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PROBING THE HEMOGLOBIN TO METHEMOGLOBIN CONVERSION IN THE PRESENCE OF DIMETHYL TRISULFIDE

Hemoglobin (Hb) has three major forms: methemoglobin (metHb), oxyhemoglobin (oxyHb), and deoxyhemoglobin (deoxyHb). MetHb has four ferric irons (Fe^{III}), while oxyHb and deoxyHb have four ferrous irons (Fe^{II}). It has been known that dimethyl trisulfide (DMTS), a cyanide antidote, increases the rate at which oxyHb is oxidized to metHb. However, the kinetics of this reaction have not been characterized. These experiments explored spectroscopic methods for studying the kinetics of the conversion of oxyHb to metHb at 37 °C, And NMR methods for searching for products of the Hb:DMTS reaction.

Event Information Date: Nov. 4, 2024 Time: 2:00-3:00 pm Location: FAR 217 Committee Members Dr. David Thompson Dr. Donovan Haines Dr. Tarek Trad