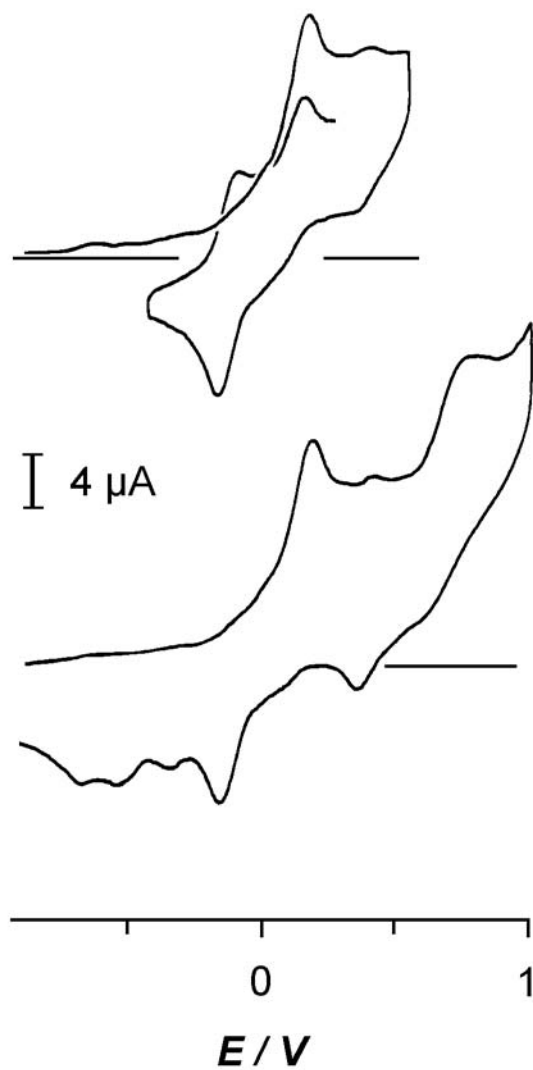
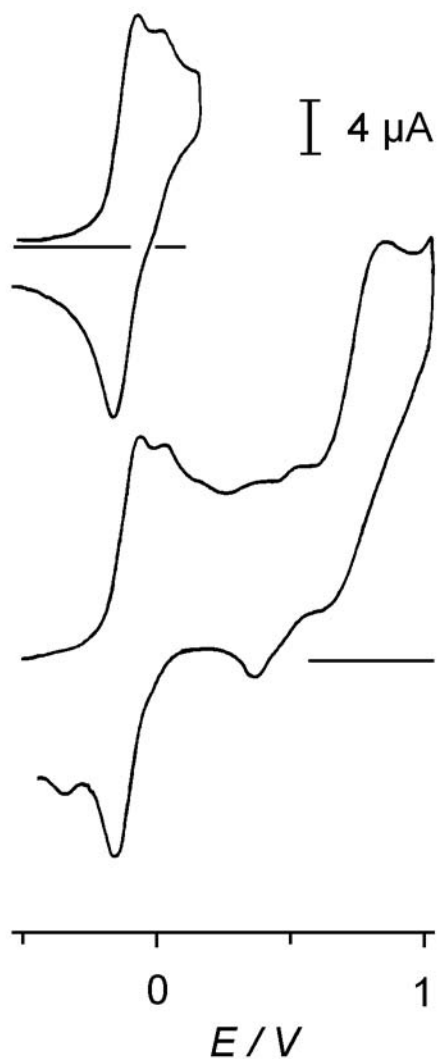


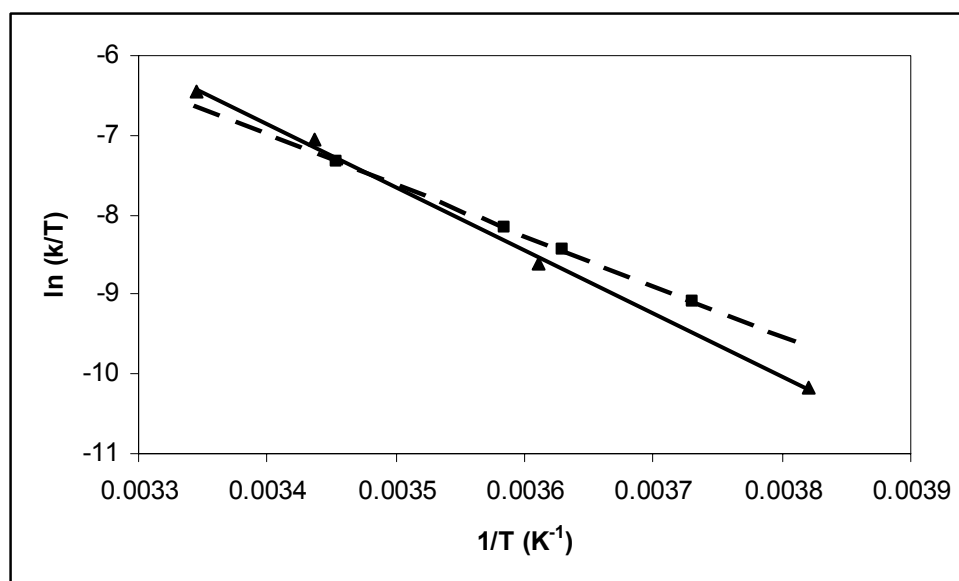
### Supporting Information



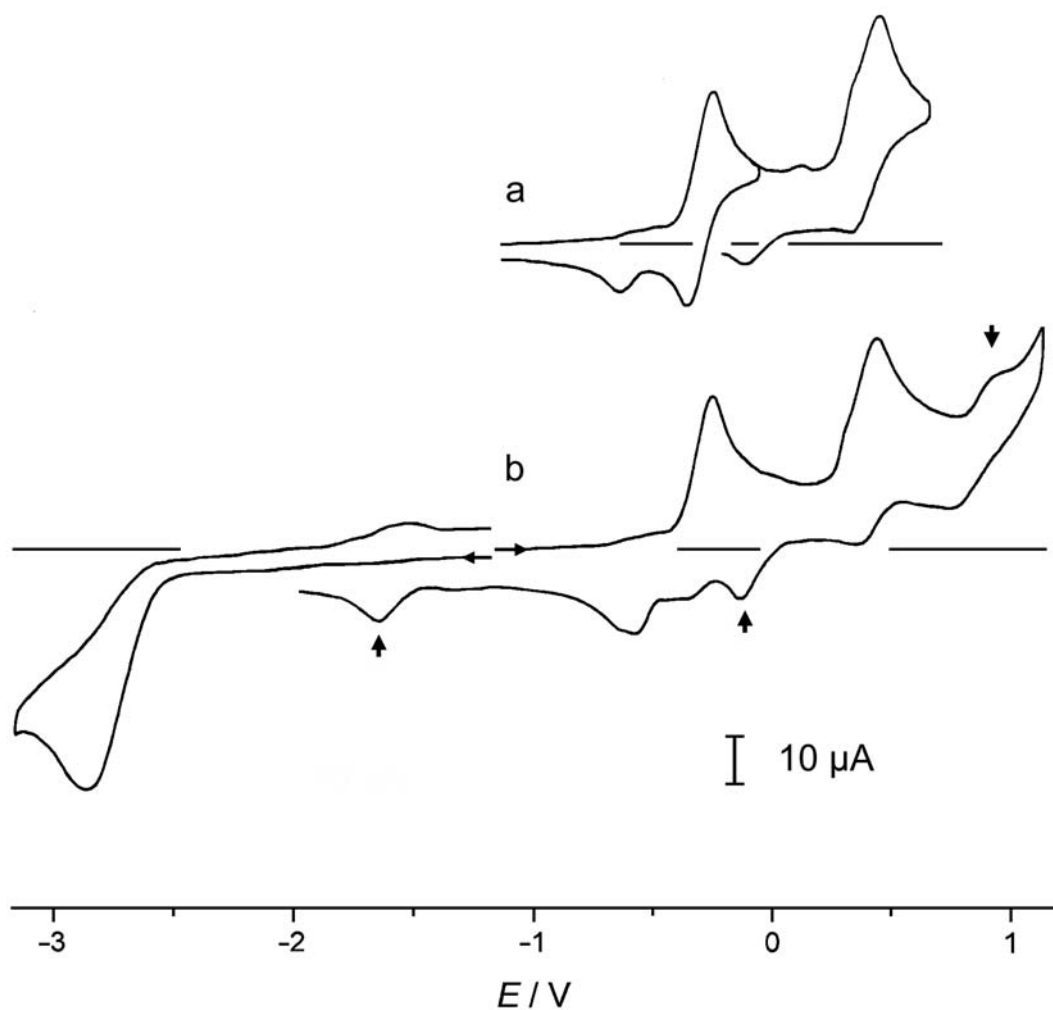
**Figure S1** : Cyclic voltammetry of  $[\text{Mo}_2(\text{cp})_2(\mu\text{-SMe})_3(\mu\text{-}\eta^1\text{-N}_2\text{HPh})]^+$ ,  $\mathbf{1}\text{-H}^+$  (ca 0.8 mM) in thf- $[\text{NBu}_4][\text{PF}_6]$  (vitreous carbon electrode,  $\nu = 0.2 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ ).



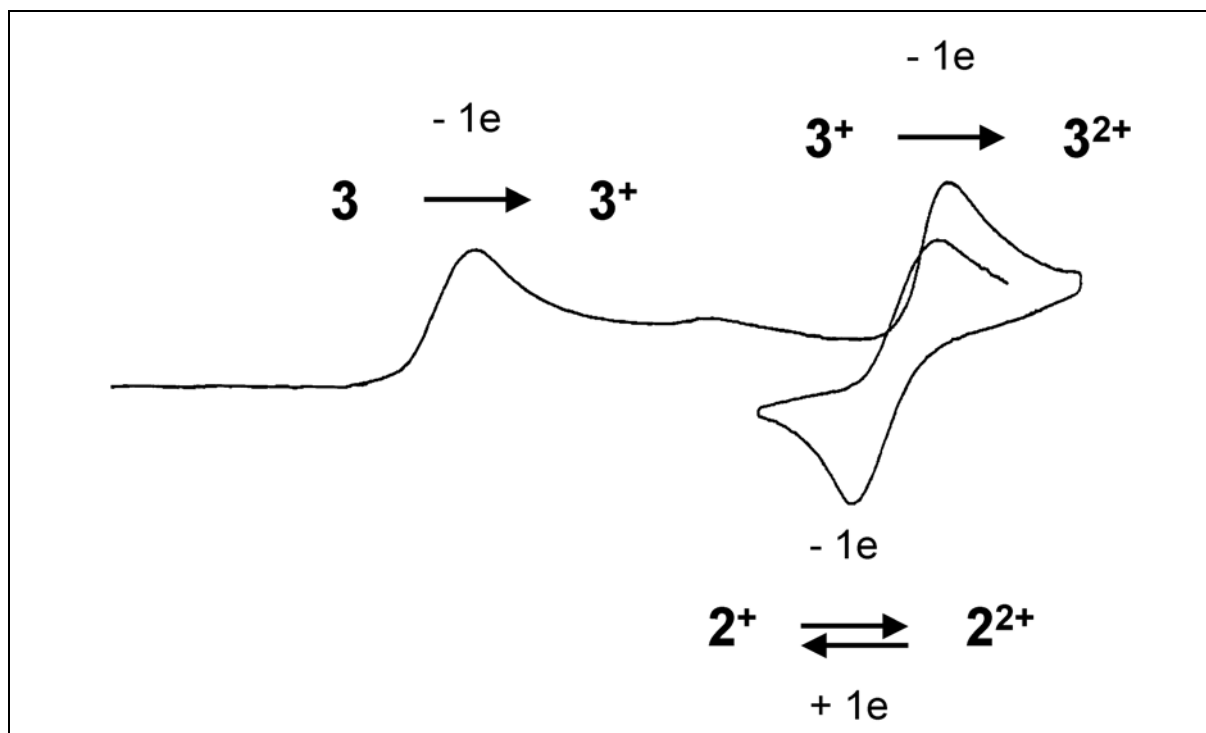
**Figure S2** : Cyclic voltammetry of  $[\text{Mo}_2(\text{cp})_2(\mu\text{-SMe})_3(\mu\text{-}\eta^1:\eta^1\text{-HN}_2\text{Ph})]^+$ , (present essentially as  $2\text{-H}^+$ ) formed in situ from  $1\text{-H}^+$  (ca 0.8 mM) (see figure S1) in  $\text{thf}\text{-}[\text{NBu}_4][\text{PF}_6]$  (vitreous carbon electrode,  $\nu = 0.2 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ ).



**Figure S3** : Eyring plots of kinetic data for the  $\mu\text{-}\eta^1 \rightarrow \mu\text{-}\eta^1:\eta^1$  isomerization of  $[\text{Mo}_2(\text{cp})_2(\mu\text{-SMe})_3(\mu\text{-N}_2\text{Ph})]$  in thf ( $\blacktriangle$ ) and in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  ( $\blacksquare$ ); the lines represent the least-square plots in thf (—;  $R^2 = 0.998$ ) and in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (- - -;  $R^2 = 0.999$ ).



**Figure S4**: Cyclic voltammetry of  $[\text{Mo}_2(\text{cp})_2(\mu\text{-SMe})_3(\mu\text{-}\eta^1\text{-N}_2\text{Ph})]$ , **1** (1.2 mM) in  $\text{thf}-[\text{NBu}_4][\text{PF}_6]$ . Curve b) shows the characteristic redox processes of the diazene complex **2-H<sup>2+</sup>** (arrows); that the reduction peak around  $-1.6$  V arises from oxidation of **1** is shown by its absence in the negative-going scan ( $T = 18^\circ\text{C}$ ; vitreous carbon electrode;  $\nu = 0.2 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ ).



**Figure S5** : Cyclic voltammetry of *syn*-[Mo<sub>2</sub>(cp)<sub>2</sub>(μ-SMe)<sub>3</sub>(μ-η<sup>1</sup>:η<sup>1</sup>-N<sub>2</sub>Ph)], **3** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-[NBu<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>] at -46°C showing the reversible (*anti*) **2<sup>2+</sup>**/**2<sup>+</sup>** couple at a potential slightly less positive than the onset of the oxidation of **3<sup>+</sup>** ( $\nu = 0.1 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ ; vitreous carbon electrode).