

**Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

**Water Exchange Reaction of a Manganese Catalase Mimic: Oxygen-17 NMR Relaxometry Study on (aqua)manganese(III) in Salen Scaffold and its reactions in mildly basic medium**

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## ESI-MS Acquisition Parameters

### Acquisition Parameter

#### Source

Source Type	ESI	Ion Polarity	Positive	Set Nebulizer	0.4 Bar
Focus	Not active			Set Dry Heater	180 °C
Scan Begin	50 m/z	Set Capillary	4500 V	Set Dry Gas	4.0 l/min
Scan End	3000 m/z	Set End Plate Offset	-500 V	Set Divert Valve	Waste

#### Ion Optics

	TOF		Processing	
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Set Hexapole Extraction	36.0 V	Set Pulser Pull	780.0 V	Guessed Noise
Set Lens 2	0.0 V	Set Pulser Push	810.0 V	Peak Width
Set Lens 3	38.0 V	Set Reflector	1700.0 V	Average Noise
Set Lens 4	30.0 V	Set Flight Tube	8600.0 V	Guessed Average
Set Lens 5	-25.0 V	Set Corrector Extract	662.0 V	
Set Lens 6	25.0 V	Set Detector TOF	2020.0 V	
Set Collision Storage	25.0 V			
Set Collision Extraction	18.5 V			
Set Lens 7	3.0 V			
Set Lens 8	-15.0 V			
Set Lens 9	0.0 V			
Set Lens 10	-23.0 V			
n/a	n/a			
Set Funnel 1 RF	300.0 Vpp			
Set Funnel 2 RF	400.0 Vpp			
Set Hexapole RF	400.0 Vpp			
ISCID Energy	0.0 eV			

#### Quadrupole

Set Ion Energy ( MS only )	5.0 eV
Set Isolation Mass ( MS only )	55.00 m/z
Collision Energy	10.0 eV
Set Collision Cell RF	650.0 Vpp
Set Transfer Time	148.4 µs
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#### Mass Calibration

TOF Calibration Mode Version	Version 2
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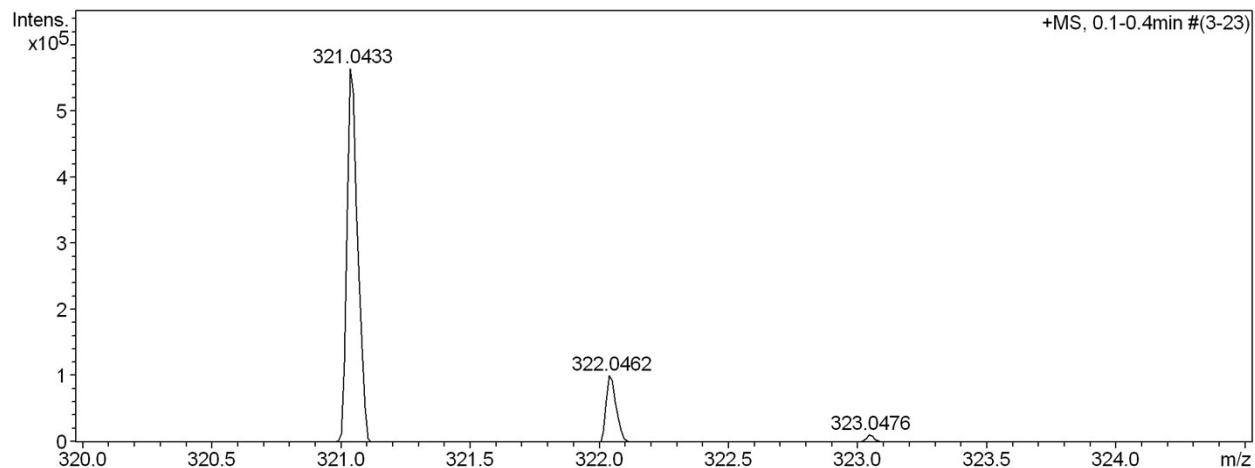


Figure S1 –ESI-MS of  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{salen})(\text{OH}_2)_2]\text{ClO}_4$  in aqueous medium.

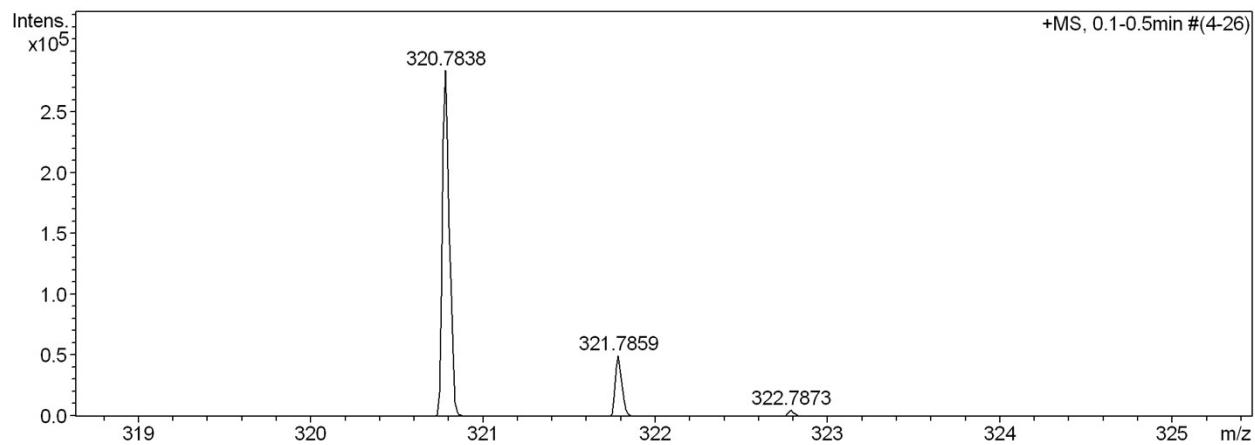


Figure S2(a)-ESI-Ms for [ Mn<sup>III</sup>(salen)(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>) in acetonitrile solvent

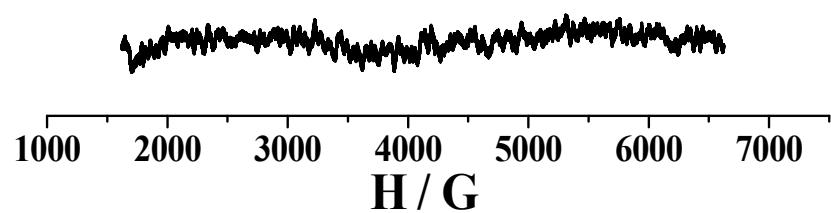


Figure S2(b)- A solution of Mn<sup>III</sup>(salen)(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sup>+</sup> at pH =10 was equilibrated at 65°C for 100 minutes and then set aside to cool and EPR spectrum (X-band) was monitored at room temperature. No evidence of Mn<sup>II</sup> and Mn<sup>IV</sup>.

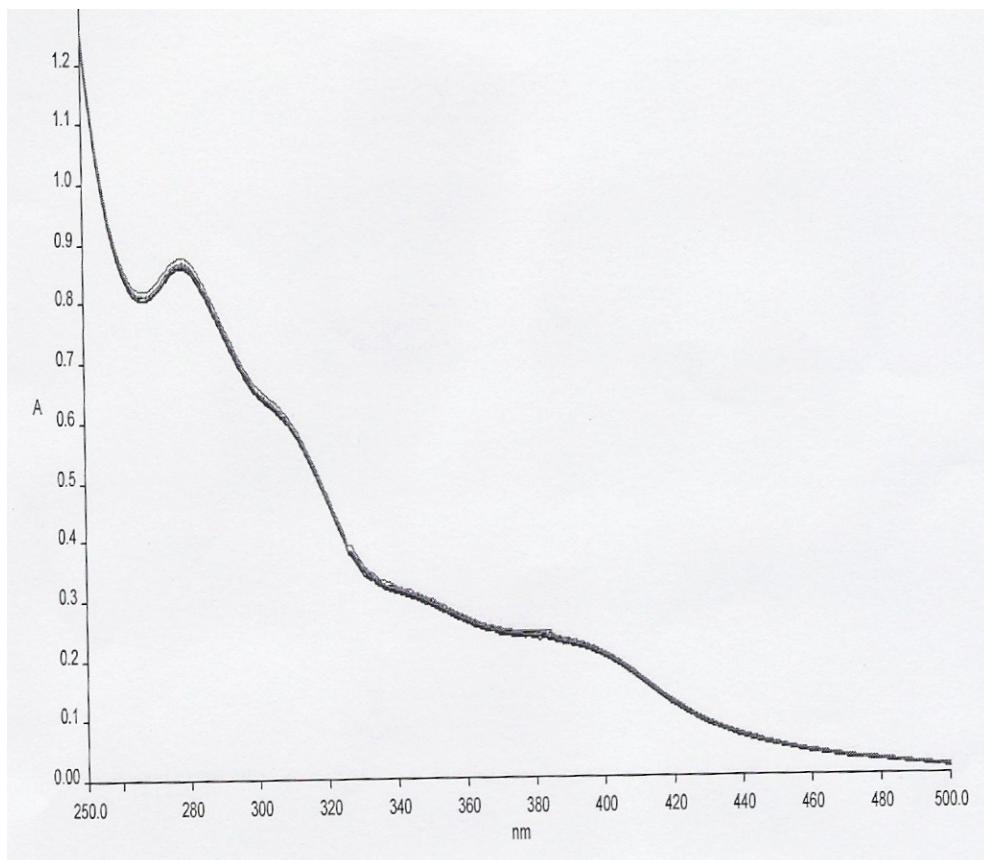


Figure S3- Time dependent repeat scan (overlapping) spectra of *trans*-Mn<sup>III</sup>(salen)(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> at pH =4.2, 50°C, [complex]<sub>T</sub> = 6.033 x 10<sup>-5</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>, no. of curves 9 (time 1-174 min), final pH 4.3.

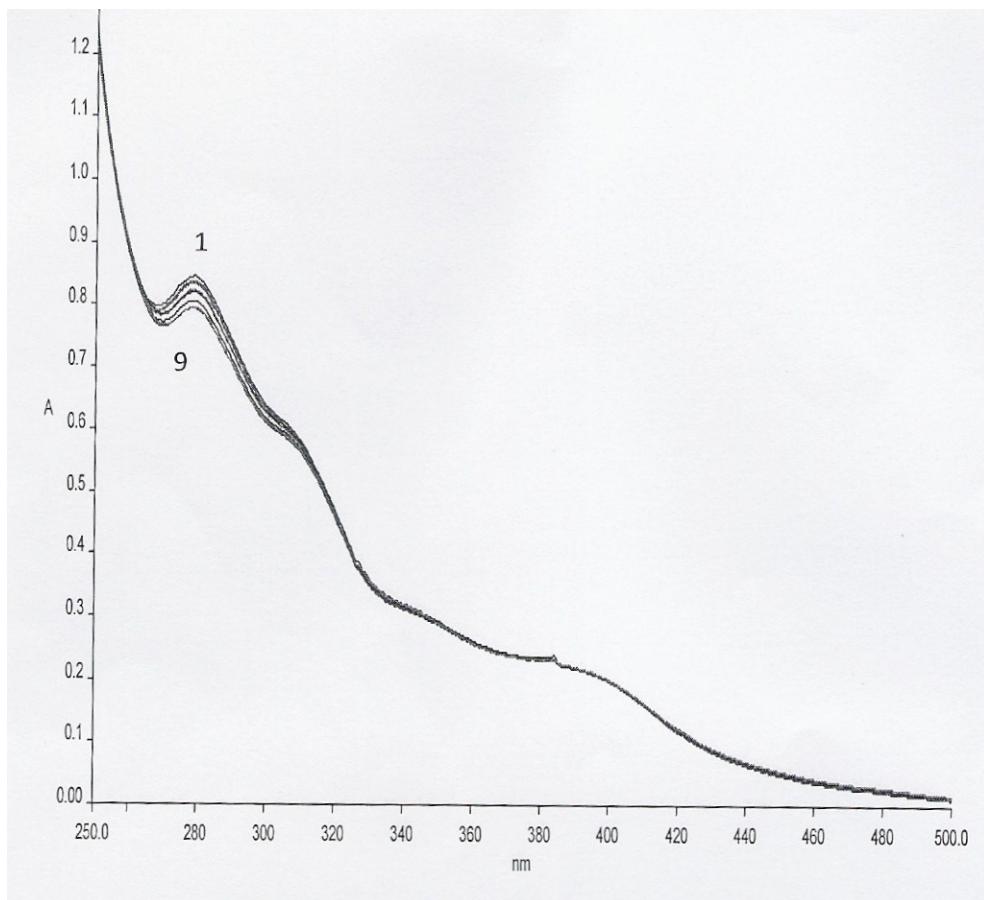


Figure S4- Time dependent repeat Scan Spectra of *trans*-Mn<sup>III</sup>(salen)(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> at pH =8.05, 50°C, [complex]<sub>T</sub> = 6.033 × 10<sup>-5</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>;Curve no. (time, min) : 1(1), 2(15), 3(31), 4(55), 5(83), 6(104), 7(132), 8(153), 9(179).The final pH of the solution 7.12.

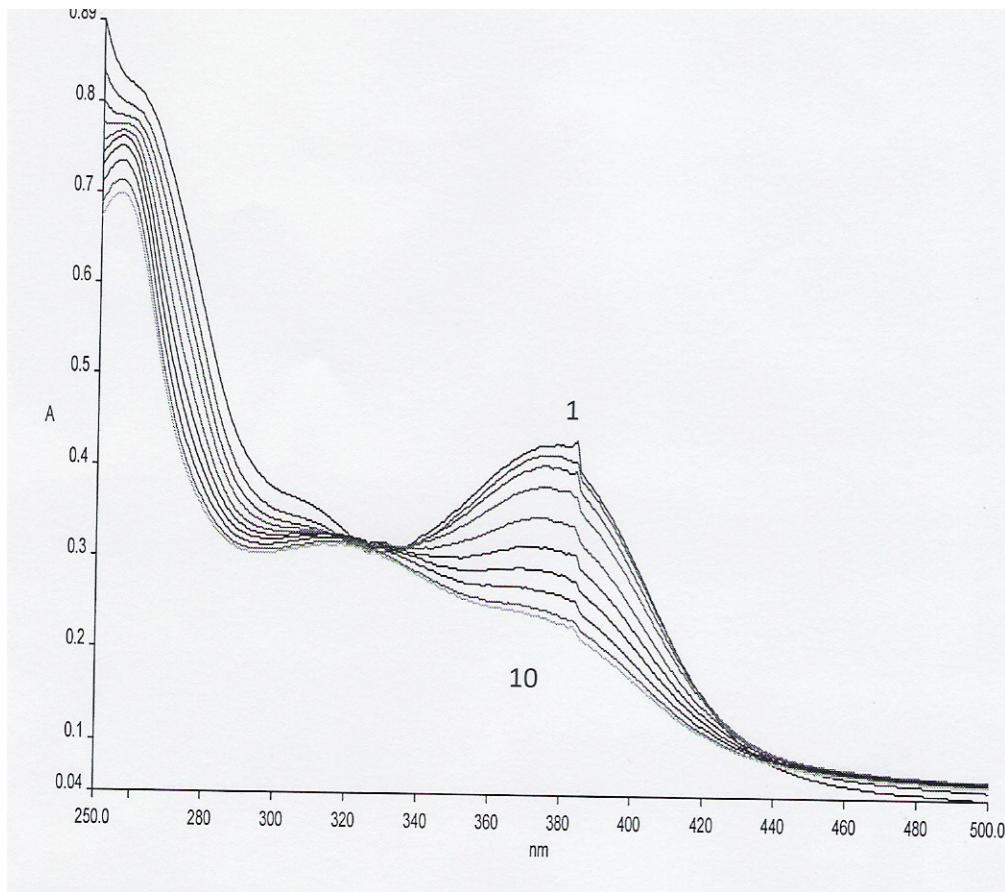


Figure S5- Time dependent spectral scans (absorbance reading downwards at 380 nm) of *trans*-Mn<sup>III</sup>(salen)(OH<sub>2</sub>)(OH) at pH= 10.2, 50°C , [complex]<sub>T</sub> = 6.033 x 10<sup>-5</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>; Curve no. (time, min): 1(16),2(26),3(37),4(43),5(65),6(86),7(108), 8(133), 9(1620, 10(180).The final pH of the solution 9.2.

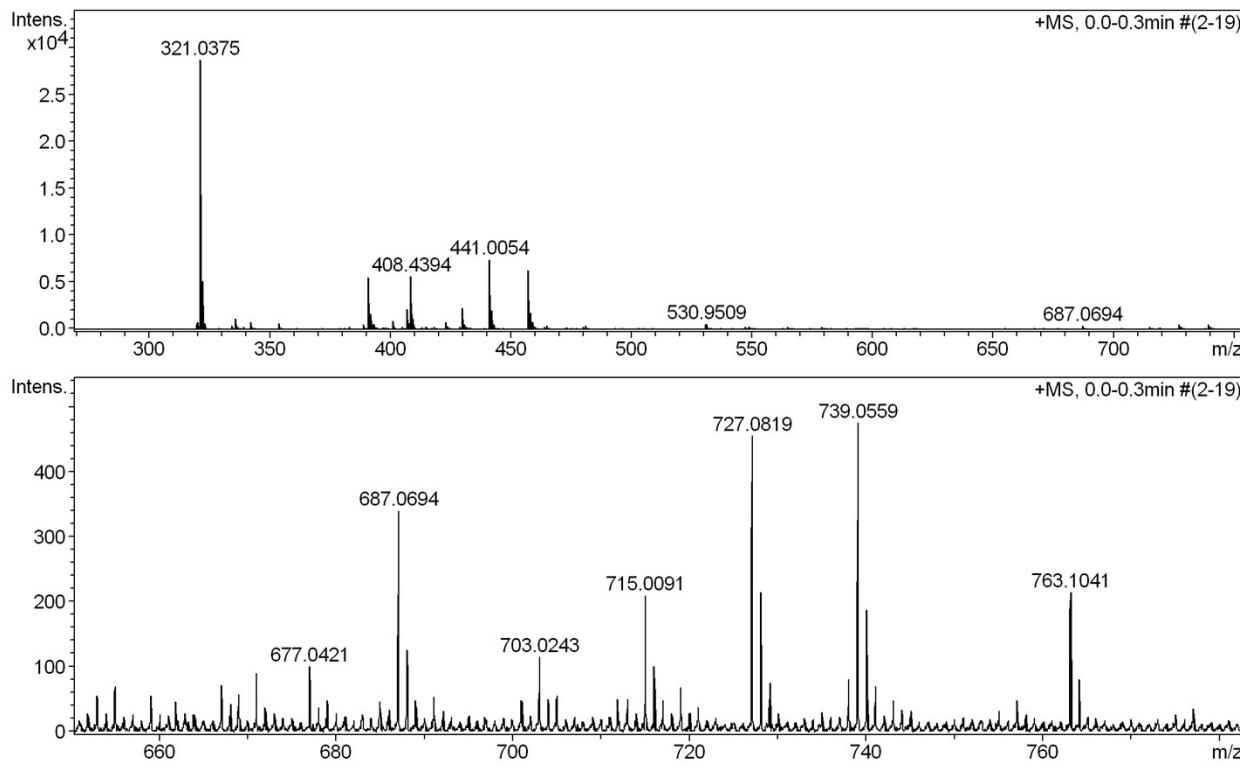


Figure S6 - A solution ( $1.095 \times 10^{-3}$  mol dm $^{-3}$ ) of the complex,  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{salen})(\text{OH}_2)_2]^+$  in water was adjusted to pH 10, heated at 65°C for 25 minutes, cooled to room temperature and then mass spectra was taken immediately.

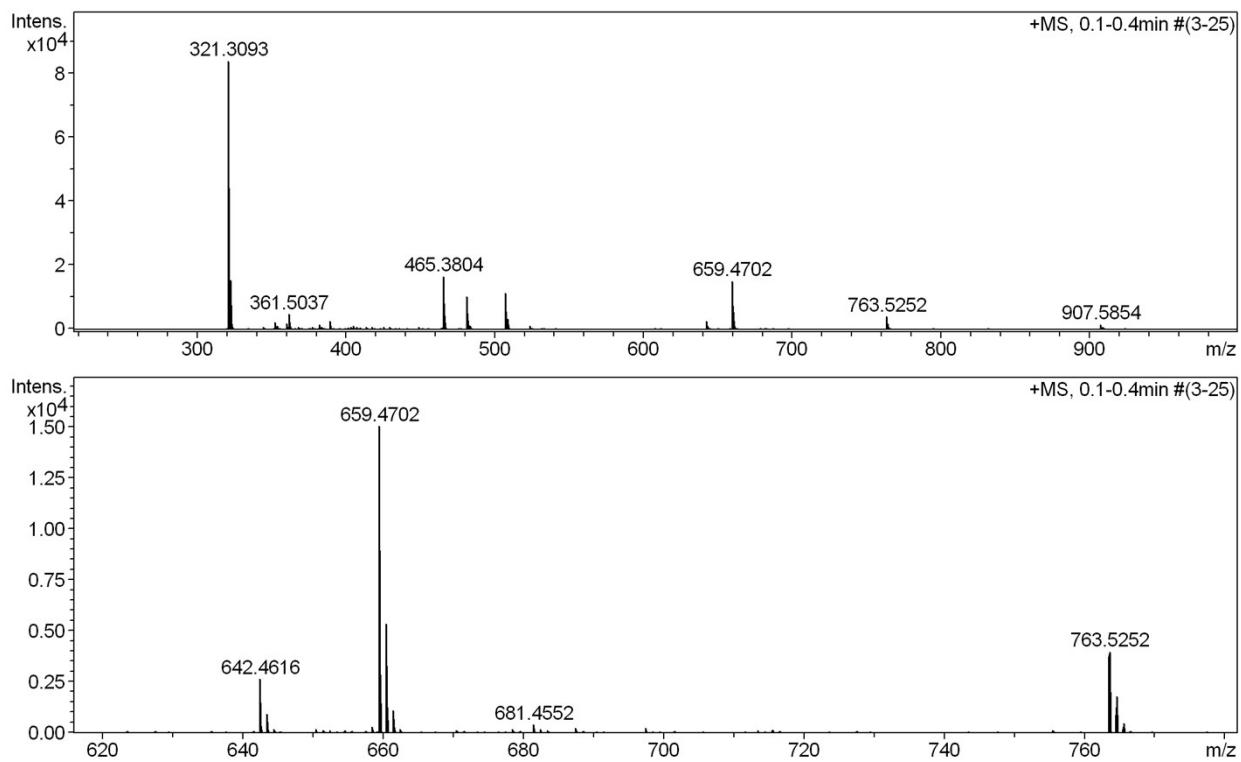
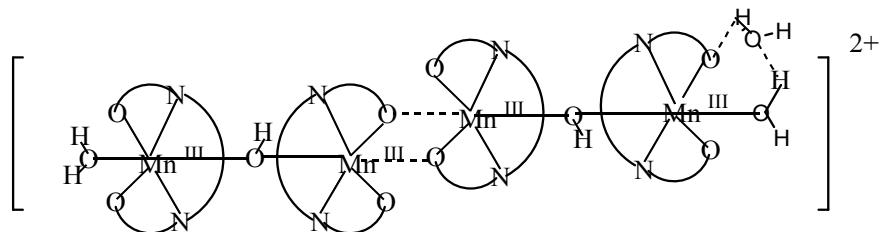


Figure S7 – Conditions same as for S6; mass spectrum was taken after aging the solution at room temperature for one hr.

**Scheme 1 : Interpretation of Mass spectra: m/z+ 687.07 (obs)**

(a)  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{salen})_4(\text{OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{2+} : \text{m/z}^{2+} 686.5 (\text{cal})$



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(b)  $\{[\text{OMn}^{\text{V}}(\text{salen})(-\text{OH}-)\text{Mn}^{\text{V}}\text{O}(\text{salen})]^+ - 4\text{H}\} : \text{m/z}^+ 687.4 (\text{cal})$

$\{[\text{OMn}^{\text{V}}(\text{salen})(-\text{O}-)\text{Mn}^{\text{VI}}\text{O}(\text{salen})]^+ - 4\text{H}\} : \text{m/z}^+ 686.4 (\text{cal})$

$\{[\text{OMn}^{\text{V}}(\text{salen})(-\text{O}-)\text{Mn}^{\text{VI}}\text{O}(\text{salen})]^+ - 3\text{H}\} : \text{m/z}^+ 687.4 (\text{cal})$



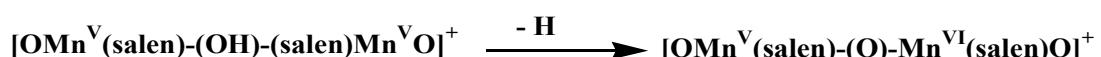
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-  $\text{ClO}_4^-$



m/z+ 675.5

-  $\text{ClO}_3^-$



m/z+ 691.4

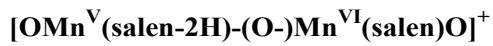
- 4H



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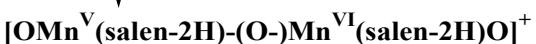
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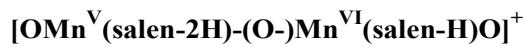


m/z+ 688.4

- H



m/z+ 686.4



m/z+ 687.4

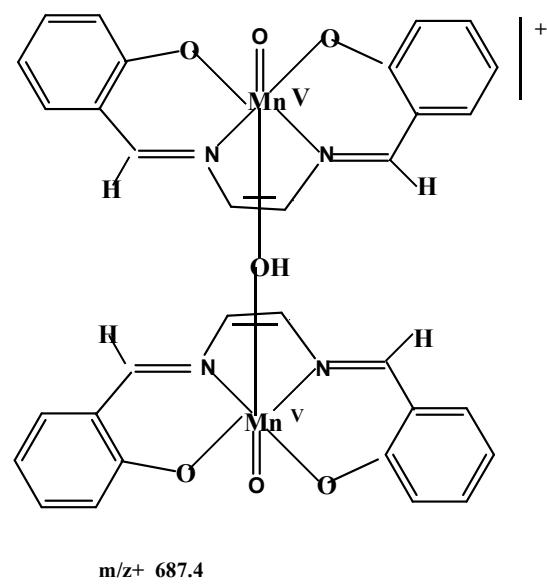
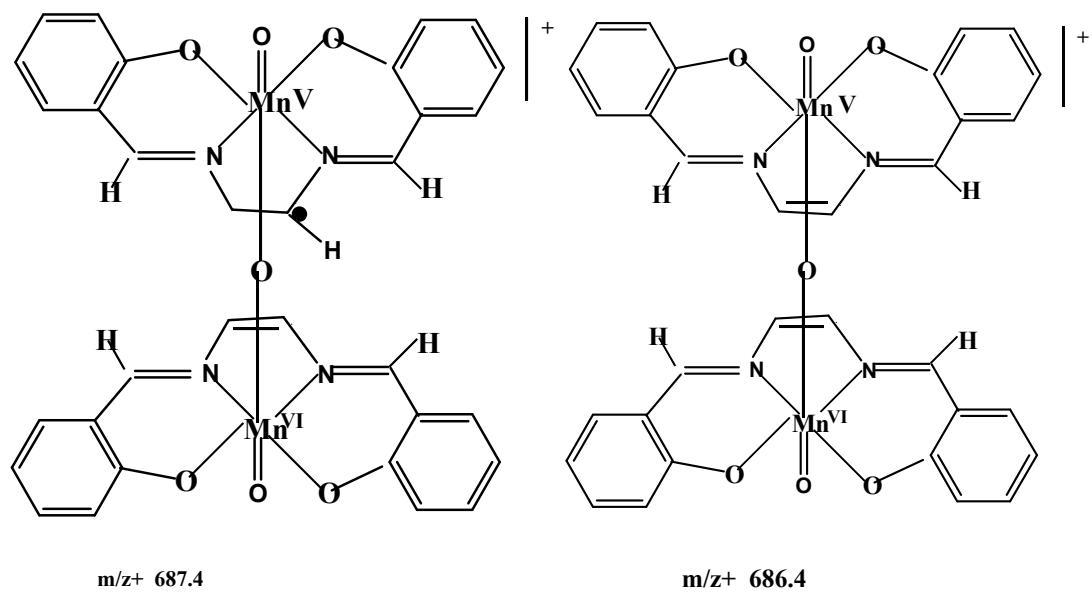


Table S1: Line width data for variable temperature  $^{17}\text{O}$  relaxation study of  $\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{salen})(\text{OH}_2)_2^+$  with  $[\text{complex}]_{\text{Total}} = 0.00846 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ .

$$P_m = 3.05 \times 10^{-4} (\text{pH } 4); P_m = 0.8 \times 10^{-4} + C (1/298.2 - 1/T) (\text{pH } 10).^a$$

Temp/K	$1/T \text{ K}^{-1}$	$\Delta\nu_{\text{obs}} / \text{Hz}$	$\Delta\nu_{\text{solvent}} / \text{Hz}$	$10^{-6}/T_{2r}$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )	$\Delta\nu_{\text{obs}} / \text{Hz}$	$\Delta\nu_{\text{solvent}} / \text{Hz}$	$10^{-2}/T_{2p}$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )
	pH = 4				pH = 10		
283.2	0.00353	269.1	71.8	2.03	270.5	73.2	6.20
288.2	0.00347	263.4	62.4	2.07	249.5	62.5	5.87
293.2	0.00341	255.5	57.0	2.04	210.4	55.1	4.88
298.2	0.00335	275.1	44.6	2.37	142.1	45.7	3.03
303.2	0.00330	279.3	39.4	2.47	125.8	40.1	2.69
308.2	0.00324	262.8	35.1	2.34	78.1	35.4	1.34
313.2	0.00319	247.4	31.5	2.22	71.4	31.6	1.25
318.2	0.00314	231.6	28.9	2.09	65.8	28.4	1.17
323.2	0.00309	221.1	26.3	2.01	55.8	26.0	0.936
328.2	0.00305	209.4	24.4	1.90	50.6	24.0	0.835
333.2	0.00300	197.8	22.7	1.80	46.4	22.6	0.748
338.2	0.00296	186.1	21.3	1.70	43.1	21.3	0.685
343.2	0.00291	174.4	20.4	1.59	39.9	20.7	0.603
348.2	0.00287	166.4	19.6	1.51	37.7	19.7	0.565
353.2	0.00283	159.3	18.8	1.45	35.0	19.4	0.490

<sup>a</sup>  $P_m = 2[\text{complex}]_{\text{Total}}/55.5$  (pH = 4). calcd.  $P_m = 0.8 \times 10^{-4}$  at pH = 10, 298.2 K based on  $\{[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{salen})(\text{OH})(\text{OH}_2)]_{\text{eq}} + [\text{Dimer}]_{\text{eq}}\}/55.5$ , using  $K_{\text{eq(av.)}} = 1.5 \times 10^5 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  for Monomer  $\rightleftharpoons$  Dimer ; dimer :  $(\text{OH}_2)\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{salen})-\text{OH}-\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{salen})(\text{OH})$ .

Table S2. Calculated parameters for water exchange reaction of  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{salen})(\text{OH}_2)_2]^+$ .

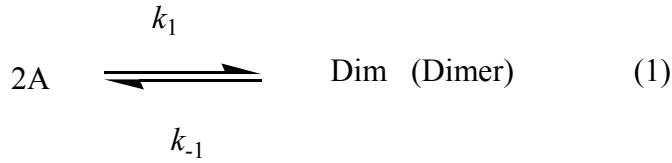
1/T (K <sup>-1</sup> )	<b>pH = 4,</b> $P_m = 3.05 \times 10^{-4}$ <sup>a</sup>		<b>pH = 10,</b> $P_m = 0.8 \times 10^{-4} + C \times (1/298.2 - 1/T)$ <sup>a</sup>	
	<b>10<sup>-6</sup>/T<sub>2r</sub> (s<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>10<sup>-6</sup>k<sub>ex</sub> (s<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>10<sup>-2</sup>/T<sub>2p</sub> (s<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>10<sup>-7</sup>k<sub>ex</sub> (s<sup>-1</sup>)</b>
0.00353	2.03	2.4	6.20	1.1
0.00347	2.07	2.8	5.87	1.6
0.00341	2.04	3.3	4.88	2.4
0.00335	2.37	3.8	3.03	3.5
0.00330	2.47	4.3	2.69	5.1
0.00324	2.34	5.0	1.34	7.4
0.00319	2.22	5.7	1.25	10.5
0.00314	2.09	6.5	1.17	14.8
0.00309	2.01	7.3	0.936	20.7
0.00305	1.90	8.1	0.835	28.6
0.00300	1.80	9.2	0.748	39.0
0.00296	1.70	10.2	0.685	52.9
0.00291	1.59	11.6	0.603	71.0
0.00287	1.51	12.8	0.565	94.6
0.00283	1.45	14.2	0.490	125.0
	<b>A<sub>m</sub>/s<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>5.24 × 10<sup>10</sup></b> <sup>b</sup>		<b>1.22 × 10<sup>9</sup></b> <sup>b</sup>
	<b>E<sub>m</sub>/kJ mol<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>34.0 ± 1.5</b>		<b>19.0 ± 1.0</b>
	<b>ΔH<sup>‡</sup>/kJ mol<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>18.3 ± 5.9</b>		<b>54.1 ± 4.3</b>
	<b>ΔS<sup>‡</sup>/J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>57.6 ± 20.2</b>		<b>+ 80.9 ± 17.0</b> ·

	$\beta/\text{Hz}$ $C/\text{K}^{-1}$	$(1.43 \pm 0.13) \times 10^9$		$(3.69 \pm 0.52) \times 10^9$ $0.1033 \pm 0.0276$
	$\chi^2/R^2$ <sup>c</sup>	0.00651/0.9479		0.03882/0.99308

<sup>a</sup> see foot note *a* of Table S1. <sup>b</sup> held fixed at the least squares best value for calculating errors of other parameters. <sup>c</sup>  $10^{-6}/T_{2r}(\text{s}^{-1})$ ,  $10^{-2}/T_{2p}(\text{s}^{-1})$  values were fitted.

## `Appendix -I

### (1) First phase :



$$1/2(-d[A]_t/dt = k_1[A]^2 - k_{-1}[\text{Dim}]_t \quad (2)$$

$$k_{-1} = k_1[A]_e^2 / [\text{Dim}]_e$$

where  $[A]_e$  and  $[\text{Dim}]_e$  denote the concentrations of A ( $\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{salen})(\text{OH}_2)(\text{OH})$ ) and its Dimer respectively at equilibrium, and  $[A]_t$  and  $[\text{Dim}]_t$  are their respective concentrations at time ‘t’.

With  $[\text{Dim}]_0 = 0$  and  $[A]_0$  as the zero time concentration of A,  $[\text{Dim}]_{t(e)} = ([A]_0 - [A]_{t(e)})/2$  and  $k' = 2k_1$ , equation (2) can be transformed to eq.(3)

$$-d[A]_t / \{([A]_t - [A]_e)([A]_0 + [A]_t + [A]_0[A]_e - [A]_e[A]_t)\} = - (k' / ([A]_0 - [A]_e)) dt \quad (3)$$

Eq. (3) is solved to get the integrated expression :

$$\ln \left[ \frac{([A]_t - [A]_e)([A]_0 + C_I)}{([A]_t + C_I)([A]_0 - [A]_e)} \right] = - k' ([A]_e + C_I) t \quad (4)$$

where

$$C_I = [A]_0 [A]_e / (A]_0 - [A]_e).$$

Eq. (4) yields eq. (5)

$$([A]_t - [A]_e) / ([A]_t + C_I)$$

$$= [([A]_0 - [A]_e)/([A]_0 + C_I)] \exp(-k'/([A]_e + C_I)t) \quad (5)$$

which can be recast as eq (6)

$$[A]_t = -C_I + \frac{[A]_e + C_I}{1 - \{([A]_0 - [A]_e)/([A]_0 + C_I)\} \exp(-k'/([A]_e + C_I)t)} \quad (6)$$

In terms of absorbance at time t ( $D_t$ ), and molar extinction coefficients of the complex ( $\epsilon_A$ ) and the dimer ( $\epsilon_{\text{Dim}}$ ):

$$D_t = \epsilon_A [A]_t + \epsilon_{\text{Dim}} [\text{Dim}]_t = \epsilon_A [A]_t + \epsilon_{\text{Dim}} ([A]_0 - [A]_t)/2 \quad (7)$$

Setting  $\epsilon' = \epsilon_{\text{Dim}}/2$ ,  $D' = \epsilon' [A]_0$ ,  $D_0 = \epsilon_A [A]_0$ ,  $D_e = \epsilon_A [A]_e + \epsilon' ([A]_0 - [A]_e)$  eq. (7) yields ,

$$A_t = \frac{(D' - D_t)(A_0 - A_e)}{(D_e - D_0)} \quad (8)$$

Using equs (5 - 8) , the expression for  $C_I$ , and rearranging, it is possible to get:

$$D_t = P_1 - \frac{P_2}{1 - P_3 \exp(-P_4 t)} \quad (9)$$

where,

$$P_1 = D' + \frac{(D_e - D_0) [A]_0 [A]_e}{([A]_0 - [A]_e)^2}$$

$$P_2 = \frac{(D_e - D_0)(2[A]_0[A]_e - [A]_e^2)}{([A]_0 - [A]_e)^2}$$

$$P_3 = \left[ \frac{[A]_0 - [A]_e}{[A]_0} \right]^2$$

$$P_4 = k' \left[ \frac{2[A]_0[A]_e - [A]_e^2}{[A]_0 - [A]_e} \right]$$

$$[A]_e = [A]_0(1 - P_3^{1/2}); \quad [\text{Dim}]_e = ([A]_0 - [A]_e)/2$$

$$K_{\text{eq}} = [\text{Dim}]_e / [A]_e^2$$

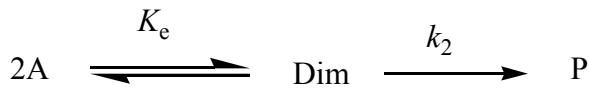
$$k' = P_4 P_3^{1/2} / \{[A]_0(1 - P_3)\}$$

$$D' = P_1 - [P_2/(1 + P_3^{1/2})]; \quad \varepsilon_{\text{Dim}} = 2D'/[A]_0$$

$$D_0 = P_1 - [P_2/(1 - P_3)]; \quad \varepsilon_A = D_0/[A]_0.$$

$$D_e = D_0 + [P_2 P_3 / (1 - P_3)]$$

**(2) Second phase (a rate process preceded by equilibrium):**



where  $K_e = k_1/k_{-1}$  and  $k_2$  denotes the pseudo first order rate constant for the transformation of the dimer (Dim) to the product(s). The linear decrease of absorbance ( $D_t$ ) with time ( $t$ ) indicates that the transformation of the Dimer to Product is very slow. The absorbance – time data after the equilibrium for the first phase was analysed by the method of initial rate :

$$D_t = \epsilon_A [A]_t + \epsilon_{\text{Dim}} [\text{Dim}]_e \exp(-k_2 t) \approx \epsilon_A [A]_t + \epsilon_{\text{Dim}} [\text{Dim}]_e (1 - k_2 t) \quad (10)$$

$$D_e = \epsilon_A [A]_e + \epsilon_{\text{Dim}} [\text{Dim}]_e \quad (11)$$

From equs (10) and (11),

$$D_t - D_e = \epsilon_A ([A]_t - [A]_e) - \epsilon_{\text{Dim}} [\text{Dim}]_e k_2 t$$

$$D_t = D_e - \epsilon_A ([A]_e - [A]_t) - \epsilon_{\text{Dim}} [\text{Dim}]_e k_2 t = D_e [1 - \{\epsilon_A ([A]_e - [A]_t)/D_e\}] - \epsilon_{\text{Dim}} [\text{Dim}]_e k_2 t \quad (12)$$

As  $\epsilon_A ([A]_e - [A]_t)/D_e \ll 1$ , eq(12) reduces to eq(13)

$$D_t = D_e - \epsilon_{\text{Dim}} [\text{Dim}]_e k_2 t \quad (13)$$

and  $k_2 = |G| / (\epsilon_{\text{Dim}} [\text{Dim}]_e)$ , where  $|G|$  is gradient of the  $D_t$  versus  $t$  plot.

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## Appendix –II

Treatment of line width data and evaluation of the parameters defining  $T_{2m}^{-1}$ ,  $\tau_m^{-1}(k_{ex})$ , and  $\Delta w_m$

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$$(\Delta\nu_{\text{obs}} - \Delta\nu_{\text{solvent}}) \pi/P_m =$$

$$T_{2r}^{-1} = \tau_m^{-1}(T_{2m}^{-2} + (T_{2m}\tau_m)^{-1} + \Delta\omega_m^2) / [(T_{2m}^{-1} + \tau_m^{-1})^2 + \Delta\omega_m^2] + T_{2os}^{-1} \quad (3a)$$

The contribution of  $1/T_{2os}$  was neglected and

$$T_{2m}^{-1} = A_m \text{Exp}(-E_m/RT);$$

$$\tau_m^{-1} = k_b T/h \text{Exp}[\Delta S^\#/\mathbf{R} - \Delta H^\#/\mathbf{RT}];$$

$$\Delta\omega_m = \beta/T$$

were substituted in equation (3a) and simplified to :

$$10^{-6}/T_{2r} = 10^{-6}\text{Up/Down} \quad (\text{S1})$$

where

$$\text{Up} = \text{Up}_1 + \text{Up}_2 + \text{Up}_3$$

$$\text{Down} = \text{DD}_1 + \text{DD}_2 + \text{DD}_3 + \text{DD}_4$$

The Up<sub>is</sub> and DD<sub>is</sub> are given by the following expressions.

$$\text{Up}_1 = A_m^2(k_b T/h) \text{Exp}[\Delta S^\#/\mathbf{R} - (\Delta H^\# + 2E_m)/\mathbf{RT}]$$

$$\text{Up}_2 = A_m(k_b T/h)^2 \text{Exp}[2\Delta S^\#/\mathbf{R} - (2\Delta H^\# + E_m)/\mathbf{RT}]$$

$$\text{Up}_3 = [\beta^2 k_b/(hT)] \text{Exp}[\Delta S^\#/\mathbf{R} - \Delta H^\#/\mathbf{RT}]$$

$$\text{DD}_1 = A_m^2 \text{Exp}(-2E_m/RT)$$

$$\text{DD}_2 = 2(A_m k_b T/h) \text{Exp}[\Delta S^\#/\mathbf{R} - (\Delta H^\# + E_m)/\mathbf{RT}]$$

$$\text{DD}_3 = (k_b T/h)^2 \text{Exp}[2\Delta S^\#/\mathbf{R} - 2\Delta H^\#/\mathbf{RT}]$$

$$\text{DD}_4 = (\beta/T)^2$$

The parameters for **equation S1**(Y =  $10^{-6}/T_{2r}$ ; X =  $1/T$ ) to minimize the residuals were set as :

$$P_1 = A_m, P_2 = E_m/\mathbf{R}, P_3 = \Delta S^\#/\mathbf{R}, P_4 = \Delta H^\#/\mathbf{R} \text{ and } P_5 = \beta.$$

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$$k_b = 1.380658 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}, h = 6.6260755 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s} \text{ were used.}$$