Zinc oxide nanopyramids modified screen printed electrode for high sensitive and lowconcentration sensor application

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A facile and simple hydrothermal method was used to synthesize the hexagonal zinc oxide nanopyramids (ZnO-NPys) and successfully applied as active materials to modify disposable screen printed electrode (SPE) for detecting the dichloromethane (DCM) chemical. FESEM analysis exhibited a high aspect ratio of hexagonal nanopyramid like structures and the structural studies evidenced that the synthesized materials were well-crystalline with typical wurtzite ZnO crystal. ZnO-NPys modified SPE detected low concentrations of DCM which were measured by a simple cyclovolatmetry (CV) technique. A promising sensitivity of $\sim 293.5~\mu\text{A/}\mu\text{M/cm-2}$ with a limit of detection (LOD) of $\sim 17.3~\mu\text{M}$, excellent linearity in the range of 100 nM -200 μ M and a good retention coefficient (R) of ~ 0.982055 were observed. Thus, it is believed that ZnO-NPys could be a promising candidate for the fabrication of efficient sensors for detecting hazardous chemicals.