

## Supporting Information

### Efficient Water Oxidation with Organometallic Iridium Complexes as Precatalysts

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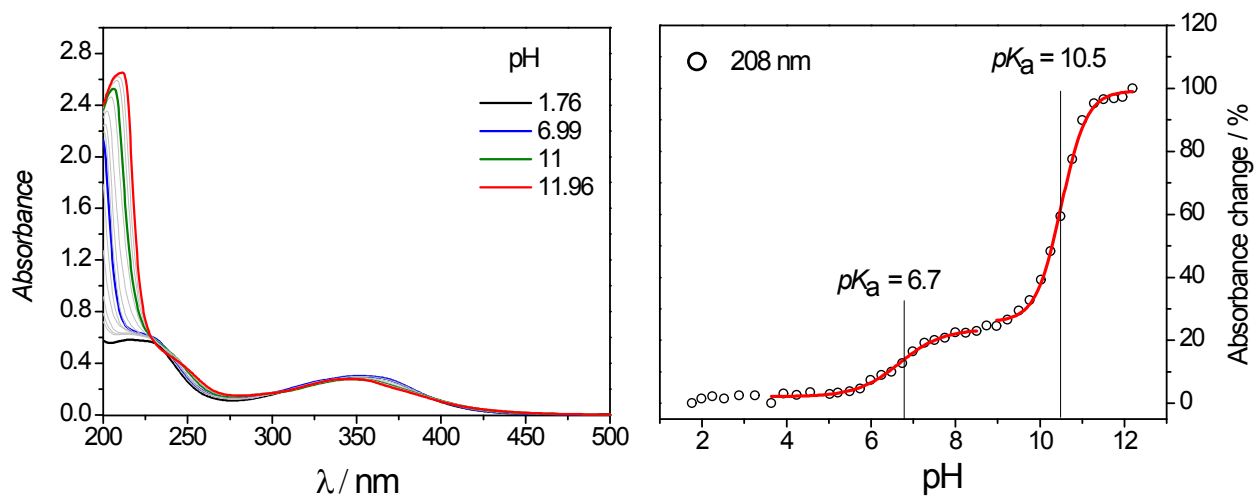
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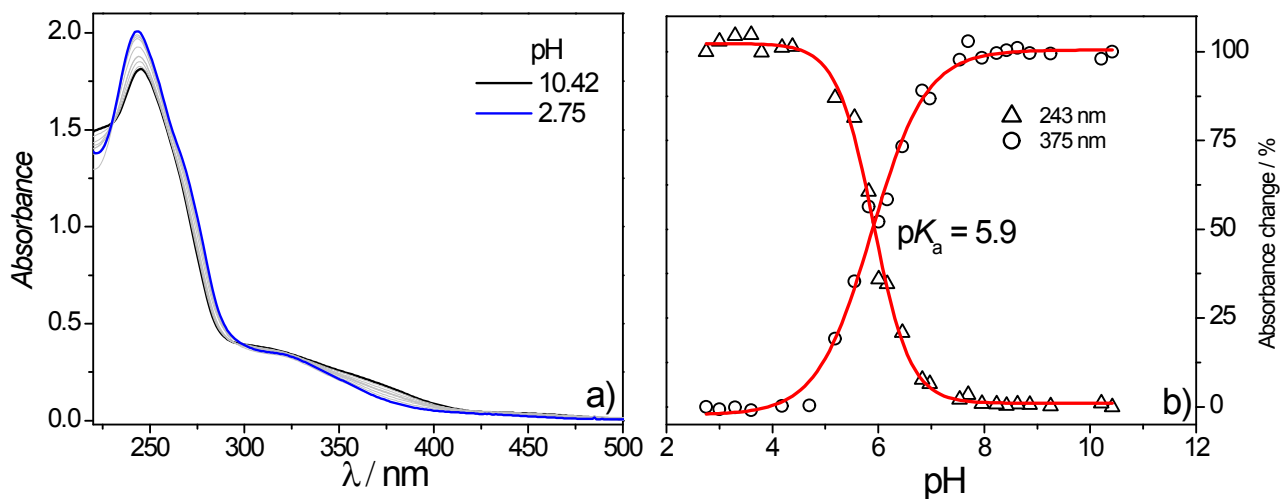
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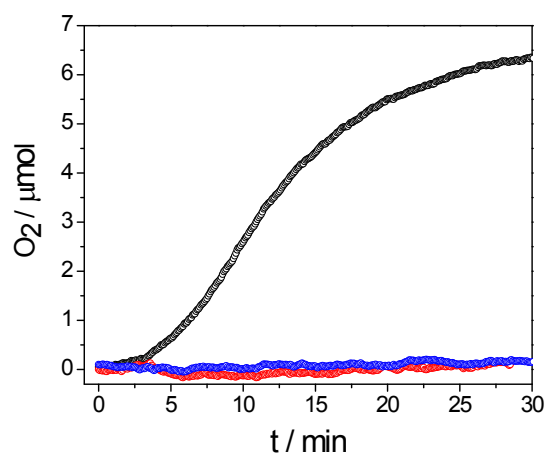
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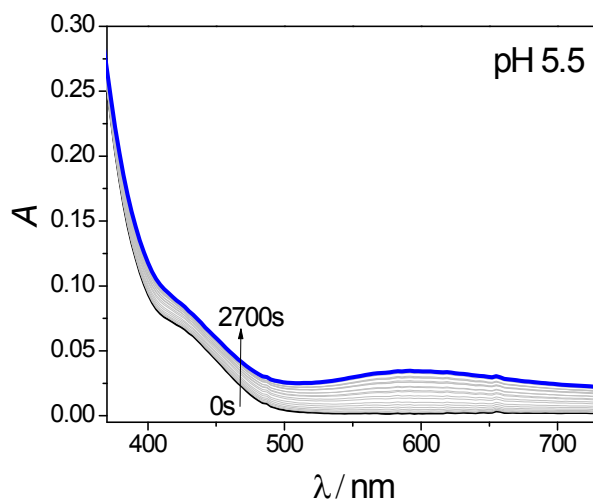
**Fig S1.** a) UV-vis absorption spectra of **2** in a pH titration; b) absorbance changes at single wavelength as a function of pH with Boltzmann fits (red lines).



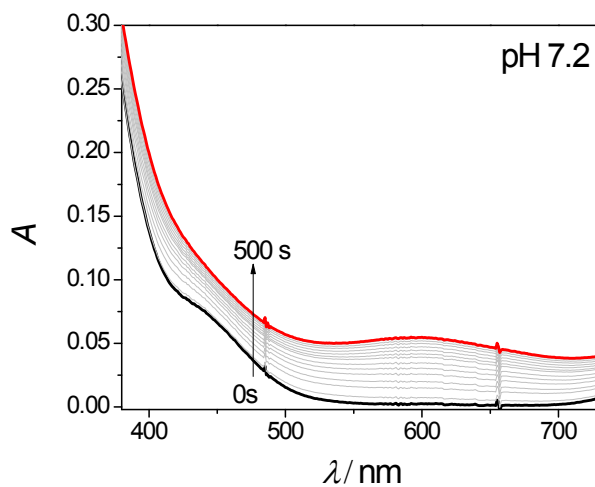
**Fig S2.** a) UV-vis absorption spectra of **4** in a pH titration; b) absorbance changes at single wavelength as a function of pH with Boltzmann fits (red lines).



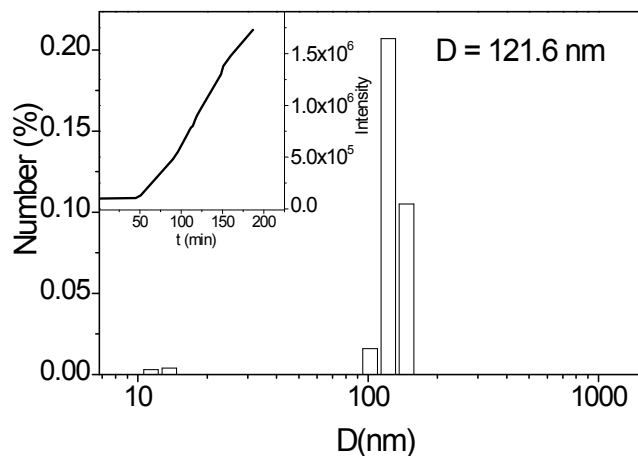
**Fig. S3.**  $O_2$  evolution experiment for **1** (100  $\mu\text{M}$ ) performed with different equivalents of oxidant in acetate buffer (50 mM, pH 5.5), color code: red – 10 eq. of  $\text{NaIO}_4$ ; blue – 20 eq  $\text{NaIO}_4$ ; black – 40 eq.  $\text{NaIO}_4$ .



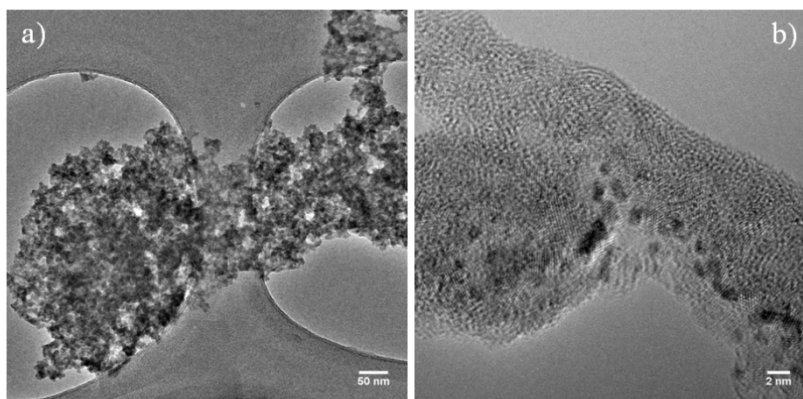
**Fig S4.** UV-vis changes for **4** (230  $\mu\text{M}$ ) after addition 25 eq. of  $\text{NaIO}_4$  in acetate buffer (pH 5.5)



**Fig S5.** UV-vis changes for **4** (230  $\mu\text{M}$ ) after addition 25 eq. of  $\text{NaIO}_4$  in phosphate buffer (pH 7.2)



**Fig S6.** Size distribution by a number of nanoparticles for an solution of **1** (1 mM) with 200 eq. of periodate in acetate buffer (50 mM, pH 5.5) after the consumption of the sacrificial oxidant. Inset: light scattering intensity vs. time.



**Fig S7.** TEM images of nanoparticles formed by the reaction of **1** with a) 200 eq. of  $\text{NaIO}_4$  in acetate buffer pH 5.5; b) 50 eq. of  $\text{NaIO}_4$  in water.