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Molybdenum(VI) Catalysts Obtained from  $\eta^3$ -Allyl Dicarbonyl Precursors: Synthesis, Characterization and Catalytic Performance in Cyclooctene Epoxidation<sup>†</sup>

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Fig. S1 FT-IR spectra of  $[Mo(\eta^3-C_3H_5)Cl(CO)_2(bipy)]$  (1) (a), 1\* (b), 1-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>TBHP55 (c), { $[MoO_3(bipy)][MoO_3(H_2O)]_n$  (4) (d) and  $[MoO_3(bipy)]$  (e).



Fig. S2 Power XRD patterns of  $[Mo(\eta^3-C_3H_5)Cl(CO)_2(bipy)]$  (1) (a), 1\* (b), { $[MoO_3(bipy)][MoO_3(H_2O)]$ }<sub>n</sub> (4) (c) and  $[MoO_3(bipy)]$  (d).



**Fig. S3** FT-IR spectra of:  $[Mo(\eta^3-C_3H_5)Cl(CO)_2(bipy)]$  (1) (a); the solids recovered from the reaction of Cy with TBHP in the presence of 1, at 70 °C, without adding a solvent (b) or using as solvent H<sub>2</sub>O (c), ethanol (d) or acetonitrile (e); { $[MoO_3(bipy)][MoO_3(H_2O)]$ }<sub>n</sub> (4) before (f) and after (g) the catalytic reaction using TBHP/H<sub>2</sub>O; MoO(O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(bipy) (5) before (h) and after (i) the catalytic reaction using TBHP/H<sub>2</sub>O.



**Fig. S4** FT-IR spectra of:  $[Mo(\eta^3-C_3H_5)Cl(CO)_2(di-tBu-bipy)]$  (2) (a); the solid (2\*) precipitated from the organic phase of the reaction of Cy with TBHP in the presence of 2, at 24 h/70 °C, using H<sub>2</sub>O as solvent (b);  $[MoO_2Cl(di-tBu-bipy)]_2O$  (6) before (c) and after (d) the catalytic reaction using TBHP/H<sub>2</sub>O;  $[Mo_8O_{24}(di-tBu-bipy)_4]$  (7) before (e) and after (f) the catalytic reaction using TBHP/H<sub>2</sub>O;  $MoO(O_2)_2(di-tBu-bipy)$  (8) before (g) and after (h) the catalytic reaction using TBHP/H<sub>2</sub>O.



**Fig. S5** FT-IR spectra of:  $[Mo(\eta^3-C_3H_5)Cl(CO)_2(bipy)]$  (1) (a); the solids recovered from the reaction of Cy with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in the presence of 1, at 24 h/70 °C, using as solvent H<sub>2</sub>O (b), ethanol (c) or acetonitrile (d); { $[MoO_3(bipy)][MoO_3(H_2O)]$ }<sub>n</sub> (4) before (e) and after (f) the catalytic reaction using H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O; MoO(O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(bipy) (5) before (g) and after (h) the catalytic reaction using H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O.



**Fig. S6** FT-IR spectra of:  $[Mo(\eta^3-C_3H_5)Cl(CO)_2(di-tBu-bipy)]$  (**2**) (a); the solids recovered from the reaction of Cy with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in the presence of **2**, at 24 h/70 °C, using as solvent H<sub>2</sub>O (b), ethanol (c) or acetonitrile (d);  $[Mo_8O_{24}(di-tBu-bipy)_4]$  (**7**) before (e) and after (f) the catalytic reaction using H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O; MoO(O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(di-tBu-bipy) (**8**) before (g) and after (h) the catalytic reaction using H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O.



Fig. S7 FT-Raman spectra of  $[Mo(\eta^3-C_3H_5)Cl(CO)_2(bipy)]$  (1),  $[Mo(\eta^3-C_3H_5)Cl(CO)_2(di-tBu-bipy)]$  (2),  $[MoO_2Cl(bipy)]_2O$  (3),  $\{[MoO_3(bipy)][MoO_3(H_2O)]\}_n$  (4),  $MoO(O_2)_2(bipy)$  (5),  $[MoO_2Cl(di-tBu-bipy)]_2O$  (6),  $[Mo_8O_{24}(di-tBu-bipy)_4]$  (7),  $MoO(O_2)_2(di-tBu-bipy)$  (8).