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ABSTRACT

This protocol describes quantification of TH immunoreactivity.

ATTACHMENTS

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MATERIALS

Apparatus

- 1. Confocal microscope
- 2. Image J software

Procedure

1 TH signals from bilateral striatum and cortex are imaged under a 20x objective lens using identical imaging settings. 2 Open the confocal files in Image J software. 3 Using the "Rectangle" function to select an area (width x high = 150 x 150) in striatum sections from both hemispheres for TH quantification. 4 Using the "Measure" function to measure the gray value of the selected area and write down the mean value of striatum slice, Mstriatum-LHS and Mstriatum-RHS. 5 Using the "Rectangle" function to select an area (width x high = 150 x 150) in cortical sections from both hemispheres for TH quantification. 6 Using the "Measure" function to measure the gray value of the selected area and write down the mean value of cortical slice, M^{cortex-LHS} and M^{cortex-RHS}.

TH quantification = (M^{striatum-LHS}- M^{cortex-LHS})/(M^{striatum-RHS}- M^{cortex-RHS}).

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