*Xiphophorus maculatus, XSrAr*

Strain code: XSrAr

Phenotypes scored: Striped side (Sr), spotted side (Sp), anal red (Ar), shoulder spot (ss) and dot (D).

Introduction:

The Jp163A stock of *X. maculatus* maintained at the XGSC in San Marcos produced a cross over female in 1999 who expressed the male phenotype of striped side and anal red (SrAr). This female was mated to create a new strain with the SrAr genes linked to the X-chromosome. This stock is now perpetuated by crossing to the Jp163B stock.

Sex determination / sexing:

The chromosomal sex-determination mechanism is XX / XY. XSrAr fish are sexed at 8 weeks of age. Fish reach sexual maturity at about four months of age.

Scoring:

Both males and females in this stock are all scored for Sr, Ar, Sp, ss and D.

Maintenance:

The XSrAr stock is maintained by crossing either a male or female XSrAr fish with a Jp163B fish of the opposite sex. If an XSrAr female is crossed with a Jp163B male, then the resulting offspring expressing the XSrAr trait will be both male and female. If a male carrying the X-linked SrAr pattern is mated to a Jp163B female, then all of the female offspring will carry the XSrAr pattern while no males will.

A minimum of two matings are set up as soon as mature XSrAr fish and Jp163B fish are available to maintain the next generation:

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\begin{align*}
\text{X-SrAr} & \times \text{X-Sp ss D} \\
\text{(XSrAr)} & \times \text{X-Sp Y-SrAr D} \\
\text{(Jp163B)}
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One half of the resulting progeny will be segregants that are not required to maintain the stock. These animals can be discarded upon scoring.

Stock source:
XGSC, the Texas State University – San Marcos, 10/19/99.