## Investigating the Coordination, Electrochemistry, and Kinetics of Cu<sup>2+</sup> Reduction by Biologically Relevant Selone and Thione Compounds

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## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**X-ray structural data**. Crystal packing diagrams of **1** and **2** along the *a*-axis and **4b** along the *b*-axis showing short contact interactions between S-O, Se-O, O-H, H-F and Se-Se (Figs. S1-S3).

**Electrochemical studies**. Cyclic voltammograms of MISeox and  $Cu^{2+/+}$  reduction couples of  $[Cu(dmit)_3][OTf]$  (3) and  $[Cu(dmise)_4][OTf]$  (4) (Fig. S4).



**Fig. S1.** Crystal packing diagram of [(dmise)<sub>2</sub>][(OTf)<sub>2</sub>] (1) along the *a*-axis showing short contact interactions and hydrogen bonds between Se-O, H-O, and F-H atoms.



**Fig. S2.** Crystal packing diagram of  $[(dmit)_2][(OTf)_2](2)$  along the *a*-axis showing short contact interactions and hydrogen bonds between S-O, H-O, and F-H atoms.



**Fig. S3.** Crystal packing diagram of  $[(dmise)_3][(OTf)_2]$  (**4b**) along the *b*-axis showing short contact interactions between Se-Se atoms.



**Fig. S4.** Cyclic voltammetry scans for A) MISeox, B)  $[Cu(dmit)_3][OTf]$  (**3**), and C)  $[Cu(dmise)_4][OTf]$  (**4a**). All data were collected with 1 mM complex in acetonitrile. Potentials are reported versus normal hydrogen electrode (NHE).



**Fig. S5.** Kinetics plots of Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> reduction by dmit and dmise in acetonitrile with different molar ratios of Cu<sup>2+</sup> to ligand showing the initial rate fitting: A) 1 to 0.5 and B) 1 to 0.1. For these experiments, Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> concentration was 25  $\mu$ M and dmise or dmit concentrations were 2.5 and 12.5  $\mu$ M, respectively.



Fig. S6. Kinetics plots of  $Cu(OTf)_2$  (25  $\mu$ M) reduction by dmit and dmise (25  $\mu$ M) in acetonitrile under anaerobic conditions.

**Table S1.** Initial rates of  $Cu(OTf)_2$  reduction by dmise and dmit in acetonitrile with different molar ratios of ligand to  $Cu^{2+}$ .

Ligand to Cu <sup>2+</sup> ratio	Rate with dmit (s <sup>-1</sup> )	Rate with dmise (s <sup>-1</sup> )
1:1	$0.18 \pm 0.01$	$0.50 \pm 0.03$
0.5 : 1	$0.044 \pm 0.001$	$0.087 \pm 0.001$
0.1:1	$0.0135 \pm 0.0006$	$0.0363 \pm 0.0005$
1:1 (anaerobic)	$2.000 \pm 0.001 \times 10^{\text{-5}}$	$3.015 \pm 0.001 \times 10^{\text{-5}}$