

C57BL/6JGpt-Tg(Acta2-iCre)

Strain Name: C57BL/6JGpt-Tg(Acta2-iCre-PolyA)62/Gpt

Strain Type: Transgene

Strain Number: T036743

Background: C57BL/6JGpt

Description

This mouse strain expresses codon optimized iCre recombinase ^[1] under the control of the mouse *Acta2*(α SMA) promoter, the construct was inserted into mice genome via transgene technology. When crossed with a strain with loxP site flanked sequence in its genome, Cre-mediated recombination will result in excision of the DNA fragment between the two loxPs in myofibroblasts and smooth muscle cells. Recombinase activity was also detected in a proportion of cells in skeletal muscle and heart. Note: mild sperm activity was detected by PCR detection of loxP recombination.

Strategy

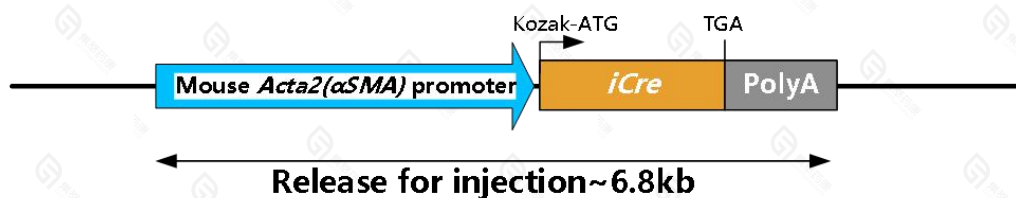


Fig.1 Schematic diagram of C57BL/6JGpt-Tg(Acta2-iCre) model strategy.

Applications

1. Cre tool mice for specific induction of loxP recombination in myofibroblasts and smooth muscle cells ^[2-3].

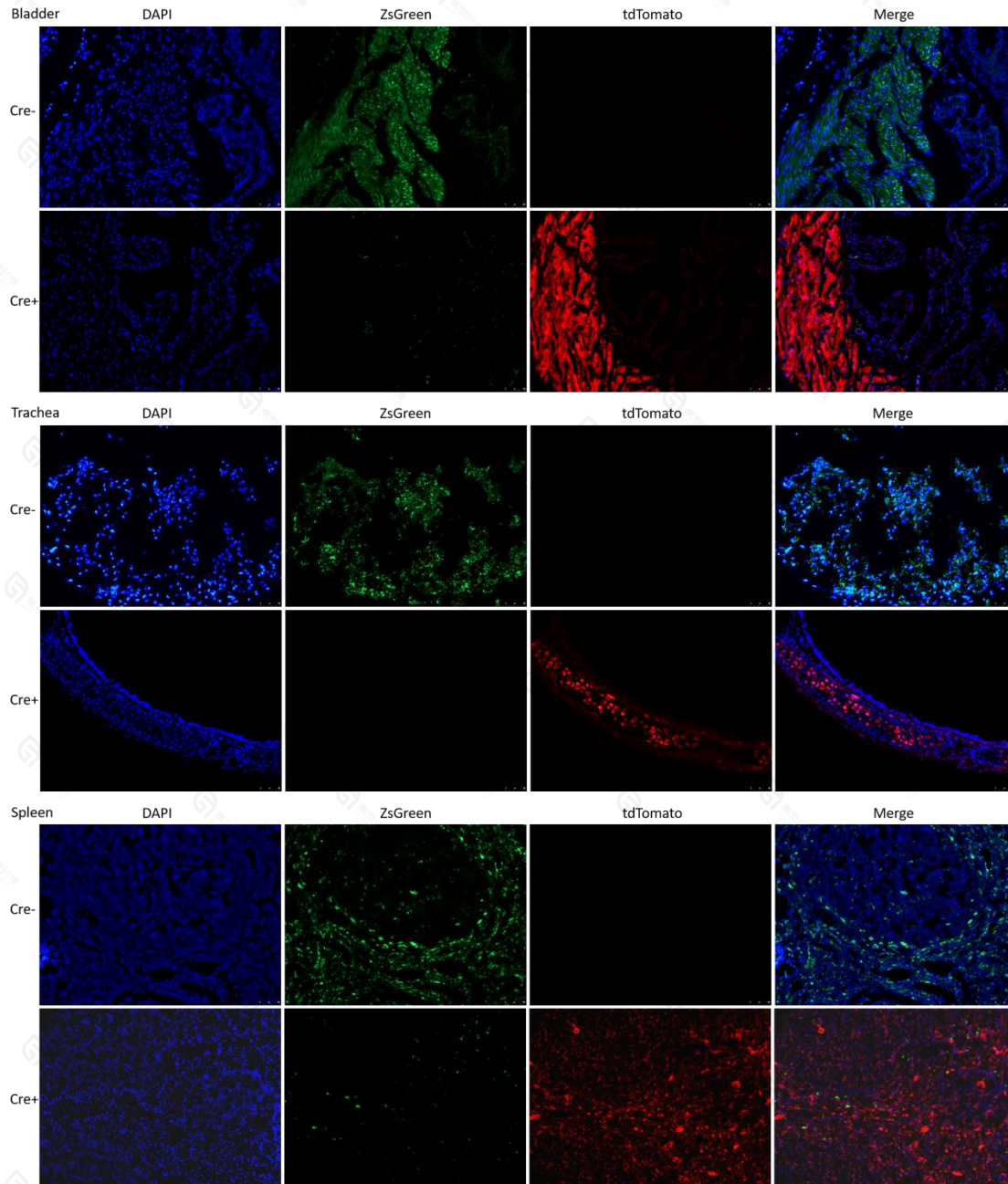
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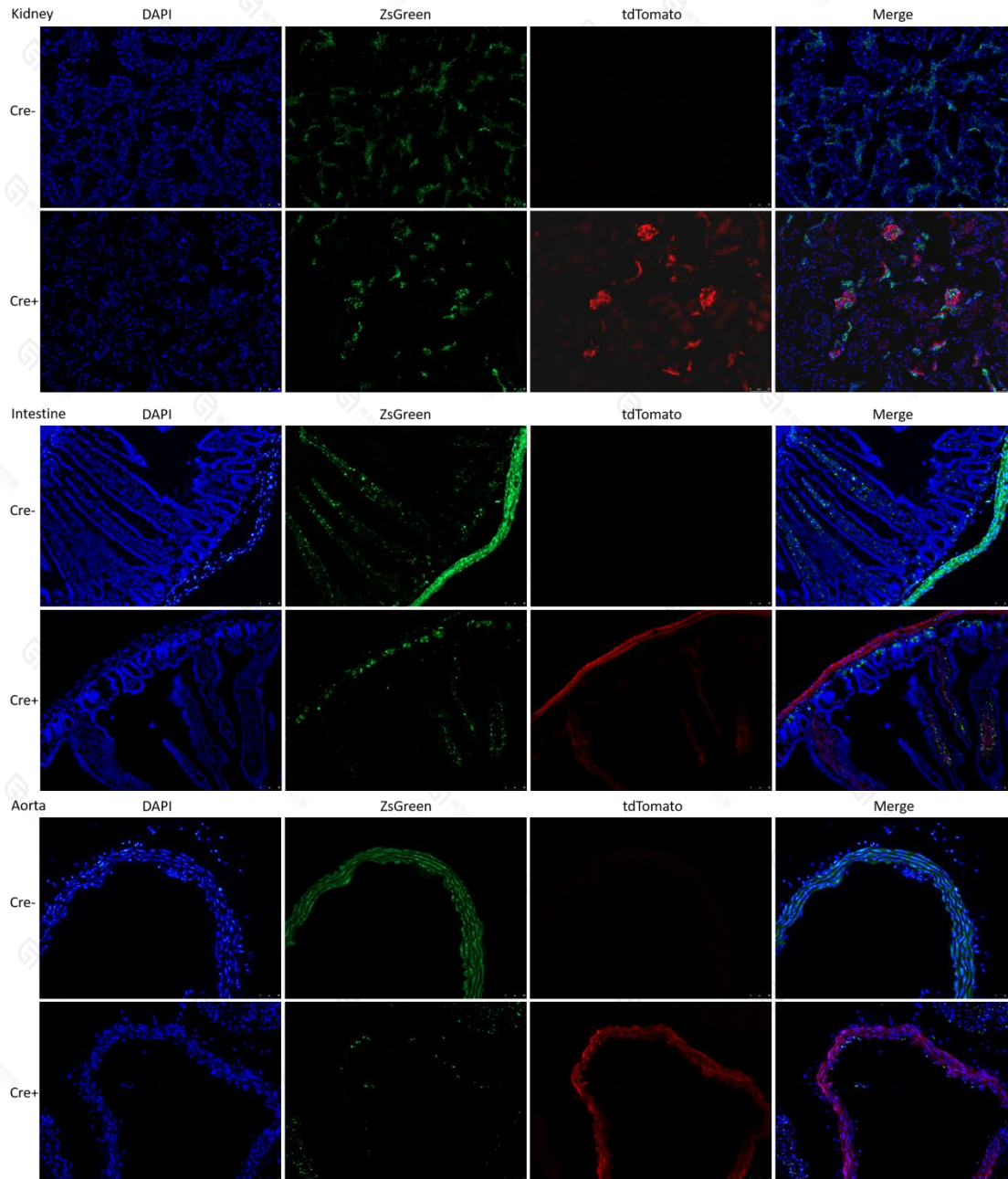
1. Validation methods & notes

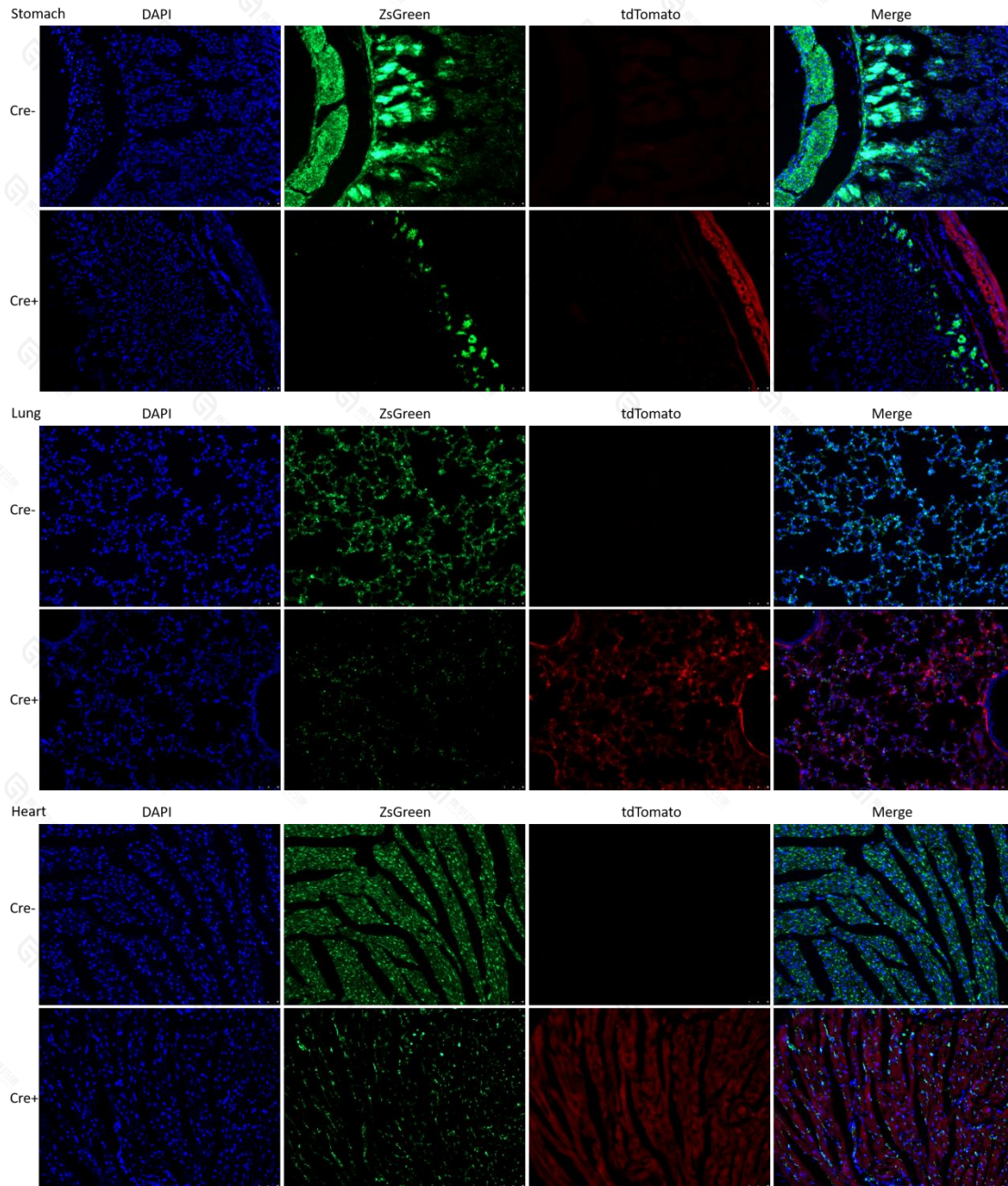
Tg(Acta2-iCre) was crossed with CAG-loxp-ZsGreen-Stop-loxp-tdTomato mice with ubiquitous reporter expression (hereafter referred as CAG-G/R mice), Cre-mediated recombination will lead to excision of ZsGreen and the stop cassette and expression of tdTomato, thus loss of green fluorescence and gain of red fluorescence will indicate Cre activity. Fluorescence imaging of frozen sections were performed to exhibit Cre activity in various tissues and organs. Imaging of sections were performed under a 200x

microscopy. Note: these results may only represent the activity of Cre in this strain at the identical stage. Recombinase activity may be different at other stages in your application.

2. Images of tissues and organs with obvious Cre activity







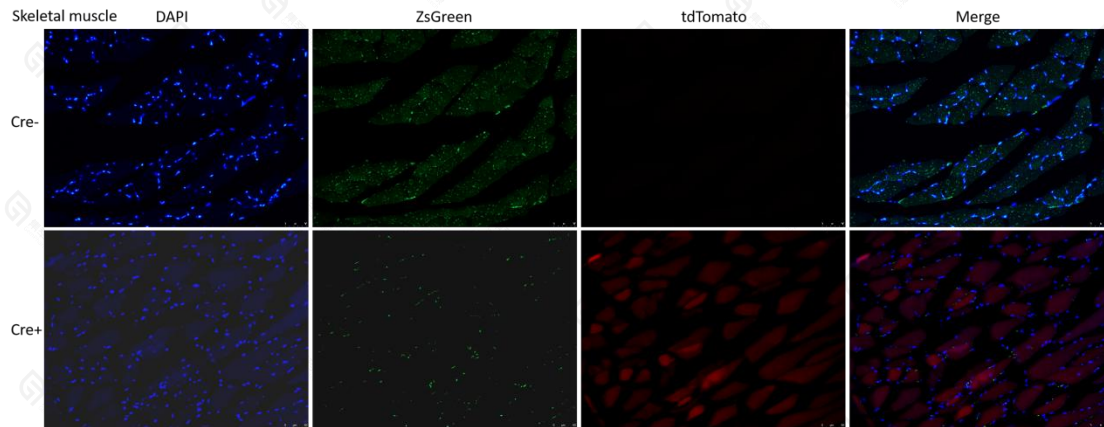


Fig 2. Fluorescence imaging of tissues and organs with obvious Cre activity.

Organ name was indicated in the left top of each subfigure group. Cre-: CAG-G/R single positive individuals; Cre+: Tg(Acta2-iCre), CAG-G/R double positive individuals.

3. Images of tissues and organs with little or no Cre activity

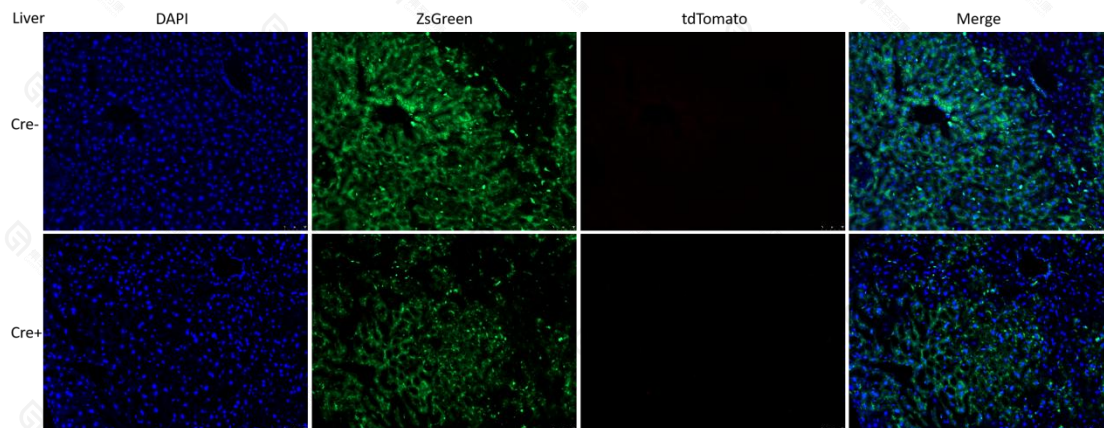


Fig 3. Fluorescence imaging of tissues and organs with little or no Cre activity.

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