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Endogenous protein S-nitrosylation in *E. coli*: regulation by OxyR

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Materials and Methods

Bacterial Strains and Plasmids

E. coli K12 strain MG1655 (F⁻, LAM⁻, *rph-1*) was obtained from the *E. coli* Genome project, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the isogenic strain GSO77 (MG1655 *oxyR::kan* derivative) was obtained from Dr. G. Storz (26). The strain BW25113 and the isogenic $\Delta oxyR$, Δhcp and Δhmp strains from the Keio collection (28) were obtained from the Coli Genetic Stock Center (CGSC) at Yale University. To prepare the plasmid overexpressing OxyR, the gene was PCR-amplified from MG1655 genomic DNA using primers that add a ribosome-binding site to the 5' end of the *oxyR* gene (5'-ATTAGGATCCCTTTAAGAAGGAGATATACATATGAATATTCG-3') and a FLAG tag to the 3' terminus (5'-CGCATAAGCTTTTACTTGTCATCGTCGTCCTTGTAGTCAACCGCCTGTTTTAAAAC -3'). The resulting DNA fragment was cloned into the vector pUC19.

Reagents

S-nitrosocysteine (CysNO) and S-nitrosoglutathione (GSNO) were prepared as previously described (29). All primers were obtained from Integrated DNA technologies (Skokie, IL).

Bacterial Culture and Manipulations

Bacteria were grown in LB medium or on LB agar plates for cloning and storage. For the various assays, bacteria were grown in MOPS-buffered minimal media containing 80 mM MOPS, 4 mM tricine, 9.95 mM NH₄Cl, 0.276 mM K₂SO₄, 0.1 mM CaCl₂, 0.528 mM MgCl₂, 0.01 mM FeSO₄ and 50 mM NaCl in MQ water (pH 7.0), as well as 0.013 mM K₂HPO₄, 0.2% glucose and trace metals. Ampicillin (100 mg/L) was added when required. Anaerobic bacterial growth was carried out without shaking in a 37°C incubator placed inside a glove box with an atmosphere of 85% N₂, 5% CO₂ and 10% H₂ (Coy Laboratory Products). All culture media, buffers and cultures were equilibrated in the glove box for 18 hr prior to use. Any O₂ traces were continuously removed with a palladium catalyst.

Cultures were started by inoculation of the media with 4% of overnight cultures and allowed to grow to mid-log phase (A₆₀₀ 0.3-0.4). Where indicated, sodium nitrate or sodium fumarate solutions were added to the growth media to a final concentration of 10 mM. Some cells were treated with specified concentrations of CysNO or GSNO for 5 min before harvesting. All cells were chilled on ice, harvested by centrifugation and washed once in phosphate buffered saline (PBS, pH 7.4). Pellets were stored at -80°C. For RNA extractions, pellets were stored overnight at 4°C in RNAlater solution (Ambion).

Measurement of S-nitrosothiols (SNOs) by photolysis-chemiluminescence

SNO measurements in lysates or purified SNO-OxyR were done using Hg-coupled photolysis/chemiluminescence essentially as described (30). Briefly, nitric oxide (NO) released from SNOs by UV-photolysis is detected by chemiluminescence generated by the reaction of NO with ozone. Pre-treatment of samples with HgCl₂ (2 mM) or p-chloromercuribenzoic acid (PCMB) (0.5 mM) removes SNOs specifically and allows differentiation between SNOs and other UV-photolyzable bound NO species (denoted XNOs).

Detection of S-Nitrosylated Proteins (SNO-proteins) by Biotin-Switch or SNO-RAC (Resin-Assisted Capture)

Total SNO-proteins and OxyR-SNO were detected with the biotin-switch assay (31) or by SNO-RAC (32) respectively, described briefly here. The biotin-switch assay involves the ascorbate-dependent biotin labeling of SNO-cysteines followed by pulldown by streptavidin agarose. For biotin-switch of lysates, lysate (300 µL; 1-2 mg total protein) was incubated in HEN buffer containing 100 mM HEPES, 1 mM EDTA, 0.1 mM neocuproine (pH 7.7) with SDS (1% final concentration) and the thiol-blocking agent 0.1% methyl methanethiosulfonate (MMTS) (Sigma-Aldrich; St. Louis, MO) in a final volume of 2 ml at 50°C for 20 min. Proteins were acetone precipitated, washed three times in 70% acetone, and resuspended in HEN buffer containing 0.2 mM biotin-HPDP (Pierce; Rockford, IL), with or without 50 mM sodium ascorbate. Samples were incubated at room temperature for 1 hr. and, following acetone precipitation, biotinylated proteins were pulled down using 50 µL streptavidin-agarose beads (Sigma-Aldrich). Total S-nitrosylated proteins were separated by non-reducing SDS-PAGE and transferred to nitrocellulose membranes, and blotted proteins were detected using neutravidin-HRP. Controls included samples not treated with ascorbate and samples subjected to UV-photolysis prior to biotin-switch to remove NO groups.

For SNO-RAC (32), OxyR-SNO samples were initially treated as in the biotin-switch method. Following blocking of free thiols with MMTS and acetone precipitation, the pellets were re-suspended in HEN buffer containing 1% SDS. Following the addition of 50 µl thiopropyl sepharose and 50 mM sodium ascorbate, samples were rotated in the dark for 4 hr. The bound proteins were eluted with DTT and FLAG-tagged SNO-OxyR was Western blotted using anti-FLAG antibodies following separation on reducing SDS-PAGE.

Microarray

Parental and $\Delta oxyR$ MG1655 were grown anaerobically on 10 mM nitrate or fumarate and harvested at A600 0.4-0.45. Cultures were treated with RNAProtect bacteria reagent (Qiagen) to stabilize RNA and RNA was extracted with the

RNEasy kit (Qiagen). Further sample preparation, hybridization and processing of the arrays were carried out by the Virginia Bioinformatics Institute at Virginia Tech (Blacksburg, VA). Briefly, cDNA was prepared with random hexamer oligonucleotide primers, biotin-tagged with the Nugen Ovation Pico labeling kit and hybridized to the *E. coli* Genome 2.0 Array (Affymetrix). Binding was measured with fluorescently labeled streptavidin. The microarray data in MIAME compliant form has been submitted (accession number GSE24524). Data were analyzed using GenspringGX software (Agilent) and the genes induced > 2-fold on nitrate (p-value cutoff = 0.05) are shown in Tables S1 and S2.

Reverse Transcription and Real Time PCR

RNA was extracted using the Masterpure RNA purification kit (Epicenter Biotechnologies, Madison, WI) and 3 µg of RNA was used for preparing cDNA with random hexamer oligonucleotide primers (Integrated DNA Technologies) using MuMLV reverse transcriptase enzyme (Invitrogen). Gene specific primers were used for real-time PCR in a MyiQ Real-Time PCR Detection System (BioRad) using 2X iQ SYBR green supermix (BioRad). The expression of 16S rRNA in each sample was used to normalize the expression of the gene(s) of interest. Real-time PCR primers are listed in Table S4. Fold change in expression was calculated using the comparative C_t method.

Electrophoretic mobility shift assay

The LICOR IR-800 labeled *hcp* promoter 347 bp DNA fragment was prepared by PCR amplification of the promoter region using specific primers (5' IR-800-TGCACTGGGCTTATGCGGTGCC-3' and 5' CAGCCGTTTCCTGCCGGAGTACGG-3') and MG1655 genomic DNA as template. Different amounts of OxyR were incubated with 1 pmol of *hcp*-promoter DNA in the presence or absence of 1 pmol *katG* promoter DNA (unlabeled 60 bp DNA encompassing the OxyR-binding site; 5' CCAACAATATGTAAGATCTCAACTATCGCATCCGTGGATTAATTCAATTATAACTTCTCT 3'). The reaction was carried out in a buffer containing 25 mM Tris-Cl pH 7.9, 6.25 mM MgCl₂, 10% glycerol, 0.5 mM EDTA, 0.05% NP-40 and 50 mM KCl at room temperature for 10 min in the presence of either 50 µM DTT or GSNO. The samples were separated on a 5% polyacrylamide gel and the bands were visualized on the Odyssey infrared imaging system (LI-COR Inc.).

In Vitro Transcription Assay and Primer Extension

In vitro transcription reactions followed by primer extension were performed as described by Storz and Altuvia (33). Recombinant OxyR was prepared, reduced and modified to make S-oxidized or S-nitrosylated OxyR as described (13).

The stoichiometry of SH, S-Ox and S-NO was ~1mol/mol protein in each case. Plasmid pBT22, which was used as a template for *katG* assays, has a *katG*-expressing DNA fragment in pAT153 cloned at the HindIII site (a gift from Dr. P. Loewen). For *hcp*, the HindIII fragment in pBT22 was replaced by a DNA fragment containing the *hcp* coding region and the entire intergenic region 5' to it. Primer extension was done using MuMLV reverse transcriptase (Invitrogen) according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Identification of site of S-nitrosylation in OxyR (see Supplementary Text)

Two methods were employed to analyze S-nitrosylation of purified OxyR *in vitro*. In both approaches recombinant OxyR was reduced using TCEP-agarose for 1 hr under anaerobic conditions as per manufacturer's instructions. After removal of TCEP-agarose by centrifugation, OxyR was S-nitrosylated by treatment with a 20-fold molar excess of GSNO for 30 min at room temperature and the protein was then acetone precipitated. In the first method, the pellet was resuspended and subjected to SNO-RAC modified by omission of a thiol-blocking agent. Following on-resin trypsinization, the peptides were eluted with 5 mM TCEP, labeled with 15 mM iodoacetamide (IAA) and identified by mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). In the second method, SNO-OxyR was prepared as described and free thiols were blocked with 50 mM NEM in HEN buffer containing 1% SDS at 50°C for 20 min. Following acetone precipitation and re-suspension in HEN buffer, IAA labeling was done with 100 mM IAA in the presence or absence of 50 mM ascorbate. The labeled protein was acetone precipitated and trypsin digested before identification of peptides by mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS; see below).

Liquid Chromatography and Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). Samples were cleaned using C18 spin columns (Thermo Pierce #89870, Rockford, IL), reconstituted with 0.1% formic acid and analyzed by LC-MS/MS. Separation of peptides via capillary liquid chromatography was performed using a Waters nanoAquity system (Waters Corp., Milford, MA). Mobile phase A (aqueous) contained 0.1% formic acid in 5% acetonitrile and mobile phase B (organic) contained 0.1% formic acid in 85% acetonitrile. Separation was achieved using a C18 column (75 μm \times 20 cm, Waters Corp., Ethylene Bridged Hybrid column # BEH300) through a 90 minute gradient of 6% to 45% mobile phase B at a flow rate of 0.30 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$. Mass spectrometric analysis was performed using a hybrid linear ion trap Orbitrap Velos mass spectrometer (LTQ-Orbitrap Velos, Thermo, Waltham, MA), operated at a resolution of 60,000. Data-dependent MS/MS scans were performed with inclusion lists, including tryptic peptides containing cysteines with up to one missed cleavage and cysteine alkylation by iodoacetamide (57 Da) and N-ethylmaleimide (125 Da), as well as S-nitrosylation (29

Da) and methionine oxidation (16 Da) (corresponding to approaches with and without SNO-RAC, respectively, as described above).

Search engines of Mascot (Matrix Sciences, Inc.) and MassMatrix (34) were applied to process raw LC-MS/MS data. Peptide identification was achieved by searching against the *E. coli* non-redundant database from the National Centre for Biotechnology Information (NCBI, 1,200,738 sequences, April 5th, 2011). Mass accuracy was limited to 10 ppm for precursor ions and 0.6 Da for product ions, with tryptic enzyme specificity and up to one missed cleavage. Variable modifications included cysteine alkylation by iodoacetamide and N-ethylmaleimide, S-nitrosylation and methionine oxidation. Peptides passed identity threshold with mass accuracy of ≤ 10 ppm and expectation value of $p \leq 0.05$.

Pulldown with Biotin-Labeled DNA

The biotin-labeled *hcp* promoter 347 bp DNA fragment was prepared by PCR amplification of the promoter region using specific biotin-labeled primers (5' biotin-TGCACTGGGCTTATGCGGTGCC-3' and 5' biotin-CAGCCGTTTCCTGCCGAGTACGG-3') and MG1655 genomic DNA as template. Biotin-labeled DNA (25 nM) along with 500 μ M DTT or GSNO was added in PBS, pH 7.4, to 300 μ g lysate from Δ *oxyR* cells transformed with plasmid overexpressing OxyR-FLAG. The experiment was carried out under anaerobic conditions to prevent the oxidation of OxyR. Following incubation at room temperature for 1 hr, DNA was pulled down using streptavidin-agarose. The beads were washed 5X with PBS, pH 7.4, and the bound proteins were eluted by boiling in Laemmli buffer, separated on SDS-PAGE and Western blotted for both OxyR-FLAG and RNA polymerase β '-subunit.

Zone of Inhibition Assay

WT, Δ *hcp*, or Δ *oxyR* cells were grown overnight in MOPS-buffered minimal media. Cells (10^7) in 3 ml of top agar (6g/L bacto agar in minimal media) were overlaid onto minimal media agar plates (15 g/L bacto agar). Cups were made in the agar using the tip of a glass Pasteur pipette, and 5 μ l of GSNO of specified concentration was added to the cups. Plates were incubated overnight at 37°C and the diameters of the zones of inhibition were then measured. For anaerobic assays, the top agar contained 20 mM nitrate or fumarate, and plates of overlaid cells were equilibrated in the anaerobic chamber at 37°C for at least 4 hours before GSNO treatment and maintained in the chamber until harvested.

Bacterial Growth Assay

E. coli were sub-cultured in MOPS-buffered minimal medium at 2% inoculum (v/v). Cells (100 μ l) were placed in 96-well plates and incubated at 37°C in a Fluostar absorbance plate reader until A600=0.2-0.3. GSNO or hydrogen peroxide (100 μ l, prepared in MOPS-buffered minimal medium to achieve indicated concentrations) was added, and A600 was measured every 15 min.

Macrophage Survival Assay (Δhcp)

Murine macrophage (RAW 264.7) cells were grown in 96-well plates and stimulated with LPS (100 ng/ml), IFN γ (100 Units/ml) and L-arginine (1 mM) for 18 hr. The iNOS inhibitor 1400W was used at 100 μ M. Log-phase WT and Δhcp bacteria were added at a multiplicity of infection (MOI) of 10 and incubated at 37°C for 30 min. Macrophages were washed with PBS to remove extracellular *E. coli* and lysed with 100 μ l of 0.1% sodium deoxycholate. The number of surviving bacteria was counted by plating on LB agar plates. Bacterial growth was also read continuously in a Fluostar fluorescence 96-well plate reader following the addition of 50 μ l macrophage lysate to LB medium containing 10% (v/v) Alamar Blue.

Statistical Analysis

Data in figures are represented as mean \pm SEM. Where indicated, p-values were calculated using either Student's t-test, a two-way ANOVA or repeated measures ANOVA with Dunnett's post-test statistic.

ACCESSION NUMBER

The microarray data reported in this paper have been submitted in MIAME compliant format at the Gene Expression Omnibus database (accession number GSE24524).

Supplementary Text

Mass spectrometric analysis of SNO-OxyR

In a first strategy (see Supplementary Materials and Methods), purified and S-nitrosylated OxyR (SNO-OxyR) was characterized by SNO-RAC modified by omission of thiol blocking prior to ascorbate treatment (32), followed by trypsin digest and mass spectrometry. Relative abundances of the cysteine-containing peptides based on the chromatographic peak area of peptide ions were compared in the presence or absence of ascorbate (Fig. S8). The normalized ratio (without ascorbate versus with ascorbate) for the Cys199-containing peptide was 0.13 ± 0.10 whereas the ratio for all other Cys-containing peptides was 1.0 ± 0.3 (n=2). That is, only the Cys199-containing peptide was enriched in an ascorbate-dependent manner (Figs. S8, S9), demonstrating that Cys199 was the sole site of S-nitrosylation and that all other Cys-containing peptides remained as free thiols.

In an alternative method (see Supplementary Materials and Methods), free thiols in SNO-OxyR were blocked with N-ethylmaleimide (NEM) followed by ascorbate-dependent carbamidomethylation with iodoacetamide (IAA). Cys199 was completely labeled with IAA in the presence of ascorbate (Fig. S10), confirming that it was S-nitrosylated. All other cysteines were NEM-labeled (Cys25 is shown as an example, Fig. S11), confirming that they were free thiols. A small percentage (<20%) of Cys25-peptide was also IAA labeled (n=1), which may account for the marginal increase over 1 SNO/mol OxyR in SNO-OxyR that we have detected, but just as likely represents incomplete blocking with NEM, as S-nitrosylation of Cys25 was not observed by SNO-RAC-based characterization (above). No disulfides or other oxidized forms of cysteine were detected.

Supplementary Figures

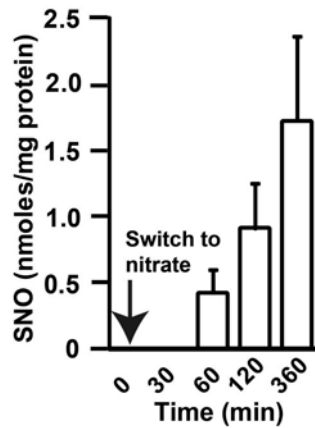


Figure S1 Accumulation of S-nitrosothiols (SNO) during anaerobic growth on nitrate. *E. coli* growing on 10 mM fumarate were switched at A600 of 0.3 to medium containing 10 mM nitrate. At the time points indicated, SNO levels in cell lysates were analyzed by Hg-coupled photolysis/chemiluminescence (n=3, \pm SEM).

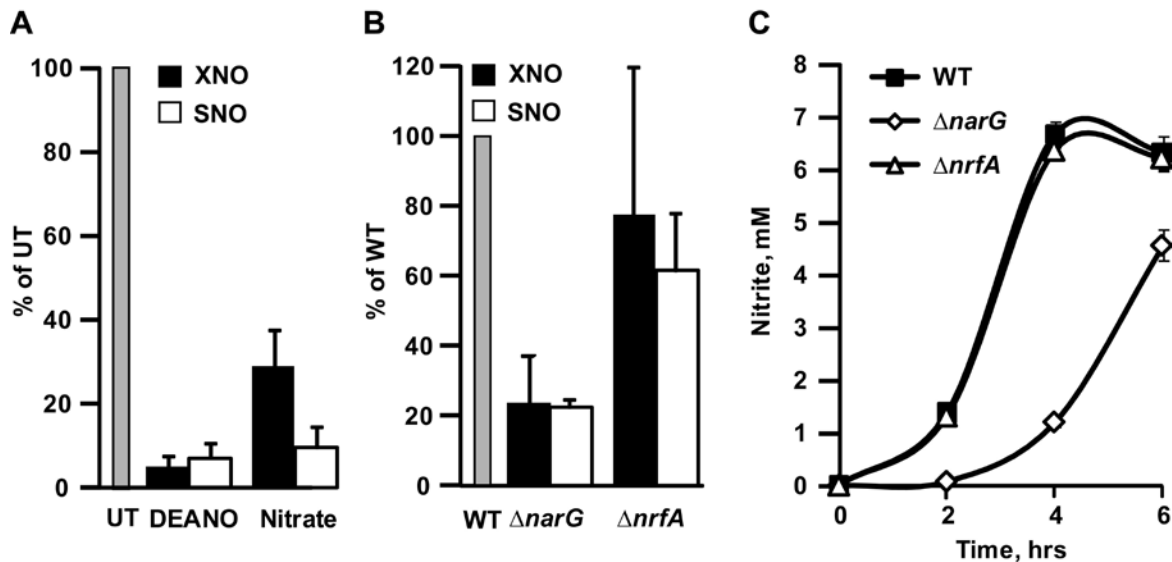


Figure S2 (A) Transition metals contribute to anaerobic S-nitrosylation. WT *E. coli* were grown anaerobically in minimal media and incubated with 1,10-phenanthroline (Phen) (1mM, 30 min) before treatment with either DEANO (100 μ M, 30 min) or nitrate (10mM, 2 hrs). Lysates were analyzed by mercury-coupled photolysis/chemiluminescence: displacement of NO by mercury identifies SNO; XNO represents mercury-stable NO (n=3, \pm SEM). UT, untreated

(B) Nitrate reductase activity is required for optimal S-nitrosylation during anaerobic growth on nitrate. WT, $\Delta narG$, and $\Delta nrfA$ *E. coli* were grown on minimal medium with 10 mM nitrate and the lysates were analyzed by mercury-coupled photolysis/chemiluminescence (n=3, \pm SEM). WT, wild type

(C) Accumulation of nitrite in culture during growth on nitrate. Nitrite levels in the cultures from (B) were analyzed by Greiss assay.

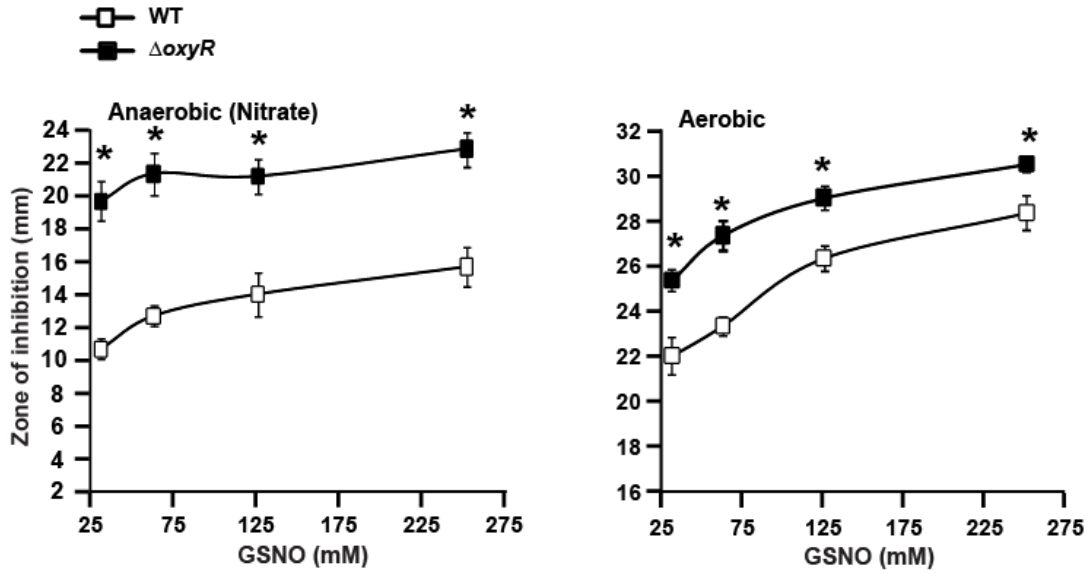


Figure S3 OxyR protects against nitrosative stress. Sensitivity of WT and $\Delta oxyR$ cells to different concentrations of GSNO was assessed in zone-of-inhibition assays. Data represent the diameter of the zone of inhibition by GSNO under aerobic or anaerobic conditions ($n=3, \pm$ SEM; * $p<0.05$). Note that the zone of inhibition by GSNO is substantially smaller under anaerobic (left panel) than aerobic (right panel) conditions.

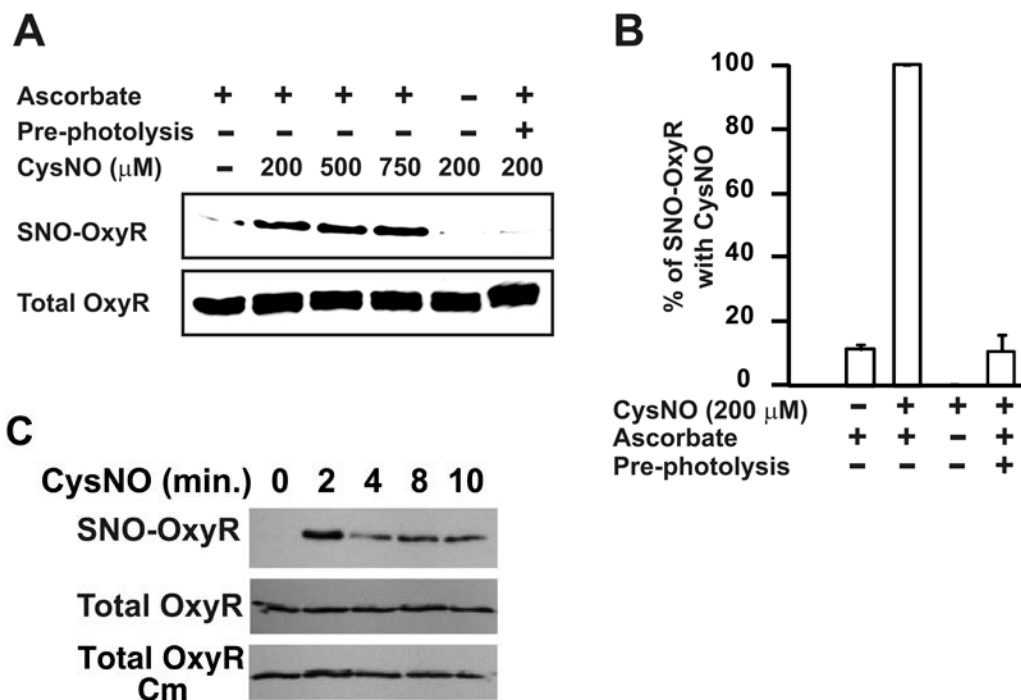


Figure S4 (A) OxyR is S-nitrosylated under nitrosative stress. $\Delta oxyR/OxyR$ -FLAG *E. coli* were grown anaerobically in minimal media containing 10 mM fumarate until A600 of 0.4 and then treated with the indicated concentrations of CysNO for 2 min. Lysates were subjected to SNO-RAC and OxyR was detected by Western blotting using anti-FLAG antibody. Omission of ascorbate or UV-photolysis prior to SNO-RAC served as controls.

(B) Densitometric analysis of the data in A ($n=3$, \pm SEM).

(C) Stability of OxyR is not influenced by S-nitrosylation. $\Delta oxyR/OxyR$ -FLAG *E. coli* were grown anaerobically on 10 mM fumarate in minimal media until A600 of 0.4 and then treated with a single addition of CysNO (200 μ M) for the indicated times. Cm indicates the addition of 100 μ g/ml of the protein synthesis inhibitor chloramphenicol for 45 min prior to the addition of CysNO. Lysates were analyzed by SNO-RAC. The result is representative of three experiments. The time-dependent decrease in SNO-OxyR is not accompanied by changes in OxyR abundance (Total OxyR), indicating that it results from OxyR denitrosylation without a contribution from potential enhancement of SNO-OxyR degradation. In addition, OxyR abundance in the presence of CysNO is unaffected by pre-incubation with chloramphenicol (Total OxyR Cm).

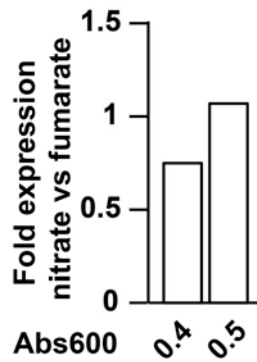


Figure S5 Relative expression of *oxyR* during anaerobic growth. *E. coli* were grown anaerobically on nitrate or fumarate (10 mM). The cells were harvested at A600 0.4 and 0.5. The expression levels of *oxyR* were determined by qPCR (n=2). Note that *E. coli* samples for microarray analysis (Figs. 2 and S6) were harvested at A600 0.4-0.45.

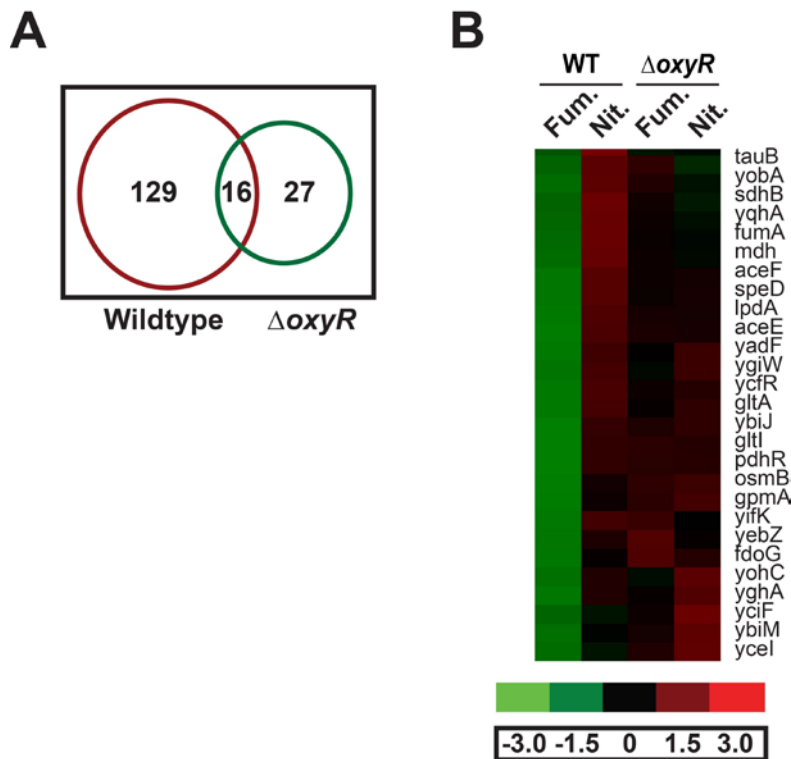


Figure S6 (A) Venn diagram depicting the distribution of genes induced on nitrate. The majority (n=129) of all genes (n=145) induced >2.0 fold during anaerobic growth on nitrate are OxyR-dependent. 16 genes showed induction by nitrate in both WT and $\Delta oxyR$ strains and 27 were induced by nitrate in $\Delta oxyR$ but not in WT.

(B) Microarray analysis of gene induction in *E. coli* growing anaerobically. Among the set of genes induced > two-fold in WT *E. coli* on nitrate versus fumarate (see Figure 2A for complete set), a relatively small subset, shown here, are more highly expressed on fumarate in $\Delta oxyR$ versus WT cells. GenspringGX software (Agilent) was used to analyze microarray results and genes were clustered using dChip.

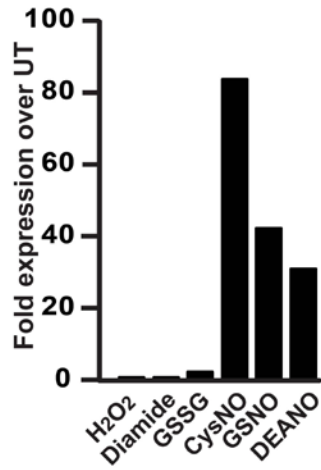
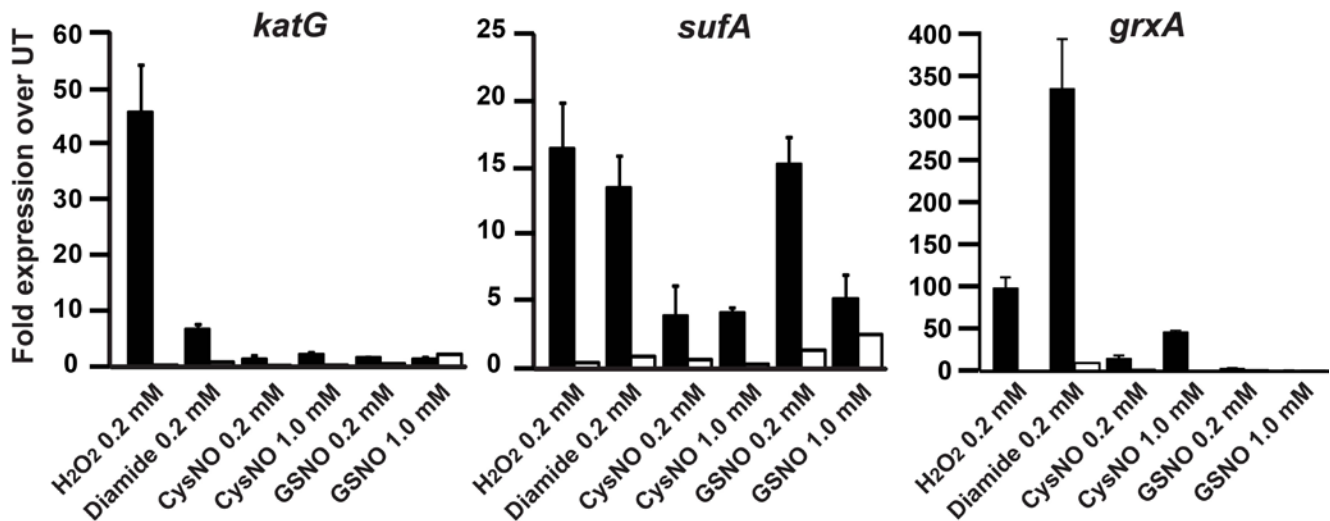
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Figure S7 (A) Potent upregulation of *hcp* by inducers of nitrosative but not oxidative stress. *E. coli* grown anaerobically to A600 of 0.4 were treated with 200 μ M of indicated reagents for 5 min before harvesting. The expression levels of *hcp* were determined by qPCR (n=2). UT = untreated.

(B) Differential induction of OxyR-dependent genes by oxidative versus nitrosative stress. *E. coli* were grown anaerobically to A600 of 0.4. The cells were treated with indicated reagents for 5 min before harvesting. The expression levels of *katG*, *sufA* and *grxA* were determined by qPCR (WT n=3, \pm SEM; Δ *oxyR* n=2). UT = untreated. Note that induction was below the level of detection in many Δ *oxyR* samples.

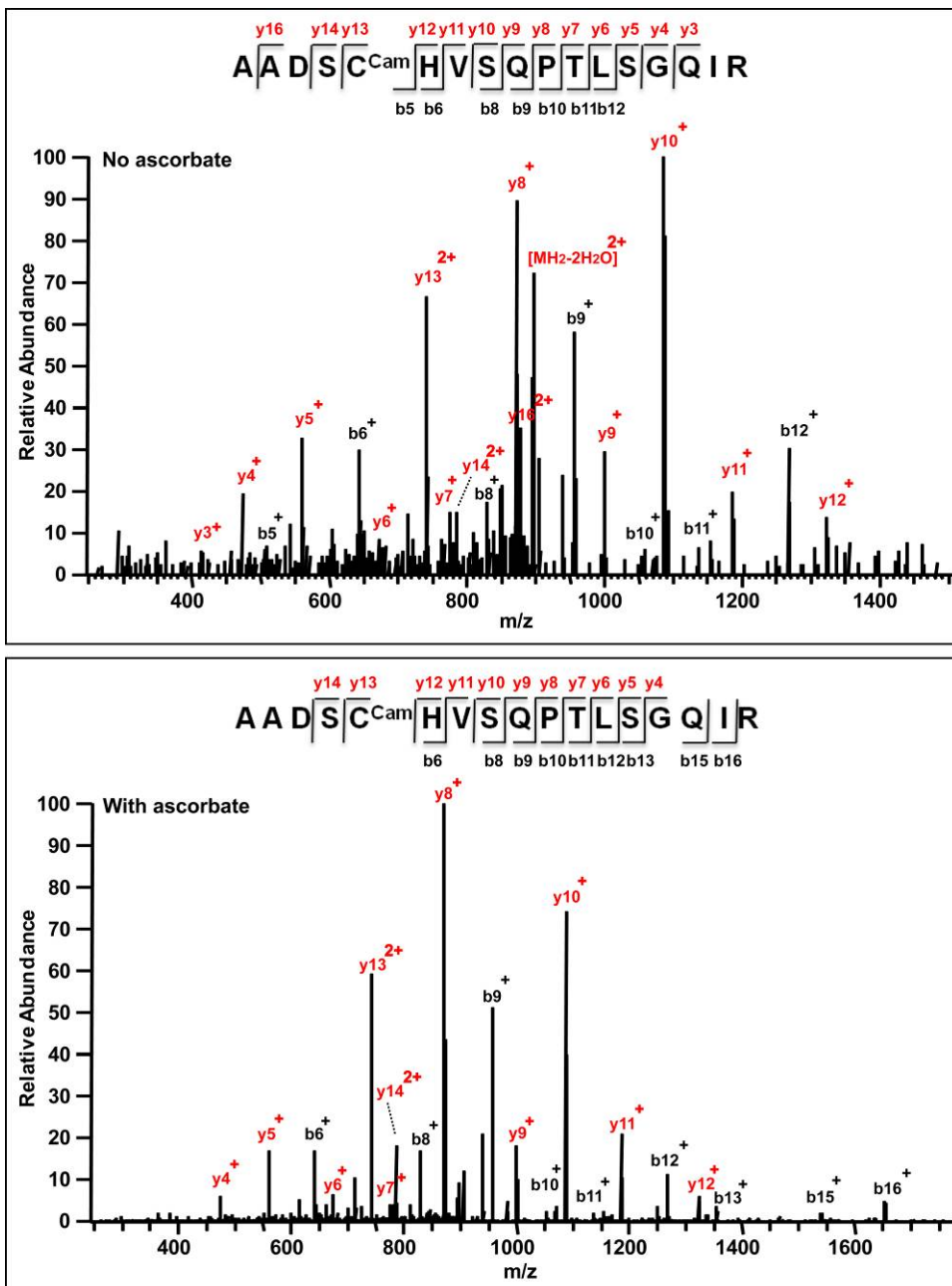


Figure S8A MS/MS spectra of the cysteine-containing peptides in SNO-OxyR identified after SNO-RAC enrichment and LC-MS/MS analysis. Shown are representative annotated MS/MS fragmentation spectra for the Cys25-containing peptide without ascorbate treatment (upper panel), and with ascorbate (lower panel) (See Supplementary Text). Peptide sequence is shown at the top of each spectrum, with the annotation of the identified matched amino terminus-containing ions (*b* ions) in black and the carboxyl terminus-containing ions (*y* ions) in red. For clarity, only major identified peaks are labeled.

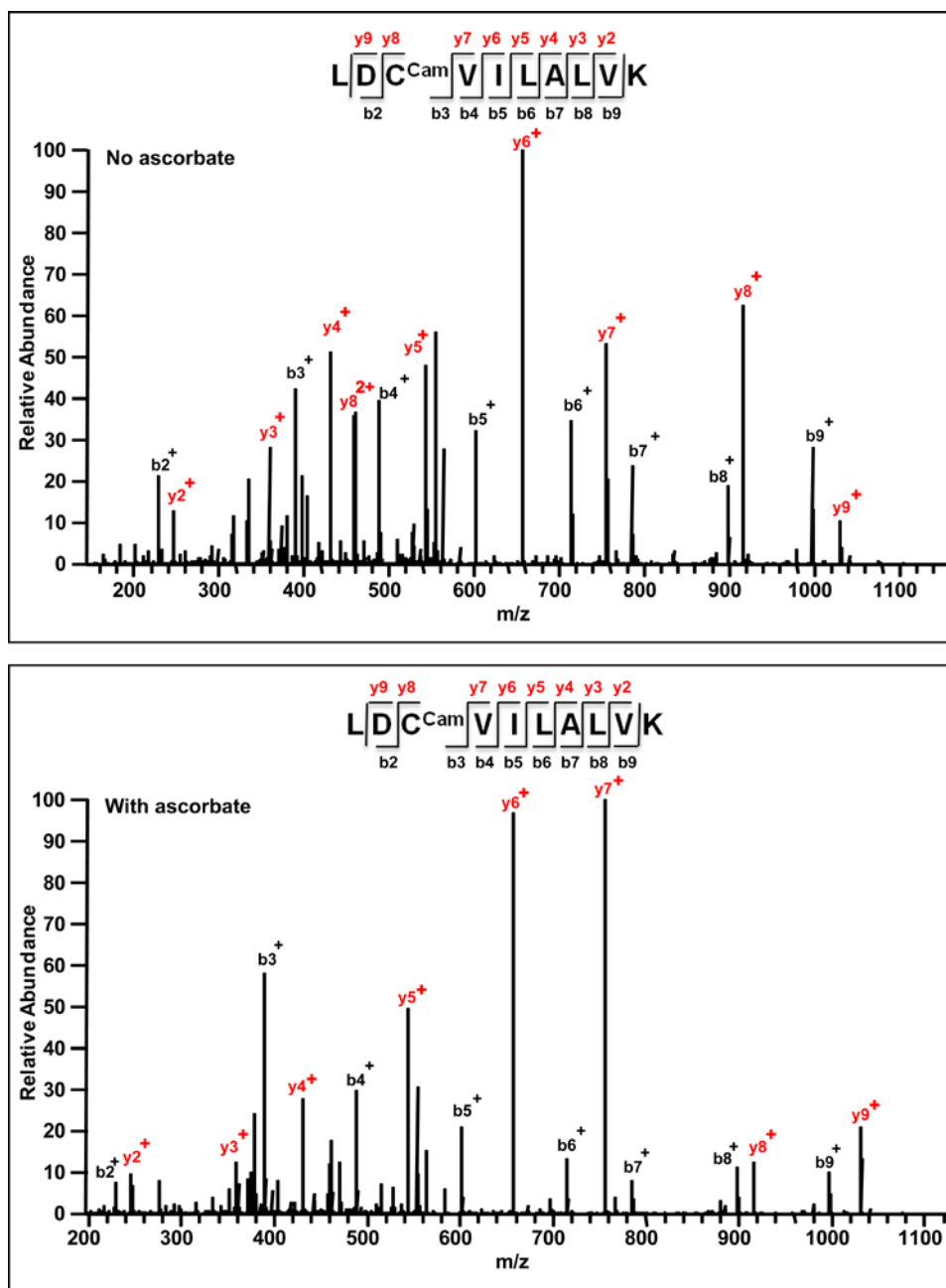


Figure S8B MS/MS spectra of the cysteine-containing peptides in SNO-OxyR identified after SNO-RAC enrichment and LC-MS/MS analysis. Shown are representative annotated MS/MS fragmentation spectra for the Cys143-containing peptide without ascorbate (upper panel), and with ascorbate (lower panel) (See Supplementary Text). Peptide sequence is shown at the top of each spectrum, with the annotation of the identified matched amino terminus-containing ions (*b* ions) in black and the carboxyl terminus-containing ions (*y* ions) in red. For clarity, only major identified peaks are labeled.

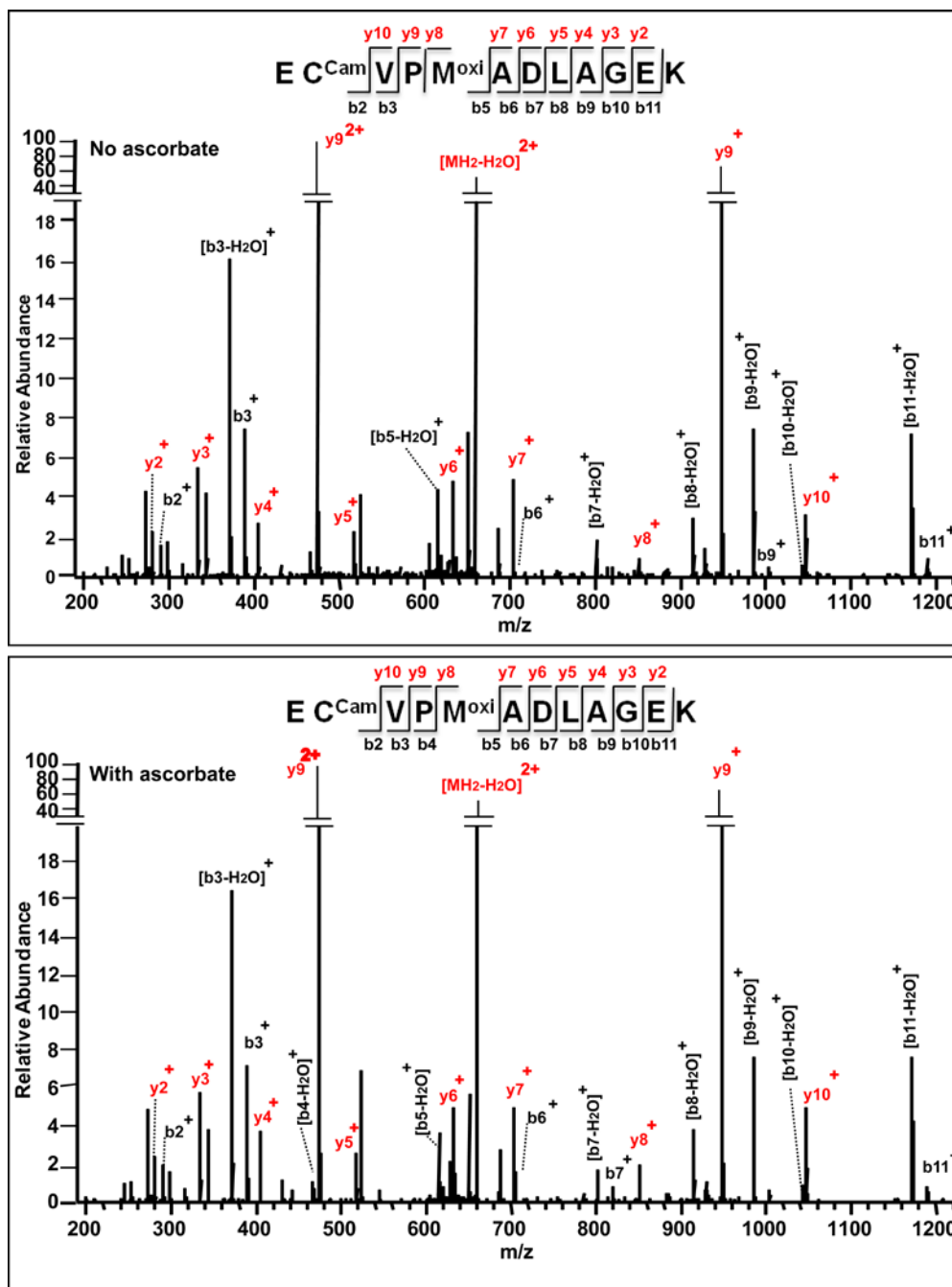


Figure S8C MS/MS spectra of the cysteine-containing peptides in SNO-OxyR identified after SNO-RAC enrichment and LC-MS/MS analysis. Shown are representative annotated MS/MS fragmentation spectra for the Cys180-containing peptide without ascorbate (upper panel), and with ascorbate (lower panel) (See Supplementary Text). Peptide sequence is shown at the top of each spectrum, with the annotation of the identified matched amino terminus-containing ions (*b* ions) in black and the carboxyl terminus-containing ions (*y* ions) in red. For clarity, only major identified peaks are labeled.

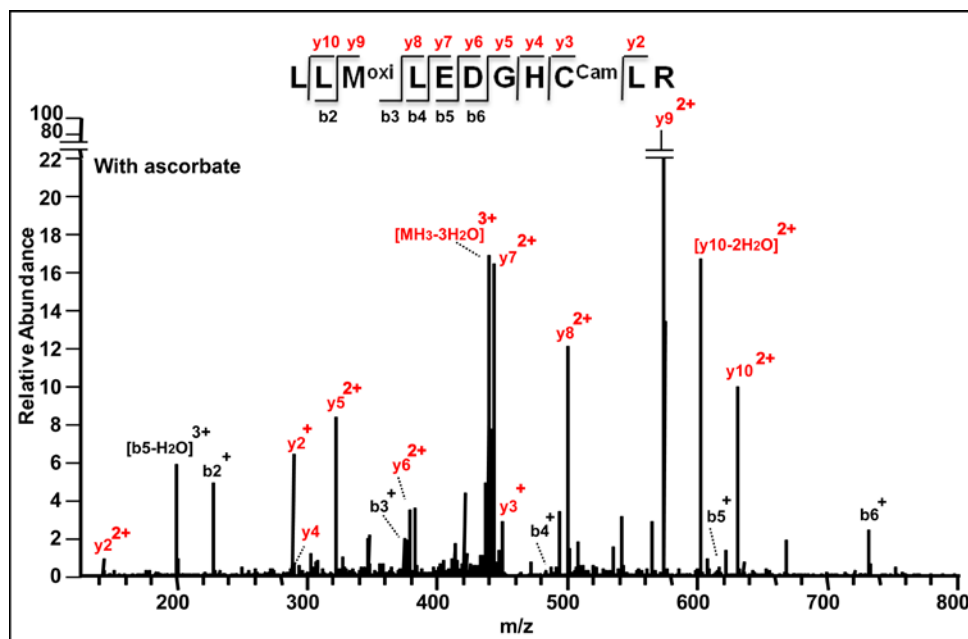


Figure S8D MS/MS spectra of the cysteine-containing peptides in SNO-OxyR identified after SNO-RAC enrichment and LC-MS/MS analysis. Shown are representative annotated MS/MS fragmentation spectra for the Cys199-containing peptide with ascorbate (See Supplementary Text). Cys199-containing peptide was not observed in the absence of ascorbate. Peptide sequence is shown at the top of each spectrum, with the annotation of the identified matched amino terminus-containing ions (*b* ions) in black and the carboxyl terminus-containing ions (*y* ions) in red. For clarity, only major identified peaks are labeled.

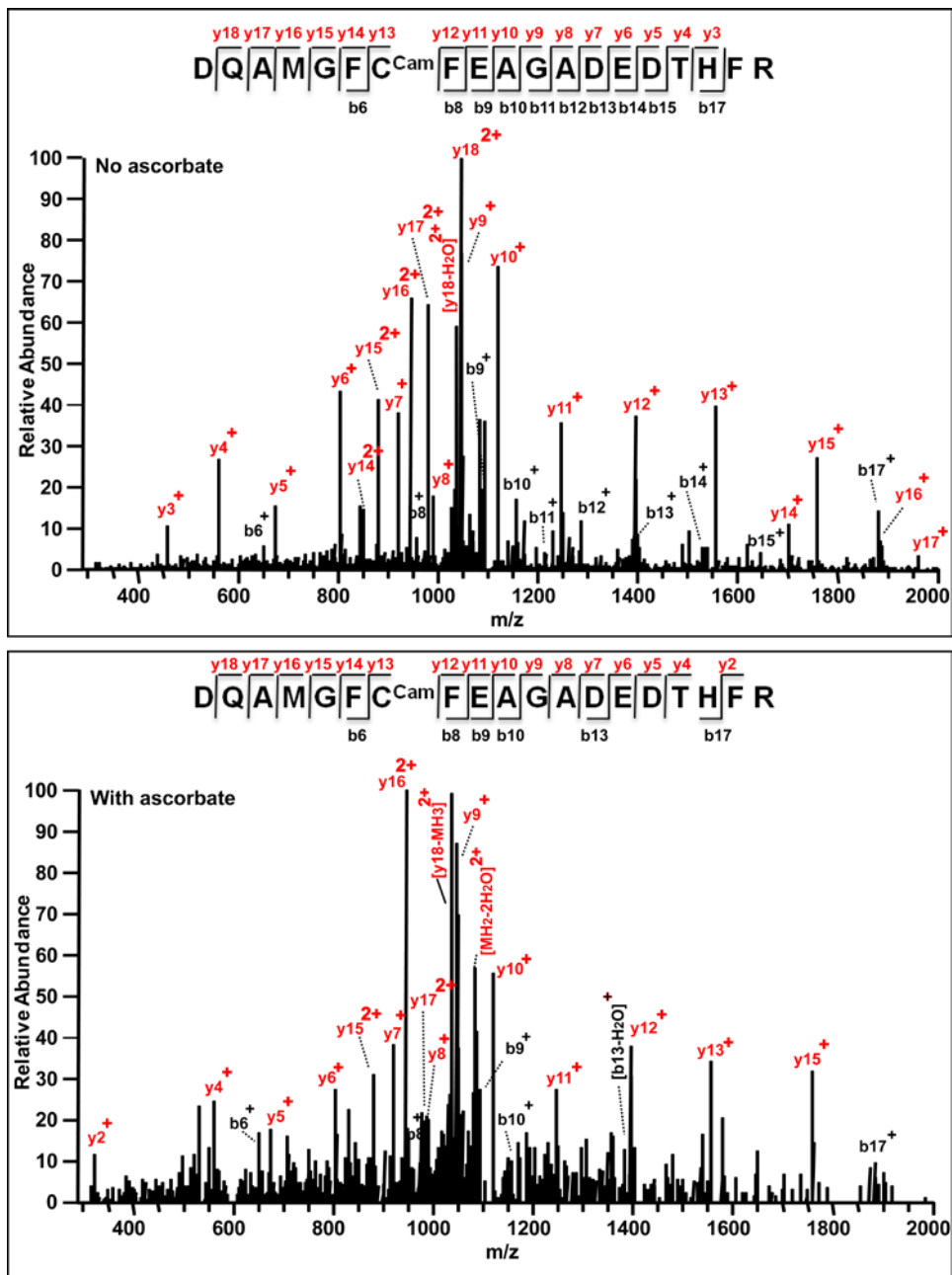


Figure S8E MS/MS spectra of the cysteine-containing peptides in SNO-OxyR identified after SNO-RAC enrichment and LC-MS/MS analysis. Shown are representative annotated MS/MS fragmentation spectra for the Cys208-containing peptide without ascorbate (upper panel), and with ascorbate (lower panel) (See Supplementary Text). Peptide sequence is shown at the top of each spectrum, with the annotation of the identified matched amino terminus-containing ions (*b* ions) in black and the carboxyl terminus-containing ions (*y* ions) in red. For clarity, only major identified peaks are labeled.

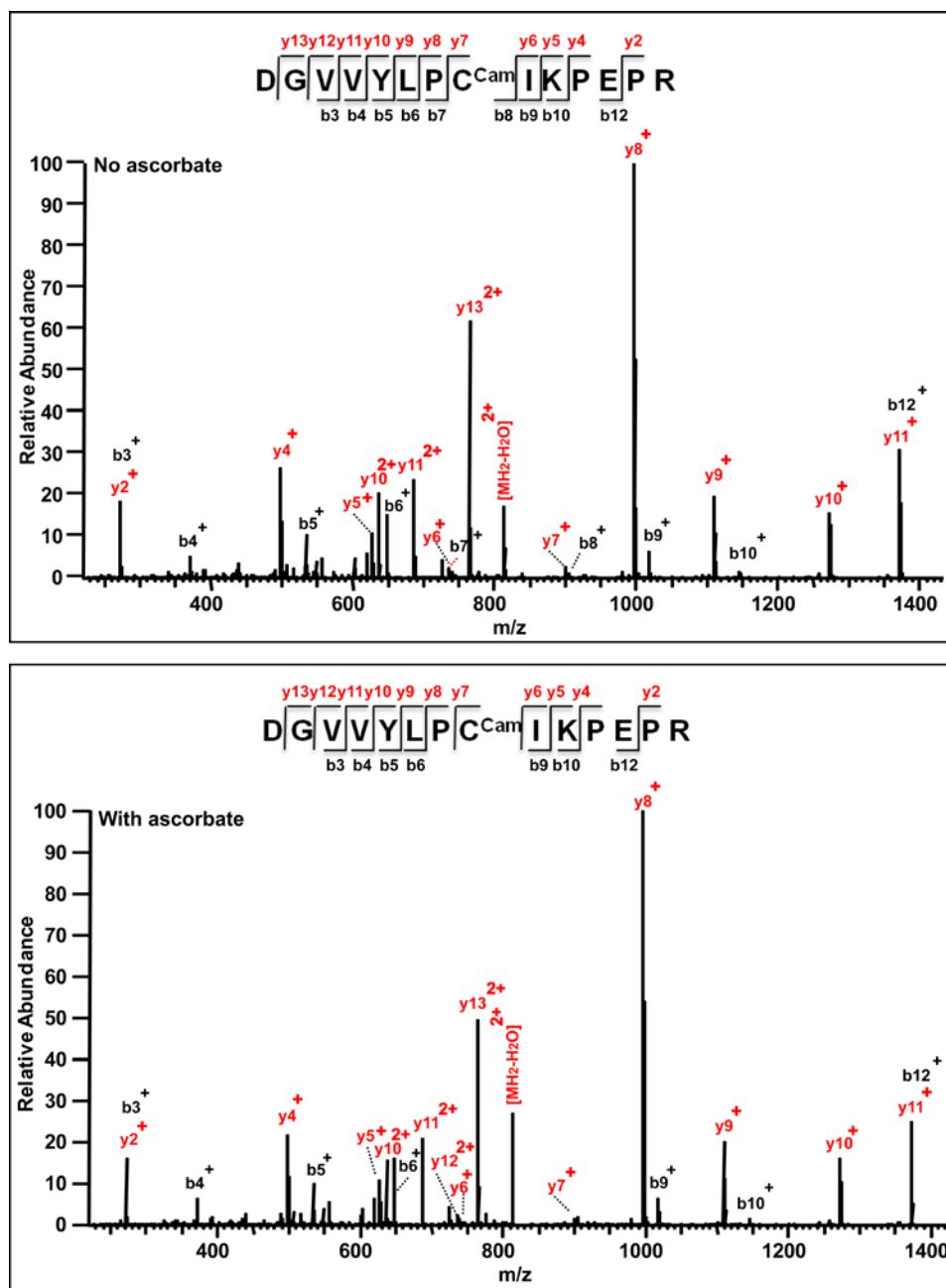


Figure S8F MS/MS spectra of the cysteine-containing peptides in SNO-OxyR identified after SNO-RAC enrichment and LC-MS/MS analysis. Shown are representative annotated MS/MS fragmentation spectra for the Cys259-containing peptide without ascorbate (upper panel), and with ascorbate (lower panel) (See Supplementary Text). Peptide sequence is shown at the top of each spectrum, with the annotation of the identified matched amino terminus-containing ions (*b* ions) in black and the carboxyl terminus-containing ions (*y* ions) in red. For clarity, only major identified peaks are labeled.

Peptides identified after modified SNO-RAC enrichment and tandem mass spectrometry.

	Peptide sequence *	Cys	Precursor mass	Charge state	Δ mass (ppm)
-Asc	21AADSC(Cam)HVSQPTLSGQIR37	25	913.9432	2	-1.2
	141LDC(Cam)VILALVK150	143	572.3467	2	4.8
	179EC(Cam)VPM(Oxi)ADLAGEK190	180	668.3010	2	2.2
	202DQAMGFC(Cam)FEAGADEDTHFR220	208	1102.4399	2	-3.7
	252DGVVYLPC(Cam)IKPEPR265	259	821.9357	2	1.2
+Asc	21AADSC(Cam)HVSQPTLSGQIR37	25	913.9456	2	1.4
	141LDC(Cam)VILALVK150	143	572.3470	2	5.3
	179EC(Cam)VPM(Oxi)ADLAGEK190	180	668.2986	2	-1.5
	191LLM(Oxi)LEDGHC(Cam)LR201	199	458.2271	3	-3.2
	202DQAMGFC(Cam)FEAGADEDTHFR220	208	1102.4399	2	-3.7
	252DGVVYLPC(Cam)IKPEPR265	259	821.9364	2	2.1

Figure S9 Specific S-nitrosylation of Cys199 in SNO-OxyR. SNO-OxyR prepared *in vitro* was subjected to modified SNO-RAC and enriched peptides were identified by LC-MS/MS (see Supplementary Materials and Methods and Supplementary Text). Peptides containing Cys199 were identified only after ascorbate treatment, which removes the NO group from S-nitrosylated Cys residues. * (Cam) and (Oxi) indicate cysteine carbamidomethylation and methionine oxidation respectively.

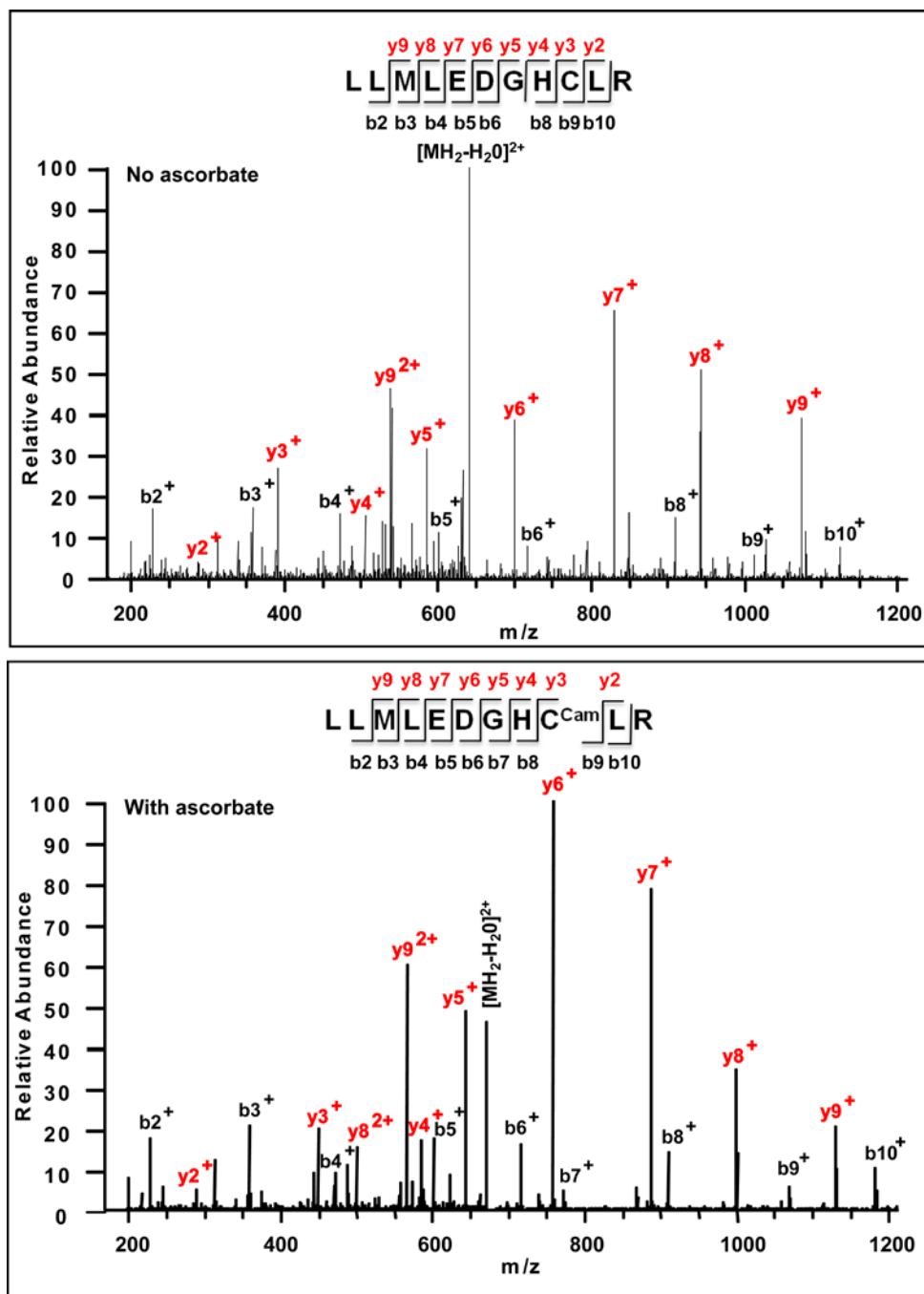


Figure S10 Ascorbate-dependent cysteine alkylation of Cys199 detected by LC-MS/MS (strategy employing NEM treatment and ascorbate-dependent IAA labeling). Shown are representative annotated MS/MS fragmentation spectra for the Cys199-containing doubly charged peptide LLMLLEDGHCLR without ascorbate (upper panel), and LLMLLEDGHC^(carbamidomethyl)LR with ascorbate (lower panel) (See Supplementary Text). Peptide sequence is shown at the top of each spectrum, with the annotation of the identified matched amino terminus-containing ions (*b* ions) in black and the carboxyl terminus-containing ions (*y* ions) in red. For clarity, only major identified peaks are labeled.

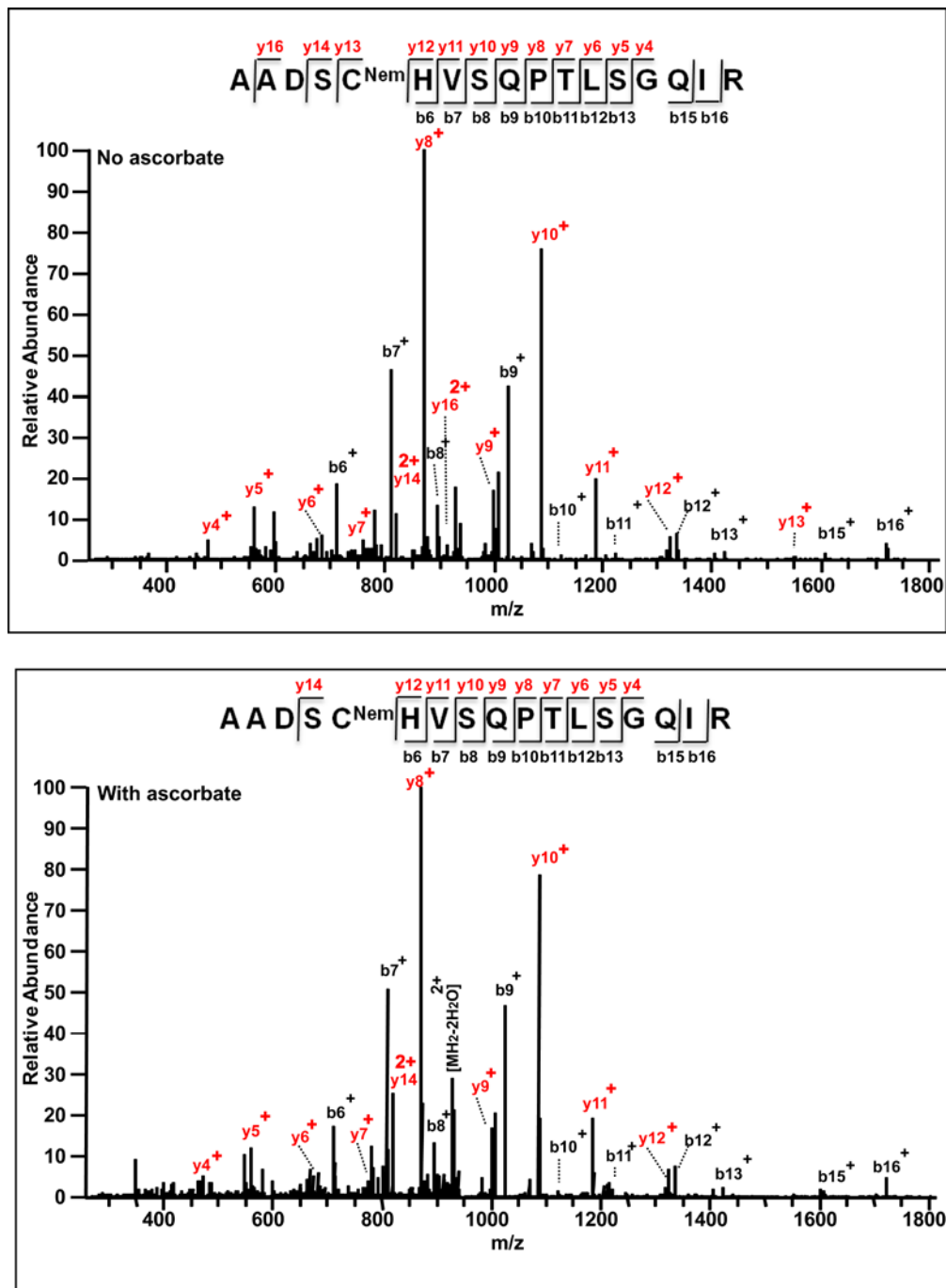


Figure S11 Ascorbate-dependent cysteine alkylation of Cys25 detected by LC-MS/MS (strategy employing NEM treatment and ascorbate-dependent IAA labeling). Shown are representative annotated MS/MS fragmentation spectra for the Cys25-containing peptide AADSC^(Nem)HVSQPTLSGQIR without ascorbate (upper panel), and AADSC^(Nem)HVSQPTLSGQIR with ascorbate (lower panel) (See Supplementary Text). Peptide sequence is shown at the top of each spectrum, with the annotation of the identified matched amino terminus-containing ions (*b* ions) in black and the carboxyl terminus-containing ions (*y* ions) in red. For clarity, only major identified peaks are labeled.

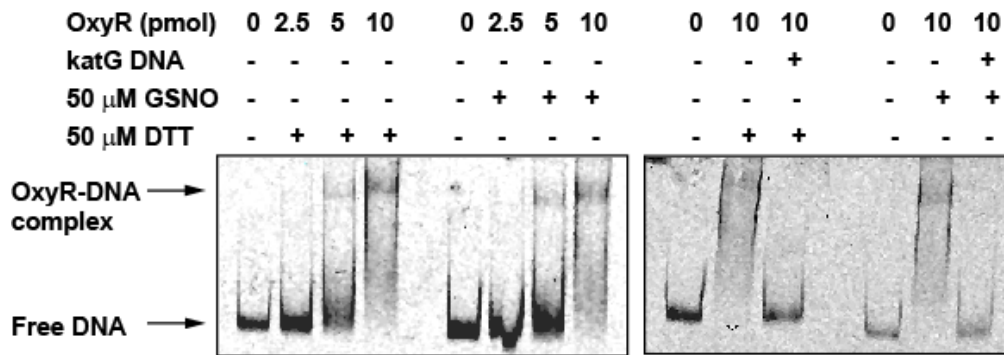


Figure S12 Electrophoretic mobility shift assay shows that the *hcp* promoter includes a specific OxyR binding site. Increasing amounts of OxyR were incubated with *hcp* promoter DNA. Binding was decreased competitively by unlabeled *katG* promoter DNA that included the OxyR-binding site. IR-800 dye-labeled DNA bands were separated on 5% polyacrylamide gels and visualized with an Odyssey imaging system (LICOR).

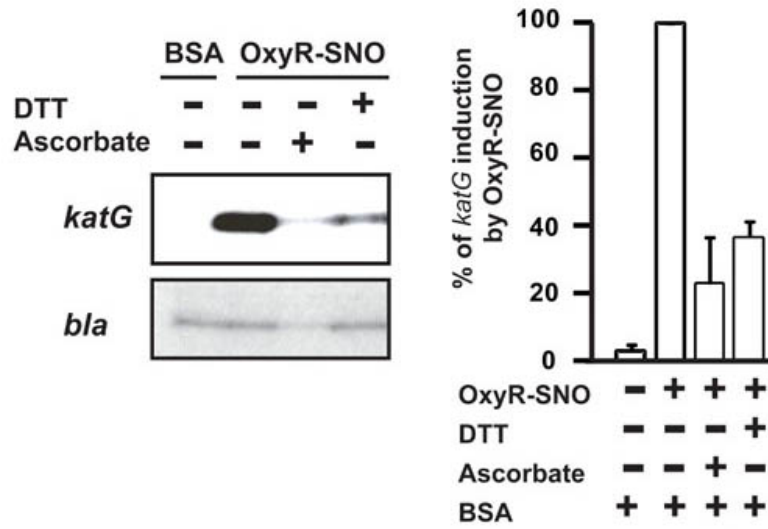


Figure S13 *In vitro* transcription at *katG* promoter by S-nitrosylated OxyR. Primer extension products of *in vitro* transcription reactions with S-nitrosylated OxyR are shown. Plasmid containing the *katG* gene (along with the β -lactamase (*bla*) gene) was used as template. DTT and ascorbate were used at 100 mM. Right panel shows quantification of primer extension bands for *katG*. Results are expressed as % induction by OxyR-SNO, normalized with respect to *bla* control (n=3 separate OxyR-SNO preparations, \pm SEM).

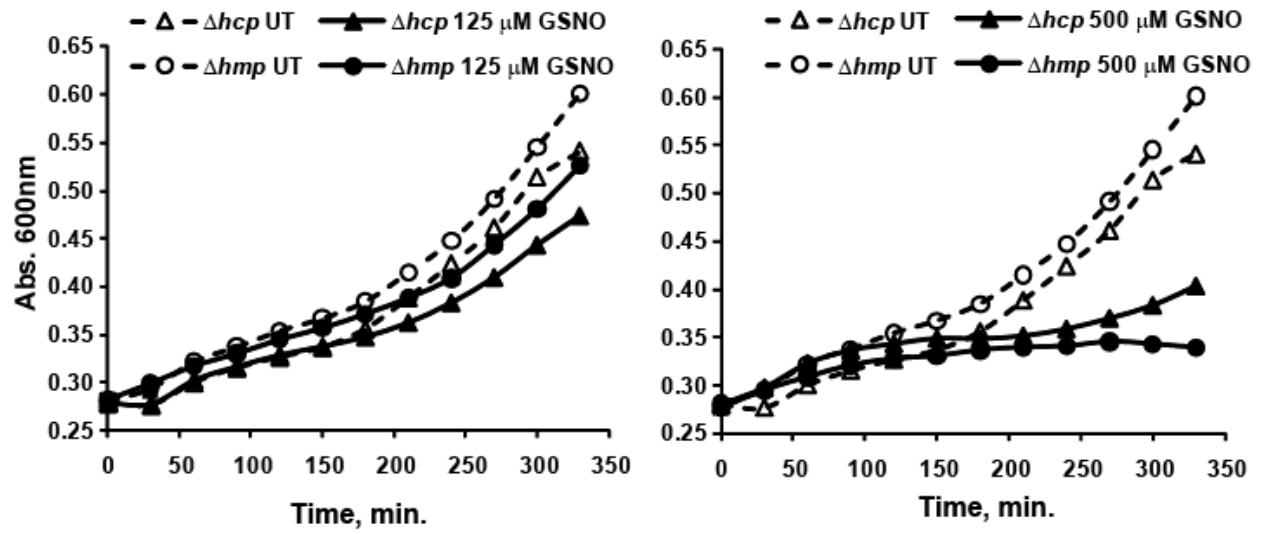


Figure S14 Sensitivity of *Δhcp* mutant to GSNO is comparable to that of *Δhmp* *in vitro*. Growth of *Δhcp* and *Δhmp* *E. coli* was measured following treatment with increasing concentrations of GSNO (125-500 μ M). Time 0 indicates initiation of treatment (n=3). UT= untreated.

Table S1. Genes expressed > 3-fold during anaerobic respiration on nitrate in WT *E. coli*

Protein function (Gene name)	Gene	Fold change WT	Fold change $\Delta oxyR$	Protein function (Gene name)	Gene	Fold change WT	Fold change $\Delta oxyR$
3-isopropylmalate dehydrogenase leuB	b0073	3.45	0.54	Hypothetical protein yciW	b1287	4.69	0.90
Pyruvate dehydrogenase complex repressor pdhR	b0113	4.10	1.01	Methylated-DNA-protein-cysteine methyltransferase ogt	b1335	7.71	6.57
Dihydroliipoamide dehydrogenase lpdA	b0116	3.06	0.98	Tellurite resistance protein tehA	b1429	5.26	5.16
Aconitate hydratase B acnB	b0118	3.51	0.99	Tellurite resistance protein tehB	b1430	3.76	3.59
Glucose dehydrogenase gcd	b0124	3.63	1.13	Formate dehydrogenase fdnG	b1474	48.14	1.34
Taurine-binding periplasmic protein tauA	b0365	8.14	1.18	Formate dehydrogenase-N fdnH	b1475	17.99	0.97
Taurine transport protein tauB	b0366	5.26	0.85	Formate dehydrogenase-N fdnI	b1476	7.42	1.14
Protoheme farnesyltransferase cyoE	b0428	3.27	1.13	Hypothetical protein yeaC	b1777	6.27	0.80
Cytochrome O ubiquinol oxidase cyoD	b0429	6.88	0.97	Methionine sulfoxide reductase msrB	b1778	8.25	0.86
Cytochrome O ubiquinol oxidase cyoC	b0430	3.45	0.90	Hypothetical protein yoaG	b1796	104.4	54.24
Ubiquinol oxidase polypeptide I cyoB	b0431	3.59	0.94	Tellurite resistance protein yeaR	b1797	172.4	21.63
Hypothetical protein ybaY	b0453	3.62	1.23	Hypothetical protein yedU	b1967	4.91	2.44
Hypothetical protein ylaC	b0458	3.54	0.87	Transcriptional regulator cbl	b1987	3.09	1.20
Citrate synthase gltA	b0720	3.25	1.21	Flavo-hemoprotein hmpA	b2552	23.91	20.62
Phosphoglycerate mutase 1 gpmA	b0755	3.27	1.10	Hypothetical protein yfiM	b2586	5.16	1.03
Hypothetical oxidoreductase ybiC	b0801	5.67	0.99	Alpha-ketoglutarate permease kgtP	b2587	5.57	1.02
Hypothetical protein ybiJ	b0802	3.86	1.10	RNA polymerase, sigma S factor rpoS	b2741	4.63	1.15
Hypothetical protein yliH	b0836	3.92	1.94	Sulfite reductase [NADPH] hemoprotein beta-component csyI	b2763	4.68	1.03
NADH oxidoreductase hcr	b0872	15.62	3.04	Hypothetical protein yqhA	b3002	3.41	0.83
Hybrid cluster protein hcp	b0873	38.38	5.55	Cold-shock DEAD-box protein A deaD	b3162	3.54	1.05
FMN reductase ssuE	b0937	4.08	1.12	Thiosulfate sulfurtransferase glpE	b3425	3.66	0.99
Exopolysaccharide production ycsZ	b0983	3.42	2.29	Hypothetical protein yzgL	b3427	3.57	0.73
Hypothetical protein ymcB	b0985	4.45	2.66	Threonine 3-dehydrogenase tdh	b3616	3.14	1.49
Hypothetical protein ycfJ	b1110	3.07	1.90	Acetolactate synthase isozyme I ilvN	b3670	4.89	1.13
Hypothetical protein ycfR	b1112	5.71	1.09	Aceto-hydroxy acid synthase II ilvG	b3768	3.49	1.25
Hypothetical protein ycgZ	b1164	10.14	1.31	Dihydroxyacid dehydratase ilvD	b3771	4.84	0.98
Unknown CDS ymgA	b1165	11.82	1.39	Threonine deaminase ilvA	b3772	5.67	1.05
Unknown CDS ymgC	b1167	8.74	0.96	Formate dehydrogenase fdol	b3892	3.94	1.50
D-amino acid dehydrogenase dadA	b1189	6.39	0.89	Formate dehydrogenase-O fdoG	b3894	8.85	0.77
Alanine racemase dadX	b1190	5.21	0.95	Isocitrate lyase aceA	b4015	3.74	0.71
Nitrate reductase 1 narG	b1224	3.41	2.00	Hypothetical protein yjbA	b4030	4.33	1.29
Respiratory nitrate reductase 1 narI	b1227	3.31	1.16	Fe-S cluster repair ytfE	b4209	67.25	19.52
Aconitate hydratase 1 acnA	b1276	4.47	1.12	Hypothetical protein ISO92	b4434	3.04	1.25

Table S1 Microarray data comparing fold-expression of genes in WT and $\Delta oxyR$ *E. coli* grown anaerobically on 10 mM nitrate or fumarate. Genes induced > 3-fold in the WT on nitrate are included (p-value cutoff of 0.05). The corresponding induction levels in $\Delta oxyR$ are given. Genes whose fold-induction on nitrate in $\Delta oxyR$ was at least two-fold lower than induction in WT, and which are thus potential OxyR-dependent genes, are indicated in bold. Genes are listed in the order of their b-number and have been arranged into operons (delineated by solid lines) via *E. coli* Entry Point.

Table S2. Genes expressed between 2- and 3-fold during anaerobic respiration on nitrate in WT *E. coli*

Protein function (Gene name)	Gene	Fold change WT	Fold change $\Delta oxyR$	Protein function (Gene name)	Gene	Fold change WT	Fold change $\Delta oxyR$
3-isopropylmalate isomerase leuD	b0071	2.83	0.53	Putative transport component yeeE	b2013	2.30	0.91
Pyruvate dehydrogenase E1 component aceE	b0114	2.40	0.97	Hypothetical protein yohL	b2105	2.30	1.23
S-adenosylmethionine decarboxylase speD	b0120	2.09	1.03	Hypothetical protein yohC	b2135	2.31	1.46
Putative carbonic anhydrase yadF	b0126	2.01	1.16	Trehalose-phosphatase otsB	b1897	2.43	1.29
Putative phage integrase intF	b0281	2.37	0.96	Cytochrome c-type protein napB	b2203	2.81	0.75
Hypothetical protein ykgE	b0306	2.56	8.67	Naphthoate synthase menB	b2262	2.09	1.98
Cyanate aminohydrolase cynS	b0340	2.18	1.56	NADH dehydrogenase I chain I nuol	b2281	2.46	1.24
ATP-dependent protease La lon	b0439	2.19	1.28	Putative malic oxidoreductase maeB	b2463	2.17	0.89
Chaperone protein htpG	b0473	2.16	1.34	NifU-like protein iscU	b2529	2.11	2.53
Hypothetical protein ylbA	b0515	2.07	0.87	ATP-dependent protease clpB	b2592	2.56	1.66
Lipoic acid synthetase lipA	b0628	2.52	0.93	ATP:sulfate adenyltransferase cysD	b2752	2.72	0.91
Glutamate/aspartate periplasmic binding protein ybeJ	b0655	2.52	0.97	Hypothetical lipoprotein ygdI	b2809	2.33	1.59
Succinate dehydrogenase sdhB	b0724	2.02	1.00	Glycine dehydrogenase gcvP	b2903	2.25	1.19
Succinyl-CoA synthetase a chain sucD	b0729	2.13	0.89	Hypothetical oxidoreductase yghA	b3003	2.95	1.51
Molybdenum cofactor biosynthesis protein B moaB	b0782	2.29	1.52	Hypothetical RNA polymerase, sigma(70) factor rpoD	b3067	2.65	1.08
Hypothetical protein ybiM	b0806	2.06	1.23	Malate dehydrogenase mdh	b3236	2.92	0.88
Molybdopterin biosynthesis moeA	b0827	2.18	1.87	Gluconate transporter; gntP	b3415	2.04	0.94
ATP-dependent clp protease ATP-binding subunit clpA	b0882	2.30	1.06	Glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (aerobic) glpD	b3426	2.88	1.24
Putative electron transport protein yccM	b0992	2.40	1.28	Hypothetical transporter yhiP	b3496	2.48	1.26
Putative secreted protein ycel	b1056	2.15	1.08	Hypothetical metabolite transport protein yhjE	b3523	2.52	1.09
Glutamyl tRNA reductase hemA	b1210	2.04	1.61	Glycine acetyltransferase kbl	b3617	2.15	1.35
Putative structural proteins yciF	b1258	2.20	1.31	Acetohydroxy acid synthase II ilvG	b3767	2.28	1.15
Osmotically inducible lipoprotein B precursor osmB	b1283	2.20	1.03	Acetolactate synthase isozyme II subunit ilvM	b3769	2.62	1.15
Thiol peroxidase tpx	b1324	2.77	0.97	Amino acid aminotransferase ilvE	b3770	2.26	0.90
Hypothetical protein ynaJ	b1332	2.81	0.93	Probable transport protein yifK	b3795	2.09	0.83
Hypothetical protein ydcN	b1434	2.63	0.96	Affects formate dehydrogenaseN;fdhE	b3891	2.18	1.41
Fumarate hydratase class I fumA	b1612	2.37	0.85	Glycerol uptake facilitator protein glpF	b3927	2.47	1.07
Glutathione S-transferase gst	b1635	2.51	1.02	Molecular chaperone hslU	b3931	2.39	1.11
Hypothetical protein ynhG ;	b1678	2.71	1.21	ATP-dependent protease hslV	b3932	2.21	1.16
Spheroplast protein Y precursor spy	b1743	2.16	1.29	Peroxidase/catalase HPI katG	b3942	2.28	1.07
Hypothetical protein yeaQ	b1795	2.17	1.84	Thiazole biosynthesis protein thiH	b3990	2.65	1.04
L-serine dehydratase 1 sdaA	b1814	2.07	1.20	Malate synthase A aceB	b4014	2.23	0.79
Hypothetical protein yebZ	b1840	2.83	0.73	Homocysteine-methyltetrahydrofolate transmethylase methH	b4019	2.33	1.05
Hypothetical protein yobA	b1841	2.24	0.85	Hypothetical protein yjcB	b4060	2.17	1.04
Trehalose-6-phosphate synthase otsA	b1896	2.34	1.21	Proline permease II proP	b4111	2.21	1.12
Trehalose-phosphatase otsB	b1897	2.43	1.30	Methionine sulfoxide reductase msrA	b4219	2.15	1.18
Hypothetical protein yodD	b1953	2.14	1.47	Ribonucleoside reductase nrdD	b4238	2.29	1.06
Hypothetical protein yedP	b1955	2.13	1.30				

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Table S3. Genes expressed >2-fold during anaerobic respiration on nitrate in $\Delta oxyR$.

Protein function (Gene name)	Gene	Fold change WT	Fold change $\Delta oxyR$	Protein function (Gene name)	Gene	Fold change WT	Fold change $\Delta oxyR$
Iron-sulfur cluster insertion protein erpA	b0156	1.18	2.43	Hypothetical protein yoaG	b1796	104.24	68.1
Uncharacterized protein ykgE	b0306	2.55	9.55	Tellurite resistance protein yeaR	b1797	172.4	21.63
Uncharacterized electron transport protein ykgF	b0307	1.76	9.04	Hypothetical protein yedU	b1967	4.91	2.45
Uncharacterized protein ykgG	b0308	1.18	7.09	Membrane protein yohJ	b2141	0.25	2.63
Uncharacterized protein ybhK	b0780	1.47	2.17	Inner membrane protein yohK	b2142	0.32	2.38
NADH oxidoreductase hcr	b0872	15.62	3.10	Inner membrane protein yeiH	b2158	1.23	2.85
Hybrid cluster protein hcp	b0873	38.38	5.56	Co-chaperone protein hscB	b2527	1.73	2.35
Exopolysaccharide production yccZ	b0983	3.42	2.28	Iron-binding protein iscA	b2528	1.48	2.04
Hypothetical protein ymcB	b0985	4.44	2.65	Iron-sulfur cluster assembly enzyme iscU	b2529	2.11	2.53
Respiratory nitrate reductase 1 alpha chain narG	b1224	3.4	2.00	Cysteine desulfurase iscS	b2530	1.44	2.12
Methylated-DNA-protein-cysteine methyltransferase ogt	b1335	7.71	6.68	HTH-type transcriptional regulator iscR	b2531	1.82	2.36
Tellurite resistance protein tehA	b1429	5.26	5.16	Flavo-hemoprotein hmp	b2552	23.9	20.62
Tellurite resistance protein tehB	b1430	3.76	3.60	Anaerobic nitric oxide reductase flavorubredoxin norV	b2710	1.49	10.46
N-hydroxyarylamine O-acetyltransferase nhoA	b1463	0.35	2.83	Nitric oxide reductase FIRd-NAD(+) reductase norW	b2711	1.16	4.13
Respiratory nitrate reductase 2 gamma chain narV	b1465	1.57	2.03	Uncharacterized protein hypA	b2726	0.12	2.09
Uncharacterized protein yneF	b1522	0.66	2.26	Biodegradative arginine decarboxylase adiA	b4117	0.06	6.11
Cysteine desulfuration protein sufE	b1679	1.03	2.02	Fe-S cluster repair ytfE	b4209	67.25	19.52
Cysteine desulfurase sufS	b1680	1.20	2.53				
FeS cluster assembly sufD	b1681	1.17	2.39				
Probable ATP-dependent transporter sufC	b1682	1.13	2.36				
FeS cluster assembly sufB	b1683	1.04	2.45				
FeS cluster assembly sufA	b1684	1.35	2.47				

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Table S4. Real-time PCR primers employed

yeaR-F	TTTCTGGAGGGAACACCGCAAACCT
yeaR-R	ATCTCGGCTACGCTGATGAACACA
yoaG-F	ACTTCTGGCACCAGCAAAGTCATC
yoaG-R	TGACCGTCACCAATAACAGCAATGG
ytfE-F	GGTGTGACGTTATTGGTGGTGTGT
ytfE-R	AATGGAAAGCGAGCACGATGAAGC
hmp-F	TGACGCTCAAACCATCGCTACAGT
hmp-R	ATACGGTCGTAGAAATGGGCGGTT
fdnG-F	ATATCGTGCGCCAGGTTCTGACAA
fdnG-R	TAGCGTCACGGTCAGCTTTCATCA
hcp-F	TGACCTTCAGGATTTACTCATCGCGG
hcp-R	GATGATGCCGTATTCACGCGCTTT
fdnH-F	GCCTTCTCAGGTGCGTGATTACAA
fdnH-R	ACAGGCTTTACAGCCGATACAGGT
hcr-F	TGTGGACGATTTCCCTGATTTGCC
hcr-R	TTCGCACGCTGACCAGTGCATATT
ymgA-F	GGAAGATGCTTCCGACGCGATTT
ymgA-R	TTCTTCGGTTTGGCCCTCCTGAAT
ycgZ-R	TGCATACTCAGCAGGAAACTCTCG
ycgZ-R	TTGGCACAAAGCGACTTTCGACTC
fdoG-F	TCGCGGAAACCCGGCAGTATAAA
fdoG-R	AGCCACAGCCTACGGAACAATA
ymgC-F	AAATCTCGAGAGGGAGGTGTTTCATGACG
ymgC-R	ACGCAAGCGTAAAGCCTGATCAAT
yeaR-F	AACACAATAACGTTCCGCCGTTGG
yeaR-R	ATTCGTTGCGGTAACCTGTGATGCC
tauA-F	CGATTGAAGTCTTCTTGCTGGCGT
tauA-R	TGCGTTTGCCAATCAGATCTTCCG
ogt-F	AATGGGAAGAGTACAGCGAACGCA
ogt-R	TTGGTGGCAGAAATGCGCTCATAG
fdnI-F	TTATTGATCGCGCTGTCACTGGA
fdnI-R	CAGCGTCGGGAAGAAGAACGAAAT
cyoD-F	AGTGGTACAGGTTCTGGTGCATCT
cyoD-R	AAGACAAACGCCGTCATGTTCCAG
dadA-F	TGTCATACTGGGAAGTGGTGTGGT
dadA-R	GGTGACCTCATGTCCTGCCTGATTTA
yeaC-F	ATGATGCCTGAGGTATACCAGCGT
yeaC-R	TTTGTTCCCTCGGTCAACGCAACG
ilvA-F	ATTCTGGTGAAGCGCGAAGATCG
ilvA-R	TGCGCTTTCTGTTCTTCCGTCA

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