

# The Kinetics of the Oxidation of Lysine by $\mu$ -Peroxo-Bridged Binuclear Cobalt (III) Complex of Succinimide in Aqueous Hydrochloric Acid Medium

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## Abstract

Kinetics of oxidation of Lysine (Lys) and mechanisms by  $\mu$ -peroxo bis[bis(ethylenediamine)succinimidato-dicobalt(III)]dinitratedihydrate;  $[\text{LCo}(\mu\text{-O}_2)\text{CoL}](\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (L = suc(en)<sub>2</sub>), hereafter the complex, was investigated at 420 nm wavelength of maximum absorption of the complex under the conditions hydrogen ions concentration =  $1.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ , temperature =  $24 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $[\text{LCo}(\mu\text{-O}_2)\text{CoL}^{2+}] = 1.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  and ionic strength =  $0.5 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ . First order in  $[\text{LCo}(\mu\text{-O}_2)\text{CoL}^{2+}]$  and  $[\text{Lys}]$  were obtained but inverse first order in  $[\text{H}^+]$ . The proposed overall rate equation is as shown:

$$\text{Rate} = \left( \frac{k_1}{k_2} + \frac{K_1 k_3}{k_4} \frac{1}{[\text{H}^+]} \right) [\text{LCo}(\mu\text{O}_2)\text{CoL}^{2+}] [\text{Lys}]$$

Rate of the reaction decreases when hydrogen ions concentration increase and exhibited converse effect with increase in concentration of ionic strength from  $0.1 - 1.3 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ . Added cations and anions affected the reaction rate and the Michaelis-Menten plot passed through the origin indicating no absence of intermediate complex in the electron transfer processes. Putting all the results obtained together, the most probable reaction mechanism is in favour of outer-sphere and an appropriate rate law is established using steady state approximation.

**Keywords:** Amino acid; Redox reaction; Mechanism; Peroxo-bridge Complex of Succinimide



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concentration of hydrogen ions =  $1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ , and ionic strength =  $0.5 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

## 1.0 Introduction

Lysine, an essential amino acids which are the building blocks of protein, are useful in biological research, metabolism, nutrition (fortification of food) and drug industry. These have been oxidized by some oxidizing agents and products such as aldehyde, ammonia, and carbon(IV) oxide have been identified by those workers (Gouda *et al.*, 1986; Goel *et al.*, 2002; Goel and Shama, 2012).

Also the redox reaction of lysine with diperiodatoargentate(III) (Hosamani and Nandibewoor, (2009), hexacyanoferrate ions and potassium permanganate in alkaline medium have been reported Mohanty *et al.*, (2013). The importance of oxidation of  $\alpha$ - amino acids from chemical point of view is on its mechanism of metabolism (Devra, 2005). Consequently, it is imperative to explore more redox reactions of this importance compound with a wide of range of substrates.

Presently, there is no reported work on the oxidation of lysine by this complex of interest. This study has therefore been undertaken with a view of gaining further understanding of the redox chemistry of these substrates in hydrochloric acidic.

## 2.0 Materials and Methods

Analar grade of chemicals and reagents were used in this work without further purification. All solutions were prepared with distilled water. The preparation of the complex was according to the literature by measuring 2.91 g  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Sigma Aldrich) into  $20 \text{ cm}^3$  water, added to this is 1.0 g succinimide and heated to  $70^\circ\text{C}$  using heater magnetic stirrer. 1%  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution was used to maintained the pH of 6.0 in this reaction. An excess of ethylenediamine was added and stirred at  $70^\circ\text{C}$  for 30 min. Change of colour from red violet to brown was observed. The mixtures was allowed to cooled to room temperature and after several days, dark brown crystals were filtered, washed with water and cold ethanol and was characterized using UV-Visible and Fourier Transformed Infrared (FTIR) spectrophotometers (Murat and Orhan, 2009). Standard solution of hydrochloric acid was standardized titrimetrically using  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  and methyl orange as indicator. Ionic strength was maintained constant using sodium chloride for each run.

### 2.1 Stoichiometry

Spectrophotometric titration using mole ratio concept was used to determined stoichiometry of the reaction. The complex  $[\text{LCo}(\text{O}_2)\text{CoL}]^{2+}$  was maintained constant at  $1.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  and lysine was varied below and above that of the complex at the

### 2.2 Kinetic Measurement

Pseudo-first order conditions with the lysine concentration in at least 10 fold excess over the concentration of the complex were

used to carried out kinetic runs. Absorbance was recorded on digital photoelectric colorimeter SM202 and the reactions rate was observed by monitoring the rate of decrease in absorbance of the complex at  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  of 420 nm characteristic of the complex at constant  $[\text{H}^+]$ , Ionic strength and temperature. Pseudo-first order rate constants ( $k_1$ ) for the reaction were obtained from the slopes of the plots of logarithm of absorbance difference against time. Order of the reaction with respect to [complex] was deduced from these plots. The slope of the plots of  $\log k_1$  versus  $\log[\text{Lys}]$  indicate the order with respect to [Lys] (Fig. 1). The second order rate constants ( $k_2$ ) were obtained from  $k_1/[\text{complex}]$ .

### 2.3 Hydrogen Ion Concentration on Reaction Rate

The changes in the varying concentration of hydrogen ion on the reaction rate was investigated by observing a constant concentration of the complex and lysine while varying the hydrogen ion concentration between  $(0.60 - 1.60) \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  (below this range, the reaction was too slow and the converse became the case above this range). Ionic strength, I, was maintained at  $0.50 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  (NaCl). The order of reaction with respect to acid concentration was obtained as the slope of the plots of  $\log k_1$  against  $\log[\text{H}^+]$ . The plot of the acid dependent rate constants versus the inverse of acid concentration is given as Figure 2.

### 2.4 Changes in Ionic Strength of Reaction Medium

Sodium chloride was used between the range  $(1.0 - 1.30) \times 10^{-1} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  to varies the ionic strength of the reaction medium while maintaining the concentration of the hydrogen ion, complex, lysine (Lys) and temperature ( $24 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ) constant. The relationship of the reaction rate with changes in ionic strength was determined by plotting  $\log k_2$  versus  $\sqrt{I}$  (Fig. 3).

The results obtained for the order of reaction, hydrogen ion and ionic strength dependence are shown in Table 1.

### 2.5 Added Ions on Reaction Rate

The effects of cations ( $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ) and anions ( $\text{HCOO}^-$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$ ) on the reaction rate were observed by the addition of  $(40.00 - 140.00) \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  of the ions while keeping all other reaction conditions constant and the outcome shown in Table 2.

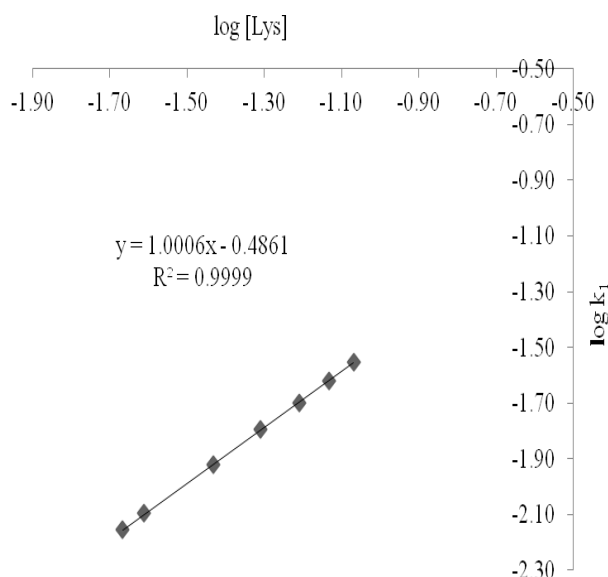
## 2.6 Test for Free Radical and Intermediate Complex Formation

The detection of free radicals in the reaction mixture was by acrylamide polymerization study while presence of intermediate complex was by comparing the electronic spectrum of the partially initiated reaction mixture taken within 400 – 700 nm with that of the complex and the Michaelis – Menten plot of  $1/k_1$  versus  $1/[lys]$  (Fig. 4).

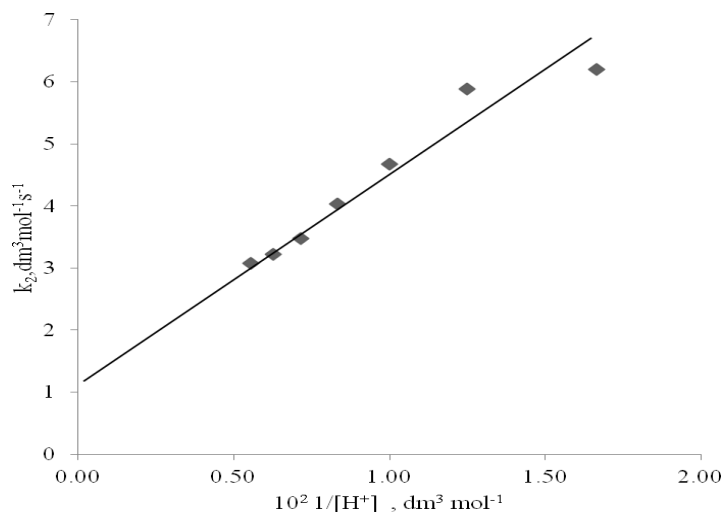
## 3.0 Results and Discussions

The stoichiometry gave one mole of lysine consumed by one mole of the complex. This is similar to the stoichiometry in the reaction of lysine with diperiodatoargentate(III) Hosamani and Nandibewoor (2009). Other researchers however reported a mole ratio 1:2 lysine: permanganate (Harihar *et al.*, 2000), Lysine: hexacyanoferrate(III) (Goel and Shama, 2010), lysine:permanganate (Mohanty *et al.*, 2013).

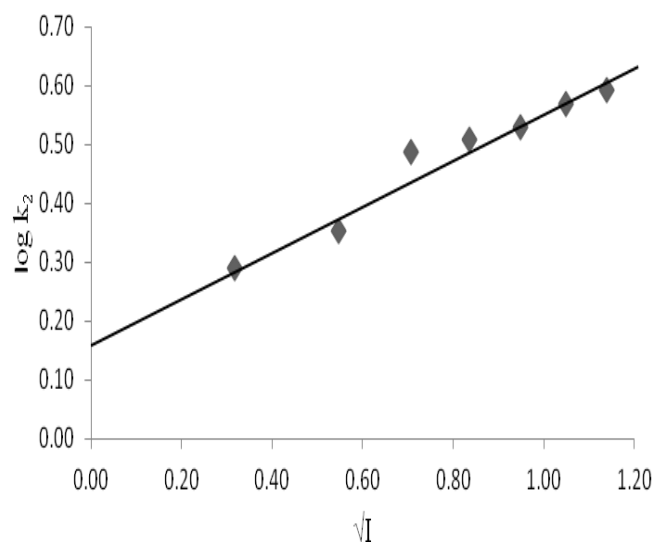
With the concentration of the lysine (Lys) in at least 10-fold excess over that of the complex, pseudo-first order plots of  $\log(A_t - A_\infty)$  versus time were linear to 90% of the reaction, indicating first order dependence with respect to the complex. The least square plots of  $\log k_1$  versus  $\log [Lys]$  (Fig.1) were linear with a slope of 0.99 and correlation  $r = 1.00$  indicating first order dependence in the  $[Lys]$ . Therefore the reaction is second order overall. Similar orders were reported by other workers in the oxidation of lysine by different substrates (Hosamani and Nandibewoor, 2009; Goel and Shama, 2010; Mohanty *et al.*, 2013).



**Fig. 1:** The plot of  $\log k_1$  versus  $\log [Lys]$

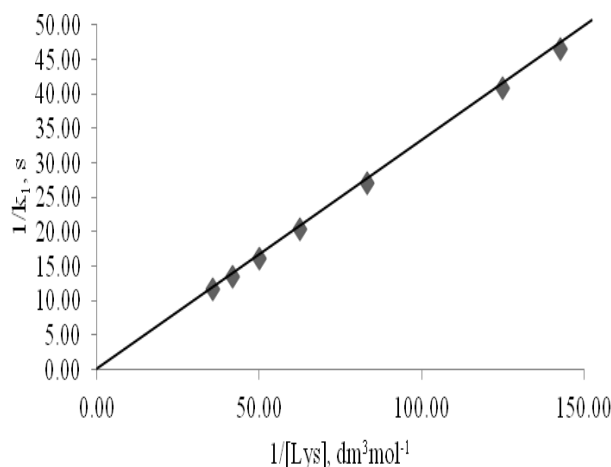


**Fig. 2:** The plot of  $k_2$  versus  $[H^+]^{-1}$



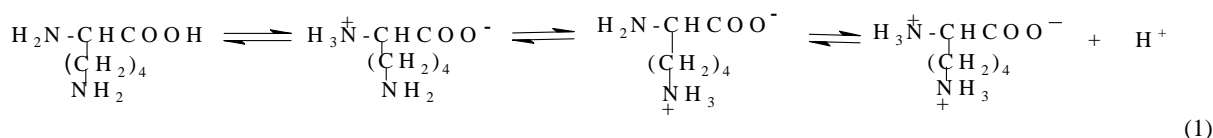
**Fig. 3:** The plot of  $\log k_2$  versus  $\sqrt{I}$

The influence of acidity investigated by changing the concentration of hydrogen ions as shown in Table 1, with all other conditions kept constant. The result obtained as evidenced by the acid dependence rate constants show that the reaction varied inversely with increase in the  $[H^+]$ . The least square plots of  $k_2$  versus  $[H^+]^{-1}$  (Fig. 2) were straight line with positive intercept.



**Fig. 4:** The plot of  $1/k_1$  versus  $1/[\text{Lys}]$

Acid dependence of this nature has been ascribed to a proton's being a product of a pre-equilibrium step and the reaction involves two parallel pathways in which both the unprotonated and the deprotonated reactant species are involved in the rate –



$$\log k = \log k_0 + 1.02 Z_a Z_b \sqrt{I} \quad (2)$$

**Table 1:** Pseudo-first order and second order rate constant for the redox reaction of lysine by  $[\text{LCo}(\mu\text{-O}_2)\text{CoL}]^{2+}$  in aqueous HCl medium,  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 420 \text{ nm}$ ,  $T = 24 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $I = 0.50 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  (NaCl),  $[\text{LCo}(\mu\text{-O}_2)\text{CoL}]^{2+} = 1.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

$10^2 [\text{lysine}]$ ( $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$ )	$10^2 [\text{H}^+]$ ( $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$ )	$10[\text{I}]$ ( $\text{mol dm}^{-3}$ )	$10^3 k_1$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )	$k_2$ ( $\text{dm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ )
0.7	1.8	5.0	21.49	3.07
0.8	1.8	5.0	24.48	3.06
1.2	1.8	5.0	36.96	3.08
1.6	1.8	5.0	48.96	3.06
2.0	1.8	5.0	61.80	3.09
2.4	1.8	5.0	73.68	3.07
2.8	1.8	5.0	85.40	3.05
1.2	0.6	5.0	74.40	6.20
1.2	0.8	5.0	70.68	5.89
1.2	1.0	5.0	56.04	4.67
1.2	1.2	5.0	48.36	4.03
1.2	1.4	5.0	41.76	3.48
1.2	1.6	5.0	38.64	3.22
1.2	1.8	5.0	36.96	3.08
1.2	1.8	1.0	23.40	1.95
1.2	1.8	3.0	27.12	2.26
1.2	1.8	5.0	36.96	3.08
1.2	1.8	7.0	38.76	3.23
1.2	1.8	9.0	40.56	3.38
1.2	1.8	1.1	44.52	3.71
1.2	1.8	1.3	47.04	3.92

determining reaction (Gupta and Gupta, 1984; Wilkins, 2002). At low pH which is the condition for this reaction, lysine is expected to exist predominantly in the cationic conjugate acid form

(Robert and Cacerio, 1977) as shown in the equation 1.

The product proton in a pre-equilibrium step displayed by the acid dependent study could have possibly occurred through this process.

As regards to the influence of changes in ionic strength of reaction medium, the rate of reaction was found to vary directly with increase in ionic strength of the reaction medium (Table 1).

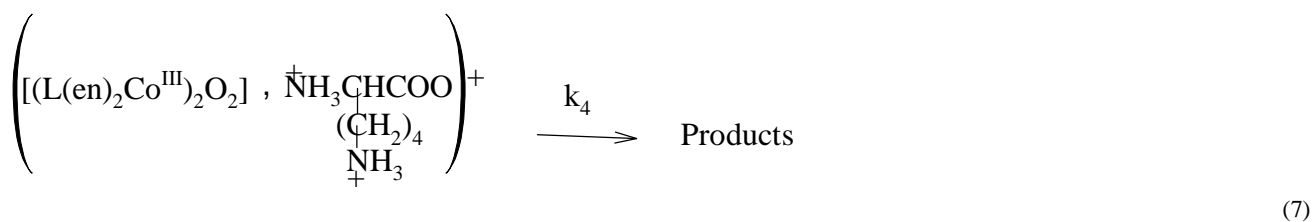
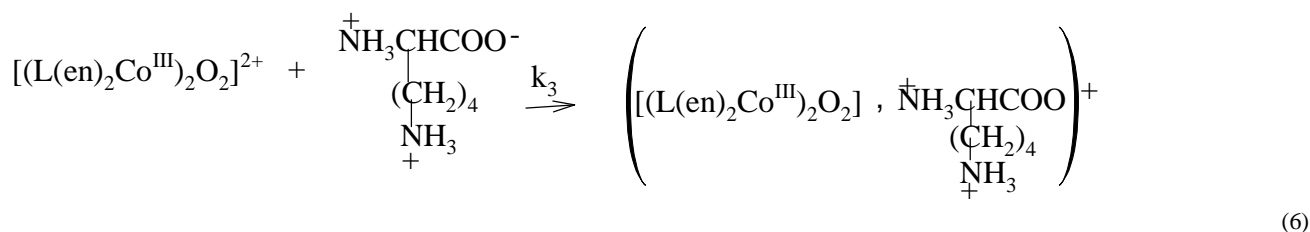
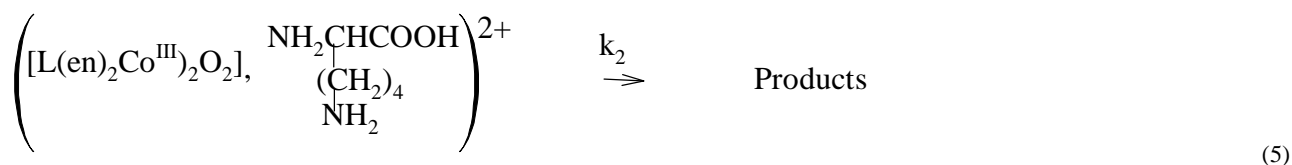
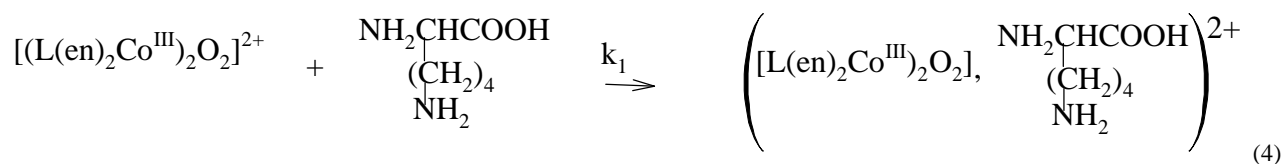
Results of this nature which is positive Brownsted-Debye salt effect implies an activated complex composed of like charges. The plot of  $\log k_2$  against  $\sqrt{I}$  using equation 2 unexpectedly gave a non-integral slope of value 0.34. The result from the effect of changes in dielectric constant,  $D$ , of the medium on the reaction rate using acetone/water mixture (Table 3) reinforced the result from ionic strength dependence study.

The dependence of reaction rate on added ions concentration (Table 2) indicates an enhancement of rate by anions while cations exerted converse effect. Enhancement of rate or otherwise by added ions have been utilized to infer an activated complex in which the nuclear of the reactant partners are not linked by a bridging group – a feature typical of reactions proceeding via the outer sphere mechanistic pathway (Wilkins, 2002).

Acrylamide, a radical scavenger was added to the partially reacted mixture in the presence of excess methanol, there was no formation of gelatinous precipitate. This evidence rules out the likelihood of free radical presence in the reaction. However, free radicals have been implicated in reactions of lysine by other researchers (Harihar *et al.*, 2000; Mohanty *et al.*, 2013).

Michaelis-Menten plot i.e.  $1/k_1$  versus  $1/[\text{Lys}]$  (Fig. 4) gave no intercept and also the spectra of the reaction mixture showed no shift in  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ . Both evidences show absence of intermediate complex formation in the course of the reaction and these are in favour of reaction occurring via the outer-sphere mechanism. Base on all these results, outer-sphere mechanism is proposed in this reaction and steady state approximation is used in the plausible mechanistic scheme as shown below to explain the experimental data.

Using steady state approximation, **mechanistic scheme**



With reactions (6) and (8) as slow steps and applying steady state condition

$$\text{Rate} = \left( \frac{k_1}{k_2} + \frac{K_1 k_3}{k_4} [\text{H}^+]^{-1} \right) [\text{Complex}] [\text{Lys}] \quad (8)$$

**Table 2:** Dependence of rate constant by cations and anions for the redox reaction of the  $[\text{LCo}(\mu\text{-O}_2)\text{CoL}]^{2+}$  - [lysine] system at  $I = 0.5 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  (NaCl),  $T = 24 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $[\text{lysine}] = 1.2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $[\text{LCo}(\mu\text{-O}_2)\text{CoL}]^{2+} = 1.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 420 \text{ nm}$ ,  $[\text{H}^+] = 1.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-2}$

$10^3 [\text{Ca}^{2+}] (\text{mol dm}^{-3})$	$10^2 k_1 (\text{s}^{-1})$	$k_2 (\text{dm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1})$
00.0	3.69	3.08
40.0	3.02	2.52
60.0	2.98	2.41
80.0	2.77	2.31
100.0	2.60	2.17
120.0	2.52	2.10
140.0	2.47	2.06
$10^3 [\text{Mg}^{2+}] (\text{mol dm}^{-3})$		
00.0	3.69	3.08
40.0	2.77	2.31
60.0	2.46	2.05
80.0	2.28	1.90
100.0	1.63	1.36
120.0	1.36	1.14
140.0	1.10	0.92
$10^3 [\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-] (\text{mol dm}^{-3})$		
00.0	3.69	3.08
40.0	5.14	4.29
60.0	8.04	6.70
80.0	8.84	7.37
100.0	10.53	8.78
120.0	12.71	10.59
140.0	15.59	12.99
$10^3 [\text{HCOO}^-] (\text{mol dm}^{-3})$		
00.0	3.69	3.08
40.0	6.62	5.52
60.0	7.96	6.64
80.0	8.43	7.03
100.0	8.89	7.41
120.0	10.72	8.94
140.0	11.74	9.79

**Table 3:** Dependence of the change in dielectric constant of the  $[\text{LCo}(\mu\text{-O}_2)\text{CoL}]^{2+}$  - [lysine] system at  $I = 0.5 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ , (NaCl),  $T = 24 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $[\text{lysine}] = 1.2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $[\text{LCo}(\mu\text{-O}_2)\text{CoL}]^{2+} = 1.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 420 \text{ nm}$ ,  $[\text{H}^+] = 1.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

D	$10^3 k_1 (\text{s}^{-1})$	$k_2 (\text{dm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1})$
81.00	36.96	3.08
78.00	50.40	4.20
75.00	52.80	4.40
72.00	56.16	4.68
70.00	58.92	4.91
67.00	63.72	5.31
64.00	66.60	5.55

Equation (8) is in conformity with the observed rate law.

## 4.0 CONCLUSION

The kinetics and mechanisms of oxidation of Lysine by  $\mu$ -peroxo-bis[*bis*(ethylenediamine)succinimidato dicobalt(III)]dinitratedihydrate was carried out under the stated experimental condition. The reaction showed stoichiometry of 1:1, was found to be first order with respect to the concentration of each reactant species and second order overall. The reaction

also displayed inverse acid dependence and showed that the activated complex composed of like charged species. Free radicals were unimportant in this reaction and result of appropriate tests did not indicate formation of binuclear intermediate complex formation. The outer sphere mechanism is proposed for the reaction.

## 5.0 Conflict Of Interest

All Authors have declared that there are no conflicts of interest.

## Authors Contribution

Idris S.O. and Onu A.D. designed the experiment and Adetoro A carried out the work and wrote the manuscript. The manuscript was thoroughly read and corrected by Idris S.O., Onu A.D., and Okibe F.G.

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