

Supporting information for

Electrogenerated chemiluminescence with peroxydisulfate as a coreactant using boron doped diamond electrodes

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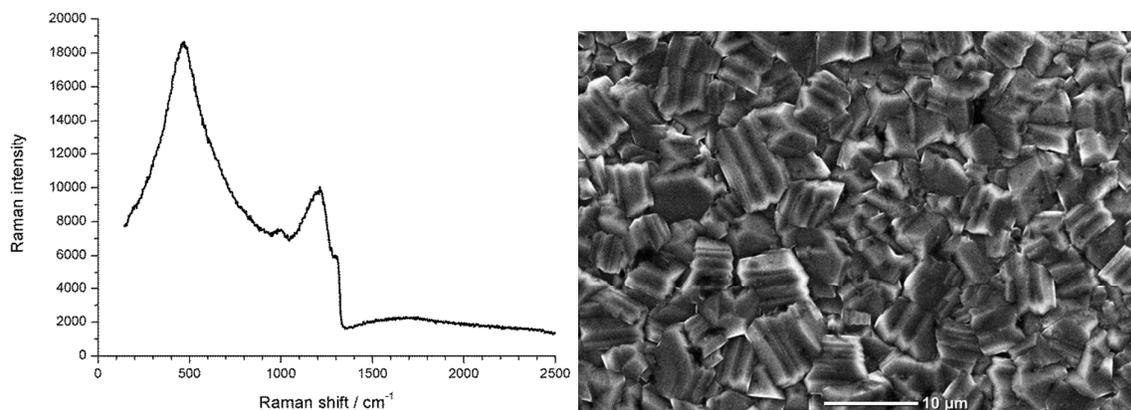


Figure S1. Raman spectra and SEM micrograph of BDD electrode.

The BDD electrode used throughout the ECL experiments is 1% B/C. The high boron-doped diamond exhibits a phonon line (Fano resonance) as a shoulder peak around 1300 cm^{-1} . Non-diamond carbon results in a broad peak at $1600\text{-}1700\text{ cm}^{-1}$.^{1,2} The SEM image of the BDD shows the (111) facet as predominant, with crystals from 3 to 5 μm . The B concentration is $\approx 2 \times 10^{21}/\text{cm}^3$, therefore BDD shows metallic conductivity.¹ A detailed electrochemical characterization of BDD electrode, the same as used in this work, can be found in Ref. 3 and 4.

2. ECL at GC for higher concentration of $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$ and $\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}$.

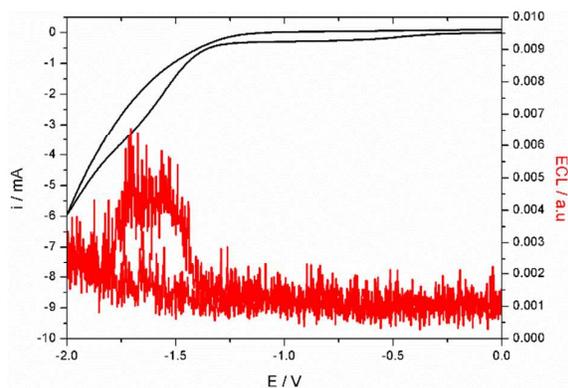


Figure S2. CV (black) and ECL (red) of GC for $50\ \mu\text{M}\ \text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$ and $500\ \mu\text{M}\ \text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}$ in 200 mM PB. Scan rate 100 mV/s and pH 6.8.

3. ECL stability at BDD.

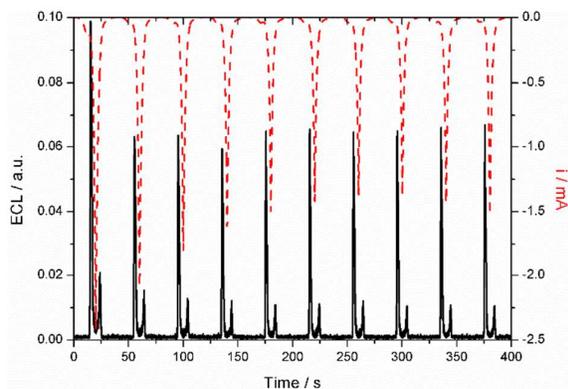


Figure S3. ECL (black) and CV (red) at BDD for $10\ \mu\text{M}\ \text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$ and $100\ \mu\text{M}\ \text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}$ in 200 mM PB. Scan rate 100 mV/s and pH 6.8.

4. ECL spectra.

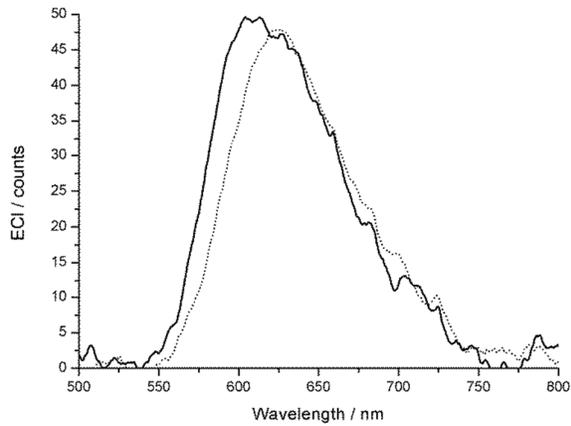


Figure S4. Comparison of ECL spectra at selected potentials from Figure 3. Full line: -1.6 V. Dotted line: -1.7 V.

5. Peroxydisulfate calibration curve.

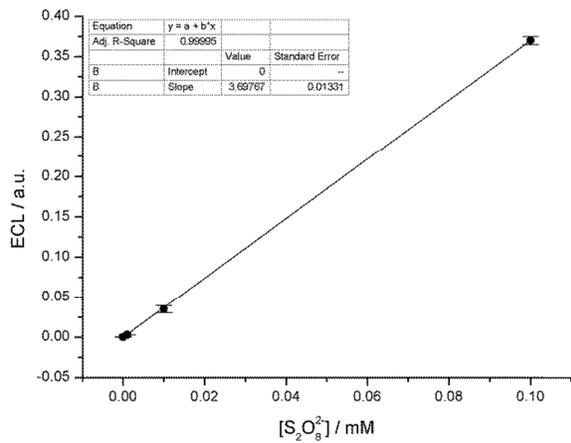


Figure S5. Linear regression for peroxydisulfate calibration from 1 to 100 μM (background subtracted). Limit of Detection ($S/N=3$) = 0.5 μM , Limit of Quantification ($S/N=10$) = 1 μM .

6. pH effect on ECL emission and current.

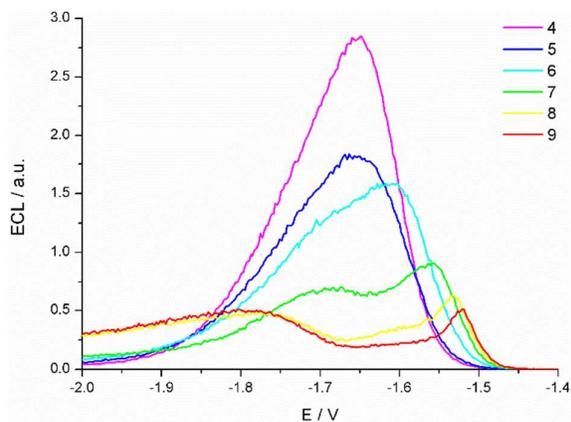


Figure S6. ECL by cyclic voltammetry for 10 μM $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$ and 1 mM $\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}$ in 200 mM PB, for pH 9 to 4. Scan rate 100 mV/s.

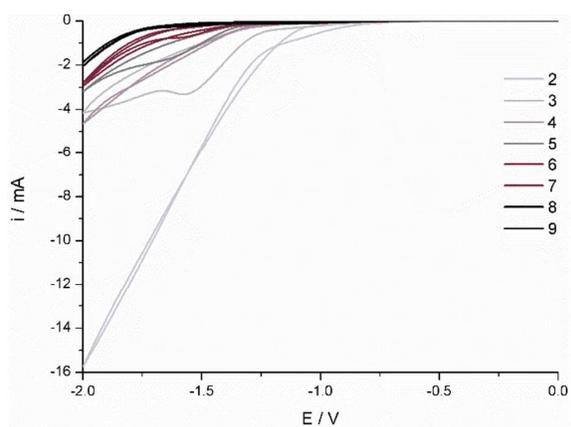


Figure S7. Cyclic voltammetry for 10 μM $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$ and 100 μM $\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}$ in 200 mM PB, for pH 9 to 2. Scan rate 100 mV/s.

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