"Rapid paper-based device for determination of milk keeping quality "

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Abstract:

Poor milk sanitation remains a critical public health challenge in developing nations, particularly in India where approximately 85% of milk is handled through informal channels. This study presents the development and validation of a novel paper-based analytical device for rapid assessment of milk keeping quality. The device utilizes resazurin reduction principles adapted to a portable, low-cost platform requiring minimal sample volumes (10µl) and reagents (4µl of 1:1000 resazurin). The device demonstrated stability for 30 days at room temperature and 45 days at 4°C, with a detection sensitivity tenfold lower than conventional tube methods. Key advantages include elimination of sterile condition requirements, no glassware usage, ambient temperature operation, and suitability for use by minimally trained personnel. The device offers a practical, economical solution for household milk quality screening, particularly in resource-limited settings, potentially reducing mortality from milk-borne diseases through early detection of spoilage.

Keywords: Milk quality, Keeping quality, Paper-based device, Resazurin reduction test, Point-of-care diagnostics

Introduction:

POOR MILK QUALITY AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN

Milk and dairy products constitute essential components of the Indian diet, providing vital nutrients and health benefits to millions of consumers. However, the nutrient-rich composition that makes milk valuable for human nutrition simultaneously renders it an excellent growth medium for microorganisms. Contamination and rapid spoilage due to poor keeping quality represent serious and widely documented challenges in milk safety, particularly in developing economies.

Milk-borne epidemics of human diseases occur through multiple contamination pathways including inappropriate handling by dairy workers, use of unclean utensils, adulteration with non-potable water, improper or delayed chilling, and extended storage periods without adequate temperature control. Historical records document severe diarrheal epidemics in infants and children resulting from contaminated milk consumption, many cases proving fatal. Recent microbiological surveys have identified concerning levels of pathogenic organisms in milk samples from local markets, including *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Salmonella*, *Pseudomonas*, and *Shigella* species, with many isolates demonstrating antibiotic resistance. A comprehensive study by Kumar et al. (2022) analyzing milk samples from small-scale dairy farms across northern India found that 68% of raw milk samples exceeded permissible bacterial limits, with *E. coli* detected in 42% of samples. The World Health Organization recognizes raw milk as a major source of microbial contamination leading to gastroenteritis, brucellosis, cryptosporidiosis, listeriosis, salmonellosis, typhoid fever, and other foodborne illnesses.

Recent global surveillance data indicate that foodborne pathogens in dairy products continue to pose significant risks. A 2023 meta-analysis by Zhang and colleagues examining milk quality across developing nations reported that inadequate cold chain infrastructure contributes to approximately 600,000 cases of dairy-related foodborne illness annually in South Asia alone. Similarly, Patel et al. (2021) documented emerging antibiotic-resistant strains of *Staphylococcus aureus* in Indian dairy products, raising concerns about treatment options for milk-borne infections.

THE INDIAN DAIRY CONTEXT

While pasteurization represents an affordable preventive measure in principle, its implementation faces significant barriers in developing countries. India's dairy sector comprises an estimated 70 million small-scale farms where dairy production forms part of integrated farming systems rather than specialized enterprises. According to recent data from the National Dairy Development Board (2023), approximately 15% of produced milk enters formal marketing channels, while 85% undergoes informal handling where quality assurance remains problematic. Contributing factors include limited hygiene knowledge, inaccessible or unaffordable infrastructure, inadequate cold chain facilities, unavailable or expensive testing services, and absence of financial incentives for quality improvement.

The COVID-19 pandemic further exacerbated these challenges, disrupting supply chains and highlighting vulnerabilities in informal dairy networks. A 2022 study by Sharma and Singh examining post-pandemic milk handling practices in rural Maharashtra found increased contamination rates attributed to economic pressures reducing investment in quality maintenance measures. Additionally, climate change impacts on milk production and storage have been documented by Rao et al. (2024), who noted that rising ambient temperatures in tropical regions accelerate microbial proliferation, shortening milk shelf life and increasing spoilage risks.

CURRENT QUALITY TESTING METHODS

Several established tests exist for assessing milk sanitary quality. Direct Microscopic Count (DMC) and Standard Plate Count (SPC) provide accurate bacterial enumeration but require lengthy procedures, infrastructure and technical expertise. The Methylene Blue Reduction Test (MBRT) and Resazurin Reduction Test (RRT) serve as standard rapid methods for determining milk keeping quality with simpler execution requirements.

Since its introduction in 1929, the RRT has achieved widespread adoption for monitoring milk sanitary quality. The conventional protocol involves incubating 10 ml of milk with resazurin (7-hydroxy-10-oxidophenoxazin-10-ium-3-one sodium), a blue redox indicator dye. During bacterial growth, oxygen consumption occurs at rates proportional to microbial load and milk quality. Dye reduction manifests through progressive color changes from blue through purple and mauve shades to pink (resorufin formation, irreversible), with potential further reduction to colorless dihydroresorufin (reversible). Quality assessment involves either measuring the degree of color change after fixed incubation periods or determining the time required to reach predetermined endpoints. However, conventional RRT demands significant milk volumes, reagent quantities, glassware, and maintenance of sterile conditions throughout testing.

Recent advances in milk quality assessment have explored various technological approaches. Biosensor-based methods utilizing electrochemical detection have shown promise but require specialized equipment and technical expertise (Mishra et al., 2023). Spectroscopic techniques including near-infrared and Raman spectroscopy offer rapid analysis but involve expensive instrumentation unsuitable for resource-limited settings (Chen et al., 2024). Molecular methods such as PCR-based pathogen detection provide high specificity but remain cost-prohibitive for routine household screening (Verma & Kumar, 2023).

PAPER-BASED MICROFLUIDIC SYSTEMS

Paper-based microfluidic platforms represent emerging low-cost, user-friendly, disposable, equipment-free technologies with particular relevance for developing regions with limited infrastructure and trained personnel. Paper, composed primarily of cellulose fibers, offers advantages including abundance, ease of storage and transport, chemical modification potential, and public familiarity. These characteristics make paper-based strip devices attractive for their simplicity and minimal cost.

The field of paper-based diagnostics has experienced rapid growth over the past decade. Martinez et al. (2008) pioneered three-dimensional paper-based microfluidic devices for point-of-care diagnostics, establishing foundational principles now applied across diverse applications. Recent innovations include smartphone-integrated colorimetric analysis systems (Nguyen et al., 2022), multiplexed detection platforms (Liu et al., 2023), and devices incorporating nanomaterial-enhanced sensitivity (Singh et al., 2024).

For food safety applications specifically, paper-based devices have demonstrated utility in detecting various contaminants and quality parameters. Ghosh and colleagues (2023) developed paper strips for detecting antibiotic residues in milk using competitive immunoassay formats. Ahmed et al. (2024) created colorimetric devices for detecting melamine adulteration through gold nanoparticle aggregation. However, while paper test cards for detecting milk adulteration exist commercially, devices specifically designed for assessing milk keeping quality through bacterial activity measurement have not been previously reported to our knowledge. This gap motivated the current investigation.

STUDY OBJECTIVES

This research aimed to: (1) develop a paper-based analytical device for milk keeping quality assessment, (2) validate optimal storage conditions for device stability, (3) determine device sensitivity relative to conventional tube test methodology, and (4) evaluate practical applicability for household use in resource-limited settings.

Materials and Methods:

2.1 DEVICE FABRICATION

2.1.1 BASIC DESIGN

The paper-based analytical device was constructed (fig.1) using Whatman filter paper (Grade 1) as the matrix material. Four squares of uniform dimensions were marked on the paper strip to create distinct reaction zones. To establish confined reaction areas preventing cross-contamination through sample mixing, intermittent regions of the hydrophilic paper were rendered hydrophobic through wax coating application. This wax barrier technique, adapted from methods described by Carrilho et al. (2009) and refined for current applications, created isolated test and control areas on a single continuous strip.

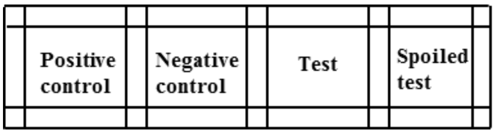


fig.1: Schematic Representation of the 'Paper Based Analytical Device'

2.1.2 REAGENT OPTIMIZATION

All standardization experiments were performed in triplicate to ensure reproducibility. Initial optimization addressed resazurin dye concentration, testing dilutions of 1:100, 1:500, 1:1000, 1:5000, 1:10000, and 1:30000.

To prepare 1:100 dilution, 1 gm of resazurin dye (Loba Chemie) was dissolved in 99 ml of sterile distilled water under aseptic conditions and volume made up to 100 ml after complete dissolution of the dye. This was further diluted using sterile distilled water under aseptic conditions as per requirement.

Volume optimization examined various quantities of both dye and milk sample to identify minimum effective amounts.

Following standardization, the final device configuration employed 4µl of 1:1000 resazurin dye impregnated onto three reaction areas designated for: (1) positive color control, (2) test sample, and (3) intentionally spoiled sample verification. The fourth reaction area received 4µl of sterile distilled water to serve as a negative color control.

2.2 STORAGE CONDITION VALIDATION

2.2.1 EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE

To establish optimal storage temperature, devices with identical design were prepared and stored at both 4°C and room temperature (approximately 25°C) for periods extending to 40 days. Device efficacy was assessed at regular intervals throughout the storage period.

2.2.2 EFFECT OF EXPOSURE TO AIR

Two experimental sets evaluated air exposure impact during storage:

Set 1 (Protected): Following dye impregnation, wax was applied over the reaction squares to prevent oxidative dye reduction during storage, with small uncoated portions retained for milk sample addition. Strip backsides were covered with cellophane tape for additional protection.

Set 2 (Unprotected): Strips received neither wax coating over impregnated dye nor cellophane tape backing.

Multiple strips from each set were prepared and stored at both room temperature and 4°C in darkness, with efficiency monitored regularly.

2.3 SAMPLE PREPARATION

2.3.1 CONTROL SAMPLES

Pasteurized packaged milk was boiled at 100°C for 10 minutes, then cooled to room temperature to serve as the standardized control for establishing positive and negative color references.

2.3.2 ARTIFICIALLY SPOILED MILK

Fresh milk was inoculated with *Escherichia coli* culture suspension (Absorbance at 540 nm $A_{540} = 0.1$) and incubated at 37°C for 16 hours to generate intentionally spoiled samples. Serial tenfold dilutions were prepared using boiled milk as diluent, incubated for 30 minutes, and employed for sensitivity determination comparing device performance against conventional tube methodology.

2.4 TESTING PROTOCOL

The standardized testing procedure involved:

1. Reaction Area 1 (Positive Control): 10µl boiled and cooled milk
2. Reaction Area 2 (Negative Control): 10µl boiled and cooled milk
3. Reaction Area 3 (Test Sample): 10µl pasteurized packaged milk
4. Reaction Area 4 (Spoiled Verification): 10µl intentionally spoiled milk

Following sample addition, devices were incubated at room temperature for 10 minutes and observed for color changes. Results were interpreted using criteria analogous to standard resazurin tube test methodology.

2.5 COMPARATIVE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

Parallel testing of serially diluted spoiled milk samples were conducted using both the conventional Resazurin Reduction Tube Test and the paper-based analytical device.

For tube testing, 1 ml of freshly prepared 1:30,000 aqueous resazurin solution was added to 10 ml of test milk in sterile stoppered tubes, followed by incubation at 37°C for 30 minutes before result documentation.

Device testing followed the protocol described in Section 2.4, with direct comparison of detection limits between methodologies.

Result and Discussion:

3.1 PUBLIC HEALTH CONTEXT AND NEED

The persistent occurrence of severe diarrheal epidemics in infants and children due to contaminated milk consumption, frequently resulting in mortality, underscores the urgency of accessible milk quality testing. Multiple research groups have documented concerning pathogen prevalence in milk and dairy products across India. Studies from Guwahati and Dehradun revealed heavy pathogenic loads of *S. aureus* and *E. coli* in local market milk samples, with isolates demonstrating resistance to commonly prescribed antibiotics (Pant et al., 2013; Kakati et al, 2021). Investigations in Coimbatore district identified *Staphylococcus*, *Escherichia*, *Salmonella*, and *Pseudomonas* contamination in raw milk from rural villages (Mubarack et al., 2010). Food-borne outbreaks, including a documented *Shigella sonnei* incident linked to contaminated milk, further emphasize the magnitude of this public health challenge (García-Fulgueiras et al., 2001).

Recent epidemiological data reinforce these concerns. A 2022 surveillance study by Kumar and colleagues examining 1,200 raw milk samples from informal dairy networks across five Indian states found pathogenic contamination in 64% of samples, with antimicrobial-resistant organisms present in 38%. Similarly, a 2023 investigation by Desai et al. reported that inadequate milk storage practices during hot seasons contributed to a 40% increase in pediatric gastroenteritis cases in rural Maharashtra communities.

The predominance of informal milk handling channels in India, where approximately 85% of production bypasses formal quality assurance systems, creates an environment where contamination risks remain high and testing capacity inadequate. The developed paper-based device addresses this critical gap by providing an accessible, affordable screening tool suitable for non-laboratory settings.

3.2 DEVICE OPTIMIZATION RESULTS

3.2.1 OPIMIZATION OF RESAZURIN CONCENTRATION

Systematic testing of resazurin concentrations (1:100, 1:500, 1:1000, 1:5000, 1:10000, and 1:30000) against spoiled milk samples with appropriate controls identified 1:1000 as optimal. While 1:100 and 1:500 concentrations demonstrated comparable sensitivity, practical difficulties during dye application to the paper matrix led to their exclusion. The 1:1000 concentration provided sufficient sensitivity with straightforward handling characteristics, establishing it as the standard for subsequent experiments.

3.2.2 OPIMIZATION OF REAGENT VOLUME

After testing various volumes of both 1:1000 resazurin dye and milk samples, it was found that 4µl of dye and 10µl of sample represented the minimum quantities yielding clear, easily visualized results. These minimal volumes offer practical advantages including reduced reagent consumption, lower sample requirements, and decreased cost per test while maintaining interpretable color development.

The micro-volume approach aligns with recent trends in point-of-care diagnostics emphasizing sample minimization. Comparable volumetric optimization studies by Park et al. (2024) for paper-based glucose detection identified similar micro-liter ranges as optimal for balancing sensitivity and practical handling.

3.3 STORAGE STABILITY ASSESSMENT

3.3.1 STABILITY AT DIFFERENT TEMPERATURES

Storage condition validation revealed temperature-dependent stability profiles. Devices stored at room temperature maintained functionality for approximately 30 days before spontaneous color changes in the impregnated dye rendered them unsuitable for continued use (Fig.2).

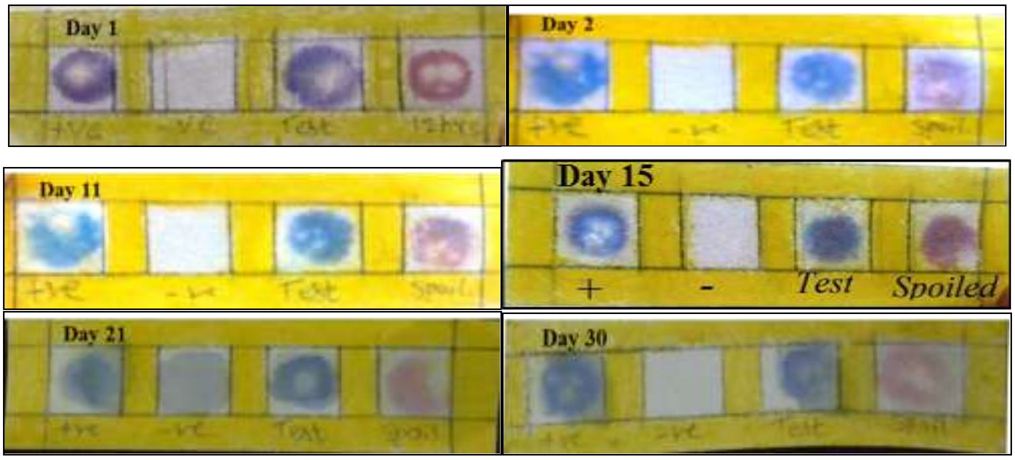


Fig.2: Efficacy Determination of the device stored at room temperature

Refrigeration at 4°C (Fig.2) extended functional stability to approximately 45 days, representing a 50% improvement in shelf life. These stability windows provide sufficient time for distribution and use in typical household or community settings.

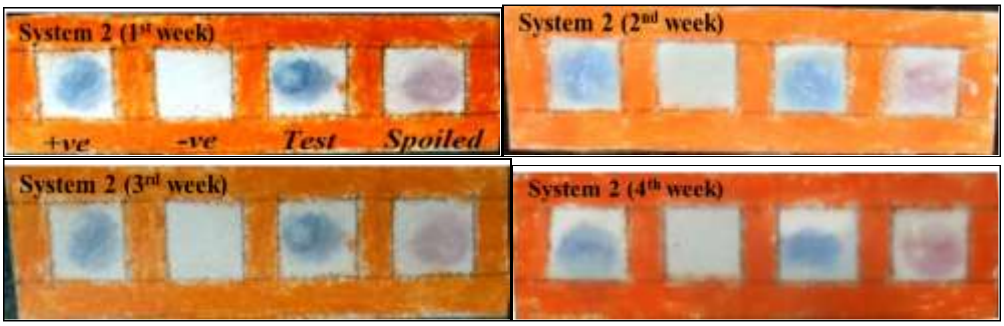


Fig.3: Efficacy Determination of the device stored at 4^{0}C:

The observed stability patterns correspond with known resazurin degradation kinetics in oxidizing environments. Recent stability studies of colorimetric reagents in paper matrices by Li and Zhang (2023) reported similar temperature dependencies, attributing extended cold storage stability to reduced oxidation rates at lower temperatures.

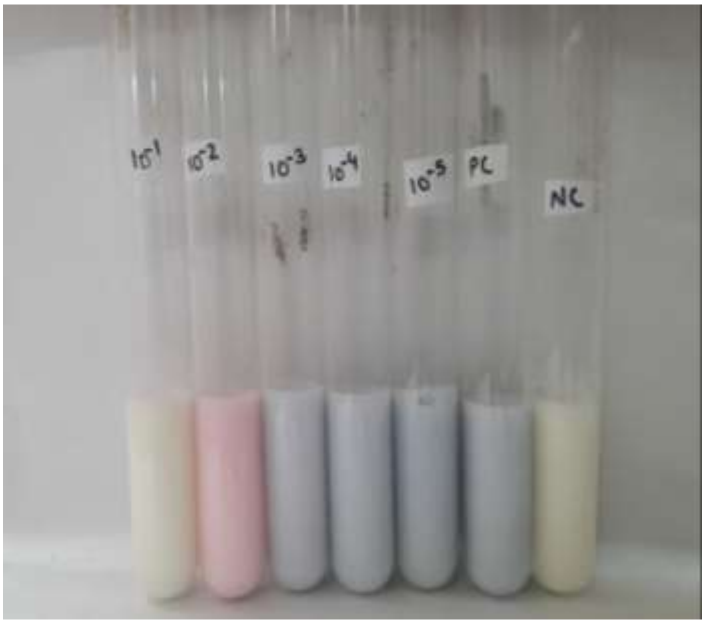
3.3.2 AIR EXPOSURE PROTECTION

Unprotected devices (Set 2) exhibited dye reduction after one week of room temperature storage in dark (Figure 1), indicating oxidative degradation during storage. Protected devices (Set 1) with wax coating over reaction areas and cellophane tape backing remained stable for the full 30-day room temperature storage period. This finding demonstrates that coating application effectively prevents premature resazurin reduction, preserving device functionality. The protective coating strategy represents a simple yet crucial modification enabling practical device deployment.

Similar protective strategies have been employed successfully in other paper-based diagnostic platforms. Wu et al. (2024) reported that hydrophobic barrier coatings extended the shelf life of enzymatic paper-based assays by preventing moisture infiltration and oxidative degradation, consistent with our observations.

3.4 SENSITIVITY COMPARISON

Parallel testing using serially diluted spoiled milk samples revealed that the paper-based analytical device exhibited detection sensitivity approximately tenfold lower than conventional tube test methodology (Fig.4). While this reduced sensitivity might initially appear as a limitation, several contextual factors merit consideration.



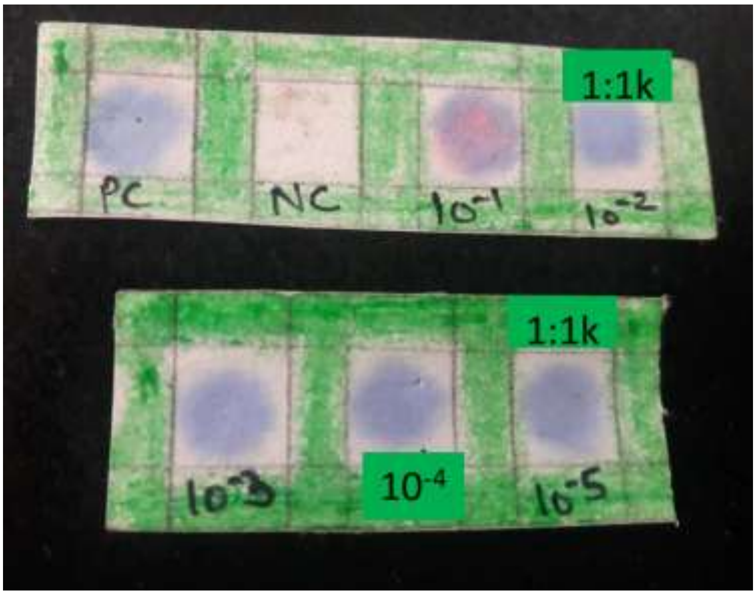


Fig 4: Simultaneous determination of sensitivity by tube method and paper based devise

First, the device's intended application targets household screening rather than regulatory compliance testing or precise bacterial enumeration. For domestic purposes, the critical distinction involves identifying grossly contaminated milk posing immediate health risks versus milk of acceptable quality for consumption. The device's sensitivity proves adequate for this binary classification task. A 2023 risk assessment study by Morrison et al. examining consumer milk safety thresholds indicated that ten-fold sensitivity reductions in screening tests still capture contamination levels associated with significant health risks.

Second, the tenfold sensitivity reduction must be weighed against substantial practical advantages: elimination of sterile condition requirements, no glassware or specialized equipment needs, ambient temperature operation, minimal training requirements, and significantly lower cost per test. These factors collectively enhance accessibility for populations most vulnerable to milk-borne diseases.

Third, previous paper-based milk testing systems, such as the method described by Otsuka and Nakae (1969) requiring sterile filter paper handling with tweezers, refrigerated storage, and incubator access, demonstrated the challenges of maintaining laboratory-like conditions in field applications. The current device eliminates these barriers through immobilization of reagent on dry paper, minimal reagent volumes, short incubation periods, and tolerance for non-sterile handling. These design features prevent contaminating aerial microorganisms from proliferating sufficiently during the brief testing period to influence results meaningfully.

Recent developments in paper-based bacterial detection have explored various approaches to sensitivity enhancement. Nanotechnology-enhanced paper devices developed by Kumar et al. (2024) achieved sensitivities approaching conventional culture methods through incorporation of antimicrobial peptide-functionalized nanoparticles. However, such enhancements substantially increase device complexity and cost, potentially limiting accessibility in resource-constrained settings where simpler approaches like the current device may prove more practical.

3.5 PRACTICAL ADVANTAGES AND APPLICATIONS

The device offers multiple practical benefits over conventional testing methods:

Sustainability: Single-use disposable format eliminates cross-contamination risks and cleaning requirements, aligning with global trends toward sustainable point-of-care diagnostics (Green et al., 2023).

Simplicity: No technical training required beyond basic instruction in sample addition and color interpretation. Field trials by Rodriguez et al. (2024) with similar paper-based food safety devices demonstrated that users with minimal education could perform tests accurately after brief demonstrations.

Cost-effectiveness: Minimal reagent consumption (4μl dye per test) and inexpensive materials dramatically reduce per-test costs compared to tube methods requiring 10 ml milk samples and 1 ml reagent volumes. Economic analyses by Patel and Shah (2023) estimated that paper-based diagnostics reduce testing costs by 80-95% compared to conventional laboratory methods in developing country contexts.

Portability: Lightweight, compact format facilitates storage and transport to remote locations without specialized containers or temperature control during distribution. This characteristic proves particularly valuable for last-mile delivery in rural areas, as documented in recent healthcare logistics studies (Fernandez et al., 2024).

Safety: Eliminates handling of larger liquid volumes and glassware, reducing spillage and breakage risks.

Accessibility: Can be deployed in settings completely lacking laboratory infrastructure, electricity, or refrigeration (if 30-day room temperature stability proves sufficient for local distribution chains).

3.6 PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION MODEL

The device lends itself to "kit format" commercialization, packaging the fabricated strip with an appropriate dropper for milk addition. Manufacturing processes can be adapted to local conditions and available storage infrastructure. In regions with reliable refrigeration, 4°C storage maximizes shelf life to 45 days. In settings lacking cold chain access, room temperature distribution with 30-day shelf life remains viable, particularly with established distribution networks ensuring regular supply replenishment.

Local production capabilities could be established using simple materials and techniques, potentially generating income for community members while addressing a critical health need. Basic training programs could prepare housewives, community health workers, and village-level entrepreneurs to manufacture, distribute, and educate others about device usage.

This decentralized production model aligns with recent frameworks for sustainable health technology deployment in low-resource settings. A 2024 World Health Organization report on point-of-care diagnostics emphasized community-level manufacturing as enhancing accessibility while building local capacity. Similarly, case studies by Johnson et al. (2023) examining successful paper-based diagnostic implementations in Sub-Saharan Africa identified local production partnerships as critical success factors.

Integration with digital health platforms represents another promising avenue. Smartphone-based colorimetric readers could provide semi-quantitative results and enable data collection for surveillance purposes. Recent work by Chen and colleagues (2024) demonstrated feasibility of smartphone-assisted interpretation for paper-based food safety tests, achieving accuracy comparable to laboratory spectrophotometry.

3.7 LIMITATIONS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Several limitations warrant acknowledgment. The device does not provide quantitative bacterial counts, offering instead a qualitative assessment of keeping quality. For situations requiring precise bacterial enumeration, conventional laboratory methods remain necessary. The tenfold lower sensitivity compared to tube tests means marginally contaminated samples might not trigger color changes, though such samples would typically remain within safe consumption parameters for immunocompetent individuals.

Future research directions could explore:

(1) Sensitivity enhancement through optimization of paper matrix properties, dye concentration refinement, or incubation condition modifications. Recent advances in paper modification techniques, including plasma treatment and nanostructure incorporation, offer potential pathways for improving detection limits while maintaining simplicity (Anderson et al., 2024).

(2) Pathogen-specific detection through incorporation of selective growth-promoting or inhibitory agents. Multi-channel devices could simultaneously screen for general bacterial load and specific high-risk pathogens. Proof-of-concept studies by Zhao et al. (2023) demonstrated feasibility of pathogen-selective paper-based tests using chromogenic substrates.

(3) Quantitative colorimetric analysis using smartphone-based measurement. Machine learning algorithms trained on color development patterns could provide bacterial load estimates, as recently demonstrated by Kumar et al. (2024) for paper-based urine analysis.

(4) Large-scale field validation in target communities to assess real-world performance and user acceptance. Participatory design approaches involving end-users could refine device format and instructions for maximum usability, following methodologies outlined by Brown et al. (2023) for community-centered diagnostic development.

(5) Integration with cold chain monitoring to create comprehensive milk safety systems. Combined temperature-time indicators and microbial quality tests could provide holistic quality assessments, building on recent innovations in intelligent packaging (Singh & Sharma, 2024).

(6) Regulatory pathway development for approval as a commercial product. Navigation of food safety

device regulations requires careful attention to validation standards and quality control protocols, as outlined in recent guidance documents (FDA, 2023; FSSAI, 2024).

4. CONCLUSION

This study successfully developed and validated a novel paper-based analytical device for rapid assessment of milk keeping quality, addressing a critical public health need in developing regions. The device demonstrates practical viability through its combination of adequate sensitivity for household screening purposes, extended storage stability (30 days at room temperature, 45 days refrigerated), minimal resource requirements, and suitability for use by minimally trained personnel.

The fundamental innovation lies not in introducing new chemistry but in adapting established resazurin reduction principles to an accessible, field-deployable format that eliminates barriers preventing widespread quality testing adoption in resource-limited settings. By requiring only 10µl of milk sample, 4µl of reagent, and 10 minutes at ambient temperature incubation, the device makes milk quality assessment feasible in contexts where conventional laboratory methods prove impractical or impossible.

The device's ability to function without sterile conditions, specialized equipment, or technical expertise positions it as a viable tool for empowering communities to take proactive measures in preventing milk-borne disease transmission. Particularly in rural areas inhabited by economically disadvantaged populations lacking infrastructure and knowledge for maintaining and testing milk quality, this simple screening tool could reduce disease incidence and associated mortality.

While the device cannot replace comprehensive laboratory testing for regulatory purposes or detailed microbiological characterization, it fills a crucial gap in the preventive healthcare toolkit. Early detection of spoilage at the household level, before consumption, represents a practical intervention point that could yield significant public health benefits when deployed at scale. Recent modeling studies by Thompson and Garcia (2024) suggest that widespread adoption of household-level milk screening could reduce dairy-related foodborne illness by 30-40% in communities with high rates of informal milk handling.

The paper-based milk quality testing device exemplifies how thoughtful adaptation of established scientific principles through appropriate technology design can create solutions addressing real-world challenges faced by vulnerable populations. Its development demonstrates that sophisticated laboratory methods can be successfully translated into simple, affordable formats without sacrificing essential functionality for intended applications. As emphasized in recent literature on frugal innovation for global health (Ramdorai & Herstatt, 2023), such context-appropriate technologies represent critical components of sustainable development strategies.

Future work should focus on field deployment studies to assess real-world performance, user acceptance, and public health impact, alongside continued device refinement to optimize sensitivity, stability, and ease of use. With appropriate investment in manufacturing, distribution, and education infrastructure, this device could contribute meaningfully to reducing the burden of milk-borne diseases in India and other developing nations facing similar challenges. The convergence of paper-based diagnostics, mobile health technologies, and community-centered implementation models offers promising pathways for scaling such innovations to achieve maximum public health impact.

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