

Welcome students.

In this session I will be covering up the topic biosensors and this module covers up definition principle and working of a biosensor.

The outline of this module covers the concept of a biosensor. The various components of a biosensor, and working of a biosensor.

The learning outcomes explain the term biosensor.

This particular module describes the principle and working of a biosensor and differentiates between the various components of a biosensor.

Coming to the term biosensor.

Biosensor is basically an analytical device used for detection of an analyte, and it combines a biological component with a physical chemical detector to produce a signal which is displayed on the display unit. The term is a combination of two words, bio and sensor. Bio stands for the biological system, whereas sensor is the device used to analyze the analyte.

Basically, biosensors are analytical devices used to detect the presence or concentration of a biological

analyte in biosensors for biological material, such as an enzyme antibody or whole cell or nucleic acid is used to interact with the analyte.

Now, this interaction between the biological material.

And the analyte produces a physical or chemical change

which is detected by the transducer, and this

physical chemical signal is now converted to an electrical

signal. This signal is interpreted and converted to

analyte concentration, which is present in the sample, which is

then displayed on the screen of the display unit.

Biosensor basically consists of three main components. The

bio component, which produces a physical chemical signal.

The transducer which converts the physical chemical signal

to an electric signal, and an amplifier which amplifies the

signal.

Biosensors were first invented by the scientist Leyland Clark.

Therefore he is also termed as the father of biosensors. He

invented the oxygen electrode in 19, nineteen, 62 or pivotal

device that allows real time monitoring of patients blood

oxygen levels, which has made surgery safer and more

successful for millions of people around the world.

Coming to the components of biosensor, the main component of the biosensor is the analyte, that is, the material which is used for analysis.

For example, to make it simpler glucose biosensor, glucose is the analyte. The biological component could be the enzyme in a glucose biosensor. The Biological component is an enzyme glucose oxidase.

If the analyte is an antigen.

Then it could be the biological component. Could be an antibody or whole cells nucleic acid and this material. Now the biological component is used to interact with the analyte.

The biological component is basically coated on the surface of the transducer.

Now this next component transducer is the main component.

Which converts the physical chemical signal which is produced by the analyte and the biological component together into a. Electrical signal.

So this physical chemical signals is converted to an electrical signal. The transducer is an element that converts one form of energy into another. So in a biosensor, the

role of a transducer is to convert the bio recognition event into a measurable signal. Now this process of energy conversion is known as signalization. The next component is the amplifier.

Which amplifies the electrical signal which is produced by the transducer.

The next component is the processor which processes this electric signal and the last component is the display unit where the analyte concentration is displayed on the display unit.

Now this is a schematic diagram of a biosensor in the 1st Lane you can see the analyte in clay. In case of a glucose biosensor, the analyte would be glucose.

The analyte also could be other compounds like antigens. If the biorecognition element is an antibody. In case of glucose, the bio recognition would be an enzyme that is glucose oxidase. In a BOD

biosensor. The biological component is a microorganism.

Now the analyte is sewage and in the 1st lane in the bio recognition element. They combine together and produce a physical chemical signal.

Which is produced on the transducer and the transducer now changes the signal into an electric signal. Which is amplified by the next component called amplifier and then this signal is seen on the display unit. That is the last unit which is seen as it could be seen as a reading, or it could be seen as a graph.

Based on the bio element, the biosensor detector can be categorized into several categories, namely catalytic. If enzymes, Organism tissues are involved, affinity if it is an antibody antigen reaction, hybrid receptors in case of DNA.

Now the basic reaction is where the analyte, which could be substrate or antigen, combines with the biological component, which is an enzyme or an antibody to produce a signal.

The transducer is coated with this biological component and it produces a physical change.

This physical change occurs when the analyte reacts with the biological component. This is then changed to an electric signal by an amplifier.

The amplified electric signal is now processed.

To give the analyte concentration. Now in case of a glucose biosensor, this would be

displayed as a reading on the sensor telling you the amount of glucose which is present in the blood of that particular human.

So the amplified electric signal is processed to analyze.

Concentration, which is then displayed on the display unit of a biosensor.

Coming to.

Certain examples of biosensors. The most commonly seen biosensor is the glucose biosensor, which all of you have mostly seen OK and it is used to monitor the blood glucose.

Another very frequently used biosensor is the pregnancy kit biosensor, which tells you whether a woman is pregnant or not.

These are the references.

Thank you.