

Electrocatalytic reduction of dioxygen by Mn(III)  
*meso*-Tetra(*N*-methylpyridinium-4-yl) porphyrin in  
universal buffer

Supporting Information

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**Table S1.** Solutions utilized in this study.

pH Range	Solution
1	1 M HCl and 0.1 M NaCl
2-13	0.04 M Britton-Robinson Buffer <sup>1</sup>
14	1 M KOH and 0.1 M NaCl

**Table S2.** Electrochemical characterization of the Mn(III)/(II) reduction in a pH 1 solution (1 M HCl /0.1 M NaCl) under Ar saturation conditions as the scan rate is increased.

Scan Rate (V s <sup>-1</sup> )	E <sub>1/2</sub> vs. NHE (V)	ΔE vs. NHE (mV)	<i>i</i> <sub>pc</sub> / <i>i</i> <sub>pa</sub>
0.1	+0.09	299	1.60
0.2	+0.08	326	1.50
0.3	+0.07	342	1.60
0.5	+0.06	371	1.80
1.0	+0.04	453	1.80

**Table S3.** Electrochemical characterization of the Mn(III)/(II) reduction in pH 3 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar saturation conditions as the scan rate is increased.

Scan Rate (V s <sup>-1</sup> )	E <sub>1/2</sub> vs. NHE (V)	ΔE vs. NHE (mV)	<i>i</i> <sub>pc</sub> / <i>i</i> <sub>pa</sub>
0.1	0.00	226	1.10
0.2	+0.01	292	1.20
0.3	0.00	318	1.20
0.5	0.00	368	1.20
1.0	0.00	412	1.20

**Table S4.** Electrochemical characterization of the Mn(III)/(II) reduction in pH 4 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar saturation conditions as the scan rate is increased.

Scan Rate (V s <sup>-1</sup> )	E <sub>1/2</sub> vs. NHE (V)	ΔE vs. NHE (mV)	<i>i</i> <sub>pc</sub> / <i>i</i> <sub>pa</sub>
0.1	0.00	238	0.99
0.2	0.00	280	1.03
0.3	−0.01	324	1.10
0.5	−0.02	352	1.12
1.0	−0.03	415	1.26

**Table S5.** Electrochemical characterization of the Mn(III)/(II) reduction in pH 5 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar saturation conditions as the scan rate is increased.

Scan Rate (V s <sup>-1</sup> )	E <sub>1/2</sub> vs. NHE (V)	ΔE vs. NHE (mV)	<i>i</i> <sub>pc</sub> / <i>i</i> <sub>pa</sub>
0.1	+0.02	167	0.92
0.2	+0.02	193	0.95
0.3	+0.02	215	0.95
0.5	+0.01	246	1.00
1.0	+0.01	290	1.05

**Table S6.** Electrochemical characterization of the Mn(III)/(II) reduction in pH 6 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar saturation conditions as the scan rate is increased.

Scan Rate (V s <sup>-1</sup> )	E <sub>1/2</sub> vs. NHE (V)	ΔE vs. NHE (mV)	<i>i</i> <sub>pc</sub> / <i>i</i> <sub>pa</sub>
0.1	+0.02	132	1.10
0.2	+0.02	156	1.05
0.3	+0.02	165	1.05
0.5	+0.02	189	1.05
1.0	+0.01	237	1.05

**Table S7.** Electrochemical characterization of the Mn(III)/(II) reduction in pH 7 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar saturation conditions as the scan rate is increased.

Scan Rate (V s <sup>-1</sup> )	E <sub>1/2</sub> vs. NHE (V)	ΔE vs. NHE (mV)	<i>i</i> <sub>pc</sub> / <i>i</i> <sub>pa</sub>
0.1	+0.02	114	0.92
0.2	+0.02	120	0.92
0.3	+0.02	134	0.88
0.5	+0.02	146	0.89
1.0	+0.01	170	0.92

**Table S8.** Electrochemical characterization of the Mn(III)/(II) reduction in pH 8 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar saturation conditions as the scan rate is increased.

Scan Rate (V s <sup>-1</sup> )	E <sub>1/2</sub> vs. NHE (V)	ΔE vs. NHE (mV)	<i>i</i> <sub>pc</sub> / <i>i</i> <sub>pa</sub>
0.1	+0.02	86	1.01
0.2	+0.02	94	1.01
0.3	+0.02	95	0.98
0.5	+0.02	103	1.00
1.0	+0.02	119	1.03

**Table S9.** Electrochemical characterization of the Mn(III)/(II) reduction in pH 9 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar saturation conditions as the scan rate is increased.

Scan Rate (V s <sup>-1</sup> )	E <sub>1/2</sub> vs. NHE (V)	ΔE vs. NHE (mV)	<i>i</i> <sub>pc</sub> / <i>i</i> <sub>pa</sub>
0.1	+0.02	110	0.99
0.2	+0.02	126	0.98
0.3	+0.02	139	0.99
0.5	+0.02	155	1.00
1.0	+0.01	186	1.03



**Table S10.** Electrochemical characterization of the Mn(III)/(II) reduction in pH 10 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar saturation conditions as the scan rate is increased.

Scan Rate (V s <sup>-1</sup> )	E <sub>1/2</sub> vs. NHE (V)	ΔE vs. NHE (mV)	<i>i</i> <sub>pc</sub> / <i>i</i> <sub>pa</sub>
0.1	+0.02	84	0.95
0.2	+0.02	94	0.97
0.3	+0.02	97	0.96
0.5	+0.02	105	0.96
1.0	+0.02	112	0.99

**Table S11.** Electrochemical characterization of the Mn(III)/(II) reduction in pH 11 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar saturation conditions as the scan rate is increased.

Scan Rate (V s <sup>-1</sup> )	E <sub>1/2</sub> vs. NHE (V)	ΔE vs. NHE (mV)	<i>i</i> <sub>pc</sub> / <i>i</i> <sub>pa</sub>
0.1	+0.01	75	1.10
0.2	+0.01	82	0.99
0.3	+0.01	88	1.00
0.5	+0.01	97	0.97
1.0	+0.01	107	0.94

**Table S12.** Electrochemical characterization of the Mn(III)/(II) reduction in pH 12 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar saturation conditions as the scan rate is increased.

Scan Rate (V s <sup>-1</sup> )	E <sub>1/2</sub> vs. NHE (V)	ΔE vs. NHE (mV)	<i>i</i> <sub>pc</sub> / <i>i</i> <sub>pa</sub>
0.1	−0.02	77	1.30
0.2	−0.03	86	1.31
0.3	−0.03	91	1.22
0.5	−0.03	100	1.17
1.0	−0.02	107	1.09

**Table S13** Electrochemical characterization of the Mn(III)/(II) reduction in pH 13 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar saturation conditions as the scan rate is increased.

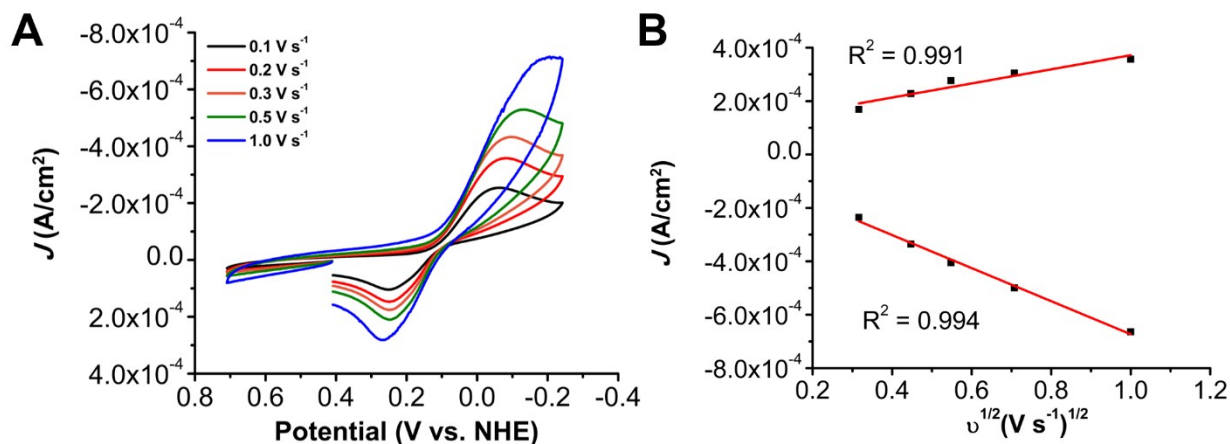
Scan Rate (V s <sup>-1</sup> )	E <sub>1/2</sub> vs. NHE (V)	ΔE vs. NHE (mV)	<i>i</i> <sub>pc</sub> / <i>i</i> <sub>pa</sub>
0.1	−0.05	125	1.08
0.2	−0.07	126	1.06
0.3	−0.08	128	1.02
0.5	−0.08	129	1.06
1.0	−0.08	130	1.04

**Table S14.** Electrochemical characterization of the Mn(III)/(II) reduction in pH 14 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar saturation conditions as the scan rate is increased.

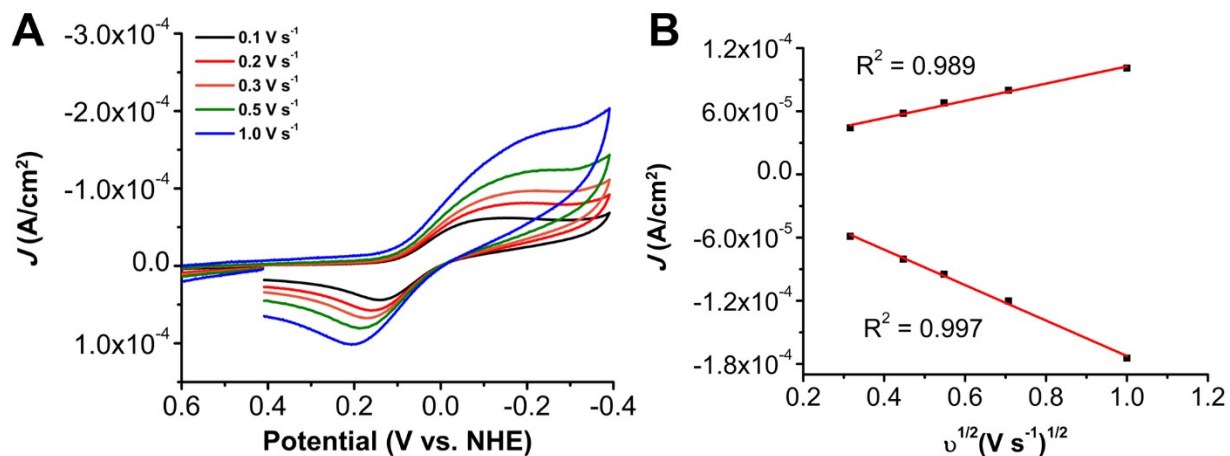
Scan Rate (V s <sup>-1</sup> )	E <sub>1/2</sub> vs. NHE (V)	ΔE vs. NHE (mV)	<i>i</i> <sub>pc</sub> / <i>i</i> <sub>pa</sub>
0.1	−0.11	223	1.14
0.2	−0.12	235	1.15
0.3	−0.12	244	1.19
0.5	−0.12	254	1.25
1.0	−0.12	249	1.40

**Table S15.** Electrochemical characterization of Mn(IV)/(III) feature from pH 10-14, CVs taken at a scan rate of 100 mV/s under Ar saturation conditions.

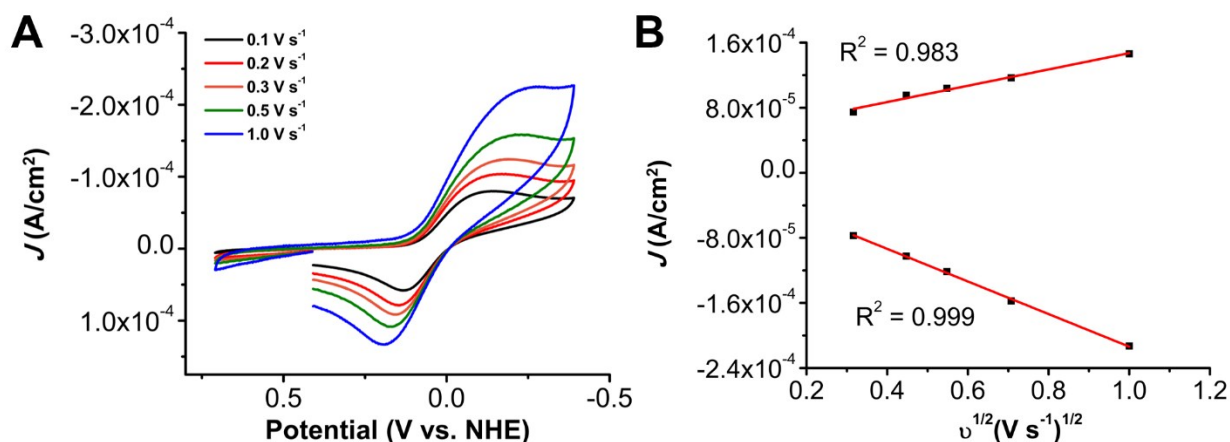
pH	E <sub>1/2</sub> vs. NHE (V)	ΔE vs. NHE (mV)	<i>i</i> <sub>pc</sub> / <i>i</i> <sub>pa</sub>
10	+0.65	250	0.81
11	+0.53	110	1.08
12	+0.39	70	1.05
13	+0.32	70	1.00
14	+0.24	120	1.15



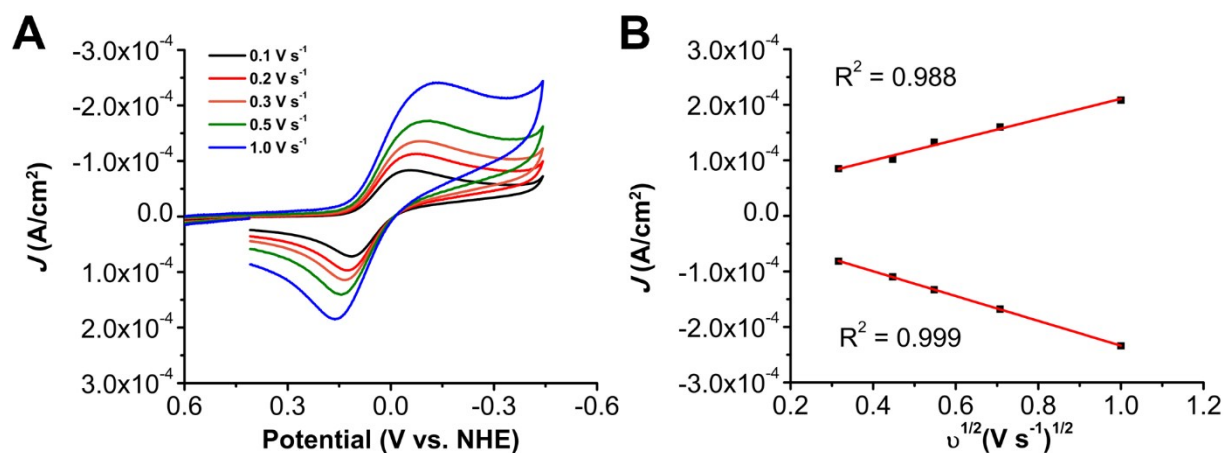
**Figure S1. (A)** Variable scan rate CVs **(B)** Linear fit demonstrating a homogenous response of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$ . Conditions: 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  in a pH 1 (1 M HCl /0.1 M NaCl) solution under Ar saturation conditions, glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; varied scan rate.



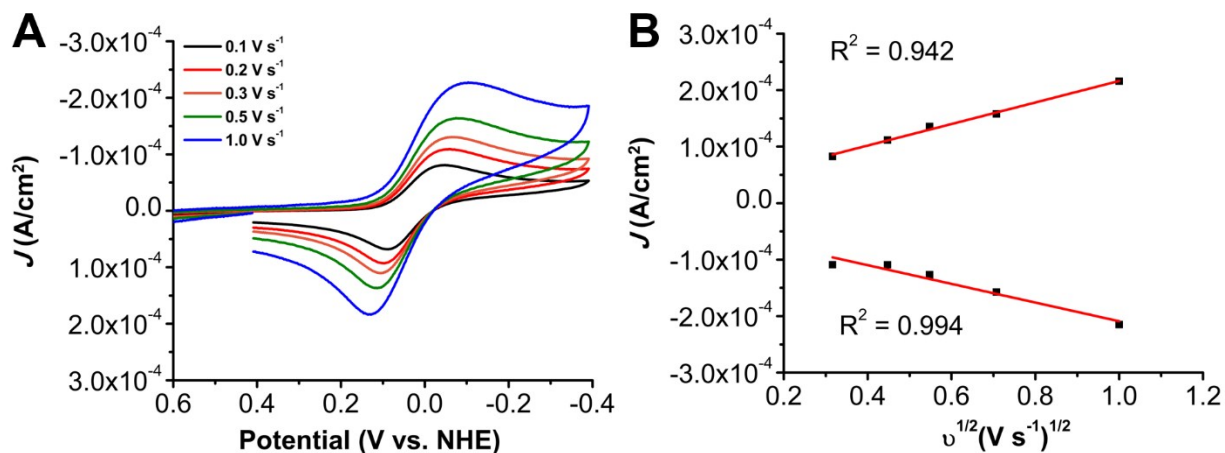
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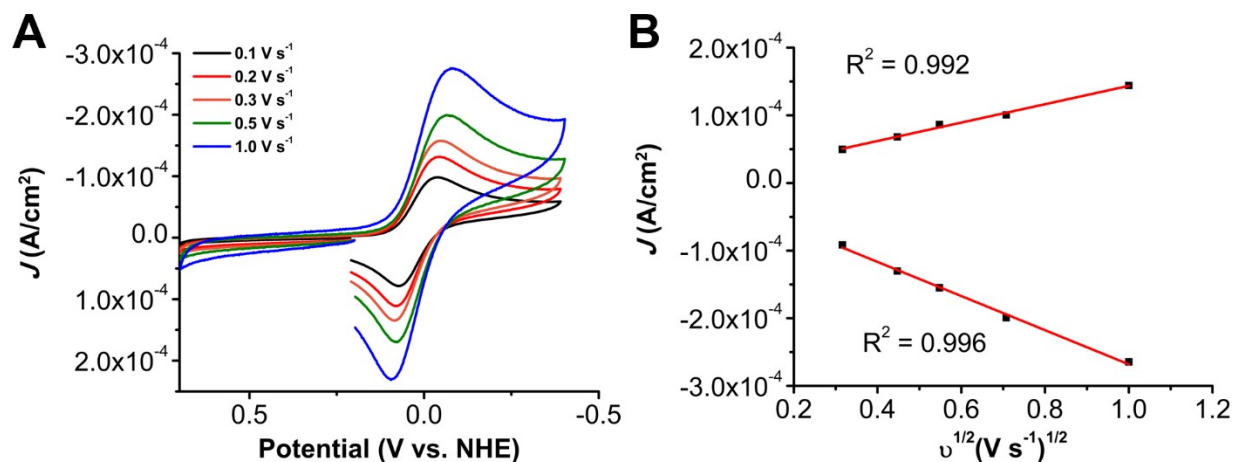
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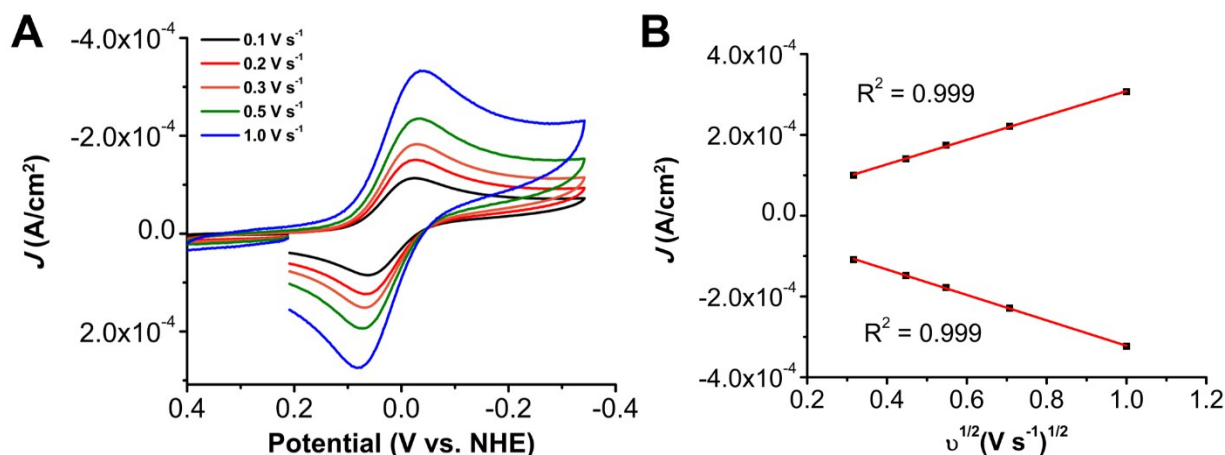
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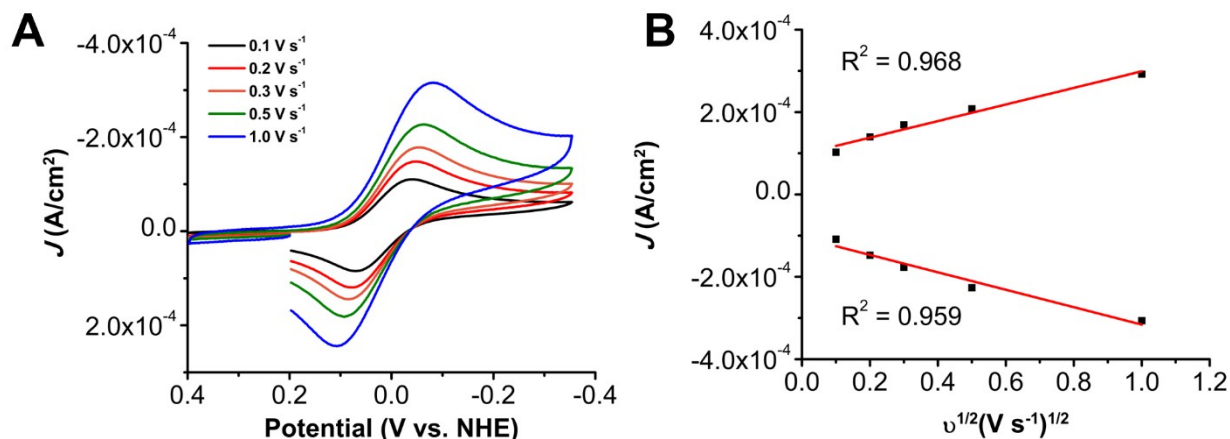
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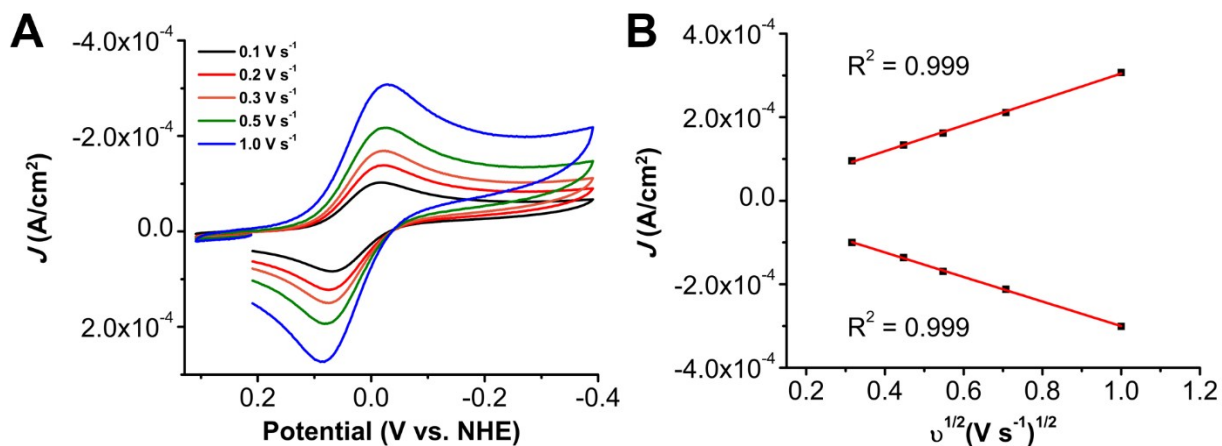
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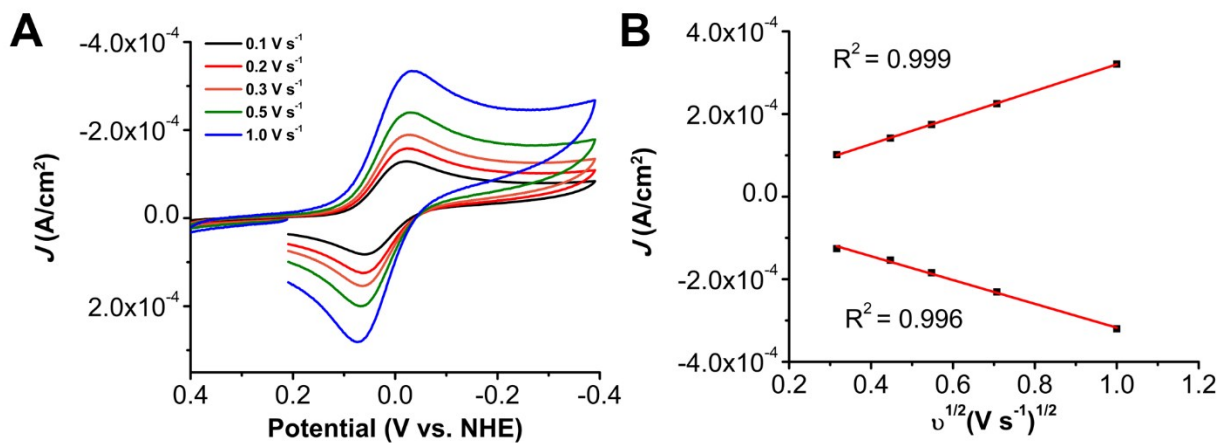
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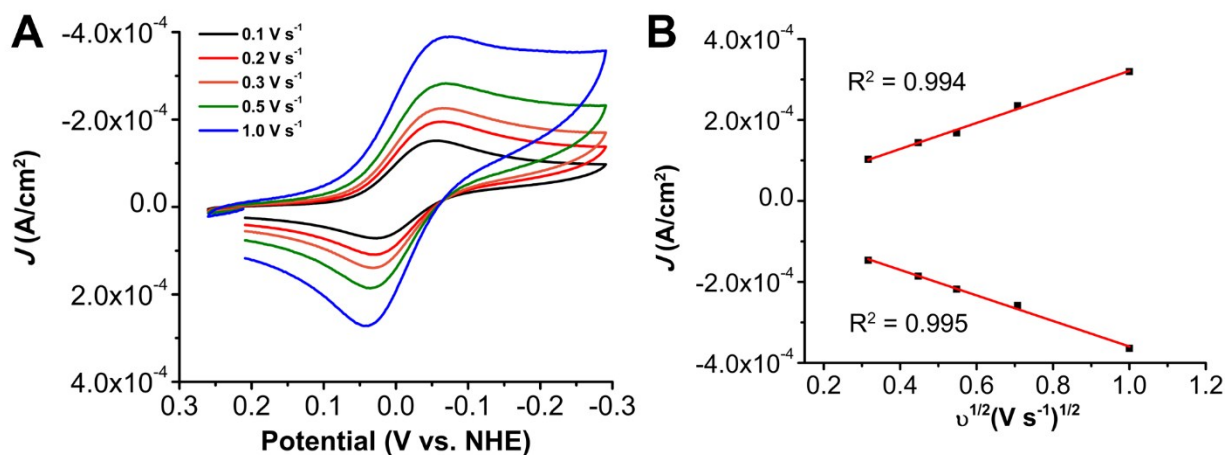
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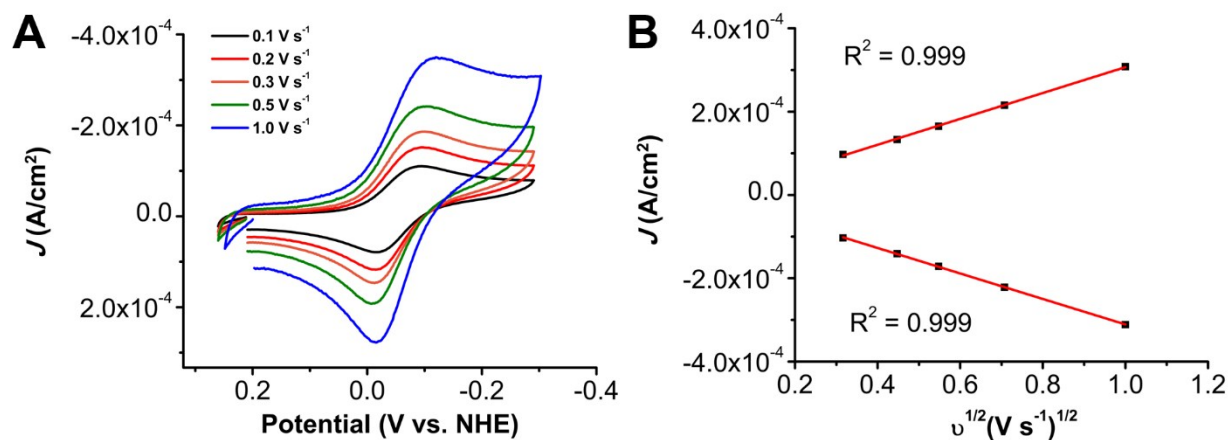
**Figure S9. (A)** Variable scan rate CVs **(B)** Linear fit demonstrating a homogenous response of [Mn(TMPyP)Cl]<sup>4+</sup>. Conditions: 1 mM [Mn(TMPyP)Cl]<sup>4+</sup> in a pH 10 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar saturation conditions, glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; varied scan rate.



**Figure S10. (A)** Variable scan rate CVs **(B)** Linear fit demonstrating a homogenous response of [Mn(TMPyP)Cl]<sup>4+</sup>. Conditions: 1 mM [Mn(TMPyP)Cl]<sup>4+</sup> in a pH 11 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar saturation conditions, glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; varied scan rate.

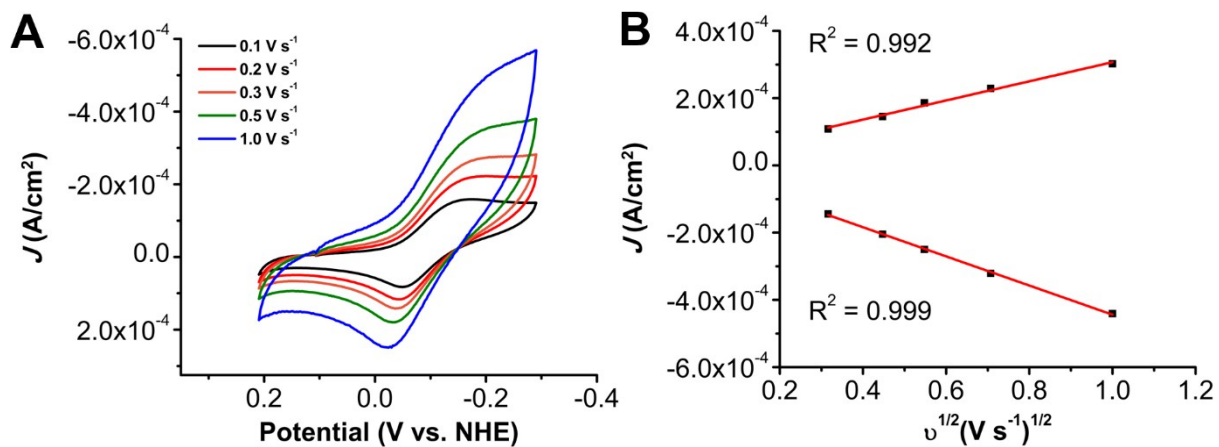


**Figure S11.** (A) Variable scan rate CVs (B) Linear fit demonstrating a homogenous response of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$ . Conditions: 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  in a pH 12 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar saturation conditions, glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; varied scan rate.

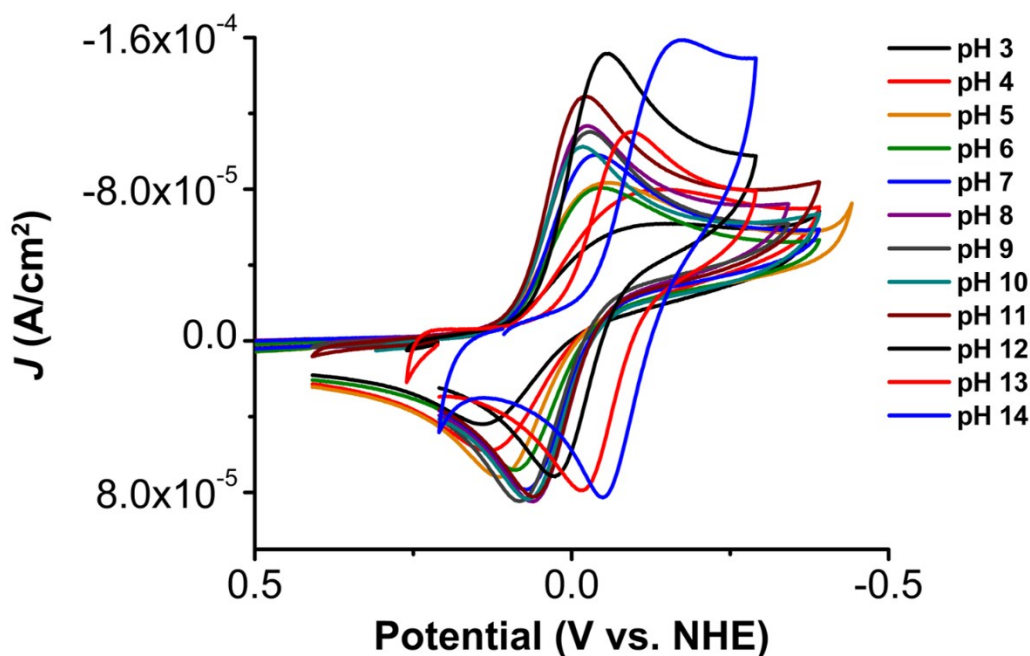


**Figure S12.** (A) Variable scan rate CVs (B) Linear fit demonstrating a homogenous response of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$ . Conditions: 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  in a pH 13 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar saturation conditions, glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; varied scan rate.

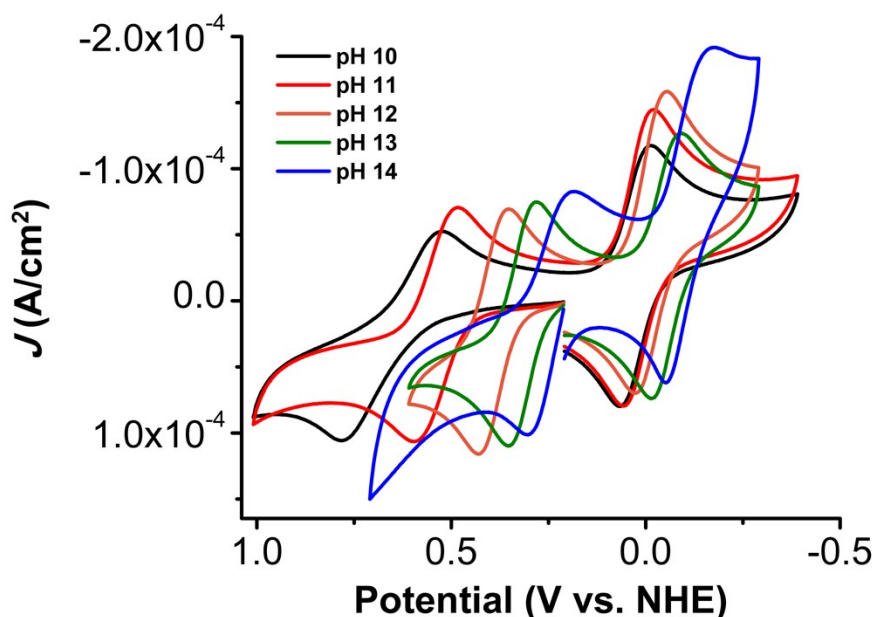




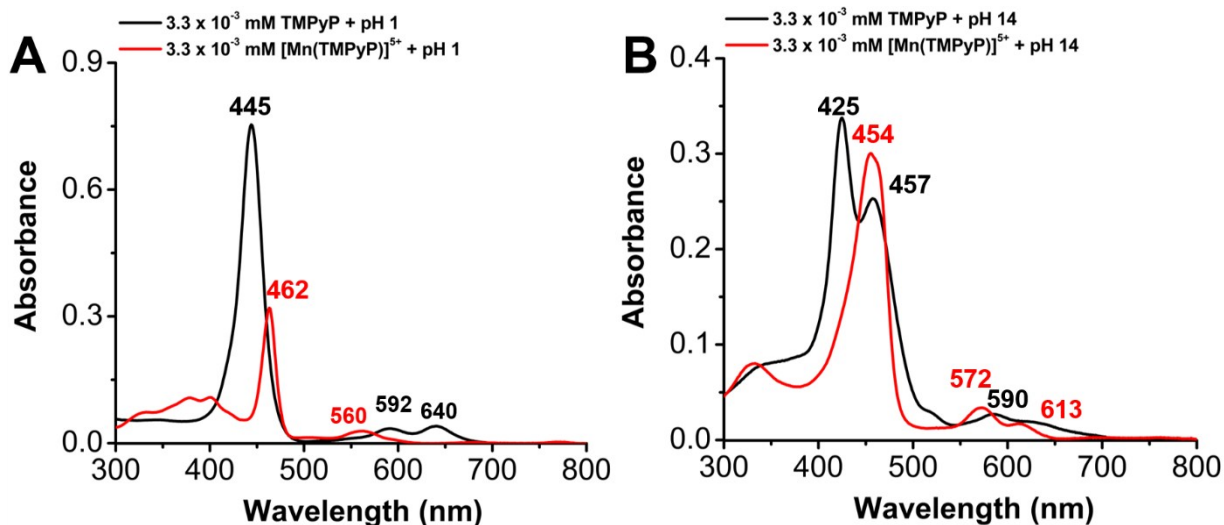
**Figure S13.** (A) Variable scan rate CVs (B) Linear fit demonstrating a homogenous response of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$ . Conditions: 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  in a pH 14 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar saturation conditions, glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; varied scan rate.



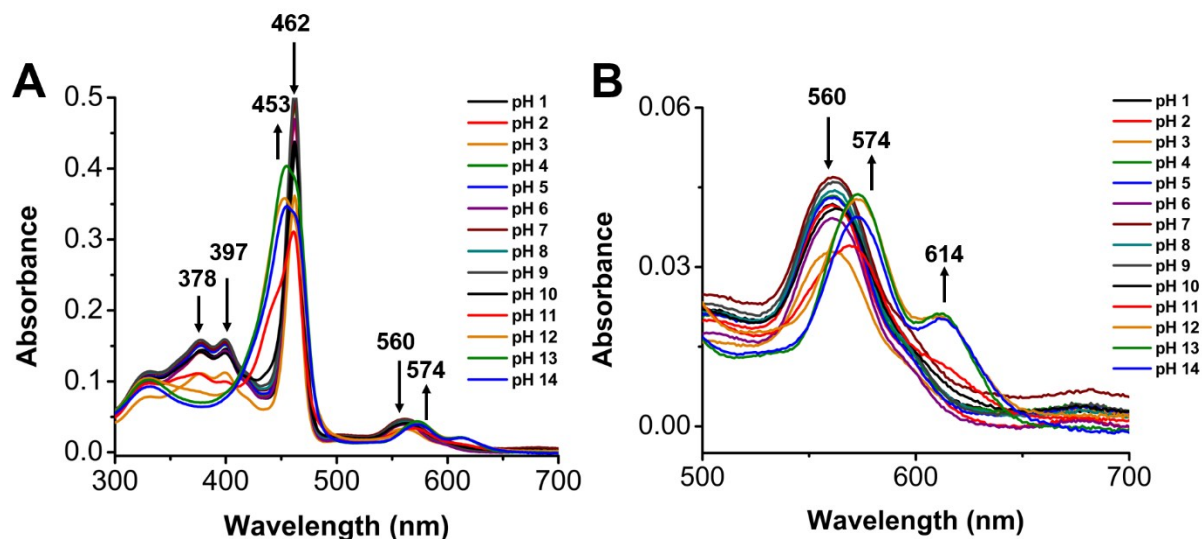
**Figure S14.** CVs of 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  demonstrating the shift in  $E_{1/2}$  throughout the entire pH domain studied. Ar saturation conditions, glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.



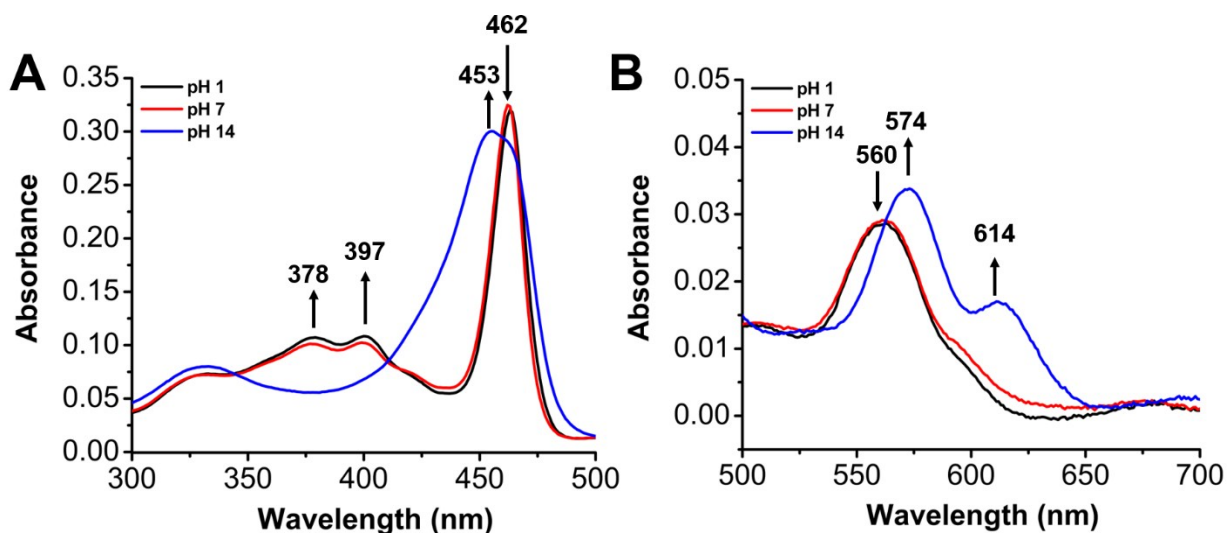
**Figure S15.** CVs of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  establishing the appearance of a second feature and the pH dependence of the  $E_{1/2}$  under basic conditions in a Britton-Robinson buffer. Conditions: 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  in Britton-Robinson Buffer solution at indicated pH under Ar saturation conditions, glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.



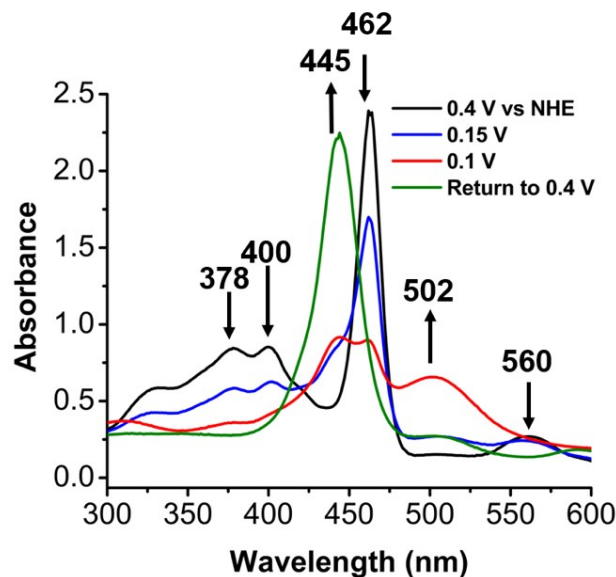
**Figure S16.** (A) UV-Vis spectrum of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  and free base TMPyP showing that de-metalation does not occur in solution by monitoring the Soret band (B) and Q band shifts under pH 1 or 14 conditions.



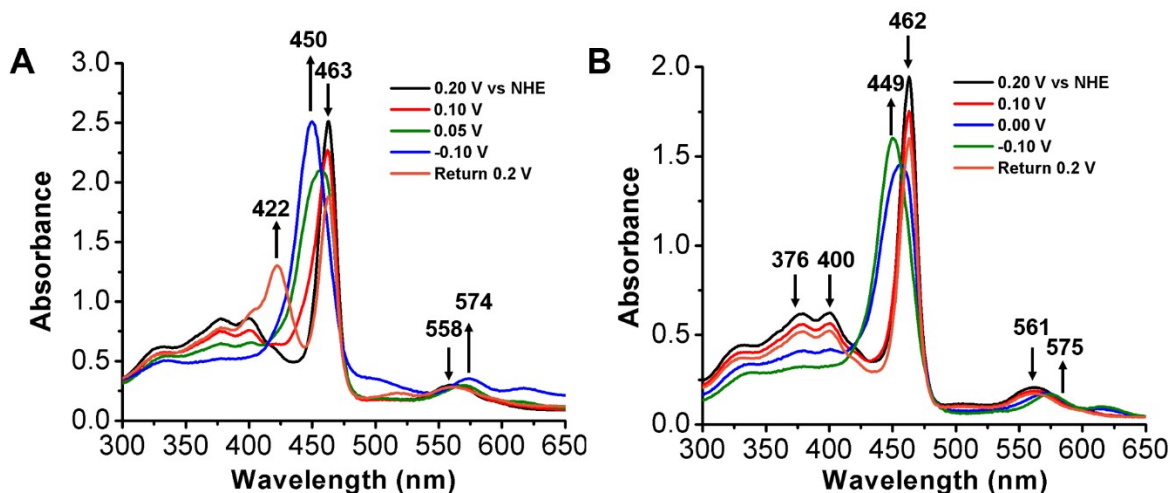
**Figure S17.** (A) UV-Vis spectrum of  $3.33 \times 10^{-6}$  M  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  throughout the pH domain with a decrease in absorbance at the characteristic Soret band occurring at 462 nm and the growth of a new band at 453 nm at higher pH (B) The characteristic Q band shifting from 560 to 572 towards high pH.



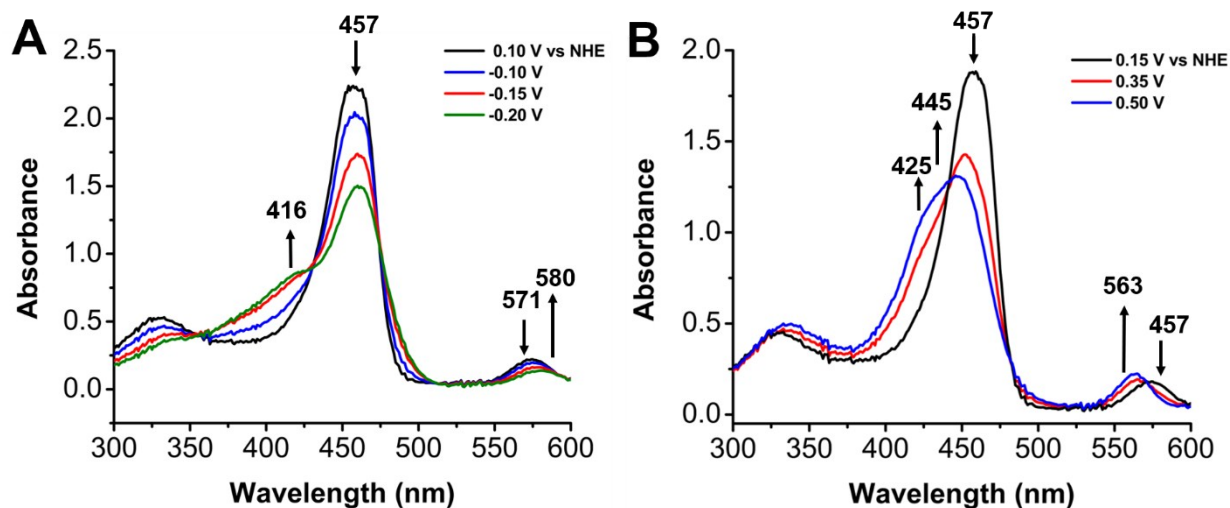
**Figure S18.** UV-Vis spectrum of  $3.33 \times 10^{-6}$  M  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  (A) Moving to higher pH demonstrates a decrease in absorbance at the Soret band (462 nm) with the appearance of a new band at 453 nm (B) While the Q band shifts from 560 to 572 nm.



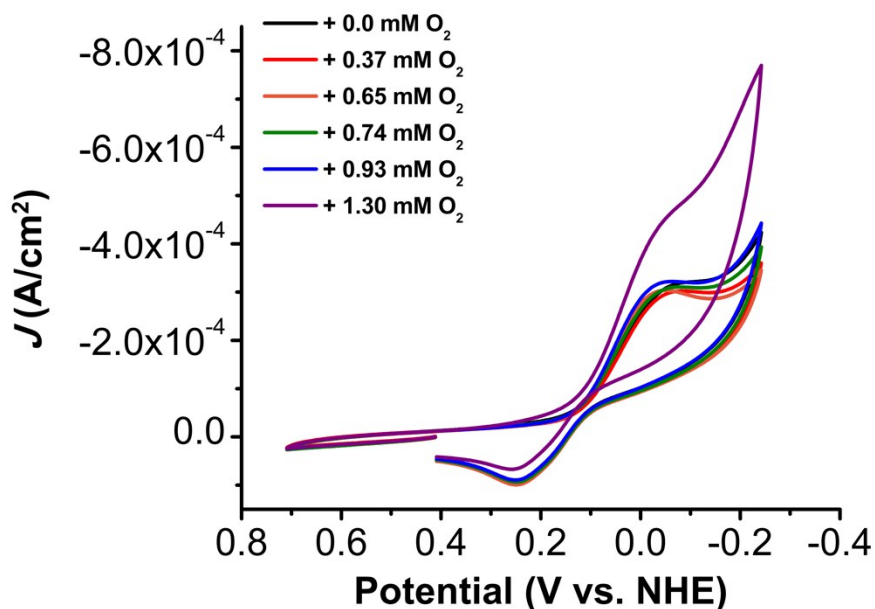
**Figure S19.** UV-Vis SEC spectrum of 0.1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  at pH 1 showing a decrease in the Soret band at 462 nm with the appearance of a new band at 440 nm as the potential is decreased from +0.40 V to +0.10 V vs NHE. The Q band is blue shifted from 560 to 502 nm upon reduction. Conditions: Honeycomb platinum electrode and Ag/AgCl sat'd KCl aqueous reference electrode.



**Figure S20.** UV-Vis SEC spectra of 0.1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  in (A) pH 3 Britton-Robinson buffer solution showing a decrease in the Soret band at 463 nm with the appearance of a new band at 450 nm as the potential is decreased from +0.20 V to -0.10 V vs NHE. The Q band is red shifted from 558 to 574 nm upon reduction. (B) pH 7 Britton-Robinson buffer solution showing a decrease in the Soret band at 462 nm with the appearance of a new band at 449 nm as the potential is decreased from +0.20 V to -0.10 V vs NHE. The Q band is red shifted from 561 to 575 nm upon reduction. Conditions: Honeycomb platinum electrode and Ag/AgCl sat'd KCl aqueous reference electrode.

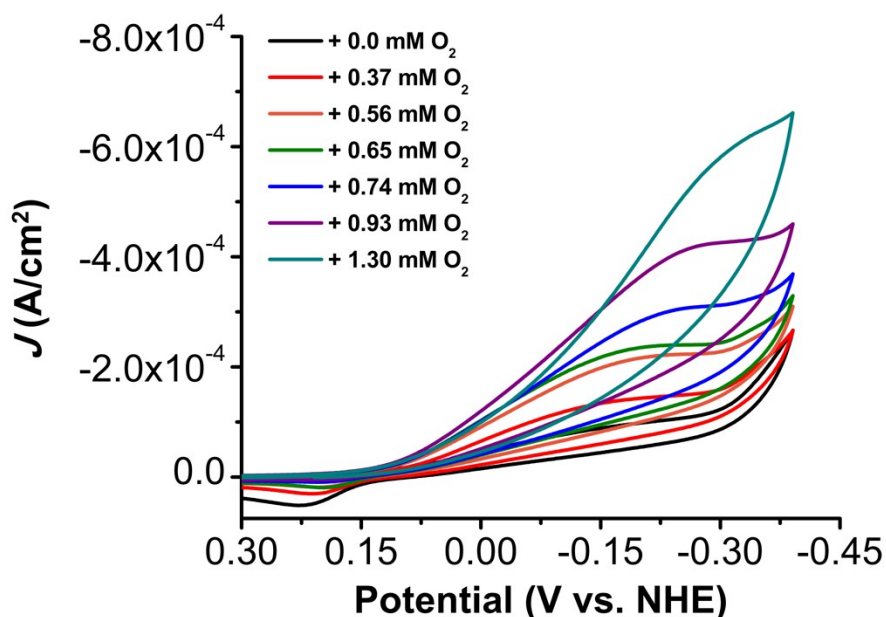


**Figure S21.** UV-Vis SEC spectrum of 0.1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  in pH 14 Britton-Robinson buffer (A) as the potential is decreased from +0.10 V to -0.20 V vs NHE a decrease in the Soret band at 457 nm occurs with the appearance of a new band at 416 nm (B) as the potential is increased from +0.15 to +0.50 V vs. NHE the formation of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{IV})(\text{O})(\text{TMPyP})(\text{OH})]^{3+}$  occurs as apparent from the new band at 425 nm with the loss of the Soret band observed. Conditions: Honeycomb platinum electrode and Ag/AgCl sat'd KCl aqueous reference electrode.

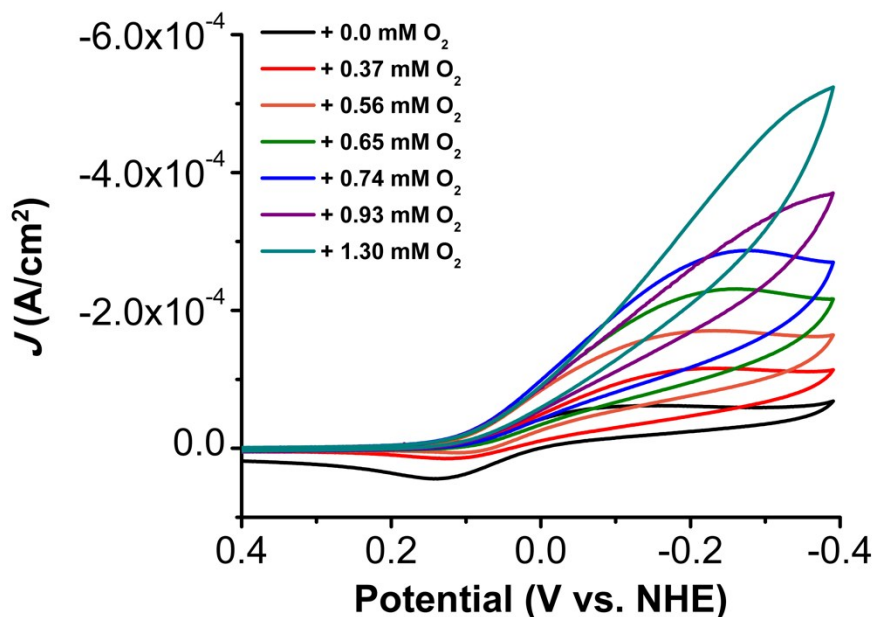


**Figure S22.** CV of 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  with  $\text{O}_2$  titration showing low activity at pH 1. Conditions: 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  in a pH 1 (1 M HCl / 0.1 M NaCl) solution; glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl; scan rate 100 mV/s.

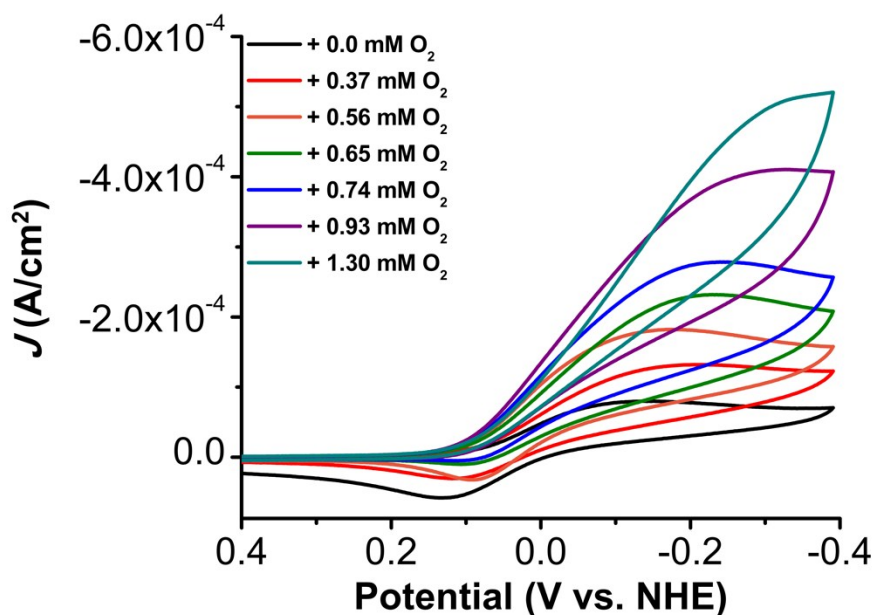




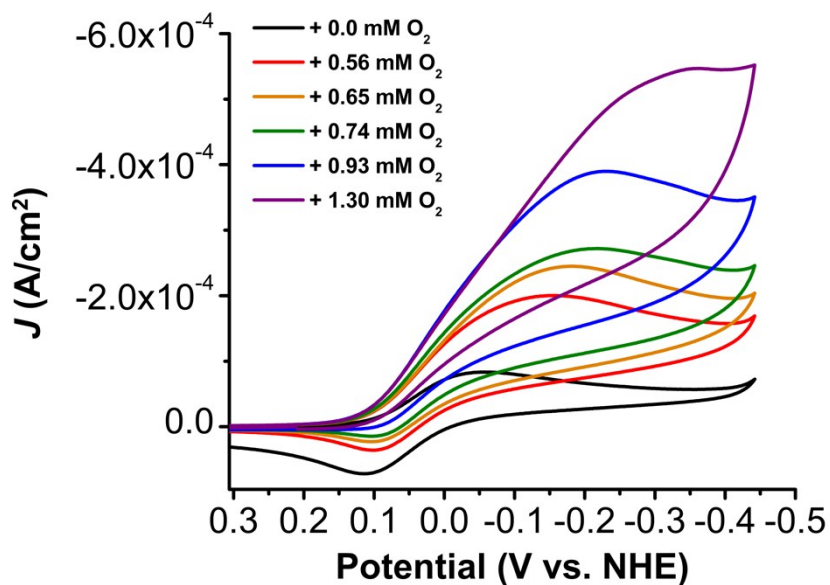
**Figure S23.** CVs under variable  $[O_2]$  showing an irreversible feature under pH 2 Britton-Robinson buffer solution. Conditions: 1 mM  $[Mn(TMPyP)Cl]^{4+}$  in a pH 2 Britton-Robinson buffer solution under Ar saturation conditions, glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.



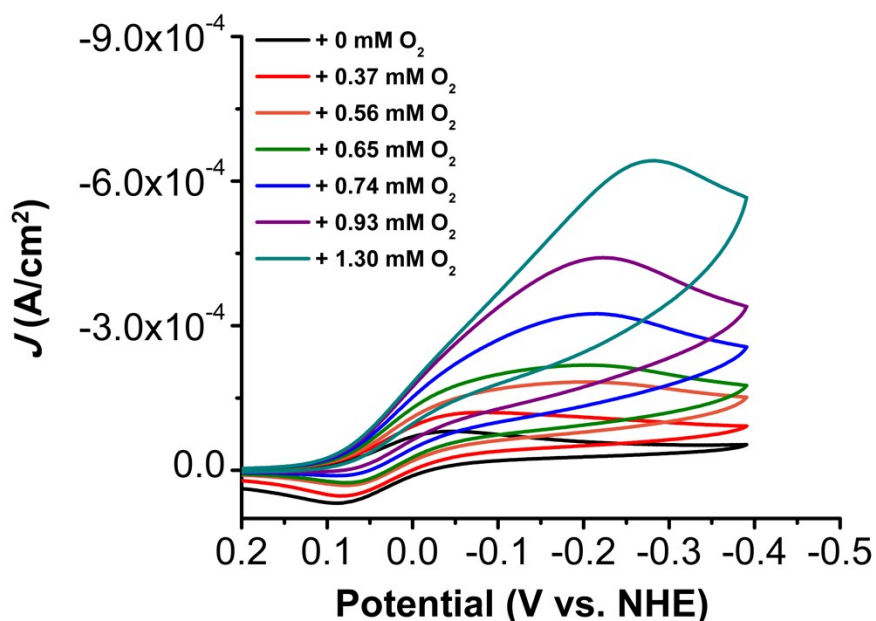
**Figure S24.** CVs of 1 mM  $[Mn(TMPyP)Cl]^{4+}$  with  $O_2$  titration demonstrating catalytic activity. Conditions: 1 mM  $[Mn(TMPyP)Cl]^{4+}$  in a pH 3 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution; glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.



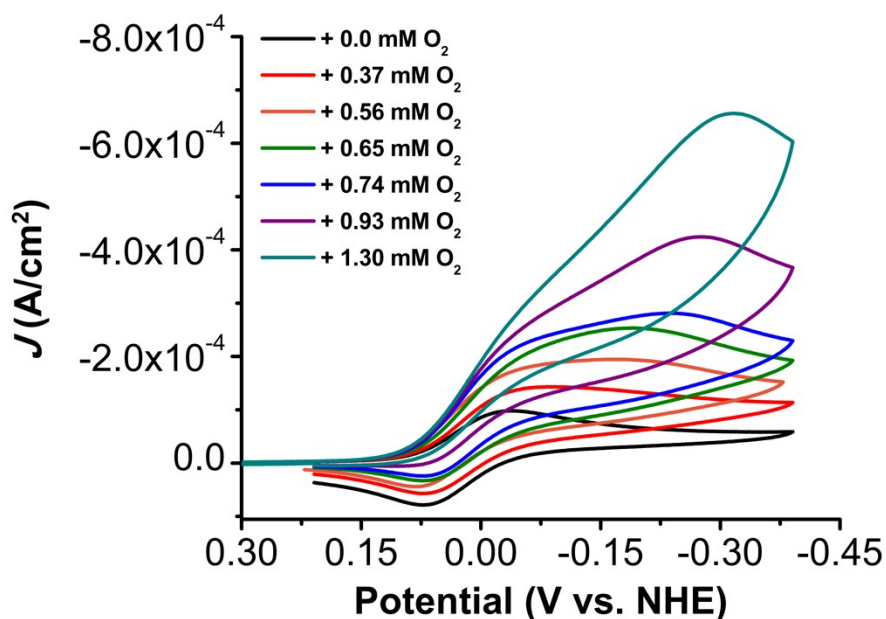
**Figure S25.** CVs of 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  with  $\text{O}_2$  titration demonstrating catalytic activity. Conditions: 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  in a pH 4 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution; glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference; scan rate 100 mV/s.



**Figure S26.** CVs of 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  with  $\text{O}_2$  titration demonstrating catalytic activity. Conditions: 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  in a pH 5 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution; glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference; scan rate 100 mV/s.

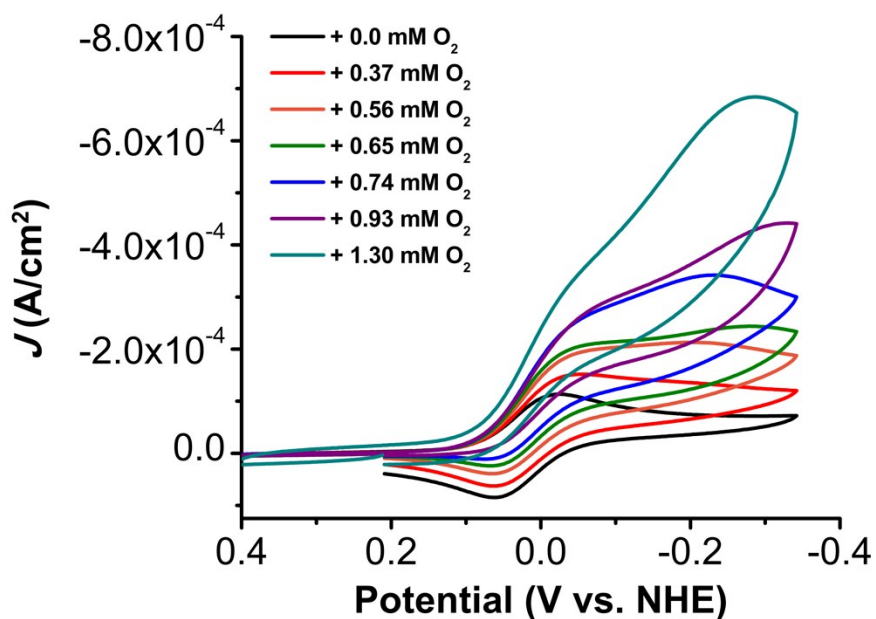


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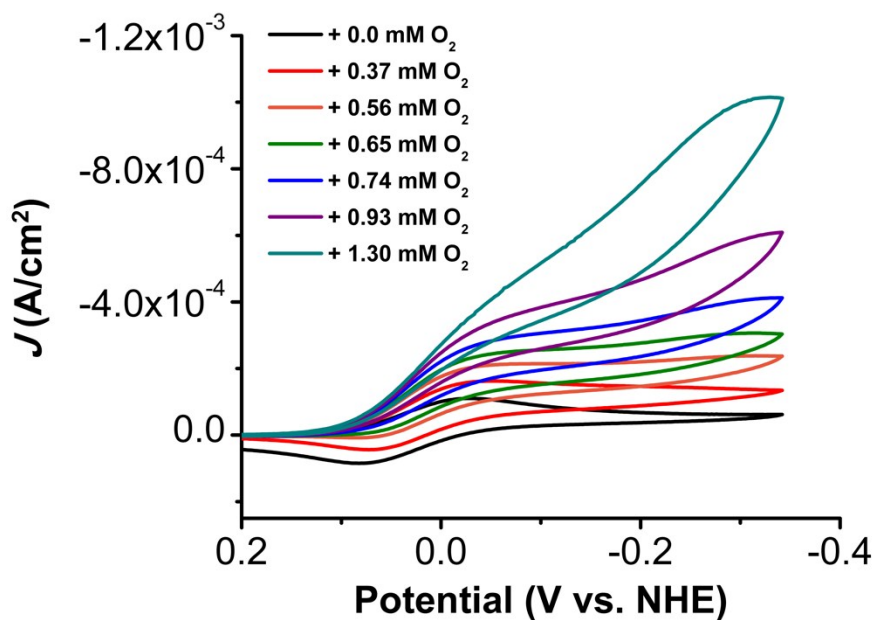


**Figure S28.** CVs of 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  with  $\text{O}_2$  titration. Conditions: 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  in a pH 7 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution; glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference; scan rate 100 mV/s.

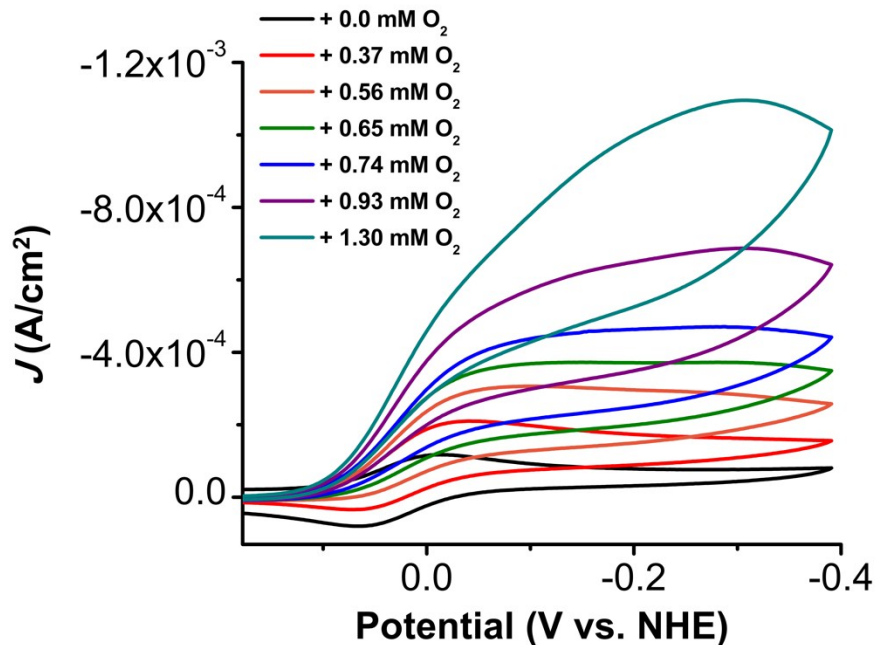




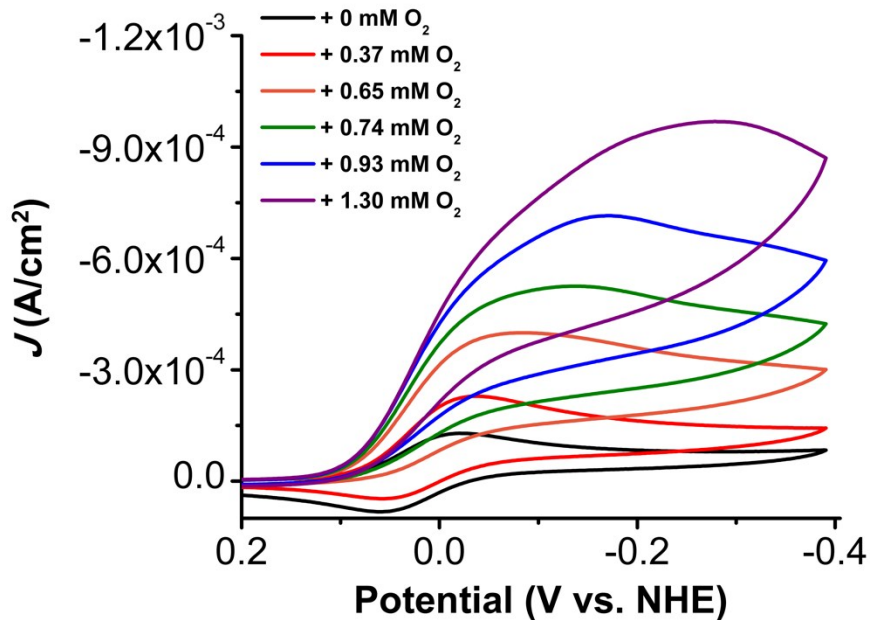
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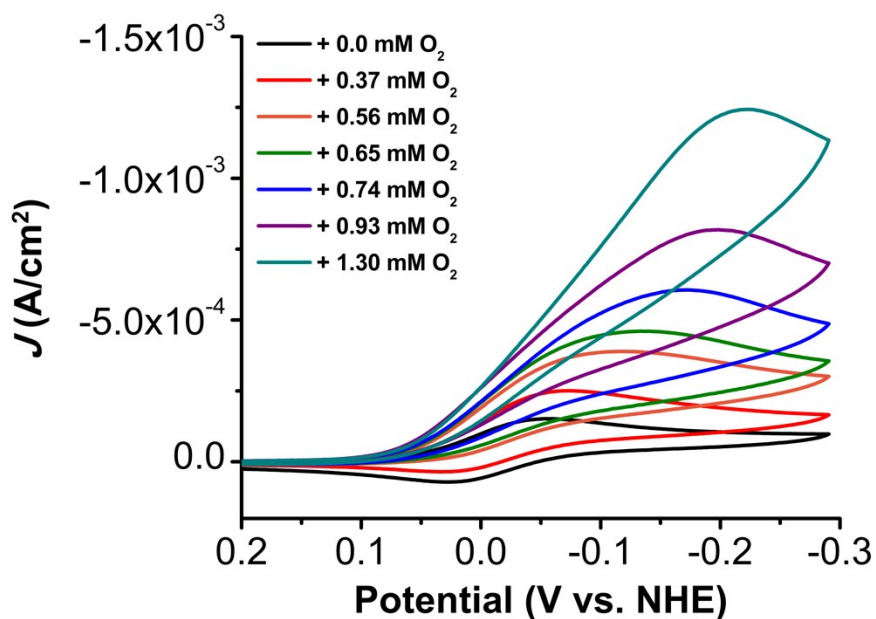
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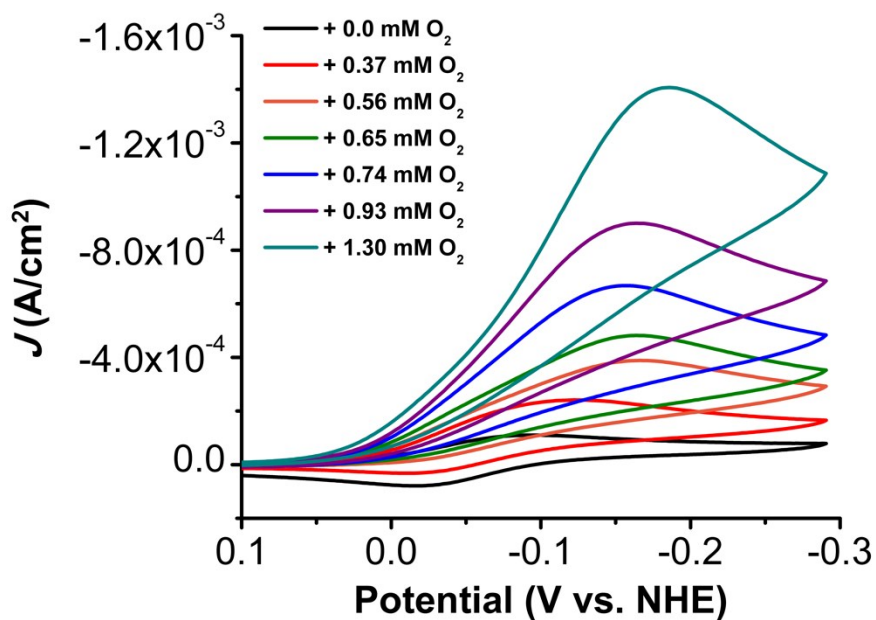
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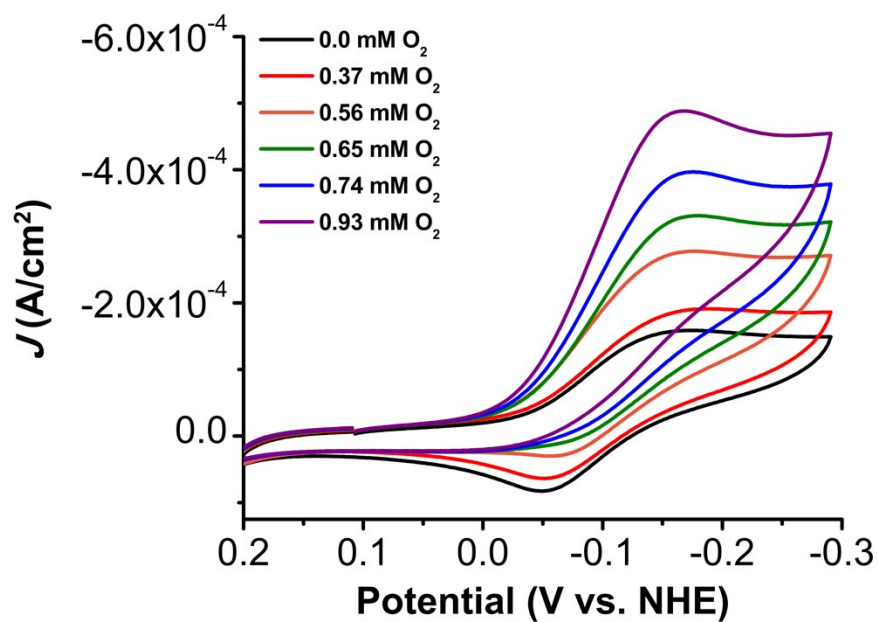
**Figure S32.** CVs of 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  with  $\text{O}_2$  titration. Conditions: 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  in a pH 11 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution; glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference; scan rate 100 mV/s.



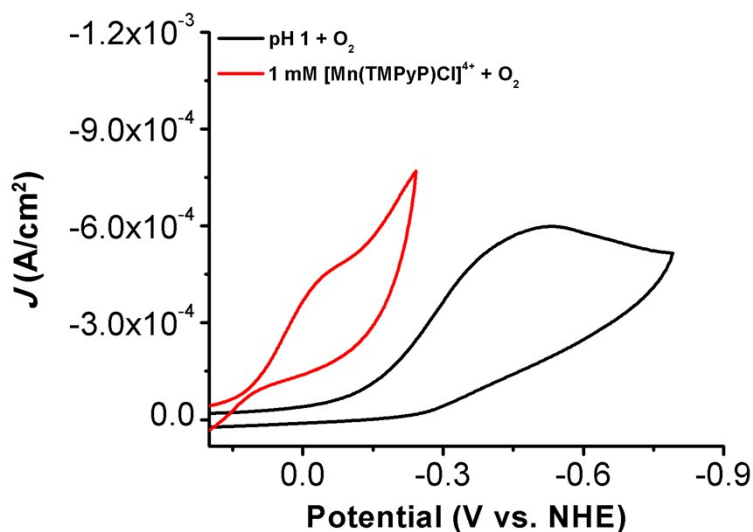
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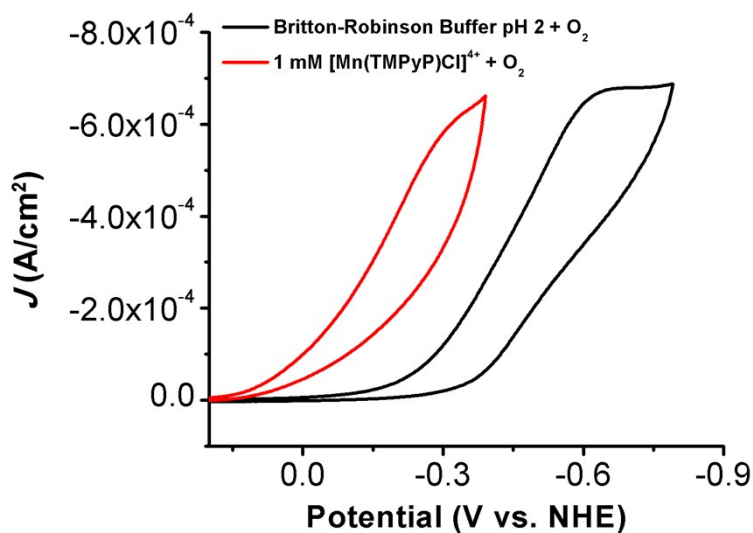
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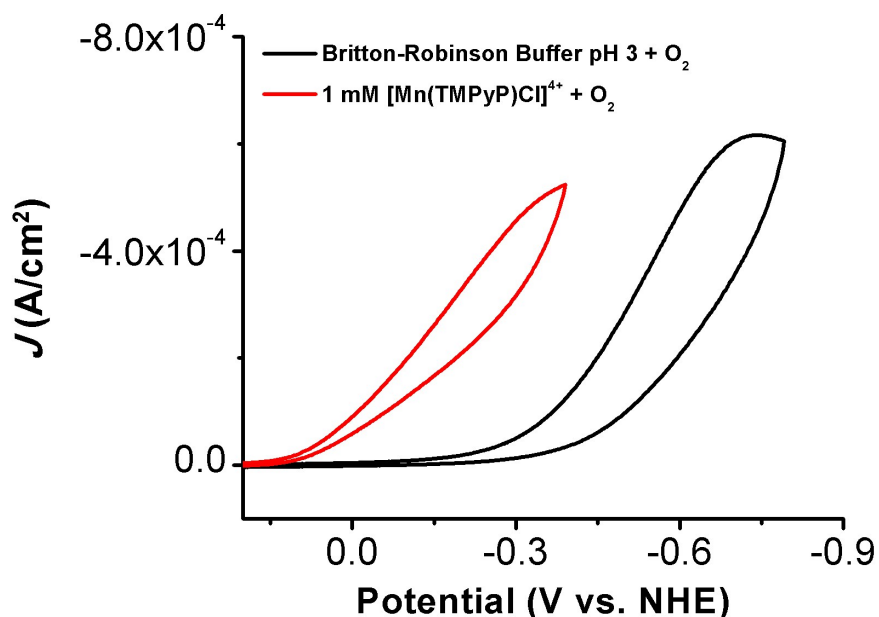
**Figure S35.** CVs of 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  with  $\text{O}_2$  titration. Conditions: 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  in a pH 14 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution; glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference; scan rate 100 mV/s.



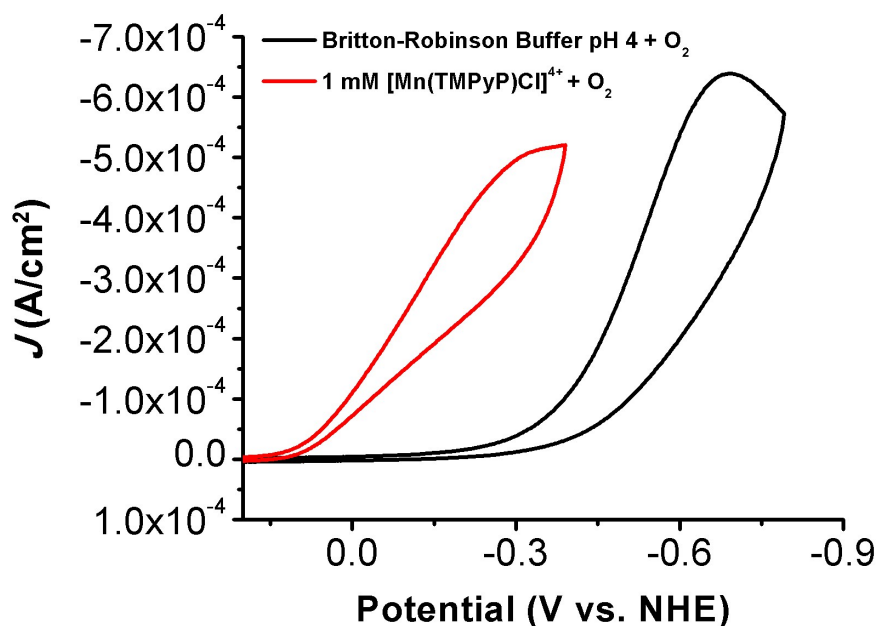
**Figure S36.** Control CV of a blank pH 1 (1 M HCl / 0.1 M NaCl) solution under O<sub>2</sub> saturation conditions in comparison to a 1 mM [Mn(TMPyP)Cl]<sup>4+</sup> solution under O<sub>2</sub> showing the molecular regime for the catalyst. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.



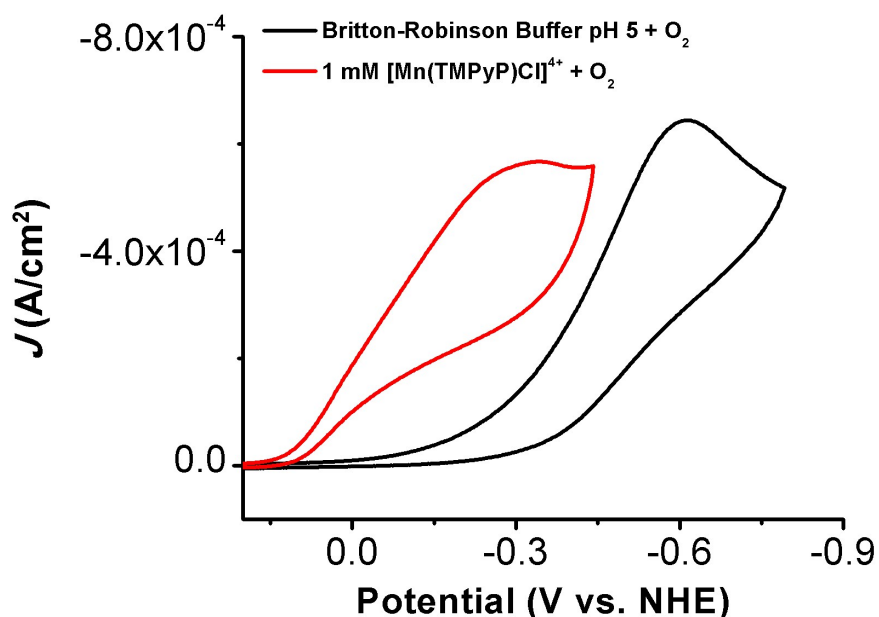
**Figure S37.** Control CV of a blank pH 2 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under O<sub>2</sub> saturation conditions in comparison to a 1 mM [Mn(TMPyP)Cl]<sup>4+</sup> solution under O<sub>2</sub> showing the molecular regime for the catalyst. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.



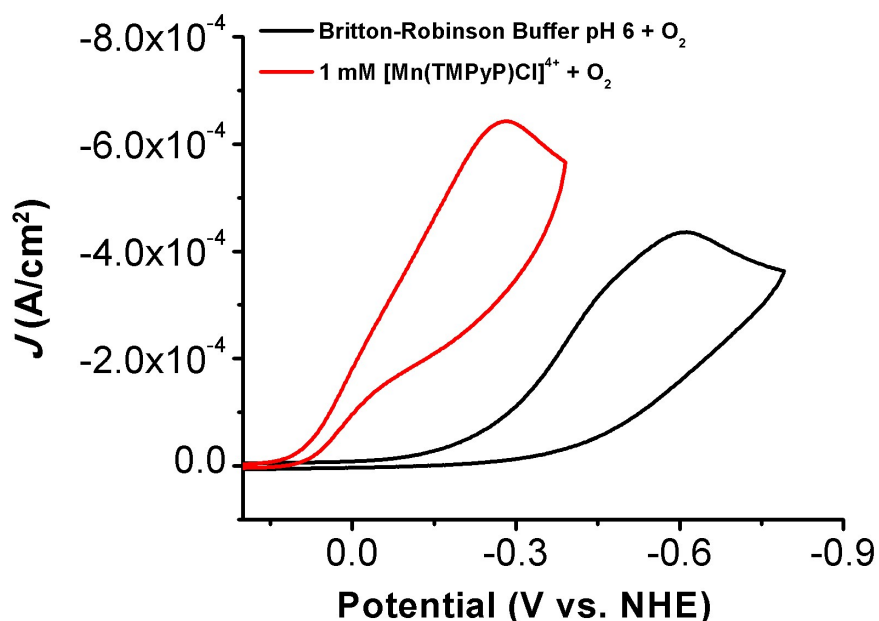
**Figure S38.** Control CV of a blank pH 3 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under O<sub>2</sub> saturation conditions in comparison to a 1 mM [Mn(TMPyP)Cl]<sup>4+</sup> solution under O<sub>2</sub> showing the molecular regime for the catalyst. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.



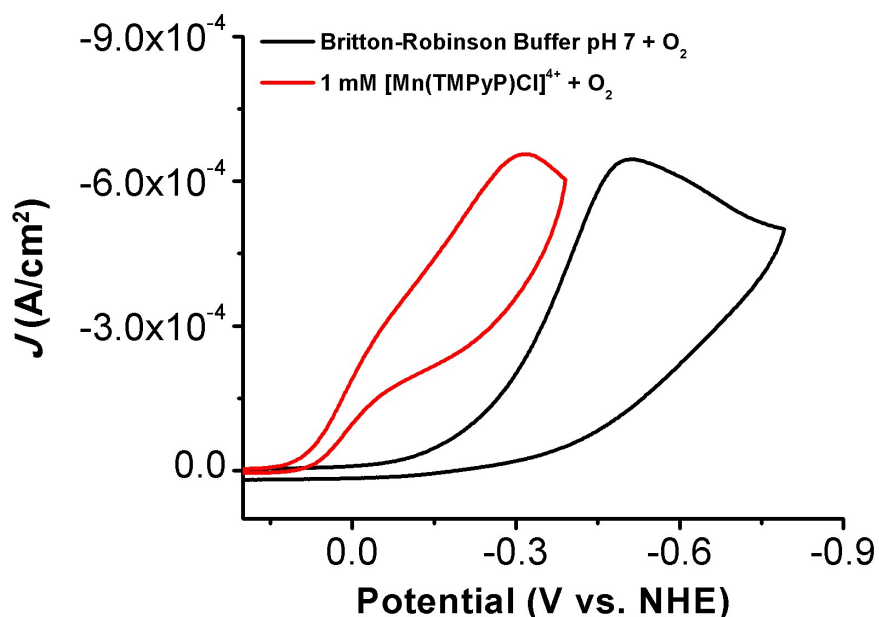
**Figure S39.** Control CV of a blank pH 4 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under O<sub>2</sub> saturation conditions in comparison to a 1 mM [Mn(TMPyP)Cl]<sup>4+</sup> solution under O<sub>2</sub> showing the molecular regime for the catalyst. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.



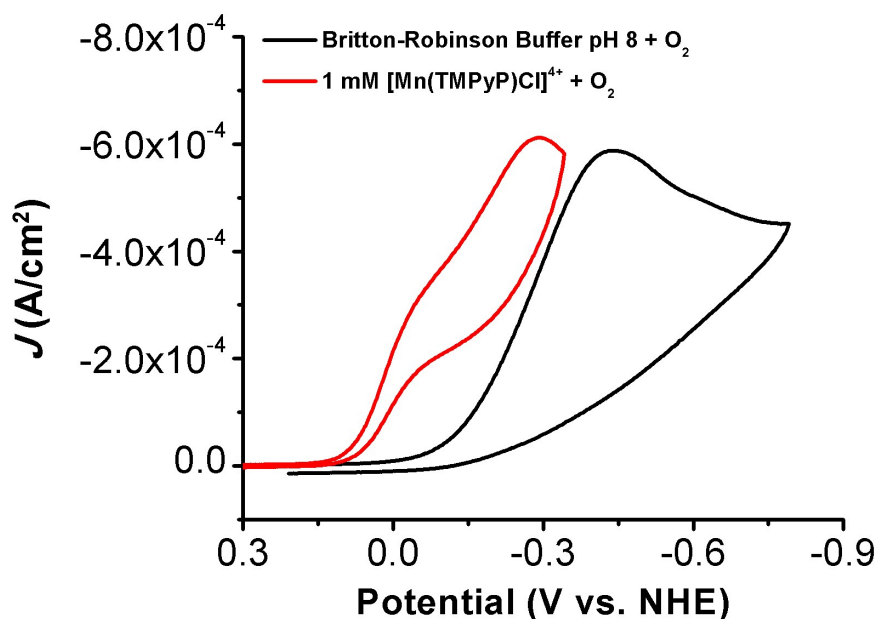
**Figure S40.** Control CV of a blank pH 5 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under  $O_2$  saturation conditions in comparison to a 1 mM  $[Mn(TMPyP)Cl]^{4+}$  solution under  $O_2$  showing the molecular regime for the catalyst. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.



**Figure S41.** Control CV of a blank pH 6 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under  $O_2$  saturation conditions in comparison to a 1 mM  $[Mn(TMPyP)Cl]^{4+}$  solution under  $O_2$  showing the molecular regime for the catalyst. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.

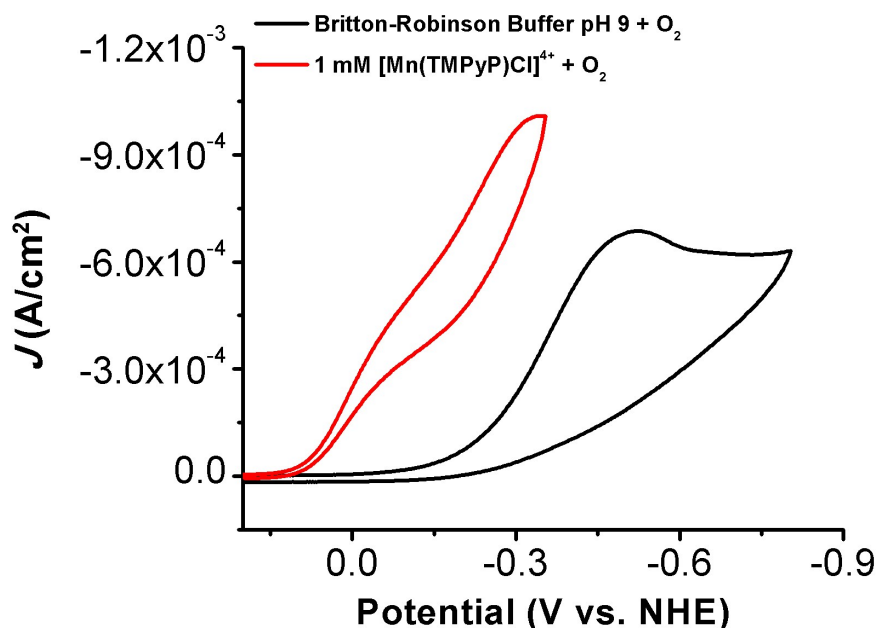


**Figure S42.** Control CV of a blank pH 7 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under  $O_2$  saturation conditions in comparison to a 1 mM  $[Mn(TMPyP)Cl]^{4+}$  solution under  $O_2$  showing the molecular regime for the catalyst. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.

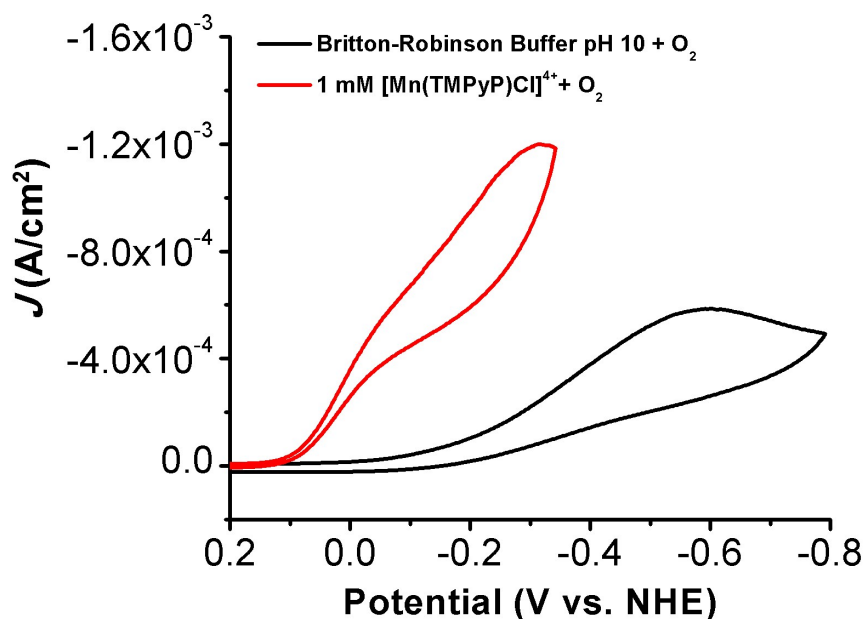


**Figure S43.** Control CV of a blank pH 8 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under  $O_2$  saturation conditions in comparison to a 1 mM  $[Mn(TMPyP)Cl]^{4+}$  solution under  $O_2$  showing the molecular regime for the catalyst. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference; scan rate 100 mV/s.

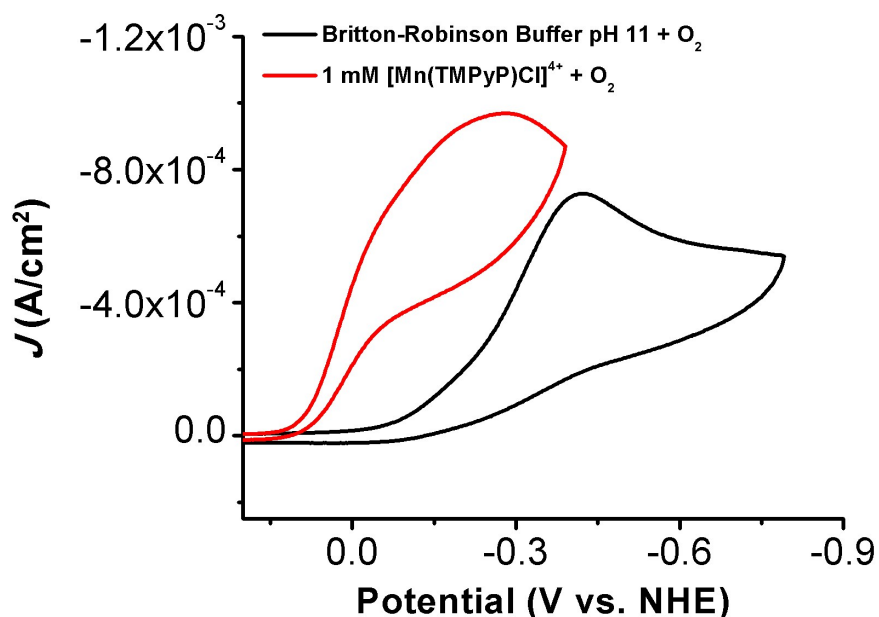




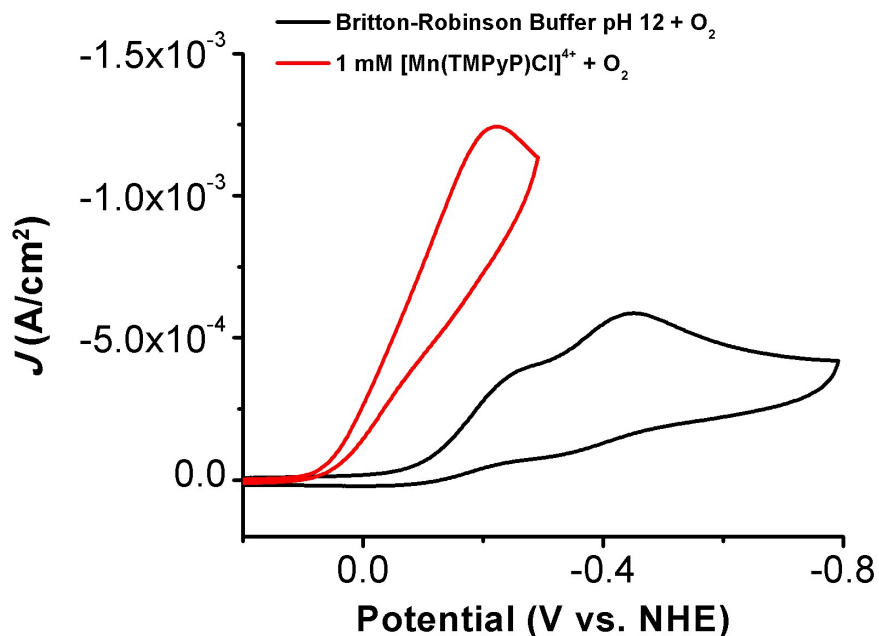
**Figure S44.** Control CV of a blank pH 9 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under  $O_2$  saturation conditions in comparison to a 1 mM  $[Mn(TMPyP)Cl]^{4+}$  solution under  $O_2$  showing the molecular regime for the catalyst. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.



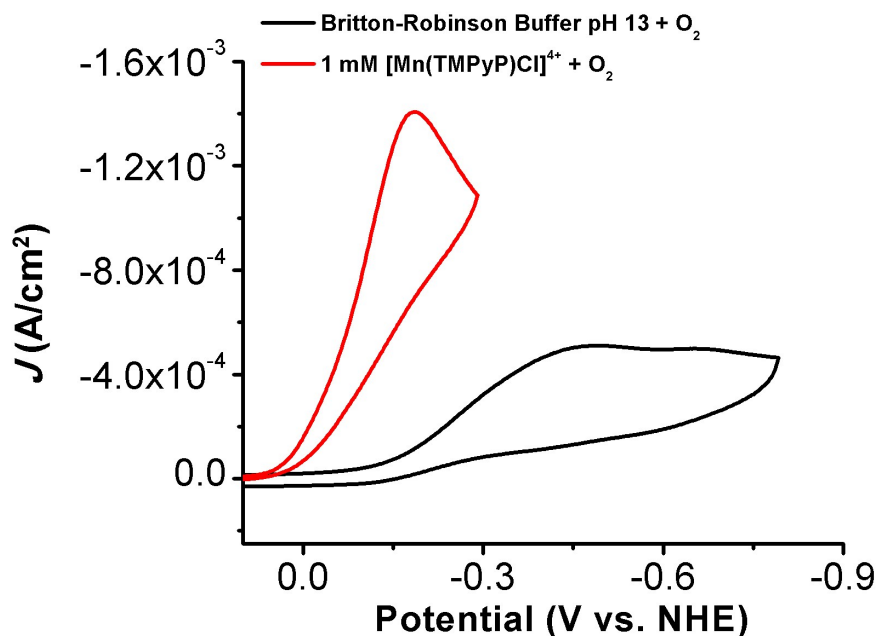
**Figure S45.** Control CV of a blank pH 10 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under  $O_2$  saturation conditions in comparison to a 1 mM  $[Mn(TMPyP)Cl]^{4+}$  solution under  $O_2$  showing the molecular regime for the catalyst. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.



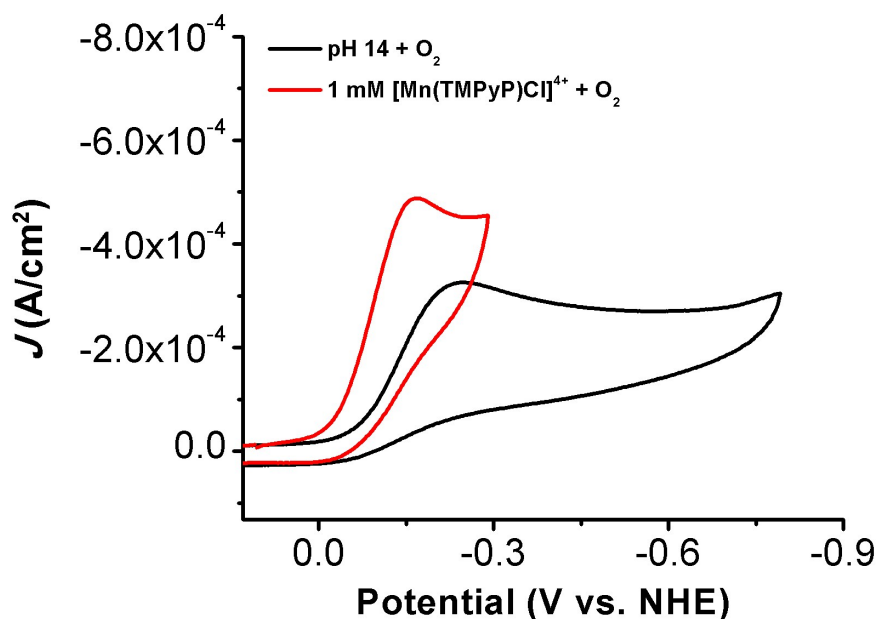
**Figure S46.** Control CV of a blank pH 11 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under  $O_2$  saturation conditions in comparison to a 1 mM  $[Mn(TMPyP)Cl]^{4+}$  solution under  $O_2$  showing the molecular regime for the catalyst. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.



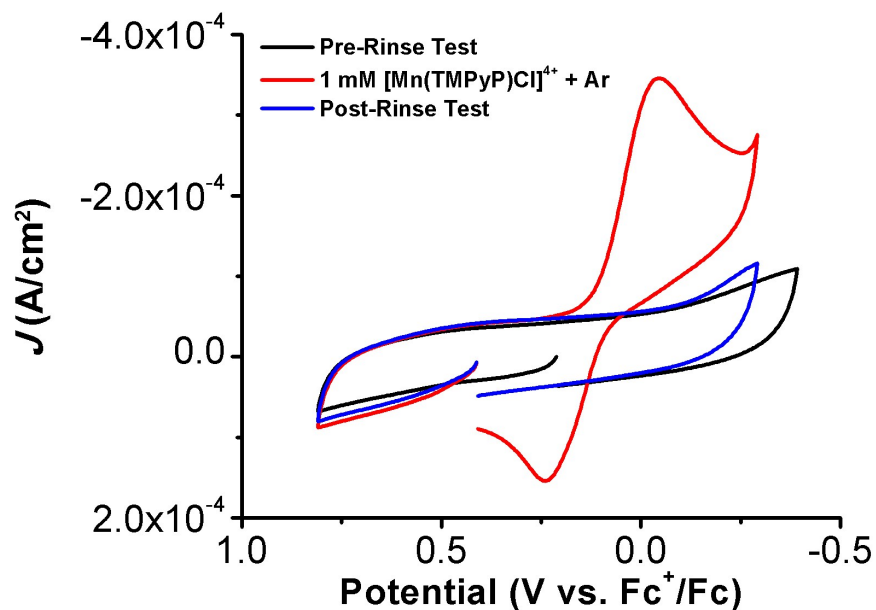
**Figure S47.** Control CV of a blank pH 12 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under  $O_2$  saturation conditions in comparison to a 1 mM  $[Mn(TMPyP)Cl]^{4+}$  solution under  $O_2$  showing the molecular regime for the catalyst. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.



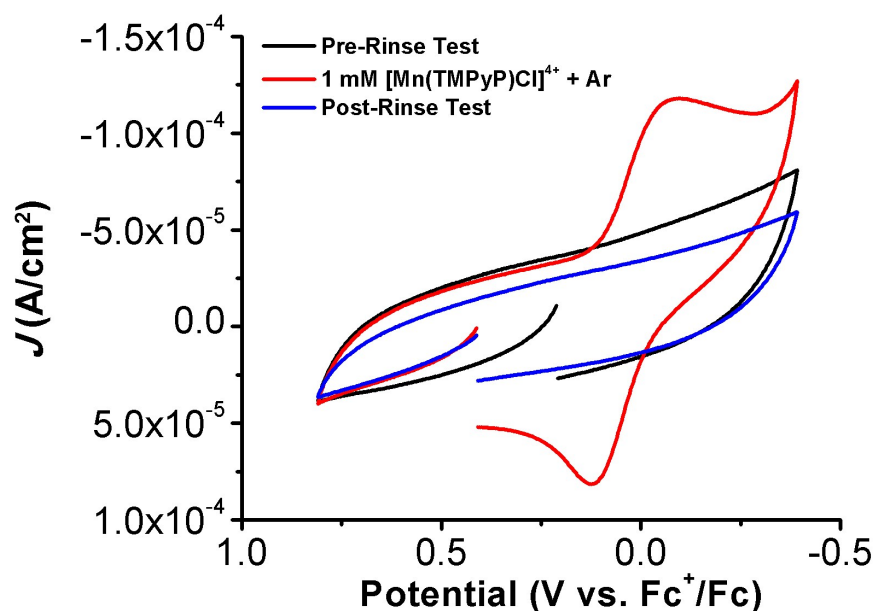
**Figure S48.** Control CV of a blank pH 13 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under O<sub>2</sub> saturation conditions in comparison to a 1 mM [Mn(TMPyP)Cl]<sup>4+</sup> solution under O<sub>2</sub> showing the molecular regime for the catalyst. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.



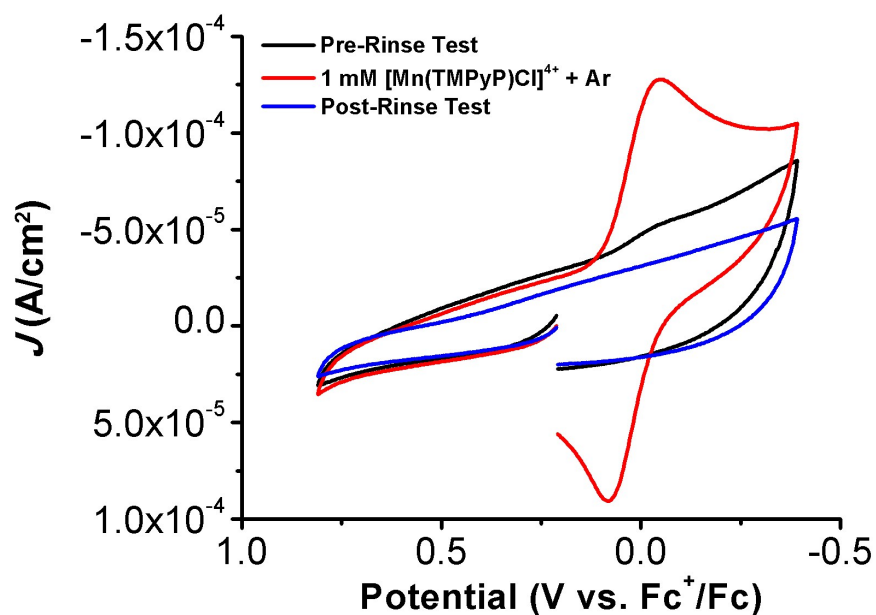
**Figure S49.** Control CV of a blank pH 14 (1 M KOH / 0.1 M NaCl) solution under O<sub>2</sub> saturation conditions in comparison to a 1 mM [Mn(TMPyP)Cl]<sup>4+</sup> solution under O<sub>2</sub> showing the molecular regime for the catalyst. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.



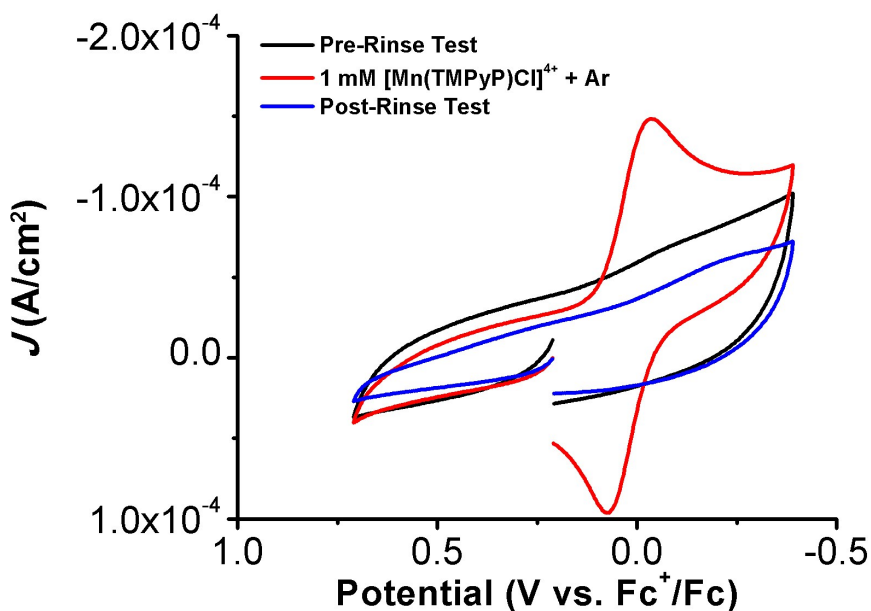
**Figure S50.** Rinse test at pH 1 (1 M HCl / 0.1 M NaCl) solution under Ar. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.



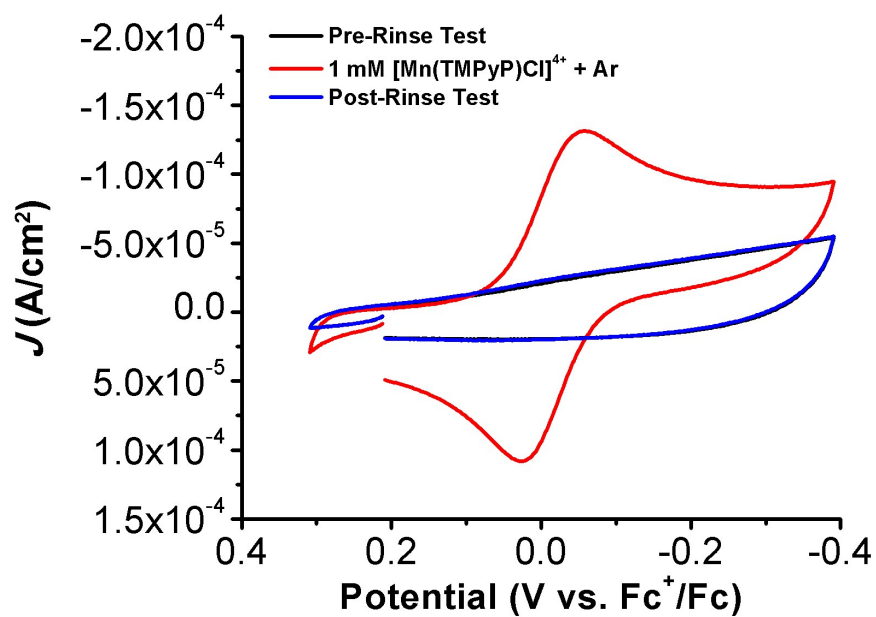
**Figure S51.** Rinse test at pH 3 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.



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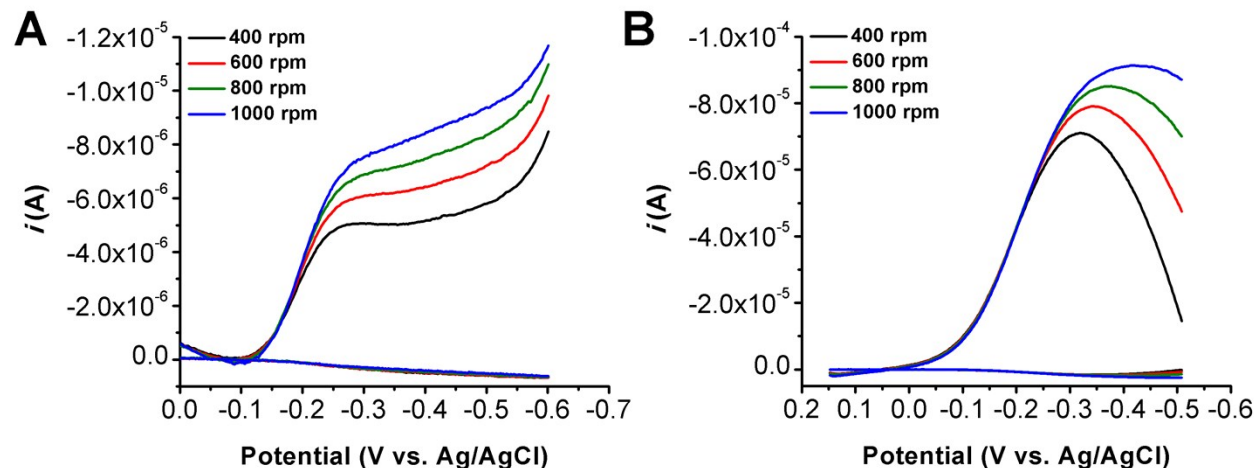


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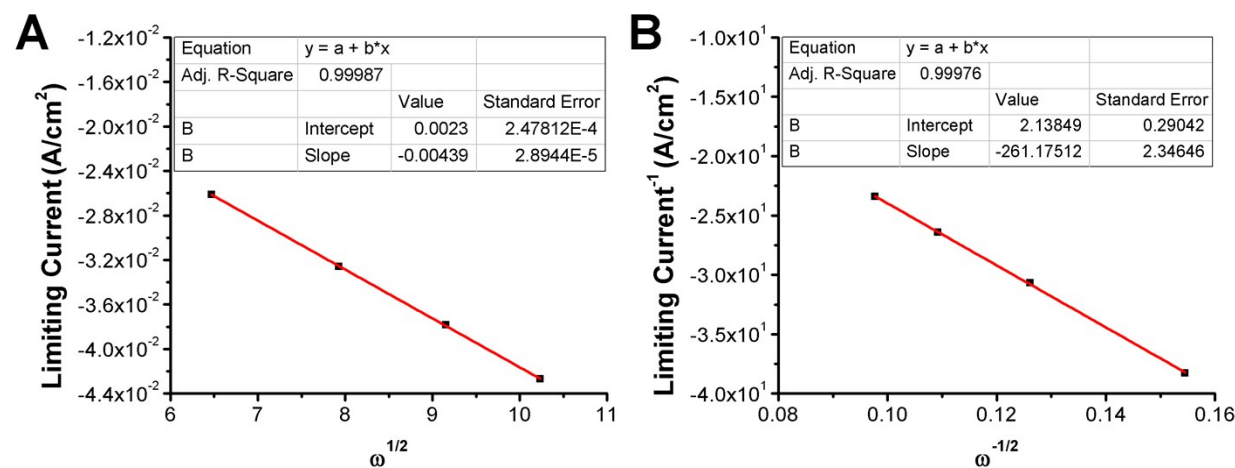


**Figure S54.** Rinse test at pH 12 Britton-Robinson Buffer solution under Ar. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.

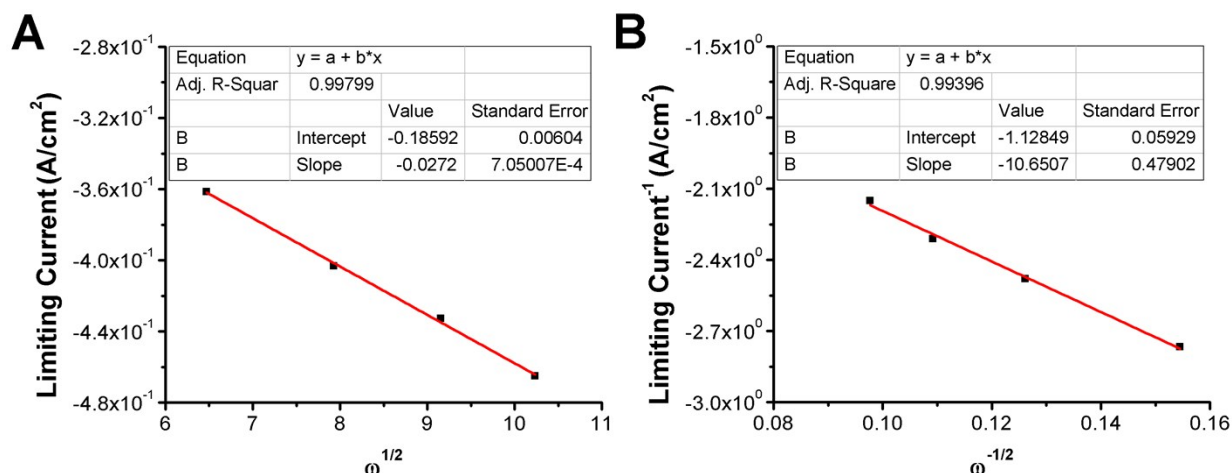
## Rotating Ring Disc Electrode (RRDE) Analysis



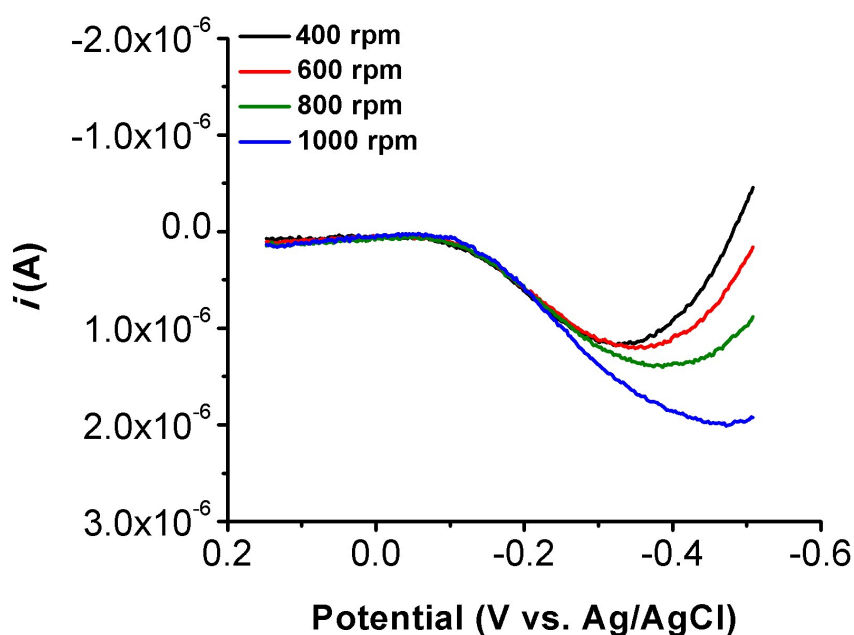
**Figure S55.** Linear Sweep Voltammograms of RRDE experiments with  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  (0.25 mM) at various rotation rates under argon (A) and  $\text{O}_2$  (B) saturation conditions in a pH 5 buffer solution; ring potential = 1.2 V vs Ag/AgCl. Conditions: 0.25 mM analyte; glassy carbon working electrode/Pt ring working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, Ag/AgCl/3 M KCl reference electrode; scan rate 0.02 V/s.



**Figure S56.** Levich (A) and Koutecky-Levich (B) plots from data obtained from Linear Sweep Voltammograms of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  (0.25 mM) by RRDE under argon saturation conditions at various rotation rates in a pH 5 buffer solution.

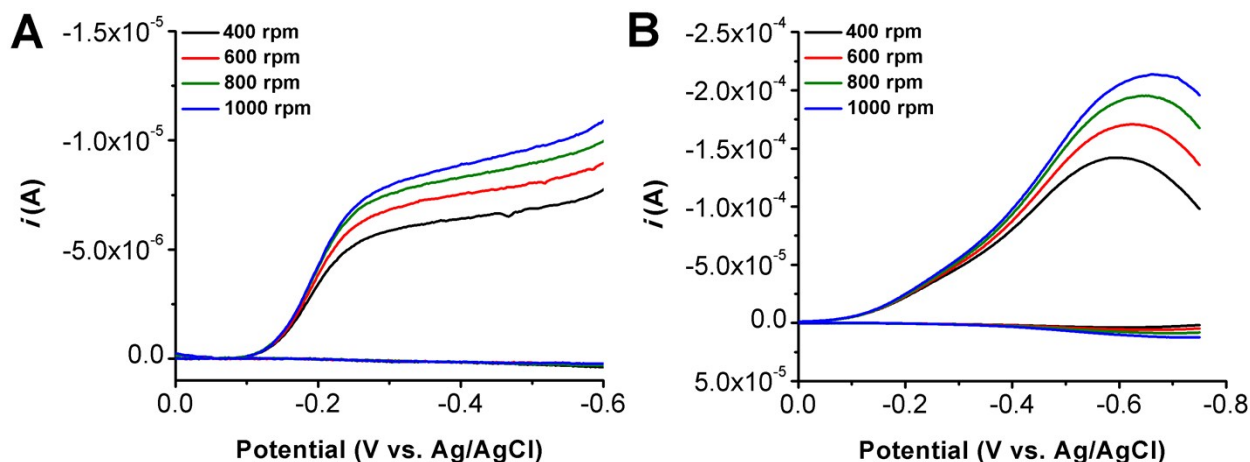


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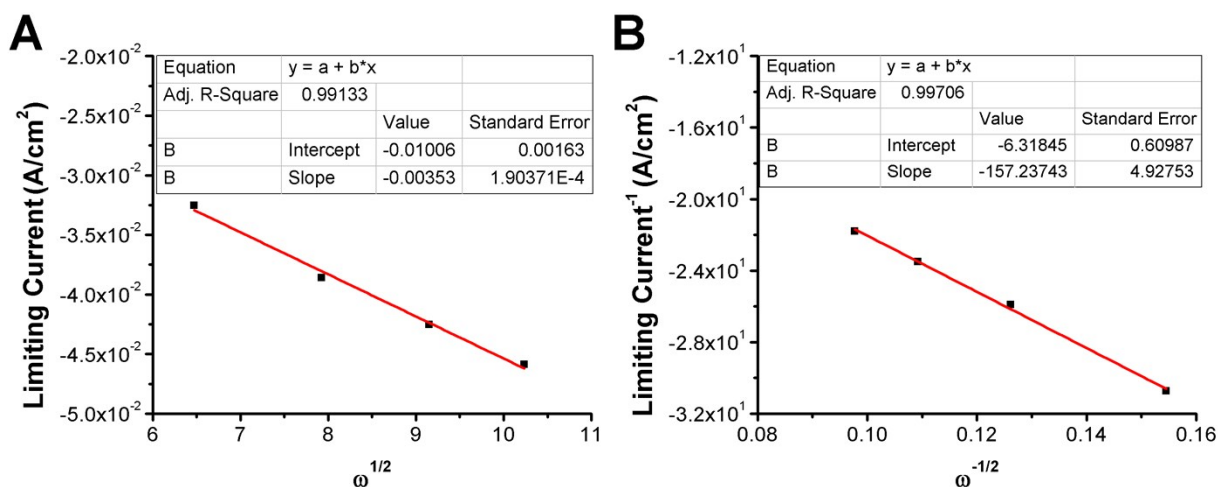


**Figure S58.** Linear Sweep Voltammograms of the generated ring current during RRDE experiments with  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  (0.25 mM) at various rotation rates with the argon ring current subtracted from the ring current produced under  $\text{O}_2$  saturation conditions in a pH 5 buffer solution; ring potential = 1.2 V vs Ag/AgCl. Conditions: 0.25 mM analyte; glassy carbon working electrode/Pt ring working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, Ag/AgCl/3 M KCl reference electrode; scan rate 0.02 V/s.

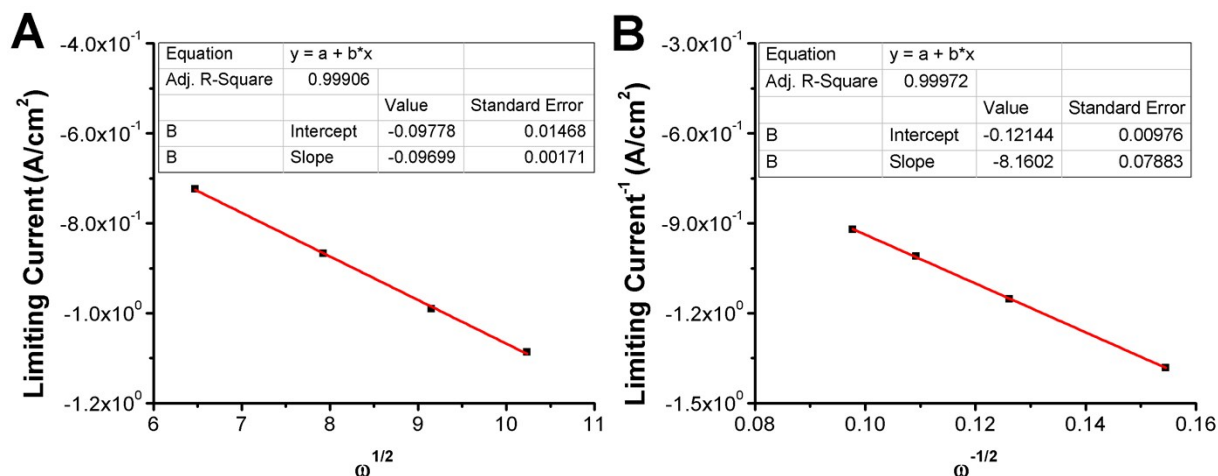




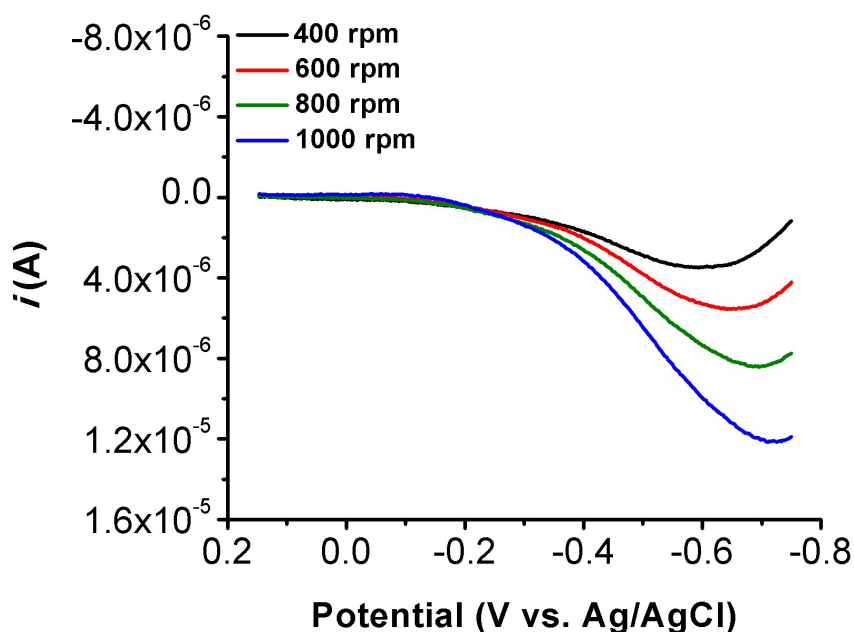
**Figure S59.** Linear Sweep Voltammograms of RRDE experiments with  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  (0.25 mM) at various rotation rates under argon (A) and  $\text{O}_2$  (B) saturation conditions in a pH 6 buffer solution; ring potential = 1.2 V vs Ag/AgCl. Conditions: 0.25 mM analyte; glassy carbon working electrode/Pt ring working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, Ag/AgCl/3 M KCl reference electrode; scan rate 0.02 V/s.



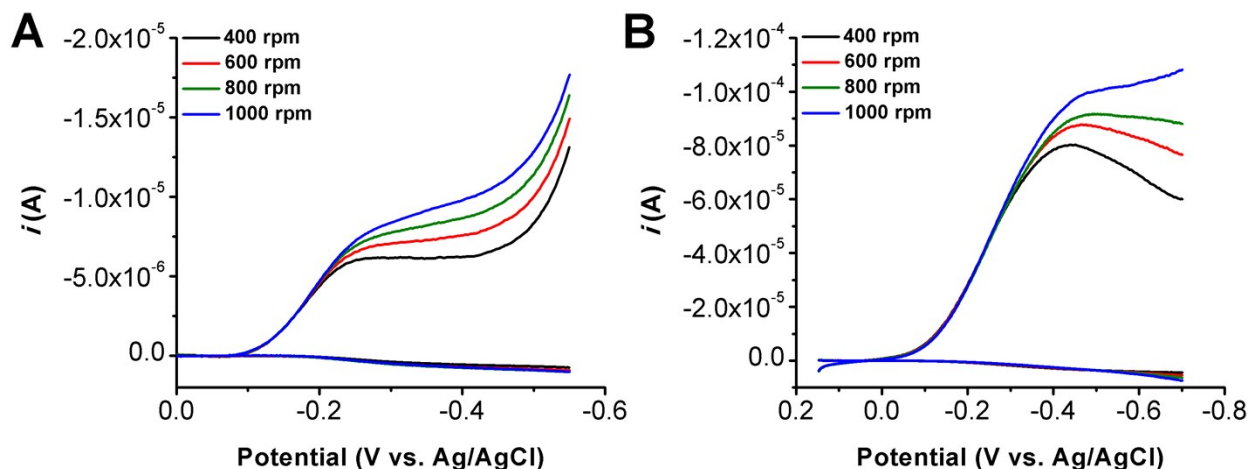
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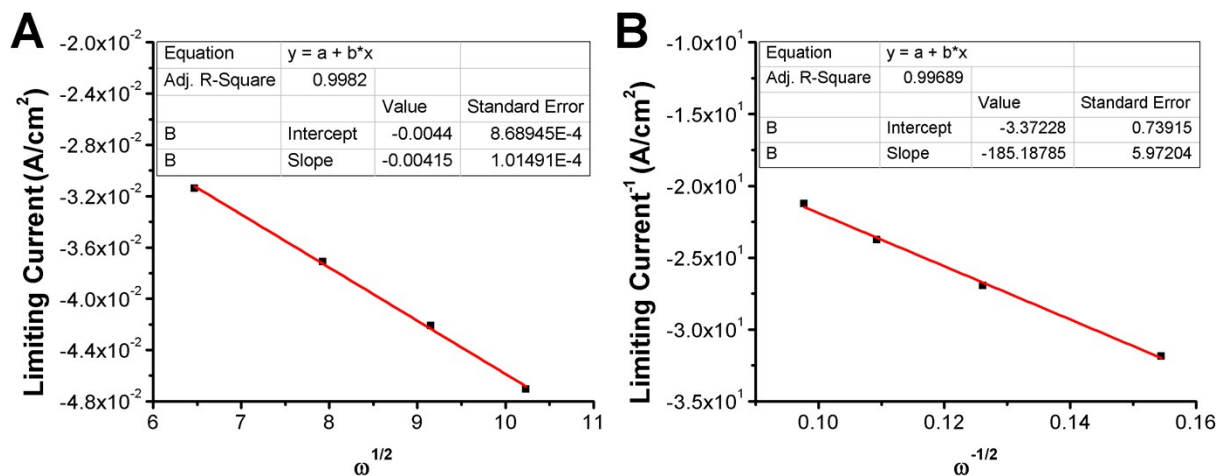
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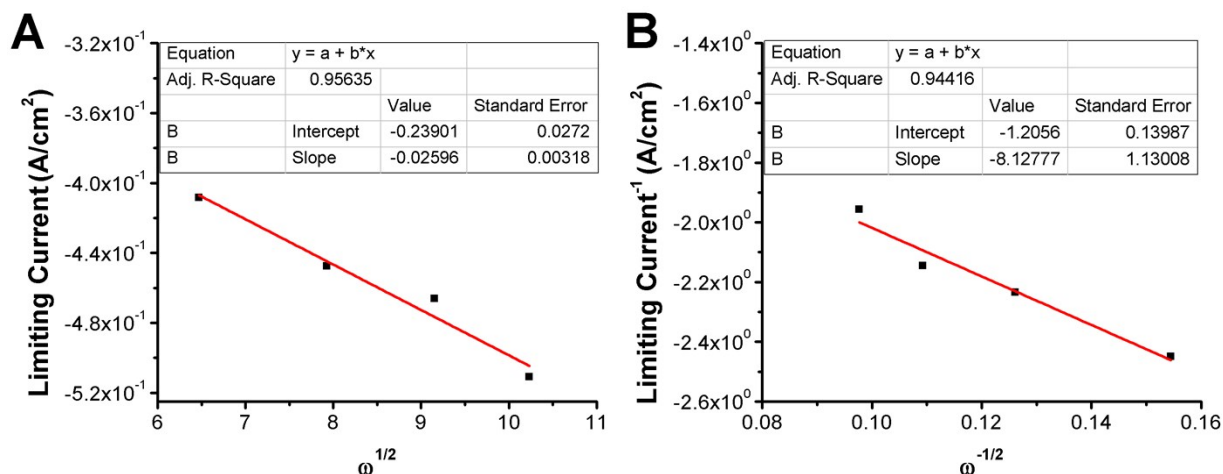
**Figure S62.** Linear Sweep Voltammograms of the generated ring current during RRDE experiments with  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  (0.25 mM) at various rotation rates with the argon ring current subtracted from the ring current produced under  $\text{O}_2$  saturation conditions in a pH 6 buffer solution; ring potential = 1.2 V vs Ag/AgCl. Conditions: 0.25 mM analyte; glassy carbon working electrode/Pt ring working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, Ag/AgCl/3 M KCl reference electrode; scan rate 0.02 V/s.



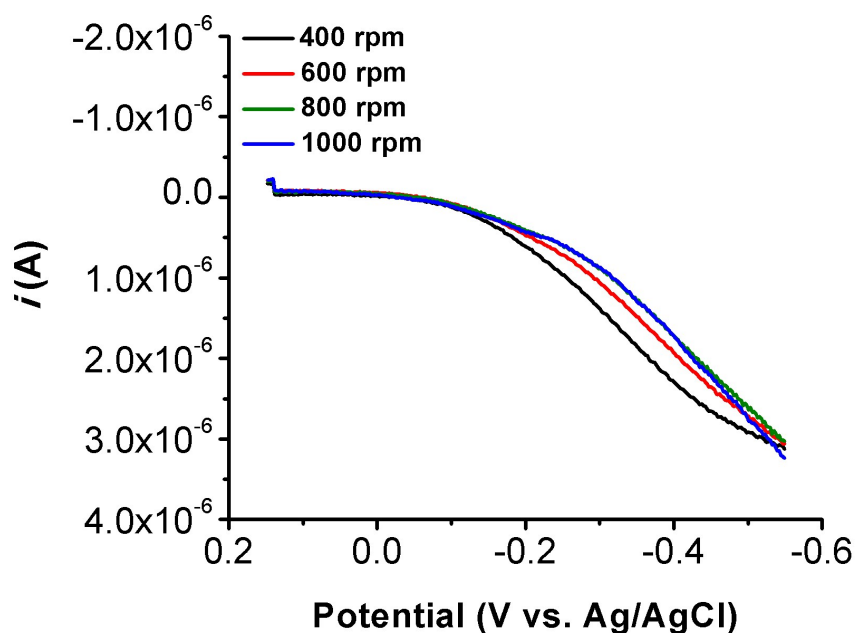
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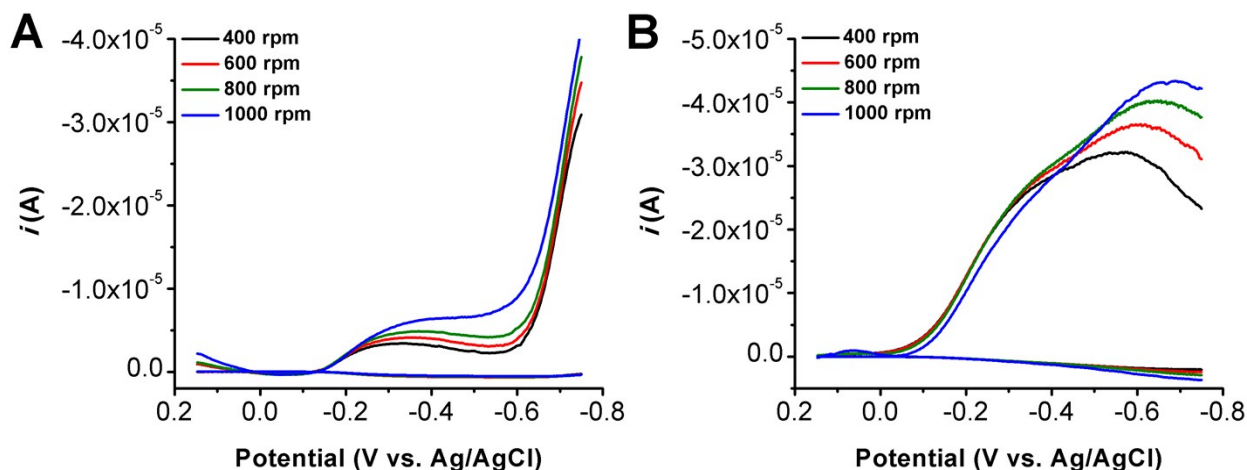
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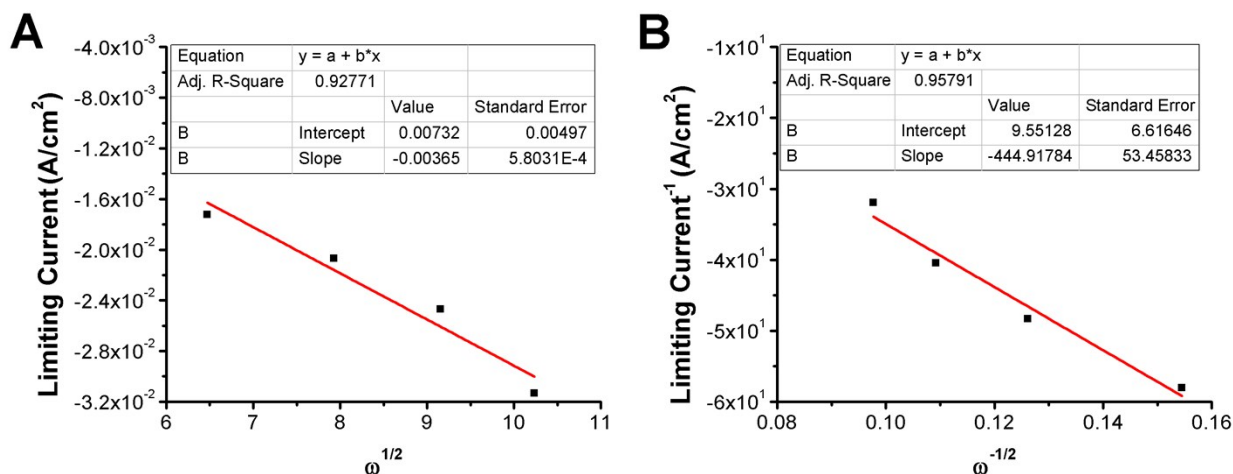
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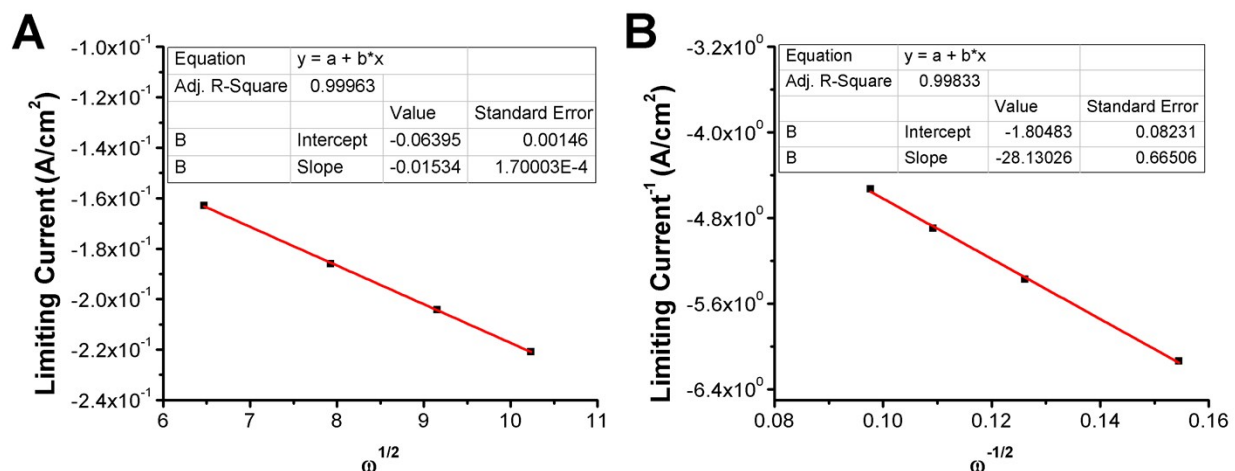
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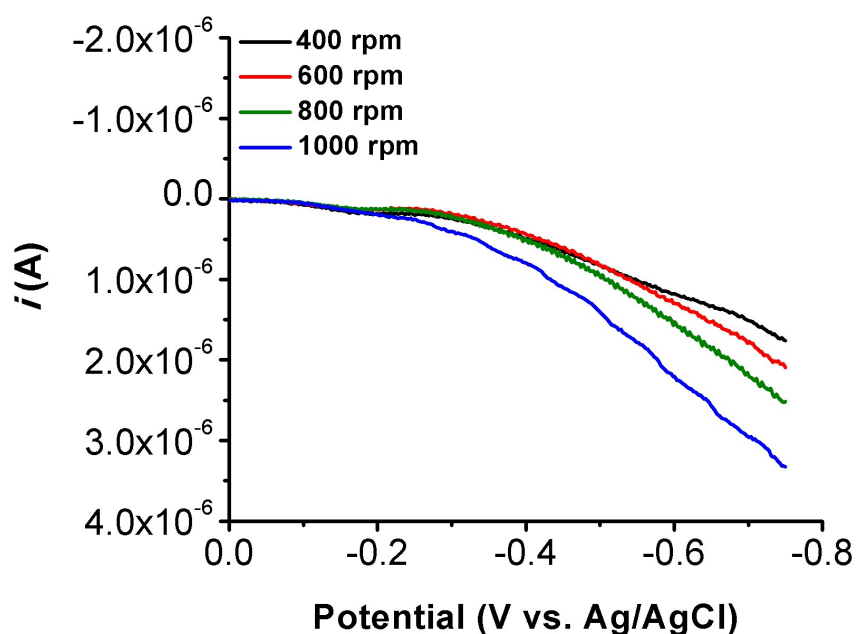
**Figure S67.** Linear Sweep Voltammograms of RRDE experiments with  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  (0.25 mM) at various rotation rates under argon (A) and  $\text{O}_2$  (B) saturation conditions in a pH 3 buffer solution; ring potential = 1.2 V vs Ag/AgCl. Conditions: 0.25 mM analyte; glassy carbon working electrode/Pt ring working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, Ag/AgCl/3 M KCl reference electrode; scan rate 0.02 V/s.



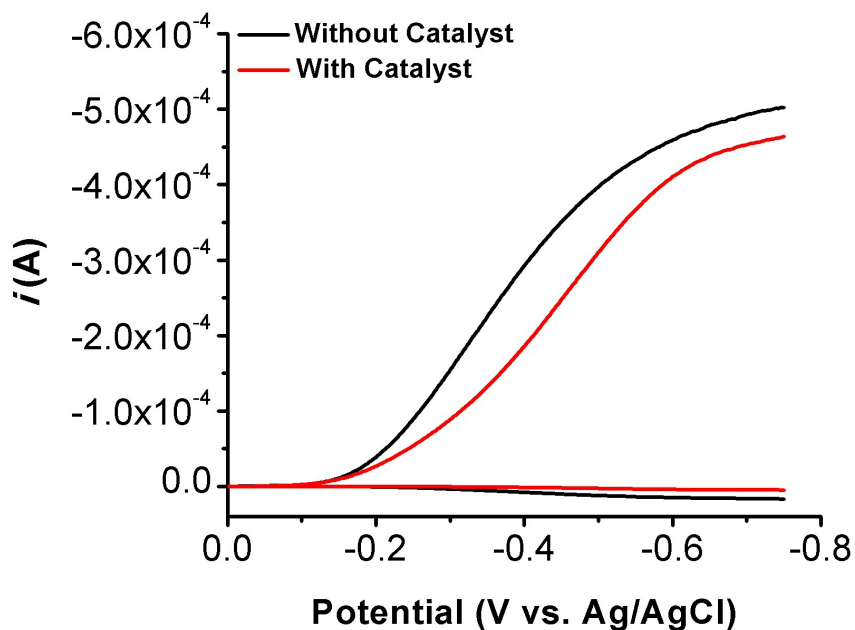
**Figure S68.** Levich (A) and Koutecky-Levich (B) plots from data obtained from Linear Sweep Voltammograms of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  (0.25 mM) by RRDE under argon saturation conditions at various rotation rates in a pH 3 buffer solution.



**Figure S69.** Levich (A) and Koutecky-Levich (B) plots from data obtained from Linear Sweep Voltammograms of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  (0.25 mM) by RRDE under  $\text{O}_2$  saturation conditions at various rotation rates in a pH 3 buffer solution.



**Figure S70.** Linear Sweep Voltammograms of the generated ring current during RRDE experiments with  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  (0.25 mM) at various rotation rates with the argon ring current subtracted from the ring current produced under  $\text{O}_2$  saturation conditions in a pH 3 buffer solution; ring potential = 1.2 V vs Ag/AgCl. Conditions: 0.25 mM analyte; glassy carbon working electrode/Pt ring working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, Ag/AgCl/3 M KCl reference electrode; scan rate 0.02 V/s.

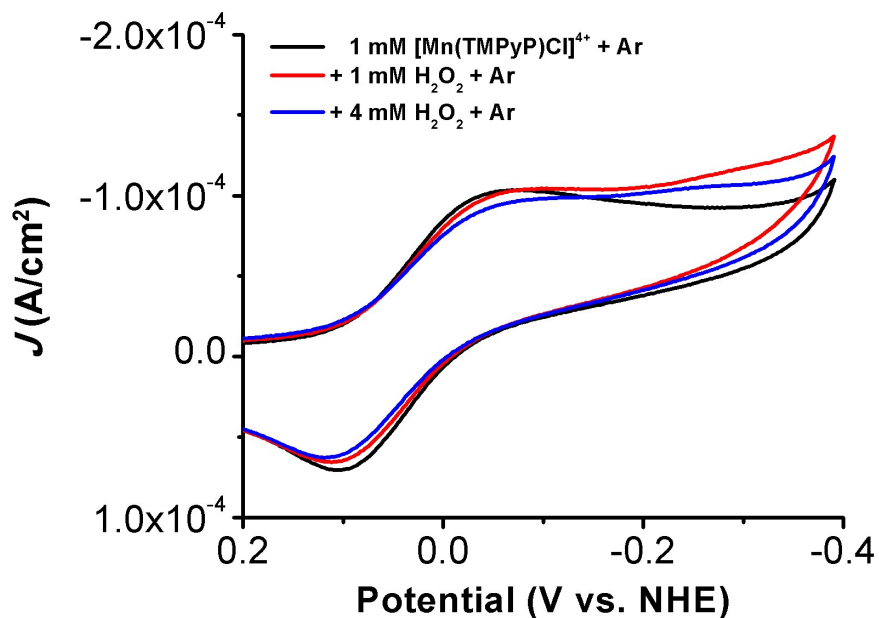


**Figure S71.** Linear Sweep Voltammograms of RRDE experiments with  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  (0.25 mM) at 1000 rpm under  $\text{O}_2$  saturation conditions in a pH 7 buffer solution illustrating the inability to perform RRDE analysis above pH 6 due to the greater background disk and ring current observed at pH 7; ring potential = 1.2 V vs Ag/AgCl. Conditions: 0.25 mM analyte; glassy carbon working electrode/Pt ring working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, Ag/AgCl/3 M KCl reference electrode; scan rate 0.02 V/s.

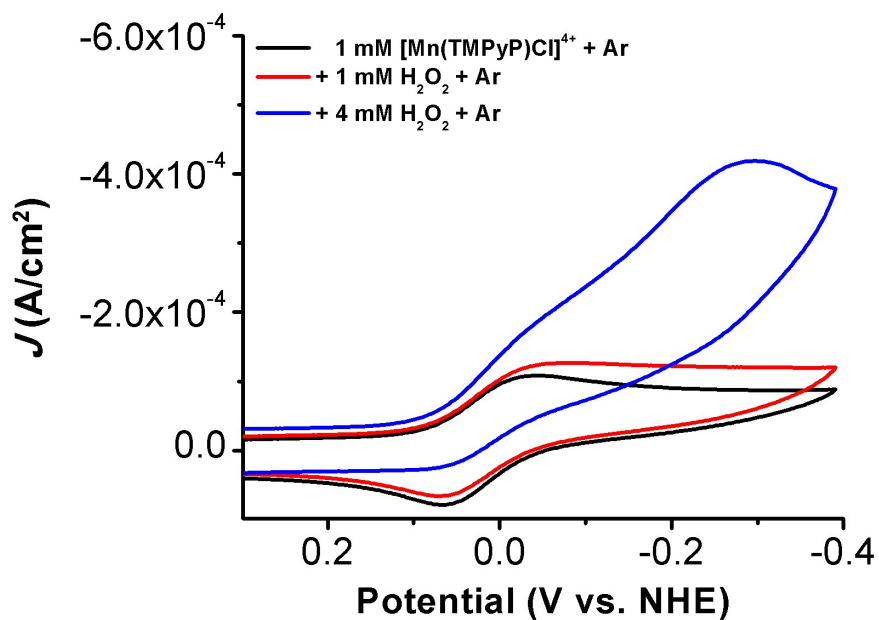
**Table S16.** %H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> calculated from RRDE experiments at various pH values.

<b>pH</b>	<b>Rotation Rate (rpm)</b>	<b>%H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>Average %H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub></b>
3	400	16.2	
	600	15.4	
	800	17.4	
	1000	23.7	18 (±4)
4	400	14.0	
	600	11.4	
	800	10.4	
	1000	9.45	11 (±2)
5	400	6.71	
	600	6.14	
	800	6.77	
	1000	8.96	7 (±1)
6	400	9.64	
	600	12.8	
	800	16.9	
	1000	22.3	15 (±5)



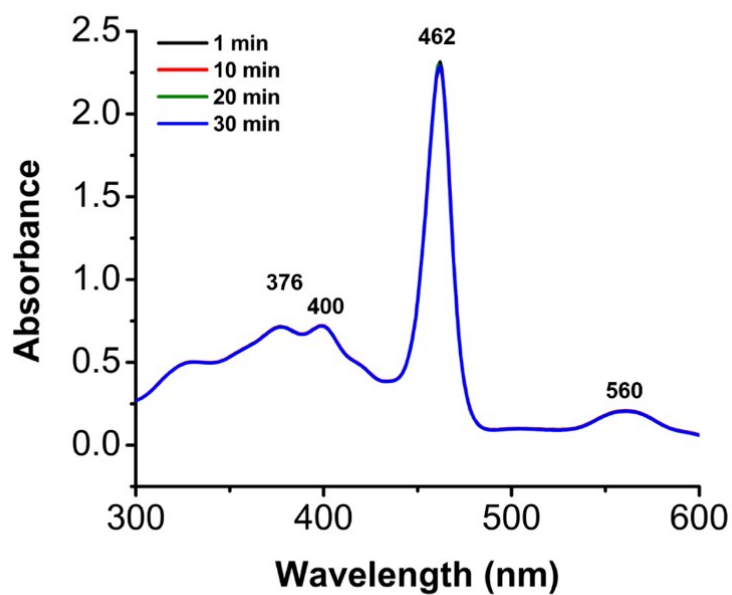


**Figure S72.** Control CV of 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  with 1 mM  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (red trace) and 4 mM  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (blue trace) to show catalytic response for the dismutase of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  in a pH 3 Britton-Robinson Buffer. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.

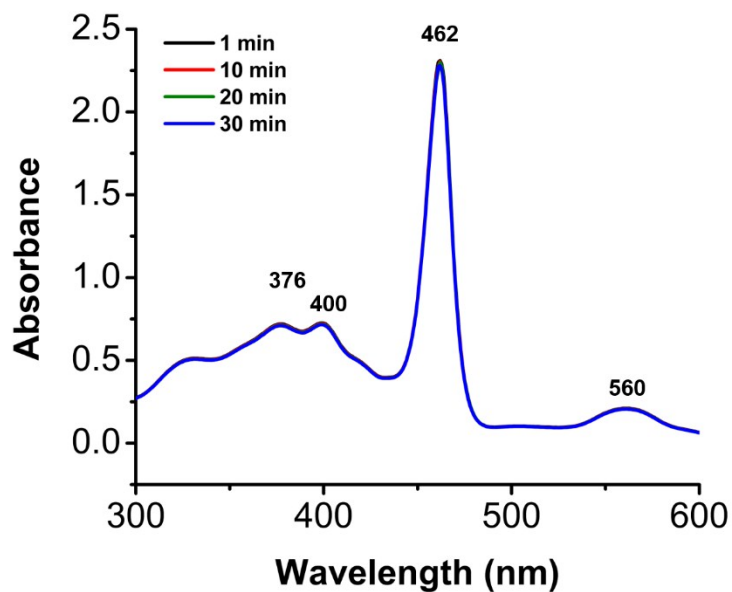


**Figure S73.** Control CV of 1 mM  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  with 1 mM  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (red trace) and 4 mM  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (blue trace) to show catalytic response for the dismutase of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  in a pH 6 Britton-Robinson

Buffer. Conditions: Glassy carbon working electrode, glassy carbon counter electrode, 3.0 M NaCl Ag/AgCl reference electrode; scan rate 100 mV/s.



**Figure S74.** Control UV-Vis of  $1.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  and  $5.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  in pH 3 Britton-Robinson buffer.



**Figure S75.** Control UV-Vis of  $1.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M  $[\text{Mn}(\text{TMPyP})\text{Cl}]^{4+}$  and  $5.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  in pH 6 Britton-Robinson buffer.

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