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Redox moiety	Diluent	Method	k_0 (s^{-1})	$E_i^{0'}$ V vs SSCE	γ	fwhm (V) ^a
R1	D1	ILIT	3.4×10^4	0.495	95	-
		CV	3.3×10^4	0.474	100	0.103
R2	D2	ILIT	6.0×10^4	0.340	24	-
		CV	6.1×10^4	0.346	24	0.112
R3	D3	ILIT	3.2×10^6	0.328	12.0	-
		CV	3.2×10^6	0.324	12.1	0.121

^a Full-width-half-maximum of the cyclic voltammetric peak.

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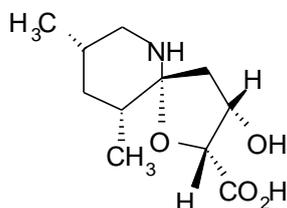
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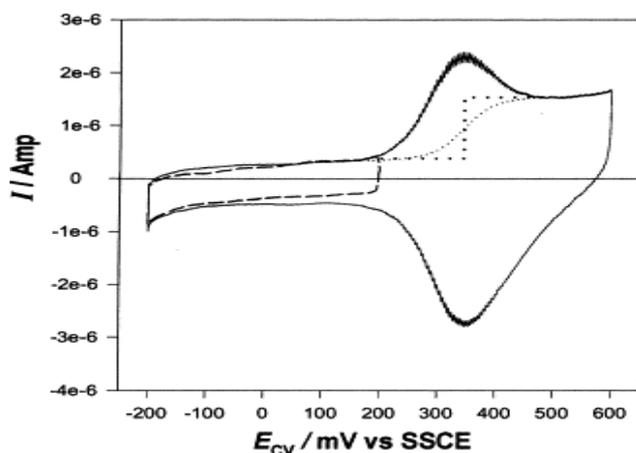


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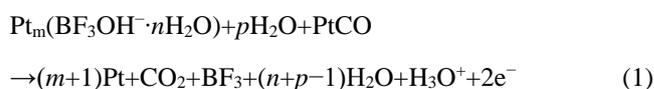
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