CSC 314, **Bioinformatics Lab #4 Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Gene Expression Lab, Spring 2025**

Use the genetic code (on page 12 of the Gene Expression notes) to answer the following questions. To answer these correctly, it is important to understand the following:

1. the difference between the DNA **template** **(anti-sense)** **strand** and the DNA **sense** **strand,**
2. during transcription, the DNA *template* strand is read from the 3’ to 5’ direction in order to synthesize a mRNA molecule from its 5' to 3' end. The mRNA molecule will be identical to the *sense* strand except *U* replaces *T* in mRNA.
3. translation produces a polypeptide by reading a mRNA from its 5' to 3' end.

Assume that unless otherwise indicated, DNA sequences do *not* contain introns. Note that for this exercise, not all transcripts will begin with a start codon, or end with a stop codon. However, translation should stop (no more amino acids are produced) when a stop codon is present, and “translation” of a stop codon should be indicated with an ‘X’.

1. What is the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide produced from translation of the following mRNA molecule?

5' — AUGGGAUUGUGAGGG — 3'

1. What is the mRNA sequence and amino acid sequences of the polypeptide produced following transcription and translation of the DNA sequence on the *sense* strand of the DNA molecule?

5' — TGTTCGGACTCG — 3'

1. What is the mRNA sequence and amino acid sequences of the polypeptide produced following transcription and translation of the DNA sequence on the *sense* strand of the DNA molecule? **Hint**: remember that the mRNA is synthesized from its 5’ to 3’ end.

3' — TACTGAATTAAAGTA — 5'

1. What is the mRNA sequence and amino acid sequences of the polypeptide produced following transcription and translation of the DNA sequence on the *template* strand of the DNA molecule?

3' – GTTAGAACG — 5'

1. What is the mRNA sequence and amino acid sequence of the polypeptide produced from the following DNA sequence on the *sense* strand of the DNA molecule, with exons and introns as indicated?

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| exon | intron | exon | intron | exon |
| 5' —ATGT | ACGATGA | GGATA | CTATGTCA | AGACAG— 3' |

1. Consider the DNA sequence on the *sense* strand

5' – ATGTGGCACACTGTGTGA – 3'

that will express the following polypeptide:

Met-Trp-His-Thr-Val-X

The DNA sequences below each contain a mutation relative to the above sequence. In each case the *sense* strand is shown. For each one, specify the polypeptide sequence produced from the mutated sequence, as well as the *type* of mutation (choose one of the following: silent, missense, nonsense, insertion, deletion, frameshift leading to nonsense, frameshift leading to missense).

a. wild-type sequence: 5' - ATGTGGCA**C**ACTGTGTGA – 3'

mutated sequence: 5' – ATGTGGCA**G**ACTGTGTGA – 3'

b. wild-type sequence: 5' - ATGTG**G**CACACTGTGTGA – 3'

mutated sequence: 5' – ATGTG**A**CACACTGTGTGA – 3'

c. wild-type sequence: 5' - ATGTGG**C**ACACTGTGTGA – 3'

mutated sequence: 5' – ATGTGGACACTGTGTGA – 3'

d. wild-type sequence: 5' - ATGTGGCACAC**T**GTGTGA – 3'

mutated sequence: 5' – ATGTGGCACAC**C**GTGTGA – 3'