

Regulation of Gene Expression

Gene expression/Regulation - It is the mechanism of switching off and switching on of the genes depending upon the requirements of the cell.

- * House keeping gene (Constitutive) - are the genes which are continuously expressing themselves in all cells of the body as their product is always required e.g. - genes of glycolysis.
- * Luxury genes/Nonconstitutive - genes which are not expressing their effect all the time in all cells as they are not always required thus their activity is regulated. Such genes are called Regulated Genes.

Types of Gene Regulation

(1) +ve Gene Regulation → Regulation in which genes remain non-expressed unless & until they are induced to do it. It is therefore called inducible regulation. Since they express their effect through enzyme, their enzymes are called Inducible enzyme.

(2) -ve Regulation - Regulation in which gene continues expressing their effects + if their activity is suppressed. It is therefore called repressible regulation and their enzymes are called Repressible enzyme.

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- (2) - Processing level (when processing & terminal addition are made)
- (3) - Transport of m-RNA from nucleus to cytoplasm
- (4) - Translational level.

* While in prokaryotes regulation takes place mostly at the site of Transcriptional Initiation.

Operon - Group of genes controlled by single promoter is called operon.
eg - Lac operon, trp operon, his operon, val operon.

In operon consist of minimum 4 types of Gene -

- (1) - Regulator - Gene that form biochemical that suppress the activity of operator gene.
- (2) - Promoter - Gene that provide sit for attachment of RNA pol.
- (3) - Operator - Gene that receive the product of regulator
- (4) - Structural - " " " transcribe m-RNA for polypeptide synthesis

→ may become

- Str
- enzyme
- Hormone
- antibodies
- Transport protein