

Quick start guide for ScoreCentre

Introduction

ScoreCentre is a Windows program to assist with recording and analysing information from the BBB locomotor score (see Basso et al. 1996). ScoreCentre will manage experimental trials and perform preliminary analysis of data collected.

Further help

This quick start guide should provide you with the minimum information to get started and try out the software. You should also read the extensive help file that is provided online at www.rmeonline.net/scorecentre, and which can be downloaded so that it becomes accessible from within the software as “context-sensitive” help (i.e. press F1 to get help on the window or toolbar you are using at the time).

Installation

Files you will need (download from www.rmeonline.net/scorecentre):

1. scorecentre.exe; this is the executable file that constitutes ScoreCentre
2. SChelp.chm; this is the help file that describes how ScoreCentre works. The file will open at the relevant place if you press F1 whilst using ScoreCentre.

These two files should be saved in the same directory as each other, and should not be moved after the program is run for the first time. You will need to be able to find the directory at a later date because that is where exported data are saved.

Getting started

1. Save the two files listed above into a directory on your computer.
2. Click on the scorecentre.exe file to run it (you may find it helpful to put a shortcut to the scorecentre.exe file on the desktop or on your start menu).
3. When the scorecentre.exe file is run for the first time, it will create a series of folders inside the directory you are using.
4. ScoreCentre is now ready to use. When you run the scorecentre.exe file next time, the program will run straight away without creating any folders (since they will already exist).
5. The start window is shown. Click on the DefaultUser and then on DefaultStudy. The main command buttons will become available (score, weigh/dose/comment, Terminal) and you can begin to use these functions.
6. Click each button in turn and ensure you understand what functions are available and how they work.
7. At any time, press the F1 key to get context-sensitive help for an explanation of the available functions and commands. The help file will open at the content relating to the window you are using.
8. Once you are familiar with ScoreCentre, you should create a user name and at least one study for yourself (instead of using DefaultUser and DefaultStudy).
9. After you have entered a small amount of data, use the DataAnalysis function (button on the start screen) and confirm that the data you have entered is in the format you expected.
10. Finally, explore the remaining options on the Study menu (start screen) and check that you understand how to setup a study, setup blinding and configure dosing.