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**Experimental *In Vitro* Test of Differential ‘Femton’ Oximetry  
(‘DFO’) Principle for Noninvasive Quantitative Diagnosis of Hypoxia**  
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CALSEC Calif. Sci. & Eng. Corp, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 — We report a high-  
resolution measurement of feasibility of noninvasive diagnosis of hypoxia *via* differ-  
ence in  $\gamma$  rates from  $n + O \rightarrow O + \gamma + n$  between tumor,  $O_1$ , and normal tissue,  
 $O_2$ , using  $\lambda_{DB} \approx 1$  fm neutrons (‘femtons’), which ‘count’ atoms unaffected by molec-  
ular bonds.  $Q = (O_1 - O_2)/O_1$  quantifies hypoxia ( $<0$ ), oxia ( $>0$ ), and healthy tissue  
( $=0$ ). Hypoxic breast/prostate tumors have  $-0.80 > Q < -0.96$ . DNA nucleotides  
dAdenosine, dCytosine and Thymidine, differing by 1 O atom, were irradiated with  
14 MeV n’s. We observed 1 atom as  $0.012 \pm .004$  ( $3\sigma$ )  $\gamma$  rate difference. This  
implies that DFO would diagnose *stand alone* hypoxia  $Q = -0.10$  and  $-0.25$  with  
specificity 95% and 99%, respectively. As benchmark, we measured relative genome  
lengths of 2 mammal tissues to be  $Q = -0.12 \pm .02$ , vs. 0.1 expected. These data  
suggest Femton Onco Physics as path to needle-less biopsy.

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