

## Supporting Information for

# Alleviating concentration polarization: A micro three-electrode interdigitated glucose sensor based on nanoporous gold from a mild process

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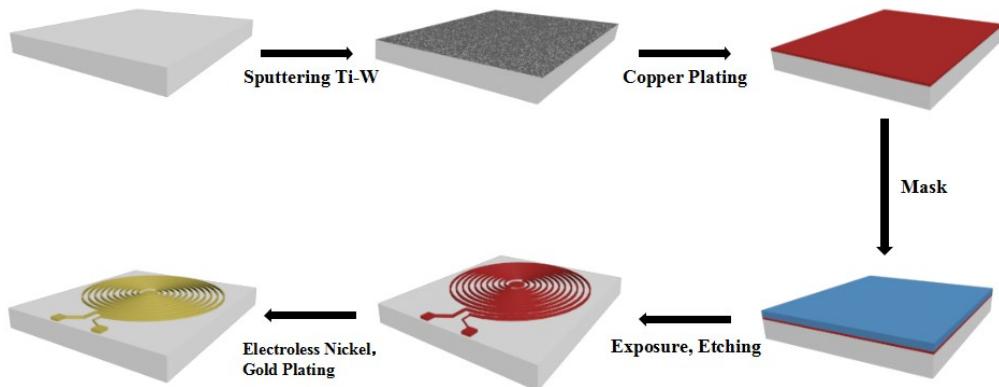
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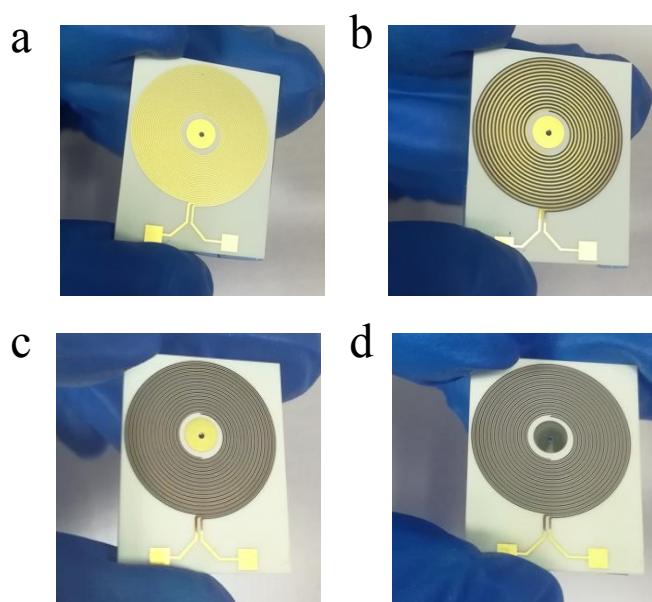
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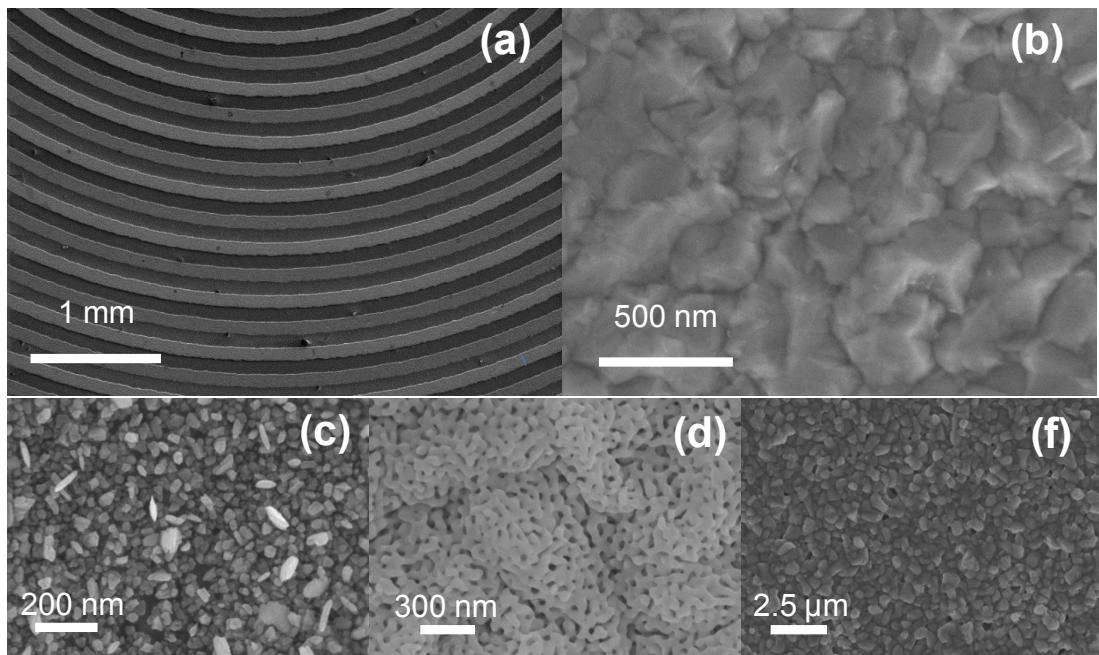
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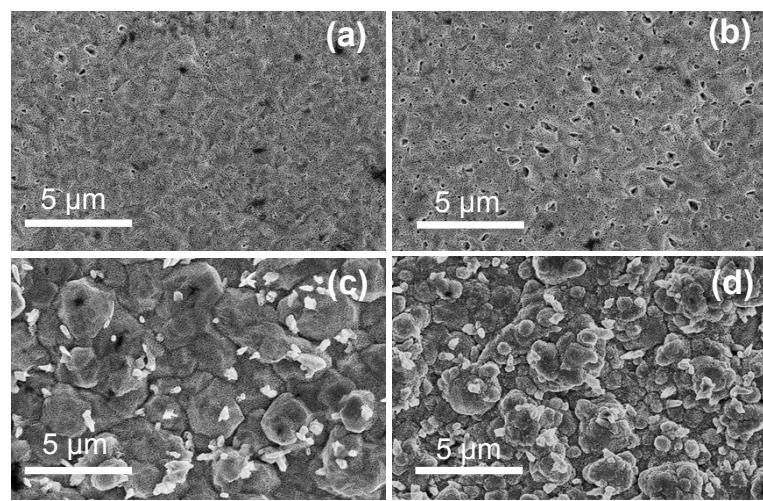
**Fig. S1** The fabrication process of interdigitated electrode on ceramic circuit board



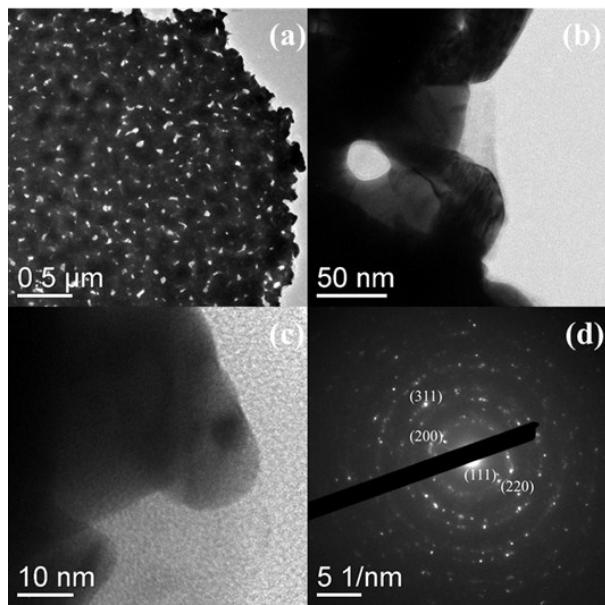
**Fig. S2** Photographs of the samples in different fabrication process. (a) The three- electrodes interdigitated device without any process; The sample electrodeposited with (b) Pt, (c) NPG, and (d) Ag-AgCl.



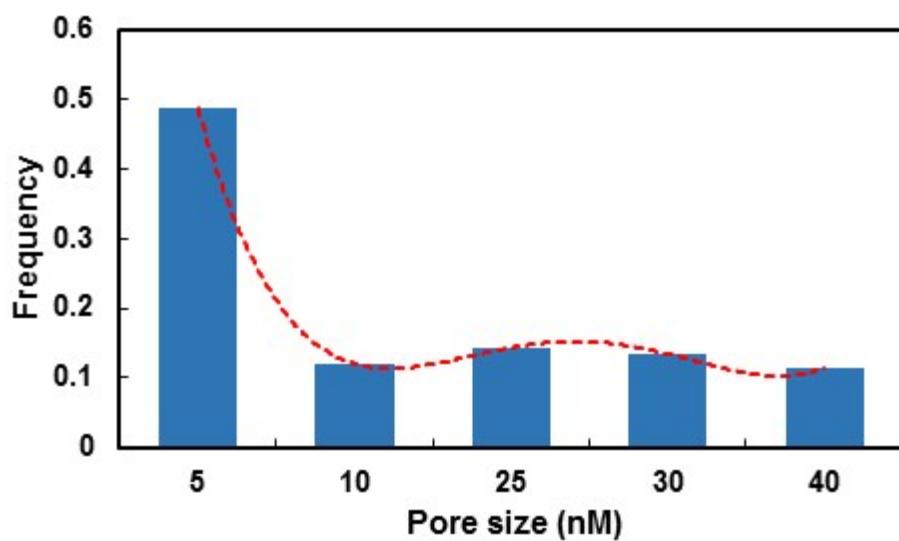
**Fig. S3** SEM images of the (a) interdigitated electrodes, the (b) planar Au substrate (c) Pt counter electrode, (d) NPG working electrode and (f) Ag/AgCl reference electrode.



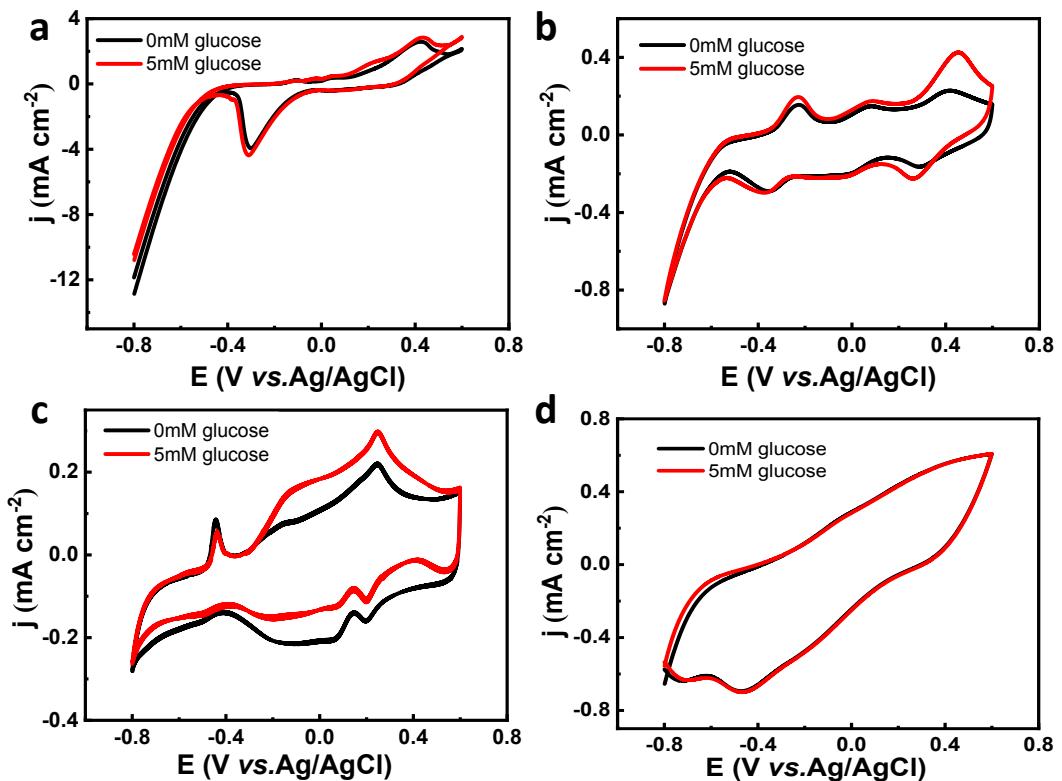
**Fig. S4** SEM images of NPG prepared in different current density: (a) 0.5, (b) 0.8, (c) 1.1 and (d)  $1.4 \text{ A dm}^{-2}$ .



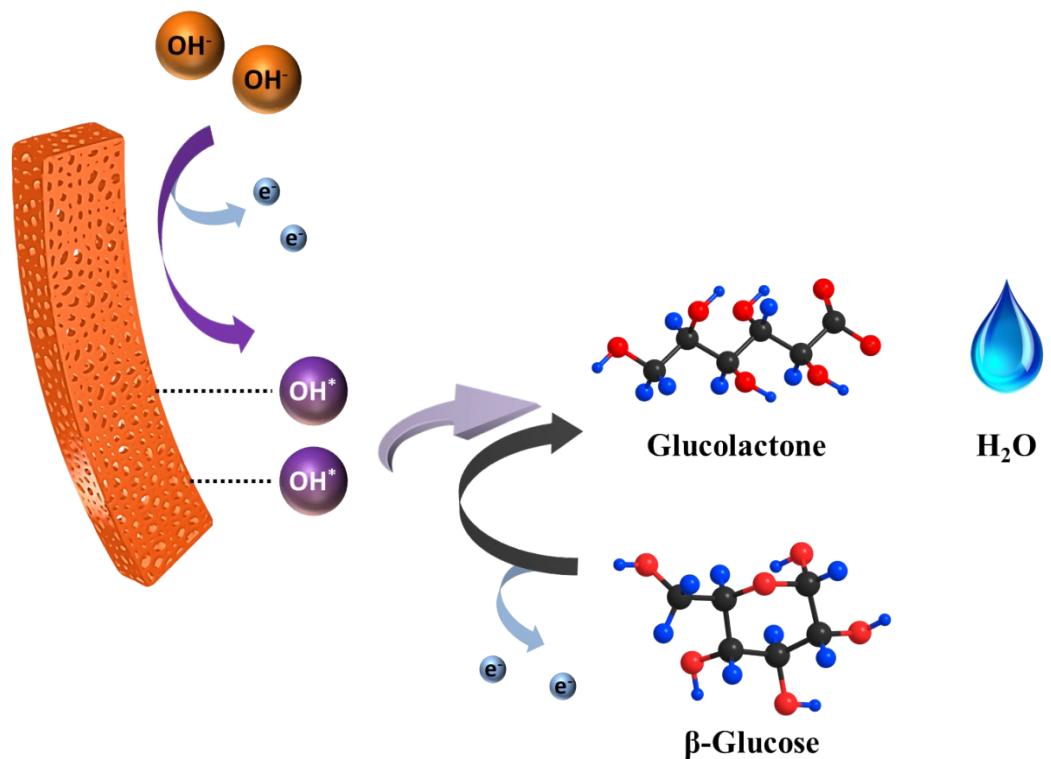
**Fig. S5** (a-c) TEM images of NPG with different magnifications. (d) SAED pattern of NPG.



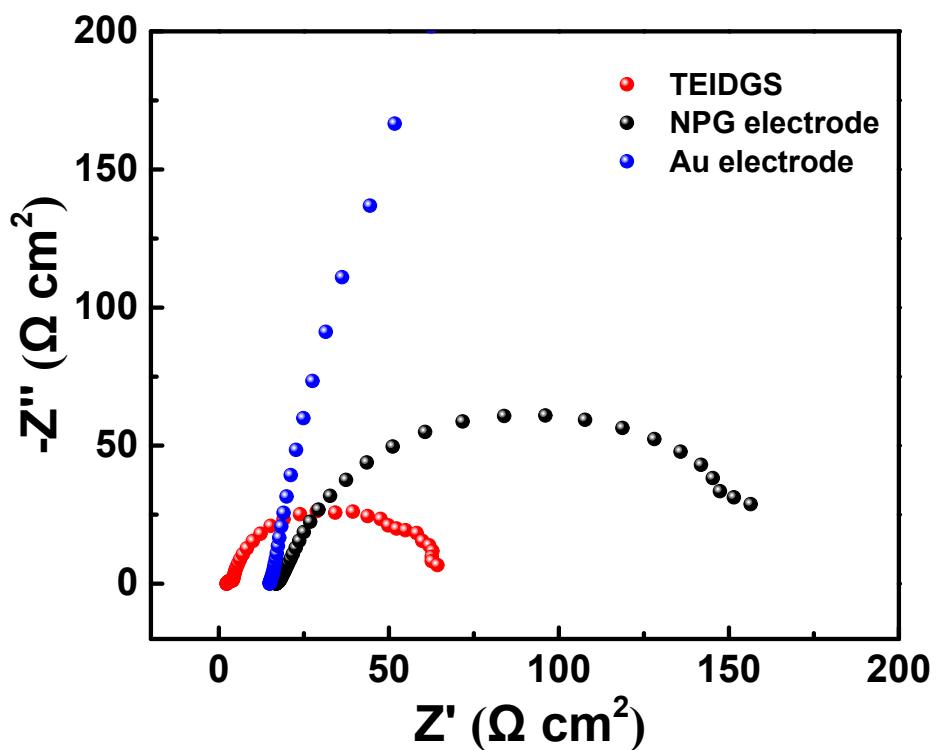
**Fig. S6** Pore size distributions of NPG.



**Fig. S7** CV curves of NPG electrode in (a) 0.1M HCl (pH=1.00), (b) potassium hydrogen phthalate (pH=4.00), (c) PBS (pH=7.00) and (d) sodium tetraborate (pH=9.18) with and without 5mM glucose at a scan rate of 20mV s<sup>-1</sup>



**Fig. S8** Mechanism of the NPG detecting glucose in alkaline environment



**Fig. S9** The EIS comparison of the TEIDGS, NPG electrode and planar Au electrode in 0.1 M KOH and 0.01 M KCl solution containing 5 mM glucose at a frequency ranging from 0.01 Hz to 100 kHz with a potential amplitude of 10 mV under a DC bias of 0.1 V.

**Table S1.** Fitting values of different equivalent circuit elements by Z-view for TEIDGS and NPG electrode (values in parentheses are fitting errors).

|               | <b>R<sub>s</sub> (Ω)</b> | <b>R<sub>ct</sub> (Ω)</b> | <b>R<sub>p</sub> (Ω)</b> | <b>C (mF)</b>      | <b>CPE-T (mF)</b> | <b>CPE-P</b>        |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| <b>NPG</b>    | 16.93 (0.144<br>4%)      | 30.78<br>(1.060%)         | 100.6<br>(3.812%)        | 5.200<br>(1.161%)  | 22.02<br>(3.659%) | 0.5493<br>(1.441%)  |
| <b>TEIDGS</b> | 2.362<br>(0.6517%)       | 1.52<br>(2.632%)          | 62.00<br>(1.101%)        | 0.2204<br>(4.213%) | 3.192<br>(1.852%) | 0.9018<br>(0.5967%) |