

Supporting Information for

Structural Characterization of Manganese and Iron Complexes with Methylated Derivatives of Bis(2-pyridylmethyl)-1,2-ethanediamine Reveals Unanticipated Conformational Flexibility

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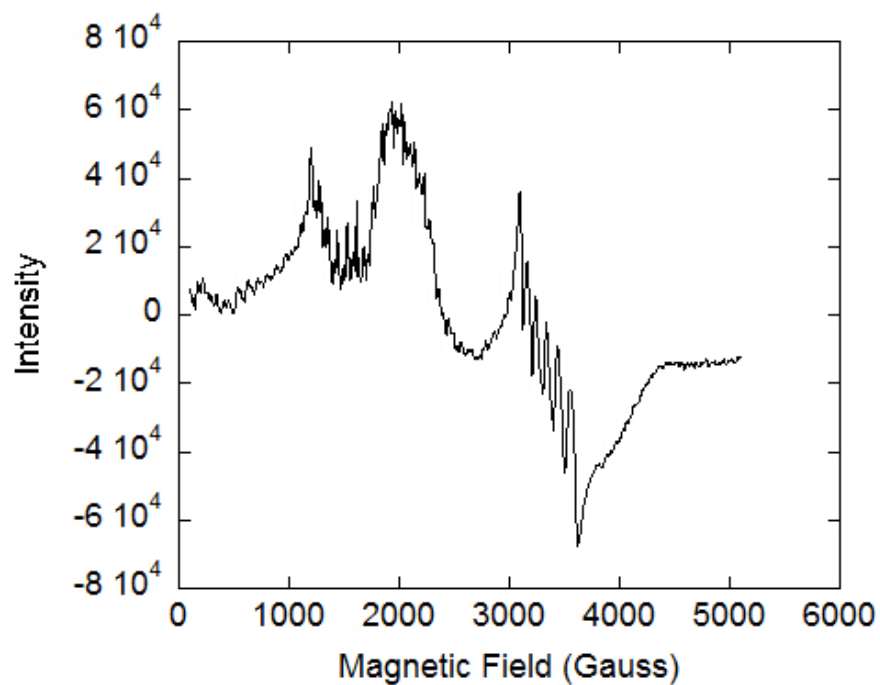


Figure S1. X-band EPR spectrum of a 1 mM sample of $[\text{Mn}(\text{L})\text{Cl}_2]$ in DMF at 50 K.

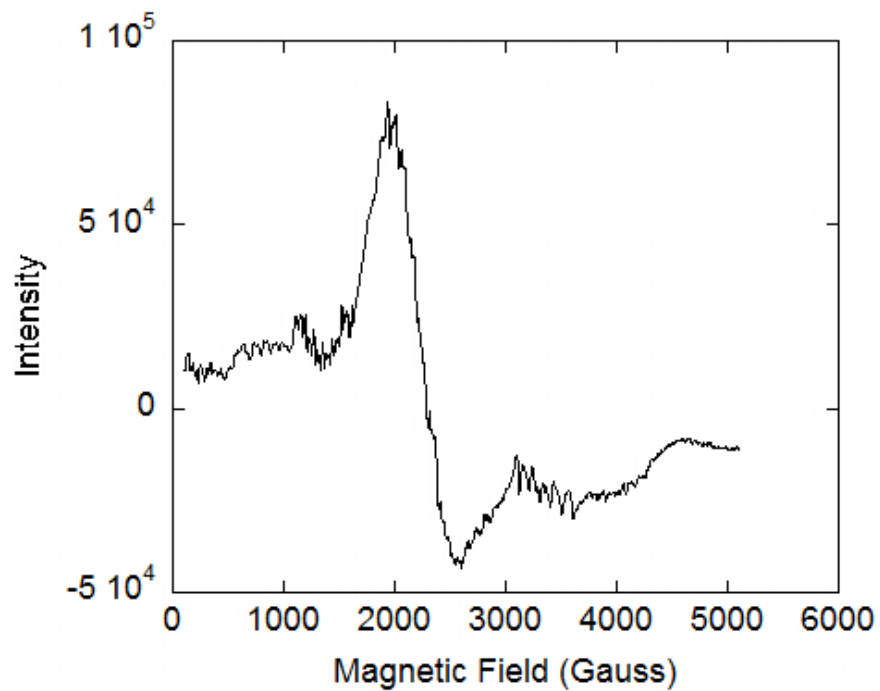


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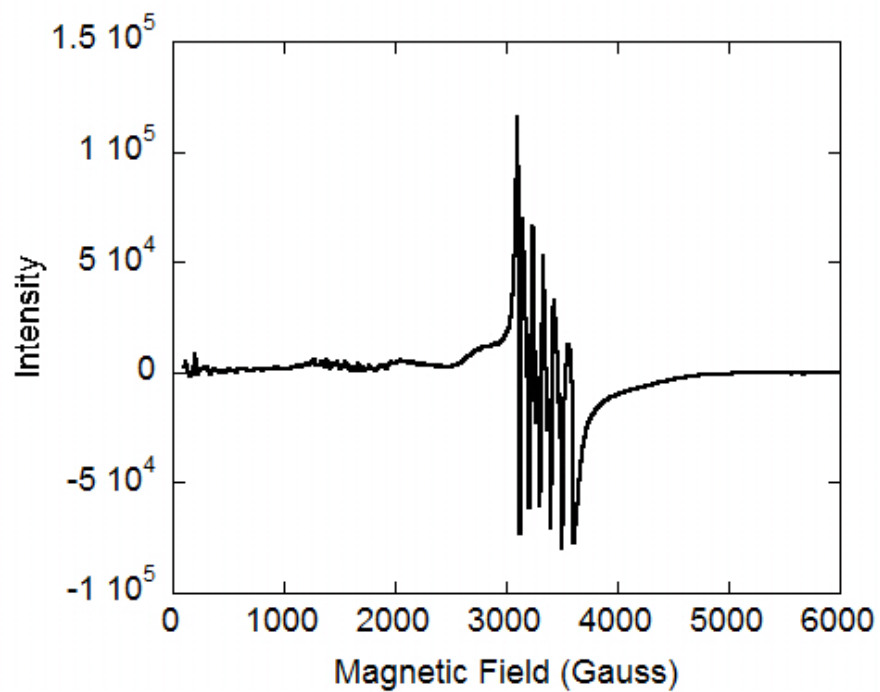


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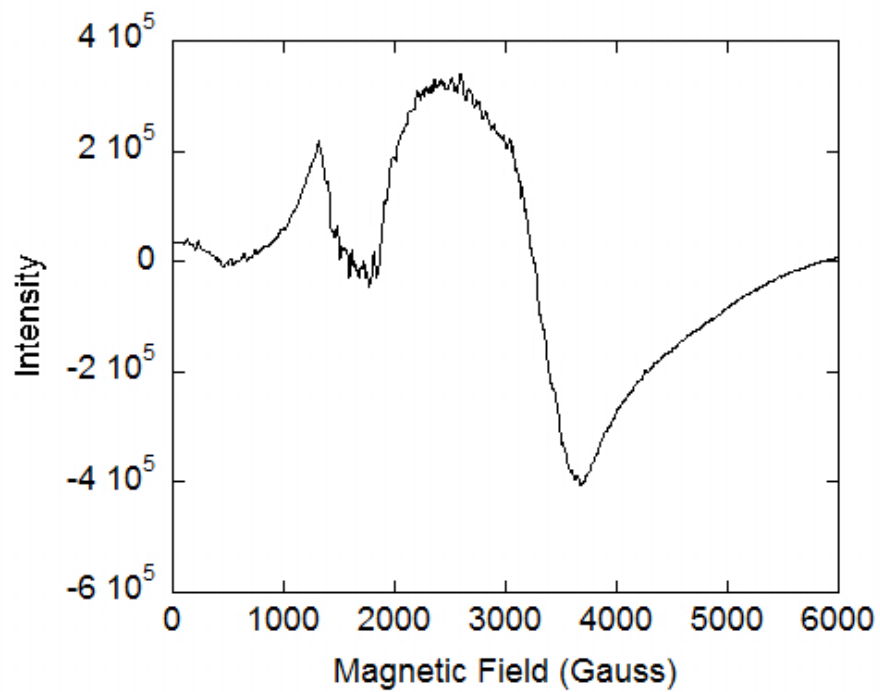


Figure S4. X-band EPR spectrum of a 1 mM sample of $[\text{Mn}(\text{L}^{\text{Me}2'})\text{Cl}_2]$ in DMF at 50 K.

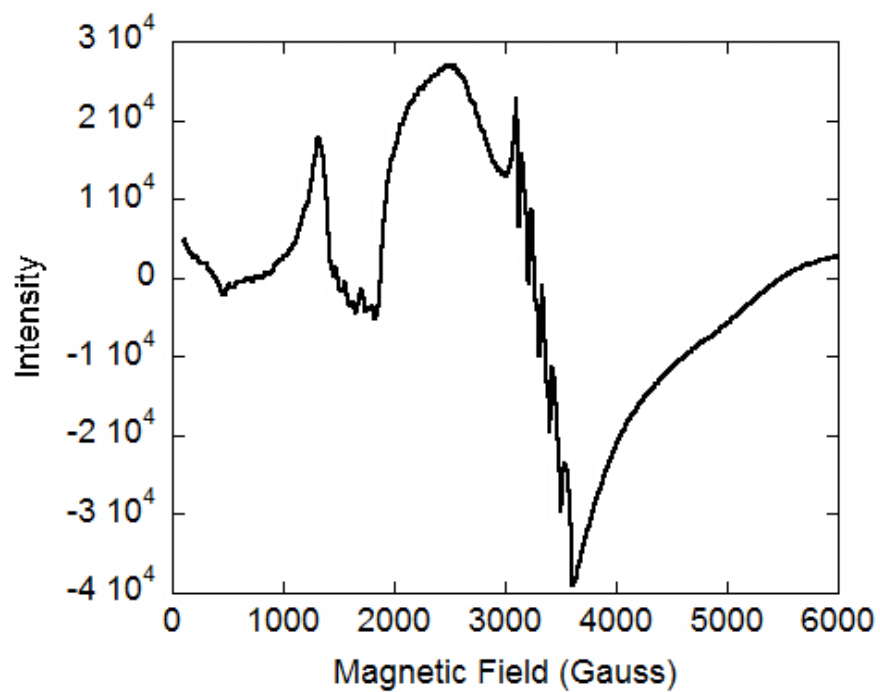


Figure S5. X-band EPR spectrum of a 1 mM sample of $[\text{Mn}(\text{L}^{\text{Me}3})\text{Cl}_2]$ in DMF at 50 K.

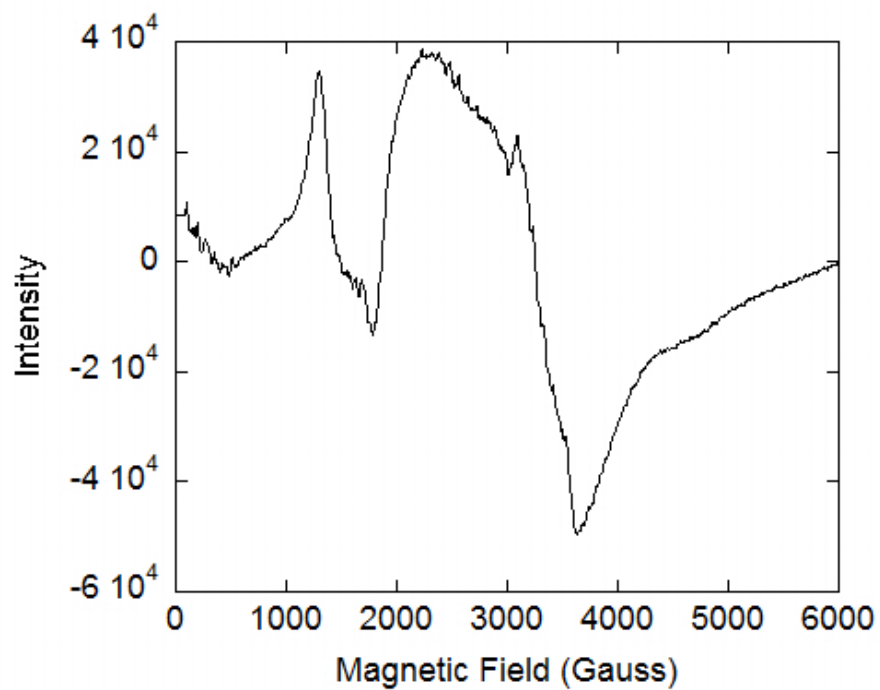


Figure S6. X-band EPR spectrum of a 1 mM sample of $[\text{Mn}(\text{L}^{\text{Me}4})\text{Cl}_2]$ in DMF at 50 K.

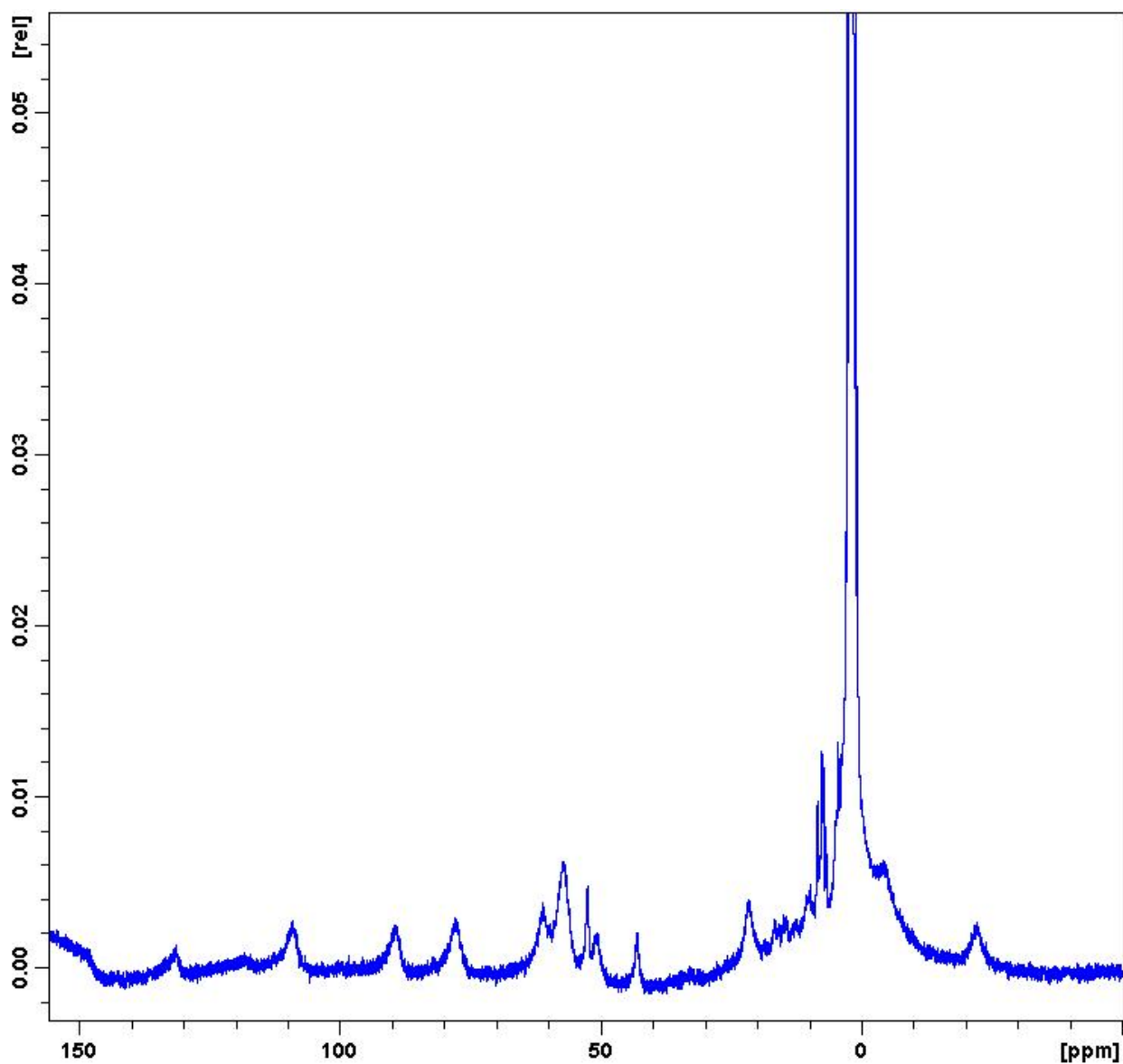


Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum of a 20 mM solution of [Fe(L^{Me}₂)Cl₂] in CD₃CN. Major peaks outside the diamagnetic region: δ 131.4, 118.0, 109.2, 89.3, 77.9, 61.1, 57.2, 52.8, 50.7, 43.0, 21.7, 10.1, -4.4, -22.3. These data were recorded on a 250 MHz NMR instrument.

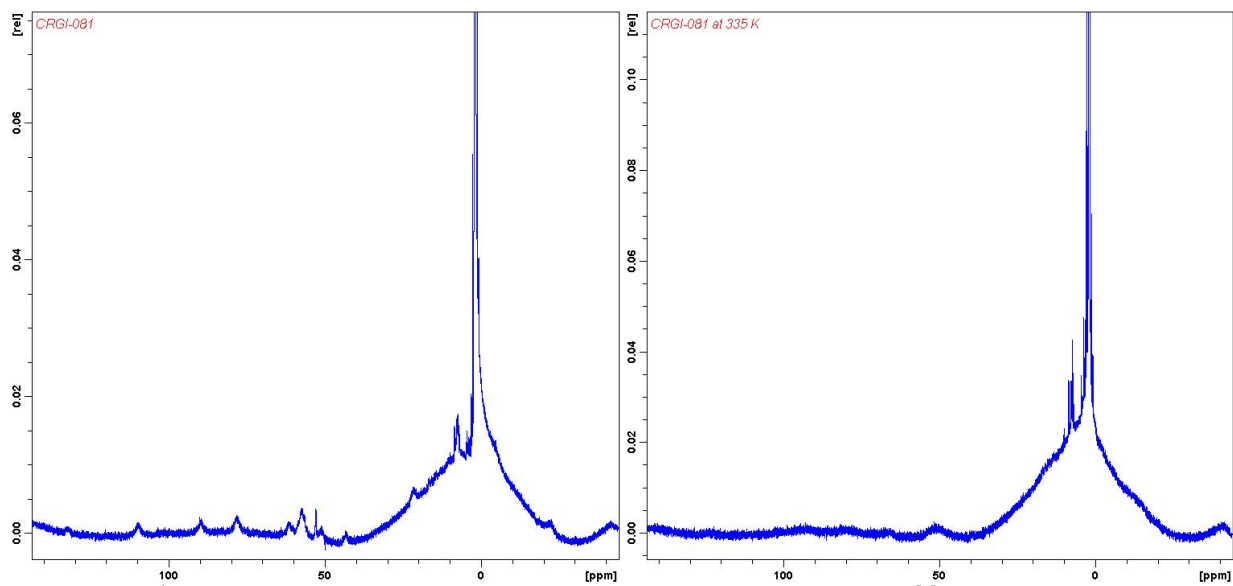


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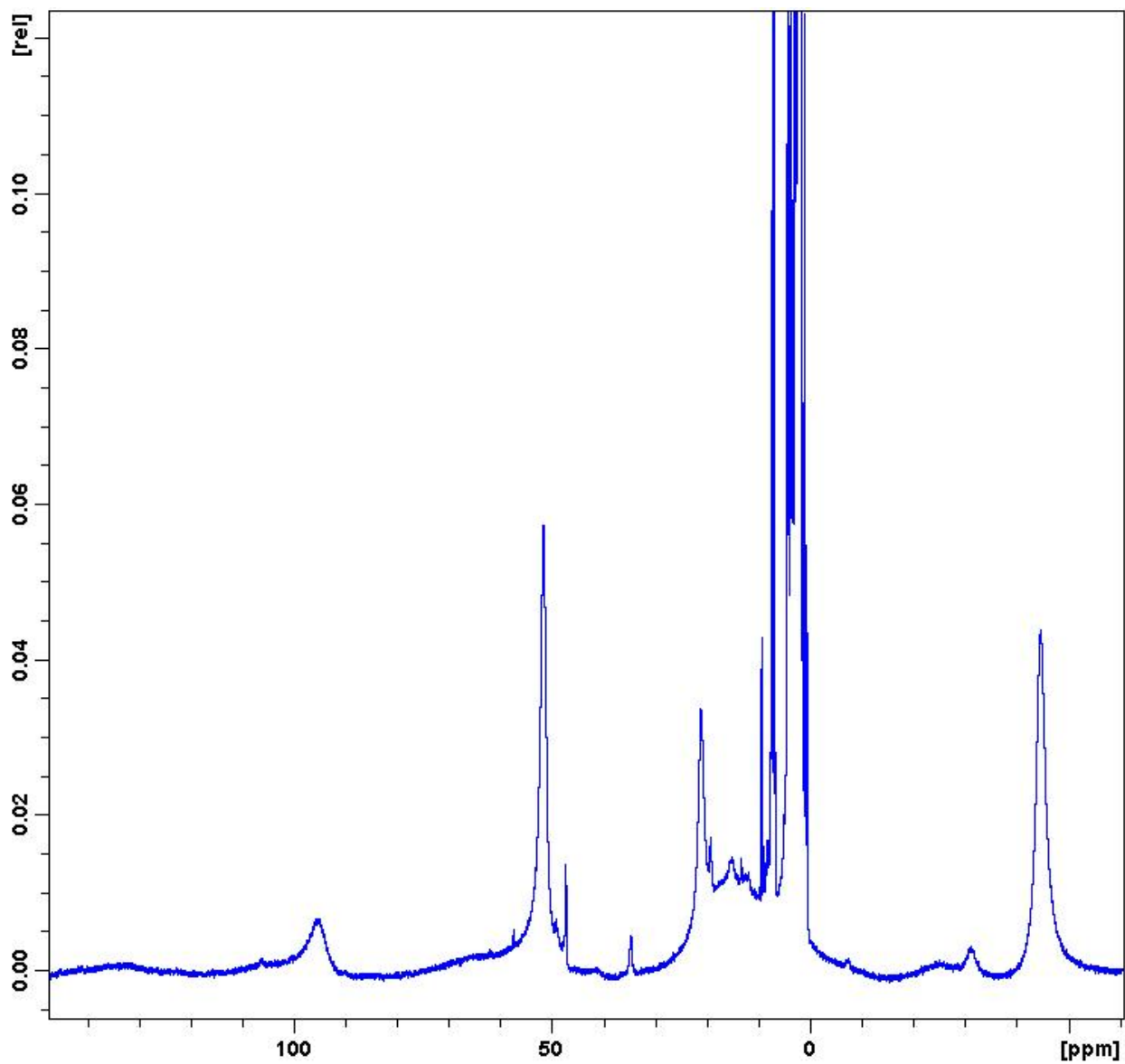


Figure S9. ^1H NMR spectrum of a 20 mM solution of $[\text{Fe}(\text{L}^{\text{Me}}_4)\text{Cl}_2]$ in CD_3CN . Major peaks outside the diamagnetic region: δ 133.9, 106.4, 65.0, 51.7, 47.4, 35.1, 21.5, 19.3, 14.8, -7.3, -31.1, -44.7. These data were recorded on a 250 MHz NMR instrument.

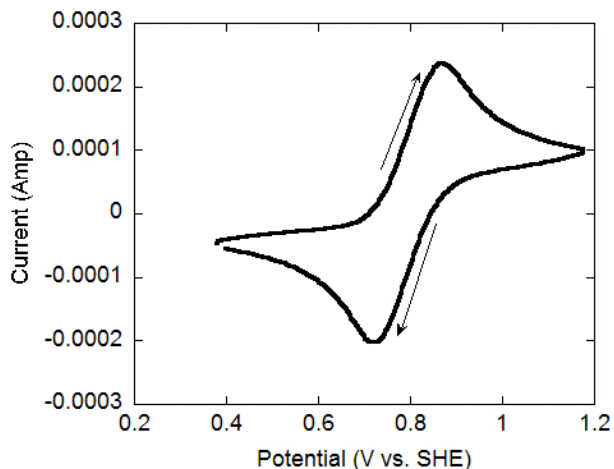


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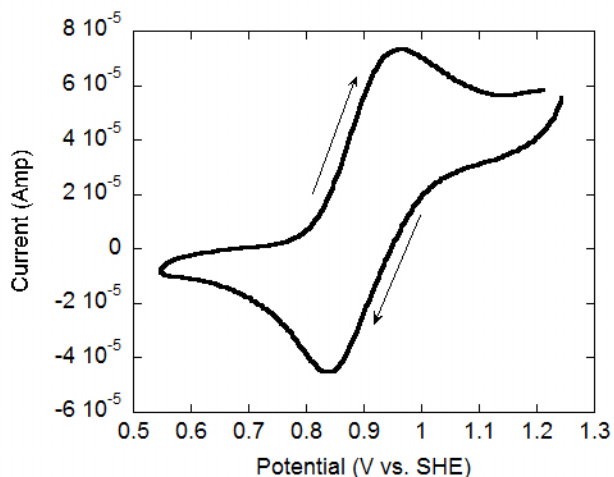


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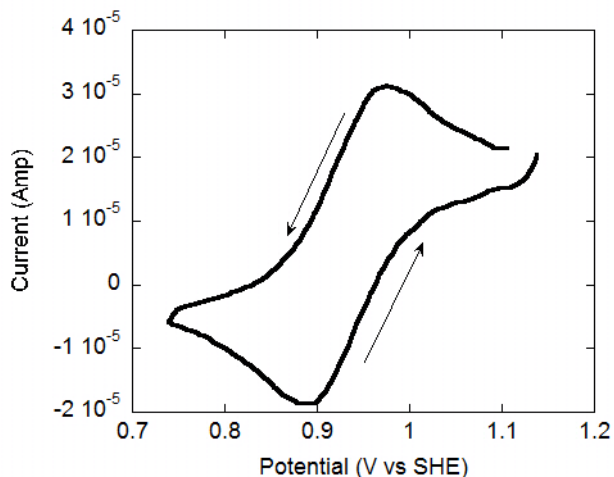


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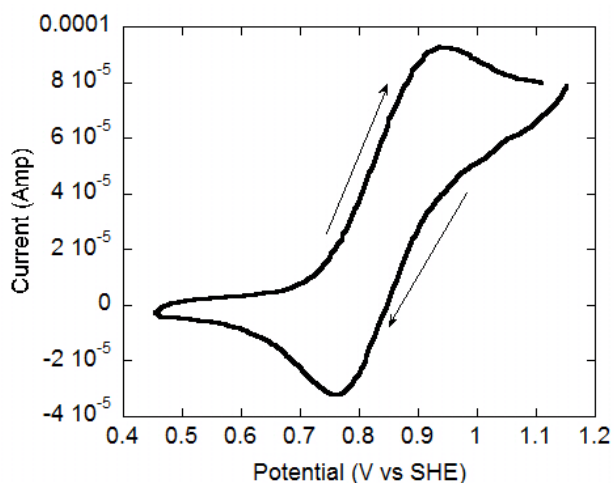


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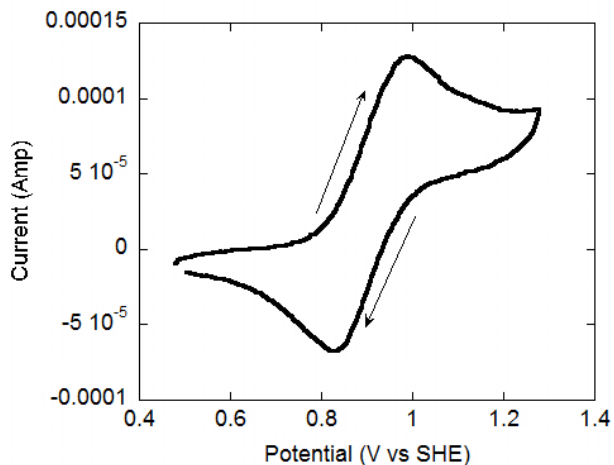


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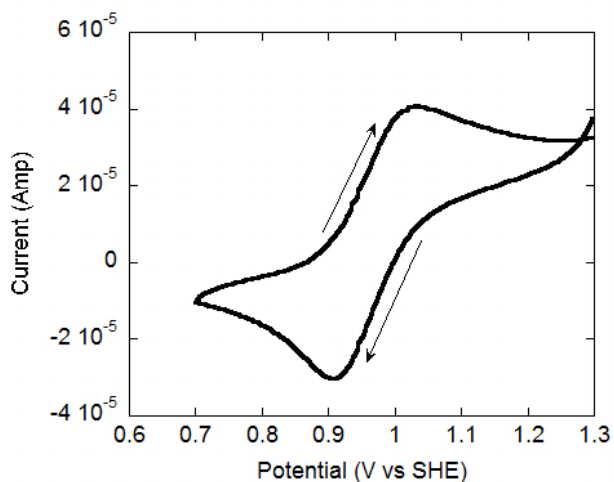


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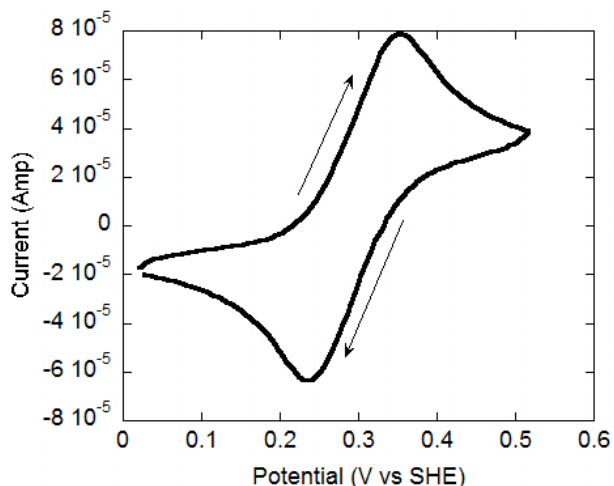


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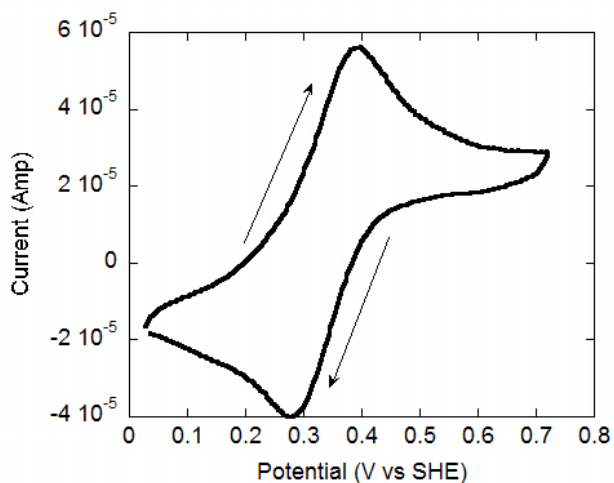


Figure S17. Cyclic voltammogram for $[\text{Fe}(\text{L}^{\text{Me}1})\text{Cl}_2]$ in a 0.10 M solution of tetrabutylammonium perchlorate in acetonitrile. $\text{L}^{\text{Me}1} = N$ -methyl- N,N' -bis(2-pyridylmethyl)-1,2-ethanediamine. Ferrocene is subsequently added as an internal standard. For this particular scan: $E_{pc} = 389$ mV vs SHE, $I_{pc} = 4.8 \times 10^{-5}$ Amp, $E_{pa} = 275$ mV vs SHE, $I_{pa} = 5.1 \times 10^{-5}$ Amp, $E_{1/2} = +332$ mV vs. SHE, $\Delta E = 114$ mV. The arrows indicate the direction of the scan.

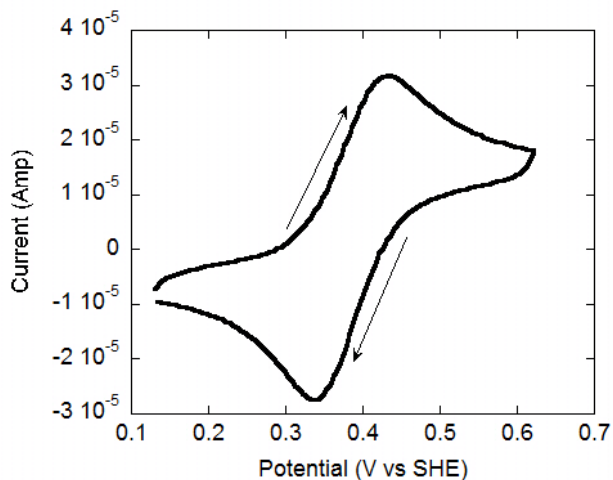


Figure S18. Cyclic voltammogram for $[\text{Fe}(\text{L}^{\text{Me}2})\text{Cl}_2]$ in a 0.10 M solution of tetrabutylammonium perchlorate in acetonitrile. $\text{L}^{\text{Me}2} = N,N'$ -dimethyl- N,N' -bis(2-pyridylmethyl)-1,2-ethanediamine. Ferrocene is subsequently added as an internal standard. For this particular scan: $E_{pc} = 431$ mV vs SHE, $I_{pc} = 2.9 \times 10^{-5}$ Amp, $E_{pa} = 338$ mV vs SHE, $I_{pa} = 3.5 \times 10^{-5}$ Amp, $E_{1/2} = +385$ mV vs. SHE, $\Delta E = 93$ mV. The arrows indicate the direction of the scan.

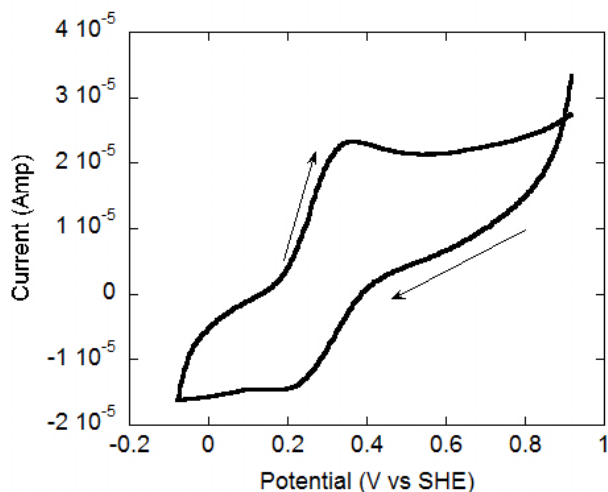


Figure S19. Cyclic voltammogram for $[\text{Fe}(\text{L}^{\text{Me}2'})\text{Cl}_2]$ in a 0.10 M solution of tetrabutylammonium perchlorate in acetonitrile. $\text{L}^{\text{Me}2'} = N,N$ -bis(6-methyl-2-pyridylmethyl)-1,2-ethanediamine. Ferrocene was subsequently added to reference the redox features. For this particular scan: $E_{pc} = 361$ mV vs SHE, $I_{pc} = 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ Amp, $E_{pa} = 208$ mV vs SHE, $I_{pa} = 1.1 \times 10^{-5}$ Amp, $E_{1/2} = +285$ mV vs. SHE, $\Delta E = 153$ mV. The arrows indicate the direction of the scan.

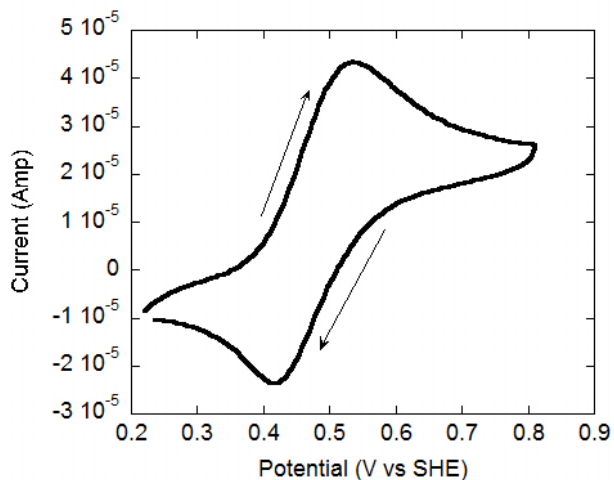


Figure S20. Cyclic voltammogram for $[\text{Fe}(\text{L}^{\text{Me}3})\text{Cl}_2]$ in a 0.10 M solution of tetrabutylammonium perchlorate in acetonitrile. $\text{L}^{\text{Me}3} = N\text{-methyl-}N,N'\text{-bis(6-methyl-2-pyridylmethyl)ethane-1,2-diamine}$. Ferrocene is subsequently added to reference the redox features. For this particular scan: $E_{pc} = 534$ mV vs SHE, $I_{pc} = 3.7 \times 10^{-5}$ Amp, $E_{pa} = 418$ mV vs SHE, $I_{pa} = 3.4 \times 10^{-5}$ Amp, $E_{1/2} = +476$ mV vs. SHE, $\Delta E = 116$ mV. The arrows indicate the direction of the scan.

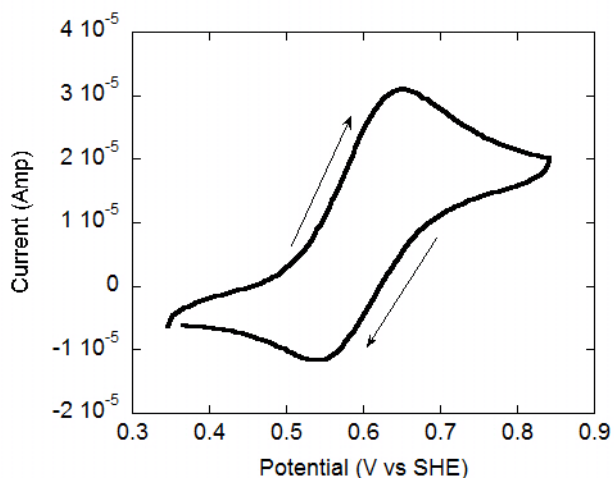


Figure S21. Cyclic voltammogram for $[\text{Fe}(\text{L}^{\text{Me}4})\text{Cl}_2]$ in a 0.10 M solution of tetrabutylammonium perchlorate in acetonitrile. $\text{L}^{\text{Me}4} = N,N'\text{-dimethyl-}N,N'\text{-bis(6-methyl-2-pyridylmethyl)-1,2-ethanediamine}$. Ferrocene is subsequently added as an internal standard. For this particular scan: $E_{pc} = 651$ mV vs SHE, $I_{pc} = 2.6 \times 10^{-5}$ Amp, $E_{pa} = 541$ mV vs SHE, $I_{pa} = 1.9 \times 10^{-5}$ Amp, $E_{1/2} = +596$ mV vs. SHE, $\Delta E = 110$ mV. The arrows indicate the direction of the scan.

Table S1. Selected crystallographic data for [Mn(L)(H₂O)Cl]₂(MnCl₄), [Mn(L^{Me}₃)(H₂O)Cl]₂, and [Mn(L^{Me}₂'-ox)Cl]₂.

Parameter	[Mn(L)(H ₂ O)Cl] ₂ (MnCl ₄)	[Mn(L ^{Me} ₃)(H ₂ O)Cl] ₂	[Mn(L ^{Me} ₂ '-ox)Cl] ₂
Formula	C ₂₈ H ₄₀ Cl ₆ Mn ₃ N ₈ O ₂	C ₁₇ H ₂₄ Cl ₂ MnN ₄ O	C ₁₆ H ₁₈ Cl ₂ MnN ₄
MW	898.2	426.24	392.18
cryst syst	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
space group	<i>C2/c</i> (#15)	<i>P2₁/c</i> (#14)	<i>C2/c</i> (#15)
a (Å)	28.4241(12)	11.3978(7)	12.0792(9)
b (Å)	8.5365(4)	8.7356(6)	9.6386(7)
c (Å)	19.0616(9)	20.5972(13)	15.2205(11)
α (deg)	90	90	90
β (deg)	122.7350(10)	104.7320(10)	101.7710(10)
γ (deg)	90	90	90
V (Å ³)	3890.6(3)	1983.4(2)	1734.8(2)
Z	4	4	4
Cryst color	Colorless	Colorless	Light amber
T (K)	193	193	193
Reflns collected	17021	19737	8565
Unique reflns	3922	3551	2150
R1 (F, I > 2σ(I))	0.0352	0.0543	0.0440
wR2 (F ² , all data)	0.0823	0.1417	0.1211

$$R1 = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}; wR2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}.$$

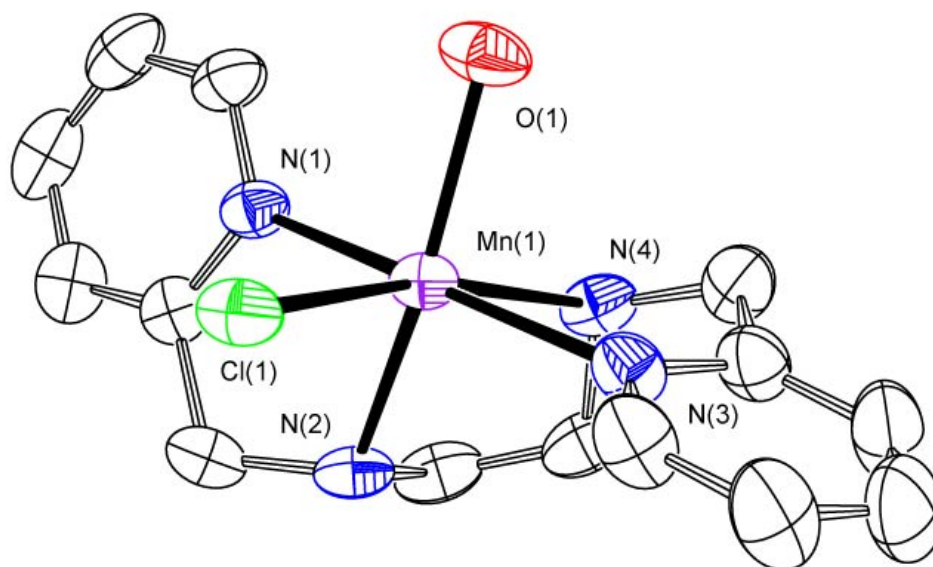


Figure S22. ORTEP representation of the crystal structure of the cation $[\text{Mn}(\text{L})(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{Cl}]^+$. The hydrogen atoms and the other manganese species in the unit cell are omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability.

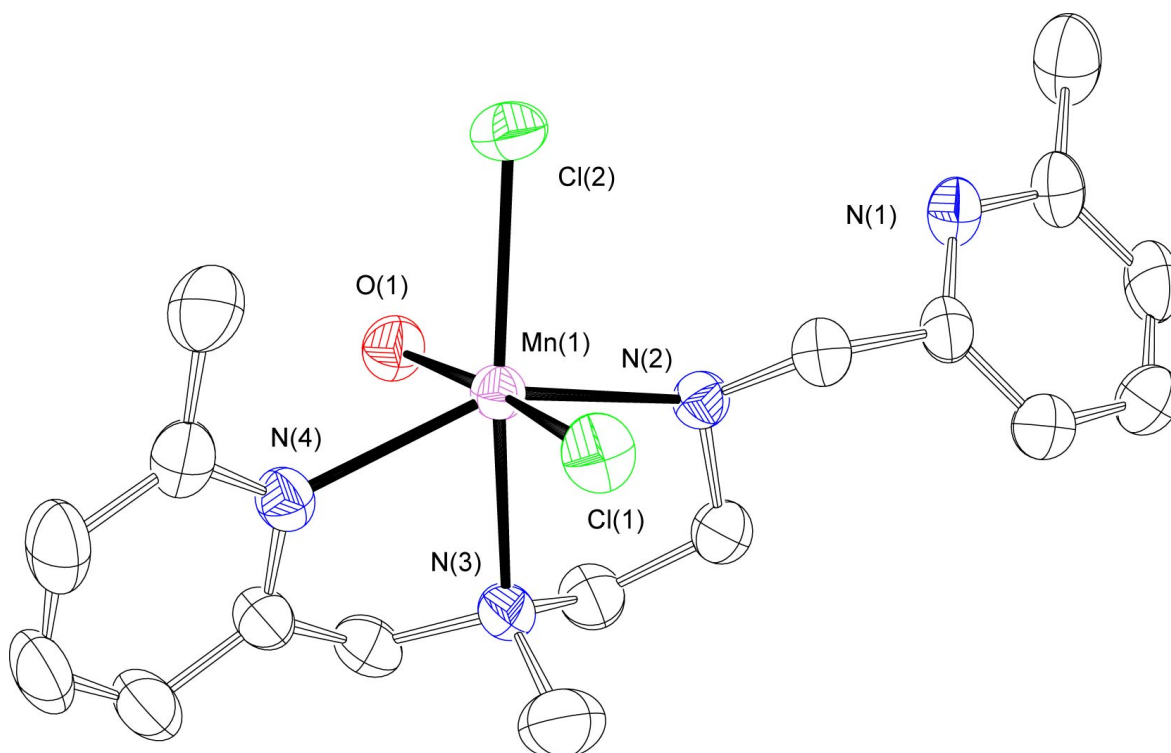


Figure S23. ORTEP representation of the crystal structure of $[\text{Mn}(\text{L}^{\text{Me}3})(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{Cl}_2]$. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability.

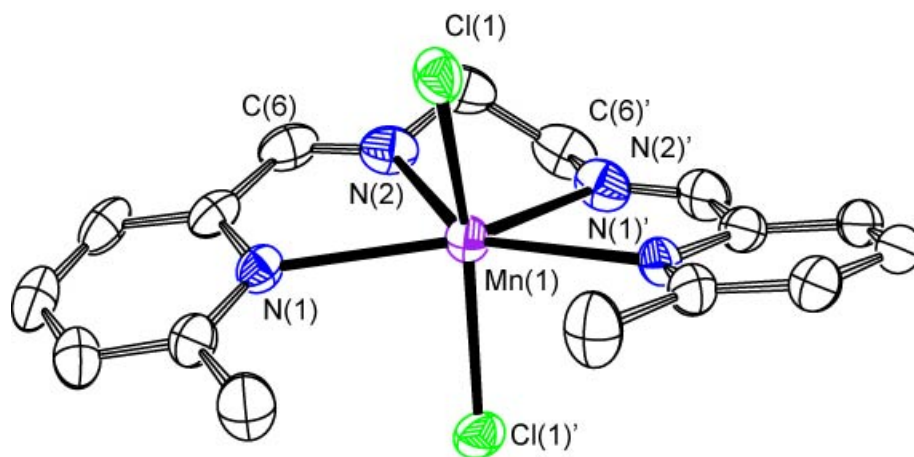


Figure S24. ORTEP representation of the crystal structure of $[\text{Mn}(\text{L}^{\text{Me}2'\text{-ox}})\text{Cl}_2]$. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability. The N(2)-C(6) bonds have been oxidized to double bonds, as indicated by the N-C bond lengths, which contract from 1.46 to 1.25 angstroms. The Mn-N and Mn-Cl bond distances do not change significantly from those in $[\text{Mn}(\text{L}^{\text{Me}2'})\text{Cl}_2]$; these data and the pale color of the crystals suggest that the oxidation state of the manganese remains +2.