
ADVISORY NOTICE STRAINS 003185 & 003186 TgPVR MICE CAN CARRY THE POLIO VIRUS

The following are recommendations for maintaining TgPVR mice ("MICE"). MICE are susceptible to polio virus; it is feasible that MICE could become a reservoir in the wild for poliovirus. It is important, therefore, that MICE not escape from a research facility into the wild. MICE must be maintained in a safely secured, defined area with access restricted to only qualified handlers or laboratory workers responsible for these animals. This facility should be separate from the areas where human polioviruses are handled. The facility should either contain a 2-ft high rodent barrier or a double door entry. MICE should be placed in strong, hard plastic cages with metal covers, from which the mice cannot chew or escape. The cages should be in racks or isolators, which also are secured to prevent escape. Rodent barriers may be used around the racks or isolators. All openings, including drainpipes should be covered with a wire mesh. Ventilation ports should be secured to prevent the possibility of escape. All interior walls should be free of cracks. Mousetraps should be placed in the mouse rooms and any outside vestibule. Escape-proof containers should be used for transport of MICE.

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