

Electronic Supplementary Information for

**Transition metal complex-incorporated polyaniline as a platform for
enzymatic uric acid electrochemical sensor**

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Electrochemical surface area comparison between PANI-RC and PANI-RC/EM/GA

The active surface area of the samples is determined using Randles-Sevcik equation according to Equation S1. The CV was carried out with 5 mM $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-/4-}$ in 0.1 M KCl at the scan rate of 50 mV/s.

$$I_p = 2.69 \times 10^5 \times A \times C \times D^{1/2} \times n^{3/2} \times v^{1/2} \quad (\text{Equation S1})$$

with:

I_p = Current peak from CV (A)

A = Surface area (cm^2)

C = Concentration of analyte (mol/cm^3)

D = Diffusion coefficient (cm^2/s)

n = number of electrons participating in the reaction (In our case, $n = 1$)

v = Scan rate (V/s)

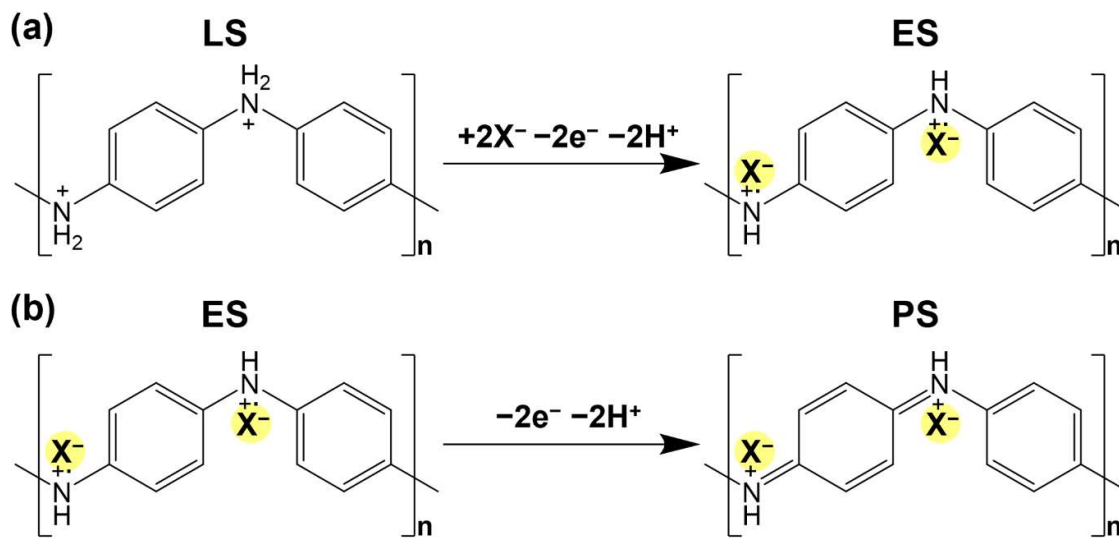


Figure S1. Mechanism of PANI (and PANI-RC) polymerization, involving three oxidation states. Transition from (a) LS to ES and (b) ES to PS. The highlighted yellow part is where $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-/4-}$ are positioned on the backbone of PANI (*Note: LS: leucoemeraldine salt, ES: emeraldine salt, PS: pernigraniline salt).

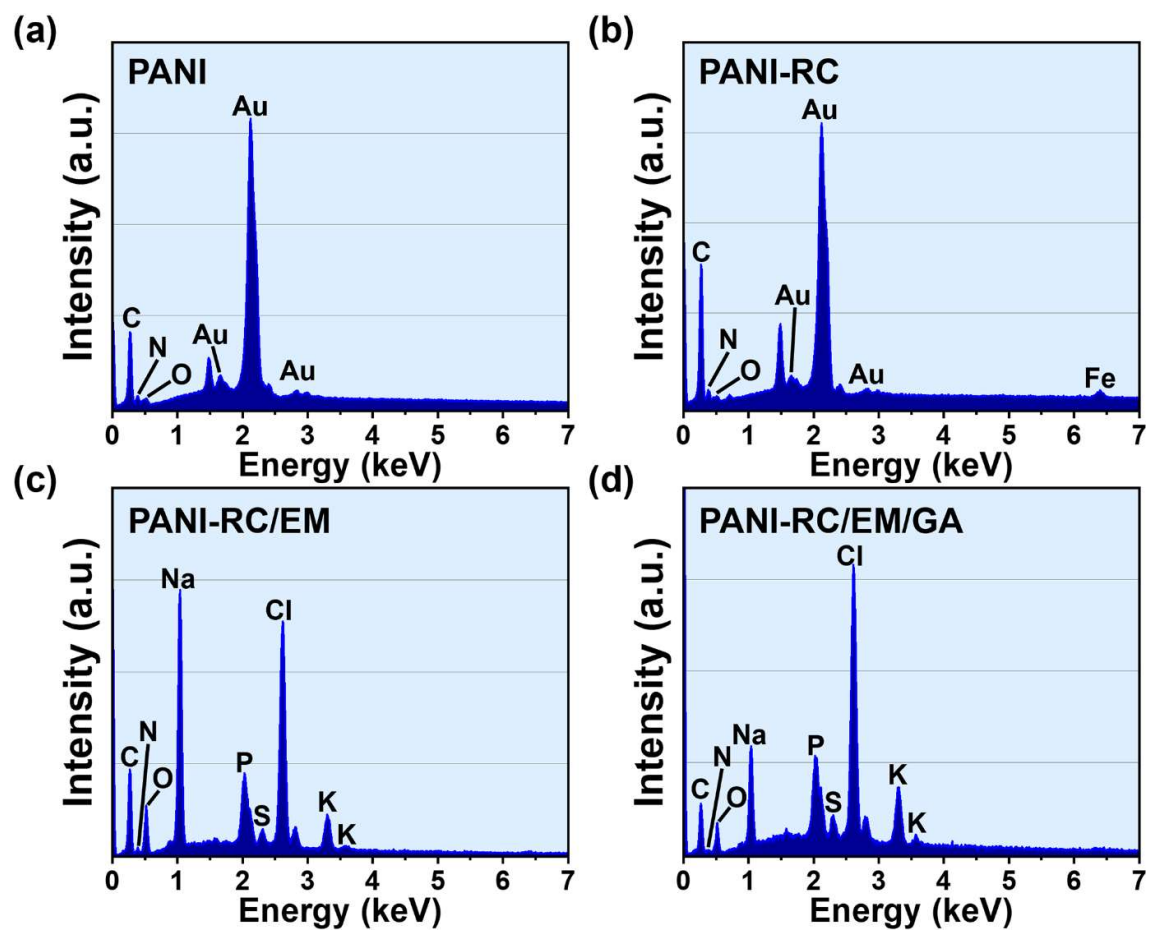


Figure S2. EDS spectra of (a) PANI, (b) PANI-RC, (c) PANI-RC/EM, and (d) PANI-RC/EM/GA.

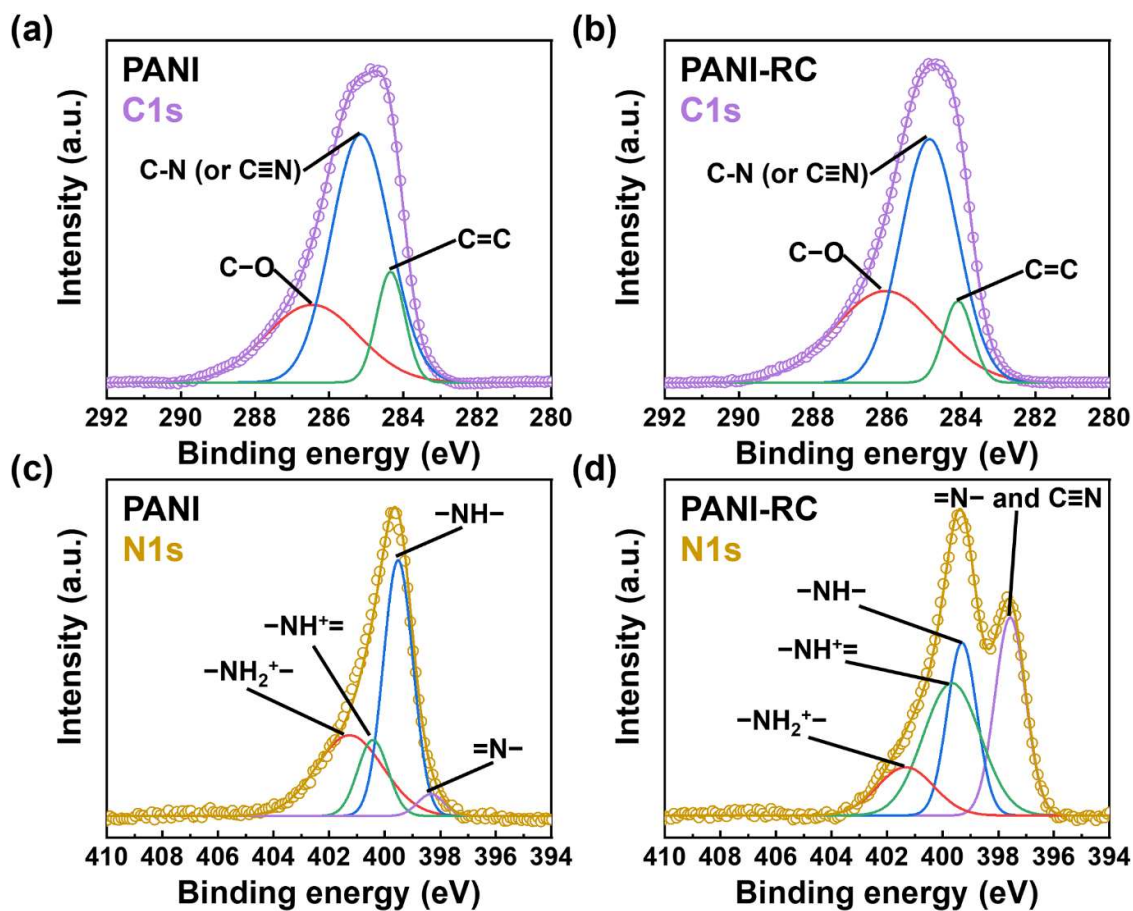


Figure S3. Narrow range XPS spectra of PANI and PANI-RC. C1s region of (a) PANI and (b) PANI-RC. N1s region of (c) PANI and (d) PANI-RC.

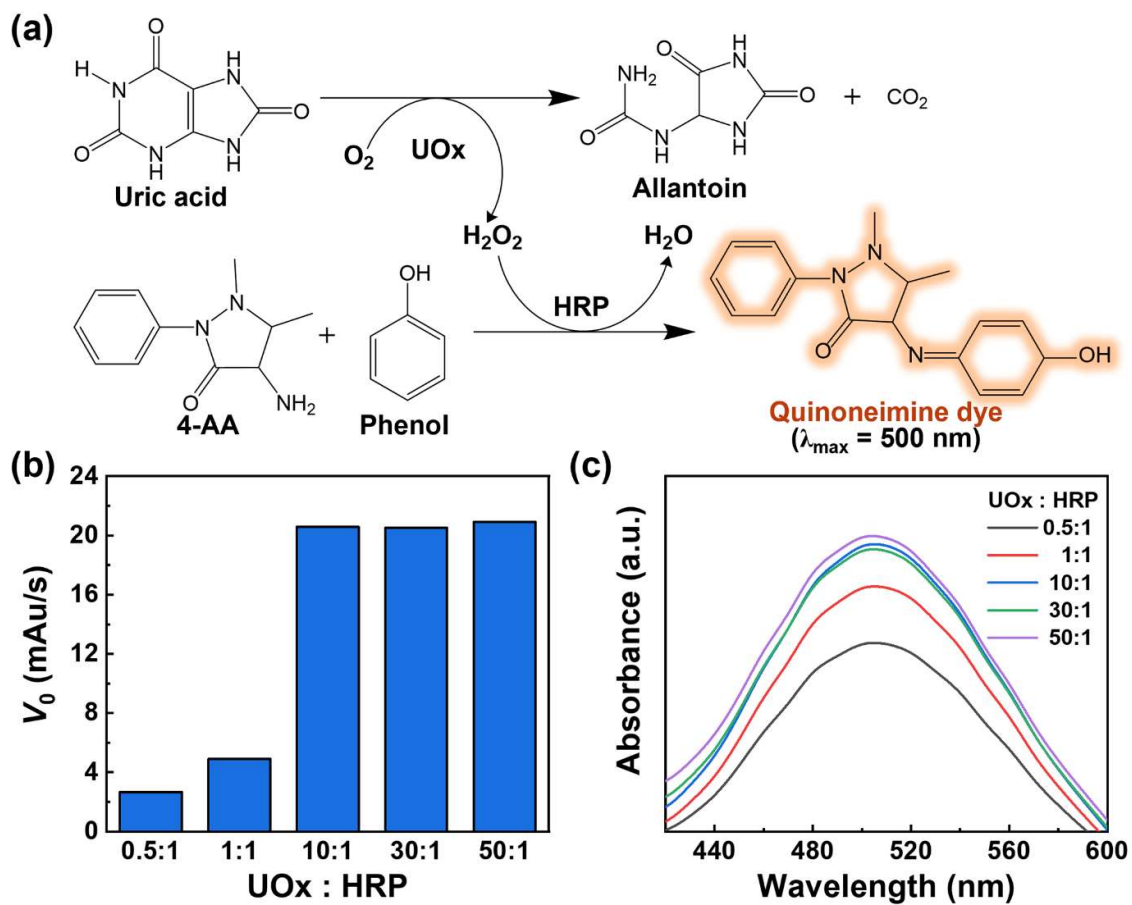


Figure S4. (a) Mechanism of 4-AA method. (b) UOx : HRP ratio optimization. (c) Absorbance spectra.

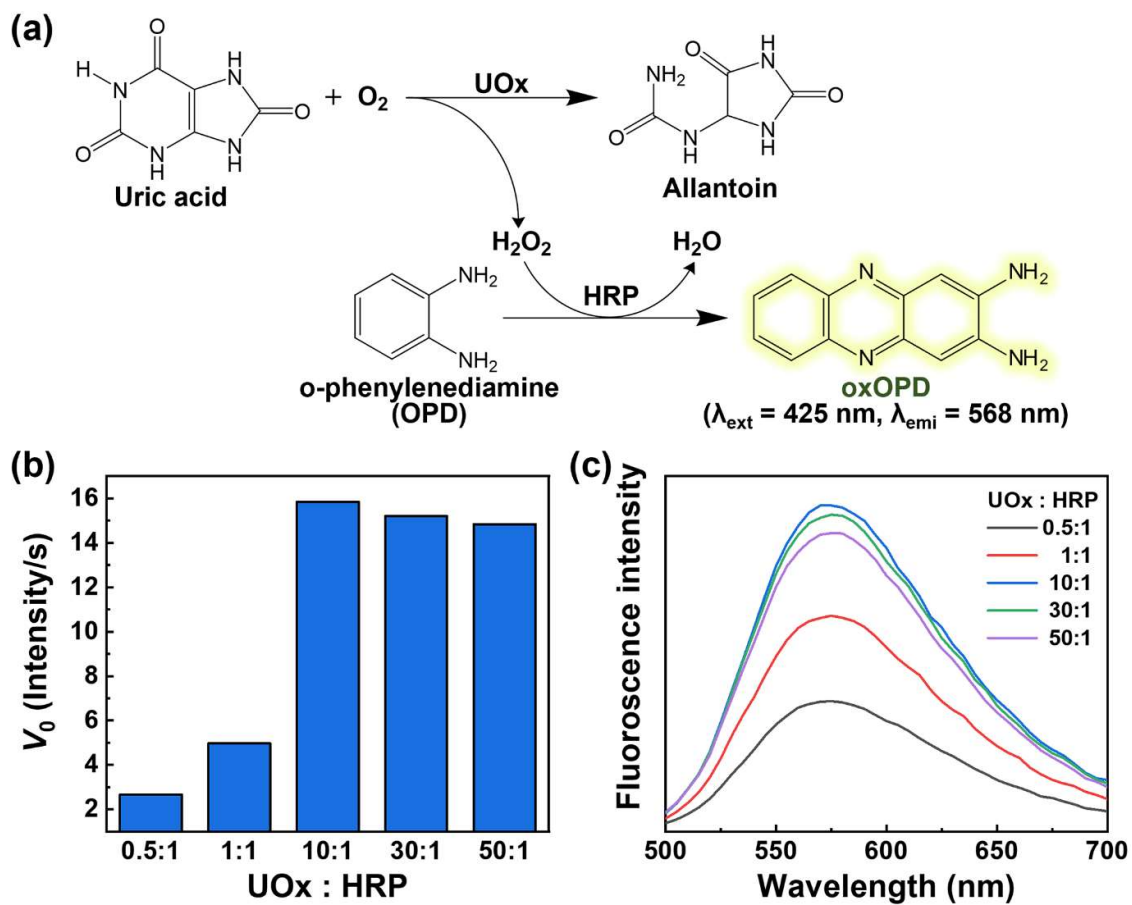


Figure S5. (a) Mechanism of OPD method. (b) UOx : HRP ratio optimization. (c) Fluorescence spectra.

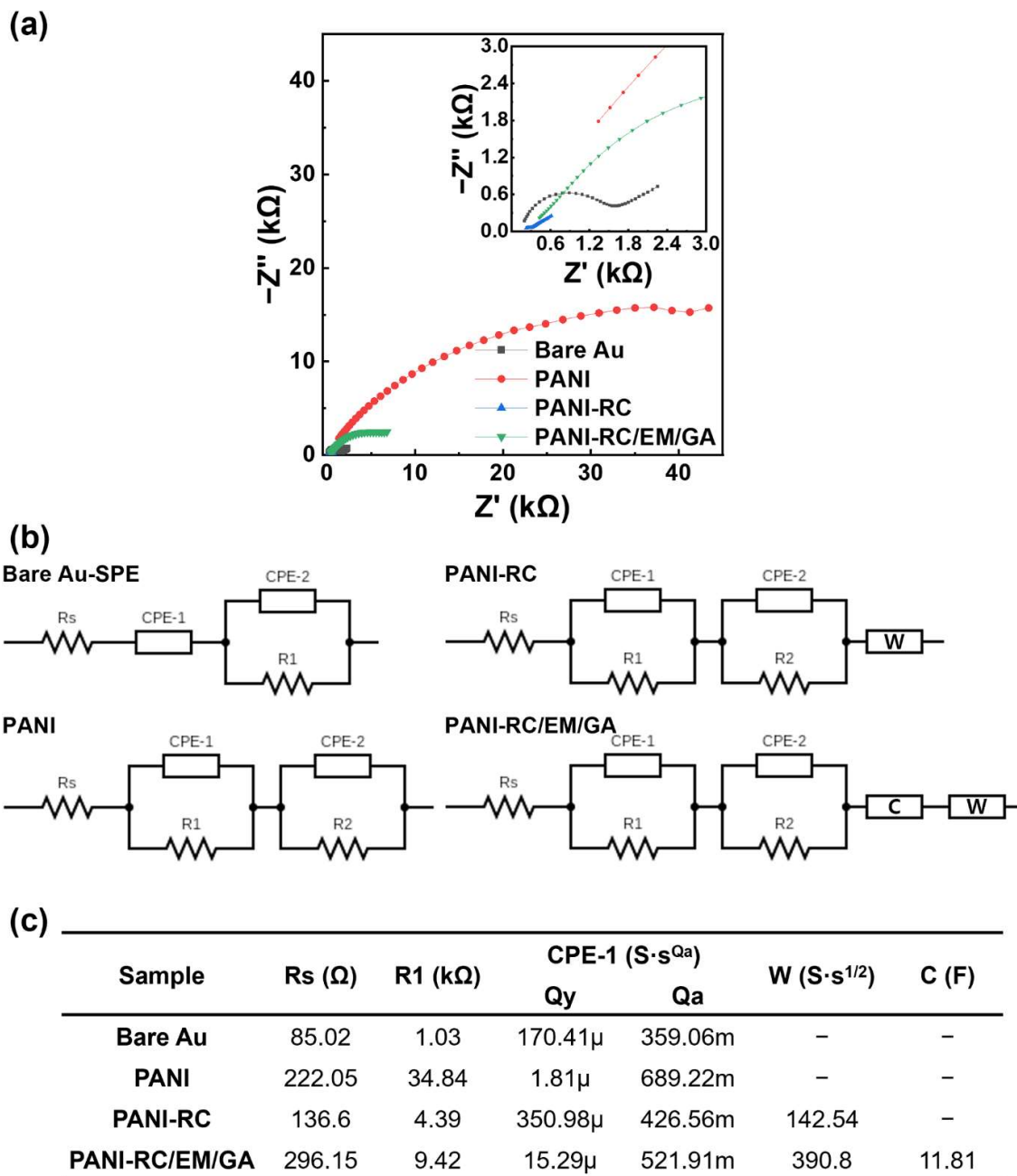


Figure S6. (a) Nyquist plot of each synthesis step in the making of PANI-RC/EM/GA, and (b) the respective equivalent circuits. (c) The change of impedance elements recorded from the EIS of each synthesis step in the making of PANI-RC/EM/GA.

Table S1. FT-IR peak assignments observed in FT-IR spectrum

Material	Assignments	Chemical bonding	Wavenumber (cm⁻¹)
PANI	Quinonoid (Q) ring stretching	N=Q=N	1563
	Benzenoid (B) ring stretching	N-B-N	1484
	C-N stretching of secondary aromatic amine	C-N	1295
	C-N ⁺ in the polaron lattice of PANI	C-N ⁺	1241
	Q=NH ⁺ -B or B-NH ⁺ -B (1,4-disubstituted ring)/Q ring deformation	C-H	1140
PANI-RC	C≡N stretching vibrational peak	C≡N	2045
	N-H stretching vibration of secondary amine	N-H	3417
	O-H stretching vibrations	-OH	3067
PANI-RC/EM	C-H stretching of alkane	-CH, -CH ₂ , -CH ₃	2963, 2872
	C=O stretching vibrations of amide I	C=O	1652
PANI-RC/EM/GA	-CH ₂ scissoring vibrations	-CH ₂	1401
	C-O stretching vibrations of aldehydes	C-O	1711

Table S2. Raman peak assignments comparison between PANI and PANI-RC

Structure	Raman shift peak (cm ⁻¹)	
	PANI	PANI-RC
Aromatic ring	417, 518	424, 522
C-H bending vibrations of the semiquinone rings	1171	1171
C-N benzenoid	1171	1171
Localized and delocalized polarons (C-N ⁺ polaronic form)	1340, 1377	1340, 1374
C=N quinoid (N-H deformation vibration associated with the semiquinone structure)	1505	1505
C=C quinoid (C=C stretches vibration in quinoid ring)	1587	1600