

FIGURE 25.21. The *x*-axis shows the estimated separation times of major population groupings (based on archaeological data) and the *y*-axis shows the estimated genetic distance based on microsatellite variation. The population comparisons are 1, Amerind vs. East Asian; 2, European vs. East Asian and Amerind; 3, Melanesian vs. Sahulland; 4, African vs. non-African, based on archaeological estimates of the arrival time of anatomically modern humans into various continental regions. (*Solid line*) The best fitting straight line through the points and the origin. (*Dotted line*) The slope of the genetic distance expected based on mutation rate estimated from the pedigrees.

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