Electrocardiogram (ECG) BCMLA_ECG_002

Purpose

To provide a high throughput method to obtain Electrocardiograms in a conscious mouse or an anesthetized mouse.

Experimental Design

- **Minimum number of animals :** 5M + 5F
- **Age at test:** Week 55
- **Sex:** We would expect the results of this test to show sexual dimorphism

Procedure

Conscious Procedure with ECGenie

1. The lead plates are to be snapped into place onto the top of the pre-amplifier tower. The covering is removed to reveal three gel coated pads surrounded by a sticking plate. The plate will need to be covered with the extra cover in the package.
2. Turn on the combined amplifier and the pre-amplifier tower.
3. Double click the icon ECG acquisition on the acquisition computer.
4. Open the ECG set up file (for default settings).
5. Place mouse on pad, lowering the Red Acrylic Cubby to surround the mouse on 3 sides discouraging escape.
6. Press Start.
7. After the desired acquisition time, (5-10 minutes) stop the reading. There will be one long reading.
8. Save the data.
9. For additional readings create a new session using the same settings as before.
10. When saving sections with good readings, highlight the selected area and then save.

Anesthetized Procedure

1. Place mouse in the induction chamber. Anesthetize with 2.5-4% isoflurane in oxygen.
2. Transfer mouse to a warmed platform and maintain with a nose cone at 2-2.5% isoflurane.
3. Fasten the mouse to the heated platform set to 37.5-39^{o} Add electrode cream if using the foot surface electrodes on the platform surface. *Alternatively insert needle electrodes subcutaneously into the limbs using Lead Configuration I: Left Arm – Right Arm (LA-RA) and/or Lead Configuration II: Left Leg – Right Arm (LL-RA).*
4. Monitor the body temperature with a rectal probe if possible.

5. Open the recording software with appropriate settings and record an ECG for about 2 minutes.
6. Save the recording and allow mouse to recover.

Notes

Data Analysis - Conscious Procedure with ECGenie

1. Open Emouse Analyses icon
2. Select ECG signals
3. Choose folder (all readings in folder will show)
4. Click PNN X (for mice: N-N> than 6 ms)
5. Choose file(s) by highlighting
6. Go
7. Bottom file is the corrected file
8. Red dots should be on peak of R waves, if image appears inverted click invert
9. Click Add, or minus if R waves are not marked with red dots or if too many are marked
    - L click to zoom in
    - R click to zoom out
11. "What if?" button to remove unwanted sections
    - L click image (zooms in)
    - L click left boundary
    - L click right boundary
13. Options- click more if want to exclude more sections
14. Undo available
15. Go
16. Here can input animal data if desired
17. Save- For the first mouse in in group, hit save, a new results folder will be created within the folder with the mouse data. Then can click quick save or next.
18. For the rest of the mice in the series, can hit quick save at this point- saves in last selected file – will group all files together in same excel sheet.
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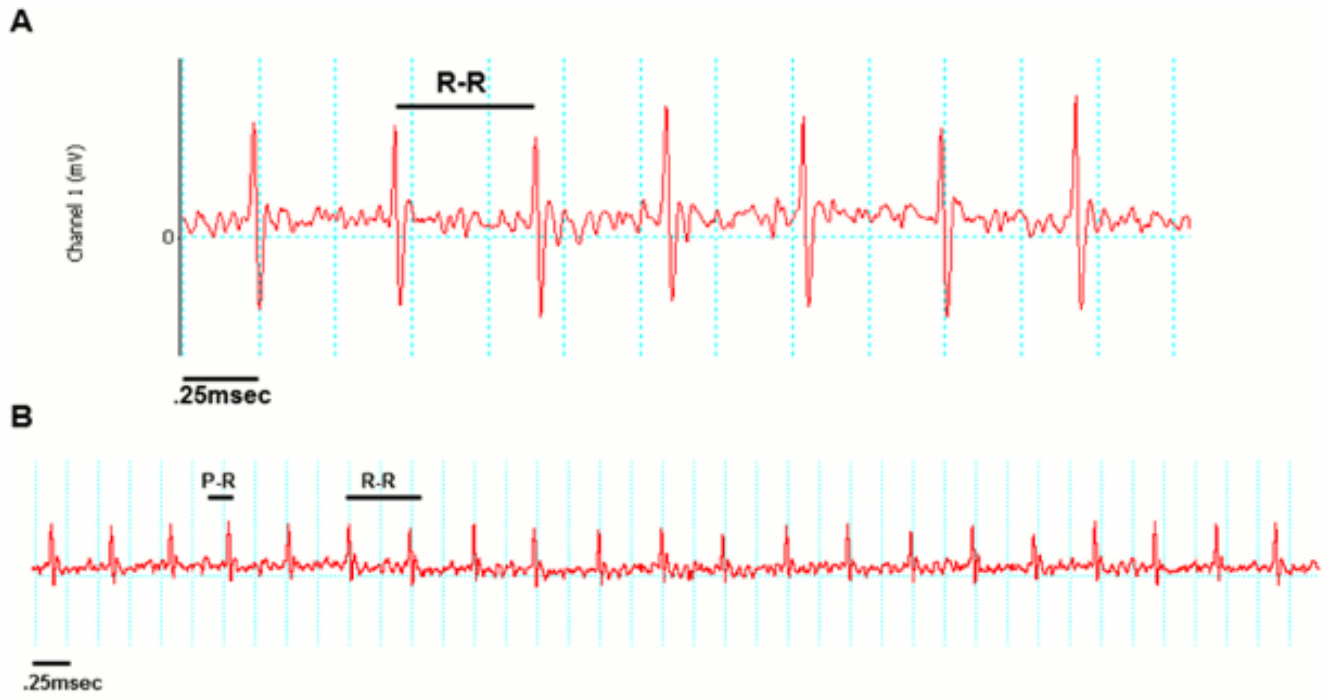
Examples of good readings



Data QC

Analysis room should be dim and quiet. Keep the door closed preferably while analysis is taking place.

Figure A. Taking a reading

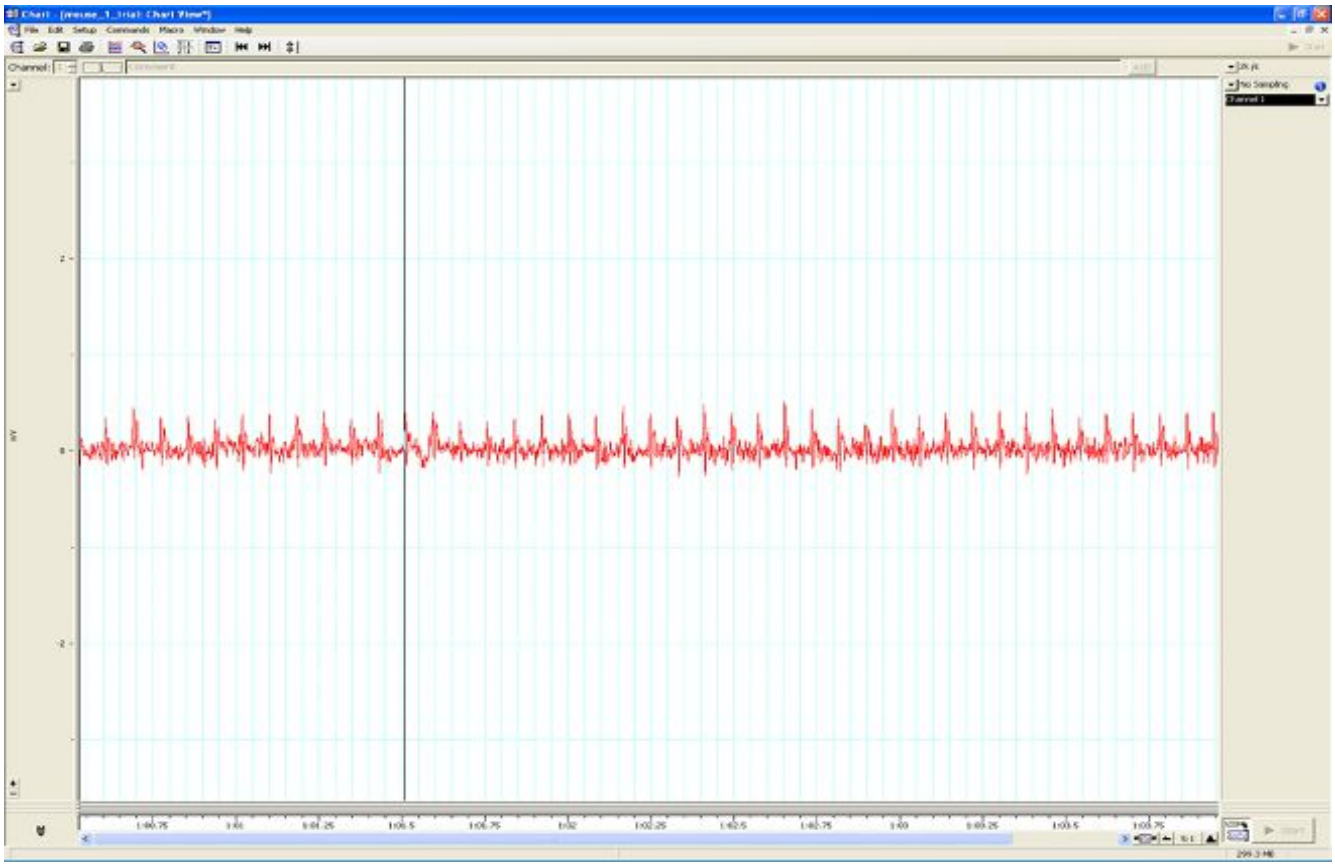


Figure B. Saving a section of the reading

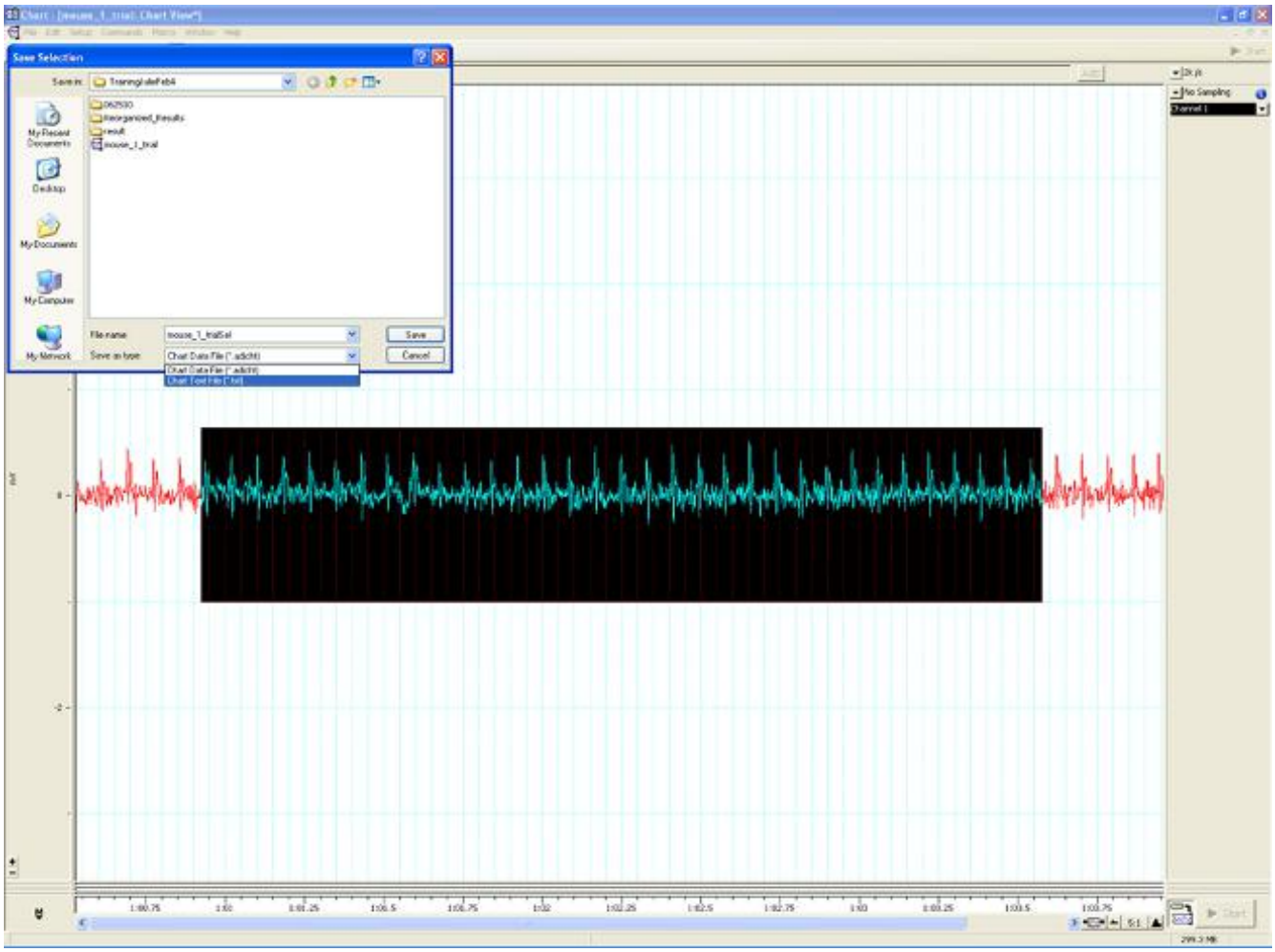
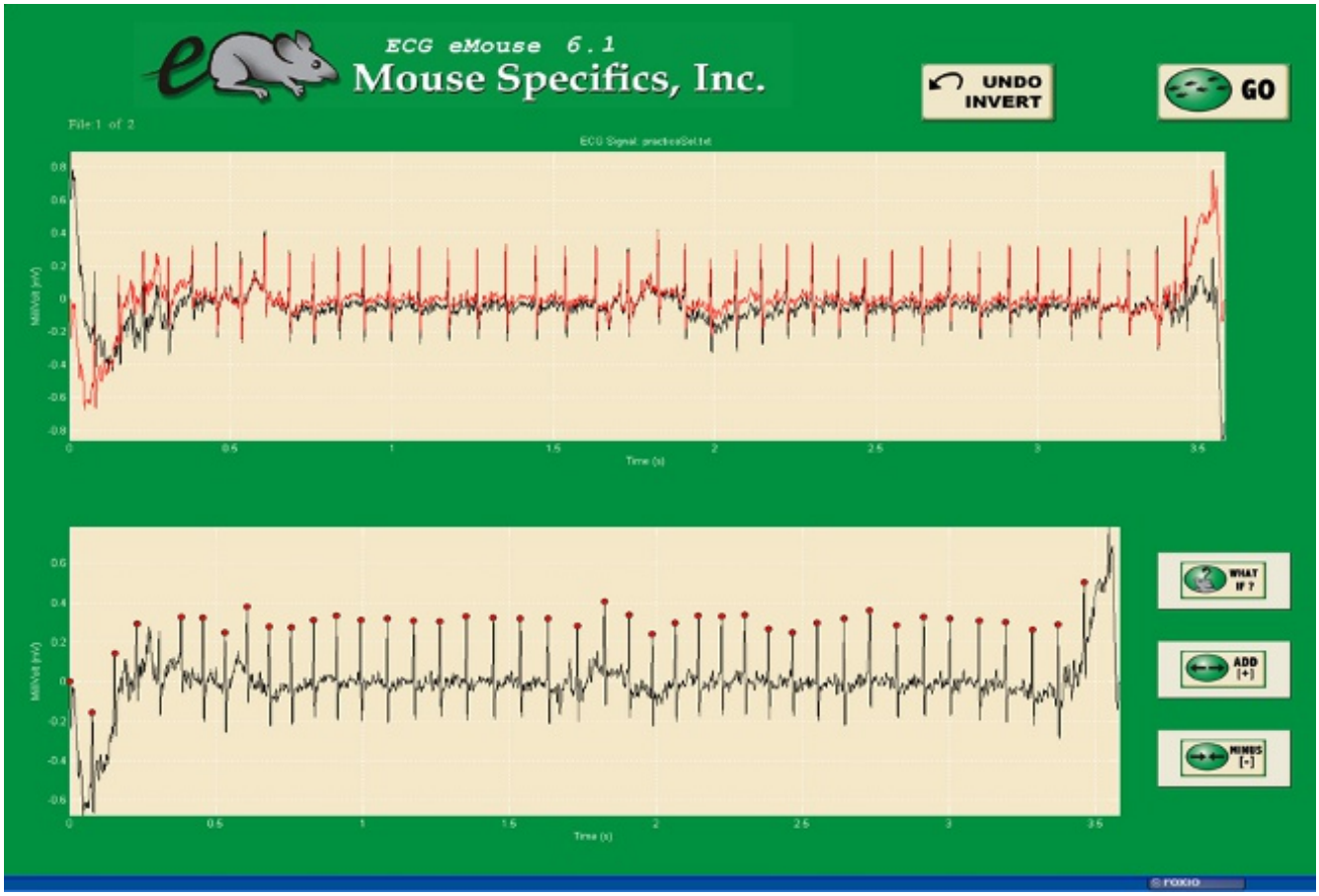


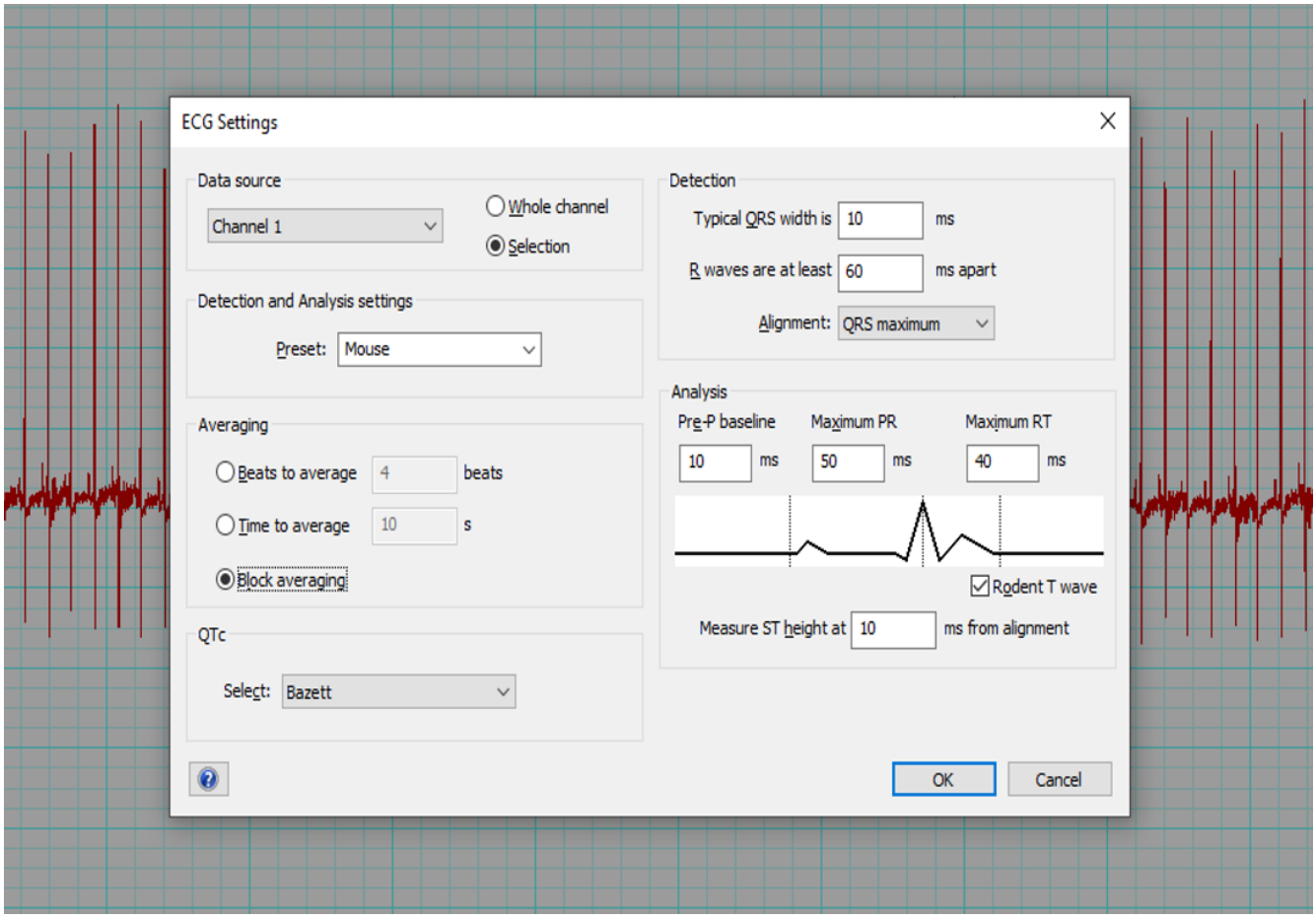
Figure C. Analysis phase, with the options to remove sections on the “What if?” button below.



Data Analysis - Anesthetized Procedure

1. Review the tracing and note any abnormal findings. Take images for upload where required.
2. Analyse all or a selection of the tracing (approximately 100 beats minimum).
3. If using LabChart software (ADInstruments), select Mouse preset and QTc = Bazett.
4. The software can automatically mark the P, QRS and T waves of each beat (Beats to average = 1) and calculate the interval and amplitude data. The average of all beats will be determined for each parameter.
5. Alternatively, an averaged tracing can be generated first (Block Averaging). Markers for the P, QRS and T waves are placed by the software but can be adjusted according to the centre criteria. Interval and amplitude data is then generated by the software.

Example of the LabChart8 ECG setting



Example of LabChart ECG Averaging View

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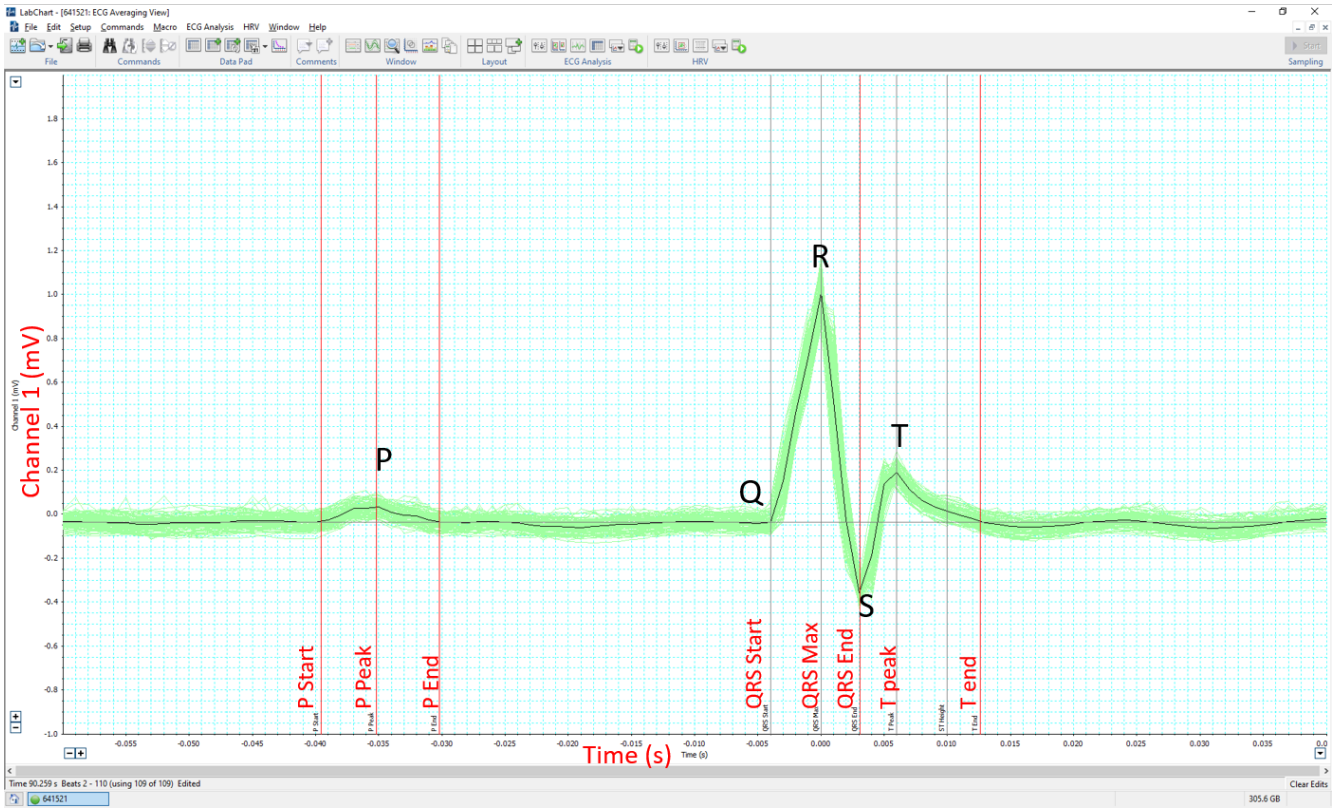

Parameters and Metadata

HRV BCMLA_ECG_010_001 | v1.0

simpleParameter

Req. Analysis: false **Req. Upload:** false **Is Annotated:** true

Unit Measured: bpm

Waveform Image BCMLA_ECG_025_001 | v1.0

seriesMediaParameter

Req. Analysis: false **Req. Upload:** false **Is Annotated:** false

Increments: Minimum 1

PR BCMLA_ECG_006_001 | v1.1

simpleParameter

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Unit Measured: ms

Equipment Manufacturer BCMLA_ECG_017_001 | v1.0

procedureMetadata

Req. Analysis: true **Req. Upload:** true **Is Annotated:** false

Options: AD Instruments, Mouse Specifics, Inc., World Precision Instruments, Indus Instruments,

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Noise level BCMLA_ECG_021_001 | v1.0

procedureMetadata

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Analysis Software BCMLA_ECG_024_001 | v1.0

procedureMetadata

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Options: eMouse, Matlab, LabChart, PowerLab,

Equipment Model BCMLA_ECG_018_001 | v1.0

procedureMetadata

Req. Analysis: true **Req. Upload:** true **Is Annotated:** false

Options: Iso-DAM8A, ML870/p, ML866, ML826/FE132, ECGenie, ECGenie + gel pads, PowerLab: 4/35, Mouse MonitorS,

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ST BCMLA_ECG_008_001 | v1.0

simpleParameter

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Unit Measured: ms

PQ BCMLA_ECG_005_001 | v1.0

simpleParameter

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Unit Measured: ms

QTc Dispersion BCMLA_ECG_011_001 | v1.0

simpleParameter

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Unit Measured: ms

Experimenter ID BCMLA_ECG_020_001 | v1.0

procedureMetadata

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Waveform Image Comment BCMLA_ECG_026_001 | v1.0

simpleParameter

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Date equipment last calibrated BCMLA_ECG_023_001 | v1.1

procedureMetadata

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Number of signals BCMLA_ECG_001_001 | v1.2

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HR BCMLA_ECG_002_001 | v1.1

simpleParameter

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Unit Measured: bpm

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rMSSD BCMLA_ECG_014_001 | v1.0

simpleParameter

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Unit Measured: ms

Equipment ID BCMLA_ECG_016_001 | v1.0

procedureMetadata

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Mean R amplitude BCMLA_ECG_013_001 | v1.1

simpleParameter

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Unit Measured: mV

Anesthetic BCMLA_ECG_019_001 | v1.0

procedureMetadata

Req. Analysis: true **Req. Upload:** true **Is Annotated:** false

Options: Isoflurane, Avertin, Tribromoethanol, No anesthesia,

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pNN5(6>ms) BCMLA_ECG_015_001 | v1.2

simpleParameter

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Unit Measured: %

Light level BCMLA_ECG_022_001 | v1.0

procedureMetadata

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Mean SR amplitude BCMLA_ECG_012_001 | v1.1

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Unit Measured: mV

QTc BCMLA_ECG_009_002 | v2.0

simpleParameter

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Unit Measured: ms

QRS BCMLA_ECG_007_001 | v1.2

simpleParameter

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Unit Measured: ms

RR BCMLA_ECG_004_001 | v1.2

simpleParameter

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Unit Measured: ms

CV BCMLA_ECG_003_001 | v1.0

simpleParameter

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Unit Measured: %

Lead Configuration BCMLA_ECG_027_001 | v1.0

procedureMetadata

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Options: Lead I: LA-RA, Lead II: LL-RA,