

Letter to the Editor

Technological Advancements to Reduce the Influence of Absorption and Scattering on the Optical Imaging

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Dear Editor,

Especially with the status of the technological advancements, it endures impossible to detach all absorbers and scatter sequence events within a diffuse, inhomogeneous environment. However, calculation methods have been sophisticated that try to appreciate the perturbation give rise to optical tissue properties and develop the image by partly correcting for these properties.^{1,2}

An fluorescence imaging system has been advanced that implements such a correction scheme for light intensity variation in tissues.³⁻⁴ Improved precision was shown within phantoms and post-mortem tissues, independently of the optical property variation in tissues.⁵ At a 5-fold alteration of absorption variation within the fluorescent lesions, quantification errors were miniature from 25.0% in uncorrected images to 8.0% using the correction scheme.⁶

A latter new technology being investigated in this field is Fluorescence Differential Path-Length Spectroscopy (FDPS), which determines the fluorophore concentration based on the fluorescence intensity corrected for absorption that has the potential to furnish the real-time information on the photosensitizer pharmacokinetics, vascular physiology, and photosensitizer photobleaching etc based on the dosimetry of tumours that is receiving Photodynamic Therapy (PDT).⁷⁻⁸

FDPS facilitates quantitative concentration measurements can harmonize large variations in background absorption utilizing a simple correction algorithm. This makes it especially valuable for photosensitizer fluorescence spectroscopy in-vivo, during PDT, when the background of the absorption may change dramatically.⁹⁻¹⁰

Another feature of FDPS is that the collection volume may be regulate to match the relevant dimensions of the implementation.¹¹⁻¹²

For fluorescence measurements of photosensitizers, it is stringent to selectively interrogate a relevant tissue volume to avert averaging photosensitizer concentrations over a volume that is either deeper or shallower than the purposed sampling volume.²⁻¹³

It is remarkable that while FDPS remains dependant on the scattering coefficient of tissue, that is predictable to have a relatively small influence on the signals collected particularly in tissues of the same type.¹⁴⁻¹⁵

However, presently this method can only be conducted using fibres optics measurements at a single point. An imaging version and following intraoperative applications have not been developed yet.

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