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The following are disease names and abbreviations of spongiform encephalopathies,: (Do not confuse “kudu” and “kuru.”) The infectious agents of TSEs are known as TSE agents or prions. The term prion (from “proteinaceous infectious particle”) reflects the agents' proposed association or identity with spongiform encephalopathy related pathologic proteins. Follow author preference for the terms TSE agent and prion. Proteins related to spongiform encephalopathies in humans are designated as follows: The last term refers to a transgenic mouse line with a proline to leucine mutation at residue 101 (see also , Nucleic Acids and Amino Acids). For prion-related genes, see ,