Electronic Supplementary Information 1 2 3 Robust Mn(III) N-pyridylporphyrin-based biomimetic catalysts for 4 hydrocarbon oxidations: Heterogenization on non-functionalized silica gel 5 versus chloropropyl-functionalized silica gel 6 7 8 Victor Hugo A. Pinto, Nathália K. S. M. Falcão, Bárbara Mariz-Silva, Maria 9 10 Gardennia Fonseca, Júlio S. Rebouças* 11 Department of Chemistry, CCEN, Universidade Federal da Paraíba, João Pessoa, PB, 12 58051-900, Brazil. 13 14 *Author for correspondence: Dr. Júlio Santos Reboucas. Universidade Federal da 15 16 Paraíba, Departamento de Química, João Pessoa/PB, 58051-900, Brazil, Tel./Fax: +55-83-3216-7591, E-mail address: jsreboucas@quimica.ufpb.br (Júlio S. Rebouças); 17 18 ORCID: 0000-0003-3818-029X 19 20 21 22 **S1** General Information 4-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (97%, Alfa Aesar), pyrrole (98%, Aldrich), 23 CHCl₃ (≥99%, Aldrich), MeCN (99.8%, Carlo Erba), MeOH (99.8%, Vetec), HOAc 24 (99.7%, Dinâmica), (3-chloropropyl)trimethoxysylane (≥97%, Aldrich), n-heptane 25 (Aldrich), and Mn(OAc)₂·4H₂O (\geq 99%, Aldrich) were used as purchased. Silica 26 gel for column chromatography (SiO₂, high-purity grade, particle size of 70-230 27 mesh, median pore diameter 60 Å, Aldrich) was activated as described 28 elsewhere.¹ Toluene (99.5%, Synth) was dried over activated 3 Å molecular 29 sieves (Aldrich).² The free-base porphyrins meso-tetrakis(2-pyridyl)porphyrin and 30 31 meso-tetrakis(3-pyridyl)porphyrin were purchased from Frontier Scientific Inc. (Logan, UT, EUA). meso-Tetrakis(4-pyridyl)porphyrin was prepared as reported 32 33 elsewhere.³

Cyclohexane (Aldrich) was purified for filtration through a SiO₂ plug and stored into amber glass bottle. Adamantane (Fluka) was dissolved in CHCl₃ and the resulting solution was filtered through active charcoal and recrystallized. lodosylbenzene (PhIO) was prepared from (diacetoxyiodo)benzene (PhI(OAc)₂, Aldrich) as reported elsewhere.⁴ PhIO was stored under refrigeration and its active oxygen content was determined periodically by iodometry.

Elemental analysis (C, H, and N) were carried out on elemental analyzer
Perkin Elmer model 2400. Chloride was quantified by Volhard method.

Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) spectra were recorded with a Shimadzu
 IR-Prestige-21 spectrophotometer using KBr pellets in the 400-4000 cm⁻¹ range
 with 32 scans and resolution of 4 cm⁻¹.

UV/VIS spectra were recorded with a Hewlett-Packard 8453 diode-array spectrophotometer or with a Shimadzu UV-1800 spectrophotometer. Diffuse reflectance UV/VIS spectra were recorded with a Varian Cary 100 Bio Spectrophotometer or with a Shimadzu UV-3600 spectrophotometer.

Solid state ¹³C and ²⁹Si NMR spectra were carried out on Bruker AC300/P spectrometer at room temperature in a 7 mm zirconium oxide rotor. The frequencies used were of 75.47 MHz for carbon and 59.61 MHz for silicon, pulse repetitions of 1 and 3 s, and contact times of 1 and 3 ms, respectively. The Crosspolarization (CP) technique was used with magic angle spinning (MAS) of 10 kHz. Thermogravimetry and differential thermal analysis (TGA-DTA) were

carried out simultaneously with a Shimadzu DTG-60 analyzer, using alumina
crucible, under dynamic nitrogen at a flow rate of 50 cm³ min⁻¹ and with a heating
rate of 10 °C min⁻¹.

58 Specific surface area was measured with a Quantachrome apparatus 59 model nova 2000e at 77 K. Before of the analysis, the samples (~100 mg) were 60 degassed by heating at 150 °C for 2 h. The specific surface area was determined 61 by using BET method.

Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) was recorded with a JEOL JSM
 63 6360-LV microscope using an electronic beam of 15 kV. The samples were
 64 metalized with gold.

Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM) was acquired with a JEOL JEM 1200EX-II microscope using an electronic beam of 100 kV. Sample suspensions in acetone were used to deposit the samples on a carbon film coated copper grid.

Oxidation reactions were analyzed on Shimadzu 14B, Shimadzu 17A, or 68 Agilent 7890B gas chromatographs equipped with flame ionization detector (GC-69 FID). Hydrogen and synthetic air were used for flame maintenance and nitrogen 70 was used as carrier gas. Alltech Carbowax capillary column (length 30 m, internal 71 diameter 0.32 mm, film thickness 0.25 µm) was used in the Shimadzu 14B and 72 Shimadzu 17A. The Agilent 7890B GC was equipped with an Agilent DB-Wax 73 capillary column (length 30 m, internal diameter 0.32 mm, film thickness 0.15 µm) 74 or an Agilent HP-INNOWax capillary column (length 60 m, internal diameter 0.32 75 mm, film thickness 0.5 µm). The Alltech Carbowax and Agilent DB-Wax capillary 76 columns were used for analyzing cyclohexane, cyclohexanol, and adamantane 77 oxidation reactions. The Agilent HP-INNOWax capillary column was used for 78 analyzing n-heptane oxidation reactions. 79

For all substrates (cyclohexane, cyclohexanol, adamantane, and n-heptane) a volume of injection of 1 μ L of reaction supernatant was used for gas chromatograph analyses in a split mode (5:1). The flow rates of synthetic air (300 mL min⁻¹) and hydrogen (30 mL min⁻¹) were the same in all analyses.

The temperature method used in the cyclohexane and cyclohexanol substrate systems is shown in Figure S1. The pressure of the carrier gas (nitrogen) used in the capillary column was of 10 psi (flow rate of 0.943 mL min⁻¹). The total time of the chromatographic run was of 5.2 min.





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90 **Figure S1.** The temperature/pressure method used for analyzing the 91 cyclohexane and cyclohexanol oxidations.

Table S1 exhibits the retention times (RT) for the compounds observed in
 the chromatograms during analyses of cyclohexane and cyclohexanol oxidations.

Table S1. Retention times (RT) of Cy-one (product), Cy-ol (either substrate or
product), bromobenzene (internal standard), and iodobenzene (PhIO reduction
coproduct).

Compound	RT /min
Cyclohexanone	2.89
Bromobenzene	3.10
Cyclohexanol	3.38
lodobenzene	3.86

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Figure S2 shows the temperature method used in the adamantane systems. The pressure of the carrier gas (nitrogen) used in the capillary column was of 10 psi (flow rate of 0.900 mL min⁻¹). The total time of the chromatographic run was of 5.6 min. The retention times (RT) of adamantane oxidation products, along bromobenzene (internal standard), and iodobenzene (PhIO reduction coproduct) are summarized in Table S2.



108 Figure S2. The temperature/pressure method used for analyzing the109 adamantane oxidations.

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Table S2. Retention times (RT) of compounds of relevance to adamantane oxidation analysis: oxidation products 1-adamantanol (Adm-1-ol), 2-adamantanol (Adm-2-ol), 2-adamantanone (Adm-2-one); bromobenzene (internal standard), and iodobenzene (PhIO reduction coproduct).

Compound	RT /min		
bromobenzene	2.28		
iodobenzene	2.73		
1-adamantanol	4.10		
2-adamantanone	4.23		
2-adamantanol	4.90		

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For the analyses of n-heptane oxidations, the temperature/pressure method used is shown in Figure S3. The total time of the chromatographic run was of 21.6 min. Table S3 show the retention times (RT) for 10 species observed in the n-heptane oxidation system.





123 **Figure S3.** The temperature/pressure method used for analyzing n-heptane 124 oxidations.

126	Table S3.	Retention	times	(RT) of	n-heptane	oxidation	products,	1-octanol
127	(internal sta	andard), an	d iodob	enzene	(PhIO reduc	ction copro	duct).	

Compound	RT /min
4-heptanone	13.27
3-heptanone	14.11
2-heptanone	15.59
heptanal	15.82
4-heptanol	18.93
3-heptanol	19.04
2-heptanol	19.09
1-heptanol	19.48
1-octanol	19.76
iodobenzene	19.79

129 S2. Preparation of chloropropyl-functionalized amorphous silica (Sil-Cl)

130 Sil-Cl was prepared using a slightly modified literature procedure.⁵ Briefly, 30.00 of activated silica 11.9 mL (65.30 131 q gel, mmol) of (3chloropropyl)trimethoxysilane (CPTS), and 200 mL of dry toluene were refluxed 132 for 72 h, under nitrogen atmosphere. The suspension was filtrated, and the 133 resulting solid was thoroughly washed with toluene, ethanol, and deionized water. 134 The solid was dried in oven at 80 °C for 24 h and stored in tightly capped vials. 135 136

137 S3. Characterizations of SiO₂ and Sil-Cl

FTIR spectra (Figure S4) of unmodified silica gel (SiO₂) and Sil-Cl showed 138 the vibrations modes at 3450 cm⁻¹ (O-H stretching) and at 1630 cm⁻¹ (O-H 139 bending) assigned to the silanol groups and physisorbed water molecule.⁶⁻⁹ The 140 bands assigned to the siloxanes groups appears at 1100 cm⁻¹ (Si-O-Si 141 asymmetric stretching), 800 cm⁻¹ (Si-O-Si symmetric stretching), and 466 cm⁻¹ 142 (Si-O-Si bending). The presence of the carbon chain of chloropropyl moieties is 143 verified by a weak band at 2962 cm⁻¹ (C-H stretching) and also by the decreased 144 of the band at 970 cm⁻¹ (Si-OH stretching) assigned to the isolated silanol 145 groups.6-9 146



Figure S4. FTIR spectra of (a) Sil-Cl and (b) SiO₂.

In the thermoanalytical curves (TGA-DTA) of Sil-Cl (Figure S5) and SiO₂ (Figure S6) were observed two events of weight loss. In the first event in 33-200 °C temperature range, the weight losses were of 1.9% and 2.4% for Sil-Cl and SiO₂, respectively, which corresponded to physically adsorbed water molecules. The second decomposition event took place from 200 to 900 °C; for SiO₂, this event corresponded to a one-step weight loss of 3.1% assigned to the condensation of silanol groups (Si-OH) into siloxanes groups (-Si-O-Si-) and water. From this perceptual loss is possible to determine the amount of silanol groups of SiO₂ (3.4 mmol g^{-1}) and also silanol density (4.9 OH nm⁻²). These values are consistent with data reported in the literature.^{10,11} The second thermal event for Sil-Cl took place as multi-step weight loss of 9.4%, which agrees with the presence of the chloropropyl chain in the silica gel surface.⁵







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Figure S6. Thermoanalytical curve of SiO₂.

The ¹³C NMR spectrum of **SiI-CI** (Figure S7) showed strong signals at 11, 28, and 47 ppm assigned to the three methylene carbons ($-CH_2-$) of the chloropropyl chain.¹²⁻¹⁴ The absence of a signal at 53 ppm indicates that eventually remaining methoxy groups of immobilized CPTS were completely hydrolyzed to hydroxyl groups upon ethanol and water washings.¹²



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Figure S7. ¹³C NMR spectrum of Sil-Cl and assignments of the signals to the
three carbon atoms of chloropropyl moieties.

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The ²⁹Si NMR spectrum of **Sil-Cl** (Figure S8) showed chemical shifts assigned to the siloxanes groups (Q^4 species) at –108.9 ppm and at the isolate silanol groups (Q^3 species) at –99.5 ppm.^{7,10,12,15,16} The signals associated with the chemical modification of silica surface appeared at –65.7 ppm (assigned to bidentate binding, T² species) and –55.4 ppm (assigned to tridentate binding, T³
species).^{7,12,13,16,17} The high intensity of the signals corresponding to T² and T³
species, in addition to the absence of T¹ signal (at about –46 ppm), suggests the
predominant formation of cross-linked organosilane bonds.^{12,15,17}



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Figure S8. ²⁹Si NMR spectrum of Sil-Cl.

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The **Sil-Cl** and **SiO**₂ specific surface areas were determined by the BET method. The decrease in the specific surface area of **Sil-Cl** (418 m² g⁻¹) with respect to **SiO**₂ (484 m² g⁻¹) occurs as a result of some pores of the silica gel being blocked by chloropropyl moieties, hindering the access of nitrogen gas to these pores during the analysis.^{6,18-20}

Figure S9 shows the adsorption-desorption isotherms of **Sil-Cl** at 77 K. The type 4 profile is characteristic of mesoporous materials with the presence of micropores.^{9,21,22} Indeed, **Sil-Cl** has a mesopores surface area of $353 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ and micropores surface area of $65 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$. The H1 hysteresis (Figure S9) indicates that the pores have a form of an open cylinder.^{9,21,22} Differently from ordered mesoporous silicas, **Sil-Cl** showed no regular pore size distribution, covering a broad range from 3.6 to 6.8 nm (Figure S10).

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Figure S9. Nitrogen adsorption (full squares) and desorption (empty circles)isotherms of Sil-Cl.

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Figure S10. Pore size distribution of Sil-CI by BJH method.

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The SEM and TEM micrograph images of **Sil-Cl** shows no apparent differences from those of **SiO₂**, indicating that during the functionalization reaction there was no relevant changes in silica gel morphology (Figures S11 and S12). Both solids were characterized by having an amorphous structure with particle sizes in microscale range and the presence of pores.^{9,17,20,21}



- 220 Figure S11. Micrographs of Sil-Cl by (a) SEM in the 500 μm scale; and (b) TEM
- in the 200 nm scale.

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224 Figure S12. Micrographs of SiO_{2} by (a) SEM in the 500 μm scale; and (b) TEM

in the 200 nm scale.

226 S4 Synthesis of Mn(III) meso-tetrakis(2-, 3-, or 4-pyridyl)porphyrin chloride,

227 compounds (1), (2), or (3)

Complexes (1), (2), and (3) were prepared via Mn-metalation of the 228 corresponding free-base porphyrin as reported previously for the ortho (1) 229 isomer.1 The 230 isolated complexes were chromatographically and spectroscopically identical to the samples used in our previous study²³@ and the 231 UV/VIS spectral data of the samples were identical to those reported 232 elsewhere.^{1,24,25} UV/VIS spectrum of (1) in H₂O λ_{max} /nm (log ϵ/L mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹): 218 233 234 (4.67), 285 (4.34), 374 (4.75), 396 (4.70), 462 (5.00), 503 (3.82), 556 (4.10), 633 (3.24), 681 (3.24), 771 (3.34). UV/VIS spectrum of (1) in HCI 0.1 mol L⁻¹ λ_{max}/nm 235 (log ε/L mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹): 254 (4.55), 368 (4.75), 413 (4.42), 456 (5.10), 496 (3.78), 555 236 (4.09), 781 (3.23). UV/VIS spectrum of (2) in H₂O λ_{max} /nm (log ϵ/L mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹): 237 216 (4.54), 284 (4.21), 376 (4.61), 398 (4.60), 464 (4.88), 510 (3.78), 562 (3.99), 238 594 (3.80), 684 (3.27), 773 (3.30). UV/VIS spectrum of (2) in HCI 0.1 mol L⁻¹ 239 λ_{max}/nm (log ϵ/L mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹): 214 (4.62), 256 (4.59), 373 (4.70), 395 (4.67), 460 240 (5.09), 502 (3.78), 557 (4.08), 678 (3.08), 767 (4.24). UV/VIS spectrum of (3) in 241 $H_2O \lambda_{max}/nm$ (log ϵ/L mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹): 217 (4.55), 376 (4.62), 397 (4.59), 463 (4.87), 242 506 (3.77), 559 (3.99), 592 (3.71, sh), 680 (3.30), 773 (3.33). UV/VIS spectrum 243 of (3) in HCl 0.1 mol L⁻¹ λ_{max} /nm (log ϵ/L mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹): 215 (4.67), 236 (4.68), 377 244 (4.71), 397 (4.70), 461 (5.14), 503 (3.81), 559 (4.13), 677 (3.14), 770 (3.27). 245 246

S5 Synthesis of Mn(III) *meso-*tetrakis(*N*-pyridinium-2-, 3-, or 4-il)porphyrin MnPY (Y = 4, 5, 6) in chloride and tosylate forms

249 MnPY (Y = 4, 5, 6) isomers were prepared as chloride salts according to the literature.²⁶⁻²⁸ The quality of the samples was evaluated as described for 250 Mn(III) N-alkylpyridylporphyins;^{23,29} spectroscopic and chromatographic data of 251 isolated MnPY (Y = 4, 5, 6) samples were identical to those previously 252 reported.^{26,29} Tosylate (OTs⁻) salts of MnPY (Y = 4, 5, 6) were also prepared by 253 ion exchange chromatography. Briefly, a methanolic MnPY solution (0.92 mmol 254 255 L⁻¹) was slowly eluted through an ionic-exchange resin (Aldrich, Dowex 2x8, 100-200 mesh) in the tosylate form as reported in the literature;³¹ a single fraction was 256 collected and taken to dryness on rotatory evaporator. The CI- to OTs- exchange 257 was characterized by the OTs⁻ band at 220 nm in the UV/VIS spectrum.³¹ 258 259

260 S6 Preparation of Sil-Cl/MnPY (Y = 1, 2, 3) materials

The three **Sil-Cl/MnPY (Y = 1, 2, 3)** materials were prepared by a general procedure as described below for **Sil-Cl/MnP1**.

In a round bottom flask equipped with a mechanical stirrer and a 263 condenser, 19.6 µmol of (1) (as a 0.41 mmol L⁻¹ aqueous solution) and 5.00 g of 264 Sil-CI were refluxed for 24 h until a full discoloration of the supernatant 265 accompanied by darkening of the solid material was observed. Mechanical 266 267 stirring was used throughout the immobilization procedure instead of the magnetic stirring, since preliminary attempts with magnetic stirring promoted 268 unwanted grinding of the silica within the magnetic stir bar and the vessel surface, 269 leading to uncontrolled changes in particle size distribution. Upon reaction 270 completion, the suspension was filtered and the solid was washed with small 271 portions of H₂O until the presence of MnP in the washings was not detected by 272 UV/VIS spectroscopy; the washing procedure was repeated with MeOH, EtOH, 273 and finally CHCl₃ (in this order). All washings were collected to allow for the 274 spectrophotometric determination of non-immobilized (1). The resulting solid was 275 oven dried at 80 °C for 24 h to yield 4.86 g of Sil-Cl/MnP1 as a light orange 276 material. The amount of (1) immobilized onto Sil-Cl was determined indirectly by 277 UV/VIS spectroscopy by taking the difference between the starting amount of (1) 278 279 and the amount of non-immobilized (1) present in the collected washing solutions. MnP loading (in µmol MnP per g of Sil-Cl) was calculated as the ratio between 280 281 the immobilized amount of (1) and the starting mass of Sil-Cl. The immobilization yield was defined as the ratio between the amounts of immobilized (1) and 282 283 starting (1).

The anchoring of the (2) and (3) isomers onto Sil-Cl followed the same methodology as of (1), except that: (a) for Sil-Cl/MnP2, 23.1 µmol of (2) (as a 0.48 mmol L⁻¹ aqueous solution) and 5.00 g of Sil-Cl were used to yield 4.92 g of Sil-Cl/MnP2 as a light green solid; and (b) for Sil-Cl/MnP3, 34.4 µmol of (3) (as a 0.72 mmol L⁻¹ aqueous solution) and 5.00 g of Sil-Cl were used to yield 4.92 g of Sil-Cl/MnP3 as a light green solid.

These reactions were repeated by an independent coauthor, using independently prepared samples of (1), (2), (3), and Sil-Cl, to check for reproducibility. No apparent differences were observed between corresponding Sil-Cl/MnPY (Y = 1, 2, 3) batches.

294 S7 Preparation of SiO₂/MnPY (Y = 4, 5, 6) materials

295 The synthesis procedures and workup for the electrostatic heterogenization of the chloride salts of cationic MnPY (Y = 4, 5, 6) isomers onto 296 SiO_2 were similar to that described for the SiI-CI/MnPY (Y = 1, 2, 3) materials, 297 298 except that the nature of the starting reagents were changed and the reaction time was shortened to 3 h. For SiO₂/MnP4, 18.7 µmol of MnP4 (as a 0.38 mmol 299 300 L⁻¹ aqueous solution) and 3.59 g of **SiO₂** were reacted to quantitatively yield 3.59 301 g de SiO₂/MnP4 as a light orange solid. For SiO₂/MnP5, 19.5 µmol of MnP5 (as a 0.39 mmol L⁻¹ aqueous solution) and 4.21 g of SiO₂ were reacted to 302 quantitatively yield 4.21 g of SiO₂/MnP5 as a light green solid. For SiO₂/MnP6, 303 18.4 µmol of MnP6 (as a 0.36 mmol L⁻¹ aqueous solution) and 3.69 g of SiO₂ 304 were reacted to quantitatively yield 3.67 g of SiO₂/MnP6 as a light green solid. 305 MnPY loadings and immobilization yields were determined as described above 306 for Sil-Cl/MnPY (Y = 1, 2, 3) materials. 307

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309 S8 Oxidation reactions

As a general procedure, 2 mL vials were charged with predefined amounts 310 of PhIO, catalyst, 1:1 MeCN:CHCl₃ solvent, and substrate (see details below), 311 and sealed with a teflon/silicone septum and a screw cap. The oxidation reactions 312 were carried out at room temperature (ca. 26 °C), under air, in the absence of 313 light, with magnetic stirring. The reactions were guenched at 90 min with 50 µL 314 of a saturated sodium tetraborate and sodium sulfite aqueous solution (the 315 effectiveness of this quenching procedure, as opposed to the use of organic 316 solvents,³² is presented below, in Section S9). Then, 50 µL of a 28.0 mmol L⁻¹ 317 solution of a GC internal standard in MeCN:CHCl₃ (1:1, v/v) was added. The 318 products of the reactions were quantified by gas chromatography (GC). 319 320 Bromobenzene (PhBr) was used as internal standard for the reactions with 321 cyclohexane, cyclohexanol, and adamantane as substrates, while 1-octanol was used in the reactions of n-heptane oxidation. Products were identified by co-322 elution with authentic standards, which were also used to build the corresponding 323 analytical curves. The reported yields for all products (alcohols, ketones, and 324 aldehyde) represent an average of least three replicates and were calculated 325 based on the initial amount of PhIO (limiting reactant), considering the following 326 327 stoichiometry: 1 mol of PhIO per mol of alcohol and 2 mols of PhIO per mol of 328 aldehyde or ketones.^{1,33,34} For the homogeneous systems (using non-329 immobilized MnP), MnP destruction (bleaching) was determined 330 spectrophotometrically after quenching with saturated sodium tetraborate and 331 sodium sulfite aqueous solution.

For cyclohexane oxidation (Cy-H), 250 μ L of an 1:1 (v/v) MeCN:CHCl₃ solvent mixture and 100 μ L (0.9 mmol) of Cy-H were added to 0.2 μ mol of MnP (**SiI-CI/MnPY**, **SiO₂/MnPY**, or non-immobilized **MnP**) and either 0.43 mg (2.0 μ mol) or 4.30 mg (20.0 μ mol) of PhIO, following a MnP/PhIO/Cy-H molar ratio of 1:10:4628 or 1:100:4628, respectively.

For cyclohexanol (Cy-ol) oxidation a MnP/PhIO/Cy-ol molar ratio of 1:10:10 was used to emulate the maximum theoretical Cy-ol produced during Cy-H oxidation. Thus, 100 μ L of a 20.0 mmol L⁻¹ solution of Cy-ol in MeCN:CHCl₃ (1:1, v/v) replaced Cy-H in otherwise identical Cy-H oxidation conditions.

For n-heptane oxidation, 250 μ L of a 1:1 (v/v) MeCN:CHCl₃ solvent mixture, 150 μ L (1.0 mmol) of n-heptane, 0.2 μ mol of MnP (**Sil-Cl/MnPY**, **SiO₂/MnPY**, or non-immobilized **MnP**), and 0.43 mg (2.0 μ mol) of PhIO were used to yield a MnP/PhIO/n-heptane molar ratio of 1:10:5000.

Adamantane oxidations were investigated at a MnP/PhIO/adamantane molar ratio of 1:10:500, using 750 μ L of a 0.14 mol L⁻¹ solution of adamantane in MeCN:CHCl₃ (1:1, v/v), 0.2 μ mol of MnP (**Sil-Cl/MnPY**, **SiO₂/MnPY** or nonimmobilized **MnP**), and 0.43 mg (2.0 μ mol) of PhIO.

For the recycling studies, the solid catalysts, after the first run, were recovered by centrifugation, washed with $CHCI_3$, EtOH, MeOH, and H_2O (in this order), dried at 80 °C for 6 h, and, then, reused in a new oxidation run. The reaction media and collected washings were monitored by UV/VIS spectroscopy to verify whether there was leaching of MnPs from the solid catalysts.

The control reactions in the absence of catalysts but containing (i) PhIO+substrate+solvent, (ii) support+substrate+solvent (labeled **Sil-Cl** or **SiO**₂ entries), (iii) supports+PhIO+substrate+solvent (labeled **SiO**₂/PhIO or **Sil-Cl**/PhIO entries).

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359 S9. Quenching the catalytic oxidation reactions

360 Quenching of the oxidations at specific time points was carried out by 361 addition of an aliquot of sodium sulfite/sodium borate inhibitors to the reaction mixture. Although some literature has used the solvent of the catalytic reaction as solvent for these inhibitors as well, we found that the MeCN:CHCl₃ (1:1, v/v) mixture was rather ineffective as solvent for the sulfite/borate quenchers. Thus, an investigation of an effective means to quench the oxidation reactions was carried out.

The inhibitor solution was prepared from a mixture of 0.20 g sodium sulfite 367 and 0.20 g sodium tetraborate in 4 mL of the following solvent systems: (a) 368 369 MeCN:CHCl₃ (1:1, v/v), (b) MeOH or (c) H₂O. A couple of cyclohexane oxidation reactions using (1) or Sil-Cl/MnP1 as catalysts were carried out as described in 370 the main experimental section, except that 50 µL of the sulfite/borate quenchers 371 in one of the solvent mixtures was added to the oxidation vial after 1 min of 372 reaction along with the bromobenzene internal standard. Aliquots were 373 periodically analyzed by GC-FID for quantification of the products. 374

Time course of cyclohexanol production during PhIO-oxidation of cyclohexane catalyzed by (1) or Sil-Cl/MnP1 having sodium sulfite/sodium borate mixtures being added in the reaction vessel after 1 min reaction are presented in Figures S13 and S14. If the quencher is effective, there should be no significant increase in cyclohexanol formation after 1 min. With both catalysts (1) or Sil-Cl/MnP1, effective quenching was only achieved when water was used as solvent for the inhibitors (Fig. S14, curve c; Fig. S15, curve b).

The inhibitor prepared in the MeCN:CHCl₃ (1:1, v/v) mixture was not 382 efficient at all in quenching the oxidation reactions, as sulfite and borate sodium 383 salts were very poorly soluble in this organic solvent mixture (Figure S14, curve 384 a). Indeed, the supposedly "quenched" reaction with sulfite/borate suspended in 385 MeCN:CHCl₃ (1:1, v/v) mixture progressed regularly as if not guenched, leading 386 to yields of Cy-ol comparable to those of 90 min uninhibited reactions. The 387 addition of the sulfite/borate mixture as MeOH solution was only able to partially 388 389 inhibit the oxidation reaction (Figure S14, curve b), due to solubilization of the sodium salts in MeOH. Further investigation was discontinued, and aqueous 390 391 sulfite/borate solution was used for quenching all oxidation reactions throughout this study. 392



Figure S13. Time course of cyclohexanol production during PhIO-oxidation of cyclohexane catalyzed by (1) having sodium sulfite/sodium borate being added in the reaction vessel at 1 min as (a) MeCN:CHCl₃ (1:1, v/v) suspension, (b) MeOH solution, and (c) aqueous solution. In aqueous system c, Cy-ol yield was lower than 1% and remained unchanged up to 14 h (data no shown).

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Figure S14. Time course of cyclohexanol production during PhIO-oxidation of
cyclohexane catalyzed by Sil-Cl/MnP1. Curve (a) reaction without inhibitor;
Curve (b) reaction inhibited with aqueous sodium sulfite/sodium borate solution
being added after 1 min of reaction.



407 S10. Cyclohexane oxidations under standard conditions

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Figure S15. Cyclohexane oxidation reactions by PhIO catalyzed by the nonimmobilized MnPs and other controls (only PhIO, Sil-Cl/PhIO, and SiO₂/PhIO). Reactions conditions: MnP/PhIO/Cy-H molar ratio of 1:10:4628 (0.2 μ mol of MnP, 2.0 μ mol of PhIO, 930.0 μ mol of Cy-H), MeCN:CHCl₃ mixture (1:1, v/v) as solvent, magnetic stirring, 26 °C, 90 min, and air atmosphere. Yields calculated based on the starting PhIO. 2 mol of PhIO were considered for the formation of 1 mol of Cy-one. Total yield = Cy-ol + Cy-one. Selectivity = 100 x [Cy-ol/(Cy-ol + Cy-one)].

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418 S11. Cyclohexane oxidation under conditions of larger PhIO excess (Cycle 419 A) and reuse under standard conditions (Cycle B)

420 The oxidative stability of the heterogenized catalysts **Sil-Cl/MnPY** (Y = 1, 2, 3) and SiO₂/MnPY (Y = 4, 5, 6) was evaluated using a more drastic condition 421 422 with a PhIO/MnP molar ratio of 100 in the first reaction cycle (cycle A) followed by the regular reaction condition with a PhIO/MnP molar ratio of 10 in the second 423 reaction cycle (cycle B). The non-immobilized MnP catalysts under 424 homogeneous conditions with PhIO/MnP molar ratio of 100 (cycle A) were also 425 studied for comparison with the corresponding heterogenized systems Sil-426 CI/MnPY (Y = 1, 2, 3) and SiO₂/MnPY (Y = 4, 5, 6). The data of these reactions 427 are presented in Figure S16. The PhIO, Sil-Cl/PhIO, and SiO₂/PhIO control 428 systems (without MnP) showed less than 1% Cy-ol and Cy-one formation. 429

All catalysts had their catalytic efficiency considerably decreased in the 430 first reaction cycle (Cycle A) with a high PhIO/MnP molar ratio of 100 (Figure S16, 431 entries 1-12) when compared with the corresponding reactions using the regular 432 PhIO/MnP molar ratio of 10 (Figure 5 and 6). This may be related to a series 433 factors, 33, 35-37 which include: a) oxidative degradation of immobilized MnPs, since 434 high destruction was observed for the corresponding MnP catalysts under 435 homogeneous conditions (bleaching of about 98% for non-immobilized (1), (2), 436 and (3) isomers and ca. 70% for non-immobilized MnPY isomers); b) blocking of 437 access to the MnP catalytic center by large excess of PhIO; c) competing side-438 reactions such as solvent oxidation;^{34,38} d) PhIO disproportionation toward PhI 439 and PhIO₂.^{39,40} To check whether the use of high oxidant content deactivated 440 and/or destroyed the heterogenized catalysts, the solid materials were recovered 441 and subjected to a new cycle (Cycle B, Figure S17), using a regular PhIO/MnP 442 molar ratio of 10, to which there already are solid data (presented above, Figures 443 5 and 6), mimicking the conditions of cycles 1, 2, and 3. 444

445 For Sil-Cl/MnP2 and Sil-Cl/MnP3, the total yields in cycle B (Figure S17, entries 2 and 3) were much lower than those in cycle 2 (Figure 5, entries 5 and 446 8), suggesting that both the oxidative degradation of MnP and blocking of MnP 447 by PhIO or its by-product residues may have happened during Cycle A under 448 large excess PhIO. Sil-Cl/MnP1, SiO₂/MnP4, and SiO₂/MnP6 seems to have 449 been subjected predominantly to some blocking of PhIO or substrate access to 450 MnP during Cycle A, since the total oxidation yields in Cycle B (Figure S17, 451 entries 1, 4, and 6) are comparable to those in cycle 2 (Figure 5, entry 4 and 452 Figure 6, entries 2 and 8), indicating a recovered catalyst efficiency. Sil-Cl/MnP1, 453 SiO₂/MnP4, and SiO₂/MnP6 were not significantly deactivated or oxidatively 454 destroyed by using high PhIO excess during Cycle A and comprise, thus, the 455 most resistant materials against oxidative destruction among the heterogenized 456 457 catalysts Sil-Cl/MnPY (Y = 1, 2, 3) and SiO₂/MnPY (Y = 4, 5, 6).

The catalytic robustness exhibited by **Sil-Cl/MnP1** may be related to the protection exerted on the immobilized MnP by the surface chloropropyl groups of **Sil-Cl**. The excess of about 200 chloropropyl groups per MnP anchored on the surface is likely acting as a shield, preventing bimolecular PhIO-oxidative destruction of the heterogenized MnP. Additionally, a putative parallel orientation of **(1)** in relation to **Sil-Cl** surface may also be contributing to larger oxidative

stability. In this situation, MnP would be less exposed to the reaction medium, 464 having one of its sides fully protected by the Sil-Cl surface. Another hypothesis 465 to be considered is the influence of steric and electronic factors associated with 466 the binding of the **Sil-Cl** surface alkyl chain to (1) ortho positions, hampering 467 oxidative attack to vulnerable porphyrin meso positions, resembling a recurring 468 porphyrin-based biomimetic feature known as "the ortho effect".4,36,48,58-60 469 Likewise, the oxidative stability of SiO₂/MnP4 and SiO₂/MnP6 materials may be 470 471 related to the putative parallel orientation of MnPY with respect to the SiO₂ 472 surface; MnP4 is also subjected to a protective "ortho effect".





Figure S16. Cycle A of cyclohexane oxidation reactions by PhIO catalyzed by 475 the non-immobilized MnPs and heterogenized materials Sil-Cl/MnPY and 476 SiO₂/MnPY. Reactions conditions: MnP/PhIO/Cy-H molar ratio of 1:100:4628 477 (0.2 µmol of MnP, 20.0 µmol of PhIO, 930.0 µmol of Cy-H), MeCN:CHCl₃ mixture 478 (1:1, v/v) as solvent, magnetic stirring, 26 °C, 90 min, and air atmosphere. Yields 479 calculated based on the starting PhIO. 2 mol of PhIO were considered for the 480 formation of 1 mol of Cy-one. Cyclohexane = Cy-H, Cyclohexanol = Cy-ol, 481 482 cyclohexanone = Cy-one, total yield = Cy-ol + Cy-one. Selectivity = 100 x [Cyol/(Cy-ol + Cy-one)]. 483



Figure S17. Cycle B of cyclohexane oxidation reactions by PhIO catalyzed by the supported materials Sil-Cl/MnPY and SiO₂/MnPY after completion of Cycle A (Fig. S18) and catalyst recovery. The reaction conditions were identical to those of Figure S16, except that the MnP/PhIO molar ratio was of 1:10 (0.2 µmol of MnP, 2.0 µmol of PhIO). Yields calculated based on the starting PhIO. 2 mol of PhIO were considered for the formation of 1 mol of Cy-one. Cyclohexane = Cy-H, Cyclohexanol = Cy-ol, cyclohexanone = Cy-one, total yield = Cy-ol + Cy-one. Selectivity = 100 x [Cy- ol/(Cy-ol + Cy-one)].

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502 S12. Oxidation of n-heptane



Figure S18. First cycle (cycle 1), second (cycle 2), and third (cycle 3) cycles of n-heptane oxidation reactions by PhIO catalyzed by the supported materials Sil-CI/MnP2 and SiO₂/MnP5. After completion of cycle 1, the catalysts were recovery and reused for twice more consecutively (cycles 2 and 3). The reaction conditions were identical to those of Figure 5, except that n-heptane replaced cyclohexane and the MnP/PhIO/n-heptane molar ratio was of 1:10:5000. Yields calculated based on the starting PhIO. 2 mol of PhIO were considered for the formation of 1 mol of ketone or aldehyde. 1-heptanol = 1-ol, 2-heptanol = 2-ol, 3-heptanol = 3-ol, 4-heptanol = 4-ol, 2-heptanone = 2-one, 3-heptanone = 3-one, and 4heptanone = 4-one.





Figure S19. First cycle (cycle 1), second (cycle 2), and third (cycle 3) cycles of n-heptane oxidation reactions by PhIO catalyzed by the supported materials Sil-CI/MnP3 and SiO₂/MnP6. After completion of cycle 1, the catalysts were recovery and reused for twice more consecutively (cycles 2 and 3). The reaction conditions were identical to those of Figure 5, except that n-heptane replaced cyclohexane and the MnP/PhIO/n-heptane molar ratio was of 1:10:5000. Yields calculated based on the starting PhIO. 2 mol of PhIO were considered for the formation of 1 mol of ketone or aldehyde. 1-heptanol = 1-ol, 2-heptanol = 2-ol, 3-heptanol = 3-ol, 4-heptanol = 4-ol, 2-heptanone = 2-one, 3-heptanone = 3-one, and 4-heptanone = 4-one.

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Figure S20. n-Heptane oxidation by PhIO catalyzed by non-immobilized **MnPY** and **MnPY** under homogeneous conditions. The conditions were identical to those of Figure 5. Yields calculated based on the starting PhIO. 2 mol of PhIO were considered for the formation of 1 mol of ketone or aldehyde. 1-heptanol = 1ol, 2-heptanol = 2-ol, 3-heptanol = 3-ol, 4-heptanol = 4-ol, 2-heptanone = 2-one, 3-heptanone = 3-one, and 4-heptanone = 4-one.

Table S4. Chemoselectivity and Regioselectivity of nheptane PhIO-oxidations catalyzed by recycled SilCl/MnPY and SiO₂/MnPY materials (cycle 2). Catalysts recovered from a first reaction run (Table 2 in the main article). The reaction conditions are indicated in the legend of Figure 7. Yields calculated based on the starting PhIO. 2 mol of PhIO were considered for the formation of 1 mol of ketone or aldehyde.

Entry	Ostaliset	Total yield /%			Regioselectivity ^g /%		
	Catalyst	C-OH ^a	C=O ^b	Chemoselect.º/%	ω-1 ^d	ω-2 ^e	ω-3 ^f
1	Sil-Cl/MnP1	43	39	53	34	31	34
2	Sil-Cl/MnP2	44	40	52	33	32	34
3	Sil-Cl/MnP3	45	46	49	32	32	35
4	SiO ₂ /MnP4	30	34	46	37	29	31
5	SiO₂/MnP5	19	33	37	35	30	33
6	SiO ₂ /MnP6	24	37	39	33	31	34

566 °C-OH: alcohols. C=O: ketones + aldehyde. Chemoselectivity = (C-OH)/[C-OH + C=O). ^d ω -1: sum of 2-ol and 2-one, ^e ω -2: sum of 3-ol and 3-one, ^f ω -3: sum of 4-ol and 568 4-one. 9 Normalized regioselectivity (ω -1) = 100 x [(2-ol + 2-one)/2]/{[(1-ol+1-heptanal)/3] + [(2-ol + 2-one)/2] + [(3-ol + 3-one)/2] + (4-ol + 4-one), normalized regioselectivity (ω -2) and normalized regioselectivity (ω -3) were calculated analogously.

Table S5. Chemoselectivity and Regioselectivity of nheptane PhIO-oxidations catalyzed by recycled **SilCl/MnPY** and **SiO₂/MnPY** materials (cycle 3). Catalysts recovered from a second reaction run (Table S4 above). The reaction conditions are indicated in the legend of Figure 7. Yields calculated based on the starting PhIO. 2 mol of PhIO were considered for the formation of 1 mol of ketone or aldehyde.

Entry Catalyst		Total yield /%			Regioselectivity ^g /%		
	Catalyst	C-OH ^a	C=O ^b	Chemoselect. ^c /%	ω-1 ^d	ω-2 ^e	ω -3 ^f
1	Sil-Cl/MnP1	43	42	51	34	31	33
2	Sil-Cl/MnP2	37	36	51	33	32	33
3	Sil-Cl/MnP3	46	46	50	32	32	35
4	SiO ₂ /MnP4	30	38	44	37	29	31
5	SiO₂/MnP5	18	30	38	35	30	33
6	SiO ₂ /MnP6	20	32	38	29	32	35

⁵⁹⁵ ^a C-OH: alcohols. ^b C=O: ketones + aldehyde. ^c Chemoselectivity = (C-OH)/[C-OH + ⁵⁹⁶ C=O). ^d ω -1: sum of 2-ol and 2-one, ^e ω -2: sum of 3-ol and 3-one, ^f ω -3: sum of 4-ol and ⁵⁹⁷ 4-one. ^g Normalized regioselectivity (ω -1) = 100 x [(2-ol + 2-one)/2]/{[(1-ol+1-heptanal)/3] ⁵⁹⁸ + [(2-ol + 2-one)/2] + [(3-ol + 3-one)/2] + (4-ol + 4-one)}, normalized regioselectivity (ω -⁵⁹⁹ 2) and normalized regioselectivity (ω -3) were calculated analogously.

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605 S13. Reactions of adamantane oxidation

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Figure S21. Second cycle (cycle 2) of adamantane oxidation reactions by PhIO catalyzed by the supported materials Sil-Cl/MnPY and SiO₂/MnPY after completion of cycle 1 (Figure 8) and catalyst recovery. The reaction conditions were the same as those described in Figure 8. 1-adamantanol = Adm-1-ol, 2adamantanol = Adm-2-ol, total yield = Adm-1-ol + And-2-ol + Adm-2-one. Normalized regioselectivity = $100 \times (Adm-1-ol)/[(Adm-1-ol) + (Adm-2-ol)/3 +$ (Adm-2-one)/3].



Figure S22. Third cycle (cycle 3) of adamantane oxidation reactions by PhIO catalyzed by the supported materials SiI-CI/MnPY and SiO₂/MnPY after completion of cycle 2 (Fig. S21) and catalyst recovery. The reaction conditions were the same as those described in the Figure 8. Adm-1-adamantanol = Adm-1ol, 2-adamantanol = Adm-2-ol, total yield = Adm-1-ol + Adm-2-ol + Adm-2-one. Normalized regioselectivity = 100 x (Adm-1-ol)/[(Adm-1-ol) + (Adm-2-ol)/3 + (Adm-2-one)/3].

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