**S1 table: Clinical assessment and scoring of mice inoculated with prions**

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| **Score** | **Clinical signs** | **Assessment** | **Action** |
| 0 | No detectable signs of abnormal movement |  |  |
| 1 | Waddling gait, mild signs of reduced grooming, rough hair coat, limb weakness, front leg paresis\* | Slight rolling while shaking the cage | Provide wet food in the cage;  Observe every day |
| 2 | Ataxia, reduced grooming and activity, paralysis, rolling\* | Rolling while shaking the cage | Euthanize immediately if the clinical signs hamper the mice reaching the water bottle |
| 3 | Dead |  |  |

\*: observed only in RML6-inoculated *Tg*a20 mice.