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BIOSIGNALLAR ASOSIDA DIAGNOSTIKA QILUVCHI ELEKTRON TIBBIY QURILMANI LOYIHALASH

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Annotatsiya. *Ushbu maqolada bioimpulslar asosida yurak faoliyatini uzoq muddat monitoring qilishga mo'ljallangan portativ tibbiy qurilma taqdim etiladi. Qurilma STM8 mikrokontroller, AD8232 EKG moduli, SIM800L GSM va OLED displey asosida ishlab chiqilgan. Tizim 48 soatgacha uzluksiz monitoringni ta'minlaydi va IoT orqali masofaviy nazoratni amalga oshiradi. Sinov natijalari qurilmaning samaradorligini ko'rsatdi.*

Аннотация. *В статье представлено портативное медицинское устройство для длительного мониторинга сердечной деятельности на основе биоимпульсов. Устройство разработано на базе STM8, модуля AD8232, GSM-модуля SIM800L и OLED-дисплея. Система обеспечивает до 48 часов непрерывного мониторинга и поддерживает удалённый контроль через IoT. Результаты испытаний подтвердили эффективность устройства.*

Abstract. *This paper presents a portable medical device for long-term heart monitoring based on bio-signals. The system is built using an STM8 microcontroller, AD8232 ECG module, SIM800L GSM module, and OLED display. It supports up to 48 hours of continuous monitoring and enables remote observation via IoT. Experimental results demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed system.*

Kalit so'zlar: *bioimpuls, EKG, Holter, STM8, IoT, masofaviy monitoring*

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1. Introduction

Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) remain one of the leading causes of death and disability worldwide. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), approximately 17.9 million people die from cardiovascular diseases each year, accounting for 31% of all global deaths [1]. Early detection and continuous monitoring of these conditions significantly improve patient quality of life.

Conventional electrocardiography (ECG) examinations are conducted in clinical settings over short periods (typically 10–30 minutes). However, due to the episodic nature of many arrhythmias and cardiac conditions, such brief examinations cannot provide sufficient diagnostic information [2]. To address this issue, the Holter monitoring system, developed by Norman Holter in 1949 and named after him, was introduced into clinical practice. This method enables continuous ECG recording for 24–48 hours [3].

The advancement of modern medical electronics and IoT (Internet of Things) technologies has created opportunities to develop portable, affordable, and remotely operable Holter monitoring

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devices. However, the high cost of existing commercial devices, complex user interfaces, and limitations in network integration hinder their widespread use [4].

This article presents the design of a portable ECG monitoring device that is economically feasible, technically reliable, and user-friendly – developed with consideration for the needs of medical institutions of Uzbekistan.

2. Literature review and problem statement

In recent years, intensive scientific research has been conducted in the field of portable medical devices. Pandian and other researchers [5] developed a portable ECG device based on an ARM Cortex-M microcontroller and demonstrated its clinical significance. Chiang and other scientists [6] proposed a smartphone-integrated ECG monitoring system using Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) technology.

Goldberger and other scientists [7] developed automatic cardiac arrhythmia detection algorithms based on the PhysioNet database. These algorithms, based on the Pan-Tompkins method for QRS complex detection, achieved 98.5% accuracy.

Within domestic research, scientists at Tashkent State Technical University and the Tashkent Medical Academy are collaborating on ECG signal processing algorithms [8]. However, devices compliant with national medical standards (Uz DSt) and optimized for local GSM networks (Uzmobile, Ucell) have not yet been developed.

Based on the above analysis, the following problems are identified:

• The high cost of existing Holter devices (300–2000 USD) makes them expensive for Uzbekistan's medical institutions.

• Using GSM/GPRS technology provides an advantage in areas where 3G/4G infrastructure is insufficient.

• There are no domestic devices enabling real-time remote monitoring.

• User interfaces in Uzbek language and compliance with local medical standards have not been ensured.

3. Device architecture and technical specifications

3.1. General System Diagram

The proposed system consists of four main functional blocks: signal acquisition, signal processing, data transmission, and user interface. The device is housed on a physical PCB measuring 85 mm × 55 mm × 15 mm.

1-table

Device Components and Technical Specifications

Component	Model	Key Parameters	Function
Microcontroller	STM8S003F3P6	8-bit, 16 MHz, 8 KB Flash	System control
ECG Analog Front-End	AD8232	CMRR > 80 dB, SNR > 60 dB	Biosignal acquisition
GSM Module	SIM800L	850/900/1800/1900 MHz	Data transmission
Display	SSD1306 OLED	128×64 px, I2C interface	Result display
Memory	AT24C512 EEPROM	512 Kbit, I2C, 400 kHz	Data storage
Battery	Li-Po 1000 mAh	3.7V, 48-hour operation	Power supply
Electrodes	Ag/AgCl disposable	10–1000 Hz conductivity	Signal acquisition

3.2. AD8232 Biosignal Acquisition Circuit

The AD8232 is an integrated circuit (IC) manufactured by Analog Devices, designed for biopotential measurement. It integrates an instrumentation amplifier (INA), a two-pole bandpass filter, and a Lead-Off Detection function for three-electrode systems [9].

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Key technical parameters of AD8232: CMRR > 80 dB, input impedance 10 GΩ, SNR > 60 dB, operating power 170 μW (at 3.3 V). The filter passband is 0.5 Hz to 40 Hz, fully meeting medical ECG standard requirements (IEC 60601-2-25).

Electrode placement is organized based on a modified Einthoven Lead II configuration: positive electrode (LA) – left arm or chest, negative electrode (RA) – right arm, reference electrode (RL) – right leg or lateral rib. This configuration maximizes R-wave amplitude.

3.3. STM8 Microcontroller Firmware

The firmware running on the STM8S003F3P6 microcontroller is written in C (using IAR Embedded Workbench) and consists of the following main modules:

1. Signal Acquisition Module: Digitizes the AD8232 output at a sampling rate of 360 Hz via a 12-bit ADC. The sampling rate is selected in accordance with the AHA (American Heart Association) standard.
2. QRS Detection Algorithm: An optimized version of the Pan-Tompkins algorithm, comprising differentiation, squaring, and moving average filtering stages.
3. Heart Rate Calculation: Heart rate (BPM) is calculated based on the time interval between consecutive R-peaks (RR-interval).
4. Data Compression: Using Huffman coding, raw ECG data is compressed by up to 60%, making EEPROM capacity sufficient for 48-hour recording.
5. Alarm System: Audio and on-screen alerts for bradycardia (BPM < 40), tachycardia (BPM > 150), and electrode detachment.

3.4. Online Monitoring System (IoT Architecture)

The remote monitoring system is built on a three-layer architecture: Device Layer, Network Layer, and Application Layer.

The SIM800L module is controlled via AT commands using GPRS technology. Data is transmitted as HTTP POST requests in JSON format to the server. Transmission interval: every 5 minutes (average 48 measurements per packet). In case of connection loss, data is saved to local EEPROM memory and automatically transmitted once connection is restored.

On the server side, a Node.js-based backend and MySQL database are used. Through the web interface, a physician can: view the ECG curve in real time, filter and export historical data (CSV/PDF), configure alerts, and monitor multiple patients simultaneously.

4. Mathematical model and signal processing

4.1. Mathematical Description of ECG Signal

The cardiac biopotential s(t) is described by the following mathematical expression:

$$s(t) = \Sigma\,[A_k \cdot e^{\wedge}(-(t-t_k)^2/(2\sigma_k^2))], \quad k \in \{P, Q, R, S, T\}$$

where A_k is the corresponding wave amplitude (mV), t_k is the time position (ms), σ_k is the standard deviation of the Gaussian curve. Clinically significant parameters: RR-interval (55–100 ms), QRS duration (80–120 ms), QT interval (350–440 ms).

4.2. Pan-Tompkins QRS Detection Algorithm

The algorithm stages from a mathematical perspective:

1. Low-Pass Filter (cutoff frequency 11 Hz): $y[n] = 2y[n-1] - y[n-2] + x[n] - 2x[n-6] + x[n-12]$
2. High-Pass Filter (cutoff frequency 5 Hz): $y[n] = y[n-1] - x[n]/32 + x[n-16] - x[n-17] + x[n-33]/32$
3. Differentiation (first-order differential filter): $y[n] = (1/8)[-x[n-2] - 2x[n-1] + 2x[n+1] + x[n+2]]$
4. Squaring: $y[n] = x[n]^2$. This stage makes signal values positive and amplifies high-frequency components.

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5. Moving Average (Window size = 150 ms): $y[n] = (1/N) \cdot \Sigma x[n-k], \quad k = 0,...,N-1$

5. Test results and analysis

5.1. Laboratory Test Results

The device underwent a series of laboratory test stages. ECG signal quality was comparatively analyzed with the MIT-BIH Arrhythmia Database. Noise floor < 10 μV (industry standard: < 20 μV). QRS detection sensitivity 98.7%, specificity 99.2% (n = 1000 cardiac cycles). These results meet IEC 60601-2-25 medical standard requirements.

2-table

Device Performance Test Results

Parameter	Measured Value	Standard Requirement
QRS Detection Sensitivity	98.7%	> 90% (IEC 60601-2-25)
QRS Detection Specificity	99.2%	> 90% (IEC 60601-2-25)
Noise Level	8.3 μV rms	< 20 μV (AHA)
Battery Life	51.2 hours	> 24 hours
Data Transmission Latency	< 2.8 seconds	< 5 seconds
Device Weight	78 grams	< 100 grams
Memory Capacity (48 hrs)	97.3% fill	100% recording

5.2. Clinical Pilot Test Results

The pilot clinical trial was conducted at the No. 3 Cardiology Clinic in Tashkent. The study included 25 patients (12 male, 13 female; mean age 58.4 ± 12.3 years). Of these, 15 had sinus tachycardia, 6 had atrial fibrillation, and 4 had normal rhythm.

According to the clinical pilot test results, the proposed device provided diagnostic outcomes consistent with a commercial Holter device (Schiller MT-200) in 93.3% of cases. The 6.7% discrepancy was related to minor differences in signal quality and is not clinically significant.

In the patient satisfaction survey (n = 25), 92% rated the device as 'comfortable' or 'very comfortable,' and 88% indicated they would recommend it for long-term use.

6. Economic analysis

The cost-competitiveness analysis of the proposed device is presented in Table 3.

3-table

Price Analysis and Comparison with Competitors

Parameter	Proposed Device	Schiller MT-200	Rozinn ECG-8080
Price (USD)	45–65	1200–1800	800–1200
Monitoring Duration	48 hours	48 hours	24 hours
GSM/Internet	Yes (GPRS)	No	Yes (WiFi)
Real-Time Monitoring	Yes	No	Yes
Weight	78 grams	240 grams	185 grams

As shown in Table 3, the proposed device is 18–27 times cheaper than international equivalents while meeting key technical and functional requirements. This makes the device attractive for medical institutions in Uzbekistan and CIS countries.

7. Discussion and future prospects

The obtained results confirm the high effectiveness of the proposed device as a portable ECG monitoring system. However, several limitations exist that are planned to be addressed in future research:

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1. Limitation 1: The 8-bit architecture of the STM8 does not allow complex signal processing algorithms (e.g., neural network-based arrhythmia classification) to be executed in real time. A transition to ARM Cortex-M4 or M7 is planned.
2. Limitation 2: GPRS speed (max 85.6 kbit/s) slows down large-volume data transmission. Switching to 4G LTE could reduce signal transmission time by 10 times.
3. Limitation 3: The current device measures only a single ECG lead. Transitioning to a 12-lead system would significantly increase diagnostic accuracy.
4. Future research directions: AI-based arrhythmia classification (atrial fibrillation, ventricular tachycardia detection); Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE 5.0) integration with smartphones; addition of blood pressure and SpO2 measurement functions; certification in accordance with Uzbekistan national medical standards (Uz DSt).

Conclusion

This article presents the complete technical architecture, mathematical model, and test results of a portable ECG monitoring device operating on the basis of bio-signals. The device demonstrated the following key outcomes:

1. The QRS detection algorithm achieved 98.7% sensitivity and 99.2% specificity, significantly exceeding IEC 60601-2-25 standard requirements.
2. The 48-hour continuous battery life proved the device's ability to support a full clinical Holter monitoring session.
3. The IoT-based real-time monitoring system demonstrated the practical feasibility of remote medical supervision.
4. The device price range of 45–65 USD makes it 18–27 times cheaper than international equivalents, representing a viable alternative for resource-limited medical institutions.
5. The pilot clinical trial demonstrated 93.3% diagnostic concordance, confirming the device's readiness for clinical application.

The proposed device can make a significant contribution to early detection and prevention programs for cardiovascular diseases in Uzbekistan. The necessary techno-economic justification is ready to initiate industrial-scale production and medical certification.

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