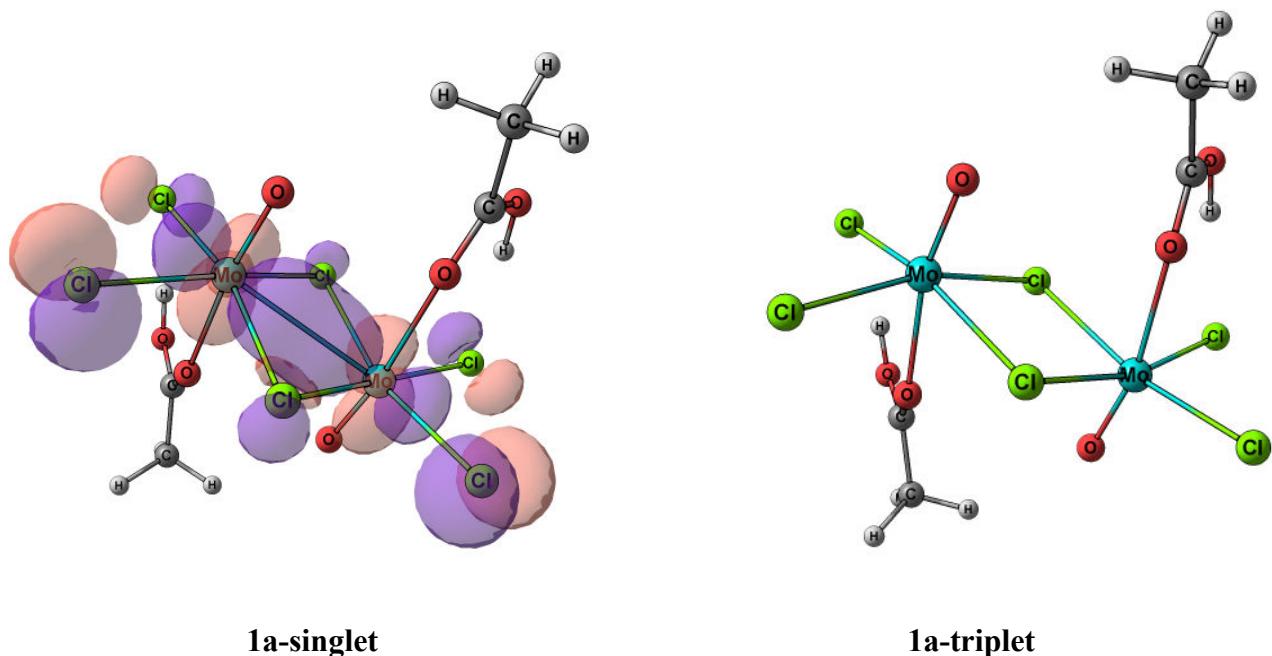


**Oxo-Molybdenum Complexes Obtained by Cl/O Interchange Between MoCl<sub>5</sub>  
and Carboxylic Acids: a Crystallographic, Spectroscopic and  
Computational Study**

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**Supporting Information**

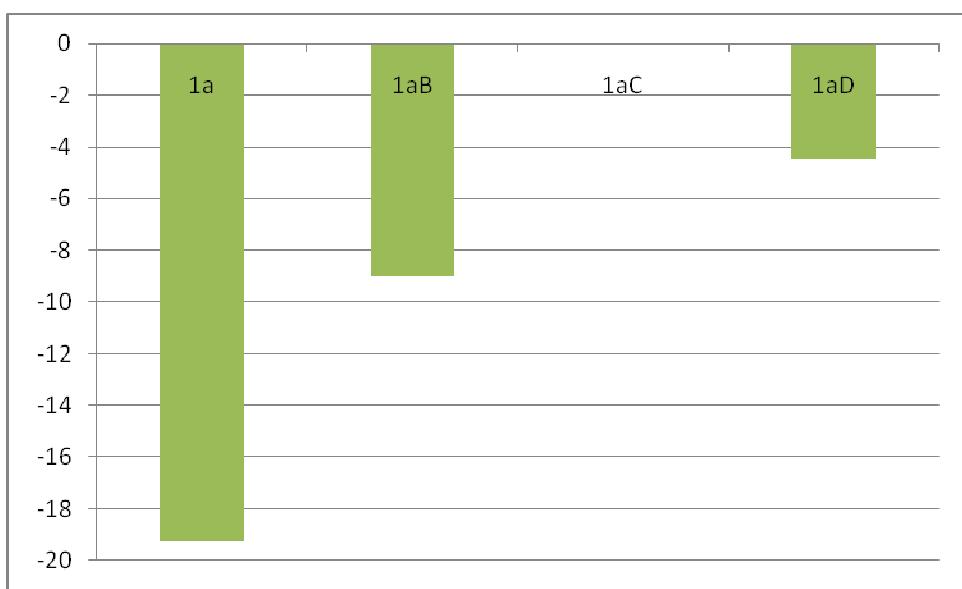
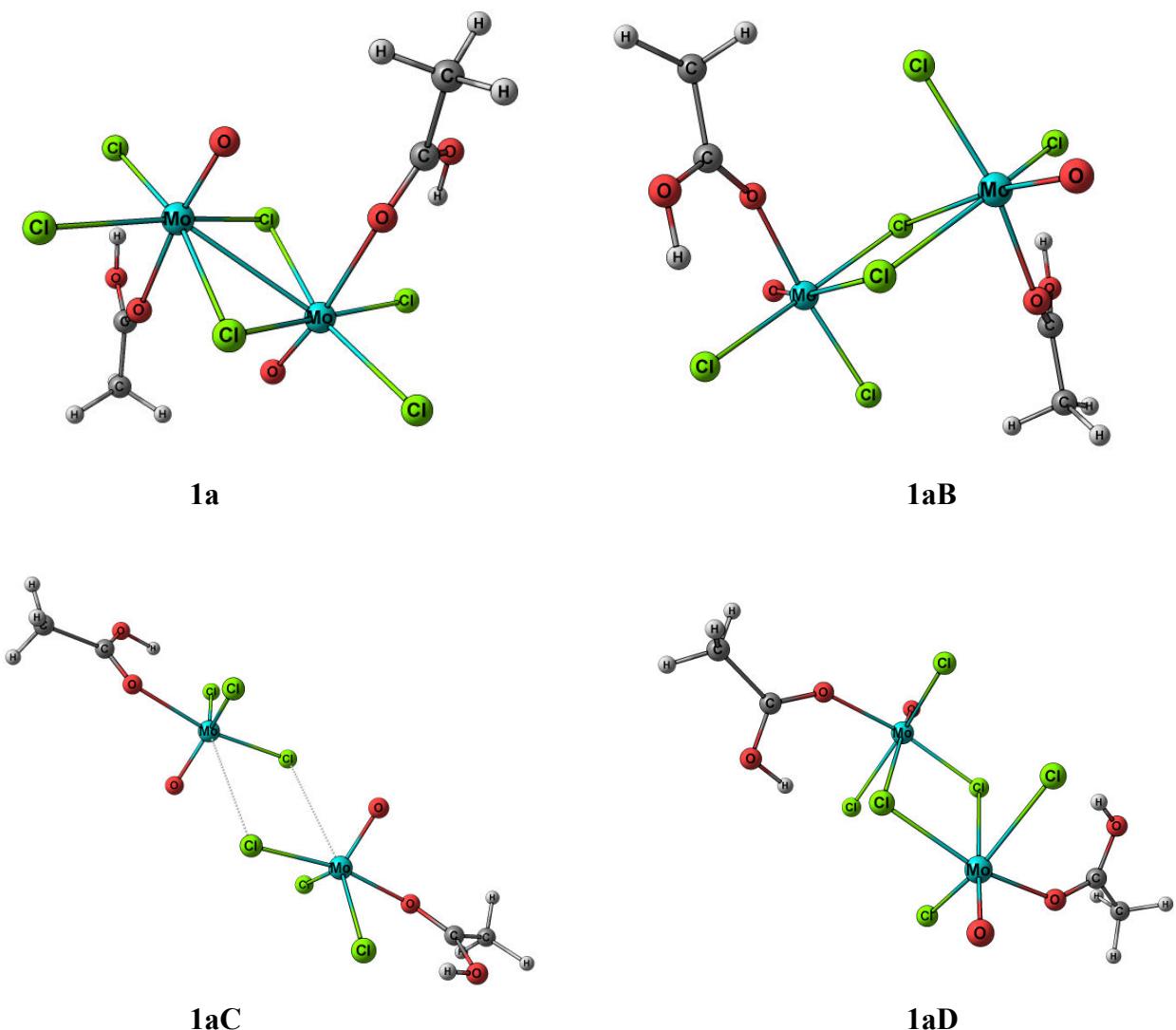
**Figure S1.** DFT M06 calculated structures for **1a**, with implicit C-PCM solvation ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ). Plot of HOMO for **1a-singlet** (surface isovalue = 0.04 a.u.).



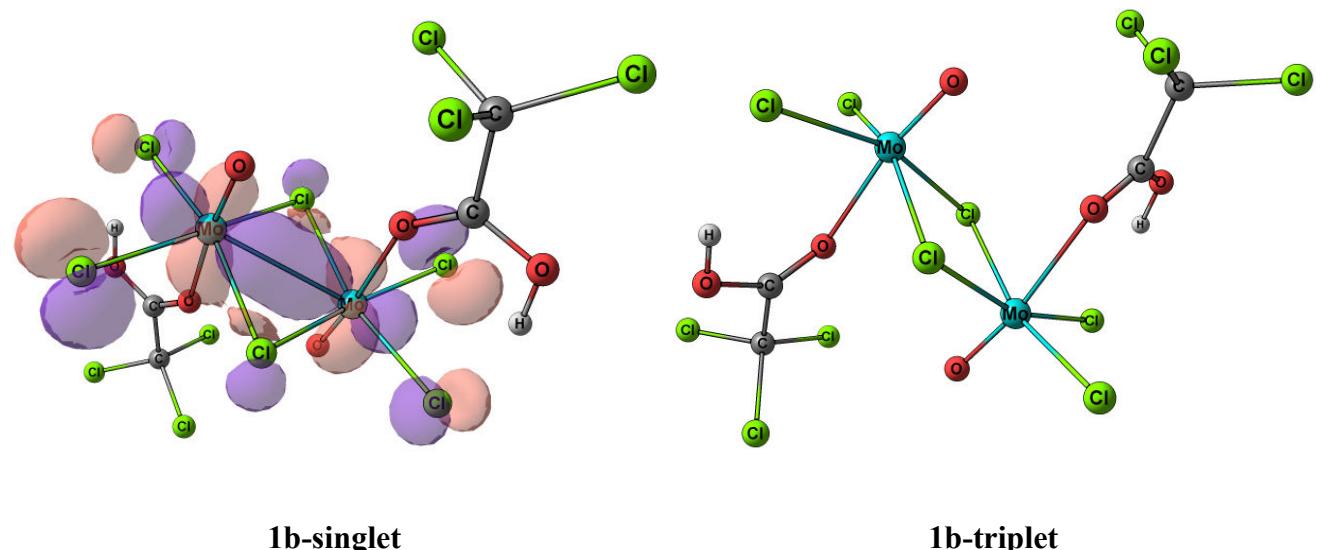
**Table S1.** Selected computed bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ ) for **1a** (M06/C-PCM), singlet-state. Values for the triplet state configuration are in parentheses.

Bond	Angle		
Mo---Mo	3.069 (3.763)	O=Mo-Cl <sub>terminal</sub>	97.2 (100.6)
Mo=O	1.641 (1.642)		101.4 (103.9)
	1.641 (1.642)		97.2 (100.6)
Mo-OC	2.233 (2.262)		101.4 (103.9)
	2.233 (2.262)	O=Mo-Cl <sub>bridging</sub>	94.4 (93.5)
Mo-Cl <sub>terminal</sub>	2.337(2.308)		91.8 (91.2)
	2.401 (2.355)		94.4 (93.5)
	2.337 (2.308)		91.8 (91.2)
	2.401 (2.355)	O=Mo-O	172.4 (166.5)
Mo-Cl <sub>bridging</sub>	2.461 (2.569)		172.4 (166.5)
	2.482 (2.558)	Cl <sub>bridging</sub> -Mo-Cl <sub>bridging</sub>	103.2 (84.5)
	2.461 (2.569)		103.2 (84.5)
	2.482 (2.558)	O-C-O	122.7 (123.0)
C=O	1.240 (1.238)		122.7 (123.0)
	1.240 (1.238)		
C-OH	1.304 (1.307)		
	1.304 (1.307)		
O-H	0.984 (0.981)		
	0.984 (0.981)		
OH---Cl	2.233 (2.296)		
	2.233 (2.296)		

**Figure S2.** DFT M06 calculated structures for  $[\text{MoOCl}_2(\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H})(\mu\text{-Cl})]_2$  (singlet state, EDF2/LACVP\*\*) and relative Gibbs free energy values (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>).



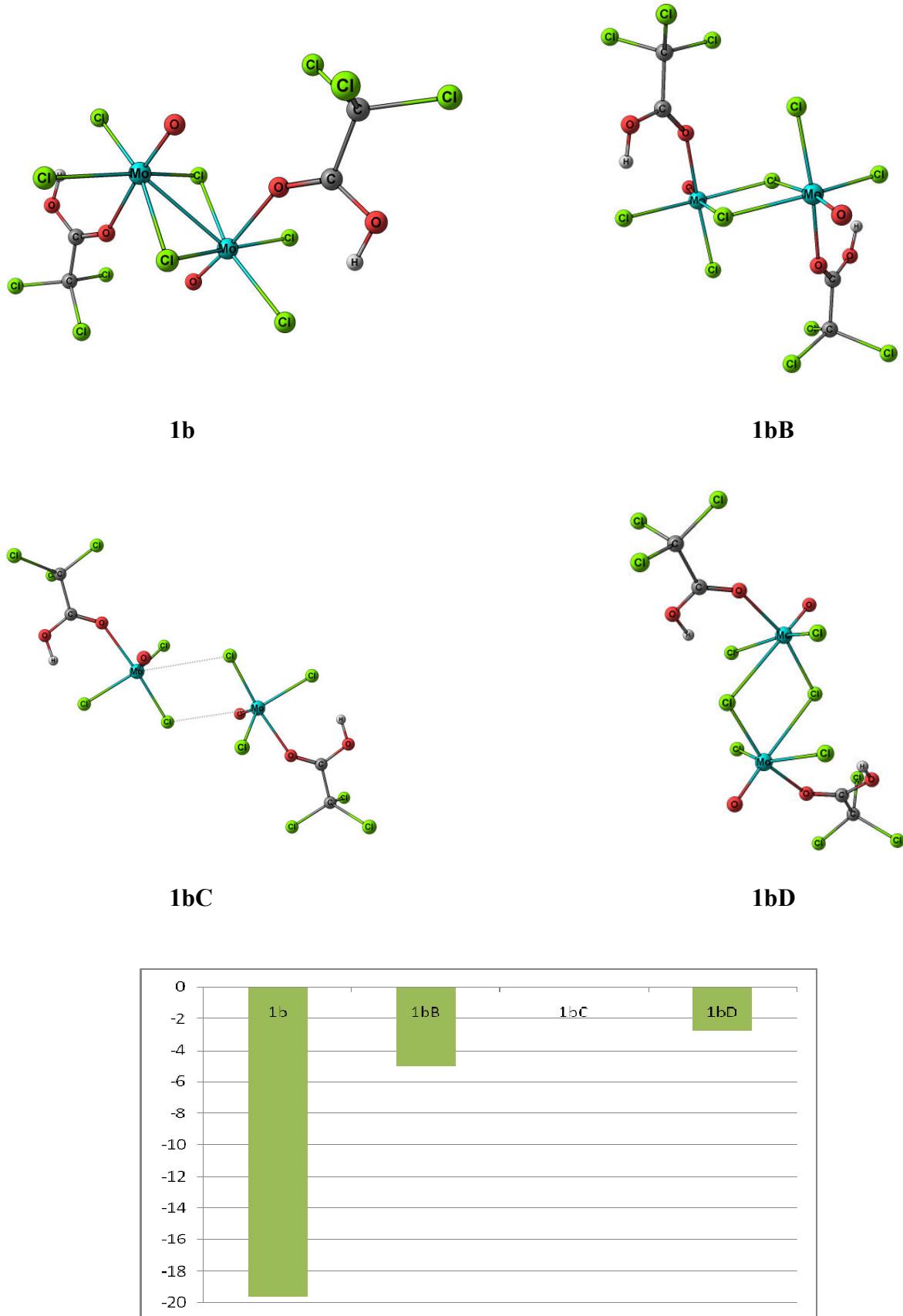
**Figure S3.** DFT M06 calculated structures for **1b**, with implicit C-PCM solvation ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ). Plot of HOMO for **1b-singlet** (surface isovalue = 0.04 a.u.).



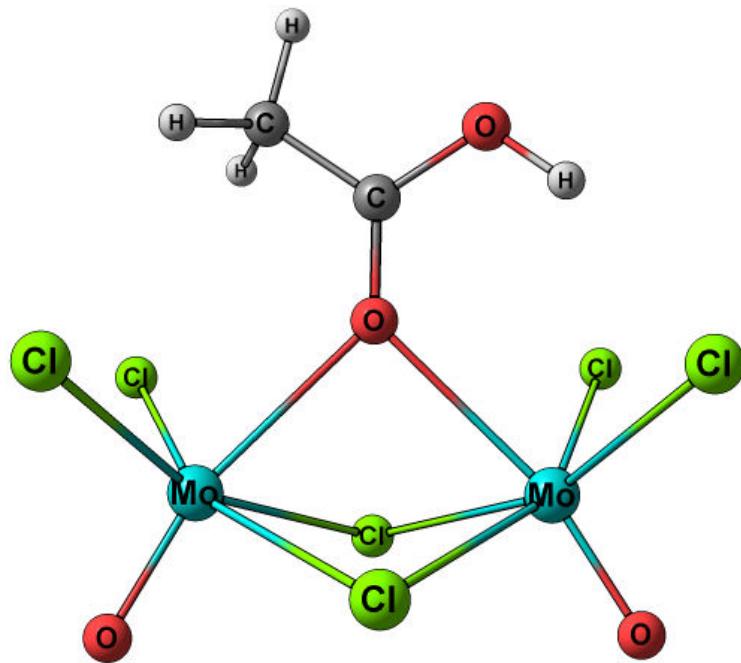
**Table S2.** Selected computed bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ ) for **1b** (M06/C-PCM), singlet-state. Values for the triplet state configuration are in parentheses.

Bond	Angle	
Mo---Mo	3.059 (3.779)	O=Mo=Cl <sub>terminal</sub> 98.4 (100.9)
Mo=O	1.634 (1.635)	101.7 (103.8)
	1.634 (1.635)	98.4 (100.5)
Mo-OC	2.323 (2.373)	101.7 (103.4)
	2.323 (2.361)	O=Mo=Cl <sub>bridging</sub> 94.7 (96.1)
Mo-Cl <sub>terminal</sub>	2.398 (2.352)	94.9 (96.4)
	2.341 (2.304)	94.7 (96.7)
	2.398 (2.354)	94.9 (94.7)
	2.341 (2.305)	O=Mo-O 174.5 (169.9)
Mo-Cl <sub>bridging</sub>	2.448 (2.519)	174.5 (170.8)
	2.460 (2.538)	Cl <sub>bridging</sub> -Mo-Cl <sub>bridging</sub> 102.9 (83.2)
	2.448 (2.516)	102.9 (83.1)
	2.460 (2.534)	O-C-O 126.5 (126.6)
C=O	1.222 (1.220)	126.5 (126.6)
	1.222 (1.219)	
C-OH	1.292 (1.297)	
	1.292 (1.297)	
O-H	0.989 (0.985)	
	0.989 (0.984)	
OH---Cl	2.182 (2.252)	
	2.181 (2.224)	

**Figure S4.** DFT M06 calculated structures for  $[\text{MoOCl}_2(\text{CCl}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H})(\mu\text{-Cl})]_2$  (singlet state, EDF2/LACVP\*\*) with implicit C-PCM solvation ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ), and relative Gibbs free energy values (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>).



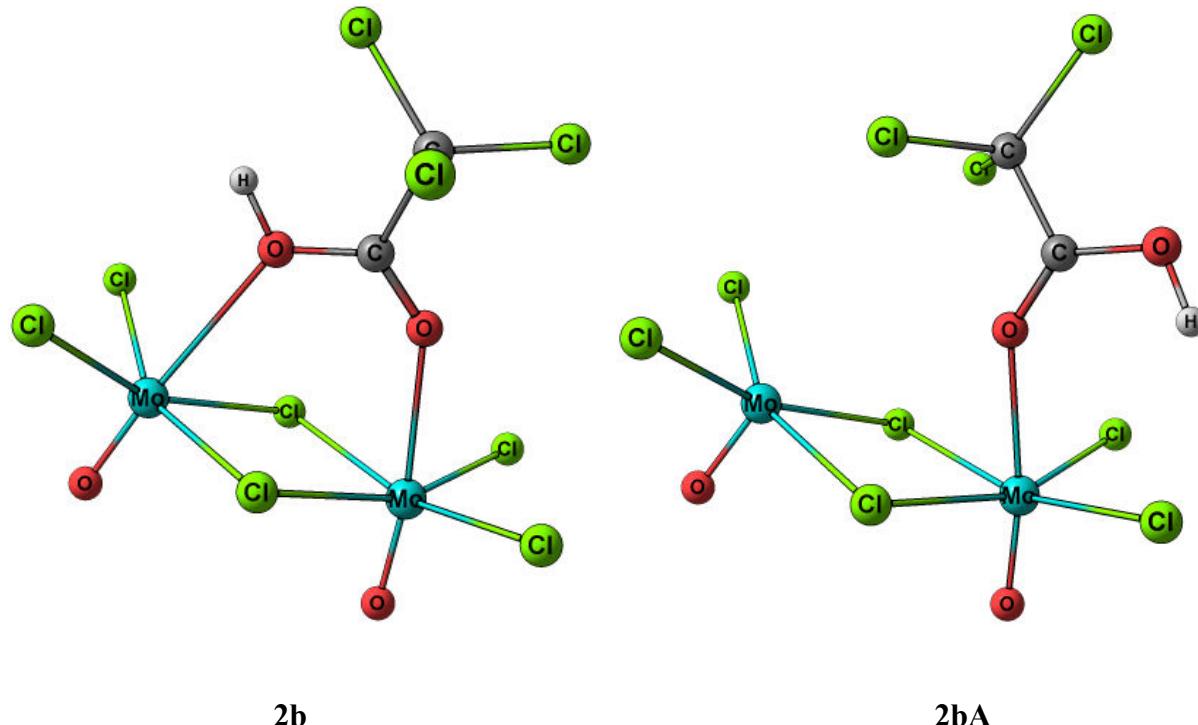
**Figure S5.** DFT M06 calculated structure of  $\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_2\text{Cl}_6(\mu-\kappa^1\text{-CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H})$ , **2a** (triplet state), with implicit C-PCM solvation ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).



**Table S3.** Selected computed bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ ) for **2a** (triplet state, M06/C-PCM).

Bond	Angle	
Mo=O	1.634	O=Mo–Cl <sub>terminal</sub>
	1.632	103.5
Mo–OC	2.489	103.3
	2.510	102.9
Mo–Cl <sub>terminal</sub>	2.310	O=Mo–Cl <sub>bridging</sub>
	2.312	99.0
	2.312	99.3
	2.341	96.7
	2.341	98.3
Mo–Cl <sub>bridging</sub>	2.538	O=Mo–O
	2.528	164.5
	2.507	166.7
	2.508	Cl <sub>bridging</sub> –Mo–Cl <sub>bridging</sub>
	2.508	80.8
C=O	1.253	Mo–O–Mo
C–OH	1.299	O–C–O
O–H	0.982	123.0
OH---Cl	2.259	

**Figure S6.** DFT M06 calculated structures for  $\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_2\text{Cl}_6(\text{CCl}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H})$  (triplet state), with implicit C-PCM solvation ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).

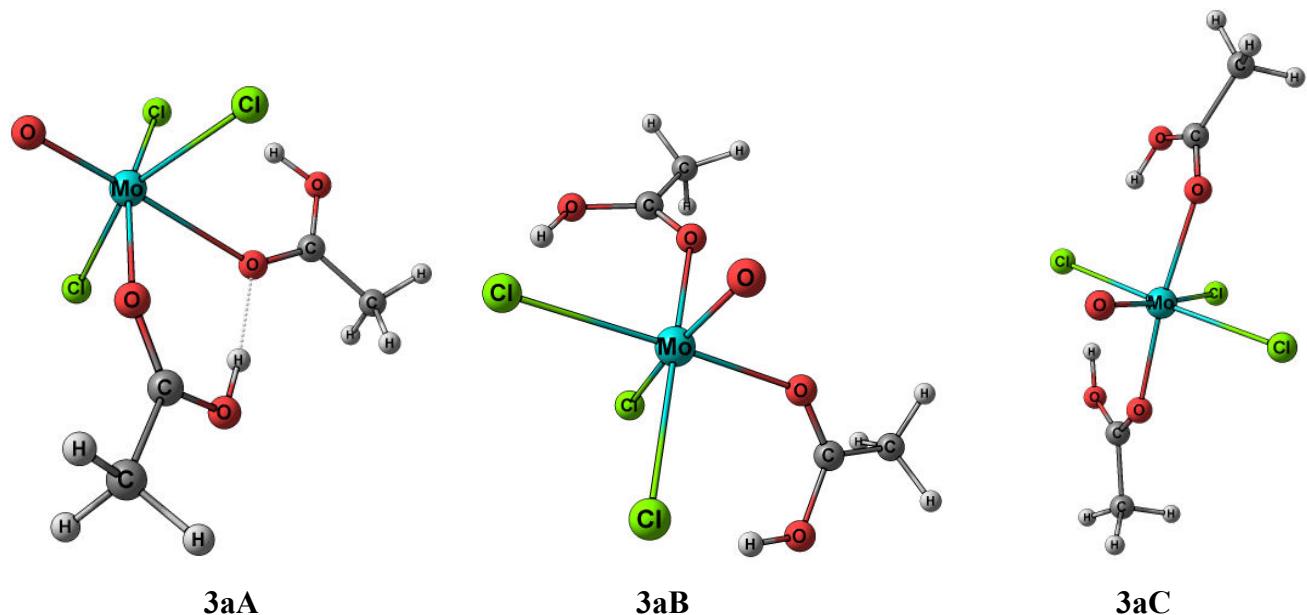


$$G(2bA) - G(2b) = +16.5 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1} \text{ (M06/C-PCM calculations)}$$

**Table S4.** Selected computed bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ ) for **2b** (triplet state, M06/C-PCM).

Bond	Angle		
Mo=O	1.635	O=Mo=OC	171.7
	1.630	O=Mo=OH	175.9
Mo–OC	2.409	O=Mo=Cl <sub>terminal</sub>	103.0
Mo–OH	2.745		103.4
Mo–Cl <sub>terminal</sub>	2.306		104.4
	2.310		104.6
	2.312	O=Mo=Cl <sub>bridging</sub>	96.5
	2.316		96.2
Mo–Cl <sub>bridging</sub>	2.502		101.8
	2.497		103.0
	2.544	O–C–O	122.1
	2.541		
C=O	1.208		
C–OH	1.317		
O–H	0.978		

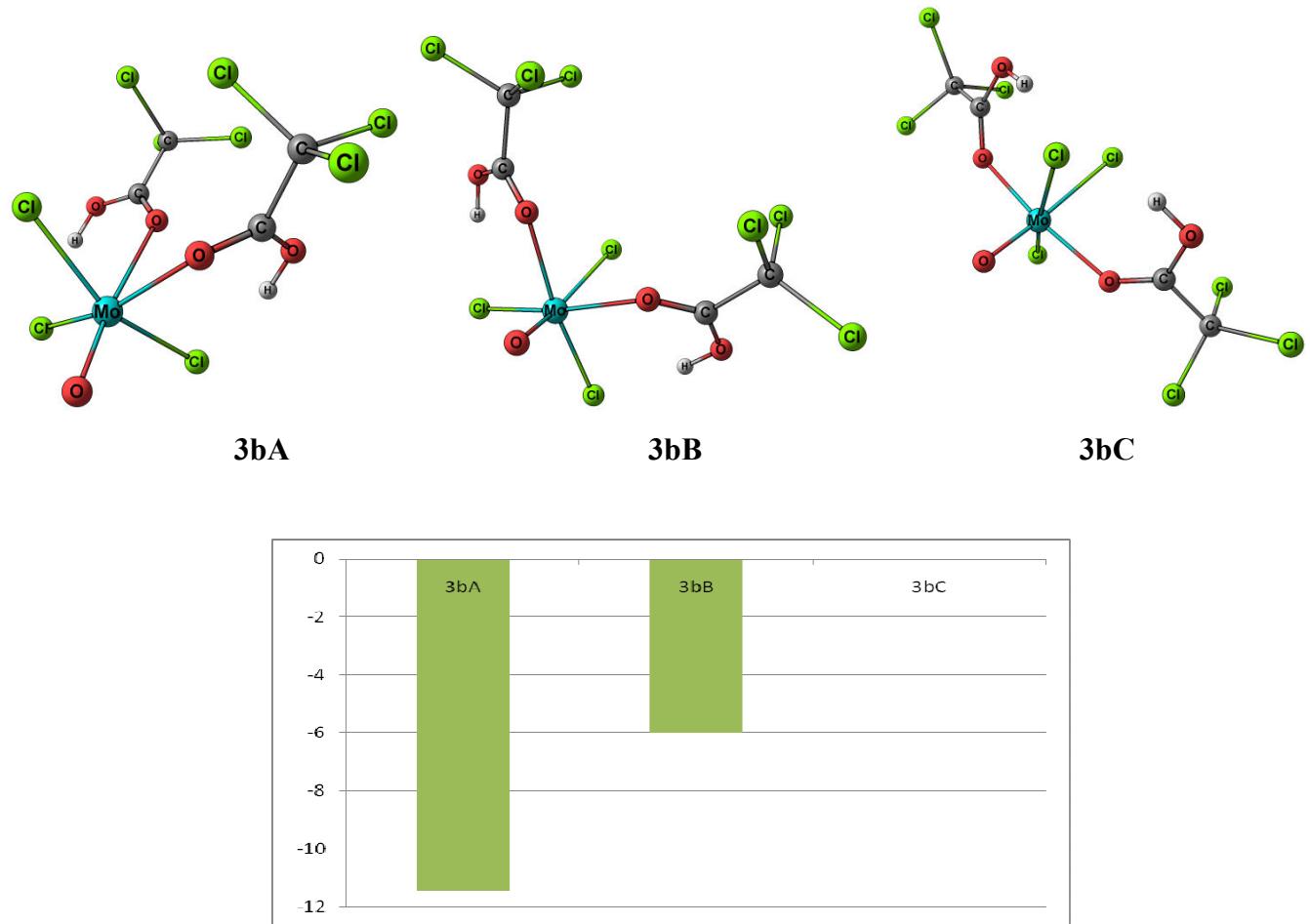
**Figure S7.** DFT M06 calculated structures for  $\text{MoOCl}_3(\kappa^1\text{-CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H})_2$ , **3a**, with implicit C-PCM solvation ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ), and relative Gibbs free energy values (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, M06/C-PCM calculations).



**Table S5.** Selected computed bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **3aA** (M06/C-PCM).

Bond	Angle	
Mo=O	1.638	O=Mo-OC
Mo-O ( <i>trans</i> oxo)	2.455	
Mo-O ( <i>cis</i> oxo)	2.116	O=Mo-Cl
Mo-Cl	2.310	
	2.377	
	2.367	O-C=O
C=O	1.247	
	1.241	
C-OH	1.303	
	1.296	
O-H	0.985	
	0.994	
OH---O	1.698	

**Figure S8.** DFT M06 calculated structures for  $\text{MoOCl}_3(\kappa^1\text{-CCl}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H})_2$ , **3b**, with implicit C-PCM solvation ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ), and relative Gibbs free energy values (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, M06/C-PCM calculations).



**Table S6.** Selected computed bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **3bA** (M06/C-PCM).

Bond	Angle		
Mo=O	1.635	O=Mo-OC	168.9
Mo-OC ( <i>trans</i> oxo)	2.426		96.8
Mo-OC ( <i>cis</i> oxo)	2.169	O=Mo-Cl	100.4
Mo-Cl	2.355		102.7
	2.406		102.4
	2.346	O-C-O	126.7
C=O	1.220		127.1
	1.233		
C-OH	1.296		
	1.282		
O-H	0.986		
	0.995		