

# Human Genetic Polimorphism

# Human genome

- 3.1 billion ( $10^9$ ) base pairs
- 22,500 genes
- encoding 100,000 proteins

**SNP –  
single nucleotide  
polymorphisms**

**3 million or 0.1% bases in our DNA are polymorphic as single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNP).**

Directly responsible for majority of variation among humans

# SNP (single nucleotide polymorphisms) examples

**COL2A1** (-1) collagen, type II, alpha 1 (primary osteoarthritis...

Chr12: 46649018 - 46688528

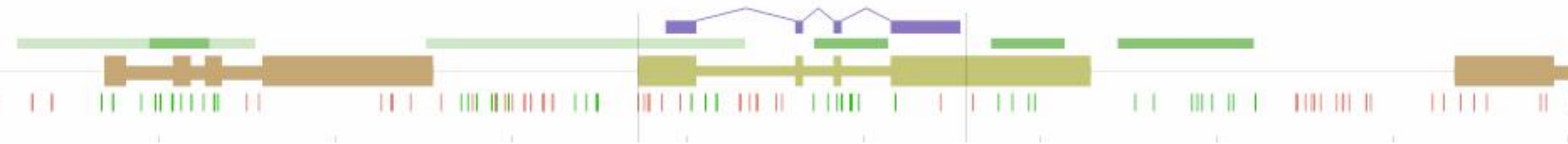
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**TNF**

tumor necrosis factor (TNF superfamily, member 2)

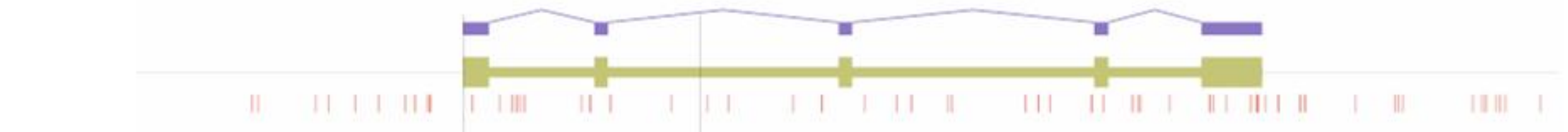
Chr6: 31647329 - 31658091



**G6PC2**

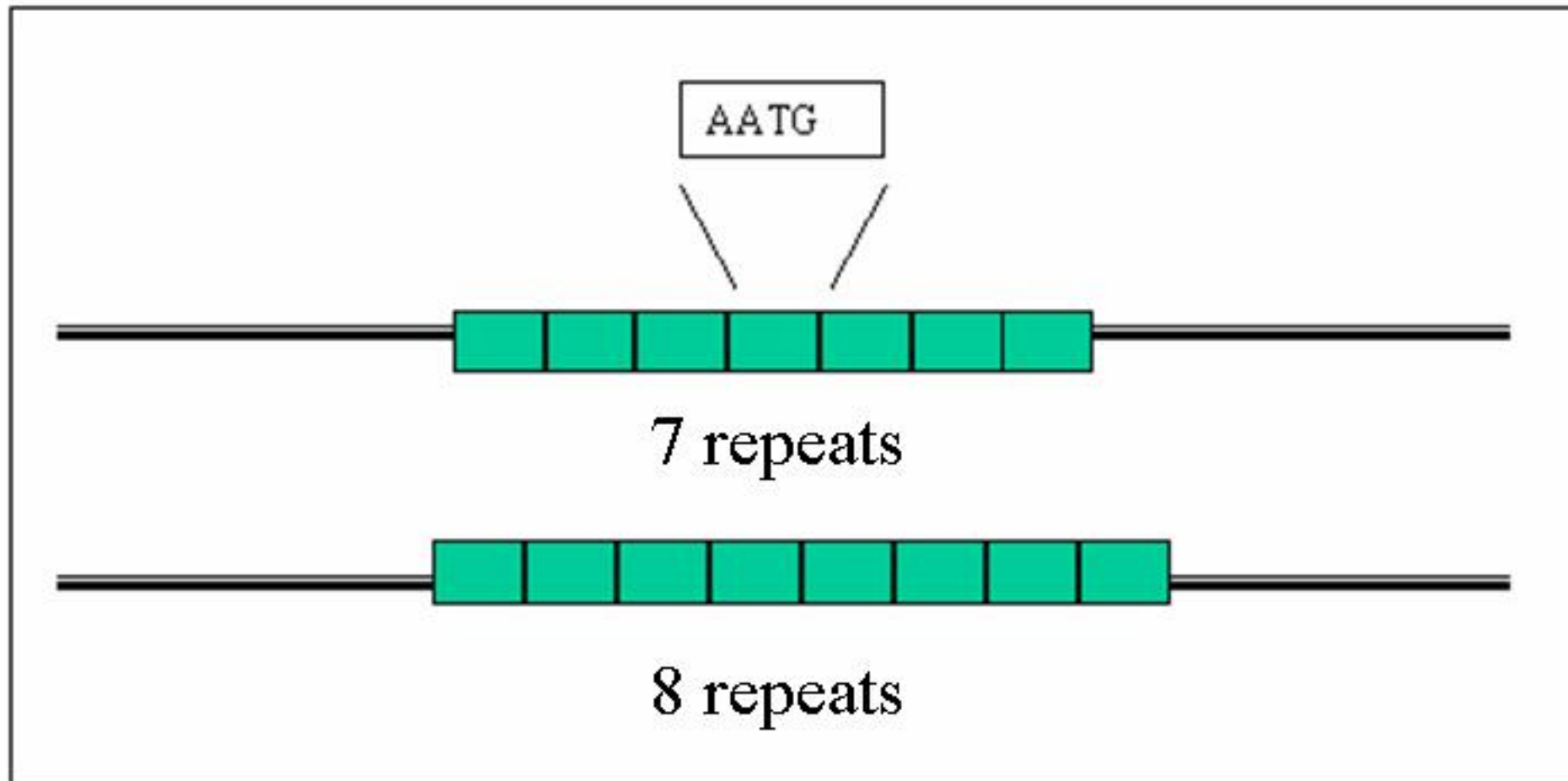
glucose-6-phosphatase, catalytic, 2

Chr2: 169579349 - 169594096



# STR – Short Tandem Repeats

# ***STR (short tandem repeats) structure***



# STRs vs. SNPs

Marker	Advantages	Disadvantages
SNPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low mutation rate</li><li>• High abundance</li><li>• Easy to type</li><li>• New analytical approaches are being developed at present</li><li>• Cross-study comparisons are easy; data repositories already exist</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Substantial rate heterogeneity among sites</li><li>• Expensive to isolate</li><li>• Ascertainment bias</li><li>• Low information content of a single SNP</li></ul>
Microsatellites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Highly informative (large number of alleles, high heterozygosity)</li><li>• Low ascertainment bias</li><li>• Easy to isolate</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High mutation rate</li><li>• Complex mutation behaviour</li><li>• Not abundant enough</li><li>• Difficult to automate</li><li>• Cross-study comparisons require special preparation</li></ul>



STRs are important genetic markers (first maps of human genome)

The physiological function is not certain

but some STRs are directly involved in pathogenesis

# ***Poly Glutamine (Q) triplet repeat diseases***

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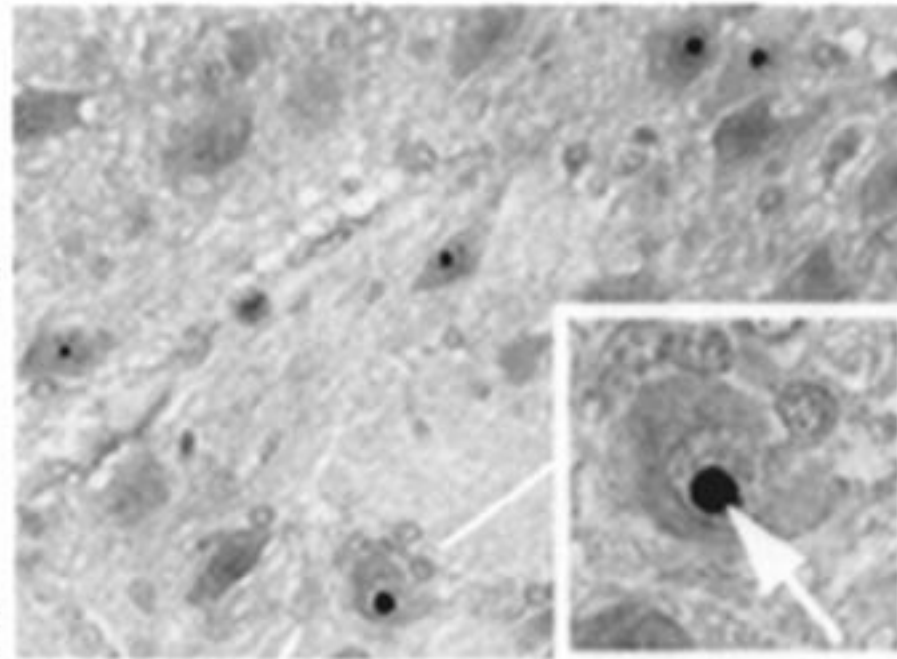
Disease	Repeat sequence
HD (Huntington Disease)	CAG
DRPLA (dentatorubral pallydoluysian atrophy)	CAG
SCA (spinocerebellar atrophy) 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 17	CAG
Kennedy's disease	CAG

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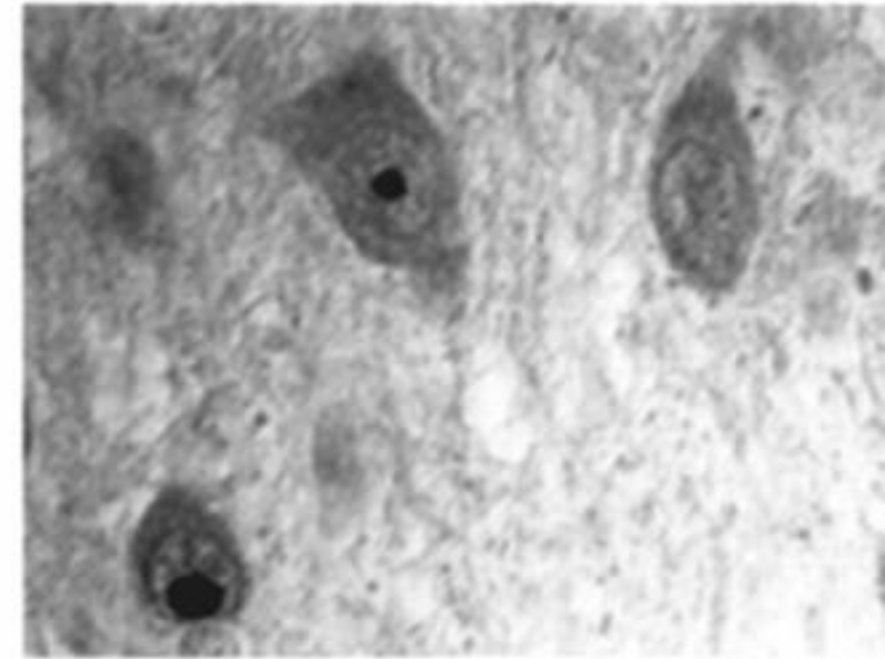
# ***Polyglutamine stretches predispose to aggregate formation***

[Annu. Rev. Neurosci 2000](#)

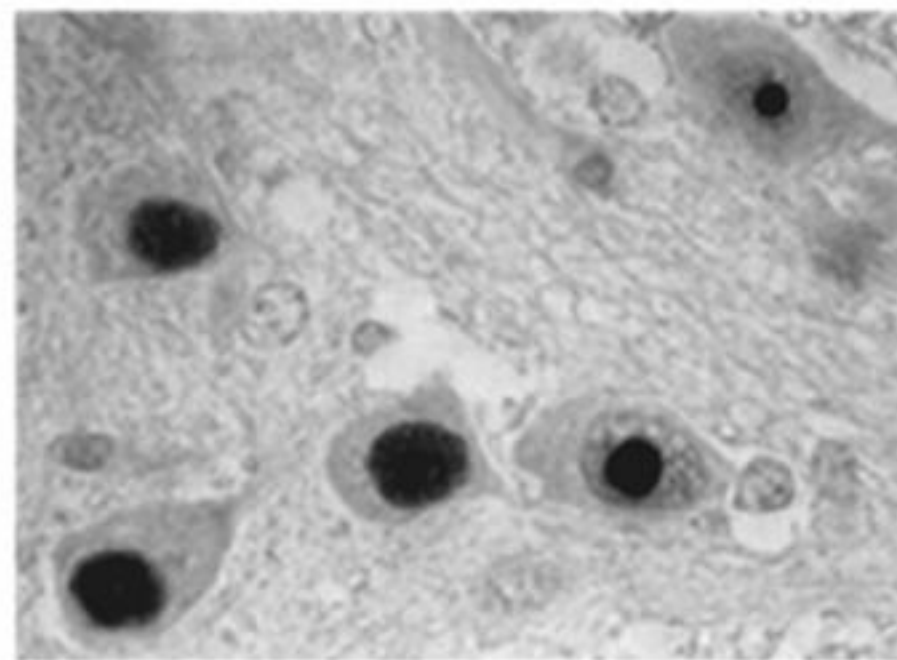
**A**



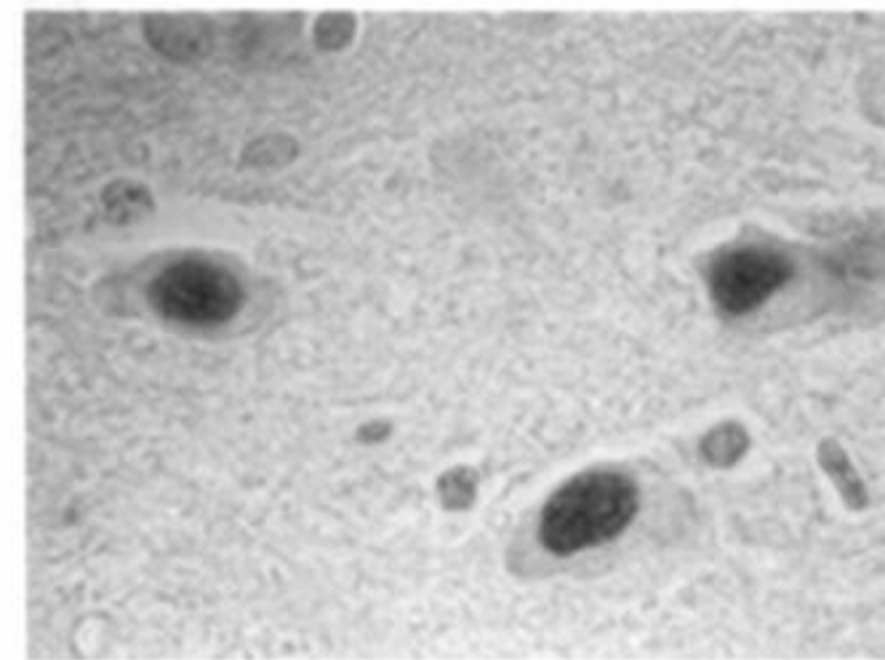
**B**



**C**



**D**



- (A, B) The subcellular distribution of ataxin-1 in nucleus pontis centralis neurons from a spinocerebellar ataxia 1 patient. Nuclear inclusions (NI) magnified (*bottom right*) and containing ubiquitin (B).
- (C) Redistribution of the 19S proteasome to aggregates in patient tissue;
- (D) control



# Conditions and genes in which alanine tract expansion has occurred

Condition	Gene	Gene type	Expansion size	Protein dysfunction
Synpolydactyly type II	HOXD13	Transcription factor	15A -> 22 – 29A (an addition of 7 – 14)	Dominant negative
Cleidocranial dysplasia	RUNX2 (CBFA1)	Transcription factor	17A -> 27A (an addition of 10)	Loss-of-function
Oculopharyngeal muscular dystrophy	PABPN1	Polyadenylate-binding protein	10A -> 11 – 17A (an addition of 1 – 7)	Toxic protein aggregates
Holoprosencephaly (HPE5)	ZIC2	Transcription factor	15A -> 25A (an addition of 10)	Loss-of-function
Hand-foot-genital syndrome	HOXA13	Transcription factor	18A -> 24A or 26A (an addition of 6 – 8)	Unclear, might be dominant negative
Blepharophimosis, ptosis and epicanthus inversus	FOXL2	Transcription factor	14A -> 22 – 24A (an addition of 8 – 10)	Partial loss-of-function
Mental retardation; X-linked, with isolated growth hormone deficiency	SOX3	Transcription factor	15A -> 26A (an addition of 11)	Unknown
Infantile spasm syndrome, X-linked; Partington syndrome; lissencephaly with ambiguous genitalia, X-linked; mental retardation X-linked 36 and 54	ARX	Transcription factor	A-tract #1 (amino acids 100 – 115) 16A -> 18 or 23A (an addition of 2 or 7)	Partial loss-of-function
			A-tract #2 (amino acids 144 – 155) 12A -> 20A (an addition of 8)	
Congenital central hypoventilation syndrome/Ondine curse	PMX2B (PHOX2B)	Transcription factor	20A -> 25 – 29A (an addition of 5 – 9)	Loss-of-function

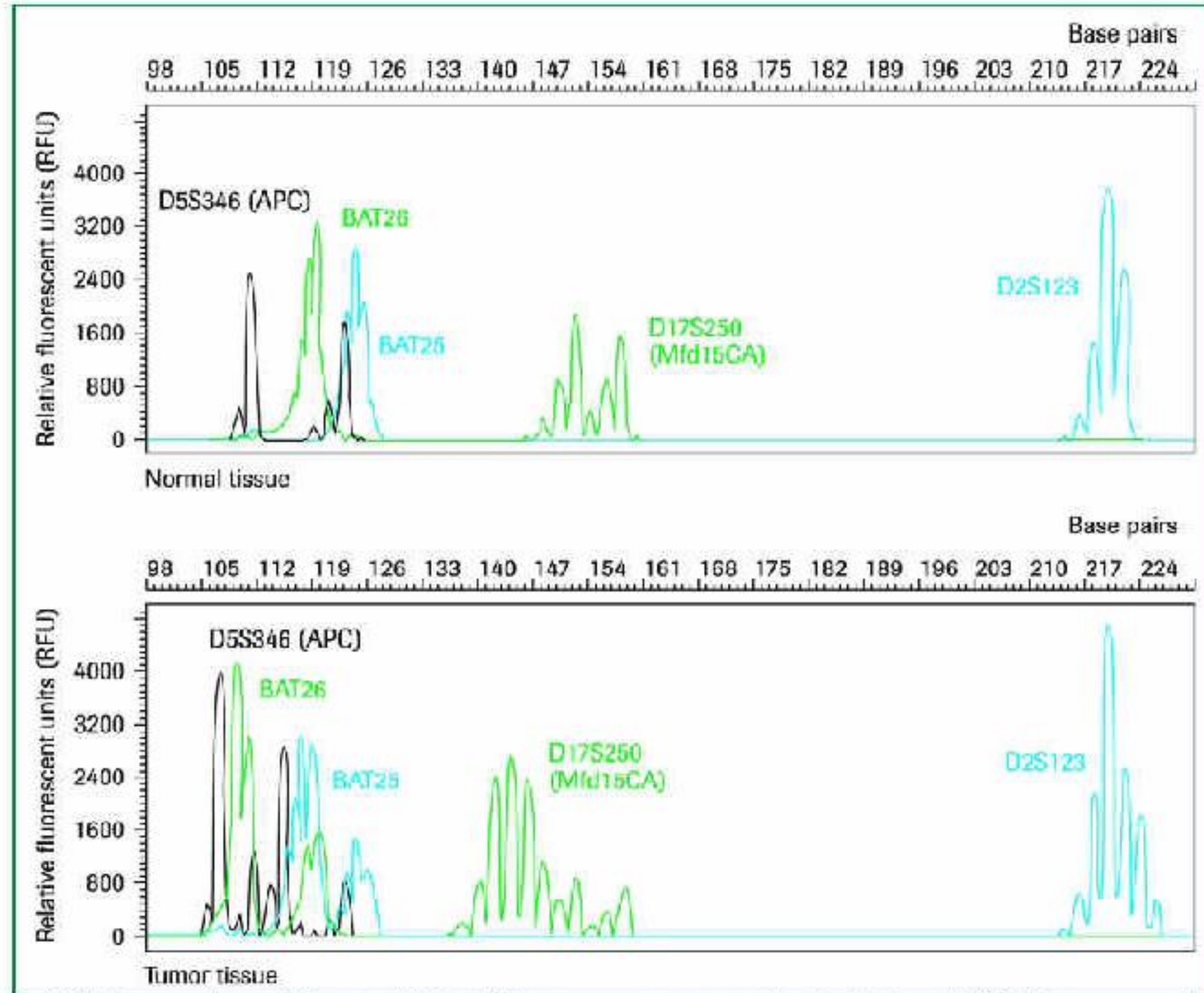
# Diseases caused by expansion of non-coding trinucleotide repeats

Disease	Gene /Locus	Protein	Schematic representation (not to scale)	Proposed Mechanism of Disease
Fragile X syndrome	FMR1 (FRAXA) Xq27.3	FMR-1 protein (FMRP)		Loss of function: Loss of FMR1: abnormal RNA metabolism
Fragile XE syndrome	FMR2 (FRAXE) Xq28	FMR-2 protein		Loss of function: Loss of FMR2: disruption of neuronal gene regulation?
Friedreich ataxia	X25 9q13-21.1	Frataxin		Loss of function: Reduced frataxin in mitochondria causing altered iron homeostasis and mitochondrial dysfunction
Myotonic Dystrophy	DMPK 19q13	Myotonic dystrophy protein kinase (DMPK)		Loss and/or gain of function: Reduced DMPK: disruption in kinase activity Cis-effects: silencing in the DM region Dominant effects on RNA processing (CUG-binding proteins)
Spinocerebellar ataxia type 8	SCA8 13q21	None		Loss of function? Abnormal RNA (antisense) regulation?
Spinocerebellar ataxia type 12	SCA12 5q31-33	PP2A-PR55 $\beta$		Loss of function? Disruption in phosphatase activity?

# *Pattern of amplified PCR fragments from a colorectal tumor with high microsatellite instability*

Genomic DNA from the tumor and normal tissue were amplified with the HNPCC Microsatellite Instability Test. The amplified fragment patterns from both tissues were analyzed with an ABI PRISM 310 Genetic Analyzer

**Result:** The fragment pattern from the tumor differs from the normal pattern at all five microsatellite loci. Thus, the tumor is 100% unstable and is classified as an MSI-H.





# Interspersed repetitive sequences

# Retrotransposable elements (45% of our DNA!!!)

Polimorfizm typu *indel* (insercja/delecja)

Aktywacja w gonadach

Rola w indukcji crossing-over [Science 2005](#)

Pośredniczą w reorganizacjach genomowych, szczególnie w indukowaniu strukturalnych aberracji chromosomowych

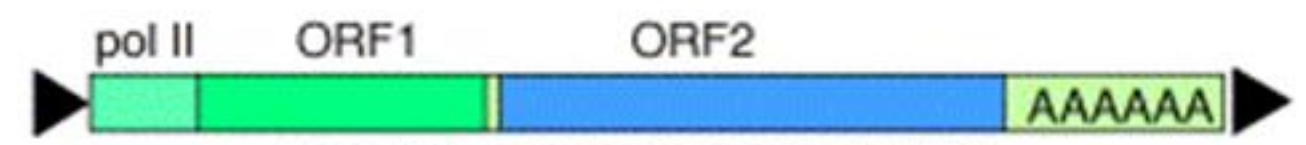
Sporadycznie (<1%) wywołują chorobotwórcze mutacje



Retroviruses



LTR retrotransposons



Non-LTR retrotransposons (LINEs)



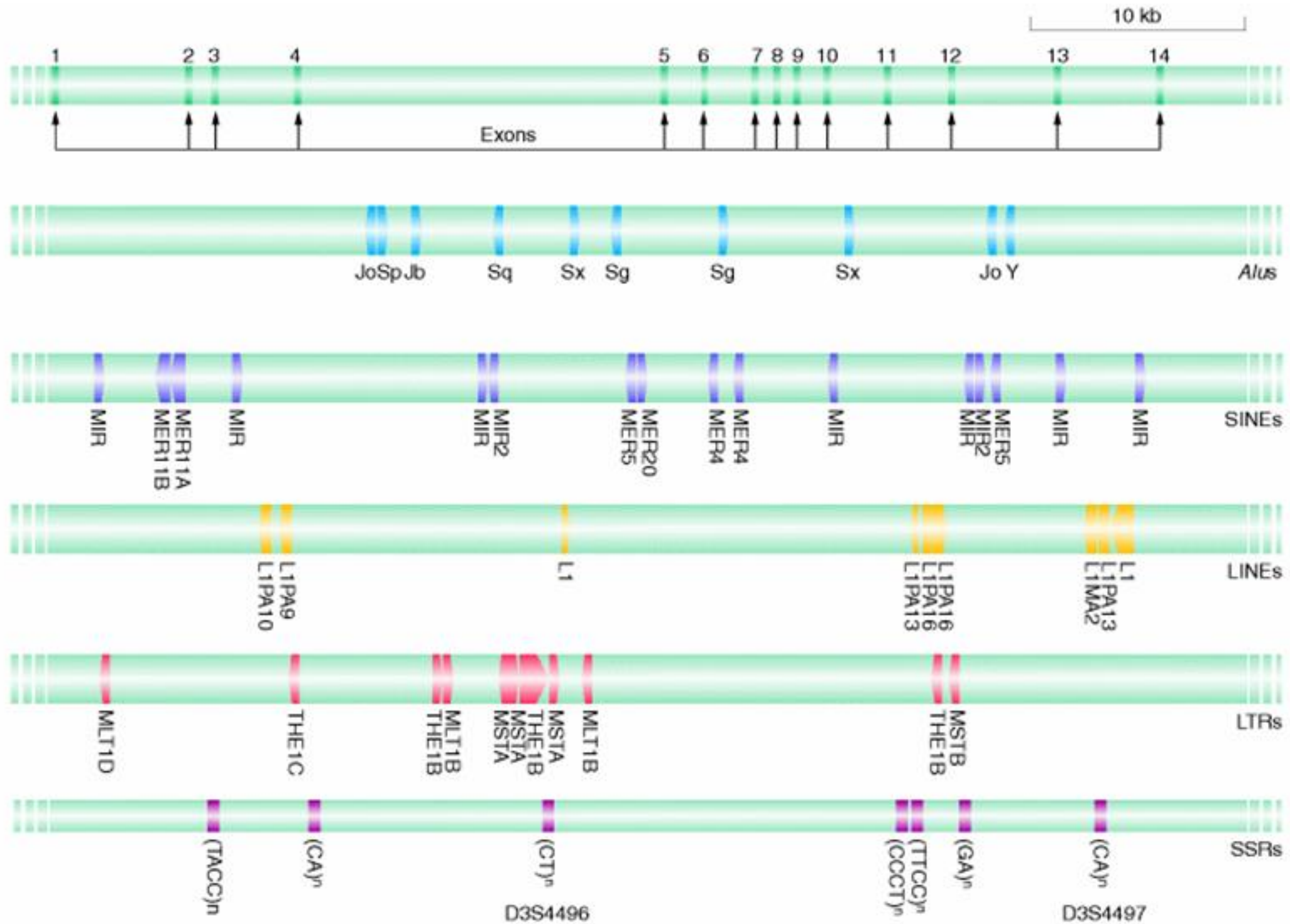
Non autonomous retroposons (SINEs) Alu repeats



Retro-pseudogenes



# Repetitive elements in *HGO* gene (defective in alcaptonuria)

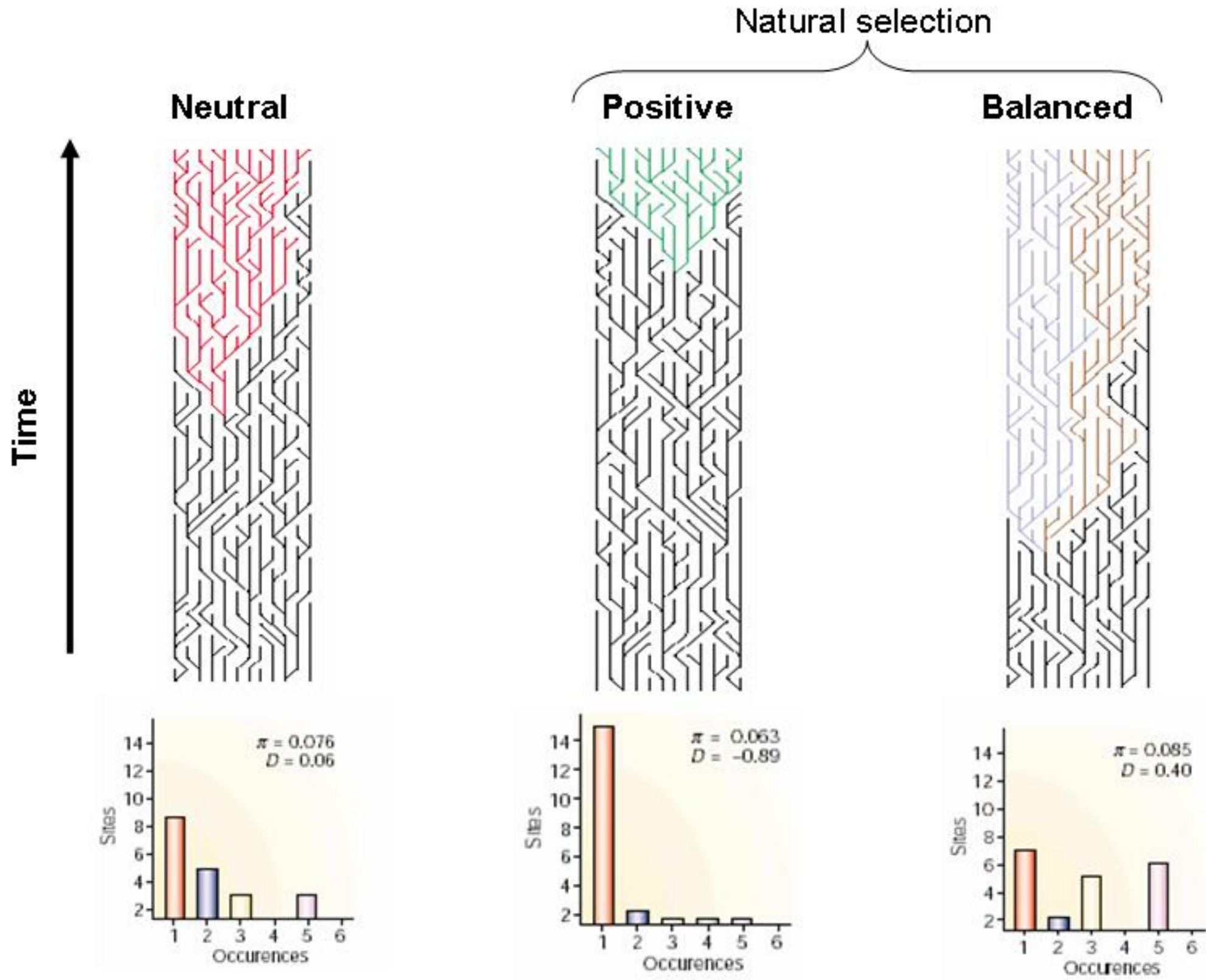


HLA

– najbardziej  
polimorficzny układ  
genetyczny  
człowieka



# Polimorfizm HLA jest skutkiem selekcji równoważącej (*balanced selection*)





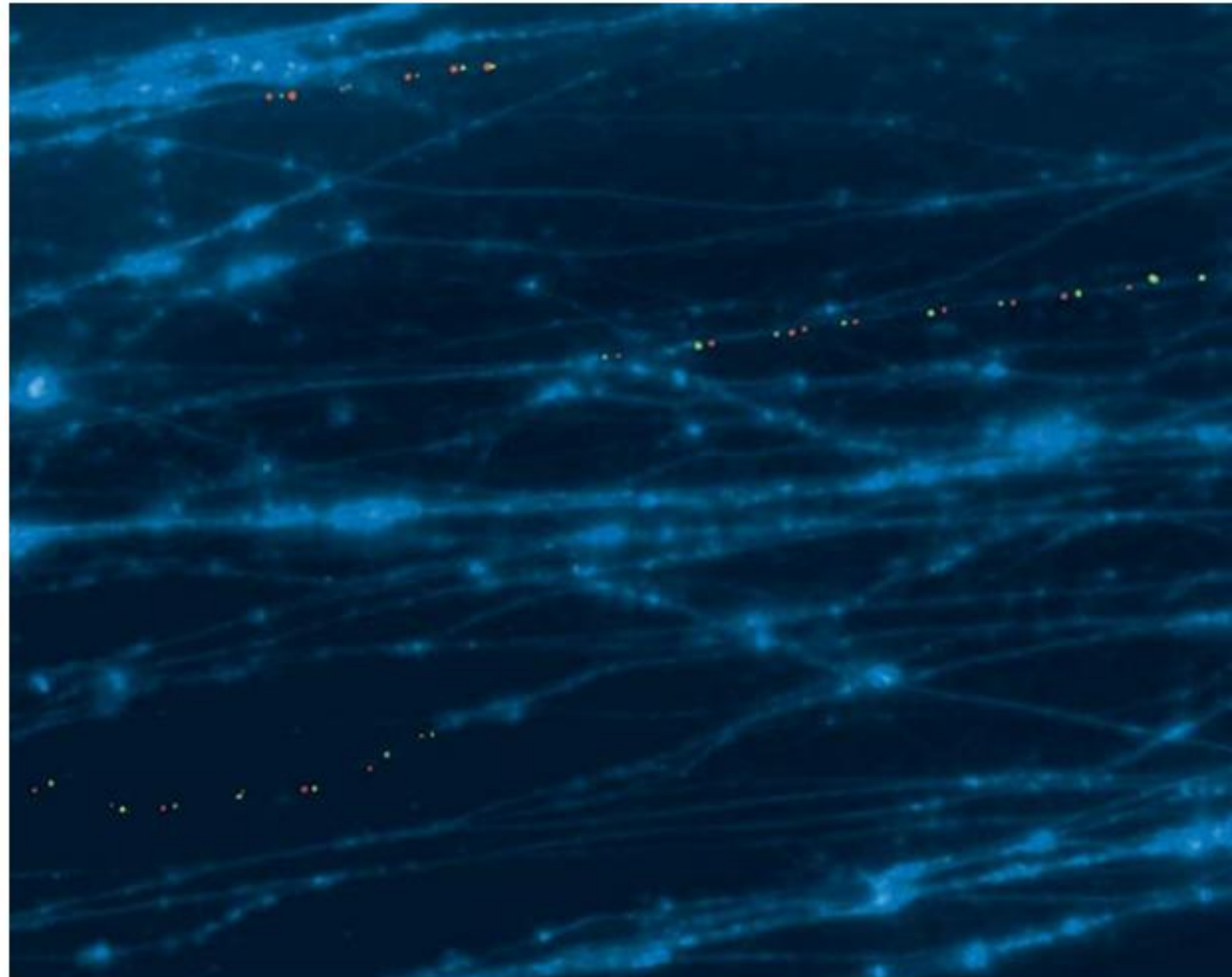
# Powiązania HLA z chorobami

- Zzsk (zesztywniające zapalenie stawów kręgosłupa) - B27
- Celiakia - DQ2 (DQA1\*0501, DQB1\*0201)
- Narkolepsja – DRB1\*15 (DR2)
- Kilkadziesiąt innych bez znaczenia w klinice



# ***Segmental duplications / copy number polymorphism***

Hybridization of a 5' amylase gene probe (red) and a 3' amylase gene probe (green) to DNA fibers (blue) from three different individuals, each with a different number of tandem copies of the variable segment.



# Metodyka analizy polimorfizmu DNA



# Machine for PCR - thermocycler



# PCR-RFLP

Variant 1  
*Eco*RI does not cut

GCCGCATTC TA  
CGGCGTAAGAT



Uncut



} Cut

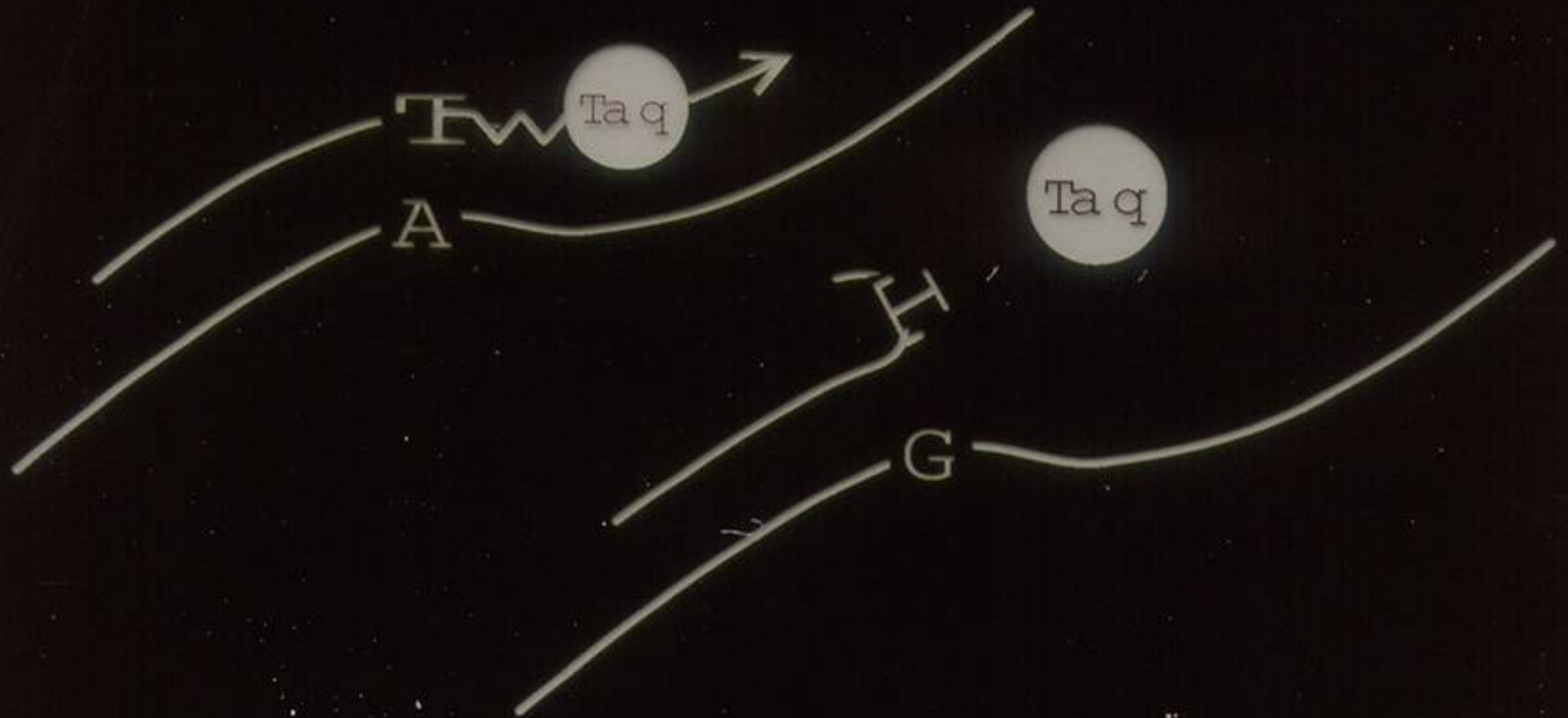
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Phenotype

# Allele-specific PCR (AS-PCR)



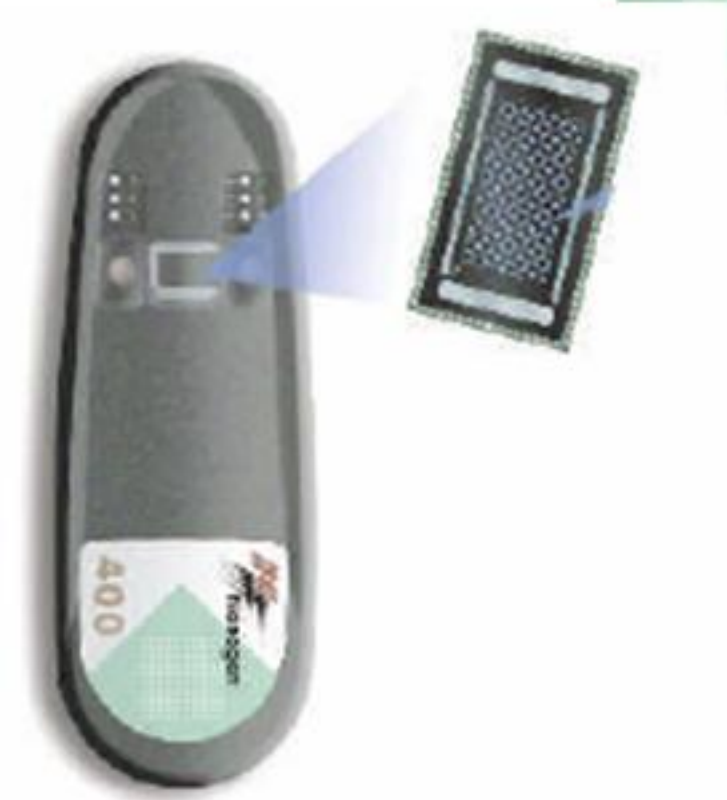
# PCR-SSO analysis





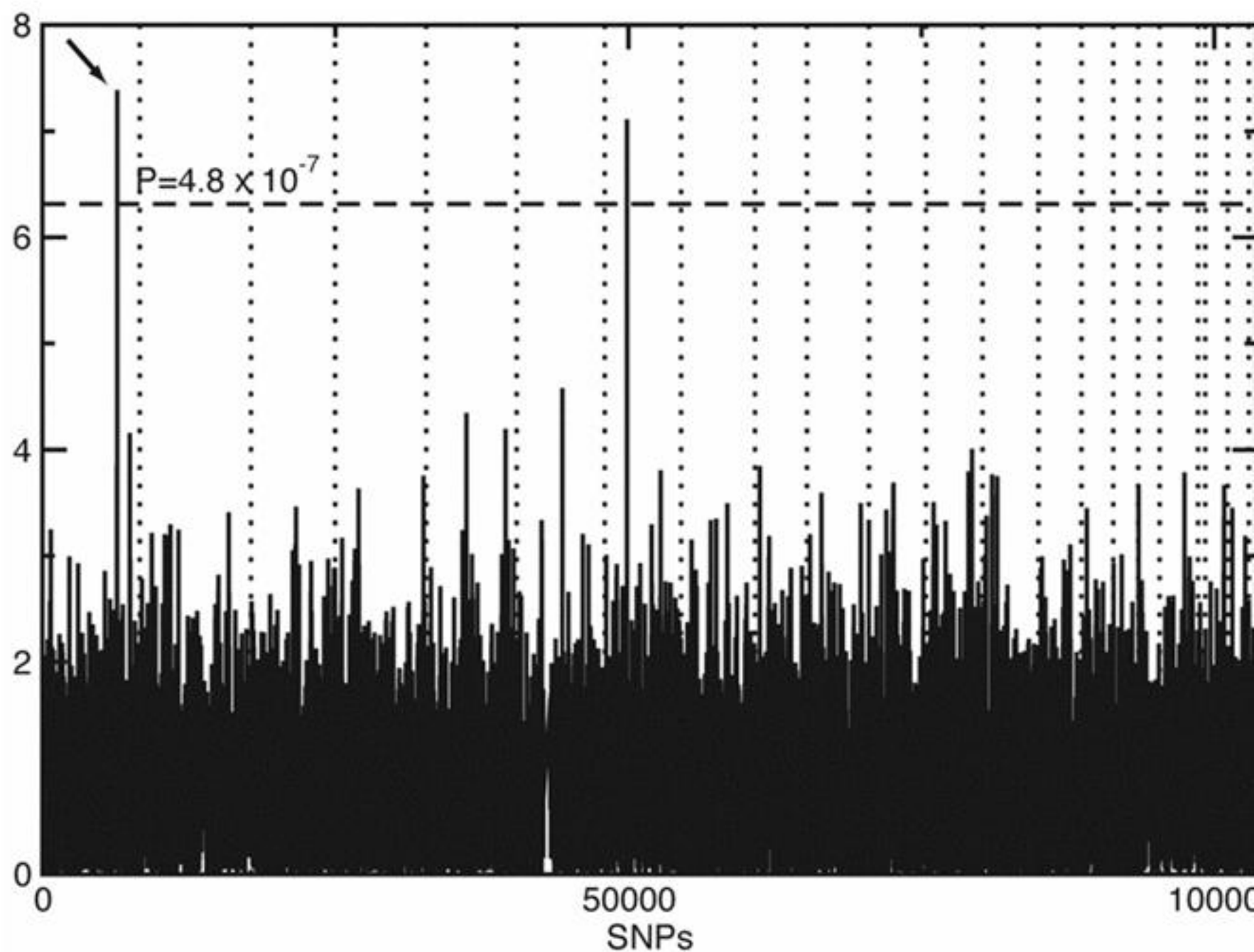
# Micro-array and 'gene chip' technology

[NATURE 437, 2005](#)

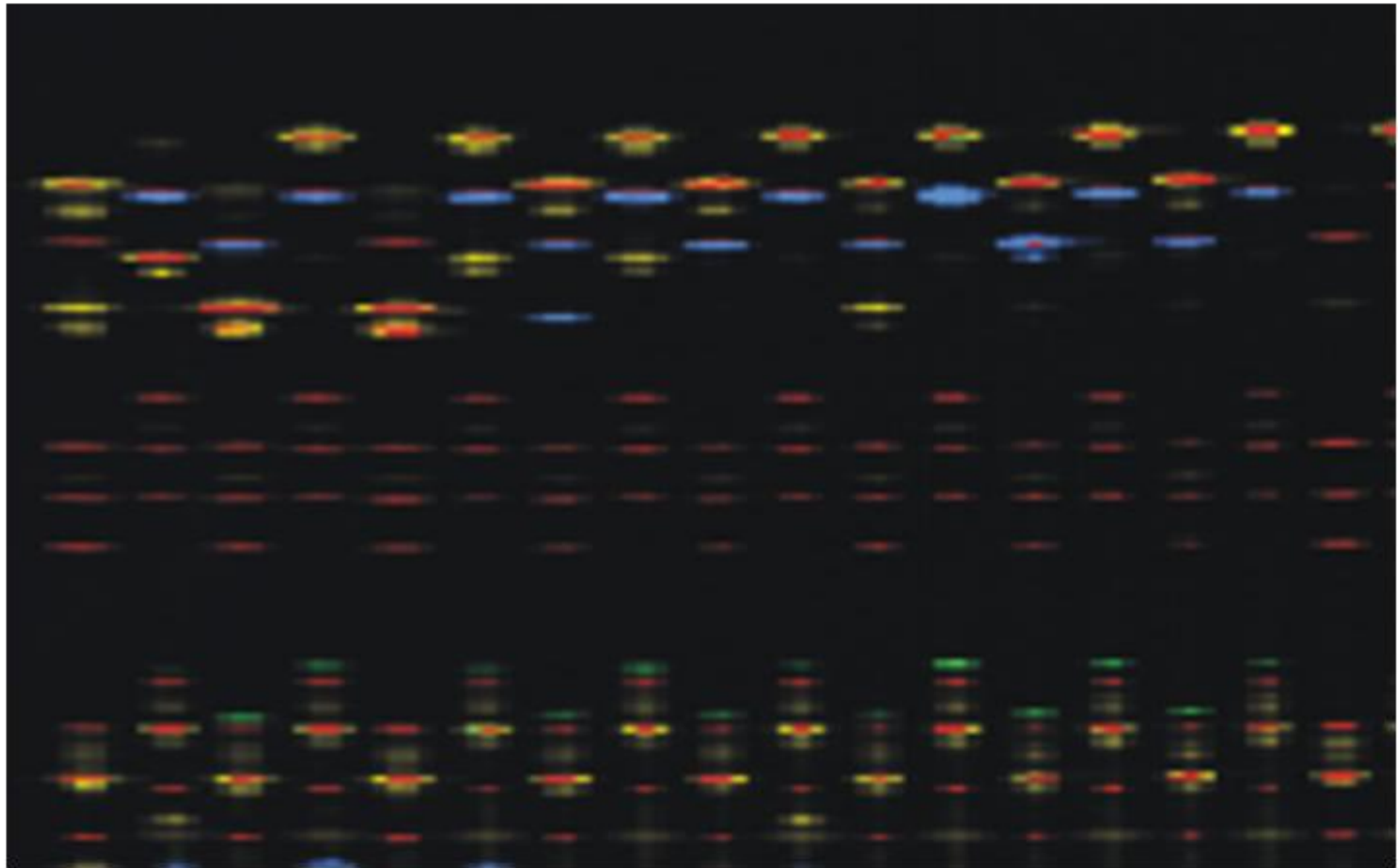


# Whole-genome case-control association study for genes involved in AMD

$P$  values of genome-wide association scan for genes that affect the risk of developing AMD.  $-\log_{10}(p)$  is plotted for each SNP in chromosomal order. The spacing between SNPs on the plot is uniform and does not reflect distances between SNPs on the chromosomes. The dotted horizontal line shows the cutoff for  $P = 0.05$  after Bonferroni correction. The vertical dotted lines show chromosomal boundaries. The arrow indicates the peak for SNP rs380390, the most significant association, which was studied further

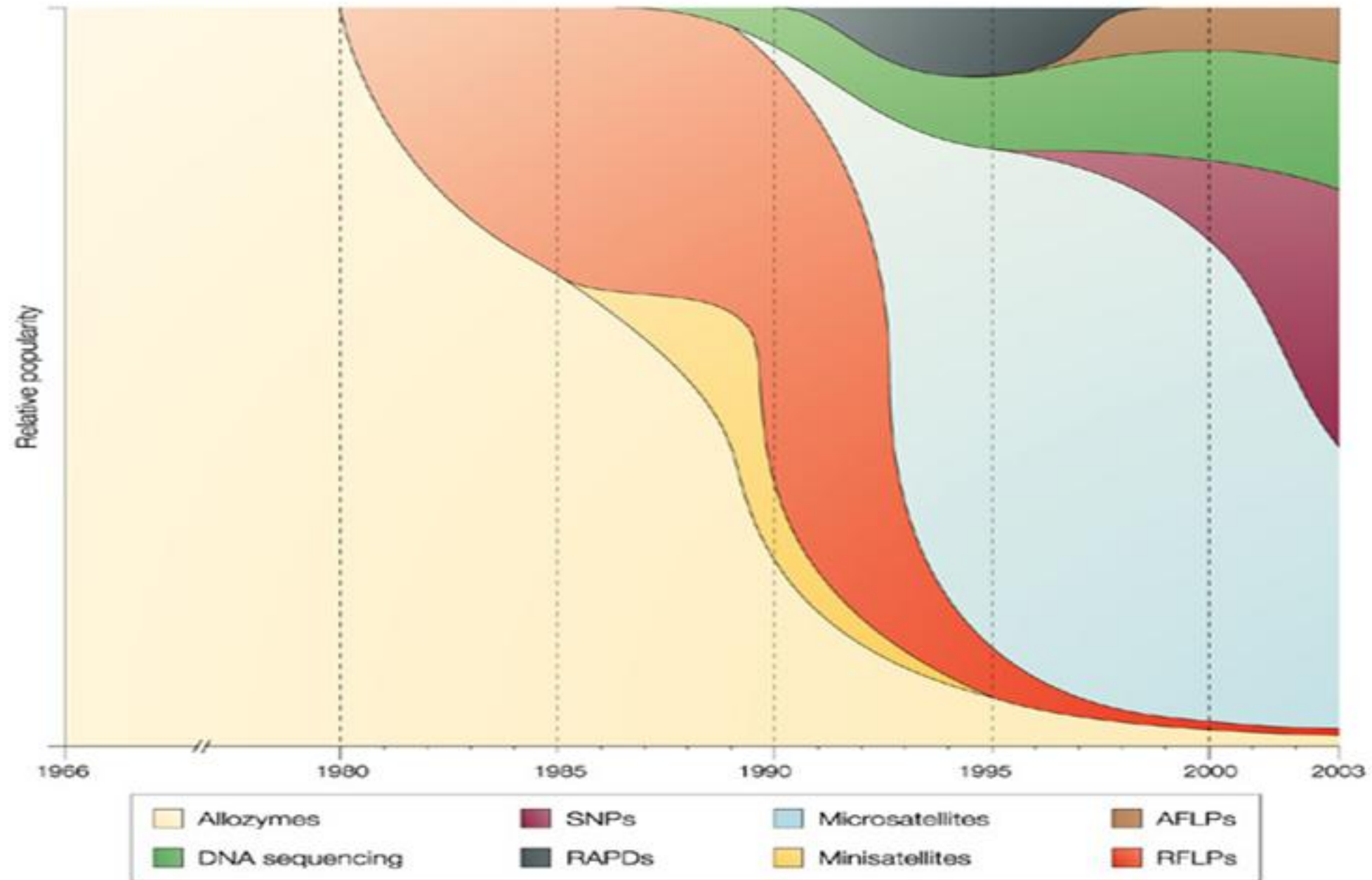


# Electrophoretograms of PCR products from a STR multiplex





# Polymorphic genetic markers



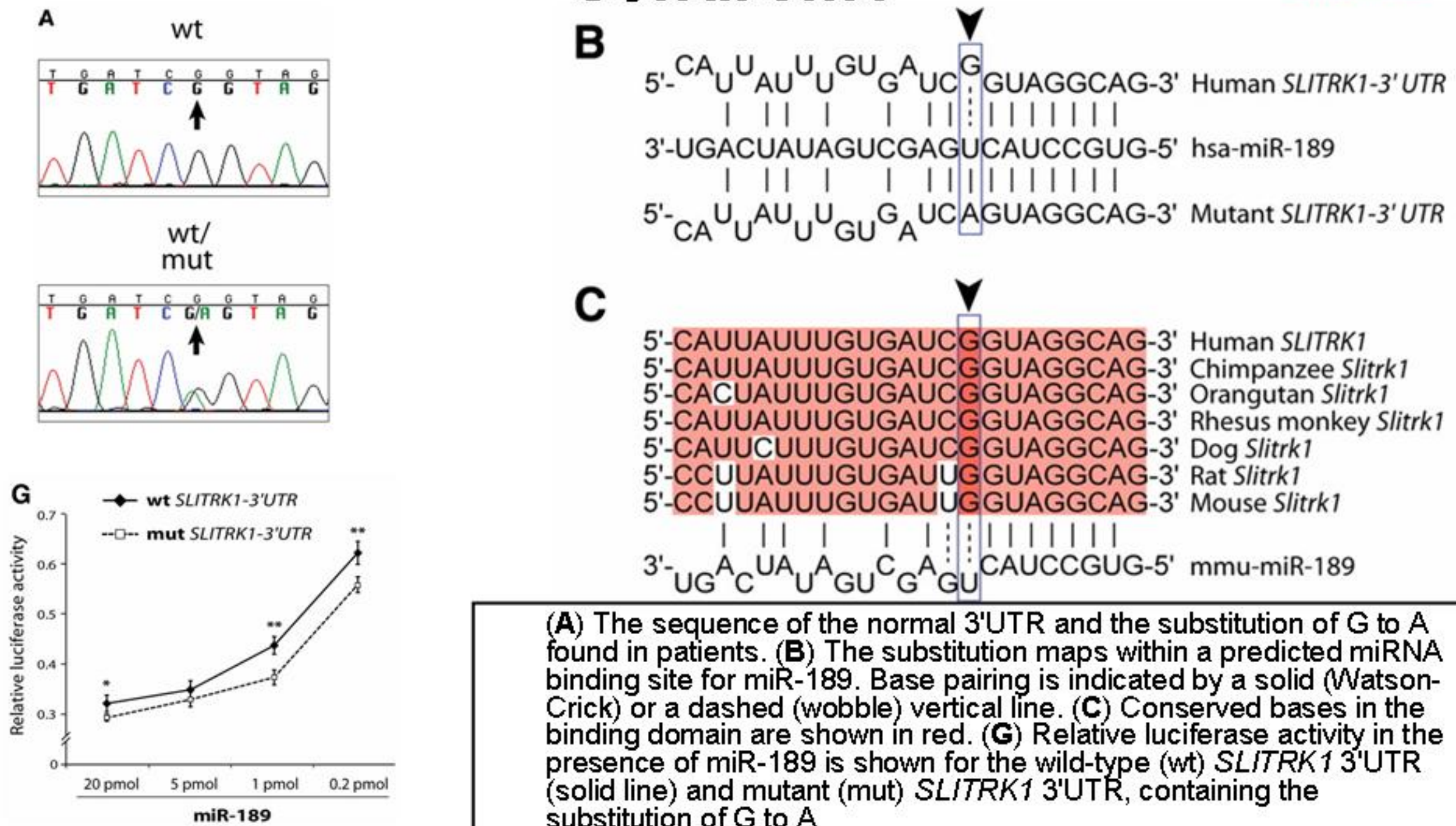
AFLP, amplified fragment length polymorphism; RAPD, randomly amplified polymorphic DNA; RFLP, restriction fragment length polymorphism; SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism.



**Dziękuję !**

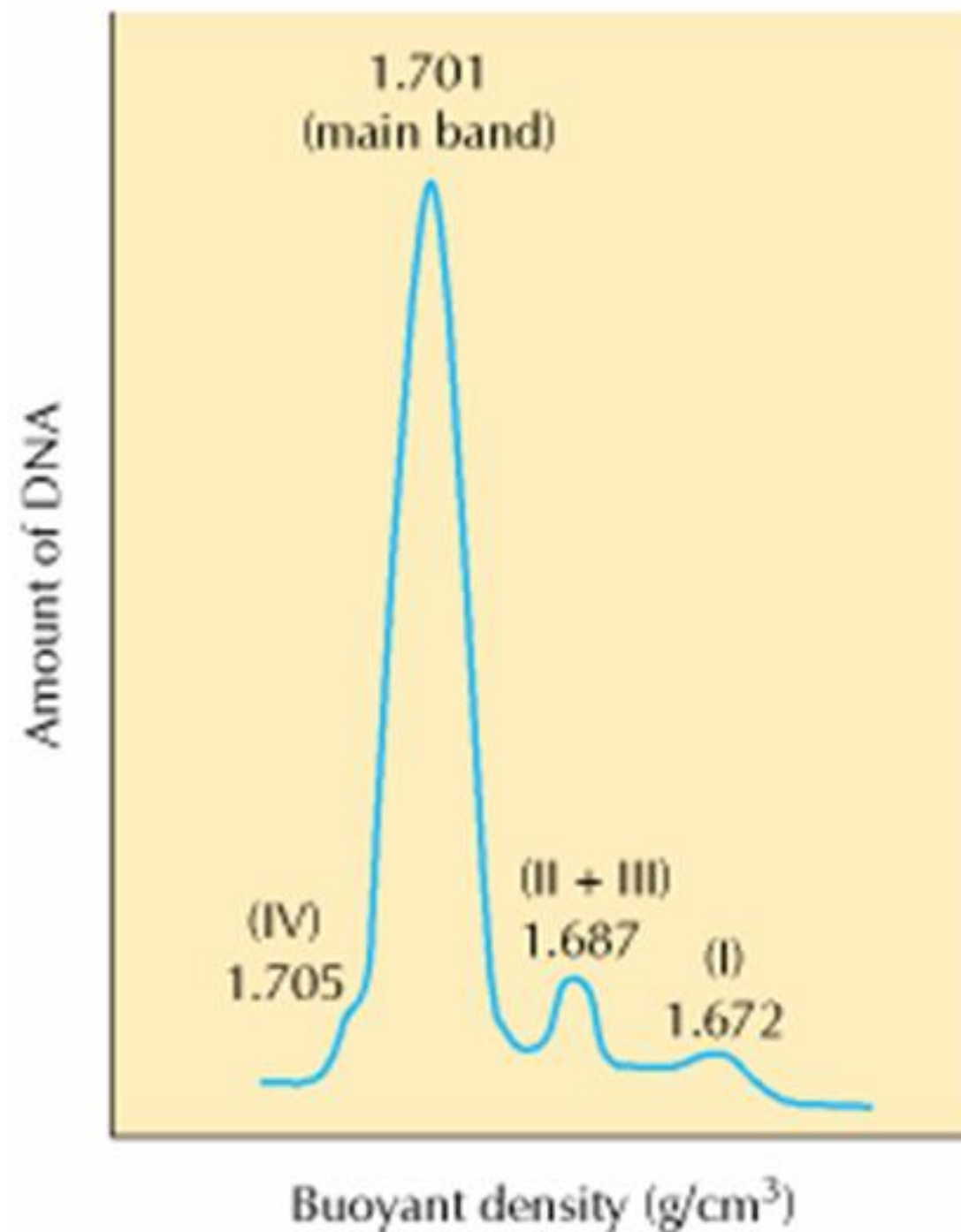
# microRNA binding site mutation in 3' UTR of *SLITRK1* may predispose to Tourette's Syndrome

Science 310: 317



(A) The sequence of the normal 3'UTR and the substitution of G to A found in patients. (B) The substitution maps within a predicted miRNA binding site for miR-189. Base pairing is indicated by a solid (Watson-Crick) or a dashed (wobble) vertical line. (C) Conserved bases in the binding domain are shown in red. (G) Relative luciferase activity in the presence of miR-189 is shown for the wild-type (wt) *SLITRK1* 3'UTR (solid line) and mutant (mut) *SLITRK1* 3'UTR, containing the substitution of G to A

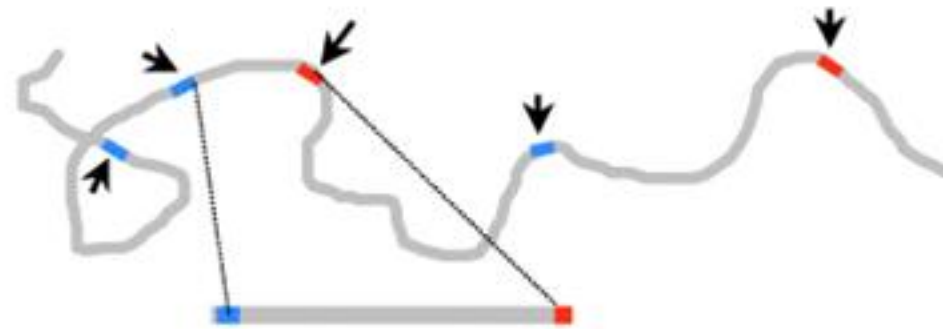
Centrifugation in a CsCl gradient separates satellite DNAs (designated I-IV) from the main band of genomic DNA



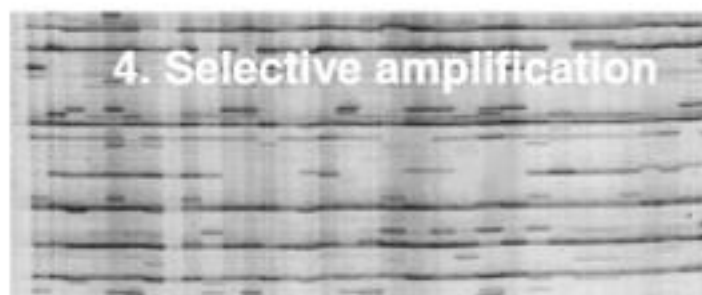
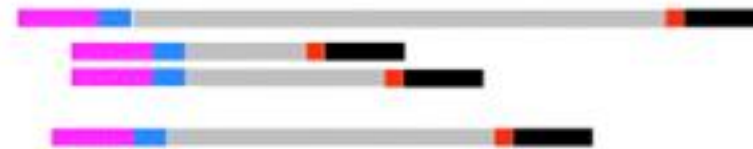
# Principle of AFLP (amplified fragment length polymorphism)



1. Digestion of genomic DNA with two different restriction enzymes



2. Ligation of adaptors

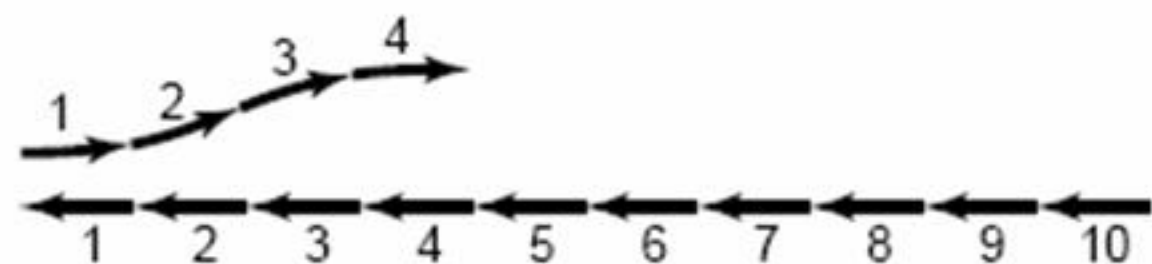




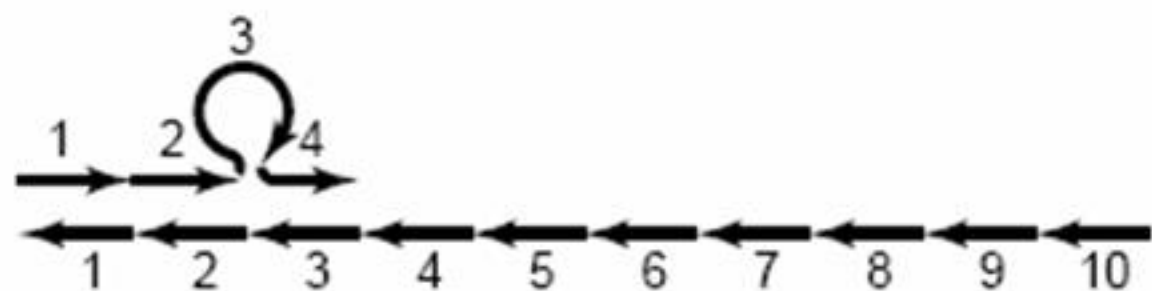
# *DNA polymerase slippage as mechanism for STR mutations*



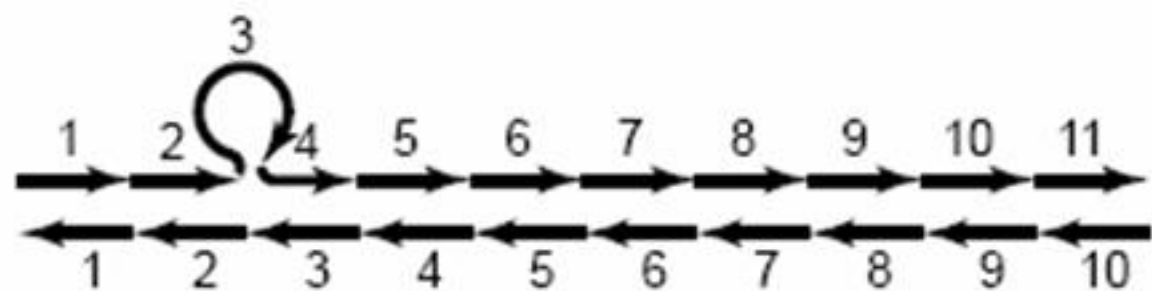
Initiation



Partial dysassociation



Not fully correct reassociation



A copy longer by 1 repeat unit