

Supplemental information

Lucina pectinata Oxyhemoglobin (II-III) heterodimer pH susceptibility

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Method

Kinetics and optical absorption

Dissociation of O₂ from HbII-HbIII was determined at pH 5 and 7 by monitoring the decay of the (HbII-HbIII)-O₂ absorption signal at 414 nm, using a SHIMADZU UV-2600 spectrophotometer. Briefly, small volumes (140 µL) of 98 µM (HbII-HbIII)-O₂ solution were mixed rapidly with a large volume of deoxygenated buffer (2 mL) at pH 7 and 5. The kinetic traces, as well as spectra associated with the kinetics, were acquired for a period of 3 hr.

Results

Figure S1 shows that at pH 5, O₂ dissociation from (HbII-HbIII)-O₂ is near 1.6 times faster by than at pH 7, with k_{off} values of 0.0051 s⁻¹ and 0.0026 s⁻¹, respectively. The k_{off} results are approximately within the range of the reported values for HbII (0.056 s⁻¹) and recombinant HbII (0.053 s⁻¹) by Ramos, *et al.*, and HbII (0.011 s⁻¹) and HbIII (0.008 s⁻¹) by Kraus *et al.*

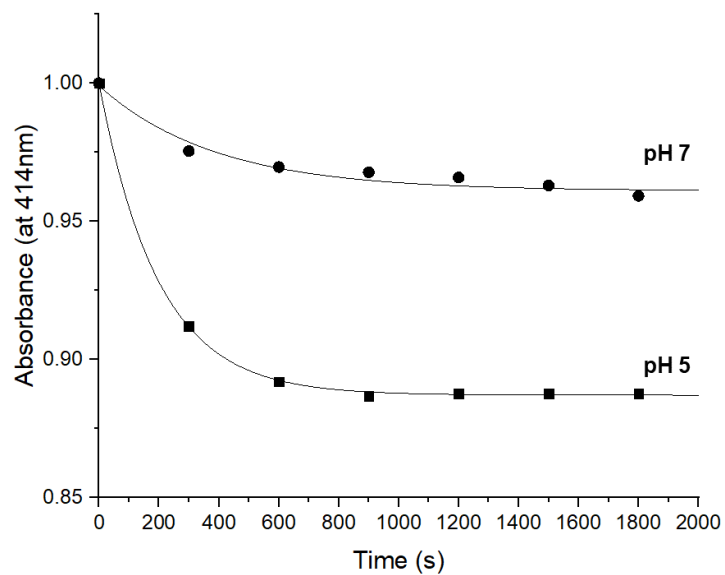


Figure S1: Kinetic traces of O₂ dissociation at pH 5 (squares) and 7 (circles).

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