SILVER NANOWIRE ARRAY SENSOR FOR SENSITIVE AND RAPID DETECTION OF H₂O₂

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A rapid, accurate and reliable determination of hydrogen peroxide traces is important issue due to the fact that H_2O_2 plays a crucial role in many fields including food, pharmaceutical, chemical and biochemical industries and in clinical control and environmental protection [1]. Determination of the concentration of hydrogen peroxide is often essential issue in clinical trials. It is noteworthy that the excess of H_2O_2 may be involved in the etiology of aging and progressive neurodegenerative diseases, such as Parkinson's disease [2]. On the other hand, the presence of H_2O_2 can affect the indirect determination of the level of glucose in the blood [3, 4].

In the present work nanostructured electrochemical H_2O_2 sensor was prepared by simple cathodic electrodeposition of noble metals inside home-made nanoporous alumina (AAO) templates or on the surface of silver-coated supports. Anodic porous alumina templates was synthesized via a simple and cost-effective two-step anodization of aluminum. After suitable treatment, metallic nanostructures (nanowire/nanorod arrays, nanoporous thin films) was obtained and investigated as amperometric sensors for the detection and determination of hydrogen peroxide in the presence of various interfering substances [5-6] showing good sensitivity, repeatability and accuracy.

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