

Electronic Supplementary Information

## Redox-inactive Metal Ions Promoted Catalytic Reactivity of Non-heme Manganese Complex towards Oxygen Atom Transfer

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**Table S1.** Influence of the Al(OTf)<sub>3</sub> concentration on the catalytic oxidation of cyclooctene

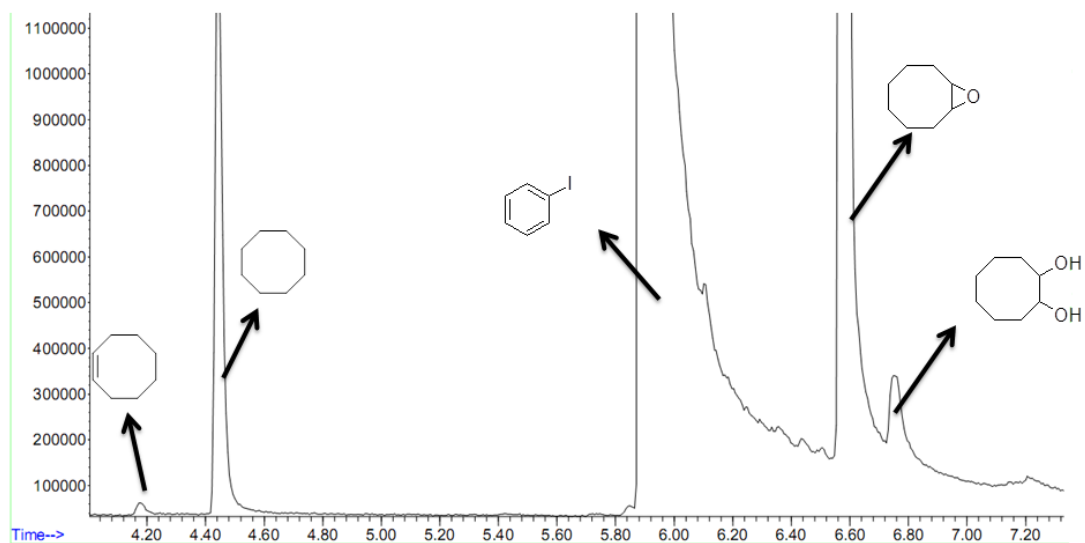
Entry	Mn(TPA)Cl <sub>2</sub> (mM)	Al(OTf) <sub>3</sub> (mM)	Conv. (%)	Yield (%)
1	0	0	2.4(0.1)	1.5(0.1)
2	0	2	3.7(0.2)	1.7(0.1)
3	1	0	9.9(0.2)	4.1(0.1)
4	1	0.5	38.3(1.6)	21.9(1.3)
5	1	1	85.0(0.7)	77.2(0.2)
6	1	2	97.8(1.0)	91.4(0.3)
7	1	4	98.7(0.2)	51.8(3.2)

Conditions: solvent: acetonitrile/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4:1,v/v) 5 mL, cyclooctene 0.05 M, PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> 0.1 M, 273 K, 3.5 h. Data in parentheses represent the deviations.

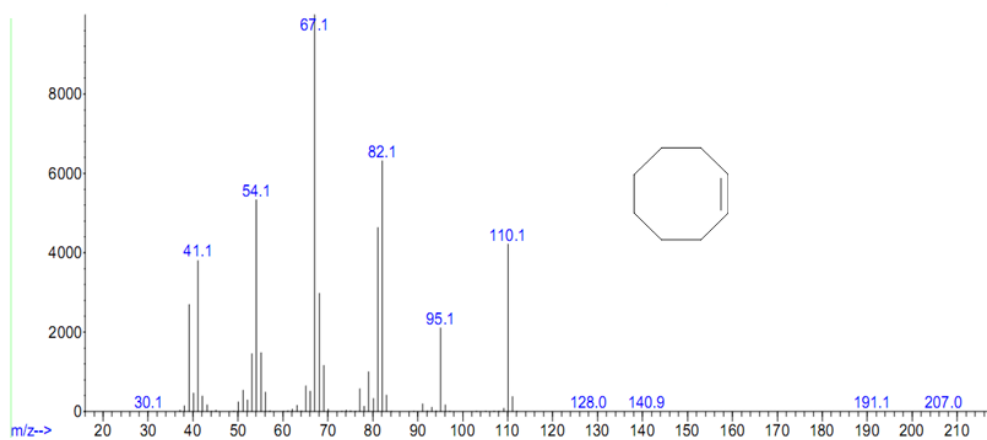
**Table S2.** Influence of proton acids and water on catalytic oxidation of cyclooctene by Mn(TPA)Cl<sub>2</sub> with PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> as oxidant.

Entry	Additives	Mn(II)+proton acid		Only proton acid	
		Conv. (%)	Yield (%)	Conv. (%)	Yield (%)
1	Acetic acid (2 mM)	23.7(1.3)	5.9(0.3)	3.2(0.1)	1.8(0.3)
2	Hydrochloric acid (2 mM)	28.1(1.5)	10.5(1.4)	3.0(0.2)	1.1(0.5)
3	Al <sup>3+</sup> (2 mM) + H <sub>2</sub> O (0.01 mL)	87.0(2.6)	76.1(1.0)	—	—
4	Al <sup>3+</sup> (2 mM) + H <sub>2</sub> O (0.02 mL)	53.9(1.2)	44.6(1.6)	—	—
5	Al <sup>3+</sup> (2 mM) + H <sub>2</sub> O (0.04 mL)	29.6(1.3)	18.0(0.7)	—	—

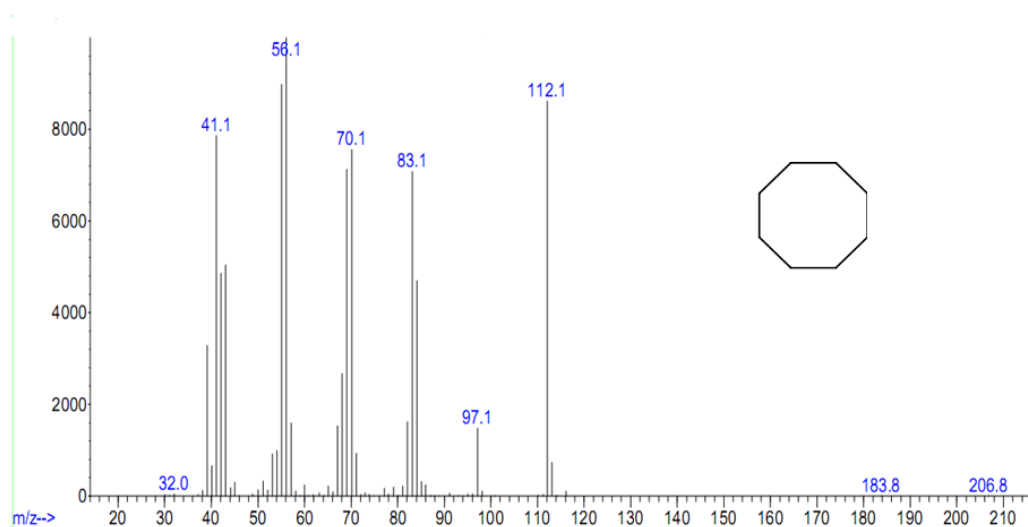
Conditions: solvent: acetonitrile/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4:1,v/v) 5 mL, cyclooctene 0.05 M, Mn(TPA)Cl<sub>2</sub> 1 mM, PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> 0.1 M, 273 K, 3.5 h. Data in parentheses represent the deviations.



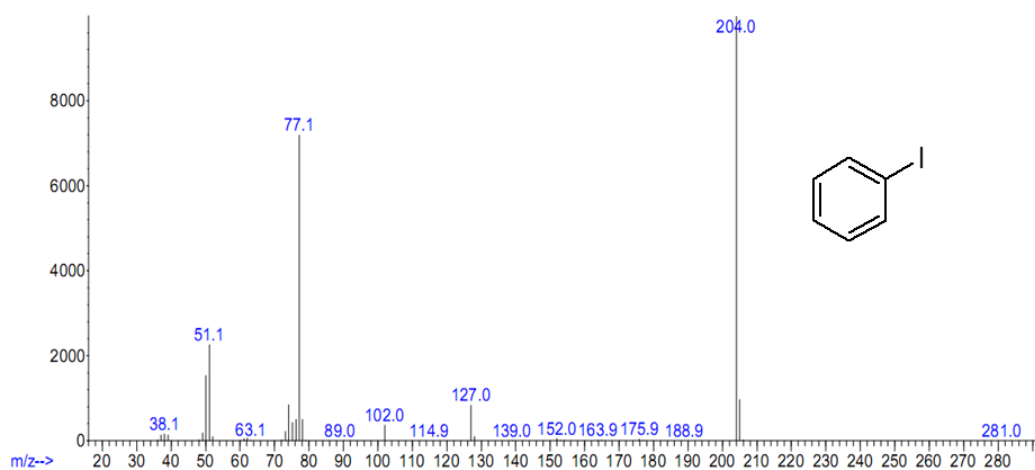
**Figure S1.** Enlarged GC-MS graph of catalytic epoxidation of cyclooctene by the  $\text{Mn}(\text{TPA})\text{Cl}_2$  catalyst and  $\text{Al}(\text{OTf})_3$  to illustrate trace 1,2-cyclooctanediol product. Conditions: solvent: acetonitrile/ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (4:1,v/v) 5 mL, cyclooctene 0.05 M,  $\text{Mn}(\text{TPA})\text{Cl}_2$  1 mM,  $\text{Al}(\text{OTf})_3$  2 mM,  $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$  0.1 M, 273 K, 3.5 h.



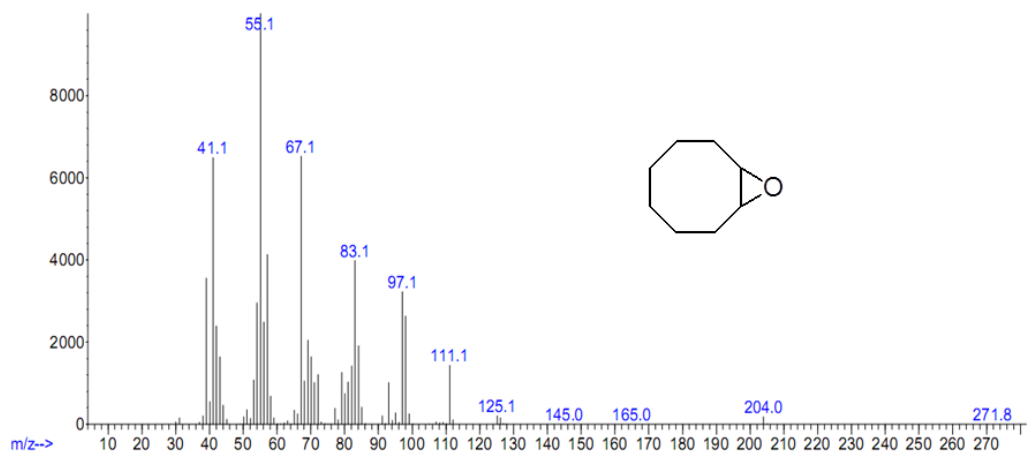
**Figure S1-1.** MS graph of cyclooctene from catalytic epoxidation of cyclooctene by  $\text{Mn}(\text{TPA})\text{Cl}_2$  catalyst and  $\text{Al}(\text{OTf})_3$ .



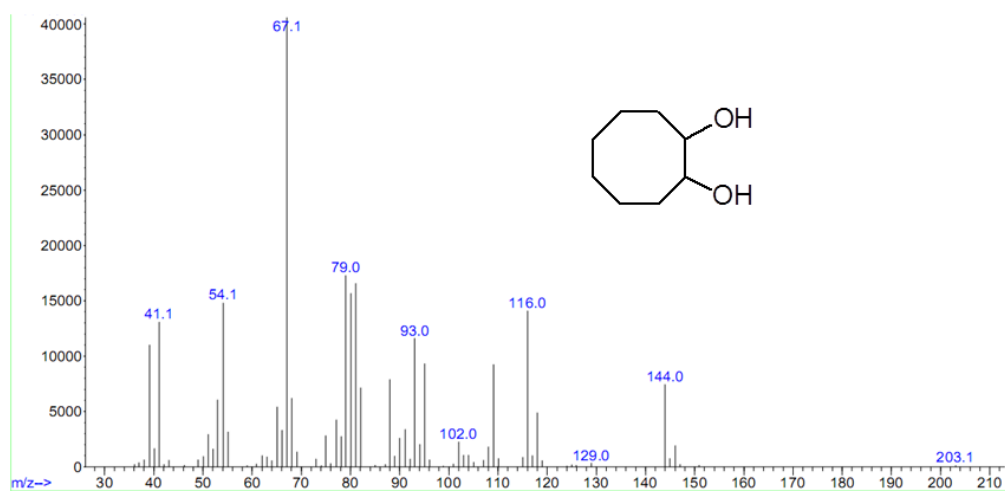
**Figure S1-2.** MS graph of cyclooctane from catalytic epoxidation of cyclooctene by  $\text{Mn}(\text{TPA})\text{Cl}_2$  catalyst and  $\text{Al}(\text{OTf})_3$ .



**Figure S1-3.** MS graph of iodobenzene from catalytic epoxidation of cyclooctene by  $\text{Mn}(\text{TPA})\text{Cl}_2$  catalyst and  $\text{Al}(\text{OTf})_3$ .



**Figure S1-4.** MS graph of cyclooctene oxide from catalytic epoxidation of cyclooctene by  $\text{Mn}(\text{TPA})\text{Cl}_2$  catalyst and  $\text{Al}(\text{OTf})_3$ .

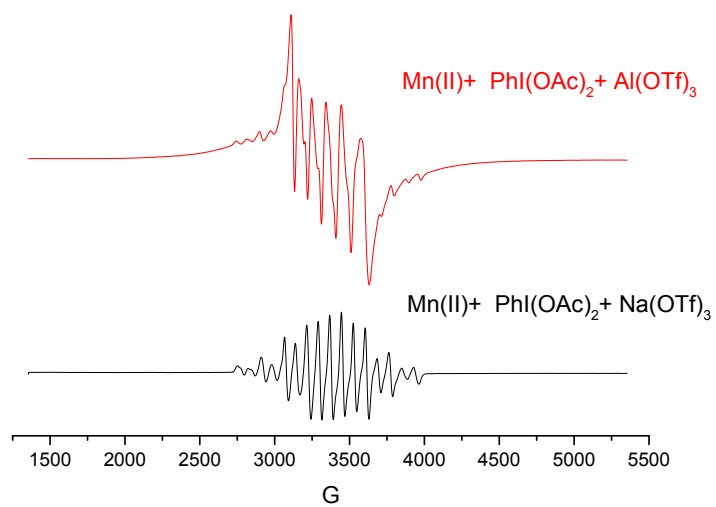


**Figure S1-5.** MS graph of 1,2-cyclooctanediol from catalytic epoxidation of cyclooctene by  $\text{Mn}(\text{TPA})\text{Cl}_2$  catalyst and  $\text{Al}(\text{OTf})_3$ .

**Table S3.** Catalytic epoxidation of *cis*-stilbene by Mn(TPA)Cl<sub>2</sub> alone

Substrate : catalyst.	Conv. (%)	Yield <i>cis</i> -epoxide (%)	Yield <i>trans</i> -epoxide (%)	Yield benzaldehyde (%)
100:1	7.5(0.4)	1.6(0.1)	1.3(0.1)	1.4(0.2)
50:1	25.1(0.3)	5.9(0.1)	3.5(0.3)	3.3(0.2)
25:1	37.9(0.7)	6.7(0.3)	5.3(0.2)	5.3(0.4)

Conditions: solvent: acetonitrile/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4:1,v/v) 5 mL, *cis*-stilbene 0.1 M, Mn(TPA)Cl<sub>2</sub> 1 mM in the case of substrate : catalyst = 100:1, PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> 0.2 M, 273 K, 8 h. Data in parentheses represent the deviations.



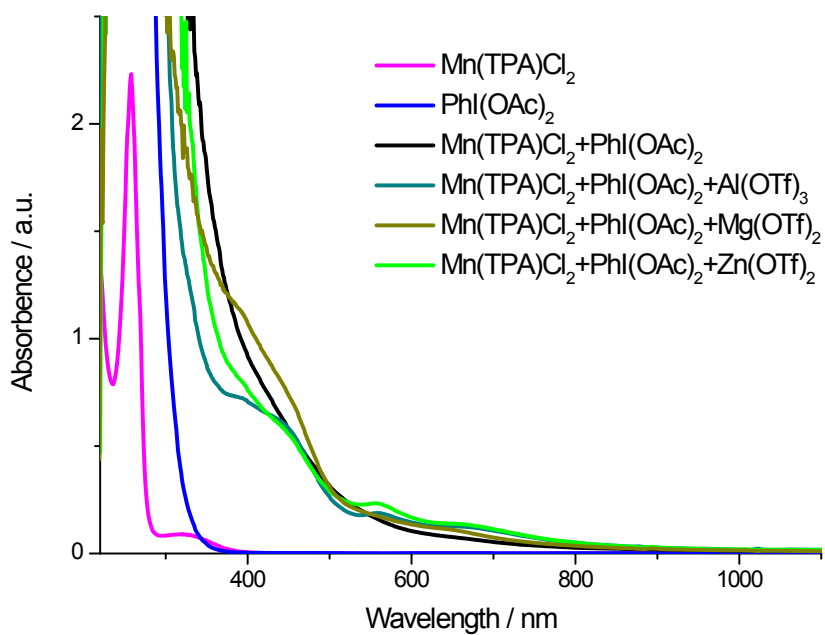
**Figure S2.** EPR spectra of Mn(TPA)Cl<sub>2</sub> plus various Lewis acids at 130 K. Conditions: Mn(TPA)Cl<sub>2</sub> 5 mM, 5 equiv. of PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, one equiv. of Al(OTf)<sub>3</sub> or 3 equiv. of NaOTf.



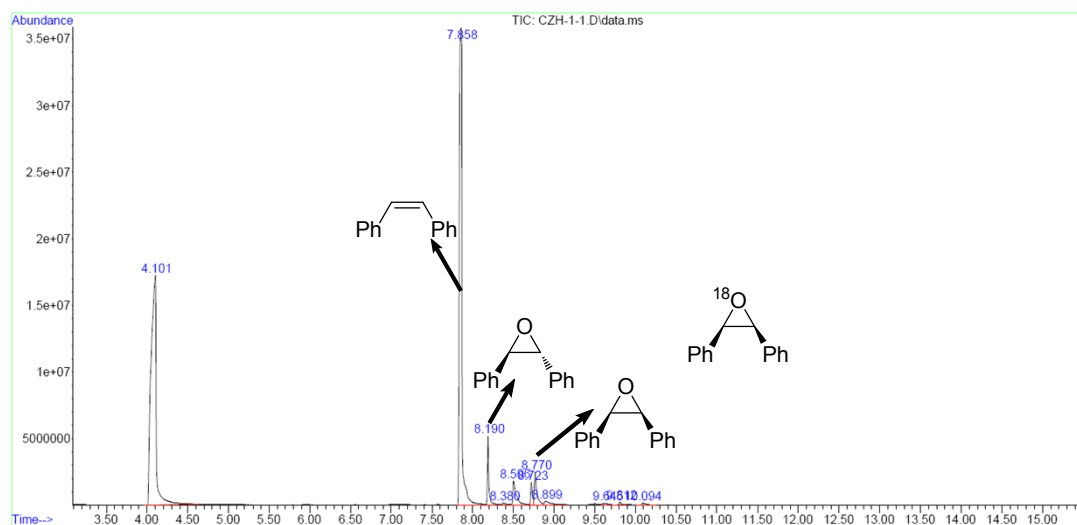
**Table S4.** Influence of water concentration on the epoxidation of *cis*- and *trans*-stilbene by Mn(TPA)Cl<sub>2</sub> catalyst and Al(OTf)<sub>3</sub>

Substrate	Water (mL)	Conv. (%)	Yield <i>cis</i> -epoxide (%)	Yield <i>trans</i> -epoxide (%)	Yield benzaldehyde (%)
<i>cis</i> -Stilbene	0	83.8(1.8)	50.7(0.2)	5.8(0.4)	6.1(0.6)
	0.01	72.2(0.3)	27.3(1.2)	7.1(0.7)	8.3(0.2)
	0.02	65.1(0.3)	25.4(0.5)	2.4(0.2)	4.1(0.3)
	0.05	46.4(0.3)	20.4(0.7)	3.8(0.2)	7.4(0.3)
<i>trans</i> -Stilbene	0	73.7(0.7)	-	64.7(1.9)	2.8(0.4)
	0.01	54.4(1.8)	-	36.1(0.8)	11.2(0.3)
	0.02	45.8(0.3)	-	31.5(0.8)	11.1(0.7)
	0.05	36.9(0.5)	-	22.1(0.2)	3.8(0.3)

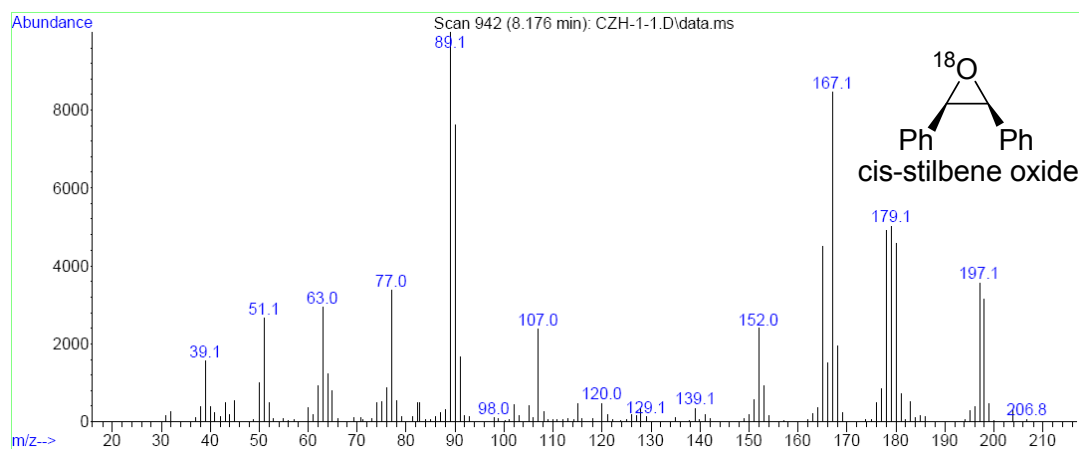
Conditions: solvent: acetonitrile/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4:1,v/v) 0.5 mL, olefin 0.1 M, Mn(TPA)Cl<sub>2</sub> 2 mM, PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> 0.2 M, 273 K, 8 h. Data in parentheses represent the deviations.



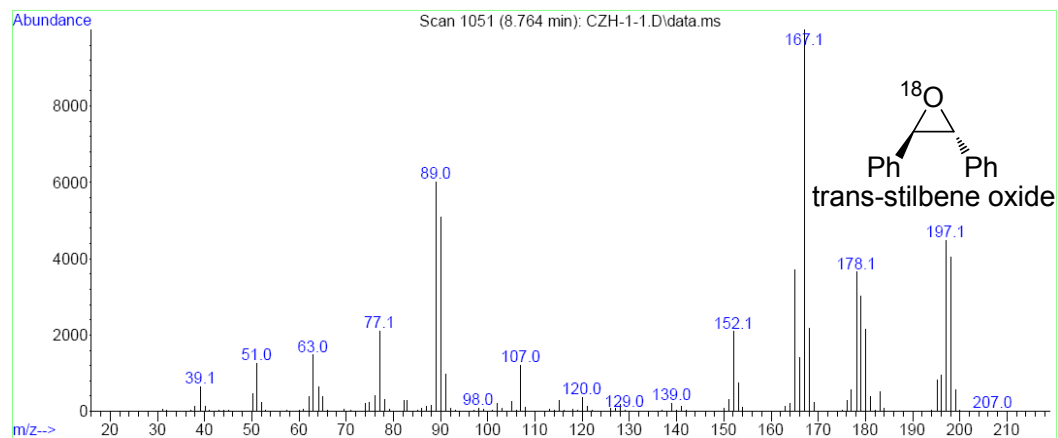
**Figure S3.** UV-Vis spectra of manganese complex, PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> and redox-inactive metal trifluoromethanesulfonates. Conditions: 1 mM Mn(TPA)Cl<sub>2</sub> in acetonitrile/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4:1, v/v), 5 equiv. of PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, 2 equiv. of redox-inactive metal trifluoromethanesulfonates.



**Figure S4-1.** GC-MS graph of  $\text{H}_2^{18}\text{O}$  labelled catalytic *cis*-stilbene epoxidation by  $\text{Mn}(\text{TPA})\text{Cl}_2$  plus  $\text{Al}(\text{OTf})_3$  with  $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$ . Conditions: solvent  $\text{H}_2^{18}\text{O}$  0.1 mL acetonitrile 0.4 mL  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  0.1 mL, olefin 0.05 M, manganese(II) catalyst 1 mM, Lewis acid 2 mM,  $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$  0.05 mmol, 273 K, 8 h.



**Figure S4-2.** MS graph of  $^{18}\text{O}$  labeled *cis*-stilbene oxide from catalytic epoxidation of *cis*-stilbene by  $\text{Mn}(\text{TPA})\text{Cl}_2$  plus  $\text{Al}(\text{OTf})_3$  with  $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$ .

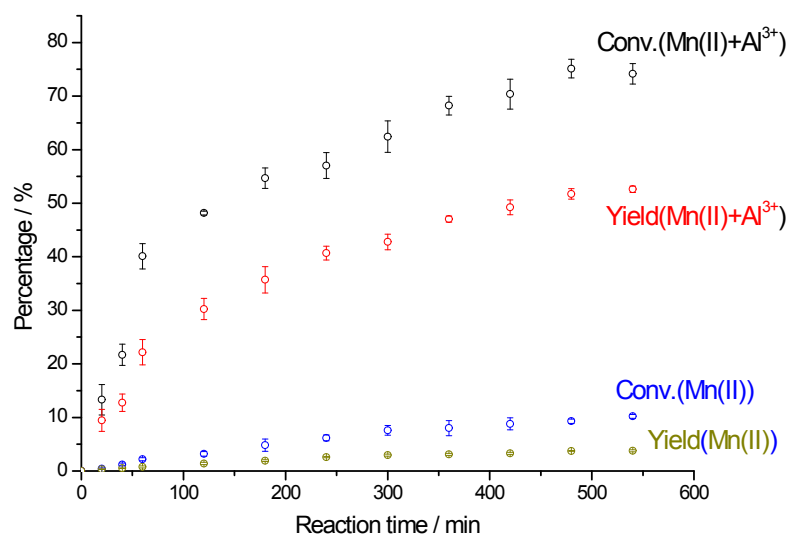


**Figure S4-3.** MS graph of  $^{18}\text{O}$  labeled *trans*-stilbene oxide from catalytic epoxidation of *cis*-stilbene by  $\text{Mn}(\text{TPA})\text{Cl}_2$  complexes plus  $\text{Al}(\text{OTf})_3$  with  $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$ .

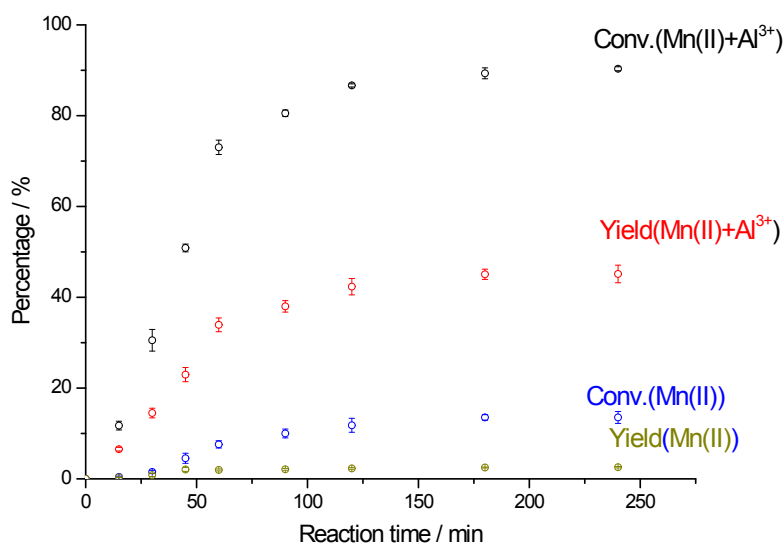
**Table S5.** Catalytic oxidation of cyclooctene by Mn(TPA)Cl<sub>2</sub> and Al(OTf)<sub>3</sub> with PhIO as oxidant

Entry	Mn(TPA)Cl <sub>2</sub> (mM)	Al(OTf) <sub>3</sub> (mM)	Conv. (%)	Yield (%)
1	0	0	2.4(0.2)	0.9(0.1)
2	0	2	5(0.3)	2.7(0.2)
3	1	0	14.8(0.4)	10.8(0.1)
4	1	2	27.1(0.6)	23.3(1.0)

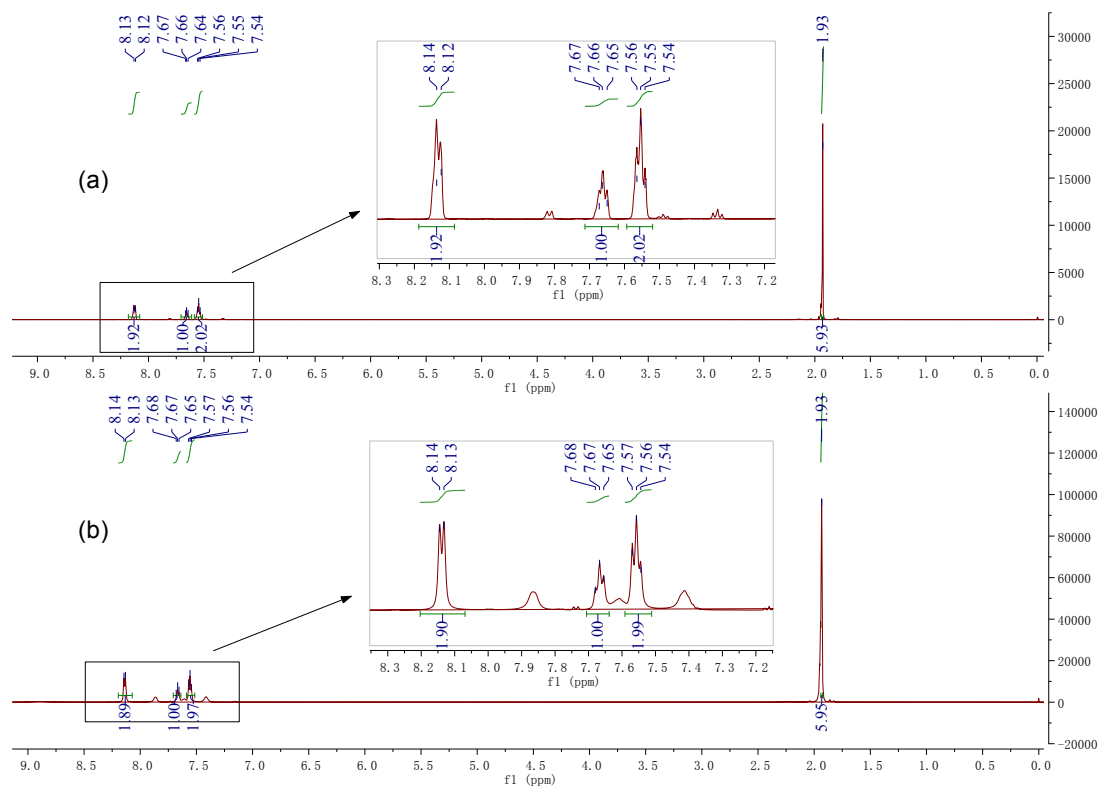
Conditions: solvent: acetonitrile/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4:1,v/v) 5 mL, cyclooctene 0.05 M, PhIO 0.1 M, 273 K, 3.5 h . Data in parentheses represent the deviations.



**Figure S5-1.** Kinetics of 1-hexene epoxidation by Mn(TPA)Cl<sub>2</sub> catalyst. Conditions: acetonitrile/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4:1, v/v) 5 mL, 1-hexene 0.05 M, Mn(TPA)Cl<sub>2</sub> 1 mM, Al(OTf)<sub>3</sub> 2 mM, PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> 0.1 M, 273 K.



**Figure S5-2.** Kinetics of 1-dodecene epoxidation by Mn(TPA)Cl<sub>2</sub> catalyst. Conditions: acetonitrile/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4:1, v/v) 5 mL, 1-dodecene 0.05 M, Mn(TPA)Cl<sub>2</sub> 1 mM, Al(OTf)<sub>3</sub> 2 mM, PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> 0.1 M, 273 K.



**Figure S6.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectra of (a)  $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$  and (b)  $\text{Al}(\text{OTf})_3$  plus  $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$  in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}/\text{CD}_3\text{Cl}$  solution (4:1, v/v). The NMR data indicate that there is no direct reaction between  $\text{Al}(\text{III})$  and  $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$ .