

Optical Immunosensor Based on Photoluminescence of ZnO Thin Films for the Detection of GVA-Antigen Proteins

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Photoluminescence based immunosensor for the determination of *Grapevine virus A-type* (GVA) proteins (GVA-antigens) has been developed [1]. The immunosensor was based on thin films of ZnO (100 nm thickness) formed on the Silicon substrates by atomic layer deposition (ALD). The ZnO-based films have demonstrated favorable surface-structural properties for the direct immobilization of antibodies against GVA-antigens in order to form a biosensitive layer sensitive to the GVA antigens. The absorption of anti-GVA antibodies resulted in a new photoluminescence band appearance in the region of 400-550 nm (Fig. 1) that can be caused by the formation of some chemical bounds during the anti-GVA adsorption on ZnO surface. The possibility to detect GVA-antigens without additional labels (e.g enzymes or fluorescent dyes) has been demonstrated. The GVA-antigen detection was performed by the evaluation of changes and behavior of the photoluminescence band, related to protein adsorption. The sensitivity of as-formed label-free biosensor towards the GVA-antigens was determined in the range from 1 pg/ml to 10 ng/ml.

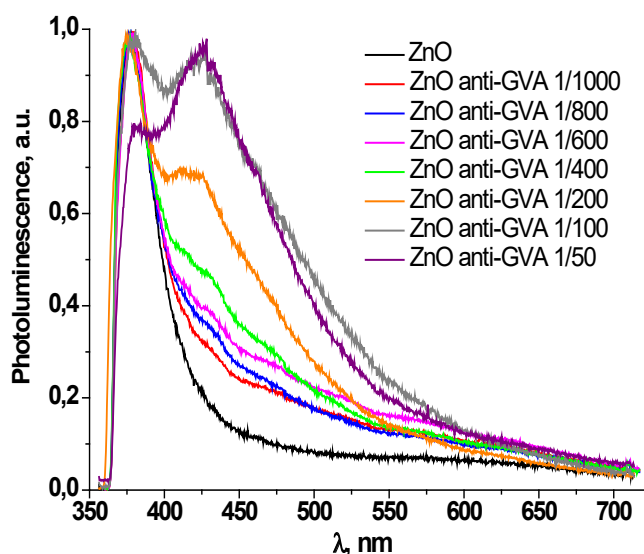


Fig.1. Photoluminescence spectra of ZnO_{100nm} clean and ZnO_{110nm} immobilized by different concentrations of anti-GVA antibodies.

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