

2011



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- With appreciation,
The RGD Team



Photo courtesy of Mary Kaldunski
and Anne Hecht, Human & Molecular
Genetics Center at the Medical College of
Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
<http://www.mcw.edu/HMGC.htm>



6 week old Russian Blue Dumbo rat. The "Russian blue" and "Dumbo" phenotypes both result from recessive gene mutations. Photo courtesy of Joanne Bella Hodges, Fern Park, FL
<http://ratguide.com/>

January 2011

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Five week-old male X-SCID (Il2rg-/-) and F344/Stm (+/Y) rats. Photo courtesy of Dr. Ryoko Okajima and Dr. Tadao Serikawa, Kyoto University, National Bio Resource Project - Rat (NBRP-Rat), Japan
<http://www.anim.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/NBR/>



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The Belgrade Rat




The Belgrade Rat

- Has a G185R mutation in DMT1/DCT1/Nramp2/SLC11A2
- Has hypochromic, microcytic anemia (like *mk* mouse)
- Resembles iron deficiency closely
- Inherited as an autosomal recessive
- Gene symbol is *b*; (normal = +); so above we have a *+/b* & a *b/b* in each photo
- GI iron uptake severely decreased
- Iron trafficking also severely depressed
- The *b/b* is on the bottom & left, respectively

The Belgrade Rat; Photos and information courtesy of Dr. Michael Garrick, Department of Biochemistry, State University of New York, Buffalo, NY
<http://findadoc.med.buffalo.edu/profile/facultyprofile.asp?fid=0F70L4CJP>

March 2011

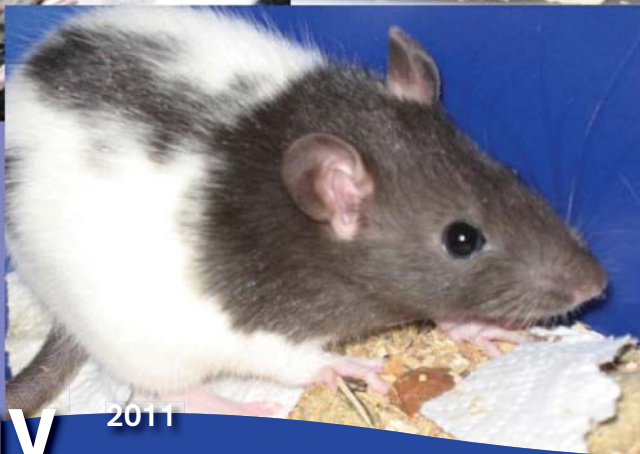
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Weanling WAG/RijYcb (WAG-F8m1Ycb) rat with Hemophilia A.
Reference: Booth et al, J Thromb Haemost. 2010
Nov;8(11):2472-2477. Epub 2010 Jul 1, PMID: 20626616.
Photo courtesy of Dr. Carmen Jane Booth, Section of
Comparative Medicine , Yale Medical School, New Haven, CT
<http://medicine.yale.edu/compmed/people/booth.aspx>

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"Tiny Rats"
 Photos courtesy of Dr.
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<http://nypisys.cpmc.columbia.edu/DevelopmentalPsych/sections/research/sabrunelli.htm>

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The poor Mc4r deficient rat, always seeking food,
always gaining fat but never satisfied
Your leptin-melanocortin signaling disruption predisposes you
to hyperphagia, and food that is fried
You have tried and tried, but the lack of anorexigenic effect
results in hyperinsulinemia, hyperglycemia and obesity
Your binge eating behavior and lack of satiety
is like a curse resulting in morbidity

There is hope, researchers are studying you
to develop anti-obesity therapeutics
for energy expenditure and thermogenesis
Bariatric surgeries are developed
to help you with food restriction and weight loss
Soon you will be lean
and back playing with the wild type rats,
but the data acquired from you little lab rat
...is priceless

Mc4r TGEM™ Knockout Rat; carries a K314X
nonsense mutation in the melanocortin 4 receptor
gene; photo and original poem, "An Ode to the
Mc4r TGEM", submitted by Jack Crawford M.Sc.,
Transposagen Biopharmaceuticals, Lexington, KY
<http://www.transposagenbio.com>


WT

Mc4r+/-

Mc4r-/-

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Chimeric rat produced by placing cells from the D1⁺ ES cell line derived from a (DA x BN)F1 blastocyst into the corresponding anatomical location of an albino Wistar rat blastocyst. Photo courtesy of Dr. Thom Saunders, Transgenic Animal Model Core, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI <http://www.med.umich.edu/tamc>

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Two-cell embryos (inset) and newborn pups produced by in vitro fertilization of (F344xACI)F1 fresh sperm and oocytes. Submitted by Kathy Krentz, William F. Dove lab, McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
<http://mcardle.oncology.wisc.edu/dove/>

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Brown Norway wild type and BN x FHH
rats; photos courtesy of Jerome Donohoe,
Milwaukee, WI

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2 day old transgenic rats, left to right: [1] SD-Tg(Ubi-fDsRed-GFP)26Narl Tg(Col1a1(5A)-Cre)03Narl; [2] SD-Tg(Ubi-fDsRed-GFP)26Narl; [3] SD-Tg(Ubi-fDsRed-GFP)26Narl Tg(Col1a1(5A)-Cre)02Narl; [4] SD-Tg(Ubi-fDsRed-GFP)26Narl Tg(Col1a1(5A)-Cre)01Narl. Rats were generated by Dr. Chi-Kuang Leo Wang and Dr. Hsiao-Hui Chang. Photo submitted by Dr. Genie Chin, National Laboratory Animal Center, NARL, Nankang, Taipei, Taiwan
<http://www.nlac.org.tw/english/default.asp>



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LH/Mav rat; photo, "Sleeping Beauty",
submitted by Dr. Anne Kwitek, Dept. of
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[http://www.int-med.uiowa.edu/Divisions/
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T2GFP/SB100 and T2RFP-Taz/SB100
[tafazzin] rats, developed by Dr. Aron Geurts
and Dr. Carol Moreno-Quinn, respectively.
Photo courtesy of Anne Hecht, Becky
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QTL

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Mosaic assembled by Anne Hecht using MosaicCreator software and photos supplied by members of the Jacob Lab, Human & Molecular Genetics Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
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