

Date: _____ Cage Card # _____ Mouse ID _____

Appearance:	Normal (smooth coat, clear eyes/nose)	0
	Hunched and/or fluffed	1
	Ocular or nasal discharge	3
	Pale, white mucus membranes/skin*	6
	Blue mucus membranes/skin (cyanosis)**	12
Respiratory rate:	Normal breathing	0
	Increased breathing (double normal rate, rapid, shallow)	6
	Abdominal breathing (+/-gasping or open mouth breathing)**	12
General behavior	Normal (based in baseline observations)	0
	Decreased mobility	2
	Ataxia, wobbly, weak*	6
	Inability to stand**	12
Provoked behavior	Normal (moves when cage is disturbed, runs from hand)	0
	Subdued; responds to stimulation (moves away briskly)	1
	Subdued even to stimulation (moves away slowly)	3
	Unresponsive to gentle prodding*	6
	Does not right when placed on side within 5 seconds**	12
Weight loss	5-10%	0
	10-15%	3
	15-20%*	6
	>20%**	12
Total Score		
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< 6	Mild morbidity: Monitor 2 times daily	
6–11	Moderate morbidity: Monitor at least 3 times per day; notify appropriate personnel immediately	
≥12	Moribund: Notify responsible personnel immediately for euthanasia if no single criterion is 12**. Any single criteria of 12** euthanize immediately; consider as 'found dead'.	

* Regardless of score, notify appropriate person immediately.

** Regardless of score, immediately euthanize (death is imminent)