

Manipal Academy of Higher Education

**Impressions@MAHE**

---

Manipal School of Life Sciences, Manipal  
Theses and Dissertations

MAHE Student Work

---

5-2019

## **Development of a cost-effective, portable and easy-to-use device for disease detection**

Soumyabrata Banik

Follow this and additional works at: <https://impressions.manipal.edu/mlsc>



Part of the [Life Sciences Commons](#)

---



**SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES**  
**MANIPAL**  
(A constituent unit of MAHE, Manipal)

**Development of a cost-effective, portable and easy-to-use device  
for disease detection**

Dissertation submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of

Bachelor of Science  
in  
Biotechnology

Submitted by:

**Mr. Soumyabrata Banik**

Roll Number: 161701094

6<sup>th</sup> Semester B.Sc. Biotechnology

School of Life Sciences

Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal

Project Advisor

**Thesis guide**

**Dr. Nirmal Mazumder**  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Biophysics  
Manipal School of Life Sciences,  
Manipal Academy of Higher Education,  
Manipal--576104, India

**Thesis co-guide**

**Dr. K K Mahato**  
Professor & Head  
Department of Biophysics  
Manipal School of Life Sciences,  
Manipal Academy of Higher Education,  
Manipal--576104, India

**May 2019**

**Abstract:** Most of the diseases in remote rural areas as well as in developing countries are detected late at some advanced stages and, hence causing higher fatalities. Therefore, early detection and diagnosis of diseases is a key area of research for controlling disease progression. The main problem being targeted in this study is the delay of disease detection in remote rural areas and developing countries. A new age optical microscope for low cost, high sensitivity diagnosis is essential, particularly in remote areas around the world could revolutionize the process of disease diagnosis. The portable optical microscope using optics and smartphone interface with an attached lens is developed to bridge the gap in diagnosis. The device was built using acrylic sheets to make it less bulky & customizable and 3D printed mechanical parts to increase stability. The study included fabrication of the device, testing with diseased samples along with controls to determine its diagnostic capability. Images were acquired using the Ultra-BLIPS lens integrated to smartphones and were compared with a traditional optical microscope. It was observed that the images from the smartphone were comparable. We achieved single cell resolution using the developed device. To further increase the efficiency of the proposed smartphone-based microscope, deep learning-based image analysis can be integrated.