## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

## Manganese(II) Oxazolidine Nitroxide Chelates;

## Structure, Magnetism and Redox Properties

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Figure S1. Plot of $\chi_{\mathrm{M}} T$ vs T for $\mathbf{1}$ and best fit (red lines) with values shown inset.


Figure S2. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $\mathrm{g}=2.00$. Residual value capped at 3.9.


Figure S3. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $\mathrm{g}=2.00$. Residual value capped at 7.8.


Figure S4. Plot of $\chi_{\mathrm{M}} T$ vs T for $\mathbf{1}$ and best fit (red lines) with values shown inset.


Figure S5. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $\mathrm{g}=2.01$. Residual value capped at 3.9.


Figure S6. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $\mathrm{g}=2.01$. Residual value capped at 7.8.


Figure S7. Plot of $\chi_{\mathrm{M}} T$ vs T for $\mathbf{1}$ and best fit (red lines) with values shown inset.


Figure S8. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $\mathrm{g}=2.02$. Residual value capped at 3.9.


Figure S9. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $\mathrm{g}=2.02$. Residual value capped at 7.8.


Figure S10. Plot of $\chi_{M} T$ vs $T$ for $\mathbf{1}$ and best fit (red lines) with values shown inset.


Figure S11. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $\mathrm{g}=2.03$. Residual value capped at 3.9.


Figure S12. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $\mathrm{g}=2.03$. Residual value capped at 7.8.


Figure S13. Plot of $\chi_{\mathrm{M}} T$ vs $T$ for $\mathbf{1}$ and best fit (red lines) with values shown inset.


Figure S14. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $\mathrm{g}=2.04$. Residual value capped at 3.9.


Figure S15. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $\mathrm{g}=2.04$. Residual value capped at 7.8.


Figure S16. Plot of $\chi_{M} T$ vs $T$ for $\mathbf{1}$ and best fit (red lines) with values shown inset.


Figure S17. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $\mathrm{g}=2.05$. Residual value capped at 3.9.


Figure S18. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $\mathrm{g}=2.05$. Residual value capped at 7.8.


Figure S19. Plot of $\chi_{\mathrm{M}} T$ vs $T$ for 1 and best fit (red lines) with values shown inset.


Figure S20. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $\mathrm{g}=2.06$. Residual value capped at 3.9.


Figure S21. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $\mathrm{g}=2.06$. Residual value capped at 7.8.


Figure S22. Plot of $\chi_{\mathrm{M}} T$ vs T for $\mathbf{1}$ and best fit (red lines) with values shown inset.


Figure S23. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed
 value of g 2.07. Residual value capped at

##  $\mathrm{J}_{2}$

Figure S24. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $g=2.07$. Residual value capped at 7.8.


Figure S25. Plot of $\chi_{\mathrm{M}} T$ vs T for $\mathbf{1}$ and best fit (red lines) with values shown inset.


Figure S26. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $\mathrm{g}=2.08$. Residual value capped at 3.9.


Figure S27. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $\mathrm{g}=2.08$. Residual value capped at 7.8.


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Plot of vs T for best fit lines) values shown

Figure S29. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $\mathrm{g}=$ 2.09.


Residual value capped at 3.9.

Figure S30. Contour plot of $J_{1}$ vs $J_{2}$ in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for complex 1 with lowest residual in blue with a fixed value of $\mathrm{g}=2.09$. Residual value capped at 7.8.


Figure S31. Plot of $M(N \beta)$ vs field ( $0-50000 \mathrm{G}$ ) for $\mathbf{1}$ at (top), 3, 4, 5.5, 10 and 20 K (bottom) with $g$ fixed at 2.00 and $S=3 / 2$. The solid red lines represent fits of the experimental data with the parameters shown and in the text.


Figure S32. Plot of $M(N \beta)$ vs field $(0-50000 \mathrm{G})$ for $\mathbf{1}$ at (top), 3, 4, 5.5, 10 and 20 K (bottom) with $g$ fixed at 2.02 and $S=3 / 2$. The solid red lines represent fits of the experimental data with the parameters shown and in the text.


Figure S33. Plot of $M(N \beta)$ vs field $(0-50000 \mathrm{G})$ for $\mathbf{1}$ at (top), 3, 4, 5.5, 10 and 20 K (bottom) with g fixed at 2.04 and $S=3 / 2$. The solid red lines represent fits of the experimental data with the parameters shown and in the text.


Figure S34. Plot of $M(N \beta)$ vs field ( $0-50000 \mathrm{G}$ ) for $\mathbf{1}$ at (top), 3, 4, 5.5, 10 and 20 K (bottom) with $g$ fixed at 2.06 and $S=3 / 2$. The solid red lines represent fits of the experimental data with the parameters shown and in the text.


Figure S35. Plot of $M(N \beta)$ vs field $(0-50000 \mathrm{G})$ for $\mathbf{1}$ at (top), 3, 4, 5.5, 10 and 20 K (bottom) with $g$ fixed at 2.08 and $S=3 / 2$. The solid red lines represent fits of the experimental data with the parameters shown and in the text.


Figure S36. Plot of $M(N \beta)$ vs field ( $0-50000 \mathrm{G}$ ) for $\mathbf{1}$ at (top), 3, 4, 5.5, 10 and 20 K (bottom) with $g$ fixed at 2.10 and $S=3 / 2$. The solid red lines represent fits of the experimental data with the parameters shown and in the text.

Table S1 Summary of known mononuclear complexes containing a linear ( $\mathrm{L}^{\circ}$ ) - $\mathrm{Mn}^{\mathrm{II}}-\left(\mathrm{L}^{\circ}\right)$ arrangement and their magnetic data where $\mathrm{L}^{\bullet}=$ derivatives of Tempo, Proxyl and Iminoyl / Nitronyl nitroxides.

| Formula | Plateaux $\chi_{\mathrm{M}} T$ value $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{3} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~K}\right)^{\mathrm{a}}$ | $J_{1}\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)^{\mathrm{b}}$ | $J_{2}\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)^{\mathrm{b}}$ | g | References |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Mn}^{\text {II }}(\mathrm{hfac})_{2}(\text { tempo })_{2}$ | 1.79 | -79 | None | 1.95 | 1,2 |
| $\mathrm{Mn}^{\text {II }}(\mathrm{hfac})_{2}\left(\right.$ proxyl) ${ }_{2}$ | 1.91 | -105 | None | 2.02 | 1,2 |
| $\mathrm{Mn}^{\text {II }}$ (hfac) $2^{\text {NITPh }}$ | 1.90 | -90 | None | 2.06 | 3 |
| $\mathrm{Mn}^{\text {II }} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ (NIT2-py) ${ }_{2}$ | 1.84 | -79.0 | None | 1.998 | 4 |
| $\mathrm{Mn}^{\text {III }}(4 \mathrm{ImNNH})_{2}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 1.80 | -97.3 | None | 1.96 | 5 |
| $\mathrm{Mn}^{\text {II }}(4 \mathrm{ImNNH})_{2}(\mathrm{Cl})_{2}$ | 1.90 | -121.6 | None | 2.01 | 5 |
| $\mathrm{Mn}^{\text {II }}(4 \mathrm{ImNNH})_{2}(\mathrm{Br})_{2}$ | 1.80 | -108.4 | None | 1.95 | 5 |
| $\mathrm{Mn}^{\text {II }}(\mathrm{hfac})_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{1}{ }^{\bullet}\right)_{2}$ | 2.01 | -92.4 | None | 2.00 | 6 |
| $\mathrm{Mn}^{\text {II }}(\mathrm{hfac})_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{2}{ }^{\bullet}\right)_{2}$ | 2.01 | -102.2 | None | 2.00 | 6 |
| $\mathrm{Mn}^{\text {II }}(\mathrm{hfac})_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{3} \bullet\right)_{2}$ | N/A ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | -311 | 11.1 | $\begin{gathered} 2.0\left(\mathrm{~L}_{3}{ }^{\bullet}\right) \\ 2.14(\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{II})) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 7 |

Abbreviations: hfac, hexafluoroacetylacetonate; tempo, 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidinyl- 1-oxy; proxyl, 2,2,5,5-tetramethylpyrrolidinyl-l; NITPh, 2-phenyl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazolyl-l-oxy 3-oxide; NIT2-py, 2-(2-pyridyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazolyl-l-oxy 3 -oxide; $\quad 4 \mathrm{ImNNH}, \quad$ (2-(4-imidazolyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethylimidazolin-1-oxyl 3 oxide; $\mathrm{L}_{1}{ }^{\bullet}$, See Ref 6 (azobenzene tempo derivative); $\mathrm{L}_{2}{ }^{\bullet}$ See Ref 6 (azobenzene derivative); $\mathrm{L}_{3}{ }^{\bullet}, 1$-Iodo-3,5-bis( $4^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}, 5^{\prime}, 5^{\prime}$-tetramethyl-4', $5^{\prime}$-dihydro-1H-imidazole-1'-oxyl)benzene.
${ }^{\text {a }}$ The values have been converted to $\chi_{\mathrm{M}} T$ units $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{3} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~K}\right)$ and scaled to fit the appropriate spin Hamiltonian : $\hat{H}=-2 J_{1}\left(\hat{S}_{1} \hat{S}_{2}+\hat{S}_{2} \hat{S}_{3}\right)-2 J_{2}\left(\hat{S}_{1} \hat{S}_{3}\right)$ for a clearer comparison.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ These values corresponding to fits obtained using the spin Hamiltonian form as above.
${ }^{\mathrm{c}}$ The ( $\mathrm{L}^{*}$ ) - $\mathrm{Mn}^{\mathrm{II}}-\left(\mathrm{L}^{\prime}\right)$ moiety has an additional two non-interacting iminoylnitroxide radicals and one non interacting $\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{II})$ ion. The plateaux value in this case is $7.9 \mathrm{~cm}^{3} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~K}$ but has been omitted from the table as it was not a direct comparison.
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