



ApoE knockout rat

Model	ApoE knockout rat
Strain	HsdSage: SD-ApoE ^{tm1sage}
Location	U.S.
Availability	Live colony

Characteristics/husbandry

- + 16 bp deletion within Exon 3 on chromosome 1
- + Homozygous knockouts exhibit complete loss of ApoE protein via Western blot
- + At an early age (5- and 10-week-old), ApoE knockouts demonstrate significantly higher serum cholesterol
- + Administration of high fat diets to ApoE KO rats has resulted in significantly reduced lifespan (Envigo does not recommend administering high fat diets to ApoE KO rats)
- + Background strain: Sprague Dawley

Zygoty genotype

- + Homozygous

Research use

- + Alzheimer's disease
- + Neurodegenerative diseases

Origin

The ApoE KO rat model was originally created at SAGE Labs, Inc. in St. Louis, MO and distributed out of the Boyertown, PA facility. The line continues to be maintained through the original SAGE Labs animal inventory acquired by Envigo.

Description

Apolipoprotein E (ApoE) is a critical apoprotein of the chylomicron which binds to a specific receptor on liver cells and peripheral cells. Defects in ApoE result in disrupted transportation of lipoproteins, fat-soluble vitamins and cholesterol into the lymph systems, and then into blood.

ApoE is essential for the normal metabolism of lipids. It is expressed in the liver, intestines and brain, preventing the accumulation of cholesterol-rich particles in plasma. Widely studied for its role in cardiovascular disease and lipoprotein transport, it has more recently been implicated in Alzheimer's disease and cognition, making this a useful model for the study of atherosclerosis, Alzheimer's and nerve injury.

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Figure 1: 5- and 10-week-old ApoE knockout rats display increased serum cholesterol levels as compared to wild type animals. ApoE (-/-) rats have higher total cholesterol levels at 5- and 10-weeks of age with normal diet.

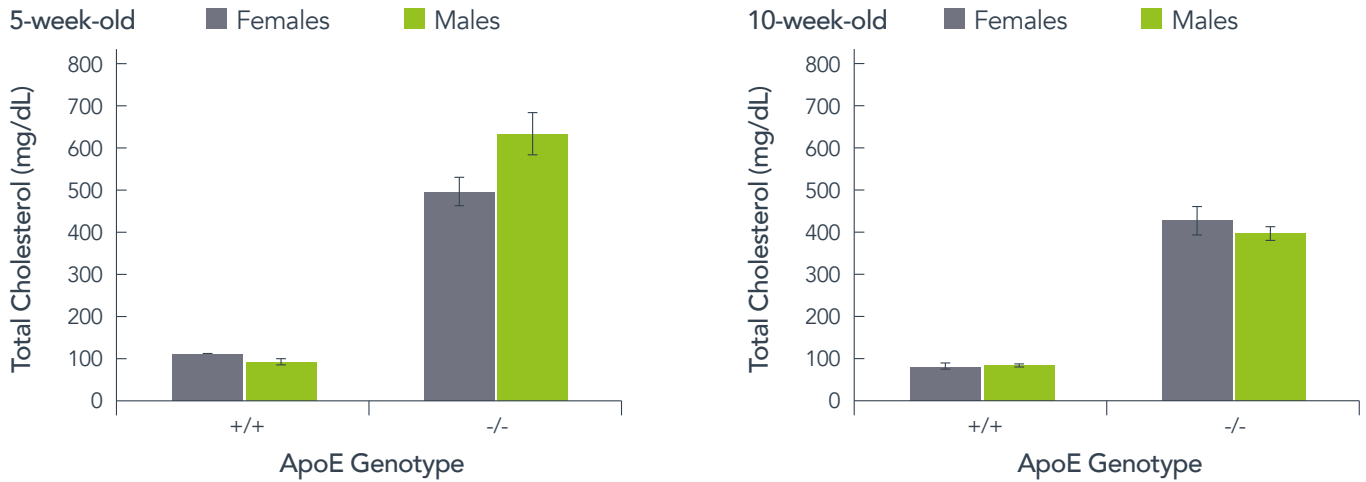
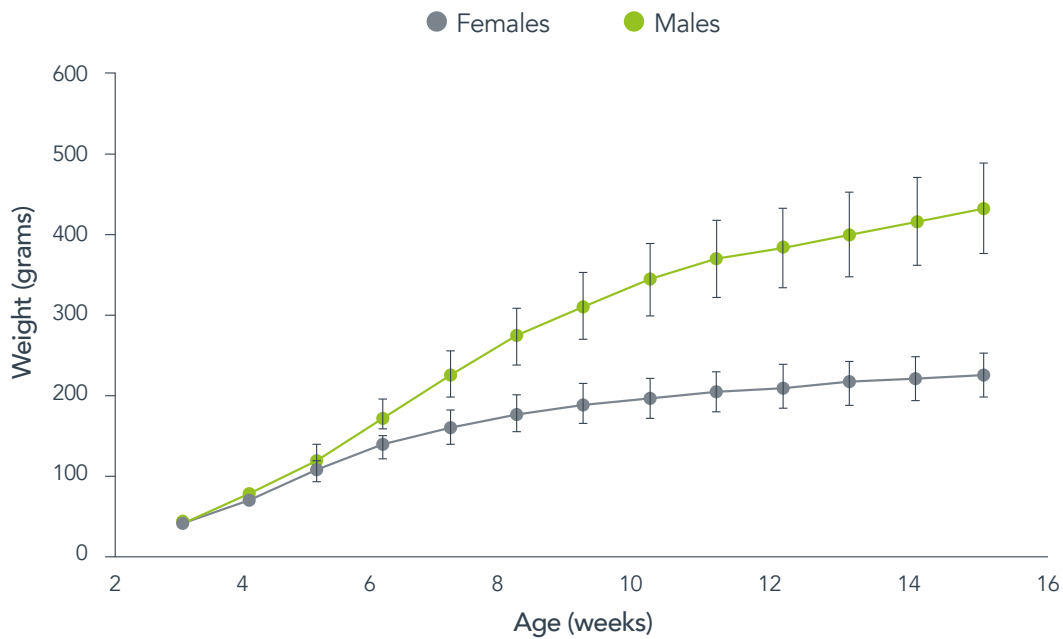


Figure 2: A graph showing the correlation between the age and weight of ApoE knockout rats.



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