

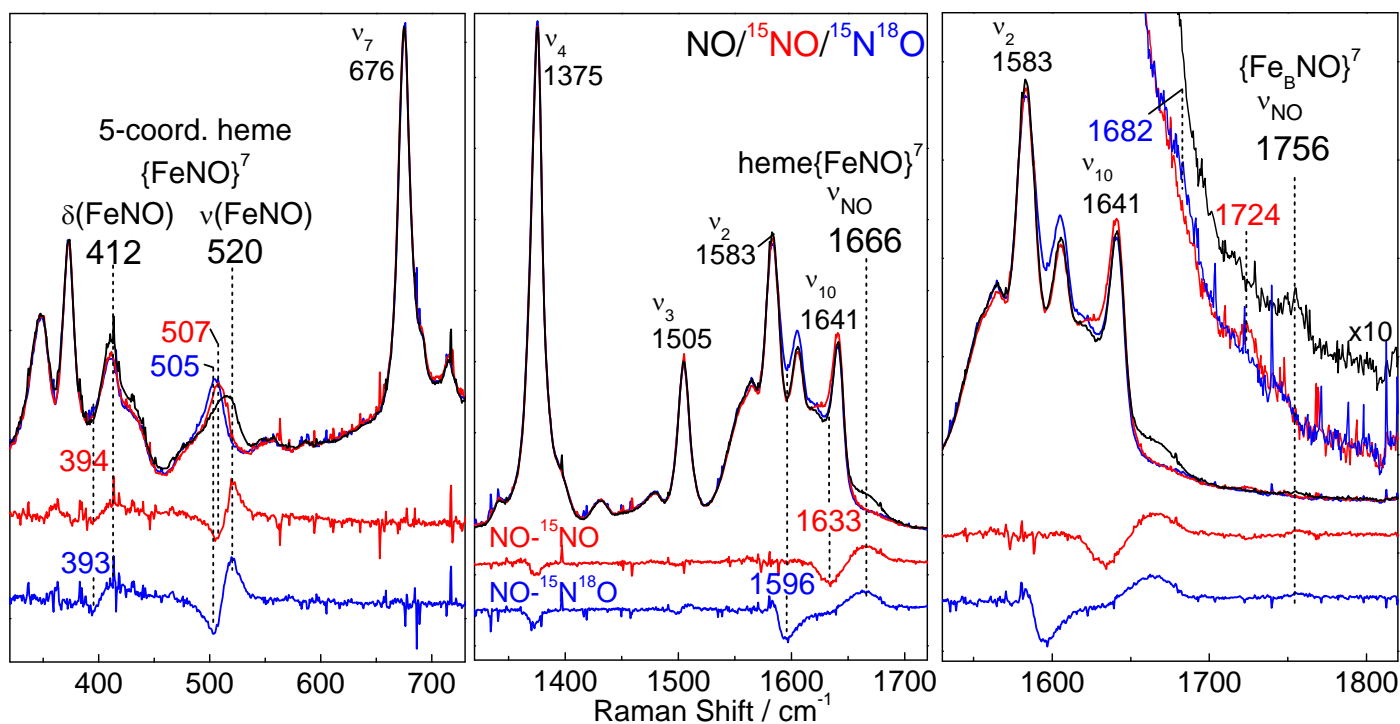
**The production of nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) by the heme/nonheme  
diiron center of engineered myoglobins (Fe<sub>B</sub>Mbs) proceeds  
through a *trans* iron-nitrosyl dimer**

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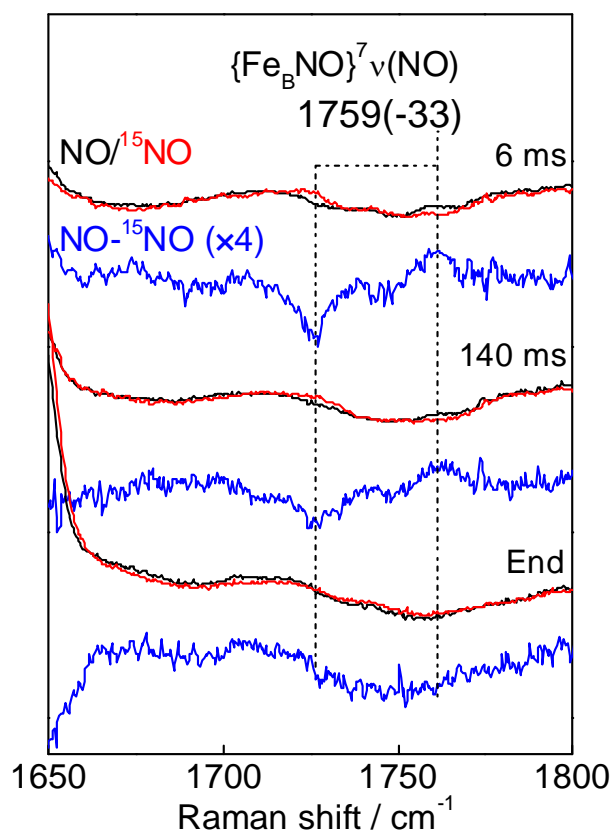
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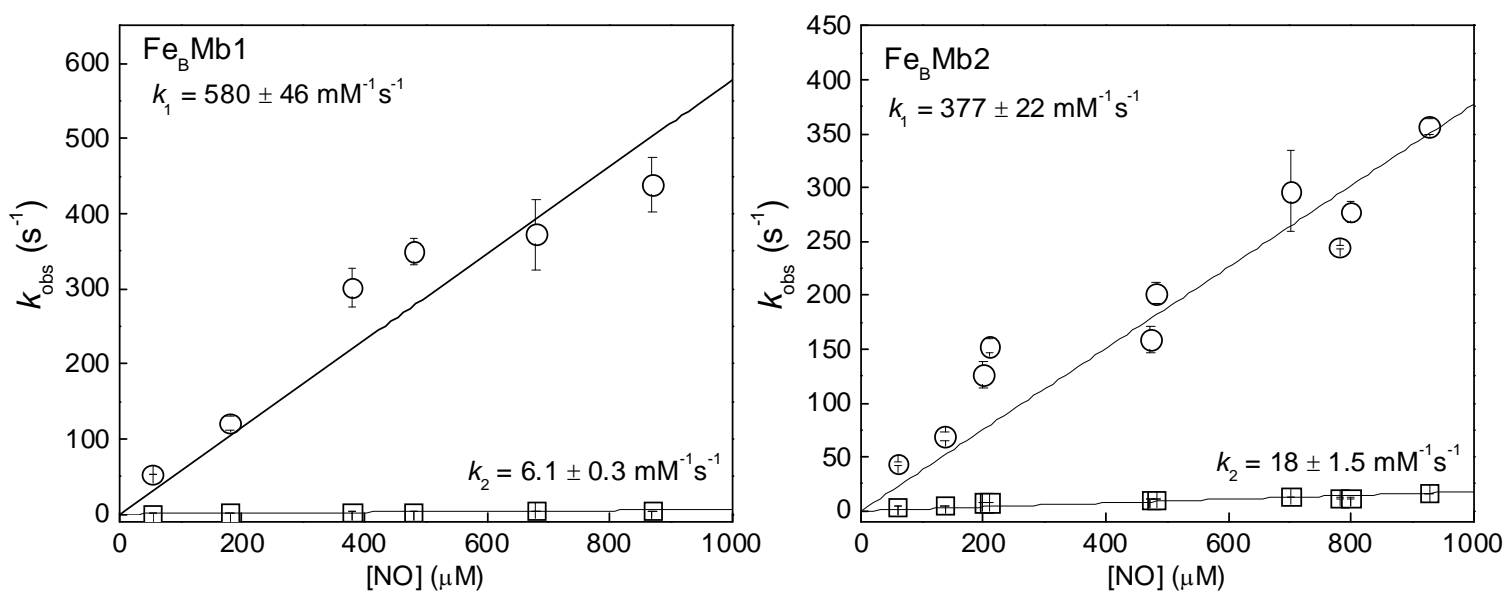
**Supporting information**



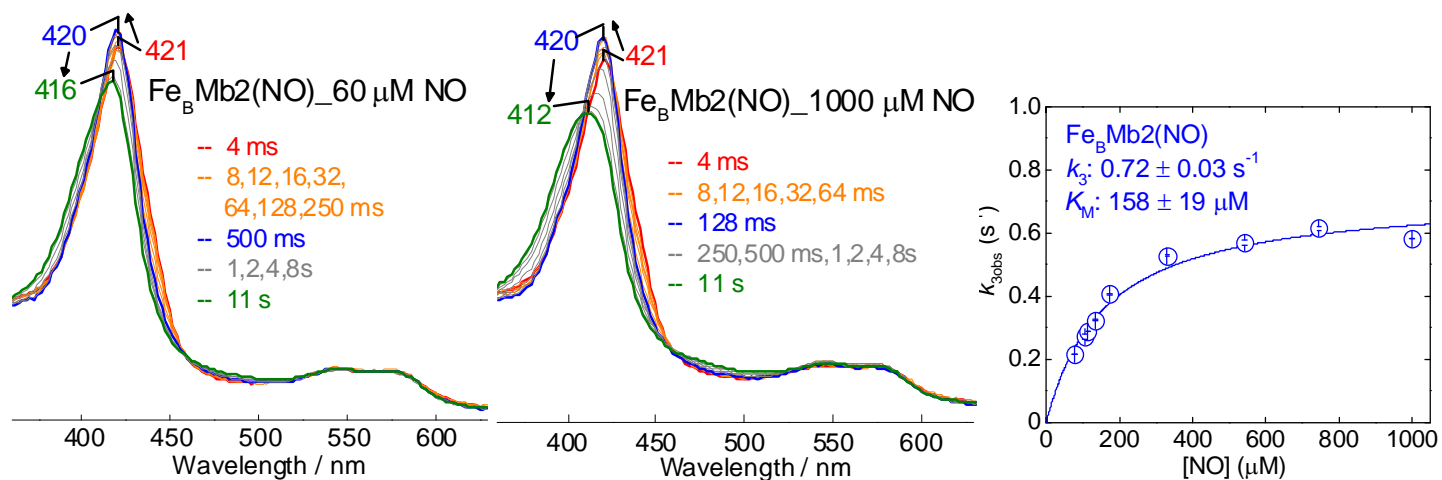
**Figure S1.** Room temperature RR spectra of the end-product of the reaction of reduced  $\text{Fe}_B\text{Mb1}$  with excess NO (protein concentration, 100  $\mu\text{M}$ ; samples frozen  $\sim 2$  min after the addition of NO; excitation wavelength: 406 nm).

**Figure S2.** High-frequency region of the RR spectra of the 6-ms and 140-ms RFQ samples of the reaction of reduced  $\text{Fe}_B\text{Mb2}$  with excess  $^{14}\text{NO}$  (back traces),  $^{15}\text{NO}$  (red traces), and the resulting  $^{14}\text{NO} - ^{15}\text{NO}$  difference spectra (blue traces). Also shown are the equivalent spectra for end-point samples (frozen  $\sim 2$  min after mixing).





**Figure S3.** The dependence of the rate constants of  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  on NO concentration.



**Figure S4.** Stopped-flow UV-vis absorption spectra of the reaction of Fe<sub>B</sub>Mb2(NO) with 60 and 1000  $\mu\text{M}$  NO at 4.0 °C. Also shown, is the dependence of the last rate constant on NO concentration.