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**Charles River is the exclusive distributor of JAX™ Mice in Europe and Japan.**

Dear Researcher,

The Jackson Laboratory and Charles River have a cooperative agreement to provide JAX™ Mice strains and certain research services using JAX™ Mice to biomedical researchers in Europe and Asia. Through this agreement, Charles River serves as the **exclusive commercial breeder** of many popular JAX™ Mice strains in Europe and Japan and also as our exclusive commercial distributor of imported JAX™ Mice strains. Only JAX™ Mice strains bred by Charles River in Europe and Japan are genetically equivalent to those bred by The Jackson Laboratory.

“J” substrains from other mouse distributors differ from authentic JAX™ Mice strains due to genetic mutations that have accumulated over generations. These genetic differences have resulted in diverse phenotypic differences between substrains and JAX™ Mice strains. Such differences can confound interpretation of experimental results when comparing results to published research using authentic JAX™ Mice strains.

The JAX™ patented Genetic Stability Program (GSP) effectively prevents cumulative genetic drift in the most popular strains of JAX™ Mice. Charles River is the only licensed mouse distributor to breed and distribute JAX™ Mice and practice under this patent.

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Best Regards,

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