

**Supporting Information for**

**Geometric and Electronic Structure of a Peroxomanganese(III)  
Complex Supported by a Scorpionate Ligand**

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**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for [Mn(Tp<sup>Ph2</sup>)(DMF)<sub>3</sub>](OTf).

Empirical formula	C <sub>59</sub> H <sub>63</sub> BF <sub>3</sub> MnN <sub>9</sub> O <sub>7</sub> S	
Formula weight	1164.99	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	1.54178 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2(1)/n	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 17.6441(10) Å b = 14.8052(8) Å c = 21.9441(11) Å	α = 90°. β = 93.243(4)°. γ = 90°.
Volume	5723.2(5) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.352 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	2.805 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	2436	
Crystal size	0.22 x 0.01 x 0.01 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	10.74 to 66.71°.	
Index ranges	-20 ≤ h ≤ 20, -17 ≤ k ≤ 16, -24 ≤ l ≤ 25	
Reflections collected	19229	
Independent reflections	9144 [R(int) = 0.1286]	
Completeness to theta = 66.71°	90.2 %	
Absorption correction	Multi-scan	
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.793	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	9144 / 0 / 709	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.928	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0638, wR2 = 0.1504	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0984, wR2 = 0.1649	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.402 and -0.894 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

$$R_1 = \frac{\sum ||F_O| - |F_C||}{\sum |F_O|}$$

$$wR_2 = \left\{ \frac{\sum [w(F_O^2 - F_C^2)^2]}{\sum [w(F_O^2)]} \right\}^{1/2}$$

**Table S2.** Crystal data and structure refinement for [Mn(O<sub>2</sub>)(Tp<sup>Ph2</sup>)(THF)].

Empirical formula	C <sub>58</sub> H <sub>62</sub> BMnN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	
Formula weight	988.89	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	1.54178 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2(1)/n	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 12.928(2) Å	α = 90°.
	b = 21.642(4) Å	β = 103.572(4)°.
	c = 18.633(3) Å	γ = 90°.
Volume	5067.5(15) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.296 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	2.562 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	2088	
Crystal size	0.23 x 0.20 x 0.06 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	3.18 to 66.52°.	
Index ranges	-15 ≤ h ≤ 15, -25 ≤ k ≤ 19, -	
	21 ≤ l ≤ 21	
Reflections collected	45183	
Independent reflections	8594 [R(int) = 0.0482]	
Completeness to theta = 66.52°	96.2 %	
Absorption correction	Multi-scan	
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.810	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	8594 / 30 / 693	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.077	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0514, wR2 = 0.1460	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0528, wR2 = 0.1474	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.944 and -0.535 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

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$$R_1 = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}$$
$$wR_2 = \left\{ \frac{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]}{\sum [w(F_o^2)]} \right\}^{1/2}$$

**Table S3.** Cartesian coordinates (Å) for DFT energy minimized [Mn<sup>III</sup>(O<sub>2</sub>)(Tp<sup>Ph2</sup>)(THF)] model.

<b>Atom</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>z</b>
Mn	2.311278	5.168113	8.572887
O	3.759224	4.994203	7.408479
O	3.702012	3.944327	8.39639
O	3.642094	6.494182	10.025693
N	0.531187	4.095032	7.443028
N	1.29661	6.924038	8.086569
N	1.148728	4.746492	10.261434
N	-0.182102	5.072468	10.203946
N	-0.675955	4.675571	7.737045
N	0.002915	7.007179	8.533482
B	-0.777242	5.703335	8.899954
C	-1.695933	4.029288	7.074486
C	-1.115549	2.982868	6.349993
C	0.278409	3.060868	6.59728
C	-0.446171	8.298971	8.418836
C	0.597253	9.057491	7.86571
C	1.672346	8.164192	7.669132
C	-0.75983	4.883731	11.434879
C	0.246276	4.439276	12.307237
C	1.423074	4.346505	11.533707
C	-3.122816	4.41319	7.087925
C	-3.54652	5.755614	6.936598
C	-4.913374	6.0725	6.883498
C	-5.883315	5.057732	6.973848
C	-5.475734	3.718441	7.116625
C	-4.108853	3.39927	7.172456
C	1.30298	2.165797	6.016736
C	2.617277	2.598687	5.724944
C	3.542085	1.72037	5.134432
C	3.177311	0.397649	4.823422
C	1.871992	-0.04476	5.110218
C	0.945819	0.829963	5.700579
C	-1.782401	8.793367	8.814209
C	-2.36368	8.482828	10.065985
C	-3.606851	9.02433	10.429283
C	-4.289297	9.888691	9.554043
C	-3.71636	10.213329	8.310792
C	-2.473499	9.67219	7.944217
C	2.987638	8.483451	7.077143
C	3.620911	9.706662	7.406037
C	4.844505	10.061323	6.815830

C	5.45373	9.201693	5.882800
C	4.827141	7.989516	5.541610
C	3.603509	7.632058	6.130691
C	-2.188855	5.066142	11.768434
C	-2.529037	5.709462	12.984204
C	-3.871567	5.841674	13.374697
C	-4.898018	5.33189	12.558414
C	-4.571156	4.683966	11.353178
C	-3.22971	4.547236	10.961781
C	2.73614	3.843311	11.987691
C	3.221705	4.221099	13.263644
C	4.440482	3.716821	13.745588
C	5.192825	2.821935	12.961949
C	4.712988	2.431209	11.698561
C	3.493368	2.933361	11.214475
C	3.214411	7.534751	10.950286
C	4.458382	7.897943	11.769279
C	5.597298	7.621325	10.769254
C	5.096992	6.365083	10.052628
H	-1.633772	2.301757	5.664913
H	0.573997	10.127612	7.630868
H	0.117627	4.134897	13.352104
H	-2.798897	6.558025	6.835146
H	-5.222622	7.123673	6.760456
H	-6.956171	5.310218	6.927996
H	-6.227323	2.914172	7.187294
H	-3.795155	2.348989	7.294857
H	2.918763	3.630836	5.962713
H	4.561822	2.077277	4.912743
H	3.907777	-0.287954	4.361568
H	1.573301	-1.080472	4.877377
H	-0.067449	0.466800	5.937741
H	-1.830297	7.827967	10.772099
H	-4.042706	8.770735	11.409456
H	-5.266041	10.310907	9.842117
H	-4.242647	10.890437	7.617011
H	-2.034985	9.920592	6.963872
H	3.152575	10.380976	8.142642
H	5.326333	11.015049	7.088299
H	6.414766	9.479021	5.419004
H	5.291717	7.314972	4.803005
H	3.108311	6.694600	5.835317
H	-1.728767	6.118134	13.622552

H	-4.117554	6.347139	14.323221
H	-5.952724	5.435496	12.864199
H	-5.367271	4.272972	10.711187
H	-2.989236	4.012554	10.029806
H	2.638872	4.927288	13.878533
H	4.804938	4.026285	14.738921
H	6.149941	2.424872	13.338375
H	5.289454	1.720031	11.083498
H	3.111419	2.594062	10.240319
H	2.377791	7.134522	11.563455
H	2.839901	8.401869	10.357583
H	4.548801	7.229166	12.652852
H	4.433434	8.948472	12.128501
H	6.581008	7.462723	11.259597
H	5.697716	8.464468	10.05032
H	5.441171	6.266887	9.00275
H	5.355249	5.434518	10.608295
H	-1.937045	5.988601	9.095838

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**Table S4.** Cartesian coordinates (Å) for DFT energy minimized [Mn<sup>III</sup>(O<sub>2</sub>)(Tp<sup>Ph,Me</sup>)(THF)] model.

Atom	x	y	z
Mn	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
O	-1.854526	-0.208260	0.000000
O	-1.146840	-1.465504	0.000000
O	-0.005152	0.023431	-2.374784
N	0.554751	0.222984	2.288960
N	0.422438	2.040054	-0.095163
N	1.996603	-0.607940	-0.156403
N	2.941567	0.180790	0.448265
N	1.645044	1.035517	2.467048
N	1.679688	2.407126	0.310880
B	2.503175	1.458400	1.240795
H	1.965103	0.401315	-2.965131
H	0.811331	1.778758	-3.177974
H	1.094151	-0.767126	-4.910694
H	0.826253	0.924577	-5.468045
H	-1.346370	-0.758565	-5.322228
H	-1.507980	0.897011	-4.630129
H	-2.023934	-0.417048	-2.630224
H	-0.879026	-1.733182	-3.114965
C	1.952702	1.143215	3.805244
C	1.035736	0.348942	4.501687
C	0.171948	-0.203017	3.522113
C	1.934412	3.698883	-0.076457
C	0.790612	4.170579	-0.739223
C	-0.136448	3.106179	-0.731116
C	4.197678	-0.263296	0.117264
C	4.041581	-1.362002	-0.742549
C	2.650747	-1.560981	-0.875946
C	-0.976385	-1.094036	3.796608
C	-2.144382	-1.100905	2.999333
C	-3.225688	-1.936912	3.326875
C	-3.165543	-2.779826	4.451711
C	-2.007546	-2.782201	5.252257
C	-0.925333	-1.948628	4.927554
C	-1.507375	3.126127	-1.281144
C	-1.753936	3.779178	-2.513289
C	-3.055885	3.861944	-3.032318
C	-4.134627	3.297766	-2.326143
C	-3.901288	2.656452	-1.096238
C	-2.600070	2.571823	-0.574954

C	1.985969	-2.652351	-1.617856
C	2.486468	-3.035666	-2.886368
C	1.910216	-4.104372	-3.591907
C	0.826309	-4.811774	-3.039042
C	0.330039	-4.446494	-1.774390
C	0.904071	-3.377344	-1.066210
C	3.214759	4.419824	0.225905
C	3.086361	1.970499	4.335954
C	5.460792	0.367289	0.624043
C	0.933721	0.674864	-3.277404
C	0.565863	0.184153	-4.682396
C	-0.949525	-0.062209	-4.553541
C	-1.062399	-0.634444	-3.138688
H	3.492381	2.046726	1.615276
H	0.957352	0.250788	5.590734
H	0.649626	5.168311	-1.169924
H	4.840432	-1.993399	-1.147665
H	-2.207079	-0.447402	2.115160
H	-4.128744	-1.926589	2.693807
H	-4.016544	-3.435210	4.703125
H	-1.943596	-3.441719	6.133777
H	-0.016637	-1.972864	5.550875
H	-0.911633	4.216276	-3.075513
H	-3.228510	4.369022	-3.996197
H	-5.157363	3.361839	-2.732977
H	-4.742160	2.221369	-0.530538
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H	3.331422	-2.480029	-3.326602
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H	0.372393	-5.651080	-3.591267
H	-0.510326	-5.003867	-1.327723
H	0.531657	-3.124044	-0.063106
H	3.369838	4.549662	1.319588
H	3.194452	5.427419	-0.239545
H	4.101007	3.875328	-0.167488
H	3.068625	1.962994	5.445390
H	3.021343	3.029507	4.001104
H	4.079329	1.584314	4.012533
H	5.570631	1.418656	0.277484
H	6.337323	-0.204244	0.255003
H	5.502460	0.379169	1.734679

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**Table S5.** Cartesian coordinates (Å) for DFT energy minimized (for hydrogen atoms only) brown isomer of [Mn<sup>III</sup>(O<sub>2</sub>)(Tp<sup>iPr<sub>2</sub></sup>)(pz<sup>iPr<sub>2</sub></sup>H)] (253 K structure).

Atom	x	y	z
Mn	2.01447016	1.349043599	0.00327932
O	1.712240055	-0.326615503	0.730450237
O	2.367811342	0.559555395	1.639152294
N	2.569381402	3.340234155	0.001640721
N	2.792937349	3.972397518	-1.216212397
N	3.947886629	1.192752816	-1.177116358
N	4.117912651	2.102260045	-2.181296997
N	1.233897449	1.353811255	-1.909490532
N	1.672062199	2.330093985	-2.778835509
N	-0.159210252	2.109086546	0.699998912
N	-0.859296861	1.210045325	1.455327724
B	2.996300519	3.110552737	-2.462206373
C	3.787454413	3.454165474	2.993131239
C	1.86674869	4.974279105	3.237830859
C	2.455886111	3.869399126	2.418020921
C	2.616025286	4.266356113	0.959478637
C	2.860665187	5.504302762	0.396868278
C	2.970945886	5.293455297	-0.961904885
C	3.206054857	6.279747046	-2.063200645
C	1.874698219	6.828050971	-2.581475962
C	4.100847387	7.409017388	-1.59887337
C	6.003852607	-1.709410189	-0.494142106
C	6.088006664	0.098564147	1.193591245
C	5.315811129	-0.479740088	0.039542604
C	5.115977525	0.542211131	-1.042664969
C	6.040407695	1.030692222	-1.984553008
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C	5.925747057	2.985736292	-3.698944342
C	7.013596091	2.3730936	-4.546516414
C	6.423755122	4.212885809	-2.993617443
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C	0.862719409	2.324906221	-3.883583598
C	1.012792478	3.292288786	-5.011830047
C	2.034732059	2.779515382	-6.042506001
C	-0.333044931	3.544417767	-5.687733624

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C	-1.002356082	5.525750777	0.237017502
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C	-3.723190819	1.539803196	3.527792252
H	-0.354361262	0.371998824	1.763691879
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H	1.720589634	4.650506619	4.289054889
H	1.77573158	2.990844382	2.432308421
H	2.956159891	6.462479438	0.916085913
H	3.70437125	5.747437944	-2.898844762
H	1.334904717	7.375482022	-1.781174982
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H	7.109121353	0.411150477	0.885499576
H	5.582222854	0.986677743	1.62294455
H	4.303149229	-0.759236209	0.400778435
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H	1.389323155	4.251561273	-4.598116876
H	1.697531782	1.81699924	-6.479548044
H	2.161315683	3.506220351	-6.871859825
H	3.029009769	2.609204208	-5.583512946
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H	-0.231788679	4.311622029	-6.482552527
H	-0.71988083	2.62432959	-6.172441027
H	-2.548237534	4.223727741	-1.611952554
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H	-3.210985307	3.354892561	0.887826743
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H	-4.785319756	1.110287002	1.034505112
H	-3.821289915	-0.339514775	0.608619437
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H	-2.96474	1.922830972	4.241348211
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H	-4.441569443	0.919544754	4.102939776
H	3.265055747	3.809138399	-3.404168309

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**Table S6.** Cartesian coordinates (Å) for DFT energy minimized (for hydrogen atoms only) blue isomer of [Mn<sup>III</sup>(O<sub>2</sub>)(Tp<sup>iPr2</sup>)(pz<sup>iPr2</sup>H)] (193 K structure).

Atom	x	y	z
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C	-2.291002951	2.106809597	0.52709932
C	-3.657793996	2.15685687	0.367572915
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C	-3.016885958	-0.200868297	3.377613894
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C	0.226239409	0.346670885	4.624334921
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C	2.411386533	1.777825793	4.615596095
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**Table S7.** Cartesian coordinates (Å) for DFT energy minimized (for hydrogen atoms only) brown isomer of  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{O}_2)(\text{Tp}^{\text{iPr}_2})(\text{pz}^{\text{iPr}_2}\text{H})]$  (253 K structure).

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C	2.125018164	4.237980993	2.285818889
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C	2.801885344	5.790230733	0.25465205
C	3.045185606	5.520809507	-1.101420163
C	3.422953886	6.47900693	-2.209209276
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**Table S8.** Cartesian coordinates (Å) for DFT energy minimized (for hydrogen atoms only) blue isomer of [Mn<sup>III</sup>(O<sub>2</sub>)(Tp<sup>iPr2</sup>)(pz<sup>iPr2</sup>H)] (193 K structure).

Atom	x	y	z
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N	0.071423721	0.251332125	2.576980067
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C	-2.234183199	3.950310133	2.332716817
C	-0.975629283	4.054246186	0.120825321
C	-1.545870888	3.134686476	1.224844449
C	-2.469881989	2.100121146	0.62541067
C	-3.856638813	2.180212658	0.376872469
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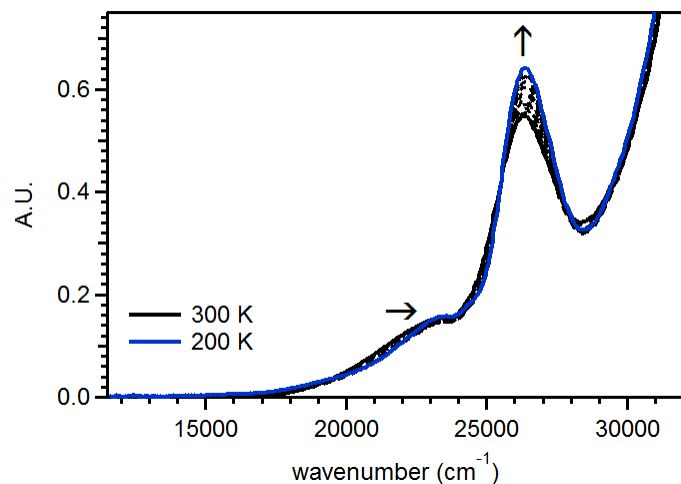
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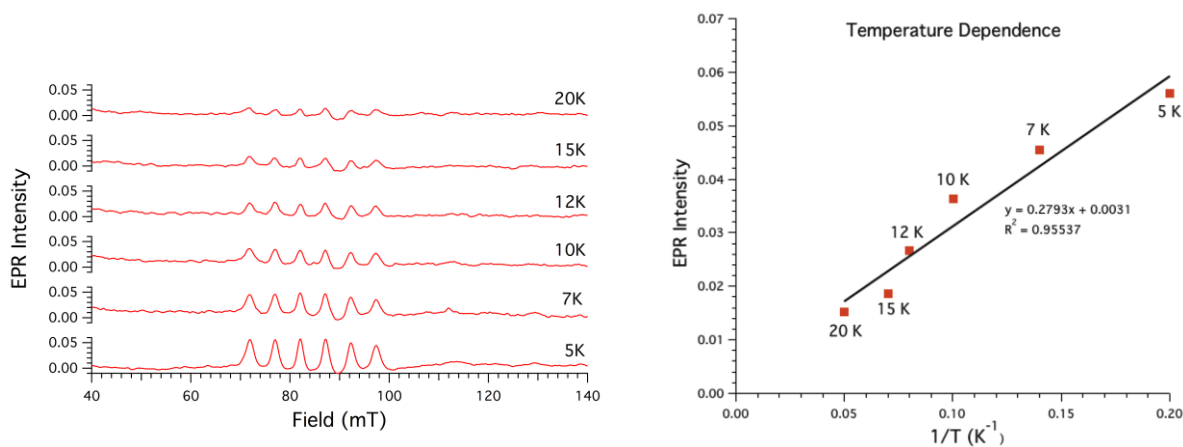
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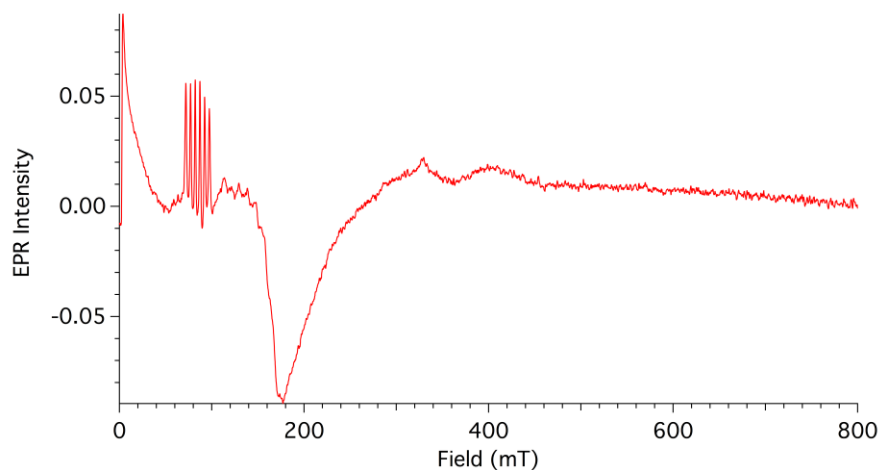
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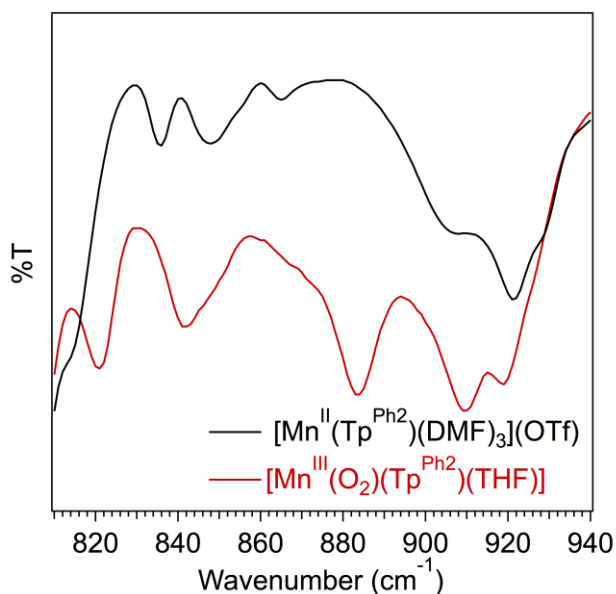
**Figure S1.** Variable-temperature absorption data collected for  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{O}_2)(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ph}_2})](\text{THF})$  in THF. Data were collected from 300 – 200 K in 10 K increments.



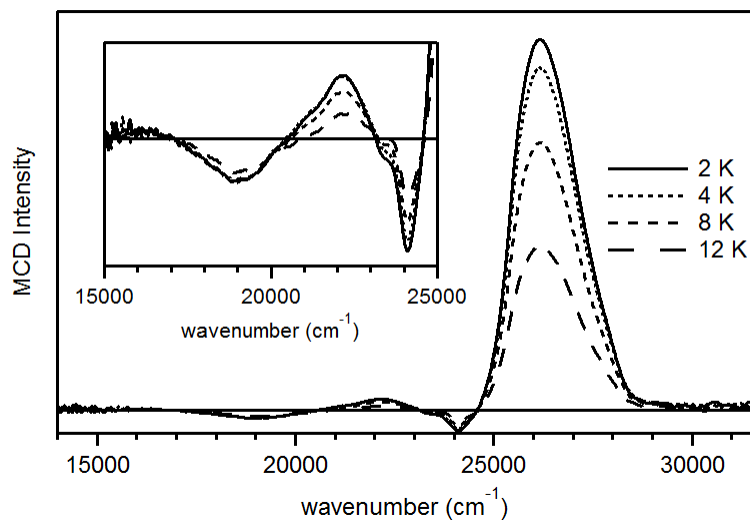
**Figure S2.** Variable-temperature parallel-mode EPR spectra collected for  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{O}_2)(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ph}_2})]$ .



**Figure S3.** Full spectrum, parallel-mode X-band EPR of  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{O}_2)(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ph}_2})]$ . The large negative feature from 100 to 250 mT is due to  $\text{O}_2$  dissolved in THF solution.



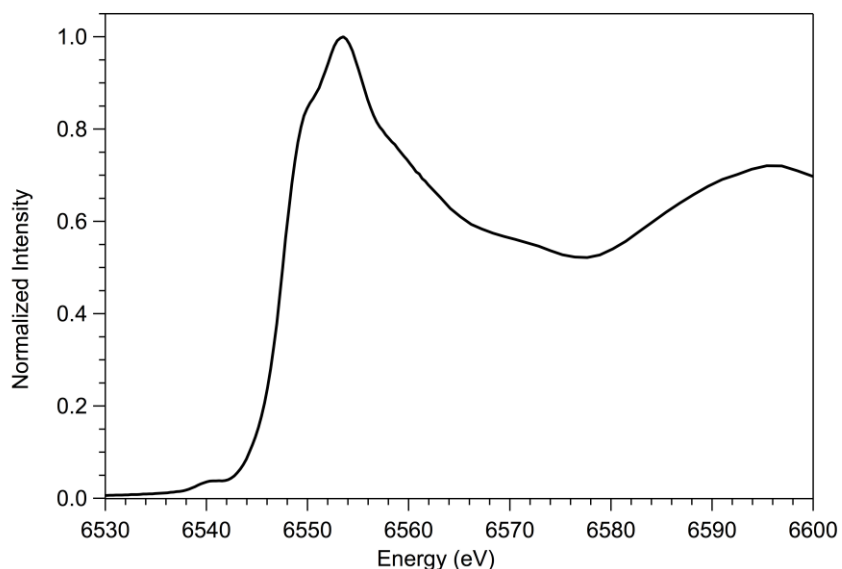
**Figure S4.** IR spectrum of  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ph}_2})(\text{DMF})_3](\text{OTf})$  (black) and  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{O}_2)(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ph}_2})](\text{THF})$  (red) with a weak feature at  $882\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .



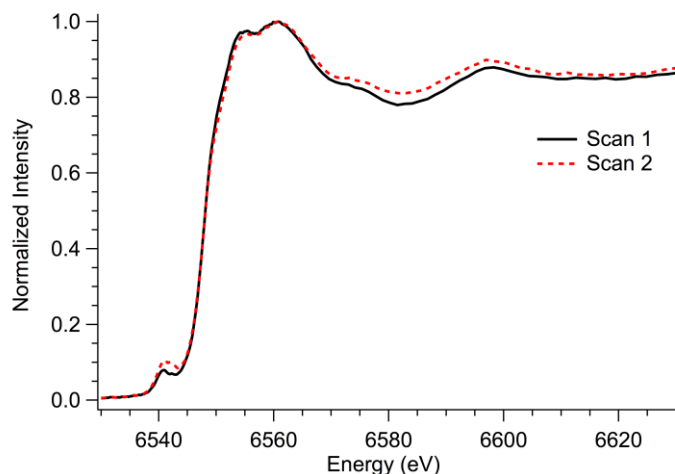
**Figure S5.** Variable-temperature 7 T MCD data collected for  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{O}_2)(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ph}_2})](\text{THF})$  in THF. Inset: expanded view of low-intensity MCD features from  $15\ 000 - 25\ 000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Data were collected at the temperatures indicated in the figure.

**Table S9.** Electronic transition energies ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), oscillator strengths ( $f_{exp}$ ), and bandwidths (fwhm;  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) from Gaussian deconvolutions of 298 K absorption and 2 K, 7 T MCD data of  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{O}_2)(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ph}_2})(\text{THF})]$ :

band	energy	$f_{exp} \times 10^3$	fwhm
1	Abs: 19 000	0.083	Abs: 2248
	MCD: 19 000		MCD: 1998
2	Abs: 20 890	0.135	Abs: 2248
	MCD: 21 455		MCD: 1665
3	Abs: 22 600	0.290	Abs: 2248
	MCD: 22 325		MCD: 1665
4	Abs: NA		Abs: NA
	MCD: 23 675		MCD: 500
5	Abs: 24 350	0.342	Abs: 2248
	MCD: 24 800		MCD: 1832
6	Abs: NA		Abs: NA
	MCD: 25 150		MCD: 666
7	Abs: 26 300	167.64	Abs: 2331
	MCD: 26 060		MCD: 1832
8	Abs: 28 400	83.28	Abs: 2331
	MCD: 27 609		MCD: 1832
9	Abs: NA		Abs: NA
	MCD: 28 350		MCD: 999



**Figure S6.** Mn K-edge X-ray Absorption data of  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ph}_2})(\text{DMF})_3](\text{OTf})$  with an edge at 6547.5 eV and a pre-edge feature at 6540.6 eV.



**Figure S7.** Mn K-edge X-ray Absorption data of  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{O}_2)(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ph}_2})(\text{THF})]$  with change in pre-edge feature from scan 1 to scan 2.

**Table S10.** Comparison of Mn-Ligand Bond Lengths from X-ray Diffraction (XRD) and EXAFS fits for  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ph}_2})(\text{DMF})_3](\text{OTf})$ .

	XRD (Å)	EXAFS (Å)
Mn-N(1)	2.286(1)	2.28
Mn-N(2)	2.250(3)	2.28
Mn-N(3)	2.319(1)	2.28
Mn-O(1)	2.157(3)	2.14
Mn-O(2)	2.141(6)	2.14
Mn-O(3)	2.191(1)	2.14

**Table S11.** All EXAFS Fitting Results for  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ph}_2})(\text{DMF})_3](\text{OTf})$ .

fit	Mn-O			Mn-N			Mn-N/C			Mn-B			Mn-C			F-factor
	n	r(Å)	$\sigma^2$	n	r(Å)	$\sigma^2$	n	r(Å)	$\sigma^2$	n	r(Å)	$\sigma^2$	n	r(Å)	$\sigma^2$	
1	6	2.18	7.41													0.612
2	3	2.14	3.29	3	2.26	2.58										0.598
3	3	2.14	3.53	3	2.26	2.84	5	3.10	3.14							0.552
4	3	2.14	3.44	3	2.26	2.87	6	3.10	4.72							0.558
5	3	2.14	3.44	3	2.27	2.26	5	3.18	8.15	1	3.11	-4.40				0.520
6	3	2.17	7.16	3	2.23	5.20	5	3.19	8.63	1	3.08	-3.80				0.526
7	3	2.14	3.86	3	2.26	2.78	5	3.09					6	3.18	-2.90	0.536
8	3	2.14	3.68	3	2.26	2.69	5	3.09	2.95				6	3.70	15.78	0.549
9	3	2.16	3.75	3	2.27	3.68	5	3.08	3.32	1	3.33	4.54				0.551
10	3	2.16	3.88	3	2.27	3.53	3	3.08	0.60	1	3.30	6.05				0.535
11	3	2.15	3.48	3	2.28	3.09	3	3.08	1.15	1	3.33	7.59	1	3.53	-1.70	0.528
12	3	2.16	3.62	3	2.28	3.59	3	3.08	0.67	1	3.31	5.03	6	3.54	22.79	0.532
13	3	2.15	3.39	3	2.28	2.98	3	3.09	0.61	1	3.31	3.69	6	3.50	7.43	0.531
14	3	2.16	3.31	3	2.28	3.17	6	3.10	5.11	1	3.35	1.61	6	3.51	2.66	0.540
15	3	2.16	3.42	3	2.28	3.17	4	3.09	2.09	1	3.33	2.40	6	3.49	5.51	0.534

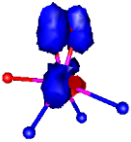


**Table S12.** Energies (eV) and Compositions (%) of the O 2p-based MOs and the Mn 3d-based MOs Based on Spin-Unrestricted B3LYP DFT Computations for  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{O}_2)(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ph}_2})(\text{THF})]$ .

orbital	occup	spin	energy	Mn 3d	O <sub>2</sub> 2p	N 2p	O <sub>THF</sub> 2p
193 (Mn xz)	1.0	↑	-8.662	71.2	2.0	5.4	1.0
195 (Mn xy/x <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> )	1.0	↑	-7.942	23.3	8.6	11.9	0.5
197 (Mn x <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> /Tp <sup>Ph<sub>2</sub></sup> )	1.0	↑	-7.630	12.8	3.4	17.5	0.2
199 (Mn yz/O <sub>2</sub> π <sub>op</sub> <sup>*</sup> )	1.0	↑	-7.512	53.4	26.1	4.6	4.3
200 (Mn x <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> /Tp <sup>Ph<sub>2</sub></sup> )	1.0	↑	-7.403	12.2	4.3	14.3	0.0
201 (Mn xy/x <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> /O <sub>2</sub> π <sub>op</sub> <sup>*</sup> )	1.0	↑	-7.265	21.8	16.7	9.0	12.0
213 (Tp <sup>Ph<sub>2</sub></sup> )	1.0	↑	-6.297	2.1	0.9	24.9	0.2
214 (Mn z <sup>2</sup> /Tp <sup>Ph<sub>2</sub></sup> )	1.0	↑	-6.149	18.5	3.7	17.8	1.5
215 (Mn z <sup>2</sup> /Tp <sup>Ph<sub>2</sub></sup> )	1.0	↑	-6.059	21.4	3.0	22.5	1.6
216 (Tp <sup>Ph<sub>2</sub></sup> )	1.0	↑	-5.803	0.4	0.2	22.2	0.0
217 (O <sub>2</sub> π <sub>op</sub> <sup>*</sup> )	1.0	↑	-5.018	4.0	92.9	0.0	0.0
218 (Mn xy/O <sub>2</sub> π <sub>op</sub> <sup>*</sup> )	0.0	↑	-1.582	34.0	52.1	4.7	0.0
213 (O <sub>2</sub> π <sup>*</sup> )	1.0	↓	-5.141	5.4	88.8	0.7	0.2
214 (Mn yz/xy)	0.0	↓	-1.295	17.7	0.8	20.5	0.0
215 (Mn xz)	0.0	↓	-1.236	19.0	2.0	18.8	0.2
218 (Tp <sup>Ph<sub>2</sub></sup> )	0.0	↓	-0.654	1.5	0.0	10.0	0.0
219 (Mn x <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> /xy)	0.0	↓	-0.614	51.9	2.7	2.7	0.0
221 (Mn xz/Tp <sup>Ph<sub>2</sub></sup> )	0.0	↓	-0.406	24.0	2.0	19.0	0.1
224 (Mn yz)	0.0	↓	-0.239	24.0	0.7	2.6	0.0
225 (Mn z <sup>2</sup> )	0.0	↓	-0.180	48.6	1.7	2.5	0.0

**Table S13.** TD-DFT Calculated Energies, Percent Contributions from Dominant One-electron Excitations, and Oscillator Strengths for the Major Electronic Transitions of  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{O}_2)(\text{Tp}^{\text{Ph}_2})]$ .

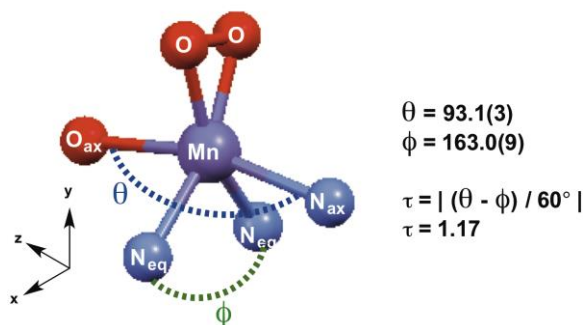
region	state	energy ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$f_{osc}$	transition	%	donor MO	acceptor MO	comments	EDDM
A	1	10 000	0.000011	$217\alpha \rightarrow 218\alpha$	96	$\text{O}_2 \pi^*$	$\text{O}_2 \pi^* / \text{Mn } d_{xy}$	$\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Mn}$ CT	
	2	20 500	0.000326	$215\alpha \rightarrow 218\alpha$	41	$\text{Mn } d_z^2$	$\text{O}_2 \pi^* / \text{Mn } d_{xy}$	Mn d→d	
				$214\alpha \rightarrow 218\alpha$	32	$\text{Mn } d_z^2$	$\text{O}_2 \pi^* / \text{Mn } d_{xy}$		
	3	23 000	0.000251	$213\beta \rightarrow 214\beta$	58	$\text{O}_2 \pi^*$	$\text{Mn } d_{xy} / d_{yz}$	$\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Mn}$ CT	
	4	23 300	0.000841	$213\beta \rightarrow 215\beta$	58	$\text{O}_2 \pi^*$	$\text{Mn } d_{xz}$	$\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Mn}$ CT	
5	25 500	0.000497	$213\beta \rightarrow 219\beta$	46	$\text{O}_2 \pi^*$	$\text{Mn } x^2-y^2/xy$	$\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Mn}$ CT		
B	8	27 200	0.000193	$199\alpha \rightarrow 218\alpha$	41	$\text{Mn } d_{yz}$	$\text{O}_2 \pi^* / \text{Mn } d_{xy}$	Mn d→d	
				$201\alpha \rightarrow 218\alpha$	11	$\text{Mn } d_x^2-y^2/d_{yz}$	$\text{O}_2 \pi^* / \text{Mn } d_{xy}$		
				$195\alpha \rightarrow 218\alpha$	3	$\text{Mn } d_x^2-y^2/d_{yz}$	$\text{O}_2 \pi^* / \text{Mn } d_{xy}$		
B	10	28 400	0.003914	$216\alpha \rightarrow 218\alpha$	61	$\text{Tp}^{\text{Ph}_2}$	$\text{O}_2 \pi^* / \text{Mn } d_{xy}$	$\text{Tp}^{\text{Ph}_2} \rightarrow \text{Mn}$ CT	
				$195\alpha \rightarrow 218\alpha$	5	$\text{Mn } d_x^2-y^2/d_{yz}$	$\text{O}_2 \pi^* / \text{Mn } d_{xy}$	Mn d→d	
B	12	28 800	0.005577	$215\alpha \rightarrow 218\alpha$	8	$\text{Mn } d_z^2$	$\text{O}_2 \pi^* / \text{Mn } d_{xy}$	Mn d→d	
				$200\alpha \rightarrow 218\alpha$	8	$\text{Mn } d_x^2-y^2$	$\text{O}_2 \pi^* / \text{Mn } d_{xy}$		
				$199\alpha \rightarrow 218\alpha$	8	$\text{Mn } d_{yz}$	$\text{O}_2 \pi^* / \text{Mn } d_{xy}$		
				$197\alpha \rightarrow 218\alpha$	8	$\text{Mn } d_x^2-y^2$	$\text{O}_2 \pi^* / \text{Mn } d_{xy}$		
				$195\alpha \rightarrow 218\alpha$	6	$\text{Mn } d_x^2-y^2/d_{yz}$	$\text{O}_2 \pi^* / \text{Mn } d_{xy}$		
C	14	29 500	0.003044	$213\beta \rightarrow 221\beta$	16	$\text{O}_2 \pi_{op}^*$	$\text{Mn } d_{xz}$	$\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Mn}$ CT	
				$213\beta \rightarrow 215\beta$	16	$\text{O}_2 \pi_{op}^*$	$\text{Mn } d_{xz}$	$\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Mn}$ CT	
				$213\beta \rightarrow 218\beta$	9	$\text{O}_2 \pi_{op}^*$	$\text{Tp}^{\text{Ph}_2}$	Mn d→d	
				$199\alpha \rightarrow 218\alpha$	5	$\text{Mn } d_{yz}$	$\text{O}_2 \pi^* / \text{Mn } d_{xy}$		
C	15	29 800	0.003648	$213\beta \rightarrow 224\beta$	18	$\text{O}_2 \pi_{op}^*$	$\text{Mn } d_{yz}$	$\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Mn}$ CT	

				213 $\beta$ →225 $\beta$	17	O <sub>2</sub> $\pi_{op}^*$	Mn d <sub>z</sub> <sup>2</sup>	O <sub>2</sub> →Mn CT	
				213 $\beta$ →218 $\beta$	8	O <sub>2</sub> $\pi_{op}^*$	Tr <sup>Ph2</sup>	O <sub>2</sub> →Tr <sup>Ph2</sup> CT	
B	17	30 600	0.001215	215 $\alpha$ →218 $\alpha$	16	Mn d <sub>z</sub> <sup>2</sup>	O <sub>2</sub> $\pi^*$ /Mn d <sub>xy</sub>	Mn d→d/ O <sub>2</sub>	
				214 $\alpha$ →218 $\alpha$	8	Mn d <sub>z</sub> <sup>2</sup>	O <sub>2</sub> $\pi^*$ /Mn d <sub>xy</sub>		
				193 $\alpha$ →218 $\alpha$	6	Mn d <sub>xz</sub>	O <sub>2</sub> $\pi^*$ /Mn d <sub>xy</sub>		

<sup>a</sup>Electronic transition energies have been rounded to the nearest 100 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Included in this table are all Mn d-d transitions, as well as charge-transfer (CT) transitions, with  $f_{osc} > 0.003$ .

<sup>b</sup>Composition of molecular orbitals (MOs) involved in these electronic transitions are listed in Table S5. Spin-up and spin-down MOs are designated by  $\uparrow$  and  $\downarrow$ , respectively. <sup>c</sup>Electron density difference maps (EDDMs) showing surface contour plots of loss (red) and gain (blue) of electron density for a given electronic transition. For clarity, only the Mn, N, and O atoms are shown in these plots.

**Figure S8.** Calculation of  $\tau$  parameter for [Mn<sup>III</sup>(O<sub>2</sub>)(Tr<sup>Ph2</sup>)]. For clarity, only the primary coordination sphere of Mn, N, and O is shown.



**Table S14.** Band comparison of the experimental absorption and MCD transition energies, TD-DFT and NEVPT2 calculated transition energies in wavenumbers.

Band	Exp. Absorption		MCD	TD-DFT		CASSCF/NEVPT2		Assignment
	cm <sup>-1</sup>	$f_{exp} \times 10^3$	cm <sup>-1</sup>	cm <sup>-1</sup>	$f_{osc} \times 10^3$	cm <sup>-1</sup>	$f_{osc} \times 10^3$	
1	19 000	0.083	19 000	20 500	0.326	25 700	0.164	$d_z^2 - d_{xy}$
2	20 890	0.135	21 455	23 300	0.841	-	-	CT
3	22 600	0.290	22 325	27 200	0.193	29 500	0.448	$d_{yz} - d_{xy}$
4	<sup>b</sup>	-	23 675	<sup>c</sup>	-	26 800 <sup>a</sup>	0.000	SF <sup>c</sup>
5	24 350	34.20	24 800	28 800	5.577	31 600	0.198	$d_{x^2-y^2} - d_{xy}$
6	<sup>b</sup>	-	25 150	<sup>c</sup>	-	30 500 <sup>a</sup>	-	SF <sup>c</sup>
7	26 300	167.64	26 060	30 600	1.215	32 000	0.005	$d_{xz} - d_{xy}$
8	28 400	83.28	27 609	29 500	3.044	-	-	O <sub>2</sub> -Mn CT
9	28 350	-	-	29 800	3.648	-	-	O <sub>2</sub> -Mn CT

<sup>a</sup>Indicates spin-forbidden states calculated by NEVPT2 with negligible contribution to the absorption spectrum. <sup>b</sup>Band only apparent in low-temperature, 7 T MCD spectrum. <sup>c</sup>Mn<sup>III</sup> spin-forbidden  $d-d$  transitions to triplet excited states.

**Table S15.** CASSCF/NEVPT2 calculated individual contributions to zero field splitting parameters. ( $D = -2.905 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $E/D = 0.275$ )

Multiplicity	Root	Energy (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$D$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$E$
5	1	25688.2	-0.368	0.006
5	2	29493.3	-0.489	-0.005
5	3	32046.6	0.001	-0.037
5	4	31593.8	0.095	0.030
3	0	18355.4	-0.473	-0.035
3	1	19212.3	-0.337	0.017
3	2	20430.1	-0.014	0.002
3	3	22931.6	0.000	0.000
3	4	23652.4	-0.264	-0.006
3	5	23690.7	-0.011	0.005
3	6	25183.4	-0.113	0.037
3	7	24935.5	-0.145	-0.023
3	8	26826.9	-0.003	-0.002
3	9	30521.8	-0.784	-0.788

**Table S16.** Energies (eV) and Compositions (%) of the O 2p-based MOs and the Mn 3d-based MOs Based on Spin-Unrestricted B3LYP DFT Computations for [Mn<sup>III</sup>(O<sub>2</sub>)(Ph<sup>iPr<sub>2</sub></sup>)(pz<sup>iPr<sub>2</sub></sup>H)] (193 K) from XRD coordinates.

orbital	occupancy	spin	energy (eV)	Mn 3d	O (2p)
186	1.0	↑	-6.4209	6.6	3.7
187	1.0	↑	-6.3665	12.1	4.6
188	1.0	↑	-6.1353	1.0	0.6
189	1.0	↑	-6.0422	0.7	0.3
190	1.0	↑	-5.4246	51.6	6.8
191	1.0	↑	-5.0085	5.8	65.2
192	0.0	↑	-1.0234	45.5	44.5
186	1.0	↓	-6.0434	0.2	0.4
187	1.0	↓	-5.1158	5.2	88.6
188	0.0	↓	-0.6623	56.8	3.4
189	0.0	↓	-0.6169	61.3	2.9
190	0.0	↓	-0.2795	75.1	3.1
191	0.0	↓	0.3637	0.7	0.6

**Table S17.** Energies (eV) and Compositions (%) of the O 2p-based MOs and the Mn 3d-based MOs Based on Spin-Unrestricted B3LYP DFT Computations for [Mn<sup>III</sup>(O<sub>2</sub>)(Ph<sup>iPr<sub>2</sub></sup>)(pz<sup>iPr<sub>2</sub></sup>H)] (193 K) from hydrogen optimized DFT structures.

orbital	occupancy	spin	energy (eV)	Mn 3d	O (2p)
186	1.0	↑	-6.5581	3.9	3.1
187	1.0	↑	-6.5183	9.9	4.3
188	1.0	↑	-6.2916	1.0	0.5
189	1.0	↑	-6.1642	0.6	0.2
190	1.0	↑	-5.6258	49.4	6.8
191	1.0	↑	-5.2261	5.4	90.6
192	0.0	↑	-1.2706	43.3	46.5
186	1.0	↓	-6.1651	0.1	0.6
187	1.0	↓	-5.3378	4.5	88.2
188	0.0	↓	-0.8139	62.6	2.6
189	0.0	↓	-0.7628	61.0	4.2
190	0.0	↓	-0.4787	73.9	4.0
191	0.0	↓	0.2707	2.6	0.6

**Table S18.** Energies (eV) and Compositions (%) of the O 2p-based MOs and the Mn 3d-based MOs Based on Spin-Unrestricted B3LYP DFT Computations for [Mn<sup>III</sup>(O<sub>2</sub>)(Ph<sup>iPr<sub>2</sub></sup>)(pz<sup>iPr<sub>2</sub></sup>H)] (253 K) from XRD coordinates.

orbital	occupancy	spin	energy (eV)	Mn 3d	O 2p
186	1.0	↑	-6.3618	13.4	5.1
187	1.0	↑	-6.2663	6.4	3.8
188	1.0	↑	-5.9808	1.0	0.3
189	1.0	↑	-5.9184	0.8	0.3
190	1.0	↑	-5.3902	51.3	6.5
191	1.0	↑	-4.8770	6.2	91.9
192	0.0	↑	-0.8555	45.0	44.4
186	1.0	↓	-5.9202	0.1	0.5
187	1.0	↓	-4.9824	5.9	89.0
188	0.0	↓	-0.5594	52.5	4.9
189	0.0	↓	-0.4820	61.5	3.4
190	0.0	↓	-0.1782	70.6	4.1
191	0.0	↓	0.4323	1.9	0.5
192	0.0	↓	0.6041	38.2	0.7

**Table S19.** Energies (eV) and Compositions (%) of the O 2p-based MOs and the Mn 3d-based MOs Based on Spin-Unrestricted B3LYP DFT Computations for [Mn<sup>III</sup>(O<sub>2</sub>)(Ph<sup>iPr<sub>2</sub></sup>)(pz<sup>iPr<sub>2</sub></sup>H)] (253 K) from hydrogen optimized DFT structures.

orbital	occupancy	spin	energy (eV)	Mn 3d	O 2p
186	1.0	↑	-6.5267	11.8	5.0
187	1.0	↑	-6.4220	5.7	3.7
188	1.0	↑	-6.1397	1.4	0.6
189	1.0	↑	-6.1062	0.5	0.2
190	1.0	↑	-5.5686	50.0	6.5
191	1.0	↑	-4.9866	5.4	92.1
192	0.0	↑	-1.0412	42.4	46.6
187	1.0	↓	-5.0910	5.5	89.4
188	0.0	↓	-0.6845	51.8	4.2
189	0.0	↓	-0.6208	59.9	3.3
190	0.0	↓	-0.3412	70.0	3.8
191	0.0	↓	0.2922	2.2	0.6

**Table S20.** TD-DFT Calculated Energies, Percent Contributions from Dominant One-electron Excitations, and Oscillator Strengths for the Major Electronic Transitions of  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{O}_2)(\text{Ph}^{i\text{Pr}_2})(\text{pz}^{i\text{Pr}_2}\text{H})]$  (193 K) from XRD coordinates.

band	state	energy ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$f_{osc}$	transition	%	donor MO	acceptor MO	comments
<i>i</i>	1	14969.5	0.000049	$191\alpha \rightarrow 192\alpha$	98	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d / $\text{O}_2$	LMCT
<i>ii</i>	2	17339.6	0.000664	$190\alpha \rightarrow 192\alpha$	96%	Mn d	Mn d / $\text{O}_2$	d $\rightarrow$ d
<i>iii</i>	3	24912.4	0.000093	$187\beta \rightarrow 188\beta$	31	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d / $\text{O}_2$	LMCT
				$187\beta \rightarrow 189\beta$	52	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d / $\text{O}_2$	LMCT
				$187\beta \rightarrow 190\beta$	12	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d / $\text{O}_2$	LMCT
4	25450.6	0.000505	$187\beta \rightarrow 188\beta$	50	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d / $\text{O}_2$	LMCT	
			$187\beta \rightarrow 189\beta$	26	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d / $\text{O}_2$	LMCT	

**Table S21.** TD-DFT Calculated Energies, Percent Contributions from Dominant One-electron Excitations, and Oscillator Strengths for the Major Electronic Transitions of  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{O}_2)(\text{Ph}^{i\text{Pr}_2})(\text{pz}^{i\text{Pr}_2}\text{H})]$  (193 K) from hydrogen optimized DFT structures.

band	state	energy ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$f_{osc}$	transition	%	donor MO	acceptor MO	comments
<i>i</i>	1	14583.9	0.000053	$191\alpha \rightarrow 192\alpha$	98	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d / $\text{O}_2$	LMCT
<i>ii</i>	2	17466.1	0.000808	$190\alpha \rightarrow 192\alpha$	95	Mn d	Mn d / $\text{O}_2$	d $\rightarrow$ d
<i>iii</i>	3	25165.9	0.000022	$187\beta \rightarrow 188\beta$	58	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d	LMCT
				$187\beta \rightarrow 189\beta$	26	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d	LMCT
				$187\beta \rightarrow 190\beta$	11	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d	LMCT
4	25939.3	0.000191	$187\beta \rightarrow 188\beta$	23	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d	LMCT	
			$187\beta \rightarrow 189\beta$	50	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d	LMCT	

**Table S22.** TD-DFT Calculated Energies, Percent Contributions from Dominant One-electron Excitations, and Oscillator Strengths for the Major Electronic Transitions of  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{O}_2)(\text{Ph}^{\text{iPr}_2})(\text{pz}^{\text{iPr}_2}\text{H})]$  (253 K) from XRD coordinates.

band	state	energy ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$f_{osc}$	transition	%	donor MO	acceptor MO	comments
<i>i</i>	1	15091.5	0.000032	$191\alpha \rightarrow 192\alpha$	98	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d / $\text{O}_2$	LMCT
<i>ii</i>	2	18475.4	0.000670	$190\alpha \rightarrow 192\alpha$	95	Mn d	Mn d / $\text{O}_2$	d $\rightarrow$ d
<i>iii</i>	3	24717.0	0.000170	$187\beta \rightarrow 188\beta$	26	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d / $\text{O}_2$	LMCT
				$187\beta \rightarrow 189\beta$	54	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d / $\text{O}_2$	LMCT
				$187\beta \rightarrow 190\beta$	1	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d / $\text{O}_2$	LMCT
4	25274.5	0.000989	$187\beta \rightarrow 188\beta$	53	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d / $\text{O}_2$	LMCT	
			$187\beta \rightarrow 189\beta$	25	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d / $\text{O}_2$	LMCT	

**Table S23.** TD-DFT Calculated Energies, Percent Contributions from Dominant One-electron Excitations, and Oscillator Strengths for the Major Electronic Transitions of  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{O}_2)(\text{Ph}^{\text{iPr}_2})(\text{pz}^{\text{iPr}_2}\text{H})]$  (253 K) from hydrogen optimized DFT structures.

band	state	energy ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$f_{osc}$	transition	%	donor MO	acceptor MO	comments
<i>i</i>	1	14321.4	0.000023	$191\alpha \rightarrow 192\alpha$	98	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d / $\text{O}_2$	LMCT
<i>ii</i>	2	18891.6	0.000724	$190\alpha \rightarrow 192\alpha$	95	Mn d	Mn d / $\text{O}_2$	d $\rightarrow$ d
<i>iii</i>	3	24355.1	0.000061	$187\beta \rightarrow 188\beta$	30	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d	LMCT
				$187\beta \rightarrow 189\beta$	47	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d	LMCT
				$187\beta \rightarrow 190\beta$	18	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d	LMCT
4	25119.5	0.000522	$187\beta \rightarrow 188\beta$	47	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d	LMCT	
			$187\beta \rightarrow 189\beta$	30	$\text{O}_2$	Mn d	LMCT	