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A Capacitive Biosensor for the Early Detection of Pancreatic Cancer Using Carbohydrate Antigen 19-9

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## Introduction



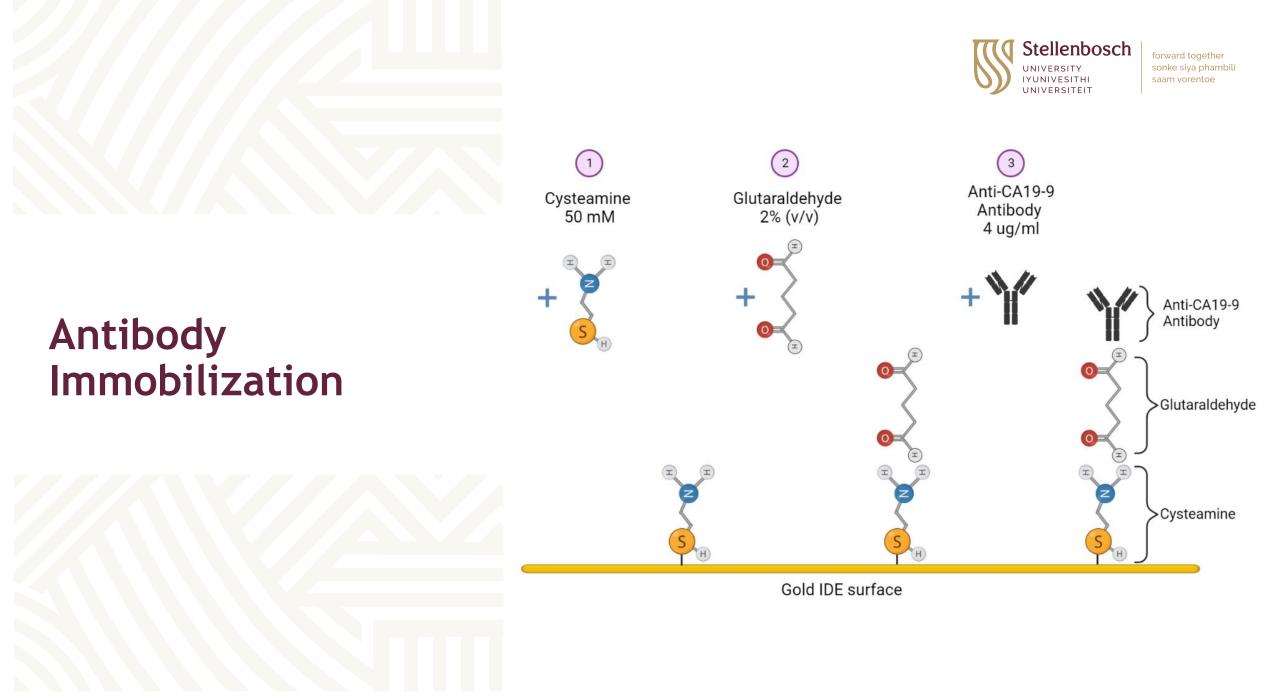
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• Pancreatic cancer mortality rate

- CA19-9 as a biomarker for the early detection of pancreatic cancer
- Electrochemical biosensors

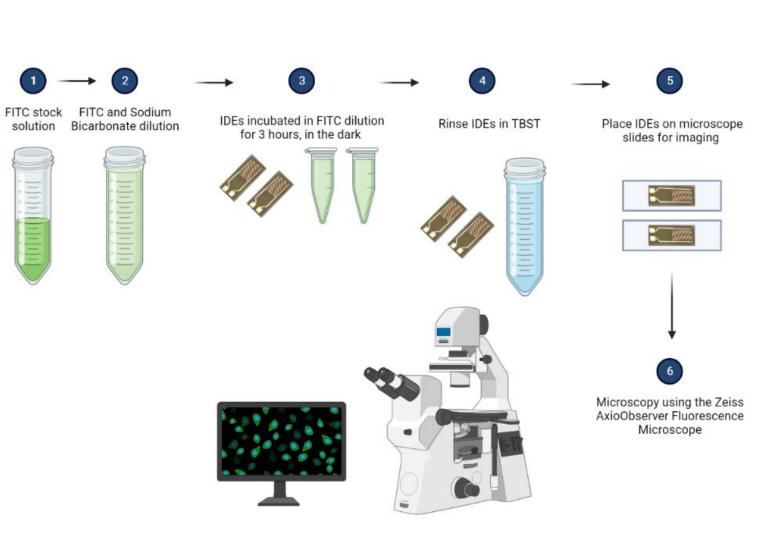
• Impedance and capacitance spectroscopy

• Variation of real capacitance with increased concentration of CA19-9



### Immobilization Validation





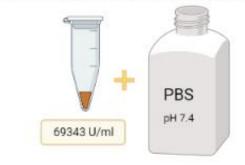




# **Antigen Tests**

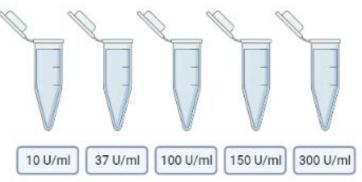


Dilute CA19-9 from stock solution in PBS











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EIS Measurements with PalmSens4 Electrochemical Interface

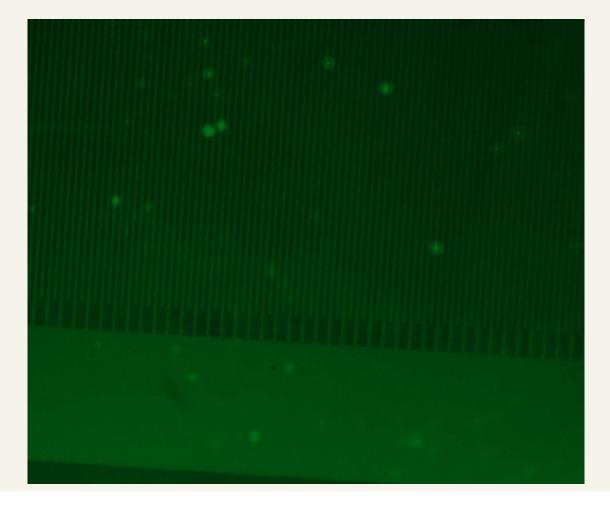




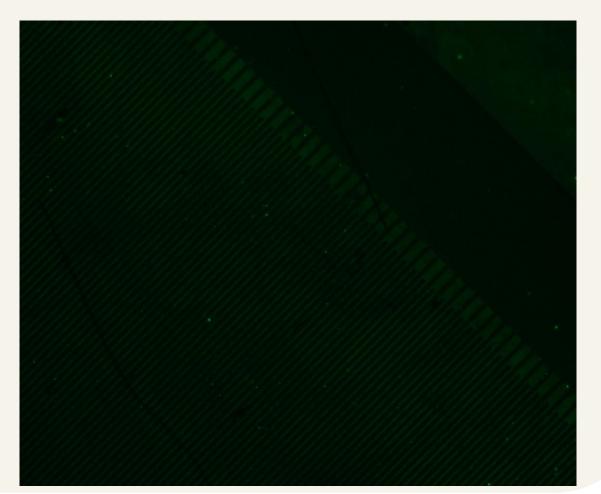
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# **Results: Microscopy**

### Sample with immobilized antibody



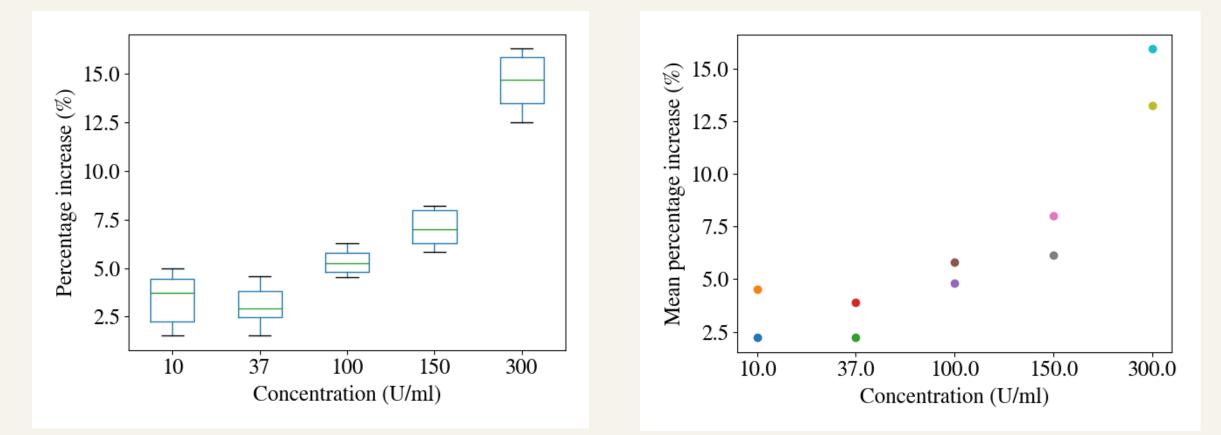
### Control Sample



## **Results: Antigen Tests**

#### Samples over all frequencies

#### Average real capacitance for each electrode







- Threshold concentrations of 37 U/ml and 150 U/ml are clear
- Average real capacitance per electrode has clear groupings
- Future work



