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July 2014—Hologic's Tomcat instrument performs a full range of sample processing activities for liquid-based cytology samples, from decapping and capping of sample tubes to vortexing, aliquoting, incubating, and racking of each sample. The fully automated instrument provides positive bar-code matching for each sample as well as reagent addition if desired. By eliminating repetitive manual steps, the instrument enhances workflow efficiency and reduces hands-on time, which minimizes the risk of cross-contamination.

Featuring an intuitive touchscreen interface and a standardized aliquoting process, the Tomcat accommodates multiple sample types concurrently, with the ability to continuously load and unload samples and consumables.

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