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Supporting Information

# Oxygen-Atom Transfer Photochemistry of a Molecular Copper Bromate Complex

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## A. General Considerations

**SAFETY NOTE.** CAUTION: Perchlorate salts can pose an explosion safety risk. No explosions were encountered during the described synthetic and photochemical experiments, but appropriate caution should be exercised when working with perchlorates.

Materials and Methods. Unless otherwise noted, all the chemicals and solvents (ACS reagent grade) were used as received. Potassium bromate, sodium iodide, benzyl alcohol, copper(II) bromide, and sodium perchlorate were purchased from Alfa Aesar. Ammonium persulfate, 2-picolyl amine, cesium carbonate, carbon monoxide, tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I) tetrafluoroborate, benzene, and molecular sieves (4 Å, MS) were purchased from Sigma Aldrich. Sodium tetrafluoroborate was purchased from AK Scientific. 2-(Chloromethyl)pyridine hydrochloride was purchased for Matrix Scientific. Cyclohexane, 1,4-cyclohexadiene, iodobenzene diacetate, and styrene were purchased from Acros Organics. 1-Octene was purchased from Oakwood chemical. Cyclohexane, cyclohexadiene, styrene, and 1-octene were dried according to literature methods<sup>1</sup> and subsequently degassed by three free-pump-thaw cycles. N<sub>2</sub>, CO, and CO<sub>2</sub> were purchased from Airgas. NMR solvents were obtained from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories were degassed by three free-pump-thaw cycles and were stored over molecular sieve (3 Å) for 24 h prior to use. All reactions were carried out under an ambient atmosphere unless otherwise noted. Anhydrous acetonitrile and toluene were obtained from a drying column and stored over activated molecular sieves.<sup>2</sup> Anhydrous acetonitrile was stored over 3 Å molecular sieves; all other solvents were stored over 4 Å molecular sieves. Tris(2-pyridylmethyl)amine (tpa),<sup>3</sup> silver bromate,<sup>4</sup> and iodosyl benzene (PhIO),<sup>5</sup> were prepared according to literature methods.

Characterization Details. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance NEO 400 NMR operating at 400.09 MHZ for <sup>1</sup>H. The NMR spectra were referenced against residual proteo solvent signal: CD<sub>3</sub>CN (1.94 ppm, <sup>1</sup>H) and CDCl<sub>3</sub> (7.26 ppm, <sup>1</sup>H).<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm), multiplicity (s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), m (multiplet), br (broad), integration. Solution-phase UV-vis spectra were recorded on an Ocean Optics Flame-S miniature spectrometer with DH-mini UV-Vis-NIR light source (200-900 nm). Solution-phase spectra were blanked against the appropriate solvent. IR spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu FTIR/IRAffinity-1 Spectrometer, were blanked against air, and were determined as the average of 64 scans. In situ IR spectra were measured in a KBr pellet with a Bruker VERTEX 70, were blanked against air, and were determined as the average of 64 scans. IR data are reported as follows: wavenumber (cm<sup>-1</sup>), peak intensity (s, strong; m, medium; w, weak). MALDI data was obtained using a Bruker Microflex LRF MALDI-TOF in reflectron mode. No added matrix was used in the reported MALDI experiments. Mass spectrometry data was recorded on either Orbitrap Fusion<sup>™</sup> Tribrid<sup>™</sup> Mass Spectrometer or Q Exactive<sup>™</sup> Focus Hybrid Quadrupole - Orbitrap<sup>™</sup> Mass Spectrometer from Thermo Fisher Scientific. Kinetic isotope effects  $(k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D})$  were determined by integration of appropriate peaks in the mass spectrum. Atmospheric pressure chemical ionization mass spectrometry (APCI-MS) experiment was performed using a Thermo Scientific Q Exactive Focus. Sample was injected into a 10  $\mu$ L loop and methanol was used as a mobile phase at a flow rate of 500  $\mu$ L/min. The Q Exactive Focus APCI source was operated in full MS in positive mode. The mass resolution was tuned to 70000 FWHM at m/z = 200. The discharge current was set at 5  $\mu$ A, the sheath gas and auxiliary gas flow rates were set to 25 and 5 arbitrary units, respectively, and the auxiliary gas temperature was set to 300 °C. The transfer capillary temperature was held at 250 °C and the S-Lens RF level was set at 50 V. Exactive Series 2.11/Xcalibur 4.02.47 software was used for data acquisition and processing. Elemental analyses were performed in Atlantic Microlab, Inc., Norcross, GA. X-band EPR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ELEXSYS Spectrometer with a cryogen-free in-cavity temperature control system.

**Photochemistry Details.** *Steady-State Photolysis.* For standard photochemical reactions, a J-young/Schlenk tube was charged with compound [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> (1 equiv.), the appropriate substrate (10 equiv.), and CD<sub>3</sub>CN. The solution was photolyzed by a Nikon Hg 100 W lamp equipped with a glass filter (335 <  $\lambda$  < 610 nm) for 4-6 d at 23 °C, depending on the substrate. The reaction mixture was subsequently filtered through Celite and the products were characterized by GC/GCMS and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. GC retention times were established by comparison with authentic samples of the relevant products.

Analysis of Head-Space Gases. An Agilent Trace 1300GC with attached thermal conductivity detector and a custom-made 120 cm stainless steel column packed with Carbosieve-II was used for analysis of headspace gases. The column was kept at 200 °C and Ar was used as carrier gas. The detector was set to a temperature of 250 °C. Headspace gas ( $\sim$ 300 µL) was transferred to the GC with a 0.50 mL Valco Precision Sampling Syringe (Series A-2) equipped with a Valco Precision sampling needle with a 5-point side port.

**X-Ray Diffraction Details.** X-ray crystal structures of [**B**]ClO<sub>4</sub> before and after photolysis were collected using synchrotron radiation (0.41328 Å) at ChemMatCARS located at the Advanced Photon Source (APS) housed at Argonne National Laboratory (ANL). Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were mounted on a glass fiber and data was collected at 100 K (Cryojet N<sub>2</sub> cold stream) using a vertically mounted Bruker D8 three-circle platform goniometer equipped with a PILATUS3 X CdTe 1M detector. Illumination was provided by a Thor Labs 365 nm LED (M365L2) and was delivered to the sample via a 100 µm ID fiber optic. Light intensity was measured with a power meter to be 2 mW at the crystal mount and the spot size of the fiber-delivered light was ~100 µm in diameter. Data were collected as a series of  $\varphi$  and/or  $\omega$  scans. Data were integrated using SAINT and scaled with a multi-scan absorption correction using SADABS. Structures were solved by intrinsic phasing using SHELXT (Apex2 program suite v2014.1) and refined against F<sup>2</sup> on all data by full matrix least squares with SHELXL97.<sup>7, 8</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. H atoms were placed at idealized positions and refined using a riding model. Refinement details are described in the relevant cif.

**Computational Details.** Calculations were performed using the Gaussian 16, Revision C.01 suite of software.<sup>9</sup> Geometry optimizations were carried out with the PBE0 functional<sup>10</sup> in conjunction with Grimme's D3 empirical dispersion<sup>11</sup> and Becke-Johnson damping [EMP=GD3BJ],<sup>12</sup> the mod-LANL2DZ basis set<sup>13</sup> and corresponding ECP for Cu,<sup>14</sup> and the 6-311+G\* basis set for other atoms;<sup>15</sup> the coordinates for optimized geometries are tabulated in Table S4. Frequency calculations at this level of theory confirmed that optimized geometries represent ground state structures.

#### **B.** Synthesis and Characterization

## Synthesis of [Cu(tpa)Br]ClO<sub>4</sub> ([7]ClO<sub>4</sub>)



 $[Cu(tpa)Br]ClO_4$  ([7]ClO<sub>4</sub>) was prepared according to the following modification of literature methods.<sup>16</sup> A 100-mL round-bottom flask was charged with tpa (2.92 g, 10.1 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and methanol (25 mL). The reaction solution was heated to 50 °C. CuBr<sub>2</sub> (2.25 g, 10.2 mmol, 1.01 equiv.) was slowly added to the reaction solution and the solution was stirred for 1 h. During this time, the color of the solution became dark green, NaClO<sub>4</sub> (1.52 g, 12.5 mmol. 1.24 equiv.) was added as a solid and the reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. The resulting green precipitate was isolated by hot vacuum filtration. The precipitate was washed with diethyl ether to afford the title compound as a green powder (3.61 g, 71%). Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by slow diffusion of diethyl ether into the acetonitrile solution of the compound. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\delta$ , 23 °C, CD<sub>3</sub>CN): 29.8 (br s, 12H), 10.3 (br s, 6H). UV-Vis-NIR (solid) (nm): 258, 340, 988. UV-vis (acetonitrile),  $\lambda_{max}$  (nm, e (M<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup>)): 330 (18100), 995 (900). HRMS ESI-MS (acetonitrile): calculated for [M]<sup>+</sup> = 433.998, observed [M]<sup>+</sup> = 433.997. IR (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3067 (m), 2959 (m), 2009 (w), 1607 (s), 1571 (m), 1478 (s), 1430 (s), 1364 (m), 1307 (s), 1260 (s), 1085 (s), 1023 (s), 951 (m), 899 (w), 832 (m), 755 (s), 719 (m), 620 (s), 512 (m), 476 (w), 408 (m). Spectral data are well-matched with those available in the literature.<sup>16</sup>

## Synthesis of [Cu(tpa)BrO<sub>3</sub>]ClO<sub>4</sub> ([8]ClO<sub>4</sub>)



A 20-mL scintillation vial was charged with [7]ClO<sub>4</sub> (2.14 g, 4.04 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), acetone (8 mL), and acetonitrile (2 mL). To that solution, AgBrO<sub>3</sub> (2.88 g, 12.3 mmol, 3.07 equiv.) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred in the dark for 24 h at 23 °C. During this time, the color of the reaction mixture became dark blue. Solids were removed by filtration through a pad of Celite and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was washed with diethyl ether. The residue was taken up in acetone and slow diffusion of either diethyl ether or pentane into the acetone solution resulted in crystallization of the title compound (1.53 g, 65% yield following crystallization). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\delta$ , 23 °C, CD<sub>3</sub>CN): 28.2 (br s, 12H), 10.7

(br s, 6H). IR (KBr pellet, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3067 (m), 2923 (s), 2849 (m), 2016 (w), 1606 (s), 1576 (m), 1481 (s), 1437 (s), 1367 (m), 1310 (s), 1266 (s), 1096 (s), 1020 (s), 957 (s), 900 (w), 881 (w), 844 (s), 744 (s), 730 (s), 649 (m), 623 (s), 496 (m), 484 (w), 433 (w). UV-Vis-NIR (solid) (nm): 267, 914. UV-vis (acetone),  $\lambda_{max}$  (nm,  $\epsilon$  (M<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup>)): 426 (2.3 × 10<sup>1</sup>), 710 (3.0 × 10<sup>2</sup>), 920 nm (5.4 × 10<sup>2</sup>). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>BrClCu: C, 37.19; H, 3.12, N, 9.64. Found C, 37.22; H, 3.15, N, 9.59.

## Synthesis of [Cu(tpa)Br]BF<sub>4</sub> ([7]BF<sub>4</sub>)



[Cu(tpa)Br]BF<sub>4</sub> ([7]BF<sub>4</sub>) was prepared according to the following modification of literature methods.<sup>16</sup> A 20-mL scintillation vial was charged with tpa (102 mg, 0.353 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and methanol (1.00 mL). The reaction solution was heated to 50 °C. CuBr<sub>2</sub> (78.7 mg, 0.352 mmol, 0.997 equiv.) was slowly added to the reaction solution and the solution was stirred for 1 h. During this time, the color of the solution became dark green. NaBF<sub>4</sub> (58.0 mg, 0.532 mmol, 1.51 equiv.) was added as a solid and the reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. The observed green precipitate was isolated by hot vacuum filtration. The precipitate was washed with diethyl ether to afford the title compound as a green powder (82.0 mg, 46%). NMR ( $\delta$ , 23 °C, CD<sub>3</sub>CN): 30 (br s, 12H), 10.3 (br s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR ( $\delta$ , 23 °C, CD<sub>3</sub>CN): -145 (s, 4F).

## Synthesis of [Cu(tpa)BrO<sub>3</sub>]BF<sub>4</sub> ([8]BF<sub>4</sub>)



A 20-mL scintillation vial was charged with [7]BF<sub>4</sub> (82.0 mg, 0.158 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), acetone (0.809 mL), and acetonitrile (0.200 mL). AgBrO<sub>3</sub> (110 mg, 0.468 mmol, 2.96 equiv.) was added as a solid and the reaction mixture was stirred in the dark for 24 h at 23 °C. During this time, the color of the reaction mixture became dark blue. Solids were removed by filtration through Celite and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was washed with diethyl ether affording the title compound (77.0 mg, 87%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\delta$ , 23 °C, CD<sub>3</sub>CN): 30 (br s, 12H), 10.6 (br s, 6H). <sup>19</sup>F NMR ( $\delta$ , 23 °C, CD<sub>3</sub>CN): –150 (s, 4F).

#### **C. Reactivity Studies**

#### **Oxygenation of Carbon Monoxide**

CO 
$$[8]CIO_4$$
CH<sub>3</sub>CN, 4 d, 23 °C
335 <  $\lambda$  < 610 nm

In an N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox, a J-young tube was charged with [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> (40 mg, 0.070 mmol) and dissolved in acetonitrile (0.75 mL). The reaction mixture was degassed by three freezepump-thaw cycles and the headspace was refilled with 1 atm of CO. The reaction mixture was photolyzed for 4 d at 23 °C using a 100 W Hg lamp with a 335-610 nm band-pass filter. The reaction headspace was analyzed by gas chromatography (Figure S6), which indicated the formation of CO<sub>2</sub>.

#### **Oxidation of 1,4-Cyclohexadiene**

In an N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox, a J-young tube was charged with [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> (40 mg, 0.070 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), cyclohexadiene (0.70 mmol, 10 equiv), and CD<sub>3</sub>CN (0.60 mL). The reaction mixture was photolyzed for 4 d at 23 °C using a 100 W Hg lamp with a 335-610 nm band-pass filter. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite. The resulting solution was analyzed via <sup>1</sup>H NMR (ethylbenzene (10  $\mu$ L) added as internal standard), which indicated formation of benzene (84%).

#### Epoxidation of $\alpha$ -Olefins

$$R \xrightarrow{(\mathbf{8})ClO_4} R \xrightarrow{\mathbf{CD}_3CN, 4 \text{ d}, 23 \degree C} 335 < \lambda < 610 \text{ nm} 9, R = Ph, 91\% \\ \mathbf{10}, R = C_6H_{13}, 36\%$$

In an N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox, a J-young tube was charged with [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> (100 mg, 0.180 mmol, 1.00 equiv.),  $\alpha$ -olefin (1.80 mmol, 10 equiv), and CD<sub>3</sub>CN (2.40 mL). The reaction mixture was photolyzed for 4 d at 23 °C using a 100 W Hg lamp with a 335-610 nm band-pass filter. The resulting mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography with EtOAc / hexanes system (v/v: 1:10) to afford products **9** (19.0 mg, 91% yield) and **10** (8.3 mg, 36% yield), respectively.

#### Epoxidation of *cis*-β-Methylstyrene



In an N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox, a Schlenk tube was charged with [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> (40 mg, 0.070 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), *cis*- $\beta$ -methylstyrene (0.70 mmol, 10 equiv), and CD<sub>3</sub>CN (0.60 mL). The reaction mixture was photolyzed for 4 d at 23 °C using a 100 W Hg lamp with a 335-610 nm bandpass filter. The resulting solution was analyzed via <sup>1</sup>H NMR (dichloromethane (10 µL) added as internal standard), which indicated formation of *cis*-**11** (3.5%) and *trans*-**11** (31%).

#### Hydroxylation of Toluene



In an N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox, a J-young tube was charged with [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> (40 mg, 0.070 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), toluene (0.70 mmol, 10 equiv), and CD<sub>3</sub>CN (0.60 mL). The reaction mixture was photolyzed for 4 d at 23 °C using a 100 W Hg lamp with a 335-610 nm band-pass filter. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. The resulting solution was analyzed via <sup>1</sup>H NMR (ethylbenzene (10  $\mu$ L) added as internal standard), which indicated formation of benzyl alcohol (76%).

Determination of the kinetic isotope effect (KIE) of hydroxylation. In an N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox, a Jyoung tube was charged with [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> (0.040 g, 0.070 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), toluene (0.70 mmol, 10 equiv), toluene- $d_8$  (0.70 mmol, 10 equiv.), and acetonitrile (0.40 mL). The reaction mixture was photolyzed for 4 d at 23 °C using a 100 W Hg lamp with a 335-610 nm bandpass filter. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and  $k_H/k_D$  = 3.4(2) was determined by integration of the APCI-MS data obtained from this solution (Figure S12) The experiment was carried out three times and the reported value is the mean of these trials.

#### **Oxidation of Cyclohexane**



In an N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox, a J-young tube was charged with [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> (100 mg, 0.180 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) and cyclohexane (1.50 mL, 14.5 mmol, 80.5 equiv). The reaction mixture was photolyzed for 6 d at 23 °C using a 100 W Hg lamp with a 335-610 nm band-pass filter. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was purified by column

chromatography with EtOAc / hexanes system (v/v: 3:7) to afford cyclohexanone (4.1 mg, 23% yield), cyclohexanol (3.1 mg, 17% yield), and bromocyclohexane (5.3 mg, 18% yield).

### Hydroxylation of Toluene with [Cu(tpa)BrO<sub>3</sub>]BF<sub>4</sub>



In an N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox, a Schlenk tube was charged with [**8**]BF<sub>4</sub> (0.038 g, 0.070 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), toluene (0.70 mmol, 10 equiv), and CD<sub>3</sub>CN (0.60 mL). The reaction mixture was photolyzed for 4 d at 23 °C using a 100 W Hg lamp with a 335-610 nm band-pass filter. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. The product was analyzed via <sup>1</sup>H NMR (ethylbenzene (10  $\mu$ L) added as internal standard), which indicated formation of benzyl alcohol (7%).

## Epoxidation of *cis*-β-methylstyrene with [Cu(tpa)]BF<sub>4</sub>



In an N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox a Schlenk tube was charged with tpa (0.041 g, 0.14 mmol, 1.1 equiv.),  $[Cu(MeCN)_4]BF_4$  (0.042 g, 0.13 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), and CD<sub>3</sub>CN (0.60 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min. PhIO (0.029 g, 0.13 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and cis- $\beta$ -methylstyrene (0.42 mmol, 3 equiv) were added to the reaction mixture. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred overnight at 23 °C. The product was analyzed via <sup>1</sup>H NMR (dichloromethane (10 µL) added as internal standard), which indicated formation of *cis*-epoxide (0.8%) and *trans*-epoxide (7%). The similarity of the diastereoselection in this experiment to that observed in the photolysis of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> suggests a common reactive oxygen species mediates the processes.

## D. Supporting Data



**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> measured in CD<sub>3</sub>CN at 23 °C. The indicated peak [\*] corresponds to residual water. Inset: expansion of the 0–12 ppm spectral range.



**Figure S2.** UV-vis spectra of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub>. (a) UV-vis spectrum of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> measured in acetone at 23 °C. Absorptions are observed at 426 ( $\varepsilon = 2.3 \times 10$ ), 710 ( $\varepsilon = 3.0 \times 10^2$ ), and 920 nm ( $\varepsilon = 5.4 \times 10^2$ ). (b) Diffuse reflectance spectrum of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> measured in the solid-state at 23 °C. Absorptions are observed at 695 nm and 922 nm.



**Figure S3.** (a) IR spectrum of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> recorded in a KBr pellet at 23 °C. (b) Expansion of spectral window depicting the bromate region. The spectrum of compound [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> features peaks at 767 and 778 cm<sup>-1</sup> (–), which are attributed to stretching modes characteristic of the bromate ligand. These features are distinct from those of KBrO<sub>3</sub>, which are observed at 774 and 790 cm<sup>-1</sup> (–).<sup>17</sup>



Figure S4. X-band EPR spectrum of [8]ClO<sub>4</sub> collected at 4 K in toluene.



**Figure S5.** X-band EPR spectrum of [7]ClO<sub>4</sub> collected in solution-state (toluene) at 296 K. The observed g-value anisotropy is consistent with either trigonal bipyramidal or distorted octahedral geometry.



**Figure S6.** Displacement ellipsoid plot of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> drawn at 50% probability. H-atoms and counter anion are removed for clarity. The crystalline sample used in this diffraction experiment was obtained by slow diffusion of diethyl ether into the acetone solution at 23 °C.

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	$C_{18}H_{18}BrCuN_4O_3 \cdot ClO_4$
M <sub>r</sub>	581.26
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, <i>P</i> 1
Temperature (K)	100
a, b, c (Å)	9.4468(6), 14.4723(9), 15.792(1)
α, β, γ (°)	83.285(1), 80.507(1), 89.649(1)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2114.6(2)
Ζ	4
Radiation type	Synchrotron, λ = 0.41328 Å
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.72
Crystal size (mm)	$0.02 \times 0.02 \times 0.01$
Data collection	
Diffractometer	Bruker
Absorption correction	Multi-scan SADABS2016/2 (Bruker,2016/2) was used for absorption correction. wR2(int) was 0.1097 before and 0.0813 after correction. The Ratio of minimum to maximum transmission is 0.8593. The $\lambda/2$ correction factor is Not present.
$T_{\min}, T_{\max}$	0.859, 1.000
No. of measured, independent and observed $[I > 2s(I)]$ reflections	45899, 8155, 6474
R <sub>int</sub>	0.066
$(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{max} (Å^{-1})$	0.632
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2s(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.047, 0.130, 1.06
No. of reflections	8155
No. of parameters	578
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained
Γ <sub>max</sub> , Γ <sub>min</sub> (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	1.27, –1.38

**Table S1.** X-ray experimental details of [8]ClO4 (CCDC 2178161)

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Entry	reference	Cu–N <sub>pyridine</sub> / Å	Cu–N <sub>amine</sub> / Å	Cu–O / Å
<b>[8</b> ]ClO <sub>4</sub>	this work	2.072(4)	2.023(3)	1.951(3)
[Cu(tpa)NO₂]⁺	18	2.0741(3)	2.0399(2)	1.931(1)
[(Cu(tpa)) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	19	2.067(4)	2.005(4)	1.944(3)
[(Cu(tpa)) <sub>2</sub> pyzdc] <sup>2+</sup>	20	2.0514(2)	2.0360(2)	1.9343(1)
[(Cu(tpa)) <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>2+</sup>	21	2.0678(2)	2.0572(2)	1.9114(1)
[Cu(tpa)NO₂]⁺	22	2.076(6)	2.026(5)	1.935(6)
[Cu(tpa)(BF)]⁺	23	2.071(2)	2.034(2)	1.932(2)

**Table S2.** Relevant X-ray metical parameters of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> and other [Cu(tpa)X] complexes that feature apical oxyanions.



**Figure S7.** Gas chromatograms (GC) of the headspace of reactions after 4 d photolysis (335 <  $\lambda$  < 610 nm) (a) Photolysis of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN in the presence of CO results in the formation of CO<sub>2</sub>. GC analysis of the headspace of the reaction shows N<sub>2</sub>, CO, and CO<sub>2</sub>.(b) Photolysis of a CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution in the presence of CO. GC analysis of the headspace of the reaction shows only N<sub>2</sub> and CO. (c) Photolysis of KBrO<sub>3</sub> dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN in the presence of CO. GC analysis of the headspace of the reaction shows only N<sub>2</sub> and CO. (c) Photolysis of shows only N<sub>2</sub> and CO.



**Figure S8.** Photolysis (335 <  $\lambda$  < 610 nm) of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> in CD<sub>3</sub>CN and styrene results in the formation of styrene oxide (**9**). (a) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reactant mixture of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> and styrene; (b) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the product mixture following photolysis of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub>; (c) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of isolated **9** (spectral features attributed to styrene oxide (**9**) marked with \*).



**Figure S9.** Photolysis (335 <  $\lambda$  < 610 nm) of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> in CD<sub>3</sub>CN and 1-octene results in the formation of epoxide **10**. (a) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reactant mixture of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> and 1-octene; (b) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the product mixture following photolysis of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub>; (c) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of isolated **10** (spectral features attributed to epoxide **10** marked with \*).



**Figure S10.** Photolysis (335 <  $\lambda$  < 610 nm) of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> in CD<sub>3</sub>CN and 1,4-cyclohexadiene results in the formation of benzene. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the product mixture following photolysis of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> (spectral features attributed to benzene marked with \*).



**Figure S11.** Photolysis (335 <  $\lambda$  < 610 nm) of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> in CD<sub>3</sub>CN and toluene results in the formation of benzyl alcohol. (a) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the reactant mixture of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> and toluene; (b) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the product mixture following photolysis of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> (spectral features attributed to benzyl alcohol marked with \*).



**Figure S12.** Photolysis ( $335 < \lambda < 610 \text{ nm}$ ) of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> in cyclohexane results in the formation of cyclohexanone, cyclohexanol, and bromocyclohexane. (a) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of isolated cyclohexanone; (b) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of isolated cyclohexanol; (c) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of isolated bromocyclohexane.



**Figure S13.** APCI-MS trace for the intermolecular KIE determination. The m/z of benzylalcohol ( $C_7H_7O^-$ , APCI negative) is 107.0489; the m/z of deuterated benzylalcohol ( $C_7D_7O^-$ , APCI negative) is 115.0024. (a) The m/z spectrum of the reaction mixture without photolysis which indicates no traces of benzyl alcohols ( $C_7H_7O^-$  or  $C_7D_7O^-$ ). (b) The m/z spectrum of the reaction mixture after photolysis (335 <  $\lambda$  < 610 nm) which indicates the characteristic peaks of both benzyl alcohols which was used to calculate the  $k_H/k_D$  using the following equation.

$Intermolecular KIE = \frac{1}{Area}$	Area of benzyl alcohol (107.	0489) <sub>v</sub>	D8-toluene
	of deuterated benzyl alcohol	(115.0024) <sup>A</sup>	H8 — toluene
Sample	Substrate	Averag	ge KIE*

Sample	Substrate	Average KIE*		
[ <b>8</b> ]ClO <sub>4</sub>	H8-toluene/D8-toluene	$3.4 \pm 0.2$		
the reaction was performed in triplicate				

\* The reaction was performed in triplicate.



**Figure S14.** Photolysis (335 <  $\lambda$  < 610 nm) of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> in CD<sub>3</sub>CN and *cis*- $\beta$ -methylstyrene results in the formation of *cis*-**11** and *trans*-**11**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the product mixture following photolysis of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> (spectral features attributed to *trans*-**11** marked with \*).



**Figure S15.** Combination of  $[Cu(tpa)]BF_4([12]BF_4)$ , PhIO, and *cis*- $\beta$ -methylstyrene in CD<sub>3</sub>CN results in epoxidation. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the crude product mixture (spectral features attributed to *trans*-**11** are marked with \*).



**Figure S16.** Diffuse reflectance spectrum measured at 23 °C on a KBr pellet sample of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> (black) and the product mixture after 24 h of photolysis (335 <  $\lambda$  < 610 nm). A new absorption centered at 475 nm grows in and is consistent with BrO<sub>2</sub> which has previously been observed in solution-state UV-Vis experiments.<sup>24, 25</sup>



**Figure S17.** X-band EPR spectrum of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> collected at 296 K in the solid-state (black) and after 2 days of photolysis (red). The minimal changes in both intensity and spectral features are consistent with regeneration of Cu(II) after the photochemistry has taken place. We ascribe this to a series of events involving (a) photoreduction to generate Cu(I) and BrO<sub>3</sub> radical (b) electron-transfer from these resulting species to generate Cu(II) cation and BrO<sub>3</sub> anion (c) recombination of the ions, facilitated by the tight packing of the crystalline lattice. The nearly identical linewidth above the baseline but broader linewidth below for the photolyzed sample as compared to the starting material, suggests a decrease in g-value anisotropy but retention of the  $(3d_{z2})^1$  ground state configuration.

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	$C_{18}H_{18}BrCuN_4O_3 \cdot ClO_4$
M <sub>r</sub>	581.26
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, <i>P</i> 1
Temperature (K)	100
a, b, c (A)	9.424(1), 14.590(2), 15.753(2)
α, β, γ (°)	84.606(2), 80.963(2), 89.819(2)
V (A <sup>3</sup> )	2129.5(4)
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Radiation type	Synchrotron, $\lambda = 0.41328 \text{ A}$
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.72
Crystal size (mm)	$0.02 \times 0.02 \times 0.01$
Data collection	
Diffractometer	Bruker APEX-II CCD
Absorption correction	Multi-scan
	SADABS2016/2 (Bruker,2016/2) was used for
	absorption correction. wR2(int) was 0.0965 before
	and 0.0580 after correction. The Ratio of minimum
	to maximum transmission is 0.8552. The $\lambda/2$
	correction factor is Not present.
$T_{\min}, T_{\max}$	0.636, 0.744
No. of measured, independent and	13380, 4093, 3232
observed [I > 2s(I)] reflections	
R <sub>int</sub>	0.053
$\theta_{\max}(0)$	11.9
$(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{max} (A^{-1})$	0.499
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2s(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.090, 0.276, 1.07
No. of reflections	4093
No. of parameters	577
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained
	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.1693P)^2 + 18.6438P]$ where P =
	$(F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$\Delta  ho_{ m max}$ , $\Delta_{ homin}$ (e A <sup>-3</sup> )	1.15, –1.38

**Table S3.** X-ray experimental details of [8]ClO4 following photolysis (CCDC 2178160)

**Table S4.** X,Y,Z coordinates for the optimized geometry of Cu(tpa)<sup>+</sup> computed as a singlet at the PBE0 level of theory with mod-LANL2DZ (Cu) and 6-31G(d,p) (light atoms) basis sets.

Atom	Х	Y	Ζ
Cu	0.000284	0.000424	-0.894740
Ν	-1.615400	1.244599	-0.585320
Ν	1.885810	0.776376	-0.585210
Ν	-0.270550	-2.020920	-0.585250
Ν	-0.000052	0.000397	1.329712
С	-1.763100	1.605402	0.703055
С	-2.881230	2.305940	1.144384
Н	-2.972980	2.569650	2.195162
С	-3.867180	2.662680	0.228629
Н	-4.747680	3.211725	0.553126
С	-3.707000	2.297796	-1.103920
Н	-4.449040	2.549647	-1.855820
С	-2.568280	1.585744	-1.461050
Н	-2.406130	1.270006	-2.488930
С	2.271832	0.724013	0.703250
С	3.437905	1.341464	1.144610
Н	3.711924	1.289252	2.195459
С	4.240470	2.016074	0.228784
Н	5.156477	2.503580	0.553289
С	3.844708	2.059585	-1.103870
Н	4.434363	2.575598	-1.855830
С	2.658315	1.430191	-1.461030
Н	2.303976	1.447577	-2.488960
С	-0.508930	-2.328990	0.703211
С	-0.556790	-3.647510	1.144751
Н	-0.739080	-3.858630	2.195606
С	-0.373330	-4.679920	0.229076
Н	-0.408770	-5.716930	0.553713
С	-0.137730	-4.359000	-1.103580
Н	0.014732	-5.127690	-1.855430
С	-0.090090	-3.016870	-1.460900
Н	0.102130	-2.718750	-2.488860
С	-0.631180	1.267180	1.653410
Н	0.135052	2.049213	1.552387
Н	-0.991630	1.311382	2.695018
С	1.412489	-0.086580	1.653656
Н	1.706389	-1.141270	1.552894
Н	1.630944	0.203673	2.695218



**Figure S18.** Packing diagram for [8]ClO<sub>4</sub> following photolysis that illustrates the close-packed, dense array of BrO<sub>3</sub> fragments.



**Figure S19.** Photolysis (white light) of KBrO<sub>3</sub> and  $(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$  in CD<sub>3</sub>CN and toluene results in formation of benzyl alcohol, benzaldehyde, and benzoate. (a) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the product mixture following photolysis of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub>; (b) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the crude product mixture following photolysis of KBrO<sub>3</sub> and  $(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$  in CD<sub>3</sub>CN and toluene.



**Figure S20.** Photolysis (white light) of KBrO<sub>3</sub> and  $(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$  in CD<sub>3</sub>CN and cyclohexane results in formation of cyclohexanol and cyclohexanone. (a) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the product mixture following photolysis of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub>; (b) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the crude product mixture following photolysis of KBrO<sub>3</sub> and  $(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$  in CD<sub>3</sub>CN and cyclohexane. While photolysis of [**8**]ClO<sub>4</sub> in the presence of cyclohexane resulted in relatively clean formation of cyclohexanol and cyclohexanone in yields of 17% and 23%, respectively; subjecting KBrO<sub>3</sub> and  $(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$  to similar conditions resulted in a complex mixture of both oxidized and unsaturated products.

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