

The whole-body plethysmography (WBP) system allows for the measurement of lung function and airway response in awake, freely moving animals. It avoids the effects of invasive tracheotomy and anesthesia, making the procedure easy and fast, and is suitable for long-term follow-up studies.





The animal is placed in whole-body plethysmograph, which is connected to a highly sensitive sensor. When the animal breathes, its thorax undulates and changes the volume of the body tracing chamber. The volume change is converted into electrical signal by pressure transducer and amplifier, and the respiratory curve is displayed on the computer screen after processing. Some respiratory parameters can be calculated, such as the tidal volume (TV), peak expiratory flow rate (PEF), respiratory rate,etc.

Simple to operate

- No anesthesia, No surgery, Free moving.
- Anesthesia and surgery can affect the animal's spontaneous breathing.

ADVANTAGES

High throughput

• A maximum of 64 animals can be monitored simultaneously.

Long-term tracking study

 Animals are in awake and free-moving state during measurement, this allows for long-term follow-up studies, suitable for initial drug screening

Acquire the real data

 Non-invasive method can obtain the respiratory rate, tidal volume and minute ventilation under the real spontaneous breathing. The invasive mode is the animals applied by mechanical ventilation after anesthesia surgery, so the above parameters cannot be obtained accurately.



Measuring parameters





Breath Frequency

- Tidal Volume
- Respiratory Flow
- Minute Ventilation
- Inspiratory Time
- Expiratory Time
- Peak Inspiratory Flow Rate
- Peak Expiratory Flow Rate
- End Inspiratory Pause
- End Expiratory Pause
- Relaxation Time
- Penh
- Accumulated Volume
- VO2 (optional)
- VCO2(optional)
- RER(optional)
- EE(optional)
- Other Parameters



Cough detection



Drug aerosol administration



The system can be extended to connect with a nebulizer to administer drug to the animals, this is generally used in cough and asthma studies. WBP system can detect and record the respiratory parameters and airway hyperresponsiveness during excitation. The WBP system can detect and record the changes of respiratory indexes and airway hyper-responsiveness during the excitation process, which can be used to evaluate the broncho-constriction, etc.





Software

Optional Plethysmographs



With water bottles and food trough, available for long-term continuous monitoring



Electrophysiology plethysmograph, for combined with optogenetic technology, EEG, EMG,etc.



Rabbit, dog, ferret plethysmograph



NHP(non-human primate) plethysmograph

Model Selection





Infrared thermal imaging for shell temperature



blood collection and microdialysis

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