Molecular genetics III

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Human DNA polymorphisms used for linkage analysis, direct and indirect diagnostics

Microsatellites (or STR = short tandem repeats, SSR = simple sequence repeats)

TAGCCATCGGTACACACACACACACACACAGTGCTTCAGTAGC TAGCCATCGGTACACACACACACAGTGCTTCAGTAGCGTAG

If a *detectable* polymorphism is situated closely enough to a locus, which harbors a causal mutation for the studied disease, the polymorphism will be linked to the mutated allele. In most cases, the polymorphism will be passed together with the mutated allele from the parents to the offspring ("cosegregation"). Thus, the polymorphism can be used as a "marker" for the diesase even without exact knowledge of its molecular basis.

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PCR POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION animation at external site:

http://www.sumanasinc.com/webcontent/anisamples/molecularbiology/pcr.html

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During electrophoresis, smaller fragments migrate quicker than larger ones.







III/1, III/3 unaffected ; III/2 carrier of mutated allele

III/4, III/5 impossible to determine





Direct diagnostics of causal allele, the diagnosis is fully informative even in family with incomplete data. 12

Task 3, p. 129 – direct presymptomatic diagnosis of Huntington chorea









FAP is linked to allele 10.

b) Analyze another polymorphism, in which the II/4 is heterozygous or use direct diagnostcs – detection of APC gene mutation.