

# Paper Submission Form - SAIP2025 Proceedings

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## Section A: Paper Submission Information

Paper/Abstract ID	424
Paper title	Label-free optical biosensing as an alternative for HIV-1 drug-resistant mutation detection
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To the authors knowledge, the label-free detection of mutations through LSPR refractive index sensing has not been explored

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