# BETA GLOBIN GENE CLUSTER HAPLOTYPES IN IRAQI KURDS

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#### ABSTRACT

**Background:** The study of  $\beta$ -globin gene cluster haplotypes provides insight into the origin, migration and genetic variation of human populations, it also constitutes an essential prelude to studying such haplotypes among those with hemoglobin disorders in a given population.

**Materials and Methods:** A total of fifty unrelated healthy non-thalassemic Iraqi Kurds were recruited. Their DNAs were extracted, and their  $\beta$ -globin gene cluster haplotypes were determined using restriction fragment length polymorphisms technique at seven restriction sites along the  $\beta$ -globin gene cluster, namely: HindII 5' $\epsilon$ , HindIII G $\gamma$ , HindIII A $\gamma$ , Hind II 5' $\gamma\beta$ , Hind II 3' $\gamma\beta$ , AvaII  $\beta$ , and BamHI 3' $\beta$ .

**Results:** The enrolled individuals had a median age of 15 years and included 26 males and 24 females. Haplotype analysis identified 17 different haplotypes, including seven atypical ones. The most frequent haplotypes among the 100 chromosomes analyzed were haplotypes I, III, V and IX at rates of 32%, 14%, 12%, and 9% respectively. These were arranged in 28 different genotypes, the most frequent of which were I/III, I/IX, I/I and V/V at rates of 14%. 8%, 8%, and 8% respectively. There were significant differences between Yazidi and Muslim Kurds haplotype distributions. The most informative of the seven markers employed in the current study with highest polymorphism information content was HindII 5' $\epsilon$  and HindIII G $\gamma$ , while the least was Hind IIIA $\gamma$ .

**Conclusion:**  $\beta$ -globin cluster haplotype distribution at the  $\beta$ A chromosomes among Iraqi Kurds shares a lot of similarities with that in neighboring countries. The high rate of heterogeneity noted may be due to the ancient origin of the population, while the differences observed between Muslims and Yazidis maybe the consequence of genetic isolation of the latter subgroup at least for the last millennium. This study paves the way to further studies on haplotypes associated with  $\beta$ -globin gene disorders to have a better insight into their origin and spread in Iraqi Kurdistan.

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**T** he β-globin gene cluster located on short arm of chromosome 11 spans about 70 kb. It includes six genes arranged from 5' to 3' ends as follows: ε, Gγ, Aγ, ψβ, δ,  $\beta^1$ . There are numerous polymorphic base substitutions within the β-globin gene cluster, many of which produce Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphisms (RFLPs), which if combined yield a limited number of haplotypes. Several of these haplotypes

were found to be in linkage disequilibrium with  $\beta$ -globin gene mutation associated with thalassemia or hemoglobin variants<sup>2</sup>. Furthermore, β-globin gene cluster haplotypes emerged over the past four decades as useful tools for studying the origin, migration, evolutionary relationship and genetic variation of human populations<sup>3-6</sup>.

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The study of  $\beta$ -globin gene haplotypes among non-thalassemic Iraqi Kurds is important as a prelude to studying such haplotypes among those with hemoglobin disorders including  $\beta$ -thalassemia; Furthermore, it may shed some light on the genetic links between various ethnic subgroups within this population and those with other neighboring populations. Such a task has not been tackled in Iraq, and therefore, it is our aim to address this issue through assessing 100 chromosomes from non-thalassemic Iraqi Kurds.

# **MATERIALS AND METHODS:**

A total of fifty unrelated apparently healthy individuals were recruited. The enrollees were all screened by full blood counts using an automated hematology analyzer (Swelab- Sweden). For inclusion: all enrollees had to have a hemoglobin within normal for age and sex, an MCV > 80 fL and an MCH> 27 pg. The enrollees were also scrutinized for consanguinity among their parents.

All eligible enrollees had an extra 2.5 mL of blood collected in an EDTA anticoagulated tube, and kept at -20 C until DNA was extracted. DNA was extracted by Blood DNA extraction Kit (Qiagen, Germany). Haplotype analysis was done by using the technique of restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) at seven restriction sites across the  $\beta$ -globin gene cluster (Figure 1) as reported earlier 7,8. Table 1 outlines the sequence of primers and restriction enzymes used. The RFLPs include: 5' -HindII 5'ε, HindIII Gγ, HindIII Ay, Hind II 5' $\psi\beta$ , Hind II 3' $\psi\beta$ , AvaII  $\beta$ , BamHI 3' $\beta$ . Haplotypes were assigned as proposed by Orkin et al  $(1982)^2$ . For the purposes of the current study, it was assumed that a heterozygous individual had one common and one rare haplotype, rather than two rare ones.



Figure 1. The β-globin gene cluster showing the locations of the seven RFLPs used in the current study.

Statistical analysis: Chi square test (with Yates correction where appropriate) was used, and P<0.05 was considered significant. The expected Heterozygosity (H) was calculated according to Hardy Weinberg equation, and polymorphic

information content (PIC) was determined based on Botstein et al method<sup>9</sup>. The study was approved by the ethics committee at the college of Science- University of Duhok and informed consent was taken from all participants.

 Table 1. The sequences of the primers, annealing temperatures, restriction enzymes and the product sizes used to detect the seven polymorphisms in the current study.

RFLP	Sequence 5`-3`	Annealing Temp.(C)	Product size(bp) absence site	Product size(bp) presence of site
Hind II 5'ε	TCT CTG TTT GAT GAC AAA TTC AGT CAT TGG TCA AGG CTG ACC	55	760	314/446
HindIII Gy	AGT GCT GCA AGA AGA ACA ACT ACC CTC TGC ATC ATG GGC AGT GAG CTC	65	328	237/91
<i>Hin</i> dIII <sup>Α</sup> γ	ATG CTG CTA ATG CTT CATTAC TCA TTG TGT GAT CTC TCT CAG CAG	55	635	327/308
<i>Hin</i> dII 5'ψβ	TCC TAT CCA TTA CTG TTC CTT GAA ATT GTC TTA TTC TAG AGA CGA TTT	55	794	687/107
<i>Hin</i> dII 3'ψβ	GTA CTC ATA CTT TAA GTC CTA ACT TAA GCA AGA TTA TTT CTG GTC TCT	55	914	480/434

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RFLP	RFLP Sequence 5`-3`		Product size(bp) absence site	Product size(bp) presence of site
AvaII β	GTG GTC TAC CCT TGG ACC CAG AGG TTC GTC TGT TTC CCA TTC TAA ACT	65	328	227/101
Bam HI 3'β	GCC CAC ATC ACC AAG GCA AT GCT CTA CGG ATG TGT GAG AT	65	1520	292/1228

# **RESULTS**

Fifty unrelated healthy individuals who had normal red cell indices and hemoglobin to rule out thalassemia minor were enrolled<sup>1</sup>. They included 26 males and 24 females and had a median age of 15 years (Range 1.0-41 years). The enrollees included 42 Muslim Kurds and eight Yazidis. Consanguinity among parents of enrollees was encountered in 44%.

The gel electrophoresis for the seven RFLP reactions, demonstrating +/+, +/- and -/-

results are shown in Figures 2 and 3. The allele frequencies of each of the seven RFLPs studied are shown in Table 2. The highest heterozygosity (H) was observed in HindII 5' $\varepsilon$ , HindIII G $\gamma$  and HindII 3' $\psi\beta$ , while the least was observed in HindIII A $\gamma$ . Likewise, the PIC was highest at HindII 5' $\varepsilon$ , HindIII G $\gamma$  and HindII 3' $\psi\beta$  with values of 0.373 each, and least at HindIII A $\gamma$  with a value of 0.177. Overall, all markers were found to be in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (Table 2).

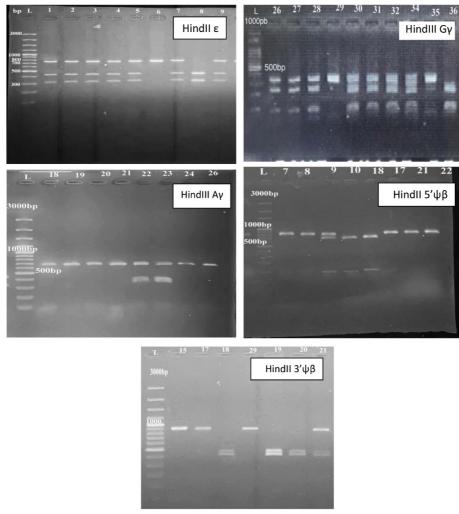


Figure 2. Gel Electrophoresis (2%) of restriction products of five enzymes defining 5'-subhaplotypes , showing +/+, +/- and -/- results as defined in table 1.

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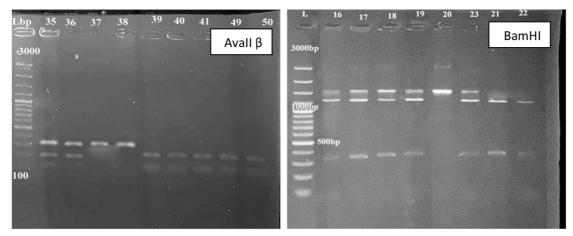


Figure 3. Gel Electrophoresis (2%) of restriction products of two enzymes defining 3'-subhaplotypes , showing +/+, +/- and -/- results as defined in table 1.

Table 2.	Allele frequencies, heterozygosity (H) and polymorphism information content (PIC) and Hardy
	Weinberg Equilibrium (HWE) assessment for all RFLP.

Marker	allele	frequency	Н	PIC	HWE P value
HindII 5'ε	+	0.54	0.497	0.373	0.6673
	-	0.46			
HindII <sup>G</sup> γ	+	0.46	0.497	0.373	0.809
	-	0.54			
HindIII <sup>A</sup> γ	+	011	0.196	0.177	0.987
	-	0.89			
HindII 5'ψβ	+	0.32	0.435	0.341	0.8491
	-	0.68			
HindII 3'ψβ	+	0.45	0.495	0.373	0.9975
	-	0.55			
AvaII β	+	0.83	0.282	0.242	0.1027
	-	0.17			
BamHI 3'β	+	0.69	0.428	0.336	0.3489
	-	0.31			

Based on the analysis of the results of the seven RFLP used, 17 different haplotypes were encountered, the most frequent was haplotype I at 32%, followed by haplotypes III, V, IX, and VII at 14%, 12%, 9%, and 7% respectively. Seven different atypical haplotypes were observed with an overall frequency of 12% (Table 3). These haplotypes were arranged in 28 different genotypes. Homozygosity for a particular haplotype was encountered in 26% of cases with the most frequent being genotypes I/I, V/V, and III/III at 8%.8%, and 4%

respectively (Table 4). Seventy-five percent of the homozygous haplotypes were in individuals with consanguineous parents. The most frequent heterozygous haplotypes combinations were I/III, I/IX, I/Atypical, and I/IV at 14%, 8%, 6% and 6% respectively (Table 4). **Duhok Medical Journal** 

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Table 3. The distribution of β-globin cluster haplotypes among 100 non-thalassemic chromosomes overall,
and their distributions among Muslim Kurds and Yazidis subgroups.

Haplotype	Restriction pattern	Muslim Kurds (n 84)	Yazidis (n 16)	Overall Percentage (total n 100)
Ι	+ + +	27 (32.1)	5 (31.3)	32 (32)
II	- ++ - + + +	2 (2.4)	4 (25)	6 (6)
III	- +- + + + -	13 (15.5)	1 (6.3)	14 (14)
IV	-+ - + + - +	4(4.8)	-	4(4)
V	+ + -	12(14.3)	-	12 (12)
VI	- ++ +	1 (1.2)	-	1 (1)
VII	+ +	7(8.3)	-	7(7)
VIII	-+ - + - + -	1 (1.2)	1 (6.3)	2 (2)
IX	-+ - + + + +	6 (7.1)	3 (18.8)	9 (9)
Х	- + +	-	-	-
A3	- ++ - + - +	1 (1.2)	-	1 (1)
Atypical Haplotypes		10(11.9)	2 (12.5)	12(12)
	-+ + + +	2 (2.4)	1 (6.3)	3 (3)
	+ + + -	1 (1.2)	-	1 (1)
	- ++ - + + -	1 (1.2)	-	1(1)
	-+ + - +	2 (2.4)	1 (6.3)	3(3)
	+ + + + +	2 (2.4)	-	2 (2)
	- ++ + +	1 (1.2)	-	1 (1)
	- ++ + + -	1 (1.2)	-	1 (1)

 Table 4. Homozygosity and heterozygosity to various β-globin cluster haplotypes in the enrolled Iraqi Kurds.

Homozygous		Heterozygous		
Genotype	Number	Genotype	number	
I/I	4	I/III	7	
II/II	1	I/IX	4	
III/III	2	I/Atypical	3	
V/V	4	I/II	2	
VII/VII	1	I/V	2	
IX/IX	1	I/IV	3	
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		VII/III	1	
		I/VII	1	
		II/V	1	
		Atypical/Atypical	2	
			1	
		I/VI	1	
		I/VIII	1	
		IX/VIII	1	
		IX/III	1	
		V/Atypical	1	
			1	
			1	
			1	
Total	13		37	

As for ethnic variations in haplotype distributions: haplotype I was the most frequent haplotypes in both Muslim Kurds and Yazidis, while three of the common haplotypes among the former group were absent among Yazidis, namely: haplotypes V, IV, and VII. One the other hand, haplotype II and IX were more frequent among Yazidis, though it was only haplotype II that was significantly different (P=0.004).

# **DISCUSSION**

Beta globin gene cluster haplotype studies are useful tools in identifying genetic diversity of a target population, as well as the inter-population relationships whether in normal or  $\beta$ -hemoglobinopathy cohorts5, so the current study constitutes a first attempt to address these issues among normal non-thalassemic Iraqi Kurds.

The current study revealed that the most frequent haplotype among non-thalassemic Iraqi Kurds is haplotype I, this is expected since this haplotype has been reported as the most frequent in neighboring Iran, Turkey, Asian Indians and Italians with frequencies ranging from 21.4% to 43.3% (Table 5)<sup>10-14</sup>. Our figure of 32% appears to be intermediate between west Iranian and Turkish studies (42.9% and 28.6% respectively)<sup>10,12</sup>.

The other frequent haplotypes in the current study were haplotypes III, V, IX and VII. Haplotype III at 14% is comparable to reports from SW Iran at 15.4%10, but is much higher than other Iranian and Turkish studies<sup>11,12,15</sup>, while it is infrequent in Italians and not reported in Indians<sup>13,14</sup>. Haplotype V, on the other hand, is most frequent in Indians and SW Turks at 18.2 and 17.2% respectively<sup>12,13</sup>, while variable rates were reported in Iranian studies (3.8- $(11.7\%)^{10,11,15}$ , our rate at the upper end of latter range at 12.0%. Haplotype IX is also a frequent mutation in NW and SW Iran, SW Turkey and Sardinia, with nearly equal frequencies to the current study  $^{10,12,14,15}$ , but it is infrequent or not reported in W Iran or India (Table 5). Haplotype VII is most frequent in India at 24.3%<sup>13</sup>, while its rates vary in Iran from 4.3-11.7%<sup>10,11,15</sup>, so the frequency in Iraqi Kurds is within this range at 7%, though it is lower than rates from Turkey and Sardinia<sup>12,14</sup> (Table 5). Several atypical haplotypes were encountered in the current study, some of which were already reported by previous studies from other countries, e.g. haplotype (-+--++) was reported on BA chromosomes from SW Turkey and W Iran at and Sardinia<sup>11,12,14</sup>, while haplotype (-++-++-) was reported from W and NW Iran and Sardinia<sup>11,14,15</sup>. On the other hand, haplotypes (+---++-) and (-++--++) were reported in SW Turkey<sup>12</sup>; the latter haplotype and haplotype (-++++-) were reported from βA chromosomes in W Iran<sup>11</sup>. The similarities in the common haplotypes and the shared atypical ones with neighboring countries may be related to the genetic links between the populations of Iran, Turkey and Iraqi Kurdistan throughout their joint history well before the establishment of these states.

 Table 5. The distribution of haplotypes in the current study compared to surrounding countries, Indian and Mediterranean populations.

Haplotype	Duhok- Iraq	West Iran	NW Iran	SW Iran	SW Turkey	Sardinia Italy	Asian Indians
Ι	32	42.9	21.4	43.3	28.6	32	33.3
II	6	7.1	6.8	4.8	6.4	6.0	3.0
III	14	5.7	3.9	15.4	3.7	2.0	-

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Haplotype	Duhok- Iraq	West Iran	NW Iran	SW Iran	SW Turkey	Sardinia Italy	Asian Indians
IV	4	-	3.9	4.8	6.82	3.0	12.1
V	12	14.3	11.7	3.8	17.2	14.0	18.2
VI	1	-	-	2.9	-	1.0	-
VII	7	4.3	11.7	4.8	8.3	12.0	24.3
VIII	2	-	2.7	1.0	-	-	3.0
IX	9	1.4	10.7	12.5	9.84	10.0	-
Х	-	-	1.0	-	0.71	-	-
A3	1	1.4	3.9	-	5.0	12.0	3.0
D	-	-	4.9	-	-	-	-
А	-	-	6.3	-	-	-	-
Others	12	22.9	9.7	6.7	13.4	8.0	3.1
Ref no.	Current study	11	15	10	12	14	13

The high rate of consanguinity among the enrollees is to some extent consistent with high rates reported among most Muslim countries in Middle East<sup>16</sup>. However, and despite that, the haplotypes encountered were in the large majority in heterozygous state, which may indicate that the long history of the population, allowing this heterogeneity through recombination, mutation and gene conversion<sup>17,18</sup>.

The difference in haplotype distribution encountered between Yazidis and Muslims, with a limited number of haplotypes among Yazidis is likely to be related to the genetic isolation of the latter ethnic group for more than a millennium, with their strict religious rules mandating no conversion from or into their religion, and no intermarriage with other ethnicities. The high frequencies of haplotype IX and I in both ethnicities suggests that these haplotypes may have existed well before the segregation of the population by the introduction of Islam; While the significantly higher rate of haplotype II and absence of V, IV and VII among Yazidis maybe due to genetic drift in this small genetic isolate<sup>19</sup>.

Locus heterozygosity (H) is the probability that any randomly chosen individual is heterozygous for any of two alleles at a locus<sup>20</sup>. marker's The highest heterozygosity values were encountered in HindII 5'ε, HindIII Gy and HindII3' $\psi\beta$ , followed closely by HindII 5' $\psi\beta$ , and BamHI 3' $\beta$ ; while it was least HindIII A $\gamma$ . PIC (polymorphism Information content) is determined by the ability of a marker to establish a polymorphism in a population, and it measures the informativeness of a genetic marker for linkage studies<sup>20,21</sup>. The most informative of RFLP used in the current study were HindII 5'ɛ, HindIIIGy while the HindII  $3'\psi\beta$ , least and informative was HindIIIAy. Furthermore, the former two markers had a PIC very close to 0.5 indicating high diversity, while the latter marker had a PIC < 0.25diversity<sup>21</sup>. indicating low Such observations are important since they offer researchers some insight in using these linkage markers in future haplotype studies on the  $\beta$  globin cluster in Iraqi Kurds.

In conclusion, it appears that the  $\beta$ -globin cluster haplotype distribution of the  $\beta A$ chromosomes among Iraqi Kurds shares a lot of similarities with that reported in neighboring countries. The high rate of heterogeneity noted may be due to ancient

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origin of the population, while the differences observed between Muslims and Yazidis maybe the consequence of genetic isolation of the latter subgroup at least for the last millennium. This study paves the way to further studies on haplotypes associated with  $\beta$ -thalassemia mutations, to have a better insight into their origin and spread in Iraqi Kurdistan.

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# پوخته

# شَيْو ٢ نَيْكانه ين خرقه بوونا هاپلۆتايپن بيتا – گلۆبينى دناڤ كوردين عيراقن

**پِێِشْمُکی و نارمانچ:** قْمُکَوْلْینا هاپلۆتایپێ بێتا – گلۆبینی دیتنمکا باش دەرباری بنمکۆك، و مشمختبوون، و جوداهییێن جەنەتىك بێن جڤاکێن مرۆڤان پەيدا دكەت. ھەروەسا ئەو پێشەكىيەكا سەرەكی بۆ ڤەكۆلْینا ھاپلۆتایپەكێ ب ڤی ئاوایی پەيدا دكەت نەخاسمە د ناڤبەرا كۆمەكا دەستنىشانكری یا مرۆڤاندا كۆ ئێشنین ھێمۆگلۆبینێ ھەبن.

**كەرەستە و رېكار:** سەرجەمنى پېنجى كەسنىن ساخلەم ژ كوردىن ئىراقى ھاتىنە ژىڭرىن كۆ ئىتشا تالاسىميايىن نەبىن. كەرەستەيىن (DNA) يىنى وان ھاتىيە دەرئىخستىن، و پاشى ب رىكا تەكنىكا (RFLP) ھاپلۆتايىپى بىتا ــ گلۆبىيى ھاتىيە دەستنىشانكرى ل تەنگەسايتى حە فت ب درىيژاھىيا جىنى بىتا ــ گلۆبىيى

HindII 5 $\epsilon$ , HindIII G $\gamma$ , HindIII A $\gamma$ , Hind II 5 $\psi\beta$ , Hind II 3 $\psi\beta$ , AvalI  $\beta$ , and BamHI 3 $\beta$ 

نا المتحام: ئە كەسنىن پشكدار نتيكرايينى ژيينى وان 15 سال بوون، و ژ وان 26 نير بوون و 24 مى بوون. شر ۆ قەكرنا ھاپلۇتاپيى 17 ھاپلۇتاپينى جودا دەستنىشان كرن، كۆ 7 ژ وان د نەنموونەيى بوون. ھاپلۇتاپيى ژ ھەمىيان بەربەلاقتر د ناقبەرا وان 100 كرۆمۆسۆمىنى ھاتىنە شر ۆ قەكرىدا ھاپلۇتايينى: ا، الل، V، و XI نى بوون ب ريز دىا 32%، 14%، 21%، و 9% ل دووف ئىكدا. ئەقە د 28جىنۆتاپىنى جودادا ھاتىنە رىكىتىخستىن، يى ژ ھەمىيان بەربەلاقتر الال، 11/، 21%، و 9% ل دووف ئىكدا. ئەقە د 28جىنۆتاپىنى جودادا ھاتىنە رىكىتىخستىن، يى ژ ھەمىيان بەربەلاقتر الالال، 12%، 21%، و 9% ل دووف ئىكدا. ئەقە د 28جىنۆتاپىنى جودادا ھاتىنە رىكىتىخستىن، يى ژ ھەمىيان بەربەلاقتر الالال، 12%، 21%، و 9% ل دووف ئىندا. ئەقە د 38جىنۆتاپىنى جودادا ھاتىنە رىكىتىخستىن، يى ژ ھەمىيان بەربەلاقتر الالال، 21%، 21%، و 9% ل دورف ۋ بەر يېز دىي الالەر ئەھەر دەلىلەر ئەلەر ئەلەر ئەلەر ئەلەر ئەلەر ئىز ئەپرە 12%، 21%، 21%، مەرون و بەر يېز دىي الالەر، 8%، 8%، 8% ل دووف ئىكدا. جوداھىيەكا بەرچاف د بەر لاقبوونا ھاپلۇتايپىدا ھەبوو د ناقبەرا كوردىن ئىزدى و بىزى موسلماندا. ژ وان شەش ماركەرىن ھاتىنە بى كارىينان د قى قەكۆلىنا نەدا ماركەر ھەرى تىرى زانيارى يا كۆ مەزىنترىن پېزانىينىنى پۆلىمۆرفىزمى ب خوقە گرىين.

HindlllGy وHindlllE بوو، د دممهکیّدا یا همری کیّم زانیاری ژی Hind IllAy بوو.

دەرئەنجام: دابەشبوونا ھاپلۆتايپى بېتا ـ گلۆبىنى د كرۆمۆسۆما βΑ يدا د ناڤبەرا كوردىن ئىراقىدا گىلەك وەكھەڤىيان ب وەلاتىن ھەڤسوورا پارڤە دكەن. رىێژەيا مەزن يا نەوەكھەڤىيا جەنەتىك دبىت ژ بەر بنەكۆكا كەڤنار يا كۆمى بىت، د دەمەكىدا كۆ دبىت ئەر جوداھىيا د ناڤبەرا موسلمان و ئىزدىياندا ھاتىيە دىتن ب ئەگەرا وى ڤەدەربوونا جەنەتىك بىت يا كۆ گرۆپا داوييى ھەيى كۆ ب كىمى بەرى 1000 سالان روو دايە. ئەڤ ڤەكۆلىنە رىخىۋىكىرەكە بۆ قەدەربوونا جەنەتىك بىت يا ئەر وان ھاپلۆتايېنى گريدايى ئىشىن جىنى بىتا ـ گلۆبىنى داكۆ دىتىنەك بەشەر وى ۋە ھەترىيە دىتى ب ئەگەرا يى ئەھەربوونا جەنەتىك بىت يا كۆ گرۆپا سەر وان يەپىي كۆ ب كىمى بەرى 1000 سالان روو دايە. ئەڤ قەكۆلىنە رىخۆشكىرەكە بۆ قەكۆلىنىن زىدەتر ل سەر وان ھاپلۆتايېين گرىدايى ئىشىن جىنى بىتا ـ گلۆبىنى داكۆ دىتنەكا باشتر دەربارى بنەكۆك و بەلاقبوونا وان ل كوردستانا ئىراقى ب دەست خۆڤە بىنىن.

# الخلاصة

# النمط الفرداني لتجمع موروثات البيتا غلوبين في الكورد العراقيين

الخلفية والأهداف: ان دراسة النمط الفرداني لتجمع موروثات البيتا غلوبين تسهم في ألقاء الضوء على نشوء وهجرة والتنوع الوراثي للشعوب وتشكل مقدمة لدراسة الانماط الفردانية في المرضى المصابين بامراض الهيموجلوبين الوراثية.

**طرق البحث:** تم اشراك مجموعة من خمسين كرديا عراقيا من الاصحاء غير الحاملين للثلاسيميا في هذه الدراسة. وتم استخلاص الدنا من كل منهم واستعماله لعمل تعدد أشكال أطوال الشدف المقطعة في سبع مواقع على طول تجمع موروثات البيتا غلوبين وهي:

HindII 5' $\epsilon$ , HindIII Gy, HindIII Ay, Hind II 5' $\psi\beta$ , Hind II 3' $\psi\beta$ , Avall  $\beta$ , and BamHI 3' $\beta$ .

النتائج: كان متوسط عمر المشاركين هو 15 عاما وتكونوا من 26 ذكر و24 انثى. وقد أظهرت الدراسة ان هناك 17 من الانماط الفردانية في 100 كوروموسوم تم دراسته بينها سبعة لا نموذجية. وقد وجد ان اكثر الانماط الفردانية شيوعا هو النمط إيليه الانماط الا و V و XI وبنسب 32%، 14%، 12%، 9% على النتابع. وكانت هذه الانماط مرتبة في 28 نمط جيني وأكثرها تكرارا هي ١١١/١ و /١ و Xا/١ و V/٧ وبنسب 14% و8% و8% و8% و8% بالنتابع. وقد تم ملاحظة اختلافات مهمة بين الايزيدين والمسلمين في توزيع هذه الانماط الفردانية. وقد تبين أن أكثر واسم ذو قيمة هو ٤ Hindll G وأقلها قيمة هو Hindll A

الاستنتاجات: تبين من هذه الدراسة أن النمط الفرداني لتجمع موروثات البيتا جلوبين في الكرد العراقيين من حاملي موروث A β تشابه لحد كبير تلك الموصوفة في الشعوب المجاورة وكان التنوع في هذه الانماط مؤشرا على قدم هذا المجموعة السكانية، بينما كانت الاختلافات بين المسلمين والايزيدين في هذه الانماط منسجما مع الانعزال الجيني للمجموعة الاخيرة على مدى أكثر من الف عام. أن هذه الدراسة تفتح المجال لدراسات مستقبلية تعالج توزع الانماط الفردانية في المرضى المصابين بأعتلال موروث البيتا غلوبين لفهم نشأتها وأنتشارها في كردستان العراق.