

**Oxidation of *p*-chlorotoluene and cyclohexene catalysed by polymer-anchored oxovanadium(IV) and copper(II) complexes of amino acid derived tridentate ligands**

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**Supplementary material**

Table - S1 Semi-quantitative (wt. %) information about the elements present on the surface of polymer beads obtained by EDAX.

Sample	C	N	O	V/Cu	Cl
Polymer bead	80.67	--	--	--	18.30
PS-H <sub>2</sub> fsal-DL-Ala	68.72	1.99	8.35	--	0.34
PS-[VO(fsals-DL-Ala) H <sub>2</sub> O]	62.97	1.22	11.99	3.34	0.15
PS-[Cu(fsals-DL-Ala) H <sub>2</sub> O]	64.81	0.93	10.53	4.80	0.39
PS-H <sub>2</sub> fsal-L-Ile	70.93	2.12	8.27	--	0.30
PS-[VO(fsals-L-Ile) H <sub>2</sub> O]	47.60	1.29	12.24	3.71	0.17
PS-[Cu(fsals-L-Ile) H <sub>2</sub> O]	62.38	1.65	10.08	3.01	0.20

**Table S2** - IR spectral data of ligands and complexes.

Name of sample	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$	$\nu(\text{V}=\text{O})$
H <sub>2</sub> fsal-DL-Ala, <b>I</b>	1635	
PS-H <sub>2</sub> fsal-DL-Ala, <b>III</b>	1630	
PS-[VO(fsals-DL-Ala)(H <sub>2</sub> O)], <b>1</b>	1602	984
PS-[Cu(fsals-DL-Ala)(H <sub>2</sub> O)], <b>2</b>	1601	
H <sub>2</sub> fsal-L-Ile, <b>II</b>	1638	
PS-H <sub>2</sub> fsal-L-Ile, <b>IV</b>	1630	
PS-[VO(fsals-L-Ile)(H <sub>2</sub> O)], <b>3</b>	1608	955
PS-[Cu(fsals-L-Ile)(H <sub>2</sub> O)], <b>4</b>	1600	
[VO(fsals-DL-Ala)(H <sub>2</sub> O)], <b>5</b>	1605	960
[Cu(fsals-DL-Ala)(H <sub>2</sub> O)], <b>6</b>	1614	
[VO(fsals-L-Ile)(H <sub>2</sub> O)], <b>7</b>	1610	977
[Cu(fsals-L-Ile)(H <sub>2</sub> O)], <b>8</b>	1611	

**Table S3** - Spin Hamiltonian parameters obtained from the experimental EPR spectra recorded for powdered samples of **2** and **4**, and of the corresponding non-polymer-bound complex **8** dissolved in DMF.

Catalyst	Sample	$g_{\parallel}$	$A_{\parallel}$ ( $\times 10^4 \text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$g_{\parallel}/A_{\parallel}$	
PS-[Cu(fsals-DL-Ala)(X)], <b>2</b>	Fresh	1 <sup>st</sup> species	2.272	181	126
		2 <sup>nd</sup> species	2.295	171	134
PS-[Cu(fsals-DL-Ala)(X)], <b>2</b> -DMF	Fresh	1 <sup>st</sup> species	2.276	182	125
		2 <sup>nd</sup> species	2.305	178	130
PS-[Cu(fsals-DL-Ala)(X)], <b>2</b>	Used	At least 3 distinct species present, one apparently corresponding to a highly distorted geometry. Approximate g values are given for this species.			
		$g_z \sim 2.34$	$g_y \sim 2.07$	$g_x \sim 1.94$	
PS-[Cu(fsals-DL-Ala)(X)], <b>2</b> -DMF	Used	At least 3 distinct species present, one apparently corresponding to a highly distorted geometry. Approximate g values given for this species.			
		$g_z \sim 2.35$	$g_y \sim 2.07$	$g_x \sim 1.95$	
[Cu(fsals-L-Ile)(X)], <b>8</b>	In DMF	1 <sup>st</sup> species	2.285	175	130
		2 <sup>nd</sup> species	2.361	154	153
PS-[Cu(fsals-L-Ile)(X)], <b>4</b>	Fresh	1 <sup>st</sup> species	2.272	177	129
		2 <sup>nd</sup> species	2.314	160	144
		3 <sup>rd</sup> species	2.254	162	139
PS-[Cu(fsals-L-Ile)(X)], <b>4</b> -DMF	Fresh	1 <sup>st</sup> species	2.313	161	143
		2 <sup>nd</sup> species	2.274	183	124
PS-[Cu(fsals-L-Ile)(X)], <b>4</b>	Used	At least 3 distinct species present, one apparently corresponding to a highly distorted geometry. Approximate g values are given for this species.			
		$g_z \sim 2.34$	$g_y \sim 2.07$	$g_x \sim 1.94$	
PS-[Cu(fsals-L-Ile)(X)], <b>4</b> -DMF	Used	At least 3 distinct species present, one apparently corresponding to a highly distorted geometry. Approximate g values are given for this species.			
		$g_z \sim 2.35$	$g_y \sim 2.07$	$g_x \sim 1.95$	

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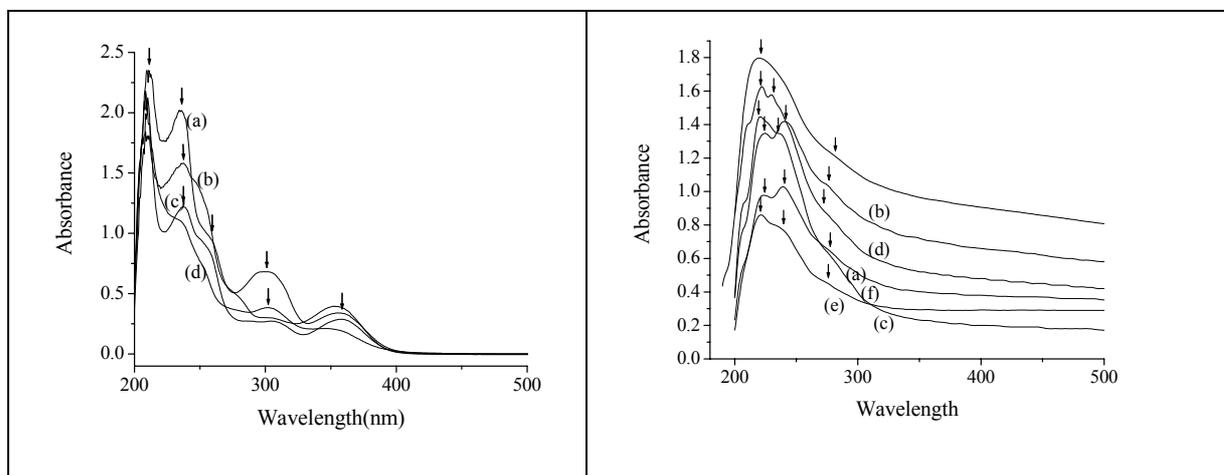
**Table S4** - Vanadium-containing species (in ppm relative to  $\text{VOCl}_3$ ) detected in the  $^{51}\text{V}$  NMR spectra of 4 mM methanolic solutions (80% MeOH and 20% MeOD) of  $[\text{V}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(\text{fsal-DL-Ala})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$  (**5**) upon progressive additions of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , followed by additions of styrene<sup>a</sup>

Treatment of complex <b>5</b>	$^{51}\text{V}$ NMR signals <sup>a</sup>	Assignment of V species
Oxidation of <b>5</b> with air	-553 (~55%) [-562 and -566] (~45%)	$[\text{V}^{\text{VO}}(\text{fsal-DL-Ala})(\text{MeO})(\text{MeOH})]$
Addition of 2 equiv. of $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ . Global increase in intensity of the $^{51}\text{V}$ NMR signals.	-553 (~40%) [-562 and -566] (~60%)	$[\text{V}^{\text{VO}}(\text{fsal-DL-Ala})(\text{MeO})(\text{MeOH})]$
Total of 4 equiv. of $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ added	-535 (15%) [-562 and -566] (~68%) -581 (~17%)	? <sup>b</sup> $[\text{V}^{\text{VO}}(\text{fsal-DL-Ala})(\text{MeO})(\text{MeOH})]$ $[\text{V}^{\text{VO}}(\text{fsal-DL-Ala})(\text{O}_2)(\text{MeOH})]$
Total of 6 equiv. of $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ added	-535 (10%) [-562 and -566] (~70%) -581 (~20%)	? <sup>b</sup> $[\text{V}^{\text{VO}}(\text{fsal-DL-Ala})(\text{MeO})(\text{MeOH})]$ $[\text{V}^{\text{VO}}(\text{fsal-DL-Ala})(\text{O}_2)(\text{MeOH})]$
Total of 7 equiv. of $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ added	-535 (8%) [-562 and -566] (~60%) -581 (~22%)	? <sup>b</sup> $[\text{V}^{\text{VO}}(\text{fsal-DL-Ala})(\text{MeO})(\text{MeOH})]$ $[\text{V}^{\text{VO}}(\text{fsal-DL-Ala})(\text{O}_2)(\text{MeOH})]$
Total of 8 equiv. of $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ added	[-562 and -566] (~15%) -581 (~77%) -658 (8%)	$[\text{V}^{\text{VO}}(\text{fsal-DL-Ala})(\text{O}_2)(\text{MeOH})]$ $[\text{V}^{\text{VO}}(\text{fsal-DL-Ala})(\text{O}_2)(\text{MeOH})]$ Product of alcoholysis <sup>c</sup> ?
Total of 9 equiv. of $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ added	-581 (~53%) -658 (47%)	$[\text{V}^{\text{VO}}(\text{fsal-DL-Ala})(\text{O}_2)(\text{MeOH})]$
Addition of 2 equiv. of styrene (the global intensity of $^{51}\text{V}$ NMR decreases).	-581 (~48%) -658 (52%)	$[\text{V}^{\text{VO}}(\text{fsal-DL-Ala})(\text{O}_2)(\text{MeOH})]$ Product of alcoholysis <sup>c</sup> ?
Total of 3 equiv. of styrene up to 15 equiv. of styrene added (the global intensity of $^{51}\text{V}$ NMR decreased)	-581 (~65%) -658 (35%)	$[\text{V}^{\text{VO}}(\text{fsal-DL-Ala})(\text{O}_2)(\text{MeOH})]$ Product of alcoholysis <sup>c</sup> ?
From a total of 18 equiv. of styrene up to 35 equiv. of styrene (the global intensity of $^{51}\text{V}$ NMR decreased)	-553 (~25 to ~60%) -582 (~75 to ~40%)	$\text{V}^{\text{VO}}(\text{fsal-DL-Ala})(\text{MeO})(\text{MeOH})$ $\text{V}^{\text{VO}}(\text{fsal-DL-Ala})(\text{O}_2)(\text{MeOH})$
Total of 40 equiv. of styrene	Almost no $^{51}\text{V}$ NMR signal; very weak peaks at ca. -553 and -583	No vanadium(V) species

<sup>a</sup> The corresponding relative areas of the vanadium peaks detected are given in the bracket.

<sup>b</sup> The peak at ca. -553 ppm possibly corresponds to  $\text{VO}_2^+$  ( $\text{V}_1$ ), indicating some significant hydrolysis of the  $\text{V}^{\text{V}}$  complexes after one week of contact of the solution with air.

<sup>c</sup> The peak at -658 ppm in the  $^{51}\text{V}$  NMR spectra may be a product of alcoholysis eg.  $\text{V}^{\text{VO}}(\text{MeO})_3$  or  $\text{V}^{\text{VO}}(\text{O})_2(\text{MeO})$ .



**Fig. S1** Left: Electronic spectra of [VO(fal-DL-Ala)(H<sub>2</sub>O)] (a), [Cu(fsal-L-Ile)(H<sub>2</sub>O)] (b), [VO(fsal-L-Ile)(H<sub>2</sub>O)] (c) and [Cu(fal-DL-Ala)] (d); right: Electronic spectra of polymer-bound ligands and metal complexes: PS-[Cu(fsal-L-Ile)(H<sub>2</sub>O)] (a), PS-[Cu(fal-DL-Ala)(H<sub>2</sub>O)] (b), PS-[VO(fal-DL-Ala)(H<sub>2</sub>O)] (c), PS-H<sub>2</sub>fsal-L-Ile (d), PS-[VO(fsal-L-Ile)(H<sub>2</sub>O)] (e) and PS-H<sub>2</sub>fsal-DL-Ala (f).