

# Method to Diagnose Diabetes through Saliva

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## Abstract:

### A. Background

A prevalent long-term condition that has been linked to salivary amylase levels is diabetes mellitus (DM). Recently, salivary amylase diagnostics have been linked to DM. The metabolic alterations that the DM population goes through have an impact on their salivary parameters. Saliva is a special fluid that is necessary for the mouth cavity to operate normally. Saliva collection is less intrusive, simpler, and technically insensitive than blood collection, making diagnosis by saliva analysis potentially helpful. The primary benefit of this approach is that it is a quick diagnostic tool. Establishing a conservative approach to measuring blood sugar in place of venous blood samples can be aided by examining the link between blood glucose levels and its concentration in saliva. Depending on how saliva was collected under fasting or non-fasting settings, there were variations in salivary amylase levels. The type of diabetes, the kind of insulin treatment, or the level of glycemic control determines the variations in salivary amylase.

### B. Methodology

Human saliva is an organic liquid vital created by the salivary organs. Saliva contains a few biomarkers which makes it valuable for multiplexed measures that are being created for point-of-care gadgets, quick tests, or for centralised clinical research facility tasks. The most significant perception is that proteins present in the blood are comparably present in saliva. Saliva-based diagnostics can likewise help in contriving early treatment systems. Salivary glucose focuses were seen as uniquely different in diabetes mellitus. This is on the grounds that the salivary organs act as a filter of blood glucose that are adjusted by hormonal or neural regulation. Since parts of saliva are derived from blood, the grouping of biochemical and immunological parts estimated in saliva could reflect blood levels. This prompt expanded emission of glucose from the ductal cells of the salivary organ, consequently expanding the glucose content in saliva. Salivary glucose can be used as an elective technique for diabetes and as a general evaluating apparatus for pre-diabetes and undiagnosed diabetes features the significant parts of saliva (harmless) and blood (intrusive). There have been a few reports showing biochemical changes in the saliva of diabetic patients. These modifications are related to salivary egg whites, amylase, support limit, electrolytes, glucose focus, IgA, IgG, IgM, lysozyme, peroxidase, and complete protein levels. Sampling, transport, and capacity of saliva are exceptionally straightforward when compared with blood. The entire mouth saliva is a salivary fluid and every one of the additional items incorporate cells from the mouth, nasal bodily fluid, blood from gum bruises, food flotsam and jetsam, and microbiota. For exact proteomic examination, the mucosal transudate furthermore, gingival crevicular are better impressions of the blood constituents. The materials and strategies used to gather saliva might impact the precision of testing. Prompt refrigeration at 4 degrees C would protect tests in the event that freezing is absurd yet support at this temperature ought to be no longer than 2 h prior to freezing at - 20 degrees C. Storage methodology and time from the collection principally influence the examination of the biochemical factors described by temperature instability and microbial development.

### C. Results & Conclusions

Contrasted with the blood, saliva contains a comparable assortment of constituents that can be utilised for the diagnosis of diabetes mellitus. Salivary glucose levels can be analysed as a noninvasive symptomatic. In addition to biochemical and metabolomic analysis, a paper strip-based non-invasive glucose biosensor was effectively created for salivary examination to analyse diabetes. Saliva protein profiling could be an

*alluring chance to analyse and screen diabetes in future. Therefore, salivary diagnostics has developed into a sophisticated discipline and fills in as a region of the bigger field of molecular diagnostics, presently perceived as a vital participant in biomedical, fundamental, and clinical examination.*

**Keywords:** Diabetes, Saliva

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Estimates place the number of individuals afflicted by diabetes at 422 million, making it a major global health issue. Diabetes Mellitus (DM) is a disease that affects millions of individuals annually and is on the rise. The sixth most common cause of death among senior people and the fifth most prevalent disease is type II DM. India, the second-most populated nation in the world, has a sizable population of Type II DM sufferers. Serious issues with the eyes, kidneys, heart, blood arteries, and other organ systems are linked to type II DM. As the patient's lifetime is cut short, the quality of life suffers.

After a predetermined amount of time of fasting, blood glucose measurement is traditionally used to diagnose diabetes. However, this therapy is an intrusive procedure that involves the use of needles, which may be painful or even traumatising to certain individuals and may ultimately result in behavioural changes. Because of the potential for serious physical, societal, psychological, and social repercussions, this unpleasant experience is strongly linked to avoidance behaviour, which includes skipping basic medical treatment and the related testing.

Due to the non-invasive nature of the testing processes and the potential link between salivary glucose findings and blood results, recent studies that examine the diagnostic utility of salivary glucose are encouraging. Studies have shown that saliva contains the same proteins found in blood. In reflecting the physiological state of the organism, saliva therefore functions similarly to blood. Saliva is now more often used in illness detection due to its potential therapeutic significance. Comparing the collection of saliva to the collection of blood, the former is also simpler. It specifically sought to establish a link between variables by figuring out how the participant's blood glucose levels affected changes in salivary glucose levels.

According to a study, diabetics had higher salivary glucose levels. FSG level and FBG level of those with managed diabetes, uncontrolled diabetes, and healthy persons were shown to be significantly correlated. Thus, saliva can be utilised in conjunction with blood as a diagnostic tool to aid in the early detection of diabetes mellitus. When it comes to treating youngsters, the elderly, the very ill, and people who are disabled, saliva has a significant benefit over blood. Blood is considered to be ultrafiltered in saliva. According to its content in blood, glucose is one of the blood constituents that may penetrate the salivary gland epithelium. The biological fluid that is easiest to gather is whole saliva. Early identification of DM will be made possible if a method for detecting glucose levels is created that can do so without intrusive testing.

## **II. METHODOLOGY**

### **A. Properties to be Considered in the Use of Saliva as a Diagnostic Tool**

Human saliva, an organic liquid vital created by the salivary organs, has a high potential for the observation of general wellbeing and sicknesses. Also, its collection is simple and non-invasive. Saliva, the properties of which are mainly determined by secretions from the major and minor salivary organs play out an enormous number of capabilities that are key for both oral and general wellbeing. Saliva is primarily made out of water (>99%) yet has a few minor parts including cytokines, stomach-related catalysts, development factors, immunoglobulins, bodily fluid, antibacterial peptides, bacterial cells, salts, and low sub-atomic weight metabolites. Also, saliva contains a few biomarkers, which makes it valuable for multiplexed measures that are being created for point-of-care gadgets, quick tests, or for additional steady configurations for centralised clinical research facility tasks. The salivary finding is a unique field that is being incorporated for sickness determination and clinical checking, and for going with critical clinical decisions regarding patient care. The most significant perception is that proteins present in the blood are comparably present in saliva from liquid spillage at the gum line. In this way, it is altogether simpler, more secure, and more affordable to gather saliva than to draw blood. Likewise, dissimilar to blood testing, the investigation of saliva happens at the cell level, and thus, saliva is illustrative of clinically significant boundaries. In contrast, in the blood, it intensifies travel all through the blood serum, a large portion of which is protein bound. Accordingly, saliva has assumed a critical part in early



discovery, treatment arranging, and forecast. It likewise offers a benefit over serum and other natural liquids through its practical and painless assortment. There are numerous medical problems and infection boundaries that can be effectively tested utilising saliva, including skin inflammation, cholesterol, malignant growth, stress, periodontal sicknesses, intense coronary disorder, sensitivities, gingival excess, heart issues, persistent renal disappointment, diabetes mellitus, cold internal heat level, pathogenic illnesses, rest issues, troubles in imagining, and oral cleanliness. Saliva-based diagnostics can likewise help in contriving early treatment systems. Hence, in view of the improved effectiveness of genomic and proteomic innovations, the utilisation of salivary diagnostics in a clinical setting is turning into a reality. Likewise, a new improvement in salivary diagnostics, explicitly through 'salivary metabolomics', which examines an enormous cluster of low sub-atomic weight endogenous metabolites in the saliva, has turned into a significant device for the recognition of numerous illnesses including diabetes. Besides, there have been a few reports exhibiting changes in salivary composition during diabetes mellitus.

Salivary Material	Components	Possible Applications in Diagnostics
Cell & Particles	Epithelial Cells; Exosomes; Microorganisms; Microparticles; Neutrophils	For detection of periodontal diseases and potential diagnostic and therapeutic tools for several systemic diseases, particularly cancer
Electrolytes/Ions	Ca <sup>2+</sup> ; Cl <sup>-</sup> ; Na <sup>+</sup>	For detection of acute coronary syndrome; biomarker for drug-induced gingival overgrowth
Lipids	Cholesterol; Triglycerides	For detection of cardiovascular diseases
Proteins & Peptides	Antimicrobial peptide LL37; Carbonic anhydrase 6; Histatins; Immunoglobulin (Ig) A, as well as IgM and IgG; interleukin 8; Nerve growth factor; Leptin; lactoferrin; lysozyme; matrix metalloproteinase-8; mucin glycoproteins; proline-rich proteins; secretory component; albumin; statherin; α-defensin	Good source for immunodiagnostic-based devices for detection of pathogenic diseases [15,45]; for detection of diabetes mellitus [17,43]; for detection of cardiovascular diseases [41]; for detection of chronic renal failure
Small Signalling Molecules & Nucleic Acid - containing molecules	Adenosine diphosphate; DNA; mRNA; noncoding RNA; and nucleic acid-containing microRNA	For detection and quantification of plaque bacteria and assessment of oral hygiene.
Estradiol & Other Steroid Hormones	Cortisol; oestrogen; testosterone	Biological markers in psychoneuroendocrine research

Table 1: Salivary Components with potential for diagnostics [27]

**B. Relation between Salivary Composition and Blood Components**

As stated previously, a person with diabetes displays high blood glucose either because of a deficiency in the creation of insulin or since the body doesn't respond as expected to insulin. Subsequently, blood has turned into a significant device to analyse a wide range of diabetes in the research facility; these tests require an excruciating needle prick to take blood, which could deter people from testing. At present, specialists are attempting to utilise patient saliva as a painless technique to analyse diabetes. Furthermore, a positive relationship between blood glucose and salivary glucose has been uncovered by many investigations. This is on the grounds that salivary organs have rich vasculature (the veins) from which saliva is separated and handled. Moreover, salivary parts possibly start totally from the salivary organs or can be derived from the blood through latent dissemination or dynamic transport. Since parts of saliva are derived from blood,



the grouping of biochemical and immunological parts estimated in saliva could reflect blood levels. Salivary glucose focuses were seen as uniquely different in diabetes mellitus. This is on the grounds that the salivary organs act as a filter of blood glucose that are adjusted by hormonal or neural regulation. Steady hyperglycemia prompts microvascular changes in the veins, with storm cellar film adjustments in the salivary organs. This prompt expanded emission of glucose from the ductal cells of the salivary organ, consequently expanding the glucose content in saliva. Therefore, salivary glucose can be used as an elective demonstrative technique for diabetes and as a general evaluating apparatus for pre-diabetes and undiagnosed diabetes features the significant parts of saliva (harmless) and blood (intrusive) for the conclusion of diabetes. There have been a few reports showing biochemical changes in the saliva of diabetic patients. These modifications are related to salivary egg whites, amylase, support limit, electrolytes (Na, K, Cl, P, Mg, and Ca), glucose focus, IgA, IgG, IgM, lysozyme, peroxidase, and complete protein levels. As protein glycation and the formation of advanced glycation items (AGEs) assume a huge part in the pathogenesis of diabetes, specialists had the option to gauge blood protein glycation and blood glucose by estimating the glycated protein content of saliva. Detection of modifications in salivary constituents in patients with diabetes can assist with figuring out the pathogenesis and aetiology of oral pathologic circumstances in diabetic patients. Besides, supplanting blood tests with those of saliva for lab investigation of biomarkers is of huge premium as the assortment of saliva is more advantageous, savvy, and painless, and mitigates the dangers related to blood collection. These features could work on the eagerness of patients to test for diabetes and eventually lead to prior conclusions, which would possibly diminish the confusion and mortality related to diabetes.

### **C. Collection, Storage, and Processing of Saliva Samples**

Sampling, transport, and capacity of saliva are exceptionally straightforward when compared with blood. Trained personnel are not needed which can lessen distress to the patient and is additionally monetarily modest. Effective evaluation of salivary analytes for indicative applications requires ideal assortment, handling, and capacity conditions. Generally speaking, unstimulated entire mouth saliva is more reasonable for determination than the mucosal transudate and gingival crevicular fluid. The entire mouth saliva is a salivary fluid and every one of the additional items incorporate cells from the mouth, nasal bodily fluid, blood from gum bruises, food flotsam and jetsam, and microbiota. The oral mucosal transudate is the fluid that lives in the cheeks and gums though gingival crevicular fluid is an incendiary exudate that can be gathered at the gingival edge or inside the gingival cleft. For exact proteomic examination, the mucosal transudate furthermore, gingival crevicular are better impressions of the blood constituents than entire mouth saliva. As recorded in Table 2, there are a few techniques and gadgets to collect saliva for symptomatic purposes. At the point when huge amounts of saliva are expected for analytical purposes then saliva is stimulated by a gustatory or masticatory improvement, expectorated, and dealt with in a comparable way as the unstimulated fluid. The materials and strategies used to gather saliva might impact the precision of testing. It is essential to stay consistent in collection methodology both across all patients and inside all assortment visits for each person. Among the recorded assortment strategies, 'passive drool' is thought of as a standard of collection strategies across various analytes and typically delivers an adequate number of tests for investigation. Subsequent to testing, it is suggested freezing tests at or beneath - 20 degrees C quickly until the hour of investigation to limit the degradation of unstable analytes and to prevent contamination. Prompt refrigeration at 4 degrees C would protect tests in the event that freezing is absurd yet support at this temperature ought to be no longer than 2 h prior to freezing at - 20 degrees C. Therefore, storage methodology and time from the collection principally influence the examination of the biochemical factors described by temperature instability and microbial development. In the event that the examination is required for intensifies that have a more limited half-life in saliva then, at that point, examinations must be performed following collection while investigations for longer half-life mixtures can be performed after capacity. Hence, the decision of various storage systems before the investigation relies upon the sort of particle, considering its strength.



Type of Whole Mouth Saliva	Device/Method	Operation Method
Whole Saliva	Spit the saliva in any sterile container	Before collection, perform oral rinse for a minute with distilled water and then after 5 min collect ~5 mL of saliva and this should be processed in the laboratory within hour.
Whole Saliva	Passive drool	Restrict oral movement and drain saliva from the lower lip into a plastic vial.
Whole Saliva	Super SAL™	Saliva collection from the side of the tongue in the mouth.
Whole Saliva	Versi SAL™	Here the device pad is placed under the tongue to collect saliva (2-3 min)
Whole Saliva	Accu SAL™	Here the collection strip comprised of an absorbent pad material is placed into the pool of saliva that collects in the mouth to collect the sample.

Table 2: List of some saliva collection methods and devices for diagnostic purposes [27]

III. LITERATURE REVIEW

A. Recent Developments in the Diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus using Patient Saliva

There have been many studies pointed toward growing a lot more straightforward and non-invasive demonstrative tests for diabetes utilising patient saliva, especially by relating serum glucose with salivary glucose. Kadashetti et al. [16] endeavoured to gauge and relate plasma and salivary glucose focuses in diabetic and non-diabetic people in view of three gatherings. Group 1 consisted of diabetics with a blood glucose level (BGL) >200 mg/dL; group 2 had a BGL of 130e200 mg/dL, and group 3 was a solid populace utilised as controls, with BGL <130 mg/dL. These groups were utilised to estimate salivary glucose. Furthermore, 2 mL of peripheral blood was likewise gathered to estimate arbitrary plasma glucose and to connect that with salivary glucose levels. In light of the outcomes, they reasoned that salivary glucose levels were essentially higher in group 1 and group 2 (diabetics) than in controls. Furthermore, salivary glucose levels exhibited a significant relationship with plasma glucose levels among concentrate on gatherings, connoting that saliva glucose levels can be utilised as an observing device for glucose levels in diabetic patients. This investigation discovered that the assessment of glucose levels in saliva could be utilised as an effortless, noninvasive method for surveying diabetic status in patients.

In another review, Dhanya and Hegde [13] surveyed the connection between blood glucose and salivary glucose in diabetic and non-diabetic patients. The outcomes uncovered an expansion in the degree of fasting salivary glucose in diabetics contrasted with that in non-diabetic patients. Furthermore, a profoundly huge positive relationship between fasting salivary glucose and serum glucose in both diabetic and controls was noticed, and it was reasoned that fasting salivary glucose level could be utilised as a noninvasive symptomatic test and as an observing device to evaluate the glycemic status of type-2 diabetes mellitus patients.

Arakawa et al. [17] fostered a separable cavities sensor that could be attached to body cavities, like a contact focal point or mouthguard, for application to the human oral pit for non-invasive checking of saliva glucose. This mouth-guard glucose sensor consisted of a platinum and silver/silver chloride terminal, with glucose oxidase immobilised by ensnarement with poly(MPC co-EHMA) (PMEH) on a custom-fitted solid mouth-guard support with a remote transmitter. This empowered the telemetric estimation of saliva glucose. Likewise, they additionally illustrated the capacity of the sensor and remote correspondence module to screen saliva glucose in a ghost mandible imitating the climate of the human oral cavity. In this, the mouth-guard of the biosensor was prepared to do ongoing constant remote estimation of glucose in the artificial saliva in the scope of 0.05e1.0 mmol/L.



Soni and Jha [18] fostered an optical biosensor for direct assessment of salivary glucose through immobilised glucose oxidase on a filter paper strip (specific activity 1.4 U/strip). This was then reacted with synthetic glucose tests within the sight of a co-immobilized colour pH marker. The filter paper changed colour in light of the concentration of glucose in the response media. By checking this colour change (utilising RGB profiling) utilising an office scanner and open-source image processing software (GIMP), the concentration of glucose in the response medium could be reasoned. Once the biosensor was normalised, the manufactured glucose test was supplanted with human saliva from contributors. Blood glucose levels at the hour of saliva examination were likewise estimated utilising an AccuChek™ dynamic glucometer. In this review, a relationship of almost 0.64 was found between glucose levels in saliva and blood of healthy people, and in diabetic patients it was around 0.95, approving the significance of salivary investigation.

Numako et al. [19] utilised a dried saliva spot for the assurance of the two enantiomers of D-and L-lactic corrosive to analyse diabetes mellitus and contrasted the outcomes and dried saliva spots of pre-diabetic and solid people. In their review, D-and L-lactic acid from the dried saliva spot was named with a chiral reagent (DMT-3(S)- APY) for carboxylic not entirely set in stone by UPLC-ESI MS/MS. A huge variety was seen in the D/L-lactic acid proportion from one individual to another and assurance utilising the dried saliva spot strategy was effectively acted in their review.

In diabetes mellitus patients with ketoacidosis, ketone bodies expand in the blood and urine. Acetone is additionally created in the breath in light of the unconstrained decay of acetoacetic corrosiveness. This increase in Acetone has been considered a biomarker for the analysis of diabetes mellitus. Fujii et al. [20] estimated Acetone in the saliva by reversed phase liquid chromatography (LC) with fluorescence (FL) recognition. They applied this strategy to the assurance of acetone in the saliva of healthy people and diabetes mellitus patients with and without ketoacidosis. The concentration of acetone in diabetes mellitus patients with ketoacidosis were essentially higher than in typical subjects and diabetes mellitus patients without ketoacidosis. Moreover, the complete substance of ketone bodies in the blood is related with that of acetone in the saliva of diabetes mellitus patients. The concentration of acetone in the saliva of a crisis patient is additionally associated with that of ketone bodies in the blood at each testing time. The proposed strategy utilising LC-FL gave off an impression of being valuable for the assurance of CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO in the saliva of diabetes mellitus patients with ketoacidosis. This technique offers another choice for the determination and observing of diabetes mellitus patients with ketoacidosis.

Chee et al. [21] effectively investigated the salivary proteome profiles of people with type-2 diabetes with diabetic retinopathy utilising the highest resolution and accurate mass Orbitrap combination tribrid mass spectrometer. The movement from non-proliferative to proliferative retinopathy in type-2 diabetic patients is a complex, foundational process with different instruments. Chee et al. showed that these proteins could likewise be forthcoming salivary biomarkers that are related with the dynamic phases of diabetic retinopathy.

In another review, Zhang et al. [22] fostered a remarkable, dispensable saliva nano-biosensor with adequate responsiveness. This biosensor is disposable and subsequently eliminates extensive cleaning or electrode pretreatment between terminals. Here the working electrode is functionalized with single-walled carbon nanotubes and multi-facets of chitosan, gold nanoparticles, and glucose oxidase, utilising a layer-by-layer assembly technique. The created biosensor can distinguish glucose down to 0.1 mg/dL and give noninvasive, profoundly reproducible, dependable (high goal), advantageous, quick, and continuous salivary glucose observing for individual and mark-of-care use.

In another review, a positive connection was seen between a-2-macroglobulin and HbA1c, which affirmed that levels of a-2-macroglobulin in the saliva could mirror the glycaemic control in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus [23]. However, the concentration of salivary melatonin decreased in patients with type 2. This demonstrates that salivary melatonin plays a significant part in the pathogenesis of diabetes and could turn into a key biomarker in the determination of type 2 diabetes mellitus [24].

Similarly, Bames et al. [25] tracked down more elevated levels of glucose and a-hydroxybutyrate, notwithstanding a massive change in the degrees of sugar, lipid, and oxidative pressure in the saliva of patients with diabetes which may be useful for the conclusion of diabetes. Furthermore, Satish et al. [26] tracked down a huge connection between both HbA1c and salivary glucose focuses and patients with diabetes, which demonstrated that the blood glucose fixation could be observed by the saliva in patients with diabetes mellitus. In this way, salivary metabolites may be valuable for the determination of diabetes. A schematic portrayal of a few proposed demonstrative techniques for diabetes utilising

saliva was represented in Fig. 1. The presentation and portrayal of symptomatic apparatuses and methods for diabetes involving saliva as the example are summed up in Table 3.

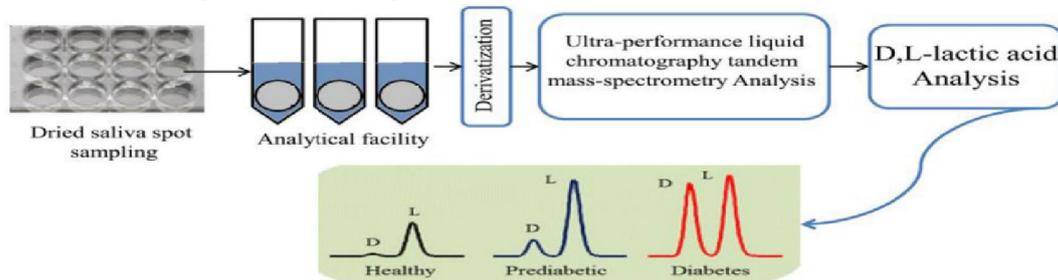


Fig. 1 [27]

This large number of concentrates plainly propose the utilisation of saliva as a demonstrative fluid for diabetes. Progress in this significant area of diagnostics is currently at a beginning phase, and large numbers of the applications recorded beforehand are in the beginning phases of advancement.

Method	Performance Characteristics					
	Detection Sensitivity	Specificity	Operability	Analysis Time	Sample Volume	Sample Pre-Treatment
Nano-Biosensor	0.1 mg/dL of glucose	>90%	Easy to handle	<1 h	100 µL	Not required
Proteomic analysis	Upto 100%	Upto 100%	Skilled person required	5 to 10 h	5mL	Required
Mouthguard Biosensor	5-1000 µmol/L of glucose	>90%	Skilled person required	<1 h	Variable	Not required
Dried saliva spot analysis	Upto 100%	>90%	Skilled person required	3-6 h	Variable	Not required
A paper strip based sensor	9-1350 mg/dL glucose	>90%	Skilled person required	<1 h	50 µl	Not required

**Table 3.** Performance characterization of diabetes diagnostic tools and techniques using saliva [27]

#### IV. RESULTS AND CONCLUSION

Contrasted with the blood, saliva contains a comparable assortment of constituents that can be utilised for the diagnosis of diabetes mellitus. In Addition, unlike blood tests, which are inclined to clotting, saliva is a lot simpler to deal with and requires less pre-investigation control. Accordingly, this salivary symptomatic strategy holds incredible potential for beginning phase diagnostics of diabetes without confounded and costly methods. Practically all reviews demonstrate a profoundly critical positive connection between salivary glucose and serum glucose in both diabetic patients and in controls and reasoned that salivary glucose levels can be utilised as a noninvasive symptomatic. In addition to biochemical and metabolomic analysis, a paper strip-based non-invasive glucose biosensor was effectively created for salivary examination to analyse diabetes. Moreover, a mouthguard biosensor with a telemetry framework was produced for ongoing non-invasive saliva glucose checking to analyse diabetes. In another review, dried saliva spot is utilised as a helpful and solid testing for bioanalysis for the diagnosis of diabetes. In an alternate report, an on-chip expendable nano biosensor was created furnishing an effortless test procedure with adequate responsiveness in the diagnosis of diabetes. Therefore, salivary diagnostics has developed into a sophisticated discipline and fills in as a region of the bigger field of molecular diagnostics, presently perceived as a vital participant in biomedical, fundamental, and clinical examination.

Present day propels, essentially through normalisation of specimen collection utilising saliva collection devices, have made it simpler for secure, easy, and non-invasive collection of samples. Further broad research is expected to make salivary diagnostics a reality for diabetes mellitus. Saliva protein profiling could be an alluring chance to analyse and screen diabetes in future.

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