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Set Shifting ASAP Operant Behavior LernerLab V.1

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ABSTRACT

Protocol for set shifting task used by the Lerner Lab for ASAP work

MATERIALS

Med Associates operant chambers

Magazine Training

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1	Food restrict animals overnight prior to beginning magazine training. For the remainder of training animals should be restricted to 85% of their free feeding weight.
2	Connect 20 mL syringe with >10 mLs of 1:3 diluted sweetened condensed milk. Add ~15 inches of tubing with tubing adapter to syringe. Load in pump, attach to reward port. Prime pump.
3	Place animals in operant box with dummy patch cords attached and allow ~ 5 minutes to habituate
4	Load JN_ASAP_A_MagTraining_30min into MED-PC and start program. The script for the program is attached as a comment. The overview is as follows:
4.1	House light, fan, corner lights, and cue lights above the left and right nosepoke ports are turned on.
4.2	On average, every 60 seconds a noncontigent reward is delivered
4.3	The animal must consume the reward (or make a port entry) in order for the next reward to be delivered
4.4	After 30 minutes, the program ends
	delivered

This program occurs once, regardless of performance

