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Assessing the welfare versus scientific costs of identification methods in rodents

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Tattoo/Ear-Tag Recognition Exercise

- Two Code Reader Groups

Experienced

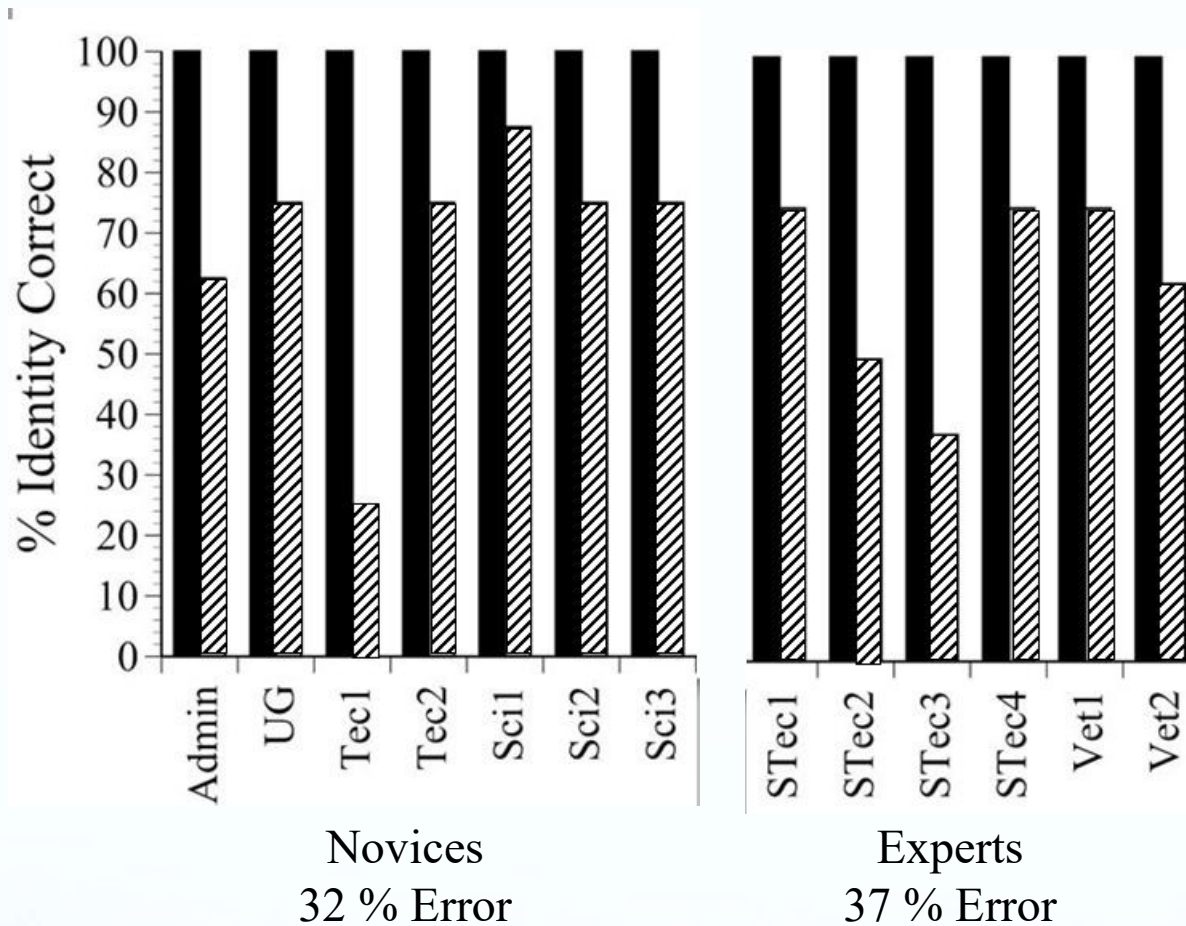
2 NACWO's
2 Vets
2 Senior rodent Techs



Novices

1 UG Student
1 Admin Staff
3 Post-docs
2 New Technicians

- Choose a cage randomly
- Handle using preferred method
- Record ear-tag and tattoo code (secretly)

Tattoo/Tag Reading



 Tattoo
 Ear-Tag



798 seen as 86L
i.e. read as '861'

799 seen as 66L
i.e. read as '661'

- All tattoos read correctly without handling
- All tagged mice required handling
- 1 Tag fell out