Fig. E.15 HOX genes: Comprehensive example



Fig. E.16



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Lecture 22: Cell-Cycle Regulation and the Genetics of Cancer I

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Fig. 18.2-18.13

The normal cell division



The cell cycle has four phases: G_1 , S G_2 , and M

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Isolation of temperature-sensitive mutants in yeast



- Mutants grow normally at permissive temperature
- Mutants loses gene function at restrictive temperature
- Thousands of cell cycle mutants have been identified

Fig. 18.3

A cell-cycle mutant in yeast



- (a) growth at permissive temperature displays buds of all sizes
- (b) growth at restrictive temperature shows cells have finished first cell cycle and arrested in the second

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70 cell-cycle genes identified through temperature-sensitive mutation screens

TABLE 18.1 Some of the Cell-Cycle Genes in Which Mutations Contribute to Cancer	
Genes	Gene Products and Their Function
CDKs	Enzymes known as cyclin-dependent protein kinases that control the activity of other proteins by phosphorylating them
CDC28	A CDK discovered in the yeast Saccharomyces cerevisiae that controls several steps in the S. cerevisiae cell cycle
CDC2	A CDK discovered in the yeast Schizosaccharomyces pombe that controls several steps in the S. pombe cell cycle; also the designation for a particular CDK in mammalian cells
CDK4	A CDK of mammalian cells important for the G1-to-S transition
CDK2	A CDK of mammalian cells important for the G1-to-S transition
cyclins	Proteins that are necessary for and influence the activity of CDKs
cyclinD	A cyclin of mammalian cells important for the G1-to-S transition
cyclinE	A cyclin of mammalian cells important for the G1-to-S transition
cyclinA	A cyclin of mammalian cells important for S phase
cyclinB	A cyclin of mammalian cells important for the G ₂ -to-M transition
E2F	A transcription factor of mammalian cells important for the G ₁ -to-S transition
RB	A mammalian protein that inhibits E2F
p21	A protein of mammalian cells that inhibits CDK activity
p16	A protein of mammalian cells that inhibits CDK activity
p53	A transcription factor of mammalian cells that activates transcription of DNA repair genes as well as transcription of $p21$
RAD9	A protein that inhibits the G ₂ -to-M transition of S. cerevisiae in response to DNA damage
E6	A protein of the HPV virus that inhibits p53
E7	A protein of the HPV virus that inhibits Rb

Normal gene product must be produced at a particular stage in cell cycle



A double mutant reveals which mutation is epistatic to which



Fig. 18.5

Cyclin-dependent kinases (CDK) control the cell cycle by phosphorylating other proteins



Nuclear lamins are one of the substrates of CDK



Human CDKs and cyclins can function in yeast in place of native proteins



Three cell cycle check points ensure genomic stability

G1 to S (start) check pointsG2 to M check pointsMetaphase-anaphase check points



CDKs mediate the transition from the G_1 -to-S phase in human cells



Fig. 18.9

p53: an anti-oncogenic protein



-members of Li-Fraumeni cancer-prone families were shown to carry germ-line p53 mutations. -mice that are homozygous null for p53 are highly predisposed to tumors.



Over 50% cancer cells contain mutations in p53



G2-to-M check points





Metaphase to anaphase checkpoint

