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# Y Maze Forced Alternation

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This protocol is used to test mice in the Y Maze Forced Alternation behavioural test.

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Y Maze

- 1 Habituate mice in a separate room for 60 minutes prior to testing. 1h
- 2 Confirm testing room lighting is set to 60lux and EthoVision is set up properly. 5m
- 3 Place mice in Arm 1 (with either Arm 2 or 3 blocked, alternate between mice) and record their movement for 5 minutes. 5m

- 4 After testing, place the mouse back into the home cage and clean the Y maze. Leave the<sup>30m</sup> mouse in its home cage for 30 minutes.
- 5 Remove the blockage so all 3 arms are open and place the mouse back into Arm 1. Record<sup>5m</sup> their movement for 5 minutes.
- 6 Once testing is complete, return mouse to its home cage and clean the Y maze. <sup>2m</sup>