

Supporting Information

Synthesis, Structural and Spectroscopic Characterization, and Reactivities of Mononuclear Cobalt(III)-Peroxo Complexes

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Table S1. Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (°) for **1**-(ClO₄)₂ and **3**-(ClO₄)₂

| | 1 -(ClO ₄) ₂ | 3 -(ClO ₄) ₂ |
|-----------|--|--|
| Co1-N1 | 1.982(4) | 2.068(4) |
| Co1-N2 | 1.994(4) | 2.015(8) |
| Co1-N3 | 2.036(6) | |
| N1-Co1-N2 | 88.16(16) | 102.06(14) |
| N1-Co1-N3 | 101.27(17) | |
| N1-Co1-N4 | 101.61(17) | |

Table S2. EXAFS Least Squares Fitting Results

| Complex | Coordination/Path | R(Å) ^a | σ ² (Å ²) ^b | E ₀ (eV) | F ^c |
|----------|------------------------|-------------------|---|---------------------|----------------|
| 2 | 2 Co-O | 1.85 | 323 | 1.81 | 0.16 |
| | 4 Co-N | 1.99 | 317 | | |
| | 8 Co-C ^d | 2.84 | 393 | | |
| | 24 Co-C-N ^d | 3.14 | 382 | | |
| 4 | 2 Co-O | 1.86 | 341 | 1.50 | 0.17 |
| | 4 Co-N | 2.01 | 530 | | |
| | 8 Co-C ^d | 2.86 | 549 | | |
| | 24 Co-C-N ^d | 3.16 | 473 | | |

^aThe estimated standard deviations for the distances are in the order of ± 0.02 Å. ^bThe σ² values are multiplied by 10⁵. ^cError is given by $\Sigma[(\chi_{\text{obsd}} - \chi_{\text{calcd}})^2 k^6] / \Sigma[(\chi_{\text{obsd}})^2 k^6]$. ^dThe single scattering contribution from the 4 methyl groups were not included while the multiple scattering contributions were required to obtain a good fit. The S₀² factor was set at 0.8.

Table S3. Selected DFT Parameters

| Model | Structural Parameters | | | | Mayer Bond Order | | Mulliken Charge |
|----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|------------------|------|-------------------------------------|
| | Co-O ₁ (O ₂) | O ₁ -O ₂ | Co-N ₁ (N ₂) ^a | CoO ₁ O ₂ | Co-O | O-O | Co, O ₁ , O ₂ |
| 2 | 1.88 (1.88) | 1.44 | 2.02 (2.05) | 67.5 | 0.89 (0.89) | 0.77 | 0.35, -0.31, -0.31 |
| 4 | 1.89 (1.91) | 1.42 | 2.05 (2.10) | 67.5 | 0.88 (0.85) | 0.82 | 0.39, -0.29, -0.28 |

^aThe average of the trans Co-N₁(N₃) and Co-N₂(N₄) bond distances are represented by Co-N₁ and Co-N₂, respectively.

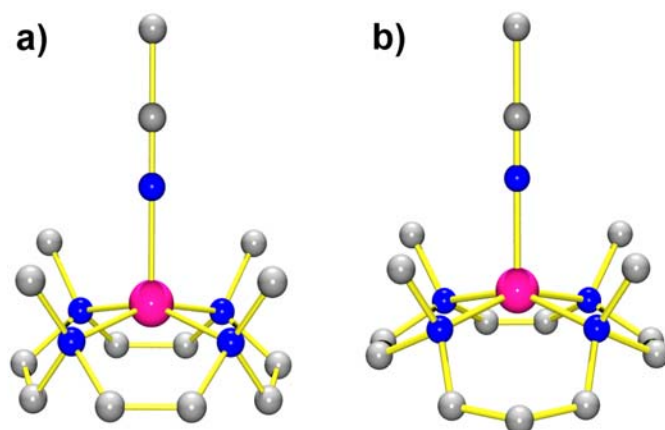


Figure S1. X-ray crystal structures of (a) $[\text{Co}(12\text{-TMC})(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]^{2+}$ (**1**) and (b) $[\text{Co}(13\text{-TMC})(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]^{2+}$ (**3**) (gray C, blue N, pink Co).

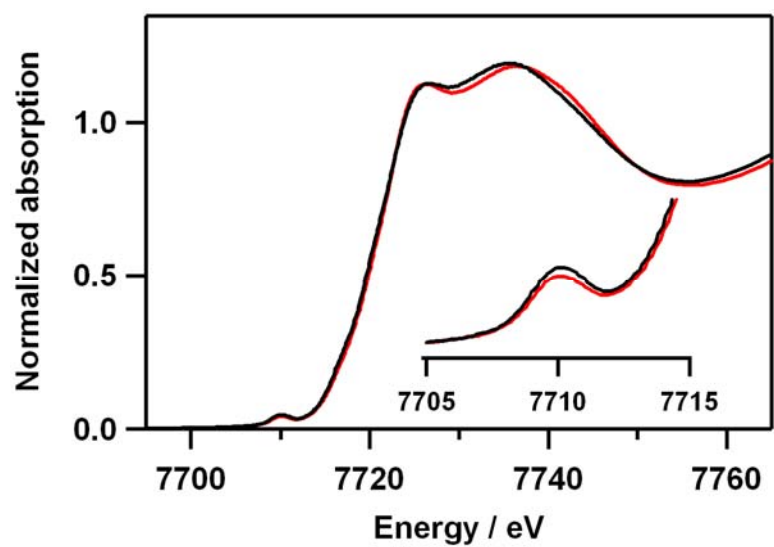


Figure S2. The normalized Co K-edge x-ray absorption spectra for **2** (—) and **4** (—). Inset shows the expanded pre-edge region.

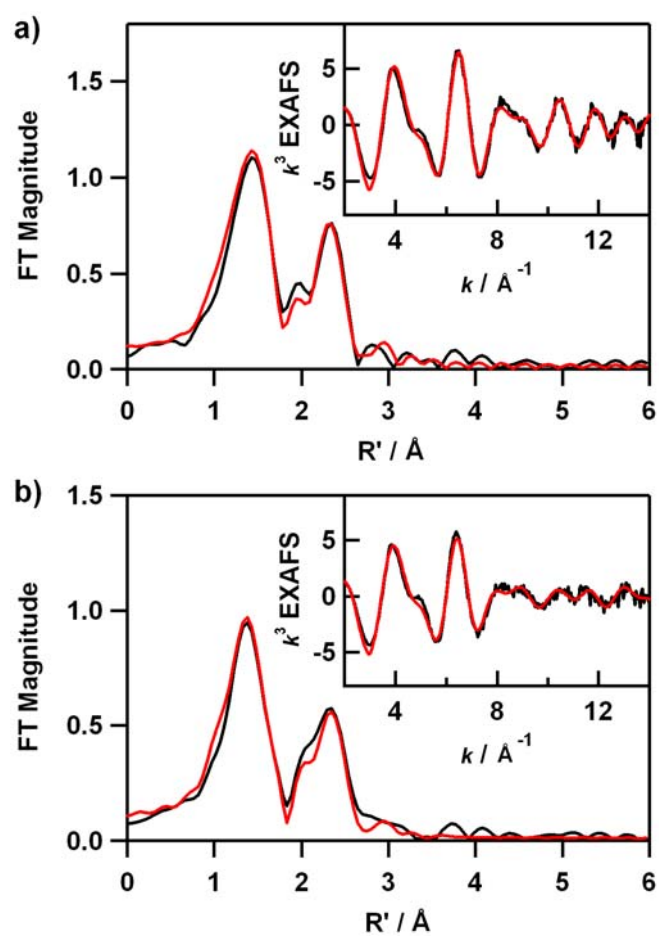


Figure S3. The k^3 weighted Co K-edge EXAFS (inset) and their corresponding non-phase shift corrected Fourier transforms for **2** (a) and **4** (b); data (—) and fit (—).

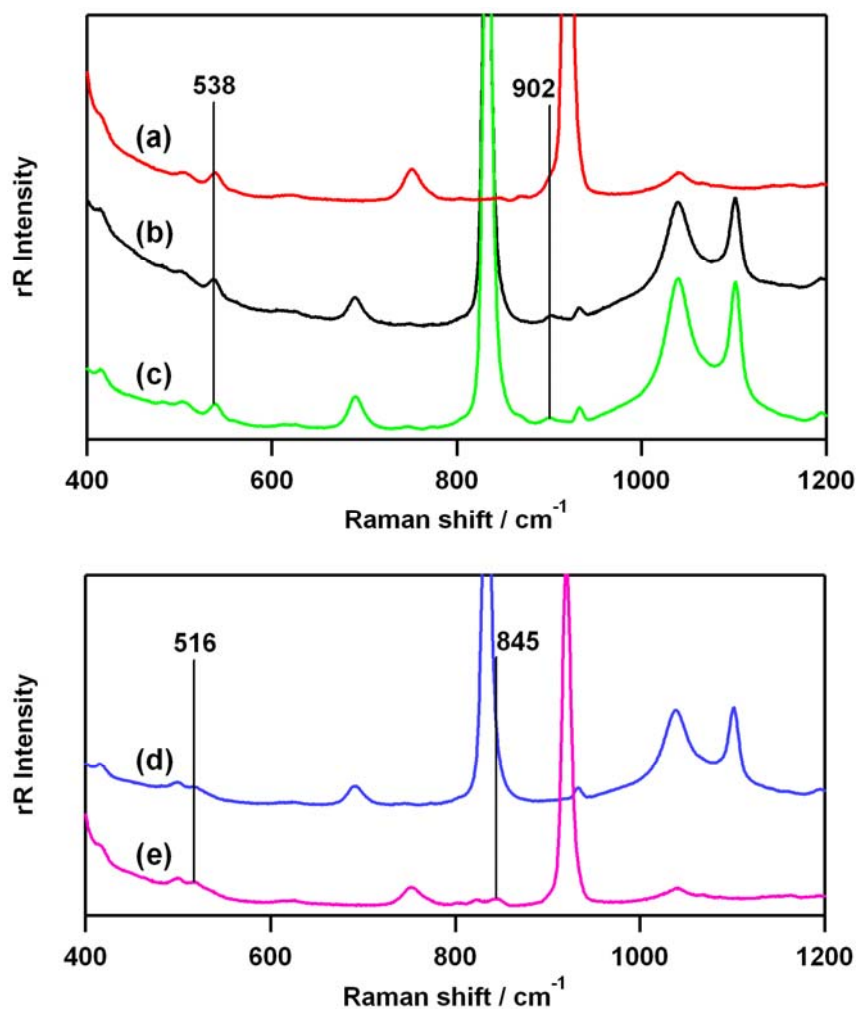


Figure S4. Resonance Raman spectra of $2\text{-}^{16}\text{O}_2$ (32 mM) and $2\text{-}^{18}\text{O}_2$ (32 mM) taken in CD_3CN and CH_3CN , respectively. (a) In situ-generated $2\text{-}^{16}\text{O}_2$ prepared with $\text{H}_2^{16}\text{O}_2$ in CH_3CN , (b) isolated $2\text{-}^{16}\text{O}_2$ in CD_3CN , (c) in situ-generated $2\text{-}^{16}\text{O}_2$ prepared with $\text{H}_2^{16}\text{O}_2$ in CD_3CN , (d) in situ-generated $2\text{-}^{18}\text{O}_2$ prepared with $\text{H}_2^{18}\text{O}_2$ in CD_3CN , and (e) in situ-generated $2\text{-}^{18}\text{O}_2$ prepared with $\text{H}_2^{18}\text{O}_2$ in CH_3CN . Since the $^{16}\text{O}\text{-}^{16}\text{O}$ stretching band at 902 cm^{-1} and the $^{18}\text{O}\text{-}^{18}\text{O}$ stretching band at 845 cm^{-1} were severely overlapped with the strong CH_3CN and CD_3CN solvent peaks, respectively, the resonance Raman spectra of $2\text{-}^{16}\text{O}_2$ and $2\text{-}^{18}\text{O}_2$ were taken in different solvents such as CD_3CN for $2\text{-}^{16}\text{O}_2$ and CH_3CN for $2\text{-}^{18}\text{O}_2$.

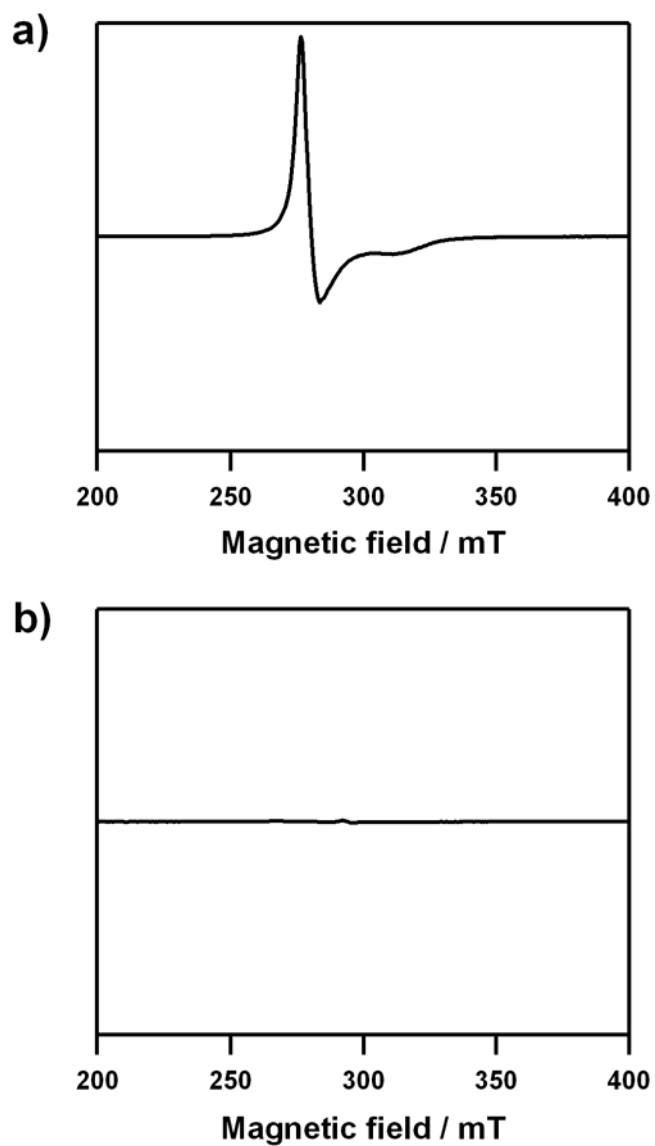


Figure S5. X-band EPR spectra of a) $[\text{Co}(\text{12-TMC})(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]^{2+}$ (**1**) (g values = 2.31, 2.07) and b) $[\text{Co}(\text{12-TMC})(\text{O}_2)]^+$ (**2**) in frozen CH_3CN at 4.3 K. Instrumental parameters: microwave power = 0.998 mW, frequency = 9.10 GHz, sweep width = 0.5 T, modulation amplitude = 0.2 mT.

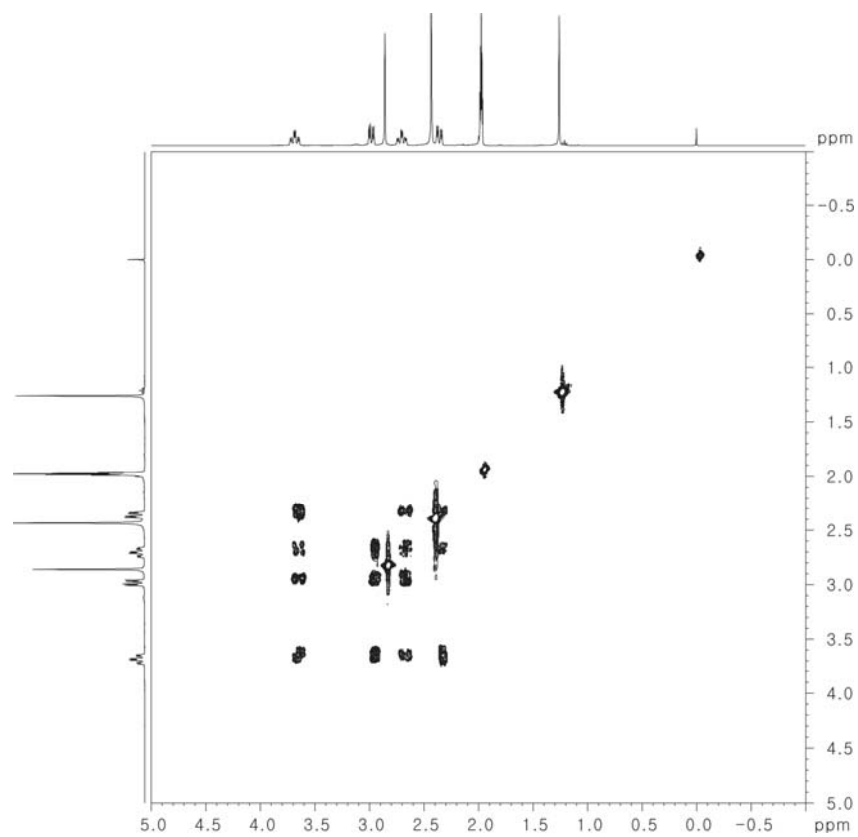


Figure S6. COSY spectrum of $[\text{Co}(12\text{-TMC})(\text{O}_2)]^+$ (**2**) in acetonitrile- d_3 at $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

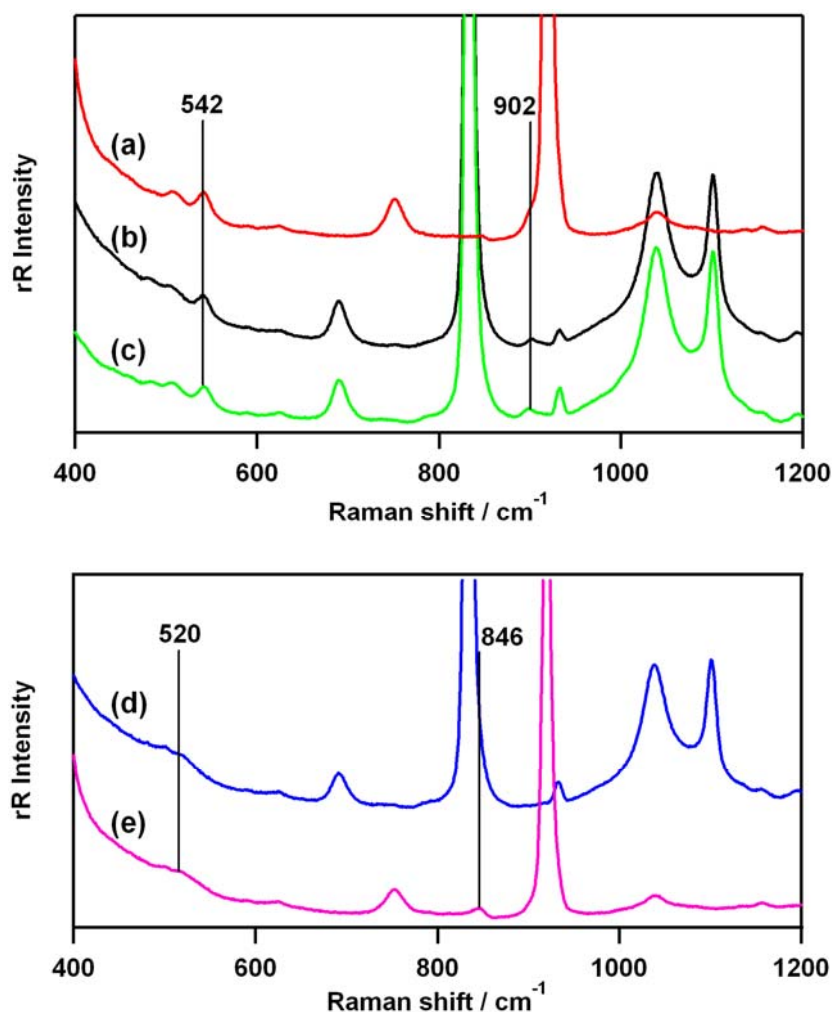


Figure S7. Resonance Raman spectra of $4\text{-}^{16}\text{O}_2$ (32 mM) and $4\text{-}^{18}\text{O}_2$ (32 mM) taken in CD_3CN and CH_3CN , respectively. (a) In situ-generated $4\text{-}^{16}\text{O}_2$ prepared with $\text{H}_2^{16}\text{O}_2$ in CH_3CN , (b) isolated $4\text{-}^{16}\text{O}_2$ in CD_3CN , (c) in situ-generated $4\text{-}^{16}\text{O}_2$ prepared with $\text{H}_2^{16}\text{O}_2$ in CD_3CN , (d) in situ-generated $4\text{-}^{18}\text{O}_2$ prepared with $\text{H}_2^{18}\text{O}_2$ in CD_3CN , and (e) in situ-generated $4\text{-}^{18}\text{O}_2$ prepared with $\text{H}_2^{18}\text{O}_2$ in CH_3CN . Since the $^{16}\text{O}\text{-}^{16}\text{O}$ stretching band at 902 cm^{-1} and the $^{18}\text{O}\text{-}^{18}\text{O}$ stretching band at 846 cm^{-1} were severely overlapped with the strong CH_3CN and CD_3CN solvent peaks, respectively, the resonance Raman spectra of $4\text{-}^{16}\text{O}_2$ and $4\text{-}^{18}\text{O}_2$ were taken in different solvents such as CD_3CN for $4\text{-}^{16}\text{O}_2$ and CH_3CN for $4\text{-}^{18}\text{O}_2$.

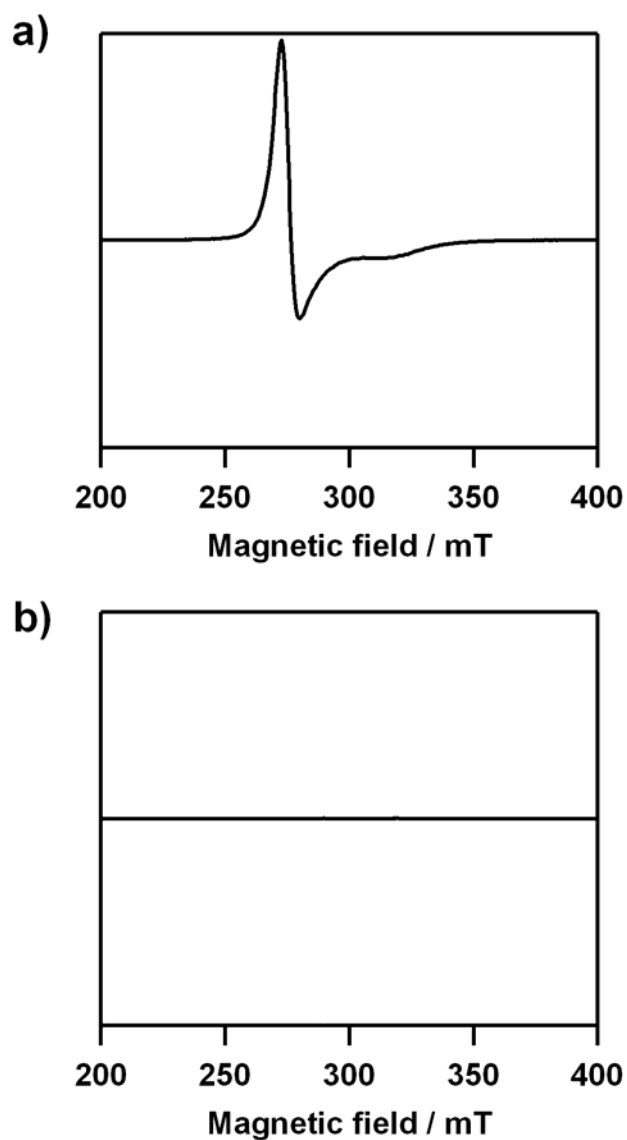


Figure S8. X-band EPR spectra of (a) $[\text{Co}(\text{13-TMC})(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]^{2+}$ (**3**) (g values = 2.35, 2.05) and (b) $[\text{Co}(\text{13-TMC})(\text{O}_2)]^+$ (**4**) in frozen CH_3CN at 4.3 K. Instrumental parameters: microwave power = 0.998 mW, frequency = 9.10 GHz, sweep width = 0.5 T, modulation amplitude = 0.5 mT.

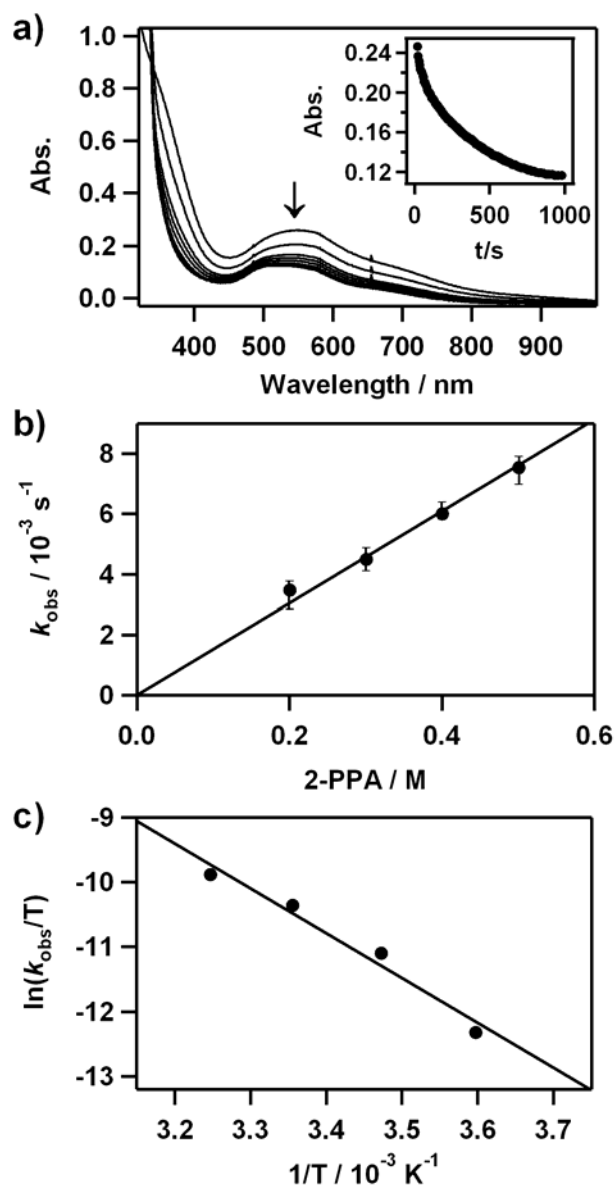


Figure S9. Reactions of $[\text{Co}(\text{13-TMC})(\text{O}_2)]^+$ (**4**) with 2-phenylpropionaldehyde (2-PPA) in CH_3CN at 25°C . a) UV-vis spectral changes of **4** (2 mM) upon addition of 100 equiv of 2-PPA. Inset shows the time course of the absorbance at 562 nm. b) Plot of k_{obs} against 2-PPA concentration to determine a second-order rate constant. c) Plot of first-order rate constants against $1/T$ to determine activation parameters for the reaction of **4** (2 mM) and 100 equiv of 2-PPA.

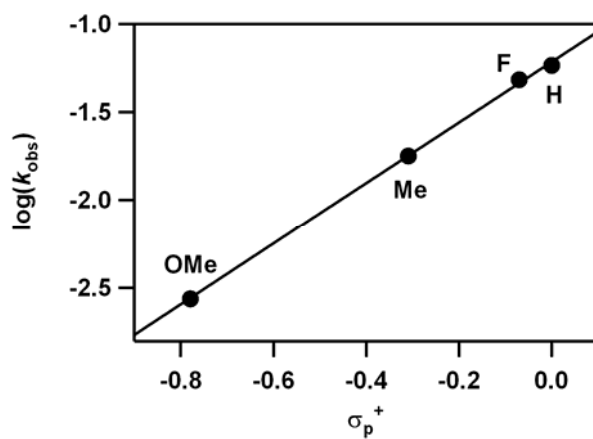


Figure S10. Hammett plot for the oxidation of *para*-substituted benzaldehydes, *para*-X-Ph-CHO

(X = OMe, Me, F, H), by $[\text{Co}(\text{13-TMC})(\text{O}_2)]^+$ (**4**) in CH_3CN at 25 °C

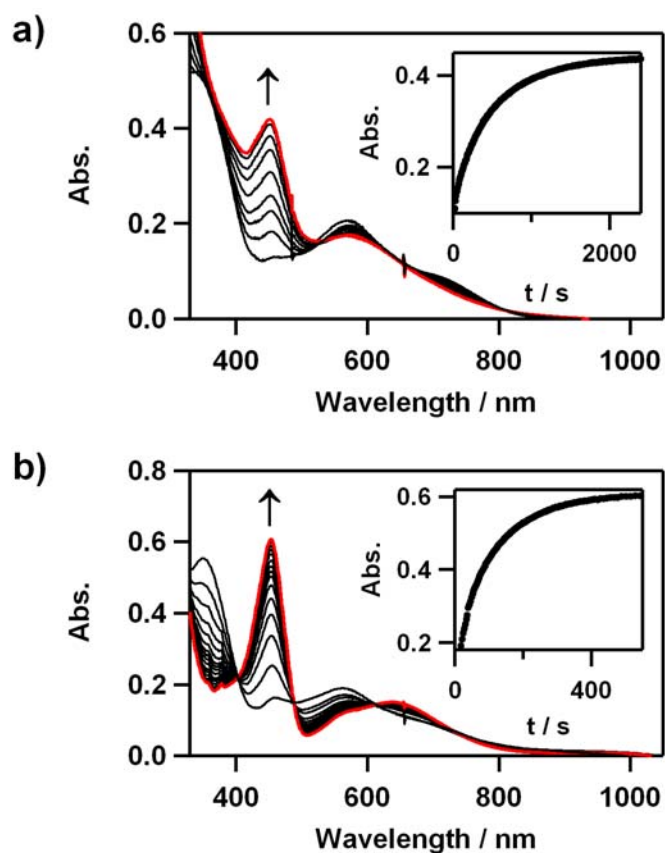


Figure S11. a) UV-vis spectral changes of $[\text{Co}(\text{12-TMC})(\text{O}_2)]^+$ (**2**) (1 mM) upon addition of 15 equiv $[\text{Mn}(\text{14-TMC})]^{2+}$ in acetone at 0 °C. Inset shows the time course of the absorbance at 453 nm. b) UV-vis spectral changes of $[\text{Co}(\text{13-TMC})(\text{O}_2)]^+$ (**4**) (1 mM) upon addition of 10 equiv $[\text{Mn}(\text{14-TMC})]^{2+}$ in acetone at -30 °C. Inset shows the time course of the absorbance at 453 nm.