

## Supporting Information

### **Covalent Functionalization and Electrochemical Tuning of Reduced Graphene Oxide for the Bioelectrocatalytic Sensing of Serum Lactate**

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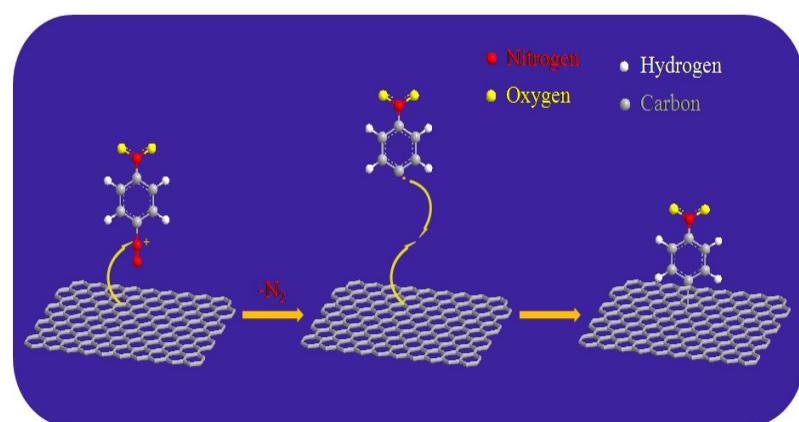
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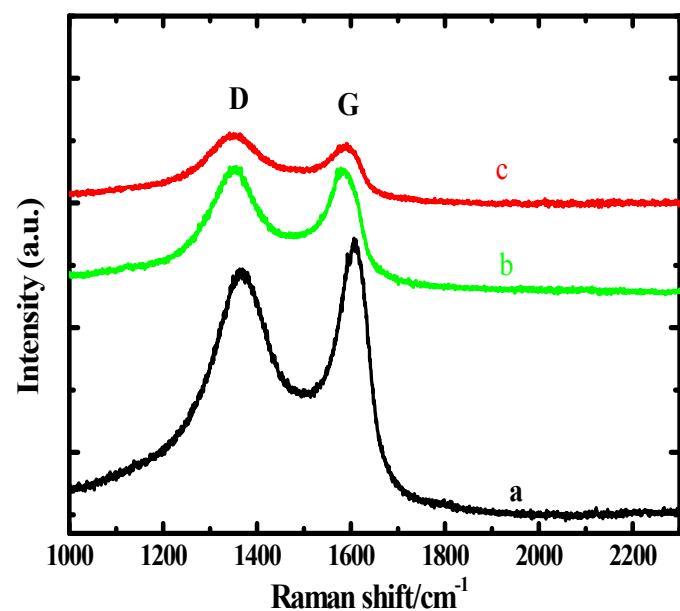
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**Figure S1**

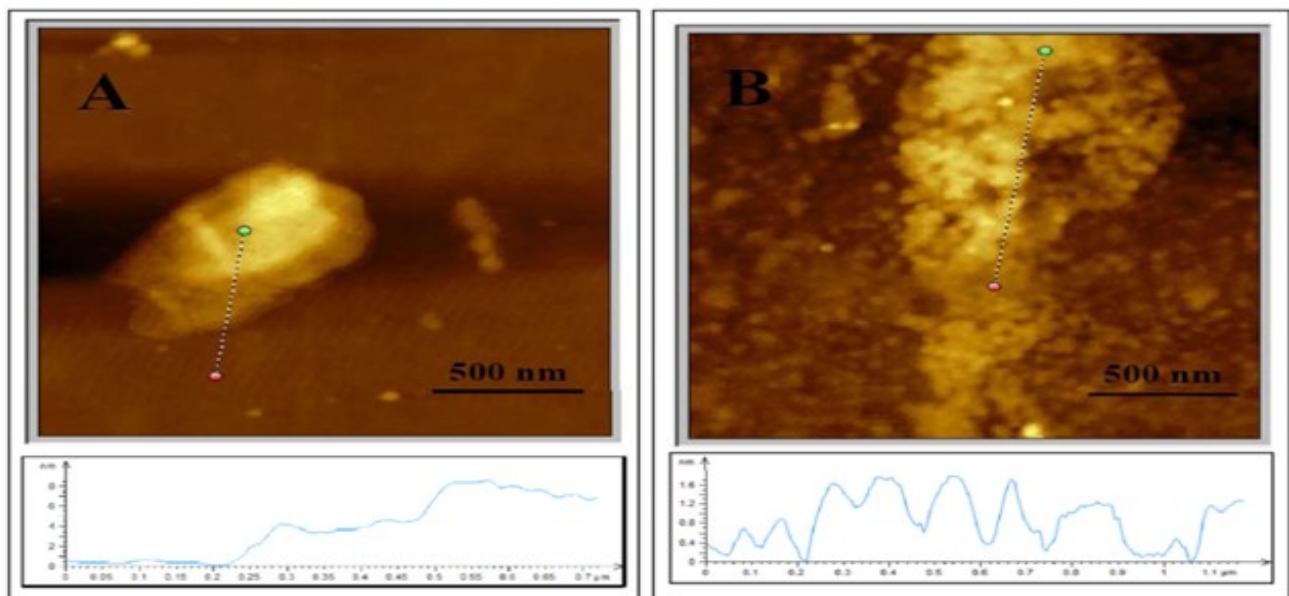
Possible mechanism involved in the grafting of nitrophenyl moiety onto rGO.



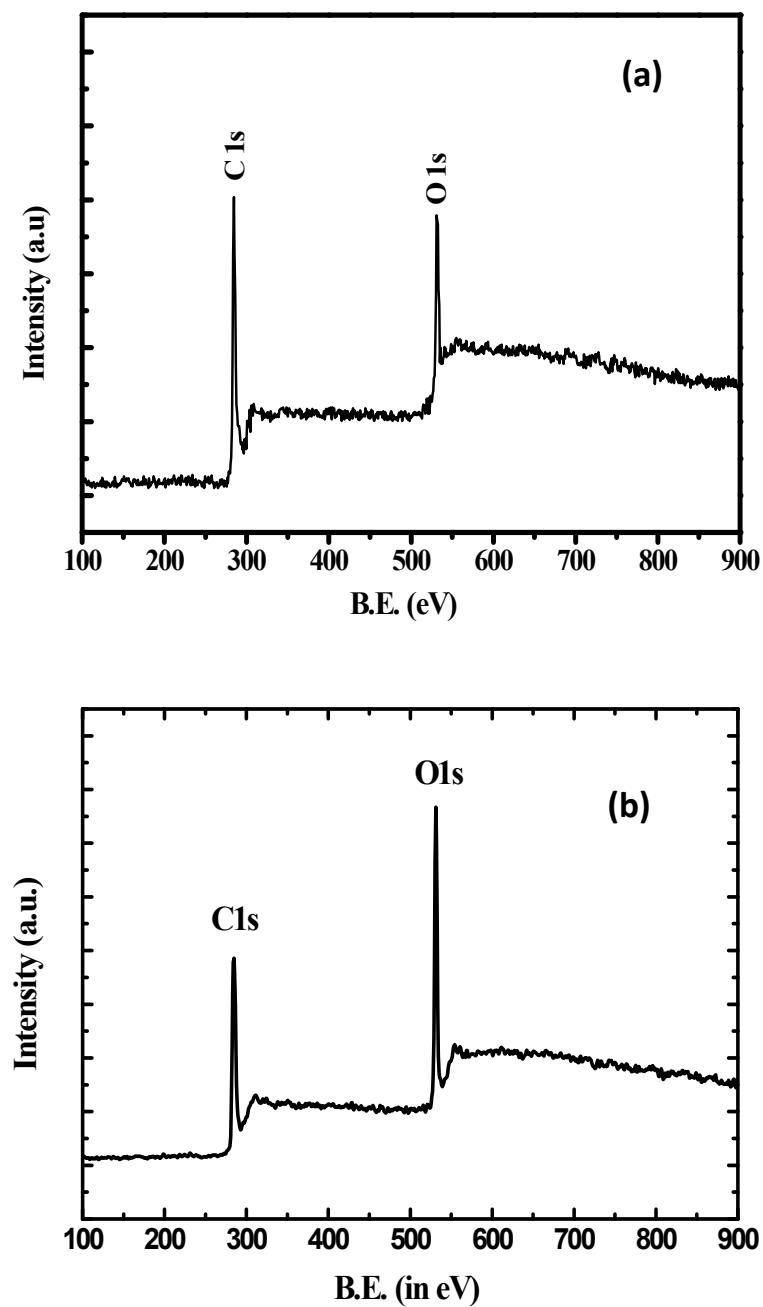
**Figure S2:** Raman spectral profile of GO (a), rGO (b) and rGO-PhNO<sub>2</sub> (c).



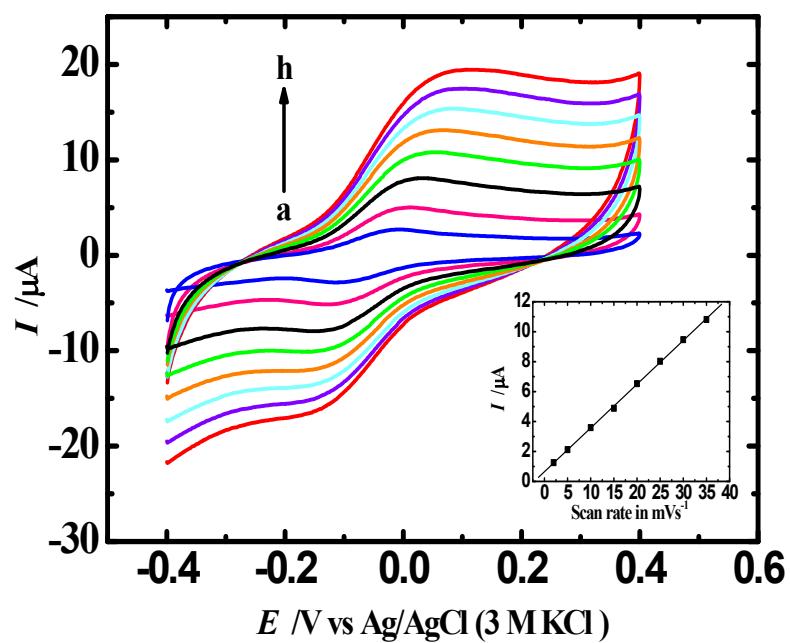
**Figure S3:** AFM images and height profiles of rGO (**A**) and rGO-PhNO<sub>2</sub>(**B**)



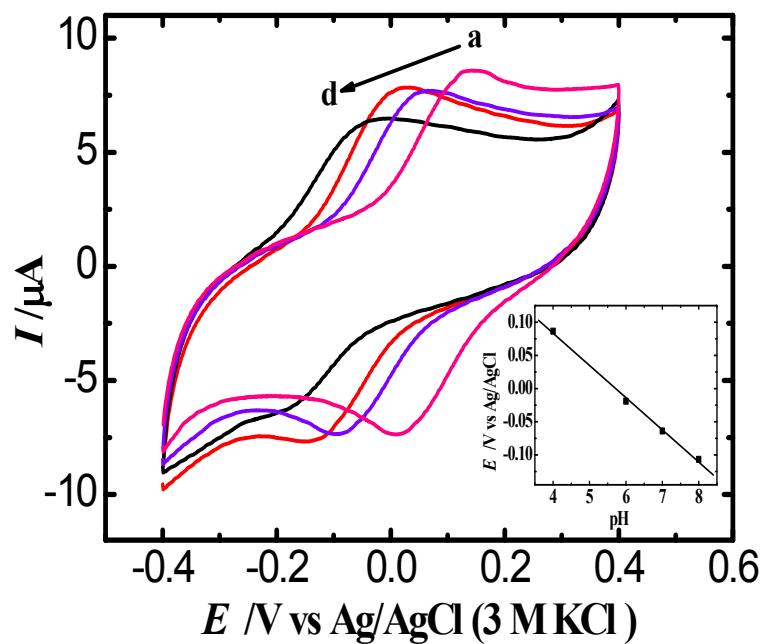
**Figure S4:** Surface survey XPS profile of (a) rGO and (b) GO.



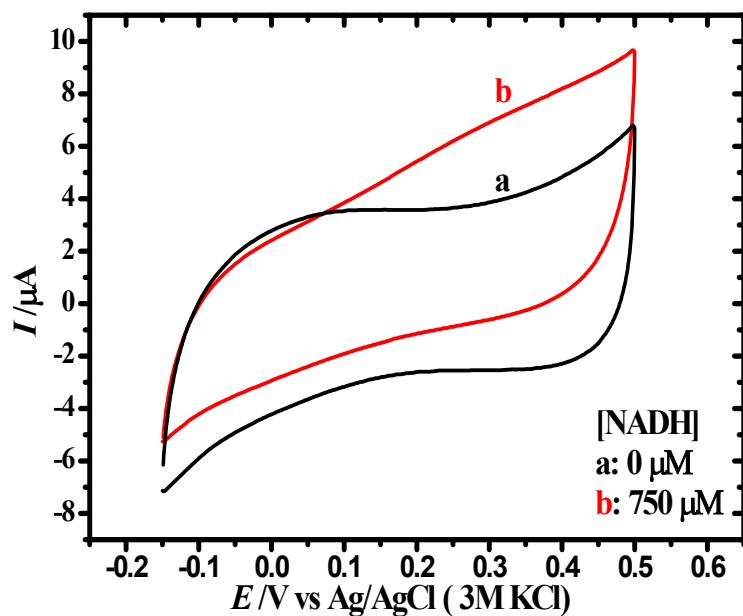
**Figure S5:** Cyclic voltammograms of rGO-PhNHOH modified GC electrode in 0.1 M PBS (pH 7.2) at different scan rates: (a) 2 (b) 5 (c) 10 (d) 15 (e) 20 (f) 25 (g) 30 and (h) 35 mVs<sup>-1</sup>. Inset shows plot of peak current ( $i_p$ ) vs scan rate.



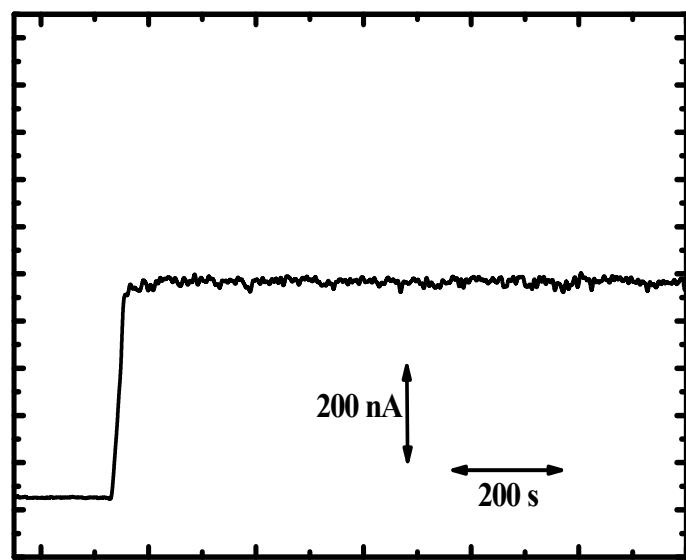
**Figure S6:** Cyclic voltammograms of rGO-PhNHOH modified GC electrode in 0.1 M PBS at various pH values: (a) 4, (b) 6, (c) 7, and (d) 8 at a scan rate of 10 mVs<sup>-1</sup>. Inset shows plot of formal potential vs pH.



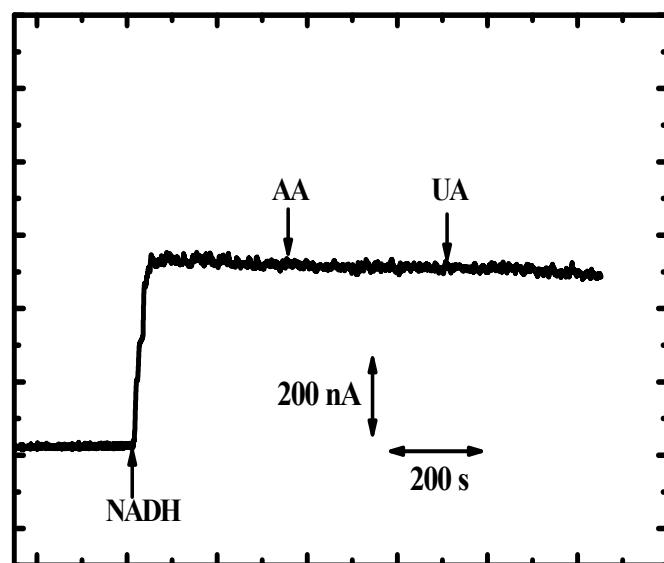
**Figure S7:** Electrochemical responses of rGO/GC electrode in the presence and absence of NADH in 0.1 M PBS (pH 7.2). Scan rate: 10 mVs<sup>-1</sup>.



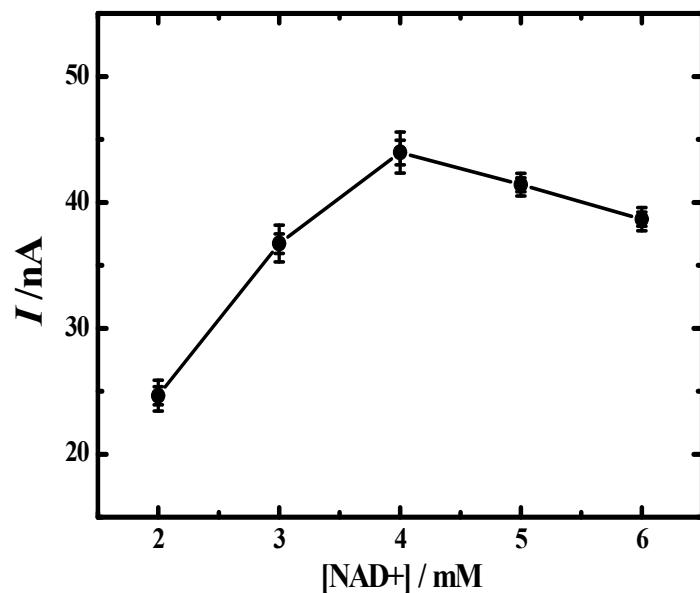
**Figure S8:** Amperometric i-t curve illustrating the operational stability of the rGO-PhNHOH modified GC electrode towards NADH measurement in 0.1 M PBS of pH 7.2. The electrode was polarised at 0.04 V and 100  $\mu$ M NADH was injected.



**Figure S9:** Amperometric i-t curve illustrating the interference effect of AA and UA for the sensing of NADH in 0.1 M PBS of pH 7.2. NADH, AA and UA (100  $\mu$ M each) were injected one after another as indicated. The electrode was polarised at 0.04 V.



**Figure S10:** Plot illustrating the effect of NAD<sup>+</sup> concentration on the amperometric response of L-lactate biosensor. LDH loading: 5.2 U/ $\mu$ L; [L-lactate] = 50  $\mu$ M; Electrolyte: 0.1 M PBS (pH 7.2); Electrode potential: 0.04 V.



**Table S1:** Analytical performances of existing L-lactate biosensors.

Sl. No.	Sensing Interface	Detection potential in V	Linear range in $\mu\text{M}$	Limit of Detection (LOD) in $\mu\text{M}$	Sensitivity in $\text{nA}\mu\text{M}^{-1}$	$K_{\text{app}}^{\text{M}}$ in mM	Reference
1	Poly-5,2'-5',2''-terthiophene-3'-carboxylic acid/MWCNT	0.3 V vs Ag/AgCl	5-90	1.0	10.6	-	44
2	Polysulfone/CNT	0.05 V vs Ag/AgCl	1-20	0.37	7.3	-	45
3	SWCNT/Variamine blue	0.2 V vs Ag/AgCl	5-45	1.0	-	-	46
4	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> / MWCNT composite	0.00 V vs Ag/AgCl	50-500	5.0	7.67	0.095	47
5	Multilayered graphene	0.25 V vs Ag/AgCl	30-600	19	-	-	48
7	MWCT-MB	0.00 V vs SCE	100-10000	7.5	0.42	-	49
9	Carbon spheres	0.15 V vs Ag/AgCl	0.5-12	3.7	4.1		50
10	MB/polysulfone-graphite	-0.10 V vs Ag/AgCl	1-12	0.87	80	0.050	51
11	RGO-AuNPs/SPCE	0.48 V vs Ag	10-5000	0.13	19.34	-	52

		pseudo reference electrode						
12	MWCNT-CHIT	0.6 V vs Ag/AgCl	5-120	0.76	0.58	0.24	53	
	MBRS-SPCE	0.05 V vs Ag/AgCl	550- 10000	550	0.0042	26.7	54	
	Silica sol- gel/PVA/Au electrode	-0.22 V vs SCE	2-30	0.8	104	-	55	
	Nano CeO <sub>2</sub> /GCE	0.3 V vs Ag/AgCl	200- 2000	50	571.19	1.536	56	
	Nano ZnO/Au	0.468 V vs Ag/AgCl	0.2-0.8	4.73x10 <sup>-3</sup>	183.2	0.38x 10 <sup>-3</sup>	57	
13	rGO-PhNHOH	0.04 V vs Ag/AgCl	0-90	2.5	0.74	0.086	This work	