

Bar Holding Test
IACUC Standard Procedure
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Description of procedure:

In order to assess limb strength and coordination, a mouse is trained to hang by its forelimbs suspended from a wire or small bar.

Supplies:

- 1-2mm metal bar or wire
- Padding made from material that is easy to maintain/disinfect

Procedure Steps:

1. Padding is positioned under the bar so that the animal is not harmed upon releasing grip on the bar.
2. The mouse is conditioned to hang by its forelimbs suspended from a wire or small bar. The time that the animal maintains a grip on the wire or small bar is recorded, not to exceed 120 seconds.