

**Gene:** Usp44

**Colony prefix:** PMCN

**ESC clone ID:** HEPD0626\_4\_E02

**Allele:** Usp44<sup>tm1b(EUCOMM)Hmgu</sup>

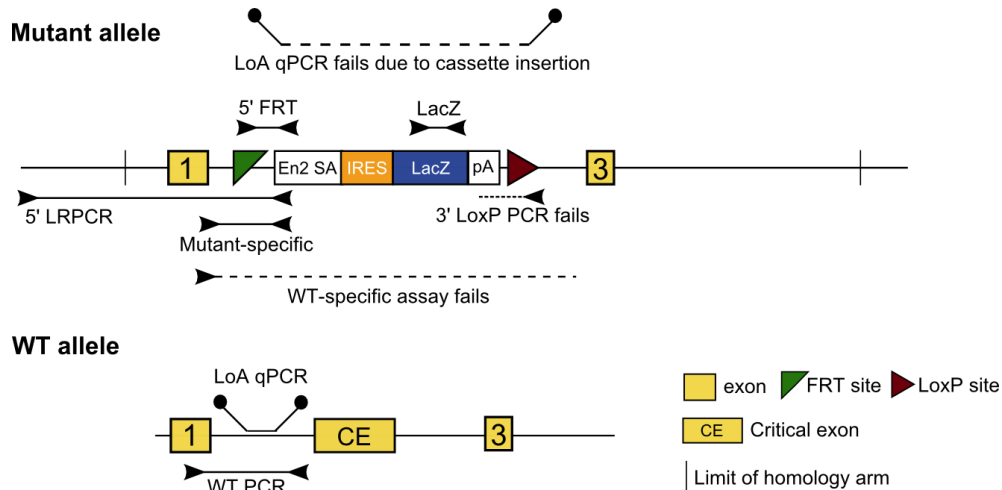
**Allele type:** Reporter-tagged deletion allele (post-cre)

### Allele information:

Further information about the allele can be found on the IMPC web site at <http://www.mousephenotype.org/>  
Details on how to determine the floxed exon can be found at <http://www.knockoutmouse.org/kb/entry/21/>

### Mouse QC information

**Promoter Driven:**



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## Southern blot confirmation:

Southern blots are not routinely performed at the Sanger Institute due to throughput constraints. A southern blot experiment design tool can be found on the IKMC web site at <http://www.knockoutmouse.org/martsearch/project/78751>

## Links to information and frequently asked questions about the EUCOMM/KOMP alleles and MGP projects

General targeting strategies:

<http://www.knockoutmouse.org/about/targeting-strategies>

MGP mouse phenotype data:

<http://www.sanger.ac.uk/mouseportal/>

IKMC allele types:

<http://www.knockoutmouse.org/kb/entry/89/>

MGP mouse quality control tests :

<http://www.knockoutmouse.org/kb/25/>

Allele conversion guide - genotyping tm1b, tm1c and tm1d mice:

<http://www.knockoutmouse.org/kb/entry/105/>

How the "critical" exon is decided:

<http://www.knockoutmouse.org/kb/entry/102/>

## Genotyping Information

### Genotyping by end-point PCR

These mice may be genotyped through a combination of separate PCR reactions that detect the cassette, the gene-specific wild type allele, and a mutant allele-specific short range PCR. Interpretation of the consolidated results produces the genotype of the mice.

For example: cassette positive, mutant positive, wild type positive = heterozygous.

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## PCRs primer pairs and expected size bands

Assay Type	Assay	Forward Primer	Reverse Primer	Expected Size Band (bp)
Standard PCR	Wild type	Usp44_115270_F	Usp44_115270_R	592
Standard PCR	Mutant	Usp44_115270_F	CAS_R1_Term	252
Standard PCR	Cassette	LacZ_2_small_F	LacZ_2_small_R	108

## Primer sequences

Primer Name	Primer Sequence (5' > 3')
CAS_R1_Term	TCGTGGTATCGTTATGCGCC
LacZ_2_small_F	ATCACGACGCGCTGTATC
LacZ_2_small_R	ACATCGGGCAAATAATATCG
Usp44_115270_F	GCACCCATATACACCGAATGG
Usp44_115270_R	TTTCACTGTTCTCCCCGTC

## Reaction setup

Reagent	µl
DNA (~50-100 ng)	1
10x Buffer	2
MgCl <sub>2</sub> (50 mM)	0.6
Platinum Taq (Invitrogen)	0.2
dNTPs (100 mM)	0.2
Primer 1 (10 µM)	0.4
Primer 2 (10 µM)	0.4
ddH <sub>2</sub> O	15.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

## Amplification conditions

Step	Conditions	Time
1	94°C	5 min
2	94°C	30 sec
3	58°C	30 sec
4	72°C	45 sec
5	Go to '2' + 34 cycles	-
6	72°C	5 min
7	12°C	forever

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### Genotyping using universal copy number qPCR assays designed to the selection cassette

The cassette qPCR assays use a hydrolysis probe assay (eg Applied Biosystems TaqMan technology) to determine genotype via the copy number of the selection cassette in a sample. Homozygotes will possess two copies, heterozygotes one copy and wild type mice will show no amplification when compared to known homozygote controls.

These FAM®-labeled assays are multiplexed with a VIC® labeled endogenous control assay (for example TaqMan® Copy Number Reference Assay, Mouse, Tfrc; Applied Biosystems part #4458366).

Please note that these assays are not gene-specific – other information should be used in conjunction with the universal cassette assays (for example the mutant-specific srPCR) when confirming the gene identity.

Primer type	Assay Name	Forward Primer Seq.	Reverse Primer Seq.	Probe Primer Seq.
Cassette	LacZ_reg	GGAGTGCGATCTTCCTGAGG	CGCATCGTAACCGTGCATC	CGATACTGTCGTCGTCGCCCTCAAACCTG

Reactions are performed in a 10µl volume using an Applied Biosystems 7900HT Fast Real-Time PCR System or Applied Biosystems Vii7 with DNA prepared using the Sample-to-SNP™ kit (Applied Biosystems) from mouse ear biopsies. GTXpress™ buffer is also used (Applied Biosystems).

Reagent	µl
2x GTXpress™ buffer	5
20x target assay	0.5
ddH2O	3
Tfrc endogenous 20x assay	0.5
DNA	1

### Amplification conditions

Step	Conditions	Time
1	95°C	20 sec
2	95°C	10 sec
3	60°C	30 sec
4	Go to '2' + 34 cycles	-

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