through-bond electron transfer

Intramolecular electron transfer for which the relevant electronic interaction between the donor and acceptor sites is mediated by through-bond interaction, i.e. via the covalent bonds interconnecting these sites, as opposed to through-space interaction. 

See also: through-space electron transfer

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