Table 1. Glasgow Outcome Scale (GOS) and Extended Glasgow Outcome Scale (GOSE)

| Five-point GOS | | | Eight-point GOSE | |
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| Category | Key definition ^a | Key criteria ^b | Category | Key criteria ^b |
| Good recovery (GR) | A patient is capable of resuming normal occupational and social activities with or without mi- nor physical or mental deficits | Returns to work at the same level of performance as pre-injury and Resumes at least more than half of the pre-injury level of social and leisure activities | Upper (GR+) Lower (GR-) | Returns to normal life with no current problems related to the head injury that affect daily life 1. Returns to pre-injury normal life, but has minor problems that affect daily life and/or 2. Resumes more than half the pre-injury level of social and leisure activities and/or 3. Disruption is infrequent (less than weekly) |
| Moderate disability (MD) | A patient is fully independent but disabled | Work capacity is reduced or unable to work and/or Resumes less than half the preinjury level of social and leisure activities | Upper (MD+) Lower (MD-) | Work capacity is reduced and/or Resumes less than half the pre-injury level of social and leisure activities and/or Disruption is frequent (once a week or more) but tolerable Only able to work in sheltered workshop or unable to work and/or Rarely or unable to participate in social/and leisure activities and/or Disruption is constant (daily) and intolerable |
| Severe disability (SD) | A patient is conscious but needs the assistance of another per- son for some activities of daily living every day | Requires the help of someone to be around at home with activities of daily living and/or Unable to travel or go shopping without assistance | Upper (SD+) Lower (SD-) | Can be left alone at least 8 h during the day, but unable to travel and/or go shopping without assistance Requires frequent help of someone to be around at home most of the time every day |
| Vegetative status (VS) | Patient shows no evidence of meaningful responsiveness | | Vegetative status (VS) | |
| Death (D) | | | Death (D) | |

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^aJennett et al., 1981. ^bWilson et al., 1998.