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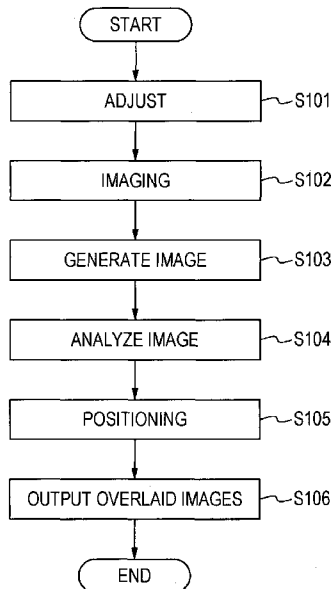
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(54) Title: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD

FIG. 3



(57) Abstract: To accurately position multiple tomographic images, an image processing apparatus (190) includes a detecting unit configured to detect motion of an eye (S104) in a plurality of polarization-sensitive tomographic images (501, 503), based on a predetermined region extracted from the plurality of polarization-sensitive tomographic images of the eye (S104), and a positioning unit (190) configured to position a plurality of tomographic luminance images (S105) corresponding to the plurality of polarization-sensitive tomographic images, based on the detected movement.

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