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Abstract

Cancer treatment is always a challenging task in the medical field around the world. Most of the cases of the treatment procedures often have limitations and harmful side effects. Boron Neutron Capture Therapy (BNCT) is a method of cancer treatment where it is found to be less toxic and more effective in some form of tumor cells. Since BNCT requires a thermal/epithermal beam of the neutron, a research reactor is the most reliable source of the neutron beam. This study is about the feasibility of the BNCT procedure in the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC) TRIGA research reactor. The BAEC TRIGA Research Reactor (BTRR) has 3 irradiation sites (2 beam ports, thermal column) currently unutilized. This study checks the feasibility of BNCT procedures in different irradiation sites of the reactor. The study found that the thermal column is the best place to house the patient for the treatment. A Monte Carlo simulation toolkit OpenMC was used to carry out the reactor model and flux calculation. The OpenMC platform was validated first for the research reactor by modeling IAEA benchmarks and performing reactor physics calculations. Future studies need to carry out beam assembly design and run an experimental BNCT trial inside the reactor thermal column to verify if the simulations and experimental results match.