

# Genetics screening of thalassemia HBB genes

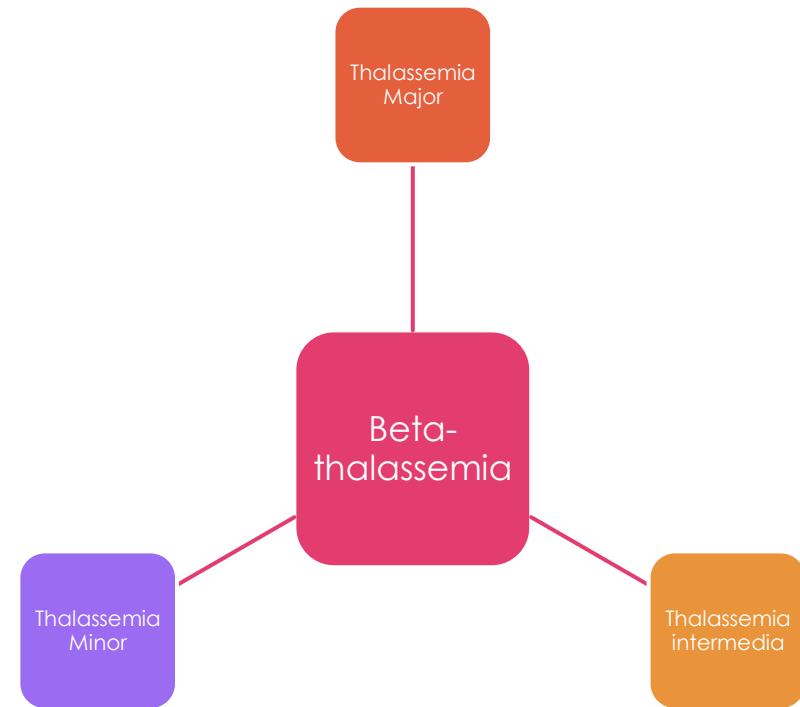
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# Introduction

- ▶ The term thalassemia is gotten from the Greek, Thalassa (ocean) and haima (blood).
- ▶ Beta-thalassemia conditions are a gathering of genetic blood issues portrayed by diminished or missing beta globin chain blend, bringing about diminished Hb in red platelets (RBC), diminished RBC creation and iron deficiency.(1)



# Types of beta thalassemia (2)

## *Thalassemia Minor or Thalassemia Trait.*

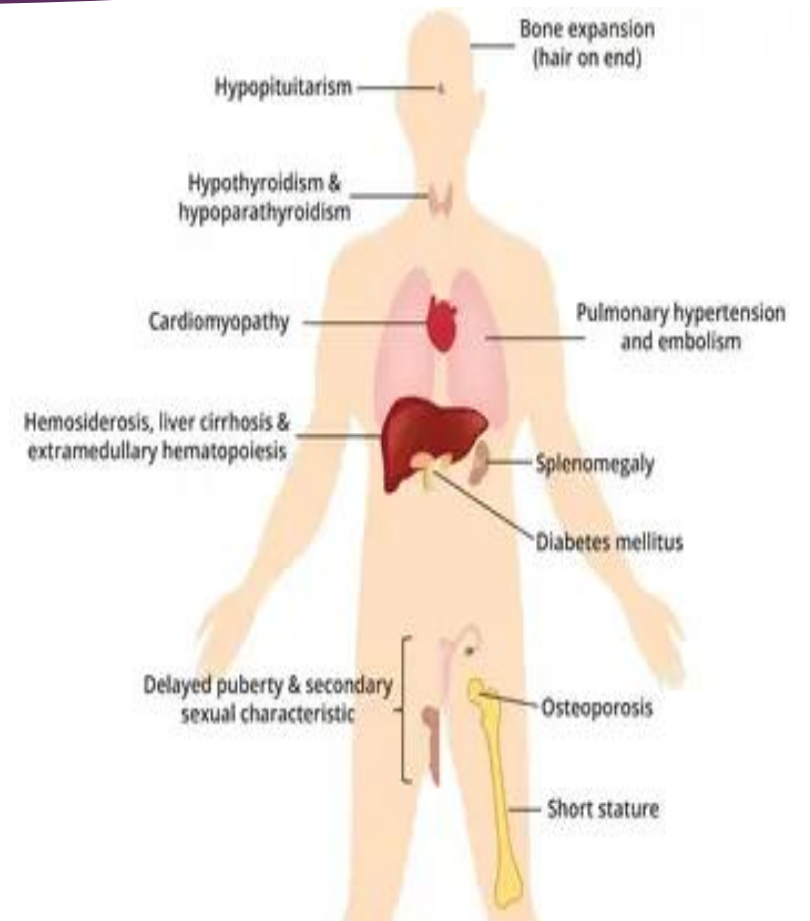
- the lack of beta protein is not great enough to cause problems in the normal functioning of the hemoglobin.
- A person with this condition simply carries the genetic **trait** for thalassemia and will usually experience no health problems other than a possible mild anemia.

## *Thalassemia Intermedia.*

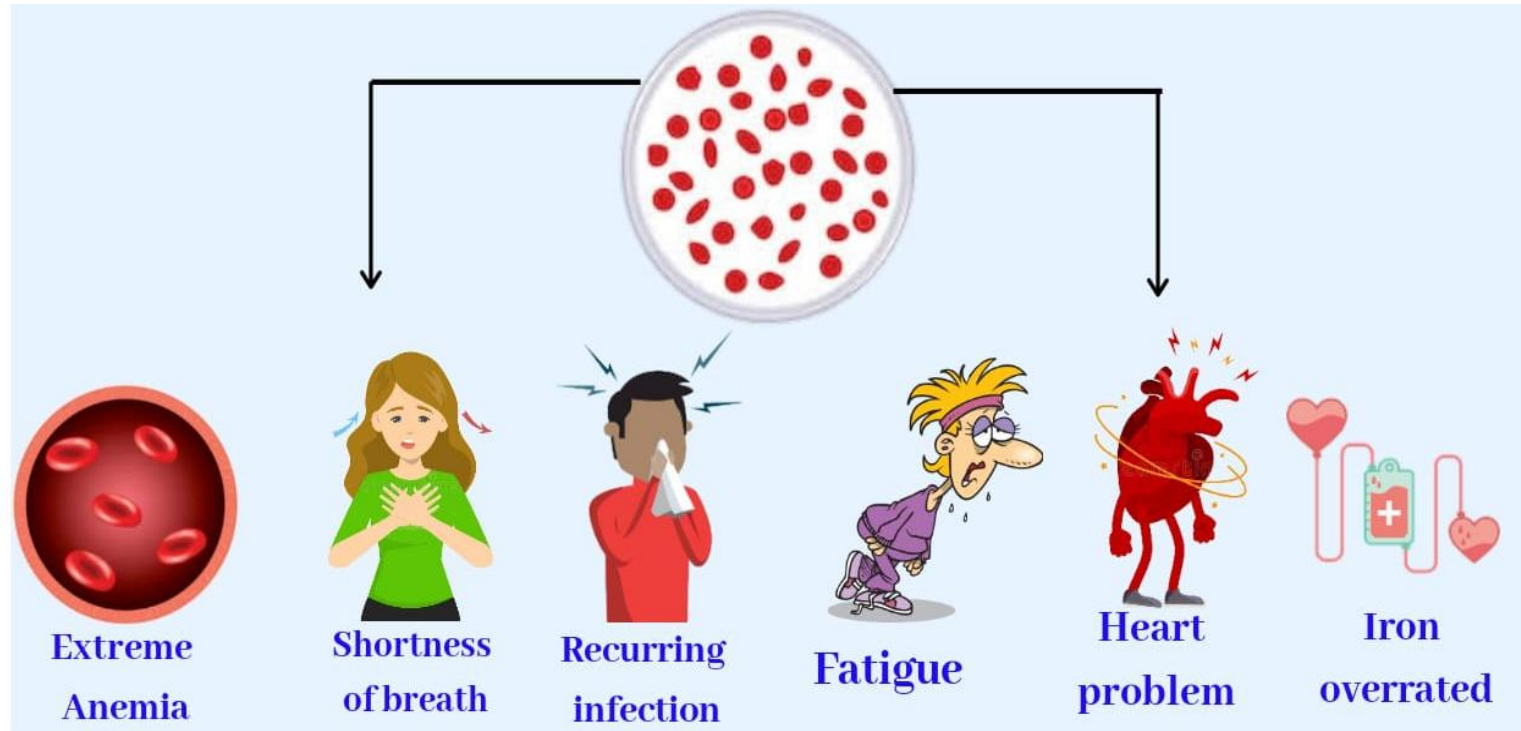
- lack of beta protein in the hemoglobin is great
  - bone deformities
  - enlargement of the spleen
  - patients with thalassemia intermedia need blood transfusions to improve their quality of life, but not in order to survive.

## *Thalassemia Major or Cooley's Anemia.*

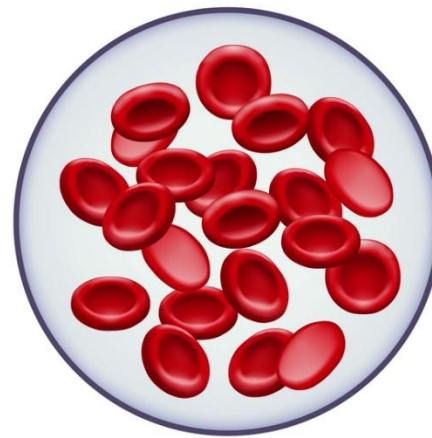
- This is the most severe form of beta thalassemia
- complete lack of beta protein in the hemoglobin causes a life-threatening anemia
- requires regular blood transfusions and extensive ongoing medical care.
- lead to iron-overload which must be treated with chelation therapy



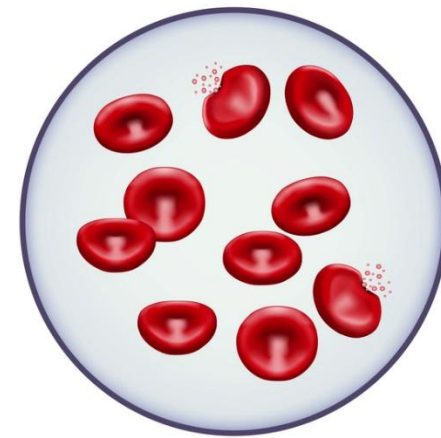
# Symptoms of thalassemia <sup>(3)</sup>



# Causes of thalassemia (4)

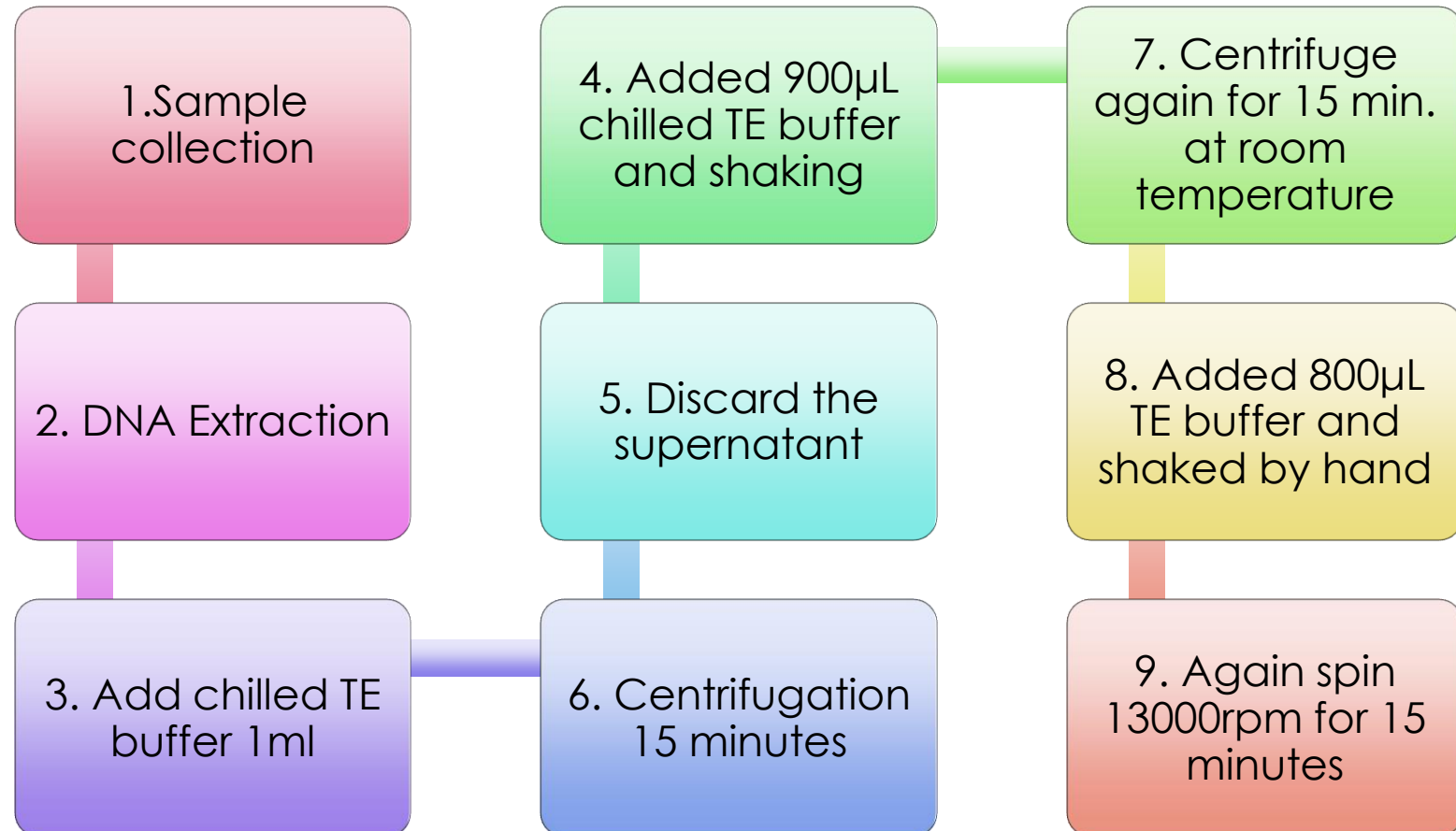


Normal



Thalassemia

# METHODOLOGY



# METHODOLOGY: DIGESTION PROCESS

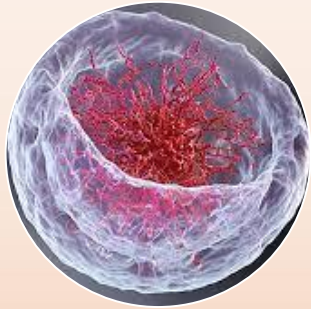
After that discard the supernatant and I have added 200 $\mu$ L TEN buffer, 20 $\mu$ L SDS and 10 $\mu$ L proteinase K solution. Again, re-suspended pallet by shaking and vortex mixing by vortex machine



After that process incubate the mixture overnight at 56 degrees centigrade for digestion.



# METHODOLOGY: PHASE SEPARATION



1. Use organic method for DNA extraction.  
Use PCI for DNA extraction.

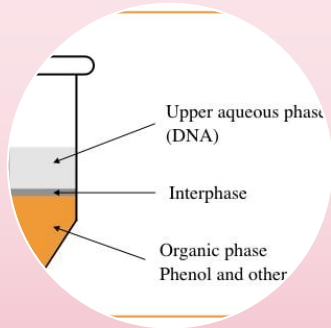


2. After the complete digestion add 300 $\mu$ L of phenol-chloroform-isoamyl alcohol solution and mix gently



3. Use centrifuge machine for spin at 13000rpm for 10 minutes .  
3 layers observed

# METHODOLOGY: PHASE SEPARATION



4. Carefully take upper aqueous layer because that layer containing DNA. Take up with 1ml pipette and transfer to a new labeled 1.5ml centrifuge tube.



5. Added equal volume of chilled isopropanol and invert the tube gently till DNA is visible



5. Addition of isopropanol spin the sample in centrifuge machine at 1300rpm for 1 minutes at room temperature. After spin shows again a little pellet. After that process I discard supernatant carefully.

# METHODOLOGY: PHASE SEPARATION



7. Added 200ml absolute ethanol and vortex that sample for 15 sec



8. Use centrifuge machine for spin at 8000rpm for 1 minute



9. Spin again small pellet are formed



# Preparation of Agarose Gel (03%)



7. Add 200ml 75% ethanol and vortex sample for 15 sec.



8. Addition of ethanol again. Centrifuge for spin at 8000rpm for 1 minute

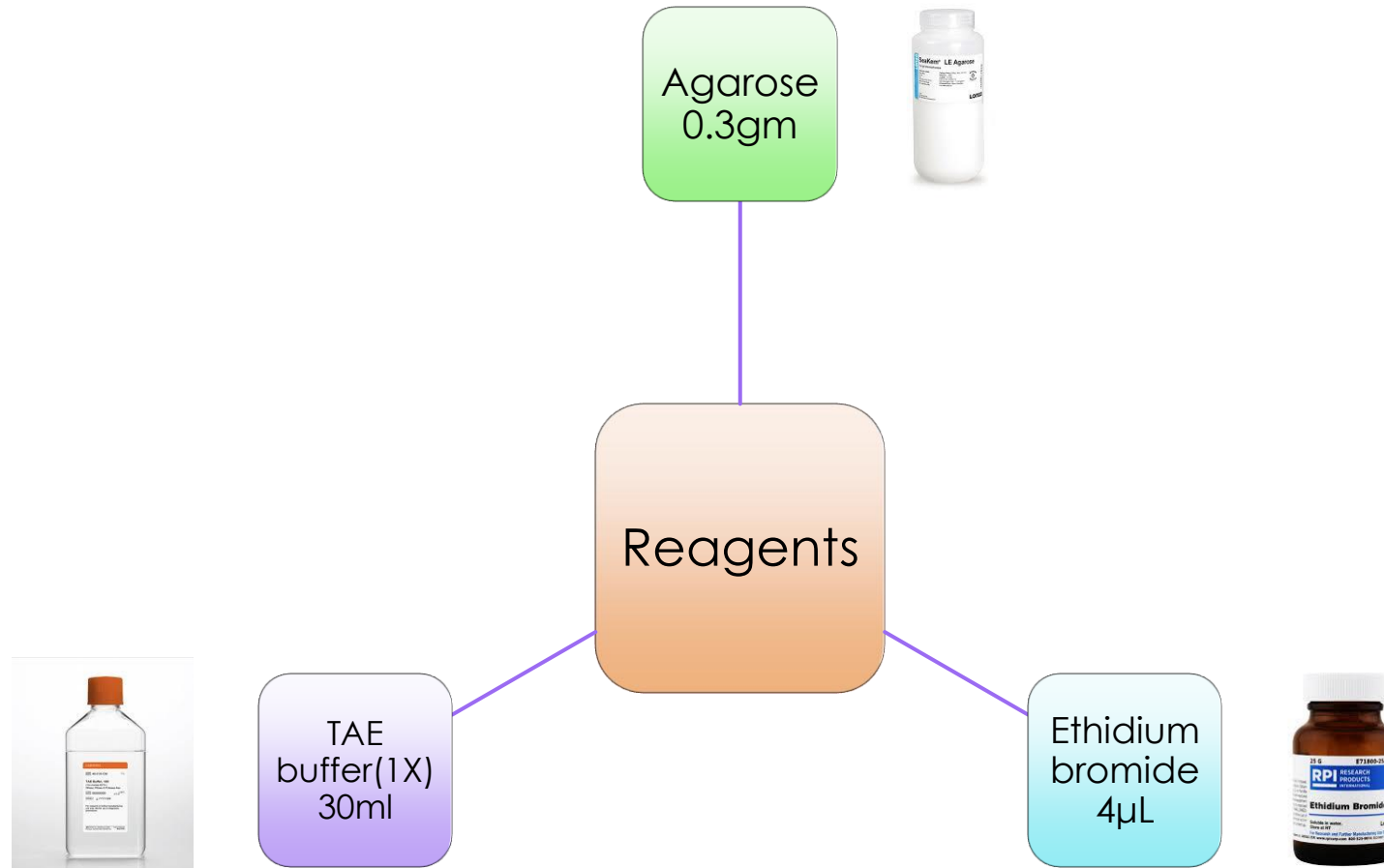


9. Dry the sample overnight. Add 100  $\mu$ L sterile distilled water to dissolve the DNA pellet.



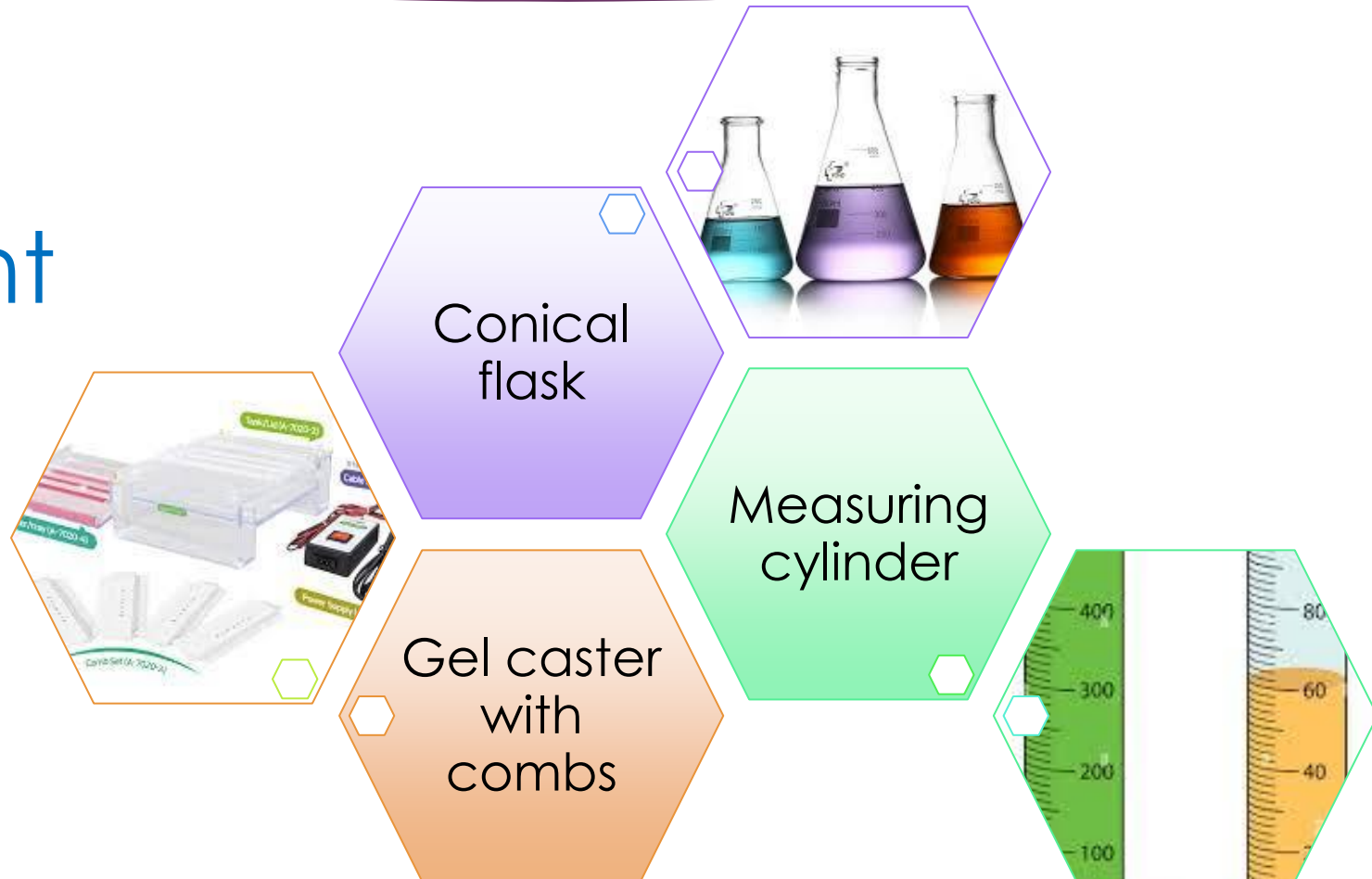
10. Incubate the DNA at 72C for 30 minutes. After that whole process store the DNA at -20C.

# Preparation of Agarose Gel (03%)



# Preparation of Agarose Gel (0.3%)

## Equipment



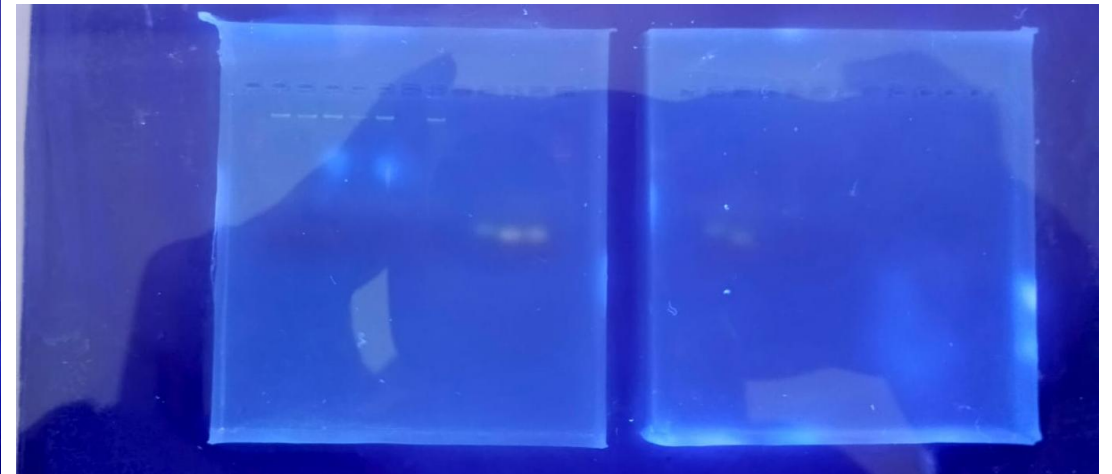
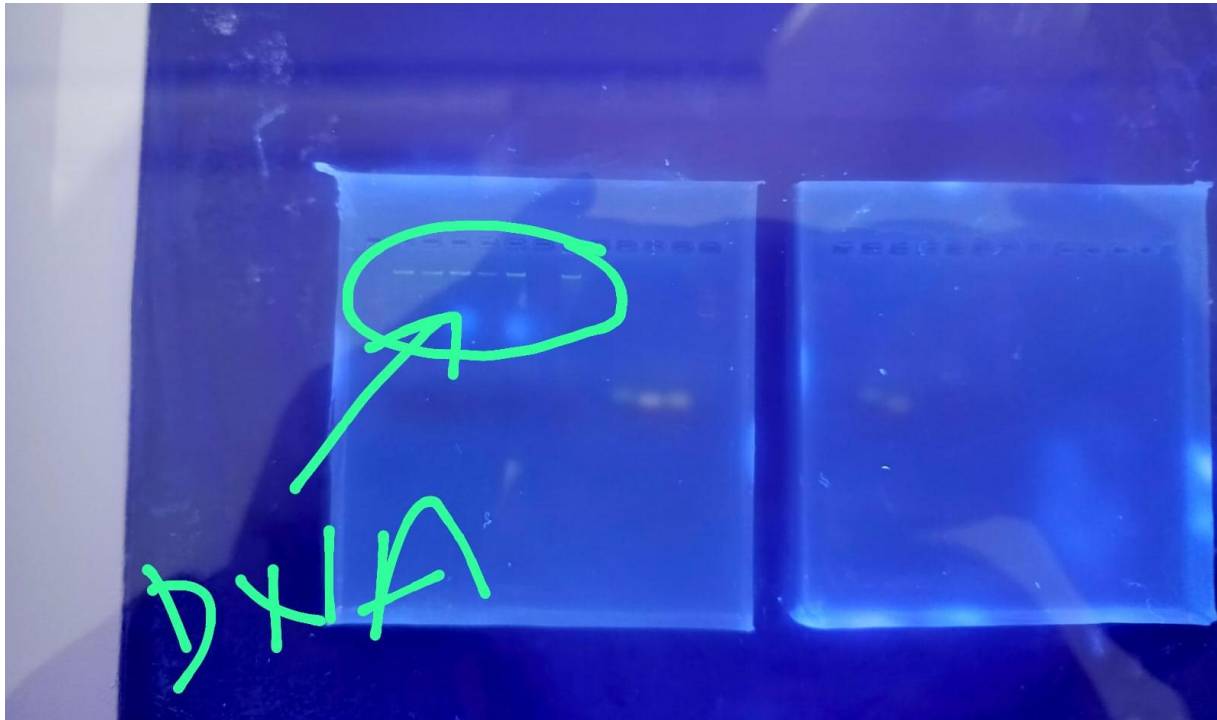
# Preparation of Agarose Gel (1%): SAMPLE LOADING

Take 0.3gm agarose and 30ml of TAE buffer (1x) and heat solution for 90sec until boiled. cool solution then add ethidium bromide and mix it then load solution in gel caster. after gel solidified transfer in the gel tank.

After that load the sample in wells. Take 5 $\mu$ L DNA sample and 1.5 $\mu$ L red dye mixed it with carefully and load in the wells.

Set the apparatus with 110 voltage for 30 minutes and after that on supply. After the appropriate time I off supply and take gel and observed the DNA under UV light with the help of UV transilluminator

Under the observation of UV light, I observe DNA bands.



# Primers

Primer ID	Sequence 5'----3'	Length	Tm	GC%	Product
F_HBB_Ex1	agggttggccaatctactcc	20	60	55	535
R_HBB_Ex1	CACTCAGTGTGGCAA GGTG	20	60	55	
F_HBB_Ex1 a	gccatctattgcttACATTG C	22	59	40	484

**agggttggccaatctactcc**caggagcagggagggcaggagccagggtgggcataaag  
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 GGCAAGAAAGTGCTCGGTGCCITTAGTGATGGCCTGGCTCACCTGGACAAC  
 CTCAAGGG**CACCTTGCCACACTGAGTG**

# PCR AMPLIFICATION: REAGENTS REQUIRED

Taq DNA polymerase, dNTPs,  
MgCl<sub>2</sub> and PCR buffer

PCR master mixer

PCR primer

PCR grade water

DNA template

DNA polymerase



# PCR AMPLIFICATION: EQUIPMENT



Thermal cycler  
with analysis  
software



Vortex mixture



Microcentrifuge



Pipettes



PCR safety  
cabinet



PCR tubes

# PCR AMPLIFICATION: PROCEDURE

- ▶ First of all, label the PCR tubes for sample place in PCR tubes racks and after that prepare PCR reaction mixture. A generalized recipe of PCR is given below;

- DNA template(1x) 3 $\mu$ L
- DNA polymerase 0.5 $\mu$ L
- dNTPs 2 $\mu$ L
- Buffer 2.5 $\mu$ L
- MgCl<sub>2</sub> 2.5 $\mu$ L
- ddH<sub>2</sub>O 12.5 $\mu$ L



# PCR AMPLIFICATION: PROCEDURE

- ▶ After the addition of all these components that mixture is called master mixer. Now after that I added master mixture in label PCR tubes and added forward primer and reverse primer 1 $\mu$ L in PCR tubes and after that I mix the reagent by gentle vortex by short spin.
- ▶ After the short spin open PCR machine software and I added in run parameters. Such as user ID etc. And also set stages or step cycling protocol for PCR.

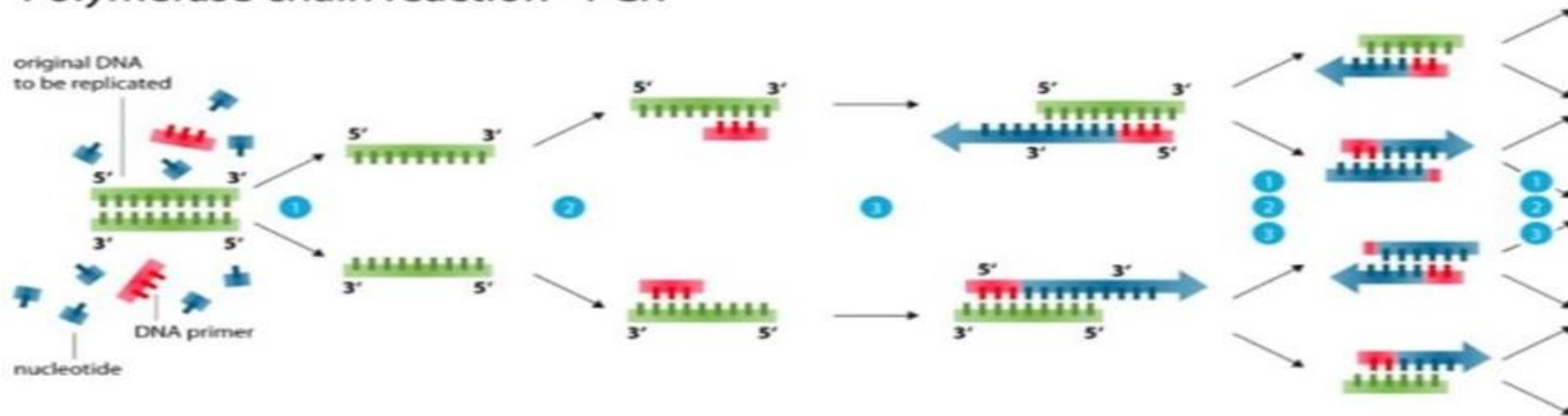
# PCR: STAGES

Denaturation

Annealing

Elongation

Polymerase chain reaction - PCR

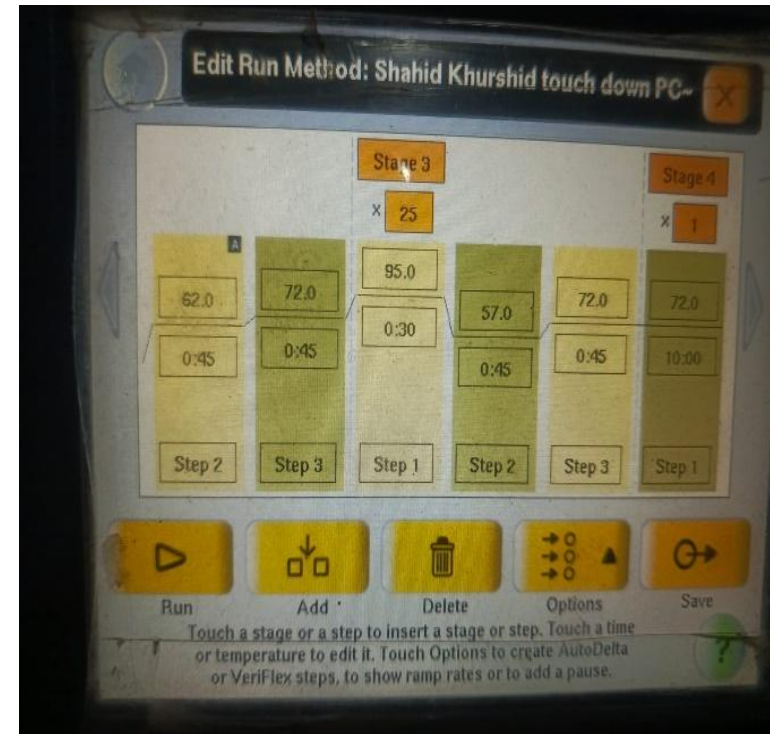
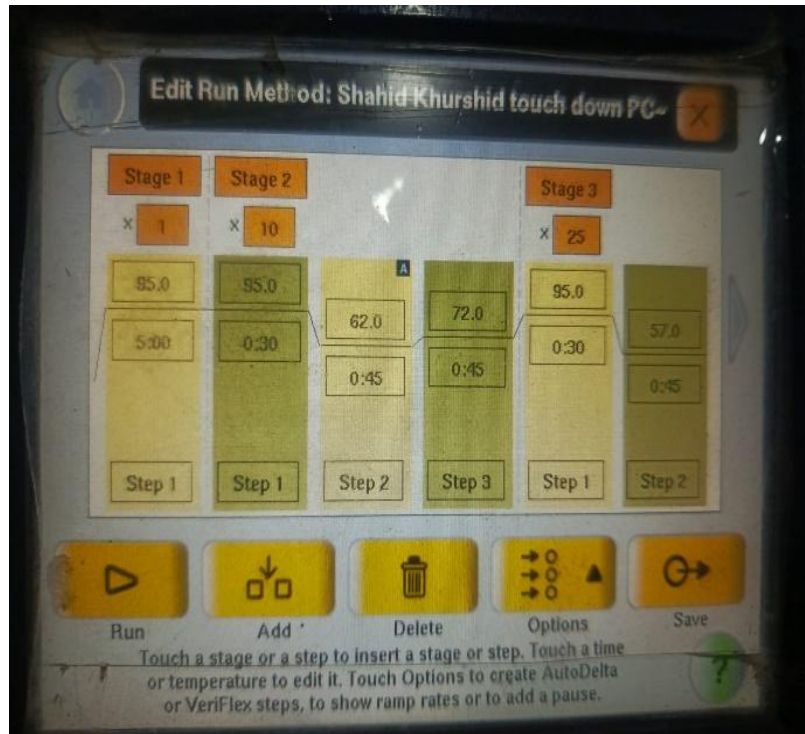


- 1 Denaturation at 94-96°C
- 2 Annealing at ~68°C
- 3 Elongation at ca. 72 °C

# PCR AMPLIFICATION: PROCEDURE

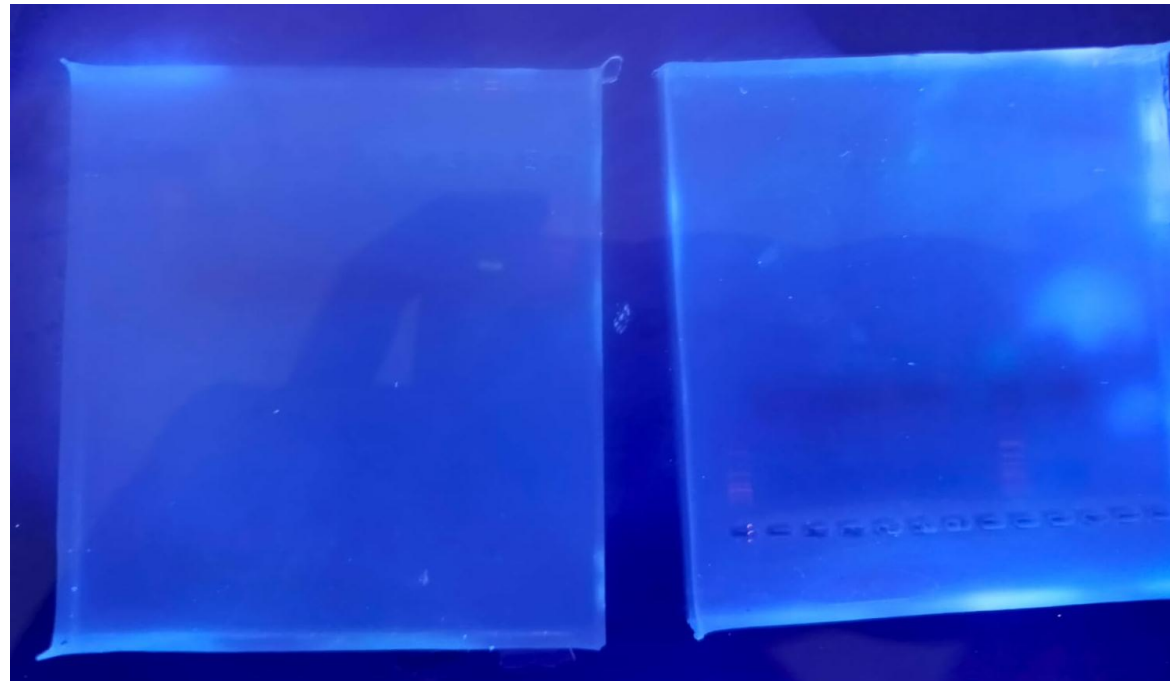
- ▶ For initial denaturation I set 95C for 5 minutes. After that second stage is called denaturation for this, I set 94C for 30 second. After denaturation start annealing process for this, I set 60C for 40second. After annealing start extension cycle in these stages I set 72C for 01minute. After that start last cycle that is called final extension at 72C for 10 minutes. For whole process I set 30cycle for completion of PCR reaction.
- ▶ After that process place the sample tubes in thermal cycler and close the lid and now run the program. After the completion of all cycle and appropriate time I removed the tubes from thermal cycler and proceed agarose gel electrophoresis.

# PCR AMPLIFICATION: PROCEDURE



# Results

- ▶ DNA visible in DNA extraction.
- ▶ No result was found in PCR product under UV trans illuminator.



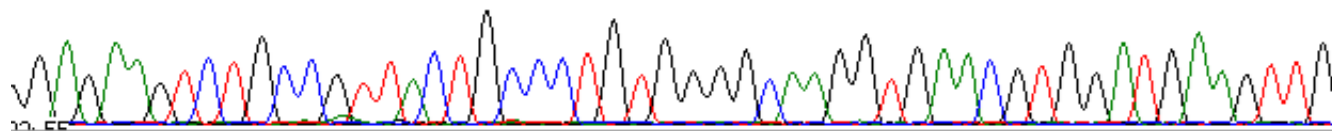
# Sequencing result

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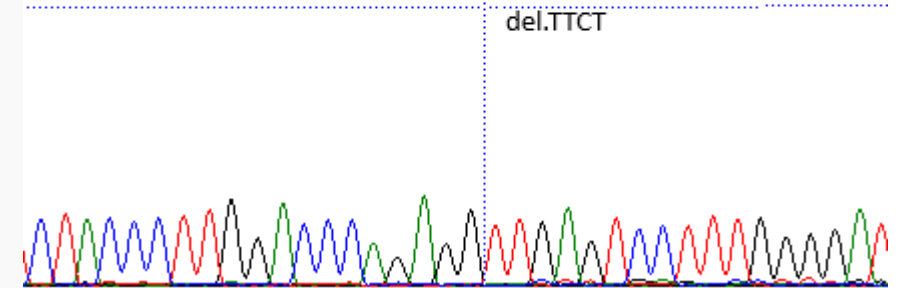
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del.TTCT in the 2nd exonic region

# Conclusion

- ▶ Sequence analysis of HBB gene showed TTCT deletion resulting the frameshift which caused disease thalassemia in this family.

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