# Supporting Information

# Towards Covalent Photosensitizer-Polyoxometalate Dyads-Bipyridyl-Functionalized Polyoxometalates and Their Transition Metal Complexes

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# 1. NMR spectroscopy



*Figure SI- 1.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2** (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD).



*Figure SI-* 2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **2** (101 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD).



*Figure SI- 3.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3** (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN). Residual diethyl ether (\*) and TBA<sup>+</sup> signals (•) are marked.



Figure SI- 4. <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of **3** (162 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN).



*Figure SI- 5.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4** (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN). The TBA<sup>+</sup> signals (**♦**) are marked.



*Figure SI- 6.* <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of **4** (162 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN). The signals arising from an unidentified cluster impurity are marked (\*). Note, that this impurity could be removed after the subsequent complexation step (see Figures SI-8 and SI-9).



*Figure SI-* 7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **5** (400 MHz, *D*<sub>6</sub>-DSMO). Residual DMAc (\*) and TBA<sup>+</sup> signals (•) are marked.

![](_page_4_Figure_2.jpeg)

*Figure SI- 8.* <sup>95</sup>Mo NMR spectra of (TBA)<sub>4</sub>[ $\alpha$ -Mo<sub>8</sub>O<sub>26</sub>] (a) and **5** (b). The spectra were recorded at 26 MHz in D<sub>2</sub>O and D<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, respectively. In the case, of [ $\alpha$ -Mo<sub>8</sub>O<sub>26</sub>]<sup>4+</sup>, an artefact was observed at *ca.* 0 ppm (marked with an asterisk). Only the relevant ppm regime where resonances from {MO} clusters should appear were probed (0 to 200 ppm).

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*Figure SI-* 9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **6** (400 MHz, *D*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO). Residual DMAc (\*), Et<sub>2</sub>O (•) and TBA<sup>+</sup> signals (•) are marked.

![](_page_5_Figure_2.jpeg)

*Figure SI- 10.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR of **8** (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN). The TBA<sup>+</sup> signals (**♦**) are marked.

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*Figure SI- 11.* <sup>31</sup>P NMR of **8** (162 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN).

![](_page_6_Figure_2.jpeg)

*Figure SI- 12.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **9** (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN). The TBA<sup>+</sup> signals (**♦**) are marked.

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*Figure SI- 13.* <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of **9** (162 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN).

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*Figure SI- 14.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **10** (400 MHz, *D*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO). Residual acetone (•) and TBA<sup>+</sup> signals (•) are marked.

![](_page_8_Figure_0.jpeg)

*Figure SI- 15.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **11** (400 MHz, *D*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO). The TBA<sup>+</sup> signals (**♦**) are marked.

## 2. Mass spectrometry

![](_page_9_Figure_1.jpeg)

*Figure SI- 16.* ESI mass spectrum of **2** (positive mode).

![](_page_9_Figure_3.jpeg)

*Figure SI- 17.* ESI mass spectrum of **3** (negative mode).

![](_page_10_Figure_0.jpeg)

*Figure SI- 18.* MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of **3** (negative mode, DCTB as matrix, NaI as ionization salt).

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*Figure SI- 19.* MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of **4** (negative mode, DCTB as matrix, NaI as ionization salt).

![](_page_11_Figure_0.jpeg)

*Figure SI- 20.* ESI mass spectrum of **5** (negative mode).

![](_page_11_Figure_2.jpeg)

*Figure SI- 21.* ESI Mass spectrum of **6** (negative mode).

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*Figure SI-* 22. MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of **8** (negative mode, DCTB as matrix, NaI as ionization salt).

![](_page_12_Figure_2.jpeg)

*Figure SI-* 23. ESI mass spectrum of **9** (negative mode).

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*Figure SI-* 24. MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of **10** (negative mode, 9-aminoacridine as matrix, NaI as ionization salt).

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*Figure SI-* 25. MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of **11** (DCTB as matrix, KCl as ionization salt).

![](_page_14_Figure_1.jpeg)

*Figure SI- 26.* XP overview spectra of the photosensitizer-POM dyads **8–11** with marked elements.

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*Figure SI-* 27. High resolution XP P 2p and Rh 3d spectra of the photosensitizer-POM dyad 8.

![](_page_16_Figure_0.jpeg)

*Figure SI- 28.* High resolution XP Ir 4f and Mo 3d spectra of the photosensitizer-POM dyad **11**.

*Table SI-1.* Quantitative analysis of the high-resolution XP spectra of the photosensitizer-POM dyads **8–11** including peak assignment, binding energies and full width at half maximum (FWHM) values obtained from the spectra deconvolution.

Peak assignment	Binding energy, eV	FWHM, eV
	photosensitizer-POM dyad 8	
	Rh 3d5/2	
[(ppy)2Rh]+	310.2	1.1
	P 2p <sub>3/2</sub>	
P2W15V3O62	134.1	1.2
	W 4f <sub>7/2</sub>	
P2W15V3O62	36.1	1.0
	photosensitizer-POM dyad 9	
	Ir 4f <sub>7/2</sub>	
[(ppy)2Ir]+	63.0	1.2
	P 2p <sub>3/2</sub>	
$P_2W_{15}V_3O_{62}$	134.3	1.2
	W 4f <sub>7/2</sub>	
$P_2W_{15}V_3O_{62}$	36.4	1.0
	photosensitizer-POM dyad 10	
	Rh 3d5/2	
[(ppy)2Rh]+	309.8	1.0
	Mo 3d5/2	
MnM06O24	232.8	1.1
	Mn 2p <sub>3/2</sub>	
MnM06O24	642.5	5.0
	photosensitizer-POM dyad 11	
	Ir 4f <sub>7/2</sub>	
[(ppy)2Ir]+	62.6	1.0
	Mo 3d5/2	
MnM06O24	232.9	1.1

Mn 2p <sub>3/2</sub>				
MnMo6O24	642.8	4.8		

The peak fitting of the doublets was performed using fixed intensity ratios due to the spin-orbit coupling of the p, d and f photoelectrons, respectively. With respect to the determination of the elemental ratio (see the main manuscript), the following relative sensitivity factors (RSF) were used: 8.39 (Rh 3d<sub>5/2</sub>), 0.79 (P 2p<sub>3/2</sub>), 7.78 (Ir 4f<sub>7/2</sub>), 5.62 (Mo 3d<sub>5/2</sub>), 9.17 (Mn 2p<sub>3/2</sub>) and 5.48 (W 4f<sub>7/2</sub>).

## 4. Cyclic and square-wave voltammetry

![](_page_19_Figure_1.jpeg)

*Figure SI- 29.* Cyclic (a) and square-wave voltammograms (b) of **3**. CV and SWV were measured at room temperature in degassed CH<sub>3</sub>CN containing 0.1 M (TBA)PF<sub>6</sub> (scan rate of 100 mV/s).

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*Figure SI- 30.* Cyclic (a) and square-wave voltammograms (b) of **8**. CV and SWV were measured at room temperature in degassed CH<sub>3</sub>CN containing 0.1 M (TBA)PF<sub>6</sub> (scan rate of 200 mV/s).

![](_page_20_Figure_0.jpeg)

*Figure SI- 31.* Cyclic (a) and square-wave voltammograms (b) of **9**. CV and SWV were measured at room temperature in degassed CH<sub>3</sub>CN containing 0.1 M (TBA)PF<sub>6</sub> (scan rate of 200 mV/s).

![](_page_20_Figure_2.jpeg)

*Figure SI-* 32. Cyclic voltammogram of **5** measured at room temperature in degassed DMF containing 0.1 M (TBA)PF<sub>6</sub> (scan rates of 100 mV/s).

![](_page_21_Figure_0.jpeg)

*Figure SI- 33.* Cyclic (a and c) and square-wave voltammograms (b) of **6**. CV and SWV were measured at room temperature in degassed CH<sub>3</sub>CN containing 0.1 M (TBA)PF<sub>6</sub>. Different scan rates were used in the CV measurements in the potential range from –2.25 to 1 V.

![](_page_22_Figure_0.jpeg)

*Figure SI- 34.* Square-wave voltammogram of **10** measured at room temperature in degassed DMF containing 0.1 M TBPF<sub>6</sub> (scan rates of 100 mV/s).

## 5. UV/vis absorption and emission spectroscopy

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Figure SI- 35. UV/vis absorption spectrum of the Rh(III)-containing dyad 8.