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**Taconic joins International Mouse Phenotyping Consortium (IMPC)
as corporate sponsor**

Organisations share common goal of facilitating access to genetically modified models to study gene function

The International Mouse Phenotyping Consortium (IMPC) announces that Taconic, a leading provider of mouse models, has agreed to help support the mission of the IMPC by becoming a corporate sponsor. The IMPC recently released a call for industrial partnerships for industry to work with the IMPC at a variety of levels. As a result Taconic has become the first corporate sponsor of IMPC. The call for partners is still open and IMPC welcomes further industrial partners and sponsors to support the efforts of IMPC..

Professor Steve Brown, Chair of the IMPC Steering Committee, said: "The IMPC has 16 research institutions and six national funders as members and forms a substantial customer base. As a result of this call for industry partners, we are pleased to announce Taconic as the first Corporate Sponsor of IMPC and look forward to good interchanges between Taconic and IMPC to further the use of the mouse to study gene function and underlying human disease."

"Taconic shares the IMPC's goal of making genetically modified mouse models readily available as research tools to improve human health," said Todd Little, Taconic President and CEO. "We see great value in the consortium's initiative, as the phenotypic data generated by the IMPC will advance the utility of genetically modified models in drug discovery and development."

Taconic desires to support the IMPC's worldwide efforts, namely producing knockout mice, conducting phenotyping of each line, and making those lines readily available to the research community for use in basic scientific research and the generation of new models for human disease. Taconic can support the IMPC in two essential ways: by offering mouse models with stable and genetically consistent backgrounds, and by offering advanced breeding technologies to IMPC members and the research community in order to have fast and easy access to study-ready cohorts of mice.

About IMPC

The International Mouse Phenotyping Consortium (IMPC) is a group of major mouse genetics research institutions formed, along with national funding organizations, to address the challenge of developing an encyclopedia of mammalian gene function. The IMPC is undertaking a ten year program of broad-based, systematic genome-wide phenotyping of knock-out mice generated from the embryonic stem cell mutant resources developed by the International Knock-out Mouse Consortium (IKMC). The goal

of the current Phase I is to produce and phenotype 5,000 mouse lines in five years to serve as the pilot for the larger Phase II program: to complete the production and phenotyping of the mammalian genome in the second five year period. To help accomplish these goals, the IMPC is requesting input and potential partnerships with the private sector. The IMPC currently comprises 16 Research and 6 Funding members, and together makes a substantial customer base and opportunity for scientific synergy with industry. More information on the IMPC, is available at www.mousephenotype.org

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About Taconic

Taconic is a leading provider of life sciences solutions to researchers worldwide, offering innovative lab animal models and scientific services that facilitate *in vivo* studies and advance drug discovery. Among others, Taconic offers its [C57BL/6NTac](#) mouse, a standard background for genetically modified models and the genetic background of a considerable number of KO mice produced for phenotyping by IMPC. Taconic's wide range of advanced solutions include custom model design, generation and production, off-the-shelf model repositories, contract research, custom breeding, [study ready cohorts](#), genetic monitoring and health testing. Headquartered in New York's Hudson River Valley, Taconic operates seven breeding facilities and three service laboratories in the U.S. and Europe and maintains a staff of over 750 scientific specialists committed to technological innovation. Additional information about Taconic is available at www.taconic.com.

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