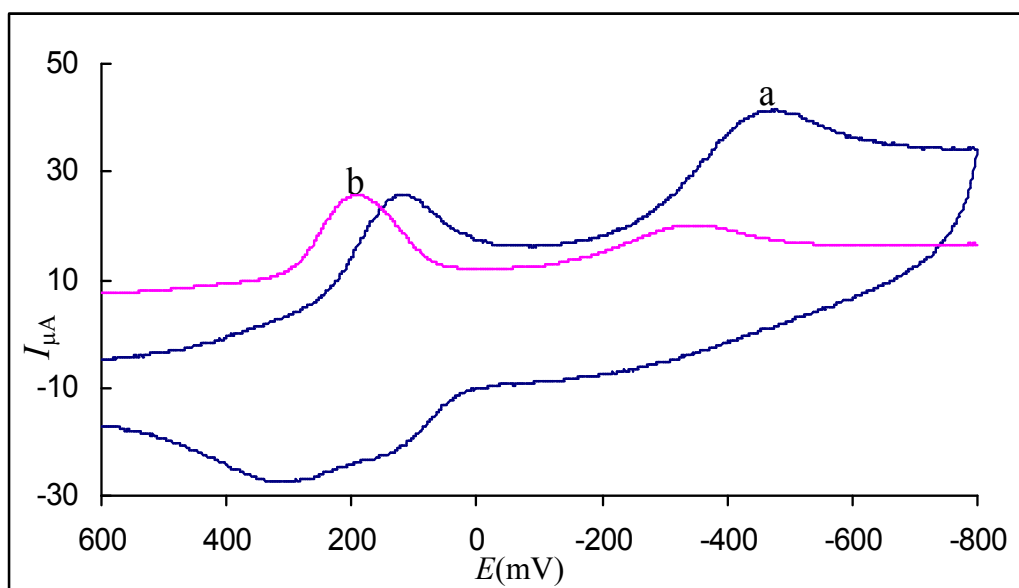
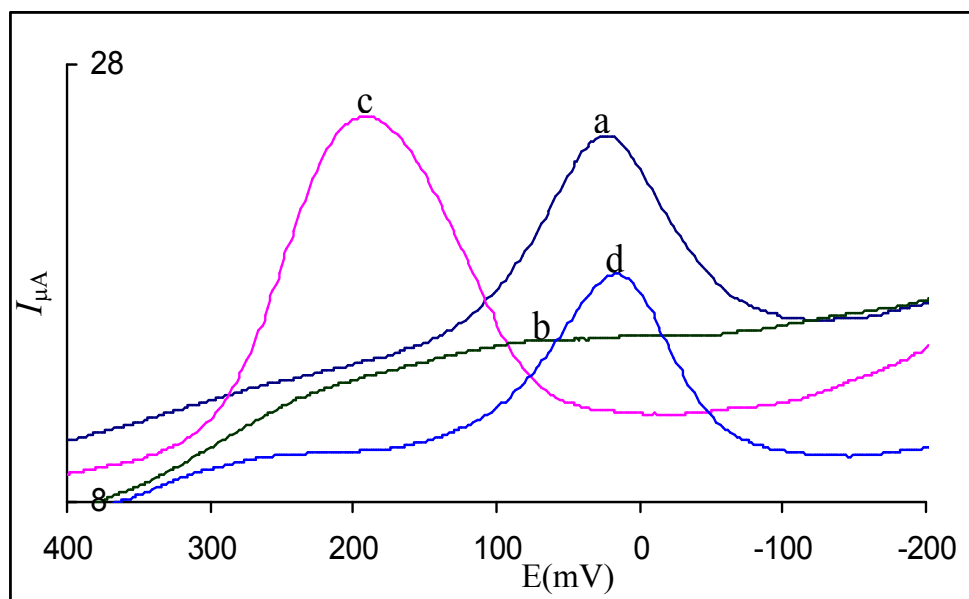


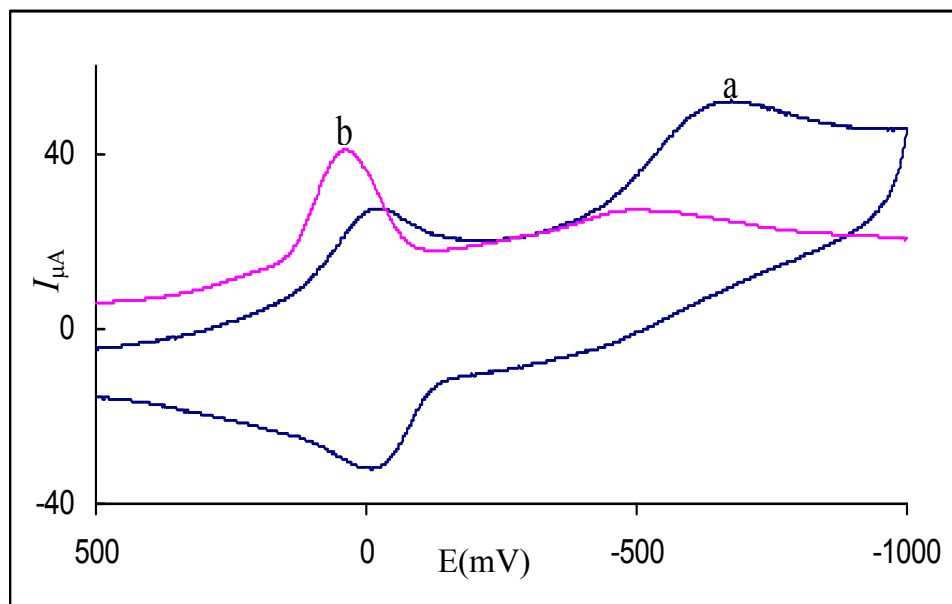
### Supporting Information



**Figure S1.** Cyclic voltammogram (a) (scan rate  $50 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ ) and Differential pulse voltammogram (b) (scan rate  $5 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ ) of  $1 \text{ mM } [\text{Fe}(\text{L3})\text{Cl}_3]$  in aqueous CTAB micellar solution at  $25^\circ \text{C}$ . Supporting electrolyte:  $0.1 \text{ M NaCl}$



**Figure S2.** Differential pulse voltammograms of 1mM  $[\text{Fe}(\text{L4})(\text{DBC})_2]^{2-+}$  in Aqueous solution (a), CTAB (b), SDS (c) and TX-100 (d) micellar solution at 25 °C. Supporting electrolyte: 0.1 M NaCl, Scan rate 5 mV s<sup>-1</sup>



**Figure S3.** Cyclic voltammogram (a) (scan rate  $50 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ ) and Differential pulse voltammogram (b) (scan rate  $5 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ ) of  $1 \text{ mM } [\text{Fe}(\text{L3})\text{Cl}_3]$  in aqueous solution at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . Supporting electrolyte:  $0.1 \text{ M NaCl}$

**Table S1** Electronic spectral data ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  in nm,  $\epsilon_{\text{max}}$  in  $\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$  in parenthesis) for iron(III) complexes<sup>a</sup> in water and micellar media<sup>b</sup>

| Complex                  | Water     | SDS       | CTAB       | TX-100     |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| [Fe(L1)Cl <sub>3</sub> ] | 383(1840) | 389(1985) | 369(17650) | 370(1540)  |
|                          | 295(1265) | 286(1260) | 285(4120)  | 284(1770)  |
|                          | 255(1430) | 256(1500) | 255(5040)  | 270(1740)  |
| [Fe(L2)Cl <sub>3</sub> ] | 388(1650) | 379(1590) | 362(580)   | 342 (1460) |
|                          | 286(1350) | 296(4550) | 295(7950)  | 283(4720)  |
|                          | 255(1550) | 256(5120) | 256(1075)  | 267(6030)  |
| [Fe(L3)Cl <sub>3</sub> ] | 358(1680) | 375(1620) | 347(1795)  | 377(1315)  |
|                          | 287(1280) | 292(1280) | 298(1540)  | 293(1970)  |
|                          | 253(1520) | 253(1520) | 258(1630)  | 269(2110)  |
| [Fe(L4)Cl <sub>3</sub> ] | 363(1580) | 389(1510) | 383(1480)  | 372(1390)  |
|                          | 287(1530) | 297(1660) | 296(1450)  | 289(1660)  |
|                          | 256(1630) | 257(1700) | 256(1730)  | 257(1700)  |

<sup>a</sup>Concentration of iron(III) complexes,  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  M.

<sup>b</sup>Surfactant concentration: SDS,  $13.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M; CTAB,  $6.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M and TX-100,  $12.5 \times 10^{-3}$  M.

**Table S2** Electrochemical data<sup>a</sup> of [Fe(L1)Cl<sub>3</sub>] complexes and its DBC<sup>2-</sup> adducts in aqueous and aqueous micellar<sup>b</sup> (SDS, CTAB, TX-100) solutions at 25 ± 0.2° C at a scan rate of 50 mV/s

| Complex                                    | <i>E</i> <sub>pc</sub><br>(V) | <i>E</i> <sub>pa</sub><br>(V) | $\Delta E$<br>(mV) | <i>E</i> <sub>1/2</sub> (V) |                  | Redox process                             |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                               |                               |                    | CV                          | DPV <sup>d</sup> |                                           |
| <b>Water</b>                               |                               |                               |                    |                             |                  |                                           |
| [Fe(L1)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]                   | -0.046                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | 0.042            | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup>      |
|                                            | -                             | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.082           | LR                                        |
| [Fe(L1)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]+DBC <sup>2-</sup> | 0.094                         | 0.302                         | 0.210              | 0.199                       | 0.190            | DBSQ → DBC <sup>2-</sup>                  |
|                                            | -0.672                        | -                             | -                  | -0.512                      | -0.608           | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup> + LR |
| <b>SDS</b>                                 |                               |                               |                    |                             |                  |                                           |
| [Fe(L1)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]                   | -0.096                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | 0.062            | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup>      |
|                                            | -0.624                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.572           | LR                                        |
| [Fe(L1)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]+DBC <sup>2-</sup> | -0.112                        | -0.008                        | 0.104              | 0.060                       | 0.028            | DBSQ → DBC <sup>2-</sup>                  |
|                                            | -0.702                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.566           | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup> + LR |
| <b>CTAB</b>                                |                               |                               |                    |                             |                  |                                           |
| [Fe(L1)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]                   | -0.023                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | 0.150            | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup>      |
|                                            | -0.466                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.342           | LR                                        |
| [Fe(L1)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]+DBC <sup>2-</sup> | -0.004                        | 0.062                         | 0.058              | 0.033                       | 0.054            | DBSQ → DBC <sup>2-</sup>                  |
|                                            | -0.502                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.350           | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup> + LR |
| <b>TX-100</b>                              |                               |                               |                    |                             |                  |                                           |
| [Fe(L1)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]                   | -0.112                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | 0.004            | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup>      |
|                                            | -0.596                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.456           | LR                                        |
| [Fe(L1)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]+DBC <sup>2-</sup> | -0.104                        | -0.012                        | 0.092              | -0.058                      | -0.046           | DBSQ → DBC <sup>2-</sup>                  |
|                                            | -0.684                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.576           | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup> + LR |

<sup>a</sup>Potential measured (± 0.002 V) vs Calomel electrode (0.01 M, 0.1 M NaCl). Add 0.244 V to convert to NHE. <sup>b</sup>Surfactant concentration: SDS, 8.2 × 10<sup>-3</sup> M., CTAB, 1.2 × 10<sup>-3</sup> M and TX-100, 3.1 × 10<sup>-3</sup> M.

<sup>c</sup>Reduction of some dissociated species, LR = Ligand Reduction,

<sup>d</sup>Differential pulse voltammetry scan rate, 5 mV/s

**Table S3** Electrochemical data<sup>a</sup> of [Fe(L2)Cl<sub>3</sub>] complexes and its DBC<sup>2-</sup> adducts in aqueous and aqueous micellar<sup>b</sup> (SDS, CTAB, TX-100) solutions at 25 ± 0.2 °C at a scan rate of 50 mV/s

| Complex                                    | <i>E</i> <sub>pc</sub><br>(V) | <i>E</i> <sub>pa</sub><br>(V) | $\Delta E$<br>(mV) | <i>E</i> <sub>1/2</sub> (V) |                  | Redox process                             |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                               |                               |                    | CV                          | DPV <sup>d</sup> |                                           |
| <b>Water</b>                               |                               |                               |                    |                             |                  |                                           |
| [Fe(L2)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]                   | 0.178                         | -                             | -                  | -                           | 0.126            | c                                         |
|                                            | -0.078                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | 0.024            | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup>      |
|                                            | -0.592                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.452           | LR                                        |
| [Fe(L2)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]+DBC <sup>2-</sup> | -0.062                        | -0.024                        | 38                 | 0.043                       | 0.031            | DBSQ → DBC <sup>2-</sup>                  |
|                                            | -                             | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.048           | c                                         |
|                                            | -0.632                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.566           | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup> + LR |
| <b>SDS</b>                                 |                               |                               |                    |                             |                  |                                           |
| [Fe(L2)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]                   | 0.167                         | -                             | -                  | -                           | 0.140            | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup>      |
|                                            | -0.680                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.532           | LR                                        |
| [Fe(L2)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]+DBC <sup>2-</sup> | -0.020                        | -0.008                        | -                  | 0.039                       | 0.032            | DBSQ → DBC <sup>2-</sup>                  |
|                                            | -0.674                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.500           | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup> + LR |
| <b>CTAB</b>                                |                               |                               |                    |                             |                  |                                           |
| [Fe(L2)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]                   | -0.153                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | 0.144            | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup>      |
|                                            | -0.450                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.318           | LR                                        |
| [Fe(L2)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]+DBC <sup>2-</sup> | 0.192                         | 0.302                         | 110                | 0.247                       | 0.120            | DBSQ → DBC <sup>2-</sup>                  |
|                                            | -0.346                        | 0.158                         | 188                | 0.252                       | -0.474           | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup> + LR |
| <b>TX-100</b>                              |                               |                               |                    |                             |                  |                                           |
| [Fe(L2)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]                   | 0.174                         | -                             | -                  | -                           | 0.180            | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup>      |
|                                            | -0.666                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.506           | LR                                        |
| [Fe(L2)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]+DBC <sup>2-</sup> | -0.012                        | -0.182                        | 194                | 0.097                       | 0.092            | DBSQ → DBC <sup>2-</sup>                  |
|                                            | -0.700                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.578           | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup> + LR |

<sup>a</sup>Potential measured (± 0.002 V) vs Calomel electrode (0.01 M, 0.1 M NaCl). Add 0.244 V to convert to NHE. <sup>b</sup>Surfactant concentration: SDS, 8.2 × 10<sup>-3</sup> M., CTAB, 1.2 × 10<sup>-3</sup> M and TX-100, 3.1 × 10<sup>-3</sup> M.

<sup>c</sup>Reduction of some dissociated species, LR = Ligand Reduction,

<sup>d</sup>Differential pulse voltammetry scan rate, 5 mV/s

**Table S4** Electrochemical data<sup>a</sup> of [Fe(L4)Cl<sub>3</sub>] complexes and its DBC<sup>2-</sup>-adducts in aqueous and aqueous micellar<sup>b</sup> (SDS, CTAB, TX-100) solutions at 25 ± 2 °C at a scan rate of 50 mV/s

| Complex                                    | <i>E</i> <sub>pc</sub><br>(V) | <i>E</i> <sub>pa</sub><br>(V) | $\Delta E$<br>(mV) | <i>E</i> <sub>1/2</sub> (V) |                  | Redox process                             |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                               |                               |                    | CV                          | DPV <sup>d</sup> |                                           |
| <b>Water</b>                               |                               |                               |                    |                             |                  |                                           |
| [Fe(L4)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]                   | -0.078                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | 0.024            | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup>      |
|                                            | -0.576                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.452           | LR                                        |
| [Fe(L4)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]+DBC <sup>2-</sup> | -0.064                        | -0.028                        | 0.036              | -0.046                      | -0.048           | DBSQ → DBC <sup>2-</sup>                  |
|                                            | -0.632                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.566           | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup> + LR |
| <b>SDS</b>                                 |                               |                               |                    |                             |                  |                                           |
| [Fe(L4)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]                   | 0.190                         | -                             | -                  | -                           | 0.092            | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup>      |
|                                            | -0.686                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.532           | LR                                        |
| [Fe(L4)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]+DBC <sup>2-</sup> | -0.020                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.032           | DBSQ → DBC <sup>2-</sup>                  |
|                                            | -0.674                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.500           | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup> + LR |
| <b>CTAB</b>                                |                               |                               |                    |                             |                  |                                           |
| [Fe(L4)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]                   | -0.168                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | 0.168            | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup>      |
|                                            | -0.450                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.324           | LR                                        |
| [Fe(L4)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]+DBC <sup>2-</sup> | 0.124                         | 0.306                         | 0.166              | 0.213                       | 0.192            | DBSQ → DBC <sup>2-</sup>                  |
|                                            | -0.466                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.346           | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup> + LR |
| <b>TX-100</b>                              |                               |                               |                    |                             |                  |                                           |
| [Fe(L4)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]                   | 0.174                         | -                             | -                  | -                           | 0.121            | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup>      |
|                                            | -0.070                        |                               |                    |                             | -0.018           | c                                         |
|                                            | -0.666                        |                               |                    |                             | -0.506           | LR                                        |
| [Fe(L4)Cl <sub>3</sub> ]+DBC <sup>2-</sup> | -0.012                        | 0.182                         | 0.194              | 0.097                       | 0.092            | DBSQ → DBC <sup>2-</sup>                  |
|                                            | -0.700                        | -                             | -                  | -                           | -0.578           | Fe <sup>III</sup> → Fe <sup>II</sup> + LR |

<sup>a</sup>Potential measured (± 0.002 V) vs Calomel electrode (0.01 M, 0.1 M NaCl). Add 0.244 V to convert to NHE. <sup>b</sup>Surfactant concentration: SDS, 13.0 × 10<sup>-3</sup> M., CTAB, 6.0 × 10<sup>-3</sup> M and TX-100, 12.5 × 10<sup>-3</sup> M. <sup>c</sup>Reduction of some dissociated species, LR = Ligand Reduction,

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