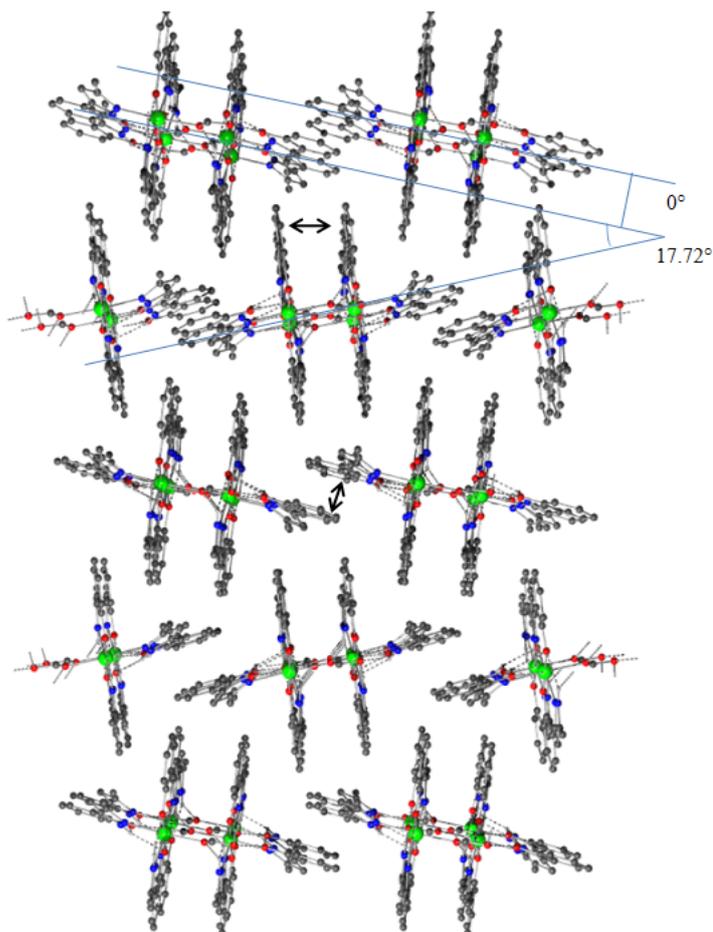


Electronic Supplementary Information for Dalton Transactions

## Mononuclear and dinuclear manganese compounds stabilized by supramolecular interactions

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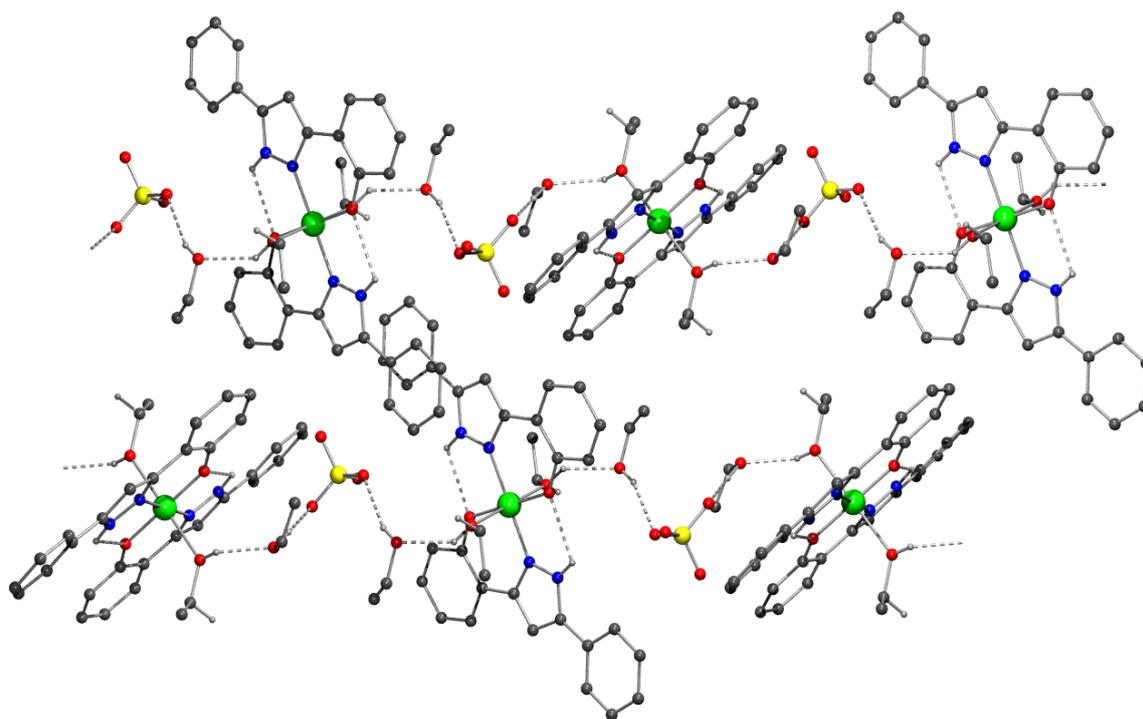


**Figure S1.** View of the 3-D network of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{HphpzMe})_2(\text{H}_2\text{phpzMe})(\text{HCO}_2)]$  (**1**) indicating the  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking with arrows and the angles formed between the manganese(III) chains. Colour code: green, manganese; blue, nitrogen; red, oxygen; grey, carbon.

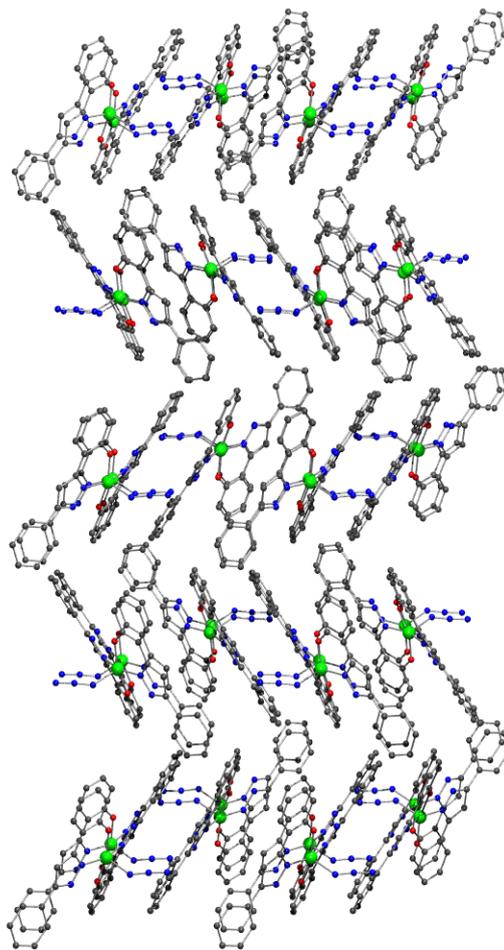
**Table S1.** Details (distances [Å] and angles [°]) of the  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions in [Mn(HphpzMe)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>phpzMe)(HCO<sub>2</sub>)] (**1**) and [Mn(HphpzPh)<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>] (**5**).

Cg <sup>a</sup> ⋯Cg <sup>a</sup>	Cg <sup>a</sup> ⋯Cg	$\alpha^b$
<b>Compound 1</b>		
Cg2⋯Cg6	3.569(3)	8.3(2)
Cg3⋯Cg8	3.881(3)	16.2(2)
<b>Compound 5</b>		
Cg1⋯Cg1	3.9198(13)	0
Cg1⋯Cg7	3.9761(13)	1.10
Cg6⋯Cg8	3.9964(14)	4.90

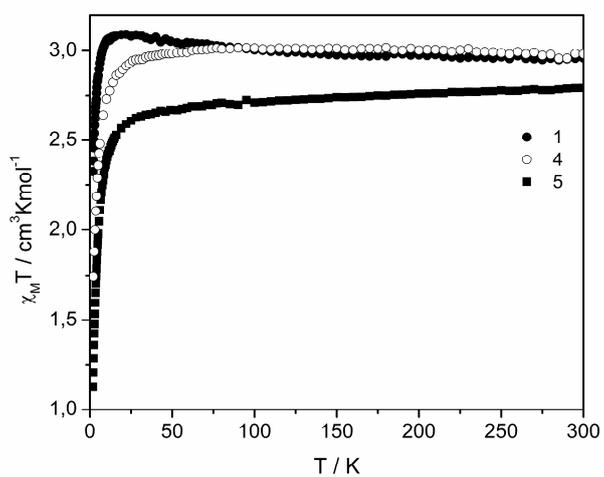
<sup>a</sup> Cg are the five or six-membered rings: Compound 1: Cg2, N1B–C9B; Cg3, N1C–C9C; Cg6, C1A–C6A; Cg8, C1C–C6C. Compound 2: Cg1, N11–C111; Cg6, C24–C29; Cg7, C(112)–C(117); Cg8, C212–C217; <sup>b</sup>  $\alpha$  are the dihedral angles between each pair of mean ring planes.



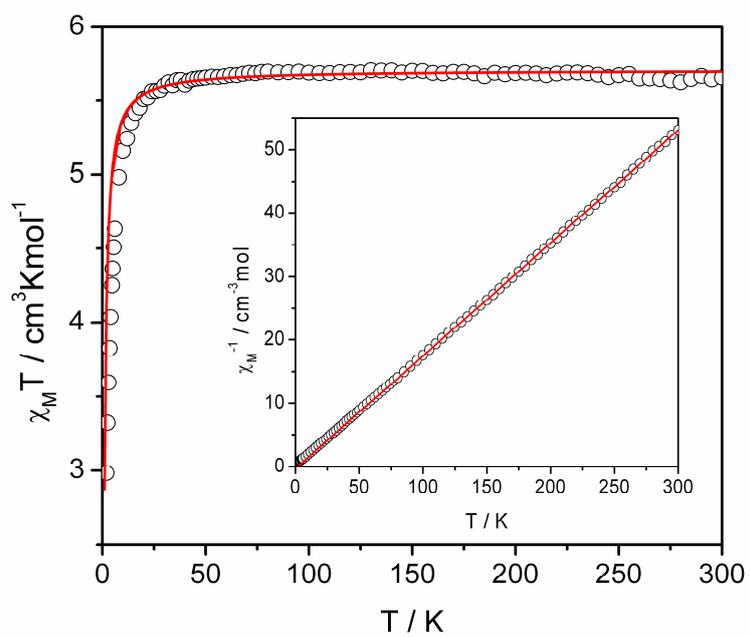
**Figure S2.** View of the 3-D network of [Mn(HphpzPh)<sub>2</sub>(EtOH)<sub>2</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)·2EtOH (**4**). Colour code: green, manganese; yellow, chloride; blue, nitrogen; red, oxygen; grey, carbon.



**Figure S3.** View of the 3-D network of [Mn(HphpzPh)<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>] (**5**). Colour code: green, manganese; blue, nitrogen; red, oxygen; grey, carbon.



**Figure S4.** Plot of  $\chi_M T$  vs  $T$  for **1** (●), **4** (○) and **5** (■) in the range 2 to 300 K in 0.1 T applied field.



**Figure S5.** Plot of  $\chi_M T$  vs  $T$  and  $\chi_M^{-1}$  vs  $T$  (inset) for **3** in the range 1.8 to 300 K in 0.1 T applied field.