1. Functional Staging for Ataxia (Acceptable responses are in increments of 0.5)

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 subject, but still mild. Cannot run or jump without losing balance. The subject 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 subjects postpone obtaining a cane by avoiding open spaces and walking with the aid of walls/people etc. These subjects 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 wheelchair or bed with total dependency for all activities of daily living. Total disability.