

# From receptor-anion binding ladder to ion-selective electrode

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There are almost no ion-selective electrodes for carboxylates

Are there suitable receptors?

Many receptors bind carboxylates, Differentiation is possible!

What anion, what receptor?

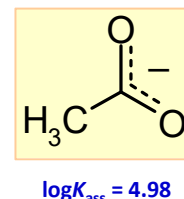
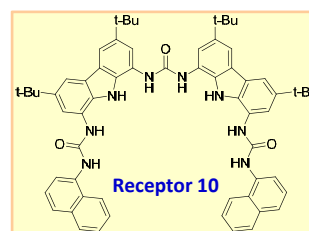
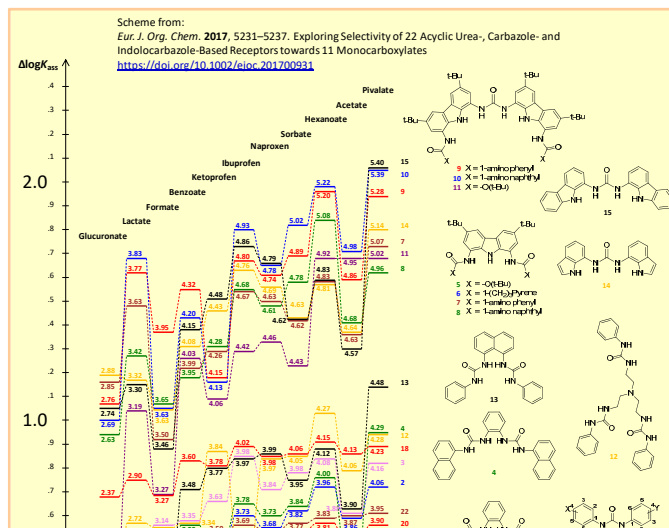
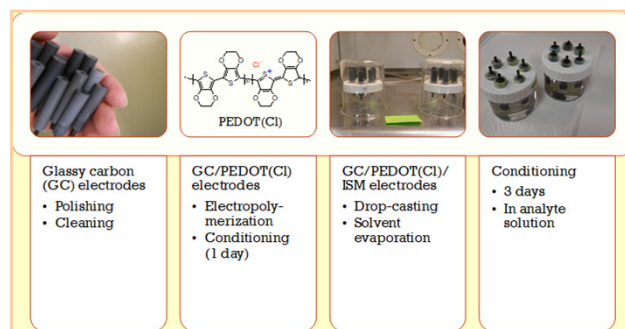
Analyte: **Acetate**  
Receptor: **Receptor 10**

Measuring principle, design?

Principle: **Potentiometric ISE**  
Design: **Solid-contact**

Performance?

Linearity: **> 4 orders**  
Slope: **-51 mV per decade**  
LOD: **10<sup>-5</sup> M**  
Selectivity: **Common ions do not interfere, lipophilic ions do**

Material	Preparation/Conditioning
Glassy carbon (GC) electrodes	• Polishing • Cleaning
GC/PEDOT(CI) electrodes	• Electropolymerization • Conditioning (1 day)
GC/PEDOT(CI)/ISM electrodes	• Drop-casting • Solvent evaporation
Conditioning	• 3 days • In analyte solution

Selectivities relative to acetate:

ion j	$\log K_{\text{acetate},j}^{\text{pot}}$		$\Delta \log K_{\text{acetate},j}^{\text{pot}}$
	With ionophore	Without ionophore (control)	
ibuprofen	4.40 ± 0.07	5.25 ± 0.04	-0.85
naproxen	4.25 ± 0.06	5.00 ± 0.04	-0.75
benzoate	2.30 ± 0.05	3.06 ± 0.04	-0.76
SCN <sup>-</sup>	1.24 ± 0.05	6.48 ± 0.07	-5.24
I <sup>-</sup>	0.87 ± 0.03	5.73 ± 0.05	-4.86
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0.56 ± 0.04	4.33 ± 0.04	-3.77
Br <sup>-</sup>	0.10 ± 0.03	3.31 ± 0.03	-3.21
HCOO <sup>-</sup>	-0.15 ± 0.05	0.35 ± 0.01	-0.50
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	-0.16 ± 0.03	-0.12 ± 0.03	-0.04
Cl <sup>-</sup>	-0.61 ± 0.02	1.35 ± 0.01	-1.96
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	-0.87 ± 0.14	-0.40 ± 0.03	-0.47
HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	-1.63 ± 0.16	-0.74 ± 0.04	-0.89
F <sup>-</sup>	-1.94 ± 0.09	-1.21 ± 0.06	-0.73

Calibration graph:

