KONAN CellChek[™] Quick Tips

MAGE ACQUISITION

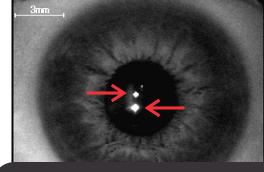
- Align the patient's forehead to be perpendicular to the forehead bar. Move the head laterally (R←→L) to center the eye. Do not tilt head.
- Ask the patient to blink until the auto-alignment moves to the center of the image (or the REC indicator on the upper left starts to flash). Operator may say: "Open wide, watch the green target"
- Check the number of reflections in the patient's pupil. On typical patients, you will often see only one or two. If multiple reflections are observed, it is likely that the patient is post surgical (IOL, ICL, DSAEK). You may want to select IOL MODE (LED OFF) which can help you obtain great images for these cases. See below: "When cells are not visible".
- Do not dilate pupil. DSAEK / DMEK: may be helpful to shine a penlight into the fellow eye to constrict the pupils.
- Images that reveal no visible endothelial cells are important and valuable evidence of the disease state (dystrophies such as Fuchs', I.C.E, Trauma)
- Advanced corneal dystrophies may alter the cellular surface creating local irregularities that are not reflected and therefore cannot be imaged. This should be documented even if it cannot be analyzed.
- If typical methods fail, or if dark and white linear vertical bands are present on either left or right side of the specular image, these are signs of optical focus issues with the patient's corneal conditions.

 Switch to Manual Focus mode and change the focus value by ±5 starting with pachymetry divided by 10 until the endothelial plane is imaged.
- When cells are not readily visible:
 - Request that the patient to look slightly off to one side or the other of the fixation target and re-image. There will often be sufficient visible cells in a different location on the cornea.
 - Make sure that artificial tears are available.
 - Analysis of every image is not possible, but the image creates excellent documentation of the state of the cornea.
- Automated cell counting defaults to a "Small" reference pattern. Verify with "Pattern" that reference is appropriate.

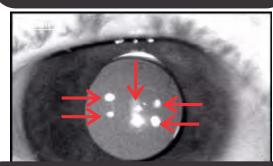
	Analysis	Use Case Examples
Auto	Automated	Routine, no guttata, well defined cells filling entire analysis area
	Automated - Area selected	Few guttata, resize area to > 50% filled with well defined cells (more is better)
Semi-Auto	Center Method™	Generalized pathology, minimum 50 contiguous cells. Large cells, high CV.
	Flex-Center	Significant pathology, large cells, perimeter required to select adequate number of cells

Only Konan features the patented Center Method™ valuable for accurate assessment of clinically significant pathology.

The techniques provided here are only validated on and applicable to Konan specular microscopes.



Typical patient appearance: one or two reflections



Multiple reflections common with IOL, ICL, DSAEK combine / minimize reflections by slight off-center fixation

IMAGE LOCATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE



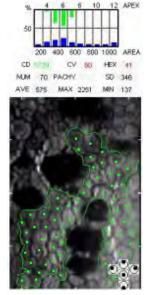
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Central cornea with coalesced guttata not analyzable Check para-central areas for visible cells

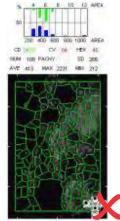


Same eye slightly off-center image appropriate for Flex Center method Note: lack of contiguous neighbor cells to perform Center Method

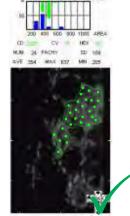
RESIZING VS. CENTER METHOD



Low number of visible cells for Automated or Center Method -Use Flex Center Method



Automated Analysis "Small" cell size WRONG CD: 2421

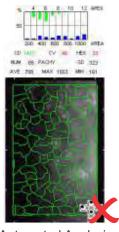


Flex Center Analysis (Semi Auto Analysis) CORRECT CD: 2825

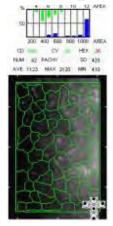
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Good photo documentation of advanced disease Statistical analysis may not be possible

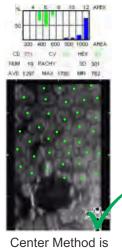


Automated Analysis
WRONG
"Medium" cell size
CD: 1412



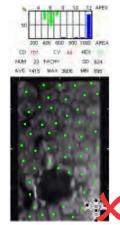
Automated Analysis
Large cell Size
CD: 890
pre-surgical documentation?

CENTER METHOD BASICS



Preferred Analysis
CORRECT
CV: 23

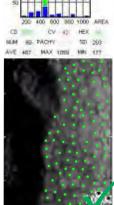
Note: guttata area properly excluded



WRONG
Note: guttata area improperly included
CV: 44 in error

200 400 500 500 1000 APEA CD TV 41 HEX 35 HAM 48 PACHY 50 177 AVE 425 MAX (006 MM 215

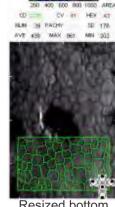
Resized, Small CD: 2331 CV: 41



Preferred Analysis Center Method CD: 2058 CV: 42



Resized top CD: 2725 CV: 37

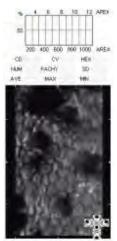


Resized bottom CD: 2278 CV: 41

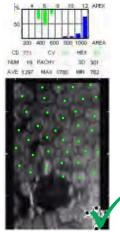
Note: large variations in local densities Center Method would be preferred analysis method for this image Never include non-visible cells on Guttata (black area) within analyzed area



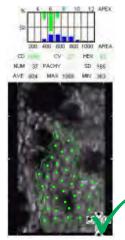
Resizing Candidate Good area of contiguous cells and few guttata



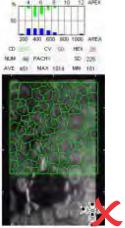
Center Method Candidate



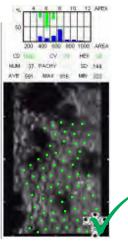
Center Method **BEST** Analysis CD: 771 Do not surround guttata



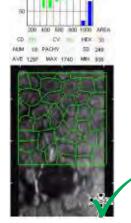
Flex Center Method CORRECT, but ample cells for Center Method CD: 1656 CV: 27



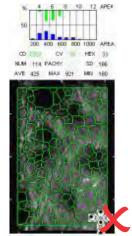
Resize "Small" **Automated Method WRONG** CD: 2217



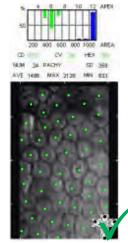
Center Method CORRECT Preferred (faster/easier) CD: 1692 CV: 24



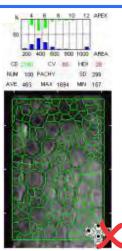
Resize "XL" **Automated Method** Note: CD: 771 = Center Method CD: 771



Automated Analysis "Small". Note "Small" cell size WRONG CD: 2353 VS. Center Method CD: 1692

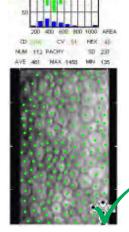


Center Method CORRECT CD: 673 CV: 24 Note substantial change in histogram

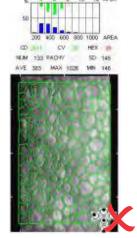


Automated Method Selected "Small" Wrong CD: 2160 CV: 65





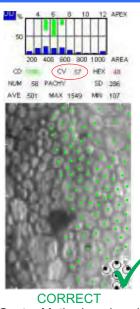
Center Method **CORRECT** CD: 2169 CV: 51



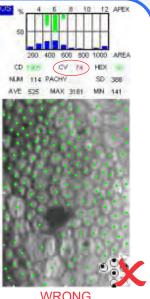
Automated Analysis "Small" size is incorrect **WRONG**

CD: 2611 CV: 38





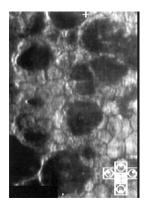
CORRECT
Center Method analyzed avoiding black area obscured cells from Guttata



WRONG
Center Method includes
black area of obscured
cells (Guttata)
CV in error over estimated
at 74 (rather than 57)

+3 Guttata CD: 1800 Higher Guttata

Higher Guttata
prevalence
but
higher cell density =
More Stable Cornea



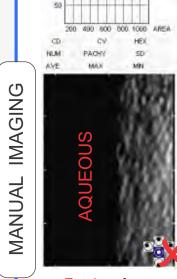
+2 Guttata CD: 900

Lower Guttata
prevalence
but
lower cell density =
Less Stable Cornea

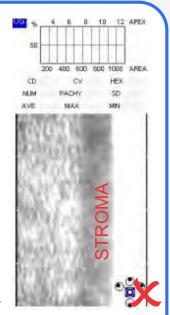
WHEN DO YOU SELECT MANUAL IMAGING?

CELL DENSITY WITH GU

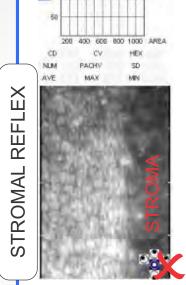
If auto-focus fails, switch to Manual mode. Examples of some difficult cases can include some: post corneal surgery, IOL, ICL, advanced disease, edema



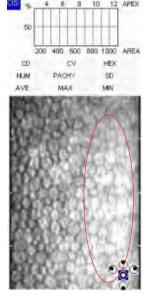
Too deep focus when using setting "60" Black on left = aqueous Reduce focus setting (50 or 45) and repeat



Too shallow focus when using setting "35" White on right = stroma Increase focus value (50 or 45) and repeat



Another example of stromal reflection on the right aspect, try Manual Imaging mode



Automated imaging with dry eye patient Note zonal loss of resolution Eye drops and / or manual focus may improve imaging FRM-054_C