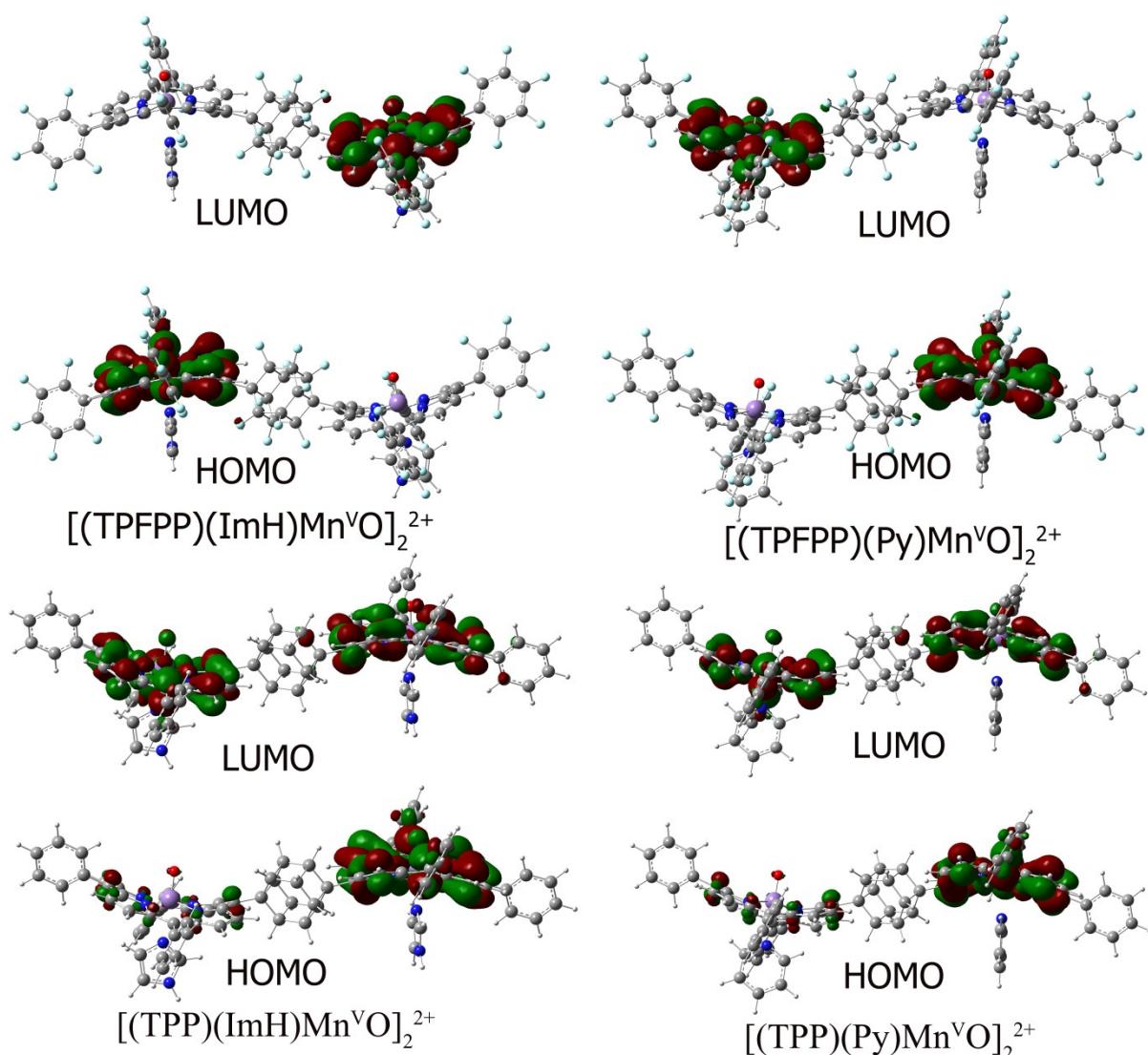


## Supporting Information

### Screening of different interactions in oxo-manganese porphyrin dimers containing axial N-donor ligands: A theoretical study

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**Figure S1.** HOMO and LUMO compositions of the frontier molecular orbitals for  $[(\text{TPP})(\text{ImH})\text{Mn}^{\text{V}}\text{O}]^{2+}$ ,  $[(\text{TPP})(\text{Py})\text{Mn}^{\text{V}}\text{O}]^{2+}$ ,  $[(\text{TPFPPP})(\text{ImH})\text{Mn}^{\text{V}}\text{O}]^{2+}$  and  $[(\text{TPFPPP})(\text{Py})\text{Mn}^{\text{V}}\text{O}]^{2+}$  complexes.

**Table S1.** The calculated dipole moments ( $\mu^\circ$ ) (in Debye), the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) energies,  $\Delta E_{(H-L)}$ , chemical hardness ( $\eta$ ), chemical potential ( $\mu$ ) in terms of eV for  $[(TPP)(N\text{-donor})MnO]_2^{2+}$  and  $[(TPFPP)(N\text{-donor})MnO]_2^{2+}$  intermediates calculated in the gas phase.

Porphyrin	N-donor	$\mu^\circ$	$E_{\text{HOMO}}$	$E_{\text{LUMO}}$	$\Delta E_{(H-L)}$	$\eta$	$\mu$
TPP	ImH	10.48	-8.74	-7.52	1.22	0.61	-8.13
	Py	6.55	-8.87	-7.58	1.28	0.64	-8.22
	Piperidine	2.75	-8.88	-7.66	1.21	0.60	-8.27
	none	0.79	-9.29	-7.66	1.62	0.81	-8.48
TPFPP	ImH	11.77	-9.71	-8.27	1.44	0.72	-8.99
	Py	8.62	-9.79	-8.31	1.48	0.74	-9.05
	Piperidine	4.20	-9.80	-8.33	1.47	0.73	-9.06
	none	0.31	-10.15	-8.43	1.72	0.86	-9.29

**Table S2.** The selected topological parameters of investigated  $\pi$ -complexes and the density of the total energy of electrons ( $H_C$ ) and its two components, the kinetic( $G_C$ ) and potential ( $V_C$ ) electron energy densities (in a.u.) in the gas phase.

Porphyrin	N-donor	Bond	$\rho_{BCP}$	$\nabla_{\rho_{BCP}}^2$	$G_C$	$V_C$	$H_C$
TPP	ImH	Mn-O	0.3235	1.1627	0.6316	-0.9725	-0.3409
		Mn-N <sub>(ax)</sub>	0.0396	0.1341	0.0355	-0.0376	-0.0020
	Py	Mn-O	0.3256	1.1443	0.6333	-0.9804	-0.3472
		Mn-N <sub>(ax)</sub>	0.0270	0.0780	0.0200	-0.0205	-0.0005
	Piperidine	Mn-O	0.3236	1.1649	0.6321	-0.9729	-0.3409
		Mn-N <sub>(ax)</sub>	0.0304	0.0768	0.0213	-0.0234	-0.0021
	none	Mn-O	0.3220	1.1385	0.6240	-0.9634	-0.3394
		Mn-N <sub>(ax)</sub>	----	----	----	----	----
TPFPP	ImH	Mn-O	0.3265	1.1902	0.6430	-0.9884	-0.3454
		Mn-N <sub>(ax)</sub>	0.0453	0.1514	0.0418	-0.0457	-0.0039
	Py	Mn-O	0.3275	1.1703	0.6418	-0.9910	-0.3492
		Mn-N <sub>(ax)</sub>	0.0352	0.1053	0.0284	-0.0305	-0.0021
	Piperidine	Mn-O	0.3251	1.1790	0.6379	-0.9810	-0.3431
		Mn-N <sub>(ax)</sub>	0.0334	0.0823	0.0237	-0.0268	-0.0031
	none	Mn-O	0.3276	1.1319	0.6357	-0.9884	-0.3527
		Mn-N <sub>(ax)</sub>	----	----	----	----	----

**Table S3.** NPA charges, the second-order perturbation energy (kcal.mol<sup>-1</sup>) and natural atomic orbital occupancies of Mn orbitals for  $[(TPP)(N\text{-donor})MnO]_2^{2+}$  and  $[(TPFPP)(N\text{-donor})MnO]_2^{2+}$  intermediates calculated in the gas phase.

Porphyrin	N-donor	$q_{\text{Mn}}$	$q_{\text{N}_{(\text{ax})}}$	$q_{\text{O}}$	$\frac{\text{lpN}_{(\text{ax})} \rightarrow}{\sigma^*_{(\text{Mn-O})}}$	$d_{xy}$	$d_{xz}$	$d_{yz}$	$d_{x^2-y^2}$	$d_z^2$
TPP	ImH	1.359	-0.456	-0.298	6.71	1.014	0.946	0.910	1.940	1.043
	Py	1.363	-0.438	-0.292	5.43	1.006	0.948	0.909	1.931	1.038
	Piperidine	1.326	-0.246	-0.287	6.41	0.978	1.088	1.120	1.675	0.967
	None	1.245	----	-0.305	----	0.953	1.124	1.115	1.647	0.967
TPFPP	ImH	1.351	-0.749	-0.280	16.15	1.022	0.954	0.919	1.923	1.045
	Py	1.346	-0.449	-0.275	9.74	1.014	0.965	0.918	1.914	1.037
	Piperidine	1.320	-0.250	-0.272	10.47	0.983	1.132	1.144	1.625	0.959
	None	1.247	----	-0.277	----	0.957	1.166	1.127	1.599	0.956