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House in rural area

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The radon results were determined by using an ABC scintillation disc as shown in Figure (1).

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Figure (2): Results Table

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