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Rate	[NO ₂]	[CO]
756	0.050	0.050
1278	0.065	0.050
1935	0.080	0.050
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For $[\text{NO}_2]$ we have

$$a = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1278}{765}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{0.065}{0.050}\right)} = \frac{0.525}{0.262} \approx 2.0$$

For $[\text{CO}]$ we have 0 since the rate does not change when the CO concentration is changed.

$$v = k[\text{NO}_2]^2$$