## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Localized photothermal effect of Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanowires boosts its catalytic

## performance in glucose electrochemical detection

Teng You, Shuang Xiao, Ping Huang, Chunyan Wang, Ping Jiang\*, Daiping He\*

Chongqing Key Laboratory of Inorganic Functional Materials, College of Chemistry,

Chongqing Normal University, Chongqing 401331, China

E-mail: jphdp868@126.com; hedaiping@126.com.



Fig. S1. XRD pattern of calcinated product scratched from NF.



Fig. S2. (a) Low- and (b) high- magnification SEM images of Co precursor.



Fig. S3. TEM images of Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NWs scratched from NF.



Fig. S4. XPS survey spectrum of Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NWs/NF.



Fig. S5. UV-vis absorption spectrum of NF, Co precursor/NF and Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NWs/NF.



**Fig. S6.** CV curves of NF, Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NWs, and Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NWs/NF before (dash line) and after (solid line) addition of 0.1 mM glucose.



Fig. S7. CV curves of Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NWs/NF (a) and PE-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NWs/NF.



Fig. S8. Current responses of NF, Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NWs, Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NWs/NF, and PE-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NWs/NF at 0.55 V

for continuous addition of 0.1 mM glucose.

Sensors	Sensitivity (mA mM <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Linear range (mM)	LOD (µM)	Potential (V)	Refs
MnO <sub>2</sub> /Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	0.13	0 - 7	0.03	0.55	43
SS-C0 <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	0.67	0.04 - 4.8	3	0.48	14
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /rGO	0.082	0 - 2.0	50	0.35	38
C03O4-MCNT	2.55	0.001-0.122	02	0.50	44
NF/NiCo2O4 NWs@ Co3O4NPs	3.80	0.02 - 0.1	10	0.60	45
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> NPs@HCC-MWCNTs/GCE	1.26	0.0005 - 0.1	0.043	0.65	46
CuO-Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1.50	0 - 2.0	1.50	0.55	47
Porous Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	1.06	0 - 0.60	0.32	0.55	48
rGO@Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -NC/ITO	2.56	0.0005-0.02	0.050	0.65	49
C0 <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> NWs/NF	14.35	0.001 - 0.73	0.97	0.55	This work
PE-Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> NWs/NF	26.14	0.001 - 0.73	0.56	0.55	This work

**Table S1.** Comparison of the performances for various  $Co_3O_4$  based enzyme-free glucose electrochemical sensors.

Sample	Found (µM)	Add (µM)	Detected (µM)	Recover (%)	RSD (%, n=3)
Sample 1 6.11	10.0	$16.41 \pm 0.18$	101.9	1.10	
	20.0	$27.01 \pm 0.17$	103.4	0.63	
	30.0	$35.11 \pm 0.70$	97.2	1.99	

**Table S2.** Determination of glucose in spiked human serum sample 1 using the present PE-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> NWs/NF.