

Supplementary data for

# Electrochemical and Mechanistic Study of Superoxide Scavenging by Pyrogallol in *N,N*-Dimethylformamide through Proton-Coupled Electron Transfer

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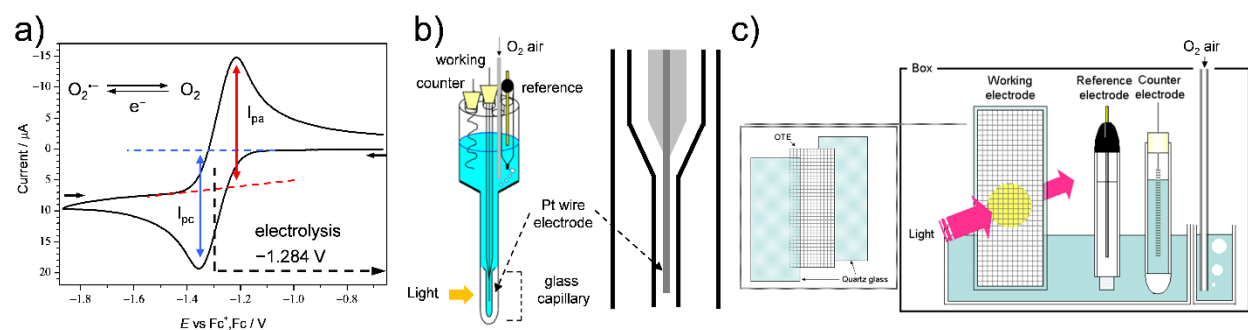
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**Table S1.** CV parameters

Working Electrode     Planar Radius 1.0 mm diameter			
Geometry Spherical (Hemispherical) <sup>1</sup>		Diffusion Semi-infinite 1D	Temperature 298.3 K
Charge Transfer Reaction			
O <sub>2</sub> + e <sup>−</sup> ↔ O <sub>2</sub> <sup>•−</sup>	Redox Potential (V vs Fc <sup>+</sup> /Fc)	Coefficient	Kinetics (cm s <sup>−1</sup> )
	<i>E</i> = −1.284	<i>α</i> = 0.005	<i>k</i> <sub>s</sub> = 0.00927
Species			
	Diffusion Coefficient (cm <sup>2</sup> s <sup>−1</sup> )	Initial Concentration (mol L <sup>−1</sup> )	
O <sub>2</sub>	4.76 ± 0.24 × 10 <sup>−5</sup>	0.0048	
O <sub>2</sub> <sup>•−</sup>	2.15 ± 0.24 × 10 <sup>−5</sup>	0	

<sup>1</sup>Operating conditions were spherical diffusion (to mimic edge diffusion to the disk)

<sup>2</sup>DigiElch 4.5 ElchSoft inc. (Digital CV Simulation Software)



**Figure S1.** In situ electrolytic ESR/UV-vis spectral system. (a) Cyclic voltammograms of  $\text{O}_2/\text{O}_2^{\bullet-}$  for potential determination. (b) In situ ESR system, composed of an electrochemical ESR cell with a glass small tip, air tube for  $\text{O}_2$  bubbling, and three electrode system using a 0.5-mm-diameter straight Pt wire sealed in a glass capillary as working electrode. (c) An optically transparent thin layer electrochemical (OTTLE) cell using a Pt mesh working electrode for in situ electrolytic UV-vis spectrometry.

**Table S2.**  $\Delta G^\circ$  values ( $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ ) for the PCET reaction between  $\text{O}_2^{\bullet-}$  and the compounds ( $\text{CatH}_2$ ,  $\text{PyH}_3$ , and  $\text{MoCatH}_2$ ) in acetonitrile, calculated using (U)B3LYP/PCM/6-311+G(3df,2p) methods.

	PT1	PT2	PT3	PT4	ET1	ET2	ET3	PCET	2PCET
$\text{CatH}_2$	19.3	-365.4	378.5	-78.9	408.0	23.2	-434.2	-55.7	-36.3
$\text{PyH}_3$	17.8	-360.2	358.9	-67.9	406.4	28.3	-398.5	-39.5	-21.7
$\text{MoCatH}_2$	46.0	-336.5	380.6	-92.5	396.1	13.4	-459.6	-79.0	-32.9

**Table S3.**  $\Delta G^\circ$  values ( $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ ) for the PCET reaction between  $\text{O}_2^{\bullet-}$  and the compounds ( $\text{CatH}_2$ ,  $\text{PyH}_3$ , and  $\text{MoCatH}_2$ ) in dimethyl sulfoxide, calculated using (U)B3LYP/PCM/6-311+G(3df,2p) methods.

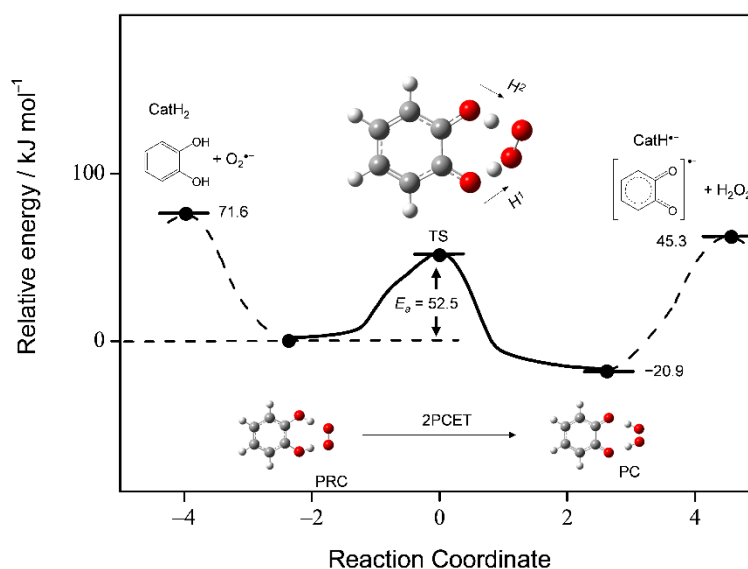
	PT1	PT2	PT3	PT4	ET1	ET2	ET3	PCET	2PCET
$\text{CatH}_2$	19.8	-358.5	385.8	-78.3	400.9	22.5	-441.5	-55.7	-35.9
$\text{PyH}_3$	18.2	-353.3	353.1	-67.2	399.3	27.6	-392.6	-39.5	-21.2
$\text{MoCatH}_2$	46.0	-329.9	374.4	-92.0	389.0	13.0	-453.5	-79.0	-32.9

**Table S4.**  $\Delta G^\circ$  values ( $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ ) for the PCET reaction between  $\text{O}_2^{\bullet-}$  and the compounds ( $\text{CatH}_2$ ,  $\text{PyH}_3$ , and  $\text{MoCatH}_2$ ) in water, calculated using (U)B3LYP/PCM/6-311+G(3df,2p) methods.

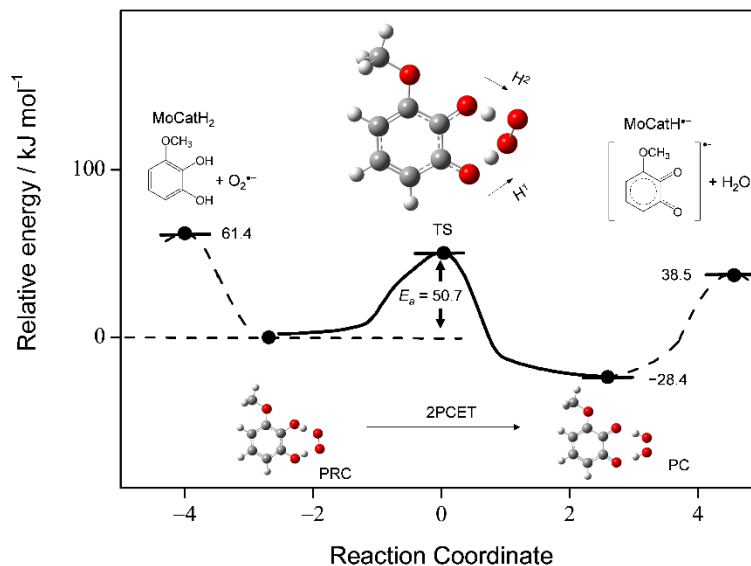
	PT1	PT2	PT3	PT4	ET1	ET2	ET3	PCET	2PCET
$\text{CatH}_2$	20.3	-349.5	378.1	-77.5	391.6	21.7	-434.0	-55.8	-35.4
$\text{PyH}_3$	18.8	-344.3	345.5	-66.2	390.0	26.8	-384.9	-39.4	-20.5
$\text{MoCatH}_2$	46.0	-321.4	366.4	-91.5	379.9	12.4	-445.5	-79.0	-33.0

**Table S5.**  $\Delta G^\circ$  values ( $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ ) for the PCET reaction between  $\text{O}_2^{\bullet-}$  and the compounds ( $\text{CatH}_2$ ,  $\text{PyH}_3$ , and  $\text{MoCatH}_2$ ) in vacuum, calculated using (U)B3LYP/PCM/6-311+G(3df,2p) methods.

	PT1	PT2	PT3	PT4	ET1	ET2	ET3	PCET	2PCET
$\text{CatH}_2$	-60.4	-1385.1	1279.3	-159.8	1444.0	119.3	-1319.8	-40.4	-100.9
$\text{PyH}_3$	-66.9	-1374.7	1212.8	-170.9	1437.1	129.3	-1254.4	-41.6	-108.5
$\text{MoCatH}_2$	-6.0	-1323.8	1241.7	-180.3	1417.8	100.0	-1322.1	-80.3	-86.4



**Figure S2.** Energy profile (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>) along the IRC of the 2PCET between CatH<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub><sup>•-</sup> in DMF with structures of FRs (CatH<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub><sup>•-</sup>), PRC (CatH<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub><sup>•-</sup>), TS, PC (Cat<sup>•-</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>), and FPs (Cat<sup>•-</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>), calculated using DFT-(U)B3LYP/PCM/6-311+G(3df,2p) method.



**Figure S3.** Energy profile (kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>) along the IRC of the 2PCET between MoCatH<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub><sup>•-</sup> in DMF with structures of FRs (MoCatH<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub><sup>•-</sup>), PRC (MoCatH<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub><sup>•-</sup>), TS, PC (MoCat<sup>•-</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>), and FPs (MoCat<sup>•-</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>), calculated using DFT-(U)B3LYP/PCM/6-311+G(3df,2p) method.

**Table S6.** Optimized geometry of complexes (PRC, TS, and PC) formed along the 2PCET between PyH<sub>3</sub> and O<sub>2</sub><sup>•−</sup> calculated using DFT-(U)B3LYP/PCM/6-311+G(3df,2p) in DMF.

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Center	Atomic	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
Number	Number	X	Y	Z
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-PRC-----				
1	6	1.181897	-1.84196	-0.06596
2	6	0.06826	-1.03843	0.202336
3	6	0.221736	0.356216	0.22686
4	6	1.486161	0.908188	-0.01953
5	6	2.592423	0.110095	-0.27751
6	6	2.426881	-1.27204	-0.29633
7	1	1.047691	-2.91533	-0.08233
8	1	3.554319	0.569762	-0.45842
9	1	3.277846	-1.90975	-0.49659
10	8	1.616241	2.268443	0.016273
11	1	0.733112	2.622022	0.203096
12	8	-0.76731	1.237787	0.548122
13	1	-1.66049	1.069864	0.077844
14	8	-1.11312	-1.64656	0.472696
15	1	-1.92325	-1.09988	0.236284
16	8	-3.30296	-0.42191	-0.26998
17	8	-3.04453	0.853596	-0.5295
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-TS-----				
1	6	1.481072	0.891171	0.059877
2	6	0.201635	0.388281	-0.25156
3	6	-0.02594	-1.03381	-0.30444
4	6	1.092044	-1.87109	-0.03328
5	6	2.330801	-1.34326	0.259256
6	6	2.542867	0.045301	0.310444
7	1	0.936235	-2.94151	-0.06901
8	1	3.163025	-2.00692	0.456686
9	1	3.516047	0.456834	0.539721
10	8	-1.19241	-1.50821	-0.5994

11	1	-2.23727	-0.9208	0.281739
12	8	-0.73629	1.294887	-0.54229
13	1	-1.73773	1.015622	-0.32236
14	8	-2.94759	-0.39799	0.81965
15	1	0.79236	2.643126	-0.10118
16	8	1.653703	2.246055	0.095463
17	8	-3.04835	0.777028	0.098148
-PC-----				
1	6	-1.6067	0.918052	-0.0358
2	6	-0.25561	0.405283	-0.01653
3	6	-0.06345	-1.05977	0.029501
4	6	-1.24505	-1.86692	0.065874
5	6	-2.49639	-1.30811	0.049218
6	6	-2.69765	0.096077	-0.00316
7	1	-1.114	-2.94054	0.103607
8	1	-3.36738	-1.95084	0.075757
9	1	-3.696	0.511511	-0.01592
10	8	1.099258	-1.56706	0.037436
11	1	2.574259	-0.86554	-0.27943
12	8	0.696442	1.246655	-0.0428
13	1	2.349146	1.007136	0.296185
14	8	3.42224	-0.37527	-0.45585
15	1	-0.80768	2.60238	-0.09488
16	8	-1.72331	2.270097	-0.08428
17	8	3.286694	0.741594	0.467989
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