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**(1822-1884)**

See: [http://www.blc.arizona.edu/courses/181gh/rick/genetics1/graphics/pca\\_traits.gif](http://www.blc.arizona.edu/courses/181gh/rick/genetics1/graphics/pca_traits.gif)  
Pea figures from webpage of Richard Halick, U. Arizona

**Smooth or dented seeds**

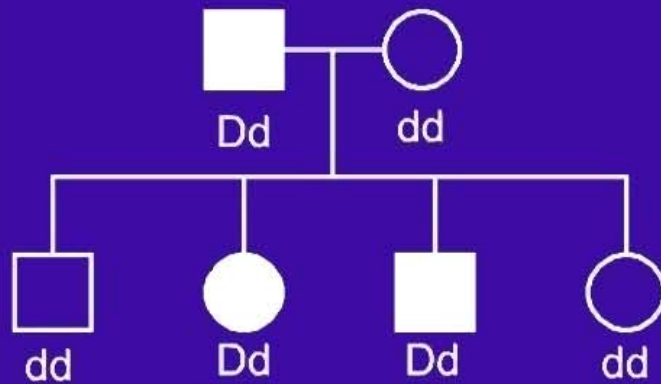
**Yellow or green seeds**

**Axial or terminal flowers**

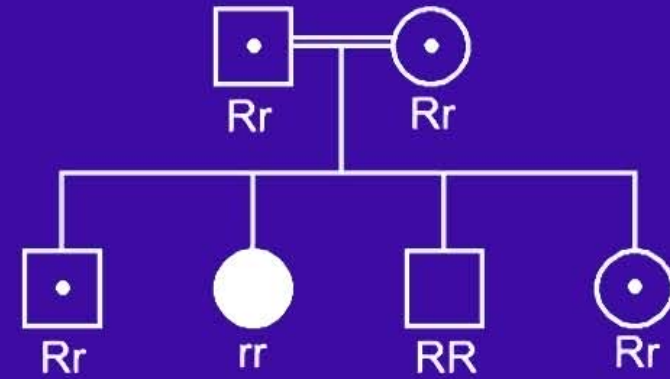
**Green or yellow pods**

**Purple or white flowers**

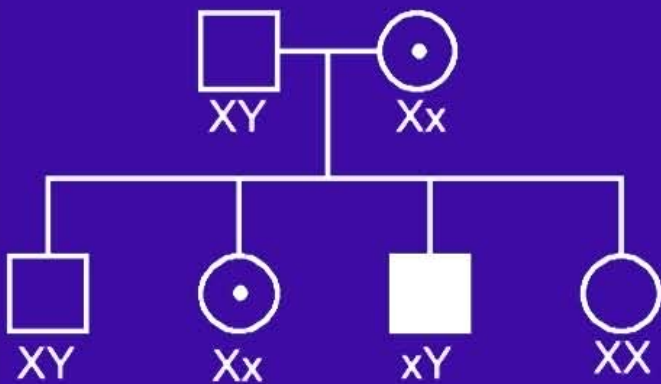
# Modes of Inheritance



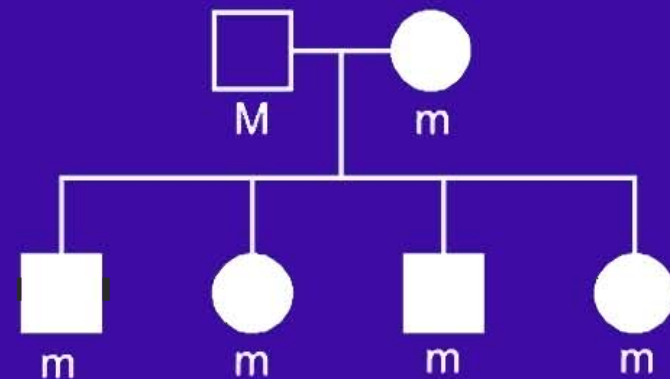
Autosomal Dominant



Autosomal Recessive



X-Linked

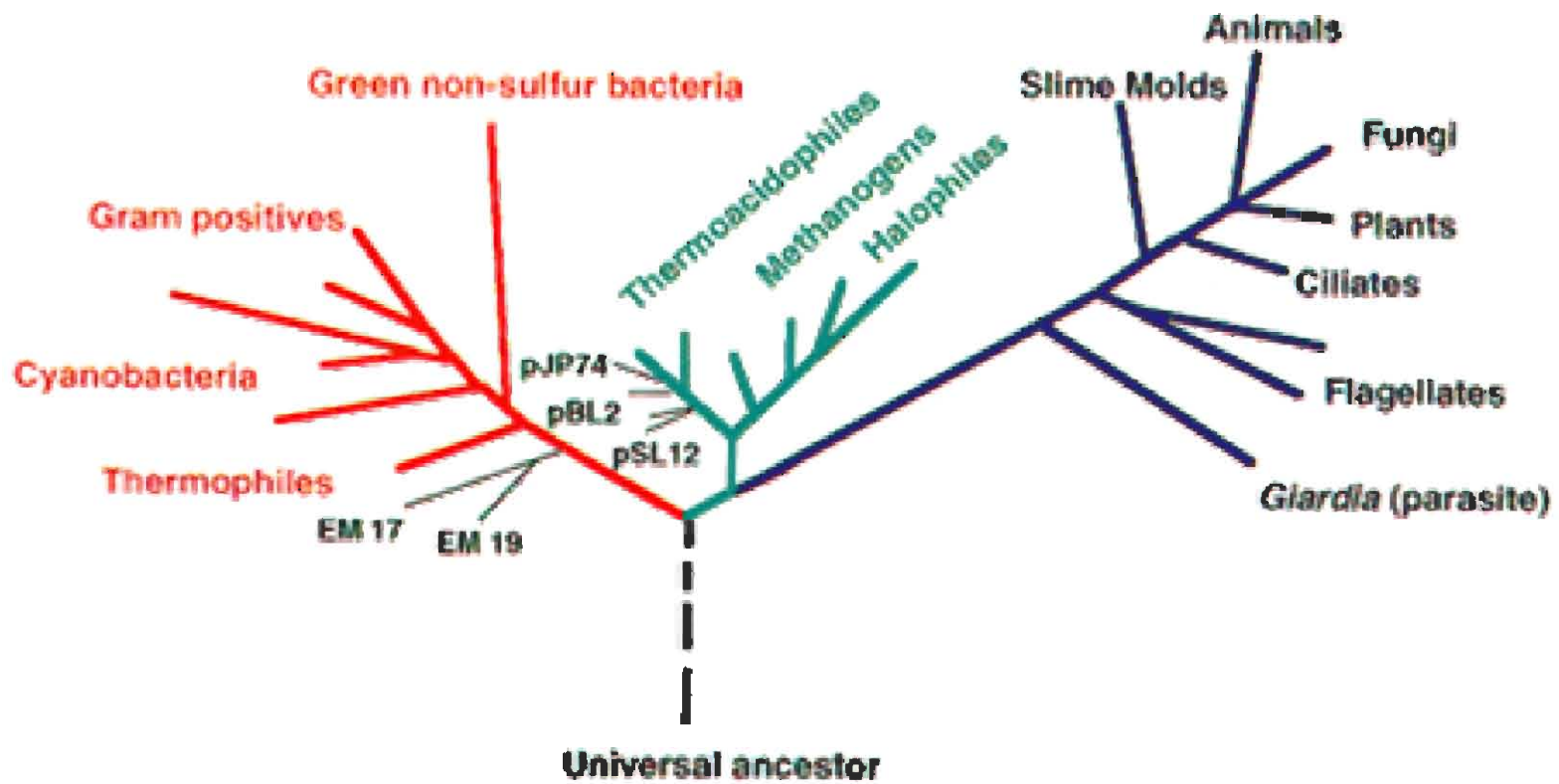


Mitochondrial

*Bacteria*

*Archaea*

*Eucarya*

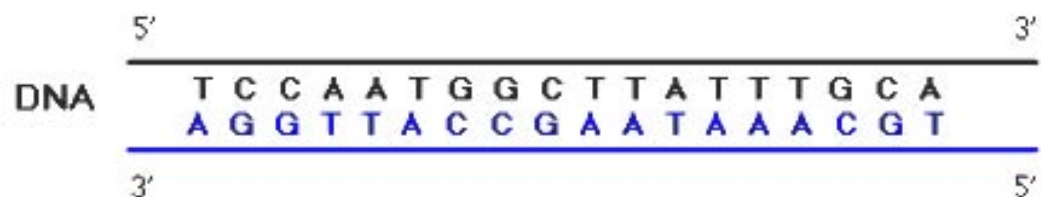


## THE UNIVERSAL TREE OF LIFE

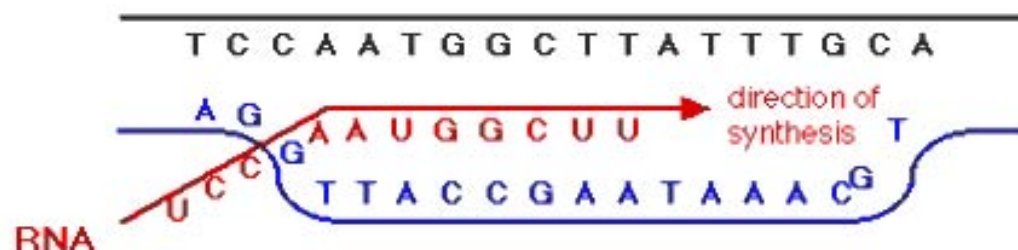
# The Genetic Code

See Purves et al., Life: The Science of Biology, 4th Edition, by Sinauer Associates ([www.sinauer.com](http://www.sinauer.com)) and WH Freeman ([www.whfreeman.com](http://www.whfreeman.com)).

## Transcription of RNA from DNA



- The bottom strand of the DNA molecule above is the template for RNA synthesis.
- RNA polymerase makes a copy of the DNA sequence but substitutes uridine (U) in place of thymine (T).



- The bottom strand of the DNA duplex is used as the template to synthesize RNA. However, the sequence of bases in the RNA is the same as in the top strand of the DNA, with U in place of T.



# Point mutations

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Wild type allele:

M D D Q S R M L Q T L A G V N L  
atggacgatcaatccaggatgctgcagactctggccgggggtgaacctg

silent (third base pair) mutation:

M D D Q S R M L Q T L A G V N L  
atggacgatcaatccaggatgctgca**a**actctggccgggggtgaacctg

point mutation (missense):

M D D Q S R M L **K** T L A G V N L  
atggacgatcaatccaggatgctg**a**agactctggccgggggtgaacctg

point mutation (nonsense):

M D D Q S R M L **stop**  
atggacgatcaatccaggatgctg**t**agactctggccgggggtgaacctg

frameshift leading to premature termination:

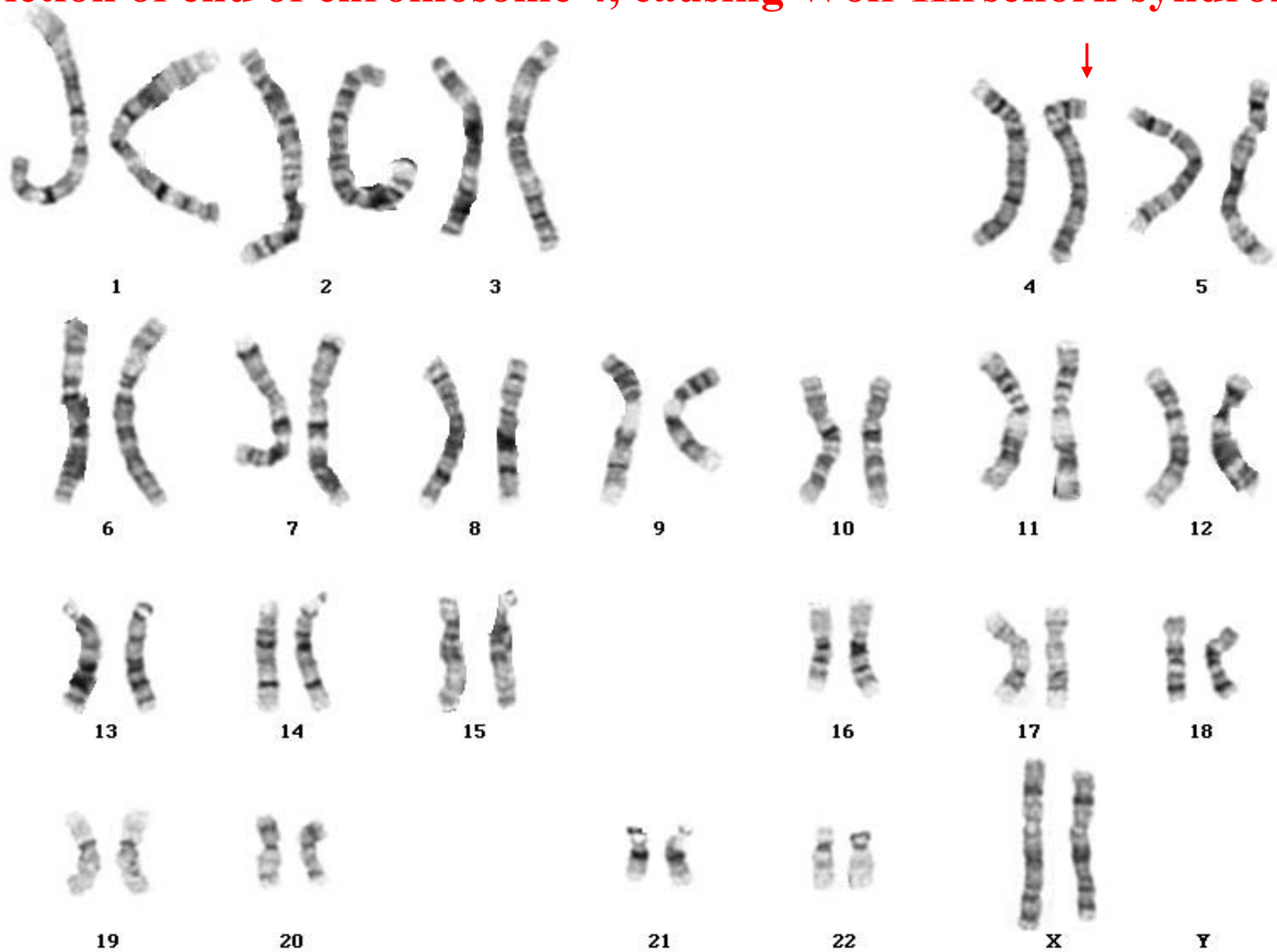
M D D Q S R M L **R L W P G stop**  
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## Larger Mutations

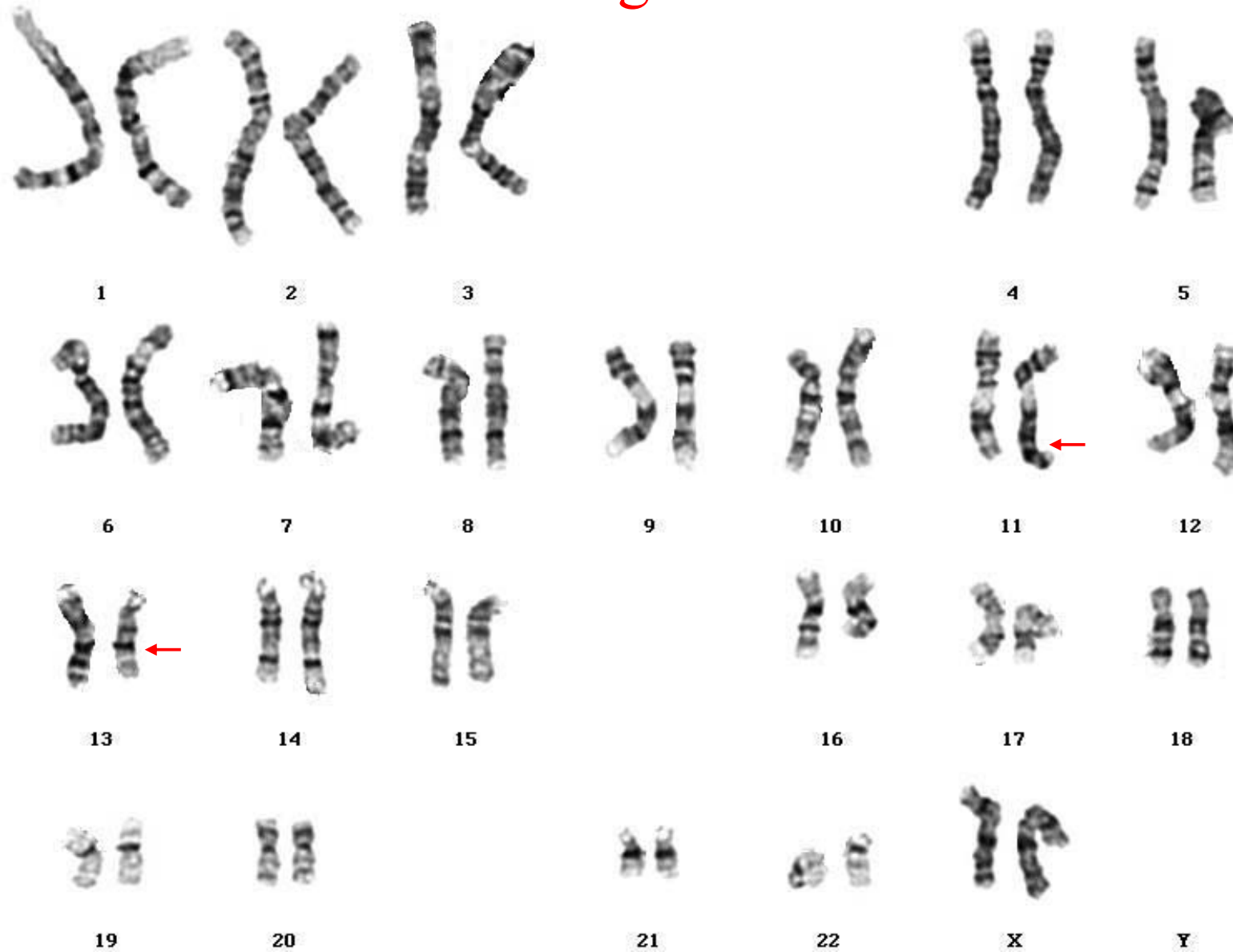
<b>Deletions</b>	Can involve deletion of one to many genes. Large deletions may be visible cytogenetically. Phenotype can vary from mild to extreme. Many recognized “syndromes” are caused by chromosome deletions.
<b>Translocations</b>	Interchange of two chromosome pieces. Can be benign if no genes are interrupted. Can lead to gene discovery.
<b>Inversion</b>	Inversion of chromosome section. Can be benign if no genes are interrupted. Can lead to gene discovery.



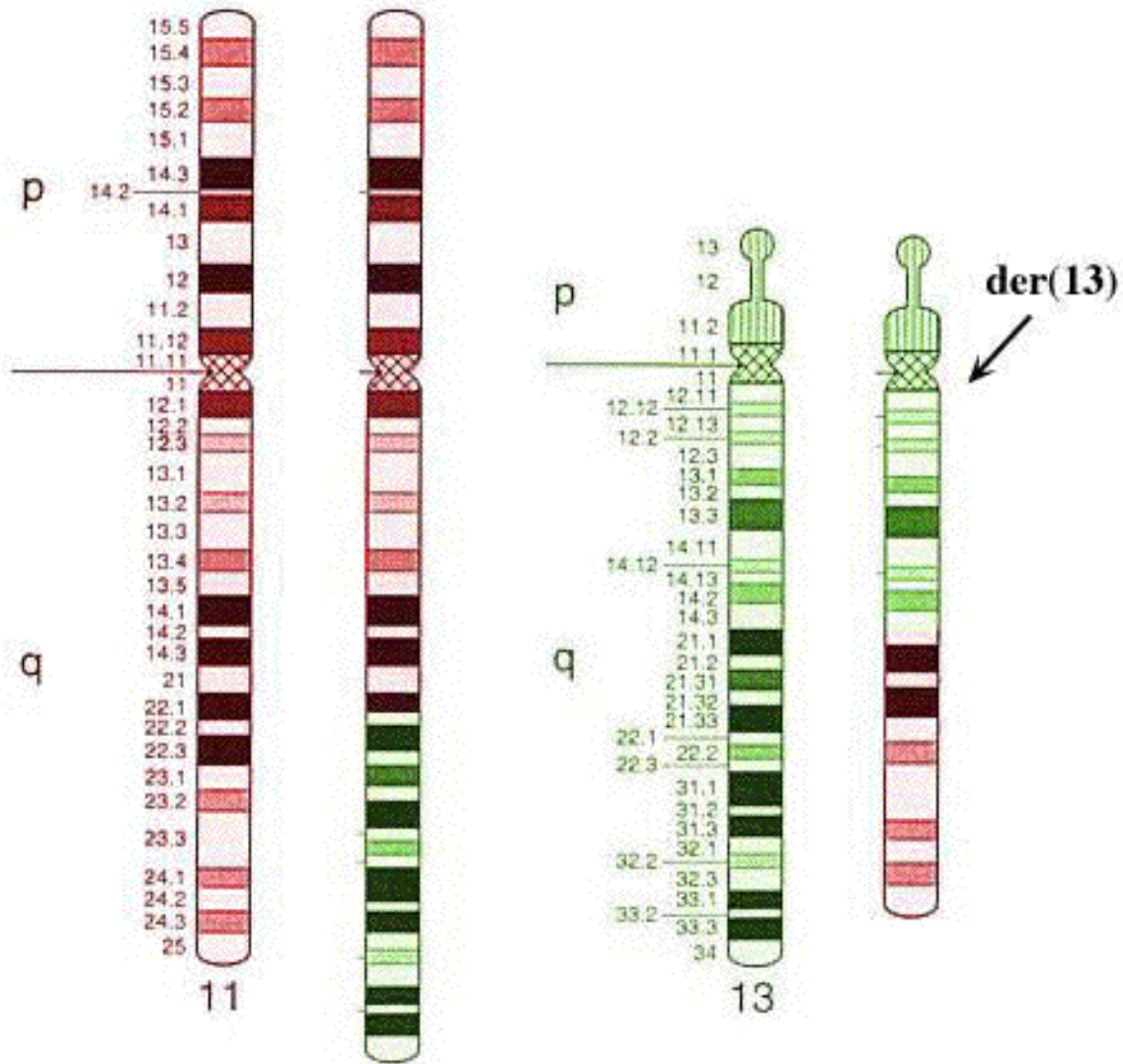
# Deletion of end of chromosome 4, causing Wolf-Hirschorn syndrome



# Translocation involving chromosomes 11 and 13



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**t(11;13)(q21;q14.3)**

PAX3 at 2q35

See Ishikiriyama *et al.*, 1989

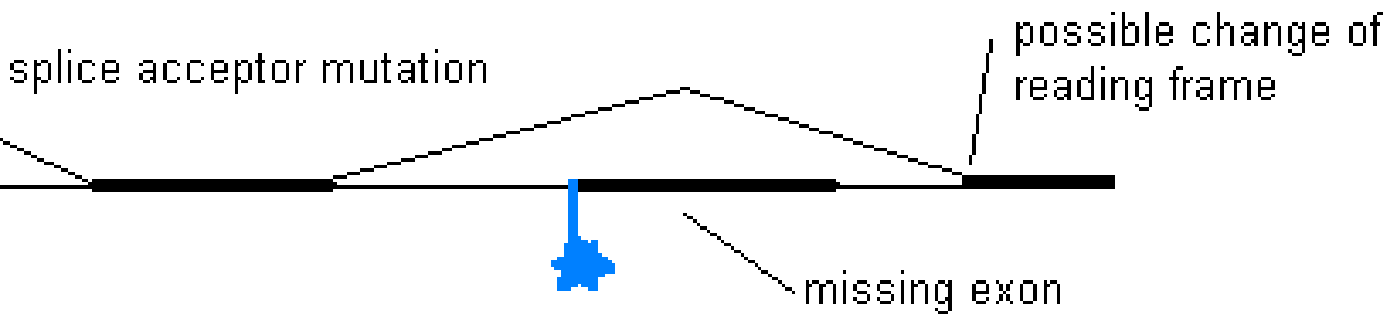
wild type gene



splice donor mutation

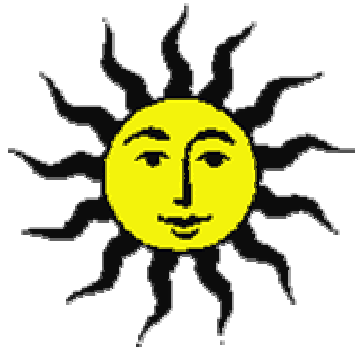


splice acceptor mutation



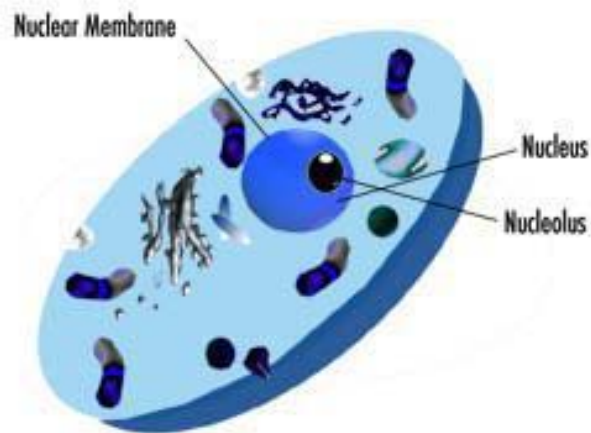
# How do heritable DNA mutations occur??

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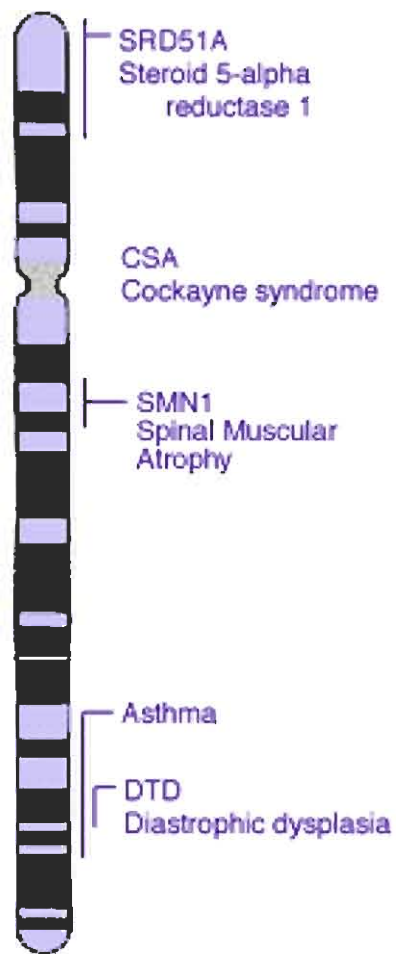
UV exposure

Chemical exposure

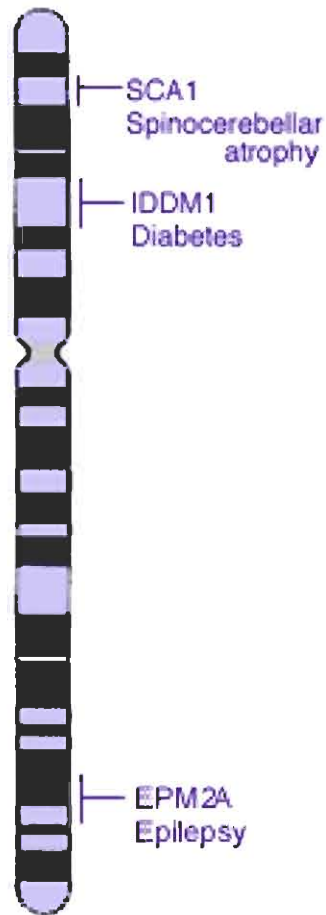


Faulty cellular mechanisms

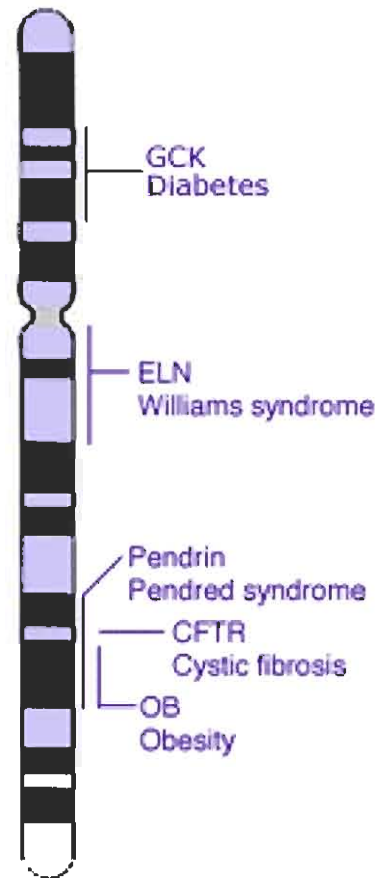
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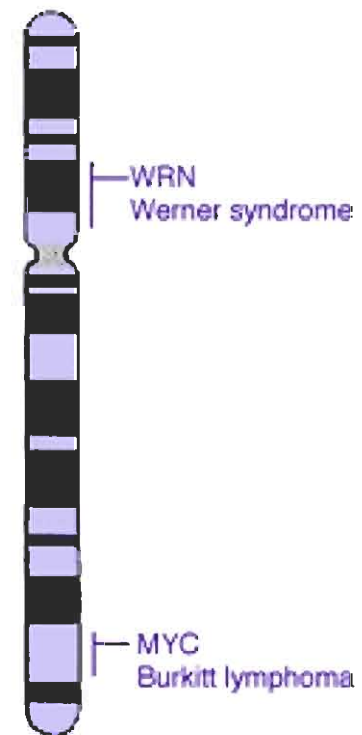
Chromosome 5



Chromosome 6



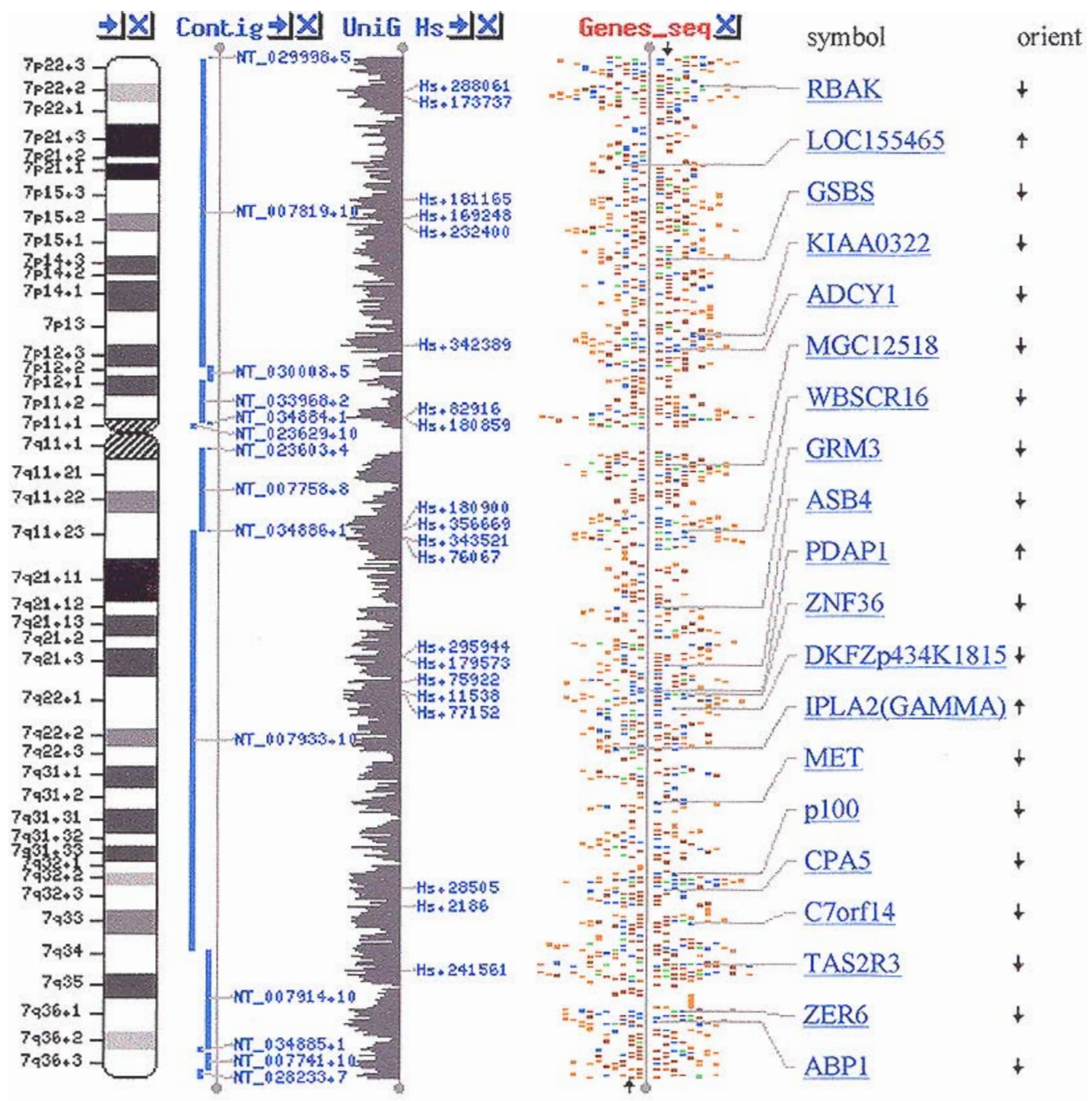
Chromosome 7



Chromosome 8

Key

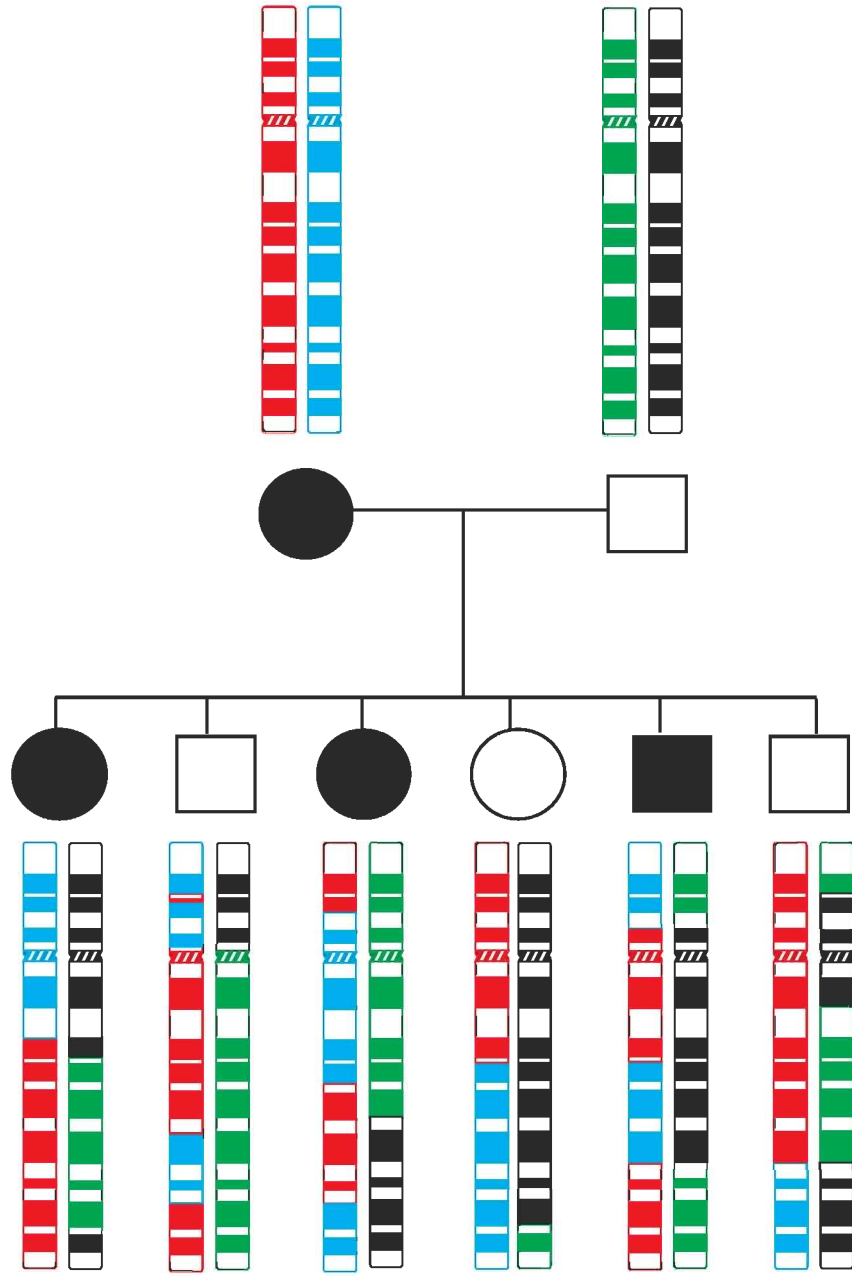
- centromere
- rDNA
- noncentromeric heterochromatin

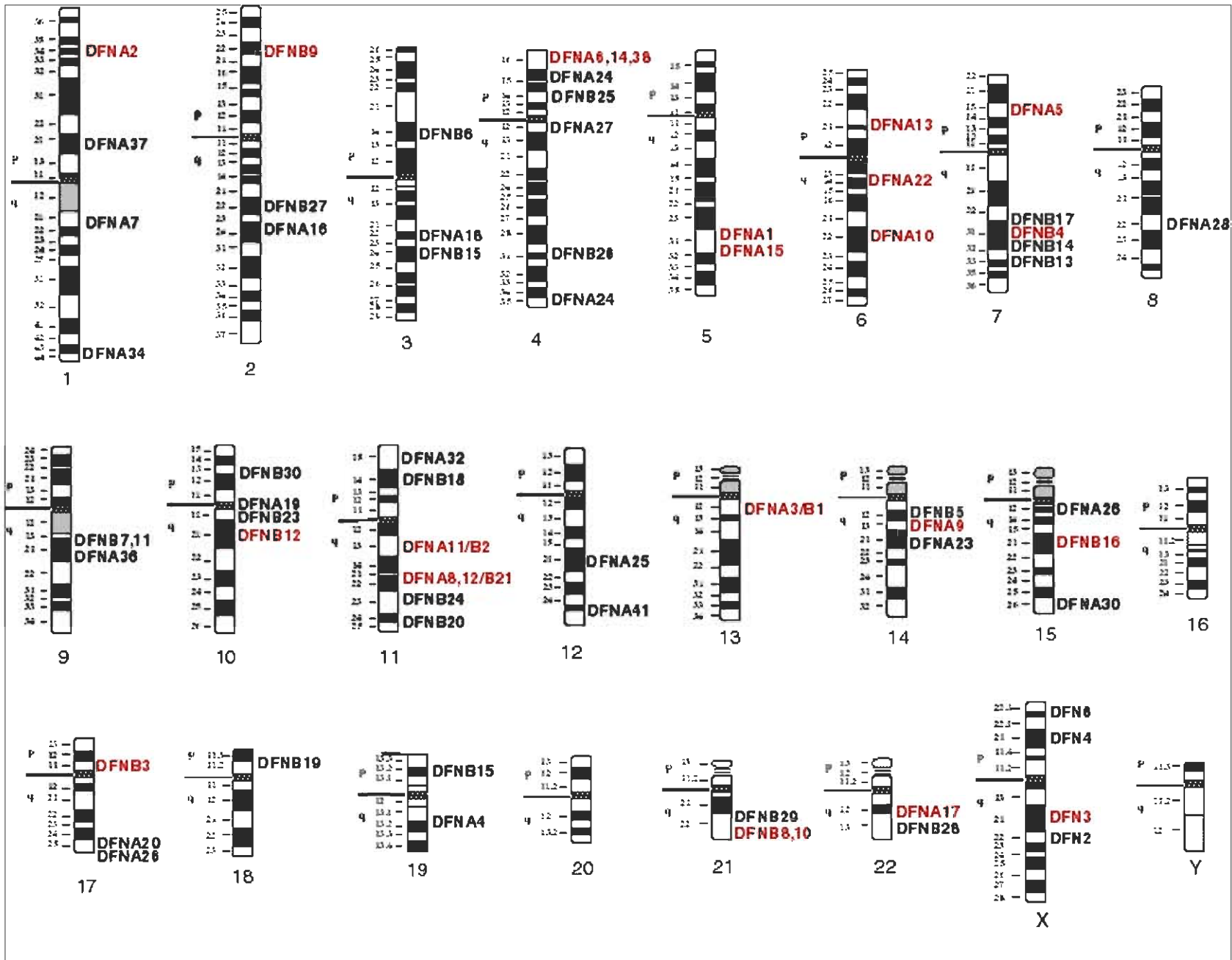












# **VNTRs for a genetic locus**

**See: Thompson & Thompson, Genetics in Medicine, 2001**

# **Microsatellite markers in human DNA**

**See: Thompson & Thompson, Genetics in Medicine, 2001**

# **DNA fingerprints of MZ vs DZ twins using multiple VNTRs located throughout the genome**

See: Thompson & Thompson, Genetics in Medicine, 2001