

## CONCEPT: HARDY-WEINBERG

- **Hardy-Weinberg** is a formula used to measure the frequencies of \_\_\_\_\_ and genotypes in a population
  - **Allelic frequencies** are the frequency of alleles in a population
    - $p + q = 1$ , where  $p$  = dominant alleles and  $q$  = recessive alleles
    - **Gene pool** is the sum of all alleles in the breeding member of a population at a specific time
  - **Genotypic frequencies** are the frequency of genotypes (homozygotes or heterozygotes) in a population
    - $p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1$ 
      - $p^2$  are dominant homozygotes,  $2pq$  are heterozygotes, and  $q^2$  are recessive homozygotes
  - Genes or genotype frequencies do not change from one generation to the next
    - Why? *SAMIR*

## **EXAMPLE:**

1. A recessive disease has a frequency of 1:1100 in the population. Assuming Hardy-Weinberg principles, calculate  $q^2$ ,  $p^2$ ,  $2pq$ ,  $q$ , and  $p$ .

● To use the Hardy-Weinberg formula, five \_\_\_\_\_ have to be met (**SAMIR**)

□ **S**: No **S**election

- All genotypes have equal viability and equal ability to mate and be passed onto the next generation

□ **A**: No new **A**lleles

- No new alleles are created or converted from one allele to another (no mutations)

□ **M**: No **M**igration (gene flow)

- Individuals do not migrate out of or into the population

- There are no subpopulations that are genetically isolated

□ **I**: The population is **I**nfininitely large

- No *genetic drift* occurs

□ **R**: **R**andom mating occurs

- Mates are chosen completely at random, and are not influenced by the gene in question

## **PRACTICE:**

1. Which of the following is NOT an assumption made when using the Hardy-Weinberg formula?
  - a. No Selection
  - b. New Alleles
  - c. No Migration
  - d. Infinitely large population
  - e. Random Mating occurs

2. Which of the following formulas can be used to calculate heterozygote frequency in a population?
- a.  $p^2$
  - b.  $q^2$
  - c.  $2pq$
  - d.  $p-q$
3. In a random mating population of *Drosophila*, 5% of the flies have black bodies (encoded by recessive b) and 95% have brown bodies (encoded by B). Assuming Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium what is the allele frequency of B in the population?
- a. 0.77
  - b. 0.60
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