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DNA DAMAGE AND REPAIR

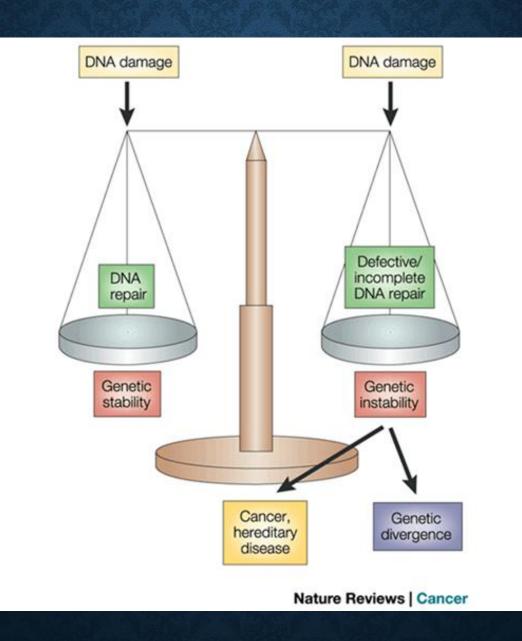




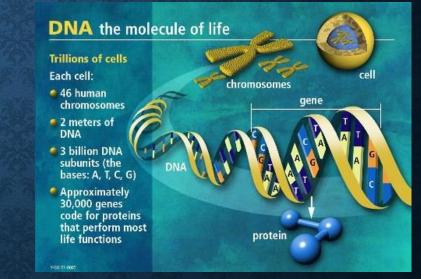


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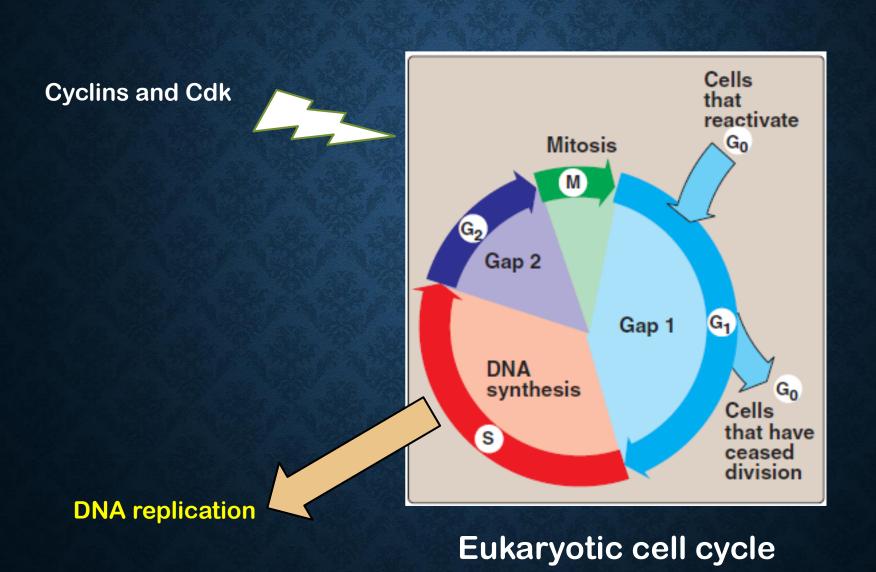
The role of DNA as a repository genetic information depends in part on its inherent stability. The chemical transformations that do occur are generally very slow in the absence of an enzyme catalyst. However, that even very slow reactions that alter DNA structure can be physiologically significant. The processes such as carcinogenesis and aging may be intimately linked to slowly accumulating, irreversible alterations of DNA.



Heating and extreme of pH

 \rightarrow May denature the double helix structure of DNA

- By disrupting the hydrogen bond between paired bases
- Lead to the unwinding the helix
- → If not completely separated → rapid one step process of renaturation (After temperature and pH return)
- \rightarrow If completely separated \rightarrow two steps renaturation occur



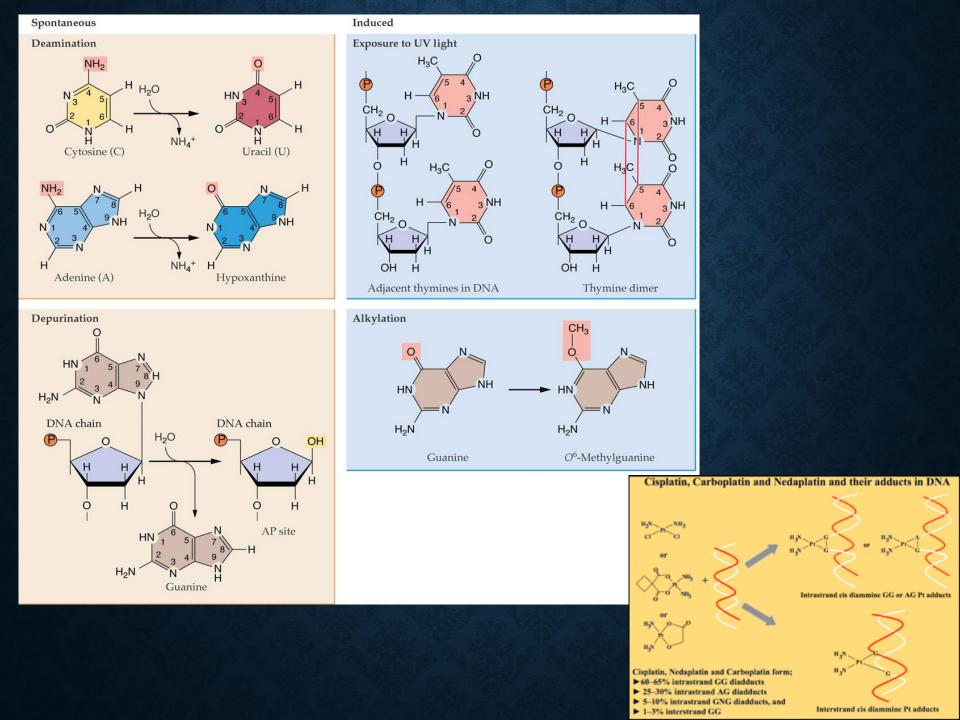
DNA REPLICATION SYNTHESIZING IDENTICAL GENETIC MATERIAL

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Cells, like these prokaryotic E. coli cells, replicate themselves quickly and efficiently. Part of the process of asexual

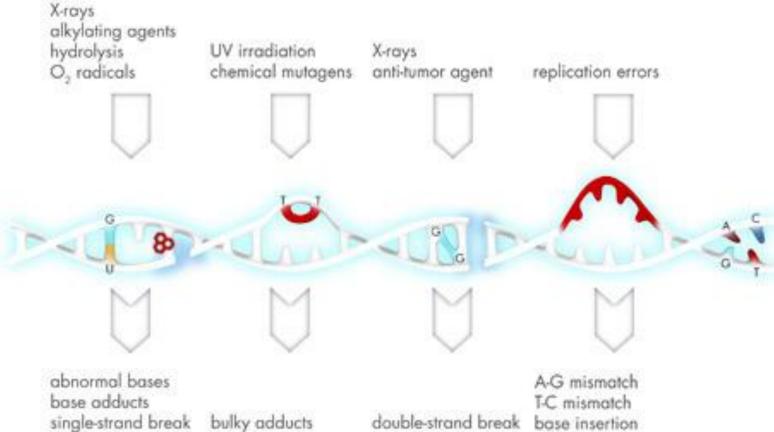
DNA damage

- 1. Deamination: $(C \rightarrow U \text{ and } A \rightarrow \text{hypoxanthine})$
- 2. Depurination: purine base (A or G) lost
- T-T and T-C dimers: bases become cross-linked, T-T more prominent, caused by UV light (UV-C (<280 nm) and UV-B (280-320 nm)
- 4. Alkylation: an alkyl group (e.g., CH₃) gets added to bases; chemical induced; some harmless, some cause mutations by mispairing during replication or stop polymerase all together
- 5. Oxidative damage: guanine oxidizes to 8-oxo-guanine, also cause SS and DS breaks, very important for organelles
- 6. Replication errors: wrong (or modified) nucleotide inserted
- 7. Double-strand breaks (DSB): induced by ionizing radiation, transposons, topoisomerases, homing endonucleases, mechanical stress on chromosomes, or a single-strand nick in a single-stranded region (e.g., during replication and transcription)



DNA damage and repair

Damaging agents



Repair processes

base-excision repair (BER)

abasic site.

thymidine dimers

nucleotide-excision

repair (NER)

interstrand crosslink

recombination

repair (HR, EJ)

base deletion

mismatch repair

Damaged protein and RNA molecules can be quickly replaced by using information encoded in the DNA... However, the DNA themselves are irreplaceable.

DNA repair system

Direct damage reversal

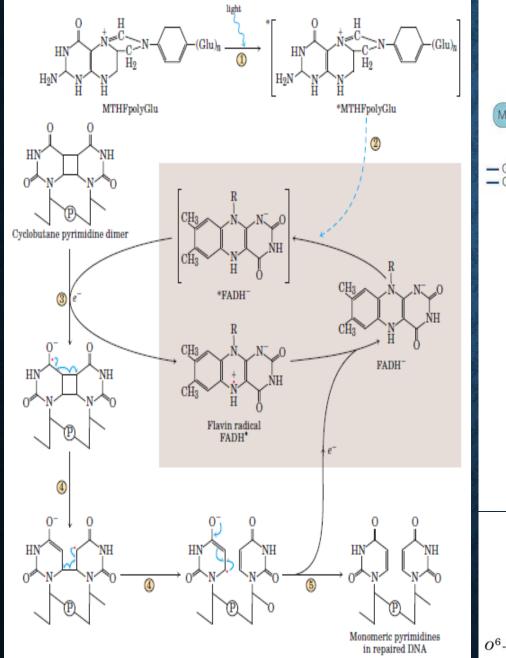
- DNA photolyase
- DNA alkyltransferases

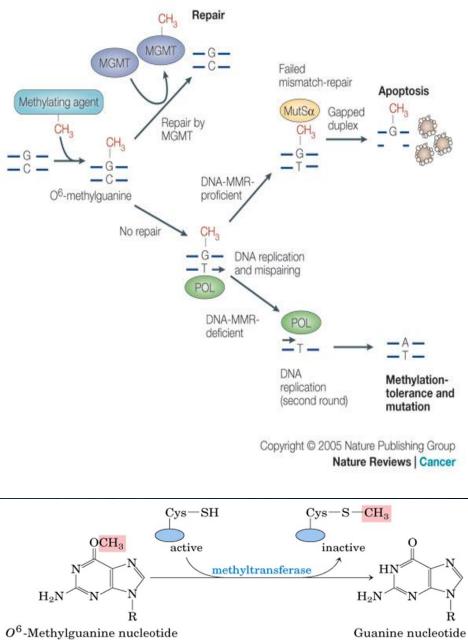
Excision of DNA damage

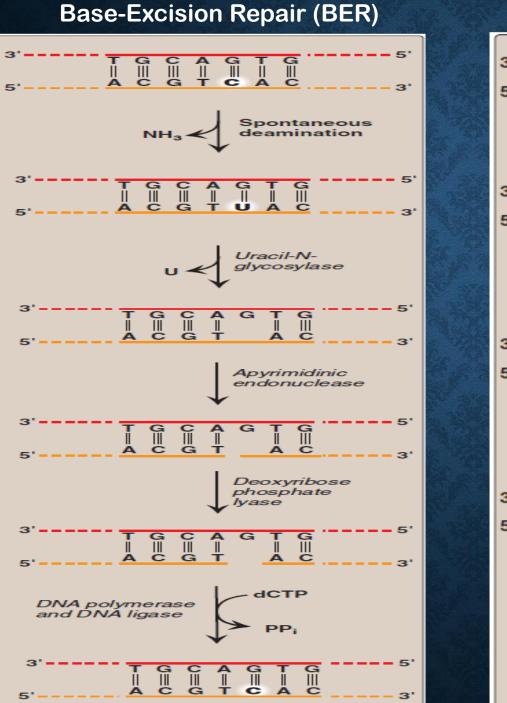
- Mis-Match Repair (MMR)
- Base Excision Repair (BER)
- Nucleotide Excision Repair (NER)
- Double Strand Break Repair Mechanisms

Photolyase

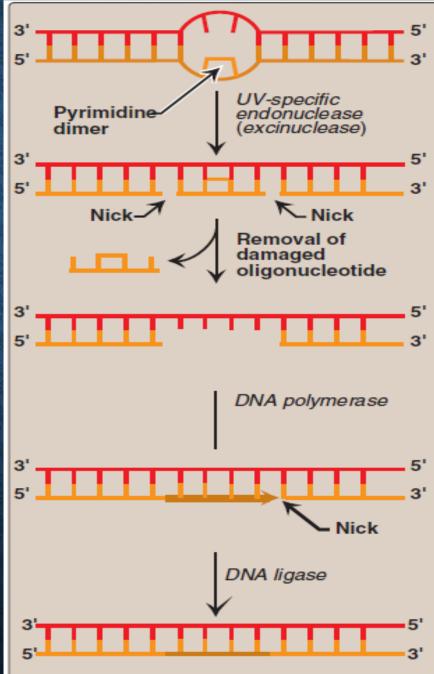
Alkyltransferases







Nucleotide-Excision Repair (NER)



Mis-Match Repair (MMR)

DNA recombination

