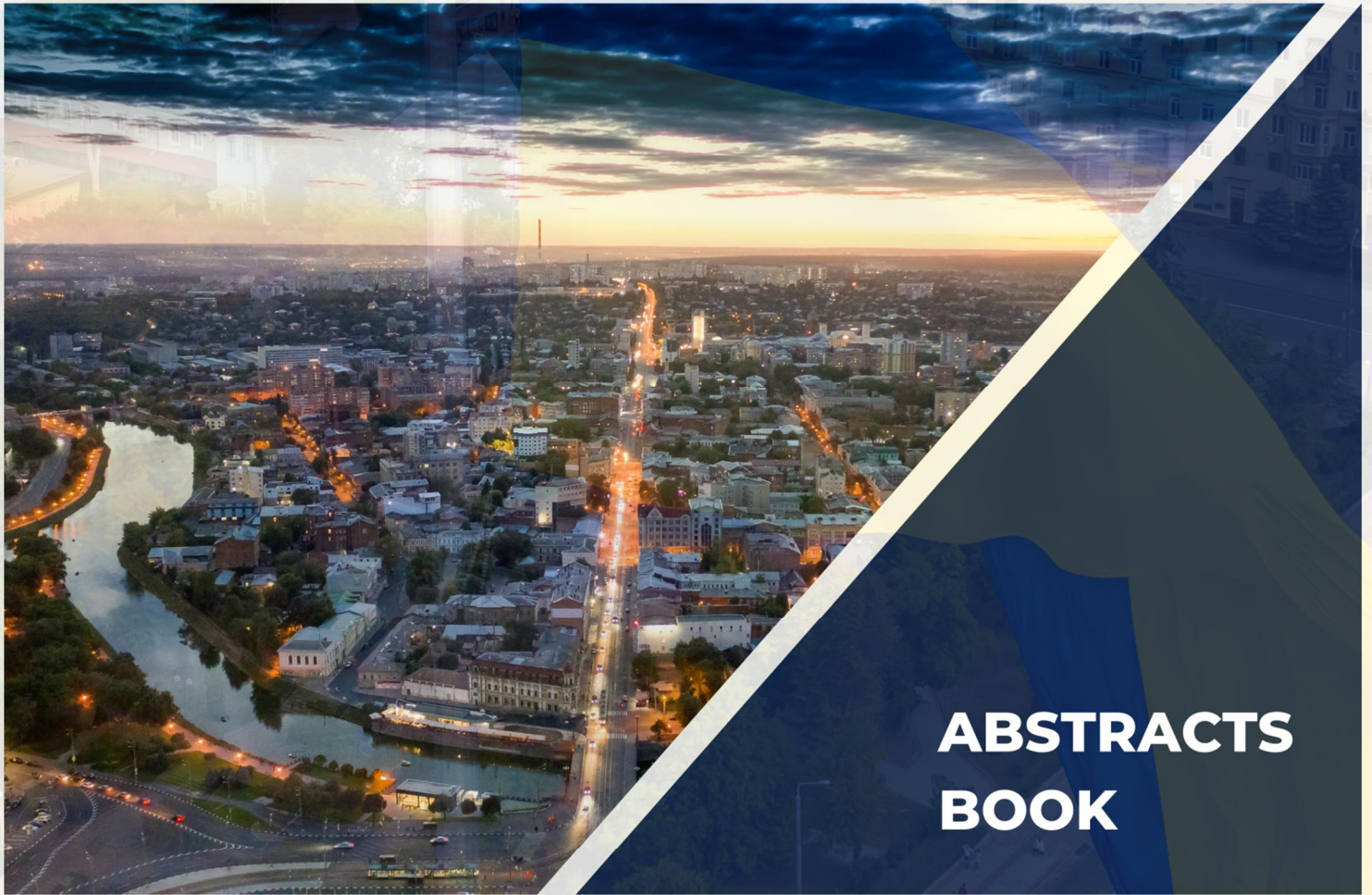




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## Reversible luminescent hydrogen peroxide sensors based on $\text{CeO}_{2-x}$ and $\text{CeO}_{2-x}:\text{Eu}^{3+}$ nanocrystals

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Hydrogen peroxide (HP) is a widespread industrial chemical widely used for bleaching, cleaning, and disinfection. HP also plays an indispensable role in living organisms being a ubiquitous cell signaling molecule [1] and a substrate or byproduct of a number of enzymes (including catalase, superoxide dismutase, and a number of oxidases and peroxidases) [2]. So, HP sensing is required for reliable quantification of HP content in these systems.

HP sensors based on luminescent inorganic nanoparticles can be considered as a perspective alternative to traditional dye- and enzyme-based sensors which usually are unstable and non-reversible. Undoped ( $\text{CeO}_{2-x}$ ) and  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$ -doped ( $\text{CeO}_{2-x}:\text{Eu}^{3+}$ ) colloidal ceria nanoparticles provide HP detection by reversible quenching of  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  (590 nm) and  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  (430 nm) luminescence bands [3]. The dynamics of  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Ce}^{3+}$  luminescence quenching and recovery during HP-nanoceria interaction provides an insight into the microscopic mechanisms of HP sensing by  $\text{CeO}_{2-x}$  and  $\text{CeO}_{2-x}:\text{Eu}^{3+}$  nanoparticles.

Both  $\text{CeO}_{2-x}$  and  $\text{CeO}_{2-x}:\text{Eu}^{3+}$  luminescent sensors are reversible and their recovery rates can be sufficiently increased by temperature and continuous UV irradiation. At the same time,  $\text{Eu}^{3+}$  ions deteriorate the catalase-mimetic activity of  $\text{CeO}_{2-x}$  NPs and worsen their antioxidant properties that should be kept in mind while using these sensors in biological media.

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