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Nest Building Test Forked from 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 Singly house mice in individual, clean cages.
- 2 Place a paper tissue folded into a 5x5 cm square.
- **3** Following 48h the bedding was score between 0 to 5 as follows:
 - 0- The mice did not touch the paper square.
 - 1- The mice unfolded the paper square but did not tear it up.
 - 2- The mice unfolded and started to tear down <10% of the paper square.
 - 3- The mice tear down the paper square <50%.
 - 4- The mice tear down the paper square, but the bedding is not perfect.
 - 5- Perfect bedding.