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LAPORAN AKHIR**

**STUDY OF COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY PERFUSION  
IN TRAUMATIC BRAIN CONTUSION**

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LAPORAN AKHIR PROJEK PENYELIDIKAN JANGKA PENDEK  
FINAL REPORT OF SHORT TERM RESEARCH PROJECT

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Name of Co-Researcher

4. Tajuk Projek : Study of Computed Tomography Perfusion in Traumatic Brain Contusion  
Title of Project

5. Ringkasan Penilaian/Summary of Assessment:

	Tidak Mencukupi Inadequate		Boleh Diterima Acceptable	Sangat Baik Very Good	
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*Abstract of Research*

*(An abstract of between 100 and 200 words must be prepared in Bahasa Malaysia and in English).*

*This abstract will be included in the Annual Report of the Research and Innovation Section at a later date as a means of presenting the project findings of the researcher/s to the University and the community at large)*

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7. Sila sediakan laporan teknikal lengkap yang menerangkan keseluruhan projek ini.

[Sila gunakan kertas berasingan]

*Applicant are required to prepare a Comprehensive Technical Report explaining the project.*

*(This report must be appended separately)*

- as per attach of article published (Brief Communication)

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*List the key words that reflects your research:*

Bahasa Malaysia

pendarahan otak

perfusion

trauma

Bahasa Inggeris

brain contusion

perfusion

trauma

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*Output and Benefits of Project*

(a) \* Penerbitan Jurnal

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Brief communication, Computed Tomography Perfusion Imaging on Traumatic Cerebral Contusion: A preliminary Report, Ahmad Helmy ABdul KARIM, Win Mar @ Salmah JALALUDDIN, Ab. Rahman Izaini GHANI, Malaysian J Med Sci. Oct-Dec 2010; 17(4):51-56 (Oral presentation at XIX Symposium Neurovascularum Bologna 4-9 October 2010 - enclosed).

- (b) **Faedah-faedah lain seperti perkembangan produk, pengkomersialan produk/pendaftaran paten atau impak kepada dasar dan masyarakat.**  
*State other benefits such as product development, product commercialisation/patent registration or impact on source and society.*

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- ii) Lain-lain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. **Peralatan yang Telah Dibeli:**  
*Equipment that has been purchased*

Komputer : Macbook Pro 15 inch  
Pencetak : HP Laser Jet P1505

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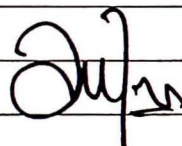
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## Computed Tomography Perfusion Imaging on Traumatic Cerebral Contusion: A Preliminary Report

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### Abstract

**Background:** Brain ischaemia and infarction are the leading factors in morbidity and mortality of traumatic brain injury. This study aimed to determine the perfusion status of pericontusional hypodense areas in traumatic cerebral contusion

**Method:** Ten patients involved in motor vehicle accidents were enrolled in this study, and contusions were diagnosed from plain computed tomography scans of the brain. Subsequent computed tomography perfusion (CTP) was performed to analyse the perfusion of pericontusional hypodense areas, which were divided into 4 regions of interest (ROI).

**Results:** Most ischaemic perfusion was found in ROI 6 (affecting 60% of patients), although the mean of the perfusion parameters were normal. A significant positive correlation was found between the perfusion status in the pericontusional area nearest to the skull vault (ROI 3) and its distance/thickness to the skull vault ( $r = 0.698$ ,  $P = 0.025$ ). Two adjacent pericontusional hypodense areas (ROI 4 and ROI 5) showed a significant positive correlation with each other ( $r = 0.667$ ,  $P = 0.035$ ) in terms of perfusion status. The presence of a hypodense pericontusional area is suggestive of oedema and perfusion disturbances.

**Conclusion:** CTP is a useful, fast, and appropriate method in evaluating perfusion of pericontusional hypodensity area that may help the treating physician to provide an appropriate treatment to the patient.

**Keywords:** brain contusion, emission-computed tomography, medical imaging, oedema, perfusion, trauma

### Introduction

Brain injury is the leading factor in morbidity and mortality following head trauma/injury. The devastating personal, social, and financial consequences of traumatic brain injury (TBI) are compounded by the fact that most people with TBI are young and otherwise healthy. Advances in the current management of TBI, including brain imaging, have led to increased survival rates in cases that would have previously been fatal (1). Because brain function is exceedingly complex, brain injury and recovery are also complex (2). Therefore, diagnostic imaging is extremely important in TBI patients to understand the clinical implications. To make matters even more complex, an early computed tomography (CT) scan does not identify which patients will develop neurological deficits, even after minor head injury. Although there is no consensus regarding which patients should be scanned, many authors

agree that an abnormal result has a major impact on a patient's management (3). CT scan is a sensitive diagnostic tool for the evaluation of acute head injury; however, the prognostic ability of conventional CT scan has limited value.

Cerebral contusions are characterised by mixed densities of lesions, which are commonly surrounded by perilesional hypodense areas in close contact with the internal surface of the skull. Cerebral contusions have a tendency to enlarge over time and become significant space-occupying lesions, which exert a mass effect to surrounding brain parenchyma. This leads to an increased intracranial pressure with subsequent clinical deterioration or worsening neurological condition. A survey of 729 patients with TBI by the TBI European Brain Injury Consortium found that cerebral contusions alone (44%) or in association with subdural haematoma (29%) were the most frequent causes for delayed surgical intervention (4). In addition, ultrastructural studies have provided evidence that progressive