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## Flexible, nonenzymatic glucose biosensor based on Ni-coordinated, vertically aligned carbon nanotube arrays

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**Fig. S1** Cyclic voltammograms of Ni/VCNTs/G electrode in 5.0 mM  $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$  containing 1.0 M KCl in 1.0 M phosphate buffered saline at different scan rates (10 – 200 mV·s<sup>-1</sup>). Insets are the plots of peak current vs. scan rate<sup>1/2</sup>. The electrochemical active surface area of the Ni/VCNTs/G was calculated by Randles–Sevcik equation:

$$I_p = 2.69 \times 10^5 A D^{1/2} n^{3/2} \gamma^{1/2} C$$

- I<sub>p</sub> : the peak current (A)
- A : the electrochemically effective surface area of the working electrode (cm<sup>2</sup>)
- *D* : the diffusion coefficient  $(7.64 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \text{ for } \text{K}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6] \text{ at } 25 \text{ °C})$
- *n* : the number of electrons involved in the reaction
- $\gamma$  : the scan rate (V·s<sup>-1</sup>)
- C: the concentration of the reactant (mol·cm<sup>-3</sup>)

Sample	Concentration (mM)	RSD (%)	Added (mM)	Recovery (%)
1	0.959	1.50	0.1	98.3
2	2.329	3.28	0.1	99.9
3	3.622	3.34	0.1	101.2

Table S1. The detection of glucose in human serum samples. (from three separate experiments)