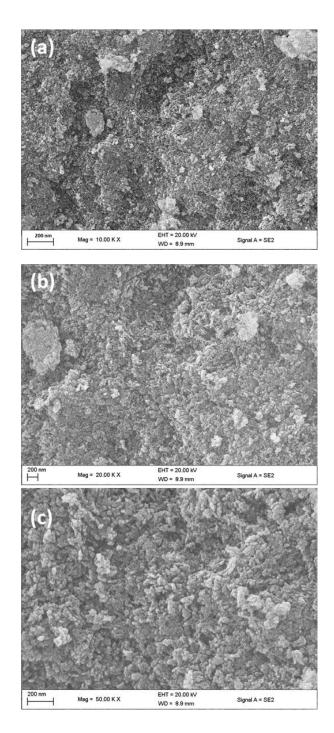
## Highly selective pH dependent ozonation of cyclohexane over $Mn/\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalysts at ambient reaction conditions

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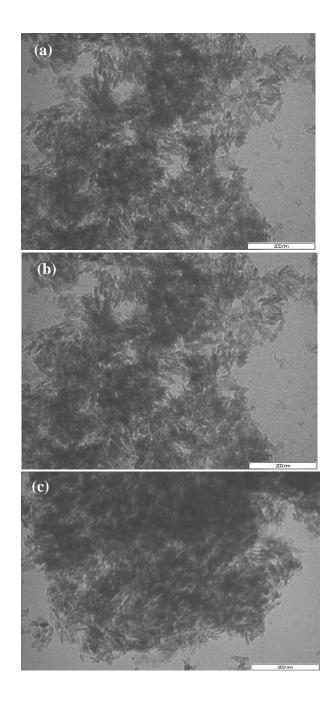
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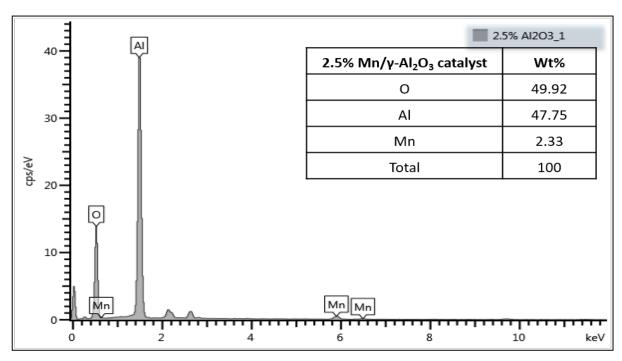
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**Figure S1**. SEM images of (a) 10% Mn/ $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, (b) 12.5% Mn/ $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and (c) 15% Mn/ $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalysts.



**Figure S2**. TEM images of **(a)** 10% Mn/ $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, **(b)** 12.5% Mn/ $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and **(c)** 15% Mn/ $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalysts.



**Figure S3** (a). SEM-EDX image for 2.5% Mn/ $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst.

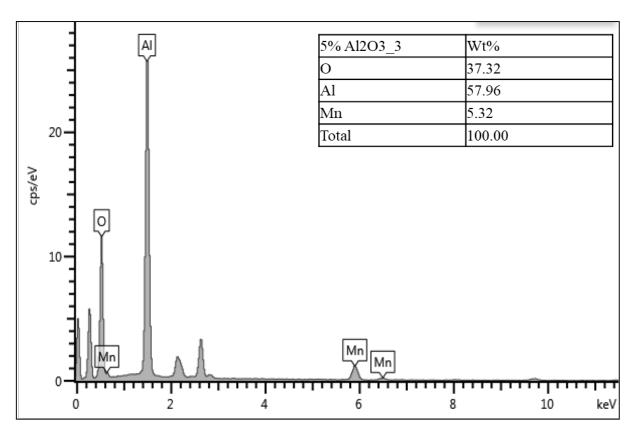
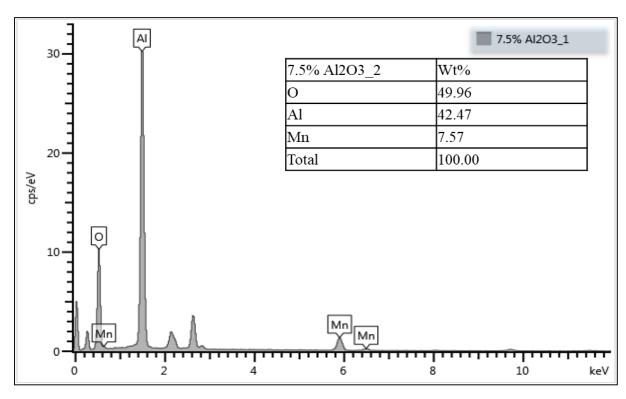
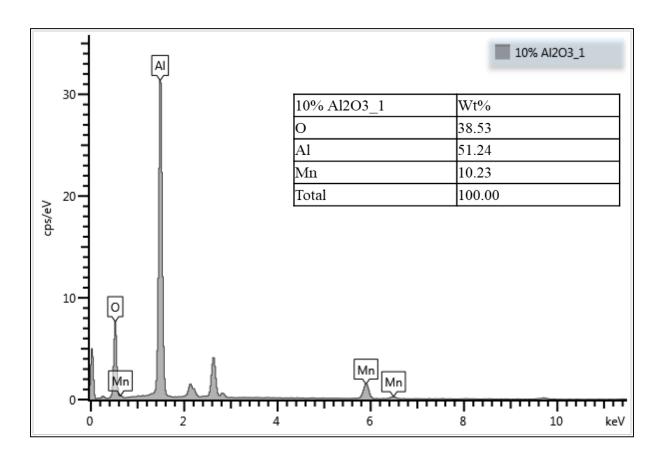


Figure S3 (b). SEM-EDX image for 5 % Mn/ $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst.



**Figure S3 (c).** SEM-EDX image for 7.5 % Mn/ $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst.



**Figure S3 (d).** SEM-EDX image for 10 %  $Mn/\gamma$ - $Al_2O_3$  catalyst.

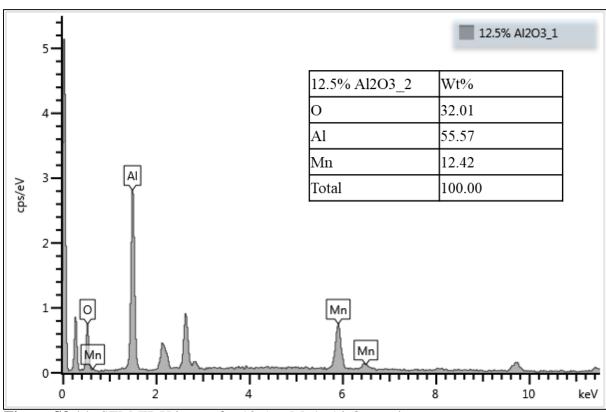


Figure S3 (e). SEM-EDX image for 12.5 % Mn/γ-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst.

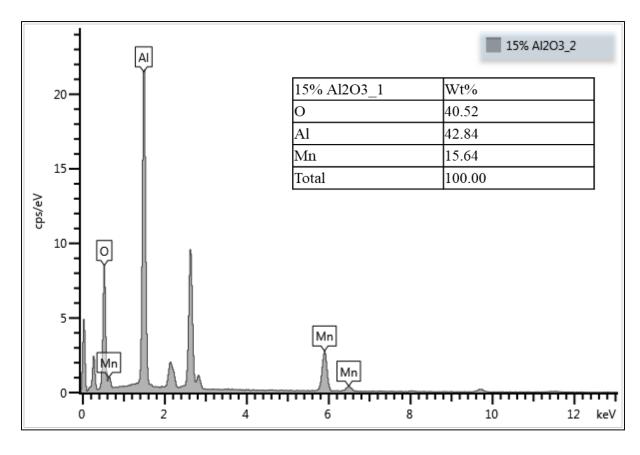


Figure S3 (f). SEM-EDX image for 15% Mn/ $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst.

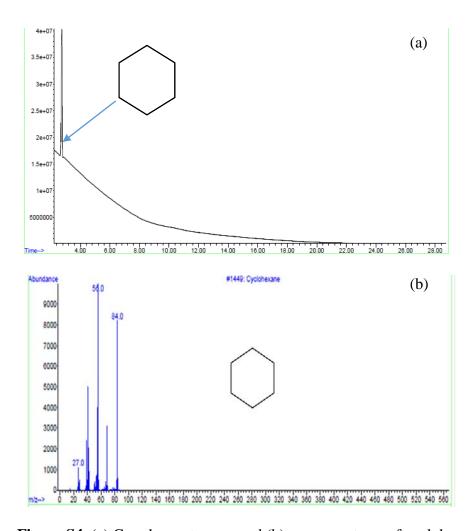
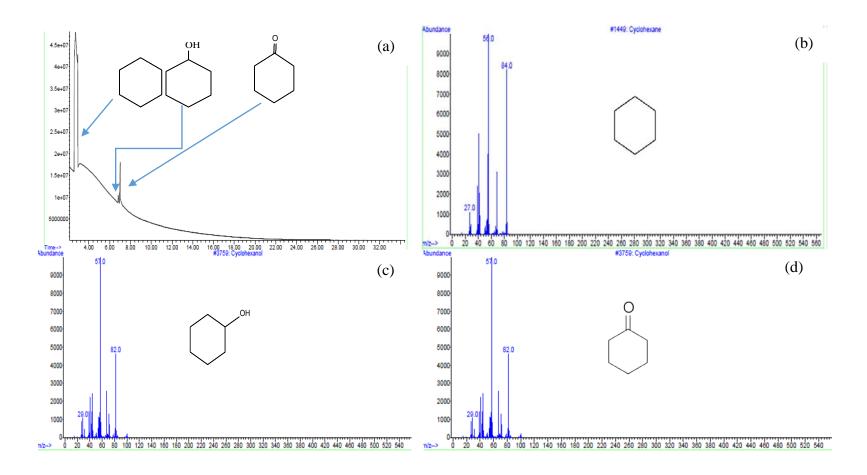
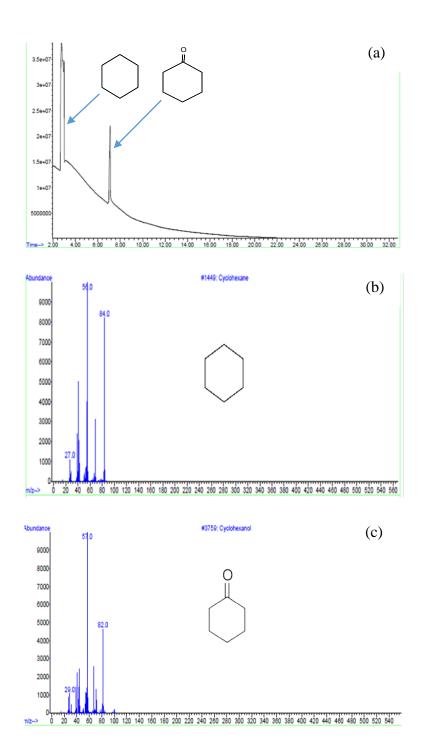


Figure S4. (a) Gas chromatogram and (b) mass spectrum of cyclohexane before ozonation.



**Figure S5.** (a) Gas chromatogram and mass spectra of (b) cyclohexane (c) cyclohexanol and (d) cyclohedanone after 30 minutes of ozonation using 2.5% Mn/ $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst at pH 3.



**Figure S6.** (a) Gas chromatogram and mass spectra of (b) cyclohexane and (c) cyclohexanone after 1 hour of ozonation using 2.5% Mn/ $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst at pH 3.