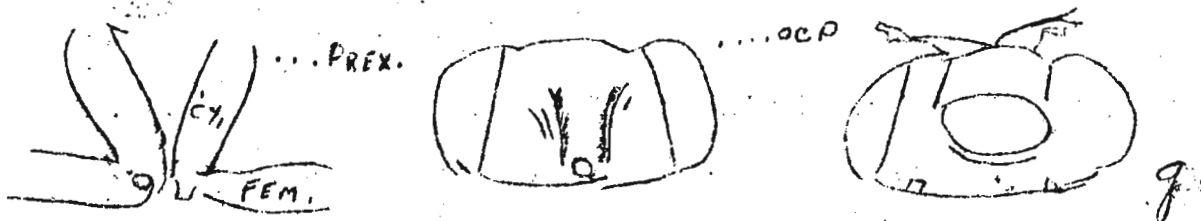


that flies having deletions, often display the appearance of the same bristles, probably due to a similar cause of hyperploidy for *sc* and *ac*. The study of several deletions has shown each of them to exert a characteristic influence either on *prex* or on *ocp* and *g*. Having compared eleven different deletions, the author was able to distinguish easily some of them according to those characters, when examining groups of flies. Such a circumstance may be utilized in working on deletions. *Praecoxales* are also to be observed in *Hw* and in *h* flies.



Serebrovsky, A. S. Interaction between the genes *divers* and *yellow* and *scute*.

V. V. Sakharov, by whom the *divers* mutation in *D. melanogaster* was found, detected the appearance of a new character in *y div* flies, viz. a strong upcurling of wings, more pronounced than in flies *Cy*. That

phenomenon was studied by the author in combinations of *div* with other allelomorphs of *yellow*. In *y³ div* (yellow body, black bristles) the wings get curved as strongly as in *y¹ div*. In *y³ div* the wings are seen to curve somewhat less, but still very strongly. In *y^N div* (gray body, yellow bristles) (see Neuhaus DIS-4) the wings are either flat or slightly curved as in some *y⁺ div*. Thus the degree of the wing curving is parallel to the body color ($y = y^3 y^{3P} y^N$), showing no connection with the color of bristles. At the same time some allelomorphs of *scute* and *achaete* were investigated. The *sc³ div* flies are of a very poor viability, the same being the cause of the failure in obtaining *sc¹⁰ div*. In *sc³ div*, *sc⁶ div* and *sc⁸ div* the wings were found to be flat.

Shapiro, N. The frequency of the somatic mosaic occurrence in males and females.

The writer has observed the frequency of the mosaic occurrence in the stock *h ss/7* after X-raying heterozygous larvae. The latter were treated at the age from 3 to 48 hours from the moment of egg laying. The dose of irradiation was 1000r. The

results are summarized in a table.

	Number of flies	Number of mosaics		Total
		hairy	spineless	
♀ ♀	1420	3	6	9
♂ ♂	1132	3	5	8