SCORE SHEET FOR SCORING ENDPOINTS IN RODENTS

**Experimental/ Treatment Group:**

**Date: Time**: **AEC Number:** **Name of person scoring**:

**Name of Supervisor/Chief Investigator:**  **Contact Telephone Number:**  **After Hours:**

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| Indicators | Scoring of independent variables: | |  | | --- | | Score of each animal in group | | | | | | |
| **Date** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **General Health**  Eating  Behaviour: | 1. drinking and eating well 2. change in eating or drinking habit 3. inappetance. 4. not eating/drinking, severely dehydrated 5. normal 6. away from littermates 7. aggressive or huddled in corner 8. severe distress |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Appearance | 0. normal  1. ruffled fur  2. animal appears depressed , hunched, reluctant to move)  3. animal appears severely depressed. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Weight loss** | 1. normal 2. 5 – 9% 3. 10-15% 4. ≥15% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tumour Size | 1. normal 2. < 0.4cm3 3. 0.5 ≤ 1cm3 4. 1cm3 |  | | | | | |

###### For Total Scores

0 = normal: no action **\*\*\* *A score of 3 in any one category: euthanase***

1-4 = moderate changes: should be monitored daily

5-9 = significant changes: monitor twice daily

>10 = euthanase

**Signature of person scoring:**

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