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Biosensors and their Current Application in Food Safety Evaluation

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ABSTRACT: The escalating global demand for safe and high-quality food has spurred significant research into rapid, sensitive, and reliable methods for detecting foodborne hazards. Biosensors have emerged as powerful analytical tools that offer considerable advantages over traditional detection techniques. This article provides a comprehensive overview of biosensors, detailing their fundamental components, working principles, and diverse classifications based on biorecognition elements and signal transduction mechanisms. It extensively discusses the current applications of various biosensor types in food safety evaluation, including the detection of microbial pathogens, toxins, chemical contaminants (pesticides, antibiotics, heavy metals), allergens, and indicators of food spoilage. Furthermore, the chapter highlights the advantages, such as speed and portability, and addresses the existing limitations and challenges, including matrix effects and stability. Finally, future trends and prospects, including the integration of nanomaterials, multiplexing capabilities, and smartphone-based platforms, are explored, underscoring the transformative potential of biosensors in safeguarding the global food supply.

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INTRODUCTION

Food safety is a paramount global concern, with foodborne diseases posing significant public health risks and economic burdens (WHO, 2022). Traditional methods for detecting food contaminants, such as culturing, chromatography, and mass spectrometry, while accurate, are often time-consuming, labourintensive, expensive, and require specialized personnel and laboratory infrastructure. This has driven the development of alternative analytical tools that are rapid, sensitive, specific, cost-effective, and suitable for on-site or in-line analysis. **Biosensors** have emerged as promising candidates meeting many of these criteria.

A biosensor is an analytical device that combines a biological recognition element (bioreceptor) with a physical or chemical transducer to detect the presence or concentration of a target analyte (D'Orazio, 2011). The interaction between the analyte and the bioreceptor generates a measurable signal, which is then converted by the transducer into an electrical, optical, or other quantifiable output (Turner, 2013).

The fundamental components of a biosensor include • Analyte: The specific substance to be detected (e.g.,

bacteria, toxin, pesticide).
Bioreceptor: A biological material (e.g., enzyme, antibody, nucleic acid, cell, aptamer) that selectively interacts, binds, or reacts with the target analyte. The

specificity of the biosensor is largely determined by the bioreceptor.

• **Transducer:** A device that converts the biochemical interaction at the bioreceptor into a measurable physical signal (e.g., electrical current, potential, light intensity, mass change).

• **Signal Processor/Amplifier:** Processes and amplifies the transduced signal.

• **Display/Readout:** Presents the processed signal in a user-understandable format (e.g., numerical value, graph).

Biosensors offer several advantages over conventional methods:

• **Rapidity:** Results can often be obtained in minutes.

• High Sensitivity and Specificity: Capable of detecting low concentrations of specific analytes.

• **Portability and Miniaturization:** Enabling on-site and real-time monitoring.

• Ease of Use: Often requiring minimal sample preparation and user training.

• Potential for Automation and High-Throughput Screening.

• **Cost-Effectiveness:** Particularly for screening large numbers of samples.

The development of biosensors dates back to the pioneering work of Leland C. Clark Jr. in 1962, who developed an enzyme electrode for glucose detection (Clark & Lyons 1962). Since then, the field has

witnessed exponential growth, driven by advances in molecular biology, nanotechnology, microfabrication, and electronics.

TYPES OF BIOSENSORS USED IN FOOD SAFETY

Biosensors can be classified based on the type of bioreceptor used or the principle of signal transduction.

A. Based on Bioreceptors

• Enzyme-based Biosensors: Utilize enzymes as biorecognition elements. The enzyme catalyzes a reaction with the analyte, leading to a measurable change (e.g., consumption of a substrate, production of a product, change in pH). Commonly used for detecting pesticides (e.g., organophosphates and carbamates via acetylcholinesterase inhibition), glucose, lactate, and phenols (Mello & Kubota 2002).

◆ Immunosensors (Antibody-based): Employ antibodies (monoclonal or polyclonal) or antibody fragments as bioreceptors due to their high specificity and affinity for antigens (analytes such as proteins, toxins, bacteria, or haptens) (Rodríguez-Mozaz *et al.*, 2005). The antigen-antibody binding event is then transduced into a measurable signal.

•Nucleic Acid-based Biosensors (Genosensors): Use single-stranded DNA or RNA probes, or Peptide Nucleic Acids (PNAs), to detect complementary target DNA/RNA sequences from pathogens or for GMO identification (Pohanka, 2018). Hybridization events are converted into signals.

◆ Cell-based Biosensors (Microbial Biosensors): Utilize whole microbial cells (bacteria, yeast, fungi) or animal/plant cells as bioreceptors. The physiological response of the cells to the analyte (e.g., changes in respiration, metabolite production, bioluminescence) is monitored (D'Souza, 2001). They can be used for general toxicity assessment or detection of specific compounds.

• Aptasensors (Aptamer-based): Employ aptamers, which are short, single-stranded DNA or RNA oligonucleotides (or peptides) that can bind to various targets (proteins, small molecules, cells) with high affinity and specificity, similar to antibodies (Song *et al.*, 2008). Aptamers offer advantages like *in vitro* selection, ease of synthesis and modification, and higher stability.

— **Phage-based Biosensors:** Utilize bacteriophages (viruses that infect bacteria) or phage-derived components (e.g., receptor binding proteins) for the specific detection of bacterial pathogens (Singh *et al.*, 2013).

B. Based on Transduction Mechanisms

• Electrochemical Biosensors: Measure changes in electrical properties (current, potential, impedance, conductance) resulting from the biorecognition event.

- *Amperometric:* Measure the current produced by the oxidation or reduction of an electroactive species

involved in the enzymatic reaction or binding event (Grieshaber *et al.*, 2008).

— *Potentiometric:* Measure the change in potential difference at an electrode surface. Ion-selective electrodes (ISEs) and field-effect transistors (FETs) are common examples.

— *Conductometric:* Measure changes in the electrical conductivity of the solution.

— Impedimetric (Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy - EIS): Measure the opposition to alternating current flow, providing information about interfacial properties and binding events (Prodromidis, 2010).

• **Optical Biosensors:** Detect changes in optical properties (absorbance, fluorescence, luminescence, refractive index) due to the interaction between the analyte and the bioreceptor.

— *Colorimetric:* Measure changes in color intensity. Often used in simple strip tests.

— *Fluorescent:* Measure the emission of light from a fluorophore following excitation. Changes in fluorescence intensity, lifetime, or polarization can be correlated to analyte concentration (Lakowicz, 2006).

— *Bioluminescent:* Measure light produced by a biochemical reaction, often enzyme-catalyzed (e.g., luciferase).

— *Surface Plasmon Resonance (SPR):* Detects changes in the refractive index at the surface of a metal film (typically gold) upon binding of the analyte to immobilized bioreceptors. SPR is label-free and allows real-time monitoring of binding kinetics (Homola, 2008).

— Surface-Enhanced Raman Scattering (SERS): Enhances the Raman scattering signal of molecules adsorbed on or near nanostructured metal surfaces, allowing for highly sensitive detection (Wang *et al.*, 2017b).

◆ **Piezoelectric/Acoustic Biosensors:** Based on the principle that the oscillation frequency of a piezoelectric crystal (e.g., Quartz Crystal Microbalance - QCM) changes with mass adsorbed onto its surface. When the bioreceptor binds the analyte, the increased mass causes a measurable frequency shift (Laocharoensuk *et al.*, 2018).

• Thermal/Calorimetric Biosensors: Measure the heat produced or absorbed during a biochemical reaction (e.g., enzyme-analyte interaction). Highly sensitive thermistors are used as transducers (Ramanathan & Danielsson 2001).

CURRENT APPLICATIONS IN FOOD SAFETY EVALUATION

Biosensors are being extensively developed and applied for various aspects of food safety monitoring.

A. Detection of Microbial Pathogens

Rapid detection of foodborne pathogens is crucial to prevent outbreaks. • Bacteria:

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— Immunosensors (e.g., SPR, electrochemical) and aptasensors are widely used for detecting *Salmonella* spp., *Escherichia coli* O157:H7, *Listeria monocytogenes*, and *Campylobacter jejuni* in food matrices like milk, meat, and produce (Velusamy *et al.*, 2010; Wang *et al.*, 2017a). For instance, SERS-based immunosensors have shown high sensitivity for *E. coli* O157:H7 (Liu *et al.*, 2011).

— Phage-based biosensors offer high specificity, as phages infect specific bacterial hosts. Phage-based magnetoelastic biosensors have been developed for rapid detection of *Salmonella Typhimurium* (Shabani *et al.*, 2016).

— Nucleic acid-based biosensors, often integrated with PCR or isothermal amplification methods (e.g., LAMP), provide high specificity and sensitivity for pathogen identification by targeting specific genes (Ahmed *et al.*, 2014).

♦ Viruses:

— Biosensors for foodborne viruses like Norovirus and Hepatitis A are gaining attention. Immunosensors and genosensors, particularly those based on electrochemical or optical transduction, are being developed (Sánchez *et al.*, 2020).

B. Detection of Microbial Toxins

Toxins produced by bacteria or fungi can cause severe illness even if the microorganism is no longer viable.

• **Mycotoxins:** Aflatoxins (e.g., AFB1, AFM1), ochratoxin A, deoxynivalenol (DON), fumonisins, and zearalenone are major concerns.

Immunosensors

(electrochemical, SPR, fluorescent) and aptasensors are the most common types for mycotoxin detection in cereals, nuts, and dairy products (Maragos, 2009; Turner *et al.*, 2009). Nanomaterial-enhanced biosensors improve sensitivity. For example, gold nanoparticlebased colorimetric aptasensors have been developed for aflatoxin B1 (Cruz-Agado & Penner 2008).

◆ **Bacterial Toxins:** Staphylococcal enterotoxins, *Bacillus cereus* emetic toxin, and botulinum neurotoxins are critical targets.

— Electrochemical and optical immunosensors are employed for their rapid and sensitive detection (Rasooly & Herold 2008). SPR-based biosensors have been reported for detecting botulinum neurotoxin (Sharma *et al.*, 2005).

C. Detection of Chemical Contaminants

• **Pesticide Residues:** Organophosphate and carbamate pesticides are commonly detected using enzyme-based biosensors that measure the inhibition of acetylcholinesterase (AChE) or butyrylcholinesterase (BChE) (Andreescu & Marty 2006). Electrochemical transduction is frequently used.

• Antibiotic/Veterinary Drug Residues: Residues of antibiotics (e.g., tetracyclines, sulfonamides, β -lactams) in milk, meat, and honey are concerns due to allergic reactions and the spread of antimicrobial resistance.

SPR immunosensors, electrochemical aptasensors, and microbial inhibition assays integrated with biosensors are applied (Conzuelo *et al.*, 2014; Gaudin, 2017).

• Heavy Metals: Contamination with heavy metals like lead (Pb), cadmium (Cd), mercury (Hg), and arsenic (As) is a serious health hazard. Electrochemical biosensors, including those using enzymes (e.g., urease inhibition), microorganisms, or DNAzymes, have been developed for their detection (Wang & Lu 2016).

◆ Illegal Dyes and Preservatives: Biosensors are being explored for detecting undeclared or banned food colorants (e.g., Sudan dyes) and preservatives (e.g., nitrites, sulfites).

◆ Allergens: Accurate detection of food allergens (e.g., gluten, peanuts, milk proteins, soy) is vital for protecting allergic individuals. Immunosensors, particularly ELISA-based formats adapted to biosensor platforms (e.g., electrochemical, SPR), are the most common (Pilolli *et al.*, 2017). Aptasensors are also emerging as alternatives.

D. Monitoring Food Spoilage & Freshness

Biosensors can provide real-time information about food quality and remaining shelf-life.

◆ Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs): Spoilage microorganisms produce specific VOCs (e.g., trimethylamine in fish, diacetyl in dairy). Electronic noses (arrays of gas sensors) and biosensors targeting these VOCs can indicate spoilage (Wilson, 2013).

• **Biogenic Amines:** Compounds like histamine, cadaverine, and putrescine are indicators of microbial spoilage in fish, meat, and fermented foods. Enzyme-based biosensors (e.g., using amine oxidase) are used for their detection (Özogul *et al.*, 2019).

• **pH and Microbial Load:** Biosensors can monitor pH changes or total viable counts as general indicators of spoilage.

E. Detection of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)

Labeling of GMOs is mandatory in many countries. DNA-based biosensors (genosensors) targeting specific DNA sequences inserted during genetic modification (e.g., promoters like CaMV 35S, terminators like NOS) or specific transgenes are used for GMO screening (Mazzara *et al.*, 2012). SPR and electrochemical DNA biosensors are common.

ADVANTAGES AND LIMITATIONS OF BIOSENSORS IN FOOD SAFETY

A. Advantages

• Speed and Real-Time Monitoring: Significantly reduces analysis time compared to traditional methods.

• **High Sensitivity and Specificity:** Achievable with appropriate bioreceptor and transducer design.

• **Portability and On-Site Application:** Miniaturized devices allow for testing outside the laboratory, e.g., at farms, processing plants, or import checkpoints.

• **User-Friendliness:** Many biosensor formats are designed for ease of use with minimal training.

• **Reduced Sample Preparation:** Often require less extensive sample clean-up.

◆ **Cost-Effectiveness:** Can be cheaper per assay, especially for high-throughput screening, although initial instrument costs can vary.

• Potential for Automation and Integration: Can be integrated into online monitoring systems.

B. Limitations and Challenges

• Matrix Effects: Complex food matrices (e.g., fats, proteins, particulates) can interfere with the bioreceptor-analyte interaction or the transducer signal, leading to false positives/negatives or reduced sensitivity. Sample pre-treatment is often still necessary.

• Stability of Biorecognition Elements: Enzymes, antibodies, and nucleic acids can be sensitive to temperature, pH, and organic solvents, limiting their operational and storage stability.

• **Regeneration:** For reusable biosensors, effective regeneration of the bioreceptor surface without damaging its activity can be challenging.

• **Calibration:** Frequent calibration may be required to ensure accuracy.

• Mass Production and Commercialization: Transitioning from laboratory prototypes to robust, commercially viable products can be difficult due to manufacturing complexities, cost, and quality control issues.

• **Regulatory Acceptance:** Gaining approval from regulatory bodies for new biosensor-based methods requires extensive validation against standard methods.

◆ Selectivity in Complex Mixtures: Differentiating between closely related analytes can be challenging.

• Detection of Viable vs. Non-Viable Pathogens: Some biosensors (e.g., DNA-based) may detect genetic material from both live and dead cells, which might not always correlate with actual health risk.

Future Trends and Prospects

The field of biosensors for food safety is rapidly evolving, with several exciting trends:

• Nanotechnology Integration (Nanobiosensors): The use of nanomaterials (e.g., gold nanoparticles, carbon nanotubes, graphene, quantum dots) is significantly enhancing biosensor performance by increasing surface area, improving catalytic activity, enhancing signal transduction, and enabling novel detection strategies (Dey & Goswami 2011; Wang *et al.*, 2017b).

• Multiplex Biosensors: Development of platforms capable of simultaneously detecting multiple analytes (e.g., several pathogens, toxins, and antibiotics in a single assay) using sensor arrays or microfluidic devices, saving time and resources (Ligler *et al.*, 2013).

• Smartphone-Based Biosensors: Integrating biosensors with smartphones for data acquisition, processing, display, and transmission offers truly portable, low-cost, and user-friendly point-of-need

diagnostic tools (Vashist *et al.*, 2014). Colorimetric and electrochemical readers coupled with smartphone apps are emerging.

• Lab-on-a-Chip (LOC)/Micro Total Analysis Systems (μ TAS): Miniaturized devices that integrate sample preparation, reaction, separation, and detection on a single chip, reducing reagent consumption, analysis time, and enabling automation (Sackmann *et al.*, 2014).

• Internet of Things (IoT) Integration: Connecting biosensors within a network can allow for real-time, continuous monitoring of food safety parameters throughout the supply chain, creating "smart" food safety systems.

Advanced Biorecognition Elements:

• Synthetic Biology and Engineered Receptors: Designing novel bioreceptors with enhanced stability, affinity, and specificity. This includes engineered proteins, synthetic antibodies (e.g., nanobodies, affibodies), and DNAzymes/RNAzymes with catalytic activity.

• *Artificial Imprinting:* Molecularly Imprinted Polymers (MIPs) are being developed as robust synthetic alternatives to biological receptors (Pardeshi, 2022).

• Wearable Biosensors: While more focused on health monitoring, concepts could extend to food handlers for hygiene monitoring.

• **Improved Data Analysis:** Application of machine learning and artificial intelligence for more accurate signal interpretation and prediction of food safety risks from complex biosensor data.

• Focus on Non-Invasive and Stand-off Detection: For rapid screening without direct sample contact. Addressing the current limitations regarding robustness in real food matrices, long-term stability, cost of manufacturing for disposable sensors, and standardization for regulatory approval will be key to the widespread adoption of these promising technologies.

Biosensors have revolutionized food safety evaluation by offering rapid, sensitive, and often portable methods for detecting a wide array of contaminants. Their current applications span the entire food supply chain, from farm to fork, enabling the timely identification of pathogens, toxins, allergens, pesticides, antibiotics, and other adulterants. Key advantages driving their adoption include reduced analysis times compared to traditional laboratory techniques, the potential for onsite testing by non-specialized personnel, and the ability to provide real-time or near real-time results. This allows for quicker decision-making, leading to faster product release, more effective recall management, and ultimately, enhanced consumer protection.

Current research focuses on improving biosensor sensitivity, specificity, and multiplexing capabilities (detecting multiple analytes simultaneously). Nanomaterials, aptamers, and advanced biorecognition

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elements are being increasingly integrated to achieve lower detection limits and broader applicability. Furthermore, efforts are underway to develop more cost-effective, user-friendly, and robust biosensor platforms suitable for diverse food matrices and challenging environmental conditions. The integration of biosensors with wireless communication technologies and data analytics is also paving the way for smart food safety monitoring systems. However, challenges remain. Matrix effects from complex food samples can interfere with sensor performance. Ensuring the long-term stability and reliability of biosensors in real-world applications, along with standardization and regulatory acceptance, are ongoing hurdles. Addressing these limitations is crucial for the commercialization widespread and routine implementation of biosensor technologies in food safety.

CONCLUSIONS

Biosensors represent a dynamic and rapidly advancing field with immense potential to revolutionize food safety evaluation. They offer significant advantages in terms of speed, sensitivity, portability, and ease of use over traditional methods, enabling rapid screening for a wide array of microbiological and chemical hazards. While challenges related to matrix interference, bioreceptor stability, and commercial scalability persist, research, particularly leveraging ongoing nanotechnology, microfluidics, and novel biorecognition elements, is continuously pushing the boundaries of biosensor performance. The continued development and integration of biosensor technologies into the food industry and regulatory frameworks will play a critical role in ensuring a safer global food supply, protecting consumer health, and facilitating international trade.

FUTURE SCOPE

Biosensors have emerged as powerful analytical tools in the realm of food safety, enabling rapid, sensitive, and cost-effective detection of contaminants such as pathogens, toxins, allergens, heavy metals, and chemical residues. While the current applications of biosensors are already transforming food quality monitoring, their future scope holds even greater promise, driven by advances in nanotechnology, synthetic biology, data analytics, and material science. **Conflict of Interest.** None.

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