

## Supporting information

### Ultrasensitive detection of mercury(II) ion on hybrid film of graphene and gold nanoparticle-modified electrode

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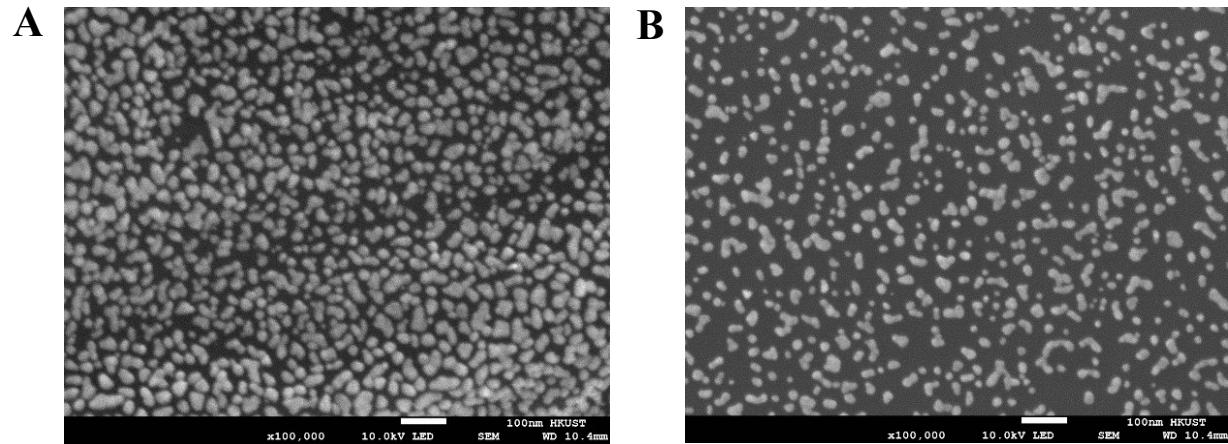
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**Fig. S1:** Characterization of the as-fabricated AuNPs/ERGO/SPCE electrode by SEM. (A) deposition time: 75s,  $\times 100,000$ ; (B) deposition time 50s,  $\times 100,000$ .

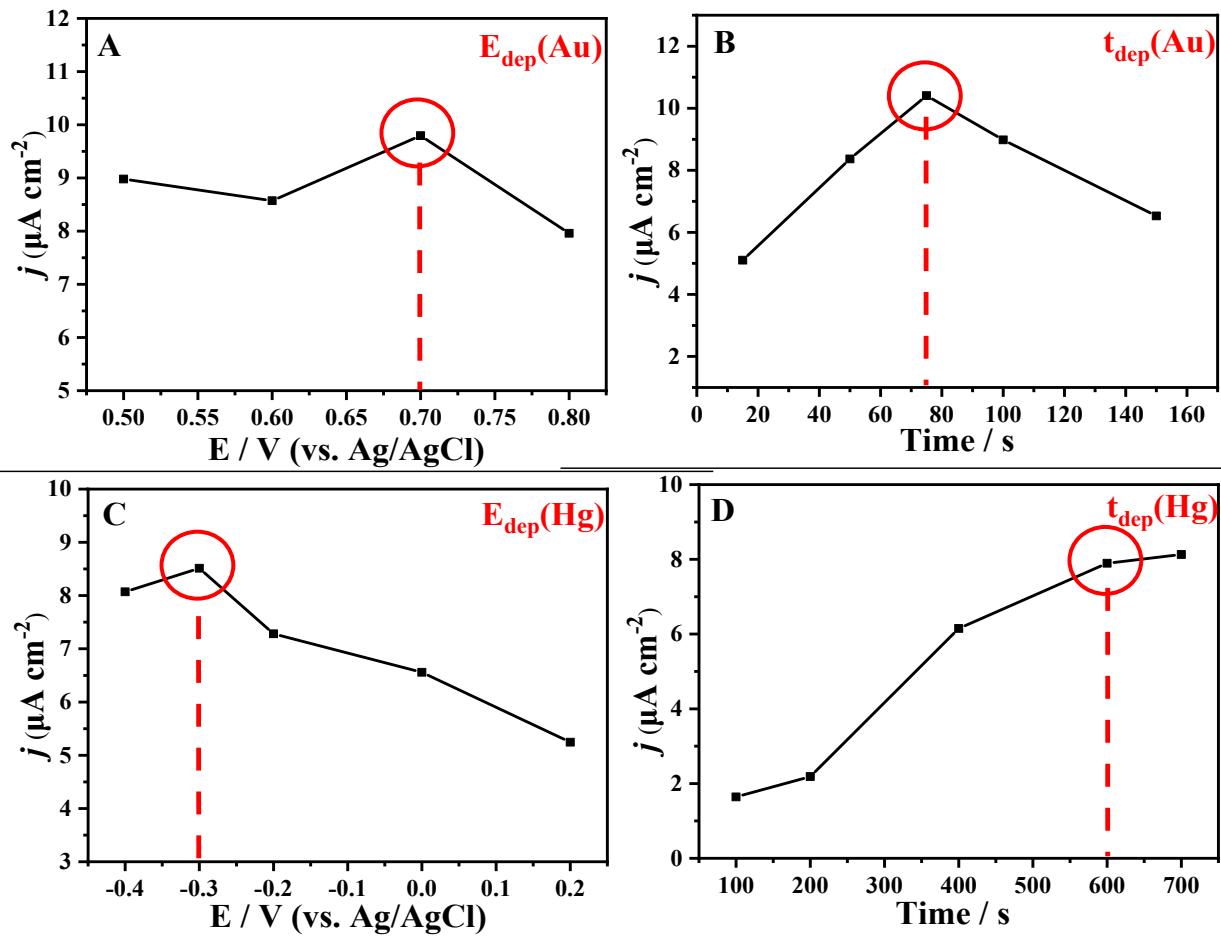
**Fig. S2:** Optimization of the fabrication conditions of AuNPs/ERGO/SPCE electrode. (A) Effects of the AuNPs deposition potential, (B) Effect of the AuNPs deposition time, (C) Effect Hg deposition potential and (D) Effect of Hg deposition time toward 5  $\mu\text{g/L}$   $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  detection in buffer solution.

**Table S1:** Comparison of our electrochemical method with previously reported methods by others for the detection of  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  in aqueous phase.

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**Fig. S1** SEM images of the surface of AuNPs/ERGO/SPCE with different deposition time. (A) 75s,  $\times 100,000$ ; (B) 50s,  $\times 100,000$ .



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Probe	Method	Linear range ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	LOD ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	R <sup>2</sup>	Ref.
Thiol-functionalized AgNPs	SERS	2-400	0.48	0.996	1
Quantum dot/DNA/AuNPs ensemble	Fluorometry	0.4-12	0.4	0.997	2
N-acetyl-L-cysteine/AuNPs	Colorimetry	4-20	1.98	0.986	3
g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> /CQDs composites	ICP-MS	0.01-100	0.008	0.993	4
This study	Electrochemistry	0.5-10	0.06	0.998	/

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