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The resistance/susceptibility to *Echinococcus multilocularis* infection in mice are genetically controlled. However, genetic factors responsible for these differences remain unknown. Previous study in genetic linkage analysis has revealed that there is a significant quantitative trait locus (QTL) for the establishment of cyst (*Emcys1*), and a highly significant QTL for development of protoscolex of *E. multilocularis* larvae (*Empsc1*), on mouse chromosomes 6 and 1, respectively. The current study aimed to confirm these QTLs and narrow down the critical genetic region that controls resistance/susceptibility to *E. multilocularis* infection by establishing congenic and subcongenic lines from C57BL/6 (B6) and DBA/2 (D2) mice. For protoscolex development phenotype, two congenic lines, B6.D2-*Empsc1* and D2.B6-*Empsc1* were developed, where responsible QTL, *Empsc1* was introgressed from D2 into B6 background and *vice versa*. For cyst establishment phenotype, two congenic lines, B6.D2-*Emcys1* and D2.B6-*Emcys1* were developed, where responsible QTL, *Emcys1* was introgressed from D2 into B6 background and *vice versa*. Because there was no significant difference in cyst establishment between B6.D2-*Emcys1* and D2.B6-*Emcys1* mice after challenge with *E. multilocularis*, it is suggested that the *Emcys1* does not solely control the cyst establishment in mouse liver. However, infection experiment with B6.D2-*Empsc1* and D2.B6-*Empsc1* mice showed a significant difference in protoscolex development in the cyst. It confirms that the *Empsc1* controls phenotype of the protoscolex development in the cyst. Subsequently, two subcongenic lines, B6.D2-*Empsc1.1* and B6.D2-*Empsc1.2*, from B6.D2-*Empsc1* and one subcongenic line, D2.B6-*Empsc1.1* from D2.B6-*Empsc1* were developed to narrow down the critical region responsible for protoscolex development. From the results of infection experiments with *E. multilocularis* in these subcongenic mice, it is concluded that a gene responsible for protoscolex development is located between *D1Mit290* (68.1 cM) and *D1Mit511* (97.3 cM).