

Supporting information

Electrochemistry and Electrogenenerated Chemiluminescence of 1,3,5-Tri(anthracen-10-yl)-benzene-centered Starburst Oligofluorenes

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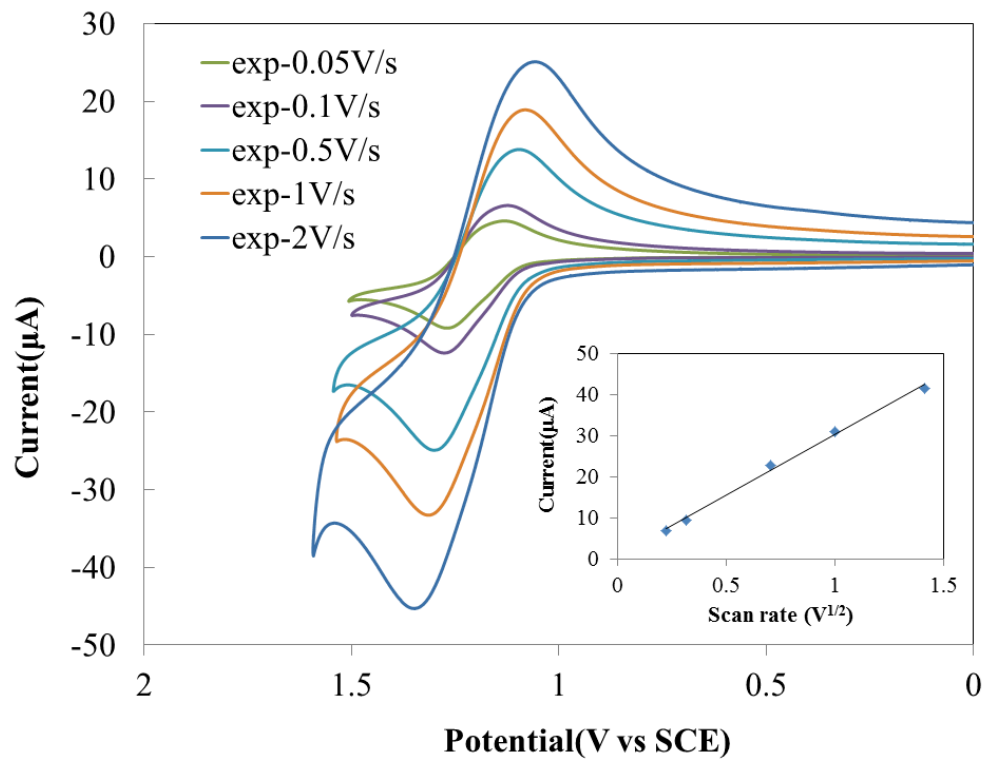


Figure S-1 CVs of 0.7 mM T1 with different scan rates at a Pt electrode with 0.034 cm² area. Experimental conditions: MeCN:Bz ($v:v=1:1$) solution containing 0.1 M TBAPF₆.

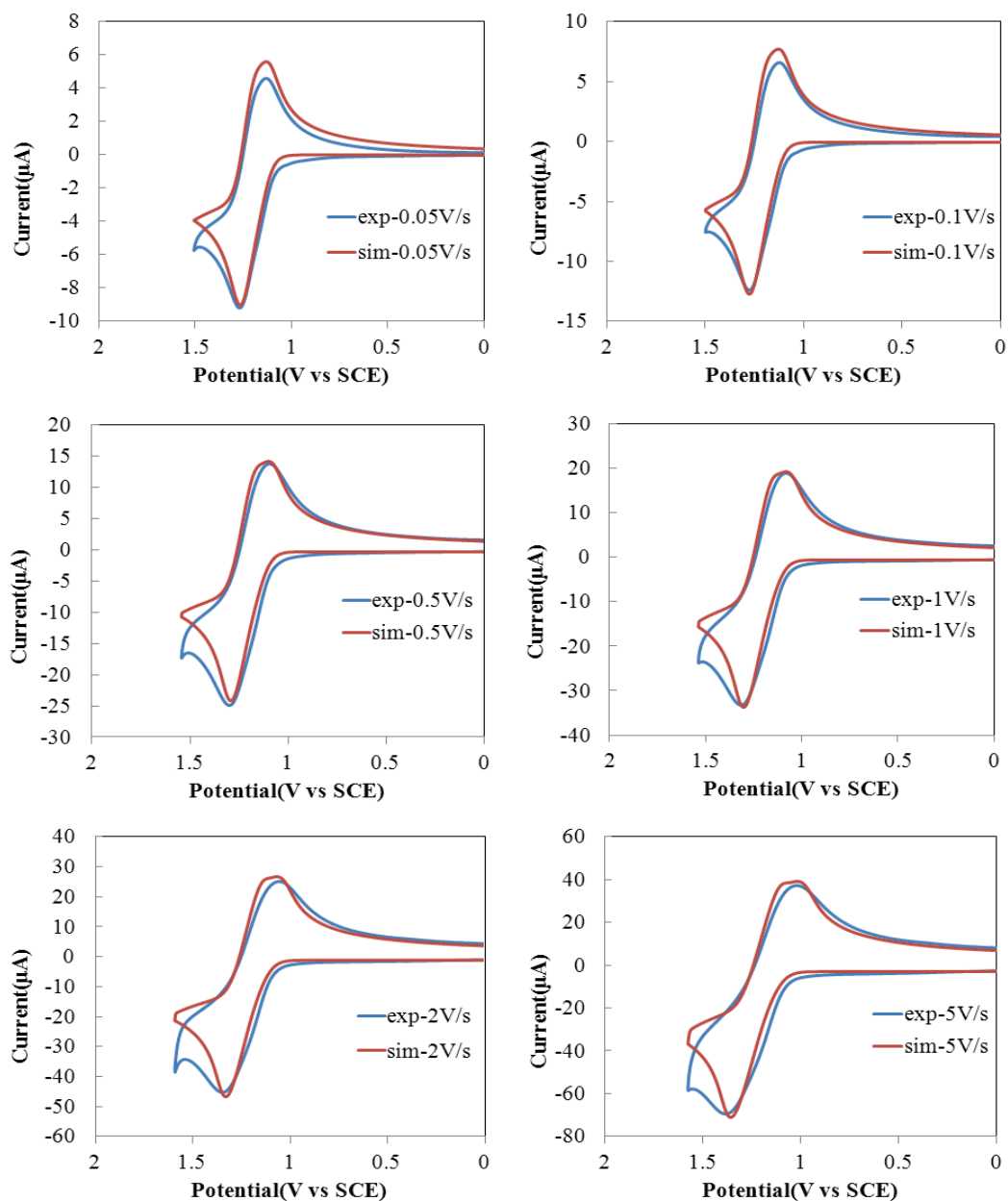


Figure S-2. Experimental and simulated oxidation waves for 0.7 mM T1 at different scan rates. The model for these oxidation simulations: EEE, $k_1^0=0.01\text{cm/s}$, $k_2^0=10000\text{ cm/s}$, $k_3^0=10000\text{ cm/s}$. Simulated data: $E_{1,\text{ox}}^0=1.14\text{ V}$, $E_{2,\text{ox}}^0=1.18\text{ V}$, $E_{3,\text{ox}}^0=1.22\text{ V}$; Diffusion coefficient: $6 \times 10^{-6}\text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$, uncompensated resistance $1400\ \Omega$, capacitance $6 \times 10^{-7}\text{ F}$. Experimental conditions: MeCN:Bz ($v:v=1:1$) solution containing 0.1 M TBAPF_6 , platinum electrode area: 0.034 cm^2 .

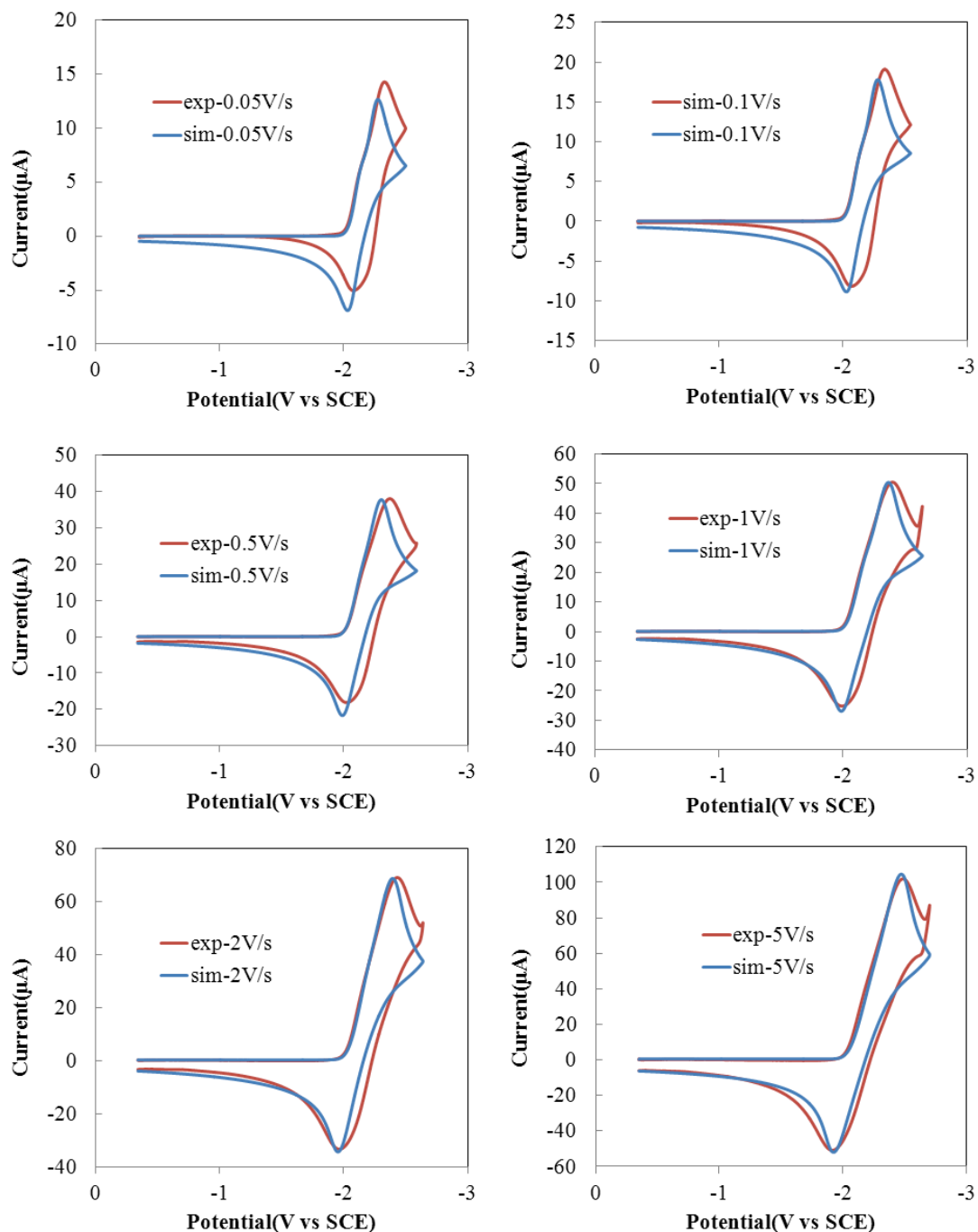


Figure S-3. Experimental and simulated reduction waves for 1.1 mM T1 at different scan rates. The model for these oxidation simulations: EEEEC, $k_1^0=0.01\text{cm/s}$, $k_2^0=0.005\text{cm/s}$, $k_3^0=0.005\text{ cm/s}$, $k_F=1\text{ s}^{-1}$. Simulated data: $E_{1,\text{red}}^0=-2.10\text{ V}$, $E_{2,\text{red}}^0=-2.16\text{ V}$, $E_{3,\text{red}}^0=-2.22\text{ V}$; Diffusion coefficient: $6 \times 10^{-6}\text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$, uncompensated resistance $1400\ \Omega$, capacitance $1 \times 10^{-7}\text{ F}$. Experimental conditions are same as Figure S-2.

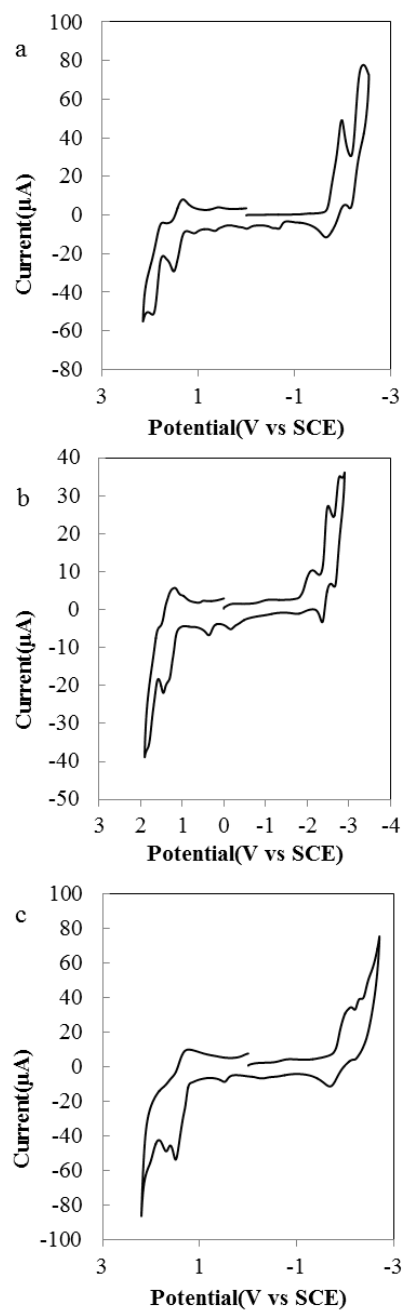


Figure S-4. CV of 0.94 mM of T1 (a); CV of 0.6 mM T2 (b); CV of 0.56 mM T3 (c); Scan rate, 0.5 V/s. Experimental conditions: MeCN:Bz ($v:v=1:1$) solution containing 0.1 M TBAPF₆, platinum electrode area is 0.034 cm².

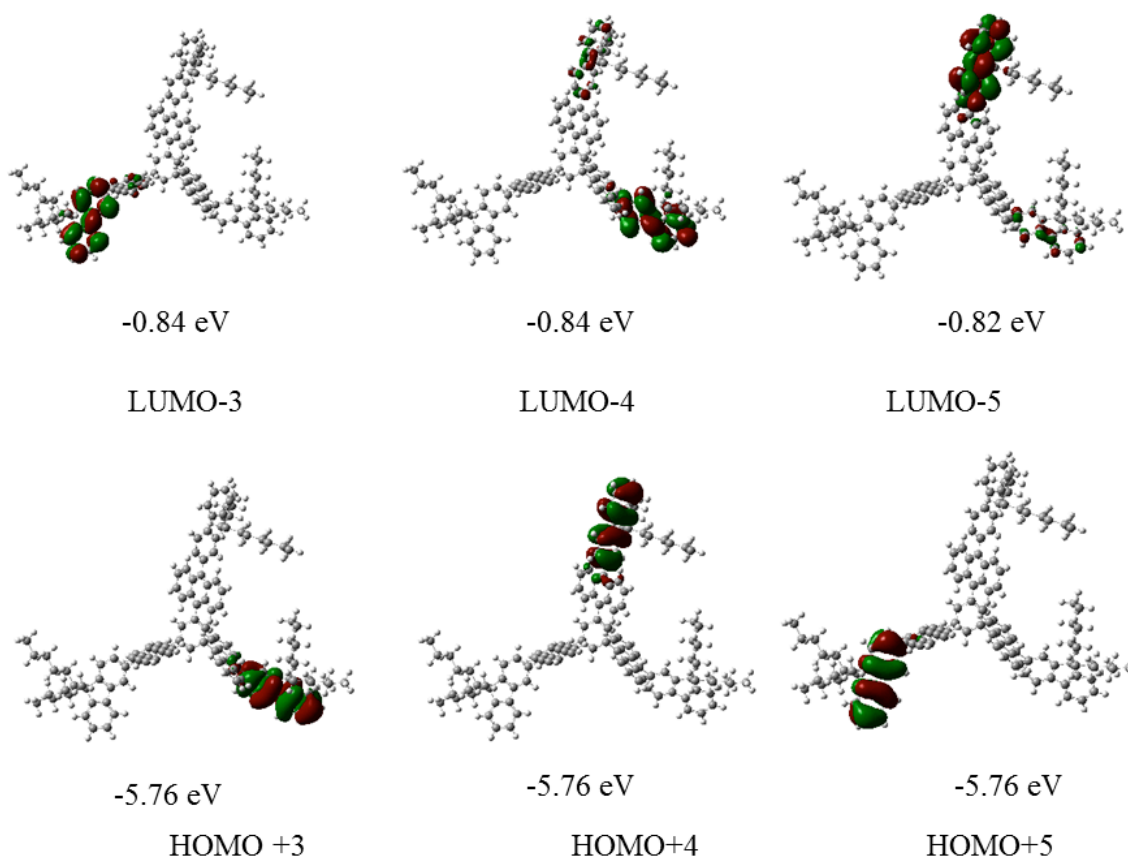


Figure S-5. Calculated frontier molecular orbitals of HOMOs and LUMOs for **T1** by DFT (B3LYP/6-31G(d)).

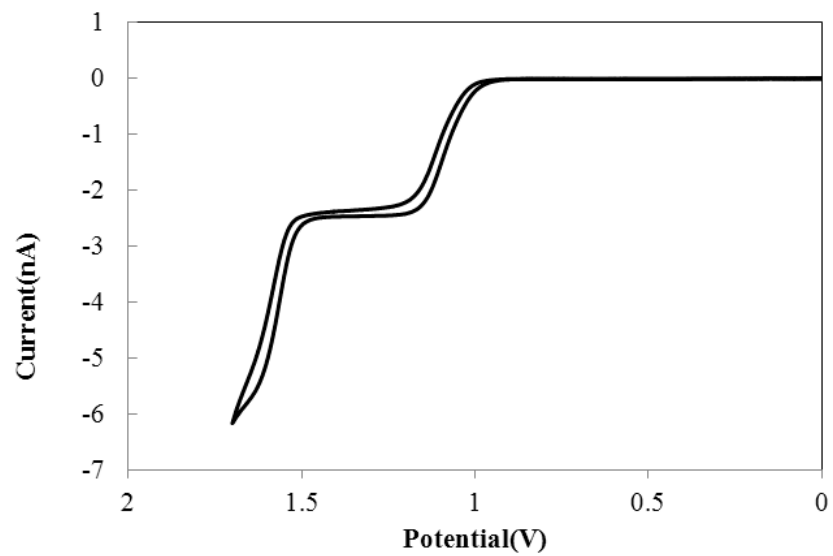


Figure S-6. Cyclic voltammograms of 0.7 mM T1 in MeCN:Bz(1:1) solution containing 0.1 M TBAPF₆. Gold UME: r=10 μm. Scan rate: 10 mV/s.

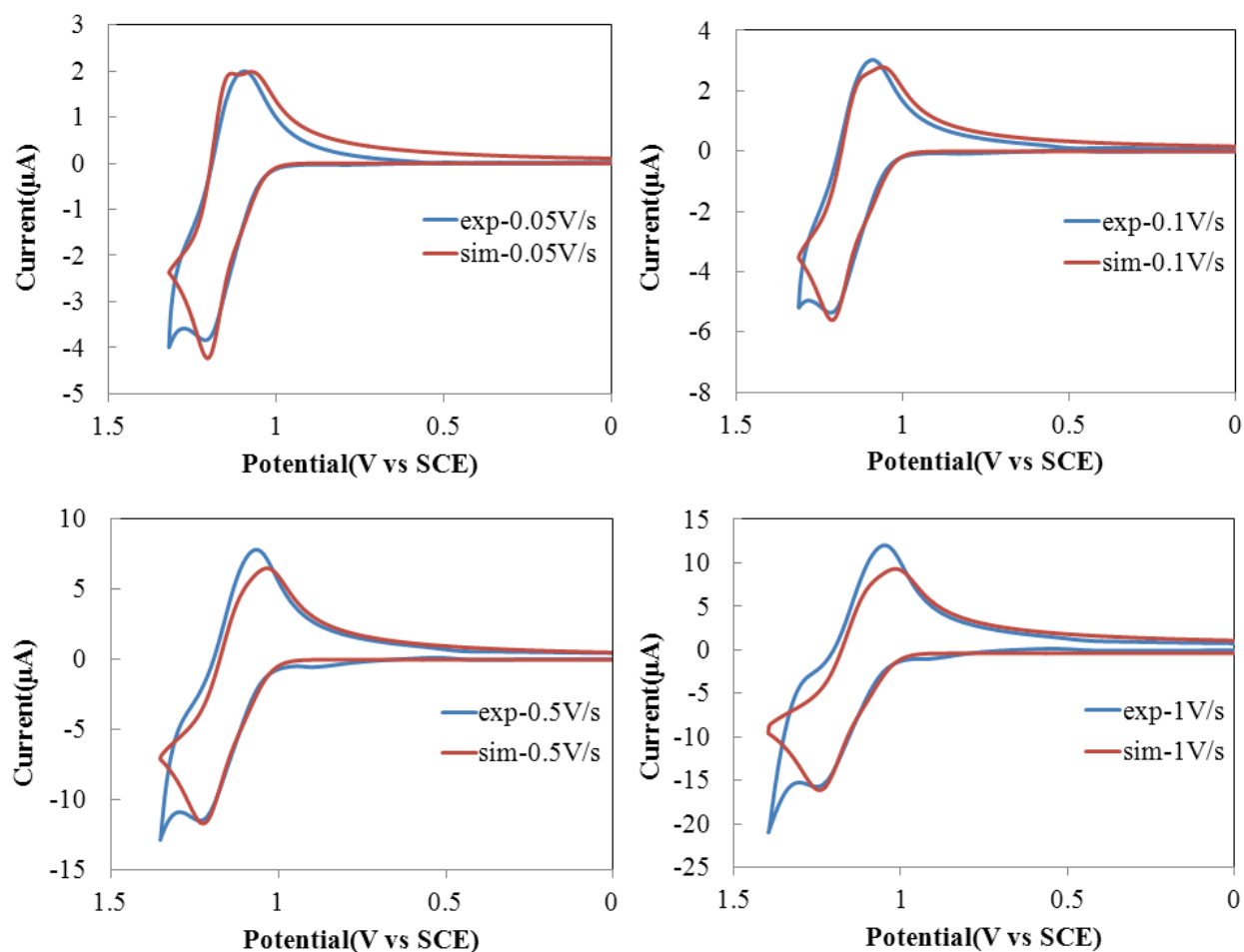


Figure S-7. Experimental and simulated oxidation waves for 0.3 mM T2 at different scan rates. The model for these oxidation simulations: EEE, $k_1^0=0.01\text{cm/s}$, $k_2^0=0.01\text{ cm/s}$, $k_3^0=0.1\text{ cm/s}$. Simulated data: $E_{1,\text{ox}}^0=1.11\text{ V}$, $E_{2,\text{ox}}^0=1.16\text{ V}$, $E_{3,\text{ox}}^0=1.18\text{ V}$; Diffusion coefficient: $6.0 \times 10^{-6}\text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$, uncompensated resistance $1799\ \Omega$, capacitance $1 \times 10^{-7}\text{ F}$. Experimental conditions are same as Figure S-2.

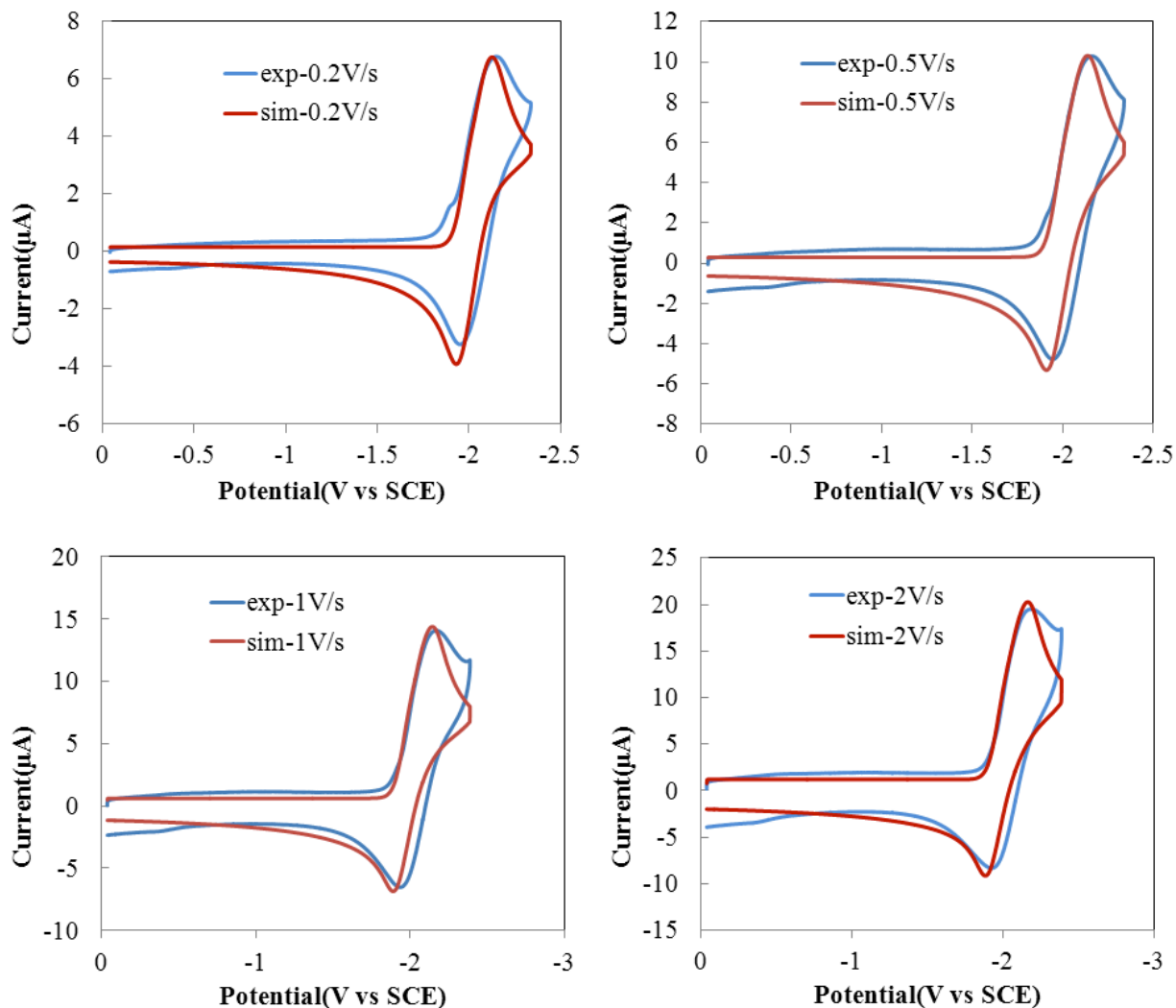


Figure S-8. Experimental and simulated reduction waves for 0.3 mM T2 at different scan rates. The model for these oxidation simulations: EEEEC, $k_1^0=0.01\text{cm/s}$, $k_2^0=0.01\text{ cm/s}$, $k_3^0=0.005\text{ cm/s}$, $k_f=2\text{ s}^{-1}$. Simulated data: $E_{1,\text{red}}^0=-1.98\text{ V}$, $E_{2,\text{red}}^0=-2.03\text{ V}$, $E_{3,\text{red}}^0=-2.08\text{ V}$; Diffusion coefficient: $6.0\times 10^{-6}\text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$, uncompensated resistance $449\ \Omega$, capacitance $6\times 10^{-7}\text{ F}$. Experimental conditions are same as Figure S-2.

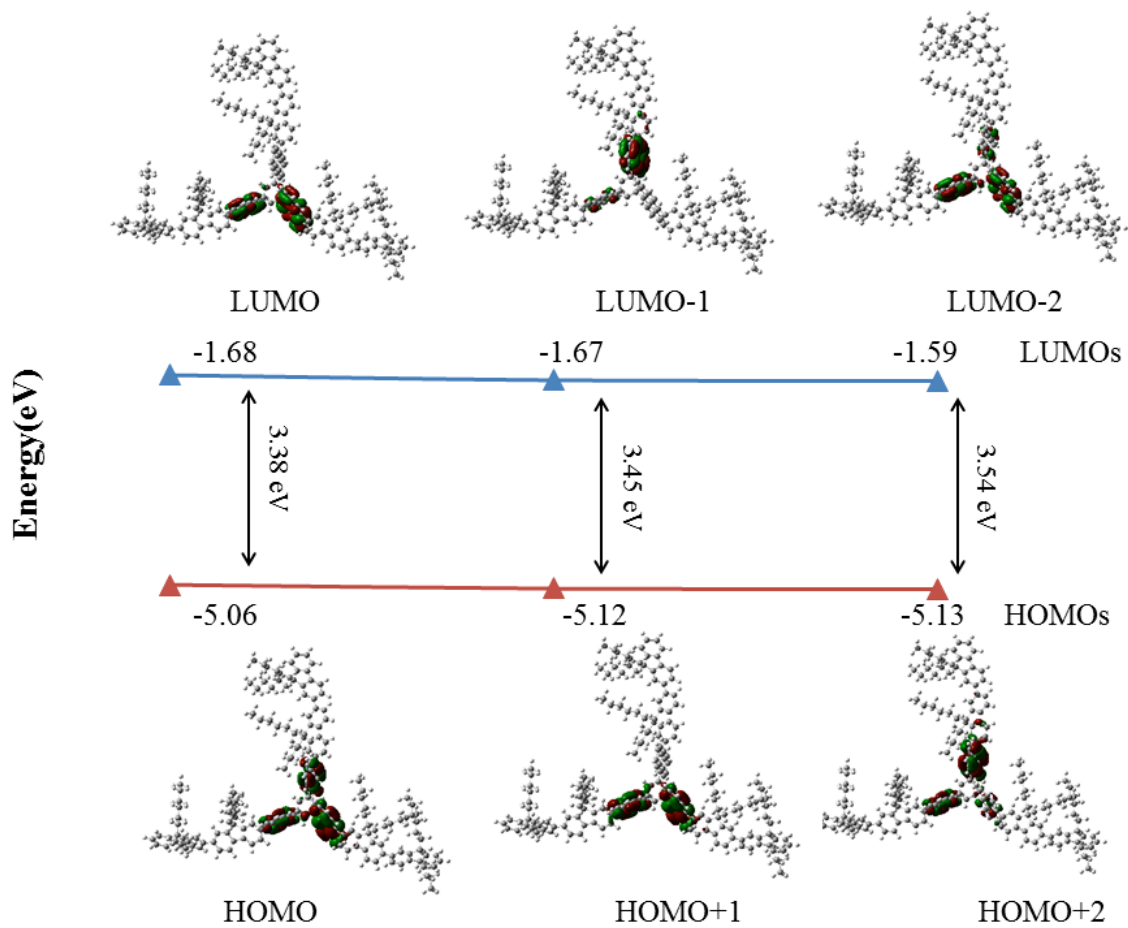


Figure S-9. Calculated frontier molecular orbitals of HOMOs and LUMOs for **T2** by DFT (B3LYP/6-31G(d)).

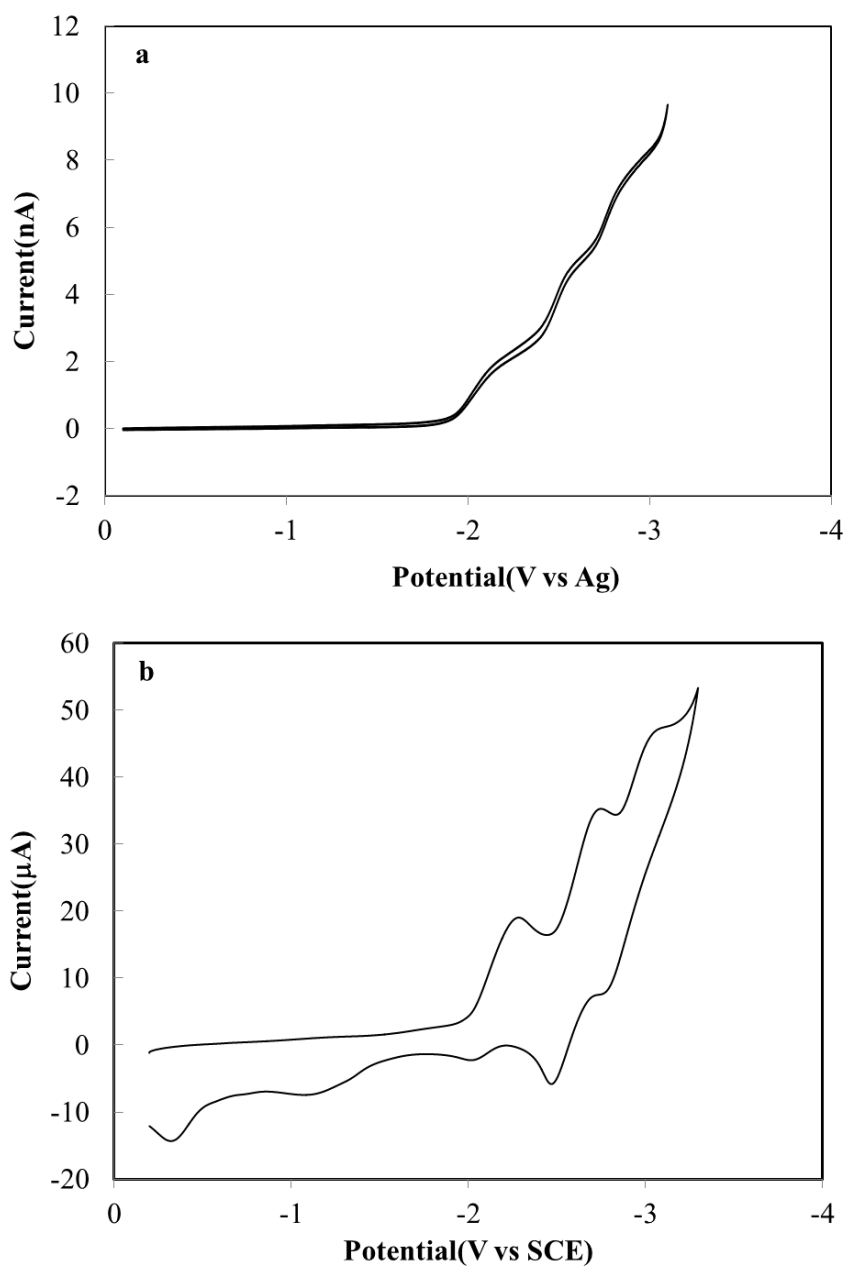


Figure S-10. Cyclic voltammograms of 0.64 mM T2 in THF solution containing 0.1 M TBAPF₆. (a) at Gold UME: $r=10\ \mu\text{m}$, scan rate: 5 mV/s; (b) at platinum electrode $0.034\ \text{cm}^2$, Scan rate: 0.5 V/s.

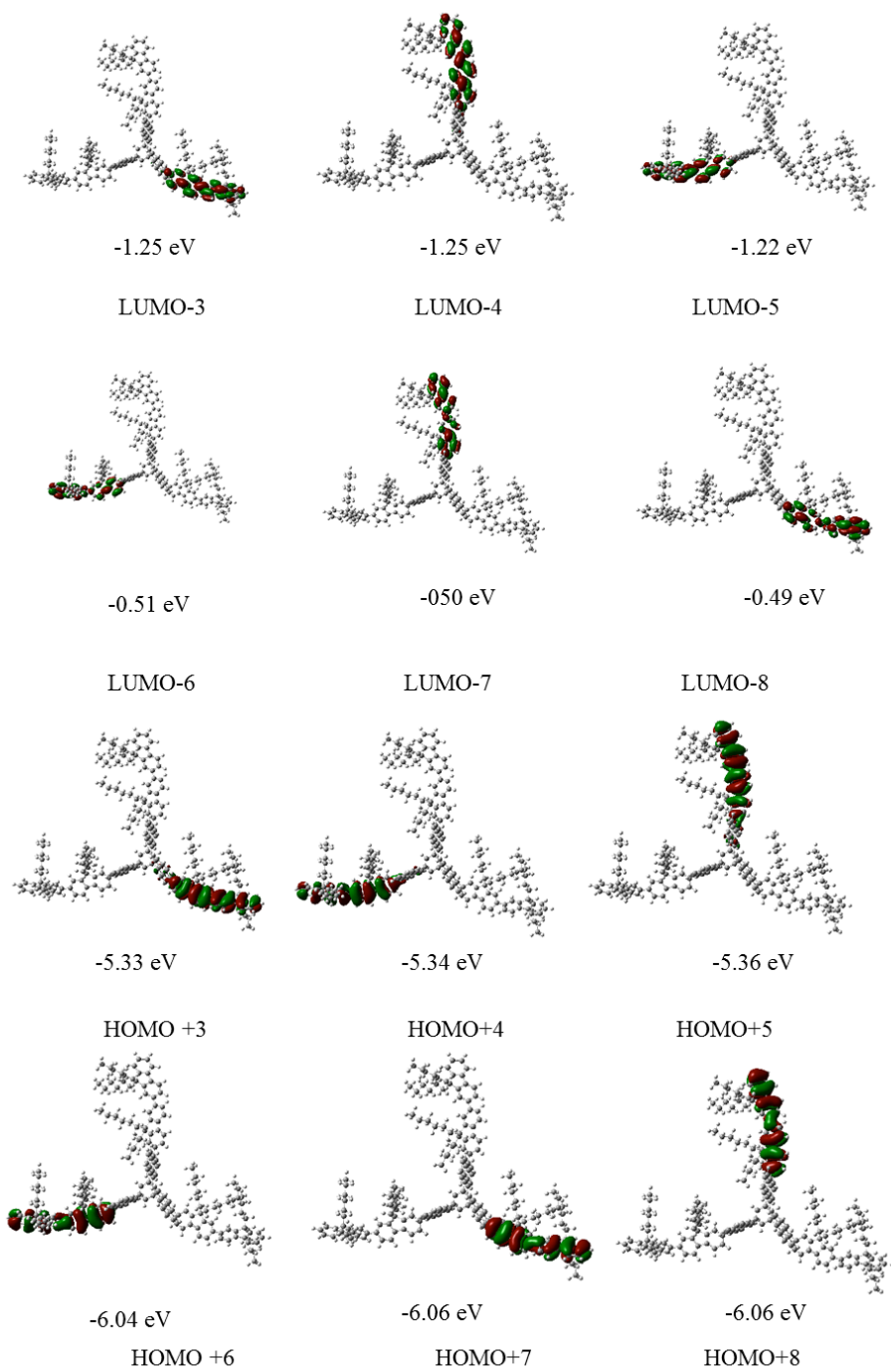


Figure S-11. Calculated frontier molecular orbitals of HOMOs and LUMOs for **T2** by DFT (B3LYP/6-31G(d)).

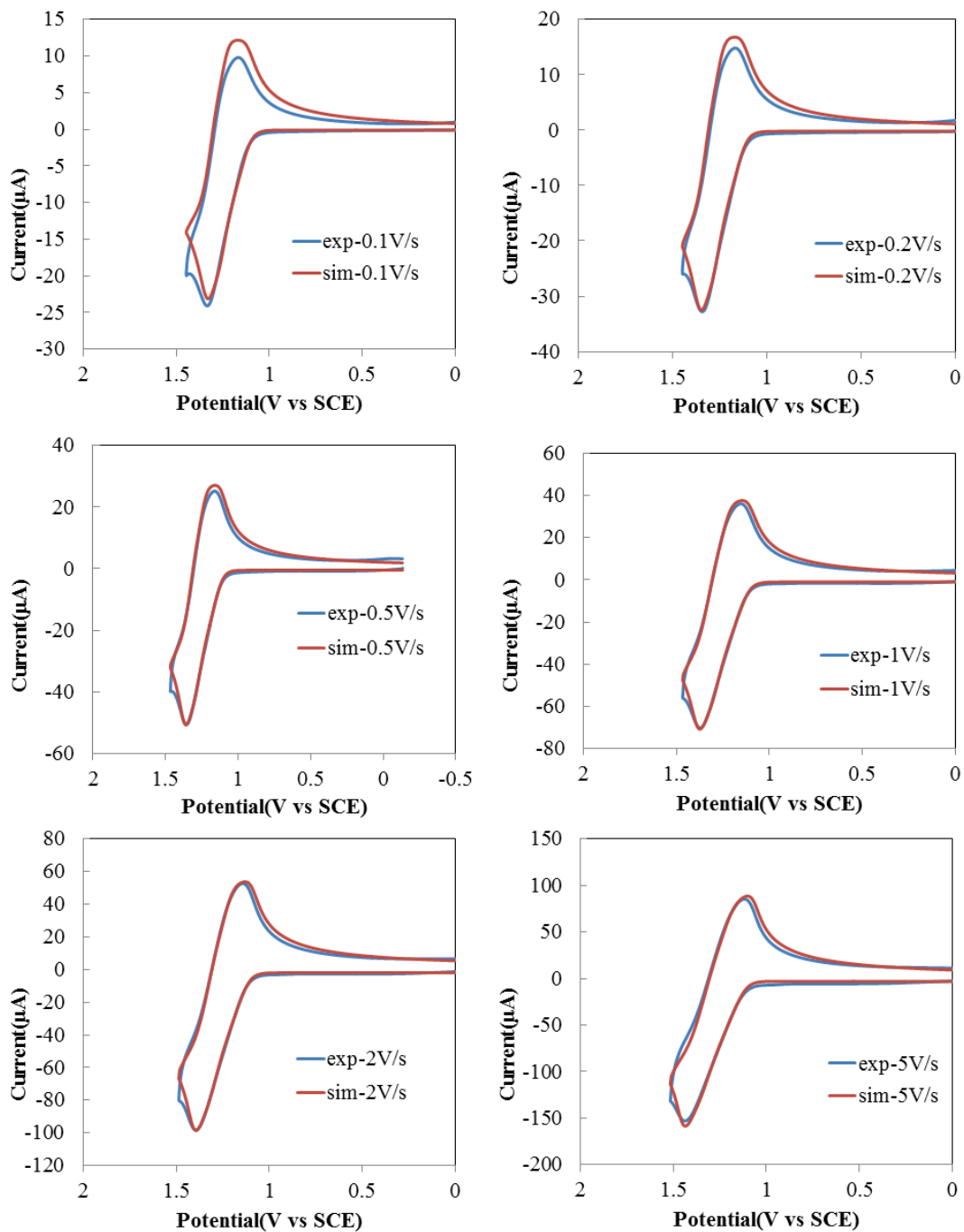
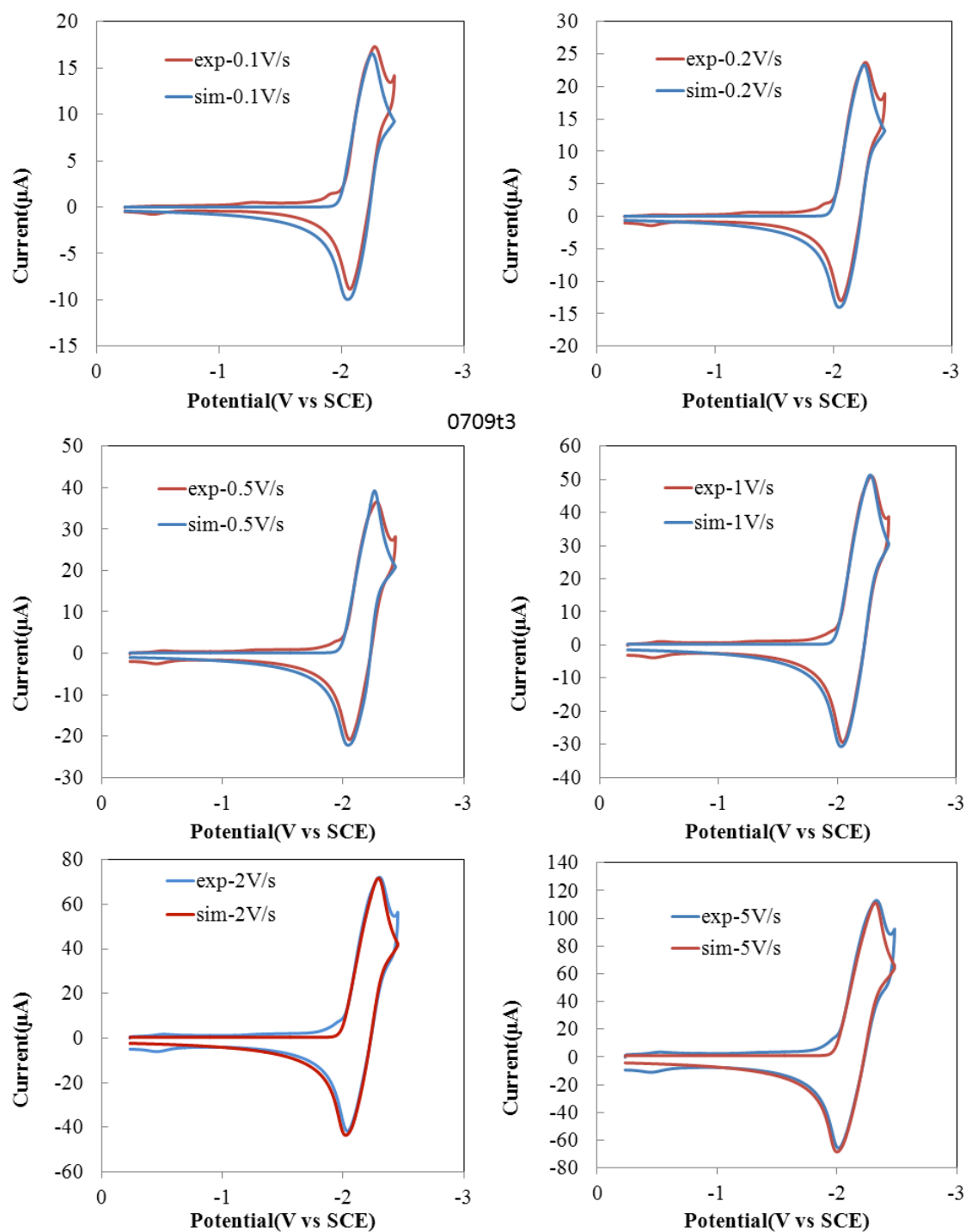


Figure S-12. Experimental and simulated oxidation waves for 0.7 mM T3 at different scan rates. The model for these oxidation simulations: EEEEEEE, $k^0=10^4$ cm/s. Simulated data: $E^0_{1,ox}=1.16$ V, $E^0_{2,ox}=1.2$ V, $E^0_{3,ox}=1.24$ V, $E^0_{4,ox}=1.26$ V, $E^0_{5,ox}=1.3$ V, $E^0_{6,ox}=1.32$ V; Diffusion coefficient: 6×10^{-6} cm²/s, uncompensated resistance 617 Ω , capacitance 1×10^{-6} F. Experimental conditions are same as Figure S-2.



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Figure S-13. Experimental and simulated reduction waves for 0.54 mM T3 at different scan rates. The model for these oxidation simulations: EEEEE, $k^0=10^4$ cm/s. Simulated data: $E_{1,\text{red}}^0=-2.05$ V, $E_{2,\text{red}}^0=-2.09$ V, $E_{3,\text{red}}^0=-2.13$ V, $E_{4,\text{red}}^0=-2.17$ V, $E_{5,\text{red}}^0=-2.21$ V, $E_{6,\text{red}}^0=-2.25$ V; Diffusion coefficient: 6×10^{-6} cm²/s, uncompensated resistance 611 Ω , capacitance 2×10^{-7} F. Experimental conditions are same as Figure S-2.

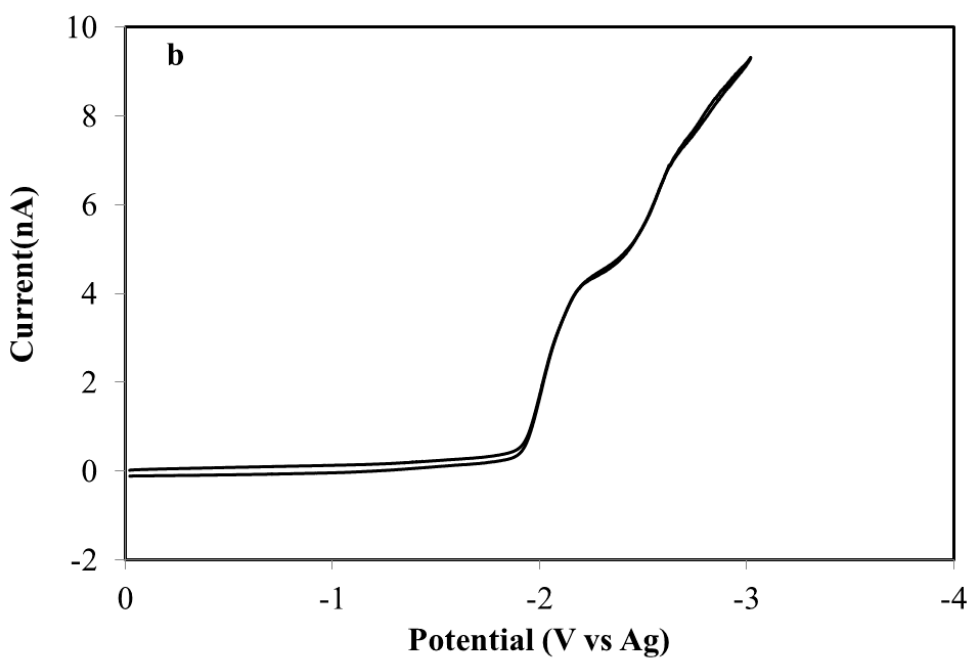
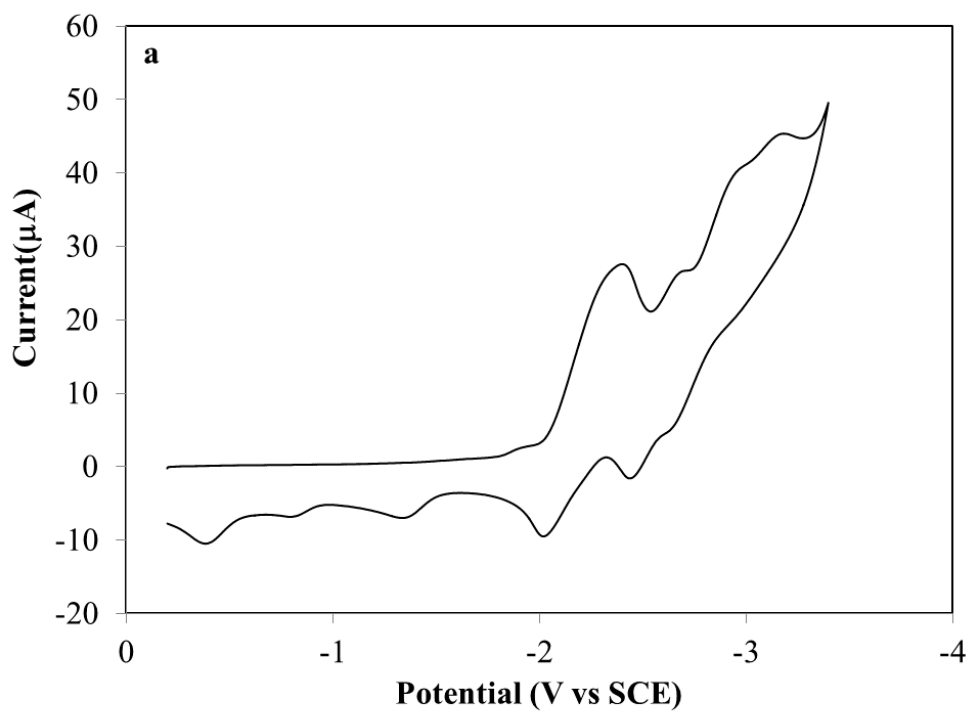


Figure S-14. Cyclic voltammograms of 0.4 mM T3 in THF solution containing 0.1 M TBAPF₆.
 (a) at platinum electrode 0.034 cm², Scan rate: 0.5 V/s; (b) at Gold UME: r=10 μm , scan rate: 5 mV/s.

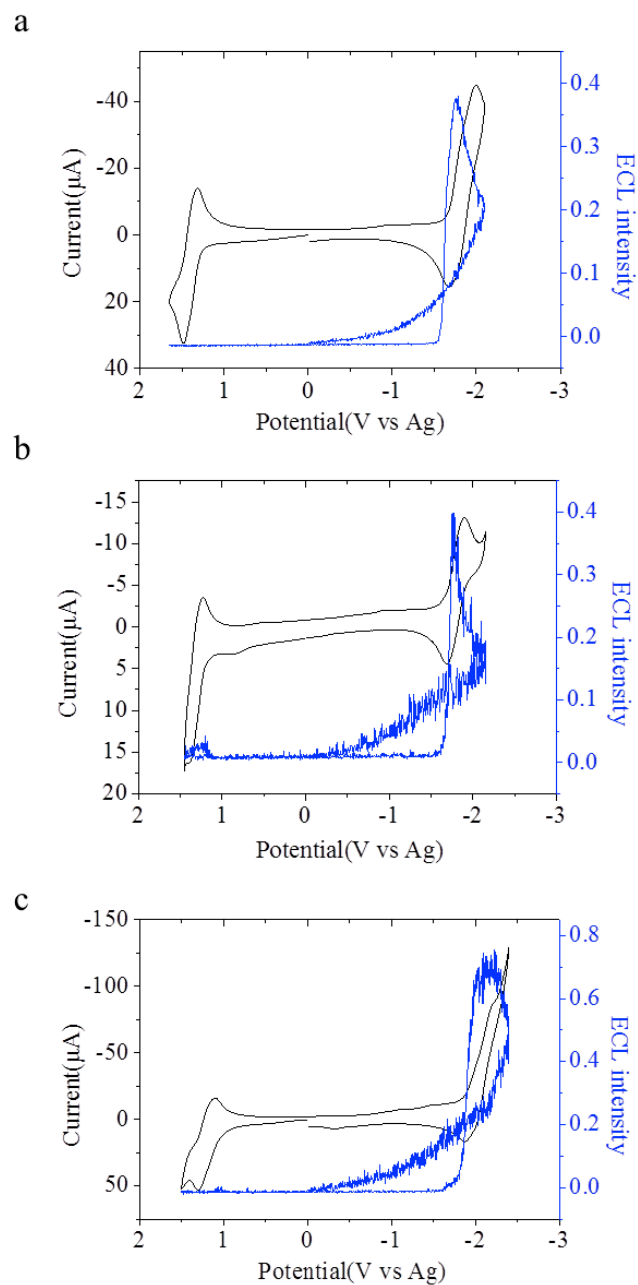


Figure S-15. Simultaneous ECL and CV profiles for 0.8 mM T1 (a), 0.5 mM T2 (b) and 0.8 mM T3(c) in MeCN:Bz ($v:v=1:1$) solution containing 0.1 M TBAPF₆. Scan rate, 0.5 V/s.

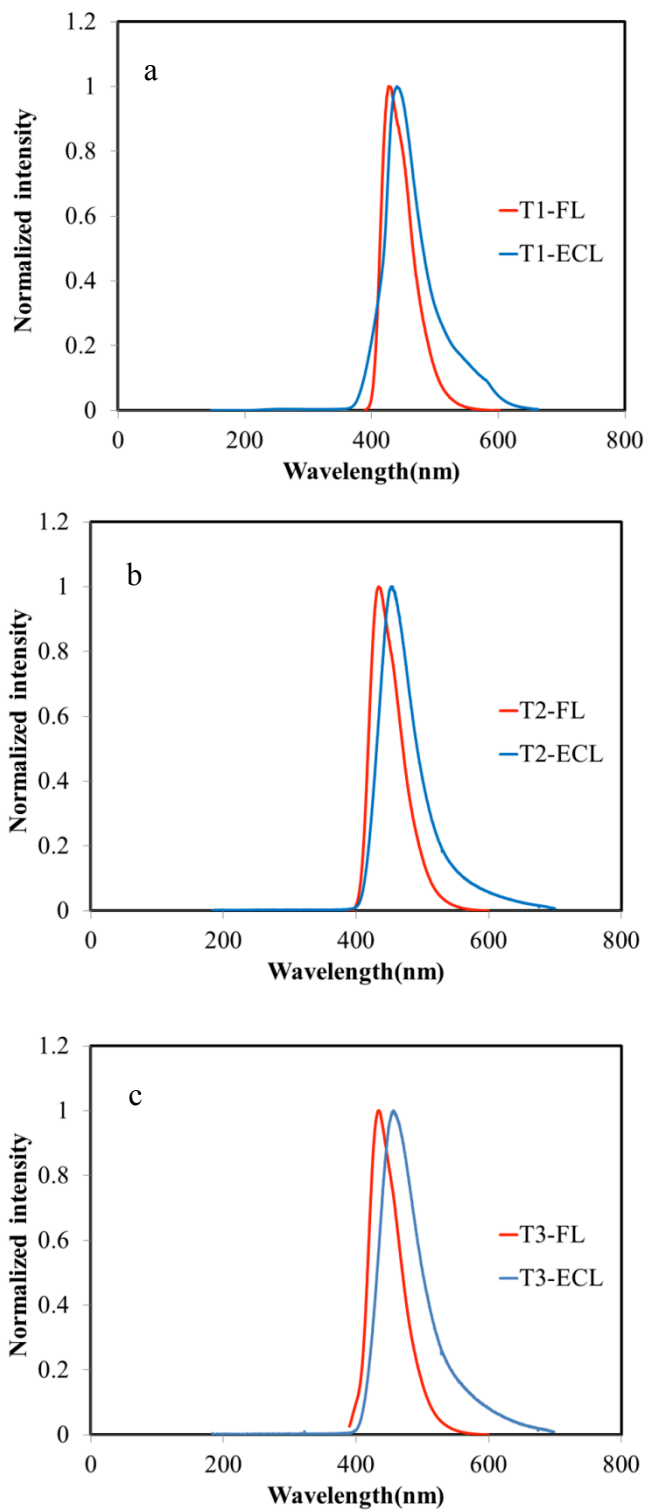


Figure S-16. Normalized PL (red) and ECL (blue) spectra of T1 (a), T2 (b) and T3 (c) in MeCN:Bz(1:1) solution containing 0.1 M TBAPF₆.