



Kubota Vision Announces Issuance of Patent Covering PBOS

Seattle (August 1, 2022) — Kubota Vision Inc. (“Kubota Vision” or the “Company”), a clinical-stage specialty ophthalmology company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kubota Pharmaceutical Holdings Co., Ltd. (Tokyo 4596), today announced the issuance of a patent covering our Patient Based Ophthalmology Suite (PBOS), in-home optical coherence tomography (OCT^{*1}) device from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, assigned to the Company, adding strength to the Company’s intellectual property position.

Title of invention: Artificial intelligence for evaluation of optical coherence tomography images

Abstract: A neural network is trained to segment interferogram images. A first plurality of interferograms are obtained, where each interferogram corresponds to data acquired by an OCT system using a first scan pattern, annotating each of the plurality of interferograms to indicate a tissue structure of a retina, training a neural network using the plurality of interferograms and the annotations, inputting a second plurality of interferograms corresponding to data acquired by an OCT system using a second scan pattern and obtaining an output of the trained neural network indicating the tissue structure of the retina that was scanned using the second scan pattern. The system and methods may instead receive a plurality of A-scans and output a segmented image corresponding to a plurality of locations along an OCT scan pattern

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^{*1} OCT (Optical Coherence Tomography) is a non-invasive tool that uses light waves to take cross-section pictures of the retina.

About PBOS

PBOS is a low cost, home-based, ophthalmic self-monitoring OCT device. This small handheld device addresses needs in mobile Health (mHealth^{*2}) applications for self-monitoring of retina health by patients, in the home and in remote field locations. The PBOS aims to improve ophthalmic treatment outcomes in patients diagnosed with and treated for wet age-related macular degeneration (AMD), diabetic macular edema (DME) and other neovascular retinal diseases. PBOS is being designed to detect nascent disease progression and support patient re-treatment prior to irreversible vision loss due to disease progression. Key features are low cost and a patient-friendly design, to be used directly by patients at home. PBOS is being designed to capture changes in retinal anatomy. Network connectivity and cloud-based technologies are used to alert the patients and their physicians of disease progression and re-treatment needs.

^{*2} mHealth refers to the usage of mobile communications technology and devices to enhance access to healthcare information, improve distribution of routine and emergency health services, and provide diagnostic services.

About Kubota Vision Inc.

Kubota Vision Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Kubota Pharmaceutical Holdings Co., Ltd. (Tokyo 4596) committed to translating innovation into a diverse portfolio of drugs and devices to preserve and restore vision for millions of people worldwide. Kubota Pharmaceutical group's development pipeline includes drug candidates for the treatment of diabetic retinopathy and Stargardt disease. The Company is also developing a handheld OCT device for the monitoring of neovascular retinal diseases, to be used directly by patients, and a wearable device for myopia control. <https://www.kubotavision.com/>; <https://www.kubotaholdings.co.jp/en/>

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