Electrocardiography

**ECG Analysis Module for LabChart® & PowerLab®**

The ECG Analysis Module automatically detects PQRST onset, amplitude, and interval to assess heart function with default (species specific) or customized detection settings. The module’s Beat Averaging feature reduces noise and movement artifact for easy data comparison before and after experimental intervention.

The module exports time, interval and amplitude data, as well as graphing:

- QT/RR
- QT/Time
- RR/Time
- Waterfall ECG

For further analysis, noise-contaminated and abnormal waveforms can be identified with the Beat Classifier, which also allows exclusion of unwanted individual beats.

When saved, the data remain unaltered by any calculations, ensuring the crude ECG can be reanalyzed at any time. ECG analysis settings can also be saved and recalled at any time using the Analysis Manager.
**ECG Analysis Module**

**Data Acquisition**

ADInstruments PowerLab data acquisition systems include an analog-to-digital data acquisition unit and LabChart Pro software.

PowerLab data acquisition units are ideal for capturing cardiovascular biopotentials, with 16-bit resolution on all gain ranges, hardware filters that eliminate environmental interference, and sampling speeds of up to 200 kHz per channel. Provided with the PowerLab unit, LabChart Pro software is an intuitive interface for controlling hardware and transducers, data acquisition and display options, and automating repetitious procedures (such as channel calculations). LabChart Pro also provides specialized software modules for analyzing discrete data sets.

With LabChart Pro’s ECG Analysis Module (provided), PowerLab data acquisition systems seamlessly detect and convert analog ECG to digital data, and provide a diverse range of powerful detection, measurement, display, analysis and extraction options.

**ECG Settings**

The ECG analysis Module analyzes real-time or saved ECG traces. For optimal acquisition and analysis of ECG, several default detection algorithms are available, which account for species-specific ECG cycle and beat ranges (such as S-T absence in rodents).

Default detection parameters are included for:

- Human
- Pig
- Dog
- Rat
- Mouse
- Rabbit

Detection settings can be created for other species, and default detection settings are completely customizable.

**ECG Beat Classification**

The Beat Classification tool categorizes beats according to activity and isoelectric noise, and presents them graphically for effortless identification of QRS complex and RR interval variance.

This easy to use tool allows rapid removal of artifact generated by movement, electrical interference and baseline drift, as well as exclusion of unwanted individual beats, such as extrasystole and supraventricular arrhythmias.
**ECG Analysis Module**

**ECG Averaging View**

For easy comparison of ECG before and after experimental intervention, as well as additional removal of artifact, the Averaging View displays the mean PQRST trace from a selected data block.

Each averaged PQRST complex is automatically labelled (markers can be adjusted manually) and used to generate tabular data logs and graphs of individual and mean:
- Start times
- End times
- P, Q, R, S and T amplitudes
- PQRST interval times

**ECG Table View**

This tool calculates and records the parameters of each averaged ECG beat and logs them in tabular format for export to the Data Pad, or other graphing and statistical programs.

Calculate and export:
- RR Interval
- PR Interval
- QT Interval
- QRS Interval
- QTc
- T Amplitude
- P Amplitude
- R Amplitude

**Analysis Plots**

The ECG Module automatically extracts calculated data to generate a number of scatter plots for tractable presentation and post-hoc analysis. After selecting a data block of interest, generate one or all of the following:
- QT/RR Plot
  (QT Interval vs. RR Interval)
- QT/Time Plot
  (ideal for pharmacokinetics)
- RR/Time Plot
  (indicates HR variance)
- Waterfall Plot
  (3D waveform analysis)

**Expedient workflow**

The Split Bar in Chart View (middle of screen right) allows simultaneous review of two different data blocks, live or offline. The Chart, Beat Classification, Table and Averaging Views are linked for swift and uncomplicated navigation to data points of interest, with easily perceptible manual/user data edits marked in red.
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### Ordering Information

#### Additional Software

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