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## Exercise 1 Answers

	Image: Window Stress       Marco	Alexei	James	Bo
Reported Phenotype	significant bruising and severe pain after his first soccer practice previous episodes of scratches causing prolonged bleeding family history: a male cousin was known to have hemophilia.	<ul> <li>severe hematoma on thigh after bumping into a boat's oarlock.</li> <li>long history of recurrent episodes of illness (bruises, bleeding episodes, and long painful recoveries) since shortly after birth Family history:</li> <li>Rumors of bleeding issues in many cousins of the maternal family.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>relentless nosebleed caused by "bumping into a coffee table"</li> <li>visible bruising on his knees and palms since he began crawling at 6 months</li> <li>Family history:</li> <li>Maternal uncle died at the age or 6 years old from a "brain bleed" after a fall.</li> <li>Mother required a blood transfusion after natural childbirth</li> </ul>	level of an ER visit but were concerning."
Preliminary Diagnosis	Hemophilia (sub-type not determined yet)	Hemophilia (sub-type not determined yet)	Hemophilia (sub-type not determined yet)	Hemophilia (sub-type not determined yet)
Reported Variation(s)	NG_011403.1: g.4980_5005del	F9 c.278-3A>G	F8 p.Arg15Ter	F9 p.Asp110Gly
Laboratory Assertion(s)	variant of uncertain significance (VUS)	pathogenic	pathogenic	pathogenic
<ul> <li>Variant Information:</li> <li>Asserted interpretation listed in ClinVar</li> <li>HGVS names from ClinVar</li> </ul>	not in ClinVar! (assumed a VUS) NG_011403.1(F8): g.4980_5005del Note: no protein HGVS	pathogenic NG_007994.1(F9): g.15338A>G Note: no protein HGVS	pathogenic NG_011403.2(F8): g.5214C>T NP_000123.1(F8): p.Arg15Ter	pathogenic NG_007994.1(F9): g.15392A>G NP_000124.1(F9): p.Asp110Gly
<ul> <li>Is population data available in dbSNP?</li> </ul>	Searching directly in dbSNP found no records	rs398122990 Yes! And it is really, really rare.	rs387906432 Yes! And it is really, really rare.	rs137852234 Yes! And it is pretty darn rate.
Gene Information in NCBI Gene: • Gene Symbol & Name	F8 & Coagulation factor VIII	F9 & Coagulation factor IX	F8& Coagulation factor VIII	F9 & Coagulation factor IX

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	IXa which, in the presence of Ca+2 and phospholipids, converts factor X to the activated form Xa. Defects in this gene results in hemophilia A, a common recessive X-linked coagulation		pathway of blood coagulation; factor VIII is a cofactor for factor IXa which, in the presence of Ca+2 and phospholipids, converts factor X to the activated form Xa. Defects in this gene results in hemophilia A, a common recessive X-linked coagulation disorder. [provided by RefSeq, Jul 2008]	form by factor XIa,activates factor X through interactions with Ca+2 ions, membrane
information	Broad expression, especially in Liver, Spleen and others	Pretty much just expressed in the liver	Broad expression, especially in Liver, Spleen and others	Pretty much just expressed in the liver
Gene Ontology     information	Extracellular Blood coagulation Protein binding Deleted region upstream from	Extracellular Blood coagulation Ca+2-binding & endopeptidase Located near a splice site in the	Extracellular Blood coagulation Protein binding Located in the coding region	Extracellular Blood coagulation Ca+2-binding & endopeptidase Located in the coding region
Ultimate Impacted Biomolecule based on:	through the beginning of the transcription start.	gene just before exon 4.		within exon 4.
GDV to view the chromosome and gene region		Exon 4's acceptor site is shifted back due to the variation – causing a frameshift of the coding sequence.	Located within the first coding exon.	Located within the coding region within exon 4.
<ul> <li>RefSeqGene Graphics view of gene region and transcript(s)</li> <li>RefSeq Protein</li> </ul>	n/a	The coding sequence frameshift encodes an 11-residue peptide and then a stop codon - prematurely terminating the protein.	producing a non-functional peptide	
<ul> <li>Graphics view of protein and domains</li> <li>CDD or iCn3D to view a structure</li> </ul>		A large portion of the protein is never made – especially the endopeptidase domain which is critical for activating FX – and propagating the clotting cascade.	Most of the protein is never made so it cannot serve as a complex anchor for clotting factor aggregation.	The variant is identified as one of 3 residues annotated as critical for binding to Ca+2. The change from acidic Aspartate residue to neutral Glycine likely prevents its participation.
Proposed Molecular Mechanism of Variant Impact	upstream and after the transcriptional start site - likely	This is a change in a splice site base – shifting the splicing back two positions, causing a coding frameshift and ending in premature termination.	codon.	This changes an acidic residue which is needed for binding a critical calcium ion which is required for F9 function.
How does this relate back to the phenotype (symptoms/clinical features & diagnosis)?	able to progress to create clots. This correlates with a severe phenotype.	With an F9 protein prematurely terminated, the catalytic domain for activating the next clotting factor is not made and the clotting cascade cannot progress to create clots. This correlates with a severe phenotype.	terminated, the binding domains for aggregating the next clotting factor is not made and the clotting cascade cannot progress to create clots. This correlates with a severe	With the loss of one of 3 coordinating residues for a critical calcium ion, the F9 protein is not fully functional and may not effectively activate the next clotting factor. This correlates with a less severe phenotype.