

# **Label-Free Electrochemical Aptasensor Based on the Vertically-Aligned Mesoporous Silica Films for Determination of Aflatoxin B1**

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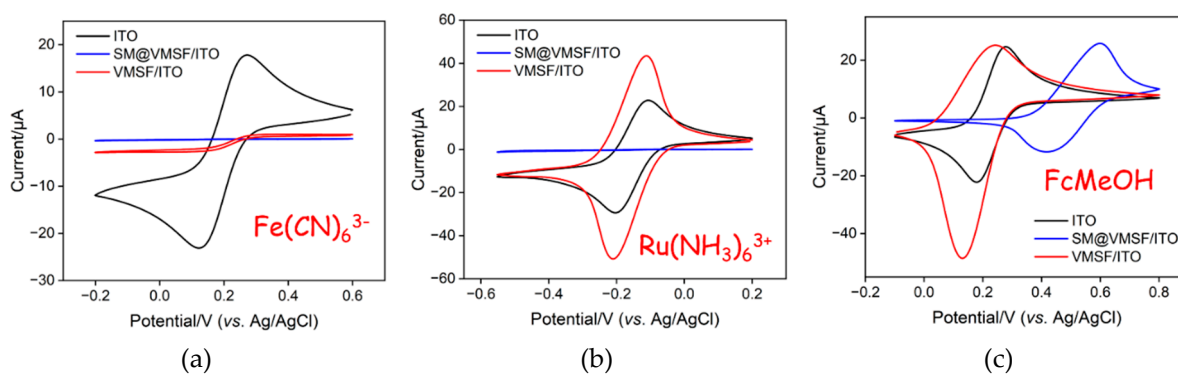
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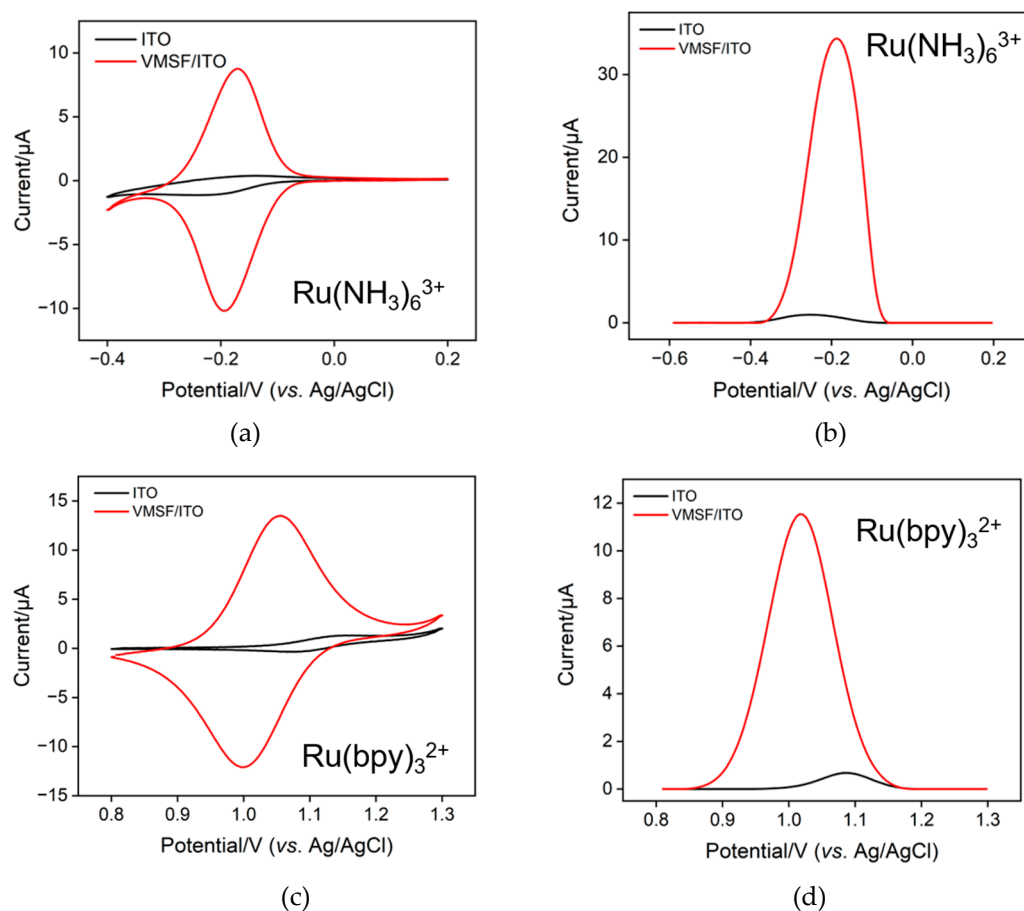
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## S1. Electrochemical characterization of VMSF/ITO



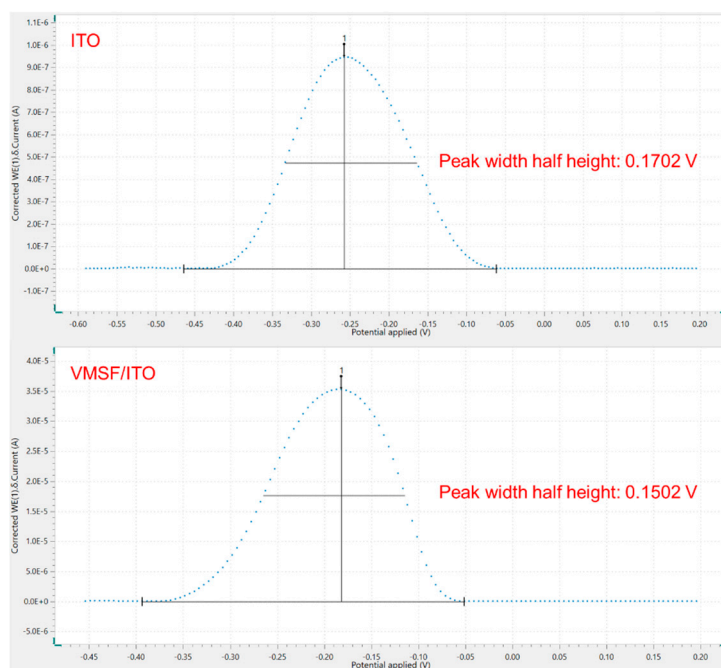
**Figure S1** (a-c) CV curves of bare ITO, SM@VMSF/ITO and VMSF/ITO electrodes in 0.05 M KHP solution (pH = 7.4) containing 0.5 mM  $\text{K}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$  (a),  $[\text{Ru}(\text{NH}_3)_6]\text{Cl}_3$  (b) and  $\text{FcMeOH}$  (c), respectively.

## S2. Electrochemical behaviors of $\text{Ru}(\text{NH}_3)_6^{3+}$ and $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$ at the bare ITO and VMSF/ITO electrodes



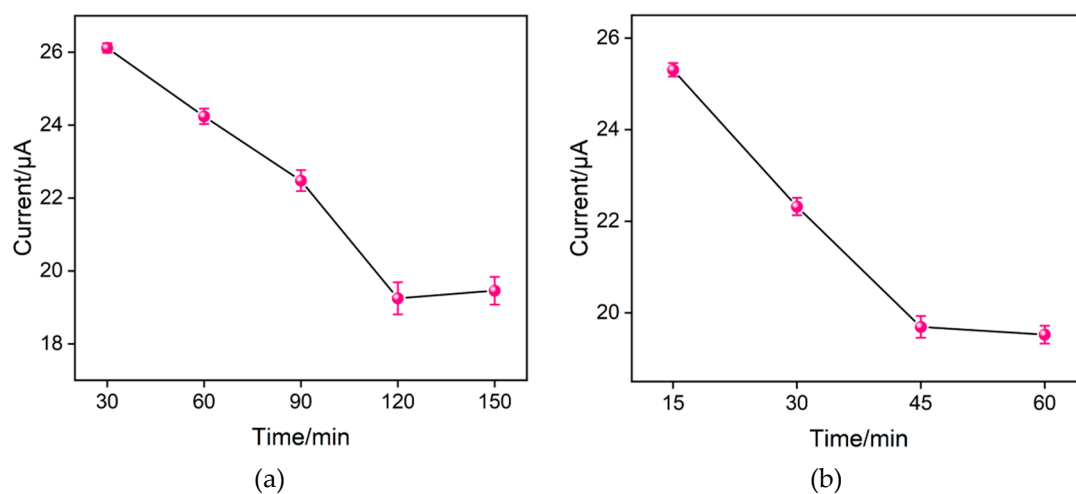
**Figure S2** CV (a, c) and DPV (b, d) curves of bare ITO (black line) and VMSF/ITO (red line) in 0.01M PBS (pH=7.4) solution containing 10  $\mu\text{M}$   $\text{Ru}(\text{NH}_3)_6^{3+}$  (a, b) and  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$  (c, d), respectively.

### S3. Difference in half-wave width of DPV between bare ITO and VMSF/ITO



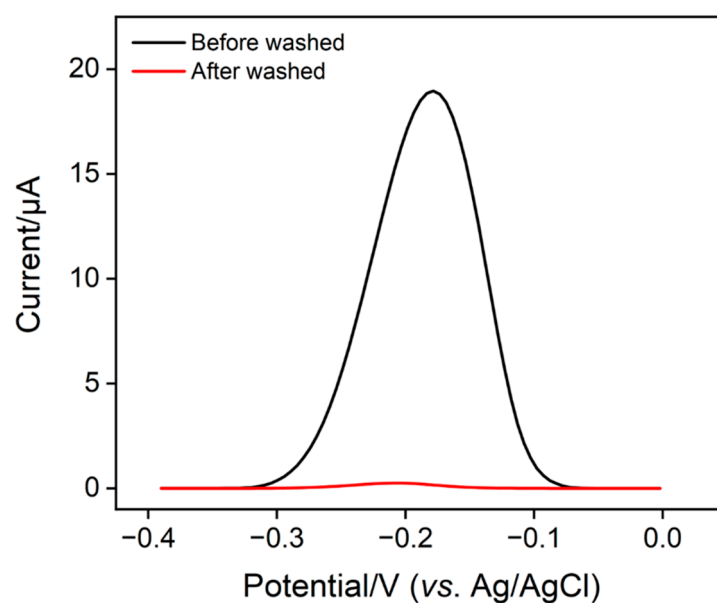
**Figure S3** DPV curves of bare ITO and VMSF/ITO electrodes in PBS (0.01M pH=7.4) solution containing 10  $\mu\text{M}$   $\text{Ru}(\text{NH}_3)_6^{3+}$ .

#### S4 Optimization of aptamer concentration



**Figure S4** Optimization of incubation time for aptamer with different concentrations: (a) 0.1  $\mu\text{M}$  and (b) 1  $\mu\text{M}$ . Error bars represent the standard deviation of three experimental measurements.

### S5. Effect of rinsing procedure on the aptasensor



**Figure S5** DPV signals of BSA/Apt/O-VMSE/ITO aptasensor in blank PBS (0.01 M pH 7.4) after incubation with 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of extracted corn sample containing 10  $\mu\text{M}$   $\text{Ru}(\text{NH}_3)_6^{3+}$  and 100  $\mu\text{M}$   $\text{Ca}^+$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{K}^+$  with or without being rinsed with distilled water.

**S6. Anodic peak currents and their standard deviations corresponding to different concentrations**

**Table S1.** Anodic peak currents and their standard deviations corresponding to different concentrations shown in Figure 5a.

<b>Concentration (ng/mL)</b>	<b>Anodic peak current (<math>\mu\text{A}</math>)</b>	<b>Standard deviation (<math>\mu\text{A}</math>)</b>
0.003	18.965	0.454
0.03	16.921	0.180
0.3	14.981	0.053
3	13.163	0.504
30	10.328	0.342
300	7.258	0.415
3000	5.663	0.265