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## ABSTRACT:

In this work, a novel and facile electrochemical sensor is reported for the highly selective and sensitive detection of dissolved hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S), attributing to the redox reaction between Au@Ag core-shell nanoparticles (Au@Ag NPs) and H<sub>2</sub>S. Electroactive Au@Ag NPs not only possess excellent conductivity, but exhibit great electrochemical reactivity at 0.26 V due to the electrochemical oxidation from Ag<sup>0</sup> to Ag<sup>+</sup>. In the presence of H<sub>2</sub>S, the Ag shell of Au@Ag NPs can be oxidized to Ag<sub>2</sub>S, resulting in the decrease of differential pulse voltammetry (DPV) peak at 0.26 V. The electrochemical sensor exhibits a wide linear response range from 0.1 nM to 500 nM. The limit of detection (LOD) for H<sub>2</sub>S is as low as 0.04 nM. The developed sensor shows significant prospects in the study of pathological processes related to the mechanism of H<sub>2</sub>S production.

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