

B6;SJL-*Slc6a3*^{tm1.1(cre)Bkmn}/JStock No: **006302** Targeted Mutation

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be useful in neurobiological studies to facilitate the analysis of gene function in dopaminergic neurons, such as drug addiction or Parkinson's disease.

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GENETIC OVERVIEW

Genetic Background**Generation***Slc6a3*^{tm1.1(cre)Bkmn}**Allele Type**

Targeted (Recombinase-expressing)

Gene Symbol*Slc6a3***Gene Name**

solute carrier family 6 (neurotransmitter transporter, dopamine), member 3

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RESEARCH APPLICATIONS

Neurobiology Research

Research Tools

Cell Biology Research

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Details

Detailed Description

Mice homozygous for this dopamine transporter IRES-cre (DAT^{IRES^{cre}} or DAT-cre) mutant allele are viable and fertile. Cre recombinase activity is observed as early as embryonic day 15, and co-localizes with endogenous gene expression in adult dopaminergic cell groups (substantia nigra (SN) and ventral tegmental area (VTA), as well as in the retrorubral field). Lower Cre recombinase activity is detected in adult olfactory bulb glomeruli, mimicking the known lower *Slc6a3* (or DAT) expression in this tissue. Although the pattern and intensity of DAT immunostaining in the SN, VTA and striatum do not differ between wildtype and mutant mice, striatum DAT protein levels are moderately reduced (17%) in heterozygotes and significantly reduced (47%) in homozygotes. This decrease in DAT protein levels in homozygous mutant striatum is associated with significantly increased neuropeptide PDyn (but not D1, D2, or PPE) mRNA levels compared to wildtype. Increases in these mRNA levels are not observed in heterozygotes. When these mice are bred with mice containing a *loxP*-flanked ("floxed") sequence of interest, *cre*-mediated recombination will result in deletion of the flanked genome in dopaminergic neurons in the *cre*-positive, homozygous floxed offspring. These mutant mice may facilitate gene function analysis in dopaminergic neurons in neurological studies of, for example, drug addiction or Parkinson's disease.

Expression Data

Control Suggestions

Selected References

Genetics

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Disease/Phenotype

Disease Terms

Research Areas By Phenotype

Mammalian Phenotype Terms by Genotype

References

Technical Support

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Genotyping Protocols

Separated PCR:[Slc6a3](#)

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Breeding Considerations

When maintaining a live colony, heterozygous mice are bred to wildtype siblings or to B6SJLF1/J (Stock No. 100012) F1 hybrids. Homozygous mutant mice are fertile.

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Mating System

+/+ sibling x Heterozygote

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