any other equipment except a pipette and a
test tube, can screen large numbers of chil-
dren for histidinuria. In this manner the
true incidence of histidinemia may be bet-
ner known, and perhaps by early recogni-
tion and by dietary treatment the clinical
manifestation may be abated.

ADDENDUM
Since this article was submitted, a case of histi-
dinemia treated with a low histidine diet has been
described. In this patient the diagnosis of histi-
dinemia was made at 24 weeks, and the diet was
started at 7 months. Although satisfactory therapeu-
tic levels of histidine were maintained for 18
months and there was an initial improvement in
growth rate, there was little improvement in de-
velopment, and the patient died at age 4 years from
bronchopneumonia.

SUMMARY
A rapid and simple screening test for his-
idinuria is described. The test is based on
the inhibition by histidine of the blue color
formed by the reaction of cupric ion and
bis-cyclohexanone oxaldihydrazone. The
formation of a colorless solution should
identify all urine specimens in which the
concentration of histidine is greater than 60
mg/100 ml and most specimens in which the
concentration of histidine is greater than 20 mg/100 ml.

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