

# The Czech Centre for Phenogenomics: Design, Generation, and Archiving of your Mutant Mouse Strain



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# What is CCP?

**Large national infrastructure for supporting genetically-modified rodent (mouse and rat) research**

## Why?

- to produce a **comprehensive 'encyclopedia' of gene function**
  - identify causative factors of human diseases
  - Identify novel targets for therapeutic intervention
- to produce **high-quality data**
  - scientific reference catalog,
  - comprehensive meta-analyses

## How?

- standardized procedures and pipelines
- quality control measures and cross-validation
- membership in global networks





**INFRAFRONTIER**  
mouse disease models

## European Research Infrastructure for phenotyping and archiving of model mammalian genomes

It includes:

- Mouse Clinics from Europe and Canada
- EMMA Archiving and Distribution Nodes
- European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI)



**EMMA**  
mouse repository

### The European Mouse Mutant Archive

- non-profit repository for the collection, archiving (via cryopreservation) and distribution of relevant mutant strains essential for basic biomedical research
- Now part of Infrafrontier



**IMPC**

### International Mouse Phenotyping Consortium

- 18 research institutions and 5 national funders
- broad-based, systematic genome-wide phenotyping project of knockout mice
- long-lasting resource of mammalian gene function information

### International Mouse Phenotyping Resource of Standardized Screens

- standardized phenotyping protocols
- definitions of the phenotyping Pipelines and mandatory and optional Procedures and Parameters
- data collected by international mouse clinics

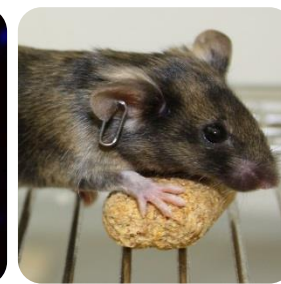
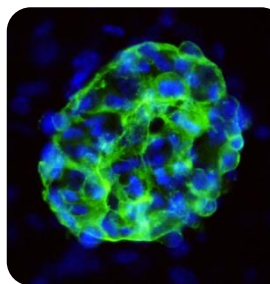
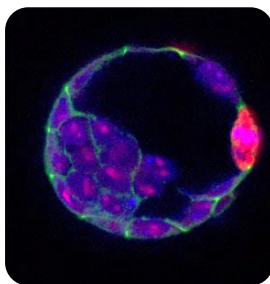




# Basic facts



- unique in the Czech Republic, large national infrastructure
- 7200 m<sup>2</sup>, 24 mil. €
- 2 locations: Vestec (20 000 cages) and IMG-Prague (10 000 cages), mouse+rat
- one of 5 in Europe, and of 12 in the world
- International centre, open access





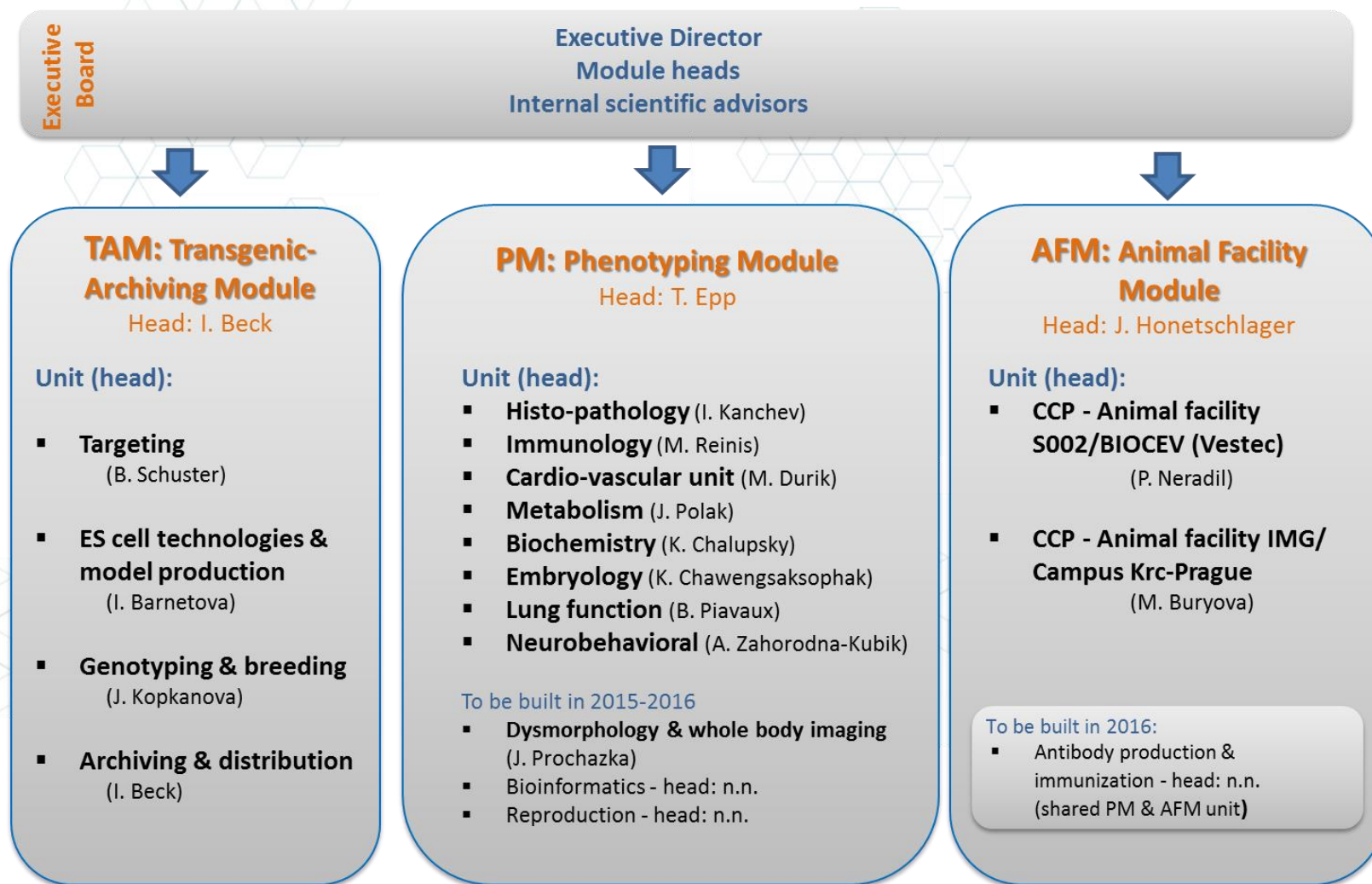
# Our mission

**comprehensive, systematic and standardized  
screening of rodent phenotypes**

**cost-effective, demand-driven support of the  
research community**



# CCP: Management & Organization structure

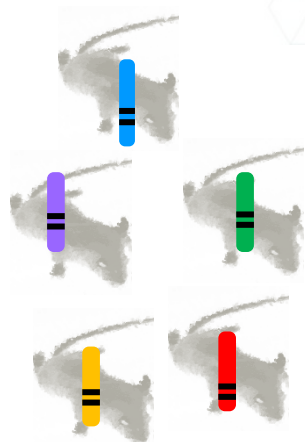




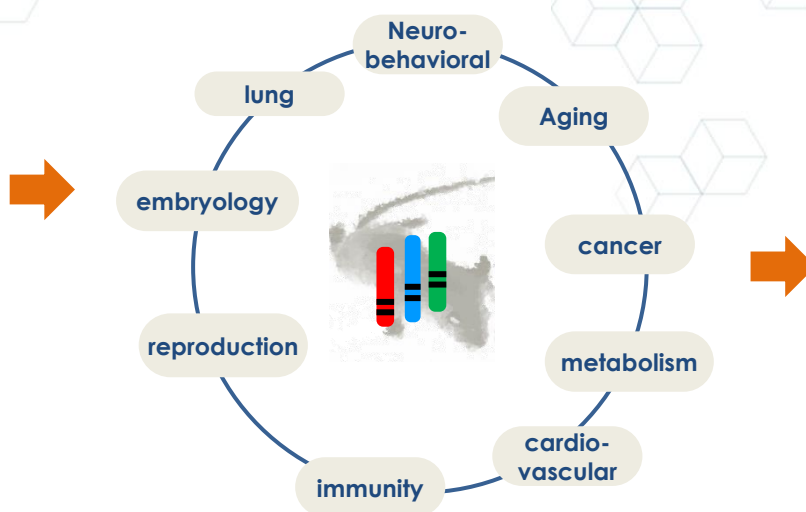
# Phenogenomics

## Systematic phenotyping of animal models for annotation of gene function

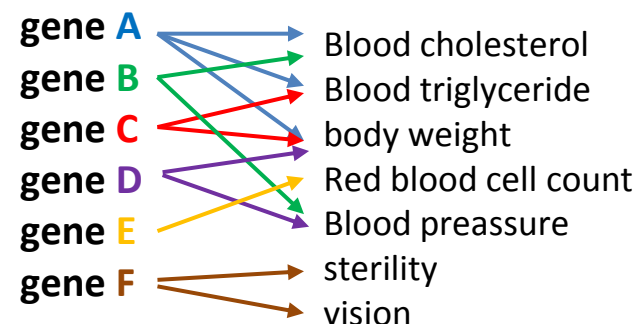
genes to knock-out  
(informative mutation)



comprehensive & large-scale  
phenotyping



Phenotype:  
deciphering functions of individual  
genes



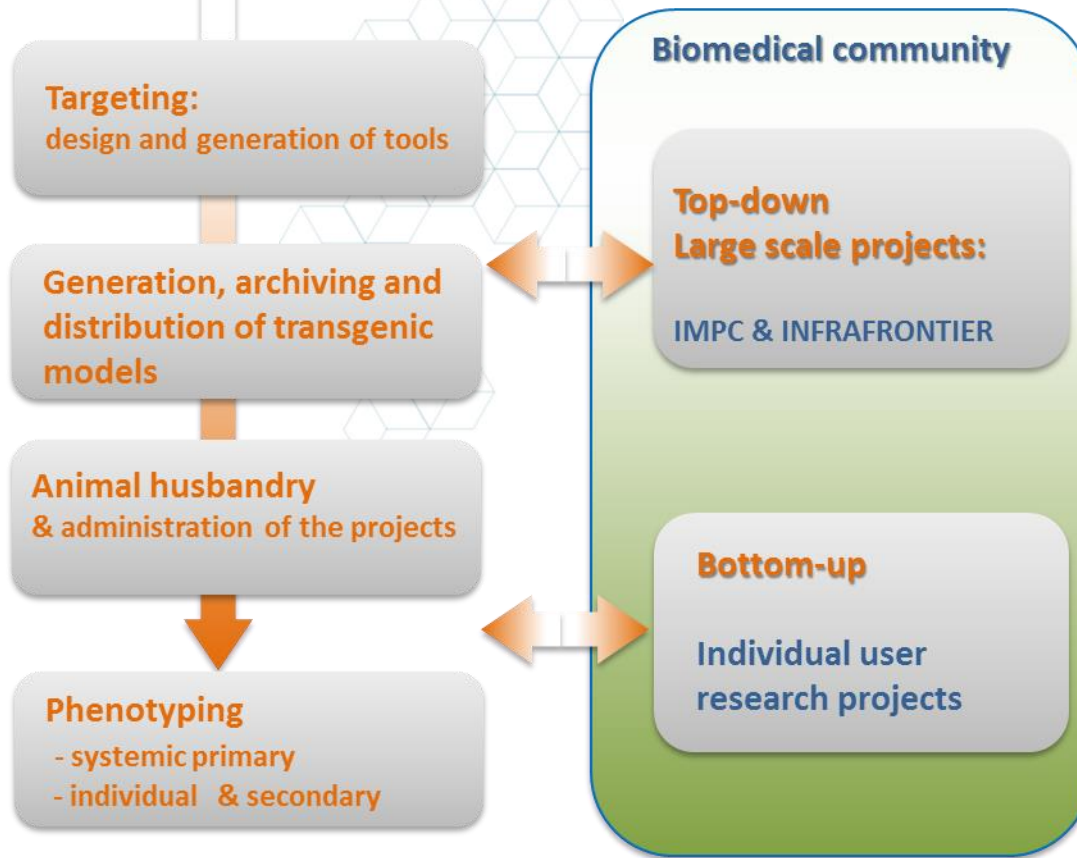
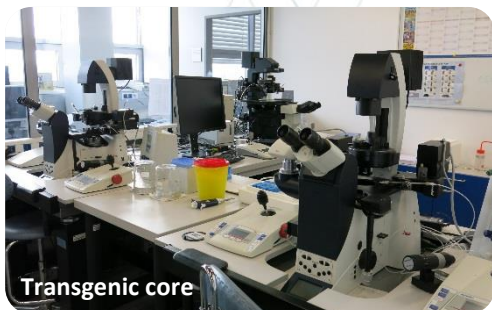
potential relevance to  
human diseases

more than 400  
standardized parameters

Encyclopaedic database  
on gene function



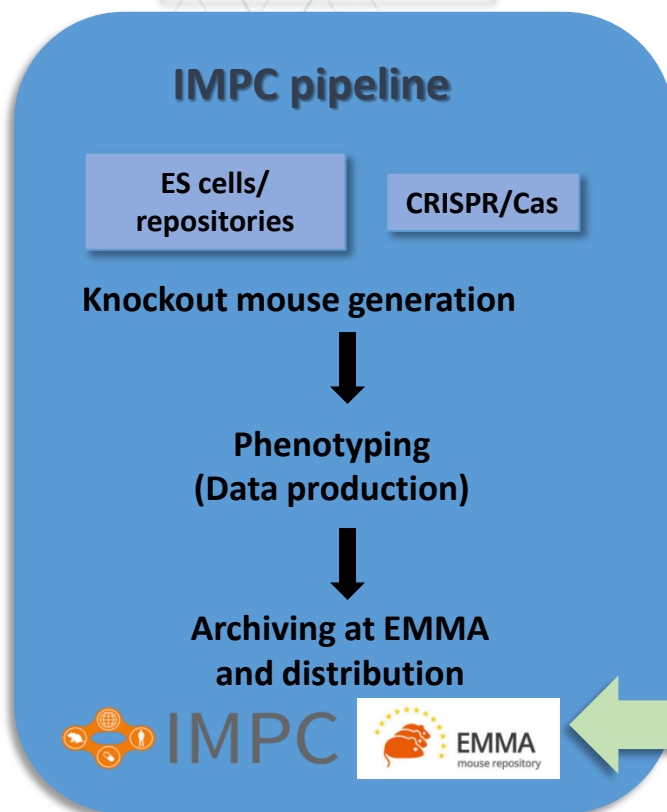
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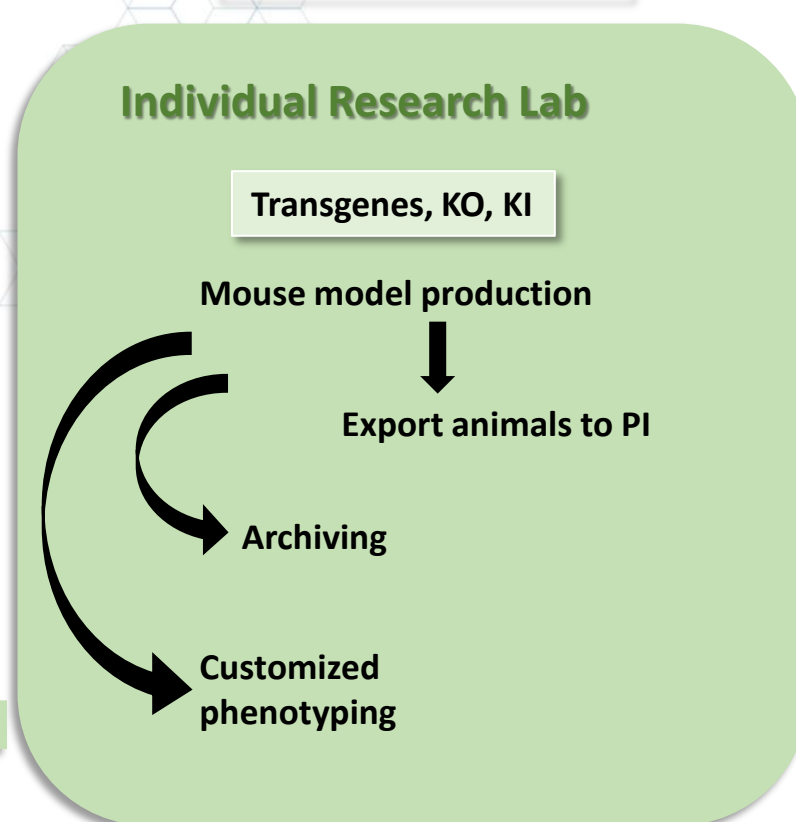


# Mouse production, archiving and genotyping at the CCP

## Top-Down Projects



## Bottom-Up Projects



The goal of the International Mouse Phenotyping Consortium (IMPC) is to discover functional insight for every gene by generating and systematically phenotyping 20,000 knockout mouse strains.



# 1. Transgenic-archiving module



**Inken M. Beck, PhD**  
Head of Transgenic and archiving module

TARGETING

ES CELL  
TECHNOLOGIES &  
MODEL  
PRODUCTION

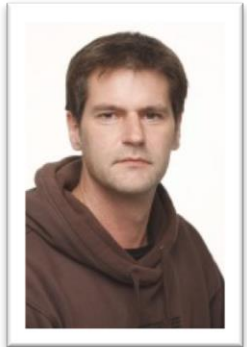
GENOTYPING AND  
BREEDING

ARCHIVING &  
DISTRIBUTION

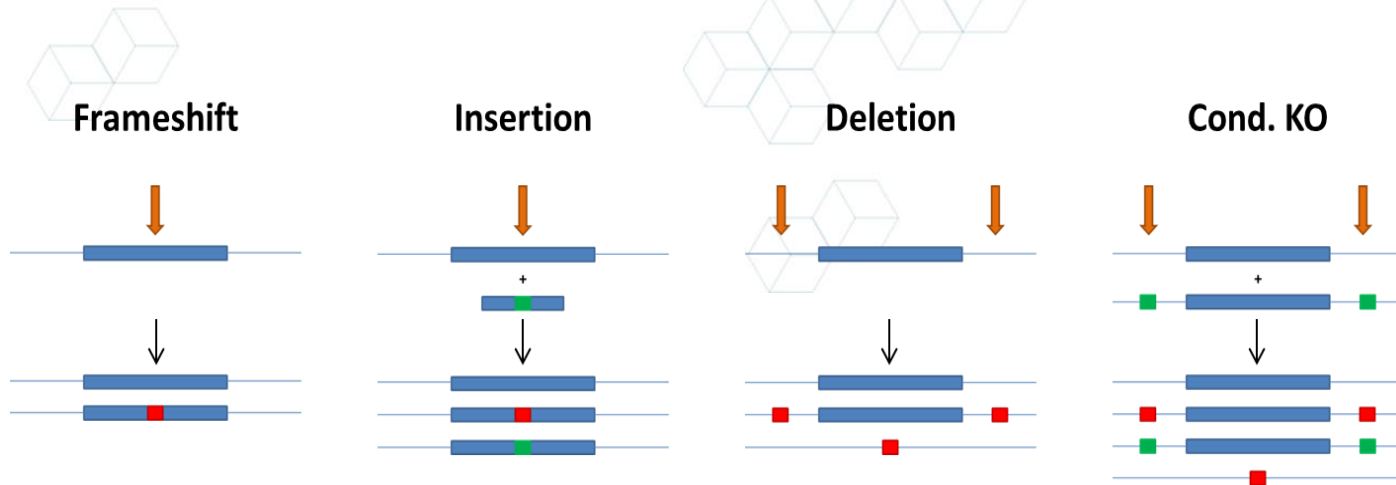


# 1.a. TARGETING

Björn Schuster, PhD  
head of Targeting unit



## Targeting using programmable nucleases (TALENs, CRISPR/Cas9)



- Generation of TALENs targeting ROSA26 locus
- Developed reporter system to test functionality of CRISPRs and TALENs in vitro



# highlight

**Mouse model (KO) production for IMPC in 2015: 50 novel genes**  
**CRISPR – assisted, non-conditional**  
**Cooperation with SIGMA-Aldrich - the only facility in Europe**

## **Sigma-Aldrich and the Institute of Molecular Genetics, Czech Center for Phenogenomics, Establish CRISPR Core Lab Partnership**

**ST. LOUIS – January 27, 2015** – [Sigma-Aldrich Corporation's](#) (NASDAQ: SIAL) Research business unit, which supports scientific research by supplying products, services and solutions, today announced it has entered into a new gene editing partnership with the Institute of Molecular Genetics (IMG) at the **Czech Center for Phenogenomics (CCP)** in Prague. Under the partnership, Sigma-Aldrich will provide the Transgenic Module at IMG/CCP with Sigma CRISPR technology, including reagents, experimental design consultation and dedicated gene editing bioinformaticians. The partnership is intended to accelerate academic services dedicated to transgenic animal development using CRISPR technology.

**"We are pleased to partner with the Czech Center for Phenogenomics at the IMG to advance their mission to become the leading European transgenic animal supplier,"** said Sean Muthian, Ph.D., MBA, Director of Strategic Marketing and Collaborations at Sigma-Aldrich. "The Sigma-Aldrich CRISPR Core Lab Partnership helps accelerate the pace of translational research by removing the design and production hurdles with CRISPR or zinc finger nucleases, allowing scientists at the transgenic facility to focus on developing animal models that reflect the human condition."



# 1.b. ES CELL TECHNOLOGIES & MODEL PRODUCTION

- ES cells injections, ES cell culture, karyotyping
- Pronuclear Injections (PNI)
- Programmable nucleases (TALENs, CRISPR/Cas9)



Irena Jeničkova, PhD  
Head of ES cell manipulation and transgenesis



**Equipment:** Microscope with DIC, 2 micromanipulators incl. capillary holders, DNA injection pump

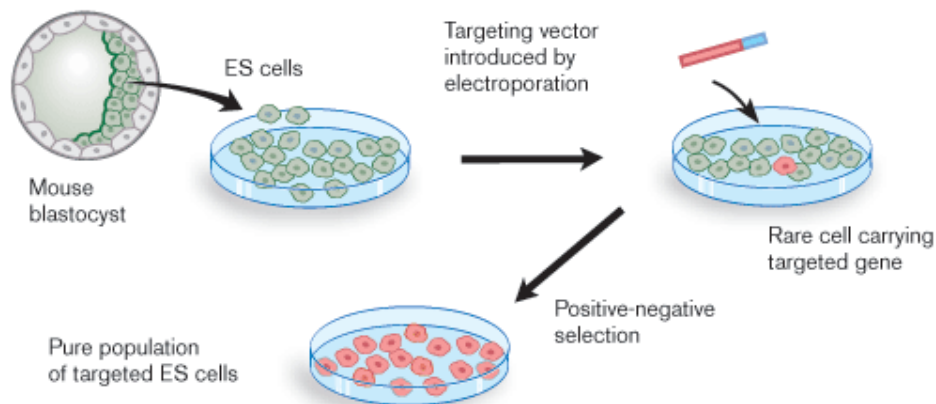
**Ideal fragment size:** 2-20kb, BAC constructs are much larger

**DNA concentration:** 1-3 ng/ul in microinjection buffer (7.5 mM Tris, 0.15 mM EDTA pH7.4)

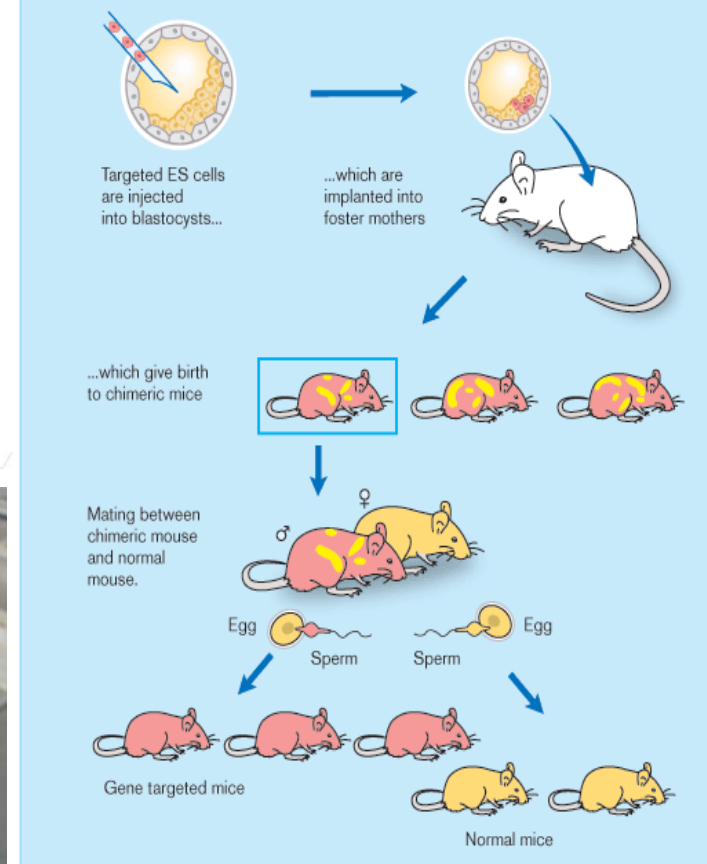


# Generation of transgenic mice using ES cells

## A. Gene targeting of embryonic stem cells



## B. Generation of gene targeted mice

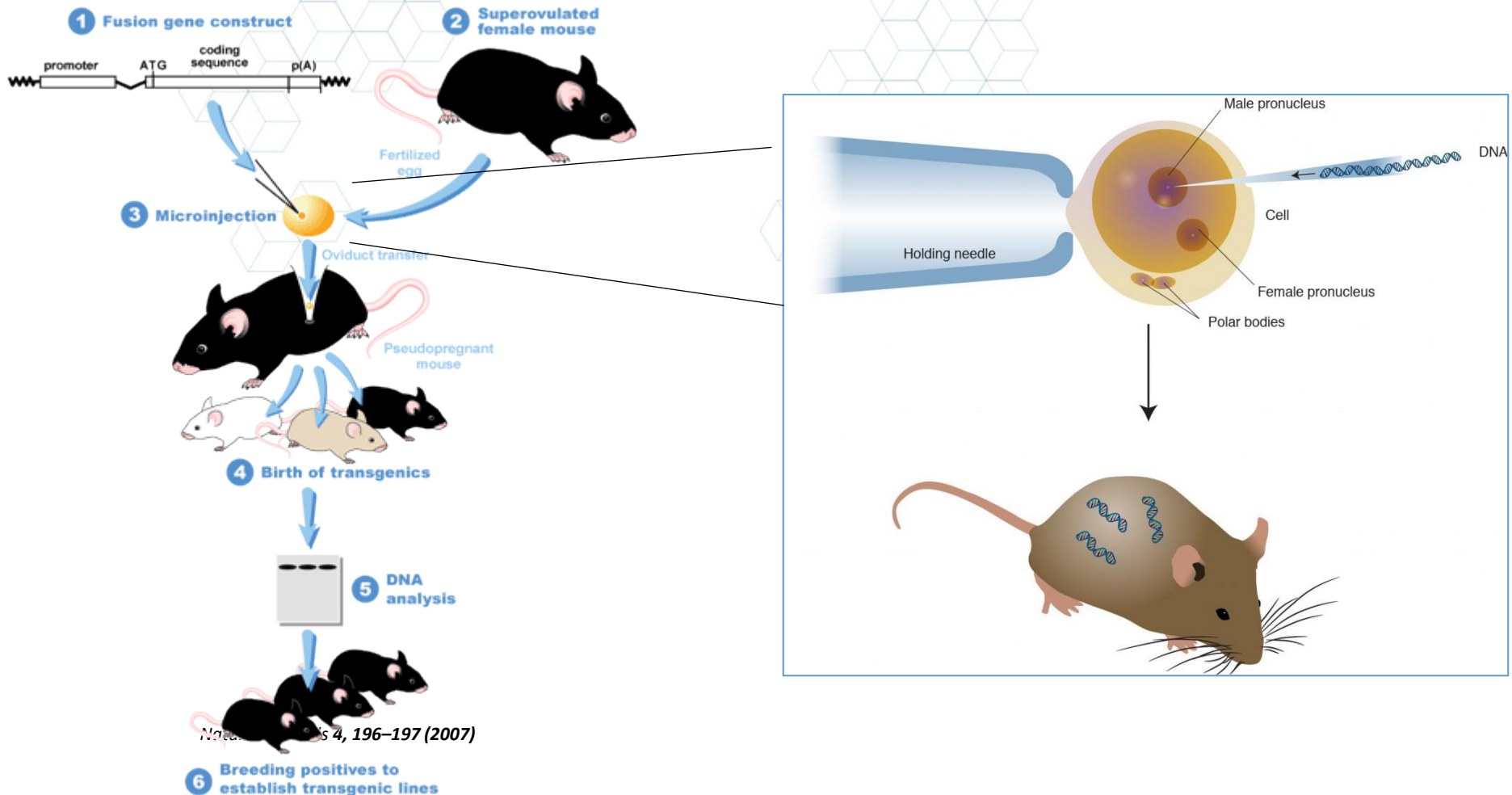


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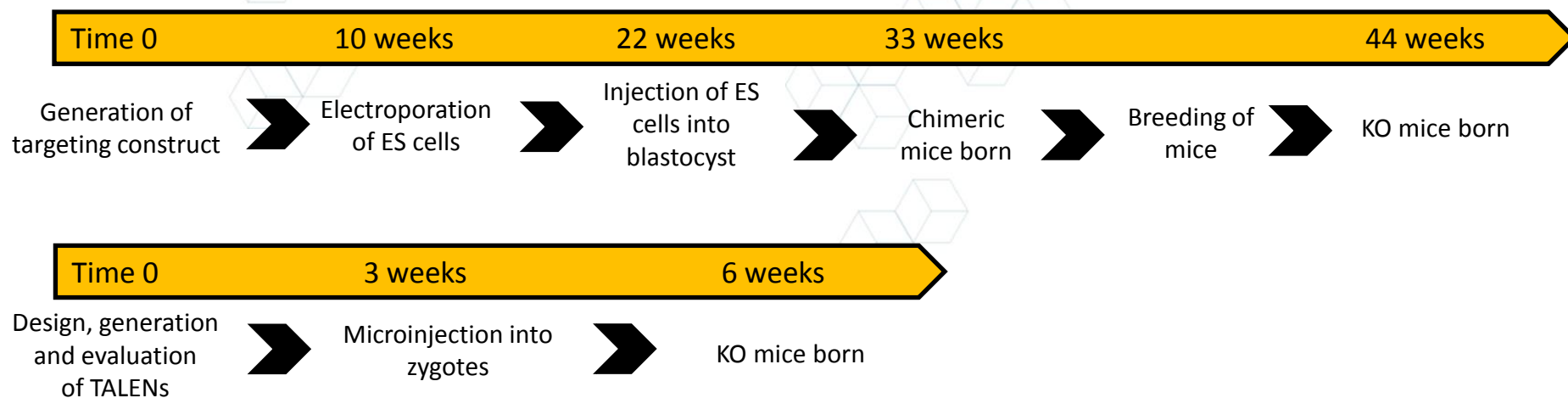
# Rapid generation of transgenic mouse

## Pronuclear injection of TALENs and CRISPRs





## KO mouse generation by HR in ES cells vs TALEN technology:





## Production pipeline for 2015.

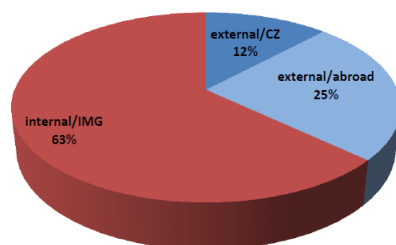
Gene Targeting using ES cells			Gene Targeting using CRISPR/Cas9	
Gene name	GLT, archived tm1a and tm1b		Gene name (cooperation with Sigma-Aldrich) in progress	
Farp1	EMMA		Asb4	Fam60a
Btbd3	EMMA		Rhobtb1	1810011H11Rik
Klk14	EMMA		Cep170b	2510009E07Rik
Klhl5	tm1a	in progress	Rnf186	1810041L15Rik
Eci2	EMMA		Trim9	Tmem60
Mex3b	EMMA		March8	Fam83h
Klk5	EMMA, tm2b		Trabd2b	Fam134a
Rnf121	EMMA		1700026D08Rik	Lamtor4
Papd7	EMMA, tm1a		Mzb1	Fam172a
Trim15	EMMA		Tmem47	Tmem132b
Nub1	EMMA	in progress	Fam64a	Fam126a
Wdsub1	EMMA		Edrf1	Sbspon
Stk26		in progress	Tmem196	Lppr5
Tmem216		in progress	Coa6	Tmem132c
Tmem237		in progress	1700017N19Rik	Brinp3
Hepacam2		in progress	1700026D08Rik	Fam71f1
Ndufs5		in progress	3425401B19Rik	Tmem88
Fmr1nb			Fam84B	Tmem150b
Gpatch2			Cluh	Tmem62
Lpp			3110002H16Rik	Fam155a
Pcp4l1			0610009O20Rik	Nwd2
Shox2			Fam69c	Tmem240
Strn4			Cipc	Tmem55b
Abcg8			2210018M11Rik	Strip2
Angptl3			Fam102a	



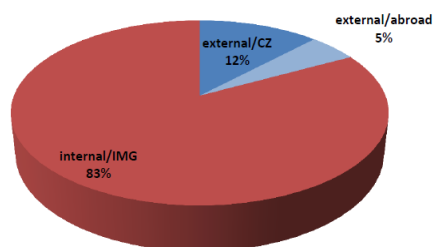
# Mouse model generation service

2013

Origin of requests in 2013



Origin of requests in 2012





# 1.c. GENOTYPING AND BREEDING

Jana Kopkanova, MEng.  
Head of Genotyping unit



PyRAT System - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help

PyRAT System

https://pyrat.img.cas.cz/pyrat/cgi-bin/mainpage.py?sessionid=NLhaqUrYzthb

Sedlacek Radislav

Animals Cages Reports Request

Show Log Help Animals Stud males Pups

Apply Filter Remove Filter Print OS

Results: 75 animals found in 41 cages. Now showing 1 through 75  
Current Filter: Strain: Rbp4, Owner: sedlacek, All mutations, Show Deceased  
Current Ordering: ID (asc.)

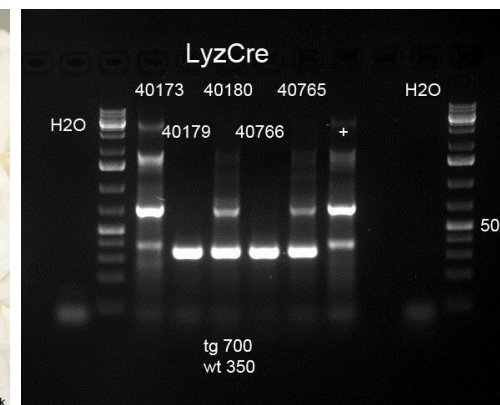
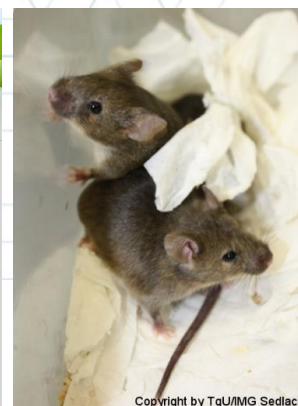
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	18X-27709	m: 18X-23512 f: 18X-23522	B18X-01772	1F3R1	f	F1	Rbp4	Rbp Tg	
	18X-30666	m: 18X-23511 f: 81Z-47978	B18X-02165	1F3R4	m	F1	Rbp4	Rbp Tg	
WR	18X-30670	m: 18X-23511 f: 81Z-47978	B18X-02168	1F3R4	f	F1	Rbp4	Rbp Tg	
	18X-30671	m: 18X-23511 f: 81Z-47978	S18X-10526	1F3R7	f	F1	Rbp4	Rbp Tg	
	18X-30675	m: 18X-23510 f: 81Z-47900	S18X-10528	1F3R7	m	F1	Rbp4	Rbp Tg	
	18X-30676	m: 18X-23510 f: 81Z-47900	S18X-10528	1F3R7	m	F1	Rbp4	Rbp Tg	
	18X-30679	m: 18X-23510 f: 81Z-47900	B18X-02166	1F3R4	m	F1	Rbp4	Rbp Tg	
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	18X-30681	m: 18X-23510 f: 81Z-47900	S18X-10529	1F3R7	f	F1	Rbp4	Rbp Tg	
	18X-30682	m: 18X-23510 f: 81Z-47900	S18X-10529	1F3R7	f	F1	Rbp4	Rbp Tg	
	18X-30683	m: 18X-23510 f: 81Z-47900	S18X-10529	1F3R7	44	f	F1	Rbp4	Rbp Tg

Animal: 18X-27709

Sex: Female  
Strain: Rbp4  
Number of born: 11(0) males 5(0) females 0(0) unknown  
Number of weaned: 11(0) males 5(0) females  
Number of litters: 2  
Pre-weaning mortality: 0%

ID	Cage	Sex	Date of sacrifice
Litter from 27/12/2013			
18X-30711	S18X-10561	m	18/02/2014
18X-30712	S18X-10561	m	03/02/2014
18X-30713	S18X-10561	m	03/02/2014
18X-30714	S18X-10561	m	03/02/2014
18X-30715	S18X-10562	m	03/02/2014
18X-30716	S18X-10562	m	03/02/2014
18X-30717	S18X-10562	m	03/02/2014
18X-30718	S18X-10563	f	03/02/2014
Litter from 17/01/2014			
18X-32082	S18X-10843	m	24/02/2014
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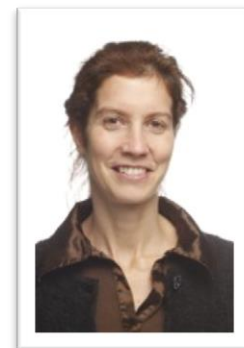




# 1.d. ARCHIVING AND DISTRIBUTION

## For individual requests and for the European Mouse Mutant archive (EMMA)

- When mouse strain is not longer needed for experiments or backup
- To reduce costs for animal housing
- To save time for mouse colony organization
- To have a safe and controlled storage of your mouse strain over decades



**Inken M. Beck, PhD**  
Head of Archiving and distribution

### Cryopreservation of mouse embryos

- For mouse lines that necessarily need specific mating scheme
- For fast and unproblematic recovery without using IVF

### Cryopreservation of mouse spermatozoa

- For mouse lines that can easily be recovered by using WT donor oocytes (IVF)
- For lines that are kept as WT x Mutant crossing (classical transgenic mice)
- For lines that can be crossed Het x Het to obtain Homozygous mice

+ cleaning/rederivation of mouse lines via IVF or mating



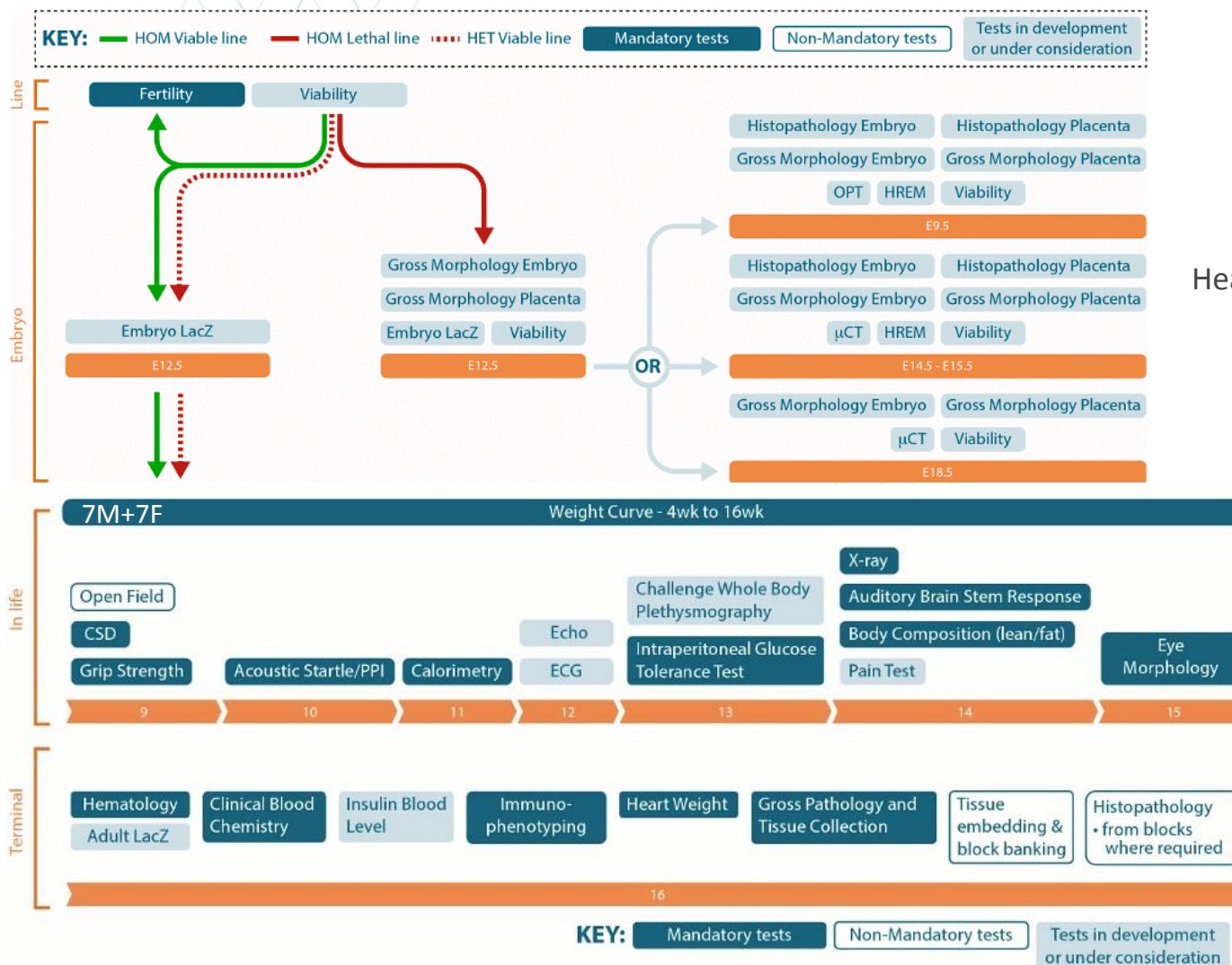
### Archiving at EMMA is free of charge service

Strain will be made available for the community and you still retain owner of the strain





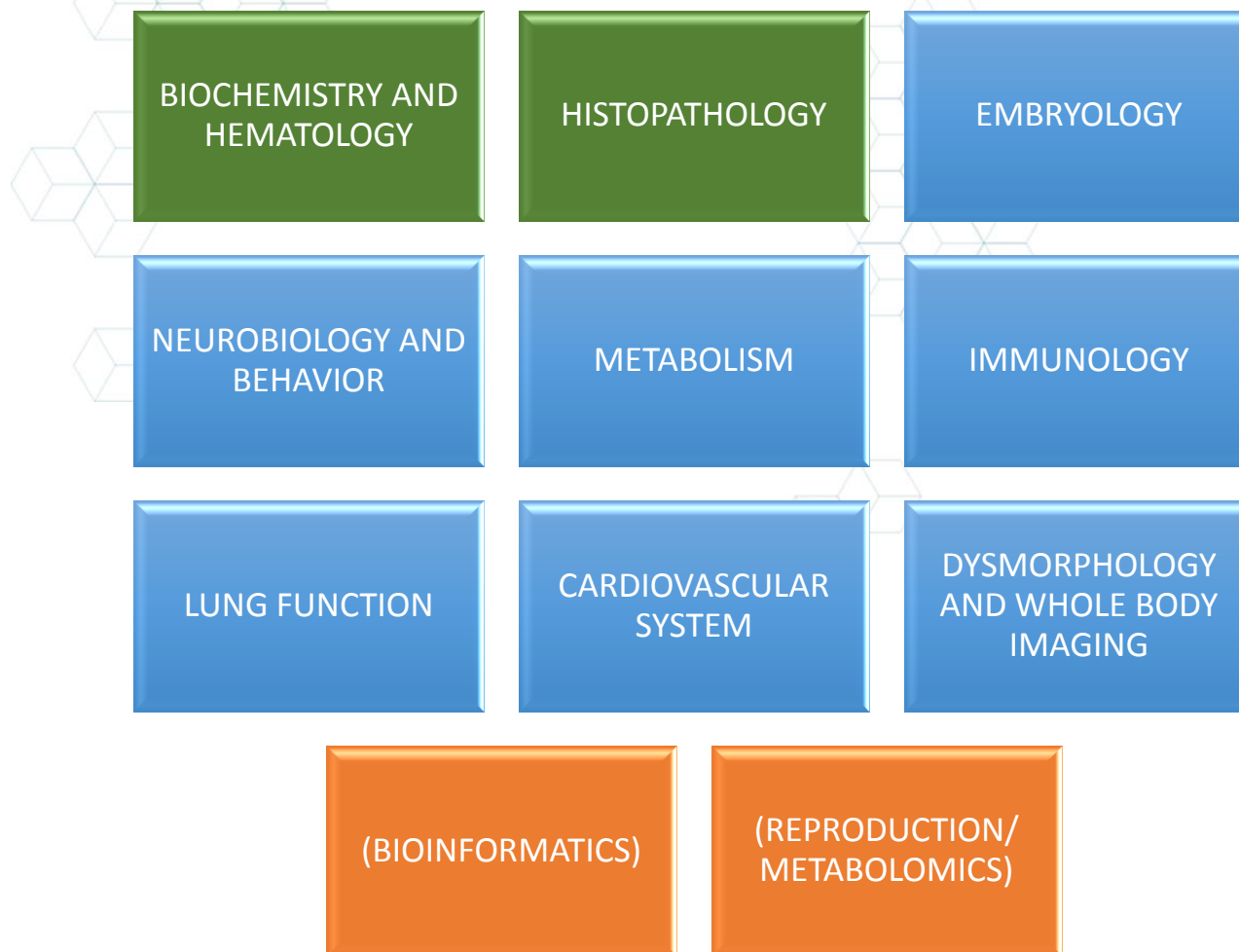
## 2. PHENOTYPING MODULE



**Trevor Epp, PhD**  
Head of Phenotyping module



# Phenotyping units



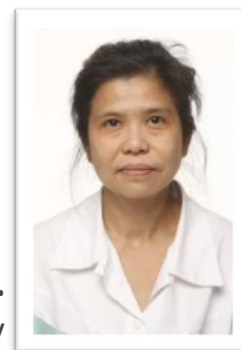


## 2.a. Embryology



- Analyze strains that exhibit prenatal lethality or subviability
- systematically examine and score embryonic and organ development relative to established morphological and molecular milestones
- identify the time window and likely causative factors leading to embryonic death

Kallayanee Chawengsaksohak, Ph.D.  
Head of Embryology



### METHODOLOGY

- Immunohistochemistry and In Situ Hybridization (section and whole-mount)
- Alcian Blue/Alizarin Red staining of cleared embryonic skeletons
- Late gestation vascular anatomy (india ink)
- Beta-galactosidase staining
- Microcomputed tomography (coming soon)
- High resolution episcopic microscopy (coming soon)



## 2.b. Neurobiology and behaviour

Agnieszka Kubik-Zahorodna Ph.D.  
Head of Neurobiology and Behaviour



### PRIMARY SCREEN

- Modified SHIRPA and dysmorphology evaluation
- Open Field animal emotionality and affect
- Grip Strength neuromotor abilities
- Acoustic Startle and PPI sensorimotor gating
- Auditory Brainstem Response
- Eye Morphology evaluation

### OPTIONAL AND/OR SECONDARY SCREEN

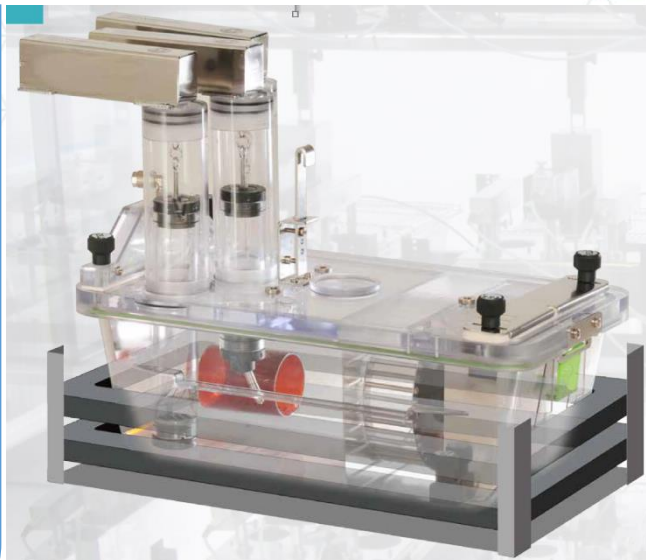
- Animal emotionality and affect
- Cognitive functions
- Neuromotor abilities
- Sensimotor gaiting
- Pain sensitivity
- IntelliCage
- Eye screen
- Auditory screen



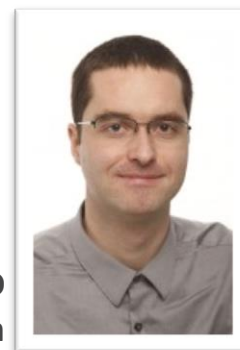
## 2.c. Metabolism

### PhenoMaster (TSE)

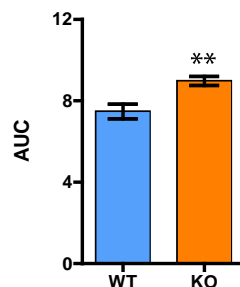
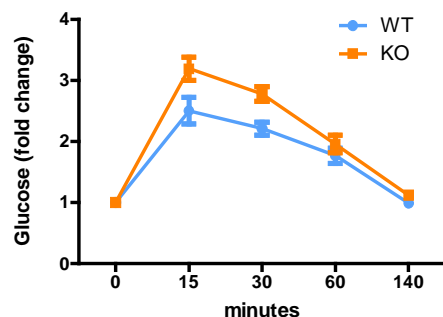
- Indirect gas calorimetry
- Feeding & drinking
- Body weight
- Activity
- Exercise
- Telemetry  
i.e. blood pressure, heart rate,  
core body temperature...



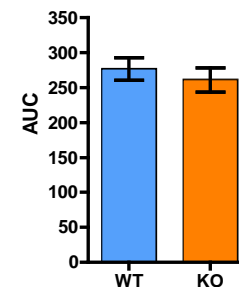
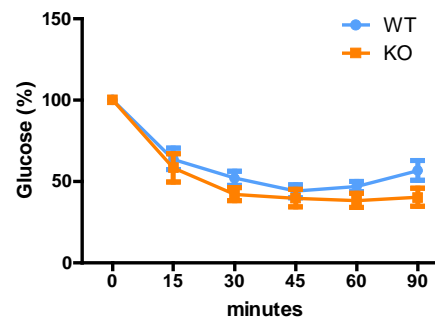
Jan Polak, MD, PhD  
Head of Metabolism



### Glucose Tolerance Test (GTT)



### Insulin Tolerance Test (ITT)





## 2.d. Lung function



**Benoit Piavaux, PhD**  
Head of Lung function



### screening of lung-function phenotypes

- dynamic resistance and compliance using plethysmography
- ‘forced oscillation technique’
- challenges with or without aerosol or injection
- longitudinal studies with repeated lung-function measurements in the same animal

### Lung pathophysiology in models of pulmonary diseases

- asthma, pulmonary emphysema, pulmonary fibrosis or acute lung injury
- tailor made services, custom interventions (compound administration, surgery, ...)



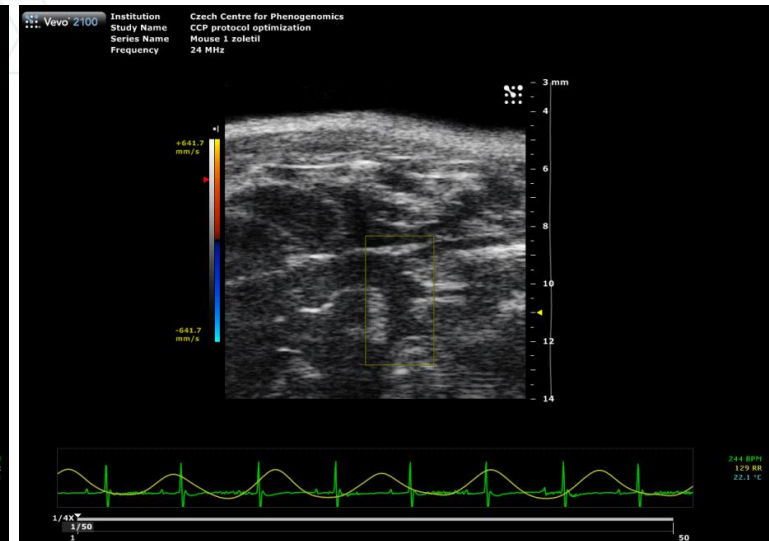
## 2.e. Cardiovascular system

### Primary screening

- Transthoracic echocardiography
  - Morphological abnormalities and systolic function of the heart
- Electrocardiography
  - assessment of rhythm abnormalities

### Secondary screening

- Advanced hemodynamic assessment by echocardiography (doppler flow)
  - Diastolic function, pulmonary and aortic flow
- Conscious restrained blood pressure measurement using tail-cuff

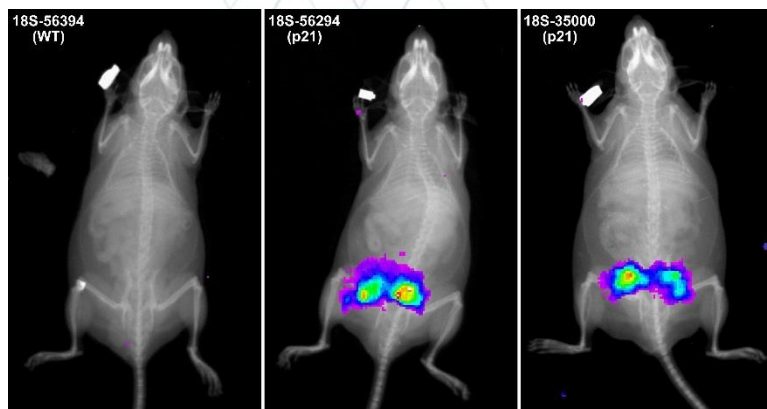




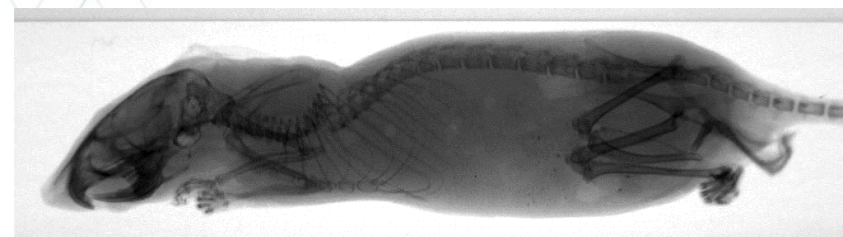
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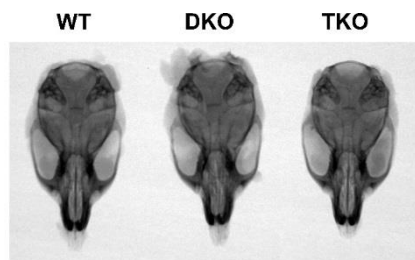
Jan Prochazka, PhD  
Head of Dysmorphology & Whole-Body Imaging



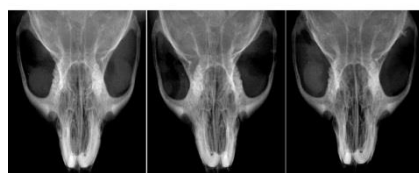
Bioimaging – luciferase expression in vivo



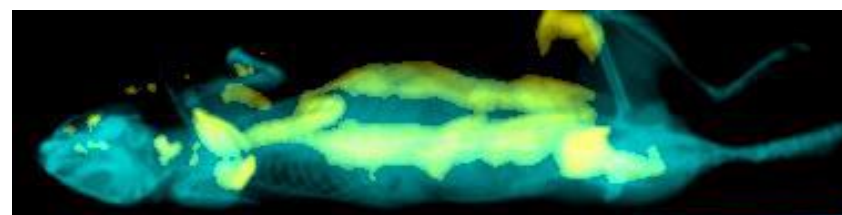
3D X-ray imaging of whole mouse



detailed analysis of  
morphology of  
nasal bones by high  
resolution X-ray



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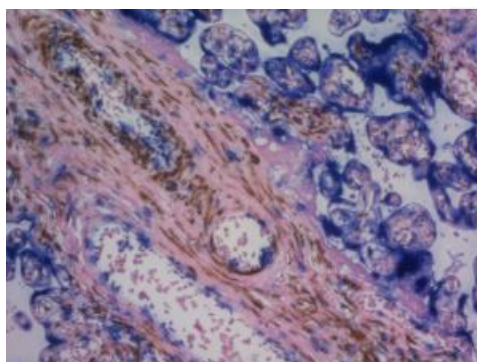
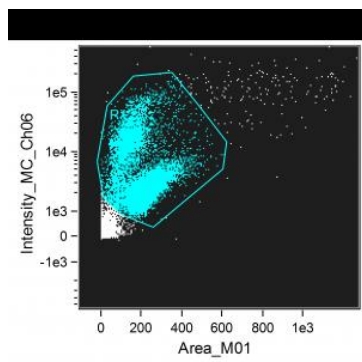


co-detection of X-ray imaging (blue) and  
fluorescence (labelling muscles in yellow)



## 2.g. Immunology

**Milan Reiniš, PhD**  
Head of Immunology



revealing of the etiopathogenic mechanisms  
of the immunological diseases using the  
transgenic mouse model

### METHODOLOGY

- ELISA
- Microbead based assays
- Flow cytometry
- Immunohistochemistry
- In situ hybridization



## 2.h. Biochemistry and hematology



**Karel Chalupský, Ph.D.**  
Head of Biochemistry

ELECTROLYTES	Na, K, Cl, (LIH) -hemolysis
METABOLITES	Glucose, Creatinine, Lactate, Triglycerides, Cholesterol, HDL, LDL, Urea, Bilirubin, Mg, P, Ca, Fe, Uric acid, Glycerol, Unsaturated fatty acids, Bile acids
ENZYMES	ALP, ALT, AST, LDH, Amylase, Lipase
PROTEINS	Total, Albumin and multiplex analysis
HEMATOLOGY	Red blood cell count, white blood cell count, platelet count, hemoglobin, hematocrit and the complete differential white blood cell count



# Multiplex assays

Limit of sample volume for classical Elisa  
60ul of serum/ plasma up to 32 simultaneous assays

## Commercial bead assays

CD40L	IL-2	IL-18	MCP-1
Eotaxin	IL-3	IL-1 $\beta$	M-CSF
bFGF	IL-4	IL-21	MIG
G-CSF	IL-5	IL-22	MIP-1 $\alpha$
Ghrelin	IL-6	IL-23 p19	MIP-1 $\beta$
GIP	IL-9	IL-25	MIP-2
GLP-1	IL-10	IL-27 p28	MIP-3 $\alpha$
Glucagon	IL-12 (p40)	IL-31	PAI-1
GM-CSF	IL-12 (p70)	IL-33	PDGF-BB
GM-CSF	IL-13	Insulin	RANTES
ICAM-1	IL-15	KC	Resistin
IFN- $\gamma$	IL-17A	Leptin	TNF- $\alpha$
IL-1 $\alpha$	IL-17F	LIF	VEGF

## CCP bead assays

Amphiregulin  
Betacellulin  
HGF  
sIL6R

## Custom bead assays

Available upon demand



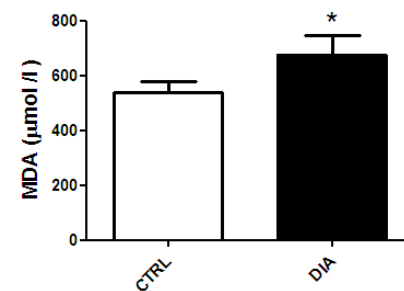
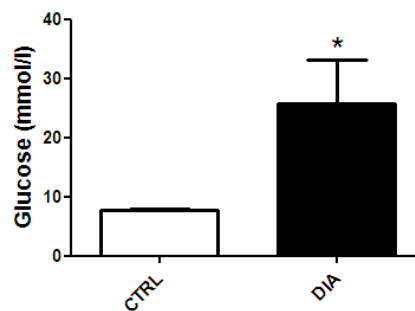
# Oxidative stress

Detection of free radicals and their adducts

## HPLC

ROS malonyldialdehyde  
oxyethidium

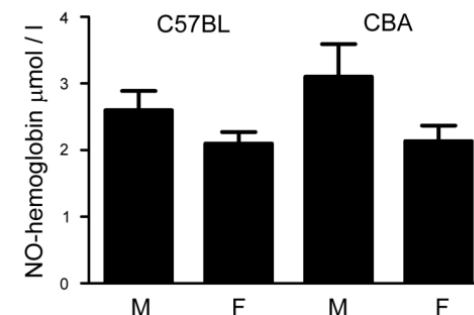
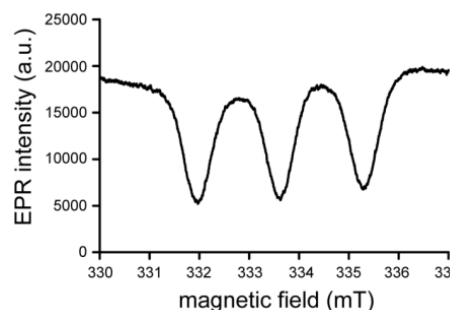
RNS tetrahydrobiopterin  
nitrotyrosine



## Electron spin resonance

NO and superoxide in blood and tissues

Differences in mouse strains



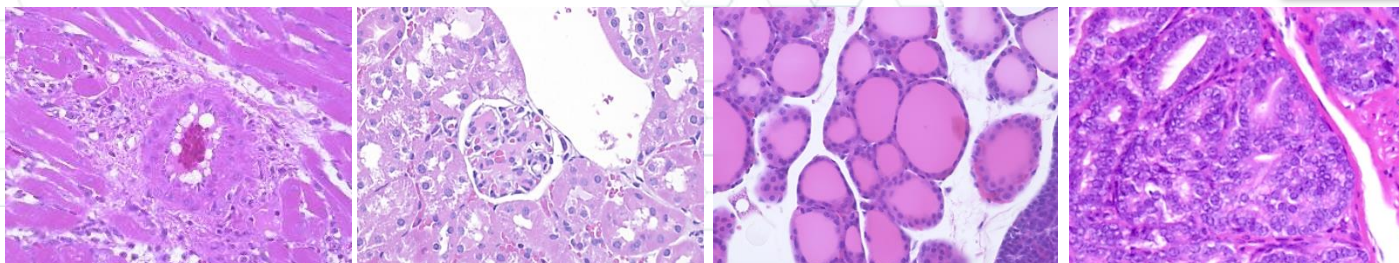


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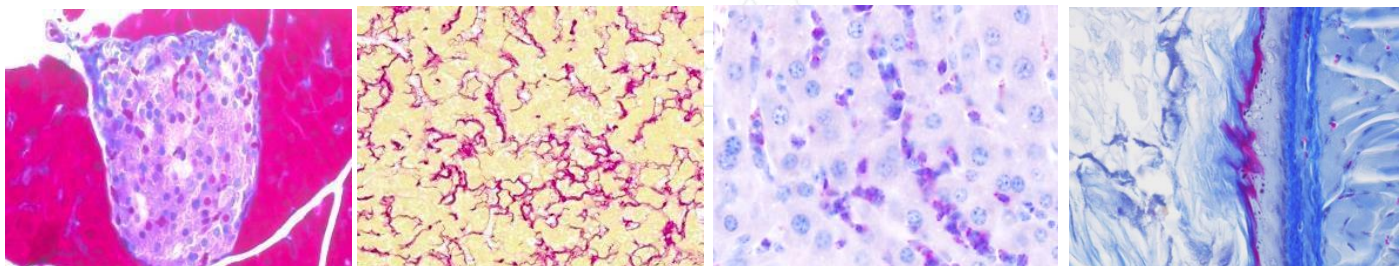
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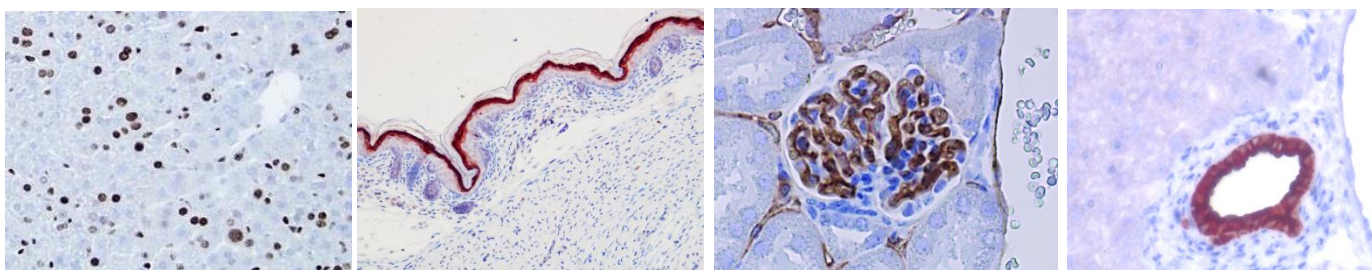
Morphology



Special  
Stains

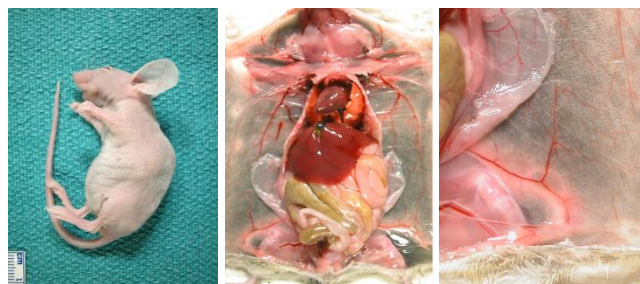


IHC





## Gross pathology



### STANDARD AND SPECIAL STAINS

Method	Performance
HE	A
PAS	M+A
PAS+Diastase	A
PAS+Alcian Blue	A
Chromotrope 2R- Aniline blue	M
AZAN	M
Reticulin	A
Giemsa	M
NASDCL	M
Massons Trichrome	M+A
Jones Methenamine Silver	A
Grocott Silver Impregnation (GMS)	A
Pricrosirius red	M
Pricrosirius red trichrome	M
Congo Red	A

### IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY

Target (Clone)	Species	Performance
Ki67 (Tec3)	Mouse	M
Ki67 (SP6)	Mouse	M
Glucagon (Poly)	Mouse	M
Insulin (Poly)	Mouse	M
CK19	Mouse	M
F4/80	Mouse	M
Pax5	Mouse & Rat	M
PCNA	Mouse	M
Caspase 3	Mouse & Human	M
CD31 (MM1)	Mouse	M
Glutamine Synthetase (Poly)	Mouse	M
aSMA (1A4)	Rat	M
Vimentin	Mouse & Rat	M
panCK (AE1+AE3)	Rat	M
eYFP (poly)	Mouse	M
HMW CK (Poly)	Rat	M

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