





Patent: System and procedure for calculating the position of the eyelid with regard to the eyeball

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Description

The present invention refers to a **procedure for calculating** the position of the eyelid with regard to the eyeball, comprising the acquisition of, at least, a signal of electric activity from a muscle in the eyelid and the position of the eyelid as a result of the modifications made in such signal.



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- It refers to a system for calculating the position of the eyelid with regard to the eyeball, including a means for obtaining, at least, one signal of electrical activity from at least one muscle in the eyelid; means for converting the obtained signal to the digital domain; for rectifying the converted signal; means for applying a low-pass filter to the rectified signal; and for calculating the position of the muscle on the basis of the signal to which the filter was applied.
- The electrical activity is obtained by means of surface electromyogram signal acquisition. That is, the patent makes it possible to obtain the position of the eyelid on the basis of analogue signals recorded in the muscles.
- This invention is within the framework of neurophysiology applied to animal individuals, including human beings, and, more precisely, of experiments related to the movements of eyelids and their position with regard to the eyeball.

Innovative issues/Competitive advantages

- By performing all the signal calculations and modifications in the digital domain within a single device, the cost of building the system is reduced, it can be integrated into a single device and, thus, the resulting data on the position of the eyelid can be obtained both easily and rapidly, replacing more complex calculation techniques that are aggressive towards the individual subject to the procedure.
- Moreover, the obtained signal can be modified in a faster and more reliable manner, by converting the signal to the digital domain.
- The electrical activity signal is obtained using surface EMG signal acquisition method, a barely
 intrusive technique for the subject, which is very important considering the sensitive approach
 required when dealing with the eyelid area.

Types of interested companies

Units or centres performing research in neurophysiology