

Module 1: DNA Engineering

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Experiments and lectures based upon
research in Prof. Bevin Engelward's laboratory

What experimental question will you ask in Module 1?

What conditions affect the frequency of DNA repair by homologous recombination in mouse embryonic stem cells?



This raises the following questions

- How does DNA get damaged?
- What is DNA repair?
- Why does DNA repair exist?
- Why do we care about how efficient DNA repair is?
- How does one actually measure DNA repair?

Key Experimental Methods for Module 1



- Construction of truncated eGFP gene – Cloning
 - PCR, Restriction Enzymes, Ligation/Transformation, Bacterial culture
- Mammalian tissue cell culture
- Transfecting plasmids into mammalian cells
- Flow cytometry to measure DNA repair
- Statistical analysis of biological data

Central Dogma

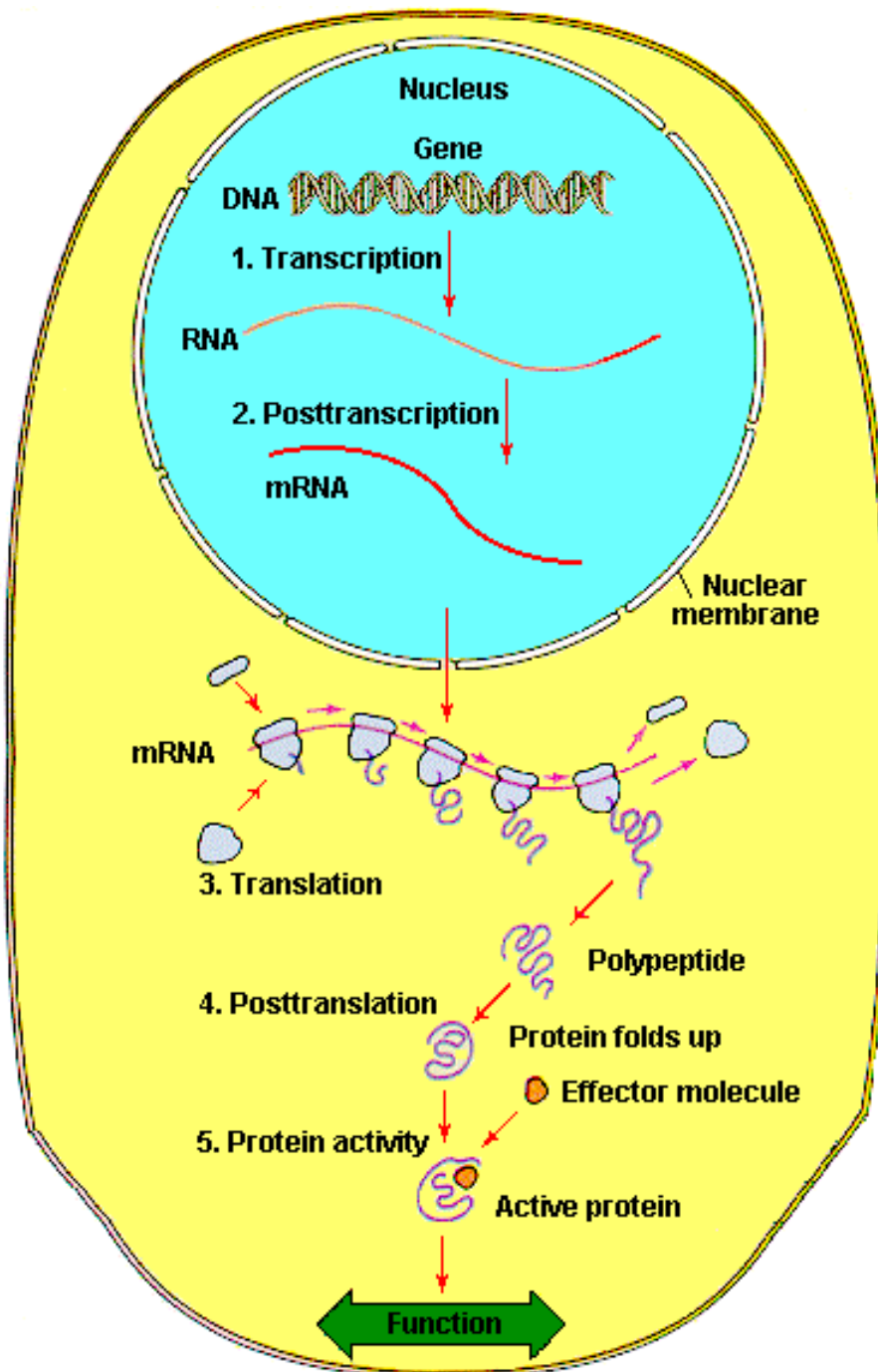
DNA

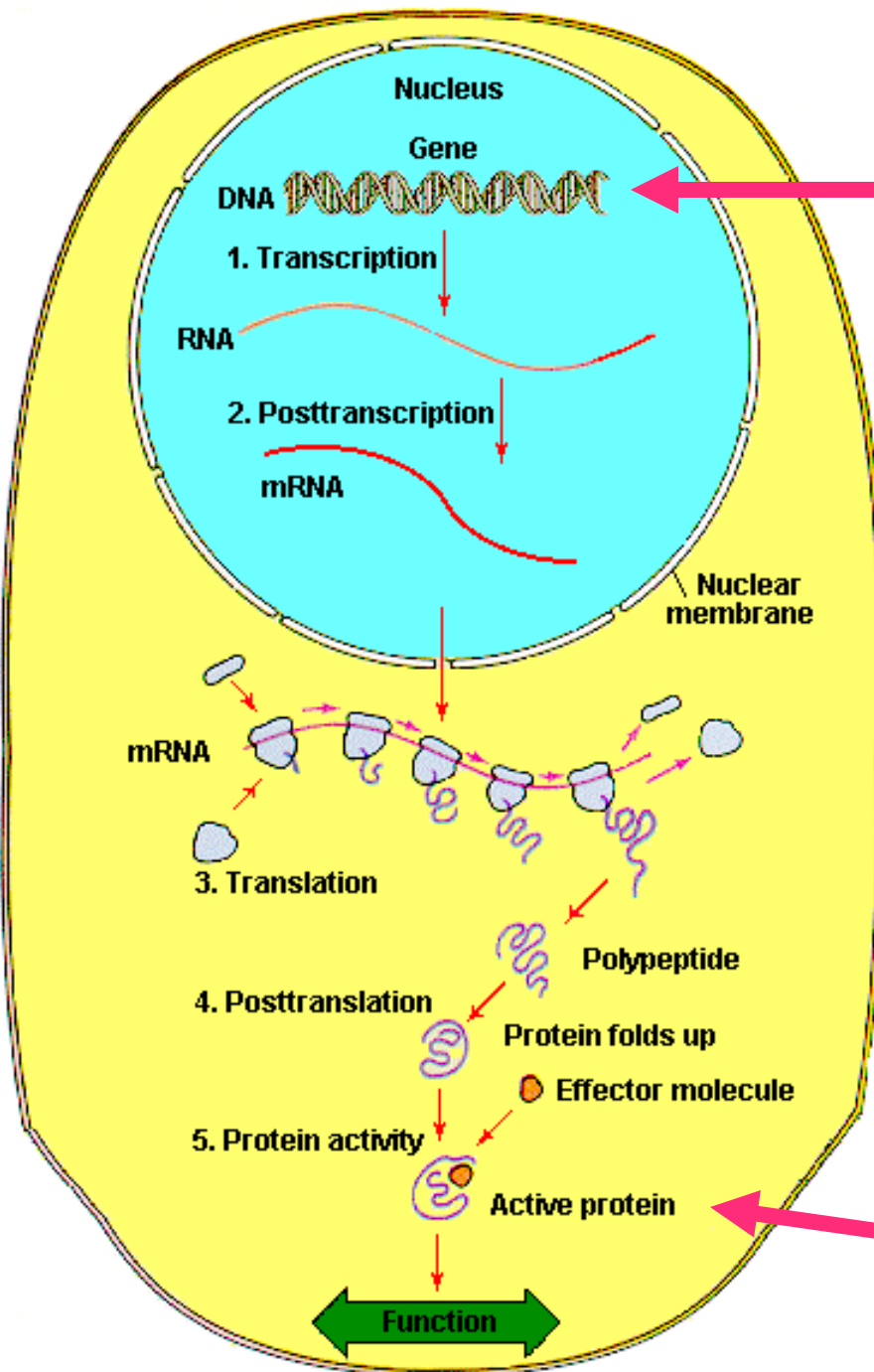
makes

RNA

makes

Protein



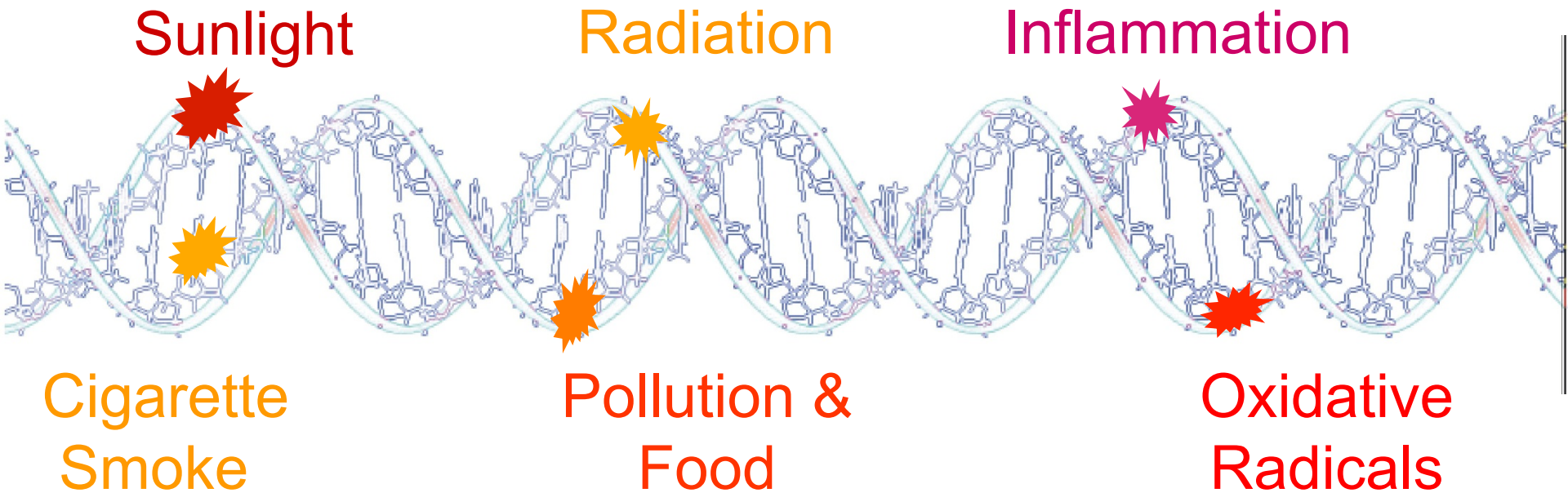


Damage to DNA can create permanent changes in the genetic information (mutations)

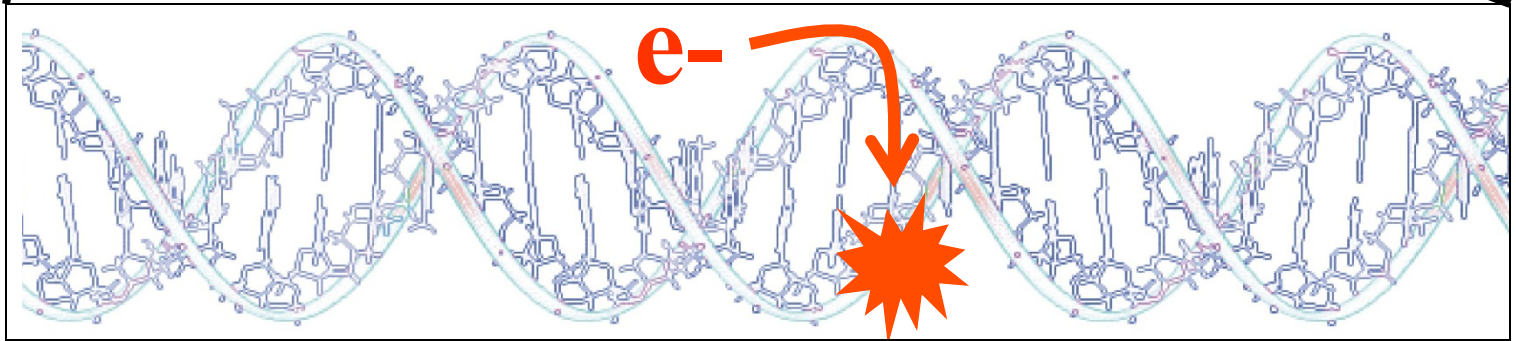
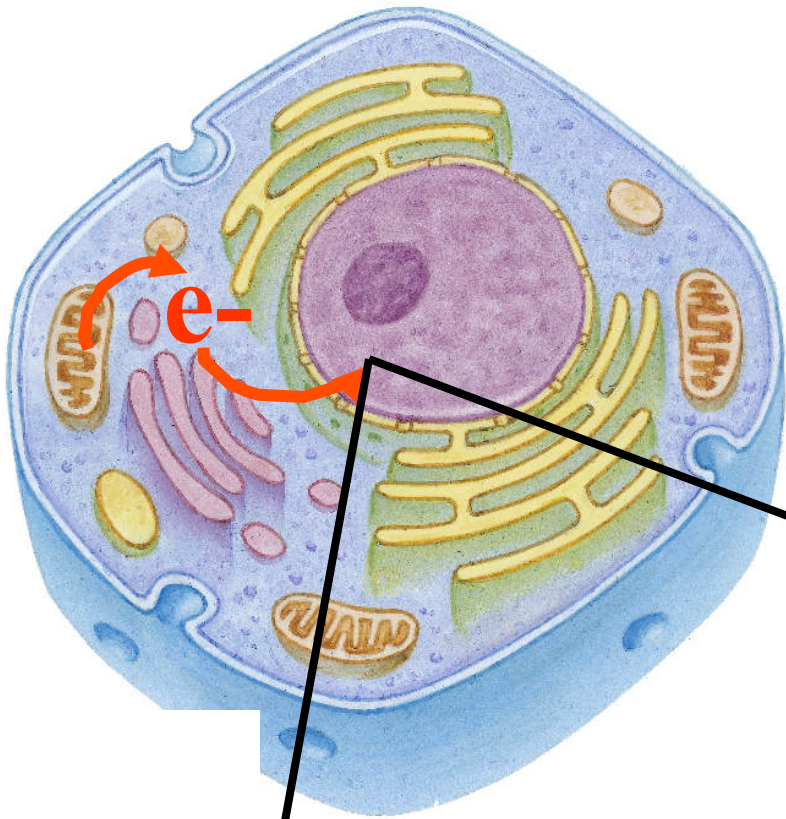


Inactive proteins, or proteins with altered function, are produced

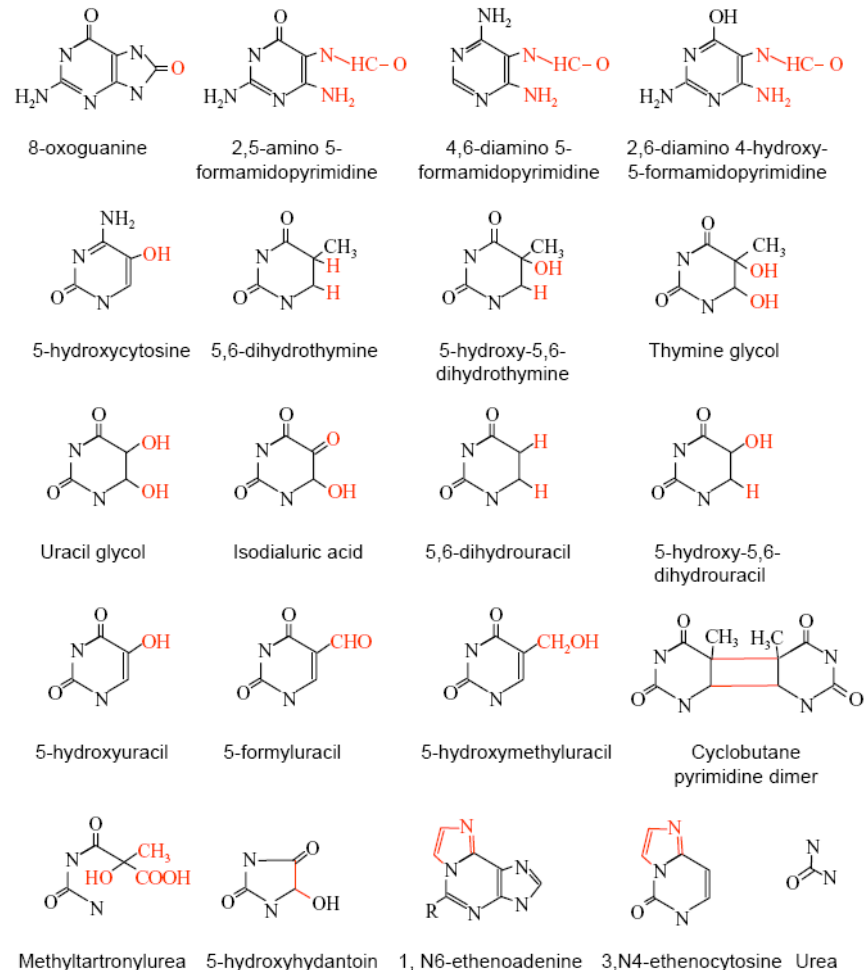
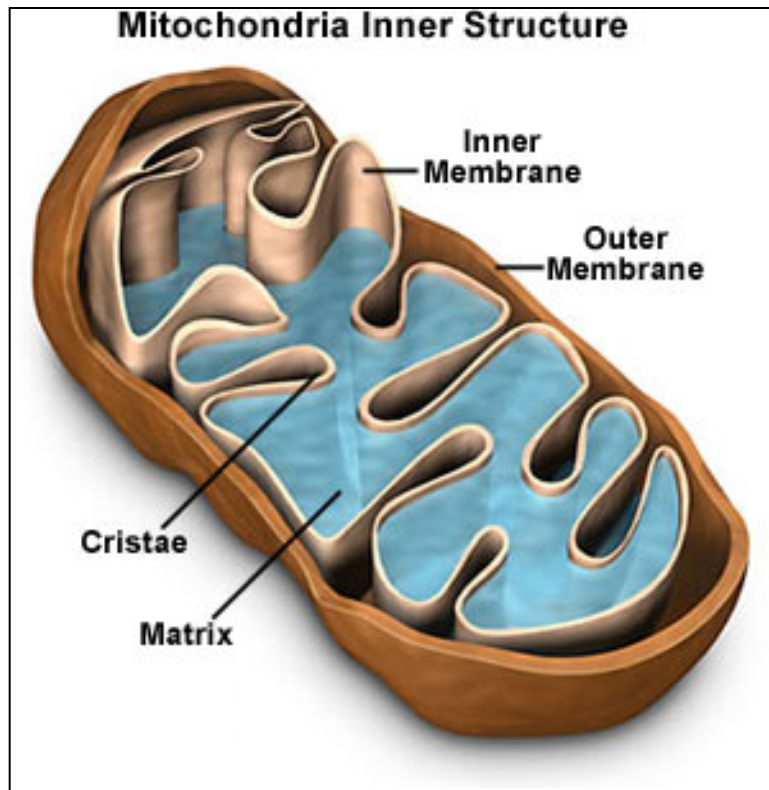
DNA is constantly being damaged by endogenous and exogenous agents



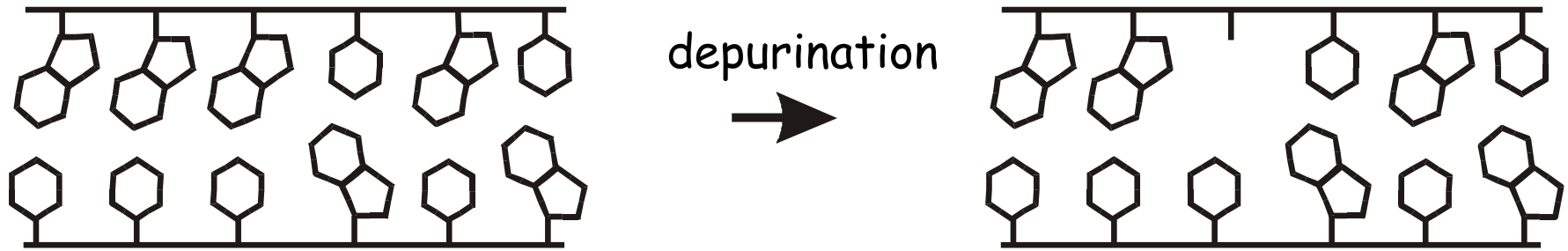
Breathing
is Dangerous!



Breathing leads to DNA Damage: Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS)



DNA Reacts also with Water - Hydrolysis



Hydrolytic events/human cell/per day

Depurinations 10,000/day/cell

Depyrimidinations 500/day/cell

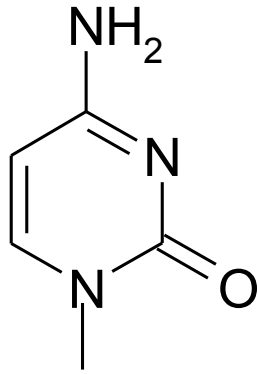
Deaminations

C to U 160/day/cell

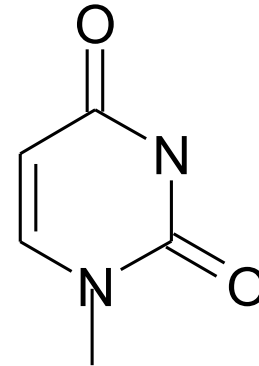
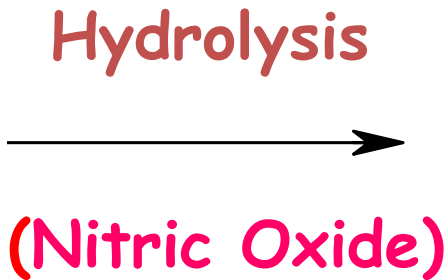
5MeC to T 12/day/cell

A to Hx 1/day/cell

Deamination



Cytosine



Uracil

Uracil from cytosine
deamination in DNA causes
G:C to A:T Transition
mutations

Take the case of the deamination of cytosine:

$T_{1/2}$ of this bond is 30,000 years

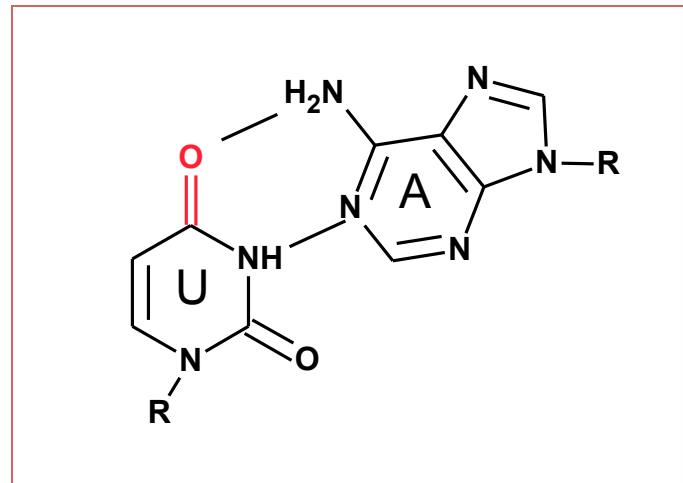
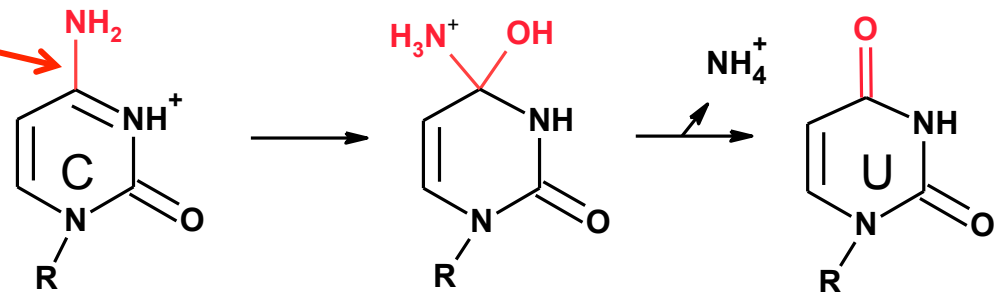
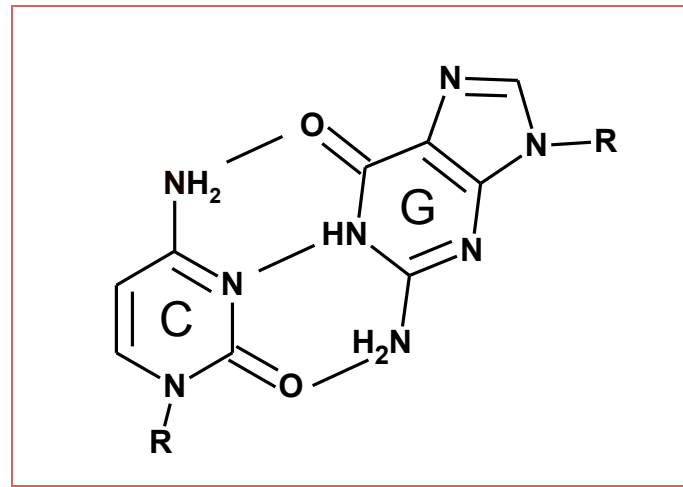
6×10^9 bp per cell

$\sim 3 \times 10^9$ are G:C

$\sim 1.5 \times 10^9$ C's deaminate every 30,000 years

$\sim 1.5 \times 10^5$ deaminate every 3 years (~ 1000 d)

~ 150 times per day per cell!!!!



Most cancer Chemotherapy agents and all Radiotherapies CAUSE DNA DAMAGE



Environmental exposures to potentially harmful agents

Harmful agents



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Infection

People have different exposures



People have different responses

2007 - Breakthrough of the year



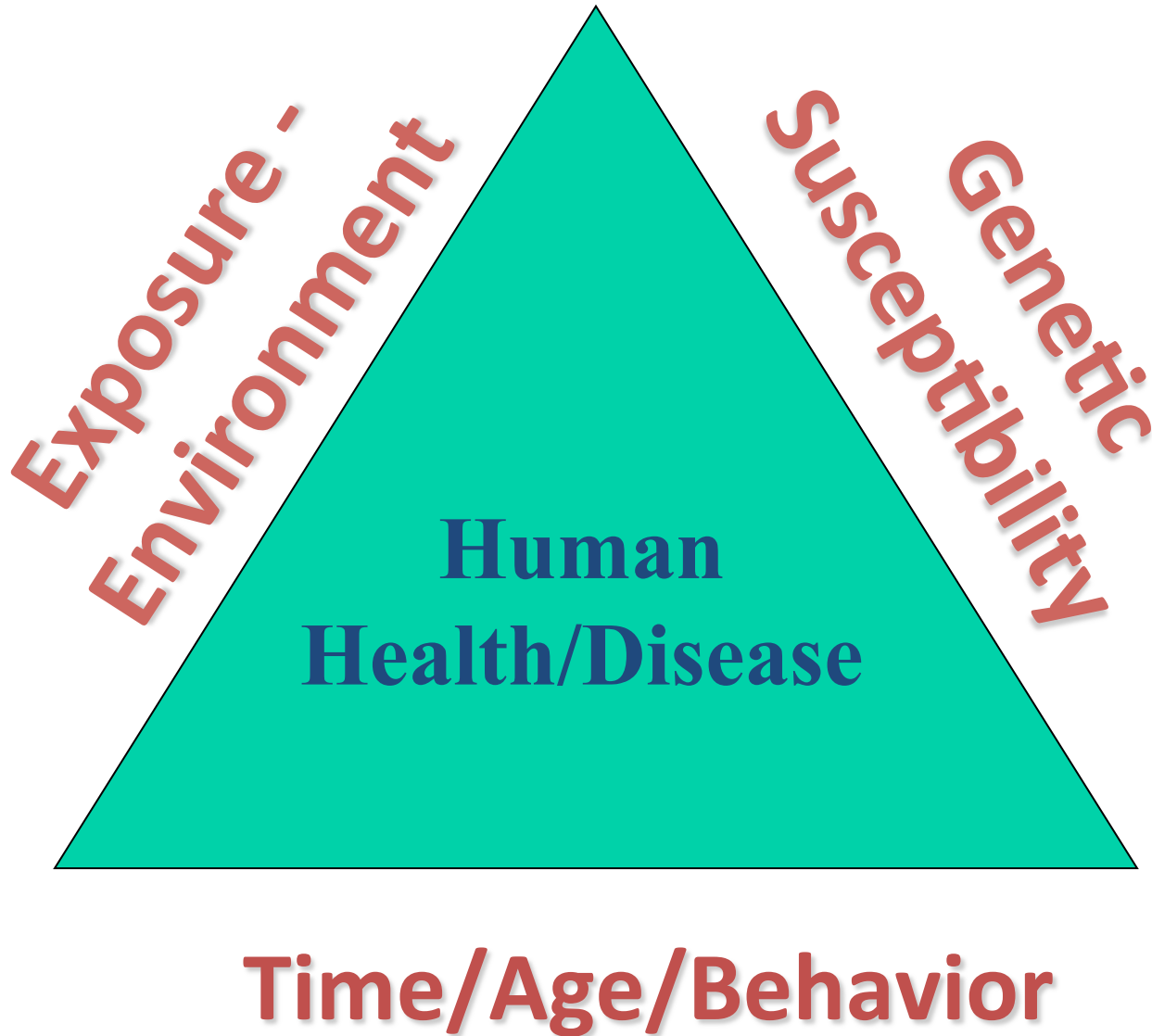
Natural sequence
variation

single nucleotide
polymorphisms
(SNPs) every 1000
base pairs.

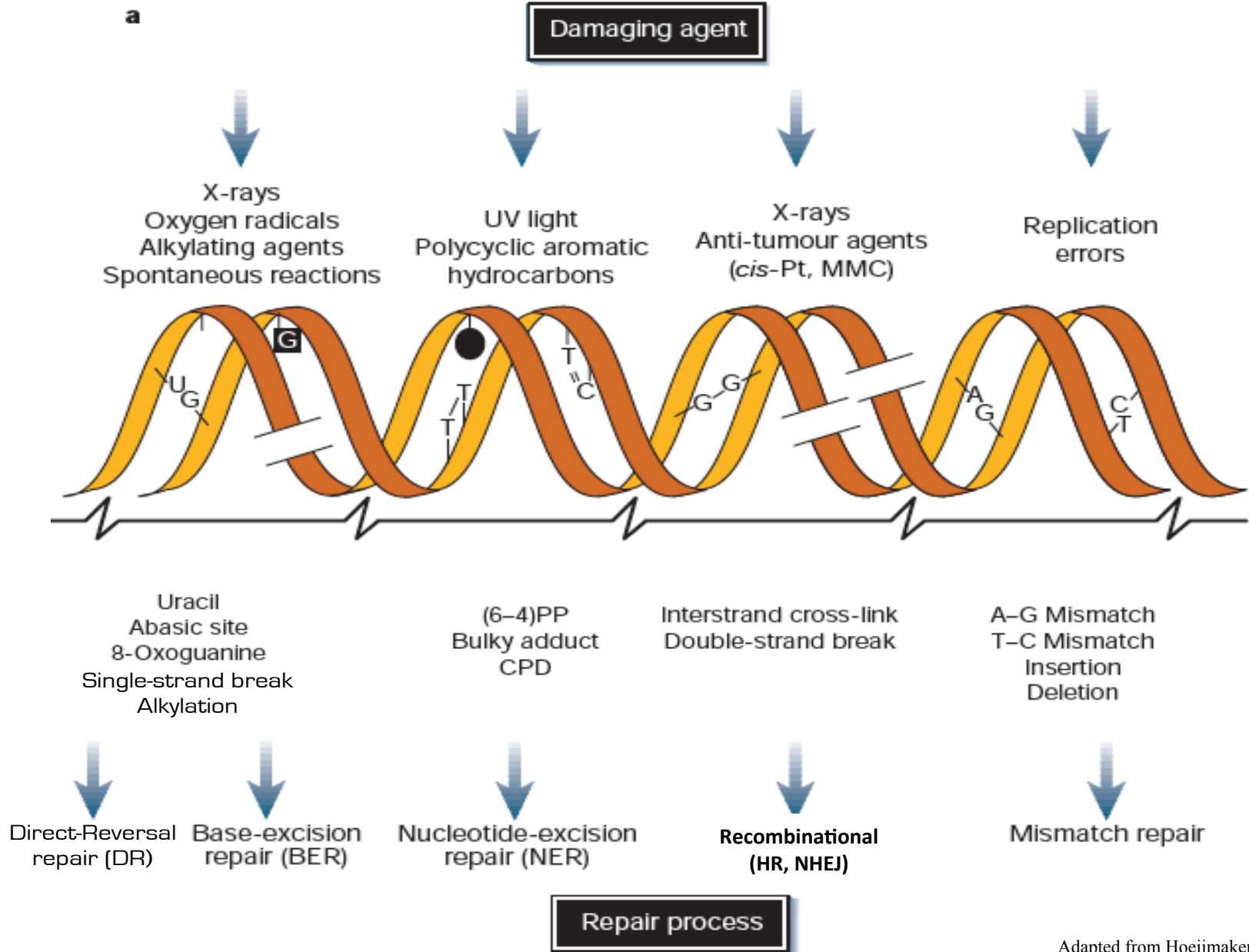
Compare two people
- have about ~ 3
million SNP variants!

Toxic agents in our environment

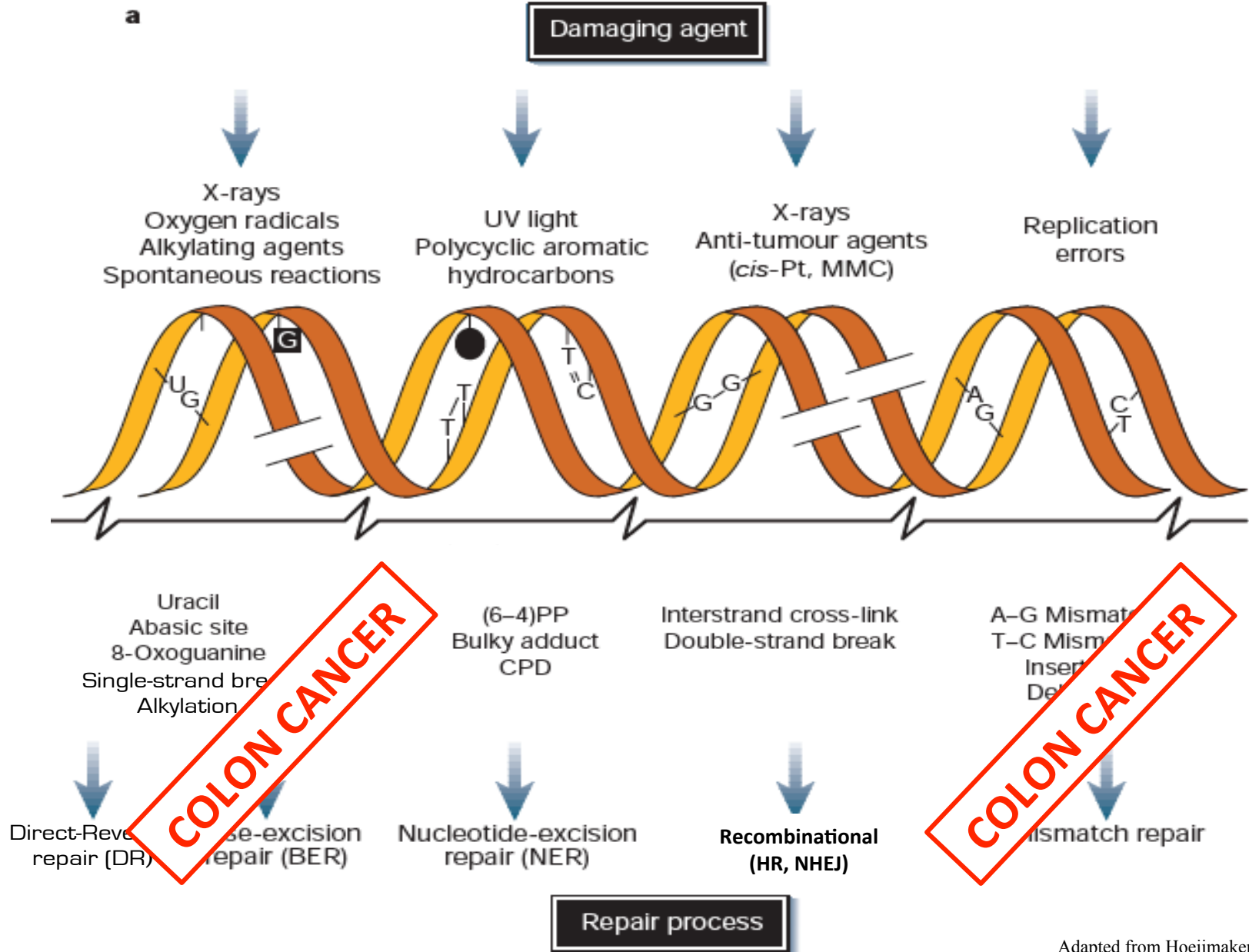
Gene-Environment Interaction



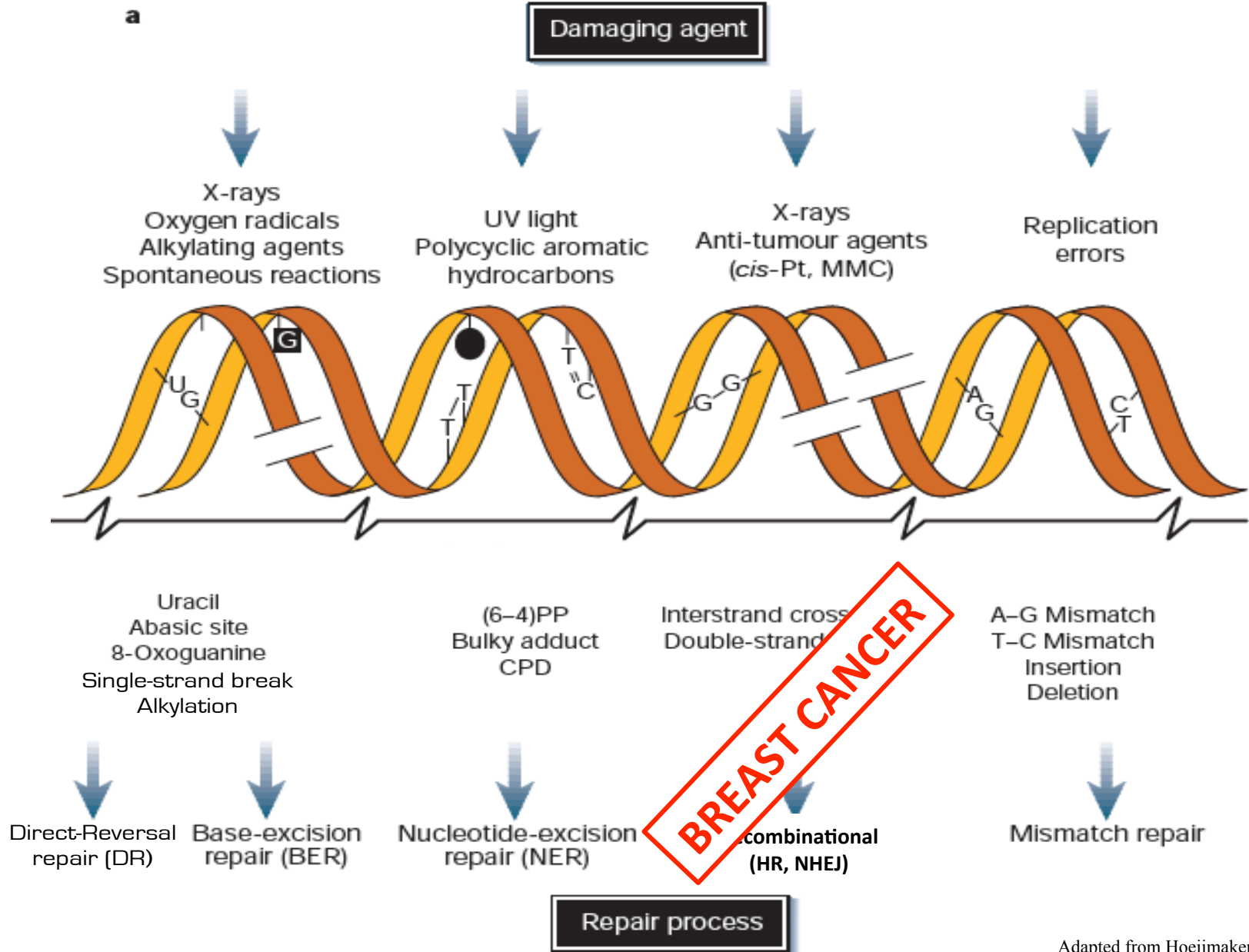
DNA Damage and Repair



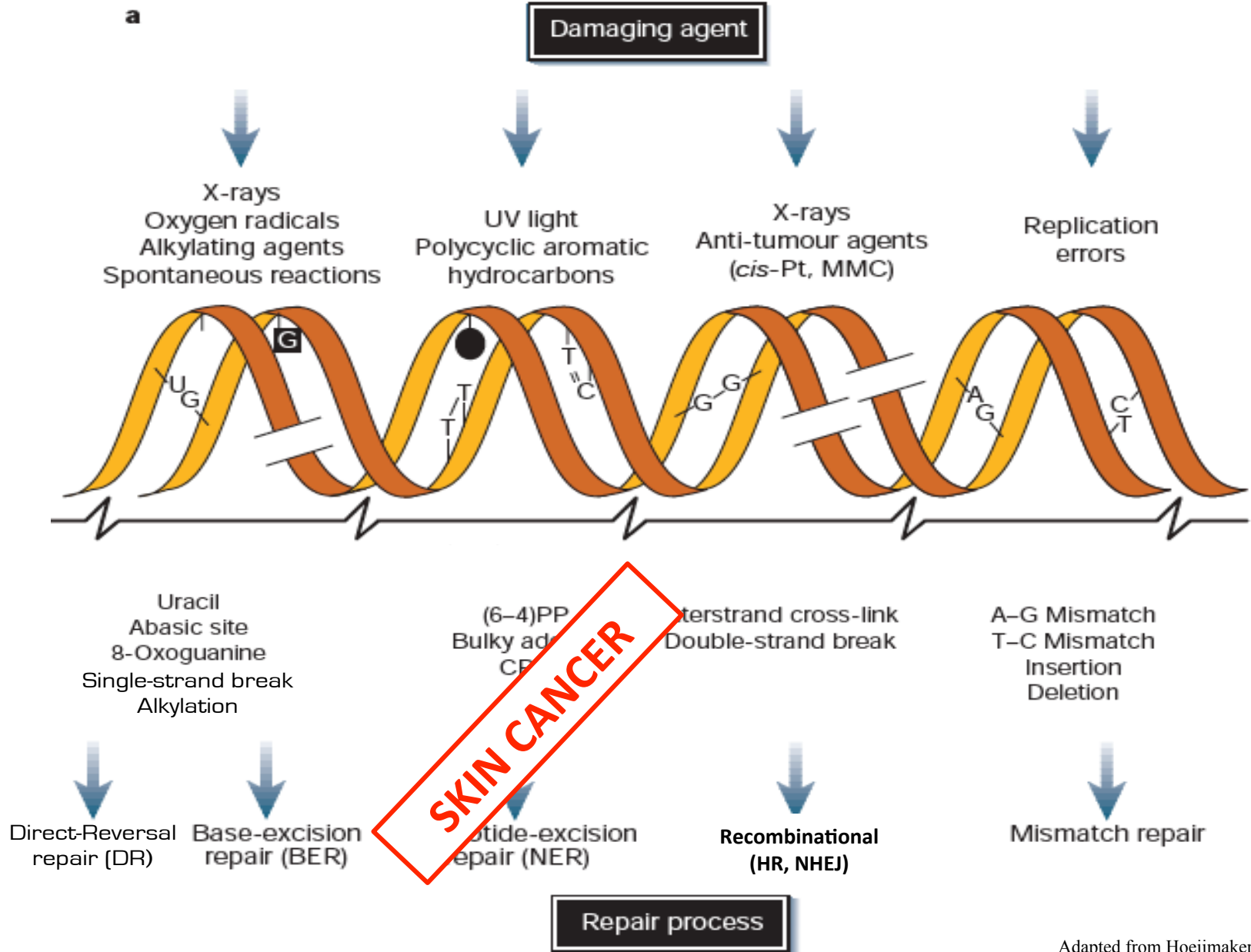
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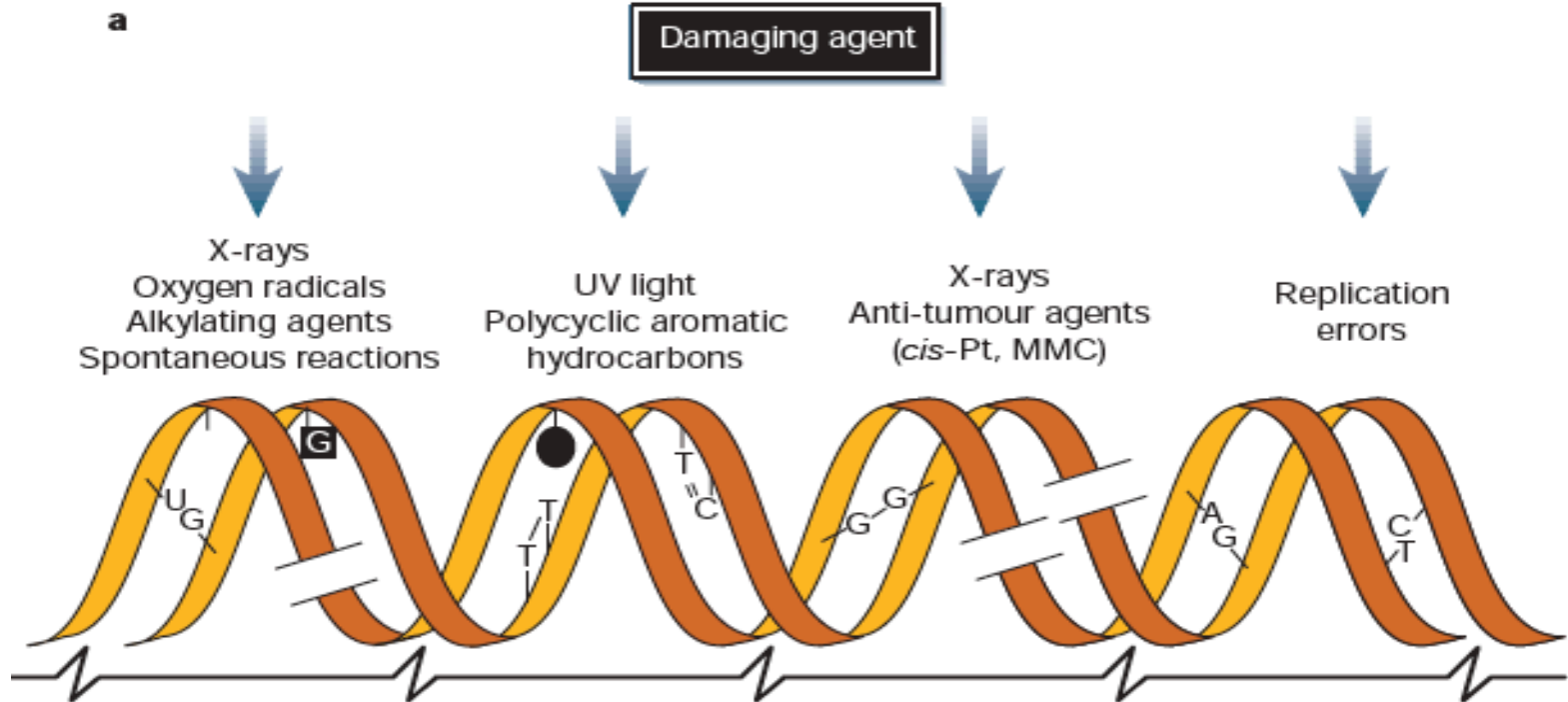
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RESPONSES of TUMOR and NON-TUMOR CELLS to CANCER RADIOTHERAPY and CHEMOTHERAPY



DNA Repair Strategies

- Direct Reversal

Methyltransferase, Oxidative demethylase

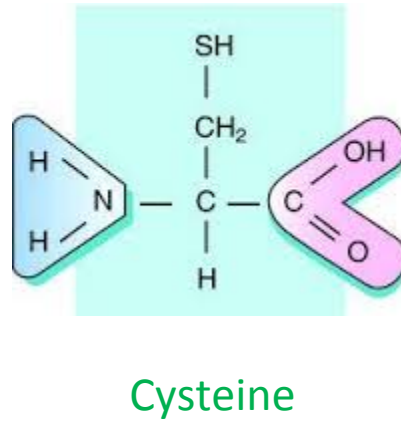
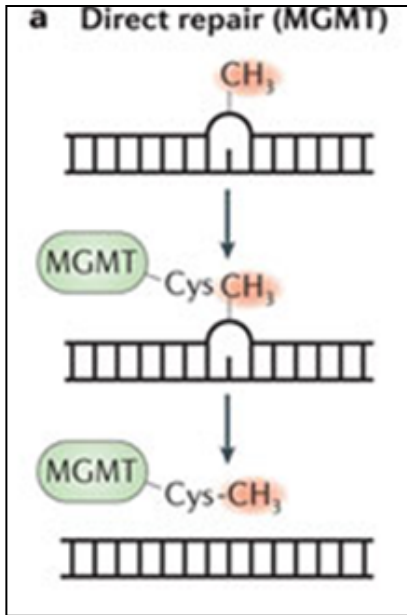
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Base excision, nucleotide excision, mismatch repair

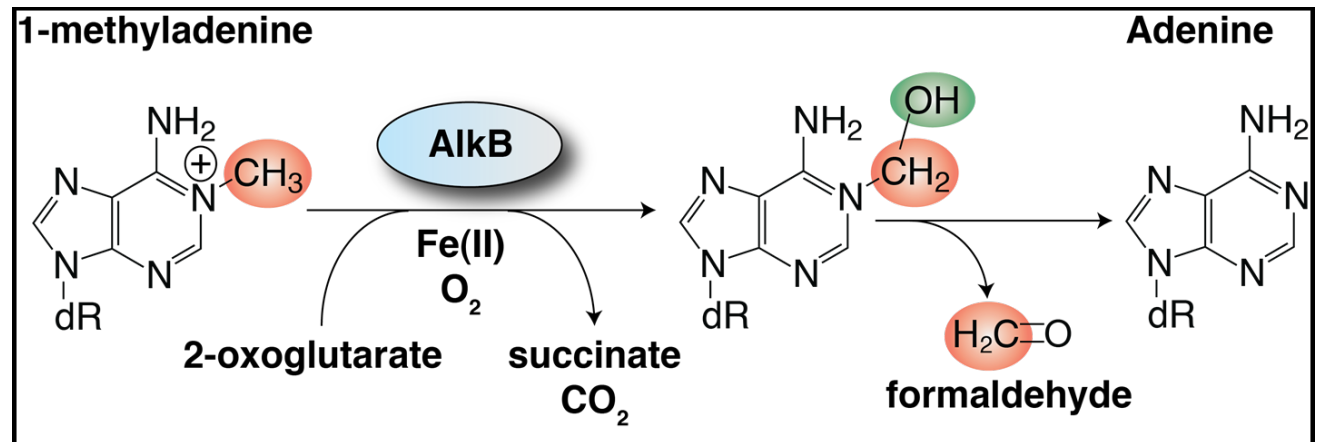
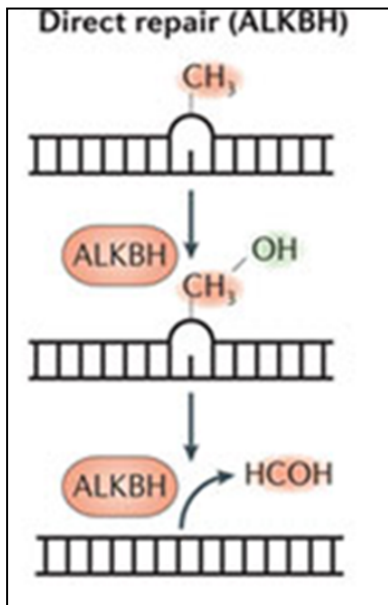
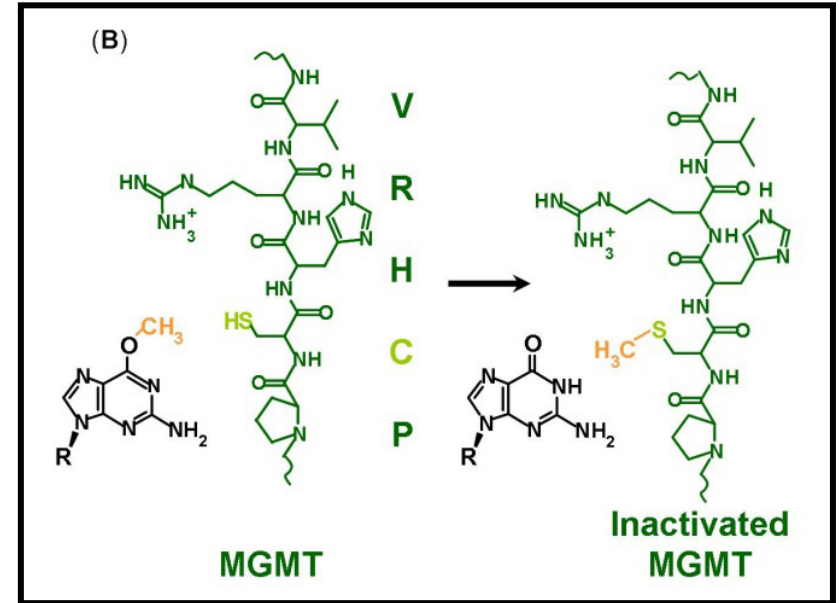
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Homologous recombination, Non-homologous end joining

DIRECT REVERSAL OF DNA DAMAGE



Methylguanone Methyltransferase (MGMT)



Oxidative demethylation via the AlkB dioxygenase enzyme

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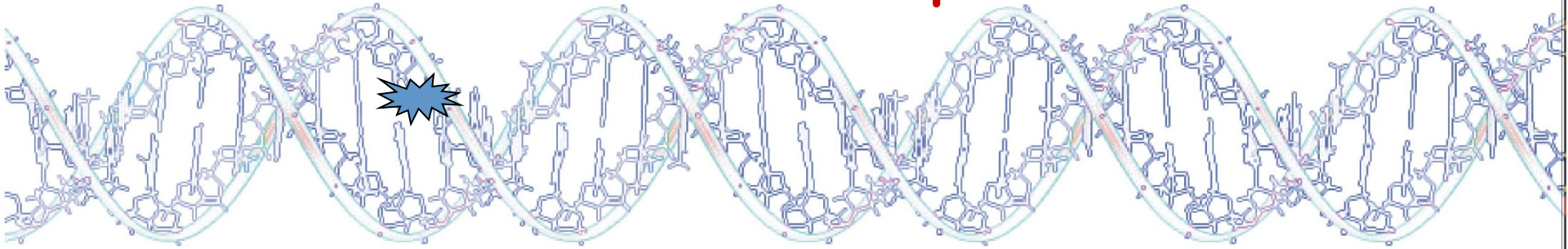
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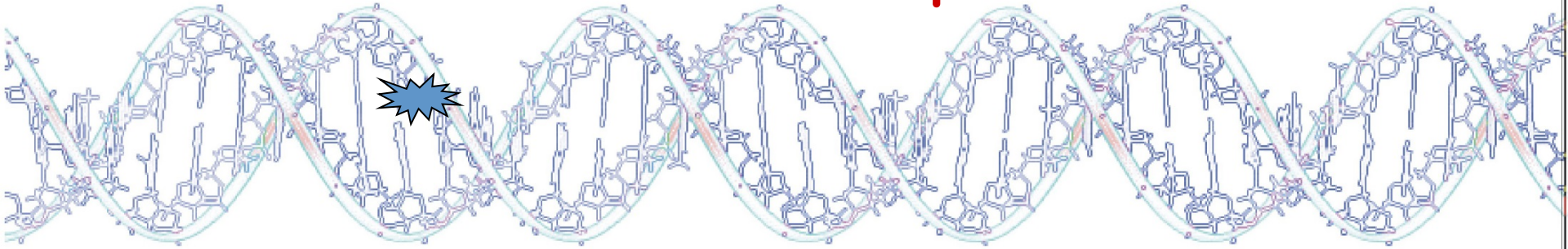
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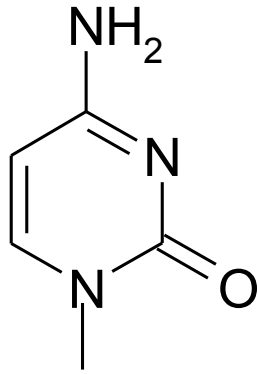
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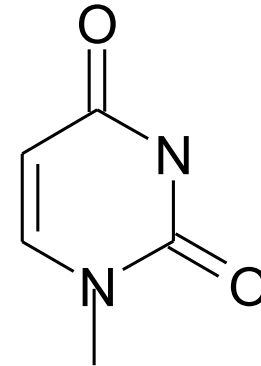
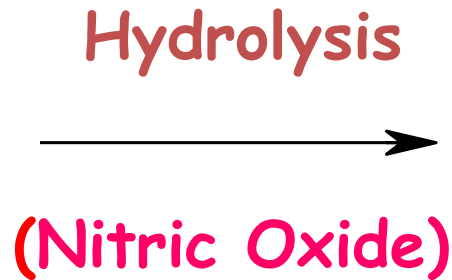


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Deamination

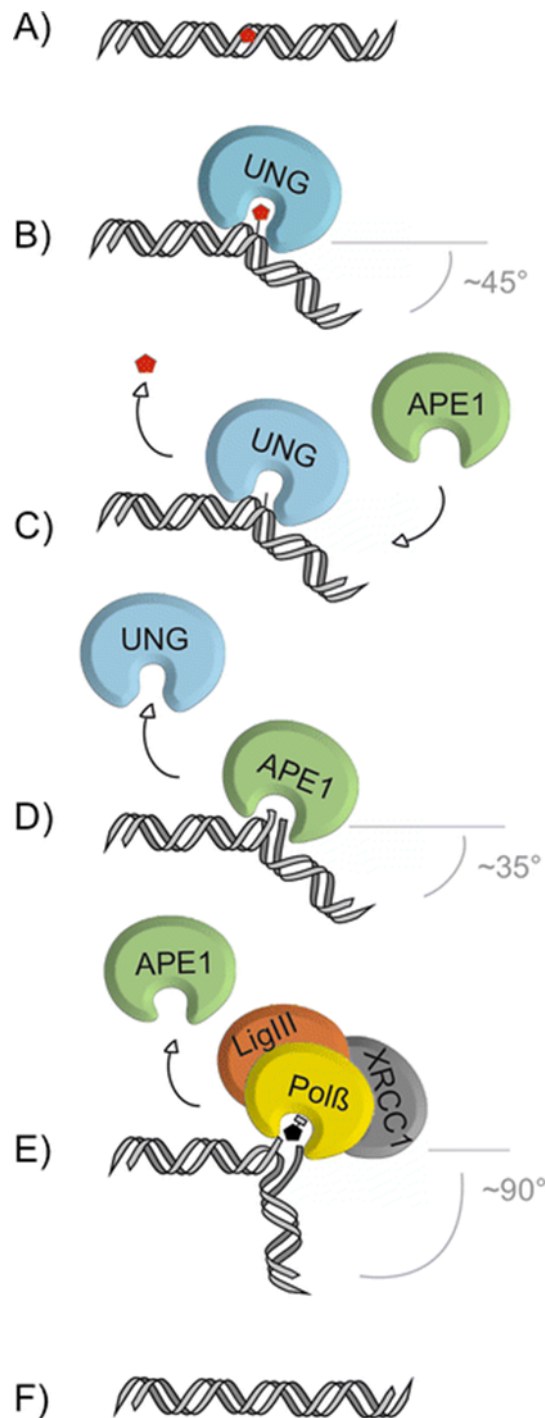
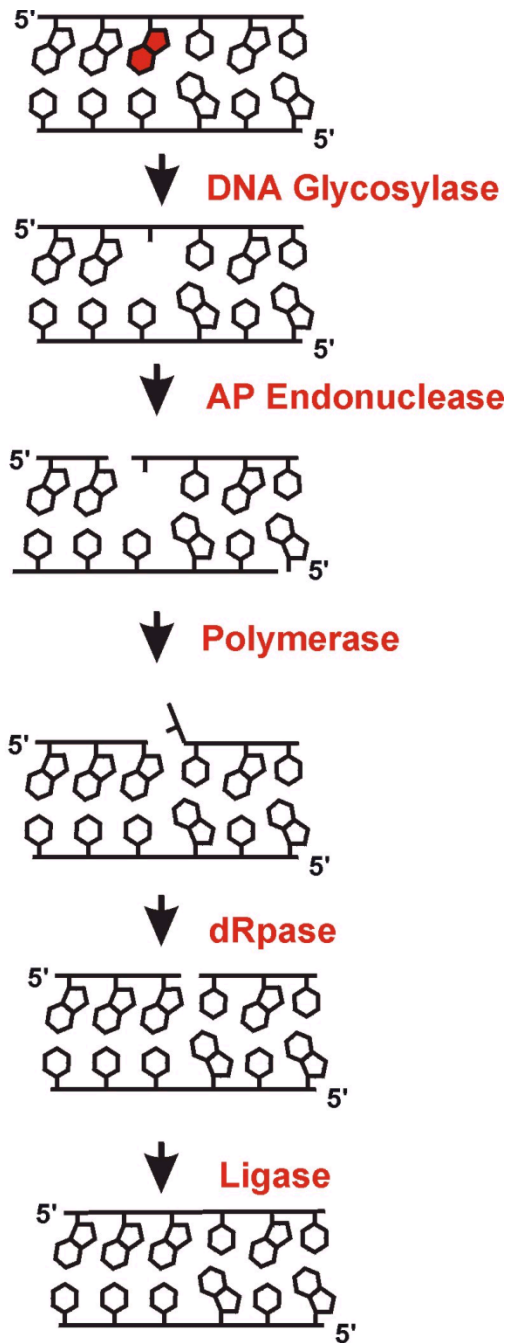


Cytosine



Uracil

Uracil from cytosine
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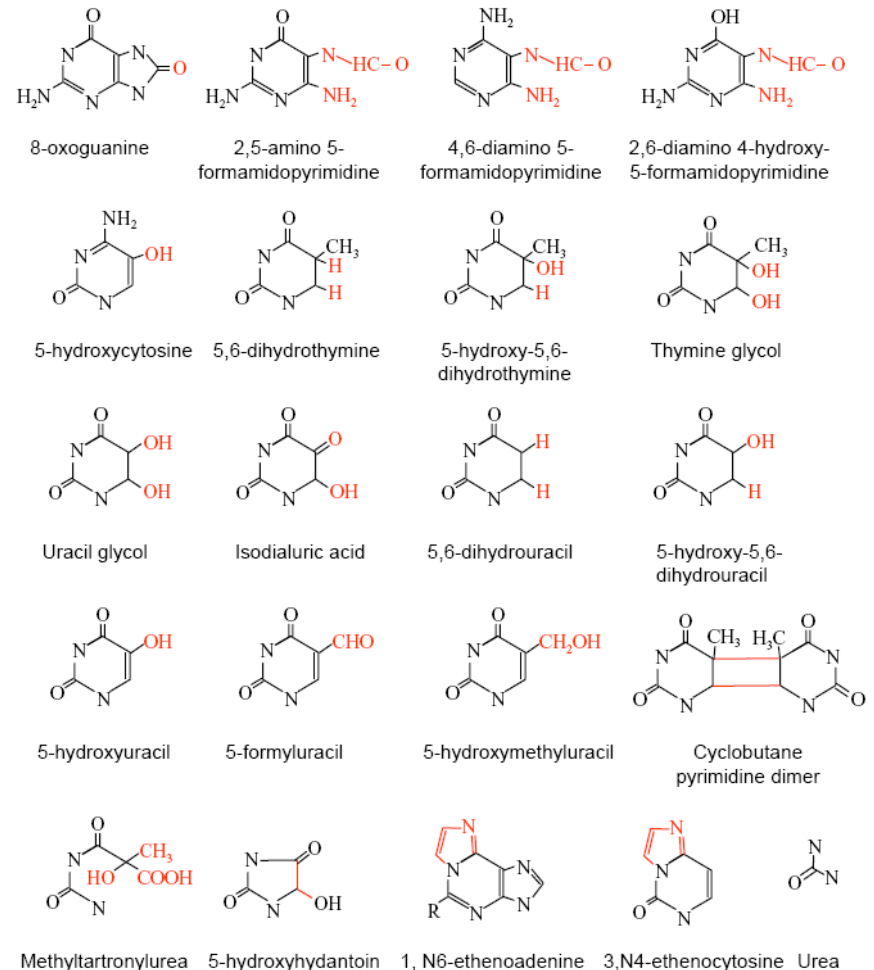
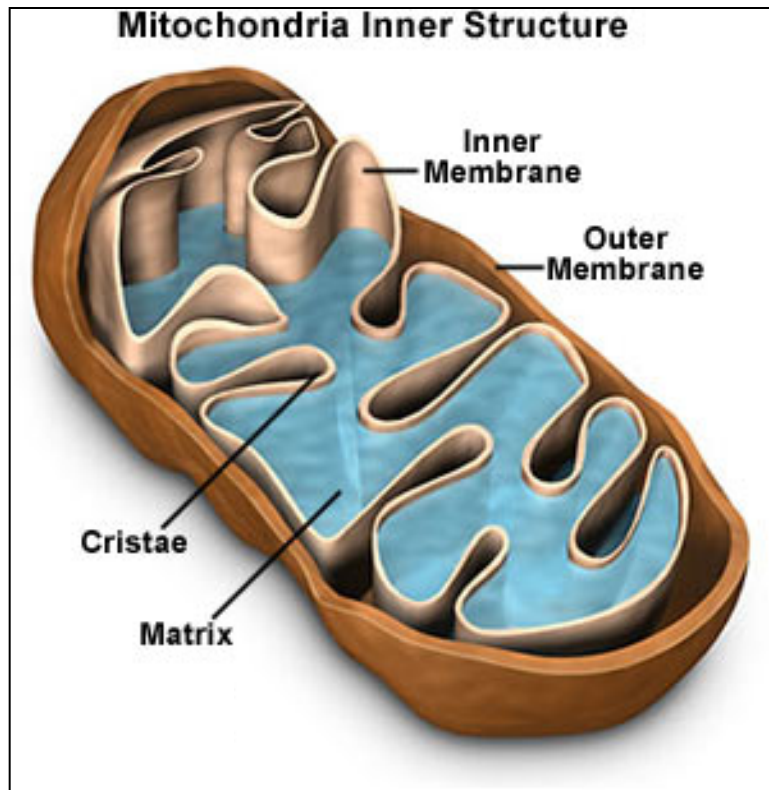


Uracil DNA Glycosylase

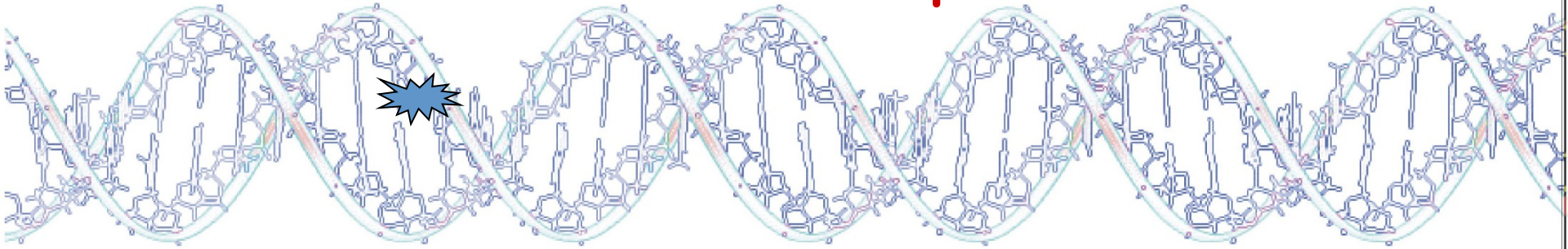
AP endonuclease

DNA polymerase
5' dRPlyase
DNA Ligase

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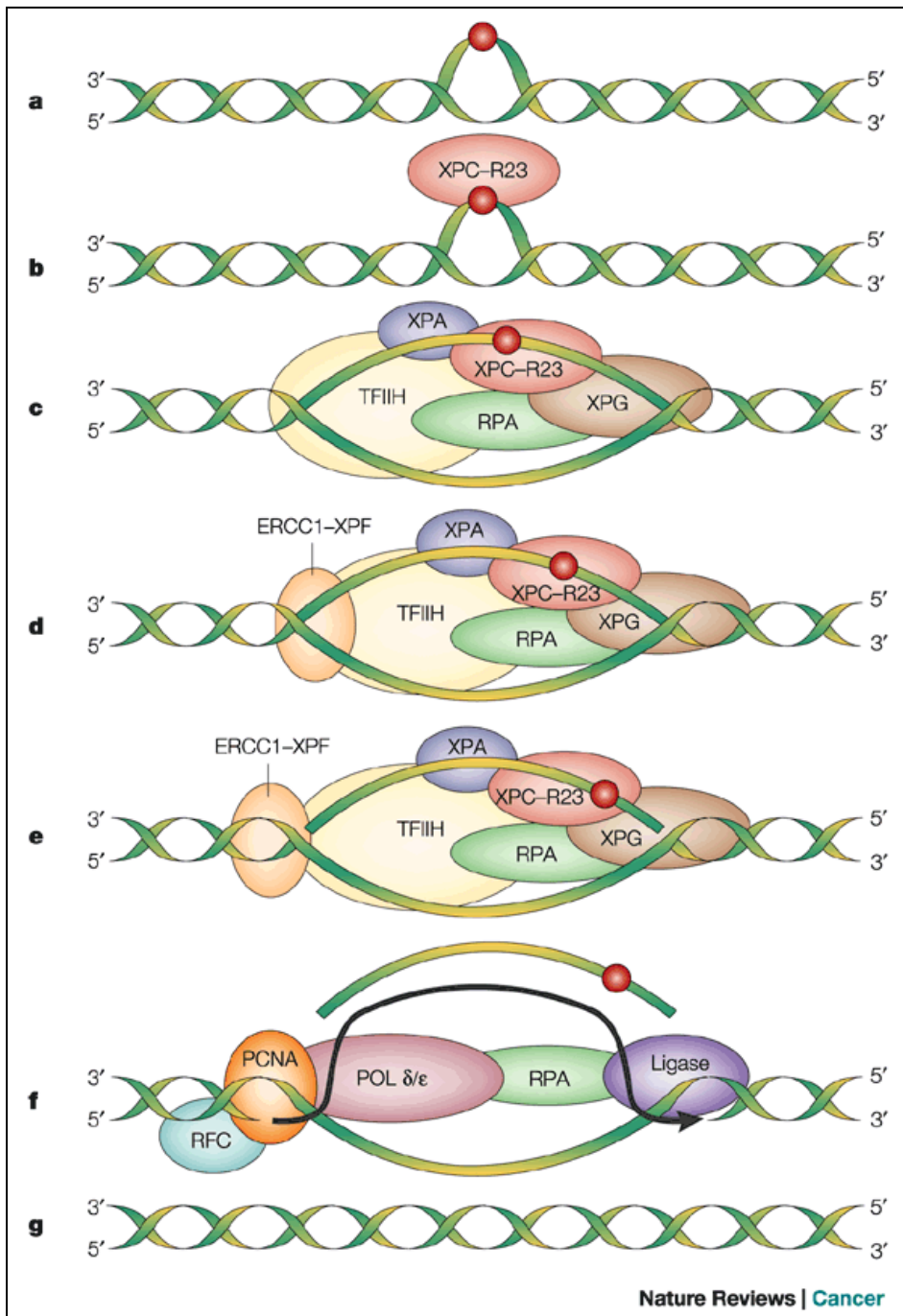
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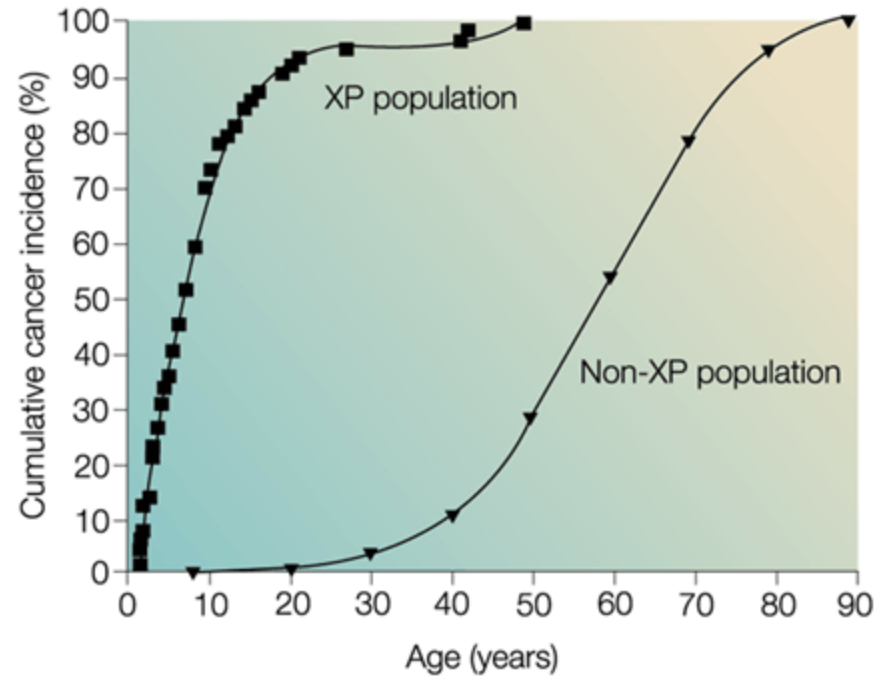
XPA
XPB
XPC
XPD
XPE
XPF
XPG



Lack of DNA repair accelerates the onset of cancer



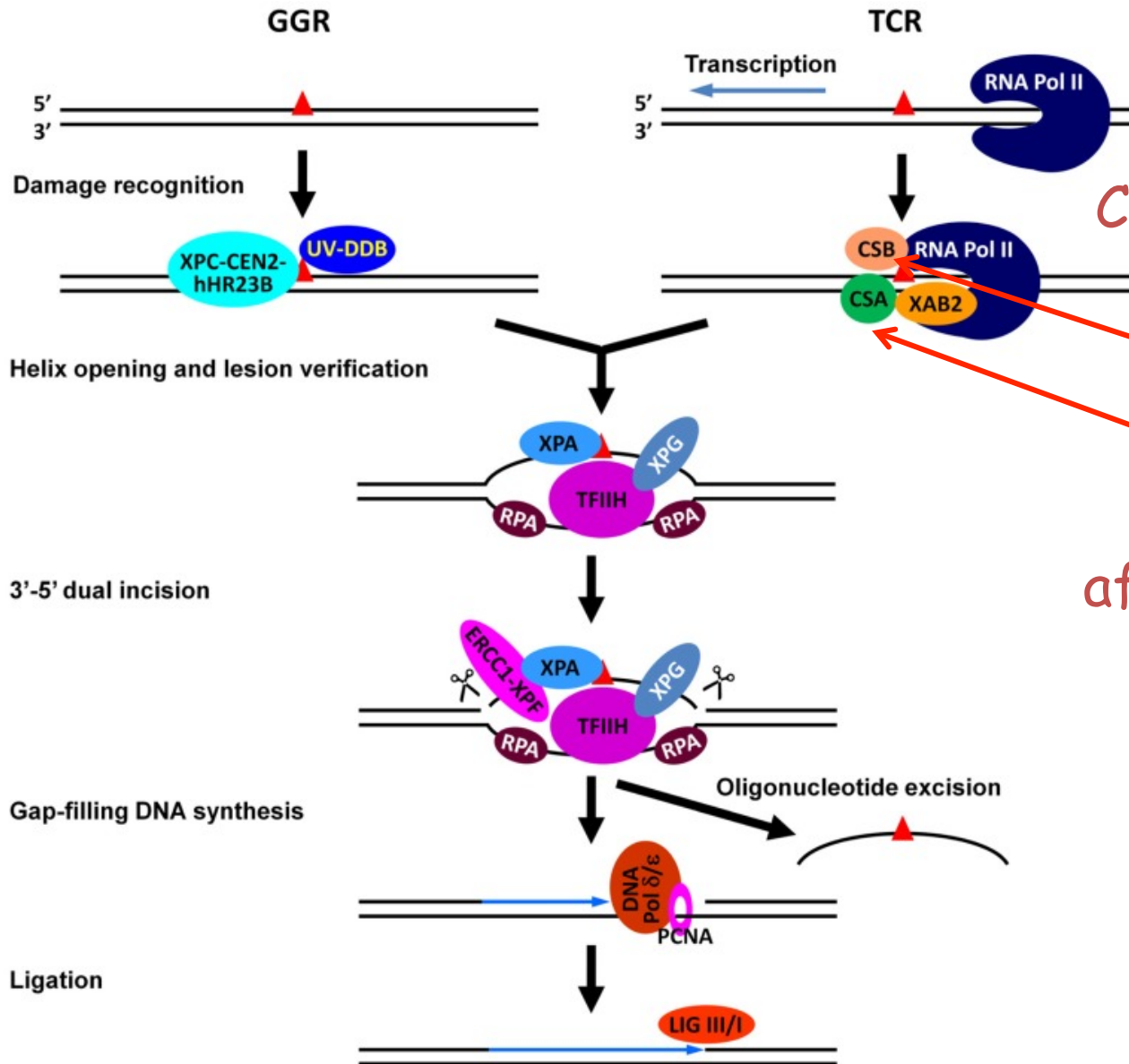
Xeroderma pigmentosum (XP)



Nature Reviews |

Errol C. Friedberg
Nature Reviews Cancer 1, 22-33 (2001)

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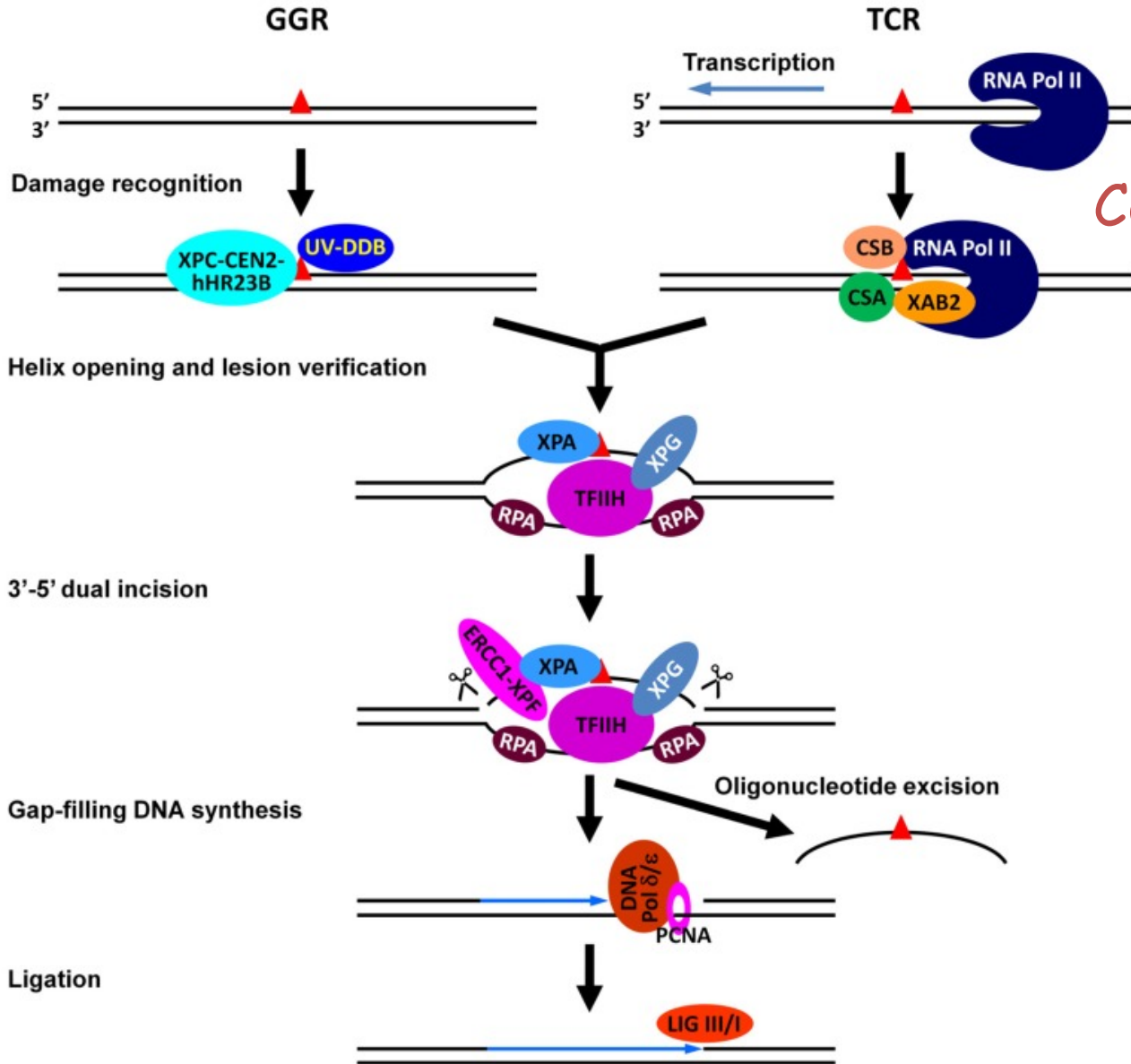
Cockayne Syndrome genes

CSB

CSA

affect Transcription Coupled Repair...

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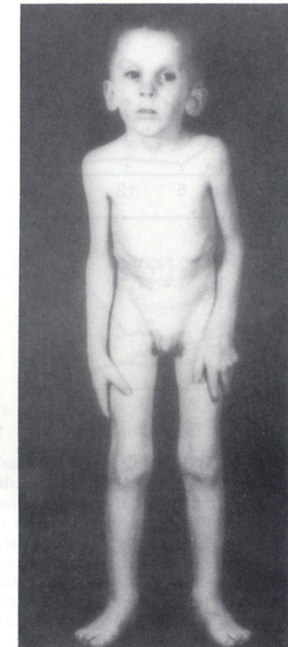
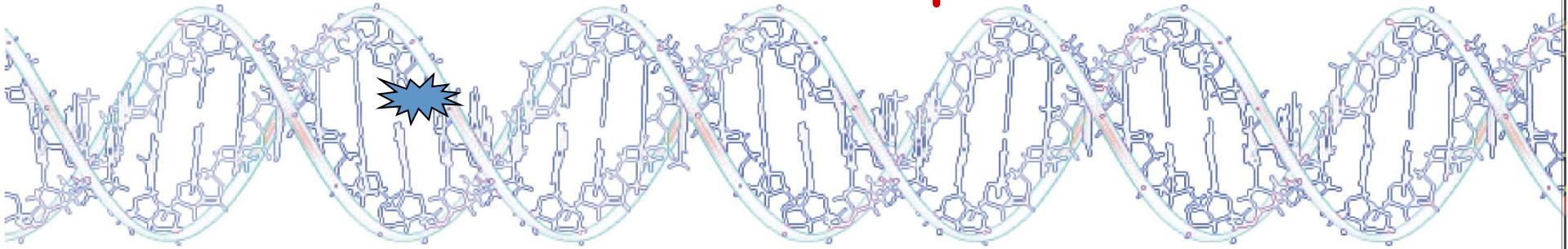


Figure 14-18 Individuals with CS have arrested growth and development, resulting in a dwarfed appearance. The sunken eyes and disproportionately long arms and legs are also very characteristic. (Courtesy of James German.)

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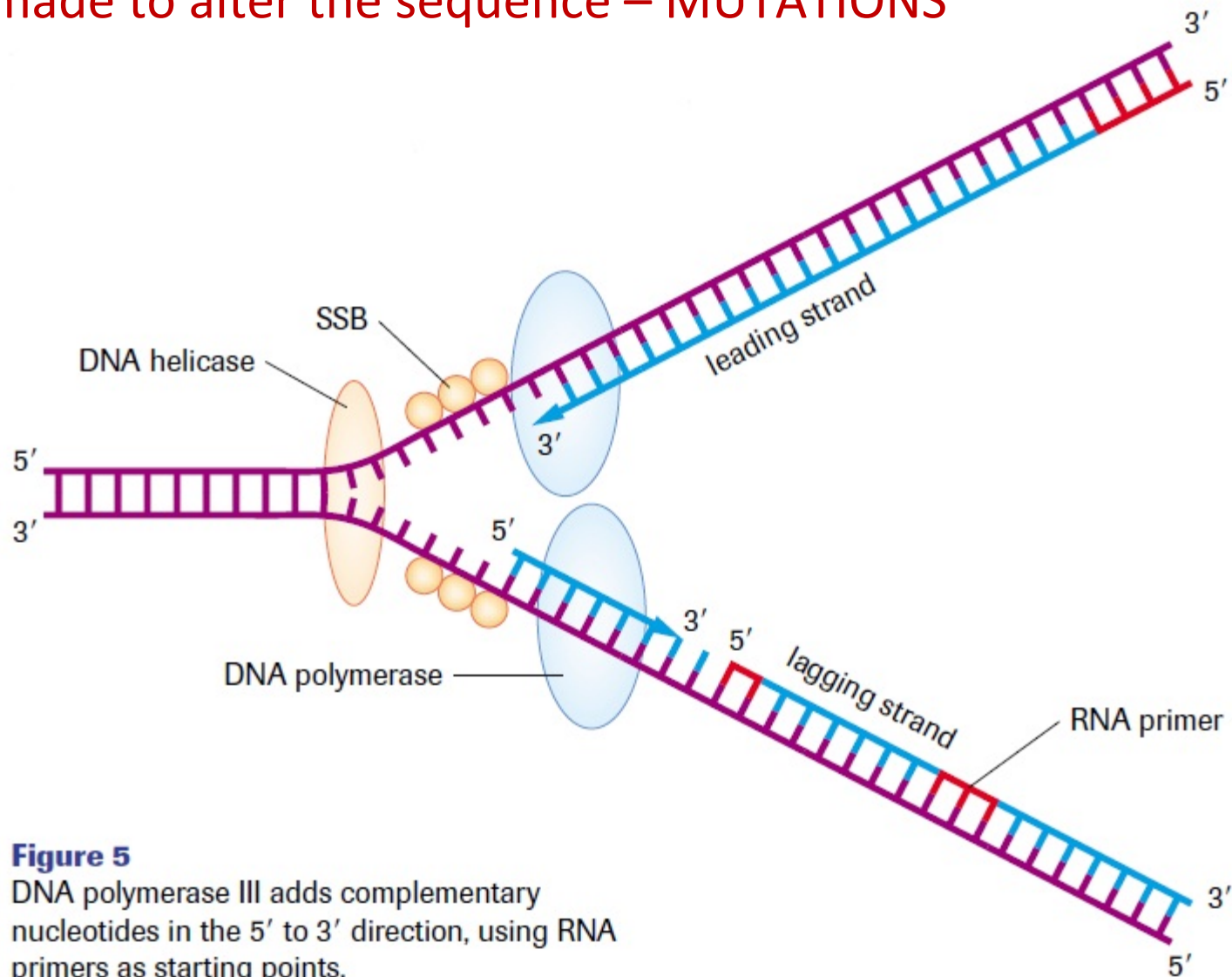
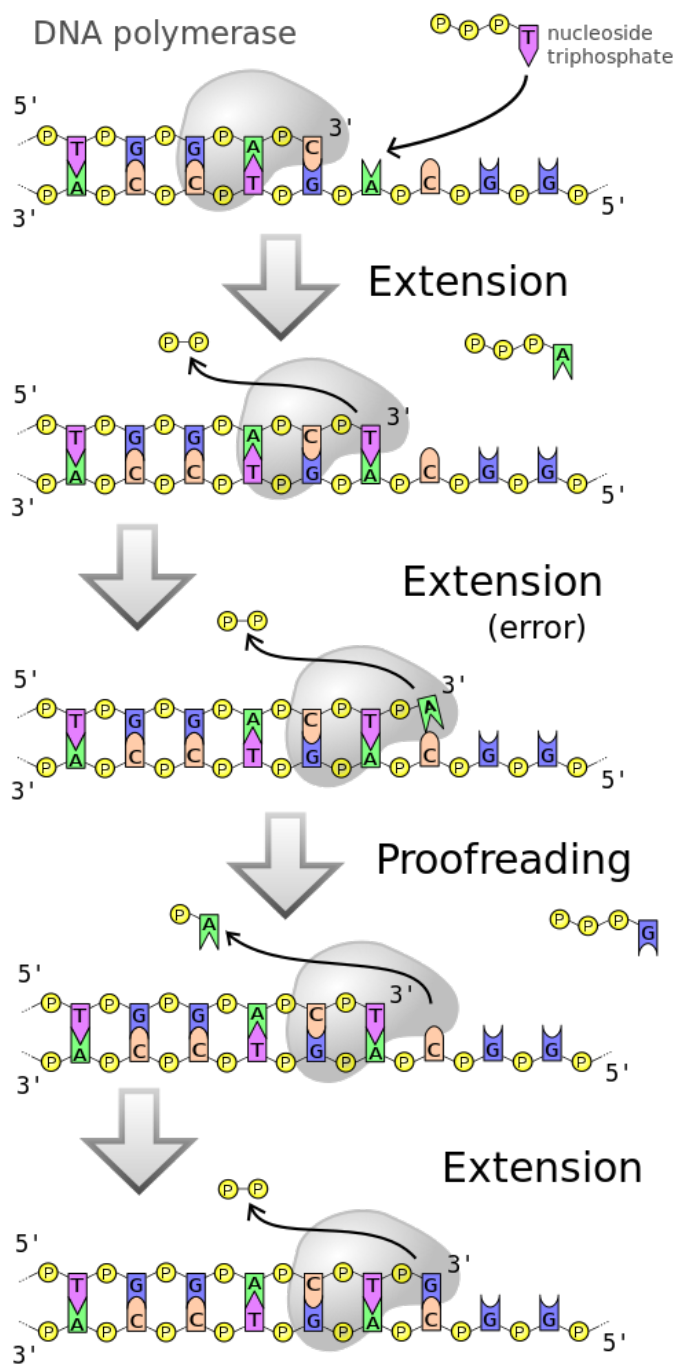


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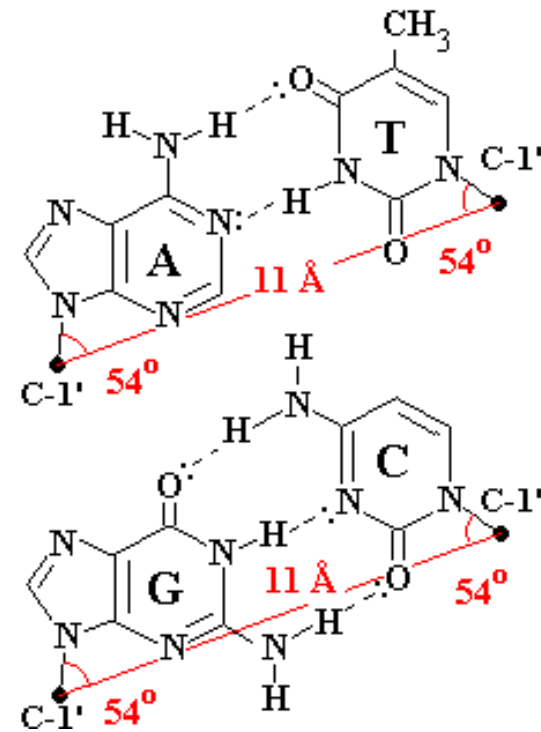
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REPLICATION FIDELITY

- How many times does DNA polymerase have to choose the correct nucleotide during one cell division???
- Is one mistake in a million choices acceptable?
- How is fidelity achieved?



DNA Polymerases
have different ways
of increasing fidelity



Mechanisms for maintaining genetic stability associated with DNA replication in *E. coli*

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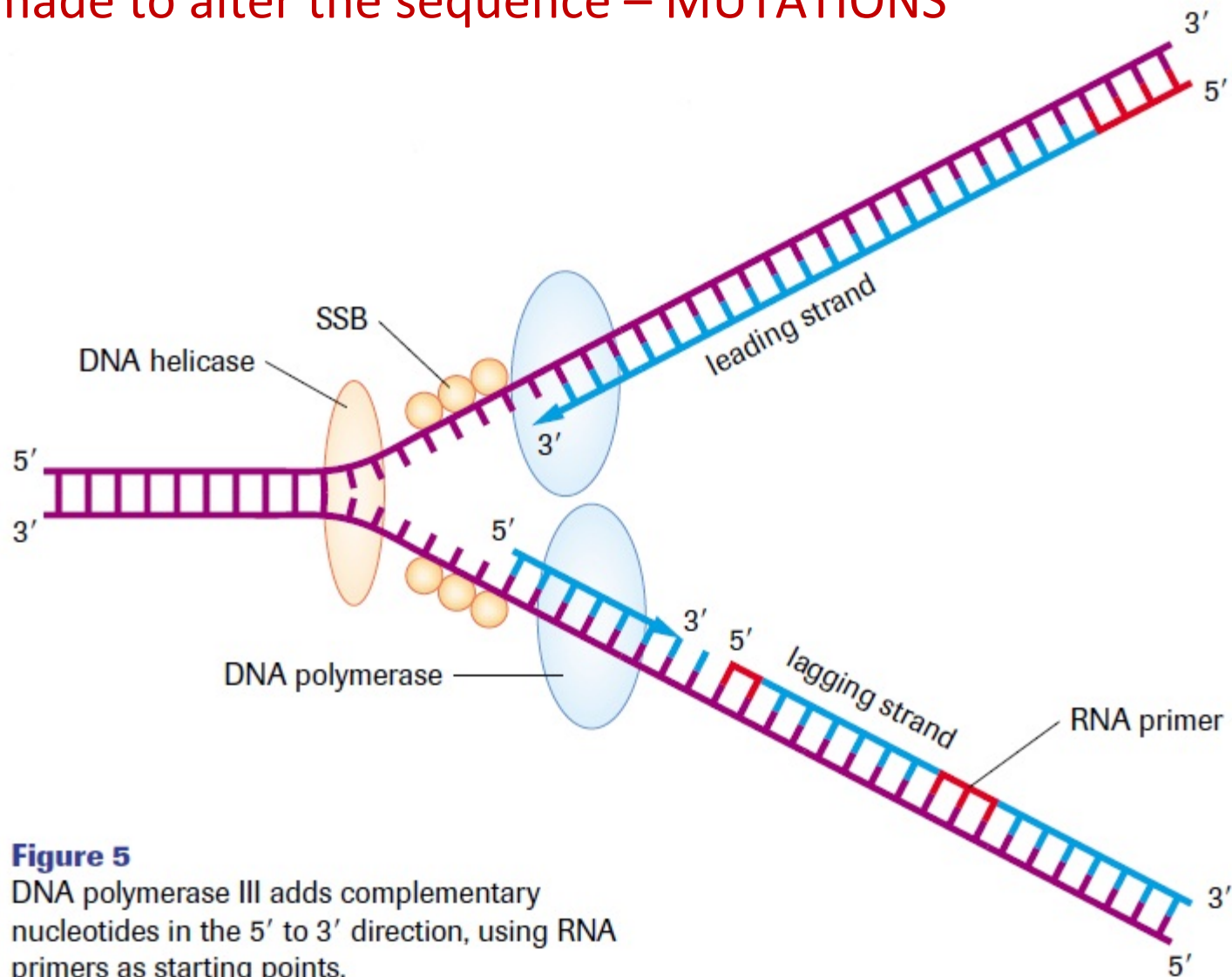


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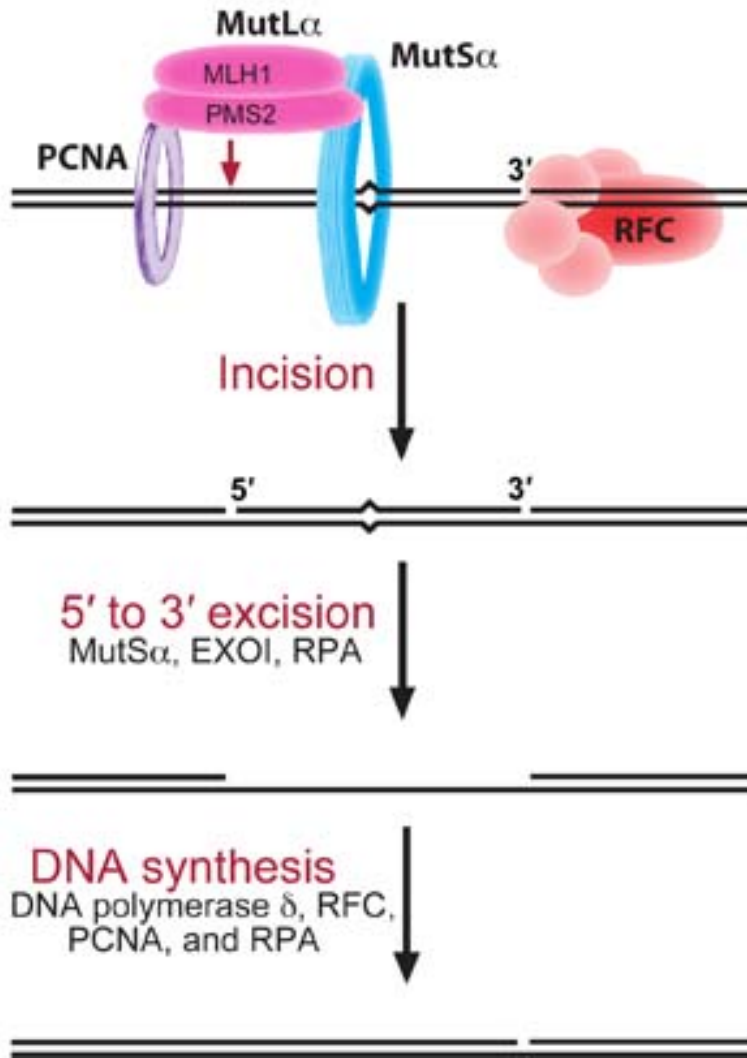
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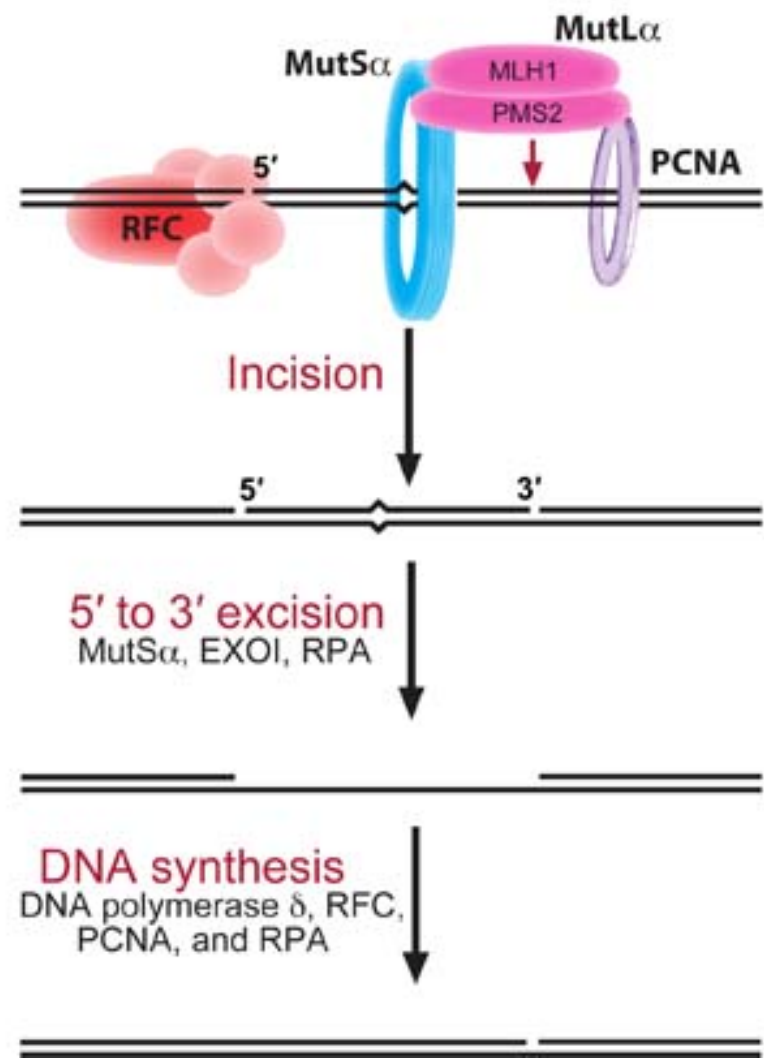
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Human mismatch repair

3'-nick directed mismatch repair

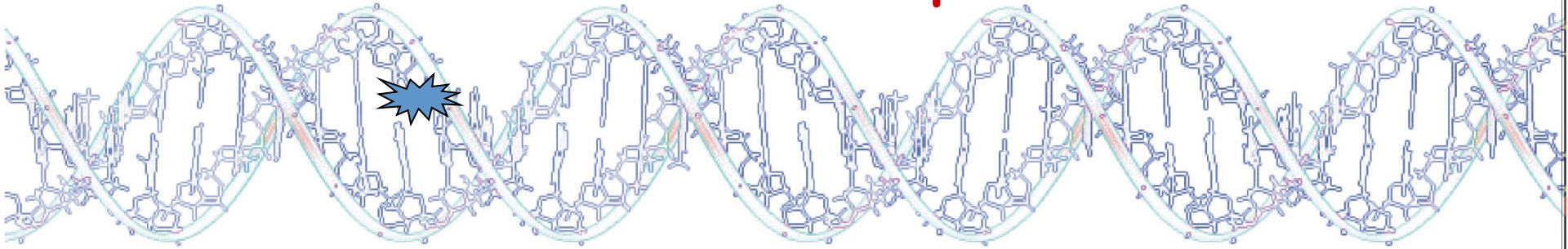


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MMR deficiency leads to early onset Colorectal Cancer

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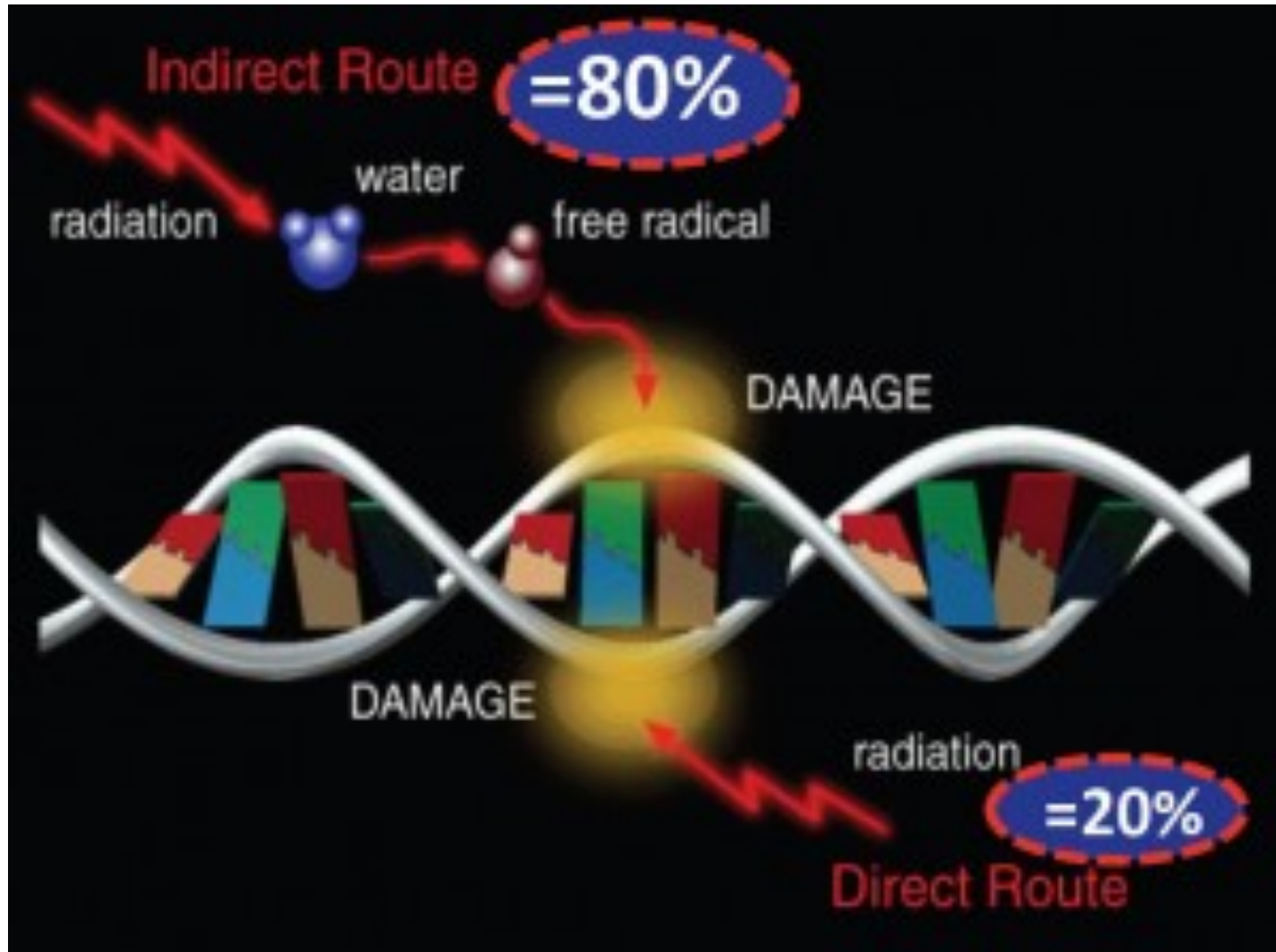
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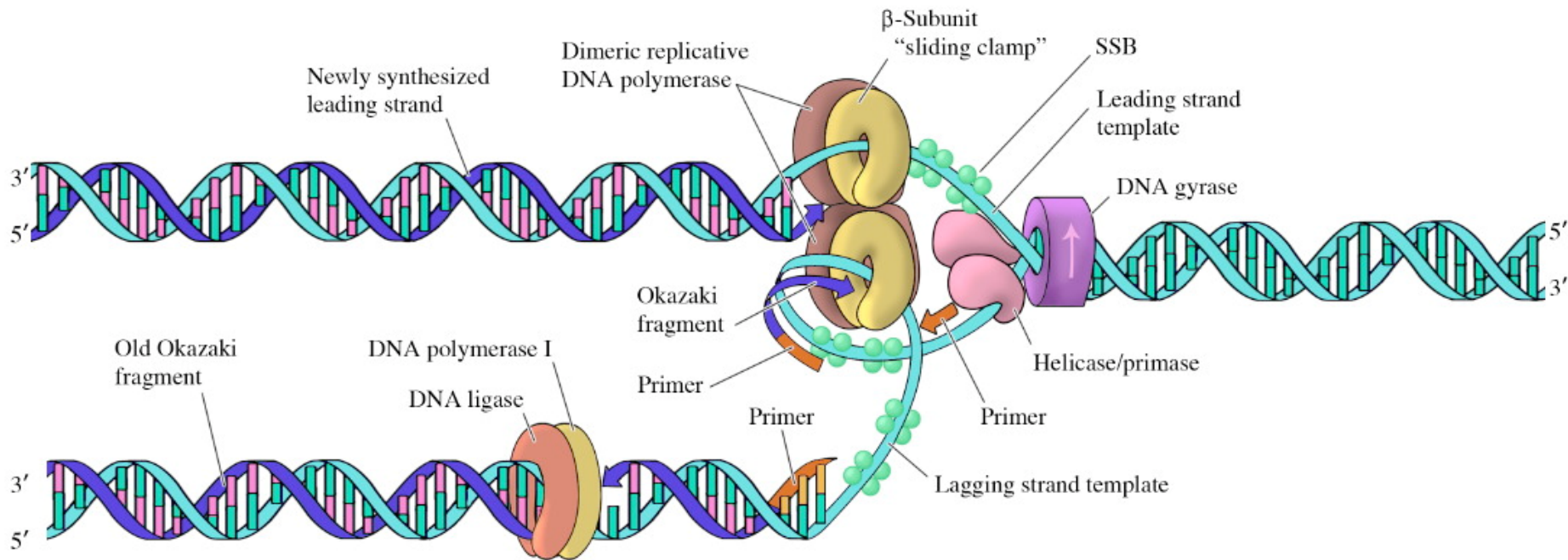
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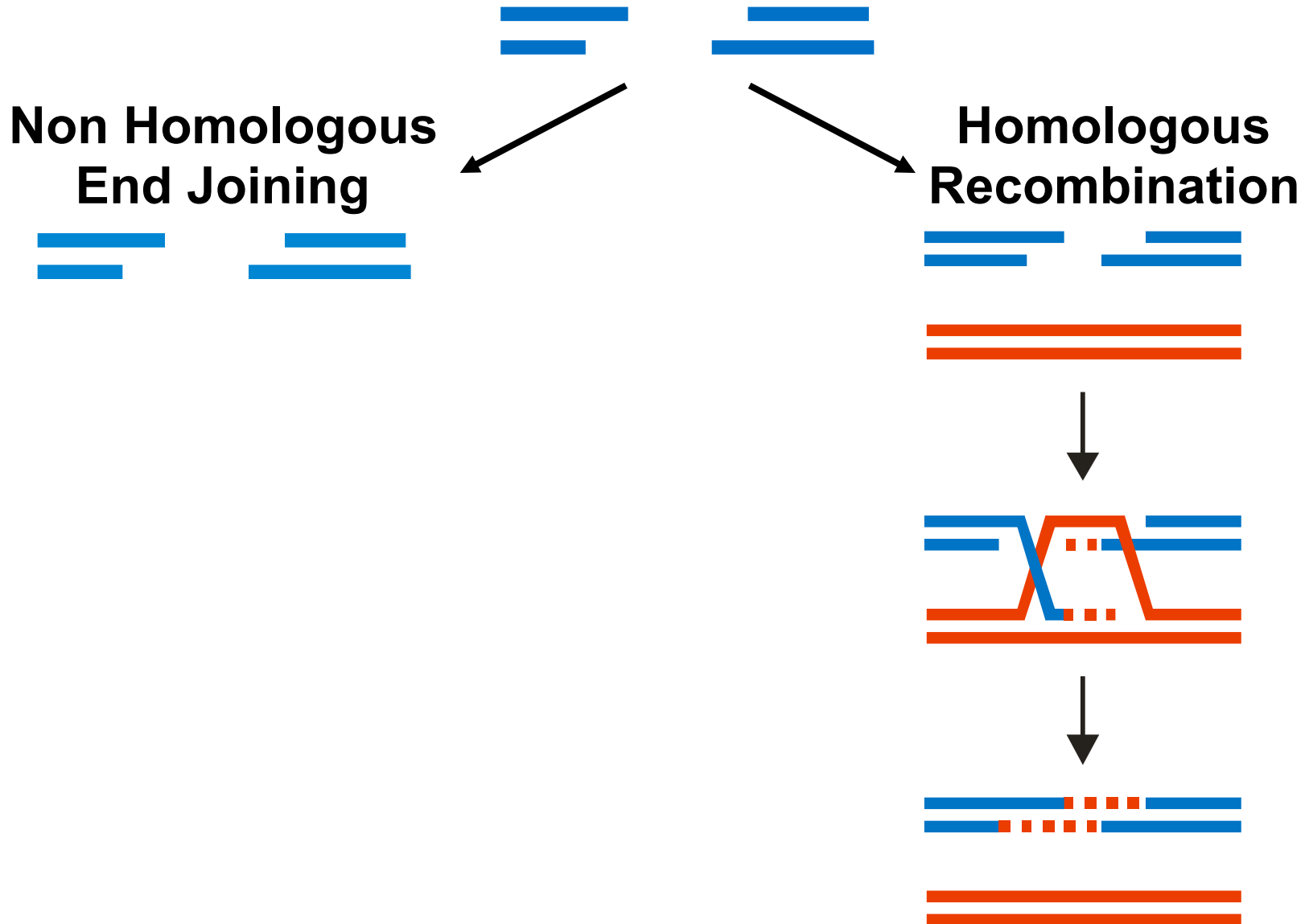
X-rays induce DNA double strand breaks. How?



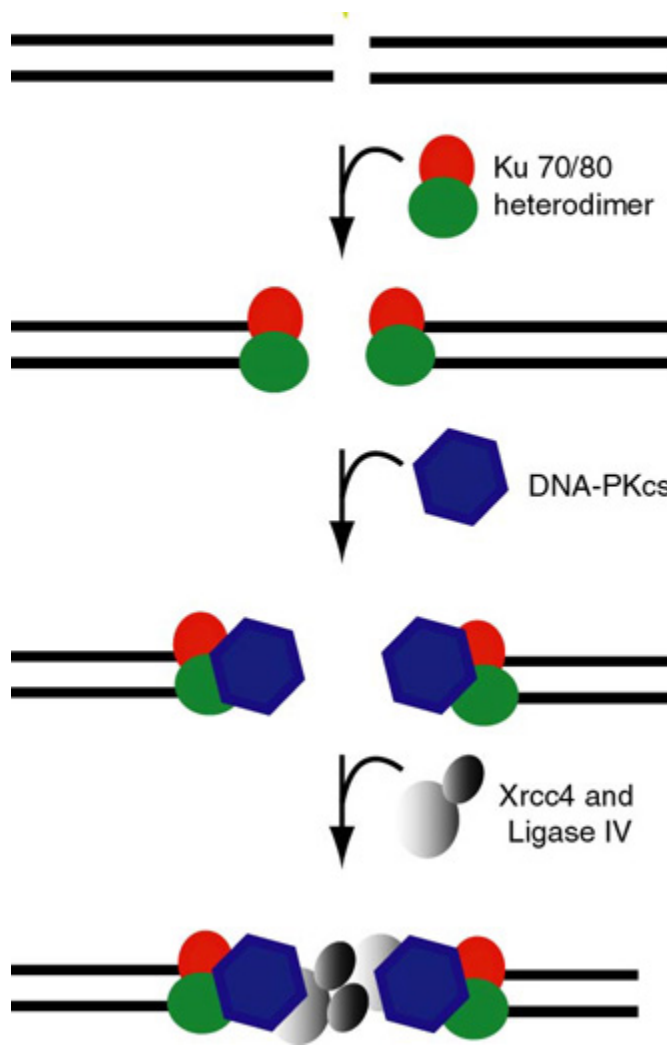
Replicated versus non-replicated DNA



DNA double-strand break repair



Non-Homologous End Joining (NHEJ)



Ku70

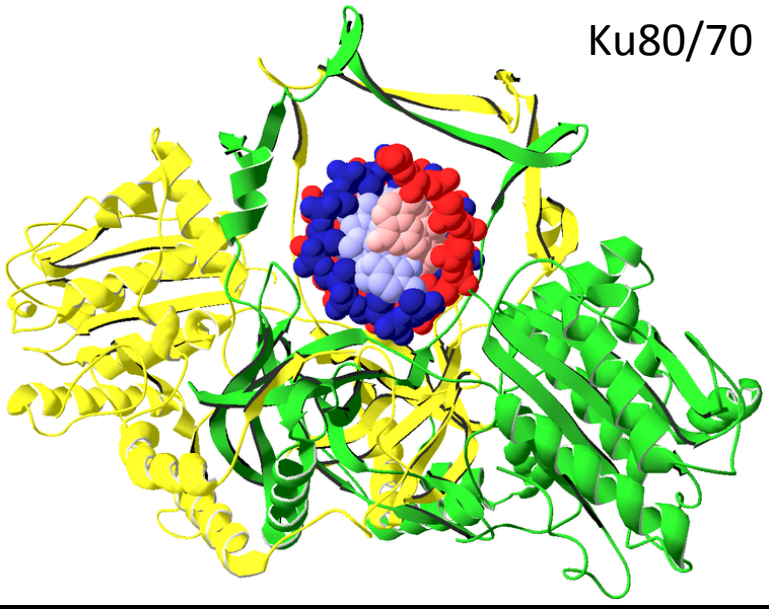
Ku80

DNA-PKcs

Xrcc4

Ligase IV

Ku80/70



double-strand break in DNA



END RECOGNITION BY
Ku HETERODIMERS



ADDITIONAL PROTEINS



PROCESSING OF DNA ENDS

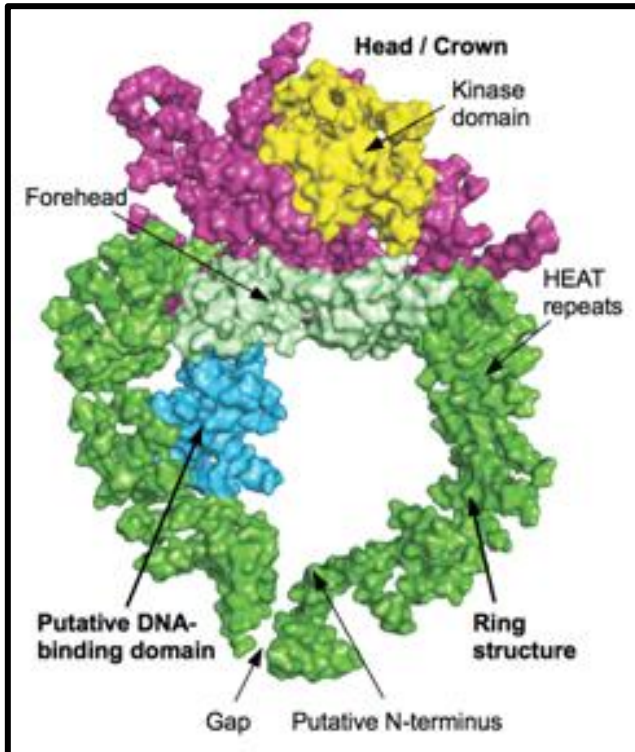
LIMITED REPAIR SYNTHESIS

LIGATION

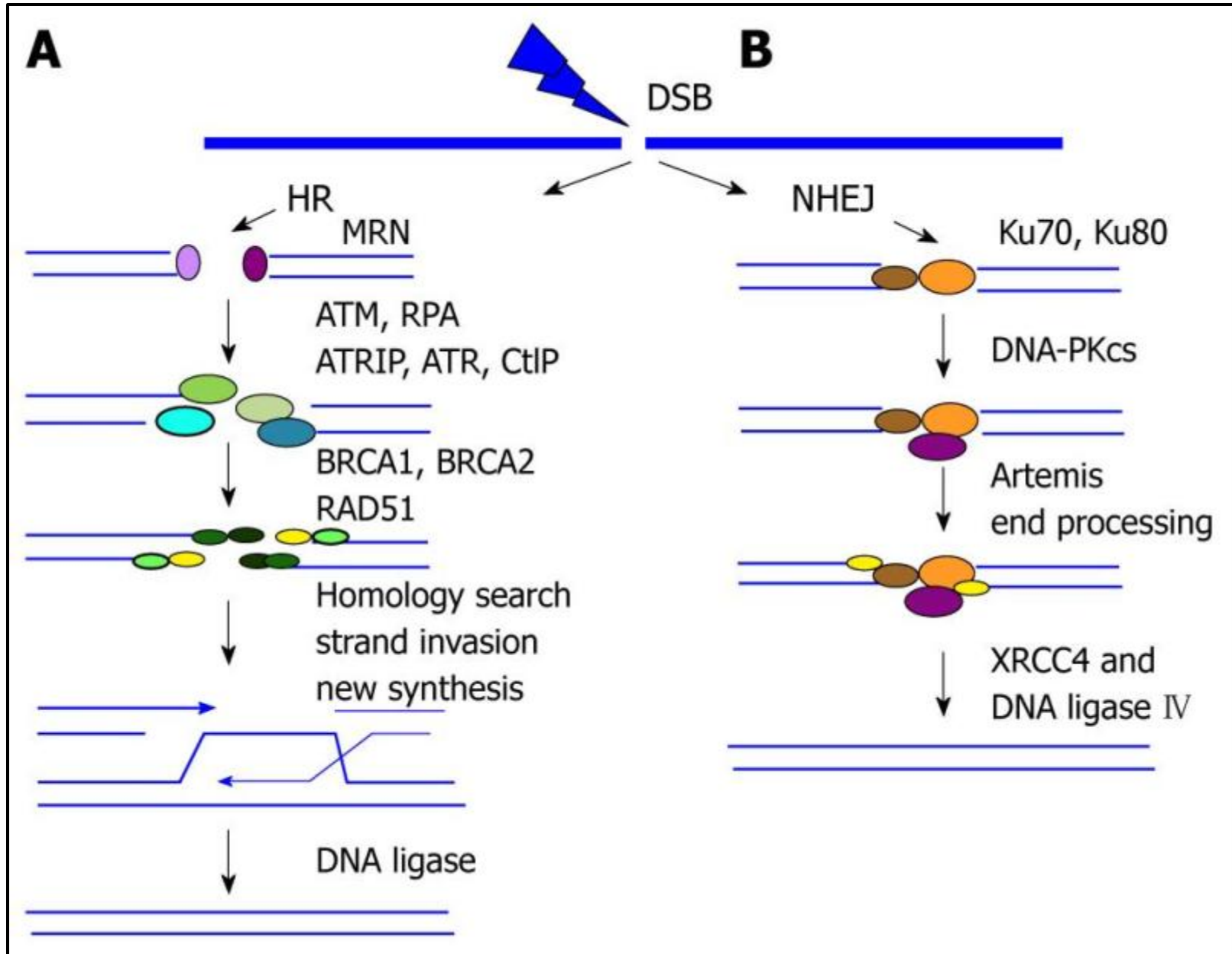


repaired DNA has generally suffered a deletion
of nucleotides

DNA-
PKcs



DNA Double Strand Break (DSB) Repair



<http://web.mit.edu/engelward-lab/animations/NHEJ.html>

Non Homologous End Joining

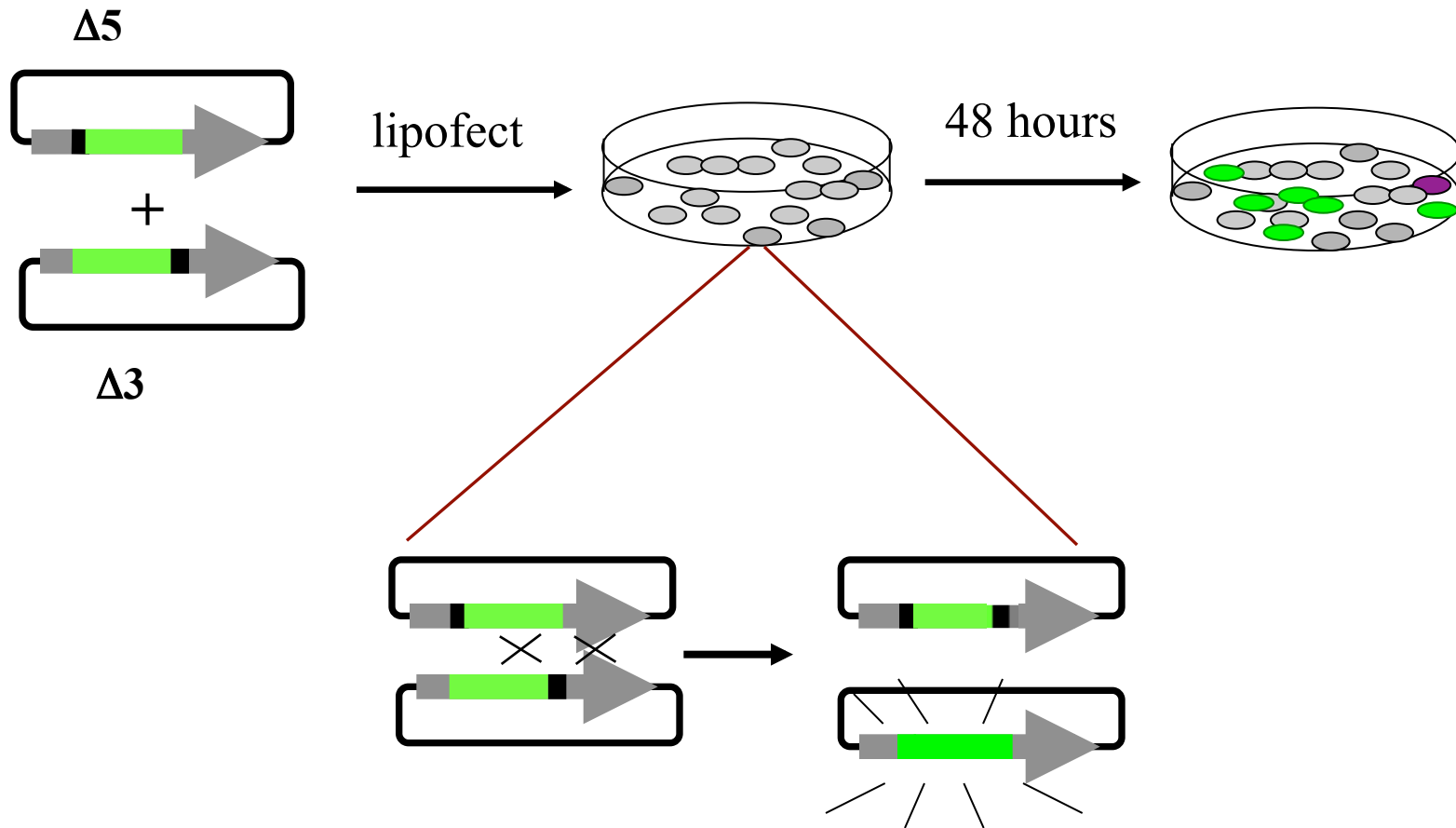
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DSB repair using Homologous Recombination

<http://web.mit.edu/engelward-lab/animations/forkHR.html>

Repair of a collapsed Replication Fork

A Plasmid-Based Assay for Homologous Recombination in Mammalian Cells

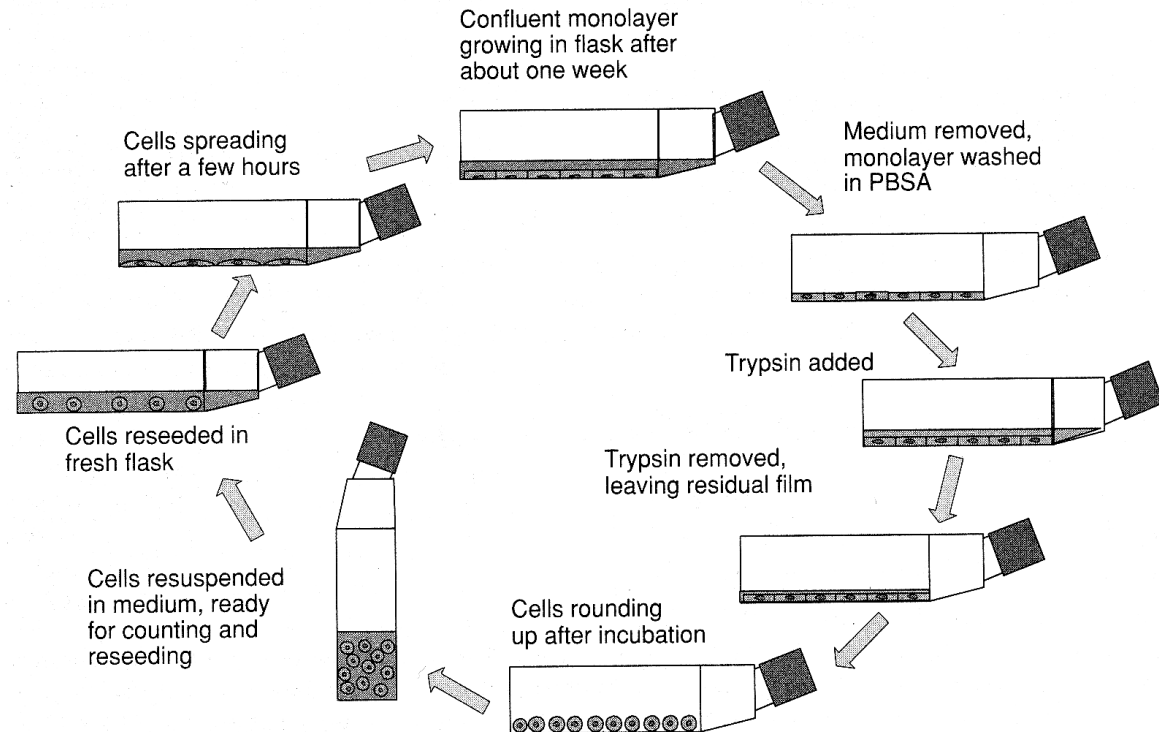
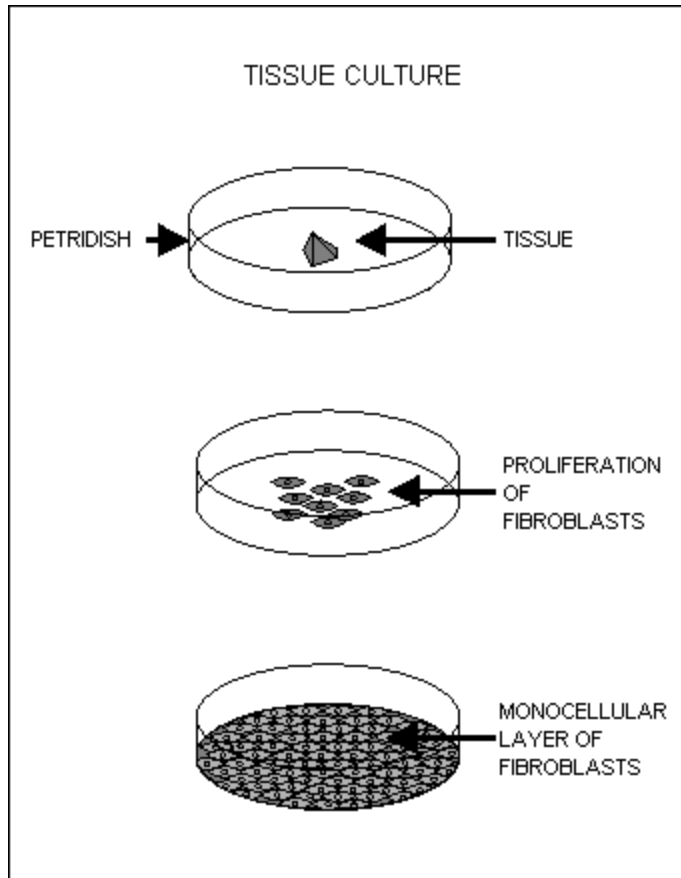


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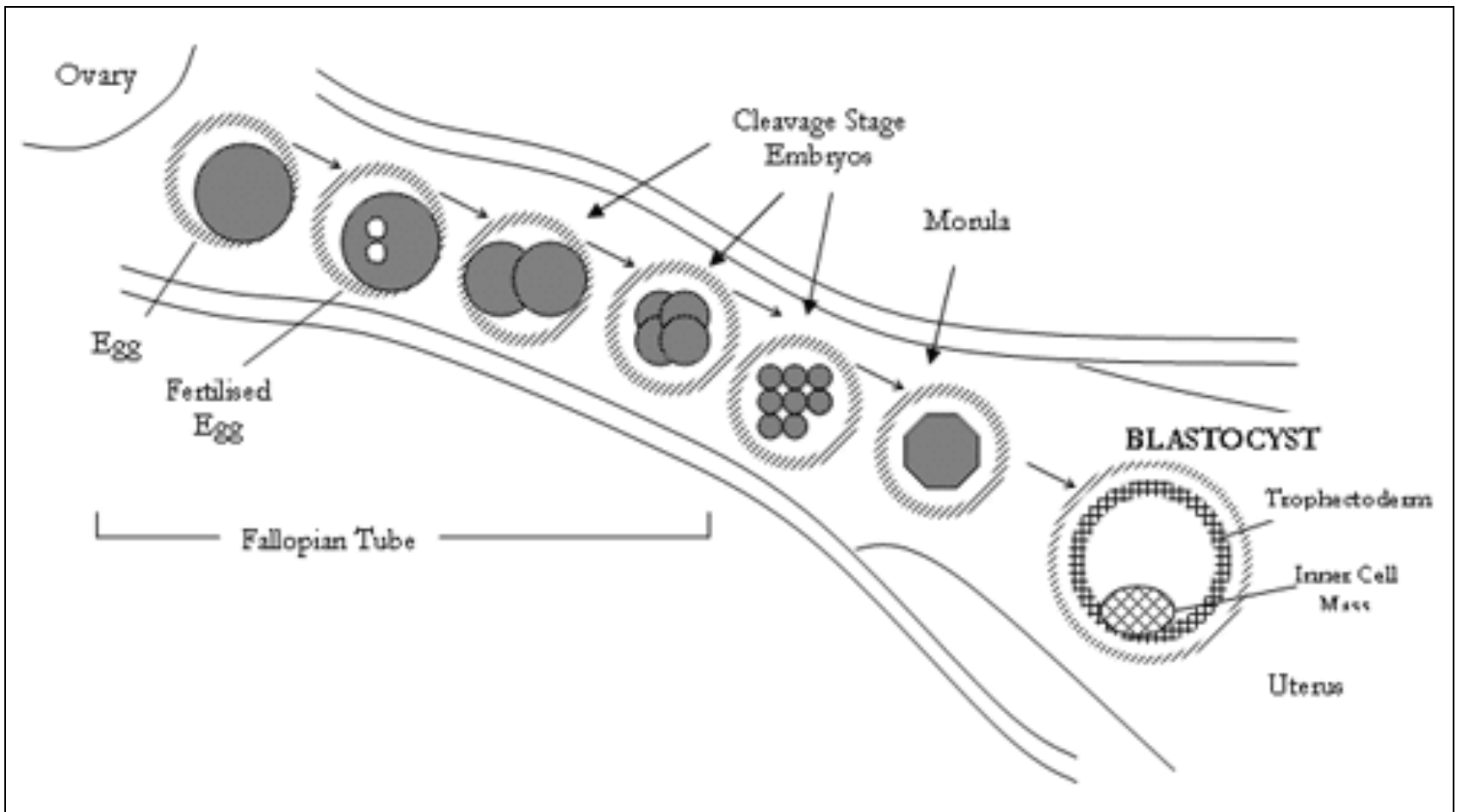
How do you grow mammalian cells?



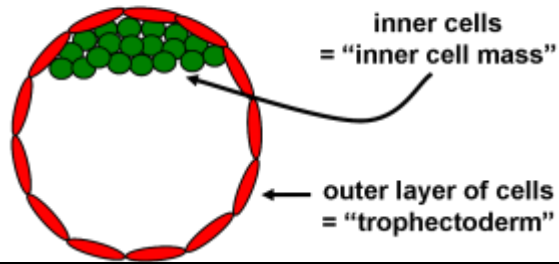
“Sub-Culturing”

From Freshney’s “Culture of Mammalian Cells”

You will work with Mouse Embryonic Stem Cells mES cells

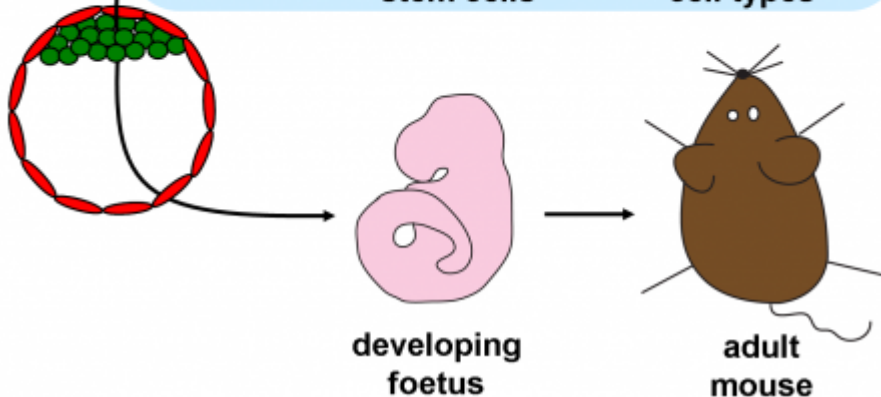
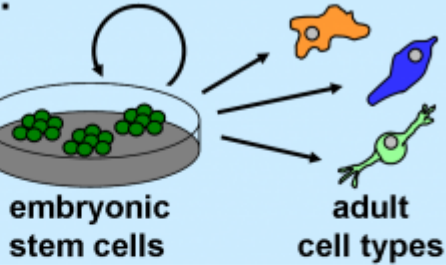


very early embryo
= "blastocyst"



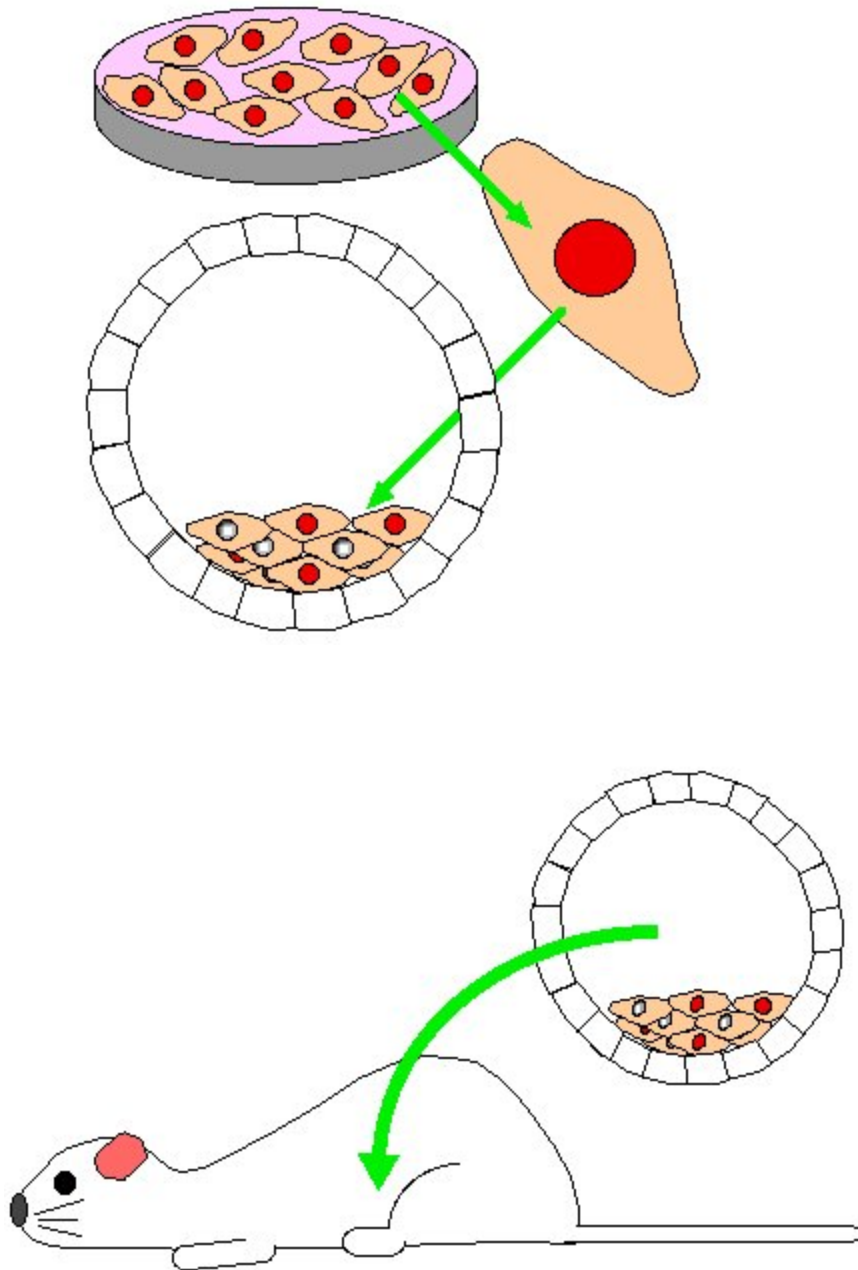
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In the lab... more stem cells



mES cells grown in the lab

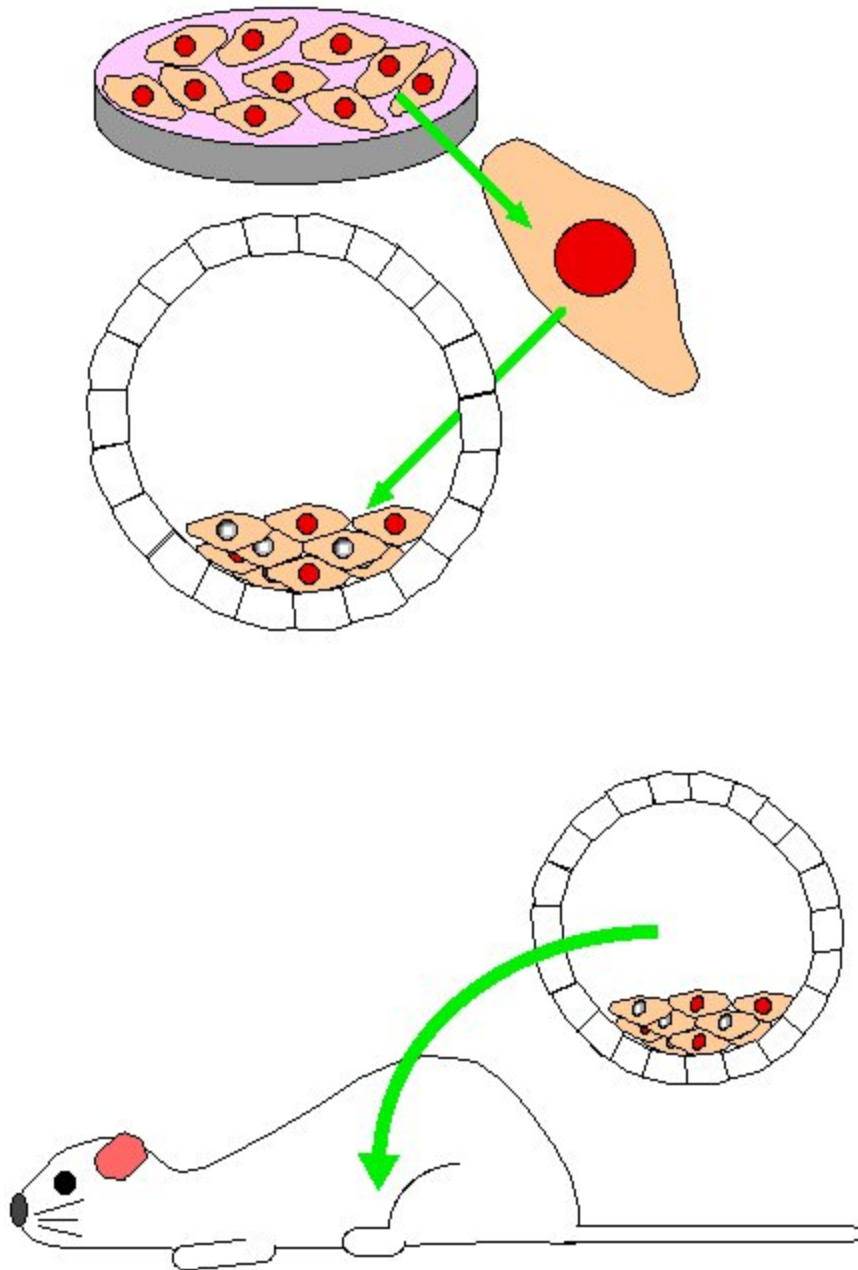




If you inject the cultured ES cells (originally from a blastocyst for a mouse with **GREY FUR**) into a new blastocyst that would normally give rise to a mouse with **WHITE FUR**

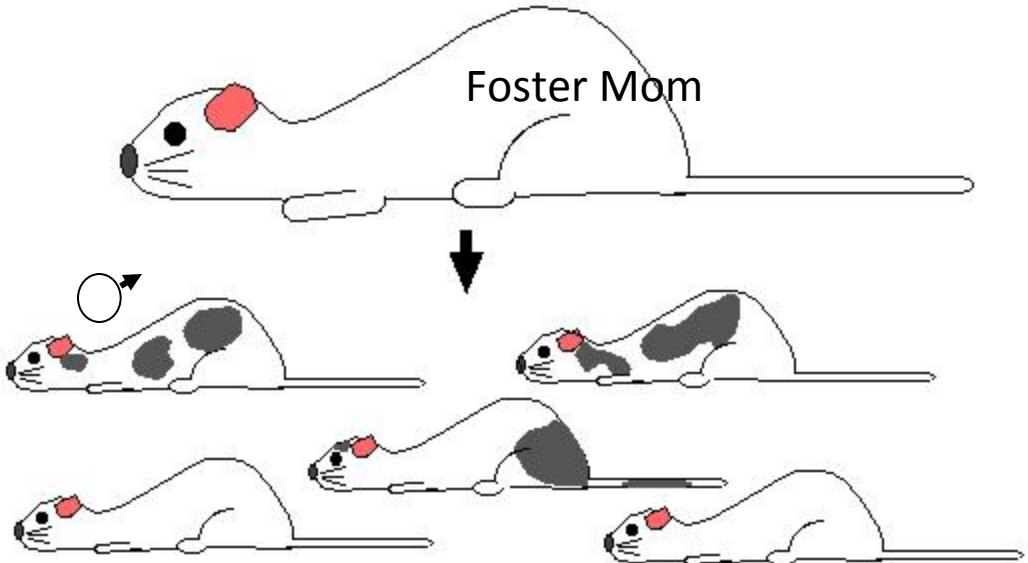
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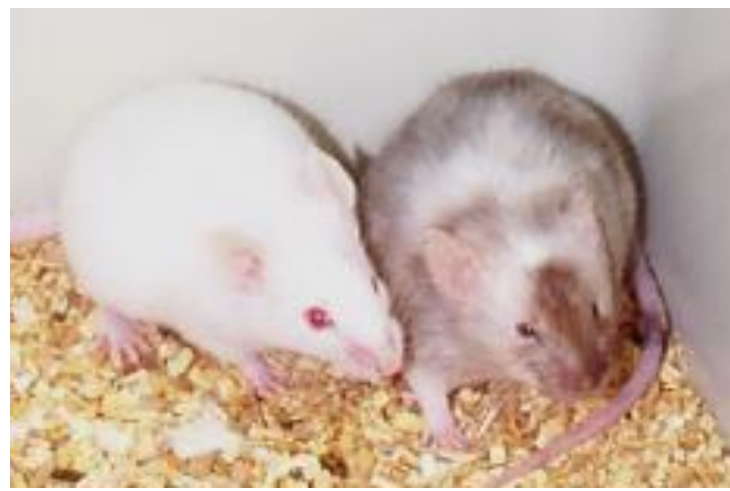
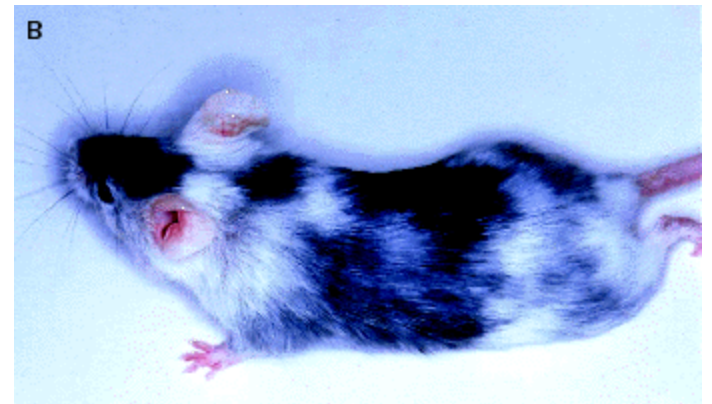


If you inject the cultured ES cells (originally from a blastocyst for a mouse with **GREY FUR**) into a new blastocyst that would normally give rise to a mouse with **WHITE FUR**

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