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Abstract

Protocol for performing the rotarod test in rats. This test evaluated motor coordination and balance, and can be used in rat models with motor deficits, such as models of Parkinson's disease. Rats with impaired motor function show a decreased latency to fall from the rotating rod.



Training

1h 23m

- 1 Bring cages to the behavioral room for at least  01:00:00 prior to the test for habituation 1h
- 2 Habituate rats on the rotarod for  00:05:00 at 5 rpm, place back in case they fall 5m
- 3  00:05:00 rest 5m
- 4 Test rats for  00:01:00 at 5 rpm 1m
- 5  00:05:00 rest 5m
- 6 Test rats for  00:01:00 at 10 rpm 1m
- 7  00:05:00 rest 5m
- 8 Test rats for  00:01:00 at 15 rpm 1m

Baseline

1h 25m

- 9 One day after training, perform baseline measurements
- 10 Bring cages to the behavioral room for at least  01:00:00 prior to the test for habituation 1h
- 11 Test rats at 4-40 rpm for a total duration of  00:05:00 5m



12  00:05:00 rest 5m

13 Test rats at 4-40 rpm for a total duration of  00:05:00 5m

14  00:05:00 rest 5m

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Test 1h 25m

16 At different timepoints during the experiment, evaluate changes in motor performance using the same protocol as during baseline

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