Summary slide: Understanding Pedigrees for a disease or trait



Affected female

Female with normal phenotype

Affected male

Male with normal phenotype

Horizontal line represents mating

Vertical line represents offspring for next generation

Pedigree of three generations for this disease

Example: Autosomal dominant inheritance due to mutation in Gene A



- Affected individuals: Aa or AA.
- Unaffected/ normal individual: aa
- Affected offspring has at least one affected parent
- Unaffected offspring of affected parent have unaffected offspring
- No gender associations

Example: Autosomal recessive inheritance due to mutation in Gene A



- Affected individuals: aa.
- Unaffected/ normal individual: AA or Aa
- Affected offspring gets the disease associated allele from both parents i.e. parents are at least heterozygous for the disease related allele.
- No gender associations

Example: X- linked dominant inheritance due to mutation in Gene A



- Affected males: X^AY and affected females: X^AX^A or X^AX^a
- Normal male: X^aY & Normal female: X^aX^a
- Affected fathers transmit trait to all of daughters but not sons
- Affected mothers (if heterozygous) pass along trait to ~1/2 of their daughters and 1/2 of their sons.

Example: X- linked recessive inheritance due to mutation in Gene A



- Affected males: X^aY and affected females: X^aX^a
- Normal male: $X^A Y$ & Normal female: $X^A X^a$ or $X^A X^A$
- Affected mothers transmit trait to all sons.
- Heterozygous mothers pass along trait to $\sim 1/2$ of their sons.

Sample exercise: Pedigree showing the ability to roll tongue

Rollers/ non-rollers

Gene A

Allele "A or X^A" of Gene A

Allele "a or X^a" of Gene A

- Trait/ phenotype
- Gene associated with this trait
- Regulates dominant trait (rollers)
- Regulates recessive trait (nonrollers)





<u>Note:</u> Is their any gender bias? People marrying in have normal phenotype and genotype and pedigree is completely penetrant.



Exercise 3: Pedigree showing the ability to roll tongue



Can it be X- Linked dominant? Yes

#1 has a son with a female(#2) who
is a non-roller and has the genotype
(aa).

Do a Punnett square to show the possible genotypes of their son.

Gametes from #2	Gametes from #1	
	Α	a
a	Aa	aa
a	Aa	aa

Possible genotypes of son Aa or aa

Exercise 4



1. Pedigree dominant/ recessive? *Recessive*

2. Pedigree autosomal/ X-linked? Autosomal

3. Determine the possible genotypes of #1. *Aa (assuming that the person marrying into the family has a nnormal genotype and phenotype)*

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