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# 1. Introduction

The intensive developments in the field of nanotechnologies have contributed to improve the performances of various types of electrochemical devices such as biofuel cells, supercapacitors or biosensors. [1-4] Thanks to an increased surface area, nanomaterials such as carbon nanotubes, graphene, [5-13] semi-conductor quantum dots, [14-15] have significantly increased the power density of biofuel cells and capacitors as well as the analytical performance of biosensors in terms of sensitivity and detection limit. In addition, metallic nanoparticles<sup>[16-18]</sup> have aroused great interest in the elaboration of electrode materials due to their physical and chemical properties such as high surface / volume ratio and relatively high electrical conductivity. Their main drawback lies in the post-chemical treatment of their surface to obtain reactive groups such as carboxyl, thiol or amino groups, for example for anchoring biomolecules. These steps are often complex and time consuming. [19] Recently, an attractive alternative to these metallic nanoparticles has been reported and consists of organic nanoparticles generated by self-assembly of amphiphilic glycopolymers in water. In particular, glyconanoparticles composed of polystyrene-block-β-cyclodextrin (PS-b-βCD) constitute in aqueous medium, stable and polyvalent nanospheres easily functionalizable by inclusion of hydrophobic compounds in the cavities of the β-cyclodextrin shell. These host-guest interactions of the nanoparticle shell have been used successfully to immobilize redox hydrophobic compounds such tetrazine–naphthalimide, [20] bispyrene-(2,2'-azino-bis(3acid),<sup>[21]</sup> phenanthrene-quinone, [22] ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulfonic sulfonate. [23] Some of these resulting redox nanoparticles were applied in suspension successfully for efficient electrical connection of enzymes and the development of a solubilized enzymatic fuel cells. [22] However, these glyconanoparticles (GNPs) have only been used in aqueous suspension and have never been tested as a building block for the design of nanostructured (bio)materials of electrode for biosensing application or energy conversion. In this context, we report here the possibility to attach these nanoparticles on an electrode surface by specific host-guest interactions and compared this approach to a simple adsorption. Owing to the high affinity of adamantane to form inclusion complexes with  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin (association constant  $K = 10^5$ mol<sup>-1</sup> L), [24] the immobilization of GNP was carried out on an electropolymerized film of poly(pyrrole-adamantane). The possibility of functionalizing the shell of nanoparticles by proteins via host-guest interactions was also investigated with a glucose oxidase modified by adamantane groups (GOx-Ad) as protein model. The ability to immobilize the nanoparticles and combine them with enzyme molecules has been described through various electrode configurations based on GOx-Ad with and without GNPs. The performances of the resulting

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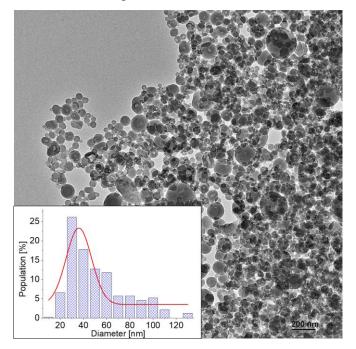
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- nanostructured bioelectrodes as amperometric biosensors for the detection of glucose at 0.7
- 65 V/SCE were evaluated.

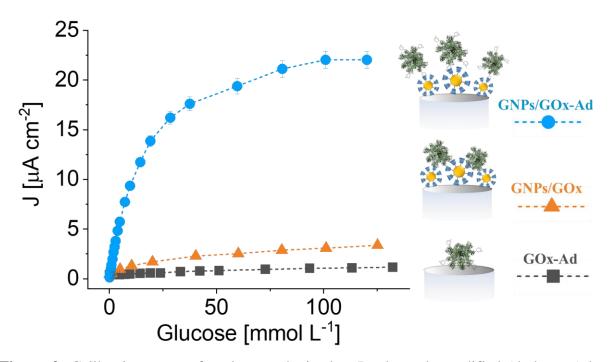
#### 2. Results and discussion

The nanoprecipitation technique to prepare using PS-b-βCD block copolymer led to stable GNPs, which in their adsorbed state have a spherical morphology with average diameters between ranging from 30 to 60 nm (Figure 1).



**Figure 1.** TEM images showing the resulting assembly to obtain the GNPs; inset: histogram showing the size distribution of the GNPs.

With the aim to design new biological three-dimensional architectures based on GNPs, we first examined the ability of GNPs to adsorb on an electrode surface to anchor an enzyme labeled with adamantane groups. In order to demonstrate the ability of GNPs to fix GOX-Ad, an aqueous suspension of GNPs (50  $\mu$ L, 0.187 mg L<sup>-1</sup>) was spread and dried on a platinum disk electrode. The electrode modified by adsorbed GNPs was then incubated with GOx-Ad solution (25  $\mu$ L, 0.5 mg L<sup>-1</sup>) for 7 hrs at 4 °C and then washed thoroughly with water. Since GOx-Ad catalyzes the aerobic oxidation of glucose with the concomitant production of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, the potential presence of immobilized enzyme was evaluated via the electro-oxidation of the enzymatically generated H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> at the platinum underlying electrode potentiostated at 0.7 V/SCE. The amperometric response of the modified electrode towards glucose was thus recorded in 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> phosphate buffer and compared to a control electrode made by direct adsorption of the enzyme onto the surface of the platinum. Figure 2 illustrates the variation of the anodic current response of the bioelectrodes as a function of glucose concentration.



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Figure 2. Calibration curves for glucose obtained at Pt electrode modified (dark grey) by adsorption of GOx-Ad, (orange) by successive adsorption of GNPs and GOx, and (blue) by successive adsorption of GNPs and GOx-Ad and their respective schematic representation. Applied potential, 0.7 V/SCE in 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> phosphate buffer (pH 7, 25°C).

As expected, the GNP/ GOx-Ad electrode presents a calibration curve following Michaelis-

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Menten kinetics. The sensitivity of the bioelectrode and its maximum current density  $(J_{max})$  at saturating glucose condition are 1.32 mA  $M^{-1}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> and 22  $\pm$  5  $\mu$ A cm<sup>-2</sup>, respectively (Table 1). In contrast, the control experiment carried out without adsorbed GNPs led to markedly lower

performance. In particular, the J<sub>max</sub> value for the GNP/ GOx-Ad electrode which represents the quantity of immobilized enzyme is markedly higher than that observed for the control

electrode namely  $1.3 \pm 0.1 \,\mu\text{A cm}^{-2}$ . In addition, the control experiment based on an electrode

with adsorbed GNPs incubated with regular GOx presents also a low J<sub>max</sub> value, namely 3.36 µA cm<sup>-2</sup>. These comparisons highlight the efficient specific immobilization of GOX-Ad and

therefore the availability of BCD groups from the shell of the GNP adsorbed on the Pt

electrode to anchor labelled enzyme via host-guest interactions.

Besides, the experimental value of the apparent Michaelis-Menten constant K<sub>m</sub><sup>app</sup> (14 mmol L  $^{1}$ ) (Table 1), that reflects the kinetics of the immobilized enzyme, is lower than the  $K_{M}$  of free

enzymes (33 mmol  $L^{-1}$ ) [25] indicating that the enzyme maintains an excellent catalytic activity

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**Table 1:** Comparison of different electrode biomaterials based on glyconanoparticles GNPs and GOx-Ad for the amperometric detection of glucose.

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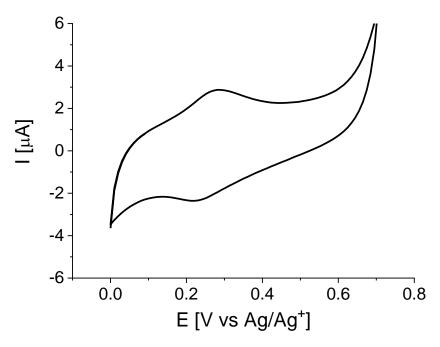
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Electrode material	GNPs/GOx-Ad	<sup>a)</sup> polymer / GNPs/GOx-Ad	<sup>b)</sup> copolymer / GNPs/GOx-Ad	b) copolymer / (GNPs/GOx-Ad) <sub>2</sub>
Limit Detection [µmol L-1]	80	44	84	68
Sensitivity [mA mol L <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> ]	$1.32 \pm 0.04$ $(R^2 = 0.996)$	$0.85 \pm 0.05$ $(R^2 = 0.990)$	$3.3 \pm 0.2$ $(R^2 = 0.996)$	$2.5 \pm 0.2$ $(R^2 = 0.996)$
Linear Range [mmol L <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.08 - 2.89	0.044 - 60.5	0.084 - 72.1	0.068 – 100.6
J <sub>max</sub> [μA cm <sup>-2</sup> ]	22 ± 5	87 ± 6	144 ± 10	272 ± 12
K <sub>m</sub> <sup>app</sup> [mmol L <sup>-1</sup> ]	14	47	22	61

a) polymer is poly(pyrrole-adamntane); b) copolymer is poly(pyrrole-adamantane) / poly(pyrrole-lactobioamide).

In order to obtain a more stable and active biomaterial, a more sophisticated approach consists to specifically anchoring of GNPs on the electrode surface instead of just adsorbing them. To achieve this goal, the Pt electrode was modified by electrogenerating a poly(pyrrole adamantane) film capable of offering host-guest interactions with GNPs. The electropolymerization of the pyrrole-adamantane (3 mmol L<sup>-1</sup> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN + 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> LiClO<sub>4</sub>) was performed by controlled potential oxidation at 0.79 V vs. Ag<sup>+</sup> 10<sup>-2</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>/ Ag in CH<sub>3</sub>CN. The electrolysis charge was limited to 2.5 mC cm<sup>-2</sup> to form a thin and compact polymer layer [26]. The cyclic voltammogram of the resulting electrode, transferred in a solution exempt of monomer, exhibits a reversible peak system at  $E_{1/2} = 0.27$  V, reflecting the electroactivity of the polypyrrolic skeleton (Figure 3). The apparent surface coverage of the electropolymerized adamantane derivative,  $\Gamma = 4.4 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ mol m}^{-2}$ , was determined from the charge integrated under the oxidation wave of the poly(pyrrole) backbone by taking into account that 0.33 electron molecule<sup>-1</sup> is involved in the electrooxidation process. As indicated previously for the bare electrode, the poly(pyrrole-adamantane) electrode was then incubated successively with identical amounts of GNP and GOx-Ad. The analytical performance of the resulting bioelectrode for the determination of glucose was investigated. The calibration curve for the polymer/GNPs/GOx-Ad exhibits a  $J_{max}$  value (87  $\pm$  6  $\mu A$  cm<sup>-2</sup>) almost four times higher than that of similar bioelectrode without polymer (Figure 4). Taking into account the fact that  $J_{max}$  is directly proportional to the quantity of immobilized enzyme, the remarkable

increase in  $J_{max}$  highlights the beneficial effect of the polymer which reinforces the GNPs adsorption by specific interactions and prevents their desorption during the washing steps and therefore the loss of enzymes. It should be noted that this  $J_{max}$  value is significantly higher than those (3.4–23  $\mu A$  cm<sup>-2</sup>) previously reported for electrodes modified by a compact enzyme monolayer formed by affinity interactions with underlying functionalized poly(pyrrole) films.<sup>[27,28]</sup> This clearly illustrates the increase in surface immobilization of enzymes provided by the spherical shape of the nanoparticles and the nanostructuration of the interface.



**Figure 3.** Voltamperogram recorded at Pt electrode (5mm diameter disk) after electropolymerization of pyrrole-adamantane (3 mmol  $L^{-1}$ ) (Electrolysis charge = 2.5 mC cm<sup>-2</sup>) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN + LiClO<sub>4</sub> 0.1 mol  $L^{-1}$  and transfer in CH<sub>3</sub>CN + LiClO<sub>4</sub> 0.1 mol  $L^{-1}$  free of monomer.

A slight decrease in glucose sensitivity (0.85 instead of 1.32 mA mol  $L^{-1}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>), is observed and attributed to the underlying poly(pyrrole-adamantane) which generates, due to its hydrophobic character, steric constraints for the permeation of  $H_2O_2$  and therefore for its electro-oxidation on the platinum surface. The limitation in  $H_2O_2$  diffusion is corroborated by the marked increase in  $K_m^{app}$  value from 14 mmol  $L^{-1}$  in the absence of polymer to 47 mmol  $L^{-1}$  in its presence, this value being notably higher than that reported for the free enzyme. [25,29] A positive corollary of this phenomenon is the extension of the linear domain of the calibration curve (0.044 - 60.5 mM) (Table 1).

In order to reduce the steric limitations due to the hydrophobic character of poly(pyrroleadamantane), a lactobionic derivative has been introduced into the structure of the polymer by electrochemical copolymerization of a pyrrole-adamantane and pyrrole-lactobioamide mixture in the ratio 1/3 respectively. The copolymer formation was carried out in CH<sub>3</sub>CN + 0.1 M LiClO<sub>4</sub> by controlled potential electrolysis at 0.74V, the charge passed 2.5 mC cm<sup>-2</sup> being identical to that used for the electrogeneration of poly(pyrrole-adamantane). The electrochemical characterization of the resulting copolymer by cyclic voltammetry shows a redox system at  $E_{1/2} = 0.26 \text{ V}$  (data not shown) and the integration of the corresponding charge leads to a surface coverage of 3.8 10<sup>-7</sup> mol m<sup>-2</sup> similar to that obtained for the poly(pyrrole-adamantane) film. As previously demonstrated for a copolymer composed of biotin and lactobioamide groups, the presence of polymerized lactobioamide groups improves the hydrophilic character of the copolymer and enhances its permeability and the H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> permeation and hence the transduction step. [30] The copolymer-based bioelectrode thus exhibits a glucose sensitivity (3.3 mA mol L<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>), 4 times higher than that obtained with the polymer-based bioelectrode and a decrease in the K<sub>m</sub><sup>app</sup> value to 22 mmol L<sup>-1</sup> reflecting both the best diffusion and thus detection of  $H_2O_2$  (Table 1). In addition, the  $J_{max}$  value (144  $\pm$ 10 µA cm<sup>-2</sup>) increases markedly, reflecting an increase in the amount of immobilized enzyme. This phenomenon can be attributed to a swelling process of the copolymer in water in contrast to the hydrophobic film of poly(pyrrole-adamantane) thus increasing the specific anchoring surface of the GNPs and therefore of the GOx-Ad (Figure 4). It should be noted that the control experiments performed by omitting the GNP deposition step and directly adsorbing GOx-Ad onto the surface of the polymer or copolymer led to bioelectrodes with an extremely low electrochemical response for the detection of glucose (Figure 4). This confirms that the host-guest interactions approach is more efficient as compared to non-specific interactions that are negligible and therefore highlights strongly the key role of GNPs. With the aim to demonstrate that GOx-Ad immobilization was due to hostguest interactions between adamantane and cyclodextrin at the shell of GNPs anchored on the copolymer, the copolymer/GNPs electrode was first incubated with 1 mmol L<sup>-1</sup> biotin aqueous solution and then incubated in a second step with GOx-Ad solution. Due to the initial formation of the biotin / cyclodextrin inclusion complex, [28] a negligible quantity of enzyme GOx-Ad was anchored to the electrode, as indicated by the low  $J_{max}$  value (4.51  $\mu$ A cm<sup>-2</sup>) recorded (Figure 4c) for glucose oxidation.

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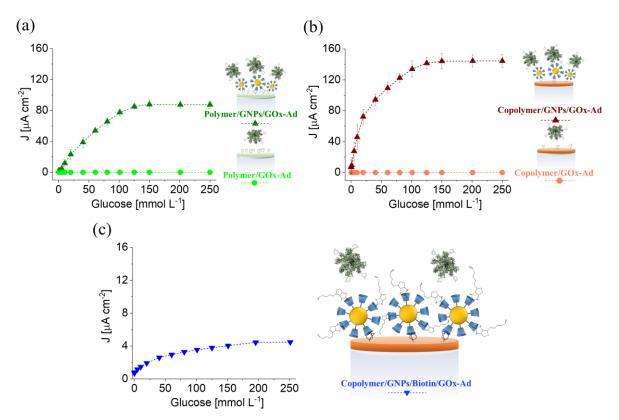
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Figure 4. Calibration curves for glucose obtained at Pt electrode functionalized (a) by poly(pyrrole-adamantane) modified (light green) by adsorption of GOx-Ad and (dark green) by successive adsorption of **GNPs** and GOx-Ad, **(b)** poly(pyrroleadamantane)/poly(pyrrole-lactobionamide) modified (salmon) by anchoring of GOx-Ad and (burgundy) by successive anchoring of GNPs and GOx-Ad, (c) by poly(pyrroleadamantane)/poly(pyrrole-lactobionamide) modified by successive anchoring of GNPs, biotin and GOx-Ad and their respective schematic representation. Experimental conditions as in Figure 2.

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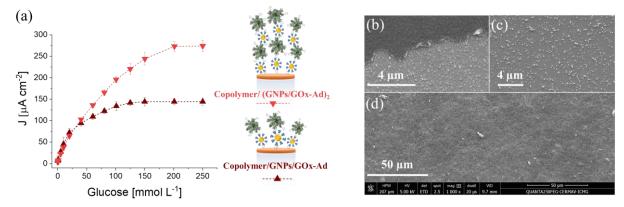
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The possibility of generating a multilayer nanostructure was investigated by successively incubating the copolymer electrode with GNP and GOx-Ad and by repeating this procedure to theoretically make 2 layers of GNP and GOx-Ad. The resulting multilayer bioelectrode exhibits a value of  $J_{max}$  (274  $\mu$ A cm<sup>-2</sup>) almost twice that observed for the configuration based on a single enzyme incubation. This result illustrates the specific anchoring of an almost double amount of GOx-Ad resulting from the two successive incubations of the modified electrode in enzyme solution. In addition, the marked increase in  $K_m^{app}$  value, namely 61 mmol  $L^{-1}$  compared to 22 mmol  $L^{-1}$  for the bioelectrode based on a single enzyme incubation, reflects the increase in steric hindrances for  $H_2O_2$  diffusion generated by the increase in the number of layers (Table 1). Furthermore, it should be noted that the diffusion distance to the underlying platinum electrode for  $H_2O_2$  which is preferentially produced at the interface

biomaterial / solution, must also increase with increasing layers and hence affect the  $K_m^{app}$  value. Although the sensitivity to glucose (2.5 mA mol  $L^{-1}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>) is slightly reduced, a beneficial effect of multilayers approach is the linear range increase of the calibration curve (0.068 - 100 mmol  $L^{-1}$ ) while still maintaining a good detection limit, namely 68  $\mu$ mol  $L^{-1}$  (Figure 5).



**Figure 5.** (a) Calibration curves for glucose obtained at a Pt electrode functionalized by copolymer (poly(pyrrole-adamantane)/poly(pyrrole-lactobionamide)) modified (burgundy) by successive adsorption of GNPs and GOx-Ad and (red) by anchoring 2 layers of GNPs alternated by two layers of GOx-Ad and their schematic representation (experimental conditions as in Figure 2); SEM images of the (poly(pyrrole-adamantane)/poly(pyrrole-lactobionamide) film (b) before, (c) after 30 min of GNPs incubation and (d) after the final formation of the GNP/GOx-Ad multilayer nanostructure onto the copolymer.

#### 3. Conclusion

The examples of enzyme electrodes developed here show clearly the ability of glyconanoparticles to be efficiently used for the elaboration of electrode biomaterials using host-guest interactions like adamantane /  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin. The versatility of this approach relies on the diversity of hydrophobic compounds that fit into the cyclodextrin cavity, such as biotin or pyrene. Furthermore, the use of electrogenerated functionalized poly(pyrrole) films for the firm anchoring of these nanoparticles paves the way for the spatially controlled immobilization of these GNPs by electrochemical addressing. This innovative and versatile concept will be extended in the near future to the anchoring of other biological macromolecules such as antibodies, DNAs and aptamers or even to enzyme / antibody associations as markers for immunosensors.

#### 4. Experimental Section

- 226 Materials and reagents: all reagents (analytical grade) and glucose oxidase (GOx, Type VII, from Aspergillus niger, lyophilized min 60 % protein (Lot #: 086K2076; 179000 units g-1 227 solid), ITO electrodes were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Amicon® Ultra-15 Centrifugal 228 229 Filter Unit-30 KDa were purchased from Merck. The TEM images were registered with 230 TEM-CAM 216 (TVIPS) camera at 200 kV using a JEOL 2100 Plus microscope equipped 231 with a RIO16 (GATAN) camera, and the SEM images were acquired using an ULTRA 55 232 FESEM based on the GEMENI FESEM column with beam booster (Nanotechnology Systems 233 Division, Carl Zeiss NTS GmbH) with tungsten gun. 234 Glyconanoparticles (GNPs) suspension preparation: The polystyrene-block-β-cyclodextrin
- (PS-b-βCD) synthesis has been realized by click chemistry as previously reported [23] and 235 used for self-assembly of GNPs by direct nanoprecipitation. [23] Briefly, to obtain stable GNPs 236 suspension in water, 15 mg of PS-b-βCD was solubilized in 2 mL THF / H<sub>2</sub>O solution (80:20) 238 v/v stirred at 1000 rpm for 24 h. The resulting solution was added using a syringe pump at a speed of 10.2 mL h<sup>-1</sup> in 80 mL of Milli-Q water under stirring (500 rpm) and then stirred for 2 239 h at room temperature. Finally, organic solvent was removed under reduce pressure and the 240 final volume was adjusted to 80 mL, in order to get a GNPs concentration of 0.187 mg L<sup>-1</sup>.

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- Pyrrole derivatives: adamantyl-11-pyrrolyl-1-undecyl carboxylic acid amide (pyrroleadamantane)<sup>[31]</sup> and 8-pyrrol-1-lactobionamide (pyrrole-lactobionamide) monomers were synthesized as previously described in the literature. [32] Pyrrole-adamantane was synthesized by formation of succinimide (NHS) ester from the pyrrole-carboxylic acid using standard Steglich reaction conditions. Then the pyrrole NHS (199.7 mg, 0.57 mmol) ester was dissolved in 5 mL of DMF and 1-adamantylamine (86.1 mg, stoichiometric amount) and tetraethylamine (300 mg, an excess) were added. The resulting solution was stirred for 3 days at 60 °C, evaporated to dryness and then purified by column chromatography on silica gel (Et<sub>2</sub>O-hexane (1/1)) in order to obtain the pure product. For the preparation of pyrrolelactobionamide, 8-pyrrol-1-aminooctane (0.500 g, 2.6 mmol) was solubilized in 100 mL methanol containing 26 mmol L<sup>-1</sup> lactobionic acid. Then the solution was stirred under reflux for 24 h and methanol was evaporated under vacuum by freeze-drying.
- 254 Adamantane-tagged glucose oxidase: preparation of adamantane-tagged glucose oxidase was adapted from the synthesis previously described. [31] 2.5 mg of 1-adamantylamine (0.016 255 mmol) and 3 mg 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylamino-propyl) carbodiimid hydrochloride (EDC, 0.016 256 mmol) were dispersed in phosphate buffer (3 mL, 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup>, pH 6.0) by sonication. Then 257

- 258 GOx (1.6 mg) was mixed in this solution for 22 h kept under stirring. In order to purify the
- 259 resulting solution, it was centrifuged using different volumes of phosphate buffer (0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup>,
- 260 pH 7) using an Amicon<sup>®</sup> Ultra-15 Centrifugal Filter Unit-30 kDa to get a 0.5 mg mL<sup>-1</sup> final
- 261 concentration.
- *Preparation of the bioelectrode configurations:*
- 263 Pt//Gox-Ad, Pt/GNPs/GOx-Ad and Pt/GNPs/GOx
- 264 Pt/GOx-Ad was obtained by spreading and drying 25  $\mu$ L of GOx-Ad onto Pt electrode surface.
- For Pt/GNPs/GOx-Ad and Pt/GNPs/GOx, a drop of 50 μL of GNPs (0.187 mg L<sup>-1</sup>) were
- spread onto Pt electrode surface and dried at room temperature. The resulting electrodes are
- then incubated respectively with 25 µL of GOx-Ad and 25 µL of GOx for 7h at 4 °C and
- 268 rinsed in phosphate buffer (0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup>, pH 7) for 5 minutes under weak stirring at room
- temperature.
- 270 Pt/polymer/GNPs/GOx-Ad
- The poly(pyrrole-adamantane) was prepared by controlled potential oxidation at a fixed
- 272 potential (0.79 V vs. Ag<sup>+</sup> 10<sup>-2</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>/ Ag) in pyrrole-adamantane 3 mmol L<sup>-1</sup> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN +
- 273 LiClO<sub>4</sub> 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> until to get a charge of 2.5 mC cm<sup>-2</sup>. Then 50 μL of GNPs (0.187 mg mL<sup>-1</sup>
- 274 ) were deposited onto the electrogenerated film for incubation. After rinsing the electrode, 25
- 275 μL of GOx-Ad was then incubated for 7 H at 4°C and then rinsed in phosphate buffer as
- previously described.
- 277 o *Pt/copolymer/GNPs/GOx-Ad*
- 278 The electropolymerization of a solution of pyrrole-adamantane (0.75 mM) and pyrrole-
- 279 lactobionamide (2.25 mM) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN + 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> LiClO<sub>4</sub> was achieved by controlled
- potential electrolysis (2.5 mC cm<sup>-2</sup>) at 0.74V vs. Ag<sup>+</sup> 10<sup>-2</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>/ Ag. The steps to anchor
- successively GNPs and GOx-Ad were achieved as described previously for Pt/polymer/
- 282 GNPs/GOx-Ad.
- 283 o Pt/copolymer/GNPs/biotin/GOx-Ad
- A Pt/copolymer/GNPs as previously described was incubated in saturated biotin solution (1
- mM) for 2 h at 25°C. After rinsing the electrode, 25 µL of GOx-Ad was then incubated for 7
- 286 h at 4°C and then rinsed in phosphate buffer for obtaining the
- 287 Pt/copolymer/GNPs/biotin/GOx-Ad.
- 288 Pt/copolymer/2 (GNPs/GOx-Ad)
- 289 The copolymer film was electropolymerized as described previously for Pt/copolymer/
- 290 GNPs/GOx-Ad. The multilayered enzyme and GNPs assembly was created onto the

- 291 copolymer surface by depositing a drop of GNPs (34 μL, 0.077 mg mL<sup>-1</sup>) for 2 hours at room
- temperature, rinsed in phosphate buffer (0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup>, pH 7) followed by an incubation of a
- 293 drop of 25 µL of GOx-Ad for 7 h at 4°C and then rinsed in phosphate buffer as previously
- described. These two steps have been reproduced once more.
- 295 Electrochemical measurements:
- 296 electrochemical measurements were performed using a potentiostat a PGSTAT 100 operated
- by Nova 2.1.4 software using a conventional three-electrode electrochemical cell. The
- working electrode was a Pt electrode (diameter 5 mm) thoroughly cleaned using 20 µm
- 299 diamond paste, and rinsed several times successively with acetone, ethanol, and distilled
- 300 water. The ITO electrode was rinsed with ethanol and water before use. The counter electrode
- 301 was a platinum wire. The reference electrode used is a SCE saturated calomel electrode in
- aqueous solutions whereas a  $10^{-2}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup> Ag<sup>+</sup>/Ag electrode was used as a reference electrode
- in organic media (CH<sub>3</sub>CN + 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> LiClO<sub>4</sub>). All experiments were performed at 25°C in
- 304 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> phosphate buffer (pH 7) for aqueous solution and in CH<sub>3</sub>CN + 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup> LiClO<sub>4</sub>
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