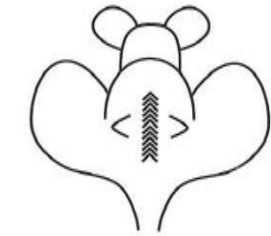


# MOUSE



## BCS 1: UNACCEPTABLE

Mouse is emaciated

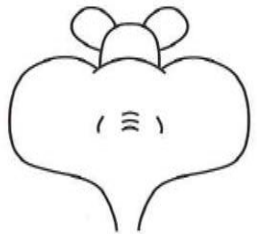
- No pressure needed
- Deep indentations between sharp spinous processes palpable with finger



## BCS 2: UNACCEPTABLE

Mouse is under-conditioned

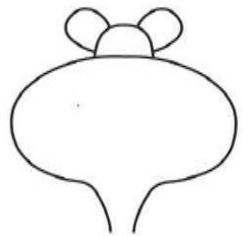
- Slight pressure needed
- Moderate indentations between less sharp spinous processes palpable with finger



## BCS 3: ACCEPTABLE

Mouse is well-conditioned

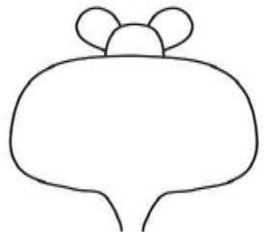
- Moderate pressure needed
- No indentations except for edges of 2-3 sacral vertebrae palpable with finger



## BCS 4: ACCEPTABLE

Mouse is over-conditioned

- Firm pressure needed
- No indentations palpable with finger (spine feels like one continuous column)



## BCS 5: ACCEPTABLE

Mouse is obese

- Very firm pressure needed
- No indentations palpable with finger (spine may be difficult to locate)

BCS = body condition score

# RAT



## BCS 1: UNACCEPTABLE

Rat is emaciated

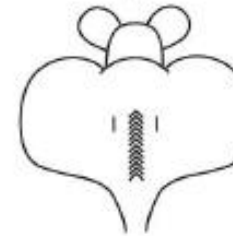
- No pressure needed
- Deep indentations between sharp spinous processes palpable with finger



## BCS 2: UNACCEPTABLE

Rat is under-conditioned

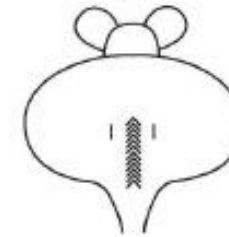
- Slight pressure needed
- Moderate indentations between less sharp spinous processes palpable with finger



## BCS 3: ACCEPTABLE

Rat is well-conditioned

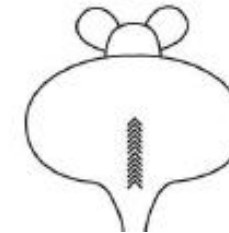
- Slight pressure needed
- Indentations between spinous processes palpable with finger but only edges of 2-3 sacral vertebrae are distinct



## BCS 4: ACCEPTABLE

Rat is over-conditioned

- Slight pressure needed
- Indentations between spinous processes palpable with finger
- Slight pressure needed to palpate pelvic bones



## BCS 5: ACCEPTABLE

Rat is obese

- Slight pressure needed
- Indentations between spinous processes palpable with finger
- Firm pressure needed to palpate pelvic bones

BCS = body condition score