## University of Vienna 02-VERSATILE REAL-TIME DETECTION OF BIOMARKERS

Biomarkers are molecules that enable assessment of disease from body fluids such as blood and saliva. Current methods for biomarker detection are time- and labour-intensive, and require bulky, and often expensive, machinery. As a solution to this, a small transportable device has been developed that detects your choice of biomarker on-the-spot.



Unlike other technologies, no preparation of the sample such as labelling is required for this device. Simply add a small volume of fluid, and your molecule is detected by the sensor that is customized for the molecule of interest. The readout is instant, allowing for realtime decisions to be made. Each sensor is a reusable cassette, allowing for multiple sample measurements at no added cost. The sensors can be made to detect any molecule – from proteins in viral particles, to autoimmune antibodies – and operate in a "plug-andplay" fashion, by simply exchanging the sensor for another one. The technology can further be expanded for the detection of nonbiomarker molecules, such as toxins in wastewater samples.



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