

# Recent Advances and Applications of Biosensors in Novel Technology

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amplification labels in electrochemical immunosensor for detection of alpha-fetoprotein [50]. In milk, magneto immunosensor was also employed as electrochemical immunosensor for the detection of fluoroquinolone antibiotics [51]. Akter et al. reported enhancement in sensitivity of an electrochemical immunosensor *via* the electrocatalysis method in magnetic bead-supported non-enzymatic labels [52]. In another investigation, a simultaneous triple signal amplification effect was studied using bi-enzyme, gold NPs, and platinum NPs functionalized graphene as enhancers for multiple electrochemical immunoassays [53]. Recently, Reverte et al. reviewed the application of electrochemical biosensors in the detection of toxins using magnetic beads, microfluidics

technique for the investigation of nucleic acid interactions. Surface



Biosensor type	Nanomaterial	Applications	References

measurement system highly amplifies the signal. Hence, fluorescence is used as a light in these biosensors. A wide range of ligand-binding and immune assays are performed for detection and investigation of small molecules. Water-soluble vitamins and drug residues *viz.*,  $\beta$ -agonists and sulfonamides have been prepared to utilize SPR based sensor systems, often revised from current ELISA or from another immunological assay. The biosensor is an efficient, attractive, and alternative method to various other techniques. Since it is reliable and responds quickly. It showed high potential in the food industry for monitoring quality and safety of food as well as in bioprocessing industries [145].

Ozone biosensors are important since ozone filters harmful ultraviolet radiation. The finding of the hole in the ozone layer has become a matter of worry. How much ultraviolet (UV) light reaches the surface of the earth and how deeply it reaches into sea water. Ultraviolet radiation can penetrate sea and can produce harmful effects on marine organisms, especially floating microorganisms (plankton). Plankton is the basis of marine food chains and is supposed to affect earth's weather and temperature *via* maintaining a balance between oxygen and CO<sub>2</sub> by photosynthesis. Karentz et al. have developed a simple technique for measuring intensity and UV penetration. A thin plastic bag was submerged to several depths holding particular strains of *E. coli*. The study revealed that *E. coli* were impotent to repair damage caused *via* ultraviolet radiation to their DNA. The bacterial "biosensors" showed persistent significant damage owing to UV light at depths of 10m and regularly at 20m and 30m [146].

The first biosensor was introduced in the 1960s and described the application of enzyme based bioelectrodes and their biocatalytic action. Afterward, several types of biosensors are being designed and utilized that include; cell or tissue-based, enzyme based, immunosensors, thermal and piezoelectric biosensors, and nucleic acid biosensors.

Enzyme based biosensors are being developed using immobilization techniques, i.e., covalent or ionic bonding and adsorption of enzymes *via* van der Waals forces by utilizing enzymes such as polyphenol oxidases, oxidoreductases, amino-oxidases, and peroxidases. Whereas, the tissues-based sensors were designed from animal and plant sources. In addition, the organelle-based sensors were developed by exploiting chloroplasts, membranes, microsomes, and mitochondria. Organelle-based biosensor reveals high stability but shows longer time for detection with decreased specificity. Antibodies based biosensors have more affinity towards particular antigens, *viz.*, the antibodies bind specifically to the toxins or pathogens, or interact with



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