## **Supporting Information**

## Self-Assembled Peptide Hydrogel as a Smart Biointerface for Enzyme-Based Electrochemical Biosensing and Cell Monitoring

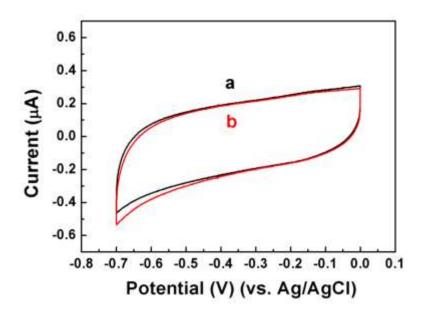
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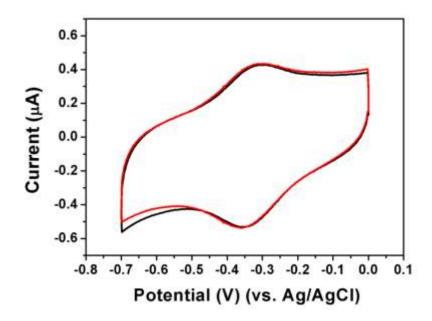
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**Figure S1.** CVs of the Fmoc-FF hydrogel/GCE with (a) 0, (b) 30  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in 0.1 M PBS (pH 7.0) at a scan rate of 0.1 V s<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S2.** CVs obtained at the HRP/Fmoc-FF hydrogel/GCE in 0.1 M PBS (pH 7.0) before (black line) and after (red line) continuous scanned for 100 cycles. Scan rate:  $0.1~V~s^{-1}$ .

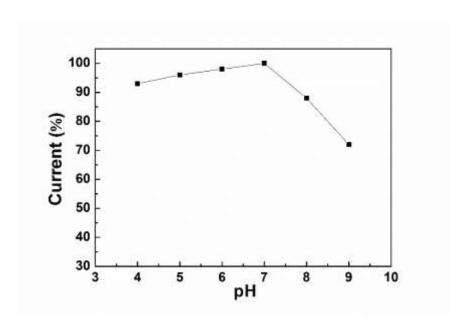
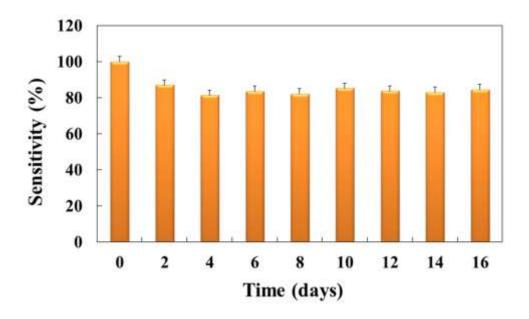
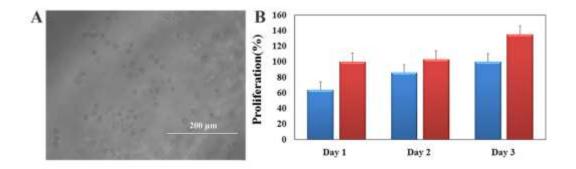


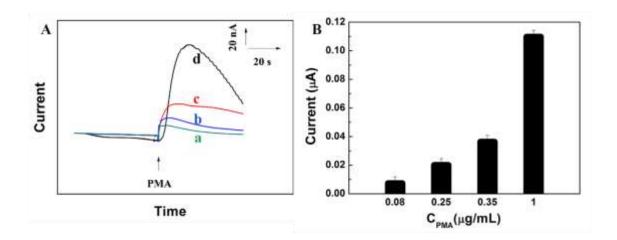
Figure S3. Effect of solution pH on the electrocatalytic responses of the HRP/Fmoc-FF hydrogel/GCE with 10  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in 0.1 M PBS at -0.35 V vs. Ag/AgCl.



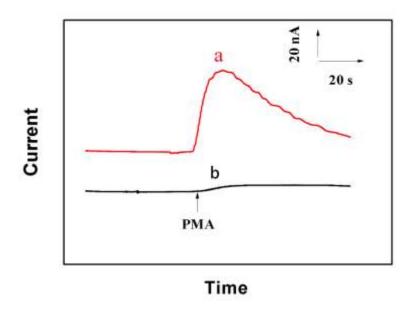
**Figure S4.** Stability test for the HRP/Fmoc-FF hydrogel/GCE at -0.35 V vs. Ag/AgCl in 0.1 M PBS (pH 7.0) over 2 weeks.



**Figure S5.** (A) Hela cells cultured above the surface of the Fmoc-FF peptide hydrogel, scale bar represents 200  $\mu$ m. (B) Cell proliferation based on an MTT assay within the Fmoc-FF hydrogel (red), and the tissue culture plastic control (blue).



**Figure S6.** (A) Amperometric responses of the HRP/Fmoc-FF hydrogel/GCE with HeLa cells ( $3\times10^4$  cells) on the surface of the modified electrode induced by (a) 0.08, (b) 0.25, (c) 0.35 and (d) 1 µg mL<sup>-1</sup> PMA in 0.1 M PBS (pH 7.0) at -0.35 V vs. Ag/AgCl. (B) The increase of the peak current obtained at the HRP/Fmoc-FF hydrogel/GCE with HeLa cells ( $3\times10^4$  cells) on the surface of the modified electrode induced by different concentration of PMA.



**Figure S7.** Amperometric responses of the HRP/Fmoc-FF hydrogel/GCE induced by PMA (1  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>) in 0.1 M PBS (pH 7.0) at -0.35 V vs. Ag/AgCl, in the presence (a) and absence (b) of Hela cells (2×10<sup>6</sup> cells) in measured solutions.

**Table S1**. Comparison of the proposed  $H_2O_2$  biosensor with other HRP-based direct electrochemical biosensors.

Different modified electrodes	Linear range	<b>Detection limit</b>	Reference
	(μΜ)	$(\mu M)$	
HRP/Fmoc-FF hydrogel/GCE	0.1-60.2	0.018	this work
HRP-agarose/EPG	4.2-60.4		(1)
HRP-PNM hydrogel/GCE	0.19–1.35	0.0475	(2)
HRP/chitosan/sol-gel/CNT/GCE	4.8–5000	1.4	(3)
HRP-loaded PHC hydrogel/ITO	1–1000	0.5	(4)
HRP/Ni-Al-LDHNS/GCE	0.6–192	0.4	(5)
HRP/TiO <sub>2</sub> -48/Nafion/GCE	0.4–140	0.05	(6)
HRP/Ag@C/ITO	0.5–140	0.2	(7)
HRP/C-Dots/LDHs/GCE	0.1–23.1	0.04	(8)

PNM, poly (N-isopropylacyamide-co-3-methacryloxypropyltrimethoxy silane); CNT, carbon nanotubes; PHC, polyhydroxyl cellulose; LDHNS, layered double hydroxide nanosheets.

The number of extracellular  $H_2O_2$  molecule released per cell (*No*) can be calculated according to:  $No = \{[\Delta R \div (k \times A) \times V] \times NA\} \div \{\epsilon \times A\}$ , where  $\Delta R$  is current response, k is sensitivity of the sensing platform, A is electrode surface area, V is volume of electrolyte,  $N_A$  is the Avogadro constant (6.02×10<sup>23</sup>/mole), and  $\epsilon$  is cell density. With known current response of 109.7 nA (curve a of Figure 5B), a sensitivity of 0.29  $\mu$ A  $\mu$ M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>, electrode surface area of 7.07 mm<sup>2</sup>, and cell density of 4243 mm<sup>-2</sup>, as well as the volume of the electrolyte (1 mL),  $N_0$  is calculated to be around  $10^{11}$ .

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