KEY CONCEPT

The chromosomes on which genes are located can affect the expression of traits.



Two copies of each autosomal gene affect phenotype.

- Autosomal chromosomes are chromosomes 1-22
- Autosomes DO NOT effect
 gender
- A human has 22 pairs, or 44 autosomes



- People can be **carriers** for a disease
 - A heterozygote for a *recessive* disorder is a carrier.
 - Dominant allele disorders are uncommon.



Males and females differ in sex-linked traits.

- Genes on sex chromosomes are called **sex-linked genes**.
 - Y chromosome genes in mammals are responsible for male characteristics.
 - X chromosome genes are important in mammals.



- Male mammals have an XY genotype.
 - <u>All</u> of a male's sexlinked genes are expressed.



- Female mammals have an XX genotype.
 - Expression of sex-linked genes is similar to autosomal genes in females since they have two copies.



Phenotype can depend on interactions of alleles.

- In **incomplete dominance**, neither allele is completely dominant nor completely recessive.
 - Heterozygous phenotype shows a blending between the two homozygous phenotypes







- Codominant alleles will both be completely expressed.
 - Codominant alleles are represented equally and separately in a heterozygote.

PHENOTYPE (BLOOD TYPE)		GENOTYPES
A	antigen A	I ^A I ^A or I ^A i
В	antigen B	I ^B I ^B or I ^B i
AB	both antigens	I ^A I ^B
0	no antigens	ii