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# Genetics in Dentistry

# Gregor Johann Mendel

Gregor Johann Mendel, 1822-84, an Augustinian monk noted for his experimental work on **heredity**. He entered the Augustinian monastery in **Brno (Czech Republic)** in 1843.

The Columbia Encyclopedia, Sixth Edition | 2008



Augustinian monastery in Brno (Czech Republic), May 2009



On the grounds of the abbey is the location of Mendel's garden and his green house.



Mendel was the first to fashion a **clear, analytic picture of heredity.**



# Genetics (genomics) in 21 st century

⇒Hypothesis: every disease has its own genetic predisposition,  
close or distant

⇒Arguments:

- Every living being is fatal
- Disease can be a state leading to death
- Ageing can be a state leading to death
- (Can be ageing considered a disease?)

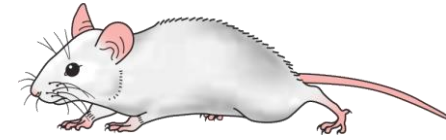
# Genetics, genomics

- genetics

- specialised biological subject focusd on variability and heritability of life beings
- Clinical genetics- diagnostics, therapy and prevention of monogenic disorders (genetics counselling)
- Cytogenetics
  - chromosomes
- Population genetics

## genomics

- Is focused on studies of structure and function of genome using special methods (genome mapping methods, sequencing et al.)



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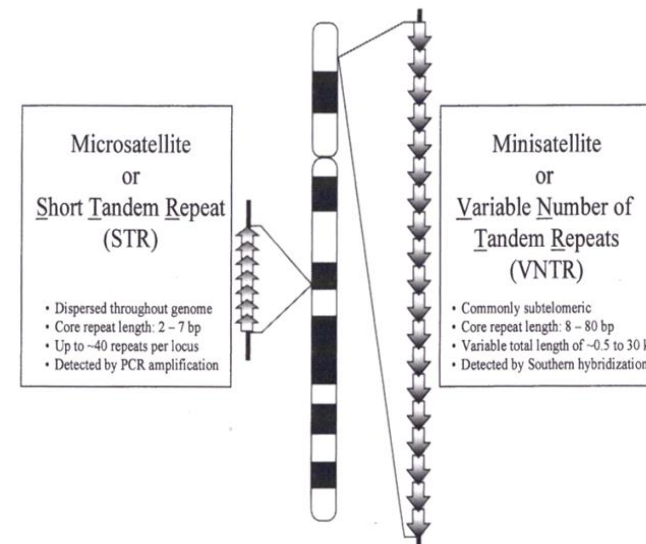
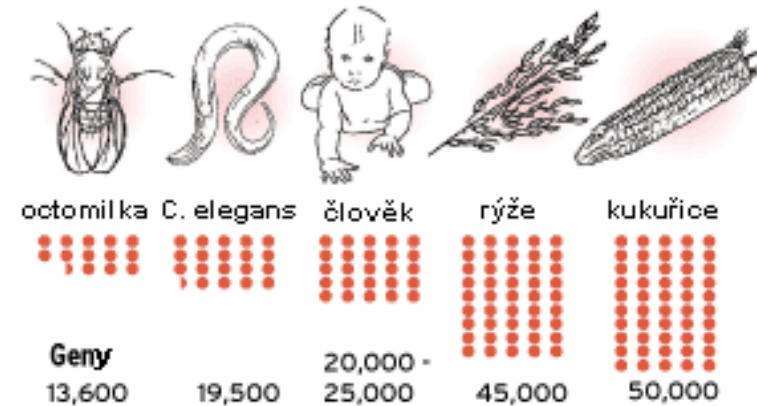
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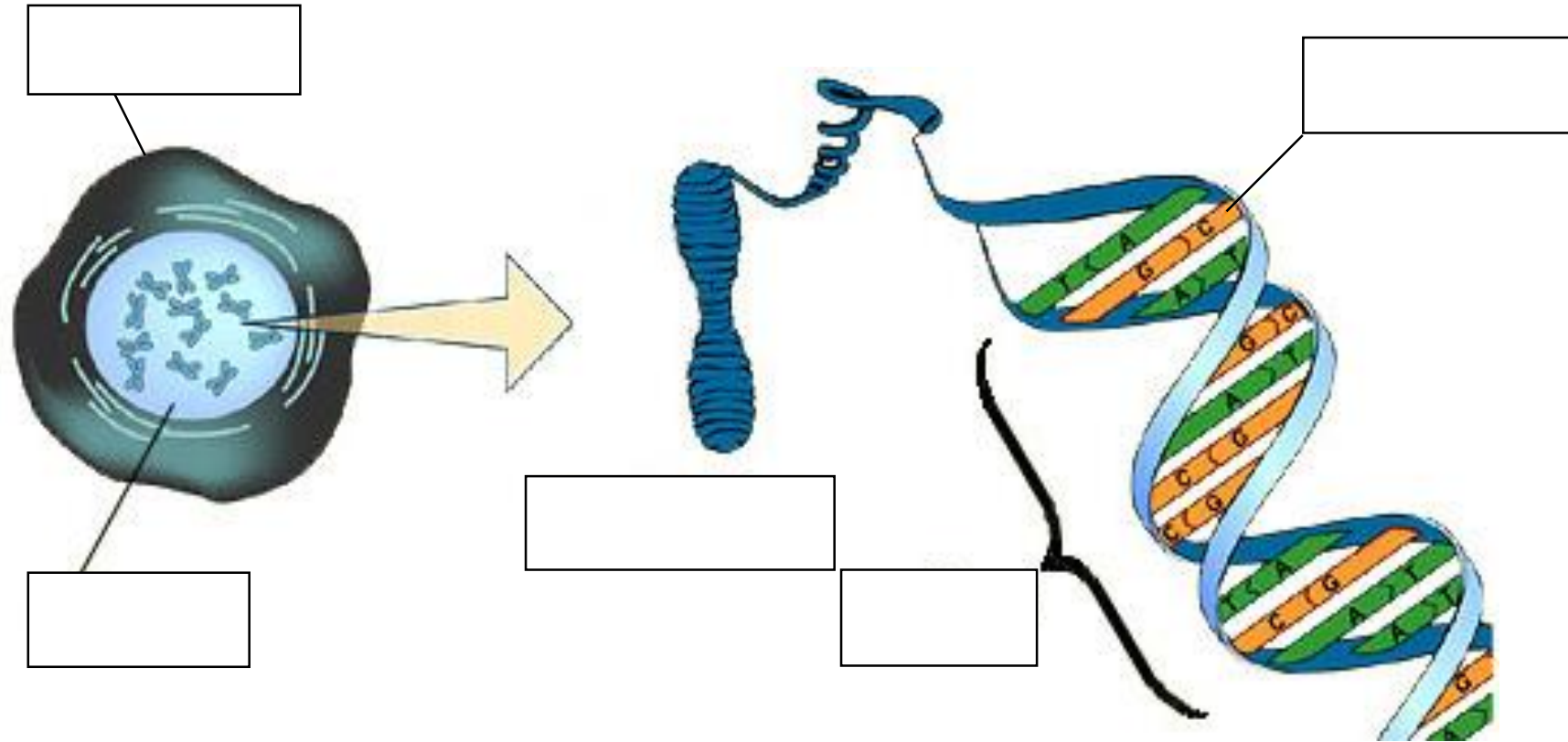
# Human genome

- Human Genome Project (HUGO)
  - only ~10% -coding sequences
  - ~75% single sequences in one genome
  - Repetitive sequences
    - tandems
      - microsatellites
      - minisatellites
    - Alu-repetitions
    - L1-repetitions
- mitochondrial DNA
  - Several tens of genes coding proteins involved in mitochondrial processes
  - Only maternal heredity!



# Benefit of Human Genome Project

1. Faster Identification of Candidate Disease Genes:
  - Far more markers for mapping are available.
  - Candidate genes can be rapidly searched in the genome databases.
  - Mutational screens of candidate gene are greatly aided by information on the gene structure.
2. Faster Cloning of Genes of Interest by Homology Search in Genome Database:
  - Comparative Genomics
  - e-Cloning



How many chromosomes are in a normal adult human cell?

23

23 pairs

46

46 pairs



## Match IT

<b>Gamete</b>	<b>A structure that is made of DNA and is found in the nucleus</b>
<b>Chromosome</b>	<b>Where a characteristic is expressed if both copies are present</b>
<b>Gene</b>	<b>Sex cells such as sperm and egg</b>
<b>Genotype</b>	<b>The alleles present</b>
<b>Phenotype</b>	<b>A small section of DNA</b>
<b>Dominant</b>	<b>Where an allele is always expressed even if only one is present</b>
<b>Recessive</b>	<b>The two alleles are different Bb</b>
<b>Allele</b>	<b>Different form of the gene</b>
<b>Homozygous</b>	<b>The alleles that are expressed</b>
<b>Heterozygous</b>	<b>The two alleles are the same e.g. BB or bb</b>

## Match IT - Answers

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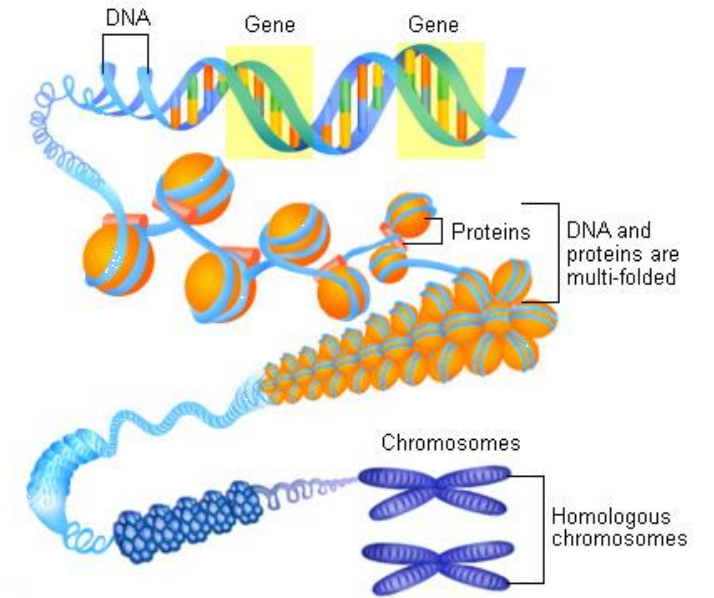
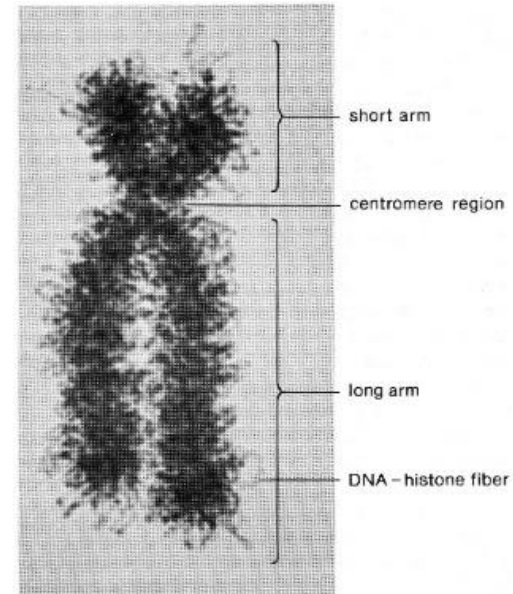
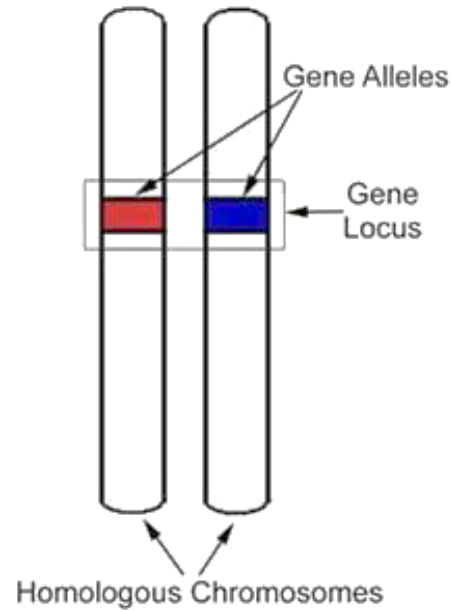
# Basic terminology

- gene, allele, genome, chromosome

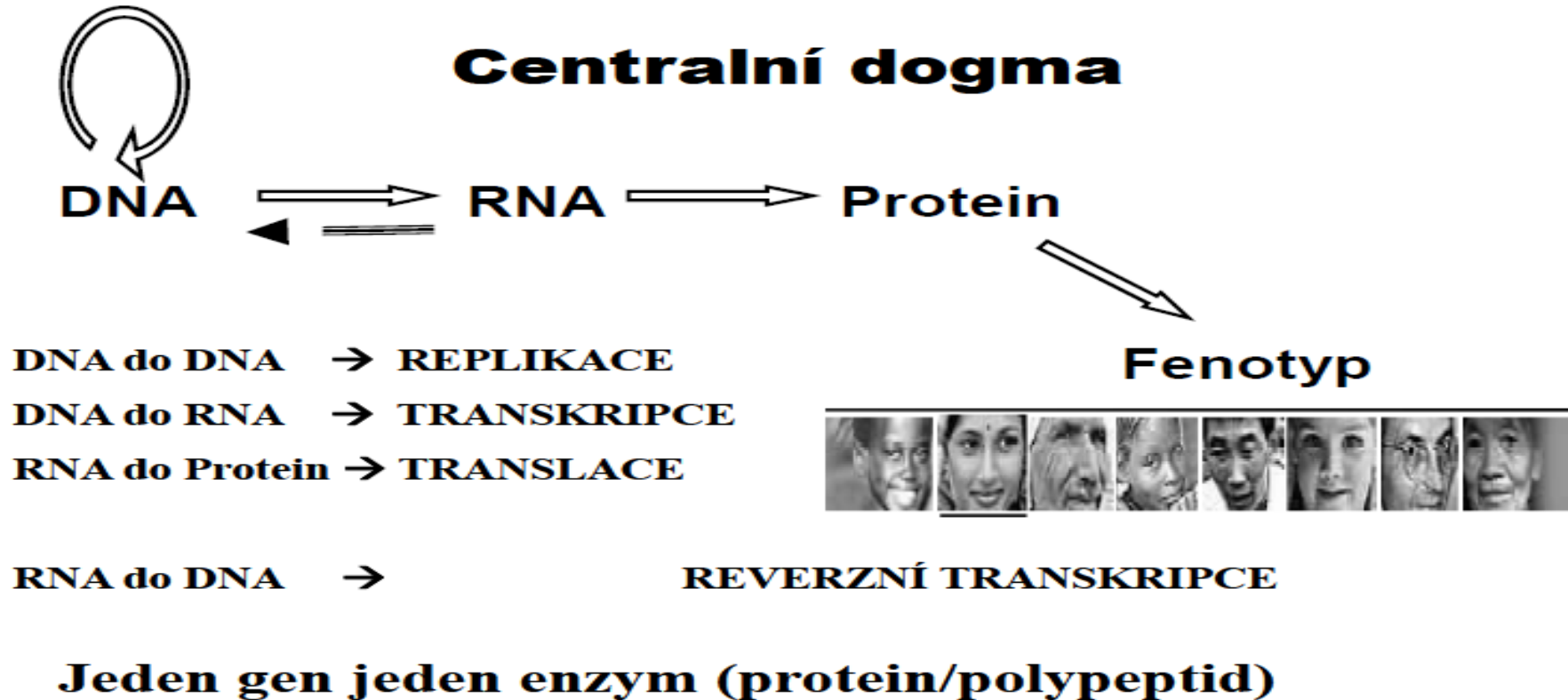
- locus
- allele
- dominant
- recessive

- homozygote
- heterozygote

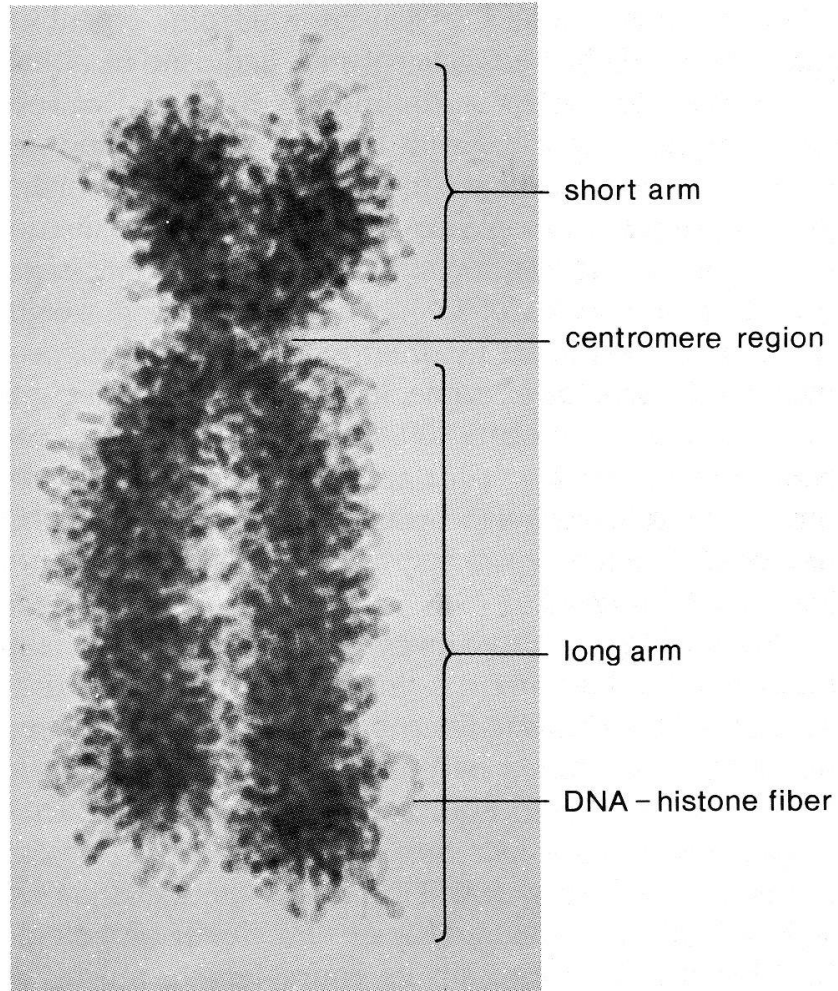
- genotype
- phenotype



# Dogma of molecular biology



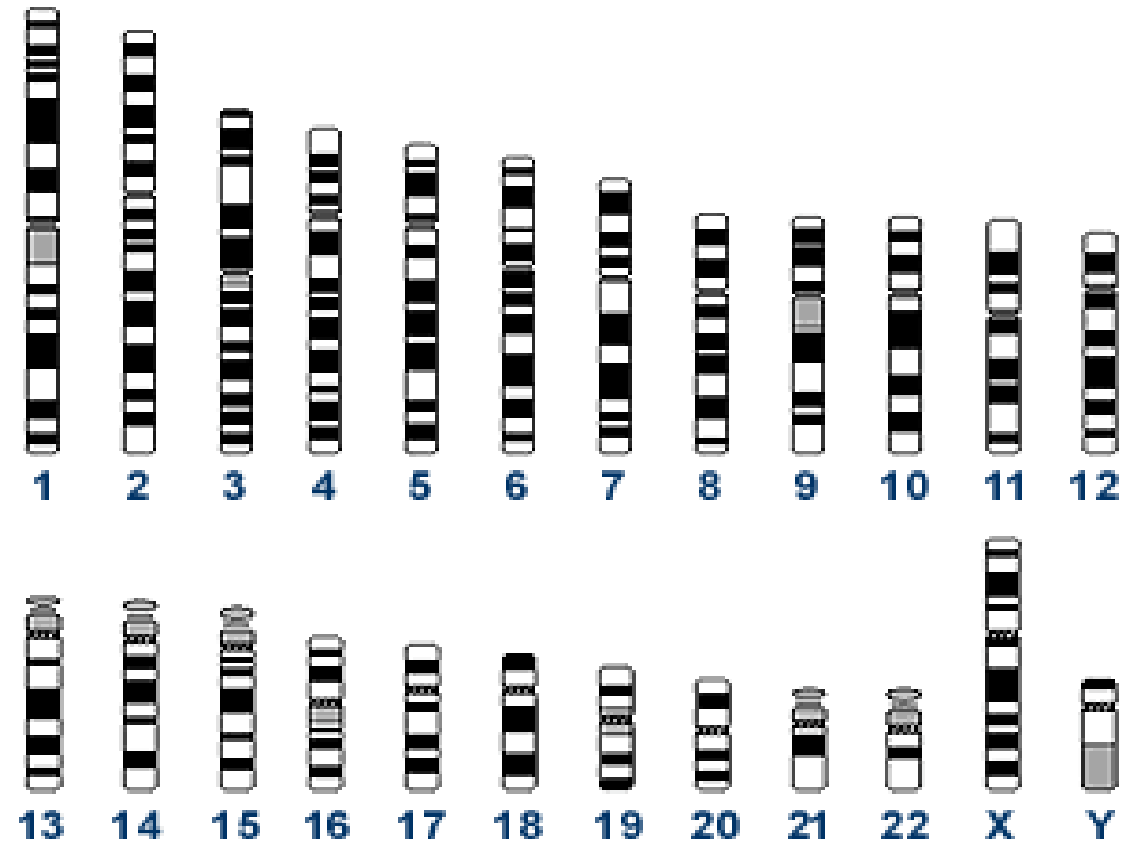
# Human chromosomes



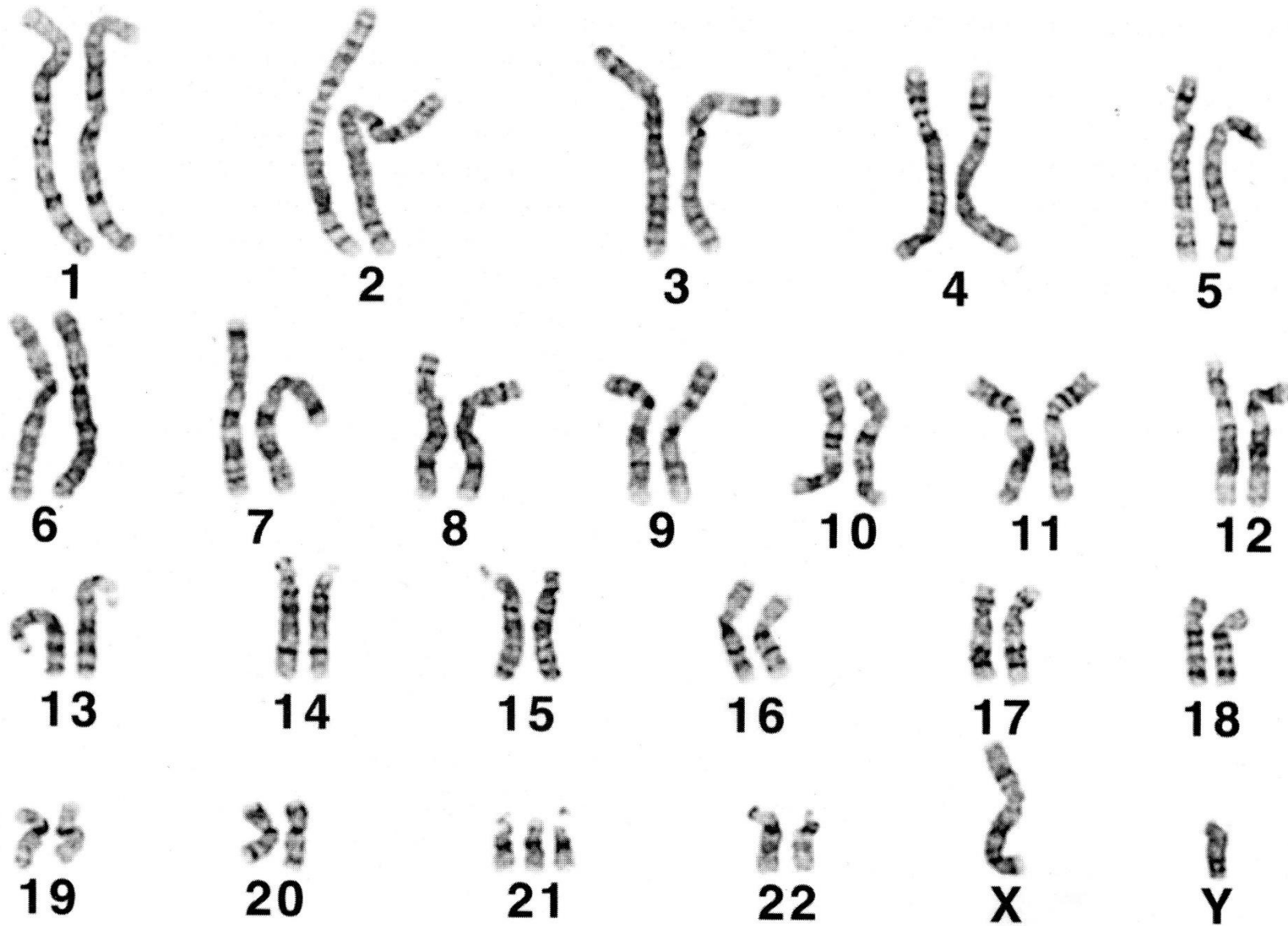
- morphologically detected only during mitosis and/or meiosis when they are condensed
- in diploid human cells - 23 pairs of homologous and 2 sex chromosomes

# Human karyotype

- 44XX nebo 44XY
- Germ cells (egg, sperm cell)– **haploid**
- Structure of chromosomes
- centromere
  - telomers
  - long – q
  - short – p



Karyotype according to the Denver's classifications

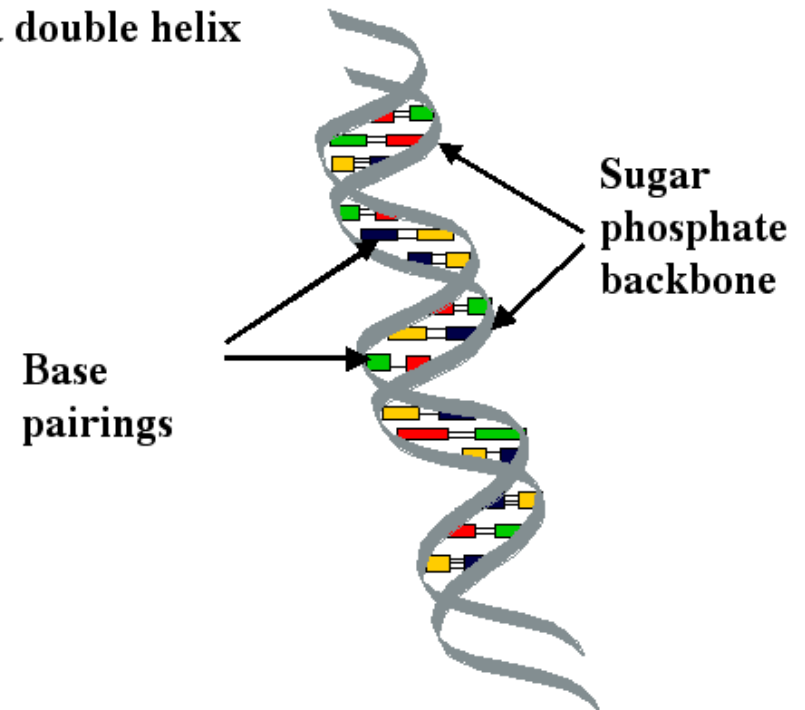


# Synthesis of DNA in animal cells

- DNA is stored in form of chromosomes.
- Each chromosome contains 2000 origins of replication. From each this place synthesis of DNA can be realized in both directions.

**DNA is a linear sequence of bases joined together from their sugar moieties by phosphate groups**

**DNA is a double helix**





# Multiple choice quiz

Get IT

What is a gene?

Something you get  
from one parent

A small section of DNA

You have 23 pairs in  
the nucleus

All of them

Which pair of alleles represent homozygous?

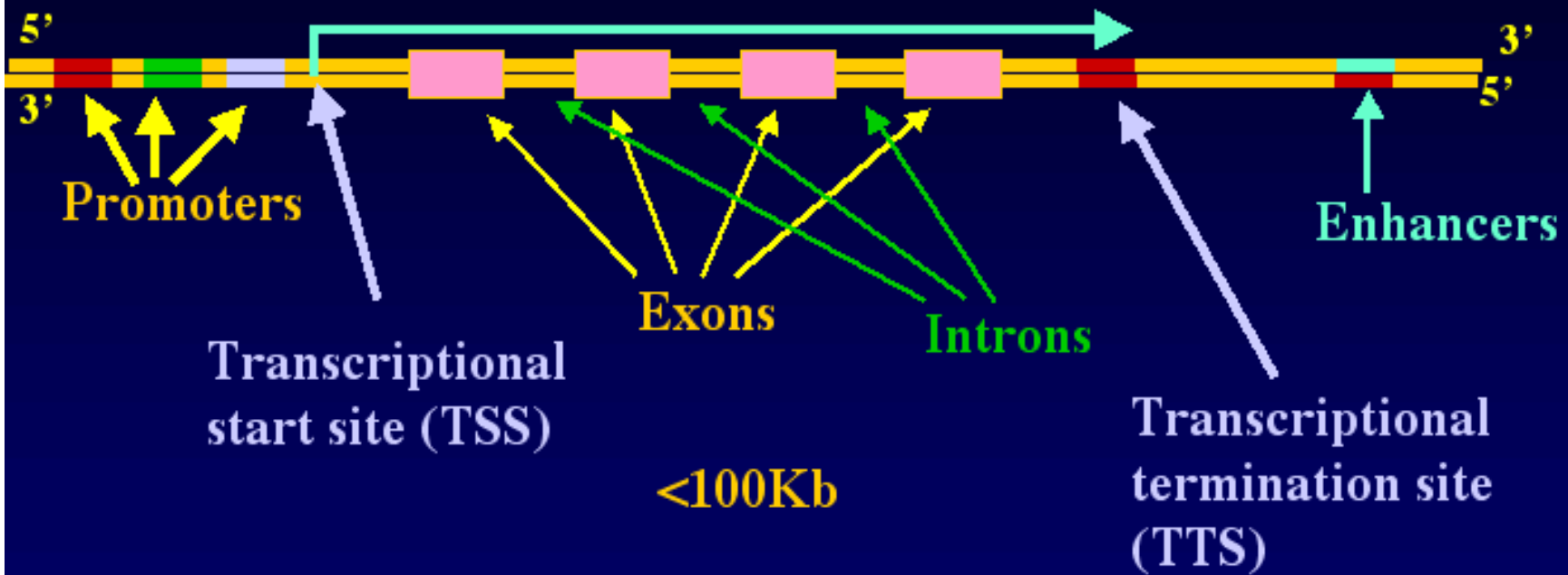
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bb

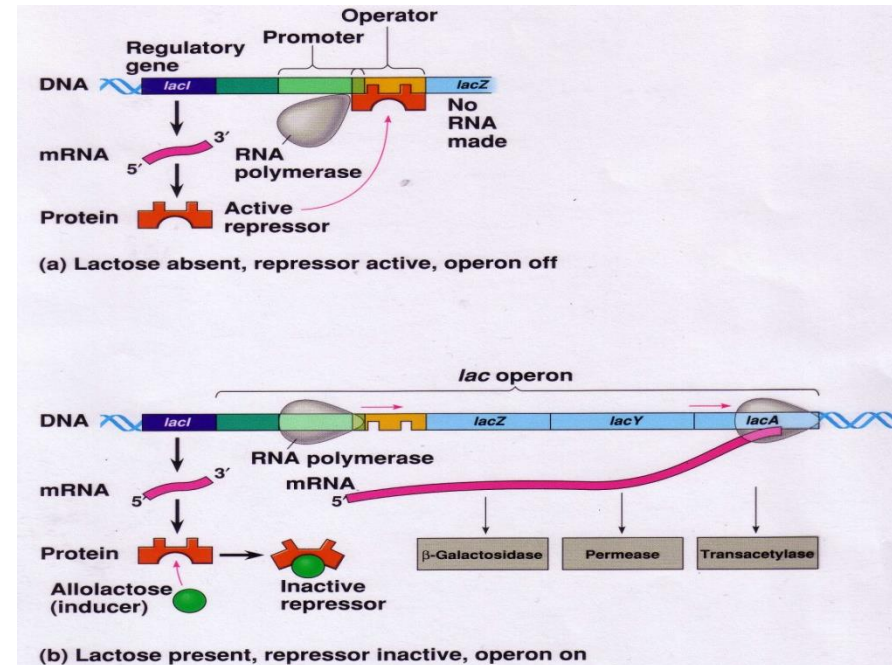
bB

# Structure of a gene



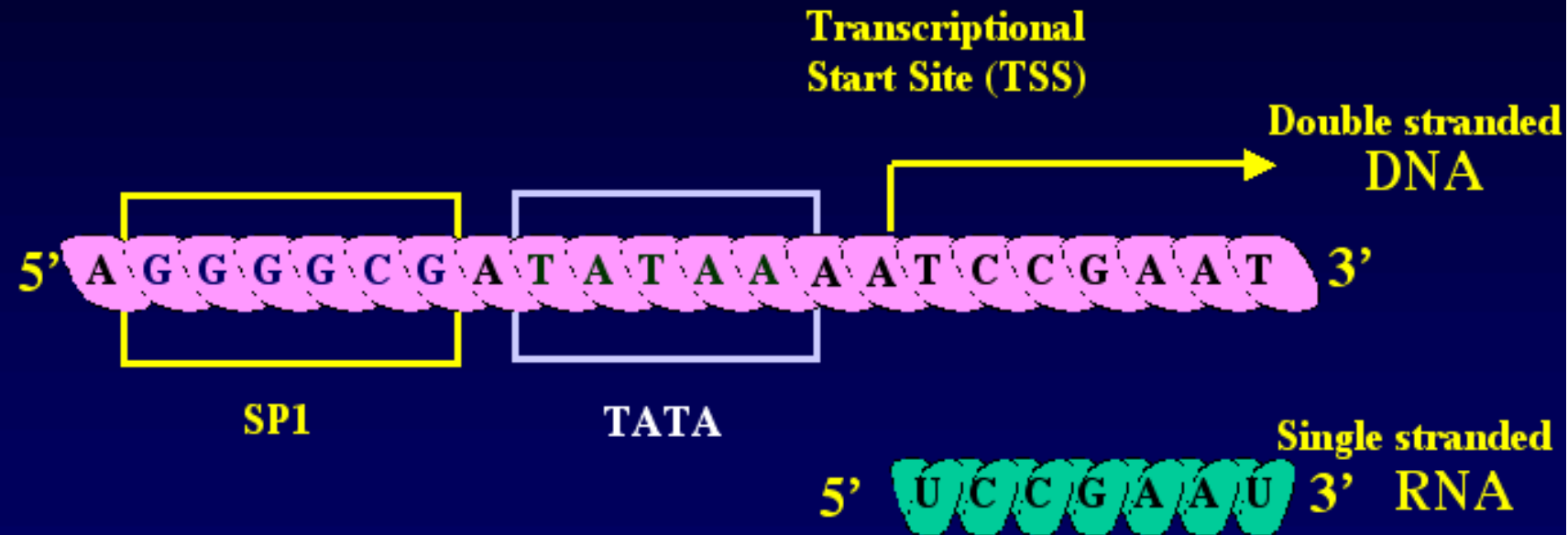
# INTRONS AND EXONS

- Eukaryotic DNA differs from prokaryotic DNA in that the coding sequences along the gene are interspersed with non-coding sequences
- The coding sequences are called
  - EXONS
- The non-coding sequences are called
  - INTRONS



## Promoters

DNA sequences that are recognised by transcription factors  
Transcription factors bind to this region and then start transcribing the DNA immediately downstream (5'-3')



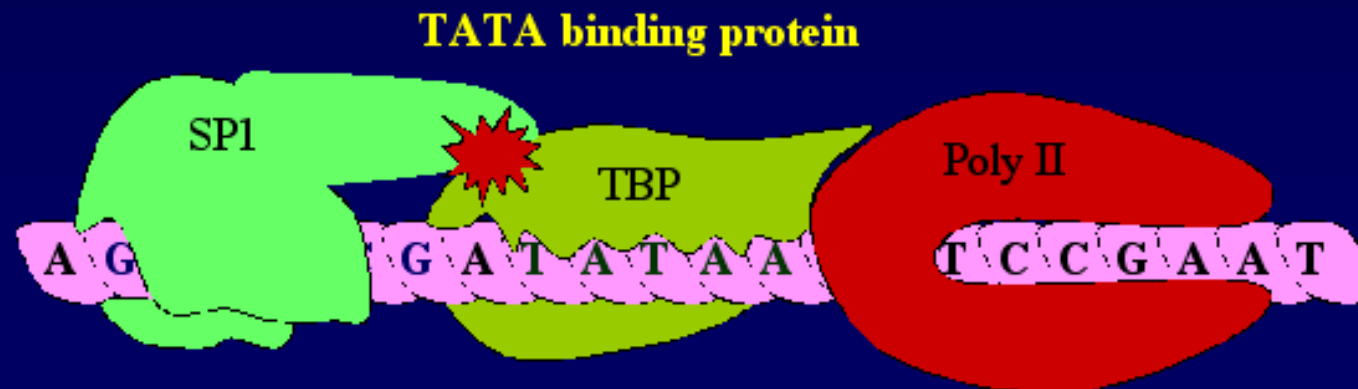
# Transcription Factors

## General Transcription Factors

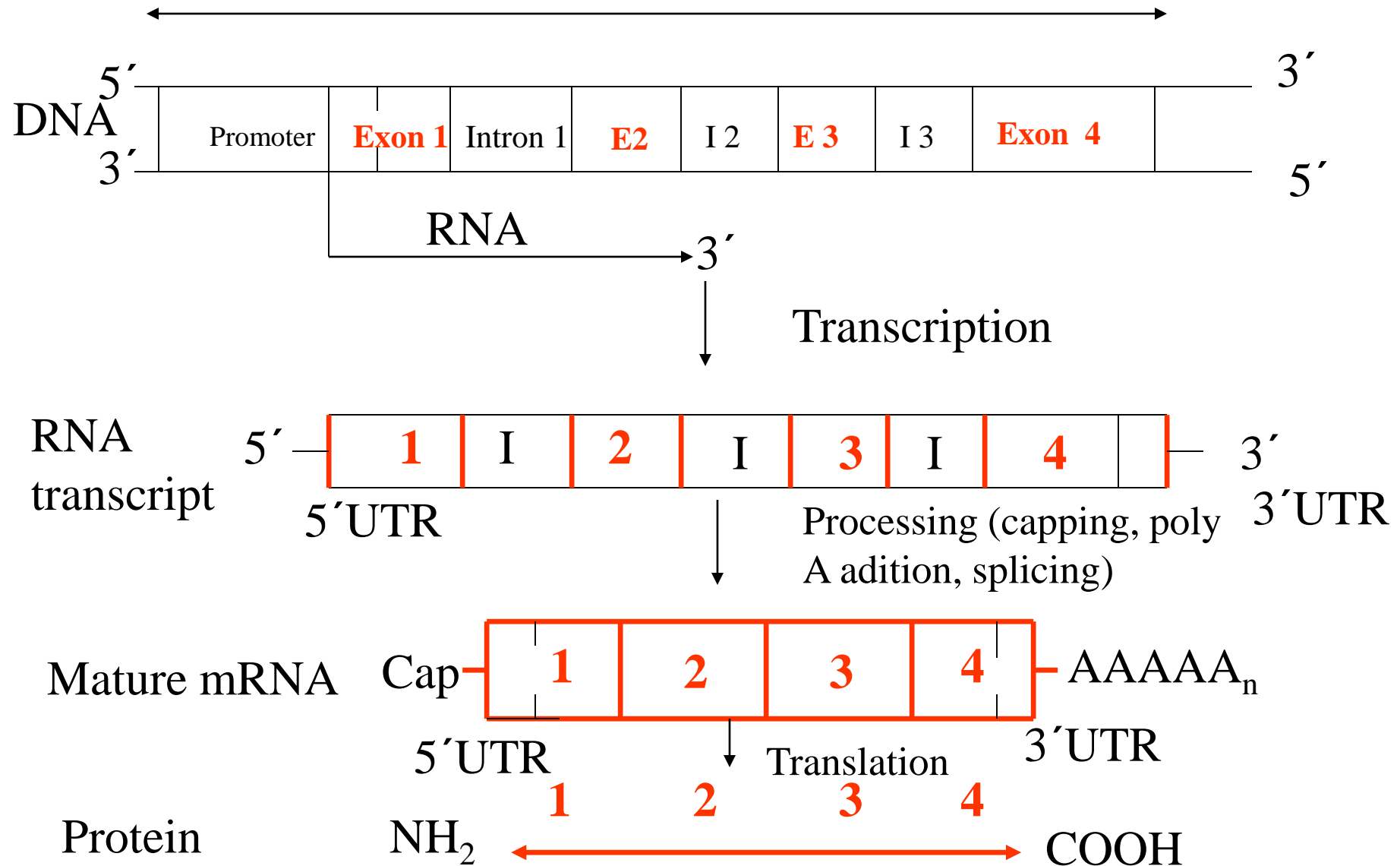
Responsible for all transcription. Binds to RNA polymerase and DNA at generic promoter sequences

## Transcriptional Activators

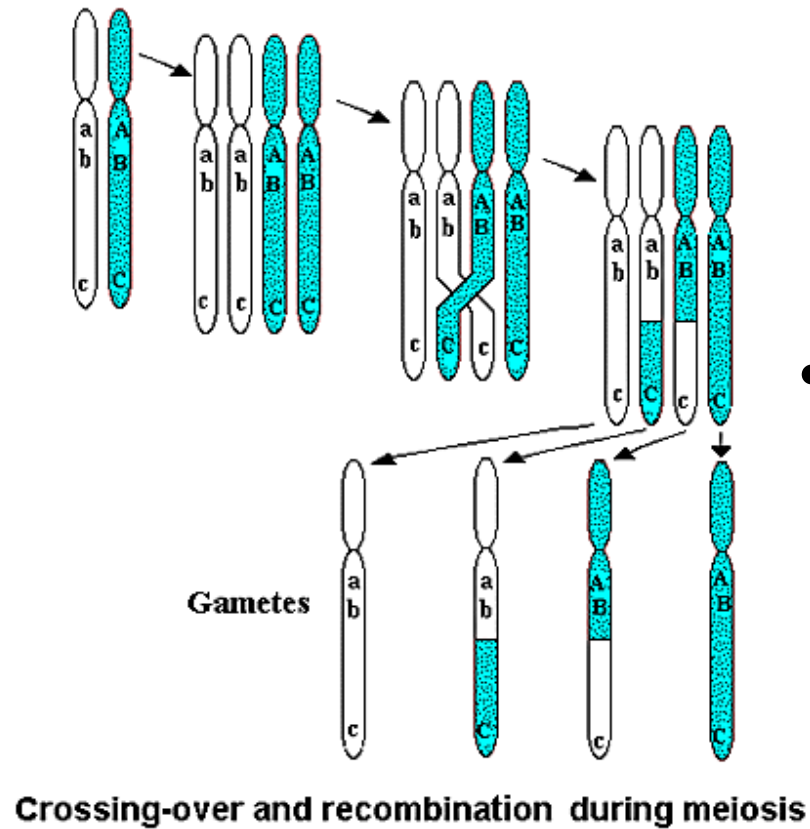
Responsible for specific regulation of transcription. Bind to DNA at specific promoter sequences and activate RNA Polymerase



# Human gene



## Crossing over:



- Chromatids change parts between homologous chromatids during the meiosis
- Causes redistribution of hereditary material between the homologous chromosomes

→ number of genes doesn't change  
→ new allele combinations are formed



# Chromosome and gene aberrations

Chromosomal abnormalities

Structural

Numeric

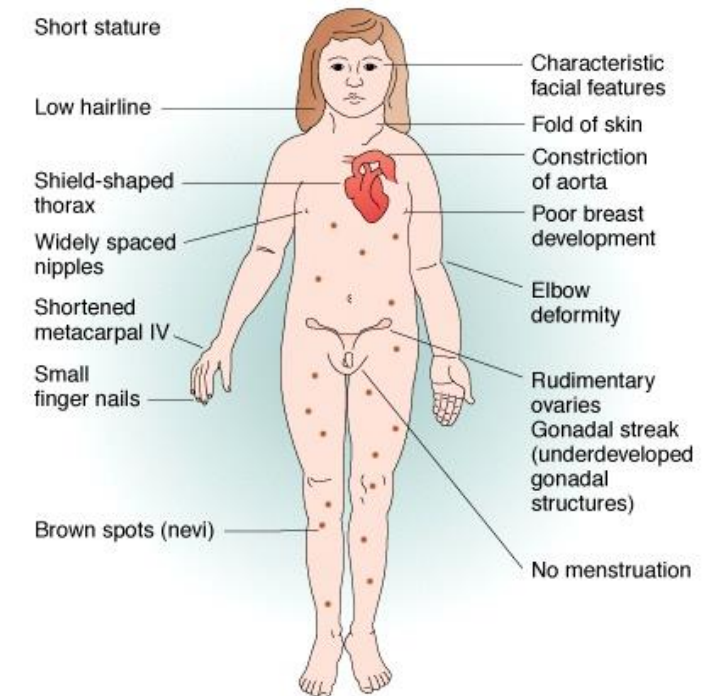
Gene mutations

Rare alleles

Polymorphisms

# Chromosomal aberrations

- aneuploidy (a difference in chromosome number )
  - meiotic non-disjunction
  - later → somatic mozaicism
- monosomy
  - gonosomal
    - Turner's sy. (45, X0)
- trisomy
  - autosomal
    - Down's sy. (47, XX/XY + 21)
    - Edwards's sy. (47, XX/XY +18)
    - Patau's sy. (47, XX/XY +13)
  - gonosomal
    - Klinefelter's sy. (47, XXY)
- polyploidy -letal



# Genomic disorders

- Genomic disorders represent a clinically diverse group of conditions caused by *gain, loss or re-orientation of a genomic region containing dosage-sensitive genes*.
- Determining how the *copy number variation* (CNV) affects human variation and contributes to the aetiology and progression of various genomic disorders represents **important questions for the future**.

# Gene mutations as a cause of variability in genes

- **Rare alleles** (prevalence less than 1% in population as a result of selection pressure and/or „recent“ mutation). These mutations represent „great genetic factors“ causing *monogenic diseases* – subjects of **clinical genetics**.
- **Polymorphisms** (prevalence more than 1% in population, smaller genetic factors in interactions with environmental factors conditioning *complex diseases* - subjects of **personalized medicine**).

# Gene mutations as a cause of variability in genes

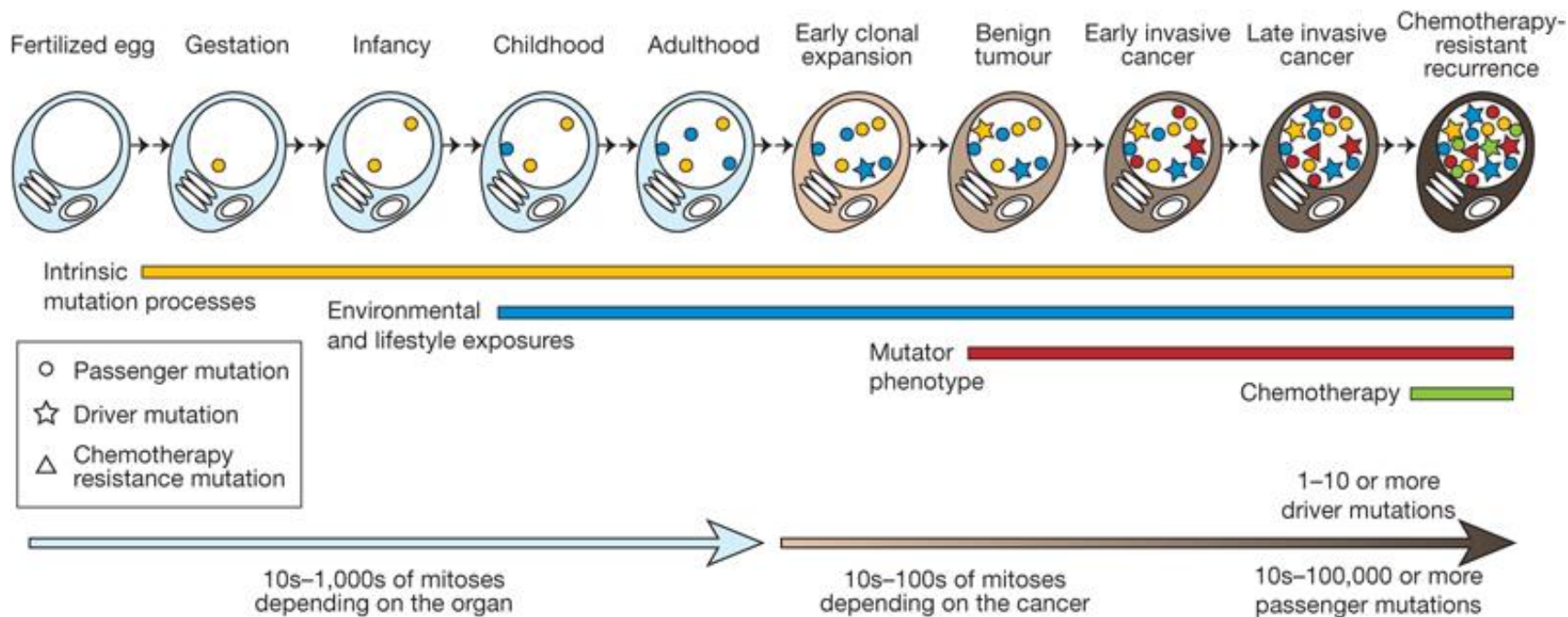
- *Mutations in somatic cells*

- ✓ are generating in somatic cells during the lifetime
- ✓ are cell and/or tissue specific, without transfer to offspring

- *Mutations in germ cells*

- ✓ they become components of genetic predisposition
- ✓ they are present in all cells of the individual
- ✓ they are transferred to offspring

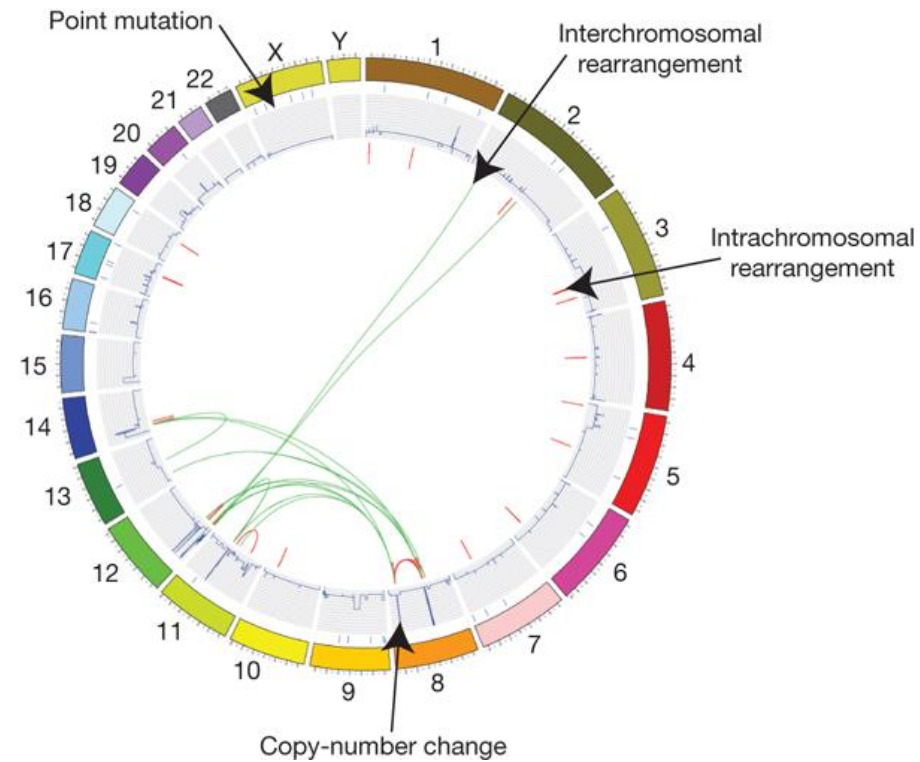
# Somatic cell mutations: an example Sporadic colorectal cancer



The lineage of mitotic cell divisions from the fertilized egg to a single cell within a cancer showing the timing of the somatic mutations acquired by the cancer cell and the processes that contribute to them.

MR Stratton *et al.* *Nature* **458**, 719-724 (2009)

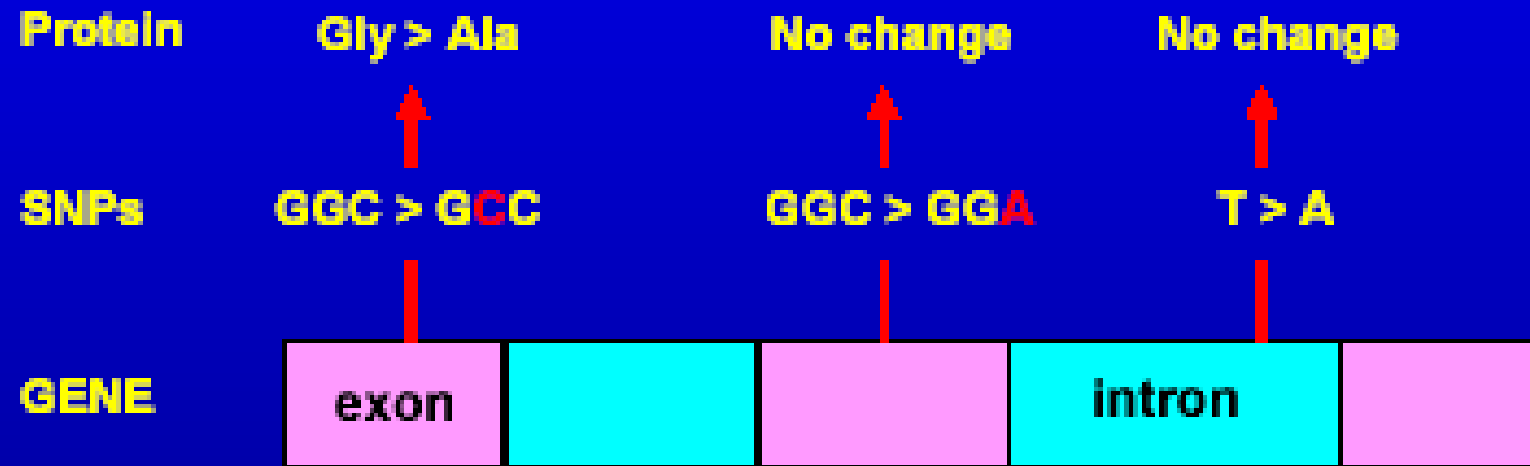
Figurative depiction of the landscape of somatic mutations present in a single cancer genome.



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Somatic cell mutations: an example  
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# Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms





# Gene mutation - types



- Normal state
- DNA
  - ATGCAGGTGACCTCAGTG
  - TACGTCCACTGGAGTCAC
- RNA
  - AUGCAGGUGACCUCAGUG
- PROTEIN
  - Met-Gln-Val-Thr-Ser-Val

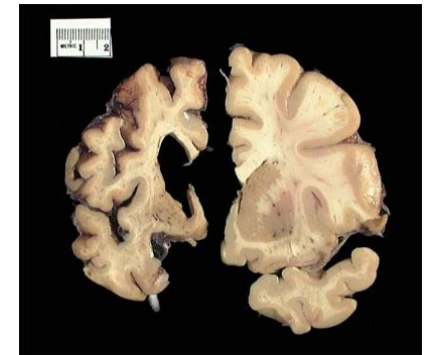
- **Mutation „missense“**
- DNA
  - ATGCAG**C**TGACCTCAGTG
  - TACGTC**G**ACTGGAGTCAC
- RNA
  - AUGCAG**C**UGACCUCAGUG
- PROTEIN
  - Met-Gln-**Leu**-Thr-Ser-Val
- **Examples-hemoglobin S in sickle cell anemia-heterozygote advantage**

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  - DNA
  - ATGCAGGTGACCT**G**AGTG
  - TACGTCCACTGG**A**CTCAC
  
  - RNA
  - AUGCAGGUGACCU**G**AGUG
  - PROTEIN
  - Met-Gln-Val-Thr-Stop
  - **Examples:  $\beta^0$  thalasemia**

# Gene mutations- types

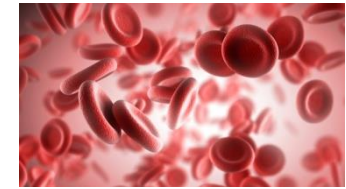
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- Mutation type of trinucleotide expansion
  - DNA
    - ATG(CAGCAGCAG)<sub>20</sub>CAGGTGACCTCAGTG
    - TAC(GTCGTCGTC)<sub>20</sub>GTCCACTGGAGTCAC
  - RNA
    - AUG(CAGCAGCAG)<sub>20</sub>CAGGUGACCUCAGUG
  - PROTEIN
    - Met-(Gln-Gln-Gln)<sub>20</sub>Gln-Val-Thr-Ser-Val
- **Examples: Huntington's disease**



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- TACGTCCACTGGAGTCAC
- RNA
- AUGCAGGUGACCU CAGUG
- PROTEIN
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- **Mutation, type „frameshift“**
- DNA
- ATGCAGGTG**A**ACCTCAGTG
- TACGTCCACT**T**GGAGTCAC
- RNA
- AUGCAGGUG**A**ACCU CAGUG
- PROTEIN
- Met-Gln-Val-**Asn-Leu-Ser**
- **Examples:**
- **Duchenn´ s muscular dystrophy,  $\beta^0$  thalasemia, Tay-Sachs´ s disease**

# Gene mutations- types



- Normal state
  - DNA
  - ATGCAGGTGACCTCAGTG
  - TACGTCCACTGGAGTCAC
  - RNA
  - AUGCAGGUGACCUCAGU  
G
  - PROTEIN
  - Met-Gln-Val-Thr-Ser-Val
- **Mutation: type „insertion“**
  - DNA
  - ATGCAGGTG-**3000 bp**-ACCTCAGTG
  - TACGTCCAC-**3000 bp**-TGGAGTCAC
  - RNA
  - AUGCAGGUG-**3000 bp**-  
ACCUCAGUG
  - PROTEIN
  - Met-Gln-Val-----?
  - **Examples: Hemophilia A**

# Gene mutations- types

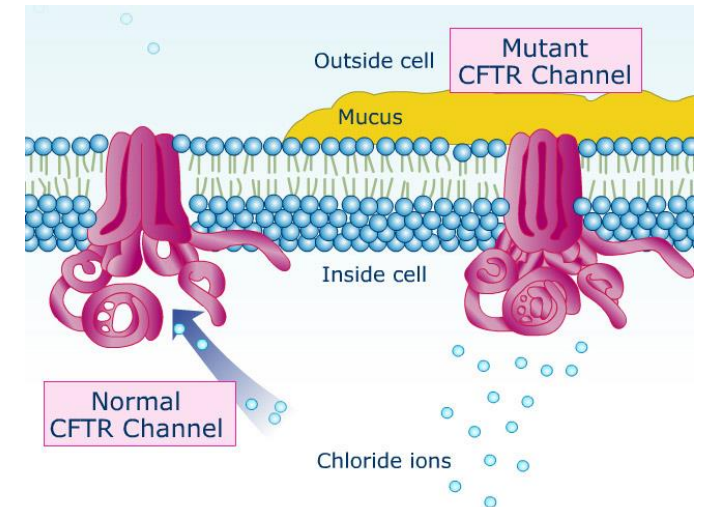
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- RNA
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- PROTEIN
  - Met-Gln-Val-Thr-Ser-Val

- **Mutation: type „deletion“**

- DNA
  - ATGCAGGTG
  - TACGTCCAC
- RNA
  - AUGCAGGUG
- PROTEIN
  - Met-Gln-Val

- **Examples:**

- **small-cystic fibrosis**
- **large: Duchenn´ s muscular dystrophy**

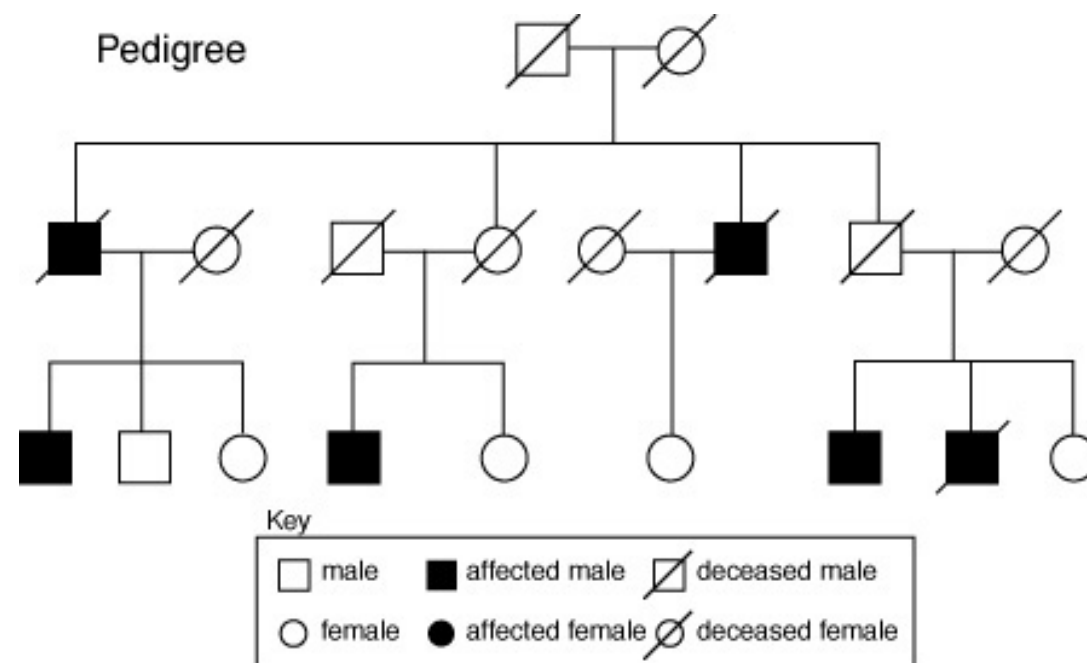


# Four basic types of heredity

	dominant	recessive
Autosomal	autosomal dominant (AD)	autosomal recessive (AR)
X-linked	X-dominant (XD)	X-recessive (XR)

# Monogenic disorders

- Determined by one locus alleli.
- Variant allele which had arisen sometimes in the history replaces original („wild“) allele on one (heterozygote) or both (homozygote) chromosomes.
- Monogenic disorders have a characteristic transfer of the genotypes in families.
- Rare alleles are associated with monogenic disorders as a „big“ factor.



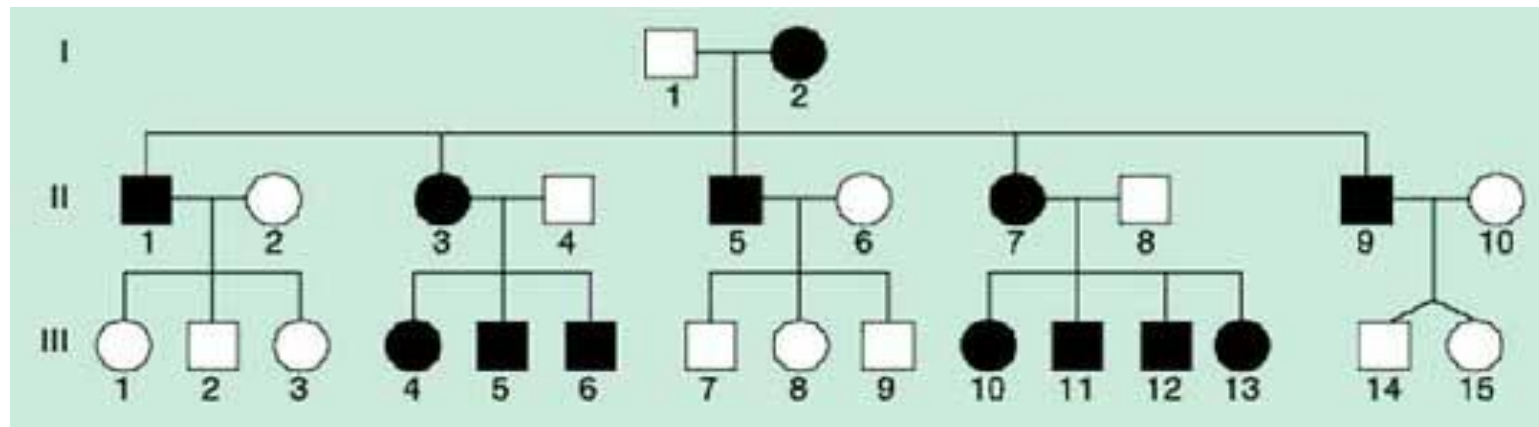


# Monogenic disorders

- Clinical manifestations are observed usually in childhood.
- Less than 10% are manifested after puberty and only 1% after reproductive age.
- Prevalence about 0.36%; in 6-8% hospitalized children some monogenic disorder is suspected.

# Mitochondrial heredity

- mtDNA is transferred by mother (after fertilization, only maternal mitochondria are conserved).
- Active process in paternal mitochondria elimination is supposed.



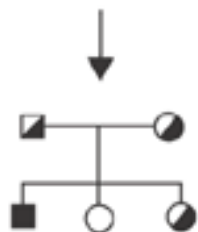
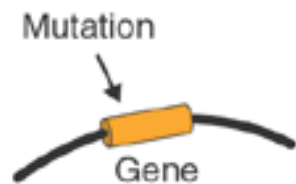
# Complex (multifactorial, multigene) diseases

- *Every disease has its own genetic predisposition with different impact to clinical manifestation and/or other phenotypes of the disease.*

# Complex (multifactorial, multigene) diseases

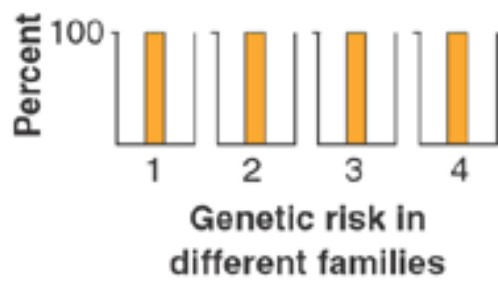
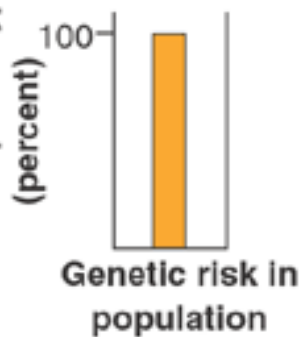
- They may be interactions of certain gene variants and certain environmental factors (and their combinations) which could be responsible for predisposition for many
  - biological processes
  - evolutionary adaptations and/or
  - complex diseases.

### Monogenic disorder

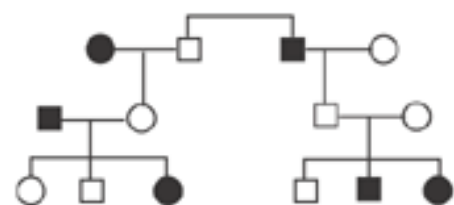
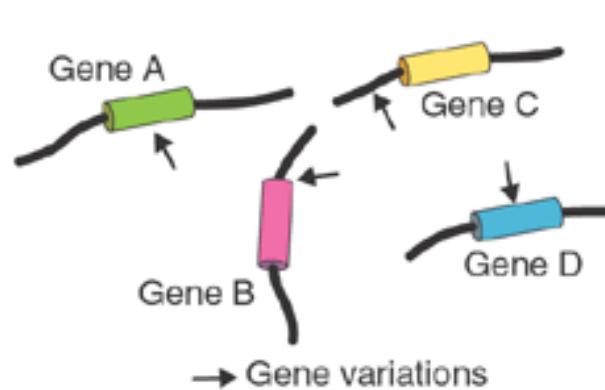


Inheritance pattern  
(dominant or recessive)

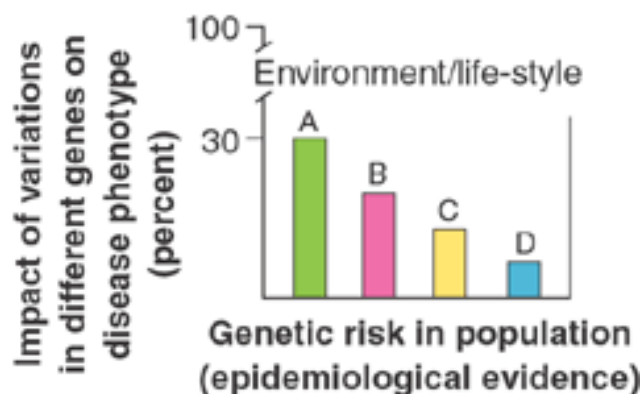
Impact of mutations  
in a single gene on  
disease phenotype  
(percent)



### Complex disorder



Inheritance pattern (complex)



**LEVEL**

**IV ENDPOINT**

**III RISK FACTOR**

**II GENE PRODUCT**

**I GENE**

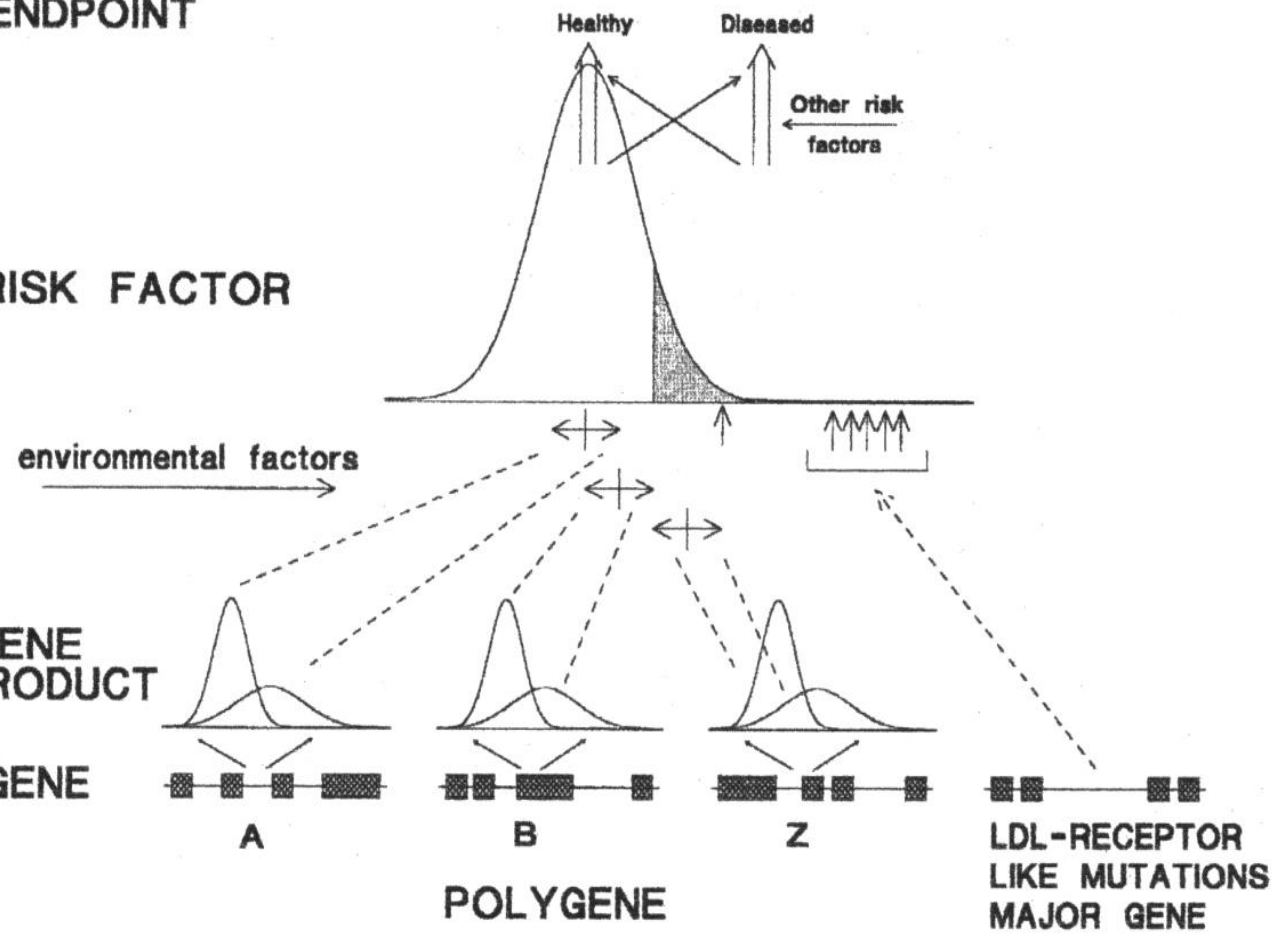


Fig. 1. A general model depicting the role of polygenes, major genes and environmental factors in the aetiology of a chronic multifactorial disease (adapted from Ref. [7] with permission from the authors and Oxford University Press, Oxford). The figure illustrates how genetic variation at level I (in polygenes, indicated by genes A, B...Z and in major genes indicated by LDLR mutations at the right) through altered gene products (level II, indicated by shifts in the distribution) and interactions between them and environmental factors contribute to variations in biological risk factors (level III) and ultimately to disease outcome (level IV). Note that the contribution of polygenic variation to biological risk factor variability is far more than that of major genes.

# Candidate gene and its association with disease

- ✓ The question is simpler in mendelistic diseases in which a change function of a gene can be easier indentified.
- *Two main possibilities for this strategy:*
  - ***Linkage analysis***
    - ✓ needs examination of genealogy
    - ✓ is evaluating common occurrence of genetic marker and disease in related individuals
  - ***Association study***

# Genetic studies

- *Candidate gene selection strategy.*
  - ✓ Etiopatogenetic (pathophysiological) approach using for candidate gene selection
- *Genome- wide analysis*
  - ✓ Based on analysis of large sequences of genome



# Association studies

are evaluating common occurrence of genetic marker and disease in unrelated individuals

## *Types of association studies*

❑ *case-control* (healthy-ill)

❑ *case-case* (severity of disease, early onset of disease, risk factors for disease including gender)

❑ *genotype-phenotype* (e.g. biochemical parameters)

# Epigenetic effects

Identical Twins  
with Different  
Hair Color

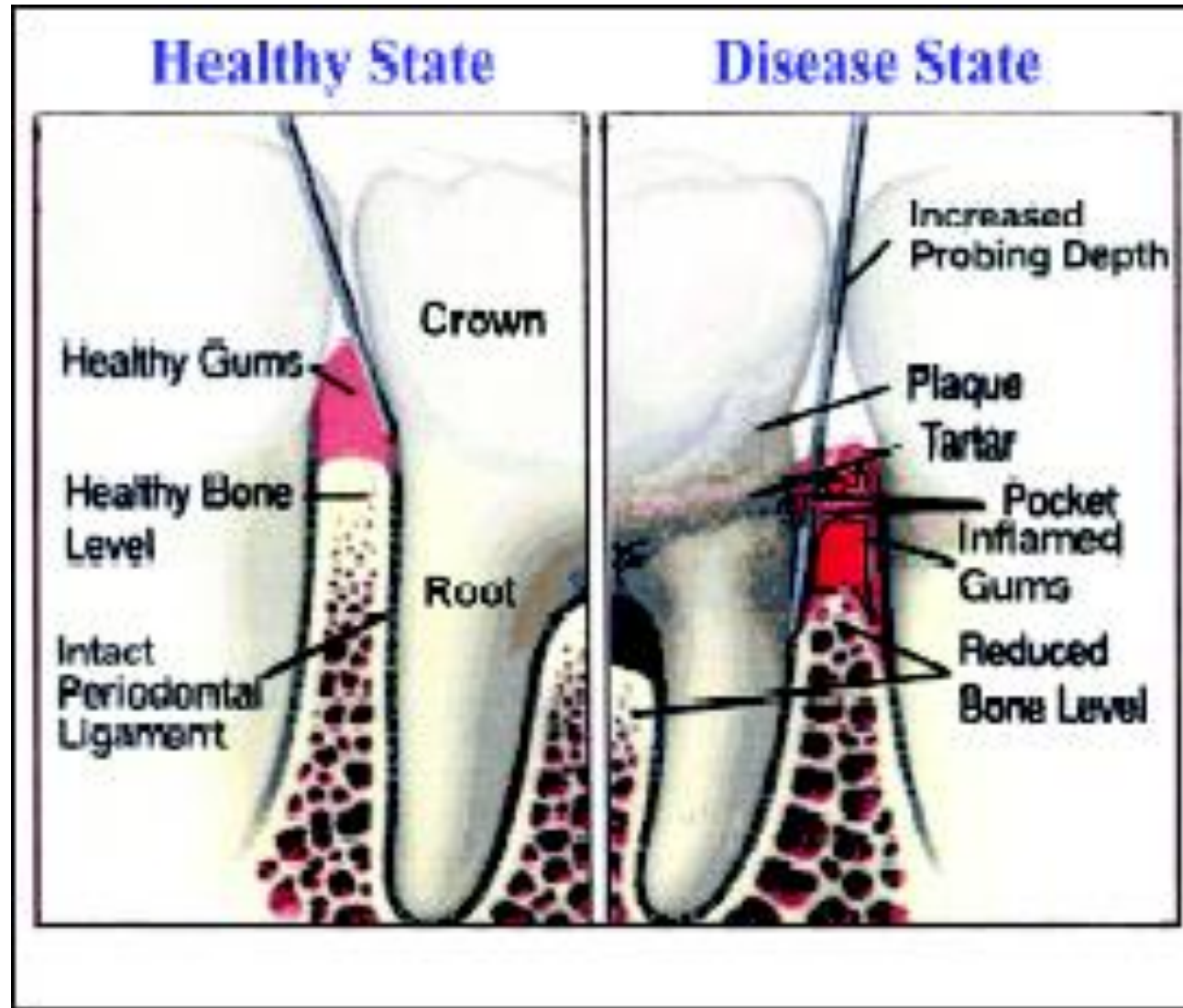


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# Future: genome wide analysis and candidate gene approach

- Current genetic investigations are performed both on the basis of a rational and biologically based choice of candidate genes and through genome wide scans.
- Nonetheless, lack of replication is a common problem in different genetic fields.

# Periodontal disease



# PERIODONTAL DISEASE



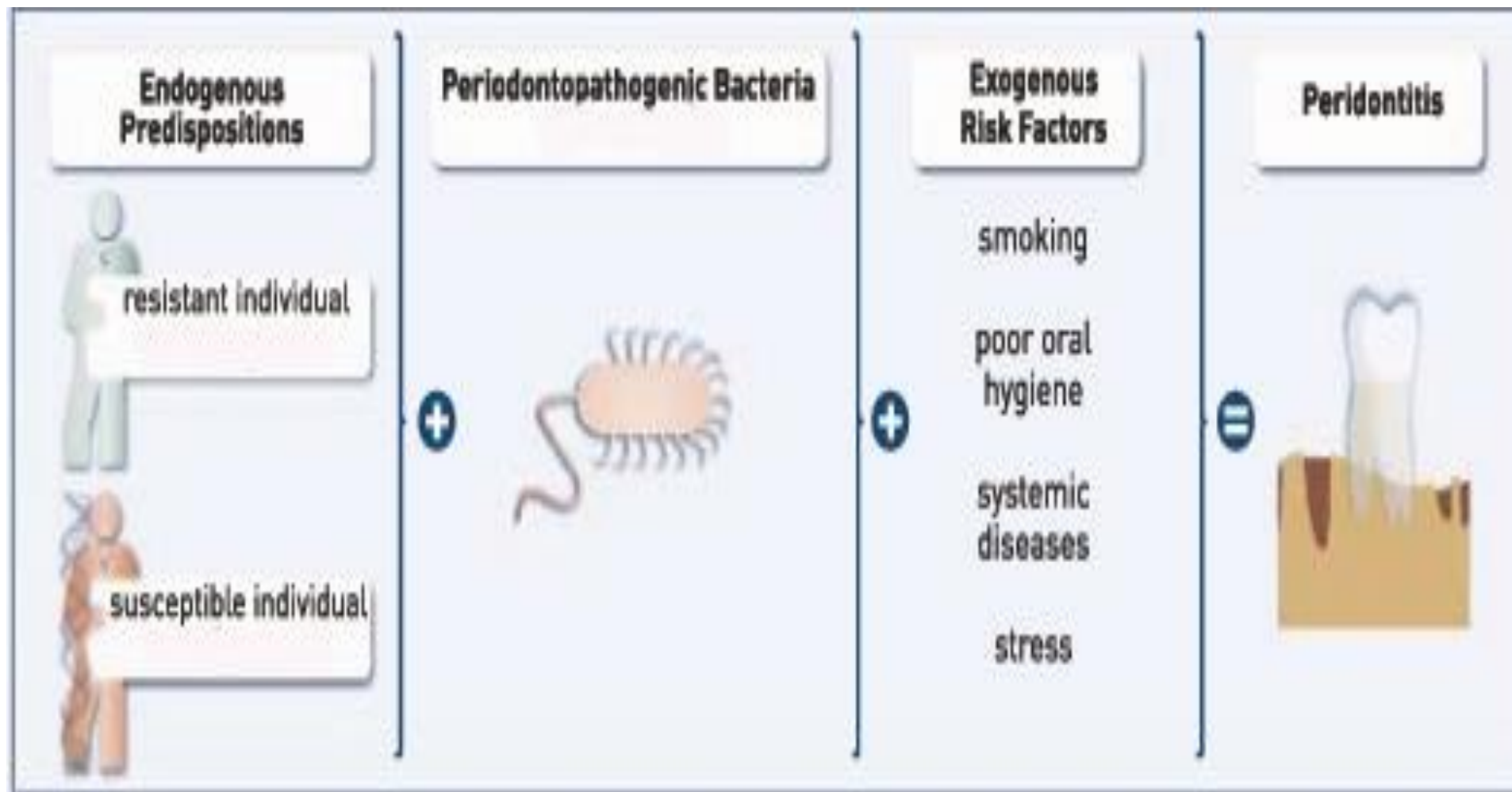
## Periodontitis

- Advanced gum inflammation
- Bone loss
- Destruction of ligaments

## Gingivitis

- Inflamed Gums

# Multifactorial disorder



# Syndromic Forms of Periodontitis

- Severe periodontitis presents as part of the clinical manifestations of several monogenetic syndromes.
- Significance of these conditions is that they clearly demonstrate that a genetic mutation at a single locus can impart susceptibility to periodontitis.

**TABLE 2****Examples of Syndromic Forms of Periodontitis in Which Inheritance is Mendelian and Due to a Genetic Alteration at a Single Gene Locus**

Condition	Biochemical/Tissue Defect	Inheritance	OMIM
Papillon-Lefèvre syndrome	Cathepsin C	AR	245000
Haim-Munk syndrome	Cathepsin C	AR	245100
Ehlers-Danlos syndrome type 4	Collagen	AD	130050
Ehlers-Danlos syndrome 8	Collagen	AD	130080
Cyclic neutropenia	neutrophil elastase	AD	162800
Chronic familial neutropenia	Defect unknown	AD	162700
Chediak-Higashi syndrome	lysosomal trafficking regulator gene	AR	214500
Congenital disorder of glycosylation type IIc	GDP-fucose transporter-1	AR	266265
Leukocyte adhesion deficiency type 1	Leukocyte chain adhesion molecule CD18	AR	116920



# Papillon LeFevre Syndrome



- Clinically characterized by:
  - Palmoplantar hyperkeratosis
  - **Severe early onset periodontitis** that results in premature loss of the primary and secondary dentition (distinguishes PLS from other palmoplantar keratoderma)
- Prevalence 1/ 4million
- No gender or racial predilection

# CTSC gene encodes for Cathepsin C protease

- **CTSC gene lies on chromosome 11q14-q21; seven exons encoding for lysosomal protease cathepsin C.**
- **It is expressed at high levels in a variety of immune cells including polymorphonuclear leucocytes, macrophages, and in epithelial regions commonly affected by PLS, including the palms, soles, knees, and oral keratinized gingiva (RT-PCR) ([Hart et al., 1999](#)).**
- **Cathepsin C is a protease enzyme that processes and activates a number of granule serine proteases critical to immune and inflammatory responses of myeloid and lymphoid white blood cells**

# Mutations in CTSC gene

- Mutations in Cathepsin C (CTSC) gene are implicated for PLS
- For example:
  - **One exon 1 nonsense mutation (856C→T):** introduces a premature stop codon at amino acid 286.
  - **Three exon 2 mutations:**
    - single nucleotide deletion (2692delA) of codon 349: introduces a frameshift and premature termination codon,
    - 2 bp deletion (2673-2674delCT): introduces a stop codon at amino acid 343, and
    - G→A substitution in codon 429 (2931G→A): introduces a premature termination codon.
- Truncated or altered conformation of the protein may not be transported to the organelle and may not be able to activate protein kinases
- In other words, Cathepsin C activity in these patients is nearly absent

# Polymorphism Studies on Periodontitis

- Host response is predominantly influenced by genetic make-up.
- Several features of host's innate immune response may contribute to susceptibility to AgP and include epithelial, connective tissue, fibroblast, and PMN defects.
- Aspects of the host inflammatory response namely cytokines are crucial variants influencing host response in periodontitis.

# Immunological Polymorphisms

- MHC or HLA genes determine our response to particular antigens.
- Japanese study of AgP pts found a significant association for pts with atypical BamH1 restriction site in the HLA.DQB gene ([Takashiba et al. 1994](#)).
- [Hodge & Kinane \(1999\)](#) found no assoc. in caucasian AgP pts and this restriction site.

# IL-1 Gene Polymorphisms

- In 1997 Kornman et al found an association between polymorphisms in genes encoding for IL-1a(-889) and IL-1B(+3953) and an increased severity of periodontitis.
- The specific genotype of the polymorphic IL-1 cluster (called **PST-periodontitis susceptibility trait**) was associated with severity of PD in only non-smokers, and distinguished individuals with severe periodontitis from those with mild disease.

Genetic control of IL-1: Genes and Locus of SNPs associated with controlling IL-1 biological activity

Genes	Polymorphism Locus	Current Locus assessed with test	Controlled product
IL-1A	Allele 2 -889	Allele 2 IL-1A +4845	IL-1 alpha
IL-1B	Allele 2 +3953	Allele 2 IL-1B +3954	IL-1 beta
IL-1RN			Protein receptor antagonist (impedes IL-1 alpha and beta)

**Genetic Susceptibility Test** for periodontitis: tests for the presence of at least one copy of allele 2 at the **IL-1A +4845** loci and at least one copy of allele 2 at the **IL-1B +3954** locus.

*\* IL-1A +4845 is being used because it is easier to identify than IL-1A -889 and it is essentially concordant with it.*

*\*\* IL-1B +3953 has been now renumbered as IL-1B +3954 because the current convention indicates that the numbering of the transcription should begin at +1 instead of zero.*

# Interleukin 1

- A proinflammatory multifunctional cytokine.
- Enables ingress of inflammatory cells into sites of infection
- Promotes bone resorption
- Stimulates eicosanoid (PGE2) release by monocytes and fibroblasts
- Stimulates release of MMP's that degrades proteins of the ECM.
- Forms IL-1 $\alpha$  and IL-1 $\beta$



# IL-1 as modulator for Periodontitis

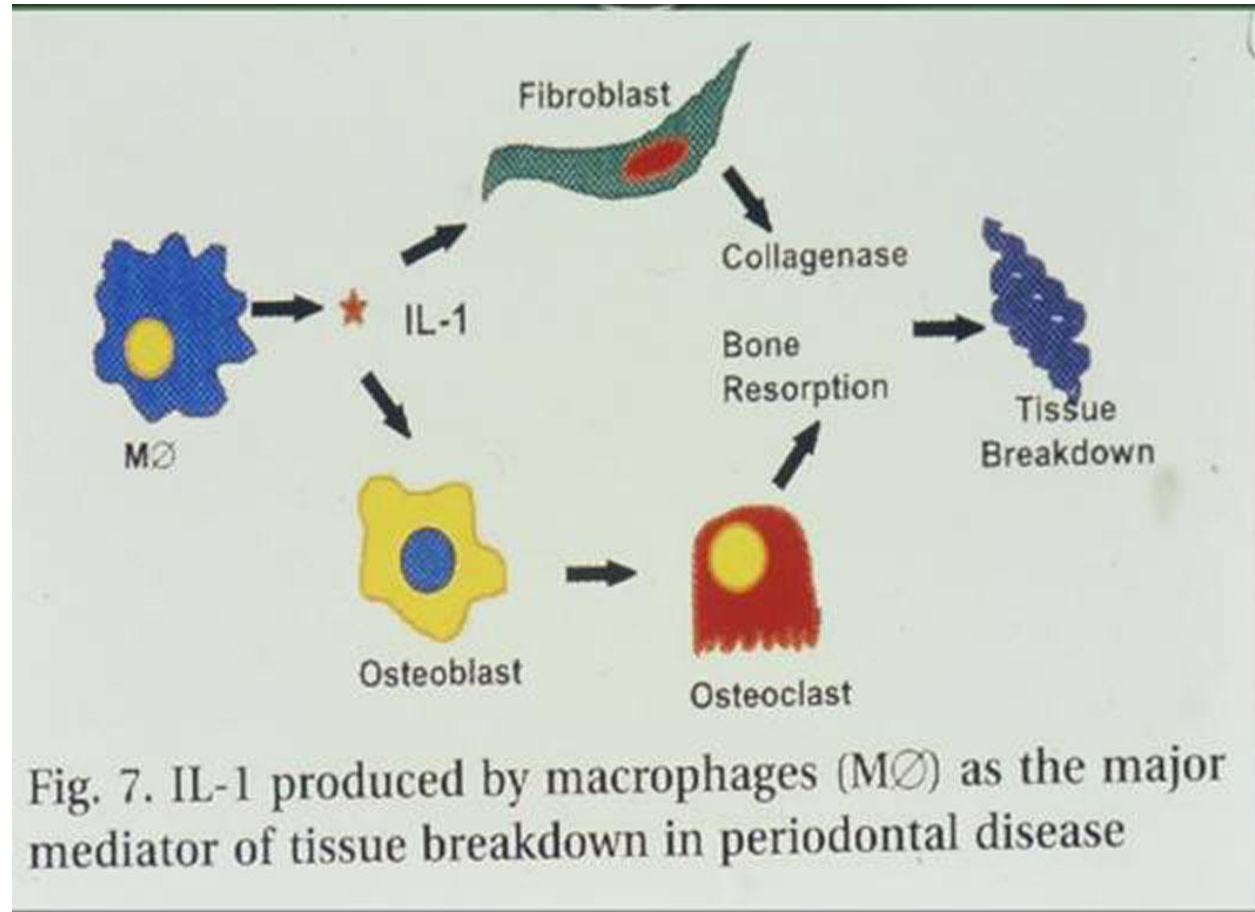
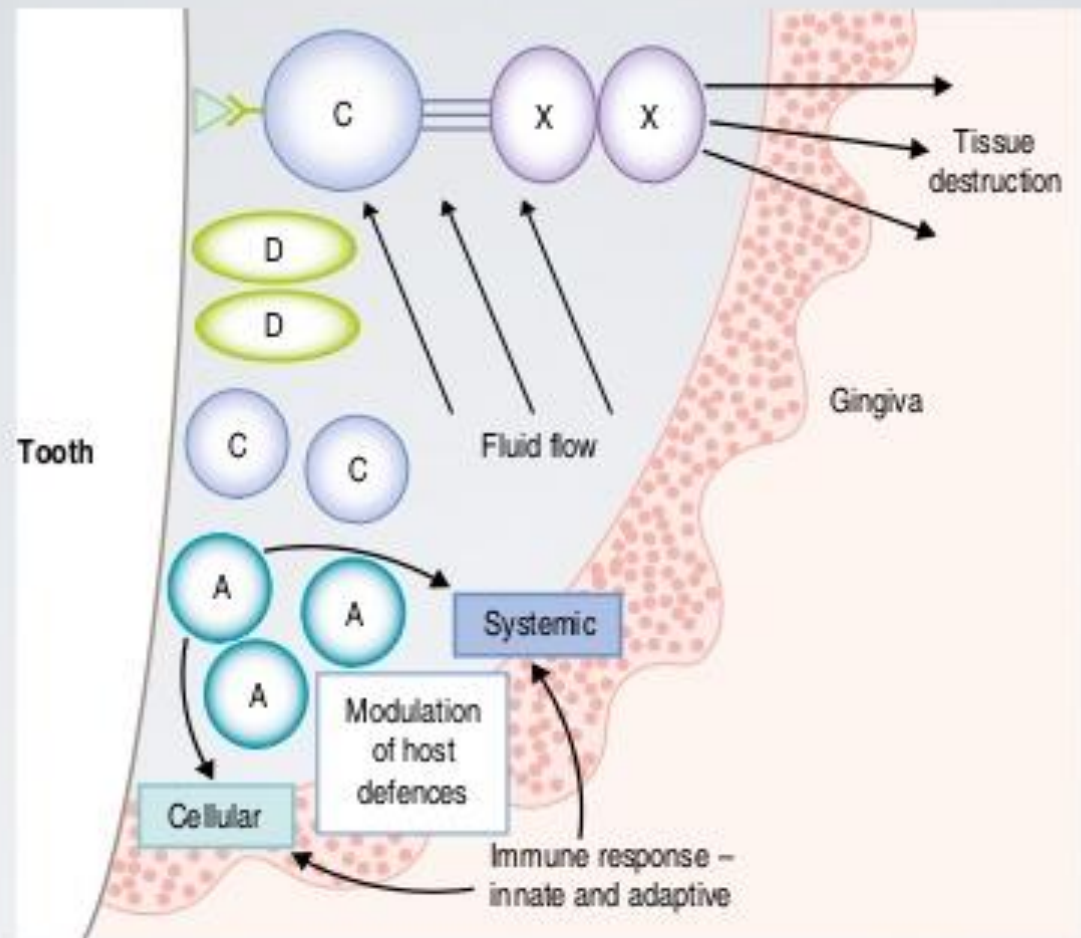


Fig. 7. IL-1 produced by macrophages (MØ) as the major mediator of tissue breakdown in periodontal disease

# Prevalence of genotype positive individuals in different ethnic groups

- Frequency of many genetic alleles varies between ethnic groups, therefore, it is necessary to establish allele frequencies in populations before genetic test can be evaluated and used.
  - **Caucasians:**
    - 29% of northern european caucasians were genotype positive (Kornman et al., 1997)
  - **African Americans:**
    - 14.5% of non-diseased individuals and 8% of patients with localized form of aggressive periodontitis were genotype-positive. (Walker et al., 2000)
  - **Chinese:**
    - 2.3% of sample of 132 mod-severe periodontitis cases were genotype-positive (Armitage et al., 2000)
  - **Hispanics:**
    - 26% of hispanic individuals with peridontitis were genotype-positive (Lopez et al., 2005)

***Take home message: Dissimilarity in the prevalence of genotypes in different ethnic groups precludes extrapolating data from one group to another.***



Pathogenic synergy in the aetiology of periodontal diseases. Bacteria capable of causing tissue damage directly (e.g. species X) may be dependent on the presence of other cells (e.g. organisms C and D) for essential nutrients or attachment sites so that they can grow and resist the removal forces provided by the increased flow of GCF. Similarly, both of these groups of bacteria may be reliant for their survival on other organisms (e.g. A and C) to modulate the host defences. Individual bacteria may have more than one role (e.g. organism C) in the aetiology of disease.

# Microbial factors

- *Porphyromonas gingivalis*
- *Bacteroides forsythus*, newly *Tanarella forsythensis*
- *Actinobacillus Actinomycescomitans*
- .....

**BUT**

- The bacteria themselves are not able to cause disease:
  - A wide range of host susceptibility
  - Differences in prevalence and extent between the teeth

# Dental plaque biofilm infection

- Ecological point of view
  - Ecological community evolved for survival as a whole
  - Complex community of more than 400 bacterial species
- Dynamic equilibrium between bacteria and a host defense
  - Adopted survival strategies favoring growth in plaque
  - “Selection” of “pathogenic” bacteria among microbial community
  - Selection pressure coupled to environmental changes
  - Disturbed equilibrium leading to pathology
  - Opportunistic infectio

# Reaction of the organism to bacterial infection

- Gate input - usually mucosal surfaces (violation of integrity)
- The fate of the host depends on:
  - Immunity (largely genetically determined)
  - Pathogenicity of bacteria (invasive ability, production of toxins, the ability to resist the defense mechanisms of the host)
  - non-invasive - multiply the point of entry into the body  
threatening in case of toxin production  
(defense - only neutralizing Pt)
  - Invasive - penetrate into the organism (x extracellular intracellular)  
(defense are Pt, complement, phagocytosis vs. macrophages)
  - The size of the infectious dose

# Identifying virulence factors

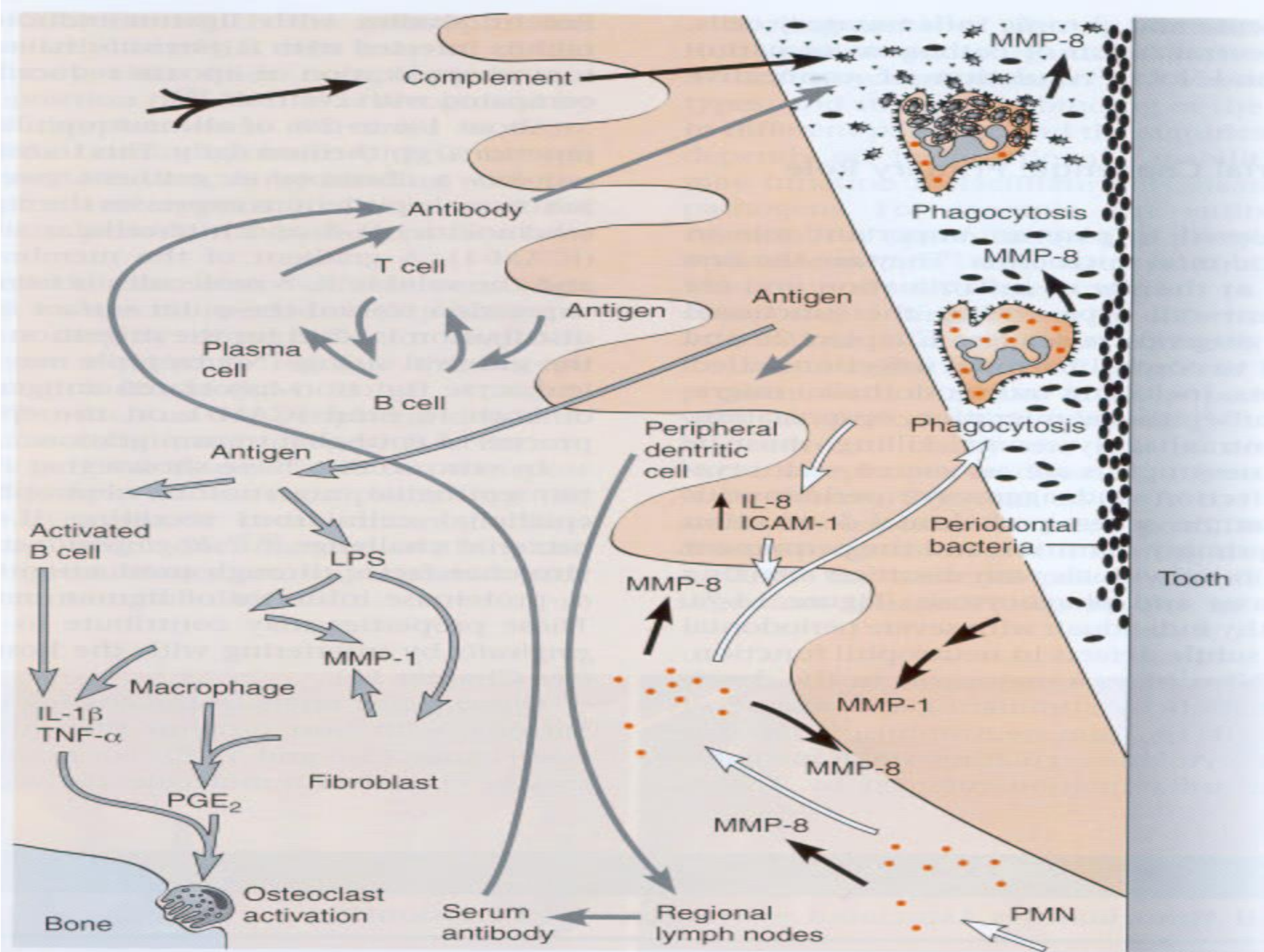
- Microbiological and biochemical studies
  - *In vitro* isolation and characterization
  - *In vivo* systems
- Genetic studies
  - Study of genes involved in virulence
  - Genetic transmission system
  - Recombinant DNA technology
    - Isogenic mutants
    - Molecular form of Koch's postulates (Falkow)

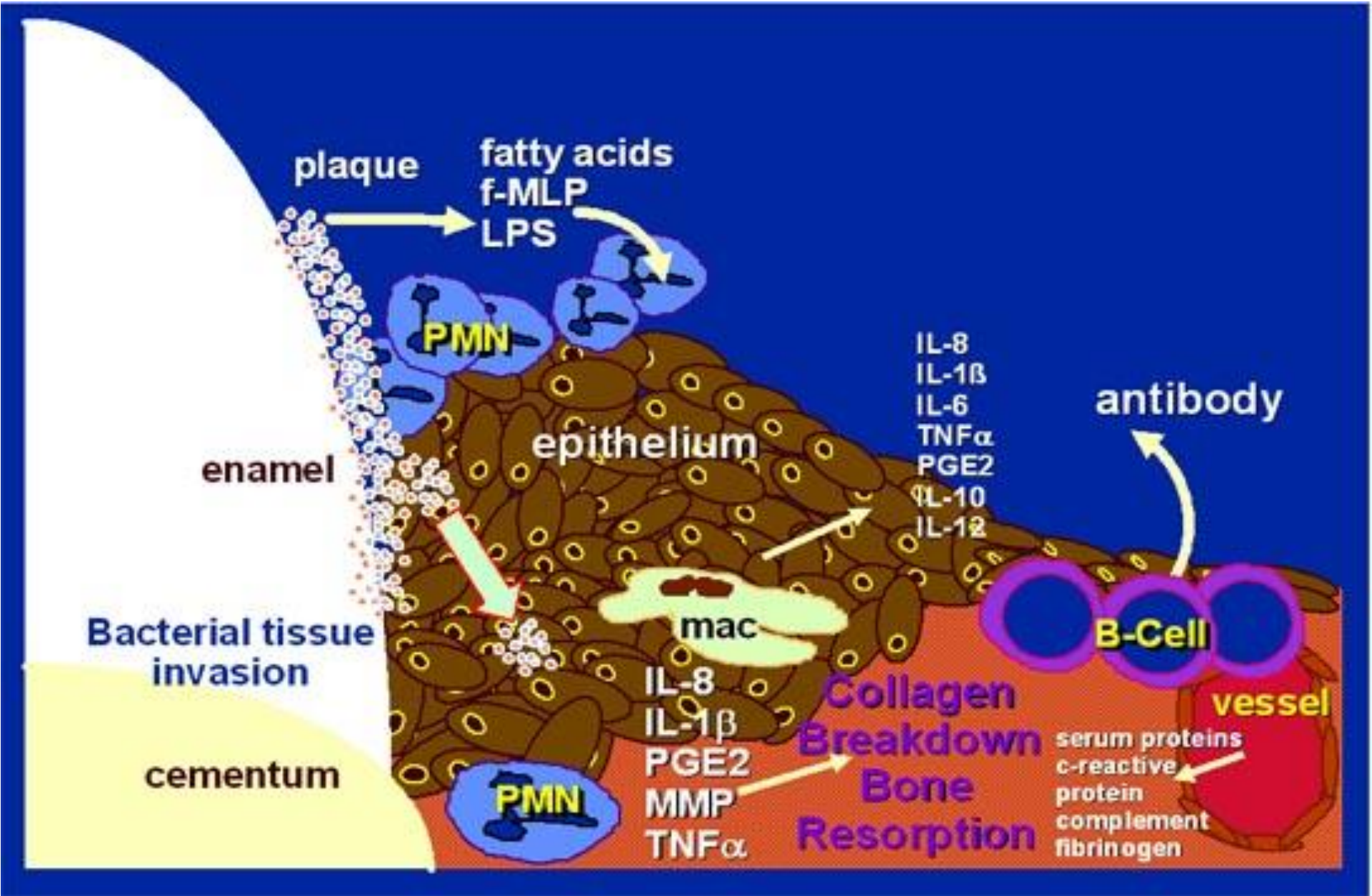
# Koch's postulates

- A Molecular form of Koch's postulates
  - The phenotype should be associated with pathogenic species (strains)
  - Specific inactivation of genes associated with virulence should lead to a decrease in virulence
  - Complementing inactivated genes with the wildtype genes should restore full virulence

Falkow, 1988





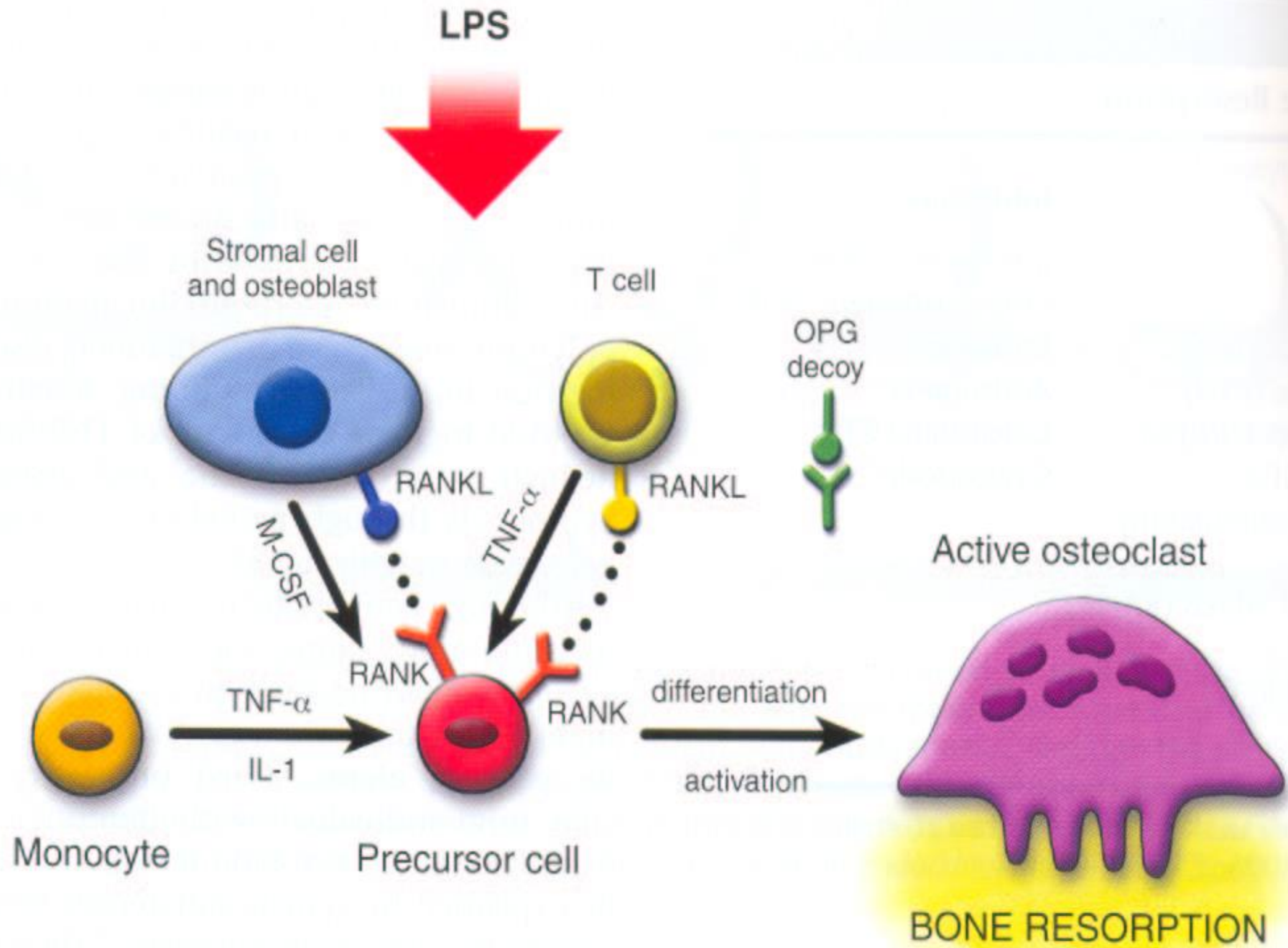


# TLRs

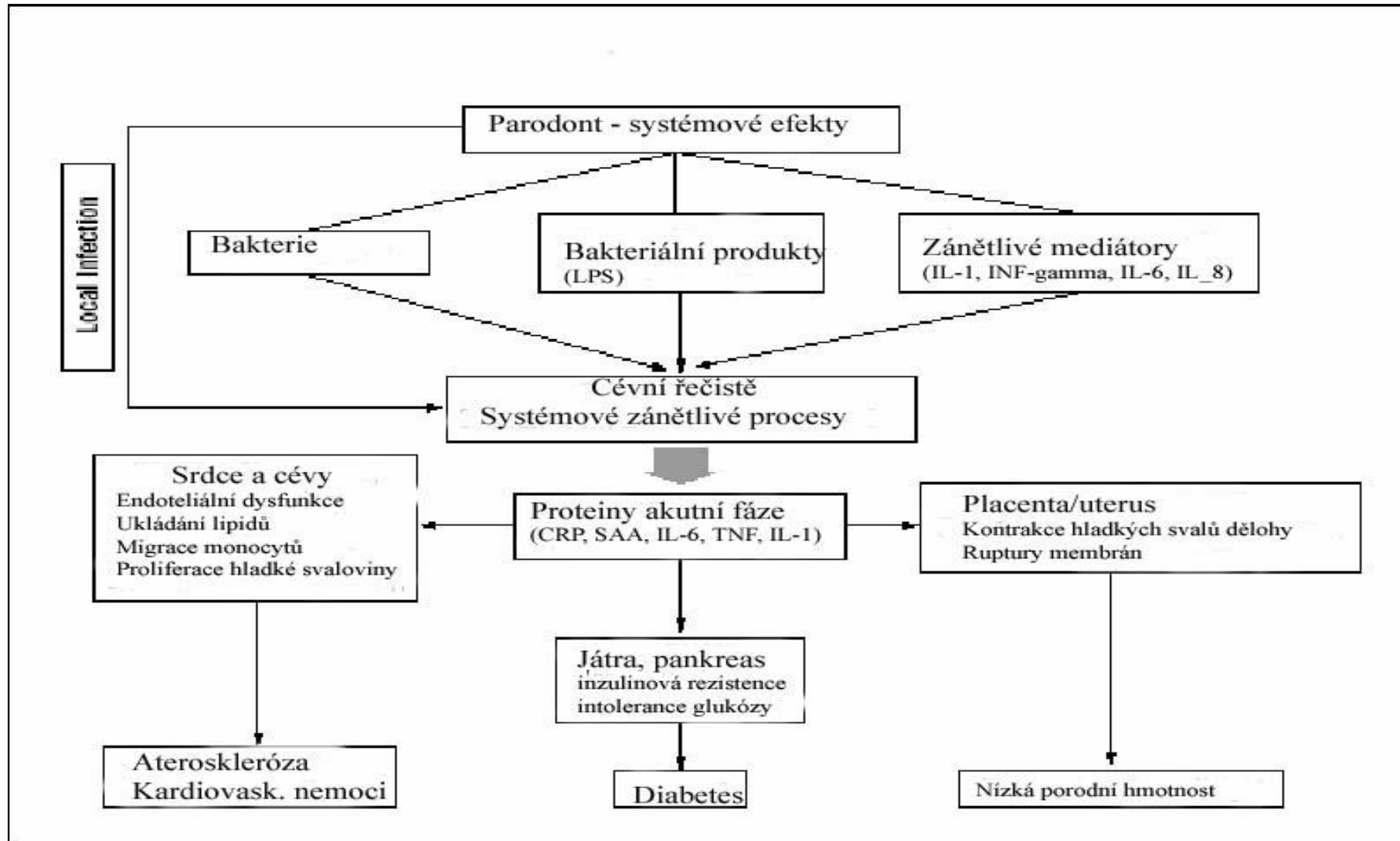
- First described as a gene for type I transmembrane receptor
    - important role in dorsoventral embryonic development of *Drosophila*
    - absence of tolls has led to a serious brake-down of defense against fungi and bacteria G+
- ⇒ Mammalian homologues - similar role??

# TLRs receptors and ligands in periodontal disease

<b>PRR</b>	<b>PAMP</b>	<b>Periodontal Pathogen</b>
TLR-2	Lipoproteins Atypical LPS Outer membrane proteins Fimbriae	<i>Bacteroides forsythus</i> <i>P. gingivalis</i> , <i>C. ochracea</i> Oral treponemes <i>P. gingivalis</i>
TLR-4	Nonendotoxic glycoprotein HSP-60 (GroEL) LPS	<i>P. intermedia</i> <i>P. gingivalis</i>
TLR-9	CpG-containing DNA	<i>A. actinomycetemcomitans</i> , <i>F. nucleatum</i> <i>A. actinomycetemcomitans</i> , <i>P. gingivalis</i> , <i>P. micros</i>



# Local problem?



# Periodontitis

- follows the loss of pulp vitality - the dead tooth
- Infection is usually odontogenic
- Trauma - one-time or repetitive microtrauma
- Acute periodontitis (apical)
- Hyperemia and serous exudation
- Suppuration, osteoclastic bone remodeling
- Strong pain at all stages, swelling in the later stages
- **Relationship of polymorphisms in genes IL1B, IL1RN, FcγRIIIb, VDR and TLR4 with an aggressive type of periodontitis.**

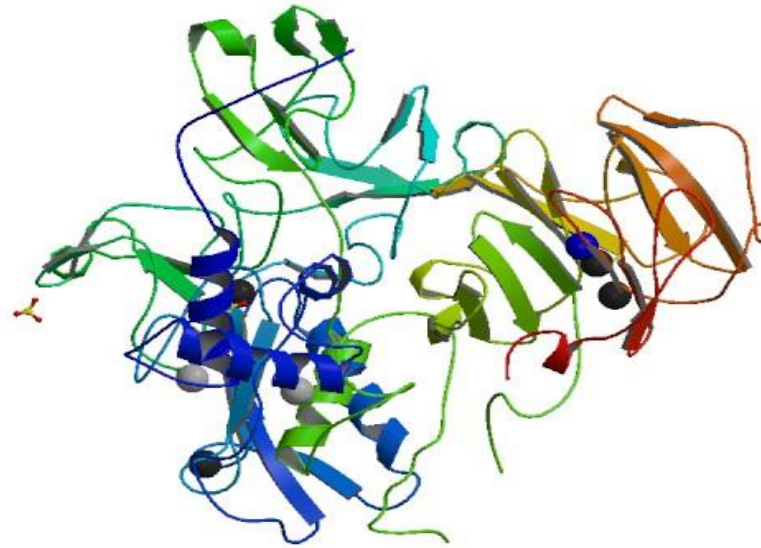
# Periodontitis

Chronic periodontitis (periapical)

- Secondarily from acute periodontitis  
Primarily chronic (more frequent)
- Forms:  
Granulomatous  
Granulomatous progressive - fistula (mucosal and cutaneous)  
Diffusion - dismantled and alveolar bone
- granulation tissue  
macrophages  
Possibility of creating radicular cysts
- The type of chronic periodontitis is associated with polymorphisms in genes for IL1B, IL1RN, IL6, IL10, VDR, CD14, TLR4 and MMP1.
- Meta-analysis of published data have associated variants of polymorphisms IL1A-889, IL1B 3954, IL1B-511, TNFA-308 and IL6-174 to aggressive and chronic periodontitis.



Thank you for your attention



„I just need a closer look...“