Biosensors: An Indispensable Tool in Forensic Science

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ABSTRACT

Biosensors are valuable tool in the field of Forensic Chemistry and Toxicology to determine the quality and quantity of the substances. These biosensors are the combination of biological sensitive element and transducer which convert the information into electrical signals. They have been used in variety of application such as chemical agent environment toxicants explosives as well as body fluids such as blood urine saliva etc. These biosensors have high sensitivity selectivity minimum sample requirement rapidity and low cost make this sensor more effective for analysis over the traditional and sophisticated method. However old Biosensor lead the foundation, modern biosensor superior in term of decision adaptability and various application This study highlights the various aspects of biosensors and their application in the field of forensic science.

They can be easily miniaturized and integrated into portable devices, allowing for on-site testing and analysis. As technology advances, biosensors will continue to play an increasingly important role in these fields.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In the interest of quantifying a biological or chemical reaction, a biosensor generates a signal whose strength is proportional to the amount of an analyte present in the reaction. In applications including illness monitoring, drug discovery, and the detection of pollutants, pathogenic microbes, etc. As well as markers in bodily fluids [blood, urine, saliva, and perspiration] indicative of disease, biosensors are used.

The analytical tool known as a "biosensor" transforms a biological signal into an electrical signal. Quintessentially, a biosensor must be extremely precise, unaffected by physical factors like pH and temperature, and reusable. Cammann introduced the word "biosensor," and IUPAC provided its definition[1]

Among these, forensic analysis, which has become an important branch of modern analytical chemistry, employs a variety of methods to gather information that has implications, including,[2] liquid and gas chromatography, spectroscopy, and electrochemistry. significant legal and social difficulties. Due to their many advantages, biosensors in this field not only become the best tools for quick initial screening but also for sensitively determining problematic substances. Biorecognition events can be converted into quantifiable signals using a range of transduction mechanisms, primarily optical or electrochemical, as well as a variety of recognition components, including pathogen, biomarker in bodily fluids antibodies, and nucleic acid sequences.

Moreover, bio detection assays are especially well suited for the quantitative examination of biochemical or chemically active species, like genetic code, blood, saliva, urine, perspiration, or semen, common materials in forensic investigation.

Biosensors are scientific tools used to find biological stuff. The extensive use of biomolecules like enzymes, proteins, nucleic acids, and others makes this possible. Finding out whether a particular chemical, molecule, microbe, or other component is found in each sample is the major goal. It is extremely useful in several detection processes, including as the detection of hazardous substances in food, drugs, and the environment today, as well as in forensics as a tool for criminal investigation. Biosensors are used in forensics to find biomolecules and other biological elements at crime scenes, which are important in identifying suspects and even locating perpetrators. As detection elements for biosensors, several elements are used, including fingerprints, blood samples, and odor.

To determine whether a suspect is truthful or not, lie detection technologies also use biosensors. The various and unique types of biosensors covered here are used in each of these sensing procedures. Interconnected scientific systems are employed in forensic investigations with the goal of addressing pertinent issues in criminal or civil processes. One of these uses a variety of methods, including liquid and gas chromatography, spectroscopy, and electrochemistry, to collect information that has ramifications. Forensic analysis is now a significant area of modern analytical chemistry. significant legal and social difficulties. Due to their many advantages, biosensors are perfect tools in this field not only for quick initial screening but also for sensitive assessment of worrisome compounds.[3]

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2. WORKING MECHANISM OF BIOSENSOR

Biosensors are analytical devices that use biological molecules or organisms to detect the presence or concentration of a particular analyte in a sample. The working of biosensors involves three key components: the biological sensing element, the transducer, and the signal processing system *[as shown in fig. 1]*

Biological Sensing Element: The biological sensing element is typically a biomolecule or organism that specifically interacts with the target analyte. For example, an enzyme can be used as the biological sensing element for glucose detection, and antibodies can be used for detecting pathogens. The interaction between the biological sensing element and the analyte generates a signal that is proportional to the concentration of the analyte.

Transducer: It converts the signal of biorecognition event and transforms it into a measurable electrical or optical signal. Many technologies, such as electrochemical, optical, and piezoelectric sensors, can be used to create the transducer.

Signal Processing System: It processes the signal produced by the transducer and prepares the signal in the form of graph or chart for display.

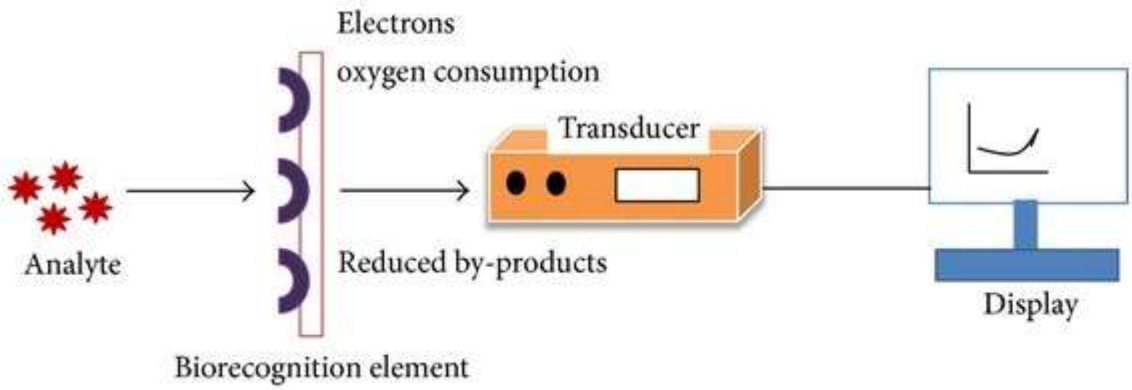

Fig. 1 Working Mechanism of Biosensor

3. TYPES OF BIOSENSORS

In the 1960s, Clark and Lyons invented the biosensor. In 1967, Updike and Hicks published a report on the first enzyme-based sensor. The immobilization approach is used to create enzyme biosensors specifically, enzymes are adsorbed by van der Waals forces, ionic bonds, or covalent interactions. For this function, oxidoreductases, polyphenol oxidases, peroxidases, and amino oxidases are often utilized as enzymes.[5]

Divvies created the first microbiological or cellular sensors. Animal and plant sources provide the tissues that are employed in tissue sensors. The relevant analytes may function as substrates or inhibitors for these activities. The very first tissue sensor for measuring the amino acid arginine was created by Rechnitz. Membranes, chloroplasts, mitochondria, and microsomes have all been used to create organelle-based sensors. Yet, this sort of biosensor has a prominent level of stability but a long detection time and low precision.

Antibodies specifically bind to diseases or poisons or interact with immune system components in immunosensors because they have high affinity for their respective antigens. The capability of single-stranded molecules of nucleic acid to identify and bind complimentary strands in a sample is the basis for the design of DNA biosensors. The two nucleotide strands connect because stable hydrogen bonds occur between them. Magnetic biosensors are little biosensors with enormous potential as far as sensitivity and size use the magnetoresistance effect to find magnetized micro- and nanoparticle in microfluidic channels. The surface acoustic wave device and the quartz crystal microbalance are two different forms of piezoelectric biosensors. They are based on the detection of variations in a piezoelectric crystal's resonance frequency brought on by changes in the crystal structure's mass. To produce a light beam with precise properties and direct it to a modifying agent, a customized sensing head, and a photodetector, optical biosensors need a light source and various optical components. FRET biosensors with a single chain are another illustration. They are made up of two AFPs that, when brought together, exchange fluorescence resonance energy. Several techniques can be employed to control variations in the Forster resonance energy transfer [FRET] signals depending on the strength, ratio, or longevity of the AFP. Synthetic chemistry makes it simple to create peptide and protein biosensors, which are then enzyme-labeled with artificial fluorophores. These are appealing alternatives since they are not dependent on genetically encoded AFPs, and they also have the added advantage of being able to improve response sensitivity and signal-to-noise ratio. a result of the invention of chemical extinguishers and photoactivatable groups.[6]

4. CLASSIFICATION OF BIOSENSORS:

Biosensor originated in the late 1960s by pioneers Clarke and Lyons. Different types of biosensors are used depending on two factors: transduction modes and sensing elements. Broadly biosensors are further classified in three major categories as well i.e. bio-element, transducer and operational *[as shown in fig. 2]*

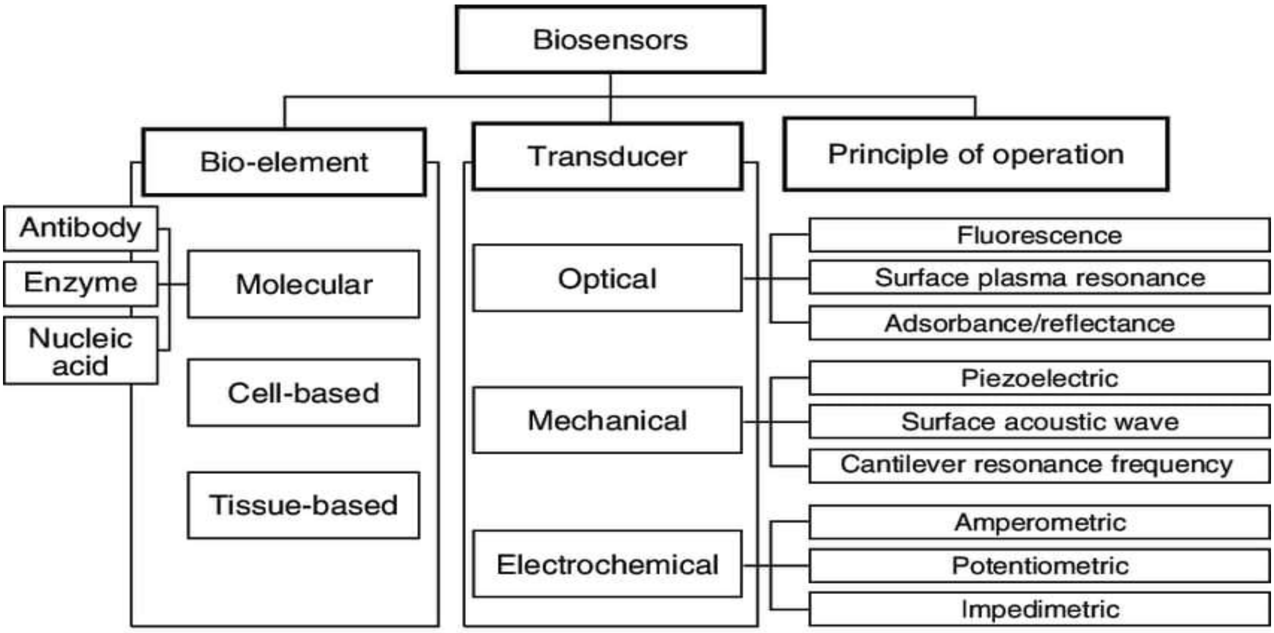

Fig. 2. Classification of Biosensors

4.1. BIOLOGICAL ELEMENT

Antibody

The antibodies are an ideal element for bio-recognition as their specific and stronger affinities for coagulating the antigens. The Polyclonal, monoclonal [7] and recombinant antibodies [8]generation from immunized repertories [9]. There are numerous successful applications for diagnosis of various monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies which can be successfully detected by many biosensors.

The sensitivity, Immobilization, stability, selectivity, and antibody size are the some of the key parameters of antibodies for applications of biosensors. As such, the novel antibody fragments are a great aid in immobilization of the antibodies [10]. The high thought-out screening and present display libraries is a great facilitate in sensing due to the ability to screen a much larger available recombinant library. The coupling of chemistry & genetic insertion of tags at immobilization is a useful method for the immobilization and presentation of the Nobel recombinant antibodies.[11]

DNA

Hybridization in between DNA target and complimentary analysis-based DNA detection systems are a solution or a solid support in the sensing. Homogenous assays allow the biosensors determination of the DNA sequences. This system can be electrochemical detector [12–15] for continuous monitoring and miniaturization [16,17]. DNA biosensors offer to provide alternatives for these methods. As they do continuous, quick, sensitive, and selective detection of DNA hybridization. The DNA biosensors are also called Geno sensors, they exploit preferable binding of the complementary single-stranded nucleic acid sequences. The system mainly depends upon immobilization of a single-stranded DNA probe upon a surface to identify its complementary DNA target sequence by hybridization. The hybridization of DNA by transduction which can be measured electrochemically, optically, or by using mass-sensitive device. The DNA probe is achieved directly onto a transducer surface in the DNA biosensors [7,18,19]

Enzyme

An enzyme is a kind of globular protein mainly composed of [20] natural occurring amino acids that can catalyze a biochemical reaction that possess high specificity. An enzyme-based biosensor is comprised of three major parts: a biorecognition element [enzyme], an effective transducer, and finally a digital signal processor. Biosensors depend upon the selection of a suitable enzyme as a bio-receptor molecule. The well-developed device has a good accuracy rate for interference for the detection of targeted biomolecules in a considerate range of concentration [21]. As the enzyme-based biosensors require that the Biocatalyst that can be integrated with conductive electrodes as enzyme catalytic conversion of the information that can be read electronically[22] . In result, any kind of change at an electrically conductive supporter, like a degradation of reactants or formation of byproducts in this Biocatalytic process, gives out electronic transduction information of a biological identification occurring at electrodes. On other side the concentration of any targeted biomolecules is directly related to decreasing of the enzymatic product, as enzymatic activity which can be recalled by the detection. [23,24].

It is very important to mobilize the enzyme on the electrode of enzyme-based biosensors during its fabrication. The steadiness of the active site, the immobilization method is used, to maintain functionality and bio activity of bio molecule. The technique can affect the stability, selectivity, sensitivity, and reproducibility of the developed enzymatic biosensors. Also, the biocatalytic response is highly dependent upon an applied potential, temperature, and PH of solution. These all factors to the concentration of substrate, the properties of the enzyme and presence or absence of oxygen. The reproducibility and sensitivity are achieved at the optimum pH and temperature.[25]

Biomimetic

A biomimetic biosensor is composed of the different sensors like Potentiometric sensor, voltametric sensor, and impedance spectrum sensor, which are being modified with a required specific and designed biomimetic materials, which is stimulating the working and performance of the biological organs[26]. Biosensors is based on the synergistic coupling of biotechnology and electronics are mainly based to sense elements like taste cells, tissues, and nerves. Also, Nanomaterials and micro-fluidic chips, as an innovation, that has been developed for the fabrication of a biosensor which is to be used to detection and analysis of the wide spectrum targets with a highly sensible and specificity.

Phage-based biosensors

Biosensors are being developed as an asset for the new detection method and to eliminate the limitation of common pathogen detection methods. As in Phage-based biosensors, bacteriophage is attached at the surface of the sensor, and subsequently it can detect the pathogens more accurately[27]. The need of advancement in These methods are so sensitive, more accurate, and most reliable among other. The bacteriophage-based biosensors are being used for the direct diagnosis of the pathogens present in fresh products such food, water, etc.[28].

4.2. TRANSDUCTING ELEMENT

Optical Biosensors

The optical biosensors do provide a great advantage for more useful analytical technique as they are able to enable direct, real-time, and label free detection of different biological and chemical substances. The advantages of using it include high specificity, small-size, sensitivity, and cost-effective. High advancement approaches including micro-electronics, microelectromechanical systems [MEMSs], molecular biology, biotechnology, micro/nanotechnologies, and chemistry is being applied in the implementation of new [30]
The optical biosensors have been directed towards healthcare and biotechnology industry. The application of biosensors is in medicine, environment, and biotechnology in terms of the concentration of analyses present to be measured, the precision of output required, required sample, concentration, time for completion of probe, also the time required to reuse the biosensor, cleaning requirements of system[31].

Fiber Optic

Absorption, fluorescence, phosphorescence, Raman, Surface Plasma Resonance [SPR] are different types of spectroscopic technique combined to use Optic Fiber Biosensors. The biological receptor measures the absorbance that can be immobilized close to the optical fiber or its surface. When interacted with analyte, the absorbance by the sensitive layer will occur and will lead to concentration of species analyzed. One or more fibers are used to guide the light emitted from the origin source to the sensitive tip and emerge radiation back to the detector.[32]

Surface Plasma Resonance [SPR]

The phenomenon SPR occurs basically on the surface of conducting materials Kline metal at the interface of two medium commonly glass & liquid is when illuminated by the polarized light at a specific degree of an angle also known as Resonance angle. The effect is proportionate to the mass present at the surface. A sense gram is used to measure the reflectivity, wavelength, or angle against the time. After all these configurations the phenomenon SPR leads to label-free, and real-time direct changes of the refractive index present at the surface of the sensor, which is basically proportionate to the biomolecule concentration. And for measuring ligand-analyte interactions, one molecule [interacting] must be immobilized on the surface of the sensor [33].

The immobilization of the interacting molecules is enabled by using a functional layer contained in SPR chip. Domination based on immobilization in current instrumentation is based on a self-assembled monolayer covered along with a carboxymethylated dextran. The immobilization of protein must enable using the configuration by N-Hydroxy succinimide chemistry.

As surface binding by SPR is used for detection widely. But also, there are multiple other effects that occur and complicate the SPR analysis which include avidity, non-specific absorption of ligand, non-1;1 binding stoichiometry and mass transfer limitation.[34]

There are three types of SPR analysis available: equilibrium analysis, kinetic analysis, and concentration analysis. The commonly used analysis to characterize any molecular interaction is kinetic and equilibrium analysis. Antibody-antigen interaction, ligand-analyte binding, receptor characterization, etc.[36]

Raman and FTIR

Optical Biosensors used for bimolecular analysis in integrated bio-analytical systems in many medical and pharmaceutical fields [37–39]. This biosensor is not dependent upon radioactive or fluorescent labels. It is mainly constituted of biological recognition system and transducer element. As it allows the identification of any analyte present by using selective molecular recognition.

A device which converts any molecular event into a physically measurable signal is a transducer. Many free optical biosensors are based on porous silicon [PS] been made such as Bragg mirrors [40,41]waveguides [42–44], and micro-cavities [45–47]. The biosensing using PS is so cheap, nearly to obtain, and has a large sensing area comprised of porous structure [48]. The presence of biochemical elements in PS makes it very sensitive as it penetrates inside the pores by immobilizing biomolecules. PS has a strong hydrophobic surface so that pores do not be infiltrated into pores. For stable and functional internal surface of porous silicon surface where thermal oxidation and chemical adaptation has been applied.

There are two complementary parts. First, the oxidized porous silicon surface is modified and checked using Fourier Transform Infrared [FTIR] and Raman Spectroscopy after each step has taken in chemical function and protein grafting with molecule as test molecule Bovine Serum Albumin. Second, the volume fraction and refractive index has evolution in each step using effective medium approximation model. [49]

4.3. ELECTROCHEMICAL BIOSENSORS

In electrochemical biosensors where the attached molecules have no major impact on the electron process of transfer over the electrode interface, the label is typically an enzyme that catalyzes certain processes. Finally, it is necessary to detect the electrons produced during the recognition event, which is often the enzymes labelling reaction with the substrate. Mediators can be employed to move electrons across the area of reaction and the surface if the reaction occurs far from the electrode's contact.[50]

Carbon-based nanomaterials [carbon nanotube & graphene] and pseudo-carbon-based nanoparticles [metallic and nanoparticles of silica, nanowire, indium tin oxide, and other organic materials] are divided into two types for electrochemical biosensors. Due to their substantial active surface area and efficient electron transfer rate, allotropes of carbon can be used as electrodes and scaffolding. We also talked about pseudo-carbon nanomaterials which are employed as substitute supporting electrodes component to enhance the electrochemical characteristics of biosensors.[51]

Potentiometric

A device with a biological sensing component coupled to an electrically charged transducer is referred to as a potentiometric biosensor. Potentiometric biosensors frequently depend on a biological reaction that produces a less complex chemical composition and subsequent electrochemical identification [NH_4OH, CO_2, pH, H_2O_2]. An electrical potential is the analytic signal produced by a potentiometric biosensor[53].

When no current or very little current flows between the working and reference electrodes in an electrochemical cell, potentiometric instruments assess the buildup of an electrical potentially at the working electrode's position in relation to the reference electrode. To put it another way, potentiometry tells us about the ion's movement during an electrochemical reaction[54].

Electrochemical cells detect the accumulation of electrons or voltage at the working electrode in comparison to the reference electrode, which has negligible charge carrier flow. Potentiometric sensors can be classified into three categories: ion selective electrodes [ISE], coated wired electrodes, and transistors with field effects [FETs]. Most pH electrodes are potentiometric sensors.

Amperometry

Considering that they continuously monitor the current produced by either the reduction or oxidation of an electroactive substance throughout a biological reaction, they are a form of electrolytic sensor. Perhaps the most basic amperometry biosensors are based on Clark oxygen electrodes, which generate a current proportional to the level of oxygen.[56] The decrease in oxygen concentration at a platinum as a material working electrode in comparison to an Ag and AgCl reference electrode that operates at a specific voltage is used to measure this. The process for measuring the amount of current under a constant voltage is known as amperometry.[57]. A glucose biosensor, which relies on the amperometry to identify hydrogen peroxide, is an illustration of an amperometry device. Advances in pregnancy detection have used magnetized little particles to broaden the range of biocomponent adherence and surface responses in their amperometry biosensor, which is a very practical application of amperometry when combined with immune detecting methods[58,59].

Conductometric

Analyze a substance's or a material's capacity to transfer electricity across electrodes or reference nodes, such as electrolyte solutions or nanowires. Even though conductometric devices can be viewed as a particular category of impedimetric gadgets, methods for assessing capacitance changes in combination with the use of electrochemical impedance spectroscopy are addressed later. Since an enzymatic reaction causes a change in the ionic strength and, consequently, the conductivity of the solution across two electrodes, conductometric devices have always been closely linked to enzymes. Therefore, enzymatic reactions that change the level of concentration of charged particles in a solution can be studied using conductometric devices[59]. The varying ions background of clinical specimens and the requirement to measure small conductance changes in solutions of high ionic strength limit the applicability for such polymerase-based conductometric sensors for biological products sensing.[59]. Another strategy is to keep a close eye on how an electrode's conductance changes because of immobilization of, for example, enzymes, complimentary antibody-antigen pairings, etc. on the electrode surface.

Impedimetric

The capacity of a medium or solution of electrolytes to let electrical current flow between the working electrodes and the counter electrodes or the reference electrode is measured using conductometric sensors. Impedimetric sensors are divided into conductometric approaches. Analyzing variations in capacitance is done using conductometric sensing techniques. Impedance spectroscopy, which is proportional to and dependent upon the amount of analyte as well as application of the sensor, is used to analyze the impedance of electrolytic cell surfaces. Capacitance measurement methods are continuously evaluated, and electrochemical spectroscopy is a potential combination of these methods. Only the typical value of resistance can be determined using a DC current. In impedimetric sensing, AC current is typically used to measure changes in the electrode's capacitance value.[61]

4.4. MASS BASED BIOSENSORS

Magneto electric [ME]

The ME effect in composites, which is characterized by the inductive effect of electric polarization in an operational external electromagnetic field or, conversely, by the magnetization by an external electric field, is well known to be caused by the interactions among the composite's electric, magnetic, and flexible subsystems. Composites have a massive ME reaction at room temperature compared to a single-phase material and are prepared for use in real-life applications[63,64]. By selecting elements with high piezoelectric & piezomagnetic modules, one can get the necessary significant values of the ME coefficients. There are currently a lot of works that study ME composites extensively with the intention of using them as magnetic field sensors.[65]

Piezoelectric biosensors

A collection of analytical tools called piezoelectric biosensors record interactions between affinities. A sensor component known as a piezo platform, or a piezoelectric crystal operates on the theory of oscillations changing because of mass restrained on a piezoelectric crystal surface. The mass-based biosensors known as piezoelectric biosensors, whenever an external force is applied, produce an electrical signal.[66]

Quartz crystal microbalance [QCM]

A quartz crystal microbalance [QCM] model serves as an illustration of a piezoelectric biosensor. The QCM's operating framework is illustrated. A quartz crystal microbalance [QCM] is a widely used instrument in the electronics sector. These devices currently function as the attenuators in electronic equipment, and their fundamental mode frequencies range from 1 to 20 MHz Even though higher frequencies offer excellent chances for a sensitive test. Quartz crystal with metal electrodes was the primary component utilized during the creation of the QCM sensor. To facilitate identification of a target analyte within the environment, a sensitive coating material is utilized on the sensor surface. Converting the amount that was measured to an electrical signal requires an adequate electronic circuit.[68]

Surface Acoustic Wave [SAW]

As a result of the mass sensing effect, which alters the acoustic velocity and thus influences the frequency shift used for sensing, the sensing surface of the SAW device gets coated with a photosensitive chemical which alters its properties when exposed to light. Like this, SAW devices are frequently employed as pH sensors[70–72]. Surface acoustic waves are produced by piezoelectric substrates in SAW devices whenever a voltage of electricity is applied. In other words, the mechanical characteristics of the waves that guide in the SAW sensors interact with the physical characteristics of the species, and this causes the acoustic devices to respond accordingly[73]. These interactions result in changes to the device's individual electrical output, which can take shape in the form of voltage, current, or capacitance. To allow the transducer layer to interact with a chemical or biological agent, SAW sensors used for chemicals or biological detection are constructed in this manner. The intended mechanical or electrical reaction is then quantitatively produced as an output from these interactions[74].

5. FORENSIC APPLICATIONS OF BIOSENSORS

5.1 BIOSENSORS USED FOR DETECTION OF ORGANOPHASPHATES [OP]

The widespread use of organophosphate insecticides [OP]in agriculture exposes people and other target creatures to contamination and harm. Thus, it is crucial to identify and analyze how OP affects the environment using biological samples[76,77]. Many biosensors in development, including those based on electrochemistry, immunology, optics, and enzymes, accurately detect the presence of OP. Biosensor is also used to evaluate OP's impact in humans. Biosensors that analyze the effect of OP on various human organs are also being developed[78–80]. These are organ-on-chip models that interpret the influence of OP concentrations on individual cells. These chips are kept in a microfluidic environment that simulates in vivo circumstances, removing the need for animals or cell cultures[81]. Even multi-organ-on-chip systems are being developed to study the effect of OP on other organs in the body. Currently, liver-on-chip technology is being developed to study the effects of OP on liver cells, such as dichlorobiphenyl trichloroethane, permethrin, and rotenone. In the future, metabolomics-on-chip will be used for biosensing to examine the influence of OP on cell metabolomics[82,83]. Despite an increase in research interest in building new biosensors are widespread application to detect OP effectively.[84]

5.2 BIOSENSORS USED FOR DETECTION OF DICHLORVOS PESTICIDES

Identification of organophosphates in actual samples using the acetylcholinesterase inhibition mechanism [Ache] Acetylcholinesterase. Without a complicated biosensor assembly procedure, the biosensor is made up of the enzyme’s acetylcholine [Ach], choline oxidase [ChOx] and Quantum Dots [QD]. The detection limit [LOD] for dichlorvos is determined once the evaluation criteria are optimized [DDVP][85]. A wide definition is possible with two-line intervals. It is discovered where the DDVP concentration ranges. Also, the mechanism for the photoluminescence of CdTe QDsCadmium Telluride Quantum Dots in H_2O_2 presence may have been advanced[86]. Most crucially, the developed biosensor demonstrated that it was capable of detecting residues from actual organophosphorus insecticides [OPs][87]. This biosensor's excellent performance will make it easier to create quick and high-throughput organophosphate pesticide detection techniques in the future. Dichlorvos is among the most popular due to its effectiveness in eliminating specific pests. OP pesticides are employed as agricultural insecticide in underdeveloped nations, as well as in business and domestic settings. It has also been stated that it works with fish as an anthelmintic agent. It has been used extensively since the 1960s to eradicate crustaceans ectoparasites, and because of its toxicity, it has been discovered to be very efficient against mosquitoes[87,88]. Biosensor for pesticide dichlorvos monitoring One of the Pesticide residues is dichlorvos, and its main mode of action is enzyme inhibition. Many enzymes are present and are used to create sensitive biocomponents that are integrated with conductors, such as Ache, cholinesterase, and tyrosinase. An index of research where Ache is inactive is organized according to the enzymes utilized in biosensor advancement over the last 30 years. a collection of research the direct transducer has no ache. [89]

5.3 BIOSENSORS USED FOR DETECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICANTS

The cholinergic neuron enzyme acetylcholinesterase [AChe] is responsible for hydrolyzing the neurotransmitter acetylcholine into choline and acetate controlling nerve messages within the body. Array biosensors do not just rely on it is for the purpose of finding insecticides with organophosphates, inhibition has been used. By phosphorylating serine residues in the active site of the enzyme, organophosphates reduce the activity of Ache and stop acetylcholine from being hydrolyzed. For instance, an electrochemical biosensor based on Ache detection of organophosphate, more precisely pesticides were recently developed for the detection of chlorpyrifos, an organophosphate pesticide a biosensor is created. [90]

[1] combining glutaraldehyde and AChe.
[2] Immobilization of crosslinked enzyme on semiconductor single-walled carbon nanotube–modified glassy carbon electrodes [s-SWCNT] and
[3] administration of serum albumin [BSA] to stop specific binding.[91]

In addition to Ache, other enzymes such as butyrylcholinesterase [BCE], choline oxidase. [ChOx], phosphodiesterase [PTE] and organophosphate hydrolase [OPH]. It has been successfully used for electrochemical biosensing of organophosphate pesticides performance of such biosensors in detecting organophosphates and other pesticides; including triazine and carbamates Enzyme biosensors are a strategy used to immobilize enzymes on electrodes[91]. The goal is to keep the enzyme in close contact without obstructing the transducer surface change of the enzyme's active site or geometry. After immobilization, the enzyme must have a high Vmax [maximum reaction rate occurs at high substrate concentration]. if the enzyme is saturated] and low Km [Michael's constant], substrate the concentration at which the reaction rate is reduced to half. Immobilization strategy is considered biosensors are stable and successful if they are reusable and retain enzyme selectivity. standardized, including immobilization methods. They are referred to as stable and successful biosensors if the immobilization approach produces reusable biosensors that still display enzyme exclusivity including techniques for constraint[92].

Adsorption, absorption, microencapsulation, covalent bonding, and interaction with glutaraldehyde are the first five processes. For instance, immobilization by adsorption or trapping and covalently might result in enzyme leakage. Bonding and bridge increase the long-term viability of the enzymes but may also lessen the immobilization of its activity. It is essential to create immobilization techniques with high enzyme holding activity and good stability. The exorbitant cost of pure enzymes, annealing during immobilization, and biosensor persistence and management are all problems with using enzyme-based biosensors. In addition to electrochemical biosensors involving entire cells that were developed as an alternate to enzymes, Cells can react to a variety of targets that are pertinent to pharmacology, cell physiology, and toxicology, as well as to genetic alteration that enables the detection of toxin classes[93,94]. Germ cells are an affordable and reliable substitute for enzymes that do not need labor-intensive isolation. It is simple to create purification processes using vast numbers of cells. Acute biotoxicity is measured in microbial cells using physiological changes that occur following exposure to hazardous chemicals, specifically alterations in the respiratory chain activity. To replace oxygen as the electron acceptor during respiration, artificial mediators [potassium ferricyanide, menadione, and benzoquinone] frequently overcome sluggish transit electrons on the surface of the microbial cell walls and electrodes. Yet we must be cautious when selecting a facilitator of redox potential and possible toxicity.to microbial cells. [95]

5.4 BIOSENSOR USED FOR DETECTION OF HEAVY METAL WATER POISONING

Incorporating biosensors with microfluidic systems allows for the integration of living materials and chemical characteristics on a single platform, enhancing portability, disposable nature, and in situ analytical capabilities of the biosensors, particularly when cellular network is used. LOCs, also known as "Micro Total Analytical Systems" [Tas]. measurement tools that could restrict laboratory operations such sample preparation, separation, and detection to one platform. Microfluidic channels being included in the LOC. The tool enables the movement of samples and chemicals among various liquid parts of the chip. The reduction of LOC sensors made possible by electrolytic sensing devices, as well as its connection with microfabrication and machining [edam techniques][96].

LOC devices are suited for quick on-site assessment like because they need little in the way of samples and reagent volume [sometimes from nano to acetylator], have a high surface-to-volume ratio [which reduces reaction time], and have highly regulated sample handling[97]. Environment monitoring, medical diagnosis, food safety, and process control are all proper. Aside from centrifugal microchannels networks, electro - kinetic systems, microfluidic droplets, and free Libra non - contact distributing systems, Haeberle and Zengerle classified microchannels systems into microtubule test strips [lateral flow], rising microelectronic integration reaches [pressure-driven devices], capillary-controlled test strips, and centrifugal microfluidic networks. Continuous, droplet, and digital microfluidics are the various kinds of microfluidic systems [Molecular Droplet Immiscible liquids are used in devices to create droplets in microchannels, and electrostatically driven electrode systems are used in digital microfluidic systems to regulate the flow of droplets, obviating the need for pump, switches, and tubes[98]. Each system's manipulation mechanisms and diverse liquid flows each offer different benefits and drawbacks. Silicon, glass, polymers like [PMDS], polyethylene terephthalate [PET], and polypropylene [dimethyl acrylate] [PMMA], cyclical composites of olefins, polycarbonates, and paper are among the materials used to create LOCs. This decides the execution method to be used. Design, components, and goal Devices made of glass and silicon dioxide are manufactured using photolithography and etching processes. Soft printing, hot stamping, metal injection, pulsed laser deposition, laminating, nanofabrication, and 3D printing are the most common methods used to create polymer-based devices. [99]

5.5 BIOSENSORS USED FOR DETECTION OF EXPLOSIVES:

Biosensor devices may permit flexible on-site analysis. It is being shown that fiber-optic evanescent field methods can be used to detect explosives utilizing immunoaffinity reactions. Aside from antibodies, high-affinity nucleic acids [aptamers] can be used as molecular recognition elements[100,101]. Aptamers are extremely effective synthetic bind molecules which can be made with any ligand, including minute chemical substances like drugs, explosives, or their derivatives. The invention of aptamers for detecting the explosive chemical TNT Trinitrotoluene is presented. Aptamers are utilized in a fiber-optic biosensor as a sensitive capture molecule. Furthermore, the components of aptamers could be characterized using biosensor measurements[102,103]. The aptamer biosensor has several advantages, including its resilience and capacity to distinguish between different explosive chemicals.[104]

5.6 ALCOHOLOXIDASE-ETHANOL BIOSENSORS

Ethanol detection and quantification with high sensitivity, selectivity, and precision are needed in a variety of applications. Several techniques and plans have indeed been discussed. Analyte determination methods include chromatography, liquid extraction, Refractometry, and spectrophotometry, among others[105]. The use of the enzymatic alcohol oxidase [AOX] for alcohol assessment in complex samples allows for a significant improvement in specificity. the state of the art in AOX-based alcohol dedication sensing devices with electrical and chemical electrodes or immobilized enzyme reactors. All OX-based alcohol sensor nodes developed to date have been designed to measure O2 consumption or H2O2 formation [106][107,108].

This was primarily carried out using matched amperometry electrodes with matching potentials of H-600 mV for O2 monitoring and +600 mV for H2O2 Lane. AOX linked to peroxidase [HRP was also used to build both facilitated and unfiltered bienzymatic systems [HRP]. For ethanol detection, there were several types of electrodes available, including epithelial working electrode, porous carbon electrodes, self-made screen-printing electrodes, and monolayers. [109–111]Working with him in a unique way Sensitive Enzyme is a strategy that involves using a huge part of AOX to generate an enzyme reservoir, which can be acquired using immobilized enzyme reactors. These reactors can be linked to a high-performance liquid analysis method or electrochemical converters via colorimetric detection. [112]

5.7 BIOSENSORS USED FOR DETECTION OF DRUGS

Cocaine detection using aptamer-based biosensors is a well-established field of study and application. Cutting down on analysis time without sacrificing sensitivity is still difficult, though. We created an aptamer-based evanescent wave fiber [EWF] biosensor in this study for the quick detection of cocaine over a broad operating range[113–115]. Aptamers were first coupled to fluorescently labelled complementary DNA, after which the resulting conjugates were immobilized on magnetic beads. The released DNA in the supernatant was discovered on the EWF platform when cocaine was added to compete with the aptamer-DNA conjugates[115–117]. A first-order kinetic and saturation model could be used to interpret the EWF signals' dynamic curves. The limit of detection was roughly 10.5 M, and the semi-log calibration curves encompassed a working range of 10-5000 M cocaine. The detection interval was 390 s, or 6.5 minutes, while the complete procedure took 990 s. Four common medicinal drugs were tested, and specific cocaine detection was established. Without noticeably losing sensitivity, the study was run 50 times. A practical option for the quick detection of cocaine is the aptamer based EWF biosensor. [118]

6. CURRENT AND FUTURISTIC CHALLENGES IN BIOSENSORS

- Improving serological fast tests' specificity, sensitivity, and accuracy, especially for infectious disorders.
- Enhancing the scalability and repeatable performance of POC biosensor device production.
- Lowering the POC sensor based' detection threshold for the detection of cancer and cardiac biomarkers.
- Improving the connection among Geno sensors & LAMP platforms, which can speed up genetic testing and ease sample processing.
- Enhancing the production of disposable, inexpensive, and highly effective biosensors.
- Utilizing nanotechnologies as well as biochemical processes. recognition layers in detection platforms
- Enhancing platforms and the functionality of wearable biosensors.
- Enhancing the creation of electronic gadgets with ingestible biosensors incorporated for in-vivo sensing in real-time.
- Creating reliable biosensors that integrate using remotely control systems for monitoring the surroundings.[119]
- Controlling dangers, pharmaceuticals, pesticides, and other substances that harm people, the environment, or both through mechanisms like enzyme inhibition is crucial. The use of point-of-care devices in general, and biological sensors is closely tied with such regulation and monitoring. Beyond single detection uses, biosensors are particularly intriguing instruments for online monitoring. Nanomaterials make great building blocks for biosensors.
- Although electrochemical biosensors are extremely sensitive and economical, there is always room for improvement in terms of performance, sensitivity, selectivity, and responsiveness. Additional integration with microfluidic technology and wireless database technology will be very beneficial for creating biosensors are used for remote sensing applications.[120]

7. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE PERSPECEIVE:

Wearable electrochemical biosensors:

It is a patch, flexible, and disposable containing temperature and electrolyte sensor. It is made up of a multiplexed MIP nutrition sensor array, two carbachol-loaded iontophoresis electrodes, and a multi-inlet micro fluidic module. It transmits the data through Bluetooth and is displayed on apps in smartphones or smartwatches [121].

The application of Wearable electrochemical biosensors [WES] allows rapid, fast, and real-time in-situ analysis for the detection of illicit drugs, ethanol concentration, and toxic and hazardous species. This avoids the need for sample collection, preservation, and transporting thus minimizing the possibility of sample manipulation. In many crime scenes, there is a possibility of the presence of hazardous chemicals/toxins. To make the investigators alert, wearable electrochemical biosensors can be used [122]. Moreover, the conductivity of the sensor and its capacity to immobilize biomolecules can be considerably enhanced by combining electrochemical transduction with the usage of nanomaterials and magnetic microcarriers.[4]

Biosensors have become a valuable tool in the field of forensic chemistry and toxicology due to their high sensitivity, selectivity, minimal sample requirement, rapidity, specificity, and low cost. These devices can detect trace amounts of various biological and chemical substances, which makes them valuable for identifying and analyzing forensic samples. However, the detection of large molecules such as proteins and nucleic acids has some issues where new methods and procedures should be introduced in this field. Biosensors have been used in a variety of applications, including detecting drugs of abuse, identifying explosives and chemical agents, organophosphates, environmental toxicants, heavy metals in heavy metal poisoning, nitrogenous compounds, and fertilizers. They have also been used to detect toxins in food and water supplies. Biosensors are also used in other fields such as in the field of medicine for clinical diagnosis, in the food industry for determining the ingredients and in quality controls, and in agriculture for detecting and monitoring toxicity and clinical abnormalities. One advantage of biosensors is that they can be easily miniaturized and integrated into portable devices, allowing for on-site testing and analysis. One such technology is wearable electrochemical biosensors which allow real-time in-situ analysis. Thus, can save time and reduce costs associated with traditional laboratory-based analysis. Many such new technologies can be introduced in biosensors. In today's world, everything is automated i.e., Controlled manually via an app or voice assistant, or through remote. Such measures of automation of biosensors in forensics as well as in other fields can be introduced. In conclusion, the application of biosensors in forensic chemistry and toxicology has opened new avenues for the analysis and detection of various substances, providing valuable information for forensic investigators and toxicologists. As technology advances, it is expected that biosensors will continue to play an increasingly important role in these fields.

ABBREVIATIONS

1. OP - Organophosphates
2. AChe- Acetylcholinesterase

3. DDVP- Dichlorvos or2,2-dichlorovinyl dimethyl phosphate
4. SWCNT-Single-walled carbon nanotubes
5. LOC-Lab-on-a-chip device
6. TAS- Total Analytical system
7. AOX- Adsorbable organically bound halogens
8.TNT: Trinitrotoluene
9.CdTe: Cadmium Telluride
10. QD: Quantum Dots

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