

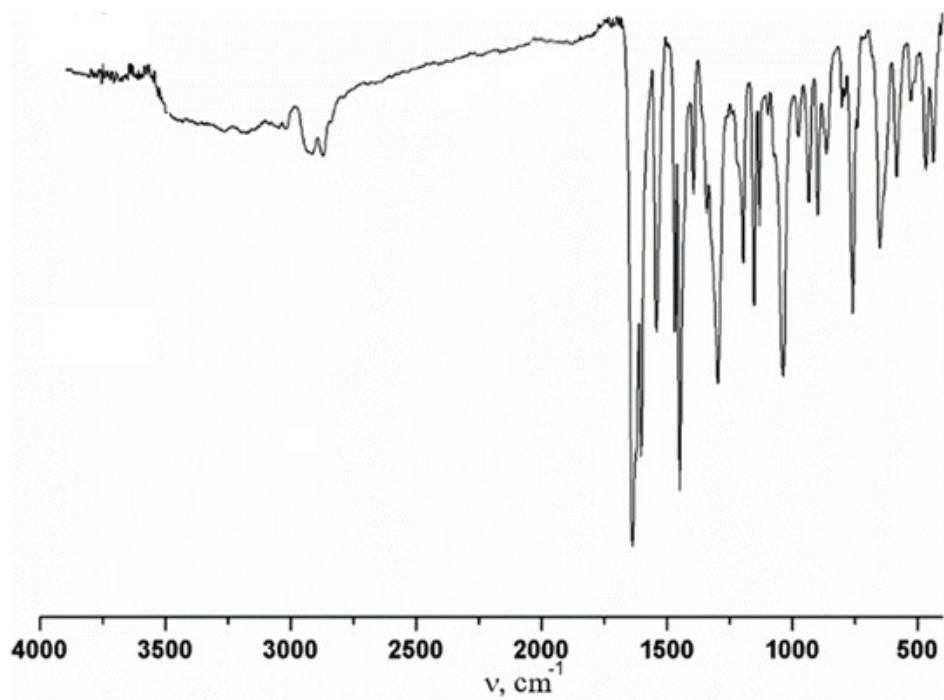
**Co-existence of ferro- and antiferromagnetic interactions in a hexanuclear mixed-valence  $\text{Co}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}_2\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}_2$  cluster sustained by a multidentate Schiff base ligand**

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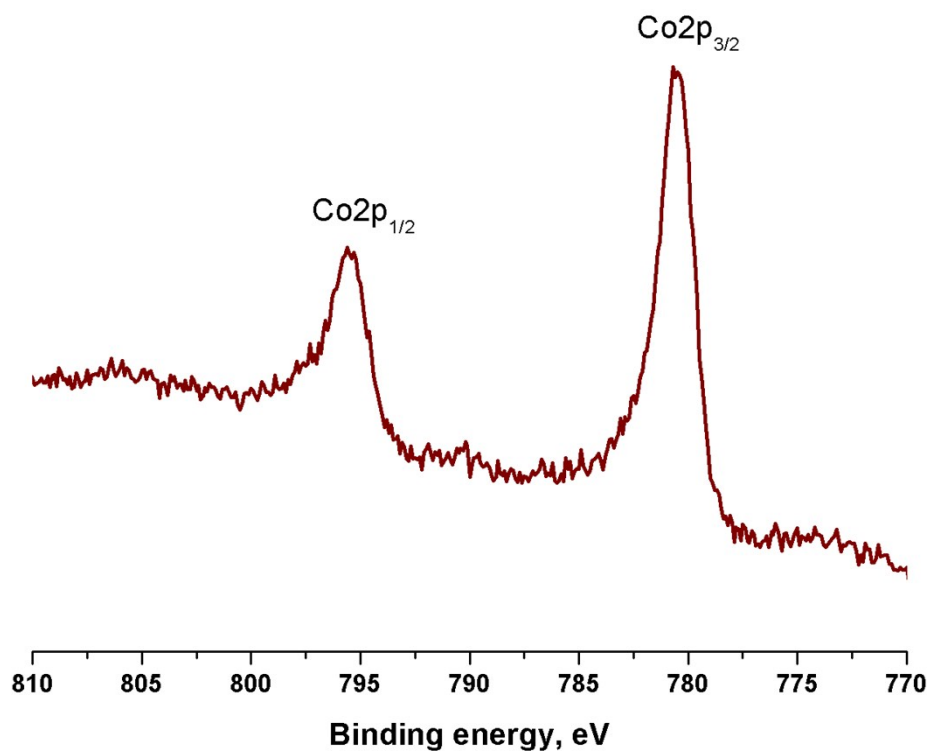
**Supplementary Information**

**Table S1.** Bond Valence Sum calculations for complex **1**

Ion	BVS	Ro	B
Mn1	4.00	1.753	0.37
Mn2	2.05	2.133 (Cl); 1.765 (O)	
Co1	3.08	1.75 (N); 1.637 (O)	



**Figure S1.** IR spectrum of complex **1**.



**Figure S2.** Co2p X-ray photoelectron spectrum of **1**.

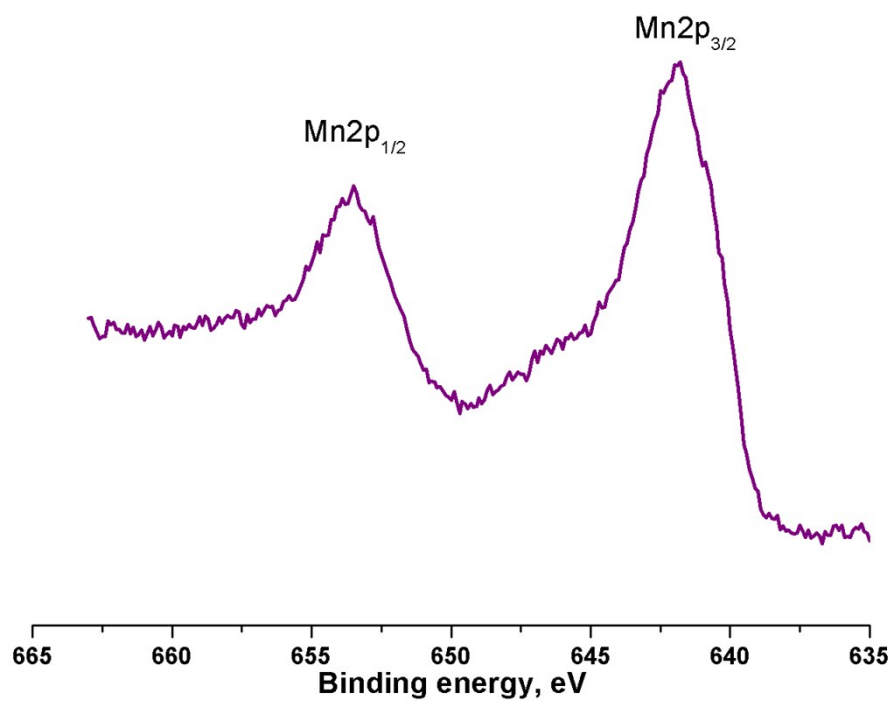


Figure S3. Mn2p X-ray photoelectron spectrum of 1.

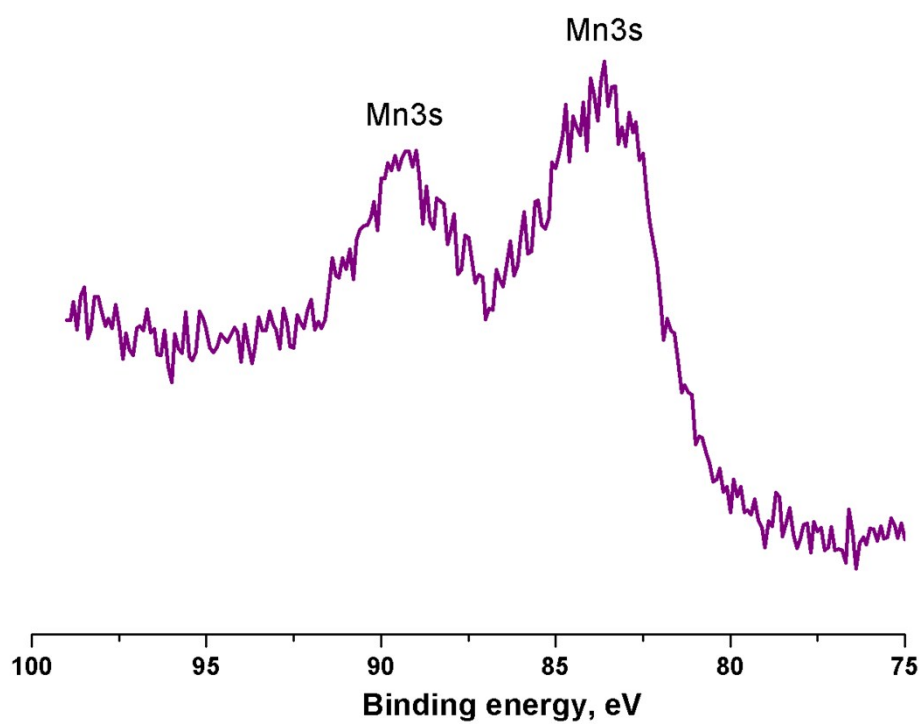
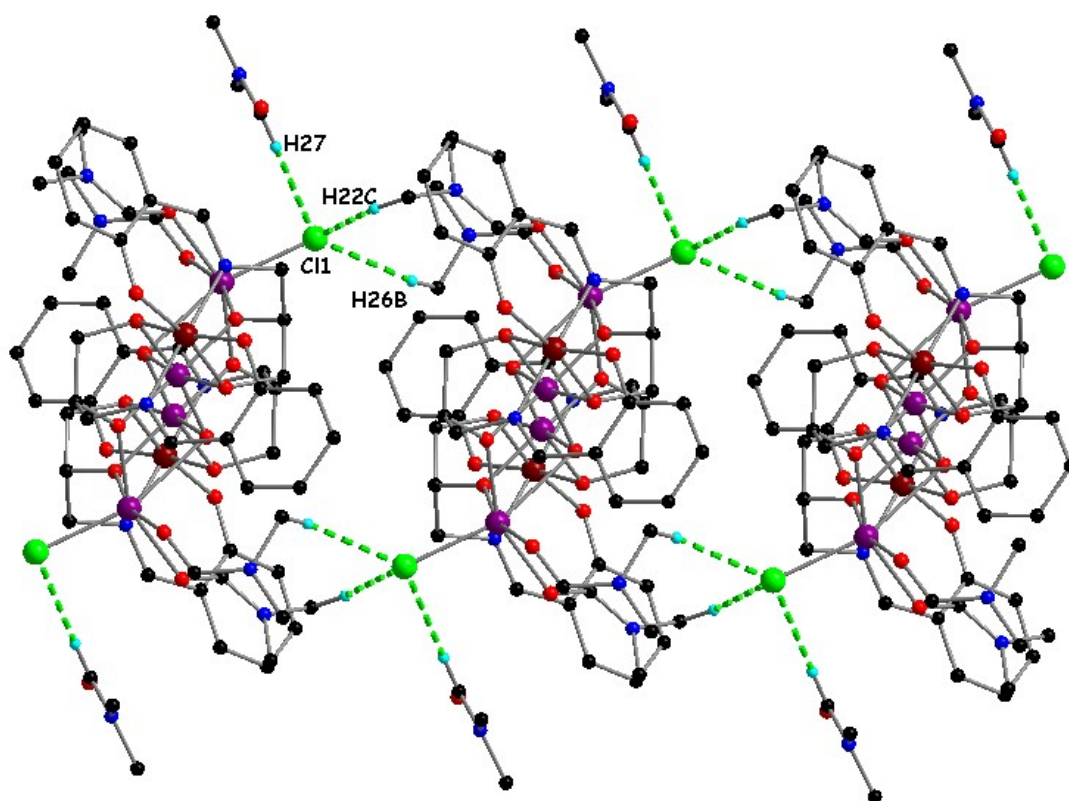


Figure S4. Mn3s X-ray photoelectron spectrum of 1.



**Figure S5.** Hydrogen bonds (dashed green lines) in the crystal structure of **1**. Hydrogen atoms which are not involved in these interactions were omitted for clarity.

**Table S2.** Calculated spin configurations of the manganese atoms and their relative energies as a function of the different magnetic coupling parameters ( $J_i$ ) for **1** including the interaction between second neighbours according to Scheme 1. The spin configuration used as a reference is that with the maximum multiplicity ( $S = 8$ ) which is generated from the parallel alignment of all local spin moments. Only the centres with an inverted spin moment are noted.

Spin conf	S	$J_1$	$J_2$	$J_3$	$j$
{1}	5	6	9	9	0
{2}	3	0	9	9	15
{1, 2}	0	6	0	18	15
{1, 1 <sup>i</sup> }	2	0	18	18	0
{1, 2 <sup>i</sup> }	0	6	18	0	15