

<b>DEWS</b>	<b>DRY EYE: DIAGNOSTIC TEST TEMPLATE</b>	
<b>RAPPORTEUR</b>	Murat Dogru	Date: 31 Oct,2004
<b>TEST</b>	<b>Hamano (phenol red thread) test</b>	
<b>TO DIAGNOSE</b>	Test used to diagnose – Tear quantity	Sakamoto 1993
<b>VERSION of TEST</b>	[ Zone Quick-Menicon Ltd}]	Sakamoto 1993
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Minimally invasive test of tear quantity (especially, volume of tears in conjunctival fornix)	
<b>CONDUCT of TEST</b>	3 mm of thread inserted into lateral 1/3 conjunctival fornix Wait for 15 seconds and measure the length of thread changing color from orange to red, including the 3 mm thread length inserted into fornix.  Any value less than 10mm suggests a tear deficiency	Sakamoto 1993
<b>Web Video</b>	Not available:	
<b>Materials:</b>	Zone Quick kit (Menicon)	
<b>Variations</b>	-	
<b>Standardization</b>	Time of day [√] Temperature [√] Humidity [√] Air speed [√] Illumination [√] . Assumed to influence.	Tomlinson 2001
<b>Repeatability</b>	Intra-observer agreement. [ ] Inter-observer agreement. [ ]	Cho 2003
<b>Sensitivity</b>	(true positives) [86%] ≤ 10 mm	Patel 1998
<b>Specificity</b>	(100 – false positives) [83%] ≤ 10 mm	Patel 1998
<b>Test problems</b>	Although the test appears to be a very good non-invasive method of testing tear quantity, it is not known whether the test is an index of tear production or tear volume. Still not widely used among ophthalmologists but seems to enjoy acceptance among optometrists. Comparative studies with other tests of tear quantity do not exist as yet. Further experience with this test is needed before a discussion of whether it can replace Schirmer test or not can be made.	Tomlinson 2001 Cho 2003 Cho 1993 Korb 2000
<b>Test solutions</b>	Further experience and studies needed.	
<b>FORWARD LOOK</b>	The test is reproducible and does not produce corneal staining and induces less reflex tearing compared to Schirmer testing, comfortable for patients and might be a preferable option for children.	Tomlinson 2001 Nichols 2003
<b>Glossary</b>		

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