

## Supporting Information

### Reduced graphene oxide–gold nanorods composite material stabilized in silicate sol–gel matrix for nitric oxide sensor

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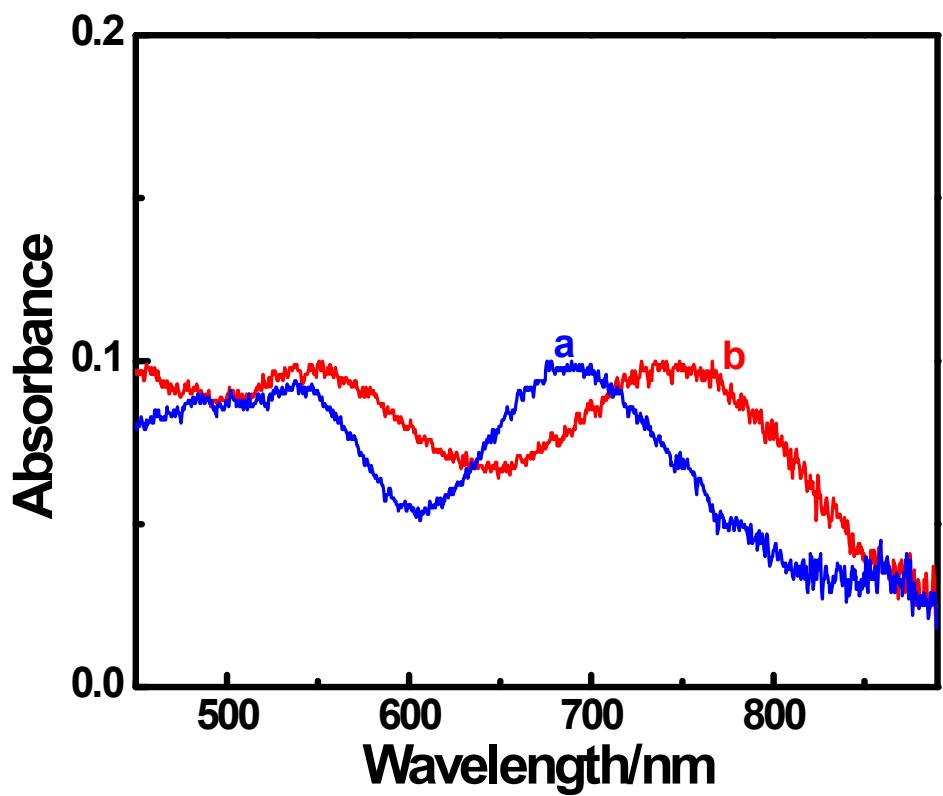


Fig. S1. Diffuse reflectance spectra of RGO/Au–TPDT NRs in wet (a) and dry (b) conditions.

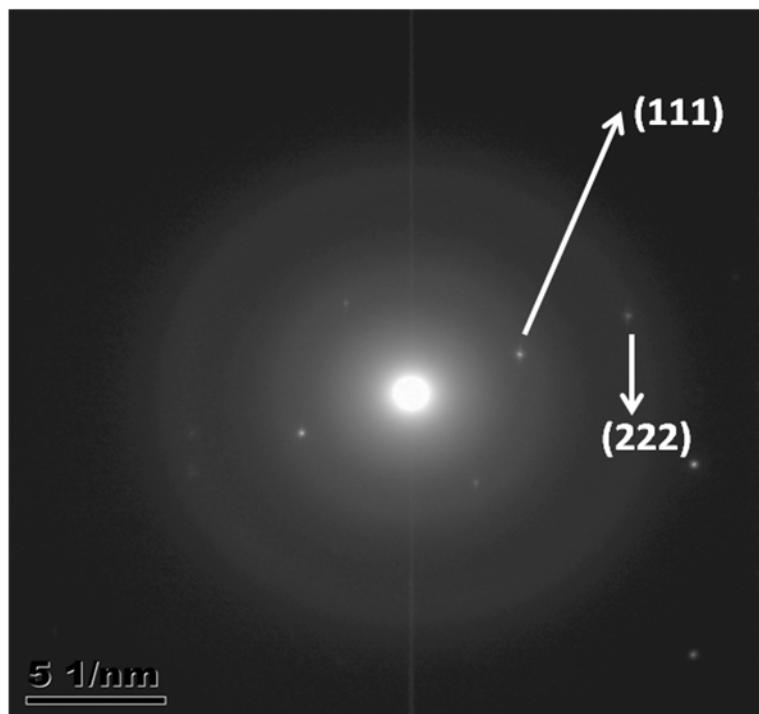


Fig. S2. SAED pattern of RGO/Au-TPDT NRs

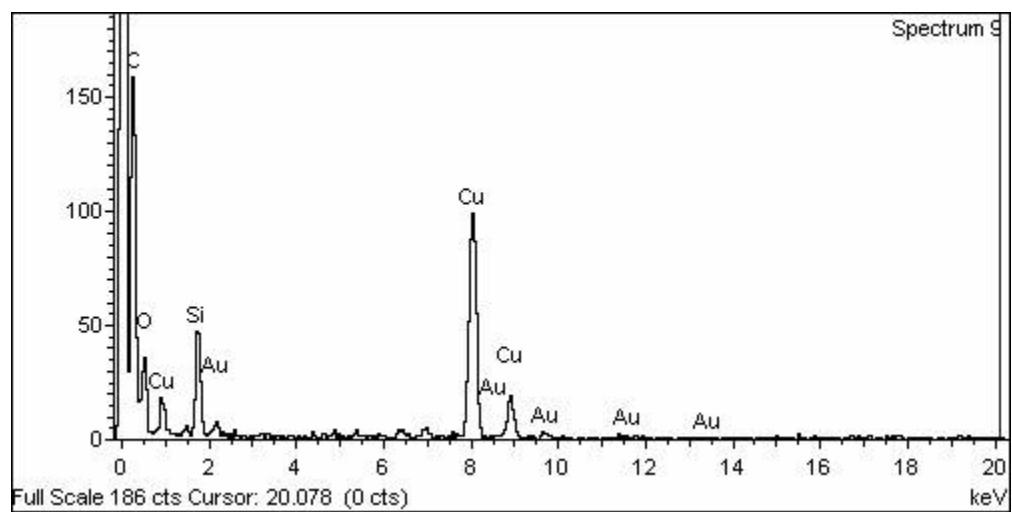


Fig. S3. EDS of RGO/Au-TPDT NRs.

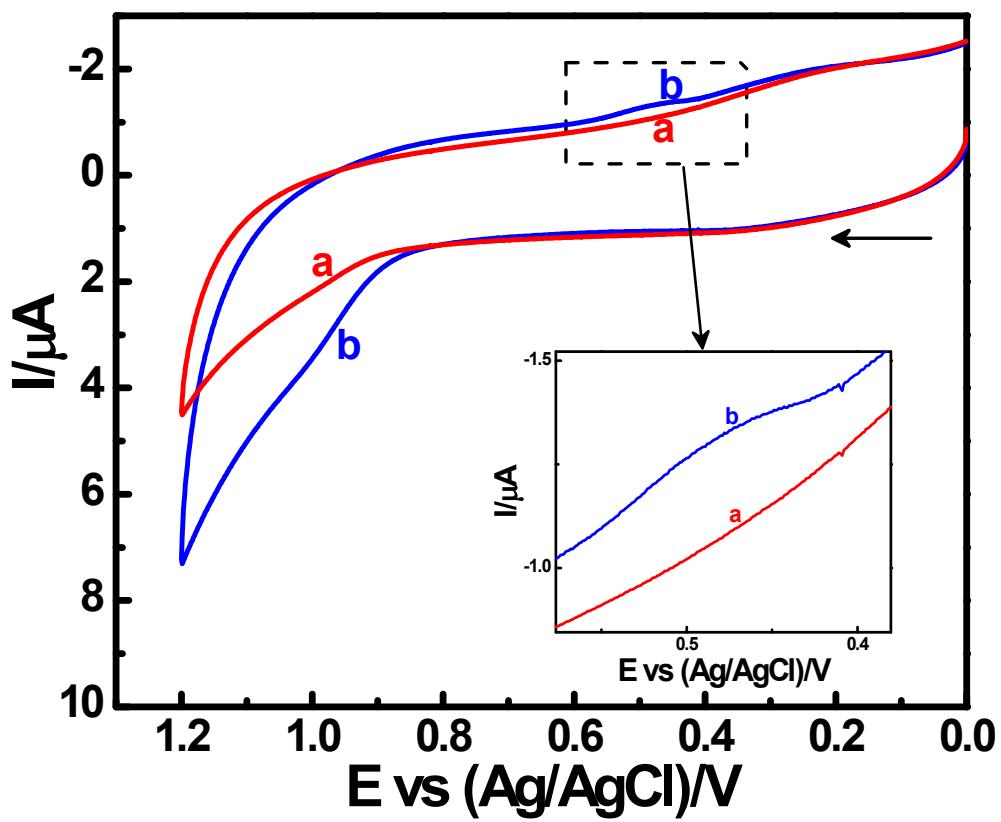


Fig. S4. Cyclic voltammograms recorded for bare GC (a) and GC/RGO/Au-TPDT NRs (b) electrodes in 0.1 M  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  at a scan rate of 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.

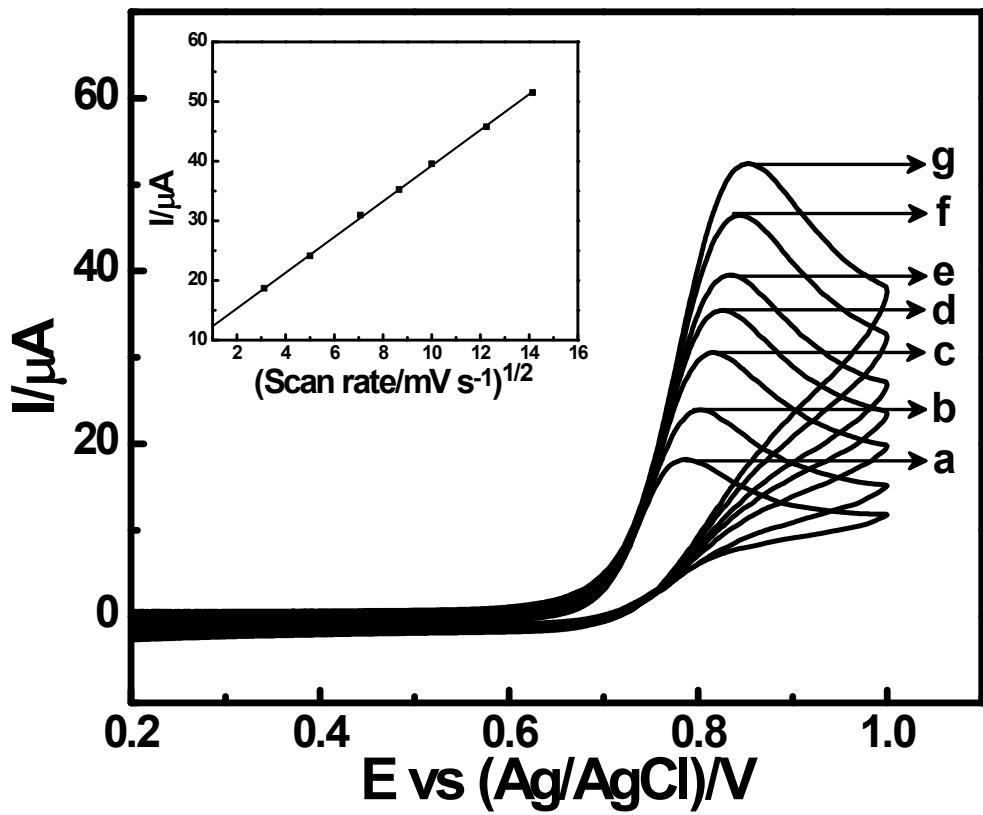


Fig. S5. Cyclic voltammograms obtained for 10  $\mu\text{M}$  NO at GC/RGO/Au-TPDT NRs modified electrode in 0.1 M PBS (pH 7.2) at different scan rates of 10 (a), 25 (b), 50 (c), 75 (d), 100 (e), 150 (f) and 200  $\text{mV s}^{-1}$  (g). Inset: Corresponding calibration plot.

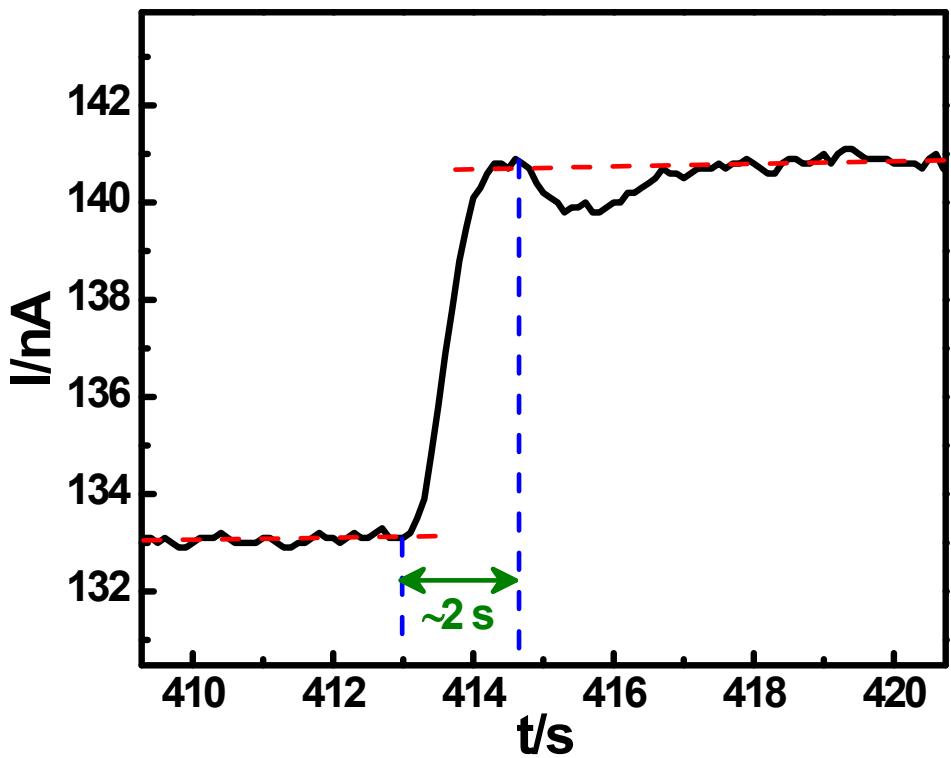


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