

# Hydrogen Peroxide Sensing Electrode

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## Technology description

### Description

This novel detection probe provides a method for determining hydrogen peroxide (H2O2) levels in blood plasma, enabling physicians to correlate those levels to essential (idiopathic) hypertension. Even if an individual does not yet have elevated blood pressure, because H2O2 level is directly related to the level of reactive oxygen species in the plasma, this probe can be used as an accurate predictor of risk for hypertension. Since the sensor probe delivers a simple and prompt measurement of H2O2 content without using additional chemicals, it facilitates the physician's ability to treat patients while minimizing waste and the risk of contamination.

From a broader perspective, other diseases in which free radicals have been implicated (such as arthritis, atherosclerosis, cancer, diabetes, and ischemia) can be assessed, once an individual has been identified as being at risk for hypertension. Other contributors to oxidative stress (such as biological and psychological stresses, smoking, and inappropriate diet) may be taken into consideration. Detection and/or quantitative assay of H2O2 may therefore be an indicator of these causes, permitting a physician to suggest course, timing, and extent of therapeutic intervention.

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