

Electronic Supplementary Information for

**Probing Electron Transfer Between Hemin and Riboflavin Using A Combination
of Analytical Approaches and Theoretical Calculations**

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Table S1. Gibbs Free Energy Change (ΔG^0), Activation Energy (E_a), Entropy of Activation ($\Delta^\ddagger S^0$), and Rate Constant (k_{ET}) for the Hemin(III) to Hemx(II) Reduction with or without RF_{ox} Cofactor in Aqueous Solution at Room Temperature (298.15 K) and Atmospheric pressure.

Reaction	ΔG^0 (kcal/mol)	E_a (kcal/mol)	$\Delta^\ddagger S^0$ (cal/mol·K)	k_{ET} (s ⁻¹)
Hemin(III) + H ₃ O ⁺ + OH ⁻ + e ⁻ ⇌ Hemx(II) + 2H ₂ O	-127.690	0.011	-12.247	1.284 × 10 ¹⁰
Hemin(III) - RF _{ox} + H ₃ O ⁺ + OH ⁻ + e ⁻ ⇌ Hemx(II) - RF _{ox} + 2H ₂ O	-190.819	1.030	8.558	4.602 × 10 ¹⁴

Table S2. Standard Gibb's Free Energy Change (ΔG^0) and Enthalpy Change (ΔH^0) of the Reactions Involved in the Electron and Proton Transfer Reaction of Porphyrin Iron and RF in Aqueous Solution at Room Temperature and Atmospheric Pressure.

Reaction	ΔG^0 (kcal/mol)	ΔH^0 (kcal/mol)
$\text{Hemx(II)} \rightleftharpoons \text{Heme(II)}$	1.067	0.039
$\text{Hemx(II)} - \text{RF}_{\text{ox}} \rightleftharpoons \text{Heme(II)} - \text{RF}_{\text{ox}}$	-130.414	-128.323
$\text{RF}_{\text{ox}} + \text{Heme(II)} \rightleftharpoons \text{RF}_{\text{rad}}^{\bullet-} + \text{Hemin(III)}$	-55.077	-56.077
$\text{RF}_{\text{rad}}^{\bullet-} + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ \rightleftharpoons \text{RF}_{\text{rad}}\text{H}^{\bullet} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-37.576	-38.168
$\text{RF}_{\text{rad}}^{\bullet-} + \text{Heme(II)} \rightleftharpoons \text{RF}_{\text{red}}^{2-} + \text{Hemin(III)}$	-23.323	-25.379
$\text{RF}_{\text{rad}}\text{H}^{\bullet} + \text{Heme(II)} \rightleftharpoons \text{RF}_{\text{red}}\text{H}^- + \text{Hemin(III)}$	-43.924	-45.612
$\text{RF}_{\text{red}}^{2-} + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ \rightleftharpoons \text{RF}_{\text{red}}\text{H}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-58.177	-58.401
$\text{RF}_{\text{red}}\text{H}^- + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ \rightleftharpoons \text{RF}_{\text{red}}\text{H}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	-22.217	-22.338

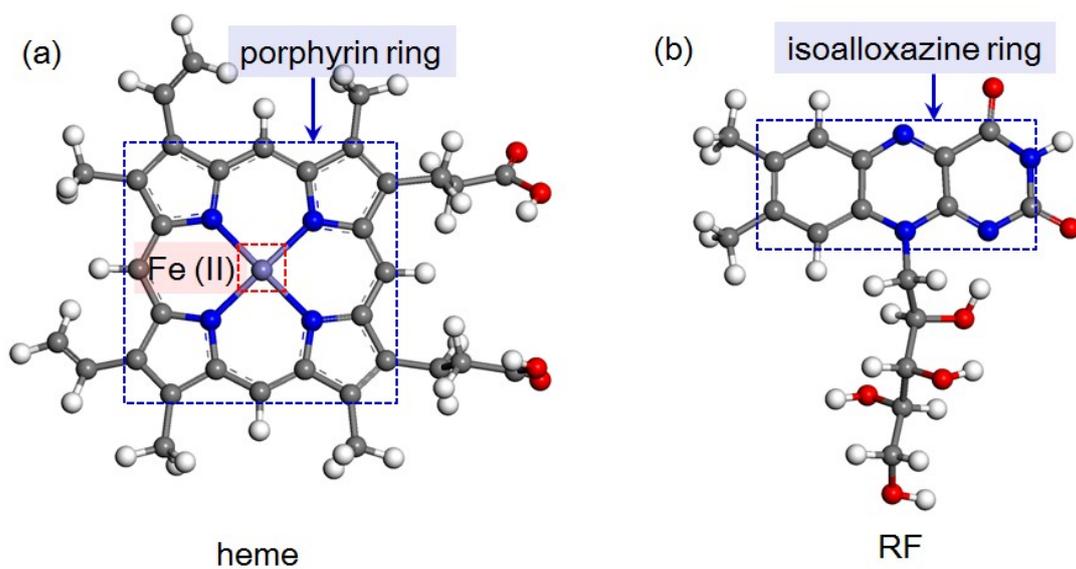


Figure S1. Energy-minimized structures of heme(II) and RF_{ox}. (a) Heme(II) structure with porphyrin ring and iron (II); and (b) RF_{ox} structure with N-heterocycle isoalloxazine ring

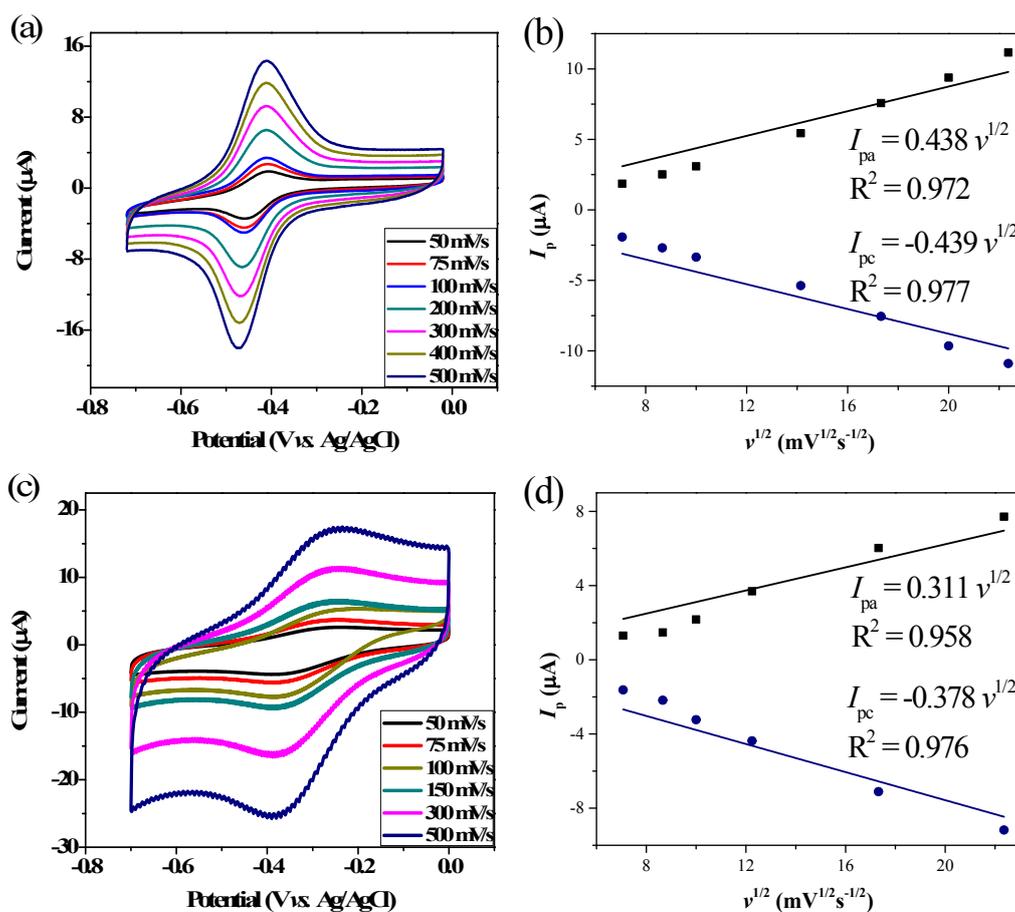


Figure S2. (a) CVs of 50 μM RF at a CPE at scan rates from 50 to 500 mV/s in the TL-cell. Scan range: 0 to -0.70 V vs. Ag/AgCl; working electrode: CPE with a surface area of 0.6 cm^2 ; buffer solution: PBS (pH = 7.0); (b) Relationship between RF peak current (the first step of reduction and oxidation) and scan rate; (c) CVs of 50 μM Hemin(III) at a CPE at scan rate from 50 to 500 mV/s in the TL-cell. Scan range: 0 to -0.70 V vs. Ag/AgCl; working electrode: CPE with a surface area of 0.6 cm^2 ; buffer solution: PBS (pH = 7.0); and (d) Relationship between Hemin(III) peak current and scan rate

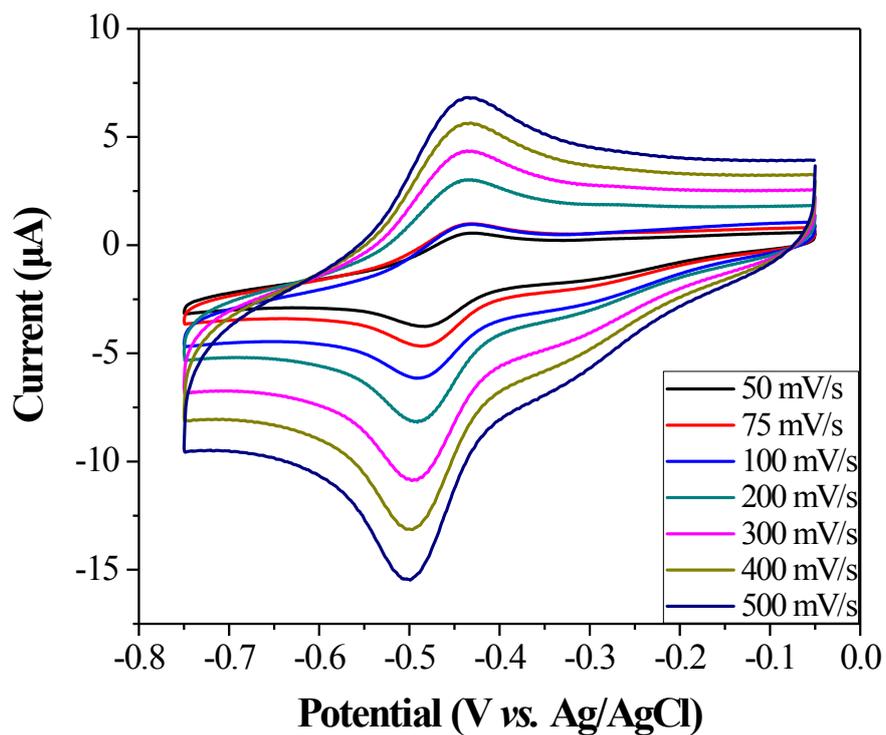


Figure S3. CV of 50 μM RF and 50 μM Hemin(III) mixture in the TL-cell at a scan rate from 50 to 500 mV/s. Scan range: -0.05 to -0.75 V vs. Ag/AgCl; buffer solution: PBS (pH = 7.0); working electrode: CPE with a surface area of 0.6 cm²

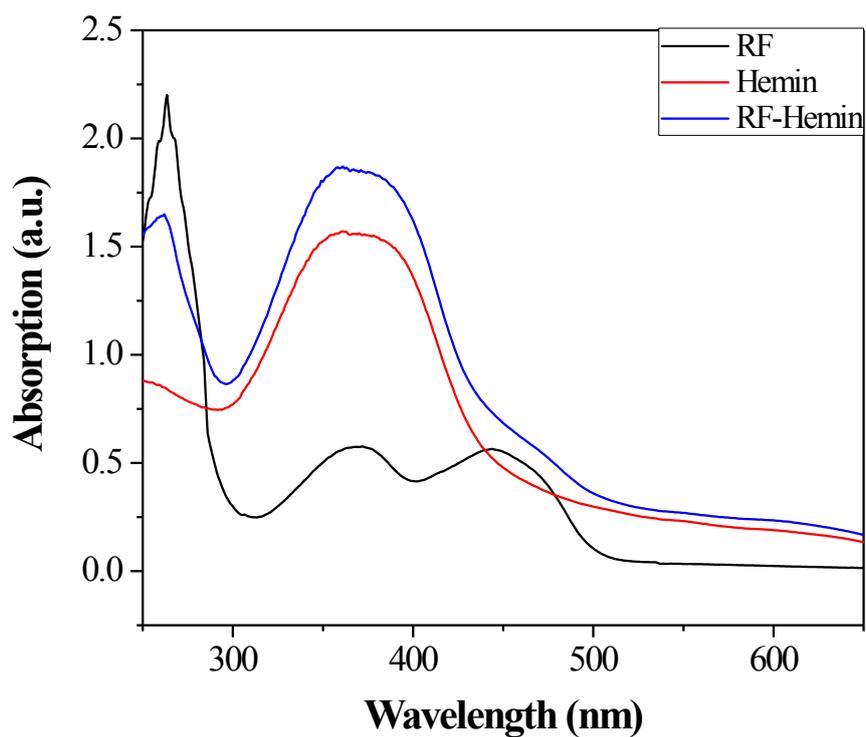


Figure S4. UV-Vis spectrum of 50 μM RF, 50 μM hemin(III) and 50 μM RF-hemin(III) mixture in the TL-cell without electron supply. Buffer solution: PBS (pH = 7.0)

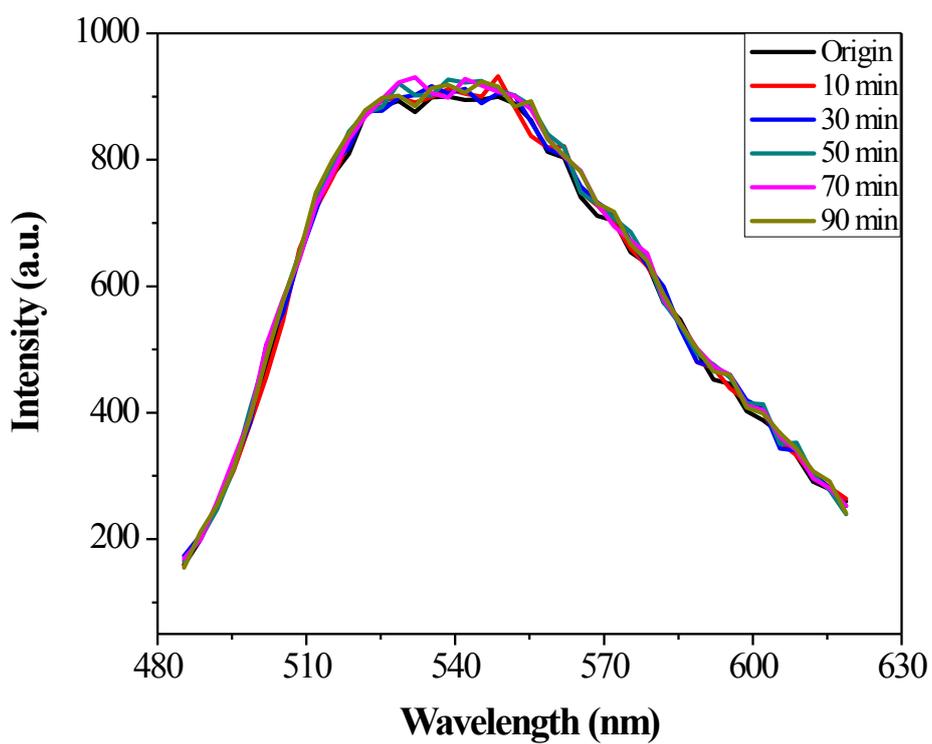


Figure S5. *In situ* electrochemical fluorescence spectra of RF at -0.415 V vs. Ag/AgCl for 90 min in the TL-cell. Excitation wavelength was 444 nm; the excitation and emission slits were both 5 nm; scanning speed was set at 600 nm/min, wavelength of 490-620 nm; buffer solution: PBS (pH = 7.0)