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## BDORT

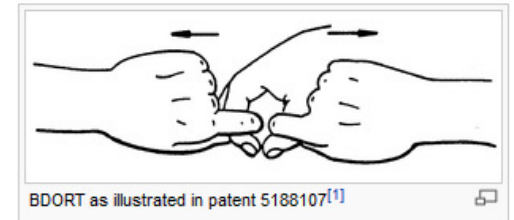
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The **Bi-Digital O-Ring Test** (BDORT), characterized as a form of [applied kinesiology](#),<sup>[2]</sup> is a patented [alternative medicine](#) diagnostic procedure in which a patient forms an 'O' with his or her fingers, and the diagnostician subjectively evaluates the patient's health according to the patient's finger strength as the diagnostician tries to pry them apart.<sup>[1][3]</sup>

BDORT has been cited and characterized at length by the American Institute for Technology and Science Education as a specific and noteworthy example of [pseudoscientific quackery](#).<sup>[4]</sup>

BDORT was invented by Dr. Yoshiaki Omura, along with several other related alternative medicine techniques. They are featured in Omura's self-published *Acupuncture & Electro-Therapeutics Research, The International Journal*, of which Omura is founder and editor-in-chief, as well as in seminars presented by Omura and his colleagues.<sup>[5]</sup>

In the only known full, formal independent evaluation of BDORT or of any other BDORT-related treatment and technique by a mainstream scientific or medical body, the [Medical Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal](#) of New Zealand ruled, in two separate cases brought before it in 2003, that [Dr. Richard Warwick Gorringe, MB, ChB of Hamilton, New Zealand](#), who used BDORT (which he also called 'PMRT') to the exclusion of conventional diagnoses on his patients, was guilty of malpractice. In the first case, the Tribunal found it "is not a plausible, reliable, or scientific technique for making medical decisions" and "there is no plausible evidence that PMRT has any scientific validity."<sup>[6][7]</sup> In the second case the Tribunal ruled Gorringe again relied on BDORT to the exclusion of traditional diagnoses, which ultimately led to the death of a patient.<sup>[7][8]</sup> As a result of these findings and conclusions, Gorringe was fined and stripped of his license to practice medicine.



BDORT as illustrated in patent 5188107<sup>[1]</sup>

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**Yoshiaki Omura** [edit source] [edit beta]

Dr. Yoshiaki Omura (大村恵昭 **Ōmura Yoshiaki**<sup>?</sup>), MD, ScD is president and founder of the *International College of Acupuncture & Electro-Therapeutics*, president and founder of the *International Bi-Digital O-Ring Test Medical Association*, and medical research director of the *Heart Disease Research Foundation*.<sup>[9]</sup>

**BDORT description** [edit source] [edit beta]

The test is a subjective evaluation of a patient's opposing muscle strength in which a diagnostician employs the thumb and forefinger of each hand, formed in the shape of an O, to attempt to force apart an O shape formed by the patient who places the fingertips of their thumb and one of their remaining fingers together. At the same time, the patient holds a

slide of organ tissue, a sample of medication, potential allergen, etc., in their free hand, or is otherwise 'probed' at an appropriate acupuncture point by the use of a metal rod or laser pointer. The diagnostician then uses their perception of the strength required to force apart the patient's 'O-Ring' of thumb and one of the remaining fingers to assess the patient's health.<sup>[1][10][11]</sup>

## BDORT patent [ edit source | edit beta ]

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) rejected the initial BDORT patent application as 'too unbelievable to be true'. The application was then resubmitted in 1987, and the USPTO again rejected it. After receiving expert testimony from Dr. Omura's "associates in clinical fields and basic sciences, both in Japan and the United States" regarding BDORT, the USPTO issued US 5188107 [🔗](#) in 1993.<sup>[1][12]</sup>

The fact that a patent was granted to the BDORT has been cited as an example of 'high weirdness' by one firm of patent attorneys.<sup>[11]</sup>

## Suggested uses and variants of BDORT [ edit source | edit beta ]

The BDORT is capable, according to its proponents, of a wide range of applications in the diagnosis, prescription of treatment, and evaluation of efficacy of treatment of, amongst others: heart conditions, cancers, 'pre-cancers,' allergic reactions, viral and bacterial infections, a range of organic and/or environmental stresses, as well as the precise location of acupuncture points and meridians previously unknown or inappropriately identified.<sup>[13][14][15][16]</sup>

Special Solar Energy: Solar Energy Stored Papers (SESP) is a device which Dr. Omura claims was developed using BDORT assessment and evaluation, that can capture a special healing power of sunlight. Omura uses index cards or other ordinary paper and he says the sunlight must be 'captured' at the ideal times of sunrise and sunset. Omura says the energy can then be preserved in SESP while maintaining appropriate *qigong* polarity and shielding the papers from electromagnetic fields by carefully wrapping them in aluminum foil. Thus captured and preserved, he claims that Special Solar Energy is effective in the treatment of a number of conditions, including arthritis, cancers, hypertension, and Alzheimer's Disease. He has applied for a patent for this process.<sup>[20]</sup>

### Psychic healing

Omura, as published in his journal, has investigated the application of psychic healing and *psychic surgery* in Brazil, particularly that of Rubens Farias, Jr, who claims to channel the spirit of Dr Fritz. Applying the BDORT as his tool of evaluation, he concluded that psychic healing's and psychic surgery's healing effects were achieved through the application of *qigong* energy and the use of acupuncture points.<sup>[21]</sup>

## Medical Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal of New Zealand review of BDORT [ edit source | edit beta ]

The New Zealand Medical Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal, ruled on two separate malpractice cases against Dr. Richard Warwick Gorringe, MB, ChB, of Hamilton, New Zealand.<sup>[7]</sup>

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- <sup>5</sup> [^](#) International College of Acupuncture & Electro-Therapeutics, Omura's US site [🔗](#)
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- <sup>21</sup> [^](#) Abstract of Omura's observations on psychic healing and psychic surgery in Brazil as published in his journal, *Acupuncture & Electro-Therapeutics Research, The International Journal* [🔗](#)
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- <sup>23</sup> [^](#) New York State Education Department Listing of Registered Programs for Certification in Acupuncture [🔗](#)
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