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#### **PREFACE**

It is with great pleasure that we present the e-proceedings of International Tinker Innovation & Entrepreneurship Challenge (i-TIEC 2025), which compiles the extended abstracts submitted to the International Tinker Innovation & Entrepreneurship Challenge (i-TIEC 2025), held on 23 January 2025 at PTDI, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Johor, Kampus Pasir Gudang. This publication serves as a valuable resource, showcasing the intellectual contributions on the invention and innovation among students, academics, researchers, and professionals.

The International Tinker Innovation & Entrepreneurship Challenge (i-TIEC 2025), organized under the theme "Fostering a Culture of Innovation and Entrepreneurial Excellence," is designed to inspire participants at various academic levels, from secondary students to higher education students and professionals. The competition emphasizes both innovation and entrepreneurship, encouraging the development of product prototypes that address real-world problems and have clear commercialization potential. By focusing on technological and social innovations, i-TIEC 2025 highlights the importance of turning creative ideas into viable, market-ready solutions that can benefit users and society. The extended abstracts in this e-proceedings book showcase the diverse perspectives and depth of research presented during the event, reflecting the strong entrepreneurial element at its core.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the contributors for their dedication in sharing their innovation and the organizing committee for their hard work in ensuring the success of the event and this publication. We also appreciate the support of our collaborators; Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn. Bhd. (MRT Corp), Universitas Labuhanbatu, Indonesia (ULB), Universitas Riau Kepulauan, Indonesia (UNRIKA) and IEEE Young Professionals Malaysia, whose contributions have been instrumental in making this event and publication possible.

We hope that this e-proceedings book will serve as a valuable reference for researchers, educators, and practitioners, inspiring further studies and collaborations in both innovation and entrepreneurship. May the knowledge shared here continue to spark new ideas and market-ready solutions, advancing our collective expertise and fostering the growth of entrepreneurial ventures.

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## B-ST130: SCREEN PRINTED GOLD ELECTRODE FOR BACTERIA PANICLE BLIGHT DETECTION FROM IN SILICO DESIGNED APTAMERS

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### **ABSTRACT**

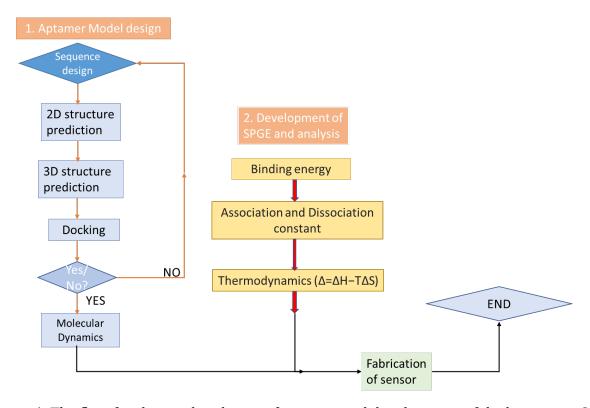
Bacteria Panicle Blight (BPB) is a newly emerging disease of paddy caused by *Burkholderia glumae*. Its devastating effect to paddy is owed to the pathogenicity of toxoflavin that is produced by the bacterium through the assistance of sequential protein expression event. Usually, the detection is made by manual observation or sending them to the laboratory for testing. These methods are quite laborious and time consuming for immediate action. Usually, real time sensors require antibody for the disease detection which may be costly and produce inconsistent results. In this study, aptamers are used as capturing agents in place of traditional antibody methods. Also, the selected aptamers were innovatively designed in silico, unlike the conventional SELEX method that is costly, laborious and time consuming. After screening 33 aptamers through molecular docking, 4 were objected to molecular dynamics simulation and MM-PBSA to predict binding properties. Through computational results, the aptamer candidates exhibited lowest docking energy and best interaction when simulated at 200nanoseconds and when tested experimentally, they give high affinity towards target protein. This innovation may cut short the time needed to develop drugs and sensing agents while having high commercialization potential as the only material it needs is a high-end computer.

Keywords: aptamer; in-silico; Molecular Dynamics, SPGE

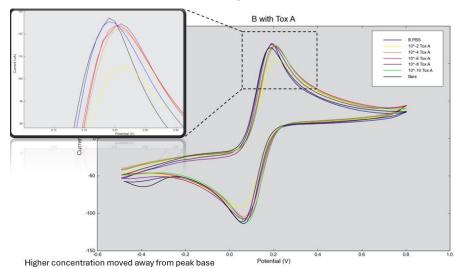
### 1. Product Description

This product is named BPB biosensor is basically screen printed gold electrode (SPGE) that has been functionalized only with avidin and biotinylated aptamer that has been previously screened from in silico studies to detect paddy disease called Bacteria Panicle Blight. In silico designed aptamers through computational design process significantly reduces the time and cost associated with traditional aptamer selection methods especially in biosensors development. This is because silico modeling allows for the prediction of high-affinity aptamers tailored to specific targets, enhancing the specificity of the biosensors. In addition, in the AI era, the development of drug and capture agents such as aptamers that are facilitated by computers can expedite the process and therefore will save more time while being cost effective, making it aligned with Industrial Revolution 4.0.

### 2. Method Flow Chart and Product Model



**Figure 1.** The flow for the *in-silico* design of aptamer and development of the biosensor. One can proceed with a regular computer up to docking. The simulation with a more powerful computer operated by Linux is required to run the procedure. For the development of SPGE and analysis, Isothermal Titration Calorimetry can be used.



**Figure 2.** Caption figure 2. This is the detection obtained electrochemically where the presence of the candidate protein ToxA is exhibited by peak shift away from B PBS and Bare.

**Table 1.** In docking, hdock was used to see the possibility in binding. The result obtained from hdock and Autodock Vina through rigid docking showed very low docking score that shows promise in binding.

Aptamer Name	Docking Score (Hdock)	Ligand Rmsd (Å) (Hdock)	Confidence Score	Binding Affinity (Kcal/Mol) (Autodock Vina, Gromacs)
BG11A	-307.74	N/A	0.9591	-17.7; -130
HGTRNA7	-355.17	48.26	0.9838	-16; 120

### 3. Novelty and uniqueness

Our techniques produced comparable results to many other aptamers designed from the laborious SELEX experiment i.e. Alpha-fetoprotein (AFP) aptamer AP273 which may take about 6 months to complete. They adopt computational modelling and Molecular Dynamics to help enhance the binding of drug towards the target (Zhang et al., 2023). Meanwhile, our group designed it from scratch which exempts the need to perform SELEX in order to design an aptamer.

#### 4. Benefit to mankind

Bacteria Panicle Blight has been discovered quite recently in 2017 in Penang, Malaysia. Its disease devastation may hamper production to up to 75% if not taken care seriously from the beginning. Since Malaysia has only 70% self-sufficiency, the emergence will disrupt our food security.

### 5. Innovation and Entrepreneurial Impact

Since the disease has become more widespread in many paddy fields across the globe, many countries now are concerned with controlling its entry through custom clearings since it is seed-borne. It is thought that regulations on phytosanitary should be imposed in international trade where traditional methods of colony morphology should be better replaced with more rapid and accurate diagnostic tools in deterring its entry (Zhou-qi et al, 2016) and as early prevention upon its onset in field. The detection can be done using aptamers in place of antibodies due to their stability, cheap, ease and fast synthesis as compared to antibody. This can be an attractive innovation and entrepreneurial impact.

### 6. Potential commercialization

The potential can be towards the agricultural sector and also in custom clearings where the market targets are big enough since rice-consuming countries are more than half of the world population. In silico designed aptamers represent a significant advancement in biosensor technology, with successful applications across various domains, including food safety, environmental monitoring, and medical diagnostics.

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