**Appendix 2**

Health parameters of veal calves assessed at the collection center and at the veal farm (from day 1 until week 3 post-transport). Health parameters were assessed at individual level.

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| **Health parameter** | **Score** | **Explanation** |
| Navel inflammation | 0 | No signs of inflammation |
| 1 | Swollen, without discharge |
| 2 | Swollen, with discharge |
| Joint inflammation | 0 | No evidence of joint problems |
| 1 | Evidence of joint inflammation |
| Loose or liquid manure | 0 | No loose or liquid manure |
| 1 | Pasty manure |
| 2 | Watery manure |
| Pneumonia | 0 | No abnormal breathing, no cough |
| 1 | Abnormal breathing and cough |
| Eye discharge | 0 | No eye discharge |
| 1 | Slight watery discharge |
| Sunken eyes | 0 | Normal, bright eyes |
| 1 | Eyes markedly recessed into the orbits |
| Ears | 0 | Normal |
| 1 | Drooped-eared |
| Nasal discharge | 0 | No discharge |
| 1 | Watery discharge |
| 2 | Purulent discharge |