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## **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

## Photocatalytic asymmetric epoxidation of *trans*-stilbene with manganeseporphyrin/graphene oxide nanocomposite and molecular oxygen: axial ligand effect

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Fig. S1 Electronic absorption of the synthesized  $H_2T2PyP$  in  $CH_2CI_2$  (c = 0.05 M); inset shows the Q bands



Fig. S2 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of the synthesized H<sub>2</sub>T2PyP in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (250 MHz): δ ppm = -2.80 (2H, br, s, NH), 7.50-8.47 (4 *m*-H, adjacent to heteroatom), 5.78-6.74 (4 m-H), 8.86-8.98 (4 o-H), 5.73-5.78 (4 p-H), 8.53 (8H<sub>β</sub>).



Fig. S3  $^{\rm 13}\text{C-NMR}$  spectrum of the synthesized s  $H_2T2PyP$  in CDCl3 (250 MHz).



Fig. S4 FT-IR spectrum of the synthesized GO



Fig. S5 FT-IR spectrum of sodium tartrate.



Fig. S6 FTIR spectra of the photocatalyst and the intermediates.









Fig. S8  $^{1}$ H-NMR spectrum of the starting substrate in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (250 MHz).





Fig. S9 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (A) and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (B) spectra of the crude reaction mixture in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Reaction conditions: [Mn(T2PyP)(OAc)] (0.50 mg, 0.00071 mmol) or chiral GO-[Mn(T2PyP)(tart)](tart)] (0.0397 g, containing 0.71 µmol Mn), imidazole (0.096 mg, 0.00142 mmol), *trans*-stilbene (0.127 g, 0.71 mmol), isobutyraldehyde (250 mg, 3.55 mmol), and reaction time 80 min.



Fig. S10 Chromatogram of the reaction products.

Reaction conditions: [Mn(T2PyP)(OAc)] (0.50 mg, 0.00071 mmol), imidazole (0.096 mg, 0.00142 mmol), trans-stilbene (0.127 g, 0.71 mmol), isobutyraldehyde (250 mg, 3.55 mmol), and reaction time 80 min. GC column HP-5, flow rate 10 mL/min, initial temperature 25 °C, final temperature 190 °C, temperature gradient 10 °C/min, injected volume 2 microliter.





Reaction conditions: GO-[Mn(T2PyP)(tart)](tart) (0.0397 mg, 0.00071 mmol), imidazole (0.096 mg, 0.00142 mmol), *trans*-stilbene (0.127 g, 0.71 mmol), isobutyraldehyde (250 mg, 3.55 mmol), white LED light (80 W), O<sub>2</sub> 1.0 atm, temperature 25 °C and reaction time 80 min. GC column HP-5, flow rate 10 mL/min, initial temperature 25 °C, final temperature 190 °C, temperature gradient 10 °C/min, injected volume 2 microliter.





Fig. S12 GC chromatograms the reaction products with chiral column. GC column SGE-CYDEX-B capillary column (25 m × 0.22 mm ID × 0.25 μm), flow rate 10 mL/min, initial temperature 25 °C, final temperature 190 °C, temperature gradient 10 °C/min. Reaction conditions: Catalyst GO-[Mn(T2PyP)(tart)](tart) (0.71 μmol), axial ligand (1.42 μmol), <sup>i</sup>PrCHO (3.55 mmol), oxygen 1 bar, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 1 mL at room temperature under white LED (40 W) light.



 $\pi$ - $\pi$ \* transition of C=C 225 nm 3  $n-\pi^*$  transition of C=O 312 nm Absorbance 2 1 300 400 600 200 500 700 800 Wavelength (nm)

Fig. S14 UV-vis spectrum of GO recorded in aqueous solution.

Fig. S13 UV-vis spectrum of GO-Cl in water



Fig. S15 Thermogravimetric analysis of [Mn(T2PyP)Oac]