

Supplementary figures

**Fig. S-1.** DPVs of 0.4 and 0.6 mM HCAQ recorded in pH 7.0 at 5 mVs<sup>-1</sup> after cathodic scan without cleaning the electrode surface.



**Fig. S-2** (A) 1<sup>st</sup> and (B) 2<sup>nd</sup> scan DPVs showing reduction of 0.7 mM HCAQ and oxidation of the reduction product in 50% ethanol and 50% BR buffer of pH 3-11 at 5 mVs<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S-3.**  $E_p$  as a function of pH using DPV data of peak 1c.



**Fig. S-4.** (A) SWV of different concentrations of HCAQ obtained at 100 mVs<sup>-1</sup> in a medium of pH 10 (B) Plot of peak current *versus* concentration.