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# SPARC Cat - Sham Control Chronic Cat 3 Day 30

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#### ABSTRACT

This is a procedure for a sham control chronic cat experiment (Day 30-terminal) for cystotomy (bladder surgery). The cystotomy is performed without UroMOCA implantation. The cat is observed daily and imaged on day 0, 14 and 30 to track changes to the bladder and overall cat health in response to the cystotomy. This protocol includes urodynamics and imaging for Day 30 in the chronic experiments.

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#### MATERIALS TEXT

Cat - Domestic short-haired cat. Male or female. 6-24 months; 3.5-5.0kg

Syringe Pump - Genie Touch; Kent Scientific

Pressure Transducer - Catalog # 503067

WPI Amplifier - 4 channel transbridge

WPI National Instruments multifunction I/O device - NI USB 6259

National Instruments Laptop with Labview software

Tubing - Masterflex L/S Platinum-Cured Silicone Tubing ID 3/16 "; Cole Parmer

**BNC** cables

Tubing to catheter - APIS

Laborie Catheter - Argyl Suction Catheter, 3.5 Fr Catalog # 8890703211

Covidien Sutures - 4-0 Vicryl Polysorb (Covidien UL212)

3-0 Prolene (Ethicon 8762)

2-0 Silk Syringe

60ml Contrast

Visipaque 320mg/ml

Surgilube

Surgical instruments

BEFORE STARTING

1 week before start of experiment - Confirm absence of bladder spasm; healthy cat

12 hours before experiment, start fasting the cat

You must transport the animal chart along with the cat to surgery site. The veterinary team will record all relevant data in the chart. The chart must then go back to the housing site.

## Transport Cat

1 Transport cat from housing site to surgery site.

### Animal Prep and catheter placement

- 2 Animal is an esthetized and abdomen is shaved by the vet team. The cat is then moved into the surgery room and attached to monitors by the vet team.
- 3 Drape animal and perform betadine scrub on abdomen and genitals.
- 4 Put surgilube on 3.5Fr catheter and insert into bladder through the urethra. Advance the catheter until resistance is met, then pull back 2-3cm.
- 5 Use gentle suction with syringe to withdraw urine from bladder through the catheter. Measure the volume and save the urine for urinalysis.
  - ■18 mL of urine was removed

### Cystogram - DYNA CT

6 Use 1:5 dilution of contrast to saline to visualize bladder.

Fill the bladder with 10 mL contrastand take a single image

Add 10 mL more (for a total of 20ml) and take a single image Add **5 mL** more (for a total of 25ml) and take a single image Take a 3D CT image with 25ml contrast:saline in the bladder 7 **Empty Bladder** Urodynamics/Cystometry 1 8 Performed after cat is transferred from Isoflurane to propofol anesthetic. Fill rate is 2ml saline/minute using syringe pump. Data is recorded using Labview software. Pressure is recorded using an external pressure transducer connected to syringe pump on one end and tubing that leads to the catheter on the other end. Fill bladder with saline and record pressure using pressure transducer connected to LabView Fill to **■20 mL** Pressure very high. Recalibrate and go to cystometry 2. Empty Bladder 10 Urodynamics/cystometry 2 Fill bladder with saline at 2ml/min

 Strange curve – no pressure change when tugging on the catheter. Likely a clot in the bladder from possible scraping of the bladder. End experiment.

## Dissection/Histology

13 Bladder is removed, examined and placed in formalin for histological analysis