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ABSTRACT

Cancer is deadly disease which is caused due to uncontrolled growth of the cells and forms from the extra mass tissue known as tumour. Smoking, drinking more than one alcoholic drink a day (for women of all ages and men older than age 65) or two drinks a day (for men age 65 and younger), excessive exposure to the sun or frequent blistering sunburns, being obese, and having unsafe sex can contribute to cancer. The earlier cancer can be detected, the better the chance of a cure. In terms of cancer, the analyte being detected by the biosensor is a tumour biomarker. Thus, by measuring levels of certain proteins expressed and/or secreted by tumour cells, biosensors can detect whether a tumour is present, whether it is benign or cancerous, and whether treatment has been effective in reducing or eliminating cancerous cells. The biosensors can be designed to detect emerging cancer biomarkers and to determine drug effectiveness at various target sites. The designed biosensor has the potential to provide fast and accurate detection, reliable imaging of cancer cells, and monitoring of angiogenesis and cancer metastasis, and the ability to determine the effectiveness of anticancer chemotherapy agents.

The biosensor is designed using SAW devices which have the inter-digitated transducers excitation electrodes fabricated on the one side of the piezoelectric film. The sensor can transform an input electrical signal into a mechanical wave which can be easily influenced by physical phenomena. Then, the changed mechanical wave is transduced back into an electrical signal. The presence of the desired phenomenon can be detected through the difference between the input and output electrical signal (amplitude, phase, frequency, or time delay). As a result, the SAW devices have the acoustic waves propagating along the surface of the piezoelectric substrate. For SAW resonators the IDTs are fabricated in a central position and reflectors are added on both sides of the input and output IDTs to trap the acoustic energy within a cavity. The surface between the IDTs is coated with antibodies sensitive to the analyte to be detected. The analyte molecules binding to the immobilized antibodies on the sensor surface influence the velocity of the SAW and hence the output signal generated by the driving electronics. For biosensors it is necessary to take care of toxicity, reliability of the device, so in this work biodegradable and non-toxic polymer, PVDF is used.