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#### **ABSTRACT**

This study was designed to experiment the result of the indigenous phantom with associated algorism and compares the result to the standard one. The phantom was designed according to the parameters recommended by NEMA, IAEA and some other researcher. A low cost material were used to simulate the 4-quadrate bar phantom, Slit phantom and Liquid flood phantom in order to achieve the gamma camera resolution, linearity and uniformity. A Perspex materials was used to fabricate the flood phantom and Perspex with a lead materials and silicon were used to simulate the bar phantom while a pure lead was used to fabricate the Slit phantom. IDL was used to develop a mathematical algorism in order to analysis the result of indigenous phantom. The devolved phantom was experimented at Royal Care Hospital RCH and Radiation and Isotopes Center of Khartoum RICK. 1.3mCi of <sup>99m</sup>Tc and 1500ml water were used to prepare the flood phantom and then is centered at camera table with four quadrant bar phantom or Slit phantom perpendicular to it and image were acquired with optimum matrix size. Then the images were assessed using our developed IDL algorism to measure the resolution, linearity and uniformity of those cameras. The results of the fabricated phantom showed that the resolution of two cameras increase as the objects size increased and the camera resolution decreased as the object frequencies increased with averaged resolution of 94% and 89.5% with comparison to standard NEMA phantom which represent resolution of 95.5% and 90.8% for RCH and RCIH respectively. The spatial linearity is calculated and was 0631mm and 0.639mm for X and Y axis respectively for UFOV and the slandered phantom appear an absolute linearity of 0.70mm for both axis. The uniformity of the two cameras showed a 3.18% and 2.27% for I.U and D.U respectively for UFOV and the standard phantom shows uniformity of 2.0% and 1.5% for I.U and D.U for UFOV respectively. The developed phantom could be used with acceptable accuracy in the field of nuclear medicine to curry out the quality control tests of gamma camera SPECT, which is consider as general multi functional phantom as it could measures the resolution, linearity and flood field uniformity independency on type or manufactures of camera.

#### ملخص البحث

صممت هذه الدراسة لتجريب نتيجة مماثل (طيف) محلى مع الخوازمية المرتبطة به ومقارنة النتيجة بالمعيار القياسي. وقد صمم الطيف حسب المعايير التي أوصت بها جمعية مصنعي المعدات الكهربائية وأجهزة التصوير الطبي ووكالة الطاقة الذرية الدولية وبعض الباحثين الأخرين. واستخدمت فيها مواد منخفضة تكلفة لمحاكاة طيف رباعي البار وشق الطيف وطيف الفيض السائل بغية تحقيق دقة كاميرا غاما وطابعها الخطى وتجانسها. استخدمت مادة البرسبكس Perspex لخلق فيض الطيف واستخدم البرسبكس مع مواد رصاصية مع السيلكون لتحفيز طيف البار بينما استخدمت الرصاص النقى لتخليق طيف الشق. واستخدمت لغة البيانات التفاعلية IDL لتطوير خوازم رياضي من أجل تحليل نتيجة الطيف المحلى. وتم تجريب الطيف المطور في مستشفى رويال كير ومركز الأشعة والنظائر المشعة بالخرطوم RICK. واستخدم ماء بحجم 1500 ملى لتر و mCi 99mTc1.3 لإعداد فيض الطيف ومن ثم يتم وضعه وسط طاولة الكاميرا مع طيف 4 رباعي بار أو طيف شق متعامداً عليه، وتم الحصول على الصورة مع حجم المصفوفة الأمثل. ومن ثم تم تقييم الصور باستخدام خوازم لغة البيانات التفاعلية IDL المطور لقياس الدقة ومدى الخطية والتجانس لتلك الكاميرات. أظهرت نتائج الطيف المخلق أن دقة كمرتين قد زادت عندما زاد حجم الأجسام وتناقصت دقة الكاميراك لها زادت ترددات الأجسام بمتوسط دقة 94% و 89.5% بالمقارنة مع معيار الطيف لدى جمعية مصنعى المعدات الكهربائية وأجهزة التصوير الطبي التي تمثل دقة من 95.5 % و 90.8% لمستشفى رويال كير و مركز الأشعة والنظائر المشعة بالخرطوم على التوالي. وتم حساب الخطية المكانية وكانت 0.631 و 0.639 ملم للمحور X والمحور Y على التوالي لحقل الرؤية المفيدة UFOV و أظهر الطيف القياسي اخطية مطلقة بقيمة 0.70 مم لكل محور. وأظهر التجانس لاثنين من الكاميرات 3.18% و 1.U %2.27 أ.U على التوالي لحقل الرؤية المفيدة UFOV وأظهر الطيف القياسي تجانساً بمقدار 2.0 % و 1.5 % ل I.U و D.U لحقل الرؤية المفيدة UFOV على التوالي. يمكن استخدام الطيف المطور بدقة مقبولة في مجال الطب النووي للقيام باختبارات مراقبة الجودة لكاميرا غاما SPECT، والتي تعتبر طيفاً عاماً متعدد الوظائف كما أنه يمكن له أن يقيس الدقة والخطية ومقدار استقلال وتجانس الحقل الفيضي على نوع كامرات أو لمصنعيها

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#### **List of Abbreviations**

**C.T** Computerized Tomography

**3D** Three Dimension

AAPM American Association of Physicist in Medicine

**ADC** Analogue to digital Convertor

**AQCP** Adaptive Quality Control Phantom

**CCD** Charge Coupled Device

**CFOV** Central Field of View

**COR** Center of Rotation

**CRT** Cathode Ray Tube

**DQE** Detective Quantum Efficiency

**DSP** Digital Signal Processing

**DU** Differential Uniformity

**FFT** Fats Fourier Transformation

**FOV** Field of View

**FWHM** Full Width at Half Maximum **FWTM** Full Width at Ten Maximum

**GATE** Gent Application for Tomographic Emission

**GBq** Gaga Becquerel

**GEM** Gas Electron multiplayer

**HEGP** High Energy General Purpose Collimator

**IAEA** International Atomic Energy Agency

International Committee of Radiation Protection

**ICRP** 

**ICRP** Intrinsic Count ate Performance

**IDL** Interactive Data Language

**IEC** International Electrotechnical Commission

**IER** Intrinsic Energy Resolution

**IFFU** Intrinsic Flood Field Uniformity

**ISL** Intrinsic Spatial Linearity

**ISR** Intrinsic Spatial Resolution

IU Integral Uniformity

**KeV** Kilo electron Volt

LCP Liquid Crystal Polymer

LEAP Low Energy All Purpose

**LFOV** Large Field Of View

**LTF** Line Transfer Function

MB and NM Molecular Biology and Nuclear Medicine center

MGRC Mini Gamma Ray Camera

MRI Magnetic Resonance Imaging

MTF Modulation Transfer Function

MWSR Multiple Windows Spatial Registration

**NEMA** National Electrical Manufacture Association

NMQC Nuclear Medicine Quality Control

**NNPS** Normalized Noise Power Spectrum

**PET** Positron Emission Tomography

PHA Pulse Height Analyzer

**PMT** Photo Multiplayer Tube

**PSA** Pixilated scintillator array

**PSF** Point Spread Function

**PSPMTs** Plate Sensitive Photo Multiplayer Tube

**QA** Quality Assurance

QC Quality Control

**QCP** Quality Control Program

**RCIH** Royal Care International Hospital

**RICK** Radiation and Isotopes Center of Khartoum

**ROI** Region of Interest

SA

System alignments

**SNR** Signal to Noise Ratio

**SPECT** Single Photon Emission Computerized Tomography

**SPS** System Planer Sensitivity

**SSPR** System Spatial Resolution

**SVS** System Volume Sensitivity

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**UFOV** Useful Field of View

**URA** Uniformity Redundant Array