## Supplementary information

## Voltammetric behavior of 1- and 4-[S<sub>2</sub>VW<sub>17</sub>O<sub>62</sub>]<sup>5-</sup> in acidified acetonitrile

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**Figure S1** Cyclic voltammograms of 1mM  $4-S_2V^VW_{17}$  in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (0.1 M [n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N][PF<sub>6</sub>]) after addition of the following concentrations of CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H. [CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H]/mM = (-) 0; (-) 0.2; (-) 0.4; (-) 0.6; (-) 0.8; (-) 1.0; (-) 2.0; (-) 4.0; (-) 10.0. Scan rate: 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S2** Cyclic voltammograms of (—)  $1-S_2V^VW_{17}$ , (-•-•-)  $4-S_2V^VW_{17}$ , (—)  $1-P_2V^VW_{17}$ , (-•-•-)  $4-P_2V^VW_{17}$ , (—)  $1-As_2V^VW_{17}$  and (-•-•-)  $4-As_2V^VW_{17}$  in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (0.1 M [n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N][PF<sub>6</sub>]). Those for 1- and  $4-X_2V^VW_{17}$  (X=P, As) were obtained after neutralization of the proton in the cation.



**Figure S3** Cyclic voltammograms of (—)  $1-S_2V^VW_{17}$ , (—)  $4-S_2V^VW_{17}$  and (—)  $S_2W_{18}$  in (A) acetonitrile, (B) nitromethane, (C) DMF, (D) DMSO and (E) acetone containing  $0.1 \text{ M} \text{ [n-Bu}_4\text{N} \text{]}[\text{PF}_6]$  as the supporting electrolyte. Scan rate: 100mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S4** Plot of  $E_m$  values for the V<sup>V/IV</sup> redox process and anion charge of Wells-Dawson type vanadium-substituted polyoxometalates.