Supporting Information

Bioanalytical method for NAD⁺ detection in blood plasma utilizing solution-phase *Candida boidinii* formate dehydrogenase and electrochemical detection

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S1 UV-visible spectra of CbFDH enzymatic reactions

As discussed in the main text, UV-visible spectrophotometry (200–400 nm) was used to monitor enzymatic reactions involving CbFDH, formate, and NAD⁺, verifying the formation of NADH. The corresponding spectra are shown in Figure S1 below, with a detailed discussion provided in the main text.



Figure S1: UV-vis spectra of **a**) 0.6 mM NAD⁺ vs. 0.8 mM NADH; **b**) varying concentrations of NAD⁺ (0, 0.15, 0.30, 0.45, 0.60, and 0.75 mM); **c**) varying concentrations of NADH (0, 0.20, 0.40, 0.60, 0.80, and 1.02 mM); **d**) a mixture of 320 mM formate, 3 U mL⁻¹ CbFDH, and varying concentrations of NAD⁺ (0, 0.15, 0.30, 0.45, 0.60, and 0.75 mM) in 100-fold diluted blood plasma.

S2 Analytical performance for non-enzymatic detection

Figures 2b and 2c in the main text display cyclic voltammograms of NAD⁺ and NADH, respectively, over various concentrations under non-enzymatic conditions at a scan rate of 25 mV s⁻¹. For NAD⁺, the electrochemical response exhibits a linear range from 0.43 μ M to 10 mM, with a sensitivity of 7.10 ± 0.17 μ A mM⁻¹, a limit of detection (3s_b/m) of 0.13 μ M, and a limit of quantification (10s_b/m) of 0.43 μ M. Meanwhile, NADH shows an oxidation response with a linear range of 0.57 μ M to 12 mM, achieving a sensitivity of 9.98 ± 0.10 μ A mM⁻¹, a limit of detection (3s_b/m) of 0.57 μ M.

S3 Tafel analysis

To assess the electron transfer kinetics, Tafel analysis was performed according to equation 2 in the main text. The plot of $\ln I$ vs. *E* (Figure S2) was constructed using current values within 15–50% of the peak current in order to minimize the influence of mass transport.³⁵ The slope

of this plot yielded a value of $n' + \beta_{n'+1}$ of 0.53 ± 0.01 , indicating that the initial electron transfer is the rate-determining step. The corresponding apparent anodic transfer coefficient $\beta_{n'+1}$ for this step was therefore 0.53 ± 0.01 , as discussed in the main text.



Figure S2: The plot of $\ln I$ vs. *E* in the Tafel analysis of 5 mM NADH in 0.1 M PBS pH 7.6 and 0.1 M KCl at a scan rate of 10 mV s⁻¹. Current values used in the analysis were taken within 15–50% of the peak current.

S4 Scan rate studies: $\log I_p$ versus $\log v$ plot

The plot of log I_p vs. log v (Figure S3) exhibited a slope of 0.46 (R² > 0.999), which closely approximates the theoretical value of 0.5. This agreement supports the conclusion that the NADH oxidation at graphite SPEs is predominantly diffusion-controlled, as discussed in the main text.



Figure S3: log I_p vs. log v plot of 5 mM NADH in 0.1 M PBS pH 7.6 and 0.1 M KCl, at scan rates ranging from 10 to 400 mV s⁻¹.