

## Supporting Information

### **MoO<sub>x</sub>-pyridine organic-inorganic hybrid wires as a reusable and highly selective catalyst for the oxidation of alcohols: a comparison study between reaction-controlled phase-transfer catalysis and heterogeneous catalysis**

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Table S1 Comparison of the activity of the MoO<sub>x</sub>-pyridine wires with other Mo-based catalysts used in oxidation of benzyl alcohol to benzaldehyde with O<sub>2</sub>.

Entry	Catalyst	Time (h)	Reaction conditions/T(°C)	Con. (%)	Sel. (%)	Y. (%)	Ref.
1	PVMo/C	22	Toluene/100	97	100	-	[1]
2	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> H <sub>6</sub> PV <sub>8</sub> -Mo <sub>4</sub> O <sub>40</sub> /C	15	Toluene/100	-	-	92	[2]
3	Crystalline Mo-V-O oxide	24	Toluene/80	22	>99	-	[3]
4	TEMPO/H <sub>5</sub> PV <sub>2</sub> Mo <sub>10</sub> O <sub>40</sub>	6	Acetone/100	99.6	-	-	[4]
5	MoO <sub>2</sub> (acac) <sub>2</sub> -Cu(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	3	Toluene/100	100	98	98	[5]
6	Q <sub>4</sub> [M(dmso) <sub>3</sub> Mo <sub>7</sub> O <sub>24</sub> ] (M=Ru(II), Os(II))	12	Toluene/120	99	99	-	[6]
7	H <sub>5</sub> PV <sub>2</sub> Mo <sub>10</sub> O <sub>40</sub>	16	Polyethylene glycol/100	99	100	-	[7]
8	{nBu <sub>4</sub> N} <sub>5</sub> {PV <sub>2</sub> Mo <sub>10</sub> O <sub>40</sub> }	15	Benzonitrile/150	100	-	-	[8]
9	[MoO(O <sub>2</sub> )(QO) <sub>2</sub> ]	16	Acetonitrile/82	-	-	14	[9]
10	MoO <sub>2</sub> (acac) <sub>n</sub> -NAP-MgO	12	Toluene/110	-	-	81	[10]
11	Polyaniline-supported MoO <sub>2</sub> (acac) <sub>2</sub>	12	Toluene/100	86	>98	-	[11]
<b>12</b>	<b>MoO<sub>x</sub>-pyridine wires</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>Acetic acid/50</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>This work</b>

Table S2 Comparison of the activity of the MoO<sub>x</sub>-pyridine wires with other Mo-based catalysts used in oxidation of benzyl alcohol to benzaldehyde with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.

Entry	Catalyst	Time (h)	Reaction conditions/T(°C)	Con. (%)	Sel. (%)	Y. (%)	Ref.
1	Ph <sub>3</sub> P(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> PPh <sub>3</sub> [MoO(O <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ).2H <sub>2</sub> O	8	Solvent free/90	-	-	93.8 9	[12]
2	PPh <sub>4</sub> [MoO(O <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (HPEOH)]	24	Acetonitrile/Reflux	-	-	63	[13]
3	MoO(O <sub>2</sub> )(QO) <sub>2</sub>	16	Acetonitrile/Reflux	-	-	52	[9]
4	CpMo(CO) <sub>3</sub> (C≡CPH)	8	Solvent free/80	86	92	79	[14]
5	[n-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> (p-C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N). <sub>4</sub> Mo <sub>8</sub> O <sub>26</sub>	6.5	Solvent free/Reflux	99.5	76.5	-	[15]
6	<b>MoO<sub>x</sub>-pyridine wires</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>Solvent free/80</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>100</b>	-	<b>This work</b>

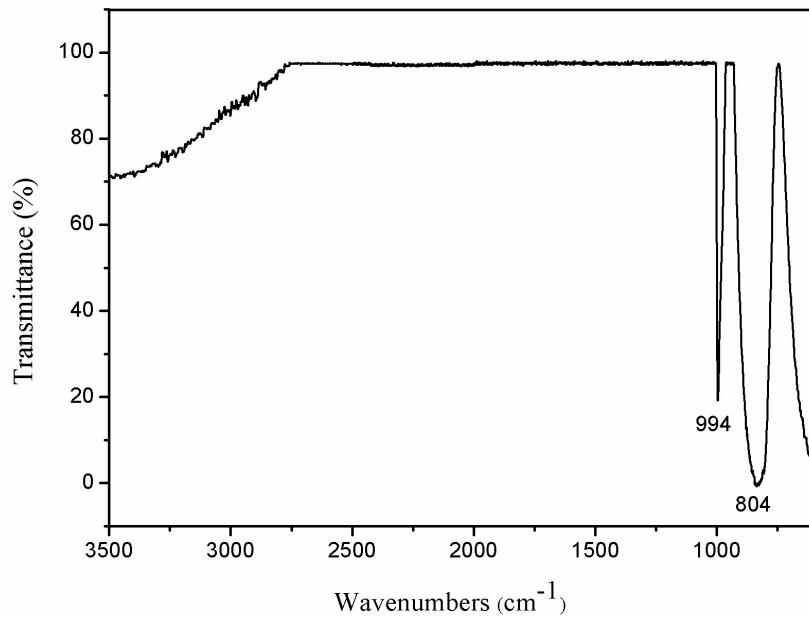


Fig. S1 FT-IR spectrum of the calcined  $\text{Mo}_3\text{O}_{10}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_6\text{N})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  wires under air flow for 5 hours at 400 °C.

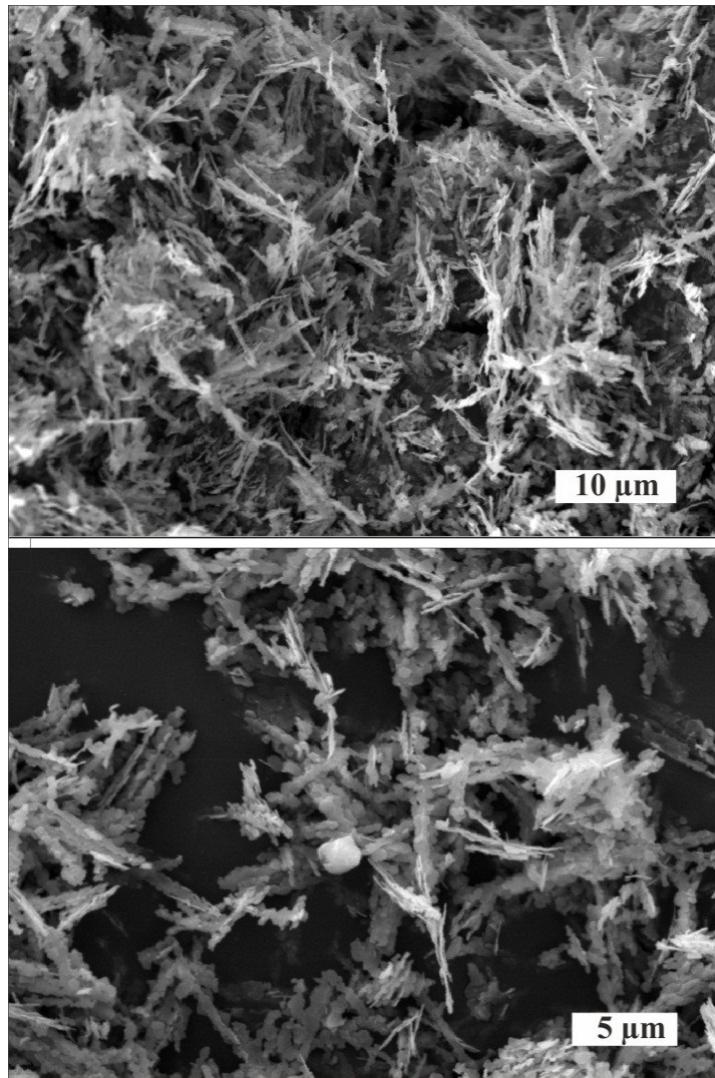


Fig. S2 SEM images of the calcined  $\text{Mo}_3\text{O}_{10}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_6\text{N})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  wires under air flow for 5 hours at 400 °C.

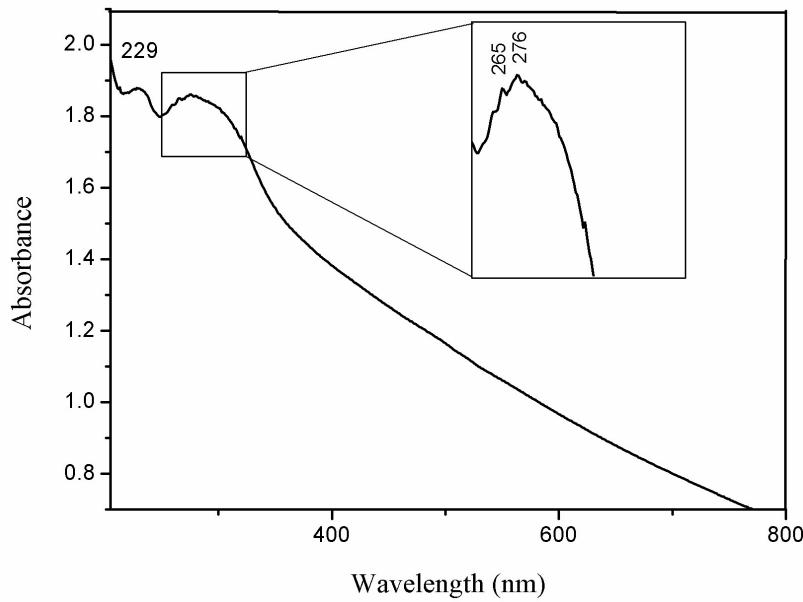


Fig. S3 UV-Vis spectrum of the  $\text{Mo}_3\text{O}_{10}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_6\text{N})_2\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  wires. The absorption bands at 229 nm and 265 nm are attributed to LMCT transition ( $\text{O}^{2-}\rightarrow\text{Mo}^{6+}$ ) and electronic transition of the pyridine ring ( $\pi\text{-}\pi^*$ ), respectively. In addition, the band in the range of 270-300 nm is the characteristic absorption of the bridging Mo-O-Mo structure [16].

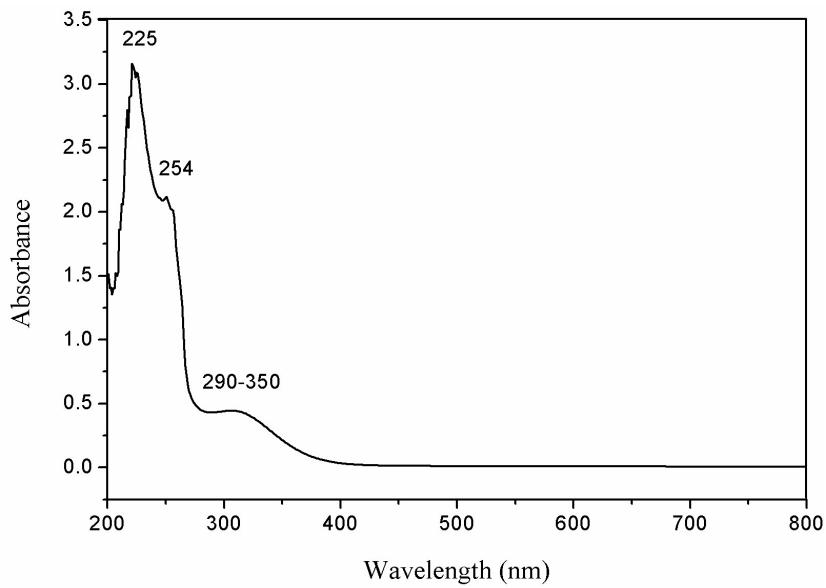


Fig. S4 UV-Vis spectrum of the active catalyst II (during the reaction). LMCT transition ( $O^{2-} \rightarrow Mo^{6+}$ ) and the electronic transition ( $\pi-\pi^*$ ) can be observed at 225 and 254 nm, respectively. The absorption band of the bridging Mo-O-Mo completely is gone and a new peak is appeared in the range of 290-350 nm indicated the presence of peroxy-molybdenum species.

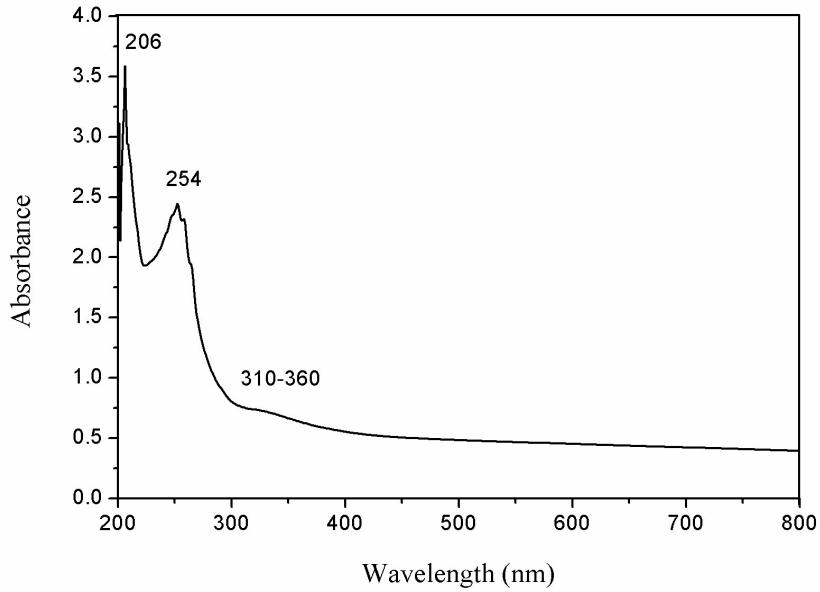


Fig. S5 UV-Vis spectrum of the reused catalyst from the H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> system. LMCT transition (O<sup>2-</sup>→Mo<sup>6+</sup>) and the electronic transition (π-π\*) can be observed at 206 and 254 nm, respectively. In addition, the broad absorption in the range of 310-360 nm indicated the presence of O<sub>2</sub><sup>2-</sup>→Mo<sup>6+</sup> electronic transition.

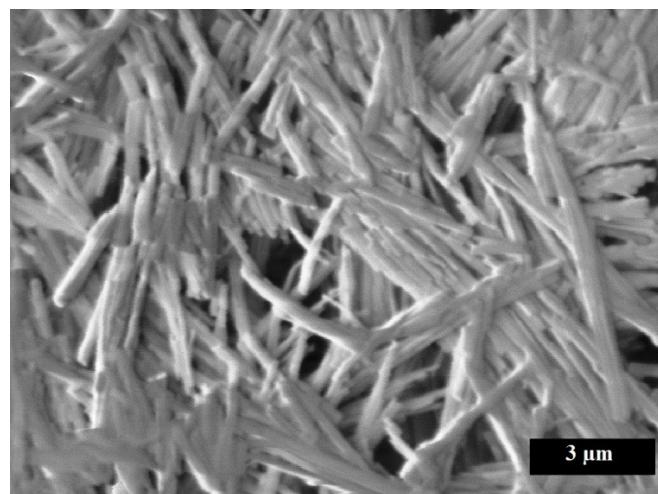


Fig. S6 SEM image of the reused catalyst from the O<sub>2</sub> system.

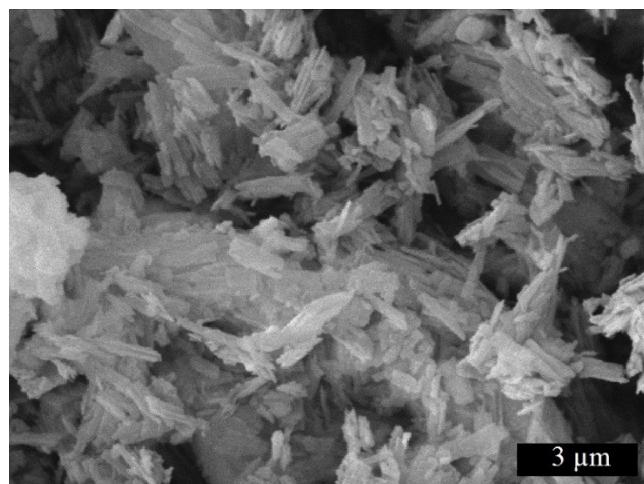


Fig. S7 SEM image of the reused catalyst from the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  system.

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