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SICKLE CELL ANAEMIA: COMPARITIVE CLINICAL AND MOLECULAIR STUDIES OF NIGERIAN AND KUWAITI PATIENTS

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- 1. IVS-I-110 (G→A) is one of the oldest of the β-thal mutations and originated among the pre-historic Semites of south-western Arabia.
- 2. Bantu ß^S haplotype will turn out to be more common than Saudi Arabia/India haplotype among the Omani people of the Arabian Peninsula.
- 3. Genetic factors, not linked to the BS mutation, protect SS patients with the Saudi Arabia/India haplotype against recurrent severe bacterial infections.
- The α2-globin gene polyadenylation signal mutation (AATAAA→AATAAG)
 originated among the pre-historic Ubaidian people of Eastern Arabia.
- 5. Stem cell transplantation will revolutionize the treatment of thalassemia major.
- Manipulation of the β-amyloid precursor protein gene or its product holds promise for the rational therapy of Alzheimer's disease.
- 7. Post-transplantation lymphoproliferative disease is associated with Epstein-Barr virus infection.
- Neonatal chronic lung disease is mediated by free oxygen radicals generated by tracheal epithelial and alveolar macrophages.
- A drug that blocks the dopamine transporter protein receptor will prevent the
 psycho-stimulatory effect of cocaine and will be usefull for the treatment of its
 addiction.
- 10. There is a link between early monolithic civilizations e.g. the Maya of Central America and Stonehenge of Great Britain with the Egyptian civilization.

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