

A simple and sensitive Ce(OH)CO₃/H₂O₂/TMB reaction system for colorimetric determination of H₂O₂ and glucose

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ABSTRACT

The detection for H_2O_2 is essential in many areas, including life activity, medical diagnosis, industry and agriculture production and environmental monitoring, etc. This work developed a simple and sensitive two-step reaction system $\text{Ce}(\text{OH})\text{CO}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{TMB}$ for H_2O_2 determination. Upon sequential addition of H_2O_2 and TMB to $\text{Ce}(\text{OH})\text{CO}_3$ powders, a typical color reaction occurred quickly, producing a characteristic blue color in a slightly acidic aqueous solution. The underlying reaction mechanism was proposed based on the color reaction catalyzed by mimetic enzyme. The dependence of the color depth on H_2O_2 concentration enabled the colorimetric determination of H_2O_2 . This reaction system responds linearly and quickly in a wide H_2O_2 concentration range of 0–80 μM , and achieves a detection limit of 0.3 μM H_2O_2 and a relative standard deviation lower than 5.1%. This H_2O_2 sensing system was modified to allow for the detection of glucose since H_2O_2 is one of the main products in the oxidation reaction of glucose catalyzed by oxidase enzymes. In addition to a wide linear response, a low detection limit and a high reproducibility, our present reaction system for glucose determination showed a highly specific response to glucose due to the specificity of glucose oxidase to glucose.

Keywords: H_2O_2 detection; Glucose detection; oxidase mimics; Color reaction; Colorimetric method

1. Introduction

Hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2), one important representative of the group of reactive oxygen species (ROS), is now known to be acted as one of the signaling molecules in a wide range of signaling transduction processes, such as in normal cell functions or disease progressions.^{1,2} H_2O_2 is also involved in chemical, pharmaceutical, and environmental processes. Therefore, H_2O_2 determination has been required in many areas, including medical diagnosis, industry and agriculture production, environmental monitoring, etc.³

On the other hand, H_2O_2 is also the byproduct of many enzymatic reactions by a large number of oxidases, thus enabling quantitative assays of the activity of the enzyme as well as various enzyme substrates such as protein and carbohydrate in living organisms via a H_2O_2 -mediated process.⁴⁻⁶

To date, various analytical techniques have been developed for the detection of H_2O_2 , such as high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) detection,⁷ optical sensing,⁸⁻¹² colorimetric method,¹³⁻¹⁷ electrochemical analysis,^{18,19} etc. Owing to the advantages of simplicity, cheapness as well as the fact there is no requirement for any sophisticated instrumentation, colorimetric methods show great potential for portable and inexpensive daily life applications.²⁰

Recently, enzyme mimetics have attracted great attention because they possess several advantages over natural enzyme such as low cost and high stability against denaturation and protease digestion. Meanwhile, the development of enzyme mimics has also opened a new way for colorimetric assay of analyte. In 2007, Fe_3O_4 magnetic nanoparticles were firstly discovered to exhibit an intrinsic peroxidase-like catalytic activity,²¹ which was used to achieve the colorimetric determination for H_2O_2 and glucose via a color reaction of substrate.¹³ Subsequently, various types of nanomaterials including metal oxide, carbon, and noble metal have been developed to possess unique enzyme-mimicking catalytic activities.²²⁻²⁶

In this work, a simple and sensitive two-step reaction system, $\text{Ce}(\text{OH})\text{CO}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{TMB}$, was developed for H_2O_2 detection. $\text{Ce}(\text{OH})\text{CO}_3$ powders were prepared by a simple hydrothermal reaction. The addition of H_2O_2 solution to

Ce(OH)CO₃ powders, followed by the addition of TMB at a slightly acidic pH condition, caused a typical color reaction, producing a characteristic blue color in aqueous solution. The color depth of the solution depended on the H₂O₂ concentration, thus enabling the colorimetric determination of H₂O₂. This reaction system was modified to be also suitable for glucose detection via a H₂O₂-mediated process since H₂O₂ is one of the products of the glucose oxidation reaction under the catalysis of glucose oxidase.

2. Experimental

2.1. Chemicals

Analytical grade Ce(NO₃)₃·6H₂O, CO(NH₂)₂ (urea), hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂), citric acid and sodium citrate were obtained from Beijing Chemicals Reagents, China. Glucose, glucose oxidase (GOx), fructose, maltose, lactose, 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazineethanesulfonic acid (HEPES) and 3,3',5,5'-tetramethylbenzidine (TMB) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Co. (Shanghai, China). MilliQ water was used throughout. All other chemical reagents were of analytical reagent grade. The citrate buffer was prepared by mixing an approximate ratio of citric acid and sodium citrate solutions.

2.2. Preparation of Ce(OH)CO₃·H₂O

Ce(OH)CO₃ colloidal particles were prepared via a urea-based hydrothermal process according to the previous literatures.²⁷ In a typical reaction, 1 mmol of Ce(NO₃)₃·6H₂O and 20 mmol urea were dissolved in 50 mL of deionized water. The above solution was first homogenized under magnetic stirring at room temperature for 30 min, and then transferred into a 100 mL Teflon-lined autoclave and heated to 160 °C for 2 h. After the autoclave was cooled down to room temperature naturally, the obtained precipitates were collected by centrifugation and washed with deionized water and ethanol several times, and then dried in the air at 80 °C for 12 h.

2.3. H₂O₂ detection

In a typical process of H₂O₂ detection using Ce(OH)CO₃/H₂O₂/TMB system, 40 μL of H₂O₂ solution was added into the reaction tube containing 0.5 mg of Ce(OH)CO₃

powder, and reacted at room temperature for 4 min. Subsequently, 2 mL of citrate buffer solution (pH = 3.6) and 0.5 mg of TMB was sequentially added to the above mixed solution and incubated at room temperature for 5 min. The supernatant was immediately moved to 4 mL of quartz cuvette for UV-vis absorption measurement. To establish the relationship between the absorbance and H₂O₂ concentration, H₂O₂ concentration was changed from 10 to 80 μM, but other reaction conditions keep the same according to the above experiment procedure. It is known that the solution pH is a key parameter to influence the color reaction.²¹ It is found in our experiments that the optimal pH was approximately 3.6 (Fig. S1, supplementary information). Therefore, the color reaction in this work was carried out at pH 3.6 citrate buffer solution.

2.4. Glucose detection

The glucose solution with the concentrations ranging from 10 to 160 μM was prepared and 3.2 mg of GOx was dissolved in 20 mL HEPES buffer solution (pH = 6.5). In a typical process of glucose detection, 40 μL of glucose solution and 100 μL of GOx solution were sequentially added into a 10 mL tube and incubated at 37°C for 5 min. Then, 0.5 mg of Ce(OH)CO₃ powder was added to the above solution and reacted for 4 min. Subsequently, 2 mL of citrate buffer solution (pH = 3.6) and 0.5 mg of TMB was sequentially added to the above mixed solution and incubated for 5 min. The supernatant was immediately moved to 4 mL of quartz cuvette for UV-vis absorption measurement.

2.5. Characterizations

The X-ray powder diffraction (XRD) data were collected on an X'Pert MPD Philips diffractometer (CuKα X-radiation at 40 kV and 50 mA) in the 2θ range from 10° to 70° with a scanning step of 0.02°. The transmission electron microscopy observations were carried out using a JEOL 2200FS microscope. Samples for TEM investigations were prepared by first dispersing the particles in ethanol under assistance of ultrasonification and then dropping 1 drop of the suspension on a copper TEM grid coated with a holey carbon film. Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra (Mattson 5000) of the samples were measured in the range of 4000-500 cm⁻¹ in transmission mode. The pellets were

prepared by adding 0.8 mg of the sample powder to 80 mg of KBr. The powders were mixed homogeneously and compressed at a pressure of 10 KPa to form transparent pellets. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) analysis was performed using a PHI Quantera SXM (ULVAC-PHI) device operating at a pressure of 10^{-8} Torr. The photoelectron emission spectra were recorded using a monochromatic Al $K\alpha$ source (100 W). The angle between the x-ray direction and the emitted electron direction was 45° . The UV-vis absorbance measurements were carried out by with a Shimadzu UV-2550 scanning spectrophotometer.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Preparation and characterization of $Ce(OH)CO_3$

$Ce(OH)CO_3$ was prepared via a urea-based hydrothermal precipitation reaction (Experimental section), in which urea serves as a precipitation agent of metal cations due to self decomposition into the OH^- and CO_3^{2-} at elevated temperatures.²⁷⁻²⁹ The urea-based reaction is a simple and general route for the preparation of lanthanide hydroxylcarbonate.²⁷ Fig. 1(a) shows the XRD pattern of the as-prepared product. All diffraction peaks were well indexed to $Ce(OH)CO_3$ phase and no impurity peaks were identified, indicating that the product is single-phased $Ce(OH)CO_3$.

The FT-IR measurement (Fig. 1(b)) provided further evidence for the successful preparation of $Ce(OH)CO_3$. In the FT-IR spectrum, a strong and broad absorption bands peaking at 3400 cm^{-1} and a shoulder located at 1645 cm^{-1} are the characteristic absorption of H_2O molecules and hydroxyl groups (OH).³⁰ The presence of carbonate anions in the molecular structure was confirmed by the appearance of absorption doublets in the region $1350\text{--}1600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ (ν_3 of CO_3^{2-} , peaking at ~ 1417 and 1504 cm^{-1}) and also by the occurrence of multiple absorptions ranging from 500 to 1000 cm^{-1} (ν_2 and ν_4 of CO_3^{2-}).^{27,31}

Insert Fig. 1

3.2 Reaction mechanism

In our preliminary experiment, it is interesting to find that, the addition of H_2O_2 solution to $Ce(OH)CO_3$ powders, followed by the addition of TMB at a slightly acidic

pH condition, caused a typical color reaction, producing a characteristic blue color in aqueous solution. In comparison, such color reaction was not observed for the mixed solution of TMB and H₂O₂ in the absence of Ce(OH)CO₃ or for the mixed solution of TMB and Ce(OH)CO₃ in the absence of H₂O₂. This phenomenon excited our curiosity to explore the underlying reaction mechanism in the Ce(OH)CO₃/H₂O₂/TMB reaction system.

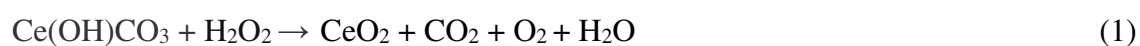
To this end, several control experiments were performed as follows. (i) 0.5 mg of TMB alone was added to (2 mL + 40 μL) citrate buffer solution. After 5 min, no color transformed. (ii) 40 μL of H₂O₂ (60 μM) was added to 2 mL citrate buffer solution, and subsequently 0.5 mg of TMB was added. After incubation for 5 min, the resulting solution shows almost no color transformation (Fig. 2(a)), indicating that Ce(OH)CO₃ is indispensable for creating such color transformation in TMB solution. (iii) 0.5 mg of Ce(OH)CO₃ was added to (2 mL + 40 μL) citrate buffer solution, and subsequently 0.5 mg of TMB was added. After incubation for 5 min, the resulting solution does not produce the color transformation (Fig. 2(b)), indicating that the presence of H₂O₂ is also necessary for such a color reaction. (iv) 40 μL of H₂O₂ solution (60 μM) was first added to 0.5 mg of Ce(OH)CO₃, and reacted for 4 min. Subsequently, 2 mL of citrate buffer solution and 0.5 mg of TMB were sequentially added. After incubation for 5 min, the resulting mixed solution produces a deep blue color (Fig. 2(c)). The above comparison results concluded that the color reaction of TMB solution can occur only at the coexistence of Ce(OH)CO₃ and H₂O₂.

Insert Fig. 2

Based on the above comparison experiments, we proposed the following reaction mechanism. Upon the addition of H₂O₂ to Ce(OH)CO₃ powders, the color of the powders produced an instantaneous transformation from white to yellow (Fig. 3(a)), which was caused by a change in the oxidation state from Ce³⁺ to Ce⁴⁺.³² Simultaneously, a number of bubbles appeared in this process (Fig. 3(b)). XPS measurement confirms the change of the oxidation state from Ce³⁺ to Ce⁴⁺ as the reaction between Ce(OH)CO₃ and H₂O₂ occurs. As shown in Fig. 3(c), four peaks

labeled U, U₁, V and V₁, characteristic of Ce(III), are clearly present for Ce(OH)CO₃, while six peaks labeled as U, U₂, U₃, V, V₂, and V₃, characteristic of Ce(IV), are observed after the reaction with H₂O₂, indicating the oxidation of Ce(III) in the process of the reaction of Ce(OH)CO₃ with H₂O₂.^{33,34} Indeed, H₂O₂ as an oxidizing agent is able to oxidize Ce(OH)CO₃ to generate a number of small sized CeO₂ particles and simultaneously produce the gases CO₂ and O₂, as described in the reaction equation (1).³⁵ The generation of CeO₂ was confirmed by XRD, TEM and UV-vis absorption measurements. In the XRD pattern (Fig. 4(a) and Fig. S2), the intensities of the diffraction peaks of Ce(OH)CO₃ were weakened gradually upon the addition of H₂O₂ and the newly appearing diffraction peaks were well indexed to the cubic phase of CeO₂.³⁶ The broad diffraction peaks indicated the small size of CeO₂ particles generated. The size of CeO₂ particles was evaluated using Scherrer Equation to be around 5 nm. Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) observations indicated that a large number of nanosized particles were grown *in situ* at the surface of the original Ce(OH)CO₃ particles via an interfacial reaction of Ce(OH)CO₃ and H₂O₂ (Fig. 4(b) and (c)). The mesopores are formed between these neighboring nanoparticles as a result of gases released during the reaction.^{29,37} High-resolution TEM shows the presence of the crystalline nanoscaled CeO₂. The measured interplanar spacing of 0.312 nm corresponds well to the lattice spacing of the plane (111) of CeO₂ (Fig. 4(d)), in good agreement with XRD analysis. UV-vis absorption spectrum exhibited the characteristic absorption of CeO₂ located in the UV region (Fig. 4(e)).³⁸

In the previous literature by Perez's research team in 2009, nanoceria has first been reported to possess an intrinsic oxidase-like activity at the acidic condition, as it can quickly catalyze the oxidization of a series of organic substrates without any oxidizing agent (e.g. hydrogen peroxide) to produce a characteristic color, *i.e.*, a color reaction.³⁹ Therefore, in our present work, the added H₂O₂ oxidizes Ce(OH)CO₃ to generate CeO₂, which behaves as a oxidase mimic to catalyze the oxidation of TMB, producing a characteristic blue color in aqueous solution.



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3.3 H₂O₂ detection

On the basis of this reaction mechanism, we inferred that the extent of color reaction depends on the quantity of CeO₂ generated in the reaction of Ce(OH)CO₃ with H₂O₂, which is determined by H₂O₂ concentration as other reaction conditions keep constant. Therefore, the relationship between the absorbance of the solution and H₂O₂ concentration can enable the colorimetric determination of H₂O₂ in the Ce(OH)CO₃/H₂O₂/TMB system.

Fig. 5(a) shows the UV-vis absorption spectra of the solution after the reaction of Ce(OH)CO₃/TMB system with various concentrations of H₂O₂ in a constant time interval. All UV-vis absorption spectra exhibited two major absorbance peaks around 370 and 652 nm, which are characteristic of oxidized TMB,⁴⁰ indicating that H₂O₂ oxidizes Ce(OH)CO₃ powders to generate nano-CeO₂ that acts as catalyst for TMB oxidation. With an increase of H₂O₂ concentration, the absorbance of the solution increases gradually.

Indeed, the variation of color depth of the solution as a result of the change of H₂O₂ concentration added can be observed directly by the naked eye, as shown in the photographs taken for samples treated with various concentrations of H₂O₂ (Fig. 5(b)). The dependence of the absorbance on H₂O₂ concentration shows the feasibility of H₂O₂ determination by using Ce(OH)CO₃/H₂O₂/TMB reaction system. This provides a simple, low-cost and convenient colorimetric assay for H₂O₂.

For a clear comparison, the absorbance at 652 nm relative to H₂O₂ concentration was collected in Fig. 5(c). Clearly, the absorption intensity shows a good linear relationship against H₂O₂ concentration in the range of 0–80 μM with a correlation coefficient $R^2 = 0.992$, indicating a wide linear response for H₂O₂ sensing. By a linear fitting, the regression equation for H₂O₂ was $A = 0.01 + 1050[\text{H}_2\text{O}_2]$ (M), where A represents the absorbance of the resulting solution at a given H₂O₂ concentration added. The detection limit (LOD) was defined by the equation $\text{LOD} = (3\sigma/s)$ at the signal-to-noise of 3, where σ is the standard deviation of the blank signals ($n = 11$) and s

is the slope of the calibration curve. Based on this equation, the LOD for H₂O₂ was calculated to be 0.3 μM. The reproducibility of the proposed sensing system towards H₂O₂ was studied. The relative standard deviation (RSD) was 3.3% and 5.1% for the determination of 5 μM and 80 μM H₂O₂ for seven repeated measurements, respectively. This indicates high reproducibility and reliability of this reaction system for H₂O₂ determination.

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3.4 Glucose detection

Since H₂O₂ is a main product of GOx catalyzed reaction of glucose (equation (2)), Ce(OH)CO₃/H₂O₂/TMB system is modified to allow the detection of glucose via a H₂O₂-mediated process. Many earlier studies have shown that the catalytic activity of enzyme-like nanomaterials is much higher in acidic solution (pH less than 4.0) than that in neutral and basic solutions.¹³ But the enzyme activity of GOx for glucose oxidation would be denatured in acidic solution.¹³ Therefore, the detection of glucose by using enzyme-like nanomaterials usually involves two-step analytical processes. First, GOx is used to catalyze the oxidation of glucose at the neutral pH condition, and then the produced H₂O₂ oxidizes Ce(OH)CO₃ to generate CeO₂ that acts as oxidase mimic for TMB oxidation at the acidic pH condition.



Fig. 6(a) records the UV-vis absorption spectra of the solution after the addition of a given concentration of glucose and a fixed concentration of GOx to Ce(OH)CO₃ powders, followed by the addition of TMB in an acidic pH condition. Similar to Ce(OH)CO₃/H₂O₂/TMB system examined earlier, the UV-vis absorption spectra exhibits two major characteristic absorbance peaks at 370 and 652 nm attributed to oxidized TMB, indicating that the glucose oxidation reaction has occurred, in which the generated H₂O₂ has oxidized Ce(OH)CO₃ to CeO₂ as oxidase mimetics for TMB oxidation, creating a typical color reaction. With an increase of the glucose concentration, the absorbance increases gradually. The typical blue color reaction is clearly observed by the naked eyes and the variation of color depth with the glucose

concentration is also visual (Fig. 6(b)). Therefore, the Ce(OH)CO₃/H₂O₂/TMB system for H₂O₂ determination was modified to also allow the colorimetric assay for glucose.

Insert Fig. 6

For a clear comparison, the absorbance at 652 nm relative to glucose concentration was collected in Fig. 6(c). Clearly, the absorbance shows a good linear relationship against glucose concentration in the range of 0–140 μM with a correlation coefficient $R^2 = 0.998$, indicating a wide linear response toward glucose. By a linear fitting, the regression equation for glucose was $A = 0.001 + 2200[\text{glucose}]$ (M), where A represents the absorbance of the solution after the reaction of GOx/Ce(OH)CO₃/TMB with a given glucose concentration added. The detection limit (LOD) for glucose was defined by the equation $\text{LOD} = (3\sigma/s)$ at the signal-to-noise of 3, where σ is the standard deviation of the blank signals ($n = 11$) and s is the slope of the calibration curve. Based on this equation, the LOD for glucose was calculated to be 0.4 μM.

To highlight the advantages of our sensing material over the previously reported ones, we made a comparison for the sensing performances of the various types of glucose biosensors, as summarized on Table 1. Obviously, our proposed sensing method exhibits a wide linear response range and a low detection limit.

To verify whether our present reaction system for glucose detection could work correctly following this linear function, we randomly selected two concentration points of glucose (15 and 70 μM) from this linear plot to measure the absorbance corresponding to these two glucose concentrations. Results showed that the measured absorption values fitted well with this linear sensing function: the relative deviations of the absorbance for 15 and 70 μM glucose were 4.4% and 2.8%, respectively, indicating acceptable precision of this method.

The selectivity of sensing is extremely important for detecting the analyte accurately. To verify the sensing selectivity of glucose/GOx/Ce(OH)CO₃/TMB system toward glucose, several glucose analogues, such as lactose, maltose and fructose, were used for control experiments to check the influence of their additions (two concentration points: 30 and 60 μM) on the absorbance of the solution, as shown in Fig. 7. Results

show that the addition of these glucose analogues has almost no interference with the detection of glucose since their presence does not result in a significant variation of the absorbance, compared to the case of glucose. This indicates that our present reaction system has a high selectivity toward glucose sensing in the presence of GOx, which should be ascribed to the specificity of GOx to glucose in the catalytic reaction.

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4. Conclusions

In this paper, a simple and sensitive reaction system has been developed for the detection of both H₂O₂ and glucose via a colorimetric method. This reaction system responds linearly to H₂O₂ and glucose in a wide analyte concentration range within several minutes. The limits of detection are 0.3 μM and 0.4 μM for H₂O₂ and glucose, respectively. The relative standard deviation for H₂O₂ and glucose detection is lower than 5.1%. Furthermore, our present reaction system for glucose determination shows a highly specific response. With the simplicity, rapid response, low detection limit, high reproducibility and selectivity of this method, our developed reaction system for detecting H₂O₂ and glucose might have promising applications in biological and environmental chemistry.

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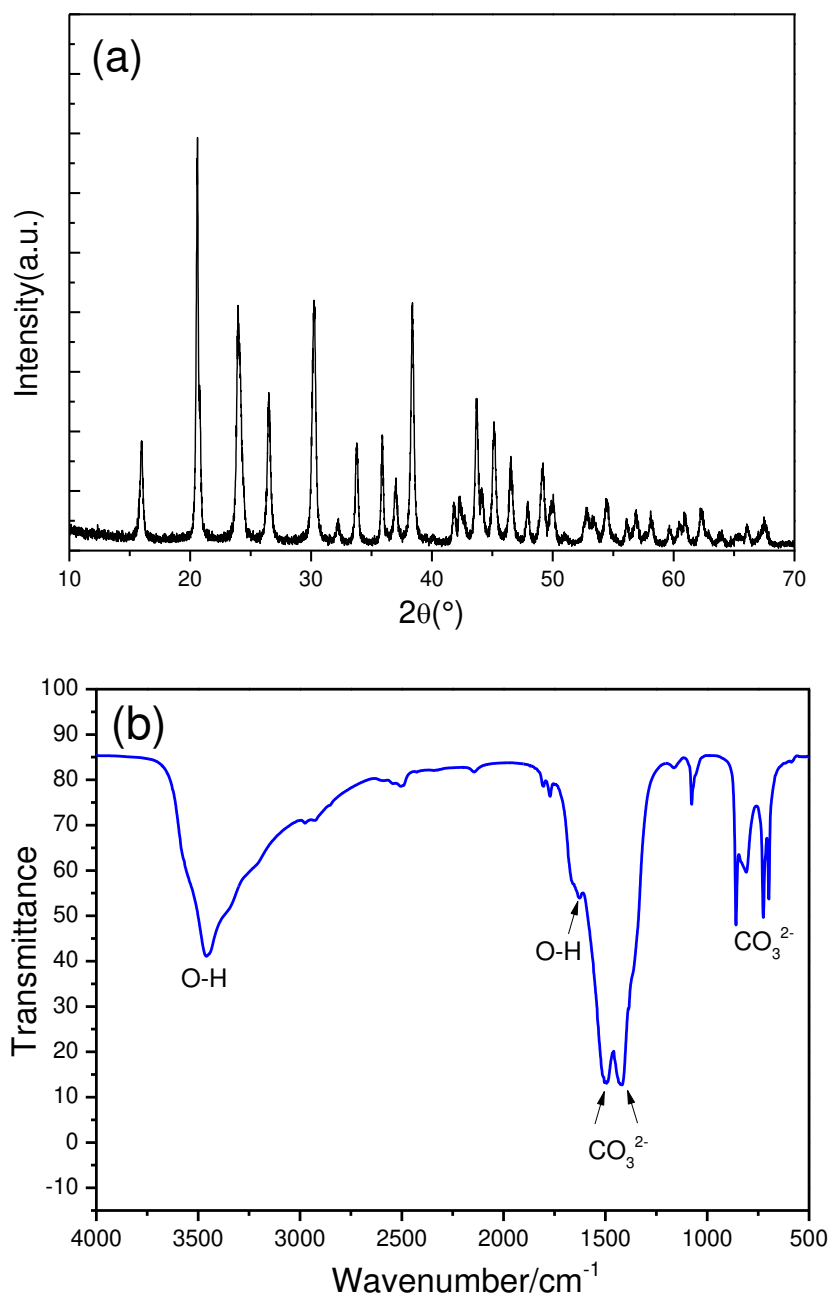


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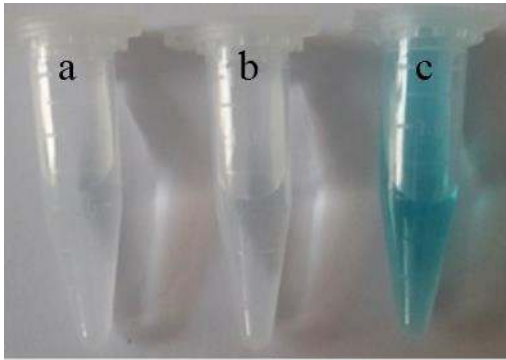


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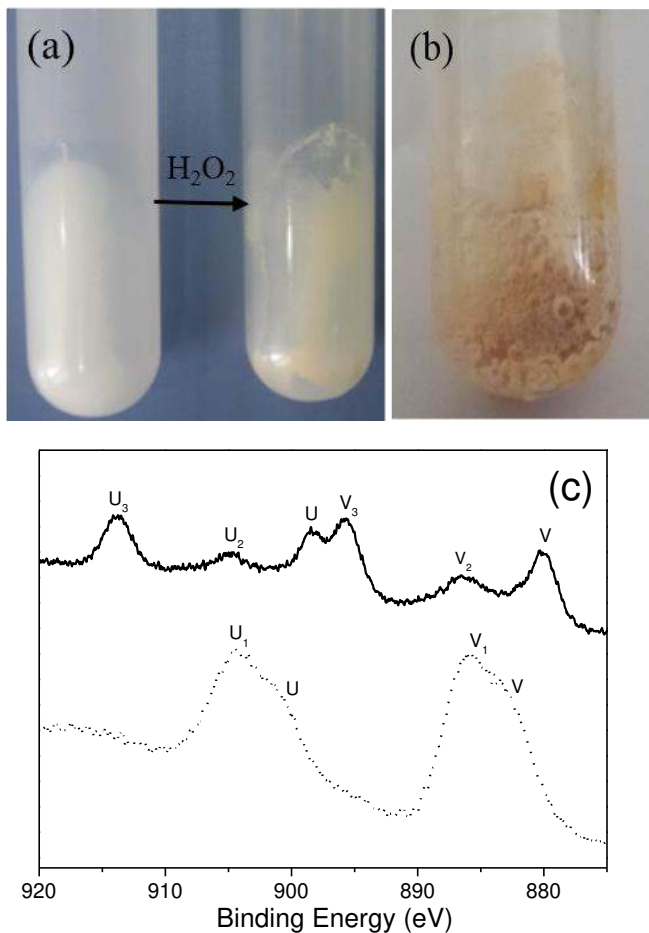


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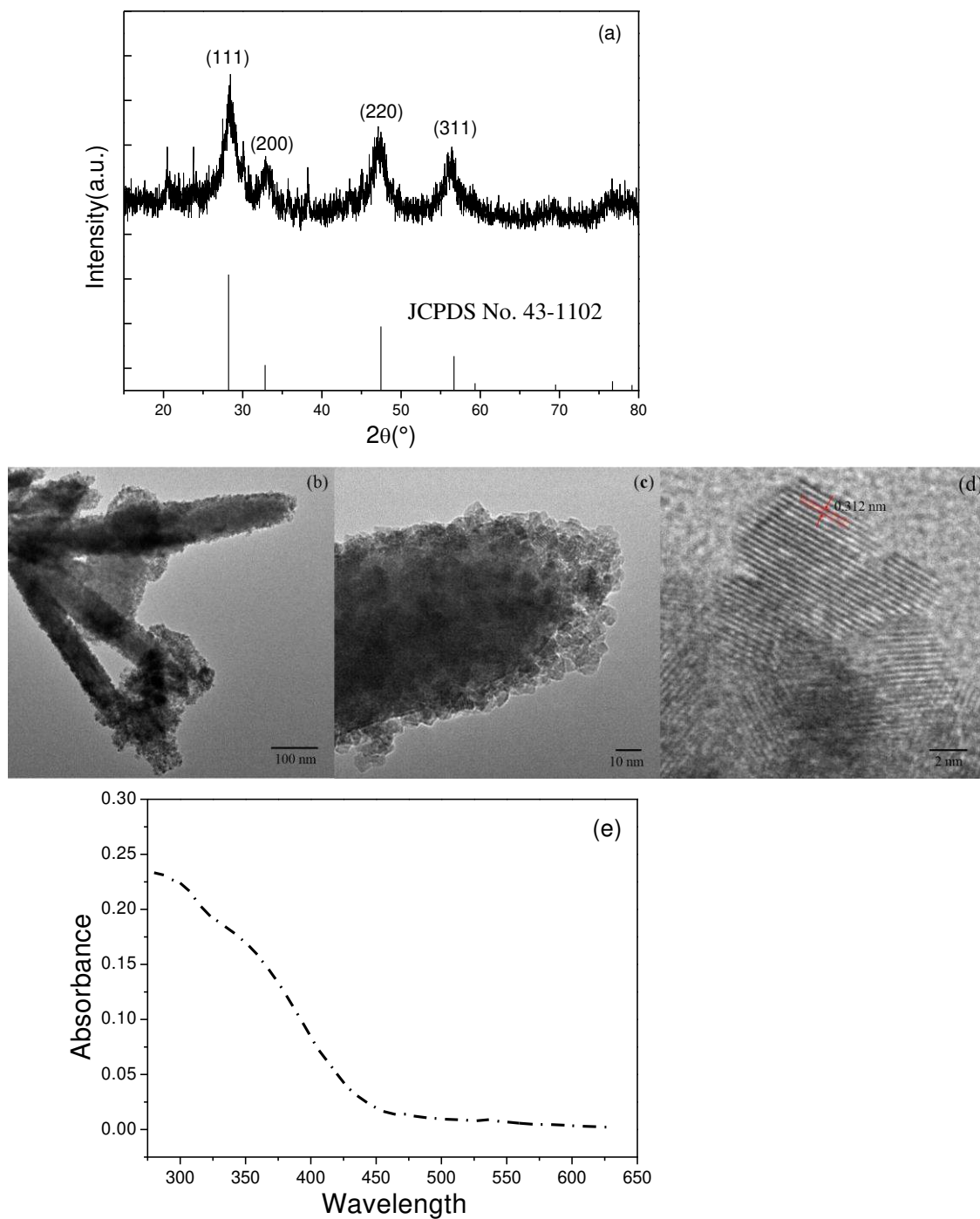


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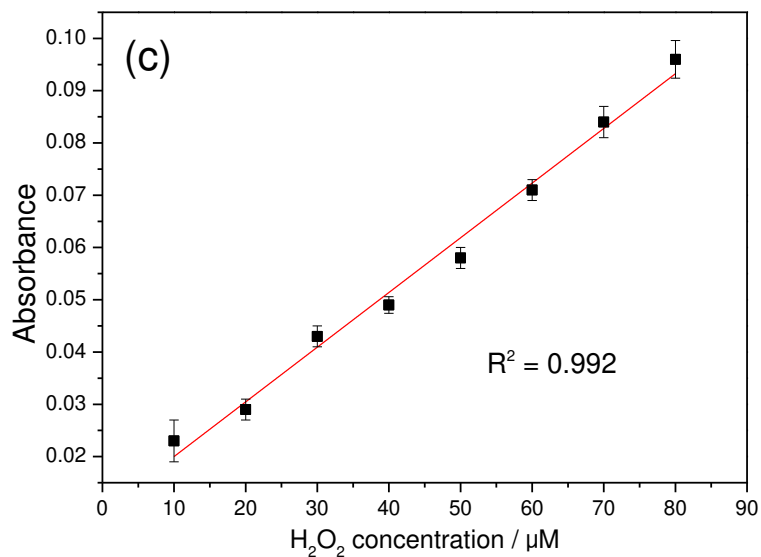
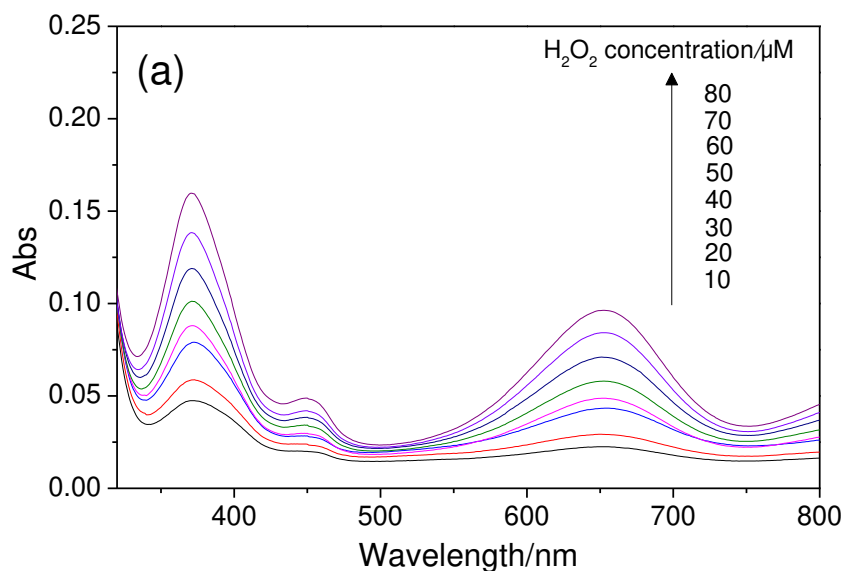


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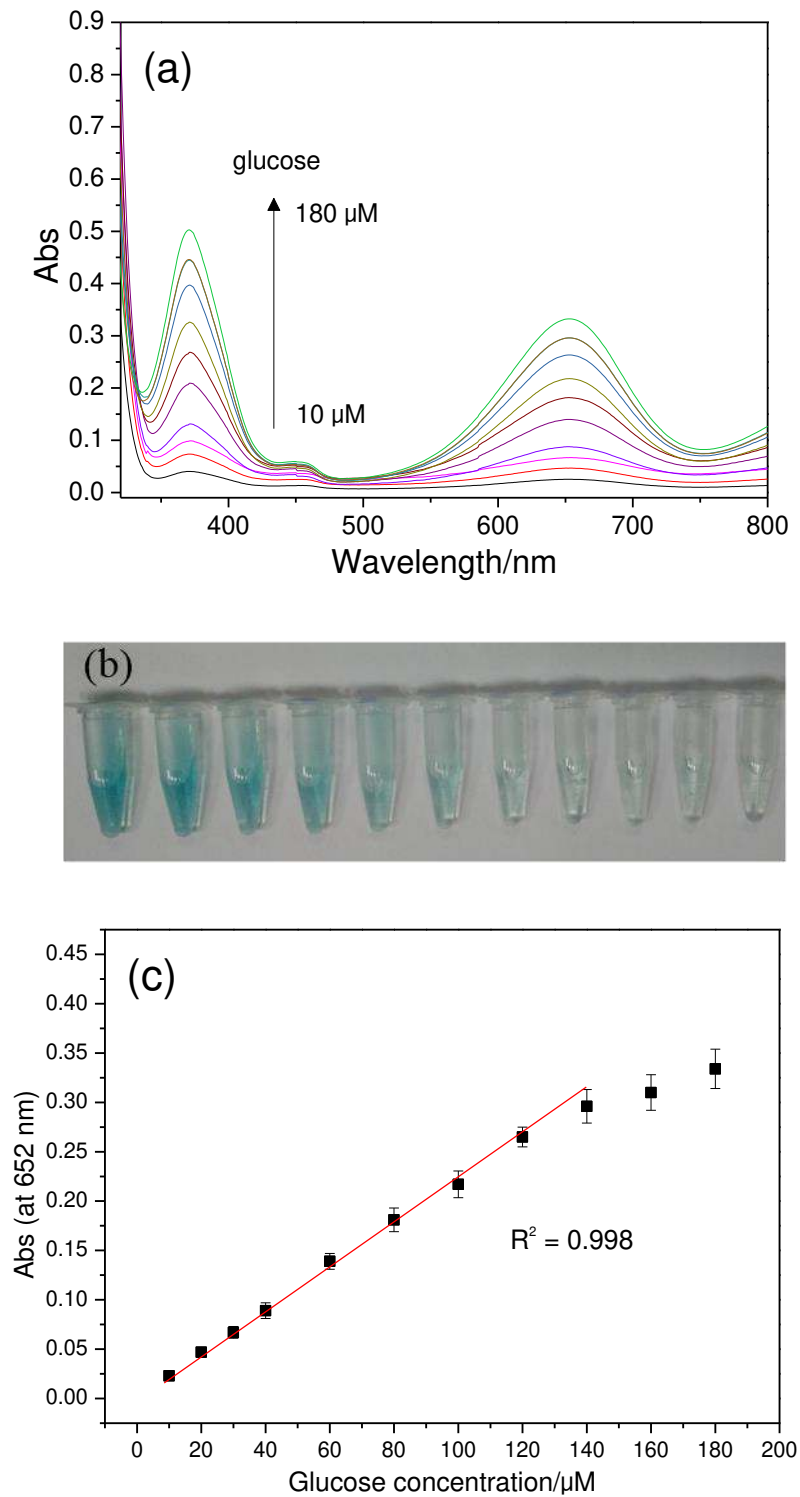


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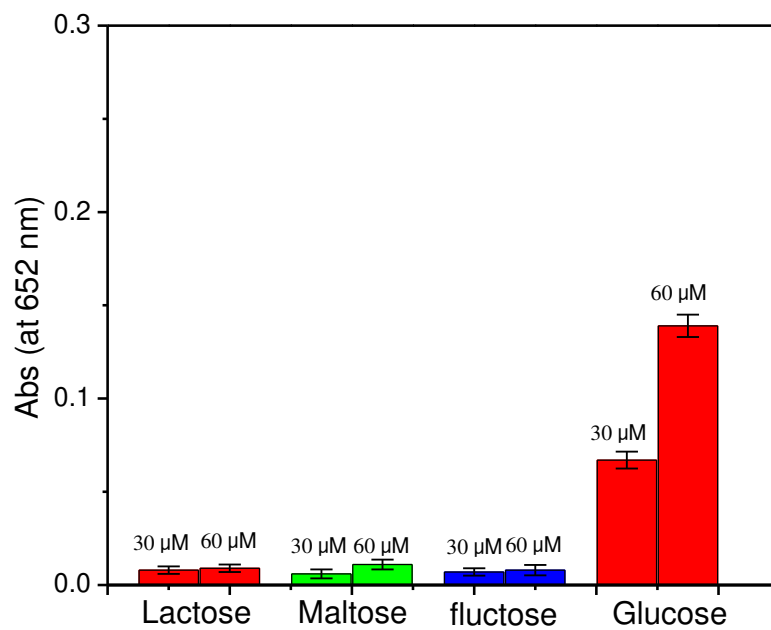


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Table 1. Comparison of the performances of the various types of glucose sensors.

Method	System	Linear range (μM)	LOD (μM)	Reference
Electrochemistry	Pd ₁ Pt ₃ -graphene	1 to 23	5	[41]
Electrochemistry	CQDs/octahedral Cu ₂ O	20 to 4300	8.4	[42]
Electrochemistry	nanoCoPc/Gr	16.7 to 1600	14.6	[43]
Fluorometry	CePO ₄ :Tb colloids/GOx	Up to 120	1.01	[9]
Fluorometry	ZnO/GOx	1x10 ⁴ to 1.3x10 ⁵	1x10 ⁴	[12]
Fluorometry	HAQB/GOx	80 to 420	11	[44]
Colorimetry	FeSe/GOx/TMB	2 to 30	0.5	[45]
Colorimetry	Fe ₃ O ₄ @C	6 to 100	2	[46]
Colorimetry	Graphene Oxide/ GOx/TMB	1 to 20	1	[47]
Colorimetry	Ce(OH)CO ₃ /GOx/ TMB	up to 140	0.4	This work