About control strains for RCS/Kyo

The genotype of RCS/Kyo is "*rdy*/*rdy*, *p*/*p*" (RCS/Kyo rat has both *rdy* and *p* mutation).
We only maintain RCS homozygous rats (*rdy*/*rdy*, *p*/*p*) and don't keep "congenic strains of RCS rat".

There is no exact control strain for RCS/Kyo rat. Please check previous articles about RCS strain and select control strains by yourself according to your experiment's purpose. For example, rat strains as below have been used;

(1) albino rat: inbred albino rat [3], SD rat [11]
(2) Lewis rat [8]
(3) congenic strains of RCS rat produced by crossing an inbred RCS (*rdy*/*rdy*) and cesarian-derived Fischer (+/+) rat [4, 6, 15] (We don't keep "congenic strains of RCS rat.)
- pink-eyed rats that are wild-type (+/+) at the retinal dystrophy locus (*rdy* locus; the strain is designated as RCS-rdy^+) and serve as control animals for the pink-eyed dystrophic, inbred RCS strain;
- pigmented (black-hooded) dystrophic rats (the strain is designated as RCS-p^+);
- pigmented, non-dystrophic rats for use as normal controls for the pigmented dystrophic rat (the strain is designated as RCS-rdy^+ p^+).

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