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The influence of using different reconstruction algorithms on sensitivity of quantitative 18F-FDG-PET volumetric measures to background activity variation

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### خلاصه مقاله:

Introduction: This study aims to investigate the influence of background activity variation on image quantification in differently reconstructed PET/CT images. Methods: Measurements were performed on a Discovery-690 PET/CT scanner using a custom-built NEMA-like phantom. A background activity level of 5.3 and 2.6 kBq/ml 18F-FDG were applied. Images were reconstructed employing four different reconstruction algorithms: HD (OSEM with no PSF or TOF), PSF only, TOF only, and TOFPSF, with Gaussian filters of 3 and 6.4 mm in FWHM. SUVmax and SUVpeak were obtained and used as cut-off thresholding; Metabolic Tumor Volume (MTV) and Total Lesion Glycolysis (TLG) were measured. The volume recovery coefficients (VRCs), the relative percent error (ΔMTV), and Dice similarity coefficient were assessed with respect to true values. Results:SUVmax and SUVpeak decreased and MTV increased as function of increasing the background dose. The most differences occur in smaller volumes with 3-mm filter; Non-TOF and Non-PSF reconstruction methods were more sensitive to increasing the background activity in the smaller and larger volumes, differences between the mean ΔMTV in the high and low background dose varied from -11.8% to 7.2% using SUVmax and from 2.1% to 7.6% using SUVpeak inter reconstruction methods. Conclusion: The effect of the background activity variation on SUV-based quantification in small lesion was more noticeable than large lesion. The HD and TOFPSF algorithms had the lowest and the highest sensitivity to background activity, respectively

# کلمات کلیدی:

18F-FDG-PET/CT, Background activity, Image reconstruction, MTV, TLG

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