Overview

**Also Known As:** B6 albino, albino B6

B6(Cg)-Tyr<sup>2J</sup>/J, or B6-albino mice, are C57BL/6J mice that carry a mutation in the tyrosinase gene. Pigment is completely absent from skin, hair and eyes in mice homozygous for Tyr<sup>2J</sup>. This unique characteristic makes these mice ideal for creation of novel strains with targeted mutations (gene knockouts). B6-albino mice are used to generate blastocysts that can be used for microinjection of genetically modified C57BL/6J embryonic stem cells. Following implantation and gestation, resulting offspring that
are chimeric for the donor embryonic stem cells and the recipient blastocyst are easily identified by coat color. This allows an easy method to create knockout mice on the C57BL/6J genetic background.

### GENETIC OVERVIEW

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#### Tyr<sup>-2J</sup>

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### RESEARCH APPLICATIONS

Research Tools  
Dermatology Research  
Sensorineural Research  
Mouse/Human Gene Homologs

### BASE PRICE

Starting at:

$33.75 Domestic price for female 3-week

Mice homozygous for <i>Tyr<sup>-2J</sup></i> are phenotypically identical to homozygotes for the classic albino allele. Pigment is completely absent from skin, hair and eyes. While <i>Tyr</i> mRNA levels of <i>Tyr<sup>-2J</sup></i> homozygotes are similar to those of wild-type mice, there is virtually no tyrosinase protein present (Le Fur et al. 1996). Both homozygote and heterozygote mice are highly resistant to light damage and
exhibit retinal degeneration (increased photoreceptor death) into young adulthood. Degeneration does not continue in adult mice (Bravo-Nuevo et al. 2004).

Genotyping Protocols
- Pyrosequencing: Tyr<sup>c-2J</sup>
- End Point Analysis: Tyr<sup>c-2J</sup>

Dietary Information
- LabDiet® 5K52 formulation (6% fat)

Breeding Considerations
- This strain is a good breeder.

Additional Breeding and Husbandry Support
- Mating System
  - Homozygote x Homozygote
Appearance
albino
Related Genotype: $a/a$ Tyr$^{c-2J}/$Tyr$^{c-2J}$

Citation
When using the B6(Cg)-Tyr$^{c-2J}$/J mouse strain in a publication, please cite the originating article(s) and include JAX stock #000058 in your Materials and Methods section.

Animal Health Reports
Facility Barrier Level Descriptions
- RB10 (Maximum)
- EM03 (Maximum)
- AX30 (Maximum)

Pricing & Availability
Readily available in any quantity needed.

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