

## Hemoglobinopathies

| Hemoglobin type               | Composition   | Notes   |
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| <b>HbH</b>                    | -Tetramer of Beta, $\beta^4$ .  | -Alpha thalassemia intermedia<br>-3 $\alpha$ genes deleted<br>-mild-moderate symptoms<br>-not fatal   |
| <b>Hb Barts</b>               | -Tetramer of Gamma, $\gamma^4$ .  | -Alpha thalassemia major<br>-hydrops fetalis<br>-4 $\alpha$ genes deleted<br>-fatal<br>-stillbirth/early after-birth morbidity  |
| <b>HbE</b>                    | -Defective beta globin which combines with alpha ( $\alpha^2$ , $\beta^E$ ).  | -Individuals with this point mutation make only 60% of the normal amount of $\beta$ globin<br>-common in southeast Asia<br>-asymptomatic  |
| <b>HbS</b>                    | -Point mutation in beta chain.<br>-Sickled hemoglobin, via the valine, forms a hydrophobic protrusion (can clog into the pocket that is there even in normal Hb only when deoxygenated)<br>-Anything that increases T state will worsen the sickling. | -mutant Hb is poorly soluble when deoxygenated<br>-causes hemolytic anemia, less than 20 days rbc life span<br>-irreversible sickling with repeated cycles, blocks capillaries, causing damage to organs via hypoxia                                  |
| <b>HbC</b>                    | -point mutation in beta chain.<br>-This hemoglobin is less soluble, so it crystallizes in RBCs, reducing their deformability.<br>-Causes more water loss out of an RBC= higher Hb concentration.  | -Mostly a minor issue<br>-minor hemolytic anemia due to water loss (RBCs are rigid)<br>-less deformability= reducing their ability to squeeze through capillary.  |
| <b>HbSC</b>                   | -HbC from a parent, HbS from the other  | -causes mild hemolytic anemia!  |
| <b>HbCS (constant spring)</b> | -mutation in the termination of alpha2, causes longer mRNA (unstable) or unstable proteins.<br>-Less quantity, less quality together  | -if heterozygotes ( $\alpha\alpha$ , $\alpha\alpha_{cs}$ ) causes alpha thalassemia trait.<br>-if coinherited with thalassemia ( $\alpha\alpha$ , $\alpha\alpha_{cs}$ ), causes alpha thalassemia intermedia.<br>-common in southeast Asia and China. |
| <b>Hb Hammersmith</b>         | -point mutation (most commonly in beta) that leads to formation of unstable hemoglobin.   | -reduced hydrophobicity in heme pocket.<br>-unstable heme-globin interactions.<br>-causes cyanosis.   |

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| <b>Hb Cowtown</b>  | -substitution of His146 that's responsible for the Bohr effect   | - <b>INCREASED</b> oxygen affinity<br>-more hemoglobin in <b>R</b> state<br>-shifts the curve to the <b>LEFT</b>   |
| <b>Hb Kansas</b>   | -stabilization of the <b>T</b> state   | - <b>DECREASED</b> oxygen affinity<br>-more hemoglobin in <b>T</b> state<br>-shifts the curve to the <b>RIGHT</b>  |
| <b>Hb Yakima</b>   | -stabilization of the <b>R</b> state   | - <b>INCREASED</b> oxygen affinity<br>-more hemoglobin in <b>R</b> state<br>-shifts the curve to the <b>LEFT</b>   |
| <b>HbM – methemoglobin (in normal people it's available but only in very small amounts) (kept low via methemoglobin reductase enzyme). normal hemoglobin but with ferric iron.</b> | -normally, oxyhemoglobin carries oxygen while in ferrous state, and during the release it's oxidized to ferric state, then reduced by methemoglobin reductase back to ferrous state.<br>-methemoglobinemia causes: some mutant globins resist the reductase. or deficiency of this reductase. or drugs / drinking water with nitrates. | -normal enzyme uses <b>NADH</b> from <b>glycolysis</b><br><hr/> -TREATED BY methylene blue, it will get reduced to leukomethylene blue which will accept the electrons instead of the deficient enzyme.<br>-uses <b>NADPH</b> from <b>PPP</b><br>-chocolate brown blood + lips |
| <b>HbM Boston</b>  | - <b>Distal</b> histidine mutated to tyrosine; this tyrosine's oxygen causes oxidation of ferrous iron – Auto oxidation of iron.   | -results in methemoglobinemia  |
| <b>HbM Iwate</b>   | - <b>Proximal</b> histidine mutated to tyrosine; this tyrosine's oxygen causes oxidation of ferrous iron – Auto oxidation of iron.   | -results in methemoglobinemia  |