

B6 Albino Mouse Models

INTRODUCING TWO NEW B6 ALBINO MODELS ON THE C57BL/6NTac BACKGROUND FOR USE AS BLASTOCYST DONORS FOR B6 ES CELLS AND AS AN IMPROVED BACKGROUND FOR IMAGING OF B6 STRAINS:

B6 ALBINO A** AND B6 ALBINO

B6 Albino A++

C57BL/6NTac-*A^{tm1.1Arte} Tyr^{tm1Arte}*TACONIC MODEL NUMBER 11227

The B6 Albino A^{**} mouse can save you valuable time and resources when generating your next mouse model. Since the B6 Albino A^{**} mouse is an ideal blastocyst host for B6-derived ES cells, you can reduce the amount of time, labor, money, and animals used to generate your next mouse model.

Chimeras made using the B6 Albino A^{**} and B6 ES cells mated to B6 mice yield germline transmission pups you can identify by coat color alone. And G1 pups are identical to the B6 genome at all coat color loci, with no need for backcrossing.

Use with ES cells derived from the C57BL/6NTac strain such as JM8 to produce coat color chimeras.

The B6 Albino A^{**} mouse can also be used with agouti B6 ES cells such as JM8A3.

The B6 Albino A^{**} mouse was developed by Taconic Biosciences and is available exclusively from Taconic.

B6 B6 Albino A^{**} contains two mutations, a reversion of the non agouti locus (a) to Agouti (A), plus a point mutation in the tryosinase locus.

Inquire about available options such as superovulated females.

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Chimeras generated using B6-derived ES cells and blastocysts from the B6 Albino A^{++} will be tri-colored. The agouti signaling peptide (produced in blastocyst-derived cells, which appear albino in the chimera) can produce a paracrine signaling effect in some cells derived from the ES cells. ES cell-derived hair patches can thus be either black or agouti. Both black and agouti patches should be counted for determination of chimerism percentages.



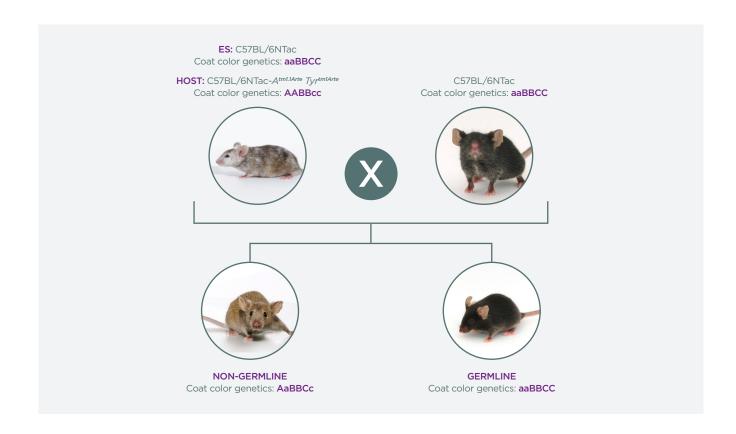
USE B6 ALBINO A** AS BLASTOCYST DONOR FOR BLACK JM8 ES CELLS

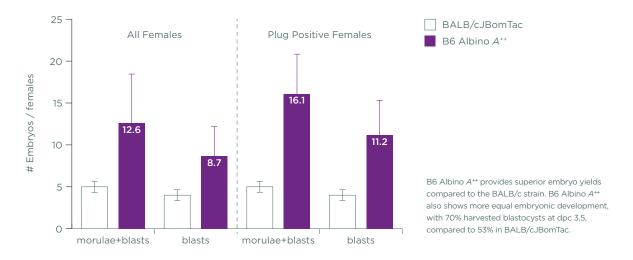
This permits detection of germline transmission by coat color alone in 100% of pups. In addition G1 germline progeny are identical to C57BL/6NTac at all coat color loci.

The B6 Albino A⁺⁺ mouse provides superior embryo yields compared to the BALB/c strain as well as more equal embryonic

development. Overall, the combined advantages of using the B6 Albino A^{**} mouse mean you can use fewer animals, while saving time, labor, and money.

You can potentially skip a generation of breeding when mating B6 Albino A^{++} chimeras to deleter strains on a B6 background.

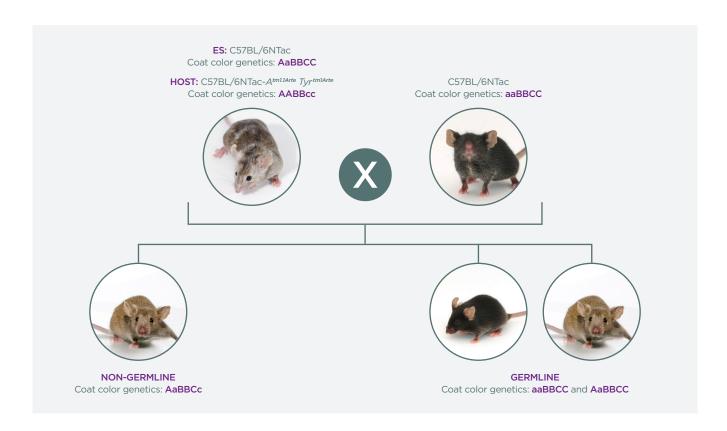




USE B6 ALBINO A** AS BLASTOCYST DONOR FOR AGOUTI JM8A3 ES CELLS

This permits detection of germline transmission by coat color in 50% of pups.

Black G1 germline progeny are identical to C57BL/6NTac at all coat color loci. Agouti G1 germline progeny are heterozygous at one coat color locus.





B6 Albino

C57BL/6NTac-*Tyr*^{tm1Arte} TACONIC MODEL NUMBER 11971

The B6 Albino mouse can save you valuable time and resources when generating your next mouse model. Mating chimeras to the B6 Albino provides a cost-effective approach for detecting germline transmission by coat color alone, and for maintaining the C57BL/6NTac substrain background.

Use with agouti ES cells derived from the C57BL/6NTac strain such as JM8A3 to produce coat color chimeras.

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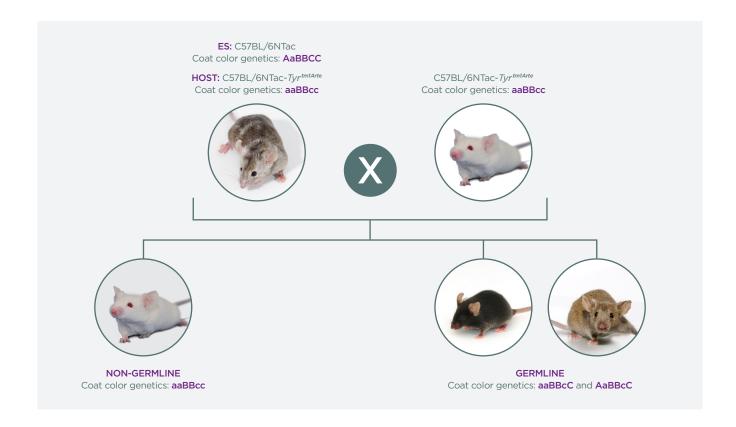


USE B6 ALBINO AS BLASTOCYST DONOR FOR AGOUTI JM8A3 ES CELLS

This permits detection of germline transmission by coat color in 100% of pups. G1 germline progeny are heterozygous at one or two coat color loci.

The B6 Albino mouse is an ideal host for maintaining substrain specificity of ES cells derived from the C57BL/6NTac substrain.

It may be used as a blastocyst host for B6 ES cells with an agouti mutation. It is also suitable for use as a genetic background for models in which a B6 background is needed with an albino coat, for example in imaging applications.





POSSIBLE MATING SCHEMES FOR CHIMERAS DERIVED FROM B6 ALBINO A^{++} OR B6 ALBINO BLASTOCYSTS WITH JM8 AND JM8A3 ES CELLS

ES CELL	BLASTOCYST DONOR	CHIMERA (GO)	MATING PARTNER	OFFSPRING (G1)		COMMENTS
				NON-GERMLINE	GERMLINE	
JM8 (Black)	C57BL/6NTac- A ^{tm1.1Arte} Tyr ^{tm1Arte}	Black/Agouti/	C57BL/6NTac	Agouti	Black	No genotyping required.* Black offspring are identical to C57BL/6NTac genome at all coat color loci.
JM8A3 (Agouti)	C57BL/6NTac- Tyr ^{tmlArte}	Agouti/Albino	C57BL/6NTac-	Albino	Black or Agouti	No genotyping required.* Black are het (Cc). Agoutis are het (Aa, Cc).
JM8A3 (Agouti)	C57BL/6NTac- Atm1:IArte Tyr tm1Arte	Agouti/Albino	C57BL/6NTac	Agouti	Black or Agouti	No genotyping required for black pups.* Black offspring are identical to C57BL/6NTac genome at all coat color loci. Germline agoutis are het (Aa).
JM8A3 (Agouti)	C57BL/6NTac- A ^{tm1.1Arte} Tyr ^{tm1Arte}	Agouti/Albino	C57BL/6NTac- A ^{tm1.1Arte} Tyr ^{tm1Arte}	Albino	Agouti	No genotyping required.* Agoutis are het (Cc) or double het (Aa, Cc).
No genotyping is required to identify germline pups erived from ES cells; these can be identified by oat color. However, when using ES cells which are eterozygous for a mutation, genotyping is still required o determine which germline pups carry the mutation.				KEY: COAT COLOR Albino Black/Agouti/Albino		



(Agouti/Albino

RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR BLACK JM8 ES CELLS:

• Use Taconic B6 Albino A⁺⁺ (C57BL/6NTac-A^{tm1.1Arte} Tyr^{tm1Arte}) as blastocyst donor and mate chimeras to C57BL/6NTac.

FOR AGOUTI JM8A3 ES CELLS:

- Use Taconic B6 Albino (C57BL/6NTac-*Tyr*^{tm1Arte}) as the blastocyst donor and mate chimeras to Taconic B6 Albino (C57BL/6NTac-*Tyr*^{tm1Arte}).
- Or use Taconic B6 Albino A++ (C57BL/6NTac-A^{tm1.1Arte} Tyr^{tm1Arte}) as blastocyst donor and mate chimeras to your choice of C57BL/6NTac or Taconic B6 Albino A++ (C57BL/6NTac-A^{tm1.1Arte} Tyr^{tm1Arte}).

FURTHER READING:

Zevnik B, Uyttersprot NC, Perez AV, Bothe GW, Kern H, Kauselmann G. (2014) C57BL/6N albino/agouti mutant mice as embryo donors for efficient germline transmission of C57BL/6 ES cells. PLoS One. 9(3):e90570.

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