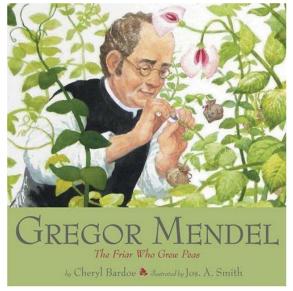
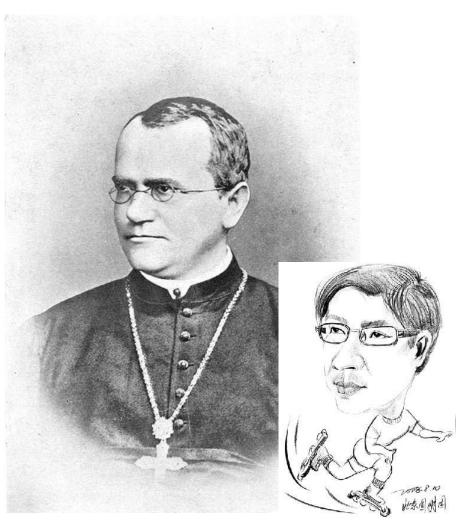
# **Gregor Johann Mendel**

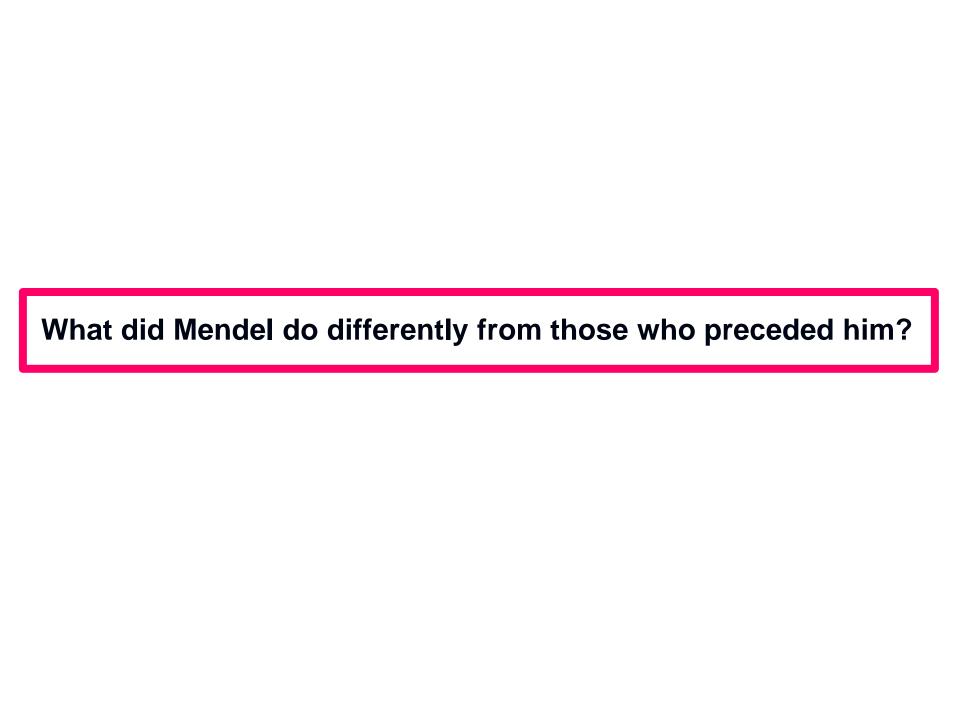








(1822-1884)



# Chapter I

### Mendel's Law of Inheritance

### I. Mendel's breakthrough

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#### II. Extension to Mendel's laws

Complexities in relating genotype to phenotype

- 1. Single-gene inheritance
- 2. Multifactorial inheritance

Chapters in reference books: H2-H3, D3

law of segregation (分离定律) law of independent assortment (独立分配定律)

reciprocal cross (反交) backcross, back cross (回交) testcross, test cross (测交)

P: parental generation (亲本,亲代)

 $F_1$ : first filial generation (子一代)

F<sub>2</sub>: second filial generation (子二代)

self-fertilization, selfing (自体受精,自交) cross-fertilization (异体受精) inbreeding, incross (内交,近交) outbreeding, outcross (外交,远交)

pure-breeding (纯系繁育) true-breeding (纯育)

pure line (纯系) pure breed, purebred (纯种) selfing line (自交系) inbred line, inbred strain (近交系)

dominant, dominance (显性) recessive, recessiveness (隐性)

genotype (基因型) phenotype (表现型,表型)

allele (等位基因) gamete (配子) zygote (合子)

homozygous (纯合) heterozygous (杂合) homozygote (纯合子, 纯合体) heterozygote (杂合子, 杂合体)

product rule (乘法法则,相乘定律) sum rule (加法法则,相加定律)

hybrid (杂种)
monohybrid (单杂种,单因子杂种)
dihybrid (双因子杂种,双因子杂合子)
multihybrid (多基因杂种)

Punnett square (Punnett 棋盘式方格) branched-line diagram (分支图)

pedigree (系谱,家谱) consanguineous mating (近亲交配) sibling (同胞)

## How to make a scientific breakthrough?

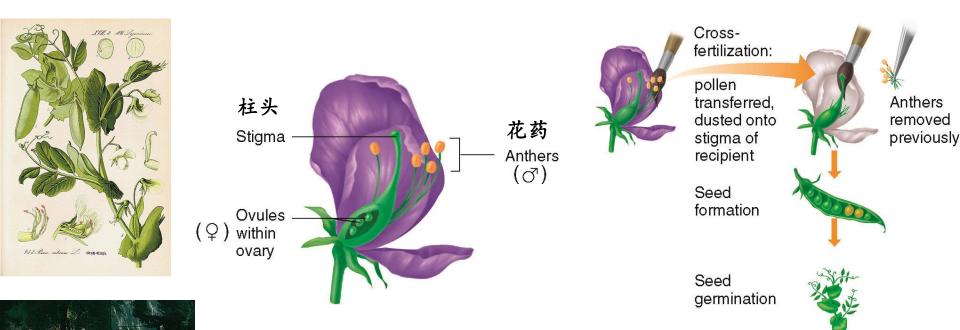
#### Breakthrough vs. Discovery

- 1. To address a BIG scientific question;
- 2. To use a suitable experimental material;
- 3. To employ strong assays and unique technique;
- 4. To perform black and white experiments (easy to analyze; easy to repeat)
- 5. To rigorously analyze systematically recorded information;
- 6. To make verifiable predictions

## Mendel's Experimental Material

#### Garden pea (Pisum sativum)

No. 30 Property



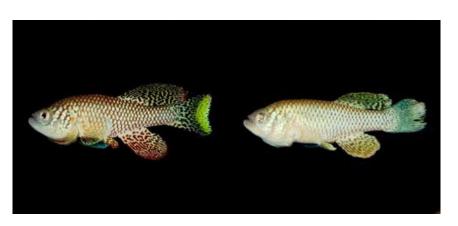
(b) Pea flower anatomy

self-fertilization, selfing (自体受精,自交) cross-fertilization (异体受精)

(c) Cross-pollination

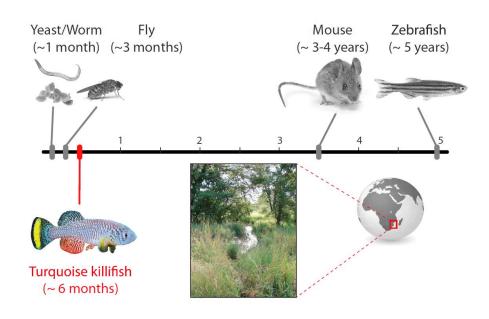
## What is an ideal experimental organism?

#### Aging and longevity research



African Turquoise killifish 非洲青鳉鱼

A Vertebrate and non-vertebrate genetic aging models



#### Shortest-lived vertebrate species bred in the lab

The life span of the tiny fish can be measured in months, not years, and it does everything quickly: hatch, mature, breed and even age.

- Due to very short duration of the rain season

## What is an ideal experimental organism?

#### Cancer and aging research









Rarely get cancer (very active DNA repair; error-free translation; high levels of chaperones; early contact inhibition)

Resistant to some types of pain

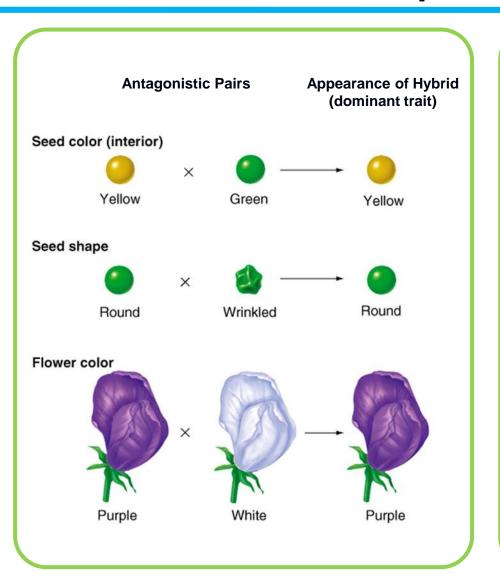
Can survive up to 18 minutes without oxygen

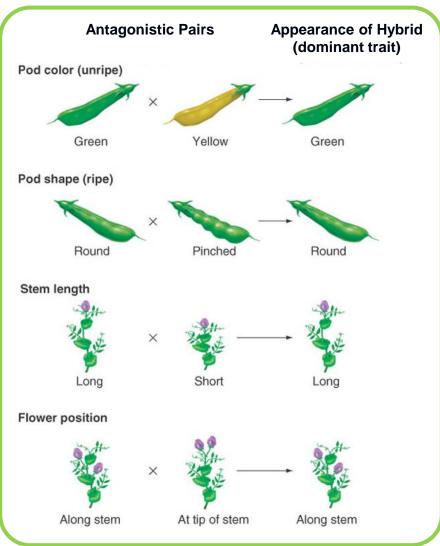
Do not age – "At advanced ages, their mortality rate remains lower than any other mammal that has been documented."

Fertility does not drop as they age.

(Xiao T, et al., 2013, Nature) (Ruby JG, et al., 2017, eLife) (Brieño-Enríquez et al., 2023, Nat. Comm.)

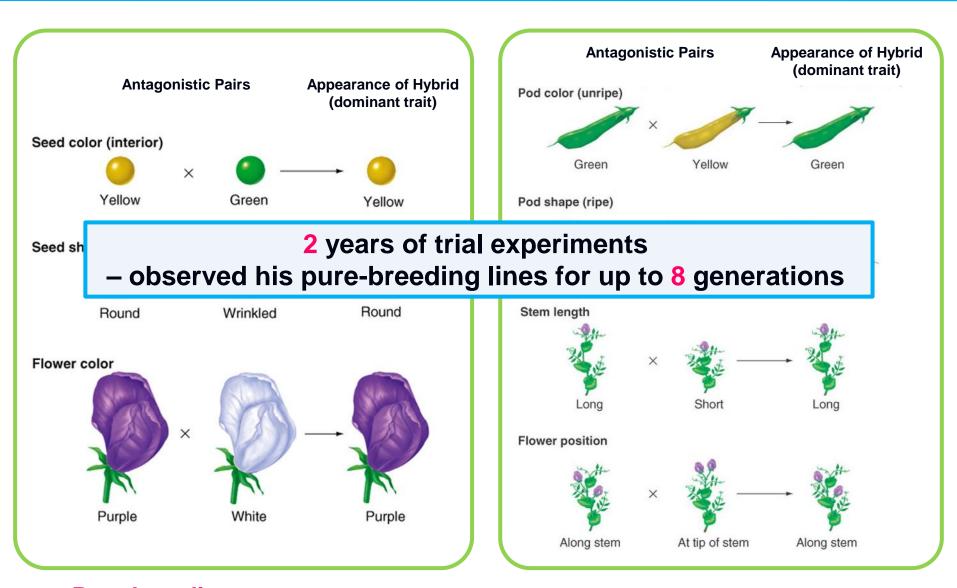
## Mendel's Experimental Material





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# Monohybrid crosses reveal units of inheritance and Law of Segregation

1854

#### Generation

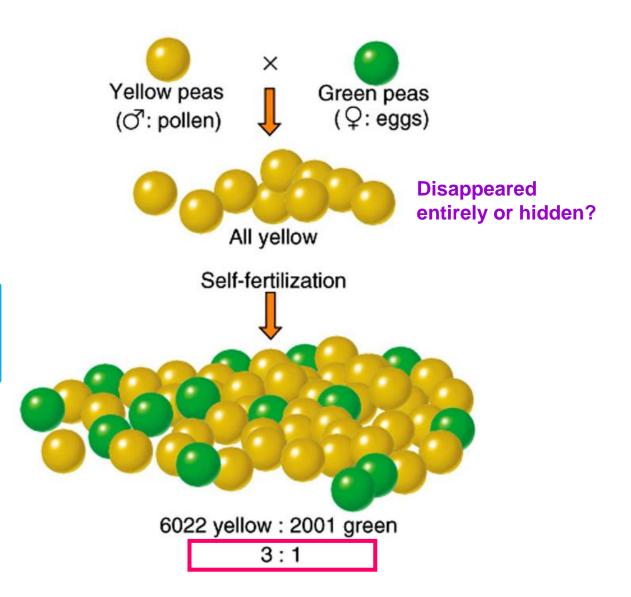
Parental (P) (pure-breeding)

First filial (F<sub>1</sub>)

Large number of plants

**Numerical analysis** 

Second filial (F<sub>2</sub>)



## **Keys to Mendel's Success!**

What did Mendel do differently from those who preceded him?

- 1. Mendel chose an ideal experimental organism
  - Vigorously grow
  - Self-fertilize
  - Easy to cross-fertilize
  - Produce large number of offspring each generation
- 2. Mendel established <u>pure-breeding</u> lines to conduct his experiments (2-year trial experiments) 磨刀不误砍柴工
- 3. Mendel analyzed traits with discrete alternative forms
  - yellow vs. green peas
  - round vs. wrinkled seeds

**Black-and-white experiment** 

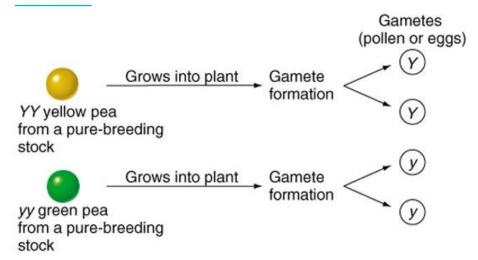
4. Mendel used numerical analysis to study inheritance (big N)

#### Traits have dominant and recessive forms

- Disappearance of traits in F<sub>1</sub> generation and reappearance in the F<sub>2</sub> generation disproves the hypothesis that traits blend
- Trait must have two forms that can each breed true
- One form must be hidden when plants with each trait are interbred
- Trait that appears in F₁ is dominant (显性)
- Trait that is hidden in F₁ is recessive (隐性)
- Each trait carries two copies of a unit of inheritance, one inherited from the mother and the other from the father
- Alternative forms of traits are called alleles (等位基因)

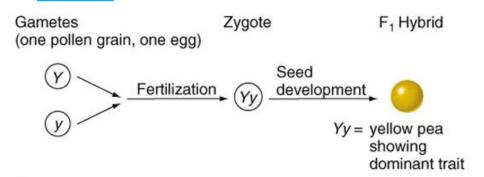
# Law of Segregation (分离定律)

(a) The two alleles for each trait separate during gamete formation.



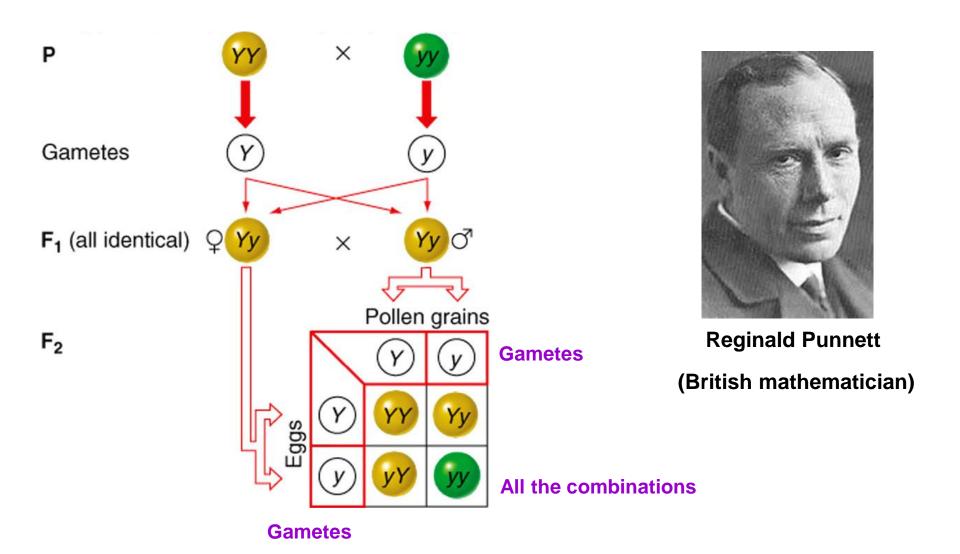
Two alleles for each trait separate (segregate) during gamete formation, and then unite at random, one from each parent, at fertilization.

(b) Two gametes, one from each parent, unite at random at fertilization.



Y = yellow-determining allele of pea color gene y = green-determining allele of pea color gene

# The Punnett Square (Punnett 棋盘式方格)



## **Rules of Probability**

#### **Independent events**

probability of two events occurring together - product rule (乘法法则,相乘定律)

What is the probability that both A and B will occur? Solution = determine the probability of each and multiply them together.

#### **Mutually exclusive events**

probability of one or another event occurring - sum rule (加法法则,相加定律)

What is the probability of either A or B occurring?
Solution = determine the probability of each and add them together.

## **Probability and Mendel's Results**

#### Cross $Yy \times Yy$ pea plants



Chance of Y sperm uniting with a Y egg (YY offspring)

1/2 chance of sperm with Yallele

1/2 chance of egg with Yallele

Chance of Y and Y uniting =  $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$ 

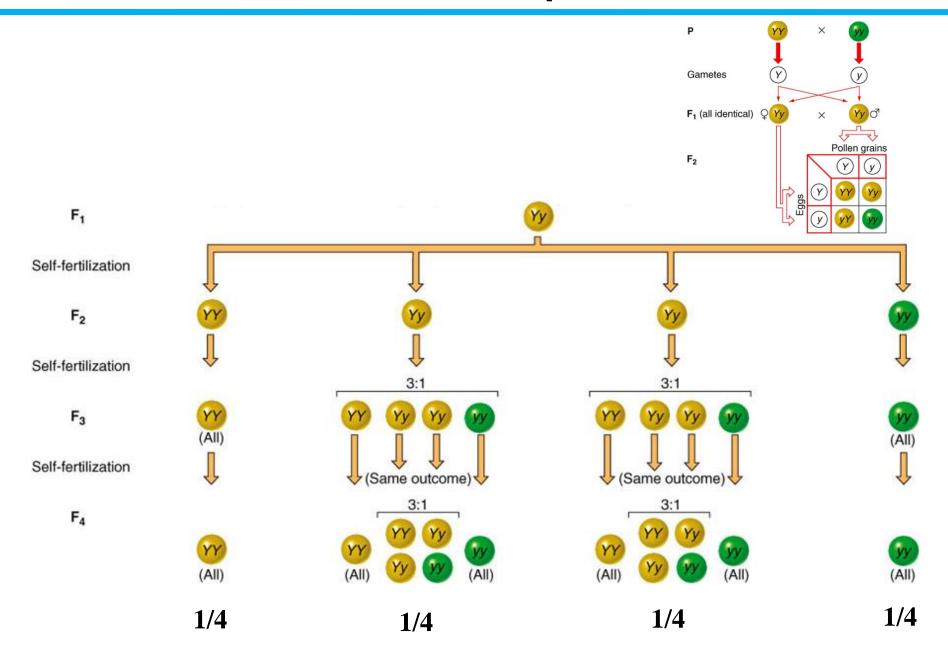
#### Chance of Yy offspring

½ chance of sperm with y allele and egg with Y allele

1/2 chance of sperm with Y allele and egg with y allele

Chance of Yy =  $(\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}) + (\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{2}{4}$ , or  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

## Further crosses confirm predicted ratios



## **Genotype and Phenotype**

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Phenotype (表现型,表型)
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— observable characteristic of an organism

Genotype (基因型)

— pair of alleles present in an individual

Homozygous (纯合)

— two alleles of trait are the same (YY or yy)

Heterozygous (杂合)

— two alleles of trait are different (*Yy*)

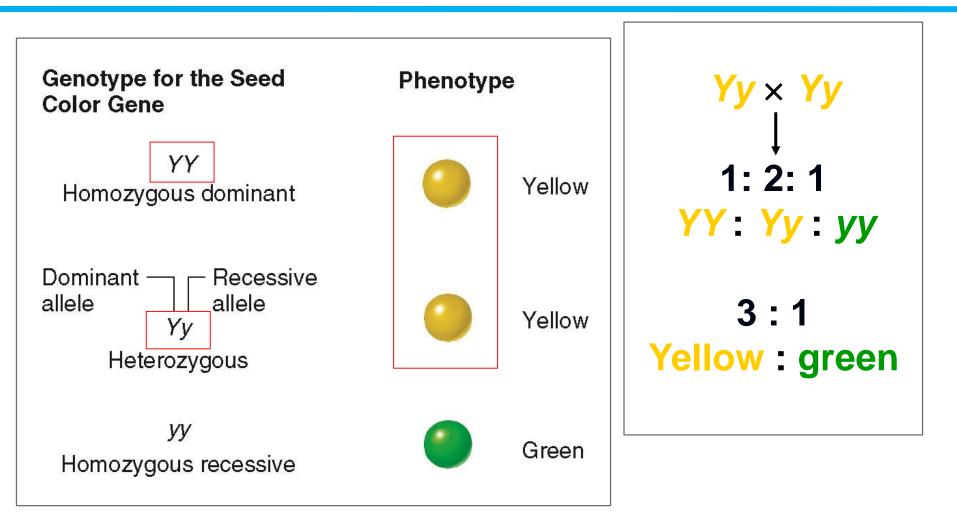
Homozygote (纯合子,纯合体)

— a homozygous individual

Heterozygote (杂合子,杂合体)

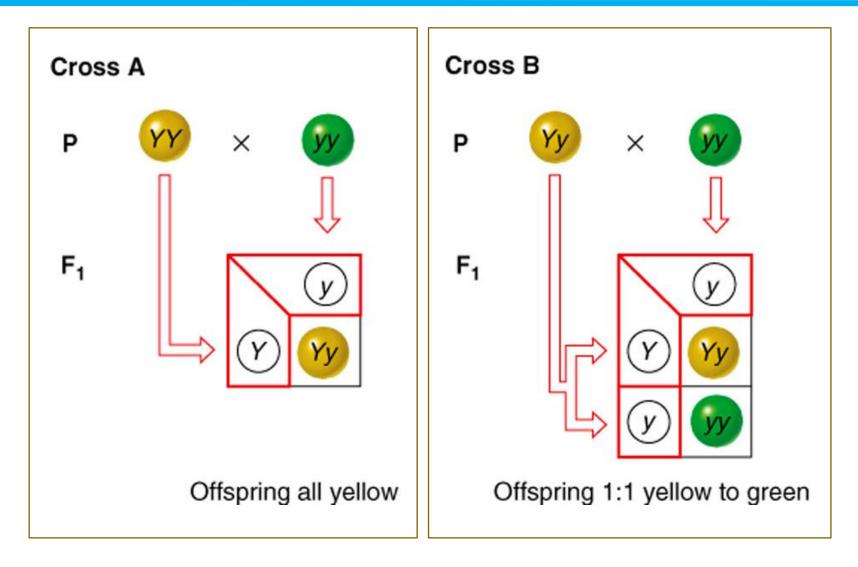
a heterozygous individual

## **Genotype versus Phenotype**



How to distinguish homozygotes from heterozygotes?

## Testcross reveals unknown genotype



Testcross: to cross with a homozygous recessive

# Dihybrid crosses reveal the law of independent assortment

- A dihybrid is an individual that is heterozygous at two genes
- Mendel designed experiments to determine if two genes segregate independently of one another in dihybrids
- First constructed true breeding lines for both traits, crossed them to produce dihybrid offspring, and examined the F<sub>2</sub> for parental or recombinant types (new combinations not present in the parents)

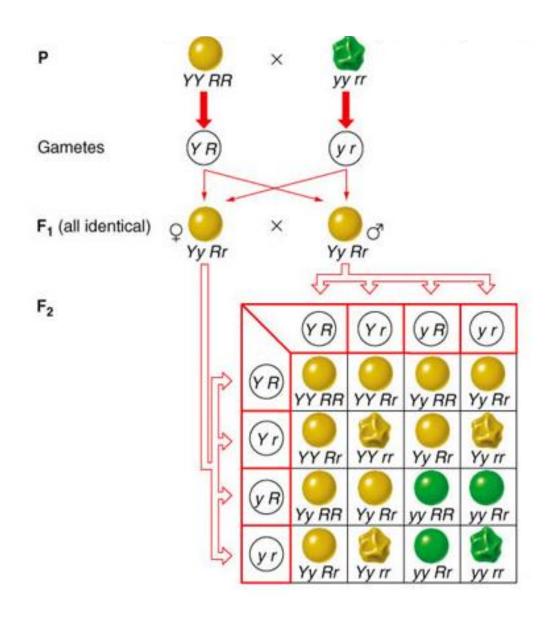
Р × YY RR Gametes F<sub>1</sub> (all identical) Yy Rr

### Dihybrid cross produces a predictable ratio of phenotypes

| Туре  | Genotype |   | Phenotype       | Number | Phenotypic<br>Ratio |
|---|----------|---|-----------------|--------|---------------------|
| Parental  | Y- R-    | 0 | yellow round    | 315    | 9/16                |
| Recombinant   | yy R–    |   | green round     | 108    | 3/16                |
| Recombinant   | Y– rr    |   | yellow wrinkled | d 101  | 3/16                |
| Parental  | yy rr    | 1 | green wrinkled  | 1 32   | 1/16                |
| Ratio of yellow (dominant) to green (recessive) = 12:4 or 3:1   |          |   |                 |        |                     |
| Ratio of round (dominant) to wrinkled (recessive) = 12:4 or 3:1 |          |   |                 |        |                     |

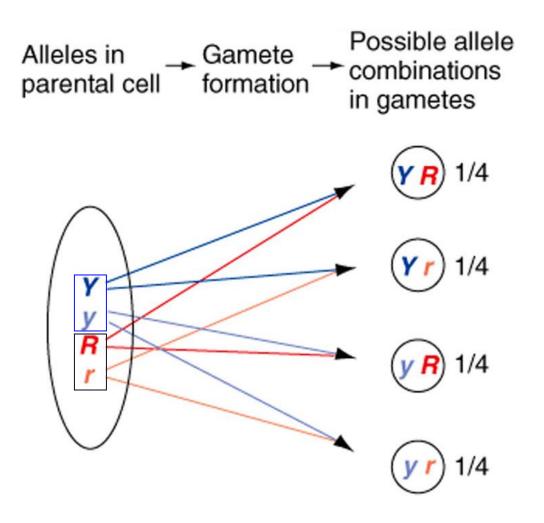
- F<sub>2</sub> generation contained both parental types and recombinant types
- Alleles of genes assort independently, and can thus appear in any combination in the offspring

## Dihybrid cross shows parental and recombinant types

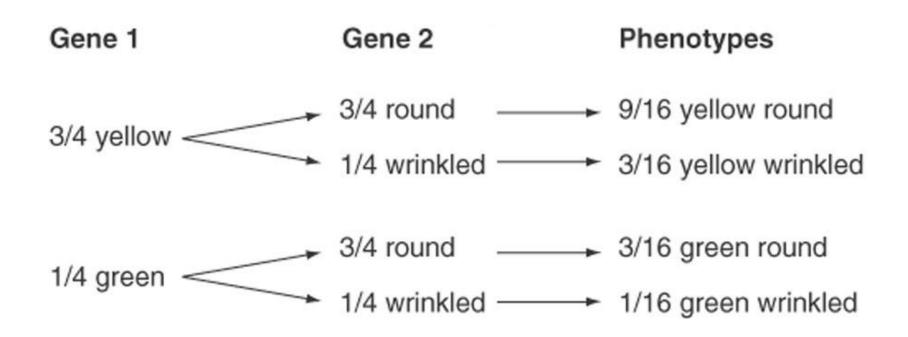


## The law of independent assortment

During gamete formation different pairs of alleles segregate independently of each other



## The law of independent assortment



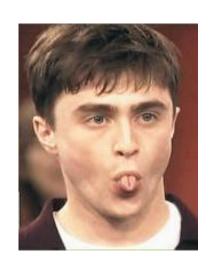
Branched-line diagram (分支图)

## **Summary of Mendel's work**

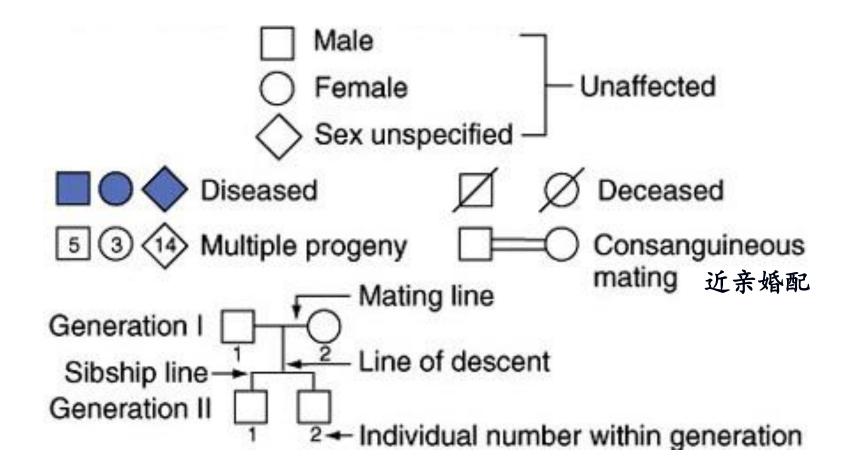
- Inheritance is particulate, not blending
- There are two copies of each trait in a germ cell
- Gametes contain one copy of the trait
- Alleles (different forms of the trait) segregate randomly
- Alleles are dominant or recessive thus the difference between genotype and phenotype
- Different traits assort independently

#### Mendelian inheritance in humans

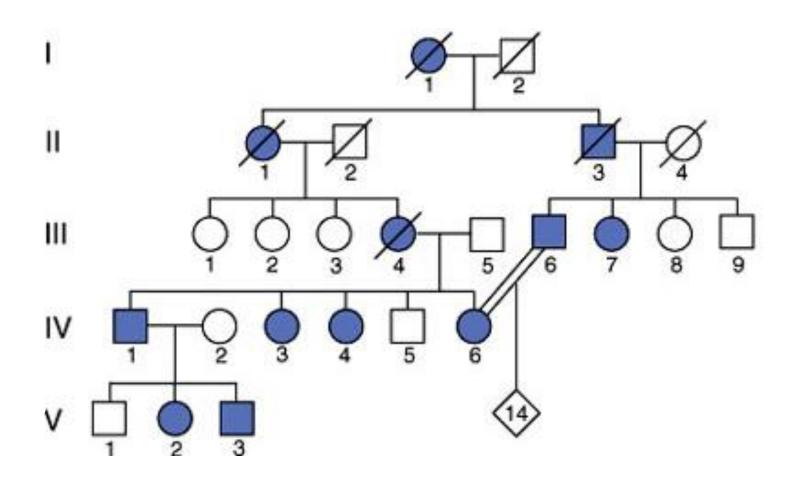
- Most traits in humans are due to the interaction of multiple genes and do not show a simple Mendelian pattern of inheritance.
- A few traits represent single genes. Examples include sickle-cell anemia, cystic fibrosis, and Huntington's disease
- In humans we use pedigrees to study inheritance
- Pedigree (家谱) is an orderly diagram of a family's relevant genetic features extending through multiple generations
- Pedigrees help us infer if a trait is from a single gene and if the trait is dominant or recessive



# Symbols used in pedigree analysis



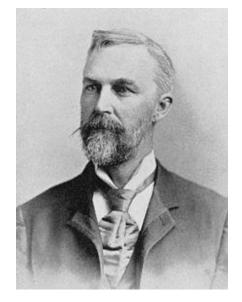
# A vertical pattern of inheritance indicates a rare dominant trait



Huntington disease (HD): A rare dominant trait

## Huntington's disease: a rare dominant trait

### 亨廷顿舞蹈病



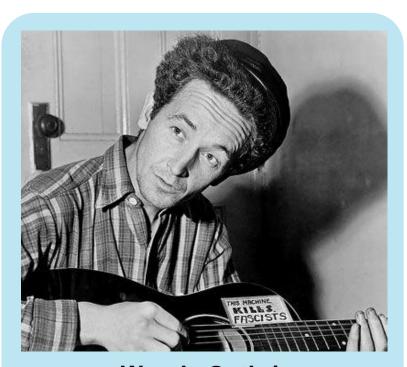
**George Huntington** 

#### A descent into Hell



HD: A late-onset neurodegenerative genetic disorder that causes uncontrolled movements, emotional problems, and loss of cognition.

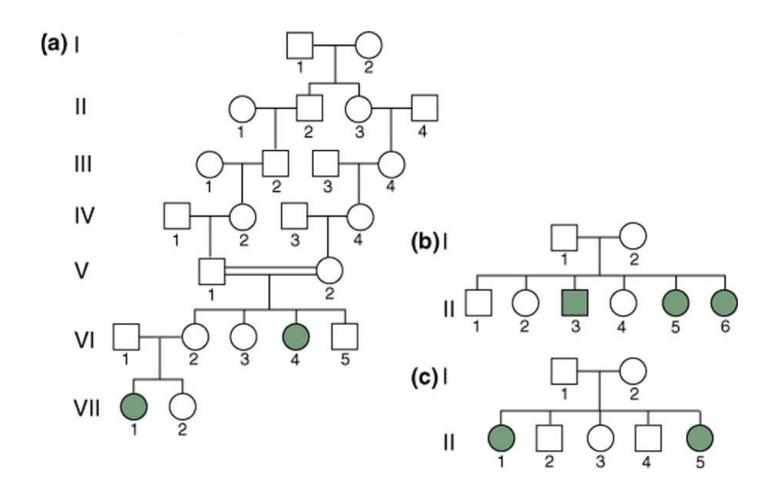
Poly Q - a gain of toxic function of mHtt



Woody Guthrie (folk singer)

Woody inherited HD from his mother and passed it on to two of his children.

# A horizontal pattern of inheritance indicates a rare recessive trait



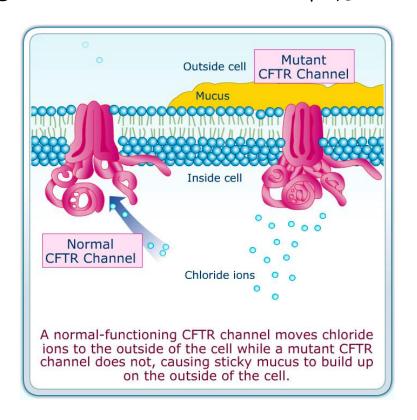
## Cystic fibrosis (CF): A recessive condition

#### 囊肿性纤维化

CF, the most commonly inherited recessive disease among Caucasian children in the US. One in every 2000 white Americans is born with CF

A fatal and incurable disorder in which the lungs, pancreases, intestines and other organs become clogged with a viscous mucus that interfere with breathing and digestion



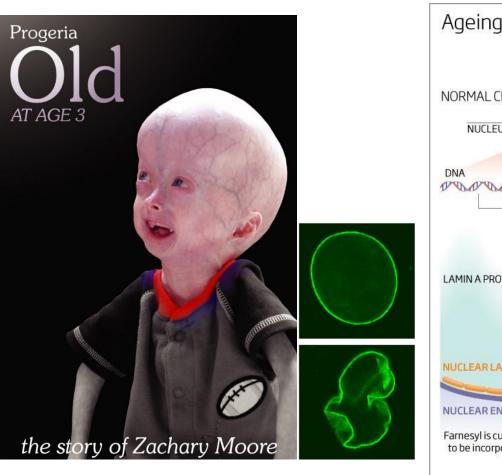


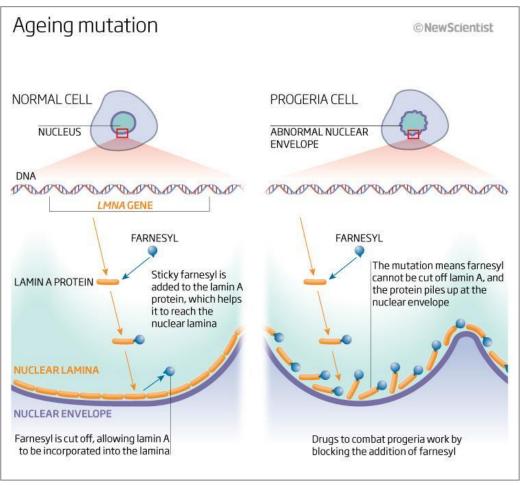
| Disease                               | Effect   | Incidence of Disease         |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Caused by Recessive Allele            |  |                              |
| Thalassemia (chromosome 16 or 11)     | Reduced amounts of hemoglobin;<br>anemia, bone and spleen enlargement                                      | 1/10 in parts of Italy       |
| Sickle-cell anemia (chromosome 11)    | Abnormal hemoglobin; sickle-shaped red cells, anemia, blocked circulation; increased resistance to malaria | 1/625 African-Americans      |
| Cystic fibrosis (chromosome 7)        | Defective cell membrane protein;<br>excessive mucus production; digestive<br>and respiratory failure       | 1/2000 Caucasians            |
| Tay-Sachs disease (chromosome 15)     | Missing enzyme; buildup of fatty<br>deposit in brain; buildup destroys<br>mental development               | 1/3000 Eastern European Jews |
| Phenylketonuria (PKU) (chromosome 12) | Missing enzyme; mental deficiency  | 1/10,000 Caucasians          |
| Albinism (chromosome 11)              | Missing enzyme; unpigmented skin, hair, and eyes   | 1/10,000 in Northern Ireland |
| Caused by Dominant Allele             |  |                              |
| Hypercholesterolemia (chromosome 19)  | Missing protein that removes cholesterol from the blood; heart attack by age 50                            | 1/122 French Canadians       |
| Huntington disease (chromosome 4)     | Progressive mental and neurological damage; neurologic disorders by ages 40–70                             | 1/25,000 Caucasians          |

#### Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM)

人类孟德尔遗传在线 http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Omim

### Progeria – too young to be old



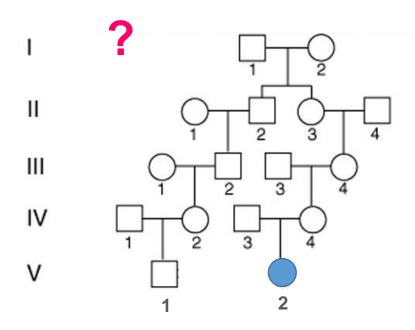


Progeria: an extremely rare genetic disorder with premature aging symptoms there is no known cure, few people with progeria exceed 13 years of age.

Cause: mutations in the *LMNA* gene lead to failure to remove a farnesyl group and permanent affixation of the Lamin A protein to the nuclear rim.

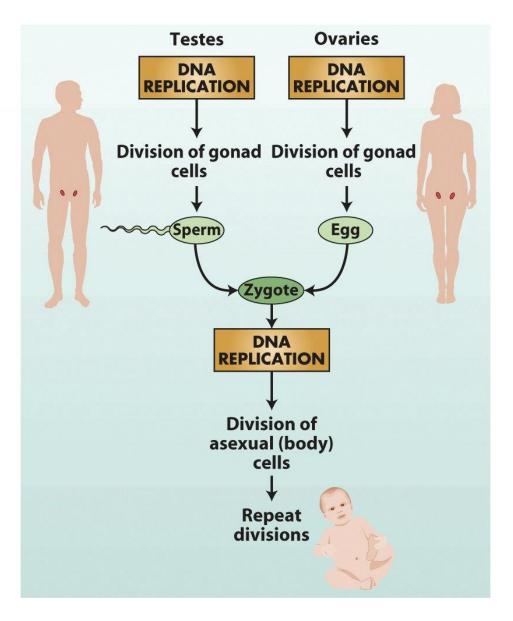
#### Progeria – a puzzling pedigree

#### dominant trait, however...

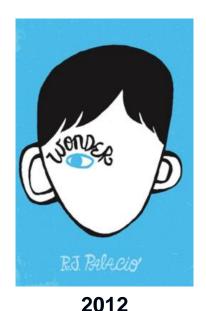


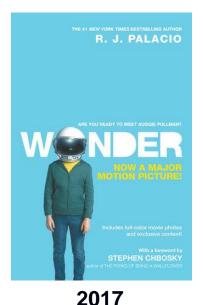
#### A de novo dominant trait!

Mutation occurs during cell division in a newly conceived zygote or in the gametes of one of the parents



#### Another puzzling pedigree





with facial birth defects
(Marszałek-Kruk BA, et al., 2014)

Treacher Collins syndrome (TCS) – a disorder of craniofacial development. It is mostly caused by mutations in the TCOF1 gene, which is located on chromosome 5 and encodes the serine/alanine-rich protein Treacle.

A de novo dominant mutation!

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#### II. Outline of Extensions to Mendel's Analysis

#### 1. Single-gene inheritance

- Pairs of alleles show <u>deviations</u> from complete dominance and recessiveness
- Different forms of the gene are not limited to two alleles
- One gene may determine more than one trait

#### 2. Multifactorial inheritance

The phenotype arises from the interaction of one or more genes with the environment, chance, and each other

#### II.1. Extensions to Mendel for Single-gene inheritance

**Incomplete dominance** 

不完全显性

**Codominance** 

共显性

Multiple alleles

复等位基因

**Pleiotropy** 

基因多效性

## **Key Words**

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incomplete dominance(不完全显性)
codominance (共显性/并显性)
multiple alleles (复等位基因)
pleiotropy, pleiotropism (基因多效
性)
allele frequency (等位基因频率)
monomorphic (单型的/单态的)
polymorphic (多型的/多态的)
wild type (野生型)
mutant (突变型/突变体)
carrier (携带者)
lethality (致死性)
recessive lethal allele(隐性致死基因)
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#### Dominance is not always complete

Crosses between true-breeding strains can produce hybrids with phenotypes different from both parents

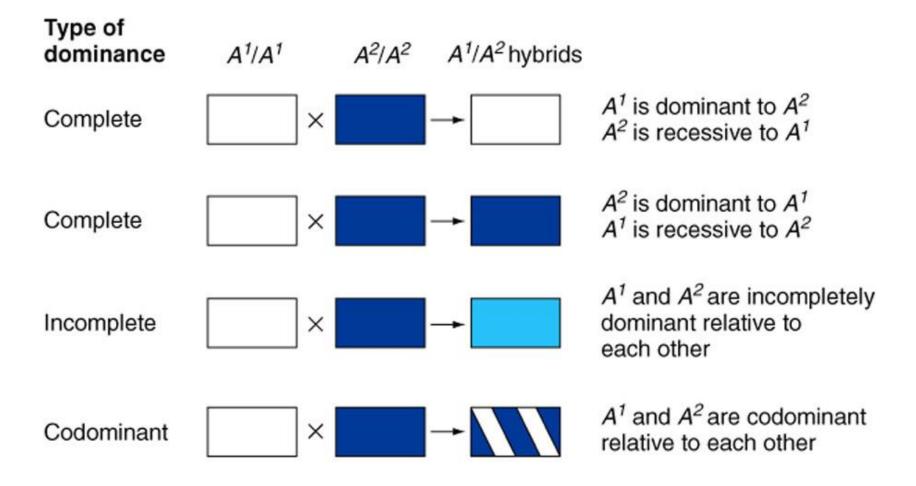
#### **Incomplete dominance**

- F<sub>1</sub> hybrids that differ from both parents express an intermediate phenotype. Neither allele is dominant or recessive to the other.
- Phenotypic ratios are same as genotypic ratios.

#### **Codominance**

- F<sub>1</sub> hybrids express phenotype of both parents equally.
- Phenotypic ratios are same as genotypic ratios.

## Summary of dominance relationships



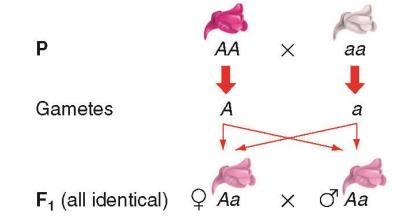
## Incomplete dominance in snapdragons

#### 金鱼草

(a) Antirrhinum majus (snapdragons)



(b) A Punnett square for incomplete dominance



**Blending theory?** 

Incomplete dominance (不完全显性)

## Incomplete dominance in horses

Cremello horse C<sup>cr</sup>/C<sup>cr</sup>

Palomino horse C/C<sup>cr</sup>

Light chestnut horse C/C



Incomplete dominance (不完全显性)

#### II.1. Extensions to Mendel for Single-gene inheritance

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不完全显性

**Codominance** 

共显性

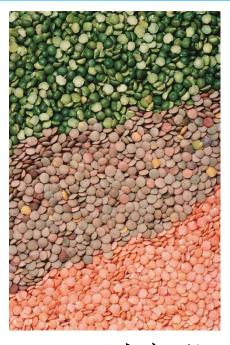
Multiple alleles

复等位基因

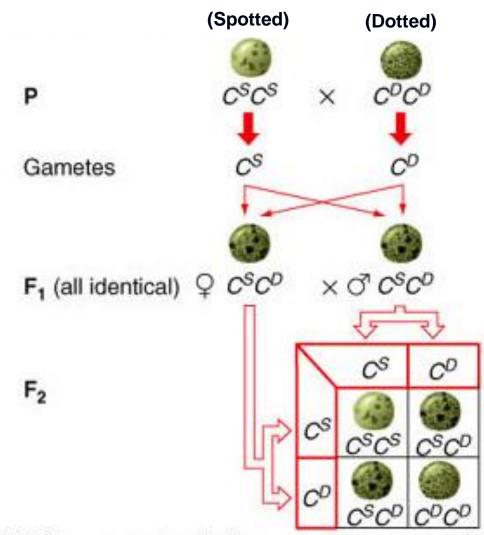
**Pleiotropy** 

基因多效性

#### **Codominant lentil coat patterns**



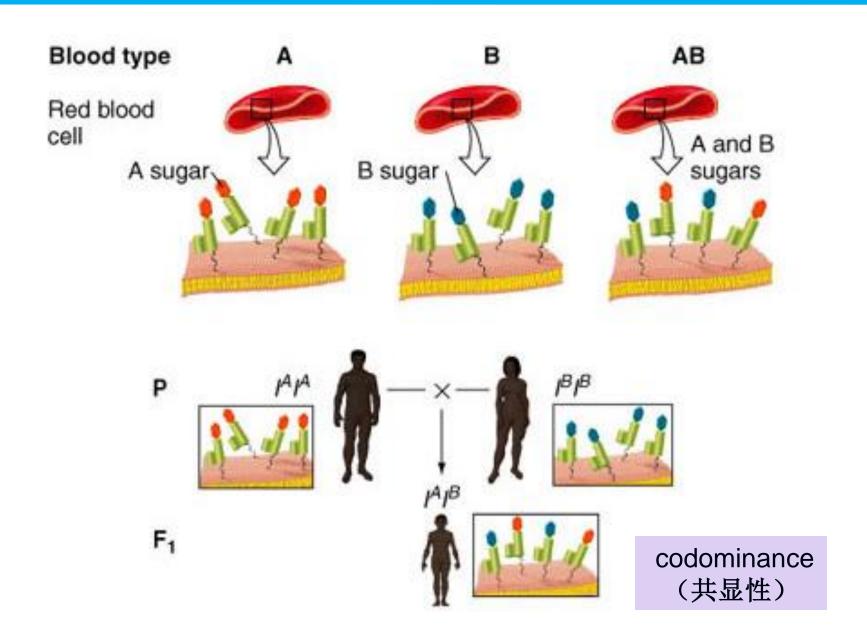
lentil(小扁豆)



Codominance (共显性)

1  $C^SC^S$  (spotted) : 2  $C^SC^D$  (spotted/dotted) : 1  $C^DC^D$  (dotted)

## **Codominant blood group alleles**



# Do variations on dominance relations negate Mendel's law of segregation?

- Dominance relations affect phenotype and have no bearing on the segregation of alleles.
- Alleles still segregate randomly.
- Gene products control expression of phenotypes differently.
- Mendel's law of segregation still applies.
- Interpretation of phenotype/genotype relation is more complex.

#### II.1. Extensions to Mendel for Single-gene inheritance

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#### A gene can have more than two alleles

- 1. Genes may have multiple alleles that segregate in populations.
- 2. Although there may be many alleles in a population, each individual carries only 2 of the alternatives.
  - ABO blood group
    - 3 alleles
    - 6 possible ABO genotypes: I<sup>A</sup>I<sup>A</sup>, I<sup>B</sup>I<sup>B</sup>, I<sup>A</sup>I<sup>B</sup>, I<sup>A</sup>i, I<sup>B</sup>i, or ii
- 3. Dominance relations are unique to a pair of alleles.
  - Dominance or recessiveness is always relative to a second allele.
  - ABO blood group
    - $I^A$  is completely dominant to i but codominant to  $I^B$ .
    - 6 genotypes generate 4 phenotypes.

multiple alleles (复等位基因)

## **Human ABO Blood Group**

| (a) Genotypes |                               | Corresponding Phenotypes:<br>Type(s) of Molecule on Cell |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--|
|               | I <sup>A</sup> I <sup>A</sup> | А  |
|               | I <sup>B</sup> I <sup>B</sup> | В  |
|               | I <sup>A</sup> I <sup>B</sup> | AB   |
|               | ii                            | 0  |

| (b) Blood Type |    | Antibodies in Serum          |  |  |
|----------------|----|------------------------------|--|--|
|                | Α  | Antibodies against B         |  |  |
|                | В  | Antibodies against A         |  |  |
|                | AB | No antibodies against A or B |  |  |
|                | 0  | Antibodies against A and B   |  |  |

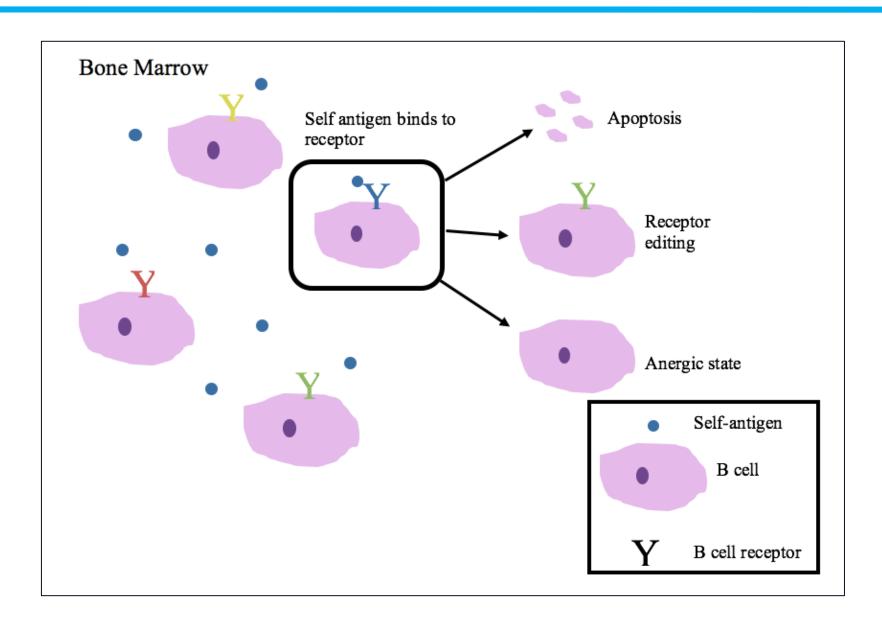
| (c) | Blood Type of Recipient | Dono | r Blood T | ype (Red (         | Cells) |
|-----|-------------------------|------|-----------|--------------------|--------|
|     | of Recipient            | Α    | В         | AB                 | 0      |
|     | Α                       | +    | -         | _                  | +      |
|     | В                       | _    | +         | _                  | +      |
|     | AB                      | +    | +         | +                  | +      |
|     | 0                       | -    | -         | 0. <del></del> 0.0 | +      |

multiple alleles (复等位基因)

## **Human ABO Blood Group**

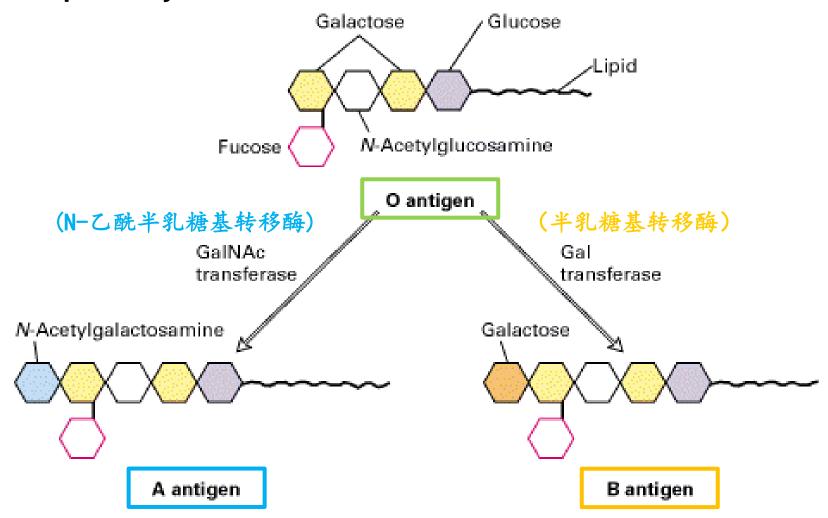
| ABO Blood Groups        |  |  |   |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| Antigen<br>(on RBC)     | Antigen A  | Antigen B  | Antigens A + B  | Neither A or B                                       |  |  |
| Antibody<br>(in plasma) | Anti-B Antibody  Y Y Z                                   | Anti-A Antibody<br>ス ナ ユ  イ ナ                          | Neither Antibody  | Both Antibodies                                      |  |  |
| Blood<br>Type           | Type A  Cannot have B or AB blood  Can have A or O blood | Type B Cannot have A or AB blood Can have B or O blood | Type AB  Can have any type of blood  Is the universal recipient | Type O  Can only have O blood Is the universal donor |  |  |

#### **B** cell tolerance

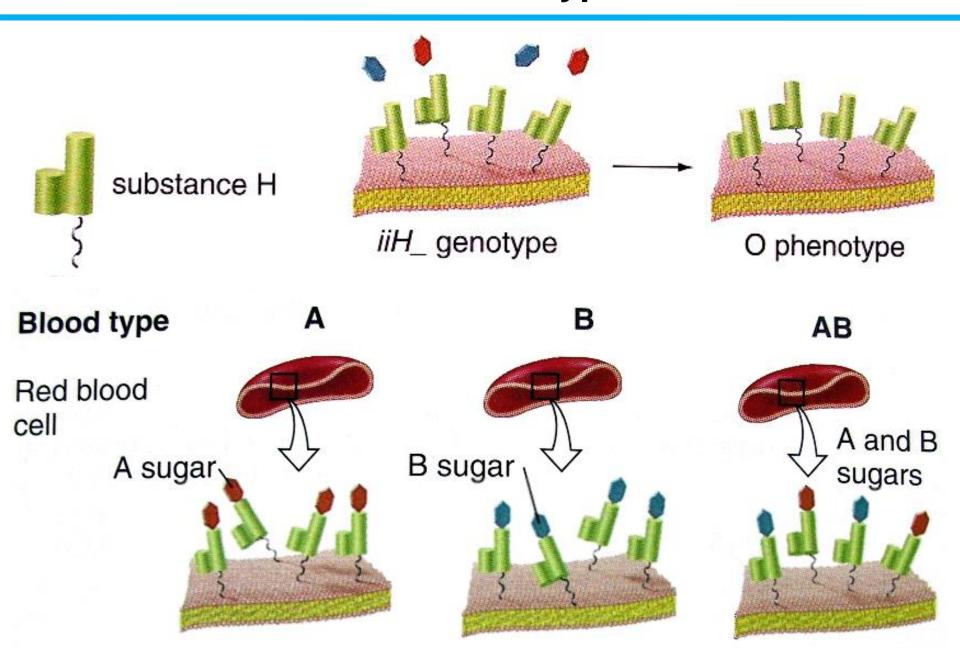


#### ABO blood type at the molecular level

Enzymes add sugar A or sugar B to a base consisting of a sugar polymer known as substance H, resulting in antigen A or antigen B respectively



### **ABO** blood type



## **Genetic inheritance of ABO blood type**

| Parental blood types | Parental genotypes  | Child's possible blood type |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| $A \times A$         | I <sup>A</sup> I <sup>A</sup> or I <sup>A</sup> i                                     | A, O                        |
| $A \times O$         | <i>l^Al^</i> or <i>l^Ai</i> ×ii   | A, O                        |
| $A \times B$         |   |                             |
| A 	imes A B          | $I^AI^A$ or $I^Ai\times I^AI^B$   | A, B, AB                    |
| $B \times B$         | <i>l<sup>B</sup>l<sup>B</sup></i> or <i>l<sup>B</sup>i</i>                            | B <sub>v</sub> O            |
| $B \times O$         | <i>l<sup>B</sup>l<sup>B</sup></i> or <i>l<sup>B</sup>i</i> ×ii                        | B <sub>v</sub> O            |
| B 	imes A B          | <i>l<sup>B</sup>l<sup>B</sup></i> or <i>l<sup>B</sup>i×l<sup>A</sup>l<sup>B</sup></i> | A, B, AB                    |
| AB×O                 | <i>I^A IB</i> × ii  | A, B                        |
| $AB \times AB$       | <b>I</b> A <b>I</b> B   | A, B, AB                    |
| $o \times o$         | ii  | 0                           |

## How do we establish dominance relations between multiple alleles?

Parental Generation

Parental seed coat

pattern in cross

Parent 1 × Parent 2

marbled-1 X clear

marbled-2 x clear

spotted × clear

clear

F<sub>1</sub> Generation

F, phenotype

→ marbled-1 –

spotted

dotted

**►1.706** 

-- marbled-2

F2 Generation

Total F2

frequencies

and

phenotypes

46

107

Apparent

pheno-

typic

3:1

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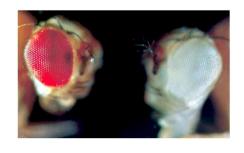
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Perform reciprocal crosses between pure breeding lines of all phenotypes.

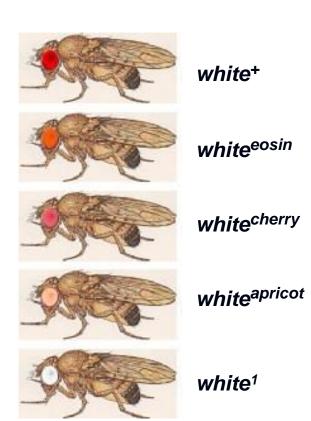
> marbled-1 × marbled-2 - marbled-1 marbled-1 × spotted → marbled-1 → marbled-1 × dotted → marbled-1 marbled-2 × dotted --- marbled-2 spotted × dotted → spotted/dotted → 168 339 157 1:2:1 multiple alleles (复等位基因) Dominance series: marbled-1 > marbled-2 > spotted = dotted > clear

### The eye color of Drosophila

1910, Thomas H. Morgan identified a white male fly. The *white* gene contains more than 100 alleles.







multiple alleles (复等位基因)

Some were named after fruits

#### Mutations are the source of new alleles

- Multiple alleles arise spontaneously in nature due to chance alterations in genetic material —— mutations.
- Mutation rate varies from 1 in 10,000 to 1 in 1,000,000 per gamete per generation.
- Allele frequency is the percentage of the total number of gene copies represented by one allele.
- Wild-type allele —— the most common allele in a population
- Mutant allele —— a rare allele in the same population
- Monomorphic —— gene with only one common, wild-type allele
- Polymorphic —— gene with more than one common allele

#### II.1. Extensions to Mendel for Single-gene inheritance

Incomplete dominance

不完全显性

Codominance

共显性

Multiple alleles

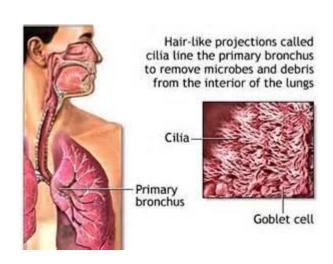
复等位基因

**Pleiotropy** 

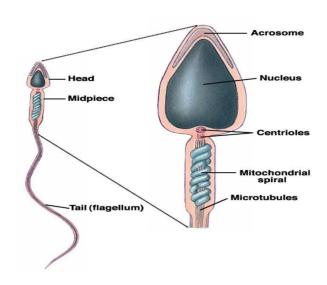
基因多效性

## One gene may contribute to several visible characteristics

- Pleiotropy A single gene determines more than one distinct and <u>seemingly unrelated</u> characteristic
- Each protein can have a cascade of effects on an organism

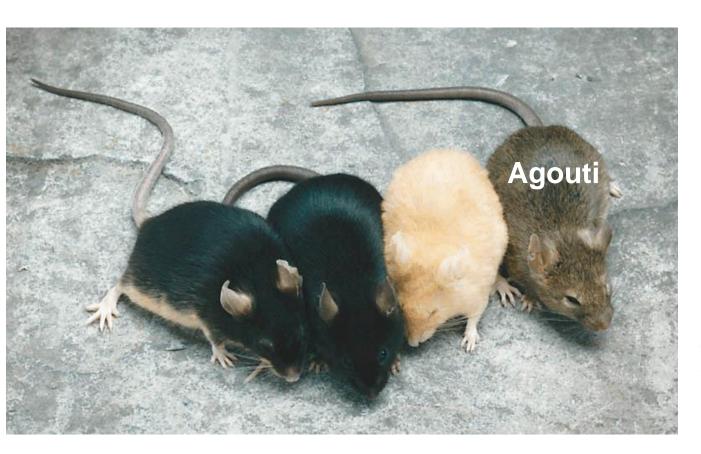


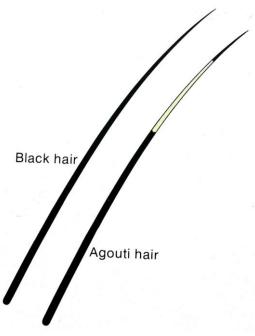
**Respiratory problems** 



**Sterile** 

## **Coat color in mice**





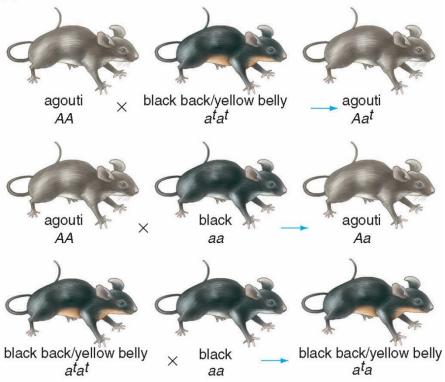
#### Inheritance of coat color in mice

#### (b) Alleles of the agouti gene

#### Genotype Phenotype

| State of the state | 252          |
|--|--------------|
| A-   | agouti       |
| atat   | black/yellow |
| aa   | black        |
| a <sup>t</sup> a   | black/yellow |

#### (c) Evidence for a dominance series



Dominance series:  $A > a^t > a$ 

## **Dominance series:**

 $A > a^t > a$ 

## A puzzling result

#### **Cross A**

agouti  $\times$  agouti  $\rightarrow$  all agouti

 $AA \times AA \rightarrow AA$ 

#### **Cross B**

yellow  $\times$  yellow  $\rightarrow$  2/3 yellow : 1/3 agouti

 $A^{Y}A \times A^{Y}A \rightarrow A^{Y}A^{Y} : A^{Y}A : AA = 1:2:1$ 

#### **Cross C**

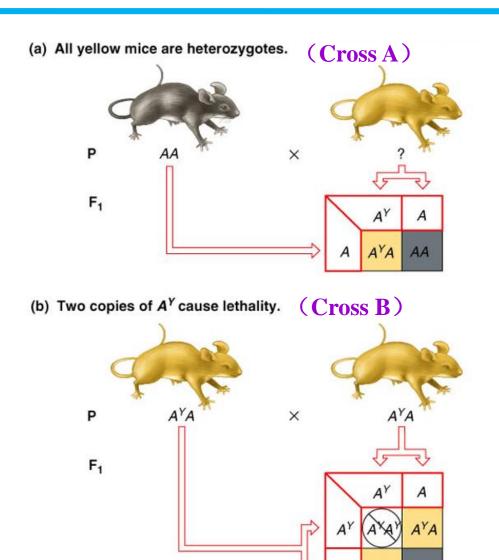
agouti  $\times$  yellow  $\rightarrow$  1/2 yellow : 1/2 agouti

 $AA \times A^{Y}A \rightarrow A^{Y}A : AA = 1:1$ 





### Pleiotropy - inheritance of coat color in mice



= not born

- A. Inbred agouti and yellow yields 1 agouti : 1 yellow
  - Yellow must be A<sup>Y</sup>A, and A<sup>Y</sup> is dominant to A
- **B.** yellow × yellow mice do not breed true.
  - A<sup>Y</sup> is recessive lethal!
     A<sup>Y</sup>A<sup>Y</sup> die in utero and do not show up as progeny.

Dominance and recessiveness are defined in the context of each pair of alleles

## One gene may contribute to several visible characteristics

- Pleiotropy A single gene determines more than one distinct and <u>seemingly unrelated</u> characteristic
- Each protein can have a cascade of effects on an organism
- Some alleles may cause lethality
  - Type of pleiotropy where alleles produce a visible phenotype and affect viability
  - Alleles that affect viability often produce deviations from a 1:2:1 genotypic and 3:1 phenotypic ratio predicted by Mendel's Laws.

# Summary on extensions to Mendel for single-gene inheritance

| TABLE 3.1 | For Traits Determined by One Gene: Extensions to Mendel's Analysis Explain Alterations |
|-----------|--|
|           | of the 3:1 Monohybrid Ratio  |

| What Mendel Described          | Extension                                      | Extension's Effect on<br>Heterozygous Phenotype                             | Extension's Effect on Ratios Resulting from an $F_1 \times F_1$ Cross            |
|--------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Complete dominance             | Incomplete dominance<br>Codominance            | Unlike either homozygote  | Phenotypes coincide with genotypes in a ratio of 1:2:1                           |
| Two alleles                    | Multiple alleles                               | Multiplicity of phenotypes  | A series of 3:1 ratios   |
| All alleles are equally viable | Recessive lethal alleles                       | No effect   | 2:1 instead of 3:1   |
| One gene determines one trait  | Pleiotropy: one gene influences several traits | Several traits affected in different ways, depending on dominance relations | Different ratios, depending<br>on dominance relations for<br>each affected trait |

#### Sickle-Cell Anemia

#### 镰形细胞贫血症

#### Mutliple alleles (b globin)

- Normal wild-type is Hbb<sup>A</sup>
- More than 400 mutant alleles identified so far

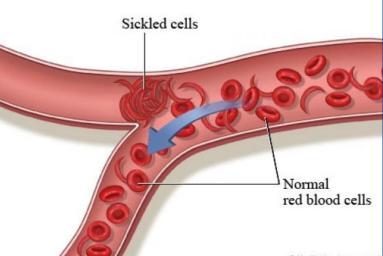
 Hbb<sup>s</sup> allele specifies abnormal peptide causing sickling among red blood cells.

#### **Pleiotropy**

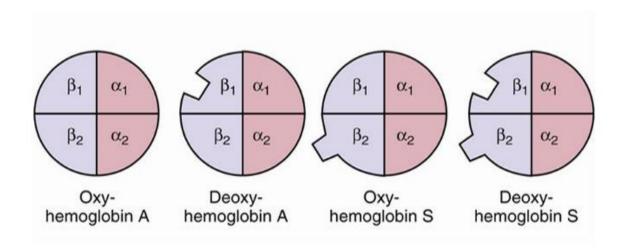
- Hbb<sup>S</sup> affects more than one trait.
  - Sickling
  - Resistance to malaria
  - Recessive lethality

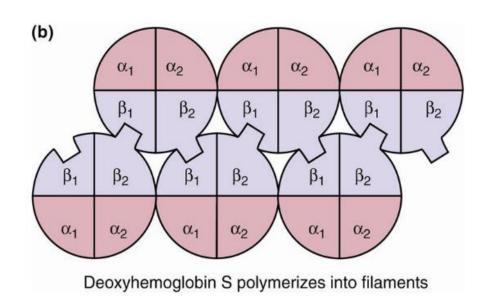
#### Different dominance relations

- 1. Clog the small blood vessels
  - → Shortness of breath, muscle cramps, fatigue
- 2. Very fragile, easily broken
  - → Anemia

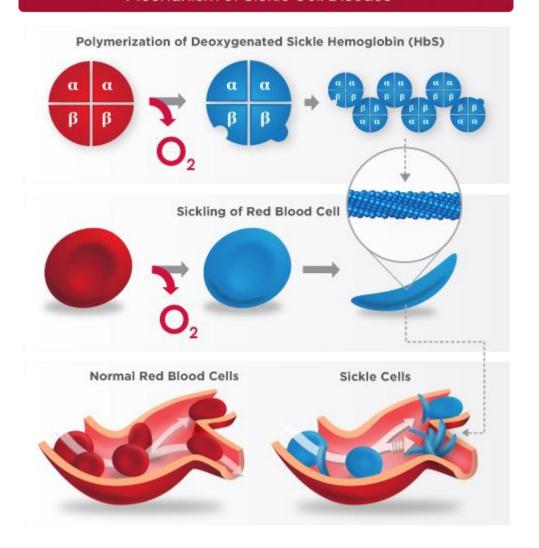


## Oxygen and hemoglobin S polymerization



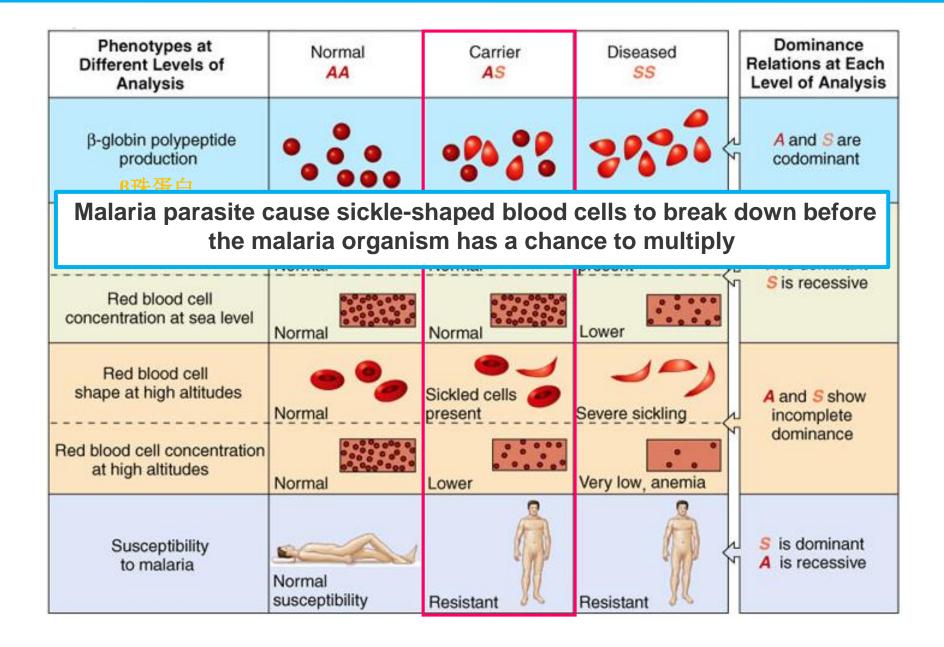


#### Mechanism of Sickle Cell Disease



The polymerization of deoxygenated sickle hemoglobin (HbS) is the primary event in the molecular pathogenesis of sickle cell disease, resulting in a deformity of the red blood cell and a marked decrease in its ability to pass through the microvasculature.

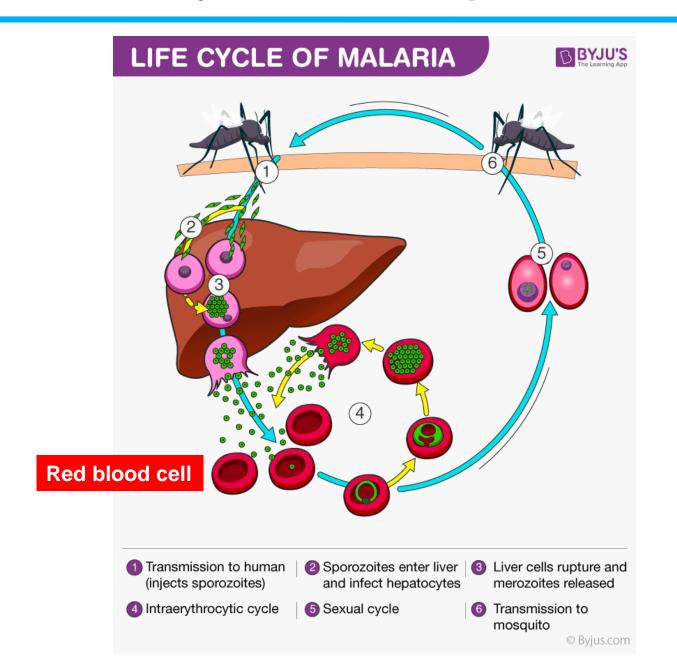
#### Pleiotropy of Sickle-cell syndrome



## Pleiotropy of Sickle-cell syndrome

| Phenotypes at<br>Different Levels of<br>Analysis | Normal<br>AA          | Carrier<br>AS         | Diseased<br>SS        | Dominance<br>Relations at Each<br>Level of Analysis |  |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| β-globin polypeptide<br>production<br>β珠蛋白       |                       | -20 3 2               | 3000                  | A and S are codominant                              |  |
| Red blood cell<br>shape at sea level             | Normal                | Normal                | Sickled cells present | A is dominant                                       |  |
| Red blood cell concentration at sea level        | Normal                | Normal                | Lower                 | S is recessive                                      |  |
| Red blood cell shape at high altitudes           | Normal                | Sickled cells present | Severe sickling       | A and S show incomplete                             |  |
| Red blood cell concentration at high altitudes   | Normal                | Lower                 | Very low, anemia      | dominance   |  |
| Susceptibility<br>to malaria                     | Normal susceptibility | Resistant             | Resistant             | S is dominant A is recessive                        |  |

## Life cycle of malaria parasites



## Chapter I

#### Mendel's Law of Inheritance

#### I. Mendel's breakthrough

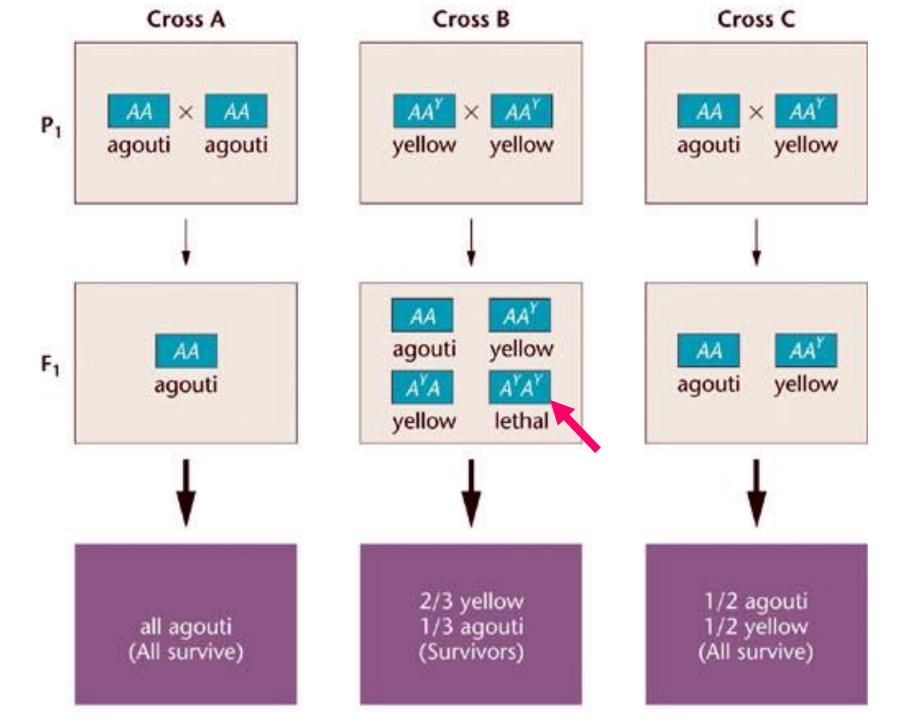
Patterns, particles, and principles of heredity

#### II. Extension to Mendel's laws

Complexities in relating genotype to phenotype

- 1. Single-gene inheritance
- 2. Multifactorial inheritance

Chapters in reference books: H2-H3, D3



## **Syllable**

| Chapter      | Title   | Related chapters                 | Teaching faculty |
|--------------|---|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Introduction | Genetics: the study of biology information                | H1, H6, H8, D1-D2                | 宋 艳              |
| Chapter 1    | Mendel's laws of inheritance                              | H2-H3, D3                        | 宋 艳              |
| Chapter 2    | The chromosome theory of inheritance and linkage analysis | H4-H5, D2, D4, D7                | 宋 艳              |
| Chapter 3    | The concepts of gene and mutation                         | H6-H8, H19, D2, D11,<br>D13, D16 | 宋 艳              |
| Chapter 4    | Chromosome aberration                                     | H11-H12, D12                     | 宋 艳              |
| Lecture      | Comprehensive application of genetics                     | H17                              | 宋 艳              |
| Chapter 5    | Genome analysis   | H9-H10, D10                      | 陆剑               |
| Chapter 6    | Genetic analysis in prokaryotes                           | H14, H15, D7, D9, D14            | 陆剑               |
| Chapter 7    | Genetic analysis in eukaryotes                            | H16, H18, D5, D16                | 陆 剑              |
| Chapter 8    | Epigenetic analysis                                       | H16, D15                         | 陆剑               |
| Chapter 9    | Human disease and genetics                                | D9                               | 陆剑               |
| Chapter 10   | The genetic analysis of population and evolution          | H20-H21, D19                     | 陆 剑              |