## **Supporting information**

## Experimental

The catalyst was characterized with ICP. The ICP measurements were conducted on a Perkin Elmer Plasma 400. The result indicates that the catalyst has a P/V/Mo ratio of 1/2.14/9.37, which is close to the formula ratio. The infrared spectra were recorded on a Nicolet 6700. X-ray powder diffraction (XRD) patterns were performed on a Shimadzu XRD-6000. The 2 $\theta$  angles were scanned from 5° to 90°. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV 600 spectrometer. The field frequency stabilization was locked to deuterium by placing a coaxial inner tube with D<sub>2</sub>O into 10 mm tube containing the sample. The chemical shifts were quoted in ppm from VOCl<sub>3</sub>. UV-vis spectra of the solutions before and after the reaction were recorded on an UV-vis spectrophotometer TU-1901, using 10 mm closed cells at room temperature.

## Figures



**Fig. S1** FTIR spectrum of  $H_5PV_2Mo_{10}O_{40}$ .



Fig. S2 XRD spectrum of  $H_5PV_2Mo_{10}O_{40}$ .



Fig. S3 UV-vis spectrum of  $H_5PV_2Mo_{10}O_{40}$ .



Fig. S4 Stability of FA in H<sub>5</sub>PV<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>10</sub>O<sub>40</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> aqueous solutions with O<sub>2</sub> at different acid concentrations. Conditions: FA, 0.24g; catalyst, 0.10g; reaction time, 5 min; temperature, 180 °C; H<sub>2</sub>O, 6 cm<sup>3</sup>; O<sub>2</sub>, 3 MPa.