

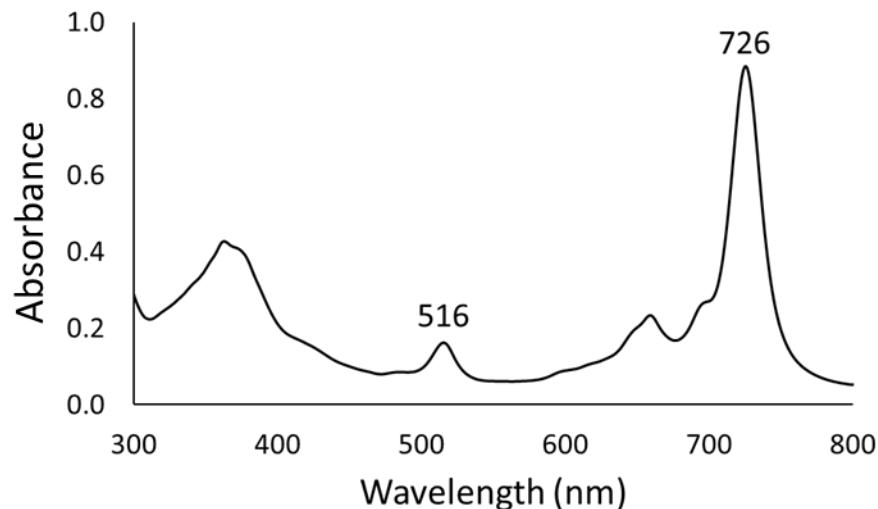
## Electronic Supporting Information

# Tuning the Visible Colour of Octahedral Manganese(III) Phthalocyanines via Axial Ligand Exchange

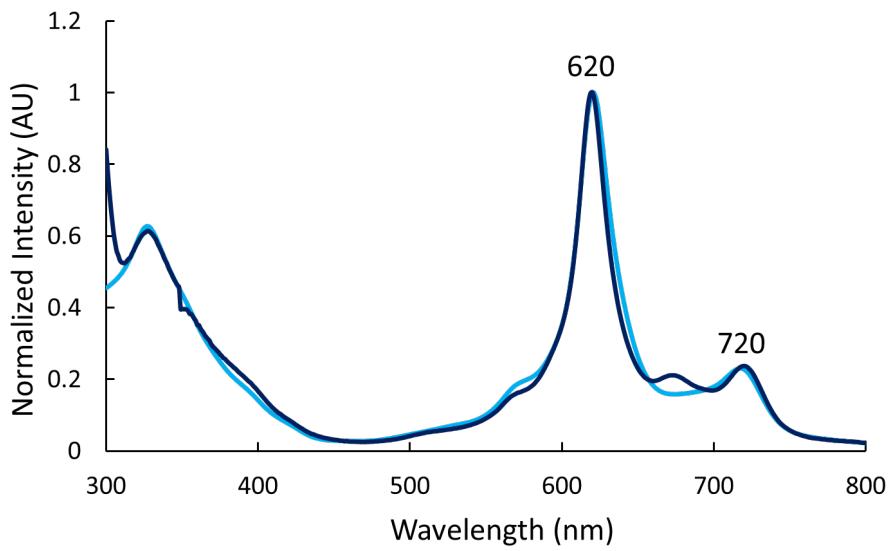
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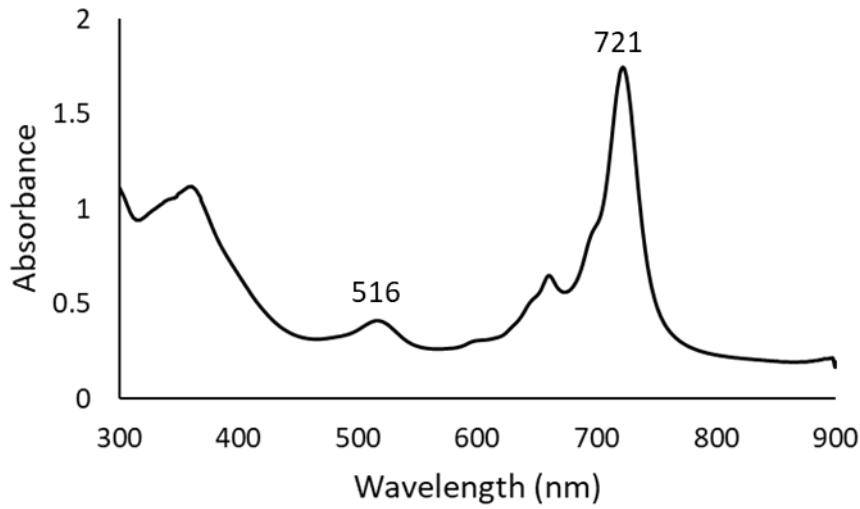
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**Figure S1.** Electronic absorption spectrum of  $[\text{PcMnMeIm}_2]^+$  in DCB.



**Figure S2.** Electronic absorption spectra of  $[\text{PcMn}]^+$  in DCB with an excess of water and Py (light blue) or DMAP (dark blue) after 24 hours.



**Figure S3.** Electronic absorption spectrum of  $[\text{PcMn}(\text{MeCN})_2]^+$  in the presence of an excess of water for 24 hours to produce  $[\text{PcMn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^+$  in DCB.

**Table S1.** Crystallographic information table for  $(\text{PcMnDMAP})_2\text{O}$ ,  $(\text{PcMnMeIm})_2\text{O}$ , and  $[\text{PcMn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^+$ :

Compound Reference	$(\text{PcMnDMAP})_2\text{O}$	$(\text{PcMnMeIm})_2\text{O}$	$[\text{PcMn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^+$
Chemical Formula	$\text{C}_{97.5}\text{H}_{58}\text{N}_{22}\text{O}_1\text{Mn}_2$ $\text{Cl}_4\text{SbF}_6$	$\text{C}_{84}\text{H}_{52}\text{N}_{20}\text{OMn}_2$ $\text{Cl}_4$	$\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_2\text{Mn}$ $\text{SbF}_6$
Formula Mass	2041.08	1609.14	1003.46
$a/\text{\AA}$	13.9153(5)	10.2034(3)	6.7827(1)
$b/\text{\AA}$	14.9330(4)	13.0541(4)	11.8143(2)
$c/\text{\AA}$	25.6822(8)	13.5633(4)	13.0385(2)
$\alpha/^\circ$	89.600(2)	91.015(2)	87.0700(10)
$\beta/^\circ$	80.169(2)	109.836(2)	80.0800(10)
$\gamma/^\circ$	88.144(2)	91.205(2)	83.3940(10)
Unit cell volume/ $\text{\AA}^3$	5255.6(3)	1698.42(9)	1021.84(3)
Temperature/K	150(2)	150(2)	150(2)
Space group	P-1	P-1	P-1
Number of formula unit per cell/Z	2	1	1
Radiation type	Cu K $\alpha$	Cu K $\alpha$	Cu K $\alpha$
Absorption coefficient, $\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	5.425	5.035	8.454
No. of reflections collected	76360	15081	14604
No. unique reflections	18219	5844	3536
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.0664	0.0212	0.0444
Final R <sub>1</sub> values ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )	0.0986	0.0333	0.0252
Final wR(F <sup>2</sup> ) values ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )	0.2809	0.0933	0.0685
Final R <sub>1</sub> values (all data)	0.1180	0.0350	0.0272
Final wR(F <sup>2</sup> ) (all data)	0.2989	0.0947	0.0698
Goodness of fit	1.065	1.089	1.060

**Table S2.** Crystallographic information table for  $[\text{PcMn}(\text{MeIm})_2]^+$  and  $[\text{PcMn}(\text{Py})_2]^+$ :

Compound Reference	$[\text{PcMn}(\text{MeIm})_2]^+$	$[\text{PcMn}(\text{Py})_2]^+$
Chemical Formula	$\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{40}\text{N}_{16}\text{MnSbF}_6$	$\text{C}_{125}\text{H}_{76}\text{N}_{20}\text{Mn}_2\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{12}\text{Cl}_{14}$
Formula Mass	1131.65	2935.74
a/ $\text{\AA}$	8.7345(2)	23.6576(4)
b/ $\text{\AA}$	9.3932(2)	23.6576 (4)
c/ $\text{\AA}$	15.3182(2)	42.1881(9)
$\alpha/^\circ$	85.4520(10)	90
$\beta/^\circ$	89.3170(10)	90
$\gamma/^\circ$	70.5600(10)	90
Unit cell volume/ $\text{\AA}^3$	1181.26(4)	23611.9(9)
Temperature/K	150(2)	150(2)
Space group	P-1	I 41/a
Number of formula unit per cell/Z	1	8
Radiation type	Cu K $\alpha$	Cu K $\alpha$
Absorption coefficient, $\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	7.382	8.886
No. of reflections collected	18116	62105
No. unique reflections	4089	10438
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.0356	0.0343
Final $R_1$ values ( $ I  > 2\sigma( I )$ )	0.0267	0.0768
Final $wR(F^2)$ values ( $ I  > 2\sigma( I )$ )	0.0706	0.2240
Final $R_1$ values (all data)	0.0275	0.0912
Final $wR(F^2)$ (all data)	0.0713	0.2249
Goodness of fit	1.056	1.017

**Table S3.** Crystallographic information table for  $[\text{PcMn}(\text{THF})_2]^+$  and  $[\text{PcMn}(\text{OPPh}_3)_2]^+$ :

Compound Reference	$[\text{PcMn}(\text{OPPh}_3)_2]^+$	$[\text{PcMn}(\text{THF})_2]^+$
Chemical Formula	$\text{C}_{74}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_8\text{O}_2\text{P}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{MnSbF}_6$	$\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_8\text{MnO}_3\text{SbF}_6$
Formula Mass	1502.72	1018.52
a/ $\text{\AA}$	9.3814(4)	8.5811(1)
b/ $\text{\AA}$	11.7093(5)	10.4045(1)
c/ $\text{\AA}$	15.1727(7)	23.5751(2)
$\alpha/^\circ$	77.135(4)	87.2870(10)
$\beta/^\circ$	81.131(4)	81.7290(10)
$\gamma/^\circ$	89.347(4)	80.1210(10)
Unit cell volume/ $\text{\AA}^3$	1604.99(13)	2051.50(4)
Temperature/K	150(2)	150(2)
Space group	P1	P-1
Number of formula unit per cell/Z	1	2
Radiation type	Cu K $\alpha$	Cu K $\alpha$
Absorption coefficient, $\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	6.791	8.420
No. of reflections collected	16858	32711
No. unique reflections	8272	7379
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.0548	0.0516
Final R <sub>1</sub> values ( $ I  > 2\sigma( I )$ )	0.0766	0.0633
Final wR(F <sup>2</sup> ) values ( $ I  > 2\sigma( I )$ )	0.1962	0.1491
Final R <sub>1</sub> values (all data)	0.0805	0.0702
Final wR(F <sup>2</sup> ) (all data)	0.1998	0.1538
Goodness of fit	1.066	1.050