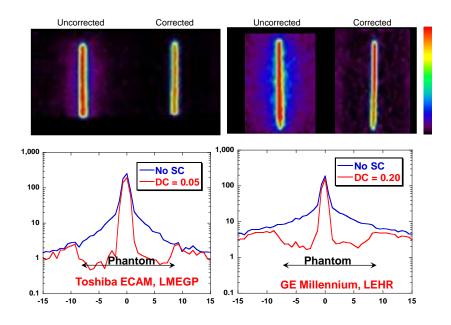
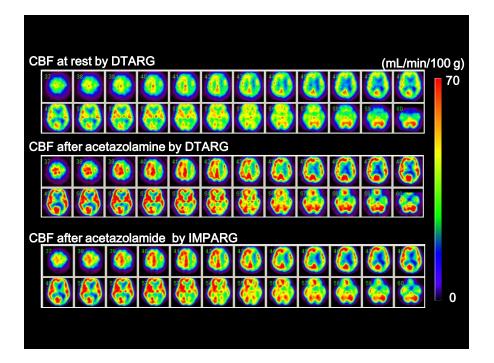


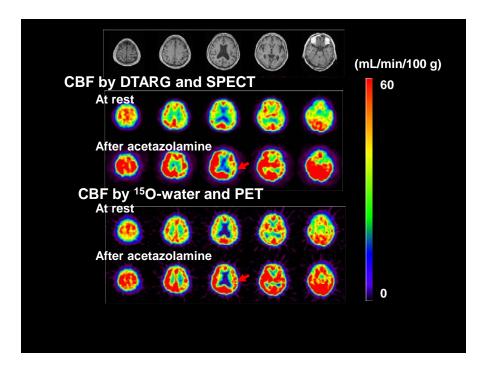
Diagram illustrating the quantitative reconstruction protocol employed in this work. The emission data are initially reconstructed with filtered back projection (top right image) to allow the brain outline to be determined and μ -map for attenuation correction to be determined by assigning a uniform attenuation coefficient of 0.160 cm⁻¹ to the detected brain volume. The μ -map is forward projected to provide the attenuation projections for the scatter correction (bottom right image) as well as being used by the OSEM reconstruction for attenuation correction. Scatter correction is carried out on the acquired emission projections using TDCS and the generated attenuation projections.



Line sources images (top row) and profiles through line sources images (bottom row) before and after TDCS scatter correction for two different collimators. Arrows in the lower column indicate the extent of the cylinder phantom. The higher energy LMEGP (low to medium energy) collimator of the Toshiba-ECAM camera exhibits less scatter and septal penetration compared to the low energy collimator (LEHR) of the GE system. This also translates into improved scatter and septal penetration removal for the LMEGP collimator. A lower estimated offset component for septal penetration ("DC" component) for the LMEGP (DC=0.05) supports the observation of lower septal penetration compared to the LEHR collimator (DC=0.20).



A typical example of CBF images from the reproducibility study obtained from a single subject at Institution #1. CBF images obtained at rest (top row) and after acetazolamide (2nd row) with the DTARG, single session spilt dose procedure. Repeat scan (3rd row) within one month using IMPARG method and acetazolamide stress.



Additional comparison of the DTARG measured CBF at rest and after acetazolamide stress with corresponding measurements with ¹⁵O-water PET ("VS PET" evaluation). The patient suffered from left internal-carotid artery stenosis, and did not show signs of cerebral infarction on MRI. Rest CBF does not show abnormality but acetazolamide CBF showed defect in the left middle-cerebral artery territory. These findings were consistent between SPECT-DTARG and PET studies. Post reconstruction Gaussian filter was not applied to SPECT CBF in this display.

| Institution No. | Manufacturer and camera | Number of Detectors | Collimator | BCF | %-True Activity Conc. | Well counter | CCF |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------|--------------------------|---|-------|
| 1 | Toshiba GCA9300 | 3 | N2(LMEHRfan) | 72,042 | 85.3 | Counter/Timer SCA-01 (Universal, Tokyo, Nal) | 0.972 |
| 2 | Toshiba GCA9300 | 3 | N2(LMEHRfan) | 75,642 | 87.8 | Counter/Timer SCA-01 (Universal, Tokyo, Nal) | 0.883 |
| 3 | Toshiba GCA9300 | 3 | N2(LMEHRfan) | 76,348 | 87.3 | Counter/Timer SCA-01 (Universal, Tokyo, Nal) | 0.829 |
| 4 | Siemens ECAM | 2 | SMS-LMEGP fan | 147,450 | 99.7 | BeWell QS (MIL, Osaka, Nal) | 0.769 |
| 5 | Toshiba ECAM | 2 | N2(LMEHRfan) | 96,173 | 85.5 | Captus300 (Capintec, USA, Nal) | 0.543 |
| 6 | GE Millennium VG | 2 | LEHR | 129,300 | 87.0 | Superscaller (Aloka, Tokyo, Nal) | 0.845 |
| 7 | Toshiba ECAM | 2 | SMS.fan | 100,173 | 78.4 | DCM-200 (Aloka, Tokyo, Plastic) | 0.160 |
| 8 | Toshiba ECAM | 2 | N2(LMEHRfan) | 66,627 | 89.4 | DCM-200 (Aloka, Tokyo, Plastic) | 0.132 |
| 9 | Shimadzu IRIX | 3 | LEGP.PAR | 64,902 | 83.1 | Universal TDC-521 (Aloka, Tokyo, Nal) | 0.834 |
| 10 | Shimadzu IRIX | 3 | LEGP.PAR | 64,150 | 91.2 | DCM-200 (Aloka, Tokyo, Plastic) | 0.134 |
| 11 | Toshiba ECAM | 2 | LMEGP.PAR | 87,433 | 89.5 | Counter/Timer SCA-01 (Universal, Tokyo, Nal) | 0.866 |
| 12 | Toshiba ECAM | 2 | LMEGP.PAR | 87,175 | 86.0 | Counter/Timer SCA-01 (Universal, Tokyo, Nal) | 0.869 |

Table 1. Equipment and Calibration Factor Details

Table 1: List of gamma camera models and collimators, well counters used by the participating institutions. The Becquerel and cross calibration factors are also listed. The %-True Activity Conc. is ratio of the phantom activity estimated with SPECT and BCF to the known amount of activity in the phantom expressed as a percentage (mean +/-1 standard deviation: 87.5 +/-5.1%).

Collimator abbreviations: LMEHRfan – low to medium energy high resolution fan beam, SMS-fan –Siemens Medical Systems fan beam, LEHR – low energy high resolution parallel hole, LEGP.PAR – low energy, general purpose parallel hole, LMEGP – low to medium energy general purpose parallel hole.