Supplementary information

# [Mn<sub>2</sub>(bpmp)]<sup>3+</sup> complex as an artificial peroxidase and its applications in colorimetric pyrophosphate sensing and cascade-type pyrophosphatase assay

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### Determination of optimal pH condition of ABTS/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>/[Mn<sub>2</sub>(bpmp)]<sup>3+</sup> system



**Fig. S1** Absorbance of ABTS (1 mM) in a various pH buffer solution containing  $[Mn_2(bpmp)]^{3+}$  complex (2  $\mu$ M) and  $H_2O_2$  (10 mM) at 417 nm: pH 4 - 5 (acetate, 20 mM), pH 6 (citrate, 20 mM), and pH 7 - 9 (Tris, 20 mM).

Determination of optimal conditions of ABTS/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>/[Mn<sub>2</sub>(bpmp)]<sup>3+</sup> system for application



**Fig. S2** Absorbance changes of  $ABTS/H_2O_2/[Mn_2(bpmp)]^{3+}$  system in various concentrations of  $[Mn_2(bpmp)]^{3+}$  complex (from 0 to 10  $\mu$ M) at 2 min. Inset: Plot of absorbance at 417 nm *versus*  $[Mn_2(bpmp)]^{3+}$  complex concentrations at 2 min. [ABTS] = 1 mM and  $[H_2O_2]$  = 10 mM in a buffer solution (Tris, 20 mM, pH 7.0).



**Fig. S3** Absorbance changes of ABTS/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>/[Mn<sub>2</sub>(bpmp)]<sup>3+</sup> system in various concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (from 0 to 10 mM) at 2 min. Inset: Plot of absorbance at 417 nm *versus* H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentrations at 2 min. [ABTS] = 1 mM and [[Mn<sub>2</sub>(bpmp)]<sup>3+</sup>] = 2  $\mu$ M in a buffer solution (Tris, 20 mM, pH 7.0).

Determination of detection limit for PPi in the ABTS/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>/[Mn<sub>2</sub>(bpmp)]<sup>3+</sup> system



Fig. S4 Plot of the absorbance at 417 nm against the logarithm of PPi concentrations.

The limit of detection (LOD) for PPi was obtained from the low concentration range of PPi (0 ~ 0.8  $\mu$ M) in the PPi titration (see Fig. 3). As shown in Fig. S4, a linear function was obtained when the x-axis is log[PPi] and the y-axis is A - A<sub>0</sub>. The LOD was estimated from the x-intercept of this function.

A<sub>0</sub> is the absorbance in the absence of PPi. Intercept = - 0.949 Slope = - 0.138  $R^2 = 0.961$  $A - A_0 = -0.138 \times Log[PPi] - 0.949$ LOD = 0.133 µM = 133 nM

#### Calibration curve of PPi titration



Fig. S5 Calibration curve of PPi titration in the ABTS/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>/[Mn<sub>2</sub>(bpmp)]<sup>3+</sup> system.

 $A_1 = 0.685$  $A_2 = 0.067$  $x_0 = 1.149$ 

dx = 0.184

- $R^2 = 0.998$
- $y = 0.067 + 0.618 \times [1 + e^{(x-1.149)/0.184]}$

#### ATP titration using the ABTS/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>/[Mn<sub>2</sub>(bpmp)]<sup>3+</sup> system



**Fig. S6** Absorbance changes of  $ABTS/H_2O_2/[Mn_2(bpmp)]^{3+}$  system in the presence of various concentrations of ATP and PPi (from 0.0 to 2.0  $\mu$ M) at 2 min. [ABTS] = 1 mM, [H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>] = 10 mM, and [[Mn<sub>2</sub>(bpmp)]<sup>3+</sup>] = 2  $\mu$ M in a buffer solution (Tris, 20 mM, pH 7.0).

Determination of detection limit for PPase in the ABTS/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>/[Mn<sub>2</sub>(bpmp)]<sup>3+</sup> system



Fig. S7 Plot of the absorbance at 417 nm against the logarithm of PPase concentrations.

The LOD for PPase was obtained from the low concentration range of PPi (0 ~ 3 U/mL) in the PPase titration (see Fig. 5). As shown in Fig. S6, a linear function was obtained when the x-axis is log[PPase] and the y-axis is  $k_{obs}$  -  $k_{obs,0}$ . The LOD was estimated from the x-intercept of this function.

 $k_{obs,0}$  is the  $k_{obs}$  value in the absence of PPase. Intercept = 0.00958 Slope = 0.00152  $R^2 = 0.98322$  $k_{obs} - k_{obs,0} = 0.00152 \times Log[PPase] - 0.00958$ LOD = 0.49816 U/mL

### NMR data



Fig. S8 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz) of 2,6-Bis(chloromethyl)-4-methoxyphenol in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



Fig. S9 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz) of H-bpmp in  $CDCl_3$ 



Fig. S10  $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum (100 MHz) of H-bpmp in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

## Mass data



Fig. S11 Mass spectrum of [Mn<sub>2</sub>(bpmp)(OAc)<sub>2</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>) complex in acetonitrile.





Fig. S12 IR spectra of H-bpmp (blue line) and [Mn<sub>2</sub>(bpmp)(OAc)<sub>2</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>) complex (red line).