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CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF SALIVARY DISTINCTIVENESS FOR DENTAL PROFESSIONALS: A REVIEW

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Saliva is a biofluid that potentially serves as a reliable and a non-invasive diagnostic medium. The saliva-based microbial, immunologic, and molecular biomarkers aid in evaluating the condition of both healthy and diseased individuals. The objective of this review was to discuss the significance of saliva-based biomarker profiles in detecting the oral and systemic health conditions and to highlight the decision-making process of managing salivary dysfunctions for dental professionals in their clinical practice. According to the reviewed articles, saliva was used as a potential diagnostic medium for type I and II diabetes mellitus in well-controlled diabetic patients and Behcet disease. High levels of salivary enzymes might be attributed to the autoimmunological damage associated with the pathomechanism of diabetes mellitus. Clinical studies also reveal an association with oral pathologies for some of the established salivary markers of oxidative stress. However, these salivary markers are not for routine clinical use yet. A recent study proposed the measurement of the salivary enzyme lacto dehydrogenase (LD) level may be a useful tool to screen for gingivitis in young adults. On the other hand, there are several significant contributing factors that may result in salivary secretory disorders. Their prevalence and possible side effects may cause a negative impact on the patient's quality of life. Therefore, to treat such salivary secretory disorders is often challenging for physicians in their clinical practice. Several diagnostic tools are used for detecting these lesions in the early stage. Nevertheless, further prospective researches are required to improve the quality of evidence.

Biography

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