

Genetics and Genomics

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2. Transmission Genetics: Heritage from Mendel

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3. The Chromosomal Basis of Heredity

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4. Gene Linkage and Genetic Mapping

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5. Human Chromosomes and Chromosome Behavior

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6. DNA Structure, Replication, and Manipulation

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7. The Genetics of Bacteria and Their Viruses

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8. The Molecular Genetics of Gene Expression

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9. Genomics, Proteomics, and Genetic Engineering

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10. Molecular Genetics of the Cell Cycle and Cancer

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