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Cellulose nanocrystalline and sodium benzenesulfonate-doped

polypyrrole nano-hydrogel/Au composites for ultrasensitive detection of

carcinoembryonic antigen

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Fig. S1 CNC-PPy gel (a) and BSNa-CNC-PPy gel (b) in centrifuge tubes.



Fig. S2 FTIR spectra of CNC, PPy and CNC-PPy.



Fig. S3 Thermal gravimertic analysis of BSNa-CNC-PPy gel.



Fig. S4 Zeta potential of different samples.



Fig. S5 Comparison of current response variation of GCE modified by different materials.



Fig. S6 Effect of the reaction time (a); temperature (b); pH (c); concentration of py (d); concentration of (NH₄)₂S₂O₈ (e); C_{CNC} (f) and sulphonate dopants (g) on the SWV responses for CNC-PPy modified immunosensor. (a) pH = 0.85, C_{CNC} = 2 mg/mL, T = 4 °C, Cpy = 1 M, C<sub>(NH₄):S₂O₈ = 0.25 M; (b) pH = 0.85, C_{CNC} = 3 mg/mL, t = 25 min, Cpy = 1 M, C<sub>(NH₄):S₂O₈ = 0.28 M; (c) C_{CNC} = 3 mg/mL, T = 4 °C, t = 25 min, Cpy = 1 M, C<sub>(NH₄):S₂O₈ = 0.28 M; (c) C_{CNC} = 3 mg/mL, T = 4 °C, t = 25 min, Cpy = 1 M, C<sub>(NH₄):S₂O₈ = 0.28 M; (d) pH = 0.85, C_{CNC} = 3 mg/mL, T = 4 °C, t = 25 min, Cpy = 1 M; (f) pH = 5.5, C_{CNC} = 3 mg/mL, T = 4 °C, t = 25 min, Cpy = 1 M, C<sub>(NH₄):S₂O₈ = 0.28 M.
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Fig. S7 Effects of amounts of BSA (a), blocking time of BSA (b) and amounts of anti-CEA on the current responses of the developed immunosensor.



Fig. S8 Effects of the incubation pH (a), incubation time (b) and incubation temperature (c) on the SWV responses of the immunosensor for 50 ng·mL⁻¹ CEA.

materials	CNC-PPy gel	BSNa-CNC-PPy gel	Ref
BET (m^2/g)	68.17	76.59	26.2 ^[1] 17.6 ^[2] 25.2 ^[3]
ECSA (mm ²)	13.77/7.06 (bare)	15.15/7.06 (bare)	21.41/12.56 = 1.7 ^[4]
	= 1.95	= 2.14	
SWV response (µA)	-256.4	-272.5	
Conductivity (S/cm)	1.62	1.74	0.46 [1]
Reproducibility	bad	good	

Table. S1 Comparison of CNC-PPy gel and BSNa-CNC-PPy gel

Table. S2 Comparison of linear range and detection limit of some modified electrodes materials

Sensors	Linear range	Detection limit (ng/mL)	Ref
	(ng/mL)		
PPy hydrogel/Au	1.0×10 ⁻⁶ - 200	1.6×10^{-7}	[1]
GNP-THi-GR	1×10 ⁻² - 0.5	4×10^{-3}	[5]
AuNPs/(PB-rGO-MWCNTs)n	2×10 ⁻¹ - 40	6×10^{-2}	[6]
AuNPs/PB-PEDOT	5×10 ⁻² - 40	1×10^{-2}	[7]
AuNPs/CNOs/SWCTs/chitosan	1×10 ⁻⁴ - 400	1×10^{-4}	[8]
polyCBMA/PANI composite	1×10 ⁻⁵ - 0.1	3.05×10^{-6}	[9]
BSNa-CNC-PPy hydrogel/Au	1.0×10 ⁻⁶ - 200	$0.6 imes10^{-7}$	This work

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