## **Supporting Information**

## Dioxygen Activation at Non-Heme Diiron Centers: Oxidation of a Proximal Residue in the I100W Mutant of Toluene/*o*-Xylene Monooxygenase Hydroxylase

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**Figure S1**. HPLC traces at 280 nm of steady-state reaction mixtures for wild-type and F205W mutant hydroxylases. Catechol (black arrow) is the only observed product in reactions. The peak corresponding to phenol (blue arrow), the substrate used in these assays, was of a lower intensity in the reaction containing the F205W mutant, consistent with the reduced steady-state activity of this hydroxylase. The compound eluting at 6 min does not arise from hydroquinone, as determined by HPLC traces for samples doped with this compound. A background peak at ~ 12.5 min (red arrow) appears in all traces with equal intensity.



**Figure S2.** Arrhenius plots for formation and decay rates of the mixed-valent diiron(III,IV)–W<sup>•</sup> formed during the reaction of ToMOH<sub>red</sub> I100W:3ToMOD with dioxygen. The difference in activation energy for both phases in protic versus deuterated buffers is non-zero as determined from the Arrhenius plots (right). The temperature dependence of  $k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}$  is therefore non-zero for both processes with the decay exhibiting a stronger dependence than formation. This data imply that hydrogen atom transfer or tunneling from W100 to the diiron(III) intermediate does not occur during formation.



**Figure S3.** Effect of propylene and acetylene on the decay rate of the tryptophanyl radical. Propylene, a substrate for MMOH<sub>peroxo</sub>, accelerates  $k_d$  by more than 50-fold to 2.8 s<sup>-1</sup> whereas acetylene has only a minor effect.



Figure S4. X-band EPR spectra of the diiron(III,IV)–W<sup>•</sup> species at (A) 20 K and (B) 65 K. (A) The spectrum at 20 K contains the anisotropic features associated with the diiron center with the radical signal saturated. (B) The spectrum at 65 K of the intermediate predominantly arises from the W<sup>•</sup> radical. The diiron center is not saturated below 60 K.



**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H-Mims ENDOR spectra of the tryptophan radical in buffers containing  $H_2O$  (black) and  $D_2O$  (blue). The two spectra are superimposable indicating that there are no exchangeable protons on the radical. The spectra, as for the <sup>2</sup>H-Mims spectra, are dominated by signals from the indole protons.

b fragm	nents				
1 ADP 29	5 GWVST 25	MQLHFG	15 AWAL		5 <sup>25</sup> 29 STAEAR
					y fragments
Ion	Mass (m/z)	Charge	Ion	Mass (m/z)	Charge
b4	341.2	+1	y1	175.1	+1
b5	527.2	+1	y2	246.2	+1
b6	626.3	+1	y3	375.2	+1
b6	313.2	+2	y4	446.3	+1
b7	713.3	+1	y5	547.3	+1
<i>b20</i>	1122.5	+2	y6	634.3	+1
<i>b22</i>	1239.6	+2	у7	705.4	+1
			y8	776.4	+1
			y9	939.5	+1
			y12	1320.6	+1
			y19	1055.8	+2
			y23	1278.6	+2
			y27	1328.2	+2
			<i>y</i> 27	999.1	+3

**Figure S6.** ESI-MS/MS fragment ions arising from the tryptic peptide containing W100. The fragment peptide ions of the tryptic peptide of interest are labeled using the b and y ion nomenclature (top). W100 is in red font. The  $[M+H]^{3+}$  parent ion was fragmented. The fragment peptide ions were assigned based on mass and isotopic spacing of the individual envelopes. The fragment ions containing the modified residue are shown in italics. This analysis revealed that the 16 Da increase observed for the reacted sample results from modification of a residue situated between H96 and E104.

Table S1. Sequences for Mutagenic Primers for the  $\alpha\mbox{-}Subunit$  of ToMOH

MUTATION	PRIMER	SEQUENCE (5' to 3')
I100W	sense antisense	caacttcacttcggagcgTGGgcacttgaagaatacg cgtattcttcaagtgcCCAcgctccgaagtgaagttg
I100Y	sense antisense	ggttagcactatgcaacttcacttcggagcgTATgcacttgaagaatacg cgtattcttcaagtgcATAcgctccgaagtgaagttgcatagtgctaacc
F205W	sense antisense	ggetteaceaatatgeagTGGeteggtttggeeg eggeeaaacegagCCAetgeatattggtgaagee
L208F	sense antisense	gcagtttctcggtTTCcgccgctgacgctgctgaggccg cggcctcagcagcgtcagcggcGAAaccgagaaactgc

	ToMOH <sub>ox</sub>				
Data Collection					
Beamline	SSRL 9-2				
Wavelength (Å)	0.979				
Space Group	P3 <sub>1</sub> 21				
Unit cell dimensions (Å)	182.4 x 182.4 x 68.0				
Resolution range (Å)	50 - 2.1				
Total Reflections	449931				
Unique Reflections	70195				
Completeness (%)*	84.7 (83.6)				
I/s(I)	27.2 (19.4)				
Rsym (%)	6.4 (54.1)				
Phasing method	Molecular Replacement				
Refinement					
Rcryst (%)	21.7				
Rfree (%)	28.4				
No. Protein Atoms	7352				
No. Non-Protien Atoms	204				
r.m.s deviation bond length (Å)	0.034				
r.m.s deviation bond angles (°)	2.76				
Average B-value ( $Å^2$ )	50.8				

Table S2. Data Collection and Refinement Statistics for ToMOH I100W

Position <u>A</u> Distances (Å)	$C_{\alpha}$	$C_{\beta}$	$C_{\gamma}$	$C_{\delta 1}$	$C_{\delta 2}$	$C_{\epsilon 2}$	$C_{\epsilon 3}$	$C_{\zeta 2}$	$C_{\zeta 3}$	$C_{\eta 2}$	$N_{\epsilon}$
Fe1	8.8	8.1	9.0	9.7	9.3	10.3	9.2	11.1	10.1	11.0	10.5
Fe2	10.6	10.0	10.6	11.4	10.6	11.5	10.1	11.9	10.7	11.6	11.9
$\mu$ -OH (hydroxide)	10.3	9.5	10.1	10.8	10.4	11.2	10.2	11.8	10.9	11.7	11.4
$\mu$ -OH (glycerol)	8.5	7.8	8.5	9.4	8.6	9.6	8.2	10.2	8.9	9.9	10.0
H <sub>2</sub> O (terminal on Fe1)	8.3	7.3	7.9	8.5	8.2	9.0	8.3	9.8	9.1	9.8	9.1
Position <u>B</u> Distances (Å)	$C_{\alpha}$	$C_{\beta}$	$C_{\gamma}$	$C_{\delta 1}$	$C_{\delta 2}$	$C_{\epsilon 2}$	$C_{\epsilon 3}$	$C_{\zeta 2}$	$C_{\zeta 3}$	$C_{\eta 2}$	$N_{\epsilon}$
Fe1	8.7	8.2	8.0	8.9	7.2	7.7	6.3	7.5	6.0	6.7	8.7
Fe2	10.6	10.2	9.7	10.4	8.5	8.7	7.6	8.0	6.8	7.0	9.7
$\mu$ -OH (hydroxide)	10.3	9.6	9.2	9.9	8.3	8.5	7.5	8.1	7.0	7.3	9.5
$\mu$ -OH (glycerol)	8.4	8.1	7.6	8.4	6.5	6.9	5.5	6.3	4.9	5.3	8.0
H <sub>2</sub> O (terminal on Fe1)	8.2	7.4	6.9	7.6	6.2	6.5	5.7	6.3	5.5	5.8	7.3

Table S3. Distances Between the Atoms of the Side-Chain of W100 and the Diiron Active Site

Temp	H <sub>2</sub> O		D	$_{2}\mathbf{O}$	Formation	Decay
(± 0.1 °C)	$k_{\rm f}({\rm s}^{-1})$	$k_{\rm d}  ({\rm s}^{-1})$	$k_{\rm f}({\rm s}^{-1})$	$k_{\rm d}~({\rm s}^{-1})$	$k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}$	$k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}$
4.0	$0.90\pm\ 0.01$	$0.093\pm0.009$	$0.358\pm0.002$	$0.029\pm0.001$	$2.51\pm0.04$	$3.2\pm0.3$
10.0	$1.39\pm0.02$	$0.143\pm0.002$	$0.567\pm0.003$	$0.060\pm0.001$	$2.46\pm0.03$	$2.36\pm0.05$
15.0	$2.09\pm0.03$	$0.218\pm0.002$	$0.93\pm0.04$	$0.111\pm0.001$	$2.24\pm0.08$	$1.97\pm0.02$
20.0	$3.25\pm0.05$	$0.359\pm0.008$	$1.50\pm0.06$	$0.195\pm0.001$	$2.17\pm0.09$	$1.84\pm0.04$
25.0	$4.9\pm0.1$	$0.59\pm0.01$	$2.50\pm0.07$	$0.342\pm0.001$	$1.97\pm0.07$	$1.72\pm0.02$

Table S4. Formation and Decay Rate Constants for I100W Transient in H<sub>2</sub>O and D<sub>2</sub>O Buffers

$k_{\rm f}({\rm s}^{-1})$	$k_{\rm d}  ({\rm s}^{-1})$
$0.66\pm0.01$	$0.0417 \pm 0.0006$
$0.71\pm0.01$	$0.052\pm0.005$
$0.86\pm0.04$	$0.070\pm0.003$
$1.05\pm0.02$	$0.095\pm0.001$
$1.13\pm0.02$	$0.091\pm0.001$
	$k_{\rm f} ({\rm s}^{-1})$ $0.66 \pm 0.01$ $0.71 \pm 0.01$ $0.86 \pm 0.04$ $1.05 \pm 0.02$ $1.13 \pm 0.02$

 Table S5. Formation and Decay Rate Constants at Varying pH Values