Body Condition Scoring Sheet

Month:_____ Year:_____   Building /Room_____/_____ protocol#:_____

Date (day)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Animal ID Number																															
Initials (ABC)																															
Body Condition Score (1-5)																															

Method use to assess health and establish endpoints for adults

1. Gently hold the mouse by the base of the tail and pass a finger over the sacroiliac bones
2. Compare with the diagram to determine a score
3. Document Scores for each animal
4. Scores of BC 1 or BC 2 should result in euthanasia, unless justified and approved by the IACUC

BC 1
Mouse is emaciated.
◦ Skeletal structure extremely prominent; little or no flesh cover.
◦ Vertebrae distinctly segmented.

BC 2
Mouse is underconditioned.
◦ Segmentation of vertebral column evident.
◦ Dorsal pelvic bones are readily palpable.

BC 3
Mouse is well-conditioned.
◦ Vertebrae and dorsal pelvis not prominent; palpable with slight pressure.

BC 4
Mouse is overconditioned.
◦ Spine is a continuous column.
◦ Vertebrae palpable only with firm pressure.

BC 5
Mouse is obese.
◦ Mouse is smooth and bulky.
◦ Bone structure disappears under flesh and subcutaneous fat.

A "+" or a "-" can be added to the body condition score if additional increments are necessary (i.e. ...2+, 2, 2-...)

Date	Notes