INFORMATION ON DOCTORAL THESIS

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7. Official thesis title: Development of a protein detection system for point-of-care testing

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11. Summary of the **new findings** of the thesis:

- Research Objectives and Scope: The dissertation focuses on developing an integrated microfluidic system for protein enrichment and detection, enabling efficient concentration and detection of proteins with minimal sample volume and reduced experimental time. The primary goal is to design, implement, and evaluate a microfluidic chip based on the principles of electrochemical immunosensors. The proposed chip is capable of detecting target proteins in solutions by recording changes in fluorescence and electrical signals. These signals are subsequently captured, processed, and displayed, offering a comprehensive and efficient solution for protein detection and analysis.

- Research Methods: Literature review, design, modeling, principle analysis, fabrication and testing, data analysis, and comparative studies.

- Key Results and Conclusions:

+ Successfully developed and tested a protein concentrator using a dual-gate electrode structure and nano-selective membranes to control and enrich proteins within a specific region of the microchannel, enhancing detection and analysis capabilities for biomedical testing applications.

+ Established protocols for functionalizing gold and carbon electrode surfaces and developed immunosensors for protein detection. The sensor performance was evaluated on real proteins using fluorescence and electrochemical measurements.

+ Developed an integrated microfluidic chip combining preconcentration structures and immunosensors within a microchannel for protein preconcentration and detection.

+ Built an automated system enabling protein preconcentration control and conducting electrochemical and impedance measurements for protein detection.

+ The results of the dissertation provide a foundation for developing point-of-care testing systems, offering significant potential for future medical applications, including protein detection, quantification, and disease diagnosis through electrochemical and impedance measurement methods.

12. Practical applicability, if any: The results of this dissertation have practical applicability and lay the foundation for the development of future point-of-care protein testing systems.

13. Further research directions, if any:

14. Thesis-related publications:

(List them in chronological order)

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- 10. Chi Tran Nhu, Anh Phan Hoang, Tuan Vu Quoc, Loc Do Quang, Phu Nguyen Dang, Trinh Chu Duc, Tung Bui Thanh, "Development of a Low-Cost and Compact Medical Image Reconstruction Platform Based on EIT Technique", (2024), IETE Journal of Research, vol. 70, no. 08, pp. 7044–7057 (WoS).
- 11. Chi Tran Nhu, Huynh Thi Thuy Linh, Nguyen Canh Viet, Do Quang Loc, Vu Quoc Tuan, Tran Thi Thuy Ha, Vu Ngoc Trung, Jen Chun-Ping, Chu Duc Trinh, Bui Thanh Tung, Nguyen Dang Phu, "Development of an immunosensor based on the screen-printed gold electrodes for bovine serum albumin detection", (2024), International Journal of Nanotechnology (IJNT), Accepted (WoS).
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- 13. Chi Tran Nhu, Tuan Vu Quoc, Loc Do Quang, Phu Nguyen Dang, Jen ChunPing, Trinh Chu Duc, Tung Bui Thanh, "Comparison of faradaic and nonfaradaic impedance biosensors using 2-electrode and 3-electrode configurations for the determination of bovine serum albumin (BSA)", (2024), Analytical Letters vol. 57, no. 17, pp. 2959–2971 (WoS).

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- 17. Chi Tran Nhu, Tuan Vu Quoc, Loc Do Quang, Phu Nguyen Dang, Son Nguyen Hong, Trinh Chu Duc, Tung Bui Thanh, "Novel, compact electrochemical and impedance instrumentation", (2025), Instrumentation Science and Technology, Vol. 53, No. 01, pp. 28-43 (WoS).