

Table S1: Initial rates of all aldehydes in both media; pH=2; pH=11.2 I=0.1M; T=25 °C.

Benzaldehyde

$v_{0BZH} \times 10^6$ (M/s) pH=2		[Benzaldehyde] $\times 10^5$ (M)				
		1	2	4	6	8
$[HOONO] \times 10^5$ (M)	4	1.64±0.03	1.80±0.04	1.91±0.04	2.02±0.04	2.16±0.04
	6	2.46±0.04	2.70±0.03	2.86±0.02	3.04±0.03	3.24±0.04
	8	3.29±0.03	3.60±0.03	3.82±0.03	4.05±0.02	4.32±0.03
	10	4.11±0.04	4.50±0.03	4.77±0.03	5.06±0.02	5.40±0.03
	20	8.22±0.04	8.99±0.03	9.54±0.04	10.12±0.05	10.81±0.04

Benzaldehyde

$v_{0BZH} \times 10^9$ (M/s) pH=11.2		[Benzaldehyde] $\times 10^5$ (M)				
		1	2	4	6	8
$[ONOO] \times 10^5$ (M)	4	6.07±0.03	1.19±0.01	1.63±0.02	1.90±0.02	2.08±0.01
	6	9.90±0.02	1.38±0.01	2.18±0.03	2.58±0.01	2.83±0.01
	8	1.05±0.01	1.72±0.01	2.47±0.02	3.92±0.03	5.81±0.02
	10	1.45±0.02	2.21±0.01	4.45±0.03	5.68±0.02	6.47±0.01
	20	2.72±0.01	4.93±0.01	7.28±0.01	9.23±0.01	1.30±0.02

p-hydroxybenzaldehyde

$v_{0p-HBZH} \times 10^6$ (M/s) pH=2		[p-Hydroxybenzaldehyde] $\times 10^5$ (M)				
		1	2	4	6	8
$[HOONO] \times 10^5$ (M)	4	2.38±0.03	3.32±0.03	4.58±0.03	4.85±0.03	4.66±0.03
	6	3.07±0.03	4.41±0.03	6.08±0.04	6.94±0.04	6.93±0.04
	8	3.50±0.03	5.26±0.03	7.54±0.04	8.86±0.05	9.02±0.04
	10	3.99±0.03	5.75±0.03	8.11±0.03	9.82±0.05	10.32±0.04
	20	8.20±0.03	11.09±0.04	13.91±0.04	14.99±0.04	15.52±0.04

p-methylbenzaldehyde

$v_{0p-MeBZH} \times 10^6$ (M/s) pH=2		[p-Methylbenzaldehyde] $\times 10^5$ (M)				
		1	2	4	6	8
$[HOONO] \times 10^5$ (M)	4	2.35±0.02	4.18±0.01	5.75±0.01	7.55±0.02	8.35±0.02
	6	4.20±0.01	6.10±0.01	7.70±0.01	9.90±0.01	10.05±0.01
	8	5.50±0.01	7.20±0.01	10.45±0.02	11.65±0.01	12.45±0.01
	10	7.85±0.01	9.50±0.01	13.31±0.02	14.45±0.02	14.90±0.01
	20	10.80±0.02	14.30±0.01	18.90±0.02	22.00±0.02	24.40±0.01

p-methoxybenzaldehyde

$v_{0p-MeOBZH} \times 10^6$ (M/s) pH=2		[p-Methoxybenzaldehyde] $\times 10^5$ (M)				
		1	2	4	6	8
$[HOONO] \times 10^5$ (M)	4	1.91±0.02	2.87±0.02	4.10±0.03	4.41±0.02	4.48±0.03
	6	2.42±0.02	3.44±0.02	5.09±0.02	5.79±0.03	5.83±0.03
	8	2.80±0.02	3.83±0.02	6.09±0.03	6.99±0.02	7.54±0.03
	10	3.25±0.02	4.90±0.03	6.61±0.03	8.13±0.03	8.53±0.03
	20	4.47±0.03	6.53±0.03	9.46±0.02	10.90±0.03	12.57±0.03

Table S1: (continuation)

p-nitrobenzaldehyde

$v_0 p-NBZH \times 10^6$ (M/s) pH=2		[p-Nitrobenzaldehyde] $\times 10^5$ (M)				
		1	2	4	6	8
$[HOONO] \times 10^5$ (M)	4	1.24±0.04	1.60±0.02	1.66±0.02	1.74±0.03	1.78±0.04
	6	1.86±0.01	2.39±0.01	2.49±0.02	2.63±0.02	2.68±0.04
	8	2.47±0.01	3.19±0.01	3.30±0.02	3.53±0.02	3.55±0.03
	10	3.09±0.01	4.00±0.02	4.15±0.02	4.11±0.02	4.48±0.04
	20	6.18±0.02	7.98±0.02	8.31±0.03	8.78±0.02	8.97±0.06

p-trifluoromethylbenzaldehyde

$v_0 p-TFBZH \times 10^6$ (M/s) pH=2		[p-Trifluoromethylbenzaldehyde] $\times 10^5$ (M)				
		1	2	4	6	8
$[HOONO] \times 10^5$ (M)	4	1.01±0.04	1.18±0.04	1.19±0.04	1.21±0.04	1.26±0.04
	6	1.49±0.04	1.83±0.04	1.77±0.04	1.81±0.04	1.89±0.04
	8	1.95±0.04	2.38±0.04	2.37±0.04	2.40±0.04	2.52±0.04
	10	2.47±0.04	2.87±0.04	3.05±0.04	3.12±0.04	3.15±0.04
	20	4.95±0.04	5.60±0.04	6.01±0.04	6.12±0.04	6.31±0.04

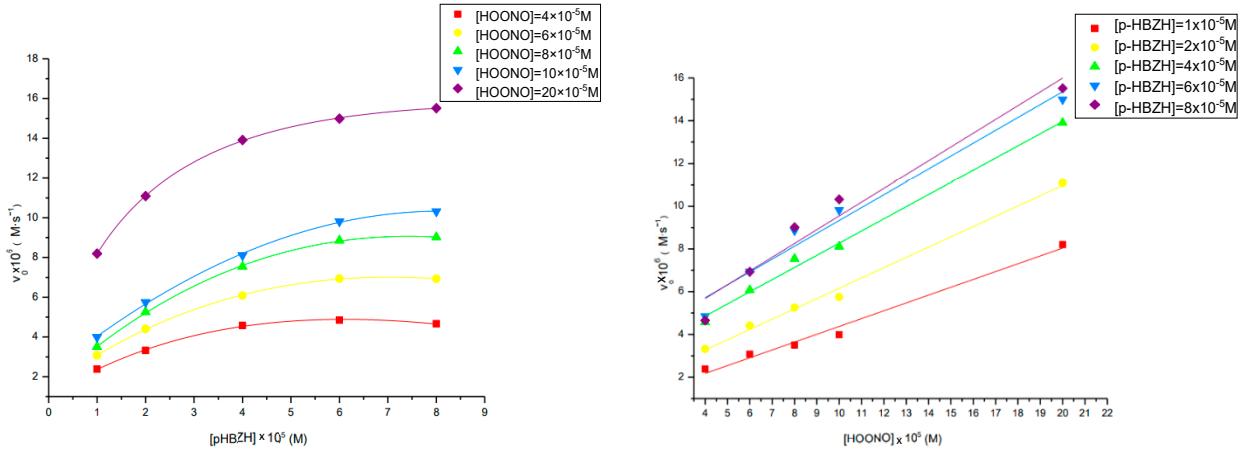


Figure S1. Influence of [pHBZH] (left) and [HOONO] (right) upon the initial rate at pH2. I=0.1M and T=25°C

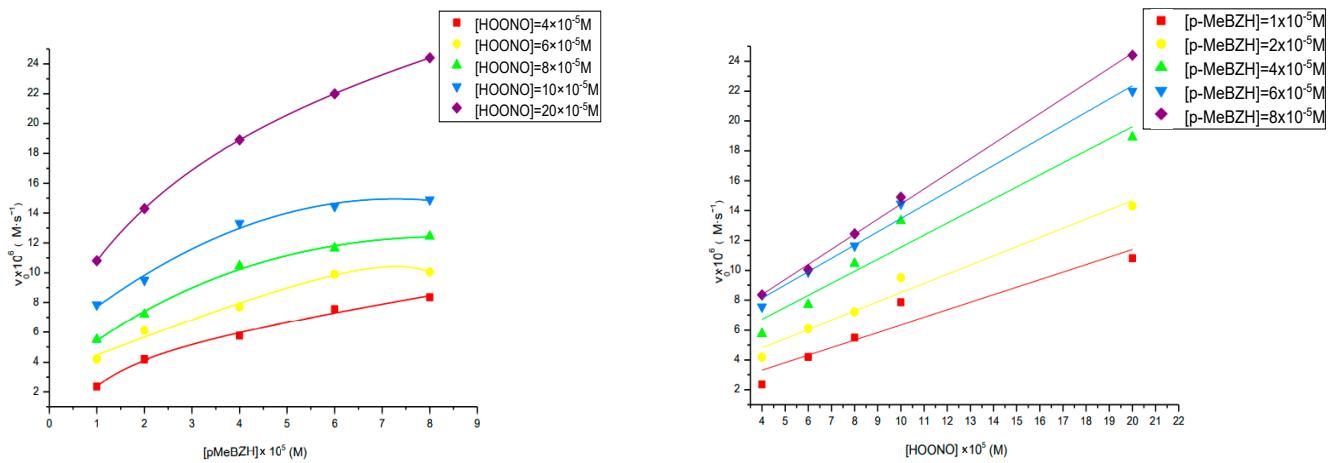


Figure S2. Influence of [pMeBZH] (left) and [HOONO] (right) upon the initial rate at pH2. I=0.1M and T=25°C

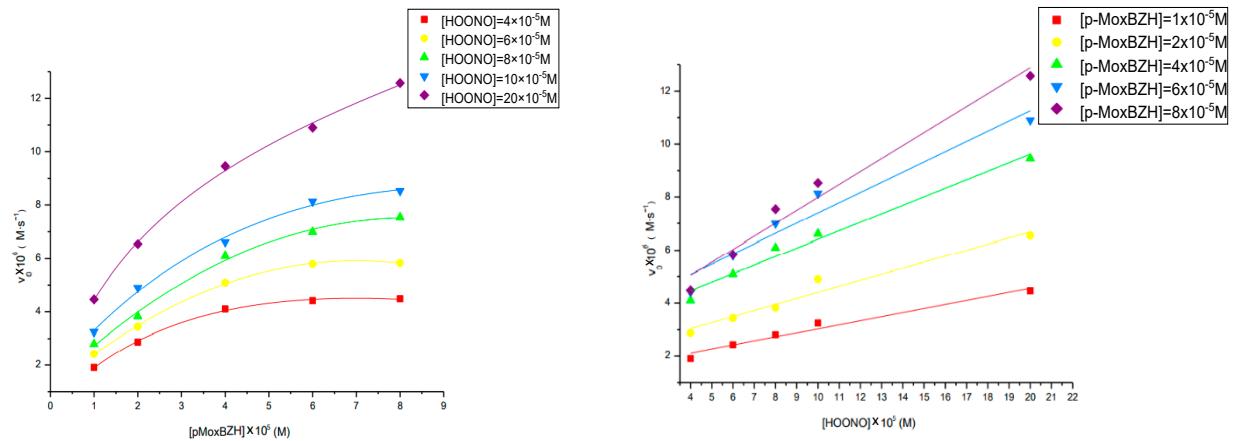


Figure S3. Influence of [pMoxBZH] (left) and [HOONO] (right) upon the initial rate at pH2. I=0.1M and T=25°C.

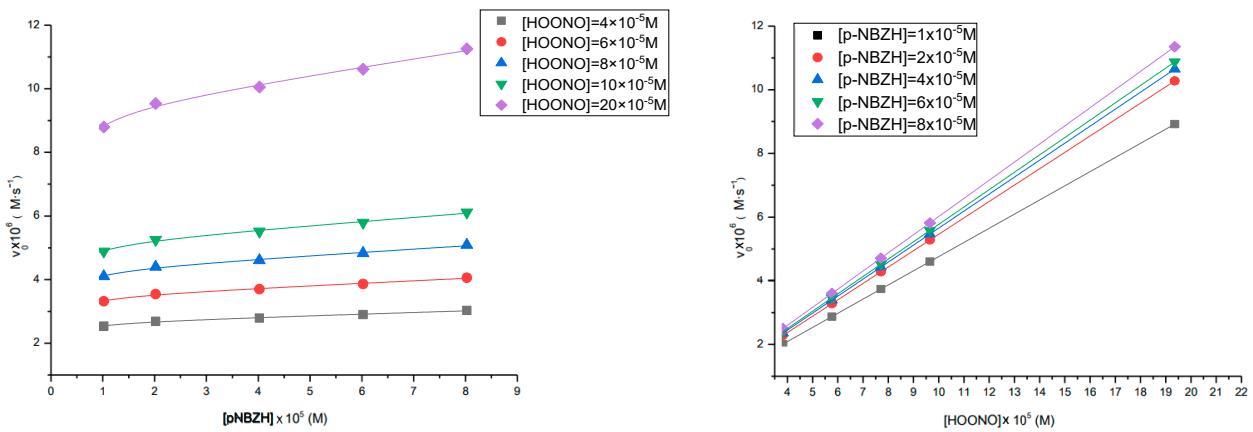


Figure S4. Influence of [pNBZH] (left) and [HOONO] (right) upon the initial rate at pH2. I=0.1M and T=25°C

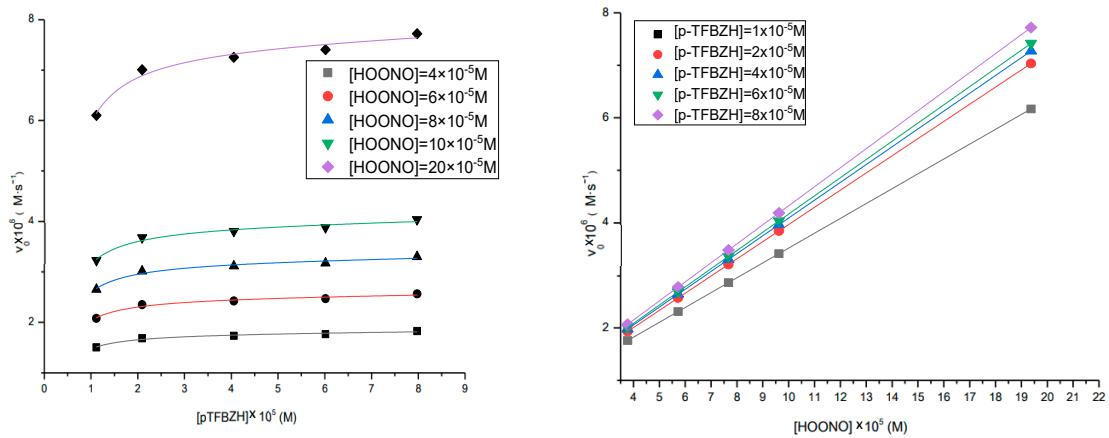


Figure S5. Influence of [pTFBZH] (left) and [HOONO] (right) upon the initial rate at pH2. I=0.1M and T=25°C

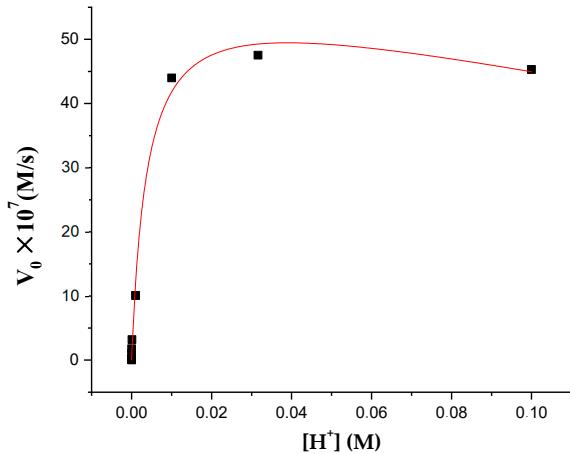


Figure S6. Influence of pH upon the initial reaction rate [RBZH]=4.00×10⁻⁵ M; [ONOO⁻]=8.00×10⁻⁵ M; I=0.1M; T=25°C

Table S2: Influence of pH on the initial reaction rate. $[RBZH]=4.00\times10^{-5}$ M; $[ONOO^-]=8.00\times10^{-5}$ M; $I=0.1$ M; $T^{\circ}=25^{\circ}\text{C}$

pH	$v_o \times 10^7$ (M/s)	pH	$v_o \times 10^7$ (M/s)
12	0.02 ± 0.01	5	1.77 ± 0.01
11	0.02 ± 0.01	4	3.19 ± 0.03
10	0.03 ± 0.01	3	10.07 ± 0.02
9	0.04 ± 0.02	2	38.24 ± 0.01
8	0.15 ± 0.01	1.5	38.45 ± 0.02
7	0.28 ± 0.03	1	38.31 ± 0.01
6	1.03 ± 0.01		

Table S3: Initial velocity values obtained at different ionic strength values at pH=11.20 and pH=2. $[BZH]=4.00\times10^{-5}$ M; $[ONOO^-]=8.00\times10^{-5}$ M.

pH=11.20				
I (M)	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.05
$v_o \times 10^9$ (M/s)	2.89 ± 0.03	2.32 ± 0.01	2.46 ± 0.02	2.40 ± 0.02
pH=2				
I (M)	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.05
$v_o \times 10^6$ (M/s)	3.08 ± 0.01	3.20 ± 0.03	3.82 ± 0.02	3.18 ± 0.03

Table S4: Influence of temperature on the initial rate $[HOONO] = 8.00\times10^{-5}$ M. $[BZH] = 4.00\times10^{-5}$ M. $I = 0.1$ M. $pH = 2$.

Temperature (K)	283	288	293	298	303
$v_o \times 10^6$ (M·s ⁻¹)	0.82 ± 0.02	1.52 ± 0.02	2.41 ± 0.02	3.82 ± 0.02	5.27 ± 0.02

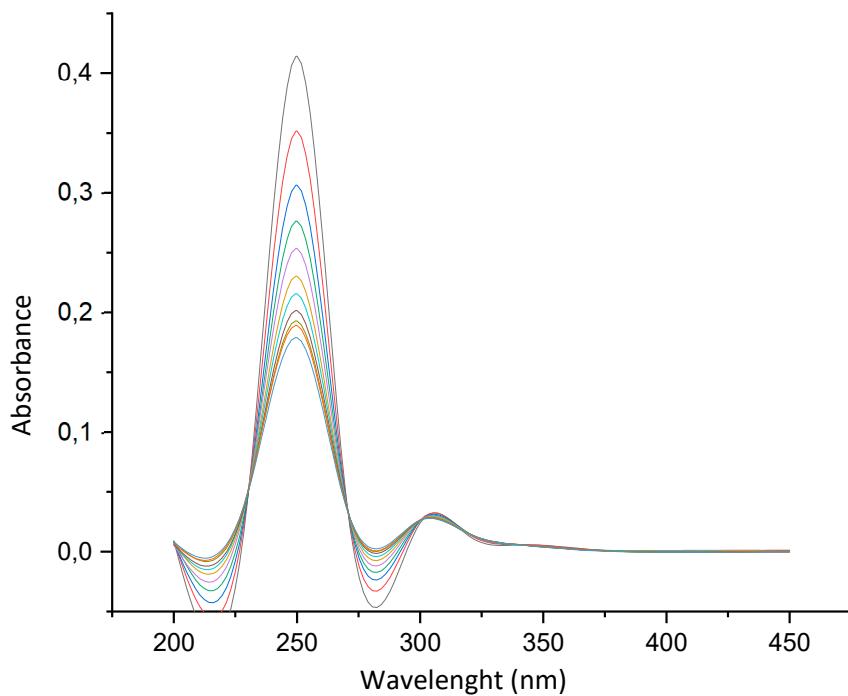


Figure S6: BZH and HOONO reaction spectrum. $[BZH]=4.00 \times 10^{-5}$ M. $[HOONO]=8.00 \times 10^{-5}$ M. pH=2. I=0.1M. T=25 °C.
Total time reaction t=2 s, $\Delta t=0.2$ s.

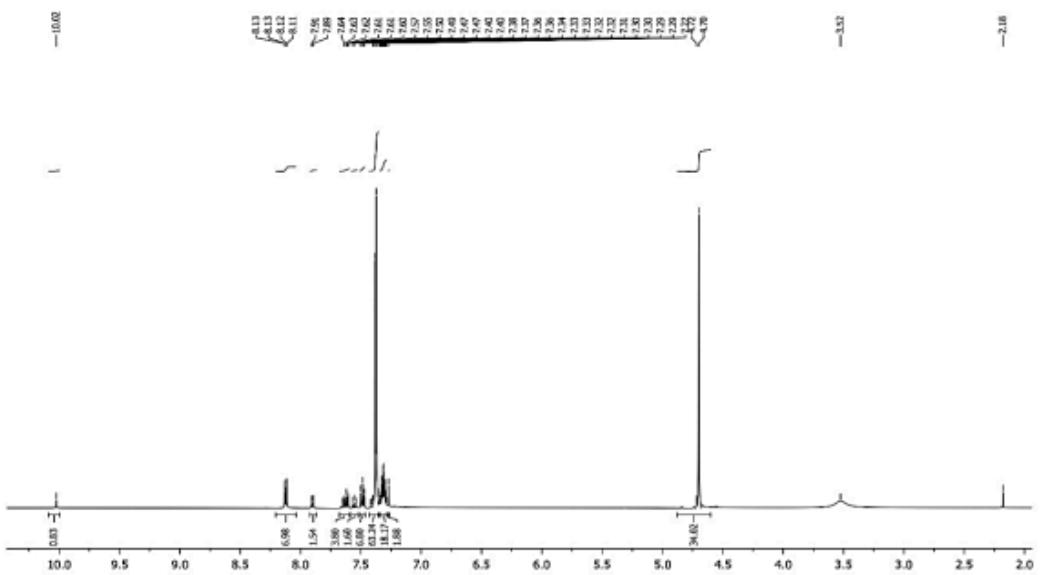


Figure S7: Comparison of the ¹H-NMR spectrum obtained from the liquid fraction vs. the ¹H-NMR spectrum of benzyl alcohol. ¹H-NMR spectrum of benzyl alcohol.

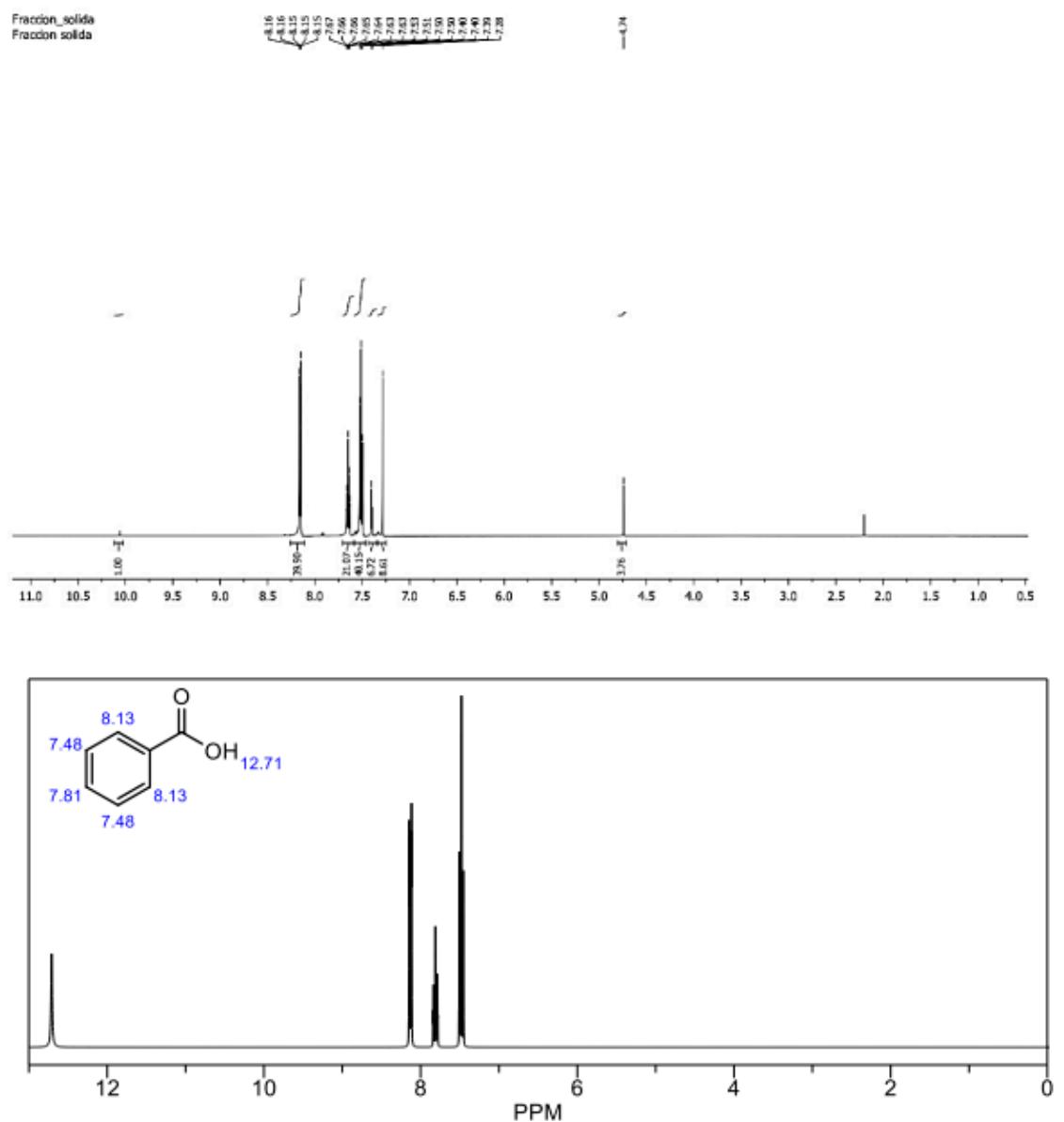


Figure S8: Comparison of the ^1H -NMR spectrum obtained from the liquid fraction vs. the ^1H -NMR spectrum of benzyl alcohol. ^1H -NMR spectrum of benzoic acid.

Deduction of theoretical rate equation according with Scheme 1 on the article

$$v_0 = -\frac{d[RBZH]}{dt} = \{k_2[RBZH^+][\cdot OH] + k_2[RBZH^+][\cdot NO_2]\} + k_3[RBZH][ONOO^-] + \\ \{k_4[RBZH^+][HOONO] + k_5[RBZH^+][X]\}$$

If the equilibrium 1 and 2 are considered it can write:

$$[ONOO^-] = \frac{K_a[HOONO]}{[H^+]}$$

$$[RBZH^+] = \frac{[RBZH][H^+]}{K_{a'}}$$

Substitute $[BZH^+]$ and $[ONOO^-]$ and considered that $[\cdot OH] = [\cdot NO_2] = 1/2[\text{Rad}]$ on the theoretical rate equation:

$$v_0 = \frac{d[RBZH]}{dt} = 2k_2[RBZH^+][\text{Rad}] + k_3[RBZH] \left(\frac{K_a[HOONO]}{[H^+]} \right) + \frac{k_4[RBZH][H^+]}{K_{a'}} [HOONO] \\ + \frac{k_5[RBZH][H^+]}{K_{a'}} [X]$$

Applying the steady-state approximation to $[X]$

$$\frac{d[X]}{dt} = 0 = \frac{k_4[RBZH][H^+]}{K_{a'}} [HOONO] - \frac{k_5[X][RBZH][H^+]}{K_{a'}} - k_6[X]$$

$$[X] = \frac{k_4[RBZH][H^+][HOONO]}{k_5[RBZH][H^+] + k_6K_{a'}}$$

Take in account a mass balance equation for the peroxy nitrite concentration.

$$[HOONO]_0 = [HOONO] + [ONOO^-]$$

$$[HOONO] = [HOONO]_0 \left(\frac{[H^+]}{[H^+] + K_a} \right)$$

$$[HOONO] = [HOONO]_0 A$$

So $[X]$ is:

$$[X] = \frac{k_4[\text{RBZH}][\text{H}^+][\text{HOONO}]_0 A}{k_5[\text{RBZH}][\text{H}^+] + k_6 K_a}$$

Replacing $[\text{HOONO}]$ and $[X]$ on the theoretical rate equation:

$$v_0 = \frac{d[\text{RBZH}]}{dt} = 2k_2[\text{RBZH}^+][\text{Rad}] + k_3[\text{RBZH}] \left(\frac{K_a[\text{HOONO}]_0 A}{[\text{H}^+]} \right) + \frac{k_4[\text{RBZH}][\text{H}^+]}{K_{a'}} [\text{HOONO}]_0 A + \frac{k_5[\text{RBZH}][\text{H}^+]}{K_{a'}} \frac{k_4[\text{RBZH}][\text{H}^+][\text{HOONO}]_0 A}{k_5[\text{RBZH}][\text{H}^+] + k_5 K_{a'}}$$

The final theoretical rate equation is:

$$v_0 = (2k_2[\text{RBZH}^+][\text{Rad}]) + \left(\frac{k_3[\text{RBZH}]K_a[\text{HOONO}]_0 A}{[\text{H}^+]} \right) + \left(\frac{k_4[\text{RBZH}][\text{H}^+][\text{HOONO}]_0 A}{K_{a'}} \right) + \left(\frac{k_5 k_4 [\text{RBZH}]^2 [\text{H}^+]^2 [\text{HOONO}]_0 A}{k_5[\text{RBZH}][\text{H}^+] + k_6 K_{a'}^2} \right)$$

The only constants we can calculate are k_3 , k_4 , k_5 and k_6

At pH 11.2 the initial reaction rate was modified by a factor 0.98 (98%) in order to obtain k_3 . direct oxidation by peroxy nitrite anion.

Knowing: $[\text{H}^+] = 10^{-11}$, $K_a = 10^{-6.8}$ [37]

$$v_{\text{oxb}} = \frac{k_3[\text{RBZH}]K_a[\text{HOONO}]_0 \left(\frac{[\text{H}^+]}{[\text{H}^+] + K_a} \right)}{[\text{H}^+]}$$

Linear adjustment:

$$\begin{aligned} v_0 &= k_3[\text{RBZH}] \\ k_3 &= \frac{\text{slope}[\text{H}^+]}{K_a \left(\frac{[\text{H}^+]}{[\text{H}^+] + K_a} \right)} \\ k_3 &= 7.17 \times 10^{-1} \text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

The experimental rate equations is:

$$v_0 = E[RBZH] + F$$

Where:

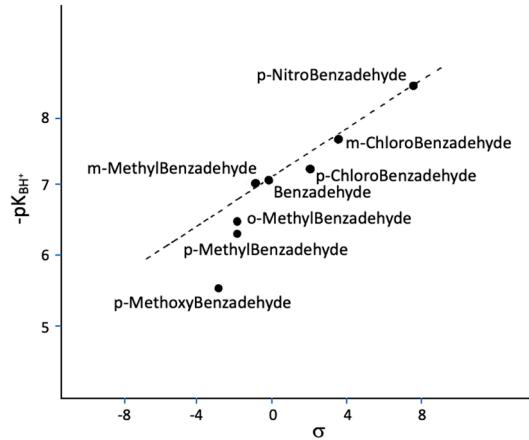
$$E = \frac{k_3[HONO]_0 K_a A}{[H^+]}$$

In order to obtain k_4 and k_5/k_6 the initial rate is connected by a factor of 0.64 (64%) at pH 2.

Knowing: $[H^+] = 10^{-2}$. $K_a = 10^{-6.8}$

Table S5: pK'a values for each of the studied benzaldehydes.

Aldehyde	-pK _{a'} [38]
BZH	7.10
pHBZH	4.35
pMeBZH	6.32
pMeOBZH	5.54
pNBZH	8.45
pTFBZH	7.97



$$v_{0 \text{ Cn}} = \frac{k_4[RBZH][H^+]A}{k'_a} + \frac{k_5 k_4 [RBZH]^2 [H^+]^2 A}{k'_a (k_5 [RBZH][H^+] + k_6 k'_a)} [HONO]_0$$

$$v_{0 \text{ Cn}} = \frac{k_5 k_4 [RBZH]^2 [H^+]^2 A + k_4 k_6 k'_a [RBZH][H^+]A + k_4 k_5 [RBZH]^2 [H^+]^2 A}{k'_a (k_5 [RBZH][H^+] + k_6 k'_a)} [HONO]_0$$

$$v_{0 \text{ Cn}} = \frac{2k_5 k_4 [RBZH]^2 [H^+]^2 A + k_4 k_6 k'_a [RBZH][H^+]A}{k'_a k_5 [RBZH][H^+] + k_6 k'^2_a} [HONO]_0$$

$$\frac{v_0}{[HONO]_0} = \frac{A[RBZH]^2 + B[RBZH]}{C[RBZH] + D}$$

$$A = 2k_5[H^+]k_4A$$

$$B = k_6k'_a k_4[H^+]A$$

$$C = k_5k'_a[H^+]$$

$$D = k_6k'^2_a$$

Rational adjustment:

$$v_0 = \frac{A[RBZH]^2 + B[RBZH]}{C[RBZH] + D}$$

Table S6: Parameters of the rational fit and reaction constants obtained for each aldehyde.

Aldehydes	A×10 ⁻⁸	B×10 ⁻⁴	C×10 ⁻⁶	D	r
BZH	1.53±0.13	5.18±0.27	1.8±0.04	1.69±0.02	0.99398
pHBZH	51.5±0.32	4.80±0.12	1.41±0.09	11.53±0.08	0.99816
pMeBZH	4.86±0.25	7.07±0.09	1.57±0.73	7.55±0.08	0.99435
pMeOBZH	2.91±0.04	1.58±0.19	1.18±0.03	6.56±0.02	0.99462
pNBZH	36.0±0.02	5.13±0.09	1.57±0.28	9.10±0.06	0.96615
pTFBZH	10.8±0.14	3.23±0.02	1.58±0.12	4.22±0.03	0.96951

So replacing A.B.C.D in:

$$A = 2k_5[H^+]k_4A$$

$$B = k_6k'_a k_4[H^+]A$$

$$C = k_5k'_a[H^+]$$

$$D = k_6k'^2_a$$

Table S7: Reaction constants for the aldehydes studied. together with the bibliographic values obtained for the parameter σ

Aldehyde	k ₄ ×10 ⁻³ (M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)	k ₅ (M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)	k ₆ ×10 ⁺¹⁴ (s ⁻¹)	σ
BZH	24.37±1.21	14.29±0.71	1.06±0.05	0.00
pHBZH	1861.42±93.07	6298.23±314.91	2300000±115000	-0.92
pMeBZH	44.86±2.24	75.14±3.75	172±8.6	-0.17
pMoxBZH	69.53±3.47	340.31±17.01	5450±272.5	-0.27
pNBZH	0.20±0.01	0.56±0.02	0.01±0.0005	0.78
pTFBZH	0.82±0.04	1.69±0.08	0.05±0.002	0.54

The others experimental rate equations are:

$$v_0 = D[HOONO]_0$$

$$v_0 = G[ONOO^-]_0$$

$$v_0 = \frac{J[H^+] + K[H^+]^2}{1 + L[H^+]}$$

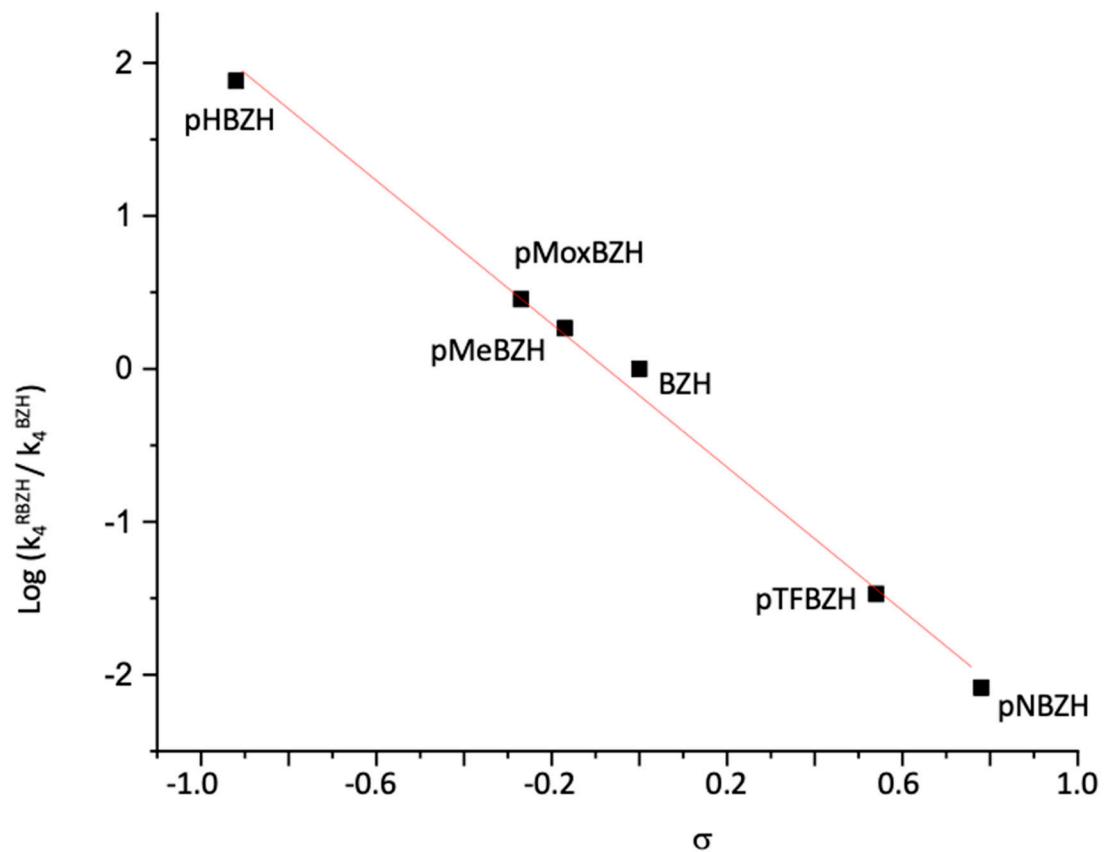


Figure S9: Graphical representation of the Hammett equation for k_4 nucleophilic attack.