

## CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

### Grip strength

Grip strength is a measurement used to assess physical competency. The grip strength test is similar to the hand grip test used in the clinic. This test can be used in the search for both a therapeutic i.e. muscle relaxants or collateral effect i.e. some anticonvulsants drugs<sup>1,2</sup>.

**Species:** *Mus musculus* (CD1)

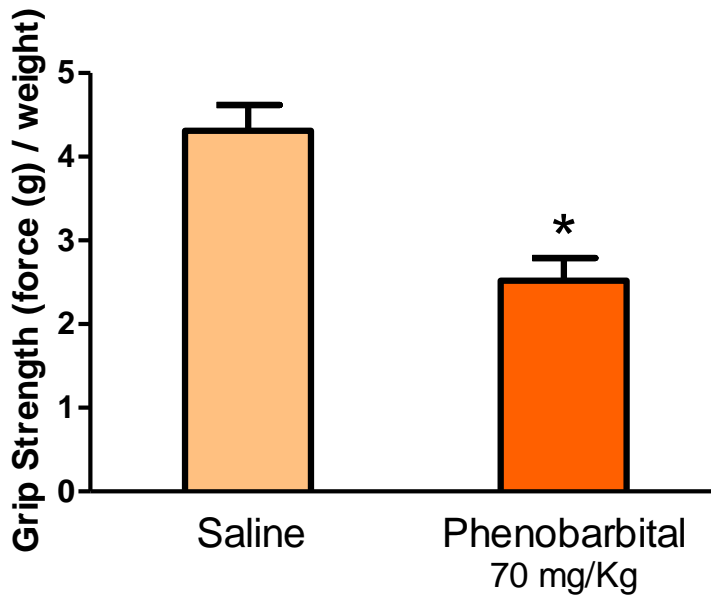
**Main read-outs:** grip strength

**Number of animals/group:** 9 - 10 animals

**Route of administration:** upon request

**Treatment mode:** upon request

### Validation Data



**Figure:** Grip strength represented as the average of three subsequent measurements (g) divided by the animal weight. Phenobarbital-treated animals decrease their grip strength compared to saline-treated animals. Each column represents media  $\pm$  standard error. Non-paired student t-test was used for statistical analysis \*,  $P < 0.05$ .

To avoid bias and to allow reproducibility all *in vivo* experiments follow the ARRIVE guidances<sup>3</sup>. Rat colony originated from Charles River Laboratories is breed and maintained in SPF conditions. Raw data are inspected by quality assurance unity. The experimental procedures were approved by the CIEnP Committee on the Ethical Use of Animals.

#### References:

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