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Hemoglobinopathies

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Reading:

Principles of Medical Genetics 2E

Chapter 6

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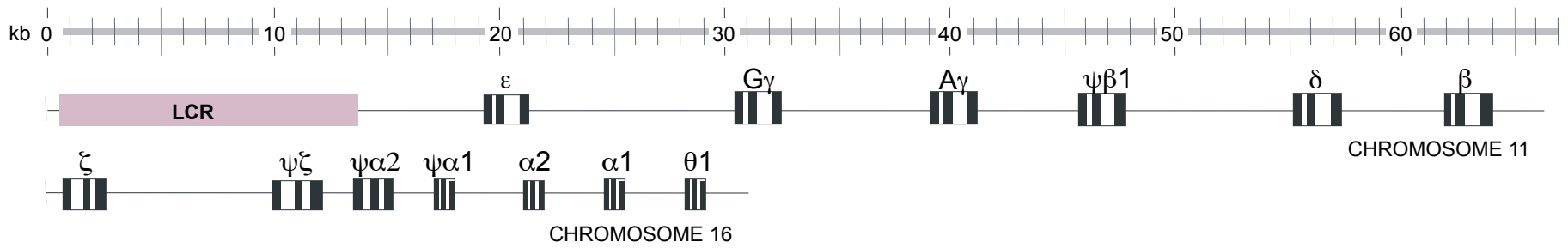
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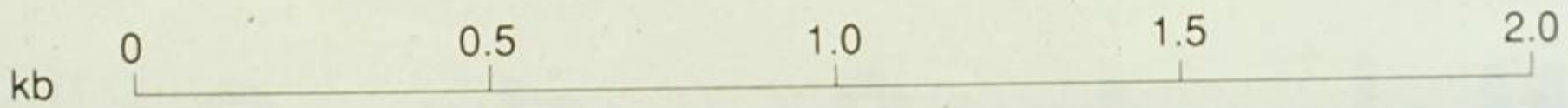
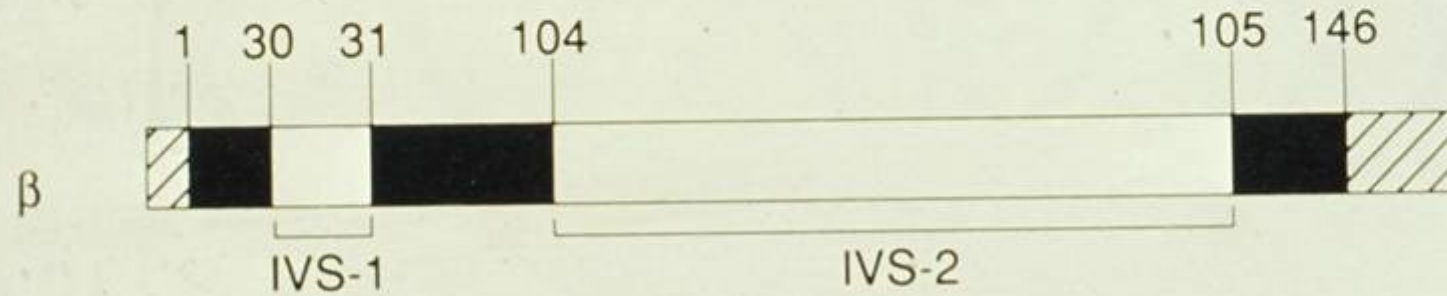
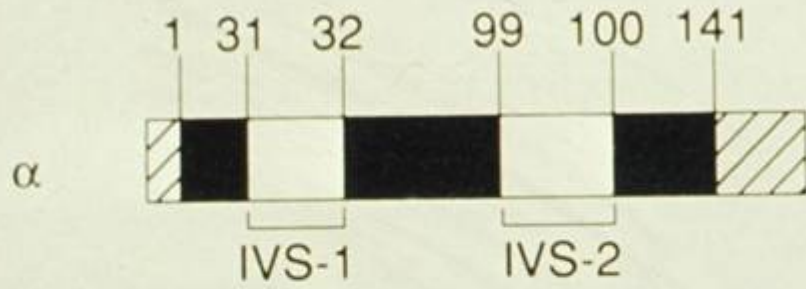
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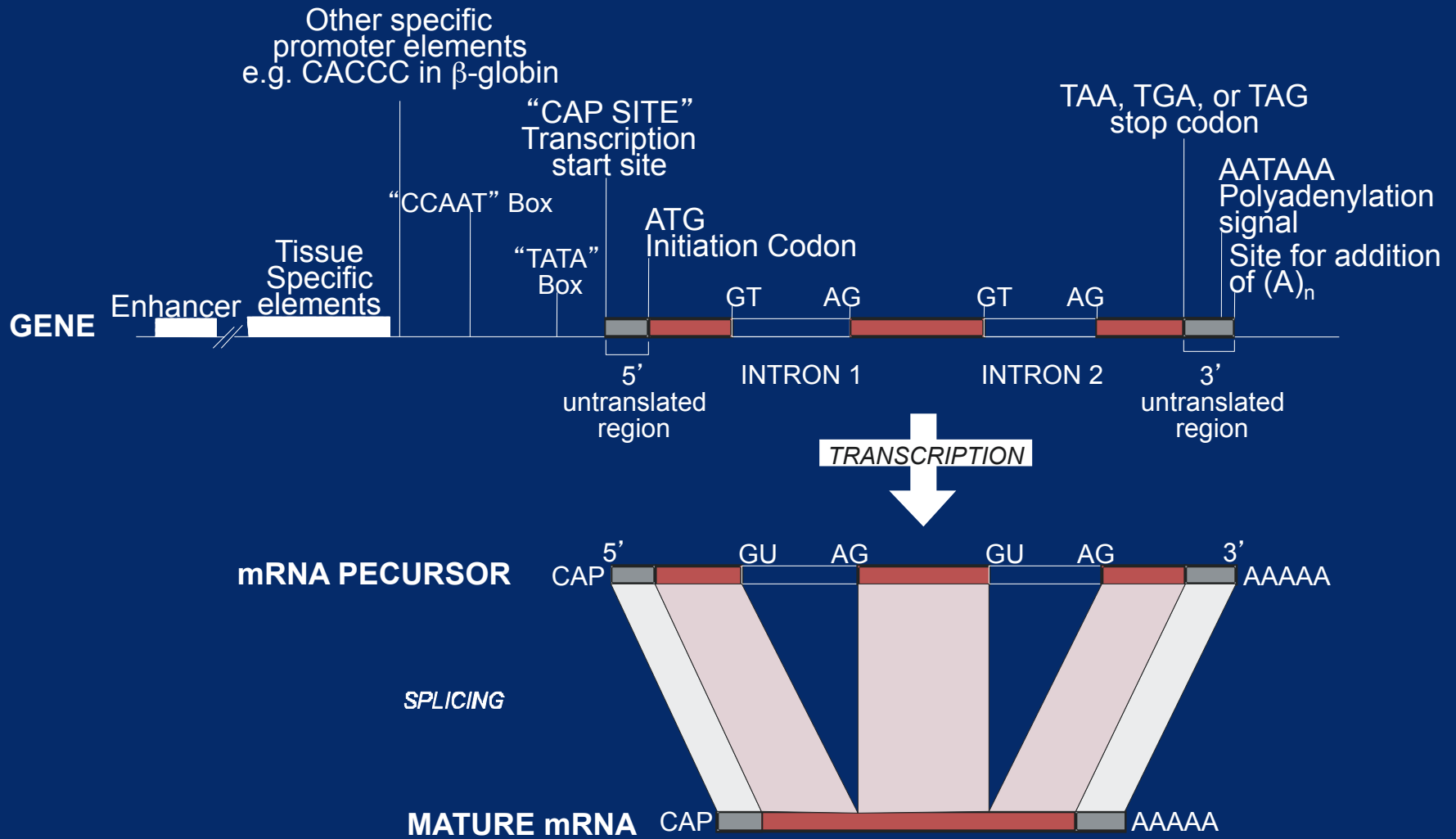
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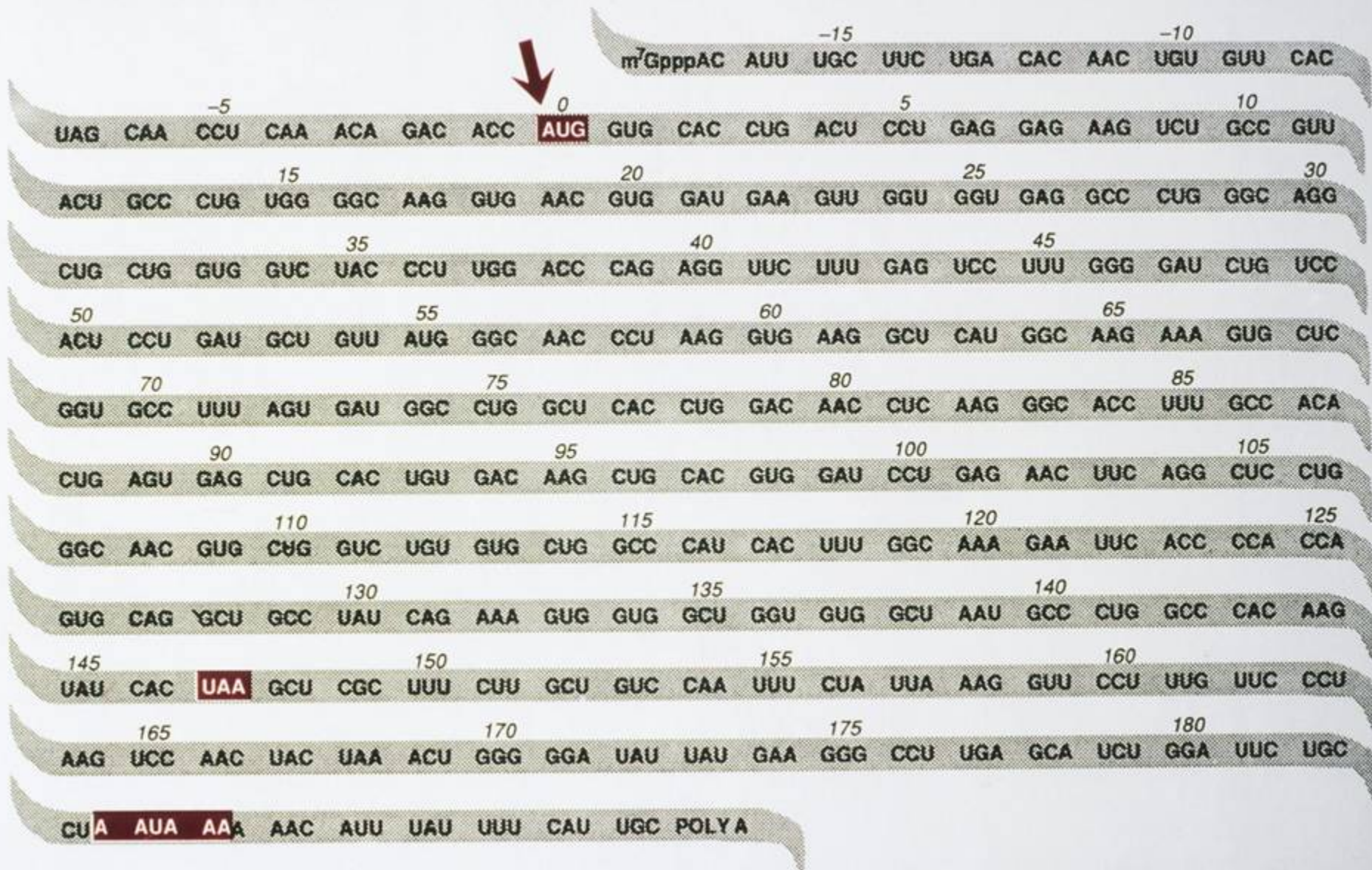
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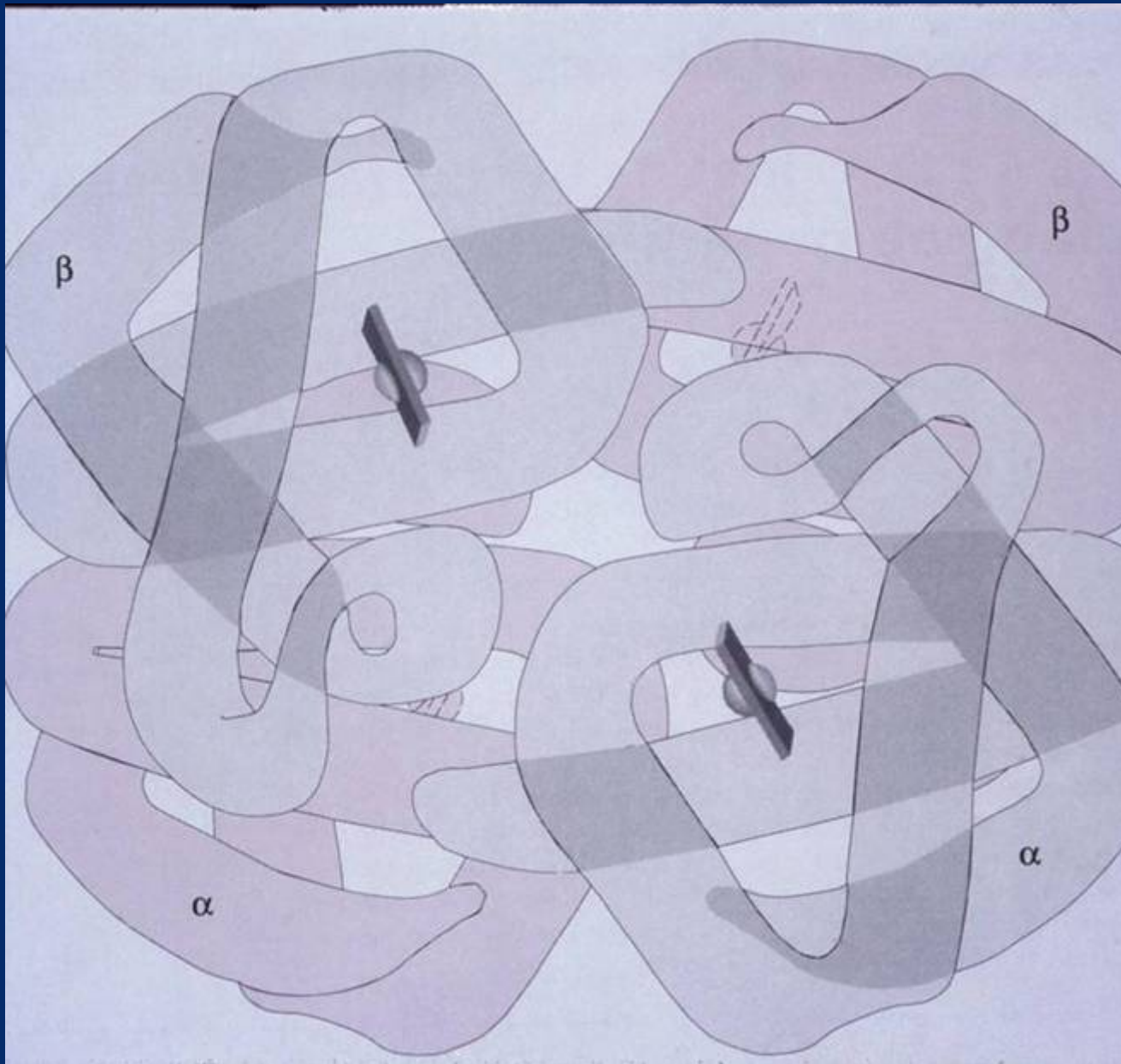


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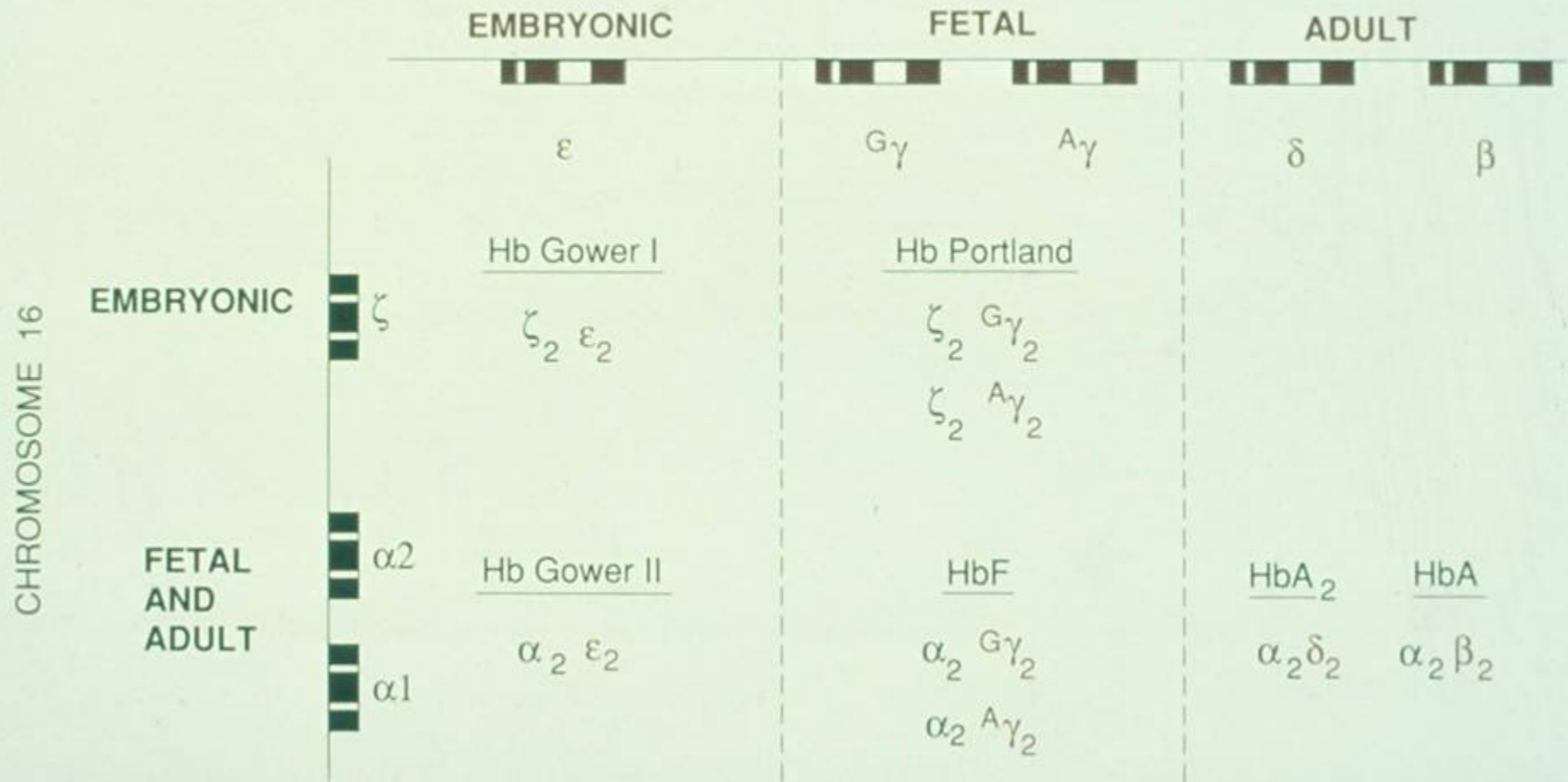


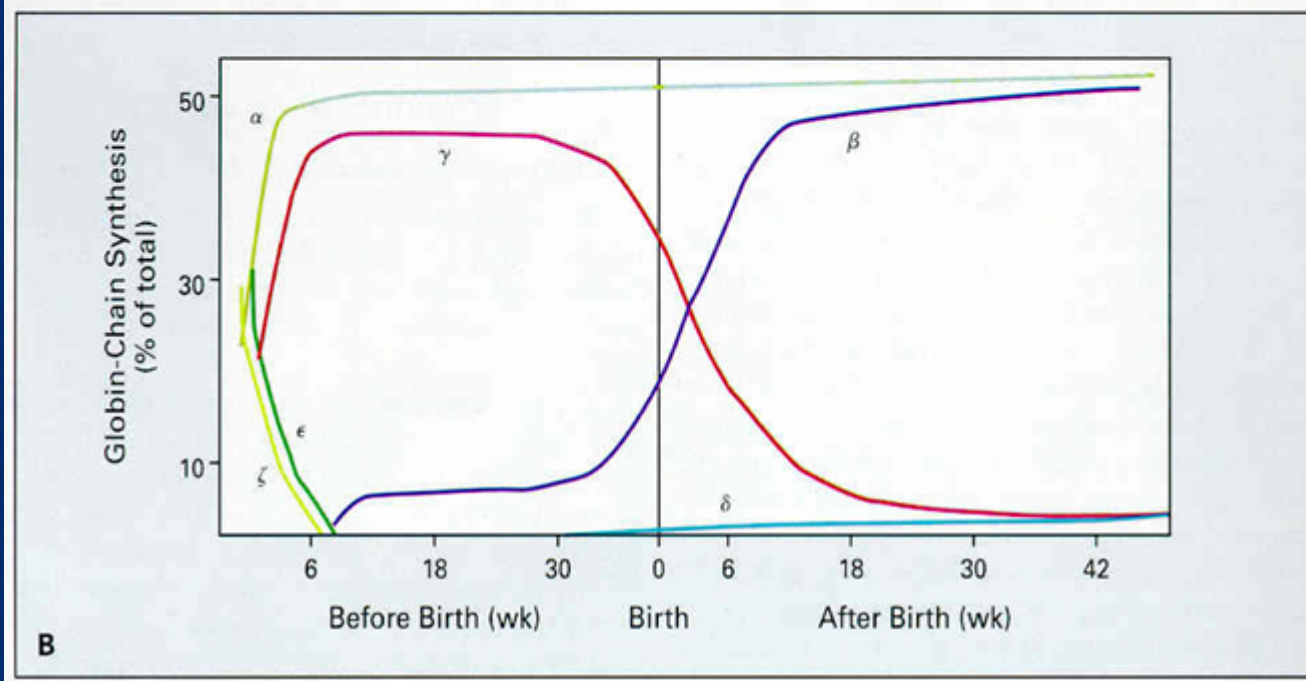
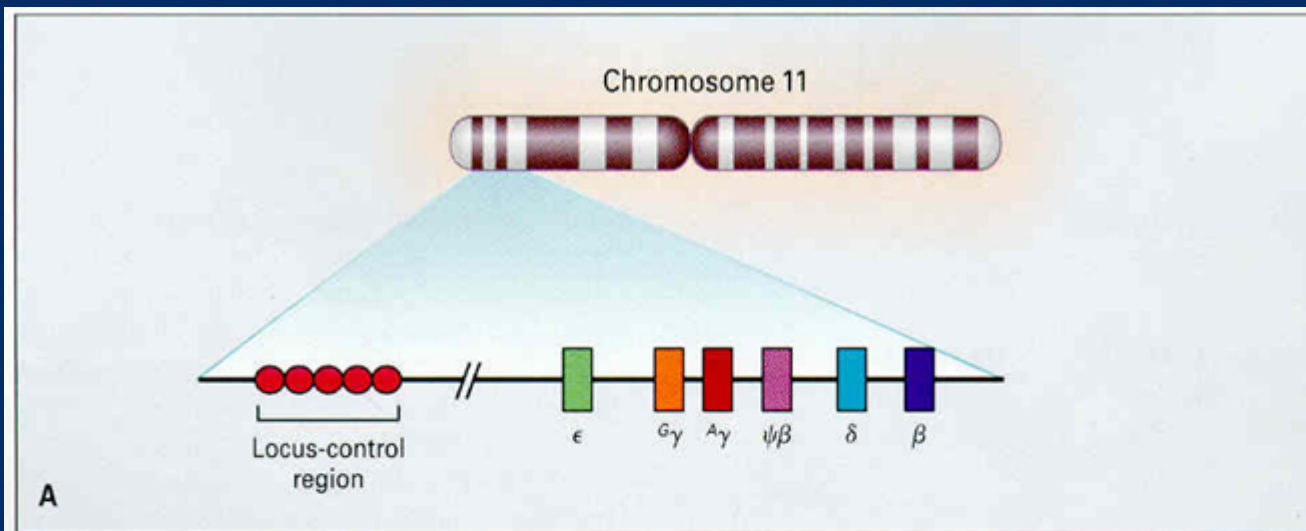






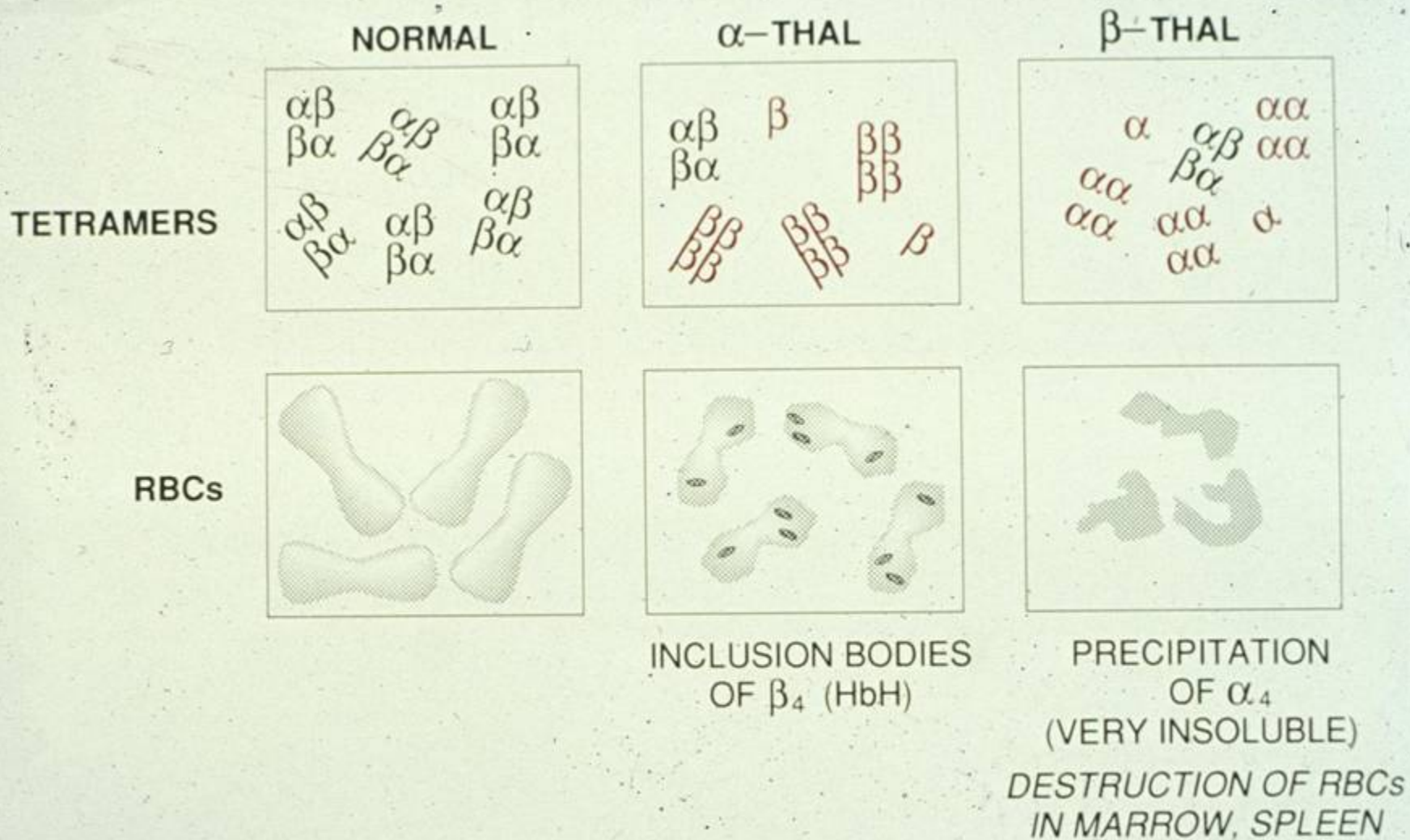
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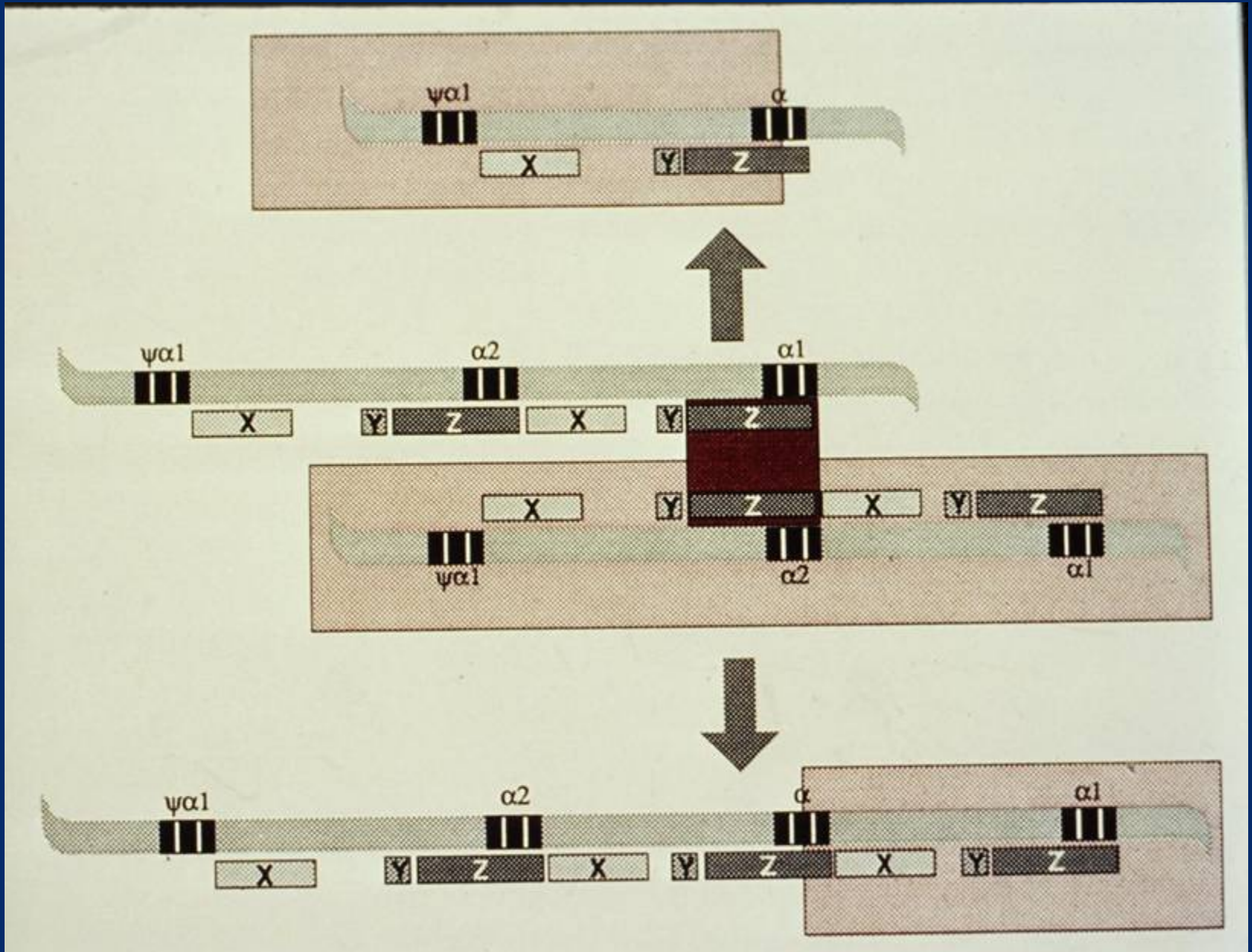




Quantitative Abnormalities of Hemoglobin

- **α Thalassemia**
 - deficiency of α globin chains
- **β Thalassemia**
 - deficiency of β globin chains
- **HPFH**
 - Hereditary persistence of fetal hemoglobin





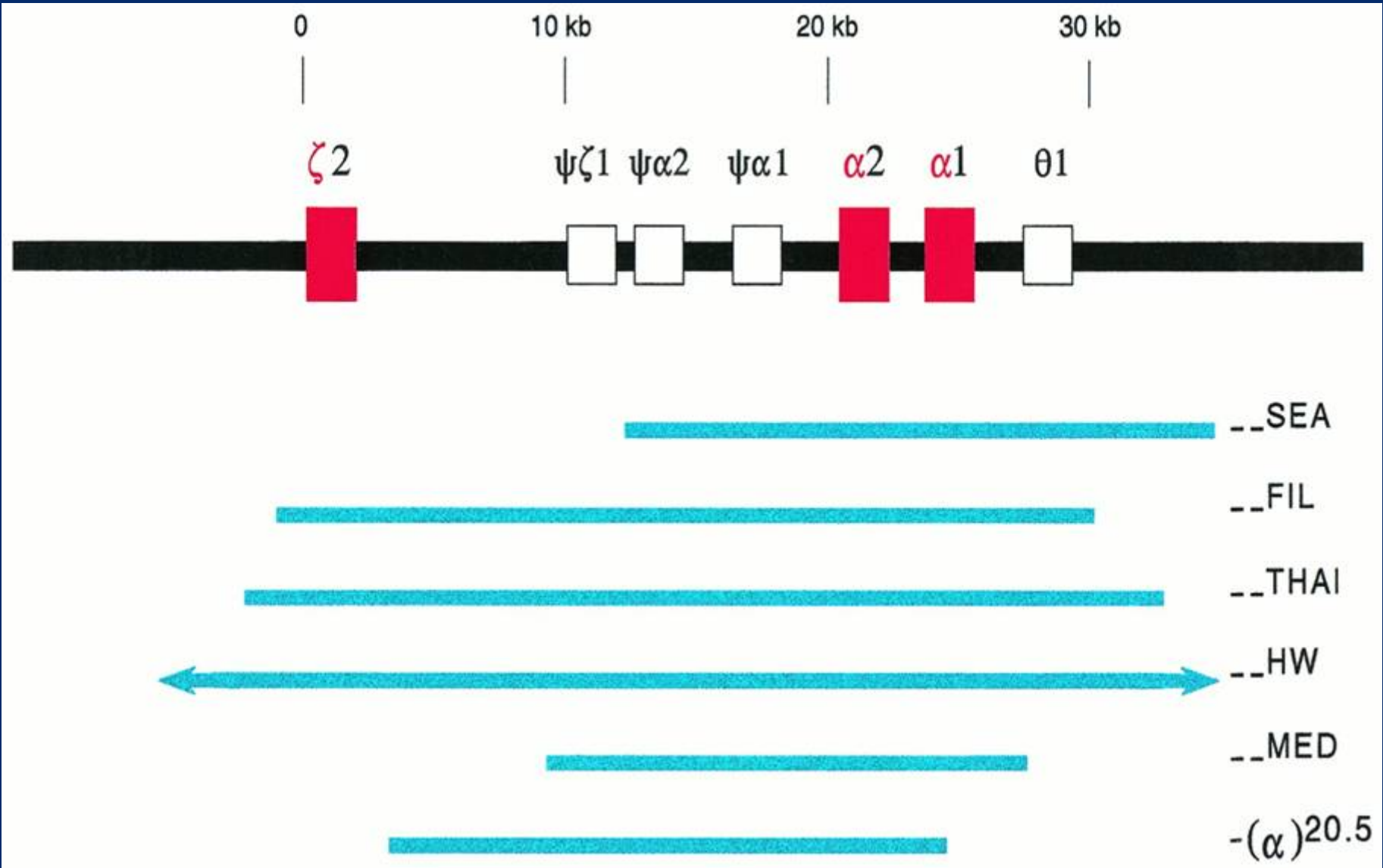


Table 1. Point Mutations in α -Thalassemia

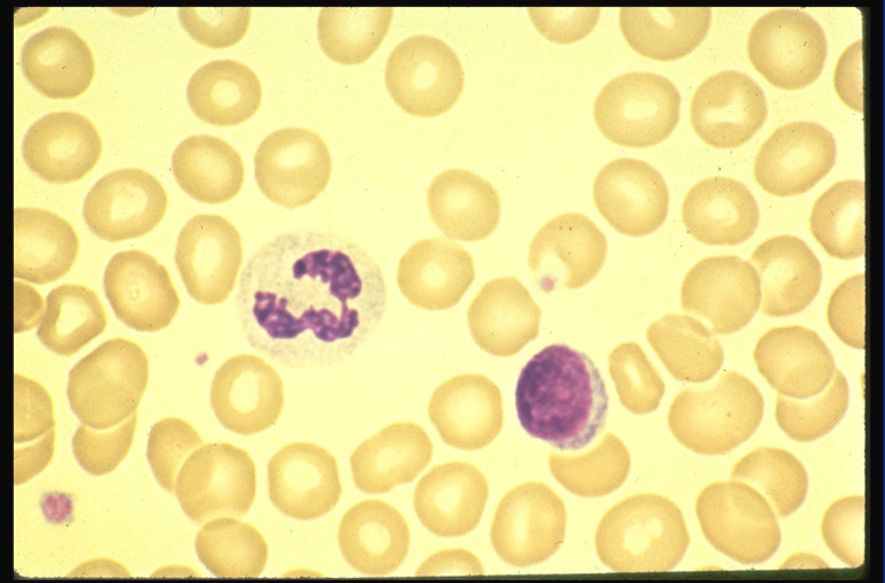
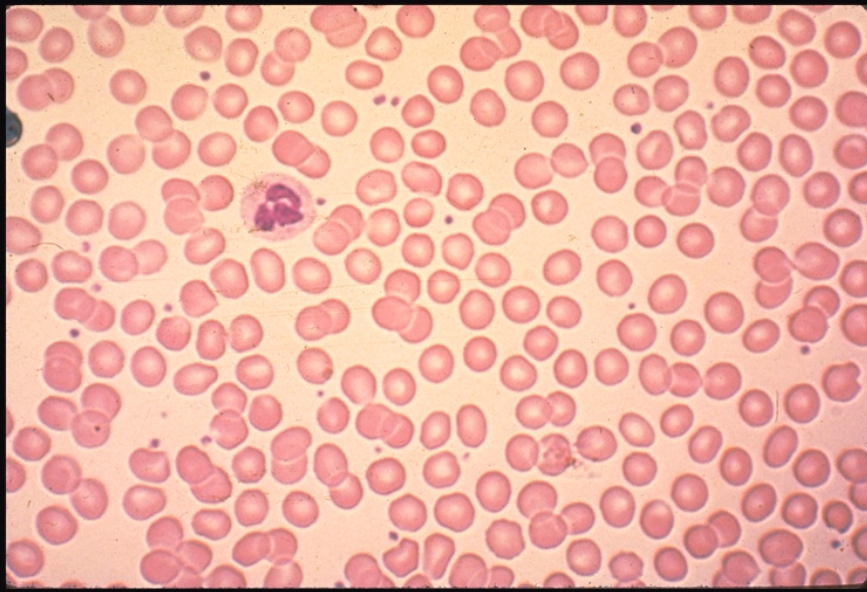
Mutant Class	Origin	Reference
I. Nonfunctional mRNA		
a. Nonsense mutants:		
1) codon 116 (G-T)	Black	86
b. Frameshift mutants:		
1) codon 30/31 (-4nts)	Black	65
c. Initiator codon mutants:		
2) ATG-ACG	Mediterranean	110
3) CCCACCATG- CCCATG	Mediterranean	90a
4) ATG-GTG	Mediterranean, Black	90, 96
d. Terminator codon mutants		
5) α^{CS} of Hb Constant Spring (TAA-CAA)	Black	30
6) α^{KD} of Koya Dora (TAA-TCA)	Indian	34
7) α^{IC} of Hb Icaria (TAA-AAA)	Mediterranean	29
8) α^{SR} of Hb Seal Rock (TAA-GAA)	Black	15
II. RNA Processing mutants		
a. Splice junction changes:		
1) IVS-1 donor site (GGTGAGGCT- GGCT)	Mediterranean	100a
b. RNA cleavage and polyadenylation site		
1) AATAAA-AATAAG	Arab	64
III. Unstable globins		
1) $\alpha^{Quong Son}$ (codon 125 Leu-Pro)	SE Asian	59
2) $\alpha^{Suan Dok}$ (codon 209, Leu-Arg)	SE Asian	129
3) $\alpha^{Punah Tikwah}$ (codon 110, Ala-Asp)	Middle East	65
4) $\alpha^{Evanston}$ (codon 14, Trp-Arg)	Black	68

Note. Total number = 15; November, 1989.

PHENOTYPE	GENOTYPE		SHORTHAND
	DIAGRAM		
NORMAL	α α α α		$\alpha\alpha/\alpha\alpha$
HETEROZYGOUS α -THALASSEMIA 2 "SILENT CARRIER"	α \square α α		$\alpha-/\alpha\alpha$
HETEROZYGOUS α -THALASSEMIA 1 " α -THAL TRAIT"	\square \square α α		$--/\alpha\alpha$
α -THALASSEMIA 1 PHENOTYPE IN BLACKS HOMOZYGOUS α -THALASSEMIA 2 " α -THAL TRAIT"	α \square α \square		$\alpha-/\alpha-$
HbH DISEASE (HbH = β_4)	α \square \square \square		$\alpha-/--$
HYDROPS FETALIS with Hb BART'S (= γ_4)	\square \square \square \square		$--/--$

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Normal peripheral blood smear



Hgb H disease

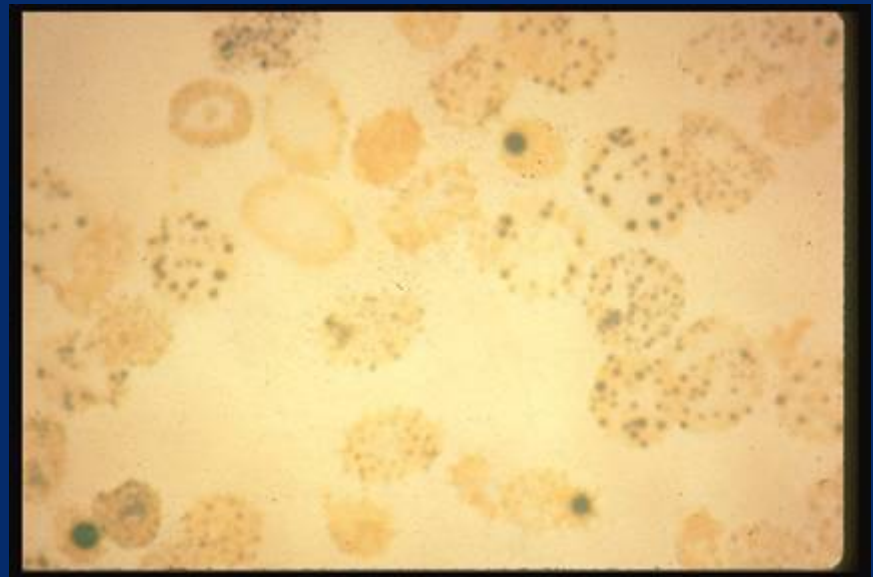
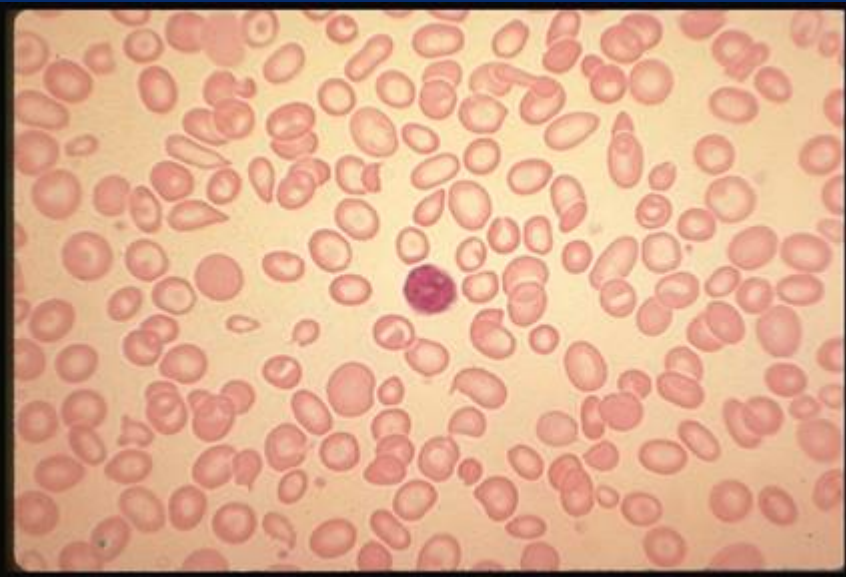
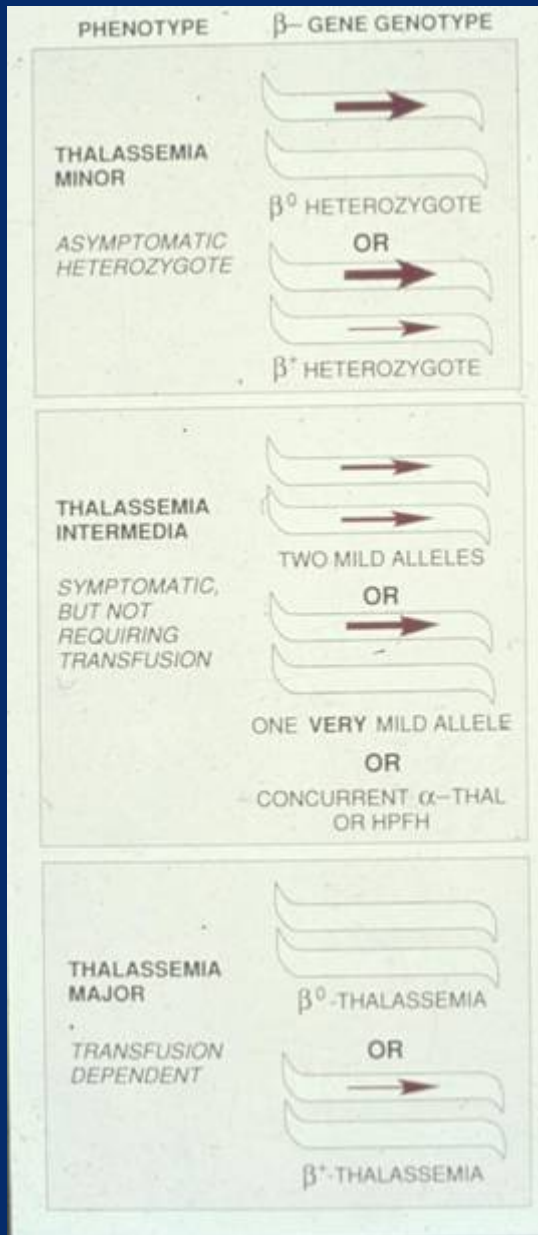
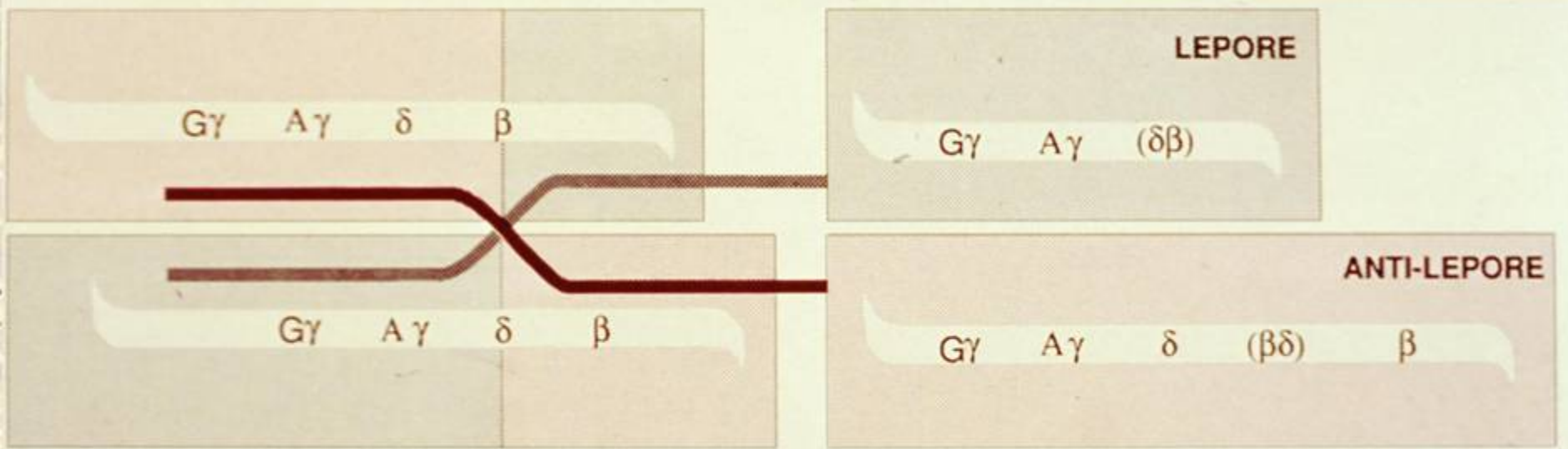
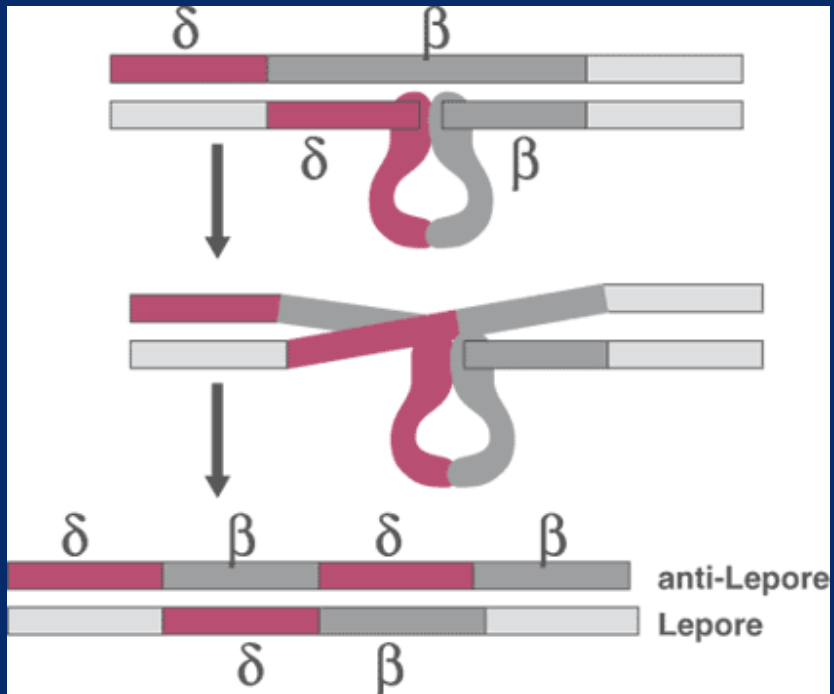


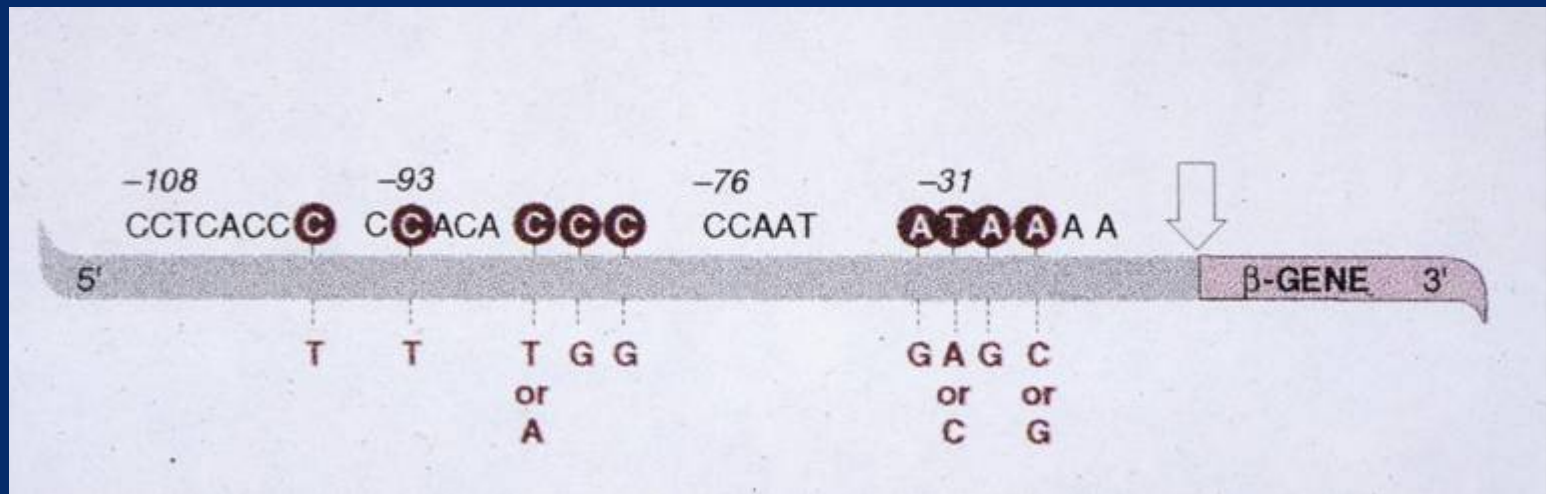
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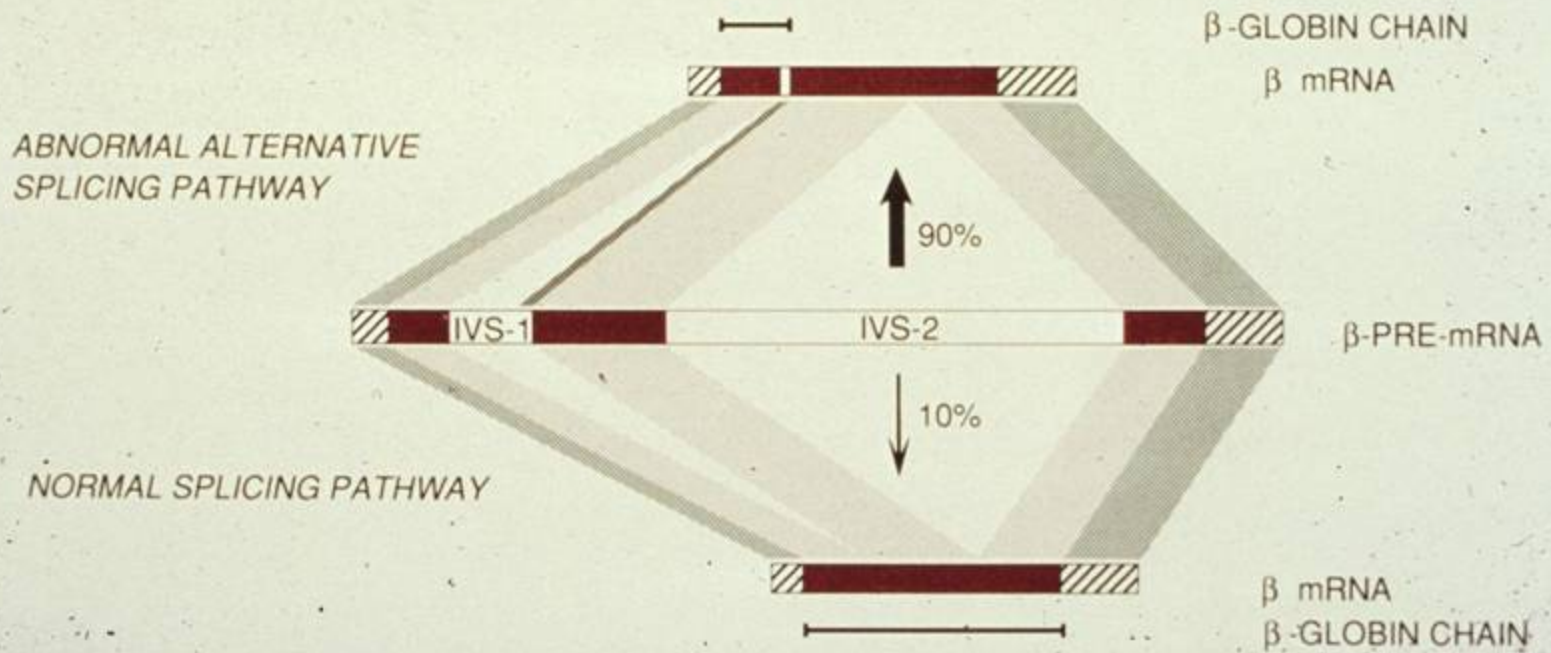




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	EXON 1	INTRON 1	PHENOTYPE
NORMAL	GCCAG	GT TGGTAT...	NORMAL
IVS - pos. 1	GCCAG	A TTGGTAT...	β^0
IVS - pos. 1	GCCAG	T TTGGTAT...	β^0
IVS - pos. 5	GCCAG	GTTG T TAT...	β^+
IVS - pos. 5	GCCAG	GTTG C TAT...	β^+
IVS - pos. 6	GCCAG	GTTGG C AT...	β^+
CONSENSUS DONOR	^C A CAG	GT ^A G AGT	

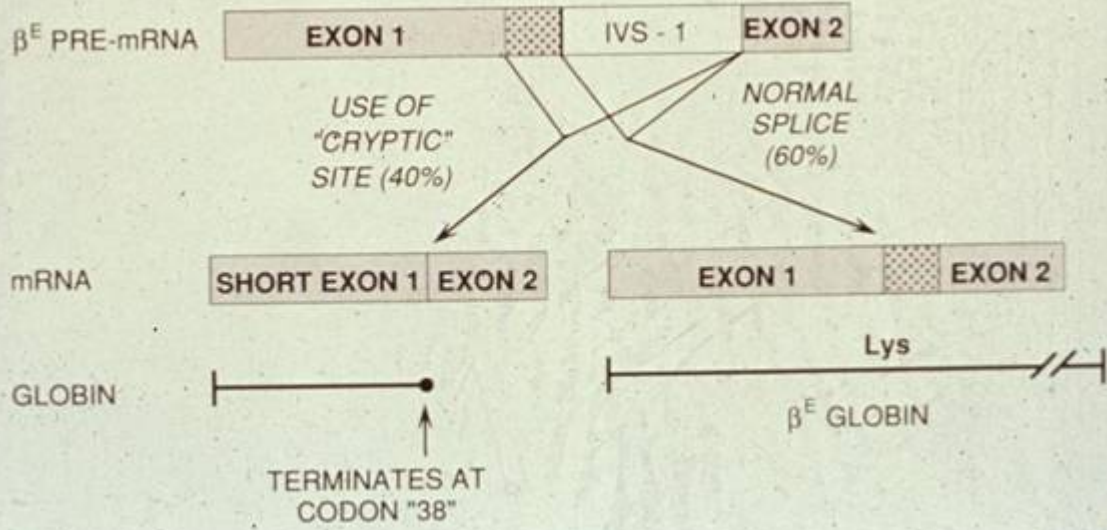
	100	110	IVS-1	120	
NORMAL	CTCTCTCTGCCTATTGGTCTATTTTCCCACCCTTAG		GCTG		
β^+ -THAL	CTCTCTCTGCCTATTAG		TCTATTTTCCCACCCTTAG		GCTG
CONSENSUS ACCEPTOR	[YYYYYYYYYNC	AG		G	
					YYYYYYYYYNCAG G

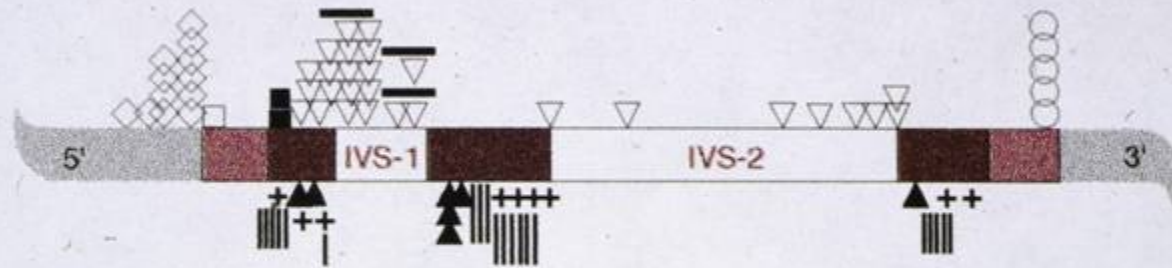


MECHANISM

NORMAL β GLOBIN	Gly	Gly	Glu	Ala
NORMAL GENE	G G T	G GT	G A G	G C C
CODON NUMBER	24	25	26	27
β^E GENE	G G T	G GT	A A G	G C C
β^E GLOBIN	Gly	Gly	Lys	Ala
"CONSENSUS" DONOR SIGNAL	C A	G GT	A A G T	
	A		G	

CONSEQUENCE

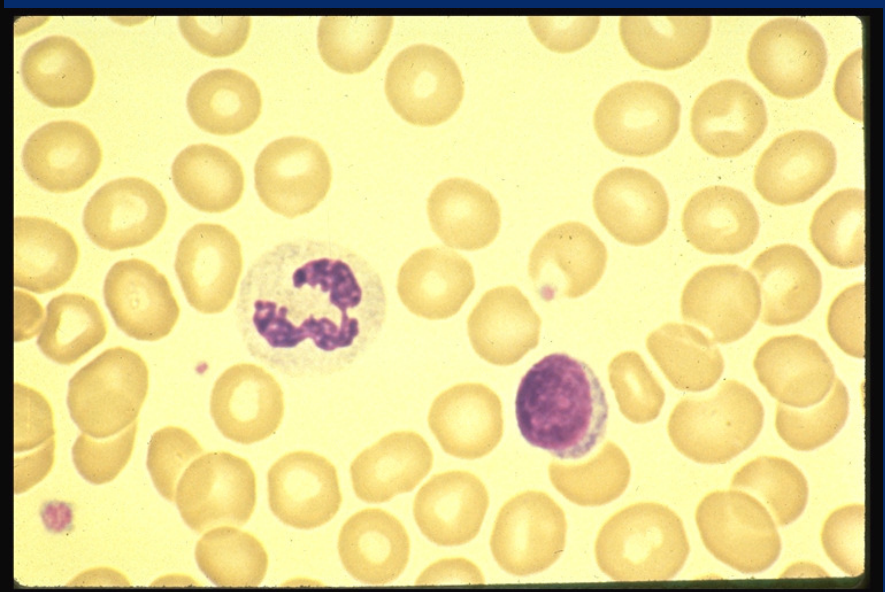




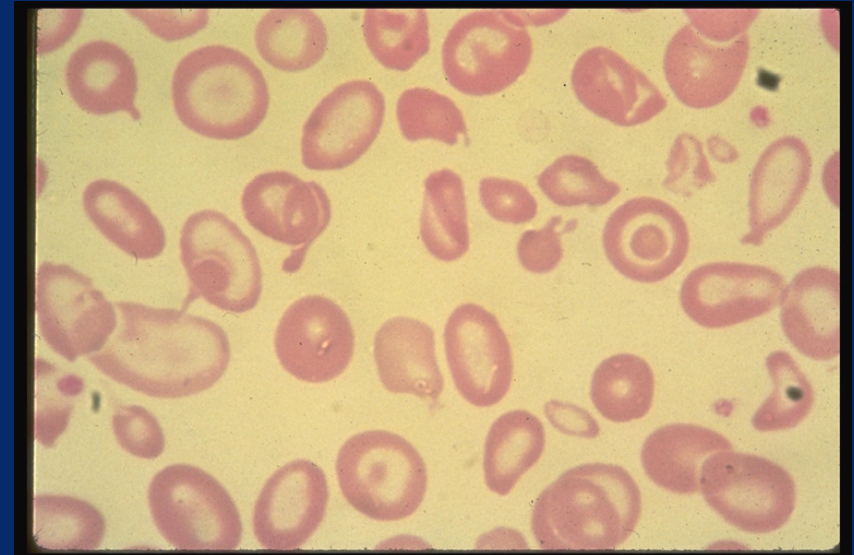
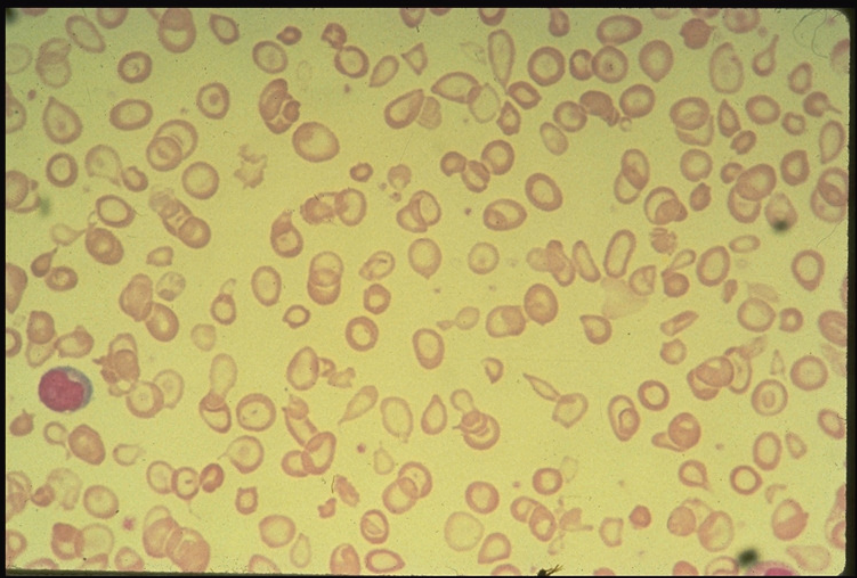
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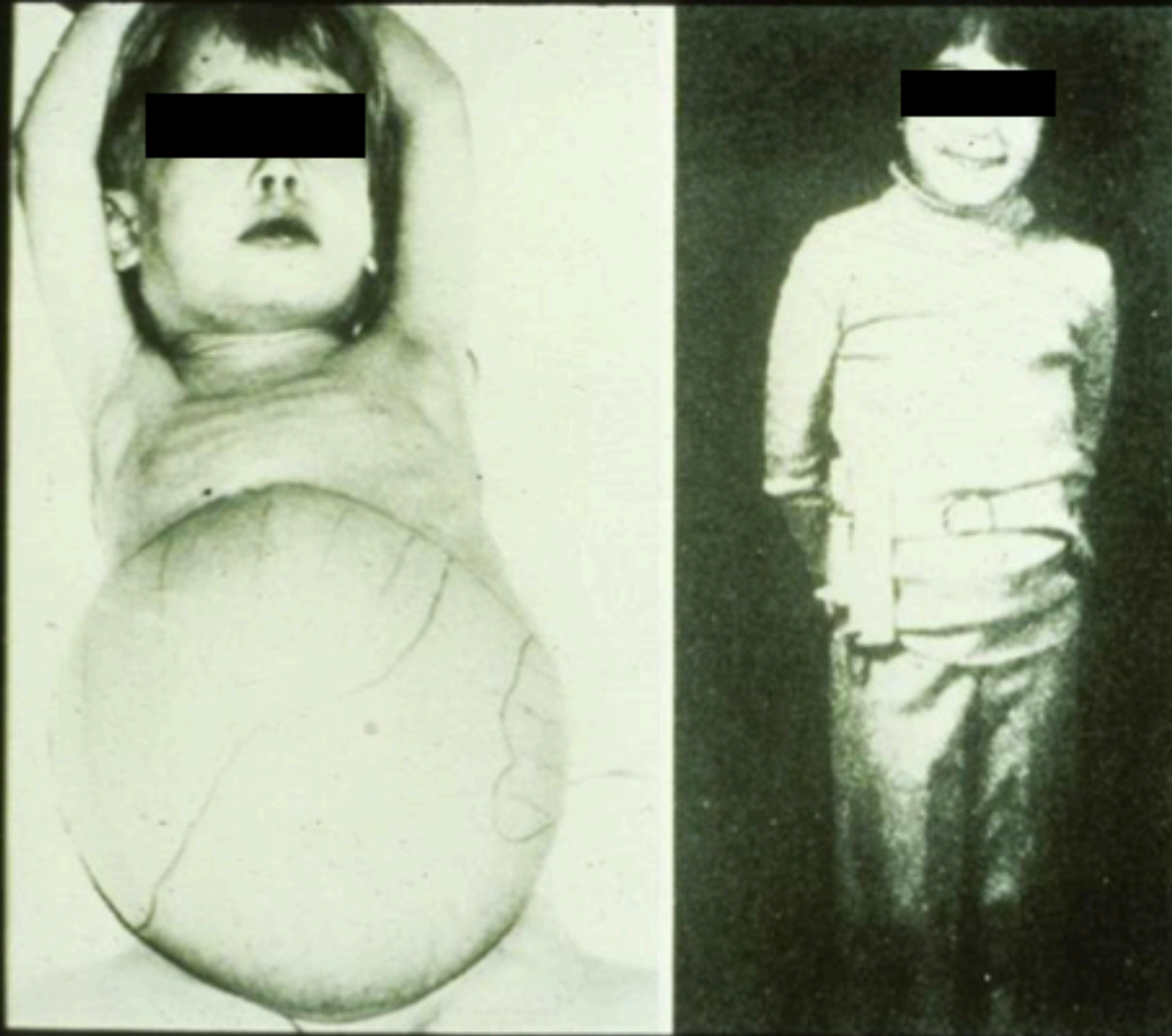
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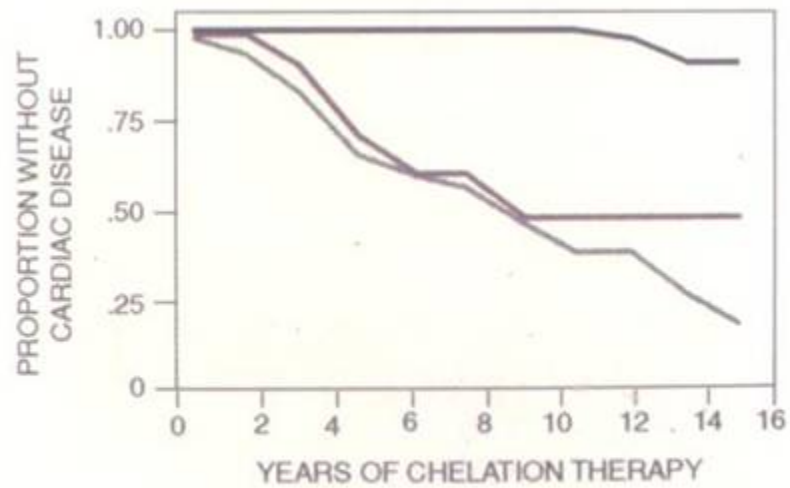
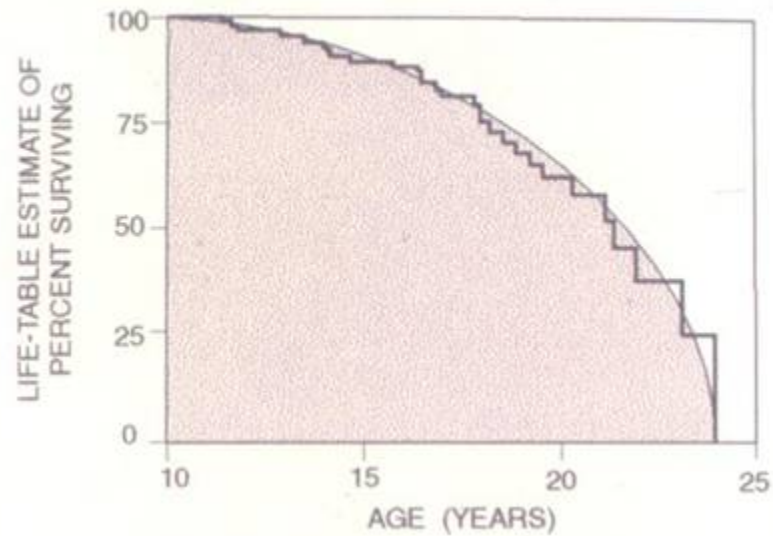
β -Thalassemia (homozygous)







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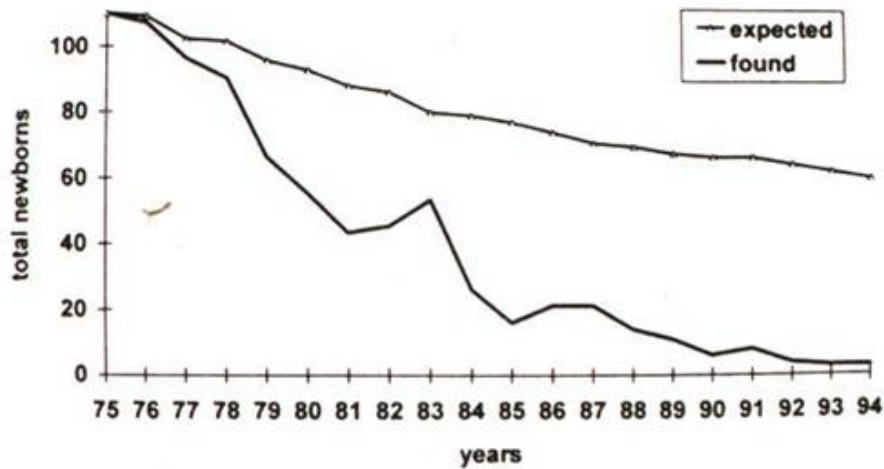


Fig 3. Fall in the birth rate of β -thalassemia homozygotes in Sardinia.

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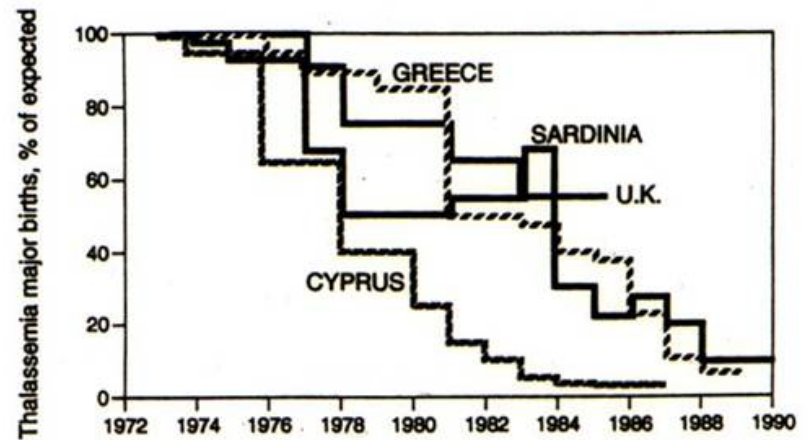
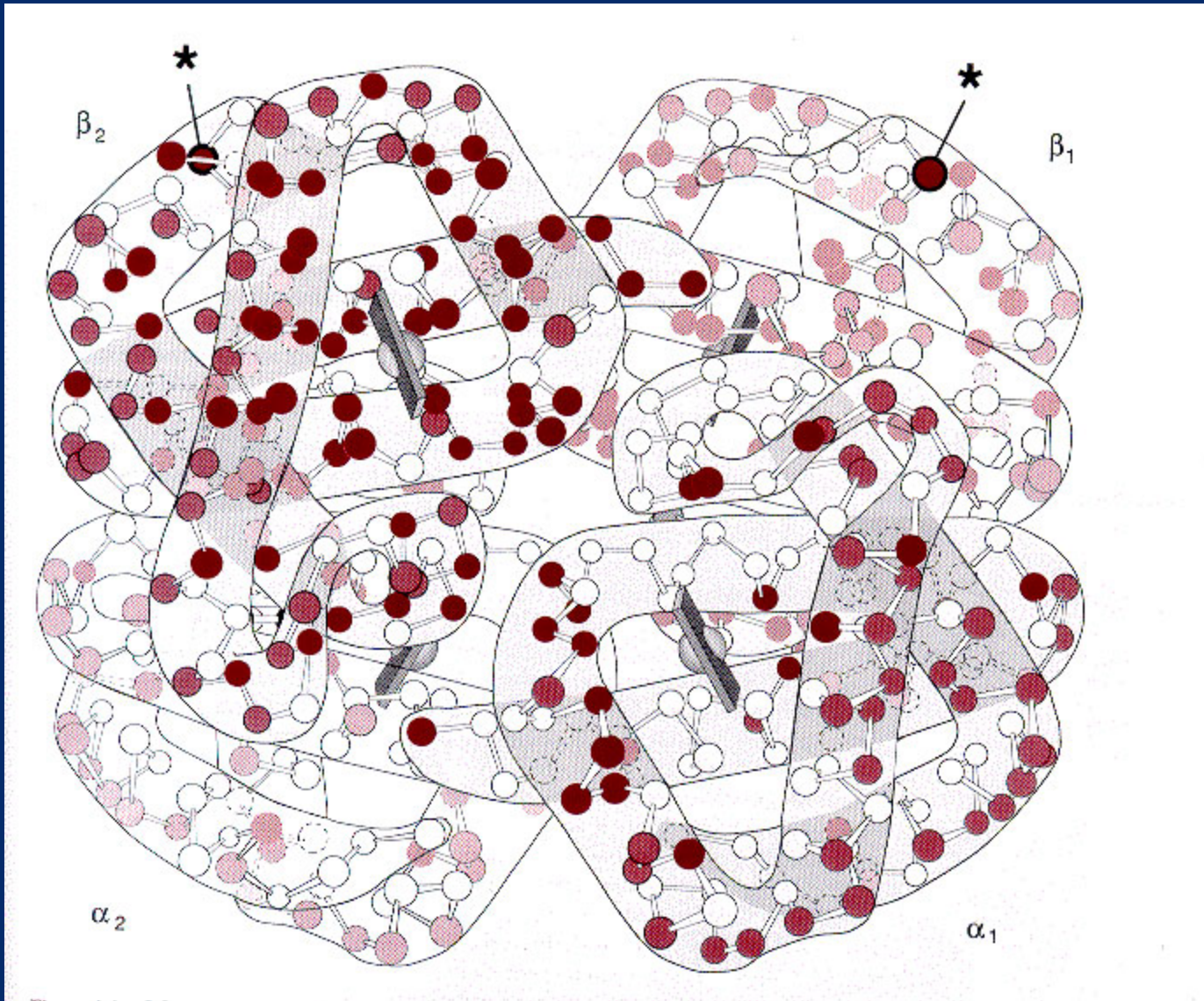


Fig 8. Change in birth rate of thalassaemic children in four countries after the introduction of preventive programs. Adapted with permission.^{55,68}



Qualitative Abnormalities of Hemoglobin

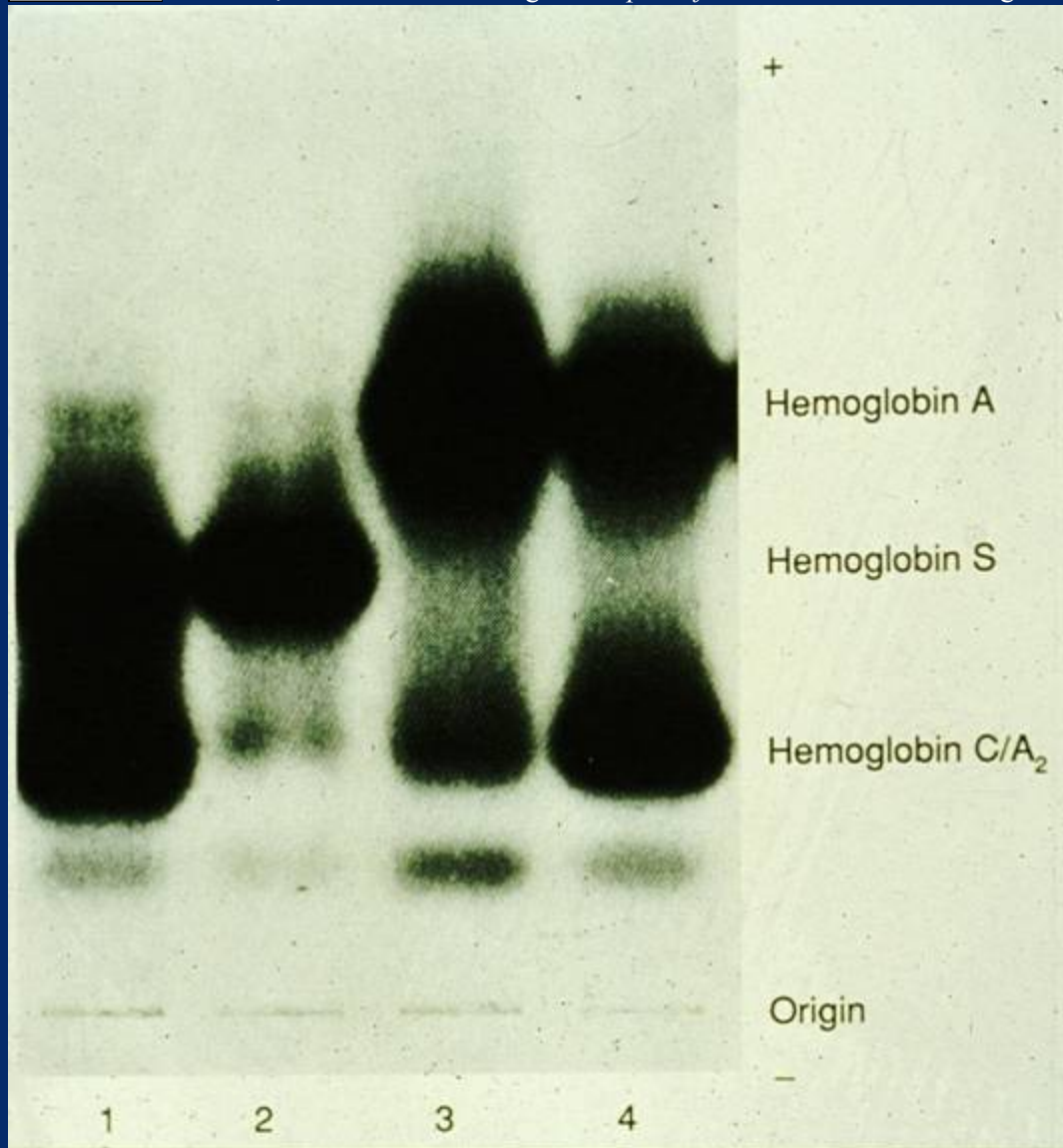
- **Silent Variants**
- **Unstable hemoglobins**
 - Heinz body hemolytic anemia
- **Methemoglobinemia**
- **High affinity hemoglobins**
 - polycythemia (↑hematocrit and hemoglobin)
- **Low affinity hemoglobins**
 - mild anemia (↓hematocrit and hemoglobin)
- **Hemoglobin S**
- **Hemoglobin C**

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	DNA		
	codon 5	6	7
β^A	... CCT	GAG	GAG ...
β^S	... CCT	G TG	GAG ...
β^C	... CCT	A AG	GAG ...

	PROTEIN		
	5	6	7
β^A	... Pro	Glu	Glu ...
β^S	... Pro	Val	Glu ...
β^C	... Pro	Lys	Glu ...

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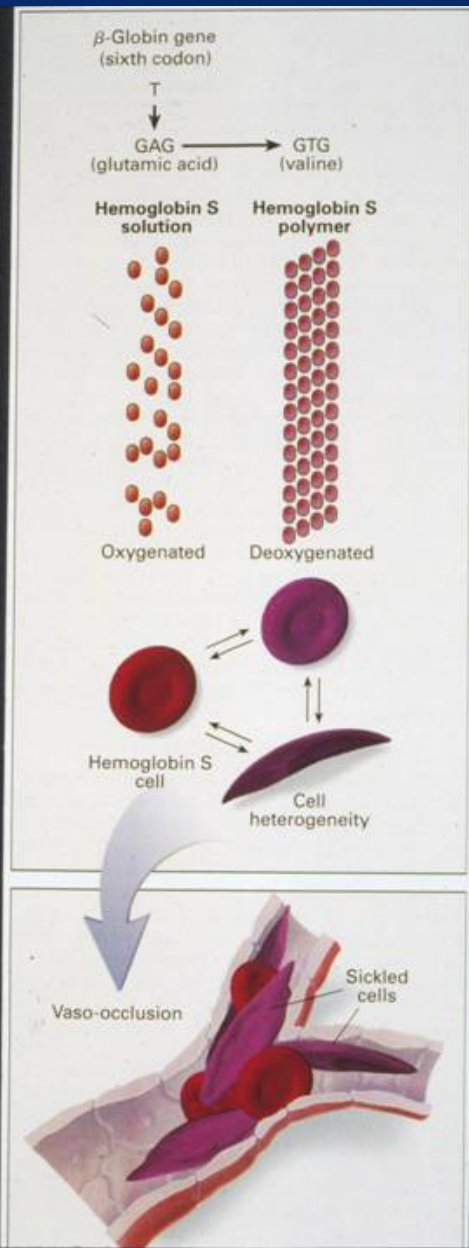


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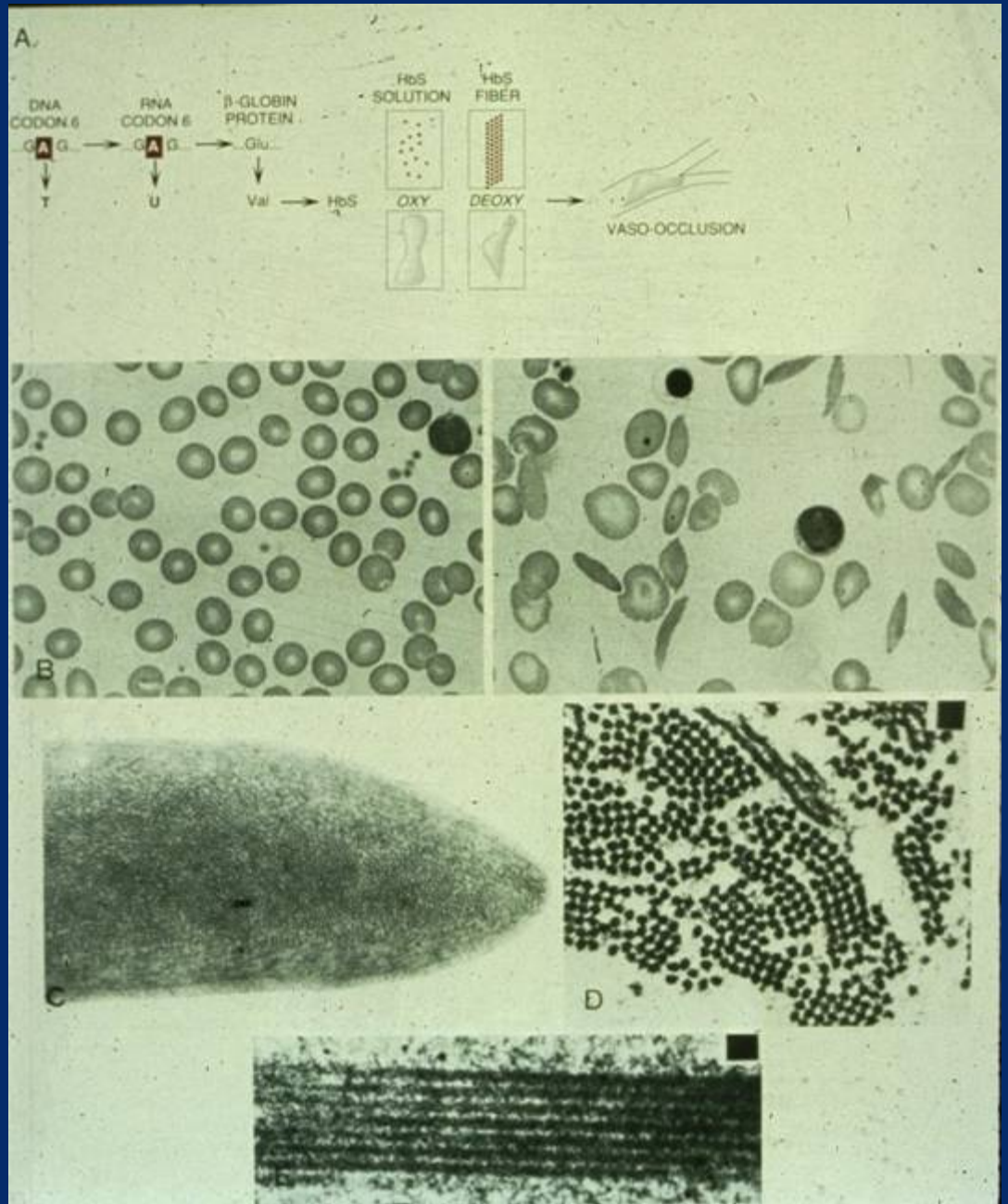
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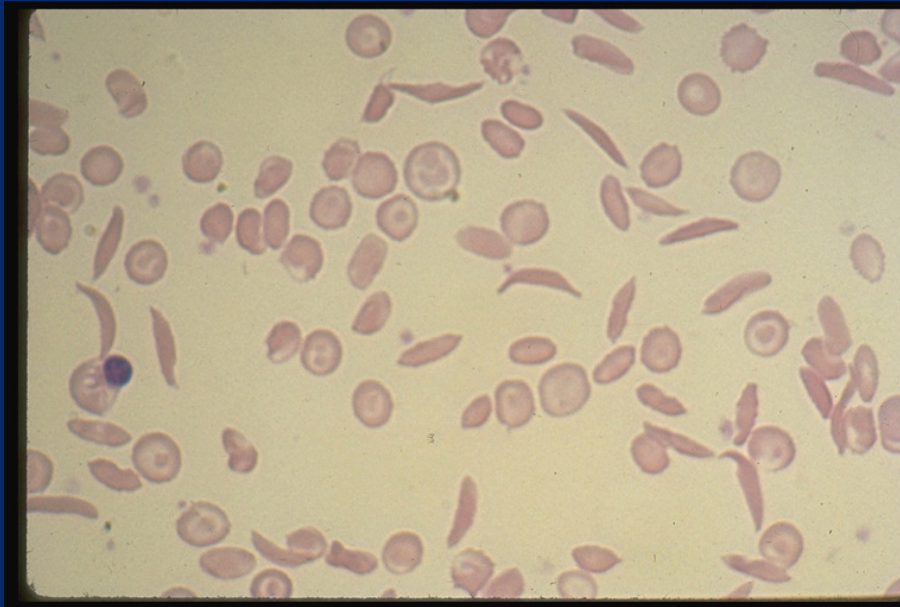


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Hemoglobin SS Disease



Complications of Sickle Cell Anemia

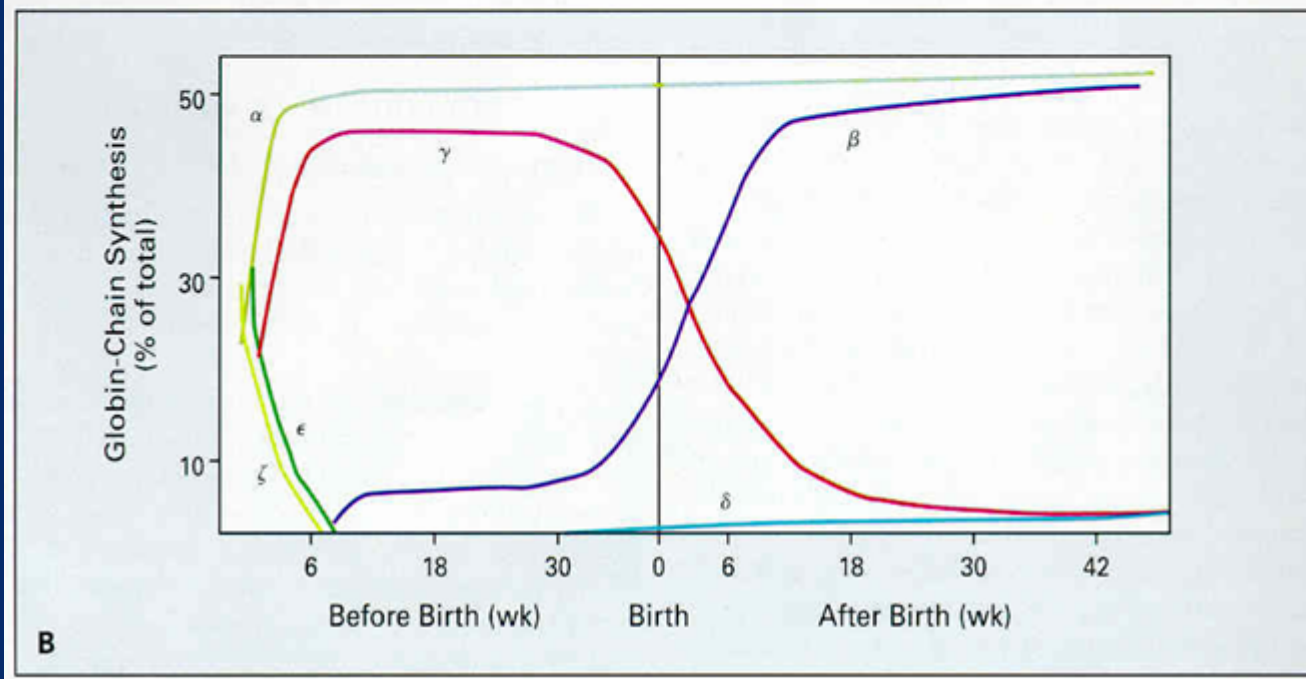
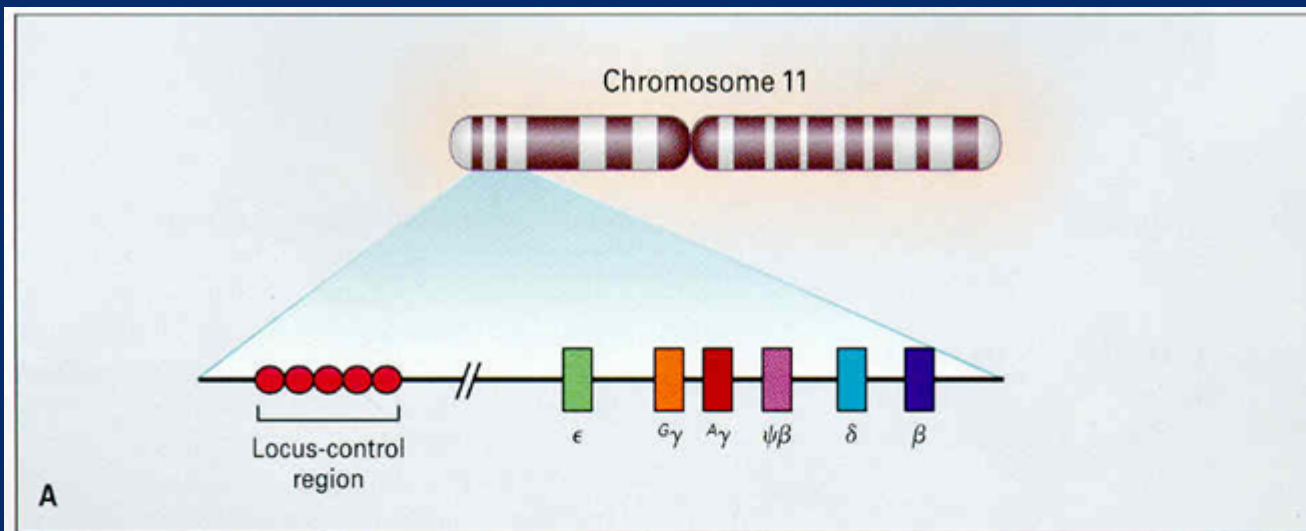
- autosplenectomy
- hyposthenuria
- Infections
 - encapsulated organisms-- pneumococcus
 - salmonella, staph
- Painful crises
- Bone infarcts, aseptic necrosis
- Stroke
- Acute chest syndrome
- Hand-foot syndrome
- Chronic organ damage

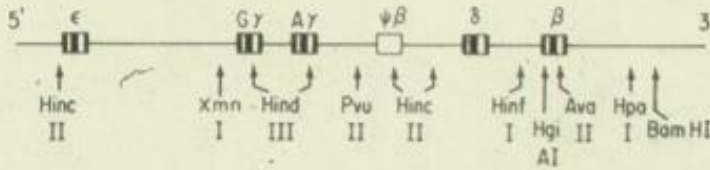
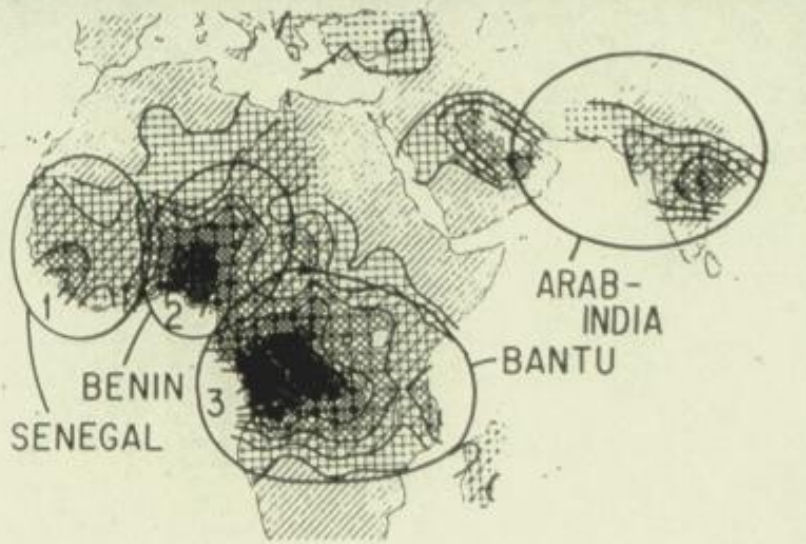
Table 10–11. FREQUENCY OF HEMOGLOBIN GENOTYPES AMONG BLACK AMERICANS

Genotype	Percentage of Population	
	*	**
AS	8.6	8.0
SS	0.14	0.16
AC	2.4	3.0
CC	0.02	0.02
SC	0.13	0.12

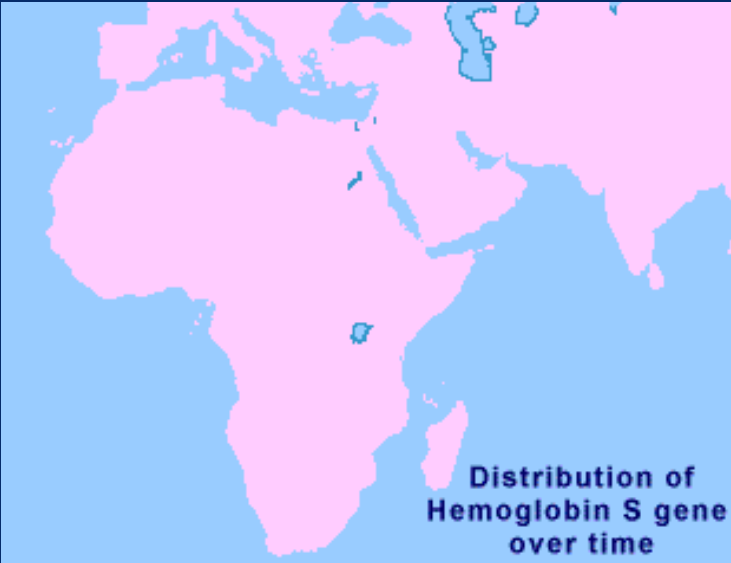
*Survey of 250,000 black Americans⁵⁵⁶

**Review of literature⁵⁵⁷





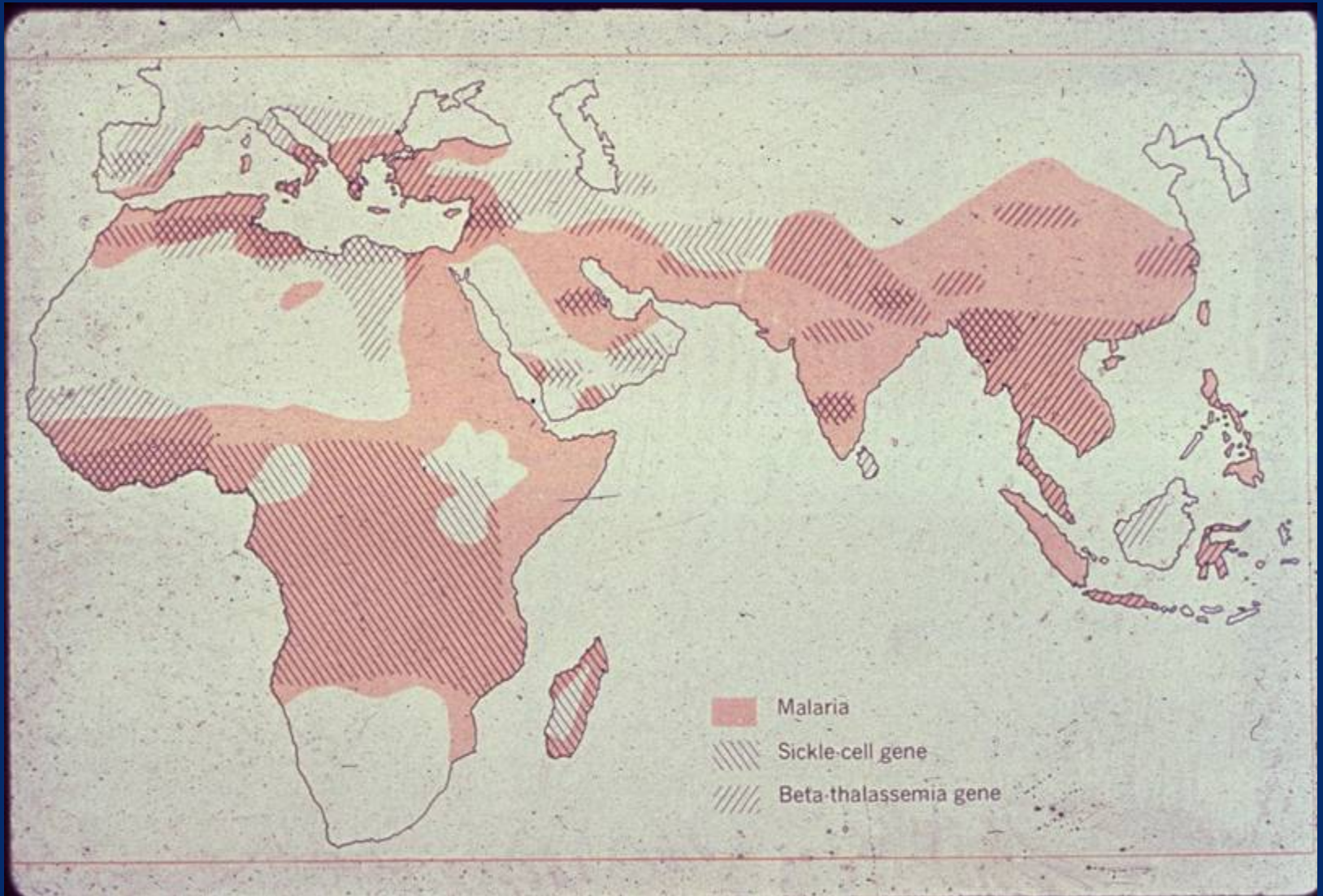
	ϵ	γ	δ	β	Gy
SS Benin	-	- -	- + - +	- +	↓
SS Bantu	-	- +	- + - -	- +	↓
SS Senegal	-	+ +	- + + +	+ +	↑
SS Arab-India	+	+ +	- + +	+ -	↑



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Hb S only occurs on 4 haplotypes...only occurred 4 times in history

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Hb S is a balanced polymorphism

- * homozygotes (1 in 500) are selected against
- * heterozygotes (1 in 12) are selected for

Sickle Cell Anemia: Treatment

- IV fluids
- Analgesia
- Infection
 - penicillin prophylaxis
 - vaccines
- Oxygen
- Transfusion
- Erythropoietin
- Hydroxyurea
- Bone Marrow Transplantation

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