

B6.Cg-Usp14^{ax-J}/J

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GENETIC OVERVIEW

Genetic Background Generation

Usp14^{ax-J}

Alele Type	Gene Symbol	Gene Name
Spontaneous (Hypomorph)	<i>Usp14</i>	ubiquitin specific peptidase 14

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Detailed Description

The first outward sign of homozygosity for the recessive mutation *Usp14^{ax-J}* is an unsteady gait, particularly in the hind quarters, that can be detected by approximately 2 weeks of age. These pups often show difficulty in righting themselves when turned on their backs. They have a rapid tremor that is most apparent when they are active. Extensor paralysis progresses and wasting of the hind quarters ensues until the hind quarters are not functional and the mouse can not sit upright or move except through the use of only its front limbs. Although death is premature, viability in the first two to three weeks is not diminished. At 18 days of age these mutants weigh an average of 15% less than wildtype controls and by 45 days this difference is increased such that they weigh 50-60% less than wildtype controls. Homozygotes do not breed. The lumbar vertebrae are slightly shorter than normal with shorter spinous processes and more elongate foramen. These homozygotes have defects in synaptic transmission in the central and peripheral nervous systems. End plate potentials are altered at neuromuscular junctions. D'Amato et al. published an extensive histological assessment of the *Usp14^{ax-J}/Usp14^{ax-J}* brain in which they reported that the corpus collosum, cingulum, and hippocampal commissure are underdeveloped as are particular nuclei and long tracts of the brain stem. The pons is shorter longitudinally and deficiencies are also found in the trapezoid body, as well as spinal nerves and spinal cord white matter. The medial lemniscus is smaller than normal only from the ventral beginning in the medulla to an area rostral to the substantia nigra and cerebral peduncles (for more detail see D'Amato et al., 1965.). A.M. Burt described abnormalities in the differentiation of the dendritic trees of CA1 pyramidal cells of the hippocampus and granule cells of the dentate gyrus. This is consistent with altered developmental apoptosis. Ohgoh et al. subsequently found significant apoptosis in the granule cell layer of the cerebellum but not the dentate gyrus or olfactory bulb. Ohgoh et al. also found no TUNEL staining of Purkinje cells, but the early report by D'Amato et al. identified disordered development and degenerative deformities of Purkinje cells. (Lyon, 1955; D'Amato and Hicks, 1965; Burt, 1980; Ohgoh et al., 2000; Wilson et al., 2002.)

Development

Control Suggestions

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Usp14^{ax-J}

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