

Appendix A: Body Condition Scoring






	<p>BC 1 Mouse is emaciated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skeletal structure extremely prominent; little or no flesh cover • Vertebrae distinctly segmented
	<p>BC 2 Mouse is under conditioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Segmentation of vertebral column evident • Dorsal pelvic bones are readily palpable
	<p>BC 3 Mouse is well-conditioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vertebrae and dorsal pelvis not prominent; palpable with slight pressure
	<p>BC 4 Mouse is over conditioned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spine is a continuous column • Vertebrae palpable only with firm pressure
	<p>BC 5 Mouse is obese</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mouse is smooth and bulky • Bone structure disappears under flesh and subcutaneous fat
<p>A “+” or a “-” can be added to the body condition score if additional increments are necessary (i.e. ...2+, 2, 2-...)</p>	

Figure 1: Body Condition Score Chart for a Mouse