## Supporting Information

# Oxygen Reduction Mechanism of Monometallic Rhodium Hydride Complexes 

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Figure S1. Electronic absorption spectrum of 1a recorded at 293 K in THF.


Figure S2. Electronic absorption spectrum of $\mathbf{1 b}$ recorded at 293 K in THF.


Figure S3. Electronic absorption spectrum of $\mathbf{1 c}$ recorded at 293 K in THF.


Figure S4. Electronic absorption spectrum of 1d recorded at 293 K in THF.


Figure S5. Overlaid electronic absorption spectra of 2a (—) and 3a (■ $\mathbf{( \square )}$ recorded at 293 K in THF.


Figure S6. Overlaid electronic absorption spectra of $\mathbf{2 b}(\boxed{\text { ( }}$ ) and $\mathbf{3 b}$ (■) recorded at 293 K in THF.


Figure S7. Overlaid electronic absorption spectra of 2c (ـ) and 3c (■) recorded at 293 $K$ in THF.


Figure S8. Overlaid electronic absorption spectra of 2d (—) and 3d (■ $\quad$ ) recorded at 293 K in THF.


Figure S9. Electronic absorption spectrum of 4a recorded at 293 K in THF.


Figure S10. Electronic absorption spectrum of $\mathbf{4 b}$ recorded at 293 K in THF.


Figure S11. Electronic absorption spectrum of $\mathbf{4 c}$ recorded at 293 K in THF.


Figure S12. Electronic absorption spectrum of $\mathbf{4 d}$ recorded at 293 K in THF.

Table S1. Rate constants, as defined by Eq. (6), for the reaction of $\mathbf{2}$ with HCl and $\mathrm{O}_{2}$.

| X | $\mathrm{k}_{1} / \mathrm{min}^{-1} \mathrm{~atm}^{-1} \mathrm{M}^{\text {a }}$ | $[\mathrm{HCl}]^{-1} / \mathrm{M}^{-1}$ | $\mathrm{k}_{1}^{\mathrm{HCl}} / \mathrm{min}^{-1} \mathrm{~atm}^{-1 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}}$ | $\mathrm{k}_{1}{ }^{\prime} / \mathrm{min}^{-1} \mathrm{~atm}^{-1 \mathrm{a}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F | $0.0355 \pm 0.0003$ | 8.3 | $0.29 \pm 0.002$ | 0.029 |
|  |  | 11 | $0.39 \pm 0.003$ |  |
|  |  | 17 | $0.60 \pm 0.005$ |  |
|  |  | 33 | $1.17 \pm 0.01$ |  |
| Cl | $0.035 \pm 0.001$ | 8.3 | $0.29 \pm 0.01$ | 0.07 |
|  |  | 11 | $0.39 \pm 0.01$ |  |
|  |  | 17 | $0.60 \pm 0.02$ |  |
|  |  | 33 | $1.16 \pm 0.03$ |  |
| Me | $0.0194 \pm 0.0009$ | 8.3 | $0.16 \pm 0.01$ | 0.11 |
|  |  | 11 | $0.21 \pm 0.02$ |  |
|  |  | 17 | $0.33 \pm 0.02$ |  |
|  |  | 33 | $0.64 \pm 0.03$ |  |
| OMe | $0.0160 \pm 0.0004$ | 8.3 | $0.13 \pm 0.003$ | 0.03 |
|  |  | 11 | $0.18 \pm 0.004$ |  |
|  |  | 17 | $0.27 \pm 0.01$ |  |
|  |  | 33 | $0.53 \pm 0.01$ |  |

