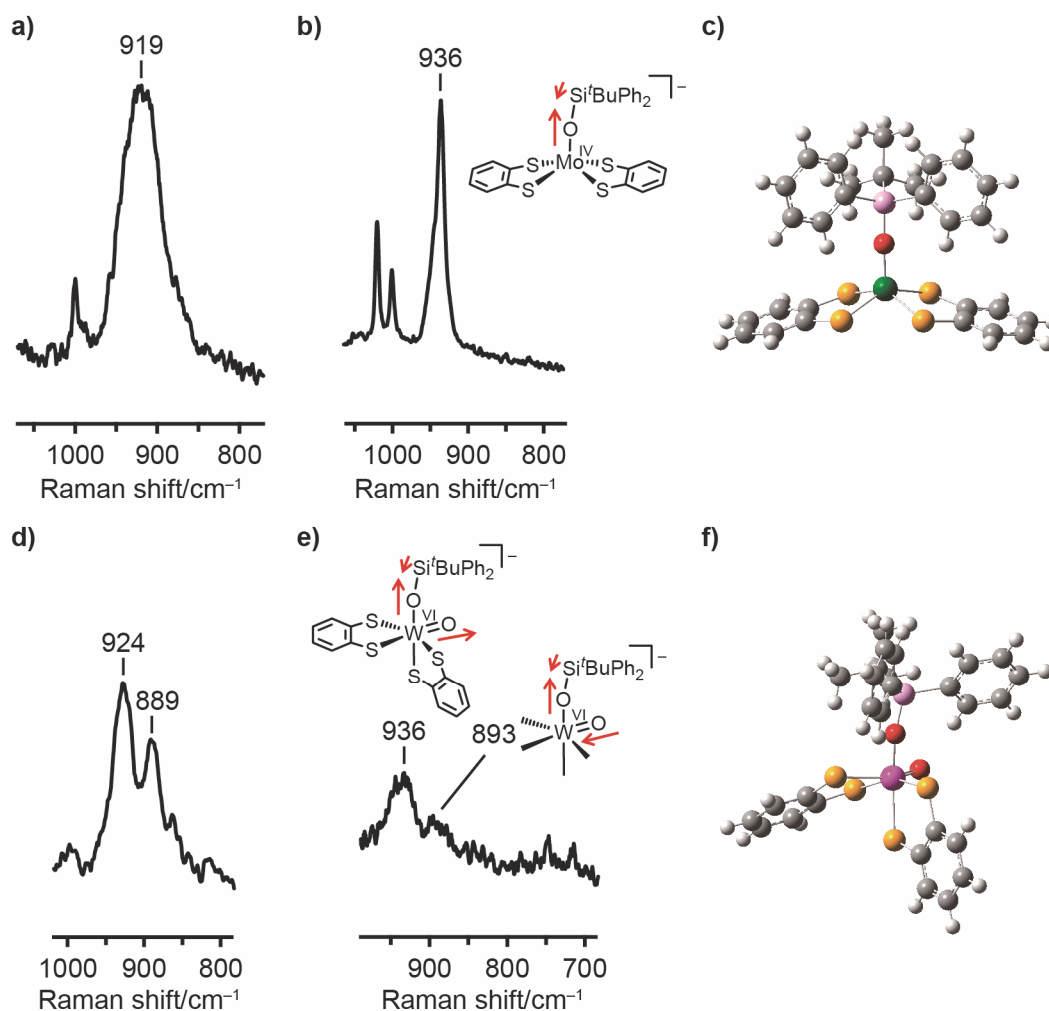


Fig. S3 Resonance Raman spectra of (a) **1**, (b) $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})[\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}(\text{OSi}^t\text{BuPh}_2)(\text{bdt})_2]$, (d) **3**, (e) $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})[\text{W}^{\text{VI}}\text{O}(\text{OSi}^t\text{BuPh}_2)(\text{bdt})_2]$ excited at 514.5 nm in the solid state. The optimized structures using DFT calculations of (c) $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})[\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}(\text{OSi}^t\text{BuPh}_2)(\text{bdt})_2]$ and (f) $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})[\text{W}^{\text{VI}}\text{O}(\text{OSi}^t\text{BuPh}_2)(\text{bdt})_2]$. The vibrational mode was illustrated in (b) and (e).

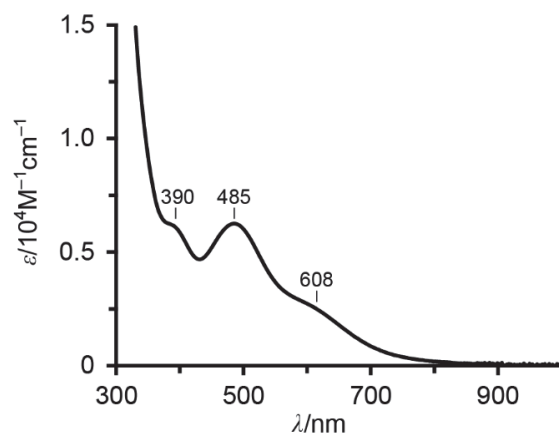


Fig. S4 UV-vis spectra of **3** in toluene at 27 °C.

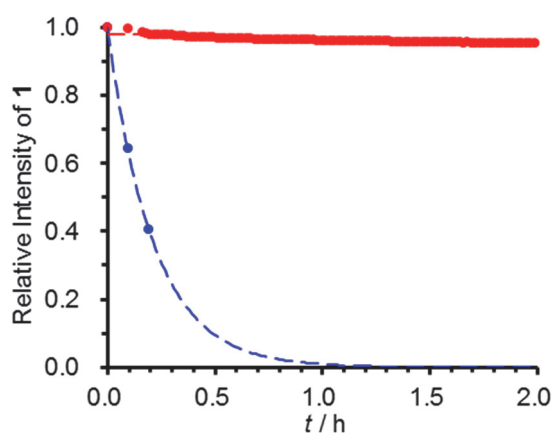


Fig. S5 Stability of **1** in an aqueous micellar solution (red) and DMF (blue) monitored by absorption at 418 nm using UV-vis spectroscopy at 27 °C.

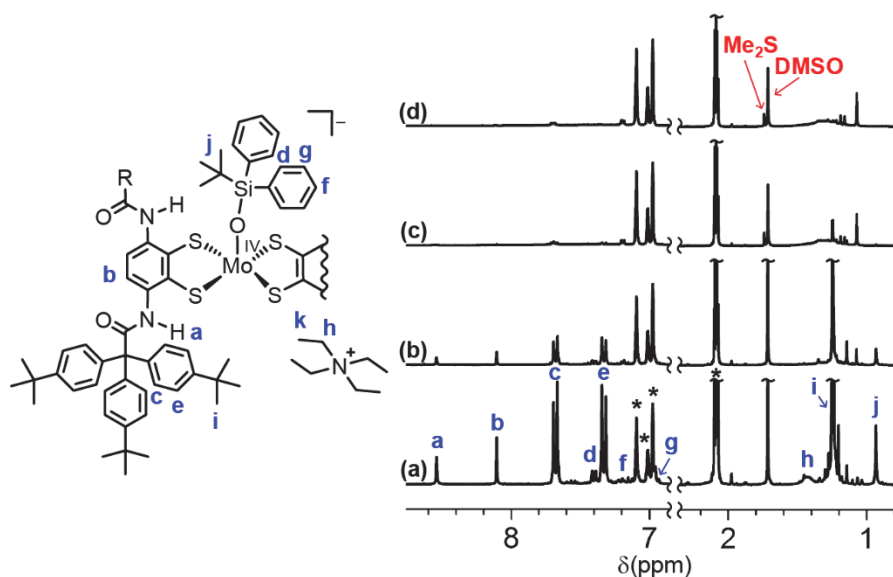


Fig. S6 NMR spectral change during the reaction of **1** and 5 eq. of DMSO in toluene- d_8 . (a) 0 h, (b) 24 h, (c) 294 h, (d) 576 h. The asterisk (*) denotes toluene.

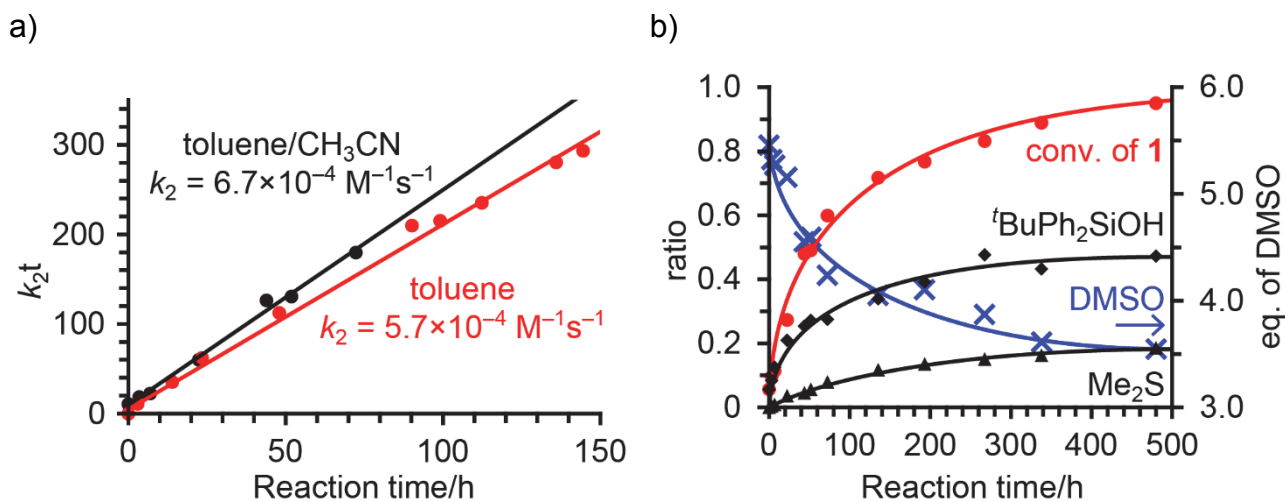


Fig. S7 (a) Kinetic plot of the reduction of DMSO. (b) Time course of the conversion of **1** during the reduction of DMSO in a mixture of toluene-*d*₈ and acetonitrile-*d*₃ (v/v = 1/1).

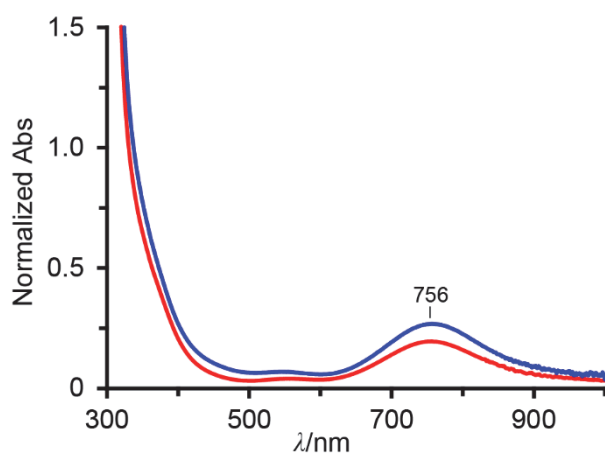


Fig. S8 UV-vis spectra of the reaction mixture of **1** and DMSO in toluene (red) and the in-situ generated monooxomolybdenum(V) complex (blue) in toluene at 27 °C.