Animal Perfusion Worksheet (Rats up to P45)

Animal ID:

K. Harris Lab

Date of Perfusion: 2016- Project Name: Experimenter: Assistant(s):

Animal Data

Animal ID:

Species: rat Sex: \bigcirc \bigcirc Strain: LE Genotype:

Date of Birth: Age (postnatal days): Weight: g

Notes (e.g., surgery etc.):

Perfusion Reagents

Anesthetic: isoflurane

Dose: Route: inhalation

Pre-fixative Perfusate: Krebs-Ringers Carbicarb (KRC)

Composition (mM): sodium chloride (118), potassium chloride (4.7), calcium chloride (2), magnesium

sulfate (4), D-glucose (11), sodium bicarbonate (12.5), sodium carbonate (12.5)

pH = Osmolarity (mmol/kg) = Temperature (°C) =

Notes:

Fixative:

Composition:

o glutaraldehyde (2.5%), formaldehyde (2%), sodium cacodylate trihydrate (100 mM), calcium chloride (2 mM), magnesium sulfate (4 mM)

pH = Osmolarity (mmol/kg) = Temperature (°C) =

Notes:

Other:

Composition (mM):

pH = Osmolarity (mmol/kg) = Temperature (°C) =

Notes:

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Perfusion

Step	Time (min:sec)	Notes	
Begun Anesthetizing the Animal:	00:00	In desiccator jar or induction chamber saturated with isoflurane.	
Toe Pinch		Response (circle one): Absent Present	
Animal Fitted with Nose Cone:		Nose cone = a 15ml conical tube saturated with isoflurane absorbed in cotton gauze; make sure isoflurane is not dripping out of the tube.	
Thoracic Cavity Open:			
Right Atrium Clipped:			
Left Ventricle Punctured & Perfusion with Pre-fixative Begun:		Pressure (mmHg) = 80	
Perfusion with Fixative:		Pressure (mmHg) = 80; Animal is deceased at this point.	
Pressure Increased to 120 mmHg:			
Chin Clip and Fixative Observed:		Fix from Chin = ; Fix from Nose/Mouth =	
Pressure Decreased to 80 mmHg:			
Pressure Decreased Further:		Pressure (mmHg) =	
Other Steps:			
End of Perfusion:			
Brain Removed from Skull:			
Notes:			

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Post-perfusion Fixation		
Fixative type:		
Duration (hr, or indicate start and end time):		Temperature (°C) =
Appearance of the Brain (e.g., color, firmness, preser	nce of blood, etc.):	

Vibratome Sectioning

Date of Sectioning:

Section Thickness (µm) = Plane of Section: Parasagittal | Coronal | Horizontal

Total Number of Sections Collected (indicate R/L hemisphere for parasagittal plane):

Notes (lost or damaged sections, etc.):

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