

Quick Start — Experimenter (v4.0)

BlindKit v4.0 — Quick Start (Experimenter, ****blinded****)

*You operate ****only**** inside the EXPERIMENTER root. You should not have the blinder repo on your laptop.*

Environment (choose one)

****Conda (recommended)****

```
conda env create -f environment.yml
conda activate blindkit
```

****Or: venv + pip****

```
python -m venv venv && source venv/bin/activate
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

Initialize your repo (on your laptop)

Create only the experimenter tree:

```
python blindkit_v4_0.py init-dual \
  --study-id STUDY_X \
  --experimenter-root ./study_X_experimenter \
  --only experimenter
```

****Layout****

- `study_X_experimenter/`
- `media/photos///...` — optional photos taken before injection
- `receipts/*.json` — append-only injection receipts
- `configs/anatomy_blinded_manifest.json` — blinded anatomy manifest
- `provenance/*.json` — edit lineage (optional)
- `audit/actions.jsonl` + `audit/actions.log` — your audit trail

Day■to■day injections

Receive a syringe/aliquot with a blinded label (and QR). Photograph it, then log a receipt.

Behavior (4 sessions per animal)

```
python blindkit_v4_0.py inject-scan \
  --experimenter-root ./study_X_experimenter \
  --animal-id RAT001 \
  --stage BEHAVIOR \
  --session 1 \
  --photo /path/to/RAT001_beh_s1.jpg
```

Physiology (single terminal)

```
python blindkit_v4_0.py inject-scan \
  --experimenter-root ./study_X_experimenter \
  --animal-id RAT001 \
  --stage PHYSIOLOGY \
  --photo /path/to/RAT001_phys.jpg
```

Viral aliquot (single per animal)

```
python blindkit_v4_0.py inject-scan \  
  --experimenter-root ./study_X_experimenter \  
  --animal-id RAT001 \  
  --stage VIRAL \  
  --photo /path/to/RAT001_viral.jpg
```

Tip: if your label includes a QR, you can copy its JSON payload and pass it via `--qr-payload '...json...` to avoid manual entry.

Anatomy (blinded analysis)

Verify the blinded set before analysis:

```
python blindkit_v4_0.py verify-anatomy-blinded \  
  --experimenter-root ./study_X_experimenter
```

Provenance for legitimate edits (optional)

```
python blindkit_v4_0.py record-derivative \  
  --experimenter-root ./study_X_experimenter \  
  --parent /path/to/anatomy_blinded/ANA-XXXXXX/IDX_003-007.tif \  
  --child /path/to/anatomy_working/ANA-XXXXXX/IDX_003-007_adj.tif \  
  --note "contrast +12%"
```

Post-hoc verification (after unblinding package is handed over)

```
python blindkit_v4_0.py verify-posthoc \  
  --bundle ./study_X_unblinding_bundle.zip \  
  --experimenter-root ./study_X_experimenter
```

Audit log queries

```
# Last 20 actions you performed  
python blindkit_v4_0.py audit-show --root ./study_X_experimenter --tail 20  
  
# Only injection receipts for RAT001  
python blindkit_v4_0.py audit-show --root ./study_X_experimenter --action inject-scan --animal RAT001  
  
# Entries mentioning PHYSIOLOGY  
python blindkit_v4_0.py audit-show --root ./study_X_experimenter --grep PHYSIOLOGY
```

Good practice

- Keep this repo under version control (separate from the blinder repo).
- Do not create/modify any `labels/` files — those live in the blinder repo only.
- If a verify step fails, stop and contact the blinder for reconciliation.