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Continuous glucose monitoring using ZnO nanowire biosensor chip

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Zinc oxide (ZnO) nanowires have found many potential applications, ranging from sensors to optoelectronics, due to its unique chemical, electrical, optical and piezoelectric properties. Furthermore, the biocompatibility and high isoelectric point of ZnO nanowire means that the nanomaterial is an excellent candidate for biosensing application. Here we discuss the development of glucose biosensor chip based on ZnO nanowires. The device can be used in the continuous monitoring of blood glucose that is of paramount importance in managing chronic disease, such as diabetes. In this talk, the use of flexographic printing technique and hydrothermal growth of nanowires that enable high-volume low-cost production of these devices will be presented. Such fabrication technique would significantly reduce the production cost of these devicesand hence rendering them commercially viable.

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