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Abstract

In this research, we are reporting the application of microorganisms modified by a conducting polymer – polypyrrole (Ppy) – for the improving of microbial biofuel cells. The synthesis of polypyrrole was assisted by metabolic and other biochemical processes that occurs in microorganisms. Therefore, in this research reported Ppy formation method can be recognized as environmentally friendly. During herein reported synthesis of Ppy, the cell walls and some other structures of *Aspergillus niger* and *Rhizoctania sp* selected for this research were modified by the formed Ppy, which facilitated the transfer of electrical charge generated by microorganisms towards an electrode. Two electrochemical methods: (i) amperometric measurements at constant

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