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Hybrid compound based on diethylenetriaminecopper(II) cations and scarce V-monosubstituted β -octamolybdate as water oxidation catalyst

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Crystallography details

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **1**.

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|---|---|
| Empirical formula | C ₈ H ₄₁ Cu ₂ Mo ₇ N ₇ O _{31.5} V |
| Formula weight | 1589.08 |
| Temperature/K | 298 |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | P2 ₁ /n |
| a/Å | 9.8374(5) |
| b/Å | 13.8773(7) |
| c/Å | 14.1652(8) |
| α/° | 90 |
| β/° | 93.260(5) |
| γ/° | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 1930.65(17) |
| Z | 2 |
| ρ _{calc} /cm ³ | 2.734 |
| μ/mm ⁻¹ | 3.609 |
| F(000) | 1530.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | 0.6 × 0.5 × 0.4 |
| Radiation | MoKα (λ = 0.71073) |
| 2θ range for data collection/° | 6.466 to 64.96 |
| Index ranges | -14 ≤ h ≤ 13, -19 ≤ k ≤ 18, -12 ≤ l ≤ 21 |
| Reflections collected | 12738 |
| Independent reflections | 6128 [R _{int} = 0.0414, R _{sigma} = 0.0623] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 6128/0/259 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.054 |
| Final R indexes [I >= 2σ (I)] | R ₁ = 0.0573, wR ₂ = 0.1405 |
| Final R indexes [all data] | R ₁ = 0.0879, wR ₂ = 0.1721 |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 1.98/-2.02 |

Table S2. Fractional atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for **1**.

| Atom | x | y | z | U(eq) |
|------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Mo1 | 1170.9(7) | -279.1(5) | 974.3(5) | 30.48(17) |
| Mo2 | 1482.2(6) | -1411.7(4) | -976.2(4) | 34.43(15) |
| Mo3 | 1816.0(6) | 636.4(4) | -2045.3(5) | 38.89(16) |
| Mo4 | 1490.9(6) | 1735.1(4) | -62.8(4) | 34.15(15) |
| V1 | 1170.9(7) | -279.1(5) | 974.3(5) | 30.48(17) |
| O1 | 851(5) | -1503(3) | 328(3) | 33.5(10) |
| O2 | 492(5) | -598(3) | 2025(4) | 38.8(10) |
| O3 | 840(5) | 1083(3) | 1068(3) | 34.4(9) |
| O4 | 2828(5) | -318(4) | 1230(4) | 41.8(11) |
| O5 | 1070(5) | -2525(4) | -1401(4) | 46.5(12) |
| O6 | 1447(5) | -717(4) | -2136(4) | 40.7(11) |
| O7 | 3200(5) | -1459(4) | -685(4) | 43.6(12) |
| O8 | 3530(6) | 572(4) | -1762(4) | 49.3(13) |
| O9 | 1694(7) | 953(4) | -3213(4) | 56.9(14) |
| O10 | 1446(5) | 1808(3) | -1405(4) | 40.5(11) |
| O11 | 3196(5) | 1639(4) | 214(4) | 44.7(12) |
| O12 | 1119(6) | 2916(3) | 190(4) | 49.0(13) |
| O13 | 1197(5) | 167(3) | -490(3) | 34.4(10) |
| N1S | 5000 | 0 | 0 | 41.1(19) |
| Cu1 | 2687.5(12) | 689.5(7) | 3664.4(9) | 56.3(3) |
| O1S | 2219(10) | -659(5) | 3943(7) | 97(3) |
| O2S | 3548(7) | 820(4) | 5234(5) | 63.9(17) |
| N1 | 4486(9) | 309(6) | 3187(6) | 66(2) |
| N2 | 3167(10) | 1995(5) | 3202(6) | 68(2) |
| N3 | 813(10) | 1208(7) | 3667(7) | 79(3) |
| C1 | 5236(12) | 1167(8) | 2907(8) | 73(3) |
| C2 | 4206(13) | 1870(7) | 2526(7) | 74(3) |
| C3 | 1928(13) | 2468(7) | 2818(8) | 75(3) |
| C4 | 876(12) | 2271(7) | 3495(8) | 74(3) |
| O3S | -168(9) | 1636(6) | 5549(6) | 66(2) |

Table S3. Anisotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for **1**.

| Atom | U ₁₁ | U ₂₂ | U ₃₃ | U ₂₃ | U ₁₃ | U ₁₂ |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Mo1 | 26.1(3) | 27.0(3) | 38.3(4) | 1.9(3) | 1.3(3) | 0.5(2) |
| Mo2 | 29.6(3) | 30.2(3) | 43.8(3) | -0.7(2) | 5.4(2) | 2.1(2) |
| Mo3 | 36.2(3) | 37.2(3) | 44.3(4) | 1.7(2) | 11.1(2) | -3.1(2) |
| Mo4 | 30.1(3) | 27.3(3) | 45.4(3) | 0.0(2) | 4.6(2) | -3.32(19) |
| V1 | 26.1(3) | 27.0(3) | 38.3(4) | 1.9(3) | 1.3(3) | 0.5(2) |
| O1 | 35(2) | 25(2) | 41(3) | 3.8(18) | 1.5(19) | -2.5(16) |
| O2 | 36(3) | 40(3) | 41(3) | 1(2) | 6(2) | -1.9(19) |
| O3 | 31(2) | 33(2) | 39(2) | -1.4(19) | 5.4(18) | -3.3(18) |
| O4 | 34(3) | 42(3) | 50(3) | 4(2) | 5(2) | 3(2) |
| O5 | 41(3) | 36(3) | 63(3) | -6(2) | 7(2) | 1(2) |
| O6 | 35(3) | 44(3) | 44(3) | -2(2) | 10(2) | 5(2) |
| O7 | 32(2) | 50(3) | 50(3) | 1(2) | 10(2) | 3(2) |
| O8 | 39(3) | 48(3) | 61(4) | -5(3) | 14(2) | -5(2) |
| O9 | 64(4) | 59(3) | 50(3) | 3(3) | 15(3) | -4(3) |
| O10 | 39(3) | 35(2) | 47(3) | 4(2) | 6(2) | -2.0(19) |
| O11 | 38(3) | 44(3) | 52(3) | 0(2) | 3(2) | -7(2) |
| O12 | 51(3) | 28(2) | 69(4) | -3(2) | 12(3) | -2(2) |
| O13 | 33(2) | 33(2) | 39(3) | 0.5(19) | 5.4(18) | 0.1(17) |
| N1S | 16(3) | 44(4) | 64(6) | -1(4) | 6(3) | -1(3) |
| Cu1 | 61.1(7) | 42.0(5) | 65.3(7) | -2.9(5) | -1.7(5) | -0.9(4) |
| O1S | 110(7) | 49(4) | 131(8) | -1(4) | 2(6) | -15(4) |
| O2S | 68(4) | 59(4) | 66(4) | -10(3) | 18(3) | 0(3) |
| N1 | 73(6) | 61(4) | 67(5) | -3(4) | 23(4) | 4(4) |
| N2 | 98(7) | 41(4) | 61(5) | -5(3) | -27(5) | -5(4) |
| N3 | 88(7) | 77(6) | 71(6) | -2(5) | -9(5) | -6(5) |
| C1 | 86(8) | 66(6) | 67(6) | -10(5) | 13(5) | -15(5) |
| C2 | 117(10) | 55(5) | 53(6) | -5(4) | 25(6) | -33(6) |
| C3 | 109(9) | 47(5) | 65(6) | -4(4) | -22(6) | -8(5) |
| C4 | 89(8) | 57(5) | 73(7) | -18(5) | -34(6) | 22(5) |
| O3S | 73(6) | 54(5) | 72(6) | 6(4) | 9(5) | 5(4) |

Table S4. Bond lengths (Å) for **1**.

| | | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|------------|--|-----|------------------|-----------|
| Mo1 | Mo2 | 3.2084(10) | | Mo4 | O10 | 1.902(5) |
| Mo1 | Mo4 | 3.1817(9) | | Mo4 | O11 | 1.706(5) |
| Mo1 | O1 | 1.946(4) | | Mo4 | O12 | 1.721(5) |
| Mo1 | O2 | 1.723(5) | | Mo4 | O13 | 2.273(4) |
| Mo1 | O3 | 1.924(5) | | V1 | O1 | 1.946(4) |
| Mo1 | O4 | 1.650(5) | | V1 | O2 | 1.723(5) |
| Mo1 | O13 ¹ | 2.396(5) | | V1 | O3 | 1.924(5) |
| Mo1 | O13 | 2.166(5) | | V1 | O4 | 1.650(5) |
| Mo2 | O1 | 1.985(5) | | V1 | O13 | 2.166(5) |
| Mo2 | O3 ¹ | 2.326(5) | | V1 | O13 ¹ | 2.396(5) |
| Mo2 | O5 | 1.698(5) | | Cu1 | O1S | 1.972(7) |
| Mo2 | O6 | 1.904(5) | | Cu1 | O2S | 2.341(7) |
| Mo2 | O7 | 1.718(5) | | Cu1 | N1 | 2.001(8) |
| Mo2 | O13 | 2.318(4) | | Cu1 | N2 | 1.993(8) |
| Mo3 | O2 ¹ | 2.273(5) | | Cu1 | N3 | 1.979(10) |
| Mo3 | O6 | 1.916(5) | | N1 | C1 | 1.467(13) |
| Mo3 | O8 | 1.713(6) | | N2 | C2 | 1.449(14) |
| Mo3 | O9 | 1.709(6) | | N2 | C3 | 1.462(13) |
| Mo3 | O10 | 1.907(5) | | N3 | C4 | 1.496(13) |
| Mo3 | O13 | 2.409(5) | | C1 | C2 | 1.486(16) |
| Mo4 | O1 ¹ | 2.336(4) | | C3 | C4 | 1.476(17) |
| Mo4 | O3 | 1.977(5) | | | | |

¹-X,-Y,-Z**Table S5.** Bond angles (°) for **1**.

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----|-----|------------------|------------|--|-----|-----|-----------------|------------|
| Mo4 | Mo1 | Mo2 | 90.92(2) | | O10 | Mo4 | O3 | 147.54(19) |
| O1 | Mo1 | Mo2 | 35.72(14) | | O10 | Mo4 | O13 | 77.86(19) |
| O1 | Mo1 | Mo4 | 124.52(14) | | O11 | Mo4 | Mo1 | 86.96(18) |
| O1 | Mo1 | O13 | 78.99(18) | | O11 | Mo4 | O1 ¹ | 166.9(2) |
| O1 | Mo1 | O13 ¹ | 78.08(17) | | O11 | Mo4 | O3 | 97.9(2) |
| O2 | Mo1 | Mo2 | 132.73(16) | | O11 | Mo4 | O10 | 101.6(2) |
| O2 | Mo1 | Mo4 | 132.66(16) | | O11 | Mo4 | O12 | 104.2(3) |
| O2 | Mo1 | O1 | 97.0(2) | | O11 | Mo4 | O13 | 95.4(2) |
| O2 | Mo1 | O3 | 96.8(2) | | O12 | Mo4 | Mo1 | 135.5(2) |
| O2 | Mo1 | O13 | 157.9(2) | | O12 | Mo4 | O1 ¹ | 86.9(2) |
| O2 | Mo1 | O13 ¹ | 81.1(2) | | O12 | Mo4 | O3 | 100.7(2) |
| O3 | Mo1 | Mo2 | 124.42(14) | | O12 | Mo4 | O10 | 99.4(3) |
| O3 | Mo1 | Mo4 | 35.91(14) | | O12 | Mo4 | O13 | 160.3(2) |
| O3 | Mo1 | O1 | 150.0(2) | | O13 | Mo4 | Mo1 | 42.88(12) |
| O3 | Mo1 | O13 ¹ | 77.90(17) | | O13 | Mo4 | O1 ¹ | 73.47(16) |

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|------------------|-----|------------------|------------|--|------------------|-----|------------------|------------|
| O3 | Mo1 | O13 | 78.24(18) | | O1 | V1 | O13 ¹ | 78.08(17) |
| O4 | Mo1 | Mo2 | 91.79(19) | | O1 | V1 | O13 | 78.99(18) |
| O4 | Mo1 | Mo4 | 90.45(18) | | O2 | V1 | O1 | 97.0(2) |
| O4 | Mo1 | O1 | 101.9(2) | | O2 | V1 | O3 | 96.8(2) |
| O4 | Mo1 | O2 | 103.2(3) | | O2 | V1 | O13 ¹ | 81.1(2) |
| O4 | Mo1 | O3 | 100.7(2) | | O2 | V1 | O13 | 157.9(2) |
| O4 | Mo1 | O13 | 98.9(2) | | O3 | V1 | O1 | 150.0(2) |
| O4 | Mo1 | O13 ¹ | 175.6(2) | | O3 | V1 | O13 | 78.24(18) |
| O13 | Mo1 | Mo2 | 46.26(12) | | O3 | V1 | O13 ¹ | 77.90(17) |
| O13 ¹ | Mo1 | Mo2 | 85.64(11) | | O4 | V1 | O1 | 101.9(2) |
| O13 | Mo1 | Mo4 | 45.57(12) | | O4 | V1 | O2 | 103.2(3) |
| O13 ¹ | Mo1 | Mo4 | 86.03(11) | | O4 | V1 | O3 | 100.7(2) |
| O13 | Mo1 | O13 ¹ | 76.78(19) | | O4 | V1 | O13 | 98.9(2) |
| O1 | Mo2 | Mo1 | 34.91(12) | | O4 | V1 | O13 ¹ | 175.6(2) |
| O1 | Mo2 | O3 ¹ | 72.92(18) | | O13 | V1 | O13 ¹ | 76.78(19) |
| O1 | Mo2 | O13 | 74.58(17) | | Mo1 | O1 | Mo2 | 109.4(2) |
| O3 ¹ | Mo2 | Mo1 | 79.07(12) | | Mo2 | O1 | Mo4 ¹ | 102.53(19) |
| O5 | Mo2 | Mo1 | 135.9(2) | | V1 | O1 | Mo2 | 109.4(2) |
| O5 | Mo2 | O1 | 101.0(2) | | Mo1 | O3 | Mo4 | 109.3(2) |
| O5 | Mo2 | O3 ¹ | 86.8(2) | | Mo4 | O3 | Mo2 ¹ | 103.15(19) |
| O5 | Mo2 | O6 | 99.4(3) | | V1 | O3 | Mo4 | 109.3(2) |
| O5 | Mo2 | O7 | 105.2(3) | | Mo2 | O6 | Mo3 | 116.4(3) |
| O5 | Mo2 | O13 | 159.1(2) | | Mo4 | O10 | Mo3 | 115.8(2) |
| O6 | Mo2 | Mo1 | 119.83(15) | | Mo1 | O13 | Mo2 | 91.30(16) |
| O6 | Mo2 | O1 | 147.55(19) | | Mo1 | O13 | Mo3 | 166.0(2) |
| O6 | Mo2 | O3 ¹ | 83.30(19) | | Mo1 ¹ | O13 | Mo3 | 90.72(16) |
| O6 | Mo2 | O13 | 77.39(19) | | Mo1 | O13 | Mo4 | 91.56(17) |
| O7 | Mo2 | Mo1 | 87.29(18) | | Mo2 | O13 | Mo1 ¹ | 96.22(16) |
| O7 | Mo2 | O1 | 97.4(2) | | Mo2 | O13 | Mo3 | 86.70(16) |
| O7 | Mo2 | O3 ¹ | 166.1(2) | | Mo4 | O13 | Mo1 ¹ | 96.95(17) |
| O7 | Mo2 | O6 | 101.3(2) | | Mo4 | O13 | Mo2 | 165.5(2) |
| O7 | Mo2 | O13 | 95.7(2) | | Mo4 | O13 | Mo3 | 87.10(15) |
| O13 | Mo2 | Mo1 | 42.44(12) | | V1 | O13 | Mo2 | 91.30(16) |
| O13 | Mo2 | O3 ¹ | 72.32(16) | | V1 | O13 | Mo3 | 166.0(2) |
| O2 ¹ | Mo3 | O13 | 71.16(17) | | V1 | O13 | Mo4 | 91.56(17) |
| O6 | Mo3 | O2 ¹ | 78.02(19) | | O1S | Cu1 | O2S | 87.7(3) |
| O6 | Mo3 | O13 | 74.92(19) | | O1S | Cu1 | N1 | 92.2(4) |
| O8 | Mo3 | O2 ¹ | 165.1(2) | | O1S | Cu1 | N2 | 172.2(4) |
| O8 | Mo3 | O6 | 98.3(2) | | O1S | Cu1 | N3 | 96.7(4) |
| O8 | Mo3 | O10 | 98.4(2) | | N1 | Cu1 | O2S | 93.6(3) |
| O8 | Mo3 | O13 | 93.9(2) | | N2 | Cu1 | O2S | 99.4(3) |
| O9 | Mo3 | O2 ¹ | 90.2(2) | | N2 | Cu1 | N1 | 84.2(4) |
| O9 | Mo3 | O6 | 100.6(3) | | N3 | Cu1 | O2S | 104.9(3) |
| O9 | Mo3 | O8 | 104.7(3) | | N3 | Cu1 | N1 | 159.8(4) |
| O9 | Mo3 | O10 | 103.7(3) | | N3 | Cu1 | N2 | 84.7(4) |

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-----------------|------------|--|----|----|-----|----------|
| O9 | Mo3 | O13 | 161.3(2) | | C1 | N1 | Cu1 | 110.2(7) |
| O10 | Mo3 | O2 ¹ | 78.22(19) | | C2 | N2 | Cu1 | 107.3(6) |
| O10 | Mo3 | O6 | 145.8(2) | | C2 | N2 | C3 | 114.4(9) |
| O10 | Mo3 | O13 | 74.37(19) | | C3 | N2 | Cu1 | 108.8(7) |
| O1 ¹ | Mo4 | Mo1 | 80.22(11) | | C4 | N3 | Cu1 | 108.1(7) |
| O3 | Mo4 | Mo1 | 34.81(13) | | N1 | C1 | C2 | 106.7(9) |
| O3 | Mo4 | O1 ¹ | 72.84(17) | | N2 | C2 | C1 | 109.3(8) |
| O3 | Mo4 | O13 | 74.64(18) | | N2 | C3 | C4 | 106.0(9) |
| O10 | Mo4 | Mo1 | 120.73(14) | | C3 | C4 | N3 | 109.0(9) |
| O10 | Mo4 | O1 ¹ | 83.11(19) | | | | | |

¹-X,-Y,-Z

Table S6. H atoms coordinates ($\text{\AA}\times 10^4$) and isotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2\times 10^3$) for **1**.

| Atom | x | y | z | U(eq) |
|------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| H1SC | 5624.4 | -410.1 | 130.8 | 62 |
| H1SD | 4376.4 | -59.5 | 387.2 | 62 |
| H1SE | 5331.6 | 565.7 | 43.3 | 62 |
| H1SF | 4669.6 | -93.6 | -558.9 | 62 |
| H1SA | 2874.53 | -963.78 | 4269.4 | 146 |
| H1SB | 2147.83 | -933.48 | 3406.6 | 146 |
| H2SA | 4432.46 | 985.67 | 5207.52 | 96 |
| H2SB | 3186.46 | 1315.57 | 5507.52 | 96 |
| H1A | 4971.62 | -6.77 | 3637.06 | 79 |
| H1B | 4355.29 | -82.86 | 2692.27 | 79 |
| H2 | 3549.29 | 2374.39 | 3736.84 | 81 |
| H3A | 286.78 | 926.53 | 3215.69 | 95 |
| H3B | 463.19 | 1092.1 | 4221.47 | 95 |
| H1C | 5863.54 | 1003.23 | 2427.66 | 87 |
| H1D | 5751.37 | 1437.21 | 3448 | 87 |
| H2A | 4639.65 | 2483.42 | 2411.54 | 89 |
| H2B | 3793.91 | 1636.97 | 1930.82 | 89 |
| H3C | 1656.04 | 2210.11 | 2199.92 | 90 |
| H3D | 2072.46 | 3156.62 | 2759.7 | 90 |
| H4A | -2.04 | 2500.02 | 3241 | 89 |
| H4B | 1096.26 | 2604.8 | 4085.53 | 89 |
| H3SA | -411.9 | 2104.13 | 5866.96 | 99 |
| H3SB | -879.3 | 1235.93 | 5553.26 | 99 |

Table S7. Atomic occupancy for **1**.

| Atom | Mo1 | V1 | H1SC | H1SD | H1SE | H1SF | O3S | H3SA | H3SB |
|-----------|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Occupancy | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.75 | 0.75 | 0.75 |

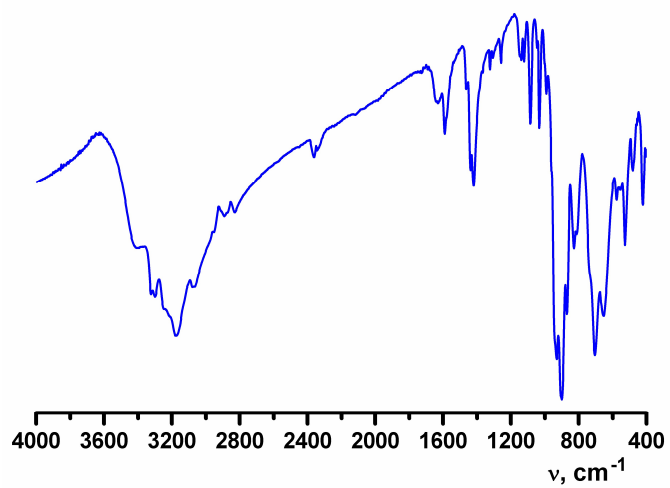
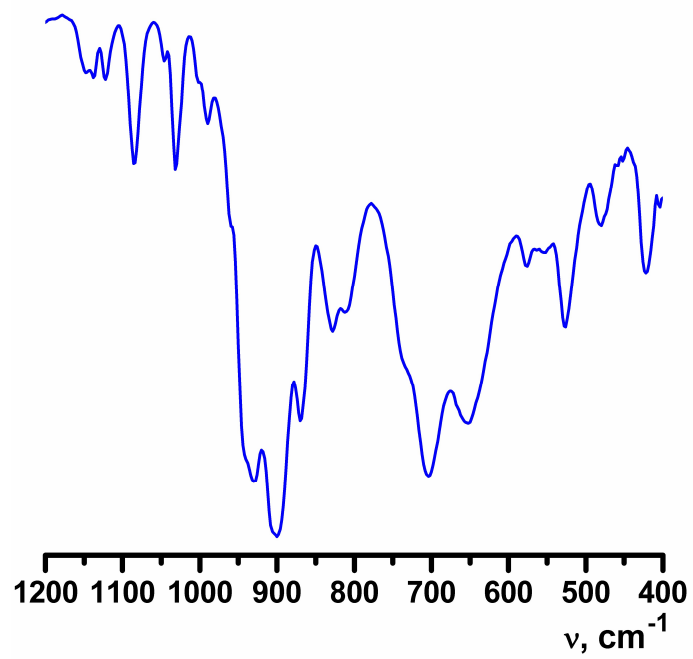


Figure S1. FTIR spectra of the title compound recorded in KBr pellets.

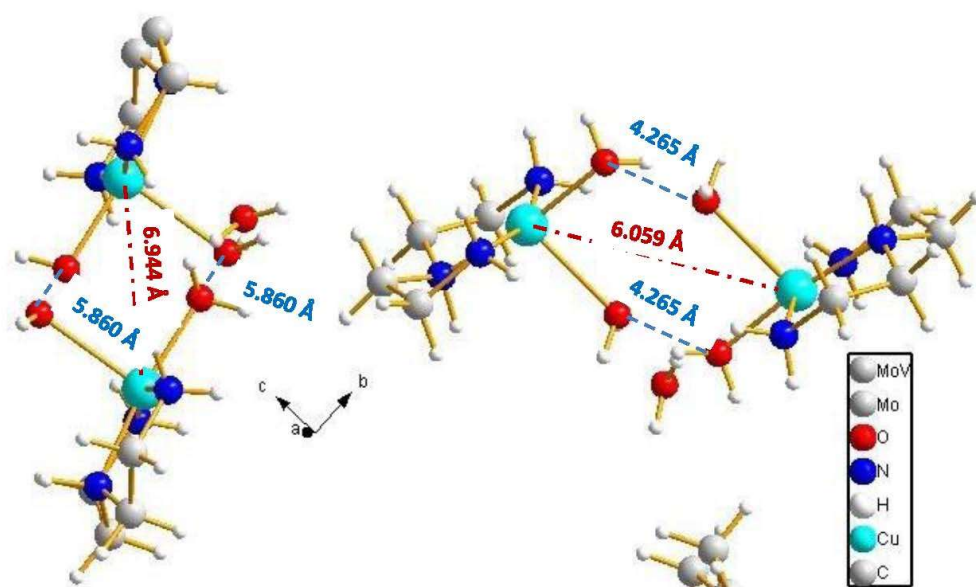


Figure S2. Fragment of the crystal structure of the title compound showing intermolecular contacts Cu–O···O–Cu as dashed blue lines responsible for the weak antiferromagnetic exchange.

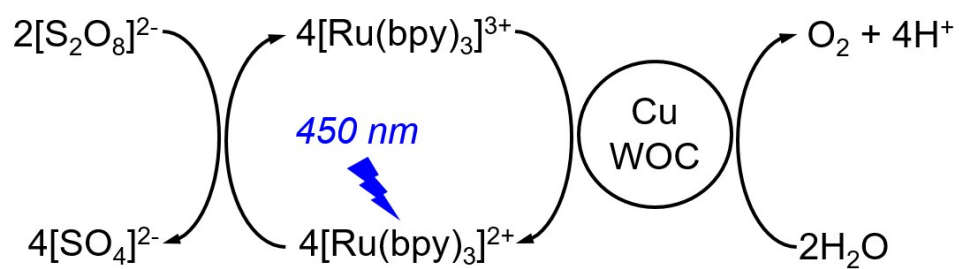


Figure S3. Scheme of the water oxidation catalysis using persulfate as electron acceptor, tris(bipyridine)ruthenium(II) as light harvester and the title compound as a water oxidation catalyst (WOC).

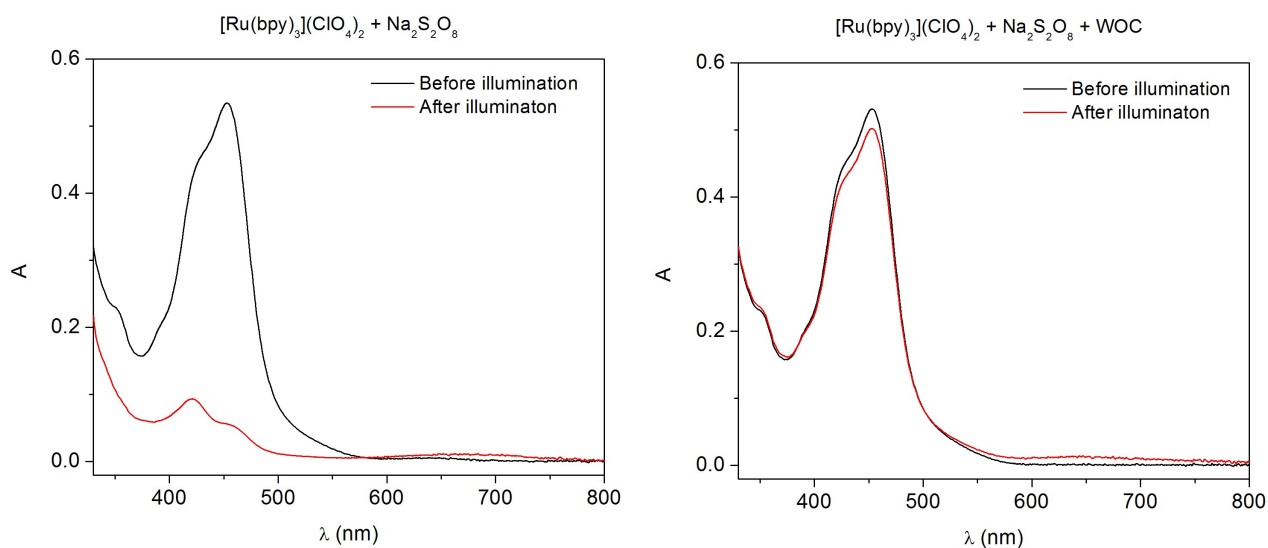


Figure S4. Left: steady-state UV-Vis absorption spectrum of the solution containing $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3](\text{ClO}_4)_2$ (0.05 mM), $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (1 mM) in borate buffer (pH 8.0) (black). After illumination of the cuvette at 450 nm during 10 s, the spectrum was recorded showing oxidation of Ru^{II} to Ru^{III} (red) as evidenced by the disappearance of the Ru^{II} band at $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 453$ nm. Right: the spectra of the solution containing $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3](\text{ClO}_4)_2$ (0.05 mM), $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_8$ (1 mM), and **1** (0.004 mM) in borate buffer (pH 8.0) before and after illumination. Accumulation of Ru^{III} is not observed.

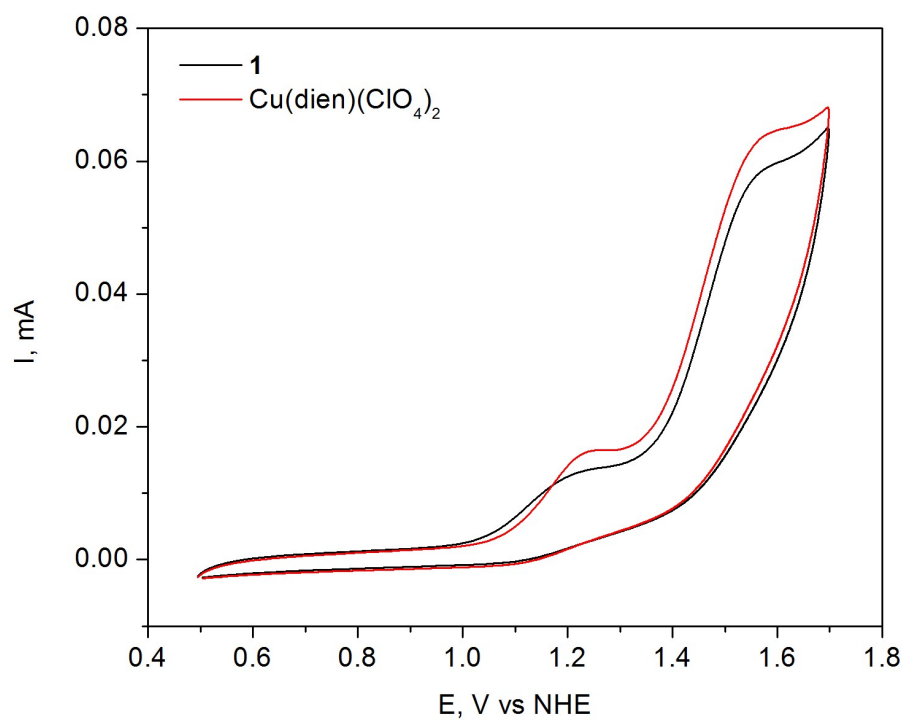


Figure S5. Cyclic voltammograms of **1** (black) and $\text{Cu(dien)(ClO}_4)_2$ (red), 0.25 mM, recorded at a scan rate of 100 mV s^{-1} in borate buffer (0.04 M, pH = 8.0) with supporting electrolyte KClO_4 (0.1 M).

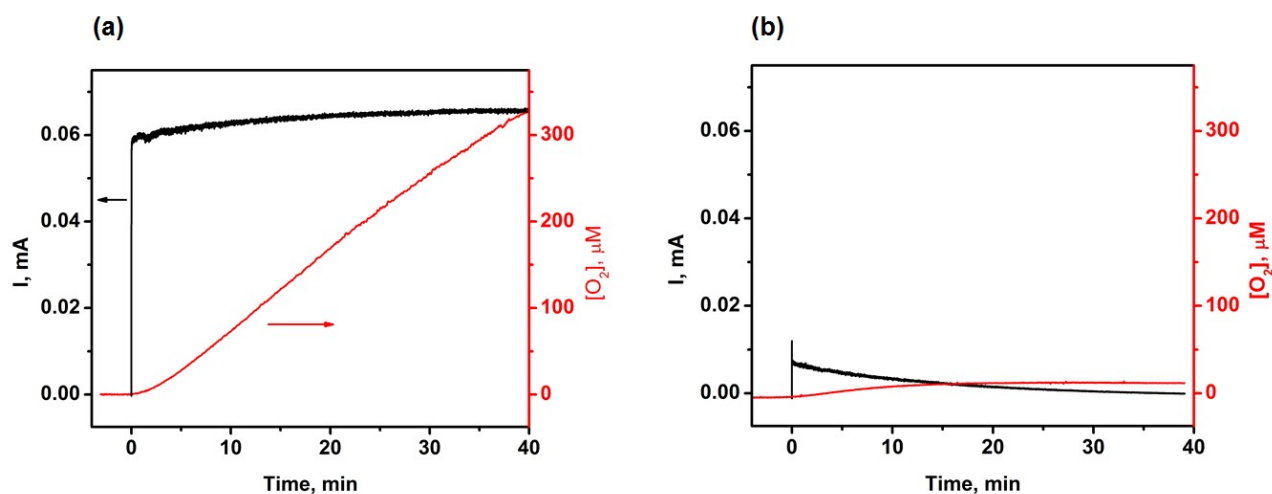


Figure S6. (a) Controlled potential electrolysis of the aqueous solution containing **1** (0.1 mM) and supporting electrolyte KClO_4 (0.1 M) in borate buffer (0.04 M, pH 8.0) with electric current shown in black and evolved oxygen in red. (b) Controlled potential electrolysis of the aqueous solution containing supporting electrolyte KClO_4 (0.1 M) in borate buffer (0.04 M, pH 8.0) only carried out using the working electrode transferred from the solution “a” after 45 min of electrolysis. The potential in all experiments was 1.55 V vs NHE.