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Graphene based composite as solitary platform for sensing devices

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Problem Statement

- · Detecting abnormal levels of dopamine, cholesterol, and glucose is crucial due to their impact on health, making it essential to monitor them within specific ranges.
- Electrochemical sensors are popular for their speed, cheap, ease, and sensitivity. Graphene's properties makes it a choice in these sensors.
- Graphene-metal oxides combination improves sensor performance for separate dopamine, glucose, and cholesterol detection.
- Yet, there's a **need for a material that detects** all three at once on one platform. Hence, there is a need of this patent disclosure.

Technology Category/ Market

Categories: Chemistry & Chemical Analysis Industry: Sensor Technology, Biomedical Devices, Diagnostics, Healthcare, Biotechnology

Applications: Medical diagnostics for measuring neurotransmitters (like dopamine), cholesterol levels, and glucose in blood, Wearable health monitoring devices, Laboratory equipment for biomedical research

Market: The graphene sensors Market was valued at US\$ 162.473 M in 2020 & is expected to reach US\$ 1,142.008 M in 2027, growing at a CAGR of 32.12% from 2020-2027.

Technology

The present patent discloses a Graphene based composite as solitary platform for sensing devices. The Sensor technology represents a groundbreaking innovation in healthcare and biomedical diagnostics.

By harnessing the power of graphene-metal oxide hybrids, this technology offers unparalleled capabilities in detecting vital biomarkers like dopamine, cholesterol, and glucose within the human body.

It is a game-changer, enabling precise and simultaneous measurement of these components on a single platform, revolutionizing healthcare monitoring and research practices. This leads to a new era of accurate & accessible biomedical measurements.

FIG.1. Shows the Plot of current Vs concentrations of Zn-SnO2 /NG hybrid nanocomposite modified electrode



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TRL (Technology Readiness Level)

TRL - 4, Experimentally validated in lab.

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Method

A method for preparing a graphene based composite comprising steps of:

- preparing Zn-SnO2 nanostructures by hydrothermal treatment usina (Zn(CH3COO)2.2H2O SnCl2.2H2O & salts as precursor in solvent а containing ethanol & HCI,
- adding Zn-SnO2 nanostructures, ammonia and hydrazine hydrate to the GO (graphene oxide) dispersion,
- stirring the resulting dispersion at the room temperature, transferring it to a Teflon-lined autoclave & treating it hydrothermally.

A graphene based composite for use in sensing of dopamine, cholesterol, and glucose in real time with error percentage of less than 2%.



FIG 2. shows XPS spectrum of Zn-SnO2 /NG hybrid nanocomposite.

Key Features / Value Proposition

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 User Perspective:

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- · Simultaneously detects dopamine, cholesterol, and glucose in real-time for comprehensive health insights.
- Same electrode can be efficiently used for sequential detections, enhancing usability in clinical settings.
- High-accuracy, reproducible & correlation with clinical data make it a reliable tool for disease diagnosis and monitoring.
- Industrial Perspective:
- · Fills a market gap with a cost-effective solution for three-component detection in healthcare and diagnostics.
- Incorporation of metal oxide boosts overall sensing performance, positioning it as an innovative solution in electro-chemical sensing technology.
- Ability to use the same electrode for multiple detections contributes to costeffectiveness for industrial applications.
- * Technical Perspective:
- · Leverages Graphene-Metal Oxide Synergy, overcoming limitations and enhancing electrochemical properties.
- Hydrothermal synthesis ensures a simple and reproducible manufacturing process, and maintaining consistency.
- Demonstrates high sensitivity & selectivity, validated by comprehensive characterization using various techniques.



FIG 3. Shows Raman spectrum of NG & Zn-SnO2 /NG hybrid nanocomposite.

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