Supplementary Information A Series of Mn(I) Photo-activated Carbon Monoxide-Releasing Molecules with Benzimidazole Coligands: Synthesis, Structural Characterization, CO Releasing Properties and Biological Activities

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Fig. S1 IR spectrum of 1-5 (KBr disk) (black) and its photoproduct (red).



Fig. S2 The UV-vis absorption spectra of **1-5** in DMSO solution at room temperature (black) and The UV-vis absorption spectra of **1-5** in DMSO solution away from light for 24h (Red).













Table S1, Crystal Data and Structure Refinement Parameters for complex 1	-4
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	1	2	3	4
Empirical formula	$C_{15}H_9BrN_3O_3Mn$	$C_{50}H_{39}CIN_3O_6P_2Mn$	$C_{17}H_{10}BrN_4O_3Mn$	$C_{23}H_{17}BrN_5O_4Mn$
Formula weight	414.10	930.17	453.13	562.26
Colour	Yellow	Pink	Yellow	Yellow
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P-1	P-1	P21/c	P2 ₁ /n
a (Å)	6.8422(3)	11.2347(7)	7.091(2)	7.2795(18)
b (Å)	10.6873(5)	12.2555(7)	18.276(6)	15.523(4)
<i>c</i> (Å)	11.6987(6)	16.4480(10)	13.255(4)	20.599(5)
α (deg)	91.775(3)	82.506(2)	90.00	90.00

<i>β</i> (deg)	105.866(3)	88.492(3)	96.754(6)	98.920(17)
γ (deg)	108.240(3)	77.515(2)	90.00	90.00
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	775.14(6)	2192.2(2)	1705.8(9)	2294.4(9)
Z	2	2	16	4
ρ _{calc} (g⋅cm ⁻³)	1.774	1.409	1.764	1.628
Independent reflections	3812	10902	3920	4042
Goodness of fit (F ²) ^a	1.041	1.036	0.930	0.980
$R_1^{\rm b}$, $wR_2^{\rm c}$ ($l > 2\sigma(l)$)	0.0440, 0.1092	0.0353, 0.0914	0.0480, 0.0849	0.0949, 0.1432
R_1 , wR_2 (all data)	0.0575, 0.1173	0.0470, 0.0996	0.1025, 0.1019	0.2403, 0.1998
Largest diff. peak /hole/eÅ-3	1.93/-0.35	0.44/-0.32	1.06/-1.22	0.51/-0.58

 ${}^{\mathrm{o}}\mathrm{GOF} = [\sum [\omega(F_{\mathrm{o}}^{2} - F_{\mathrm{c}}^{2})^{2}]/(N_{\mathrm{o}} - N_{\mathrm{v}})]^{1/2}(N_{\mathrm{o}} = \text{number of observations}, N_{\mathrm{v}} = \text{number of variables}). \ {}^{\mathrm{b}}R_{1} = \sum ||F_{\mathrm{o}}| - |F_{\mathrm{c}}||/\Sigma|F_{\mathrm{o}}|. \ {}^{\mathrm{c}}wR^{2} = [(\sum \omega(|F_{\mathrm{o}}|^{2} - |F_{\mathrm{c}}|)^{2})]^{1/2}(N_{\mathrm{o}} - N_{\mathrm{v}})]^{1/2}(N_{\mathrm{o}} - N_{\mathrm{v}})$

Table S2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) of complexes 1-4.

1		2	
Mn(1)-Br(1)	2.5531(6)	Mn(1)-C(17)	1.7775(16)
Mn(1)-C(13)	1.808(4)	Mn(1)-C(47)	1.7895(16)
Mn(1)-C(14)	1.801(4)	Mn(1)-N(2)	2.0530(12)
Mn(1)-C(15)	1.790(4)	Mn(1)-N(1)	2.0769(13)
Mn(1)-N(1)	2.032(2)	Mn(1)-P(1)	2.3287(4)
Mn(1)-N(3)	2.093(3)	Mn(1)-P(2)	2.3279(4)
C(15)-Mn(1)-C(14)	87.89(17)	C(17)-Mn(1)-C(47)	95.05(7)
C(15)-Mn(1)-C(13)	90.82(18)	C(17)-Mn(1)-N(2)	170.40(6)
C(14)-Mn(1)-C(13)	88.83(18)	C(47)-Mn(1)-N(2)	94.54(6)
C(15)-Mn(1)-N(1)	172.32(15)	C(17)-Mn(1)-N(1)	92.18(6)
C(14)-Mn(1)-N(1)	98.21(13)	C(47)-Mn(1)-N(1)	172.65(6)
C(13)-Mn(1)-N(1)	93.96(13)	N(2)-Mn(1)-N(1)	78.24(5)
C(15)-Mn(1)-N(3)	95.45(15)	C(17)-Mn(1)-P(2)	88.92(5)
C(14)-Mn(1)-N(3)	176.56(13)	C(47)-Mn(1)-P(2)	89.54(5)
C(13)-Mn(1)-N(3)	91.94(14)	N(2)-Mn(1)-P(2)	90.83(4)
N(1)-Mn(1)-N(3)	78.39(10)	N(1)-Mn(1)-P(2)	91.95(4)
C(15)-Mn(1)-Br(1)	88.00(15)	C(17)-Mn(1)-P(1)	88.17(5)
C(14)-Mn(1)-Br(1)	89.90(14)	C(47)-Mn(1)-P(1)	88.22(5)
C(13)-Mn(1)-Br(1)	178.30(12)	N(2)-Mn(1)-P(1)	92.45(4)
N(1)-Mn(1)-Br(1)	87.35(8)	N(1)-Mn(1)-P(1)	90.67(4)
N(3)-Mn(1)-Br(1)	89.39(8)	P(2)-Mn(1)-P(1)	176.158(16)
3		4	
Mn(2)- $Br(1)$	2.5701(11)	Mn(2)-Br(1)	2.540(2)
Mn(2)-C(15)	1.803(5)	Mn(2)-C(12)	1.883(15)
Mn(2)-C(16)	1.813(5)	Mn(2)-C(22)	1.827(16)
Mn(2)-C(17)	1.7996(6)	Mn(2)-C(9)	1.806(12)
Mn(2)-N(4)	2.066(3)	Mn(2)-N(1)	2.051(10)

Mn(2)-N(1)	2.082(3)	Mn(2)-N(8)	2.150(10)
C(15)-Mn(2)-Br(1)	87.33(16)	C(22)-Mn(2)-C(9)	88.8(6)
C(16)-Mn(2)- Br(1)	90.12(16)	C(22)-Mn(2)-C(12)	86.2(6)
C(16)-Mn(2)-C(15)	88.9(2)	C(9)-Mn(2)-C(12)	90.2(5)
C(17)-Mn(2)- Br(1)	176.66(14)	C(22)-Mn(2)-N(1)	96.0(5)
C(17)-Mn(2)- C(15)	89.5(2)	C(9)-Mn(2)-N(1)	97.4(4)
C(17)-Mn(2)- C(16)	88.7(2)	C(12)-Mn(2)-N(1)	172.2(4)
N(4)-Mn(2)-Br1	88.87(10)	C(22)-Mn(2)-N(8)	174.1(4)
N(4)-Mn(2)-C(15)	96.18(17)	C(9)-Mn(2)-N(8)	94.6(5)
N(4)-Mn(2)-C(16)	174.77(17)	C(12)-Mn(2)-N(8)	98.5(5)
N(4)-Mn(2)-C(17)	92.62(18)	N(1)-Mn(2)-N(8)	78.9(4)
N(1)-Mn(2)-B1(1)	87.14(10)	C(22)-Mn(2)-Br(1)	86.1(4)
N(1)-Mn(2)-C(15)	172.15(17)	C(9)-Mn(2)-Br(1)	173.1(4)
N(1)-Mn(2)-C(16)	96.67(17)	C(12)-Mn(2)-Br(1)	84.7(3)
N(1)-Mn(2)-C(17)	96.09(17)	N(8)-Mn(2)-Br(1)	90.8(2)
N(1)-Mn(2)-N(4)	78.15(12)	N(1)-Mn(2)-Br(1)	87.9(2)



Fig. S5 Molecular structure of complex composed of Mn and L3.



Fig. S6 Coordination Arrangement of the complex composed of Mn and L3.



Fig. S7 The dihedral angel of plane 1, 2 and 3 in complex 1.



Fig. S8 Amount of MbCO in μ M formed with increasing irradiation time at 365 nm for a solution of complexes **1-5** (60 μ M in 0.1 PBS at pH 7.4) with sodium dithionite (10 mM) as determined from UV/vis spectroscopy.



Fig. S9 The rates of CO produced (k_{CO}) for 2–5 by using a CO meter.



Fig. S10 The emission spectra of L1-L4 in DMSO at room temperature.



Complex 1









Complex 5

Fig. S11 Fluorescence imaging of live HL-7702 cells (A) and SK-Hep1 cells (B) after being incubated with complex 1-3, 5 for 2 h. The left panels show dark-feld fluorescence images, the middle panels show the corresponding bright-feld images and the right panels are overlays of the left and middle panels.