B6.129-Apopoem3(APOE*4)/Mae Ldlr<sup>im1(LDLR)Mae/J</sup>

**Stock No:** 012307

- Congenic, Targeted Mutation

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In "E4h" mice, the mouse apolipoprotein E is replaced with a human apoE4 isoform. Similarly, the mouse low density lipoprotein receptor is replaced with a transcript-stabilized human LDLR that expresses at three times that of wildtype endogenous levels. E4h mice may be useful in applications related to the study of lipoprotein metabolism-related genes in dyslipidemia, vascular complications and diet-induced atherosclerosis.

**Donating Investigator**

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**Genetic Background**

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Detailed Description

ApoE<sup>6</sup> Ldlr<sup>h</sup> mice harbor two humanized knock-in mutations; the human APOE*4 replacement allele (ApoE<sup>tm3(APOE*4)Mae</sup>) and the human LDLR replacement allele (Ldlr<sup>tm1(LDLR)Mae</sup>). Unless noted otherwise, the phenotypes below are for mice maintained on regular chow (~5% fat; <0.1% cholesterol).

The human APOE*4 replacement allele (ApoE<sup>6</sup> or E4) expresses the human apoE4 isoform in place of the endogenous apoE protein. Under direction of the endogenous mouse apoE promoter/regulatory regions, human apoE4 expression is observed at physiological levels in the same temporal and spatial pattern observed in humans. Mice homozygous for human APOE*4 (ApoE<sup>6/6</sup>) are viable and fertile with normal plasma lipid and lipoprotein profiles. ApoE<sup>6/6</sup> show mild retinal changes with aging. When maintained on high fat/cholesterol diet mirroring that consumed by humans, ApoE<sup>6/6</sup> exhibit increased susceptibility to atherosclerosis, impaired glucose tolerance, fat overload, amyloid beta immunoreactivity, degenerative changes in the retina and other metabolic defects.

The human LDLR replacement allele (Ldlr<sup>h</sup>) has the promoter/regulatory regions and exon 1 (encoding only the signal peptide) from endogenous mouse Ldlr directing expression of a human LDLR sequence modified to have increased mRNA transcript stability; this results in expression of human LDLR protein in place of endogenous mouse Ldlr protein, with three-fold greater levels. Both homozygous human LDLR (Ldlr<sup>h/h</sup>) mice and heterozygous human LDLR (Ldlr<sup>h/+</sup>) mice are viable and fertile with a ~40% reduction in steady state plasma cholesterol. The reduction is primarily in the HDL cholesterol fraction, resulting in elevated non-HDL/HDL cholesterol ratio. The HDL cholesterol of Ldlr<sup>h/+</sup> mice is <50 mg/dl, and is close to that normally seen in humans. Of note, because of the equivalency in protein expression and reduced HDL between heterozygotes and homozygotes, the Ldlr<sup>h/+</sup> genotype has been more extensively characterized.

Stock No. 012307: Mice homozygous for human APOE*4 and heterozygous for human LDLR (ApoE<sup>6/6</sup> Ldlr<sup>h/+</sup>) are called E4h mice. E4h mice are viable and fertile with low plasma cholesterol (normal non-HDL cholesterol) presumably due to increased Ldlr metabolism in the liver. E4h mice are highly sensitive to diet-induced dyslipidemia. Specifically, when maintained on high fat/cholesterol diet mirroring that consumed by humans, E4h animals develop hypercholesterolemia and atherosclerosis. The donating investigator reports mice homozygous for ApoE<sup>6</sup> and homozygous for Ldlr<sup>h</sup> are viable and fertile with no breeding problems.

Development

Expression Data

Control Suggestions

Selected References
Genotyping Protocols
MELT: Ldlr^{tm1(LDLR)Mae} Alternate1
High Resolution Melting: Apoe^{tm3(APOE*4)Mae}
Genotyping resources and troubleshooting

Breeding Considerations
Apoe^{h} Ldlr^{h} mice harbor two mutations that segregate independently; the human APOE*4 replacement allele (Apoe^{tm3(APOE*4)Mae}) on chromosome 7 and the human LDLR replacement allele (Ldlr^{tm1(LDLR)Mae}) on chromosome 9. The donating investigator reports mice homozygous for Apoe^{h} and homozygous for Ldlr^{h} are viable and fertile with no breeding problems. Of note, because of the equivalency in hLDLR protein expression and reduced HDL between heterozygotes (Ldlr^{h/+}) and homozygotes (Ldlr^{h/h}), the Ldlr^{h/+} genotype has been more extensively characterized.

Therefore, when maintaining our live colony, mice homozygous for Apoe^{h} and heterozygous for Ldlr^{h} are bred to mice homozygous for Apoe^{h} and wildtype at the Ldlr locus. Alternatively, breeding mice homozygous for Apoe^{h} and homozygous for Ldlr^{h} is possible.

Additional Breeding and Husbandry Support

Citation
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