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## Abstract

In the present work, novel RGO/Ag-Au/Cu<sub>2</sub>O ternary nanocomposites electrochemical sensor for the detection of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> has been successfully constructed. Due to the high conductivity of (reduced graphene oxide) RGO, the electrochemical activity of the binary Ag-Au/Cu<sub>2</sub>O nanocomposites can be significantly prompted when introduction of RGO. The cyclic voltammetry curves (CV) amperometry results indicated the optimum RGO/Ag-Au/Cu<sub>2</sub>O ternary nanocomposites showed good electrocatalytic activity for H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> reduction, with a linear response range from 0.05 to 50.75 mmol/L at -0.2 V and a sensitivity of 0.14  $\mu\text{A mmol/L}^{-1} \text{cm}^2$ . In addition, the RGO/Ag-Au/Cu<sub>2</sub>O sensor exhibited good selectivity. The excellent electrocatalytic sensor performance might be ascribed to the synergistic effect of the Ag-Au bimetallic alloys and the RGO contributed to the high electrochemical activity.

Keywords:

Ag-Au alloys; Cu<sub>2</sub>O; reduced graphene oxide; electrochemical sensor; H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> detection

## 1. Introduction

In recent years, hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) is one of the most widely analytical objects in many fields, concluding food, environmental protection, clinical, pharmaceutical and industrials [1–3]. Accurate and sensitive detection of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is quite necessary to not only in

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