

## Supplementary Information for Reaction Landscape of a Mononuclear Mn<sup>III</sup>-hydroxo Complex with Hydrogen Peroxide

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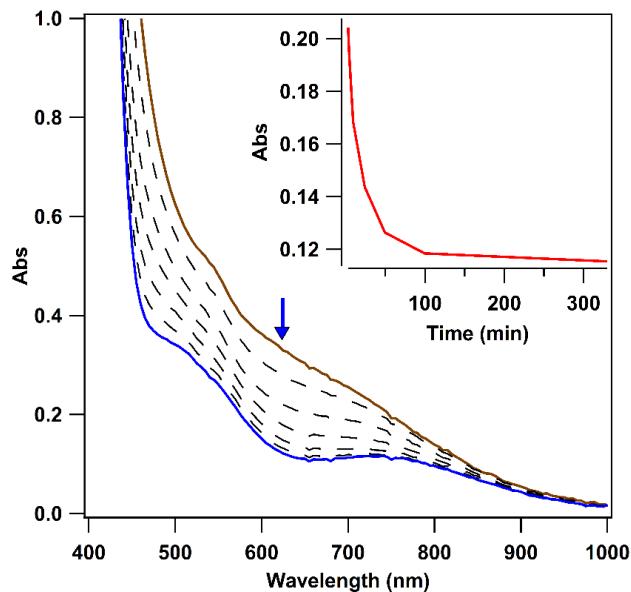
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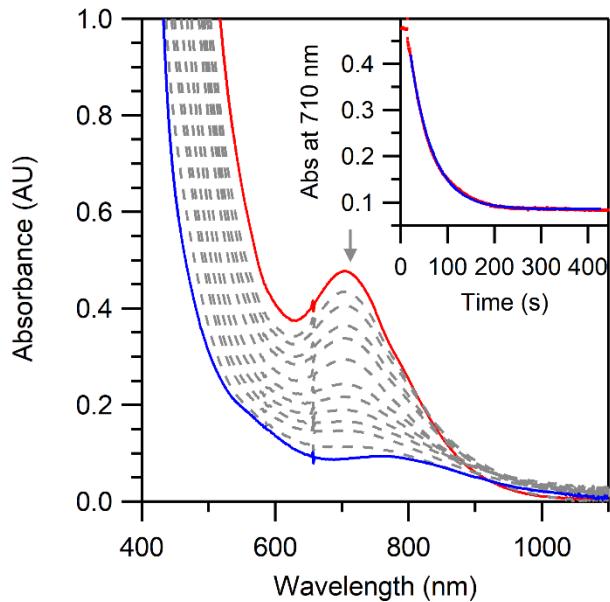
**Table S1.** Comparison of spectroscopic characteristics of select bis( $\mu$ -oxo)dimanganese(III,IV) complexes.

Complex	$\lambda$ (nm)	$g$	$A$ (mT)	Pre-edge Energy (eV)	Pre-edge area	Edge energy (eV)	Ref.
[Mn <sup>II</sup> (dpaq <sup>2Me</sup> )] <sup>+</sup>	500	2.04	NA <sup>b</sup>	6540.2	4.3	6548.6	<sup>1</sup>
<b>1</b>	515, 770	NA <sup>c</sup>	NA <sup>c</sup>	6540.2	4.1	6550.0	<sup>1</sup>
<b>2</b>	500, 710	2.01	7.7	6540.9 6542.6	19.4	6550.2	<i>This work</i>
<b>3</b>	610, 770	NA <sup>c</sup>	NA <sup>c</sup>	6540.3	6.3	6550.5	<i>This work</i>
[Mn <sup>III</sup> Mn <sup>IV</sup> ( $\mu$ -O) <sub>2</sub> (N4Py) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	439, 562, 667	2.01	7.7	6540.3 6542.0	22.9	6549.8	<sup>2</sup>
[Mn <sup>III</sup> Mn <sup>IV</sup> ( $\mu$ -O) <sub>2</sub> ( <sup>DMM</sup> N4Py) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>3+</sup>	440, 562, 667	2.01	7.7	6540.3 6542.0	19.6	6549.8	<sup>3</sup>
[Mn <sup>III</sup> Mn <sup>IV</sup> ( $\mu$ -O) <sub>2</sub> (dpaq) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	540, 660	1.996	$A_x = 16.7^a$ $A_y = 14.9^a$ $A_z = 14.3^a$	NA <sup>d</sup>	NA <sup>d</sup>	NA <sup>d</sup>	<sup>4</sup>

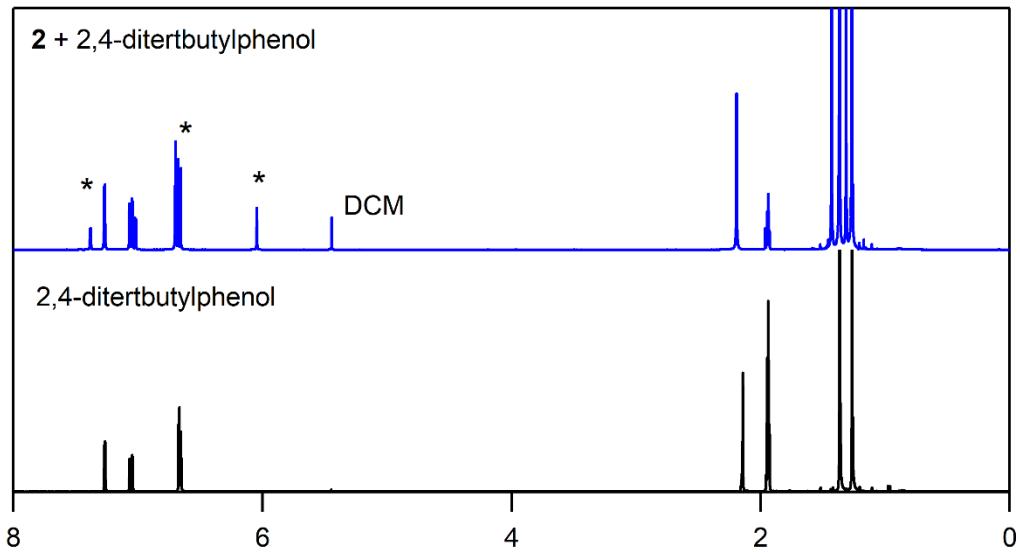
<sup>a</sup> From simulation of the experimental spectrum. <sup>b</sup> Hyperfine splitting was not resolved. <sup>c</sup> **1** is EPR silent. <sup>d</sup> XAS has not been performed on this complex.



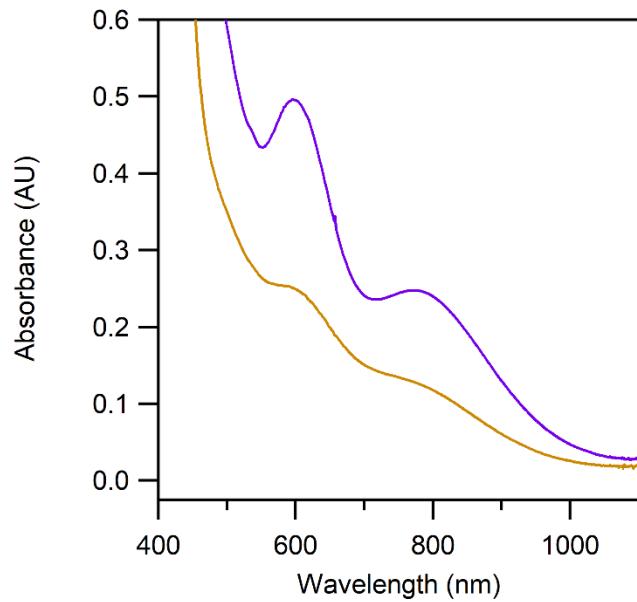
**Figure S1.** Electronic absorption spectra obtained while monitoring the thermal decay of [Mn<sup>III</sup>Mn<sup>IV</sup>( $\mu$ -O)<sub>2</sub>(dpaq)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (brown trace) to yield [Mn<sup>III</sup>(OH)(dpaq)]<sup>+</sup> (blue trace). Inset: time course of the decay.



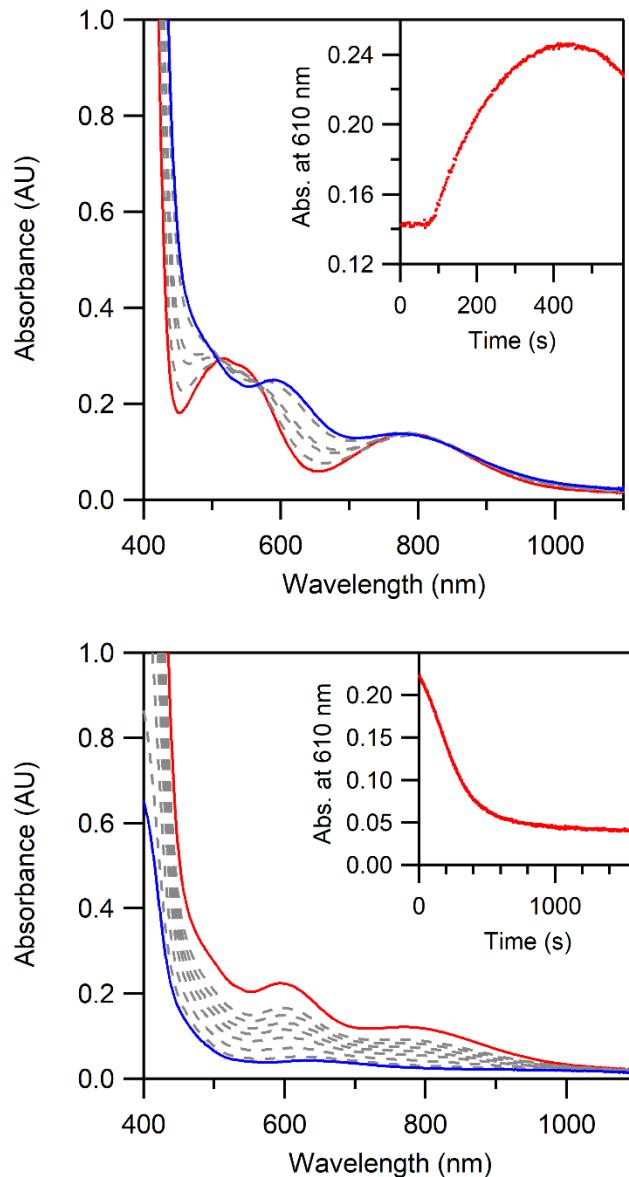
**Figure S2.** Top: Electronic absorption spectra for a solution of **2** (red trace) after addition of 100 equiv. 2,4-di-*tert*-butylphenol at 25°C. The feature at 710 nm decays completely to the blue trace. Inset: Decay trace of the feature at 710 nm over time.



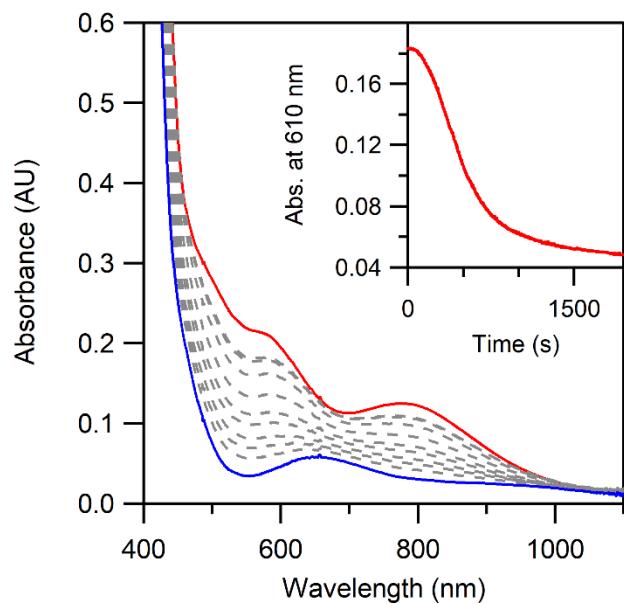
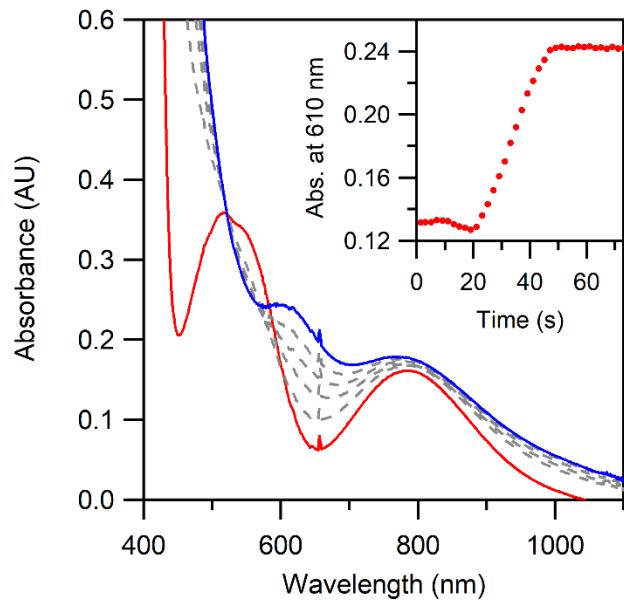
**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum for the organic products resulting from the reactions of a 1.25 mM solution of **2** with 5 equiv. 2,4-di-*tert*-butylphenol (blue trace). The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 2,4-di-*tert*-butylphenol is included for comparison. Peaks marked with (\*) arise from the dimeric reaction product 3, 3', 5, 5'-tetra-*tert*-butylbiphenyl-2 2'-diol.



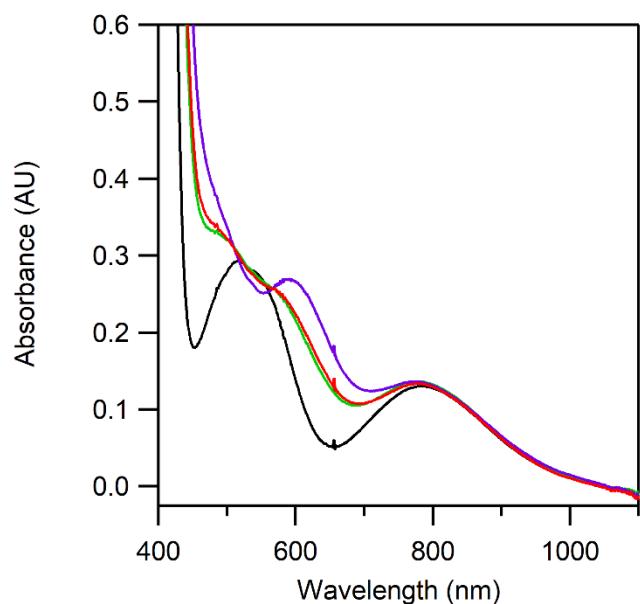
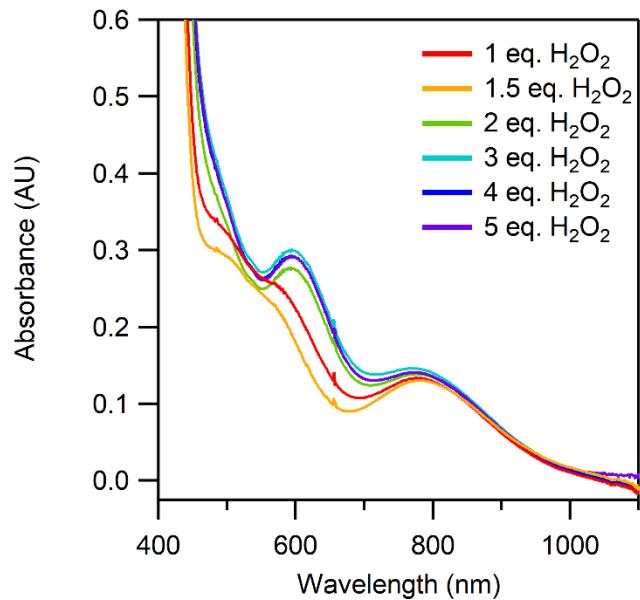
**Figure S4.** Overlay of the electronic absorption spectra for the intermediate in the formation of **2** by the addition of 10 equiv. H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (brown-green trace) at 25°C and **3** formed by the addition of 5 equiv. H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and 0.1 equiv. HClO<sub>4</sub> at -40°C (purple trace).



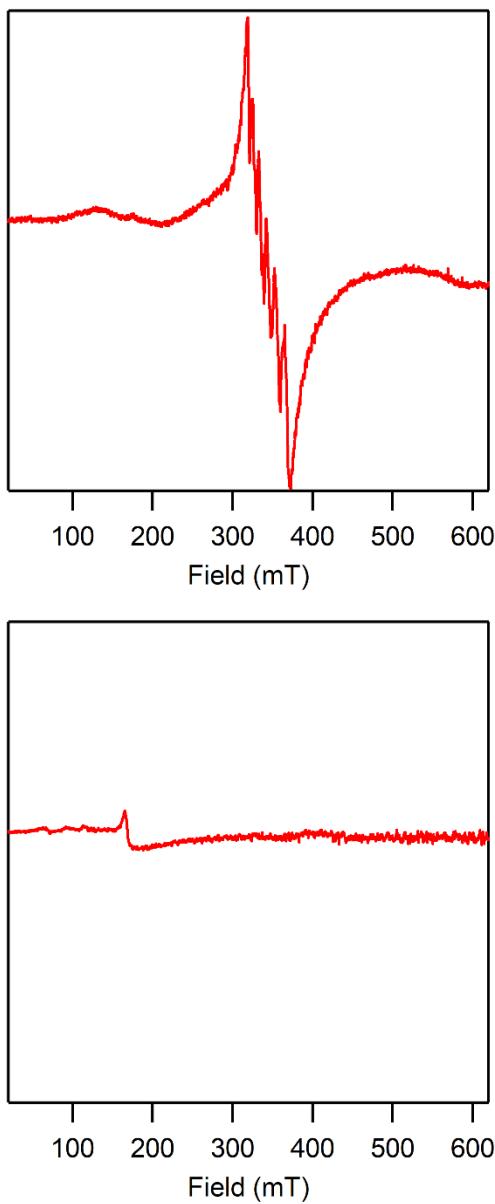
**Figure S5.** Top: Electronic absorption spectra of **3** (blue trace) after the addition of 5 equiv. H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and 1 equiv. perchloric acid to a 1.25 mM solution of [Mn<sup>III</sup>(OH)(dpaq<sup>2Me</sup>)]<sup>+</sup> in MeCN at -40°C (red trace). Inset: Time trace indicating the growth of the feature at 610 nm. Bottom: Electronic absorption spectra of the self-decay of **3** in MeCN at -40°C. Inset: Decay trace of the feature at 610 nm over time.



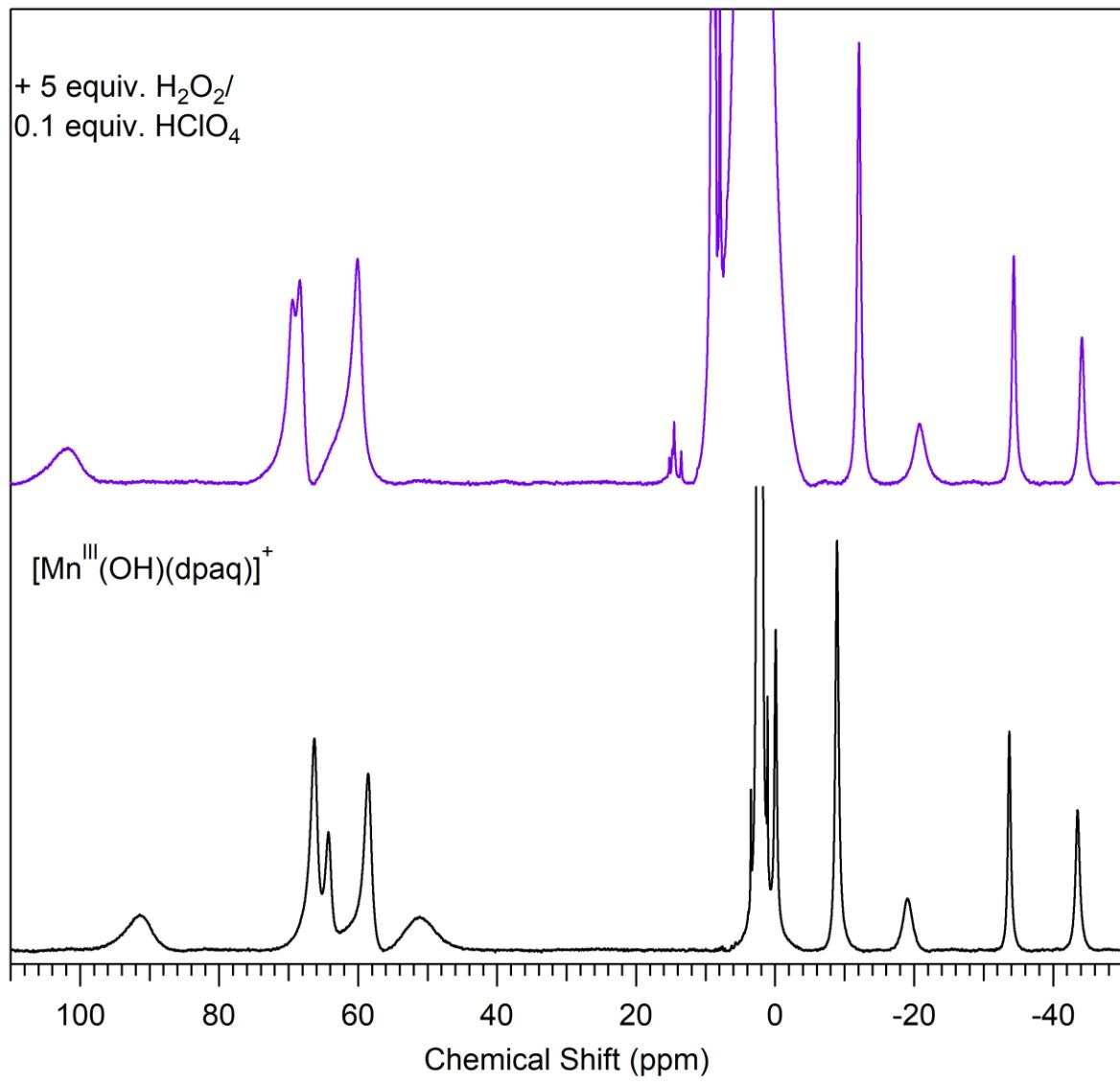
**Figure S6.** Top: Electronic absorption spectra of **3** (blue trace) formed after the addition of 5 equiv.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and 1 equiv. acetic acid to a 1.25 mM solution of  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{OH})(\text{dpaq}^{2\text{Me}})]^+$  (red trace) in MeCN at -40°C. Inset: Time trace indicating the growth of the features at 610 nm. Bottom: Electronic absorption spectra of the self-decay of **3** (formed using acetic acid) in MeCN at -40°C. Inset: Decay trace of the feature at 610 nm over time.

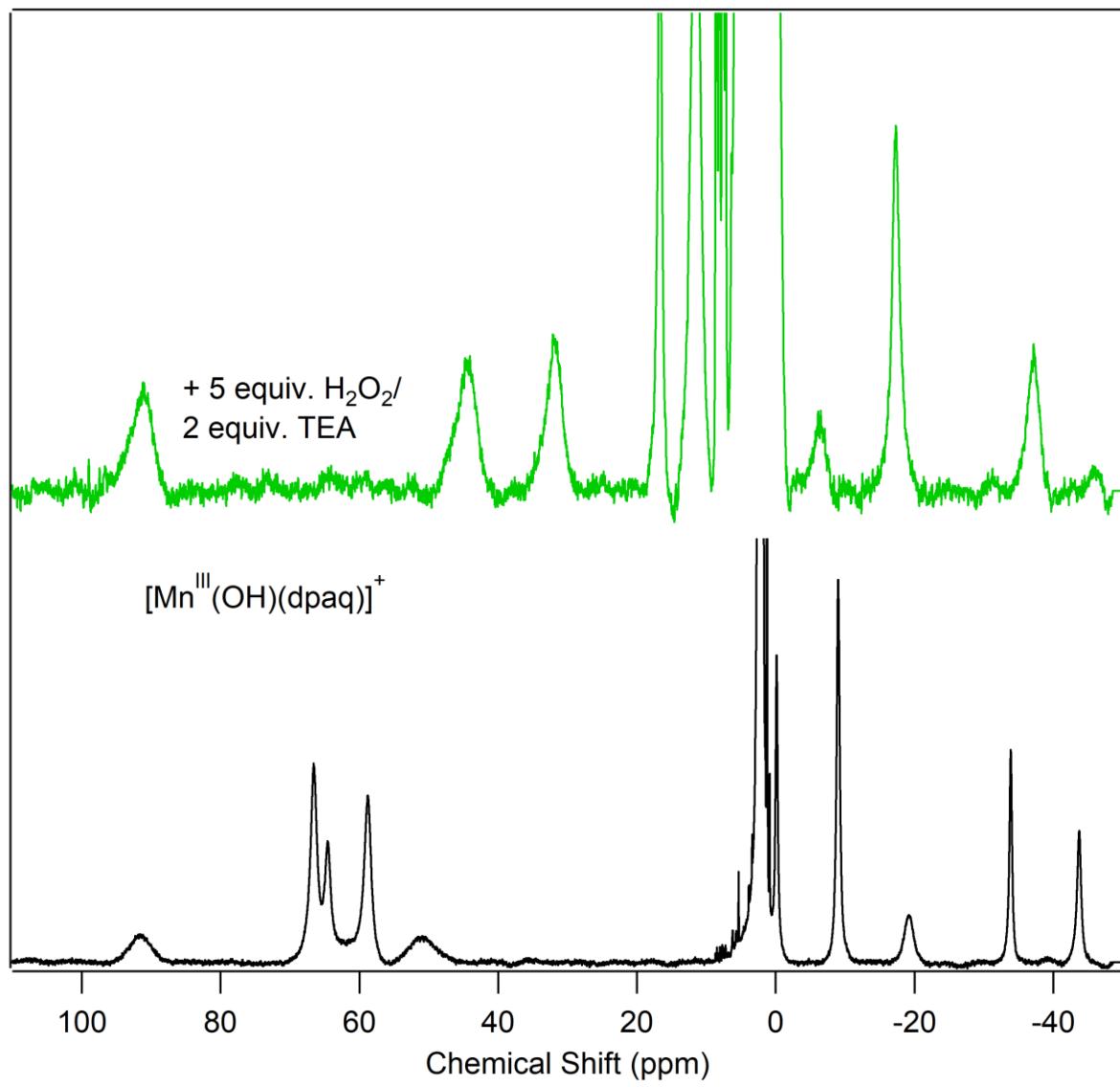


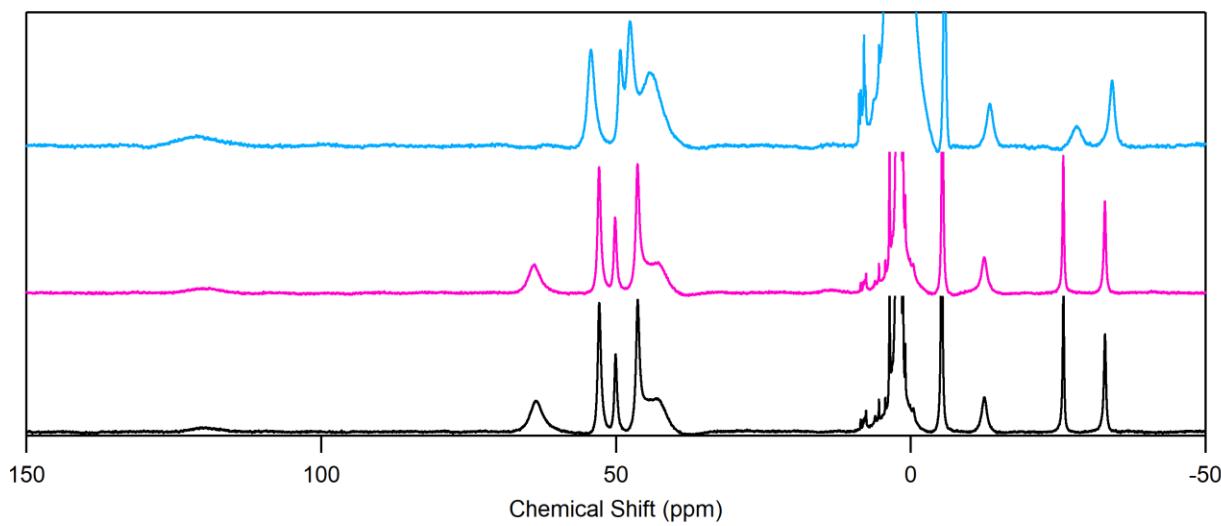
**Figure S7.** Top: Electronic absorption spectra for the addition of 1-5 equivalents of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and 0.1 equiv.  $\text{HClO}_4$  to a 1.25 mM solution of  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{OH})(\text{dpaq}^{2\text{Me}})]^+$  at -40°C. Bottom: Electronic absorption spectra for the addition of 1 equiv.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and 0.1 equiv.  $\text{HClO}_4$  (red). This trace can be described as a linear combination of **1** (black trace), and **3** (purple trace). The linear combination that best reproduces the experimental spectrum requires a 0.46:0.54 ratio of **1**:**3** (green trace).



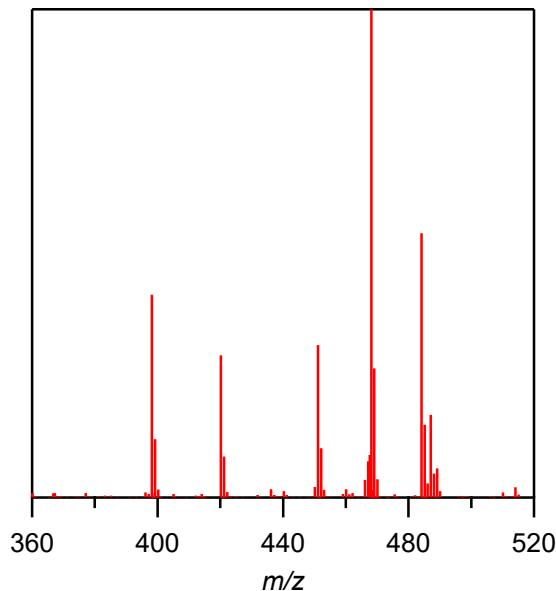
**Figure S8.** 7.5 K perpendicular-mode (top) and parallel-mode (bottom) EPR spectra of **3** obtained following the reaction of a 3 mM solution of  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{OH})(\text{dpaq}^{2\text{Me}})]^+$  with 5 equiv.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and 0.1 equiv.  $\text{HClO}_4$  in 1:1 MeCN:toluene at -40°C. The weak feature near 180 mT in the bottom spectrum is from  $\text{O}_2$ .



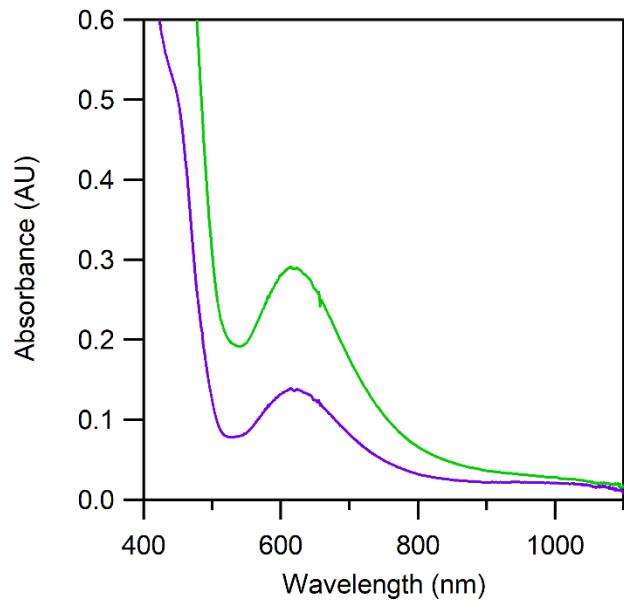




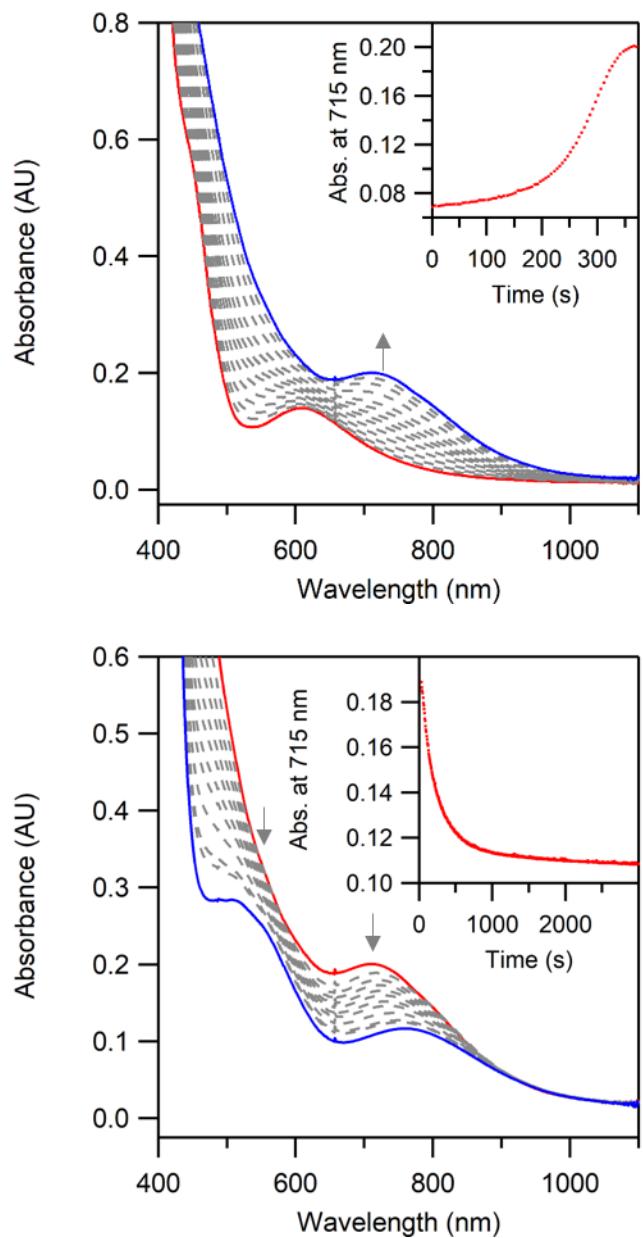
**Figure S9. Top (page S9):** Low temperature  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of 3 mM **1** (black trace) in  $d_3$ -MeCN and a 3 mM solution of **3** formed with 5 equiv.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and 0.1 equiv.  $\text{HClO}_4$  (purple trace) in  $d_3$ -MeCN. **Center (page S10):** Expanded view of the Low temperature  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of 3 mM **1** (black trace) in  $d_3$ -MeCN and a 3 mM solution of **4** formed with 10 equivalents each of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (green trace) in  $d_3$ -MeCN. Spectra were collected at  $-40^\circ\text{C}$ . **Bottom (page S11):**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of 3 mM **1** (black trace, bottom) in  $d_3$ -MeCN, a 3 mM solution of **1** in the presence of 10 equiv.  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  in  $d_3$ -MeCN (pink trace, middle) and a 3 mM solution of **1** in the presence of 10 equiv.  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  and 0.2 equiv.  $\text{HClO}_4$  in  $d_3$ -MeCN (blue trace, top).



**Figure S10.** ESI-MS data for **3**. Peaks are assigned as follows:  $m/z = 484.1$   $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{OOH})(\text{dpaq}^{2\text{Me}})]^+$ ;  $m/z = 468.1$   $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{OH})(\text{dpaq}^{2\text{Me}})]^+$ ;  $m/z = 451.1$   $[\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{dpaq}^{2\text{Me}})]^+$ ;  $m/z = 420.1$   $\text{Na}^+\text{dpaq}^{2\text{Me}}\text{H}$ ;  $m/z = 398.2$   $\text{dpaq}^{2\text{Me}}\text{H}_2^+$ .



**Figure S11.** Overlay of electronic absorption spectra of **4** formed by the simultaneous addition of 5 equiv. H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and 2 equiv. Et<sub>3</sub>N (green trace) with the final spectrum of the reaction of **3** with 2 equiv. Et<sub>3</sub>N (purple trace).



**Figure S12.** Top: Electronic absorption spectra for the self-decay of **4** (red trace) in MeCN to form **2** (blue trace) at 25°C. Inset: Time trace indicating the growth of the feature at 710 nm. Bottom: Electronic absorption spectra of the self-decay of **2** formed from the initial decay of **4** (red trace) in MeCN to form **1** (blue trace) at 25°C. Inset: Decay trace of the feature at 710 nm over time.

**Table S2.** Compositions and energies of  $\alpha$ -spin MOs for  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{OH})(\text{dpaq}^{2\text{Me}})]^+$  (**1**) from DFT Computations

Orbital	105a	108a	113a	114a	120a	121a	123a
	dxz ( $\alpha$ )	dxy ( $\alpha$ )	dxy/yz ( $\alpha$ )	dxy ( $\alpha$ )	dxz ( $\alpha$ )	$\text{dx}^2-\text{y}^2$ ( $\alpha$ )	$\text{dz}^2$ ( $\alpha$ )
Energy (eV)	-9.105	-8.707	-7.663	-6.194	-6.366	-5.349	-2.646
Occ.	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
LÖWDIN REDUCED ORBITAL POPULATIONS PER MO							
	0	0.4	1.1	0.2	0	0.9	50.3
xz	21.2	0.4	0.6	0	17.3	0.6	1.2
yz	3.2	6.6	16.4	0.8	0.2	0.1	0
$\text{x}^2-\text{y}^2$	0	0.1	0	0	0	46.8	0.6
xy	2.3	22.6	19.2	16.8	0	0	0.1
p <sub>z</sub> (O)	0.5	1	9.8	1.3	0.1	0.4	8.7
p <sub>x</sub> (O)	5.5	0.1	3.4	0.3	27.4	0.3	0.1
p <sub>y</sub> (O)	0.9	0.1	6.4	1.4	0.5	0.1	0.3
p <sub>z</sub> (N <sub>amide</sub> )	0.0	0.9	1.8	0.0	0.5	0.0	5.7
p <sub>x</sub> (N <sub>amide</sub> )	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.1
p <sub>y</sub> (N <sub>amide</sub> )	0.0	0.1	2.5	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.1

**Table S3.** Compositions and energies of  $\beta$ -spin MOs for  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{OH})(\text{dpaq}^{2\text{Me}})]^+$  (**1**) from DFT Computations

Orbital	119b	120b	122b	123b	124b	128b	129b
	dxy ( $\beta$ )	dyz ( $\beta$ )	dxz ( $\beta$ )	dxz/xy ( $\beta$ )	dyz ( $\beta$ )	dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> ( $\beta$ )	dz <sup>2</sup> ( $\beta$ )
<b>Energy (eV)</b>	-2.687	-2.321	-1.993	-1.790	-1.427	-0.718	-0.686
<b>Occ.</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>LÖWDIN REDUCED ORBITAL POPULATIONS PER MO</b>							
<b>z<sup>2</sup></b>	0	0	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.1	63.2
<b>xz</b>	0	0.8	37.1	29.4	0.1	2.1	1.3
<b>yz</b>	5.6	33.6	3	10.2	20.5	0.6	0.7
<b>x<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup></b>	0	0.2	1.1	0.8	0.6	68.3	0
<b>xy</b>	21.3	13.3	17.5	17.3	10.1	0.2	0.1
<b>p<sub>z</sub> (O)</b>	0	0.5	0	0.1	0	0	5.3
<b>p<sub>x</sub> (O)</b>	0.1	0	3.4	3.0	0	0.3	0
<b>p<sub>y</sub> (O)</b>	0	1.4	0	0.3	0.2	0	0.1
<b>p<sub>z</sub> (N<sub>amide</sub>)</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	3.1
<b>p<sub>x</sub> (N<sub>amide</sub>)</b>	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>p<sub>y</sub> (N<sub>amide</sub>)</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4

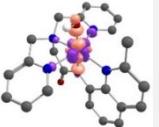
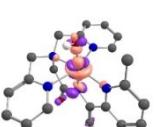
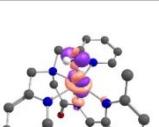
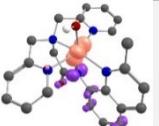
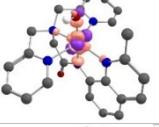
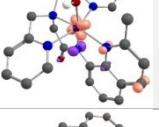
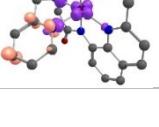
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Orbital	113a	116a	117a	123a	125a	127a
	dyz	dyz	dxy	dxz	$\text{dx}^2-\text{y}^2$	$\text{dz}^2$
<b>Energy (eV)</b>	-8.422	-7.899	-7.534	-6.417	-5.486	-2.820
<b>Occ.</b>	1	1	1	1	1	0
<b>LÖWDIN REDUCED ORBITAL POPULATIONS PER MO</b>						
<b>dz<sup>2</sup></b>	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.9	0.3	50.4
<b>dxz</b>	3.6	0.5	0.2	12.3	0.3	1.0
<b>dyz</b>	19.9	13.7	2.2	1.8	0.0	0.0
<b>dx<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup></b>	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.2	42.2	0.2
<b>dxy</b>	2.8	1.1	26.6	0.3	0.9	0.0
<b>p<sub>z</sub> (O<sub>prox</sub>)</b>	1.3	0.1	1.6	7.3	0.3	11.9
<b>p<sub>x</sub> (O<sub>prox</sub>)</b>	2.0	0.3	0.1	18.4	0.1	0.3
<b>p<sub>y</sub> (O<sub>prox</sub>)</b>	0.6	0.2	0.5	15.5	0.1	0.6
<b>p<sub>z</sub> (O<sub>dist</sub>)</b>	1.4	0.0	1.1	15.7	0.2	2.0
<b>p<sub>x</sub> (O<sub>dist</sub>)</b>	3.5	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	0
<b>p<sub>y</sub> (O<sub>dist</sub>)</b>	0.3	0.5	0.4	3.9	0.0	0
<b>p<sub>z</sub> (N<sub>amide</sub>)</b>	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.0	5.8
<b>p<sub>x</sub> (N<sub>amide</sub>)</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
<b>p<sub>y</sub> (N<sub>amide</sub>)</b>	0.2	0.2	3.3	0.5	0.9	0.1

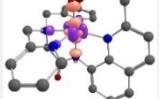
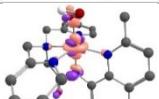
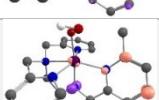
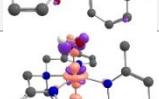
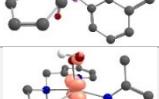
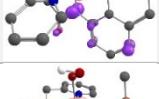
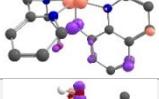
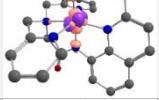
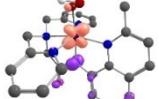
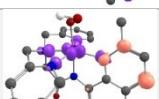
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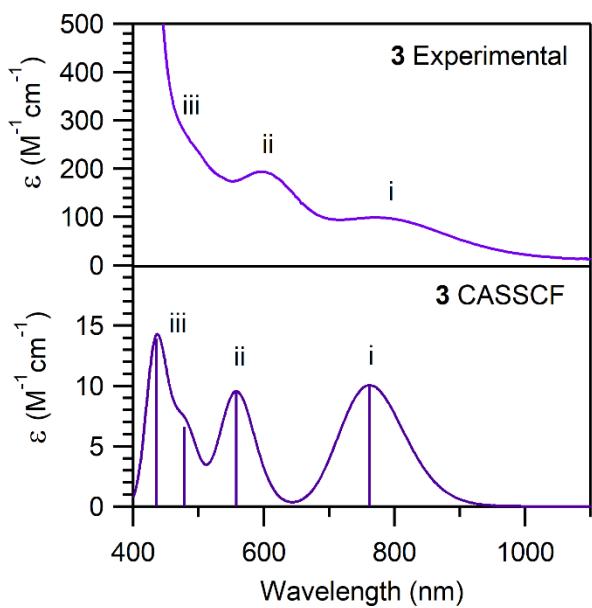
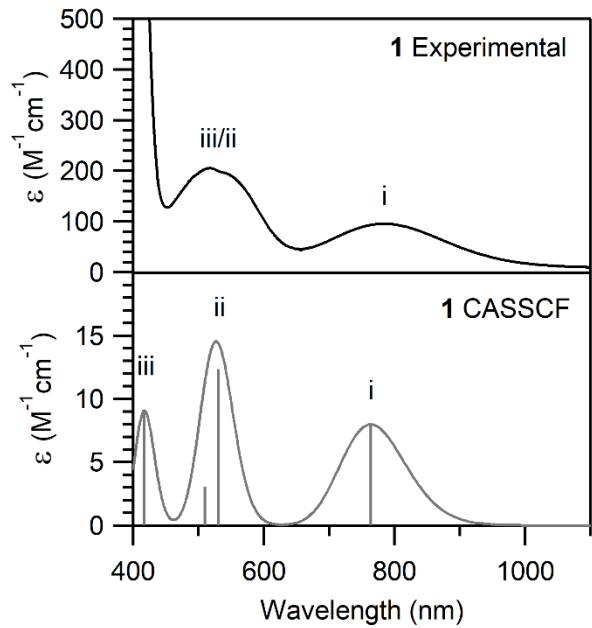
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	dxz	dxy	dxz/xy	dyz	$\text{dx}^2-\text{y}^2$	$\text{dz}^2$
Energy (eV)	-2.241	-2.028	-1.808	-1.489	-0.896	-0.808
Occ.	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>LÖWDIN REDUCED ORBITAL POPULATIONS PER MO</b>						
$\text{dz}^2$	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.9	6.6	56.7
$\text{dxz}$	37.3	0	23.7	0.7	2.8	0.5
$\text{dyz}$	1.5	1.1	5.8	19.2	0.7	1.8
$\text{dx}^2-\text{y}^2$	1.5	1.2	0.1	2.9	58	6.8
$\text{dxy}$	18.3	7.8	17.7	7.6	0.1	0.7
$\text{p}_z (\text{O}_{\text{prox}})$	0	0.1	0	0	0.6	5.4
$\text{p}_x (\text{O}_{\text{prox}})$	2.3	0	1.7	0.6	0.3	0.1
$\text{p}_y (\text{O}_{\text{prox}})$	2.4	0.1	0.6	0	0	0.3
$\text{p}_z (\text{O}_{\text{dist}})$	0.1	0	0.2	0.3	0	0.7
$\text{p}_x (\text{O}_{\text{dist}})$	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	0.1
$\text{p}_y (\text{O}_{\text{dist}})$	0.2	0	0	0	0	0
$\text{p}_z (\text{N}_{\text{amide}})$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.7
$\text{p}_x (\text{N}_{\text{amide}})$	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
$\text{p}_y (\text{N}_{\text{amide}})$	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3

**Table S6.** Electronic Transitions for  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{OH})(\text{dpaq}^{2\text{Me}})]^+$  (**1**) from TD-DFT Computations

State	Wavelength	$f_{\text{osc}}$	transition	%	donor identity	acceptor identity		EDDM
<b>1</b>	778.6	0.000887	121a→123a	88.8	$x^2-y^2$	$z^2$	$x^2-y^2 \rightarrow z^2$	
<b>2</b>	535.7	0.001237	122a→123a	67.0	$yz$	$z^2$	$yz \rightarrow z^2$	
<b>3</b>	501.6	0.000267	122a→124a 118b→119b	40.5 49.4	qn qn	qn qn/xy	$N \rightarrow xy/qn$	
<b>4</b>	483.5	0.00321	118a→123a 120a→123a	25.6 35.8	O/xz O/xz	$z^2$ $z^2$	$xz \rightarrow z^2$	
<b>5</b>	401.7	0.043872	112a→124a 118b→119b	34.2 42.2	$x^2-y^2$ qn/N	qn qn/xy	$N \rightarrow xy$	
<b>6</b>	386.6	0.001621	121a→124a	94.4	$x^2-y^2$	qn	$x^2-y^2 \rightarrow qn$	
<b>7</b>	381.9	0.020894	118b→120b	86.8	N/qn	xy/yz	$N \rightarrow yz$	
<b>8</b>	380.2	0.004355	114a→123a 115a→123a	23.2 21.6	py/yz qn/xz/ O	$z^2$ $z^2$	$yz \rightarrow z^2$	
<b>9</b>	356.1	0.018858	118b→122b	36.6	qn	O/xz	$N \rightarrow xz$	
<b>10</b>	353.6	0.002423	121a→125a	83.4	$x^2-y^2$	py	$x^2-y^2 \rightarrow py$	

**Table S7.** Electronic Transitions for  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{OOH})(\text{dpaq}^{2\text{Me}})]^+$  (**3**) from TD-DFT Computations

State	Wavelength	$f_{\text{osc}}$	transition	%	donor identity	acceptor identity		EDDM
<b>1</b>	771.4	0.001186	125a→127a	89.2	$x^2-y^2$	$z^2$	$x^2-y^2 \rightarrow z^2$	
<b>2</b>	579.2	0.002166	126a→127a	69.6	$yz$	$z^2$	$xz/yz \rightarrow z^2$	
<b>3</b>	491.6	0.000376	126a→128a 122b→123b	40.3 44.5	qn qn	qn qn/xy/yz	$N \rightarrow xy/qn$	
<b>4</b>	472.4	0.004367	123a→127a 126a→127a	39.6 22.1	$xz$	$z^2$ $z^2$	$xz \rightarrow z^2$	
<b>5</b>	420.2	0.011464	122b→124b	58.9	qn	$xz/yz$	$N \rightarrow xz/yz$	
<b>6</b>	397.4	0.023143	126a→129a 122b→123b 122b→124b	23.1 17.5 27.5	qn/N qn/N qn/N	py qn/xy/yz xz/yz	$N \rightarrow x^2-y^2$	
<b>7</b>	383.1	0.010565	117a→127a	24.1	$xy/yz$	$z^2$	$xy/xz \rightarrow z^2$	
<b>8</b>	376.3	0.026596	122b→125b	70.4	qn/N	$xz/yz$	$N \rightarrow xz/yz$	
<b>9</b>	365.5	0.005251	125a→128a	90.4	$x^2-y^2$	qn	$x^2-y^2 \rightarrow qn$	
<b>10</b>	363.8	0.023259	124a→127a	35.7	O/xz	$z^2$	$O \rightarrow z^2$	



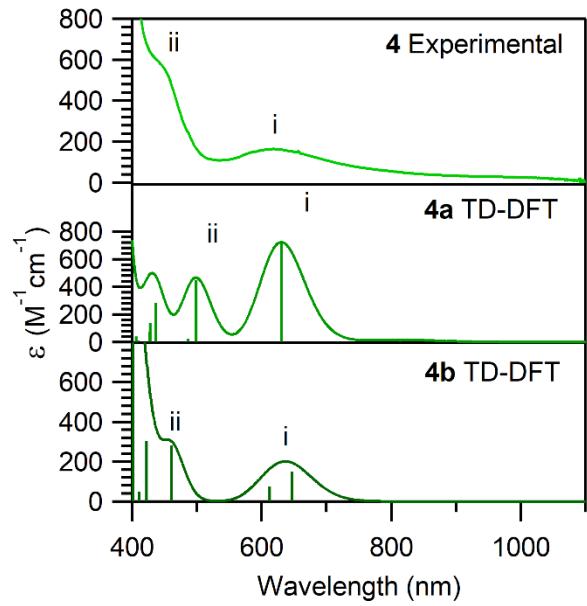
**Figure S13.** Experimental and CASSCF/NEVPT2 calculated UV-vis spectra for **1** (top) and **3** (bottom).

**Table S8.** Electronic Transitions for  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{OH})(\text{dpaq}^{2\text{Me}})]^+$  (**1**) from CASSCF/NEVPT2 computations

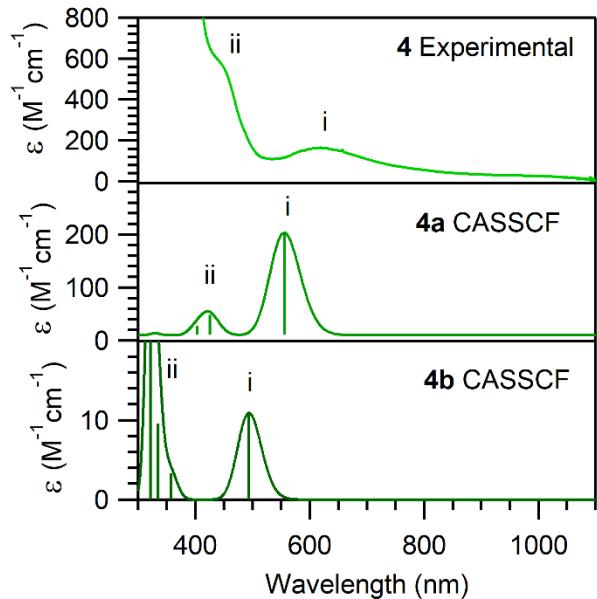
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<b>2</b>	436.6	0.000138	45.2 29.0 18.0	$xz$ $yz$ $xy$	$z^2$
<b>3</b>	415.4	3.43E-05	53.4 35.2	$xz$ $yz$	$z^2$
<b>4</b>	340.7	0.000102	53.4 35.0 10.1	$xy$ $yz$ $x^2-y^2$	$z^2$

**Table S9.** Electronic transitions for  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{OOH})(\text{dpaq}^{2\text{Me}})]^+$  (**3**) from CASSCF/NEVPT2 computations

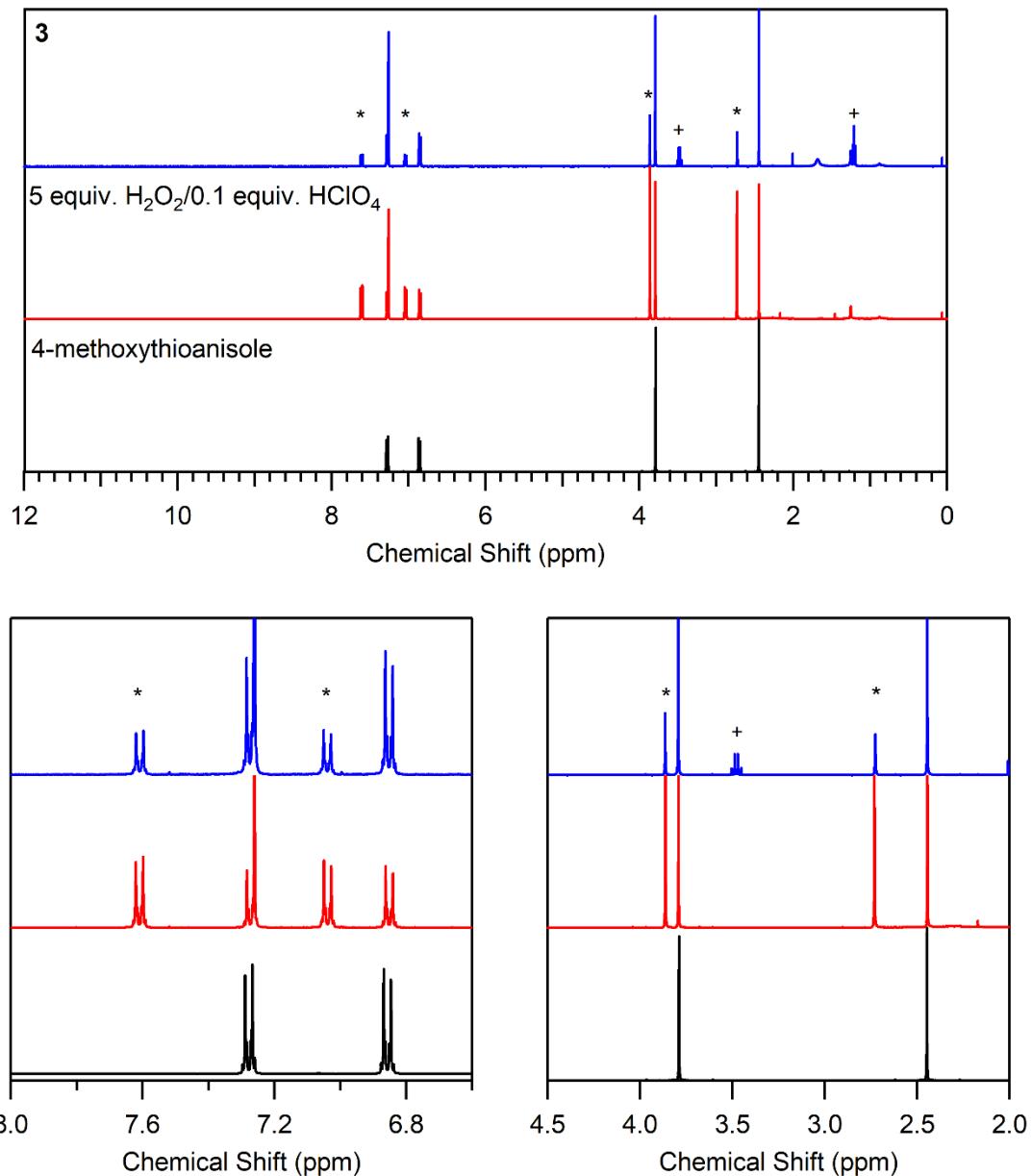
Root	Wavelength	fosc	%	donor identity	acceptor identity
<b>1</b>	646.0	0.000109	67.1 20.8	$x^2-y^2$ $xy/xz$	$z^2$
<b>2</b>	454.6	0.000108	86.1	$yz$	$z^2$
<b>3</b>	379.0	7.72E-05	48.1 42.7	$xy/xz$ $xz/xy$	$z^2$
<b>4</b>	350.5	0.000159	39.0 33.6 26.5	$xy/xz$ $xz/xy$ $x^2-y^2$	$z^2$ $z^2$ $z^2$



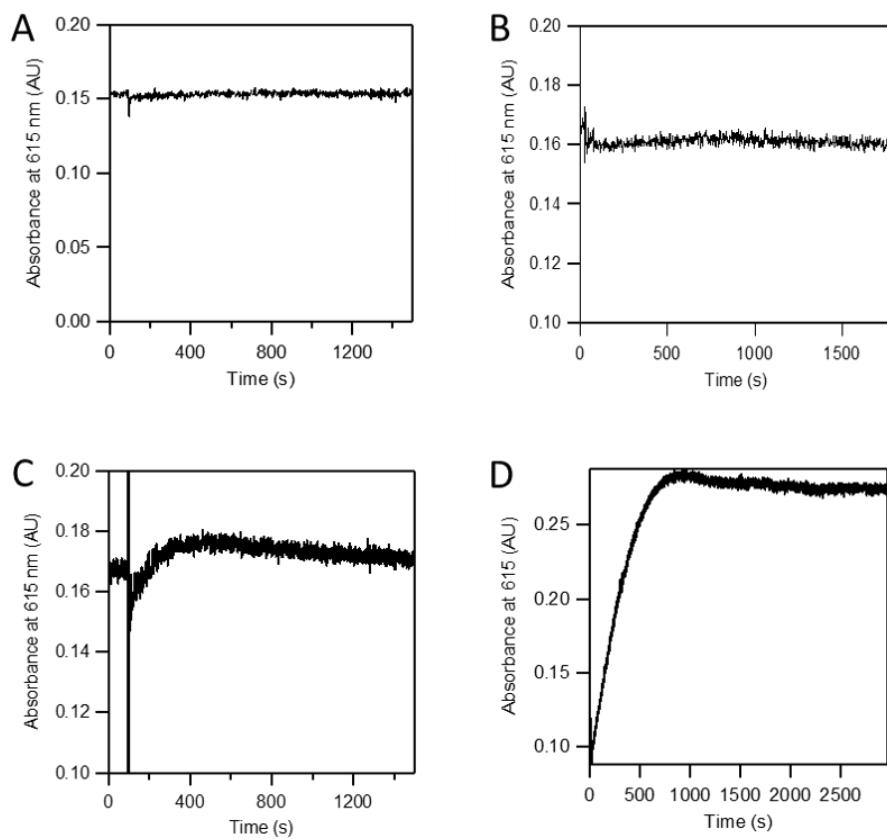
**Figure S14.** Experimental (top) and TD-DFT computed UV-vis spectra for the structure of **4a** (middle) and **4b** (bottom).



**Figure S15.** Experimental (top) and CASSCF/NEVPT2 calculated UV-vis spectra for **4a** (middle) and **4b** (bottom).



**Figure S16.** Top: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for the organic products resulting from the reactions of a 1.25 mM solution of **3**, formed by the addition of 5 equiv. H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and 0.1 equiv. HClO<sub>4</sub>, with 5 equiv. 4-methoxythioanisole (blue trace), and the reaction of 4-methoxyanisole with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and HClO<sub>4</sub> in the absence of **3** (red trace). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4-methoxyanisole is included for comparison (black trace). Bottom: Expanded region from 8 – 6.5 ppm (left) and 4.5 – 2 ppm (right). Legend: + ethanol; \* 1-methoxy-4-(methylsulfinyl)benzene.



**Figure S17.** Time traces for the reactions of **4** with 100 equiv. of various substrates. There are no spectral changes after the addition of DHA (panel A), CHD (panel B), or 2,4,6-tri-*tert*-butylphenol (panel C) indicating that no reaction takes place with these substrates. The addition of 100 equivalents of TEMPOH results the formation of a precipitate (panel D).

**Cartesian Coordinates from DFT optimized structures. All calculations were performed for S = 2 systems.**

[Mn<sup>III</sup>(OH)(dpaq<sup>2Me</sup>)]<sup>+</sup>

25	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000
8	1.756000000	0.387000000	-3.667000000
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1	-0.150000000	0.874000000	2.237000000
7	-2.039000000	0.000000000	-0.549000000
7	0.209000000	0.080000000	-1.945000000
7	2.208000000	-0.054000000	-0.080000000
7	0.516000000	2.158000000	-0.091000000
7	0.498000000	-2.153000000	0.037000000
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6	2.392000000	3.602000000	-0.469000000
1	3.475000000	3.755000000	-0.442000000
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1	-2.803000000	0.495000000	2.251000000
1	-3.923000000	-0.877000000	2.071000000

**[Mn<sup>III</sup>(OOH)(dpaq<sup>2Me</sup>)]<sup>+</sup>**

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### [Mn<sup>III</sup>(O<sub>2</sub>)(dpaq<sup>2Me</sup>)] – Quinoline Bound

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**[Mn<sup>III</sup>(O<sub>2</sub>)(dpaq<sup>2M<sub>e</sub></sup>)] – Quinoline Dissociated**

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