

Electronic Supporting Information

Silk fibroin nanoparticles as biocompatible nanocarriers of a novel light-responsive CO-prodrug

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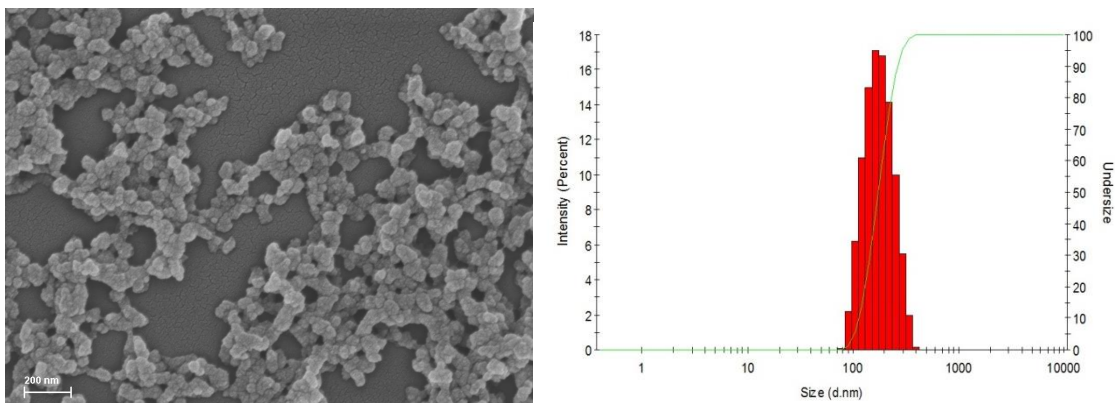


Figure S1. SEM image (left) and DLS size distribution profile (right) of silk fibroin nanoparticles (SFNs).

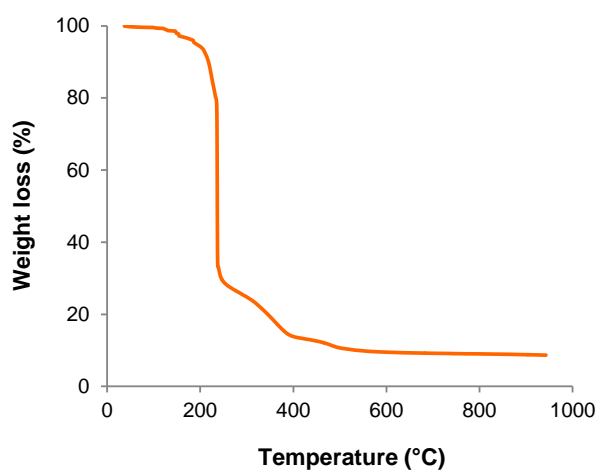


Figure S2. Thermogravimetric analysis of $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_3(\text{bpy})(\text{PPh}_3)](\text{ClO}_4)$ (**1**).

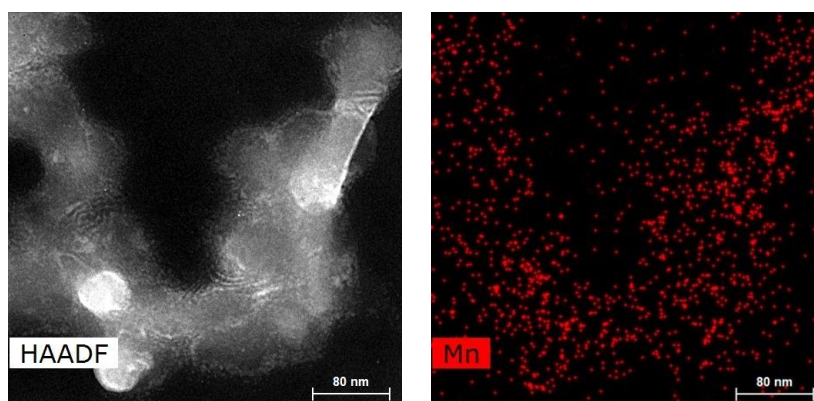


Figure S3. Elemental mapping obtained by EDX-TEM of **1**@SFNs. The presence of manganese into the nanoparticles is confirmed.

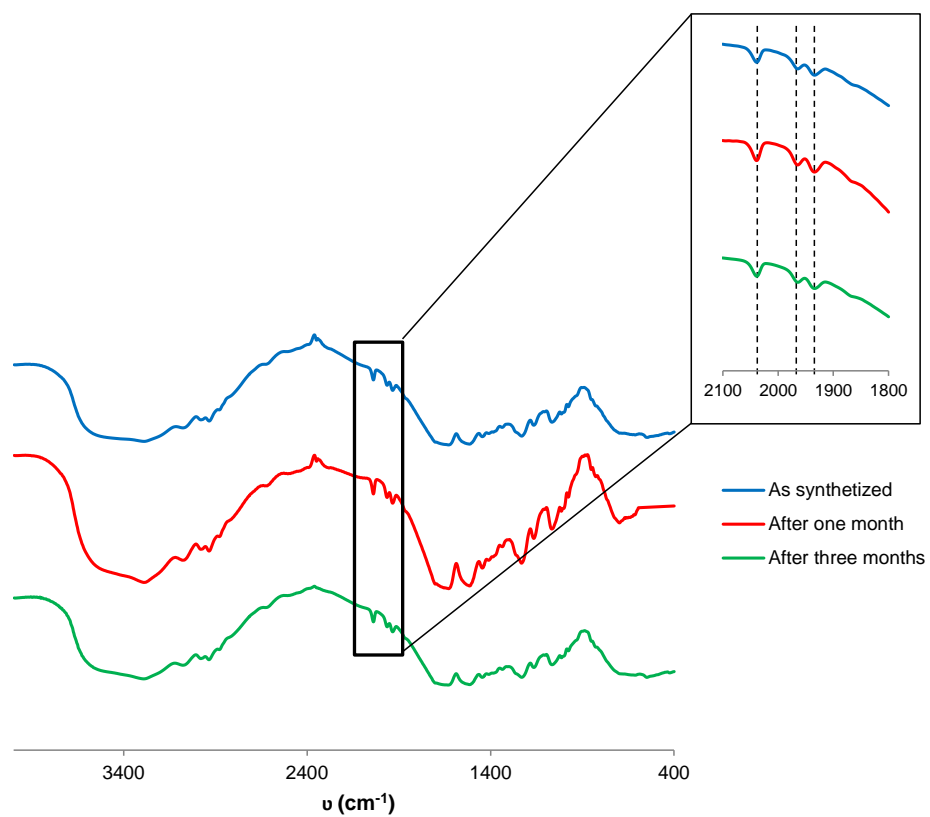


Figure S4. Storage stability studies of 1@SFNs by means of quantitative IR spectroscopy.

Table S1. Quantification of $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_3(\text{bpy})(\text{PPh}_3)](\text{ClO}_4)$ (**1**) loading in the hybrid materials.

| CORM/SFNs ratio | Incubation time | CORM cargo (mg per 100 mg) |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1/10 | 30 min | 1.18 ± 0.17 |
| 1/50 | 30 min | 0.60 ± 0.05 |
| | 1 h | 0.63 ± 0.03 |
| | 3 h | 0.57 ± 0.02 |
| 1/100 | 30 min | 0.48 ± 0.05 |

Table S2. Quantification of $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_3(\text{bpy})\text{Br}]$ loading in the hybrid materials as control.

| CORM/SFNs ratio | Incubation time | CORM cargo (mg per 100 mg) |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1/10 | 30 min | 0.90 ± 0.08 |
| 1/50 | 30 min | 0.41 ± 0.01 |
| 1/100 | 30 min | 0.33 ± 0.01 |

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

1. General methods

Elemental (C, H, N) analyses were obtained in a THERMO SCIENTIFIC Flash 2000 instrument (CIC, University of Granada). Thermogravimetric analyses were performed using a Mettler Toledo TGA/DSC STAR system under oxygen flow (10 mL min^{-1}) running from RT to $950 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ with a heating rate of $20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$ (CIC, University of Granada). The infrared spectra data were collected with a Fourier transform infrared spectrophotometer Bruker Tensor 27. Single X-ray diffraction data were recorded in a Bruker D8 Venture with an area detector Photon 100 (CMOS) (CIC, University of Granada). Solid state fluorescence spectra were registered in a Varian Cary Eclipse and reflectance diffuse in a Varian Cary-5E (CIC, University of Granada). Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) was carried out in an AGILENT 7500a (CIC, University of Jaén). UV-vis spectra were collected on a Shimadzu UV spectrophotometer. Scanning Electron Microscopy images were recorded using a MERLINTM VP COMPACT Carl Zeiss Microscopy (Catholic University of Murcia). A $10 \text{ }\mu\text{L}$ aliquot of an aqueous suspension of nanoparticles was dropped onto a clean glass wafer, fixed onto an aluminium stub by a double tapered carbon film before drying overnight and then were sputter-coated with 5 nm platinum high-vacuum coater Leica EM ACE 600. TEM-EDX elemental mapping were performed using a JEOL JEM-1400 (Central Services Research Support, University of Malaga). Samples were prepared by dispersing by sonication a small amount of the material (2 mg) in water (1 mL). A drop of the suspension was deposited on a copper grid. DLS and Z-potential measurements were carried out in a Zetasizer NanoZS (Malvern) instrument of the Department of Applied Physics of the University of Granada.

2. Synthesis and characterization of materials

All chemical and solvents were commercially available and used without further purification.

2.1. Silk fibroin extraction

Silk fibroin was obtained from white silk cocoons from *Bombyx mori* silkworms reared at the facilities of the IMIDA (Murcia, Spain) fed on *M. alba L.* fresh leaves under GMP compliances in a clean room. Five days after spinning the cocoon, the pupae were extracted alive from the cocoons by cutting open the cocoons, in order to avoid the SF contamination in further steps.

2.2. Preparation of liquid silk fibroin

Prior to silk fibroin (SF) dissolution, the silk cocoons were boiled in a $0.05 \text{ M Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ aqueous solution for 45 minutes to remove the sericins. The resultant cotton-like SF fibers were rinsed thoroughly with ultrapure water and left to dry at room temperature overnight. Then, SF was dissolved at 10% (w/v) in Ajisawa's reagent,¹ composed of a mixture of $\text{CaCl}_2/\text{ethanol}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:2:8), and left for 4 h at $65 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. To remove salts, small peptides and other impurities, the hydro-alcoholic silk solution was dialyzed for 48

¹ A. Ajisawa, *J. Seric. Sci. Jpn.*, **1998**, 67, 91–94.

h against ultra-pure water using a cellulose semi-permeable membrane (cut-off 3.5 KD). This gave a final SF concentration of 2 wt.% in ultrapure water.

2.3. Preparation of silk fibroin nanoparticles (SFNs)

SFNs were prepared following an adaptation of the previously described method by Zhang *et al.*^{2,3} Briefly, the freshly prepared SF aqueous solution was slowly dropped into a vigorously stirred methanolic solution. The nanoparticles suspension was centrifuged at 8 °C (15 min, 12000 g) and the pellet was repeatedly washed (3 x 20 mL) by resuspending it by vigorous stirring (using a vortex and ultrasonication for 5 min) in ultrapure water. Finally, the SFNs were maintained in ultrapure water (20 mg/mL) at 4 °C until use.

2.4. Synthesis of [Mn(CO)₃(bpy)(PPh₃)]ClO₄ (1)

All manipulations were performed under inert atmosphere, using standard Schlenk-line techniques, and in darkness in order to avoid the photoactivation of the carbonyl metal complexes. Prior to use, all solvents were degassed by bubbling a N₂ flow.

The manganese-tricarbonyl complex [Mn(CO)₃(bpy)(PPh₃)]ClO₄ (1) (bpy = 2,2'-bipyridyl, PPh₃= triphenylphosphane) was synthesized in 3 different steps. Firstly, [Mn(CO)₃(bpy)Br] was prepared according to a previously reported procedure,⁴ by reacting [Mn(CO)₅Br] (100.0 mg, 0.36 mmol) with a 20 % excess of 2,2'-bipyridine (67.5 mg, 0.43 mmol) in 30 mL of refluxing hexane during 30 min. The yellow precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with hexane. Afterwards, [Mn(CO)₃(bpy)Br] (30.0 mg, 0.11 mmol) and AgClO₄ (34.0, 0.14 mmol) were stirred in 5 mL of acetone at room temperature during 20 minutes. After removing AgBr, the mother solution was concentrated under reduced pressure to a thick syrup. Addition of diethylether led to [Mn(CO)₃(bpy)(solv)]ClO₄ which was collected by filtration. Finally, a mixture of [Mn(CO)₃(bpy)(solv)]ClO₄ (15 mg, 0.04 mmol) and an excess of triphenylphosphane (14.9 mg, 0.06 mmol) was stirred in 3 mL of acetone during 3 h at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated and the as-synthesized solid was recrystallized in dichloromethane-ethanol (1:1) giving rise to orange crystals suitable for X-ray structure analysis.

Anal. Calc. for [Mn(CO)₃Br] (neutral precursor): N 7.47, C 41.63, H 2.15; found: N 7.38, C: 40.42, H; 2.19. M.W: 375.1 g/mol. Calculated residue (MnO) after thermal treatment: 19.9 %; found: 23.4 %.

Anal. Calc. for [Mn(CO)₃(bpy)(PPh₃)]ClO₄ (1): N 4.26, C 56.68, H 3.53; found: N 4.41, C: 56.97, H; 3.79. M.W: 656.9 g/mol. Calculated residue (MnO) after thermal treatment: 10.8 %; found: 8.7 %.

² Y. Zhang, W. Shen, R. Xiang, L. Zhuge, W. Gao, W. Wang, *J. Nanopart. Res.* **2007**, *9*, 885-900.

³ A. A. Lozano-Pérez, H. Correa Rivero, M. C. Pérez Hernández, A. Pagán, M. G. Montalbán, G. Villora and J. L. Cénis, *Int. J. Pharm.*, **2017**, *518*, 11-19.

⁴ R. Usón, V. Riera, J. Gimeno and M. Laguna, *Transit. Met. Chem.*, **1977**, *2*, 123-130.

2.5. Preparation of the hybrid material

Screening studies

Initially, an aqueous suspension of silk fibroin nanoparticles (20 mg mL^{-1}) and a methanolic solution of **1** (0.2 mg mL^{-1}) were prepared. Then, $500 \mu\text{L}$ of **1** was mixed with different volumes of silk fibroin stock suspension (see below) to a final volume of 1 mL . In all cases, the MeOH:H₂O ratio was kept constant to 1:1. The suspensions were incubated at room temperature, under orbital stirring and in darkness, during 30 min. Additionally, in the case of 1/50 CORM/SFNs w/w ratio, two extra incubation periods were also assayed (1 and 3 h). After each incubation time, the corresponding solids were collected by centrifugation (10 min, 16000 g), washed with MeOH:H₂O (3 x 1 mL) and dried under N₂ flow.

| Sample | Volume of 1 (μL) | Volume of SFNs (μL) | Volume H ₂ O (μL) |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1/10 | 500 | 50 | 450 |
| 1/50 | 500 | 250 | 250 |
| 1/100 | 500 | 500 | 0 |

Mn quantification was determined by ICP-MS (see Table S1). Prior to measurement, 2 mg of **1@SFNs** was degraded in 1 mL of concentrated HNO₃ (69 %). Then, $579 \mu\text{L}$ of this solution was diluted with water to a final concentration of 4 % in HNO₃.

Scale-up synthesis of **1@SNFs**

In a typical procedure, 0.5 mL of an aqueous suspension of silk fibroin nanoparticles (20 mg mL^{-1}) was diluted with 4.5 mL of ultrapure water and then, mixed with 5 mL of a methanolic solution of **1** (0.2 mg mL^{-1}). The suspension was incubated at room temperature, under orbital stirring and in darkness, during 30 min. The solid was collected by centrifugation (10 min, 16000 g), washed with MeOH:H₂O (3 x 10 mL) and dried under N₂ flow.

4. Determination of CO-release by Myoglobin Assay.

The CO release from **1** and **1@SFNs** was studied, as previously described,^{5,6} by monitoring the conversion of deoxy-myoglobin (deoxy-Mb) to carbonmonoxy-myoglobin (CO-Mb). The amount of CO-Mb was quantified by measuring the absorbance at 423 nm at different times. Firstly, myoglobin stock solution from equine heart ($100 \mu\text{M}$), sodium dithionite (24 mg mL^{-1}), and stock suspension of **1@SFNs** (0.2 mM , based on **1**) were freshly prepared in degassed PBS (10 mM , $\text{pH} = 7.4$). In the case of **1**, and due to solubility reasons, a 0.2 mM stock solution was obtained by mixing $100 \mu\text{L}$ of methanol and $900 \mu\text{L}$ of degassed PBS. In a typical experiment, $100 \mu\text{L}$ of myoglobin stock solution, $100 \mu\text{L}$ of sodium dithionite stock solution, $790 \mu\text{L}$ of degassed PBS and $10 \mu\text{L}$ of **1** or **1@SFNs** were

⁵ D. E. Bikiel, E. G. Solveyra, F. Di Salvo, H. M. S. Milagre, M. N. Eberlin, R. S. Corrêa, J. Ellena, D. A. Estrin and F. Doctorovich, *Inorg. Chem.*, **2011**, *50*, 2334–2345.

⁶ R. Motterlini, J. E. Clark, R. Foresti, P. Sarathchandra, B. E. Mann and C. J. Green, *Circ. Res.*, **2002**, *90*, e17–e24.

added in a sealed quartz cuvette, under inert atmosphere, and kept at 37 °C under visible light (luminous flux, 600 lm; color temperature, 4000 K, distance between lamp and cuvette, 5 cm). The concentration of CO-Mb was recorded at different times (0, 15, 30, 45, 60, 75, 90, 105, 120 min) with the aim to determine the total amount of released CO. Additional experiments, up to 180 min, were performed in darkness in order to demonstrate the photoactivable properties of both **1** and **1@SFNs**. Once each experiment was finalized, the solutions were bubbled with CO and the concentration of CO-Mb was calculated. All the experiments were performed in quintuplicate.

SINGLE X-RAY DIFFRACTION DATA

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_3(\text{bpy})(\text{PPh}_3)](\text{ClO}_4)$ (**1**) (bpy = 2,2'-bipyridine; PPh_3 = triphenylphosphane).

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Empirical formula | $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{23}\text{ClMnN}_2\text{O}_7\text{P}$ | |
| Formula weight | 656.87 | |
| Temperature | 100(2) K | |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 Å | |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | |
| Space group | $P2_1/n$ | |
| Unit cell dimensions | $a = 10.5698(4)$ Å | $\alpha = 90^\circ$ |
| | $b = 21.1564(9)$ Å | $\beta = 100.017(1)^\circ$ |
| | $c = 12.7711(5)$ Å | $\gamma = 90^\circ$ |
| Volume | $2812.33(19)$ Å ³ | |
| Z | 4 | |
| Density (calculated) | 1.551 mg/m ³ | |
| Absorption coefficient | 0.675 mm ⁻¹ | |
| F(000) | 1344 | |
| Crystal size | 0.140 x 0.120 x 0.120 mm ³ | |
| Theta range for data collection | 2.313 to 28.747° | |
| Index ranges | $-13 \leq h \leq 11, -23 \leq k \leq 28, -17 \leq l \leq 15$ | |
| Reflections collected | 20536 | |
| Independent reflections | 7076 [R(int) = 0.0733] | |
| Completeness to theta = 25.242° | 99.3 % | |
| Absorption correction | Semi-empirical from equivalents | |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.7458 and 0.6424 | |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on F^2 | |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 7076 / 0 / 388 | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F^2 | 1.023 | |
| Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] | R1 = 0.0505, wR2 = 0.0824 | |
| R indices (all data) | R1 = 0.0994, wR2 = 0.0954 | |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.461 and -0.531 e.Å ⁻³ | |

Table S4. Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_3(\text{bpy})(\text{PPh}_3)](\text{ClO}_4)$ (**1**). $U(\text{eq})$ is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

| | x | y | z | U(eq) |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| Mn | 1825(1) | 4063(1) | 1272(1) | 11(1) |
| C(1) | 301(3) | 4136(1) | 1716(2) | 16(1) |
| O(1) | -688(2) | 4165(1) | 1969(2) | 26(1) |
| C(2) | 1745(2) | 4858(1) | 756(2) | 15(1) |
| O(2) | 1700(2) | 5363(1) | 409(2) | 26(1) |
| C(3) | 953(3) | 3785(1) | -27(2) | 18(1) |
| O(3) | 370(2) | 3663(1) | -838(2) | 32(1) |
| P | 2916(1) | 4488(1) | 2924(1) | 10(1) |
| C(11A) | 4411(2) | 4901(1) | 2817(2) | 12(1) |
| C(12A) | 5458(2) | 4576(1) | 2531(2) | 13(1) |
| C(13A) | 6561(2) | 4896(1) | 2398(2) | 16(1) |
| C(14A) | 6642(3) | 5548(1) | 2524(2) | 18(1) |
| C(15A) | 5610(3) | 5876(1) | 2795(2) | 17(1) |
| C(16A) | 4507(2) | 5559(1) | 2942(2) | 14(1) |
| C(21A) | 3275(2) | 3886(1) | 3964(2) | 12(1) |
| C(22A) | 2247(3) | 3692(1) | 4445(2) | 18(1) |
| C(23A) | 2401(3) | 3210(1) | 5187(2) | 23(1) |
| C(24A) | 3563(3) | 2901(1) | 5443(2) | 22(1) |
| C(25A) | 4583(3) | 3084(1) | 4967(2) | 21(1) |
| C(26A) | 4450(3) | 3578(1) | 4235(2) | 17(1) |
| C(31A) | 2052(2) | 5082(1) | 3575(2) | 12(1) |
| C(32A) | 988(2) | 5404(1) | 3032(2) | 13(1) |
| C(33A) | 404(2) | 5879(1) | 3531(2) | 17(1) |
| C(34A) | 902(3) | 6046(1) | 4573(2) | 18(1) |
| C(35A) | 1953(3) | 5725(1) | 5122(2) | 20(1) |
| C(36A) | 2522(3) | 5245(1) | 4631(2) | 17(1) |
| N(1B) | 3526(2) | 3843(1) | 816(2) | 11(1) |
| C(2B) | 4138(3) | 4194(1) | 181(2) | 16(1) |
| C(3B) | 5308(3) | 4024(1) | -75(2) | 19(1) |
| C(4B) | 5886(3) | 3474(1) | 350(2) | 20(1) |
| C(5B) | 5255(3) | 3097(1) | 976(2) | 17(1) |
| C(5AB) | 4066(2) | 3283(1) | 1181(2) | 12(1) |
| C(6B) | 3663(3) | 2330(1) | 2259(2) | 18(1) |
| C(6AB) | 3284(2) | 2908(1) | 1794(2) | 12(1) |
| C(7B) | 2829(3) | 1994(1) | 2765(2) | 19(1) |
| C(8B) | 1632(3) | 2245(1) | 2805(2) | 19(1) |
| C(9B) | 1322(3) | 2831(1) | 2353(2) | 15(1) |
| N(10B) | 2121(2) | 3166(1) | 1861(2) | 12(1) |
| Cl | 2637(1) | 2453(1) | 8410(1) | 18(1) |
| O(1P) | 2032(2) | 2933(1) | 7683(2) | 27(1) |
| O(2P) | 2372(2) | 2571(1) | 9459(2) | 33(1) |
| O(3P) | 2130(2) | 1844(1) | 8052(2) | 42(1) |
| O(4P) | 3992(2) | 2464(1) | 8448(2) | 52(1) |

Table S5. Bond lengths [Å] for [Mn(CO)₃(bpy)(PPh₃)](ClO₄) (**1**).

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Mn-C(2) | 1.804(3) |
| Mn-C(1) | 1.805(3) |
| Mn-C(3) | 1.848(3) |
| Mn-N(1B) | 2.038(2) |
| Mn-N(10B) | 2.045(2) |
| Mn-P | 2.3968(7) |
| C(1)-O(1) | 1.148(3) |
| C(2)-O(2) | 1.154(3) |
| C(3)-O(3) | 1.139(3) |
| P-C(21A) | 1.832(3) |
| P-C(11A) | 1.832(3) |
| P-C(31A) | 1.836(3) |
| C(11A)-C(16A) | 1.402(4) |
| C(11A)-C(12A) | 1.403(3) |
| C(12A)-C(13A) | 1.384(4) |
| C(13A)-C(14A) | 1.390(4) |
| C(14A)-C(15A) | 1.386(4) |
| C(15A)-C(16A) | 1.386(4) |
| C(21A)-C(26A) | 1.393(3) |
| C(21A)-C(22A) | 1.400(4) |
| C(22A)-C(23A) | 1.383(4) |
| C(23A)-C(24A) | 1.380(4) |
| C(24A)-C(25A) | 1.382(4) |
| C(25A)-C(26A) | 1.392(4) |
| C(31A)-C(32A) | 1.392(3) |
| C(31A)-C(36A) | 1.397(4) |
| C(32A)-C(33A) | 1.391(4) |
| C(33A)-C(34A) | 1.389(4) |
| C(34A)-C(35A) | 1.383(4) |
| C(35A)-C(36A) | 1.386(4) |
| N(1B)-C(2B) | 1.345(3) |
| N(1B)-C(5AB) | 1.360(3) |
| C(2B)-C(3B) | 1.382(4) |
| C(3B)-C(4B) | 1.380(4) |
| C(4B)-C(5B) | 1.381(4) |
| C(5B)-C(5AB) | 1.385(4) |
| C(5AB)-C(6AB) | 1.468(4) |
| C(6B)-C(7B) | 1.378(4) |
| C(6B)-C(6AB) | 1.386(4) |
| C(6AB)-N(10B) | 1.361(3) |
| C(7B)-C(8B) | 1.382(4) |
| C(8B)-C(9B) | 1.381(4) |
| C(9B)-N(10B) | 1.340(3) |
| Cl-O(4P) | 1.425(2) |
| Cl-O(2P) | 1.438(2) |
| Cl-O(3P) | 1.438(2) |
| Cl-O(1P) | 1.447(2) |

Table S6. Bond angles [°] for [Mn(CO)₃(bpy)(PPh₃)](ClO₄) (**1**).

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| C(2)-Mn-C(1) | 92.72(12) |
| C(2)-Mn-C(3) | 89.10(12) |
| C(1)-Mn-C(3) | 88.68(12) |
| C(2)-Mn-N(1B) | 95.52(10) |
| C(1)-Mn-N(1B) | 171.60(11) |
| C(3)-Mn-N(1B) | 89.86(10) |
| C(2)-Mn-N(10B) | 173.91(10) |
| C(1)-Mn-N(10B) | 92.96(11) |
| C(3)-Mn-N(10B) | 93.23(10) |
| N(1B)-Mn-N(10B) | 78.87(8) |
| C(2)-Mn-P | 87.47(9) |
| C(1)-Mn-P | 90.58(8) |
| C(3)-Mn-P | 176.45(9) |
| N(1B)-Mn-P | 91.37(6) |
| N(10B)-Mn-P | 90.28(6) |
| O(1)-C(1)-Mn | 177.3(2) |
| O(2)-C(2)-Mn | 178.7(2) |
| O(3)-C(3)-Mn | 174.3(2) |
| C(21A)-P-C(11A) | 108.25(11) |
| C(21A)-P-C(31A) | 101.77(12) |
| C(11A)-P-C(31A) | 102.15(12) |
| C(21A)-P-Mn | 112.62(8) |
| C(11A)-P-Mn | 113.77(8) |
| C(31A)-P-Mn | 117.04(9) |
| C(16A)-C(11A)-C(12A) | 118.1(2) |
| C(16A)-C(11A)-P | 120.72(19) |
| C(12A)-C(11A)-P | 121.0(2) |
| C(13A)-C(12A)-C(11A) | 120.8(2) |
| C(12A)-C(13A)-C(14A) | 120.5(3) |
| C(15A)-C(14A)-C(13A) | 119.3(3) |
| C(16A)-C(15A)-C(14A) | 120.6(3) |
| C(15A)-C(16A)-C(11A) | 120.7(2) |
| C(26A)-C(21A)-C(22A) | 118.7(2) |
| C(26A)-C(21A)-P | 124.7(2) |
| C(22A)-C(21A)-P | 116.34(19) |
| C(23A)-C(22A)-C(21A) | 120.6(3) |
| C(24A)-C(23A)-C(22A) | 120.4(3) |
| C(23A)-C(24A)-C(25A) | 119.6(3) |
| C(24A)-C(25A)-C(26A) | 120.7(3) |
| C(25A)-C(26A)-C(21A) | 120.0(3) |
| C(32A)-C(31A)-C(36A) | 118.8(2) |
| C(32A)-C(31A)-P | 122.1(2) |
| C(36A)-C(31A)-P | 118.98(19) |
| C(33A)-C(32A)-C(31A) | 120.7(2) |
| C(34A)-C(33A)-C(32A) | 119.9(2) |
| C(35A)-C(34A)-C(33A) | 119.8(3) |
| C(34A)-C(35A)-C(36A) | 120.3(3) |
| C(35A)-C(36A)-C(31A) | 120.5(2) |
| C(2B)-N(1B)-C(5AB) | 118.0(2) |
| C(2B)-N(1B)-Mn | 125.90(18) |
| C(5AB)-N(1B)-Mn | 116.05(17) |
| N(1B)-C(2B)-C(3B) | 122.8(3) |
| C(4B)-C(3B)-C(2B) | 118.7(3) |
| C(3B)-C(4B)-C(5B) | 119.3(3) |
| C(4B)-C(5B)-C(5AB) | 119.4(3) |
| N(1B)-C(5AB)-C(5B) | 121.6(2) |
| N(1B)-C(5AB)-C(6AB) | 114.4(2) |

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|----------------------|------------|
| C(5B)-C(5AB)-C(6AB) | 124.0(2) |
| C(7B)-C(6B)-C(6AB) | 119.7(3) |
| N(10B)-C(6AB)-C(6B) | 121.6(2) |
| N(10B)-C(6AB)-C(5AB) | 114.5(2) |
| C(6B)-C(6AB)-C(5AB) | 123.9(2) |
| C(6B)-C(7B)-C(8B) | 118.9(3) |
| C(9B)-C(8B)-C(7B) | 118.7(3) |
| N(10B)-C(9B)-C(8B) | 123.2(3) |
| C(9B)-N(10B)-C(6AB) | 117.8(2) |
| C(9B)-N(10B)-Mn | 126.52(18) |
| C(6AB)-N(10B)-Mn | 115.58(17) |
| O(4P)-Cl-O(2P) | 108.83(14) |
| O(4P)-Cl-O(3P) | 110.02(16) |
| O(2P)-Cl-O(3P) | 109.22(15) |
| O(4P)-Cl-O(1P) | 109.83(15) |
| O(2P)-Cl-O(1P) | 109.88(13) |
| O(3P)-Cl-O(1P) | 109.05(12) |

Table S7. Anisotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_3(\text{bpy})(\text{PPh}_3)](\text{ClO}_4)$ (**1**). The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\rho^2 [h^2 a^{*2} U^{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U^{12}]$.

| | U^{11} | U^{22} | U^{33} | U^{23} | U^{13} | U^{12} |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Mn | 9(1) | 11(1) | 13(1) | 0(1) | 1(1) | 2(1) |
| C(1) | 14(2) | 13(2) | 20(1) | 1(1) | -2(1) | 0(1) |
| O(1) | 15(1) | 23(1) | 42(1) | 0(1) | 12(1) | 3(1) |
| C(2) | 12(1) | 21(2) | 14(1) | 1(1) | 3(1) | 5(1) |
| O(2) | 27(1) | 19(1) | 32(1) | 11(1) | 9(1) | 9(1) |
| C(3) | 12(1) | 16(2) | 24(2) | 1(1) | 3(1) | 8(1) |
| O(3) | 27(1) | 39(1) | 24(1) | -12(1) | -12(1) | 12(1) |
| P | 8(1) | 9(1) | 12(1) | 1(1) | 2(1) | 2(1) |
| C(11A) | 11(1) | 12(1) | 11(1) | 3(1) | 0(1) | 1(1) |
| C(12A) | 10(1) | 15(1) | 13(1) | -1(1) | 0(1) | 3(1) |
| C(13A) | 10(1) | 24(2) | 15(1) | -1(1) | 2(1) | 2(1) |
| C(14A) | 12(1) | 26(2) | 15(1) | 2(1) | 1(1) | -7(1) |
| C(15A) | 18(2) | 12(1) | 19(1) | 1(1) | 0(1) | -5(1) |
| C(16A) | 15(1) | 13(1) | 13(1) | 1(1) | 3(1) | 2(1) |
| C(21A) | 15(1) | 9(1) | 12(1) | -1(1) | 0(1) | 0(1) |
| C(22A) | 15(2) | 20(2) | 18(2) | 4(1) | 1(1) | -1(1) |
| C(23A) | 25(2) | 22(2) | 20(2) | 7(1) | 2(1) | -6(1) |
| C(24A) | 39(2) | 11(2) | 15(2) | 5(1) | 2(1) | 1(1) |
| C(25A) | 27(2) | 19(2) | 17(2) | 2(1) | 2(1) | 13(1) |
| C(26A) | 19(2) | 18(2) | 16(1) | 2(1) | 6(1) | 6(1) |
| C(31A) | 12(1) | 9(1) | 16(1) | 1(1) | 5(1) | 2(1) |
| C(32A) | 16(1) | 10(1) | 14(1) | 0(1) | 2(1) | 0(1) |
| C(33A) | 12(1) | 12(1) | 26(2) | -1(1) | 2(1) | 3(1) |
| C(34A) | 18(2) | 13(2) | 25(2) | -1(1) | 11(1) | 4(1) |
| C(35A) | 25(2) | 21(2) | 14(1) | -4(1) | 6(1) | 3(1) |
| C(36A) | 17(2) | 18(2) | 15(1) | 3(1) | 2(1) | 4(1) |
| N(1B) | 10(1) | 13(1) | 9(1) | 0(1) | 0(1) | 1(1) |
| C(2B) | 19(2) | 17(2) | 14(1) | 1(1) | 3(1) | 1(1) |
| C(3B) | 18(2) | 28(2) | 14(1) | -4(1) | 7(1) | -2(1) |
| C(4B) | 11(1) | 30(2) | 20(2) | -7(1) | 4(1) | 2(1) |
| C(5B) | 16(2) | 18(2) | 16(1) | -5(1) | 0(1) | 5(1) |
| C(5AB) | 13(1) | 12(1) | 11(1) | -3(1) | -1(1) | 2(1) |
| C(6B) | 17(2) | 13(1) | 24(2) | -2(1) | -1(1) | 4(1) |

| | | | | | | |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| C(6AB) | 12(1) | 12(1) | 12(1) | -5(1) | 0(1) | 2(1) |
| C(7B) | 26(2) | 10(1) | 20(2) | 2(1) | -1(1) | 1(1) |
| C(8B) | 22(2) | 15(2) | 19(2) | 1(1) | 5(1) | -4(1) |
| C(9B) | 14(1) | 14(1) | 17(1) | -2(1) | 3(1) | -4(1) |
| N(10B) | 12(1) | 9(1) | 12(1) | -4(1) | -1(1) | 1(1) |
| Cl | 17(1) | 18(1) | 19(1) | -2(1) | 4(1) | -2(1) |
| O(1P) | 38(1) | 18(1) | 25(1) | 6(1) | 2(1) | -4(1) |
| O(2P) | 34(1) | 49(2) | 17(1) | -1(1) | 8(1) | 2(1) |
| O(3P) | 66(2) | 17(1) | 35(1) | -2(1) | -16(1) | -6(1) |
| O(4P) | 16(1) | 83(2) | 58(2) | -2(2) | 12(1) | 2(1) |

Table S8. Hydrogen coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and isotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_3(\text{bpy})(\text{PPh}_3)](\text{ClO}_4)$ (**1**).

| | x | y | z | U(eq) |
|--------|------|------|------|-------|
| H(12A) | 5409 | 4132 | 2428 | 16 |
| H(13A) | 7268 | 4669 | 2219 | 20 |
| H(14A) | 7397 | 5767 | 2425 | 22 |
| H(15A) | 5659 | 6322 | 2882 | 20 |
| H(16A) | 3808 | 5789 | 3130 | 16 |
| H(22A) | 1436 | 3894 | 4260 | 21 |
| H(23A) | 1702 | 3091 | 5523 | 27 |
| H(24A) | 3661 | 2564 | 5942 | 26 |
| H(25A) | 5383 | 2871 | 5141 | 25 |
| H(26A) | 5161 | 3704 | 3920 | 20 |
| H(32A) | 658 | 5298 | 2314 | 16 |
| H(33A) | -334 | 6089 | 3160 | 20 |
| H(34A) | 521 | 6379 | 4909 | 22 |
| H(35A) | 2286 | 5835 | 5838 | 24 |
| H(36A) | 3238 | 5024 | 5016 | 20 |
| H(2B) | 3748 | 4576 | -103 | 20 |
| H(3B) | 5708 | 4280 | -534 | 23 |
| H(4B) | 6709 | 3356 | 213 | 24 |
| H(5B) | 5633 | 2713 | 1264 | 20 |
| H(6B) | 4493 | 2167 | 2228 | 22 |
| H(7B) | 3073 | 1596 | 3080 | 23 |
| H(8B) | 1033 | 2020 | 3138 | 23 |
| H(9B) | 503 | 3004 | 2393 | 18 |