Alzheimer’s Disease Models

Amyloid beta (Aβ) plaques and neurofibrillary tangles (NFTs) combined with deficits in learning and memory are hallmarks of Alzheimer’s Disease. Understanding how plaques and tangles are formed and discovering effective therapeutics that prevent these neurodegenerative processes are important factors for winning the battle against Alzheimer’s Disease.

Taconic offers a variety of transgenic rodent models that develop plaques and tangles and can be used for screening of novel drug candidates for treating Alzheimer’s and other neurodegenerative diseases.

FAMILIAL ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE MODELS
• APPSWE (Tg2576)
• TAU P301L (JNPL3)
• APPSWE- Tau P301L (TAPP)

SPORADIC ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE MODELS
• HUMANIZED APOE 2/3/4

TIMELINE OF NEUROPATHOLOGY OF POPULAR ALZHEIMER’S MOUSE MODELS AVAILABLE FROM TACONIC

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AMYLOID PLAQUE DEVELOPMENT IN APPSWE MOUSE BRAIN

Amyloid plaques in 94 weeks old APPSWE mouse (B6;SJL) brain

No amyloid plaques in 94 weeks old Wild Type control mouse (B6;SJL) brain

Mature (amber) and immature (black) plaques in left hippocampus

Mature (amber) and immature (black) plaques in right amygdala

PATHOGENIC Aβ IN ALZHEIMER’S MOUSE MODELS

Aβ40 at 28-29 Weeks

Normalized activity (%)

LEARNING DEFICITS IN APPSWE MICE

Female TG
Female WT
Male TG
Male WT

n=between 6 and 10

Impaired trace fear conditioning in 54 weeks old APPSWE mice

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