Combined SHIRPA and Dysmorphism IMP C_CSD_003

Purpose

SHIRPA and dysmorphology were originally always separate assessments. However they have recently been combined as assessments, so that they take place at the same time.

The purpose of the assessments is to examine mice for obvious physical characteristics, behaviors and morphological abnormalities.

Descriptions include abnormal locomotion/appearance/behavior/reflex reactions.

Experimental Design

- Minimum number of animals: 7M + 7F
- Age at test: Week 9
- Sex: We would expect the results of this test to show sexual dimorphism

Equipment

- Viewing Jar
- SHIRPA arena
- Grid above arena
- Click Box
- Geotaxis grid
- Tube for contact righting
- Photo and/or video camera

Procedure

1. Allow the mice to acclimatise to the phenotyping room for a period of 30 minutes prior to testing.
2. Throughout the test note any vocalisation, aggression, salivation or unexpected behaviours.
3. During this test, note any unexpected dysmorphological characteristics (morphological irregularities are recorded by video sequences or photos).
4. Place the mouse in a clear cylinder over a wire grid and observe for activity and tremors.
5. Transfer the mouse out of the cylinder by removing the metal plate/grid whilst positioning 30cm over an arena and record the transfer arousal.
6. Record the number of 10cm\(^2\) squares the mouse moves into in the first 30 seconds in the arena (locomotor activity).
7. Allow the mouse to move freely around the arena whilst being observed for gait and tail elevation.
8. Hold the click box approximately 30cm above the arena and press the button, record the response of the mouse.
9. Pick up the mouse by the tail and observe for limp grasping and trunk curl. Trunk curl must only be recorded if the mouse curls forward without twisting its body, bending to one side is not scored as a trunk curl.
10. Place the mouse in a small transparent tube. Turn the tube quickly so the mouse is fully upside down and record if the mouse rights itself.
11. Record any vocalisation and/or aggression which were observed throughout the entire test.

Notes

1. If wiping down with ethanol prior to the use of equipment, make sure no ethanol residue remains as the ethanol may affect the behaviour of the animals.
2. The validity of results obtained from behavioural phenotyping is largely dependent on methods of animal husbandry. It is important that individuals following this procedure are experienced and aware of the animal’s welfare, and is familiar with the animal being tested, in order to reduce the anxiety levels of the animal prior to testing.
3. The majority of mouse behavioural studies are age/sex/strain dependent. It is important to keep these parameters comparable throughout a single experiment.
4. Environmental factors may contribute to the levels of anxiety within the mouse. The temperature, humidity, ventilation, noise intensity and light intensity must be maintained at levels appropriate for mice. It is essential that the mice be kept in a uniform environment before and after testing to avoid anomalous results being obtained.
5. It is recommended that all phenotyping experimentation is conducted at approximately the same time of day because physiological and biochemical parameters change throughout the day.
6. When a number of mice are tested continuously, residual odours from the equipment used in the preceding test may affect the test results. The floor and walls of the arena, ruler, and metal net should be wiped clean before introducing the next mouse. To prevent infection, the equipment should be washed with water at the completion of the day’s tests. Some specific pathogen-free facilities use ultraviolet irradiation when tests are not being performed. Care needs to be taken, however, to ensure that ultraviolet irradiation does not crack any acrylate equipment covered with residual alcohol.

Parameters and Metadata

**Tail - presence** IMPC_CSD_001_001 | v1.1

csimpleParameter
**Description:** tail_presence

**Options:** Absent, Present,

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**Tail - length** IMPC_CSD_002_001 | v1.1

**simpleParameter**

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

**Description:** tail_length

**Options:** Long, Short, As expected, No data,

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**Tail - thickness** IMPC_CSD_003_001 | v1.1

**simpleParameter**

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

**Description:** tail_thickness

**Options:** Increased, Decreased, As expected, No data,

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**Tail - morphology** IMPC_CSD_004_001 | v1.1

**simpleParameter**

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

Options: As expected, Not as expected, No data,

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**Coat - color - back**  IMPC_CSD_005_001 | v1.0

simpleParameter


Description: coat_color_back

Options: As expected, Not as expected, No data,

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**Coat - color - head**  IMPC_CSD_006_001 | v1.0

simpleParameter


Description: coat_color_head

Options: As expected, Not as expected, No data,

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**Coat - color - abdomen**  IMPC_CSD_007_001 | v1.0

simpleParameter

Description: coat_color_abdomen

Options: As expected, Not as expected, No data,

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Coat - color pattern - back IMPC_CSD_008_001 | v1.0

Description: coat_color_pattern_back

Options: As expected, Not as expected, No data,

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Coat - color pattern - head IMPC_CSD_009_001 | v1.0

Description: coat_color_pattern_head

Options: As expected, Not as expected, No data,

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Coat - color pattern - abdomen IMPC_CSD_010_001 | v1.0

Description: coat_color_abdomen

Options: As expected, Not as expected, No data,
Description: coat_color_pattern_abdomen

Options: As expected, Not as expected, No data,
Description: coat_hair_distribution_abdomen
Options: As expected, Not as expected,

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**Coat - hair texture / appearance - back**  
IMPC_CSD_014_001 | v1.0

Description: coat_hair_texture_appearance_back
Options: As expected, Not as expected, No data,

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**Coat - hair texture / appearance - head**  
IMPC_CSD_015_001 | v1.0

Description: coat_hair_texture_appearance_head
Options: As expected, Not as expected, No data,

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**Coat - hair texture / appearance - abdomen**  
IMPC_CSD_016_001 | v1.0


simpleParameter

**Description:** coat_hair_texture_appearance_abdomen

**Options:** As expected, Not as expected, No data,

Forelimbs - position  IMPC_CSD_017_001 | v1.0

simpleParameter

**Description:** forelimbs_position

**Options:** As expected, One forelimb only - not as expected, Both forelimbs - not as expected,

Forelimbs - shape  IMPC_CSD_018_001 | v1.0

simpleParameter

**Description:** forelimbs_shape

**Options:** As expected, One forelimb only - not as expected, Both forelimbs - not as expected,
Forelimbs - size  IMPC_CSD_019_001 | v1.0

**simpleParameter**

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

**Description:** forelimbs_size

**Options:** As expected, One forelimb only - increased, One forelimb only - decreased, Both forelimbs - increased, Both forelimbs - decreased,

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Hindlimbs - position  IMPC_CSD_020_001 | v1.1

**simpleParameter**

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

**Description:** hindlimbs_position

**Options:** As expected, One hindlimb only - not as expected, Both hindlimbs - not as expected,

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Hindlimbs - shape  IMPC_CSD_021_001 | v1.1

**simpleParameter**

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

**Description:** hindlimbs_shape

**Options:** As expected, One hindlimb only - not as expected, Both hindlimbs - not as expected,
**Hindlimbs - size**  IMPC_CSD_022_001 | v1.1

*simpleParameter*

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

**Description:** hindlimbs_size

**Options:** As expected, One hindlimb only - increased, One hindlimb only - decreased, Both hindlimbs - increased, Both hindlimbs - decreased,

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**Vibrissae - presence**  IMPC_CSD_023_001 | v1.0

*simpleParameter*

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

**Description:** vibrissae_presence

**Options:** As expected, Not as expected,

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**Vibrissae - appearance**  IMPC_CSD_024_001 | v1.0

*simpleParameter*

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

**Description:** vibrissae_appearance
**Head size**  IMPC_CSD_025_001 | v1.0

*simpleParameter*

**Description:** head_size

**Options:** As expected, Increased, Decreased,

**Head morphology**  IMPC_CSD_026_001 | v1.0

*simpleParameter*

**Description:** head_morphology

**Options:** As expected, Not as expected,

**Ears**  IMPC_CSD_027_001 | v1.0

*simpleParameter*

**Description:** ears
Options: As expected, Not as expected,

Snout size  IMPC_CSD_028_001  | v1.0

simpleParameter


Description: snout_size

Options: As expected, Increased, Decreased,

Activity (body position)  IMPC_CSD_029_001  | v1.0

simpleParameter


Description: activity_body_position_

Options: As expected, Increased activity, Inactive,

Tremor  IMPC_CSD_030_001  | v1.0

simpleParameter

Description: tremor
Options: Absent, Present,

Transfer arousal IMPC_CSD_031_001 | v1.2
simpleParameter


Description: transfer_arousal
Options: As expected, Immediate movement, Extended freeze,

Locomotor activity IMPC_CSD_032_001 | v1.2
simpleParameter


Unit Measured: Squares crossed
Description: locomotor_activity

Gait IMPC_CSD_033_001 | v1.0
simpleParameter

**Description**: gait

**Options**: Fluid movement, Lack of fluidity in movement,

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**Tail elevation** IMPC_CSD_034_001 | v1.2

**simpleParameter**

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

**Description**: tail_elevation

**Options**: As expected, Straub / elevated tail, Dragging, No data,

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**Startle response** IMPC_CSD_036_001 | v1.1

**simpleParameter**

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

**Description**: startle_response

**Options**: None, Present, No data,

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**Unexpected behaviors** IMPC_CSD_037_001 | v1.0

**simpleParameter**

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

**Options:** None, Circling, Jumping, Retropulsion, Other,

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**Trunk curl**  IMPC_CSD_038_001  | v1.0

**simpleParameter**

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

**Description:** trunk_curl

**Options:** Absent, Present, No data,

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**Limb grasp**  IMPC_CSD_039_001  | v1.0

**simpleParameter**

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

**Description:** limb_grasp

**Options:** Absent, Present, No data,

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**Forelimb digit - size**  IMPC_CSD_046_001  | v1.1

**simpleParameter**
Description: forelimb_digit_size

Options: As expected, One forelimb - increased size, One forelimb - decreased size, One forelimb - fused, Both forelimbs - increased size, Both forelimbs - decreased size, Both forelimbs - fused,

Hindlimb digit - size IMPC_CSD_047_001 | v1.2
simpleParameter

Description: hindlimb_digit_size

Options: As expected, One hindlimb - increased size, One hindlimb - decreased size, One hindlimb - fused, Both hindlimbs - increased size, Both hindlimbs - decreased size, Both hindlimbs - fused,

Skin color - whole body IMPC_CSD_056_001 | v1.0
simpleParameter

Description: skin_color_whole_body

Options: As expected, Not as expected,
**Skin color - snout** IMPC_CSD_057_001 | v1.0

**Description**: skin_color_snout

**Options**: As expected, Not as expected,

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**Skin color - ear** IMPC_CSD_058_001 | v1.0

**Description**: skin_color_ear

**Options**: As expected, Not as expected,

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**Skin color - front paws** IMPC_CSD_059_001 | v1.0

**Description**: skin_color_front_paws

**Options**: As expected, Not as expected,
Skin color - back paws  IMPC_CSD_060_001 | v1.0


Description: skin_color_back_paws

Options: As expected, Not as expected,

Skin color - tail  IMPC_CSD_061_001 | v1.0


Description: skin_color_tail

Options: As expected, Not as expected, No data,

Skin texture - whole body  IMPC_CSD_062_001 | v1.0


Description: skin_texture_whole_body

Options: As expected, Not as expected,
Skin texture - snout  IMPC_CSD_063_001  | v1.0

simpleParameter


Description: skin_texture_snout

Options: As expected, Not as expected,

Skin texture - ear  IMPC_CSD_064_001  | v1.0

simpleParameter


Description: skin_texture_ear

Options: As expected, Not as expected,

Skin texture - front paws  IMPC_CSD_065_001  | v1.0

simpleParameter


Description: skin_texture_front_paws

Options: As expected, Not as expected,
Skin texture - back paws IMPC_CSD_066_001 | v1.0

**simpleParameter**


Description: skin_texture_back_paws

Options: As expected, Not as expected,

Skin texture - tail IMPC_CSD_067_001 | v1.0

**simpleParameter**


Description: skin_texture_tail

Options: As expected, Not as expected, No data,

Teeth presence IMPC_CSD_068_001 | v1.0

**simpleParameter**


Description: teeth_presence

Options: As expected, Not as expected,
Upper teeth appearance  IMPC_CSD_069_001  | v1.0

Description: upper_teeth_appearance
Options: As expected, Not as expected, No data,

Lower teeth appearance  IMPC_CSD_070_001  | v1.0

Description: lower_teeth_appearance
Options: As expected, Not as expected, No data,

Genitalia - presence  IMPC_CSD_071_001  | v1.1

Description: genitalia_presence
Options: As expected, Absent,
Genitalia - size  IMPC_CSD_072_001 | v1.1

**simpleParameter**


Description: genitalia_size

Options: As expected, Not as expected, No data,

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Genitalia - morphology  IMPC_CSD_073_001 | v1.1

**simpleParameter**


Description: genitalia_morphology

Options: As expected, Not as expected, No data,

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Mouth morphology  IMPC_CSD_074_001 | v1.0

**simpleParameter**


Description: mouth_morphology

Options: As expected, Not as expected,
Upper lip morphology  IMPC_CSD_075_001 | v1.0

Description: upper_lip_morphology

Options: As expected, Not as expected,

Lower lip morphology  IMPC_CSD_076_001 | v1.0

Description: lower_lip_morphology

Options: As expected, Not as expected,

Contact righting  IMPC_CSD_077_001 | v1.0

Description: contact_righting

Options: Present, Absent, No data,
Vocalization IMPC_CSD_078_001 | v1.0


Description: vocalization

Options: As expected, Not as expected,

Aggression IMPC_CSD_079_001 | v1.0


Description: aggression

Options: As expected, Excessive aggression,

Head bobbing IMPC_CSD_080_001 | v1.0


Description: head_bobbing

Options: Present, Absent,
Experiment ID IMPC_CSD_081_001 | v1.0

procedureMetadata

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

Location of test IMPC_CSD_082_001 | v1.1

procedureMetadata

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

Description: location_of_test

Options: Open bench, LAF cabinet,

Number of animals in cage IMPC_CSD_083_001 | v1.2

procedureMetadata

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

Description: number_of_animals

Number of days since cage changed IMPC_CSD_084_001 | v1.1
Images IMPC_CSD_085_001 | v1.1

Size of squares in arena IMPC_CSD_086_001 | v1.0

Unit Measured: cm^2

Comments (in English) IMPC_CSD_087_001 | v1.2

Description: General comments, in English
### Forepaw - size

**IMPC_CSD_040_002 | v2.0**

**simpleParameter**

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

**Description**: forepaw_size

**Options**: As expected, One forepaw - decreased, Both forepaws - increased, Both forepaws - decreased, One forepaw - increased,

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### Hindpaw - size

**IMPC_CSD_041_002 | v2.0**

**simpleParameter**

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

**Description**: hindpaw_size

**Options**: As expected, One hindpaw - increased, One hindpaw - decreased, Both hindpaws - increased, Both hindpaws - decreased,

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### Forepaw - shape

**IMPC_CSD_042_002 | v2.0**

**simpleParameter**

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

**Description**: forepaw_shape

**Options**: As expected, One forepaw - not as expected, Both forepaws - not as expected,
**Hindpaw - shape** IMPC_CSD_043_002 | v2.0

simpleParameter

**Description:** hindpaw_shape

**Options:** As expected, One hindpaw - not as expected, Both hindpaws - not as expected,

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**Forelimb digit - number** IMPC_CSD_044_002 | v2.0

simpleParameter

**Description:** forelimb_digit_number

**Options:** As expected, One forelimb - increased number, One forelimb - decreased number, Both forelimbs - increased number, Both forelimbs - decreased number,

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**Hindlimb digit - number** IMPC_CSD_045_002 | v2.0

simpleParameter

**Description:** hindlimb_digit_number
Options: As expected, One hindlimb - increased number, One hindlimb - decreased number, Both hindlimbs - increased number, Both hindlimbs - decreased number,

Forelimb digit - shape IMPC_CSD_048_002 | v2.0
simpleParameter


Description: forelimb_digit_shape

Options: As expected, One forelimb - not as expected, Both forelimbs - not as expected,

Hindlimb digit - shape IMPC_CSD_049_002 | v2.0
simpleParameter


Description: hindlimb_digit_shape

Options: As expected, One hindlimb - not as expected, Both hindlimbs - not as expected,

Forelimb nail - number IMPC_CSD_050_002 | v2.0
simpleParameter

**Description:** forelimb_nail_number

**Options:** As expected, One forelimb - increased number, One forelimb - decreased number, Both forelimbs - increased number, Both forelimbs - decreased number, No data,

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**Hindlimb nail - number** IMPC_CSD_051_002 | v2.0

**simpleParameter**

**Description:** hindlimb_nail_number

**Options:** As expected, One hindlimb - increased number, One hindlimb - decreased number, Both hindlimbs - increased number, Both hindlimbs - decreased number, No data,

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**Hindlimb nail - length** IMPC_CSD_053_002 | v2.0

**simpleParameter**

**Description:** hindlimb_nail_length

**Options:** As expected, One hindlimb - increased length, One hindlimb - decreased length, Both hindlimbs - increased length, Both hindlimbs - decreased length, No data,

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**Forelimb nail - length** IMPC_CSD_052_002 | v2.0
simpleParameter

Description: forelimb_nail_length

Options: As expected, One forelimb - increased length, One forelimb - decreased length, Both forelimbs - increased length, Both forelimbs - decreased length, No data,

Forelimb nail - shape IMPC_CSD_054_002 | v2.0

simpleParameter

Description: forelimb_nail_shape

Options: As expected, One forelimb - not as expected, Both forelimbs - not as expected, No data,

Hindlimb nail - shape IMPC_CSD_055_002 | v2.0

simpleParameter

Description: hindlimb_nail_shape

Options: As expected, One hindlimb - not as expected, Both hindlimbs - not as expected, No data,