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## Microelectrochemical Smart Needle for Real Time Minimally Invasive Oximetry

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## **Supplementary Materials**

	Selected Area 1		Elected Area 3
Element	UAN Weight% (SD)	PAN5 Weight % (SD)	ΔWeight%
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C	9.23 (±0.69)	5.85 (±0.96)	-3.37

**Figure S1.** EDX analysis of UAN **(left)** and PAN5 (**right**), with four selected regions of analysis to contract weight% and shifts in elemental constituents prior to and post electrochemical pitting corrosion.

0.64 (±0.03)

1.54 (±0.13)

Si

-0.9



**Figure S2.** Schematic of SEM-image treating using FIJI software to characterize porosity. (**a**) SEM images of PAN5 and PAN10 (2000×), (**b**) snipped to a 300 × 300-pixel area and skeletonized, with 40 'pits' identified and measured to scale. Resulting measure of porosity found PAN5 and PAN10 average pit size to be 0.166  $\mu$ m ± 0.09 and 0.25  $\mu$ m ± 0.21, respectively.

**Table S1.** Atomic force microscopy data, displaying measures of physical characterization such a range (max, min) along the z-axis, RMS, SA, scan size for 10  $\mu$ m<sup>2</sup> for the UAN, PAN5, and PAN10 electrode sample.

AFM DATA	UAN	UAN (2)	PAN5	PAN10
NUMBER OF POINTS	262,144	262,144	262,144	262,144
<b>ΜΑΧ-Ζ (μΜ)</b>	32.65	48.03	738.02	1682.00
<b>ΜΙΝ-Ζ (μΜ)</b>	22.92	38.29	908.032	1127.00
RMS (μM)	5.45	7.54	224.37	270.343
PERCENT XY (%)	100	100	100	100
<b>SA (μM)</b>	100.1	100.4	117.9	159.6
SCAN SIZE (µM2)	10	10	10	10



**Figure S3.** Instron graph detailing the average load for both UAN and PAN subtypes (n = 3, respectively) while compressing into ballistic gel. Initial penetration of ballistic gel achieved at ~5mm of displacement from the 100 N force plate. Error bands mark the standard deviation of the moving load averages for both groups.

Matorial	Current density (O2 saturated)	Electrode size
Wateria	(mA/cm2)	(mm)
Lacc-CNP-PPy/PAN (this work)	-4.2	0.3
Carbon microfiber - Co/N/C [1]	-1	0.15
AuragenTM Depth Electrode (Pt) [2]	-0.35	1.2
Pt/Nafion [3]	-2.16	0.5



**Figure S4.** SEM pictures (**A**) before and (**B**) after simulating the injection of the Lacc-CNP-PPy/PAN needle in ballistic gel.



**Figure S5.** Cyclic voltammograms of the CNP-PPy/PAN electrode. The experiments were performed in 0.1 M phosphate buffer, pH 7.5, in a nitrogen solution at scan rates of 5 mV s-1.



**Figure S6.** (**A**) Plot of the calibrated O<sub>2</sub>-concentrations function of the measured current across the Lacc-CNP-PPy/PAN electrode and counter electrode. (**B**) Electrocatalytic oxygen reduction performance at three different Lacc-CNP-PPy/PAN electrodes in PBS solution (pH 7.4) at room temperature.

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