

DNA Genetic Code of Life



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Lecture 4 What Are Genes & How Do They Work: Part Three







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

- 1. How Are Genes Regulated Switched On & Off?
- 2. How Does DNA Replication Occur?
- 3. What is the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and How is PCR used?



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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

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





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!

DNA Replication



- 1. DNA replication is semi-conservative new DNA molecules are precise copies of parental DNA – each containing one newly synthesized complementary strand
- 2. DNA sequence is maintained by complementary base pairing
- 3. DNA synthesis is polar occurs 5' to 3' and requires a primer.
- 4. DNA replication is continuous and discontinuous synthesis.

DNA Replication Begins at an Origin of Replication, a Specific DNA Sequence, and Proceeds Bidirectionally



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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!

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 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

Carp DNA Is Found in Lake Michigan



Asian Carp DNA was identified using the environmental DNA method. Water from the lake was analyzed for DNA sequences from Asian Carp using PCR.

Spencer Green/Associated Press

Crews searched an Illinois shipping canal last month for Asian carp, a voracious invasive species.

By SUSAN SAULNY Published: January 19, 2010

CHICAGO — Genetic material from the Asian carp, a voracious <u>invasive species long feared to be nearing the Great Lakes</u>, has been identified for the first time at a harbor within Lake Michigan, near the Illinois-Indiana border, ecologists and federal officials said Tuesday.

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THEMES

- 1. How Do Mutations Occur?
- 2. How Can Pedigrees Be Used To Follow the Inheritance of Mutant Genes?
- 3. How Do Mutations Change Phenotypes?
- 4. What is the Colinearity Between Genes & Proteins (how does DNA→protein)?
- 5. What Is the Genetic Code?
- 6. How Do Gene Expression Processes Differ in Eukaryotes & Prokaryotes?
- 7. How Can Splicing Cause One Gene To Specify Several Different Proteins?
- 8. Yo!-It's in the DNA Sequences- What Are the Implications For Genetic Engineering?

DEMONSTRATION

1. DNA Fingerprinting

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



Mutation in Genes Are Rare But Are Inherited



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







Normal (Mc

Macrocalva



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



Mutations Occur in Many Different Ways



- 1. Base-Pair Change
- 2. Insert or Delete a 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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TABLE 13.2 Some Important Genetic Disorders

Disorder	Symptom	Defect	Dominant/ Recessive	Frequency Among Human Births
Hemophilia	Blood fails to clot	Defective blood-clotting factor VIII	X-linked recessive	1/10,000 (Caucasian males)
Huntington disease	Brain tissue gradually deteriorates in middle age	Production of an inhibitor of brain cell metabolism	Dominant	1/24,000
Muscular dystrophy (Duchenne)	Muscles waste away	Degradation of myelin coating of nerves stimulating muscles	X-linked recessive	1/3700 (males)
Hypercholesterolemia	Excessive cholesterol levels in blood lead to heart disease	Abnormal form of cholesterol cell surface receptor	Dominant	1/500



Recessive



Figure 5-2

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Dominant & Recessive Mutations

A = Normal Allele a = Mutant Allele



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



Pedigrees Can Be Used To Follow Disease Genes in Human Families



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



Does this pedigree show that the disease is caused by a recessive or dominant mutation?

a. Recessive b. Dominant



(A) Dominant inheritance



Cystic Fibrosis, Tay-Sachs Disease

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



"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?





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Each Protein has a Unique Composition and Order of Amino Acids, and a Unique Size, Shape, and Function



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(b) Sickle-cell anemia is pleiotrophic



(c) β-chain substitutions/variants

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

Sickle-Cell Anemia

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



Notes: There are 20 amino acids

Sequence in mRNA (= Sense Gene Strand) is translated $5' \rightarrow 3'$ (= beginning of sense strand to end) & Protein made in N \rightarrow 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 Colinearity Between the DNA Sequence of a Gene & the Amino Acid Sequence of a Protein



Genes Function As Individual Units!

Eukaryotic and Prokaryotic Gene Expression Processes Differ Slightly





Genes Differ Switches Differ Genetic Code the Same General Processes Same Eukaryotic Gene Have Introns & Non-Coding Region in Gene!

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?



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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.

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. <u>Translation</u>
 - 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. True b. False





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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!



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DNA Fingerprinting Experiment