



# Oncology Animal Models

The following information provides an overview of Charles River's portfolio of immunodeficient and immunocompetent oncology animal models produced in North America.

## Immunodeficient Animal Models

Immunodeficient animal models are extremely useful in a wide range of biomedical research, including infectious disease, stem cell, immunology and oncology studies. Due to the unique vulnerability that makes these models vital to research, their care and maintenance demands a high level of expertise and technological resources.

Strain	Hair	T-Cell Deficient	B-Cell Deficient	NK Cell Deficient
Athymic Nude Mouse	No	Yes	No	No
CD-1 <sup>®</sup> Nude Mouse	No	Yes	No	No
NU/NU Mouse	No	Yes	No	No
BALB/c Nude Mouse	No	Yes	No	No
NIH-III Mouse	No	Yes	Yes	Impaired
RNU Rat	No	Yes	No	No
SCID Hairless Outbred (SHO <sup>®</sup> ) Mouse	No	Yes	Yes	No
SCID Hairless Congenic (SHC <sup>™</sup> ) Mouse	No	Yes	Yes	No
Fox Chase SCID <sup>®</sup> Congenic Mouse	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Fox Chase SCID <sup>®</sup> Beige Mouse	Yes	Yes	Yes	Impaired
NOD SCID Mouse	Yes	Yes	Yes	Impaired

## Nude Models

### Athymic Nude Mouse

**Nomenclature:** Crl:NU(NCr)-*Foxn1<sup>nu</sup>* **Strain Code:** 490 (homozygous), 491 (heterozygous) **Origin:** This immunodeficient nude mouse originated from NIH and was originally thought to be a BALB/c congenic. It was later determined that it was not inbred and is, therefore, maintained as an outbred. This model is not associated with any stock or strain. The animal lacks a thymus, is unable to produce T cells, and is therefore immunodeficient. To Charles River from NCI in 2010.

## Overview

Oncology is one of the leading areas of research into new therapeutics. Due to the challenges inherent in researching and developing anticancer therapeutics, it is critical that you have the right tools and resources available to you. Backed by decades of technical, scientific and veterinary experience, Charles River's global portfolio of high-quality oncology models gives you the benefit of partnering with an industry leader offering an infrastructure capable of advancing your research now and in the future.



### CD-1® Nude Mouse

**Nomenclature:** Crl:CD1-*Foxn1<sup>nu</sup>* **Strain Code:** 086 (homozygous), 087 (heterozygous) **Origin:** Developed from the transfer of the nude gene from Crl:NU-*Foxn1<sup>nu</sup>* to a CD-1 mouse through a series of crosses and backcrosses beginning in 1979 at Charles River Wilmington, MA. The animal lacks a thymus, is unable to produce T cells and is therefore immunodeficient.

### NU/NU Mouse

**Nomenclature:** Crl:NU-*Foxn1<sup>nu</sup>* **Strain Code:** 088 (homozygous), 089 (heterozygous) **Origin:** This immunodeficient nude mouse originated from NIH and was originally thought to be a BALB/c congenic. It was later determined that it was not inbred and is, therefore, maintained as an outbred. This model is not associated with any stock or strain. The animal lacks a thymus, is unable to produce T cells and is therefore immunodeficient.

### BALB/c Nude Mouse

**Nomenclature:** CAnN.Cg-*Foxn1<sup>nu</sup>*/Crl **Strain Code:** 194 (homozygous), 195 (heterozygous) **Origin:** Developed through crosses and backcrosses between BALB/cABom-nu and BALB/cAnNCrj-nu at Charles River Japan. Pedigreed pregnant females of CAnN.Cg-*Foxn1<sup>nu</sup>*/Crl were received from Charles River Japan in 1985. This mouse is inbred, and genetic monitoring results confirm it to be a BALB/c nude. The homozygous animal lacks a thymus, is unable to produce T cells and is therefore immunodeficient.

### NIH-III Mouse

**Nomenclature:** Crl:NIH-*Lyst<sup>tg</sup>Foxn1<sup>nu</sup>Btk<sup>xid</sup>* **Strain Code:** 201 (homozygous), 202 (heterozygous) **Origin:** Most commonly called the NIH-III, it was developed at NIH. In addition to the nude gene, which results in the absence of thymus and T-cell function, this mouse has two other mutations important in regulating the function of the immune system. These are designated as x-linked immune defect (*xid*) and beige (*bg*). The *xid* mutation affects the maturation of T-independent B lymphocytes. It has been demonstrated that *bg* homozygotes have defective natural killer (NK) cells that are cytotoxic *in vitro* to tumor cells. However, the extent of the T-independent B-lymphocyte and NK cell deficiencies in the NIH-III have not been established.

### RNU Nude Rat

**Nomenclature:** Crl:NIH-*Foxn1<sup>nu</sup>* **Strain Code:** 316 (homozygous), 118 (heterozygous) **Origin:** The NIH nude rat was developed in 1979–1980 through a series of matings involving eight inbred rat strains. To Charles River from the National Institutes of Health in 2001. This athymic nude rat is T-cell deficient and shows depleted cell populations in thymus-dependent areas of peripheral lymphoid organs.

## Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) Models

### SCID Hairless Outbred (SHO®) Mouse

**Nomenclature:** Crl:SHO-*Prkdc<sup>scid</sup>Hr<sup>hr</sup>* **Strain Code:** 474 **Origin:** The hairless SCID mouse was produced by Charles River Research Models in 2007 by intercrossing the Crl:HA-*Prkdc<sup>scid</sup>* and Crl:SKH1-*Hr<sup>hr</sup>* stocks. The resulting animals are homozygous for the *Prkdc<sup>scid</sup>* and the *Hr<sup>hr</sup>* mutations and thus exhibit the severe combined immunodeficiency phenotype characteristic of SCID mice and are also hairless.

### SCID Hairless Congenic (SHC™) Mouse

**Nomenclature:** CB17.Cg-*Prkdc<sup>scid</sup>Hr<sup>hr</sup>*/lcrCrl **Strain Code:** 488 **Origin:** The hairless SCID congenic was created in 2009 by Charles River Research Models by using marker-assisted accelerated backcrossing to place the hairless gene (*Hr<sup>hr</sup>*) present in the Crl:SKH1-*Hr<sup>hr</sup>* stock onto a CB17/lcr-*Prkdc<sup>scid</sup>*/lcrCrl genetic background. These mice are homozygous for both *Hr<sup>hr</sup>* and *Prkdc<sup>scid</sup>* mutations, so exhibit the severe combined immunodeficiency phenotype characteristic of SCID mice and are also hairless.



### **Fox Chase SCID® Congenic Mouse**

**Nomenclature:** CB17/lcr-*Prkdc<sup>scid</sup>*/lcrIcoCrl **Strain Code:** 236 **Origin:** SCID mice possess a genetic autosomal recessive mutation (SCID). Discovered in 1980 by Bosma in C.B-17/lcr mice at Fox Chase Cancer Center. SCID mice show a severe combined immunodeficiency affecting both B and T lymphocytes. They have normal natural killer (NK) cells, macrophages, and granulocytes. To Charles River in 1991 from a Charles River France foundation colony.



### **Fox Chase SCID® Beige Mouse**

**Nomenclature:** CB17.Cg-*Prkdc<sup>scid</sup>**Lyst<sup>bg</sup>*/Crl **Strain Code:** 250 **Origin:** A congenic mouse that possesses both autosomal recessive mutations SCID (*Prkdc<sup>scid</sup>*) and beige (*Lyst<sup>bg</sup>*). The SCID mutation results in severe combined immunodeficiency affecting both the B and T lymphocytes. The beige mutation results in defective natural killer (NK) cells. This mouse was developed by Croy, *et al.*, at the University of Guelph by an intercross of C.B-17 *scid/scid* to C57BL/6 *bg/bg* mice. To Charles River in 1993.



### **NOD SCID Mouse**

**Nomenclature:** NOD.CB17-*Prkdc<sup>scid</sup>*/NcrCrl **Strain Code:** 394 **Origin:** The SCID mutation has been transferred onto a non-obese diabetic background. Animals homozygous for the SCID mutation have impaired T- and B-cell lymphocyte development and impaired natural killer (NK) cells. To Charles River in 2005 from Frederick Cancer Research and Development Center.

## **Immunocompetent Models**

### **Buffalo Rat**

**Nomenclature:** BUF/CrCrl **Strain Code:** 281 **Origin:** Heston in 1946 from Buffalo stock of H. Morris. To NIH in 1951 at F10. To Charles River in 1998 from the National Cancer Institute Animal Production Program (Cr). **Coat Color:** White (Albino).

### **Copenhagen Rat**

**Nomenclature:** COP/CrCrl **Strain Code:** 286 **Origin:** Curtis in 1921 at Columbia University Institute for Cancer Research. To National Cancer Institute Animal Production Program (Cr). To Charles River from the National Cancer Institute in 1998. **Coat Color:** White with a brown hood.

### **p53 TGEM® Knockout Rat**

**Nomenclature:** Crl:WI(UL)-*Tp53<sup>tm1/Hubr</sup>* **Origin:** At the Hubrecht Institute, a nonsense mutation at amino acid position 273 (Cys to stop) within the DNA binding domain of the rat p53 gene was isolated, which resulted in a full knockout mutation. Systematic generation of the TGEM® knockout rats was carried out by random mutagenesis of Wistar rats followed by PCR amplification and capillary sequencing. Transferred to Charles River under exclusive license from Transposagen in 2010. **Coat Color:** White (Albino).





### Immortomouse®\*

**Nomenclature:** CBA;B10-Tg(H2K<sup>b</sup>-tsA58)6Kio/CrI **Strain Code:** 237 (homozygous), 238 (hemizygous) **Origin:** At the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, a hybrid construct containing H-2K<sup>b</sup> (MHC Class I antigen) 5' promotor sequences fused to the early region of the SV40 mutant tsA58, which encodes both the large and small SV40 tumor antigens, was microinjected into fertilized oocytes from CBA/Ca x C57BL/10 F1 mice. Following reimplantation, 88 mice were born, of which 34 were transgenic and carried one to five copies of the gene. RNA from a variety of tissues from one nontransgenic and three transgenic animals was analyzed by Northern blot analysis using a SV40 early region-specific probe. RNA extracted from tissues of transgenic mice contained varying amounts of a 2.5kb RNA species, while no tsA58 TAG RNA was detected in tissues of the nontransgenic mouse; thymus and liver showed the highest level of expression, while brain showed the lowest. Distribution rights to Charles River in 1991. **Coat Color:** Primarily agouti, infrequently black.

\*Transgenic, isolator-maintained

### Cryopreserved Oncology Models

The strains listed below are currently maintained as frozen embryos. Two breeding pairs can be made available upon request approximately 12 weeks after order receipt. A dedicated supply can also be established for larger order requests. Please contact Customer Service for pricing and availability.

Common Name	Nomenclature	Species	Coat Color
AKR	AKR/NCrI	Mouse	White (Albino)
BDIX	BDIX/CrCrI	Rat	Agouti
Noble	NBL/CrCrI	Rat	White with black face/hood
Wistar Furth	WF/CrCrI	Rat	Albino
B6 D933A	B6J.129P2-Pik3ca <sup>tm2Bvan</sup> /CrI	Mouse	Black
p110alpha flox	B6J.129P2-Pik3ca <sup>tm1Bvan</sup> /CrI	Mouse	Black
B6 LacZ	B6J.129P2-Pik3ca <sup>tm3Bvan</sup> /CrI	Mouse	Black
p110beta flox	B6J.129P2-Pik3cb <sup>tm1Bvan</sup> /CrI	Mouse	Black
B6 lacZ D931A	B6J.129P2-Pik3cb <sup>tm2Bvan</sup> /CrI	Mouse	Black
B6 D931A	B6J.129P2-Pik3cb <sup>tm3Bvan</sup> /CrI	Mouse	Black
129 D931A	129P2.B6J-Pik3cb <sup>tm3Bvan</sup> /CrI	Mouse	Agouti
C D931A	C.129P2(B6)-Pik3cb <sup>tm3Bvan</sup> /CrI	Mouse	White (Albino)
B6 flox	B6J.129P2-Pik3cb <sup>tm1.1Bvan</sup> /CrI	Mouse	Black
129 flox	129P2;B6J-Pik3cb <sup>tm1.1Bvan</sup> /CrI	Mouse	Agouti
lacZ	B6J.129P2-Pik3cd <sup>tm1Bvan</sup> /CrI	Mouse	Black
B6D910A	B6J.129P2-Pik3cd <sup>tm2Bvan</sup> /CrI	Mouse	Black
C D910A	C.129P2(B6)-Pik3cd <sup>tm2Bvan</sup> /CrI	Mouse	Agouti
B6 S1031A	B6J.129P2-Pik3cd <sup>tm3Bvan</sup> /CrI	Mouse	Black