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Oxygen Carriers Based on Electrochemically Reduced Trinitroarenes

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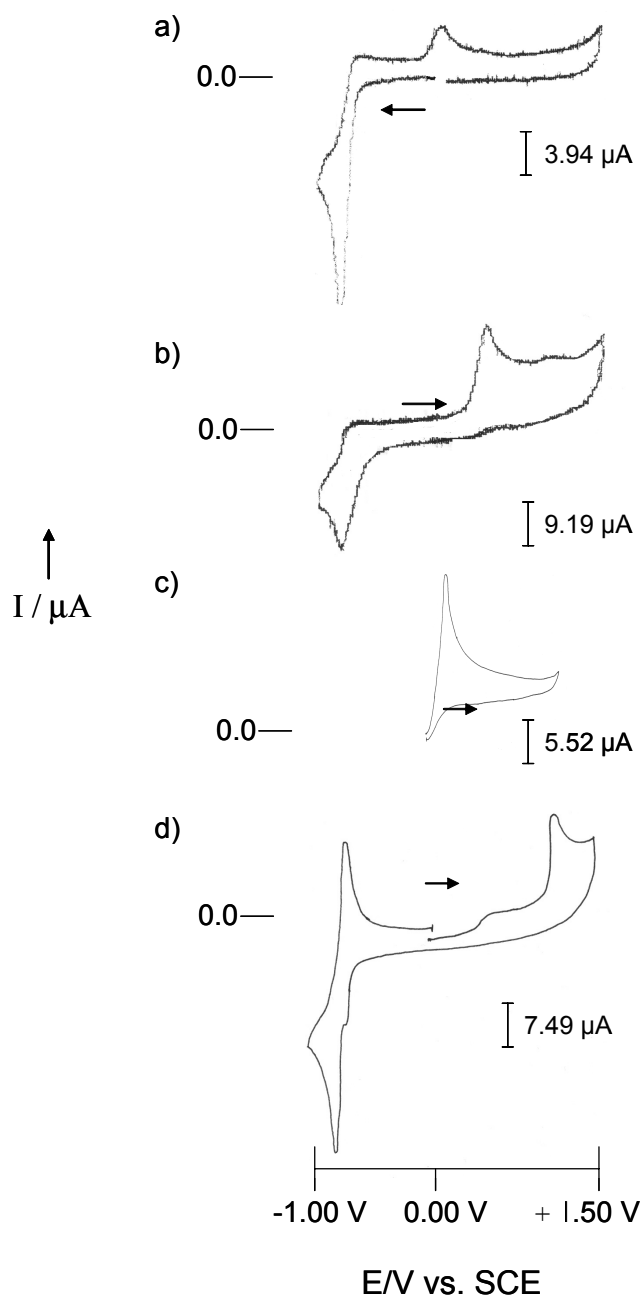


Figure S1. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) 4.0 mM in DMF + 0.1M $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$ at 10°C . Scan rate 1.0 V/s, glassy carbon disk electrode (0.05 mm diameter). a) of TNT solution *under Ar atmosphere* b) of a TNT electrolyzed solution at -0.75 V after 1F *under Ar atmosphere* (σ^{H} -dimer) c) of a TNT solution after the addition of equimolecular amount of TDAE (π -dimer, $\pi\text{-(TNA)}^{2-}$ [TDAE] $^{2+}$) *under argon atmosphere* d) of a $\sigma^{\text{H}}_{\text{o-o}}$ -adduct(TNT) solution *under atmosphere argon atmosphere* ($\sigma^{\text{H}}_{\text{o-o}}$ -adduct, (TNT) [TDAE] $^{2+}$, formed by a oxygen purged solution of $\pi\text{-(TNT)}$ [TDAE] $^{2+}$) in the potential range: 0.00/1.50/-1.00/0.00 V.

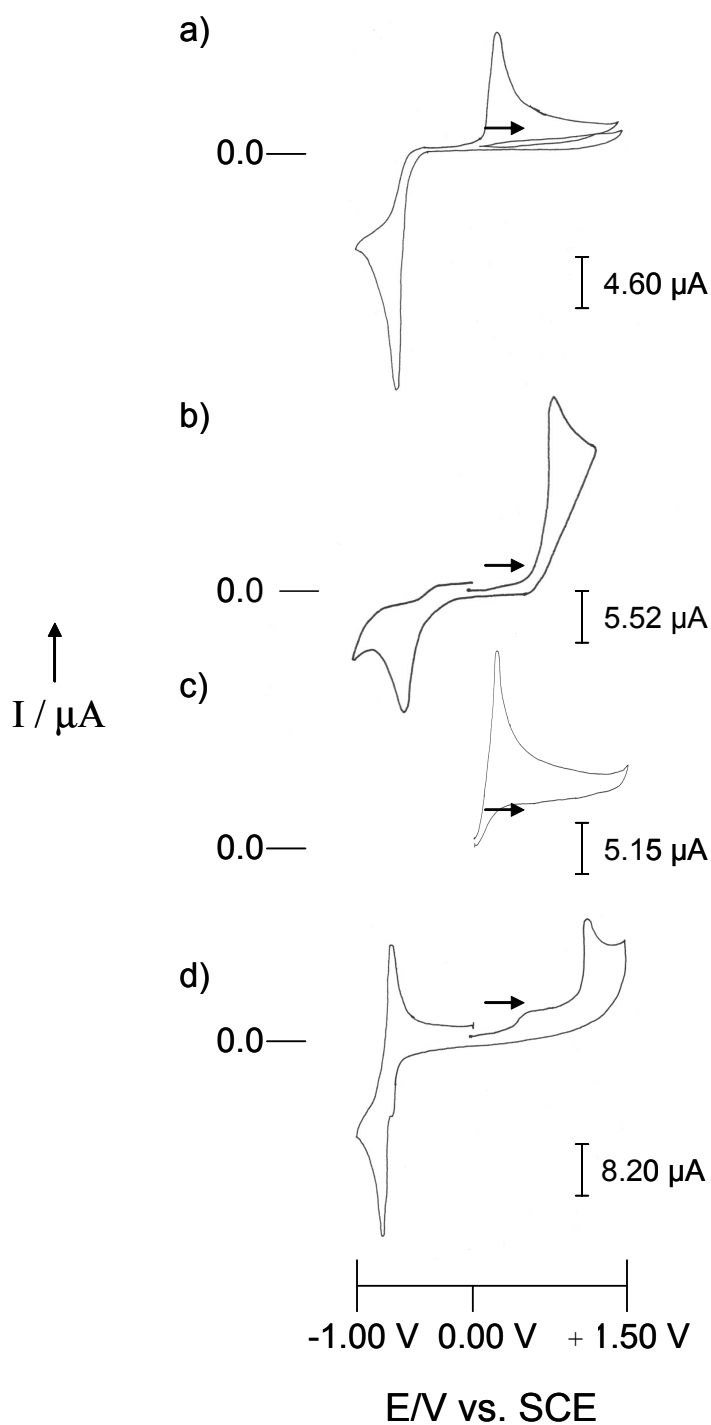


Figure S2. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) 4.0 mM in DMF + 0.1M nBu₄NBF₄ at 10°C. Scan rate 1.0 V/s, glassy carbon disk electrode (0.05 mm diameter). a) of TNA solution under Ar atmosphere b) of a TNA electrolyzed solution at -0.75 V after 1F under Ar atmosphere (σ^H -dimer) c) of a TNA solution after the addition of equimolecular amount of TDAE (π -dimer, π -(TNA)²⁻ [TDAE]²⁺) under argon atmosphere d) of a σ^H_{o-o} -adduct(TNA) solution under atmosphere argon atmosphere (σ^H_{o-o} -adduct (TNA)[TDAE]²⁺ formed by a oxygen purged solution of π -(TNA)[TDAE]²⁺) in the potential range: 0.00/1.50/-1.00/0.00 V

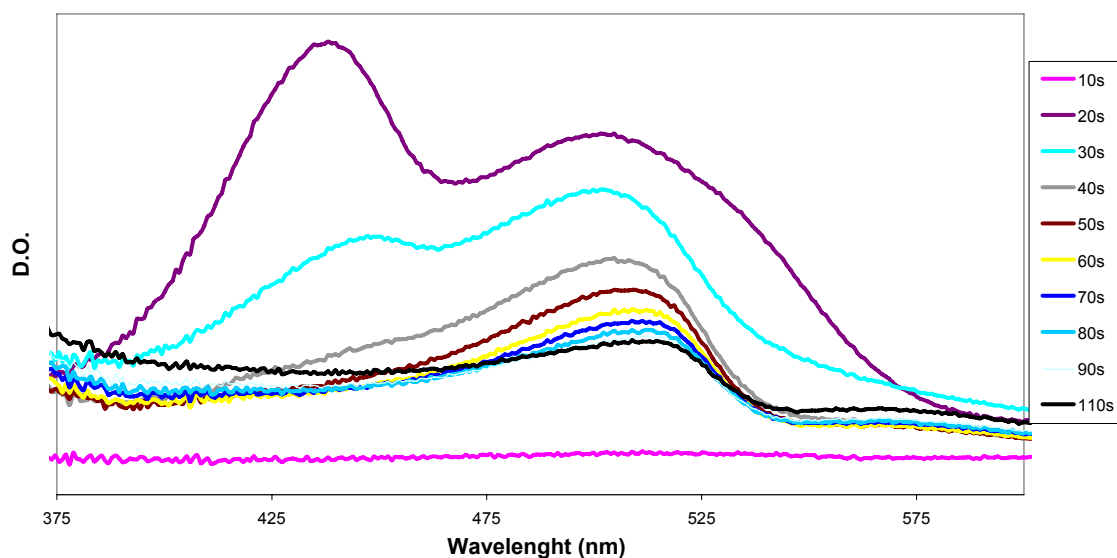


Figure S3. In situ UV/Vis spectra (Optical Density) O.D. vs. time (s) during a potential step experiment ($E_1=0.00$ V; $E_2= -0.90$ V; $E_3= 0.00$ V) of 5.10^{-4} M 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene (TNT) in 0.1 M TBABF₄ (acetonitrile, ACN) in the UV/Vis LIGA cell.

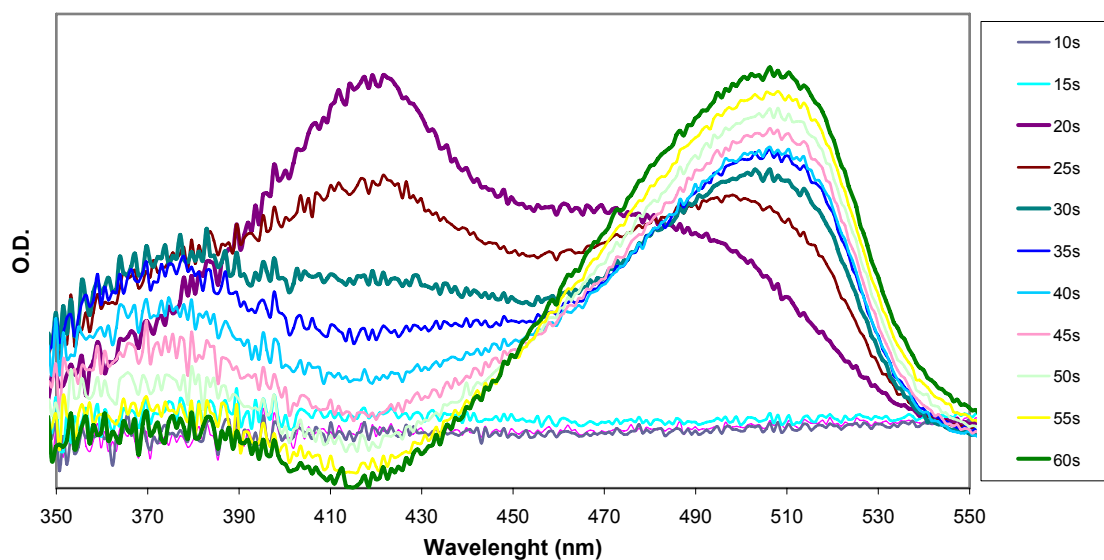


Figure S4. In situ UV/Vis spectra (Optical Density) O.D. vs. time (s) during a potential step experiment ($E_1=0.00$ V; $E_2= -0.90$ V; $E_3= 0.00$ V) of 5.10^{-4} M 2,4,6-trinitroanisole (TNA) in 0.1 M TBABF₄ (acetonitrile, ACN) in the UV/Vis LIGA cell.

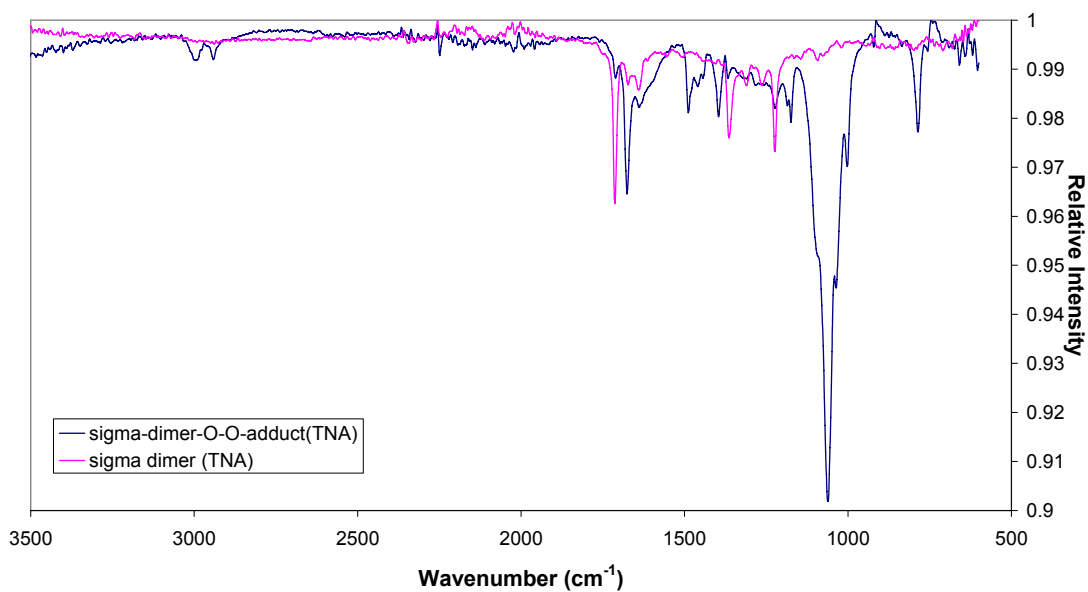


Figure S5. IR spectrum of $\sigma^{\text{H}}_{\text{O-O}}$ -adduct (TNA) (dark blue line) and σ^{H} -dimer (TNA) (pink line).

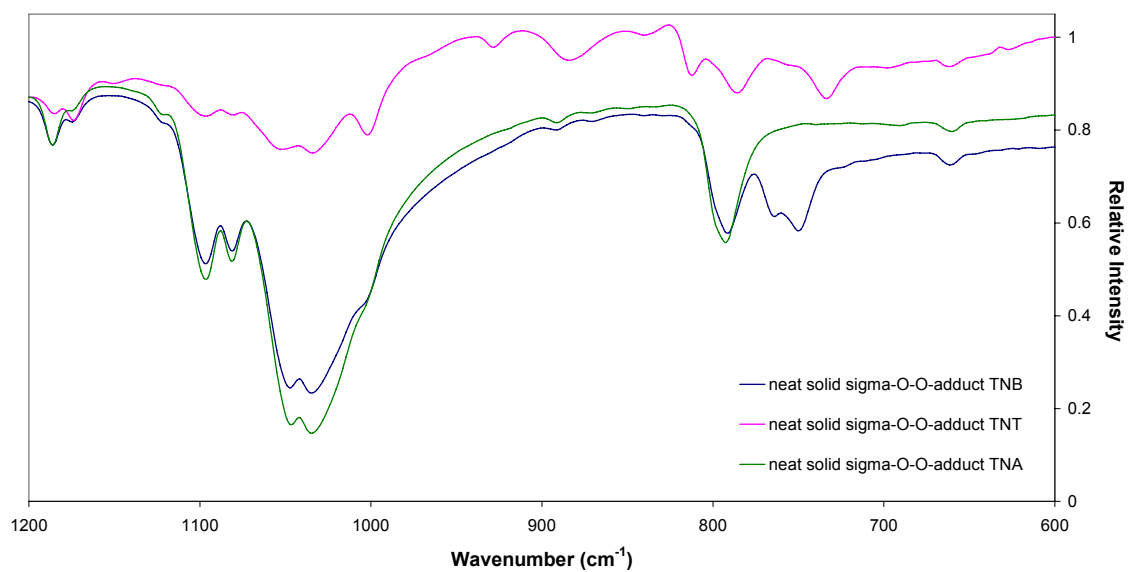
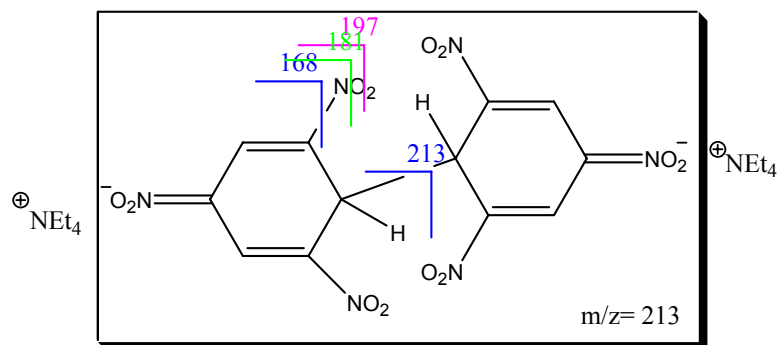


Figure S6. IR spectrum of: $\sigma^{\text{H}}_{\text{O-O}}$ -adduct (5) (dark blue line), $\sigma^{\text{H}}_{\text{O-O}}$ -adduct (TNT) (pink line) and $\sigma^{\text{H}}_{\text{O-O}}$ -adduct (TNA) (dark green line).

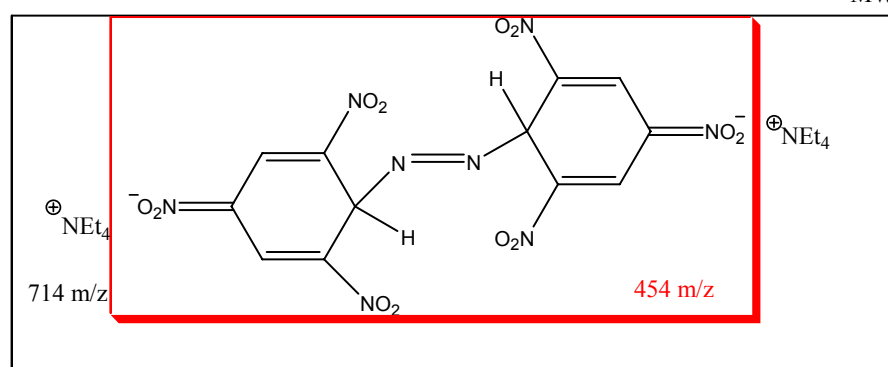
Table ESI-1. Characterization of Compounds **3** ($\sigma^{\text{H}}_{\text{C-C}}$ -adduct), **4** ($\sigma^{\text{H}}_{\text{N=N}}$ -adduct) and **5** ($\sigma^{\text{H}}_{\text{O-O}}$ -adduct) depicted in Scheme 1.

Physical data	3 ($\sigma^{\text{H}}_{\text{C-C}}$ -adduct)	4 ($\sigma^{\text{H}}_{\text{N=N}}$ -adduct)	5 ($\sigma^{\text{H}}_{\text{O-O}}$ -adduct)
¹H NMR (250 MHz, CD ₃ CN, r.t., TMS)	δ =8.15 (s) and 5.53(s) ppm (2:1)	δ =8.40 (s) and 6.41 (s) ppm (2:1)	δ =8.64 (s) and 6.72 (s) ppm (2:1)
Cyclic Voltammetry	0.56 V vs. SCE (irreversible) (In the reverse scan we obtain the reduction of the corresponding 1,3,5-trinitrobenzene)	1.09 V vs. SCE (pseudo reversible wave) (In the reverse scan we ONLY obtain the reduction of the corresponding 1,3,5-trinitrobenzene)	1.03 V vs. SCE (irreversible) (In the reverse scan, it is possible to detect the reduction wave from the liberated O ₂ at -0.92 V vs. SCE as well as the corresponding to 1,3,5-trinitrobenzene)
IR	-	$\nu_{\text{N=N}}$ (1731 cm ⁻¹) NEW band assigned to the azo group stretching mode	$\nu_{\text{O-O}}$ (1060 cm ⁻¹) NEW band assigned to the O-O stretch vibration
Elemental Analysis (EA)	(C ₂₈ H ₄₆ N ₈ O ₁₂): N 16.4, C 49.0, H 6.7 found: N 15.9, C 48.6, H 6.7	(C ₂₈ H ₄₆ N ₁₀ O ₁₂): It has not been able to get enough quantity of highly pure nitrogenated samples. However the experimental nitrogen composition found when the EA was performed was higher than in compounds 3 and 5 .	(C ₂₈ H ₄₆ N ₈ O ₁₄): Theoretical N 15.6, C 46.9, H 6.4 found: N 15.2, C 47.4, H 6.2.
ESI- (Main Peaks)	<u>Compound 3 ($\sigma^{\text{H}}_{\text{C-C}}$-adduct)</u>	m/z (I %)	
	[(C ₆ H ₃) ₂] ²⁻	213 (35%)	
	[((C ₆ H ₃)(NO ₂) ₂ (NO) + 2H] ⁻	199(61%)	
	[(C ₆ H ₃)(NO ₂) ₂ (N) + 2H] ⁻	183(100%)	
	[(C ₆ H ₃)(NO ₂) ₂ + H] ⁻	168(5%)	



Compound 4 ($\sigma_{N=N}^H$ -adduct) m/z (I %)

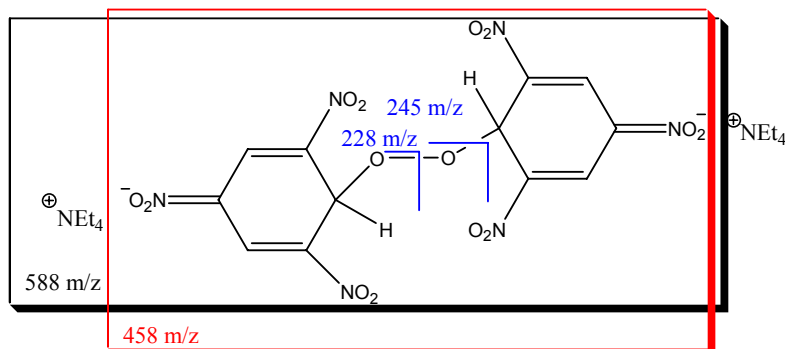
MW: 714.7



$[(C_6H_3)(NO_2)_3N)_2 + 2NEt_4 - H]^+$	713 (100%)
$[(C_6H_3)(NO_2)_3N)_2 + 2NEt_4 - H]^{2+}$	357(99%)
$[(C_6H_3)(NO_2)_3N)_2]^+$	454(6%)
$[(C_6H_3)(NO_2)_3N)_2 + 2H]^+$	456(29%)

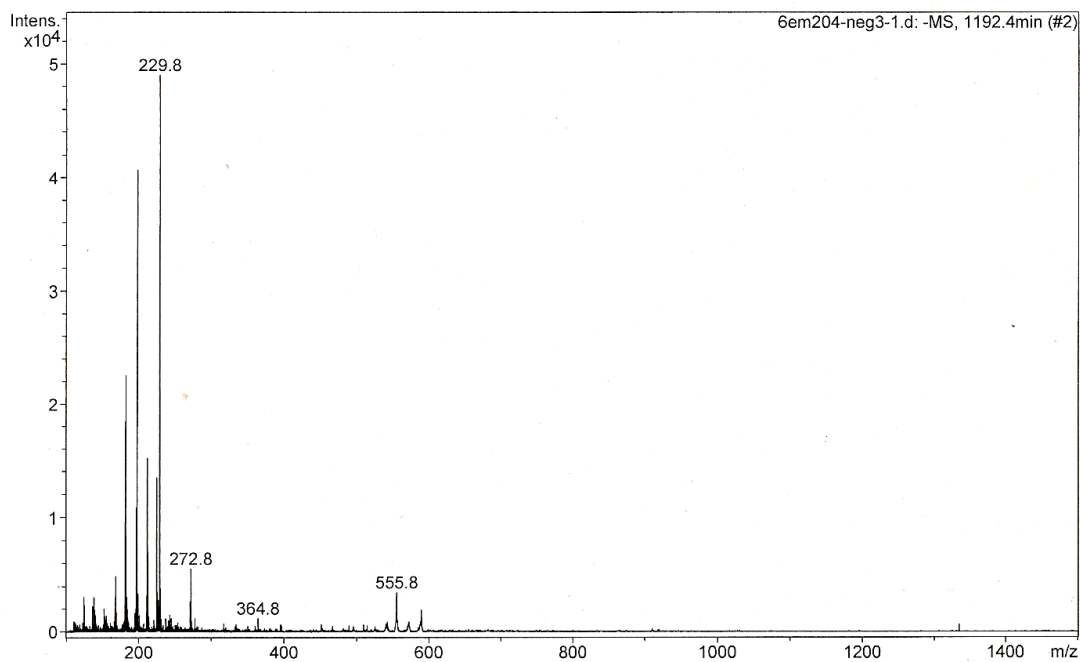
Compound 5 ($\sigma^{\text{H}}_{\text{O-O}}$ -adduct) m/z (I %)

MW: 718.7



$[(\text{C}_6\text{H}_3)(\text{NO}_2)_3\text{O})_2 + \text{NEt}_4 + \text{H}]^-$	589 (4%)
$[(\text{C}_6\text{H}_3)(\text{NO}_2)_3\text{O})_2 - \text{H}]^-$	457(6%)
$[(\text{C}_6\text{H}_3)(\text{NO}_2)_3\text{OH}]^-$	230 (100%)
$[(\text{C}_6\text{H}_3)(\text{NO}_2)_3\text{O}_2]^-$	245(2%)
$[(\text{C}_6\text{H}_3)(\text{NO}_2)_2\text{O}]^-$	183(46%)
$[(\text{C}_6\text{H}_3)(\text{NO}_2)_2\text{O}_2]^-$	199(83%)

Compound 5 (ESI (-)/MS) : Fresh Solution. Color: Red



List of the Main Peaks:

m/z	I	I(%)
589.7	1912	4
555.6	3299	7
555.8	3492	7
556.8	1033	2
457.2	2815	6
225.9	13486	28
226.8	3471	7
227.8	2815	6
229.8	48969	100
230.8	3841	8
231.8	1134	2
212.8	15190	31
213.8	6997	14
214.8	1342	3
198.8	40643	83
199.8	3385	7
201.8	1444	3
182.8	22535	46
183.8	3069	6
184.8	2005	4
185.8	1263	3