



New Era of Testing: Salivary Diagnostics

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Dear Colleagues ,

Ageing and the growing population are placing increased pressure on the healthcare system. We require better methods to diagnose diseases at an earlier stage than is currently possible. There is also evidence linking oral health conditions to systemic events. As such, human saliva is gaining attention as the diagnostic fluid for the future. Human saliva collection is non-invasive, easy and multiple samples can be collected from an individual with minimal discomfort to the person. Saliva contains about 30% of the proteins contained in blood. Biomolecules continuously move between saliva and blood and as such biomarkers in the circulation can be detected in saliva. Saliva is currently used to detect hormones and drugs of abuse and will be used in the future for other systemic diseases.

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