## Supporting Information

## 1. UV-visible

| Orbitals | Symmetry | Metal or Porphyrin |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| [ $\mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{x} 2-\mathrm{y} 2}$ | $\mathrm{b}_{1 \mathrm{~g}}$ | Metal |
| $\ldots \pi^{*}$ | $\mathrm{eg}^{*}$ | Porphyrin (LUMO) |
| $\pm-\mathrm{d}_{22}$ | $\mathrm{a}_{1 \mathrm{~g}}$ | Metal |
| $\rightarrow-\geq \mathrm{d}_{x z}, \mathrm{~d}_{\mathrm{yz}}$ | $\mathrm{eg}_{\mathrm{g}}$ | Metal |
| $\geq-\mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{xy}}$ | $\mathrm{b}_{2 \mathrm{~g}}$ | Metal |
| - ${ }^{-1}$ | $\mathrm{a}_{2 \mathrm{u}}$ | Porphyrin $]$ |
| $-14$ | $\mathrm{a}_{1 \mathrm{u}}$ | Porphyrin |

Figure SI-1. Energy levels of the frontier orbitals of manganese(III) metalloporphyrins.

## 2. Crystallography





Figure SI-2. Formal diagrams of the porphyrinato cores of $\left[\mathrm{Mn}^{\text {III }}(\mathrm{TPP})(\mathrm{OAc})\right]$ (a): first molecule in the asymmetric unit and (b): second molecule in the asymmetric unit. The displacement of each atom from the mean plane of the 24 -atom porphyrin macrocycle in given in unit of $0.01 \AA$.


Figure SI-3. Projection showing the parallel superposition of the vectors joining opposite nitrogen atoms of the two macrocycles of one dimer, (a): complex $\mathbf{1}$ and (b): complex $\mathbf{2}$.


Figure SI-4. Schematic representations of one dimer of the $\left[\mathrm{Mn}^{\mathrm{III}}(\mathrm{TPP})(\mathrm{OAc})\right]$ complex.

Table SI-1. Hydrogen bonds and Selected $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cg}$ intermolecular interactions for 1-2.
Complex $\quad \mathrm{D}^{\mathrm{a}} \cdots \mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{b}}[\AA] \quad \mathrm{D}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{A}$

## Complex 1

| C23-H23...O2 $2^{[\mathrm{i}]}$ | 3.308 (6) | 155 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C35-H35...O1 $1^{\text {[i] }}$ | 3.301 (5) | 135 |
| C41-H41...Cl3A ${ }^{[\text {[iii] }}$ | 3.614 (5) | 146 |
| $\mathrm{C} 41-\mathrm{H} 41 \ldots \mathrm{O} 2^{\text {[iii] }}$ | 3.252 (6) | 144 |
| C22-H22...Cg3 ${ }^{[\mathrm{iv}]}$ | 3.402 (4) | 119 |
| C24-H24...Cg4 ${ }^{[\mathrm{ij]}}$ | 3.437 (5) | 139 |
| C31-H31...Cg12 ${ }^{\text {[vi] }}$ | 3.600 (5) | 155 |
| C35-H35...Cg1 ${ }^{\text {[ii] }}$ | 3.692 (6) | 141 |
| C38-H38 ...Cg9 ${ }^{[\mathrm{v}]}$ | 3.828 (5) | 155 |
| C44-H44...Cg10 ${ }^{[\mathrm{iv]}}$ | 3.737 (4) | 151 |

## Complex 2

| $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H} 7 \ldots \mathrm{Cl} 4 \mathrm{~A}^{[\mathrm{ii]}}$ | $3.290(13)$ | 156 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 29-\mathrm{H} 29 \ldots 1^{[i i]}$ | $3.190(8)$ | 128 |
| $\mathrm{C} 34-\mathrm{H} 34 \ldots \mathrm{Cl} 4 \mathrm{~A}^{[\mathrm{iiii}]}$ | $3.497(14)$ | 144 |
| $\mathrm{C} 22-\mathrm{H} 22 \ldots \mathrm{Cg} 10^{[\text {iii] }]}$ | $3.742(8)$ | 144 |
| $\mathrm{C} 29-\mathrm{H} 29 \ldots \mathrm{Cg} 6^{[i i i]}$ | $3.617(7)$ | 126 |
| $\mathrm{C} 32-\mathrm{H} 32 \ldots \mathrm{Cg} 1^{[\mathrm{iv]}]}$ | $3.562(7)$ | 140 |

${ }^{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{D}=$ donor atom, ${ }^{\mathrm{b}} \mathrm{A}=$ acceptor atom.
Complex 1:
Cg 1 is the centroid of the $\mathrm{N} 1 / \mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 4$ five-member ring, Cg 3 is the centroid of the $\mathrm{N} 3 / \mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 11$ five-member ring. Cg 4 is the centroid of the $\mathrm{N} 4 / \mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 16$ five-member ring, Cg 9 is the centroid of the $\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{C} 26$ six-member ring. Cg 10 is the centroid of the C27-C32 six-member ring, Cg 12 is the centroid of the $\mathrm{C} 39-\mathrm{C} 44$ six-member ring. Symmetry codes : (i)-1+x,y,z; (ii) -x,1-y,1-z ; (iii) $-1 / 2+x, 1 / 2-y, 1 / 2+z$;(iv) $-x,-y,-z$; (v) $1 / 2-x, 1 / 2+y, 1 / 2-z$; (vi) $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y},-1+\mathrm{z}$.

## Complex 2:

Cg 1 is the centroid of the $\mathrm{N} 1 / \mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 4$ five-member ring, Cg 10 is the centroid of the $\mathrm{C} 27-\mathrm{C} 32$ six-member ring. Cg 11 is the centroid of the C21-C26 six-member ring.

Symmetry codes: (I) -x,1-y,1-z; (ii) x,y,z; (iii) 2-x,1-y,1-z ;(iv) 1-x,1-y,1-z.


Figure SI-5. Schematic representation of the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}^{\cdots} \mathrm{Cg}$ intermolecular interactions in complex $\mathbf{1}$ where Cg is the centroid of a phenyl ring of the TPP porphyrinate.


Figure SI-6. Schematic representation of the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}^{\cdots} \mathrm{Cg}$ intermolecular interactions in complex 1 where Cg is the centroid of apyrrole ring of the TBrPP porphyrinate.

