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## Supplementary information

## Cork based substrate coupled with artificial antibodies for point-of-care detection of pro-inflammatory cytokine biomarker

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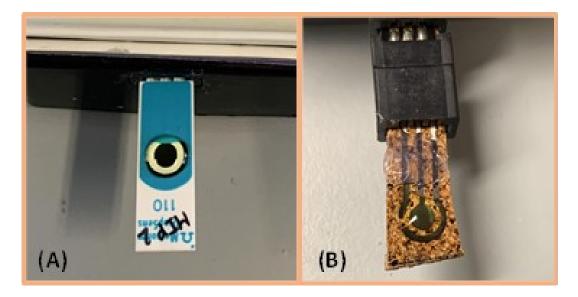
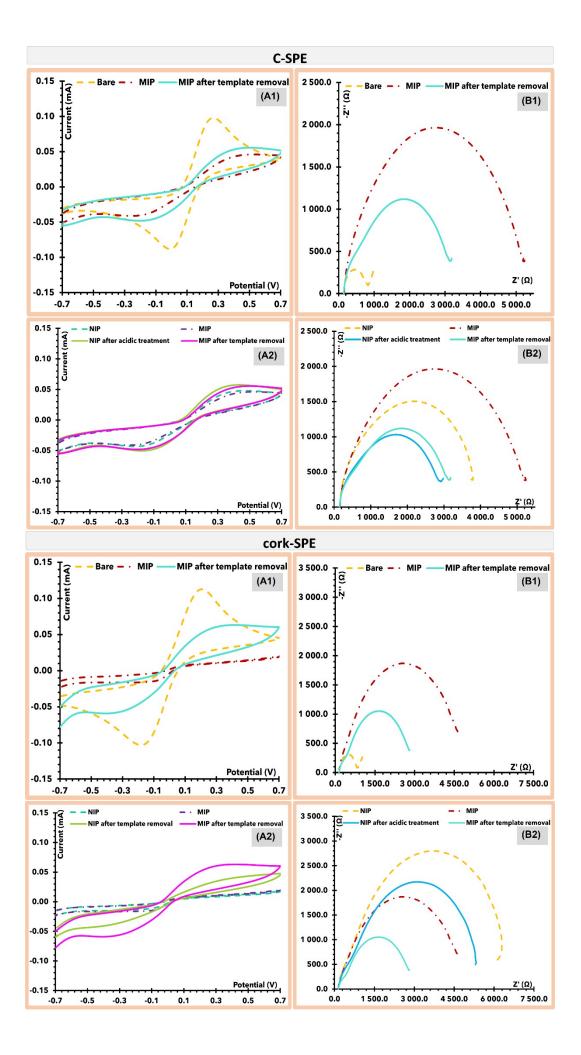
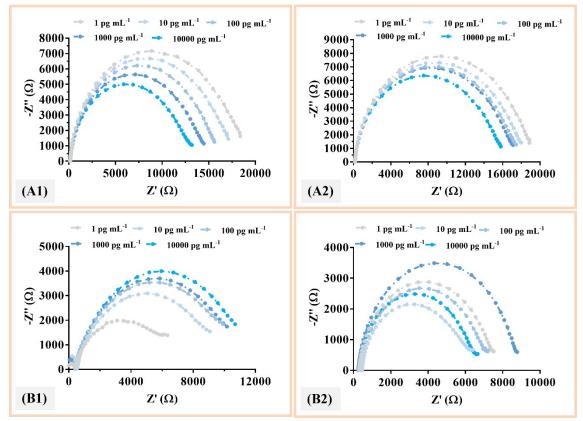


Figure S1 - Commercial electrode (C-110) (A) and homemade cork electrode (cork-SPE) (B).



**Figure S2** – Electrochemical follow up of the synthesis of the MIP and NIP materials. (A1 and B1 - CV and EIS readings after electropolymerization of MIP, A2 and B2 readings after electropolymerization and template removal of MIP and NIP, in C-SPE); (A1 and B1 - CV and EIS readings after electropolymerization of MIP, A2 and B2 readings after electropolymerization and template removal of MIP, A2 and B2 readings after electropolymerization and template removal of MIP, A2 and B2 readings after electropolymerization and template removal of MIP and NIP, in cork-SPE).



**Figure S3** – EIS spectra with different concentration of IL-6 in spiked serum samples diluted 1000-fold in MIP and NIP sensors on commercial electrodes C-SPE (A1 and B1) and cork-SPE (A2 and B2). Measurements were performed 5 mM  $K_3$ [Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>] and  $K_4$ [Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>] prepared in 0.1 M KCl.

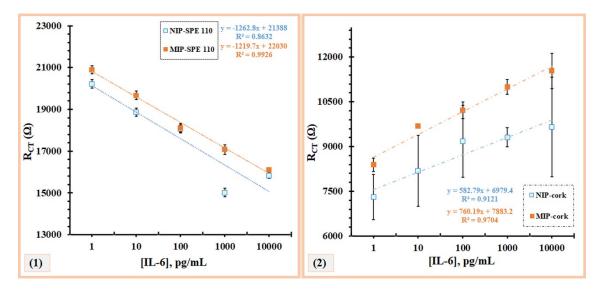


Figure S4 – Calibration curve of commercial electrodes (1) (C-SPE) and homemade cork electrodes (cork-SPE) with different concentration of IL-6 in spiked serum samples diluted 1000—fold.