

Appendix 1
PSH Assessment Measure

PSH – Assessment Measure					
Clinical Feature Scale (CFS)					
	0	1	2	3	Score
Heart Rate (beats per minute)	< 100	100 - 119	120 - 139	≥ 140	
Respiratory rate (cycles per minute)	< 18	18 - 23	24 - 29	≥ 30	
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	< 140	140 - 159	160 - 179	≥ 180	
Temperature (°C)	< 37	37 - 37,9	38 - 38,9	≥ 39	
Sweating	Absent	Mild (moist skin)	Moderate (Drops of sweat)	Severe (profuse sweating)	
Posture during the episode	Absent	Mild (Increased tone without the need for treatment)	Moderate (Increased tone with need for treatment)	Severe (Increased tone refractory to treatment)	
Total					

Diagnosis Likelihood Tool (DLT)	
Score 1 if present	Score
Clinical features occur simultaneously	
Episodes are paroxysmal in nature	
Excessive reactivity to normally non-nociceptive stimuli	
Characteristics persist ≥ 3 consecutive days	
Characteristics persist ≥ 2 weeks after brain injury	
Characteristics persist despite treatment of differential diagnoses	
Medication administered to reduce sympathetic characteristics	
≥ 2 daily episodes	

Interpretation PSH – AM (CFS + DLT)	
< 8	PSH Unlikely
8 – 16	PSH Possible
≥ 17	PSH Likely

Interpretation CFS	
0	Null
1 – 6	Light
7 – 12	Moderate
≥ 13	Severe