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## The mechanism of oxidation in chromophore maturation of wild-type green fluorescent protein: a theoretical study

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Figure S1. Optimized geometries of the reactant, transition state and product of the model system in the step of deprotonation of the Tyr66  $\alpha$ -carbon.



Figure S2. The potential energy profile of the model system in the step of deprotonation of the Tyr66  $\alpha$ -carbon. Digits in black are the energies of the B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,2p) level with zero-point correction, digits in red are the energies of cpcm ( $\epsilon$ =4).



(a)



Figure S3. Optimized geometries of the reactant, transition state and product of large protein system by ONIOM-ME (a) and ONIOM-EE (b) respectively in the step of deprotonation of the Tyr66  $\alpha$ -carbon. For the sake of clarity, some atoms are omitted.



Figure S4. Potential energy profile of large protein system in the step of deprotonation of the Tyr66  $\alpha$ -carbon, energies of ONIOM(b3lyp/6-31G(d,p):Amber) corresponding to geometries optimized by mechanical embedding and electronic embedding respectively.