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Title: **A Fully Implantable, Closed-loop Wireless Recording and Stimulation System for the Treatment of Obesity**

Abstract: Obesity has stimulated research of neural circuits regulating energy balance, and technological advances have allowed for the dissection of genetically-defined brain circuits regarding controlling feeding behavior and physiology. However, little is known the neural transmission of primary sensory signals related to satiation, and research in this area is imperative for understanding the central organization and regulation of energy homeostasis. The goal of this study is to identify a signaling pathway that controls food intake to treat obesity and when the vagus nerve relays satiety signals from the gut. Wireless telemetry includes a miniaturized implantable receiver, wireless power transmission coils, and a smartphone. We will implant a receiver in the abdomen cavity of a mouse and the device directly interfaces with nodose ganglions for recording and vagus nerve endings in the stomach for stimulation.

Bio:



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