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## Welcome

The **Brazilian Materials Research Society (B-MRS)** and the **Committee of the XXI B-MRS Meeting** invite the worldwide community of materials research to attend the 2023 Meeting to be held at the Ruth Cardoso Cultural and Exhibition Center in **Maceió-Alagoas, Brazil, October 1st to 5th, 2023.**

This traditional forum is dedicated to recent advances and perspectives in materials science and related technologies. It will be an excellent opportunity to bring together scientists, engineers and students from academy and industry to discuss the state of the art of Materials Science discoveries and perspectives.

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# Contactless conductivity biosensor produced from Printed Circuit Board as durable device for detection of Covid-19 exposure

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The SARS-CoV-2 pandemic revealed the importance of exploring new low-cost materials for point-of-care devices. Given the relevance of the current scenario, the detection and quantification of antibodies can be used to assess the immune response to infection, the disease prevalence, determine a previous infection, as well as help evaluate the immune response to vaccination. Capacitively coupled contactless conductivity detection (C4D) is a promising methodology for these purposes because the reusable electrodes of the C4D sensors are not in contact with the measured fluid; the drawbacks of the polarization effect and electrochemical erosion can be avoided. Moreover, its quick response does not require complex and expensive electronic equipment. In this context, we developed a biosensor for quantifying IgG antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 using the C4D technique and constructed it from a printed circuit board (PCB) as a durable device. The production process used a PCB with a thin 30  $\mu\text{m}$  thick copper layer and a 35  $\mu\text{m}$  PDMS (polydimethylsiloxane) film as an insulating coating, doped with titanium dioxide to explore the variation of the dielectric constant of insulators in the signal gain of a C4D detector. The channels for sample retention were produced using transparent acrylic. Preliminary analyses using sodium chloride (NaCl) demonstrated that the device exhibited good reproducibility ( $\text{CV} \leq 3.93\%$ ,  $n = 3$ ) and repeatability ( $\text{CV} \leq 0.40\%$ ,  $n = 10$ ) and a detection limit of 0.34  $\text{mmol L}^{-1}$ . An analytical curve was constructed with six antibody concentration levels ranging from 0.05 to 3.30  $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$  ( $n = 3$ ). The proposed device demonstrated adequate analytical performance, showing a linear relationship between conductivity measurements and antibody concentration.