

HNF1B genetics

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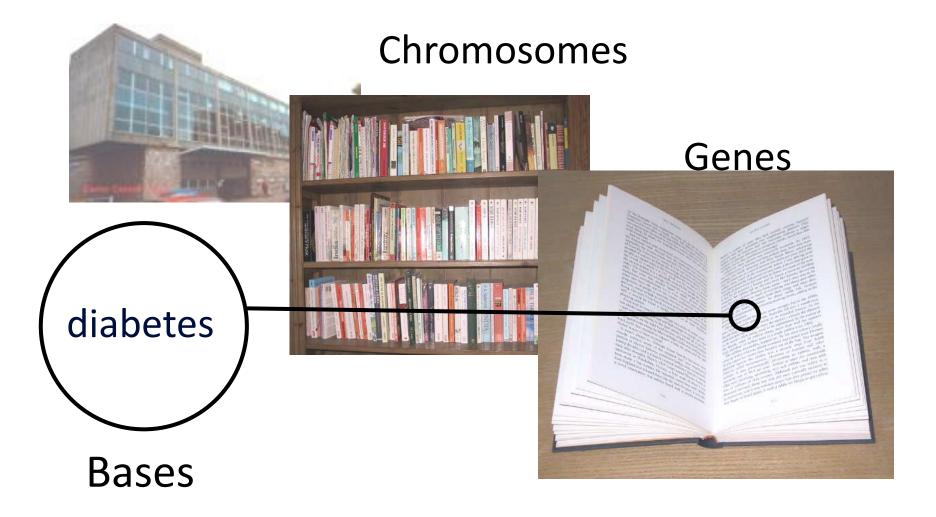
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Human Genome

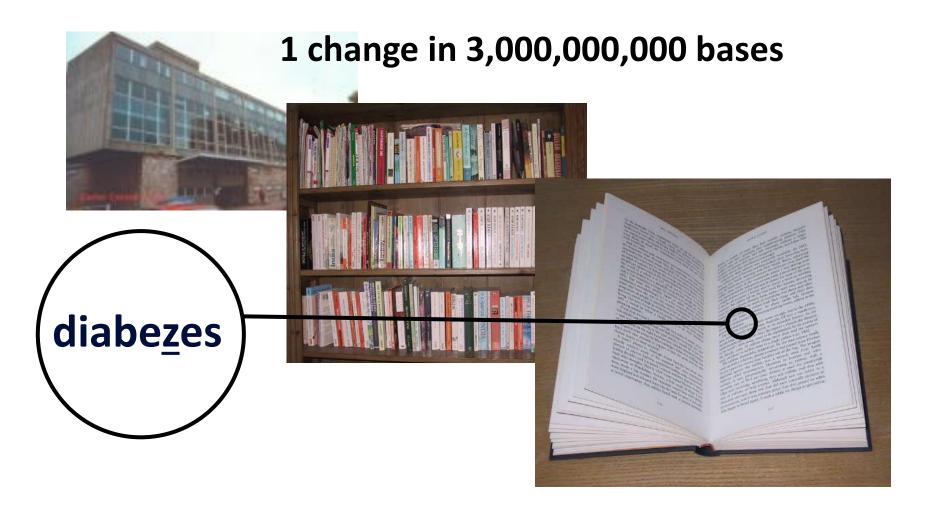
3,000,0000,000 bases Each bases A, C, G or T

As much information in a single cell of the human body as there are letters in a library

The human genome: the human library



HNF1B disease can result from a variant or mutation –a single misspelt word in the library



OR HNF1B disease can result from 17q12 deletion where 1 copy of 15 books removed from one bit of one bookshelfthis includes the HNF1B book



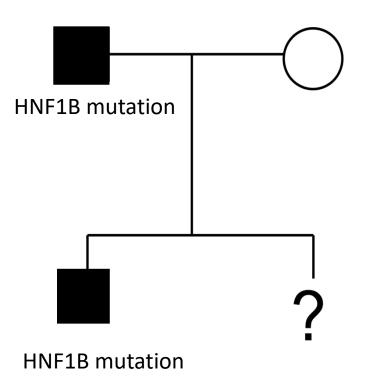
For every gene (book) you have 2 copies and only 1 of the 2 copies of HNF1B is misspelt or absent

The deletion or faulty copy of HNF1B may be inherited from an affected parent OR in about half of cases it may be a new problem (de novo) when neither parent is affected For every gene (book) you have 2 copies and only 1 of the 2 copies of HNF1B is misspelt or absent

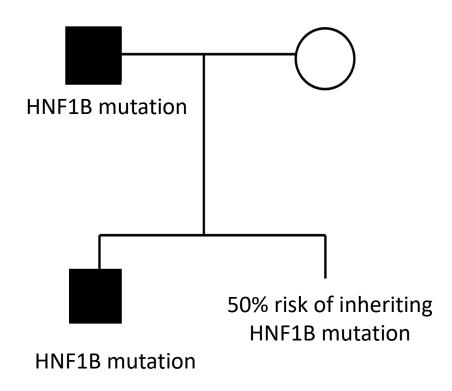
When a person with HNF1B has a child they pass on one copy of each gene to their children

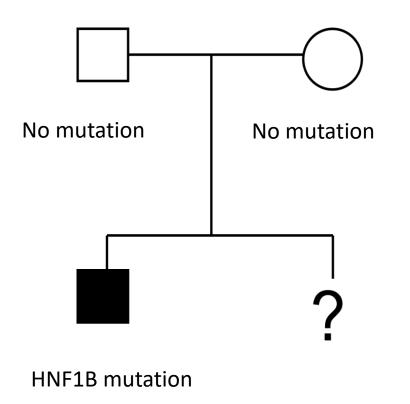
1 in 2 chance that a child will get the HNF1B disease causing version of the gene

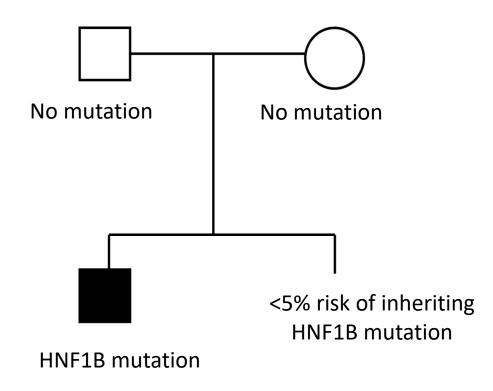
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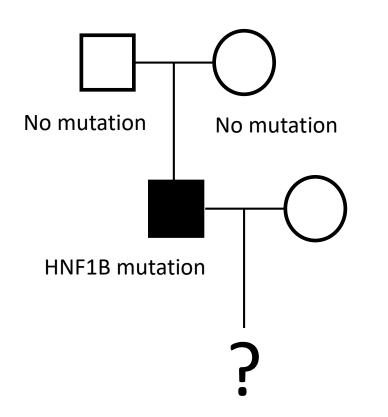


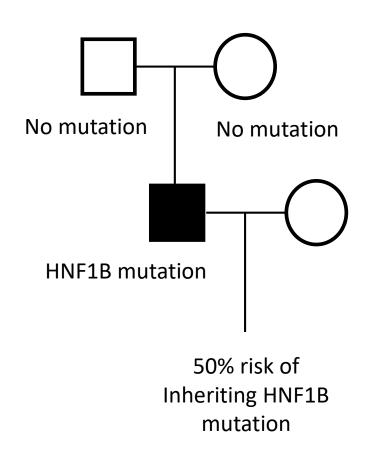
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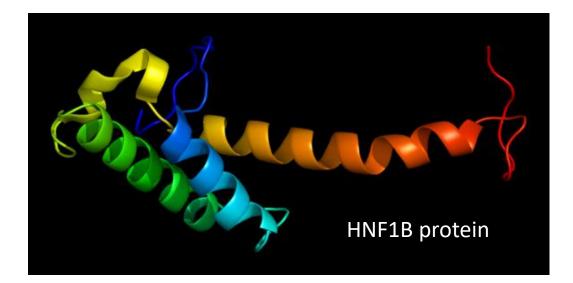






HNF1B (Hepatocyte Nuclear Factor 1 Beta)

- What is it?
- What does it do?



HNF1B: A transcription factor

 Transcription factors switch genes on or off (genetic "traffic lights")





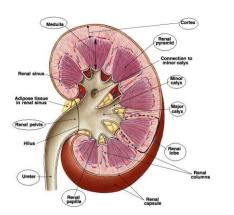
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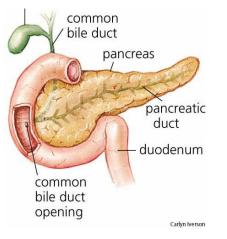
 Transcription factors are key for development of the human body and all its parts

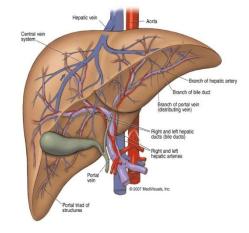




HNF1B is important in the making many parts of the body



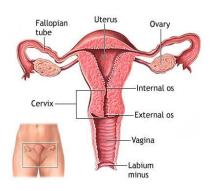




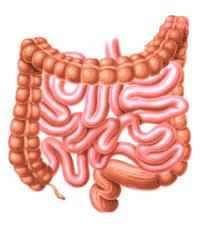
Kidney

Pancreas

Liver



Female genital tract



Gut

The effect of HNF1B on early development is variable

 This explain why even within a family with the same genetic variant the organs involved and the severity of their involvement can be very different





The Genetics of HNF1B disease

Either a spelling mistake in the gene (mutation or variant) OR a loss of one copy of the whole gene (deletion)

50% of offspring (on average) will be affected

HNF1B is a gene that controls other genes especially genes involved in early development especially in kidney & pancreas