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Electrochemical study of fast blue BB. A green strategy for sulfination of fast blue BB

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Table 1: ΔE obtained from cyclic voltammogram of 1 mM **FBBB**, in water (different pH values/ethanol mixture) (70/30, v/v). Scan rate: 10 mV/s. Temperature =25±1 °C.

рН	1.0	1.6	2.4	3.3	4.1	5.0	6.0	6.9	7.8	9.7	10.9
ΔΕ/V	0.037	0.039	0.056	0.074	0.115	0.177	0.267	0.272	0.314	0.364	0.375



Effect of scan rate on cyclic voltammogram of FBBB in various pH values

Cyclic voltammograms of different amounts of **FBBB** (1.0, 2.0 and 4.0 mM) in various scan rates at glassy carbon electrode, in water (perchloric acid, 0.1 M)/ethanol mixture (70/30, v/v). Scan rate: (a) 25 mV/s, (b) 100 mV/s and (c) 300 mV/s. Temperature = 25 ± 1 °C.



Cyclic voltammograms of different amounts of **FBBB** (1.0, 2.0 and 4.0 mM) in various scan rates at glassy carbon electrode, in acetate buffer (c = 0.2 M, pH = 4.0) /ethanol mixture (70/30, v/v). Scan rate: (a) 25 mV/s, (b) 100 mV/s and (c) 300 mV/s. Temperature =25±1 °C.



Cyclic voltammograms of different amounts of **FBBB** (1.0, 2.0 and 4.0 mM) in various scan rates at glassy carbon electrode, in water (phosphate buffer, c = 0.2 M, pH =7.0)/ethanol mixture (70/30, v/v). Scan rate: (a) 25 mV/s, (b) 100 mV/s and (c) 300 mV/s. Temperature =25±1 °C.



Cyclic voltammograms of different amounts of **FBBB** (1.0, 2.0 and 4.0 mM) in various scan rates at glassy carbon electrode, in water (carbonate buffer, c=0.2, pH=11)/ethanol mixture (70/30, v/v). Scan rate: (a) 25 mV/s, (b) 100 mV/s and (c) 300 mV/s. Temperature =25±1 °C.



Effect of FBBB concentration on cyclic voltammograms in various pH values

Cyclic voltammograms of **FBBB** in various concentrations at glassy carbon electrode, in water (perchloric acid, 0.1 M)/ethanol mixture (70/30, v/v). **FBBB** concentration: (a) 1 mM, (b) 2 mM and (c) 3 mM. Temperature = 25 ± 1 °C.



Cyclic voltammograms of **FBBB** in various concentrations at glassy carbon electrode, in acetate buffer (c = 0.2 M, pH = 4.0)/ethanol mixture (70/30, v/v). **FBBB** concentration: (a) 1 mM, (b) 2 mM and (c) 3mM. Temperature =25±1 °C.



Cyclic voltammograms of **FBBB** in various concentrations at glassy carbon electrode in water (phosphate buffer, c = 0.2 M, pH =7.0)//ethanol mixture (70/30, v/v). **FBBB** concentration: (a) 1 mM, (b) 2 mM and (c) 3 mM. Temperature =25±1 °C.



Cyclic voltammograms of **FBBB** in various concentrations at glassy carbon electrode in water (carbonate buffer, c=0.2, pH=11)/ethanol mixture (70/30, v/v). **FBBB** concentration: (a) 1 mM, (b) 2 mM and (c) 3 mM. Temperature =25±1 °C.

The diffusion coefficient of FBBB was calculated using randles-sevcik equation:

$$i_p = (2.69 \times 10^5) n^{\frac{3}{2}} A D_0^{\frac{1}{2}} C_{ox}^* v^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

 $i_p = k v^{\frac{1}{2}}$

To reach this goal, the linear sweep voltammograms of a solution containing 32 mg (1 mM) K_3 [Fe(CN)₆] in 0.5 M of KCl were recorded at several scan rates and then I_p vs. $v^{\frac{1}{2}}$ was plotted.



A) Linear sweep voltammograms of 1 mM K₃[Fe(CN)₆] in KCl (0.5 M), in various scan rate at glassy carbon electrode. Scan rate from a to g: 10, 25, 50, 75, 125, 150 and 175 mV/s. B) The plot of I vs. $\nu^{1/2}$. Temperature =25±1 °C.

The slope (k) of the line is equal to: 1.99×10^{-5}

Slope =
$$(2.69 \times 10^5) n^{\frac{3}{2}} A D_0^{\frac{1}{2}} C_{ox}^* = 1.99 \times 10^{-5}$$

In randles- sevcik equation, *D* is the diffusion coefficient (7.6 × 10⁻⁶), *n* is the number of the electron, *A* is the electroactive surface and C_{ox}^* is the K₃[Fe(CN)₆] concentration.

1.99×10⁻⁵=
$$(2.69 \times 10^5)(1)^{\frac{3}{2}} \text{ A} (7.6 \times 10^{-6})^{1/2} (10^{-6})$$

A= 0.026 cm²

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Mass spectrum of 3a



¹H NMR spectrum of **3a**



¹H NMR spectrum of **3a** (with D_2O)



¹³C NMR spectrum of **3a**



FTIR spectrum of 3b



Mass spectrum of 3b



¹H NMR spectrum of **3b**



¹³C NMR spectrum of **3b**



FTIR spectrum of 3c



Mass spectrum of 3c





¹³C NMR spectrum of **3c**

