

Materials List for:

Neurodevelopmental Reflex Testing in Neonatal Rat Pups

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Materials

Name	Company	Catalog Number	Comments
<i>Breeding</i>			
Transfer pipettes	Fisherbrand	12-711-9AM	Used for vaginal flushes.
Sterile Saline	Hospira	7983254	The solution used to collect cells during vaginal flushes.
400 µL Microcentrifuge tubes	Fisherbrand	05-408-120	Used to hold the saline solution.
Light microscope	Leica	Leica ATC 2000	For observation of the saline solution. Can be any light microscope used in the lab.
Slides	Fisherbrand	12-552-5	The saline solution is placed on the slide. Can be any slides used in the lab.
Coverslips	Fisherbrand	12-545-F	To coverslip the slides. Can use any coverslips used in the lab.
<i>Dietary Supplementation</i>			
Broccoli Sprouts seeds	Mumm's Sprouting Seeds		Broccoli sprouts seeds are ordered and grown in the lab.
Countertop Seed Sprouter Box	Mumm's Sprouting Seeds		A box is used to germinate and grow the seeds prior to harvest.
250 mL beaker			The beaker is used to soak the seed. Any size beaker that would fit can be used.
<i>Maternal Inflammation</i>			
Lipopolysaccharide (LPS)	Sigma	L3129	The endotoxin used to mimic maternal inflammation.
1 mL Syringe	BD Syringe	309659	Used to inject the pregnant rat.
Gauge (30 G x 1/2)	BD PrecisionGlide Needle	305106	Use the smallest needle to avoid pain and discomfort.
Sterile Saline (0.9% Sodium Chloride, USP)	Hospira		Saline is used to dissolve LPS.
<i>Weights</i>			
Scale	Denver Instrument		For recording the weights. Can be any scale with 2 decimal places used in the lab.
<i>Neurodevelopmental Reflexes</i>			
Thin blunt rod			Can be a paperclip or toothpick. This is for forelimb and hindlimb grasping.
Round filter paper	Whatman	1001 150	15 cm diameter paper used for gait analysis.
Timer	Fisher Scientific	06-662-51	For timing the time allocated to righting and gait.

Blunt surface			Can be an edge of a table. This is for hindlimb placing and cliff avoidance.
Foam landing			For when the pups perform accelerated righting.
Video recorder	Sony	VCT-D580RM	To record all reflexes tested. Must be able to record at 1/1,000 fps
Bell			For auditory startle.
Heat lamp or pad			To maintain the body temperature of the pups undergoing examination.