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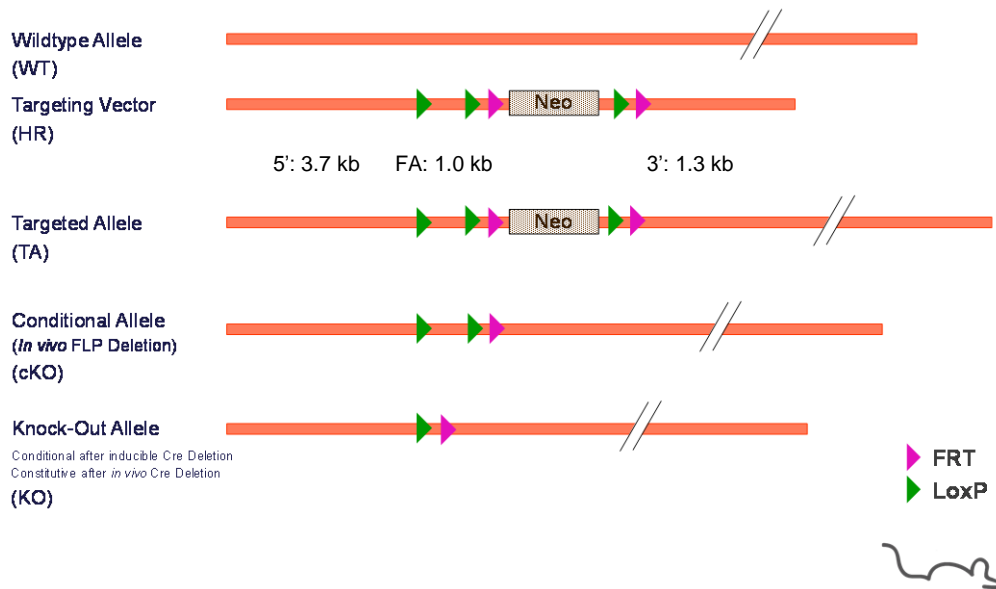
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1. Schematic representation of the locus

1.1. Overview



Overview Targeting Strategy



Legend:

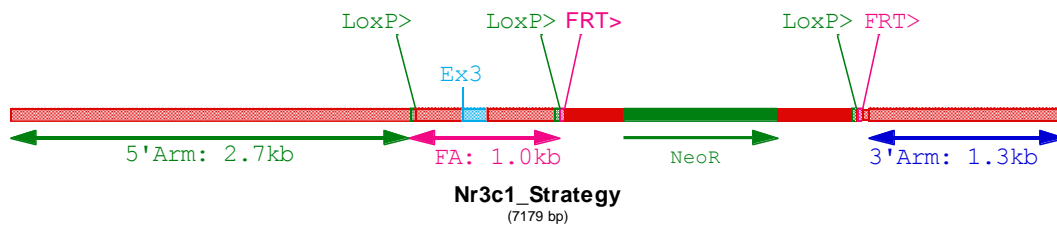
5': 5' homology arm; FA: floxed fragment; 3': 3' homology arm
 This schematic representation is not on scale

1.2. Strategy chosen: flox of exon 3

Nr3c1 gene (also named Grl-1) is a member of the nuclear receptor family. Additional information on this gene can be accessed at

<http://www.informatics.jax.org/javawi2/servlet/WIFetch?page=markerDetail&key=9277>

Strategy used to generate the conditional knock out model

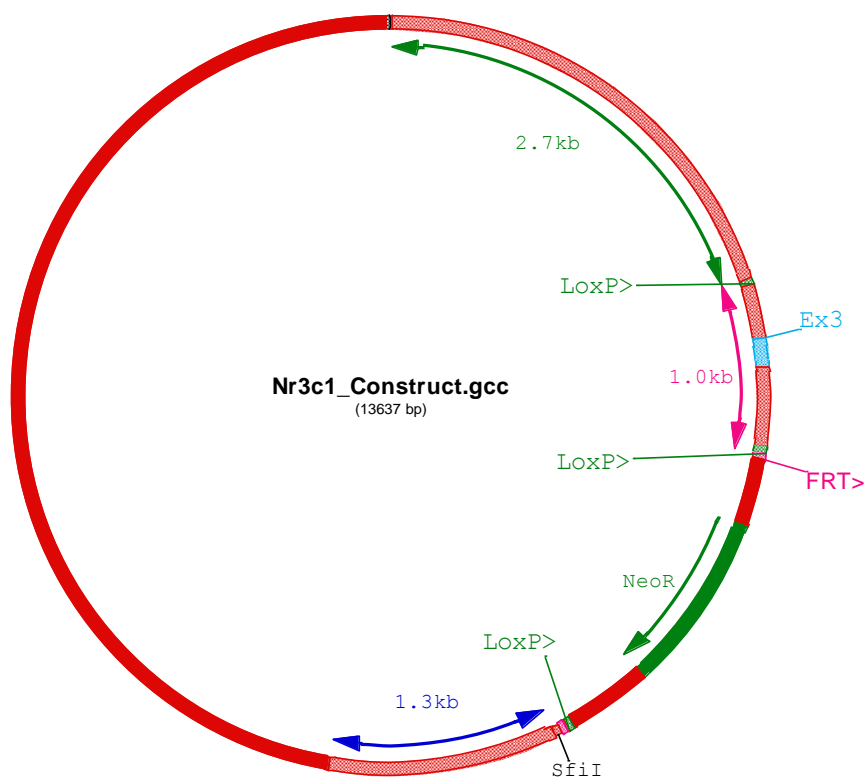


2. Construct used for homologous recombination in ES cells: Nr6a1 project

2.1. Legend

loxP sites are indicated in green ; FRT sites are indicated in purple; *Mus musculus* sequences are indicated in uppercase ; exogenous sequences are marked in lowercase.
 The targeting vector was generated in 129Sv/Pas and was not fully sequenced. Regions sequenced are indicated in bolds.

2.2. Map of targeting vector plasmid





2.3. 5' homology arm (3.7 kb)

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2.7. Vector backbone sequence

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3. ES cell lines targeted and validation data

The targeting vector was electroporated in P1 ES cells [MCI-129Sv/Pas background]

Number of clones screened: 744

Number of positives: 3

Reference of clone used to generate the mouse line:

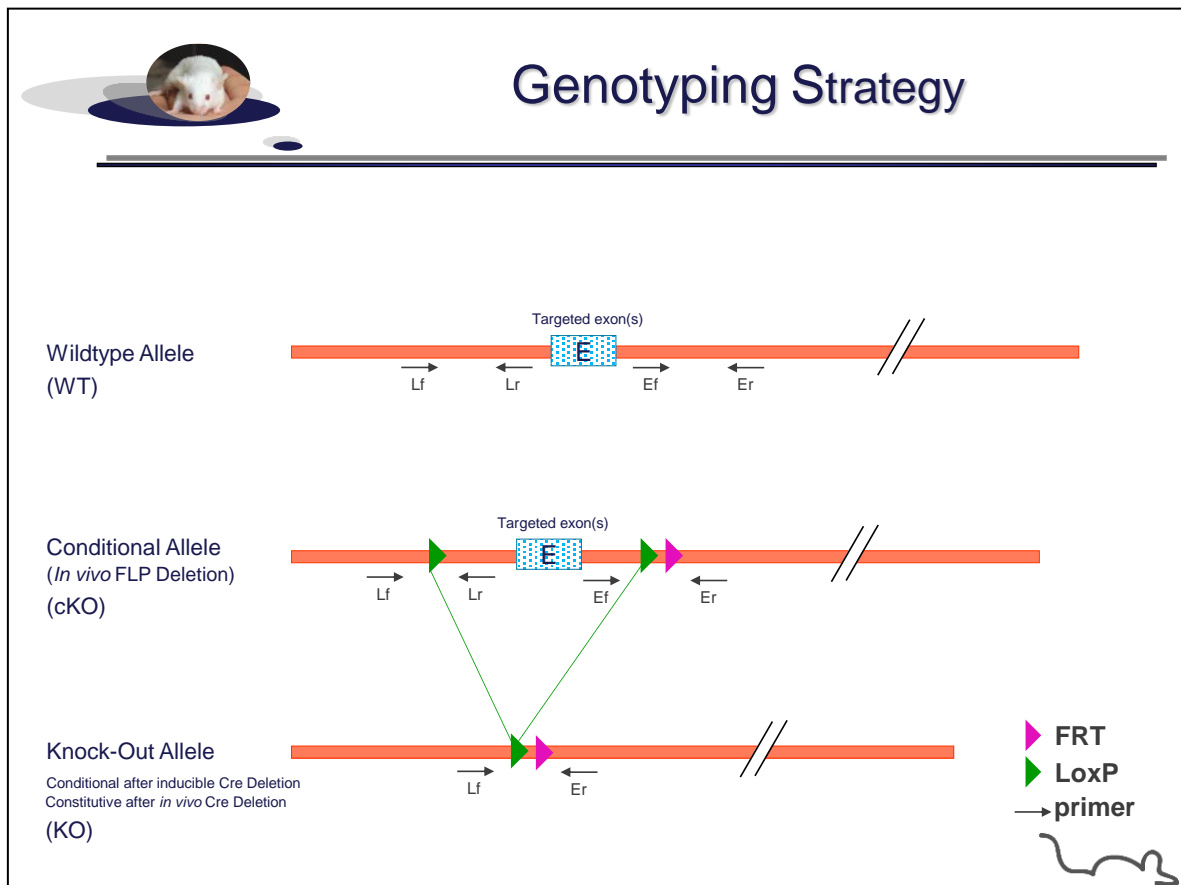
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4. Genotyping protocol and data on conditional and knock-out animals

Both conditional and knock-out mouse models were backcrossed in C57BL/6J background.

4.1. Genotyping strategy

The map below describes the position of the primers used for genotyping for each possible allele.



Sequence of primers used for genotyping



Position	Primers	Sequence
Lf	55	CCAGAGAACTAATTGGCTCTTGAC
Lr	56	AGATCATTGCTAGCAGGCATGAG
Ef	57	GACTGACAAAATCAGTGACCCTGGG
Er	58	GTCAACACATGATCACCTTGCAGTC

PCR fragments expected size (bp):

Region analyzed	Primers used	Position on the primer (see the map above)	Conditional allele (cKO)	Knock-Out allele (KO)	WT allele (WT)
Presence of the distal 5'loxP	55-56	Lf / Lr	351	---	304
Excision of the selection marker	57-58	Ef / Er	348	---	209
Total Excision (excision of the floxed exon(s), i.e. knock out)	55-58	Lf / Er	1401*	415	1215*

* This PCR product will not be observed using our PCR genotyping conditions (see description below)
--- No Amplicon should be obtained

4.2. PCR protocol

This section describes the composition of the mix and cycling conditions used for genotyping.

Reagents:	Volume:
-10x Buffer (Roche)	2.5µl
-dNTPs 10mM (Amersham Biosciences)	0.5µl
-Taq DNA Polymerase (Roche)	0.2µl
-DNA (50ng/µl)	3µl
-5' primer (100 µM)	0.125µl
-3' primer (100 µM)	0.125µl
-Sterile H2O	up to 25 µl

Cycling conditions:

Temp	Time	#Cycles
94°C	3min	1
94°C	1min	2
62°C	1min	
72°C	1min	
94°C	30s	30
62°C	30s	
72°C	30s	
72°C	3min	1
4°C	∞	

NB: These PCR conditions have been optimized for high-throughput genotyping. Adaptation to small-scale may be required.

4.3. Picture of genotyping with various alleles

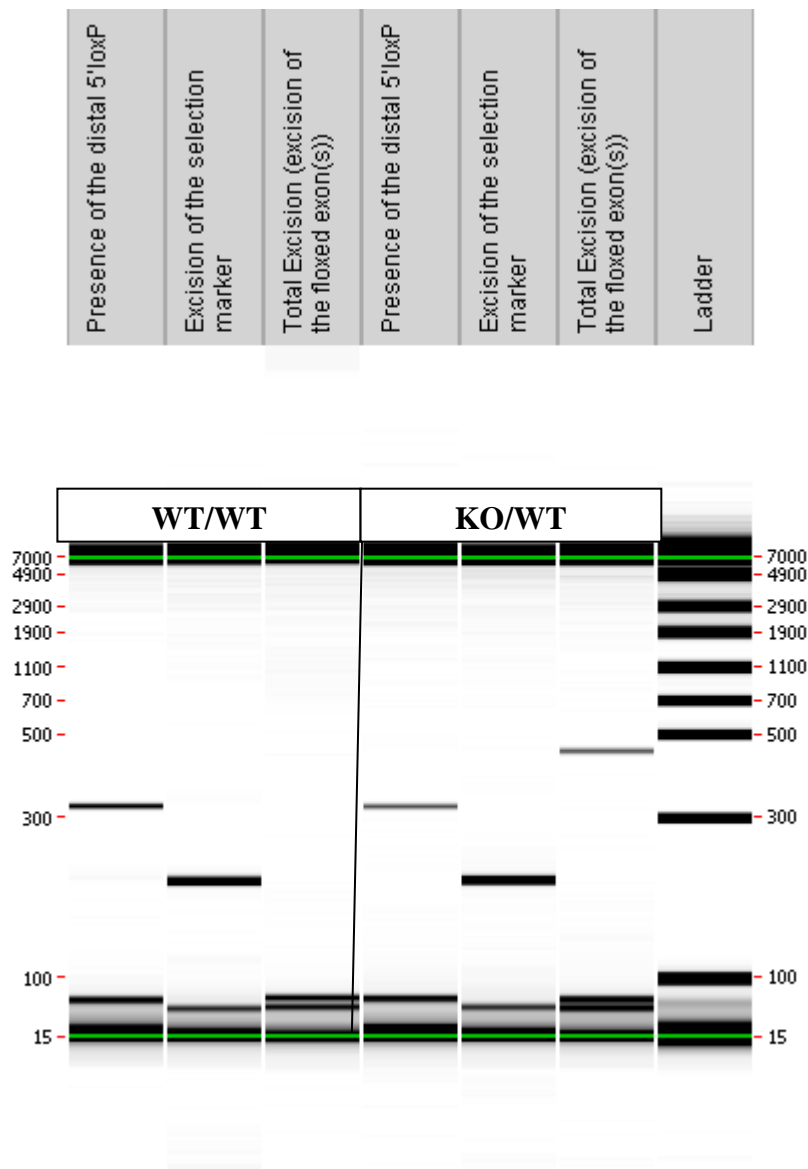
- Picture of genotyping with conditional knock-out (cKO) allele

Data not shown.

- Picture of genotyping with knock-out (KO) allele

Analysis of PCR products pattern was not done by gel electrophoresis but using LabChip® 90 microfluidic apparatus. PCR products were run on the HT DNA 5K LabChip® 90 Assay Kit.

Representative genotyping picture



Note that as this technology is more sensitive than gel analysis, non specific signals and/or primer dimers may be visible on the picture.