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## Nest Building Test

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### ABSTRACT

Used to assess nigrostriatal sensorimotor function in mice. Based on the Deacon 2006 protocol.

### MATERIALS

Cotton nestlets

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- 1 Place 2.5 g nestlet into feeder of each cage.
- 2 Individually house mice must then pull the cotton nestlet from the feeder by rearing and using complex fine motor skills.
- 3 Scores based on the amount of unused nestlet material were determined 16 hours after the nestlet was placed. Further details on scoring can be seen in Deacon 2006.