# Tuning the nuclearity of $[Mo_2O_2S_2]^{2+}$ -based assemblies by playing with the degree of flexibility of bis-thiosemicarbazones ligands

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## Part 1 : MALDI-TOF Spectra







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Figure S3 MALDI-TOF spectrum for [(Mo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(L<sup>4</sup>)<sub>2</sub>] complex



**Figure S4** MALDI-TOF spectrum for [(Mo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(L<sup>5</sup>)<sub>2</sub>] complex



Figure S5 MALDI-TOF spectrum for  $[(Mo_2O_2S_2)_2(L^6)_2]$  complex

# Part 2 : X-Ray Diffraction

Complex	$[Mo_2O_2S_2(L^1)]$	$[Mo_2O_2S_2(L^2)]$	$[Mo_2O_2S_2(L^3)]$
Formula	$C_{26}H_{36}Mo_2N_8O_6S_4$	$C_{35}H_{51}Mo_2N_9O_7S_4$	$C_{39}H_{47}Mo_2N_6O_6S_4$
M (g mol <sup>-1</sup> )	876.75	1029.97	1015.94
Temperature	210	150	210
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	Pbca	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 1
a (Å)	14.4020(4)	9.8604(4)	11.2201(6)
<i>b</i> (Å)	18.8426(5)	11.8441(5)	12.1164(6)
<i>c</i> (Å)	27.1560(8)	21.7263(9)	18.3239(9)
α (°)	90	74.869(2)	76.257(2)
β (°)	90	79.023(2)	87.948(2)
γ (°)	90	65.735(2)	88.316(2)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	7369.4(4)	2223.01(16)	2417.7(2)
Z	8	2	2
D <sub>calc</sub>	1.580	1.539	1.396
Crystal size (mm)	$0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.06$	$0.31 \times 0.17 \times 0.14$	$0.20 \times 0.12 \times 0.04$
F(000)	3552	1056	1038
$\mu$ (Mo-K $\alpha$ )/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Reflections collected	486382	112483	158731
Independent reflections $(I > 2\sigma(I))$	10137	17397	11937
Parameters	419	520	563
$\Delta(\rho)$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.48 and -0.46	1.379 and -0.947	1.70 and -0.61
Goodness of fit	1.14	1.212	1.11
R1 <sup>a</sup>	0.0215 (0.024) <sup>b</sup>	0.0289 (0.0363)	0.0333 (0.0434)
wR2 <sup>a</sup>	0.0509 (0.0526)	0.0579 (0.0625)	0.0974 (0.107)

#### Table S1. Crystallographic data for complexes [Mo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>(L<sup>1</sup>)], [Mo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>(L<sup>2</sup>)] and [Mo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>(L<sup>3</sup>)]

 $\overline{{}^{a}R = \sum ||F_{o}| - |F_{c}|| / \sum |F_{o}|, wR_{2} = [\sum w(F_{o}^{2} - F_{c}^{2})^{2} / \sum w(F_{o}^{2})^{2}]^{1/2}; [F_{o} > 4\sigma(F_{o})]. bBased on all data.}$ 

Complex	$[(Mo_2O_2S_2)_2(L^4)_2]$	$[(Mo_2O_2S_2)_2(L^5)_2]$	$[(Mo_2O_2S_2)_2(L^6)_2]$
Formula		$C_{41.50}H_{67.50}Mo_4N_{14.50}O_{8.25}S$	$C_{79}H_{125}Mo_4N_{12}O_{16.75}S_{17.5}$
	$C_{40}H_{64}Mo_4N_{16}O_{9.50}S$	8	0
	8		
M (g mol <sup>-1</sup> )	1561.31	1541.84	2455.71
Temperature	230	210	220
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 1	<i>P</i> 1	<i>P</i> 1
a (Å)	14.458(1)	14.7740(7)	15.1256(5)
b (Å)	15.6676(9)	15.8521(7)	19.0607(6)
c (Å)	16.4741(11)	17.0582(9)	21.7932(11)
α (°)	88.655(3)	66.431(2)	91.701(3)
β (°)	73.617(3)	67.927(2)	95.393(3)
γ (°)	70.679(2)	68.124(2)	108.581(2)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	3368.5(4)	3275.0(3)	5917.4(4)
Z	2	2	2
$D_{calc}$	1.539	1.564	1.378
Crystal size (mm)	$0.22 \times 0.14 \times 0.04$	$0.24 \times 0.16 \times 0.12$	$0.30\times0.06\times0.04$
F(000)	1576	1560	2530
$\mu$ (Mo-K $\alpha$ )/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Reflections collected	133440	185221	357366
Independent reflections (I >	16036	15880	22742
2σ(I))			
Parameters	767	721	1214
$\Delta(\rho)$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	2.20 and -1.10	1.18 and -0.80	1.79 and -1.74
Goodness of fit	1.08	1.10	1.07
R1 <sup>a</sup>	0.0665 (0.0984)	0.0344 (0.0517)	0.0628 (0.077)
wR2 <sup>a</sup>	0.1874 (0.212)	0.0851 (0.0982)	0.1759 (0.1972)

 $\overline{{}^{a}R = \sum ||F_{o}| - |F_{c}|| / \sum |F_{o}|, wR_{2} = [\sum w(F_{o}{}^{2} - F_{c}{}^{2})^{2} / \sum w(F_{o}{}^{2})^{2}]^{1/2}; [F_{o} > 4\sigma(F_{o})]. \ ^{b}Based \ on \ all \ data.$ 

complex	phenoxy fragments plans.	tert-butylphenyl fragments plans.	Distance between aromatic fragments.	4-atom cycle with Mo atoms plans, (0)
	(°)	( <sup>0</sup> )	(Å)	
[Mo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> (L <sup>1</sup> )]	63.35		7.361	80.46
$[Mo_2O_2S_2(L^2)]$	76.83		7.828	70.04
$[Mo_2O_2S_2(L^3)]$	76.19		7.865	67.53
$[(Mo_2O_2S_2)_2(L^4)_2]$		69.02	7.660	Mo1 and Mo2, 82.54
				Mo3 and Mo4, 83.84
$[(Mo_2O_2S_2)_2(L^5)_2]$		66.56	7.478	Mo1 and Mo2, 76.77
				Mo3 and Mo4, 78.70
[(Mo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (L <sup>6</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> ]		71.67	7.649	Mo1 and Mo2, 66.16
				Mo3 and Mo4, 67.29

Table S3: Selected angles (°) and distances (Å) in the complexes



Figure S6. (a)Crystal packing of  $[Mo_2O_2S_2(L^1)]$  complex viewed along b axis; (b) and (c) intermolecular hydrogen bonding. Color code: Mo (blue), C (gray), O (red), N (green), and S (yellow).



**Figure S7** (a) Crystal packing of  $[Mo_2O_2S_2(L^2)]$  complex viewed along *b* axis; (b) intermolecular hydrogen bonding. Color code: Mo (blue), C (gray), O (red), N (green), and S (yellow).



**Figure S8** Crystal packing of [Mo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>(L<sup>3</sup>)] complex viewed along *b* axis. Color code: Mo (blue), C (gray), O (red), N (green), and S (yellow).



**Figure S9** Crystal packing of  $[(Mo_2O_2S_2)_2(L^4)_2]$  complex viewed along *b* axis. Color code: Mo (blue), C (gray), O (red), N (green), and S (yellow).



**Figure S10** Intermolecular S..O, S..S and N...H interactions in  $[(Mo_2O_2S_2)_2(L^4)_2]$ . Color code: Mo (blue), C (gray), O (red), N (green), and S (yellow).



**Figure S11** Intermolecular NH...O hydrogen bonding in  $[(Mo_2O_2S_2)_2(L^4)_2]$  involving amino groups and DMF molecules. Color code: Mo (blue), C (gray), O (red), N (green), and S (yellow).



Figure S12 Crystal packing of  $[(Mo_2O_2S_2)_2(L^5)_2]$  complex. Color code: Mo (blue), C (gray), O (red), N (green), and S (yellow).



**Figure S13** Intermolecular NH...O hydrogen bonding in  $[(Mo_2O_2S_2)_2(L^5)_2]$  involving amino groups and DMF and EtOH molecules. Color code: Mo (blue), C (gray), O (red), N (green), and S (yellow).



**Figure S14** Crystal packing of  $[(Mo_2O_2S_2)_2(L^6)_2]$  complex viewed along *b* axis. Color code: Mo (blue), C (gray), O (red), N (green), and S (yellow).



**Figure S15** Intermolecular NH...O hydrogen bonding in  $[(Mo_2O_2S_2)_2(L^6)_2]$  involving amino groups and DMF molecules. Color code: Mo (blue), C (gray), O (red), N (green), and S (yellow).





Figure S17  $^{15}N{^1H}$  NMR HMBC spectrum for  $H_2L^4$  ligand



Figure S18  $^1\text{H}\text{-}\text{NMR}$  spectra of  $\text{H}_2\text{L}^2$  and  $[\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2(\text{L}^2)]$  complex



Figure S19 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR DOSY spectrum for  $H_2L^2$  ligand







Figure S21 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR DOSY spectra for  $H_2L^2$  (top) and  $[Mo_2O_2S_2(L^2)]$  complex (bottom)



Figure S22  $^1\text{H}\text{-}\text{NMR}$  spectra of  $\text{H}_2\text{L}^3$  and  $[\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2(\text{L}^3)]$  complex



Figure S23  $^{15}N\{^{1}H\}$  NMR HMBC spectrum for  $H_{2}L^{3}$  ligand



Figure S24 <sup>15</sup>N{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR HMBC spectrum for [Mo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>(L<sup>3</sup>)] complex



Figure S25 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR DOSY spectra for H<sub>2</sub>L<sup>2</sup> (top) and [Mo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>(L<sup>3</sup>)] complex (bottom)



Figure S26 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of  $H_2L^5$  and  $[(Mo_2O_2S_2)_2(L^5)_2]$  complex



Figure S27  $^{15}N\{^{1}H\}$  NMR HMBC spectrum for  $H_{2}L^{5}$ 







**Figure S29** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR DOSY spectra for  $H_2L^5$  (top) and  $[(Mo_2O_2S_2)_2(L^5)_2]$  complex (bottom)



Figure S30 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of  $H_2L^6$  and  $[(Mo_2O_2S_2)_2(L^6)_2]$  complex



Figure S31  $^{15}N{^1H}$  NMR HMBC spectrum for  $H_2L^6$  ligand



Figure S32 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR DOSY spectra for  $H_2L^6$  (top) and  $[(Mo_2O_2S_2)_2(L^6)_2]$  complex (bottom)