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Universal genetic code

This genetic code has 61 sense (non-termination) codons

Substitution types

	Synonymous			Non-synonymous			To a stop codon
	Transitions	Transversions	Total	Transitions	Transversions	Total	Total
1st position:	8	0	8	140	26	166	9
2nd position:	0	0	0	148	28	176	7
3rd position:	58	68	126	2	48	50	7

Total	66	68	134	290	102	392	23

- Approximately 3:1 (392 N : 134 S) ratio when mutations are generated and **fixed** completely at random
- Non-random distribution over codon positions
 - **All** second position mutations are non-synonymous
 - **Most** (but not all) synonymous mutations are confined to the third position