Supplementary information

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Copper complexes supported by an N_2S -tridentate ligand inducing efficient heterolytic O–O bond cleavage of alkylperoxide

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Synthesis

 $[Cu^{II}(L^{N2S})(Cl)](BF_4)$ (2^{N2S}•Cl). Cu^{II}Cl₂ (8.6 mg, 64 µmol) was added to a CH₃CN solution of L^{N2S} (15 mg, 64 µmol). After stirring the solution for 10 min at room temperature, NaBF₄ (7.0 mg, 64 µmol) was added to the solution. Addition of CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) to the solution gave a white powder that was removed by filtration. The filtrate was concentrated to give green oily material. Single crystals were obtained for the X-ray analysis by diffusion of *n*-hexane into a CH₂Cl₂ solution of the green material (73 % yield, 20 mg). FT-IR (KBr) 1084 cm⁻¹ (BF₄⁻); ESI-MS (pos.) *m/z* = 334.0, calcd for [Cu^{II}(L^{N2S})(Cl)]⁺ 334.0; Anal. Calcd for [Cu^{II}(L^{N2S})(Cl)]BF₄·0.1H₂O (C₁₃H_{20.2}BCICuF₄N₂O_{0.1}S): C, 36.83; H, 4.80; N, 6.61. Found: C, 36.64; H, 4.76; N, 6.60.

 $[Cu^{II}(L^{N2S})(N_3)](BF_4)$ (2^{N2S}•N₃). To a methanol solution of L^{N2S} (12 mg, 51 μ mol) was added $Cu^{II}SO_4 \cdot 5H_2O$ (13 mg, 51 μ mol), when the color of solution turned dark blue. After stirring for 5 min, NaN₃ (3.3 mg, 51 μ mol) was added to give the green solution. Then. $NaBF_4$ (5.6 mg, 51 µmol) was added to the solution, and the mixture was stirred for additional 5 min. Insoluble material was then removed by filtration. The filtrate was concentrated to give green oily material. Single crystals were obtained for the X-ray analysis by diffusion of *n*-hexane into a CH₂Cl₂ solution of the green material (67 % yield, 15 mg). FT-IR (KBr) 2078 cm⁻¹ (N₃⁻), 1073 cm⁻¹ (BF₄⁻); ESI-MS (pos.) m/z = 299.2, calcd $[Cu^{II}(L^{N2S})(N_2)]BF_4 \cdot 0.13H_2O$ for $[Cu^{I}(L^{N2S})]^{+}$ 299.1; Anal. Calcd for (C₁₃H₂₀₂₆BClCuF₄N₅O₀₁₃S): C, 36.22; H, 4.74; N, 16.25. Found: C, 35.91; H, 4.75; N, 16.56.

[Cu^{II}(L^{N2S})(NO₂)(OTf)] (2^{N2S}•NO₂). To a methanol solution of L^{N2S} (6.5 mg, 23 μ mol) was added Cu^{II}SO₄·5H₂O (6.0 mg, 23 μ mol), when the color of solution turned dark blue. After stirring for 5 min, NaNO₂ (1.6 mg, 23 μ mol) was added to give the green solution. Then, NaOTf (4.0 mg, 23 μ mol) was added to the solution, and the mixture was stirred for additional 5 min. Insoluble material was then removed by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated to give green oily material. Single crystals were obtained for the X-ray analysis by diffusion of *n*-hexane into a CH₂Cl₂ solution of the green material (43 % yield, 5.0 mg). FT-IR (KBr) 1477 cm⁻¹ (NO₂⁻), 1248, 1158 and 1030 cm⁻¹ (OTf⁻); ESI-MS (pos.) *m*/*z* =

448.2, calcd for $[Cu^{II}(L^{N2S})(OTf)]^+$ 448.0; Anal. Calcd for $Cu^{II}(L^{N2S})(NO_2)(OTf) \cdot 0.5H_2O$ $(C_{14}H_{21}ClCuF_3N_3O_{5.5}S_2)$: C, 33.36; H, 4.20; N, 8.34. Found: C, 33.24; H, 3.96; N, 8.30.

Compound	1 ^{N2S}
formula	$C_{13}H_{20}CuF_6N_2PS$
formula weight	444.88
crystal system	monoclinic
space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /n (#14)
a, Å	9.0976(3)
b, Å	15.0804(6)
<i>c</i> , Å	12.5185(5)
α , deg	90
β , deg	105.9955(9)
γ, deg	90
V, Å ³	1650.6(1)
Ζ	4
F(000)	904.00
$D_{\rm calcd}, {\rm g/cm^{-3}}$	1.790
<i>Т</i> , К	103
crystal size, mm	0.500 x 0.400 x 0.400
μ (MoK α), cm ⁻¹	16.071
$2\theta_{\max}$, deg	54.9
no. of reflns measd	3774
no. of reflns obsd	3774 (All reflections)
no. of variables	217
R1 ^a	0.0302
wR2 ^b	0.1122
GOF	1.031
${}^{a}RI = \Sigma F_{o} - F_{c} / \Sigma F_{o} .$	^b wR2 = $[\Sigma w (F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \Sigma w (F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$

Table S1.X-ray Crystallographic Data of Copper(I) Complexes 1^{N2S}.



 $2^{N2S} \cdot N_3$

Fig. S1 ORTEP drawings of 2^{N25} •Cl and 2^{N25} •N₃ (left) and their linear chain structures (right) showing 50 % probability thermal ellipsoids. Counter anion (BF₄⁻) and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



Fig. S2 ORTEP drawings of 2^{N25} •NO₂ showing 50 % probability thermal ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

Compound	2 ^{N2S} •Cl	$2^{N2S} \cdot N_3$	
formula	$C_{13}H_{20}BClCuF_4N_2S$	$C_{26}H_{40}B_2Cu_2F_8N_{10}S_2$	
formula weight	422.18	857.49	
crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	
space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /c (#14)	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /n (#14)	
a, Å	10.430(2)	19.271(2)	
b, Å	22.179(5)	7.1058(4)	
c, Å	7.084(2)	25.114(2)	
α , deg	90	90	
β , deg	92.797(3)	103.692(2)	
γ, deg	90	90	
$V, \mathrm{\AA}^3$	1636.6(5)	3341.2(4)	
Ζ	4	4	
<i>F(000)</i>	860.00	1752.00	
$D_{\rm calcd}, {\rm g/cm}^{-3}$	1.713	1.704	
<i>Т</i> , К	103	103	
crystal size, mm	0.600 x 0.200 x 0.100	0.400 x 0.400 x 0.100	
μ (MoK α), cm ⁻¹	16.627	14.808	
$2\theta_{\max}$, deg	55.0	55.0	
no. of reflns measd	15561	31522	
no. of reflns obsd	3744 (All reflections)	7660 (All reflections)	
no. of variables	228	491	
<i>R1</i> ^{<i>a</i>}	0.1626	0.0561	
wR2 ^b	0.4008	0.1528	
GOF	1.000	1.142	
${}^{a}RI = \Sigma F_{o} - F_{c} / \Sigma F_{o} . \qquad {}^{b}wR2 = \left[\Sigma w \left(F_{o}^{2} - F_{c}^{2} \right)^{2} / \Sigma w \left(F_{o}^{2}\right)^{2}\right]^{1/2}$			

Table S2.X-ray Crystallographic Data of Copper(II) Complexes 2^{N25} •Cl, 2^{N25} •NO2and 2^{N25} •OTf.

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Compound	$2^{N2S} \cdot NO_2$	2 ^{N2S} •OTf	
formula	$C_{14}H_{22}CuF_{3}N_{3}O_{6}S_{2}$	$C_{15}H_{20}CuF_8N_2O_6S_3\\$	
formula weight	513.01	598.05	
crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	
space group	<i>P</i> -1 (#2)	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /c (#14)	
a, Å	7.6907(4)	7.172(2)	
b, Å	8.7410(5)	20.845(4)	
c,Å	15.2512(7)	15.117(3)	
α , deg	84.088(2)	90	
β , deg	78.235(2)	103.769(4)	
γ, deg	74.662(2)	90	
$V, Å^3$	966.66(8)	2195.0(7)	
Ζ	2	4	
F(000)	526.00	1212.00	
$D_{\rm calcd}, {\rm g/cm^{-3}}$	1.713	1.810	
<i>Т</i> , К	103	103	
crystal size, mm	0.400 x 0.300 x 0.100	0.500 x 0.200 x 0.200	
μ (MoK α), cm ⁻¹	14.124	13.673	
$2\theta_{\max}$, deg	54.9	55.0	
no. of reflns measd	9398	21107	
no. of reflns obsd	4363 (All reflections)	5020 (All reflections)	
no. of variables	262	298	
R1 ^a	0.0377	0.0749	
wR2 ^b	0.1430	0.2053	
GOF	1.188	1.083	
${}^{a}RI = \Sigma F_{o} - F_{c} / \Sigma F_{o} . \qquad {}^{b}wR2 = \left[\Sigma w \left(F_{o}^{2} - F_{c}^{2} \right)^{2} / \Sigma w \left(F_{o}^{2} \right)^{2} \right]^{1/2}$			

Table S2. X-ray Crystallographic Data of Copper(II) Complexes 2^{N25} -Cl, 2^{N25} -N₃, 2^{N25} -NO₂ and 2^{N25} -OTf (continued).

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	2 ^{N2S}	•Cl			
Cu(1)– $Cl(1)$	2.388(3)	Cu(1)-Cl(1)*	2.572(3)		
Cu(1)-S(1)	2.310(3)	Cu(1)–N(1)	2.016(8)		
Cu(1)–N(2)	2.068(8)				
Cl(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(1)*	98.50(9)	Cl(1)–Cu(1)–S(1)	85.52(9)		
Cl(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)	90.0(3)	Cl(1)–Cu(1)–N(2)	140.2(3)		
Cl(1)*-Cu(1)-S(1)	81.65(9)	Cl(1)*-Cu(1)-N(1)	94.3(3)		
Cl(1)*-Cu(1)-N(2)	119.9(3)	S(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)	173.4(3)		
S(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)	89.6(3)	N(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)	96.9(3)		
$2^{N2S} \cdot N_3$					
Cu(1)-S(1)	2.3306(13)	Cu(1)–N(1)	2.036(4)		
Cu(1)–N(2)	2.078(4)	Cu(1)–N(5)*	2.265(4)		
Cu(1)–N(3)	2.029(4)				
S(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)	173.24(10)	S(1)–Cu(1)–N(2)	88.85(11)		
S(1)-Cu(1)-N(5)*	91.71(11)	S(1)–Cu(1)–N(3)	86.51(13)		
N(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)	96.98(14)	N(1)-Cu(1)-N(5)*	90.39(14)		
N(1)-Cu(1)-N(3)	86.78(15)	N(2)-Cu(1)-N(5)*	102.36(13)		
N(2)-Cu(1)-N(3)	155.92(15)	N(5)*-Cu(1)-N(3)	101.39(15)		
	2 ^{N2S} •	NO ₂			
Cu(1)-S(1)	2.3343(10)	Cu(1)–O(1)	2.012(2)		
Cu(1)–N(1)	2.037(3)	Cu(1)–N(2)	2.076(3)		
Cu(1)–O(5)	2.343(3)				
S(1)-Cu(1)-O(1)	85.01(8)	S(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)	172.73(7)		
S(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)	89.03(8)	S(1)–Cu(1)–O(3)	89.65(10)		
O(1)–Cu(1)–N(2)	92.05(15)	O(3)–Cu(1)–N(2)	102.01(13)		
O(1)–Cu(1)–N(1)	88.17(10)	N(1)–Cu(1)–N(2)	97.52(10)		

Table 2. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) of $2^{N2S} \cdot Cl$, $2^{N2S} \cdot N_3$, and $2^{N2S} \cdot NO_2$.



Fig. S3 HPLC diagram of the organic products derived from the reaction of 1^{N2S} (0.5 mM) and cumene hydroperoxide (CmOOH, 0.5 mM). Peak A: cumyl alcohol (CmOH);
Peak B: acetophenone (PhC(O)Me); Peak D: anisole (internal standard).



Fig. S4 HPLC diagram of the organic products derived from the reaction of 1^{N3} (0.5 mM) and cumene hydroperoxide (CmOOH, 0.5 mM). Peak A: cumyl alcohol (CmOH); Peak B: acetophenone (PhC(O)Me); Peak C: CmOOH; Peak D: anisole (internal standard).



Fig. S5 Resonance Raman spectra of the intermediate derived from the reaction of 1^{N2S} (3.0 mM) with CmOOH (3.0 mM) generated by using Cm¹⁶O₂H (solid line, below) and Cm¹⁸O₂H (dotted line, above) obtained with $\lambda_{max} = 441.6$ nm in CH₃CN at -40°C; s denotes the solvent band.



Fig. S6 IR spectra of ligand oxidation product L^{N2SO} (red line) and L^{N2S} (black line).



Fig. S7 Experimental (bottom) and simulated (top) peak envelopes in the positive-ion ESI-MS spectra of the ligand oxidation product derived from the reaction mixture of 1^{N2S} and CmOOH in acetone. (left) with Cm¹⁶O₂H and (right) with Cm¹⁸O₂H.



Fig. S8 The EPR spectrum of the final reaction mixture of 1^{N2S} (0.5 mM) with an equimolar amount of CmOOH in acetone (after warming up to 30 °C). A small amount of copper(II) byproduct (9 % based on the starting copper complex) is involved.