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Abstract

For the first time, acetophenone oxime-functionalized glycidyl methacrylate-methyl acrylate copolymer (GMA-MA/APO) was synthesized, characterized and used as an ionophore in the construction of multi-walled carbon nanotube based Ag (I) carbon paste electrode (MWCNT/GMA-MA/APO). The construction, performance and application of this novel silver carbon paste electrode were described. The electrode exhibited a Nernstian response of $60.2 \pm 0.2 \text{ mVdecade}^{-1}$ for silver ion over a wide concentration range of $3.1 \times 10^{-7} - 10^{-1} \text{ M}$ within pH range of 2-9. It had a low detection limit of $1.2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ and short response time (5 s). It also showed a good selectivity for a long lifetime (2 months). Finally, the developed modified electrode was successfully applied in the potentiometric titration of bromide and chloride mixture and direct determination of silver content in radiological film and different environmental water samples with satisfactory results.

Keywords: carbon paste electrode, acetophenone oxime, potentiometric, multi-walled carbon nanotube, Ag (I)

1. Introduction

The importance of monitoring and controlling heavy metal levels in our environment has increased significantly over the last few years [1]. Silver is an important chemical element which has widespread applications in the electrochemistry, electronic and photographical industry, medicine, jewelry and different household products [2, 3]. Therefore, these applications may

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