

Supporting Information

Water Catalysis of the Reaction Between the Hydroxyl Radicals and Linear Saturated Alcohols (ethanol and n-propanol) at 294 K

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Table S.1: Independent rate constants plotted in Figure 4.

%H _R	[H ₂ O] ² / 10 ³⁵ (molecules ² cm ⁻⁶)	k _{obs} / 10 ⁻¹² (cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)
Reported coefficient		
0	<<0.09	3.35 ± 0.17 ^a
Air		
28 ± 5	0.28	3.6 ± 0.1
46 ± 5	0.77	3.8 ± 0.2
62 ± 5	1.40	4.6 ± 0.4
70 ± 5	1.78	5.3 ± 0.3
90 ± 5	2.94	5.8 ± 0.3
95 ± 5	3.28	6.4 ± 0.2 ^b
100 ± 5	3.63	7.1 ± 0.4
N ₂ ultra pure		
5 ± 5	0.09	3.5 ± 0.1
26 ± 5	0.25	3.7 ± 0.1
40 ± 5	0.58	4.2 ± 0.2
60 ± 5	1.31	4.3 ± 0.1
70 ± 5	1.78	4.8 ± 0.2
79 ± 5	2.27	5.5 ± 0.4
100 ± 5	3.63	7.2 ± 0.2

a) Ref. 1

b) Determined in a different reaction chamber(60 L collapsible Teflon bag)

Table S.2: Independent rate constants plotted in Figure 5.

% H _R	[H ₂ O] ² / 10 ³⁵ (molecules ² cm ⁻⁶)	k _{obs} / 10 ⁻¹² (cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)
Reported coefficient		
0	<< 0.09	5.9 ± 0.6 ^a
Air		
5 ± 5	0.09	6.1 ± 0.2 ^b
25 ± 5	0.23	7.0 ± 0.4 ^b
25 ± 5	0.23	7.2 ± 0.3 ^c
40 ± 5	0.58	6.7 ± 0.2 ^c
60 ± 5	1.31	8.8 ± 0.4 ^c
75 ± 5	2.04	9.9 ± 0.2 ^c
95 ± 5	3.28	11.5 ± 0.3 ^c
100 ± 5	3.63	12.5 ± 0.4 ^c
100 ± 5	3.63	13.2 ± 0.6 ^b
N ₂ ultra pure		
5 ± 5	0.09	6.2 ± 0.2 ^c
60 ± 5	1.31	9.1 ± 0.3 ^c
70 ± 5	1.78	10.4 ± 0.3 ^c
85 ± 5	2.62	11.9 ± 0.3 ^c
95 ± 5	3.28	10.8 ± 0.3 ^c

a) Ref.2

b) Reference reaction: C₅H₁₂ + OH

c) Reference reaction: C₇H₁₆ + OH

All the computational results presented below have been calculated at the uCCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVDZ//uMP2/aug-cc-pVDZ level of theory, using the Gaussian 09 program package.³

Table S.3: Structures and dipolar moments (μ) for the ROH conformers.

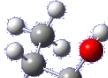
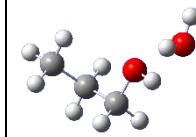
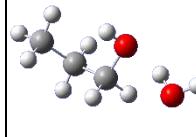
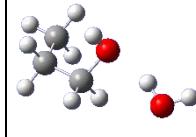
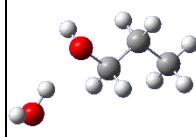
Conformers	Structure	μ (D) MP2
C₂H₅OH		
C ₂ H ₅ OH-1		1.74
C ₂ H ₅ OH-2		1.87
C₃H₇OH		
C ₃ H ₇ OH-1		1.66
C ₃ H ₇ OH-2		1.65
C ₃ H ₇ OH-3		1.92
C ₃ H ₇ OH-4		1.90
C ₃ H ₇ OH-5		1.83

Table S.4: Relative energy including ZPE correction ($\Delta(E+ZPE)$), relative Gibbs free energy (ΔG°_{294K}), the corresponding equilibrium constants (K_{294K}) and dipolar moments (μ) of the ROH(H_2O) and OH(H_2O) complexes. The available literature values are also reported in red, for comparison.

Complexes	Structure	$\Delta(E+ZPE)$ (kcal mol ⁻¹)	ΔG° (kcal mol ⁻¹) ± 1 kcal/mol	$K_{eq-294K}$ (cm ³ molecule ⁻¹)	$K^{max}_{eq-294K}$ - $K^{min}_{eq-294K}$ (cm ³ molecule ⁻¹)*	μ (D) MP2
OH(H_2O)		-3.83	1.59 1.14 ^a	2.6×10^{-21} 5.7×10^{-21} ^a	1.5×10^{-20} - 4.8×10^{-22}	4.20 (3.75) ^b
C₂H₅OH						
[C ₂ H ₅ OH(H_2O)] ₁		-3.96	2.28	8.0×10^{-22}	4.4×10^{-21} - 1.4×10^{-22}	2.80
[C ₂ H ₅ OH(H_2O)] ₂		-3.93	2.52	5.4×10^{-22}	3.0×10^{-21} - 9.7×10^{-23}	2.94
[C ₂ H ₅ OH(H_2O)] ₃		-4.89	2.24	8.7×10^{-22}	4.8×10^{-21} - 1.6×10^{-22}	1.95
[C ₂ H ₅ OH(H_2O)] ₄		-4.50	2.25	8.6×10^{-22}	4.7×10^{-21} - 1.5×10^{-22}	2.21
[C ₂ H ₅ OH(H_2O)] ₅		-4.93	2.55	5.1×10^{-22}	2.8×10^{-21} - 9.2×10^{-23}	2.09
C₃H₇OH						
[C ₃ H ₇ OH(H_2O)] ₁		-4.07	2.17	9.8×10^{-22}	5.4×10^{-21} - 1.8×10^{-22}	2.91

$[C_3H_7OH(H_2O)]_2$		-4.05	2.22	8.9×10^{-22}	4.9×10^{-21} - 1.6×10^{-22}	2.77
$[C_3H_7OH(H_2O)]_3$		-4.05	2.18	9.5×10^{-22}	5.3×10^{-21} - 1.7×10^{-22}	3.01
$[C_3H_7OH(H_2O)]_4$		-4.05	2.13	1.0×10^{-21}	5.8×10^{-21} - 1.9×10^{-22}	3.27
$[C_3H_7OH(H_2O)]_5$		-4.05	2.16	1.0×10^{-21}	5.5×10^{-21} - 1.8×10^{-22}	3.05
$[C_3H_7OH(H_2O)]_6$		-4.05	2.29	7.9×10^{-22}	4.4×10^{-21} - 1.4×10^{-22}	1.53
$[C_3H_7OH(H_2O)]_7$		-4.89	2.35	7.1×10^{-22}	3.9×10^{-21} - 1.3×10^{-22}	1.81
$[C_3H_7OH(H_2O)]_8$		-5.04	2.16	9.9×10^{-22}	5.5×10^{-21} - 1.8×10^{-22}	2.06
$[C_3H_7OH(H_2O)]_9$		-5.03	2.47	5.9×10^{-22}	3.2×10^{-21} - 1.1×10^{-22}	2.72
$[C_3H_7OH(H_2O)]_{10}$		-4.05	2.16	1.0×10^{-21}	5.5×10^{-21} - 1.8×10^{-22}	2.04

$[C_3H_7OH(H_2O)]_{11}$		-4.05	2.29	7.9×10^{-22}	4.4×10^{-21} - 1.4×10^{-22}	2.00
$[C_3H_7OH(H_2O)]_{12}$		-4.05	2.18	9.6×10^{-22}	5.3×10^{-21} - 1.7×10^{-22}	2.38
$[C_3H_7OH(H_2O)]_{13}$		-4.05	2.13	1.0×10^{-21}	5.8×10^{-21} - 1.9×10^{-22}	2.34
$[C_3H_7OH(H_2O)]_{14}$		-4.05	2.16	1.0×10^{-21}	5.5×10^{-21} - 1.8×10^{-21}	2.27

- a) Theoretical values from ref. 4
 b) Experimental value from ref. 5

*The values of $K_{eq-294K}^{max}$ and $K_{eq-294K}^{min}$ were obtained assuming a minimum error of ± 1 kcal/mol in the values of ΔG° . Therefore, $K_{eq-294K}^{max}$ corresponds to the values obtained using $(\Delta G^\circ - 1)$ kcal/mol and $K_{eq-294K}^{min}$ corresponds to the values obtained using $(\Delta G^\circ + 1)$ kcal/mol. The goal of these values is to get some estimation of the lowest error on the $K_{eq-294K}$.

Table S.5: Relative energies ($\Delta(E+ZPE)$, in kcal mol⁻¹) of the stationary points for the reaction OH + C₂H₅OH under dry conditions.

Reactants	CR _j	TS _j	CP _j	
OH + C ₂ H ₅ OH-1 (0.0)	CR _{α,β,o} -5.23	TS _{$\alpha 1$} -1.18	CP _{$\alpha 1$} -24.13	
		TS _{$\beta 1$} 3.74	CP _{$\beta 1$} -18.98	
		TS _{$\alpha 1$} 3.07	CP _{$\alpha 1$} -16.60	
	CR _{$\beta 2$} -0.88	TS _{$\beta 2$} 0.60	CP _{$\beta 2$} -15.49	
		TS _{$\alpha 2$} -1.91	CP _{$\alpha 2$} -25.90	
	CR _{$\alpha 2$} -5.14	TS _{$\alpha 3$} -1.45	CP _{$\alpha 3$} -25.90	
OH + C ₂ H ₅ OH-2 (0.0)		TS _{$\beta 3$} -1.44	CP _{$\beta 3$} -20.02	
		TS _{$\beta 4$} 2.66	CP _{$\beta 4$} -16.70	
		TS _{$\alpha 2$} 2.55	CP _{$\alpha 2$} -16.34	

Table S.6: Relative energies ($\Delta(E+ZPE)$, in kcal mol⁻¹) of the stationary points for the reaction OH + C₂H₅OH including one water molecule.

Reactants	CR _j -W	TS _j -W	CP _j -W
OH(H ₂ O) + C ₂ H ₅ OH-1 (0.0)	CR _{α} -W -7.81	CR _{α1} -W -2.83	CR _{α1} -W -25.94
		CR _{α2} -W -4.66	CR _{α2} -W -30.07
	CR _{β1} -W -6.96	TS _{β1} -W -1.54	CP _{β1} -W -21.77
		TS _{β2} -W 0.22	CP _{β2} -W -23.60
	CR _{β3} -W -12.96	TS _{β3} -W 2.55	CP _{β3} -W -23.64
		TS _{σ1} -W 0.87	CP _{σ1} -W -19.18
OH(H ₂ O) + C ₂ H ₅ OH-2 (0.0)	CR _{α1} -W -7.10	TS _{α1} -W -4.42	CP _{α1} -W -29.65
		TS _{α2} -W -2.59	CP _{α2} -W -25.89
	CR _{α3} -W -7.43	TS _{α3} -W -2.36	CP _{α3} -W -29.96

	$CR_{\beta 4}\text{-}W$ -7.43	$TS_{\beta 4}\text{-}W$ -1.41	$CP_{\beta 4}\text{-}W$ -22.19
	$CR_{\beta 5}\text{-}W$ -8.64	$TS_{\beta 5}\text{-}W$ -2.05	$CP_{\beta 5}\text{-}W$ -23.51
	$CR_{o 2}\text{-}W$ -8.22	$TS_{o 2}\text{-}W$ 0.41	$CP_{o 2}\text{-}W$ -19.20
	$CR_{o 3}\text{-}W$ -8.45	$TS_{o 3}\text{-}W$ 0.15	$CP_{o 3}\text{-}W$ -19.18

Table S.7: Relative energies ($\Delta(E+ZPE)$, in kcal mol⁻¹) of the stationary points for the reaction OH + C₂H₅OH including two water molecules.

Reactants	CR _j -WW	TS _j -WW	CP _j -WW
OH(H ₂ O) + [C ₂ H ₅ OH(H ₂ O)] ₁ (0.0)	CR _{α_1} -WW -10.15	CR _{α_1} -WW -9.55	CR _{α_1} -WW -34.24
	CR _{α_2} -WW -14.05	CR _{α_2} -WW -11.11	CR _{α_2} -WW -35.39
	CR _{α_3} -WW -13.95	CR _{α_3} -WW -9.42	CR _{α_3} -WW -34.75
	CR _{α_4} -WW -10.66	CR _{α_4} -WW -6.07	CR _{α_4} -WW -29.36
	CR _{β_1} -WW -13.95	TS _{β_1} -WW -6.96	CP _{β_1} -WW -28.89
	CR _{β_2} -WW -10.66	TS _{β_2} -WW -4.45	CP _{β_2} -WW -29.60
OH(H ₂ O) + [C ₂ H ₅ OH(H ₂ O)] ₂ (0.0)	CR _{\circ_1} -WW -13.52	TS _{\circ_1} -WW -3.50	CP _{\circ_1} -WW -21.00
	CR _{α_5} -WW -9.88	TS _{α_5} -WW -9.51	CP _{α_5} -WW -34.04
	CR _{α_6} -WW -14.08	TS _{α_6} -WW -10.96	CP _{α_6} -WW -35.23

	$CR_{\alpha 7}\text{-WW}$ -13.92	$TS_{\alpha 7}\text{-WW}$ -9.29	$CP_{\alpha 7}\text{-WW}$ -34.63
	$CR_{\alpha 8}\text{-WW}$ -10.58	$TS_{\alpha 8}\text{-WW}$ -6.24	$CP_{\alpha 8}\text{-WW}$ -34.00
	$CR_{\beta 3}\text{-WW}$ -14.15	$TS_{\beta 3}\text{-WW}$ -7.72	$CP_{\beta 3}\text{-WW}$ -28.72
	$CR_{o2}\text{-WW}$ -8.65	$TS_{o2}\text{-WW}$ 5.7	$CP_{o2}\text{-WW}$ -21.84

Table S.8: Relative energies ($\Delta(E+ZPE)$, in kcal mol⁻¹) of the stationary points for the reaction OH + C₃H₇OH-1 under dry conditions.

Reactants	CR _j	TS _j	CP _j
OH + C ₃ H ₇ OH-1 (0.0)	CR _{α,β,γ,o} -5.46	TS _{$\alpha 1$}	CP _{$\alpha 1$}
		-1.43	-23.88
		TS _{$\alpha 2$}	CP _{$\alpha 2$}
		-1.68	-24.10
		TS _{$\beta 1$}	CP _{$\beta 1$}
		0.52	-19.04
		TS _{$\beta 2$}	CP _{$\beta 2$}
		1.06	-21.72
		TS _{$\gamma 1$}	CP _{$\gamma 1$}
		-0.22	-20.35
		TS _{$o 1$}	CP _{$o 1$}
		2.95	-16.89
		TS _{$\beta 3$}	CP _{$\beta 3$}
		-1.44	-20.02
		TS _{$\beta 4$}	CP _{$\beta 4$}
		2.66	-16.70
		TS _{$o 2$}	CP _{$o 2$}
		2.55	-16.34

Table S.9: Relative energies ($\Delta(E+ZPE)$, in kcal mol⁻¹) of the stationary points for the reaction OH + C₃H₇OH-1 including one water molecule.

Reactants	CR _j -W	TS _j -W	CP _j -W
OH(H ₂ O) + C ₃ H ₇ OH-1 (0.0)	CR _{α_1} -W -3.16	TS _{α_1} -W -3.07	CP _{α_1} -W -25.77
	CR _{β_1} -W -1.60	TS _{β_1} -W 0.14	CP _{β_1} -W -19.35
	CR _{β_2} -W -10.8	TS _{β_2} -W -1.04	CP _{β_2} -W -21.21
	CR _{β_3} -W -12.18	TS _{β_3} -W -2.07	CP _{β_3} -W -25.96
	CR _{\circ_1} -W -8.48	TS _{\circ_1} -W 0.73	CP _{\circ_1} -W -19.54

Table S.10: Relative energies ($\Delta(E+ZPE)$, in kcal mol⁻¹) of the stationary points for the reaction OH + C₃H₇OH-1 including two water molecules as catalyst.

Reactants	CR _j -WW	TS _j -WW	CP _j -WW
OH(H ₂ O) + [C ₃ H ₇ OH(H ₂ O)] ₁ (0.0)	CR _{α_1} -WW -14.12	TS _{α_1} -WW -9.89	CP _{α_1} -WW -34.30
	CR _{α_2} -WW -14.12	TS _{α_2} -WW -11.41	CP _{α_2} -WW -35.18
	CR _{α_3} -WW -14.10	TS _{α_3} -WW -9.78	CP _{α_3} -WW -34.00
	CR _{α_4} -WW -10.69	TS _{α_4} -WW -6.63	CP _{α_4} -WW -35.60
	CR _{α_1} -WW -17.27	TS _{α_1} -WW -4.42	CP _{α_1} -WW -22.86

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