

**TABLE 6.12** Sedatives, Tranquillizers and Other Pre-anaesthetic Medication for Use in the Rabbit.

<b>Drug</b>	<b>Dose rate</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Acepromazine	1 mg/kg im	Moderate sedation
Acepromazine + butorphanol	0.5 mg/kg + 0.5 mg/kg im	Moderate to heavy sedation, moderate analgesia
Alphaxalone/ alphadolone	9–12 mg/kg im	Moderate to heavy sedation, little analgesia
Atropine	0.05 mg/kg im	Very short acting in some rabbits
Dexmedetomidine	0.05–0.25 mg/kg im, sc	Light to heavy sedation, mild to moderate analgesia
Diazepam	0.5–2.0 mg/kg iv, im, ip	Light to moderate sedation
Fentanyl/dropiderol (Innovar-Vet)	0.22 ml/kg im	Immobilization, analgesia
Fentanyl/fluanisone (Hypnorm)	0.2–0.5 ml/kg im	Light to heavy sedation, light to deep analgesia
Glycopyrrolate	0.01 mg/kg iv, 0.1 mg/kg im sc	Anticholinergic
Ketamine	25–50 mg/kg im	Moderate to heavy sedation, mild to moderate analgesia
Medetomidine	0.1–0.5 mg/kg im, sc	Light to heavy sedation, mild to moderate analgesia
Midazolam	0.5–2 mg/kg iv, im, ip	Light to moderate sedation
Xylazine	2–5 mg/kg im	Light to moderate sedation, mild to moderate analgesia

*Considerable variation in effects occurs between different strains.*