

**Table S2. Comparison of ligand geometry to previous *ba*<sub>3</sub> structures**

Distance (Å)	Current Structure	1XME	1EHK
NE of His384A to Fe of heme- <i>a</i> <sub>3</sub>	2.2	2.5	3.3
Cu <sub>B</sub> to Fe of heme- <i>a</i> <sub>3</sub>	4.9	4.4	4.4
Bridging ion * to Fe of heme- <i>a</i> <sub>3</sub>	2.39	2.4	2.3
Bridging ion * to Cu <sub>B</sub>	2.25	2.1	2.3
CU1 of Cu <sub>A</sub> to Fe of heme- <i>b</i>	19.2	19.2	19.0
CU1 of Cu <sub>A</sub> to Fe of heme- <i>a</i> <sub>3</sub>	21.8	21.7	21.8
CU1 of Cu <sub>A</sub> to Cu <sub>B</sub>	21.5	21.6	21.6
Fe of heme- <i>b</i> to Fe of heme- <i>a</i> <sub>3</sub>	13.7	13.9	13.9
OH of Tyr237A to Fe of heme- <i>a</i> <sub>3</sub>	5.7	5.8	5.6
Axial ligands His72A/NE2 and His386A/NE2 to heme- <i>b</i>	2.1	2.2	2.2
Separation of Cu <sub>A</sub> atoms	2.6	2.5	2.6

\*Bridging ion is a peroxide in the current structure and a water molecule in 1XME and 1EHK