

## Correlating Disease Genes and Phenotypes

An NCBI Mini-Course

This mini-course focuses on the correlation of a disease gene to the phenotype. It demonstrates how the NCBI resources such as the literature, expression and structure information can help provide potential functional information for disease genes.

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During the first hour, an overview will be given using one disease gene, followed by an hour of hands-on session to practice using another disease gene. The following handout contains the screenshots of the overview.

URL: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Class/minicourses/pheno.html>

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## Problem 1

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### **Step 1. Determining what is known about the HFE gene and protein (using Entrez Gene):**

Search for 'HFE' in [Entrez Gene](#). One entry is for the human HFE gene. Retrieve the entry by clicking on the HFE link.

What is the location and orientation of the HFE gene on the human genome? List the genes adjacent to it. How many alternatively spliced products have been annotated for the HFE gene when the RefSeq mRNA entries were reviewed? What are the differences in the spliced products? List some of the HFE gene aliases. What are the phenotypes associated with the mutations in the HFE gene? What is the name and function of the protein encoded by the HFE gene? What is the conserved domain in the protein? To which cellular component(s) is the protein localized? Obtain the locations of exons and introns for each transcript by choosing "Gene Table" from the Display pull down menu.

### **Step 2. Determining identified SNPs and their locations in the HFE gene:**

From the Links menu on the top right hand side of the page, click on the "SNP: GeneView" to access a list of the known SNPs (reported in dbSNP). By default, the SNPs in the coding region of a gene are reported. Additional SNPs such as in the upstream region or the introns can be viewed by clicking on the "in gene region" button. Currently, how many non-synonymous SNPs are placed on the longest hemochromatosis transcript variant, NM\_000410? How many of these have links to OMIM? We will concentrate on the cys282tyr mutant in the following analysis.

### ***Step 3. Learning more about the hemochromatosis disease and its genetic testing:***

Click on the OMIM link next to the one of the SNPs in the SNP report. What are the clinical features of hemochromatosis? List the 5 types of iron-overload disorders labeled hemochromatosis. Which of these is associated with mutations in the HFE gene? How many allelic variants of the HFE gene have been reported? What is the phenotype associated with the Cys282Tyr mutant?

Click on the Gene Tests link at top of the page. Identify some of the laboratories performing the clinical testing for hemochromatosis. Now refer to the Reviews section. Mutation analysis is available for which of the HFE alleles? List one explanation for the hemochromatosis phenotype caused by the Cys282Tyr mutant.

### ***Step 4. Elucidating the biochemical and structural basis for the function of the wild type and mutant proteins, if possible:***

Go back to the Entrez Gene report. Click on the first protein, NP\_000401. Select the Blink link. Click on the 3D structures button. The output contains a list of similar proteins with known 3D structures. The first entry, 1DE4G, represents the G chain of the hemochromatosis protein (complexed with transferrin receptor). Click on the blue dot next to 1DE4G to get the sequence alignment of the query protein to the G chain of 1DE4. Click on the "View 3D Structure" button. This downloads the structure of G chain of 1DE4 and its sequence alignment with the query protein. Zoom in the area of the disulphide bridge (colored in tan) by pressing "z" on the keyboard. Select the cysteine residues forming the disulphide bridge by double clicking on them. Mouse over the corresponding cysteine residues on the third query line in the alignment and view the amino acid number at the bottom left of the window. One of them is the cysteine at position 282. It is the same cysteine which is mutated to tyrosine causing the hemochromatosis phenotype.

### ***You can now easily explain why the C282Y mutant has an altered function.***

#### **Summary:**

This mini-course describes how to obtain information about the HFE gene, known SNPs in it, and elucidate the biochemical and structural basis for the function of the wild type and Cys282Tyr mutant protein.

- Summary:
1. The HFE gene is located on chromosome 6 and has at least 11 alternatively spliced products.
  2. Currently, there are 8 non-synonymous SNPs annotated on the protein NP\_000401.
  3. The Cys282Tyr mutant is associated with the hemochromatosis disease and the site of mutation is used in hemochromatosis genetic testing.

4. The HFE protein functions to regulate iron absorption by regulating the interaction of the transferrin receptor with transferrin where as the Cys282Tyr mutant fails to regulate this interaction leading to iron overload. The conserved cysteine 282 in the immunoglobulin constant region domain in the HFE protein is involved in formation of a disulphide bridge. Its mutation to tyrosine will alter the folding of the protein.

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<b>Taxonomy:</b> organisms in GenBank	<b>UniSTS:</b> markers and mapping data
<b>SNP:</b> single nucleotide polymorphism	<b>PopSet:</b> population study data sets
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<b>Genome Project:</b> genome project information	<b>GENSAT:</b> gene expression atlas of mouse central nervous system
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**Enter** terms and **click 'GO'** to run the search against ALL the databases, **OR**  
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 Other Aliases: HFE1, HH, HLA-H, MGC103790, dJ221C16.10.1  
 Other Designations: MHC class I-like protein HFE; hemochromatosis protein; hereditary hemochromatosis protein HLA-H  
 Chromosome: 6; Location: 6p21.3  
 MIM: 235200  
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**Official Symbol** HFE provided by HGNC

**Official Full Name** hemochromatosis provided by HGNC

**Primary source** [HGNC:4886](#)

**See related** [HPRD:01993](#); [MIM:235200](#)

**Gene type** protein coding

**RefSeq status** Reviewed

**Organism** [Homo sapiens](#)

**Lineage** *Eukaryota*; *Metazoa*; *Chordata*; *Craniata*; *Vertebrata*; *Euteleostomi*; *Mammalia*; *Eutheria*; *Euarchontoglires*; *Primates*; *Haplorrhini*; *Catarrhini*; *Hominidae*; *Homo*

**Also known as** HH; HFE1; HLA-H; MGC103790; dJ221C16.10.1

**Summary** The protein encoded by this gene is a membrane protein that is similar to MHC class I-type proteins and associates with beta2-microglobulin (beta2M). It is thought that this protein functions to regulate iron absorption by regulating the interaction of the transferrin receptor with transferrin. The iron storage disorder, hereditary haemochromatosis, is a recessive genetic disorder that results from defects in this gene. At least eleven alternatively spliced variants have been described for this gene. Additional variants have been found but their full-length nature has not been determined.

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**NC\_000006.10**

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**Genomic context**

chromosome: 6; Location: 6p21.3

[See HFE in MapViewer](#)

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**Description .....**

Product	Interactant	Other Gene	Complex	Source	Pubs
NP_000401.1	Beta 2 microglobulin	<a href="#">B2M</a>		<a href="#">HPRD</a>	<a href="#">PubMed</a>
NP_000401.1	Transferrin receptor 2	<a href="#">TFR2</a>		<a href="#">HPRD</a>	<a href="#">PubMed</a>
NP_000401.1	<a href="#">NP_003225.1</a>	<a href="#">TFRC</a>		<a href="#">HPRD</a>	<a href="#">PubMed</a>

**General gene information**

**Markers**

RH46796(e-PCR)  
 Links: [UniSTS:18176](#)  
 Alternate name: stSG24898

WI-17546(e-PCR)  
 Links: [UniSTS:30510](#)  
 Alternate names: EST261382; RH61086

RH46637(e-PCR)  
 Links: [UniSTS:36001](#)  
 Alternate name: stSG24673

A004R25(e-PCR)  
 Links: [UniSTS:41641](#)  
 Alternate name: RH25814

STS-U60319(e-PCR)  
 Links: [UniSTS:47384](#)  
 Alternate names: RH75899; sts-U60319

D6S2377(e-PCR)  
 Links: [UniSTS:57170](#)  
 Alternate names: GDB:558419S; sy899g1-19

**Phenotypes**

**General protein information**

**Names**  
hemochromatosis protein  
MHC class I-like protein HFE  
hereditary hemochromatosis protein HLA-H

**NCBI Reference Sequences (RefSeq)**

**Genomic**

- NG\_001335.1 Reference**  
Range: 71162..80773  
Download: [GenBank](#), [FASTA](#)

**mRNA and Protein(s)**

- NM\_000410.3-NP\_000401.1 hemochromatosis protein isoform 1 precursor**  
Description: Transcript Variant: This variant (1) encodes the longest isoform.  
Source sequence(s): [AF115265](#), [AJ249337](#), [U91328](#)  
Consensus CDS: [CCDS4578.1](#)  
Conserved Domains (2): [summary](#)

<b>cd00098</b> Location:223-298 Blast Score:169	IGC; Immunoglobulin domain constant region subfamily; members of the IGC subfamily are components of immunoglobulins, T-cell receptors, CD1 cell surface glycoproteins, secretory glycoproteins A/C, and Major Histocompatibility Complex (MHC) class I/II molecules
<b>pfam00129</b> Location:27-202 Blast Score:314	MHC_I; Class I Histocompatibility antigen, domains alpha 1 and 2
- NM\_139002.2-NP\_620571.1 hemochromatosis protein isoform 2 precursor**  
Description: Transcript Variant: This variant (2) lacks a large 3' region including the 3' CDS and UTR but has an alternate 3' exon, as compared to variant 1. The resulting protein (isoform 2) has a unique carboxy terminus.

**Related Sequences**

Nucleotide	Protein
Genomic <a href="#">AF184234.1</a>	<a href="#">AAF01222.1</a>
Genomic <a href="#">AF204869.1</a>	None
Genomic <a href="#">AF331065.1</a>	<a href="#">AAK16502.1</a>
Genomic <a href="#">AF525359.1</a>	<a href="#">AAM82608.1</a>
Genomic <a href="#">AF525499.1</a>	<a href="#">AAM91950.1</a>
Genomic <a href="#">CS187189.1</a>	<a href="#">CAJ42862.1</a>
Genomic <a href="#">U80914.1</a>	<a href="#">AAD00449.1</a>
Genomic <a href="#">U91328.1</a>	<a href="#">AAB82083.1</a>
Genomic <a href="#">Y09801.1</a>	<a href="#">CAA70934.1</a>
Genomic <a href="#">Z92910.1</a>	<a href="#">CAB07442.1</a>
mRNA <a href="#">AF079407.1</a>	<a href="#">AAC62646.1</a>
mRNA <a href="#">AF079408.1</a>	<a href="#">AAC62647.1</a>
mRNA <a href="#">AF079409.1</a>	<a href="#">AAC62648.1</a>
mRNA <a href="#">AF109385.1</a>	<a href="#">AAD52104.1</a>
mRNA <a href="#">AF115264.1</a>	<a href="#">AAG29571.1</a>

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1: **hemochromatosis** [ *Homo sapiens* ] updated 29-Jan-2007

Summary: MHC class I-like protein HFE provided by [HGNC](#)

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<a href="#">NM_139005.2</a>	1417	5	<a href="#">NP_620574.1</a>	277	5
<a href="#">NM_139002.2</a>	878	4	<a href="#">NP_620571.1</a>	162	4
<a href="#">NM_000410.3</a>	2222	6	<a href="#">NP_000401.1</a>	349	6
<a href="#">NM_139004.2</a>	1946	5	<a href="#">NP_620573.1</a>	257	5
<a href="#">NM_139003.2</a>	1904	5	<a href="#">NP_620572.1</a>	243	5
<a href="#">NM_139009.2</a>	2153	6	<a href="#">NP_620578.1</a>	326	6
<a href="#">NM_139007.2</a>	1958	5	<a href="#">NP_620576.1</a>	261	5
<a href="#">NM_139008.2</a>	1916	5	<a href="#">NP_620577.1</a>	247	5
<a href="#">NM_139010.2</a>	1682	4	<a href="#">NP_620579.1</a>	169	4
<a href="#">NM_139011.2</a>	1406	3	<a href="#">NP_620580.1</a>	77	3
<a href="#">NM_139006.2</a>	1180	6	<a href="#">NP_620575.1</a>	335	6

**Exon information:**  
[NM\\_139005.2](#) length: 1417 bp, number of exons: 5  
[NP\\_620574.1](#) length: 277 aa, number of exons: 5

EXON	Coding EXON	INTRON			
coords	length	coords	length	coords	length
<a href="#">62 - 297</a>	236 bp	<a href="#">222 - 297</a>	76 bp	<a href="#">298 - 3621</a>	3324 bp
<a href="#">3622 - 3885</a>	264 bp	<a href="#">3622 - 3885</a>	264 bp	<a href="#">3886 - 4094</a>	209 bp
<a href="#">4095 - 4370</a>	276 bp	<a href="#">4095 - 4370</a>	276 bp	<a href="#">4371 - 5465</a>	1095 bp
<a href="#">5466 - 5667</a>	202 bp	<a href="#">5466 - 5667</a>	202 bp	<a href="#">5668 - 9171</a>	3504 bp
<a href="#">9172 - 9610</a>	439 bp	<a href="#">9172 - 9184</a>	13 bp		

[NM\\_139002.2](#) length: 878 bp, number of exons: 4  
[NP\\_620571.1](#) length: 162 aa, number of exons: 4

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<a href="#">3622 - 3885</a>	264 bp	<a href="#">3622 - 3885</a>	264 bp	<a href="#">3886 - 4094</a>	209 bp

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1: **HFE hemochromatosis** [*Homo sapiens*]

GeneID: 3077 updated 29-Jan-2007 Entrez Gene Home

**Summary**

<b>Official Symbol</b>	HFE	provided by <a href="#">HGNC</a>
<b>Official Full Name</b>	hemochromatosis	provided by <a href="#">HGNC</a>
<b>Primary source</b>	<a href="#">HGNC:4886</a>	
<b>See related</b>	<a href="#">HPRD:01993</a> ; <a href="#">MIM:235200</a>	
<b>Gene type</b>	protein coding	
<b>RefSeq status</b>	Reviewed	
<b>Organism</b>	<a href="#">Homo sapiens</a>	
<b>Lineage</b>	<i>Eukaryota</i> ; <i>Metazoa</i> ; <i>Chordata</i> ; <i>Craniata</i> ; <i>Vertebrata</i> ; <i>Euteleostomi</i> ; <i>Mammalia</i> ; <i>Eutheria</i> ; <i>Euarchontoglires</i> ; <i>Primates</i> ; <i>Haplorrhini</i> ; <i>Catarrhini</i> ; <i>Hominidae</i> ; <i>Homo</i>	
<b>Also known as</b>	HH; HFE1; HLA-H; MGC103790; dJ221C16.10.1	
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Gene Model (mRNA alignment) information from genome sequence ↑

Total gene model (contig mRNA transcript):				22		
mRNA	transcript	protein	mRNA orientation	Contig	Contig Label	sup list
NM_000410	plus strand	NP_000401	forward	NT_007592	reference	currently shown
NM_000410	plus strand	NP_000401	forward	NW_922984	Celera	<a href="#">view</a>
NM_139002	plus strand	NP_620571	forward	NT_007592	reference	<a href="#">view</a>
NM_139002	plus strand	NP_620571	forward	NW_922984	Celera	<a href="#">view</a>
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NM_139008	plus strand	NP_620577	forward	NT_007592	reference	<a href="#">view</a>
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gene model	Contig Label	Contig	mRNA	protein	mRNA orientation	transcript	snp
(contig mRNA transcript):	reference	NT_007592	NM_000410	NP_000401	forward	plus strand 8,	

Region	Contig position	mRNA pos	dbSNP rs# cluster id	Heterozygosity	Validation	3D	OMIM	Function	dbSNP allele	Protein residue	Codon pos
exon_2	16949347	325	<a href="#">rs2242956</a>	N.D.		H Yes	Yes	nonsynonymous	C	Thr [T]	2
				N.D.		H Yes	Yes	contig reference	T	Met [M]	2
	16949430	408	<a href="#">rs1799945</a>	0.139		H Yes	Yes	nonsynonymous	G	Asp [D]	1
				0.139		H Yes	Yes	contig reference	C	His [H]	1
	16949436	414	<a href="#">rs1800730</a>	N.D.		Yes	Yes	nonsynonymous	T	Cys [C]	1
				N.D.		Yes	Yes	contig reference	A	Ser [S]	1
	16949520	498	<a href="#">rs28934597</a>	N.D.		Yes	Yes	nonsynonymous	C	Arg [R]	1
				N.D.		Yes Yes	Yes	contig reference	G	Gly [G]	1
	16949557	535	<a href="#">rs28934596</a>	N.D.		Yes	Yes	nonsynonymous	C	Thr [T]	2
				N.D.		Yes Yes	Yes	contig reference	T	Ile [I]	2
exon_3	16949833	602	<a href="#">rs28934595</a>	N.D.		Yes	Yes	nonsynonymous	C	His [H]	3
				N.D.		Yes Yes	Yes	contig reference	A	Gln [Q]	3
exon_4	16951197	871	<a href="#">rs4986950</a>	0.005		H Yes	Yes	nonsynonymous	T	Ile [I]	2
				0.005		H Yes	Yes	contig reference	C	Thr [T]	2
	16951392	1066	<a href="#">rs1800562</a>	0.043		H Yes	Yes	nonsynonymous	A	Tyr [Y]	2
				0.043		H Yes Yes	Yes	contig reference	G	Cys [C]	2

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In patients with hemochromatosis, [Feder et al. \(1996\)](#) identified an 845G-A transition in the HFE gene (which they referred to as HLA-H or cDNA 24), resulting in a cys282-to-tyr (C282Y) substitution. This missense mutation occurs in a highly conserved residue involved in the intramolecular disulfide bridging of MHC class I proteins, and could therefore disrupt the structure and function of this protein. Using an allele-specific oligonucleotide-ligation assay on their group of 178 patients, they detected the C282Y mutation in 85% of all HFE chromosomes. In contrast, only 10 of the 310 control chromosomes (3.2%) carried the mutation, a carrier frequency of 10/155 = 6.4%. One hundred forty-eight of 178 HH patients were homozygous for this mutation, 9 were heterozygous, and 21 carried only the normal allele. These numbers were extremely discrepant from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium. The findings corroborated heterogeneity among the hemochromatosis patients, with 83% of cases related to C282Y homozygosity.

[Jazwinska et al. \(1996\)](#) provided convincing evidence that the C282Y mutation in homozygous form in the HFE gene is the cause of hemochromatosis. In studies in Australia, patients properly characterized at the genotypic and phenotypic level all showed homozygosity for the C282Y amino acid substitution. Irrespective of haplotype, all HH heterozygotes were cys/tyr heterozygotes, and all homozygous normal controls were cys/cys homozygotes. The presence of a single mutation in all patients contrasted with the data of [Feder et al. \(1996\)](#), who reported a lower frequency of the mutation. [Jazwinska et al. \(1996\)](#) suggested that different clinical criteria for the diagnosis of HH may account for the difference, or that HH may not be as homogeneous as previously believed. They noted that a key question is why there is a variation in severity of iron loading in HH that is haplotype-related when the mutation is identical in all haplotypes tested. [Jazwinska et al. \(1996\)](#) hypothesized that the HFE locus is the primary HH locus, but that there are likely to be other 6p-linked modifying genes that would explain both the HLA-linked haplotype variation in expression of the disorder and the large region of linkage disequilibrium present in all populations and spanning at least 4.5 Mb distal of D6S265.

[Jouanolle et al. \(1996\)](#) commented on the significance of the C282Y mutation on the basis of a group of 65 unrelated affected individuals who had been under study in France for more than 10 years and identified by stringent criteria. Homozygosity for the C282Y mutation was found in 59 of 65 patients (90.8%); 3 of the patients were compound heterozygotes for the C282Y mutation and the H63D mutation (235200.0002); 1 was homozygous for the H63D mutation, and 2 were heterozygous for H63D. These results corresponded to an allelic frequency of 93.1% for the C282Y and 5.4% for the H63D mutations, respectively. Of note, the C282Y mutation was never observed in the family-based controls, while it was present in 5.8% of the general Breton population. In contrast, the H63D allelic frequency was nearly the same in both control groups (15% and 16.5% in the family-based and general population controls, respectively). The C282Y mutation was never observed, even in heterozygous form, in the family-based controls in whom all signs of iron overload had been excluded, whereas the general population displayed 5.8% of heterozygotes. This corresponds to a theoretical frequency of about 1 per 1,000 for the disease, which is slightly lower than generally estimated. While the experience of [Jouanolle et al. \(1996\)](#) appeared to indicate a close relationship of C282Y to hemochromatosis, the implication of the H63D variant was not clear.

[Beutler et al. \(1996\)](#) reported mutation analysis of 147 patients with hereditary hemochromatosis and 193 controls; 121 (82.3%) HH patients were homozygous for the C282Y mutation, , while 10 (6.8%) were heterozygous. All of the C282Y homozygous patients were also homozygous for the wildtype nucleotide 187C (see H63D; 235200.0002) and all C282Y heterozygotes had at least 1 copy of 187C. Thus, the 2 nucleotides, 845 and 187, were in complete linkage disequilibrium; nucleotide 187 was a

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### Summary

**Disease characteristics.** *HFE*-associated hereditary hemochromatosis (*HFE*-HHC) is characterized by inappropriately high absorption of iron by the gastrointestinal mucosa, resulting in excessive storage of iron particularly in the liver, skin, pancreas, heart, joints, and testes. Abdominal pain, weakness, lethargy, and weight loss are early symptoms. Without therapy, males may develop symptoms between age 40 and 60 years and females after menopause. Hepatic fibrosis or cirrhosis may occur in untreated individuals after age 40 years. Other findings in untreated individuals may include progressive increase in skin pigmentation, diabetes mellitus, congestive heart failure and/or arrhythmias, arthritis, and hypogonadism.

This description applies to individuals with clinical expression of *HFE*-HHC. A large, but yet as undefined, fraction of **homozygotes** for *HFE*-HHC do not develop clinical symptoms (i.e., **penetrance** is low).

**Diagnosis/testing.** The diagnosis of *HFE*-HHC in individuals with clinical symptoms consistent with *HFE*-HHC and/or biochemical

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Gene Symbol	Entrez Gene	HGMD	GeneCards	GDB	GenAtlas
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For a description of the genomic databases listed, click [here](#).

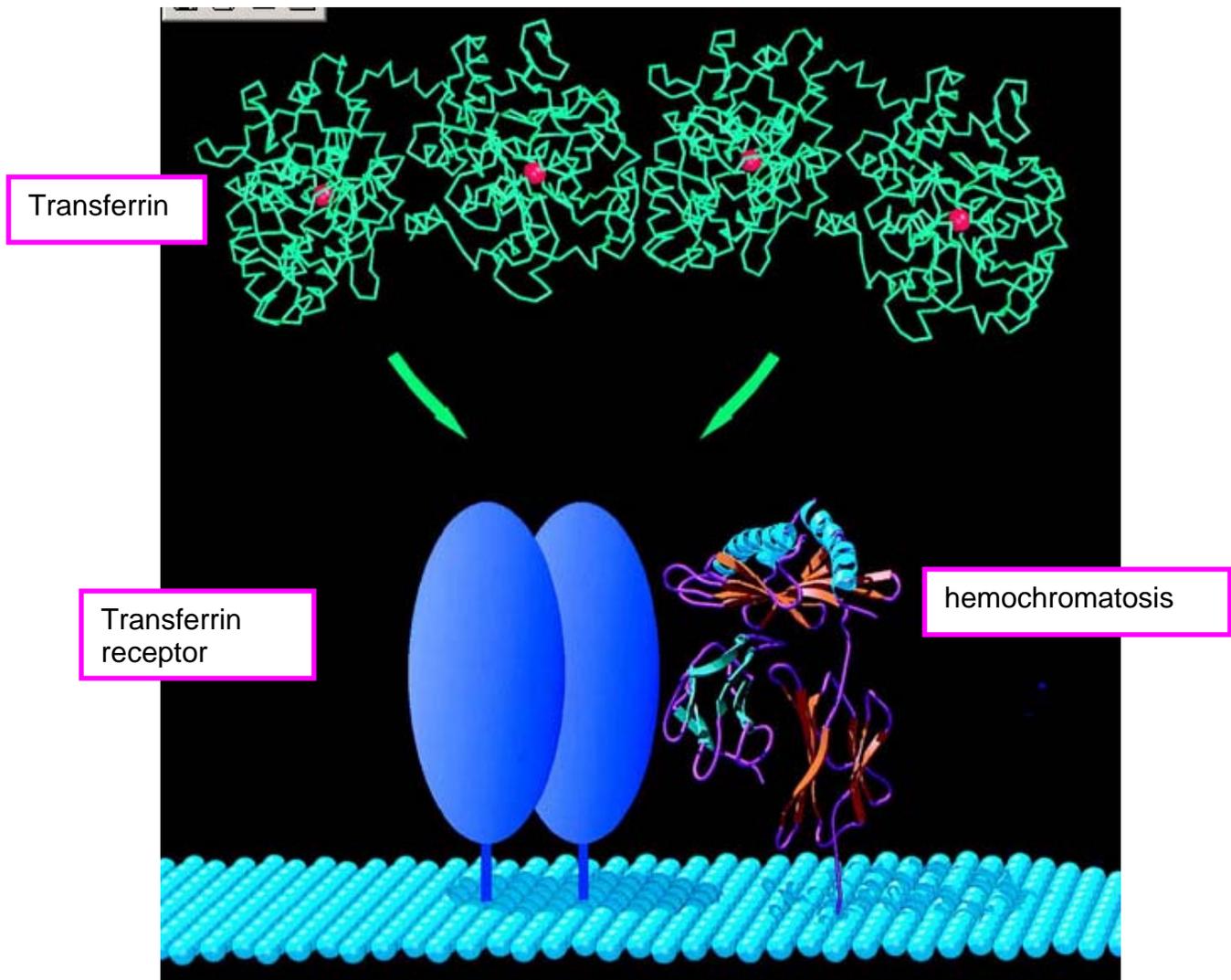
**Normal allelic variants:** The *HFE* gene is about 13 kb in size and contains seven **exons** [Feder et al 1996 , Albig 1998]; *HFE* gives rise to at least eleven alternative transcripts encoding four to seven **exons**.

**Pathologic allelic variants:** At least 28 distinct **mutations** have been reported, most being missense or **nonsense mutations**. Two **missense mutations** account for the vast majority of disease-causing **alleles** in the population:

- Cys282Tyr (p.C282Y; **nucleotide** 845G>A). This **missense mutation** removes a highly conserved cysteine residue that normally forms an intermolecular disulfide bond with beta-2-microglobulin, and thereby prevents the **protein** from being expressed on the cell surface.
- His63Asp (p.H63D; **nucleotide** 187C>G). This **missense mutation** may alter a pH-dependent intramolecular salt bridge, possibly affecting interaction of the HFE **protein** with the transferrin receptor.

**Normal gene product:** The largest predicted primary **translation product** is 348 amino acids, which gives rise to a mature **protein** of about 321 amino acids after cleavage of the signal sequence. The HFE **protein** is similar to HLA Class I molecules at the primary [Feder et al 1996] and tertiary structure [Lebron et al 1998] levels. The mature **protein** is expressed on the cell surface as a heterodimer with beta-2-microglobulin, and this interaction is necessary for normal presentation on the cell surface. The normal HFE **protein** binds to transferrin receptor 1 on the cell surface and may reduce cellular iron uptake; however, the exact means by which the HFE **protein** regulates iron uptake is as yet unclear [Fleming et al 2004].

**Abnormal gene product:** The p.C282Y **mutation** destroys a key cysteine residue that is required for disulfide bonding with beta-2-microglobulin. As a result, the HFE **protein** does not mature properly and becomes trapped in the endoplasmic reticulum and Golgi apparatus, leading to decreased cell-surface expression. The mechanistic basis for the **phenotypic** effect of other *HFE* **mutations** is not clear at present.



Bacon et al. *Gastroenterology*, 116:193-207, Figure 4

**The hemochromatosis protein functions to regulate iron absorption by regulating the interaction of the transferrin receptor with transferrin.**

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DESCRIPTION

The clinical features of hemochromatosis include cirrhosis of the liver, diabetes, hypermelanotic pigmentation of the skin, and heart failure. Prr (HCC; [114550](#)), complicating cirrhosis, is responsible for about one-third of deaths in affected homozygotes. Since hemochromatosis is a relati diagnosed, this is a form of preventable cancer. ☺

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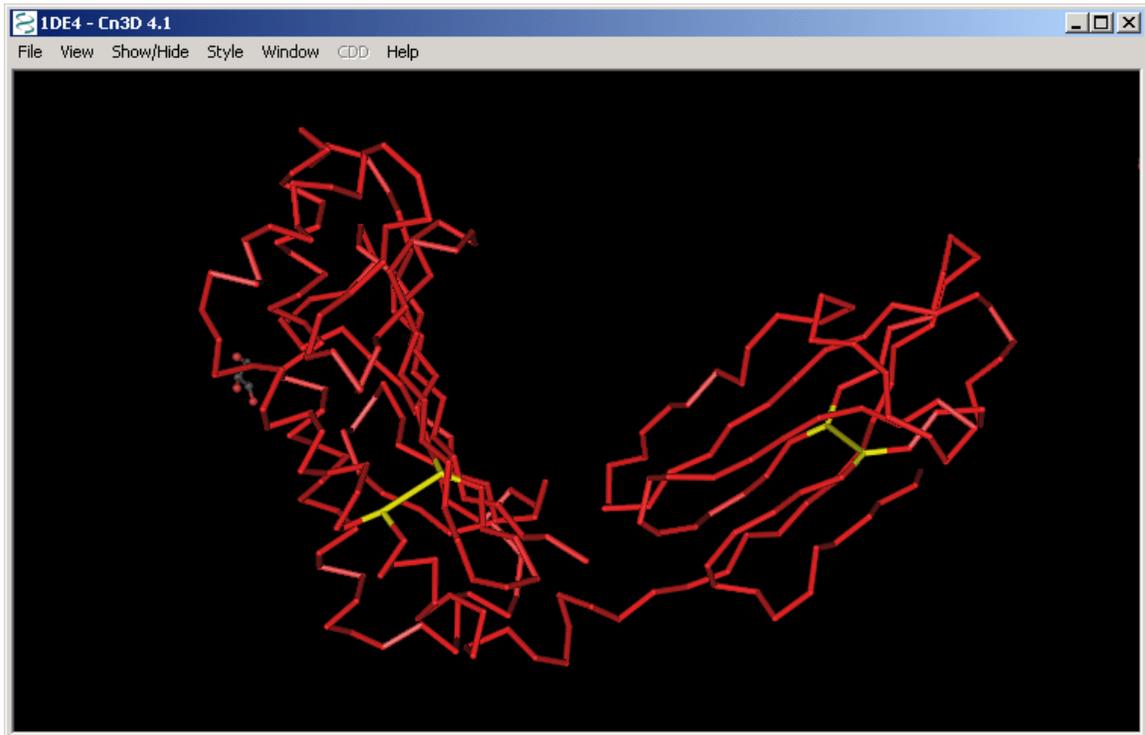
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Mutations in the HBB gene are associated with sickle cell anemia. A laboratory working on sickle cell anemia wants to elucidate the biochemical and structural basis for the function of the mutant HBB protein.

***Step 1. Determining what is known about the HBB gene and protein (using Entrez Gene):***

Search for 'HBB' in [Entrez Gene](#). One entry is for the human HBB gene. Retrieve the entry by clicking on the HBB link.

What is the location and orientation of the HBB gene on the human genome? List the genes adjacent to it. How many alternatively spliced products have been annotated for the HBB gene when the RefSeq mRNA entries were reviewed? List some of the HBB gene aliases. What are the phenotypes associated with the mutations in the HBB gene? Where are the mouse and rat HBB genes located?

What is the name and function of the protein encoded by the HBB gene? What is the conserved domain in the protein? To which cellular component(s) is the protein localized? Beta hemoglobin is a subunit of which protein? Name other subunit(s) in that protein.

Obtain the locations of exons and introns for each transcript by choosing "Gene Table" from the Display pull down menu. Go back to the description page.

***Step 2. Determining other identified SNPs and their locations in the HBB gene:***

From the Links menu on the top right hand side of the page, click on the "SNP: GeneView" to access a list of the known SNPs (reported in dbSNP). By default, the SNPs in the coding region of a gene are reported. Additional SNPs such as in the upstream region or the introns can be viewed by clicking on the "in gene region" button. Currently, how many non-synonymous SNPs are placed on the beta hemoglobin transcript NM\_000518? How many of these have links to OMIM? We will concentrate on the Glu7Val mutant in the following analysis.

***Step 3. Learning more about sickle cell anemia disease and its genetic testing:***

Go back to the Entrez Gene report. Click on the OMIM link and then HBB link. What are the phenotypes caused by mutations in HBB, the absence of HBB and reduced amounts of HBB? What is the clinical synopsis of sickle cell anemia? What is its prominent feature? What is its mode of inheritance? How many allelic variants of the HBB gene have been reported? As mentioned in the OMIM report, the allelic variants are listed for the mature beta hemoglobin protein which lacks

an initiator methionine. Hence, the allelic variants in the OMIM report are off by one amino acid compared to the precursor protein in NP\_000509. Click on the Allelic Variant “View list” to get information about the mutant proteins from patients. Is the Glu6Val variant mentioned in the list? (It is the variant number 0243). Which phenotype does it cause? What is the name of the mutant hemoglobin (hemoglobin S).

Click on the Gene Tests link at top of the page. Identify some of the laboratories performing the clinical testing for sickle cell anemia. Now refer to the Reviews section for Sickle Cell Disease, Mutation analysis is available for which of the HBB alleles? List one explanation for the sickle cell anemia phenotype caused by the Glu7Val mutant beta hemoglobin.

#### ***Step 4. Elucidating the biochemical and structural basis for the function of the wild type and mutant proteins, if possible:***

##### **A. Information about the wild type protein**

Go back to the OMIM report by clicking the back button on the web browser. Go to the Gene report through the Links menu. Based on the RefSeq summary and the PubMed articles, describe the biochemical functions of beta hemoglobin and hemoglobin S. PubMed articles in the Entrez Gene report indicate that the 3-D structure of hemoglobin S is available.

Let us first take a look at the structure of the wild type protein. Click on the NP\_000509 protein link and select Blink. Click on the “Show identical” button and then on the “3D structures” button. The output contains a list of similar proteins with 3D structures known. The entry, 1DXTD, represents the structure of deoxyhemoglobin chain D. Click on the blue dot next to 1DXTD to get the sequence alignment of the query protein to the D chain of 1DXTD. To view the 3D structure of dexoxyhemoglobin (all chains, 2 alpha and 2 beta), click on the MMDB link. That takes us to the MMDB structure summary page for 1DXT. Access the PDB entry, by clicking on 1DXT. Note that the chains A and C in the structure represent alpha chains, and B and D represent beta chains. Go back to the MMDB summary page. View the deoxyhemoglobin tetramer by clicking on the "View 3D Structure button".

Search for the structure of the mutant (deoxyhemoglobin S) in the structure database. Two entries, 1HBS and 2HBS, are retrieved. Click on the 2HBS link. Then click on the PubMed link from the MMDB and PDB entries (under Reference). The abstracts indicate that the mutated valine residue of the beta chain contacts with another hemoglobin tetramer molecule to form hemoglobin polymers which are building blocks for the sickle cell fiber.

**B. To show the side chains of the mutant residue and view its interaction with another hemoglobin molecule:** Download the structure 2HBS by clicking on View 3D Structure. For easier viewing, remove the helix and strand objects using Style--Edit global style, and unclick the boxes next to the Helix objects and Strand objects. Highlight valine 6 from the H chain (one of the beta chains). To show the side chains of the residue, use the Structure window--Style--Annotate--new. Give a name to this annotation such as "valine" and then click on Edit Style. Change the protein backbone "Rendering" to "Space Fill", Color Scheme to "charge" or "hydrophobicity". Repeat these steps for the Protein Sidechains row and click the Protein Sidechains on. To show the amino acid number, choose the Labels panel, and change the Protein Backbone spacing to 1. Click on the "Done", "OK" then "Done" buttons. The valine interacts with a pocket between the two helices on another tetramer. Identify the residues from other molecules within 4 angstroms of the valine, use Show/Hide--Select by distance--other molecules. To unselect the highlighted residues, click on the white portion of the sequence window.

***You can now easily explain why the Glu7Val mutant has an altered function.***

**Summary:**

This mini-course describes how to obtain information about the HBB gene, known SNPs in it, and elucidate the biochemical and structural basis for the function of the wild type and Glu7Val mutant protein.

- Summary:
1. The HBB gene is located on chromosome 11 and has no alternatively spliced products annotated.
  2. Currently, there are 7 non-synonymous SNPs annotated on the protein NP\_000509.
  3. The Glu7Val mutant is associated with the sickle cell anemia disease and the site of mutation is used in sickle cell anemia genetic testing.
  4. The HBB gene encodes beta hemoglobin which is a part of hemoglobin along with alpha hemoglobin. Hemoglobin is a tetramer consisting of 2 beta and 2 alpha chains. Mutation of the 7th negatively charged amino acid, glutamic acid, to hydrophobic valine leads to polymerization of hemoglobin forming a sickle fiber that changes the shape of red blood cells leading to sickle cell anemia.