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憂可視腦波壓力評估系統

Stress EEG Assessment System

Product Brochure

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Introduction

Depression affects 300 million people worldwide and is a leading cause of disability and disease burden. Though effective treatments exist, diagnosis is often delayed or missed. Research indicates that about 70% of patients report only physical symptoms like chest tightness, palpitations, or unexplained pain, and 10% even deny psychological issues entirely. This leads to multiple specialist referrals, causing delays and increased healthcare costs before depression is correctly diagnosed and treated. Low awareness and stigma remain major barriers to timely diagnosis and treatment.

Depression is currently diagnosed through subjective methods like self-reports and clinical interviews. Objective, physiological assessments could help identify cases lacking insight, enable better referrals, and reduce stigma by framing depression as a medical condition rather than personal failure.

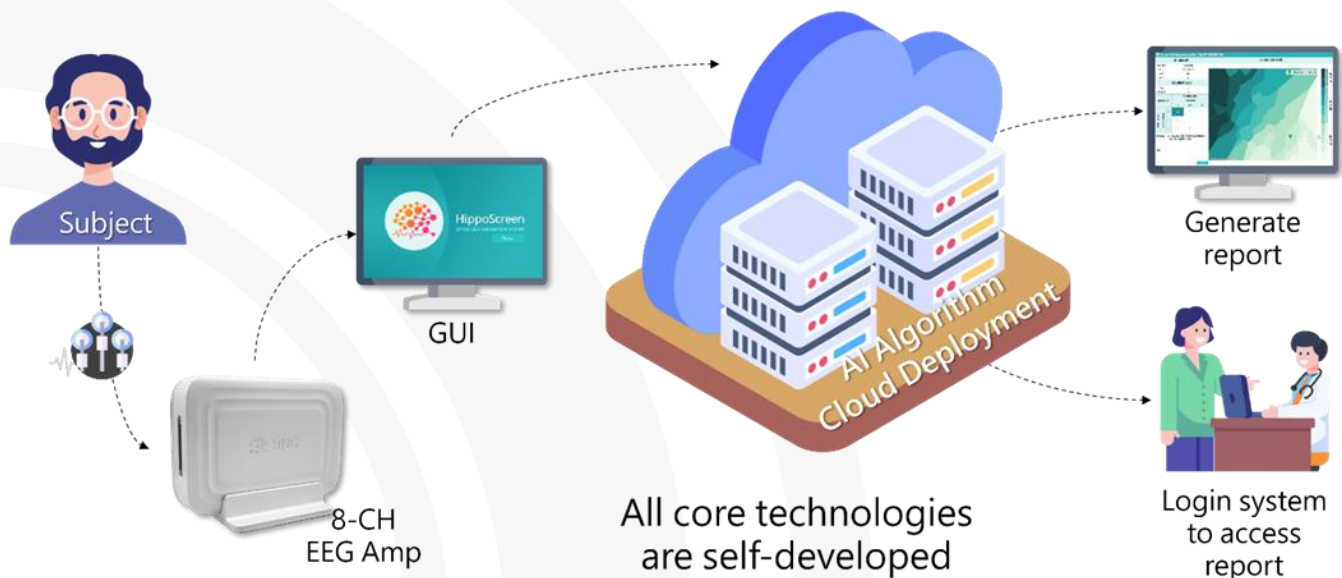


The Product

The Stress EEG Assessment (SEA) system developed by HippoScreen Neurotech includes an EEG amplifier for data collection and signal processing, a GUI for test process control, and an AI algorithm for data analysis. It records 90-second brainwave signals to analyze with proprietary AI algorithm, and generates an objective stress index score and intuitive data distribution maps in the assessment report. The SEA system can screen individuals—even those lacking insight—and delivers objective, physiology-based risk scores, making it a powerful AI tool for mental health screening and clinical support.



System Architecture



The EEG amplifier (EAmplifier) suppresses noise and amplifies the subject's brainwave signal, performs analog-to-digital conversion, and then transmits it to the computer. The GUI provides user-friendly operation for the detection process, while data analysis is done through AI algorithms deployed on the cloud. The assessment report generated is also stored in the cloud database. The administrator can log in to the report website to access the results.



Detection Process

1 Wear EEG Cap



2 Fill in basic info & PHQ-9 questionnaire (optional)



3 Apply gel into electrodes



4 Gaze at the cross on the screen for 90 seconds



The detection process is simple and takes only 15–20 minutes, including setup and report generation.

First, the operator fits the EEG cap and guides the subject to complete basic info and the optional PHQ-9 self-assessment. Conductive gel is applied to reduce the impedance and ensure the EEG signal quality. Once set up, the subject simply relaxes and looks at a display for 90 seconds while EEG data is recorded. The system then analyzes the data and generates an assessment report.



Actual Scene

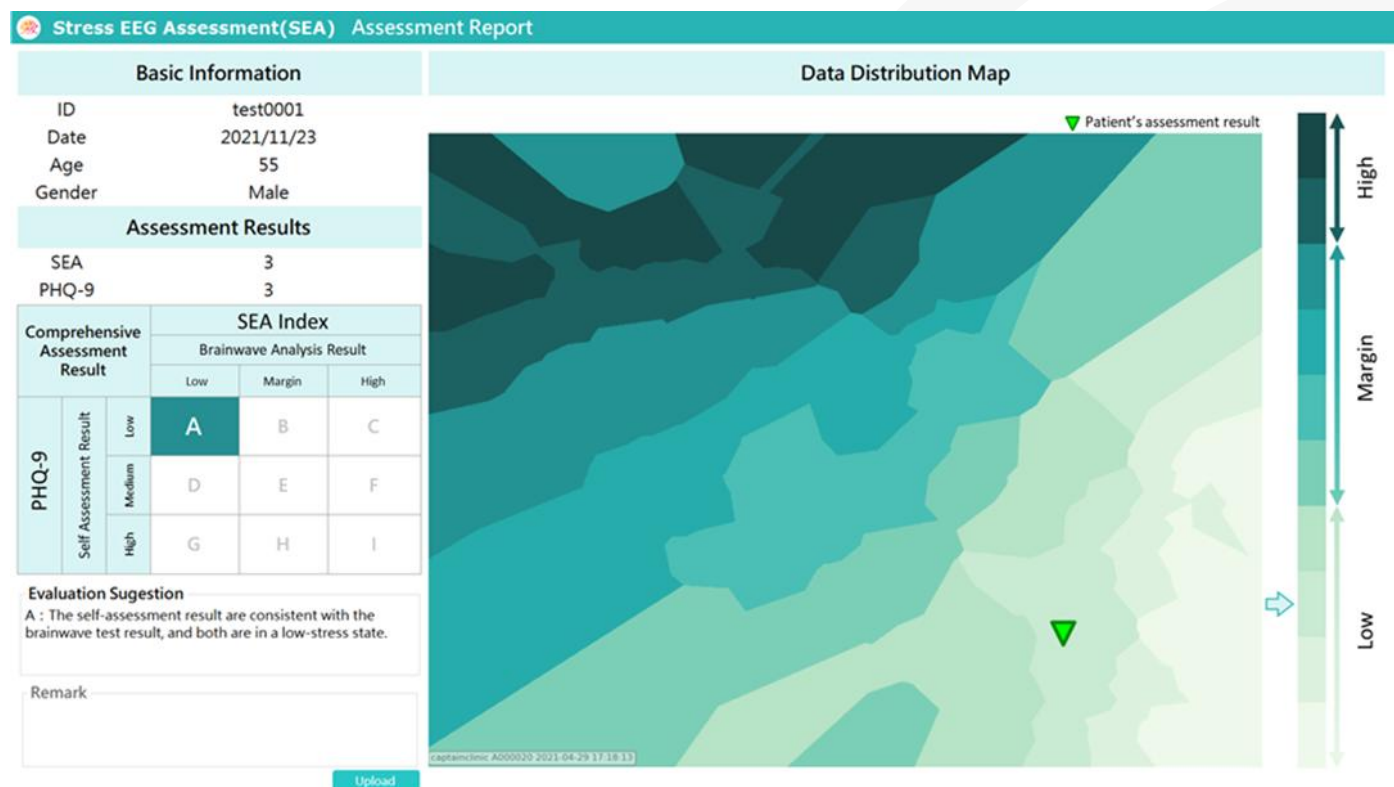


Because EEG is sensitive to interference, it's best conducted in a quiet, separate room.

During the 90-second recording, sudden loud noises or flickering lights should be avoided, as they may affect the results. While the system includes noise-reduction features and indicates whether the data quality is sufficient for analysis, minimizing external interference during the recording is recommended.



Assessment Results



The data distribution map on the right side is generated using brainwave data from an IRB-approved study with three Taiwanese medical centers, combined with the subject's EEG data for features extraction and analysis. Color intensity corresponds to the SEA index (1–10), indicating depression risk. The green dot represents the test subject—darker areas around it suggest higher stress levels.

As for the nine-grid table on the left, it is a two-dimensional comprehensive evaluation of self-assessed result (the PHQ-9 score) versus the physiological result (the SEA index from the brainwave

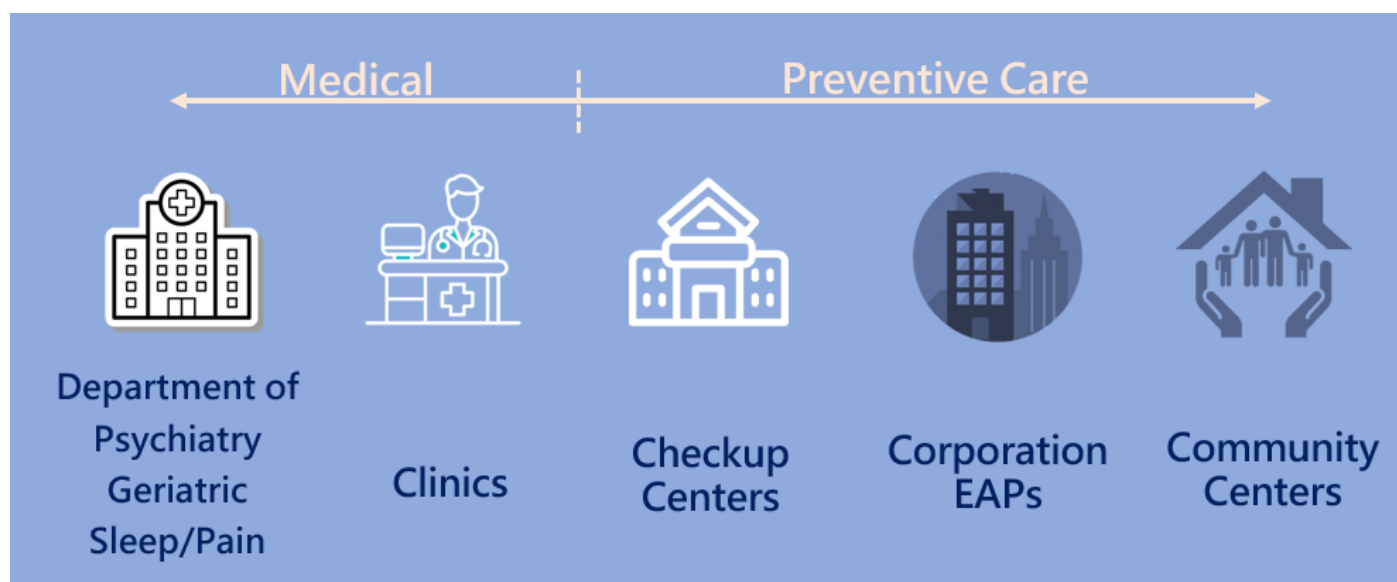


analysis). Through this evaluation, it can help professionals to understand the mental state of the subjects more comprehensively and accurately.

These results are included in a 16-page report booklet that includes background knowledge on depression and EEG, an individualized SEA score and recommendation, and visualized brainwave raw data.

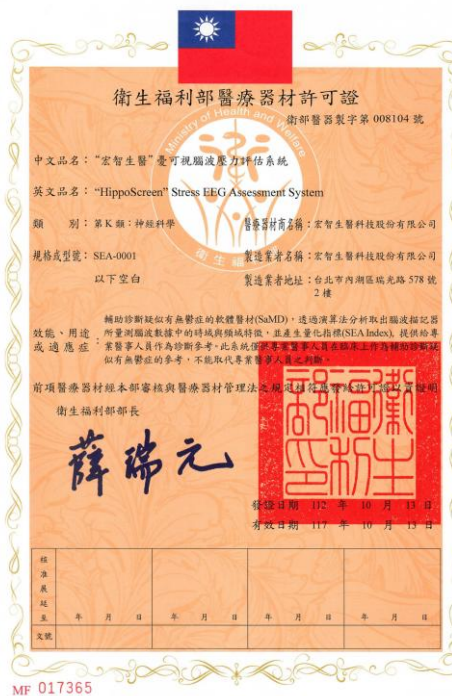
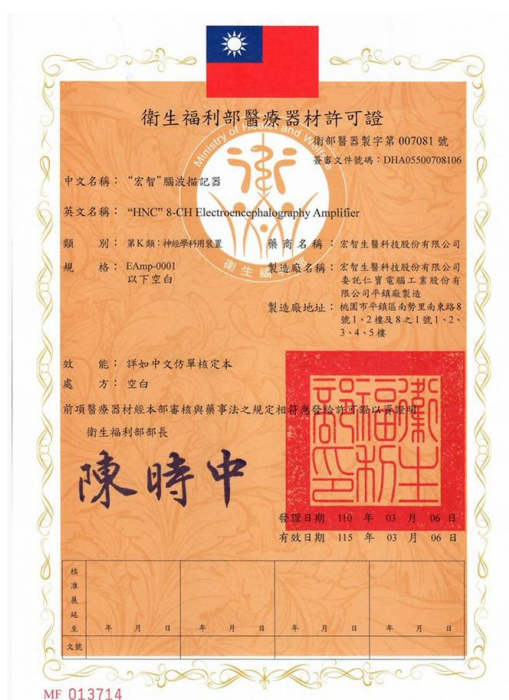
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The SEA system has both medical and non-medical applications.



Regulatory Approval

The EEG amplifier is cleared by both USA FDA and Taiwan FDA. The SEA software is approved software as medical device (SaMD) by Taiwan FDA.



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Resting-State EEG Signal for Major Depressive Disorder Detection: A Systematic Validation on a Large and Diverse Dataset

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Collaboration with 3 medical centers (4 sites) in Taiwan to collect the biggest multi-site EEG depression dataset in the world. The optimal feature subset and classifier achieve a high five-fold cross-validation accuracy of 91.07% on the training set (140 MDD and 140 HC) and 84.16% on the independent test set (60 MDD and 60 HC). This paper was published in [biosensors](#) in December 2021.



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Article

Depression Detection Using Relative EEG Power Induced by Emotionally Positive Images and a Conformal Kernel Support Vector Machine

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Collaboration with Dr. Daniel G. Dillon (Harvard Medical School & McLean Hospital) on depression detection from EEG signals. The experiment result (Sensitivity = 87.50%, Specificity = 80.65%) was published in applied sciences in July 2018.



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Major Depression Detection from EEG Signals Using Kernel Eigen-Filter-Bank Common Spatial Patterns

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