

# Detection of Intron22 Mutations in Iraqi Female Carriers in Wasit Province with Hemophilia A

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## Abstract

The background: One of the prevalent main concerns in the medical world is the identification of Intron22 mutations in the Factor VIII gene carried by Iraqi patient in Wasit town, in Iraq suffering Hemophilia A (classical hemophilia) which is related to a X-chromosome recessive haemorrhage afflictions as the result of a flaw in the coagulation factor VIII (FVIII). It is essentially related with F8 mutations of Intron22 inversion which forms the most typical kind of mutations of blood afflictions worldwide involving half the patients suffering from severe Hemophilia A that possesses mutations, in addition to Intron 1 inversion suffered by 5

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*Index terms*— hemophilia A, factor 8 gene, carriers, intron 22 mutations.

## 1 Aims of study:

The objectives of the research is to to analyze through the detection mechanisms, the existence of Intron 22 mutations in the Factor VIII gene of 10 Hemophilia A Iraqi carriers cohort families. The hypothesis and anticipated result is that there will be a minimal margin of hazardous possibility for the recurrence. The hereditary F8 mutation is unknown to be present on the maternal side of the patient sufferer due to the possibility of germline mosaics that exists within the community.

## 2 Patients and Methods:

The current research involved 10 Iraqi Hemophilia A carrier, and 5 healthy sampling to act as the control. This study had utilized medicine and science school labs, with the inclusion of AL Karama Teaching Hospital over a time period from November, 2016 up to January, 2017. The aforementioned respective carriers have a previous history of diagnosed case history and DNA testing. Results: During the whole of the screening duration for Inv22 (intron twenty two inversions) amongst the Hemophilia A carriers, the outcomes indicated that 4 out of the 10 carriers (40%) suffer from these mutations.

Discussion: The research findings highlights on the significance of the Inv22 analysis and their relationship with positive hereditary case history within the Hemophilia A carriers, in addition to our ongoing pursuit of seeking for Inv1 mutations.

## 3 Conclusions:

The outcomes defines the detrimental influence of a diagnosed positive family case history and the proximal affinity lineage in marriage. There is a dire necessity Author: ??MSc). Zoology-Biotechnic-Genetic, Department of Biology, College of Dentistry, Researcher in Medicine college, Research Laboratory-Wasit University. e-mail: mayalsaraf@gmail.com for Hemophilia A carriers to be given specialized and dedicated obstetrical attention with close contact with the haemophilia centre, in addition the management processes concerning the case should be available ought and identified.

### 3 CONCLUSIONS:

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41 The outcome manifests the pathway towards a genetic guideline. Having the information pertaining the gender  
42 of the foetus gender is significantly crucial to assist in the supervision of labor, in addition to diagnostic processes.

43 Keywords: Hemophilia A, Factor 8 gene, Carriers, Intron 22 mutations.

44 . hereditary haemorrhage afflictions are specifically challenging and impacts on the majority of ladies and young  
45 females due to the monthly discharge of menses, thus impacting on the wellbeing of the reproductive system(1).  
46 On another note, males globally are susceptible to be sufferers of Hemophilia A (HA) due to the hereditary  
47 X-chromosome related to haemorrhage afflictions, in the majority part is related to Factor VIII gene mutations,  
48 which leads to the inadequacy of clotting Factor VIII (FVIII) which plays a significant role in hemostatic system  
49 (2). This condition inflicts one per 5,000 males globally. The natality incidences worldwide is homologous  
50 regardless of ethnicity, perhaps due to the great impetuous degree of mutation in F8 and its presence situated  
51 on the X chromo-some(3). Hemophilia A (HA) is manifested in a limited diverse range of clinical acuteness,  
52 with the respective diversity which are parallel to the type and locus of the induced genetic flaw (4:5). Hence,  
53 Hemophilia A is the result of a heterogeneous range of flaws that occur at the molecular level in Factor VIII  
54 alongside the elisions, huge intron inversions, nonsense mutations, ins/del-frame shifts, splice variants, in addition  
55 to an extensive scope of missense point mutations. The aforementioned elements have the possibility to result in  
56 flaws within the expression, secretion, and/or half-life of Factor 8 in the flow (6).

57 The identification of the carrier and symptomatic process might be delivered straight through the evaluation  
58 on the diverse ascertained mutations or evasively according to case (lineage) history through analyzing the  
59 relationship (7).

60 The remnant functioning of plasmatic Factor 8 in heterozygous carrier females of severe F8 mutations is  
61 identified as a non-dominant X-linked disorder, which is typically found at fifty percent of a person who is not a  
62 carrier. Although extremely uncommon, homozygous females who were offsprings of afflicted paternal parent, in  
63 cases of marriages with close next-of-kin have a higher potential to be inflicted with blood disorder (Hemophilia)  
64 in a likewise situation to hemizygous male patients, and alternatively in Turner Syndrome cases (45,X<sup>-</sup>) (8).  
65 Nevertheless, typical hemophilia (blood disorder) cases of expression in females are caused by the presence of  
66 biased Lyonization (biased X chromosome inactivation), in addition to the heterozygous carrier situation (Morris  
67 syndrome, 46, XY) (9).

68 A majority of female are commonly asymptomatic, nonetheless, females have the possibility to be symptomatic  
69 (10). According to Haldane's formula (Haldane, 1935) it is anticipated that one-sixth of hemophilia genes are  
70 dominant in each generation. Hemophilia A, hence, manifest an extremely great level of mutational heterogeneity  
71 which conceals the carrier and prenatal diagnoses which are essential for genetic advisory (11).

72 The Factor VIII gene embed the code plasma protein VIII, a huge plasma glycoprotein that operates in the  
73 clotting cascade, being a cofactor for the factor IX-dependent that activates the factor X (12). The Factor 8 gene  
74 consists of 26 exons, that has a wide diversity from 69 to 3,106 base pairs (bp), with 25 introns encompassing the  
75 range of 186-kb genomic DNA, which are plotted to the remote end of X-chromosome (Xq28) long arm. Intron  
76 arrangement order is 177.9 kb, and are separated from the initial transcript product through the entire splicing  
77 towards the generation of a mature Factor VIII mRNA of approximately 9 kilobytes in length which exhibits a  
78 precursor protein containing 2,351 amino acids.

79 From the more extensive intron arrangement orders, there is an inclination to discover six which is more  
80 extensive than fourteen kilobyte (introns-1, 6, 13, 14, 22 and 25), having intron 22 being largest at 32.8 kilobyte  
81 in terms of length (13), with Intron twenty two inversion (Inv22) entailing the typical public type in approximately  
82 forty to forty-five percent of acute hemophiliacs, in addition from two up to five percent of acute Hemophilia A  
83 incidences are full of Intron one inversion (Inv1) (14:15).

84 According to the work by Rossiter et al. (1994), they discovered that Inv22 stemmed largely and significantly  
85 from the male germ cells. They conjectured the existence of another X chromosome in female meiosis could  
86 inhibit the intrachromosomal non-allelic pair-ing required for Intron twenty two inversion (16). Every individual  
87 inversions is the resultant from the nonallelic meiotic intrachromosomal recombination among the int22h-1 region  
88 within the Factor VIII site, with either int22h-2 or int22h-3, within the male germ cells (17). Int22h-  
89 1 recombines with the ultimate telomeric duplicate which is normally is mutually inclined to int22h-1, and  
90 commonly it entails int22h-3. The aforementioned int22h-1/int22h-3 recombination results in the inv22 sort  
91 I. Furthermore, a minority of incidences, the inversion was disclosed to be caused by the two recombination  
92 occurrences. The beginning stage involved a recombination between the arms of the palindrome inv22h-2/ inv22h-  
93 3, which was identified as a public nondeleterious inversion polymorphism. The event altered the locations and  
94 inclinations of int22h-2 and located it at the optimal telomeric and inverse location to inv22h-1. The next  
95 recombination between inv22h-1 and inv22h-2 terminates in inv22 sort II (17). Moreover, the recombination  
96 among the int22h-1 with the equally leaning duplicate of either int22h, int22h-2 or int22h-3 is anticipated to be  
97 the cause for huge harmful deletions (Del22), in addition to the possible non-deleterious duplications (Dup22), in  
98 contrast with the typical inversions (18). The inversions that occur in individuals with two distal or two proximal  
99 estrogenic duplicates are known as type3 inversions (19).

100 The serial arrangement order of the human X chromosome manifests the int22h-2 and int22h-1 to have an  
101 exact positioning, meanwhile the int22h-3 is located at the opposite position to them; where int22h-2 and int22h-3  
102 are part of defective palindrome possessing a central single loop of 67,3 kilobytes, with arms of 50,5 kb (20). The  
103 recombination involving the int1h-1 and int1h-2 copies from sister chromatids or homologous chromatids with the

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104 chromosomes, would result in dicentric chromosomes and acentric portions. Thus, it would not result in potential  
105 embryos. The *inv1* and *inv22* inhibited the construction of a complete length of the Factor VIII messenger RNA  
106 (mRNA), and terminates in the inadequate Factor VIII proteins causing acute HA) (21:14).

107 Based on the latest to proof, intron22 segregates the exons 22 and 23 (IVS22) consisting of the incidences of a  
108 bidirectional (CpG island) which initiates the transcription of a duo of expressed genes (nested genes, F8A and  
109 F8B). It is a part of an extensive GC sequence of 9.5 kilobytes (int22h-1) which recur at two locations oriented at  
110 the the Xqtelomere (int22h-2 and int22h-3) (20). According to the the opinion of Youssoufian et al. (1986), the  
111 statements showed that CpG dinucleotides areal areas of mutation. It was conjectured that methylated cytosines  
112 is equally critical areas for mutations caused by 5-methylcytosine will spontaneously deaminate to thymine,  
113 resulting in a C-to-T transition in DNA (22). This CpG island was associated to a 1.8 kilobyte transcript  
114 elevated to A gene (F8A). The nested Factor VIII associated A gene was positioned in an opposite orientation  
115 to that of Factor VIII, comprising of non-intervening arrangements (23;24). From the work by Freije and  
116 Schlessinger (1992), the subsequently indicated that the X-chromosome comprises three replications of Factor 8A  
117 and its adjacent areas, one in intron 22 and two telomeric and approximately five hundred kilobyte up the F8  
118 gene transcription initiation site (25).

119 Meanwhile the F8B transcription of 2.5 kb originates from identical F8 intron22 CpG island, due to the F8A  
120 and transcribes in the same orientation as F8. The CpG island functions to encourage bidirectional acts for the  
121 F8A and F8B genes, which are jointly manifested universally all over in diverse tissues.

122 The varying F8A and F8B transcripts initiates from within the 122 bases of each starting point (24).

123 The codification of a forty kD huntingtin-linked protein was indicated to originate from the F8A gene, known  
124 as HAP40 and is assumed to be related inside the abnormal nuclear local positioning of the hunting-tin protein in  
125 Huntington ailment (26). From the study by Lakich et al. (1993), they disclosed the rare occurrence of intron 22  
126 in many ways. Comprising 32.8 kb, it is the most expansive intron in the Factor VIII gene. The two mutations  
127 that resulted in diseases and neutral polymorphisms appear renewed in each new generation. In the case of a  
128 world population of  $7 \times 10^9$  people and a mean mutation frequency of  $10^{-8}$  for each base pair and generation. It  
129 is obvious that entire transformations associated with life will undergo mutation recurrence once (27).

130 The mutation (intron 22 inversion) happen approximately  $4 \times 10^{-6}$  for each gene, for each gamete, and for each  
131 generation (15,28). (29). *Inv22*-positive patients manifest heightened potential towards the hazard of raising the  
132 inhibitors in comparison with patients resonating alternative acute mutations (30).

## 133 4 Collection of samples

134 This study has enclosed ten Iraqi carriers with classical hemophilia (hemophilia A) from unrelated families and  
135 five healthy members as control, were collected from Al-Karama teaching hospital, in Wasit province-kut-city.  
136 The age of carriers were ranged from twenty four to sixty four year.

137 All samples study of hemophilia A completed in medicine, science college and of AL-Karama Teaching Hospital  
138 laboratories .These carriers formerly identified based on family history, DNA testing. and a few information like  
139 age, sex, relative state. After checking the extracted DNA for its purity and concentration, its being subjected  
140 to amplification to choose area of F VIII, which has intron 22 then Sequencing has being Conducted for intron22  
141 for all carriers and control for molecular analysis that detection of mutation of commonest segment of FVIII  
142 gene. Approximately 10 percent of females with one F8 pathogenic variant and one normal allele have a factor  
143 VIII clotting activity under than thirty percent a bleeding disorder; mild bleeding can take place in carriers with  
144 low-normal coagulation factor 8activity (38).

145 In this study all carrier females are asymptomatic because of the lyonization phenomenon and FVIII activity is  
146 over fifty percent that genetic defects are known by family history assess men (39; 40).

147 Carrier testing by molecular genetic testing is feasible for utmost at-risk females if the pathogenic variant  
148 has been known within the family. Factor VIII clotting activity, or its ratio to von Willebr and factor level,  
149 isn't a reliable check for determinant carrier status: it will solely be suggestive if low, because factor VIII  
150 coagulation activity in plasma is augmented with pregnancy, aerobics exercise, oral contraceptive use, and chronic  
151 inflammation. factor VIII coagulation activity in plasma is just about twenty five percent lower in people of blood  
152 group O than in people of blood groups A,B, or AB and therefore the majority of obligate carriers, even of severe  
153 hemophilia A, have normal factor VIII clotting activities.

## 154 5 a) DNA Isolation

155 The genomic DNA extracted from blood of Hemophilia A patients showed good single band when fractionated  
156 by gel electrophoresis as show in figure no.

157 (5) then checked for their purity and by using spectrophotometer device. Sequencing has being run for all the  
158 exons and intron 22 for all patients and control for process of determining the exact order of nucleotides within  
159 a DNA molecule. It includes any method or technology that is used to determine the order of the four bases  
160 (adenine, guanine, cytosine, and thymine) in a strand of DNA. The analysis of nucleotide sequencing was done  
161 by using NCBI/Blast computer program, Nucleotide sequences were translated into amino acid sequences also  
162 by using the Blast program. Each DNA sequence obtained was aligned with reference F VIII gene sequence that

163 means reference Genomic DNA for intron22 then, same sequence being aligned with Mutation Surveyor software  
164 to check the normal variation and checking amino acid change.

165 The study was done for 10 hemophiliac carriers (mothers), and 5 control samples, to detect intron 22 inversion  
166 which responsible for hemophilia disease. All control samples were obtained from female gender. We found  
167 Inv22 mutations in 4 from 10 carriers. During the screening for Inv22 mutations among the HA carriers and  
168 controls, , we did not found this mutation or gene abnormality in all controls. family history and consanguinity  
169 state of haemophilia was recorded in some carriers. Percentage of Hemophiliac carriers group data is depicted in  
170 (Table1). ??996) assessed the male: female ratio of mutation recurrence (k) to be 3.6. By use of the percentages  
171 of mutation origin in maternal grandfather to patients' mother or to maternal grandmother, k values were directly  
172 estimated as 15 and 7.5, respectively. As each mutation type separately which an inversion of the gene presented  
173 a 10-fold-higher mutation rate in male germ cells (31).Although intron 22 segment in the noncoding regions of  
174 FVIII gene, intron 22 mutations intermittent the F8 mRNA between exon 22 and23 with large inversion and  
175 translocation of nucleotides between these two exons (32).

176 Inversion of intron 22 (inv22) originates 50% of cases of severe HA and is a major risk factor for inhibitor  
177 development and The non-significant risk for developing inhibitors among inv22-positive patients agrees with the  
178 variety of genetic and non-genetic factors involved in such a complication (30).Other normal changes in genomes  
179 (normal variants) not indicated in all carriers VIII gene which all intron 22 involved have been aligned and  
180 compared the all possible variants.

181 The current study examined different properties of mutations carrying F8 haplotypes. This information was  
182 used to infer whether same mutations. Carrier females have a 50% chance of transmitting the F8 pathogenic  
183 variant in each pregnancy: sons who inherit the pathogenic variant will be affected; daughters who inherit the  
184 pathogenic variant are carriers. Affected males transmit the pathogenic variant to all of their daughters and none  
185 of their sons.

## 186 6 Intron 22 Mutations Frequency Percentage

187 In this study, four from ten Iraqi carrier females from ten unrelated families were had intron 22 mutations as  
188 showed in figure (10). The mutation is forecast to impair attachment to the factor VIII (FVIII) carrier protein,  
189 von Willebrand factor, and thus increased clearance of FVIII from plasma. Clinical and molecular characterization  
190 of these carriers is essential to raise follow-up, genetic counseling and treatment of the disease (33).Increased risk  
191 are probable if the F8 pathogenic variant has been identified in a family member or if informative (family history)  
192 intragenic linked markers have been recognized which genetic counseling deals with genetic risk valuation and  
193 the use of family history and genetic testing to explain genetic status for family members. In this study six from  
194 ten carriers are with a hemophilia history (60%) which 3 from four carriers have (Inv22) mutations with positive  
195 family history represents a major factor for genetic predisposition lead to defective FVIII gene. Carrier no.3  
196 appears in this study aligned was regarded as first carrier detect intron 22 inversion of the FVIII gene reveal with  
197 no family history and consanguinity state .There are several clarifications for a hemophilic carrier being identify  
198 with inv22 when there is no history of hemophilia in the family which about 30 per cent of these cases arise from  
199 aspontaneous mutation. 1. The mother is a carrier of a new disease-causing mutation that occurred in one of the  
200 following ways: As a "germ line mutation" (i.e., in the egg or sperm at the time of her conception so the mother  
201 is then the first person in the family to transmit hemophilia. Her children might be influenced either as carriers  
202 or as hemophiliacs (34). And thus show in every cell of her body and noticeable in her DNA). Ninety-eight  
203 percent of mothers of a simple case with an intron 22 inversion are carriers because most of these mutations arise  
204 in spermatogenesis. As a somatic mutation (i.e., a alteration that arisen very early in embryogenesis, subsequent  
205 in somatic mosaics in which the pathogenic variant is current in some but not all cells and may or may not be  
206 obvious in DNA).

207 As germ line mosaics (in which some germ cells have the pathogenic variant and some do not, and in which the  
208 pathogenic variant is not evident in DNA from her leukocytes). 2. The mother is a carrier and has inherited the  
209 pathogenic variant either from her mother who has a new disease-producing variant or from her asymptomatic  
210 father who is mosaic for the pathogenic variant. 3. The mother is a carrier of a pathogenic variant that rose in a  
211 previous generation and has been send on through the family without manifesting symptoms in female carriers  
212 due to the lyonization which hemophilia does certainly run in the family but there is no indication of it because  
213 no hemophiliac boys have been born (35:36) General, the mother has an roughly 80% chance of being a carrier  
214 when her son is the first influenced individual in the family; however, the mother of a severely affected male with  
215 an intron 22 inversion has a 98%chance of being a carrier (37) and about 40% of carriers (four) under study  
216 with consanguinity marriage that one from four carriers have (Inv22) mutations with positive consanguinity  
217 marriage result in concentrated the bad gene copy. Hence present study indicated that detection of Intron 22  
218 mutations in F8 gene is important in identifying female with genetic defects that leads to the birth sons affected  
219 with hemophilia A disease and females almost as carriers. This result represents a step for helpfully guide the  
220 direction of molecular study in genetic counseling and subsequent for facilitate management in labour and for  
221 prenatal diagnosis also for prevention of the inhibitor development which inversion of intron 22 (inv22) is a major  
222 risk factor involved in such a complication. This knowledge represents a step .Most of cases are with a family  
223 history (60%) represent a major factor for genetic predisposition lead to defective FVIII gene and about 40%  
224 of carriers under study with consanguinity marriage result in concentrated the bad gene copy so this is highly

225 suggestive that hemophilia disease is not uncommon. There is an obvious public ignorance about the role of heredity in many disorders in Wasit province.<sup>1</sup>

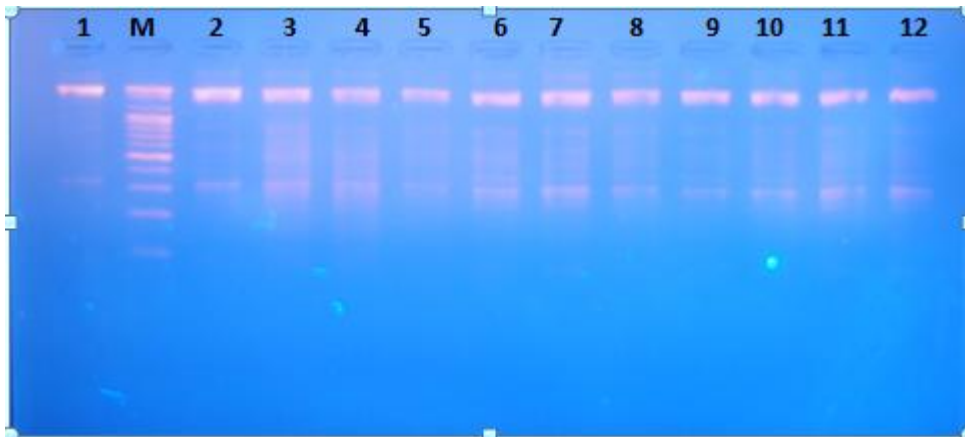


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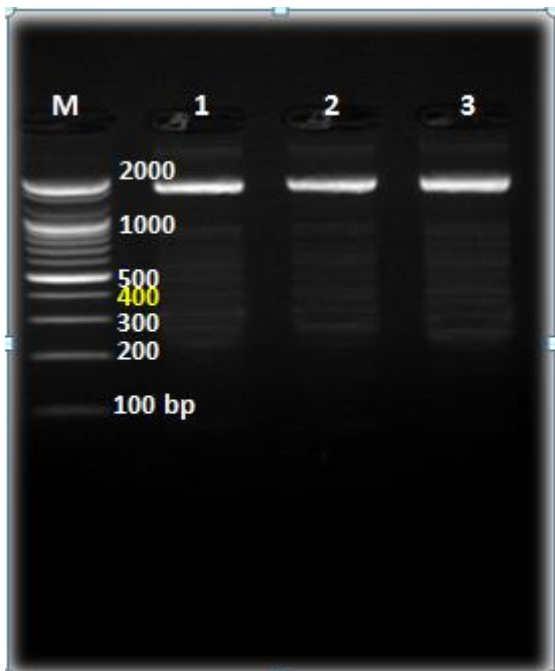


Figure 2:

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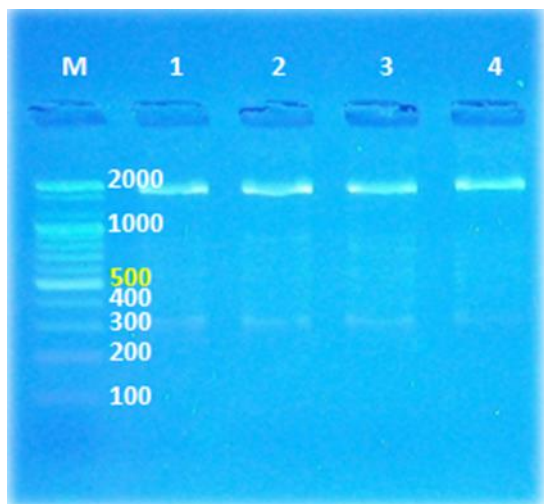
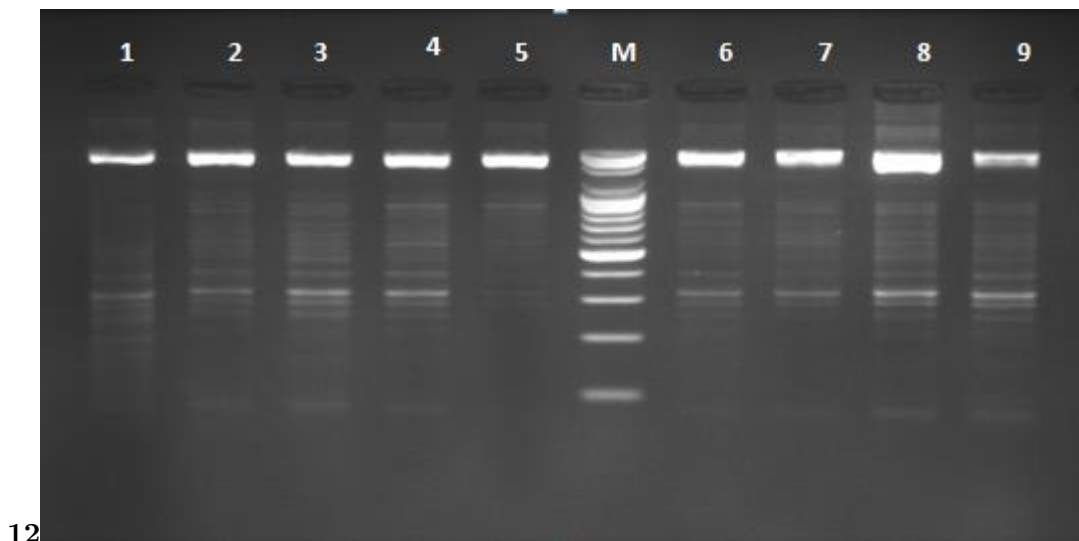
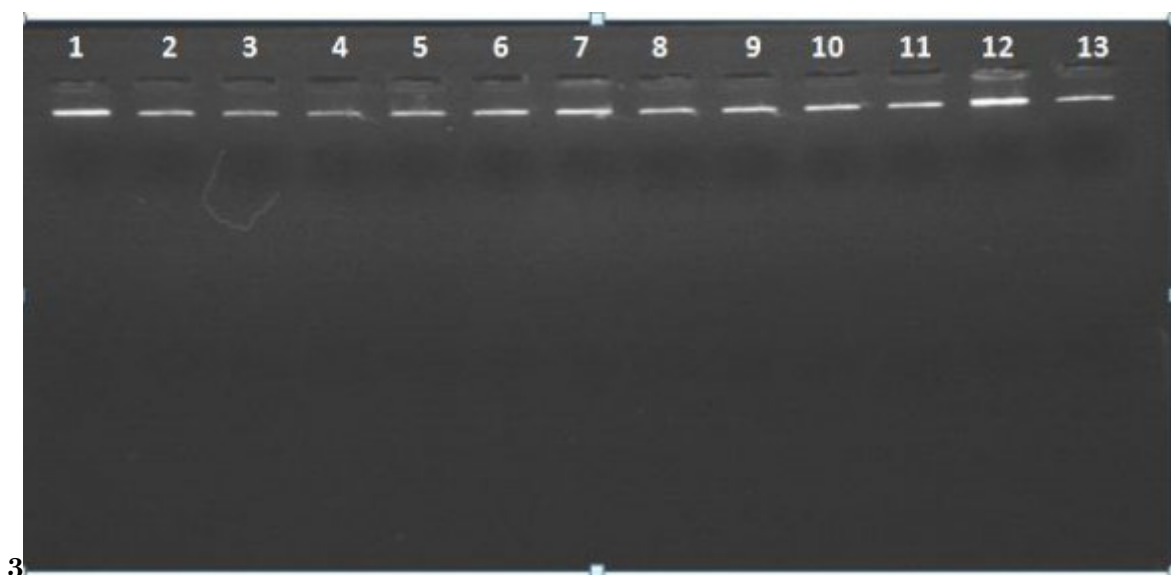


Figure 3:



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Figure 4: Figure 1 :Figure 2 :

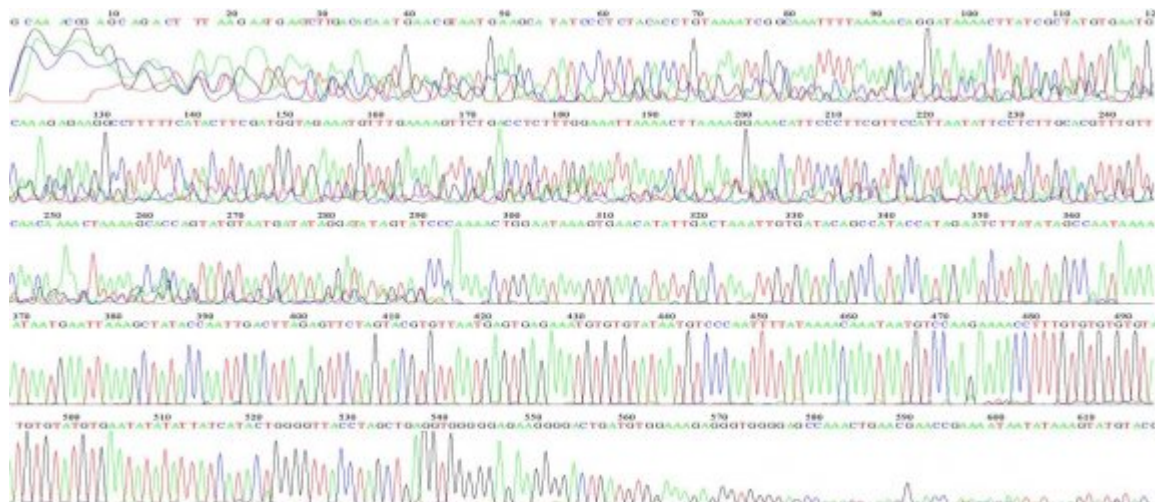


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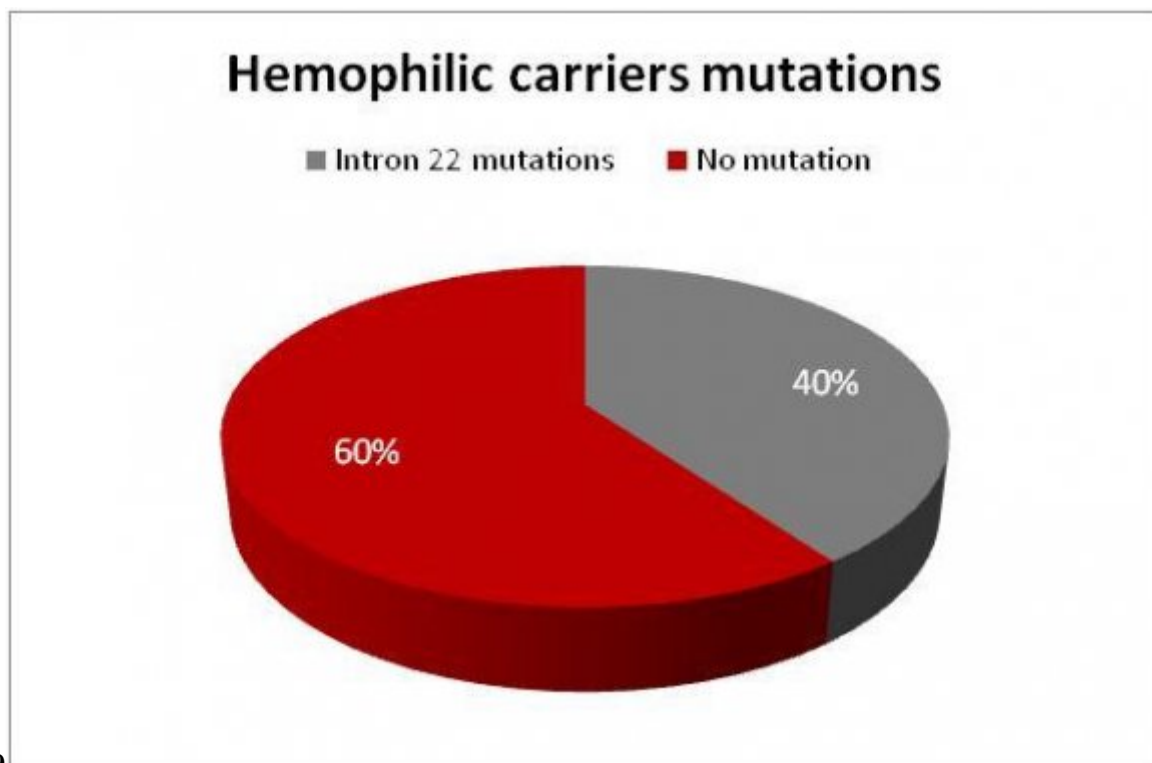


## 6 INTRON 22 MUTATIONS FREQUENCY PERCENTAGE



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Figure 9: Figure 7 :Figure 8 :



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Figure 10: Figure 9 :



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| Carrier sample no. | Mutation segment | Mutation\Genome | Mutation type | Family history | Consanguinity state |          |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|----------|
| 1                  | Intron 22        | nil             | -             | negative       | positive            |          |
| 2                  | Intron 22        | nil             | -             | negative       | negative            |          |
| 3                  | Intron 22        | Inth22          | Inversion     | negative       | negative            |          |
| 4                  | Intron 22        | Inth22          | Inversion     | positive       | negative            |          |
| 5                  | Intron 22        | Inth22          | Inversion     | positive       | negative            |          |
| 6                  | Intron 22        | nil             |               | positive       | positive            |          |
| 7                  | Intron 22        | Inth22          | Inversion     | positive       | positive            |          |
| 8                  | Intron 22        | nil             | -             | negative       | negative            |          |
| 9                  | Intron 22        | nil             | -             | positive       | positive            |          |
| 10                 | Intron 22        | nil             | -             | positive       | negative            |          |
|                    |                  | Yes             | No            | Positive       | Negative            | Negative |
| Total              |                  | 4               | 6             | 60%            | 40%                 | 40%      |
|                    |                  | 10              |               |                |                     | 60%      |

Figure 13: Table 1 :

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