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Intrinsic Hydrogen Evolution Capability and Theoretically Supported Reaction Mechanism of Paddlewheel-type Dirhodium Complex

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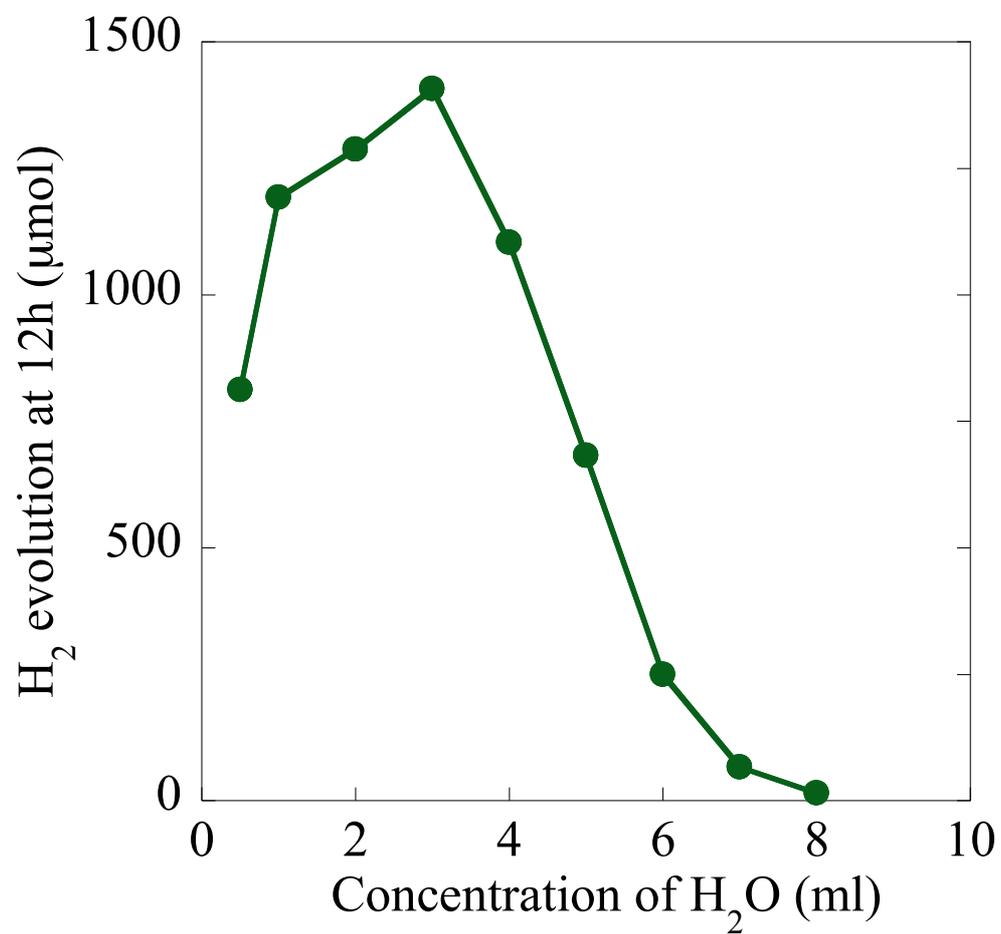


Figure S1. Total amount of hydrogen evolution at 12 h of irradiation versus concentration of H₂O (*n* mL) in the AP system. Here, the AP systems comprise 0.50 mM [Ir-PS-1], 50.0 μM [1(H₂O)₂], 0.5 mL TEA, *n* mL H₂O, and 9.5 – *n* mL THF.

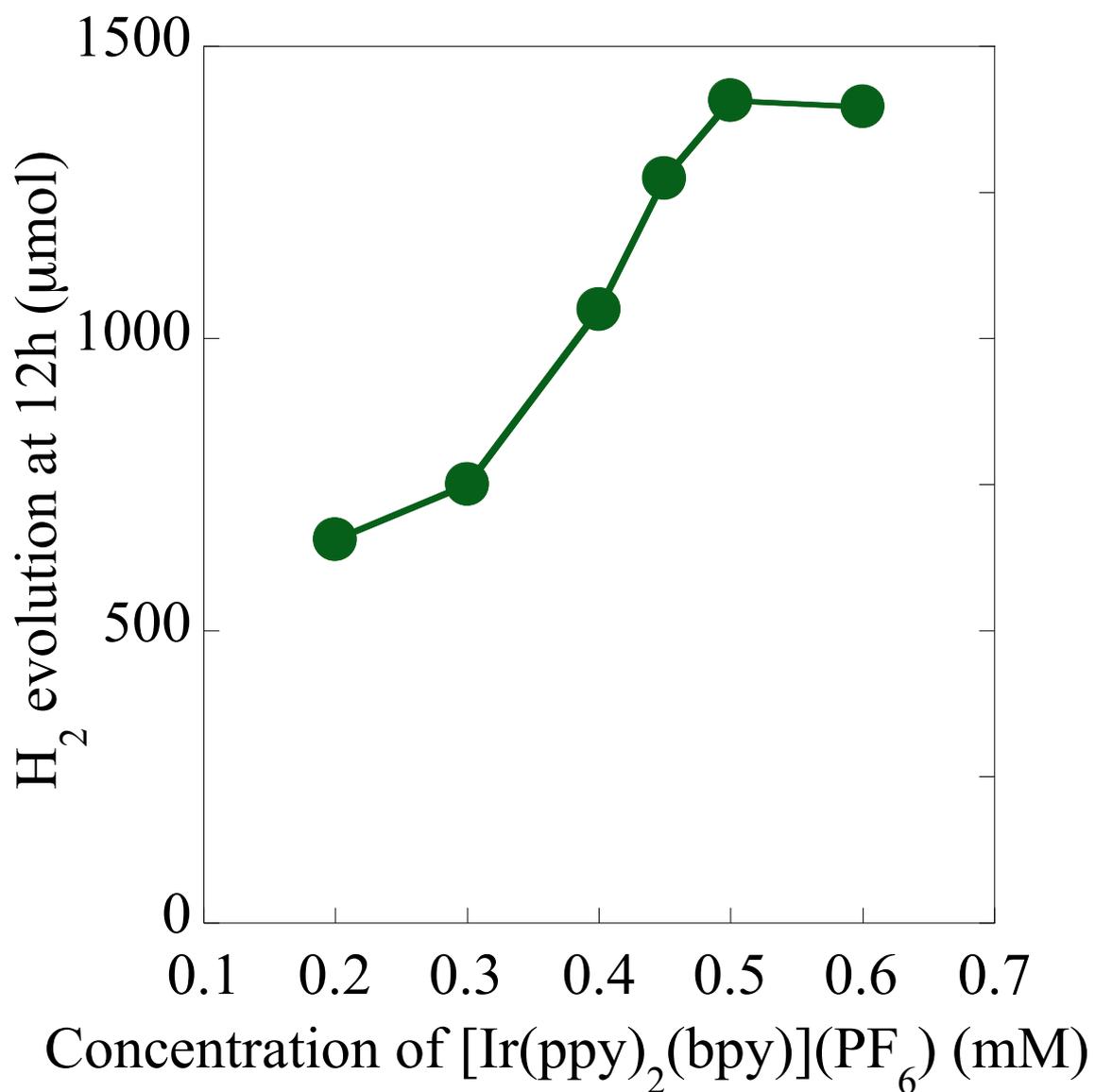


Figure S2. Total amounts of hydrogen evolution at 12 h of irradiation versus concentration of [Ir-PS-1] in the AP system. Here, the AP systems comprise 0.10 – 0.60 mM [Ir-PS-1], 50.0 μM [1(H₂O)₂], 0.5 mL TEA, 3.0 mL H₂O, and 6.5 mL THF.

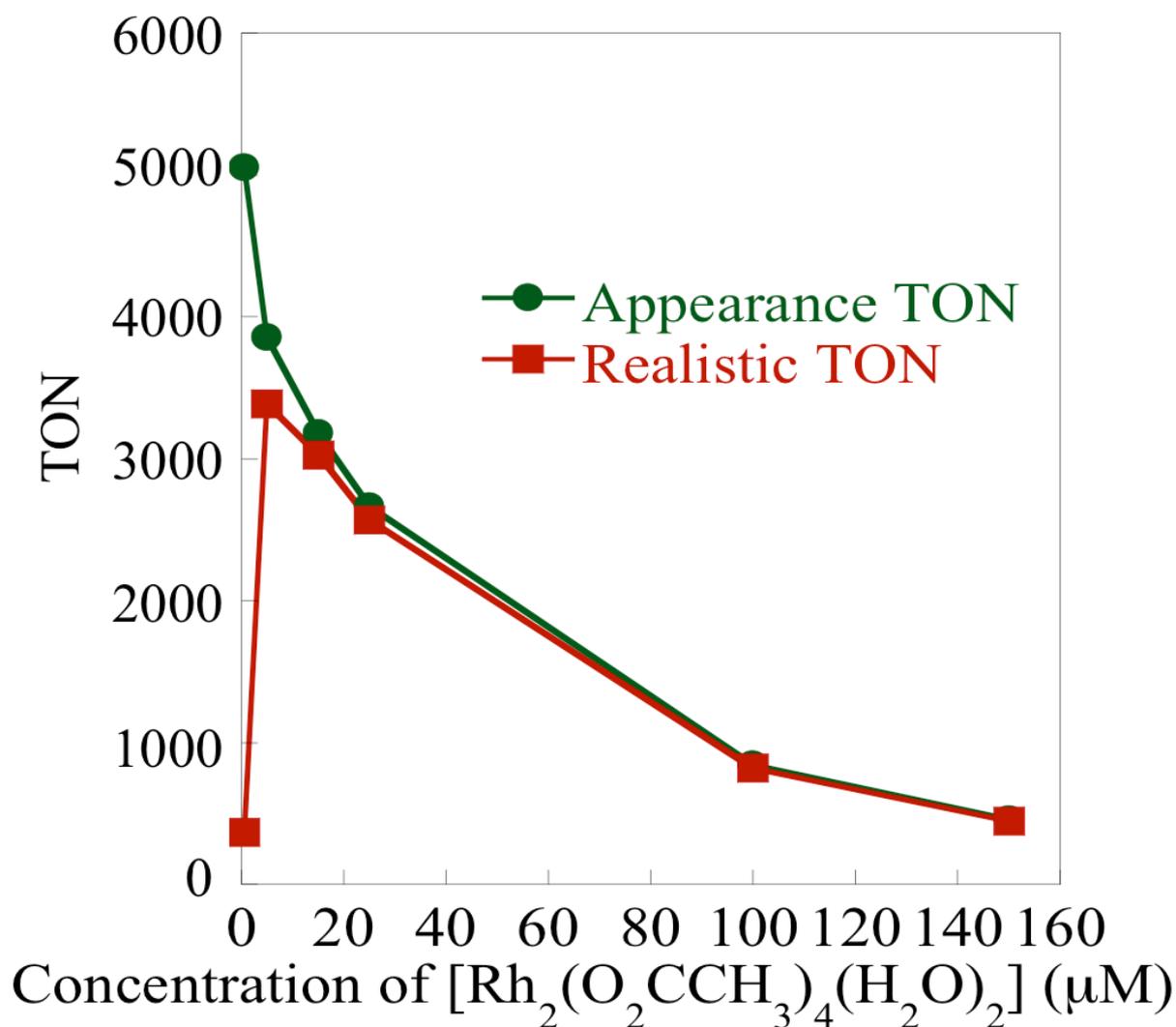


Figure S3. Total amount of H_2 evolution at 12 h of irradiation versus concentration of $[\mathbf{1}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$. The AP systems comprise 0.50 mM $[\text{Ir-PS-1}]$, 5 - 150 μM $[\mathbf{1}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$, 0.5 mL TEA, 3.0 mL H_2O , and 6.5 mL THF. Here, we denoted “Appearance TON” (●) and “Realistic TON” (■). The former is total amount of hydrogen evolution (raw data) catalyzed by $[\mathbf{1}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ with the AP system, and the later is the calculated amount of hydrogen evolution, which is subtracted total amount of hydrogen evolution catalyzed by the AP system without $[\mathbf{1}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ from observed amount of hydrogen evolution catalyzed by $[\mathbf{1}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ with AP system (raw data).

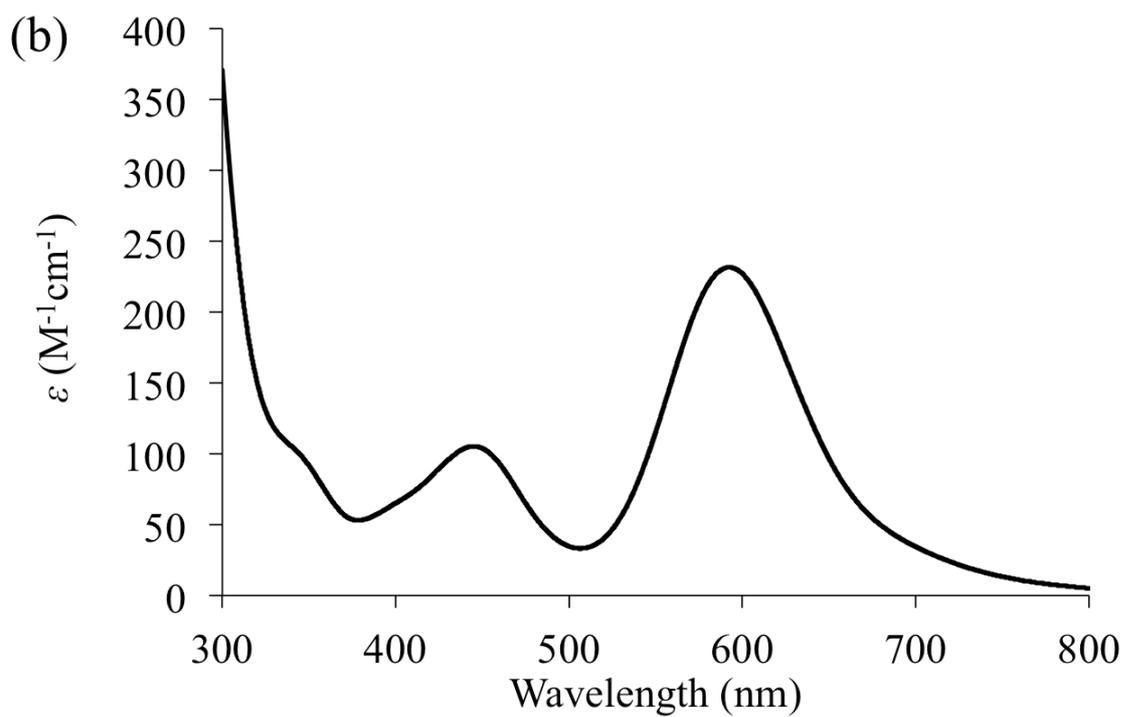
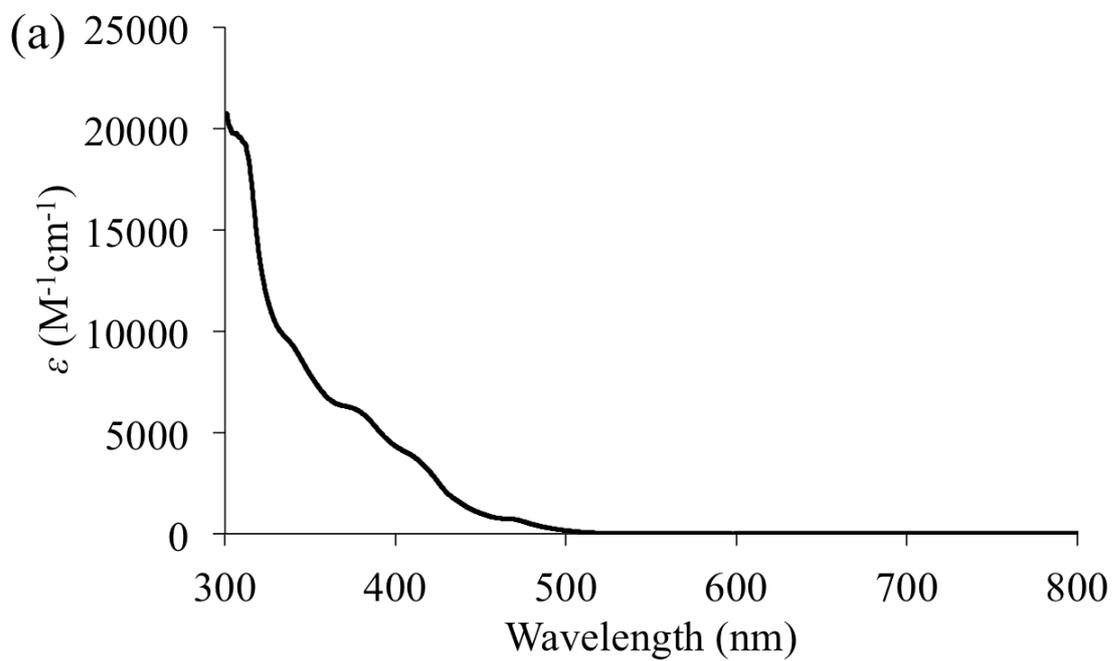


Figure S4. Absorption spectra of (a) [Ir-PS-1] and (b) [1(H₂O)₂] in THF/H₂O (7:3).

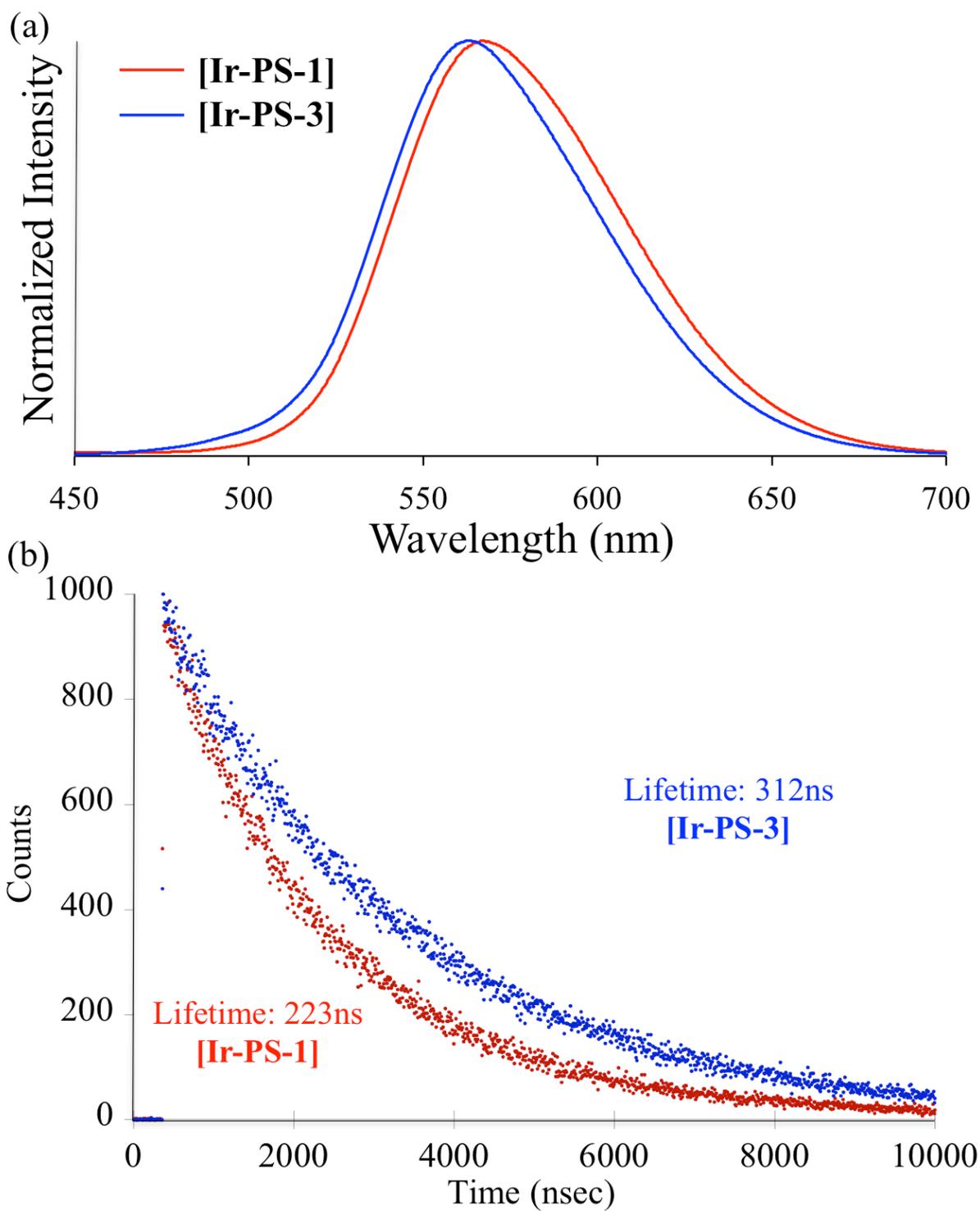


Figure S5. (a) Emission spectra and (b) decays of [Ir-PS-1] and [Ir-PS-3] in THF/H₂O (7:3).

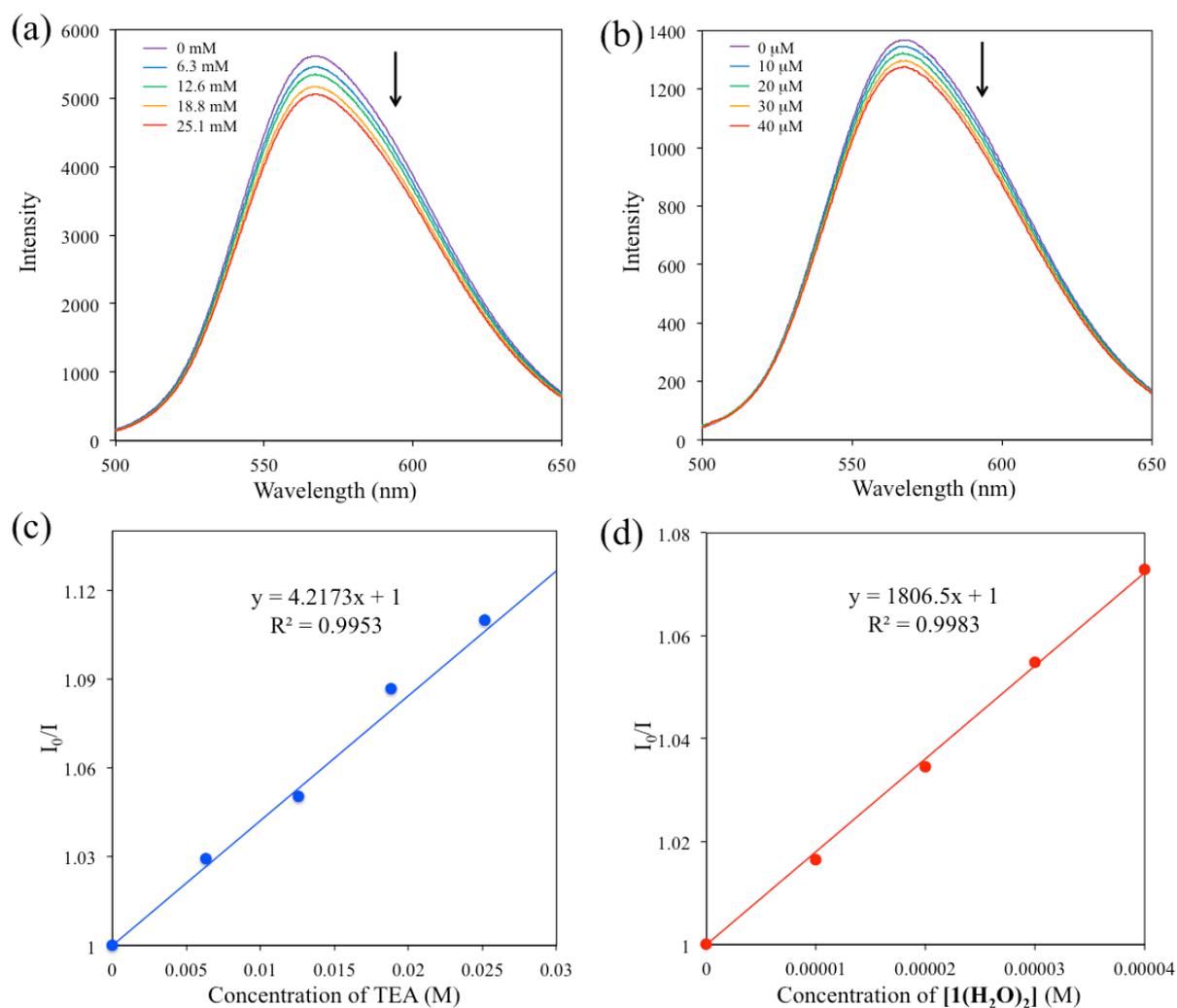


Figure S6. Emission spectra and Stern-Volmer plots of [Ir-PS-1] quenched by TEA ((a) and (c)) and [1(H₂O)₂] ((b) and (d)), respectively, in the THF/H₂O (7:3) solution.

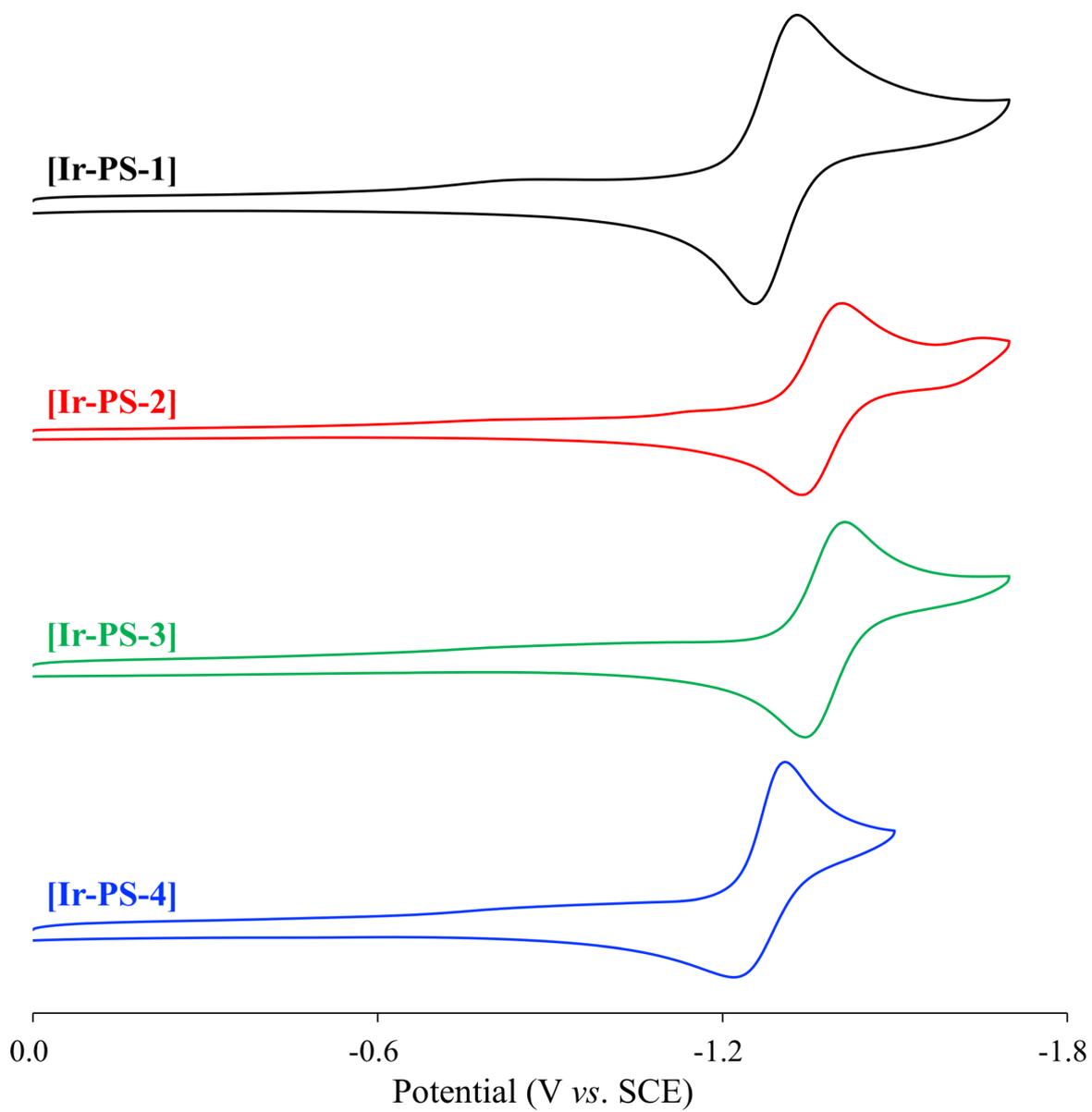


Figure S7. CV of **[Ir-PS-n]** (1.0 mM) in DMF containing the TBAPF₆ as a supporting electrolyte.

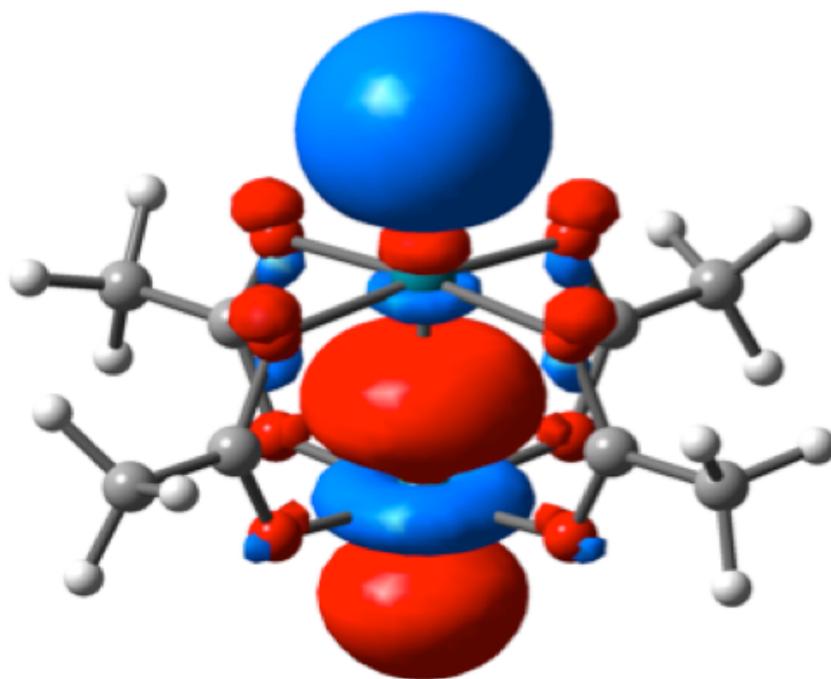


Figure S8. LUMO of the [H-1].

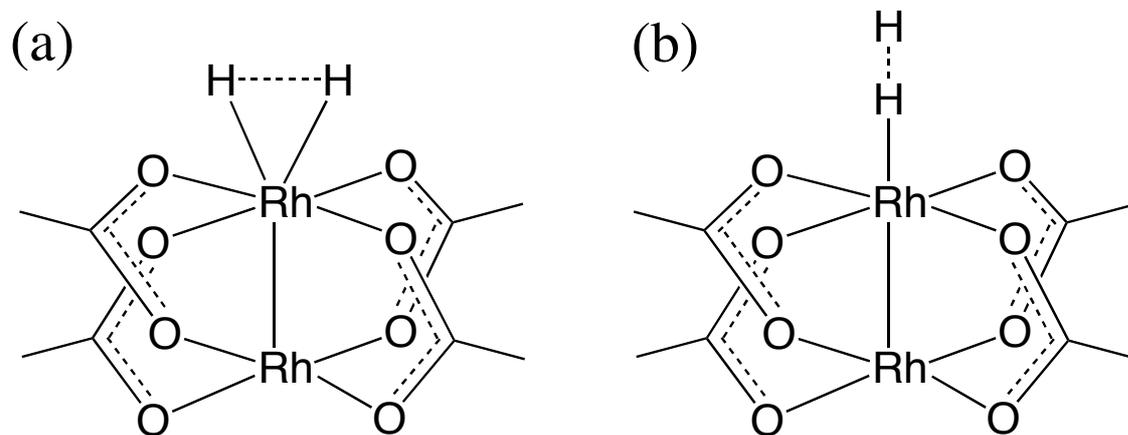


Figure S9. Molecular structures of possible [2H-1] intermediates. (a) Side-on structure and (b) top-on structure.

Table. S1. Total amount of H₂ evolution and TON of catalysis using AP system containing [Ir-PS-1] (0.50 mM), [1(H₂O)₂] (5.0 μM), and 1:6:13 (v/v/v) of the TEA/H₂O/organic solution (10.0 mL) after 12 h photo-irradiation.

Solvents	H ₂ evolution (μmol)	TON (per Rh ion)
THF	385.7	3857
DMF	344.3	3443
Acetone	356.9	3569
DMSO	16.6	166
Acetonitrile	23.8	238