

# HDCKit

Portable & Programmable  
Modular DC Stimulator



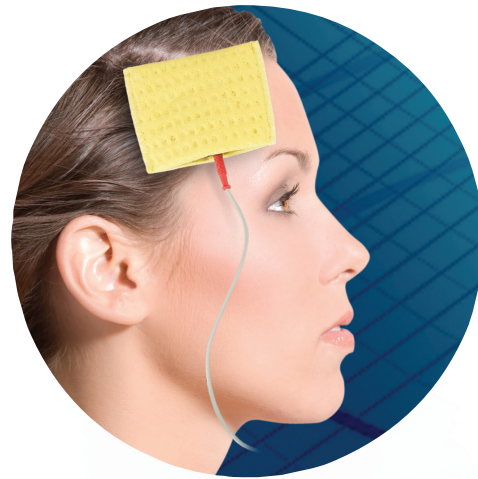
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## An introduction to tDCS (transcranial Direct Current Stimulation)



Transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS) involves applying weak electrical currents to the head, to generate an electric field which modulates the activity of neurons. tDCS is known to selectively modulate neuronal excitability and can be used in conjunction with fMRI, transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) or centrally acting drugs. It is being investigated as a treatment for a variety of conditions such as stroke recovery, depression and pain.



Extensive neurophysiological experiments have shown evidence that Direct Current (DC) penetrates the brain to modify neuronal transmembrane potentials, thereby influencing brain excitability<sup>1</sup>.

Animal studies suggest, that if cathodal stimulation - negative pole or electrode (cathode) is located near the cell body or dendrites - it decreases the resting membrane potential and therefore hyperpolarises neurones, whereas if anodal stimulation - positive pole or electrode (anode) is located near the cell body or dendrites - it causes depolarisation by increasing resting membrane potentials and spontaneous neuronal discharge rates<sup>2</sup>.

Current research suggests that electrodes placed on the forehead could produce noticeable psychological changes that were dependent on the direction of the field.

*Lang et al*<sup>3</sup> claim that anodal polarisation of the motor cortex increased the motor response to TMS of the same area; reduction of this response was observed with cathodal polarisation, the effects of which seem to last for an appreciable amount of time after exposure. Investigators are currently testing the validity of these claims and the effects of tDCS on other brain areas and functions.

***tDCS is now emerging as a major research tool in its own right and as a complimentary tool to conventional TMS.***

- In studies of the visual system *Antal et al*<sup>4</sup> working with Professor Walter Paulus in Göttingen, have used tDCS to modulate visual cortex excitability measured using TMS, and to enhance visuomotor learning.
- In cognitive studies tDCS has been used to modulate learning and to study memory functions. These studies have stimulated V1, V5/MT, parietal cortex and prefrontal cortex<sup>5</sup>.
- Studies applying tDCS to the motor cortex have revealed that tDCS can modulate motor cortex excitability (measured using TMS) for up to 90 minutes post stimulation<sup>6</sup>. Exploiting this long term change in brain sensitivity has allowed exploration of motor learning and plasticity.
- The long term effects of tDCS make it an effective tool to use in conjunction with centrally acting drugs and one study has shown that dopaminergic modulation combined with tDCS can enhance the effects of tDCS for up to 24 hours<sup>7</sup>.
- The rehabilitation potential of tDCS remains to be explored but already, in rehabilitation following stroke, tDCS has been combined with measures of plasticity in double blind trials to give promising indications of a positive role for non invasive DC stimulation in rehabilitation<sup>8</sup>.





# An introduction to the HDCKit

HDCKit is a cost-effective modular system for Direct Current (DC) stimulation, designed specifically for both research and clinical use. It consists of a stimulator (HDCstim), a programmer (HDCprog) and a set of electrodes (HDCel, which also has the option of a headcap).

There are many benefits in using a modular system such as the HDCKit:

- The stimulator (HDCstim) and the programmer (HDCprog) are two separate units, minimising the risk of any misuse of the stimulator by the patient or subject, ensuring that applications or treatments are administered correctly everytime.
- The researcher or clinician using the HDCKit remains in complete control of how stimulations are administered.
- The researcher or clinician requires only one HDCprog to programme any number of stimulators (HDCstim).
- Researchers or clinicians can order additional HDCstims as and when required for studies or treatments.
- The HDCstim unit is portable, battery-operated and designed for home use by a subject or patient.
- The basic HDCKit package contains everything required to administer tDCS.
- The HDCKit is fully programmable and can run any number of applications or treatments within its parameters.



## HDCprog

The **HDCprog** is an easy-to-use touch-screen LCD programmer that, when connected to a HDCstim, allows a clinician or researcher to set tDCS treatments or protocols for their patients or subjects. By using the HDCprog, it is possible to define an entire treatment or application by setting the number of stimulations (maximum 99), the intensity (up to 1.5mA per channel), the duration (maximum 20min), and the minimum interval between two consecutive simulations (max 1168 hours). Upon connecting it to a HDCstim after a treatment has been administered, the HDCprog allows the physician to check stimulation results through an easy to navigate stimulation report interface, allowing for an informed evaluation of applications administered so far. HDCprog is powered by an AC/DC adapter, which is certified for medical use.

### HDCprog - Technical specifications

#### Monitor and user interface

Intended use	Touch-screen LCD to set HDCstim stimulation parameters
Display	480x272dot, 16bit colors Powering
Power supply	External power supply certified for medical use (HDCpower)
Maximum input voltage	5V
Maximum input current	500mA (DC)

#### Safety and certifications

Medical device class	Class IIa medical device (CE marked, Notified Body 0068).
Essential safety requirements	EN 60601-1, EN 60601-1-2, EN 60601-1-4
Isolation	Reinforced isolation class II between principal HDCprog part and HDCstim applied part through optoelectronic isolation

#### Dimensions

Case	15cm x 9cm x 2cm.
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#### Program

Maximum number of stimulations	99. Step: 1 stimulation
Minimum time interval between two consecutive stimulations	168h. step: 1 hour
Minimum current intensity	500uA
Maximum current intensity	1500uA. Step: 1ua
Minimum stimulation duration	0min
Maximum stimulation duration	20min. Step: 1min

### HDCpower - Technical specifications

#### System features

Intended use	AC/DC adapter certifiedfor medical use (FRIWO, DE, model MPP15 MED)
Type	commutation
Montage type	Insertion

#### Safety and certifications

Safety	IEC/UL (for further details contact the manufacturer)
Isolation	Class II

#### Dimensions

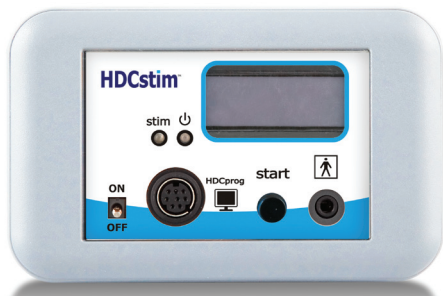
Case	8.75cm x 5.15cm x 3.4cm
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#### Input

Maximum input voltage	240V AC
Minimum input voltage	100V AC
Input current	400mA

#### Output

Type	Fixed
Number of outputs	1
Voltage	5V
Current	2.4A
Nominal power	15W



## HDCstim

The **HDCstim** is a battery supplied, programmable stimulator that is used to administer direct current (DC) stimulation. Designed for home use by a patient or subject, the HDCstim is only pre-programmable with a HDCprog and will not deviate from the treatment or protocol chosen by a researcher or clinician. The HDCstim delivers a finite number of prescribed stimulations with a selectable time interval between two consecutive stimulations. The HDCstim records all use and its outputs, for later retrieval on the HDCprog by researcher or clinician. It is lightweight, highly portable and compact. The HDCstim's ease of use ensures that the subject or patient can activate the pre-programmed stimulation as and when directed. Additional HDCstims can be ordered as and when required without the need to buy additional programmers, thereby getting the most out of a clinical budget or research grant.

### HDCstim - Technical specifications

#### Intended use

Intended use	Portable and programmable direct current [DC] simulator.
Applied part	Type BF

#### Safety and certifications

Medical device class	Class IIa medical device (CE marked, Notified Body 0068).
Essential safety requirements	EN 60601-1, EN 60601-1-2, EN 60601-1-4

#### Dimensions

Case	11.5cm x 7cm x 2cm.
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#### Power Supply

Type	Internal power supply.
Power	2 batteries type AA/LR6 - 1.5V - KAA.
Secondary battery	Renata batteries CR2325. Nominal capacity: L90mAh

#### Stimulation

Types of stimulation	Monochannel stimulation (1 anode and 1 cathode) Bichannel anodal stimulation (2 anodes, 1 cathode) Sham stimulation
Maximum output current	1.5 mA per channel (1500 uA)*.
Minimum output current	0.5 mA per channel (500 uA)
Maximum output voltage	28 VDC** per channel
Current generator accuracy	<0.1 mA**.
Mean impedance, check resolution	Mean impedance check resolution: +/- 2k0hm.
Current ramp	from 0 to 100% in 5 seconds.
Treatment duration	1 to 20 minutes with 1 minute resolution.

#### Real time system for administered treatment stability (through the measure of output current and voltage)

Maximum difference between administered and set current before stimulation stop	0.2mA
Maximum impedance variation before stimulation interruption	4k0hm***
Mean impedance check resolution	+/-2k0hm.

Specific tolerance is stated in the manuals.



## HDCel

The HDCel is a set of accessories for the administration of DC stimulation from the HDCstim. HDCel consists of a set of electrodes made from plant cellulose and conductive silicone, and are manufactured to ensure biocompatibility with the skin. Electrodes are safely connected to HDCstim through the cables provided, the connections of which are designed to minimise the risk of incorrect set-up by the patient or subject. The HDCel set can also be provided in a cap format, that allows for precise anode and cathode positioning due to multiple points on the cap on which the electrodes can be attached and recorded.

### HDCel - Technical specifications

#### Electrodes

Intended use	Sponge electrodes for DC stimulation delivery
Material (external part)	Spontex Fiab Spa, vicchio (Fi) Italy, s/n PG970S and PG980S
Material (Internal part)	Conductive silicone Fiab Spa, vicchio (Fi) Italy, s/n PG970/2 and PG980/2

#### Safety and certifications

Medical device class	Accessory of Class IIa medical device (CE marked, Notified Body 0068).
Essential safety requirements	93/42/CEE Manufactured according to the procedures of FIAB quality systems ISO 13485

#### Dimensions

Small type	5cm x 5cm
Large type	6cm x 8.5cm

#### Connector cables

Active electrodes	Red cables (male connector, female electrode) - Female connection touch proof DIN 1.5 and banana connection 2mm. Fiab Spa, vicchio (Fi) Italy, s/n F9032D/M2EM
Reference electrodes	Black cables (female connector, male electrode) - Plastics One Inc USA, s/n 441222ATB028001

#### Accessory

High conductivity gel	ZERO GEL ml 250, EUROCAMINA S.r.l Egna Italy
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# tDCS Literature Review

Below is a list of academic papers, categorised by area, on the subject of **[tDCS \(Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation\)](#)**  
Click on the titles to be taken to an abstract or an online copy of the full paper.

## REVIEW & SAFETY

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Priori A.

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Neuroscientist. 2011 Feb;17(1):37-53.

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Journal of ECT 2010 Oct 5. [Epub ahead of print]  
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Med Hypotheses. 2008 Feb 15; [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 18281160 [PubMed as supplied by publisher]  
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