

Supplementary Materials

Importance of surface peroxo species in the epoxidation of cyclohexene by Mo-doped TS-1 and O₂ under solvent-free conditions

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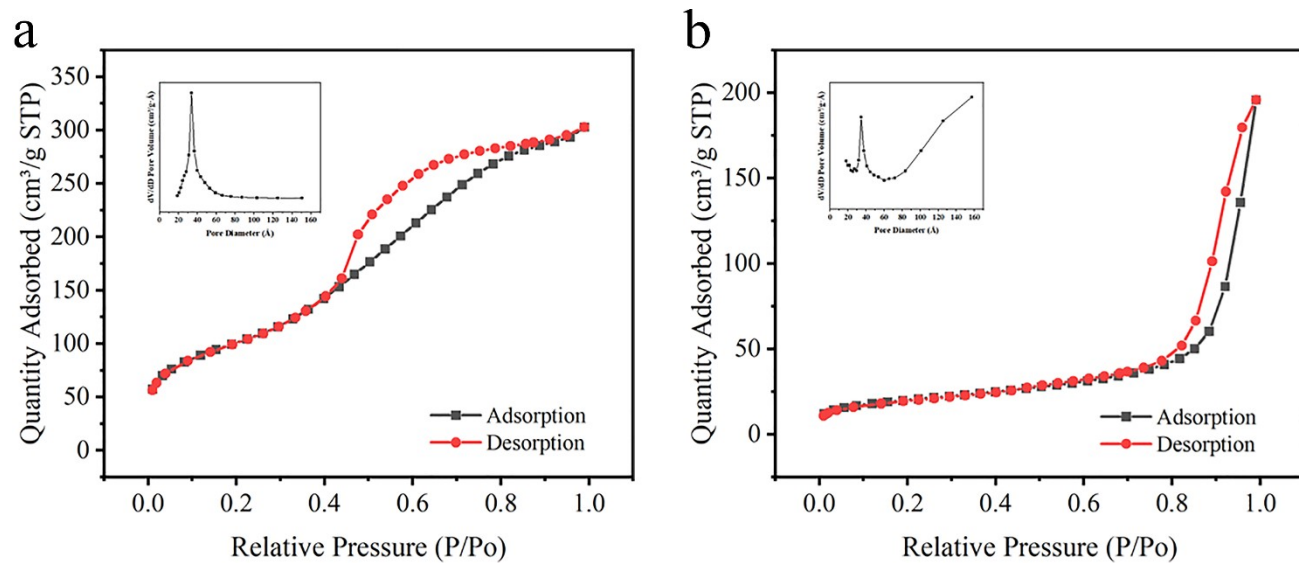


Figure S1. N_2 adsorption/desorption isotherm inserted with pore size distributions of (a) TS-1, (b) 5Mo-TS-1.

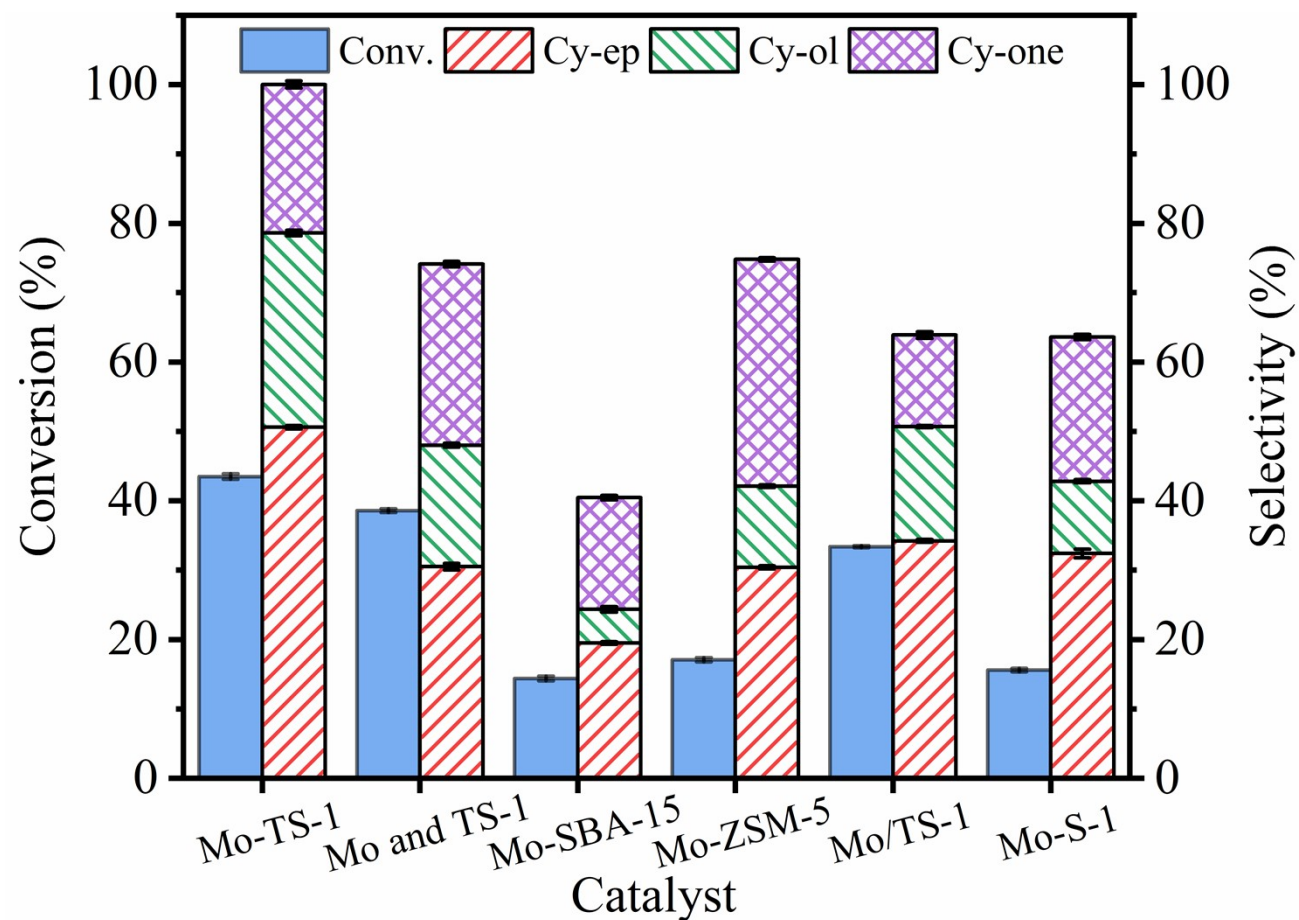


Figure S2. Oxidation of Cy by various catalysts and O₂. Reaction conditions: 50 mg of catalyst, 5 mL of Cy, 1.0 MPa O₂, 80 °C and 6 h reaction time. Mo and TS-1: 1.0 wt.% Mo physical mixing with 99.0 wt.% TS-1, Mo/TS-1:

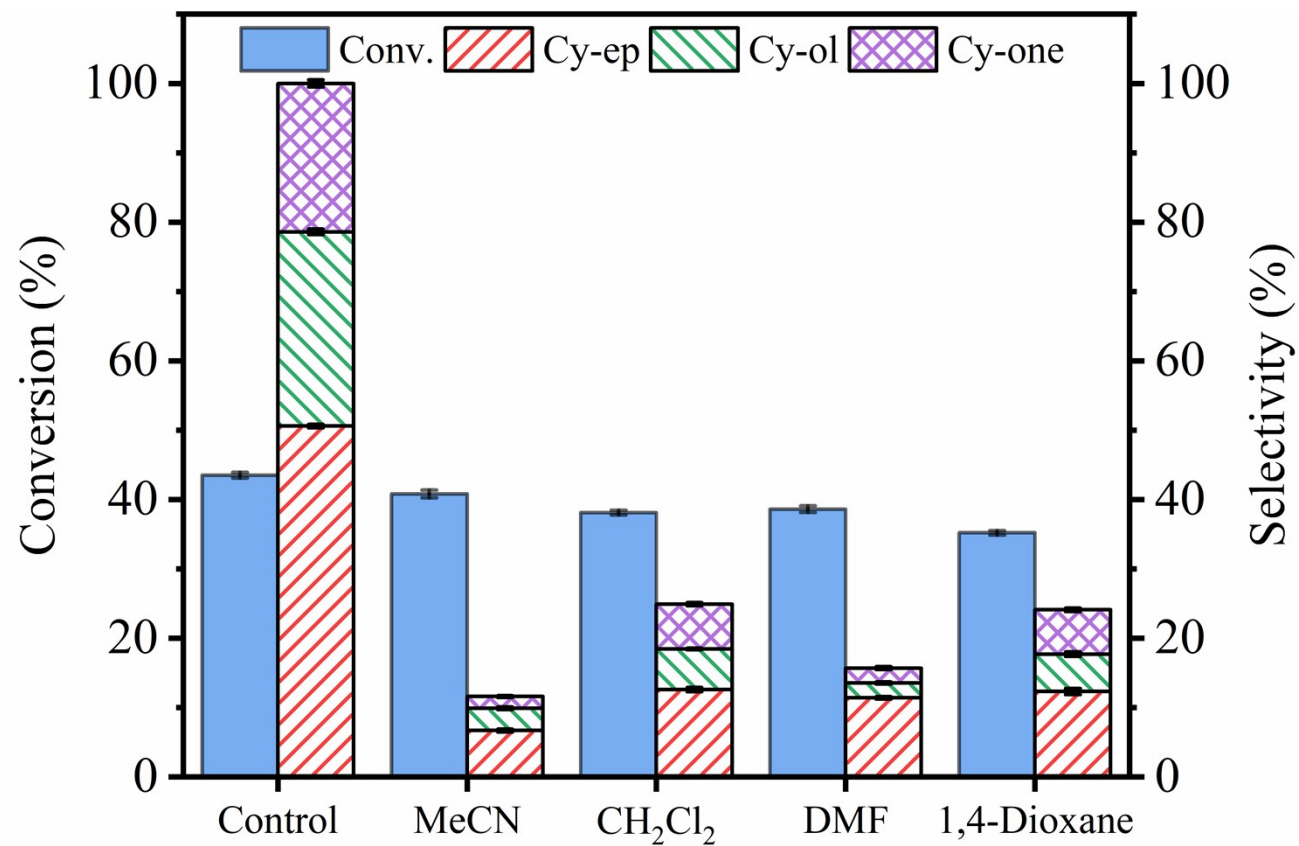


Figure S3. Oxidation of Cy in various solvents by 5Mo-TS-1 and O₂. Reaction conditions: 50 mg of catalyst, 5 mL of Cy, 1.0 MPa O₂, 80 °C and 6 h reaction time.

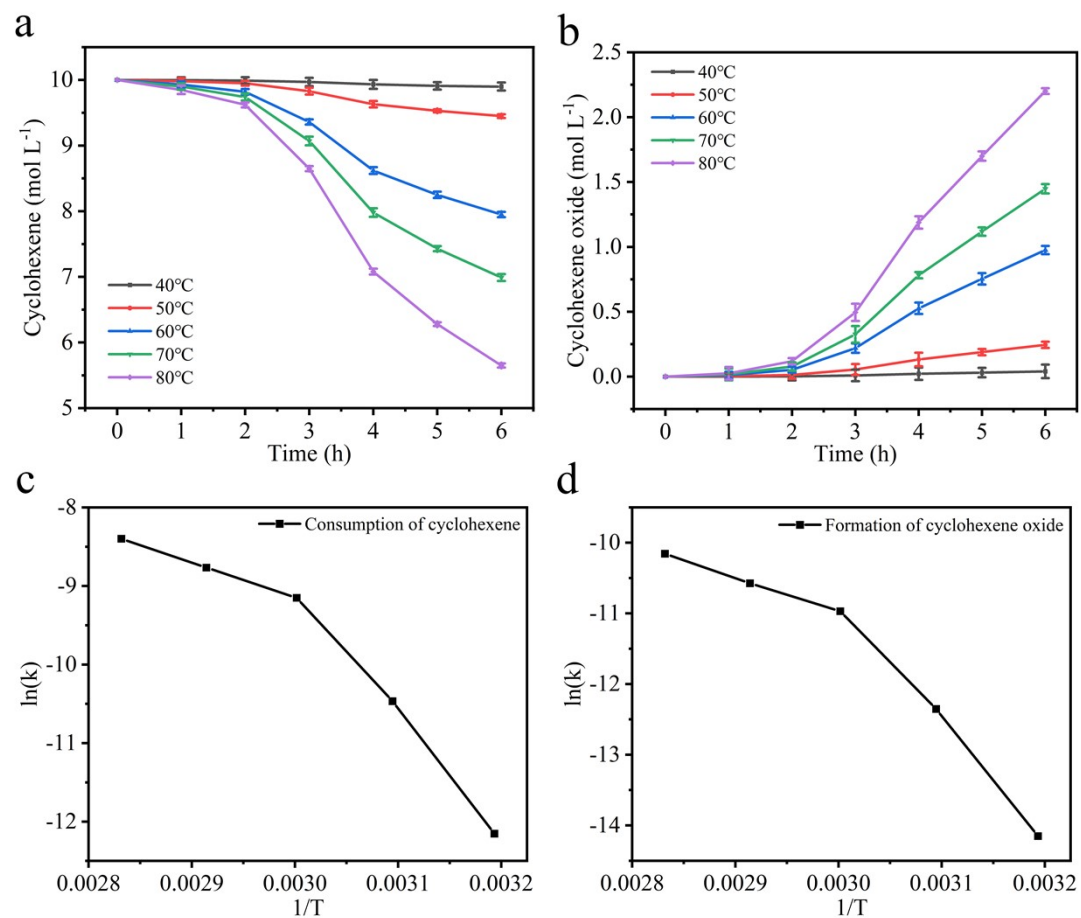


Figure S4. (a) The total consumption of Cy and (b) the formation of Cy-ep in the various temperatures. Arrhenius plots of $\ln$ (initial rate) versus $1/T$ in (c) consumption of Cy and (d) formation of Cy-ep.

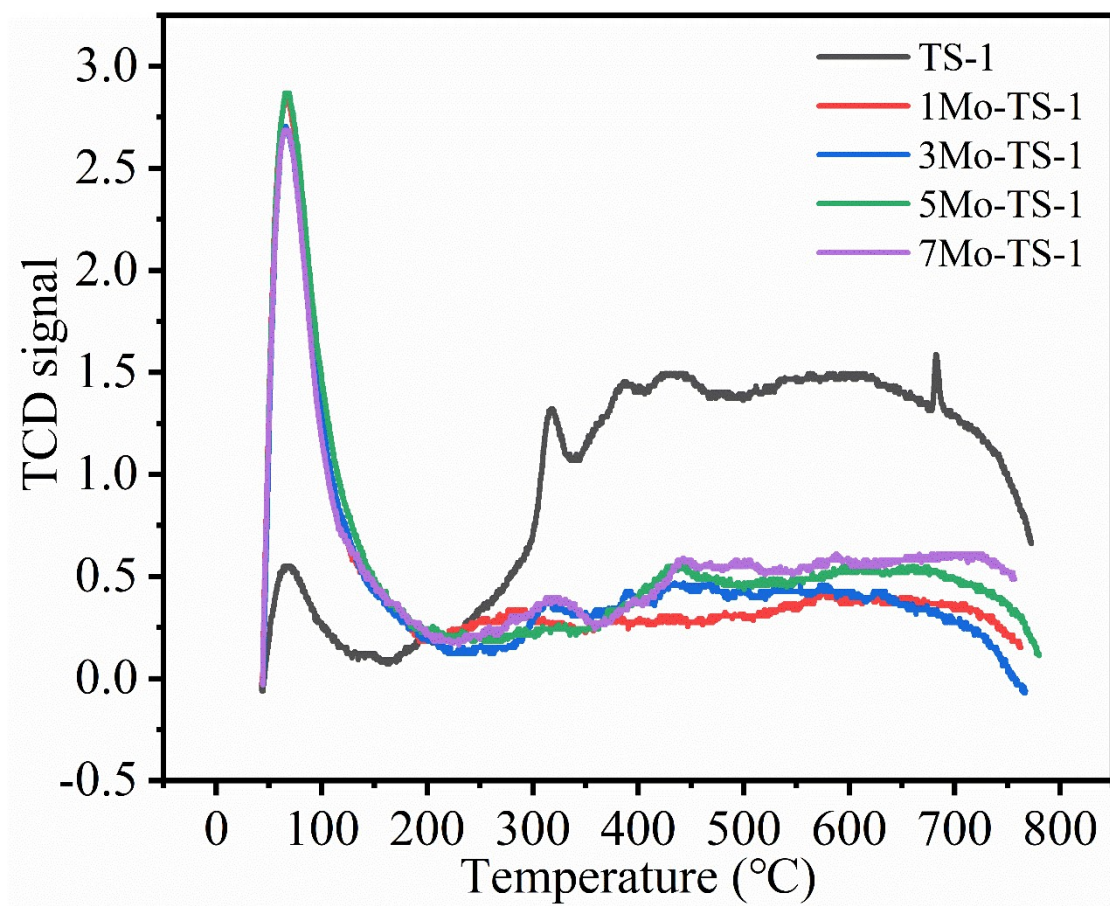


Figure S5. H₂-TPR profiles of various catalysts.

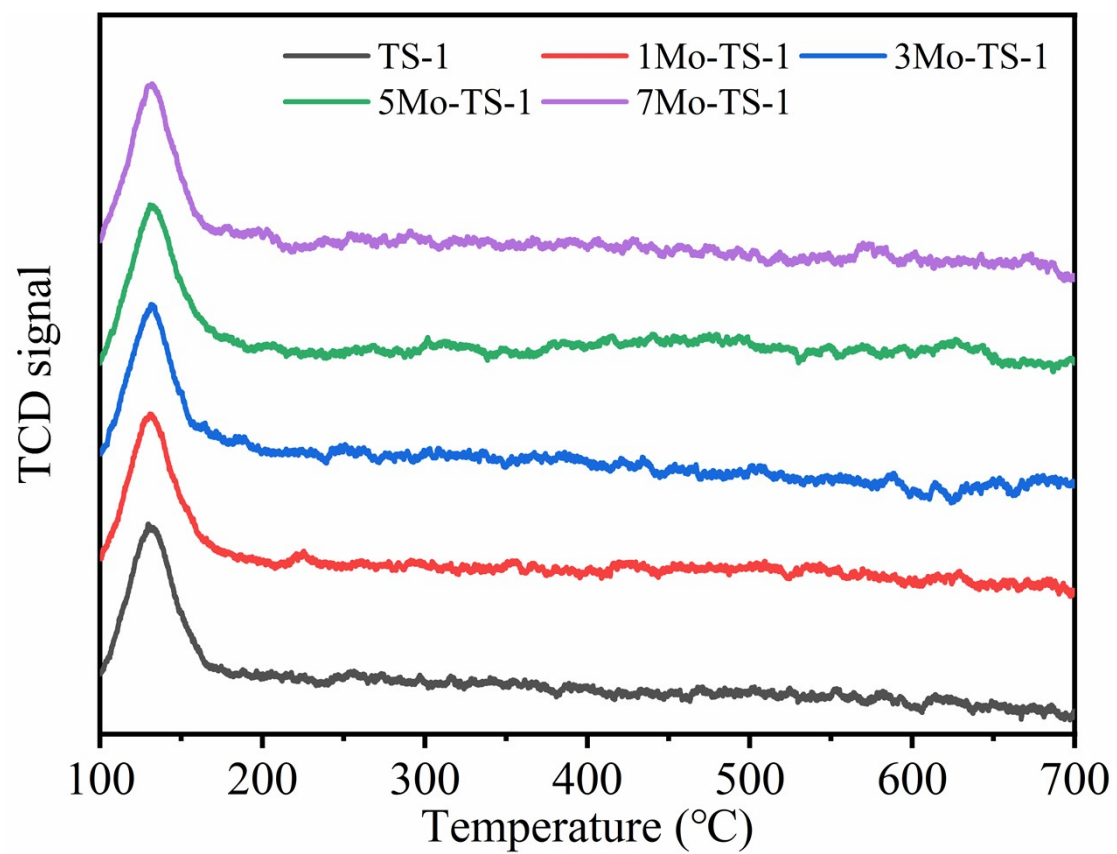


Figure S6. NH₃-TPD profiles of various catalysts

Table S1. BET surface areas of TS-1 and 5Mo-TS-1

Samples	S _{BET} (m ² g ⁻¹)	Average pore diameter (nm)
TS-1	363	5.16
5Mo-TS-1	60	17.00

Table S2. ICP-OES analysis of different catalysts and reaction mixture.

Samples	Mo percentage (wt.%) ^a	Ti percentage (wt.%) ^a
5Mo-TS-1	1.08	1.22
Reused 5Mo-TS-1	1.09	1.24
Reaction mixture	- ^b	- ^b

^a the amounts of Mo and Ti in the catalyst before and after reaction^b no detection by ICP-OESTable S3. Mulliken charges, spin populations and bond lengths of various species during O₂ activation

	Mulliken charge (<i>e</i>) / spin			Bond length (Å)	
	O ¹	O ²	Ti	Mo	O ¹ -O ²
O _v -O ₂	-0.36/ 0.53	-0.47/ 0.50	1.38/ 0.18	1.18/ 1.70	1.394
Mo site-O ₂ R	0/ 0	0/ 0	1.55/ 0	1.54/ 0	1.248
Mo site-O ₂ TS	-0.06/ 0	-0.02/ 0	1.6/ 0	1.6/ 0	1.254
Mo site-O ₂ P	-0.37/ 0	-0.30/ 0	1.67/ 0	1.95/ 0	1.461

Table S4. Mulliken charges, spin and bond lengths of various species during the abstraction of allyl H and vinylic H by Mo-TS-1 and O₂

	Mulliken charge (e) / spin								Bond length (Å)	
	O ¹	O ²	Ti	Mo	C(Cy)	H(Cy)	C ₆ H ₁₀	C ₆ H ₉	O ¹ -O ²	C-H
O _v -superoxo-allylic H R	-0.36/ 0.53	-0.47/ 0.50	1.38/ 0.18	1.18/ 1.70	-0.51/ 0	0.22/ 0	-0.19/ 0	-0.41/ 0	1.394	1.074
O _v -superoxo-allylic H										1.318
TS	-0.39/ -0.04	-0.46/ 0.08	1.44/ 0.21	1.21/ 1.45	-0.44/ 0.01	0.25/ -0.01	0.27/ 0.11	0.02/ 0.12	1.430	
O _v -superoxo-allylic H P	-0.06/ 0	-0.04/ 0	1.36/ 0.23	1.13/ 0.86	-0.09/ 0.62	0.46/ 0	0.57/ 0.98	0.11/ 0.98	1.489	1.901
Mo-peroxo-allylic H R	-0.37/ 0	-0.30/ 0	1.67/ 0	1.95/ 0	-0.51/ 0	0.22/ 0	-0.19/ 0	-0.41/ 0	1.461	1.074
Mo-peroxo-allylic H TS	-0.51/ 0	-0.47/ 0	1.76/ 0	2.00/ 0	-0.44/ 0	0.25/ 0.02	0.35/ 0.71	0.1/ 0.41	2.087	1.233
Mo-peroxo-allylic H P	-0.82/ 0	-0.6/ 0	1.77/ 0	1.97/ 0	-0.07/ 0.57	0.4/ 0	1.08/ 0.97	0.68/ 0.97	2.628	2.975
Mo-peroxo-vinylic H R	-0.37/ 0	-0.30/ 0	1.67/ 0	1.95/ 0	-0.19/ 0	0.11/ 0	-0.19/ 0	-0.3/ 0	1.461	1.074
Mo-peroxo-vinylic H TS	-0.49/ 0	-0.5/ 0	1.77/ 0	2/ 0	-0.1/ 0.21	0.2/ 0	0.42/ 0.69	0.22/ 0.69	2.193	1.088
Mo-peroxo-vinylic H P	-0.57/ 0	-0.74/ 0	1.81/ 0	2.01/ 0	0.12/ 0.57	0.41/ 0	0.49/ 0.97	0.08/ 0.97	2.502	2.228

Table S5. Mulliken charges, spin populations and bond lengths of various species during C=C oxidation by Mo-peroxo of Mo-TS-1

	Mulliken charge (e) / spin							Bond length (Å)			
	O ¹	O ²	Ti	Mo	C ₆ H ₁₀	O ¹ -O ²	C ¹ =C ²	Mo-O ¹	Mo-O ²	C ¹ -O ²	C ² -O ²
Mo-peroxo-C=C R	-0.37/ 0	-0.30/ 0	1.67/ 0	1.95/ 0	-0.18/ 0	1.461	1.339	2.047	2.082	3.073	2.913
Mo-peroxo-C=C TS	-0.56/ 0	-0.48/ 0	1.77/ 0	1.94/ 0	0.5/ 0	2.109	1.364	1.904	2.175	2.842	2.672
Mo-peroxo-C=C P	-0.56/ 0	-0.5/ 0	1.74/ 0	1.98/ 0	0.44/ 0	2.658	1.451	1.771	3.082	1.496	1.495

Entry	Catalyst	Reaction condition	Cyclohexene conversion (%)	Cyclohexene oxide selectivity (%)
1	MoO ₃ ¹	50 mg catalyst, 5 mmol cyclohexene, 80 °C, 0.6 ml TBHP, 2 h, 2 ml toluene	14.8	23.6
2	PVAD ₁ -PMo ²	100 mg catalyst, 130 °C, 0.6 MPa O ₂ , 6 h	65.3	25.0
3	MIL-88A(Fe) ³	50 mg catalyst, 9.85 mmol cyclohexene, 3.0 mL solvent, 80 °C, 8 h, 0.5 MPa O ₂	81.4	11.3
4	PS-DA-Co ⁴	2 mg catalyst, 9.85 mmol cyclohexene, 3.0 mL solvent, 70 °C, 10 h, 0.1 MPa O ₂	22.2	12.5
5	V ₂ O ₅ -MoO ₃ @SiO ₂ ⁵	10 mg catalyst, 5 mmol cyclohexene, 7.5 mmol H ₂ O ₂ , 10 mL acetonitrile, 55 °C, 10h	67.0	21.0
6	VOTMCP@N-SBA ⁶	30 mg catalyst, 1 mL cyclohexene, 3 mL H ₂ O ₂ , 5 mL acetonitrile, 25 °C, 4h	85.0	3.0
7	FeO _x /NCNT ⁷	50 mg catalyst, 8.0 g cyclohexene, 9.6g acetonitrile, 80 °C, 10 h, 1 MPa O ₂ , 2.5 g <i>o</i> -DCB	53.2	3.9
8	NH ₄ F_MTS-1 ⁸	100 mg catalyst, 20 mmol cyclohexene, 10 mL acetonitrile, 70 °C, 5 h, 20mmol H ₂ O ₂	27.1	28.0
9	MoO ₃ @np-Au ⁹	10 mg catalyst, 15 mL cyclohexene, 0.5 mL undecane (internal standard), 0.27 mL <i>tert</i> -butyl hydroperoxide, 0.4 MPa O ₂ , 90 °C, 4 h	3.5	73.1
10	Mg-Mo bimetallic oxide ¹⁰	50 mg catalyst, 5 mL cyclohexene, 1 MPa O ₂ , 80°C, 8 h	31.0	49.3
11	Mo@N:C ¹¹	10 mg catalyst, 2.5 mL cyclohexene, 15 mL acetonitrile, 1 MPa O ₂ , 70°C, 16 h, 0.5 mL (1.85 mmol) cyclohexane (IS)	45.0	5.0
12	This work	50 mg catalyst, 5 mL cyclohexene, 1 MPa O ₂ , 80°C, 8 h	43.5	50.6

Table S6. Various Processes for the Epoxidation of Cyclohexene.

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