

Rat (*Rattus norvegicus*) - Postoperative scoring sheet

Score of 2 --> euthanasia of the animal

Posture/behaviour

0	Alert and attentive
0.1	Burrowing or hiding, quiet but awakens upon touch
0.4	Burrowing or hiding. No curiosity when the cage lid is removed
2	The animal shows no activity during interaction

Porphyrin/wound healing

0	None
0.1	Mild around the eyes and/or nostrils
0.4	Pronounced on the face or paws
2	Observation of any form of clear wound infection

Gait/posture

0	Normal
0.1	Mild incoordination, hunched posture, mild piloerection
0.4	Clear ataxia/head tilt, hunched posture, dragging of limbs, severe piloerection
2	Unilateral paralysis/seizures that clearly disturb the animal

Weight relative to preoperative baseline

0	Up to 5%
0.1	5 to 10%
0.4	10 to 20%
2	>20%

Appetite

0	Normal. Eats dry chow, evidence of urination/defecation
0.1	No signs of eating dry food, but accepts Jell-O and fruit and appears hydrated
0.4	No interest in food or treats and/or appears dehydrated