

Supplementary material

One-Step Fabrication of Nickel-Electrochemically Reduced Graphene Oxide Nanocomposites Modified Electrodes And Application to the Detection of Sunset Yellow in Drinks

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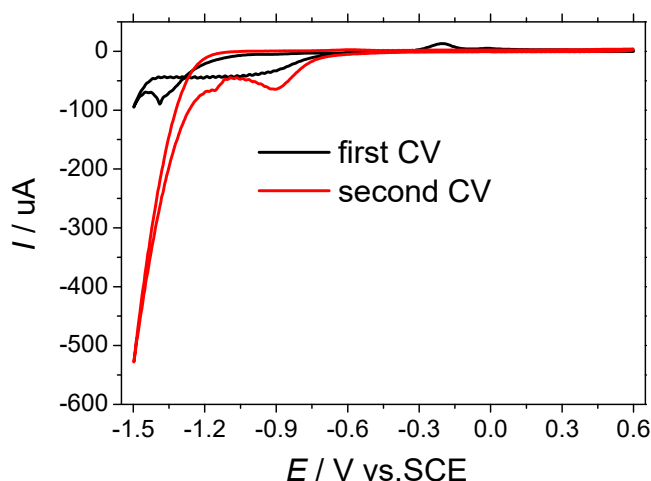


Figure S1. First and second CVs (scan rate = 50 mV s⁻¹) of GCE in 0.1 M LiClO₄ containing 1 mg ml⁻¹ GO + 0.5 mM NiCl₂.

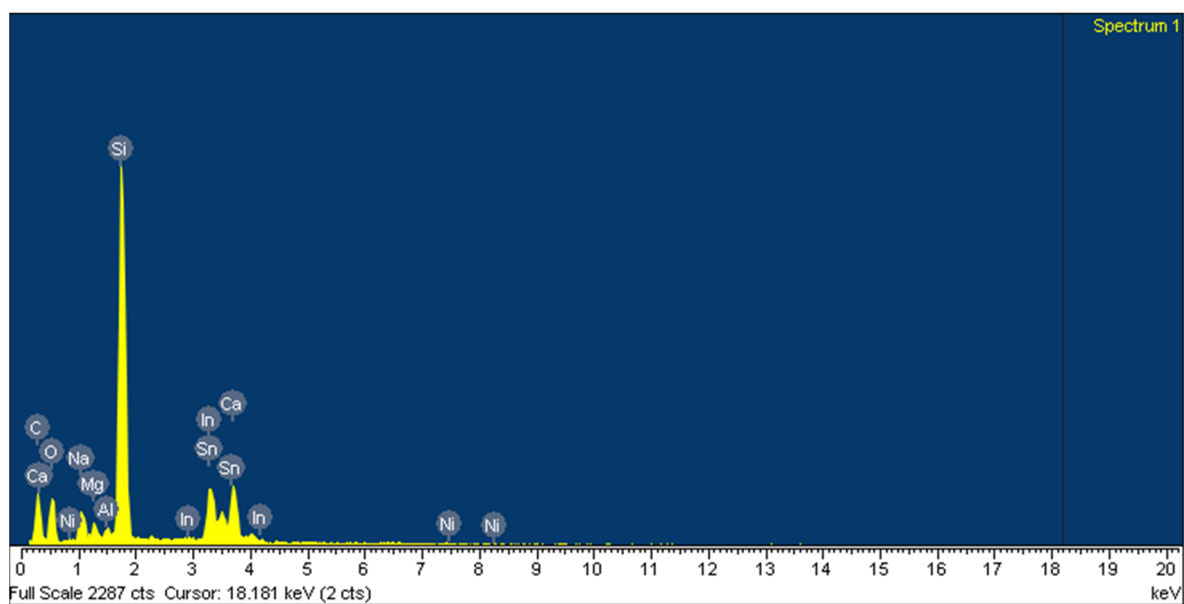
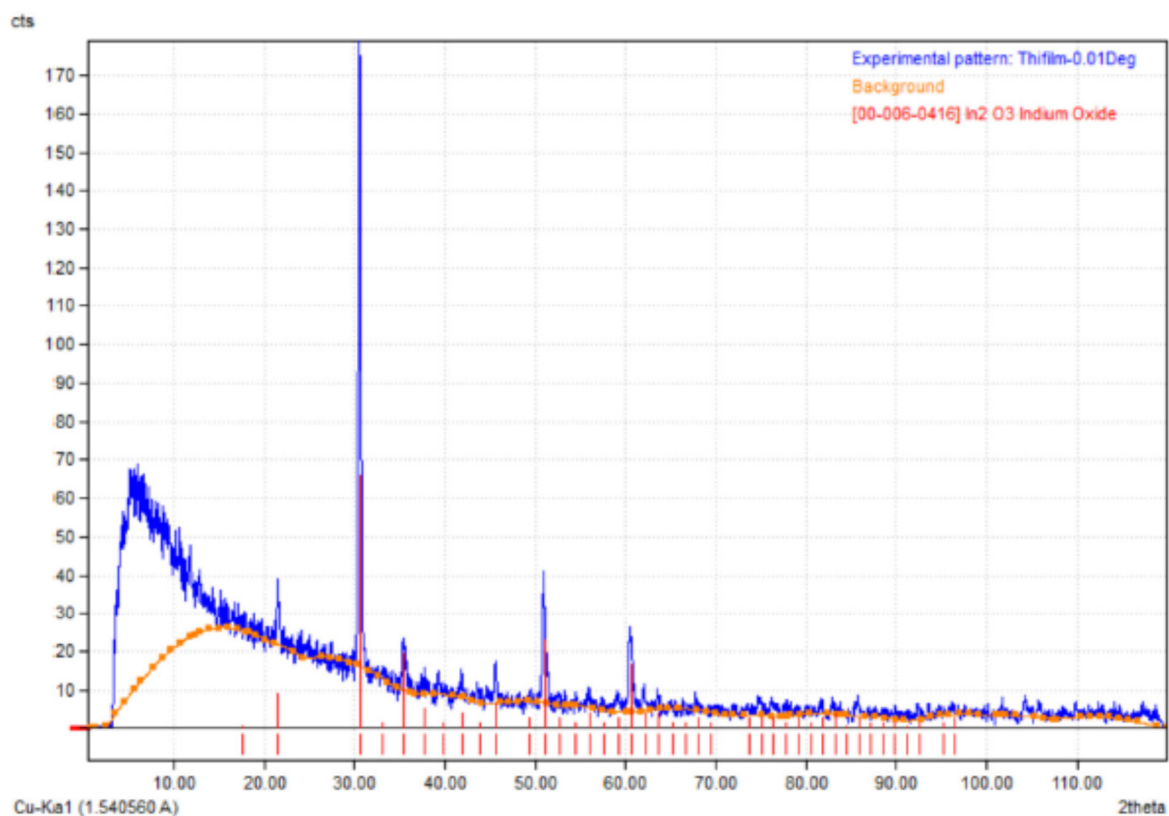


Figure S2. EDX of ERGO-NiNPs deposited onto ITO substrate using 10 CV scans between $+0.6 \div -1.5$ V/SCE in 0.1 M LiClO_4 electrolyte solution containing $1 \text{ (mg mL}^{-1}\text{)}$ GO + 0.5 mM NiCl_2 .



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Figure S3. XRD pattern of ERGO-NiNPs deposited onto ITO substrate using 10 CV scans between $+0.6 \div -1.5$ V/SCE in 0.1 M LiClO_4 electrolyte solution containing $1 \text{ (mg mL}^{-1}\text{)}$ GO + 0.5 mM NiCl_2 .

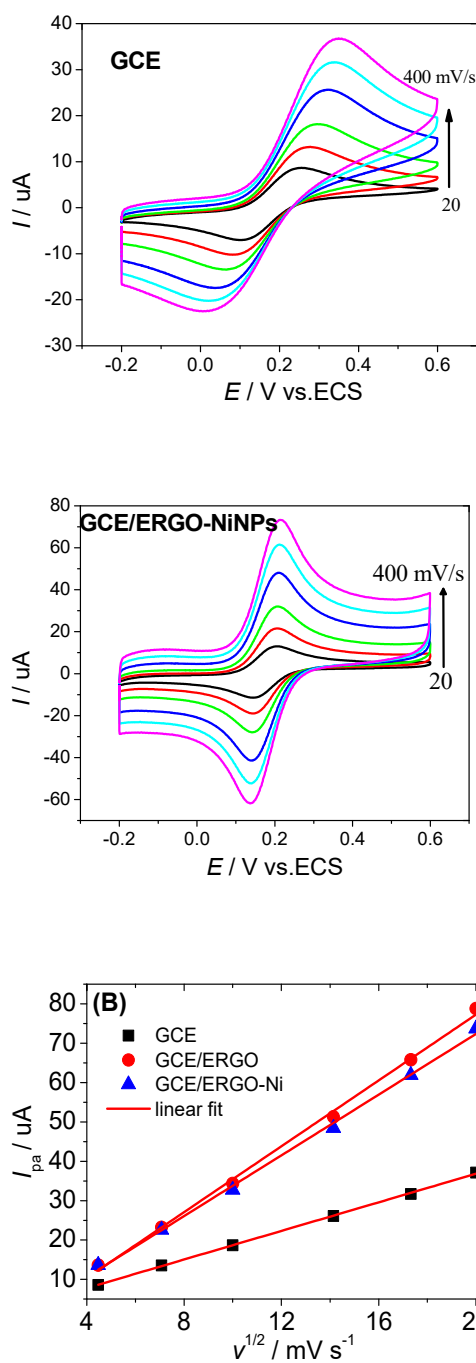


Figure S4. Cyclic voltammograms of GCE, GCE/ERGO and GCE/ERGO-NiNPs in 0.1 mM KCl + 1 mM $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6/\text{K}_4\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ with the scan rate varying from 20 to 400 mV s^{-1} namely, 20 (black), 50 (red), 100 (green), 200 (blue), 300 (cyan), 400 (magenta) mV s^{-1} . And (B) Variation of the peak currents towards square root of the scan rate.

The electrochemically active surface areas (ECSA) could be calculated according to Randles-Sevcik equation:

$$I_{pa} = 2.69 \times 10^5 n^3 / 2AD^{1/2}Cv^{1/2}$$

where I_{pa} is the anodic peak current (A); n is the number of electron transferred (here $n = 1$), A is the electrochemical surface area (cm^2), D ($7.6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$) is the diffusion coefficient, v (V s^{-1}) is the scan rate, and C (mol dm^{-3}) is the concentration of the redox probe in bulk solution.

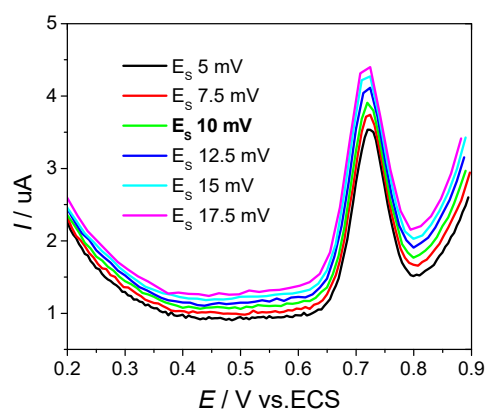


Figure S5. DPV of GCE/ERGO-NiNPs surface in acetate buffer pH 4 + 0.5 μ M SY at different scan rates from $v = 10$ – 35 mV.s^{-1} (E_s varying from 5 to 17.5 mV; $t_s = 500 \text{ ms}$; $E_p = 50 \text{ mV}$; $t_p = 200 \text{ ms}$, $I_{dt} = 100 \text{ ms}$). Accumulation time of 2 minutes at 0 V/SCE.

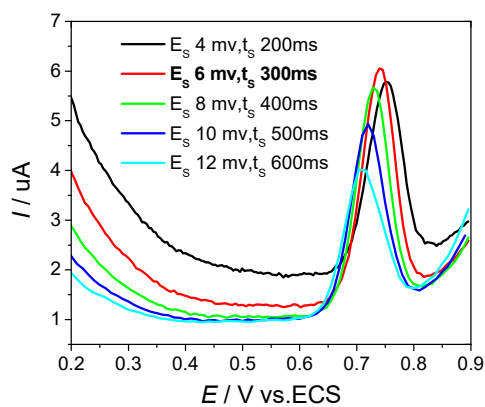


Figure S6. DPV of GCE/ERGO-NiNPs surface in acetate buffer pH 4 + 0.5 μ M SY at scan rate $v = 20 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ with different step potentials from $E_s = 4$ – 12 mV , $t_s/t_p/E_p/I_{dt} = 10/4/1/2$. Accumulation time of 2 minutes at 0 V/ECS.

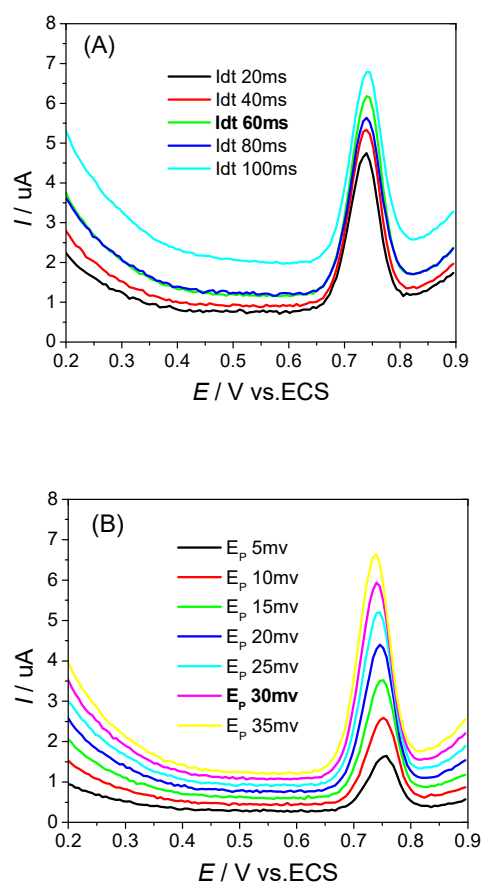


Figure S7. DPV of GCE/ERGO-NiNPs surface in acetate buffer pH 4 + 0.5 μM SY at scan rate $\nu = 20 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$, $E_s = 6 \text{ mV}$, $t_s = 300 \text{ ms}$, and $t_p = 120 \text{ ms}$, accumulation time of 2 minutes at 0 V/ECS: (A) $E_p = 30 \text{ mV}$ at different $I_{dt} = 20 - 100 \text{ ms}$. (B) $I_{dt} = 60 \text{ ms}$ at different $E_p = 5 - 35 \text{ mV}$.

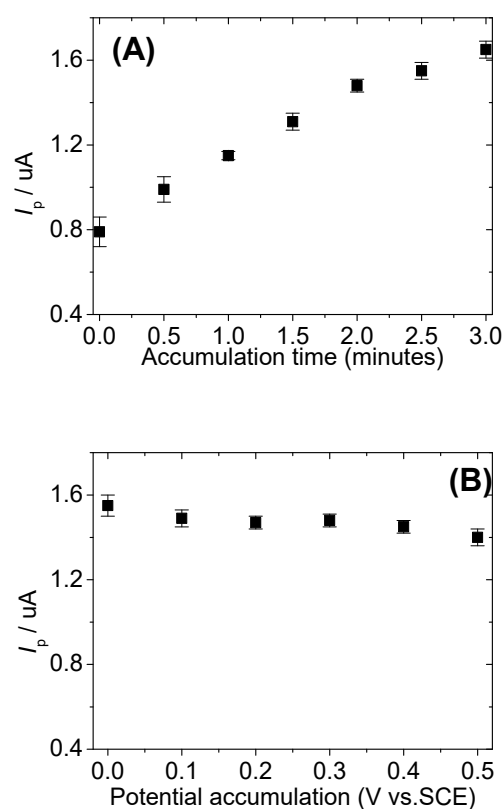


Figure S8. DPV responses of GCE/ERGO-NiNPs modified electrode in acetate buffer pH 4 + 0.5 μM SY using optimised DPV parameters with scan rate $v = 20 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$, $E_s = 6 \text{ mV}$, $t_s = 300 \text{ ms}$, $E_p = 30 \text{ mV}$, $t_p = 120 \text{ ms}$ and $I_{dt} = 60 \text{ ms}$: (A) variation of accumulation time at a potential accumulation of 0 V/SCE (B) variation of potential accumulation with accumulation time of 2 minutes. Error bar represents the standard deviation for three successive measurements.

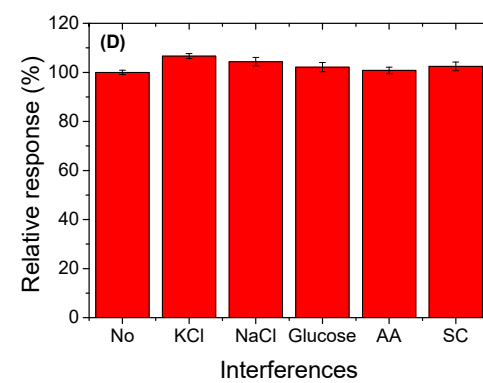
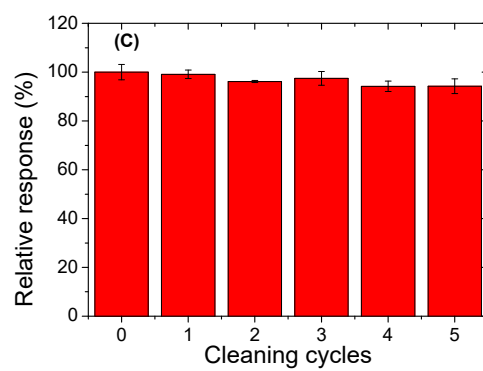
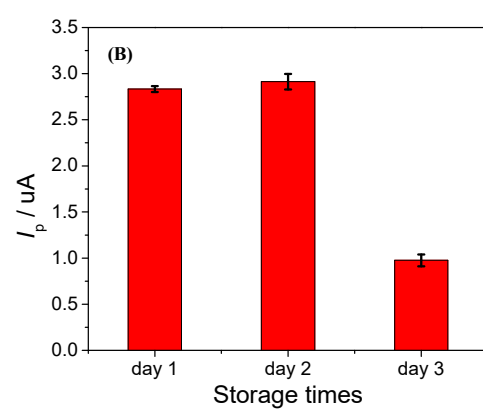
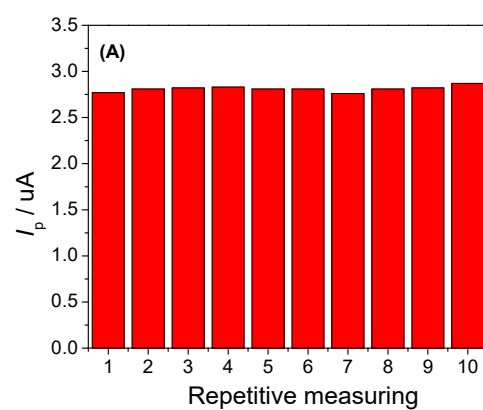


Figure S9. DPV response of the GCE/ERGO-NiNPs sensor in acetate buffer pH 4 + 0.5 uM SY under optimized conditions: $v = 20 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$, $E_s = 6 \text{ mV}$, $t_s = 300 \text{ ms}$, $E_p = 30 \text{ mV}$; $t_p = 120 \text{ ms}$ and $I_{dt} = 60 \text{ ms}$, accumulation time of 2 minutes at 0 V/ECS. (A) Repetitive measuring (B) storage stability in buffer solution (C) repetitive measuring/cleaning cycles (D) with the presence of 100-folds concentration KCl, NaCl, acid ascobic (AA), glucose (Glu) and sodium citrate (SC).



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