



The Chemical Reactivity Study of Organotin(IV) 4-aminobenzoates Using Cyclic Voltammetry and Antioxidant Activity Test by the DPPH Method

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Abstract: Chemical reactivity studies of the organotin(IV) carboxylates diphenyltin(IV) di-4-aminobenzoate (**1**) and triphenyltin(IV) 4-aminobenzoate (**2**) were conducted using cyclic voltammetry. Then, their antioxidant activities were tested by the 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) method. Cyclic voltammetry was used to determine the kinetic constants of compounds **1** and **2** for the forward chemical reaction (k_f). The constant values of the chemical reaction rate of **1** and **2** on cyclic voltammogram by experiment were obtained by comparing with the values from digital simulation methods obtained using Polar software 5.8.3. The results demonstrated that the constant value of the rate of the subsequent chemical reaction is a function of the rate of its potential (slope = k_f/v); that is, 6.481 and 6.069 1/V for **1** and **2**, respectively. The type of chemical reaction mechanism that occurs around the surface of the working electrode follows reaction mechanism of electrochemical reaction is quasi reversible and chemical reaction is irreversible (E_qC_i). The antioxidant activities of compounds **1** and **2** produced IC_{50} values of 5.91 and 12.57 $\mu\text{g/mL}$, respectively. These results indicate that both compounds are active as antioxidants. However, their antioxidant activities were lower than that of ascorbic acid, which has an IC_{50} value of 0.66 $\mu\text{g/mL}$.

Keywords: antioxidant, forward chemical rate constant (k_f); organotin(IV) 4-aminobenzoate; Polar 5.8.3; cyclic voltammetry

1. Introduction

Organotins are compounds that have at least one Sn-C covalent bond. Organotin (IV) complexes have remarkable biological activities, whose strengths are determined by the number of organic groups that are bound to the central Sn atom [1]. Several biological activities can be stimulated by incorporating the ligands bound to Sn atoms to the organotin(IV) compounds. These ligands act as secondary determinants for the reactivity of organotin(IV) compounds [2]. Organotin(IV) compounds have a plethora of applications because of their antifungal [3-5], antitumor [6-10], corrosion inhibitor [11-14], antimalarial [15-18], and antibacterial properties [19, 20]. The ability to bind or reduce free radicals [21-23] makes them a great antioxidant. as in organotin(II) compounds with flavonoid compounds [24, 25] and organotin(IV) compounds with carboxylic acid derivatives [23]. Compared to other organotin(IV) compounds, organotin(IV) carboxylate compounds have received special attention for their wide applications and appreciable biological properties.

The chemical reactivity of a compound is determined by calculating the constant value of the rate of an advanced chemical reaction (k_f). Cyclic voltammetry is an analytical method for calculating the magnitude of a chemical reaction's rate constant [26]. Examining chemical kinetics of cyclic voltammetric reactions provides information about the chemical reactivity of an alkylating agent, which helps assess the usefulness or toxicity of an organotin [27, 28]. The electrochemical simulation and data analysis software, Polar 5.8.3 software is usually used to determine k_f [27-29].

Organotin(IV) carboxylate is recognized for its usefulness and wide range of interesting applications.

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In this study, we aimed to determine the chemical reactivity of the organotin(IV) carboxylate compounds diphenyltin(IV) di-4-aminobenzoate and triphenyltin(IV) 4-aminobenzoate by using cyclic voltammetry. We also examined the antioxidant properties of these compounds using the 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) method using a similar procedure applied by others [30-32].

2. Materials and methods

2.1. Materials

All reagents used were of analytical reagent grade. High-grade water, methanol, DPPH, ascorbic acid, NaCl, and dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and were used as is. Diphenyltin(IV) di-4-aminobenzoate ($(C_6H_5)_2Sn(OCOC_6H_4NH_2)_2$) (**1**) and triphenyltin(IV) 4-aminobenzoate ($(C_6H_5)_3Sn(OCOC_6H_4NH_2)$) (**2**) were already available in our laboratory.

2.2. Instrumentation

The optical densities were measured using a UV-Shimadzu UV-245 spectrophotometer. The ER644 integrated potentiostat eDAQ system was used for cyclic voltammetry. The potentiostat is a three-electrode system, in which the gold wire acts as the working electrode, silver wire as the reference electrode, and platinum wire as the counter electrode. Cyclic voltammetry was conducted under the following conditions:

- (1) Initial potential ($E_{initial}$): +700 mV;
- (2) End potential (E_{end}): +1400 mV;
- (3) Temperature: 25°C;
- (4) Working electrode: gold (Au);
- (5) Auxiliary electrode: platinum (Pt);
- (6) Reference electrode: silver (Ag)/AgCl;
- (7) Potential scanning rate (ν): varied every 100 mV/s (from 100 to 700 mV/s).

2.3. Preparation of Standard Solutions 1 and 2

Two milliliters of 1 mM standard solutions **1** and **2** was added to 0.5 mL of 0.1 M NaCl. After mixing, the concentrations of the standard solutions and the NaCl were modified to 0.8 mM and 0.02 M, respectively.

2.4. Characterization of Reactions Mechanisms (E_xC_x)

The characteristic of an electrochemical reaction can be known from the constant value of the standard heterogen electron transfer, whereas the characteristic of a chemical reaction can be known by forward chemical reaction constant (k_f) and reverse chemical reaction constant (k_b) [33]. The reaction mechanism that occurs on the surface of a working electrode is E_xC_x . Electrochemical reaction mechanisms (E_x) on the surface of an electrode are reversible (r), quasi reversible (q), and irreversible (i). In this study, the characterization of x in an electrochemical reaction (E_x) was determined by calculating k_s using the Polar 5.8.3 software under the following conditions [34]:

- (1) r (reversible), if $k_s > 0.3 \nu^{1/2}$ cm/s;
- (2) q (quasi-reversible), if $k_s > 2.5 \times 10^{-5} \nu^{1/2}$ cm/s;
- (3) i (irreversible), if $k_s < 2.5 \times 10^{-5} \nu^{1/2}$ cm/s;

The values of potential scanning rate ($\nu^{1/2}$) were obtained from the experiment.

2.5. Antioxidant Activity Test

Antioxidant activity test by DPPH method was performed according to a previous method used by others [21-23, 30-32]. Briefly, the compounds to be tested were dissolved in methanol at concentrations of 2; 4; 8; 16, and 32 μ M. To each test solution, DPPH (0.1 mM in methanol) was added and mixed thoroughly. The solution was left aside for 30 min. The absorbance of the mixture at a wavelength of 517 nm was measured using a UV-vis spectrophotometer. Antioxidant activity was calculated as the

percentage of inhibition against DPPH. Percentage inhibition or percentage of DPPH radical capture activity was calculated using Equation 1:

$$\text{Percentage inhibition} = \left\{ \frac{\text{Control absorbance} - \text{Sample absorbance}}{\text{Control absorbance}} \right\} \times 100\%. \quad (1)$$

The IC_{50} of each sample concentration was calculated using the linear regression equation. The sample concentration was plotted in the x axis and percentage of inhibition in the y axis. From the equation $y = a + bx$, the value of IC_{50} was calculated using Equation 2.

$$IC_{50} = \frac{50 - a}{b} \quad (2)$$

where y is the percentage inhibition (50), a is the intercept (intersection of lines the y axis), b is the slope, and x is the concentration.

3. Results and discussions

The results of the cyclic voltammetry of tested compounds are presented in Figures 1 and 2, and that of the blank solution is presented in Figure 3. The peak current (i_p) and peak potential (E_p) data obtained from the voltammogram of compounds **1** and **2** are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Voltammogram of compounds **1** and **2**

Potential Scanning Rate (V/s)	E_p Experiment diphenyltin(IV) di-4-amino-benzoate (Volt)	i_p Experiment diphenyltin(IV) di-4-amino-benzoate (μA)	E_p Experiment triphenyltin(IV) 4-aminobenzoate (Volt)	i_p Experiment triphenyltin(IV) 4-aminobenzoate (μA)
0.1	1.05	46.123	1.06	42.098
0.2	1.065	52.713	1.085	49.682
0.3	1.070	56.336	1.11	52.825
0.4	1.085	60.148	1.12	56.408
0.5	1.095	63.292	1.13	59.157
0.6	1.105	65.755	1.14	61.831
0.7	1.115	68.497	1.15	64.36

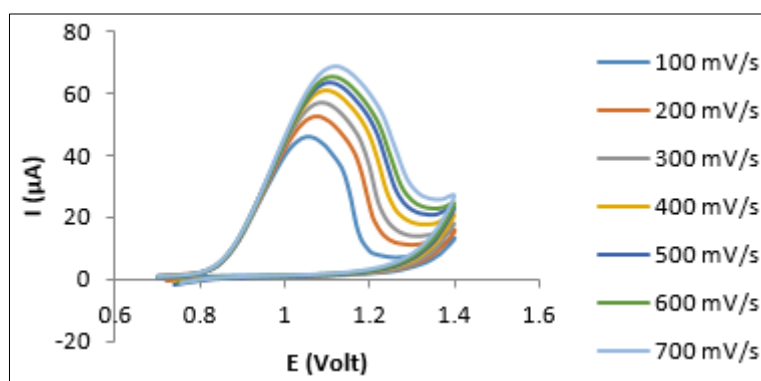


Figure 1. The voltammogram of blank 100 mV/s and compound **1** 0.8 mM by varying the potential scanning rate with cyclic voltammetry

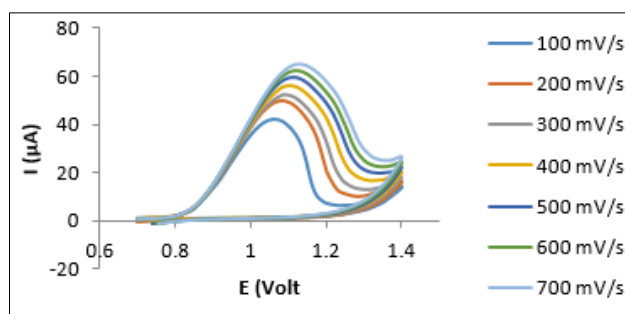


Figure 2. The voltammogram of blank 100 mV/s and compound 2 0.8 mM by varying the potential scanning rate with cyclic voltammetry

The increase of oxidation peak current (i_p) in the measurement of standard solutions 1 and 2 were influenced by the potential scanning rate (Table 1). The higher the velocity of the potential scanning speed, the higher is the current generated. In this study, blank measurements were taken to ensure the peak potential values of the blanks that appeared differed from the peak potential values of the measured standard solutions. In fact, the blank solution did not demonstrate an oxidation or reduction peak in each variation of the potential scanning rate (Figure 3).

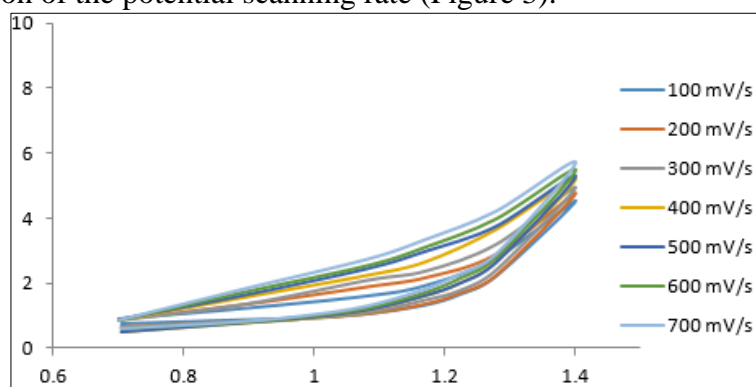


Figure 3. The cyclic voltammogram of blank solution

Table 2. The Values of K_s , A , E° , and k_f simulation result (cyclic voltammogram) of compound 1 using Polar 5.8.3 Software

V	A	k_s	T	α	E°	k_f	$D \times 10^{-4}$	C
(mV/s)	(cm^2)	(cm/s)	($^\circ\text{C}$)		(volt)	(1/s)	(cm^2/s)	(mM)
0.1	0.00785	0.007	25	0.4	0.8187	0.5916	0.645	0.008
0.2	0.00785	0.007	25	0.4	0.8194	1.2546	0.645	0.008
0.3	0.00785	0.007	25	0.4	0.8203	1.9481	0.645	0.008
0.4	0.00785	0.007	25	0.4	0.8254	2.6060	0.645	0.008
0.5	0.00785	0.007	25	0.4	0.8310	3.2516	0.645	0.008
0.6	0.00785	0.007	25	0.4	0.8398	3.8605	0.645	0.008
0.7	0.00785	0.007	25	0.4	0.8455	4.4695	0.645	0.008

Table 3. The values of k_s , A , E° , and k_f simulation result (cyclic voltammogram) of compound 2 using Polar 5.8.3 Software

V	A	k_s	T	α	E°	k_f	$D \times 10^{-4}$	C
(mV/s)	(cm^2)	(cm/s)	($^\circ\text{C}$)		(volt)	(1/s)	(cm^2/s)	(mM)
0.1	0.00785	0.007	25	0.4	0.8286	0.6017	0.645	0.008
0.2	0.00785	0.007	25	0.4	0.8421	1.2121	0.645	0.008
0.3	0.00785	0.007	25	0.4	0.8582	1.8154	0.645	0.008
0.4	0.00785	0.007	25	0.4	0.8612	2.4980	0.645	0.008
0.5	0.00785	0.007	25	0.4	0.8682	3.0494	0.645	0.008
0.6	0.00785	0.007	25	0.4	0.8721	3.6616	0.645	0.008
0.7	0.00785	0.007	25	0.4	0.8802	4.2222	0.645	0.008

The cyclic voltammogram parameter values obtained from the experimental results were used as reference values for simulations using the Polar 5.3.8 software. The parameters that affected the shape of the simulated cyclic voltammogram were k_s (standard heterogeneous electron transfer rate constants), D (diffusion coefficient), E° (standard cell potential), ν (potential scanning rate), α (electron transfer coefficient), and k_f (rate constant of an advanced chemical reaction). This simulation was performed by varying the parameters in the Polar software 5.8.3, thus it will affect the height of the peak current and the potential peak produced.

The values of k_s , α , E° , and k_f on the kinetic menu are presented in Tables 2 and 3. The matching of parameter values of anodic peak current and anodic peak potential on the voltammogram of the experiment data and simulation are presented in Tables 4 and 5, respectively.

Table 4. The Matching result of E_p and i_p experimental values with E_p and i_p simulation result from Polar 5.8.3 Software of compound 1

Potential Scanning Rate (V/s)	E_p Experiment (Volt)	E_p Simulation (Volt)	i_p Experiment (μ A)	i_p Simulation (μ A)
0.1	1.05	1.05	46.123	46.123
0.2	1.065	1.065	52.713	52.713
0.3	1.07	1.07	56.336	56.336
0.4	1.085	1.085	60.148	60.148
0.5	1.095	1.095	63.292	63.292
0.6	1.105	1.105	65.755	65.755
0.7	1.115	1.115	68.497	68.497

Table 5. The Matching result of E_p and i_p experimental values with E_p and i_p simulation result from Polar 5.8.3 Software of compound 2

Potential Scanning Rate (V/s)	E_p Experiment (Volt)	E_p Simulation (Volt)	i_p Experiment (μ A)	i_p Simulation (μ A)
0.1	1.06	1.06	42.098	42.098
0.2	1.085	1.085	49.682	49.682
0.3	1.11	1.11	52.825	52.825
0.4	1.12	1.12	56.408	56.408
0.5	1.13	1.13	59.157	59.157
0.6	1.14	1.14	61.831	61.831
0.7	1.15	1.15	64.360	64.360

Based on the data in Tables 2 and 3, the k_f value is applied to the value of the potential scanning rate (ν), thus the linear regression curve produces a correlation value (r) above 99% (Figures 4 and 5). This states that the linearity relationship between k_f and ν is very good.

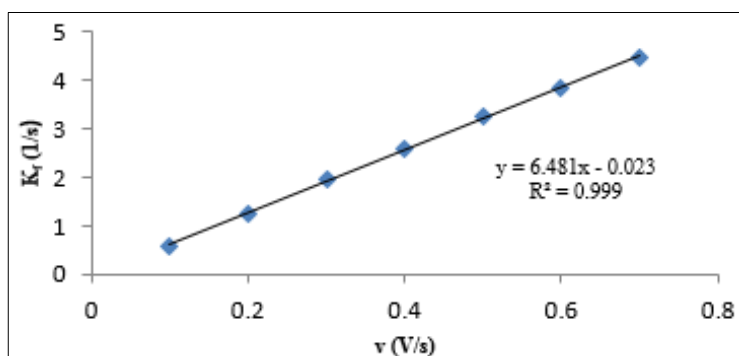


Figure 4. Linear regression curve of k_f against potential scanning rate (ν) of compound 1

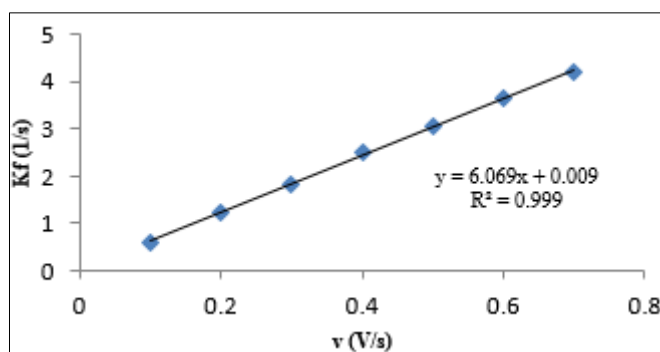


Figure 5. Linear regression curve of k_f against potential scanning rate (v) of compound **2**

Table 6. The calculation of k_s value with Polar 5.8.3 Software

Potential Scanning Rate (V/s)	k_s Polar	$0.3 v^{1/2}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-5} v^{1/2}$	E_x
0.1	0.007	0.0949	7.90×10^{-5}	q
0.2	0.007	0.1342	1.11×10^{-5}	q
0.3	0.007	0.1643	1.37×10^{-5}	q
0.4	0.007	0.1897	1.58×10^{-5}	q
0.5	0.007	0.2121	1.77×10^{-5}	q
0.6	0.007	0.2324	1.93×10^{-5}	q
0.7	0.007	0.2510	2.09×10^{-5}	q

On the basis of k_s values presented in Table 6, it is clear that all k_s values are $> 2.5 \times 10^{-5} v^{1/2}$ cm/s, thus the electrochemical reaction of compounds **1** and **2** follows a quasi-reversible electrochemical reaction (E_q), implying that the process of electron transfer from electrons to the electrode surface occurs more slowly than the reversible state (E_r) [29]. The cyclic voltammograms produced by compounds **1** and **2** did not demonstrate a cathodic current peak (i_{pc}), because there has been a subsequent chemical reaction one-way irreversible (C_i) so that the value of k_b in the submenu input at Polar 5.8.3 software is filled with zero [27, 28].

Antioxidant activity was measured by analyzing the reduction in absorbance level data from DPPH after adding the compounds at specified concentrations. The results of this absorbance will show the effect of compound tested on DPPH, where the antioxidant activity is in line with the decrease in absorbance of DPPH. The absorbance values for concentrations of 2, 4, 8, 16, and 32 μM were obtained for all the test samples (Tables 7–9). The IC_{50} value was calculated using the linear regression equation $y = ax + b$ (Figure 6). IC_{50} value is the effective concentration required for a compound to reduce 50% of the total DPPH. Therefore, when y was substituted by 50, the IC_{50} values for diphenyltin(IV) 4-aminobenzoate and triphenyltin(IV) 4-aminobenzoate were 11.79 μM (5.91 $\mu\text{g/mL}$) and 25.88 μM (12.57 $\mu\text{g/mL}$), respectively. The IC_{50} value for ascorbic acid was 3.75 μM (0.66 $\mu\text{g/mL}$).

The absorbances and percentage inhibitions of compound **1**, compound **2**, and ascorbic acid against DPPH are presented in Tables 7–9, respectively.

Table 7. Data of absorbance measurement for compound **1** against DPPH

Concentration (μM)	Sample absorbance	Control absorbance	%Inhibition	IC_{50} (μM)
2	0.524	0.9917	47.1614	11.79
4	0.513		48.2706	
8	0.501		49.4807	
16	0.481		51.4974	
32	0.453		54.3209	

Table 8. Data of absorbance measurement for compound **2** against DPPH

Concentration (μM)	Sample absorbance	Control absorbance	%Inhibition	IC ₅₀ (μM)
2	0.550	0.9917	44.5397	25.88
4	0.539		45.6489	
8	0.532		46.3547	
16	0.512		48.3715	
32	0.485		51.0941	

Table 9. Data of absorbance measurement for ascorbic acid against DPPH

Concentration (μM)	Sample absorbance	Control absorbance	%Inhibition	IC ₅₀ (μM)
2	0.523	0.9915	47.2516	3.75
4	0.501		49.4705	
8	0.429		56.7322	
16	0.288		70.9531	
32	0.060		93.9485	

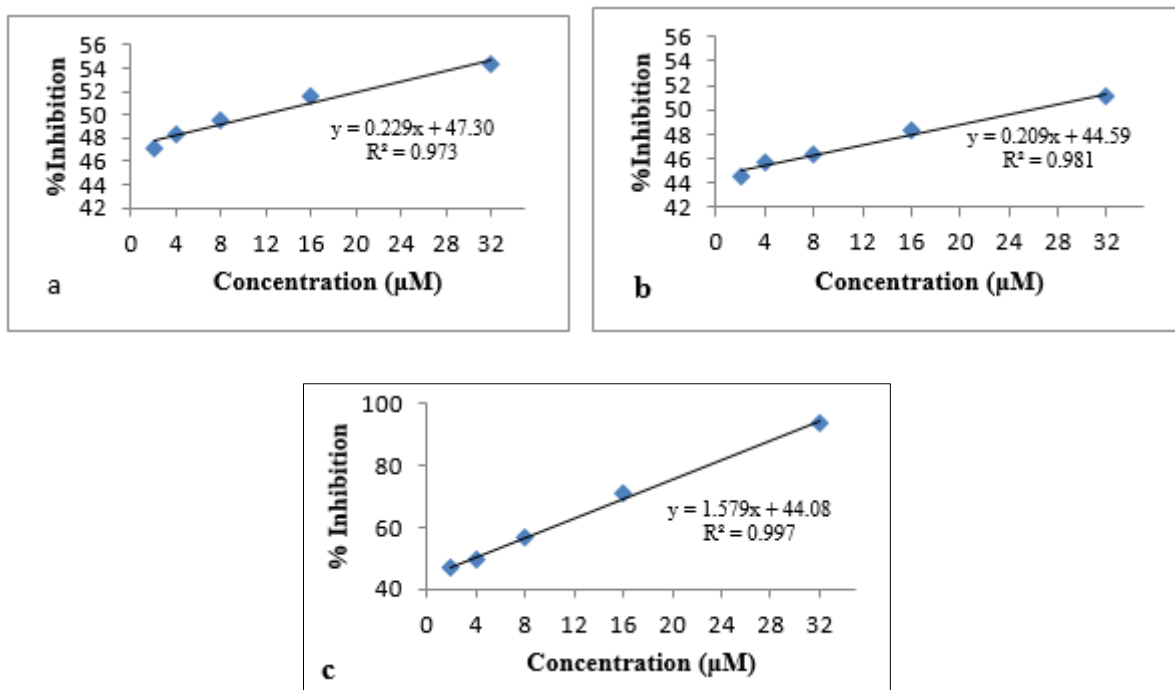


Figure 6. Linear regression curve of antioxidant (a) diphenyltin(IV) di-4-aminobenzoate; (b) triphenyltin(IV) 4-aminobenzoate; (c) ascorbic acid

Table 10. The strength level of antioxidant [35]

IC ₅₀ value ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	Antioxidant intensity
<10	Very strong
10-50	Strong
>50-100	Medium
>100-250	Weak
>250	Inactive



Based on the reference values in Table 10, the antioxidant activities of compounds **1** and **2** were categorized into the strong (active) group. Carboxylic acid ligands bound to the Sn atom play a central role in increasing the biological activities of organotin(IV) compounds [1]. Compound **1** was stronger than compound **2** due to increased number of bound 4-aminobenzoic acid. Because aminobenzoic acid groups are electron donors, it is easier for them to donate electrons to stabilize the DPPH radicals when compared to compound **2**, which has only a single aminobenzoate group attached. However, the antioxidant activities of these compounds were lower than that of ascorbic acid, which was classified into the highly strong group.

4. Conclusions

The results revealed that the values of the rate constant of the subsequent chemical reaction, which is a function of the potential scanning rate (slope = k_f/v), were 6.481 and 6.069 1/V for compounds **1** and **2**. The reaction occurring in these two compounds appeared to follow the EqCi reaction mechanism, in which the electrochemical reactions are quasi reversible and chemical reactions are irreversible. These two organotin(IV) compounds demonstrated remarkable antioxidant properties.

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