

Supplementary Information

For

**Merrifield resin supported peroxomolybdenum(VI) compounds:
recoverable heterogeneous catalysts for efficient, selective and mild
oxidation of organic sulfides with H₂O₂**

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Table S1 ¹³C NMR Chemical Shift for polymer support, amino acid-anchored Merrifield resin and polymer-bound peroxomolybdates

Compound	Chemical Shift (ppm)									
	Merrifield Resin					Amino acid				
	Quaternary Aromatic Carbons	Protonated Aromatic Carbons	Aliphatic Methine Carbons	CH ₂ Cl	CH ₃	CH ₂ /CH	C-NH	Carboxylate		
								Free	Complexed	
MR	145.18	128.36	41.04	46.17	---	---	---	---	---	
MRV	145.14	129.05	41.66	46.10	19.42	31.08	61.48	176.35	---	
MRVMo	145.25	128.90	41.81	46.18	18.89	31.00	61.21	176.50	206.11	
MRA	145.23	128.74	42.00	46.14	---	17.01	53.09	176.02	---	
MRAMo	145.01	127.67	41.89	46.14	---	17.09	53.10	176.13	205.16	

Table S2 Thermogravimetric data for **MRV**, **MRA**, **MRVMo** and **MRAMo**

Compound	Temperature range (°C)	Observed weight loss (%)	Final residue (%)
MRV	89-99	0.72	2.56
	199-255	17.61	
	283-480	50.88	
	480-700	28.23	
MRA	91-99	0.67	1.23
	221-274	12.08	
	280-482	56.90	
	482-700	29.12	
MRVMo	70-100	1.04	9.06
	103-181	1.59	
	205-259	15.89	
	286-488	46.15	
	488-700	26.31	
MRAMo	69-100	1.14	6.58
	103-177	1.19	
	216-271	11.89	
	280-488	50.48	
	488-700	28.72	

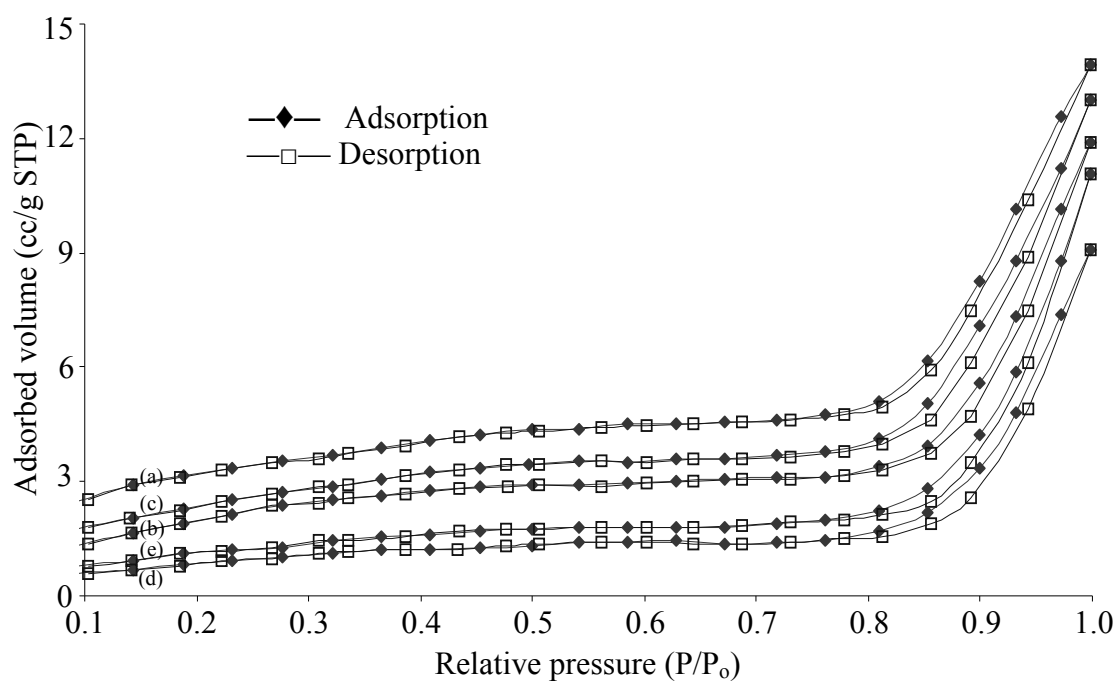


Fig. S1 The N₂ adsorption/desorption isotherm of (a) **MR**, (b) **MRV**, (c) **MRA**, (d) **MRVMo** and (e) **MRAMo**.

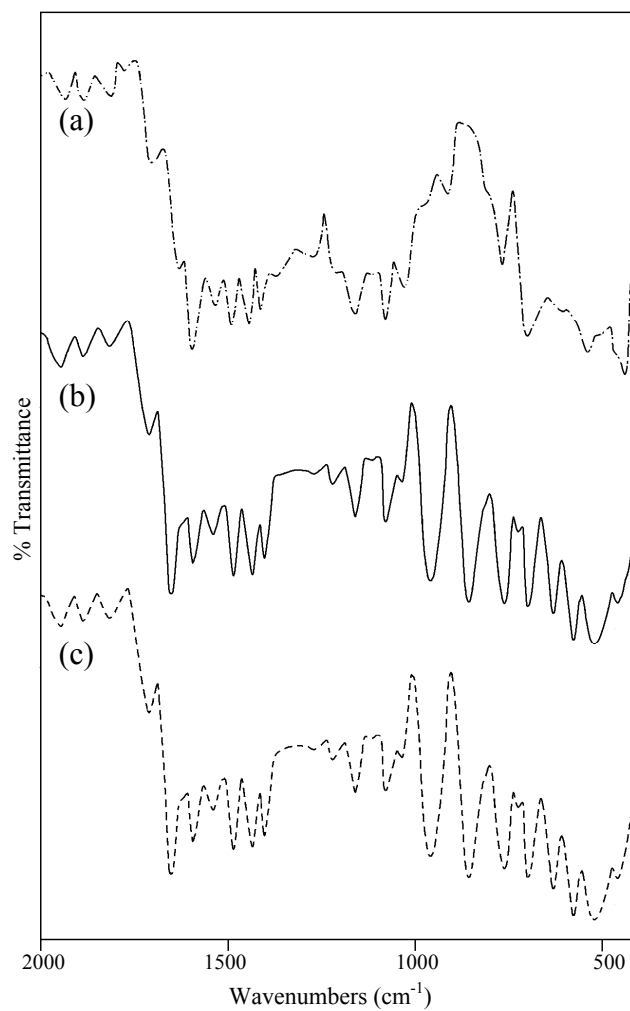
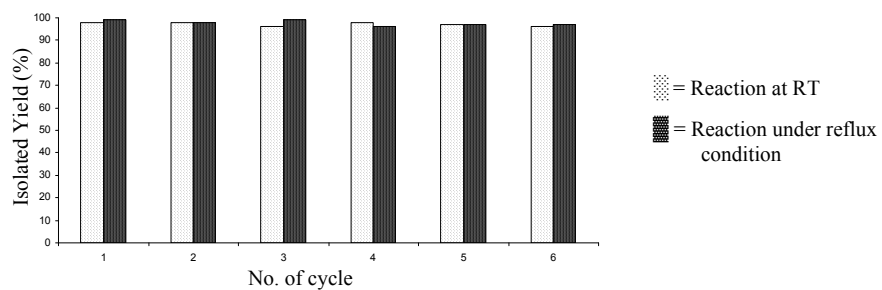
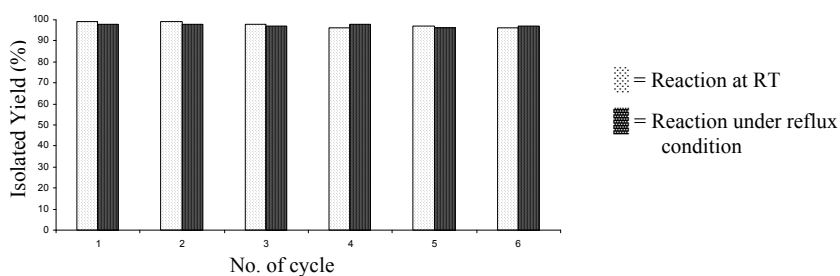


Fig. S2 FTIR spectra of (a) **MRA**, (b) **MRAMo** and (c) **MRAMo** after 6th cycle of reaction.



(a)



(b)

Fig. S3 Recyclability of **MRAMo** (used as representative) for the selective oxidation of MPS to (a) sulfoxide or (b) sulfone.

Text S1: Determination of H₂O₂ efficiency or effective use of H₂O₂ in the sulfoxidation reaction

The calculations are shown with oxidation of methyl phenyl sulfide (MPS) to methyl phenyl sulfoxide as a representative example.

$$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \text{ efficiency (\%)} = 100 \times [\text{mole of H}_2\text{O}_2 \text{ consumed in the formation of oxyfunctionalized products} / \text{mole of H}_2\text{O}_2 \text{ converted}]$$

- (a) Assuming that one mole of oxidant reacts with one mole of substrate, H₂O₂ (mole) consumed in the formation of sulfoxide (yield: 98%) from 5 mmol sulfides = **4.9 mmol**
- (b) In order to determine the H₂O₂ (mole) converted, the spent catalyst was separated by centrifugation and the left H₂O₂ was estimated by titration with standard Cerium (IV) solution. The value was found to be : **4.8 mmol**

Since 10 mmol H₂O₂ has been originally used for the reaction,

$$\text{therefore, total mole of H}_2\text{O}_2 \text{ converted} = (10.0 - 4.8) \text{ mmol} = \mathbf{5.2 \text{ mmol}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, H}_2\text{O}_2 \text{ efficiency} &= 100 \times [4.9 / 5.2] \\ &= \mathbf{94.2 \%} \end{aligned}$$

Text S2: Characterization of Sulfoxides and Sulfones

- (a) Methylphenylsulfoxide:** Isolated as light yellow solid; mp 28-29°C; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1046;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 2.73(s, 3H); 7.30-7.36(m, 1H); 7.41-7.50(m, 2H); 7.62-7.69(m, 2H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 43.93; 123.54; 128.63; 130.95; 145.42
- (b) Methylphenylsulfone:** Isolated as white solid; mp 85-86°C; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1321, 1165;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 3.02(s, 3H); 7.52-7.59(m, 1H); 7.61-7.71(m, 2H); 7.89-7.95(m, 2H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 44.83; 126.23; 128.54; 133.21; 137.44
- (c) Dimethylsulfoxide:** Isolated as liquid; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1053;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 2.63(s, 6H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 40.53
- (d) Dimethylsulfone:** Isolated as white solid; mp 236-237°C; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1314, 1136;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 3.27(s, 6H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 44.63
- (e) Dibutylsulfoxide:** Isolated as white solid; mp 32-33°C; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1063;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 0.96(t, 6H, J=7.41Hz); 1.37-1.49(m, 4H); 1.68-1.78(m, 4H); 2.61-2.69(m, 4H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 13.74; 22.13; 24.52; 51.91
- (f) Dibutylsulfone:** Isolated as white solid; mp 42-43°C; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1342, 1135;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 0.96 (t, 6H, J=7.41Hz); 1.39-1.51(m, 4H); 1.79-1.88(m, 4H); 2.87-2.94(m, 4H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 13.54; 21.72; 23.98; 52.53
- (g) Butylpropylsulfoxide:** Isolated as liquid; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1057;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 0.92-0.99(m, 6H); 1.28-1.39(m, 2H); 1.71-1.79(m, 4H); 2.54-2.62 (m, 4H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 13.76; 22.14; 24.51; 51.97
- (h) Butylpropylsulfone:** Isolated as white solid; mp 81-82°C; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1342, 1132;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 0.94-0.99(m, 6H); 1.29-1.39(m, 2H); 1.82-1.89(m, 4H); 2.85-2.95(m, 4H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 13.51; 21.75; 23.99; 52.53
- (i) Dibenzothiophene sulfoxide:** Isolated as white solid; mp 188-189°C; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1043;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 7.52-7.59(m, 2H); 7.71-7.75(m, 2H); 7.91-7.98(m, 4H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 123.45; 124.16; 126.37; 129.83; 132.67; 143.33

- (j) Dibenzothiophene sulfone:** Isolated as white solid; mp 231-232°C; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1363, 1165;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 7.51-7.55(m, 2H); 7.61-7.66(m, 2H); 7.77-7.85(m, 4H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 121.54; 121.97; 130.16; 131.53; 133.77; 137.62
- (k) Phenylvinylsulfoxide:** Isolated as pale yellow liquid; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1054;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 5.94(d, 1H, J=10.13Hz); 6.26(d, 1H, J=15.89Hz); 6.55-6.69(m, 1H); 7.27-7.37(m, 1H); 7.44-7.53(m, 2H); 7.62-7.68(m, 2H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 120.55; 124.52; 129.38; 131.13; 142.95; 143.41
- (l) Phenylvinylsulfone:** Isolated as white solid; mp 63-64°C; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1364, 1161;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 6.11(d, 1H, J=9.60Hz); 6.43(d, 1H, J=16.42Hz); 6.64-6.78(m, 1H); 7.44-7.51(m, 1H); 7.56-7.68(m, 2H); 7.87-7.93(m, 2H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 127.85; 129.33; 133.77; 138.51; 139.70
- (m) 2-(Phenylsulfinyl)ethanol:** Isolated as light brown solid; mp 42-43°C; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1040;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 2.43(s, 1H); 3.12(t, 2H, J=5.31Hz); 3.87(t, 2H, J=5.26Hz); 7.26-7.39(m, 1H); 7.48-7.57(m, 2H); 7.61-7.68(m, 2H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 56.15; 60.91; 125.47; 129.98; 131.23; 144.55
- (n) Dihexylsulfoxide:** Isolated as pale yellow liquid; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1042;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 0.95 (t, 6H, J= 7.65 Hz), 1.21-1.37 (m, 12H), 1.68 (m, 4H), 2.71 (t, 4H, J=6.71Hz)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 13.54, 21.91, 32.85, 27.64, 28.53, 52.64
- (o) Dihexylsulfone:** Isolated as pale yellow liquid; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1323, 1161;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 0.95 (t, 6H, J= 7.66 Hz), 1.21-1.38 (m, 12H), 1.91 (m, 4H), 3.36 (t, 4H, J=6.71Hz)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 13.48, 21.78, 32.64, 27.91, 26.45, 53.72
- (p) Allylphenylsulfone:** Isolated as pale yellow liquid; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1318, 1144;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 3.91(dt, 2H, J= 7.19, 1.22Hz); 5.02(dq, 1H, J= 1.48, 17.21Hz); 5.18(dq, 1H, J= 1.22, 10.31Hz); 5.63(ddt, 1H, J= 7.19, 10.31, 17.21Hz); 7.37-7.44(m, 1H); 7.62-7.69(m, 2H); 7.91-7.95(m, 2H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 60.67; 117.51; 124.63; 128.88; 129.02; 133.74; 138.27
- (q) Ethylphenylsulfoxide:** Isolated as pale yellow liquid; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1054;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 1.23(t, 3H, J=6.61Hz); 2.69-2.78(q, 1H, J=6.61Hz); 2.91(q, 1H, J=6.61Hz) 7.13-7.48(m, 3H); 7.49-7.84(m, 2H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 10.39, 47.19, 125.42, 129.85, 131.47, 145.69

- (r) Ethylphenylsulfone:** Isolated as white solid; mp > 261 °C; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1322, 1153;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 1.30(t, 3H, J=7.11Hz); 3.09(q, 2H, J=7.11Hz); 7.59(m, 3H); 7.99(m, 2H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 7.34, 50.28, 127.86, 128.92, 133.47, 138.31
- (s) Diphenyl sulfoxide:** Isolated as white solid; mp 70 °C; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1043;
¹H NMR(400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 7.63-7.68(m, 4H), 7.43-7.51(m, 6H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 144.71, 129.87, 128.23, 123.71
- (t) Diphenyl sulfone:** Isolated as pale yellow solid; mp 127°C; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1322, 1155;
¹H NMR(400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 7.91-7.99(m, 4H), 7.44-7.53(m, 6H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 141.77, 133.20, 129.32, 127.69
- (u) Benzylphenylsulfoxide:** Isolated as white solid; mp 120 °C; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1033;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 3.98(s, 2H), 6.93-7.11(m, 5H), 7.17-7.36(m, 3H), 7.42-7.55(m, 2H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 63.44, 124.21, 128.15, 128.24, 128.57, 128.87, 130.26, 130.83, 142.59
- (v) Benzylphenylsulfone:** Isolated as white solid; mp 143 °C; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1328, 1159;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 4.41(s, 2H), 7.06-7.14(m, 5H), 7.32-7.41(m, 3H), 7.65-7.74(m, 2H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 62.53, 128.31, 128.39, 128.47, 128.61, 130.53, 133.44, 137.49
- (w) 2-(Phenylsulfonyl)ethanol:** Isolated as white solid; mp 96-97°C; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1334, 1152;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 2.47(s, 1H); 3.33(t, 2H, J=5.46Hz); 3.95(t, 2H, J=5.26Hz); 7.44-7.53(m, 1H); 7.57-7.68(m, 2H); 7.89-7.97(m, 2H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 57.35; 61.56; 128.92; 129.58; 134.06; 140.71
- (x) Allylphenylsulfoxide:** Isolated as pale yellow liquid; ν (KBr)/cm⁻¹ 1043;
¹H NMR (400MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 3.43(dt, 2H, J=7.11, 1.12Hz); 5.01(dq, 1H, J=1.42, 17.10Hz); 5.16(dq, 1H, J=1.12, 10.22Hz); 5.44(ddt, 1H, J=7.11, 10.22, 17.10 Hz); 7.26-7.31(m, 1H); 7.36-7.39(m, 2H); 7.60-7.64(m, 2H)
¹³C NMR (100.5MHz; CDCl₃, δ): 60.36; 117.93; 124.71; 125.09; 129.06; 131.24; 142.13

Splitting patterns are designated as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), dt (double triplet), ddt (double-double triplet), q (quartet), dq (double quartet), m (multiplet).