

ELECTRONIC SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Reaction of hydrogen peroxide with superoxide in
[(NH₃)₅Co^{III}(μ-O₂)Co^{III}(NH₃)₅]⁵⁺: A mechanistic study**

Ritu Mishra, Subrata Mukhopadhyay and Rupendranath Banerjee*

Department of Chemistry, Jadavpur University, Kolkata 700 032, India

Contents	Page
Table S1. Stoichiometric results for the oxidation of H ₂ O ₂ by 1 .	S2
Figure S1. Kinetic profile at 670 nm for the reduction of 1 with H ₂ O ₂ .	S3
Table S2. Some representative first-order rate constants (<i>k</i> _{obs}) for the oxidation of hydrogen peroxide by the title complex 1 .	S4
Figure S2. Effect of acidity on first-order rate constants (<i>k</i> _{obs}) for the oxidation of H ₂ O ₂ by 1 .	S5
Table S3. Some representative first-order rate constants (<i>k</i> _{obs}) for the oxidation of phenol by the title complex 1 .	S6
Figure S3. Effect of mol % D ₂ O on first-order rate constants (<i>k</i> _{obs}) for the oxidation of phenol by the title complex 1 .	S7

Table S1. Stoichiometric results for the oxidation of H₂O₂ by **1**.

[1], mM	[H ₂ O ₂], mM	[H ₂ O ₂] left, mM	$\Delta[\mathbf{1}]/\Delta[\text{H}_2\text{O}_2]$
5.0	7.0	4.4	1.92 ^a
7.0	10.0	6.2	1.84 ^b
5.5	7.0	4.2	1.96 ^c
4.5	7.0	4.8	2.04 ^d

Average: 1.94 ± 0.10

^a at $I = 0.1$ M (NaClO₄), pH = 5.07, T_{OAc} = 0.20 M, T = 25.0 °C.

^b at $I = 0.2$ M (NaClO₄), pH = 5.23, T_{OAc} = 0.30 M, T = 25.0 °C.

^{c,d} at $I = 0.5$ M (NaClO₄), pH = 5.34, T_{OAc} = 0.40 M, T = 25.0 °C.

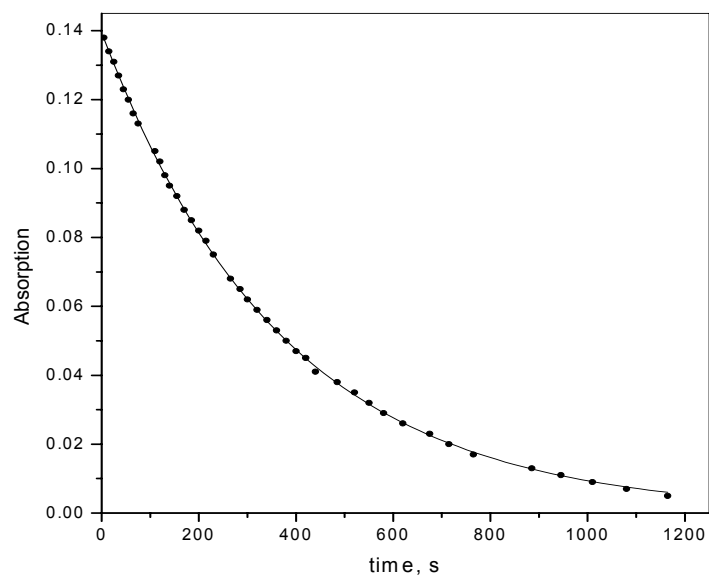


Figure S1. Kinetic profile at 670 nm for the reduction of **1** (0.20 mM) with H₂O₂ (0.50 M) at pH 5.01 ($T_{\text{OAc}} = 0.20$ M), $I = 0.50$ M (NaClO₄); $T = 25.0$ °C. The solid line is the first-order fit of the experimental values (shown in solid circles).

Table S2. Some representative first-order rate constants (k_{obs}) for the oxidation of hydrogen peroxide by the title complex **1** (0.2 mM) at $T = 25.0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, $T_{\text{OAc}} = 0.20\text{ M}$.^a Calculated k_{obs} values on the basis of eqn. (6) are shown in parenthesis.

pH	[H ₂ O ₂], M	<i>I</i> , M	$10^3 k_{\text{obs}}$, s ⁻¹
4.76	0.50	0.50	1.71 (1.54)
5.01	0.50	0.50	2.70 (2.74)
5.30	0.50	0.50	5.30 (5.34)
5.46	0.50	0.50	8.10 (7.71)
5.60	0.50	0.50	10.5 (10.7)
5.85	0.50	0.50	19.1 (18.9)
6.02	0.50	0.50	28.1 (28.0)
5.01	0.20	0.50	1.20 (1.09)
5.01	0.30	0.50	1.70 (1.64)
5.01	0.40	0.50	2.20 (2.19)
5.01	0.60	0.50	3.20 (3.28)
5.01	0.70	0.50	3.70 (3.83)
5.01	0.50	1.0	2.71 (2.74)
5.01	0.50	1.5	2.80 ^b (2.74)

^a Under the experimental conditions, the superoxo complex, **1**, suffered practically no self-decomposition. We verified that in blank runs without H₂O₂, absorbance of **1** decreased by less than 1% of its initial value.

^b $10^3 k_{\text{obs}} = 2.82$ and 2.73 s^{-1} at $T_{\text{OAc}} = 0.30$ and 0.50 M respectively.

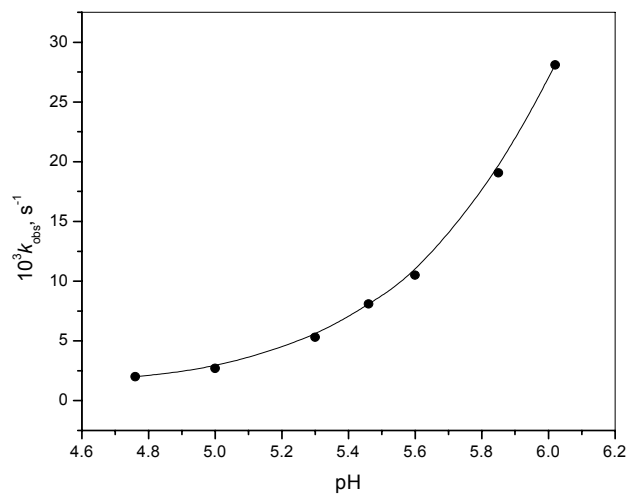


Fig. S2 Effect of acidity on k_{obs} for the oxidation of H_2O_2 (0.50 M) by **1** (0.2 mM), $T_{\text{OAc}} = 0.20 \text{ M}$, $I = 0.50 \text{ M}$ (NaClO_4), $T = 25.0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The solid line is the fit of the experimental values (shown in solid circles) drawn on the basis of eqn. 6.

pH	[phenol], mM	<i>I</i> , M	$10^3 k_{\text{obs}}$, s ⁻¹
4.34	2.0	0.50	0.61
4.78	2.0	0.50	1.96
5.04	2.0	0.50	2.93
5.42	2.0	0.50	6.76
5.61	2.0	0.50	9.58
5.84	2.0	0.50	18.3
5.04	4.0	0.50	5.13

Table S3. Some representative first-order rate constants (k_{obs}) for the oxidation of phenol by the title complex **1** (0.2 mM) at T = 25.0 °C, T_{OAc} = 0.20 M

5.04	6.0	0.50	7.86
5.04	8.0	0.50	9.72
5.04	10.0	0.50	12.9
5.04	2.0	0.50	2.47 ^a
5.04	2.0	0.50	2.20 ^b
5.04	2.0	0.50	1.99 ^c
5.04	2.0	0.50	1.72 ^d

^a at 30% D₂O content

^b at 58% D₂O content

^c at 67% D₂O content

^d at 90% D₂O content

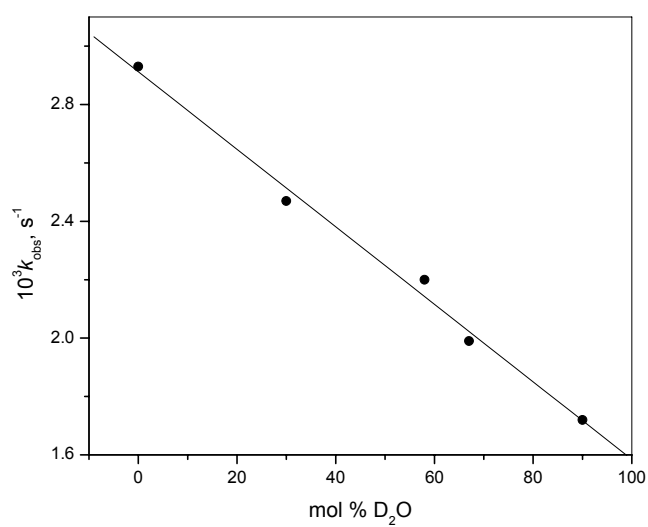


Fig. S3 Effect of mol % D₂O on k_{obs} , [1] = 0.20 mM, [phenol] = 2.0 mM, pH/pD = 5.01, T_{OAc} = 0.20 M, I = 0.50 M (NaClO₄), T = 25.0 °C.

