# CLIMBING TEST Measures vertical activity in rodents 



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Climbing behavior in rats and mice is a key activity and a multifaceted aspect of their biology, much less studied than $X-Y$ locomotion.

The first application of climbing measurement has been in the pain field comparing the effect of mild and strong analgesics, by the group led by Prof. Sidney Neegus from Virginia University.
(Santos et al. 2023, Climbing behavior by mice as an endpoint for preclinical assessment of drug effects in the absence and presence of pain, Frontiers).

From the collaboration between Prof. Neegus and Ugo Basile this new device was born, opening a very broad range of investigation opportunities given the importance, and yet little studied, of climbing
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The Test provides a measurement of the vertical movement of rodents, a parameter which has not been widely investigated so far, in spite of the fact that rodents are animals that live in a 3D space and hence the analysis of XY position only is a limitation in most current studies, negleting $Z$ movements.
In terms of applications we foresee potential use in many fields including:

- Ethological Perspective
- Behavior and Physiology
- Environmental Enrichment
- Research Models
- Disease Models


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12 cm diameter aluminum circular base Base temperature adjustable from 5 to $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

Force cell underneath it provides the automated start of the test

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Climbing cylinder 25,5 cm heigh
Complete with ceiling
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Output parameters include:

- \% of climbing
- number and duration of climbing episodes
- climbing time
- maximum and average climbing height
- total activity while climbing

