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**Melamine Functionalised Multiwalled Carbon Nanotubes (M-MWCNTs) as metal-free Electrocatalyst for Simultaneous Determination of 4-Nitrophenol and Nitrofurantoin.**

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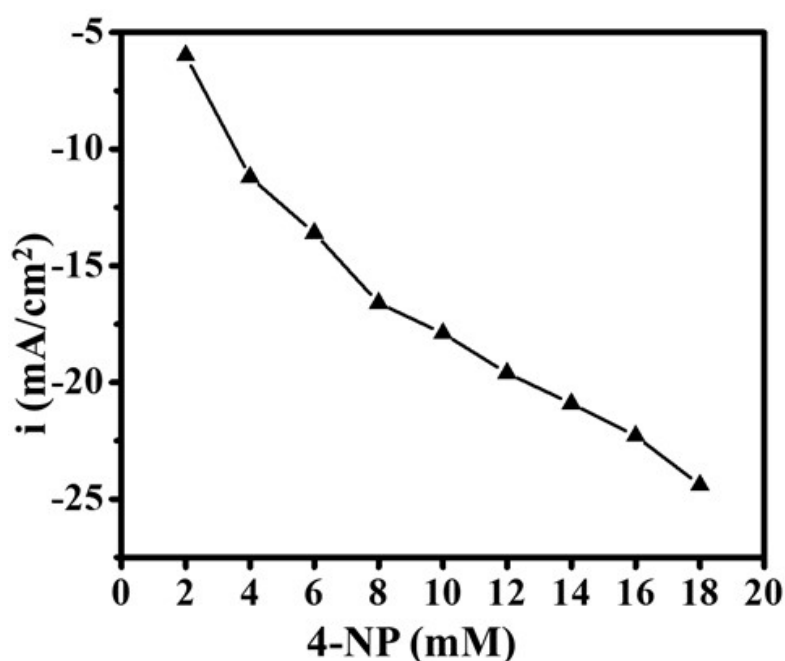
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**S-1. Characterisation detail**

The product was analyzed via. Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR). Its phase and structure were characterized using X-ray diffraction (XRD, Siemens D-5005 diffract meter) equipped with an X-ray tube (Cu K $\alpha$ ;  $1\frac{1}{4}$  1.5418 nm, 40 kV, 30mA, Raman spectroscopy was performed using a microscope with Raman optics (Seki Technetronic Corporation, Tokyo) with a 532 nm LASER. For EDAX analysis, the samples were prepared on Au films. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) on a SPECS HSA-3500 with a monochromatic Al K $\alpha$  X-ray Radiation X-ray source and hemispherical analyser was used to investigate the elemental states of the sample. Quantachrom Instruments- All electrochemical studies to perform on connected to CHI 660C electrochemical work station CHI Instrument660E, (USA) with three electrodes System. A glassy carbon electrode (GC, 3 mm dia.) was used as the working electrode to support the catalysts. A piece of Pt foil and SCE in 0.5M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> were used as the counter and reference electrodes respectively.

### S-2. Linear fitting plots of Nitrophenol (4-NP)



**Figure S1.** Depicts the liner fit plot for the concentration of 4-NP vs. peak current density.

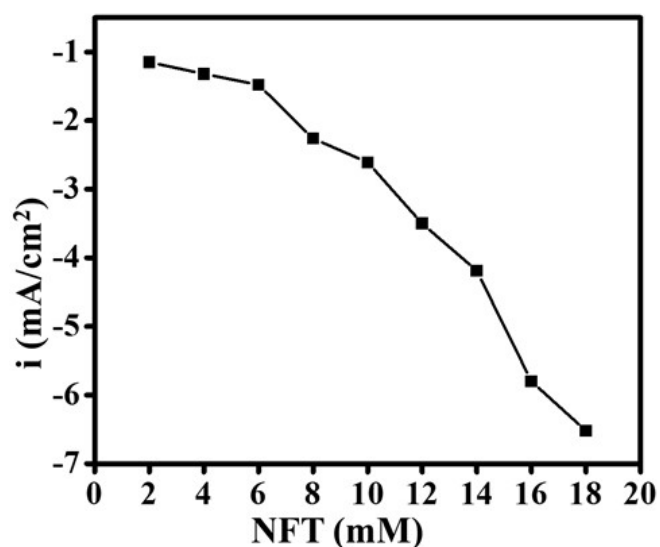
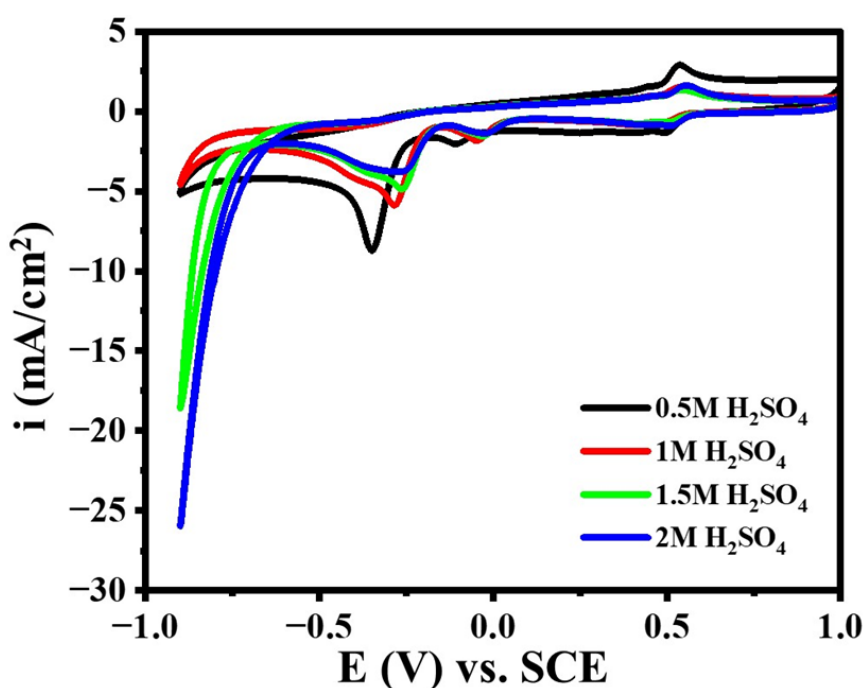
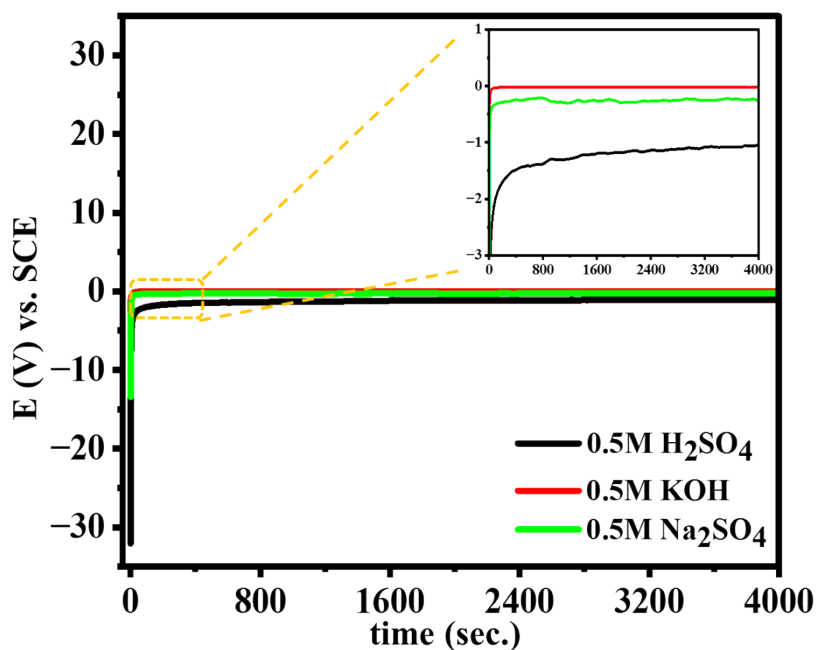
**S-3. Linear fitting plots of Nitrofurantoin (NFT):**

Figure S2. Depicts the liner fit plot for the concentration of NFT vs. peak current density.

**S-4) Effect of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> on 4NP and NFT:**

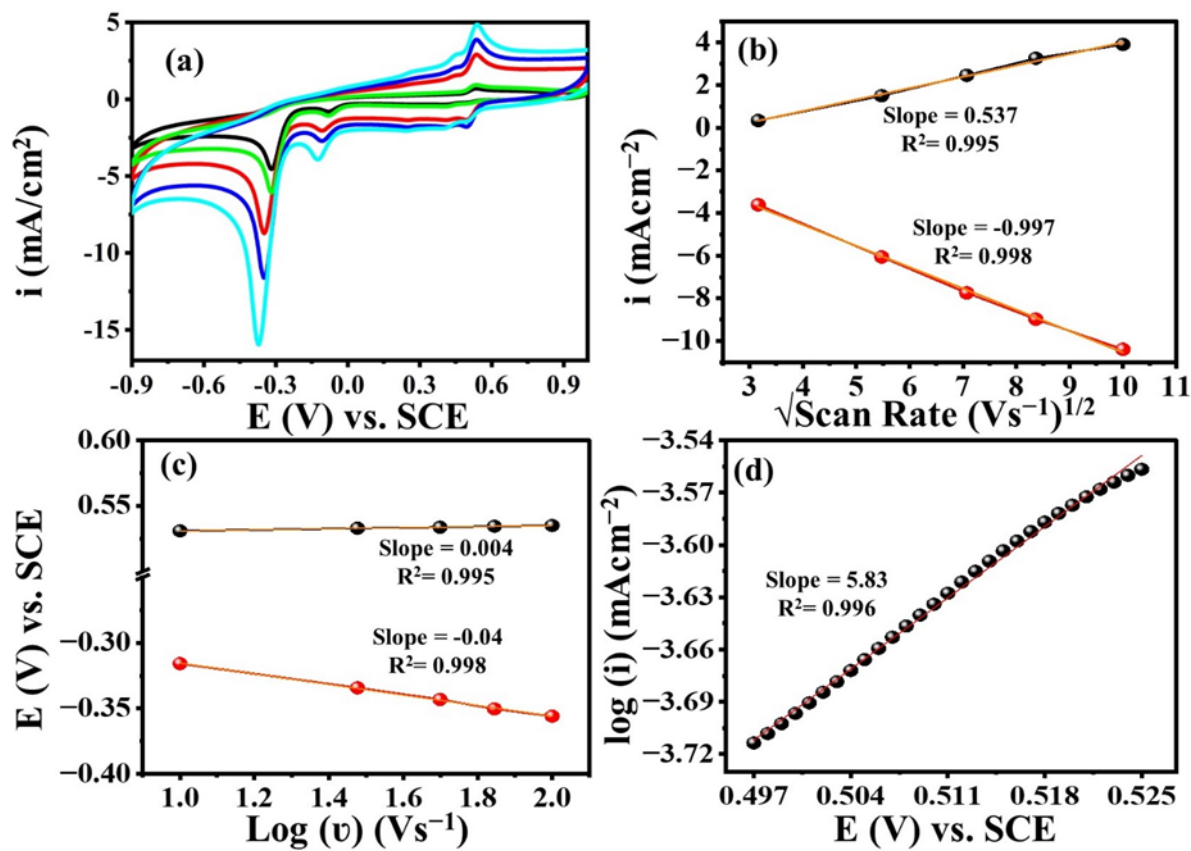
**Figure S3.** Effect of Electrolyte concentration on electroreduction of 4-NP and NFT in 0.5M, 1M, 1.5M and 2M respectively at M-MWCNTs at scan rate of 50 mV/s.

**S-5) Stability test of 4NP and NFT**

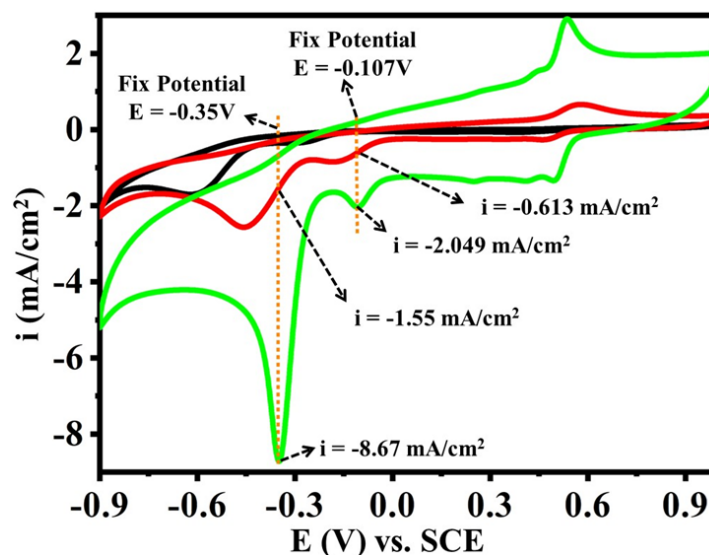


**Figure S4.**  $i$ - $t$  stability tests in acidic, basic and neutral medium for 4mM 4-NP and NFT respectively vs SCE for 4000s.

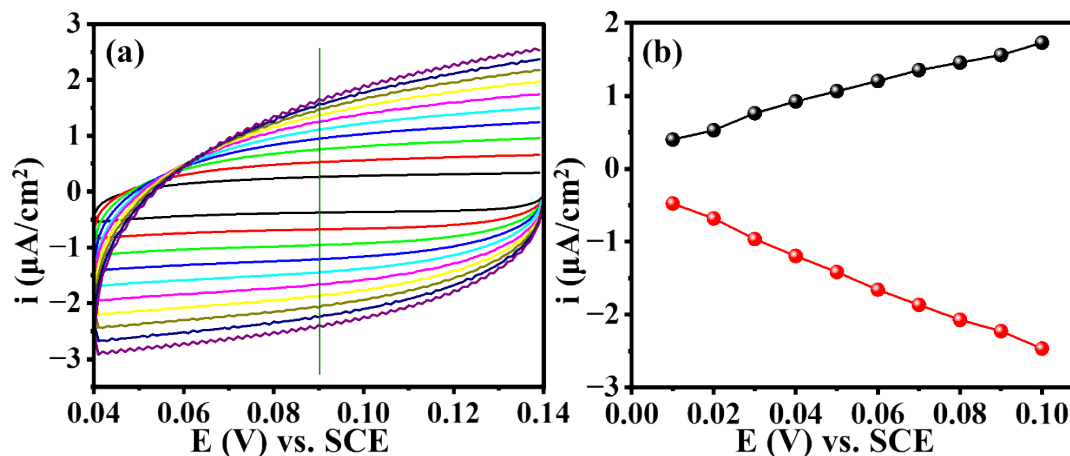
#### S-6) Electrochemical Studies:



**Figure S5.** (a) Cyclic voltammograms of M-MWCNT in 0.5M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> with 4mM drug + 4mM 4-NP, at different scan rates: (a) 10, (b) 30, (c) 50, (d) 70, and (f) 100 mVs<sup>-1</sup>; (b) Anodic and cathodic peak currents (*I*<sub>pa/c</sub>) versus square root of the scan rate ( $\nu^{1/2}$ ) recorded in 0.5M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> with 4mM drug + 4mM 4-NP; (c) Anodic and cathodic potentials (*E*<sub>pa/c</sub>) vs.  $\log \nu$ . recorded in 0.5M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> with 4mM drug + 4mM 4-NP; (d) The plot of anodic peak current *I*<sub>pa</sub> in mA vs square root of scan rate in Vs<sup>-1</sup> for the M-MWCNT in 0.5M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> with 4mM drug + 4mM 4-NP in the scan rate range from 10 to 100 mVs<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S6.** CV curves of Bare, CNT & CNT-Mel on 4mM drug + 4-NP at a scan rate of 50 mV/s



**Figure S7-**CV curves of the M-MWCNTs/GCE electrode in a non-Faradic area 4mM 4-NP and NFT in 0.5M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> at the scan rates of 10, to 100 mV/s. (b) corresponding capacitive currents plotted as a function of the scan rate.

### Calculation for electrochemical active surface area:

Capacitive currents plotted as a function of the scan rate. *C*<sub>dl</sub> was calculated:

$$C_{dl} = (\text{Slope anodic} - \text{Slope cathodic})/2$$

ECSA was calculated over by the *C*<sub>dl</sub> using the specific surface capacitance (*C*<sub>s</sub>) of the electrode

surface:

$$ECSA = Cdl / C_s$$

Table S-1. Comparative electroanalytical parameters for the determination of NFT at M-MWC/GCE with previous reports.

| Sr. No. | Electrocatalyst                            | Methods    | Linear range ( $\mu\text{M}$ ) | LOD ( $\mu\text{M}$ ) | Reference        |
|---------|--|------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1.      | AgSAE                                      | LSV        | 80.3–320.2                     | 47.9                  | [1]              |
| 2.      | CNF/SPCE                                   | DPV        | 0.2–100                        | 81                    | [2]              |
| 3.      | NSO/GCE                                    | i-t        | 0.006–466.67                   | 3                     | [3]              |
| 4.      | dsDNA/PAMT                                 | CV         | 6-100                          | 0.6                   | [4]              |
| 5.      | rGO/Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> NRs/GCE | DPV        | 0.1–100                        | 0.083                 | [5]              |
| 6.      | AHD-McAb/GCE                               | CV         | 0.198–211.0                    | 0.198                 | [6]              |
| 7.      | <b>M-MWCNT</b>                             | <b>LSV</b> | <b>2-18</b>                    | <b>0.167</b>          | <b>This Work</b> |

Table S-2. Comparative electroanalytical parameters for the determination of 4-NP at M-MWC/GCE with previous reports.

| Sr. No. | Electrocatalyst                  | Methods     | Linear range ( $\mu\text{M}$ ) | LOD ( $\mu\text{M}$ ) | Reference        |
|---------|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1.      | Reduced graphene oxide (rGO)/GCE | DPV         | 50-800                         | 42                    | [7]              |
| 2.      | DTD/Ag NPs/GCE                   | CV          | 1-100                          | 0.25                  | [8]              |
| 3.      | rGO- Ag/GCE                      | Amperometry | 0.5-5.6                        | 0.32                  | [9]              |
| 4.      | FeOx/TiO <sub>2</sub> @mC/GCE    | Amperometry | 5-310                          | 0.183                 | [10]             |
| 5.      | CeO <sub>2</sub> -CuO/GCE        | CV          | 74-300                         | 2.03                  | [11]             |
| 6.      | CoOxNS/GCE                       | CV          | 20-240                         | 0.3                   | [12]             |
| 7.      | Zeolite/c-PANI-SSA/GCE           | CV          | 1-100                          | 1.27                  | [13]             |
| 8.      | <b>M-MWCNT</b>                   | <b>LSV</b>  | <b>2-18</b>                    | <b>0.165</b>          | <b>This Work</b> |

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