

# Investigation into the mechanism of polyoxotungstates-catalyzed cyclooctene epoxidation by ESI-MS

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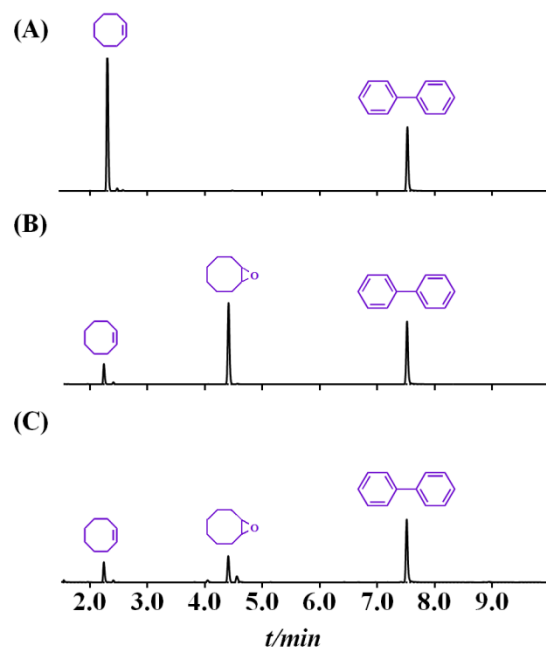
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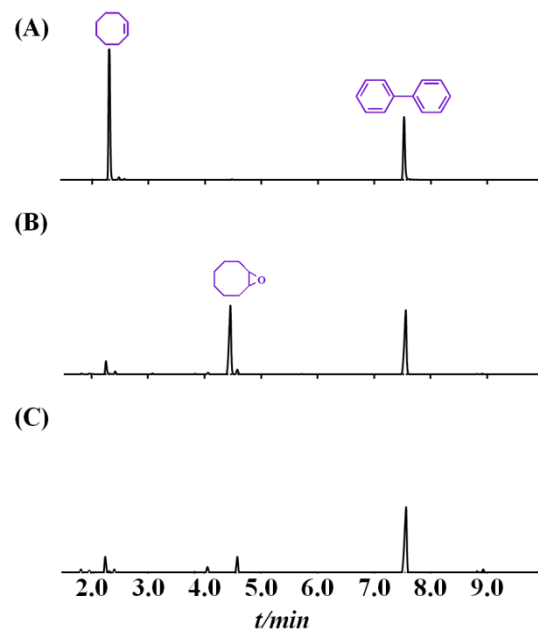
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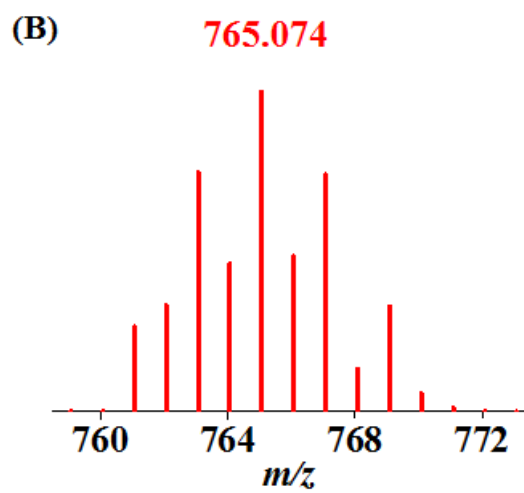
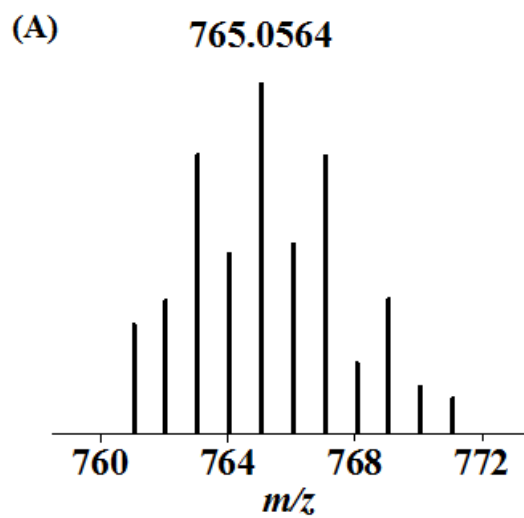
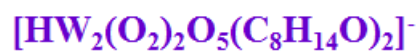
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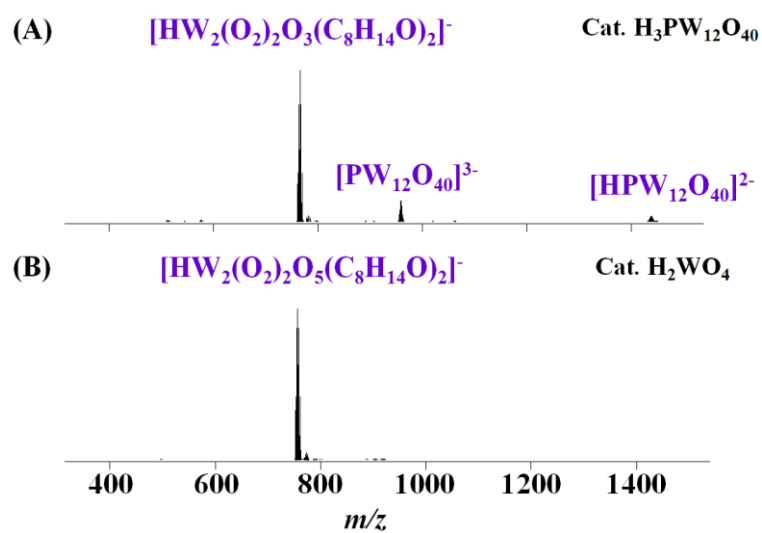
**Fig. S1** GC spectra of the epoxidation reaction of cyclooctene by adding different amount of catalyst **1** ( $\text{H}_3\text{PW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}$ ). Reaction conditions: cyclooctene (1 mmol),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (1 mmol),  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solvent (2 mL), 50 °C, 4 h. (A) without catalyst **1**; (B) 0.005 mmol catalyst **1**; (C) 0.1 mmol catalyst **1**.



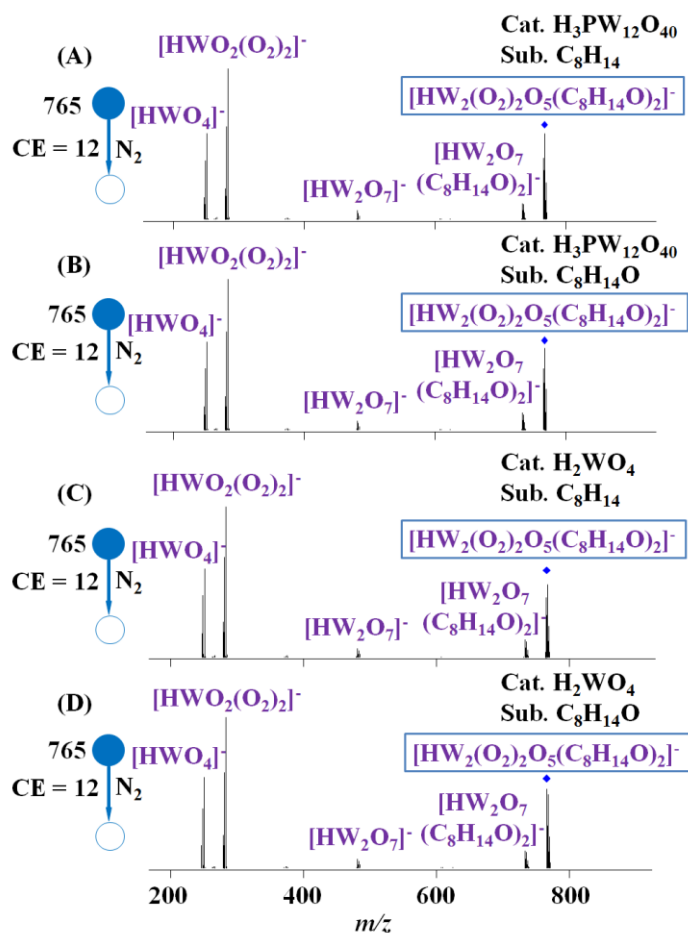
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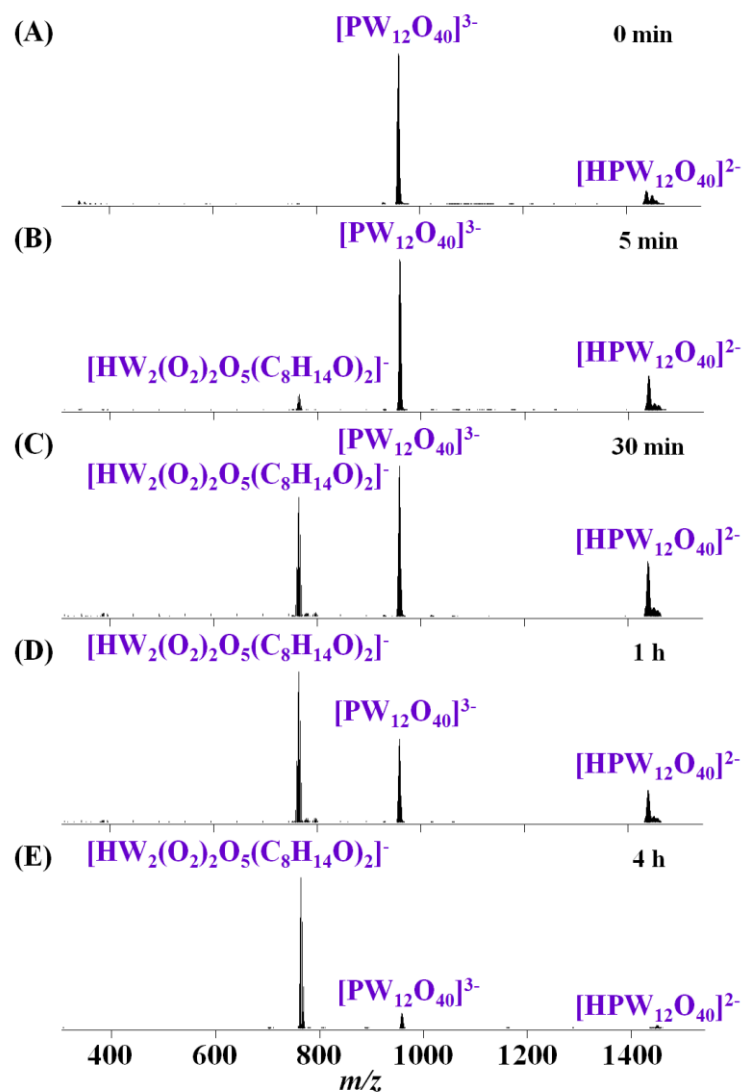
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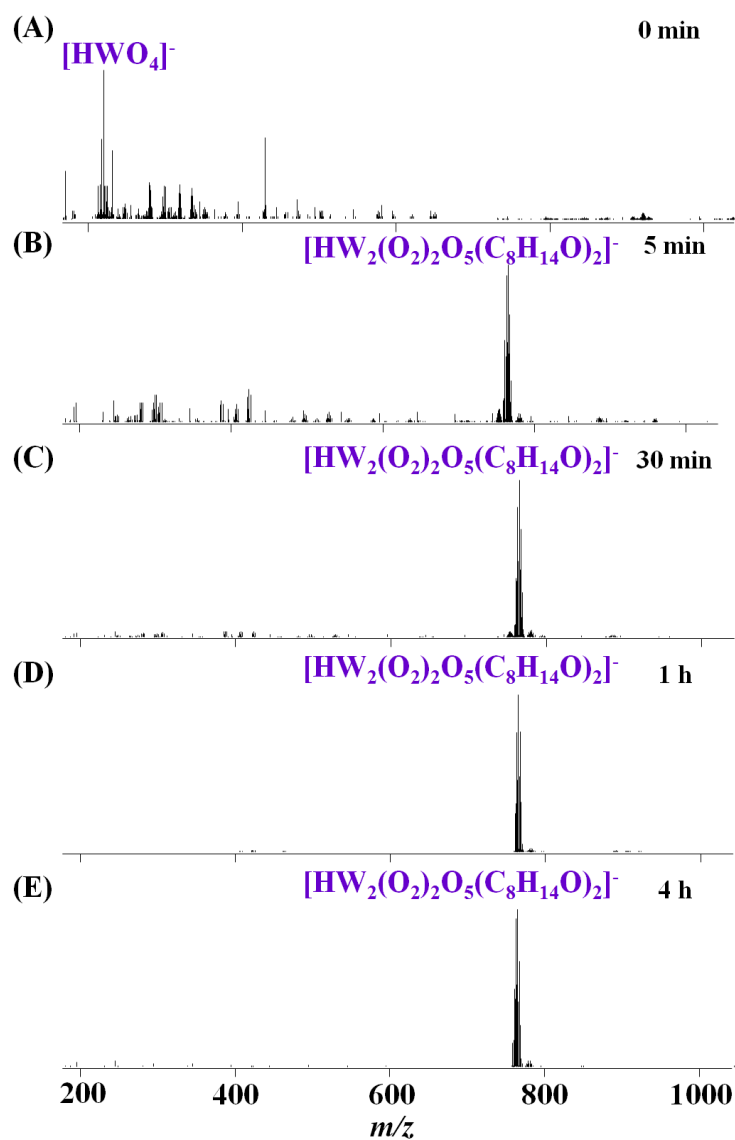
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**Fig. S5** CID mass spectra of  $[\text{HW}_2(\text{O}_2)_2\text{O}_5(\text{C}_8\text{H}_{14}\text{O})_2]^-$  generated from different reaction solution. (A)  $\text{H}_3\text{PW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}$  (0.005 mmol) as catalyst, cyclooctene (1 mmol) as substrate,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (1 mmol); (B)  $\text{H}_3\text{PW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}$  (0.005 mmol) as catalyst, 1,2-epoxycyclooctane (1 mmol) as substrate,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (1 mmol); (C)  $\text{H}_2\text{WO}_4$  (0.06 mmol) as catalyst, cyclooctene (1 mmol) as substrate,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (1 mmol); (D)  $\text{H}_2\text{WO}_4$  (0.06 mmol) as catalyst, 1,2-epoxycyclooctane (1 mmol) as substrate,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (1 mmol). Collision energy = 12 eV, Isolation width = 9. The parent ion (denoted by a diamond) is shown in a blue square box in each spectrum.

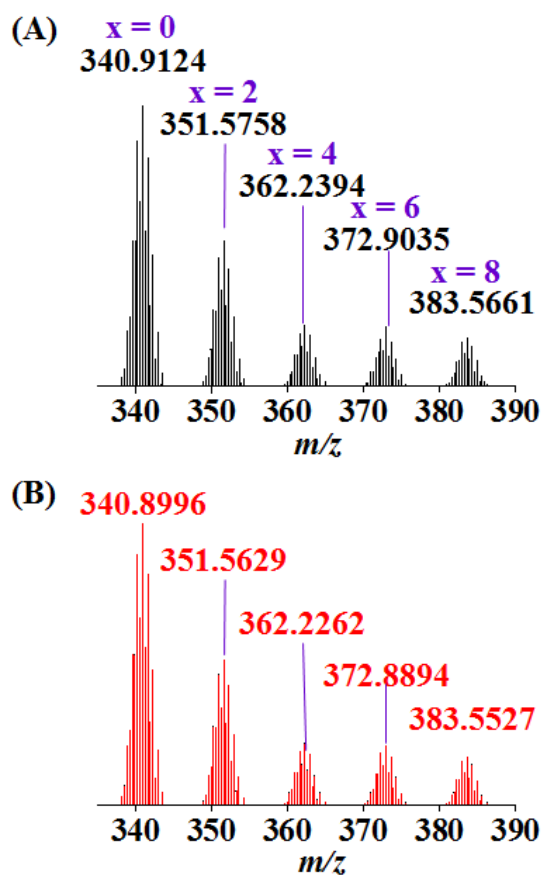
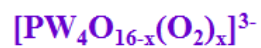


**Fig. S6** Real-time monitoring on the cyclooctene epoxidation by one-step for catalyst **1**. (A)  $\text{H}_3\text{PW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}$  (0.005 mmol),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (1 mmol) and cyclooctene (1 mmol) dissolved in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ ; (B) stirring 5 min at 50 °C; (C) stirring 30 min; (D) stirring 1 h; (E) stirring 4 h.

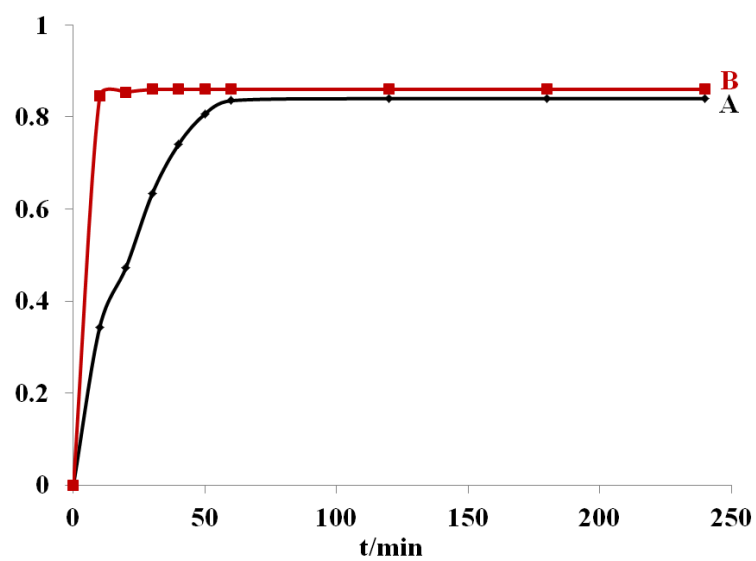


**Fig. S7** Real-time monitoring on the cyclooctene epoxidation by one-step for catalyst **2**. (A)  $\text{H}_2\text{WO}_4$  (0.06 mmol),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (1 mmol) and cyclooctene (1 mmol) dissolved in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ ; (B) stirring 5 min at 50 °C; (C) stirring 30 min; (D) stirring 1 h; (E) stirring 4 h.

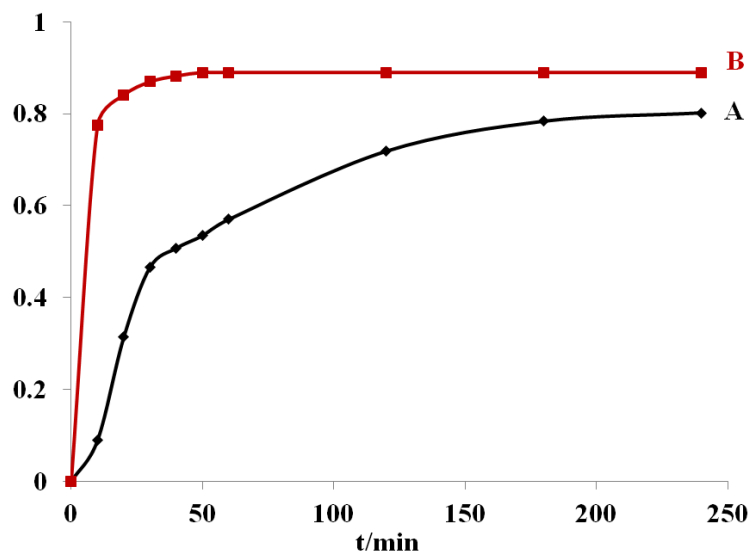




**Fig. S8** The comparison of MS spectra of  $[\text{PW}_4\text{O}_{16-x}(\text{O}_2)_x]^{3-}$  ( $x = 0$ ,  $m/z$  340.9;  $x = 2$ ,  $m/z$  351.6;  $x = 4$ ,  $m/z$  362.2;  $x = 6$ ,  $m/z$  372.9;  $x = 8$ ,  $m/z$  383.6). (A) Observed; (B) Calculated.



**Fig. S9** The conversion-time curve of cyclooctene in system 1. (A) cyclooctene,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{H}_3\text{PW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}$  was added into  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  at the same time. (B) After  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{H}_3\text{PW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}$  was added into  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  and mixed at  $50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 h, cyclooctene was added to the mixture.



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