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*Research Article***Algorithm for automatic detection of spontaneous seizures in rats with post-traumatic epilepsy**

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Highlights

- An algorithm that has 100% sensitivity to find spontaneous seizures in rats with epilepsy after traumatic brain injury
- Algorithm is 70 times faster than an experienced technician in screening the seizures
- A novel tool to speed up antiepileptogenesis studies after traumatic brain injury

Abstract

Background: Labor intensive electroencephalogram (EEG) analysis is a major bottleneck to identifying anti-epileptogenic treatments in experimental models of post-traumatic epilepsy. We aimed to develop an algorithm for automated seizure detection in experimental post-traumatic epilepsy.

New Method: Continuous (24/7) 1-month-long video-EEG monitoring with three epidural screw electrodes was started 154 d after lateral fluid-percussion induced traumatic brain injury (TBI; n=97) or sham-injury (n=29) in adult male Sprague–Dawley rats. First, an experienced researcher screened a total of 90,720 h of digitized recordings on a computer screen to annotate the occurrence of spontaneous seizures.

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