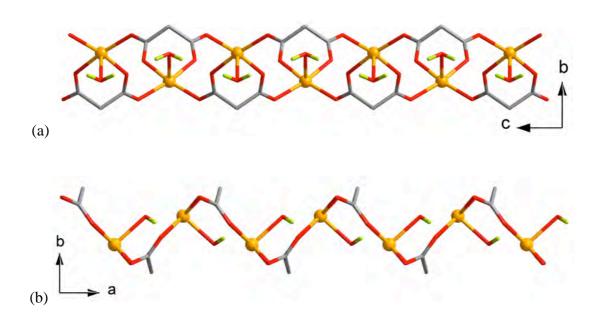
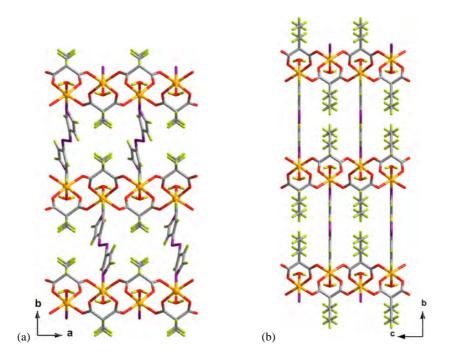
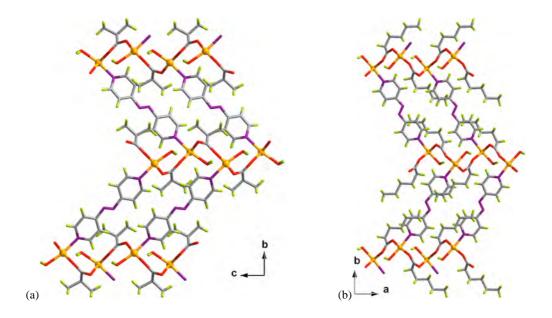
## **Supporting Information**



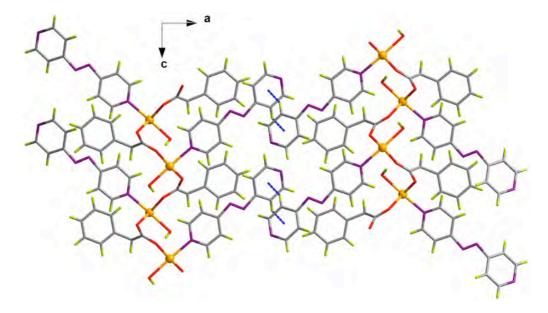
**Figure S1.** A view of the Rmal-Mn(II) layers in **1-4**, along the crystallographic a (a) and c axes (b).



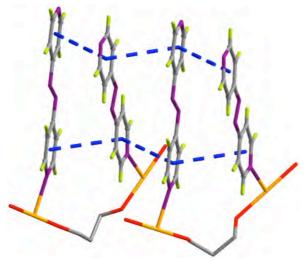
**Figure S2.** Perspective views of the crystal packing of 2 (a) and 3 (b) along the crystallographic c (2) and a axes (3).



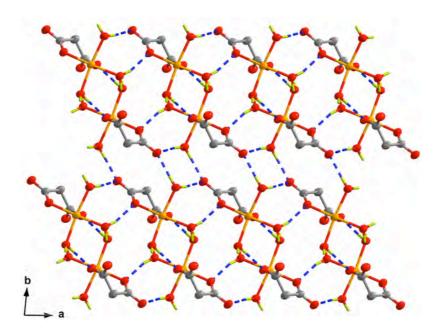
**Figure S3.** A view of the 3D structure of the compounds 2 (a) and 3 (b) along the crystallographic a (2) and c axes (3) showing the corrugated layers of the carboxylate-bridged manganese(II) ions linked through the bis-monodentate azpy ligand.



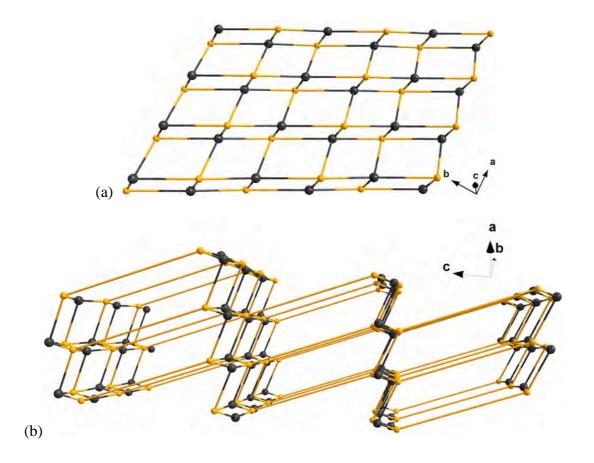
**Figure S4.** Views of the packing **4** along the crystallographic b axis showing the C-H  $\cdots \pi$  type interactions (blue dashed lines).



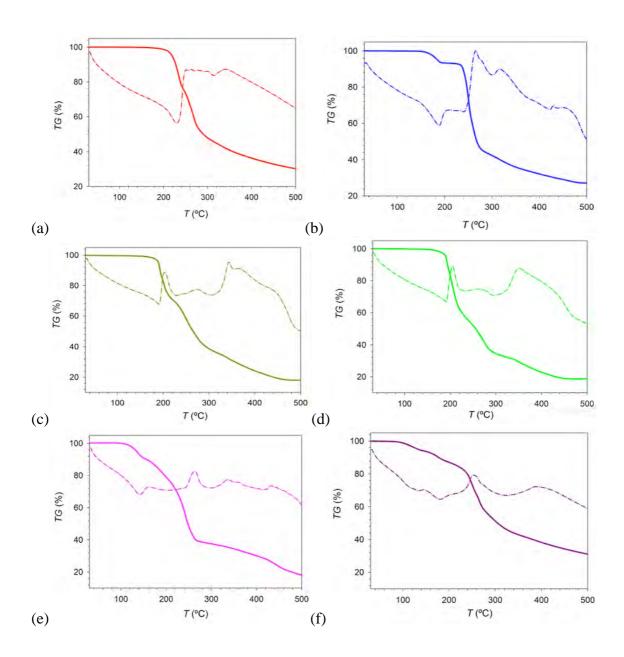
**Figure S5.** Detail of the  $\pi$ - $\pi$  type interactions (blue dashed lines) present in **5**.



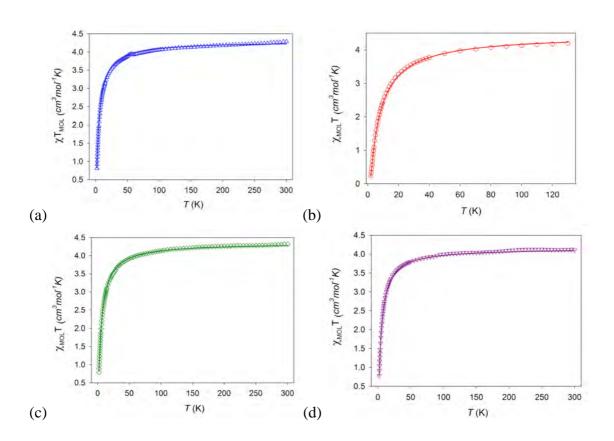
**Figure S6.** Perspective view of the plane build by the hydrogen bonds (blue and fragmented bonds), along the crystallographic c axis. The azpy and the benzyl groups have been removed for clarity.



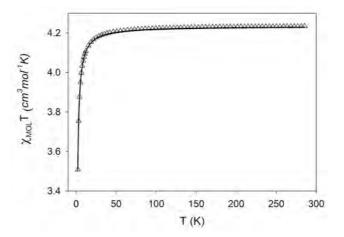
**Figure S7.** (a) Detail of the  $[4^4.6^2]$  layer in **6** built through the hydrogen bonds [the black nodes represent the Rmal ligand and the yellow ones the Mn(II) atoms]. (b) Topological representation of the three-dimensional **tcs**-type topology in **6**. The yellow bonds correspond to the manganese-manganese bridges through the hydrogen bonds involving the azpy ligand, whereas the black and yellow ones correspond to the hydrogen bonds which links the aqua-manganese and the Rmal-Mn(II) units.



**Figure S8**. TG/DTG-DTA curves of **1** (a), **2** (b), **3** (c), **4** (d), **5** (e) and **6** (f). TG = mass loss (percent) and DTA =  $\Delta$ T ( $\mu$ V) ( $\downarrow$  endo and  $\uparrow$  exo).



**Figure S9**.  $\chi_M T$  vs. T plots for complexes **1** (a), **2** (b), **3** (c) and **4** (d). The solid line is the best-fit.



**Figure S10**.  $\chi_{\rm M}T$  vs. T plot for **5**. The solid line is the best-fit.