

TABLE 3 CHARACTERISTIC FINDINGS FOR DRY EYE SYNDROME DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

	Test	Characteristic Findings
Aqueous tear deficiency	Ocular surface dye staining	Pattern of exposure zone (interpalpebral) corneal and bulbar conjunctival staining typical
	Tear break-up time	Less than 10 seconds considered abnormal
	Aqueous tear production (Schirmer test)	10 mm or less for Schirmer test with anesthesia considered abnormal ^{78,79}
	Fluorescein clearance test/tear function index	Test result is compared with a standard color scale ⁸⁰
	Lacrimal gland function	Decreased tear lactoferrin concentrations
	Tear osmolarity	Possibly increased with unclear clinical implications ⁷¹⁻⁷⁴
Evaporative tear deficiency	Ocular surface dye staining	Staining of inferior cornea and bulbar conjunctiva typical
	Tear break-up time	Less than 10 seconds considered abnormal
	Tear osmolarity	Possibly increased with unclear clinical implications ⁷¹⁻⁷⁴