

Animals: Female and male P/E^{-/-} mice with a mixed 129/Sv x C57BL/6 background were evaluated. This genetically al-

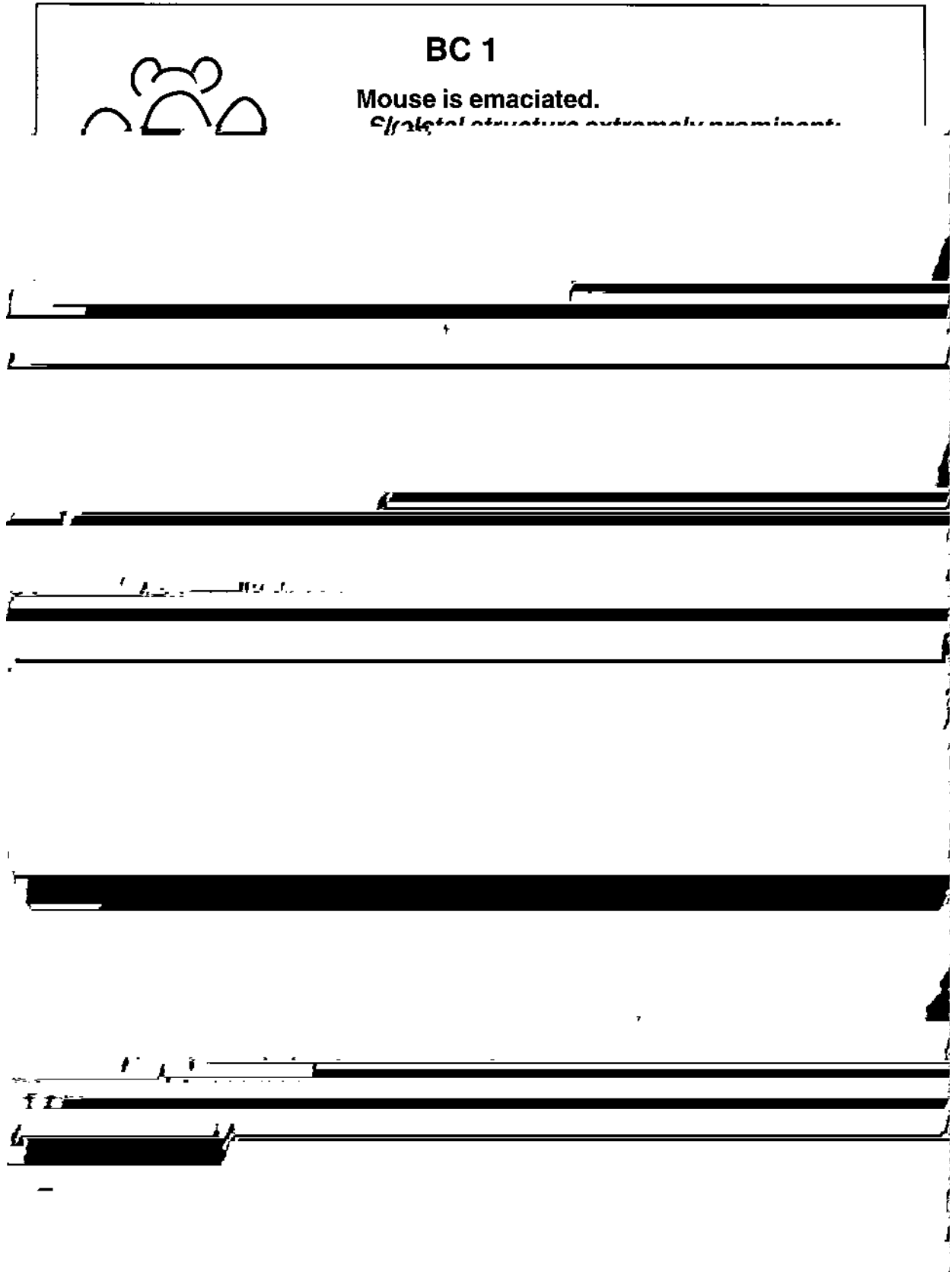


Figure 1. Line drawings and descriptions of body-condition (BC) scoring.

In this study, BCS was documented to correlate to the selected index of the health status (WBC count) in the male and female experimental groups, proving BC scoring an accurate indicator of health status. In the male mice, WBC count was also documented to correlate well with BW. In contrast, for the female mice, a nonsignificant correlation between WBC count and BW indicated that BW was uninformative for monitoring the health status of female mice with enlarged organs or dis-

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