



Current Concepts and Prospects of Diagnostics in Oral Diseases

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Oral diseases are often diagnosed largely based on clinical oral examination. The correlation of radiographical and pathological findings with clinical manifestations has improved the overall diagnostic accuracy of oral pathologies. Any disease process initiates as a molecular aberration which eventually manifests at a cellular level as evidenced in pathological examination and culminates into a clinical presentation. Thus, for an early diagnosis, identification of the disease process at its incipient molecular stage is imperative. The advent of molecular biology has led to the discovery of a wide array of biomarkers based on biological samples. Concerning oral diseases, the most common biological samples assessed include saliva, followed by biopsied oral hard and soft tissues, gingival crevicular fluid, biofilm, smear, and blood.





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