

Supporting information for

# Electrochemical Probing of the Photoreduction of of Molybdenum and Tungsten Dawson-type Polyoxometalates in Molecular and Ionic Liquid Media Using Water as an Electron Donor

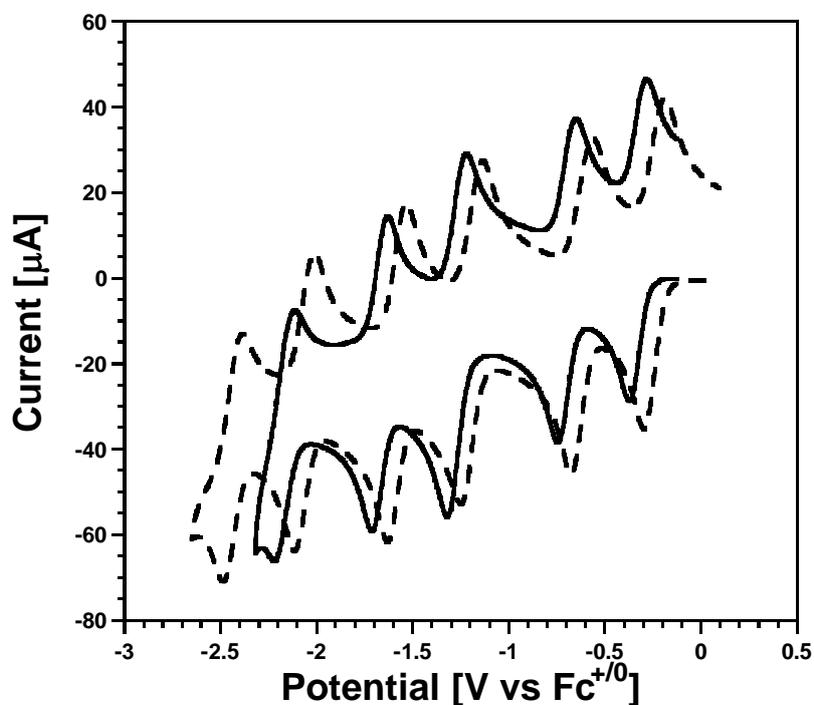
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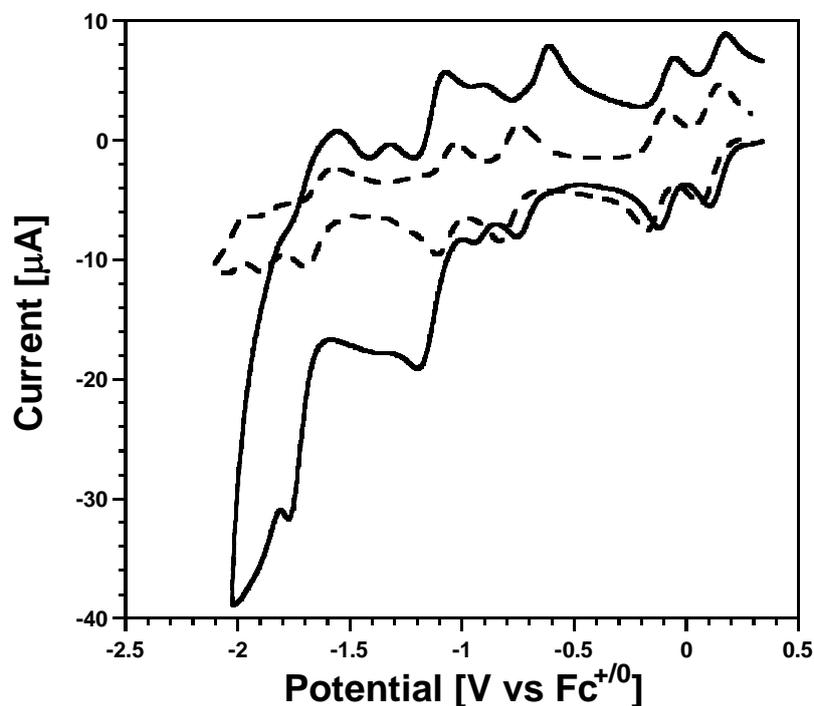
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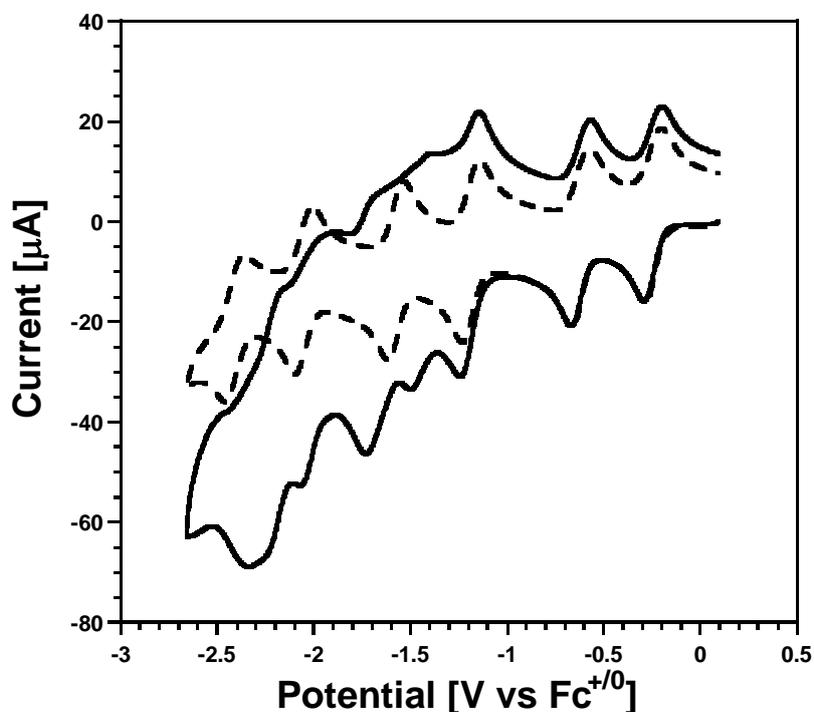
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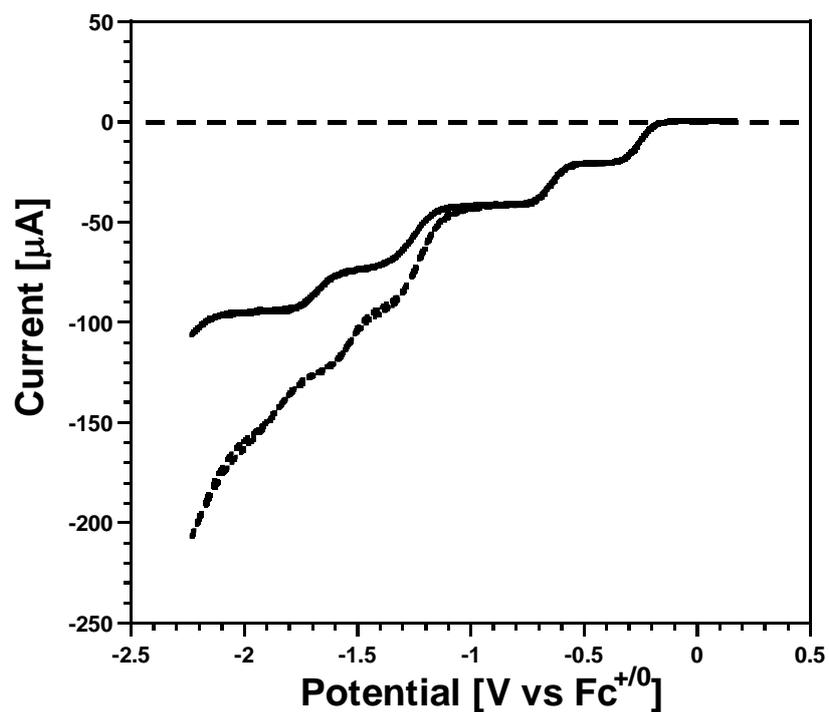
**Figure S1** Cyclic voltammograms at a glassy carbon electrode ( $\nu = 0.1 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ ) for 0.4 mM  $[\text{S}_2\text{W}_{18}\text{O}_{62}]^{4-}$  in (---) dry  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  and in (—) dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (80 : 20) containing 0.1 M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NClO}_4$  as the supporting electrolyte.



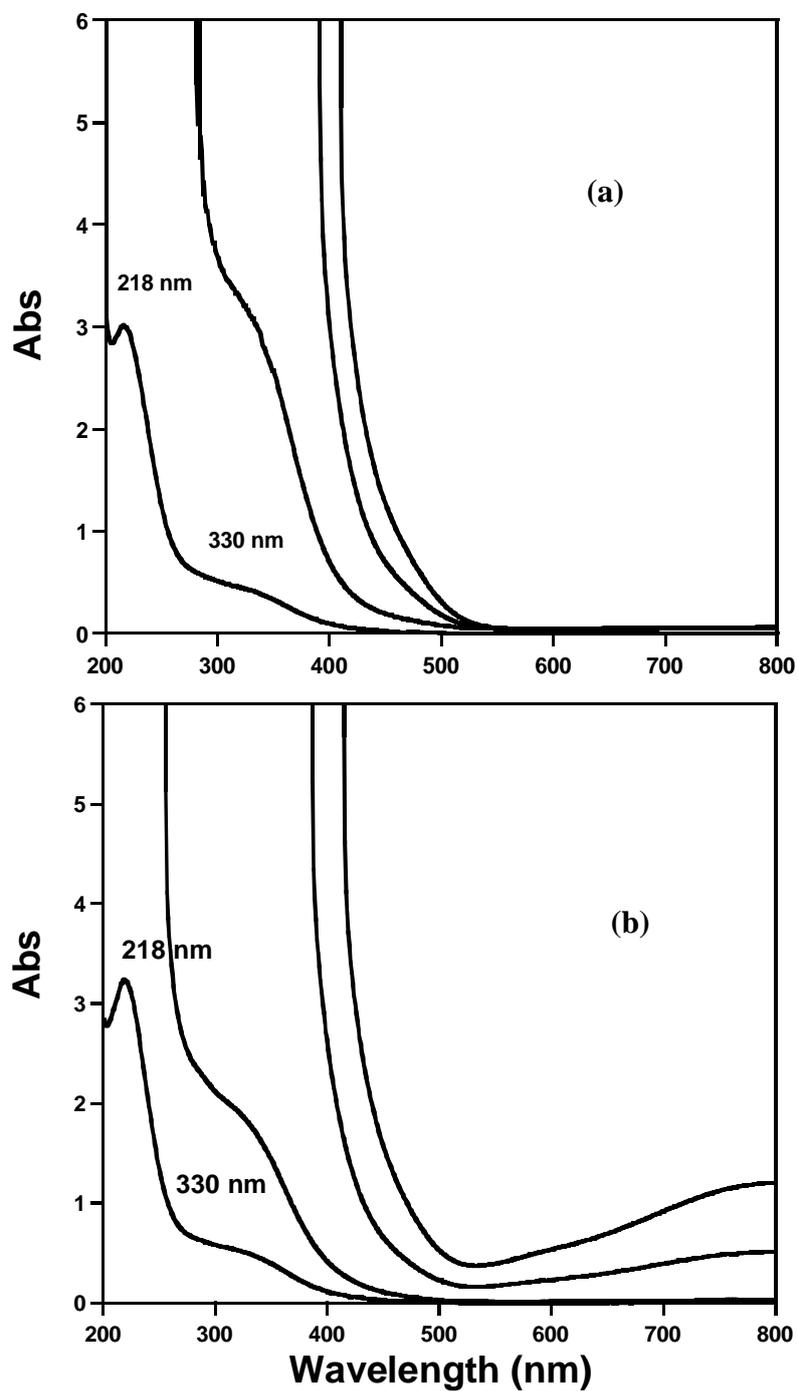
**Figure S2** Cyclic voltammograms at a glassy carbon electrode ( $\nu = 0.1 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ ) for 0.4 mM  $[\text{S}_2\text{Mo}_{18}\text{O}_{62}]^{4-}$  in (---) dry  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  and in (—)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  solution containing 0.8 mM water and 0.1 M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NClO}_4$  as the supporting electrolyte.



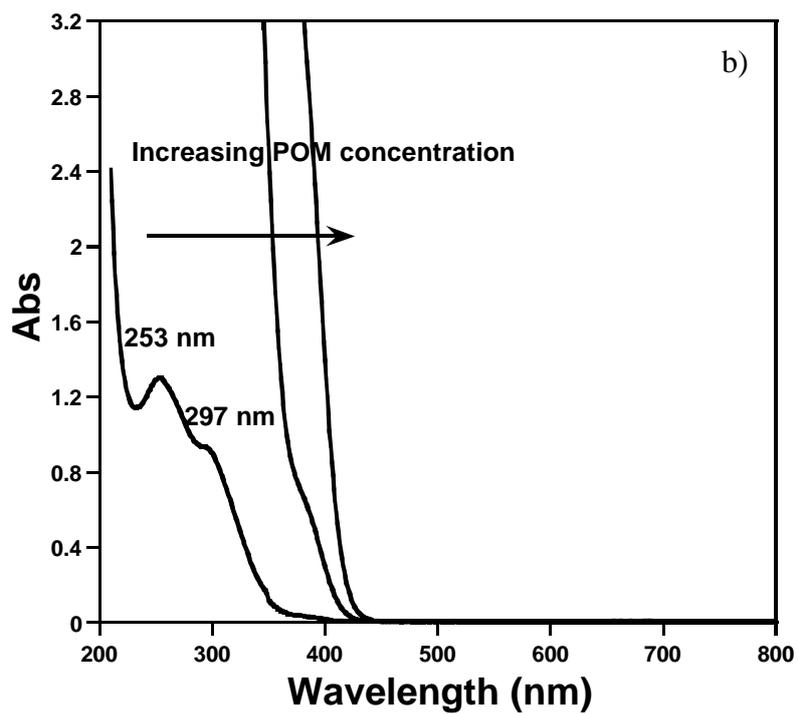
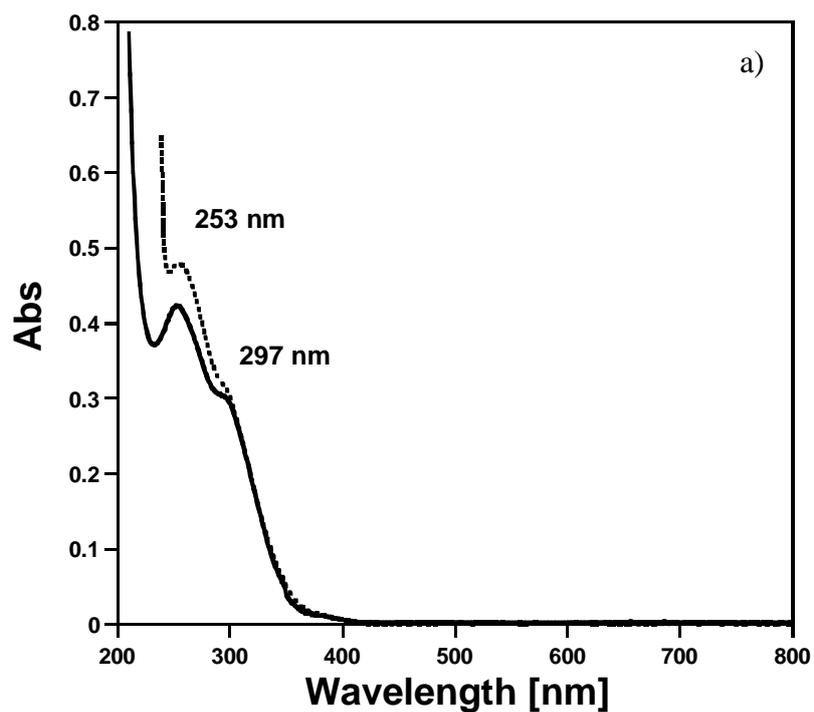
**Figure S3** Cyclic voltammograms at a glassy carbon electrode ( $\nu = 0.1 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ ) for 0.3 mM  $[\text{S}_2\text{W}_{18}\text{O}_{62}]^{4-}$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (0.1 M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NClO}_4$ ) before (---) and after addition (—) of 50 mM triflic acid.

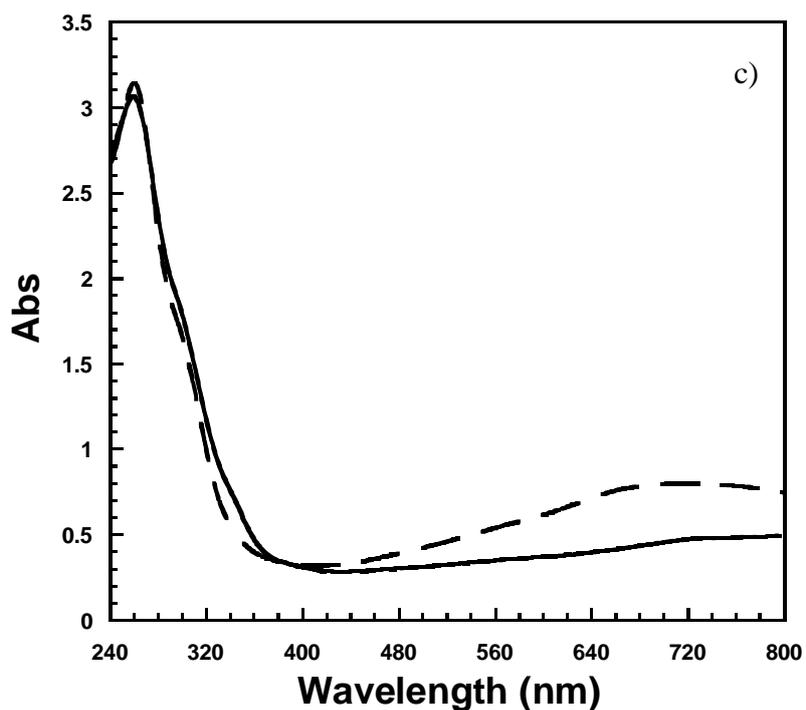


**Figure S4** RDE voltammograms at a glassy carbon electrode ( $\omega = 1790$  rpm,  $\nu = 0.01$   $\text{V s}^{-1}$ ) for  $0.3 \text{ mM } [\text{S}_2\text{W}_{18}\text{O}_{62}]^{4-}$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  ( $0.1 \text{ M Bu}_4\text{NClO}_4$ ) before (—) and after (---) addition of  $50 \text{ mM}$  glacial acetic acid.



**Figure S5** UV-vis spectra in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (0.1 M Bu<sub>4</sub>NClO<sub>4</sub>) for (a) 0.02, 0.06, 0.1 and 0.2 mM [S<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>18</sub>O<sub>62</sub>]<sup>4-</sup> (no absorbance is found in the visible region for  $\lambda > 520$  nm) and (b) as for (a) but after a one-electron bulk electrolysis showing that [S<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>18</sub>O<sub>62</sub>]<sup>5-</sup> absorbs light in the visible region at  $\lambda > 520$  nm.





**Figure S6** UV-visible spectra for (a) 0.01 mM  $[\text{S}_2\text{W}_{18}\text{O}_{62}]^{4-/5-/6-}$  in (—)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (0.1M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{N ClO}_4$ ) and (---)  $[\text{Bmim}][\text{PF}_6]$ , (b)  $[\text{S}_2\text{W}_{18}\text{O}_{62}]^{4-}$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (0.1M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NClO}_4$ ) at concentrations of 0.03 to 2 mM, (c) after bulk electrolysis of 0.02 mM  $[\text{S}_2\text{W}_{18}\text{O}_{62}]^{4-}$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (0.1 M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NClO}_4$ ) to generate the one (—)  $[\text{S}_2\text{W}_{18}\text{O}_{62}]^{5-}$  and two (---)  $[\text{S}_2\text{W}_{18}\text{O}_{62}]^{6-}$  electron reduced species.