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Abstract:

The invention relates to a QR-based smart medical dispensing system that automates prescription authentication and dosage delivery through IoT-enabled control and ste motor-driven mechanisms. A web application generates encrypted QR codes containing patient-specific medication data, which are scanned by a camera module connect Raspberry Pi microcontroller. The decoded information is validated and converted into motor-control signals that actuate one or more stepper motors to dispense precise quantities of medicine from designated compartments. The system includes remote monitoring, automated logging, and error-handling features, ensuring accuracy, trace, and secure workflow integration with clinical or telemedicine environments. The invention significantly reduces manual dispensing errors and provides a scalable, low-cost solution for modern healthcare facilities.

Complete Specification

Description:FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[001] The present invention relates to the domain of healthcare automation, smart pharmaceutical dispensing, and IoT-enabled mechatronic control systems, and more particularly to a QR code-based medical dispensing system that integrates image processing, embedded microcontroller technologies, and stepper motor-driven dispensing mechanisms to automate the interpretation of digitally encoded prescriptions and the precise dispensing of corresponding medications. The invention encompasses an intelligent dispensing architecture that utilises QR-based prescription authentication, Raspberry Pi or equivalent microprocessor platforms, ULN2003-driven stepper motors, and IoT connectivity to ensure accurate dosage delivery, minimise human error, enhance traceability, and optimise workflow efficiency in hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, telemedicine kiosks, and other healthcare service environments.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[002] Medication dispensing in hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, and telemedicine environments remains vulnerable to significant human error, inefficiencies, and inconsistencies in dosage administration. Traditional manual dispensing processes often rely on subjective interpretation of handwritten prescriptions, leading to risks such as incorrect dosage, misidentification of medicines, wrongful substitutions, and failure to comply with prescribed schedules. These risks are exacerbated during high patient volumes, emergency handling, or understaffed medical facilities, contributing to preventable adverse drug events. Existing digital prescription systems, although capable

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