

# HIV Drug Resistance

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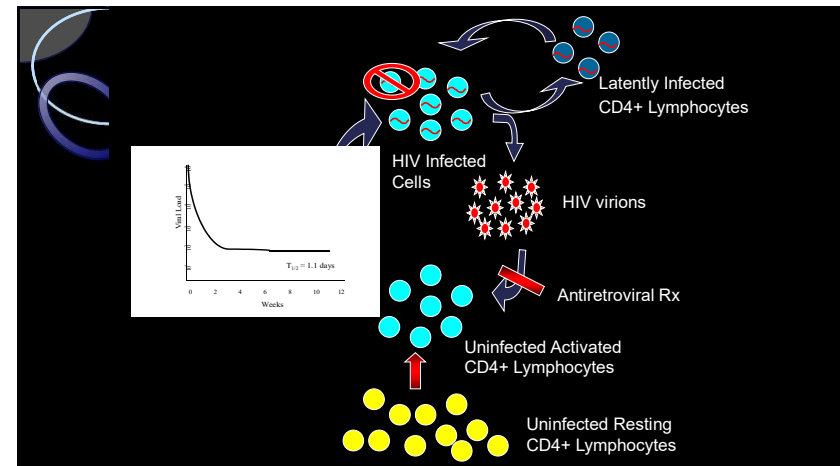
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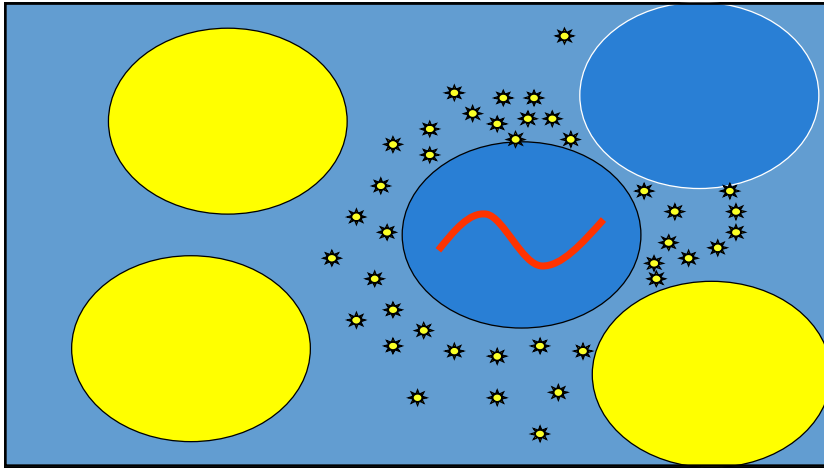
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## How Does Resistance Happen?

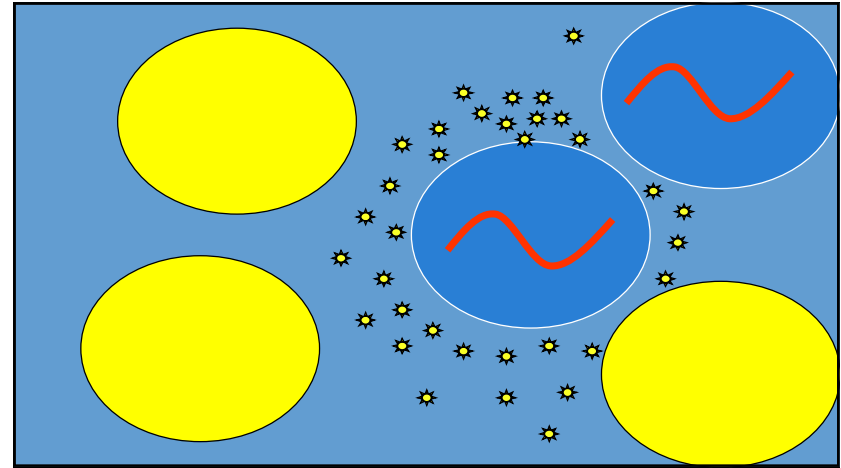
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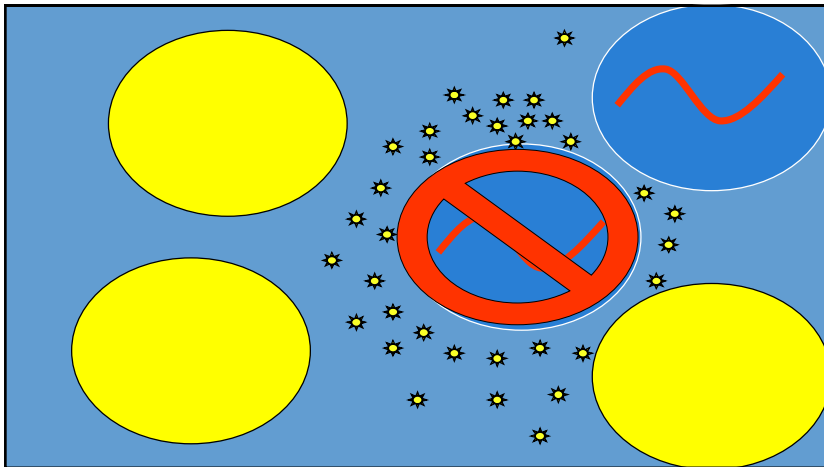
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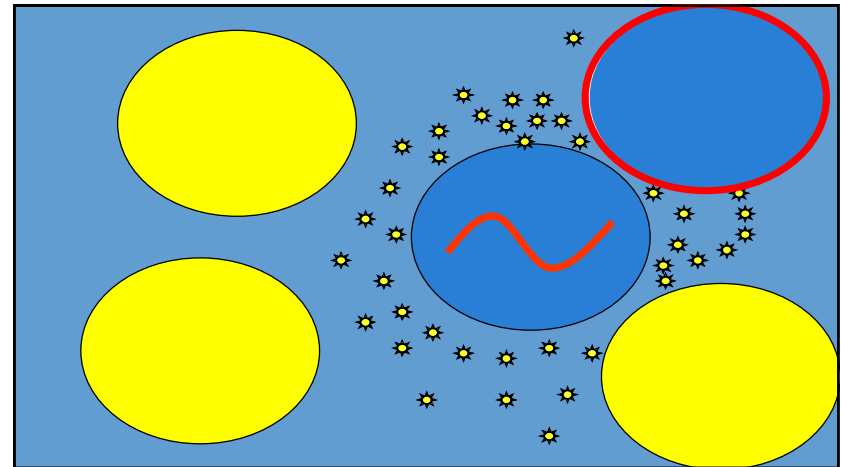
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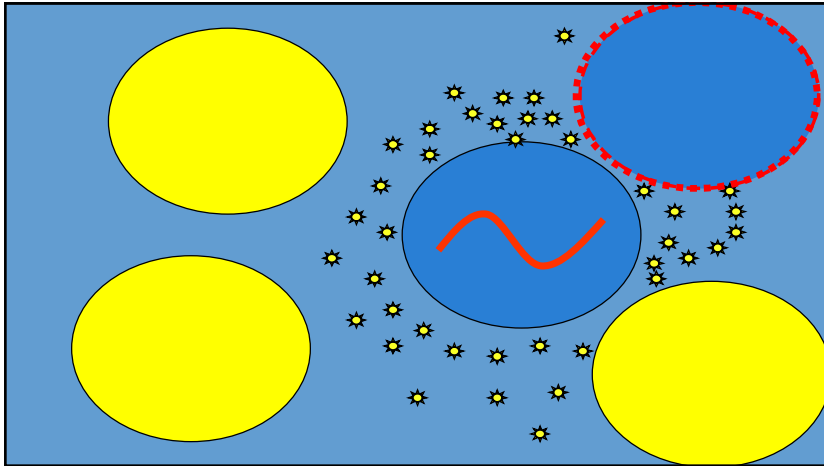
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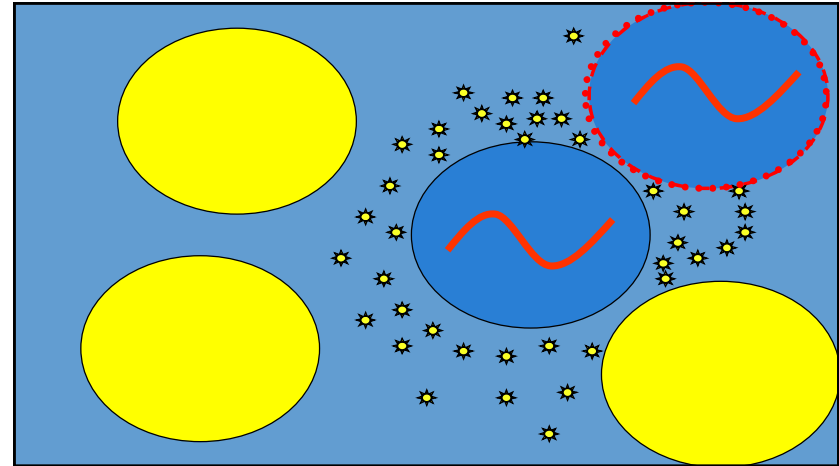
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## Resistance Testing

- Genotypic resistance test
  - Perform test that gives mutations in viral genes
- Phenotypic resistance test
  - Perform test that describes growth of virus in the presence of anti-HIV drugs
- Limitations:
  - Cannot detect minority species (< 10% of viral population)

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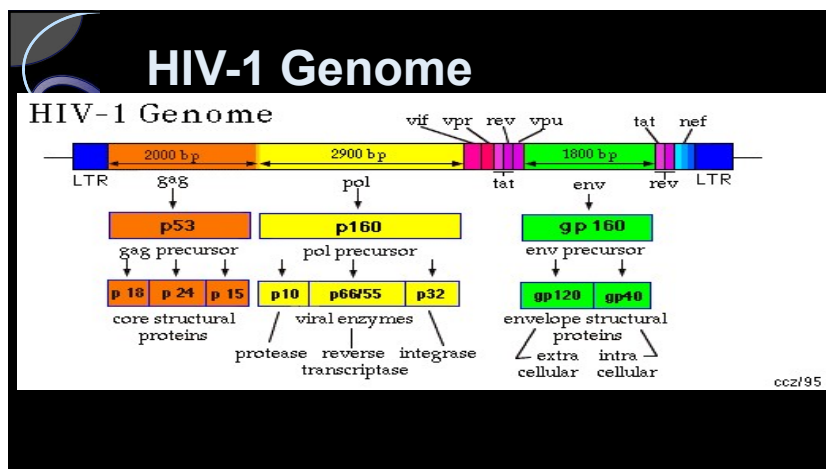
## HIV Drug Resistance Testing

- Current guidelines recommend an HIV genotype as part of screening BEFORE ART is started
- Following failure of 1st or 2nd regimens, HIV genotype is recommended to use with the history to choose the optimal next regimen
- Following failure of 3rd and subsequent regimens, both HIV genotype AND HIV phenotype should be sent.
- If there is discordance between genotype and phenotype results, use the geno result (more sensitive)
- NOTE WELL: Resistance mutations accrued from an earlier regimen MAY NOT be detected by tests obtained at the time of the current failing regimen

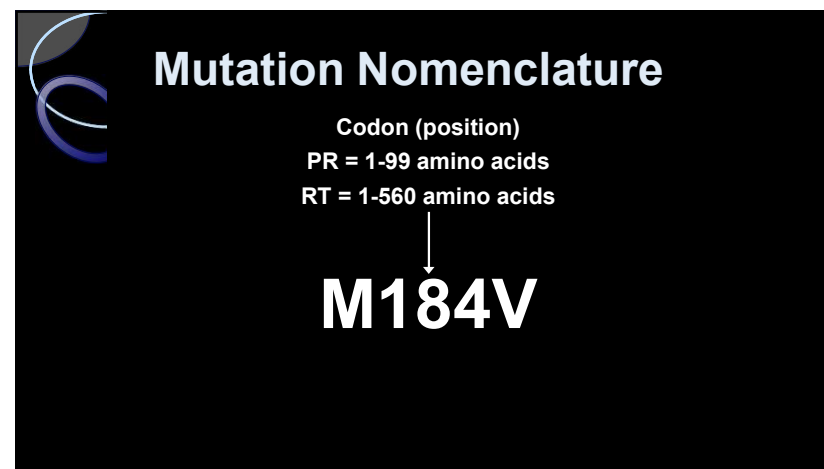
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## Mutation Nomenclature

Codon (position)  
PR = 1-99 amino acids  
RT = 1-560 amino acids

M184V

Wild-type amino acid (consensus) → ← Mutant amino acid

Alanine	A
Cysteine	C
Aspartate	D
Glutamate	E
Phenylalanine	F
Glycine	G
Histidine	H
Isoleucine	I
Lysine	K
Leucine	L
Methionine	M
Asparagine	N
Proline	P
Glutamine	Q
Arginine	R
Serine	S
Threonine	T
Valine	V
Tryptophan	W
Tyrosine	Y

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## Question #1

PREVIEW QUESTION  
IDBB  
INFECTIOUS DISEASE  
BOARD REVIEW  
2025

25-year-old man presents with newly diagnosed HIV  
Had an episode c/w acute seroconversion syndrome 4 months ago  
Initial HIV RNA 40,000; CD4 443 cells/uI

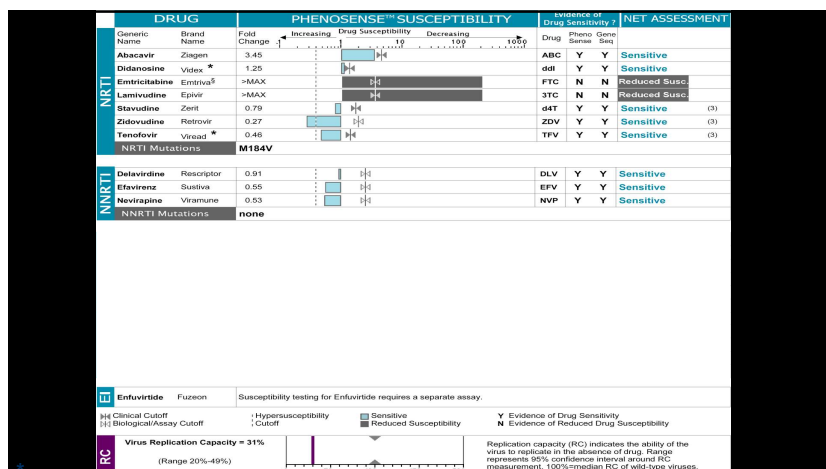
He wants to start ARV therapy

A baseline genotype is ordered that shows an M184V mutation.

**Which of the following drugs will have reduced susceptibility with this mutation?**

- Efavirenz
- Zidovudine
- Tenofovir
- Etravirene
- Emtricitabine

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## Question #2

- 34-year-old woman diagnosed with HIV 10 years ago
- Initially presented with PJP
- Initial Lab values
  - CD4 82 cells/uL
  - VL 106,000 c/mL
- Started on TDF / FTC / EFV (FDC)
- Did well for a while, then the regimen failed

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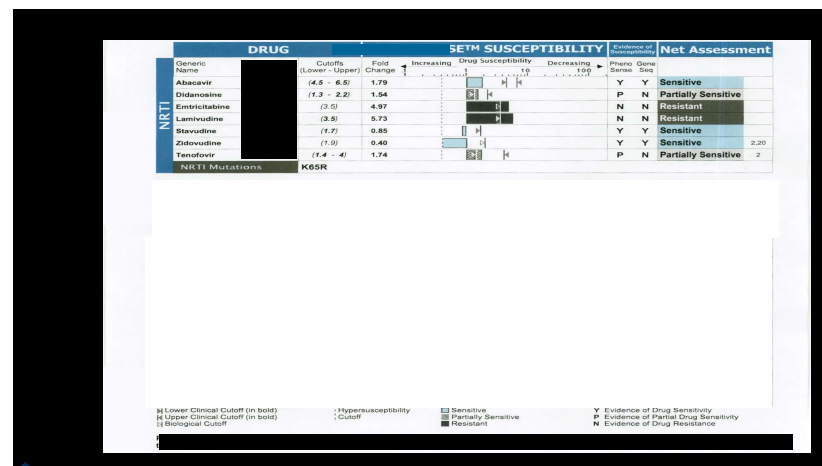
## Question #2

The genotype shows an M184V and K65R mutations.

Which nRTI drugs would you include?

- ZDV
- TDF
- TAF
- ABC

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## Non-nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase (NNRTI) Mutations

- **K103N** is the signature mutation for **efavirenz** (EFV)
- Older NNRTIs, efavirenz and nevirapine, have **low genetic barriers** (require only 1 mutation for resistance) and are **COMPLETELY** cross-resistant to one another
- Newer NNRTIs, etravirine (ETR), rilpivirine (RPV), and doravirine (DOR) have higher barriers to resistance (require >1 mutation for resistance)
- **K103N** has no effect on etravirine susceptibility
- **Rilpivirine** failure is associated with **E138K, K101E**, and/or **Y181C** and consequently, resistance to ALL NNRTIs

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## Question #3

- 34-year-old woman diagnosed with HIV three years ago
- Initially presented with PJP
- Initial Lab values
  - CD4 82 cells/uL
  - VL 106,000 c/mL
- She was treated with TDF / FTC / ELV/ Cobi (FDC)
- The regimen failed after 12 months

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## Question #3

Which of the following mutations indicate high level resistance to elvitegravir?

- Q148R
- L68I
- L68V
- K67N
- K65R

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## InSTI Resistance Mutations

Bictegravir <sup>26</sup>				G 118 R		E 138 K	G 140 S		Q 148 H			R 263 K	
Cabotegravir <sup>27</sup>	T 66 K			G 118 R		E 138 A K T	G 140 A C R S		Q 148 H K R	S 153 Y	N 155 H	R 263 K	
Dolutegravir <sup>28</sup>				G 118 R	F 121 Y	E 138 A K T	G 140 A S		Q 148 H K R		N 155 H	R 263 K	
Elvitegravir <sup>29</sup>	T 66 I A K			E 92 Q G	T 97 A		F 121 Y		S 147 G H K R	Q 148 H	N 155 H	R 263 K	
Raltegravir <sup>30</sup>		L 74 M		E 92 Q	T 97 A		F 121 Y	E 138 A K	G 140 A S	Y 143 C R H	Q 148 H K R	N 155 H	R 263 K

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## Lenacapavir Resistance Mutations

### MUTATIONS IN THE CAPSID GENE ASSOCIATED WITH RESISTANCE TO CAPSID INHIBITORS

Lenacapavir <sup>31</sup>	L 56	M 66	Q 67	K 70	N 74	A 105	T 107
	I	I	H	N	D	T	N
				S	S		
				R			

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## Question #4

- 34-year-old MSM receiving CAB IM q 2 months for pre-exposure prophylaxis for last 6 months; Hasn't missed a dose
- Asymptomatic
- HIV Ag/Ab test negative
- Routine screening: HIV RNA 6.1 c/ml

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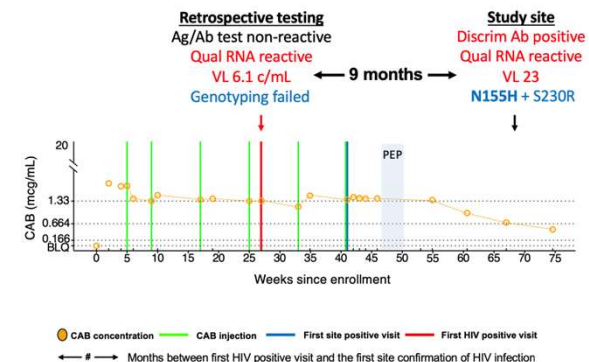
## Question #4

Which of the following ARV resistance mutations is most likely in this setting?

- A. S147G
- B. N155H
- C. Y143R
- D. E92Q
- E. K65R

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## Case Study: Confirmation of Infection



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## Question #5

- 34-year-old woman diagnosed with HIV 22 years ago
- Initially presented with PJP
- Initial Lab values
  - CD4 82 cells/uL
  - VL 106,000 c/mL
- Has been on multiple regimens over the years

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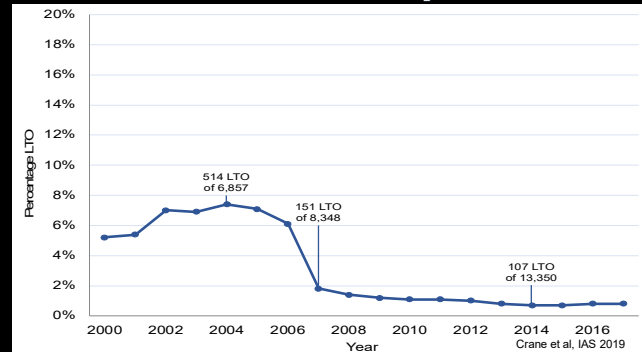
## Question #5

What is the likelihood she has high level resistance (< 2 active drugs available)?

- A. < 1%
- B. 1 - 5%
- C. 5 -10%
- D. 10 - 20%
- E. > 20%

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## Prevalence of Patients with Limited Treatment Options



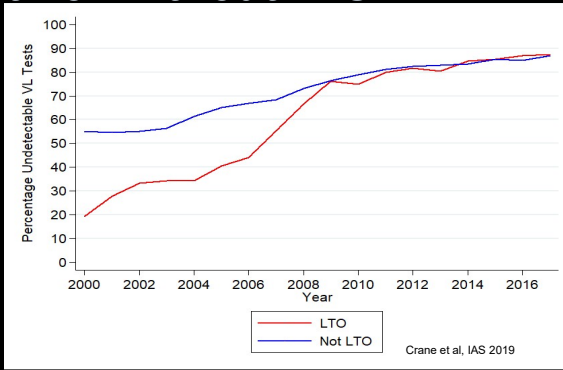
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## Virologic Success in Those with or without LTO



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## Common Mutations To Memorize

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| • M184V/I          | 3TC and FTC                              |
| • K65R             | Tenofovir                                |
| • K103N            | EFV retains susceptibility to etravirine |
| • Y181C            | Many NNRTIs                              |
| • E138K, K101E     | RPV and other NNRTI                      |
| • I50L             | ATV                                      |
| • N155H, Q148H/R/K | RAL and EVG                              |
| • Y143C            | RAL                                      |
| • R263K            | DTG                                      |

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## Summary

- High concern about resistance testing on Board Exams
- Difficult to create test questions that do not require complex interpretation, have a single best answer, or are not 'multiple true-false'
- Knowing common mutations and their role is a good way to prepare for the exam

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