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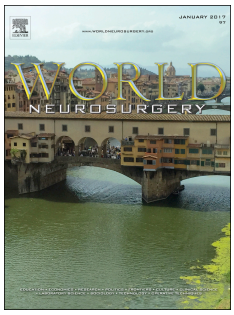

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ABSTRACT

Neuroscience research often uses neurosurgery in animal models for several experimental techniques. To our knowledge, there is not a published method for small animal neurosurgery training. Since eggshell thickness is similar to mice, rats and some small primates' skull, we hereby propose an egg-model training for stereotaxic surgery. This protocol allows trainees in neuroscience research to familiarize with microsurgery setting and learn neurosurgery techniques, such as craniotomy drilling, dura mater removal, and electrode implantation. This model is suitable to mimic animal neurosurgery and for the replacement and sparing of animals intended for training neurosurgical skills.

KEYWORDS

Stereotaxic neurosurgery, surgical training, egg model.

INTRODUCTION