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Preparation of gold nanostructures conducting polymer composites for electrochemical and optical sensors

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Electrochemical arrays and sensors can be made from conducting polymers and applied in different fields such as environmental and biomedical sciences and industry front due to their attractive physical and chemical properties. Conducting polymers are not expensive and easy to synthesize while being distinguished by good stability and electrical conductivity. Nanotechnology and nano science have a significant impact on analytical chemistry, medicine, pharmacy and is still growing every year. Gold nanoparticles and nanostructures are one of the most widely used metal nano objects due to their desirable physical and optical properties. Combining conducting polymers with gold nano structures can significantly change the optical and electrochemical properties of polymeric films. Gold nanostructures are known as excellent chromophores due to excitation of surface plasmons, leading to higher conductivity and selectivity in addition to a change in optical properties of polymers. The aim of this work was to investigate electrochromic and optical properties of a polymer composite consisting of poly (3, 4-ethylenedioxythiophene) (PEDOT) and polyaniline (PANI) electrodeposited on indium tin oxide (ITO) coated glass pre-modified with gold nano structures (AuNS). Different methods were used for the electrochemical synthesis of AuNS onto ITO coated glass slide. Electrochromic properties, absorbance spectra, conductivity and stability of distinctly modified polymer layers were determined and compared. In addition, sensitivity of formed polymeric films to pH changes was evaluated.

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