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**ABSTRACT** 

In this study, we report the synthesis of rod shaped gold nanoparticles/2-

aminoethanethiol functionalized reduced graphene oxide composite (rdAuNPs/AETrGO) and

its application as an anode material for lithium-ion batteries. The structure of the

rdAuNPs/AETrGO composite was characterized by scanning electron microscopy,

transmission electron microscopy, x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy and x-ray diffraction.

The electrochemical performance was investigated at different current rates by using a coin-

type cell. It was found that the rod shaped gold nanoparticles were highly dispersed on the

reduced graphene oxide sheets. Moreover, the rdAuNPs/AETrGO composite showed a high

specific gravimetric capacity of about 1320 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> and a long-term cycle stability.

Keywords: Reduced graphene oxide, metal nanoparticle, anode, Li ion battery

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