

Are you familiar with your supplier's procedures with regards to transport of research models? And have you considered the importance of how your research models are transported?

At SCANBUR we are extremely conscious of supplying you with research models of the very best quality. In order to minimise the stress related to transport and also to ensure better animal welfare, we constantly work on improvement of our research model transportation.

Transportation of research models is a stressful action, which affects the research models and can lead to an uncontrolled influence on test results. Duration of this uncontrolled influence depends on e.g. the condition of the research model as well as the transportation conditions. When transporting young or particularly stress-sensitive research models, the influence may last for several weeks. In addition, distressing transport is also believed to extend the acclimatisation period necessary.

In order to ensure the least stressful ordeal for the research models and to ensure their health status, SCANBUR has constant focus on the quality of our research model transportation from Charles River and The Jackson Laboratory. We have our own dedicated research model transport vehicles, which comply to legal requirements regarding temperature control and ventilation, and they are tested for high-frequency sounds.



Our drivers are trained and committed exclusively to SCANBUR's research model transportation. They understand and support the importance of the research models' welfare and barrier safety, and they are especially considerate towards research models with special needs. Reloading is done in dedicated facilities in order to maintain and ensure the health status of the research models. SCANBUR also conduct inspections of external certified carriers with whom we cooperate with on longer transports in the Nordic region.

When rodents are exposed to new or stressful procedures, they will often seek cover. To accommodate this behaviour, SCANBUR has chosen to add extra nesting material in all transport boxes. Likewise, SCANBUR has chosen to transport fewer animals per transport box than applicable guidelines recommend. This is primarily to avoid fights between the male mice and aggressive strains. Moreover, all transport boxes contain diet and hydration gel to ensure the research models' feed and liquid intake during transportation.

SCANBUR has an Animal Welfare Committee, which complies with the requirements described in the applicable EU Directive (2010/63/EU Article 26 and 27) regarding the organisation and tasks for an Animal Welfare Body. For example, improvements on SCANBUR's research model transportation are discussed here, and new guidelines, which should be implemented in our procedures, are established here.

We would very much like to hear from you, if you have any questions or comments.

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