

Developed within the ECDEU program, the TESS Write-In Scale (TWIS) is an independently formatted 6-item scale to be used in conjunction with the Dosage Record and Treatment Emergent Symptoms (DOTES). Since writing of any sort is absolutely prohibited on the General Scoring Sheet, a separate scale had to be designed to allow the rater to record the presence of any treatment emergent symptoms whose names were not printed on DOTES.

APPLICABILITY

For all research populations

UTILIZATION

Used in conjunction with DOTES whenever it is necessary to record the presence of a symptom not printed on DOTES

TIME SPAN RATED

Same as the referent DOTES

CARD FORMAT - ITEMS CARD 01 = (19x, 6(13, 311))

Symptom	Columns	Symptom	Columns
1	20 - 25	4	38 - 43
2	26 - 31	5	44 - 49
3	32 - 37	6	50 - 55

The length of the data field will vary with the number of "write-ins". The field for each "write-in" is 16 and is coded as follows:

Symptom code	First 3 columns
Intensity	4th column
Relationship	5th column
Action	6th column

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Identification Block (ID) - It is essential that the ENTIRE ID BLOCK coded on TWIS MATCH EXACTLY the ID block of the corresponding DOTES. Example - While rating the DOTES at Day 24, the rater observes that - in addition to tremor and increased salivation (printed symptoms) - the subject is grinding his teeth. On Item 4 of DOTES, he codes '2 = yes, both printed and write-ins present' and then proceeds to code his judgments of "tremor" and "increased salivation". He next fills out the TWIS by completing the ID block exactly as it appears on DOTES. Finally, he writes in "grinding teeth" and makes his 3 judgments of the symptom.

SECOND INITIAL FORM NO.	:X: :L: :M: :N: :O: :P: :Q: :R: :S: :T: :U: :V: :W: :X: :Y: :Z: :1: :2: :3: :4: :5: :6: :7: :8: :9:	:0: :1: :2: :3: :4: :5: :6: :7: :8: :9: :0: :1: :2: :3: :4: :5: :6: :7: :8: :9: :0: :1: :2: :3: :4: :5: :6: :7: :8: :9: :0: :1: :2: :3: :4: :5: :6: :7: :8: :9: :0: :1: :2: :3: :4: :5: :6: :7: :8: :9:	RATER NUMBER PERIOD Hours Days Weeks Months
PLEASE USE A NO. 2 LEAD PENCIL. BE SURE TO MAKE MARKS HEAVY AND DARK. ERASE COMPLETELY ANY MARKS YOU WISH TO CHANGE.			

INSTRUCTIONS: This scale MUST be used in conjunction with the DOTES. Be sure that the PERIOD designation matches the proper DOTES. Make three judgments for each symptom and confine all writing within the box provided.

1. OTHER SYMPTOM (Confine writing within this block)

DO NOT MARK IN SHADED AREAS

Grinding Teeth

:0:	:1:	:2:	:3:	:4:	:5:	:6:	:7:	:8:	:9:
:0:	:1:	:2:	:3:	:4:	:5:	:6:	:7:	:8:	:9:
:0:	:1:	:2:	:3:	:4:	:5:	:6:	:7:	:8:	:9:

Notice in the above example that NO marks have been made in the shaded areas of either the ID block or text of the scale. The code for "grinding teeth" will be inserted by BLIPS editors.

Form Number - This number is preprinted on the form and need not - indeed must not - be encoded again. (See page 336).

Items 1 - 6. Other Symptom - When writing in a symptom, the rater must make judgments of intensity, relationship and action undertaken exactly as he does for DOTES. He must also confine his writing ENTIRELY within the blocks provided. Failure to do so may cause the optical reader to misinterpret signals and cause processing delays.

Examples:

OTHER SYMPTOM (Confine writing within this block)			
<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">Lycanthropy</div>		RELATIONSHIP	
		None	Remote Possible Probable Defined
INTENSITY		ACTION TAKEN	
MILD	MOD. SEVERE	None	

INCORRECT - May cause multiple codes in Intensity and/or Relationship.

OTHER SYMPTOM (Confine writing within this block)			
<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">Lycanthropy</div>		RELATIONSHIP	
		None	Remote Possible Probable Defined
INTENSITY		ACTION TAKEN	
MILD	MOD. SEVERE	None	

INCORRECT - Requires erasure before symptom code can be inserted.

OTHER SYMPTOM (Confine writing within this block)			
<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">Lycanthropy</div>		RELATIONSHIP	
		None	Remote Possible Probable Defined
INTENSITY		ACTION TAKEN	
MILD	MOD. SEVERE	None	

CORRECT - No opscan problems.

Symptom Code - A 3-digit numeric code for the 'write-in' permits documentation of 'write-ins' by name. A list of these treatment emergent symptom codes will be provided upon request to the Biometric Laboratory.

Intensity, Relationship, Action - These 3 judgments are rated in the same manner as described in DOTES.

DOCUMENTATION

- a. Raw score printout
- b. "Write-ins" will be incorporated within the documentation provided for DOTES.