## **Crystal Structures and Stability of Two Bipyridyl Complexes of Metal Chloroacetates**

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The complexes Mn(Cl<sub>3</sub>CCOO)<sub>2</sub>(4,4'-bpy) (1) and [Cu<sub>2</sub>(ClCH<sub>2</sub>COO)(2,2'-bpy)<sub>2</sub>(OH)(H<sub>2</sub>O)]-(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (2) (bpy = bipyridine) were generated under mild reaction conditions and characterized by IR spectra, thermogravimetric analysis (TGA), X-ray powder diffraction (XRD), and single crystal X-ray diffraction. Compound 1 exhibits a two-dimensional network with octahedrally coordinated Mn(II) atoms linked by 4,4'-bpy ligands and Cl<sub>3</sub>COO<sup>-</sup> ligands. Compound 2 features a supramolecular structure of binuclear complexes, with edge-sharing five-coordinated square-pyramidal units bridged by the ClCH<sub>2</sub>COO<sup>-</sup> ligand, an OH<sup>-</sup> group and a water molecule. Complex 1 crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group *Pbcn* with cell parameters: a = 16.5390(17), b = 11.6396(17), c = 9.9181(12) Å, V = 1909.3(4) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 4, wR2 = 0.1576. Complex 2 crystallizes in the triclinic space group *P*I with cell parameters: a = 7.6190(15), b = 11.151(2), c = 16.640(3) Å,  $\alpha = 73.13(3)$ ,  $\beta = 80.89(3)$ ,  $\gamma = 74.51(3)^{\circ}$ , V = 1298.73(4) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 2, wR2 = 0.1265.

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