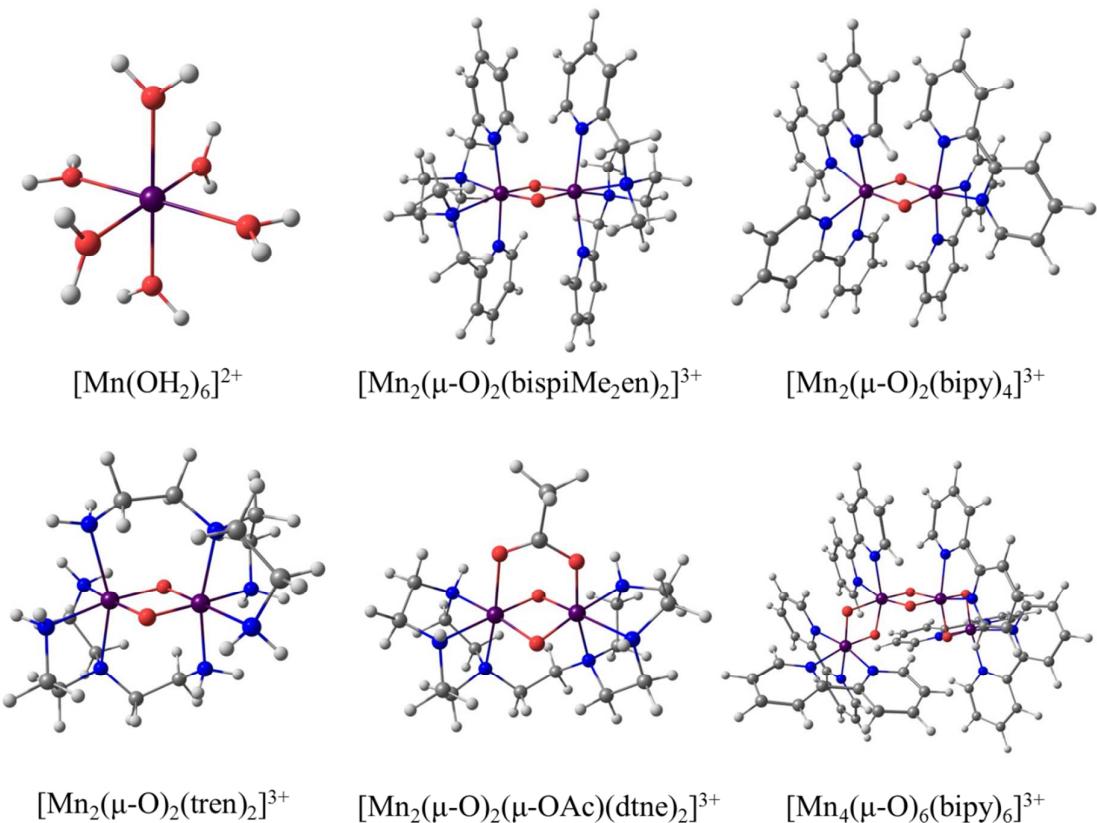


## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

# A Comparison of Experimental and Broken Symmetry Density Functional Theory (BS-DFT) Calculated Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) Parameters for the Manganese Catalase Active Site in the Superoxidised Mn<sup>III</sup>/Mn<sup>IV</sup> State

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**Figure S1** Optimised structures of the mononuclear, dinuclear and tetranuclear manganese model complexes used for the empirically determined scaling factor applied to the isotropic metal hyperfine coupling (see section 5.2). Where bispiMe2en = N,N'-dimethyl-N,N'-bis(2-pyridyl-methyl)ethane-1,2-diamine, bipy = 2,2'-bipyridine and tren = tris(2-aminoethyl)amine. Colour coding: manganese (purple), oxygen (red), nitrogen (blue), carbon (grey) and hydrogen (white).

**Table S1.** Calculated and experimental  $^{55}\text{Mn}$  isotropic hyperfine couplings (in MHz) for the model complexes displayed in Figure S2, used to calculate the empirical scaling factor  $f_{\text{iso}}$  to be applied to BS-DFT calculated  $^{55}\text{Mn}$  isotropic hyperfine couplings.

Complex	Oxidation State	$A_{\text{iso}}(\text{calc.})$	$A_{\text{iso}}(\text{exp.})$	$f_{\text{iso}}$	Ref.
$[\text{Mn}(\text{OH}_2)_6]^{2+}$	Mn <sup>II</sup>	-192	-264	1.38	<sup>1</sup>
$[\text{Mn}_2(\mu\text{-O})_2(\text{bispiMe}_2\text{en})_2]^{3+}$	Mn <sup>III</sup>	-291	-408	1.40	<sup>2</sup>
	Mn <sup>IV</sup>	141	-230	1.63	<sup>2</sup>
$[\text{Mn}_2(\mu\text{-O})_2(\text{bipy})_4]^{3+}$	Mn <sup>III</sup>	-306	-452	1.47	<sup>3</sup>
	Mn <sup>IV</sup>	141	-219	1.56	<sup>3</sup>
$[\text{Mn}_2(\mu\text{-O})_2(\text{tren})_2]^{3+}$	Mn <sup>III</sup>	-268	-428	1.60	<sup>4</sup>
	Mn <sup>IV</sup>	138	-207	1.50	<sup>4</sup>
$[\text{Mn}_2(\mu\text{-O})_2(\mu\text{-OAc})(\text{dtne})_2]^{3+}$	Mn <sup>III</sup>	-248	-391	1.57	<sup>3</sup>
	Mn <sup>IV</sup>	141	-209	1.49	<sup>3</sup>
	Mn <sup>III</sup>	-255	-449	1.76	<sup>5</sup>
$[\text{Mn}_4(\mu\text{-O})_6(\text{bipy})_6]^{3+}$	Mn <sup>IV</sup>	171	228	1.34	<sup>5</sup>
	Mn <sup>IV</sup>	-179	-189	1.05	<sup>5</sup>
	Mn <sup>IV</sup>	123	172	1.40	<sup>5</sup>
Average $f_{\text{iso}}$					1.47

**Table S2.** Calculated and experimental  $^{17}\text{O}$  hyperfine couplings (in MHz) for the bridging oxygens for the multinuclear complexes featured in Figure S2. Calculated  $^{17}\text{O}$  hyperfine couplings are computed using the averaged spin projection methodology.<sup>6,7</sup>

	Label	$A_{iso}$	$T_1$	$T_2$	$T_3$
$[\text{Mn}_2(\mu\text{-O})_2(\text{bispiMe}_2\text{en})_2]^{3+}$	O <sub>1</sub>	3.4	-22.7	8.6	14.1
	O <sub>2</sub>	3.3	-22.7	8.6	14.0
$[\text{Mn}_2(\mu\text{-O})_2(\text{bipy})_4]^{3+}$	O <sub>1</sub>	3.5	-23.6	8.2	15.4
	O <sub>2</sub>	3.5	-23.6	8.2	15.4
$[\text{Mn}_2(\mu\text{-O})_2(\text{tren})_2]^{3+}$	O <sub>1</sub>	4.1	-21.5	10.1	11.4
	O <sub>2</sub>	3.9	-21.6	10.4	11.2
$[\text{Mn}_2(\mu\text{-O})_2(\mu\text{-OAc})(\text{dtne})_2]^{3+}$	O <sub>1</sub>	2.7	-20.9	7.6	13.3
	O <sub>2</sub>	2.4	-21.3	7.8	13.5
$[\text{Mn}_4(\mu\text{-O})_6(\text{bipy})_6]^{3+}$	O <sub>1</sub>	-1.8	-14.8	-1.8	16.7
	O <sub>2</sub>	-2.9	-15.6	-0.1	15.7
$[\text{Mn}_4(\mu\text{-O})_6(\text{bipy})_6]^{3+}$	O <sub>3</sub>	-3.6	-11.6	-3.1	14.7
	O <sub>4</sub>	-2.0	-10.5	-6.1	16.6
$[\text{Mn}_2(\mu\text{-O})_2(\text{bipy})_4]^{3+}$	O <sub>5</sub>	6.5	-21.0	3.9	17.1
	O <sub>6</sub>	6.7	-17.8	2.7	15.1
Exp. <sup>8</sup>					
$[\text{Mn}_2(\mu\text{-O})_2(\text{bipy})_4]^{3+}$	bridge	5.1	-18.5	6.4	12.0
$[\text{Mn}_2(\mu\text{-O})_2(\mu\text{-OAc})(\text{dtne})_2]^{3+}$	bridge	5.3	-18.8	6.2	11.6

**Table S3.** Calculated and experimental  $^{17}\text{O}$  hyperfine couplings (in MHz) for the bridging oxygens for the multinuclear complexes featured in Figure S2. Calculated  $^{17}\text{O}$  hyperfine couplings are computed using the summed spin projection methodology.<sup>8</sup>

	Label	$A_{iso}$	$T_1$	$T_2$	$T_3$
$[\text{Mn}_2(\mu\text{-O})_2(\text{bispiMe}_2\text{en})_2]^{3+}$	O <sub>1</sub>	6.8	-45.3	17.2	28.1
	O <sub>2</sub>	6.6	-45.3	17.2	28.1
$[\text{Mn}_2(\mu\text{-O})_2(\text{bipy})_4]^{3+}$	O <sub>1</sub>	7.0	-47.2	16.4	30.8
	O <sub>2</sub>	7.0	-47.2	16.4	30.8
$[\text{Mn}_2(\mu\text{-O})_2(\text{tren})_2]^{3+}$	O <sub>1</sub>	8.2	-42.9	20.2	22.8
	O <sub>2</sub>	7.7	-43.3	20.9	22.4
$[\text{Mn}_2(\mu\text{-O})_2(\mu\text{-OAc})(\text{dtne})_2]^{3+}$	O <sub>1</sub>	5.3	-41.9	15.2	26.7
	O <sub>2</sub>	4.8	-42.6	15.6	26.9
	O <sub>1</sub>	-3.5	-29.6	-3.7	33.3
	O <sub>2</sub>	-5.7	-31.2	-0.1	31.3
$[\text{Mn}_4(\mu\text{-O})_6(\text{bipy})_6]^{3+}$	O <sub>3</sub>	-7.2	-23.2	-6.2	29.4
	O <sub>4</sub>	-4.0	-21.0	-12.2	33.2
	O <sub>5</sub>	13.0	-19.4	3.6	15.8
	O <sub>6</sub>	13.5	-16.4	2.4	13.9
Exp. <sup>8</sup>					
$[\text{Mn}_2(\mu\text{-O})_2(\text{bipy})_4]^{3+}$	bridge	5.1	-18.5	6.4	12.0
$[\text{Mn}_2(\mu\text{-O})_2(\mu\text{-OAc})(\text{dtne})_2]^{3+}$	bridge	5.3	-18.8	6.2	11.6

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