

Supplementary Material

Electrochemical Detection of C-Reactive Protein in Human Serum Based on Self-Assembled Monolayer-Modified Interdigitated Wave-Shaped Electrode

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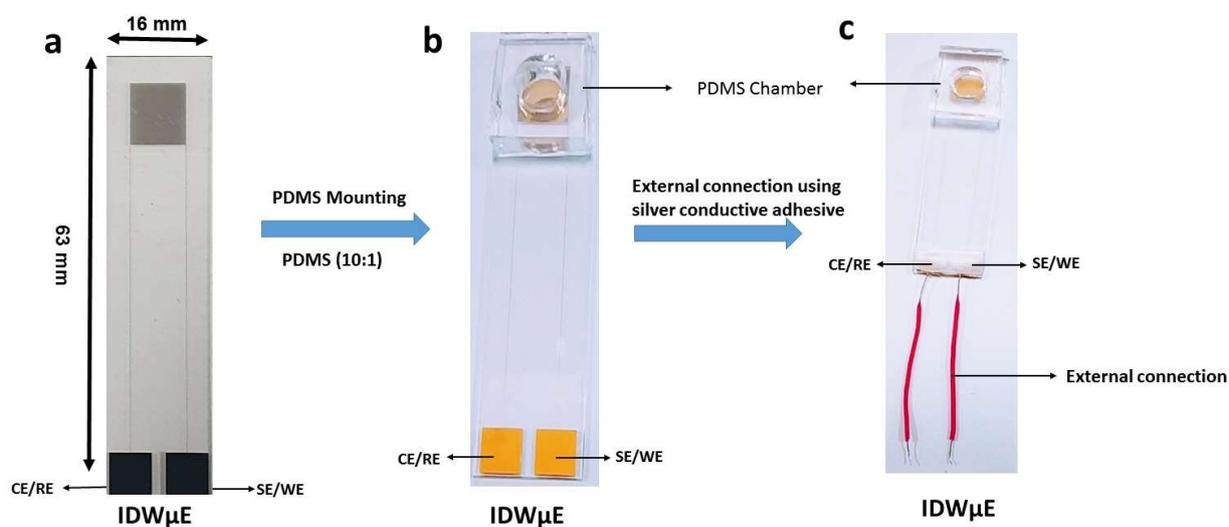


Figure. S1. Photograph of the Interdigitated wave type microelectrode array on a slide glass substrate (63 × 16 × 1.1 mm in thickness) with conductive pads and sensing area (30 μm spacing and width) (a), Mounting of a polydimethylsiloxane chamber (d = 8 mm) prepared by a standard protocol (10:1) on the sensing area to assist with the SAM functionalization and to preserve the solvents for immunoreaction (b), Giving an external connection to the conductive pads using silver conductive epoxy adhesive (c).

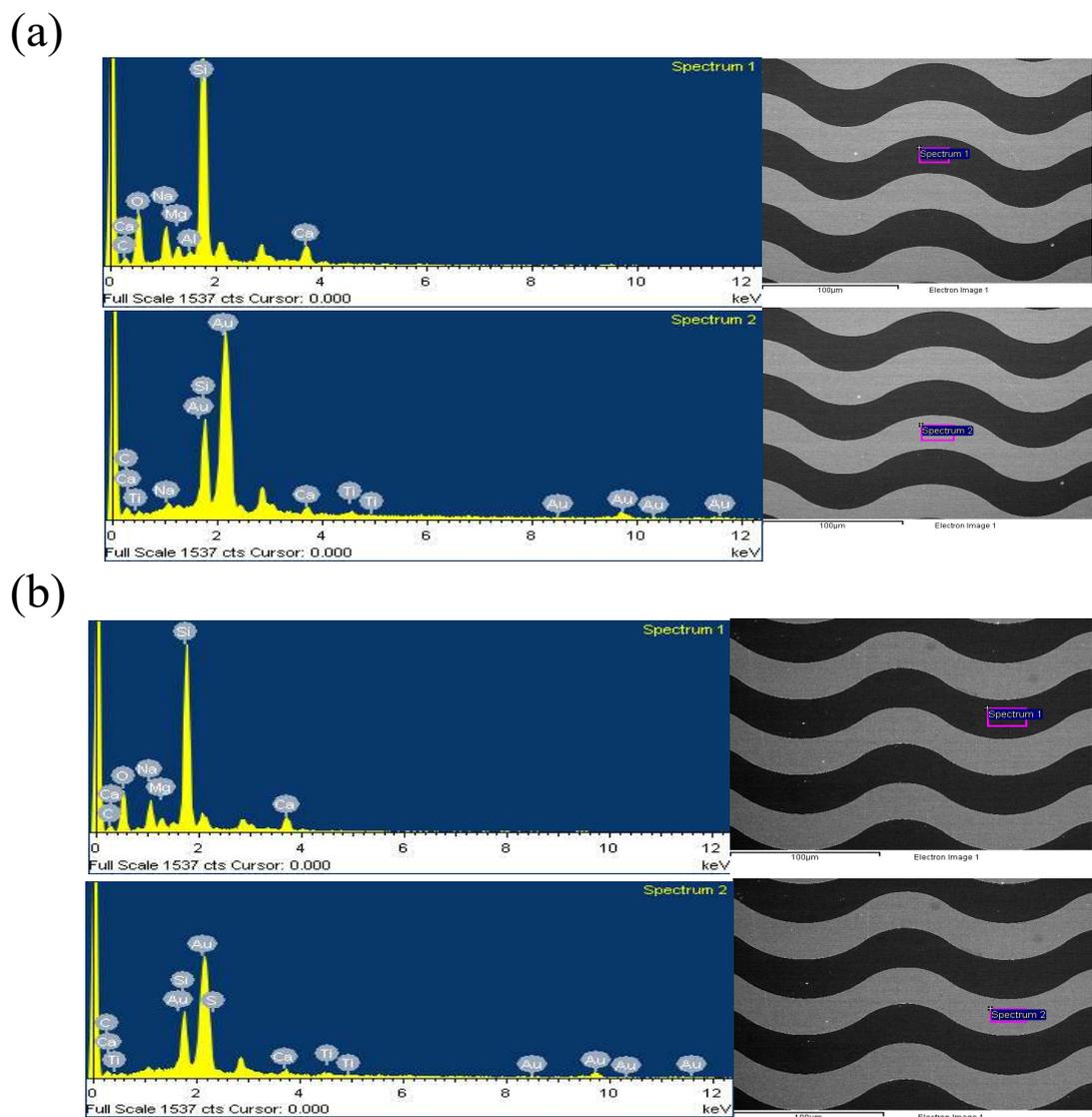


Figure. S2. EDX elemental analysis of the Interdigitated wave shaped microelectrode array before (a) and after SAM treatment (b).

EDX of the electrode array before SAM coating, the spacing area shows Si and O as main elements and C, Al, Ca as trace elements, whereas gold working electrode area shows Au as main element, and Si, Ti, C, Na, Ca as trace elements. After SAM coating on the electrode array, the gold working electrode area shows Au as main element and S, Si, Ti, C, Ca as trace elements, where Au, Si, Ti, stems from electrode surface and S, C stems from SAM coated layer on the electrode array.

Table S1. Extrapolated electrochemical impedance spectroscopy parameters of the bare IDW μ E and modified IDW μ E arrays by fitting the experimental data in Figure 5b to a simplified Randles equation.

Electrode	R_s (Ω)	C_{dl}	R_{ct} (Ω)	χ^2
IDW μ E array	452.7 \pm 10	4.06 $\times 10^{-1}$	123,180 \pm 25	0.0016
DTSP-SAM	446.2 \pm 2	4.66 $\times 10^{-8}$	311,540 \pm 41	0.0097
Anti-CRP-Ab	455.0 \pm 5	4.07 $\times 10^{-8}$	358,210 \pm 36	0.0017
BSA	455.1 \pm 4	4.08 $\times 10^{-8}$	384,650 \pm 11	0.0055
CRP (0.1 ng mL $^{-1}$)	499.0 \pm 2	3.39 $\times 10^{-8}$	473,850 \pm 28	0.0041

Fabrication of IDW μ E Array:

For the fabrication of the IDW μ E, a slide glass substrate which has 63 mm in length, 16 mm in width, 1.1 mm in thickness was cleaned by sonication in 70% methanol for 5 minutes. The negative photoresist (DNRL-300-30, Dongjin Semichem, Hwaseong, Korea) was spin-coated at 3000 rpm for 30 sec. to form the photoresist with a thickness of 3 μ m on the glass substrate. Subsequently, the photoresist was soft baked at 95 $^{\circ}$ C for 2 min. for the dehydration of the photoresist solvent. To pattern the IDW μ E which has 30 μ m of spacing and electrode gap, the ultra-violet (UV) exposure (4.5A, 200 W) was carried out for 18 s by using a mask aligner (MDA-400M, Midas System, Daejeon, Korea). After the post exposure bake (PEB) at 110 $^{\circ}$ C for 3 min., the substrate was immersed in the developing solution (AZ MIF-300, AZ Electronic Materials, Sommerville, NJ, USA) for 30 sec. and washed with distilled water (DW). After removing the remaining moisture using the N $_2$ gas blowing, the Ti (25 nm) and Au (50 nm) was deposited by using the e-beam evaporator, respectively. Finally, the ICE was obtained from the lift-off process using the acetone with ultra-sonication.