

Supporting Materials

Electropolymerized Layers as Selective Membranes in First Generation Uric Acid Biosensors

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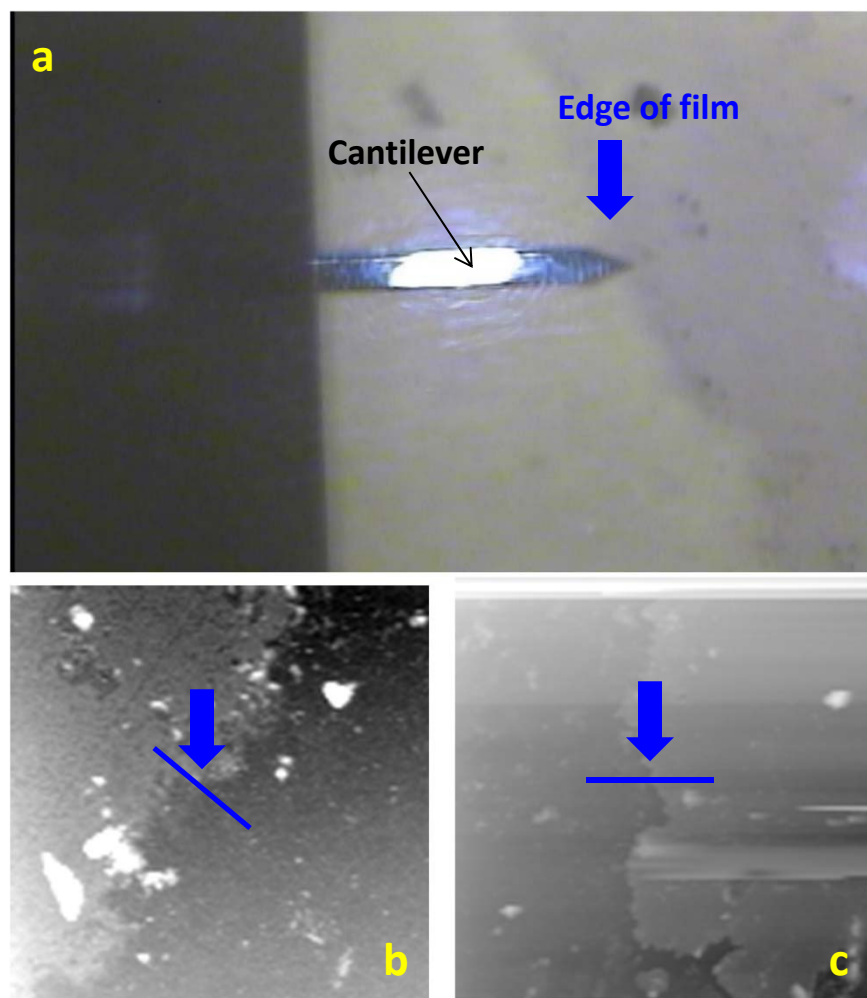
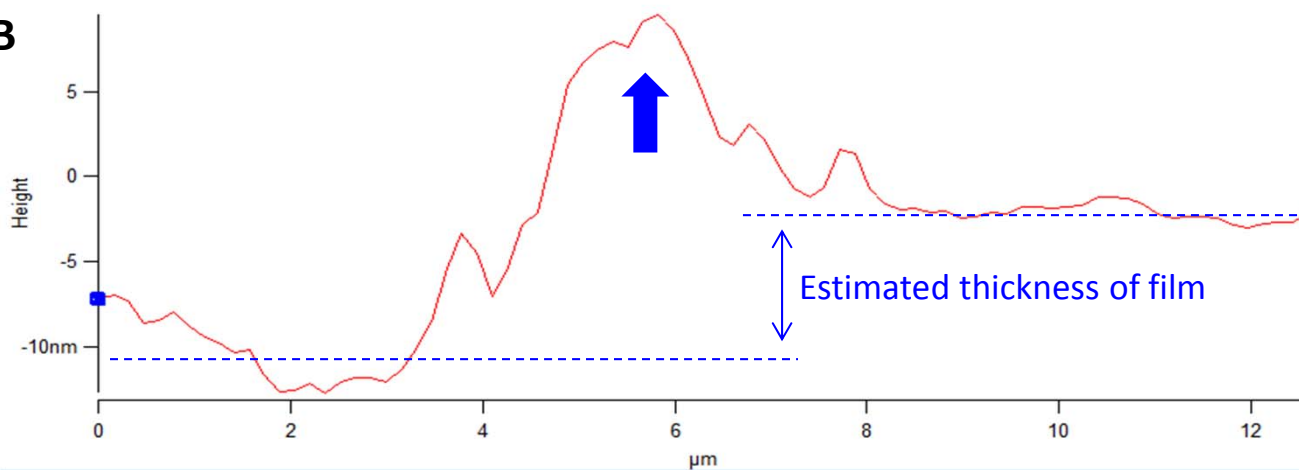
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Figure SM-1. Representative images (A) for profilometric AFM measurement of the polymerized film thickness: (a) optical image of polyphenol film electropolymerized at a evaporated gold substrate and 20 x 20 μm images of the edge of polymerized films of phenol (b) and tyramine (c); (B) cross-sectional analysis of the polyphenol film across the edge of the polymer film.

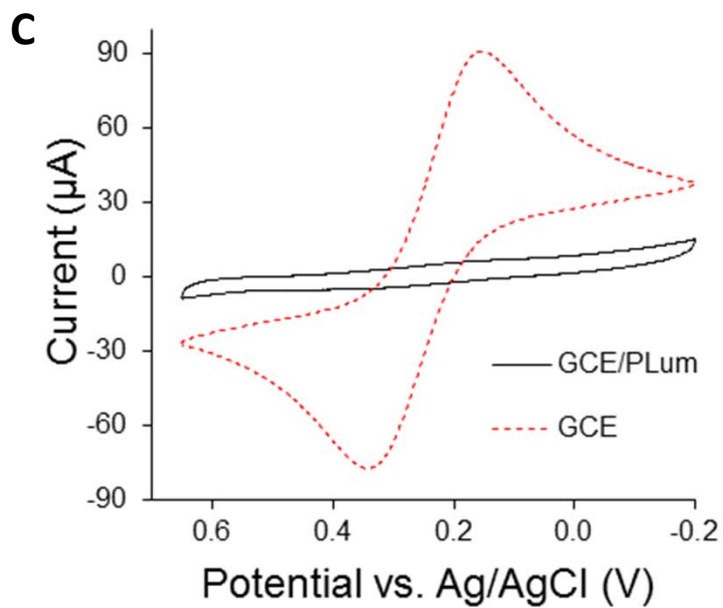
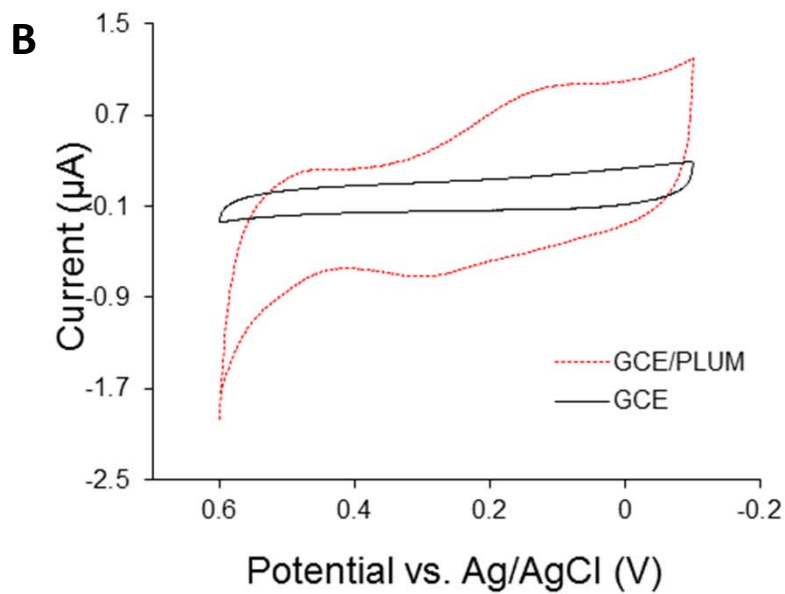
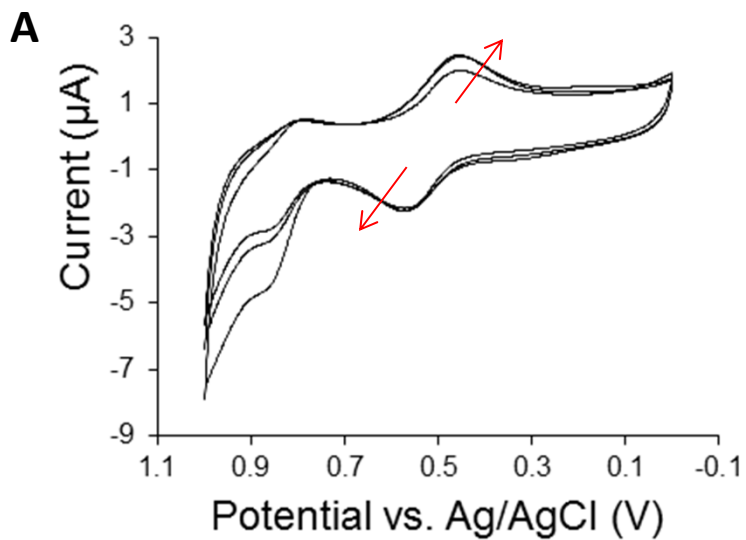


Figure SM-2. Cyclic voltammetry for (A) 0.5 mM luminol (degassed 0.1 M H_2SO_4) during electropolymerization at a GCE ($50 \text{ mV}\cdot\text{sec}^{-1}$); (B) polyluminol (PLUM) modified and bare GCEs in 65.55 mM PBS (no monomer) solution ($40 \text{ mV}\cdot\text{sec}^{-1}$); and; (C) 5 mM ferricyanide (0.5 M KCl) at bare and PLUM-modified GCE to confirm the presence of the electropolymer film ($250 \text{ mV}\cdot\text{sec}^{-1}$).

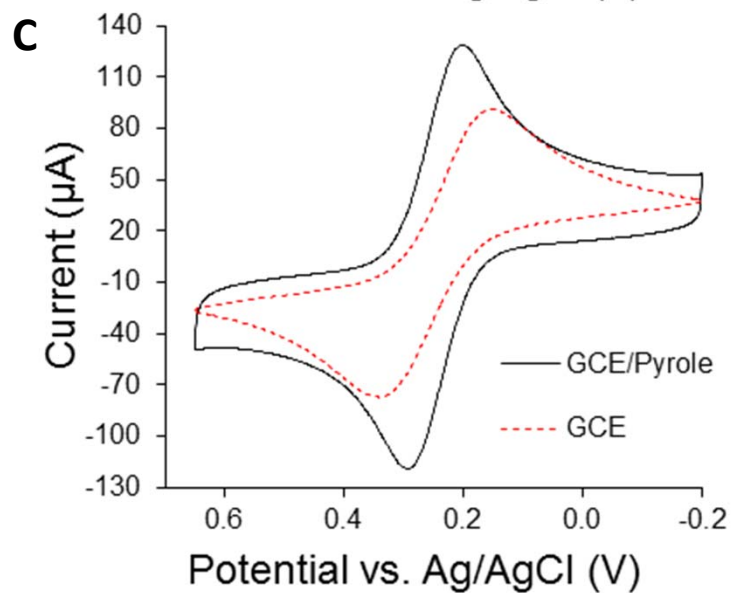
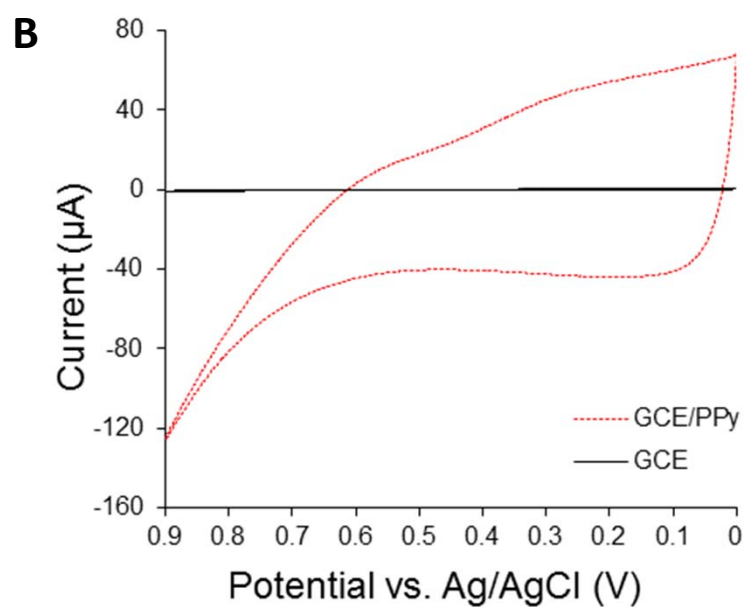
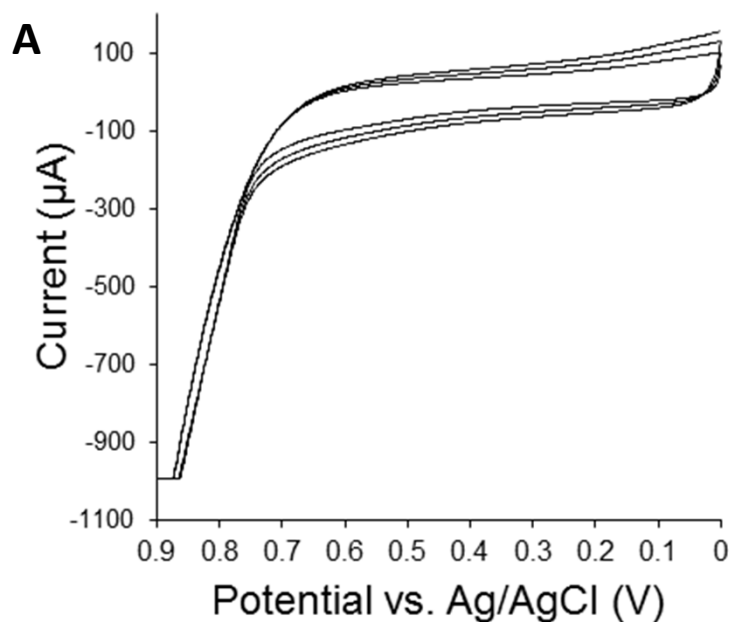


Figure SM-3. Cyclic voltammetry for (A) 0.1 M pyrrole (0.1 M H_2SO_4 , degassed) during electropolymerization at a GCE ($50 \text{ mV}\cdot\text{sec}^{-1}$); (B) polypyrrole modified and bare GCEs in 65.55 mM PBS (no monomer) solution ($50 \text{ mV}\cdot\text{sec}^{-1}$); and; (C) 5 mM ferricyanide (0.5 M KCl) at bare and polypyrrole-modified GCE to confirm the presence of the electropolymer film ($250 \text{ mV}\cdot\text{sec}^{-1}$).

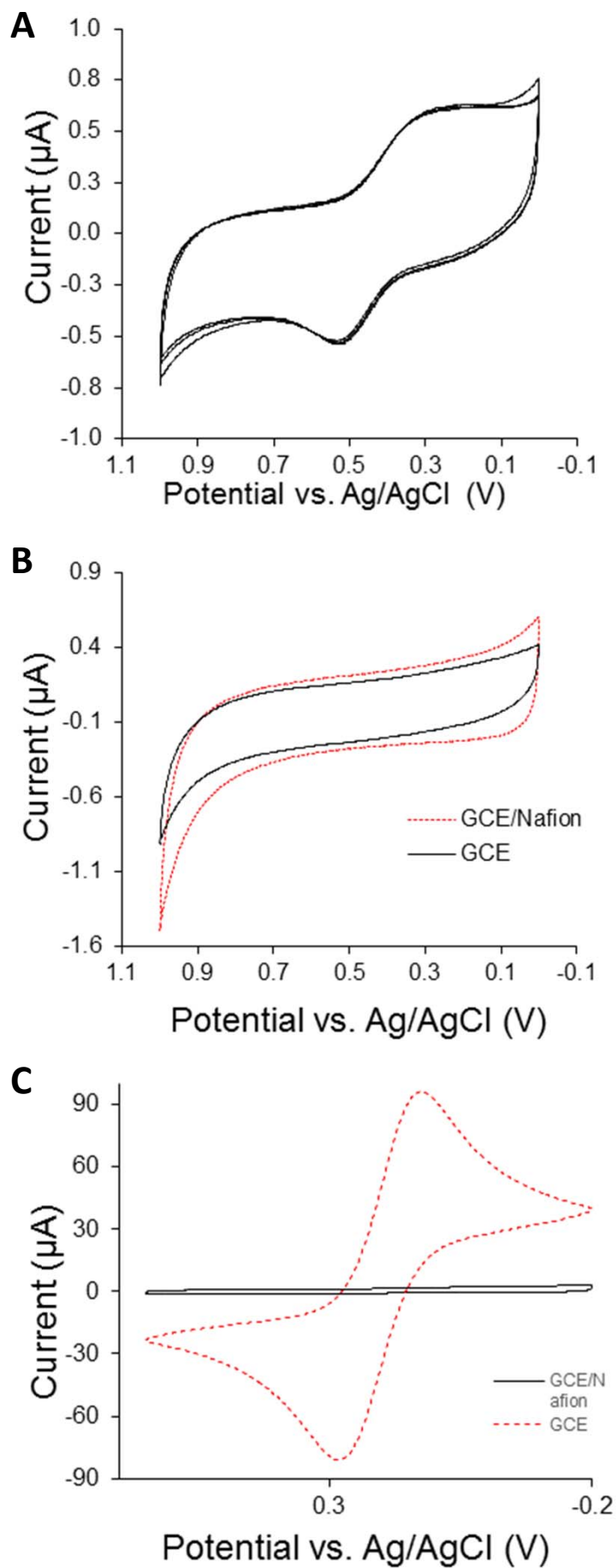


Figure SM-4. Cyclic voltammetry for (A) 5% Nafion during electropolymerization at a GCE ($50 \text{ mV} \cdot \text{sec}^{-1}$); (B) Nafion-modified and bare GCEs in 65.55 mM PBS (no monomer) solution ($50 \text{ mV} \cdot \text{sec}^{-1}$) and; (C) 5 mM ferricyanide (0.5 M KCl) at bare and Nafion-modified GCE to confirm the presence of the electropolymer film ($250 \text{ mV} \cdot \text{sec}^{-1}$).

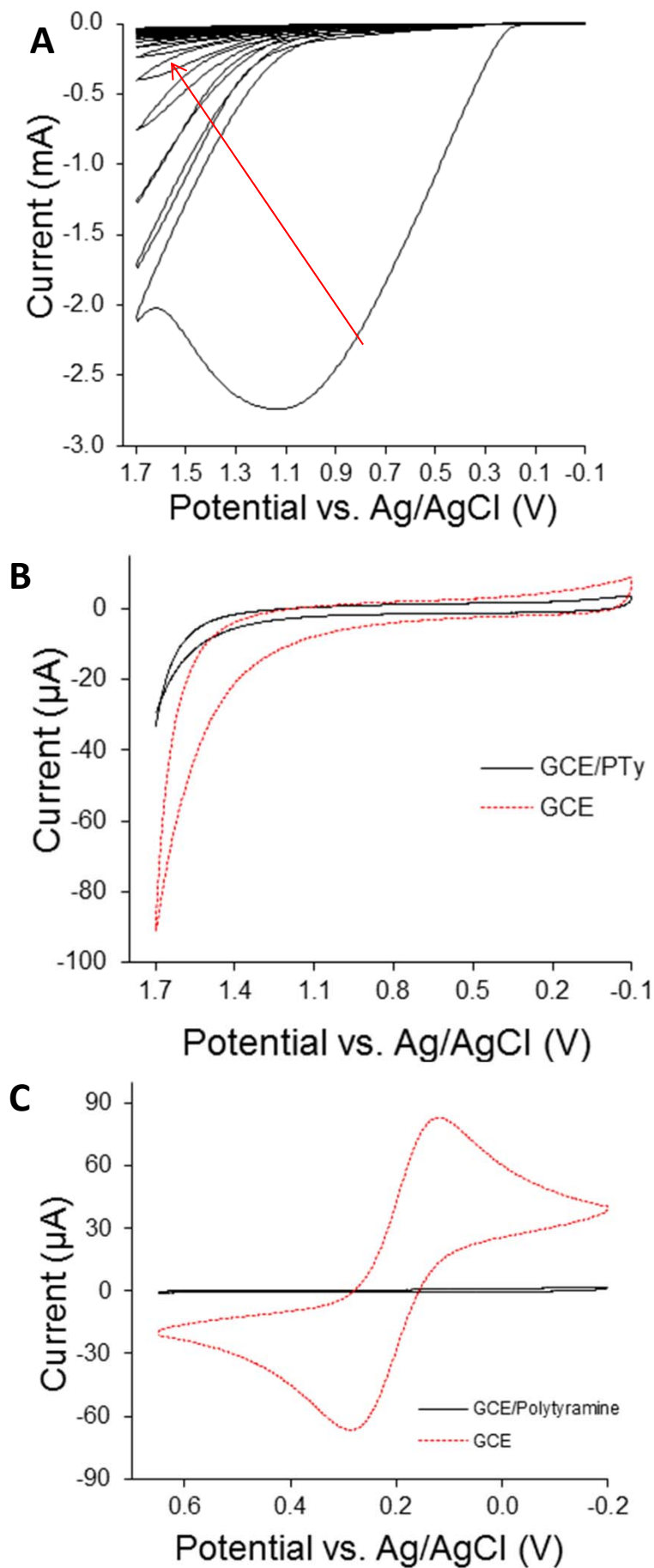


Figure SM-5. Cyclic voltammetry for (A) 0.1 M tyramine (0.3 M NaOH, MeOH) during electropolymerization at a GCE ($500 \text{ mV} \cdot \text{sec}^{-1}$); (B) polytyramine-modified GCE in 65.55 mM PBS (no monomer) solution ($500 \text{ mV} \cdot \text{sec}^{-1}$) and; (C) 5 mM ferricyanide (0.5 M KCl) at bare and polytyramine-modified GCE to confirm the presence of the electropolymer film ($250 \text{ mV} \cdot \text{sec}^{-1}$).

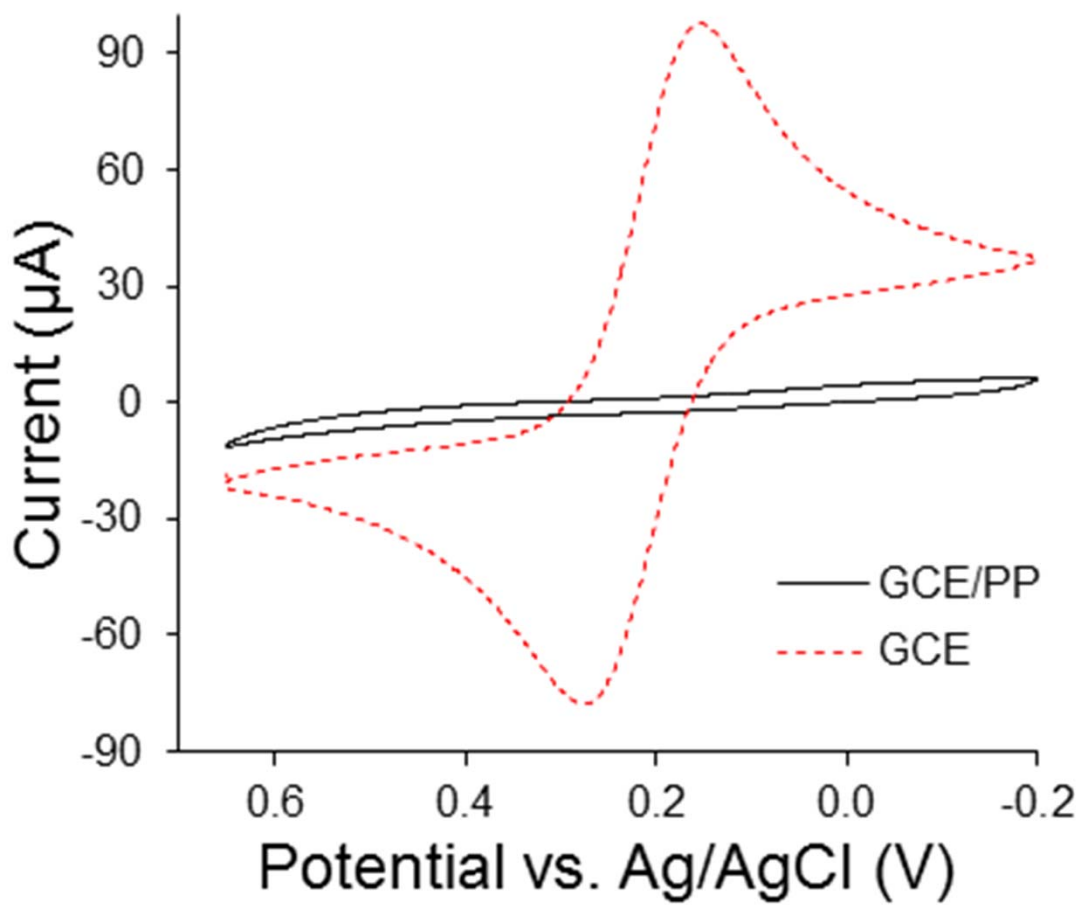


Figure SM-6. Cyclic voltammetry for 5 mM ferricyanide (0.5 M KCl) at bare and phenol-modified GCE to confirm the presence of the electropolymer film ($250 \text{ mV} \cdot \text{sec}^{-1}$).

Additional mixed polymer film formation procedures:

Pyrrole-Luminol 1:10 Mixture^{26,27}

For the application of the polypyrrole to luminol, 1:10 mixture, selective membrane, the glassy carbon electrodes were immersed in a solution 17.3 μ L of pyrrole, 0.01 M, combined with 0.443g of luminol, 0.1M (25 mL). The solution was degassed with nitrogen to remove the oxygen. The electropolymerization was achieved using cyclic voltammetry, cycling between 0.0 V and 1.0 V (vs. Ag/AgCl, saturated KCl) for 5 cycles. The pyrrole-luminol coated electrodes were then rinsed with nanopure water and allowed to dry (15 min).

Pyrrole-Luminol 10:1 Mixture^{26,27}

For the application of the polypyrrole to luminol, 10:1 mixture, selective membrane, the glassy carbon electrodes were immersed in a solution 173.5 μ L of pyrrole, 0.1 M, combined with 0.0443 g of luminol, 0.01 M (25 mL). The solution was degassed with nitrogen to remove the oxygen. The electropolymerization was achieved using cyclic voltammetry, cycling between 0.0 V and 1.0 V (vs. Ag/AgCl, saturated KCl) for 5 cycles. The pyrrole-luminol coated electrodes were then rinsed with nanopure water and allowed to dry (15 min).

Table SM-1. Permeability Indices (PI)[†] for Interferents and Uric Acid at Electropolymerized Films on Glassy Carbon Electrodes (%)

| Monomer System | Ref. | Molar Ratio [†] or Condition [#] | Acetaminophen (40 μM) | Ascorbic Acid (40 μM) | Uric Acid (100 μM) | Ratio: UA to Aceto UA to AA | Ratio: UA to AA | UA Sensor |
|------------------|-------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Phenol | 12,20 | - | 0.0 (±0.05); n=3 | 0.15 (±0.05); n=3 | 0.00 ₃ (±0.00 ₃); n=3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Phenol | 12,20 | Stirred | 41.9 (±21.8); n=4 | 3.9 (±4.4); n=4 | 14.0 (±9.0); n=4 | 0.3341 | 3.5897 | ✓ |
| Aniline | 25 | - | 0.4 (±0.2); n=4 | 0.2 (±0.1); n=4 | 0.0 n=4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Aniline | 25 | Stirred | 5.5 (±6.8); n=3 | 0.0 n=3 | 0.0 n=3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Aniline-Luminol | 25,26 | 10:1 _{max} | 0.0 n=3 | 0.0 n=3 | 0.0 n=3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Aniline-Luminol | 25,26 | 50:50 _{mix} | 0.0 n=5 | 0.0 n=5 | 0.0 n=5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Aniline-Luminol | 25,26 | seq | 22.8 (±2.2); n=2 | 2.2 (±0.3); n=2 | 1.8 (±0.1); n=2 | 1.4419 | 0.8182 | |
| Luminol-Aniline | 26,25 | seq | 65.8 (±88.0); n=2 | 12.9 (±17.9); n=2 | 7.0 (±9.7); n=2 | 0.1064 | 0.5426 | |
| Pyrrrole | 27 | - | 25.7 (±2.5); n=4 | 20.5 (±3.9); n=4 | 1.3 (±0.8); n=4 | 0.0505 | 0.0634 | |
| Pyrrrole | 27 | Stirred | 0.0 n=3 | 0.0 n=3 | 0.0 n=3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Aniline-Pyrrrole | 27 | 10:1 _{seq} | 0.0 n=4 | 25.1 (±8.3); n=4 | 0.0 n=4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Aniline-Pyrrrole | 27 | 50:50 _{seq} | 0.0 n=4 | 0.0 n=4 | 0.0 n=4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Pyrrrole-Luminol | 27,26 | 10:1 _{max} | 0.0 n=4 | 0.0 n=4 | 0.0 n=4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Pyrrrole-Luminol | 27,26 | 1:10 _{max} | 0.5 (±0.4); n=4 | 0.4 (±0.3); n=4 | 0.2 (±0.2); n=4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | |
| Luminol-Pyrrrole | 26,27 | 10:1 _{seq} | 20.1 (±12.2); n=4 | 7.1 (±7.2); n=4 | 4.8 (±2.0); n=4 | 0.2388 | 0.6761 | |
| Pyrrrole-Luminol | 27,26 | 10:1 _{seq} | 3.1 (±3.3); n=4 | 5.4 (±3.8); n=4 | 1.7 (±3.7); n=4 | 0.5484 | 0.3148 | ✓ |
| Luminol | 26 | - | 172.9 (±46.3); n=6 | 119.0 (±26.9); n=6 | 162.3 (±31.5); n=6 | 0.9387 | 1.3639 | |
| Luminol | 26 | Stirred | 33.4 (±5.0); n=4 | 41.5 (±8.3); n=4 | 46.3 (±6.5); n=4 | 1.3862 | 1.1157 | ✓ |
| Luminol-Aniline | 31 | 1:10 | 67.0 (±5.0); n=6 | 26.2 (±13.4); n=6 | 30.3 (±15.7); n=6 | 0.4522 | 1.1565 | ✓ |
| Luminol-Aniline | 31 | 1:10 _{N&G} | 104.4 (±22.7); n=2 | 23.6 (±3.5); n=2 | 22.5 (±23.0); n=2 | 0.2155 | 0.9534 | |

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|------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|---|
| Luminol-Aniline | 31 | 10:1 | 94.0 (±18.9); n=3 | 52.0 (±6.7); n=3 | 59.5 (±10.4); n=3 | 0.6330 | 1.1442 | ✓ |
| Luminol-Aniline | 31 | 10:1 _{N&G} | 58.3 (±6.6); n=5 | 28.9 (±9.1); n=5 | 35.7 (±6.4); n=5 | 0.6123 | 1.2353 | |
| Luminol-Pyrrole | 26 | 1:10 _{max} | 7.3 (±1.6); n=4 | 0.0 n=4 | 0.5 (±0.7); n=4 | 0.0685 | NA | |
| Luminol-Pyrrole | 26,27 | 1:200 _{seq} | 81.5 (±20.3); n=3 | 16.4 (±2.7); n=3 | 16.7 (±4.1); n=3 | 0.2049 | 1.0183 | |
| Pyrrole-Luminol | 26,27 | 200:1 _{seq} | 21.9 (±6.2); n=3 | 17.6 (±4.1); n=3 | 5.7 (±2.8); n=3 | 0.2603 | 0.3239 | |
| Luminol-Phenol | 26 | 1:10 | 101.9 (±19.3); n=5 | 0.0 n=5 | 32.6 (±13.6); n=5 | 0.3199 | NA | |
| Phenol-Luminol | 26,12, 20 | 800:1 _{seq} | 1.3 (±0.5); n=3 | 0.2 (±0.0 ₅); n=3 | 0.4 (±0.1); n=3 | 0.3077 | 2.0 | |
| Luminol-Phenol | 26,12, 20 | 1:800 _{seq} | 1.0 (±0.3); n=3 | 0.1 (±0.0 ₅); n=3 | 0.1 (±0.0 ₁); n=3 | 0.1 | 1.0 | |
| Nafion™ | 28 | - | 2.3 (±1.4); n=3 | 0.0 n=3 | 0.1 (±0.1); n=3 | 0.0435 | NA | |
| Nafion | 28 | Stirred | 9.0 (±1.2); n=3 | 1.2 (±0.2); n=3 | 0.5 (±0.1); n=3 | 0.0556 | 0.4167 | |
| Nafion | 28 | CV | 109.6 (±44.1); n=4 | 67.9 (±46.2); n=4 | 126.6 (±83.0); n=4 | 1.1551 | 1.8645 | ✓ |
| Nafion-Luminol | 28 | 10:1 | 45.8 (±28.8); n=3 | 25.3 (±21.1); n=3 | 14.5 (±14.3); n=3 | 0.3166 | 0.5731 | |
| Nafion-Luminol | 26 | 10:1 _{CV} | 36.8 (±26.9); n=4 | 0.0 n=4 | 7.5 (±11.4); n=4 | 0.2038 | NA | |
| Nafion-Luminol | 26 | 10:1 _(CV:N₆) | 59.7 (±27.0); n=3 | 28.5 (±29.4); n=3 | 26.1 (±25.6); n=3 | 0.4372 | 0.9158 | ✓ |
| Tyramine | 29 | - | 70.8 (±3.8); n=2 | 15.8 (±3.2); n=2 | 2.3 (±1.6); n=2 | 0.0325 | 0.1456 | |
| Tyramine | 30 | Stirred | 56.8 (±4.9); n=2 | 14.5 (±0.7); n=2 | 3.8 (±1.0); n=2 | 0.0669 | 0.2621 | |
| Tyramine | 29 | - | 0.06 (±0.07); n=3 | 0.03 (±0.03); n=3 | 0.01 (±0.01); n=3 | 0.1667 | 0.3333 | |
| Tyramine | 30 | Stirred | 0.1 (±0.1); n=3 | 0.029 (±0.02); n=3 | 0.01 (±0.01); n=3 | 0.1 | 0.5 | |
| Tyramine-Luminol | 29,26 | Seq | 62.1 (±2.7); n=3 | 3.7 (±0.4); n=3 | 5.2 (±0.4); n=3 | 0.0837 | 1.4054 | |
| Luminol-Tyramine | 26,29 | Seq | 88.7 (±21.7); n=3 | 16.6 (±9.3); n=3 | 24.7 (±31.7); n=3 | 0.2785 | 1.4880 | ✓ |

Notes: [†]PI determined from ratio of current response of a species at a polymerized film modified GCE to the current response of the same species at a bare GCE. [‡]Applies for polymeric mixtures (mix) only; * Other conditions include sequential (seq) layering or nucleation (N) and growth (G) procedures for electro-Polymerization³¹ or the use of cyclic voltammetry (CV). No significant permeability was measured for oxalic acid, glucose, and sodium nitrite.

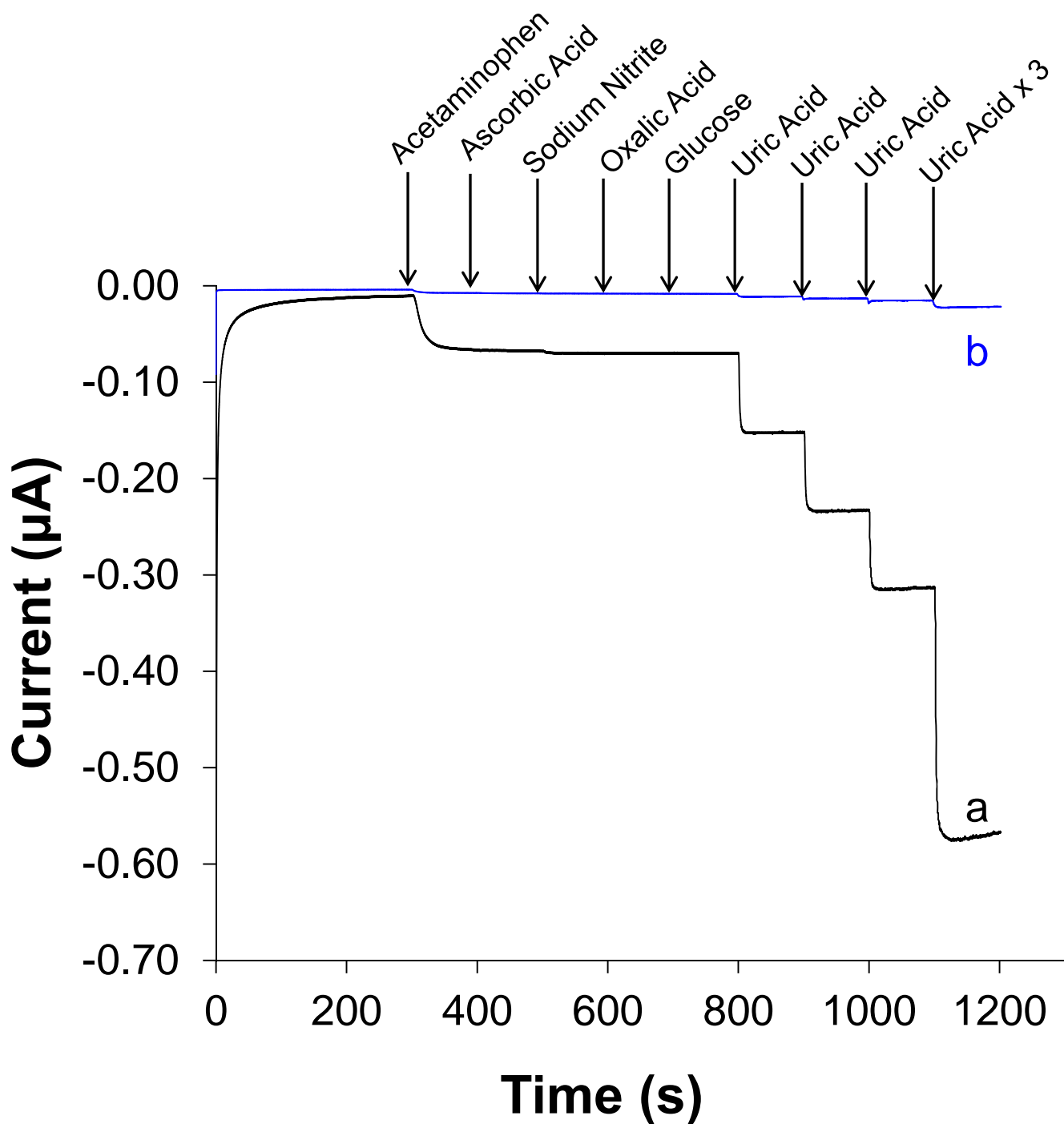


Figure SM-7. Amperometric $I-t$ curve for successive injections of common interferent species ($40 \mu\text{M}$) and uric acid ($100 \mu\text{M}$ and/or $300 \mu\text{M}$) at a platinum electrode modified with L-B-L construction of UOx-doped OTMS xerogel and undoped OTMS xerogel with a (a) poly(luminol-polyaniline) (1:10) mixture or (b) aniline and 100% hydrothane polyurethane capping layers. The composite film with the aniline electropolymer layer is unable to distinguish and respond to uric acid while the PLUM:PANI film prevents interferent signal and promotes uric acid signal, with the exception of acetaminophen. Note: Glucose was tested at $100 \mu\text{M}$.

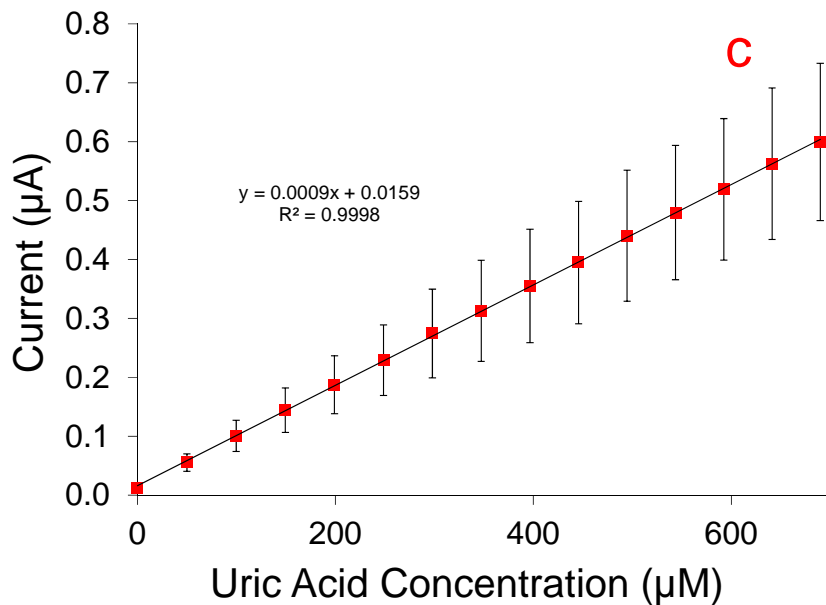
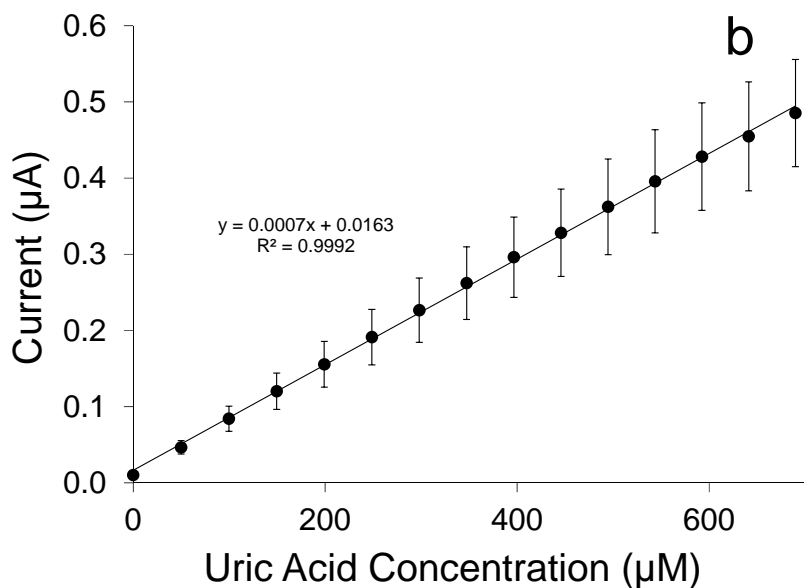
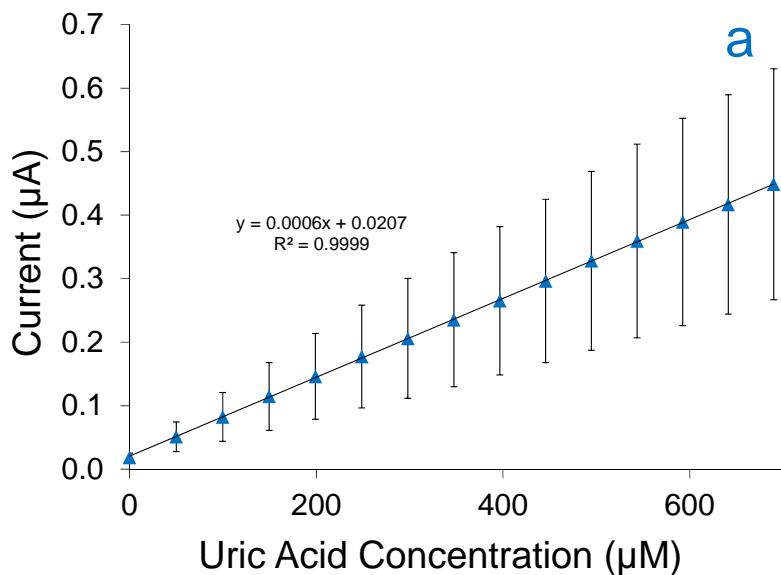


Figure SM-8. Calibration curves for successive 50 µM injections of uric acid at a platinum modified electrode with UOx-doped OTMS xerogel, undoped OTMS xerogel, (a) Nafion-Luminol, (b) luminol-aniline (1:10), (c) luminol-aniline (10:1) formed with no nucleation and growth and all capped with hydrothane polyurethane (n=3; standard deviation shown).