

Summary and conclusion

The genetic disorders are divided into chromosomal disorders and gene disorders .

A) Chromosomal disorders are divided into two classes .

1 - Abnormalities of chromosomal number: These arise from non disjunctions that is from failure of two homologous chromosomes in the first division of meiosis or of two sister chromatids in mitosis or the second division of meiosis to pass to opposite poles of the cell .

2- Abnormalities of chromosome structure :

Result from chromosome breakage and reunion . When a chromosome breaks it can rejoin in its old form (restitutions) or it can rejoin with another broken chromosome (reunion) . Reunion leads to a structural rearrangement that can be balanced or unbalanced . If balanced , the amount of genetic material is identical to that of the normal cell . Types of balanced rearrangements include balanced reciprocal translocation , Robertsonian translocations and inversions . If the rearrangement is unbalanced this indicates loss or gain of chromosomal material .

B) Gene disorders are either mendelian monogenic or non mendelian disorders .

1 - Mendelian monogenic disorders are caused by single mutant gene which show one of four simple mendelian patterns of inheritance .

1- autosomal dominant

2- autosomal recessive

3- x-linked dominant

4- x-linked recessive

1 - Autosomal dominant traits :

Are fully manifested in the presence of a gene in the heterozygous state that is when only one abnormal gene is present .

2 - Autosomal recessive disorder :

Autosomal recessive conditions are clinically apparent only in the homozygous state i.e , when both alleles at a particular genetic locus are mutant alleles .

3 - X-linked inheritance :

Genes located on the x- chromosome are termed x-linked because the female has two x chromosomes she may be either heterozygous or homozygous for the mutant gene and the trait may exhibit recessive or dominant expressions . The male has only one x chromosome and therefore is homozygous for x linked traits.

A- X-linked dominant traits :

This mode of inheritance is uncommon . Its characteristic features are as follow :

- (1) females are affected about twice as often as males .
- (2) heterozygous females transmit the trait to both genders with a frequency of 50% .
- (3) homozygous affected males transmit the trait to all of their daughters and none of their sons .

B- X-linked recessive traits :

This mode of inheritance is relatively common . Its characteristic features are as follow :

- (1) the disorder is fully expressed only in homozygous affected male .
- (2) heterozygous females are normal occasionally they may exhibit mild features of the disorder

11 - Non mendelian inheritance :

1 - Polygenic inheritance .

