Oxygen activation and catalytic aerobic oxidation by

Mo(IV)/(VI) complexes with functionalized

iminophenolate ligands

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Figure S2. Carbon NMR spectrum of complex 1 $[MoO_2(L1)_2]$ in C_6D_6 .



Figure S3. HSQC NMR spectrum of complex $1 [MoO_2(L1)_2]$ in C_6D_6 .



Figure S4. Proton NMR spectrum of complex **2** $[MoO_2(L2)_2]$ in C_6D_6 . The resonances were assigned to the two isomers with respect to their intensity.



Figure S5. HSQC NMR spectrum of complex 2 $[MoO_2(L2)_2]$ in C₆D₆. The resonances were assigned to the two isomers with respect to their intensity.



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Figure S8. Proton NMR spectrum of complex 3 [MoO₂(acac)(L2)] in C₆D₆.



Figure S9. Carbon NMR spectrum of complex 3 $[MoO_2(acac)(L2)]$ in C_6D_6 .



Figure S10. HSQC NMR spectrum of complex 3 [MoO₂(acac)(L2)] in C_6D_6 .



Figure S11. Proton NMR spectrum of the isomeric mixture of complex 4 $[MoO_2(PMe_3)(L1)_2]$ in C_6D_6 .



Figure S12. Carbon NMR spectrum of the isomeric mixture of complex 4 $[MoO_2(PMe_3)(L1)_2]$ in C_6D_6 .



Figure S13. Phosphorus NMR spectrum of the isomeric mixture of complex $4 [MoO_2(PMe_3)(L1)_2]$ in C6D6.



 $[MoO_2(PMe_3)(L1)_2]$ in C_6D_6 .



Figure S15. Proton NMR spectrum of the isomeric mixture of complex 5 $[MoO_2(PMe_3)(L2)_2]$ in C_6D_6 .



Figure S16. Proton NMR spectrum of the pure O,O isomer of of complex 5 $[MoO_2(PMe_3)(L2)_2]$ in C₆D₆, obtained via recrystallization from MeCN.



Figure S17. Carbon NMR spectrum of the isomeric mixture of complex 5 $[MoO_2(PMe_3)(L2)_2]$ in C_6D_6 .



Figure S18. Phosphorus NMR spectrum of the isomeric mixture of complex 5 $[MoO_2(PMe_3)(L2)_2]$ in C_6D_6 .



Figure S19. HSQC NMR spectrum of the isomeric mixture of complex 5 $[MoO_2(PMe_3)(L2)_2]$ in C_6D_6 .



Figure S20. Proton NMR spectrum of complex 6 { $[MoO(L1)_2]_2(\mu-O)$ } in C₆D₆.



Figure S21. Carbon NMR spectrum of complex 6 { $[MoO(L1)_2]_2(\mu-O)$ } in C₆D₆.



Figure S22. HSQC NMR spectrum of complex 6 { $[MoO(L1)_2]_2(\mu-O)$ } in C₆D₆.



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Figure S24. Carbon NMR spectrum of complex 7 { $[MoO(L2)_2]_2(\mu-O)$ } in C₆D₆.



Figure S25. HSQC NMR spectrum of complex 7 { $[MoO(L2)_2]_2(\mu-O)$ } in C₆D₆.



Figure S26. Proton NMR spectrum of complex 8 [MoO(O₂)(L1)₂] in C6D6.





Figure S28. HSQC NMR spectrum of complex 8 $[MoO(O_2)(L1)_2]$ in C_6D_6 .



Figure S29. Proton NMR spectrum of the isomeric mixture of complex 9 $[MoO(O_2)(L2)_2]$ in C₆D₆ with the O,O isomer assigned.



Figure S30. Proton NMR spectrum of the O,O isomer of complex **9** $[MoO(O_2)(L2)_2]$ in C_6D_6 obtained via recrystallization from MeCN and immediate measurement.



Figure S31. Aromatic region of the ¹H NMR spectra of the initial isomeric mixture and dissolved single crystals of **9** [MoO(O₂)(L2)₂] after t=0.25 h and t=24 h in C₆D₆ showing the isomeric equilibration.



Figure S32. HSQC NMR spectrum of the isomeric mixture of complex 9 $[MoO(O_2)(L2)_2]$ in C₆D₆ with the major isomer assigned.



Figure S33. Proton NMR resonances of the catalytic aerobic oxidation of PMe₃ using 1 mol% of **1** under O_2 pressure (1.5 atm) in C_6D_6 at ambient conditions after t=24h; Depicted integrals correspond to the ratio of OPMe₃:PMe₃.



Figure S34. Phosphorus NMR resonances of the catalytic aerobic oxidation of PMe₃ using 1 mol% of **1** under O₂ pressure (1.5 atm) in C₆D₆ at ambient conditions after t=24h;



Figure S35. Proton NMR resonances of the catalytic aerobic oxidation of PPh₃ using 1 mol% of **1** under O_2 pressure (1.5 atm) in C_6D_6 at ambient conditions after t=24h; Depicted integrals correspond to the ratio of OPPh₃:PPh₃.



Figure S36. Phosphorus NMR resonances of the catalytic aerobic oxidation of PPh₃ using 1 mol% of **1** under O_2 pressure (1.5 atm) in C_6D_6 at ambient conditions after t=24h;



Figure S37. Proton NMR resonances of the catalytic aerobic oxidation of PMe₃ using 1 mol% of **2** under O₂ pressure (1.5 atm) in C₆D₆ at ambient conditions after t=24h; Depicted integrals correspond to the ratio of products (OP(OMe)Me₂ and OPMe₃) to educt (PMe₃).



Figure S38. Phosphorus NMR resonances of the catalytic aerobic oxidation of PMe₃ using 1 mol% of **2** under O₂ pressure (1.5 atm) in C₆D₆ at ambient conditions after t=24h;



Figure S39. Proton NMR resonances of the catalytic aerobic oxidation of PPh₃ using 1 mol% of **2** under O_2 pressure (1.5 atm) in C_6D_6 at ambient conditions after t=24h; Depicted integrals correspond to the ratio of OPPh₃:PPh₃.



Figure S40. Phosphorus NMR resonances of the catalytic aerobic oxidation of PPh₃ using 1 mol% of **2** under O_2 pressure (1.5 atm) in C_6D_6 at ambient conditions after t=24h;



Figure S41. Proton NMR resonances of the catalytic aerobic oxidation of PPh₃ using 1 mol% of **6** under O_2 pressure (1.5 atm) in C_6D_6 at ambient conditions after t=24h; Depicted integrals correspond to the ratio of OPPh₃:PPh₃.



Figure S42. Phosphorus NMR resonances of the catalytic aerobic oxidation of PPh₃ using 1 mol% of **6** under O₂ pressure (1.5 atm) in C₆D₆ at ambient conditions after t=24h;



Figure S43. Proton NMR resonances of the catalytic aerobic oxidation of PPh₃ using 1 mol% of **7** under O_2 pressure (1.5 atm) in C_6D_6 at ambient conditions after t=24h; Depicted integrals correspond to the ratio of OPPh₃:PPh₃.



Figure S44. Phosphorus NMR resonances of the catalytic aerobic oxidation of PPh₃ using 1 mol% of 7 under O₂ pressure (1.5 atm) in C₆D₆ at ambient conditions after t=24h;



Figure S45. Selected Proton NMR resonances of a reaction of **9** $[MoO(O_2)(L2)_2]$ with 2 equiv of PMe₃ after t=6h showing a mixture of **5** $[MoO(PMe_3)(L2)_2]$ and compound **9** (two isomers each) but no observable amount of **2** $[MoO_2(L2)_2]$.

	1	2	3	5	6	8	9
Empirical formula	$C_{38}H_{60}MoN_2O_6$	$\begin{array}{c} C_{42}H_{52}MoN_2O_4\\ \cdot2C_2H_3N \end{array}$	C ₂₆ H ₃₃ MoNO ₅	$\begin{array}{c} C_{45}H_{61}MoN_{2}O_{3}P \\ \cdot \ 2 \ C_{2}H_{3}N \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} C_{76}H_{120}Mo_{2}N_{4}O_{11} \cdot \\ 2C_{2}H_{3}N \end{array}$	$C_{38}H_{60}MoN_2O_7$	$\begin{array}{c} C_{42}H_{52}M_{0}N_{2}O_{5}\cdot\\ C_{2}H_{3}N \end{array}$
Formula weight	736.82	826.90	535.47	886.97	1539.74	752.82	801.85
Crystal description	block, yellow	block, yellow	needle, yellow	block, red	hexag.prism, red	block, red	block, orange
Crystal size	0.21x0.18x0.10mm	0.28x0.14x0.09mm	0.35x0.27x0.22mm	0.33x0.30x0.26mm	0.21x0.21x0.10mm	0.30x0.26x0.25mm	0.33x0.22x0.17mm
Crystal system, space group	monoclinic, P 2/c	triclinic, P -1	triclinic, P-1	monoclinic, C c	hexagonal, P 62	triclinic, P -1	triclinic, P-1
a [Å]	15.2606(7)	15.4021(18)	12.1713(10)	24.303(3)	20.8493(5)	12.7072(6)	11.644(3)
b [Å]	6.7476(3)	15.8934(17)	19.2747(15)	11.8823(17)	20.8493(5)	13.9605(6)	13.947(3)
c [Å]	19.2173(9)	18.927(2)	23.7171(19)	20.158(3)	17.0636(6)	14.0637(7)	14.644(4)
α [°]		82.417(6)	109.3961(15)			109.1480(19)	107.150(5)
β [°]	96.6167(18)	81.517(5)	91.7499(16)	123.096(2)		113.2260(18)	104.487(6)
γ[°]		75.416(5)	101.7046(15)			103.9996(16)	98.883(6)
Volume [Å ³]	1965.67(16)	4413.0(9)	5110.1(7)	4876.8(12)	6423.7(4)	1957.78(16)	2132.3(9)
Z	2	4	8	4	3	2	2
Unit cell determination	2.39° <Θ< 30.95°	2.38°<⊖<26.84°	2.75°<Θ<35.61°	2.67°<Θ< 35.63°	2.55°<Θ<28.51°	2.49°<Θ<30.80°	2.64°<Θ<30.68°
Reflections used	8005	9939	9881	9401	9536	9949	9822
Θ range for data collection	2.13 to 29.99°	1.83 to 26.00°	1.96 to 30.00°	2.41 to 35.00°	2.55 to 25.00°	1.96 to 30.00°	2.51 to 30.00°
Refl. collected / unique	16638 / 5729	57224 / 17329	139145 / 29772	61113 / 20807	41606/7534	22914 / 11283	57870 / 12427
R(int), R(sigma)	0.0281, 0.0350	0.0292, 0.0695	0.0482, 0.0370	0.0261, 0.0303	0.0969, 0.0981	0.0187, 0.0236	0.0568, 0.0479
Completeness (Θ_{max})	99.7 % (29.99°)	99.9% (26.0°)	99.9% (30.0°)	100.0% (35.0°)	99.9%(25.0°)	98.8%(30.0°)	99.9%(30.0°)
Data/parameters/restraints	5729/269/16	17329 / 1069 / 8	29772/1269/0	20807 / 584 / 2	7534/497/19	11283/499/0	12427/546/17
Signif. unique refl. $[I > 2\sigma (I)]$	5160	12216	20808	19931	5744	10468	10530
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.066	1.132	1.018	1.049	1.034	1.131	1.044
Final R indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)] R1$, wR2	0.0313, 0.0746	0.0607, 0.1276	0.0336, 0.0887	0.0257, 0.0622	0.0547, 0.1090	0.0372, 0.0829	0.0368, 0.0791
R indices (all data) R1, wR2	0.0368, 0.0772	0.0893, 0.1375	0.0534, 0.0980	0.0281, 0.0635	0.0885, 0.1272	0.0412, 0.0853	0.0503, 0.0854
Largest Δ/σ in last cycle	0.001	0.002	0.003	0.001	0.007	0.002	0.002
Larg. difference peak and hole [e/ Å ³]	0.493 and -0.485	0.770 and -0.991	1.115 and -0.854	0.763 and -0.322	0.842 and -1.196	2.058 and -2.513	0.755 and -0.994
CCDC - Number	1476035	1476036	1476037	1476038	1486756	1476039	1476040

 Table S1. Selected crystallographic data and structure refinement for 1-3, 5, 6, 8 and 9.

Weighting scheme

 $w=1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2)+(aP)^2+bP]$ where $P=(F_o^2+2F_c^2)/3$

Structure determination of 1. All the measurements were performed using graphitemonochromatized Mo K_a radiation at 100K: C₃₈H₆₀MoN₂O₆, M_r 736.82, monoclinic, space group P 2/c, a = 15.2606(7)Å, b = 6.7476(3)Å, c = 19.2173(9)Å, β = 96.6167(18)°, V = 1965.67(16)Å³, Z = 2, $d_{calc} = 1.245 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $\mu = 0.377 \text{ mm}^{-1}$. A total of 16638 reflections were collected ($\Theta_{max} = 29.9^{\circ}$), from which 5729 were unique ($R_{int} =$ 0.0281), with 5160 having I > $2\sigma(I)$. The structure could not be solved by direct methods (SHELXS-97)¹ in P 2/c, but in the non-centrosymmetric space group P c. After completion of the molecule a two-fold rotation axis could be detected. Refinement by full-matrix least-squares techniques against F^2 (SHELXL-2014/6)¹ was performed in the centric space group P 2/c after an appropriate shift of the origin. The tert. butyl groups bonded to the phenyl rings are disordered over two orientations and refined with site occupation factors of 0.514(3) and 0.486(3), respectively. The C-C bonds in these groups were restrained to 1.53Å, and the same anisotropic displacement parameters were used for these disordered atoms whose positions are close together. The H atoms of the tert. butyl groups were included with idealized geometries with tetrahedral angles and C-H distances of 0.98Å, but enabling rotation around the C-C bond, with their isotropic displacement parameters fixed to 1.2 times U_{eq} of the C atom they are bonded to. The other non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters without any constraints. The H atoms of the CH₂ groups were refined with common isotropic displacement parameters for the H atoms of the same group and idealized geometry with approximately tetrahedral angles and C-H distances of 0.99Å. The H atoms of the phenyl ring were put at the external bisectors of the C–C–C angles at C–H distances of 0.95Å and common isotropic displacement parameters were refined for these H atoms. The H atom H17 was put at the external bisector of the N-C-C angle at a C–H distance of 0.95Å but the individual isotropic displacement parameter was free to refine. The H atoms of the methyl group C104 were refined with a common isotropic displacement parameter and idealized geometries with tetrahedral angles, enabling rotation around the O-C bond, and C–H distances of 0.98Å. For 269 parameters final *R* indices of R1 = 0.0313 and wR² = 0.0772 (GOF = 1.066) were obtained. The largest peak in a difference Fourier map was $0.493eÅ^{-3}$.



Figure S46. Stereoscopic ORTEP² plot of **1** showing the atomic numbering scheme. The probability ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. The H atoms are drawn with arbitrary radii. The bonds of the disordered *tert*-butyl groups in the less occupied orientations are plotted with open bonds. The H atoms of these groups were omitted for clarity reasons.

 Table S2. Additional crystal data and structure refinement for 1.

Crystal data	
Calculated density	$1.245 Mg/m^3$
F(000)	784
Linear absorption coefficient µ	0.377mm^{-1}
Absorption correction	semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.792
Data collection	
Temperature	100K
Diffractometer	Bruker APEX–II CCD
Radiation source	fine-focus sealed tube

Radiation and wavelength Monochromator Scan type	Mo K _{α} , 0.71073Å graphite ϕ and ω scans
Refinement	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Extinction expression	none
Structure Solution Program	SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 2008)
Structure Refinement Program	SHELXL-2014/6 (Sheldrick, 2008)

Table S3. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for **1**.

Mo(1)-O(1)	1.7099(11)
Mo(1)-O(11)	1.9729(11)
Mo(1)-N(1)	2.3319(12)
O(11)-C(11)	1.3469(17)
C(17)-N(1)	1.286(2)
N(1)-C(101)	1.487(2)

O(1)-Mo(1)-N(1) 163.34(5) $\begin{array}{l} O(1) \cdot Mo(1) \cdot O(11)^{i} \cdot 161.05(6) \\ O(1) \cdot Mo(1) \cdot O(1)^{i} \cdot 107.83(8) \\ N(1) \cdot Mo(1) \cdot N(1)^{i} \cdot 75.13(6) \end{array}$ C(11)-O(11)-Mo(1)132.06(10) N(1)-C(17)-C(16) 126.38(15) C(17)-N(1)-C(101) 115.02(13) C(17)-N(1)-Mo(1) 123.18(11) C(101)-N(1)-Mo(1)121.79(10)

 $\overline{\text{Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:}}$ 1-x, y, 3/2-z

Structure determination of 2. All the measurements were performed using monochromatized Mo K_{α} radiation at 100K: C₄₂H₅₂MoN₂O₄ · 2C₂H₃N, M_r 826.90, triclinic, space group P -1, a = 15.4021(18)Å, b = 15.8934(17)Å, c = 18.927(2)Å, $\alpha =$ $82.417(6)^{\circ}, \beta = 81.517(5)^{\circ}, \gamma = 75.416(5)^{\circ}, V = 4413.0(9)\text{Å}^3, Z = 4, d_{calc} = 1.245 \text{g cm}^{-1}$ ³, $\mu = 0.342$ mm⁻¹. A total of 57224 reflections were collected ($\Theta_{max} = 26.0^{\circ}$), from which 17329 were unique ($R_{int} = 0.0438$), with 12216 having I > $2\sigma(I)$. The structure was solved by direct methods (SHELXS-97)¹ and refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques against F^2 (SHELXL-2014/6)¹. The asymmetric unit consists of two formula units. Two of the four acetonitrile solvent molecules lying around a center of symmetry are disordered over two orientations each and were refined with site occupation factors of 0.613(5) and 0.387(5). The C-N bonds and the C-C bonds in these disordered solvent molecules were restrained to 1.14 and 1.45Å, respectively. The other nonhydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters without any constraints. The H atoms of the phenyl rings were put at the external bisectors of the C-C-C angles at C-H distances of 0.95Å and common isotropic displacement parameters were refined for the H atoms of the same ring. The H atoms of the N=CH double bonds were put at the external bisectors of the N–C–C angles at C–H distances of 0.95Å. The isotropic displacement parameters were defined together with those of the adjacent rings. The H atoms of the tert-butyl groups were refined with common isotropic displacement parameters for the H atoms of the same group and idealized geometry with tetrahedral angles, staggered conformation, and C-H distances of 0.98Å. The H atoms of the methyl groups of the solvent molecules were refined with one common isotropic displacement parameter and idealized geometries with tetrahedral angles, enabling rotation around the C-C bond, and C-H distances of 0.98Å. For 1069 parameters final R indices of R1 = 0.0607 and $wR^2 = 0.1375$ (GOF = 1.132) were obtained. The largest peak in a difference Fourier map was 0.770eÅ⁻³.



Figure S47. Stereoscopic $ORTEP^2$ plot of molecule **A** of **2** showing the atomic numbering scheme. The probability ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. The H atoms were omitted for clarity reasons.



Figure S48. Stereoscopic $ORTEP^2$ plot of of molecule **B** of **2** showing the atomic numbering scheme. The probability ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. The H atoms were omitted for clarity reasons.

Table S4. Additional crystal data and structure refinement for 2.

Crystal data	
Calculated density	$1.245 Mg/m^3$
F(000)	1744
Linear absorption coefficient µ	0.342mm ⁻¹
Absorption correction	semi–empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.695
Data collection	
Temperature	100K
Diffractometer	Bruker APEX–II CCD
Radiation source	Incoatec microfocus sealed tube
Radiation and wavelength	MoK _α , 0.71073Å
Monochromator	multilayer monochromator
Scan type	ϕ and ω scans
Index ranges	$-18 \le h \le 18, -19 \le k \le 19, -23 \le l \le 23$
Refinement	
Refinement method	Full–matrix least–squares on F ²
Extinction expression	none
Structure Solution Program	SHELXS–97 (Sheldrick, 2008)
Structure Refinement Program	SHELXL-2014/6 (Sheldrick, 2008)

Table S5. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles $[\circ]$ for 2.

Mo(1)-O(2) 1.706(3)	Mo(2)-O(3) 1.707(3)
Mo(1)-O(1) 1.707(3)	Mo(2)-O(4) 1.712(3)
Mo(1)-O(21) 1.946(2)	Mo(2)-O(41) 1.943(2)
Mo(1)-O(11) 1.946(3)	Mo(2)-O(31) 1.946(2)
Mo(1)-N(1) 2.375(3)	Mo(2)-N(3) 2.375(3)
Mo(1)-N(2) 2.394(3)	Mo(2)-N(4) 2.383(3)
O(11)-C(11) 1.328(4)	O(31)-C(31) 1.338(4)
C(17)-N(1) 1.279(5)	C(37)-N(3) 1.292(4)
N(1)-C(101) 1.434(4)	N(3)-C(301) 1.425(5)
O(21)-C(21) 1.344(4)	O(41)-C(41) 1.361(4)
C(27)-N(2) 1.283(5)	C(47)-N(4) 1.294(5)
N(2)-C(201) 1.423(4)	N(4)-C(401) 1.454(5)
O(21)-Mo(1)-O(11)152.33(11)	C(201)-N(2)-Mo(1)122.6(2)
O(1)-Mo(1)-N(1) 169.84(12)	O(41)-Mo(2)-O(31)152.37(11)
O(2)-Mo(1)-N(2) 168.57(12)	O(3)-Mo(2)-N(3) 169.75(11)
C(11)-O(11)-Mo(1)131.3(2)	O(4)-Mo(2)-N(4) 168.09(12)
N(1)-C(17)-C(16) 127.6(4)	C(31)-O(31)-Mo(2)131.9(2)
C(17)-N(1)-C(101)115.8(3)	N(3)-C(37)-C(36) 128.2(4)
C(17)-N(1)-Mo(1) 117.6(3)	C(37)-N(3)-C(301)115.4(3)
C(101)-N(1)-Mo(1)124.3(2)	C(37)-N(3)-Mo(2) 118.7(2)
C(21)-O(21)-Mo(1)133.2(2)	C(301)-N(3)-Mo(2)123.7(2)
N(2)-C(27)-C(26) 127.2(4)	C(41)-O(41)-Mo(2)132.6(2)
C(27)-N(2)-C(201)116.5(3)	N(4)-C(47)-C(46) 126.4(4)
C(27)-N(2)-Mo(1) 119.1(3)	C(47)-N(4)-C(401)115.5(3)

Structure determination of 3. All the measurements were performed using monochromatized Mo K_{α} radiation at 100K: C₂₆H₃₃MoNO₅, M_r 535.47, triclinic, space group P -1, a = 12.1713(10)Å, b = 19.2747(15)Å, c = 23.7171(19)Å, α = 109.3961(15)°, $\beta = 91.7499(16)°$, $\gamma = 101.7046(15)°$, $V = 5110.1(7)Å^3$, Z = 8, $d_{calc} =$ 1.392g cm⁻³, $\mu = 0.548$ mm⁻¹. A total of 139145 reflections were collected ($\Theta_{max} =$ 30.0°), from which 29772 were unique (R_{int} = 0.0482), with 20808 having I $>2\sigma(I).$ The structure was solved by direct methods $(SHELXS-97)^1$ and refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques against F^2 (SHELXL-2014/6).¹ The non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters without any constraints. The H atoms of the phenyl rings were put at the external bisectors of the C-C-C angles at C-H distances of 0.95Å and common isotropic displacement parameters were refined for the H atoms of the same ring. The H atoms bonded to a C atom of a N=CH group or to the central C atom of an acac ligand were put at the external bisectors of the X–C–C angles at C-H distances of 0.95Å but the individual isotropic displacement parameters were free to refine. The H atoms of the methyl groups were refined with common isotropic displacement parameters for the H atoms of the same group and idealized geometries with tetrahedral angles, enabling rotation around the C-C bond, and C-H distances of 0.98Å. For 1269 parameters final R indices of R1 = 0.0336 and $wR^2 = 0.0980$ (GOF = 1.018) were obtained. The largest peak in a difference Fourier map was 1.115eÅ⁻³.



Figure S49. Stereoscopic $ORTEP^2$ plot of one of the four complexes of the asymmetric unit of **3** showing the atomic numbering scheme. The probability ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. The H atoms were omitted for clarity reasons.



Figure S50. $ORTEP^2$ plot of the four complexes of the asymmetric unit of **3**. The probability ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. The H atoms were omitted for clarity reasons.

 Table S6. Additional crystal data and structure refinement for 3.

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Crystal data	
Calculated density	1.392Mg/m^3
F(000)	2224
Linear absorption coefficient µ	0.548mm^{-1}
Absorption correction	semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.747 and 0.568
Data collection	
Temperature	100K
Diffractometer	Bruker APEX–II CCD
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Radiation source	fine-focus sealed tube
Radiation and wavelength	MoK _α , 0.71073Å
Monochromator	graphite
Scan type	ϕ and ω scans
Refinement	
Refinement method	Full–matrix least–squares on F ²
Extinction expression	none
Structure Solution Program	SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 2008)
Structure Refinement Program	SHELXL-2014/6 (Sheldrick, 2008)

 Table S7. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for 2.

C(77)-N(7)-Mo(4) 122.63(11) C(701)-N(7)-Mo(4)119.74(11) C(82)-O(82)-Mo(4)134.51(12) C(84)-O(84)-Mo(4)131.74(11)

 $\begin{array}{l} C(11)-C(12)-C(120)-C(121)-175.96(16)\\ C(13)-C(14)-C(140)-C(141)-175.96(15)\\ C(31)-C(32)-C(320)-C(321)-174.76(15)\\ C(33)-C(34)-C(340)-C(341)2.3(2)\\ C(51)-C(52)-C(520)-C(521)-176.26(16)\\ C(53)-C(54)-C(540)-C(541)3.1(2)\\ C(71)-C(72)-C(720)-C(721)-177.72(15)\\ C(73)-C(74)-C(740)-C(741)-174.73(15)\\ \end{array}$

Structure determination of 5. All the measurements were performed using monochromatized Mo K_{α} radiation at 100K: C₄₅H₆₁MoN₂O₃P · 2CH₃CN, M_r 886.97, monoclinic, space group C c, a = 24.303(3)Å, b = 11.8823(17)Å, c = 20.158(3)Å, β = $123.096(2)^{\circ}$, V = 4876.8(12)Å³, Z = 4, d_{calc} = 1.208g cm⁻³, μ = 0.344mm⁻¹. A total of 61113 reflections were collected ($\Theta_{max} = 35.0^{\circ}$), from which 20807 were unique ($R_{int} =$ 0.0261), with 19931 having I > $2\sigma(I)$. The structure was solved by direct methods $(SHELXS-97)^1$ and refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques against F^2 (SHELXL-2014/6).¹ The absolute configuration was established by anomalous dispersion effects in the diffraction measurements on the crystal. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters without any constraints. The tert. butyl group bonded to C24 was disordered over two orientations and refined with site occupation factors of 0.819(4) and 0.181(4), respectively. The H atoms of the phenyl rings as well as those of the imino groups were put at the external bisectors of the X–C–C angles at C–H distances of 0.95Å and common isotropic displacement parameters were refined for the H atoms of the same phenyl ring. The H atoms of the methyl groups and those of the tert. butyl groups were refined with common isotropic displacement parameters for the H atoms of the same group and idealized geometries with tetrahedral angles, enabling rotation around the C-C bond, and C-H distances of 0.98Å. The largest peaks in a final difference Fourier map $(0.53 - 0.76eÅ^{-3})$ were in the vicinity (0.69 - 0.76Å) of the Mo atom. For 584 parameters final R indices of R1 =0.0257 and wR² = 0.0635 (GOF = 1.049) were obtained.



Figure S51. Stereoscopic ORTEP² plot of **5** showing the atomic numbering scheme. The probability ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. The H atoms, the disordered *tert*. butyl group in the orientation with a low site occupation factor of 0.181(4), and the acetonitrile solvent molecules were omitted for clarity reasons.

Table S8. Additional crysta	l data and structure	refinement for 5.
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Crystal data	
Calculated density	$1.392 \mathrm{Mg/m}^3$
F(000)	2224
Linear absorption coefficient μ	0.344 mm ⁻¹
Absorption correction	semi–empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.747 and 0.676
Data collection	
Temperature	100K
Diffractometer	Bruker APEX–II CCD
Radiation source	fine-focus sealed tube
Radiation and wavelength	MoK _α , 0.71073Å
Monochromator	graphite
Scan type	ϕ and ω scans
Refinement	
Refinement method	Full–matrix least–squares on F ²
Extinction expression	none
Structure Solution Program	SHELXS–97 (Sheldrick, 2008)
Structure Refinement Program	SHELXL-2014/6 (Sheldrick, 2008)
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Table S9.	Selected	bond	lengths	[Å]	and	angles	[°]	for 5 .
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Mo(1)-O(1)	1.7037(13)
Mo(1)-O(11)	2.0660(14)
Mo(1)-O(21)	2.0816(11)
Mo(1)-N(1)	2.1272(13)
Mo(1)-N(2)	2.1769(13)
Mo(1)-P(1)	2.5289(6)
P(1)-C(1)	1.824(2)
P(1)-C(2)	1.8249(18)
P(1)-C(3)	1.826(2)
C(17)-N(1)	1.309(2)
C(27)-N(2)	1.302(2)

O(1)-Mo(1)-O(11)169.78(6) P(1)-Mo(1)-O(21)168.00(4) N(1)-Mo(1)-N(2)164.99(5) O(1)-Mo(1)-P(1) 86.87(5) O(11)-Mo(1)-P(1)83.18(4) N(1)-Mo(1)-P(1) 87.38(4) N(2)-Mo(1)-P(1)100.09(4) C(1)-P(1)-C(2) 101.38(9) C(1)-P(1)-C(3) 102.01(11) C(2)-P(1)-C(3) 101.65(11) C(1)-P(1)-Mo(1) 113.95(6) C(2)-P(1)-Mo(1) 123.07(7) C(3)-P(1)-Mo(1) 112.11(7) C(11)-O(11)-Mo(1)137.42(10) C(17)-N(1)-C(101)114.78(12) C(17)-N(1)-Mo(1)128.53(11) C(101)-N(1)-Mo(1)116.63(9) C(21)-O(21)-Mo(1)131.39(9) C(27)-N(2)-C(201)115.40(13) C(27)-N(2)-Mo(1)123.47(10) C(201)-N(2)-Mo(1) 121.03(10)

Crystal structure determination of 6. All the measurements were performed using monochromatized Mo K_{α} radiation at 100K: C₇₆H₁₂₀Mo₂N₄O₁₁ · 2C₂H₃N, M_r 1539.74, hexagonal, space group P 6_2 , a = 20.8493(5)Å, b = 20.8493(5)Å, c = 17.0636(6)Å, V = 6423.7(4)Å³, Z = 3, $d_{calc} = 1.194$ g cm⁻³, $\mu = 0.349$ mm⁻¹. A total of 41606 reflections were collected ($\Theta_{max} = 25.0^{\circ}$), from which 7534 were unique ($R_{int} = 0.0969$), with 5744 having I > $2\sigma(I)$. The structure was solved by direct methods (SHELXS-97)² in P 3₂. After completion of the molecule a two-fold rotation axis through the μ_2 -oxo atom could be detected. Refinement by full-matrix least-squares techniques against F^2 $(SHELXL-2014/6)^2$ in space group P 6₂ after an appropriate shift of the origin. The absolute configuration was established by anomalous dispersion effects in the diffraction measurements on the crystal. The methoxypropyl group bonded to N2 was disordered over two orientations and refined with site occupation factors of 0.517(14) and 0.483(14), respectively. The equivalent bonds in this disordered group were restrained to have the same lengths and the same anisotropic displacement parameters were used for the two atoms C202/C212, and C203/C213 whose positions are close together. The disordered acetonitrile solvent molecules were refined as rigid bodies; their equivalent bonds were restrained to have the same lengths. The other nonhydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters without any constraints. The H atoms of the phenyl rings as well as those of the imino groups were put at the external bisectors of the X-C-C angles at C-H distances of 0.95Å and common isotropic displacement parameters were refined for the H atoms of the same ligand. The H atoms of the CH₂ groups were refined with common isotropic displacement parameters for the H atoms of the same propyl group and idealized geometry with approximately tetrahedral angles and C–H distances of 0.99Å. The H atoms of the methyl groups were refined with common isotropic displacement

parameters for the H atoms of the same methyl group or of the same *tert*-butyl group, resp., and idealized geometries with tetrahedral angles, enabling rotation around the X–C bond, and C–H distances of 0.98Å. For 497 parameters final *R* indices of R1 = 0.0547 and wR² = 0.1272 (GOF = 1.034) were obtained. The largest peak in a difference Fourier map was 0.842eÅ⁻³.



Figure S52. Stereoscopic $ORTEP^2$ plot of **6** showing the atomic numbering scheme. The probability ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. The H atoms as well as the less occupied disordered methoxypropyl group were omitted for clarity reasons.

 Table S10. Additional crystal data and structure refinement for 6.

Crystal data	
Calculated density	$1.194 Mg/m^3$
F(000)	2460
Linear absorption coefficient µ	0.349mm^{-1}
Absorption correction	semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.650
Data collection	
Temperature	100K
Diffractometer	Bruker APEX–II CCD

Radiation source	Incoatec microfocus sealed tube
Radiation and wavelength	$MoK_{\alpha}, 0.71073Å$
Monochromator	multilayer monochromator
Scan type	ϕ and ω scans
Refinement	
Refinement method	Full–matrix least–squares on F ²
Extinction expression	none
Structure Solution Program	SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 2008)
Structure Refinement Program	SHELXL-2014/6 (Sheldrick, 2008)

 Table S11. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for 6.

Mo(1)-O(1)1.694(6) Mo(1)-O(2)1.8883(18) Mo(1)-O(11) 2.054(6) Mo(1)-O(21) 2.063(5) Mo(1)-N(1)2.182(6) Mo(1)-N(2)2.155(6) O(11)-C(11) 1.337(9) C(17)-N(1) 1.303(10)O(21)-C(21) 1.311(8) C(27)-N(2) 1.294(10) $Mo(1)-O(2)-Mo(1)^{i}157.2(5)$ O(1)-Mo(1)-O(11) 164.2(2) O(2)-Mo(1)-O(21) 166.3(3) N(1)-Mo(1)-N(2) 174.3(3)

C(11)-O(11)-Mo(1)131.0(5) C(17)-N(1)-C(101)115.4(7) C(17)-N(1)-Mo(1) 125.6(6) C(101)-N(1)-Mo(1)118.7(5) C(21)-O(21)-Mo(1)131.0(4) C(27)-N(2)-C(201)113.6(6) C(27)-N(2)-Mo(1) 122.8(5) C(201)-N(2)-Mo(1)123.1(5)

C(16)-C(17)-N(1)-C(101)-179.3(7) C(16)-C(17)-N(1)-Mo(1) -5.8(12) C(26)-C(27)-N(2)-C(201)-176.6(9) C(26)-C(27)-N(2)-Mo(1) 10.9(13)

Symmetry transformation used to generate the equivalent atom:

ⁱ⁾ 1-x, 2-y, z

Crystal structure determination of 8. All the measurements were performed using monochromatized Mo K_{α} radiation at 100K: C₃₈H₆₀MoN₂O₇, M_r 752.82, triclinic, space group P -1, a = 12.7072(6)Å, b = 13.9605(6)Å, c = 14.0637(7)Å, α = 109.1480(19)°, β = 113.2260(18)°, γ = 103.9996(16)°, V = 1957.78(16)Å³, Z = 2, d_{calc} = 1.277g cm⁻³, μ = 0.382mm⁻¹. A total of 22914 reflections were collected ($\Theta_{max} = 30.0^{\circ}$), from which 11283 were unique ($R_{int} = 0.0187$), with 10468 having I > $2\sigma(I)$. The structure was solved by direct methods (SHELXS-97)¹ and refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques against F^2 (SHELXL-2014/6).¹ The non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters without any constraints. The oxo and peroxo groups are disordered over two orientations. Site occupation factors [0.710(4) and 0.290(4), resp.] adding to unity were refined for the two orientations. The H atoms of the CH₂ groups were refined with common isotropic displacement parameters for the H atoms of the same group and idealized geometry with approximately tetrahedral angles and C–H distances of 0.99Å. The H atoms of the phenyl rings were put at the external bisectors of the C-C-C angles at C-H distances of 0.95Å and common isotropic displacement parameters were refined for the H atoms of the same phenyl group. The H atoms H17 and H27 were put at the external bisector of the C-C-C angle at a C-H distance of 0.95Å but the individual isotropic displacement parameters were free to refine. The H atoms of the methyl groups were refined with common isotropic displacement parameters for the H atoms of the same group and idealized geometries with tetrahedral angles, enabling rotation around the X-C bond, and C-H distances of 0.98Å. For 499 parameters final R indices of R1 = 0.0372 and $wR^2 = 0.0853$ (GOF = 1.131) were obtained. The largest peak in a difference Fourier map was 2.058eÅ⁻³.



Figure S53. Stereoscopic $ORTEP^2$ plot of **8** showing the atomic numbering scheme. The probability ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. The H atoms were omitted for clarity reasons. The bonds to the O atoms with site occupation factors of 0.290(4) are plotted with dashed lines.

Table S12. Additional crystal data and structure refinement for 8.

$1.277 Mg/m^3$
800
0.382mm^{-1}
semi–empirical from equivalents
0.746 and 0.640
100K
Bruker APEX–II CCD
fine-focus sealed tube
MoK _α , 0.71073Å
graphite
ϕ and ω scans
Full–matrix least–squares on F ²
none
SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 2008)
SHELXL–2014/6 (Sheldrick, 2008)

 Table S13. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for 8.

Mo(1)-O(1)	1.642(2)
Mo(1)-O(2)	1.981(2)
Mo(1)-O(3)	2.012(2)
Mo(1)-O(11)	2.0413(12)
Mo(1)-O(21)	2.0262(12)
Mo(1)-N(1)	2.1810(15)
Mo(1)-N(2)	2.1852(15)
O(2)-O(3)	1.430(3)
O(11)-C(11)	1.3192(19)
C(17)-N(1)	1.294(2)
N(1)-C(101)	1.478(2)
O(21)-C(21)	1.323(2)
C(27)-N(2)	1.293(2)
N(2)-C(201)	1.484(2)
N(1)-Mo(1)-N	(2) 160.74(5)
O(1)-Mo(1)-C	0(11)170.71(9)
O(2)-Mo(1)-C	0(21)156.79(7)
O(3)-Mo(1)-C	0(21)154.59(7)
C(11)-O(11)-N	Mo(1)130.87(10)
C(17)-N(1)-C	(101)116.14(15)
C(17)-N(1)-M	lo(1)123.91(12)
C(101)-N(1)-N	Mo(1)119.84(11)
C(21)-O(21)-N	Mo(1)131.94(11)
C(27)-N(2)-C	(201)116.12(15)
C(27)-N(2)-M	lo(1)123.61(11)
C(201)-N(2)-N	Mo(1)120.22(11)

Crystal structure determination of 9. All the measurements were performed using monochromatized Mo K_{α} radiation at 100K: C₄₂H₅₂MoN₂O₅ · C₂H₃N, M_r 801.85, triclinic, space group P -1, a = 11.644(3)Å, b = 13.947(3)Å, c = 14.644(4)Å, α = $107.150(5)^{\circ}, \beta = 104.487(6)^{\circ}, \gamma = 98.883(6)^{\circ}, V = 2132.3(9)\text{\AA}^3, Z = 2, d_{calc} = 1.249\text{g}$ cm⁻³, $\mu = 0.353$ mm⁻¹. A total of 57870 reflections were collected ($\Theta_{max} = 30.0^{\circ}$), from which 12427 were unique ($R_{int} = 0.0568$), with 10530 having I > $2\sigma(I)$. The structure was solved by direct methods (SHELXS-97)¹ and refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques against F^2 (SHELXL-2014/6).¹ The acetonitrile solvent molecule (N51 to C58) was disordered over four orientations and was refined with site occupation factors of 0.315(3), 0.296(3), 0.295(3), and 0.094(2), resp., summing up to unity. The equivalent bonds in these solvent molecules were restrained to have the same lengths and the same anisotropic displacement parameters were used for closely spaced molecular orientations of this solvent molecule. Consequently, one of the nearby situated *tert*. butyl groups (bonded to C14) and the phenyl ring bonded to N2 also were disordered over two orientations and were refined with site occupation factors of 0.906(2), and 0.094(2), respectively. The C-C bonds in the disordered tert. butyl group in the less occupied orientation were restrained to 1.53Å. The C atoms of the disordered phenyl ring in the less occupied orientation were fitted to a regular hexagon with C-C distances of 1.39Å. The same anisotropic displacement parameters were used for equivalent C atoms in these two disordered groups. The other non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters without any constraints. The H atoms of the phenyl rings and of the imino groups were put at the external bisectors of the X-C-C angles at C-H distances of 0.95Å and common isotropic displacement parameters were refined for the H atoms of the same ring including the H atom of the adjacent imino group. The H atoms of the tert. butyl groups and of the methyl groups of the

solvent molecules were refined with common isotropic displacement parameters for the H atoms of the same group and idealized geometries with tetrahedral angles, enabling rotation around the C–C bond, and C–H distances of 0.98Å. The H atoms of the disordered *tert*-butyl group in the less occupied orientation were refined with staggered conformations. For 546 parameters final *R* indices of R1 = 0.0368 and wR² = 0.0855 (GOF = 1.044) were obtained. The largest peak in a difference Fourier map was 0.755eÅ⁻³.



Figure S54. Stereoscopic ORTEP² plot of **9** showing the atomic numbering scheme. The probability ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. The H atoms, the disordered parts of the complex in the orientations with low site occupation factors of 0.094(2), and the disordered acetonitrile solvent molecule were omitted for clarity reasons.

 Table S14. Additional crystal data and structure refinement for 9.

Crystal data	
Calculated density	$1.249 Mg/m^3$
F(000)	844
Linear absorption coefficient μ	0.353mm^{-1}
Absorption correction	semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.723
	C 40

Data collection	
Temperature	100K
Diffractometer	Bruker APEX–II CCD
Radiation source	Incoatec microfocus sealed tube
Radiation and wavelength	MoK _α , 0.71073Å
Monochromator	multilayer monochromator
Scan type	ϕ and ω scans
Refinement	
Refinement method	Full–matrix least–squares on F ²
Extinction expression	none
Structure Solution Program	SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 2008)
Structure Refinement Program	SHELXL–2014/6 (Sheldrick, 2008)

 Table S15. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for 9.

Mo(1)-O(1)	1.6928(13)
Mo(1)-O(2)	1.9581(13)
Mo(1)-O(3)	1.9301(13)
Mo(1)-O(11)	2.0166(12)
Mo(1)-O(21)	2.0493(12)
Mo(1)-N(1)	2.2137(15)
Mo(1)-N(2)	2.1654(15)
O(2)-O(3)	1.4425(18)
O(11)-C(11)	1.3289(19)
C(17)-N(1)	1.296(2)
O(21)-C(21)	1.320(2)
C(27)-N(2)	1.301(2)
O(1)-Mo(1)-C	0(11)162.17(5)
O(2)-Mo(1)-C	0(21)155.35(5)
O(3)-Mo(1)-C	0(21)155.32(5)
N(1)-Mo(1)-N	I(2) 164.52(5)
C(11)-O(11)-I	Mo(1)133.31(11)
C(17)-N(1)-C	(101)116.92(15)
C(17)-N(1)-M	lo(1)125.59(12)
C(101)-N(1)-I	Mo(1)117.32(10)
C(21)-O(21)-I	Mo(1)128.53(10)
C(27)-N(2)-C	(201)115.49(15)
C(27)-N(2)-M	lo(1)121.54(12)
C(201)-N(2)-I	Mo(1) 121.57(12)

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