



Open field behaviour and habituation in rats irradiated

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Introduction

- Radiation The emission of energy as electromagnetic waves or as a moving subatomic particles, especially high energy particles which causes ionization.
- Negative effects of radiation on the brain function.
- Negative effects of radiation on the central nervous system.

Aim of the project

- To study the effects of radiation on the central nervous system of mice using behavioural tests to assess the damage effect of radiation on the brain.
- Scientific problem: Radiation can possibly damage the central nervous system which can then results in brain damage
- Field of research: Radiation/Radiation physiology research.

Possible Applications

- To understand the cognitive behavioural changes in experimental animals and future applications in humans.
- Cosmic research on astronauts

Equipment description

• Open field test



• T-maze



Equipment description cont..

• Camera



• Computer (software)



Equipment description cont..

• Picric acid



• Mice cages



Equipment description cont..

• Irradiation box





Work/Experimental description

- Open field test
- Grooming
- Rearing
- Defecation

- T-maze test
- left-right discrimination tasks

Open Field Test results



Image 1: Control group heatmap



Image 2: Irradiated group heatmap



Image 3:Track visualization



Graph 1: Rearing behaviour



Graph 2: Grooming behaviour





Graph 4: Holes in the field

Graph 3: Defecation behaviour



Graph 5: In zone period

Graph 6: Speed of mice

T-Maze Results



Graph 7: Distance travelled

Table 1: Side preference



Image 4: The first row shows control group and the second row shows irradiated group

Conclusion

- The signs of stress and anxiety were experienced on irradiated mice compared to the control
- Possible damage of CNS

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