Mechanism of the Mn(III)-Catalyzed Oxidation of Vanillyl Derivatives : A Biomimetic Reaction for Manganese Peroxidase

<u>황상필</u>, 이동익, 안익성* 연세대학교 화학공학과 (iahn@yonsei.ac.kr*)

The Mn(III)-catalyzed oxidation of vanillyl derivatives, vanillylacetone and guaiacol, was proposed as a model for the action of manganese peroxidase. Four products of vanillylacetone oxidation, 4– (4–hydroxy–3–methoxy–phenyl)–but–3–en–2–one, 4–[6,2′–dihydroxy–5,3′–dimethoxy–5′–(3– oxo–butyl)–biphenyl–3–yl]–butan–2–one,4–[6,2′–dihydroxy–5,3′–dimethoxy–5′–(3–oxo–butyl)– biphenyl–3–yl]–but–3–en–2–one and an aromatic ring cleavage product, were identified. Six products formed in the oxidation of guaiacol, 3,3′–dimethoxy–biphenyl–4,4′–diol, 5–(4–hydroxy–3–methoxy–phenyl)–3–methoxy–[1,2] benzoquinone, 3,5′,3″–trimethoxy–[1,1′,3′,1″] terphnyl–4,4′,4″–triol, 3–(4–hydroxy–3–methoxy–phenyl)–5,3′–dimethoxy–bicyclohexylidene–2,5,2′,5′–tetraene–4,4′–dione, 2–methoxy–[1,4] benzoquinone, 2–methoxy–benaene–1,2–diol were identified. Based on the product structures, Mn(III) generated by manganese peroxidase catalyzed both formation of the substrate phenoxy radical and oxidation of carbon–centered radical intermediates. This work was supported by the Korea Research Foundation Grant funded by the Korean Government (MOEHRD) (KRF-2005–042–D00070).