

Supplemental data for

**INFLUENCE OF HEME-THIOLATE IN SHAPING THE CATALYTIC PROPERTIES OF
A BACTERIAL NITRIC OXIDE SYNTHASE***

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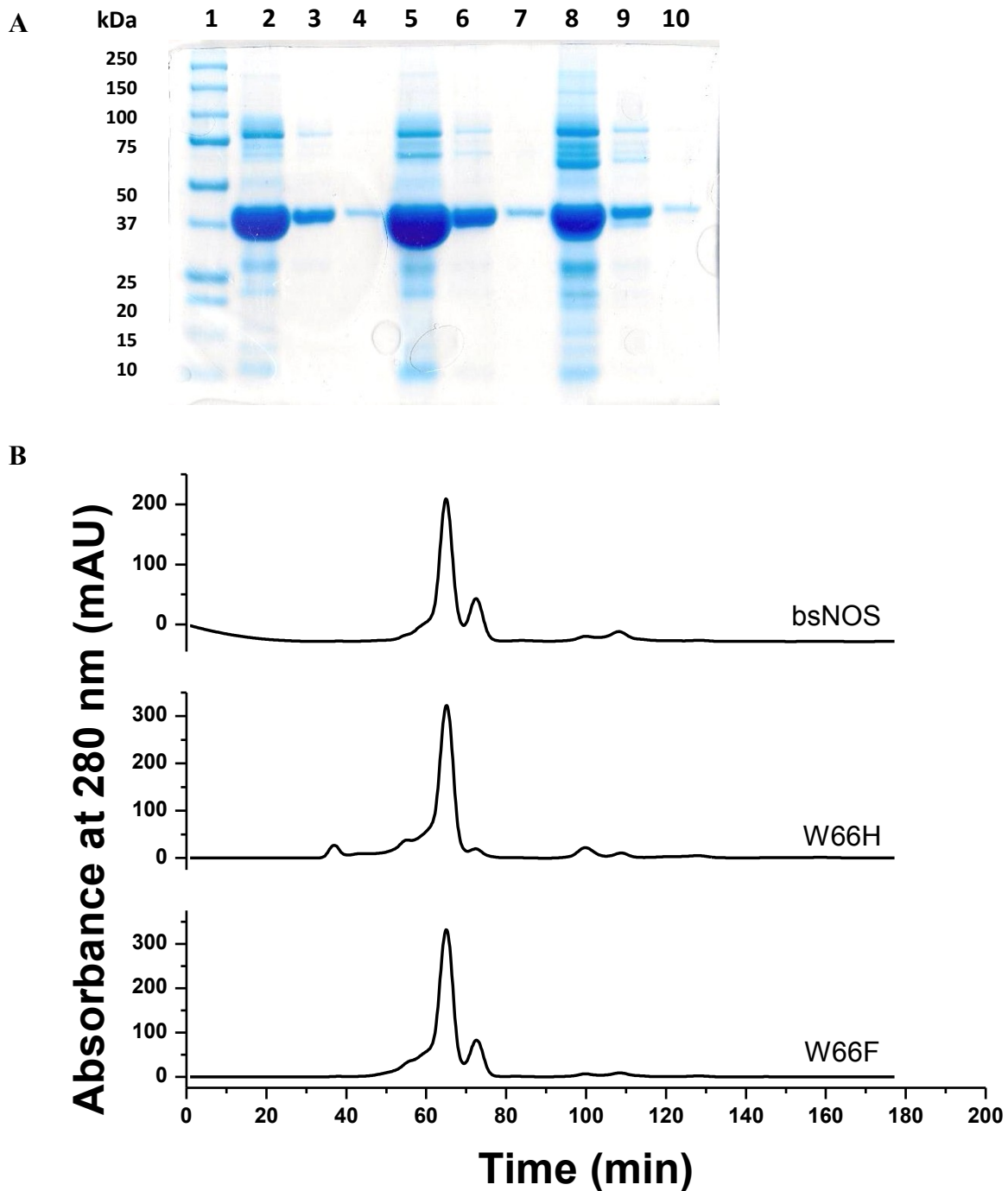


Figure S1. Purity and oligomeric state of bsNOS wt and W66 mutants. **A.** SDS-PAGE (10%) of bsNOS (lanes 2-4), W66F (lanes 5-7) and W66H (lanes 8-10). Serial dilutions (1:10 and 1:100) are shown. **B.** Size exclusion chromatography of bsNOS and W66 mutants reconstituted with L-Arg and H₄T. Each protein (~ 150 μ M) was incubated for with 1 mM L-Arg, 400 mM H₄T and 1.2 mM DTT for 10 min. The samples were run on a Superdex 200 column pre-equilibrated with buffer (40 mM EPPS, pH 7.6, 150 mM NaCl) containing 100 μ M L-Arg, 40 μ M H₄T and 120 μ M DTT. Under these conditions (flow rate 0.2 mL/min), dimeric and monomeric NOS eluted at 65 and 73 min, respectively.

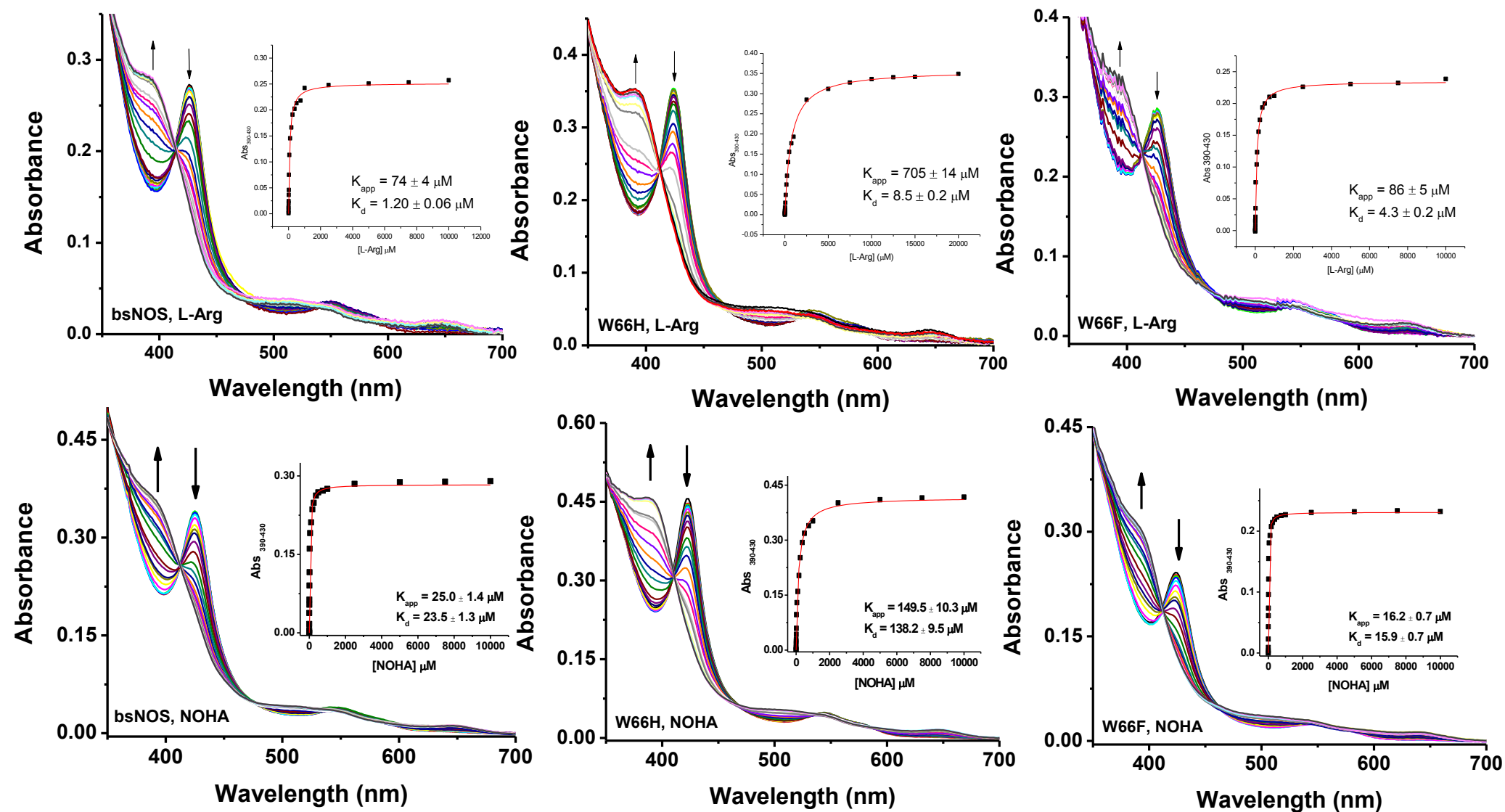


Figure S2. Spectrophotometric titrations of L-Arg (upper panels) and NOHA (lower panels) and determination of the binding affinity constants, K_d . W66H and W66F bsNOS display distinct substrate binding affinity with respect to wild type bsNOS. The titrations were performed in the presence of H_4T ($50 \mu M$), in buffer EPPS (40 mM , $\text{pH } 7.60$) containing 150 mM NaCl and 10% glycerol, at $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. Binding constants for L-Arg and NOHA were determined in the presence of 10 mM imidazole

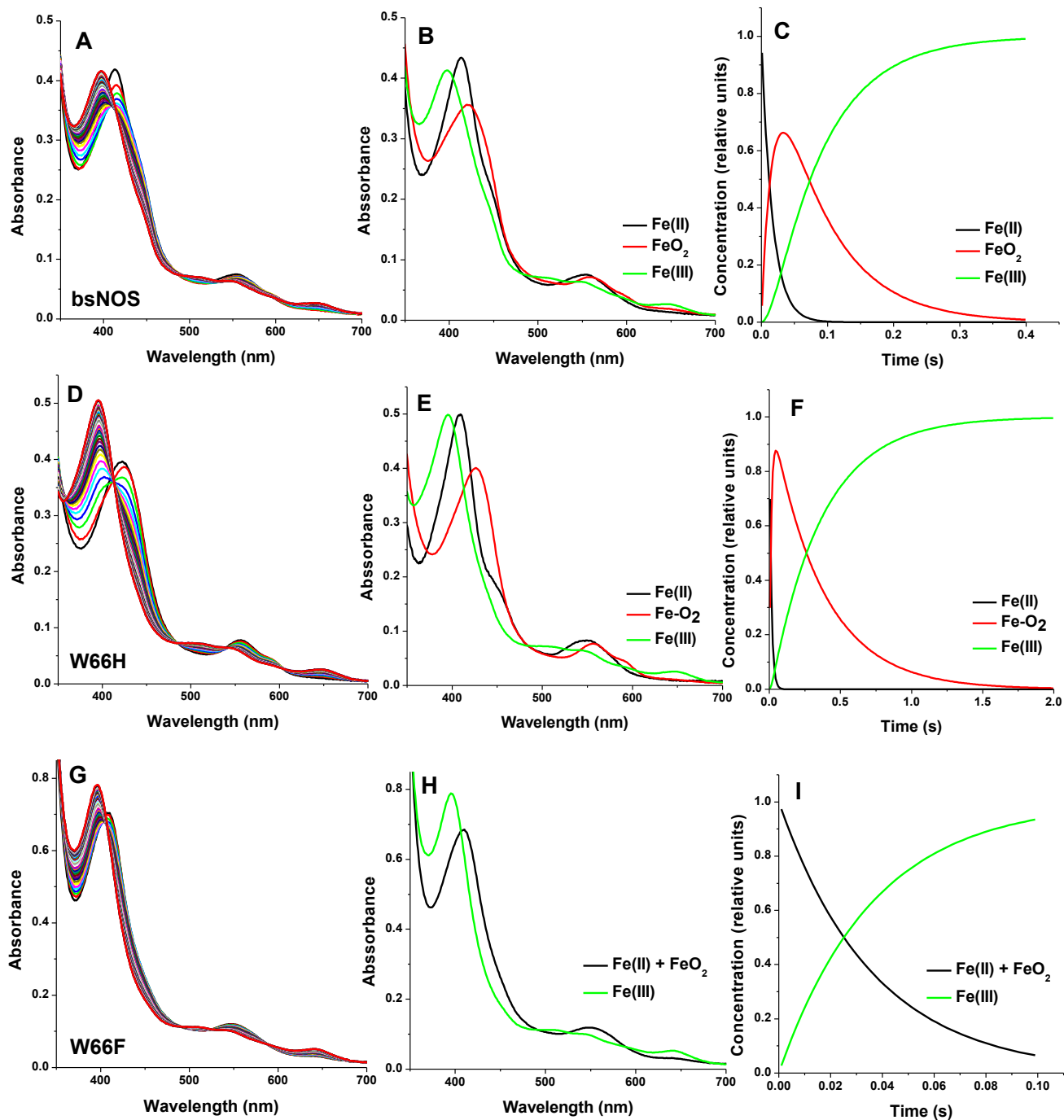


Figure S3. Single turnover reactions with L-Arg and H₄T of bsNOS wild type (A-C) and mutant proteins W66H (D-F) and W66F (G-I). Three species were identified by global analysis using the SpecFit 3.0 software: Fe(II) (Soret peak ~412 nm), Fe-O₂ (Soret peak ~ 427 nm) and Fe(III) (Soret peak ~ 394 nm). Mutation of Trp⁶⁶ to His results in a slower conversion of the Fe(II)-O₂ species to form Fe(III) during single turnover reactions. Unlike the mammalian counterpart W188H iNOSoxy, decay of the Fe(II)-O₂ species in W66H occurs without the buildup of a detectable intermediate. Replacement of Trp⁶⁶ by Phe results in a faster conversion of the Fe(II)-O₂ species to form Fe(III), as depicted by the time courses of the different species with respect to wild type bsNOS.

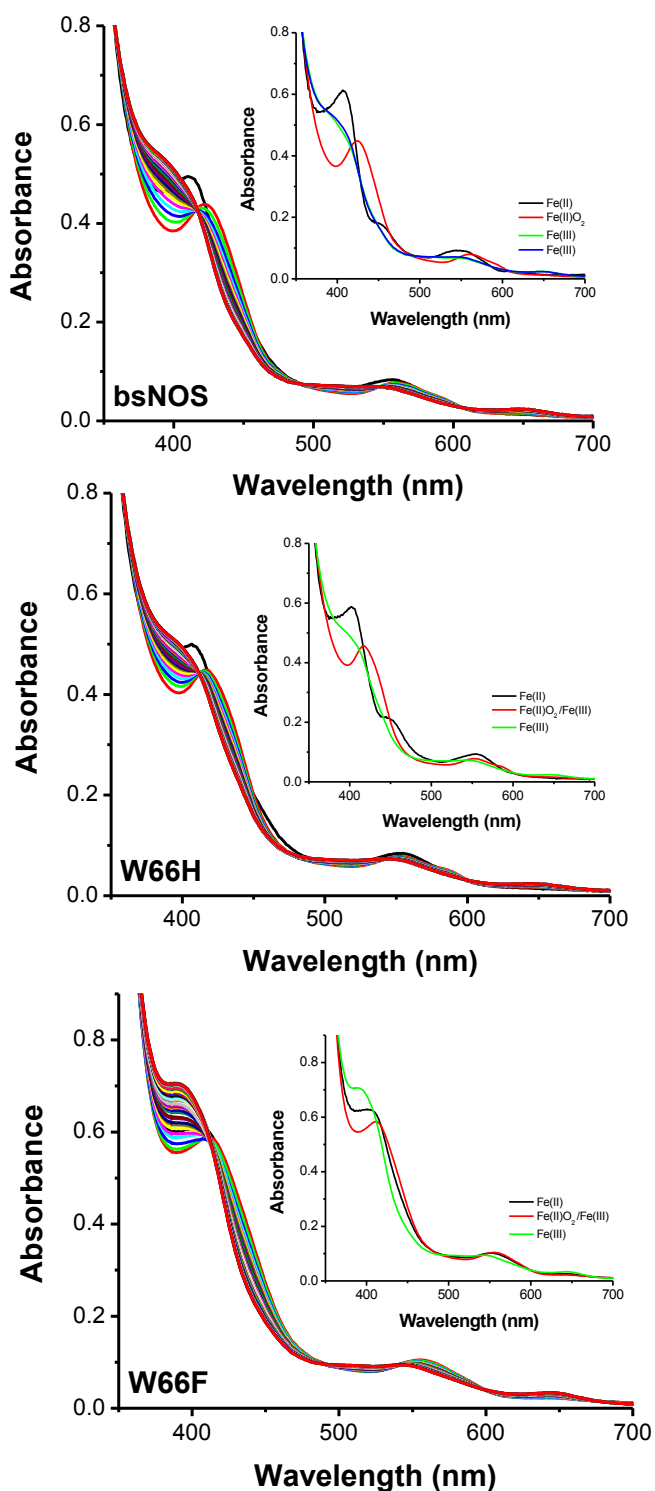


Figure S4. Single turnover reactions with NOHA and H₂T for bsNOS wild type, and mutant proteins W66H and W66F. Three species were identified by global analysis using the SpecFit 3.0 software: Fe(II) (Soret peak ~412 nm), Fe-O₂ (Soret peak ~ 427 nm) and Fe(III) (Soret peak ~ 394 nm). The reaction of wild type bsNOS shown herein was fit to a three-exponential model to evaluate/rule out the formation of an Fe(II)-NO complex. No evidence for Fe(II)-NO formation was found under these experimental conditions. Note: The marked absorption around 360-380 nm is due to the strong yellow color of H₂T.

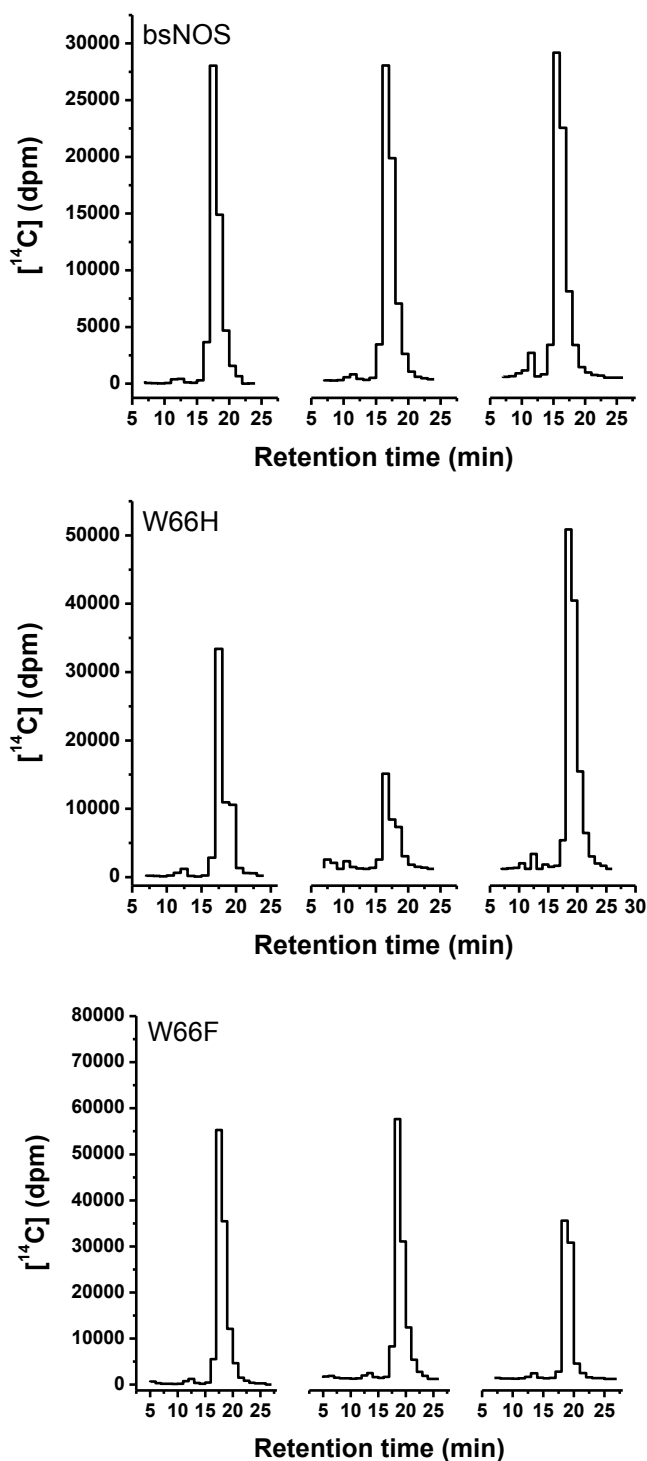


Figure S5. HPLC chromatograms for the formation of ^{14}C -NOHA from ^{14}C -L-Arg under single turnover conditions, at infinite time (10 min). Conversion of ^{14}C -L-Arg to ^{14}C -NOHA amounted to 2.71, 3.08 and 2.34 % of the total substrate, which resulted in a net conversion of 0.27, 0.31 and 0.23 NOHA per heme for bsNOS wt, W66H and W66F, respectively. The retention times for ^{14}C -NOHA and ^{14}C -L-Arg were ~ 13 and 18 min, respectively. Three independent samples were analyzed for each protein. The error associated with these measurements was less than 10%.

Table S1. UV-vis absorption maxima of bsNOS and mutants W66H and W66F reconstituted with H₄F/DTT (100 μM/300 μM) and L-Arg (1 mM) or imidazole (5 mM) in EPPS buffer (40 mM, pH 7.60) containing 150 mM NaCl and 10% glycerol.

	Soret (nm)	Visible (nm)
<i>bsNOS, wt</i>		
Fe(III)	394	509, 546, 649
Fe(III)-Imid	426	548
Fe(II)	412	554
Fe(II)-CO	446	554
Fe(II)-NO	438	567
<i>W66H</i>		
Fe(III)	392	506, 552, 648
Fe(III)-Imid	424	541
Fe(II)	406	555
Fe(II)-CO	440	554
Fe(II)-NO	435	562
<i>W66F</i>		
Fe(III)	394	506, 545, 643
Fe(III)-Imid	426	544
Fe(II)	409	552
Fe(II)-CO	449 ^a , 420	557
Fe(II)-NO	439	569
^a The species at 449 nm shifts slowly to an uncharacterized species with absorption maximum at 420 nm.		

Table S2. Observed rate constants for the reactions of bsNOS, W66H and W66F in the presence of H₂B with L-Arg as substrate.

	$\text{Fe}^{(\text{II})} \xrightarrow{k_1} \text{FeO}_2 \xrightarrow{k_2} \text{Fe}^{(\text{III})}$	
	<i>H₂B / L-Arg</i>	
	<i>k₁</i>	<i>k₂</i>
bsNOS	>200	0.35
W66H	>200	0.34
W66F	>200	1.60

Table S3. Observed rate constants for the reactions of bsNOS, W66H and W66F in the presence of H₂T, with L-Arg or NOHA as substrates.

	$\text{Fe}^{(\text{II})} \xrightarrow{k_1} \text{FeO}_2 \xrightarrow{k_2} \text{Fe}^{(\text{III})}$	
<i>H₂T / L-Arg</i> ^a		
	<i>k₁</i>	<i>k₂</i>
bsNOS	55	0.42
W66H	39	0.12
W66F	102	2.8
<i>H₂T / NOHA</i> ^b		
	<i>k₁</i>	<i>k₂</i>
bsNOS	33	0.71
W66H	24	0.97
W66F	65	1.47

^{a,b} Each value is an average of 5-10 measurements. The error associated to these measurements was 2-5 %.

Table S4. Rates of Fe(II)O₂ complex conversion to Fe(III) of selected heme proteins.

Enzyme	Temperature	k_{obs} (s ⁻¹)	Reference
		Fe(II)O ₂ decay	
iNOSoxy, H ₂ B	10 °C	0.3	(1)
iNOSoxy W188H, H ₂ B	10 °C	0.0044	(1)
nNOSoxy, no pterin	10 °C	0.14	(2)
drNOS L-Arg, no pterin	10 °C	1.37	(3)
drNOS, L-Arg, H ₂ T	10 °C	0.1	(4)
drNOS, NOHA, H ₂ T	10 °C	0.1	(4)
CYP101 w/ substrate	5-20 °C	0.0003-0.0043	(5)
CYP108 w/ substrate	4-20 °C	0.0007-0.017	(5)
CYP2A6 w/ substrate	23 °C	0.3	(6)
CYP2B4 w/ substrate	15 °C	0.09	(7)
CYP11A1 w/ substrate	4 °C	0.01	(8)
CYP3A4 w/ substrate	6 °C	0.37	(9)
P450 BM3, wild type	15 °C	0.14	(10)
P450 BM3, mutant F393H	15 °C	0.003	(10)
P450 BM3, mutant F393W	15 °C	0.54	(10)
P450 BM3, substrate-free	15 °C	0.089	(11)
P450 BM3, arachidonate	15 °C	0.059	(11)
Mutant F393H, substrate-free	15 °C	0.018	(11)
Mutant F393H, arachidonate	15 °C	0.0013	(11)

Table S5. Maximum yields for the conversions of L-Arg to NOHA and NOHA to citrulline at infinite time by wild type and mutant *B. subtilis* NOSs in reactions performed with H₄T.

	Yield (NOHA or citrulline per heme)^a		
	bsNOS	W66H	W66F
L-Arg to NOHA	0.27	0.31	0.23
NOHA to citrulline	0.60	0.58	0.59

^a Three independent reactions were carried out for each protein. The error associated to these measurements was 5-10%.

Table S6. Oxidation rates of Fe(III)-NO complexes of selected heme proteins.

Enzyme	Temperature	k_{obs} (s^{-1})	Reference
		Fe(II)NO oxidation	
gsNOS NOHA/H ₄ B	4 °C	0.040	(12)
bsNOS W66H	10 °C	0.063	This work ^a
bsNOS	10 °C	0.092	This work ^b
dNOSoxy	10 °C	0.093	(13)
nNOSoxy	10 °C	0.19	(14)
eNOSoxy	10 °C	0.63	(15)
bsNOS W66F	10 °C	1.17	This work ^c
W409F nNOSoxy	10 °C	1.3	(14)
iNOSoxy	10 °C	3.11	(16)

^{a, b, c} Each value is an average of 5-10 measurements. The error associated to these measurements was 2-5%.

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