

## **:Supplementary File:**

**Adsorption and corrosion inhibition effect of Schiff base molecules on the mild steel surface in 1 M HCl medium: A combined experimental and theoretical approach**

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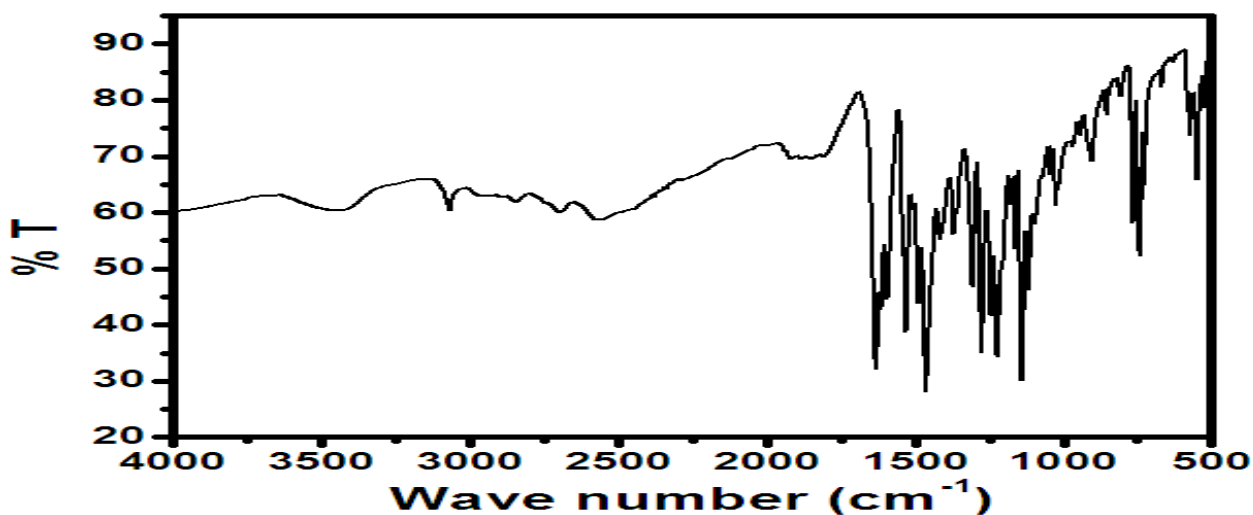


Fig. S1 FTIR spectrum of L<sup>1</sup>.

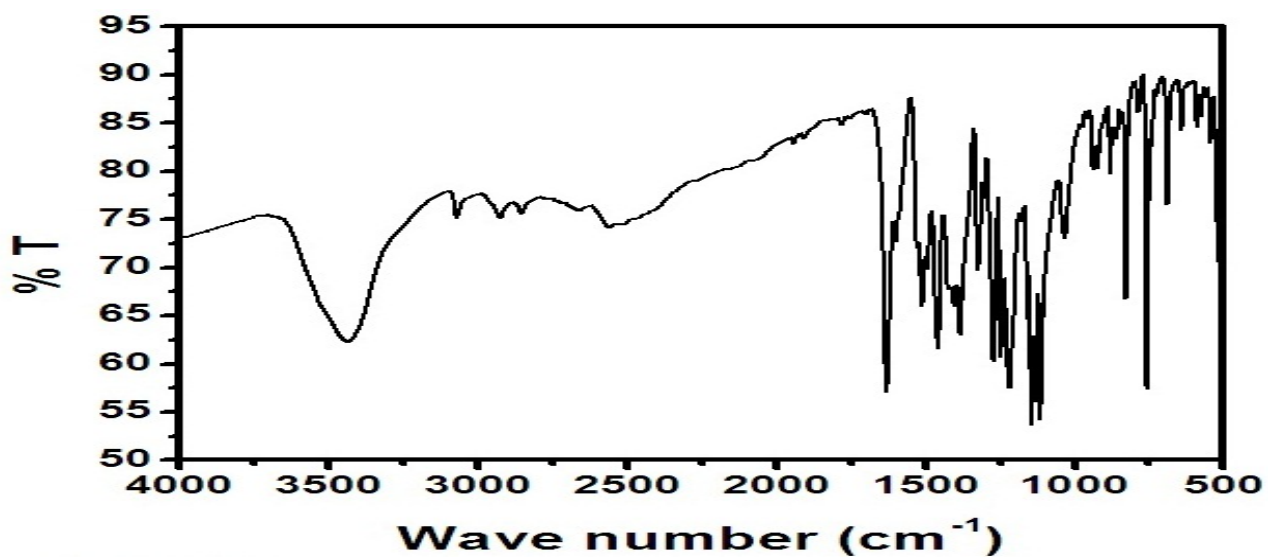


Fig. S2 FTIR spectrum of L<sup>2</sup>.

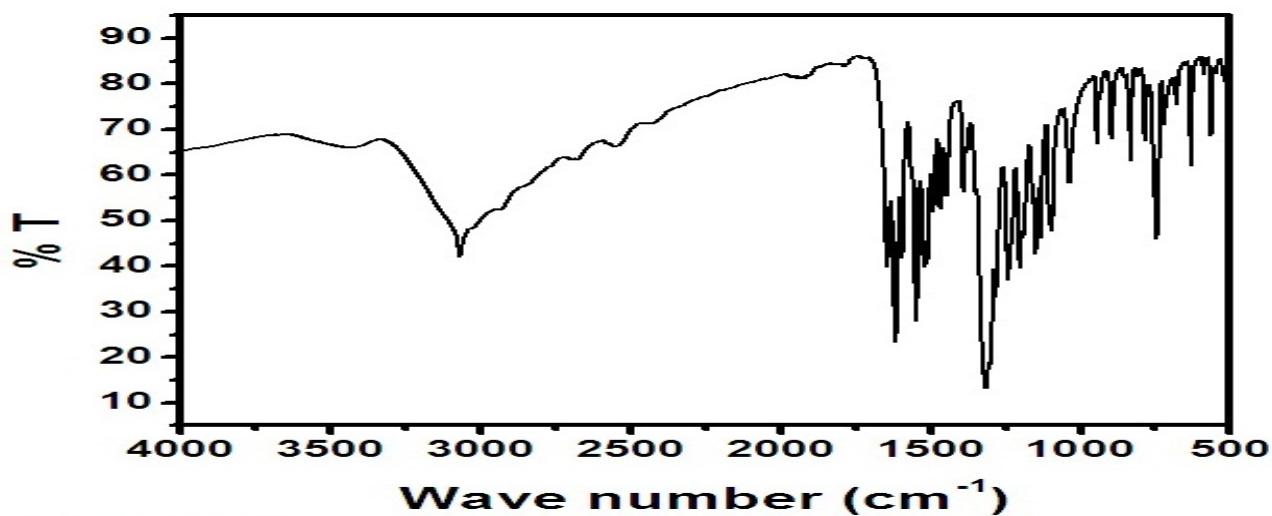
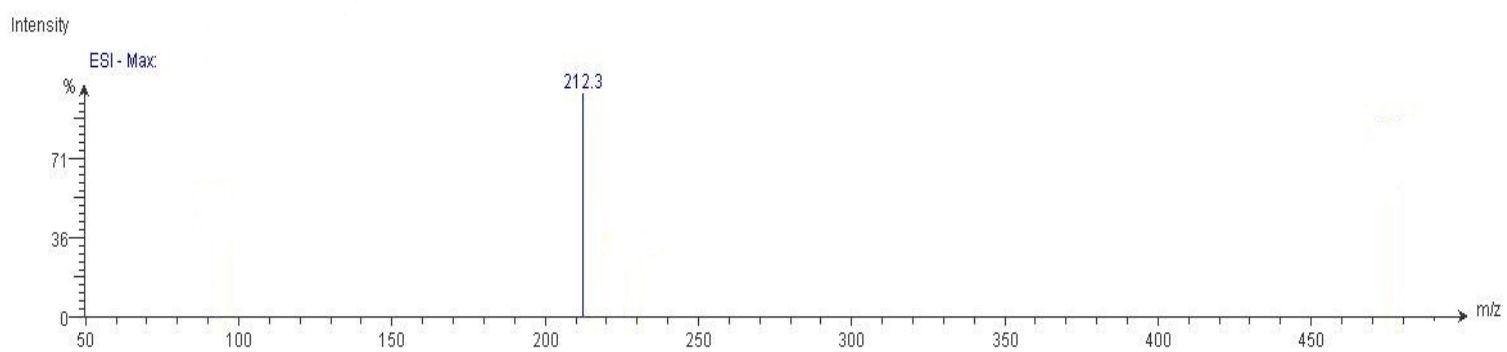
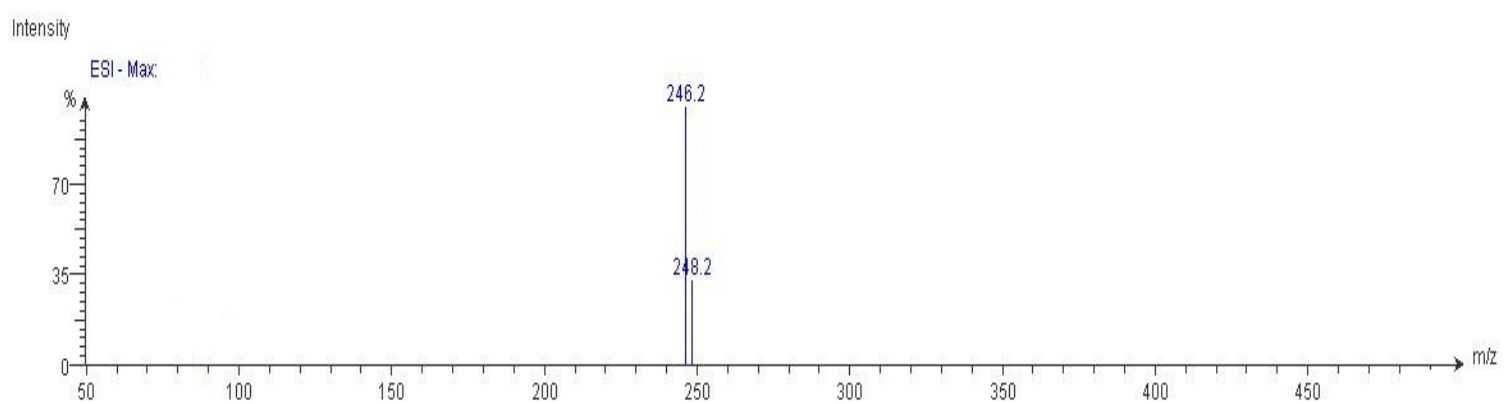


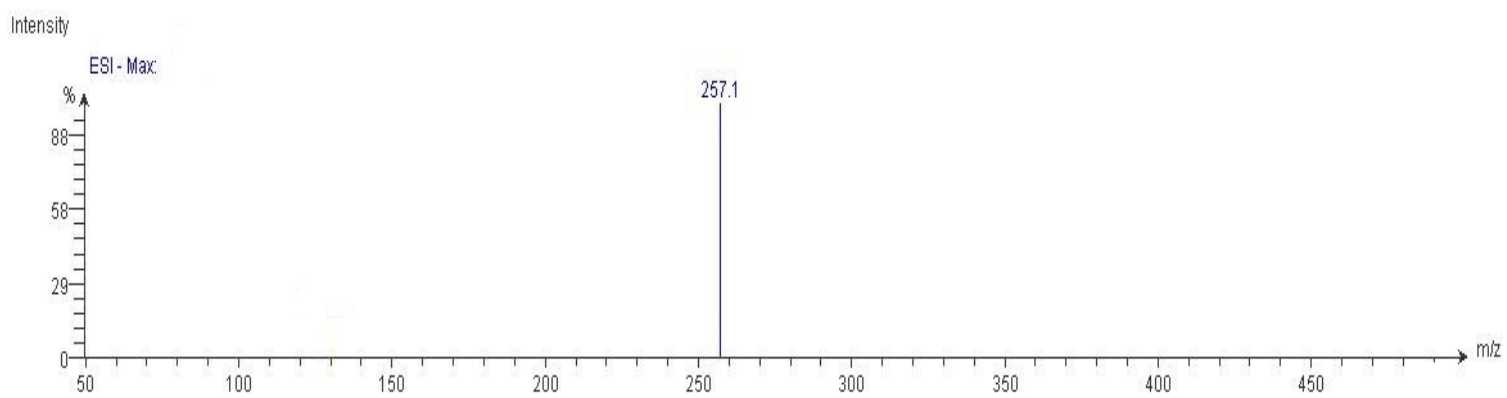
Fig. S3 FTIR spectrum of L<sup>3</sup>.



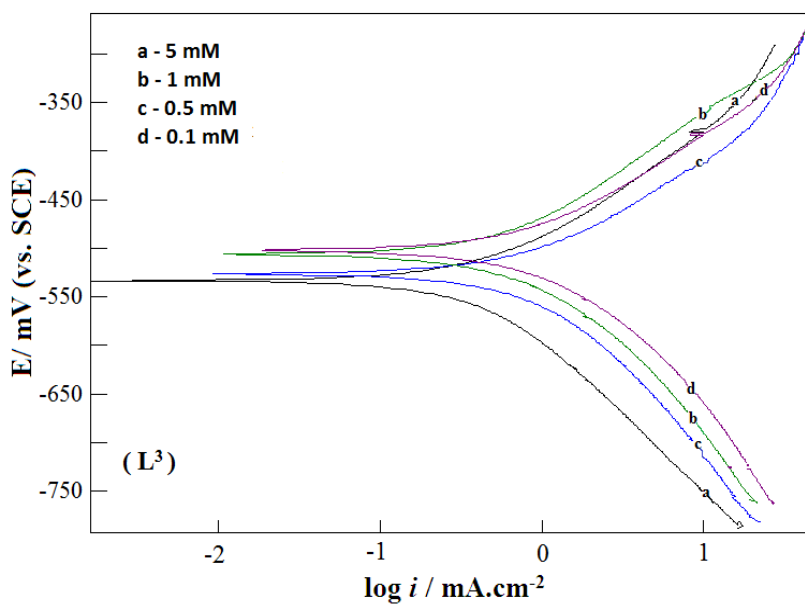
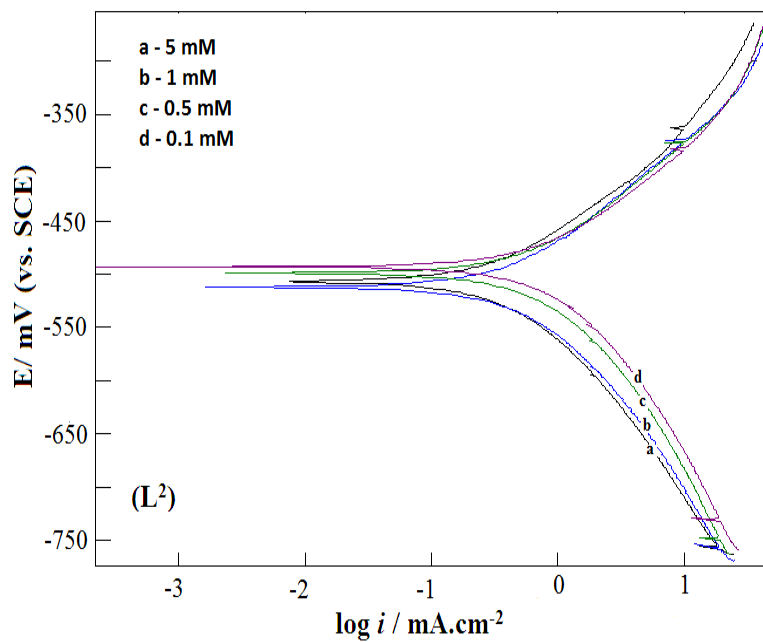
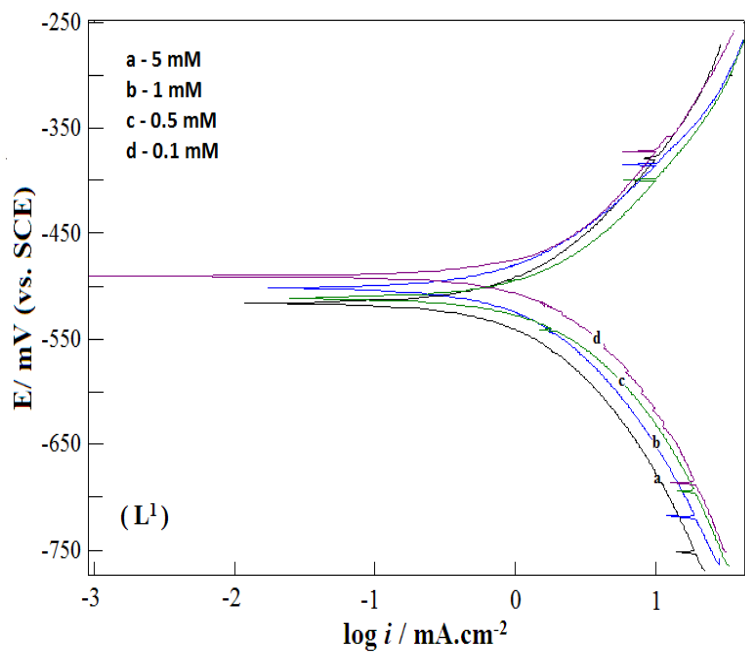
**Fig. S4** ESI-MS spectrum of  $L^1$  in methanol.



**Fig. S5** ESI-MS spectrum of  $L^2$  in methanol.



**Fig. S6** ESI-MS spectrum of  $L^3$  in methanol.



**Fig. S7** Potentiodynamics polarization curves of mild steel in 1 M HCl solution in the presence of different concentration of Schiff bases at 27°C.

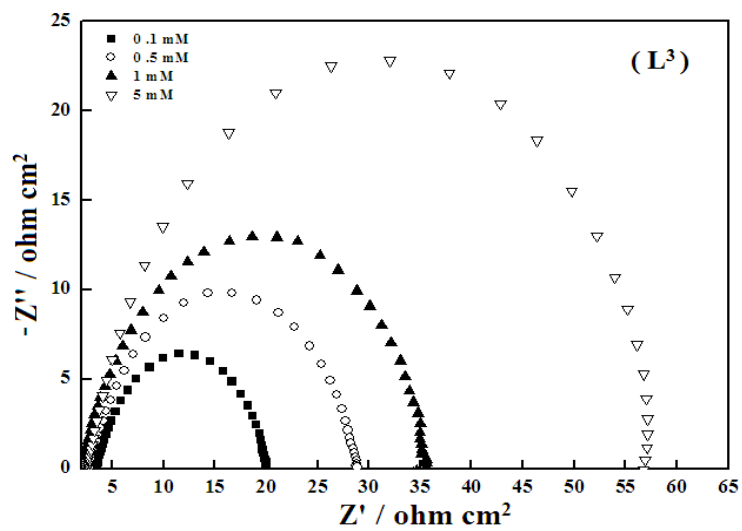
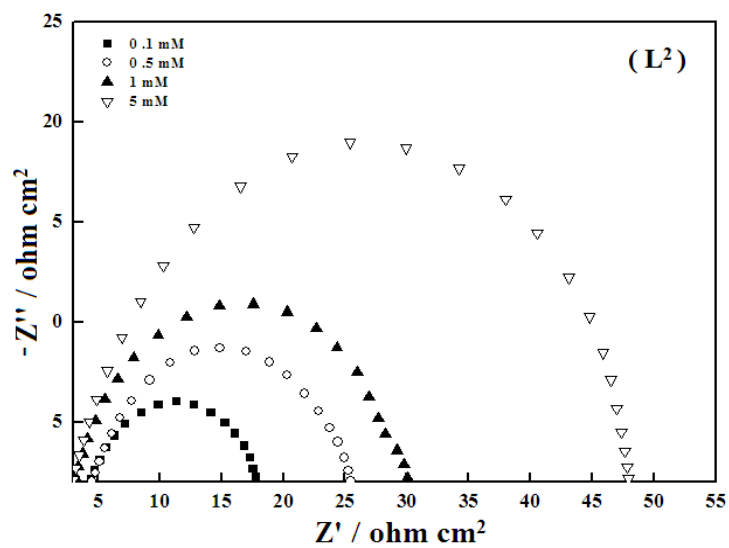
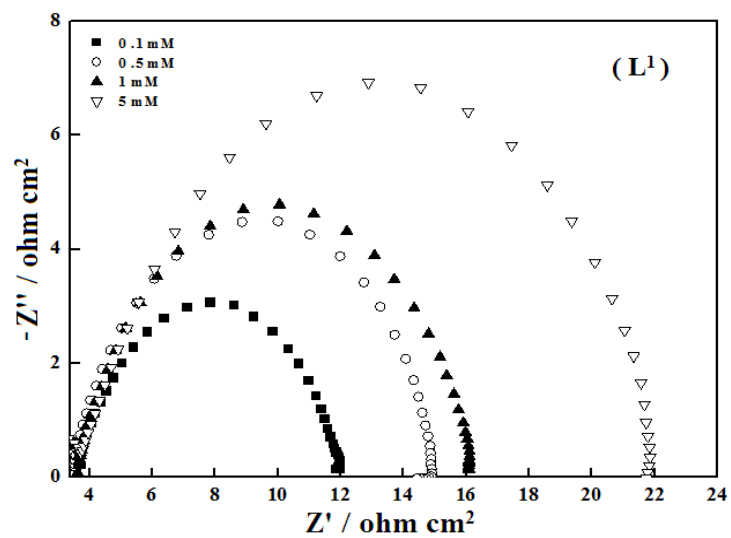
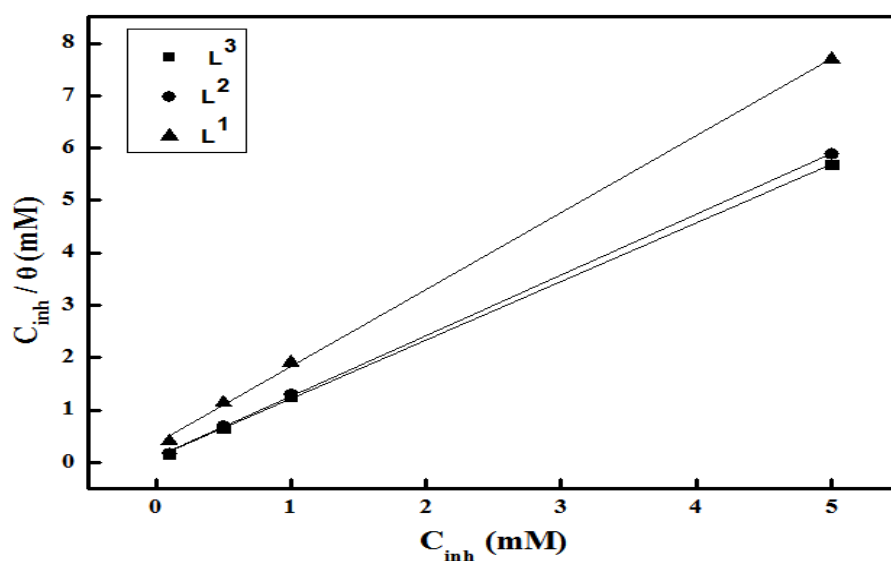
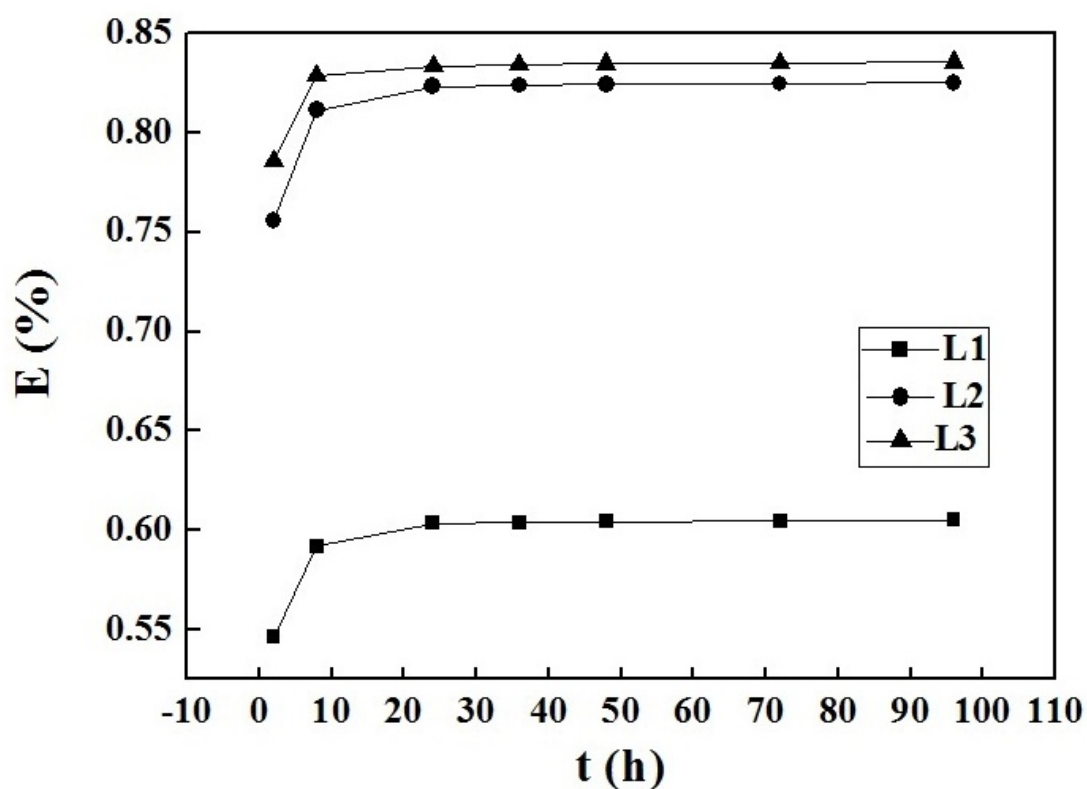


Fig. S8 Nyquist plots of mild steel in 1 M HCl containing different concentration of Schiff bases (L<sup>1</sup>, L<sup>2</sup> and L<sup>3</sup>).



**Fig. S9** Langmuir adsorption plots for mild steel in acidic media containing different concentration of Schiff bases.



**Fig. S10** Variation of inhibition efficiency obtained from weight loss measurement at 5 mM concentration of three Schiff bases having different immersion time (1-96 hr) towards corrosion of mild steel in 1M HCl.

**Table S1** Calculated Fukui functions for the three inhibitor molecules

Atoms	L <sup>1</sup>			L <sup>2</sup>			L <sup>3</sup>		
	$f_k^+$	$f_k^-$	$f_k^0$	$f_k^+$	$f_k^-$	$f_k^0$	$f_k^+$	$f_k^-$	$f_k^0$
O (1)	0.047	0.055	0.051	0.046	0.058	0.052	0.051	0.027	0.039
C (2)	0.046	0.038	0.042	0.045	0.041	0.043	0.052	0.019	0.036
C (3)	0.028	0.064	0.046	0.029	0.059	0.044	0.009	0.078	0.044
C (4)	0.021	0.061	0.041	0.021	0.056	0.039	0.006	0.073	0.040
N (5)	0.085	0.038	0.062	0.084	0.035	0.060	0.020	0.028	0.024
C (6)	0.120	0.040	0.080	0.115	0.038	0.077	0.013	0.047	0.030
C (7)	0.036	0.035	0.036	0.037	0.033	0.035	0.029	0.018	0.024
C (8)	0.041	0.028	0.035	0.042	0.031	0.037	0.037	0.015	0.026
C (9)	0.073	0.039	0.056	0.072	0.038	0.055	0.048	0.023	0.036
C (10)	0.038	0.043	0.041	0.029	0.036	0.033	0.032	0.016	0.024
C (11)	0.056	0.027	0.042	0.054	0.026	0.040	0.052	0.023	0.038
C (12)	0.037	0.036	0.037	0.037	0.033	0.036	0.008	0.041	0.025
C (13)	0.025	0.071	0.048	0.025	0.066	0.046	0.008	0.093	0.051
C (14)	0.045	0.062	0.054	0.045	0.056	0.051	0.011	0.066	0.039
C (15)	0.027	0.042	0.035	0.026	0.039	0.033	0.007	0.054	0.031
O (16)	0.026	0.084	0.055	0.026	0.078	0.052	0.010	0.109	0.060
Cl (17)	—	—	—	0.045	0.066	0.056	—	—	—
N (17)	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.125	0.010	0.068
O (18)	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.180	0.020	0.100
O (19)	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.181	0.022	0.102