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regulatory elements direct expression of human ACE2, the receptor used for cellular entry by several coronaviruses, including severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-1 (SARS-CoV) and -2 (SARS-CoV-2). Because hACE2-KI are susceptible to SARS-CoV-2, they are useful for studying antiviral therapies to COVID-19.

These mice should be handled in a manner consistent with [CDC/ABSA/WHO](#) guidelines for prevention of human infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Proper PPE and handling methods should be used at all times when working with these mice. [Additional important guidelines for using SARS-CoV-2 susceptible mouse lines.](#)

Of note, ACE2-GR (Stock No. [035800](#)) has some similarities, but the human ACE2 gene replaces the endogenous sequence (expression directed by human regulatory elements) and is not floxed. Also available are K18-hACE2 transgenic mice with human ACE2 expression directed to epithelia (Stock No. [034860](#)).

Donating Investigator

David Wentworth, Center for Disease Control

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GENETIC OVERVIEW

Genetic Background

Generation

[N7+pN2F2](#)
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Alele Type

Targeted (Inserted
expressed sequence,
Humanized sequence)

Gene Symbol

Ace2

Gene Name

angiotensin I converting enzyme (peptidyl-dipeptidase A) 2

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RESEARCH APPLICATIONS

Research Tools
Mouse/Human Gene Homologs
Developmental Biology Research
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Virology Research

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\$106.00 Domestic price for female 4-week

V I E W P R I C E L I S T

Details

Detailed Description

hACE2-KI mice have a *loxP*-flanked human *ACE2* cDNA sequence replacing the endogenous mouse *Ace2* sequences on the X Chromosome. These mice express human ACE2 in place of mouse *Ace2*, as directed by endogenous regulatory elements of the mouse *Ace2* locus. Homozygous females and hemizygous males are viable and fertile.

Human ACE2 is the receptor used for cellular entry by several coronaviruses, including severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-1 (SARS-CoV), severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2; 2019 novel coronavirus) and HCoV-NL63. This hACE2-KI mouse model may be useful in studying antiviral therapies for these coronaviruses, particularly SARS-CoV-2 pathogenesis and the disease outbreak COVID-19.

The donating investigator reports that initial studies with 10-13 week old hACE2-KI heterozygous females are susceptible to SARS-CoV-2, and the virus replicates efficiently in respiratory tissues. Specifically, heterozygous females were infected intranasally with wildtype SARS-CoV-2 variants [a 1:1 ratio of SARS-CoV-2(S-614D) and SARS-CoV-2(S-614G), using 1×10^5 plaque forming units of each variant] and samples were collected at days 2-4 post-infection. This revealed high viral RNA loads in the nasal conchae and lungs. Virus RNA was also detected in olfactory bulbs and at lower levels in brain tissues. Low to undetectable levels of virus were observed in spleen, small intestine, kidneys and feces. Heterozygous females did not exhibit morbidity or mortality (e.g., no weight loss) when infected with typical wildtype SARS-CoV-2 viruses. [Zhou *et al.* [bioRxiv October 2020](#)]

We will update this description as more information becomes available.

These hACE2-KI mice (Stock No. 035000) have *loxP* sites flanking the human *ACE2* cDNA sequence. Upon exposure to Cre recombinase, the human *ACE2* cDNA will be deleted - generating a knock-out allele. Of note, ACE2-GR (Stock No. [035800](#)) has some similarities, but differs in that it has the human *ACE2* coding and regulatory/non-coding sequences replacing the endogenous mouse *Ace2* coding and regulatory/non-coding sequences, and it does not have the *loxP* sites.

Development

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Genotyping Protocols

Standard PCR:[Ace2](#)

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Breeding Considerations

Ace2 is X-linked. Homozygous females and hemizygous males are viable and fertile.

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Mating System

Homozygote x Hemizygote

Citation

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