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## The new device for monitoring of epidemiology of upper respiratory tract infections

Influenza is a contagious disease caught by humans and caused by viruses belonging to the family Orthomyxoviridae. Influenza virus infects millions of people and kills hundreds of thousands of them. Economic losses caused by employee absenteeism are counted in the hundreds of millions of dollars a year. In order to successfully treat influenza virus infections, it is necessary to detect the virus during the initial development phase of the infection when tens to hundreds of viruses are present in the pharynx of the patient. Streptococcus pyogenes belongs to the family Streptococcaceae, one of the most popular pathogens causing bacterial infections of upper respiratory tracts. The early symptoms of infections of influenza virus and Streptococcus pyogenes are very similar and there is a huge problem to recognize and distinguish those pathogens and start appropriate treatment. Here, we present results of pre-clinical studies of novel mobile technology for detection of influenza virus and Streptococcus. Our team developed single-use biosensor (MultiSensDx), universal reader and mobile application for early detection of two types of pathogens in only 5 minutes. Our technology is a useful tool in tele-diagnostic procedure and may be an internal part of many telecommunication platforms. We strongly believe that this solution will have a huge impact on Public Health in the near future. In our labs, we have developed a single-use test for detection of influenza virus, the universal reader (ready to detect other pathogens and biomarkers) and user-friendly mobile application which helps in whole procedure of analysis.

Complete system for introduction to telecommunication platforms

### Recent Publications

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