

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Effect of cytosine–Ag<sup>+</sup>–cytosine base pairing on the redox potential of the Ag<sup>+</sup>/Ag couple and the chemical reduction of Ag<sup>+</sup> to Ag by tetrathiafulvalene

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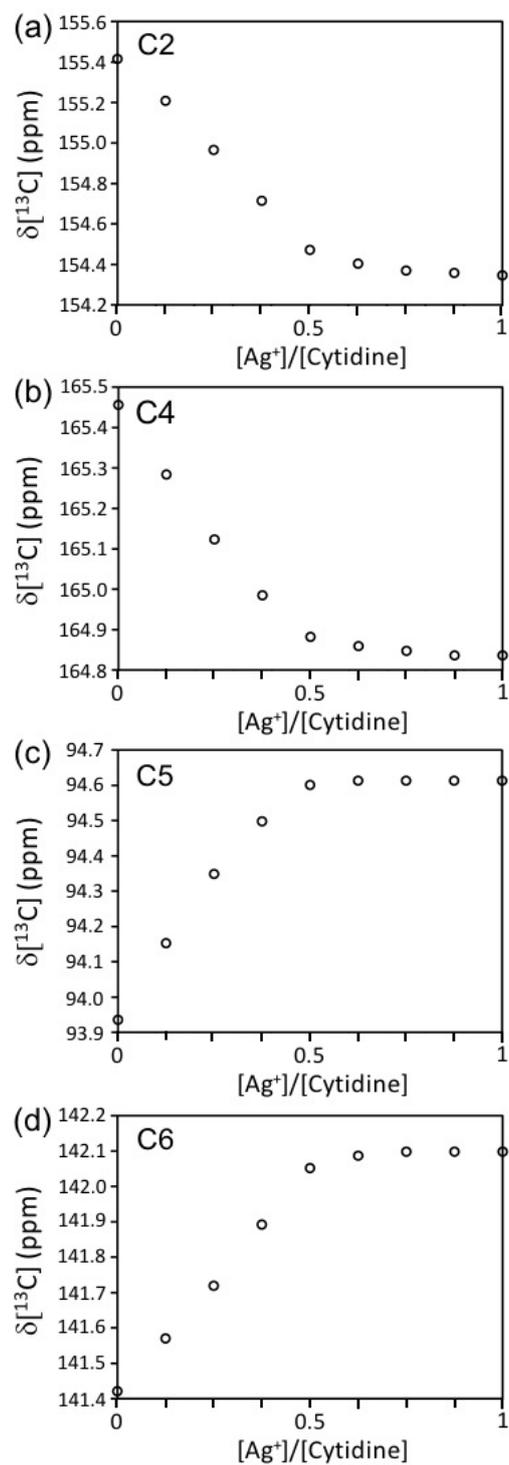
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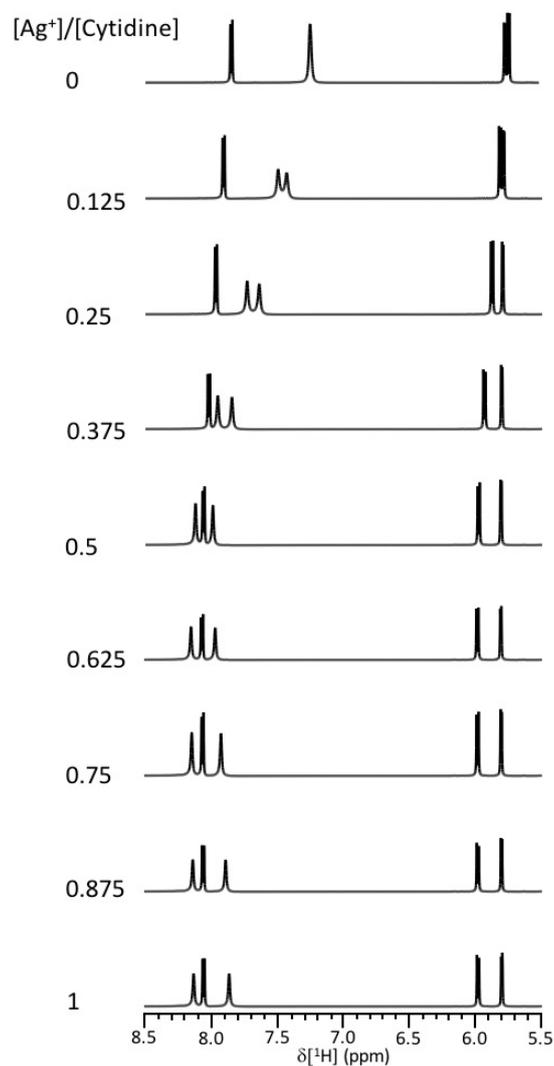
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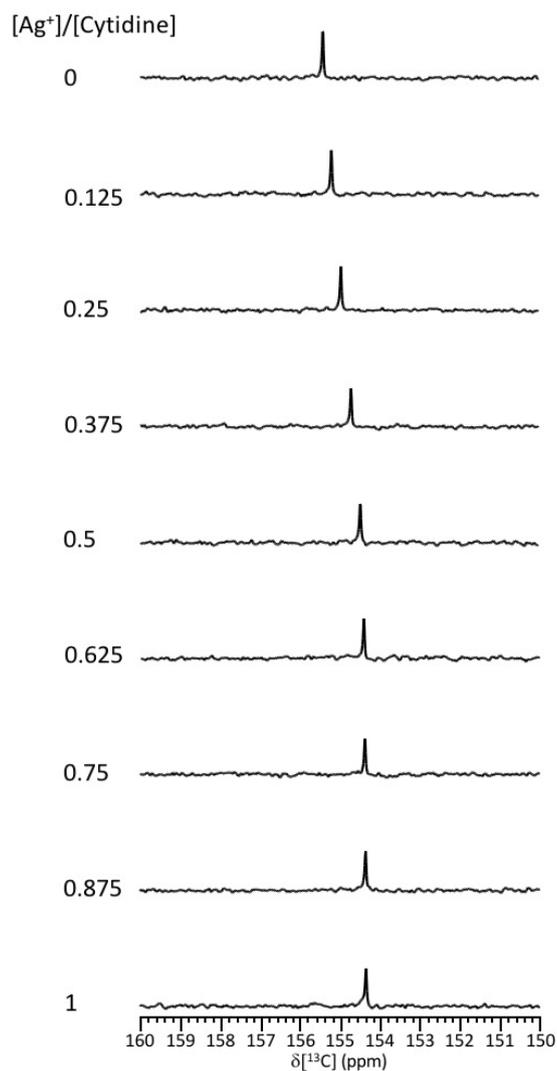
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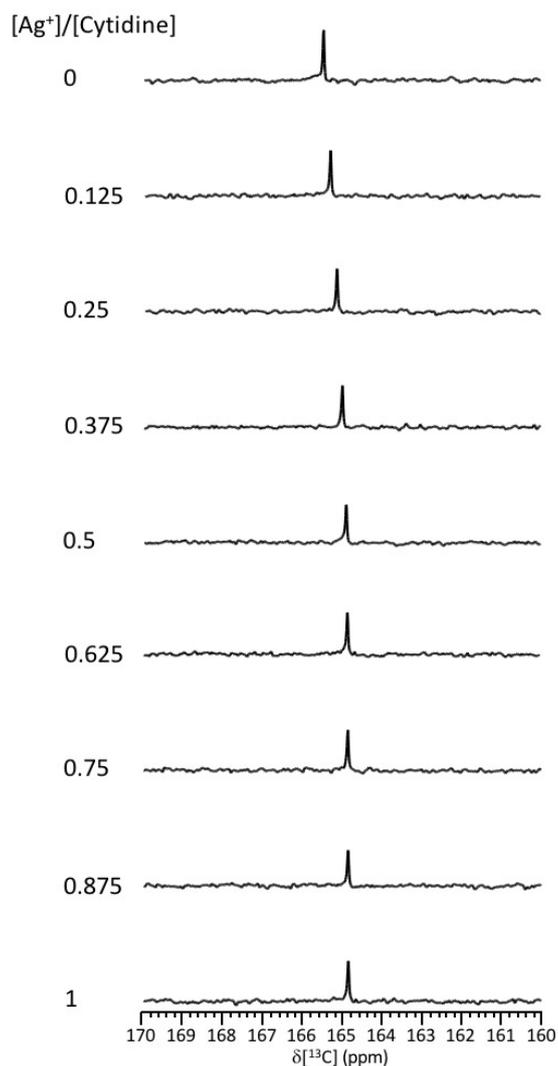
**Fig. S1**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR titration plots of cytidine with  $\text{AgNO}_3$  in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ . Chemical shifts of the (a) C2, (b) C4, (c) C5, and (d) C6 carbons of cytidine are plotted against the molar ratio of  $[\text{AgNO}_3]/[\text{Cytidine}]$  (0–1 eq.). The concentration of cytidine is 0.5 M.



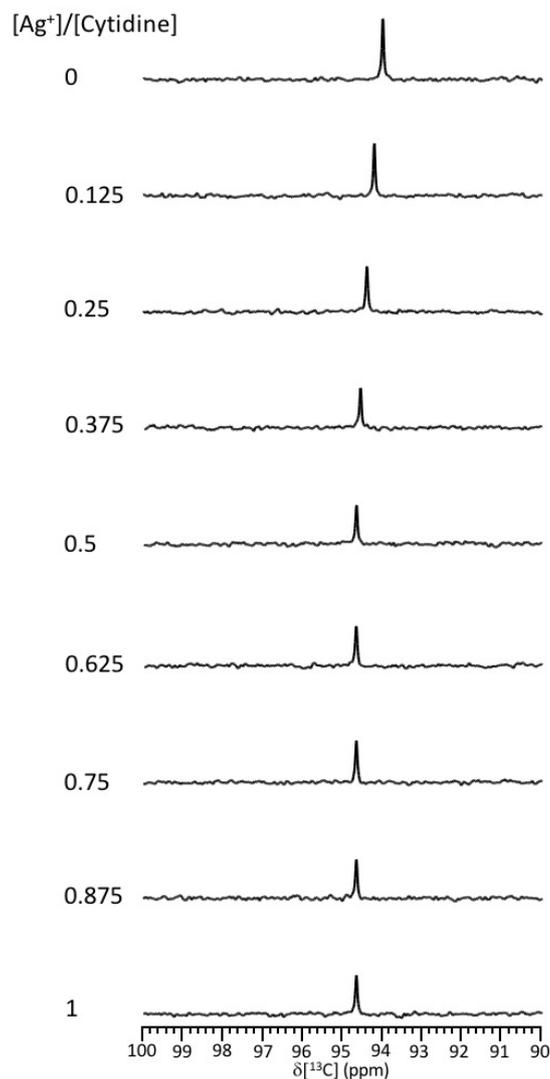
**Fig. S2** H1'/H5/H6/-NH<sub>2</sub> peaks of cytidine observed in the 1D <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (500 MHz) during Ag<sup>+</sup>-titration experiments in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>. The molar ratios of [AgNO<sub>3</sub>]/[Cytidine] (0–1 eq.) are indicated on the left side of each spectrum. The concentration of cytidine is 0.5 M. The 1D <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were obtained using a JEOL ECZ 500 spectrometer at 298 K with 8 scans and 16384 points for a spectral width of 15024.04 Hz.



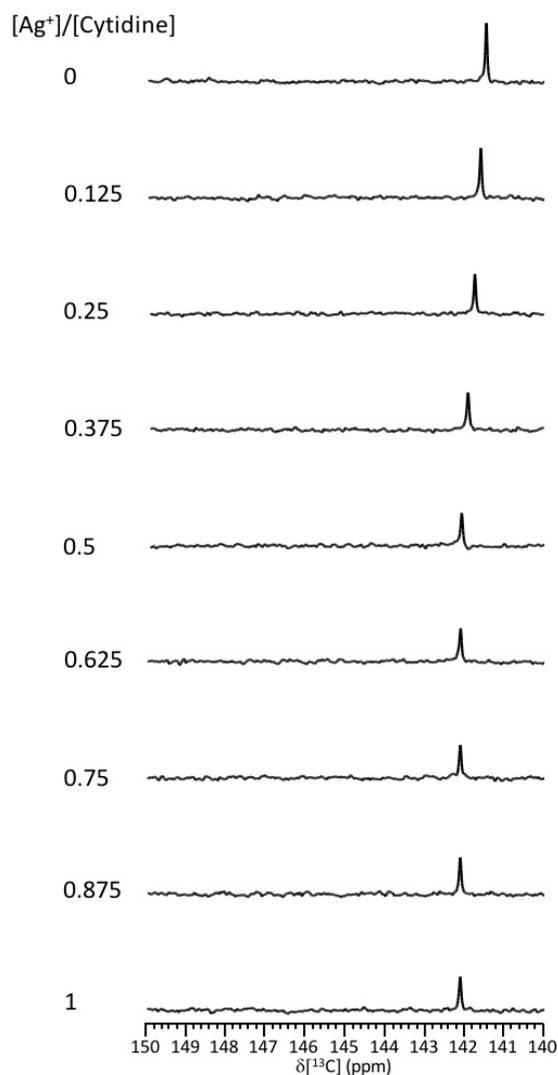
**Fig. S3** C2 peak of cytidine observed in the 1D  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra (126 MHz) during  $\text{Ag}^+$ -titration experiments in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ . The  $[\text{AgNO}_3]/[\text{Cytidine}]$  molar ratios (0–1 eq.) are indicated on the left side of each spectrum. The concentration of cytidine is 0.5 M. The 1D  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were obtained using a JEOL ECZ 500 spectrometer at 298 K with 32 scans and 32768 points for a spectral width of 47348.48 Hz.



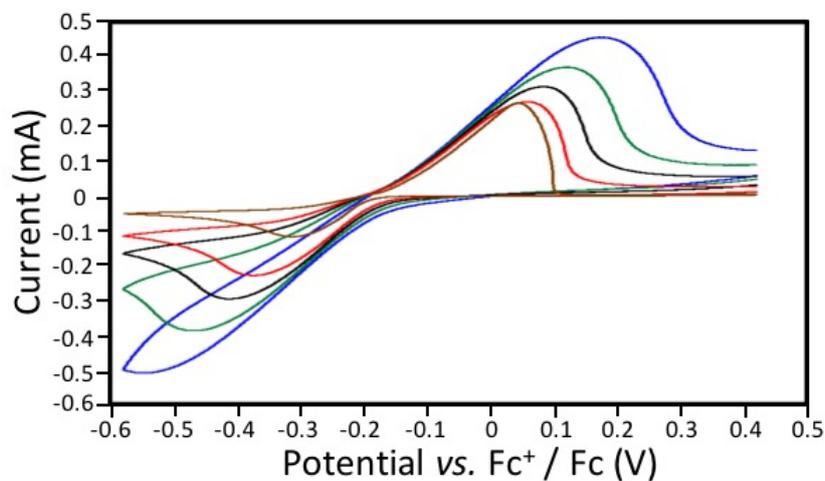
**Fig. S4** C4 peak of cytidine observed in the 1D  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra (126 MHz) during  $\text{Ag}^+$ -titration experiments in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ . The  $[\text{AgNO}_3]/[\text{Cytidine}]$  molar ratios (0–1 eq.) are indicated on the left side of each spectrum. The concentration of cytidine is 0.5 M. The 1D  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were obtained using a JEOL ECZ 500 spectrometer at 298 K with 32 scans and 32768 points for a spectral width of 47348.48 Hz.



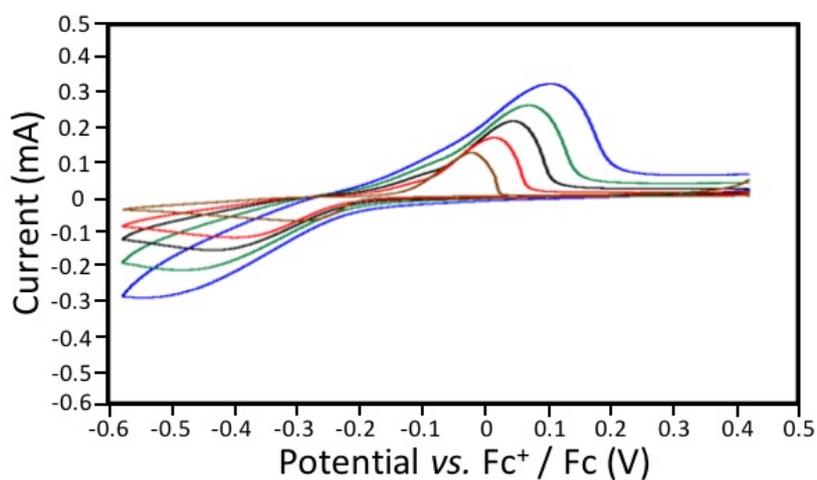
**Fig. S5** C5 peak of cytidine observed in the 1D  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra (126 MHz) during  $\text{Ag}^+$ -titration experiments in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ . The  $[\text{AgNO}_3]/[\text{Cytidine}]$  molar ratios (0–1 eq.) are indicated on the left side of each spectrum. The concentration of cytidine is 0.5 M. The 1D  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were obtained using a JEOL ECZ 500 spectrometer at 298 K with 32 scans and 32768 points for a spectral width of 47348.48 Hz.



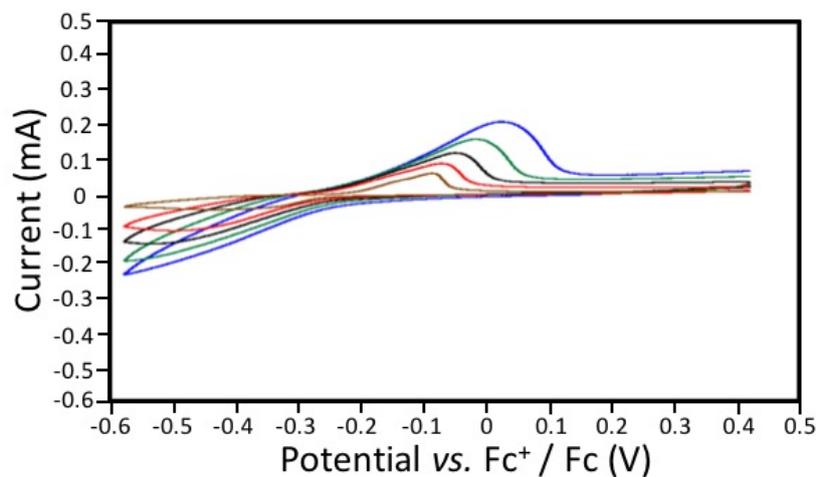
**Fig. S6** C6 peak of cytidine observed in the 1D  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra (126 MHz) during  $\text{Ag}^+$ -titration experiments in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ . The  $[\text{AgNO}_3]/[\text{Cytidine}]$  molar ratios (0–1 eq.) are indicated on the left side of each spectrum. The concentration of cytidine is 0.5 M. The 1D  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were obtained using a JEOL ECZ 500 spectrometer at 298 K with 32 scans and 32768 points for a spectral width of 47348.48 Hz.



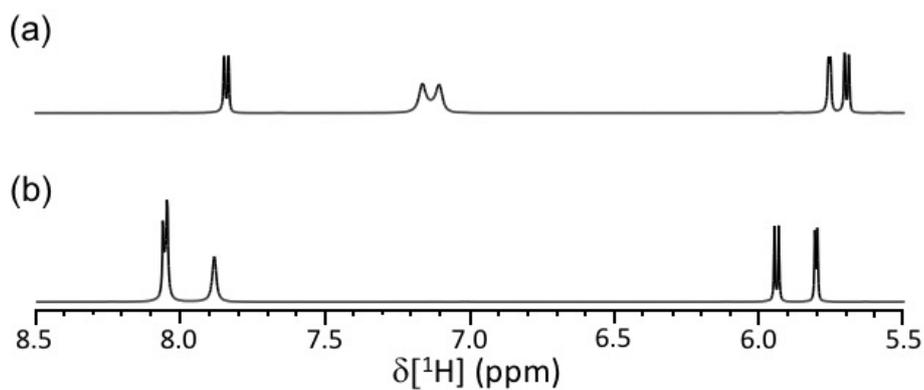
**Fig. S7** Cyclic voltammograms of 30 mM AgNO<sub>3</sub> in DMSO containing 100 mM NaNO<sub>3</sub> as a supporting electrolyte. Scan rate (V s<sup>-1</sup>) = 0.01 (brown), 0.05 (red), 0.1 (black), 0.2 (green), 0.4 (blue).



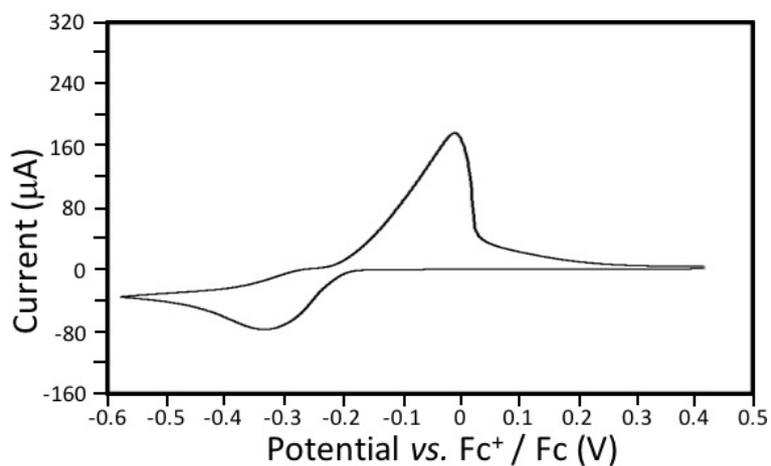
**Fig. S8** Cyclic voltammograms of 30 mM cytidine/30 mM AgNO<sub>3</sub> in DMSO containing 100 mM NaNO<sub>3</sub> as a supporting electrolyte. Scan rate (V s<sup>-1</sup>) = 0.01 (brown), 0.05 (red), 0.1 (black), 0.2 (green), 0.4 (blue).



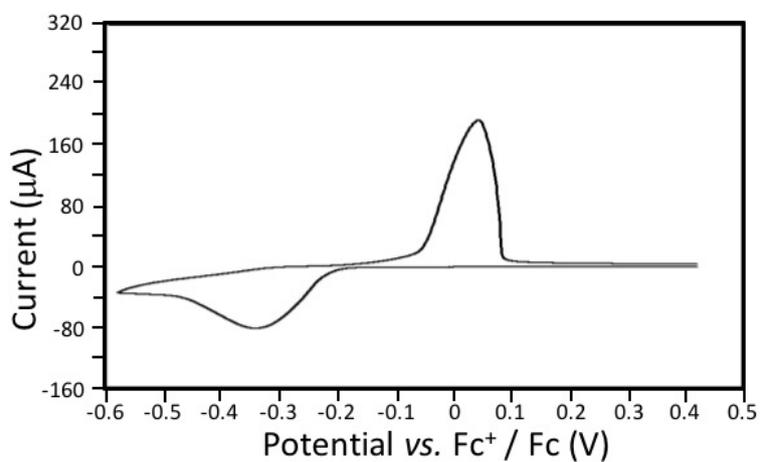
**Fig. S9** Cyclic voltammograms of 60 mM cytidine/30 mM AgNO<sub>3</sub> in DMSO containing 100 mM NaNO<sub>3</sub> as a supporting electrolyte. Scan rate (V s<sup>-1</sup>) = 0.01 (brown), 0.05 (red), 0.1 (black), 0.2 (green), 0.4 (blue).



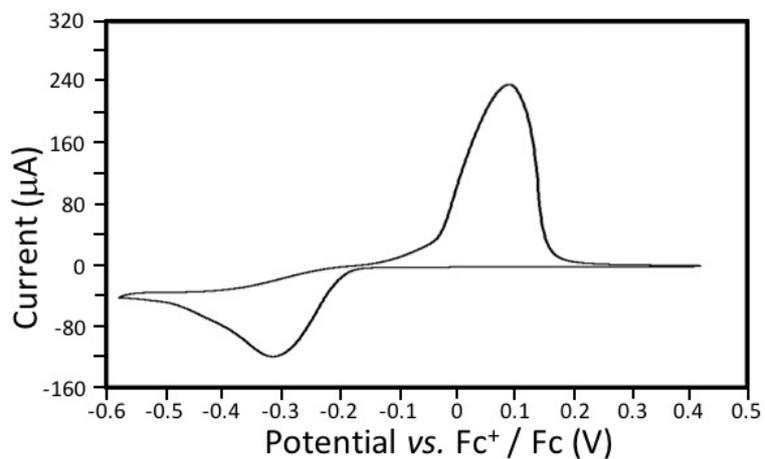
**Fig. S10** H1'/H5/H6/-NH<sub>2</sub> peaks of cytidine observed in the 1D <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (500 MHz) of (a) 60 mM cytidine and (b) 60 mM cytidine/30 mM AgNO<sub>3</sub> in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>. The 1D <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were obtained using a JEOL ECA 500 spectrometer at 298 K with 32 scans and 16384 points for a spectral width of 15024.04 Hz.



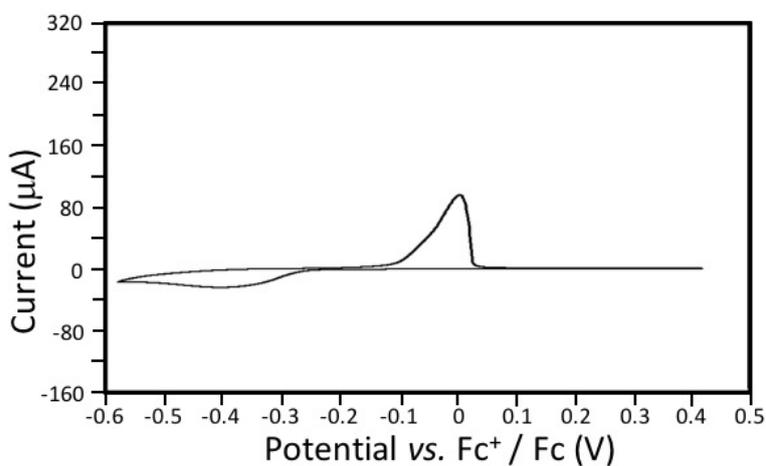
**Fig. S11** Cyclic voltammogram of 60 mM guanosine/30 mM AgNO<sub>3</sub> in DMSO containing 100 mM NaNO<sub>3</sub> as a supporting electrolyte. Scan rate = 0.01 V s<sup>-1</sup>.



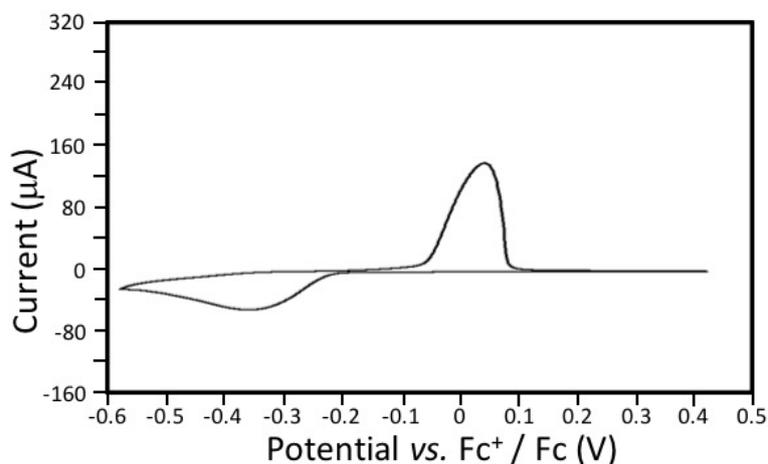
**Fig. S12** Cyclic voltammogram of 60 mM adenosine/30 mM AgNO<sub>3</sub> in DMSO containing 100 mM NaNO<sub>3</sub> as a supporting electrolyte. Scan rate = 0.01 V s<sup>-1</sup>.



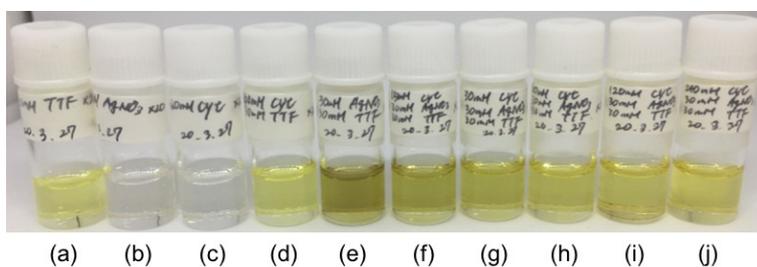
**Fig. S13** Cyclic voltammogram of 60 mM thymidine/30 mM AgNO<sub>3</sub> in DMSO containing 100 mM NaNO<sub>3</sub> as a supporting electrolyte. Scan rate = 0.01 V s<sup>-1</sup>.



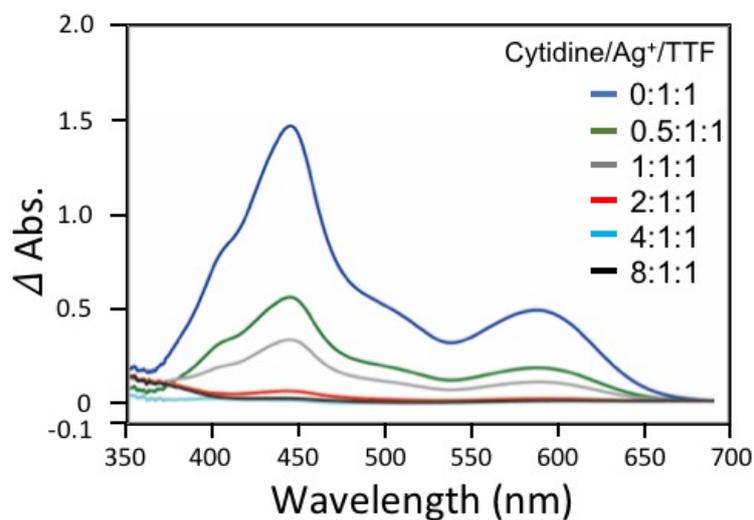
**Fig. S14** Cyclic voltammogram of 60 mM 5-methylcytidine/30 mM AgNO<sub>3</sub> in DMSO containing 100 mM NaNO<sub>3</sub> as a supporting electrolyte. Scan rate = 0.01 V s<sup>-1</sup>.



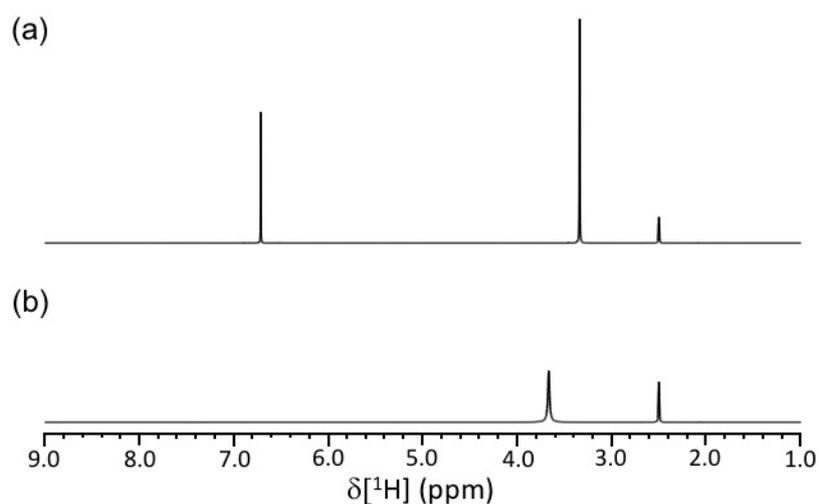
**Fig. S15** Cyclic voltammogram of 60 mM 5-fluorocytidine/30 mM  $\text{AgNO}_3$  in DMSO containing 100 mM  $\text{NaNO}_3$  as a supporting electrolyte. Scan rate =  $0.01 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ .



**Fig. S16** Twenty-fold dilutions of solutions: (a) 1.5 mM TTF, (b) 1.5 mM  $\text{AgNO}_3$ , (c) 3 mM cytidine, and (d) 3 mM cytidine/1.5 mM TTF in DMSO and the supernatant fluids obtained from the centrifugation of cytidine: $\text{AgNO}_3$ :TTF solutions with molar ratios of (e) 0:1:1, (f) 0.5:1:1, (g) 1:1:1, (h) 2:1:1, (i) 4:1:1, and (j) 8:1:1. Solutions before dilution can be seen in Fig. 6.



**Fig. S17** UV-vis spectra obtained by subtracting the spectrum of 1.5 mM TTF (see Fig. S16, photograph (a)) from the spectra that were reported in Fig. 7. Molar ratio (cytidine:AgNO<sub>3</sub>:TTF) = 0:1:1 (blue), 0.5:1:1 (green), 1:1:1 (gray), 2:1:1 (red), 4:1:1 (cyan), 8:1:1 (black).



**Fig. S18** 1D <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (500 MHz) of (a) 30 mM TTF and (b) the supernatant fluid that was obtained from centrifuging 30 mM AgNO<sub>3</sub>/30 mM TTF in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR signal of TTF ( $\delta$  <sup>1</sup>H = 6.71) disappeared after 1 equivalent of AgNO<sub>3</sub> was added. The 1D <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were obtained using a JEOL ECZ 500 spectrometer at 298 K with 64 scans and 16384 points for a spectral width of 15024.04 Hz.