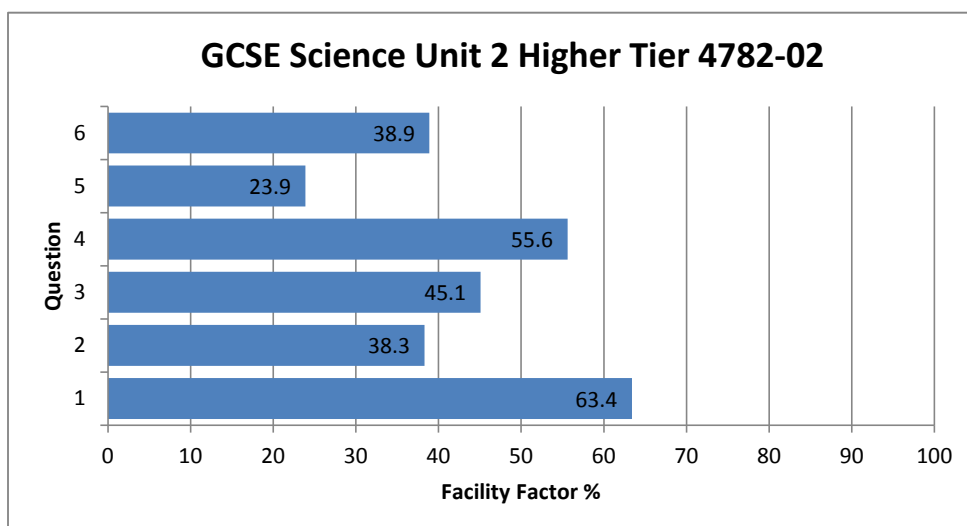


## GCSE Science Unit 2 Higher Tier 4782-02

All Candidates' performance across questions

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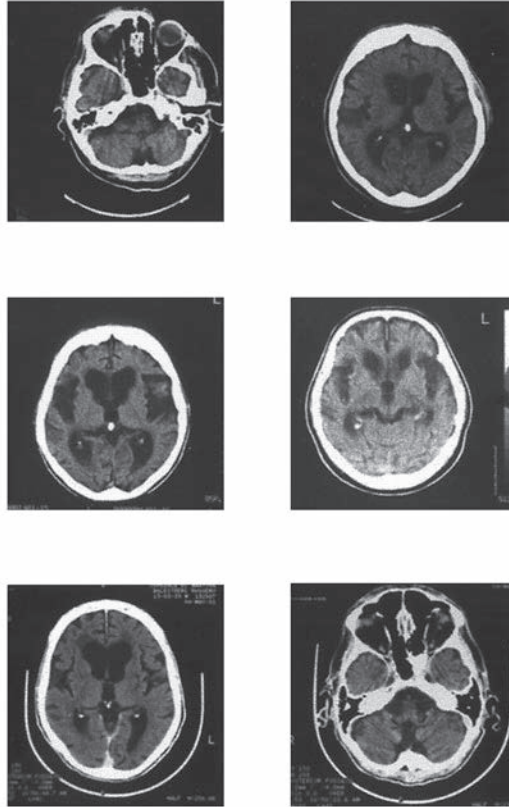
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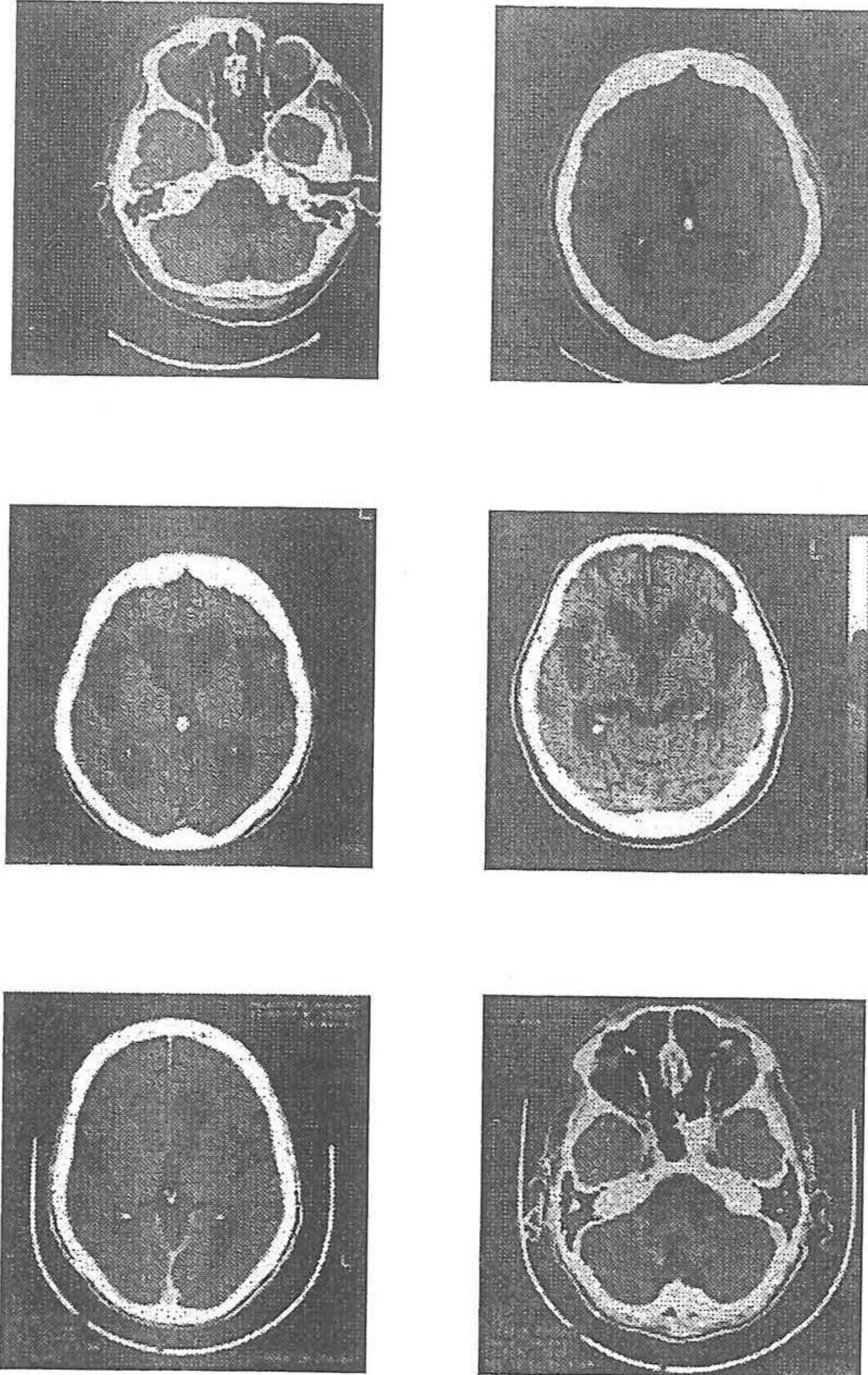
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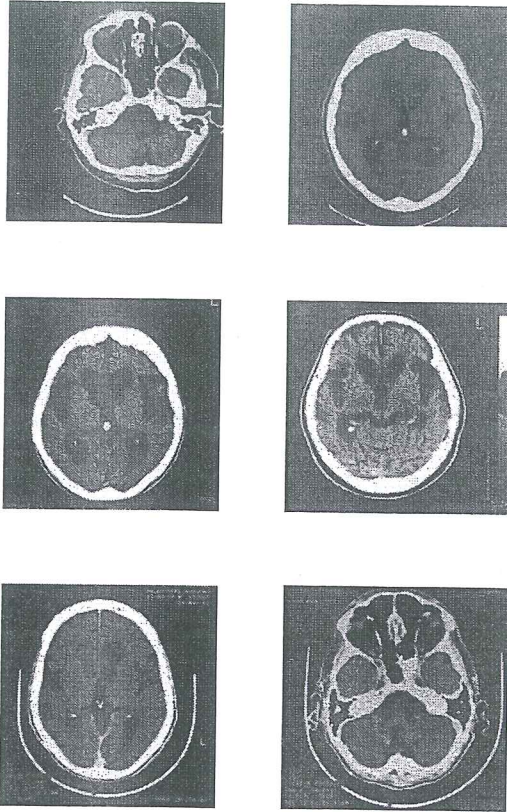
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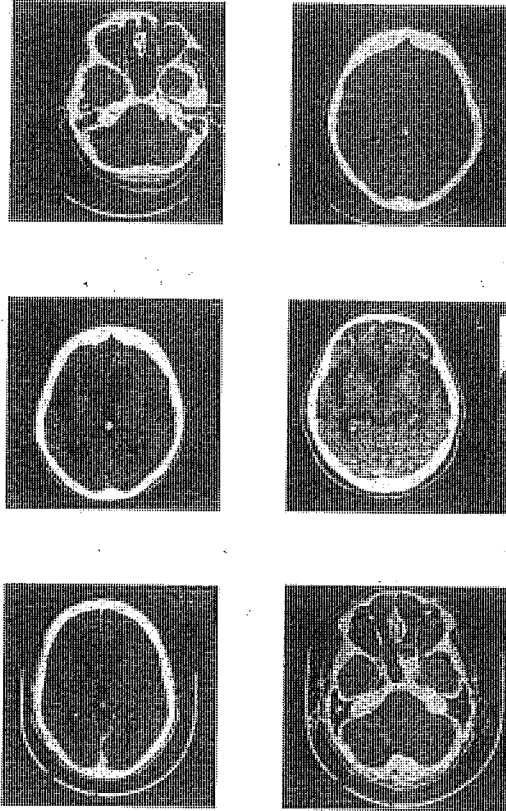
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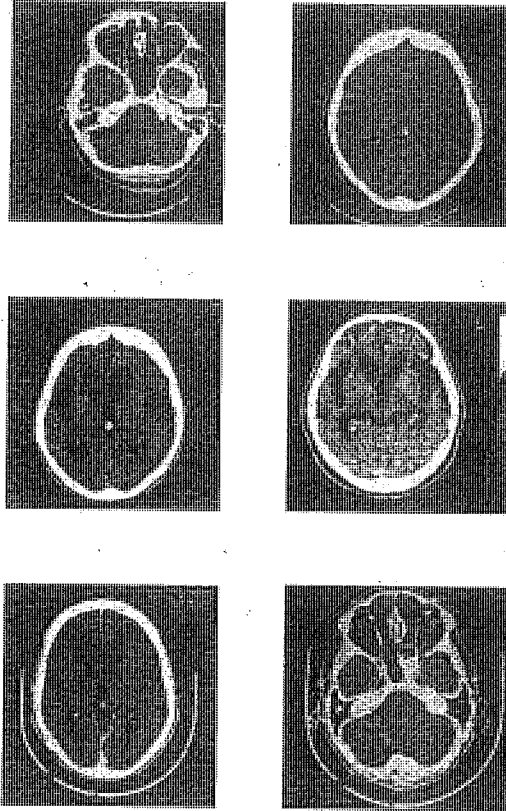
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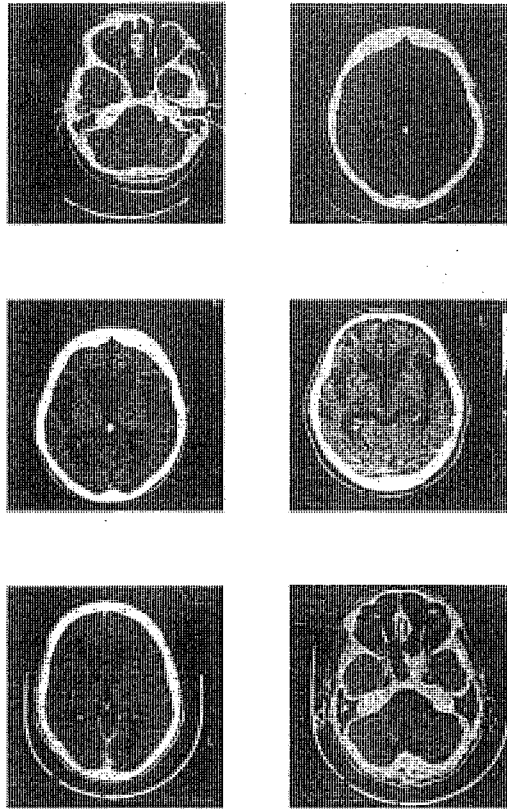
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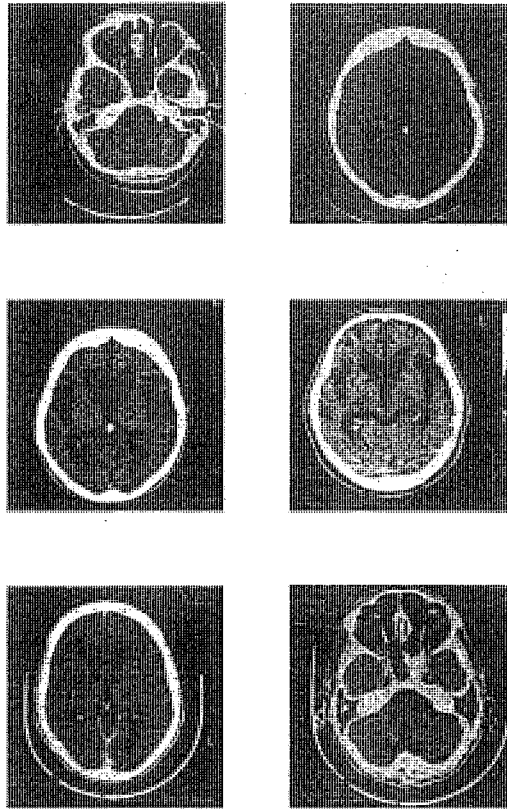
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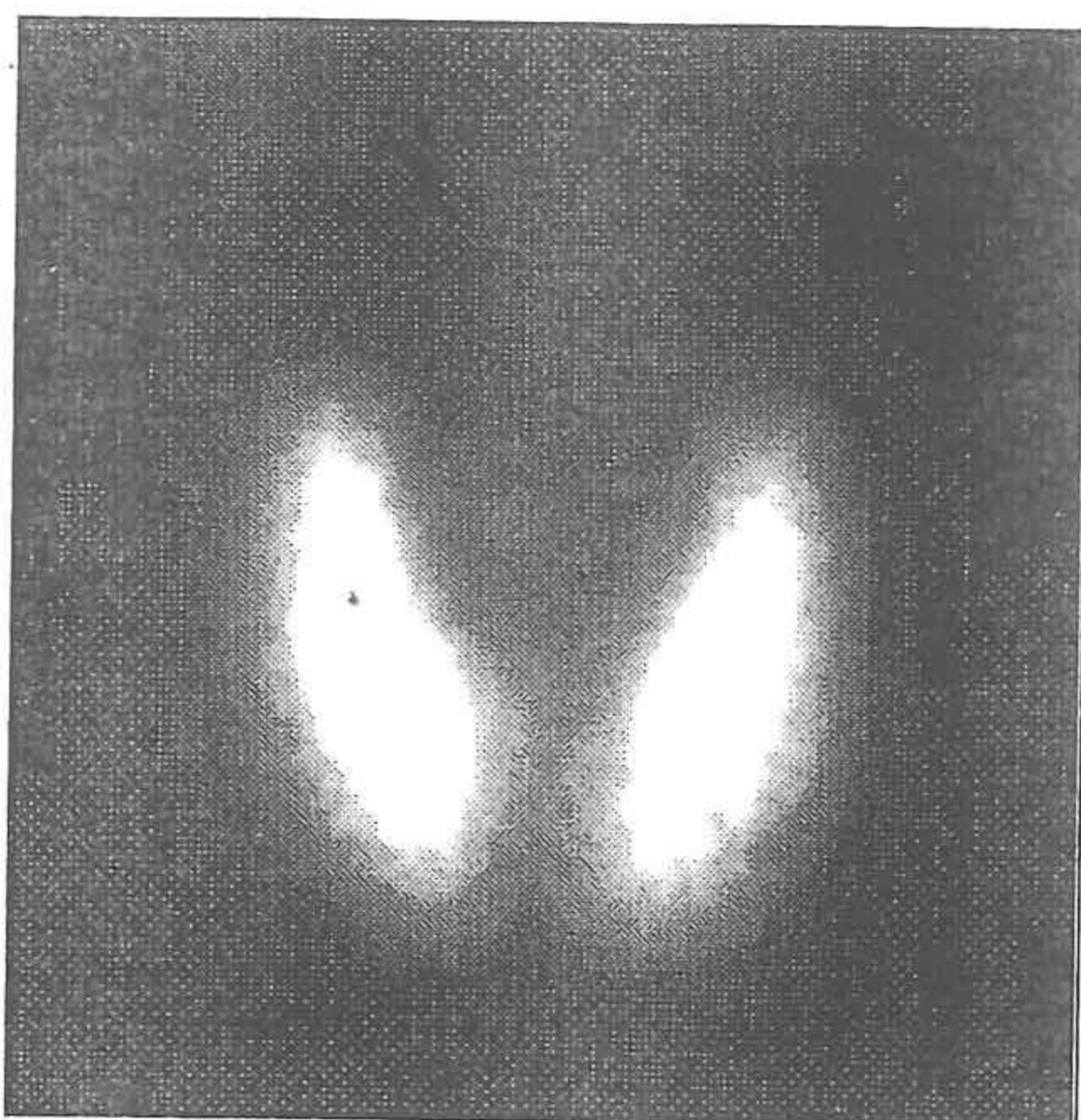
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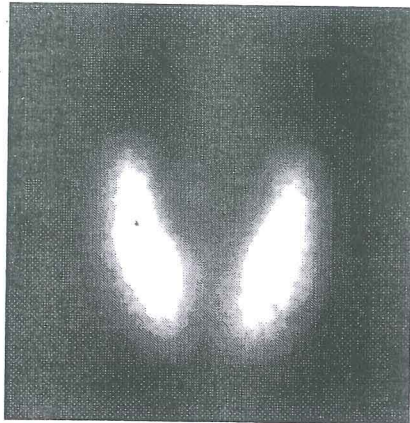
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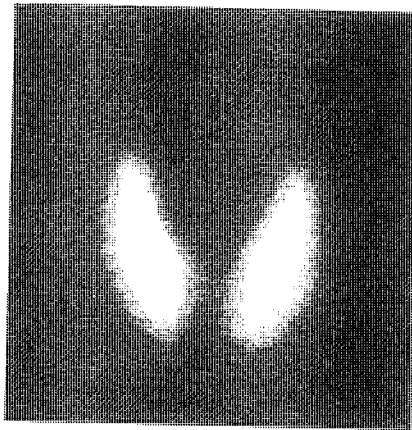
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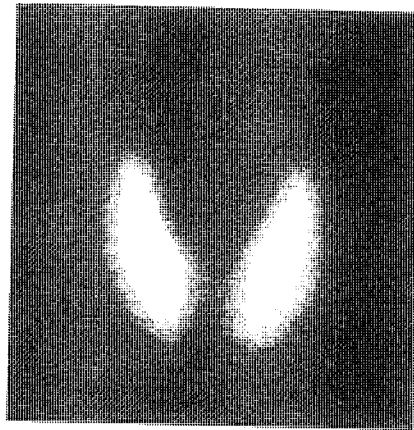
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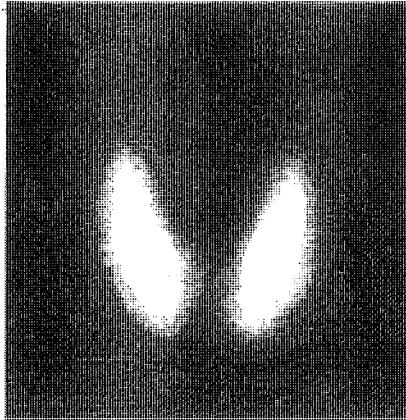
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