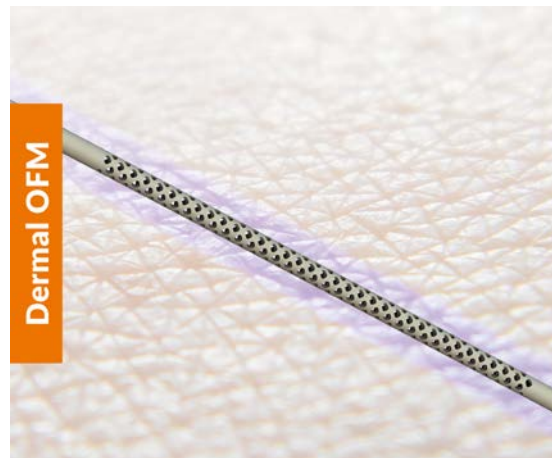


Instructions for Use

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Linear OFM Probe for Skin and Adipose Tissue



Product number: a/d OFM-P-15

1 Overview



READ Instructions for Use before using the Linear OFM Probe. ALWAYS follow the warnings, cautions, and notes throughout this document. If you have questions regarding the safe or correct use of the Linear OFM Probe, please contact the European distributor:



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2 Intended Use

The Linear OFM Probe is a minimally invasive linear-type probe for single use in skin and subcutaneous adipose tissue in laboratory animals, such as mice, rats, dogs, pigs, and primates for a maximum duration of 72 hours.



CAUTION

1. **ONLY USE** Linear OFM Probe on laboratory animals or ex-vivo setups.
2. **DO NOT** use on humans! This Linear OFM Probe has **NOT** been approved for use on humans!
3. **DO NOT** use Linear OFM Probe on household pets and other non-laboratory animals.
4. **DO NOT** pierce yourself with guide cannula during insertion. This can lead to the potential risk of serious injury and/or infection, which can result in death.

The Linear OFM Probe provides easy access to the target tissue. The Linear OFM Probe allows extracting fluid samples of the target tissue to allow analyzing its biochemical conditions by passing a physiologically compatible liquid ('perfusate') through the Linear OFM Probe at a very low flow rate (0.1 – 10 μ l/min) ('microperfusion').

Due to the open (membrane-free) exchange surface, the perfusate can absorb practically any substances in the surrounding environment. Afterwards, the collected sample fractions of the perfusate can be sent to the laboratory for analysis.

3 Directions for Use

3.1 Inserting the Linear OFM Probe Into the Skin or Adipose Tissue (Step-by-Step)

1. Disinfect the skin where the Linear OFM Probe shall be inserted.
2. Mark the entry and exit points with a sterile pen at a distance of ~30mm.
3. Use a sterile guide cannula with a larger inside diameter than the outside diameter of the Linear OFM Probe (e.g., ID: 0.65mm).
4. Place the opened sterile inner packaging so that the opening is directly at the place of insertion. Using a sterile acutenaculum (needle holder), grasp the prepared sterile guide cannula and push it through the tissue until it protrudes 1cm from the skin. Avoid piercing directly through entry and exit points (slightly off). When inserting the guide cannula in the skin (dermis), the skin should be kept taut with the second hand. When inserting the guide cannula in the subcutaneous adipose tissue, it is recommended to form a slight skin fold with the second hand (Figure 1).

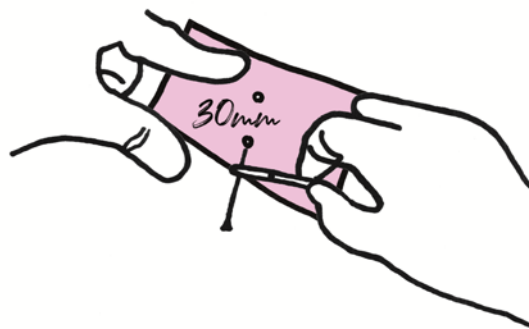


Figure 1: Insert guide cannula

5. Take the Linear OFM Probe and thread it carefully, beginning at the tip, through the guide cannula (Figure 2). Never touch or compress the exchange area of the Linear OFM Probe (area between the markings)!

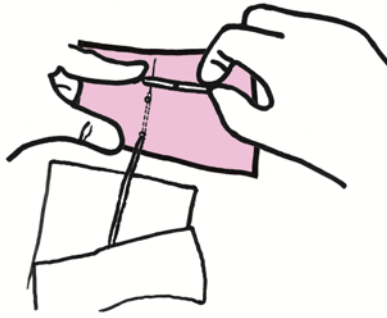


Figure 2: Insert Linear OFM Probe in guide cannula

- Carefully remove the guide cannula. Position the Linear OFM Probe with its exchange area centered between the entry and exit points in the skin or adipose tissue, respectively. Pull in such a way that the insertion pathway and the Linear OFM Probe always form a straight line. With the second hand, hold tissue or skin tightened (Figure 3).

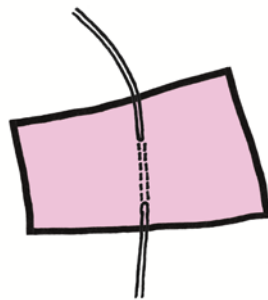


Figure 3: Remove guide cannula and place Linear OFM Probe centered

- Seal the entry and exit points of the Linear OFM Probe with topical tissue adhesive (e.g. **INDERMIL® flexifuze™**).

3.2 Connecting the Linear OFM Probe (Step-by-Step)

Linear OFM Probe can be connected and operated as follows:

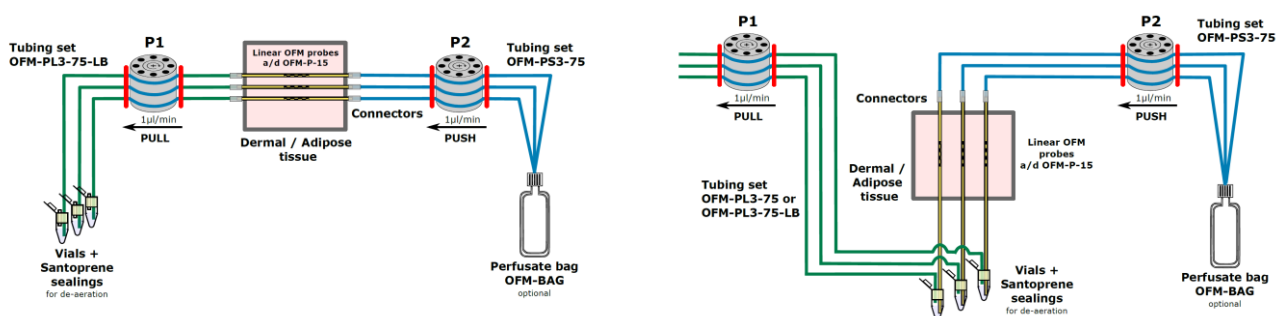


Figure 4a: PUSH-PULL-SAMPLE -MODE

b: PUSH-SAMPLE-PULL-MODE. For sufficient sampling open pompe head P1 during exchange of sample container – close afterwards P1!

- Connect inflow (PUSH) to perfusate bag and flush (e.g. 10µl/min).
- Connect inflow (PUSH) of the Linear OFM Probe via tubing to the perfusate bag.
- Flush inflow (e.g. 10µl/min) while removing the guide wire.
- Immediately connect outflow (PULL) of the Linear OFM Probe via tubing to sample container or sample collector.
- Flush system (e.g. 10µl/min, PUSH and PULL).

6. The connection of the Linear OFM Probe and the other components is described in detail in the Instructions for Use of the MPP10x pump. Always observe the instructions when using the MPP10x pump!
7. Apply strain relief to the tubing to avoid unintentional slipping or snagging.

3.3 Removing the Linear OFM Probe (Step-by-Step)

1. Remove the topical tissue adhesive.
2. Cut the Linear OFM Probe with sharp sterile scissors as close to an entry point as possible.
3. Before pulling the Linear OFM Probe out, make sure there are no sharp edges. Carefully pull the Linear OFM Probe out lengthwise (Figure 5). In case of resistance tighten the skin slightly.

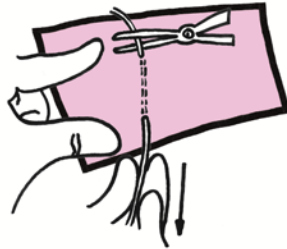


Figure 5: Removing the Linear OFM Probe



BIOHAZARD

Used and removed Linear OFM Probes are biohazards and must be disposed accordingly!

4 Combination with Other Products

The manufacturer recommends using the linear Linear OFM Probe with the following products from the manufacturer JOANNEUM RESEARCH Forschungsgesellschaft m.b.H.:

- Microperfusion Pump MPP10x
- OFM Tubing Sets (single-/multi-channel)
- OFM Perfusate Bag
- Topical Tissue Adhesive – INDERMIL® flexifuze™
- Guide Cannula – BBRAUN Sterican 0.90 x 70mm (20G x 2 ¾); minimal inner diameter: 0.65mm!
- Skin Marker – Edding 8020 special



CAUTION

- When using above-listed products with the Linear OFM Probe, **ALWAYS** observe the Instructions for Use of the respective product!
- Use the Linear OFM Probe with other manufacturers' products **AT OWN RISK!**