

Supplementary Material

Direct Exposure of Dry Enzymes to Atmospheric Pressure Non-Equilibrium Plasmas: The Case of Tyrosinase

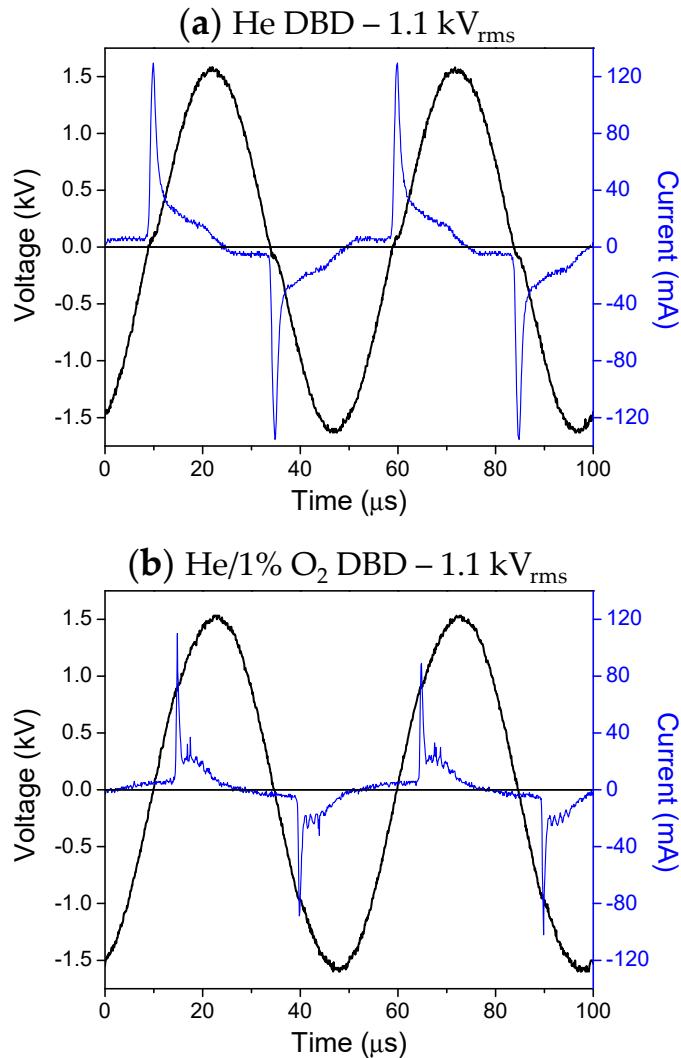


Figure S1. Voltage and current signals of (a) a pure He DBD and (b) a He/1% O₂ fed DBD ($f = 20$ kHz, $V_a = 1.1$ kV_{rms}).

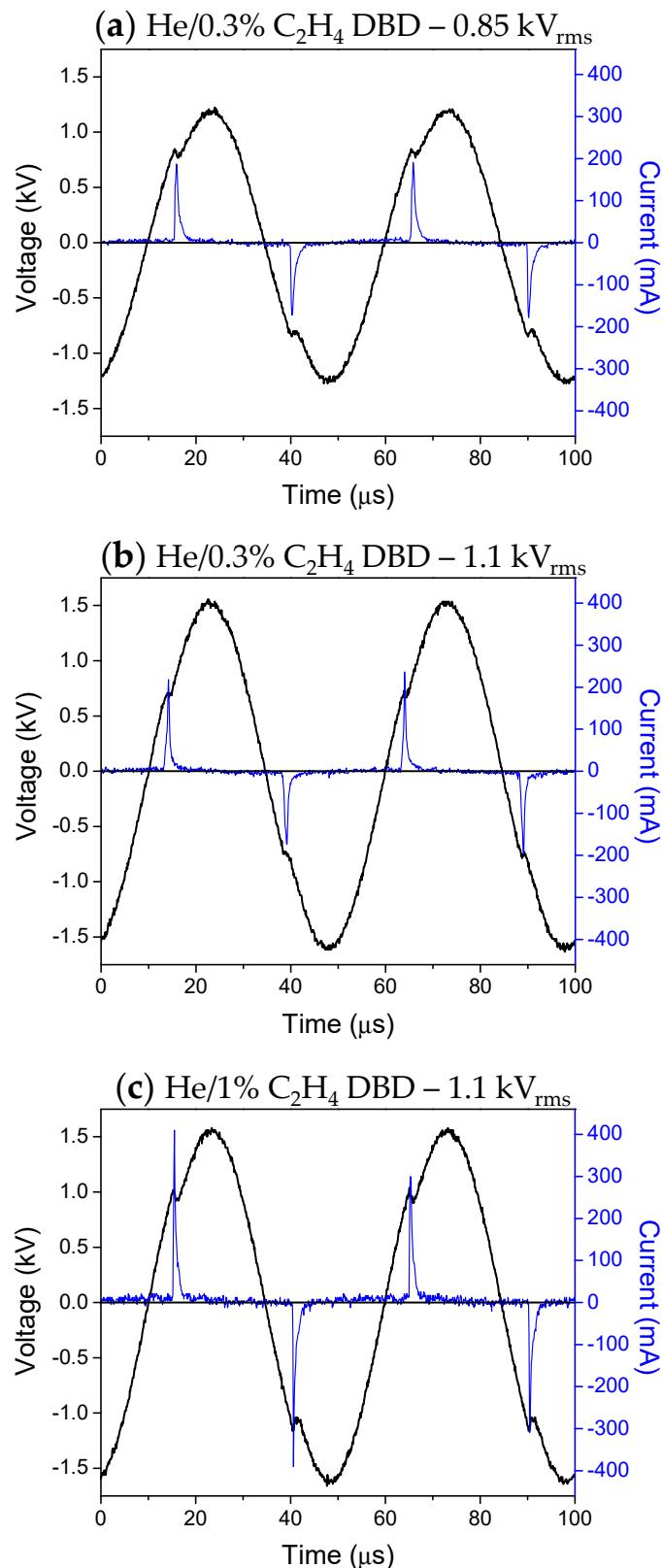


Figure S2. Voltage and current signals of He/ C_2H_4 fed DBDs generated at 20 kHz under different experimental conditions (Table 1): (a) $[C_2H_4] = 0.3\%$, $V_a = 0.85$ kV_{rms}; (b) $[C_2H_4] = 0.3\%$, $V_a = 1.1$ kV_{rms}; (c) $[C_2H_4] = 1\%$, $V_a = 1.1$ kV_{rms}.

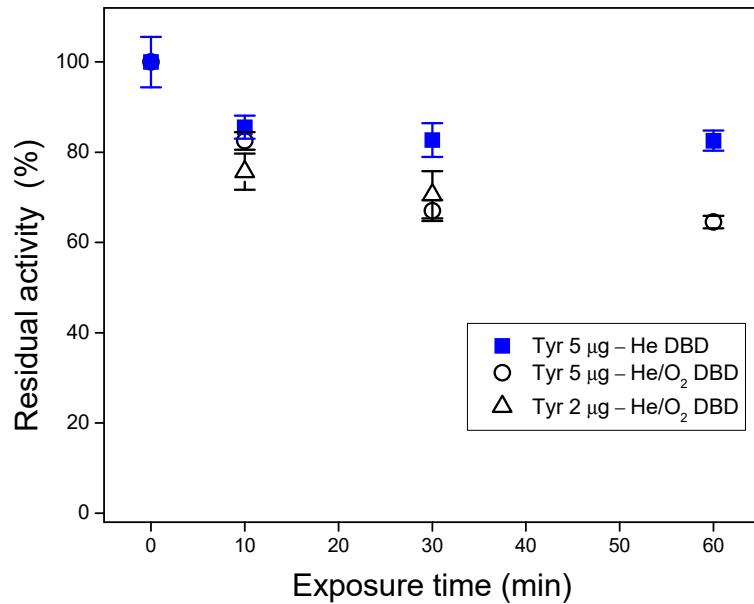


Figure S3. Residual activity of tyrosinase (2 and 5 µg) exposed to DBDs fed with He and He/1% O₂ mixture as a function of the exposure time ($f = 20$ kHz, $V_a = 1.1$ kV_{rms}).

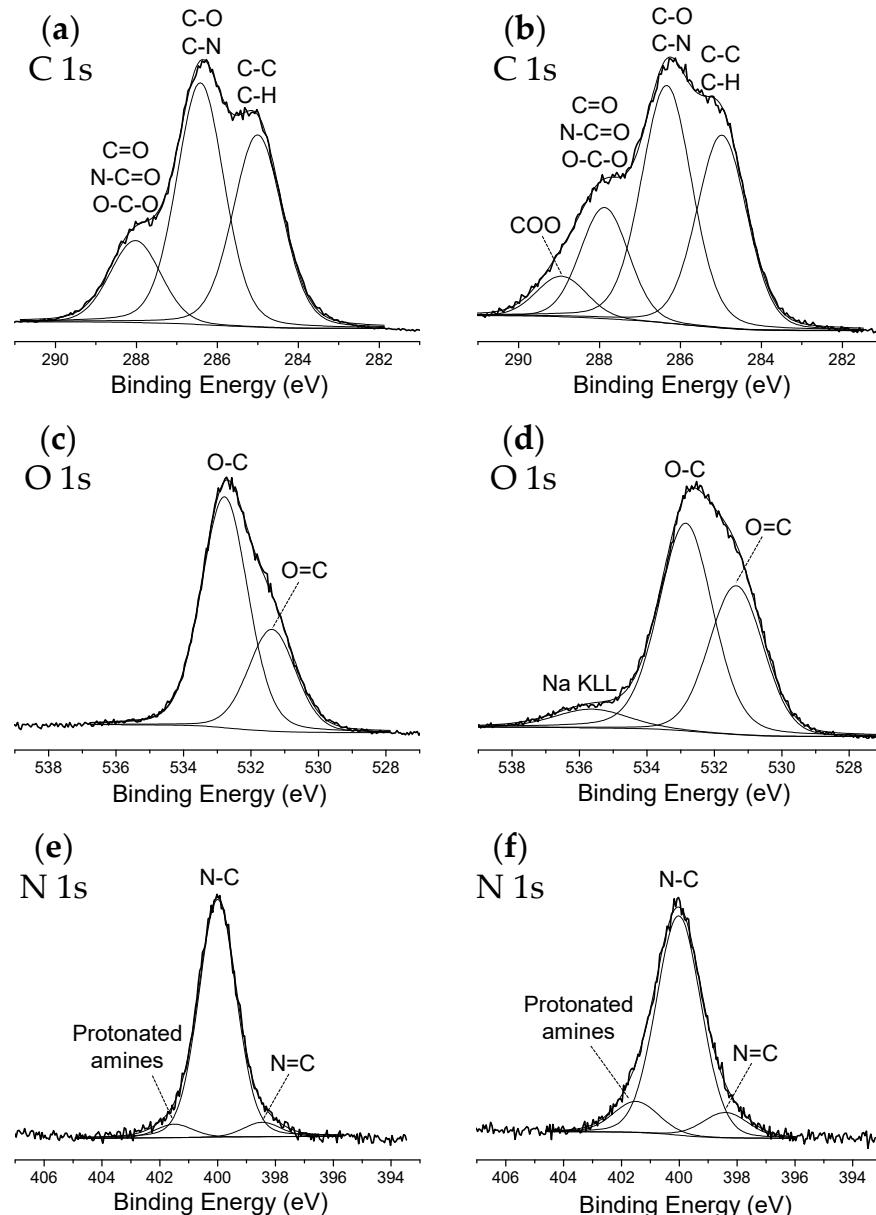


Figure S4. High-resolution XPS C 1s, O 1s and N 1s spectra of a 5 µg Tyr deposit (a)-(c)-(e) before and (b)-(d)-(f) after exposure to a DBD fed with He/1% O₂ mixture for 30 min (f = 20 kHz, V_a = 1.1 kV_{rms}).

Table S1. Curve fitting results of high-resolution C 1s, O 1s and N 1s XPS spectra of the a 5 µg Tyr deposit before and after 30 min exposure to a DBD fed with He/1% O₂ mixture (f = 20 kHz, V_a = 1.1 kV_{rms}).

Component Assignment	Position (eV)	Pristine Tyr - Control	Tyr - He/1% O ₂ DBD
		Component Peak Area %	Component Peak Area %
C-C/C-H	284.8 ± 0.2	37	32
C-N/C-O	286.3 ± 0.2	46	41
C=O/N-C=O/O-C-O	288.1 ± 0.2	17	20
COO	289.0 ± 0.2	-	7
O=C	531.4 ± 0.2	31	45
O-C	532.8 ± 0.2	69	55
N=C	398.4 ± 0.2	5	9
N-C	400.0 ± 0.2	90	79
Protonated amine groups	401.5 ± 0.2	5	12

Table S2. Deposition rate (DR) of the polyethylene-like coating under the PECVD conditions investigated in the present work.

Feed Mixture	f (kHz)	V _a (kV _{rms})	P _s (W·cm ⁻²)	Φ _{He} (slm)	[C ₂ H ₄] (%)	DBD Regime	DR (nm·min ⁻¹)
He/C ₂ H ₄	20	0.85	0.25 ± 0.05	8	0.1	Homogeneous	23.0 ± 1.0
He/C ₂ H ₄	20	0.85	0.25 ± 0.05	8	0.3	Homogeneous	27 ± 2
He-C ₂ H ₄	20	0.85	0.25 ± 0.05	8	0.5	Homogeneous	31 ± 2
He/C ₂ H ₄	20	1.10	0.40 ± 0.04	8	0.3	Homogeneous	30 ± 3
He/C ₂ H ₄	20	1.10	0.40 ± 0.04	8	0.5	Homogeneous	34 ± 3
He-C ₂ H ₄	20	1.10	0.40 ± 0.04	8	1.0	Filamentary	43 ± 2

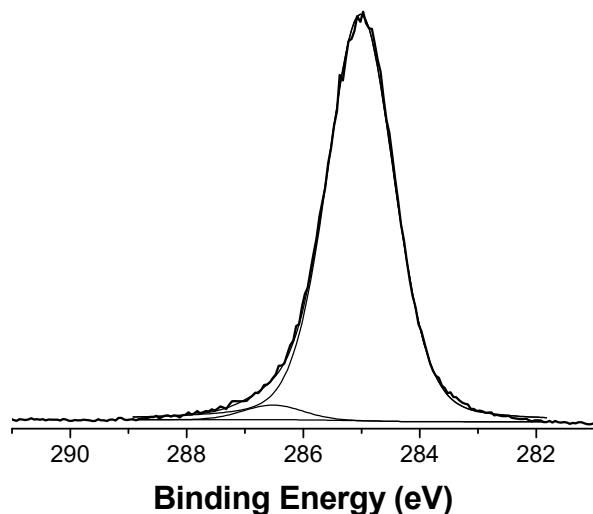


Figure S5. High-resolution XPS C 1s spectrum of the polyethylene-like coating deposited on Tyr (5 µg) by using a He/0.1% C₂H₄ fed DBD (f = 20 kHz, V_a = 0.85 kV_{rms}, t = 10 min, thickness of the coating = 230 ± 10 nm).



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