



Near Infrared Spectroscopy in Medical Diagnosis

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Near infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) is an optical technique allowing to investigate the optical properties of biological tissues. Thanks to its non-invasiveness, its capabilities to penetrate the biological tissues in depth (some centimeters), and technological progresses in optical components, allowing the realization of more and more compact and cheap systems, NIRS is more and more applied in the clinical environment, also in the imaging version. Typically, the main aim of these studies is to characterize a healthy condition, in order to find fingerprints that could identify and distinguish it from a pathological one, allowing in this way the diagnosis of some disease.

This Special Issue of the journal Applied Sciences is dedicated to reporting recent advances in the exploitation of NIRS, regardless of the approach (CW, FD, TD), as a diagnostic tool in medical applications. To this respect, of great relevance is the problem of performance standardization for clinically-oriented NIRS systems. Contributions on this issue are also welcome.





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