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Research Article

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Highlights

- Intrasciatic injection of RCA60/120 induces nerve injury and muscle atrophy
- Fluorogold neuronal tracing allows 3D analysis of motor neuron loss
- The CatWalk is a more flexible method than rotarod test for studying motor deficits

Abstract

Background: Intrasciatic nerve injection of the Ricinus communis agglutinin (RCA or ricin) causes degeneration of motor neurons (MNs) with functional deficits, such as those

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