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A COMPARISION OF FULL-FIELD ELECTRORETINOGRAMS RECORDED FROM THREE DIFFERENT TYPES OF CORNEAL ELECTRODES P. Y. Sacai, A. Berezovsky, S.R. Salomão. Clinical Electrophysiology of Vision Lab, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Federal Univ of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

Purpose: To compare full-field electroretinograms (ERG) obtained from three different types of corneal electrodes. Methods: Standardized ERGs were recorded in four normal volunteers, aged from 18 to 33 years, in the same visit. Three different corneal electrodes- Monopolar Dawson, Trick, and Litzkow (DTL) electrode (Doran Instruments, USA), monopolar ERG-jet (Universo Plastique, Switzerland) and bipolar GoldLens (Doran Instruments, USA) were used in this respective order for ERG recording. Peak-to-peak amplitude and b-wave implicit time were measured and statistically analyzed (one-way ANOVA). Occurrence of electrical artifacts and comfort during exam were also considered. Results: Mean peak-to-peak amplitudes (mV) and implicit time (ms) were comparable for the 3 different electrodes. Results with mean and respective standard deviation are shown on the following table for the five different standardized ERG responses: scotopic rod, maximal response, oscillatory potentials, single-flash cone response and 30 Hz flicker. Rod Maximal OP Cone Flicker Ampl IT Amp Amp IT Amp IT DTL 328±117 81±8 456±155 212±39 125±84 28±1 86±58 27±2 ERG-iet 310±107 80±7 498±95 235±62 124±66 28±1 75±51 30±4 GoldLens 276±44 79±4 399±50 180±38 122±39 27±1 79±23 27±1 Electrical artifacts were found in all ERGs recorded from monopolar electrodes. All 4 subjects complained of discomfort during flicker response with ERG-jet electrodes. Conclusions: These results from a small number of tested subjects have shown comparable full-field ERGs measured from these 3 different corneal electrodes. However, electrical artifacts were frequently seen with both DTL and ERG-jet electrodes. A larger number of tested subjects and test-retest reliability measures are needed for better understanding the clinical usage of monopolar corneal electrodes.

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