

## Supplementary Materials

### Simultaneous determination of hydroquinone and catechol in compost bioremediation using a tyrosinase biosensor and artificial neural networks

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**Table S1** Detailed results obtained for the spiked compost extract samples against added concentrations

of the catechol considered. Error was also expressed for each compost extract sample.

Compost extract sample	CC concentration / $\mu\text{M}$			Error ( $\tau_1$ )		Error ( $\tau_2$ )		(RSD)	
	Added	$^L$ predicted	$^B$ predicted	$^L\tau_1$	$^B\tau_1$	$^L\tau_2$	$^B\tau_2$	$^LRSD$	$^BRSD$
1	1.3	1.1 $\pm$ 0.37	1.5 $\pm$ 0.33	-15.385%	15.3846%	15.385%	15.385%	11.7851%	10.1015%
2	4.6	5.3 $\pm$ 0.41	5.0 $\pm$ 0.18	15.2174%	8.6957%	15.217%	8.6957%	9.9995%	5.8926%
3	17.8	17.4 $\pm$ 0.23	17.9 $\pm$ 0.11	-2.247%	0.5618%	2.247%	0.5618%	1.6071%	0.3961%
4	25.6	27.5 $\pm$ 0.44	28.0 $\pm$ 0.17	7.4219%	9.375%	7.4219%	9.375%	5.0603%	6.3323%
5	32.3	30.5 $\pm$ 0.39	31 $\pm$ 0.29	-5.573%	-4.025%	5.573%	4.025%	4.0535%	2.9044%
6	39.5	37.7 $\pm$ 0.35	40.3 $\pm$ 0.30	-4.557%	2.0253%	4.557%	2.0253%	3.2974%	1.4178%
7	59.3	63.5 $\pm$ 0.42	60.2 $\pm$ 0.15	7.0826%	1.5177%	7.0826%	1.5177%	4.8369%	1.0651%
8	95.5	70.6 $\pm$ 0.47	98.4 $\pm$ 0.26	-26.073%	3.0366%	26.073%	3.0366%	21.2004%	2.1151%
average	—	—	—	-3.014%	4.5715%	10.445%	5.578%	7.73%	3.7781%

$^B$  BP-ANN model;  $^L$  linear model

$$\tau_1 = \frac{x_1 - x_0}{x_0} \times 100\% \quad \tau_2 = \frac{|x_1 - x_0|}{x_0} \times 100\%$$

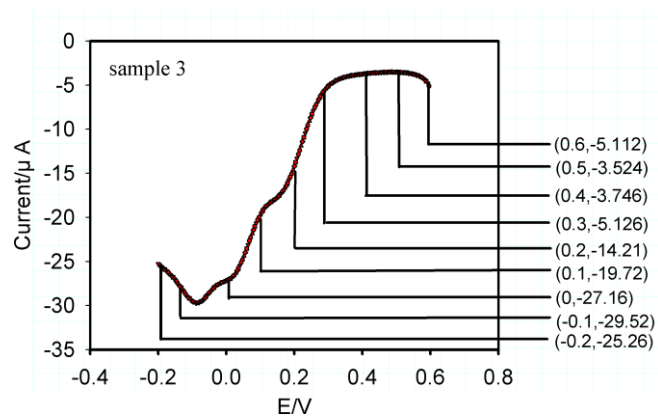
**Table S2** Detailed results obtained for the spiked compost extract samples against added concentrations

of the hydroquinone considered. Error was also expressed for each compost extract sample.

Compost extract sample	HQ concentration / $\mu\text{M}$			Error ( $\tau_1$ )		Error ( $\tau_2$ )		(RSD)	
	Added	$^L$ predicted	$^B$ predicted	$^L\tau_1$	$^B\tau_1$	$^L\tau_2$	$^B\tau_2$	$^LRSD$	$^BRSD$
1	2.5	2.0 $\pm$ 0.46	2.8 $\pm$ 0.36	-20%	12%	20%	12%	15.7135%	8.005%
2	15.5	14.3 $\pm$ 0.39	14.9 $\pm$ 0.28	-7.742%	-3.871%	7.742%	3.871%	5.6948%	2.7912%
3	20.5	20.0 $\pm$ 0.44	20.6 $\pm$ 0.37	-2.439%	0.4878%	2.439%	0.4878%	1.7459%	0.3441%
4	36.3	31.2 $\pm$ 0.40	32.0 $\pm$ 0.16	-14.05%	-11.846%	14.05%	11.846%	10.6852%	8.9035%
5	10.5	12.5 $\pm$ 0.29	8.9 $\pm$ 0.19	19.0476%	-15.238%	19.0476%	15.238%	12.2975%	11.6636%
6	60.5	57.1 $\pm$ 0.36	58.6 $\pm$ 0.23	-5.62%	-3.14%	5.62%	3.14%	4.0887%	2.2561%
7	83.6	65.8 $\pm$ 0.32	85.9 $\pm$ 0.29	-21.292%	2.7512%	21.292%	2.7512%	16.8494%	1.919%
8	105.4	78.6 $\pm$ 0.38	109.8 $\pm$ 0.21	-25.427%	4.1746%	25.427%	4.1746%	20.5983%	2.8915%
average	—	—	—	-9.69%	-1.835%	14.45%	7%	10.9592%	4.8468%

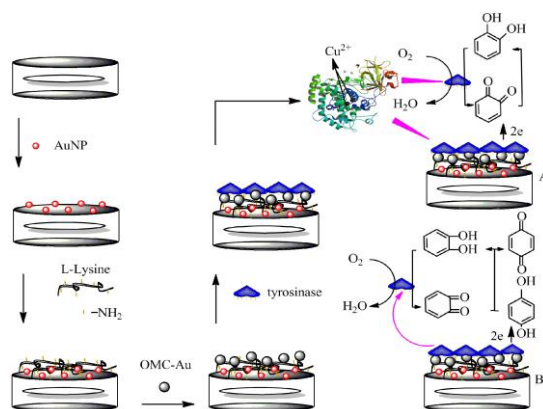
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**Fig. S1** Examples of the differential pulse voltammetry for the mixtures of two phenols.

Concentrations for each phenol are: (a) 0.35 μM (HQ), 0.11 μM (CC).



**Scheme S1.** Schematic diagram of the tyrosinase biosensor preparation and schematic diagram of the tyrosinase biosensor proposed mechanism for the HQ (B) and CC (A) electrocatalytic detection<sup>1</sup>.

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