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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.

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Best Regards,

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