

Table 1. Data obtained in animals treated with either dexamethasone (DEXA) or the combination of DEXA with insulin like growth factor-1 (DEXA/IGF-1) and in controls. Median values (range)

	Controls	DEXA	DEXA/IGF-1
Initial BW (g)	167.5 (161-168)	168.0 (165-175)	167.5 (163-170)
Final BW (g)	192.2 (190-195.2)	146.9 (143.5-154.8) ^a	156.7 (155.4-157.2) ^{c,d}
Change in BW (% of base line)	+16.2 (14.7-18.0)	-12.2 (10.6-13.3)	-6.3(4.7-7.8) ^b
Heart weight (g)	0.77 (0.73-0.82)	0.71 (0.69-0.73) ^c	0.81 (0.76-0.84) ^b
Heart weight (% of BW)	0.40 (0.39-0.42)	0.48 (0.47-0.49) ^c	0.52 (0.49-0.54) ^a
Change in heart weight (% of control)		- 7.8 ± 1.2	+ 5.2 ± 0.9 ^b

^aP <0.01 vs. control, ^bP <0.01 vs. DEXA, ^cP <0.05 vs. control, ^dP <0.05 vs. DEXA, BW: body weight.