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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to confirm that mice that carry a documented genetic modification made by mutagenesis techniques that use the C57BL/6J background as the starting strain or are re-derived on the C57BL/6J background will belong solely to the creators of such genetically modified mice.

The Jackson Laboratory supports and promotes the use of full and complete nomenclature for all mouse strains and the most recent guidelines can be found on:

<http://www.informatics.jax.org/mgihome/nomen/gene.shtml>

Any specific questions can be sent by email to nomen@informatics.jax.org.

Sincerely

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