

Participant Initials: _____ Participant ID: _____ Visit Date:(DD/MMM/YYYY): _____

| Functional Disability Staging (FDS) for Ataxia allows 0.5 rating if a participant falls between two categories |
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| Stage 0 = normal |
| Stage 1.0 = Minimal signs detected by physician during screening. Can run or jump without loss of balance. No disability. |
| Stage 2.0 = Symptoms present, recognized by participant, but still mild. Cannot run or jump without losing balance. The participant is physically capable of leading an independent life, but daily activities may be somewhat restricted. Minimal disability. |
| Stage 3.0 = Symptoms are overt and significant. Requires regular or periodic holding onto wall/furniture or use of a cane for stability and walking. Mild disability. (Note: many participants postpone obtaining a cane by avoiding open spaces and walking with the aid of walls/people etc. These participants are graded as stage 3.0.) |
| Stage 4.0 = Walking requires a walker, Canadian crutches or two canes. Or other aids such as walking dogs. Can perform several activities of daily living. Moderate disability. |
| Stage 5.0 = Confined but can navigate a wheelchair. Can perform some activities of daily living that do not require standing or walking. Severe disability. |
| Stage 6.0 = Confined to a wheelchair or bed with total dependency for all activities of daily living. Total disability. |

Functional Disability Staging (FDS) score:
(Acceptable responses are in increments of 0.5) _____.

Taken from Subramony et al., Measuring Friedreich ataxia: Interrater reliability of a neurologic rating scale. *Neurology*. 2005. 64(7):1261-2 and as modified by Lynch et al., Measuring Friedreich ataxia: complementary features of examination and performance measures. *Neurology*.

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