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Supporting Information For

**A cerium-based metal-organic framework having inherent oxidase-like activity
applicable for colorimetric sensing of biothiols and aerobic oxidation of thiols**

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Table S1. Refined unit cell parameters for as-synthesized **1** and isostructural Zr(IV)-based compound having cubic unit cells.

Compound	a (Å)	V (Å ³)
as-synthesized 1	23.111(6)	12343.6(54)
[Zr ₆ O ₄ (OH) ₄ (DMTDC) ₆].4.8DMF.10H ₂ O ^[1]	23.0917(6)	12313.1(3)
Zr-DMTDC ^[2]	23.12	12358.43

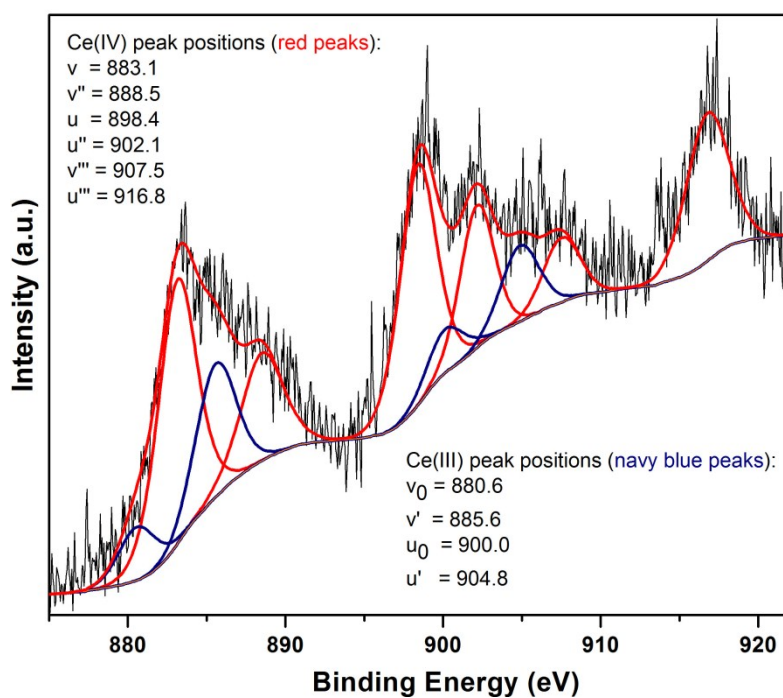


Figure S1. XPS spectrum of the as-synthesized form of **1** (Ce 3d core level).

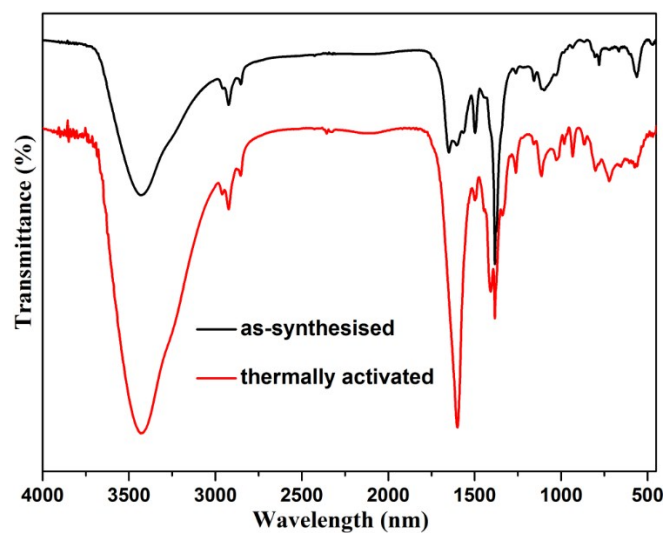


Figure S2. FT-IR spectra of the as-synthesized (black) and thermally activated (red) forms of **1**.

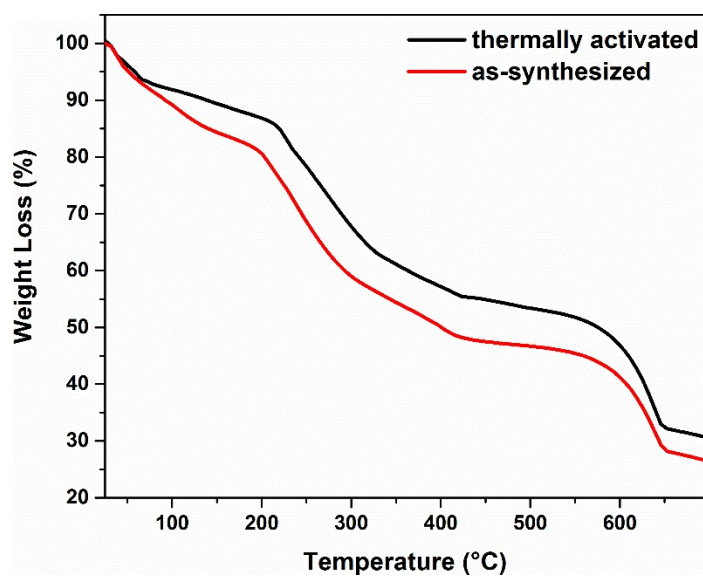


Figure S3. TG curves of as-synthesized (red) and thermally activated (black) forms of **1** measured under air atmosphere in the range 25-700 °C at a heating rate of 5 °C min⁻¹.

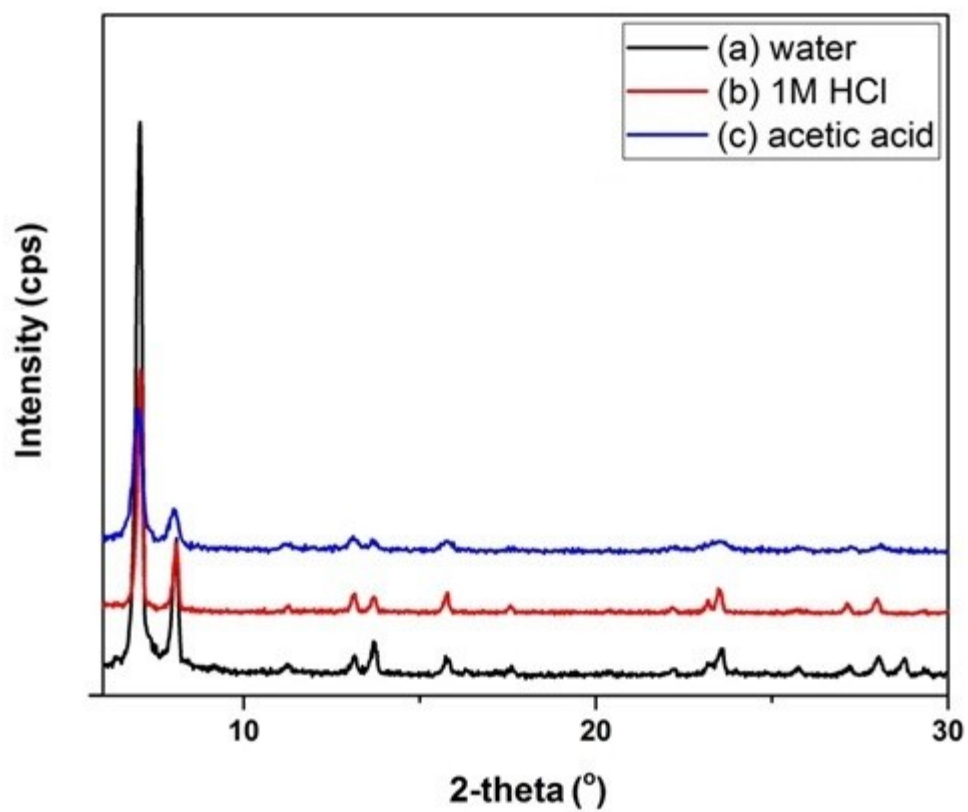


Figure S4. XRPD patterns of **1'** after treatment with (a) water, (b) 1M HCl and (c) acetic acid.

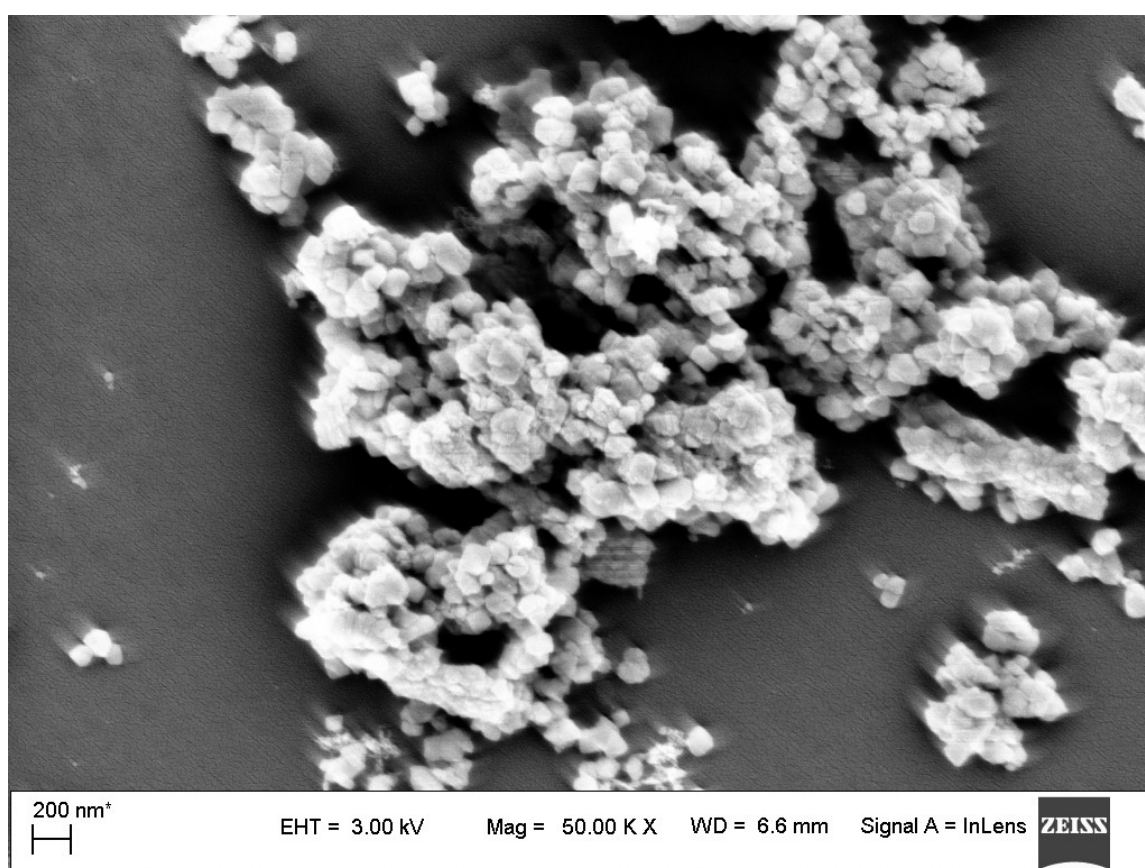
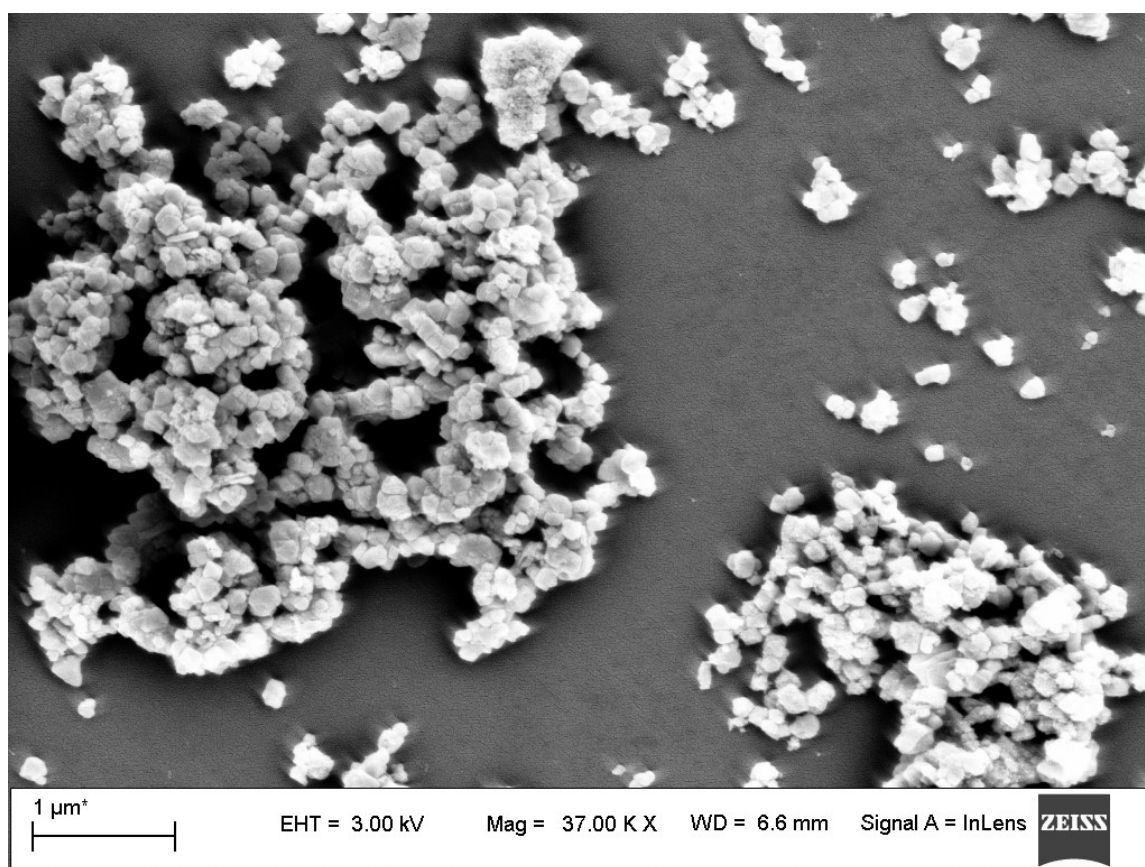


Figure S5. FE-SEM images of activated 1'.

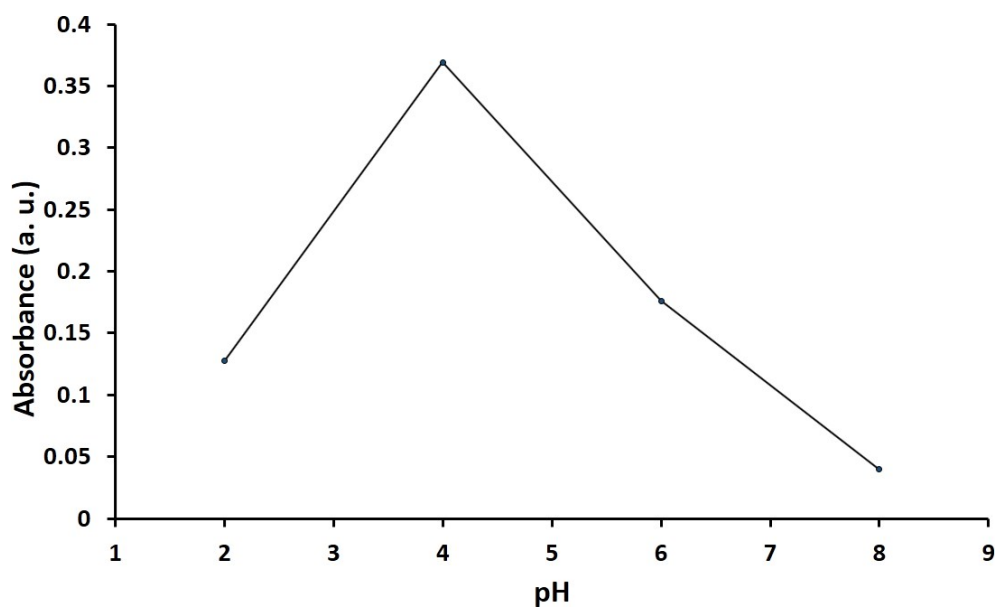


Figure S6. Effect of pH on the oxidase-like catalytic activity of **1'** towards TMB.

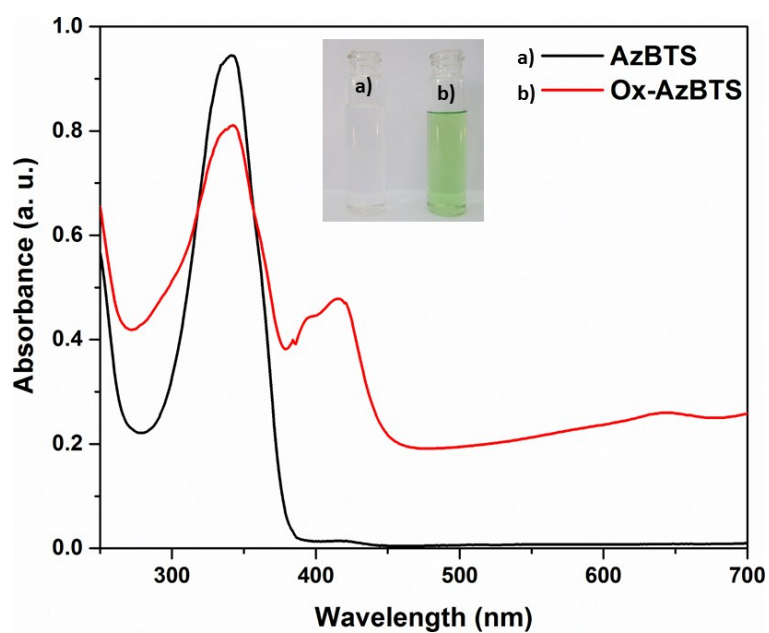


Figure S7. UV-vis absorption spectra of AzBTS in the absence (black) and presence (red) of **1'**. Inset: digital photographs of vials containing AzBTS in the absence (a) and presence (b) of **1'**.

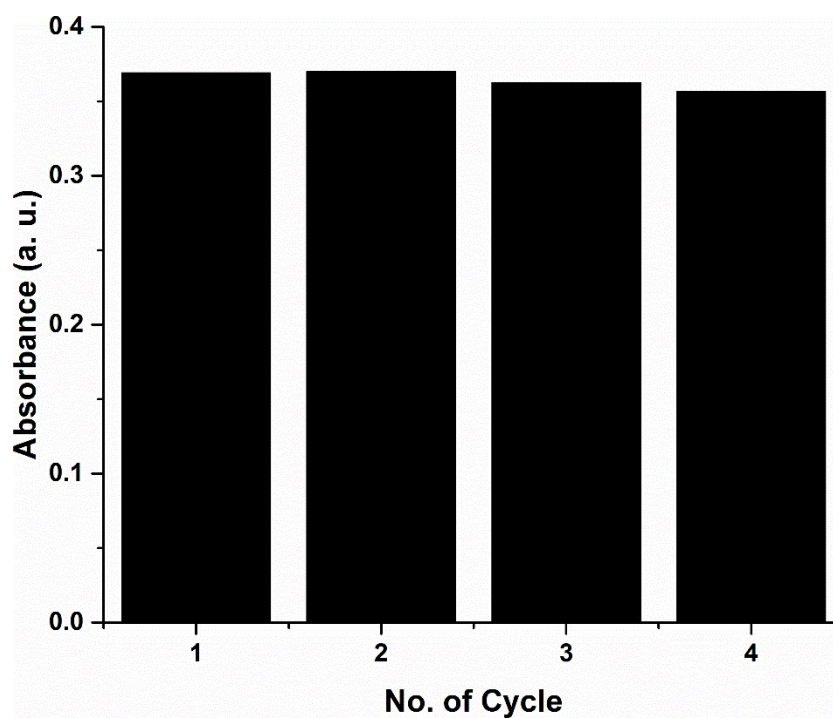


Figure S8. Recyclability of the oxidase-like catalytic activity of **1'** towards TMB.

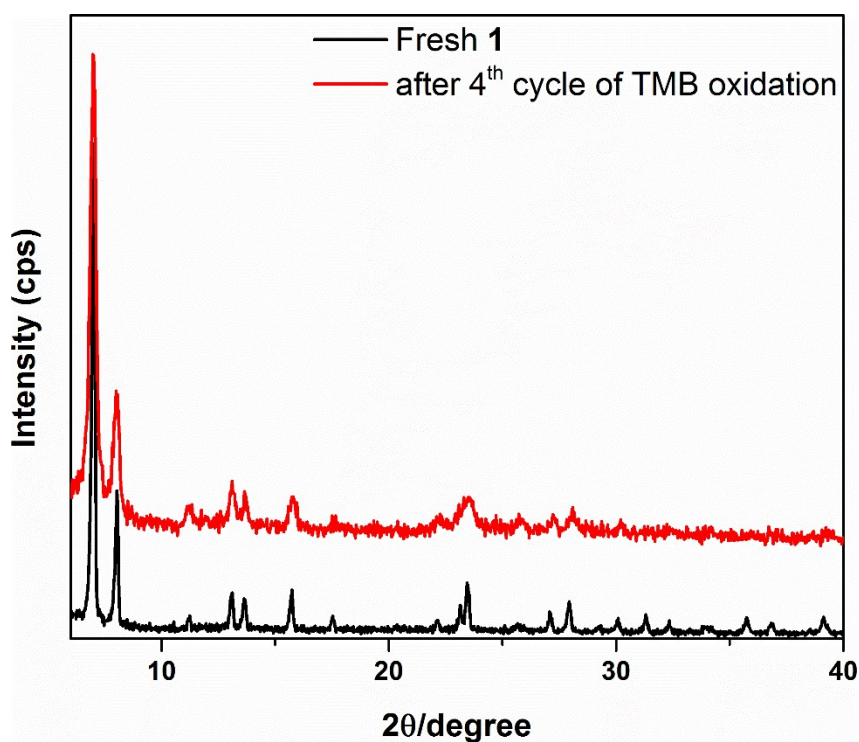


Figure S9. XRPD patterns of **1'** before and after oxidase-like catalytic activity towards TMB.

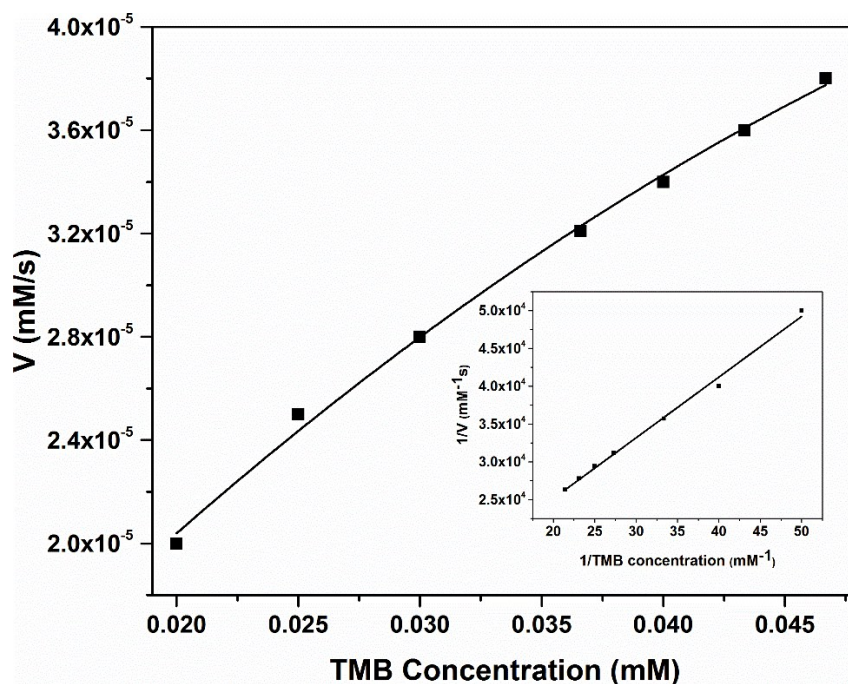


Figure S10. Steady-state kinetic assay of **1'** with TMB at pH = 4. Inset: Lineweaver–Burk plot of the double reciprocal of the Michaelis–Menten equation.

Table S2. Comparison of the kinetic parameters of different nano-enzymes that mimic peroxidase/oxidase at pH = 4.

Sl. No.	Nano-enzyme	K_m (mM)	$V_{\max}$ (M s^{-1})	Ref.
1.	Ce-DMTDC (1')	0.088	0.11×10^{-6}	This work
2.	HRP	0.43	10.0×10^{-8}	[3]
3.	isPNC (nanoceria)	3.8	0.7×10^{-6}	[4]
4.	swPNC (nanoceria)	1.9	0.6×10^{-6}	
5.	isDNC (nanoceria)	1.8	0.5×10^{-6}	
6.	swDNC (nanoceria)	0.8	0.3×10^{-6}	
7.	MIL-53(Fe)	1.08	8.78×10^{-8}	[5]
8.	JFSNs	3.05	4.16×10^{-6}	[6]
9.	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}$	0.38	73.99×10^{-8}	[7]
10.	Ce-MOF (MVCM)	0.37	5.5×10^{-6}	[8]
11.	CuNPs@C	1.65	12.05×10^{-8}	[9]
12.	Fe-MIL-88NH ₂	0.284	10.47×10^{-8}	[10]
13.	hemin@MIL-53(Al)-	0.068	6.07×10^{-8}	[11]

	NH ₂			
14.	MIL-53(Fe) by MW	0.28	4.48×10^{-8}	[12]
15.	Fe-MIL-101-FA	0.164	1.55×10^{-8}	[13]

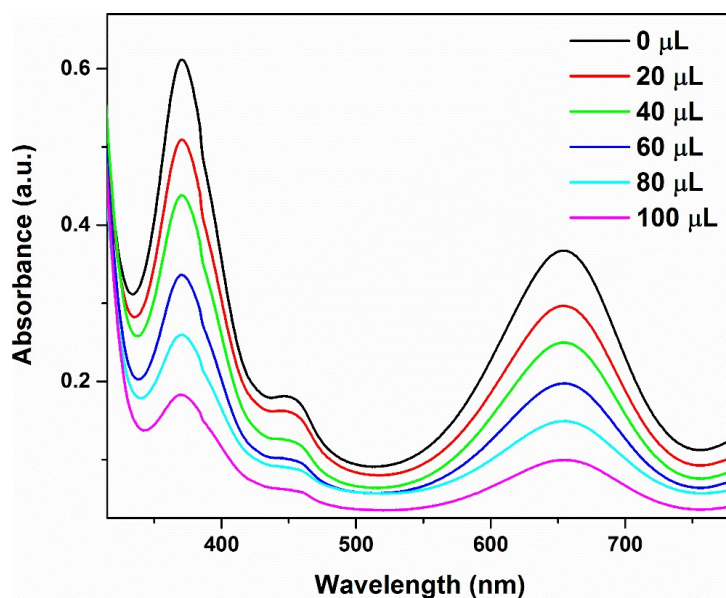


Figure S11. Absorbance spectra of ox-TMB in presence of glutathione at varying concentration.

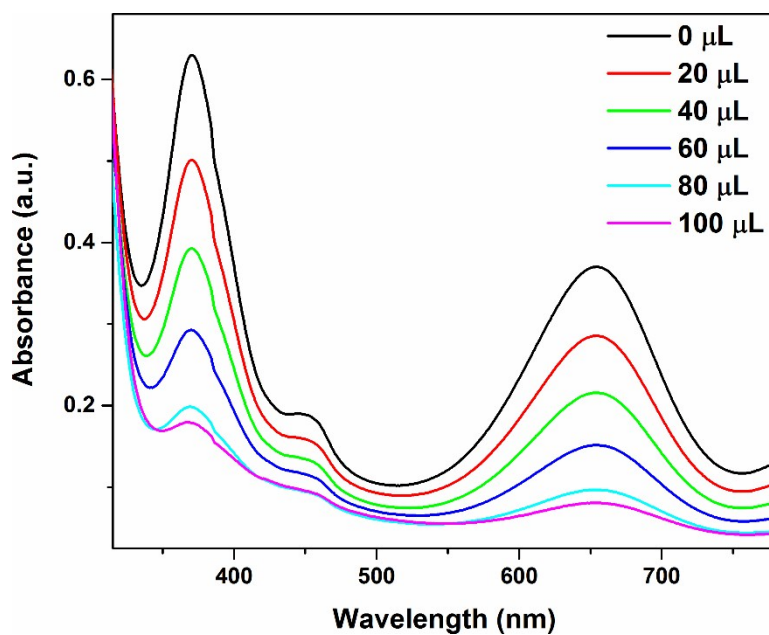


Figure S12. Absorbance spectra of ox-TMB in presence of homocysteine at varying concentration.

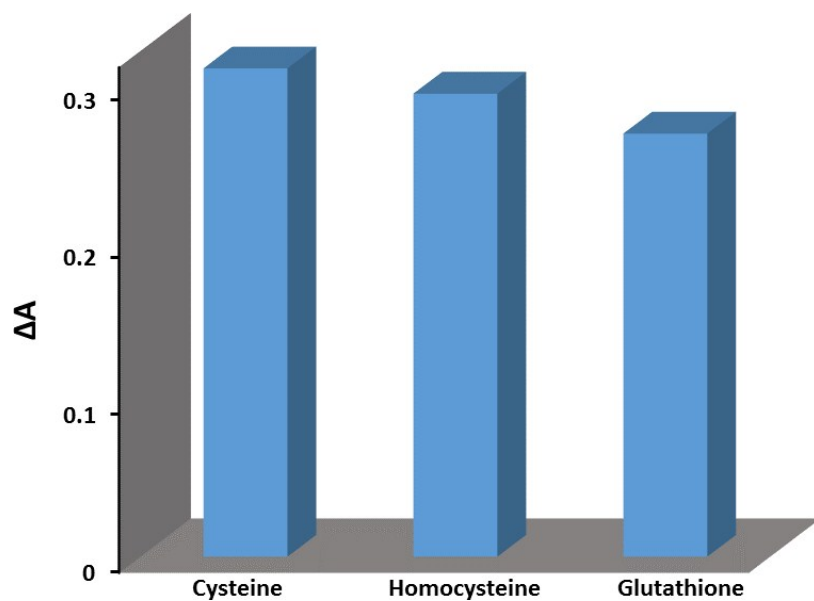


Figure S13. Change in the absorbance of ox-TMB in presence of different biothiols.

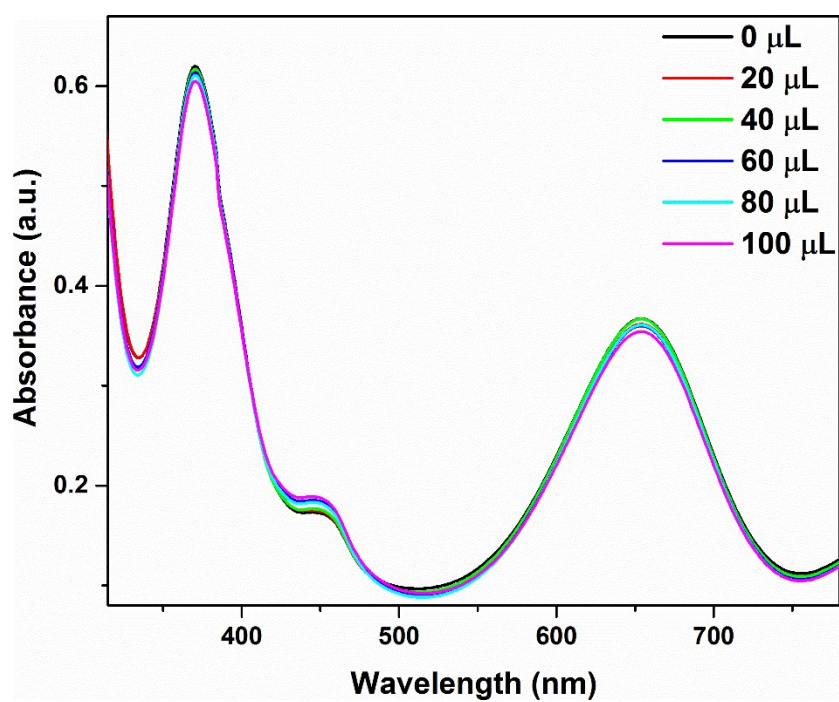


Figure S14. UV-vis absorption spectra of ox-TMB in presence of various concentrations of alanine.

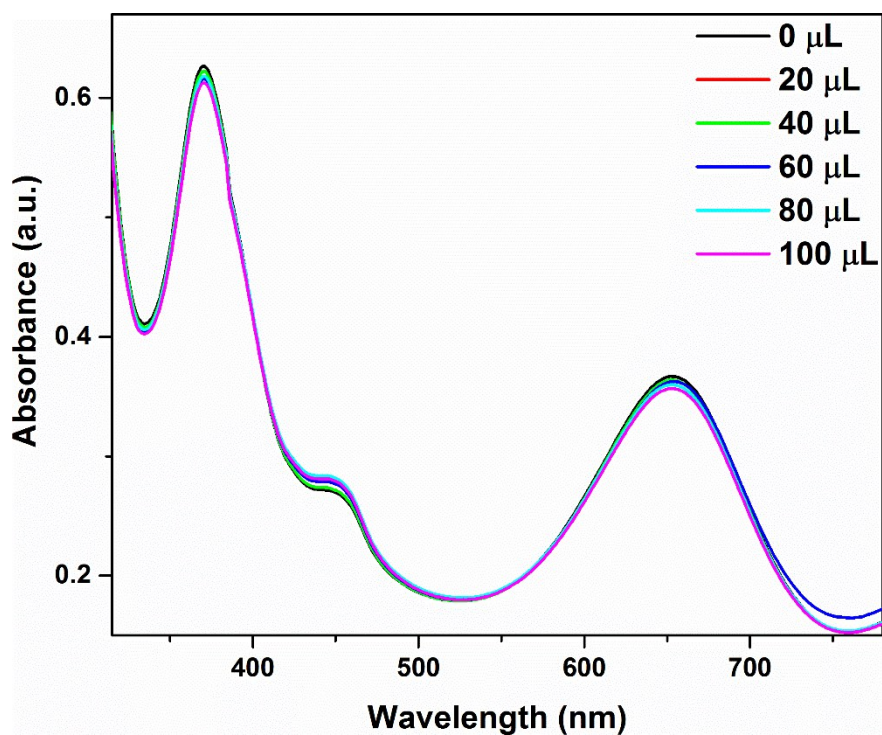


Figure S15. UV-vis absorption spectra of ox-TMB in presence of various concentrations of arginine.

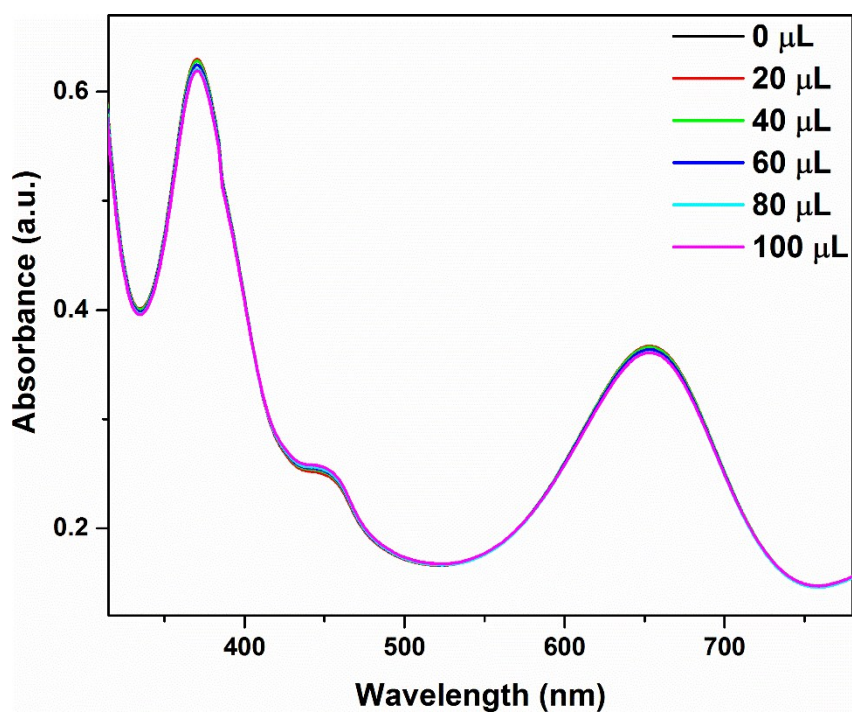


Figure S16. UV-vis absorption spectra of ox-TMB in presence of various concentrations of aspartic acid.

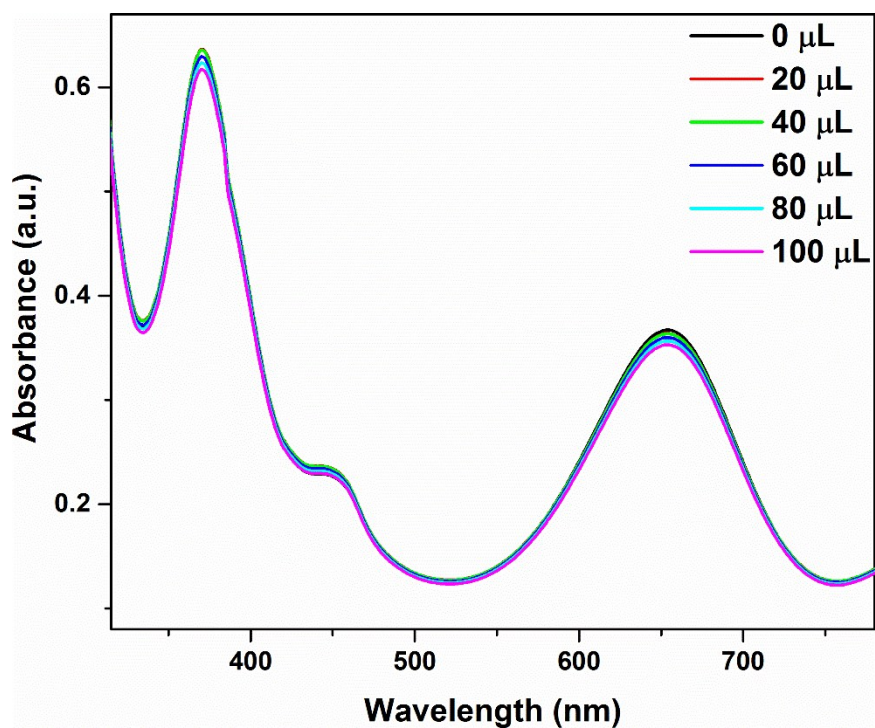


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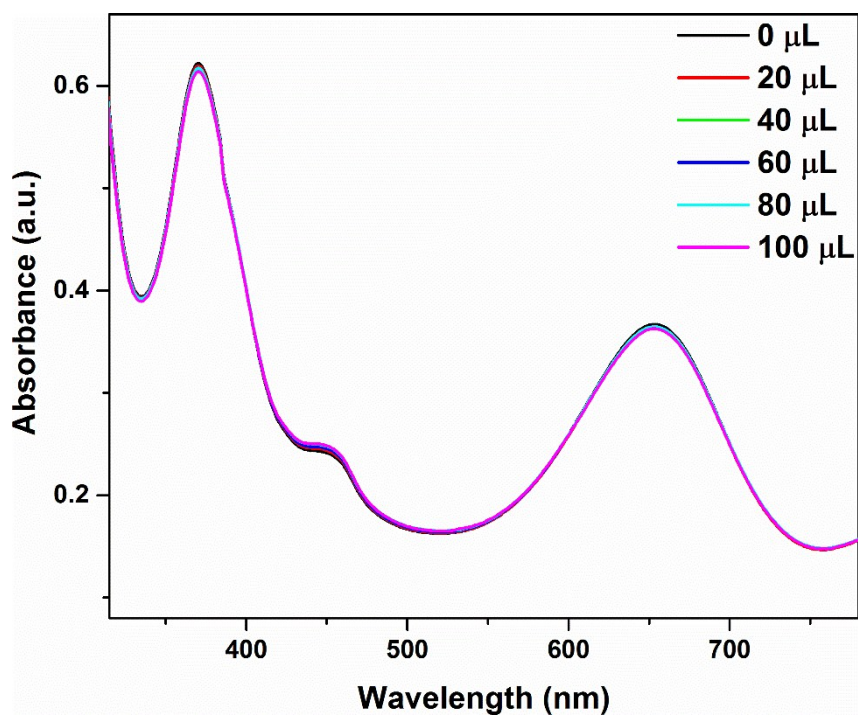


Figure S18. UV-vis absorption spectra of ox-TMB in presence of various concentrations of histidine.

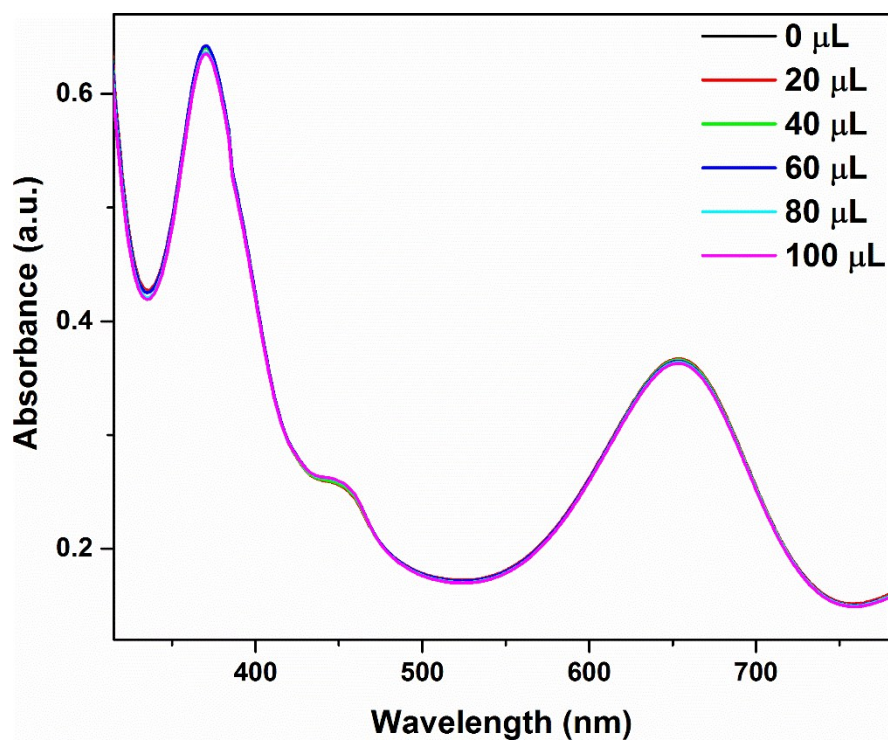


Figure S19. UV-vis absorption spectra of ox-TMB in presence of various concentrations of isoleucine.

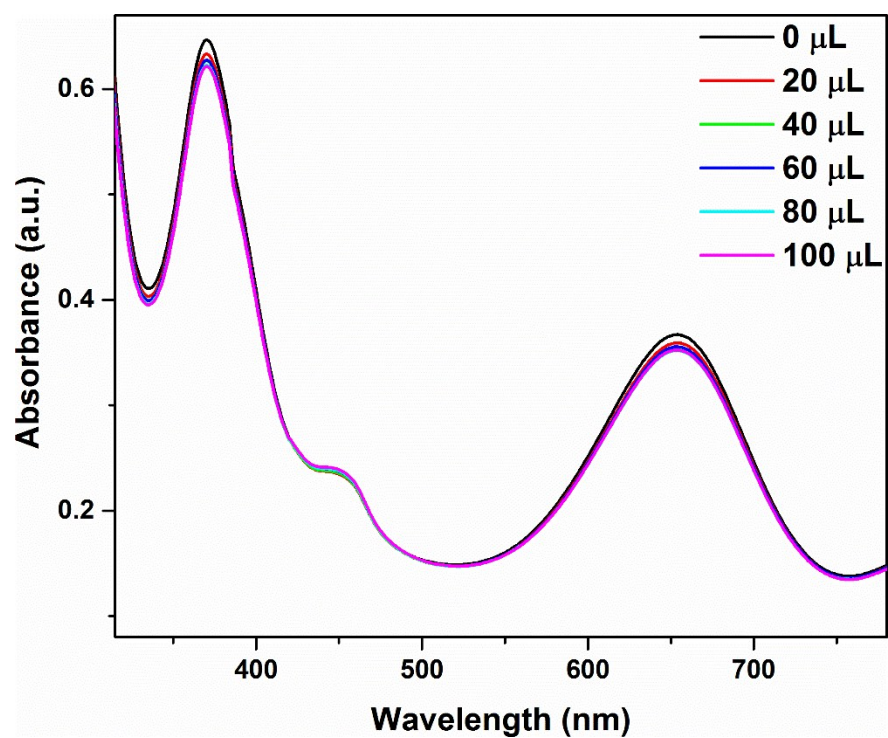


Figure S20. UV-vis absorption spectra of ox-TMB in presence of various concentrations of leucine.

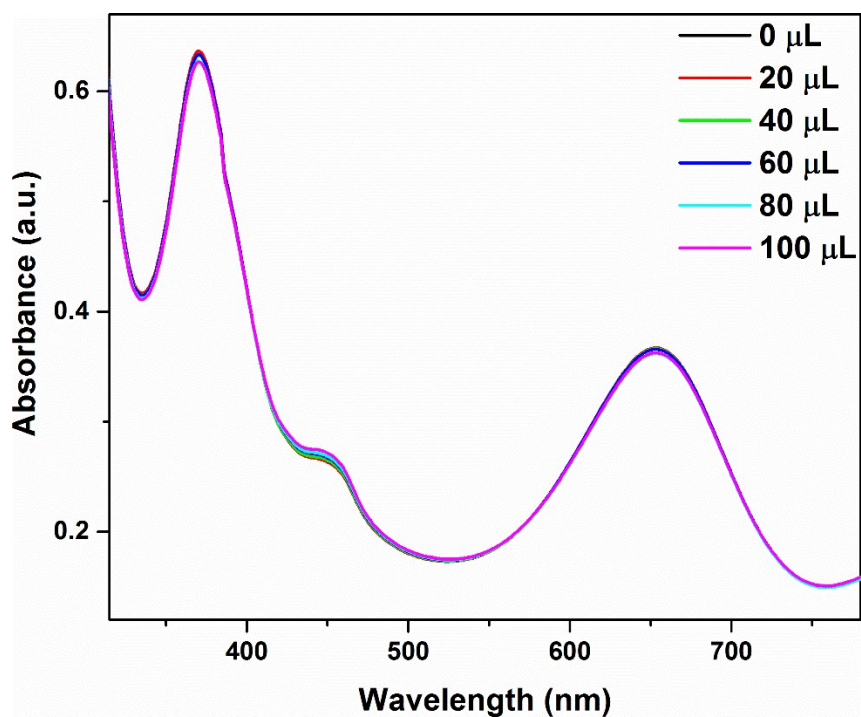


Figure S21. UV-vis absorption spectra of ox-TMB in presence of various concentrations of lysine.

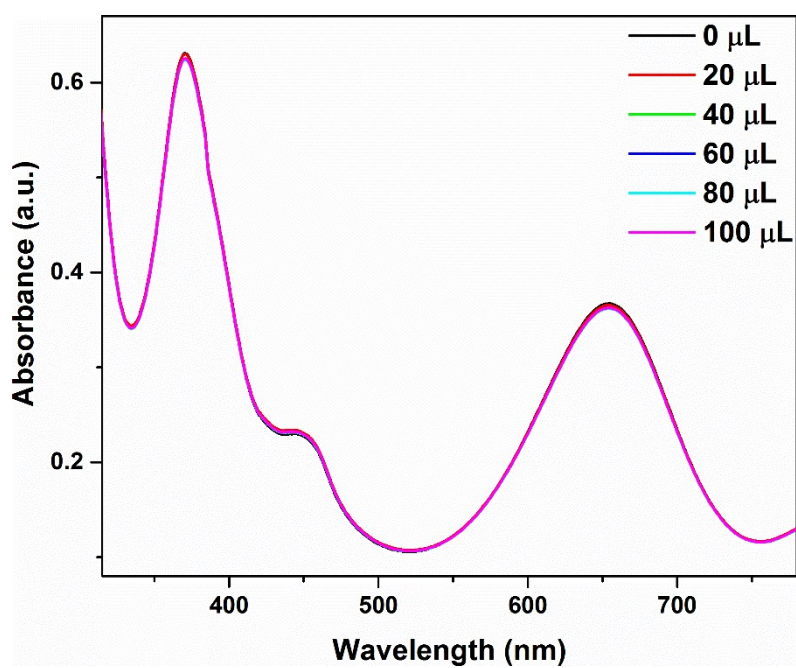


Figure S22. UV-vis absorption spectra of ox-TMB in presence of various concentrations of methionine.

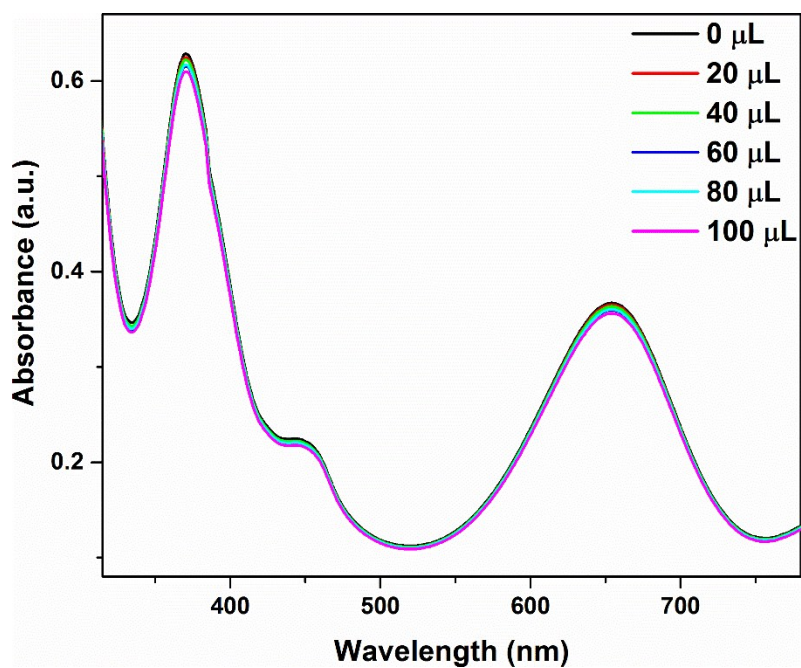


Figure S23. UV-vis absorption spectra of ox-TMB in presence of various concentrations of phenyl alanine.

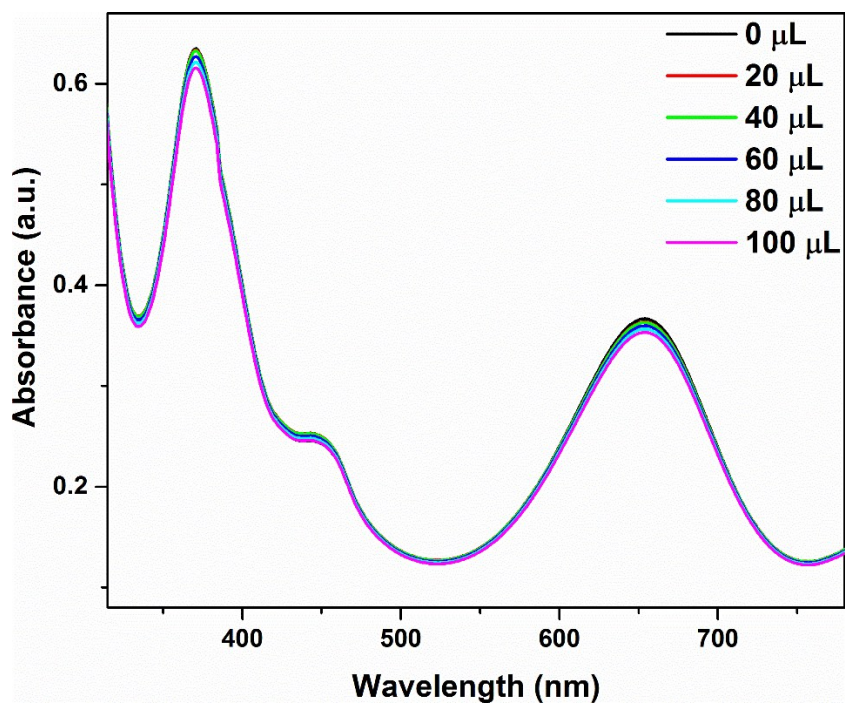


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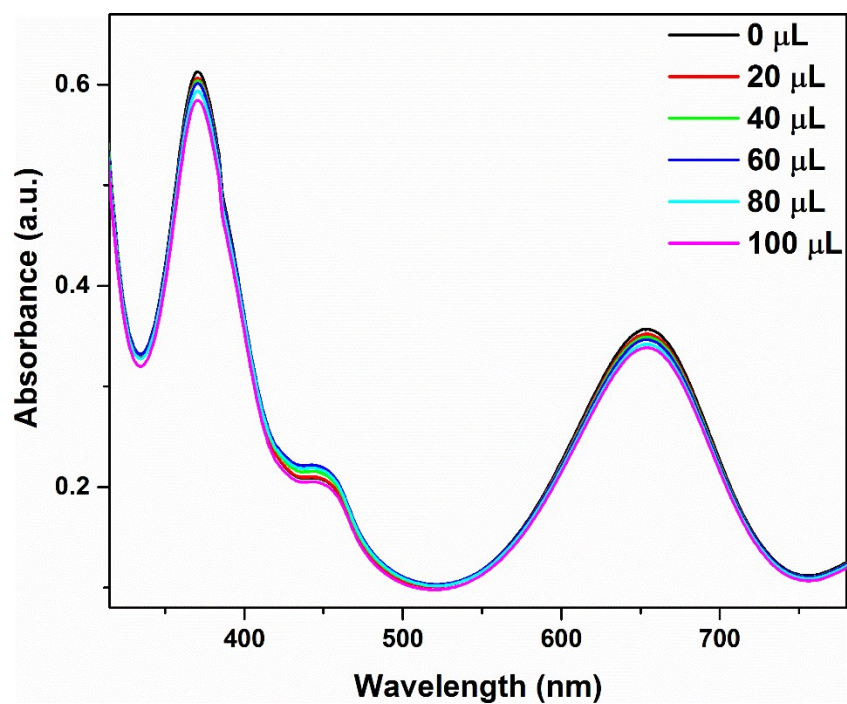


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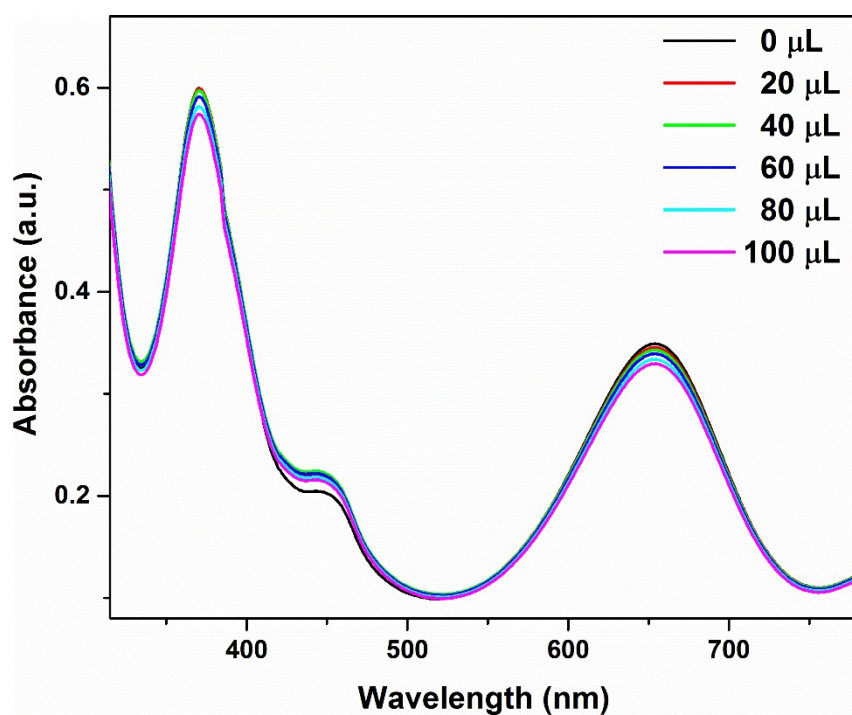


Figure S26. UV-vis absorption spectra of ox-TMB in presence of various concentrations of threonine.

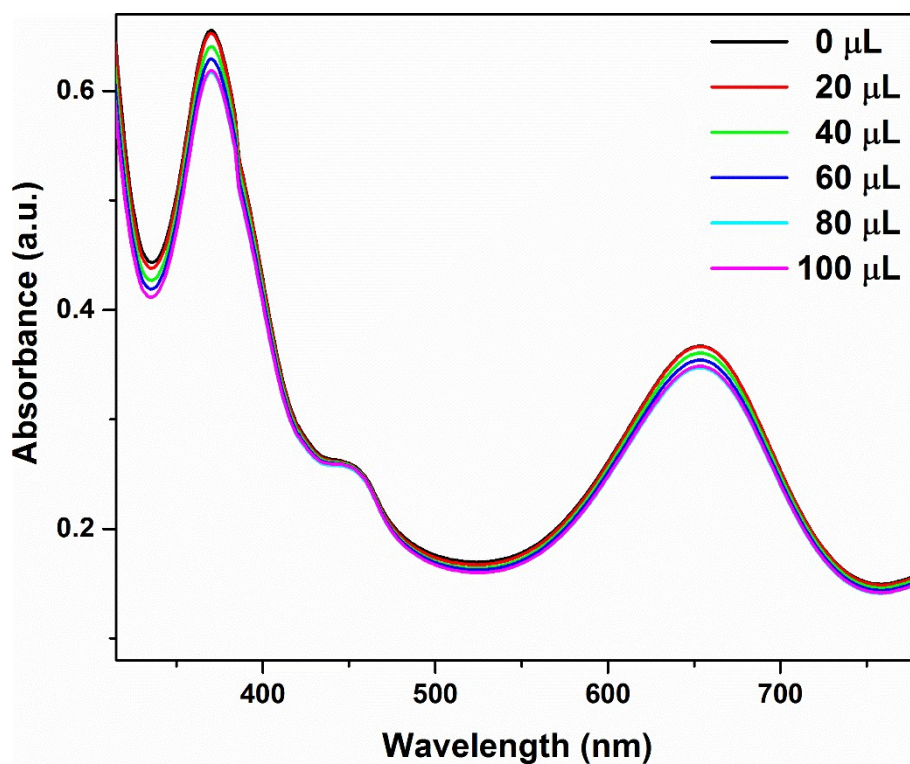


Figure S27. UV-vis absorption spectra of ox-TMB in presence of various concentrations of tryptophan.

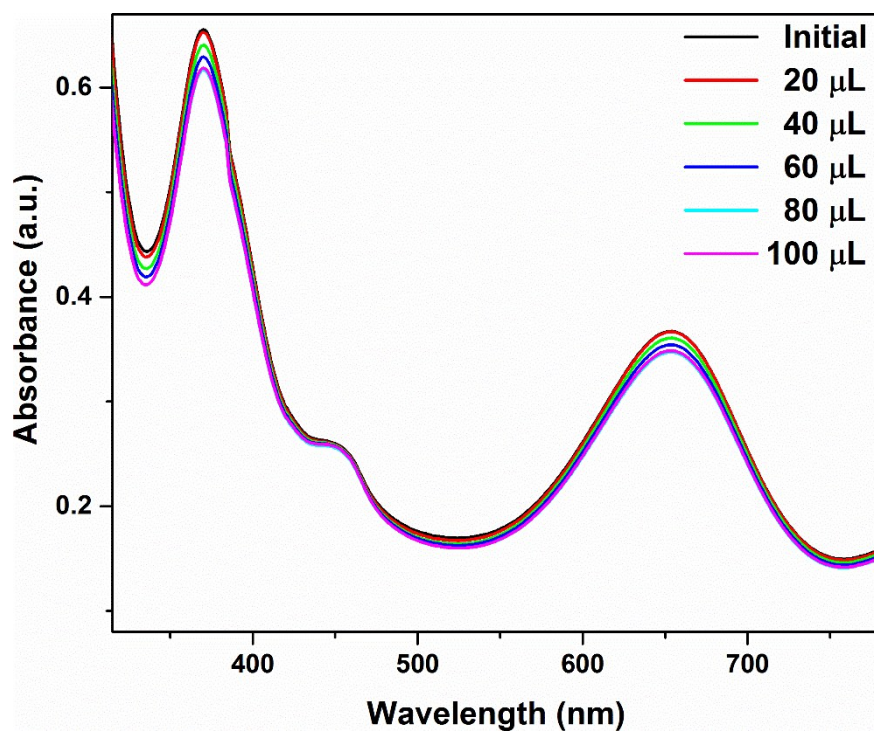


Figure S28. UV-vis absorption spectra of ox-TMB in presence of various concentrations of valine.

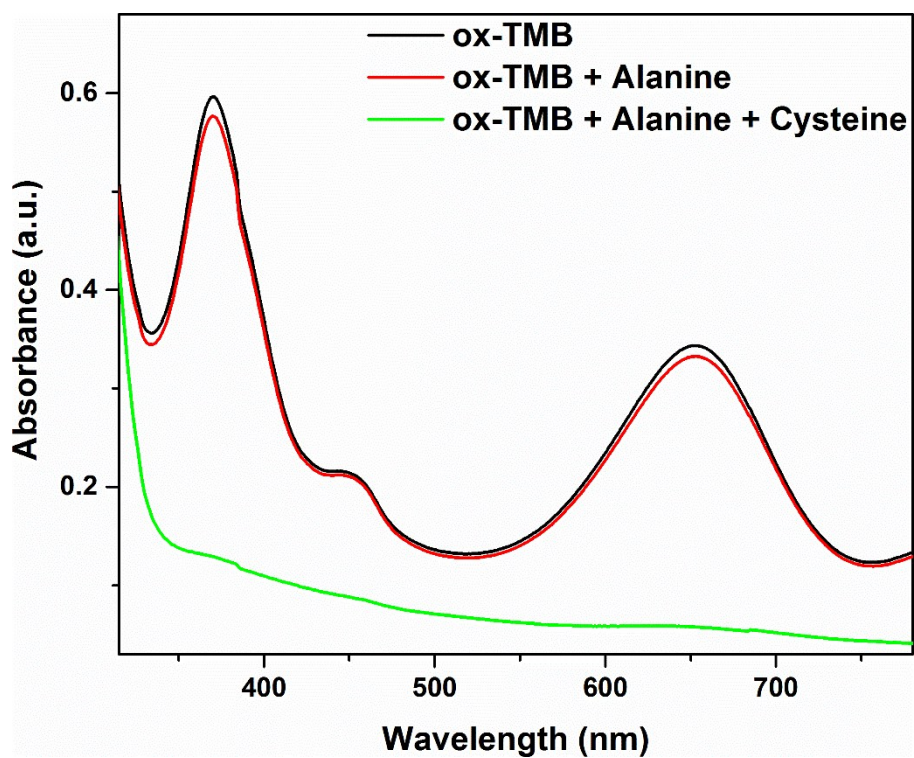


Figure S29. Change in the UV-vis absorption spectra of ox-TMB in presence of alanine, followed by the addition of cysteine.

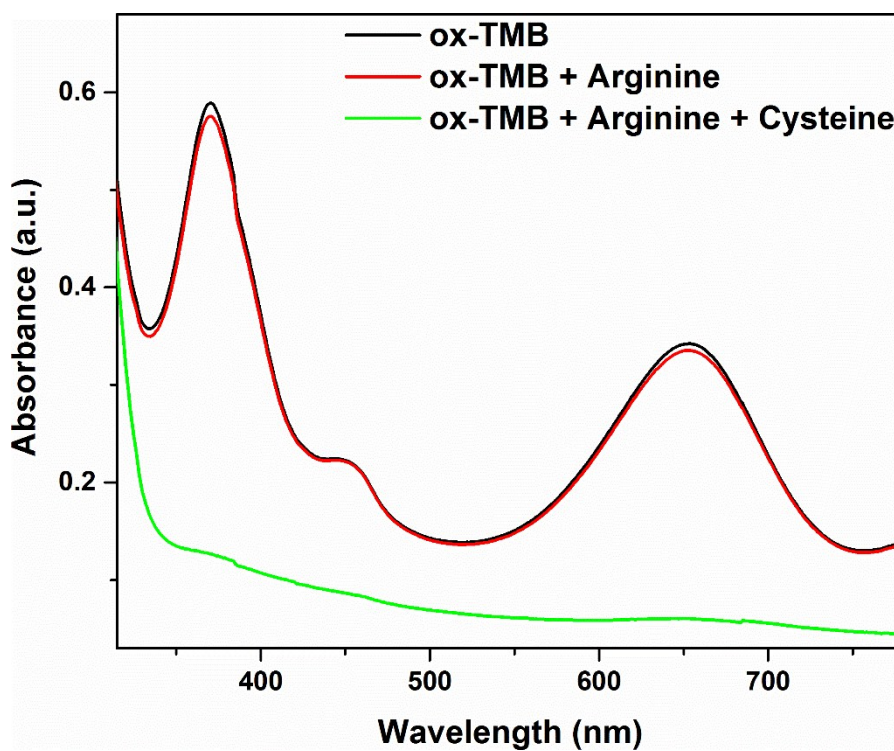


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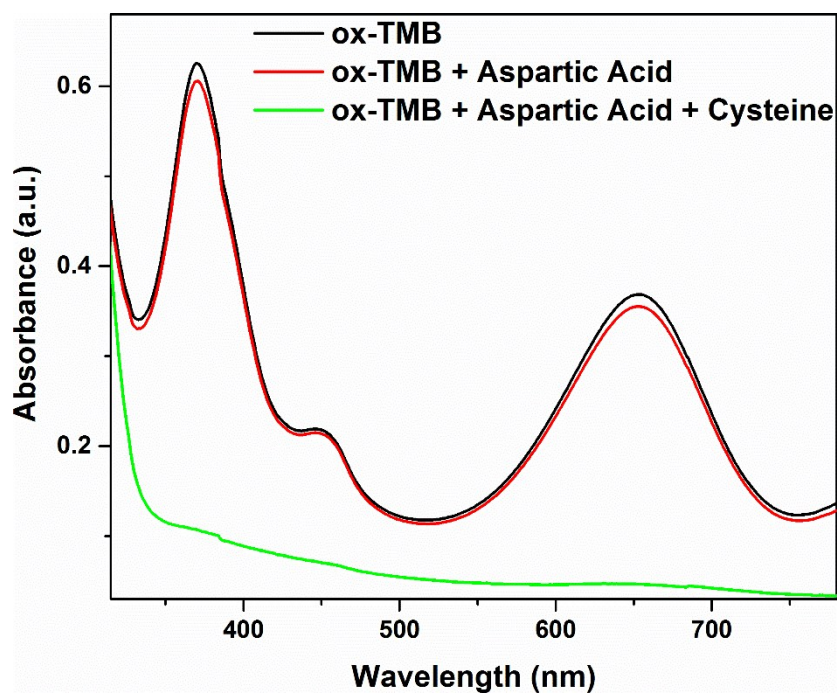


Figure S31. Change in the UV-vis absorption spectra of ox-TMB in presence of aspartic acid, followed by the addition of cysteine.

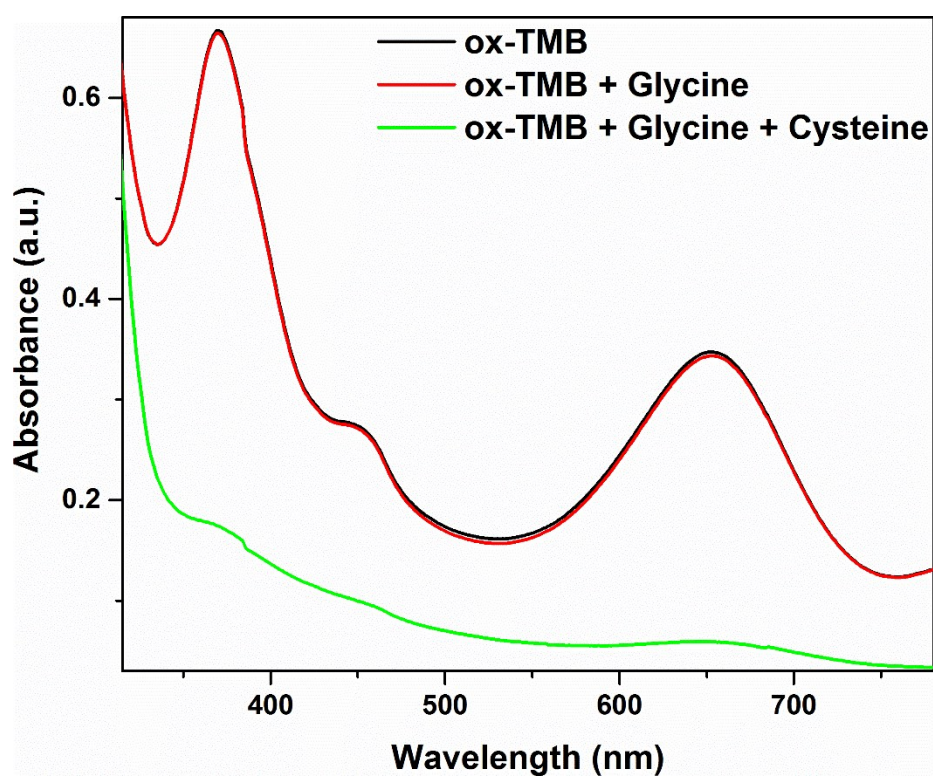


Figure S32. Change in the UV-vis absorption spectra of ox-TMB in presence of glycine, followed by the addition of cysteine.

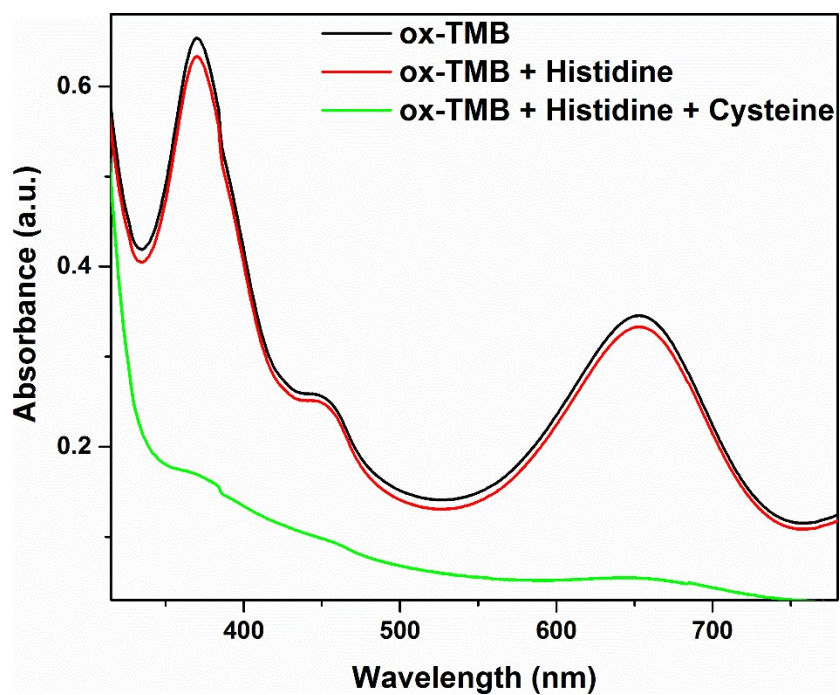


Figure S33. Change in the UV-vis absorption spectra of ox-TMB in presence of histidine, followed by the addition of cysteine.

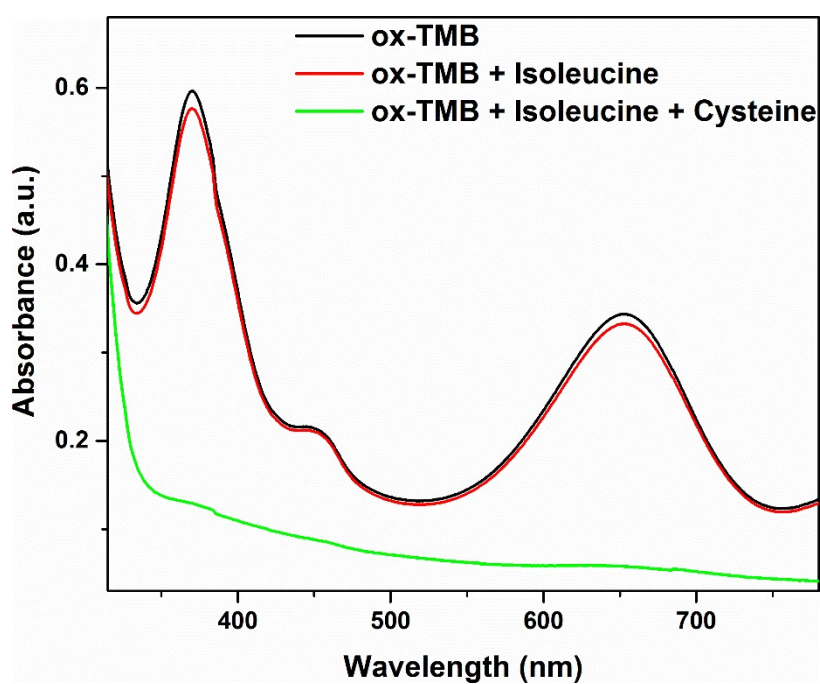


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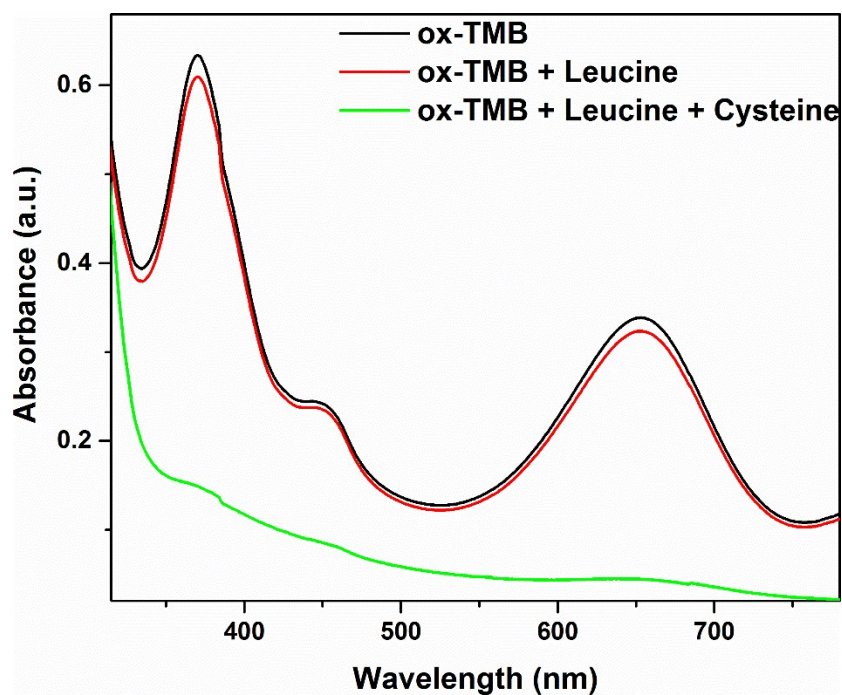


Figure S35. Change in the UV-vis absorption spectra of ox-TMB in presence of leucine, followed by the addition of cysteine.

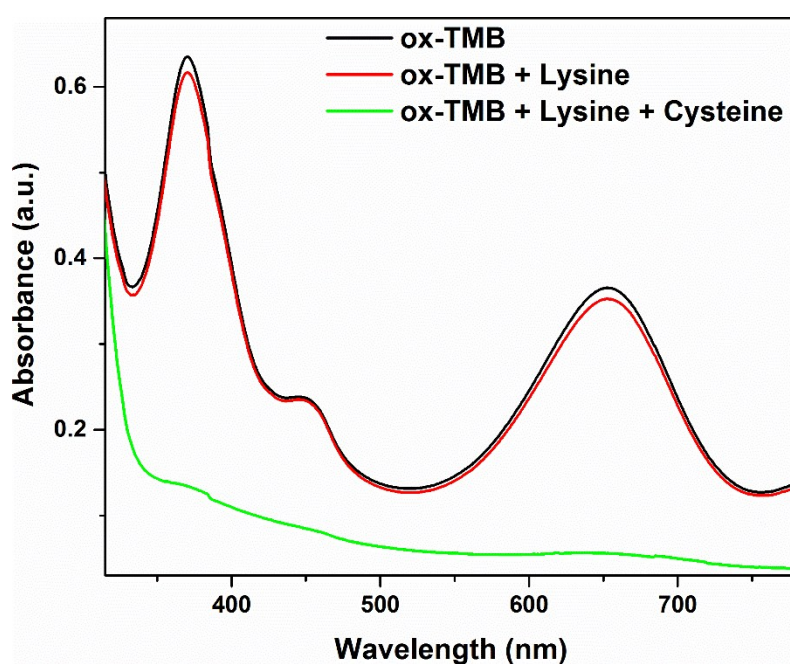


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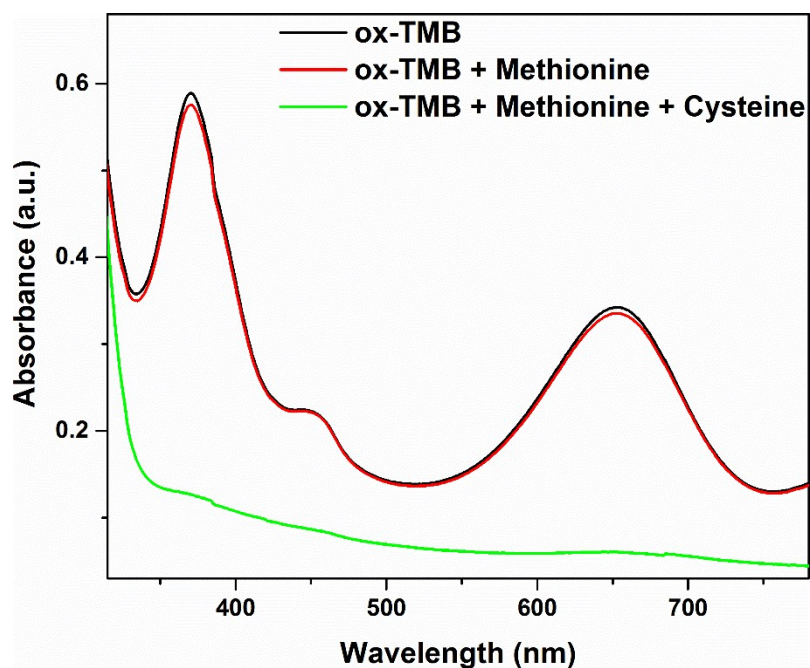


Figure S37. Change in the UV-vis absorption spectra of ox-TMB in presence of methionine, followed by the addition of cysteine.

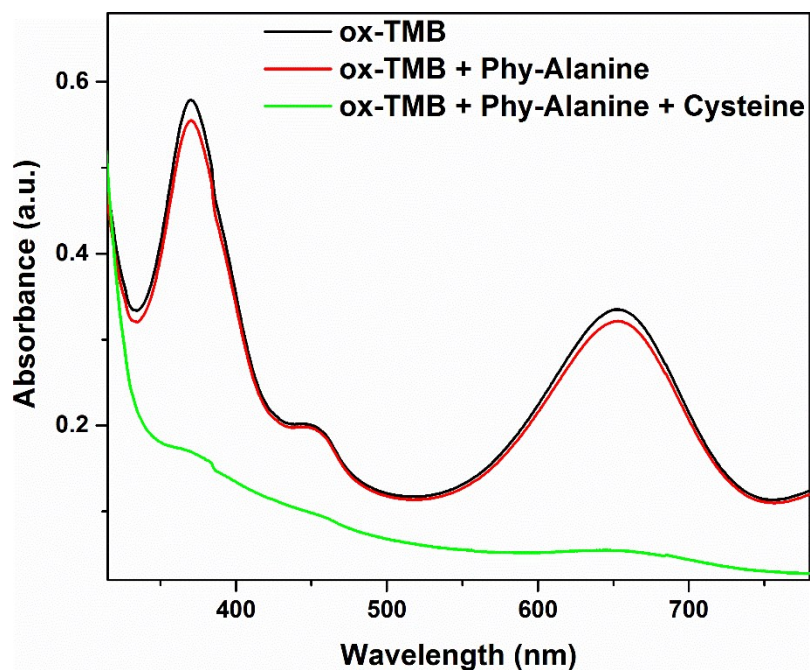


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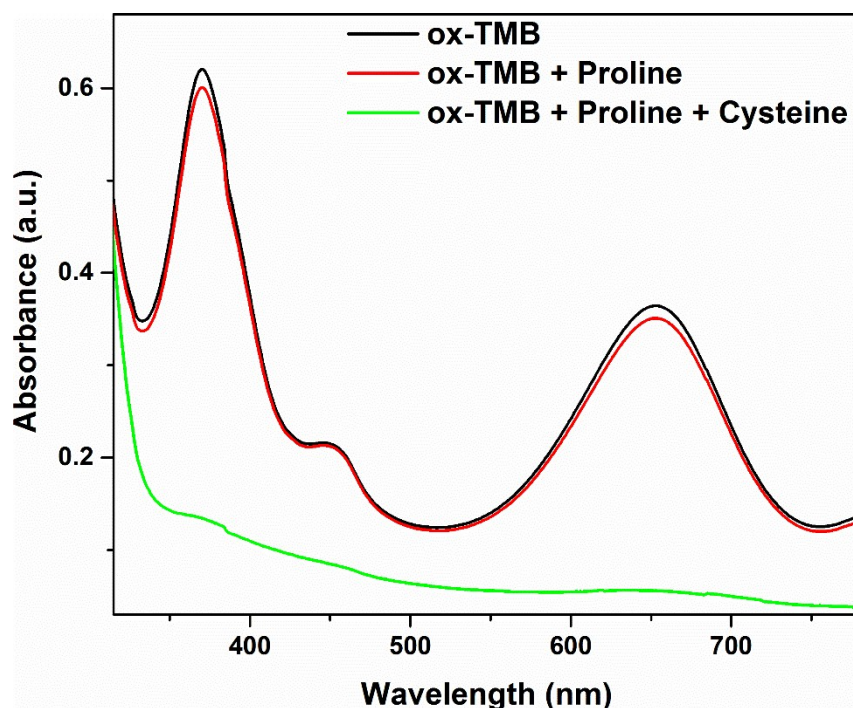


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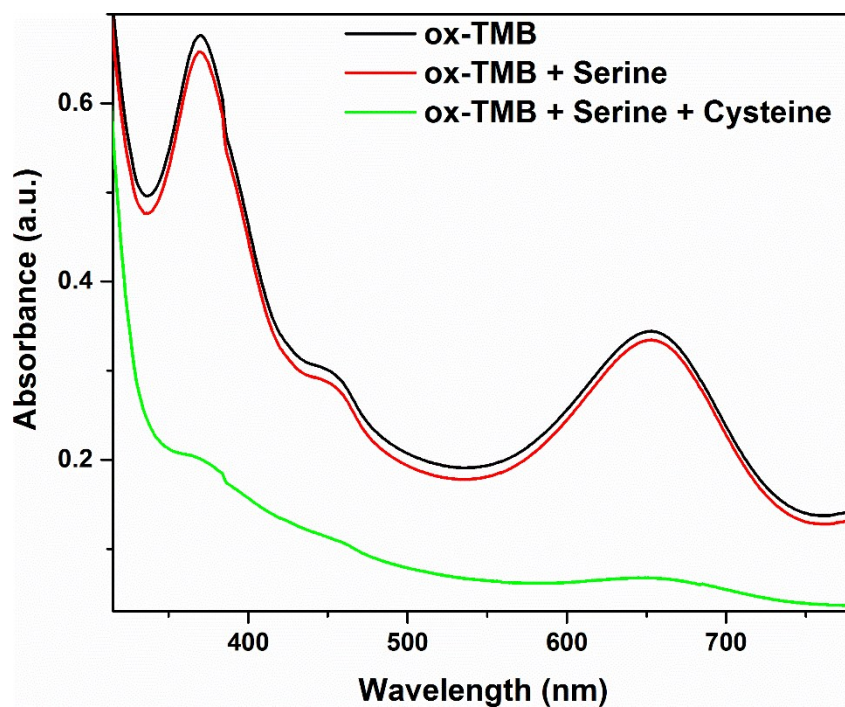


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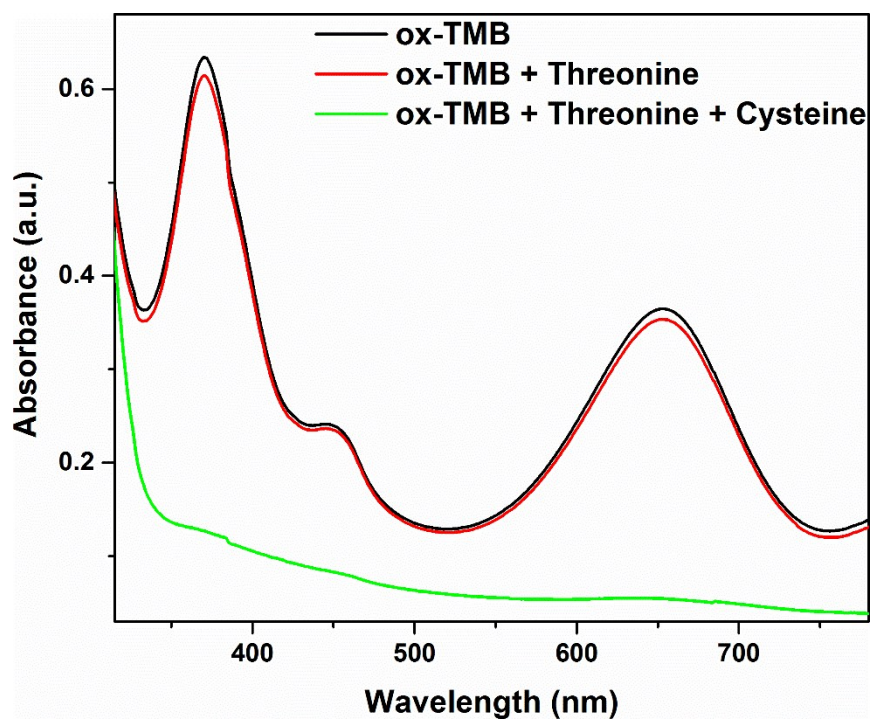


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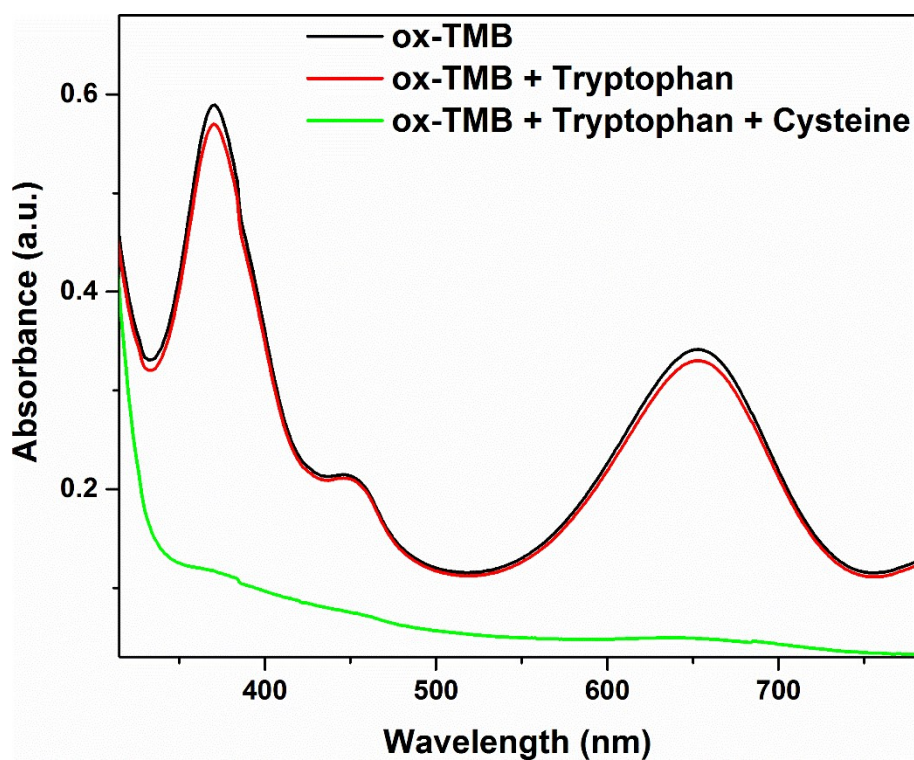


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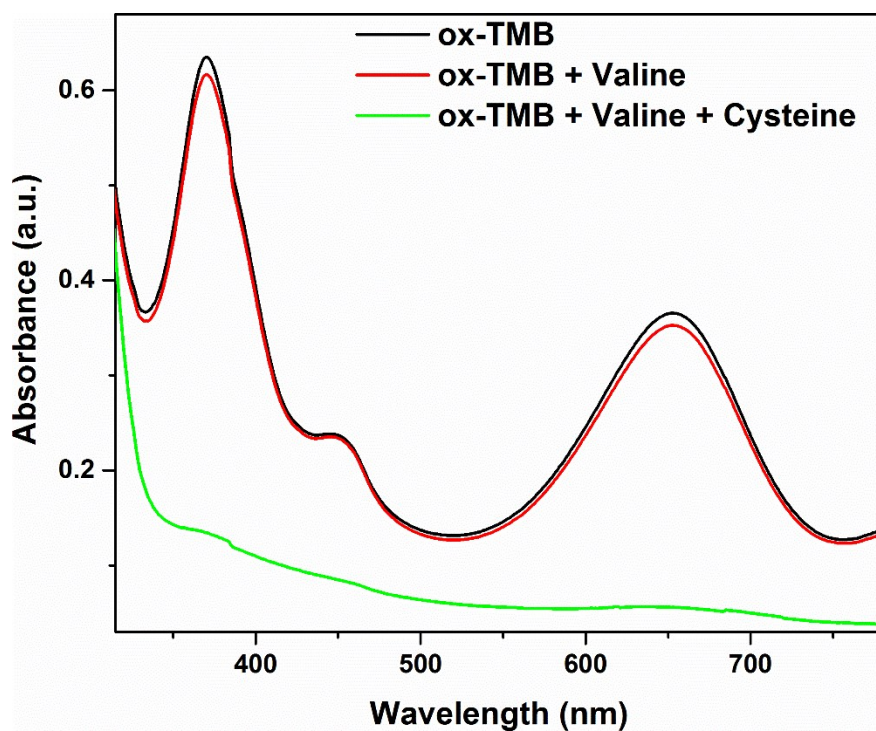


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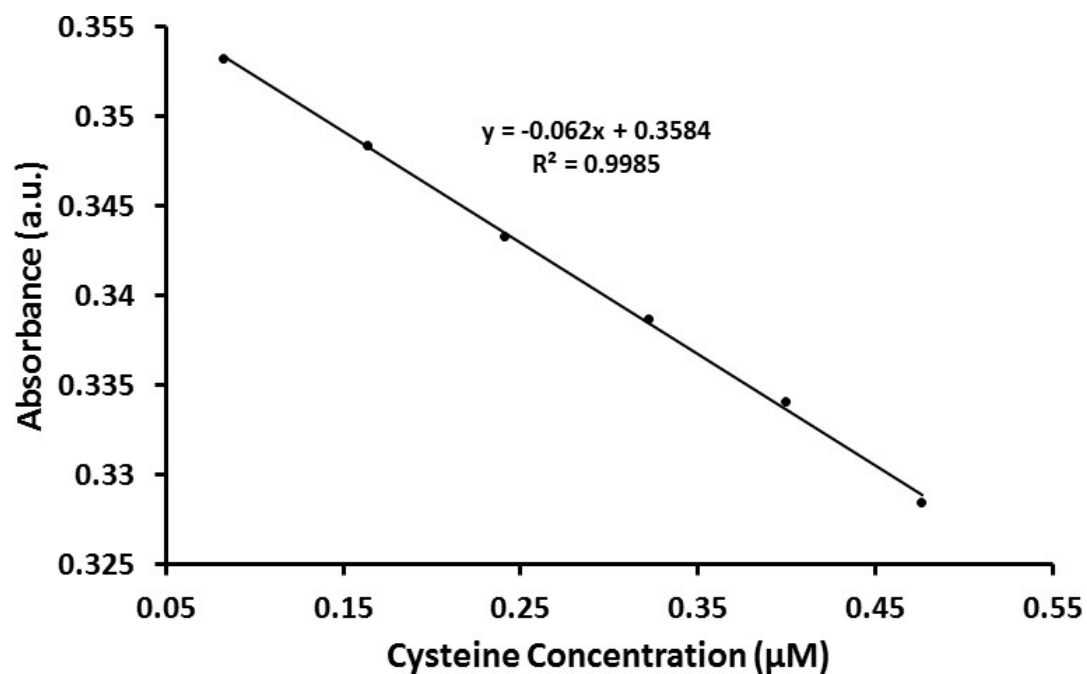


Figure S44. Change in the absorbance (monitored at $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 652$ nm) of ox-TMB as a function of cysteine concentration.

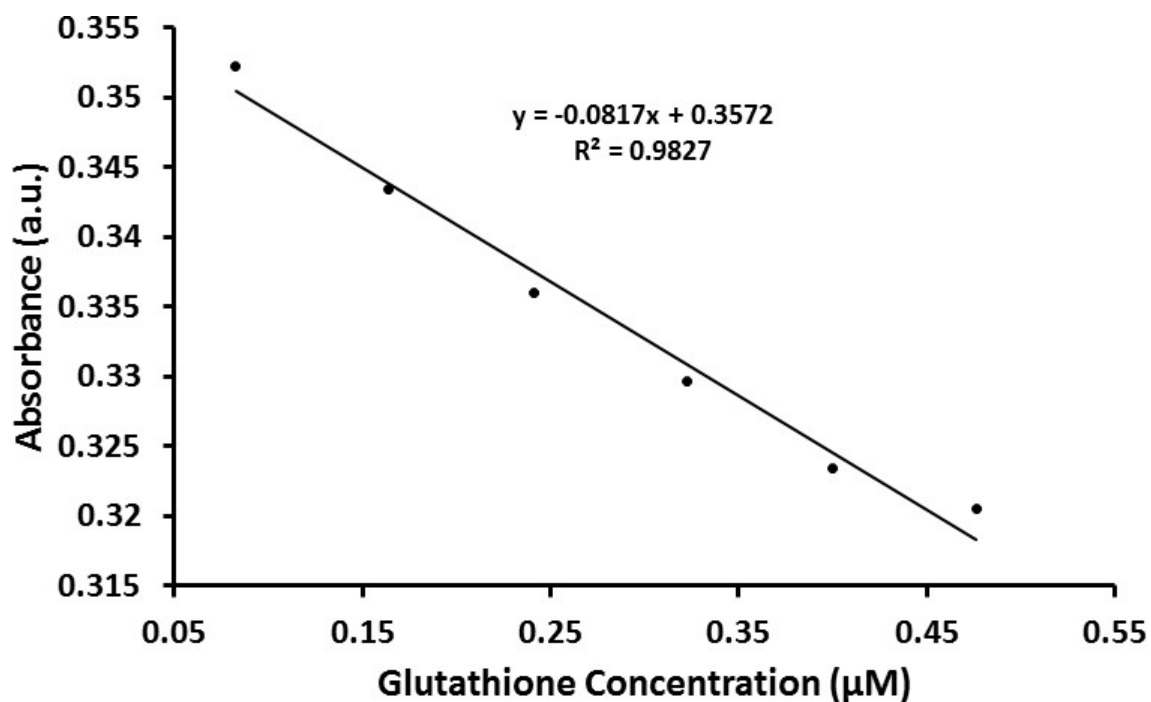


Figure S45. Change in the absorbance (monitored at $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 652$ nm) of ox-TMB as a function of glutathione concentration.

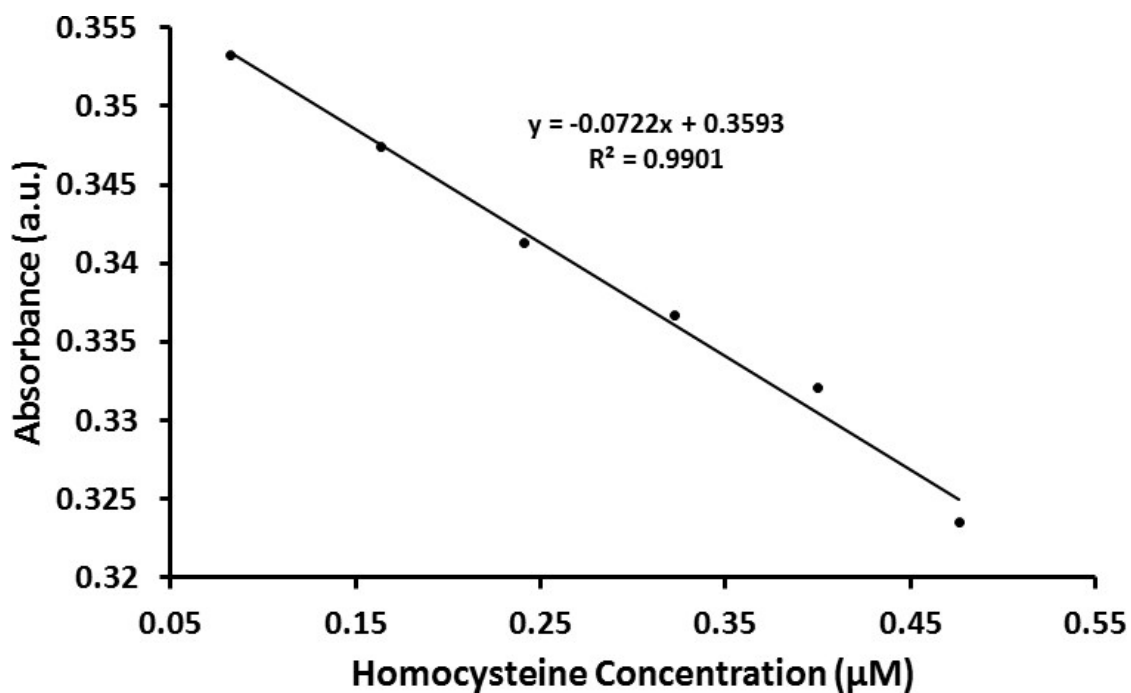


Figure S46. Change in the absorbance (monitored at $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 652$ nm) of ox-TMB as a function of homocysteine concentration.

Table S3. Comparison of the detection limits of different nano-enzymes (which mimic peroxidase/oxidase at pH = 4) towards biothiols.

Sl. No.	Nano-enzyme	Analytes	Dynamic range (μM)	Detection limit (μM)	Ref.
1.	Ce-DMTDC (1')	Cys	0-1.0	0.150	This work
		Hcy		0.125	
		GSH		0.132	
2.	Fe-MIL-88-NH ₂	Cys	1.0-80.0	0.390	[14]
		Hcy	1.0-80.0	0.400	
		GSH	1.0-100.0	0.450	
3.	Ce-MOF (MVCM)	Cys	0-40.0	0.139	[8]
		Hcy		0.143	
		GSH		0.129	
4.	photocatalytic UiO-66-NH ₂	Cys	5.0-120.0	0.306	[15]
		Hcy		0.330	
		GSH		0.310	

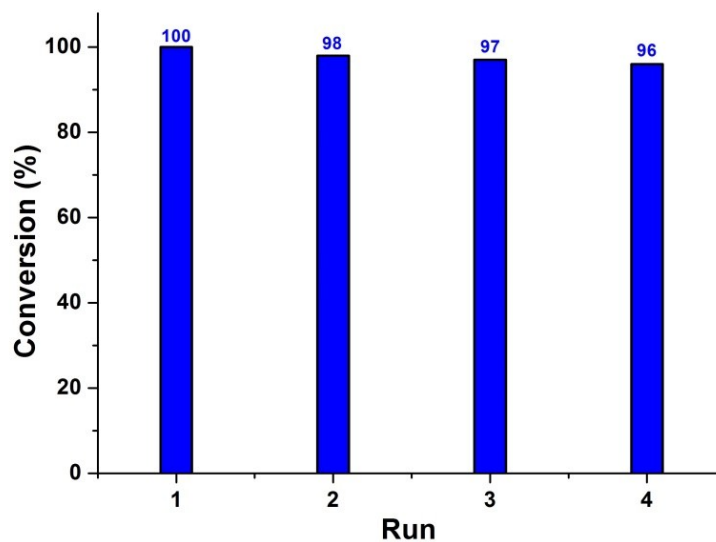


Figure S47. Reusability of **1'** for the aerobic oxidation of thiophenol under the optimized reaction conditions.

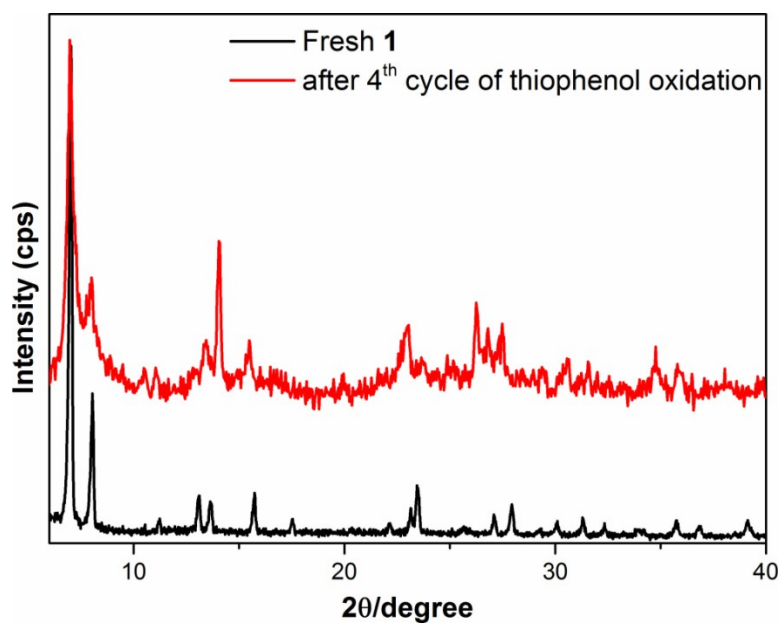


Figure S48. XRPD patterns of **1'** before and after catalytic oxidation of thiophenol.

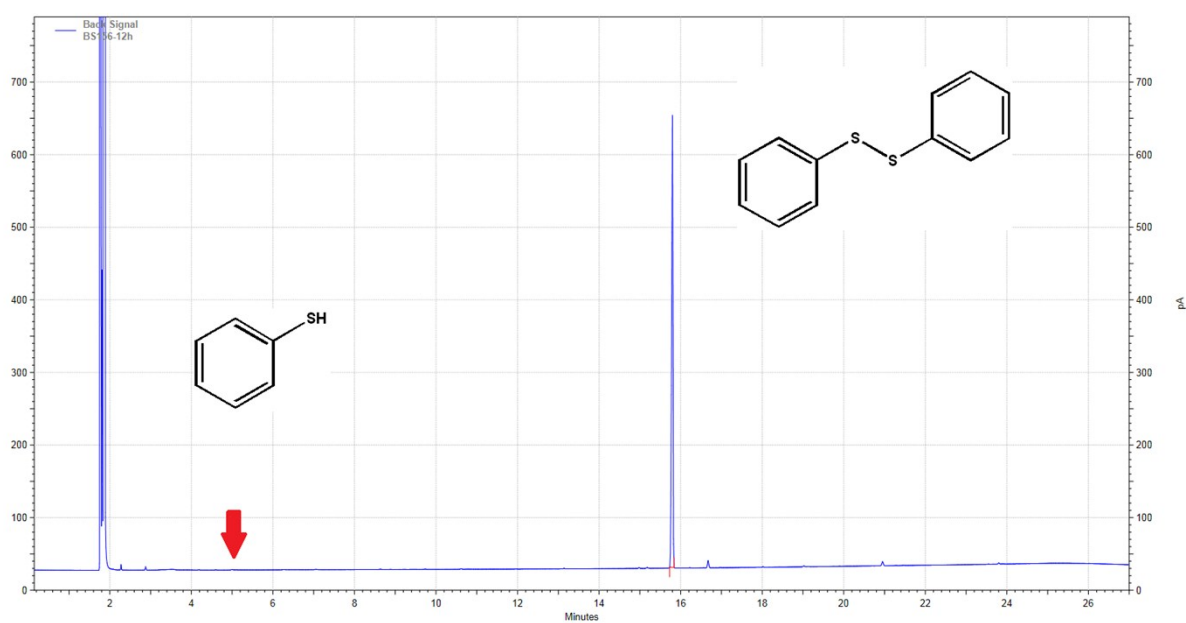


Figure S49. GC trace for the oxidation of thiophenol.

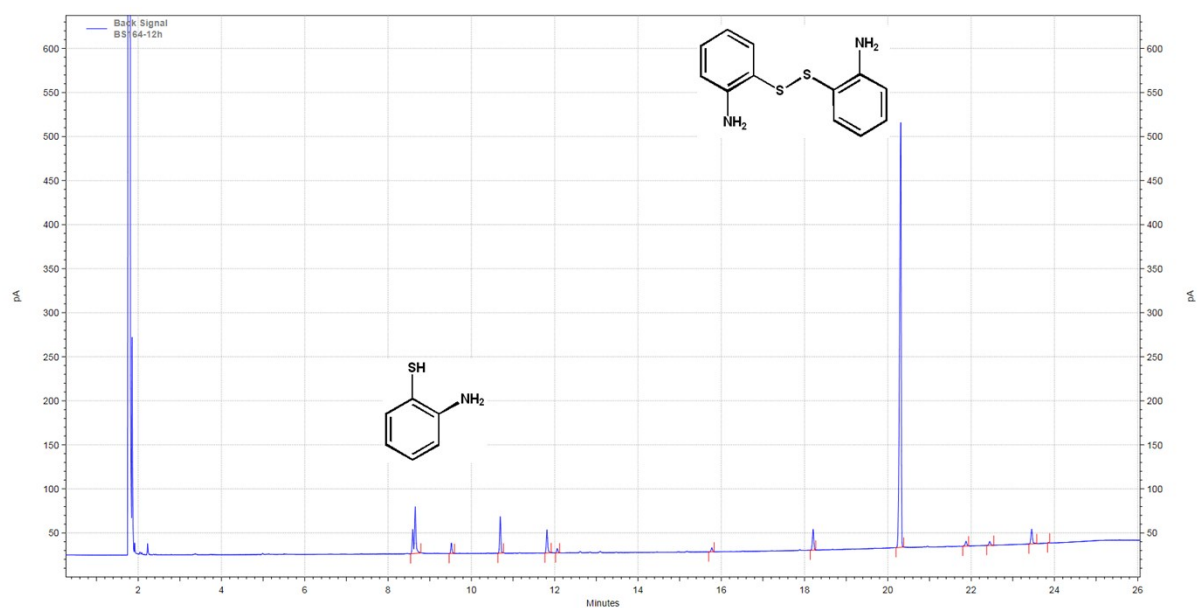


Figure S50. GC trace for the oxidation of 2-aminothiophenol.

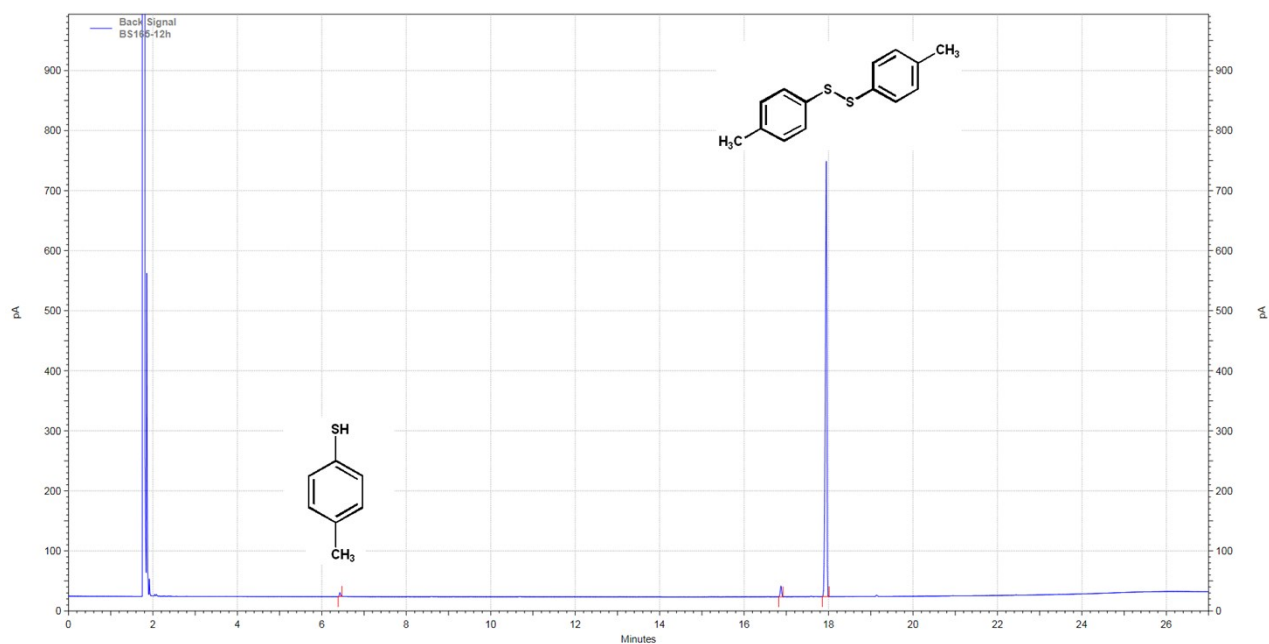


Figure S51. GC trace for the oxidation of 4-methylthiophenol.

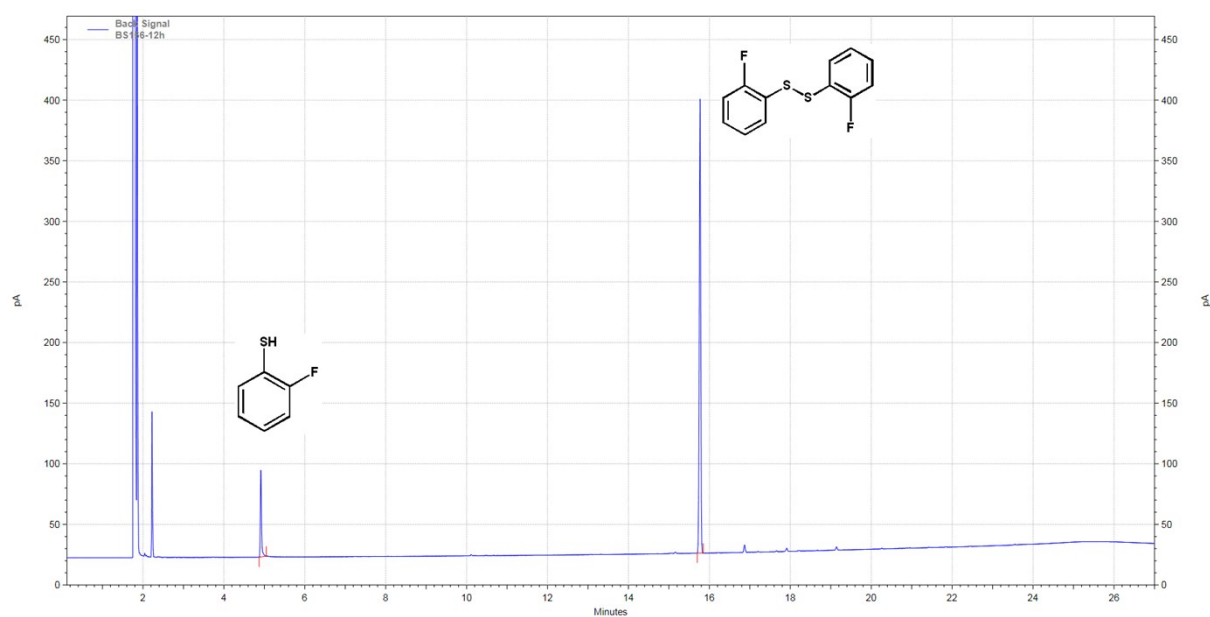


Figure S52. GC trace for the oxidation of 2-fluorothiophenol.

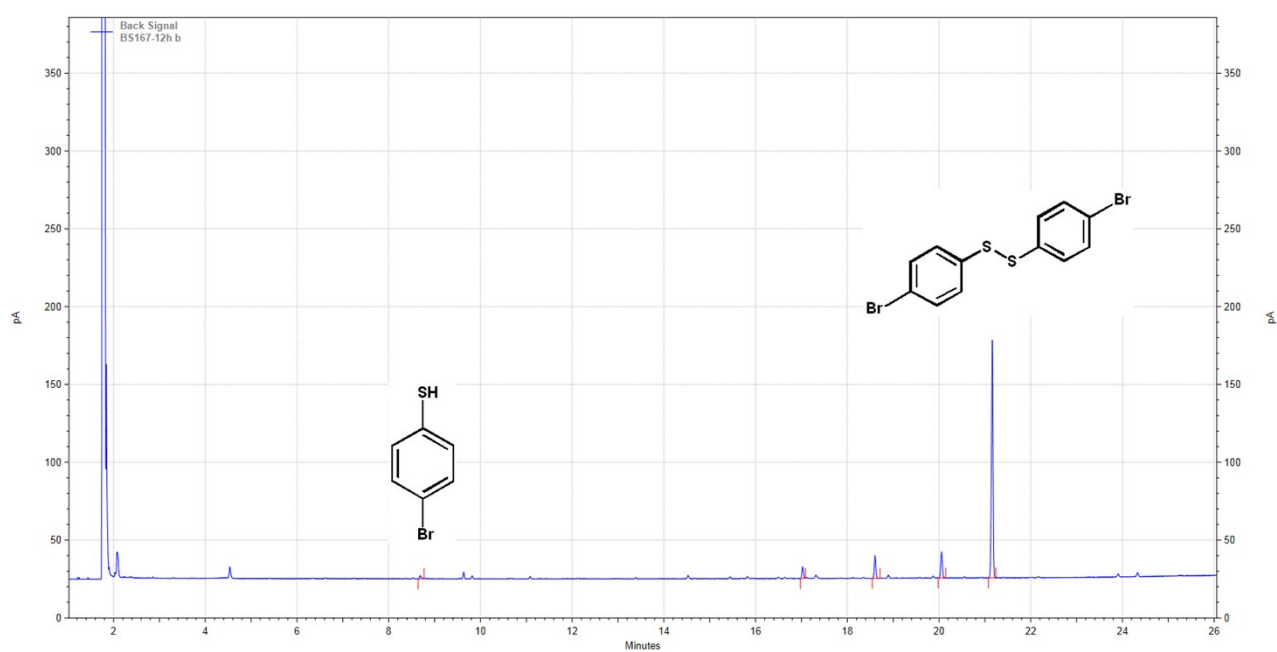


Figure S53. GC trace for the oxidation of 4-bromothiophenol.

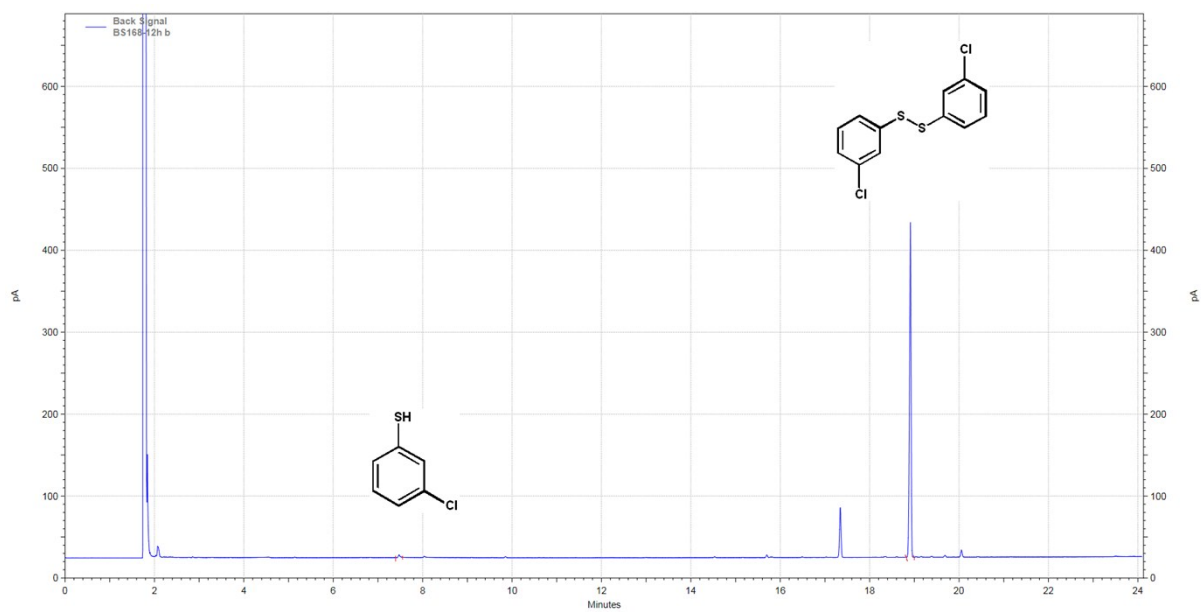


Figure S54. GC trace for the oxidation of 3-chlorothiophenol.



Figure S55. GC trace for the oxidation of cyclohexanethiol.

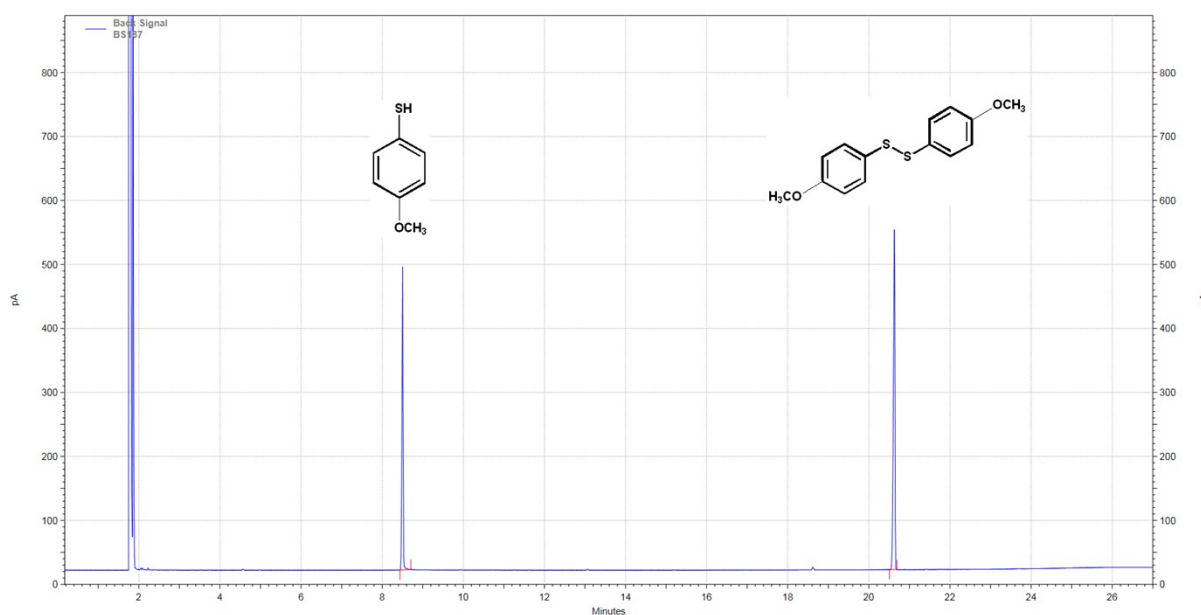


Figure S56. GC trace for the oxidation of 4-methoxythiophenol.

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