

Binuclear copper(II) complex with 2-imidazolylbenzothiazole and bridged chloride ligands

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Experimental

All common reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received. The melting points are uncorrected. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance recorder (400 MHz for ¹H) in DMSO-d₆. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to the solvent signal. Electronic spectra in 10⁻³ M DMF solution were obtained on a U2900 Hitachi UV–Vis spectrophotometer.

Synthesis

Compounds **1**, **3a,b** and **6b** were synthesized as reported [S1–S4].

Reaction of 2-hetarylbenzothiazoles with copper(II) chloride dihydrate.

Di- μ -chloro-bis[{2-(1*H*-Imidazol-4-yl)-1,3-benzothiazole}chloro-copper(II)] (**2**).

2-(1*H*-Imidazol-4-yl)-1,3-benzothiazole **1** (0.2 g, 1 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (10 ml), then CuCl₂·2H₂O (0.17 g, 1 mmol) was added, and the mixture was boiled for 1.5 hours. The precipitate formed during cooling was filtered and dried *in vacuo* to afford 0.27 g (74%) of compound **2** as a green powder. IR, ν/cm^{-1} : 3205 (NH), 1604 (C=C), 1437 и 1408 (C=N), 759 (C-S). Found (%): C, 60.31; H, 4.03; N, 18.72; S, 14.57. C₁₀H₇N₃SCuCl₂. Calculated (%): C, 60.36; H, 4.33; N, 19.2; S, 14.65. UV/Vis (DMF), $\lambda_{\text{max}}/\text{nm}$ (ϵ): 290 (49600), 309 (71200), 445 (2670), 533 (1000), 599 (800).

[2-(1-Methyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-1,3-benzothiazole]copper(II) chloride (**4**).

2-(1-Methyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-1,3-benzothiazole **3** (0.15 g, 0.5 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (10 ml), then CuCl₂·2H₂O (0.08 g, 0.465 mmol) was added, and the mixture was boiled for 1.5 hours. The precipitate formed on cooling was filtered and dried *in vacuo* to afford 0.164 g (68%) of compound **4** as a green powder. IR, ν/cm^{-1} : 3421 (H₂O), 1567 (C=C), 1469 и 1442 (C=N), 1400 (N-CH₃), 765 (C-S). Found (%): C, 35.93; H, 2.73; N, 10.81; S, 8.81. C₁₁H₉N₃SCuCl₂·H₂O. Calculated (%): C, 35.93; H, 3.01; N, 11.43; S, 8.72. UV/Vis (DMF), $\lambda_{\text{max}}/\text{nm}$ (ϵ): 313 (4890), 325 (5870), 338 (4500), 371 (70).

[2-(Pyridin-2-yl)-1,3-benzothiazol-6-ol]copper(II) chloride (6a). 2-(Pyridin-2-yl)-1,3-benzothiazol-6-ol **5a** (0.05 g, 0.2193 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (10 ml), then CuCl₂·2H₂O (0.0375 g, 0.2193 mmol) was added, and the mixture was boiled for 1.5 hours. The precipitate formed during cooling was filtered and dried *in vacuo* to afford 0.032 g (41%) of compound **6a** as a green powder. IR, ν/cm^{-1} : 3399 and 3149 (OH), 1560 (C=C), 1423 (C=N), 777 (C-S). Found (%): C, 39.31; H, 2.03; N, 7.38; S, 8.46. C₁₂H₈Cl₂CuN₂OS. Calculated (%): C, 39.74; H, 2.22; N, 7.72; S, 8.84. UV/Vis (DMF), $\lambda_{\text{max}}/\text{nm}$ (ϵ): 337 (18520).

[6-(2-Ethoxy-2-oxoethoxy)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-1,3-benzothiazole]copper(II) chloride 6c.
Step 1. Ethyl 2-[(2-(pyridin-2-yl)benzothiazol-6-yloxy]acetate **5c**. 6-Hydroxy-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-1,3-benzothiazole **5a** (270 mg, 1.184 mmol), K₂CO₃ (245 mg, 1.776 mmol) and ethyl bromoacetate (297 mg, 1.776 mmol, 197 μl) were suspended in anhydrous acetone (5 ml). The mixture was stirred under heating for 6 hours. At the end of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, water was added, and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate (3*20 ml), the extract was washed with 10% KOH (3*10 ml), then H₂O (3*30 ml). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Yield 372 mg (73%). NMR ¹H (CDCl₃): 8.68 (d, 1H, $J = 4.8$ Hz, Py), 8.32 (d, 1H, $J = 7.9$ Hz, Py), 7.99 (d, 1H, $J = 9.0$ Hz, Ar), 7.84 (td, 1H $J_1 = 7.7$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.7$ Hz, Py), 7.33 – 7.44 (m, 2H, Ar+Py), 7.17 (dd, 1H, $J_1 = 9.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.6$ Hz, Ar), 4.72 (s, 2H, CH₂), 4.31 (q, 2H, $J = 7.1$ Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 1.32 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz, OCH₂CH₃). NMR ¹³C (CDCl₃): 168.63 (SC_{ar}N), 167.57 (C=O), 156.35 (COCH₂COOEt), 151.44 (NC_{ar}), 149.60 (CN_{pyr}), 149.57 (CH_{pyr}), 137.51 (CH_{pyr}), 136.98 (CS_{ar}), 124.99 (CH_{ar}), 124.34 (CH_{pyr}), 120.48 (CH_{pyr}), 116.25 (CH_{ar}), 105.69 (CH_{ar}), 66.01 (CH₂COOCH₂CH₃), 61.52 (OCH₂CH₃), 14.17 (OCH₂CH₃). IR, ν/cm^{-1} : 1726 (C=O), 1222 (CO-O). Found (%): C% 59.76, H% 4.49, N% 8.59, S% 9.39. C₁₆H₁₄N₂SO₃·0.3H₂O. Calculated (%): C% 59.99, H% 4.61, N% 8.74, S% 10.01.

Step 2. **Complex 6c.** Ligand **5c** (0.05 g, 0.16 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (10 ml), then CuCl₂·2H₂O (0.0274 g, 0.16 mmol) was added, and the mixture was boiled for 1.5 hours. The precipitate formed during cooling was filtered and dried *in vacuo* to afford 0.0817g (36%) of compound **6c** as a green powder. IR, ν/cm^{-1} : 3000 (H₂O), 1758 (C=O) and 1195 (COOCH₂CH₃). Found (%): C, 41.03; H, 3.29; N, 6.06; S, 7.28. C₁₆H₁₄N₂O₃S·CuCl₂·H₂O. Calculated (%): C, 41.17; H, 3.45; N, 6.00; S, 6.87. UV/Vis (DMF), $\lambda_{\text{max}}/\text{nm}$ (ϵ): 333 (8730), 346 (6200).

Table S2. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for **2**.

Cu(1)-N(2)	1.997(5)
Cu(1)-N(1)	2.089(5)
Cu(1)-Cl(1)	2.2444(19)
Cu(1)-Cl(2)	2.3014(19)
Cu(1)-Cl(2)#1	2.678(2)
N(2)-Cu(1)-N(1)	80.1(2)
N(2)-Cu(1)-Cl(1)	154.53(19)
N(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(1)	96.80(15)
N(2)-Cu(1)-Cl(2)	89.79(17)
N(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(2)	169.01(15)
Cl(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(2)	94.18(7)
N(2)-Cu(1)-Cl(2)#1	102.60(18)
N(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(2)#1	88.26(16)
Cl(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(2)#1	102.56(8)
Cl(2)-Cu(1)-Cl(2)#1	89.85(7)
Cu(1)-Cl(2)-Cu(1)#1	88.87(7)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -x+1,y,-z+1/2

Electrochemistry. Cyclic voltammetric experiments were carried out using a IPC Pro M potentiostat. The system consists of three-electrode assembly, glassy carbon (GC) electrode (working electrode, disk d 2 mm), Ag/AgCl/KCl (aq.sat.) (reference electrode) and platinum electrode (counter electrode). Tetrabutylammonium perchlorate (TBP) (Fluka) 0.1 M, was used as received in MeCN or DMF. The anhydrous solvent had electronic grade purity. Compound concentration: 0.5 mM. The cyclic voltammetric experiments were carried out after de-aerating the experimental solutions by purging pure argon gas. All the measurements were carried out at 22 °C. Scan rate: 100 mV sec⁻¹.

Table S3. The electrochemical potentials (vs. Ag/AgCl/KCl (aq.,sat.)) of the compounds **1-6** in DMF in the presence of 0.1 M Bu₄NClO₄ at GC electrode; potential scan rate 100 mV sec⁻¹.

Compound	E _{pc} , mV	E _{1/2} ^{Red} , mV	E _{pa} , mV	E _{1/2} ^{Ox} , mV
1	2120/-130	-2100	1650	1580
2	400/510; 280/510; -2070; -2190; -2330	450; 280; -1620 -1920	1180; 1640	1160; 1630
3	2060/-1990	-2040	1640	1590
4	400/490; -1970; -2060	450; 2030	1190	1140
5a	-1710; -1830; -2190/-2110	-1800; -2200	1170; 1360; 1520	1180
6a	350/530; -1790; -2170	410; -1790; -2180	1170; 1270	1160
5b	-1840/-1780; -2410		1690	1620
6b	320/500; -1830; -2320		1110; 1650	
5c	-1800/-1740; -2280; -2490	-1760; -2330	1740	1740
6c	320/510; -1800; -2330	430; -1780	1130	1080

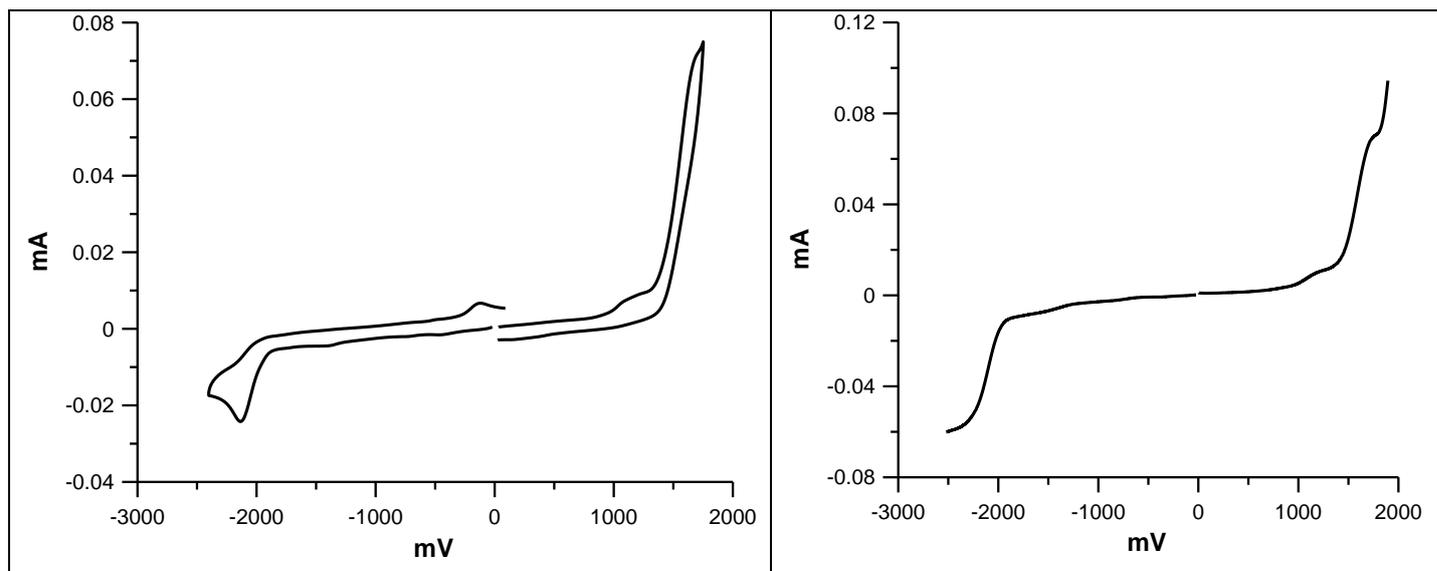


Figure S1. CVA (*left*) and RDE (*right*) for ligand **1** (DMF, Bu₄NClO₄, GC electrode).

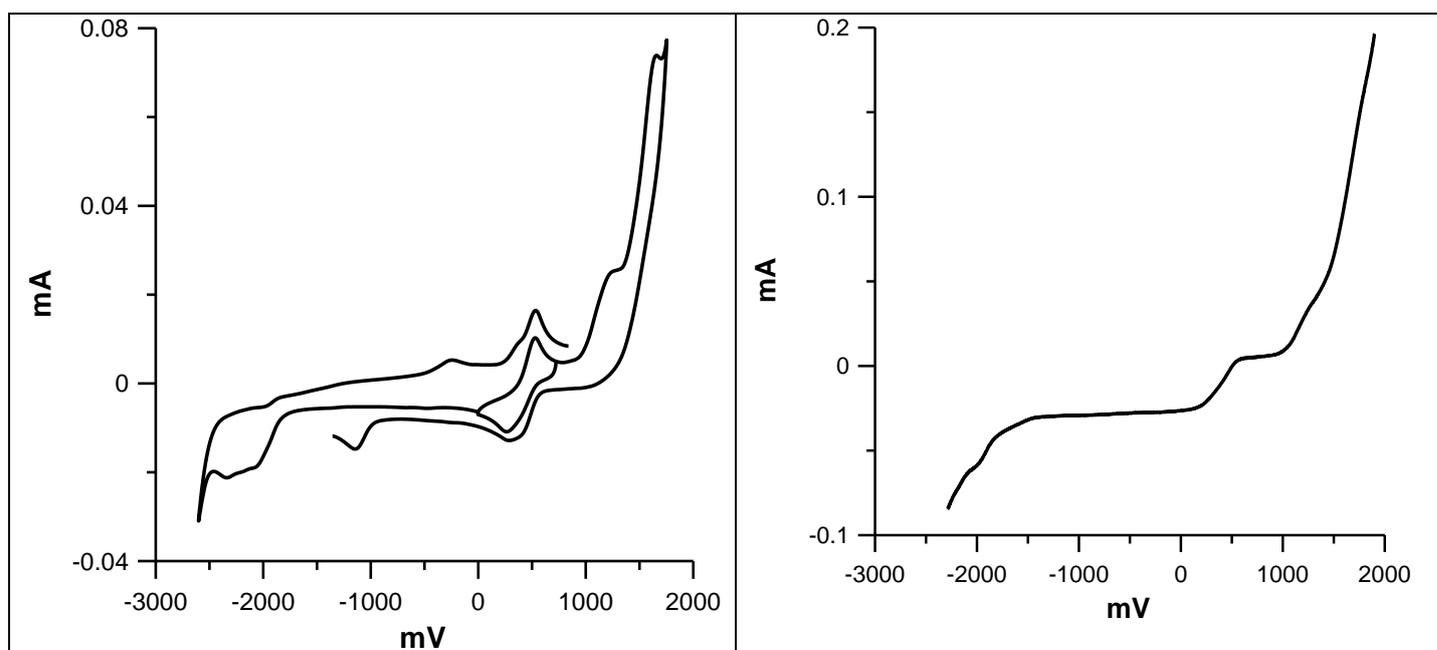


Figure S2. CVA (*left*) and RDE (*right*) for complex **2** (DMF, Bu₄NClO₄, GC electrode).

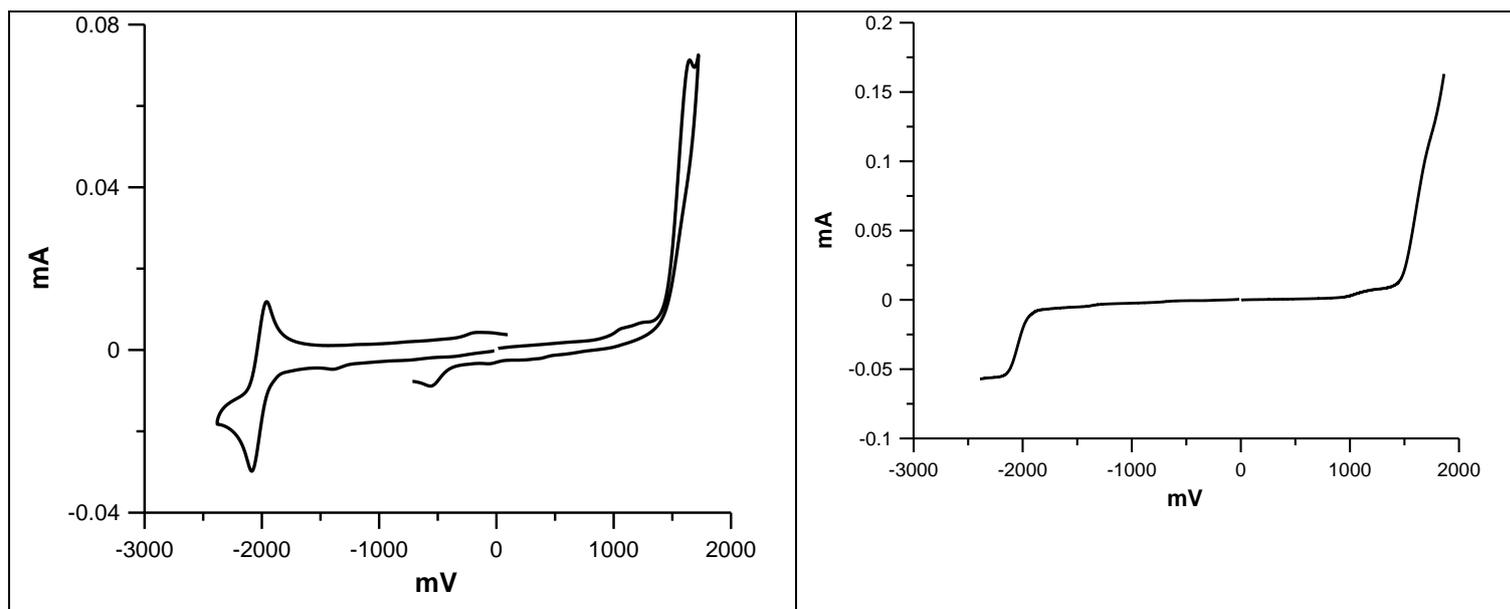


Figure S3. CVA (*left*) and RDE (*right*) for ligand **3** (DMF, Bu₄NClO₄, GC electrode).

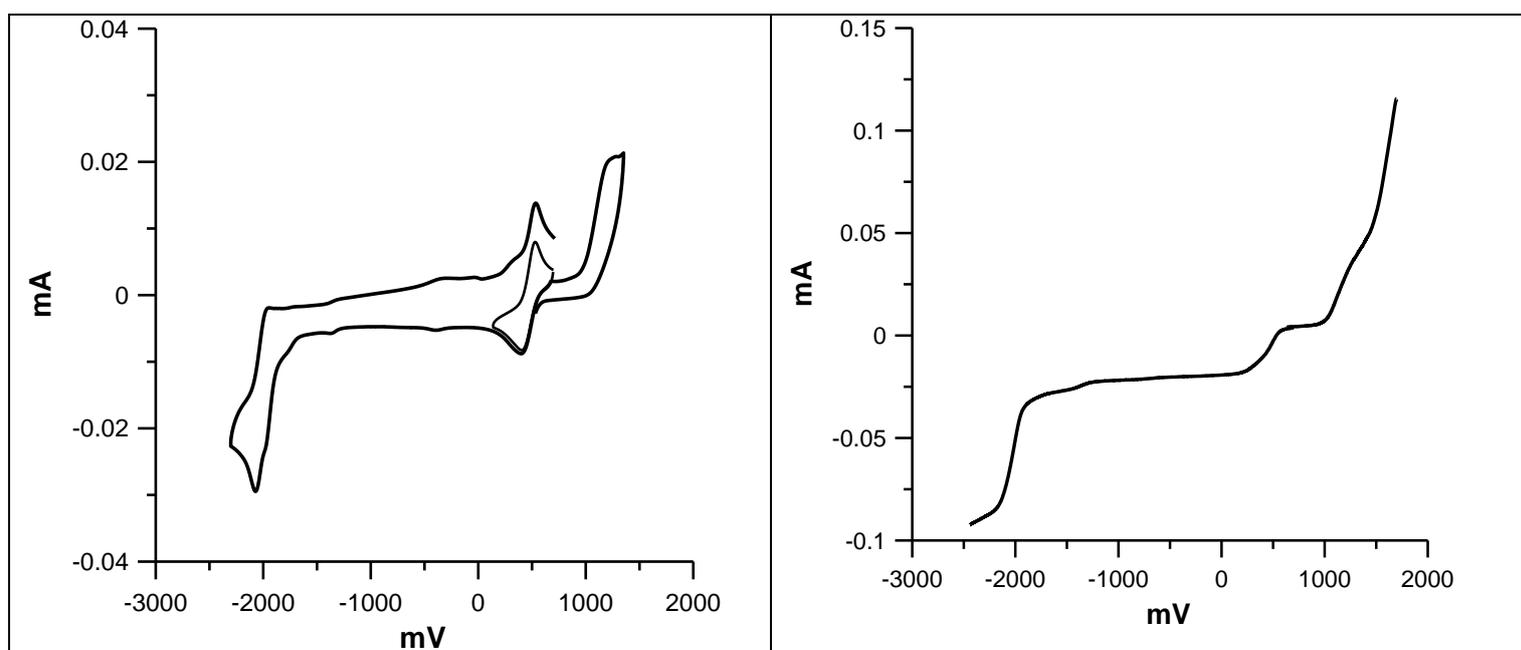


Figure S4. CVA (*left*) and RDE (*right*) for complex **4** (DMF, Bu₄NClO₄, GC electrode).

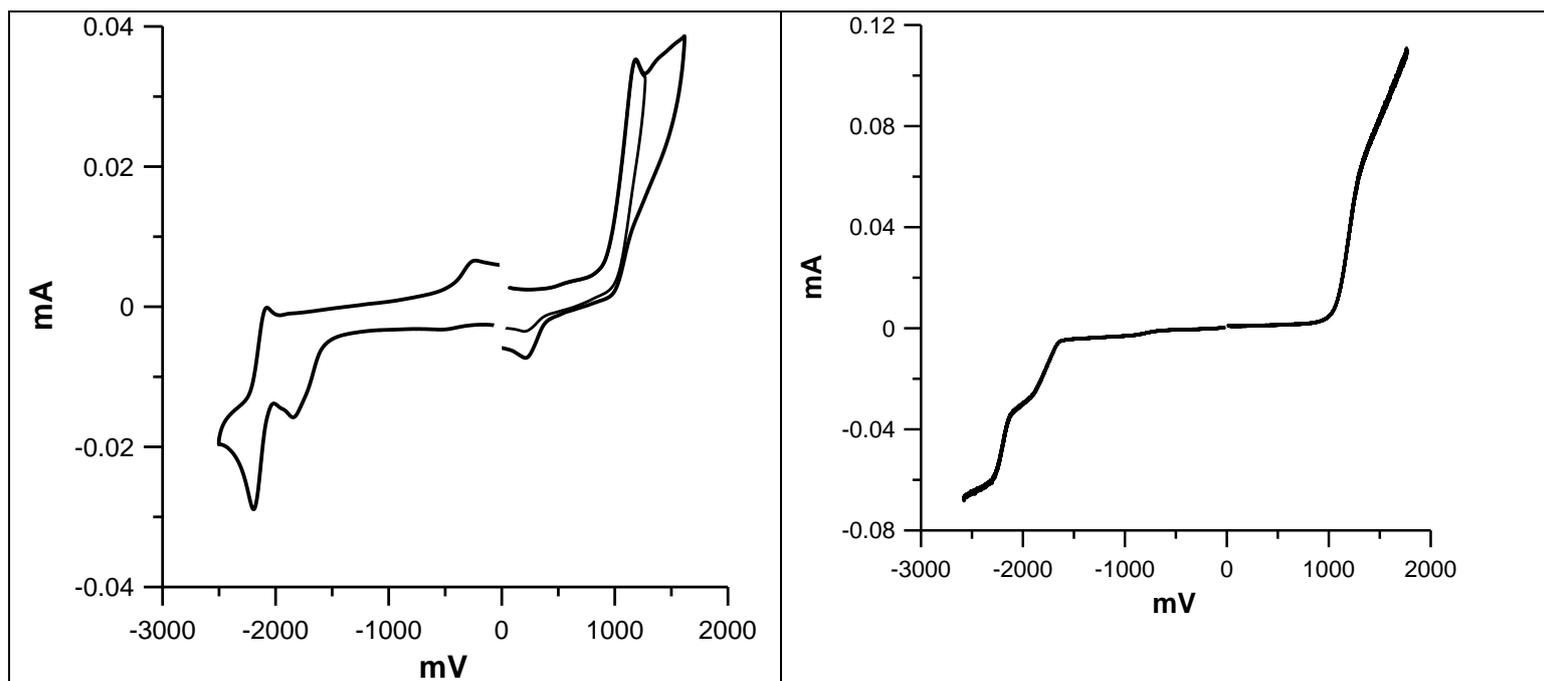


Figure S5. CVA (*left*) and RDE (*right*) for ligand **5a** (DMF, Bu₄NClO₄, GC electrode).

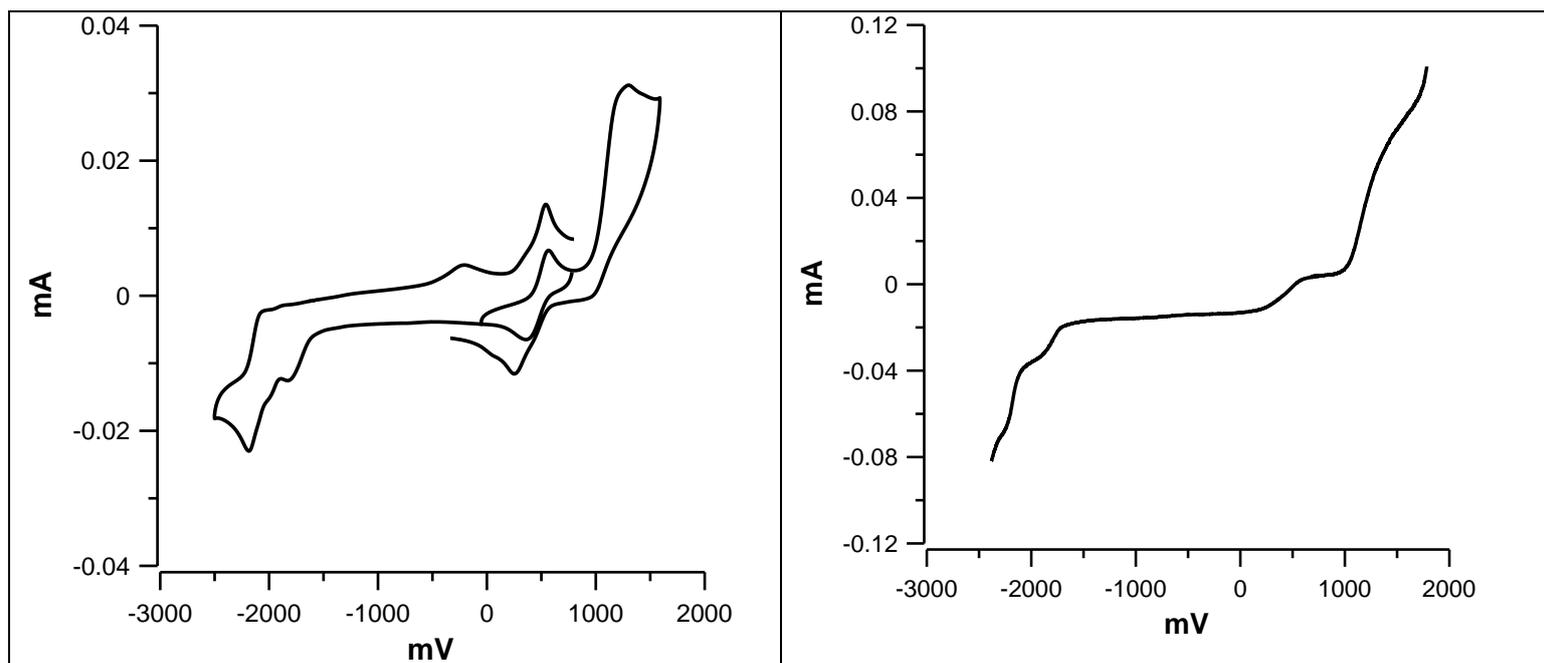


Figure S6. CVA (*left*) and RDE (*right*) for complex **6a** (DMF, Bu₄NClO₄, GC electrode).

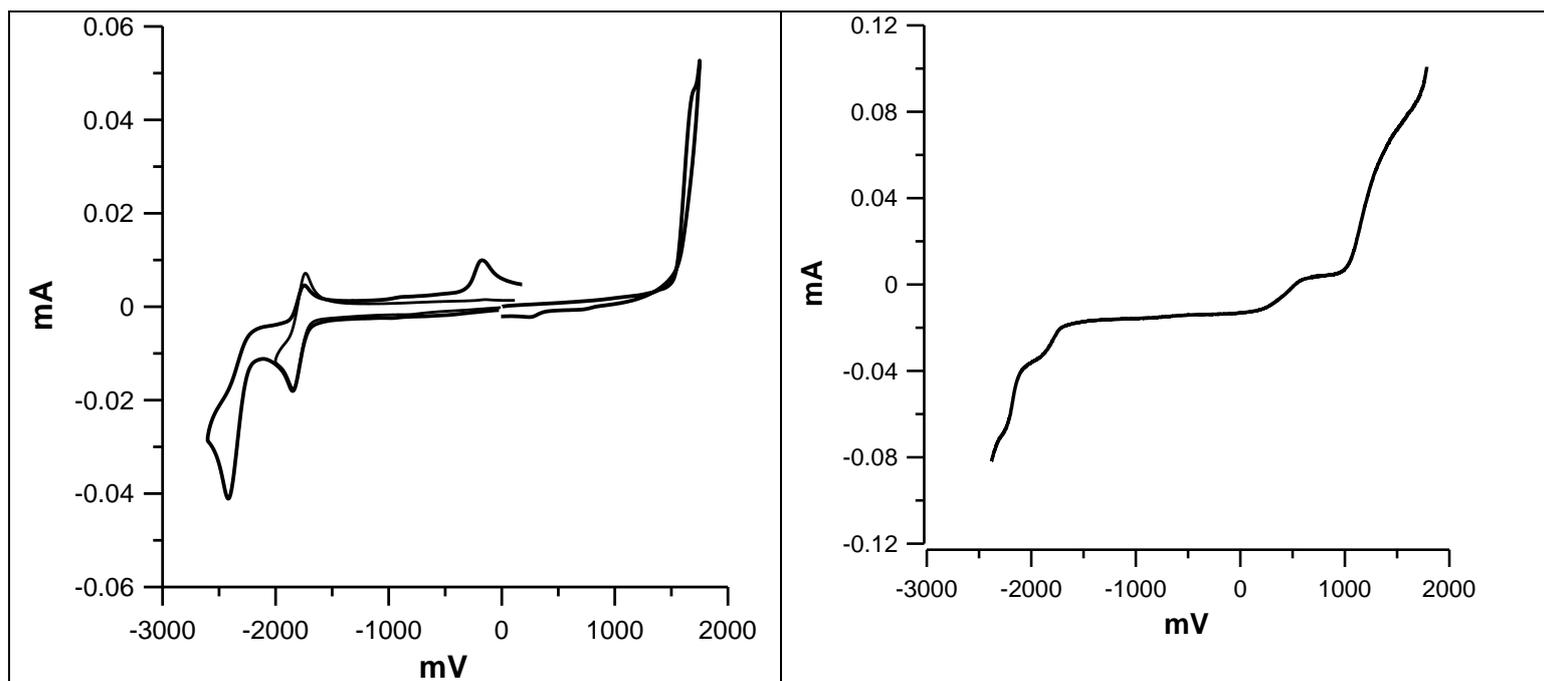


Figure S7. CVA (*left*) and RDE (*right*) for ligand **5b** (DMF, Bu₄NClO₄, GC electrode).

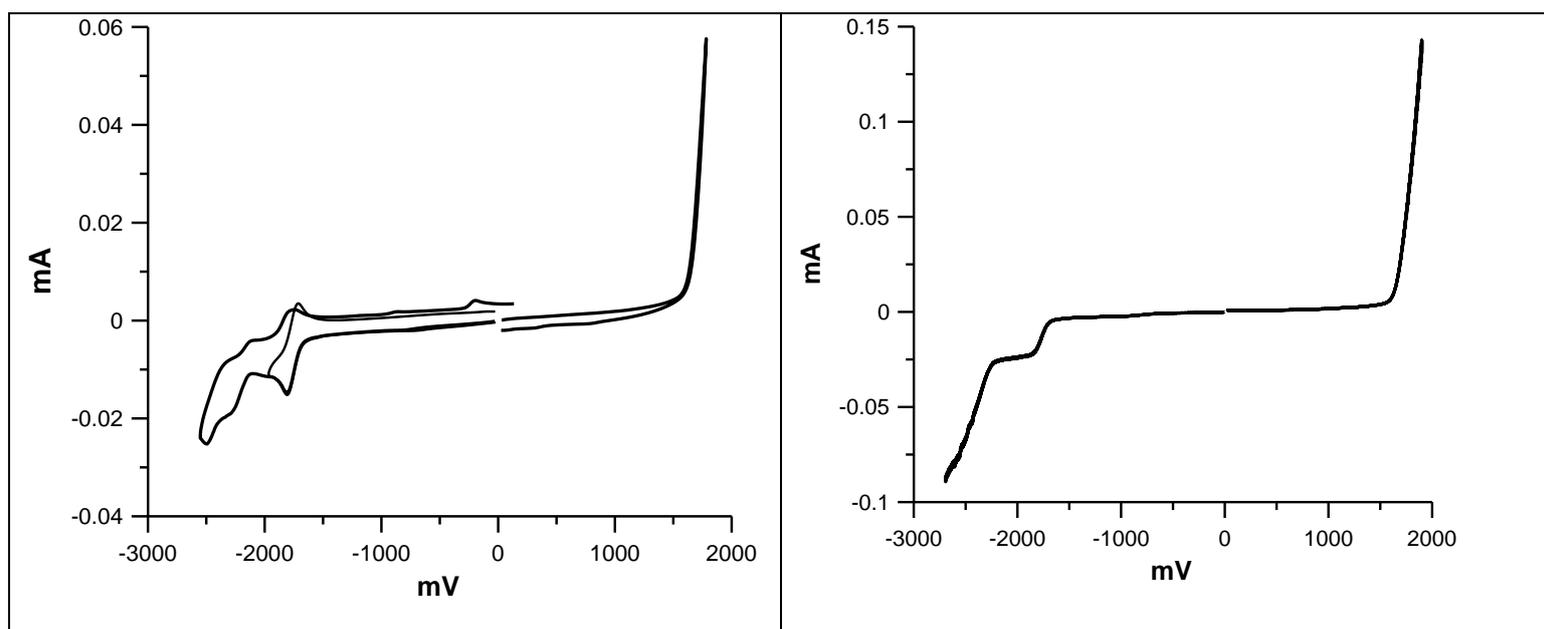


Figure S8. CVA (*left*) and RDE (*right*) for ligand **5c** (DMF, Bu₄NClO₄, GC electrode).

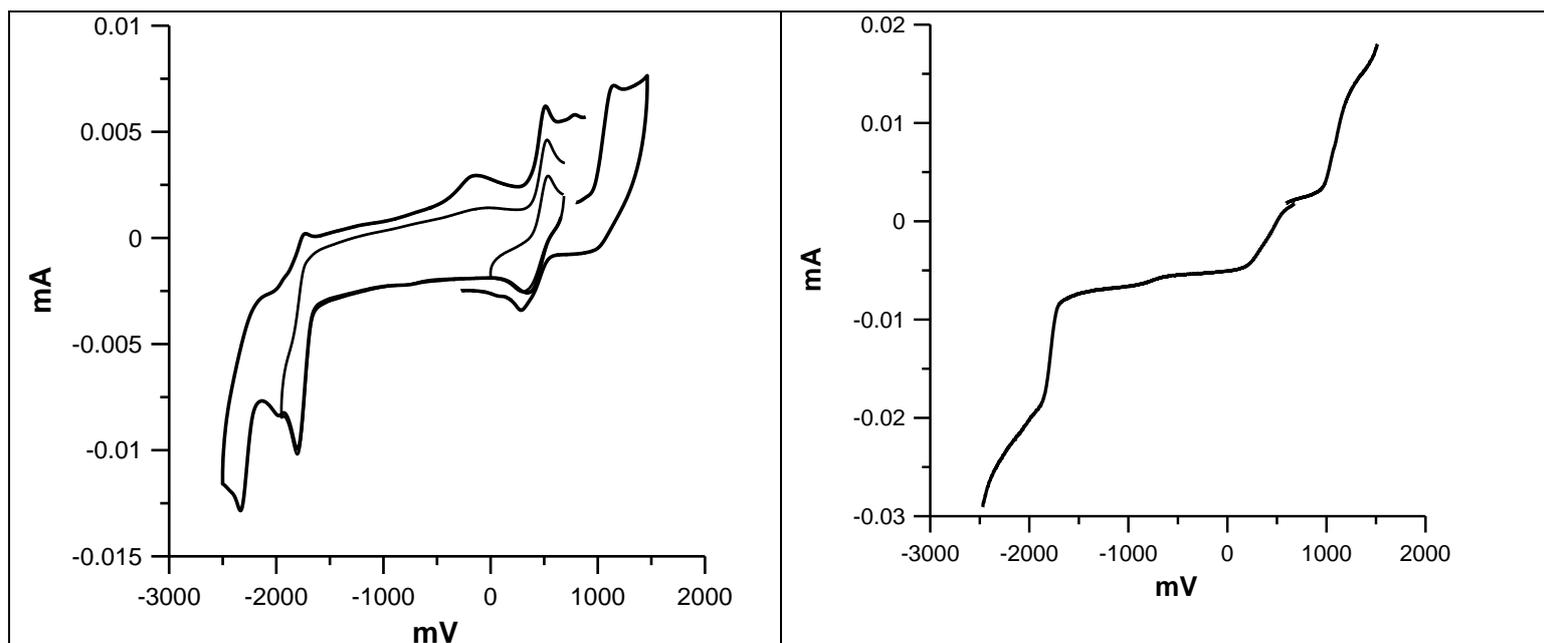


Figure S9. CVA (left) and RDE (right) for complex **6c** (DMF, Bu₄NClO₄, GC electrode).

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