

## **Supporting Information**

### **Enhanced Electron-Transfer Reactivity of Nonheme Manganese(IV)-Oxo Complexes by Binding Scandium Ions**

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## Experimental Section for EXAFS Measurements

### X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy

The Mn K-edge X-ray absorption spectra of **1**,  $[(\text{Bn-TPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$ , [herein called  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$ ] and  $[(\text{Bn-TPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$ , [herein called  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$ ] were measured at the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Lightsource (SSRL) on the unfocussed 20-pole 2 T wiggler side-station beam line 7-3 under standard ring conditions of 3 GeV and ~500 mA. A Si(220) double crystal monochromator was used for energy selection. A Rh-coated harmonic rejection mirror was used on beam line 7-3 to reject components of higher harmonics. The monochromator was further detuned by 70% to eliminate higher harmonic and to reduce beam damage on samples. The solution samples for  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$  (~120  $\mu\text{L}$ ) were transferred into 2 mm delrin XAS cells with 70  $\mu\text{m}$  Kapton tape windows under synthesis conditions and were immediately frozen after preparation and stored under liquid N<sub>2</sub>. During data collection, samples were maintained at a constant temperature of ~10 - 15 K using an Oxford Instruments CF 1208 liquid helium cryostat. Data were measured to  $k = 12 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$  (fluorescence mode) using a Canberra Ge 30-element array detector. Internal energy calibration was accomplished by simultaneous measurement of the absorption of a Mn-foil placed between two ionization chambers situated after the sample. The first inflection point of the foil spectrum was fixed at 6539.0 eV. Data presented here are 32-scan average spectra for  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$ . Data were processed by fitting a second-order polynomial to the pre-edge region and subtracting this from the entire spectrum as background. A four-region spline of orders 2, 3, 3 and 3 was used to model the smoothly decaying post-edge region. The data were normalized by subtracting the cubic spline and assigning the edge jump to 1.0 at 6555 eV using the Pyspline program.<sup>S1</sup> Data were then renormalized in Kaleidagraph for comparison and quantitation purposes.

Theoretical EXAFS signals  $\chi(k)$  were calculated by using FEFF (macintosh version 8.4).<sup>S2-S4</sup> Starting structural models for  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$  were generated by modifying the crystal structure of  $[(\text{Bn-TPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)]^+$  in Avogadro.<sup>S5</sup> The input structure was improved based on preliminary EXAFS fit parameters to generate more accurate theoretical EXAFS signals. Data fitting was performed in EXAFSPAK.<sup>S6</sup> The structural parameters varied during the fitting process were the bond distance ( $R$ ) and the bond variance  $\sigma^2$ , which is related to the Debye-Waller factor resulting from thermal motion, and static disorder of the absorbing and scattering atoms. The non-structural parameter  $E_0$  (the energy at which  $k = 0$ ) was also allowed to vary but was restricted to a common value for

every component in a given fit. Coordination numbers was systematically varied in the course of the fit but were fixed within a given fit.

## Results and Analysis

The  $k^3$  weighted Mn K-edge EXAFS data for **1**,  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$  along with their non-phase shift corrected Fourier transforms (FT) ( $k = 1 - 12 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ ) are shown in Figure S3. The EXAFS data for **1** have been previously reported,<sup>S7</sup> but were re-measured under the same experimental conditions for direct comparison to  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$ . The comparison shows that on going from **1** to  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  to  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$ , the first shell intensity progressively diminishes. In addition, the FT data for  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  shows a modest increase in intensity at  $R' \sim 3 \text{ \AA}$  relative to  $[(\text{Bn-TPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}$ , while a much more intense feature is observed in  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$  at  $R' \sim 3 \text{ \AA}$ .

FEFF fits to the EXAFS data were performed to quantitatively understand the differences visually observed in the FT data. The fits to  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$  indicate that the two species have very similar first shells (see Table S1). Both are consistent with a distorted six-coordinate first shell with one short Mn-O ( $1.74 \text{ \AA}$ ), four Mn-N ( $\sim 2.07 \text{ \AA}$ ) and a longer Mn-N ( $2.36 \text{ \AA}$  in  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  and  $2.27 \text{ \AA}$  in  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$ ) distance. This difference in the longer Mn-N bond is likely due to an increase in error associated with a strong correlation of the weaker Mn-N parameters with those of the short Mn-N component. The second and third EXAFS shells were fit with single and multiple scattering components from the Bn-TPEN ligand system. The intense peak at  $\sim 3 \text{ \AA}$  observed for  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$  was fit with a Mn-Sc interaction at  $\sim 3.44 \text{ \AA}$ . Both single (Mn-Sc at  $3.44 \text{ \AA}$ ) and multiple scattering (Mn-O-Sc at  $3.52 \text{ \AA}$ ) components were required to obtain a good fit. In  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$ , this feature is less obvious and the increase in goodness of fit upon the inclusion of the corresponding Mn-Sc parameters was small. The single and multiple scattering components optimized to  $3.45$  and  $3.59 \text{ \AA}$ , respectively. The larger difference between the single and multiple scattering components in  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  ( $0.14 \text{ \AA}$ ) compared to  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$  ( $0.08 \text{ \AA}$ ), indicates that the Mn-O-Sc angle is steeper in  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  relative to  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$ . This is consistent with the weaker intensity at  $3 \text{ \AA}$ , since intense multiple scattering components would only contribute strongly if the Mn-O-Sc were close to linearity.

The EXAFS fit results show that upon  $\text{Sc}^{3+}$  binding, the Mn=O distance increases from  $1.69$  in **1** to  $1.74 \text{ \AA}$  in both  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$ . This is in excellent

agreement with DFT results, which show that the Mn=O in **1**,  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$  are 1.68 Å, 1.75 Å and 1.75 Å, respectively. The Mn-Sc distance from the DFT is somewhat longer than that predicted by the EXAFS results for both  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$  (by ~0.2 Å). Similar discrepancy has been observed in previous studies, where DFT calculated metal-metal distances was predicted to be longer than the EXAFS distances.<sup>S8,S9</sup> This difference is likely attributed to a combination of higher EXAFS error at longer distances (~ 0.1 Å) and shortcomings in DFT to accurately predict the metal-metal distance. In one study, this difference has been attributed to a flat potential energy surface along the metal-metal distance coordinate.<sup>S9</sup> Interestingly, the Mn-O-Sc angle in  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  is 162.9°, while that in  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$  is 170.6°. The steeper calculated Mn-O-Sc angle in  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  is consistent with the EXAFS results and supports the theory that the non-linear Mn-O-Sc in  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  results in a weaker EXAFS signal at ~ 3 Å.

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**Table S1.** EXAFS Least Squares Fitting Results

Complex	Coordination/Path	R(Å) <sup>a</sup>	$\sigma^2(\text{\AA}^2)$ <sup>b</sup>	E <sub>0</sub> (eV)	F <sup>c</sup>
$\text{Mn}^{IV}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$	1 Mn-O	1.74	640		
	4 Mn-N	2.07	575		
	1 Mn-N	2.36	95		
	6 Mn-C	2.94	334		
	12 Mn-C-N	3.32	/334	-3.26	0.42
	1 Mn-Sc <sup>d</sup>	3.45	160		
	2 Mn-O-Sc <sup>d</sup>	3.59	461		
	4 Mn-C-N	4.37	597		
$\text{Mn}^{IV}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$	1 Mn-O	1.74	841		
	4 Mn-N	2.08	838		
	1 Mn-N	2.27	358		
	6 Mn-C	2.91	410		
	12 Mn-C-N	3.35	/410	-3.78	0.36
	1 Mn-Sc <sup>d</sup>	3.44	140		
	2 Mn-O-Sc <sup>d</sup>	3.52	139		
	4 Mn-C-N	4.26	619		

<sup>a</sup>The estimated standard deviations for the distances are in the order of  $\pm 0.02 \text{ \AA}$ . <sup>b</sup>The  $\sigma^2$  values are multiplied by  $10^5$ . <sup>c</sup>Error is given by  $\Sigma[(\chi_{\text{obsd}} - \chi_{\text{calcd}})^2 k^6] / \Sigma[(\chi_{\text{obsd}})^2 k^6]$ . <sup>d</sup>/ indicates the  $\sigma^2$  value for the path is linked to the preceding path. The  $S_0^2$  factor was set at 0.95.

**Table S2.** Selected Geometries in Å

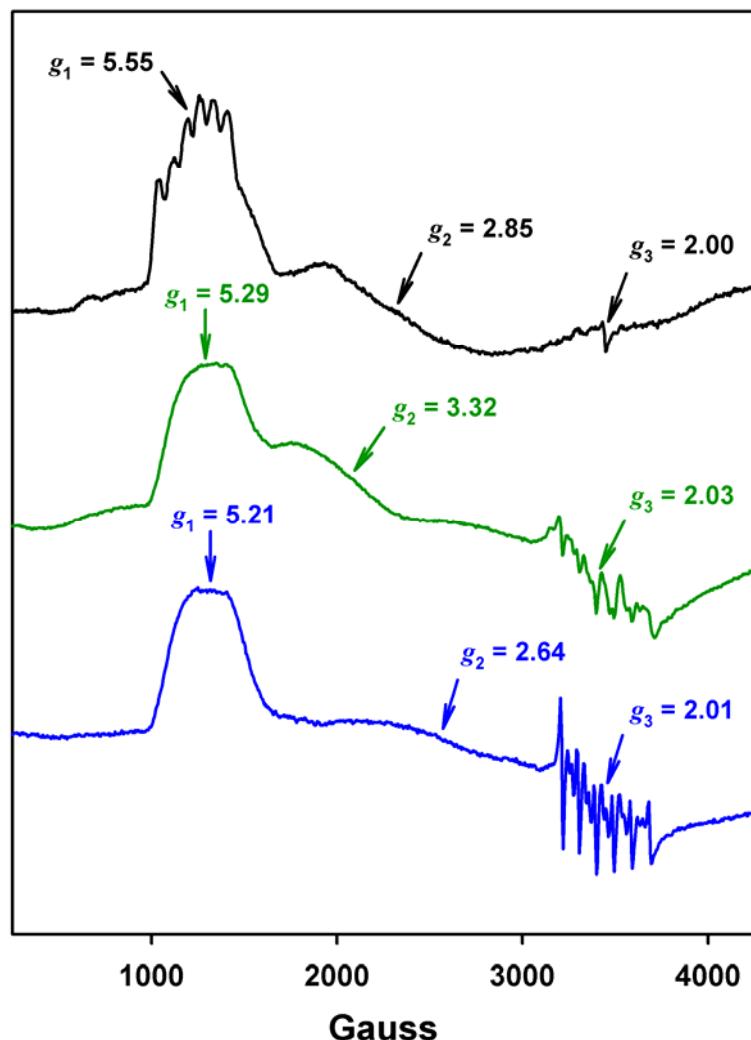
species	Mn-O	MnO-Sc <sub>A</sub>	MnO-Sc <sub>B</sub>	Sc <sub>A</sub> -Sc <sub>B</sub>	Mn-Sc <sub>A</sub>	Mn-Sc <sub>B</sub>
[(Bn-TPEN)Mn <sup>IV</sup> O] <sup>a</sup>	1.68	---	---	---	---	---
[(Bn-TPEN)Mn <sup>IV</sup> O]-(Sc <sup>3+</sup> ) <sub>1</sub>	1.75	1.94	---	---	3.65	---
[(Bn-TPEN)Mn <sup>IV</sup> O]-(Sc <sup>3+</sup> ) <sub>2</sub>	1.75	1.94	6.11	5.35	3.68	7.09

<sup>a</sup> Values taken from ref 41a in the text.

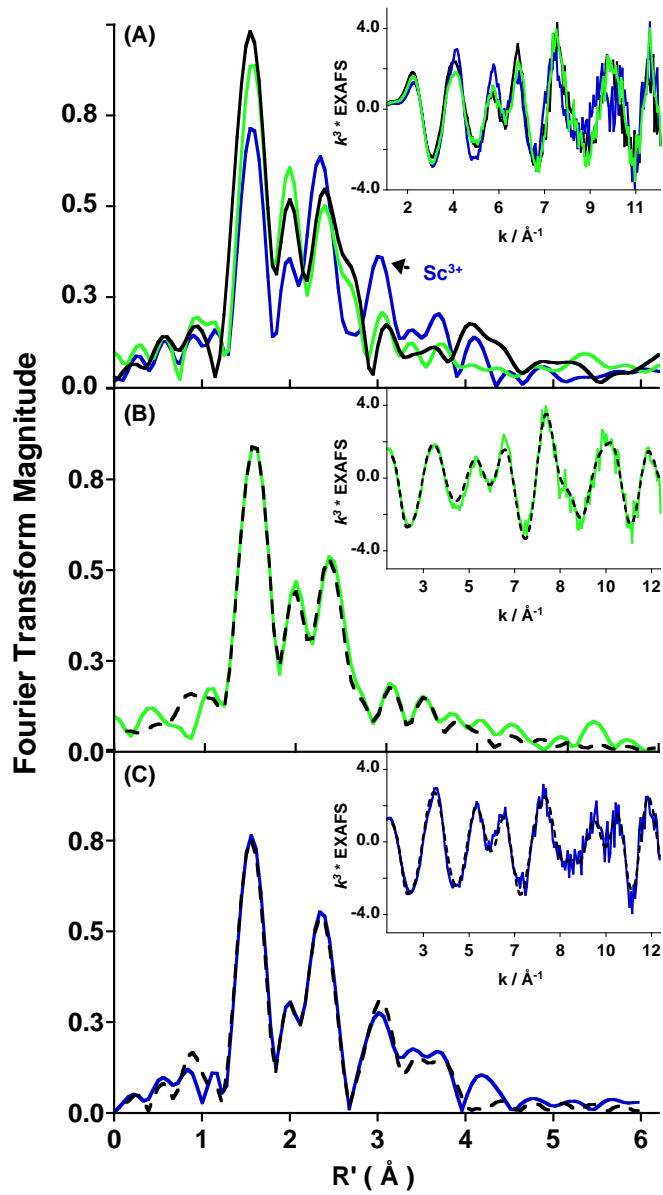
**Table S3.** Mulliken Spin Density Distribution

species	Mn	O	Sc <sub>A</sub>	Sc <sub>B</sub>	5 x N	rest of Bn-TPEN	6 x OTf
[(Bn-TPEN)Mn <sup>IV</sup> O] <sup>a</sup>	2.64	0.63	---	---	-0.15	0.02	---
[(Bn-TPEN)Mn <sup>IV</sup> O]-(Sc <sup>3+</sup> ) <sub>1</sub>	3.13	0.27	0.02	---	-0.50	0.06	0.02 <sup>b</sup>
[(Bn-TPEN)Mn <sup>IV</sup> O]-(Sc <sup>3+</sup> ) <sub>2</sub>	3.14	0.29	0.01	0.00	-0.54	0.08	0.03

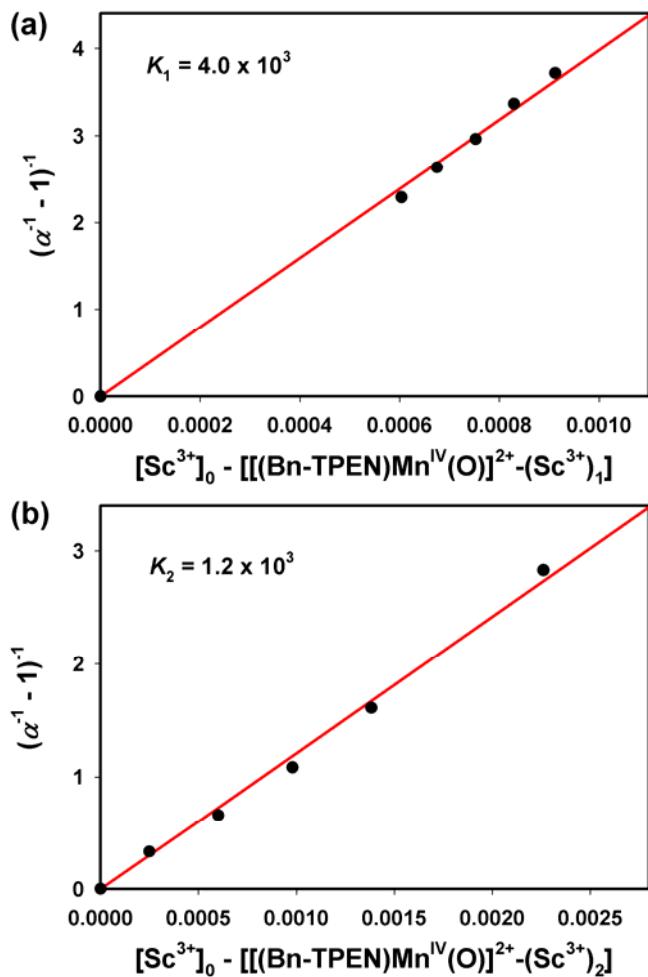
<sup>a</sup> Values taken from ref 41a in the main text. <sup>b</sup> 3 x OTf.



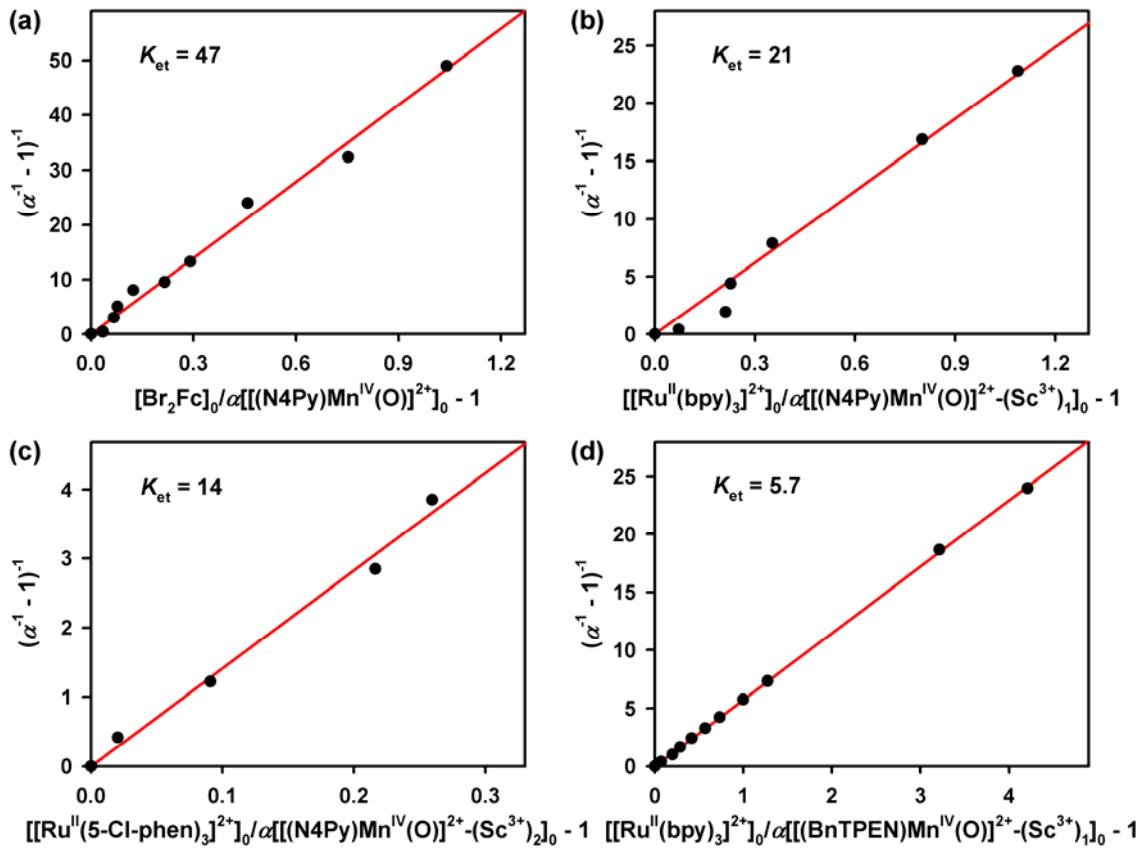
**Figure S1.** X-band CW-EPR spectra of  $[(\text{Bn-TPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}$  (1.0 mM, black line),  $[(\text{Bn-TPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}-\text{(Sc}^{3+}\text{)}_1$  (1.0 mM, green line), and  $[(\text{Bn-TPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}-\text{(Sc}^{3+}\text{)}_2$  (1.0 mM, blue line). Spectra were recorded in  $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  ( $\text{v/v} = 19:1$ ) at 5 K.



**Figure S2.** (A) A comparison of the non phase-shift corrected Fourier transforms and the corresponding Mn K-edge EXAFS data (inset) for  $\mathbf{1}$  (—),  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  (—) and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$  (—). FEFF best-fits (- - -) to  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  (—) and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$  (—) are shown in (B) and (C), respectively. Fits were performed over  $k = 2 - 12 \text{\AA}^{-1}$  range.



**Figure S3.** (a) Plot of  $(\alpha^{-1} - 1)^{-1}$  vs  $[Sc^{3+}]_0 - [(Bn\text{-TPEN})Mn^{IV}(O)]^{2+}-(Sc^{3+})_1$  to determine the first binding constant ( $K_1 = [[Mn^{IV}(O)]^{2+}-(Sc^{3+})_1]/[[Mn^{IV}(O)]^{2+}][[Sc^{3+}]]$ ) upon addition of  $Sc^{3+}$  (0.0 – 2.0 mM) into the solution of  $[(Bn\text{-TPEN})Mn^{IV}(O)]^{2+}$  (1.0 mM) in  $CF_3CH_2OH/CH_3CN$  (v/v = 1:1) at 298 K;  $\alpha = [[(Bn\text{-TPEN})Mn^{IV}(O)]^{2+}-(Sc^{3+})_1]/[(Bn\text{-TPEN})Mn^{IV}(O)]^{2+}_0$ . (b) Plot of  $(\alpha^{-1} - 1)^{-1}$  vs  $[Sc^{3+}]_0 - [(Bn\text{-TPEN})Mn^{IV}(O)]^{2+}-(Sc^{3+})_2$  to determine the second binding constant ( $K_2 = [[Mn^{IV}(O)]^{2+}-(Sc^{3+})_2]/[[Mn^{IV}(O)]^{2+}-(Sc^{3+})_1][[Sc^{3+}]]$ ) upon addition of  $Sc^{3+}$  (0.0 – 12 mM) into the solution of  $[(Bn\text{-TPEN})Mn^{IV}(O)]^{2+}-(Sc^{3+})_1$  (1.0 mM) in  $CF_3CH_2OH/CH_3CN$  (v/v = 1:1) at 298 K;  $\alpha = [[(Bn\text{-TPEN})Mn^{IV}(O)]^{2+}-(Sc^{3+})_2]/[(Bn\text{-TPEN})Mn^{IV}(O)]^{2+}-(Sc^{3+})_1_0$ . The expression used for the determination of  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  was derived according to ref 43 in the text.

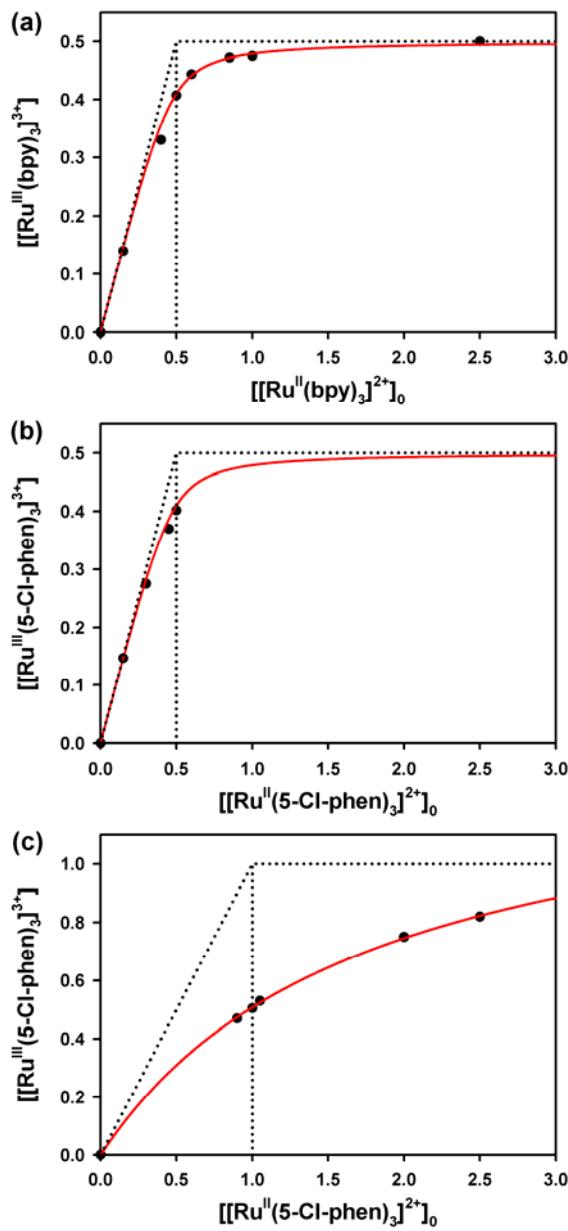


**Figure S4.** (a) Plot of  $(\alpha^{-1} - 1)^{-1}$  vs  $[\text{Br}_2\text{Fc}]_0/\alpha[[\text{(N4Py)}\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}]_0 - 1$  to determine equilibrium constants ( $K_{\text{et}} = [\text{Br}_2\text{Fc}^+][[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{O})]^+]/[\text{Br}_2\text{Fc}][[\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}]$ ) for electron transfer from  $\text{Br}_2\text{Fc}$  to  $[(\text{N4Py})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}$  upon addition of  $\text{Br}_2\text{Fc}$  (0.0 – 2.5 mM) into the solution of  $[(\text{N4Py})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}$  (0.50 mM) in  $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (v/v = 1:1) at 273 K ( $\alpha = [\text{Br}_2\text{Fc}^+]/[(\text{N4Py})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}]_0$ ). The slope of the linear plot corresponds to  $K_{\text{et}}$ . The linear correlation can be derived from the electron-transfer equilibrium in eq 1. The same analyses were performed to determine the  $K_{\text{et}}$  values for  $(\text{N4Py})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  (b),  $(\text{N4Py})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$  (c), and  $(\text{Bn-TPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  (d).

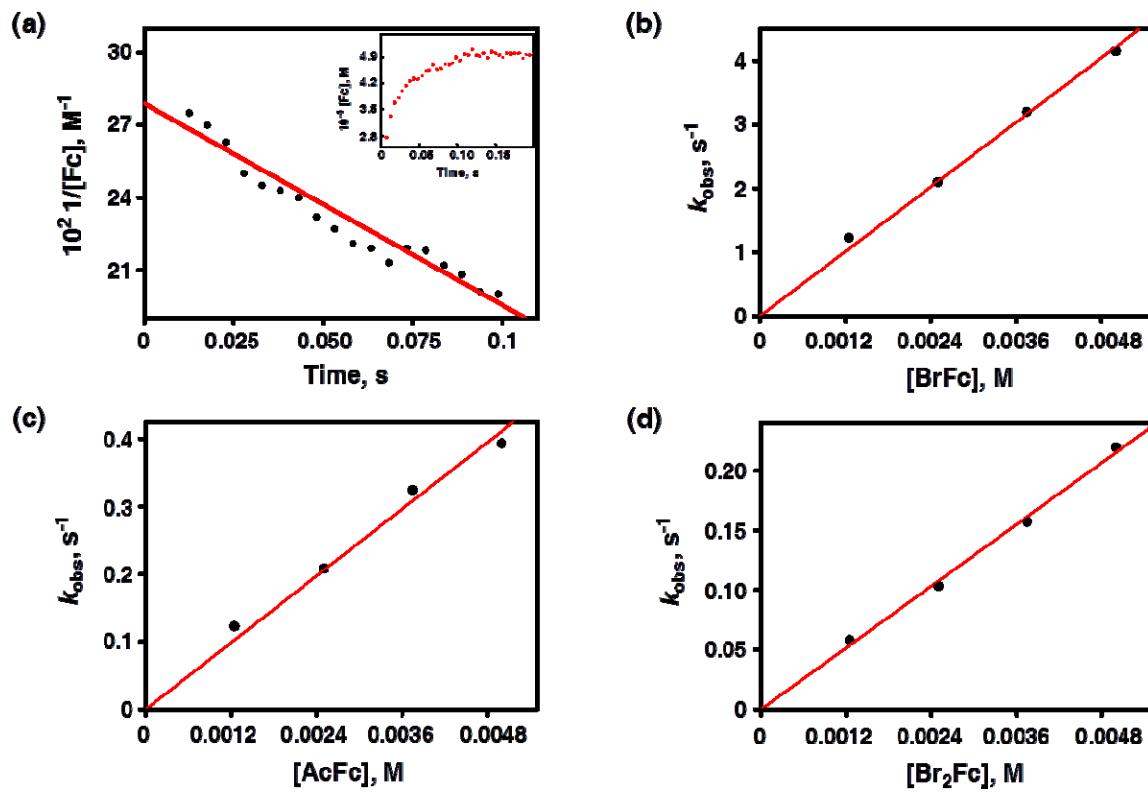
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(c) Plot of  $(\alpha^{-1} - 1)^{-1}$  vs  $[[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(5\text{-Cl-phen})_3]^{2+}]_0/\alpha[[\text{(N4Py)}\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2]_0 - 1$  ( $\alpha = [[\text{Ru}^{\text{III}}(5\text{-Cl-phen})_3]^{3+}]/[(\text{N4Py})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2]_0$ ).

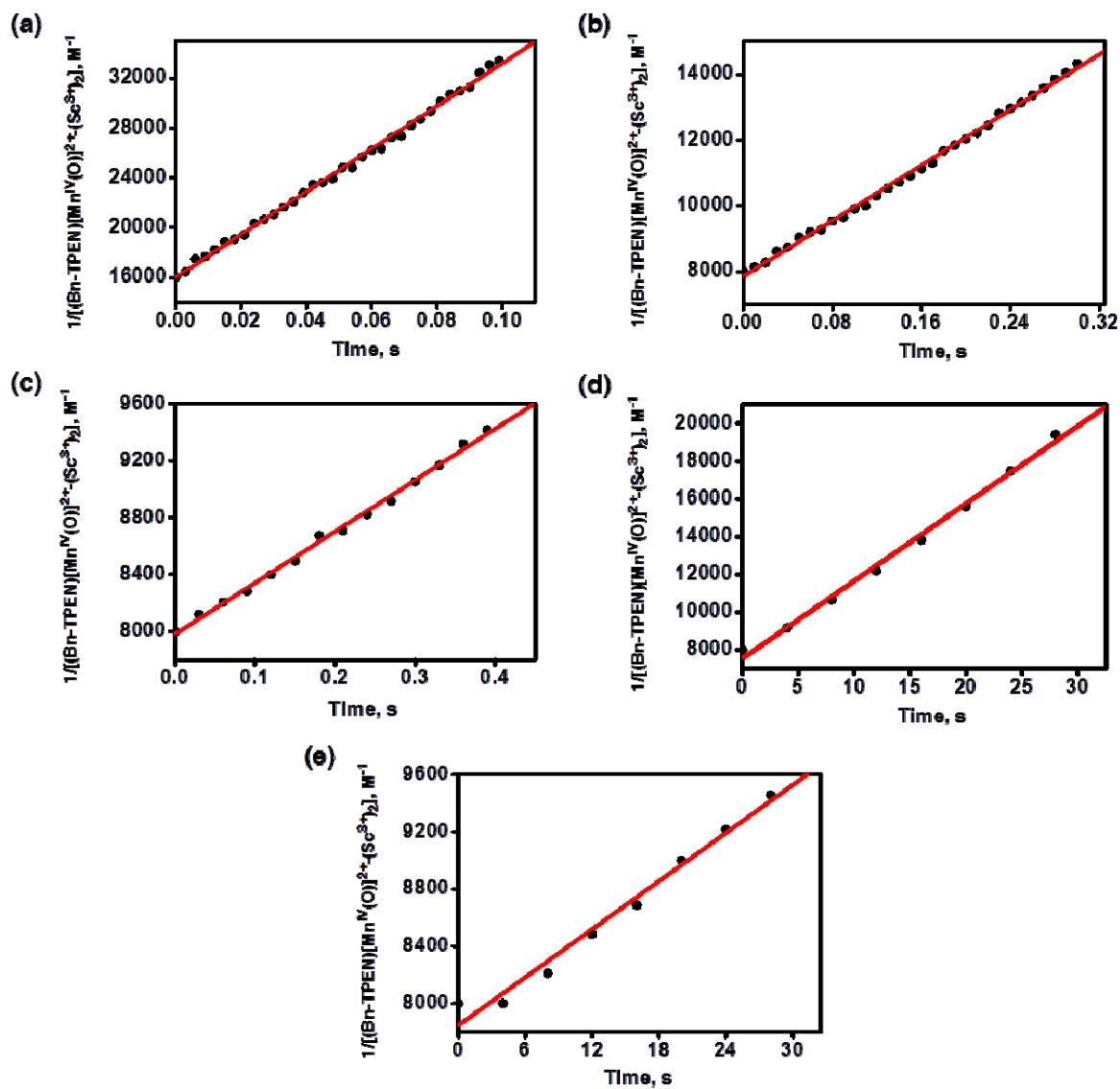
(d) Plot of  $(\alpha^{-1} - 1)^{-1}$  vs  $[[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}]_0/\alpha[[\text{(BnTPEN)}\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1]_0 - 1$  ( $\alpha = [[\text{Ru}^{\text{III}}(\text{bpy})_3]^{3+}]/[(\text{BnTPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1]_0$ ).



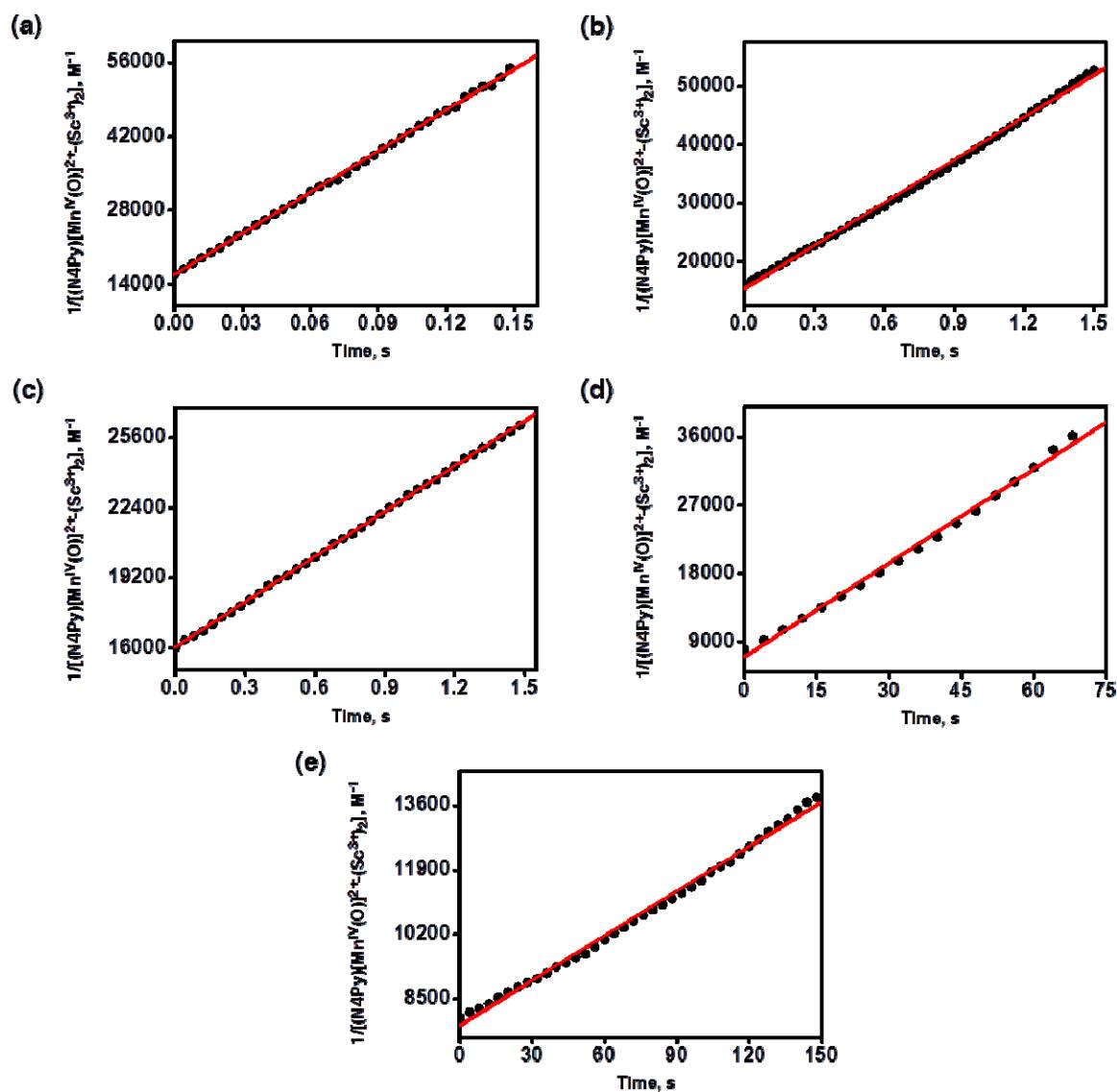
**Figure S5.** (a) Plot of concentration of  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{III}}(\text{bpy})_3]^{3+}$  produced in electron transfer from  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}$  (1.24 V vs SCE) to  $[(\text{N4Py})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_1$  vs initial concentration of  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}$  in  $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (v/v = 1:1) at 273 K. (b) Plot of concentration of  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{III}}(5\text{-Cl-phen})_3]^{3+}$  produced in electron transfer from  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(5\text{-Cl-phen})_3]^{2+}$  (1.36 V vs SCE) to  $[(\text{N4Py})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$  vs initial concentration of  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(5\text{-Cl-phen})_3]^{2+}$  in  $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (v/v = 1:1) at 273 K. (c) Plot of concentration of  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{III}}(5\text{-Cl-phen})_3]^{3+}$  produced in electron transfer from  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(5\text{-Cl-phen})_3]^{2+}$  to  $[(\text{Bn-TPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$  vs initial concentration of  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(5\text{-Cl-phen})_3]^{2+}$  in  $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (v/v = 1:1) at 273 K.



**Figure S6.** (a) Second-order-plot of  $1/[Fc]$  vs time for electron transfer from ferrocene ( $5.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M) to  $[(N4Py)Mn^{IV}(O)]^{2+}$  ( $5.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M). Inset shows time course of the absorbance change monitored at 615 nm due to ferrocenium ion ( $\epsilon_{615} = 400\text{ M}^{-1}\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). (b, c, d) Plots of pseudo-first-order rate constant ( $k_{obs}$ ) vs concentrations of ferrocene derivatives [(b) bromoferrocene (BrFc), (c) acetylferrocene (AcFc), and (d) dibromoferrocene (Br<sub>2</sub>Fc)] to  $[(N4Py)Mn^{IV}(O)]^{2+}$  ( $1.25 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in  $CF_3CH_2OH/CH_3CN$  (v/v = 1:1) at 273 K.



**Figure S7.** Second-order-plots of  $1/[(\text{Bn-TPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$  vs time for electron transfer from one-electron reductants ( $1.25 \times 10^{-5}$  M; (a)  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{Me}_2\text{-bpy})_3]^{2+}$ , (b)  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{Ph}_2\text{-phen})_3]^{2+}$ , (c)  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}$ , (d)  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(5\text{-Cl-phen})_3]^{2+}$ , and (e)  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}$ ) to  $[(\text{Bn-TPEN})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$  ( $1.25 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in  $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (v/v = 1:1) at 273 K.



**Figure S8.** Second-order-plots of  $1/[(\text{N4Py})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2]$  vs time for electron transfer from one-electron reductants ( $1.25 \times 10^{-5}$  M; (a)  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{Me}_2\text{-bpy})_3]^{2+}$ , (b)  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{Ph}_2\text{-phen})_3]^{2+}$ , (c)  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}$ , (d)  $[\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(5\text{-Cl-phen})_3]^{2+}$ , and (e)  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}$ ) to  $[(\text{N4Py})\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{O})]^{2+}-(\text{Sc}^{3+})_2$  ( $1.25 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in  $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (v/v = 1:1) at 273 K.

## DFT Calculated Coordinates

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