

CAST/EiJ

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 **Inbred Strain, Wild-Derived**

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Genetic Background

Generation

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Details

Detailed Description

Both CAST/EiJ and CASA/RkJ (Stock No. [000735](#)) were derived from wild mice trapped in Thailand. CAST is often combined with the common laboratory strains to generate F1 hybrids with high levels of heterozygosity for use in genetic mapping. Unlike the wild-derived strain SPRET, male F1 mice from a CAST cross are fertile.

Like CASA, CAST is resistant to flavivirus infection. The flavivirus family includes pathogens responsible for dengue, yellow fever and several forms of encephalitis. Most common laboratory mice are sensitive to flavivirus infection.

Resistance/sensitivity is conferred through the oligoA synthase *Oas1b* locus. In a comparison of multiple strains, CASA and CAST exhibit reduced numbers of retinal ganglion cells as compared to common laboratory strains and other wild-derived strains. In a 2015 study comparing CAST/Ei and the other Collaborative Cross inbred strains (A/J, C3H/HeJ, C57BL/6J, DBA/2J, 129S1/SvImJ, NOD/LtJ, NZO/HILtJ, and WSB/EiJ), dorsal root ganglion neurons from CAST/Ei mice demonstrate a significantly improved ability to regenerate axons in an inhibitory environment as determined by an increase in number of neurons with neurites and longer axonal process per neuron under both naive and pre-injured conditions. In addition, as compared to neurons from C57BL/6 mice, CAST/Ei neurons exhibit more extensive axonal regeneration in the spinal cord and optic nerve following injury and show greater sprouting following ischemic stroke.

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In 2019-2020, researchers at The Jackson Laboratory discovered this inbred strain contains the *Trem2*^{S148E} allele - a naturally occurring variant at position 48351151-48351152 on Chr 17 ([rs108080490](#) and [rs107649577](#); Ensembl GRCm38.p6). This TC to GA transition results in a serine to glutamic acid substitution at amino acid 148 (S148E).

Development

Selected References

Genetics

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Genotyping Protocols

Standard PCR:[GAL Control Validation](#)

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Wild-derived inbred mouse strains are maintained through sibling (sister x brother) matings; no genotyping required.

Breeding Considerations

[This strain is a challenging breeder.](#)

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Mating System

Sibling x Sibling

Appearance

agouti

Related Genotype: *A/A*

Citation

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