



CELL-BASED DNA SENSORS AND METHODS OF USING SAME

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The Invention

UW-Madison researchers have developed cell-based DNA sensors to achieve easy, accurate, and cost-effective detection of pathogens. Using synthetic biology, the inventors engineered the naturally competent bacterium *Bacillus subtilis* to detect specific DNA sequences in the environment. The resultant *B. subtilis* mutant includes a novel genetic circuit that controls growth and a fluorescence reporter gene. Upon exposure to a target sequence, the sensor produces a detectable fluorescent signal, resulting in highly specific detection of species/samples containing the target DNA sequence. In addition, the sensor is capable of multiplexed DNA detection in complex samples.

Additional Information

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Tech Fields

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