

**The catalytic behaviour of different sizes of dendrimer encapsulated Au_n nanoparticles in the
oxidative degradation of morin with H₂O₂**

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Supplementary information

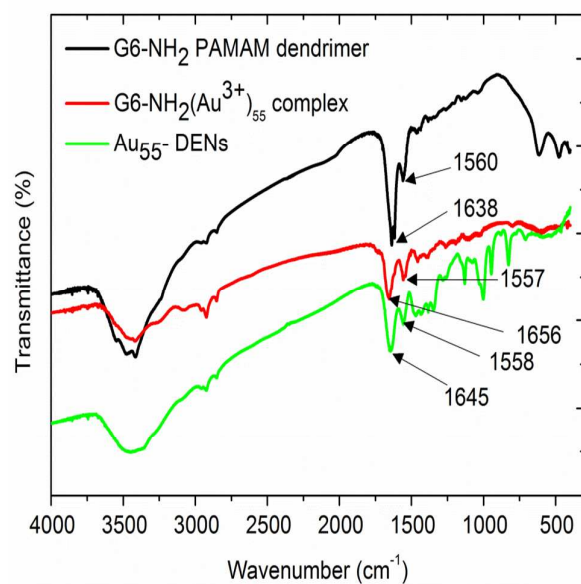


Figure S1: FTIR spectra of G6-NH₂ PAMAM dendrimer (80 μ M), G6-NH₂(Au³⁺)₅₅ complex and Au₅₅-DENs.

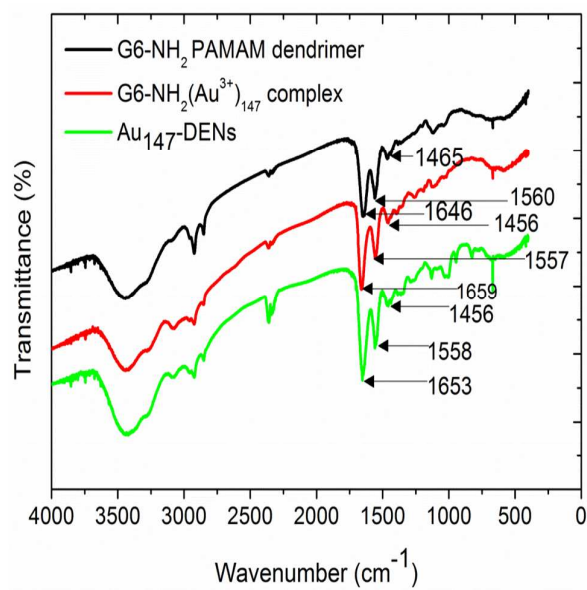


Figure S2: FTIR spectra of G6-NH₂ PAMAM dendrimer (80 μ M), G6-NH₂(Au³⁺)₁₄₇ complex and Au₁₄₇-DENs.

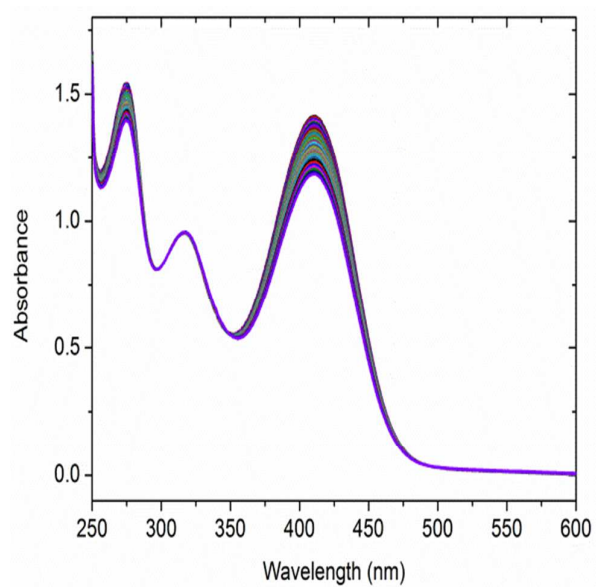


Figure S3: Time-based UV-vis spectra of morin solution (0.1 mM) with H_2O_2 (10 mM) in a carbonate buffer solution (50 mM) at pH 10 and 298 K for the catalytic oxidation of morin in the absence of a catalyst (spectrum taken every 10 minutes).

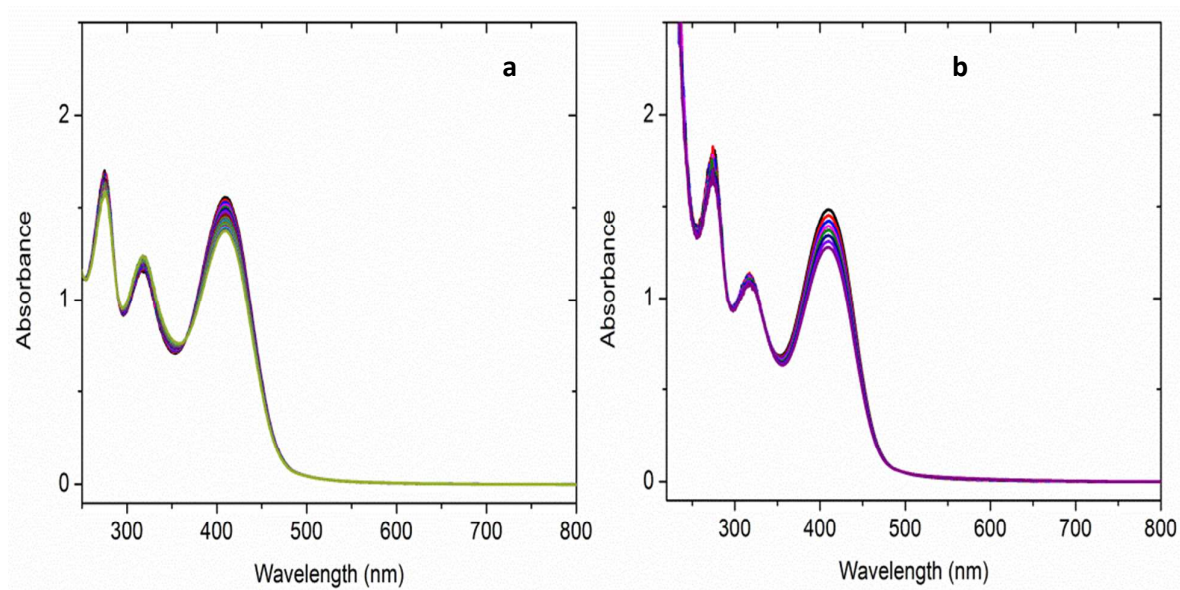


Figure S4: Oxidation of morin with H_2O_2 in the presence of a) aqueous dendrimer solution and b) the presence of Au-dendrimer complex. [morin]: 0.1 mM, Each spectrum was taken after 10 minutes.

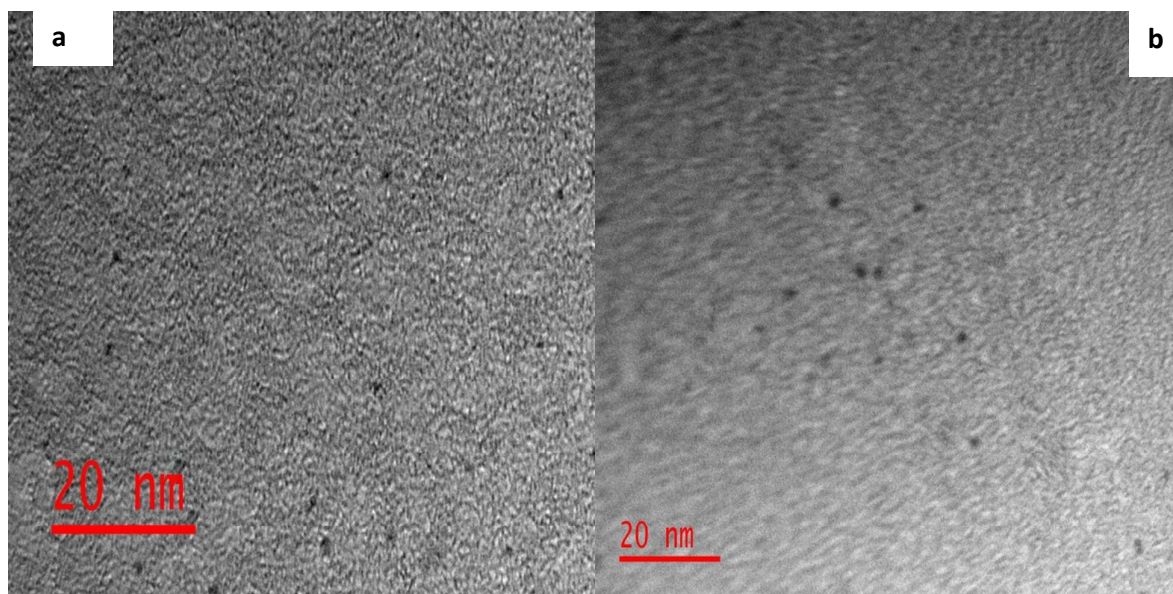


Figure S5: HRTEM images of the reaction products for the catalyzed oxidation of morin by H_2O_2 a) Au_{55} -DENs and b) Au_{147} -DENs

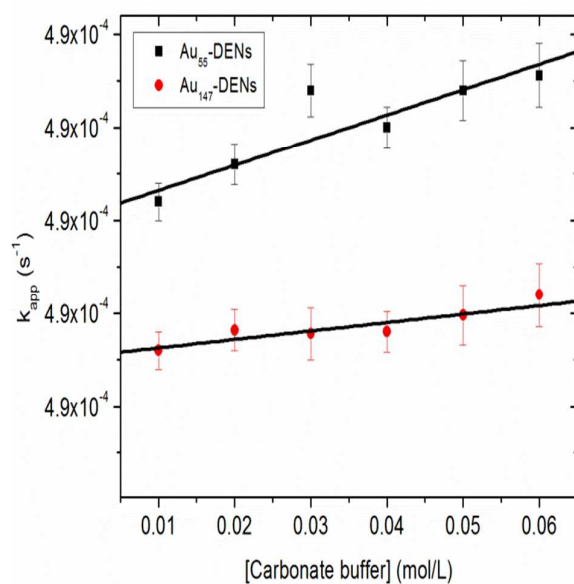


Figure S6: The effect of carbonate concentration in the apparent rate constant, k_{app} , during morin oxidation in the presence of H_2O_2 and Au_{55} - and Au_{147} -DENs catalyst. [morin]: 0.15 mM, $[\text{H}_2\text{O}_2]$: 5 mM, $[\text{Au}_{55}$ -DENs]: 0.81 m^2/L , $[\text{Au}_{147}$ -DENs]: 0.91 m^2/L

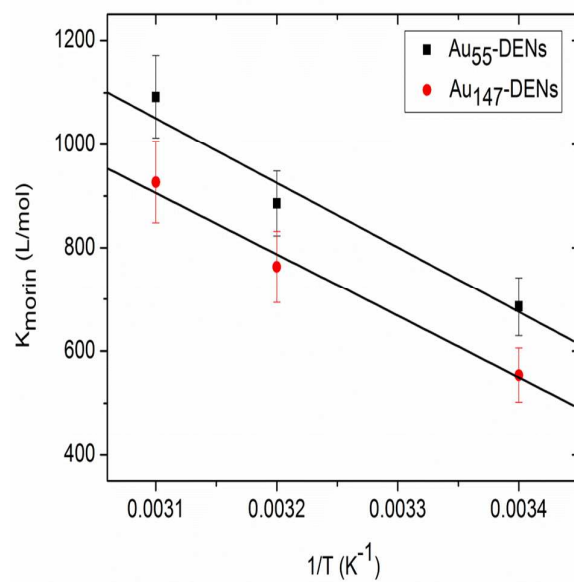


Figure S7: Plots for illustration of the dependency of adsorption constant of morin on temperature for $\text{Au}_{55}\text{-DENs}$ and $\text{Au}_{147}\text{-DENs}$ catalyst.

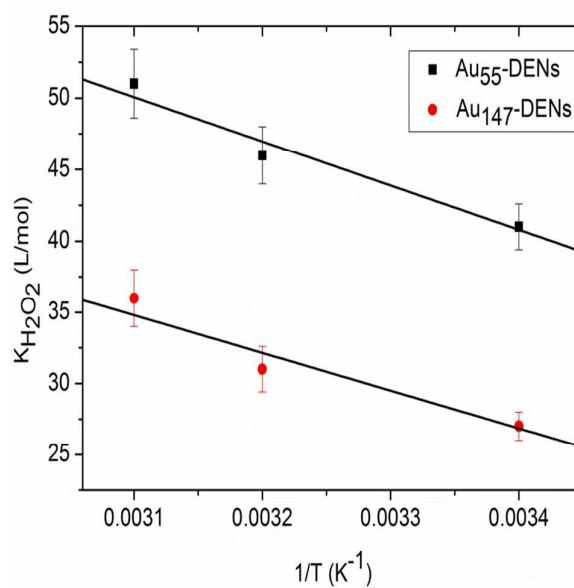


Figure S8: Plots for illustration of the dependency of adsorption constant of H_2O_2 on temperature for $\text{Au}_{55}\text{-DENs}$ and $\text{Au}_{147}\text{-DENs}$ catalyst.

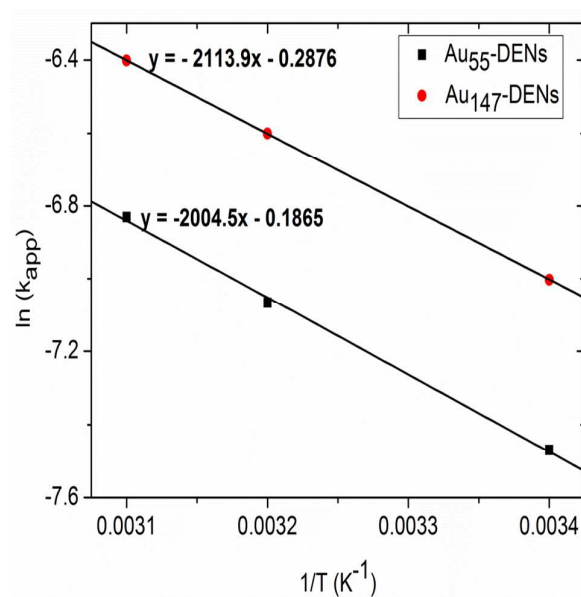


Figure S9: Arrhenius plots from which activation energies for k_{app} for Au₅₅-DENs and Au₁₄₇-DENs catalysts were calculated from.

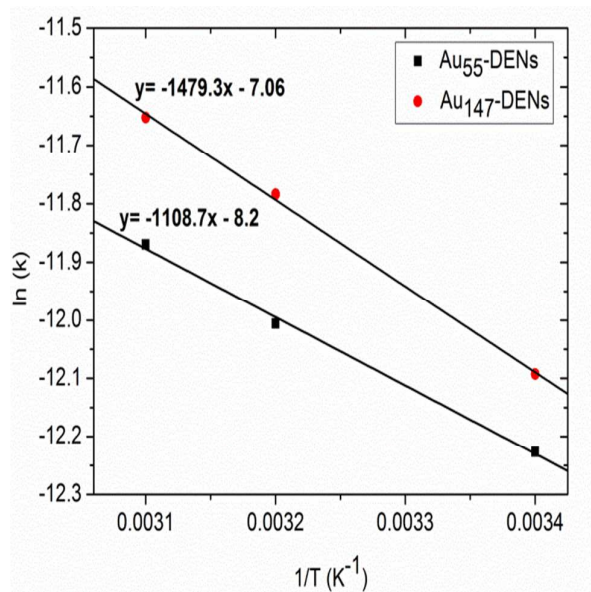


Figure S10: Arrhenius plots from which activation energies for surface rate, k , were calculated for both Au₅₅-DENs and Au₁₄₇-DENs catalysts.

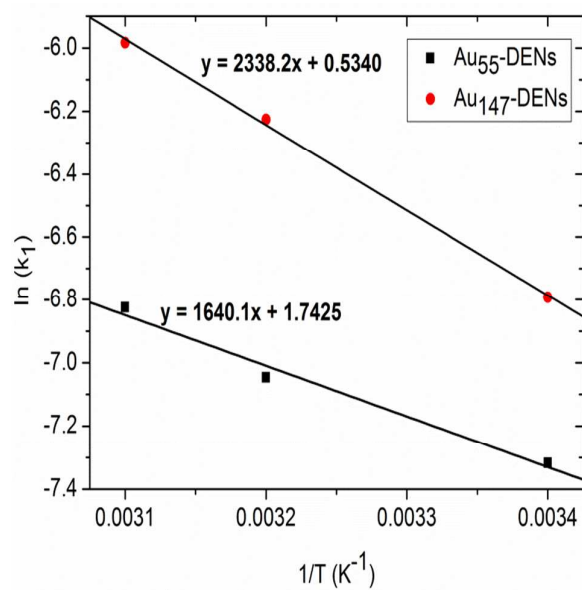


Figure S11: Arrhenius plots and equations from which activation energies for normalized rate constant, k_1 , were calculated for both Au_{55} -DENs and Au_{147} -DENs catalysts.

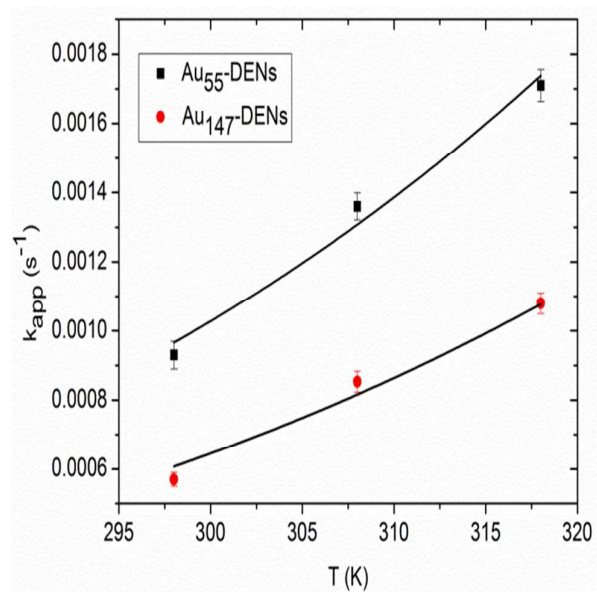


Figure S12: Eyring plots from which ΔH^\ddagger , ΔS^\ddagger , ΔG^\ddagger for k_{app} were calculated from.

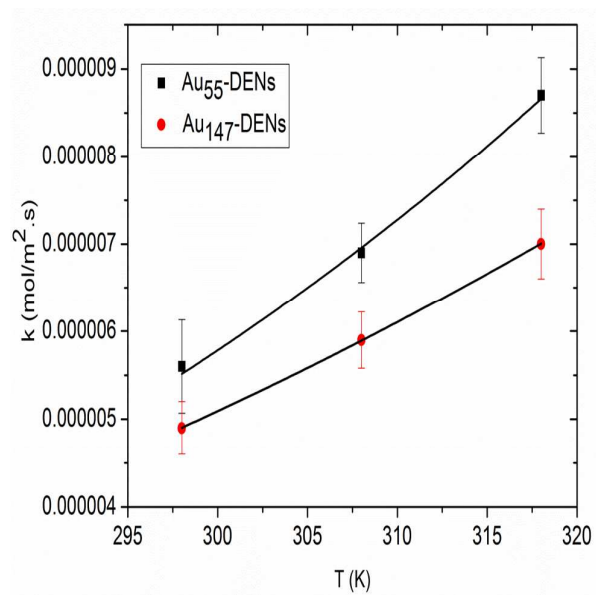


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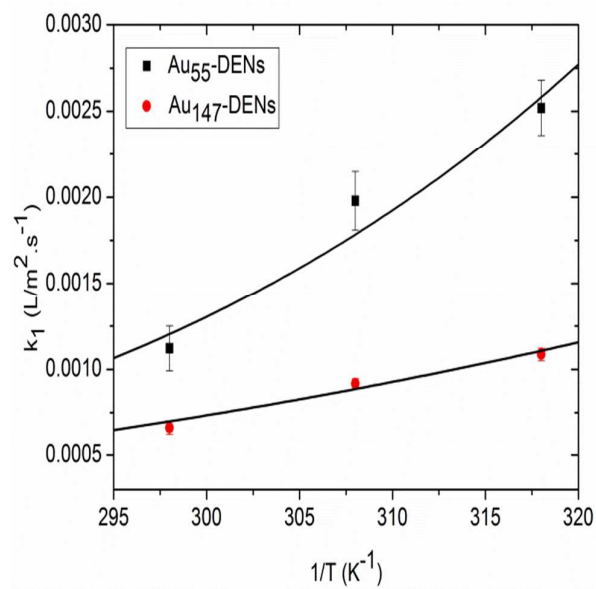


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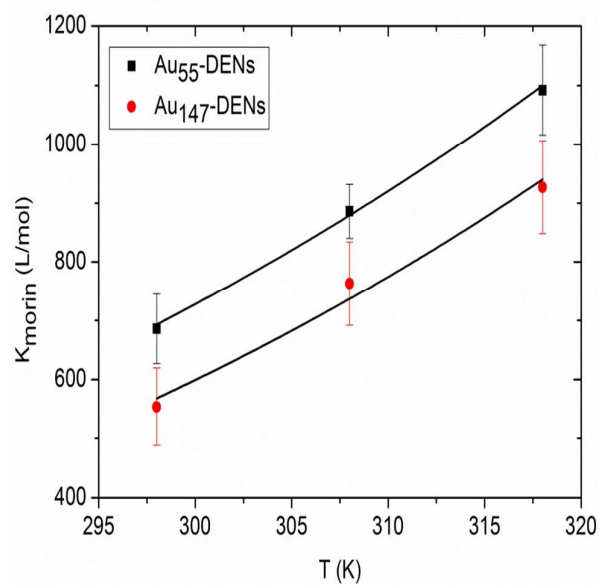


Figure S15: Eyring plots from which ΔH^\ddagger , ΔS^\ddagger , ΔG^\ddagger for adsorption constant of morin, K_{morin} , were calculated from.

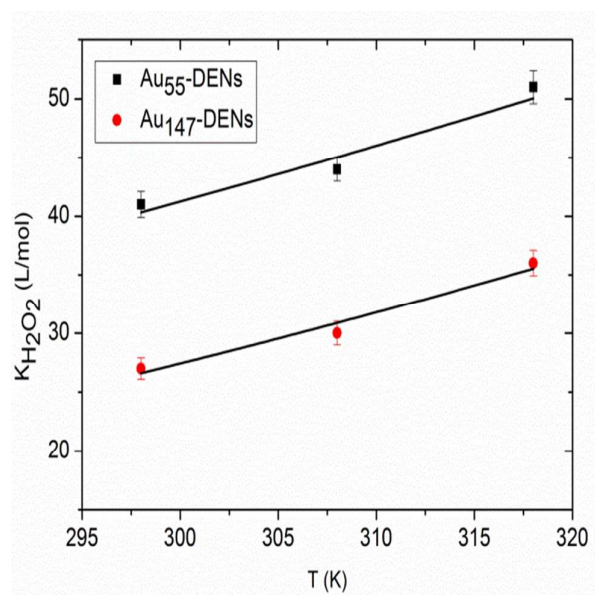


Figure S16: Eyring plots from which ΔH^\ddagger , ΔS^\ddagger , ΔG^\ddagger for adsorption constant of H_2O_2 , $K_{\text{H}_2\text{O}_2}$, were calculated from.