



Cobalt(III)-salen ion catalyzed H_2O_2 oxidation of dibenzyl sulfide

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Abstract: Cobalt(III)-salen complexes {salen = N,N'bis(salicylidene)ethylenediaminato} efficiently catalyze the H_2O_2 oxidation of sulfides. This reaction leads to the formation of sulfoxides as the major product. The spectrophotometric kinetic study shows that the reaction follows Michaelis-Menten kinetics. Based on the spectral and kinetic studies a suitable electron transfer mechanism has been proposed.

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