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## ABSTRACT

Research has been carried out on indicator electrodes (1) PVA-Enzyme/PVC-KTpCIPB, sensitivity 19,069 mV/decade, detection range  $1.10^{-5}$ – $5.10^{-4}$  M, detection limit  $1.10^{-5}$  M. The width of the peak UV–vis absorbance is narrow (2) PVA-Enzyme/GA-2.9 %/PVC-KTpCIPB wide UV–vis absorbance peak but the absorbance peak decreased, (3) PVA-Enzyme/GA-2.9 %/PVC-KTpCIPB-o-NPOE XRD analysis amorphous spectral pattern appeared (4) PVA-Enzyme/GA-2.9 %/PPy + H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/PVC-KTpCIPB-o-NPOE (5) PVA-Enzyme/GA-2.9 %/PPy + Sulfonic Acid/PVC-KTpCIPB-o-NPOE, amorphous spectrum pattern in (4) and (5) were greatly reduced for the enzyme variation of 0.6 g in 0.5 mL (50 % water + 50 % alcohol). GA plays a role in increasing the detection range, o-NPOE forms amorphous, enzyme variations increase the intensity of the XRD spectrum pattern. The method of developing a gradual modification of the indicator electrode membrane by cross-linking GA, o-NPOE, conductive polymer. The best results were obtained at the indicator electrode PVA-Enzyme/GA-2.9 %/PPy + Sulfonic Acid/PVC-KTpCIPB-o-NPOE. Analysis of 5 e linear curve of the sample El<sub>5</sub>-1 with a sensitivity of 41.56 mV/decade, a detection range of  $10^{-4}$ – $10^{-3}$  M and a detection limit of  $10^{-4}$  M, R<sup>2</sup> = 97.51 %. The best indicator electrode is El<sub>5</sub>-1.

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## 1. Introduction

Modification of the indicator electrode membrane layer started from (1) PVA-Enzyme/PVC-KTpCIPB [1,2] PVA-Enzyme/GA-2.9 %/PVC-KTpCIPB [1–3] PVA-Enzyme/GA-2.9 %/PVC-KTpCIPB-o-NPOE, [4] PVA-Enzyme/GA-2.9 %/PPy + H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/PVC-KTpCIPB-o-NPOE, PVA-Enzyme/GA-2.9 %/PPy + Sulfonic Acid/PVC-KTpCIPB-o-NPOE.

Each indicator electrode is given the notation El<sub>1</sub>, El<sub>2</sub>, El<sub>3</sub>, El<sub>4</sub> and El<sub>5</sub>. El<sub>1</sub> narrow absorbance spectrum pattern resulting in a small detection range modified to El<sub>2</sub>. El<sub>2</sub> was modified by adding a GA layer at variations of 2.6 %, 2.9 % and 3.0 % in PVA-Enzyme from El<sub>1</sub>. The GA solution was analyzed by UV–vis. The absorbance spectrum pattern increases the width of the absorption peak which affects the detection range (see Fig. 1a). El<sub>2</sub> modification was continued by adding o-NPOE solution at variations of 61 % and 66 % in PVC-KTpCIPB solution. The PVC-KTpCIPB-o-NPOE solution was analyzed by UV–vis to produce the absorbance spectrum pattern seen in Fig. 1b. El<sub>2</sub> analysis with XRD produces an amorphous spectral diffraction pattern around the 2theta angle of 20–25 degrees

accompanied by a decrease in energy intensity, see Fig. 2a. The formation of an amorphous spectrum pattern and a decrease in intensity.

Based on Figs. 1 and 2, the researchers continued to modify the indicator electrode membrane with a conducting polymer material, namely PPy. This PPy can only dissolve in H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and Sulphonic Acid. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> is soluble at a concentration of 8 M while sulfonic acid is soluble at a concentration of 1 M. Modification of the electrode membrane in sequence (1) PVA-Enzyme/GA-2.9 %/PPy + H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/PVC-KTpCIPB-o-NPOE, denoted El<sub>4</sub>-1 (2) PVA-Enzyme/GA-2.9 %/PPy + Sulfonic Acid/PVC-KTpCIPB-o-NPOE denoted El<sub>5</sub>-1. Modification procedures El<sub>4</sub>-1 and El<sub>5</sub>-1, variations in the number of drops of urease enzyme are one drop and three drops, the results of the analysis can be seen in Fig. 2b, c and Table 1. The electrode membrane layer consists of four layers, the first layer is PVA-Enzyme, the second layer GA 2.9 %, third layer PPy + H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> or PPy + Sulfonic Acid, fourth layer PVC-KTpCIPB-o-NPOE 61 %. Selected o-NPOE 61 % from the UV–vis analysis of Fig. 1. Compared to Fig. 2b, c and Table 1, the XRD diffraction spectrum pattern analysis showed a very large decrease in the amorphous spectrum pattern followed by an increase in the crystal spectral pattern (see Fig. 3).

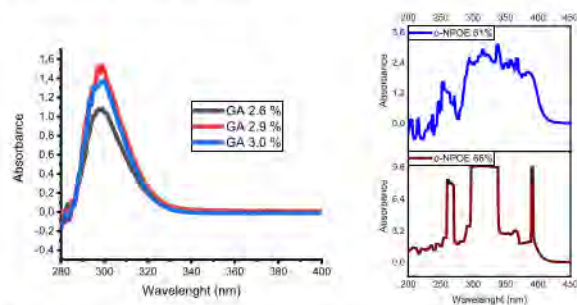
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**Fig. 1.** UV-vis analysis of solutions (a) GA 2.6%, 2.9% and 3.0%, (b) PVC-KTpCIPB-o-NPOE 61%, 66%.

This indicator electrode sample was selected to select the best electrode according to the layer modification which had analyzed the absorbance spectrum pattern of the PVA-enzyme immobilized layer; layer two GA crosslinks; PPy conduction polymer triple layer; and a layer of four o-NPOE plasticizers on PVC-KTpCIPB [3]. After XRD analysis of samples EI5-1, EI5-3, EI4-1, EI4-3, the best samples were EI5-1 and EI4-1. Both samples were analyzed by FTIR, cell response potentiometer and linear curve analysis determining sensitivity, detection range, detection limit and  $R^2$ .

## 2. Methods

The method in this study is the biosensor potentiometric method [4–6] immobilization technique [7] urease enzyme which analytes urea, using potentiometric cells to determine the feasibility of urea sensors based on (1) response time of samples EI5-1 and EI4-1, (2) through linear curve analysis. Materials consist of 1.0 mm diameter tungsten 267 562 99.99 %, PVA [ $-\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH}-\text{n}$ ], enzyme EC 3.5.1.5 (Urease) U4002, Glutaraldehyde (GA), PPy,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , Sulphonic acid, PVC ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CHCl}$ ) n, potassium tetrakis 4-chlorophenyl borate ( $\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4$ )<sub>4</sub>BK, tetrahydrofuran  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}$ , o-NPOE, KCl. Potentiometer (Keithley 199 DMM, USA), tungsten indi-

**Table 1**

Analysis of the EDX spectrum pattern of the indicator electrode (a) EI5-1, (b) EI5-3, (c) EI4-1, (d) EI4-3.

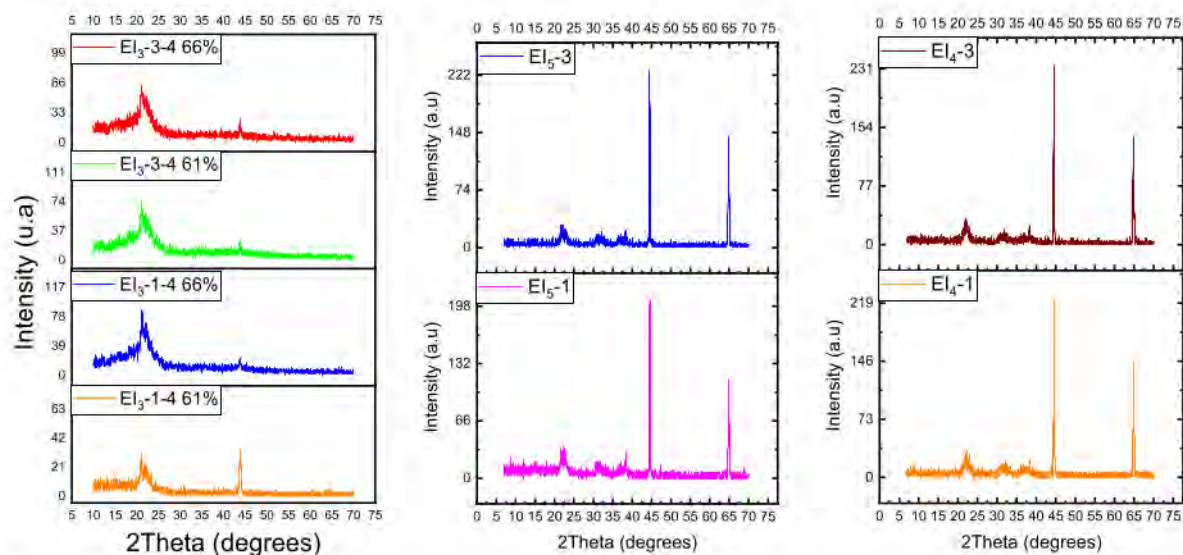
2Theta	EI5-1	EI5-3	EI4-1	EI4-3
44.48	140	220	166	236
44.5	164	228	210	216
44.54	204	176	224	172

icator electrode (W), Ag/AgCl MF-2052 rE-5B reference electrode in a microcomputer assembled electrochemical cell (ADI Powerlab instruments, Australia), magnetic stirrer and flow injection (FIA).

## 3. Result and discussion

Fig. 1, shows the analysis of the indicator electrode with UV-vis [8–11] on GA solution [2] and o-NPOE solution in PVC-KTpCIPB (PVC-KTpCIPB-o-NPOE) [1,16–18]. The absorbance spectrum pattern with respect to the wavenumber of both shows a widening of the absorbance spectrum pattern for both GA and PVC-KTpCIPB-o-NPOE. Analysis of Fig. 1a and 1b selected the best 2.9 % GA and PVC-KTpCIPB-o-NPOE (o-NPOE 61 %) on the basis of coated indicator electrodes for the second and fourth layers.

Fig. 2 shows the analysis of the XRD diffraction spectrum pattern [18] for the indicator electrodes (a) EI<sub>3</sub>-1-4 61 %, EI<sub>3</sub>-1-4 66 %, EI<sub>3</sub>-3-4 61 % and EI<sub>3</sub>-3-4 66 %, (b) EI<sub>5</sub>-1, EI<sub>5</sub>-3, (c) EI<sub>4</sub>-1, EI<sub>4</sub>-3. In Fig. 2a the XRD diffraction spectrum pattern from EI<sub>3</sub>-1-4 61 %, EI<sub>3</sub>-1-4 66 %, EI<sub>3</sub>-3-4 61 %, amorphous and crystalline spectrum patterns are formed with low intensity. In contrast to Fig. 2b EI<sub>5</sub>-1 and EI<sub>5</sub>-3, 2c EI<sub>4</sub>-1 and EI<sub>4</sub>-3 [19], a low amorphous spectrum pattern and high intensity crystals are formed. So it is clear that the pattern of the indicator electrode layers EI<sub>5</sub>-1, EI<sub>5</sub>-3 and EI<sub>4</sub>-1, EI<sub>4</sub>-3, varies in the number of drops of urease enzyme, one drop and three drops, respectively. The peak height of energy intensity with respect to the diffraction angle of 2theta can be seen in Table 1 (a) EI<sub>5</sub>-1 high intensity 204 (a.u) at a diffraction angle of 44.54 degrees, (b) EI<sub>5</sub>-3 high intensity 228 (a.u) at a diffraction angle of 44.5 degrees, (c) EI<sub>4</sub>-1 high intensity 224 (a.u) at a diffrac-



**Fig. 2.** Analysis of the XRD diffraction spectrum pattern of the indicator electrode (a) EI<sub>3</sub>-1-4 61%, EI<sub>3</sub>-1-4 66%, EI<sub>3</sub>-3-4 61% and EI<sub>3</sub>-3-4 66%, (b) EI<sub>5</sub>-1 and EI<sub>5</sub>-3, (c) EI<sub>4</sub>-1 and EI<sub>4</sub>-3.

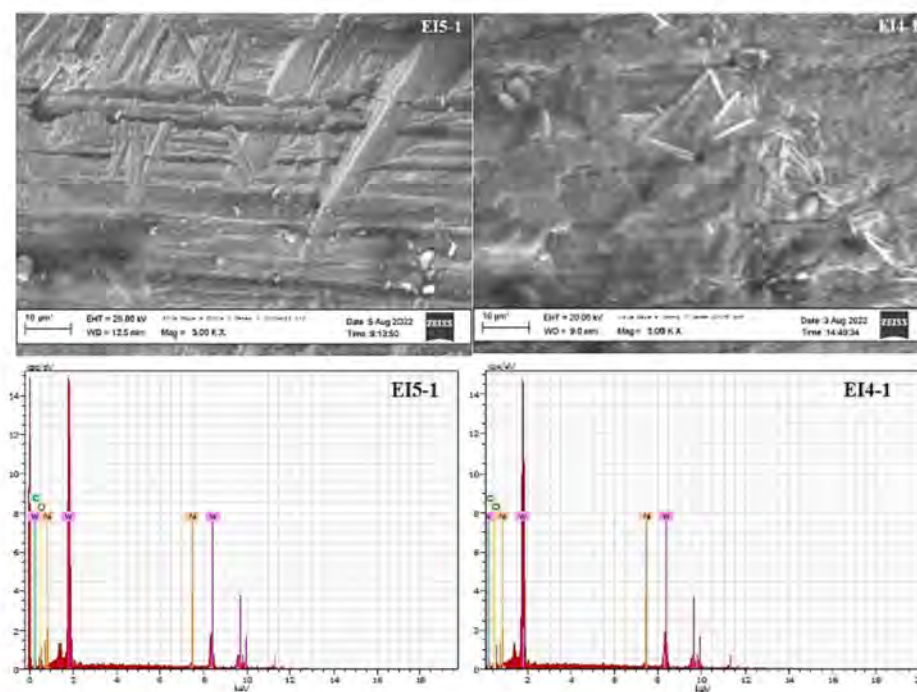


Fig. 3. SEM morphology and Spectrum pattern of intensity to EDX energy from indicator electrode (a) EI<sub>5</sub>-1, (b) EI<sub>4</sub>-1.

Table 2  
Weight percentage of indicator electrodes from the EDX spectrum pattern of samples EI<sub>5</sub>-1 and EI<sub>4</sub>-1.

Indicator Electrodes	Material	unn. C [wt.%]	nom. C [wt.%]	Atom. C [at.%]	Error (1 Sigma) [wt.%]
EI <sub>5</sub> -1	W 74 i-series	69.07	76.86	29.23	2.28
EI <sub>4</sub> -1	W 74 i-series	81.95	83.86	32.85	2.65

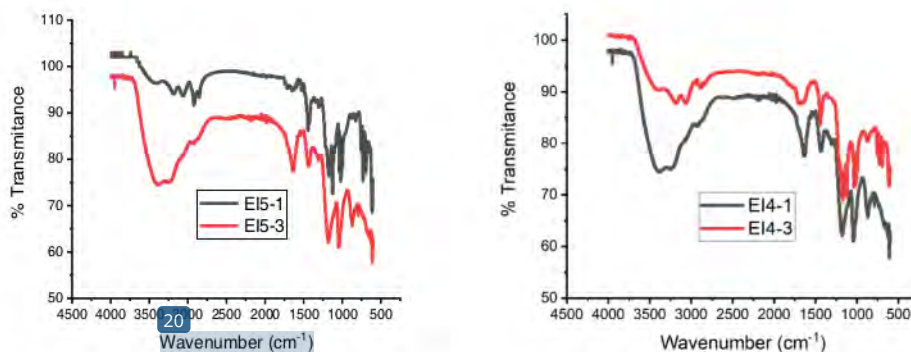


Fig. 4. The pattern of the transmittance spectrum against the wavenumber of the indicator electrodes (a) EI<sub>5</sub>-1, EI<sub>5</sub>-3, (b) EI<sub>4</sub>-1, EI<sub>4</sub>-3.

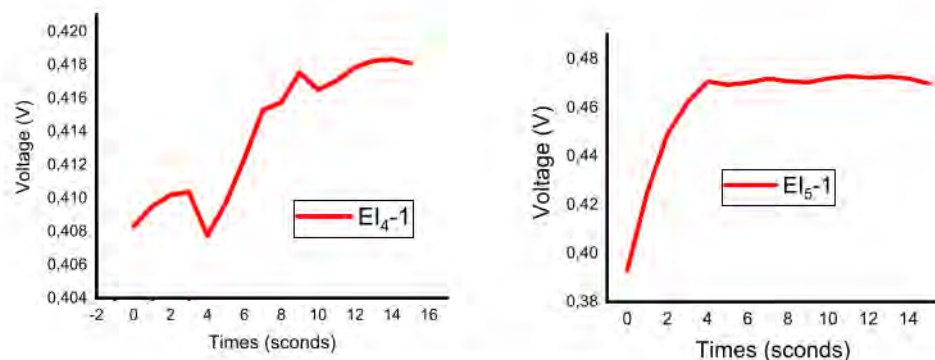
tion angle of 44.54 degrees, (d) EI<sub>4</sub>-3 high intensity 236 (a.u) at a diffraction angle of 44.48 degrees.

Researchers are still continuing the analysis with SEM-EDX and FTIR [20] for clear assurance of the material used in the indicator electrodes (a) EI<sub>5</sub>-1, (b) EI<sub>5</sub>-3, (c) EI<sub>4</sub>-1, (d) EI<sub>4</sub>-3 as one sample best.

SEM morphology analysis with 3 Kx magnification at a voltage of 10 m 20 Kv resulted in a difference in energy intensity of 13.5 cps/keV 1 M sample EI<sub>5</sub>-1 and energy intensity 14.7 cps/keV 8 M sample EI<sub>4</sub>-1. Based on Table 1, it was obtained that the intensity of XRD analysis increased, Table 2 obtained that the data discrep-

**Table 3**  
Table of transmittance ranges for sample wave numbers (a) EI4-1, (b) EI5-1.

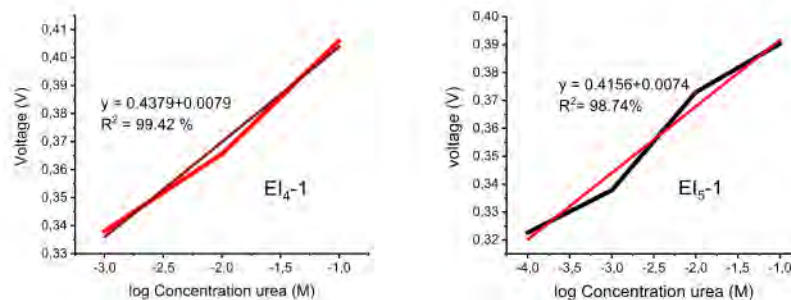
Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Transmittance (%)			
	EI <sub>4</sub> -1	EI <sub>4</sub> -3	EI <sub>5</sub> -1	EI <sub>5</sub> -3
600	60.8895	75.5583	75.9339	48.5782
4000	97.9351	100.9955	102.5625	100.8259



**Fig. 5.** Response time (a) EI<sub>4</sub>-1, (b) EI<sub>5</sub>-1.

**Table 4**  
Linear curve of indicator electrodes EI<sub>4</sub>-1 and EI<sub>5</sub>-1.

Indicator electrode membrane layer	Sensitivity mV/decade	Detection range (M)	Detection limit (M)	R-square (R <sup>2</sup> ) (%)
EI <sub>4</sub> -1	43.79	10 <sup>-3</sup> –10 <sup>-1</sup>	10 <sup>-3</sup>	98.83
EI <sub>5</sub> -1	41.56	10 <sup>-4</sup> –10 <sup>-1</sup>	10 <sup>-4</sup>	97.51



**Fig. 6.** Analisis kurva linear (1) EI<sub>5</sub>-1, (b) EI<sub>4</sub>-1.

ancy was greater in weight percent EI<sub>4</sub>-1 than weight percent EI<sub>5</sub>-1. While the FTIR analysis in Fig. 4 and Table 3 increases the transmittance for the indicator electrodes EI<sub>5</sub>-1 and EI<sub>5</sub>-3, on the contrary, the transmittance decreases for the indicator electrodes EI<sub>4</sub>-1 and EI<sub>4</sub>-3. XRD, FTIR and SEM-EDX analysis [6,21,22] then the best samples are EI<sub>5</sub>-1 and EI<sub>4</sub>-1.

After selecting two samples of indicator electrodes EI<sub>5</sub>-1 and EI<sub>4</sub>-1, according to the biosensor potentiometry method, a potentiometer cell was used to test the feasibility of the indicator electrode response time (Fig. 5). The best response time analysis [6] Fig. 5a and b were obtained on the EI<sub>5</sub>-1 sample also supported by the data in Table 4 that the EI<sub>5</sub>-1 indicator electrode has a sensitivity of 41.56 mV/decade, a detection range of 10<sup>-4</sup>–10<sup>-1</sup> M, detection limit is 10<sup>-4</sup> M and R<sup>2</sup> = 97.51 % [5,23]. The detection range of EI<sub>5</sub>-1 is greater than that of EI<sub>4</sub>-1, the detection range is

10<sup>-4</sup>–10<sup>-1</sup> M, the detection limit is 10<sup>-4</sup> M, while R<sup>2</sup> = 98.83 % [3,25,26].

In electrochemical detection, the signal associated with the interaction of the analyte is measured through the electrode. Measurements can be made by (a) connecting current and voltage, namely voltammetric and conductor metric biosensors; (b) current or voltage with respect to time, i.e., amperometric or potentiometric; (c) the imaginary versus the real part of the impedance, i.e., impedometric; (d) drain current versus line voltage in a FET biosensor [6], agreement with previously reported analytes (i.e., FTIR, XRD, and SEM) [22] and confirming interactions with added organic modifiers (see Fig. 6).

The procedure of this study followed (a) Analysis of transmittance, edx, xrd [27], edx, xrd, linear curve, sensitivity and detection range [28], transmittance, concentration, sensitivity [29–31]; (b)

The biosensor system [20], namely (1) selectivity, (2) sensitivity, (3) linearity response, namely the concentration range of the target analyte to be measured, (4) reproducibility of signal response, samples having a different concentration. the same analyzed several times should give the same response, (5) fast response time and recovery time for reusability of the biosensor system, (6) stability and operating life; (c) The [7] immobilization technique [15] developed based on three important mechanisms, namely (1) physical adsorption, (2) covalent immobilization, (3) streptavidin–biotin immobilization. Achieving high sensitivity and selectivity requires minimization of nonspecific adsorption and stability.

#### 4. Conclusion

As a conclusion from XRD, SEM-EDX and FTIR analysis, response time and linear curve analysis, the best sample is the EI<sub>5</sub>-1 indicator electrode with four layer modifications, namely PVA-Enzyme/GA-2.9 %/PPy + Sulfonic Acid/PVC-KTpCIPB-o-NPOE.

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