## Direct Evidence of Singlet Molecular Oxygen Generation from Peroxynitrate, a Decomposition Product of Peroxynitrite

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## **Supporting Information**

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$$O_2 NOOH + 2 I^- + H^+ \rightarrow H_2 O + NO_3^- + I_2$$
(1)

$$H_2O_2 + 2I^- + H^+ \rightarrow 2H_2O + I_2$$
 (2)



**Figure S1.** Quantification of O<sub>2</sub>NOOH by spectro-iodometry. The quantification is based on the rapid reaction of O<sub>2</sub>NOOH with iodide (eq. 1), which has an intense absorption at 352 nm ( $\varepsilon = 26400 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). The reaction of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> with iodide (eq. 2) undergoes at an appreciable rate only after the addition of ammonium molybdate as a catalyst. For the experiment, 2 ml of 8 mM KI and 20 µl of 2.4 M HNO3 were pipetted into a cuvette. After recording the baseline, 20 µl of the diluted (1000 times) O<sub>2</sub>NOOH solution in 2.4 M HNO<sub>3</sub> was added and the absorbance was measured for about 1 min. To determine the H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentration, 20 µl of 2% ammonium molybdate solution was added and the absorbance was recorded until a plateau was reached. I<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> has a strong absorption at 352 nm and its concentration was determined by using its absorption coefficient of 26400 M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S2.** Kinetics of the decay of monomolecular light emission at 1270 nm due to O<sub>2</sub> ( ${}^{1}\Delta_{g}$ ) generated during decomposition of 10 mM DHPNO<sub>2</sub> incubated in 0.1 M phosphate buffer pD 7.8: A) decay curve of data collected for 3810 s (63.5 min), B) expanded view of the Intensity – time curve in the first 500 s, which show the region selected for integration, and C), the area integrated from 300 – 400 s. Thermolysis of DHPNO<sub>2</sub> follows first-order kinetics [30]: based on the half-life of decomposition of DHPNO<sub>2</sub> at 37°C ( $t_{1/2} = \ln 2/k = 23 \text{ min}$ ), the calculated value for the first-order rate constant *k* is 5.02 × 10<sup>-4</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. Taking into account that thermolysis of DHPNO<sub>2</sub> vields 59% O<sub>2</sub> ( ${}^{1}\Delta_{g}$ ) [30], the estimated rate of O<sub>2</sub> ( ${}^{1}\Delta_{g}$ ) production from 10 mM DHPNO<sub>2</sub> at 37°C is 2.96  $\mu$ M.s<sup>-1</sup>. The area obtained by integrating the light emission intensity over a

period of 100 s yielded a value of 58140 (arbitrary units), which corresponds to 296  $\mu$ M of O<sub>2</sub> (<sup>1</sup> $\Delta$ <sub>g</sub>). This value was used to convert integrated area to [O<sub>2</sub> (<sup>1</sup> $\Delta$ <sub>g</sub>)].



**Figure S3**. Time course for the emission of light from of  $O_2$  ( $^1\Delta_g$ ) generated during injection of 0.9 M phosphate buffer at pD 7.6 into 1.5 ml of 1 mM ONOO<sup>-</sup> in the absence of a) and in the presence of 10 mM b) NaNO<sub>2</sub> or c)NaNO<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S4**. Influence of pD on the amount of EAS consumed during incubation with ONOO<sup>-</sup>. Reaction conditions are the same as those described in Figure S3.