

Correction to “Ab Initio Reaction Kinetics of Hydrogen Abstraction from Methyl Formate by Hydrogen, Methyl, Oxygen, Hydroxyl, and Hydroperoxy Radicals”

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Due to a bug temporarily introduced into our TigerCI code concerning the treatment of triplet states, the energies predicted by MRACPF theory for the MF + O(³P) reaction were incorrect, which led to incorrect rate constants. The entries in Tables 3 and 6 for MF + O(³P) should be updated as given below. The largest difference between the old and updated relative energies is 1.5 kcal/mol. Additionally, when the CASSCF space is increased by including more electrons on the oxygen atom, the calculated MRACPF barrier heights increase by up to 2.6 kcal/mol instead of the previously reported maximum increase of 1.5 kcal/mol. The trends and conclusions made in the original paper are unaffected by these corrections.

Page 8436. Table 3 should be replaced by the following, where the changes are shown in boldface.

Page 8440. Table 6 should be replaced by the following, where the changes are shown in boldface.

Table 3. Comparison of Barrier Heights (E_a) and Reaction Enthalpies (ΔH) (kcal mol⁻¹) of MF Hydrogen Abstraction by O (³P), Obtained at the MRSDCI+DS(MRACPF)/cc-pV ∞ Z//DFT-B3LYP/cc-pVTZ Level^a

methods	E_a -A	ΔH^{0K} -A	ΔH^{298K} -A	E_a -B	ΔH^{0K} -B	ΔH^{298K} -B
experiment ^b	10.2			10.5		
MRSDCI+DS/cc-pV ∞ Z						
CAS(4e,4o) ^c	11.0	-2.5	-1.7	11.9	-1.5	-0.9
CAS(6e,5o) ^d	10.9	-2.4	-1.6	10.9	-1.4	-0.8
CAS(8e,6o) ^e	10.3	-3.1	-2.4	10.8	-1.4	-0.8
MRACPF/cc-pV ∞ Z						
CAS(4e,4o) ^c	10.6	-3.6	-2.8	10.0	-3.3	-2.7
CAS(6e,5o) ^d	11.5	-3.2	-2.4	11.2	-3.0	-2.4
CAS(8e,6o) ^e	10.7	-4.7	-3.9	12.6	-2.9	-2.3

^aAll energies are relative to the total energies of reactants. Increasing the CASSCF active space changes E_a by up to 2.6 kcal/mol. ^bReference 14.

^cActive space: CAS(4e,4o), including the σ and σ^* of the breaking C–H and the two 2p singly occupied orbitals of the abstracting oxygen atom.

^dActive space: CAS(6e,5o), including the σ and σ^* of the breaking C–H and three 2p orbitals of the abstracting oxygen atom. ^eActive space: CAS(8e,6o), including the σ and σ^* of the breaking C–H and all the valence orbitals of the abstracting oxygen atom.

Table 6. Comparison of Modified Arrhenius ($k = AT^m \exp(-E_a/RT)$) Parameters for Methyl Formate Hydrogen Abstraction by H, CH₃, O, HO₂, and OH Radicals, Obtained by Transition State Theory within the Separable Hindered Rotor Approximation for Torsional Motion^a

reaction	A (cm ³ mol ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)	n	E_a (kcal/mol)
HC(=O)OCH ₃ + H → HC(=O)OCH ₂ • + H ₂	5.17×10^3	3.11	8.00
HC(=O)OCH ₃ + H → •C(=O)OCH ₃ + H ₂	3.60×10^3	3.05	7.61
HC(=O)OCH ₃ + CH ₃ → HC(=O)OCH ₂ • + CH ₄	2.48×10^{-7}	5.70	8.68
HC(=O)OCH ₃ + CH ₃ → •C(=O)OCH ₃ + CH ₄	9.54×10^{-5}	5.02	8.03
HC(=O)OCH ₃ + O → HC(=O)OCH ₂ • + OH	2.18×10^{-1}	4.22	6.86
HC(=O)OCH ₃ + O → •C(=O)OCH ₃ + OH	2.88×10^2	3.32	7.28
HC(=O)OCH ₃ + HO ₂ → HC(=O)OCH ₂ • + H ₂ O ₂	1.75×10^{-3}	4.81	15.72
HC(=O)OCH ₃ + HO ₂ → •C(=O)OCH ₃ + H ₂ O ₂	4.06	3.68	15.76
HC(=O)OCH ₃ + OH → HC(=O)OCH ₂ • + H ₂ O	8.74	3.64	0.64
HC(=O)OCH ₃ + OH → •C(=O)OCH ₃ + H ₂ O	1.29×10^6	2.06	2.75

^aThe parameters are fitted to rate constants calculated from 300 to 1500 K. OH abstraction dominates all pathways.

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