

Supporting Information for:

Mechanistic investigations of the formation of highly oxidized products from the multi-generation OH oxidation of styrene

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Conformer	ΔE_i (kcal/mol)	ΔG_i (kcal/mol)	w_i
S2-1-a	0.00	0.00	57.32%
S2-1-b	0.18	0.36	31.21%
S2-1-c	1.34	1.08	9.25%
S2-1-d	2.58	2.51	0.83%
S2-1-e	2.87	2.88	0.44%
S2-1-f	2.98	3.18	0.27%
S2-1-g	3.58	2.86	0.46%
S2-1-h	3.60	3.27	0.23%

Table S2 The relative electronic energy (ΔE_i), free energy (ΔG_i) and Boltzmann population (w_i) of different conformers involved in S8-x predicted at the M06-2X/6-311++G(3df,3pd)/M06-2X/6-31+G(d,p) level

Conformer	ΔE_i (kcal/mol)	ΔG_i (kcal/mol)	w_i
S8-a	0.00	0.00	85.78%
S8-b	1.27	1.20	11.30%
S8-c	1.75	2.43	1.42%
S8-d	2.44	2.58	1.10%
S8-e	2.86	3.18	0.40%

Table S3 The activation energy (ΔE_a), IRC-TST rate coefficient ($k_{\text{IRC-TST}}$), Boltzmann populations (w_i) of conformer i , and MC-TST rate coefficient ($k_{\text{MC-TST}}$) calculated at the M06-2X/6-311++G(3df,3pd)/M06-2X/6-31+G(d,p) level

Reactions	ΔE_a (kcal/mol)	$k_{\text{IRC-TST}}$ (s^{-1})	w_i	$k_{\text{MC-TST}}(\text{s}^{-1})$
S8-a $\rightarrow$ S8-a-P	24.3	4.3×10^{-4}	85.78%	8.2×10^9
S8-b $\rightarrow$ S8-b-P	8.4	3.1×10^6	11.30%	
S8-c $\rightarrow$ S8-c-P	0.6	5.8×10^{11}	1.42%	
S8-d $\rightarrow$ S8-d-P	34.2	7.2×10^{-10}	1.10%	
S8-e $\rightarrow$ S8-e-P	11.8	5.4×10^4	0.40%	

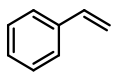
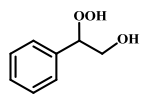
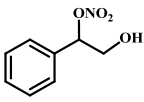
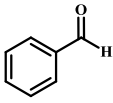
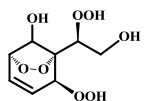
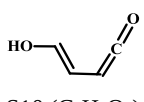
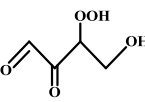
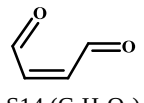
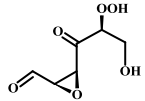
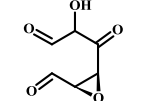
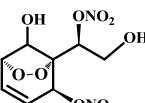
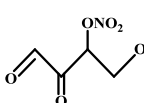
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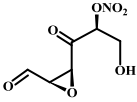
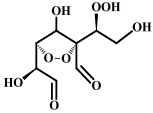
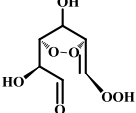
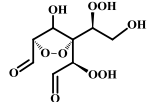
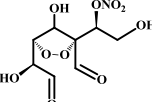
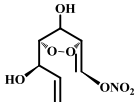
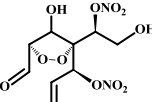
Conformer	ΔE_i (kcal/mol)	ΔG_i (kcal/mol)	w_i
S28-a	0.00	0.00	88.79%
S28-b	1.50	1.41	8.21%
S28-c	1.97	2.11	2.52%
S28-d	3.88	3.14	0.44%
S28-e	4.49	4.42	0.05%

Table S5 The activation energy (ΔE_a), IRC-TST rate coefficient ($k_{\text{IRC-TST}}$), Boltzmann populations (w_i) of conformer i , and MC-TST rate coefficient ($k_{\text{MC-TST}}$) calculated at the M06-2X/6-311++G(3df,3pd)/M06-2X/6-31+G(d,p) level

Reactions	$\Delta E_a(\text{kcal/mol})$	$k_{\text{IRC-TST}}(\text{s}^{-1})$	w_i	$k_{\text{MC-TST}}(\text{s}^{-1})$
S28-a $\rightarrow$ S28-a-P	12.7	8.9×10^4	88.79%	1.7×10^9
S28-b $\rightarrow$ S28-b-P	25.6	6.2×10^{-4}	8.21%	
S28-c $\rightarrow$ S28-c-P	38.3	7.3×10^{-12}	2.52%	
S28-d $\rightarrow$ S28-d-P	6.0	5.1×10^7	0.44%	
S28-e $\rightarrow$ S28-e-P	2.0	3.4×10^{10}	0.05%	

Table S6 Predicted saturated vapour pressure (P^0) and saturated concentrations (c^0) of styrene and its multiple generation oxidation closed-shell products

	Species	$P^0(\text{atm})$	$c^0(\text{ug/m}^3)$	Species	$P^0(\text{atm})$	$c^0(\text{ug/m}^3)$
Initial reactant	 Styrene (C_8H_8)	4.63×10^{-3}	1.95×10^7			
First generation products	 S4 ($\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_3$)	1.43×10^{-7}	8.89×10^2	 S5 ($\text{C}_8\text{H}_9\text{NO}_3$)	2.54×10^{-7}	1.87×10^3
	 Benzaldehyde ($\text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{O}$)	7.62×10^{-4}	2.89×10^6			
Second generation products	 S6 ($\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_8$)	4.72×10^{-12}	4.50×10^{-2}	 S10 ($\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$)	6.41×10^{-4}	2.17×10^6
	 S12 ($\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}_5$)	1.83×10^{-7}	9.91×10^2	 S14 ($\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$)	2.48×10^{-3}	8.39×10^6
	 S20 ($\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}_6$)	5.11×10^{-9}	42.21	 S23 ($\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{O}_5$)	6.73×10^{-8}	4.31×10^2
	 S26 ($\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{10}$)	1.52×10^{-11}	0.18	 S32 ($\text{C}_8\text{H}_5\text{NO}_6$)	3.29×10^{-7}	2.16×10^3

Third generation products		9.16×10^{-9}	75.86		
	S40-1 (C ₆ H ₇ NO ₇)				
		2.64×10^{-14}	2.68×10^{-4}		4.63×10^{-10} 3.59
	S47 (C ₈ H ₁₂ O ₉)			S48 (C ₆ H ₈ O ₇)	
		1.46×10^{-14}	1.58×10^{-4}		4.73×10^{-14} 5.37×10^{-4}
	S51(C ₈ H ₁₂ O ₁₀)			S58 (C ₈ H ₁₁ NO ₁₀)	
		1.14×10^{-9}	10.16		4.70×10^{-14} 6.18×10^{-4}
	S59 (C ₆ H ₇ NO ₈)			S62 (C ₈ H ₁₀ N ₂ O ₁₂)	

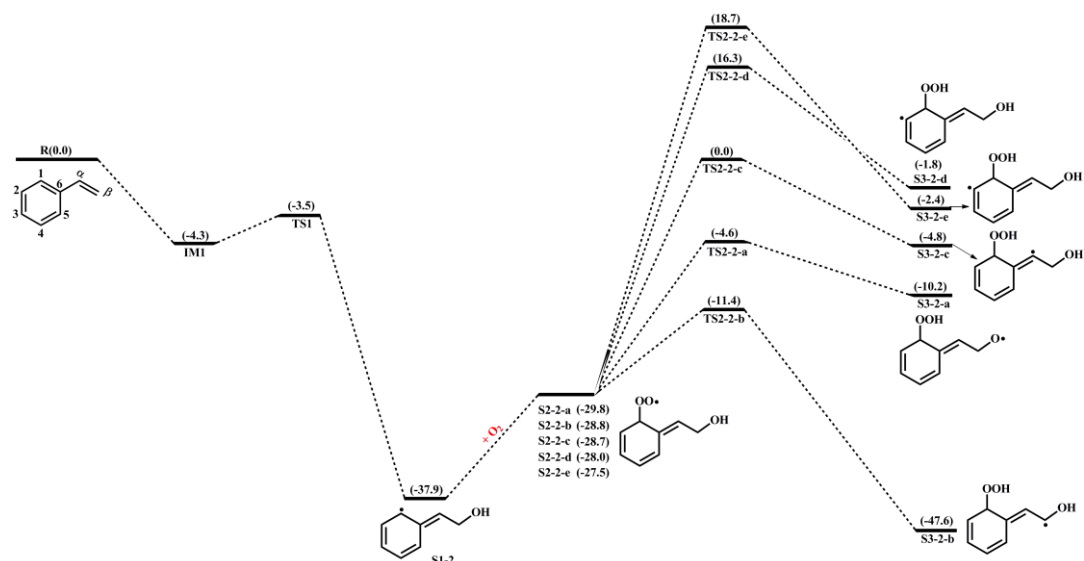


Figure S1. PES for the OH-initiated oxidation of styrene and the unimolecular reactions of S2-2-x at the M06-2X/6-311++G(3df,3pd)//M06-2X/6-31+g(d,p) level

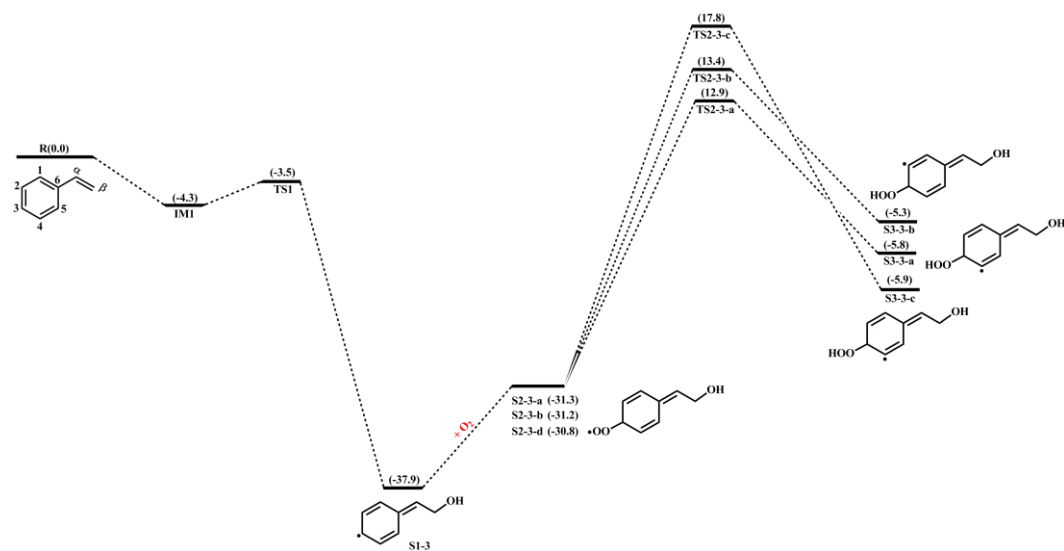


Figure S2. PES for the OH-initiated oxidation of styrene and the unimolecular reactions of S2-3-x at the M06-2X/6-311++G(3df,3pd)//M06-2X/6-31+g(d,p) level

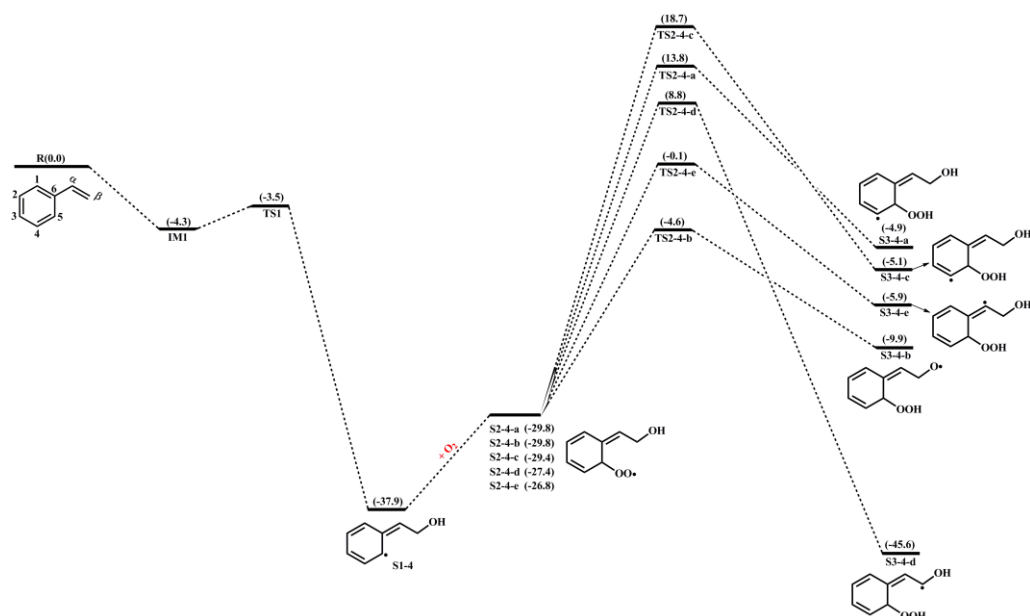


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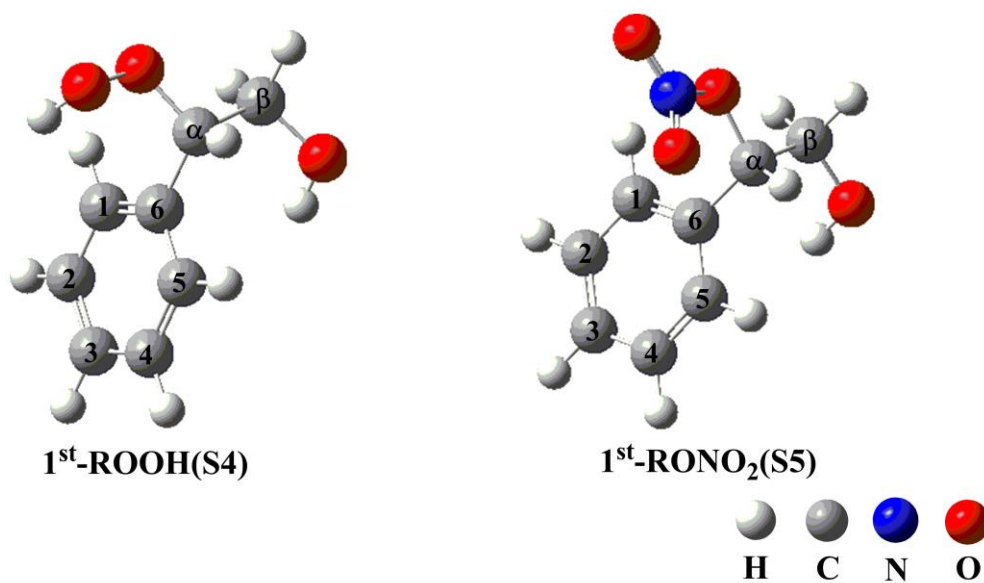


Figure S4. Global minimum structures of 1st-ROOH(S4) and 1st-RONO₂(S5) at the M06-2X/6-31+g(d,p) level

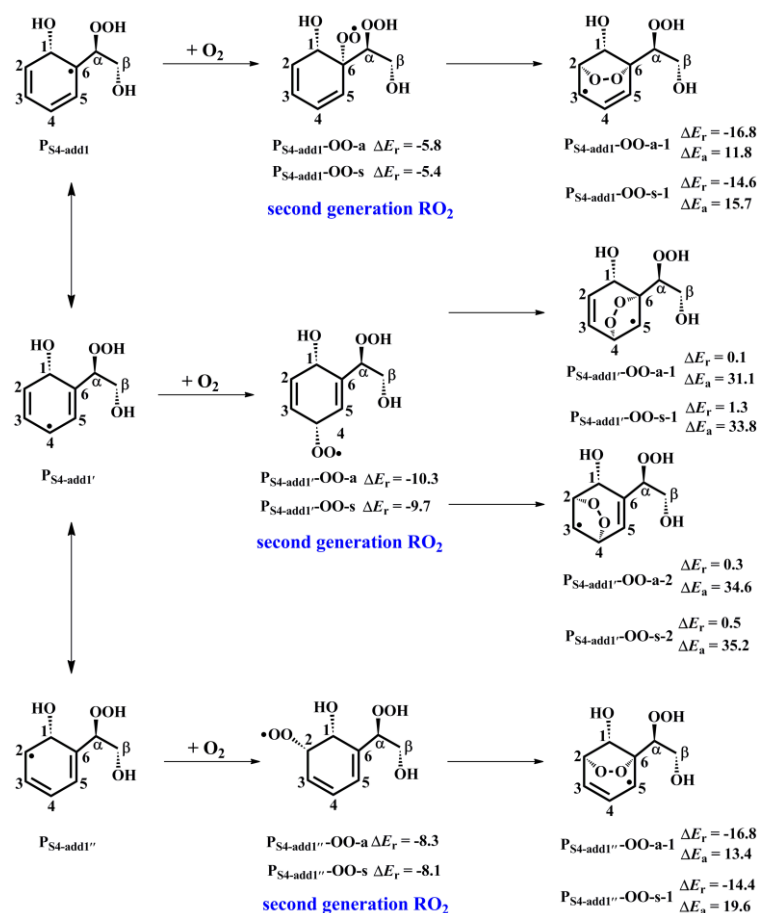


Figure S5. PES for the addition reactions $P_{S4-add1} + O_2$ and subsequent intramolecular cyclization reactions at the M06-2X/6-311++G(3df,3pd)//M06-2X/6-31+g(d,p) level (the symbols s and a represent syn- and anti- O_2 -addition)

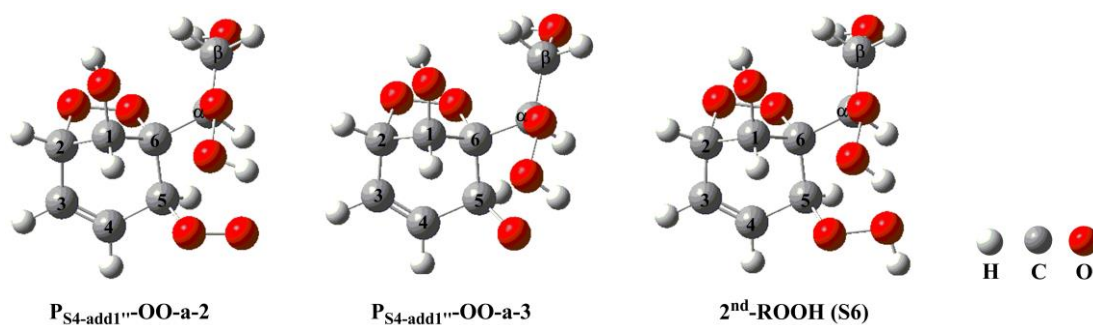


Figure S6. The lowest energy conformers of third generation peroxy radical $P_{S4-add1''-OO-a-2}$, $P_{S4-add1''-OO-a-3}$ and 2^{nd} -ROOH(S6) at the M06-2X/6-31+g(d,p) level

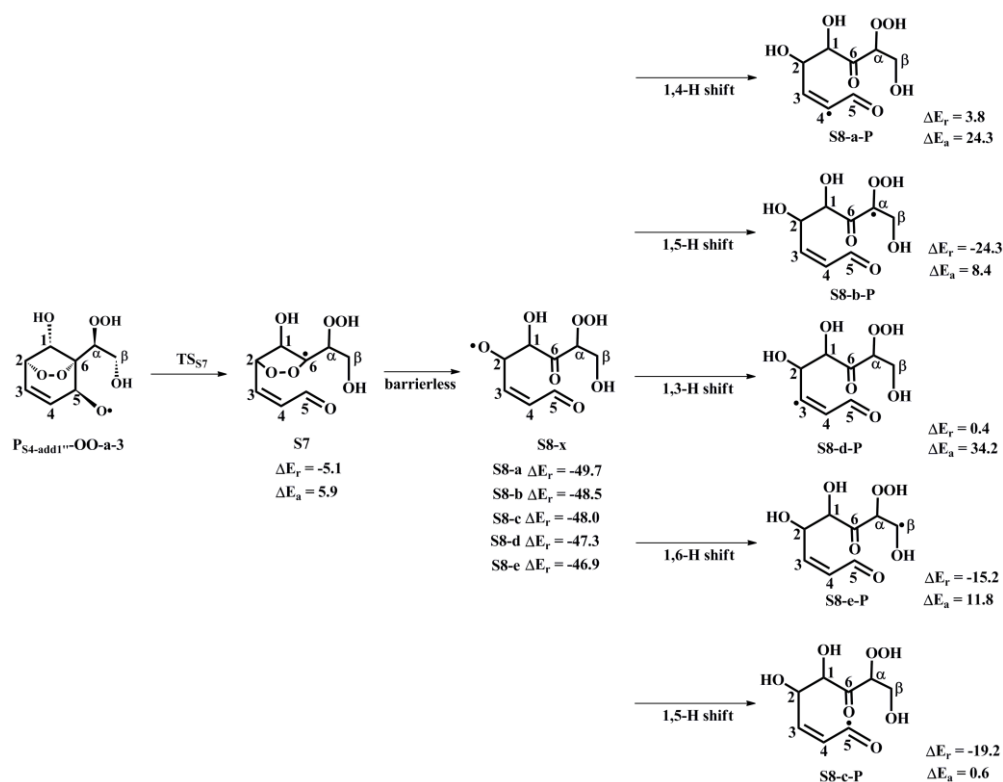


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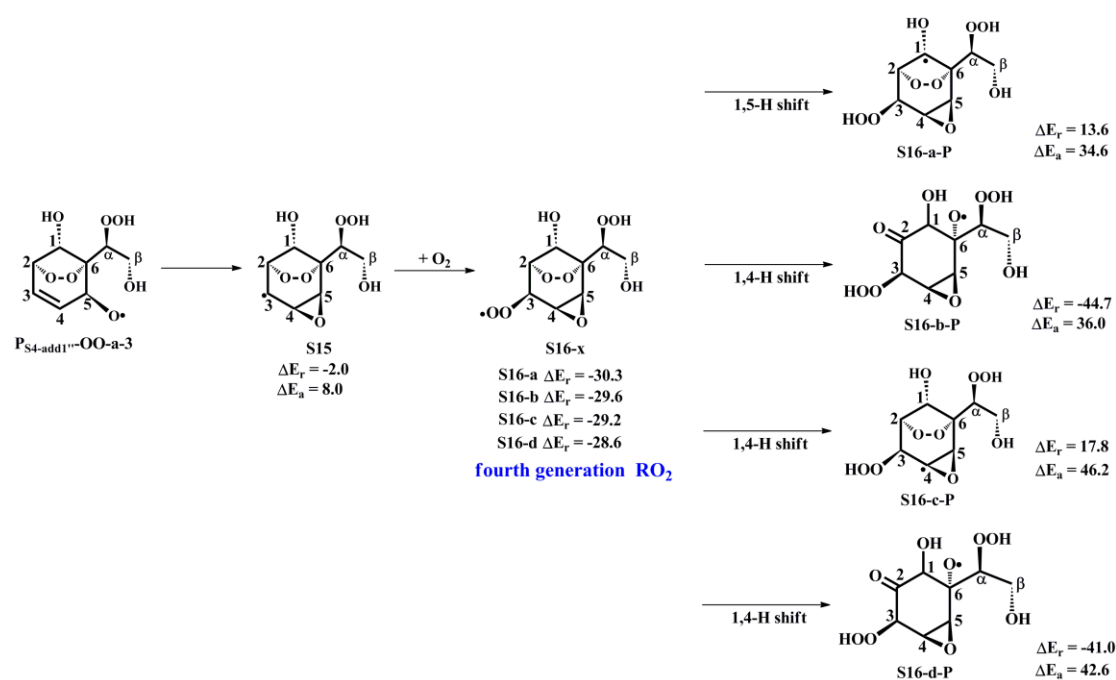


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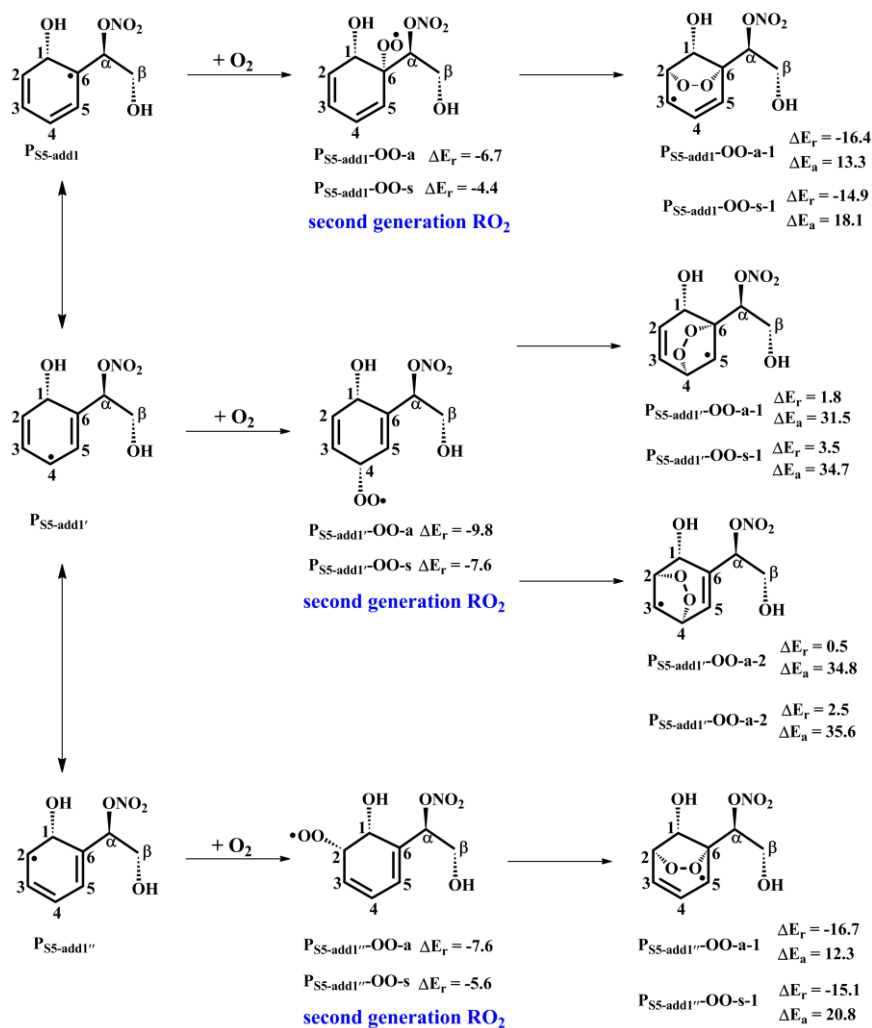


Figure S9. PES for the addition reactions $P_{S5-add1} + O_2$ and subsequent cyclization reactions at the M06-2X/6-311++G(3df,3pd)/M06-2X/6-31+g(d,p) level (the symbols s and a represent syn- and anti- O_2 -addition)

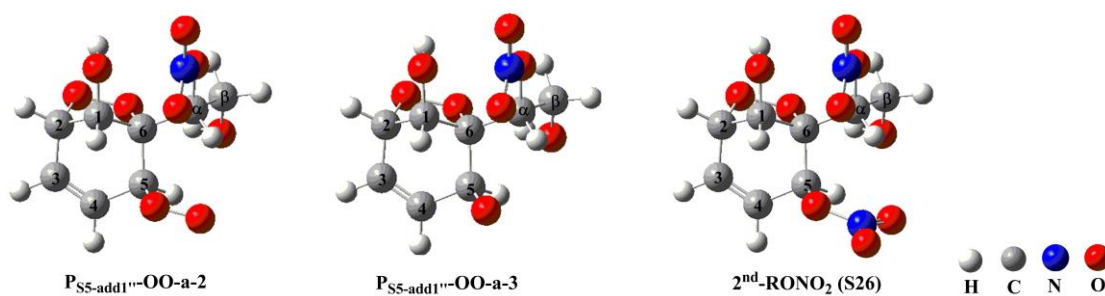


Figure S10. The lowest energy conformers of third generation peroxy radical $P_{S5-add1''}-OO-a-2$, $P_{S5-add1''}-OO-a-3$ and $2^{nd}-RONO_2(S26)$ at the M06-2X/6-31+g(d,p) level

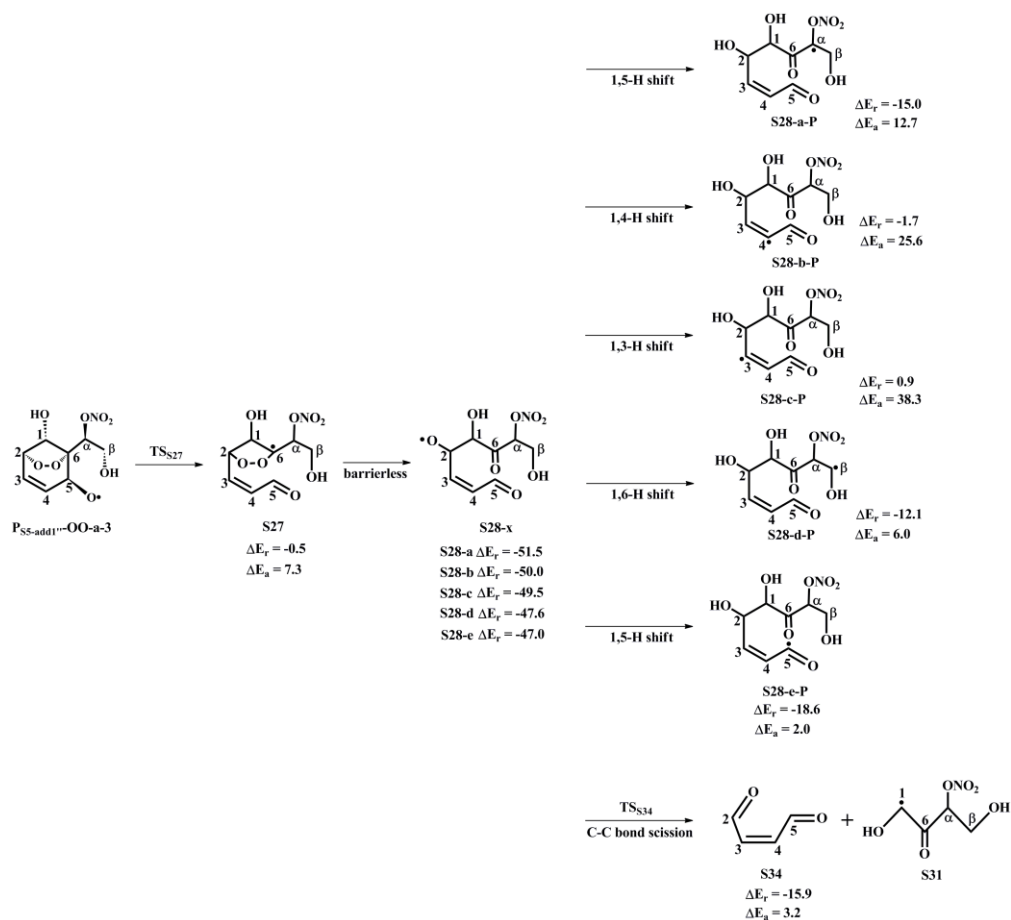


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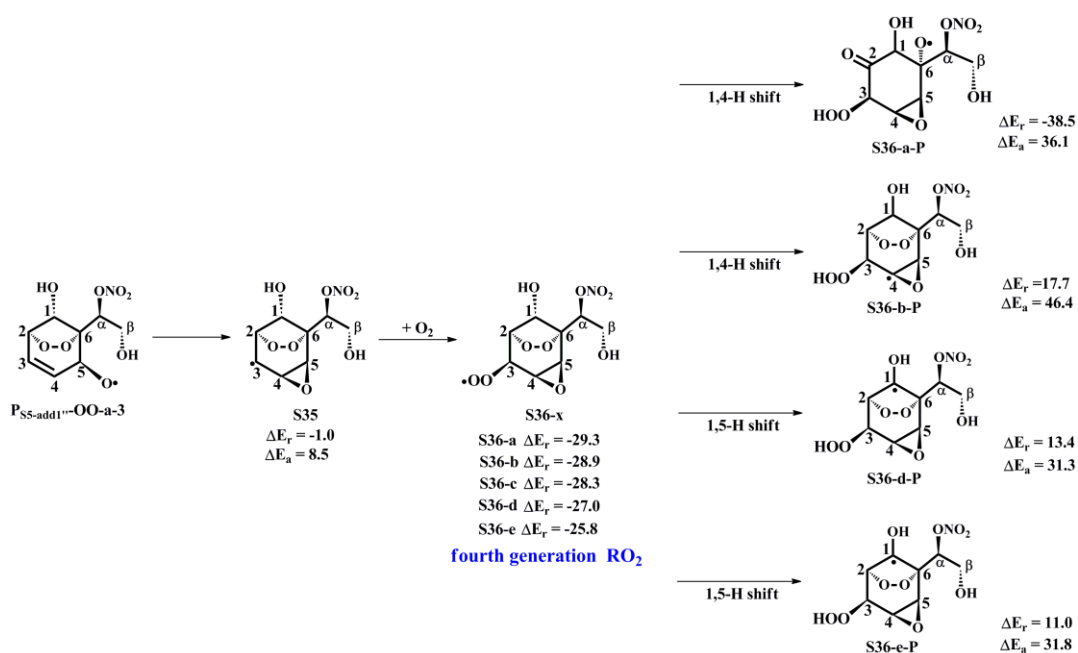


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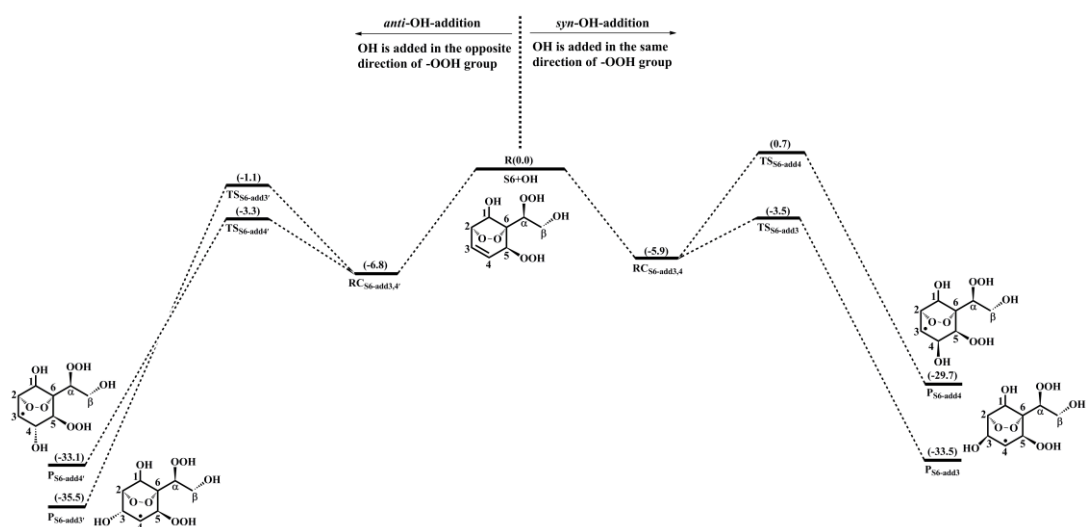


Figure S13. PES for the oxidation of 2nd-ROOH (S6) initiated by OH radicals at the M06-2X/6-311++G(3df,3pd)/M06-2X/6-31+g(d,p) level

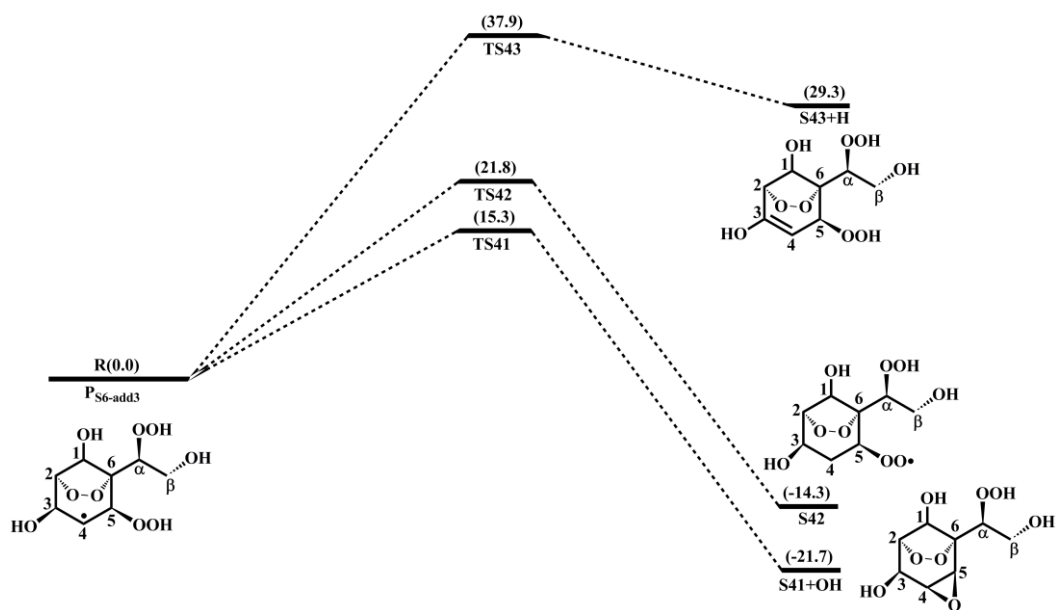


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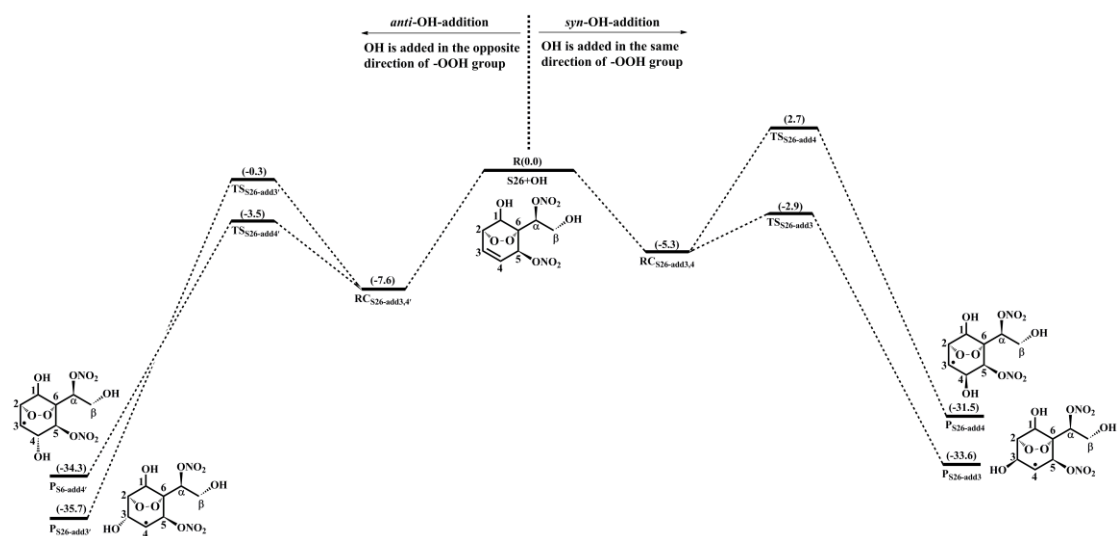


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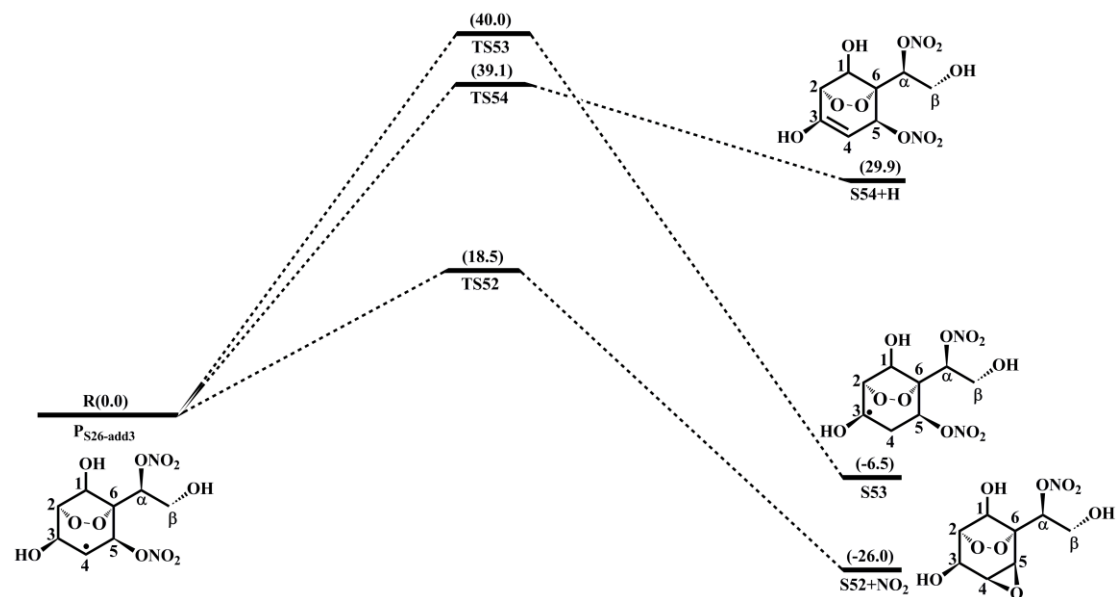


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