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Double Detection of Sentinel Lymph Nodes by Gamma and Fluorescence
Corporate Profile

• EuroMedical Instruments has been a major player in the field of intraoperative detection for almost 20 years.

• As the global distributor of the Europrobe system for surgeons and doctors, we have been forerunners in the detection of sentinel lymph nodes.

• Since 2014, we offer a unique system that allows bimodal gamma and fluorescence detection.
• In terms of SLN detection the Gold Standard is the dual detection with gamma (Technetium $^{99m}$Tc) detection combined to a colorimetric detection, with methylene blue.

• The radiolabelled colloids allow preoperative mapping and intraoperative SLN detection thanks to a portable gamma probe.

• Preoperative administration of the blue dye provides the surgeon with an additional visual identification of the SLN.
Drawbacks with the Blue Dye

• A blue lymphatic vessel deeply located will be difficult to find, and its removal may be difficult.

• Methylene blue causes a significant level of anaphylactic shocks, making its usage somewhat tricky.

• It stains the injection site for months.

• SLN’s do not always absorb dye, for example in the neck.

• The detection rate of false negatives in patients with melanoma is high: 9% - 21%.
Fluorescence Detection

• To circumvent usage of methylene blue a new colorimetric method is emerging: Fluorescence-based detection.

• The injection of indocyanine green (ICG), shortly before the operation is simple and its diffusion is fast.

• The occurrence of side effects, such as anaphylactic shocks, with ICG is significantly lower than with the blue dye, and estimated to be less than 1 in 10,000.

• However, the visualization of fluorescence required the use of a camera and therefore the introduction into the operating field of additional bulky and expensive equipment.
IndoCyanine Green

- Indocyanine green is a dye widely used in medical diagnostics. ICG absorbs mainly between 600 nm and 900 nm and emits fluorescence between 750 nm and 950 nm.
- Side-effects such as anaphylactic shock, hypotension, tachycardia are rare, and rate of severe side-effects is <0.05%.
- It is a non radioactive molecule.
- The product may directly be injected by the surgeon, and SNL detection becomes no longer reliant on nuclear medicine.
Up until now, different tracers required different methods of detection and distinct separate devices.

1) Excitation wavelength
2) Collection of the emission signal

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ICG as a Hybrid or Stand-Alone Tracer

- ICG can be combined with the radioisotope for a simultaneous injection to the patient.

- The two tracers, ICG and the radioisotope, may also be administered separately.
Bi-Modal Detection

• A complete **modular system** combining:
  - Gamma detection
  - Fluorescence dye detection

• The Opto-Nuclear Probe is **the first modality** tailored for the detection of **hybrid tracers**.

• Fluorescence tracing works in **ambient light**.

• The Opto-Nuclear Probe is the only device in the world that allows to detect SNL via fluorescence **without the need for cumbersome imaging systems**.
Clinically Established

• ICG – 99mTc-nanocolloid enables both preoperative SLN mapping and intraoperative SLN identification in patients with melanoma.\(^1\)

• Optical identification of the SLNs through the fluorescent signature of the hybrid tracer is superior compared with SLN identification with blue dye.\(^1\)

• ICG - 99mTc-NanoColloid improve the SLN detection accuracy up to 98.\(^{\circ}\)\(^2\)

• Fluorescence imaging enabled intraoperative identification of the SLNs in the areas where acoustic gamma tracing is inefficient.\(^2\)

• In the other areas fluorescence helped identify the exact location of the SLNs with a higher precision.\(^2\)

• Higher rate of SLN identification: 99,8 %.\(^3\)

• A sharp decrease of the rate of False Negatives\(^3\):
  - 2,8 % for bi-modal detection
  - 10 % for radioisotope only
  - 6,7 % for ICG Only
63% of SLN detected by both modalities
35% detection by ICG only
For Metastatic patients, 15% of M+ SLN detected by ICG only

123 patient study in Charleroi Hospital (Belgium) and San Carlo Hospital (Milano), by Dr. Luciano Mazzeo Cicchetti.
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Main Features:
- Optional module placed underneath the Europrobe.
- Allows dual Gamma and Fluorescence detection.
- Selection of detection modality via a footswitch.
- Simple and identical use to Gamma gesture.
- Usable in ambient lighting conditions.
- Requires no specific set-up.
- Improved discrimination and sensitivity.

Technical specifications:
- Module height: 55mm.
- Weight: 1 Kg.
- Width / Depth: 233 mm / 270 mm.
- Suitable for Indocyanine Green (ICG) detection.
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