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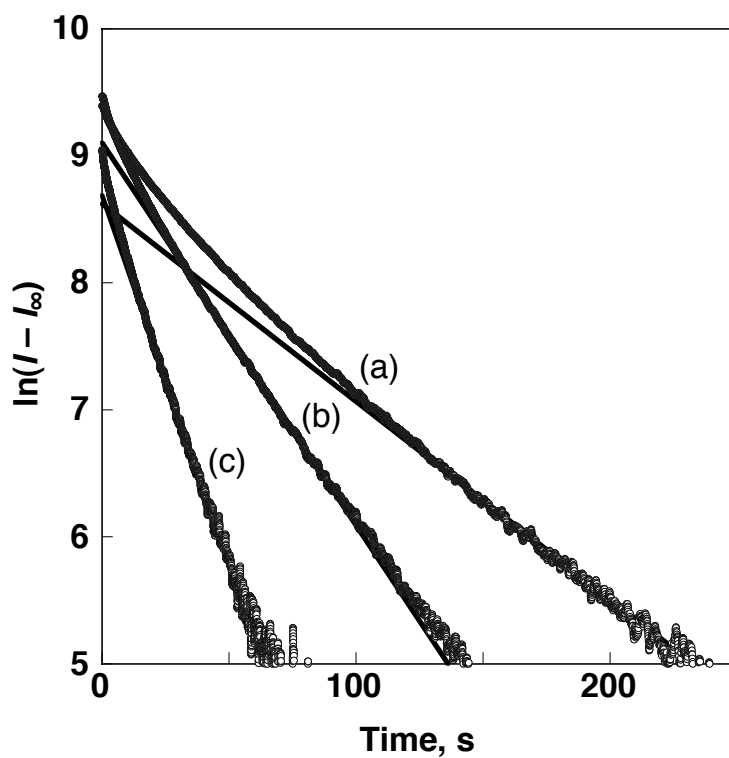
### **Additivity rule holds in hydrogen-transfer reactivity of unsaturated fatty acids with a peroxy radical: mechanistic insight into lipoxygenase**

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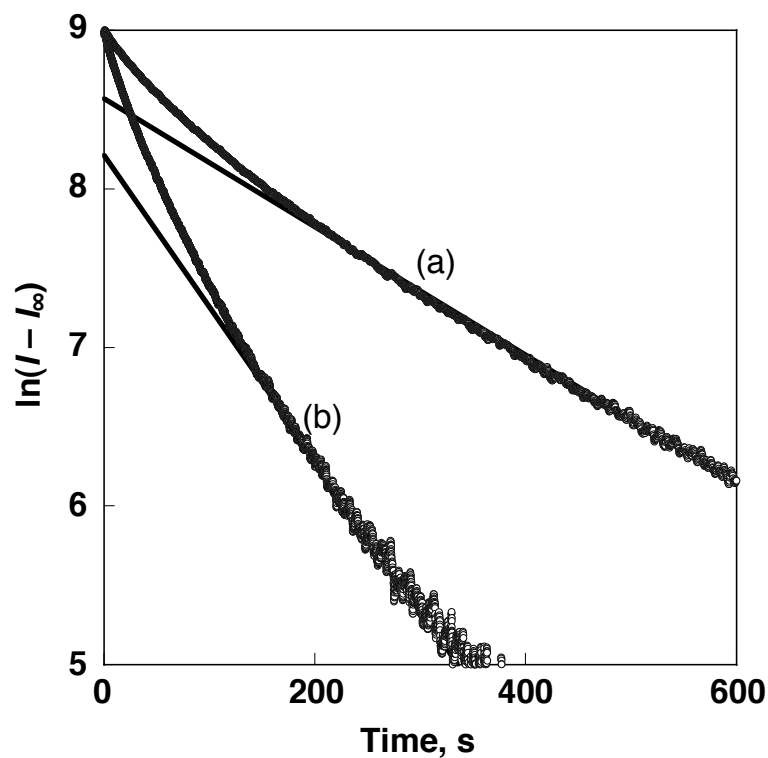
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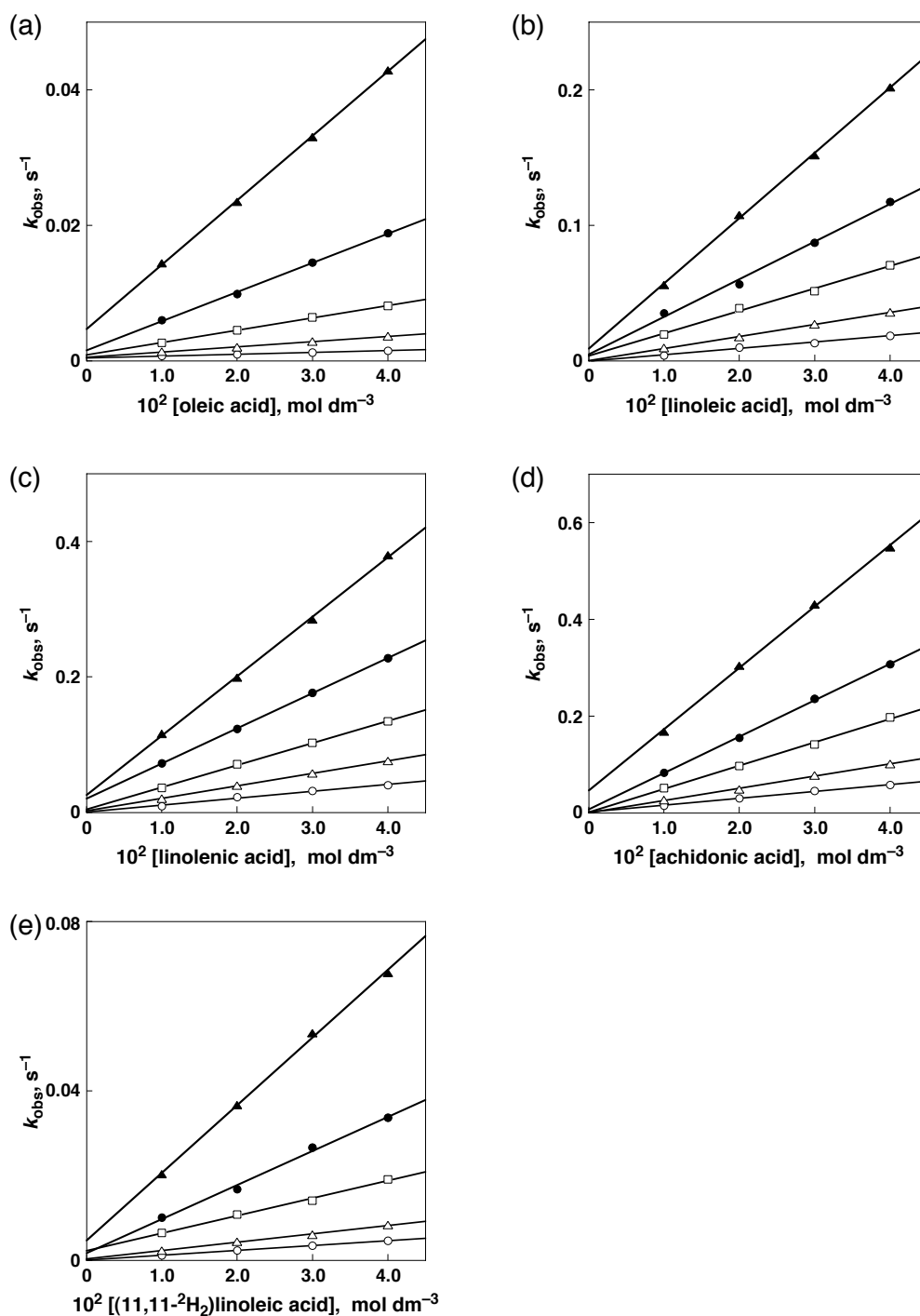
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**Fig. S1** First-order plots for the decay of the ESR signal due to cumylperoxyl radical in the presence of various concentrations of arachidonic acid at 203 K; (a)  $0.01 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ , (b)  $0.02 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  and (c)  $0.04 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ . The pseudo-first-order rate constants were determined from the slopes of the linear correlations (the contribution of the bimolecular decay at the initial stage was excluded).



**Fig. S2** First-order plots for the decay of the ESR signal due to cumylperoxyl radical in the presence of various concentrations of linoleic acid at 203 K; (a)  $0.01 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  and (b)  $0.02 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ . The pseudo-first-order rate constants were determined from the slopes of the linear correlations (the contribution of the bimolecular decay at the initial stage was excluded).



**Fig. S3** Plots of pseudo-first-order rate constants ( $k_{\text{obs}}$ ) vs. concentrations of unsaturated fatty acids for hydrogen transfer from unsaturated fatty acids to cumylperoxyl radical in  $\text{O}_2$ -saturated EtCN at 203 K (O), 213 K ( $\Delta$ ), 223 K ( $\square$ ), 233 K ( $\bullet$ ) and 243 K ( $\blacktriangle$ ).

**Table S1** Rate constants ( $k_{\text{H}}$  and  $k_{\text{D}}$ ) for hydrogen transfer from unsaturated fatty acids to cumylperoxyl radical in  $\text{O}_2$ -saturated EtCN.

unsaturated fatty acid	$k_{\text{H}}$ or $k_{\text{D}}$ , $\text{mol}^{-1} \text{dm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$				
	203 K	213 K	223 K	233 K	243 K
oleic acid	$(2.65 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-2}$	$(7.63 \pm 0.24) \times 10^{-2}$	$(1.82 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-1}$	$(4.31 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-1}$	$(9.50 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-1}$
linoleic acid	$(4.71 \pm 0.33) \times 10^{-1}$	$(8.88 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-1}$	$1.66 \pm 0.10$	$2.78 \pm 0.16$	$4.81 \pm 0.10$
linolenic acid	$1.02 \pm 0.09$	$1.84 \pm 0.02$	$3.26 \pm 0.05$	$5.19 \pm 0.03$	$8.78 \pm 0.19$
arachidonic acid	$1.42 \pm 0.05$	$2.52 \pm 0.09$	$4.82 \pm 0.18$	$7.52 \pm 0.13$	$(1.27 \pm 0.00) \times 10$
[11,11- $^2\text{H}_2$ ]linoleic acid	$(1.14 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-1}$	$(1.98 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-1}$	$(4.12 \pm 0.22) \times 10^{-1}$	$(8.04 \pm 0.42) \times 10^{-1}$	$1.60 \pm 0.04$

**Table S2** Activation parameters for hydrogen transfer from unsaturated fatty acids to cumylperoxyl radical in O<sub>2</sub>-saturated EtCN

unsaturated fatty acid	$\Delta H^\ddagger$ , kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta S^\ddagger$ , J K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>
oleic acid	34.7 ± 0.3	-101 ± 1
linoleic acid	21.9 ± 0.3	-140 ± 1
linolenic acid	20.1 ± 0.3	-143 ± 1
arachidonic acid	20.6 ± 0.5	-137 ± 2
[11,11- <sup>2</sup> H <sub>2</sub> ]linoleic acid	25.5 ± 1.3	-135 ± 6