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MINIMALLY-INVASIVE MICRONEEDLE-BASED BIOSENSOR ARRAY FOR
TRANSDERMAL SIMULTANEOUS LACTATE AND GLUCOSE MONITORING

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Microneedle arrays for minimally invasive continuous sensing in the dermal interstitial fluid (ISF) have been demonstrated in both amperometric [1,2] and potentiometric [3] modes, however there are no publication where microneedle arrays have been shown to function as second generation biosensors [4]. Here we report the first mediated pain free microneedle-based biosensor array for the continuous and simultaneous monitoring of lactate and glucose in artificial interstitial fluid (ISF).

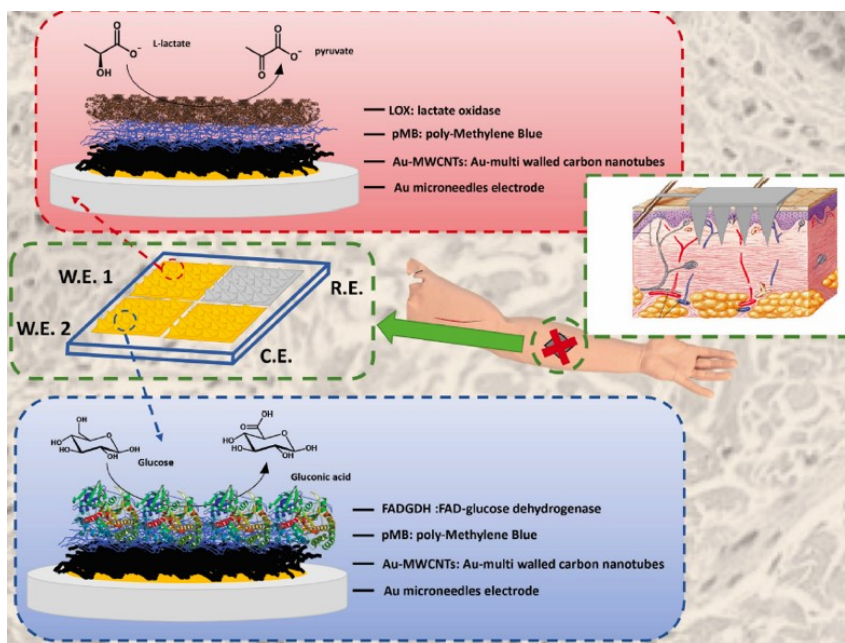


Figure 1. Schematic representation of microneedle-based biosensor array for simultaneous determination of glucose and lactate in ISF.

The gold surface of the microneedles has been modified by electrodeposition of Au-multiwalled carbon nanotubes (MWCNTs) and successively by electropolymerization of the redox mediator, methylene blue (MB). Functionalization of the Au-MWCNTs/polyMB

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platform with the lactate oxidase (LOX) enzyme (working electrode 1) and with the FAD-Glucose dehydrogenase (FADGDH) enzyme (working electrode 2) enabled the continuous monitoring of lactate and glucose in the artificial ISF. The lactate biosensor exhibited a high sensitivity ($797.4 \pm 38.1 \mu\text{A cm}^{-2} \text{mM}^{-1}$), a good linear range (10-100 μM) with a detection limit of 3 μM . The performances of the glucose biosensor were also good with a sensitivity of $405.2 \pm 24.1 \mu\text{A cm}^{-2} \text{mM}^{-1}$, a linear range between 0.05 and 5 mM and a detection limit of 7 μM . The biosensor array was tested to detect the amount of lactate generated after 100 minutes of cycling exercise (12 mM) and of glucose after a normal meal for a healthy patient (10 mM).

The results reveal that the new microneedles-based biosensor array holds interesting promise for the development of wearable real-time monitoring devices to be used in sport medicine and clinical care.

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