

The "Indian Marker," *M52*, is common in that country and rarely seen elsewhere. The marker arose some 20,000 to 30,000 years ago on the *M201* lineage, most likely within India. Despite its current prevalence in India the lineage could actually have originated elsewhere in southern Central Asia, Iran, or the eastern Middle East.

Genealogists believe that *M52* might have appeared somewhere along the migration route of peoples carrying the *M20* Y chromosome marker. This "Indian Clan" migrated from Central Asia, south of the mountainous Pamir Knot, and into India. They were not the first humans to arrive in India, but likely undertook the first major settlement of the region some 30,000 years ago.