Electroretinography (ERG)



ERG helps doctors gain *objective*, *functional* information about the performance of the inner retinal cells of the eye. ERG has been recognized as an effective test in helping to diagnose and monitor vision disorders including age-related macular degeneration (AMD), glaucoma and diabetic edema.¹⁻³



Objective

- No verbal response or "button pushing" is required by the patient.
- Quantitative analysis of ERG data minimizes subjective clinician interpretation.
- Reports and documents the results of practitioner intervention and supports medical decision making.

Functional

- Complements anatomical studies with an analysis of retinal function that is affected by disease or trauma.
- Improves sensitivity and specificity in diagnosing vison disorders when used in conjunction with other diagnostic tests.

Vision Testing

- Contrast Sensitivity Protocol: Provides data to aid in the detection of diseases that affect the retina in a diffuse pattern like Chronic Open Angle Glaucoma (COAG) and Diabetic Retinopathy (DR). Since there is typically no specific topographic pattern of damage, the information collected using this protocol can help in detecting the depth of the macular dysfunction.
- Concentric Stimulus Fields Protocol: Provides data to aid in the detection of diseases affecting the central or paracentral area of the macula in specific topographic patterns like Age Related Macular Degeneration (AMD), Diabetes Macular Edema (CME) and Toxic Maculopathies (e.g. Plaquenil Maculopathy).

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Example Normal Patient

- Three equally spaced sinusoidal-like peaks
- High Magnitude (uV) values
- MagnitudeD more than 50% of Magnitude

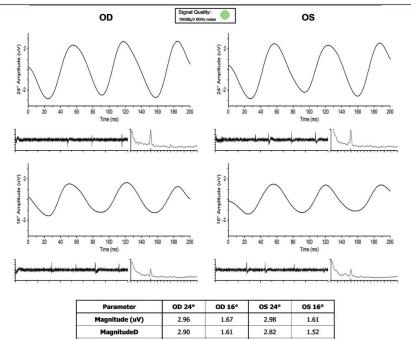
Example AMD Patient

• Abnormal waveform shapes OS

• Low magnitude (uV) value OS 24^o

• Poor MagnitudeD value OS 24⁰

¹Banitt et al. P Bascom Pa ²Oner et al. Pa



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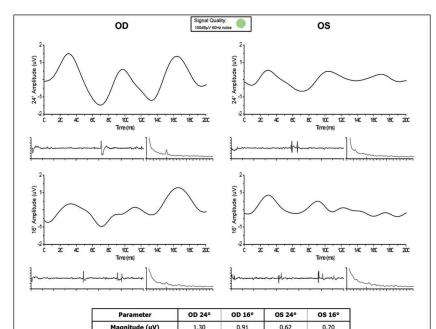
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SNR @ 15Hz

Artifacts



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13.2

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3.5

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7.3

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MagnitudeD

SNR @ 15Hz

Artifacts

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