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Cloning: Ethical Issues and Future Consequences



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#### Lecture 3 What Are Genes & How Do They Work: Part Two

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# Los Angeles Times

# Green sea slugs use plant genes to live on sunlight

The creature, which makes its own chlorophyll, incorporates algae genes into its system and retains chloroplasts for photosynthesis. The finding may have uses in genetic engineering and therapies.





Algae genes for chlorophyll biosynthesis have been incorporated into the sea slug genome -Horizontal Gene Transfer!



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Review of Last Tuesday's Lecture: What Are Genes & How Do They Work -Part One

- 1. What Are the Functions of Genes?
- 2. What Is Gene & Genetic Diversity
- 3. What is the Evidence For DNA Being the Genetic Material
  - a) Griffith & Avery et al. Experiments
  - b) Modern Genetic Engineering Experiments
- 4. Structure of DNA
- 5. Genes & Chromosomes in Prokaryotes & Eukaryotes







### Gene Action Leads to Specific Traits -Genotype Specifies Phenotype



**Collection of Traits** 

Genetic Engineering Alters Cell Function By Changing the Genotype How is this Demonstrated Experimentally? Design an Experiment!

#### Alleles Account for Variability in Traits – Breeding Takes Advantage of this Natural Genetic Variability

#### Mendel's Traits Resulted from Different Alleles of the Same Gene



#### **Tomato Genetic Diversity**



This Genetic Variability Arose Spontaneously By RARE Mutations

## The Griffiths Experiment

#### EXPERIMENT



## The Transforming Principle

Experiments by Avery et al. Showed that DNA is the Genetic Material



When Dnase Destroyed DNA There Was No Transformation & Only Rough Cells Were Found In Culture

#### All Organisms Can Be Transformed!! Genetic Engineering Has Come a Long Way Since Griffiths Experiments in 1928!!





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### **DNA** Structure



- 1. Complementary Strands
- 2. A=T and G=C
- 3. Sequence of Strands Differ
- 4. Bases to Interior
- 5. Phosphate-Sugar Backbone on Exterior
- 6. DNA Strands in Opposite Direction (Only Way Helix Fits)
- 7. Sequence of One Chain Automatically Specifies Sequence of Complementary Chain (Basis of Replication!)

Watson and Crick, Nature, 1953

## Genes Reside at Specific Locations



Linear DNA

**Circular DNA** 

Note Bands - What are these? How Know Gene Positions? Chromosome #?

## Organization of Genes on Human Chromosome 22



Figure 4-15 *Molecular Biology of the Cell* (© Garland Science 2008)



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# THEMES

- 1. What is the Function of a Gene-Review?
- 2. How Are Genes Regulated Switched On & Off?
- 3. How Does DNA Replication Occur?
- 4. What is the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and How is PCR used?
- 5. How Do Mutations Occur?
- 6. How Can Pedigrees Be Used To Follow the Inheritance of Mutant Genes?
- 7. How Do Mutations Change Phenotypes?
- 8. What is the Colinearity Between Genes & Proteins (how does DNA→protein)?
- 9. What Is the Genetic Code?
- 10. How Do Gene Expression Processes Differ in Eukaryotes & Prokaryotes?
- 11. How Can Splicing Cause One Gene To Specify Several Different Proteins?
- 12. Yo!-It's in the DNA Sequences- What Are the Implications For Genetic Engineering?

## A Conceptualized Gene



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#### A Gene is a Specific DNA Sequence that Directs the Expression of a Unique Trait



<u>Note</u>: mRNA Sequence = Sense Strand Sequence

#### A Chromosome Contains Many Genes That Work As Individual Units What delineates each gene? DNA Helix gene 2 gene 3.... aene 1 3' Coding 5' **Position of Genes** untwisted view of DNA 1, 2, & 3 in Template 3<sup>1</sup> chromosome Notice sequence of each gene Discrete Units! Evidence? 3'5' mRNA3 5' \_\_\_\_\_\_3'5' mRNA2 5' Notice- Each gene, mRNA, & protein has a <u>unique order/</u> sequence of monomeric units protein 1 protein 2 protein 3... protein Central Dogma **Function** 1 **Function 2** Function 3 .: Genes -> Functions in Cells Note sequence of each protein via Proteins Cells duplicate & stay the same -> DNA replication

VERY IMPORTANT CONCEPT! <u>COLINEARITY</u> BETWEEN GENE SEQUENCE AND PROTEIN SEQUENCE



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## A "Simple" Gene Reviewed

- 1. <u>Sense Strand</u> = Genetic Code
- Sense Strand = 5' → 3' Direction (all DNA sequences specified 5' → 3')
- 3. <u>AntiSense Strand</u> = Complement of Sense Strand & is Transcribed Strand
- 4. <u>mRNA</u> = Same Sequence As Sense Strand & Complementary to AntiSense Strand
- 5. <u>mRNA</u> = 5' → 3'
- 6. Switch Turns Gene On Not Transcribed But Upstream of Coding Region

Genes Function As Independent Units -WHY IMPORTANT FOR GENETIC ENGINEERING?

"Everything" Follows the Double Helix & Its Rules -Anti-parallel Chains & Complementary Base Pairing!

### Control Switches Are Unique DNA Sequences & Can Be Cloned

### AND used to Re-Engineer Organisms!! Switches Act Independently of Gene!!



Control Switches Are Unique DNA Sequences & Can Be Cloned AND used to re-engineer organisms!! Switches act independently of gene!!



#### Switches Control Where & When A Gene Is Active → Unique Functions → Unique Cell Types





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#### THE GENE AND SWITCHES ARE UNIQUE DNA SEQUENCES

- These New Genes Can Be Transcribed in New Cell Types (Switch Change) &/or Organisms &/or Both. (e.g., <u>Human Genes in Plant Seed</u>)

Human Genes + Plant Seed Switch

#### Yo! It's in the Sequences!!

#### The Eye Gene Can Be Expressed in Different Parts of the Fly by Engineering the Eye Switch



Replace the Head Switch With the Leg Switch by Genetic Engineering



Eye Gene + Leg Switch



Abnormal activity of the eyeless gene has generated an eye on the leg of a fly.





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### 100 Years Into The Future

- 1. If the Entire Human Genome is Sequenced?
- 2. If the Function/Protein of All Genes Are Known?
- 3. If All the Switches Are Identified & How They Go On & Off From Birth to Death?
- 4. If We Understand How Genes Are Choreographed & All the <u>Sequences</u> That Program them

#### What Does the Future Hold?

We Will Know at the DNA Level What Biological Information Programs Life to Death!

What Does This Mean For The Future of Humanity?

Remember - Mendel's Law Were Only Rediscovered 100 Years Ago & Look What We Can Do & Now!

### How Do Genes Work-A Review



**Unless a Functional Protein Produced!** 

#### How Are Genes Replicated During Each Cell Generation?



How is The DNA Sequence Copied/ Replicated Each Cell Division?

Pass on Genes to Next Generation Precisely?

#### **BASIC OF LIFE!**

#### Genes Are Replicated Before Cells Divide



#### DNA is Stable! The Sequence of Each DNA Strand Must Be Maintained Division After Division



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> Each daughter DNA must be identical to the parent DNA, both in nucleotide sequence and polarity

### **DNA Replication Occurs Semi-Conservatively**



- 1. DNA Structure Allows DNA Sequence to Be Maintained by Complementary Base Pairing
- 2. Each Strand Serves as a Template for the Synthesis of a Complementary Strand
- 3. New DNA Molecules are Precise Copies of Parental DNA – Each Containing One Newly Synthesized Complementary Strand

#### Semi-Conservative DNA Replication Explains How DNA Sequence is Maintained Precisely



The Existing DNA Strands Act As Templates for the Synthesis of the Other Strand – Based on Complementarity of Nucleotide Bases

The DNA sequence of the template strand specifies the order of nucleotide added 5' to 3' in the daughter strand – determined by base-pairing

### DNA Synthesis Occurs in the 5' to 3' Direction



- 5' Phosphate and 3' Hydroxyl Specifies Polar Sequence Orientation
- A primer is required for DNA synthesis

#### DNA Replication Through Continuous and Discontinuous Strand Synthesis



#### DNA Replication is Discontinuous – DNA Synthesis Occurs 5' to 3' on a Leading and Lagging Strand



http://www.mcb.harvard.edu/Losick/images/TromboneFinald.swf

#### **DNA Replication Requires An Enzyme - DNA Polymerase**



- 1. DNA Polymerase Catalyzes 3'-5' Phosphodiester Bonds & Copies the Template
- 2. DNA Replication Needs a Primer, Template, DNA Polymerase, & Nucleotides

### **DNA Replication Requires An Origin of Replication**



Two IDENTICAL Cells - Phenotypically & Genotypically - From One



DNA Replication Also Requires:

- 1. Template
- 2. Nucleotides
- 3. DNA Polymerase (Machine)
- 4. "Primer" to Start Replication

ORI

#### **DNA Replication Starts at The Origin of Replication**



DNA Polymerase Binds to The Origin of Replication (ORI) to Begin DNA Synthesis

How Control Division?

#### **DNA Replication Moves Bidirectionally From Origin**



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# The Origin of Replication is a Specific Sequence





1. How Do you Clone an Origin of Replication?

2. Specific Sequence - What Does This Mean For Genetic Engineering?

- 3. What is the Significance For Genetic Engineering?
  - 4. Can Replicating "Chromosomes" Be Made?



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#### Vectors Require an ORI To Replicate Genes in Specific Cells

(A) Plasmid pBR322 Host: *E. coli* 



Recognition Site for Restriction Enzymes

- 1. ORI is a specific sequence
- 2. ORI is Genome & Organism Specific
- 3. DNA Polymerases are Specific For Each Organism. Therefore need correct ORI to Replicate Gene in a Specific Organism!

Need Bacterial ORI to clone human gene in bacteria. Need human ORI to replicate a bacterial gene in human cells.

Yo! It's in the Sequence= Function

.: Vectors can be Engineered!

Ori's can be cloned/synthesized!

MODULAR!!

# The Polymerase Chain Reaction or PCR is a Molecular Xerox Machine



1. PCR Has Revolutionized DNA Analysis! <u>Specific</u> DNA Sequences/Genes Can Be "Copied" Directly From "Tiny" Amount of DNA!

- 2. No Cloning Needed!
- 3. But Need Sequence!

#### Using Gel Electrophoresis to Visualize PCR Products



Specific Diagnostic DNA Band Unique to DNA Sequence Being Amplified

Target-Specific Band Diagnostic For Specific DNA Sequence

#### Can Amplify One DNA Sequence From an Entire Genome!!!

# PCR is a Cyclical Process of DNA Replication

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# **Requirements For PCR**

- 1. Knowledge of a Specific Sequence to Amplify (e.g., insulin gene)
  - a) Must Have First Cloned & Sequenced DNA of Interest the "Old-fashioned Way"
- 2. Primers That Recognize Specific DNA Sequences & Initiate DNA Synthesis & DNA Polymerase Binding To Template
- 3. Template (e.g., DNA From Human Cheek Cell)
- 4. Heat-Stable DNA Polymerase
- 5. Nucleotides
- 6. Thermoprogrammer/Cycler To Heat & Cool DNA in Cycles-Separating DNA Strands, Allowing Primers To Bind Complementary Sequences (Anneal), & Permiting New dsDNA Molecules to Form

It's All in the DNA Sequences -- Know Sequence & Can Synthesize an Infinite Amount of Specific DNA Sequences. It know Takes One Hour To Do What Used to Take YEARS!

# PCR Has Made DNA Cloning and Recombinant DNA Technology Obsolete?

a.Yes b.No





# **Examples of PCR Applications**





Polymerase Chain Reaction is Used to Diagnose Embryos From In Vitro Fertilization Before Implantation – Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD)





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<u>PGD</u>

Pre-

Genetic

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# PCR is Used To Analyze Gene in a Single Embryo Cell



What is The Implication of This Procedure Considering That The Human Genome Has Been Sequenced?

Sex

**Determination** in

8-cell Embryo!

#### Determining the Genetic Identity of a Human Embryo Before Implantation!



Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD)

### Genetic Diseases Screened Using PGD

Achondroplasia	Cystic fibrosis	Hypophosphatasia	PKU	
ADPKD1	Down syndrome	Incontinentia pigmenti	Retinitis pigmentosa	
ADPKD2	Duchenne muscular dystophy	Kell disease	SCA6 oSickle cell anemia	
Adrenoleukodystrophy	Dystonia	Klinefelter syndrome	Sonic hedgehog mutations	
Age-related aneuploidies	Epidermolysis bullosa	LCHAD	Spinal muscular atrophy (SMA)	
Alpha-1-antitrypsin	Familial dysautonomia	Lesch Nyhan syndrome	Tay-Sachs disease	
Alport disease	Fanconi anemia	Marfan syndrome	Tuberous sclerosis	
Amyloid precursor protein (APP) mutation	FAP	Multiple epiphysial dysplasia	Turner syndrome	
ARPKD	Fragile X syndrome	Myotubular myopathy	Von Hippel Lindau	
Becker muscular dystrophy	Gaucher disease	NF1 and NF2	X-linked hydrocephaly	
Beta-thalassemia	Hemophilia A and B	Norrie disease	X-linked hyper IgM syndrome	
Charcot Marie Tooth disease	HLA genotyping	Osteogenesis imperfecta		
Chromosomal translocations	HSNF5 mutation	OTC deficiency		
Congenital adrenal hyperplasia	Huntington disease	P53 mutations		

Parents Should Be Allowed To Use PGD to Test Their Embryos For Any Gene and Select Specific Combinations of Genes For Their Child?

> a. Yes b. No

# PCR Can Be Used To Analyze Genes During Pregnancy





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### Using PCR To Detect Genes In Ancient DNA







Just Need One Molecule of DNA!!



#### Using PCR To Detect Genes in Mummy DNA



#### Sequence to Determine Relationships

#### Using PCR to Amplify Mammoth DNA From Fossilized Hair & Sequence the <u>Entire</u> Genome!

#### Nature, November 2008

# Sequencing the nuclear genome of the extinct woolly mammoth

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# Using PCR to Amplify Neanderthal Bone DNA and Sequence the <u>Entire</u> Genome!

#### The New York Times

### Scientists in Germany Draft Neanderthal Genome

By NICHOLAS WADE Published: February 12, 2009

Scientists report that they have reconstructed the genome of Neanderthals, a human species that was driven to extinction some 30,000 years ago, probably by the first modern humans to enter Europe.

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From a 45,000 Year-Old Bone



#### Using PCR in Crime Scenes

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"Match" What is Probability That This Will Occur by Chance?

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# Using PCR To Determine an Individual's Ancestry

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#### PCR Started a New Industry

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# DNA can reveal ancestors' lies andsecretsLA Times, January 18, 2009

# Using PCR To Detect Food Pathogens

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#### Using PCR To Detect Human Pathogens (Viruses, Fungi, Bacteria)

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Each Genome Has Specific DNA Sequences That Can Be Used For Screening and Diagnosis Using PCR

#### PCR Has Many Uses, Has Changed Many Fields, and Led To New Ones That Have Had a Big Impact On Our Lives

- 1. Amplify Any DNA Sequence, or Gene, From "Tiny" Amounts of DNA or Biological Materials IF ORIGINAL SEQUENCE KNOWN
- 2. Study DNA From Limited and/or Degraded Sources Such As:
  - 1. A Single Human Hair or Cheek Cell
  - 2. An Ancient Fossil (e.g., Neanderthal Bone or Mammoth Hair)
  - 3. An Ancient Insect Trapped in Amber
  - 4. Human Remains (e.g., 9/11 Victims)
  - 5. A Single Human Embryo Cell
  - 6. Contaminated Meat To Determine the Causal Organism
- 3. Used In:
  - 1. DNA Fingerprinting-Individual Identification-Genetic Disease Screening
  - 2. Forensics (Crime Scenes, Mass Graves, Criminal Suspects, Wrongfully Convicted)
  - 3. Paternity & Family Relationships (e.g., Immigration, Tracing Lost Children)
  - 4. Disease Diagnosis & Pathogen Identification (Humans, Animals, & Plants)
  - 5. Human Origins & Migrations
  - 6. Ancient Genome Sequences & Evolutionary Studies
  - 7. Specific mRNA Detection
  - 8. "Cloning" Specific DNA Sequences
  - 9. Tracing Plant & Animal Sources (e.g., Stolen Cattle, Cactus)
- 4. Need as Little as One Molecule of DNA & Can Replicate an ∞ Amount of Specific Sequences

#### Revolutionized How To Study & Manipulate DNA

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March 31, 1994

#### DNA Replication is Precise: But Mistakes or Mutations Can Occur!

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# Mutation in Genes Are Rare But Are Inherited

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### Alternative Forms of the Same Gene - Alleles -Lead to Genetic Diversity

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Analyze PCR products on gel

Can Follow These Traits With DNA Markers As Well

Spontaneous Mutations Give Rise to Alleles, or Different Forms of the Same Gene, as a Result of Small DNA Sequence Changes (e.g., SNPs or Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms)

#### Translating the Genetic Code Into Proteins is a Conserved Process

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#### **Mutations Occur in Many Different Ways**

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- 1. Base-Pair Change
- 2. Insert or Delete Base (Indel)
- 3. Move Gene, or Part of Gene, to New Location (Switches Change)!

Function of Protein Lost and/or Changed ∴Phenotype Changes

# Human Genetic Disorders Occur As a Result of Mutations

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#### Dominant

#### Recessive

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Figure 5-2

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#### **Dominant & Recessive Mutations**

A = Good Allele a = Mutant Allele

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Dominant Mutation AA »» no disease , Aa, aA, aa »» disease

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#### Pedigrees Can Be Used To Follow Disease Genes in Human Families

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Hemophilia = any of several hereditary blood-coagulation disorders in which the blood fails to clot normally because of a deficiency or an abnormality of one of the clotting factors. Pedigrees Can Be Used To Determine If a Trait is Dominant or Recessive

Each Type of Inheritance Predicts Specific Results in Each Generation

#### (A) Dominant inheritance

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Cystic Fibrosis, Tay-Sachs Disease

### Genetic Diseases Can Be Followed in Families Using Molecular Methods (e.g., PCR)

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# "Mutations" Can Also Occur By Large Chromosomal Changes



These changes affect many genes!

e.g. Down's Syndrome (3 Chromosome #21s)

# Karyotypes Can Be Used To Detect Changes in Chromosome Structure and Number



# A Down Syndrome Karyotype



# How Does A Gene Lead To A Phenotype?



#### ① mRNA Synthesized by Transcription

- Complementary to Transcribed, Non-Sense Strand
- Same Sequence As Sense Strand
- ② mRNA Translated into Protein by Translation of The Genetic Code

Genetic Code on mRNA Translated to Protein Sequence

∴ Sequence of Gene Sequence of mRNA Sequence of Protein

# Human Genetic Disorders Occur As a Result of Mutations



(b) Sickle-cell anemia is pleiotrophic



#### (c) β-chain substitutions/variants

	Amino-acid position									
	1	2	3	• 6	7	· 26 ·	· 63 ·	67.	·125·	146
Normal (HbA)	Val	His	Leu	Glu	Glu	Glu	His	Val	Glu	His
HbS	Val	His	Leu	Val	Glu	Glu	His	Val	Glu	His
HbC	Val	His	Leu	Lys	Glu	Glu	His	Val	Glu	His
HbG San Jose	Val	His	Leu	Glu	Gly	Glu	His	Val	Glu	His
HbE	Val	His	Leu	Glu	Glu	Lys	His	Val	Glu	His
HbM Saskatoon	Val	His	Leu	Glu	Glu	Glu	Tyr	Val	Glu	His
Hb Zurich	Val	His	Leu	Glu	Glu	Glu	Arg	Val	Glu	His
HbM Milwaukee 1	Val	His	Leu	Glu	Glu	Glu	His	Glu	Glu	His
HbDβ Punjab	Val	His	Leu	Glu	Glu	Glu	His	Val	Gln	His

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#### An Elaborate Cellular Machinery Requiring Thousands Of Genes is Required To Produce Proteins Encoded By Specific Genes!!



It takes Genes to Express (and Replicate) A GENE!!!

LIFE: THE SCIENCE OF BIOLOGY, Seventh Edition, Figure 14.1 Eukaryotic mRNA Is Transcribed in the Nucleus but Translated in the Cytoplasm © 2004 Sinauer Associates, Inc. and W. H. Freeman & Co.

#### Genetic Code Allows the Sequence of Nucleotides in mRNA/sense Strand of Gene to be Translated into the Sequence of Amino Acids in Proteins



Note: Sequence in mRNA (= Sense Gene Strand) is translated 5'→3' (= beginning of sense strand to end) & Protein made in N→C direction therefore order Nts in gene = order amino acid in protein!

# The Genetic Code is Universal!







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# Expression of Jellyfish Green Fluorescence Protein (GFP) in Pigs Shows That Genetic Code is Universal!!

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## There is A Colinearity Between The DNA Sequence of A Gene & The Amino Acid Sequence of a Protein



**Genes Function As Individual Units!** 





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## Unique Proteins Have A Unique Composition & Order of Amino Acids & Have Unique Sizes, Shapes, & Functions



# Eukaryotic and Prokaryotic Gene Expression Processes Differ Slightly



Eukaryotic Cells Must Remove Non-Coding Region of RNA Before Genetic Code Can Be Translated Continuously!

#### RNA Splicing- Removing Non-Coding Sequences From Primary Transcripts & Generating Functional mRNAs



# Yo! It's In The Sequences!



What Happens If These Sequences Are Mutated in A Gene?

# Alternative Splicing- One Gene



**Different mRNA = Different Proteins = Different Functions!** 

Implication - Human Genome Has Only 25,000 Genes But Can Give Rise to Many More Proteins which Are Responsible For Producing the Phenotype

Reason Why Human Genome Can Contain Same Number of Genes as Fly and Plant Genomes!! Implications for Genetic Engineering? Use Specific <u>cDNA</u>!





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Implications For "Yo – Its in The DNA!!"

Modular Organization of Sequences

- 1. <u>DNA Replication</u> Ori
- 2. <u>Transcription</u> Switch/Regulator

Terminator

- 3. <u>Processing of RNA</u> (Eukaryotes) Splicing Sites
- 4. Translation
  - Start
  - Stop
  - Genetic Code/Codons
- 5. <u>Coding Sequence</u> Genetic Code

Modules → Anything You Want To Do Using Genetic Engineering! The Modular Organization of Genes and Gene Function Implies That There Are No Limits to How Genes Can Be Functionally Changed and Rearranged Using Genetic Engineering?

> a. Yes b. No



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# **Engineering Genes Requires:**

- 1. The Gene & Its DNA Sequences
- 2. A Roadmap of Where Coding Sequence & all Switches Located (Sequence, Restriction Site Map)
- 3. Transcription Start And Stop Switches
- 4. Coding Region of Gene (genetic code part)
- 5. Translation Start And Stop Switches
- 6. Kingdom-Specific Switches/ Signals

Note: The General Process of Gene→Protein is the same in ALL organisms, but the Specific Switches & Enzymes (e.g., RNA Polymerase) are Kingdom Specific



Human Insulin in Bacteria!!





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## How Do Genes Work & What Are Genes In Context of...

## Thinking About The Consequences of GMOs



- 1. What is a Gene?
- 2. What is the Anatomy of a gene?
- 3. How Does the Gene Replicate?
- 4. How Does the Gene Direct Synthesis of a Protein?
- 5. Does the Gene Work Independently of other Genes?
- 6. What is the Sequence & Structure of the Protein?
- 7. How does it work in cell?
- 8. Does the Protein Structure imply any Potential "Harm"?
- 9. Does the Gene Change the organism? Fitness?

"Behind" All Traits!

Same Processes!