

While the use of these ECL materials has resulted in increased ECL emission, they have concurrently increased the complexity of the mechanisms being employed. This is apparent in systems employing multiple strategies simultaneously in the form of composites or functionalized scaffolds, NP, and QDs [21,22,25,118-122].

13.8 Conclusions and perspectives

ECL provides a unique platform for developing assays stemming from the orthogonal nature of generating the excited state and collecting light emission. This electrochemical trigger not only provides the researcher spatial control and temporal control during the experiment, but makes a rich selection of heterogeneous and homogeneous chemistries available when determining how to achieve ECL. Not only is this exciting in terms of improving ECL performance, but also because ECL provides a rare opportunity to probe Marcus' ET theory.

In addition to academic pursuits, the trajectory of ECLs future can be scribed from its permeation of the industrial sector, where multiple ECL-based assays have been commercialized for both biological and analytical applications. This makes further exploration of ECL significant to both advancing our understanding of coupled heterogeneous and homogenous reactions and ECLs application as an assay.

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