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#### ABSTRACT

This work accounts the influence of facet effect of  $Co_3O_4$  nanocrystals towards nonenzymatic electrocatalysis of glucose induced by different crystal planes modified on carbon cloth (CC) electrode. Tuning the molar ratio of precursor compounds during hydrothermal synthesis of  $Co_3O_4$ , followed by thermal decomposition protocols, different crystal structure including nanocubes, nanothorns, nanooctahedrons and nanosheets were obtained with respective {001}, {110}, {111} and {112} facets. The electrochemical results of these different  $Co_3O_4$  crystals demonstrate that the nanooctahedron with crystal plane of {111} displays the best nonenzymatic electro-catalytic glucose activity with widest linear range (0.5 – 1000  $\mu$ M), highest sensitivity (246.8  $\mu$ A mM<sup>-1</sup>) and detection limit of 0.012  $\mu$ M (S/N=3). Interestingly, the electrocatalytic activity for nonenzymatic electro-catalytic glucose is ranked in the order of {111} > {112} > {110} > {001}.

Key words: crystal plane effect, electrocatalysis, nonenzymatic glucose sensor, carbon cloth electrode,  $Co_3O_4$ 

### 1. Introduction

Quantitative determination of glucose is important in various fields of research including food sciences (Holman et al. 2014; Shabnam et al. 2017), fuel cells (Bandodkar et al. 2016; Zhang et al. 2016), environmental and pharmaceutical industries (de Sales et al. 2018; Kirsch et al. 2013). In these lines, several methods have been applied for the quantitative detection of glucose.

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