

## What Causes Different Fur Colors?



Below is the nucleotide sequence of the coding strand of the *Mc1r* gene. There are two charts: one for the gene of mice with light-colored fur, and one for the gene of mice with dark-colored fur. In both charts, the first 20 codons (a **codon** is three nucleotides) are numbered. The complete *Mc1r* gene sequence has 318 codons (954 nucleotides).

## Mc1r gene sequence in a mouse with light-colored fur

-Codon Nucleotide Codon number 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 ATGCCCATGCAGGAGCCCCAGAGGAGGCTACTGGGTCCTTTCAACTCCACCGCACAGGCGTTCCTCAC AGCCTGGGGCTGGTGAGCTTGGTGGAAAATGTGCTGGTGGTGATTTCCATTGCCAAGAACCAAAACCTG CATTCCCCCATGTACTACTTCATCTGCTGCCTGGCTTTGTCTGACCTGCTTGTGAGTGTGAGCATTGTG 100  $\tt CTGGAGACCACTCTCATCTTGGTGCTAGAGGCAGGGGCCCTGGCCACCCGGGTGACTGTGGTACAGCAG$ CTGGACAATGTCATCGACGTGCTCATCTGTGGCTCCATGGTCTCAAGTCTGTGCTTCCTCGGAGCCATC 150 GCTGTGGACCGGTACATCTCCATCTTCTATGCACTGCGCTATCACAGTATTGTGACACTGCCCGGGCT CGGTGGCCATCTGGCCATCTGGGTAGCCAGCATCTCTTCCAGCACTCTTTTTGTTGCCTACTACAAC CACACAGCGGTCCTGCTTTGTCTCGTCACCTTTTTTCTAGCCACGCTGGCACTCATGGTAGTTCTGTAT GTGCACATGCTTGCACGGGCACACCAGCATGCTCAGGCCATTGCTCAGCTCCACAAGAGACAGCACCTT 250 GTCCACCAAGGTTTCCGACTCAAAGGCGCTGCCACCCTCACTATCCTCTTTGGGCATTTTCTTCCTGTGC TGGGGCCCCTTCTTCCTGTACCTCACTCTCATCGTCCTCTGCCCGAAGCACCCTACCTGCGGCTGTTTC TTCAAGAACCTCAATCTCTTCCTTGCCCTCATCATCTTCAACTCCATTGTTGACCCCCTCATCTATGCC 300 TTCCGAAGTCAGGAGCTCCGCATGACGCTCAAGGAGGTGCTGCTGTGCTCCTGGTGA

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## Mc1r gene sequence in a mouse with dark-colored fur

Codon Nucleotide Codon number 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 ATGCCCATGCAGGAGCCCCAGAGGAGGCTACTGGGTCCTTTCAACTCCACCTGCACAGGCGTTCCTCAC AGCCTGGGGCTGGTGAGCTTGGTGGAAAATGTGCTGGTGGTGATTTCCATTGCCAAGAACCAAAACCTG CATTCCCCCATGTACTACTTCATCTGCTGCCTGGCTTTGTCTGACCTGCTTGTGAGTGTGAGCATTGTG 100 CTGGAGACCACTCTCATCTTGGTGCTAGAGGCAGGGGCCCTGGCCACCTGGGTGACTGTGGTACAGCAG CTGGACAATGTCATCGACGTGCTCATCTGTGGCTCCATGGTCTCAAGTCTGTGCTTCCTCGGAGCCATC 150 GCTGTGGACCGGTACATCTCCATCTTCTATGCACTGCGCTATCACAGTATTGTGACACTGCCCTGGGCT CGGTGGCCATCTGGCCATCTGGGTAGCCAGCATCTCTTCCAGCACTCTTTTTGTTGCCTACTACAAC 200 CACACAGCGGTCCTGCTTTGTCTCGTCACCTTTTTTCTAGCCACGCTGGCACTCATGGTAGTTCTGTAT GTGCACATGCTCGCACGGGCACACCAGCATGCTCAGGCCATTGCTCAGCTCCACAAGAGACAGCACCTT GTCCACCACGGTTTCCGACTCAAAGGCGCTGCCACCCTCACTATCCTCTTGGGCATTTTCTTCCTGTGC TGGGGCCCCTTCTTCCTGTACCTCACTCTCATCGTCCTCTGCCCGAAGCACCCTACCTGCGGCTGTTTC TTCAAGAACCTCAATCTCTTCCTTGCCCTCATCATCTTCAACTCCATTGTTGACCCCCTCATCTATGCC TTCCGAAGTCAGGAGCTCCGCATGACGCTCAAGGAGGTGCTGCTGCTCCTGGTGA

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