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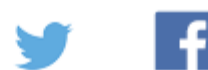
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Photoacoustic Spectroscopy Takes Sting Out of Glucose Testing

A noninvasive method involving mid-IR photoacoustic spectroscopy (PAS) could make life easier for the more than 347 million people worldwide who live with diabetes. The new method, developed at Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, negates the need for the needle. Using IR laser light applied on top of the skin, the researchers measured sugar levels in the fluid in and under skin cells to read blood sugar levels.

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A new technique called Fourier transform infrared nanospectroscopy (nano-FTIR) overcomes the diffraction limits of mid-infrared spectroscopy for label-free chemical and structural imaging of protein structures with high resolution (less than 30 nm) and extreme sensitivity. The method maps protein structures with 30-nm lateral resolution and sensitivity to individual protein complexes of less than one attogram (10⁻¹⁸ gram).

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Spectroscopy is leading the way in both health care and medical research as a novel tool for improving diagnostics, disease detection and sensing. Dozens of spectroscopic techniques have evolved since the Indian researcher Sir C.V. Raman discovered a spectroscopic technique to observe molecular vibration and rotation in the 1920s. In more recent years, several exciting advances have made spectroscopy across the spectrum from near-IR to UV-VIS particularly invaluable for its promise in biomedical applications.

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