

# VETERINARY TECHNICAL DATASHEET

X-linked Severe Combined Immunodeficiency, (XSCID); mutation originally found in Basset Hound



Mutation Found In :Basset Hound

## Disorder Type

- Immune system

## Disease Severity

- Severe

## Background

X-linked severe combined immunodeficiency (X-SCID) is a severe dysfunction of the immune system; this variant is associated with the Basset Hound. The mode of inheritance is X-linked recessive and, therefore, affected dogs tend to be males.

## Key Signs

- Immunodeficiency
- Lymphopenia
- Lack of lymph nodes
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Failure to thrive
- Opportunistic infections

## Clinical Description

X-SCID is a severe immunodeficiency, which results from abnormally low levels of lymphocytes (white blood cells) and their dysfunctionality. Lymphatic tissue of affected dogs is also underdeveloped. Affected dogs are extremely susceptible to opportunistic infections and typically die at a very young age.

## Mode of Inheritance

- X-linked

## Gene Name

- IL2RG

## Next Steps

Therapy is limited to symptomatic treatments for resulting infections and general supportive care. There is no cure.

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