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Oxidative *versus* Basic Asynchronous Hydrogen Atom Transfer Reactions of Mn(III)-Hydroxo and Mn(III)-Aqua Complexes

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| | [(dpaq ^{5NO2})Mn ^{III} (OH)](OTf) | [(dpaq ^{5Me})Mn ^{III} (OH)](OTf) ^a | [(dpaq ^{5OMe})Mn ^{III} (OH)](OTf) |
|--|---|--|--|
| empirical formula | $C_{24}H_{20}F_3MnN_6O_7S$ | C ₂₇ H ₂₆ F ₃ MnN ₆ O ₅ S | C ₂₅ H ₂₃ F ₃ MnN ₅ O ₆ S |
| formula weight | 648.46 | 658.54 | 633.48 |
| temperature (K) | 150 K | 150 K | 150 K |
| Wavelength (Å) | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 |
| crystal system | monoclinic | monoclinic | monoclinic |
| space group | $P2_{1}/n$ | $P2_{1}/n$ | $P2_{1}/c$ |
| unit cell dimensions | | | |
| <i>a</i> (Å) | 8.8110(17) | 9.1663(6) | 12.8436(9) |
| <i>b</i> (Å) | 22.663(4) | 24.9767(17) | 13.4456(9) |
| <i>c</i> (Å) | 13.337(3) | 12.4192(9) | 15.6922(10) |
| α(°) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| eta (°) | 100.823(10) | 96.255(3) | 107.733(3) |
| γ(°) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| volume (Å ⁻³) | 2615.8(9) | 2826.4(3) | 2581.1(3) |
| Ζ | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| calculated density (g/cm ⁻³) | 1.647 | 1.548 | 1.630 |
| absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹) | 0.664 | 0.610 | 0.667 |
| reflections collected | 49120 | 53032 | 95609 |
| absorption correction | multi-scan ($T_{min} = 0.920$, $T_{max} = 0.970$) | multi-scan ($T_{min} = 0.880$, $T_{max} = 0.970$) | multi-scan ($T_{min} = 0.900$, $T_{max} = 0.980$) |
| independent reflections | 6508 | 7031 | 6697 |
| goodness-of-fit on F^2 | 0.998 | 1.079 | 1.034 |
| $R [F^2 > 2 \text{sigma}(F^2)]$ | 0.0370 | 0.0260 | 0.0374 |
| wR^2 | 0.1318 | 0.0673 | 0.0864 |

Table S1 Crystallographic data and refinements for $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH)]^+$ (R = NO₂, Me, and OMe)

^a Actual formula of this crystal structure is included an CH₃CN solvent molecule.

| | [(dpaq ^{5NO2})Mn ^{III} (OH)] ⁺ | [(dpaq ^{5Me})Mn ^{III} (OH)] ⁺ | [(dpaq ^{5OMe})Mn ^{III} (OH)] ⁺ |
|-------------------|--|---|--|
| bond distance (Å) | | | |
| Mn1-N4 | 1.9739(15) | 1.9703(9) | 1.9831(16) |
| Mn1-O1 | 1.8081(15) | 1.8073(9) | 1.8038(14) |
| Mn1-N5 | 2.0592(15) | 2.0592(10) | 2.0774(17) |
| Mn1-N2 | 2.1685(17) | 2.1580(10) | 2.1901(16) |
| Mn1-N1 | 2.1937(17) | 2.2256(10) | 2.2033(17) |
| Mn1-N3 | 2.2284(17) | 2.2458(10) | 2.2116(16) |
| bond angle (°) | | | |
| O1-Mn1-N4 | 174.46(6) | 178.4(4) | 178.54(7) |
| O1-Mn1-N5 | 94.81(6) | 98.72(4) | 99.12(7) |
| N4-Mn1-N5 | 79.79(6) | 79.76(4) | 80.05(6) |
| O1-Mn1-N2 | 102.78(6) | 98.65(4) | 99.09(7) |
| N4-Mn1-N2 | 82.59(6) | 82.89(4) | 81.72(6) |
| N5-Mn1-N2 | 162.36(6) | 162.57(4) | 161.73(6) |
| O1-Mn1-N1 | 91.73(7) | 88.16(4) | 93.92(7) |
| N4-Mn1-N1 | 88.21(6) | 92.67(4) | 87.44(6) |
| N5-Mn1-N1 | 102.14(6) | 102.86(4) | 102.27(6) |
| N2-Mn1-N1 | 76.39(6) | 76.18(4) | 77.98(6) |
| O1-Mn1-N3 | 95.97(7) | 94.75(4) | 87.00(6) |
| N4-Mn1-N3 | 86.52(6) | 85.12(4) | 92.03(6) |
| N5-Mn1-N3 | 102.85(6) | 103.00(4) | 103.50(6) |
| N2-Mn1-N4 | 76.77(6) | 77.05(4) | 75.96(6) |
| N1-Mn1-N3 | 153.09(6) | 153.21(4) | 153.73(6) |

Table S2 Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH)]^+$

| R | $k_2, \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$ |
|-----------------|---|
| NO ₂ | 4.2(3) |
| Cl | 2.3(2) |
| Н | 1.7(1) |
| Me | 1.6(1) |
| OMe | 1.5(1) |

Table S3 Second-order rate constants (k_2) for the oxidation of 4-MeO-2,6-^{*t*}Bu₂C₆H₂OH by $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH)]^+$ (R = NO₂, Cl, H, Me, and OMe) under an Ar atmosphere in MeCN/H₂O (98:2 v/v) at 298 K

| R | $k_{\rm et}, { m M}^{-1} { m s}^{-1}$ |
|-----------------|--|
| NO ₂ | 95(8) |
| Cl | 30(3) |
| Н | 14(1) |
| Me | 11(1) |
| OMe | 7.1(6) |

Table S4 Second-order rate constants (k_{et}) for the electron transfer from Me₁₀Fc to $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH)]^+$ (R = NO₂, Cl, H, Me, and OMe) under an Ar atmosphere in MeCN/H₂O (98:2 v/v) at 298 K

| | [(dpaq ^{5Me})Mn ^{III} (OH ₂)](OTf) ₂ ^a |
|--|---|
| empirical formula | $C_{52}H_{48}F_{12}Mn_2N_{10}O_{16}S_4$ |
| formula weight | 1535.12 |
| temperature (K) | 100 |
| wavelength (Å) | 0.7000 |
| crystal system | triclinic |
| space group | <i>P</i> -1 |
| unit cell dimensions | |
| <i>a</i> (Å) | 10.012(2) |
| <i>b</i> (Å) | 15.900(3) |
| <i>c</i> (Å) | 19.840(4) |
| α(°) | 88.44(3) |
| β(°) | 77.95(3) |
| γ(°) | 89.88(3) |
| volume (Å ³) | 3087.6(11) |
| Z | 2 |
| calculated density (g/cm ⁻³) | 1.652 |
| absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹) | 0.647 |
| reflections collected | 41817 |
| absorption correction | - |
| independent reflections | 11486 |
| goodness-of-fit on F^2 | 1.063 |
| $R[F^2 > 2\text{sigma}(F^2)]$ | 0.1067 |
| wR^2 | 0.2567 |

Table S5 Crystallographic data and refinements for [(dpaq^{5Me})Mn^{III}(OH₂)]²⁺

 $^{\it a}$ Refinement details for [(dpaq $^{5Me})Mn^{III}(OH_2)](OTf)_2$:

1. Twinned data refinement^{S1} Scales: 0.696(3) 0.304(3)

 $2. \ Fixed \ U_{iso}$

At 1.2 times of: All C(H) groups, All C(H,H) groups

At 1.5 times of: All C(H,H,H) groups, All O(H,H) groups

3.a Rotating group: O31(H31A,H31B), O62(H62A,H62B)

3.b Secondary CH2 refined with riding coordinates:

C15(H15A,H15B), C17(H17A,H17B), C24(H24A,H24B), C46(H46A,H46B), C48(H48A,H48B), C56(H56A,H56B)

3.c Aromatic/amide H refined with riding coordinates:

C2(H2), C3(H3), C4(H4), C8(H8), C9(H9), C19(H19), C20(H20), C21(H21),C22(H22), C26(H26), C27(H27), C28(H28), C29(H29), C33(H33), C34(H34), C38(H38), C39(H39), C40(H40), C50(H50), C51(H51), C52(H52), C53(H53), C57(H57),

C58(H58), C59(H59), C60(H60)

3.d Idealized Me refined as rotating group:

C7(H7A,H7B,H7C), C36(H36A,H36B,H36C)

(S1) A. L. Spek, Structure Validation in Chemical Crystallography, Acta Cryst., 2009, D65, 148-155.

| | $[(dpaq^{5Me})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$ |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| bond distance (Å) | |
| Mn1-N4 | 1.939(5) |
| Mn1-O1 | 1.961(4) |
| Mn1-N5 | 2.018(5) |
| Mn1-N2 | 2,121(5) |
| Mn1-N1 | 2.226(6) |
| Mn1-N3 | 2.247(6) |
| bond angle (°) | |
| O1-Mn1-N4 | 178.0(2) |
| O1-Mn1-N5 | 97.57(19) |
| N4-Mn1-N5 | 81.1(2) |
| O1-Mn1-N2 | 98.12(19) |
| N4-Mn1-N2 | 83.2(2) |
| N5-Mn1-N2 | 164.2(2) |
| O1-Mn1-N1 | 90.7(2) |
| N4-Mn1-N1 | 91.1(2) |
| N5-Mn1-N1 | 100.0(2) |
| N2-Mn1-N1 | 78.1(2) |
| O1-Mn1-N3 | 88.6(2) |
| N4-Mn1-N3 | 90.3(2) |
| N5-Mn1-N3 | 104.0(2) |
| N2-Mn1-N4 | 78.1(2) |
| N1-Mn1-N3 | 155.89(19) |

Table S6 Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for $[(dpaq^{5Me})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$

| R | $k_2, \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$ |
|-----------------|--|
| NO ₂ | $3.4(2) \times 10$ |
| Cl | $1.1(1) \times 10^3$ |
| Н | $1.6(1) \times 10^2$ |
| Me | $2.1(1) 	imes 10^2$ |
| OMe | $4.5(3) \times 10^{3}$ |

Table S7 Second-order rate constants (k_2) for the oxidation of 4-MeO-2,6-^{*t*}Bu₂C₆H₂OH by $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$ (R = NO₂, Cl, H, Me, and OMe) in MeCN at 298 K

| R | $k_2, \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{s}^{-1}$ |
|-----------------|--|
| NO ₂ | $2.1(1) \times 10^{-1}$ |
| Cl | 2.0(1) |
| Н | 1.8(1) |
| Me | 2.0(1) |
| OMe | $3.0(2) \times 10^2$ |

Table S8 Second-order rate constants (k_2) for the oxidation of 2,4-di-*tert*-butylphenol by $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$ (R = NO₂, Cl, H, Me, and OMe) in MeCN at 298 K



Fig. S1 Visible absorption changes observed in the oxidation of 4-MeO-2,6-^{*t*}Bu₂C₆H₂OH (10 mM) by $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH)]^+$ [1.0 mM; R = (a) NO₂, (b) Cl, (c) H, (d) Me, and (e) OMe] under an Ar atmosphere in MeCN/H₂O (98:2 v/v) at 298 K. Insets show the decay time courses of absorbance at 760 nm due to $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH)]^+$.



Fig. S2 (a) ESI-MS spectrum of the complete reaction solution obtained in the oxidation of 4-MeO-2,6-^{*t*}Bu₂C₆H₂OH by $[(dpaq^{5NO2})Mn^{III}(OH)]^+$ under an Ar atmosphere in MeCN/H₂O (98:2 v/v) at 298 K. Peaks at m/z = 482.2 and 429.2 correspond to $[(dpaq^{5NO2})Mn^{II}]^+$ (*calc. m/z* = 482.1) and $[dpaq^{5NO2} + 2H^+]^+$ (*calc. m/z* = 429.2), respectively. (b) EPR spectrum of the complete reaction solution obtained in the oxidation of 4-MeO-2,6-^{*t*}Bu₂C₆H₂OH by $[(dpaq^{5NO2})Mn^{III}(OH)]^+$ under an Ar atmosphere in MeCN/H₂O (98:2 v/v) at 298 K. Spectrum was measured at 77 K. Spectrum shows the signals of Mn(II) species together with phenoxyl radical (i.e., 4-MeO-2,6-^{*t*}Bu₂C₆H₂O[•]).



Fig. S3 (a) ESI-MS spectrum of the complete reaction solution obtained in the oxidation of 4-MeO-2,6-^{*t*}Bu₂C₆H₂OH by $[(dpaq^{5Cl})Mn^{III}(OH)]^+$ under an Ar atmosphere in MeCN/H₂O (98:2 v/v) at 298 K. Peaks at m/z = 471.2 and 418.2 correspond to $[(dpaq^{5Cl})Mn^{II}]^+$ (*calc.* m/z = 471.1) and $[dpaq^{5Cl} + 2H^+]^+$ (*calc.* m/z = 418.1), respectively. (b) EPR spectrum of the complete reaction solution obtained in the oxidation of 4-MeO-2,6-^{*t*}Bu₂C₆H₂OH by $[(dpaq^{5Cl})Mn^{III}(OH)]^+$ under an Ar atmosphere in MeCN/H₂O (98:2 v/v) at 298 K. Spectrum was measured at 77 K. Spectrum shows the signals of Mn(II) species together with phenoxyl radical (i.e., 4-MeO-2,6-^{*t*}Bu₂C₆H₂O[•]).



Fig. S4 Visible absorption spectral changes observed in electron transfer from $Me_{10}Fc$ (1.0 mM) to $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH)]^+$ [0.10 mM; R = (a) Cl, (b) H, (c) Me, and (d) OMe] under an Ar atmosphere in MeCN/H₂O (98:2 v/v) at 298 K. Insets show the time courses of absorbance at 780 nm due to the formation of $Me_{10}Fc^+$.



Fig. S5 Plots of pseudo-first-order rate constants (k_{obs}) *vs.* concentration of Me₁₀Fc for the electron transfer from Me₁₀Fc to [(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH)]⁺ (0.10 mM; R = NO₂, Cl, H, Me, and OMe) under an Ar atmosphere in MeCN/H₂O (98:2 v/v) at 298 K.



Fig. S6 UV-vis spectral changes for the formation of $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$ [blue line; R = (a) NO₂, (b) Cl, (c) Me, and (d) OMe] upon addition of HOTf (1.0 equiv.) to an MeCN solution of $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH)]^+$ (0.10 mM for R = NO₂ and 0.20 mM for R = Cl, Me, and OMe) at 298 K for R = NO₂, Cl and Me and 253 K for OMe. Insets show that all $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$ (blue line) was returned back to $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH)]^+$ (red line) upon addition of triethylamine (1.0 equiv.) to $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$ in MeCN at 298 K for R = NO₂, Cl, and Me and 253 K for OMe.



Fig. S7 Visible spectral changes observed in the oxidation of 4-MeO-2,6-^{*t*}Bu₂C₆H₂OH [(a, b) 6.0 mM and (c) 1.5 mM] by $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$ [0.10 mM; R = (a) Cl, (b) H, and (c) OMe] in MeCN at 298 K. Insets show the decay time courses of absorbance at 440 nm (a, b) and 450 nm (c) due to $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$.



Fig. S8 (a) ESI-MS spectrum of the complete reaction solution obtained in the oxidation of 4-MeO-2,6-'Bu₂C₆H₂OH by $[(dpaq^{5Cl})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$ under an Ar atmosphere in MeCN at 298 K. Peaks at m/z = 418.1 and 620.8 correspond to $[dpaq^{5Cl} + 2H^+]^+$ (*calc.* m/z = 418.1) and $[(dpaq^{5Cl})Mn^{II}(HOTf)]^+$ (*calc.* m/z = 621.0), respectively. (b) EPR spectrum of the complete reaction solution obtained in the oxidation of 4-MeO-2,6-'Bu₂C₆H₂OH by $[(dpaq^{5Cl})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$ under an Ar atmosphere in MeCN at 298 K. Spectrum was measured at 77 K. Spectrum shows the signals of Mn(II) species together with phenoxyl radical (i.e., 4-MeO-2,6-'Bu₂C₆H₂O⁺).



Fig. S9 ¹H NMR spectra of the authentic references, (a) 4-MeO-2,6-^{*t*}Bu₂C₆H₂OH and (b) 2,6di-*tert*-butyl-1,4-benzoquinone, and (c) the complete reaction solution, which was obtained in the oxidation of 4-MeO-2,6-^{*t*}Bu₂C₆H₂OH (20 mM) by $[(dpaq^{5OMe})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$ (4.0 mM) in CD₃CN at 298 K. Spectra were recorded in CD₃CN at 298 K. The peaks marked with * and S were originated from the dpaq^{5OMe} ligand and solvent, respectively.



Fig. S10 (a) EPR spectrum of the complete reaction solution obtained in the oxidation of 4-MeO-2,6-^{*i*}Bu₂C₆H₂OH by $[(dpaq^{5OMe})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$ under an Ar atmosphere in MeCN at 298 K. Spectrum was measured at 77 K. Spectrum shows the signals of Mn(II) species together with phenoxyl radical (i.e., 4-MeO-2,6-^{*i*}Bu₂C₆H₂O[•]). (b) ESI-MS spectrum of the complete reaction solution obtained in the oxidation of 4-MeO-2,6-^{*i*}Bu₂C₆H₂OH by $[(dpaq^{5OMe})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$ under an Ar atmosphere in MeCN at 298 K. Peaks at m/z = 414.2 and 617.0 correspond to $[dpaq^{5OMe} + 2H^+]^+$ (*calc.* m/z = 414.2) and $[(dpaq^{5OMe})Mn^{II}(HOTf)]^+$ (*calc.* m/z = 617.1), respectively.



Fig. S11 (a – d) UV-vis spectral changes observed in the oxidation of 2,4-di-*tert*-butylphenol (20 mM) by $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$ [0.20 mM; R = (a) NO₂, (b) Cl, (c) H, and (d) Me] in MeCN at 298 K. Insets show the decay time courses of absorbance at 440 nm due to $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$. (e) Stopped-flow spectral changes observed in the oxidation of 2,4-di-*tert*-butylphenol (20 mM) by $[(dpaq^{5OMe})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$ (0.20 mM) in MeCN at 298 K. Inset shows the decay time course of absorbance at 450 nm due to $[(dpaq^{5OMe})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$.



Fig. S12 ¹H NMR spectra of the authentic references, (a) 2,4-di-*tert*-butylphenol and (b) 3,3',5,5'-tetra-*tert*-butylbiphenyl-2,2'-diol, and (c – f) the complete reaction solutions, which were obtained in the oxidation of 2,4-di-*tert*-butylphenol (40 mM) by $[(dpaq^{5R})Mn^{III}(OH_2)]^{2+}$ [4.0 mM; R = (c) NO₂, (d) Cl, (e) Me, and (f) OMe] in CD₃CN at 298 K. All spectra were recorded in CD₃CN at 298 K. The peaks marked with * in (c – f) were originated from the dpaq^{5R} ligands.