

Guide to using the score form

The score sheet should **NOT** be used automatically in all types of projects. In experiments where it is uncomplicated to define unique human endpoints, these endpoints can be clearly described in the FOTS application and one does not need to apply the scoring scheme. The score sheet **should not** be used in terminal or minimal distress trials where substantially reduced general condition or welfare **is not** expected.

The score sheet is used where substantially reduced general condition or welfare **is expected**, to quantify and document the overall load and define measures to be done relative to pre-defined human endpoints. The score sheet is especially important to apply where one is uncertain, or not expecting, exact and clear human endpoints. In such cases the total load for the animal is particularly important to document using the score form. If the application dictates/requires the use of a score form, this must be applied to relevant animals when the development of the experiment indicates this. The lack of use of the score form in critical periods of a project represents a possible deviation from the regulations on the use of animals in experiments.

The score sheet must be available on the relevant animal room, so that KPM's staff can assess the applicant's observations in relation to the animals' current situation.

The enclosed form is a general and indicative template (with examples of parameters and non-linear scale) for use by KPM OUS users. The form must be adapted to the current experiment. Relevant expected clinical parameters must be inserted and score values must be adapted to the particular experiment. See more about applying scoring schemes in the FOTS guide.