Overview

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Detailed Description

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Homozygotes are nearly bald, lack vibrissae, and usually die before weaning. They have generalized edema and weigh more at birth than wildtype littermates. It has been estimated that 40% of homozygotes die as embryos. The homozygotes that survive are often 5-10% shorter in body length. There are fewer hair follicles than normal and the few hairs that do grow have abnormal morphology. There is pigment in the tail and ear pinnae, and the ear pinnae are thinner than normal and are often wrinkled. (Carter and Phillips, 1954; Slee, 1956 and 1957; Mann 1963.)

Genetics

Pt

Sox18Ra

Os

Disease/Phenotype

Disease Terms

Research Areas By Phenotype

Mammalian Phenotype Terms by Genotype

References
Genotyping Protocols
Genotyping resources and troubleshooting

Citation
When using the B6By.Cg-Sox18<sup>Ra</sup> Pt Os/J mouse strain in a publication, please cite the originating article(s) and include JAX stock #000125 in your Materials and Methods section.

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