

## Copper(II) induced oxidative modification and complexation of a Schiff base Ligand: synthesis, crystal structure, catalytic oxidation of aromatic hydrocarbons and DFT calculation†

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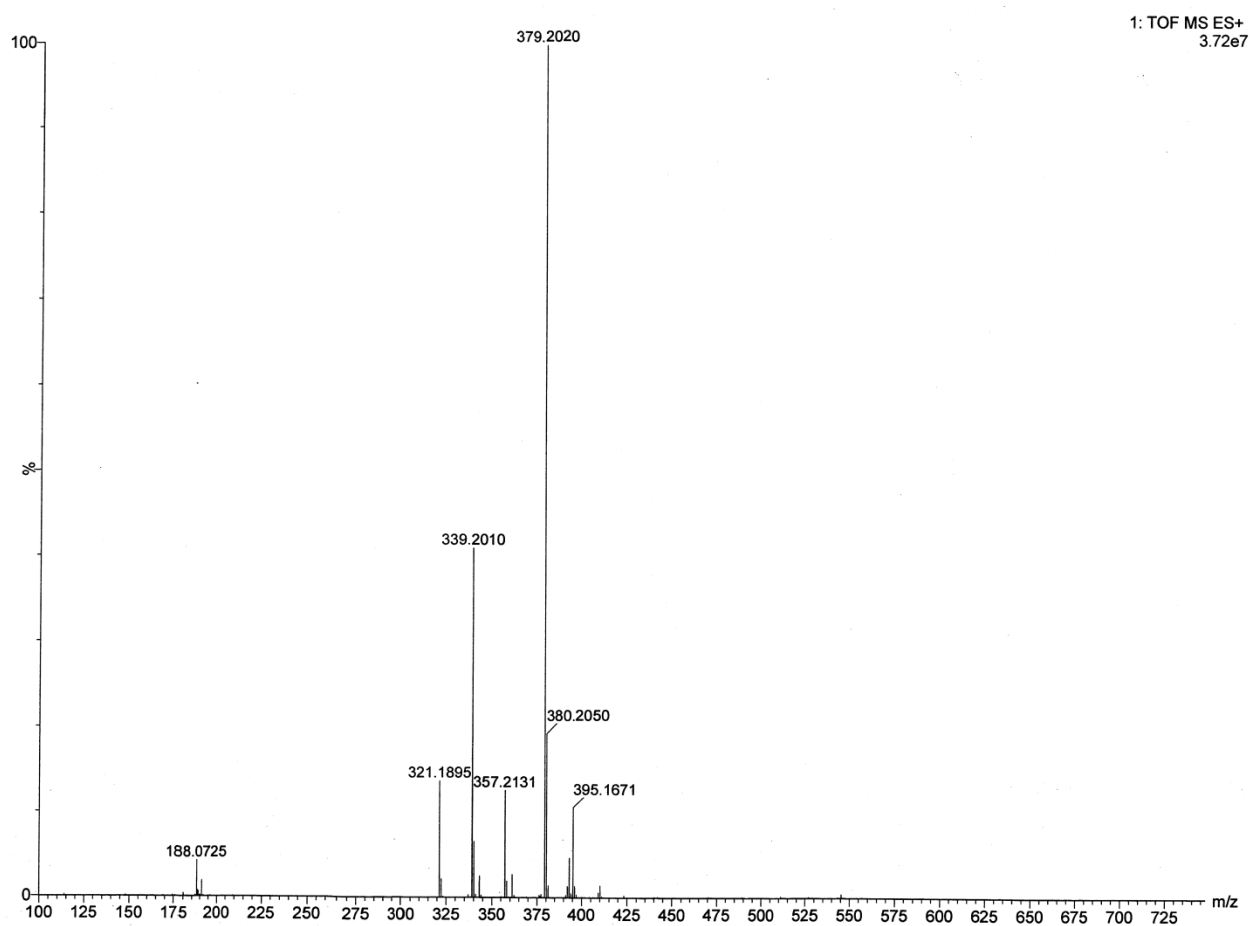
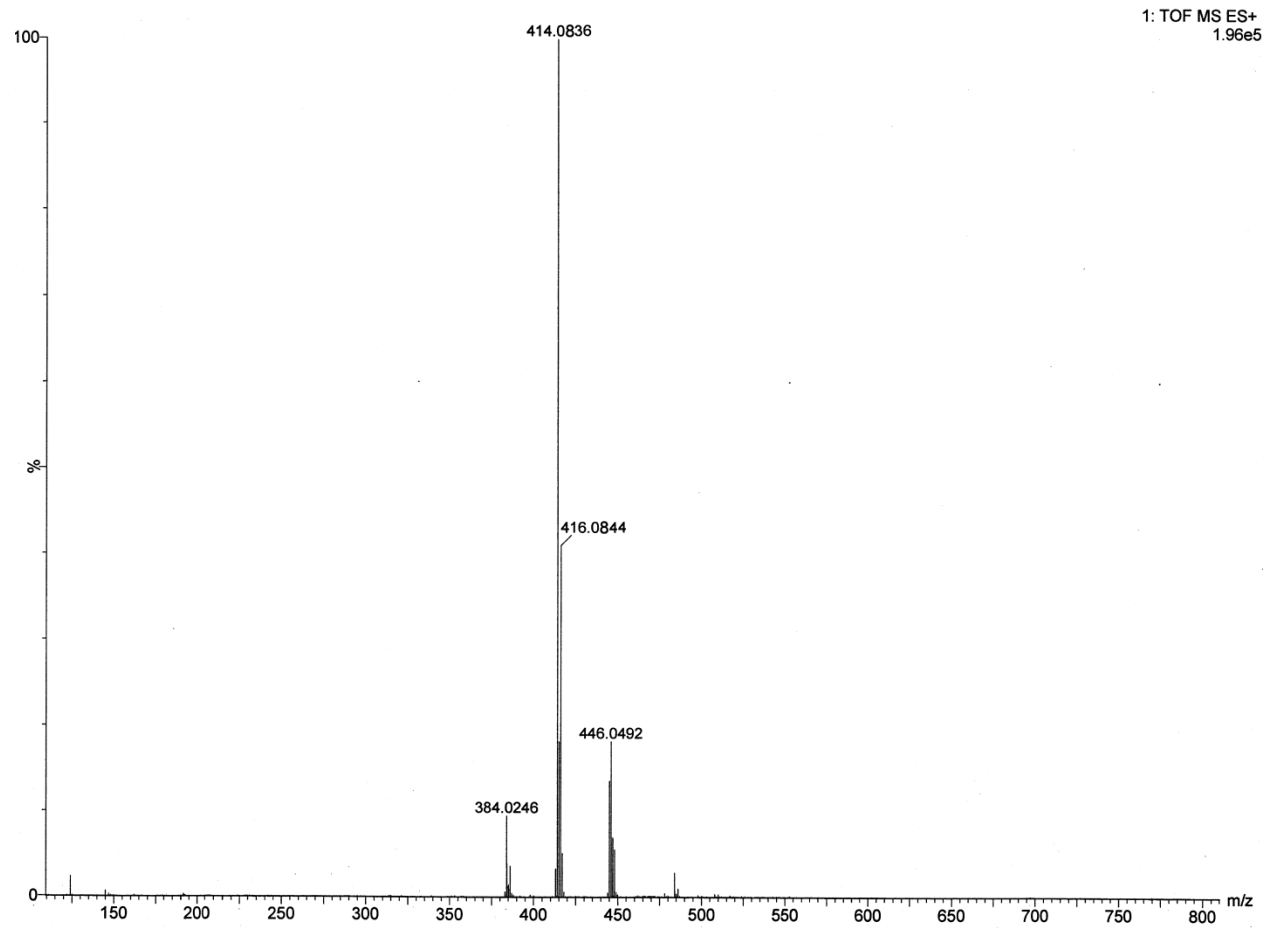


Fig.S1HRMS spectra of [H<sub>2</sub>L<sup>a</sup>].



**Fig.S2** HRMS spectra of [Cu(L<sup>f</sup>)].

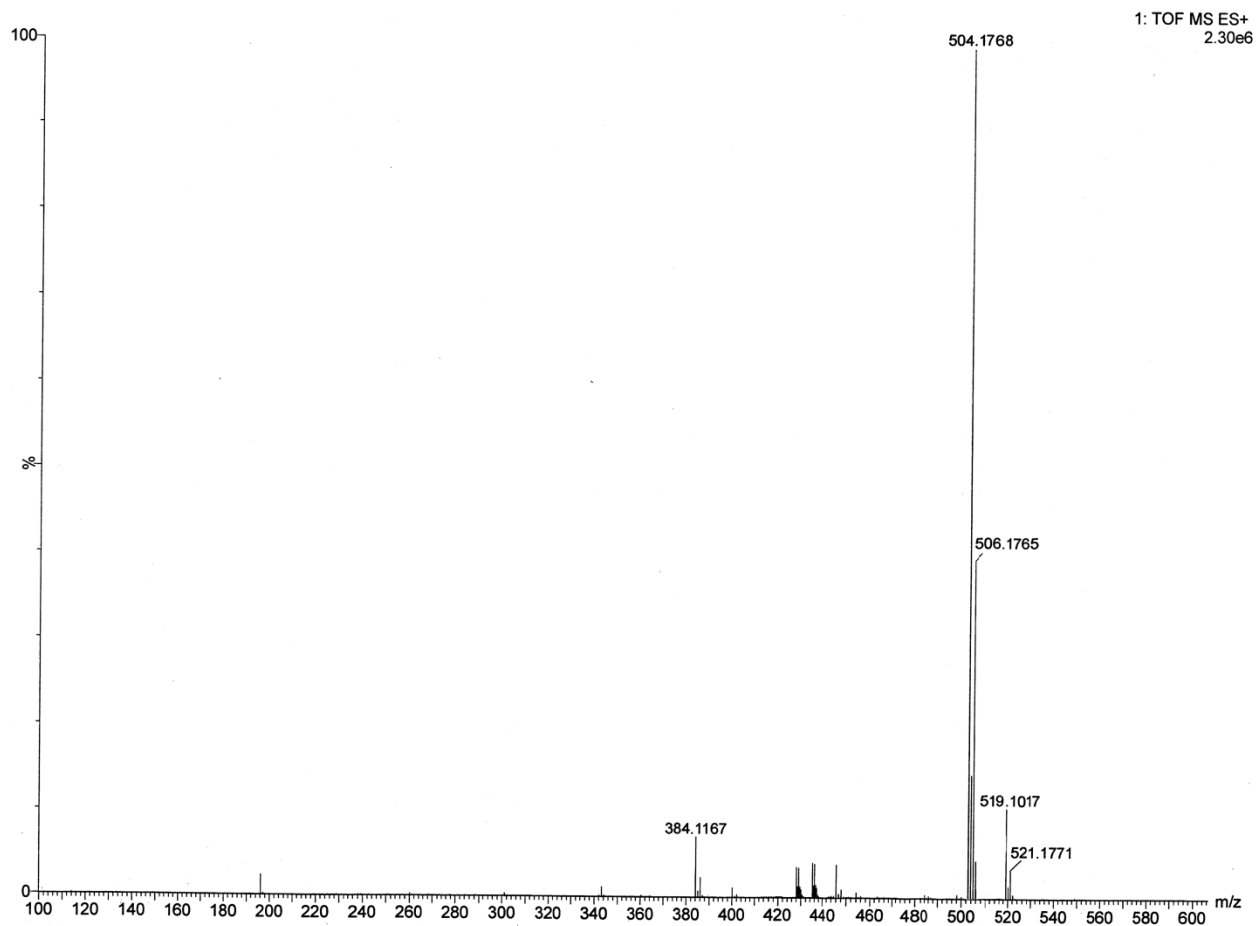


Fig.S3 HRMS spectra of [Cu(L<sup>8</sup>)].

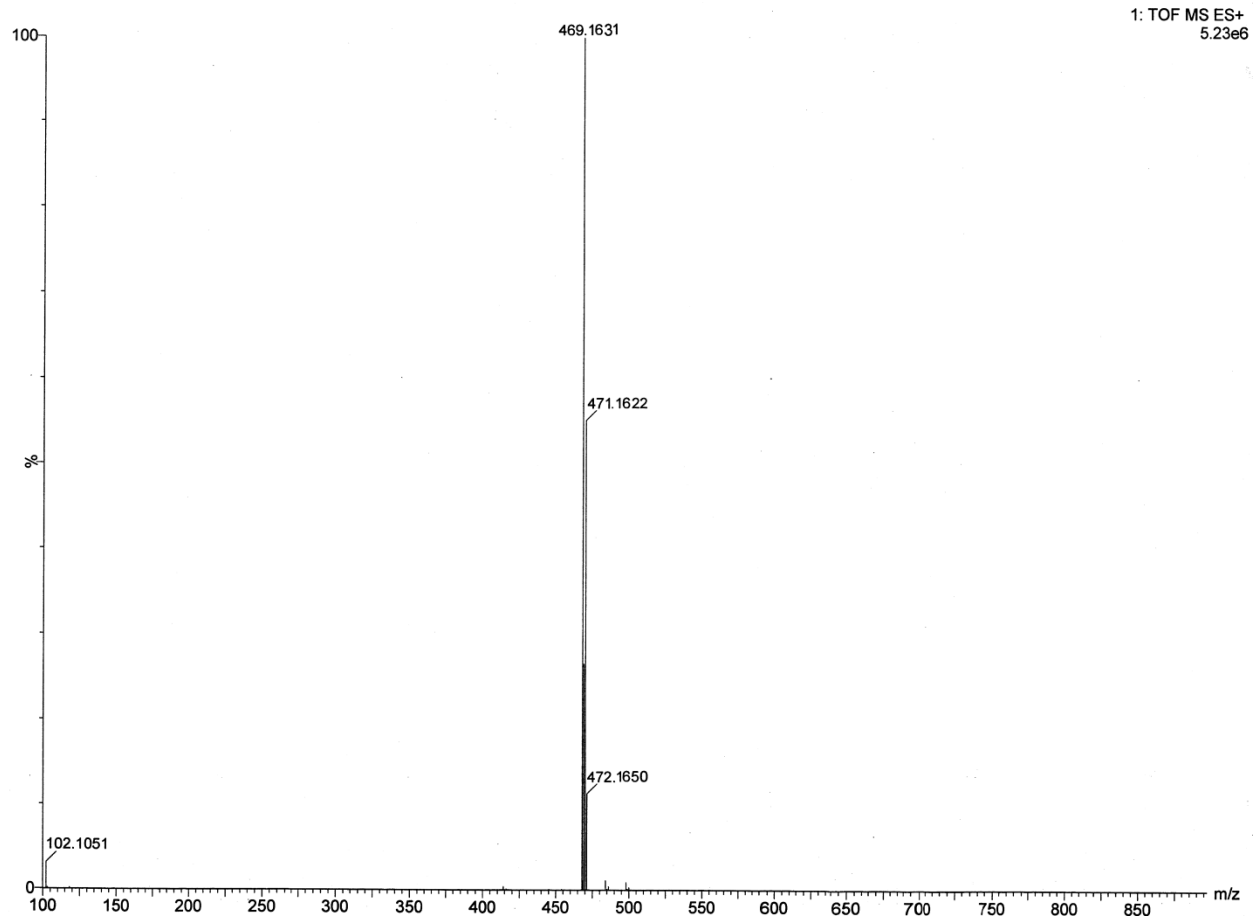
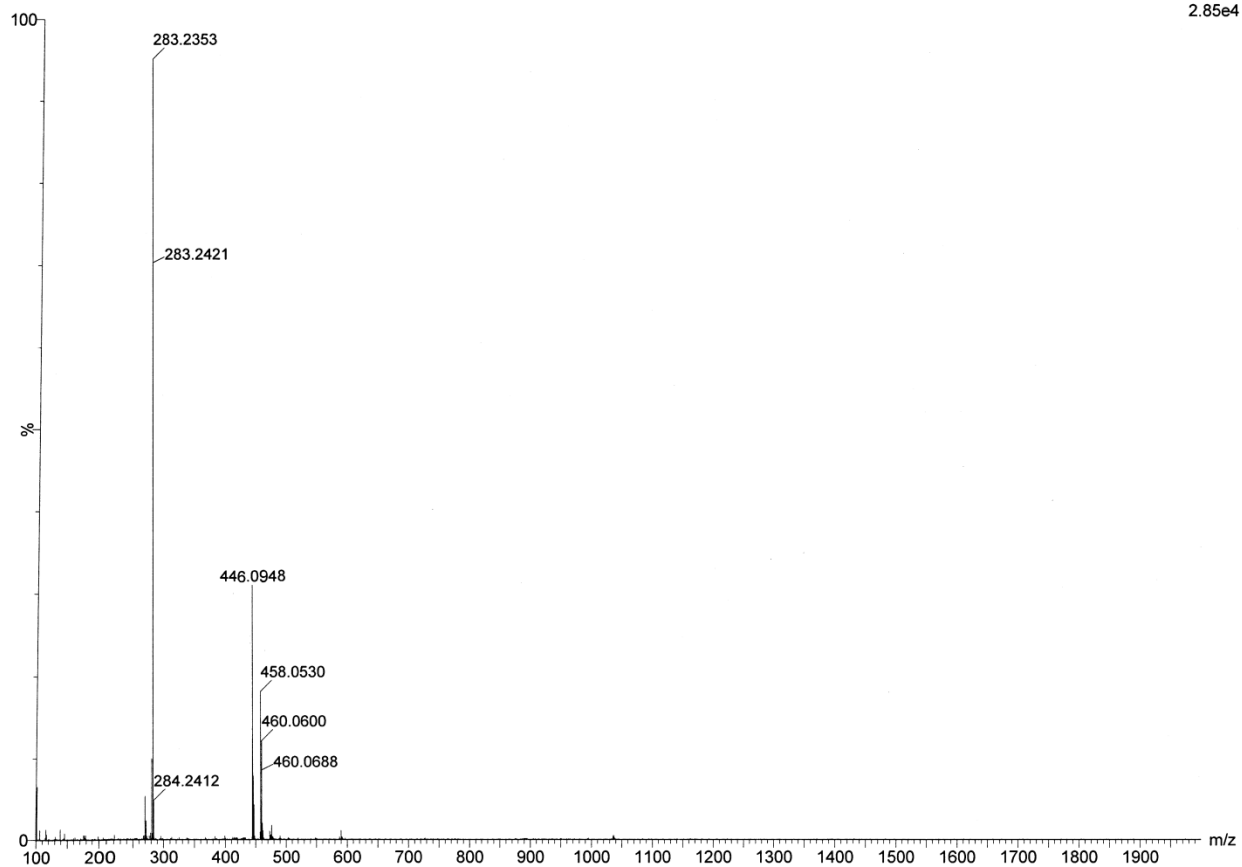


Fig. S4 HRMS spectra of [Cu(L<sup>h</sup>)].

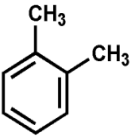
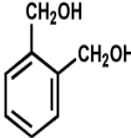


**Fig. S5**HRMS spectra of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{L}^f)(\text{OOH})]^-$  generated *in situ* by the reaction between  $[\text{Cu}(\text{L}^{2f})]$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  in presence of **1** and equivalent amount of TEA.



					57 13 60 18			
		500	3 6 9 12 24	22 40 59 73 83	17 05 32 08 48 11 59 14 62 21		287	0.107 ± 0.02

**Table S2.** Oxidation of *o*-xylene by complex **1**, catalyst = 0.055 mmol.

Catalyst	Substrate	n(H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )/n(Catalyst)	Reaction time (Hr.)	Conversion	Yield		Major product	TON	Rate constant (h <sup>-1</sup> )
					Major	Minor			
<b>1</b>		150	3	17	14	03		236	
			6	31	26	05			
			9	50	41	09			
			12	65	52	13			
			24	71	55	16			
		300	3	19	15	04			
			6	35	28	07			
			9	54	44	10			
			12	68	53	15			
			24	76	57	19			
		500	3	22	16	06			
			6	39	31	08			
9	56		45	11					
12	72		55	17					
24	80		59	21					
							280	0.109 ± 0.02	

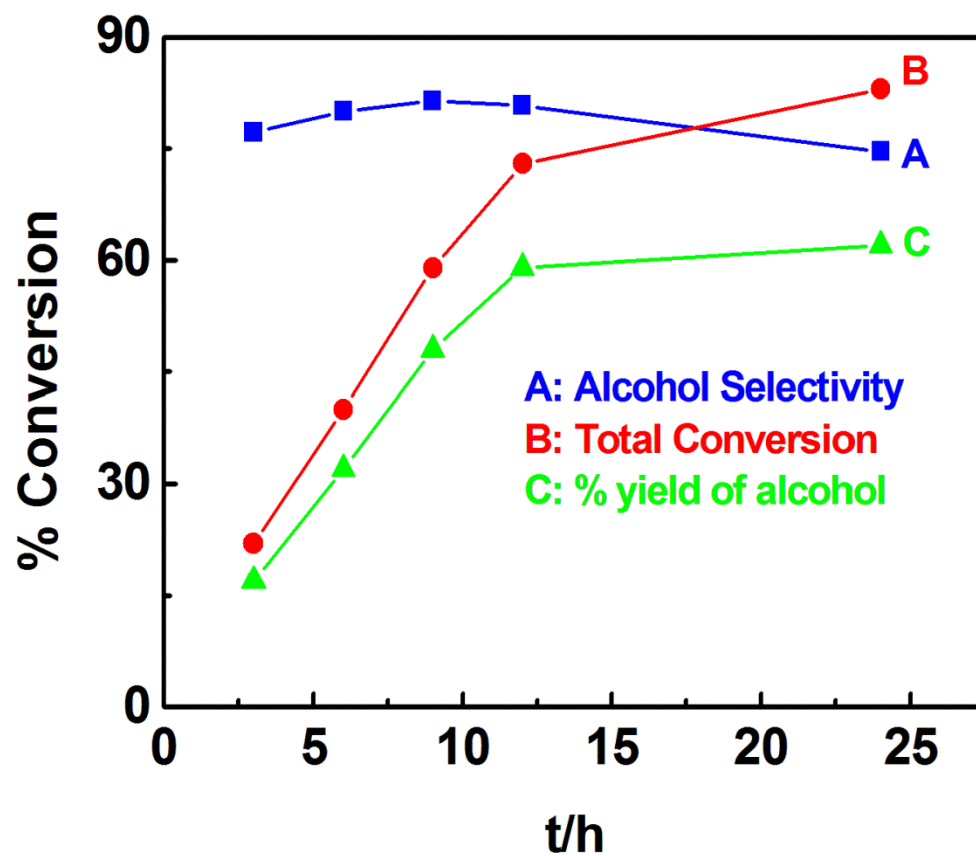


Fig. S7 Liquid phase partial oxidation of *p*-xylene by H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> using complex **1** as catalysts.



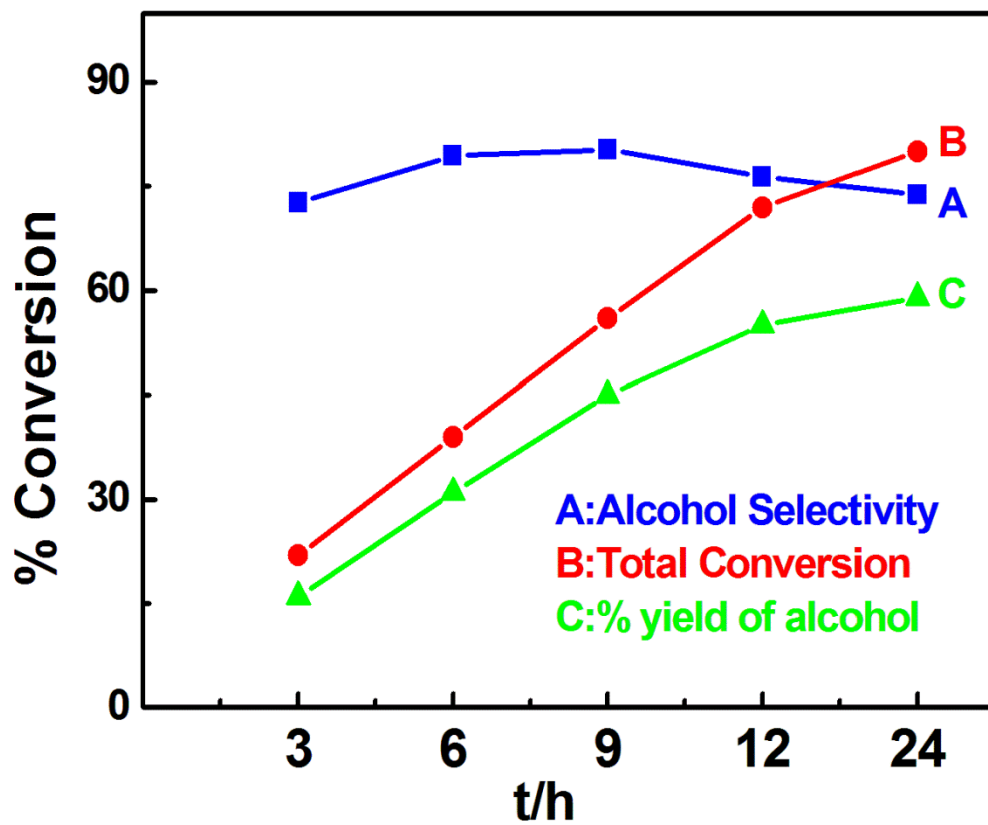
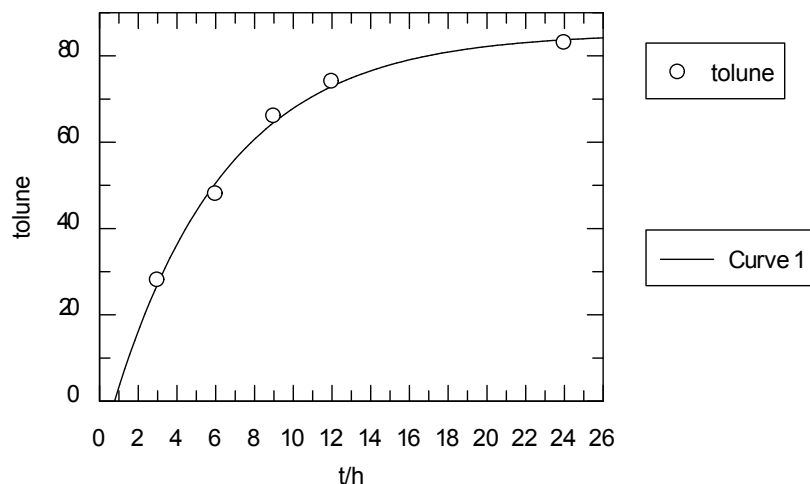


Fig. S8 Liquid phase partial oxidation of *o*-Xylene by H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> using complex 1 as catalysts.

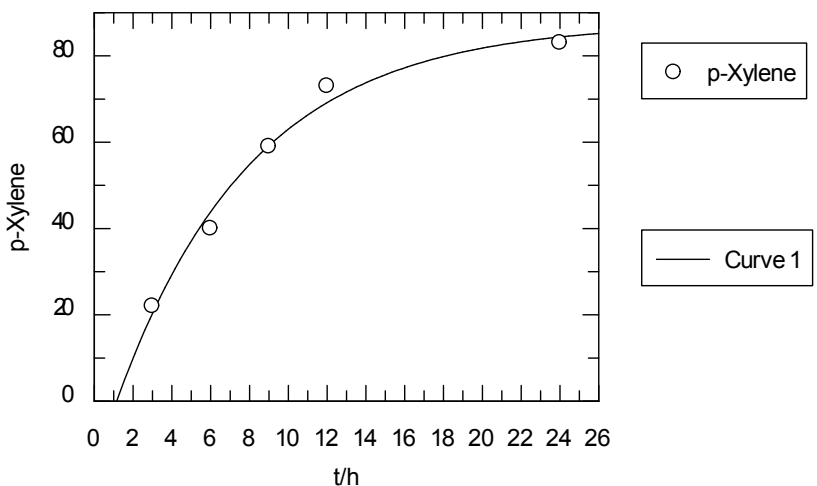


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Variable	Value	Std. Err.
A	-1.2081e+001	8.0725e+000
B	9.7380e+001	7.0378e+000
k	1.7195e-001	2.3630e-002

t	Y	
t/h	toluene	Calculated
1 3.0000e+000	2.8000e+001	2.7164e+001
2 6.0000e+000	4.8000e+001	5.0593e+001
3 9.0000e+000	6.6000e+001	6.4580e+001
4 1.2000e+001	7.4000e+001	7.2930e+001
5 2.4000e+001	8.3000e+001	8.3728e+001

**Fig. S9a** Evaluation of rate constant from the non-linear fit of % conversion of toluene with time in h using equation  $y = A*(1-\exp(-kt))$ .

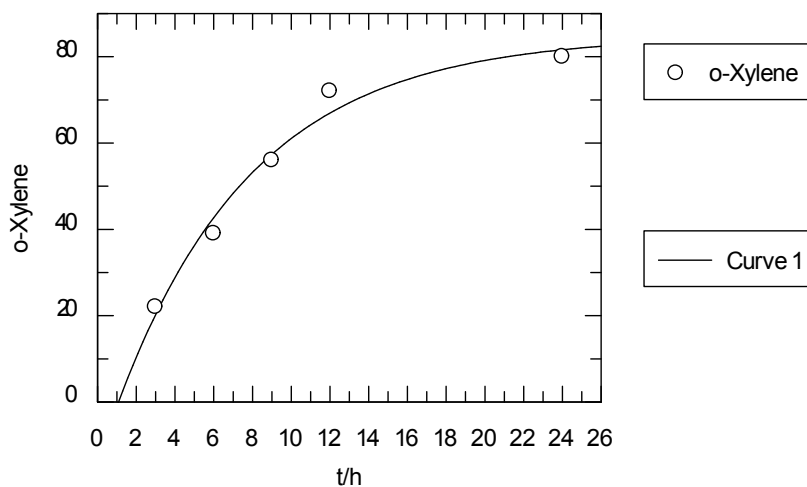


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B	1.0349e+002	1.0186e+001
k	1.4334e-001	3.2589e-002

t t/h	Y p-Xylene	Calculated
1 3.0000e+000	2.2000e+001	2.0368e+001
2 6.0000e+000	4.0000e+001	4.3897e+001
3 9.0000e+000	5.9000e+001	5.9203e+001
4 1.2000e+001	7.3000e+001	6.9159e+001
5 2.4000e+001	8.3000e+001	8.4371e+001

**Fig. S9b** Evaluation of rate constant from the non-linear fit of % conversion of p-xylene with time in h using equation  $y = A*(1-\exp(-kt))$ .



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Variable	Value	Std. Err.
A	-1.4193e+001	1.4030e+001
B	9.9043e+001	1.1848e+001
k	1.4258e-001	3.9619e-002

t	Y	
t/h	o-Xylene	Calculated
1 3.0000e+000	2.2000e+001	2.0276e+001
2 6.0000e+000	3.9000e+001	4.2750e+001
3 9.0000e+000	5.6000e+001	5.7401e+001
4 1.2000e+001	7.2000e+001	6.6954e+001
5 2.4000e+001	8.0000e+001	8.1616e+001

**Fig. S9c** Evaluation of rate constant from the non-linear fit of % conversion of o-xylene with time in h using equation  $y = A*(1-\exp(-kt))$ .