

Supporting Information

Kinetic and theoretical comprehension of diverse rate laws and reactivity gaps in *Coriolus hirsutus* laccase-catalyzed oxidation of acido and cyclometalated Ru^{II} complexes

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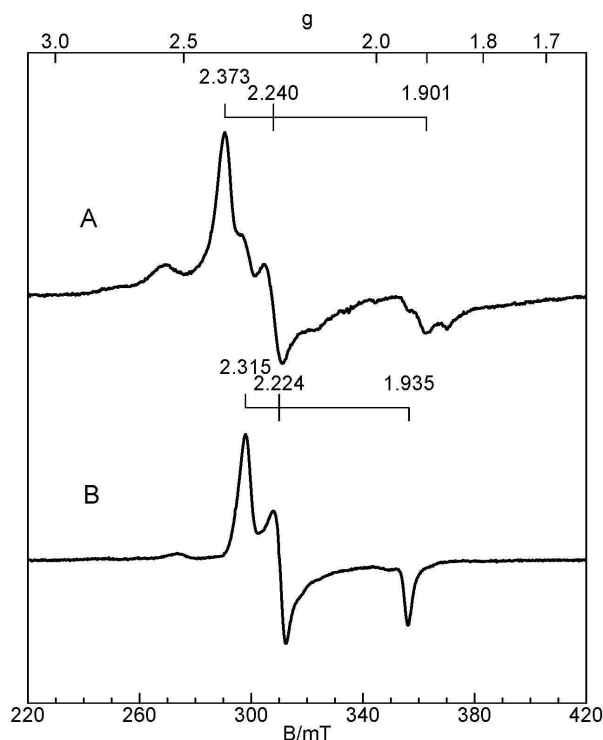


Figure 1S. (A) EPR spectrum of the reaction mixture obtained after reaction of complex **2a** (0.5 mM) with laccase (7.4×10^{-8} M) in 0.01 M phosphate buffer containing 10% methanol indicating generating of a major Ru^{III} species with g values 1.901, 2.240, and 2.373. There is a minor product with g values 1.935, 2.224, and 2.315. (B) EPR spectrum of the minor product obtained by irradiating of **2a** in MeOH for 10 min followed by dissolving the solution in 0.01 M phosphate buffer. The irradiation leads to the dissociation of both MeCN ligands of **2a** suggesting the minor product in (A) to be $[\text{Ru}^{\text{III}}(o\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-2-py})(\text{phen})(\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{OH})_2]^{\text{n}+}$, the major product being $[\text{Ru}^{\text{III}}(o\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-2-py})(\text{phen})(\text{MeCN})_2]^{2+}$. The presence of tiny amount of $[\text{Ru}^{\text{III}}(o\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-2-py})(\text{phen})(\text{MeCN})(\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{OH})]^{\text{n}+}$ cannot be excluded.

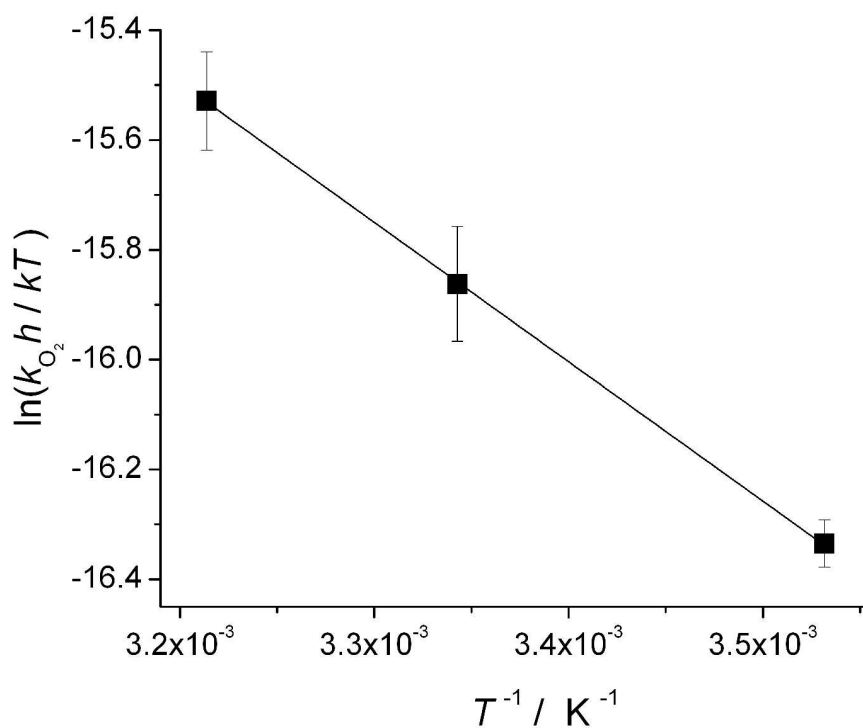


Figure 2S. Determination of the activation entropy and enthalpy for the reaction between reduced laccase and dioxygen by a secondary plot of $\ln(k_{\text{O}_2} h / kT)$ versus T^{-1} . The second order rate constants at three temperatures for the reaction between reduced laccase and dioxygen, k_{O_2} , were derived from the slopes in Figure 5; k is Boltzmann constant and h is Planck's constant.

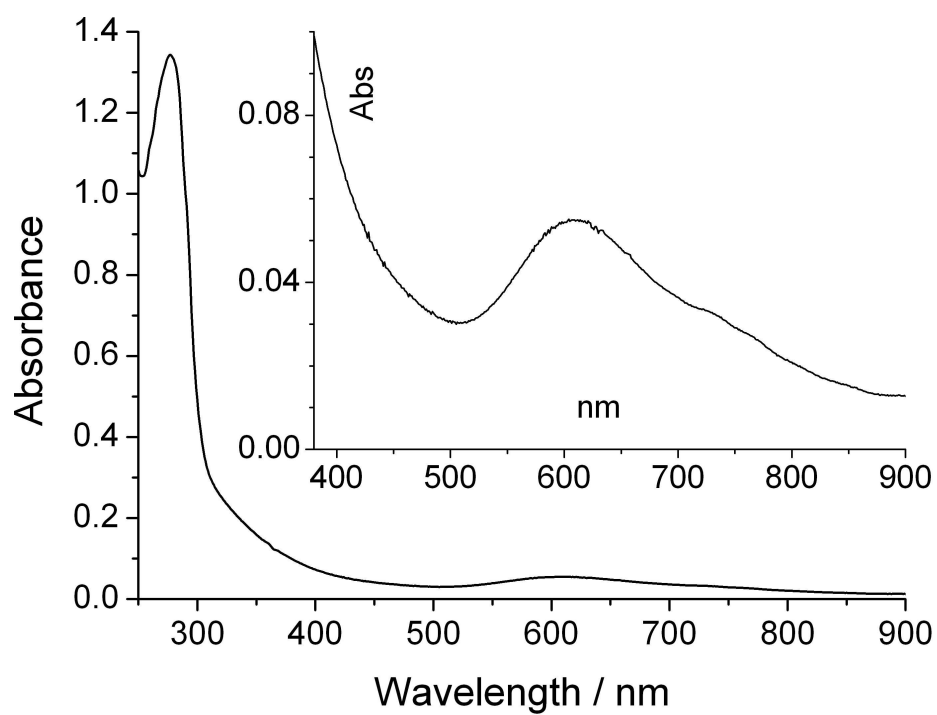


Figure 3S. UV-Vis spectrum of *C. hirsutus* laccase at pH 6.2. The stock solution of laccase was diluted 40 times in a buffer containing 50 mM citrate, 50 mM sodium phosphate and 50 mM boric acid adjusted to pH 6.2 with NaOH.