# RGD: A REPOSITORY AND CUMULATIVE RESOURCE FOR RAT STRAINS

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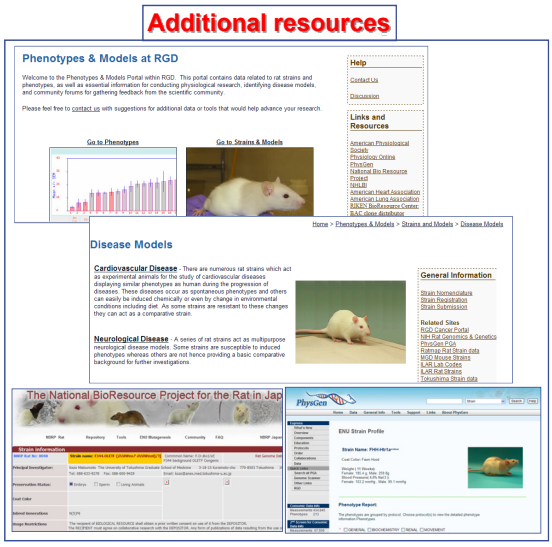
## Abstract

RGD (http://rgd.mcw.edu/) strives to collect strain information from recent research publications, direct submissions from individual researchers, and rat providers worldwide. Users can search strains in RGD by using the keyword search or advanced strain searches. RGD houses data for more than 1600 rat strains that include different strain types as substrains, recombinant inbred strains, congenic, consomic, transgenic, and mutant strains. Strain pages have a comprehensive description of characteristics, origin, disease, phenotype and physiological information, behavior, drug reactions and reproductive notes.

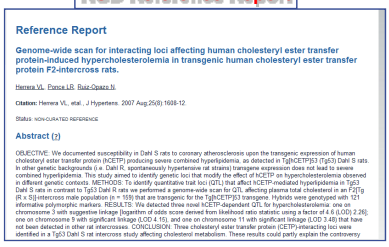
RGD uses controlled vocabularies like the Mammalian Phenotype Ontology (http://www.informatics.jax.org/searches/MP_form.shtml) and Disease Ontology (http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/MBrowser.html) to annotate all strains. These annotations, in turn, allow the users to conduct effective searches for desired strain models for their studies. Links to original publications on strain report pages provide easy access to additional information. Strain data from all major phenotype and strain centers such as PGA (http://pga.mcw.edu/), RRRC (http://www.nrrrc.missouri.edu/) and NBRP (http://www.anim.med.kyoto-u.ac.jp/nbr/home.htm) are incorporated in our website.

RGD encourages researchers to submit their strain data to ensure proper nomenclature that can be used in publication of their results. In the process of registering data, RGD validates the nomenclature of the submitted strains following the nomenclature guidelines laid out by the International Committee on Standardized Genetic Nomenclature for Mouse and the Rat Genome and Nomenclature Committee. Once a correct name/symbol has been given to a strain, we ask the submitter to check the name/symbol and also request that this nomenclature be used in future publications. Direct data submission to RGD offers users an easy process to make sure that their data are available at RGD at the time their paper is published. These features continue to make RGD the premier resource for rat strain information and provide a continuous support for ongoing rat physiological, genetic and genomic research.

## Additional resources




## RGD Reference Report



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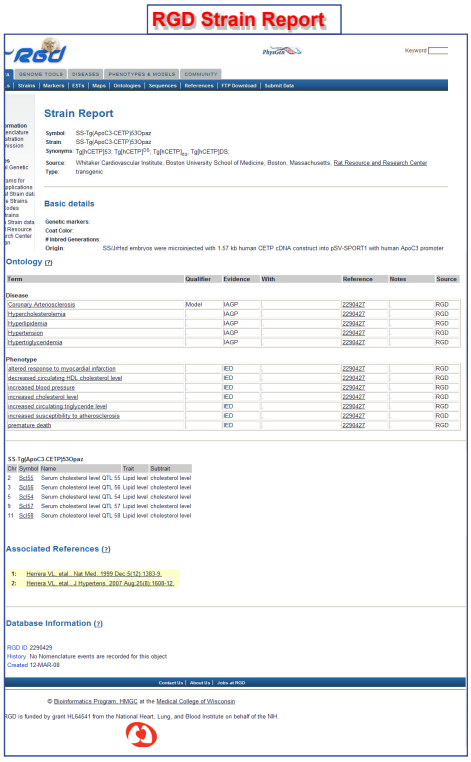
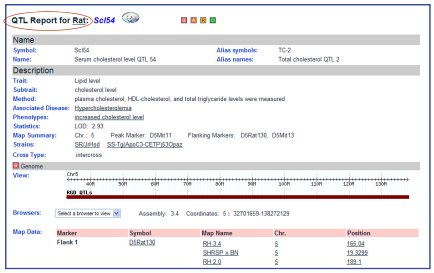
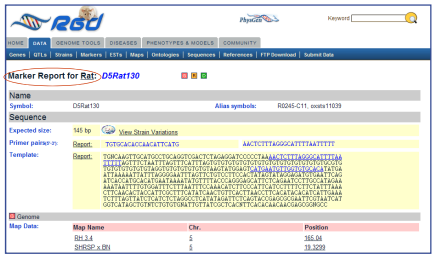
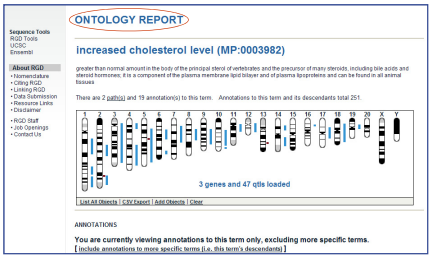


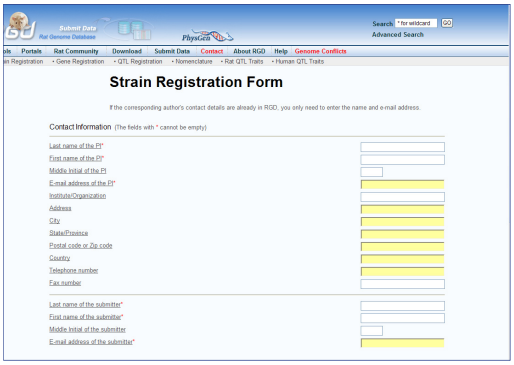



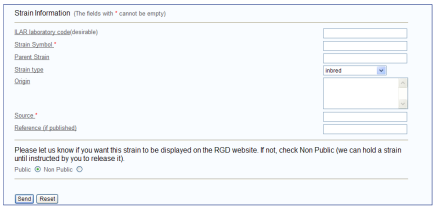




## Some of RGD's Strain submitting groups

## Submitting Strains to RGD



### Advantages of Registering data with RGD

**Strain:**
Consistent Nomenclature with RGNC approved guidelines
Use ILAR codes to ensure proper recognition to the research groups
Use ILAR codes to identify the origin and maintenance
Use correct nomenclature in publications which will be the same as RGD
Receive RGD_ID which can be mentioned in publications
Data can be kept private until released by researchers
List the source and availability

Nomenclature?
Help?
Questions?
Contact: RGD.Data@mcw.edu

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