

Supplementary Information:

Strong NH...S hydrogen bonds in molybdoenzyme models containing anilide moieties

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X-ray analysis

Single crystal of *N*-phenyl-2,3-bis(pivaloylthio)benzamide was selected carefully and mounted in a loop with Nujol, which was frozen immediately in a stream of cold nitrogen at 200 K. Data collection was made on a Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID Imaging Plate diffractometer with graphite monochromated Mo-K α radiation (0.71075 Å). The structures were solved by SIR92¹ and expanded by Fourier technique using SHELXL-97.² All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. All hydrogen atoms were placed at the calculated positions using the riding model.

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Table S1 Crystallographic data for 2,3-(*t*-BuCOS)₂C₆H₃CONHPh

| | 2,3-(<i>t</i> -BuCOS) ₂ C ₆ H ₃ CONHPh |
|--|--|
| empirical formula | C ₂₃ H ₂₇ NO ₃ S ₂ |
| formula weight | 429.58 |
| color | colorless |
| crystal system | monoclinic |
| <i>a</i> , Å | 14.012(5) |
| <i>b</i> , Å | 11.196(3) |
| <i>c</i> , Å | 17.900(5) |
| β , deg | 123.857(13) |
| <i>V</i> , Å ³ | 2332(1) |
| space group | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> |
| <i>Z</i> | 4 |
| <i>D</i> _{calc} , g/cm ³ | 1.224 |
| <i>F</i> (000) | 912 |
| μ (MoK α), mm ⁻¹ | 0.251 |
| Scan type | ω |
| 2 θ _{max} , deg | 55 |
| No. of Reflections unique | 5334 |
| No. Variables | 266 |
| <i>R</i> 1 ^{<i>a</i>} (<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)), <i>wR</i> 2 ^{<i>b</i>} (all data) | 0.0424, 0.1108 |
| GOF | 1.037 |
| CCDC number | 917686 |

$${}^a R1 = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}. \quad {}^b wR2 = \left\{ \frac{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]}{\sum [w(F_o^2)]} \right\}^{1/2}$$

Table S2 ¹H NMR chemical shifts for the anion parts of 1–4 in acetonitrile-*d*₃ at 30 °C

| | 1 | 2 | difference | 3 | 4 | difference |
|--------------|------|------|------------|------|------|------------|
| 4-H | 7.77 | 7.47 | 0.30 | 7.60 | 7.26 | 0.34 |
| 5-H | 6.92 | 6.82 | 0.10 | 6.74 | 6.55 | 0.19 |
| 6-H | 7.60 | 7.43 | 0.17 | 7.40 | 7.14 | 0.26 |
| NH | 11.3 | 11.0 | 0.3 | 9.08 | 8.63 | 0.45 |
| <i>o</i> -H | 7.85 | 7.18 | 0.67 | — | — | — |
| <i>m</i> -H | 7.41 | 7.18 | 0.23 | — | — | — |
| <i>p</i> -H | 7.13 | 6.96 | 0.17 | — | — | — |
| <i>t</i> -Bu | — | — | — | 1.45 | 1.16 | 0.29 |

Table S3 Geometrical and electrostatic parameters of the optimized structures for *trans-1* and *cis-1*

| | <i>trans-1</i> | <i>cis-1</i> | |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------|
| Mo=O, Å | 1.7002 | 1.7002 | |
| bond index ^a | 1.9954 | 1.9946 | |
| bond order ^b | 0.9056 | 0.9055 | |
| Mo–S1(S3), Å | 2.4329 | 2.4393 | 2.4378 |
| bond index | 0.7203 | 0.7106 | 0.7163 |
| bond order | 0.5656 | 0.5619 | 0.5637 |
| Mo–S2(S4), Å | 2.4246 | 2.4190 | 2.4203 |
| bond index | 0.8141 | 0.8234 | 0.8206 |
| bond order | 0.5909 | 0.5944 | 0.5933 |
| S1–C1(S3–C3), Å | 1.7853 | 1.7857 | 1.7857 |
| bond index | 1.0866 | 1.0858 | 1.0846 |
| bond order | 0.8449 | 0.8444 | 0.844 |
| S2–C2(S4–C4), Å | 1.7833 | 1.7838 | 1.7832 |
| bond index | 1.0761 | 1.0761 | 1.0772 |
| bond order | 0.8427 | 0.8422 | 0.8431 |
| NH···S, Å | 2.0507 | 2.0490 | 2.0605 |
| bond index | 0.1114 | 0.1123 | 0.1082 |
| bond order | 0.1498 | 0.1508 | 0.1459 |
| natural charge | | | |
| Mo | 0.65512 | 0.65359 | |
| O | -0.53531 | -0.5357 | |
| S1(S3) | -0.19381 | -0.20411 | -0.20435 |
| S2(S4) | -0.18424 | -0.17387 | -0.1742 |
| C1(C3) | -0.18436 | -0.15925 | -0.16002 |
| C2(C4) | -0.16052 | -0.18551 | -0.18556 |
| energy level/a.u. | | | |
| LUMO | 0.13486 | 0.13587 | |
| HOMO | 0.02130 | 0.02212 | |
| gap/a.u. | 0.11356 | 0.11375 | |
| kcal·mol ⁻¹ | 71.260 | 71.379 | |
| total energy | | | |
| E(RB+HF-LYP)/a.u. | -6904.232680 | -6904.231831 | |
| difference/a.u. | -0.000851 | | |
| kcal·mol ⁻¹ | -0.534 | | |

^aWiberg bond index. ^bAtom-atom overlap-weighted NAO bond order.

Table S4 Geometrical and electrostatic parameters of the optimized structures for **2**

| 2 | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|---------|----------|
| O1–Mo–O2, deg | | 103.71 | |
| Mo=O1(O2), Å | 1.7315 | | 1.7316 |
| bond index ^a | 1.7760 | | 1.7754 |
| bond order ^b | 0.8134 | | 0.8131 |
| Mo–S1(S3), Å | 2.6912 | | 2.6896 |
| bond index | 0.4623 | | 0.4641 |
| bond order | 0.4051 | | 0.4060 |
| Mo–S2(S4), Å | 2.4579 | | 2.4580 |
| bond index | 0.8021 | | 0.8024 |
| bond order | 0.5574 | | 0.5576 |
| difference Mo-S, Å | 0.2333 | | 0.2316 |
| S1–C1(S3–C3), Å | 1.7530 | | 1.7533 |
| bond index | 1.1812 | | 1.1803 |
| bond order | 0.9112 | | 0.9106 |
| S2–C2(S4–C4), Å | 1.7742 | | 1.7742 |
| bond index | 1.0891 | | 1.0892 |
| bond order | 0.8491 | | 0.8492 |
| NH...S, Å | 2.0495 | | 2.0514 |
| bond index | 0.1178 | | 0.1171 |
| bond order | 0.1536 | | 0.1528 |
| natural charge | | | |
| Mo | | 1.15059 | |
| O1(O2) | -0.56158 | | -0.56170 |
| S1(S3) | -0.21082 | | -0.21091 |
| S2(S4) | -0.11558 | | -0.11558 |
| C1(C3) | -0.16229 | | -0.16223 |
| C2(C4) | -0.19383 | | -0.19376 |

^aWiberg bond index|. ^bAtom-atom overlap-weighted NAO bond order.

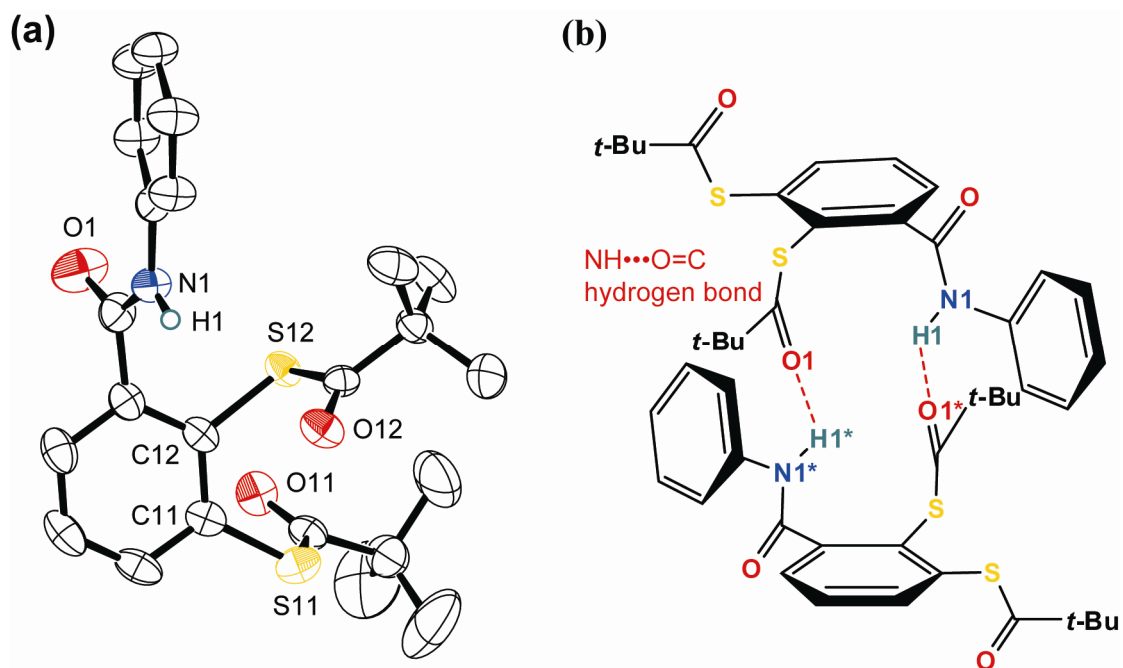


Fig. S1 Molecular structure of 2,3-(*t*-BuCOS)₂C₆H₃CONHPh (a) and illustration of intermolecular NH...O=C hydrogen bonds (b).

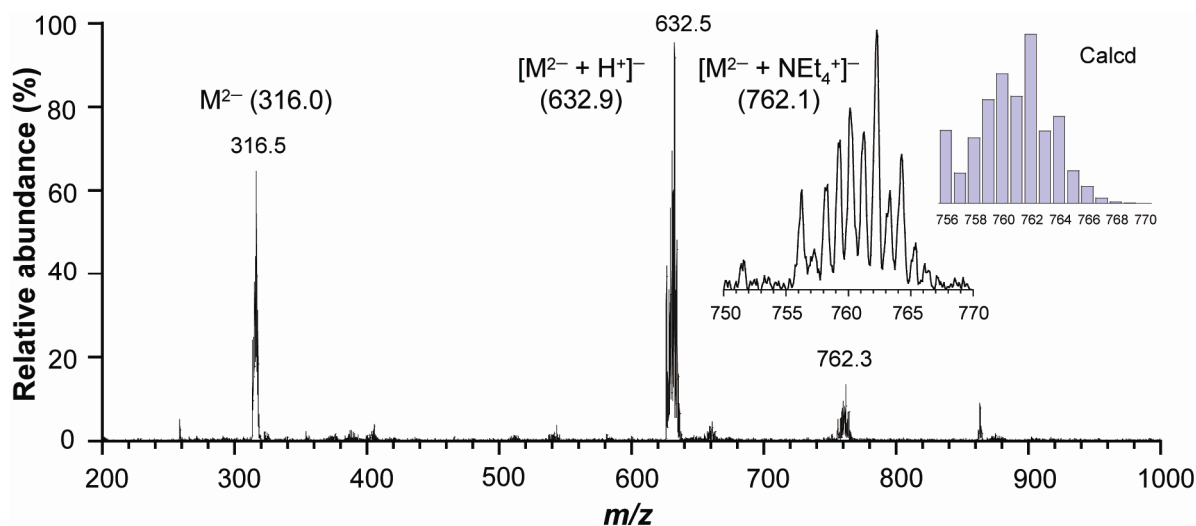


Fig. S2 ESI-MS spectrum of (NEt₄)₂[Mo^{IV}O(1,2-S₂-3-PhNHCOC₆H₃)₂] (**1**) in acetonitrile, where M²⁻ = [MoO(1,2-S₂-3-PhNHCOC₆H₃)₂]²⁻. Calculated values are shown in the parentheses. The enlarged spectrum is the peak at *m/z* 762.3, accompanying simulated isotope pattern.

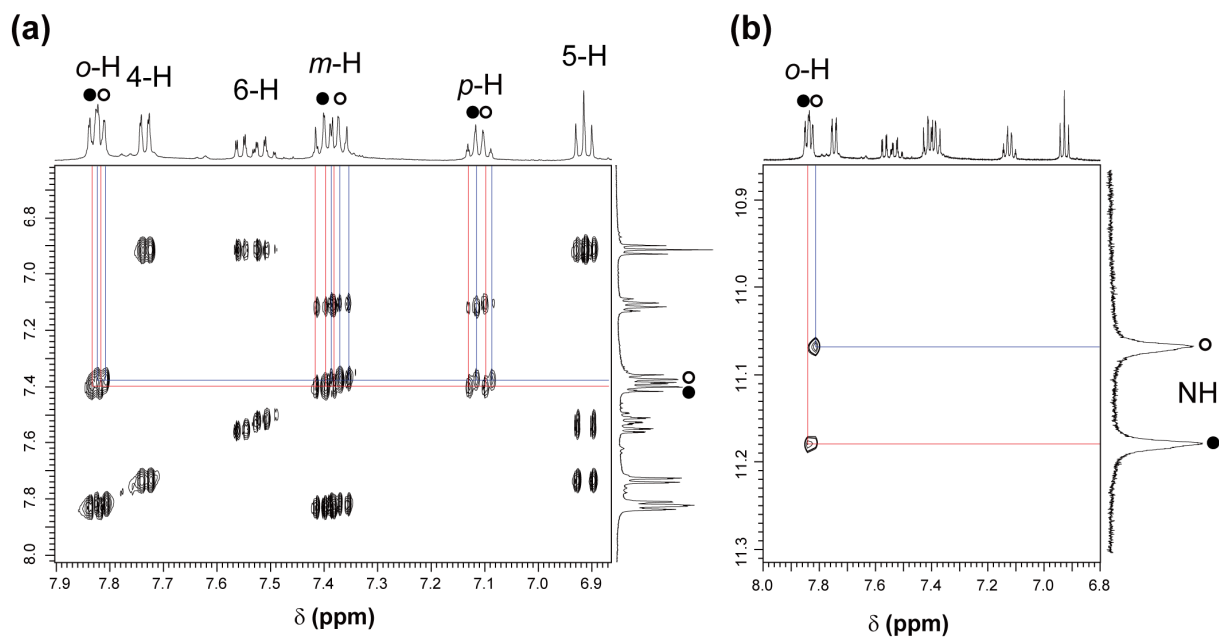


Fig. S3 (a) ^1H - ^1H gCOSY and (b) NOESY spectra of **1** in acetonitrile- d_3 at -30 °C.

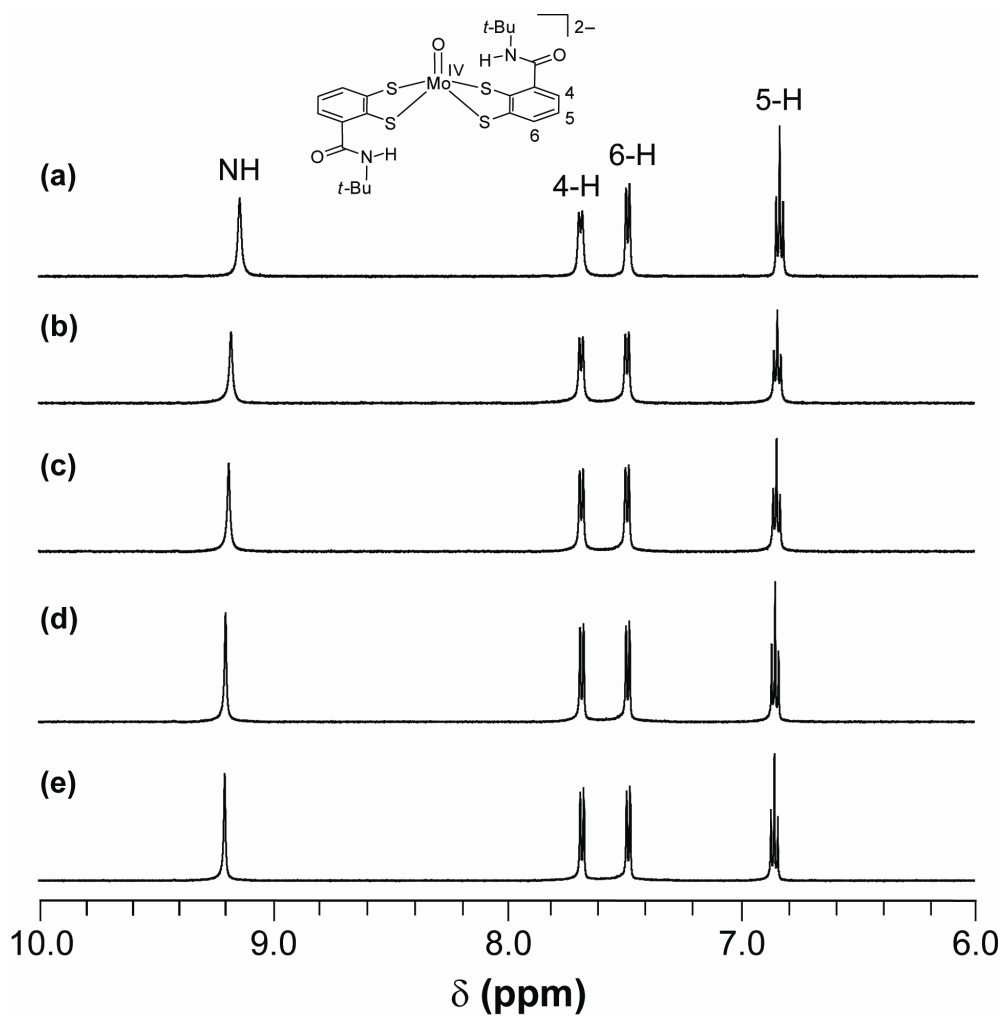


Fig. S4 ^1H NMR spectra of $(\text{NEt}_4)_2[\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(1,2\text{-S}_2\text{-3-}t\text{-BuNHCOC}_6\text{H}_3)_2]$ (*trans*-**3**) in acetonitrile- d_3 at (a) 30, (b) 0, (c) -10 , (d) -30 , and (e) -40 °C.

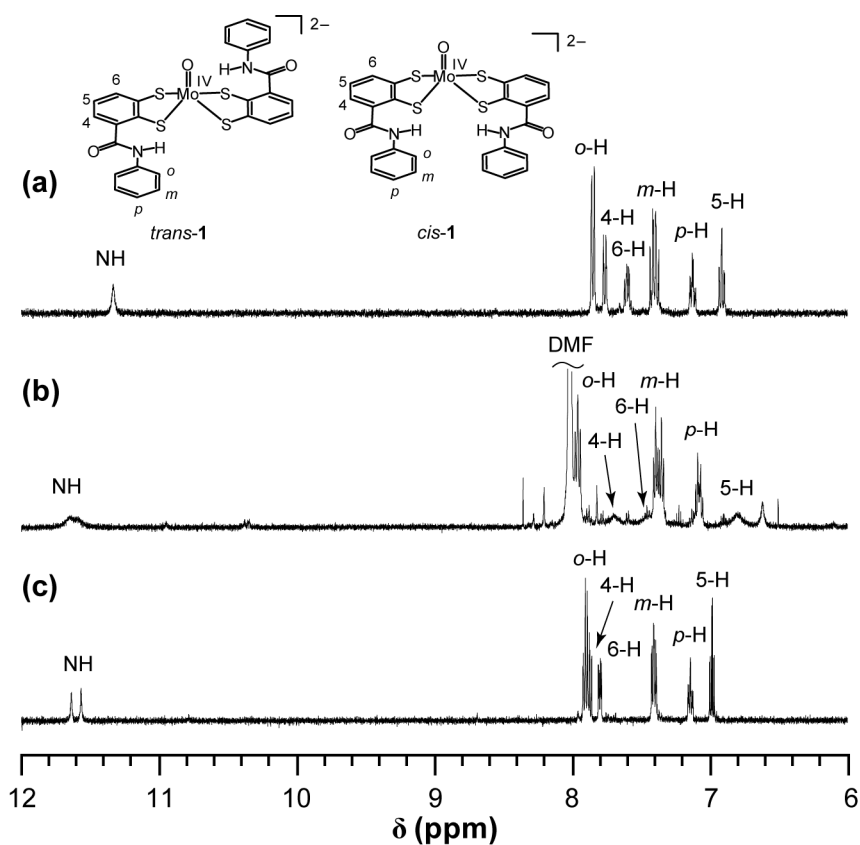


Fig. S5 ^1H NMR spectra of $(\text{NEt}_4)_2[\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}(1,2\text{-S}_2\text{-3-PhNHCOC}_6\text{H}_3)_2]$ (**1**) in (a) acetonitrile- d_3 , (b) DMF- d_7 , and (c) dichloromethane- d_2 at 30°C .

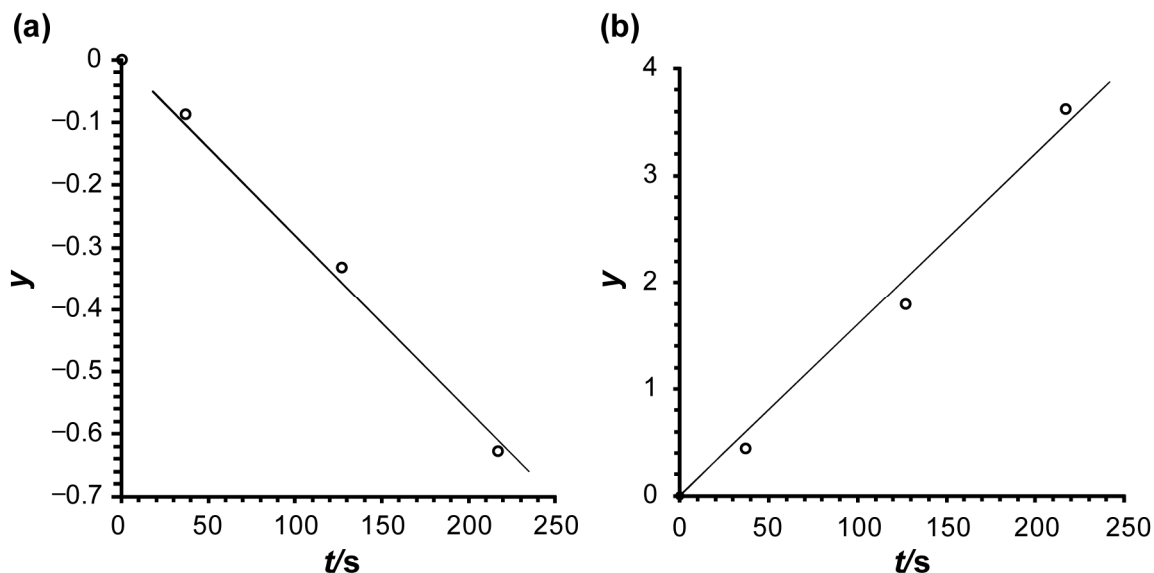


Fig. S6 (a) Pseudo-first- and (b) second-order kinetics of the reaction between **1** and Me_3NO to **2** in DMF at 27°C ($[\text{Mo}] = 1\text{ mM}$, $[\text{Me}_3\text{NO}] = 2\text{ mM}$). The fitting lines are $y = \ln(1 - [\text{Mo}^{\text{VI}}\text{O}_2]/[\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}]_0) = -k_{\text{obs}} \cdot t$, where k_{obs} equals $31 \times 10^{-4}\text{ s}^{-1}$ for (a) and $y = 10^{-2} \cdot \{1/([\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}]_0 - [\text{Me}_3\text{NO}]_0)\} \cdot \ln\{([\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}][\text{Me}_3\text{NO}]_0)/([\text{Mo}^{\text{IV}}\text{O}]_0[\text{Me}_3\text{NO}])\} = 10^{-2} \cdot k_2 \cdot t$, where k_2 equals 2.12 for (b).

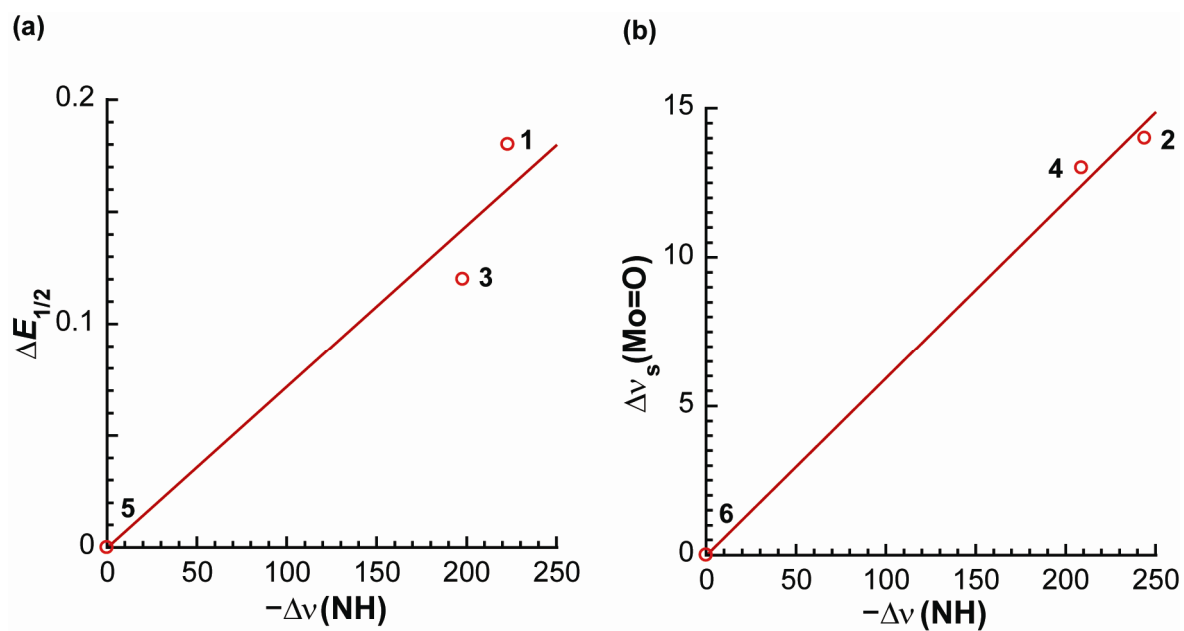


Fig. S7 Correlation (a) between $\Delta\nu(\text{NH})$ and $\Delta E_{1/2}$ in the monooxomolybdenum(IV) complexes and (b) between $\Delta\nu(\text{NH})$ and $\Delta\nu_s(\text{Mo=O})$ in the dioxomolybdenum(VI) complexes. The original data are shown in Tables 1 and 2.