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ABSTRACT

Advances in point of care technology have led to the development of handheld, low cost, and reusable biosensors for easy, fast, and daily monitoring of multiple analytes in different diseases like diabetes and chronic kidney disease. The reusable biosensor also helps in reducing per-unit cost of the analyte detection in the lab-based instruments. Most of them are blood-based, which cause pain and discomfort to subjects. In recent years, non-invasive biosensors using other body fluids such as saliva, tears, sweat, urine, etc. have emerged as better alternatives to invasive ones. Still, they suffer from various drawbacks such as weak correlation among body fluids, interferences from surrounding molecules, high cost, inaccuracy, etc. because of which they fail to create an impact in the biosensor market. Multi analyzer measurement of the multiple analytes are costlier and bulky therefore cannot be used in point of care technology. Hence, development of a pain-free, affordable, easy to operate, and reliable non-invasive multi-analyzer holds excellent commercial potential as well as can gain massive popularity among ordinary people, especially in developing countries.

In this regard, the present doctoral work consisting of six chapters aims to develop a handheld, non-invasive multi-analyzer using a simple strategy involving the critical techniques of immobilization and miniaturization. Most of the work presented in this thesis deals with reusable glucose biosensor, noninvasive glucose biosensor development using saliva sample and a handheld multi-analyzer instrument development on a strip based format and finally, the developed system has been tested for detection of other analytes such as urea and pH in saliva.

The first chapter of the thesis is devoted to the extensive literature survey technologies for the multi-analyzer instrument in existing, and upcoming technologies for invasive and non-invasive samples is also discussed. The reusability of the glucose biosensor is also discussed in this chapter, and the last chapter discusses the work summary along with the future outcomes of the research work.

The second chapter shows the development of reusable glucose biosensor using low-cost eggshell membrane in biological samples using the dissolved oxygen probe and LabVIEW. The proposed sensor was also demonstrated for the estimation of glucose in human blood samples.

The third chapter demonstrated the design and development of hand-held optical transmission based instrument and low-cost strip design and fabrication method for the development of the

glucose biosensor strips. The standard operating procedure for the measurement procedure for real samples was also simplified as per point of care technology. Interference study and clinical validation are also shown for this biosensor, and good correlation was found for diabetic and non-diabetic patients saliva glucose level to blood glucose level.

The fourth chapter deals with the improvement of instrument design to accommodate the multianalyzer feature along with providing ambient temperature compensation for the enzymatic reactions. The strip design and manufacturing technology were also improved for decreasing the manufacturing time of the strips. Shelf life improvement in the biosensor strip and the ambient temperature compensation is also provided in the developed biosensor. The clinical results are also verified for diabetic and non-diabetic patients for fasting and non-fasting conditions and found good correlations for diabetic patients among the results.

The fifth chapter explores the feasibility of the developed system for testing other analytes such as urea and pH of saliva using the same strategy but with a low-cost strip having different enzyme (urease) dye combination and pH dye for pH detection. The successful implementation of the proposed system for urea and pH shows that our methodology for detecting multiple analytes via developed hand-held instrument is feasible and can be used as multi-analyzer detection in a non-invasive manner in future, thus replacing many lab-based traditional methods for multiple analyte detection.

सार

पिऔसीटी में अग्रिमों ने मधुमेह और सीकेडी जैसे विभिन्न रोगों में कई विश्लेषणों के लिए आसान, तेज, और दैनिक निगरानी के लिए हाथ में, कम लागत और पुन: प्रयोज्य बायोसेंसर के विकास का नेतृत्व किया है। पुन: प्रयोज्य बायोसेंसर प्रयोगशाला आधारित उपकरणों में विश्लेषण का पता लगाने की प्रति इकाई लागत को कम करने में भी मदद करता है। उनमें से ज्यादातर रक्त आधारित हैं, जो विषयों के लिए दर्द और परेशानी का कारण बनते हैं। हाल के वर्षों में, शरीर के अन्य तरल पदार्थ जैसे लार, आँसू, पसीना, मूत्र, आदि का उपयोग करने वाले गैर-इनवेसिव बायोसेंसर लोगों के लिए बेहतर विकल्प बनकर उभरे हैं। फिर भी, वे विभिन्न किमयों से ग्रस्त हैं जैसे कि शरीर के तरल पदार्थ के बीच कमजोर संबंध, आसपास के अणुओं से हस्तक्षेप, उच्च लागत, अशुद्धि, आदि जिसके कारण वे बायोसेंसर बाजार में प्रभाव पैदा करने में विफल रहते हैं। मल्टीपल एनालाइजर का कई एनालिटिक्स का माप महंगा और भारी होता है, इसलिए पिऔसीटी में इस्तेमाल नहीं किया जा सकता। इसलिए, एक दर्द मुक्त, सस्ती, संचालित करने में आसान और विश्वसनीय मल्टी-एनालाइजर का विकास उत्कृष्ट व्यावसायिक क्षमता के साथ-साथ आम लोगों के बीच, विशेष रूप से विकासशील देशों में व्यापक लोकप्रियता हासिल कर सकता है।

इस संबंध में, छह अध्यायों से युक्त वर्तमान डॉक्टोरल कार्य का लक्ष्य है कि एक सरल रणनीति का उपयोग करते हुए स्थिरीकरण और लघुकरण की महत्वपूर्ण तकनीकों का उपयोग करके एक हैंडहेल्ड, गैर-इनवेसिव मल्टी-एनालाइज़र विकसित करना। इस थीसिस में प्रस्तुत अधिकांश कार्य पुन: प्रयोज्य ग्लूकोज बायोसेंसर, लार के नमूने का उपयोग करते हुए बिनाइनवेसिव ग्लूकोज बायोसेंसर विकास और एक स्ट्रिप आधारित प्रारूप पर हैंडहेल्ड मल्टी-एनालाइज़र इंस्ट्र्मेंट डेवलपमेंट से संबंधित है और अंत में, विकसित प्रणाली का परीक्षण अन्य विश्लेषणों जैसे कि लार में यूरिया और पीएच का पता लगाने के लिए किया गया है।

थीसिस का पहला अध्याय मौजूदा मल्टी-एनालाइजर इंस्ट्र्मेंट के लिए व्यापक साहित्य सर्वेक्षण प्रौद्योगिकियों के लिए समर्पित है, और इनवेसिव और गैर-इनवेसिव नमूनों के लिए आगामी तकनीकों पर भी चर्चा की गई है। इस अध्याय में ग्लूकोज बायोसेंसर की पुन: प्रयोज्यता पर भी चर्चा की गई है, और अंतिम अध्याय शोध कार्य के भविष्य के परिणामों के साथ-साथ कार्य सारांश पर भी चर्चा करता है।

दूसरा अध्याय डीओ प्रोब लैबव्यू का उपयोग करके जैविक नमूनों में कम लागत वाले अंडकोष झिल्ली का उपयोग करके पुन: प्रयोज्य ग्लूकोज बायोसेंसर के विकास को दर्शाता है। मानव रक्त नमूनों में ग्लूकोज के अनुमान के लिए प्रस्तावित सेंसर का भी प्रदर्शन किया गया था।

तीसरे अध्याय ने ग्लूकोज बायोसेंसर स्ट्रिप्स के विकास के लिए हाथ से संचालित ऑप्टिकल ट्रांसिमशन आधारित इंस्ट्र्मेंट और लो-कॉस्ट स्ट्रिप डिज़ाइन और फैब्रिकेशन विधि के विकास और डिज़ाइन का प्रदर्शन किया गया है। पिऔसीटी के अनुसार वास्तविक नमूनों की माप प्रक्रिया के लिए ऐसऔपि को भी सरल बनाया गया था। इस बायोसेंसर के लिए हस्तक्षेप अध्ययन और नैदानिक सत्यापन भी दिखाया गया है, और मधुमेह और गैर-मधुमेह के रोगियों एसजीएल से बीजीएल के लिए अच्छा सहसंबंध पाया गया।

चौथा अध्याय एंजाइमी प्रतिक्रियाओं के लिए परिवेश तापमान मुआवजा प्रदान करने के साथ-साथ मल्टी-एनालाइज़र सुविधा को समायोजित करने के लिए डिजाइन के सुधार से संबंधित है। स्ट्रिप्स के विनिर्माण समय को कम करने के लिए स्ट्रिप डिज़ाइन और विनिर्माण प्रौद्योगिकी में भी सुधार किया गया है। बायोसेंसर स्ट्रिप में शेल्फ जीवन सुधार और विकसित बायोसेंसर में परिवेश तापमान कंपनसेशन भी प्रदान किया गया है। उपवास और

गैर-उपवास की स्थिति के लिए मधुमेह और गैर-मधुमेह के रोगियों के लिए नैदानिक परिणाम भी सत्यापित किए गए हैं और परिणामों के बीच मधुमेह के रोगियों के लिए अच्छे संबंध पाए गए हैं।

पांचवें अध्याय में समान रणनीति का उपयोग करते हुए यूरिया और लार के पीएच जैसे अन्य विश्लेषणों के परीक्षण के लिए कम लागत वाली पट्टी के साथ विकसित प्रणाली की व्यवहार्यता की खोज की गई है, लेकिन यूरिया का पता लगाने के लिए अलग एंजाइम (यूरेस) तथा डाई संयोजन और पीएच डाई प्रयोग की गई है। यूरिया और पीएच के लिए प्रस्तावित प्रणाली के सफल कार्यान्वयन से पता चलता है कि विकसित हाथ से आयोजित साधन के माध्यम से कई विश्लेषणों का पता लगाने के लिए हमारी कार्यप्रणाली संभव है और भविष्य में गैर- इनवेसिव तरीके से मल्टी-एनालाइजर डिटेक्शन के रूप में इसका उपयोग किया जा सकता है, इस प्रकार कई प्रयोगशालाओं में पारंपरिक तरीके से प्रयुक्त कई विश्लेषणों का पता लगाने के तरीके को बदला जा सकता है।

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List of Abbreviations

2-ME 2-Mercaptoethanol

μ-PAD Paper-based analytical device

ADC Analogue-to-digital converter

ASSURED Affordable, Sensitive, Specific, User-friendly, Rapid and robust,

Equipment-free and Deliverable

BGL Blood glucose level

BiCMOS Bipolar Complementary Metal-Oxide Semiconductor

BP Bromocresol Purple

BUN Blood Urea Nitrogen

BUL Blood Urea Level

CKD Chronic Kidney Disease

COMP Cartilage Oligomeric Matrix Protein

CVD Cardiovascular disease

DAQ Data acquisition card

DO Dissolved oxygen

DNA Deoxyribonucleic acid

DNS Dinitrosalicylic acid

DTT Dithiothreitol

DW Distilled water

ELISA Enzyme-linked immune sorbent assay

ESRD End-Stage Renal Disease

FDA Food and Drug Administration

FISA Fully integrated sensor array

GDP Gross Domestic Product

GFR Glomerular filtration rate

GO_x Glucose oxidase

GSM Grams per Square Meter

H₂O₂ Hydrogen peroxide

HRP Horseradish peroxidase

HIV Human immunodeficiency virus

I2C Inter-integrated Circuit

IC Integrated Chip

IDF International Diabetes Federation

ISFET Ion sensitive field-effect transistor

IR Infrared

IL Interleukin

KCl Potassium Chloride

LA Lactic Acid

LabVIEW Laboratory virtual instrument engineering workbench

LCD Liquid Crystal Display

LDR Light Dependent Resistor

LED Light Emitting Diode

LII Light Intensity Integration

LOC Lab on a chip

LOD Limit of detection

MATLAB Matrix Laboratory

MMC Multi-media card

NaCl Sodium Chloride

NaOH Sodium Hydroxide

NCD Non-communicable diseases

NCKD Non-Chronic Kidney Disease

NH₄Cl Ammonium Chloride

NIR Near-infrared spectroscopy

NY Nitrazine Yellow

PB Phosphate buffer

PCB Printed Circuit Board

PHT Phenol Hypochlorite Test

PIC Programmable interrupt controller

POC Point of Care

POCD Point of Care Devices

POCT Point of Care Technology

PR Phenol red

PTH Plated through-hole

PVA Polyvinyl alcohol

QCM Quartz crystal microbalance

RBC Red blood cells

RGB Red Green Blue

RNA Ribonucleic acid

RSD Standard deviation in sensor measurement

SAW Surface acoustic wave

SD Standard deviation

SD_x Salivary diagnostics

SERS Surface-enhanced Raman scattering

SGL Salivary glucose level

SMT Surface mount technology

S/N Signal to noise ratio

SOP Standard Operating Protocol

SPR Surface Plasmon Resonance

SUL Saliva urea level

UN United Nations

USA United States of America

US United States

USB Universal Synchronous Bus

VOCs Volatile Organic Compounds

WBC White blood cells

WHO World Health Organization