**Fig. S1.** (Appendix A) Schematics of the selection and preparation of gold leaf for fabrication as working electrode.

**Fig. S2.** (Appendix B) Schematic diagram showing the fabrication of screen-printed electrodes on PVC sticker sheet. Note: dimensions are in millimeter.

**Fig. S3.** (Appendix B) Schematic diagram showing the patterns of printed-carbon counter electrode (CE), silver-silver chloride reference electrode (RE), 3 mm diameter circular hole (H1) and 2 mm  $\times$  3 mm rectangular hole (H2) of electrical contact pad.

**Fig. S4.** (Appendix C) Fabrication of the "hand-drawn gold leaf sensor" showing (a) exploded view of the four layers, (b) hand-drawing of the silver-silver chloride electrode on the PVC layer 3, (c) schematic diagram and (d) photograph of the "hand-drawn gold leaf sensor" produced and tested in this work. Note: dimensions are in millimeters.

**Fig. S5**. (Appendix E) Cyclic voltammograms of 6 mmol  $L^{-1}$  K<sub>3</sub>Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub> in 0.1 mol  $L^{-1}$  KCl obtained from the "planar-disc gold leaf sensor" at various scan rates (10, 20, 40, 50, 100, 150, 200, 300, 400 and 500 mV s<sup>-1</sup>). The plots of the anodic current and cathodic current against the square root of the scan rate are shown as inset.

**Fig. S6.** (Appendix E) Performance of the "planar-disc gold leaf sensor" in analyzing samples as droplet (100  $\mu$ L) showing the cyclic voltammograms of 2-10 mmol L<sup>-1</sup> K<sub>3</sub>Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub> in 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> KCl solution. The calibration lines from the oxidation and the reduction peak potentials are shown as inset.

**Fig. S7.** (Appendix E) Cyclic voltammograms of 6 mmol L-1  $K_3$ Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub> in 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> KCl (dark lines) obtained from the planar-disc gold leaf sensors in the tests of (a) fabrication reproducibility: 96 CV scans of 32 different sensors (triplicate scans per sensor) and of (b) reusability of the sensor: 200 scan-cycles of a single sensor. Each inset presents the values of Ipa and Ipc obtained from each set of the CV scans. Dotted lines are the background signals for 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> KCl.

**Fig. S8.** (Appendix E) Examples of increase in sensitivities after surface modification of gold leaf surface: (a) quantitation of ferricyanide by cyclic voltammetry, (b) determination of ascorbic

acid by square wave voltammetry and (c) Pb(II) and (d) Cu(II) by square wave anodic stripping voltammetry.

**Fig. S9.** (Appendix E) Effect of electrodeposition time on the property of the "planar-disc gold leaf sensor". The currents are from repetitive scans of cyclic voltammograms using the test ferricyanide solution (6 mmol  $L^{-1}$  K<sub>3</sub>Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub> in 0.1 mol  $L^{-1}$  KCl).

**Fig. S10.** (Appendix E) Voltammograms from SWASV of the extracts from swabs of GSR at bullet holes and periphery of the holes after firing a single lead or copper-jacketed hollow point bullet. The control is the extract of the swab taken from zinc metal sheet target before firing. The background is the voltammogram of the supporting electrolyte.

**Fig. S11.** (Appendix E) Characterization of the planar gold leaf with hand-drawn carbon and silver-silver chloride electrodes by (a) CV scans in 2-10 mmol  $L^{-1}$  of  $K_3$ Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub> solutions in 0.1 mol  $L^{-1}$  KCl with the calibration graphs in the inset and (b) the effect of scan rate investigated using 6 mmol  $L^{-1}$  of  $K_3$ Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub> solution in 0.1 mol  $L^{-1}$  KCl.

**Fig. S12.** (Appendix E) Plots of the anodic or cathodic peak current against concentration of ferricyanide obtained from the characterizations of the hand-drawn sensor and the screen-printed sensor before and after the gold electrodeposition process on gold leaf surfaces.