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Volume 17, February 2018, Pages 18-24Study of electropolymerized PEDOT :PSS transducers for application as electrochemical sensors in aqueous media (Article) [\(Open Access\)](#)Benoudjit, A.<sup>a</sup>, Bader, M.M.<sup>b</sup>, Wan Salim, W.W.A.<sup>a</sup> [✉](#) [👤](#)<sup>a</sup>Department of Biotechnology Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, International Islamic University Malaysia, Gombak, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia<sup>b</sup>Department of Chemistry, Alfaisal University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

## Abstract

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Electropolymerized poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene): poly(styrenesulfonate) (PEDOT:PSS) onto screen-printed platinum electrodes was tested for stable charge/discharge cycle using cyclic voltammetry (CV) in aqueous media and its adhesion to the electrode surface was also examined. Electropolymerized PEDOT:PSS maintained most of its initial CV behavior after water-flow test (flow rate = 1 ml/s), whereas drop-cast PEDOT:PSS did not, indicating better adhesion and retention of the polymer's mechanical and electrical properties. Field emission scanning electron microscopy (FESEM) and energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) suggest that film structure influence the stability of the redox current measurements. These results prove that careful electropolymerization techniques for synthesizing the PEDOT:PSS transducer are worth pursuing in developing robust electrochemical sensors suitable for continuous use in aqueous media. Developing such transducers is important for developing electrochemical sensors for biomedical and/or environmental monitoring where aqueous flow usually occurs on electrode surfaces. © 2018 The Authors

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