

RAT INFUSION

ontinuous intravenous infusion of rats is the most common application of Instech's equipment. A basic system includes a catheter, exteriorization device, tether, swivel, swivel-to-cage mount and infusion pump.

You have several options with a rat system: reusable or disposable components, tethers that attach to a harness worn by the rat or to a button that is surgically implanted, and a range of catheters depending on the vessel or organ you need to access.

Use a Harvard Apparatus 11 Elite syringe pump for most basic experiments; for GLP studies use the advanced OrchesTA[™] model 100 syringe pump.

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RAT INFUSION

SYSTEM COMPONENTS

PUMP

SWIVEL

SWIVEL MOUNT





OR-100-0001 (p54) OrchesTA syringe pump



375/22PS (p39) Plastic swivel, 1ch, 22ga



CM375KRP (p45) Spring balanced mount

TETHER



VABR1T/22 (p28) Vascular Access Button tether VABR1B/22 Vascular Access Button, 1ch, 22ga

CATHETER (many other options available)



C30PU-RJV1303 (p21) Rat JVC, 3Fr





HA1100 (p56) Harvard Apparatus pump



375/22 (p40) Stainless steel swivel, 1ch, 22ga



CM375BS (p45) Counter-balanced mount



VAH95T (p31) Vascular Access Harness tether VAH95AB Vascular Access Harness, 1ch



C30PU-RFV1308 (p21) Rat FVC, 3Fr



MOUSE INFUSION



Choose your equipment carefully when setting up continuous mouse infusion studies. A typical mouse can turn a swivel with no more than 0.025oz-in of frictional torque. Instech has three models that meet this specification: a 25ga stainless steel model, a 25ga plastic model, and the 375/D/22LT dual channel model. Always use a spring counter-balanced lever arm to remove the weight of the tether from the mouse.

Instech's mouse catheters are designed for mouse anatomy on one end and, on the other, to connect to a Vascular Access Button[™] for reliable exteriorization and simple connection to a tether, swivel and syringe pump.

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MOUSE INFUSION

SYSTEM COMPONENTS

AS SHOWN

HA1100 (p56)

PUMP

SWIVEL



375/25PS (p39) Plastic swivel, 1ch, 25ga

Harvard Apparatus pump





SMCLA (p46) Counter-balanced lever arm

TETHER



VABM1T/25 (p33) Vascular Access Button tether VABM1B/25 Vascular Access Button, 1ch, 25ga





C20PU-MJV1617 (p23) Mouse JVC, 2Fr

ALTERNATIVES

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OR-100-0001 (p54) OrchesTA syringe pump



375/25 (p40) Stainless steel swivel, 1ch, 25ga



VABM1T/25 (p33) Vascular Access Button tether VABM1B/22 Vascular Access Button, 1ch, 22ga



C10PU-MFV1301 (p23) Mouse FVC, 1-3Fr



IV SELF ADMINISTRATION





Connection Options for IV Self Administration

MOUSE RAT BUTTON **VABR1B/22** VABM1B/25 - quick connecting - quick connecting - closed system - closed system - group housing - group housing possible possible HARNESS VAH95AB - quick connecting - closed system

Instech swivels, tethers and balance arms are used with operant behavior systems for IV self administration studies. A lever press or nose poke will trigger an IV dose from a syringe pump.

Instech's Vascular Access Buttons were originally developed for self-administration studies because of long-term patency and the simplicity of moving animals into and out of the operant chamber.

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IV SELF ADMINISTRATION

🖉 Mouse



IV SELF-ADMINISTRATION SYSTEMS

		COMPATIBLE INSTECH EQUIPMENT		
MANUFACTURER	OPERANT CHAMBER*	MOUNT (p46)	SWIVEL & TETHER (p27, 39)	
Med Associates, Inc. St. Albans VT, USA www.med-associates.com	MED-008-CT-B1 Basic rat self administration test package	MCLA/MED	KVABR1T/MED, VABR1B/22	
	MED-307A-CT-B1 Basic mouse self administration test package	SMCLA/MED	KVABM1T/MED, VABM1B/25	
TSE Systems GmbH Bad Homburg, Germany www.tse-systems.com	PhenoMaster Behavior Operant behavior home cage monitoring system - for rats - for mice	CM375BS SMCLA	375/22, VABR1T/22, VABR1B/22 375/25, VABM1B/25, VABM1T/25	
Coulbourn Instruments Whitehall PA, USA www.coulbourn.com	Habitest Modular Test Cages - for rats - for mice	MCLA/COUL SMCLA/COUL	KVABR1T/MED, VABR1B/22 KVABM1T/MED, VABM1B/25	
Panlab, S.L. Barcelona, Spain www.panlab.com	Modular Self Administration Boxes			

* Operant chamber system information provided for reference only. Order directly from the manufacturer.

Instech offers a range of equipment for laboratory animal blood sampling, from manual sampling from a catheter using the revolutionary PinPort[™] to hands-free automated sampling through a tether with the ABS2TM.

Catheters will lose patency for blood sampling more quickly than they will for infusion. For best results use round-tip polyurethane catheters, be sure the catheter tip is in the correct location in the vessel, use a good lock solution, flush as needed but not too often (typically weekly is ideal), always use positive pressure technique, and use a closed-system such a PinPort or Vascular Access Button to avoid contamination.

Rat, Automated Sampling





BLOOD SAMPLING





ABS2 (p61) Automated blood sampler



375/25PS (p39) 1 channel swivel, 25ga



VABM1B/22 (p33) Vascular Access Button, 22ga

Mouse, Manual Sampling





VABM1B/22 (p33) Vascular Access Button, 22ga



C10SS-MTV1429P (p23) Mouse tail vein cannula, 29ga

www.instechlabs.com/Infusion/systems/bloodsampling-mouse.php

Rat, Manual Sampling





VABR1B/22 (p28) Vascular Access Button, 1ch



C15SS-RTV1438P (p22) Rat tail vein cannula, 25ga

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PNP3F22

vein or

artery

3Fr catheter

PNP3F22 (p24)

PinPort, 22ga

MICRODIALYSIS

Rat 🛸

Instech provides the liquid swivels, head block tethers, counter-balanced lever arms and syringe pumps that have made microdialysis on awake rodents possible from the earliest days of the technique.

The Harvard Apparatus Pico Plus Elite syringe pump delivers the smooth low-flow rates required for microdialysis.

These systems are compatible with probes, fraction collectors and other equipment from a range of manufacturers.



PUMP



HA1100DU (p56) Harvard Pico Plus Elite



375/D/22QM (p41) Microdialysis swivel



375/D/22QE (p41) Microdialysis swivel



MCS/5A (p43) 5 channel swivel

MCLA (p46) Lever arm, 6in

SWIVEL MOUNT



SMCLA (p46) Lever arm, 3.5in



TETHER

M115S (p37) Rat head block tether



MINF (p37) Mouse head block tether

TUBING



BFEP-T220 (p49) FEP tubing



MC015/10 (p49) Tubing connectors

OTHER



MGIG/AKIT (p37) Glass ionomer cement



MTANK (p47) Enclosure, 15in



STANK (p347) Enclosure, 8.5in

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MICRODIALYSIS





Sources for Microdialysis Probes

Manufacturer	Model	Application	Membrane	Cutoff (kD)	OD (mm)
CMA Microdialysis AB Solna, Sweden www.microdialysis.se	CMA 12 CMA 11 CMA 7	regular CNS use small diameter probe mice	PAES or PES cuprophane cuprophane	20 or 100 6 6	0.5 0.24 0.24
Microbiotech/se AB Stockholm, Sweden www.microbiotech.se	MAB 2 MAB 6 MAB 9 MAB 4Cu MAB 4PES	regular CNS use CNS CNS small diameter probe small diameter probe	PES PES PES cuprophane PES	35 15 6 6	0.6 0.6 0.2 0.2
Bioanalytical Systems West Lafayette, IN, USA www.basinc.com	BR-2 MBR-1-5	regular CNS use mice	PAN cellulosic	30 38	0.32 0.22
Brainlink B.V. Groningen, The Netherlands www.brainlink.nl	Normal MetaQuant	regular CNS use ultraslow MD, PK/PD	PAN or RC PAN or RC	45 or 18 45 or 18	0.34 or 0.22 0.34 or 0.22
Synaptech Marquette, MI USA www.synaptechnology.com	S-8020	regular CNS use	PAN	20	0.36

Note: this information is provided for reference only. Instech does not supply probes. Order directly from the manufacturer. Probe images courtesy of the listed manufacturer.

GLUCOSE CLAMP



The hyperinsulinemic-euglycemic clamp is considered the gold standard method for assessing insulin action in vivo. Conducting these experiments on freelymoving rodents, particularly mice, can be difficult, not least due to the jugular vein and carotid artery catheterization surgery.

Instech now offers complete systems for mice and rats, starting with the catheters that connect to twochannel Vascular Access Buttons, special tethers with 3- and 4-way connectors, up to the infusion pumps that control delivery of insulin, glucose, red blood cells and other infusates.

The mouse system is based on the techniques developed and taught by the Vanderbilt MMPC. The twochannel VAB is Instech's version of the researcherconstructed MASA[™], simplifying connection and permitting group housing when not on study.

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MASA is a trademark of the Vanderbilt MMPC. https://labnodes.vanderbilt.edu/mmpc



VABM2T/25GCY NEW VABM2B/22R25 (p34) 2ch Vascular Access Button with Glucose Clamp Tether



GLUCOSE CLAMP



www.instechlabs.com/Infusion/systems/glucoseclamprats.php

Hyperinsulinemic-Euglycemic Clamp, Rat





SCX22 (p51) 4-way connector



MCLA/GC (p46) Swivel arm with pocket for 4-way connector



VABR2T/25 (p29) VABR2B/22 2ch Vascular Access Button

WHOLE BODY PLETHYSMOGRAPHY



Instech's swivel and tether systems can be integrated into whole body plethysmography chambers to combine measurement of respiratory function with infusion or blood sampling.

The swivel is held in an o-ring seal at the top of the chamber. Tether lengths should be optimized for the height of the chamber. The Vascular Access Button[™] and Harness systems make it easy to move an animal into and out of the chamber.

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BILE COLLECTION



Instech's two channel Vascular Access Buttons and Harnesses have simplified and refined rat bile collection. Catheters in the bile duct and duodenum are connected to the ports of the button or harness so that bile can flow in an extra-corporeal loop while the animal is recovering from surgery and in transport. To start sampling, simply remove the loop connector, plug in a mating tether with a swivel, and collect bile outside the cage at animal level.

Additional configurations are available for simultaneous infusion or blood sampling, and a similar system is available for mice. Many animal vendors can perform the catheterizations and install the button or harness with loop as a surgical service.



VABR2B/22 (p29) VABR2L 2-channel button with loop connector



VAHD115AB (p32) VAHD115L 2-channel harness with loop connector



B.1. Bile circulating

B.2. Bile sampling, no replacement, automated blood sampling

B.3. Bile sampling, with replacement, manual blood sampling

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