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TOPIC: HUMAN GENOME PROJECT

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HUMAN GENOME PROJECT

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OBJECTIVES



Techniques that enabled genome sequencing



Process of Human Genome Sequence

Importance of Genome Sequencing

 HUMAN GENOME PROJECT (HGP), AN INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION THAT SUCCESSFULLY DETERMINED, STORED, AND RENDERED SEQUENCES OF ALMOST ALL THE GENETIC CONTENT OF THE <u>CHROMOSOMES</u> OF THE HUMANS OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE <u>HUMAN</u> <u>GENOME</u>.



- THE HUMAN GENOME PROJECT (HGP) WAS AN INTERNATIONAL <u>SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH</u> PROJECT WITH THE GOAL OF DETERMINING THE <u>BASE PAIRS</u> THAT MAKE UP HUMAN <u>DNA</u>, AND OF IDENTIFYING, <u>MAPPING</u> AND <u>SEQUENCING</u> ALL OF THE <u>GENES</u> OF THE <u>HUMAN GENOME</u> FROM BOTH A PHYSICAL AND A FUNCTIONAL STANDPOINT.
- IT STARTED IN 1990 AND WAS COMPLETED IN 2003.

- THE HUMAN GENOME PROJECT (HGP) WAS INITIATED TO DETERMINE THE COMPLETE DNA SEQUENCE OF THE HUMAN GENOME AND ALL OF THE GENES IT ENCODES.
- THE MOST IMMEDIATE BENEFIT OF THIS INFORMATION WAS TO FACILITATE DISEASE GENE RESEARCH.

HUMAN GENOME PROJECT

ESTABLISHMENT OF HGP

- HUMAN GENOME PROJECT (HGP) REMAINS THE WORLD'S LARGEST COLLABORATIVE BIOLOGICAL PROJECT.
- PLANNING FOR THE PROJECT STARTED AFTER IT WAS ADOPTED IN 1984 BY THE <u>US GOVERNMENT</u>, AND IT OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED IN 1990.
- IT WAS DECLARED COMPLETE ON APRIL 14, 2003, AND INCLUDED ABOUT 92% OF THE GENOME.



FRANCIS COLLINS IS THE FATHER OF THE HUMAN GENOME PROJECT.

COLLINS LED THE HUMAN GENOME PROJECT AND OTHER GENOMICS RESEARCH INITIATIVES AS DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN GENOME RESEARCH INSTITUTE (NHGRI), ONE OF THE 27 INSTITUTES AND CENTERS AT NIH.



PROJECT AIM

- NOTABLY, THE PROJECT WAS NOT ABLE TO SEQUENCE ALL OF THE DNA FOUND IN <u>HUMAN CELLS</u>; RATHER, THE AIM WAS TO SEQUENCE ONLY <u>EUCHROMATIC</u> REGIONS OF THE NUCLEAR GENOME, WHICH MAKE UP 92.1% OF THE HUMAN GENOME.
- THE REMAINING 7.9% EXISTS SCATTERED <u>HETEROCHROMATIC</u> REGIONS SUCH AS THOSE FOUND IN <u>CENTROMERES</u> AND <u>TELOMERES</u>.
- THESE REGIONS BY THEIR NATURE ARE GENERALLY MORE DIFFICULT TO SEQUENCE AND SO WERE NOT INCLUDED AS PART OF THE PROJECT'S ORIGINAL PLANS.



- GOALS OF THE HUMAN GENOME PROJECT INCLUDE:
- OPTIMIZATION OF THE DATA ANALYSIS.
- SEQUENCING THE ENTIRE GENOME.
- DIDENTIFICATION OF THE COMPLETE HUMAN GENOME.
- CREATING GENOME SEQUENCE DATABASES TO STORE THE DATA.
- TAKING CARE OF THE LEGAL, ETHICAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES THAT THE PROJECT
 MAY POSE

FOCUS OF THE HUMAN GENOME PROJECT

(*)THE PRIMARY WORK OF THE HUMAN GENOME PROJECT HAS BEEN TO PRODUCE THREE MAIN RESEARCH TOOLS THAT WILL ALLOW INVESTIGATORS **TO IDENTIFY GENES INVOLVED IN NORMAL BIOLOGY AS WELL AS IN BOTH RARE AND COMMON DISEASES.**

(*) THE TOOLS ARE KNOWN AS POSITIONAL CLONING.

(*) **POSITIONAL CLONING** IS A TECHNIQUE THAT IDENTIFIES A TRAIT-ASSOCIATED GENE BASED ON ITS LOCATION IN THE GENOME AND INVOLVES METHODS SUCH AS LINKAGE ANALYSIS, ASSOCIATION MAPPING, AND BIOINFORMATICS.

(*) THESE ADVANCED TECHNIQUES ENABLE RESEARCHERS TO SEARCH FOR **DISEASE-LINKED GENES** DIRECTLY IN THE GENOME WITHOUT FIRST HAVING TO IDENTIFY THE GENE'S PROTEIN PRODUCT OR FUNCTION.

REFERENCE: (ARTICLE BY GOATE, PP. 217-220.)



APPLICATIONS

- THE SEQUENCING OF THE HUMAN GENOME HOLDS BENEFITS FOR MANY FIELDS, FROM MOLECULAR MEDICINE TO HUMAN EVOLUTION .
- THE HUMAN GENOME PROJECT, THROUGH ITS SEQUENCING OF THE DNA, CAN HELP TO UNDERSTAND DISEASES INCLUDING:
- <u>GENOTYPING</u> OF SPECIFIC <u>VIRUSES</u> TO DIRECT APPROPRIATE TREATMENT,
- IDENTIFICATION OF <u>MUTATIONS</u> LINKED TO DIFFERENT FORMS OF <u>CANCER</u>.
- THE DESIGN OF MEDICATION AND MORE ACCURATE PREDICTION OF THEIR EFFECTS.



 THE SEQUENCE OF THE DNA IS STORED IN DATABASES AVAILABLE TO ANYONE ON THE INTERNET. THE U.S. NATIONAL CENTER FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY
 INFORMATION (AND SISTER ORGANIZATIONS IN EUROPE AND JAPAN) HOUSE (STORE) THE GENE SEQUENCE IN A DATABASE
 KNOWN AS GENBANK, ALONG WITH SEQUENCES OF KNOWN AND HYPOTHETICAL GENES AND PROTEINS.

ENSEMBL PRESENT ADDITIONAL DATA AND ANNOTATION AND POWERFUL TOOLS FOR VISUALIZING AND SEARCHING GENOME SEQUENCE.

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- THE PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING THE DNA SEQUENCE IS CALLED <u>GENOME</u> <u>ANNOTATION</u> AND IS THE DOMAIN OF <u>BIOINFORMATICS</u>.
- DNA SEQUENCING IS THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING THE SPECIFIC ORDER AND IDENTITY OF THE **THREE BILLION BASE PAIRS** IN THE GENOME, WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF IDENTIFYING **DISCRETE DNA MOLECULES** OF KNOWN POSITION ON A CHROMOSOME, WHICH ARE THEN USED FOR SEQUENCING.











WHOLE GENOME SEQUENCING



ADVANCES BASED ON THE HGP

- ADVANCES IN <u>GENETICS</u> AND <u>GENOMICS</u> CONTINUE TO EMERGE.
- THE INTERNATIONAL HAPMAP PROJECT AND THE INITIATION OF LARGE-SCALE <u>COMPARATIVE</u> GENOMICS STUDIES DEVELOPED DUE TO HGP.
- THE INTERNATIONAL HAPMAP PROJECT COMPARES GENOMIC
 SEQUENCES WITHIN ONE SPECIES
- COMPARATIVE GENOMICS IS THE STUDY OF SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DIFFERENT SPECIES.

*COMPARING DNA SEQUENCES IS OFTEN DONE USING A SOFTWARE TOOL CALLED BLAST (BASIC LOCAL ALIGNMENT SEARCH TOOL) • THROUGH THIS RESEARCHERS ARE ABLE TO IDENTIFY DEGREES OF SIMILARITY AND DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THE GENES AND GENOMES OF RELATED OR DISPARATE SPECIES.

IMPACTS OF THE HGP

• IMPACT ON MEDICINE:

THE PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF A COMPLETE HUMAN GENOME SEQUENCE REPRESENTED A DEFINING MOMENT FOR BOTH THE BIOMEDICAL <u>COMMUNITY</u> AND FOR SOCIETY.

IN THE YEARS SINCE COMPLETION OF THE HGP, THE HUMAN GENOME DATABASE, TOGETHER WITH OTHER PUBLICLY AVAILABLE RESOURCES SUCH AS THE HAPMAP DATABASE, HAS ENABLED THE IDENTIFICATION OF A VARIETY OF GENES THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH DISEASE.

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