

SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

LEGENDS FOR S.D. FIGURES

S.D. FIGURE 1. **Double integration (area, S) of the normalized radical signal at $g = 2.0049$ versus microwave power (P) (in milliwatts).** EPR spectra have been recorded at 20 K; ν 9.387 GHz; modulation amplitude 0.2 mT; modulation frequency 100 kHz; and microwave power values 0.02, 0.2, 2, 20, 63, and 100 mW.

S.D. FIGURE 2. **Molecular structure of the tyrosyl radical with atom numbering.** The large outer numbers are the p_z -spin densities at the respective carbon and oxygen nuclei.

S.D. FIGURE 3. **EPR spectra of: A) W164S, B) W164H; and C) HRP** (recorded at 9 K, 20 K and 40 K).

S.D. FIGURE 4. **Kinetics of reduction of VPI and VPII of native VP and its directed variants by RB5.** Stopped-flow reactions were carried out at 25 °C using 1 μ M enzyme, 0.1 M tartrate (pH 3.5), and varying concentrations of RB5. The insets show kinetic curves at a smaller vertical scale. Means and 95% confidence limits of replicate assays are shown. The symbols are as follows: Native VP (●), W164Y (■), W164H (◆), W164S (▲), W164Y/R257A/A260F (□) and R257A/A260F (VPI reduction measured at 10°C, and 25°C estimation presented) (○).

S.D. FIGURE 5. **Revised VP catalytic cycle.** The scheme shows: **i)** Basic cycle involved in Mn^{2+} oxidation including two-electron oxidation of the resting peroxidase (VP, containing Fe^{3+}) by hydroperoxide to yield VPI_A (containing Fe^{4+} -oxo and porphyrin cation radical), whose reduction in two one-electron steps results in the intermediate $VPII_A$ (containing Fe^{4+} -oxo after porphyrin reduction) and then the resting form of the enzyme; and **ii)** Extended cycle including also VPI_B (containing Fe^{4+} -oxo and tryptophan radical) and $VPII_B$ (containing Fe^{3+} and tryptophan radical) involved in oxidation of VA. Some low redox-potential phenols (like *p*-hydroquinone) and dyes (like ABTS) are probably oxidized by both the A and B forms, but they are not included for simplicity. Adapted from Pérez-Boada et al. (9).

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Transient-state kinetics for formation of VPI (k_{1app}) of native enzyme and site-directed variants by H_2O_2 :

Apparent second-order rate constants ($M^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$). Means and 95% confidence limits.

	k_{1app}
VP	$(3.46 \pm 0.07) \times 10^6$
W164Y	$(4.24 \pm 0.05) \times 10^6$
W164H	$(3.77 \pm 0.01) \times 10^6$
W164S	$(3.84 \pm 0.06) \times 10^6$
W164Y/R257A/A260F	$(3.92 \pm 0.05) \times 10^6$
R257A/A260F	$(3.30 \pm 0.15) \times 10^6$









