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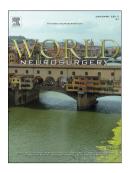
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ABSTRACT

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

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