Bilirubin oxidase

In enzymology, a **bilirubin oxidase**, **BOD or BOx**, (EC 1.3.3.5 (https://enzyme.e xpasy.org/EC/1.3.3.5)) is an enzyme encoded by a gene in various organisms that catalyzes the chemical reaction

2 bilirubin + $O_2 \rightleftharpoons 2$ biliverdin + 2 H_2O

This enzyme belongs to the family of <u>oxidoreductases</u>, to be specific those acting on the CH-CH group of donor with oxygen as acceptor. The <u>systematic name</u> of this enzyme class is **bilirubin:oxygen oxidoreductase**. This enzyme is also called **bilirubin oxidase M-1**. This enzyme participates in porphyrin and <u>chlorophyll</u> metabolism. It is widely studied as a catalyst for oxygen reduction. [1]

Two structures of bilirubin oxidase from the <u>ascomycete</u> *Myrothecium verrucaria* have been deposited in the Protein Data Bank (accession codes 3abg (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/thornton-srv/databases/cgi-bin/pdbsum/GetPage.pl?pdbcode=3abg) and 2xll (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/thornton-srv/databases/cgi-bin/pdbsum/GetPage.pl?pdbcode=2xll)).[2][3]

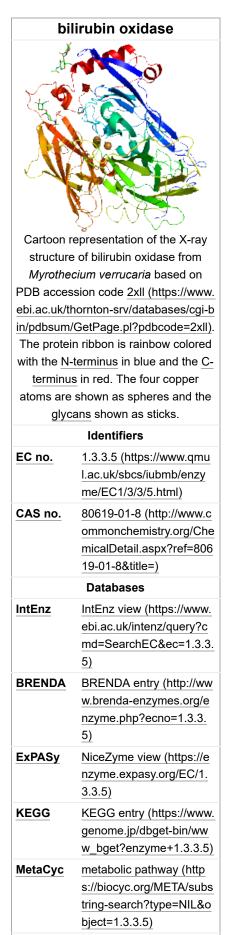
The active site consists of four copper centers, reminiscent of <u>laccase</u>. These centers are classified as type I (cys, met, his, his), type II (3his), and two type III (2his).

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