

## Supporting Information

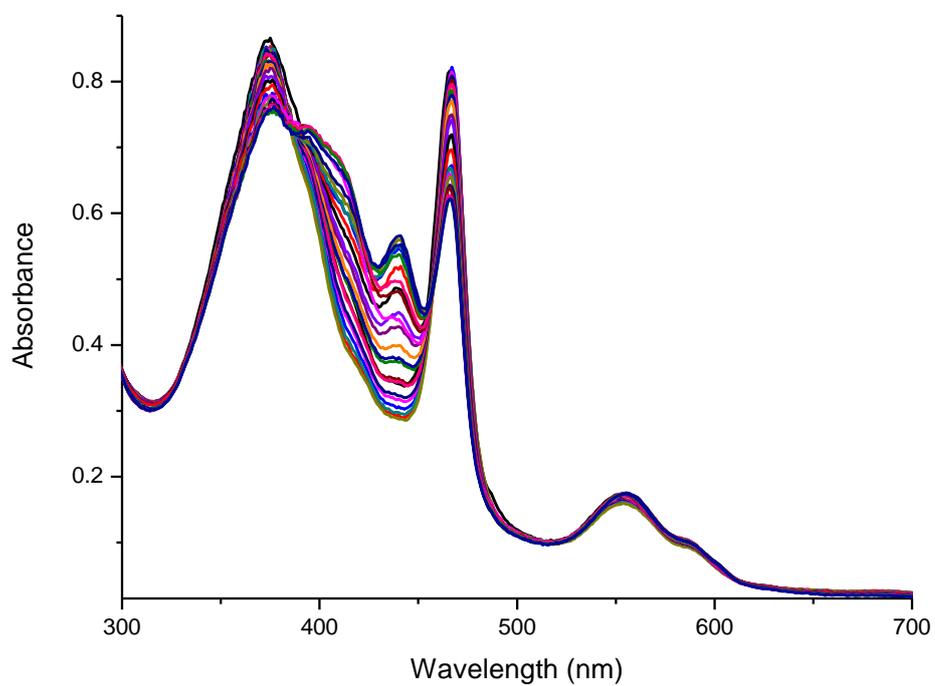
### Effect of distal histidines on hydrogen peroxide activation by manganese reconstituted myoglobin

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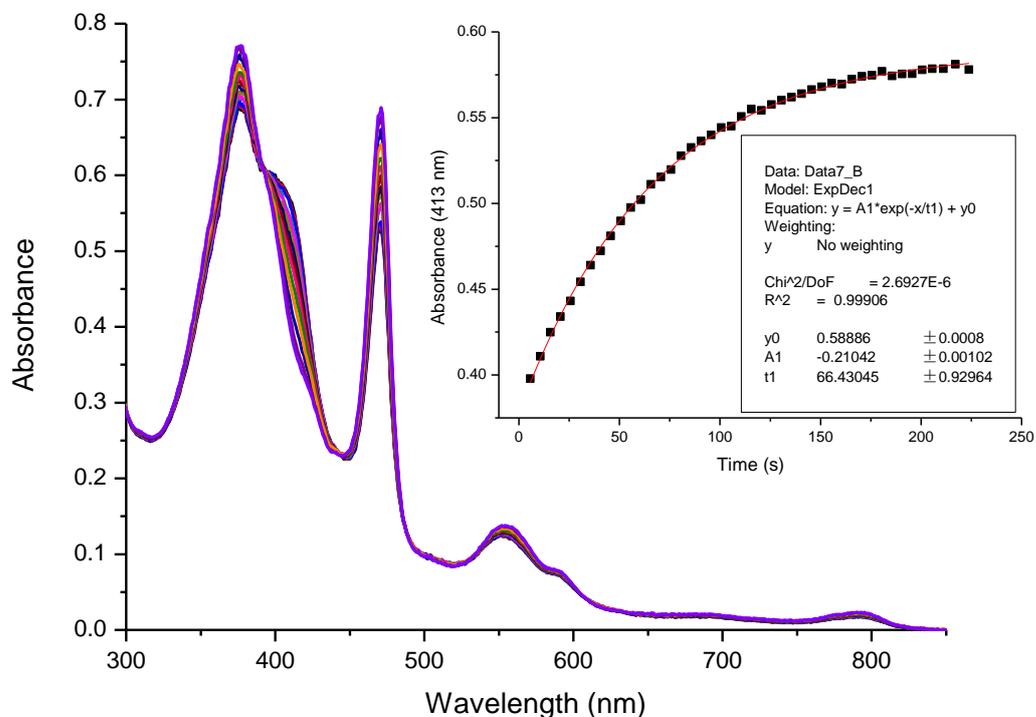
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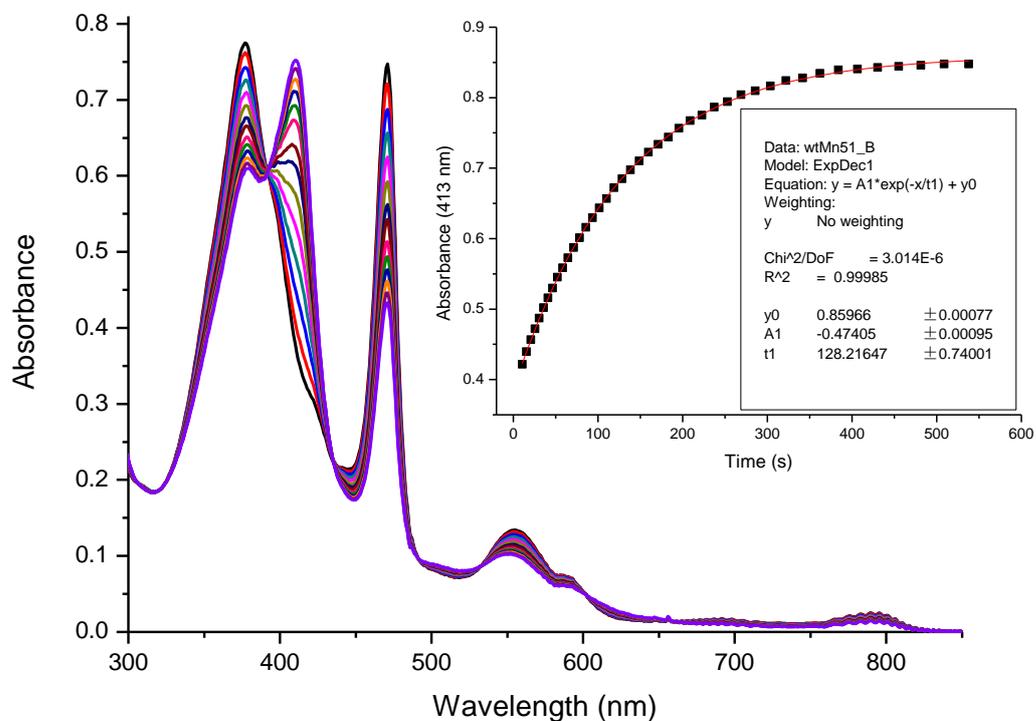
**Figure S1.** Spectral changes of F43H Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb in the reaction with 100 equiv. H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in pH 7.4

### Kinetic data and spectral changes of Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb in the reaction with hydrogen peroxide:

Conditions: the concentration was 29  $\mu\text{M}$  for Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb protein and 580  $\mu\text{M}$  for H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, the reaction temperature was 20 °C.



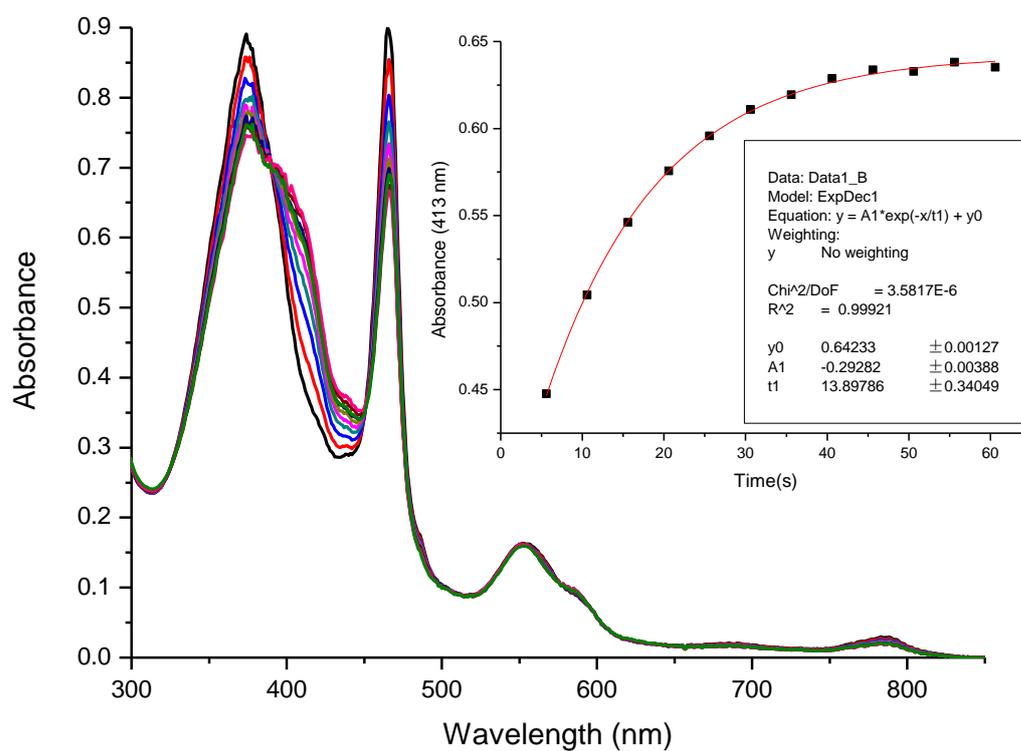
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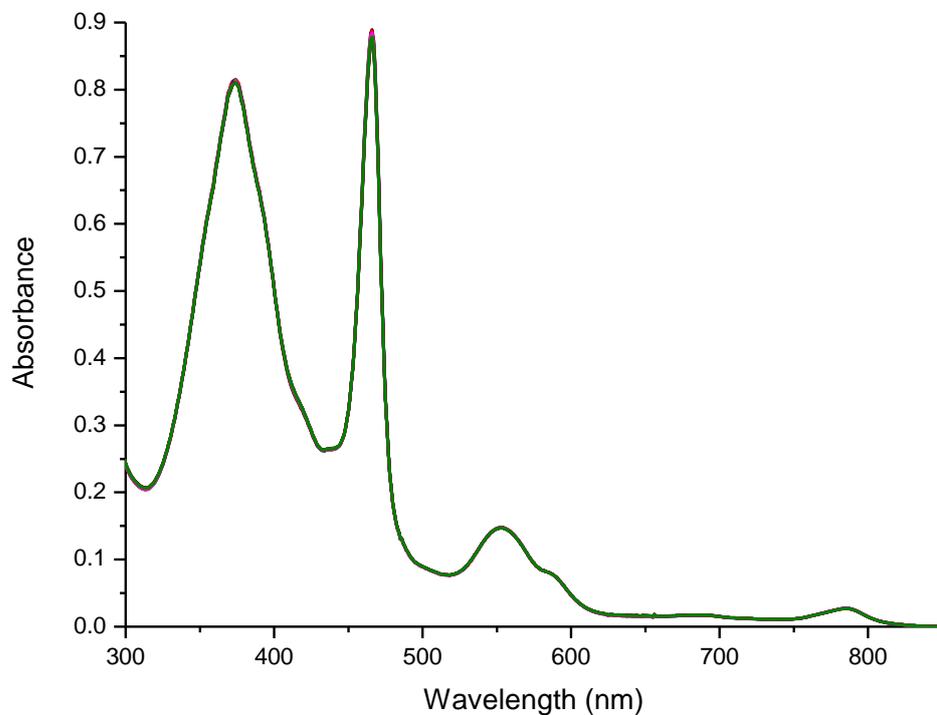
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Figure S2 Spectral change of wild-type Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb in the reaction with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> at a) pH 7.4 and b) pH

5.1. Insets: trace for the formation of  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}=\text{O}$  Por and the exponential fitting function,  $k_{\text{obs}}=1/t_1$

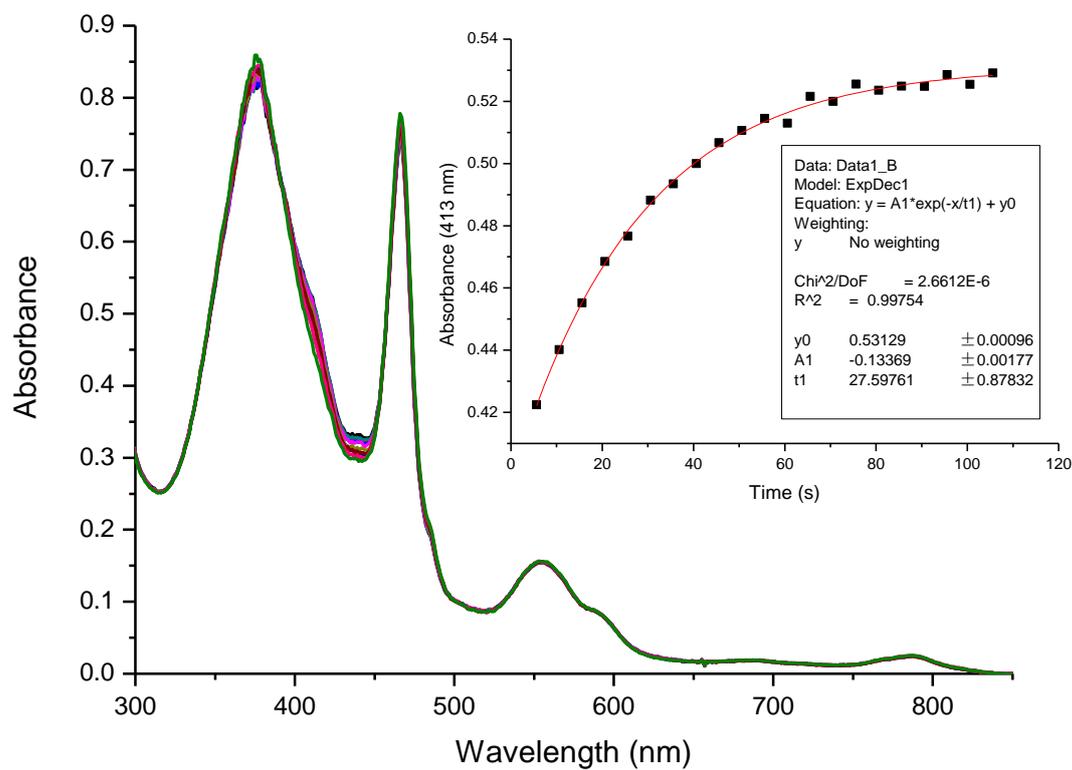


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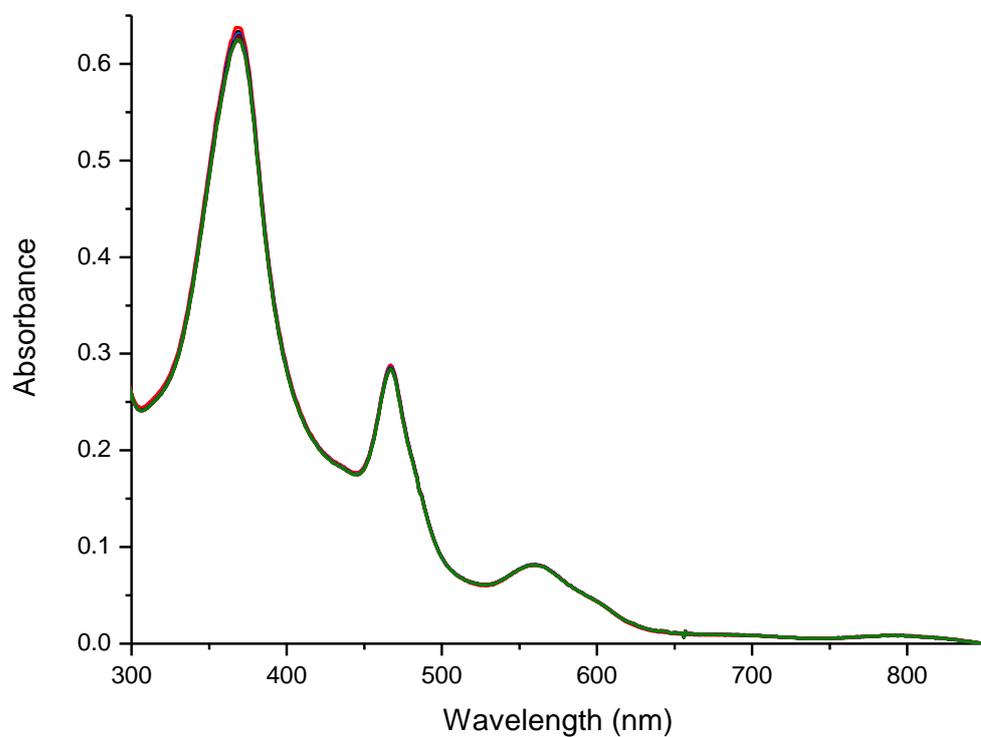


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**Figure S3** Spectral change of F43H  $\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}$  Mb mutant in the reaction with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  at a) pH 7.4 and b) pH 5.1. Insets: trace for the formation of  $\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}=\text{O}$  Por and the exponential fitting function,  $k_{\text{obs}}=1/t_1$

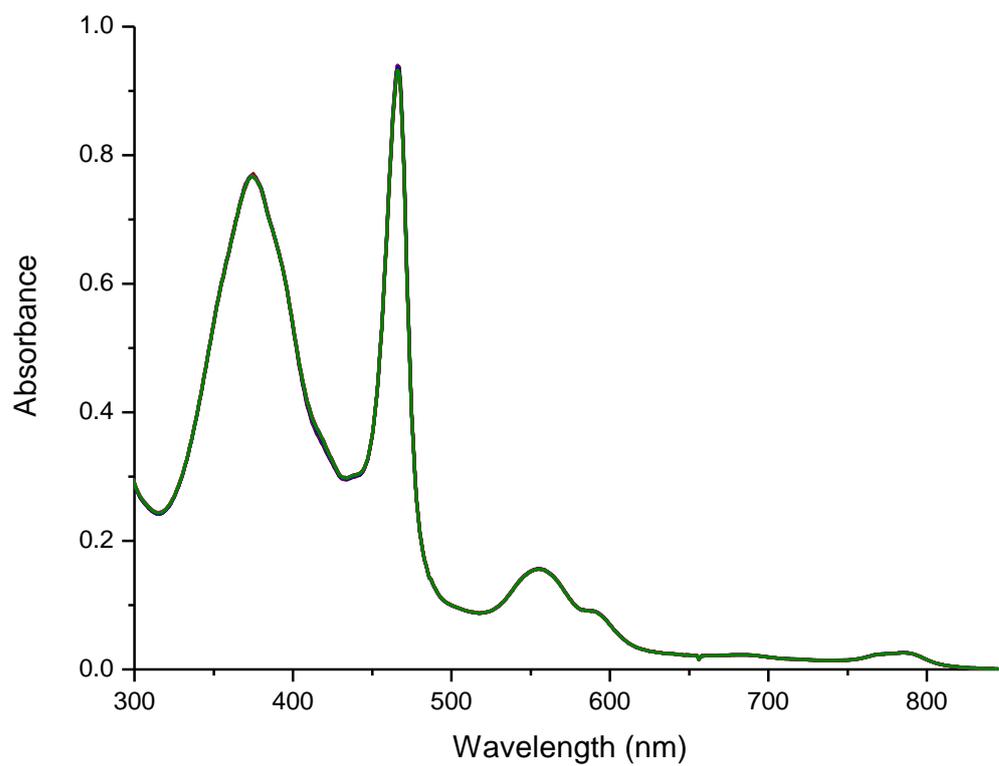


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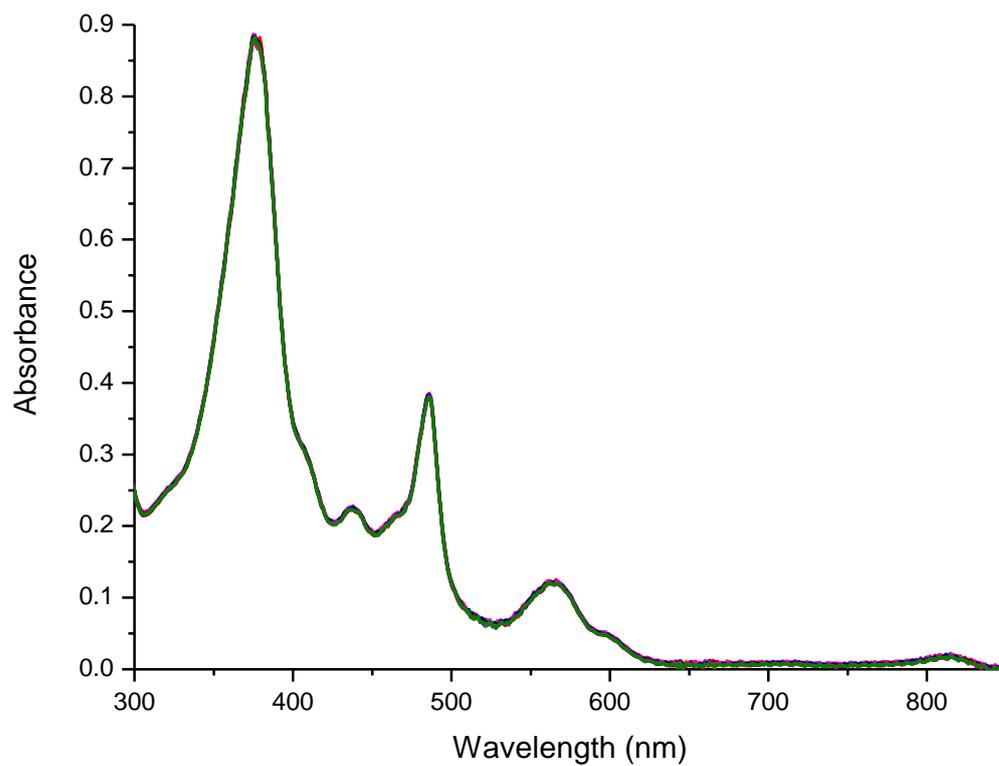


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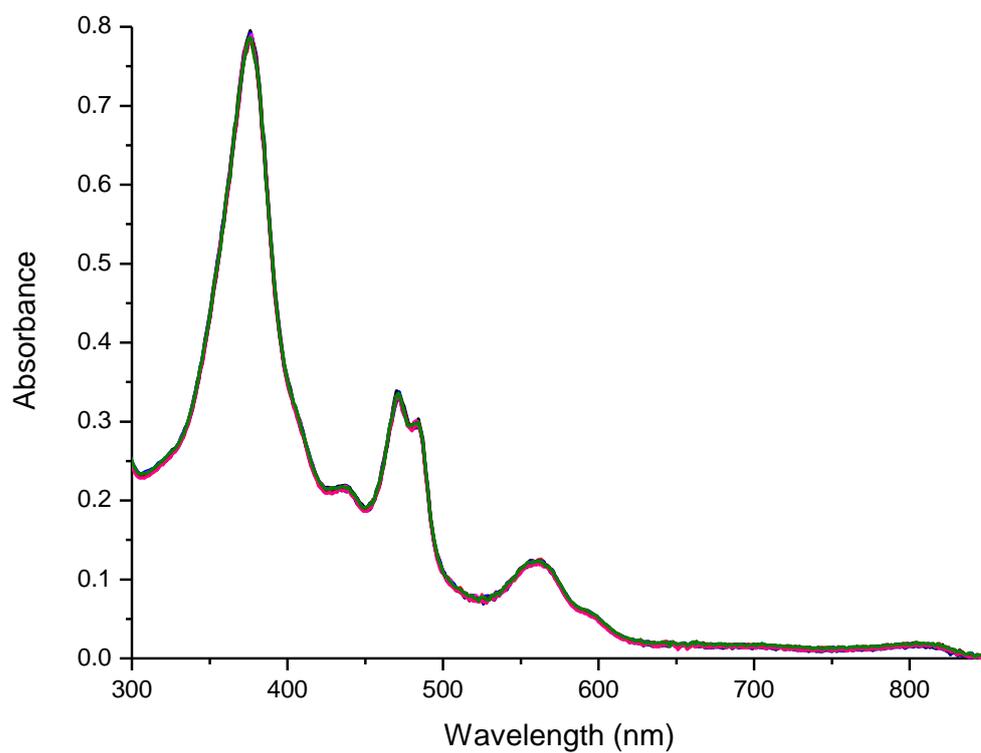
**Figure S4.** Spectral change of L29H/F43H Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb mutant in the reaction with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> at a) pH 7.4 and b) pH 5.1. Insets: trace for the formation of Mn<sup>IV</sup>=O Por and the exponential fitting function,  $k_{\text{obs}}=1/t_1$



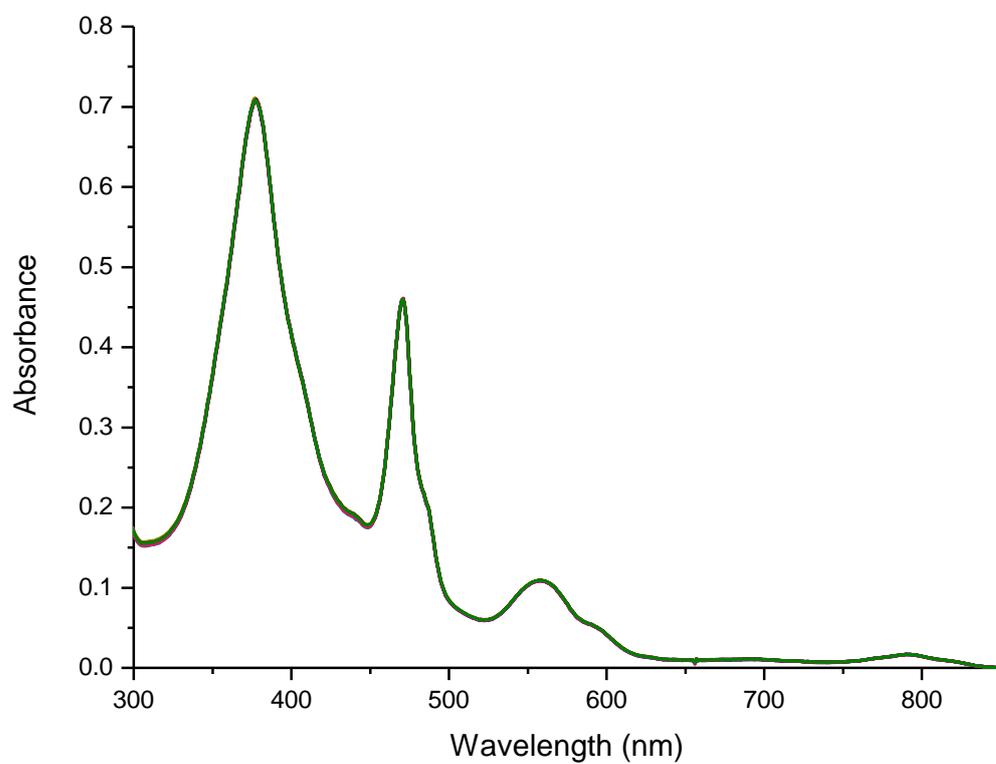
**Figure S5** Spectral change of L29H Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb mutant in the reaction with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> at pH 7.4.



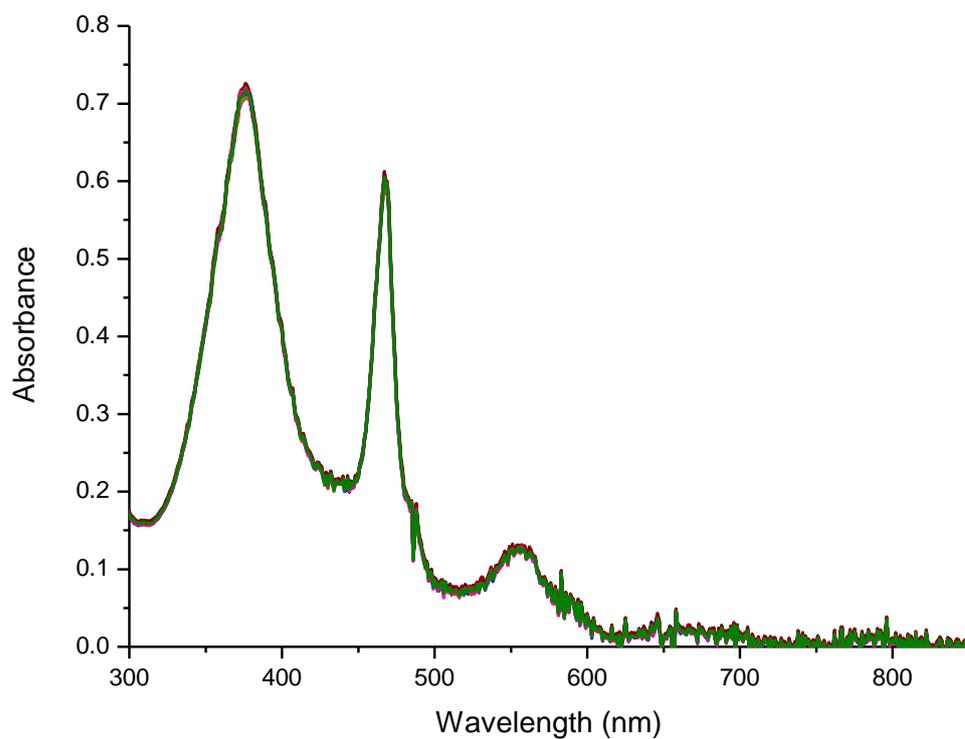
**Figure S6.** Spectral change of H64F Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb mutant in the reaction with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> at pH 7.4.



**Figure S7.** Spectral change of F43H/H64F Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb mutant in the reaction with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> at pH 7.4.



**Figure S8.** Spectral change of L29H/H64F Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb mutant in the reaction with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> at pH 7.4.



**Figure S9.** Spectral change of L29H/F43H/H64F Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb mutant in the reaction with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> at pH 7.4.

### Spectral changes of ABTS oxidation for Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb at pH 7.4:

Conditions: the concentration was 29  $\mu$ M for protein and 580  $\mu$ M for ABTS and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, the reaction temperature was 20 °C.

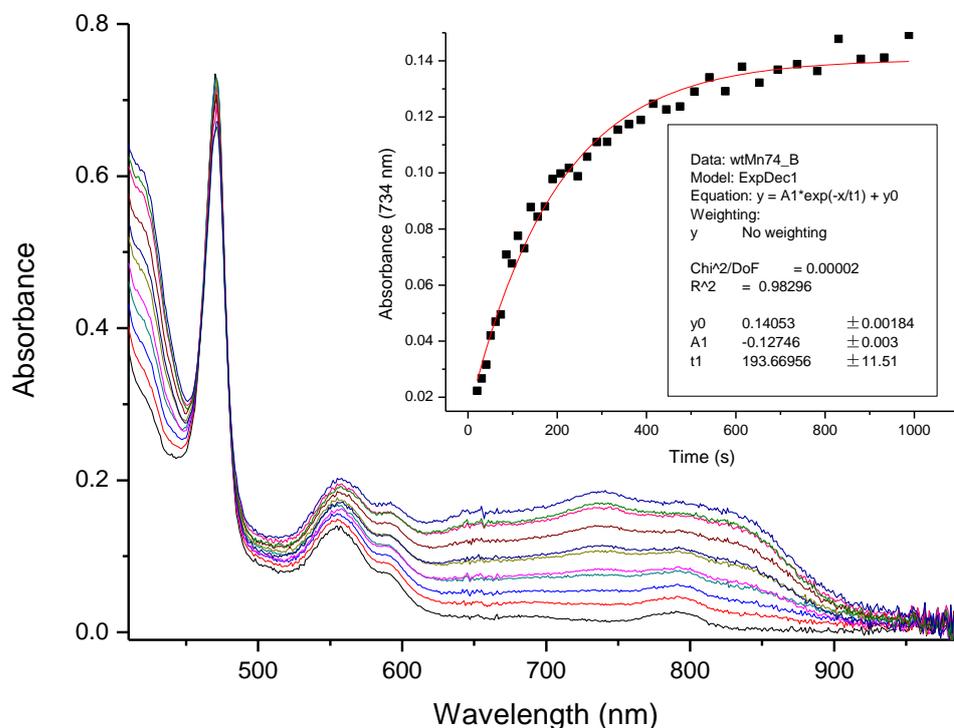


Figure S10. Spectral change of ABTS oxidation at pH 7.4 for wild-type Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb.

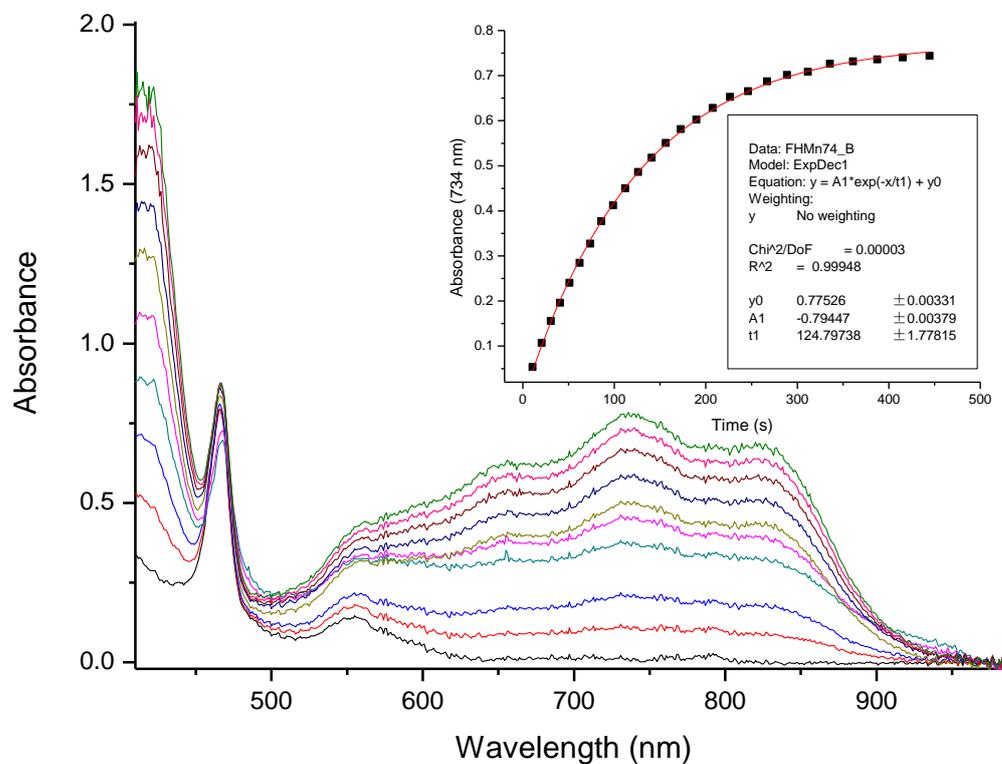


Figure S11. Spectral change of ABTS oxidation at pH 7.4 for F43H Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb mutant.

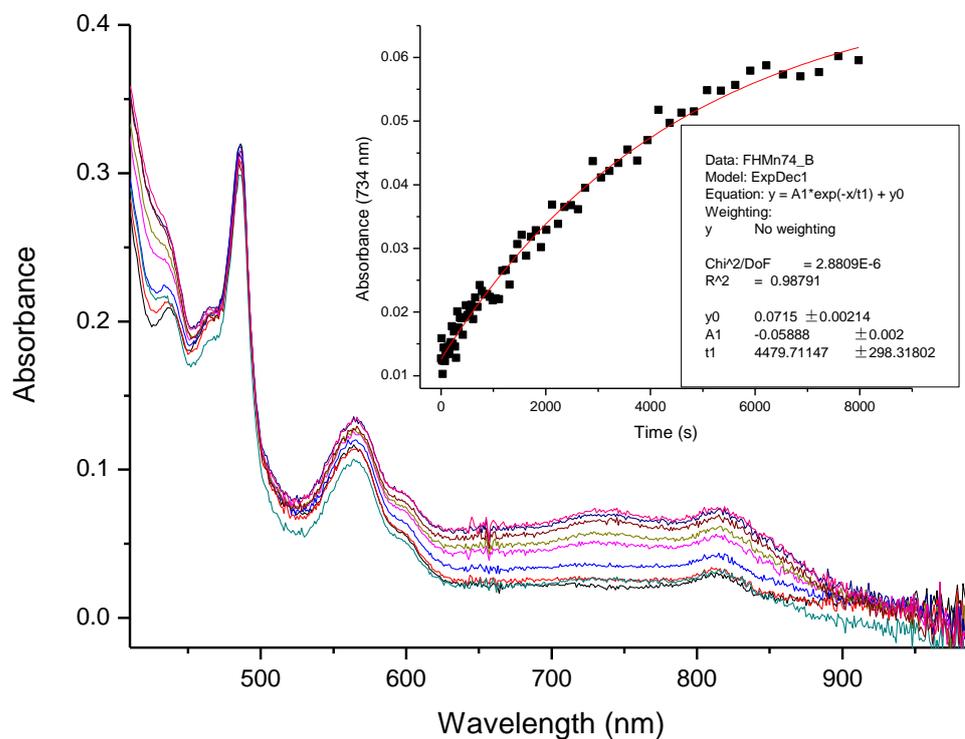


Figure S12. Spectral change of ABTS oxidation at pH 7.4 for H64F Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb mutant.

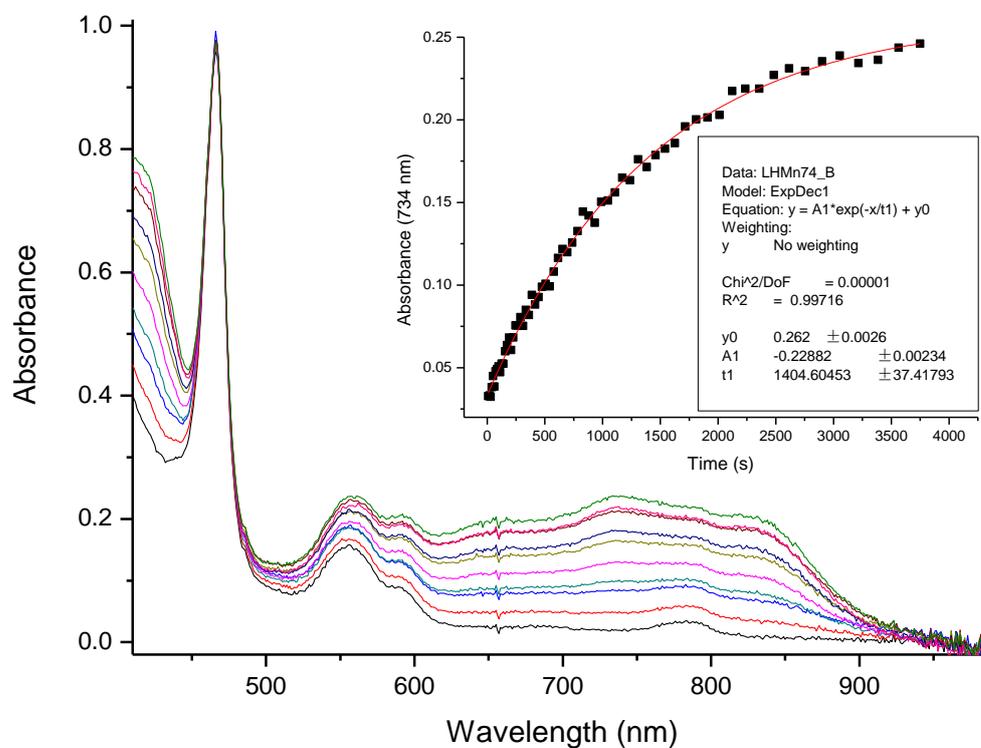


Figure S13. Spectral change of ABTS oxidation at pH 7.4 for L29H Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb mutant.

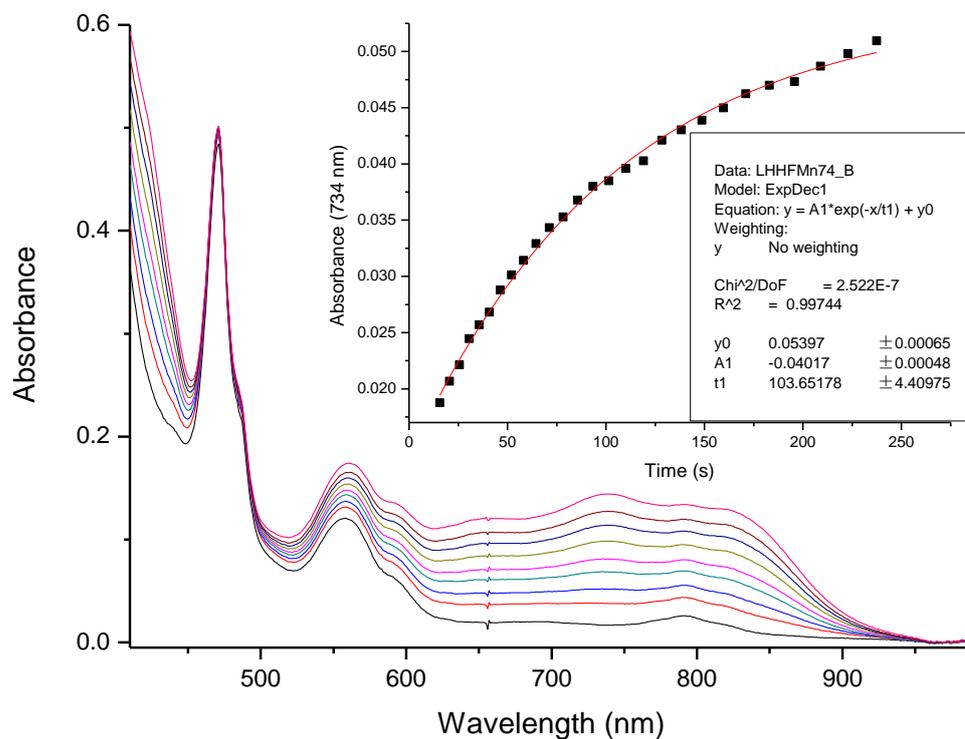


Figure S14. Spectral change of ABTS oxidation at pH 7.4 for L29H/H64F Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb mutant.

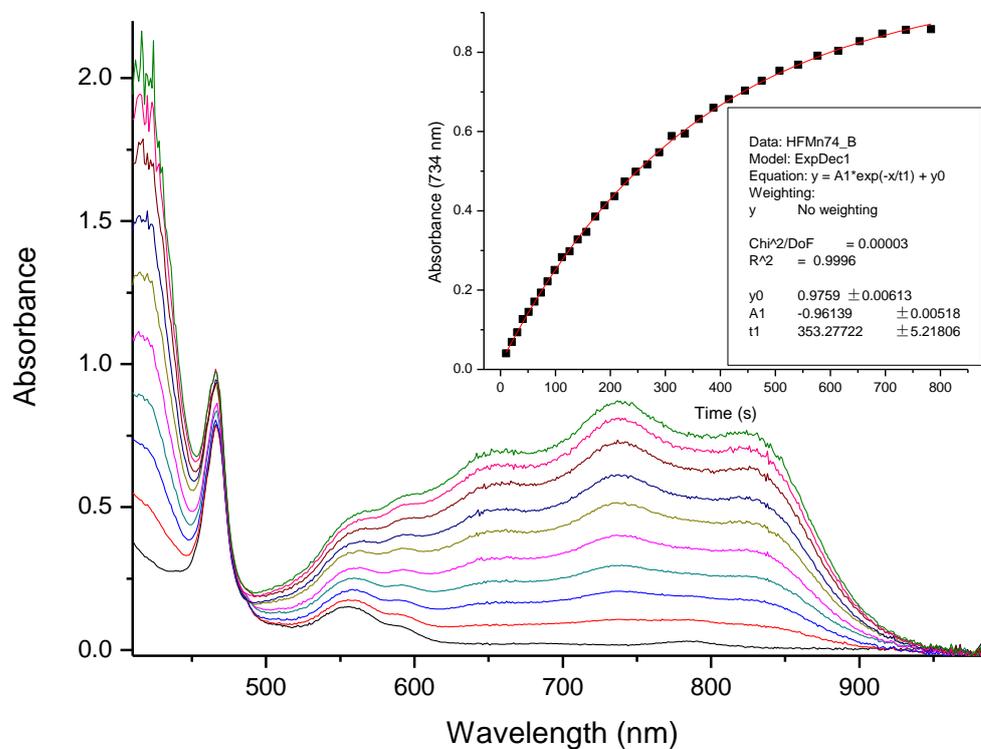


Figure S15. Spectral change of ABTS oxidation at pH 7.4 for L29H/F43H Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb mutant.

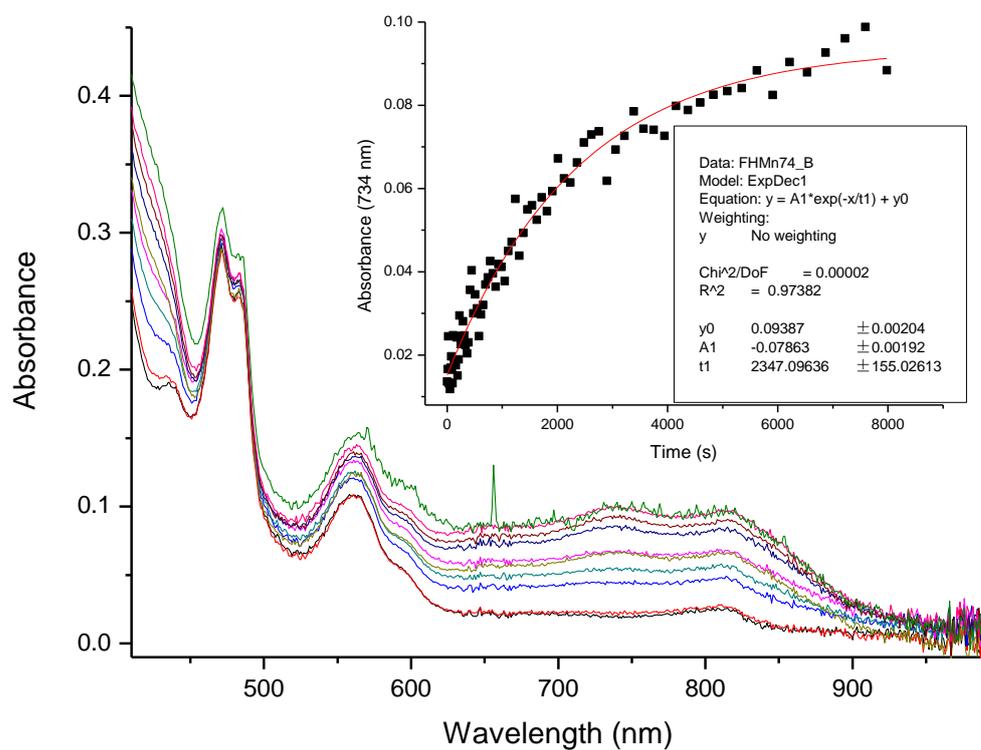


Figure S16. Spectral change of ABTS oxidation at pH 7.4 for F43H/H64F Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb mutant.

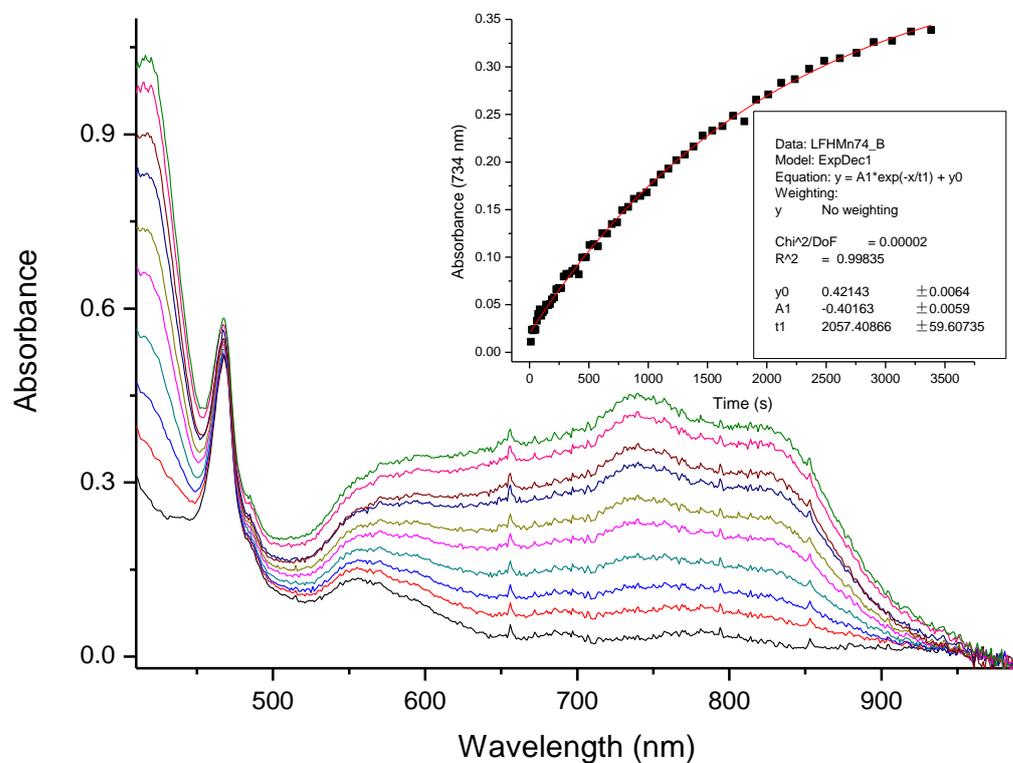
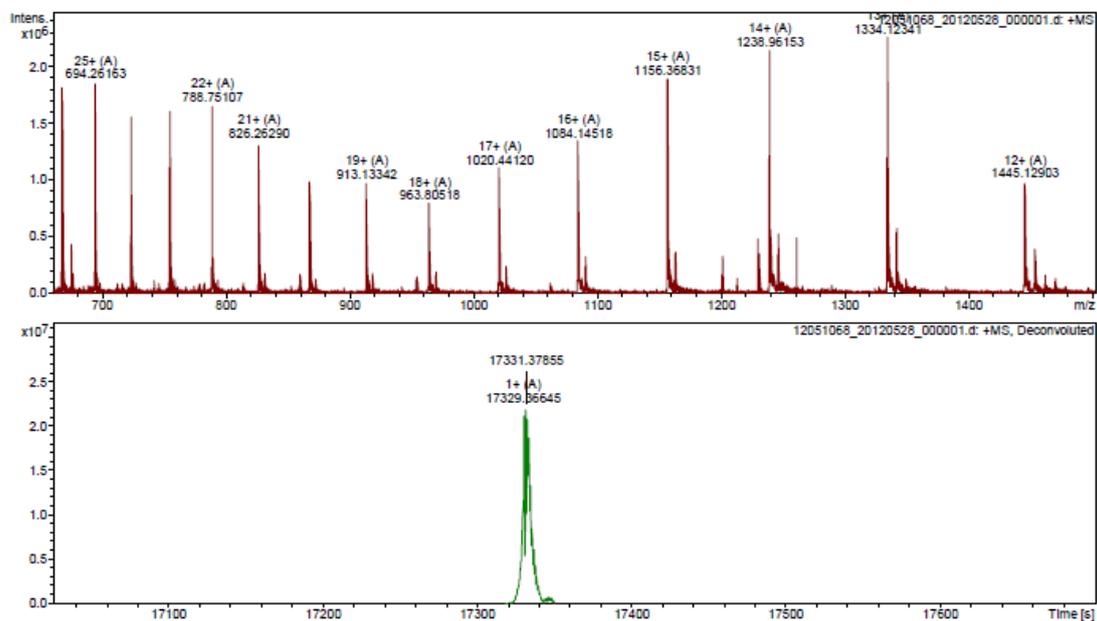


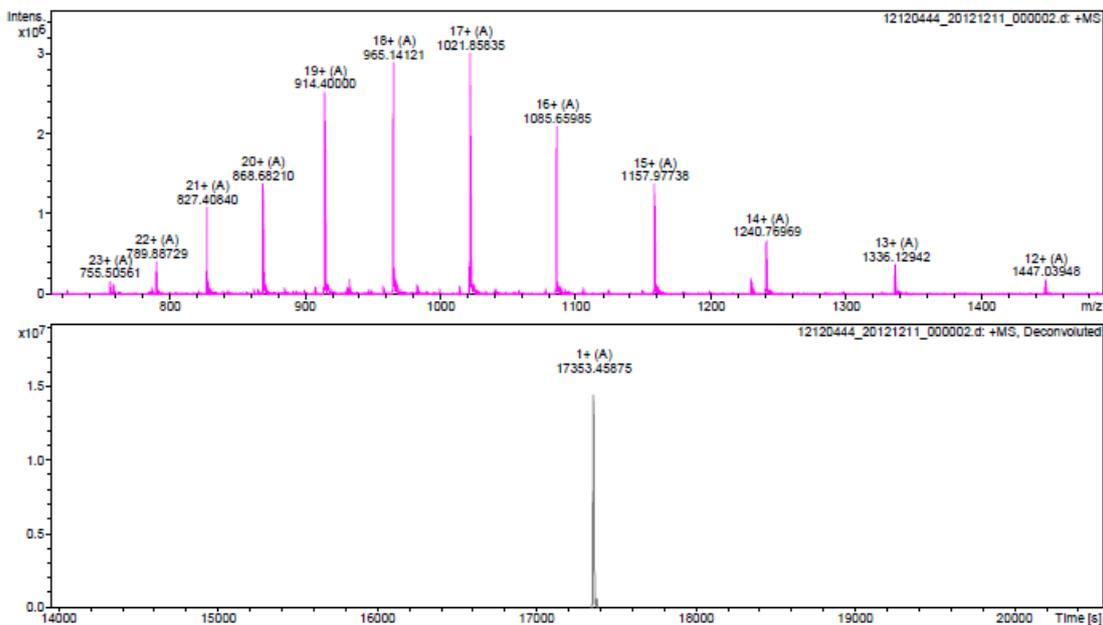
Figure S17. Spectral change of ABTS oxidation at pH 7.4 for L29H/F43H/H64F Mn<sup>III</sup>Mb mutant.

## ESI(+)-MS of different mutants:

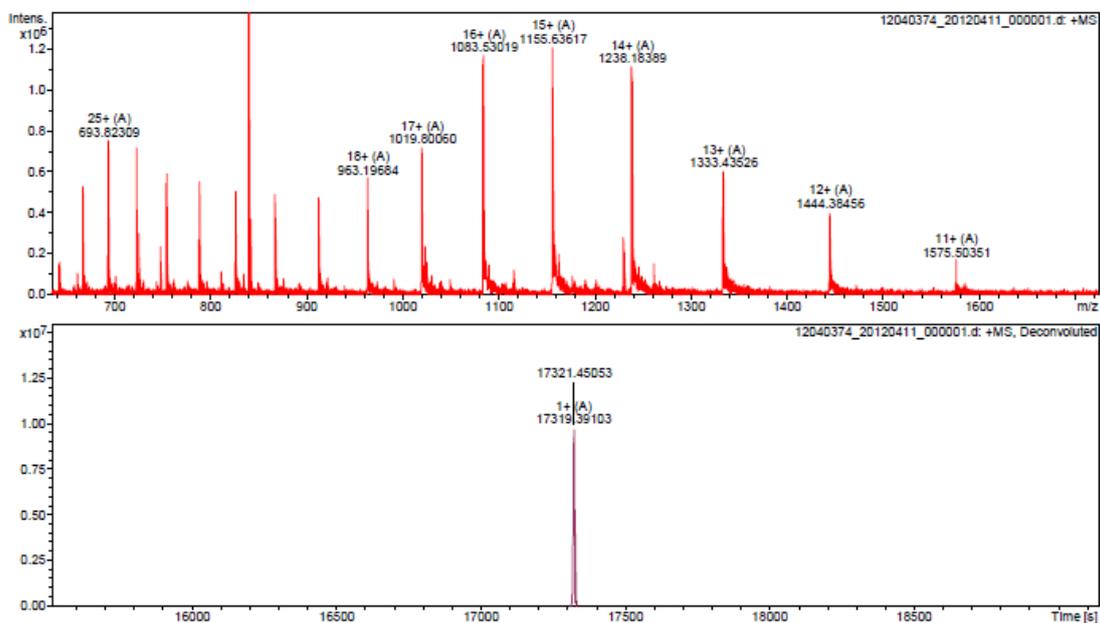
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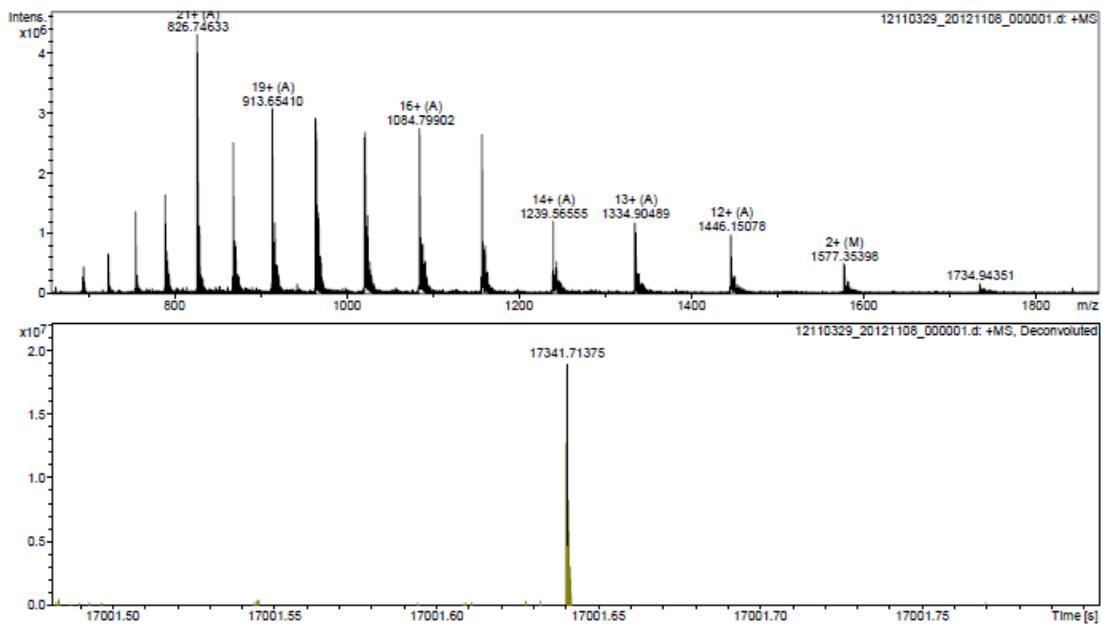
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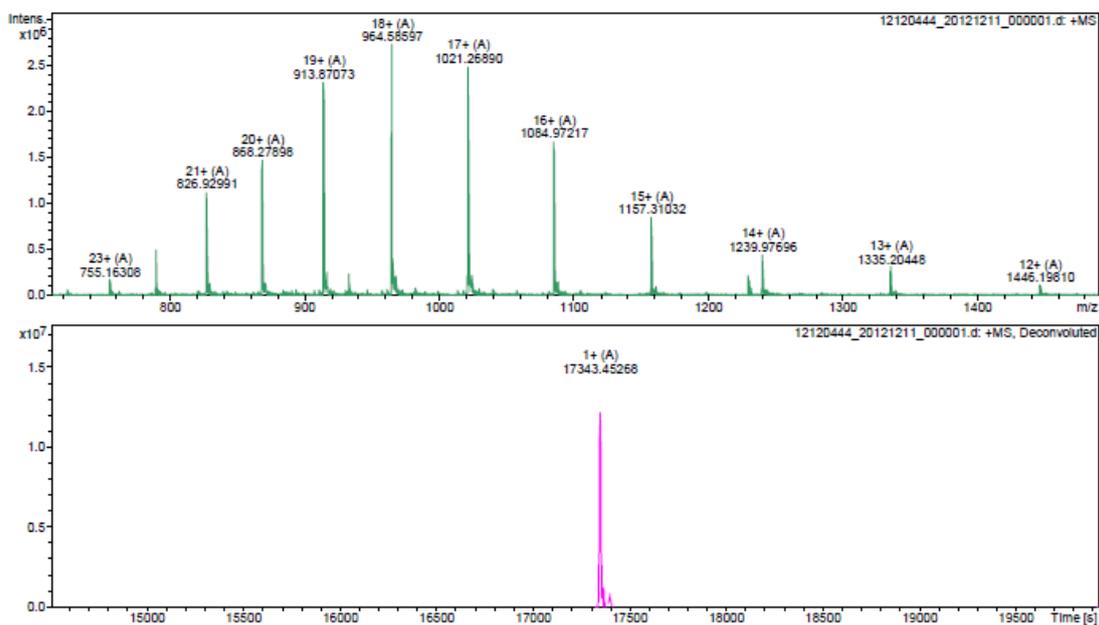
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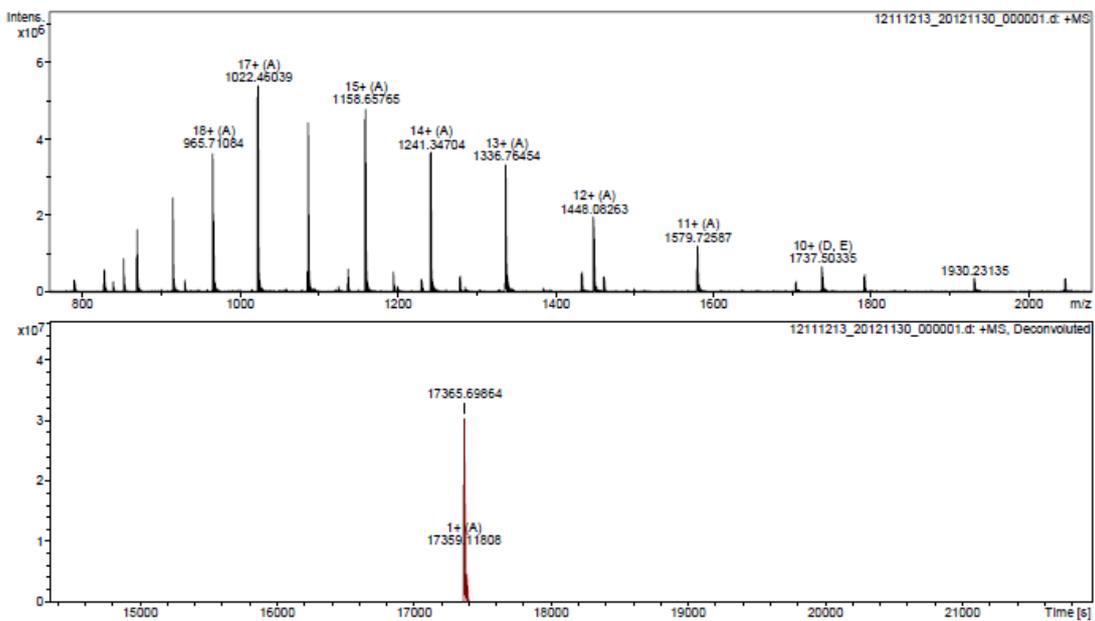
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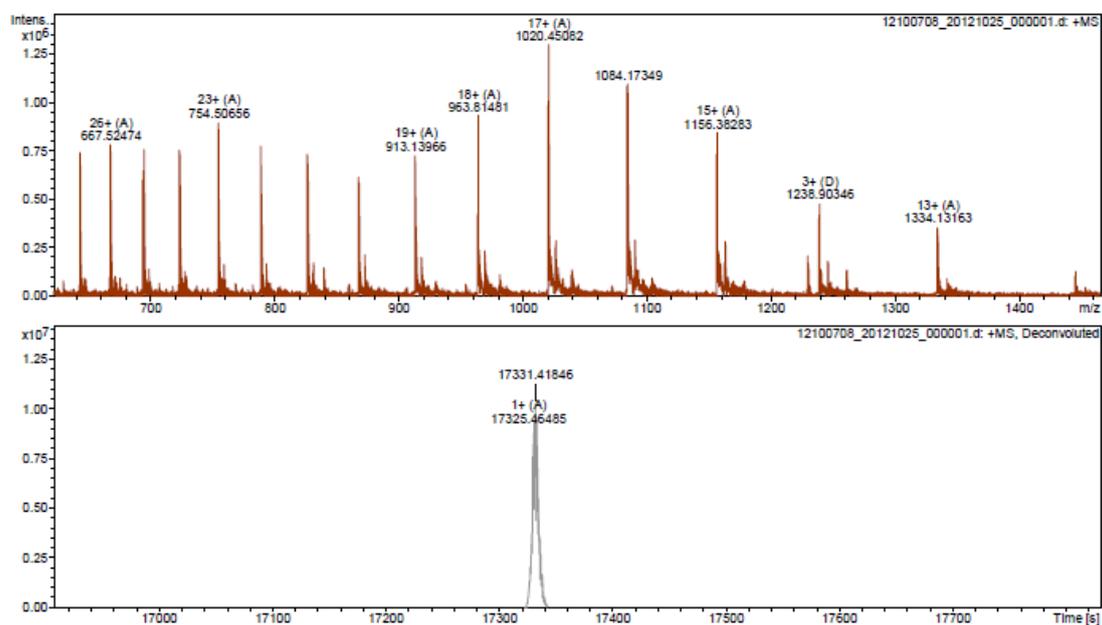
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