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Lab-on-Paper

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Objectives

- Development of paper-based diagnostic platforms.
- Optimize the immobilization, stabilization and lateral-flow hybridization of oligonucleotide probes on paper matrices.
- Integrate isothermal DNA amplification processes and paperfluidics technologies for detecting and differentiating species and assessing antibiotic resistance.

Methodology

- 1. Paper-based diagnostic platforms wax printing method
 - Improve ease-of-use and reduce cost of the assays
- 2. Immobilization of oligonucleotides
 - Physical adsorption
 - · Spotting of bioactive inks
 - Chemical modification of cellulose
- 3. Malaria diagnostic test
 - Optimize sensitivity, specificity and minimum detection threshold
 - Assesse storage stability under different environmental conditions (e.g. humidity and temperature)

Expected Results

Development of paper-based microfluidic devices as **ASSURED** platforms for diagnostic tests.

Proof-of-concept

Malaria and Tuberculosis
Diagnostic

Affordable

Sensitive

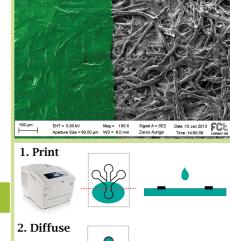
Specific

User-friendly

Rapid and Robust

Equipment-free

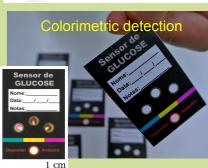
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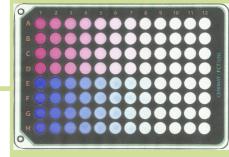








Paper microplate



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