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A Biocompatible Redox MRI Probe Based on a Mn^{II}/Mn^{III} Porphyrin

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Fig. S1. ¹H NMR of Porphyrin 2, acquired in CDCl₃.



Fig. S2. ¹⁹F NMR of Porphyrin 2, acquired in CDCl₃.



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Fig. S3. ESI-FIA-TOF mass spectrum of Porphyrin 2.



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Fig. S4. ESI-FIA-TOF mass spectrum of Mn^{III}-3.



Fig. S5. EPR spectra at 25°C of a) 1 mM $MnCl_2$ standard in PBS (pH 7.4) and b) 1 mM PBS (pH 7.4) solution of Mn^{III} –3 (amplification x 10⁶)





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Fig. S6. a) ¹H and **b)** ¹⁹F NMR spectra of 10 mM Mn^{III}-**3**; **c)** ¹⁹F NMR after reduction to Mn^{II}-**3** in CDCl₃.









Fig. S7. Cyclic voltammetry at GCE in 0.1 M HEPES buffer pH 7.4 for (a) 2.2 mM of (black) Mn^{III} -TPPFP(PEG)₄ and (red) Mn^{III} -acetate, scan rate 100 mV s⁻¹; (b) 2.2 mM of Mn^{III} -TPFPP(PEG)₄ at scan rates 10 – 100 mV s⁻¹ showing the Mn^{II}/Mn^{III} redox process; (c) of (red) 4.0 mM ascorbic acid and (black) 2.2 mM Mn^{III} -TPFPP(PEG)₄ in 0.1 M HEPES buffer pH 7.4; scan rate 100 mV s⁻¹; (d) 1.0 mM Mn^{III} -TPFPP(PEG)₄ in DCE + 0.6 M Bu₄NBF₄, scan rate 100 mV s⁻¹ ; (e) 2.2 mM TPFPP(PEG)₄ in DCE + 0.6 M Bu₄NBF₄, scan rate 100 mV s⁻¹.



Fig. S8. UV-Vis spectra of the reoxidation of Mn^{II} -**3** with hydrogen peroxide recorded in PBS (25 °C, pH = 7.4). Number of equivalents of ascorbic acid added: (black line) - 0; (red line) - 0.75; (blue line) - 1.25; (green line) - 11.5; (pink line) - 31.5.



Fig. S9. UV-Vis spectrum of 0.041mM Mn^{III}-**3** in PBS (black line) and of Mn^{II}-**3** (red line) obtained 24 h after addition of 25.3 equivalents of ascorbic acid (25 °C, pH = 7.4).

Kinetic Experiments for the reduction of Mn(III)-TPFPP(PEG)₄

In order to determine the empirical rate law for the reduction of Mn(III)-TPFPP(PEG)₄ by ascorbic acid, a series of kinetic experiments was conducted at 25°C (pH=7.4) under oxygen-free conditions using deaerated solutions under argon gas inside a sealed cuvette. The UV-Vis spectrum of Mn(III)-TPFPP(PEG)₄ has a strong absorbance band at 457 nm (ϵ =1.01×10⁴M⁻¹s⁻¹). As the reduction occurs, this band disappears and a new band at 434 nm appears, typical of Mn(II)-TPFPP(PEG)₄. This feature was used to follow the reduction of Mn(III)-TPFPP(PEG)₄ over time.

Initial reaction rates were measured by maintaining the concentration of Mn(III)-TPFPP(PEG)₄ (8 μ M) and using three different initial concentrations of ascorbic acid (390 μ M, 191 μ M, 91 μ M). Additionally, other experiments were performed by maintaining the concentration of ascorbic acid (9.7×10³ μ M) and using three different initial concentrations of Mn(III)-TPFPP(PEG)₄ (230 μ M, 150 μ M, 95 μ M). In both experiments a large excess of ascorbic acid was used and we concluded that the reduction reaction was pseudo first-order with respect to Mn(III)-TPFPP(PEG)₄ as expressed in equation S1.

$$ln[Mn(III)-TPFPP(PEG)_4]_t = ln[Mn(III)-TPFPP(PEG)_4]_0 - k_{obs} t$$
 (equation S1)

where the observed rate constant (k_{obs}) is the product of the actual rate constant (k) and [ascorbic acid]₀, t is the time, and the subscripts 't' and '0' refer to the concentration at time 't' and initial concentration, respectively.

Figure S10 and S11 show the two sets of kinetic experiments in which we have plotted the $ln[Mn(III)-TPFPP(PEG)_4]_t$ as a function of time. The slope of each line is equal to $-k_{obs} = -k$ [ascorbic acid]₀ and the intercept is $ln[Mn(III)-TPFPP(PEG)_4]_0$. In Figure S10 the intercept is the same and the negative slope increases with [ascorbic acid]₀, while in Figure S11 the slopes are the same and the intercept increases with $ln[Mn(III)-TPFPP(PEG)_4]_0$. The analysis of the experiments showed that the reaction was first-order relatively to both ascorbic acid and Mn(III)-TPFPP(PEG)_4 concentrations, with an overall second-order rate constant $k = k_2 = 46.1 \pm 5.6$ M⁻¹ s⁻¹.





Fig. S10. Log plots where the concentration of Mn^{III} -TPFPP(PEG)₄ was constant at 8 μ M and the concentration of ascorbic acid was varied: a) [ascorbic acid] =390 μ M; b) 1901 μ M; c) 91 μ M (following the disappearance of the Soret band at 457nm with time due to the reduction).



Fig. S11. Log plots where the concentration of ascorbic acid was constant at $9.7 \times 10^3 \,\mu\text{M}$ and the concentration of Mn^{III}-TPFPP(PEG)₄ was varied (following the disappearance of the Soret band at 457nm with time due to the reduction).



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Fig. S12. ¹³C NMR of **a**) and **b**) gluthatione **c**) and **d**) glutathione with 0.1 equiv of Mn^{III} -3 in D_2O .

	Side chain s	Porpł	nyrin	Metal	Porp	hyrin	Side c		
Porphyrin	E'ox(3)	E'ox(2)	E'ox(1)	E'Mox/red	E'red(1)	E'red(2)	E'red(3)	E'red(4)	Ref.
3	*	*	*	-	-0.452	-1.00	*	-	tw
Zn ^{II} -(3)	+2.80	+1.82	+1.57	-	-0.72	-1.10	-0.94	-1.31	tw
Zn ^{II} -TFPP ^a	-	+1.80	+1.59	-	-0.73	-1.15	-	-	1
Zn ^{II} -TPFPPy ^b	-	+1.32	+1.20	-	-1.19	-1.55	-	-	2
Mn ^{III} -(3)	*	*	*	+0.335	-0.828	-1.131	*	-	tw
Mn ^{III} -TFPP ^a	-	+1.8 (2e)	-	+0.05	-1.04	-1.47	-	-	3
Mn ^{III} -TPFPPy ^b	-	+1.42	+1.22	-0.12	-1.24	-1.65	-		2
Mn ^{III} – (PFP) ₃ (DMP) ^c	-	+1.8 (2e)	-	+0.558	-	-0.999 (2e)	-	-	4
Mn ^{III} – t-(PFP) ₂ (DMP) ^c	-	+1.8 (2e)	-	+0.440	-0.48	-0.926	-	-	4
Mn ^{III} – c-(PFP) ₂ (DMP) ^c	-	+1.8 (2e)	-	+0.413	-0.35	-0.882	-	-	4

Table S1. Reduction potentials (vs NHE) of **3**, Zn^{II} -(**3**) and Mn^{III} -(**3**) in DCE + 0.6 M Bu₄NBF₄ at glassy carbon working electrode. These data are compared with literature values for some perfluorinated tetraphenylporphyrins in non-aqueous solvents.

^aTFPP = tetrakis(pentafluorophenyl)porphyrin: ^bTPFPPy = tetrakis(p-[3-(pyrrol-1-yl)propyloxy] tetrafluorophenyl)porphyrin; c PFP =pentafluorophenyl, DMP = 3,4-dimethoxyphenyl; * Not measured; tw = this work.; 1. Hodge, J.A.; Hill, M.G.; Gray, H.B. Inorg. Chem., 1995, 34, 809; 2. de Medeiros, M. A. C.; Gorgy, K.; Deronzier, A.; Cosnier, S. *Mat. Sci. Eng. C*, **2008**, *28*, 731 ; 3. Friedermann, G.R.; Halma, M.; Castro, K. A. D. F., Benedito, F.L.; Doro, F. G.; Drechsel, S. M.; Mangrich, A. S.; Assis, M. D.; Nakagaki, S. *Applied Catalysis A: General* **2006**, *308*, 172 ; 4. Antonangelo, A. R.; Westrup, K. C. M. ; Burt, L. A. ; Grazia Bezzu, C. ; Malewschik, T.; Machado, G. S.; Nunes, F. S.; McKeown, N. B.; Nakagaki, S. *RSC Adv.*, **2017**, *7*, 50610.

Equations used for treatment of the relaxometric data

The proton relaxivities (normalized to 1 mM Mn²⁺ concentration) originate from inner- and outer-sphere contributions (Equation (S1)):

$$r_1 = r_{\rm his} + r_{\rm hos} \tag{S1}$$

The inner-sphere term is given by Equation (S2), where q is the number of inner-sphere water molecules.

$$r_{\rm lis} = \frac{1}{1000} \times \frac{q}{55.55} \times \frac{1}{T_{\rm lm}^{\rm H} + \tau_{\rm m}}$$
(S2)

In the longitudinal relaxation rate of inner sphere water protons, $1/T_{1m}^{H}$, the dipolar contribution dominates (Equation (S3)):

$$\frac{1}{T_{1m}^{H}} \approx \frac{1}{T_{1}^{DD}} = \frac{2}{15} \left(\frac{\mu_{0}}{4\pi}\right)^{2} \frac{h^{2} \gamma_{S}^{2} \gamma_{1}^{2}}{r_{MnH}^{6}} S(S+1) \left[\frac{3\tau_{d1H}}{1+\omega_{I}^{2} \tau_{d1H}^{2}} + \frac{7\tau_{d2H}}{1+\omega_{S}^{2} \tau_{d2H}^{2}}\right]$$
(S3)

Here r_{MnH} is the effective distance between the Mn²⁺ electron spin and the water protons, ω_{I} is the proton resonance frequency, τ_{diH} is given by Eq. 4, where τ_{RH} is the rotational correlation time of the Mn²⁺–H_{water} vector:

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{diH}} = \frac{1}{\tau_{\rm m}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{\rm RH}} + \frac{1}{T_{i\rm e}} \qquad i = 1, 2;$$
(S4)

$$\tau_{RH} = \tau_{RH}^{298} \exp\left\{\frac{E_R}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{298.15}\right)\right\}$$
(S5)

The electronic relaxation is mainly governed by modulation of the transient zero-field splitting, and for the electron spin relaxation rates, $1/T_{1e}$ and $1/T_{2e}$, McMachlan has developed Equations (S6)–(S8)¹ which were used in the fit of the NMRD data:

$$\left(\frac{1}{T_{1e}}\right) = \frac{32}{25} \Delta^2 \left(\frac{\tau_v}{1 + \omega_s^2 \tau_v^2} + \frac{4\tau_v}{1 + 4\omega_s^2 \tau_v^2}\right)$$
(S6)

$$\left(\frac{1}{T_{2e}}\right) = \frac{32}{50} \Delta^2 \left[3\tau_v + \frac{5\tau_v}{1 + \omega_s^2 \tau_v^2} + \frac{2\tau_v}{1 + 4\omega_s^2 \tau_v^2} \right]$$
(S7)

$$\tau_{v} = \tau_{v}^{298} \exp\left\{\frac{E_{v}}{R} \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{298.15}\right)\right\}$$
(S8)

where Δ^2 is the trace of the square of the transient zero-field-splitting (ZFS) tensor, τ_v is the correlation time for the modulation of the ZFS with the activation energy E_v , and ω_s is the Larmor frequency of the electron spin.

The outer-sphere contribution to the overall relaxivity is described by Equation (S9), where N_A is the Avogadro constant, and J_{os} is a spectral density function (Equation (S10)).

$$r_{\rm los} = \frac{32N_{\rm A}\pi}{405} \left(\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi}\right)^2 \frac{{\sf h}^2 \gamma_{\rm S}^2 \gamma_{\rm I}^2}{a_{\rm MnH} D_{\rm MnH}} S(S+1) [3J_{\rm os}(\omega_{\rm I}, T_{\rm le}) + 7J_{\rm os}(\omega_{\rm S}, T_{\rm 2e})]$$
(S9)

$$J_{os}(\omega, T_{je}) = \operatorname{Re}\left[\frac{1 + \frac{1}{4}\left(i\omega\tau_{MnH} + \frac{\tau_{MnH}}{T_{je}}\right)^{1/2}}{1 + \left(i\omega\tau_{MnH} + \frac{\tau_{MnH}}{T_{je}}\right)^{1/2} + \frac{4}{9}\left(i\omega\tau_{MnH} + \frac{\tau_{MnH}}{T_{je}}\right) + \frac{1}{9}\left(i\omega\tau_{MnH} + \frac{\tau_{MnH}}{T_{je}}\right)^{3/2}}\right]$$

$$j = 1, 2$$
(S10)

The diffusion coefficient for the diffusion of a water proton away from a Mn^{2+} complex, D_{MnH} , obeys the exponential temperature dependence described by Equation (S11), with activation energy E_{MnH} :

$$D_{\rm MnH} = D_{\rm MnH}^{298} \exp\left\{\frac{E_{MnH}}{R} \left(\frac{1}{298.15} - \frac{1}{T}\right)\right\}$$
(S11)

¹ McLachlan, A. D. Proc. R. Soc. London, Ser. A. 1964, 280, 271–288.