

**UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas**  
**“Model Organism Sharing Plan”**

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In the course of its research, UT Southwestern generates model organisms of potential interest to both academic and industry researchers. In virtually all cases, UT Southwestern makes model organisms available on a wide and unrestricted basis. Patent protection is rarely sought on such model organisms. Whether patented or not, model organisms are transferred and distributed by several means dependent on the intent of the end-user. For other academic or non-profit researchers, the animal models are typically transferred under standard MTAs. For requests by for-profit organizations, the models are made available under either (1) MTAs, or (2) standard non-exclusive license agreements. When the volume of requested model organisms is high, or if the costs associated with maintaining and distributing any model organisms is burdensome, UT Southwestern has engaged third parties (such as The Jackson Laboratory) as a breeding and distribution partner to make model organisms available to researchers on a timely basis.

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Model organisms are typically made available upon publication assuming breeding colonies are established.

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