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A New Method for the Synthesis of Organopolyoxometalate Hybrid Compounds

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The reaction of a quaternary ammonium salt of the tin chloride-substituted polyoxometalate, $[PSn(CI)W_{11}O_{39}]^{4-}$, with a variety of *n*-nucleophiles including primary, secondary, and tertiary amines and a tertiary phosphine, yielded tin-centered Lewis acid–base adducts, $[PSn(CI)W_{11}O_{39}]^{4-}$ –*n*-nucleophile; with more nucleophilic secondary amines such as diisopropylamine, apparently some $[PSnN[CH(CH_3)_2]_2W_{11}O_{39}]^{4-}$ was formed as a minor product. The compounds were identified by ¹H, ¹¹⁹Sn, ¹⁵N, ³¹P, and ¹⁸³W NMR, ESI-MS, and elemental analyses. The key connectivity of the Sn–Cl center with the amine was clarified by the observation of ³J Sn–H couplings (Sn from the polyoxometalate cluster and H from the amine moiety) in a 2D ¹¹⁹Sn–¹H heteronuclear multiple-bond correlation NMR experiment. This new, rather simple synthetic method was also utilized for preparing amino acid–polyoxometalate hybrid compounds.

Introduction

The formation of hybrid compounds between polyoxometalates and organic or metal-organic species has significant potential in many areas of polyoxometalate chemistry ranging from applications in catalysis, materials science, and biologically relevant environments. The preparation of such organic-polyoxometalate hybrid compounds with predesigned structure and traits requires synthetic protocols that should be as simple as possible. A perusal of the known methods for such preparations reveals that there is a relative paucity of synthetic approaches available, and in all, one can discern two general approaches. The first group of synthetic methods involves the creation of hybrid materials via electrostatic interactions between the anionic polyoxometalates and cationic species that can be organic, for example, ammonium salts or metal organics, for example, metals with appropriate ligands.¹ Since the negative charge of the polyoxometalate anion is polarized over the entire structure, the hybrid compounds formed generally have little element

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Scheme 1. Synthetic Route for the Preparation of Organopolyoxometalate Hybrid Compounds



and the hydrolytic stability is low. A second common methodology is the substitution of reactive organic-main metal species usually of the general formula RMX₃ or RP-(O)X₂, where M = Si, Ge, Sn, and some others and X =halide or alkoxide, into a lacunary polyoxometalate compounds.^{1a,3} This technique is largely limited by the availability of the specific RMX₃ or RP(O)X₂ compounds. Furthermore, there are relatively few organic substituents, R, that have functional units that are compatible with the synthetic technique and that are also useful for further derivatization; this derivatization is also often fraught with significant problems in the purification of the product since such reactions are usually incomplete and thus require a complicated separation of the highly charged substrate and product.⁴

In this paper we present a new simple synthetic methodology whereby primary, secondary, and tertiary amines, $NR_1R_2R_3$, and also phosphines can be reacted with readily prepared tin chloride-substituted polyoxometalates (POMs) of the common Keggin and Well-Dawson structures such as $[PSn(Cl)W_{11}O_{39}]^{4-}$ or $[P_2Sn(Cl)W_{17}O_{61}]^{7-}$ to yield the polyoxometalate-amine or phosphine adduct (Scheme 1). As will be clear from the multinuclear NMR results described below, initially, a Lewis acid-base couple, POMSn(Cl)- $NR_1R_2R_3$ is formed, followed in some cases, for secondary amines, by an apparent partial formation of an amide with a Sn-N covalent bond. In this context, it should also be noted that in the past tin hydroxide moieties within the polyoxometalate structure have been used in the opposite reaction, that is, in reacting a nucleophilic polyoxometalate with an electrophilic substrate.5

Results and Discussion

The lacunary Keggin polyoxometalate compound, Q₃H₄- $PW_{11}O_{39}$, where Q = tetrahexylammonium, was prepared according to the known literature procedure.⁶ A tin chloride moiety was then inserted into the defect position of the lacunary Keggin cluster to yield Q₃HPSn(Cl)W₁₁O₃₉.⁷ The latter was analyzed by elemental analysis, ¹H NMR, ³¹P NMR (see the Experimental Section), and by electrospray ionization mass spectroscopy (ESI-MS) in the negative ion mode (Figure 1). Importantly, the soft ionization technique used in the mass spectral analysis allows the observation of the molecular anion of Q3HPSn(Cl)W11O39 with a cluster centered at m/z = 3895. The spectrum also indicates that the chloride anion is not hydrolyzed; that is, there is no peak attributable to Q₃HPSn(OH)W₁₁O₃₉. Furthermore, the ESI-MS analysis also demonstrates that dimerization via the formation of a Sn-O-Sn bond has not occurred. Further fragments of the molecular peak are consistent with the lacunary phosphotungstates⁸ and/or Q₃HPSn(Cl)W₁₁O₃₉ as annotated on the spectrum. It is also worthwhile to note that the ESI-MS results of Q₃HPSn(Cl)W₁₁O₃₉ with positive ion detection showed only the peak of the tetrahexylammonium cation.

The organopolyoxometalate hybrid compounds were obtained by reacting Q₃HPSn(Cl)W₁₁O₃₉ with an excess of amine in THF (THF = tetrahydrofuran) at room temperature whereupon the product either quickly precipitated from the solution or was precipitated from solution by the addition of diethylether. Importantly, no purification was needed except for the washing of the precipitate by THF, water, ethanol, and then ether. Unfortunately, despite many attempts with many amines, we were generally unable to obtain single crystals suitable for analysis by X-ray diffraction. In one case, for the polyoxometalate-aniline complex formulated as Q3-HSnClPW₁₁O₃₉-PhNH₂ (see below), single crystals were obtained. Unfortunately, the compound crystallized in a highly symmetrical rhombohedral space group R3c (No. 167) with only two independent addenda atoms per asymmetric unit, which precluded the differentiation of Sn from W. In addition, refinement to only R = 0.1144 was possible and only 48 out of the 78 carbon atoms in the compound (see the elemental analysis below) could be located due to

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Figure 1. ESI-MS spectrum of $Q_3HPSn(Cl)W_{11}O_{39}$ in the negative anion mode.



Figure 2. ¹H NMR spectrum of $Q_3HSn(Cl)W_{11}PO_{39}$ -PhNH₂ (aromatic region only).

disorder. The crystallographic data is included in the Supporting Information.

The characterization of the isolated solids was achieved by solution-phase techniques. The reaction between $Q_3HSn-(Cl)PW_{11}O_{39}$ and aniline to yield a polyoxometalate—aniline adduct was initially studied to characterize the nature of the polyoxometalate—amine interaction. The ¹H NMR spectrum showed a 1:1 adduct with a downfield shift for the aromatic hydrogen atoms (Figure 2 and Table 1).

A comparison of the ¹⁵N NMR spectrum of Ph¹⁵NH₂ with that of a polyoxometalate—Ph¹⁵NH₂ adduct also showed a significant shift from 59.74 to 50.88 ppm. Thus, the electronic environment of aniline changed significantly, according to both the ¹H NMR and ¹⁵N NMR spectra. Likewise, the ³¹P NMR, ¹¹⁹Sn NMR, and ¹⁸³W NMR spectra of the polyoxometalate—aniline adduct showed smaller but discernible differences compared with the original spectra of Q₃HSn(Cl)PW₁₁O₃₉ (Table 1). It should be noted that the ¹⁸³W NMR spectrum of Q₃HSnClPW₁₁O₃₉—PhNH₂ (Figure 3) shows the expected 2:2:2:2:1:2 peak ratio and also the expected satellite peaks. No other polyoxometalate compounds could be discerned in the spectrum; that is, no peaks associable to such possible contaminants such as a Linqvist anion ($W_6O_{19}^{2-}$; +58.9 ppm), a Keggin anion ($PW_{12}O_{40}^{3-}$; -99.4 ppm), or a lacunary Keggin anion ($PW_{11}O_{39}^{7-}$; -97 (2), -102 (2), -109 (2), -117 (1), -132 (2), and -152 (2) ppm) are observed.⁹

From the combined NMR data (including peak integration of the hydrogen atoms), the elemental analysis, and the observation of downfield shifts on the aniline moiety only, we hypothesized that the reaction between $Q_3HSnClPW_{11}O_{39}$ and aniline was a Lewis acid-base reaction at the tin center to yield a donor-acceptor organopolyoxometalate adduct, Q₃HSn(Cl)PW₁₁O₃₉-PhNH₂ (Scheme 1). To solidify this hypothesis, a series of necessary experiments was carried out. For example, an alternative explanation for the formation of the polyoxometalate-amine adduct could be the formation of a complex through a nonspecific acid-base type reaction between the proton associated with $Q_3HSnClPW_{11}O_{39}$ and PhNH₂ although it should be noted that the pK_a (in H₂O) of aniline is 4.63. Indeed, the reaction between the protonated lacunary polyoxometalate Q₃H₄PW₁₁O₃₉ without substituted Sn-Cl showed no precipitation and no reaction with aniline in solution by ¹H NMR.

Next, the specificity of the reaction at the Sn–Cl center of Q₃HSn(Cl)PW₁₁O₃₉ was examined using diisopropylamine as a more basic ($pK_a = 11.05$ in water) and more nucleophilic substrate. The reaction revealed a more complicated process. From the ³¹P NMR results, one observes peaks at -12.19 ppm (85%) and -12.03 ppm (15%) that can be associated

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Table 1.	NMR Shifts fo	r Different Nu	uclei and Eleme	tal Analysis	for Q3HSn(Cl)PW1	1039 and the	Aniline Adduct
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compound	¹ H NMR ^b	³¹ P NMR	¹⁵ N NMR ^c	¹¹⁹ Sn NMR	¹⁸³ W NMR	elemental analysis found (calcd)
Q ₃ HSnClPW ₁₁ O ₃₉		-11.48		-578.7	-76.2, -90.7 -107.6, -113.8 -129.8, 174.1	C, 22.24 (22.19) H, 4.07 (4.06) N, 1.06 (1.08)
Q3HSnClPW11O39-PhNH2	7.20-7.46	-12.18	50.9	-583.5	-76.5, -90.9 -107.7, -113.9 -129.9, -174.3	C, 23.53 (23.48) H, 4.14 (4.14) N, 1.40 (1.40)
PhNH ₂	6.44-7.02		59.7			- ,, ()

^a The details for the measurements are given in the Experimental Section. ^b The shifts refer only to the hydrogen atoms of aniline. ^c The ¹⁵N NMR spectra were measured on 98% ¹⁵N-labeled aniline compounds.



Chemical Shift (ppm)

Figure 4. ¹¹⁹Sn NMR spectrum in DMSO-*d*₆ for Q₃HPSn(Cl)W₁₁O₃₉-diisopropylamine indicating two different Sn-N bonding modes.

with the formation of *two* different hybrid compounds. Upon heating the solution, the peak at -12.03 ppm grows at the expense of the peak at -12.19 ppm. Furthermore, ¹¹⁹Sn NMR measurements (Figure 4) supported the results obtained by

³¹P NMR; two sets of peaks were detected at -599.78 (85%) and at -623.89 (15%) ppm for the hybrid compounds. The satellite peaks are due to coupling, that is, ${}^{2}J({}^{119}Sn-{}^{31}P) =$ 38 Hz and ${}^{2}J({}^{119}Sn-{}^{183}W) = 30$ Hz.



Figure 5. $2D^{119}Sn^{-1}H$ HMBC NMR spectrum upon the reaction of Q₃-HPSn(Cl)W₁₁O₃₉ with diisopropylamine.

Perhaps most importantly, a two-dimensional (2D) ¹¹⁹Sn-¹H heteronuclear multiple-bond correlation (HMBC) NMR measurement for the polyoxometalate-diisopropylamine hybrid compounds¹⁰ (Figure 5) showed *direct* proof for both the formation Sn-N bonds and for the existence of two *different* Sn–N bonding modes. The ³J Sn–H couplings (Sn from the polyoxometalate cluster and H from the isopropyl organic moiety) show a ³J Sn-H coupling constant of 42 Hz (for the major peak at -599.78 ppm) and a ³J Sn-H coupling constant of 72 Hz (for the minor peak at -623.89ppm). The different values of the coupling constants can be correlated with different Sn-N bond lengths. We interpret this result as meaning that the major and initially formed compound is a Q₃HSn(Cl)PW₁₁O₃₉-NH[CH(CH₃)₂]₂ Lewis acid-base adduct hybrid compound whereas the minor and subsequently formed product is likely the result of further nucleophilic substitution at the Sn atom to yield an amide, $Q_3HSnN[CH(CH_3)_2]_2PW_{11}O_{39}$, via the formation of a covalent bond. The assignment of the second product as Q₃HSnN- $[CH(CH_3)_2]_2PW_{11}O_{39}$ is suggested also by the absence of the peak associated to the original N-H bond in the ¹H NMR spectrum; however, in the other cases, chemical exchange phenomena with the polar solvents along with longer Sn-N bonds also caused the desired coherences to vanish.¹¹

The formation of polyoxometalate—amine adducts (Q₃-HSn(Cl)PW₁₁O₃₉—NHR₁R₂; R₁ = R₂ = *i*-propyl and R₁ = H, R₂ = Ph) was further supported by their ESI-MS results. Although the molecular peaks were not observed and thus apparently not sufficiently stable to this ionization technique, it is important to note that in the negative ion mode, the

spectra of Q₃HSn(Cl)PW₁₁O₃₉-NHR₁R₂were identical to the spectrum observed for Q₃HSn(Cl)PW₁₁O₃₉ (Figure 1). Importantly, the absence of fragment peaks showing loss of tetrahexylammonium but retaining the Q₂(R₁R₂NH₂⁺) combination supports the hypothesis that the polyoxometalateamine adducts are formed via a SnCl-amine reaction rather than by the protonation of the amine. In the positive anion mode, low-intensity peaks (2–5%) of the amine are observed along with the tetrahexylammonium fragment (100%).

The formation of various additional organopolyoxometalate hybrid compounds using the reaction of $Q_3HPSn(Cl)$ - $W_{11}O_{39}$ with *n*-nucleophiles (amines and triphenylphosphine) was surveyed, and the results are summarized in Table 2. As can be observed from Table 2, the formation of the adducts is a generally applicable method for primary, secondary, and tertiary amines and also tertiary phosphines.

An example of the usefulness of this synthetic method is the formation of polyoxometalate-amino acid hybrid compounds. An ongoing important theme in polyoxometalate chemistry is their introduction into biological/medicinal applications.¹² In this context, recently, the combined Malacria and Gouzerh groups have demonstrated the attachment of amino acids to a polyoxometalate through an alkyl tin spacer group functionalized with a carboxylic group.^{4a} It has also been suggested in the past by Xin and Pope that such attachment may be possible also with tin-substituted polyoxometalates.¹³ The synthetic pathway presented above in Scheme 1 presents an alternative procedure for the formation of such hybrid compounds. Thus, soluble tert-butyloxycarbonyl (t-BOC) derivatives of a few amino acids (L-phenylalanine and L-tyrosine esters were chosen due to their easily detectable aromatic ring by ¹H NMR) were reacted in acetonitrile with $Q_3HSn(Cl)PW_{11}O_{39}$ to yield the hybrid Q_3 -HSn(Cl)PW₁₁O₃₉-L-Phe ester and the Q₃HSn(Cl)PW₁₁O₃₉-L-Tyr ester. Valuably, the controlled removal of the *t*-BOC during the reaction leads to high yields of the hybrid compounds. The ¹H NMR spectrum of O₃HSnClPW₁₁O₃₉-L-Phe ester prepared in an exemplary reaction is shown in Figure 6.

Conclusions

A new and relatively simple method for the preparation of organopolyoxometalate hybrid compounds with readily available amines has been developed. Although crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were not available or did not yield conclusive results due to disorder, solution methods relying on mass spectrometry and multinuclear NMR made possible the identification of these hybrid compounds as adducts formed upon the interaction of the amine with the Sn–Cl center of the polyoxometalate. Hopefully this methodology will make possible the selective inclusion of polyoxometalates in a variety of systems in fields ranging from proteins to dendrimers and especially in binary catalytic systems.

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Table 2.	Analytical Data	for Various	Q ₃ HPSn(Cl)W	V11O39-n-nucleophile	Hybrid	Compound
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compound	1 H NMR a	31 P NMR b	elemental analysis found (calcd)
POM-2-aminoanthracene	7.25 (dd, 2H); 7.35–7.55 (m, 3H): 7.92–8.11 (m. 2H):	-11.59	C, 25.08 (25.26); H, 4.11 (4.14): N, 1.47 (1.37)
	8.41 (s, 1H); 8.50 (s, 1H)		(4.14), 14, 1.47 (1.57)
POM-sec-butylamine	1.14 (d, CHCH ₃); 1.42 (m,	-11.82	C, 23.74 (23.00); H, 4.50
	N <i>H</i> ₂ and CH ₂ C <i>H</i> ₃); 3.05 (m, C <i>H</i>)		(4.27); N, 1.81 (1.41)
POM-4-bromoaniline	6.86 (d, 2H); 7.38 (d, 2H)	-11.48	C, 23.91 (23.03); H, 4.48 (4.04); N, 1.38 (1.38)
POM-N-methylbenzylamine	2.52 (s, CH ₃); 4.06 (s, CH ₂); 7.42 (m, 5H aryl)	-11.82	C, 23.67 (23.44); H, 4.38 (4.54); N, 1.42 (1.40)
POM-2-aminopyridine	6.82 (d, 1H); 6.90 (d, 1H); 7.86 (d, 1H); 7.91 (d, 1H)	-12.07	C, 23.25 (23.18); H, 4.12 (4.08); N, 1.69 (1.76)
POM-isopropylamine	1.20 (d, CH <i>CH</i> ₃), 3.85 (m, <i>CH</i> CH ₃), 4.07 (m, <i>CH</i> CH ₃) ^{<i>c</i>}	-12.19 -12.03	C, 23.51 (23.42); H, 4.33 (4.38); N, 1.41 (1.40)
POM-triethylamine	1.20 (t, <i>CH</i> ₃); 3.14 (q, <i>CH</i> ₂)	-12.20	C, 23.55 (23.44); H, 4.28 (4.34); N, 1.42 (1.40)
POM-triphenylphosphine		$-12.59; 21.72^{d}$	(,,,,

^{*a*} The peaks of the POM-amine adducts are all shifted upfield compared with the peaks of the amine. In some cases, peaks in the aliphatic region are poorly resolved due to their overlap with peaks of the tetrahexylammonium moiety. The peaks of the tetrahexylammonium moiety have not been noted for clarity; they appear at (δ) 0.86 (t, CH₃), 1.28 (m, CH₂CH₂CH₂), 1.56 (m, *CH*₂CH₂N⁺), and 3.16 (t, CH₂N⁺). ^{*b*} Satellite peaks from ¹¹⁹Sn are observed. ^{*c*} The peak at 3.85 ppm is for the minor compound and that at 4.07 is for the major compound. ^{*d*} The peak at 21.72 ppm is from the attached Ph₃P moiety. Note the strong upfield shift from -6.28 ppm for Ph₃P alone.



Figure 6. ¹H NMR spectrum of $Q_3HSn(Cl)PW_{11}O_{39}$ -L-phemethyl ester. The peaks at >4 ppm are enlarged to aid in the visualization of the spectrum. The true integration shows the formation of a 1:1 adduct.

Experimental Section

Instruments and Techniques of Measurement. The ¹H NMR (400 MHz), ¹³C NMR (100.613 MHz), ³¹P NMR (101.271 MHz), ¹¹⁹Sn NMR (149.211 MHz), ¹⁵N NMR (40.545 MHz), and ¹⁸³W NMR (16.671 MHz) spectra were measured on a Bruker Avance 400 spectrometer in DMSO-*d*₆. The 2D HMBC NMR (³*J* ¹¹⁹Sn⁻¹H) (186.388 and 500.132 MHz) spectrum was measured on a Bruker AV- 500 spectrometer. The chemical shifts are reported with tetramethylsilane as the reference for ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR, 85% H₃PO₄ in D₂O as the external reference for ³¹P NMR, 50% Sn(CH₃)₄ in CDCl₃ for as the external reference for ¹¹⁹Sn NMR, liquid ammonia and nitromethane as the external reference for ¹⁸³W NMR. The IR spectra were measured on a Nicolet Protegé 460 FTIR; solid samples were prepared as ~3–5 wt % KBr-based pellets.

Materials and Synthesis. The commercial reagents (Aldrich, Fluka, Strem) used were of the highest available purity. $Q_3H_4PW_{11}O_{39}$. The tetrahexyl ($Q = (n-hexyl)_4N^+$) ammonium salt of the polyoxometalate, $Q_3H_4PW_{11}O_{39}$, was synthesized based on a known procedure.⁶ Thus, 13.31 g (4 mmol) of the commercially available phosphotungstic acid, $H_3PW_{12}O_{40}\cdot xH_2O$, was dissolved in a beaker containing 40 mL of deionized water and equipped with a stirring bar and pH meter. The pH was adjusted to 4.80 by slowly adding a suspension of Li₂CO₃ in water and waiting for the solution to clear. Stirring was continued for another hour at room temperature. After 18 g (41.5 mmol) of tetrahexyl ammonium bromide salt was added in one portion, a separate oily phase formed immediately. The stirring was stopped, and the oily phase was extracted and washed several times with deionized water. Aceto-nitrile was added to the beaker, and the clear solution was then evaporated to dryness; 21 g of highly viscous oil was obtained. ¹H NMR at 400 MHz (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 0.85 (t, 48H, CH₃), 1.27 (m, 96H, CH₂CH₂CH₂), 1.56 (m, 32H, CH₂), 3.18 (t, 32H, CH₂N⁺). ³¹P NMR at 101.271 MHz (DMSO-*d*₆): δ -11.68. IR (cm⁻¹): 503, 514, 593, 658, 704, 727, 805, 886, 966, 1056, 1080, 1383, 1467, 1482, 2860, 2929, 2956. Elemental Analysis: Found (Calcd) C, 22.97 (23.09); H, 4.30 (4.31); N, 1.17 (1.12).

Q₃HSn(Cl)PW₁₁O₃₉. The tin chloride-substituted polyoxometalate, Q₃HSnClPW₁₁O₃₉, was obtained based on a known procedure.⁷ The highly viscous oil, Q₃H₄PW₁₁O₃₉ (21 g, 4 mmol) was dissolved in 150 mL of acetonitrile, and 4.5 mL of SnCl₄ (38.5 mmol) was added and the solution was stirred for 2 h. Deionized water (5 mL) was added, and then the solution was concentrated to approximately to $^{1}/_{10}$ of its volume. The crystalline precipitate was filtered and washed with ethanol and diethylether before drying in a desiccator. Twelve grams of dry product was obtained (71% yield). ¹H NMR at 400 MHz (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 0.85 (t, 48H, CH₃), 1.27 (m, 96H, CH₂- CH₂CH₂), 1.56 (m, 32H, CH₂), 3.18 (t, 32H, CH₂N⁺). ³¹P NMR at 101.271 MHz (DMSO-*d*₆): δ -12.58 [²*J*(¹¹⁹Sn-³¹P) = 36.8 Hz)]. ¹¹⁹Sn NMR at 149.211 MHz (DMSO-*d*₆): δ -578.74 [²*J*(³¹P-¹¹⁹-Sn) = 38 Hz, ²*J*(¹⁸³W-¹¹⁹Sn) = 30 Hz]. IR (cm⁻¹): 503, 510, 593, 730, 751, 810, 889, 955, 1052, 1091, 1144, 1381, 1467, 1484, 2857, 2934, 2958. Elemental Analysis: Found (Calcd) C, 23.76 (23.90); H, 4.38 (4.54); N, 1.42 (1.40).

General Procedure for the Reaction of $Q_3HSn(Cl)PW_{11}O_{39}$ with Amines. $Q_3HSn(Cl)PW_{11}O_{39}$ (0.5 g, 0.12 mmol) was dissolved in 20 mL of THF, 1.2 mmol (10 equiv) of the amine was added, and the turbid solution was stirred for few hours at room temperature before filtration. The filtered product was washed with THF, water, ethanol, and ether before drying in a desiccator. The isolating yields were in a range of 70–90%. In the reaction of $Q_3HSn(Cl)W_{11}$ -PO₃₉ with triphenylphosphine to obtain $Q_3HSn(Cl)W_{11}PO_{39}$ –PPh₃, the yield was only 30%. The analytical results are presented in Tables 1 and 2 above.

General Procedure for the Reaction of $Q_3HSn(Cl)PW_{11}O_{39}$ with Amino Acid Derivatives. $Q_3HSn(Cl)PW_{11}O_{39}$ (0.25 g, 0.06 mmol) was dissolved in 2 mL of acetonitrile, and 0.6 mmol of the *t*-BOC amino acid derivative also dissolved in acetonitrile was then added to the solution that was stirred for 4 h at 70 °C. The solvent was then evaporated, and the product was washed with ethanol and ether before drying in a desiccator. The isolated yields of the polyoxometalate/amino acid were in a range of 70–90%.

Q₃HSn(Cl)W₁₁PO₃₉-L-Phenyalanine-Methyl Ester. This compound was prepared by reacting Q₃HSn(Cl)PW₁₁O₃₉ with L-*t*-BOC-

NHCH(CH₂Ph)COOMe. ¹H NMR at 400 MHz (DMSO- d_6): δ 0.92 (t, 48H, CH₃), 1.28 (m, 32H, *CH*₂CH₃), 1.56 (m, 32H, CH₂), 3.06 (m, 2H, CH₂Ph), 3.16 (t, 32H, CH₂N⁺), 3.68 (s, 3H, COOCH₃), 4.32 (t, 1H, CH), 7.20–7.35 (m, 5H, Ph), 8.38 (NH). ³¹P NMR at 101.271 MHz (DMSO- d_6): δ –12.54.

Q₃HSn(Cl)W₁₁PO₃₉–L-Tyrosine-Benzyl Ester. This compound was prepared by reacting ⁴Q₄SnClPW₁₁O₃₉ with L-*t*-BOC–NHCH-(CH₂4-OHPh)COOCH₂Ph. ¹H NMR at 400 MHz (DMSO-*d*₆): δ 0.92 (t, 48H, CH₃), 1.28 (m, 32H, *CH*₂CH₃), 1.56 (m, 32H, CH₂), 2.90 (m, 2H, CH₂Ph), 3.16 (t, 32H, CH₂N⁺), 4.1 (s, 3H, COOCH₂-Ph), 4.32 (t, 1H, CH), 5.11 (s, 1H, OH), 6.97, 7.15, 7.33–7.45 (10H, aromatics). ³¹P NMR at 101.271 MHz (DMSO-*d*₆): δ –12.54.

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