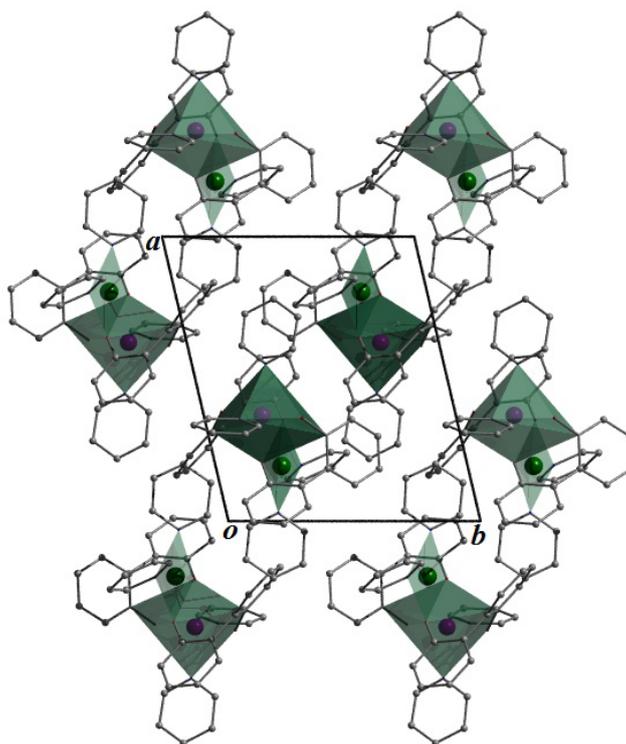


Electronic Supplementary Information

# Synthetic, Structural, Spectroscopic and Theoretical Study of a Mn(III)-Cu(II) Dimer Containing a Jahn-Teller Compressed Mn ion

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**Figure S1:** Packing diagram of **1** as viewed along the *c* direction of the unit cell. The EtOH solvents of crystallisation and  $\text{ClO}_4^-$  counter anions have been omitted for clarity.

**Table S1** Crystal data for complex **1**

Parameters	( <b>1</b> ) at 150K
Formula <sup>a</sup>	$\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{40}\text{N}_4\text{O}_9\text{CuMn}$
$M_w$	934.77
Crystal System	Triclinic
Space group	P-1
$a/\text{\AA}$	10.686(2)
$b/\text{\AA}$	12.392(3)
$c/\text{\AA}$	17.360(4)
$\alpha/^\circ$	97.99(3)
$\beta/^\circ$	100.99(3)
$\gamma/^\circ$	101.10(3)
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	2177.2(8)
Z	2

$T/K$	150(2)
$\lambda^b/\text{\AA}$	0.7107
$D_c/g\text{ cm}^{-3}$	1.447
$\mu(\text{Mo-K}\alpha)/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.901
Meas./indep. ( $R_{\text{int}}$ ) refl.	7945 / 4906 (0.0553)
wR2 (all data)	0.1653
$R1^{d,e}$	0.0679
Goodness of fit on $F^2$	1.027

<sup>a</sup> Includes guest molecules. <sup>b</sup> Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation, graphite monochromator. <sup>c</sup>  $wR2 = [\sum w(|F_o|^2 - |F_c|^2)^2] / \sum w|F_o|^2]^{1/2}$ . <sup>d</sup> For observed data. <sup>e</sup>  $R1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ .

**Table S2** Pertinent Mn-L bond lengths observed in complex **1** when collected at 150 K and 250 K which highlight that no dynamic J-T effects are observed.

	( <b>1</b> ) at 150K		( <b>1</b> ) at 250K
<i>Compressed bonds</i>	(\AA)	<i>Compressed bonds</i>	(\AA)
Mn1-O2	1.880(4)	Mn1-O2	1.879(2)
Mn1-O4	1.871(3)	Mn1-O4	1.866(2)
<i>Elongated bonds</i>		<i>Elongated bonds</i>	
Mn1-O1	2.097(4)	Mn1-O1	2.089(2)
Mn1-O3	2.051(3)	Mn1-O3	2.050(2)
Mn1-N3	2.169(2)	Mn1-N3	2.175(3)
Mn1-N4	2.205(2)	Mn1-N4	2.201(3)

**Table S3** Literature reported mononuclear Mn(III) complexes comprising compressed Jahn-Teller ions and their comparison with complex **1**. Ligand code: bpea = N,N-bis(2-pyridylmethyl)-ethylamine. TolyI-terpy = 4'-(4-methylphenyl)-2,2':6',2''-terpyridine. Bpia = bis(picoyl)(N-methylimidazole-2-yl)amine.

Complex	g (x,y,z)	$D_{\text{Mn(III)}} (\text{cm}^{-1})$	$E_{\text{Mn(III)}} (\text{cm}^{-1})$	Determination method(s)	Reference
[Mn(III)(bpea)(N <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]	2.02(1), 1.98(1), 1.95(1)	+3.50(1)	+0.82(1)	HF-EPR	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> , 2003, 125, 12337
[Mn(III)(tolyI-terpy) <sub>2</sub> ](PF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	2.09, 2.11, 1.95	+4.82 <sup>†</sup>	+0.04	M vs. H, DFT	<i>Chem. Eur. J.</i> , 2009, 15, 980.
[Mn(III)(bpia)(OAc)(OCH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ](PF <sub>6</sub> )	1.98(1), 1.952(6), 1.978(5)	+3.526(3)	+0.588(6)	INS, HF-EPR	<i>Inorg. Chem.</i> , 2008, 47, 439.
<b>1</b>	1.97, 1.97, 1.98	+4.45* ( $D_{\text{cluster}} = +6.27$ )	+0.41 ( $E_s = \pm 0.51$ )	M vs H, HF-EPR	This work

<sup>†</sup> DFT analysis gave a  $D_{\text{Mn(III)}}$  value of +3.665  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

\* M vs H studies give a  $D_{\text{Mn(III)}}$  value of +4.95  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**Table S4** DFT calculated D tensor on complex **1** with varying computational protocols.

Complexes	Method	D (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	E/D	g-tensor
With counter ion(MnCu)	B3LYP/TZVPPP	16.96	0.01	2.03
With counter ion(MnZn)	B3LYP/TZVPPP	1.75	0.3	1.99
Without counter ion(MnCu)	B3LYP/TZVPPP	12.47	0.02	2.03
Without counter ion(MnZn)	B3LYP/TZVPPP	1.78	0.3	1.99
Without counter ion(MnCu)	BP86/TZVPPP	2.35	0.06	1.98
Without counter ion(MnZn)	BP86/TZVPPP	1.94	0.06	1.99
Experimental MnCu	-----	6.27	0.09	----
Experimental Single ion	-----	4.78	0.08	1.98

**Table S5** DFT calculated *J* values for **1** with  $\langle S^2 \rangle$  value.

Complex	Spin configuration	Energies	<i>J</i> value	$\langle S^2 \rangle$ values
<b>1</b>	HS	-5769.99075	-83.7234265	8.8156
	BS	-5769.992657		4.7834
<b>No counterion</b>	HS	-5009.45679	-71.2361979	8.8134
	BS	-5009.458413		4.7751

**Table S6** Overlap Integral Analysis on **1**

	Mn orbitals	Cu orbital (d <sub>x<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup></sub> ) 209
	d <sub>xy</sub>	212
	d <sub>xz</sub>	213
	d <sub>yz</sub>	217
	d <sub>x<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup></sub>	220
	d <sub>z<sup>2</sup></sub>	227

### X-Ray Diffraction details on the collection of **1**

The structures of **1** was collected on an Xcalibur S single crystal diffractometer (Oxford Diffraction) using an enhanced Mo source. Each data reduction was carried out on the CrysAlisPro software package. The structures were solved by direct methods (SHELXS-97)<sup>1</sup> and refined by full matrix least squares using SHELXL-97.<sup>2</sup> SHELX operations were automated using the OSCAIL software package.<sup>3</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms (apart from the EtOH solvent of crystallisation) in **1** were modelled anisotropically while all hydrogen atoms in **1** were assigned to idealised positions. Despite many efforts, modelling of the EtOH solvent molecule gives rise to a short C-C bond (C50-C51) length presumably due to methyl group libration. In order to prove that this electron density was indeed due to an EtOH solvent molecule, a SQUEEZE analysis was carried out on a separate identical data set. The result (42 electrons per void = 2 x EtOH molecules per void), confirmed the presence of one EtOH molecule per [CuMn(L)<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>4</sub>] unit in **1**. This cif file is available on demand.

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