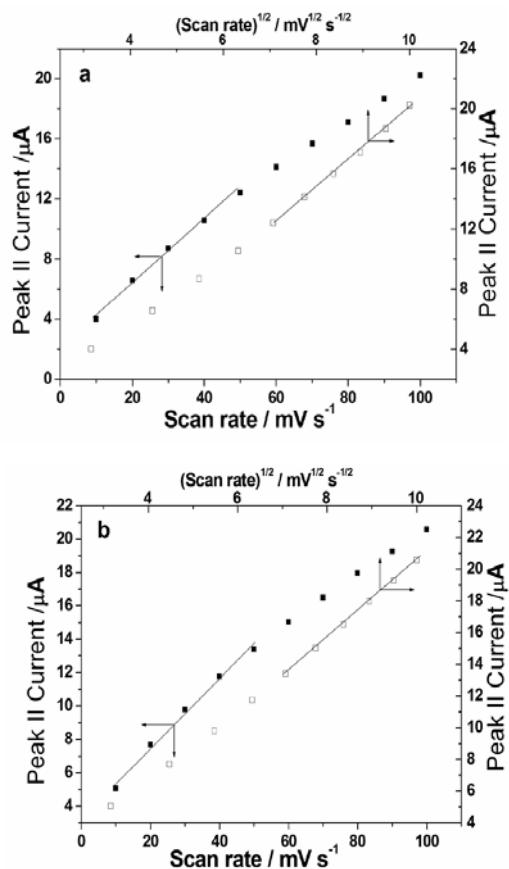


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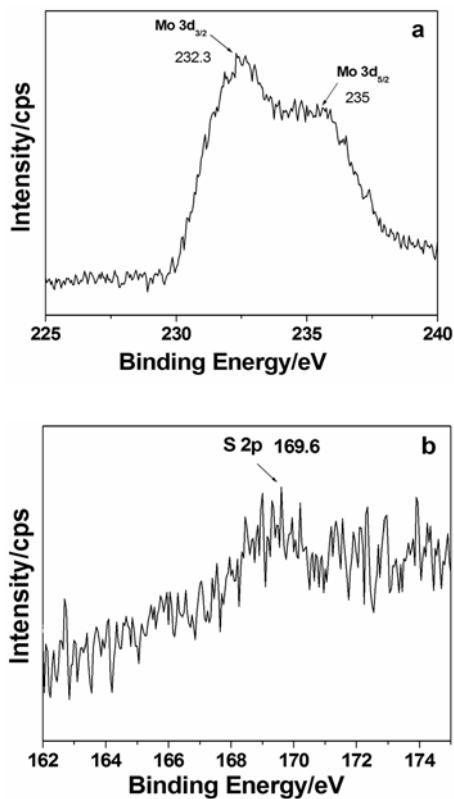
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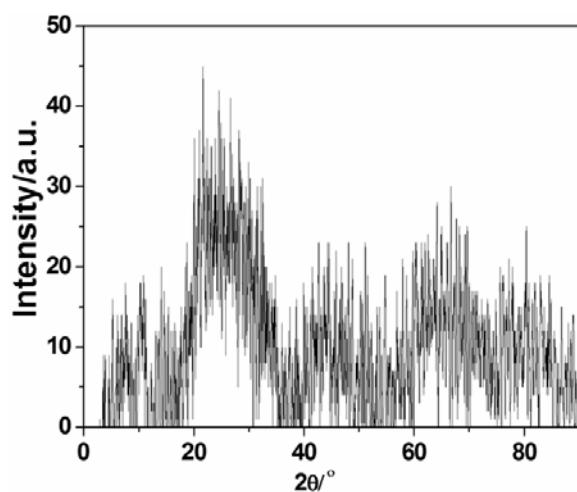
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**Fig. S 1** The dependence of cathodic peak currents [Ipc(II)] on scan rates (black square marks) and the square roots of scan rates (white square marks) for PMo<sub>12</sub> aqueous-modified electrode (a) and PMo<sub>12</sub> sol-modified electrode (b).



**Fig. S 2** (a) Molybdenum atom peaks ( $\text{Mo } 3\text{d}_{3/2}$  and  $\text{Mo } 3\text{d}_{5/2}$ ), (b) sulphur atom peak (S 2p) in the X-ray photoelectron spectra for the silica after exposure to  $\text{SO}_2$



**Fig. S 3** X-Ray diffraction pattern of  $\text{PMo}_{12}\text{-SiO}_2$  hybrid material.

**Table S1** Main relevant IR data observed for H<sub>3</sub>PMo<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub> and PMo<sub>12</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub> hybrid material.

Assignment	$\sigma(\text{cm}^{-1})$		
	PMo <sub>12</sub>	PMo <sub>12</sub> -SiO <sub>2</sub> <sup>a</sup>	PMo <sub>12</sub> -SiO <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup>
<b>Mo-O<sub>b</sub>-Mo</b>	784 (760-800) <sup>c</sup>	793	792
<b>Mo-O<sub>c</sub>-Mo</b>	869 (840-910)	884	883
<b>Mo-O<sub>d</sub></b>	962 (960-1000)	963	960
<b>P-O<sub>a</sub></b>	1065 (1060-1080)	1070 <sup>d</sup>	1063 <sup>d</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Before exposure to H<sub>2</sub>S gas. <sup>b</sup>After exposure to H<sub>2</sub>S gas. <sup>c</sup>Values in parentheses show the range of frequencies found in the literature.  
<sup>d</sup>May also originate from Si-O-Si vibrations in silica framework.