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## Production of $^{45}\text{Ti}$ by Proton Irradiation of $^{45}\text{Sc}$

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**Objectives:**  $^{45}\text{Ti}$  with a half-life of 3.08 h is a positron emitter radioisotope with a positron branching of 85% and also decays 15% by electron capture with  $E(\beta^+_{\text{max}})$ , 1.04 MeV. The high  $\beta^+$  yield, short half-life and a stable daughter make  $^{45}\text{Ti}$  a suitable candidate for positron emission tomography (PET) imaging. These properties make this radionuclide useful in the diagnosis of tumors.

**Methods:** In this study after considering the excitation functions for  $^{45}\text{Sc}(p,n)^{45}\text{Ti}$  reaction using TALYS and ALICE/ASH codes and comparison with other experimental data's,  $^{45}\text{Ti}$  was produced by dint of pressing method with newly designed and manufactured shuttle and capsule. Essential target thickness and physical yield were calculated.

**Results:** new method for production and purification of  $^{45}\text{Ti}$  was evaluated. The scandium oxide target was irradiated at 20  $\mu\text{A}$  current and 21 MeV proton beam energy for 1h. experimental yield of 403.3 MBq/ $\mu\text{Ah}$  was reported

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