



Microbiology

Microbial Genetics

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The Structure and Replication of Genomes



- **Genetics**
 - Study of inheritance and inheritable traits as expressed in an organism's genetic material
- **Genome**
 - The entire genetic complement of an organism
 - Includes its genes and nucleotide sequences

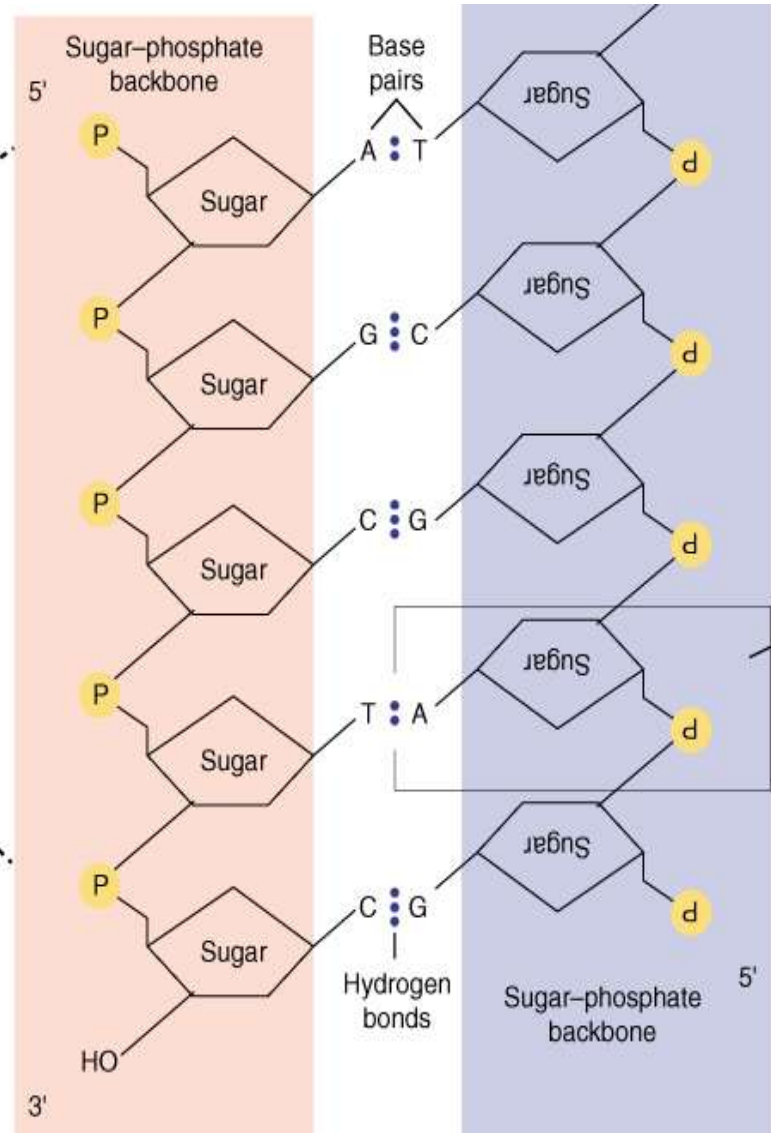
Terminology

- Genetics
- Genome
- Gene
- Chromosome
- Base pairs
- Genetic code
- Genomics
- Genotype
- Phenotype

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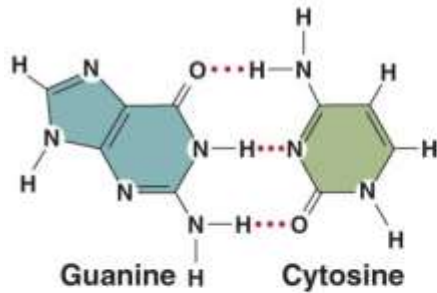
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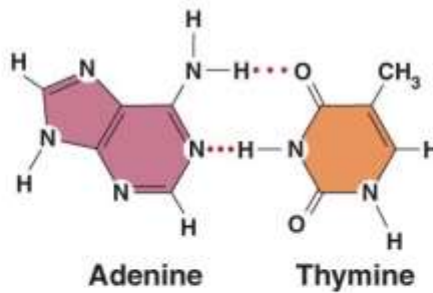
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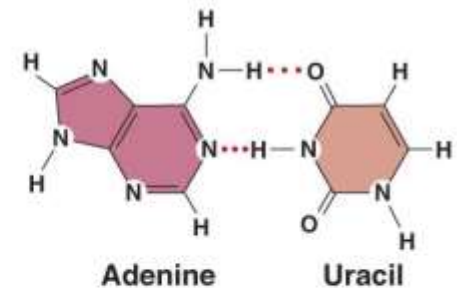
The structure of nucleic acids



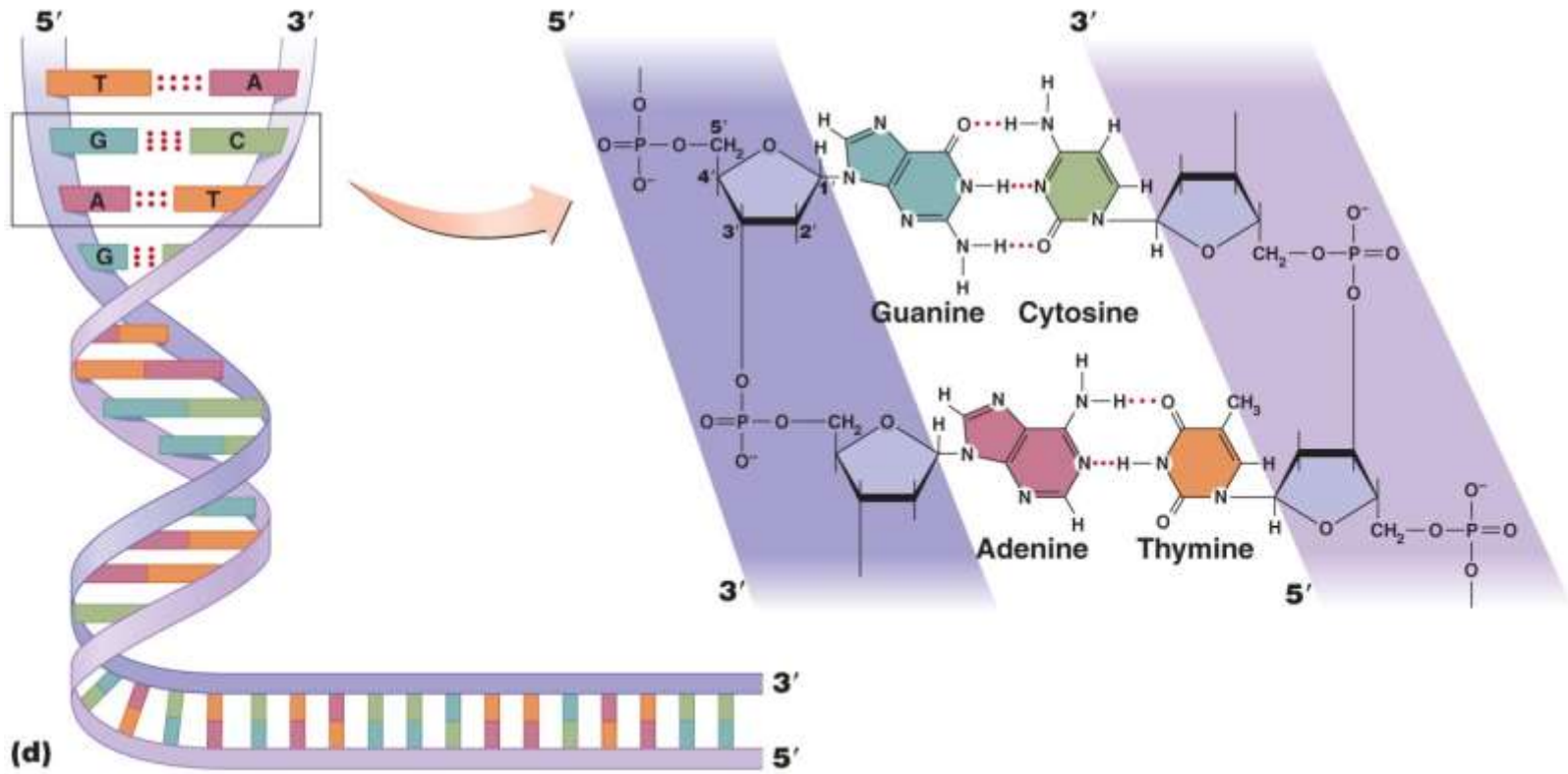
(a) G-C base pair (DNA and RNA)



(b) A-T base pair (DNA)



(c) A-U base pair (RNA)

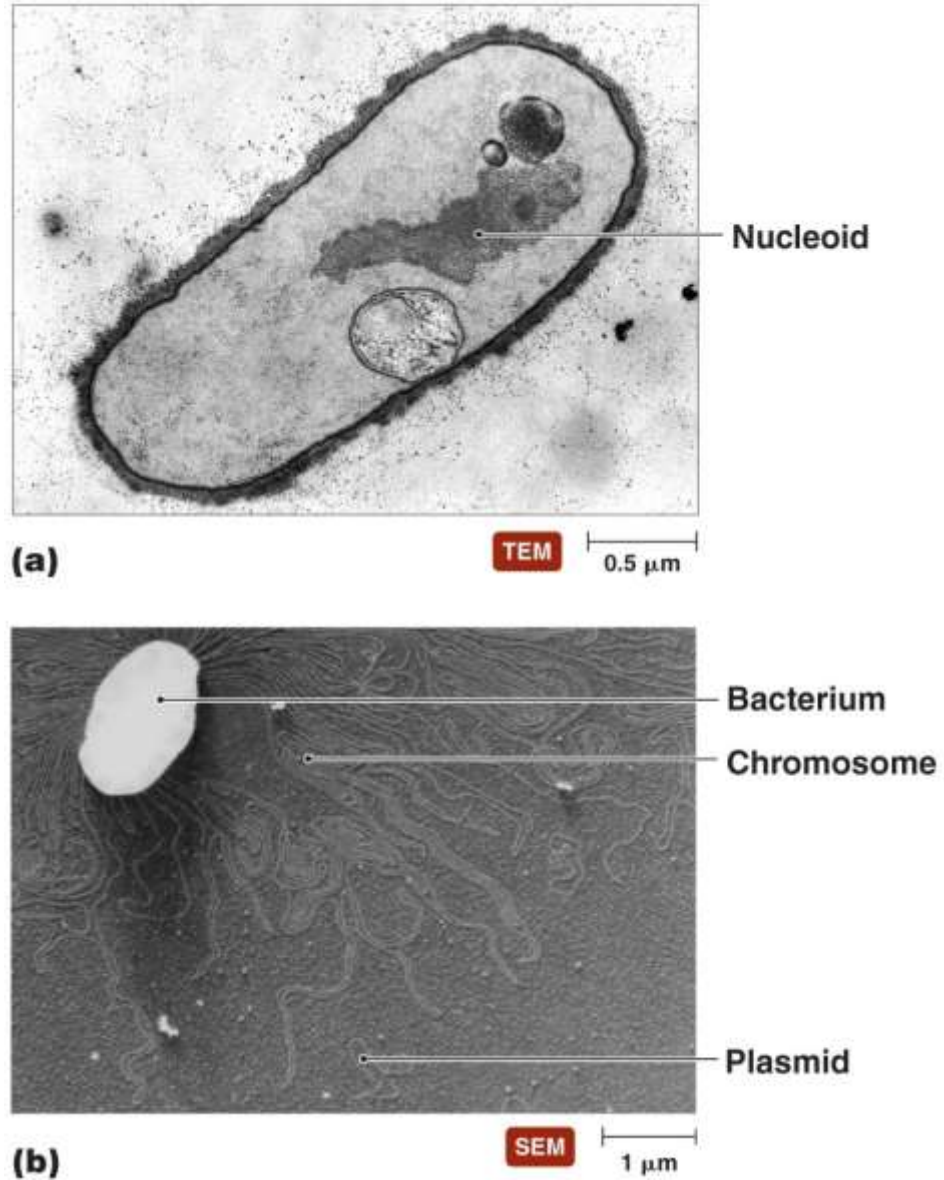


(d)

The Structure and Replication of Genomes

- **The Structure of Prokaryotic Genomes**
 - Prokaryotic chromosomes
 - Main portion of DNA, along with associated proteins and RNA
 - Prokaryotic cells are haploid (single chromosome copy)
 - Typical chromosome is circular molecule of DNA in nucleoid

Bacterial genome



The Structure and Replication of Genomes

- **The Structure of Prokaryotic Genomes**
 - Plasmids
 - Small molecules of DNA that replicate independently
 - Not essential for normal metabolism, growth, or reproduction
 - Can confer survival advantages
 - Many types of plasmids
 - Fertility factors
 - Resistance factors
 - Bacteriocin factors
 - Virulence plasmids

The Structure and Replication of Genomes

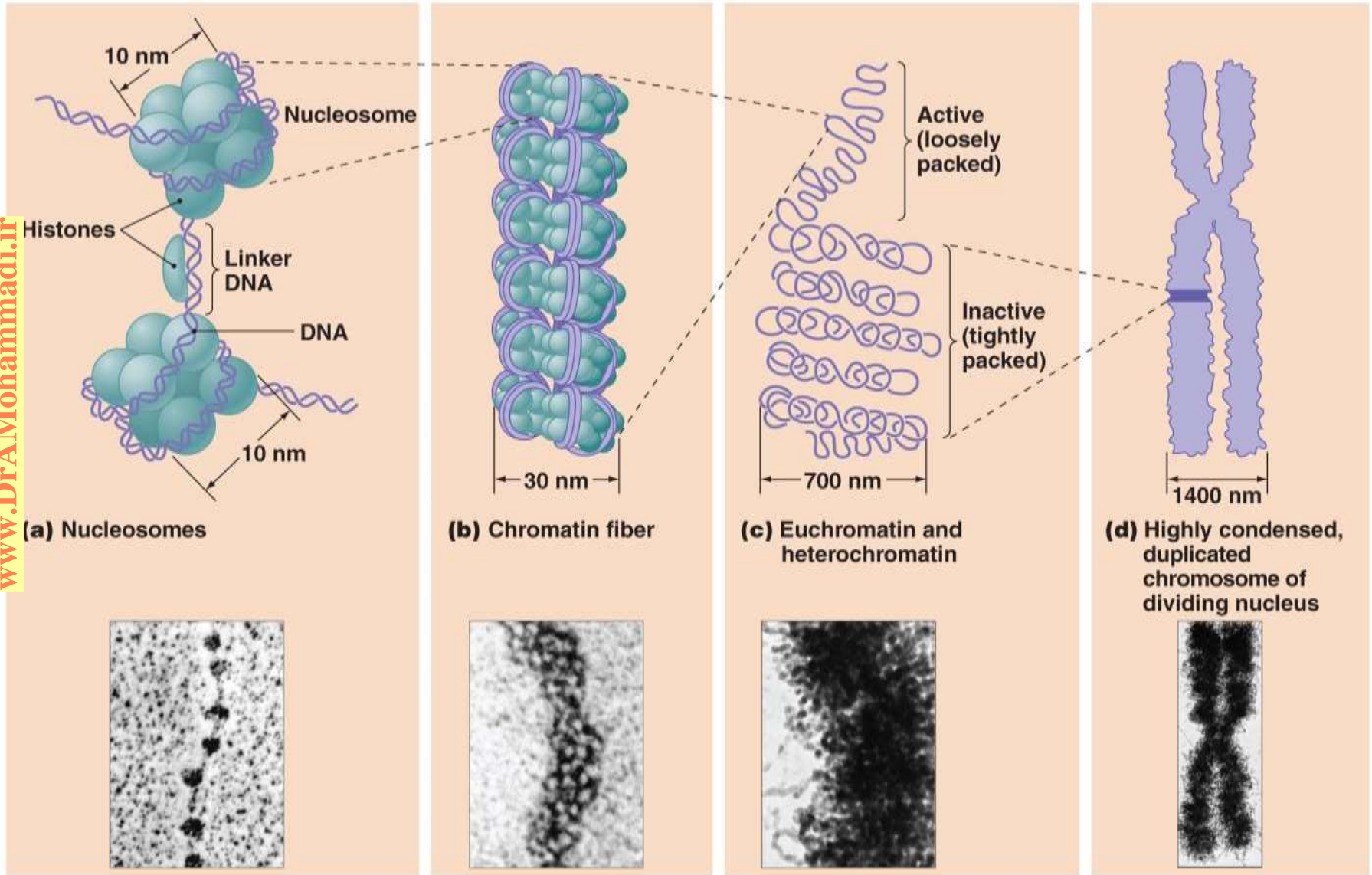


- **The Structure of Eukaryotic Genomes**

- Nuclear chromosomes
 - Typically have more than one chromosome per cell
 - Chromosomes are linear and sequestered within nucleus
 - Eukaryotic cells are often diploid (two chromosome copies)

Eukaryotic nuclear chromosomal packaging

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The Structure and Replication of Genomes



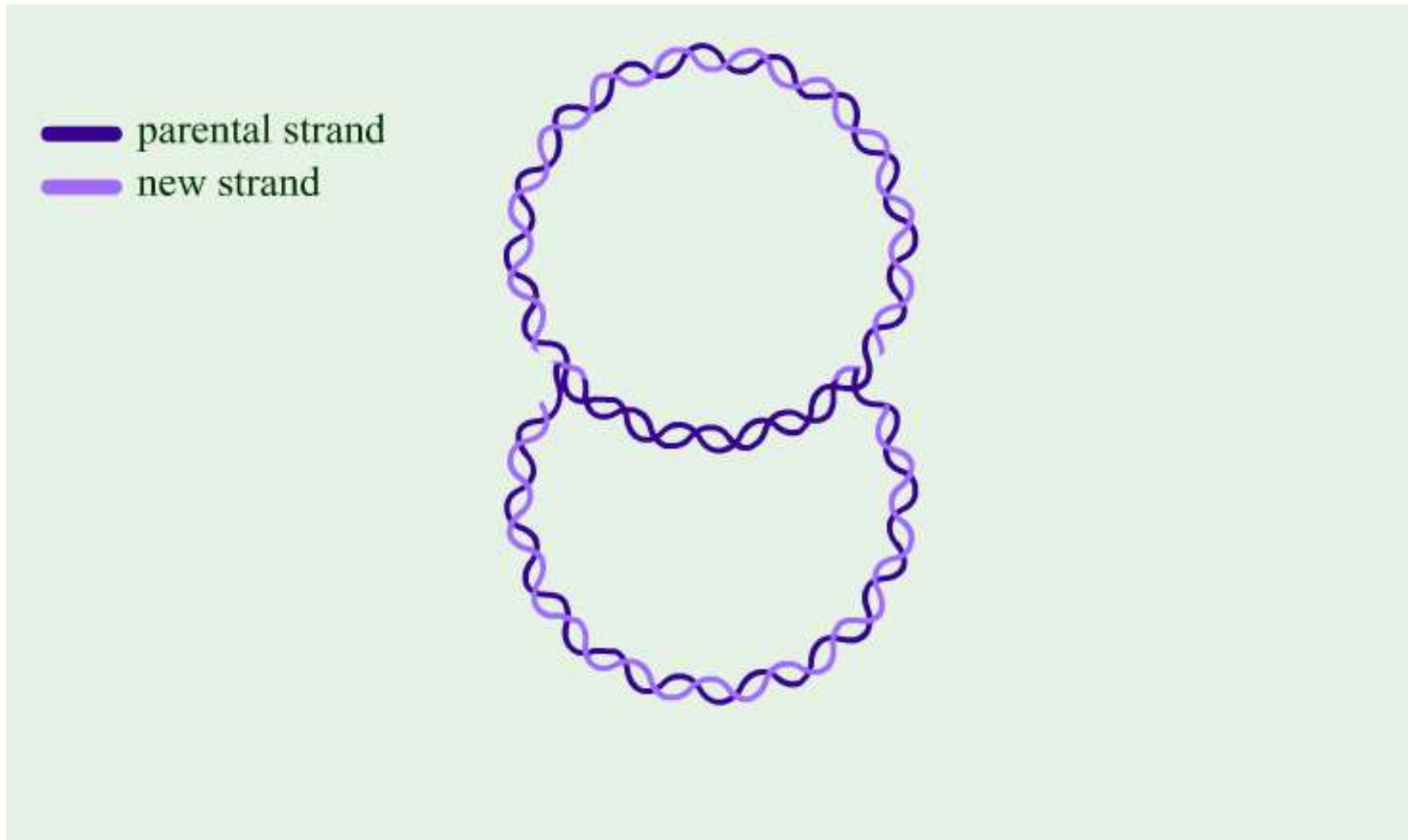
- **The Structure of Eukaryotic Genomes**
 - Extranuclear DNA of eukaryotes
 - DNA molecules of mitochondria and chloroplasts
 - Resemble chromosomes of prokaryotes
 - Only code for about 5% of RNA and proteins
 - Some fungi and protozoa carry plasmids

The Structure and Replication of Genomes

• DNA Replication

- Anabolic polymerization process that requires monomers and energy
 - Triphosphate deoxyribonucleotides serve both functions
- Key to replication is complementary structure of the two strands
- Replication is semiconservative
 - New DNA composed of one original and one daughter strand

The Structure and Replication of Genomes



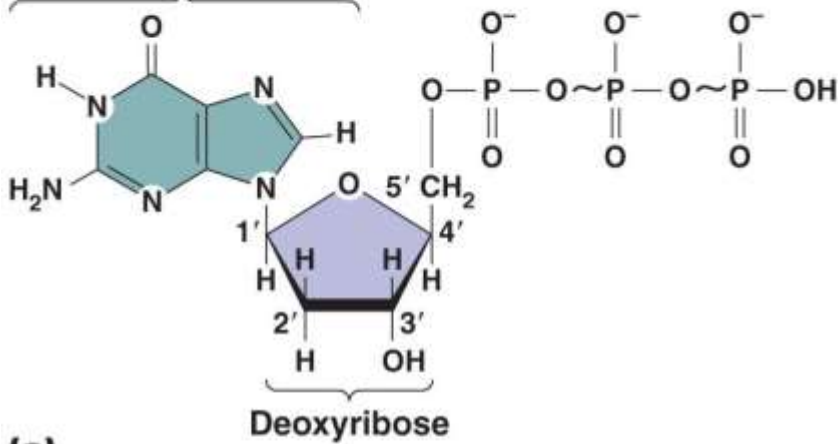
Animation: DNA Replication: Overview

The dual role of triphosphate deoxyribonucleotides

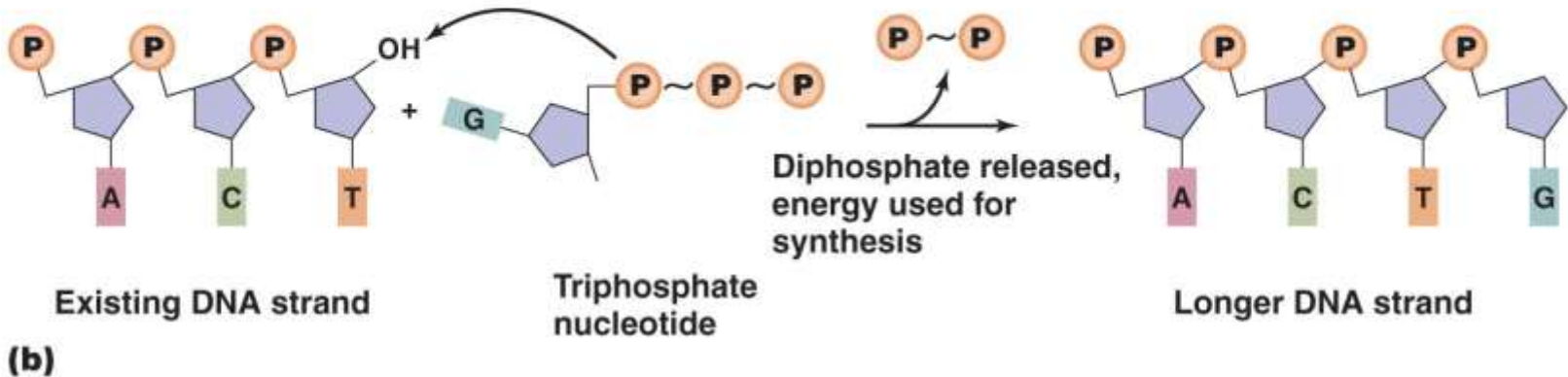
Guanosine triphosphate deoxyribonucleotide (dGTP)

Guanine nucleotide (dGMP)

Guanine base



(a)



(b)

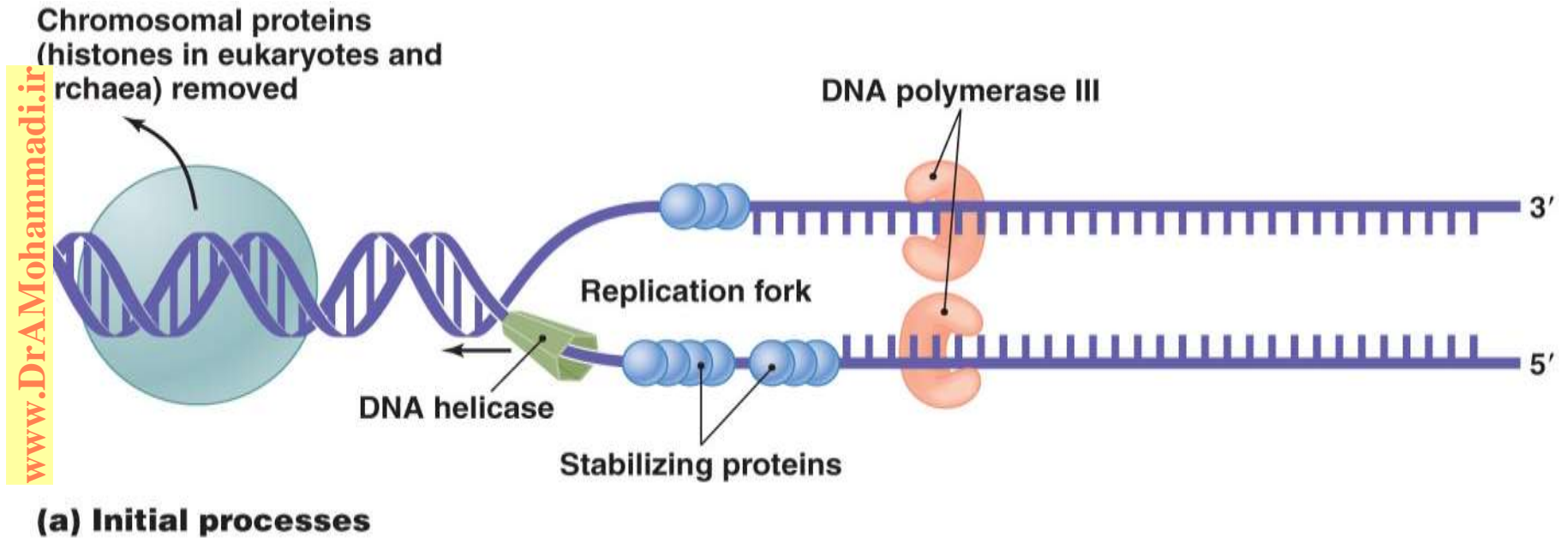
The Structure and Replication of Genomes



- **DNA Replication**

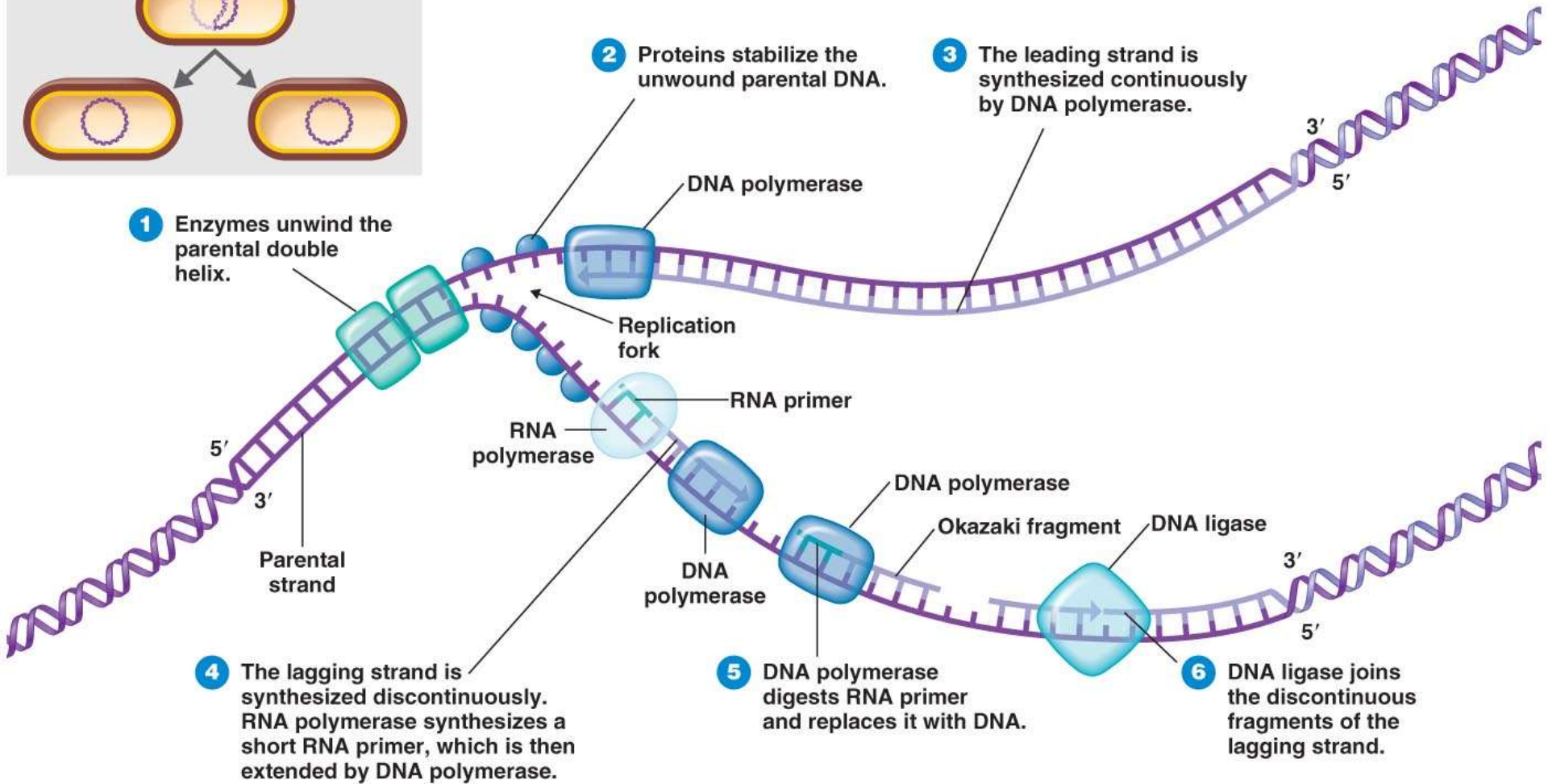
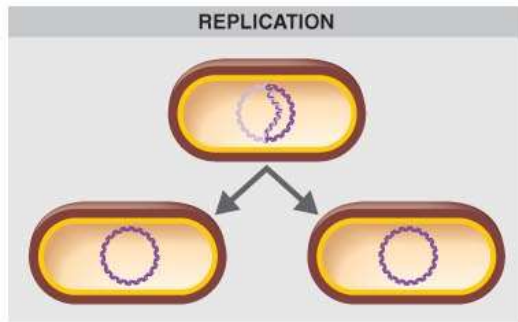
- Initial processes in replication
 - Bacterial DNA replication begins at the origin
 - DNA polymerase replicates DNA only 5' to 3'
 - Because strands are antiparallel, new strands are synthesized differently
 - Leading strand synthesized continuously
 - Lagging strand synthesized discontinuously

DNA replication



Replication fork

Replication in 5' → 3' direction



1 Enzymes unwind the parental double helix.

2 Proteins stabilize the unwound parental DNA.

3 The leading strand is synthesized continuously by DNA polymerase.

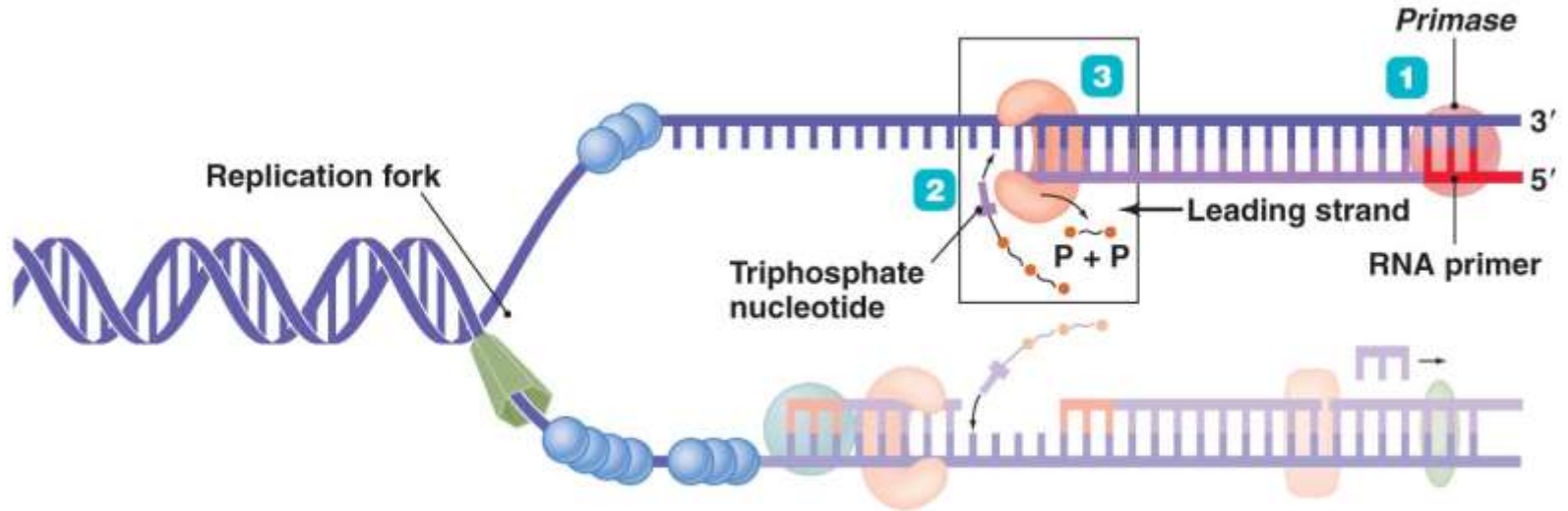
4 The lagging strand is synthesized discontinuously. RNA polymerase synthesizes a short RNA primer, which is then extended by DNA polymerase.

5 DNA polymerase digests RNA primer and replaces it with DNA.

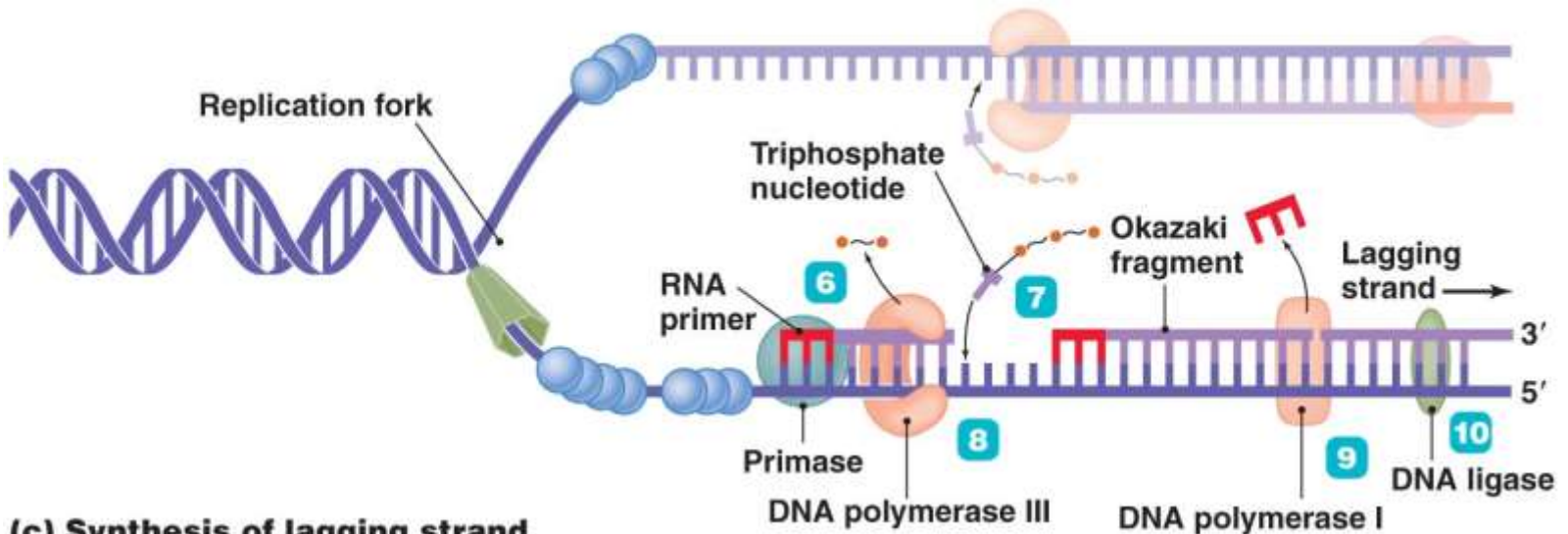
6 DNA ligase joins the discontinuous fragments of the lagging strand.

DNA replication

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(b) Synthesis of leading strand



(c) Synthesis of lagging strand

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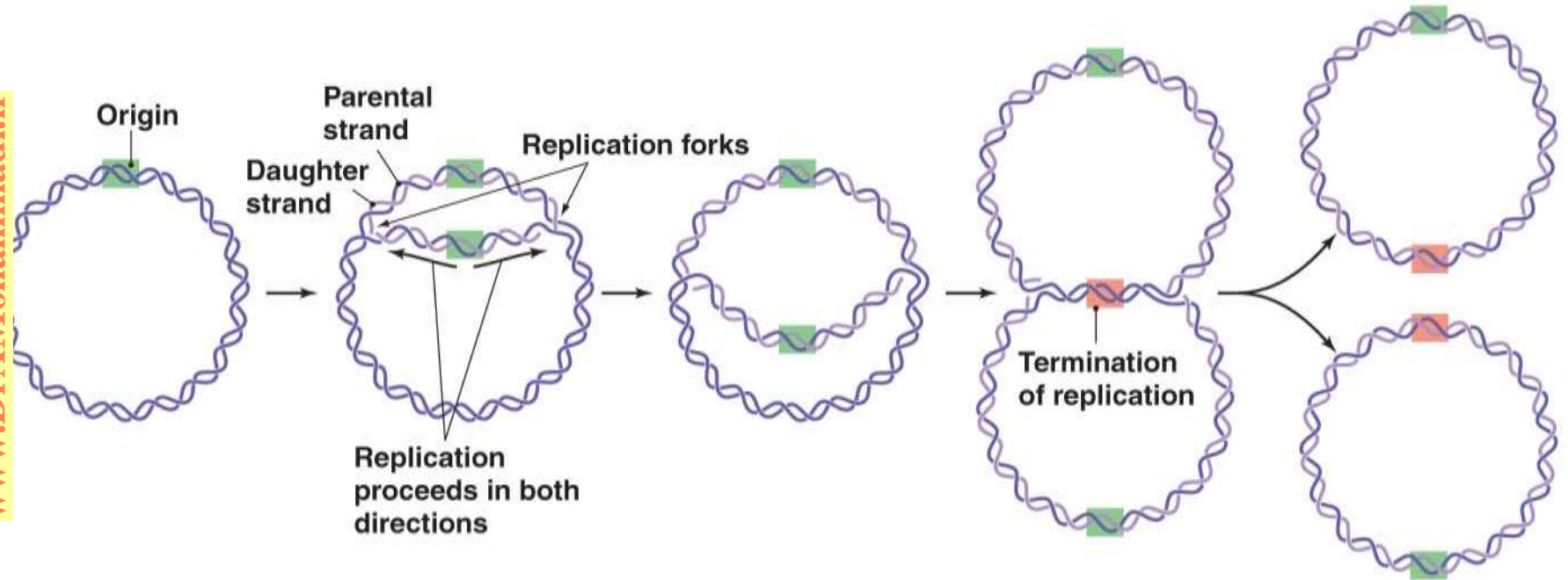


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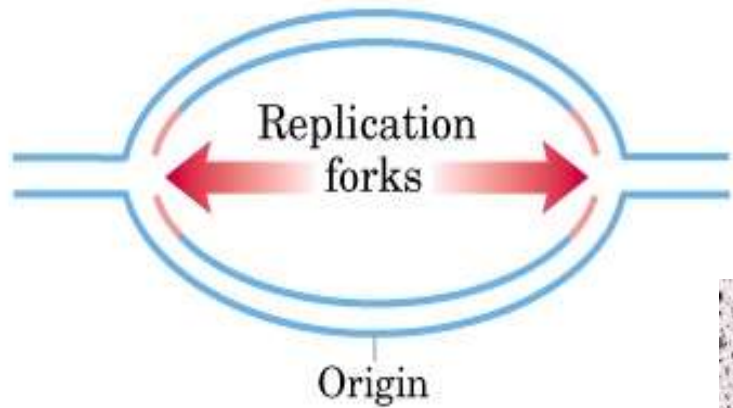
- Other characteristics of bacterial DNA replication
 - Bidirectional
 - Topoisomerases remove supercoils in DNA molecule
 - DNA is methylated
 - Control of genetic expression
 - Initiation of DNA replication
 - Protection against viral infection
 - Repair of DNA

The bidirectionality of DNA replication in prokaryotes

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Bidirectional



Replication 1; 2; 3 of circular bacterial Chromosome

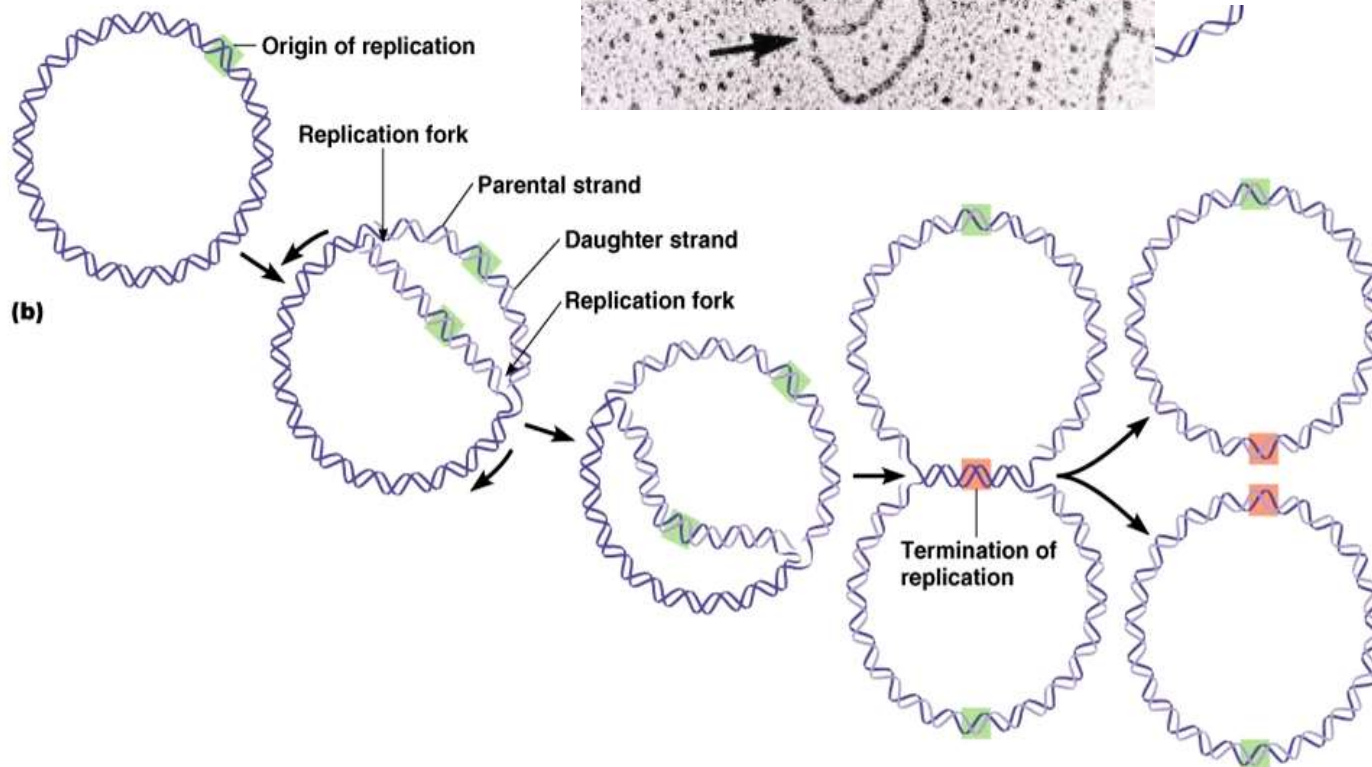
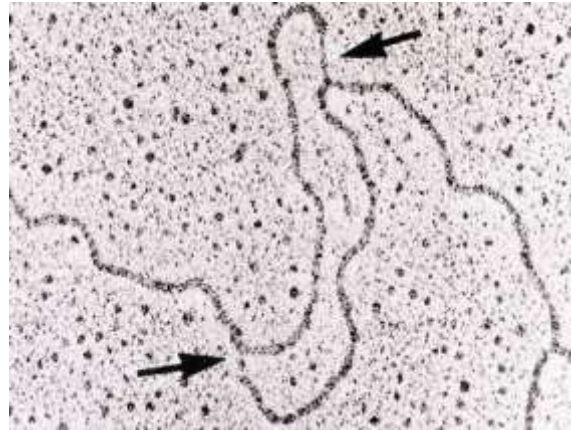


Fig 8.6

The Structure and Replication of Genomes

- **DNA Replication**

- Replication of eukaryotic DNA
 - Similar to bacterial replication
 - Some differences
 - Uses four DNA polymerases
 - Thousands of replication origins
 - Shorter Okazaki fragments
 - Plant and animal cells methylate only cytosine bases

Gene Function

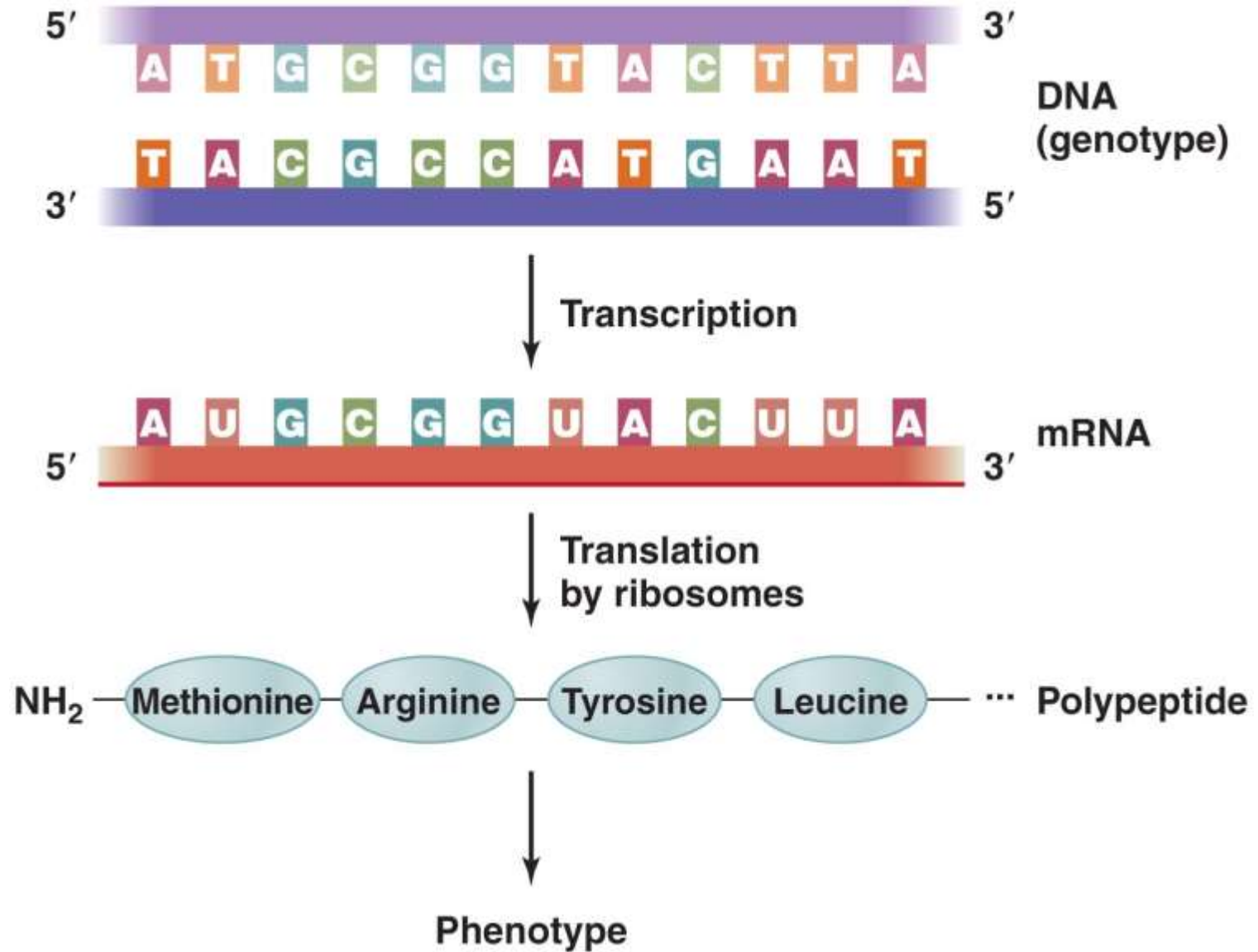


- **The Relationship Between Genotype and Phenotype**
 - Genotype
 - Set of genes in the genome
 - Phenotype
 - Physical features and functional traits of the organism

Gene Function

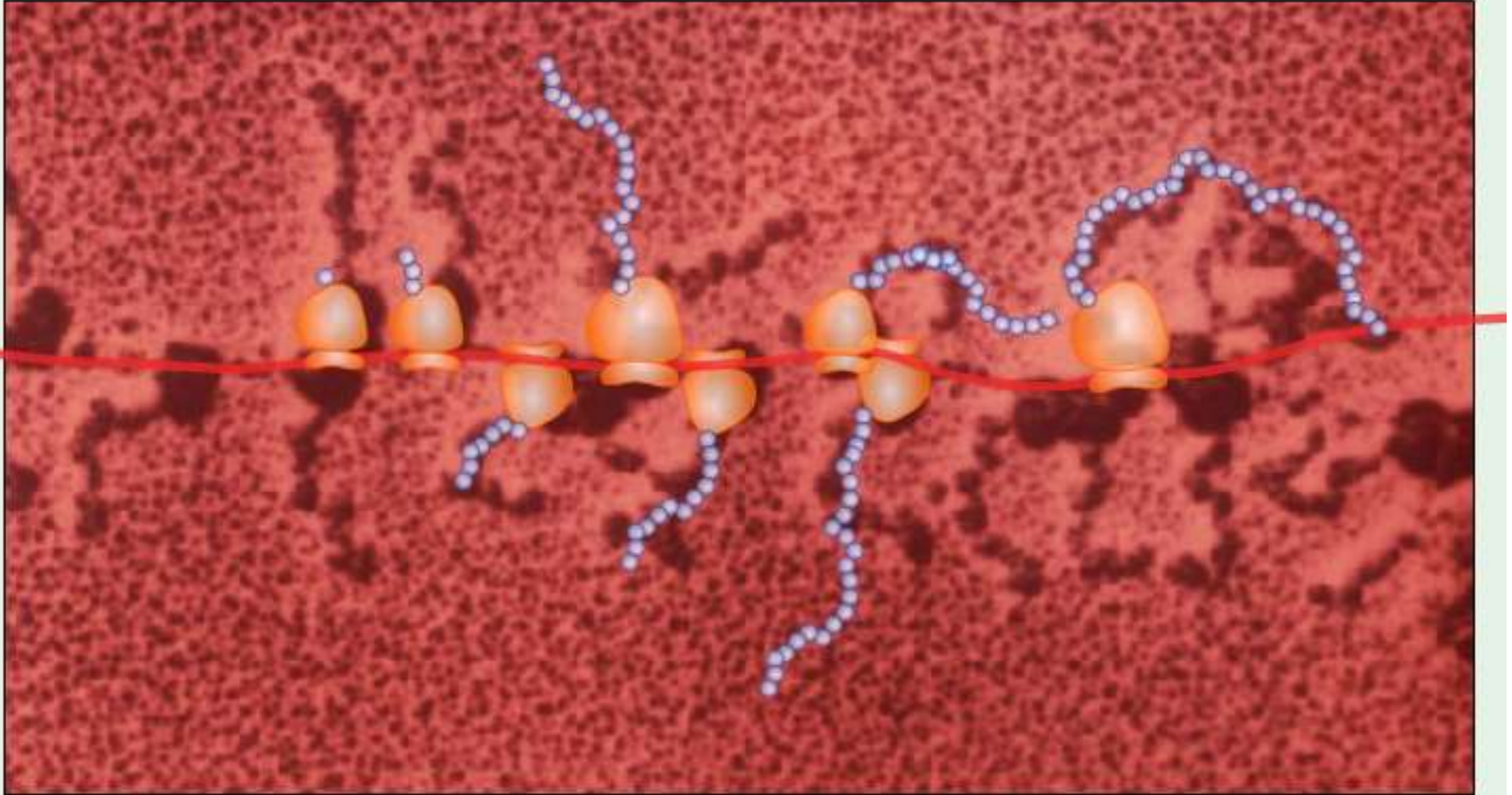
- **The Transfer of Genetic Information**
 - Transcription
 - Information in DNA is copied as RNA
 - Translation
 - Polypeptides synthesized from RNA
 - **Central dogma of genetics**
 - DNA transcribed to RNA
 - RNA translated to form polypeptides

The central dogma of genetics



Gene Function

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Animation: Translation: Overview

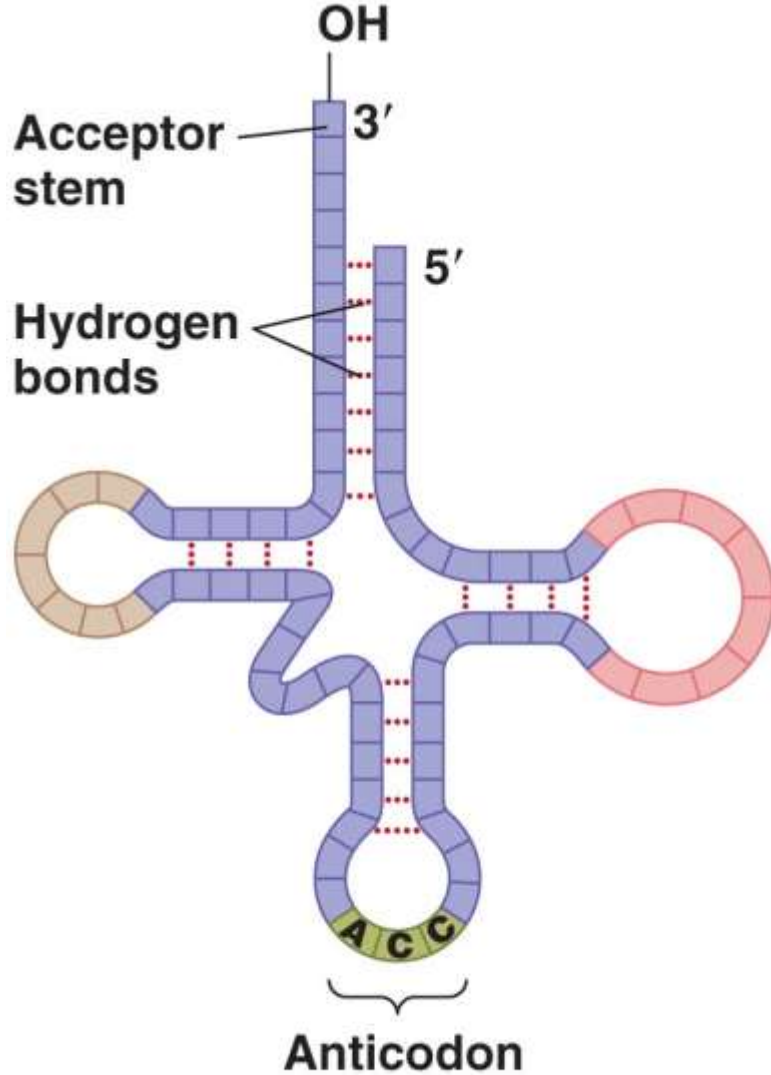
Gene Function



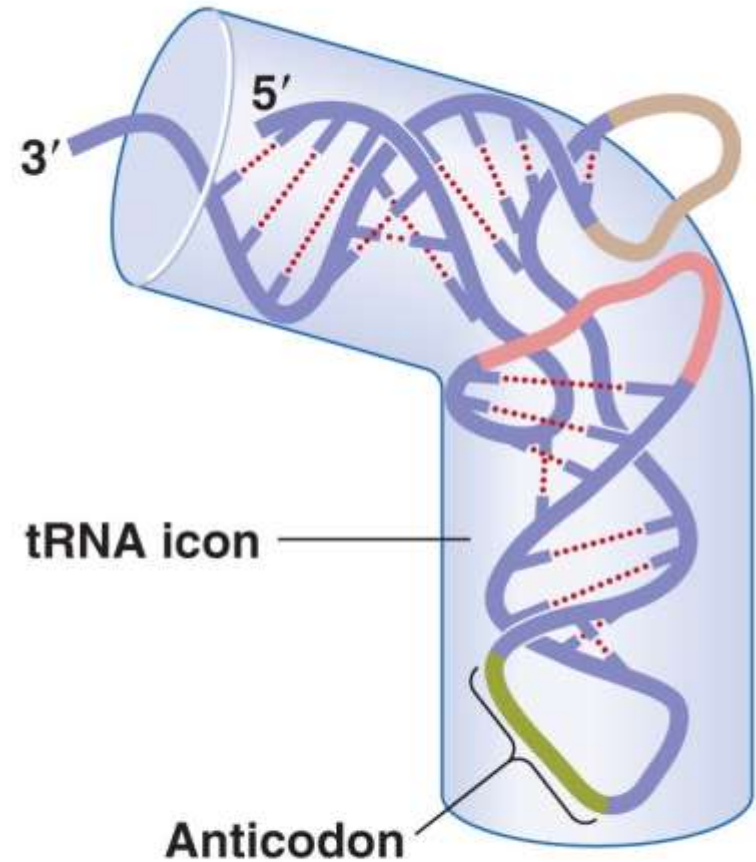
- **The Events in Transcription**
 - Four types of RNA transcribed from DNA
 - RNA primers
 - mRNA
 - rRNA
 - tRNA
 - Occur in nucleoid of prokaryotes

Type of RNA	Functions in	Function
Messenger RNA (mRNA) 	Nucleus, migrates to ribosomes in cytoplasm	Carries DNA sequence information to ribosomes
Transfer RNA (tRNA) 	Cytoplasm	Provides linkage between mRNA and amino acids; transfers amino acids to ribosomes
Ribosomal RNA (rRNA) 	Cytoplasm	Structural component of ribosomes

Transfer RNA

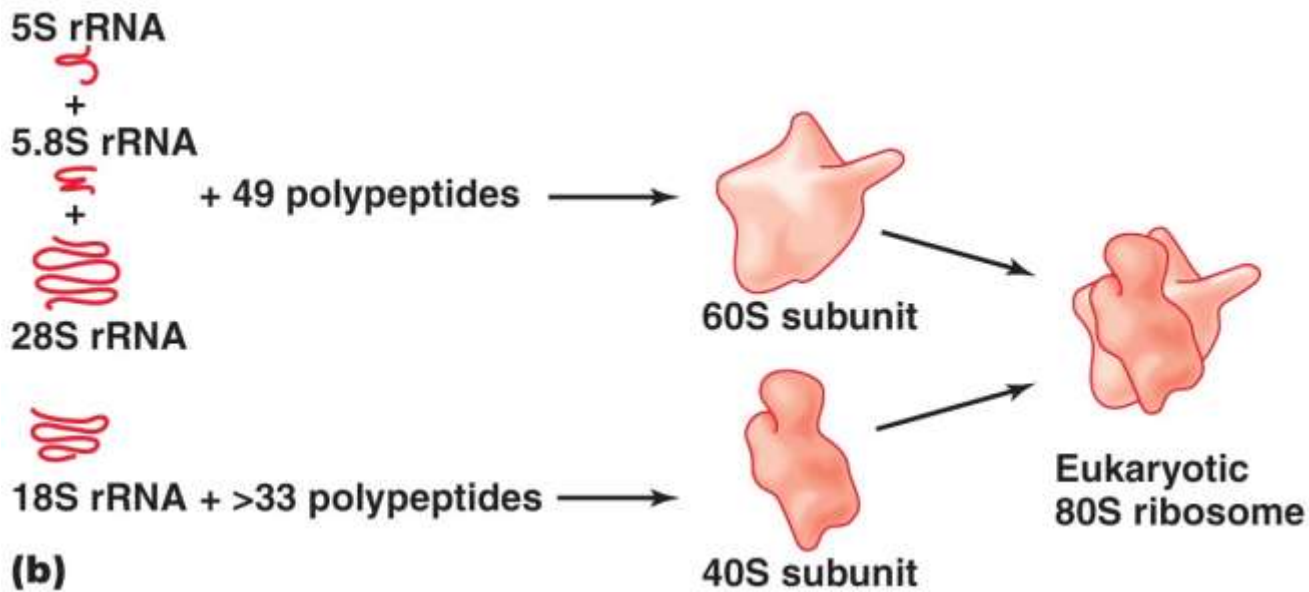
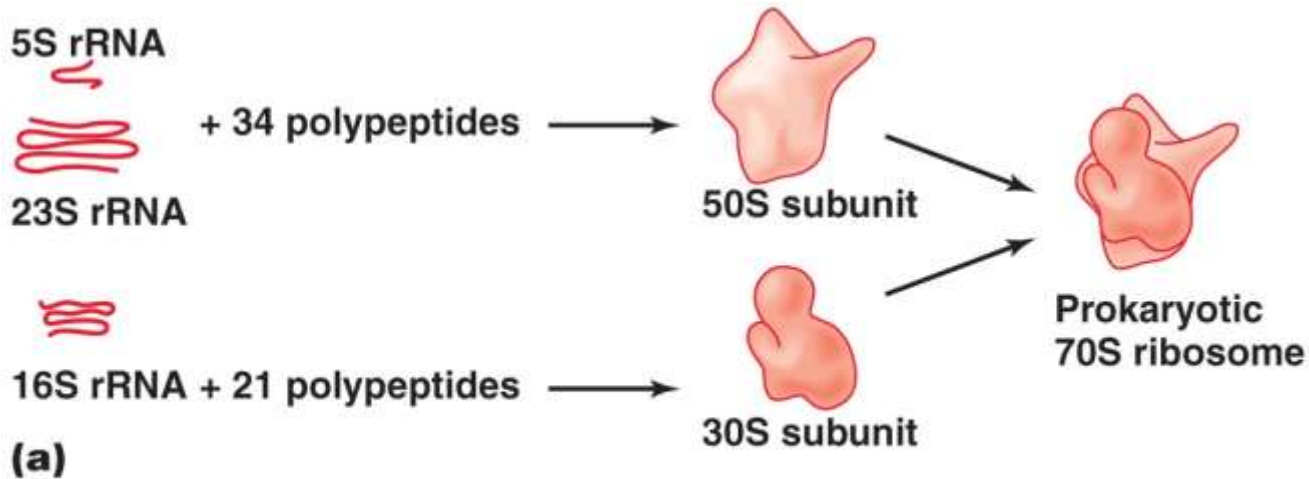


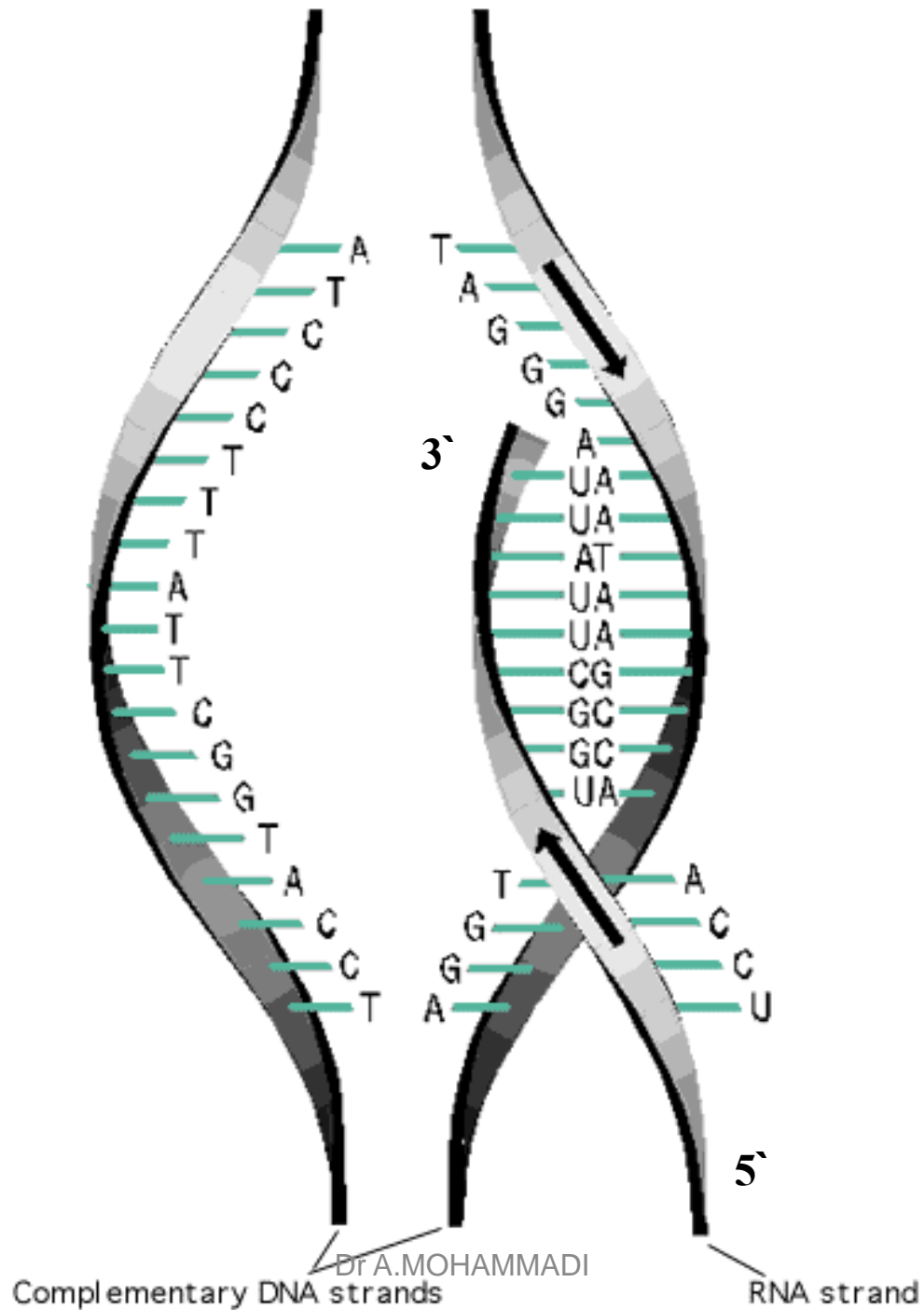
(a)



(b)

Ribosomal structures

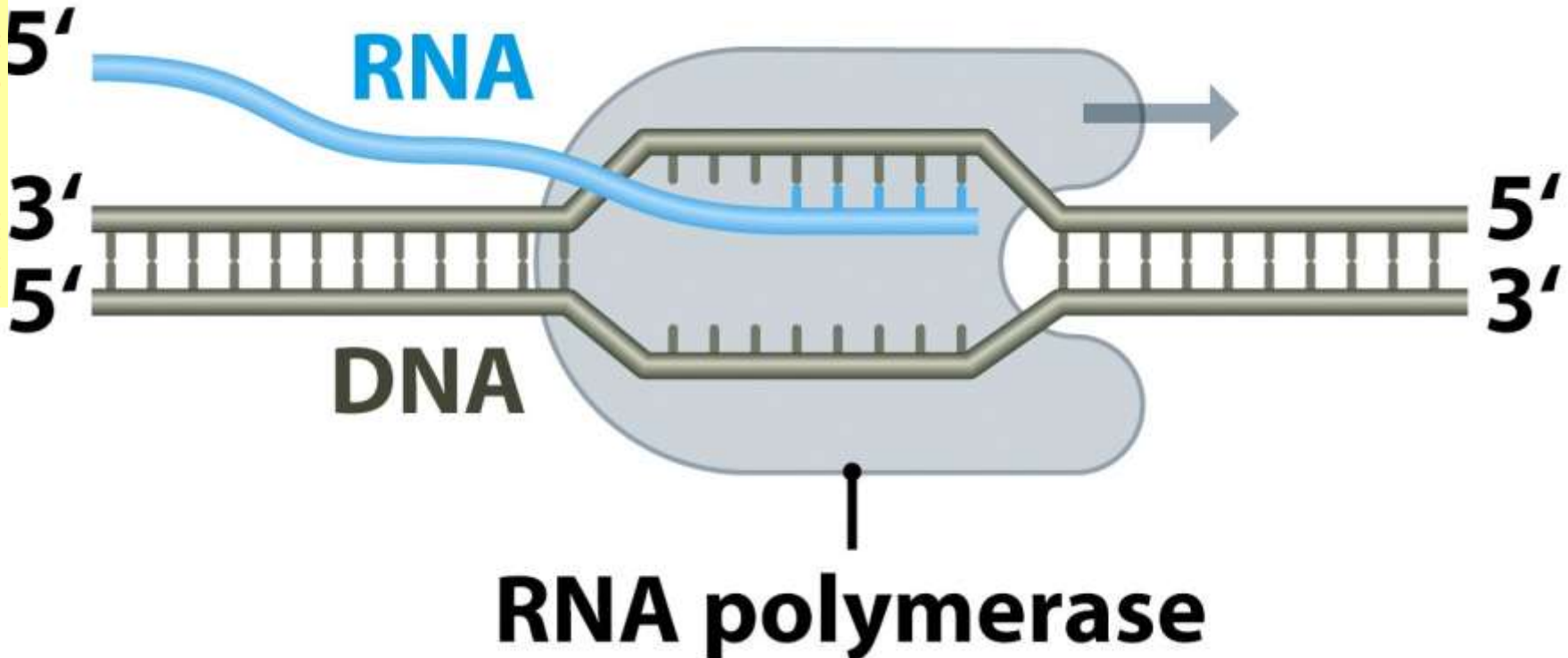




Transcription

ساخت رشته RNA جدید (transcript) به کمک انزیم RNA پلیمرازی
پروسه transcription (رونویسی یا نسخه برداری) بر اساس تناسب نوکلئوتیدی
از روی رشته DNA تمپلیت از جهت 5' به 3'

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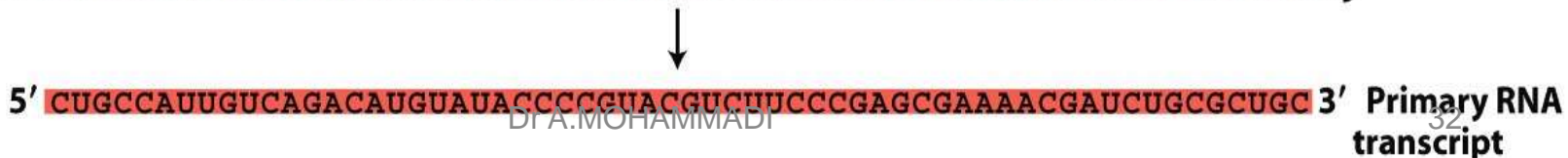
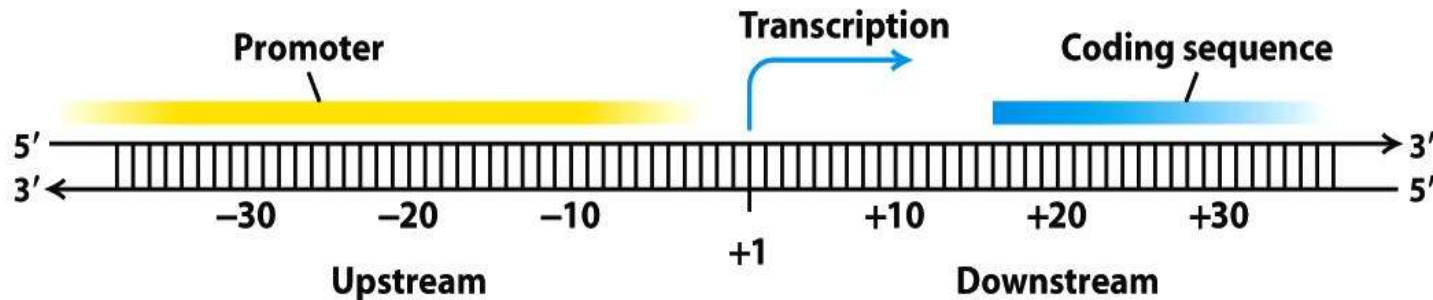


Transcription

پروموتور: (Promoter) توالی (مجموعه ای از نوکلئوتیدهای) ویژه ای که انزیم RNA پلیمراز به آن قسمت متصل میشود

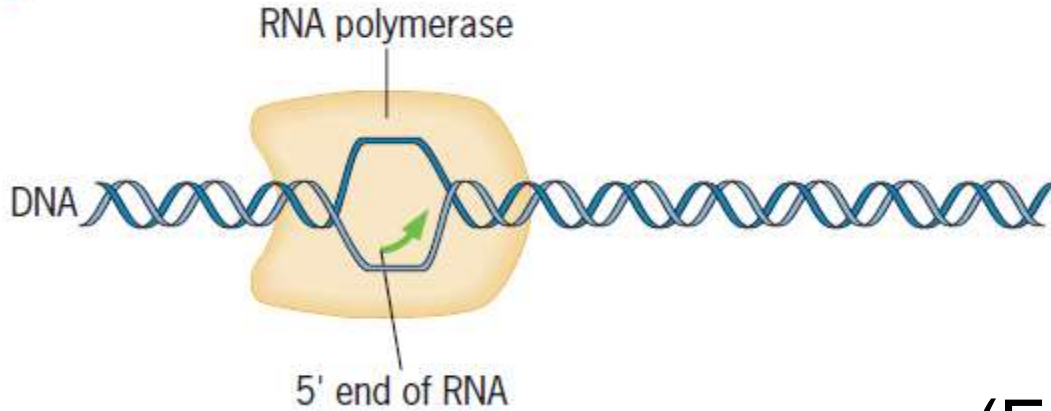
پایین دست (Downstream): جهتی که رشته الگوی DNA در آن جهت رونویسی می شود

بالادست (Upstream): جهت مخالف رونویسی



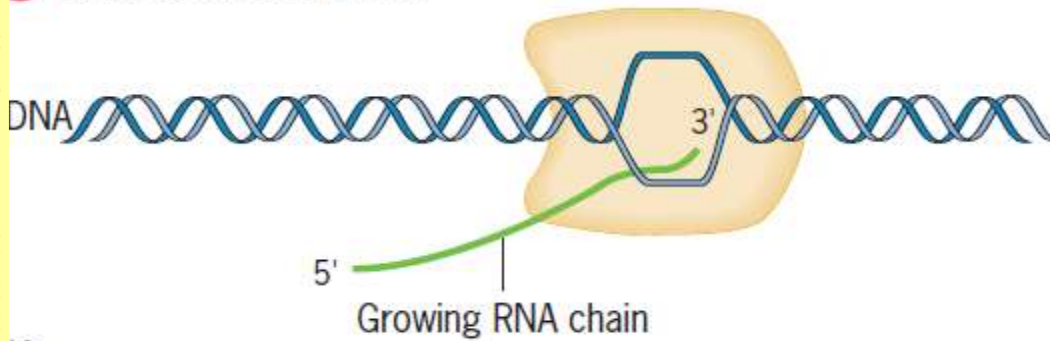
STEP

1 RNA chain initiation



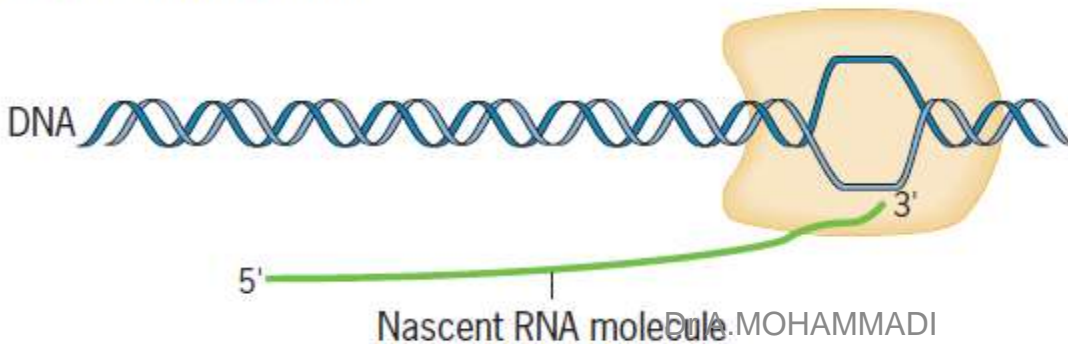
STEP

2 RNA chain elongation



STEP

3 RNA chain termination



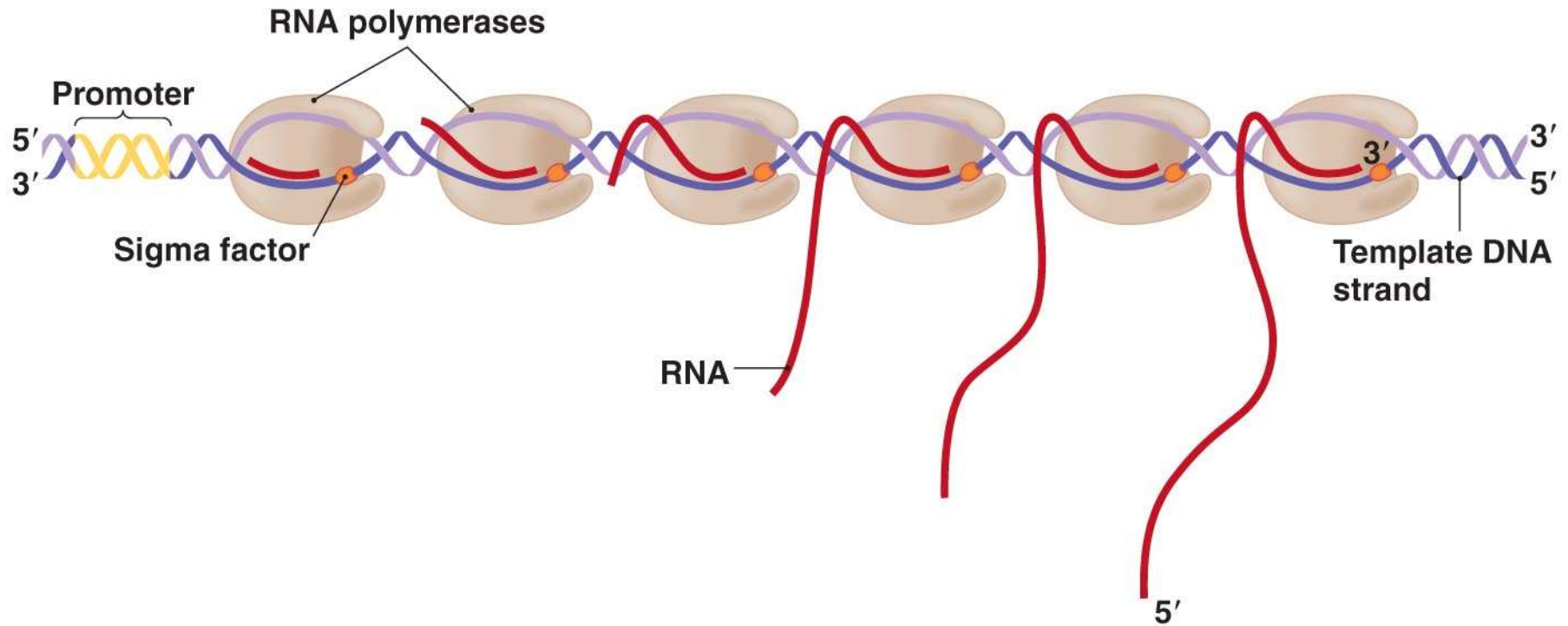
رونویسی سه مرحله دارد

۱ - شروع (Initiation)

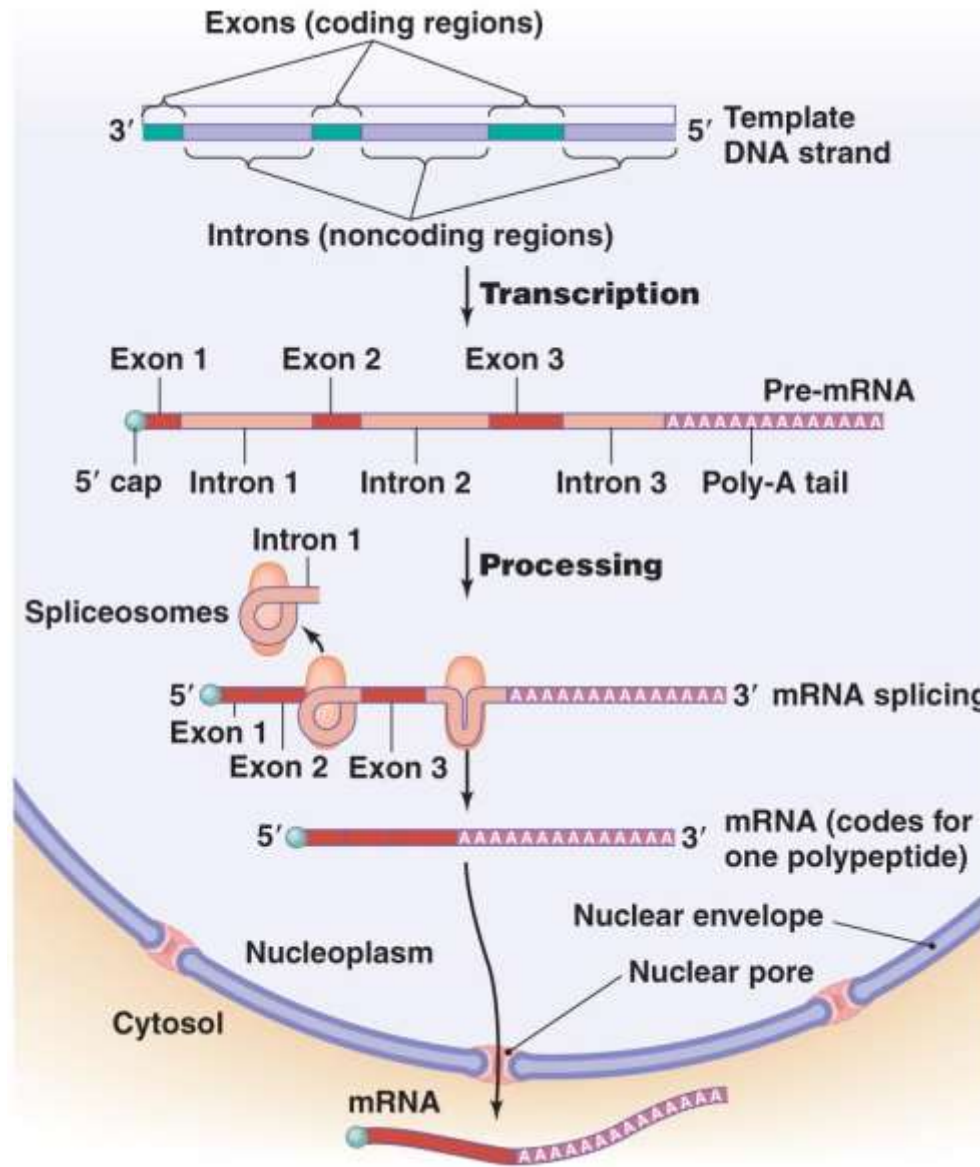
۲ - طولیل سازی (Elongation)

۳ - خاتمه (Termination)

Concurrent RNA transcription



Processing eukaryotic mRNA



Gene Function



- **Translation**

- Process where ribosomes use genetic information of nucleotide sequences to synthesize polypeptides

Genetic code

۴ نوع باز داریم ولی ۲۰ نوع آمینواسید داریم.

در طی ترجمه، زبان ۴ بازی DNA و RNA تبدیل به زبان ۲۰ آمینواسیدی پروتئین میشود.

اگر هر نوکلئوتیدی کدکننده یک آمینو اسید باشد: $4^1=4$
یعنی ۴ آمینواسید خواهیم داشت.

اگر دو نوکلئوتید متصل شده به یکدیگر کدکننده یک آمینو اسید باشد: $4^2=16$
یعنی ۱۶ آمینواسید خواهیم داشت.

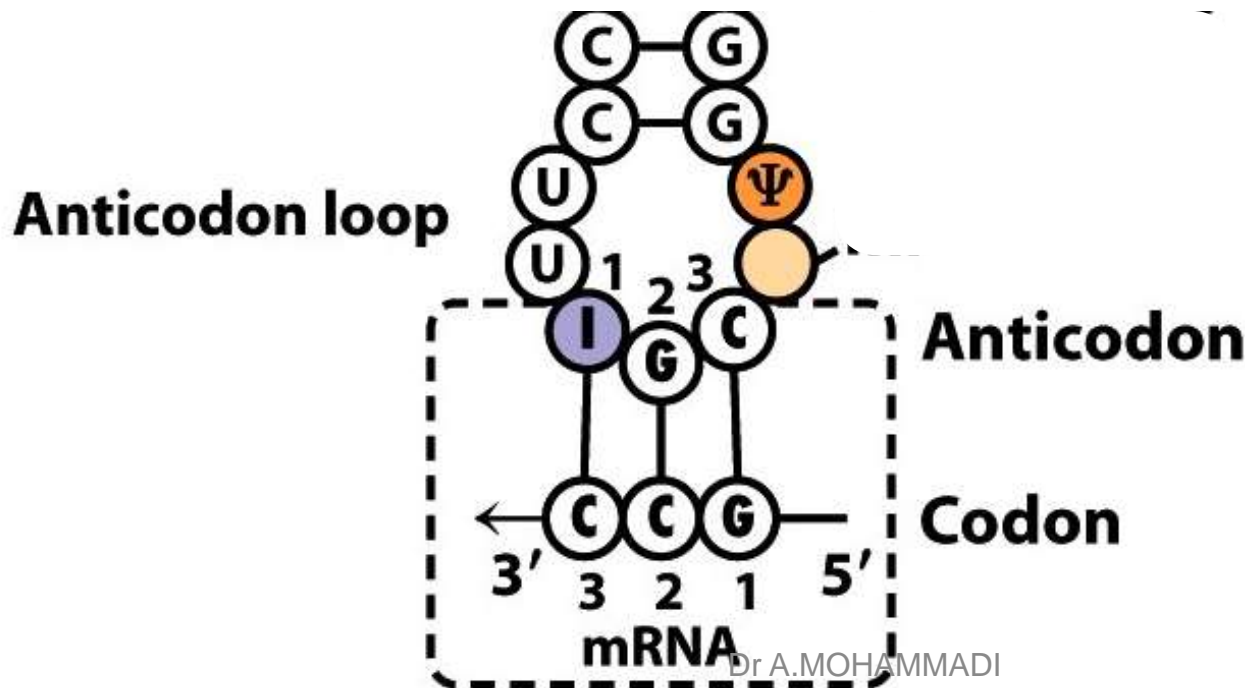
اگر سه نوکلئوتید متصل شده به یکدیگر کدکننده آمینو اسید باشد: $4^3=64$
یعنی ۶۴ آمینواسید خواهیم داشت.

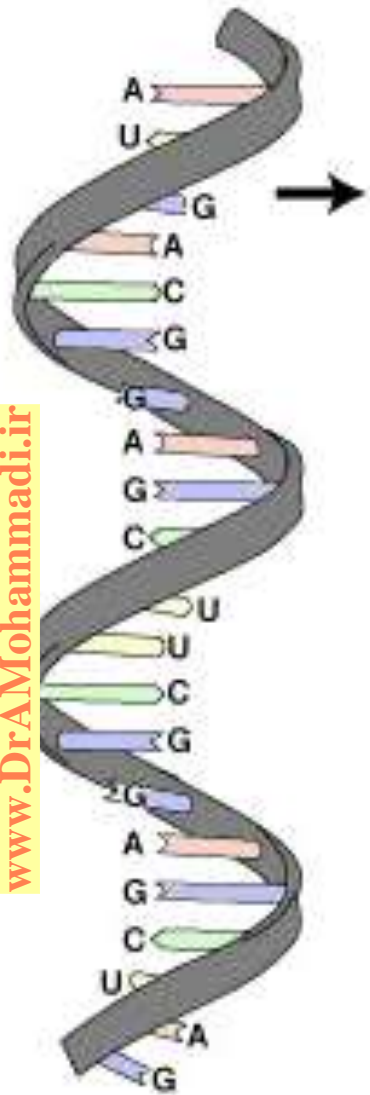
کد ژنتیکی ما باید سه نوکلئوتید (**Triplet**) باشد.

Genetic code

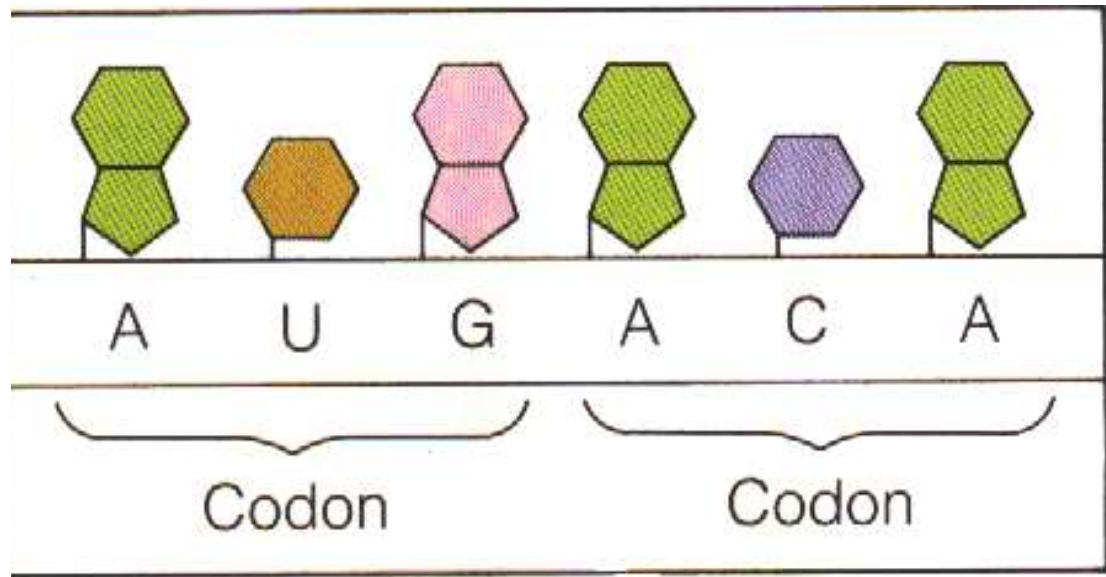
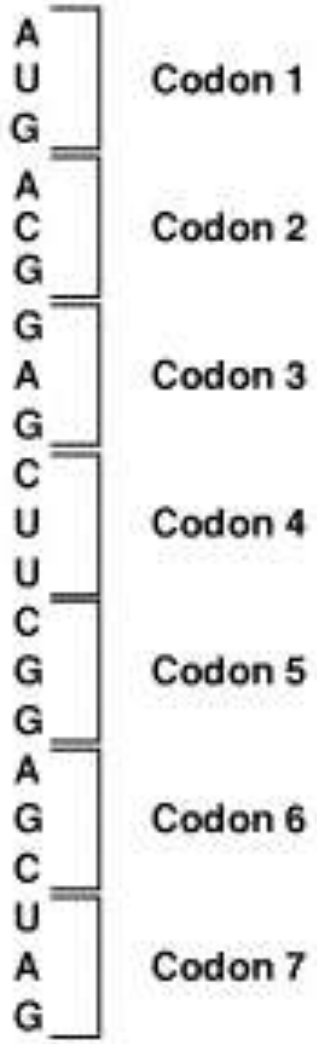
کد ژنتیکی یا کد سه تایی (کدون codon): قرار گرفتن ۳ نوکلئوتید در کنار همدیگر در ساختمان mRNA، یک کدون را تشکیل می دهد.

هر کدونی قدرت اتصال به یک tRNA را دارد. کدون به قسمت آنتی کدون tRNA در بازوی آنتی کدونی tRNA متصل می شود.



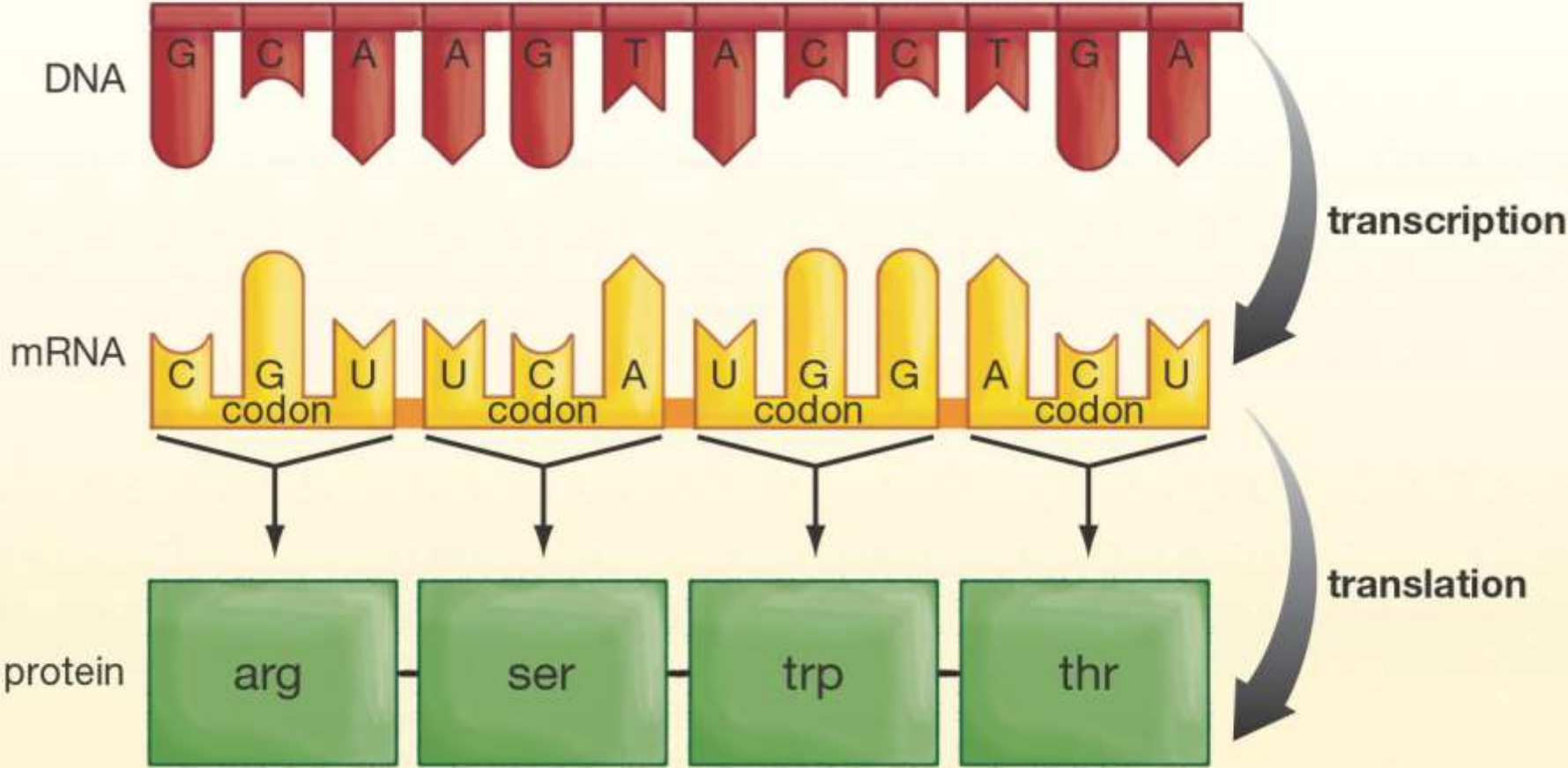


RNA



Ribonucleic acid

The Triplet Code



Genetic code

۶۴ کد مختلف داریم ولی ۲۰ آمینواسید داریم. پس هر آمینواسیدی می تواند چند کد داشته باشد. یعنی چند tRNA اختصاصی دارد که به آن آمینواسید متصل می شود. آمینواسیدها کد مشترک ندارند یعنی هر کدی برای هر tRNA اختصاصی است. تنها دو آمینواسید **تریپتوفان (UGG)** و **متیونین (AUG)** هستند که فقط یک کد دارند.

یک کد شروع ترجمه داریم

AUG

سه کد خاتمه

ترجمه هم داریم:

UGA

UAA

UAG

Start

RNA

Stop

ACCA-**AUG**-AUA-GCC-GAU-GGG-**UGA**-GGAG

Met -Ile -Ala-Asp-Gly
protein

		second base					
		U	C	A	G		
first base	U	UUU } phe UUC } UUA } leu UUG }	UCU } UCC } ser UCA } UCG }	UAU } tyr UAC } UAA } Stop UAG } Stop	UGU } cys UGC } UGA } Stop UGG } trp	third base	U C A G
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The genetic code

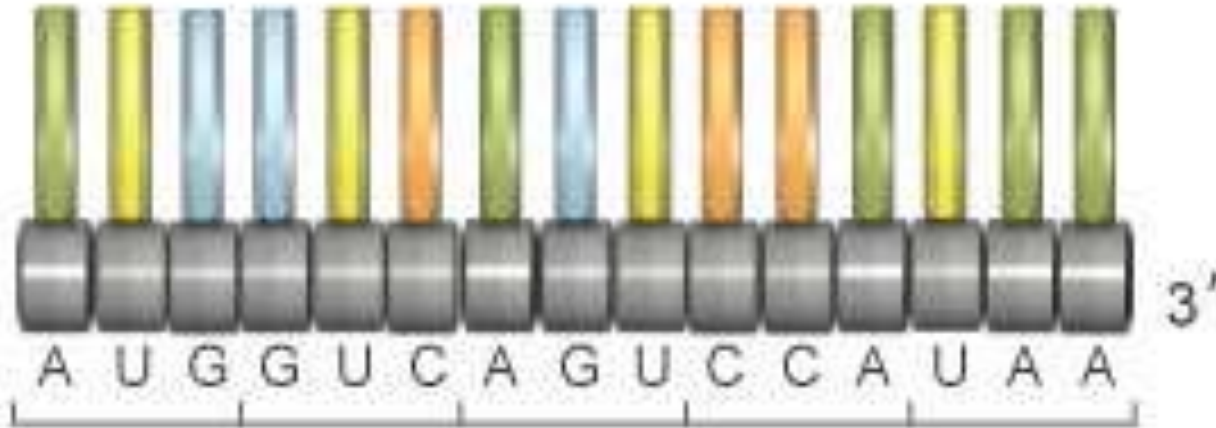
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		Second nucleotide base				
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C	U	UUU } Phenylalanine (Phe)	UCU } rowspan="4">Serine (Ser)	UAU } Tyrosine (Tyr)	UGU } Cysteine (Cys)	U C A G
		UUC }	UAC }	UGC }		
		UUA } Leucine (Leu)	UAA STOP	UGA STOP Selenocysteine (SeCys)		
		UUG }	UAG STOP*	UGG Tryptophan (Trp)		
G	C	CUU } rowspan="4">Leucine (Leu)	CCU } rowspan="4">Proline (Pro)	CAU } Histidine (His)	CGU } rowspan="4">Arginine (Arg)	U C A G
		CUC }	CAC }	CGC }		
		CUA }	CAA } Glutamine (Gln)	CGA }		
		CUG }	CAG }	CGG }		
A	U	AUU } rowspan="3">Isoleucine (Ile)	ACU } rowspan="4">Threonine (Thr)	AAU } Asparagine (Asn)	AGU } Serine (Ser)	U C A G
		AUC }	AAC }	AGC }		
		AUA }	AAA } Lysine (Lys)	AGA } Arginine (Arg)		
		AUG START Methionine (Met)	AAG }	AGG }		
G	U	GUU } rowspan="4">Valine (Val)	GCU } rowspan="4">Alanine (Ala)	GAU } Aspartic acid (Asp)	GGU } rowspan="4">Glycine (Gly)	U C A G
		GUC }	GAC }	GGC }		
		GUA }	GAA } Glutamic acid (Glu)	GGA }		
		GUG }	GAG }	GGG }		

*also codes for a 22nd amino acid, pyrrolysine, in some prokaryotes.

Amino acid	Number of codons	Amino acid	Number of codons
Met	1	Tyr	2
Trp	1	Ile	3
Asn	2	Ala	4
Asp	2	Gly	4
Cys	2	Pro	4
Gln	2	Thr	4
Glu	2	Val	4
His	2	Arg	6
Lys	2	Leu	6
Phe	2	Ser	6

RNA sequence



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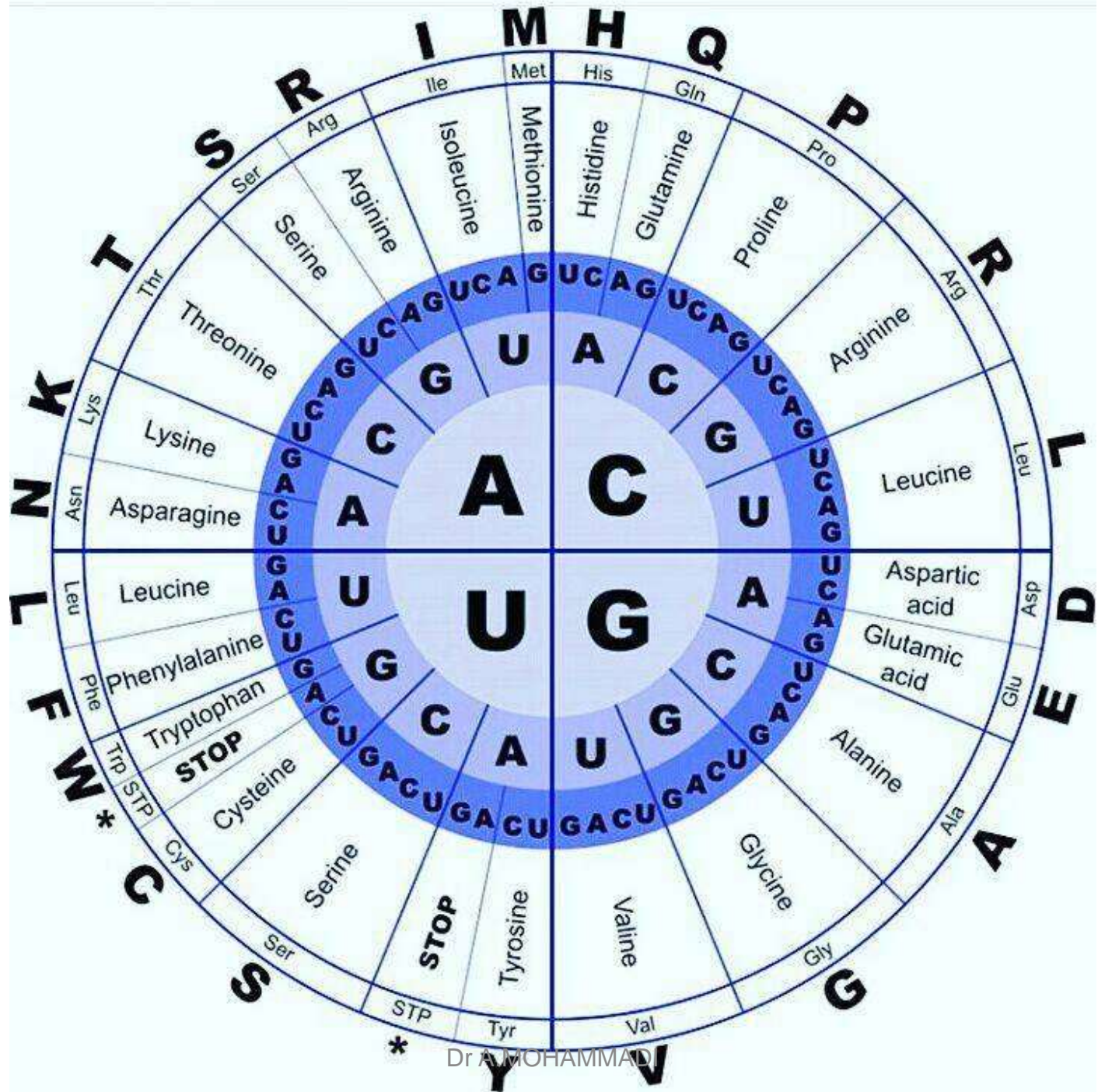
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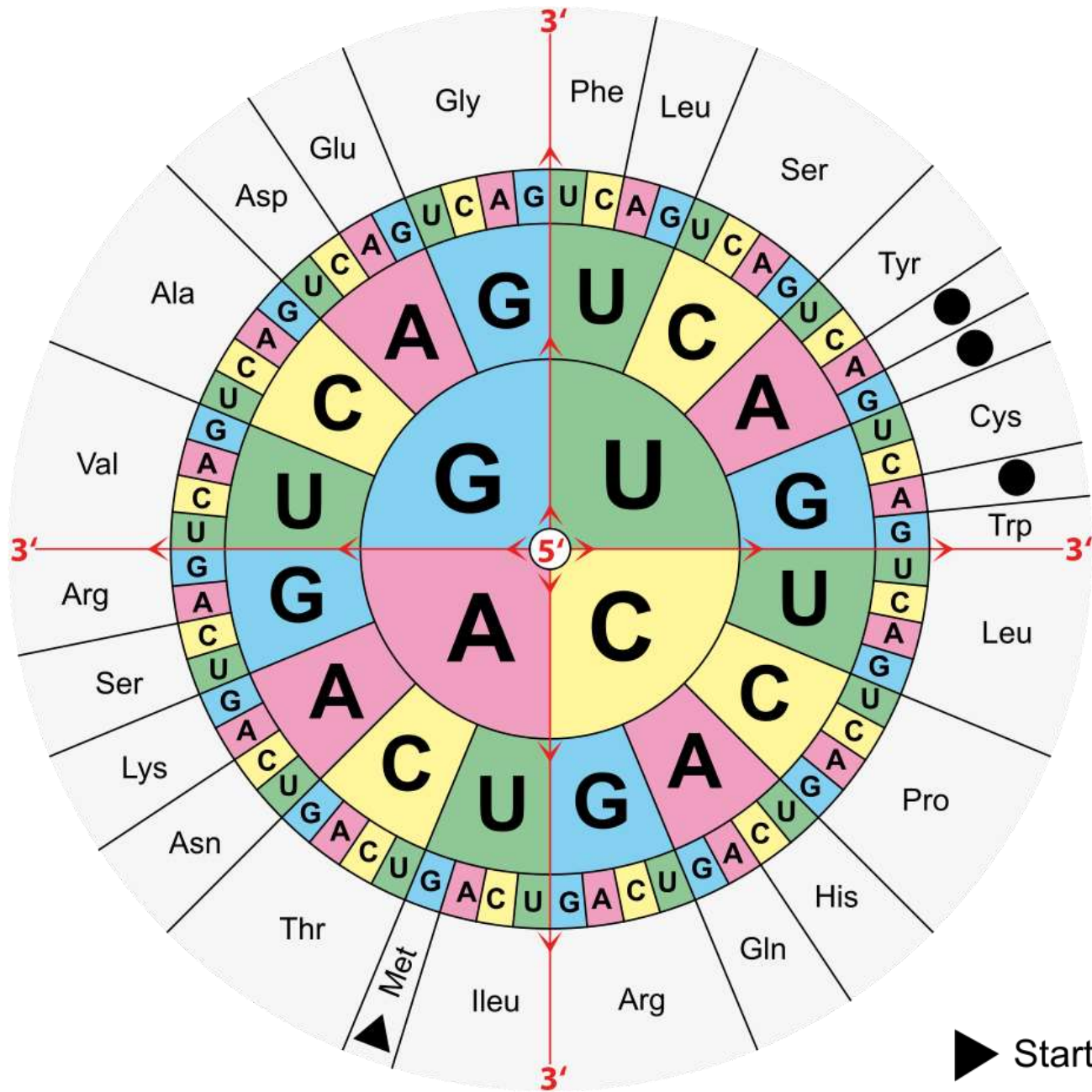


STOP

Amino acid sequence

-  Methionine
-  Valine
-  Serine
-  Proline



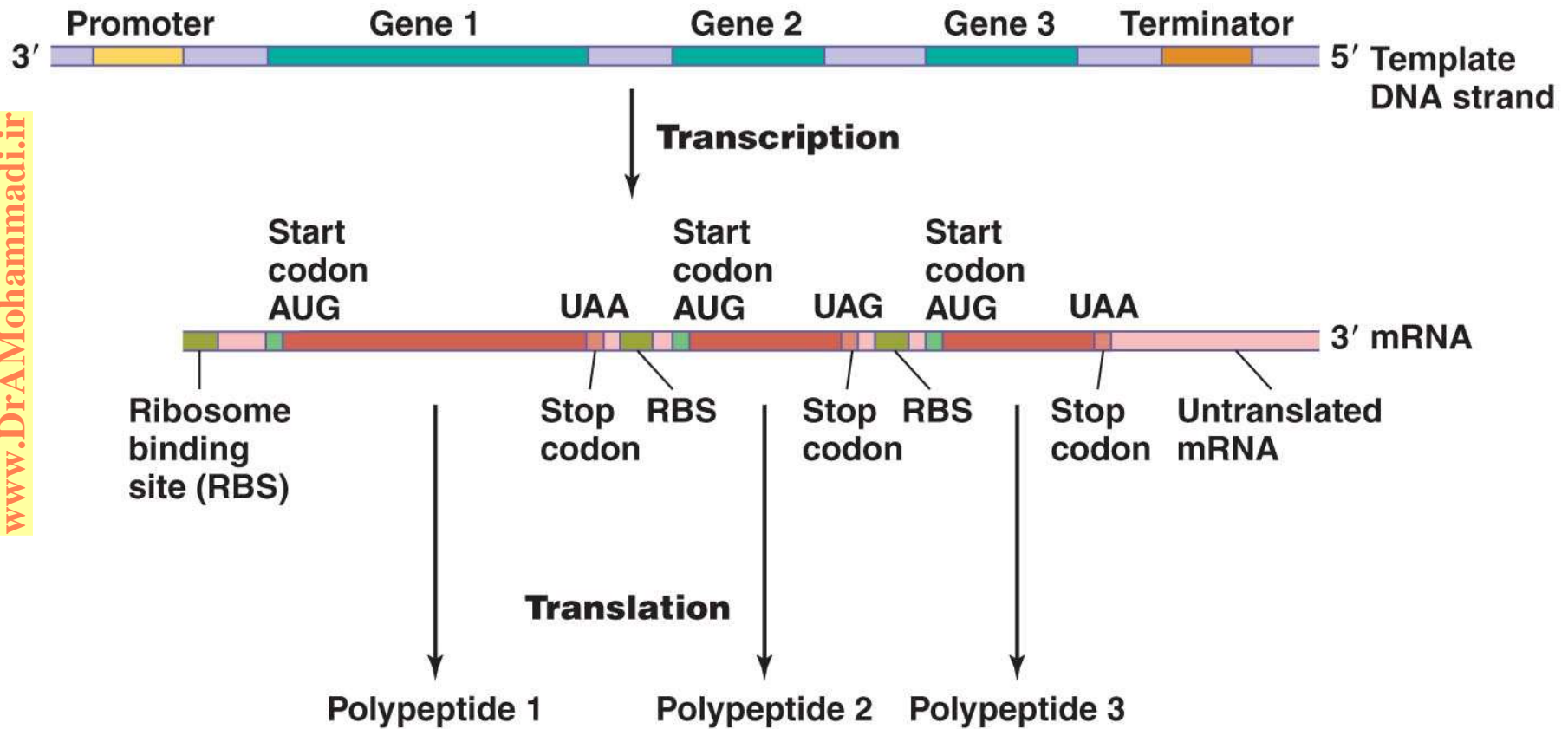


Gene Function

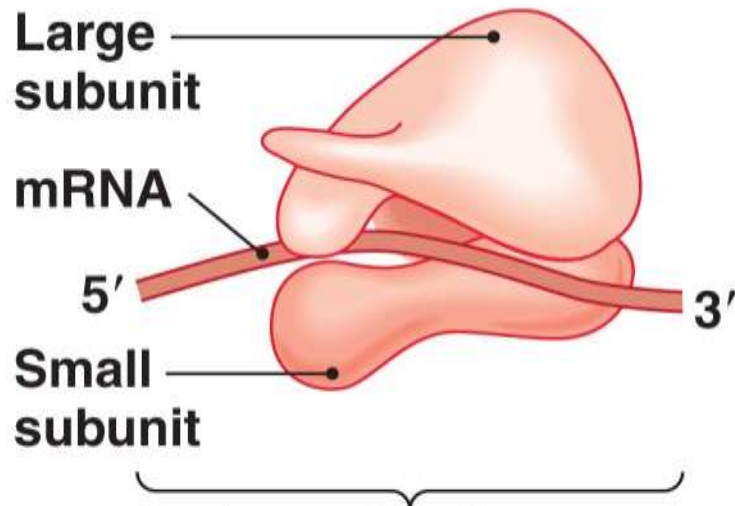


- **Translation**
 - Participants in translation
 - Messenger RNA
 - Transfer RNA
 - Ribosomes and ribosomal RNA

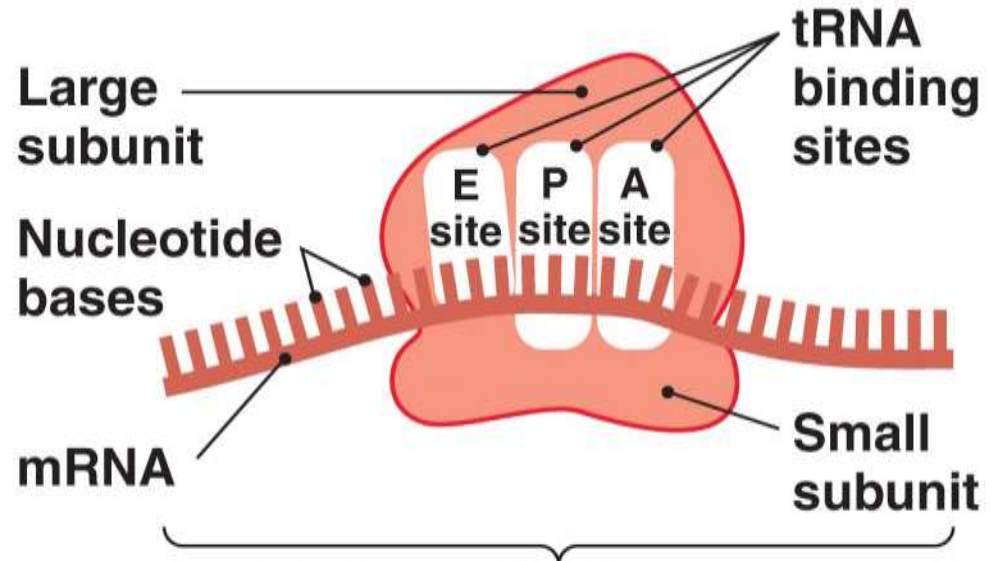
Prokaryotic mRNA can code for several polypeptides



Assembled ribosome and its tRNA-binding sites



Prokaryotic ribosome (angled view) attached to mRNA



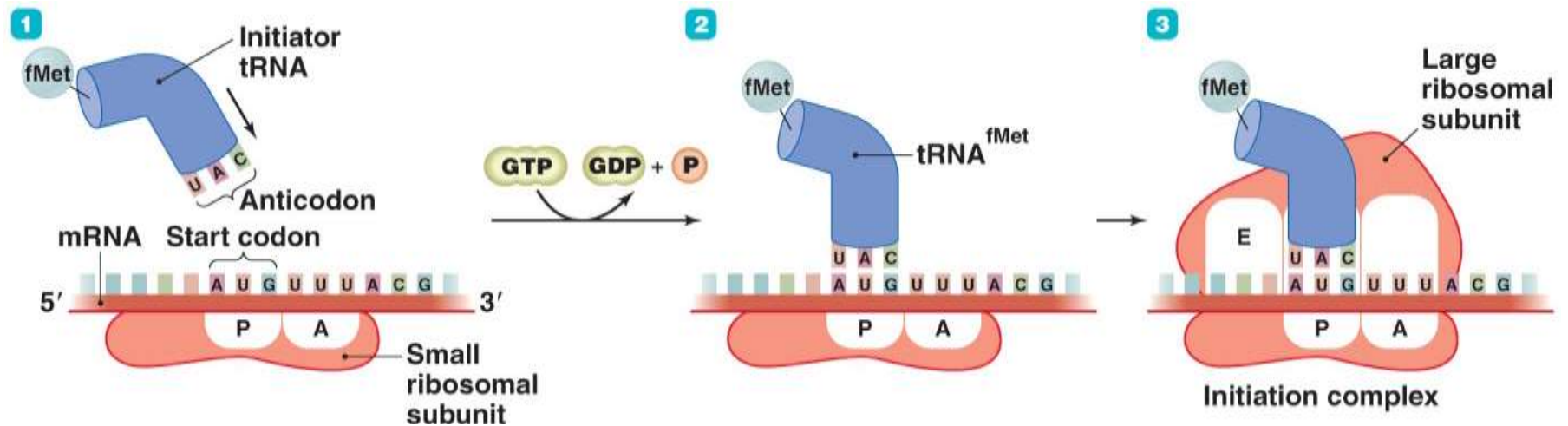
Prokaryotic ribosome (schematic view) showing tRNA binding sites

Gene Function

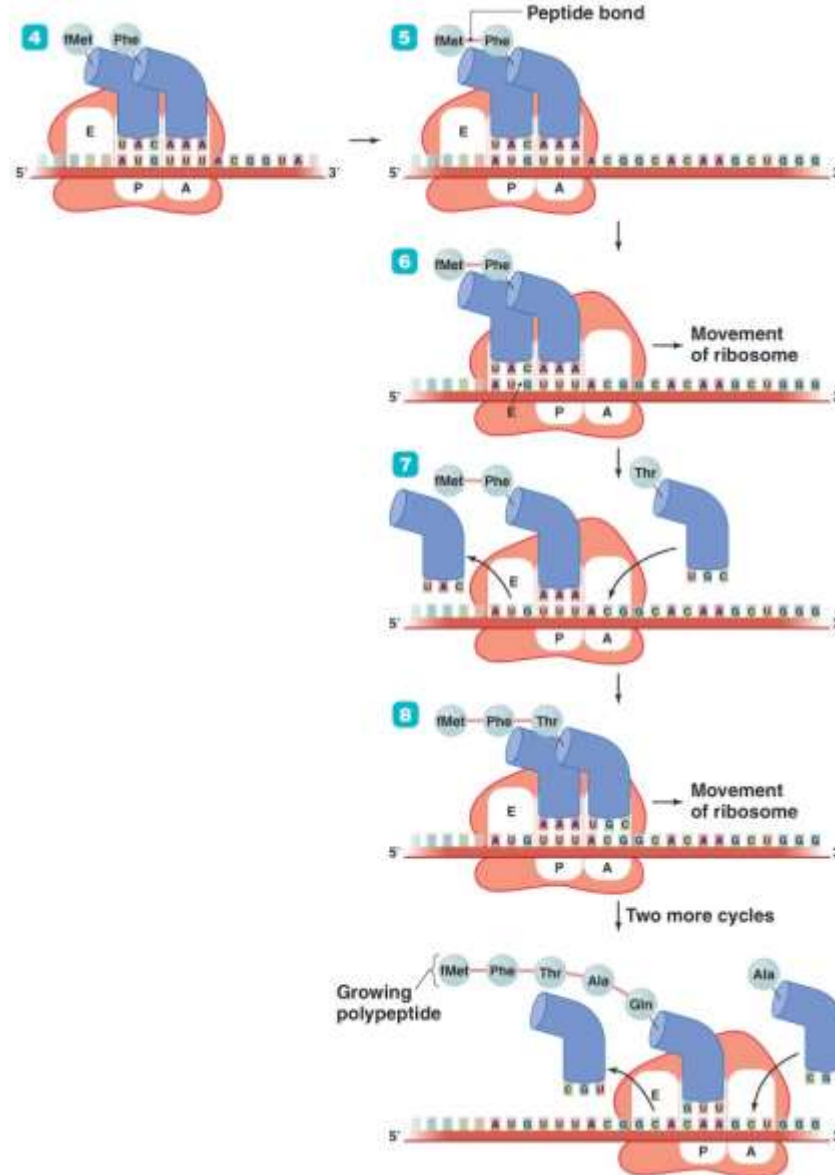
- **Translation**

- Three stages of translation
 - Initiation
 - Elongation
 - Termination
- All stages require additional protein factors
- Initiation and elongation require energy (GTP)

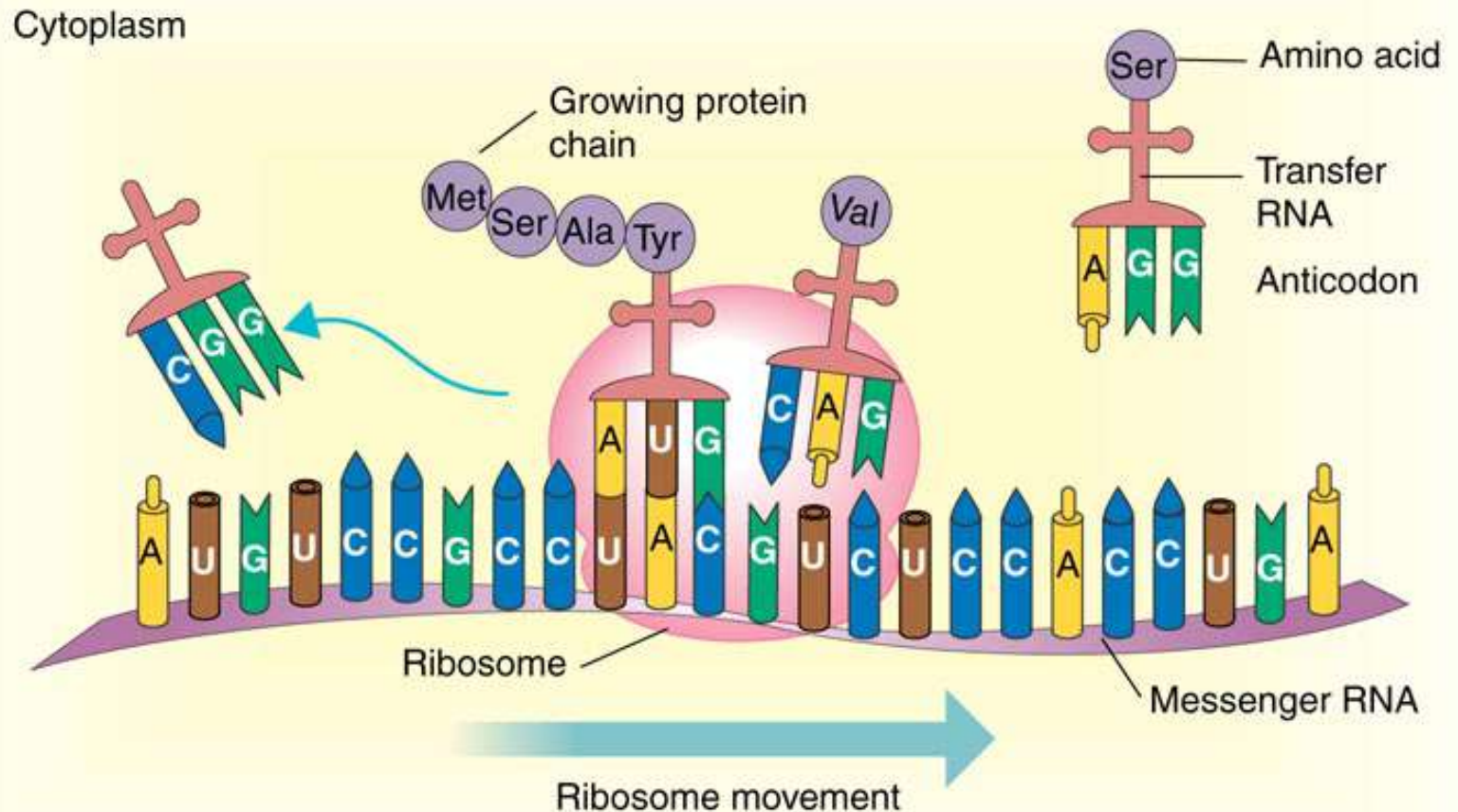
The initiation of translation in prokaryotes



The elongation stages of translation

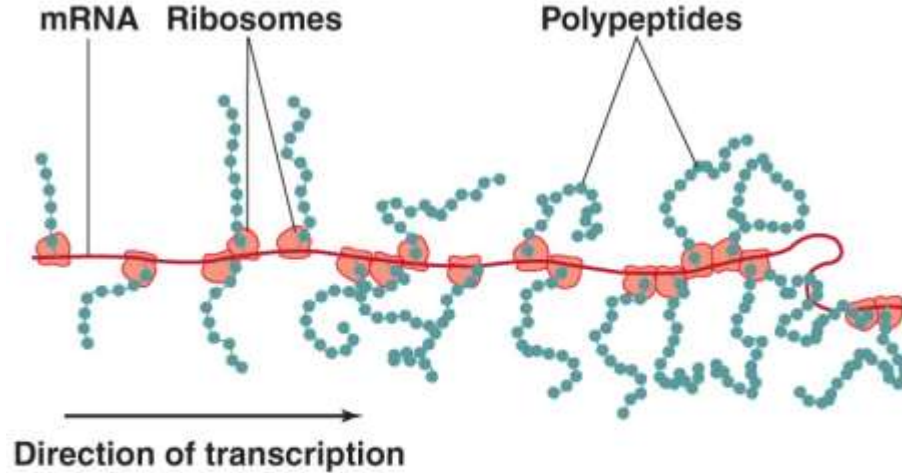


The Translation Process in Protein Synthesis

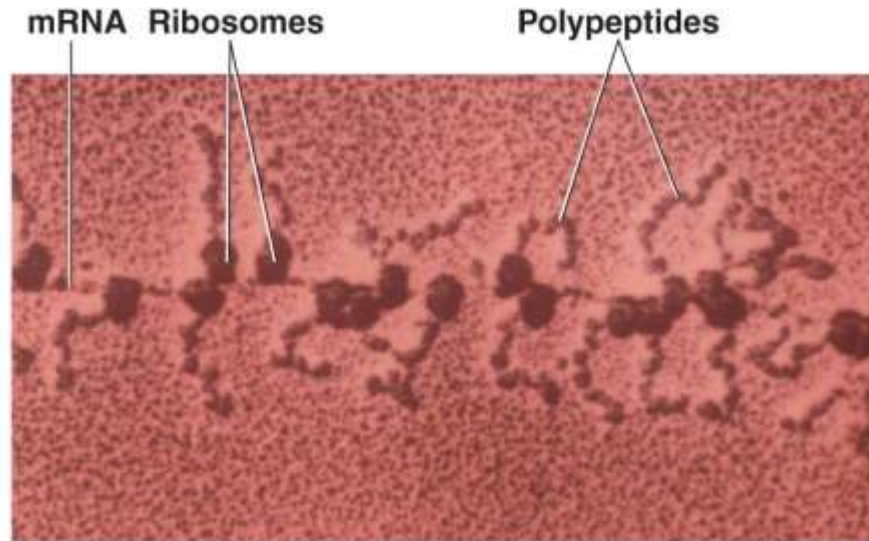


Compare to Fig 8.9

One prokaryotic mRNA, many ribosomes and polypeptides



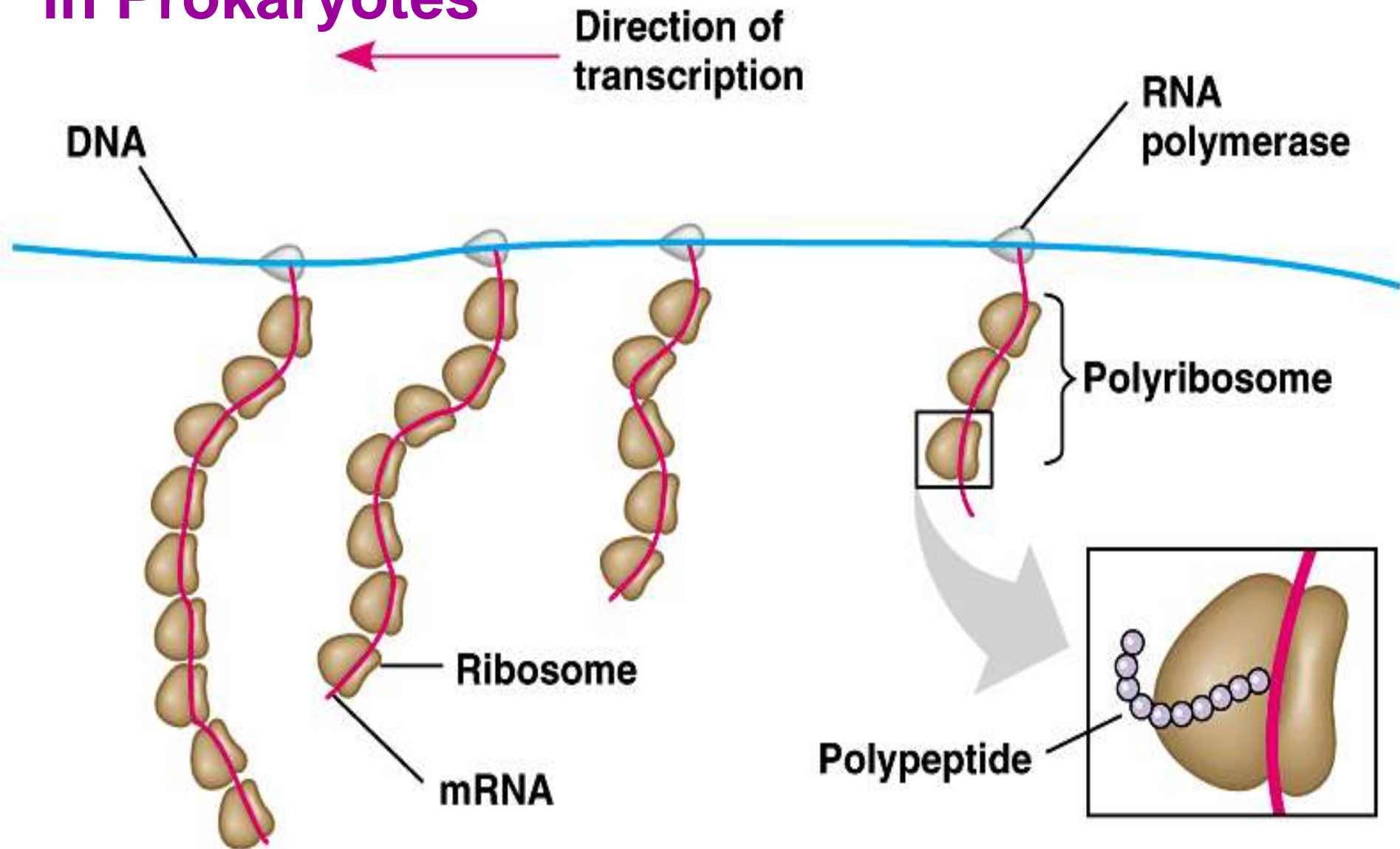
(a)



(b)

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Simultaneous Transcription and Translation in Prokaryotes



Compare to Fig 8.10

Gene Function

- **Translation**

- Stages of translation

- Termination

- Release factors (RF) recognize stop codons

- Modify ribosome to activate **ribozymes**

- Ribosome dissociates into subunits

- Polypeptides released at termination may function alone or together

Gene Function



- **Translation**

- Translation differences in eukaryotes
 - Initiation occurs when ribosomal subunit binds to 5' guanine cap
 - First amino acid is **methionine** rather than f-methionine

Gene Function

- **Regulation of Genetic Expression**

- 75% of genes are expressed at all times
- Other genes transcribed and translated when cells need them
 - Allows cell to conserve energy
- **Regulation of protein synthesis**
 - Typically halts transcription
 - Can stop translation directly

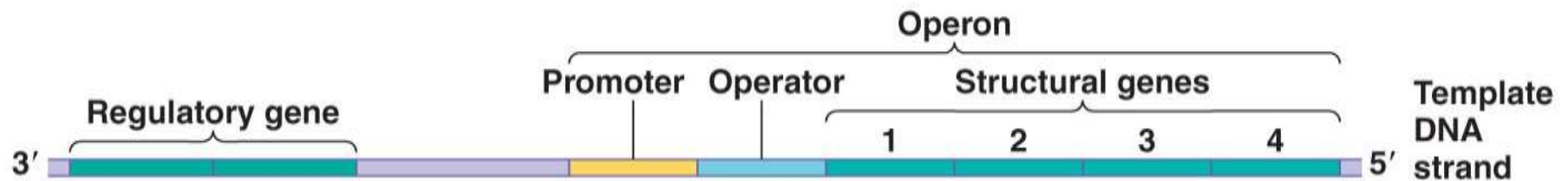
Gene Function

- **Regulation of Genetic Expression**

- Nature of prokaryotic operons

- An operon consists of a promoter and a series of genes

- Some operons are controlled by a regulatory element called an **operator**

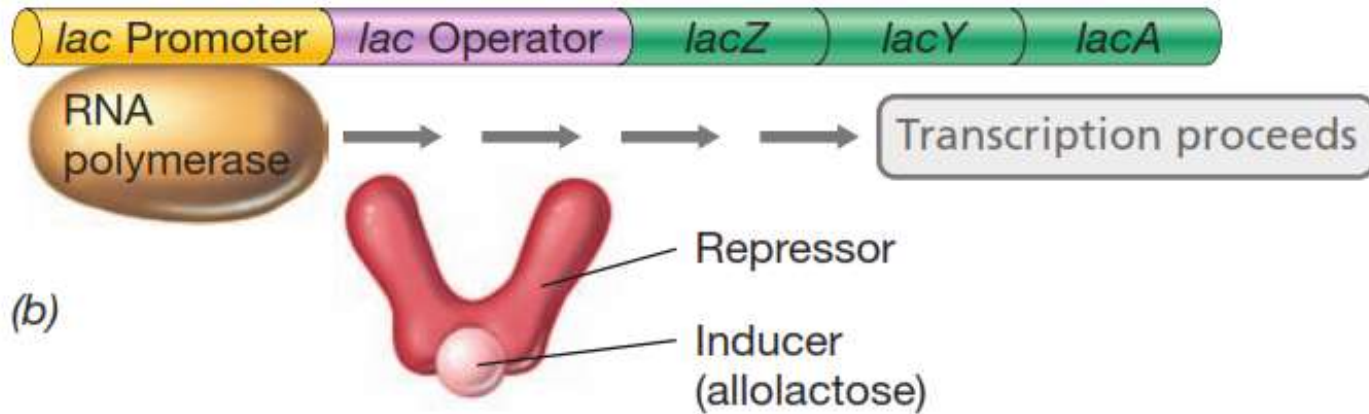
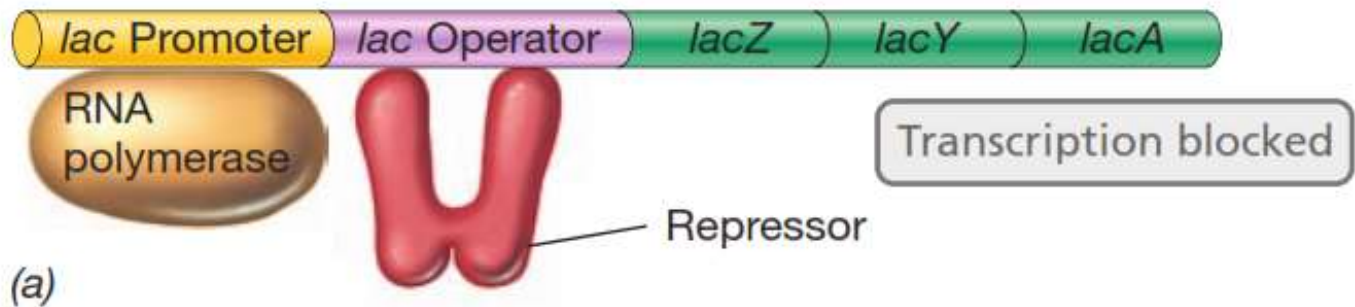


Gene Function

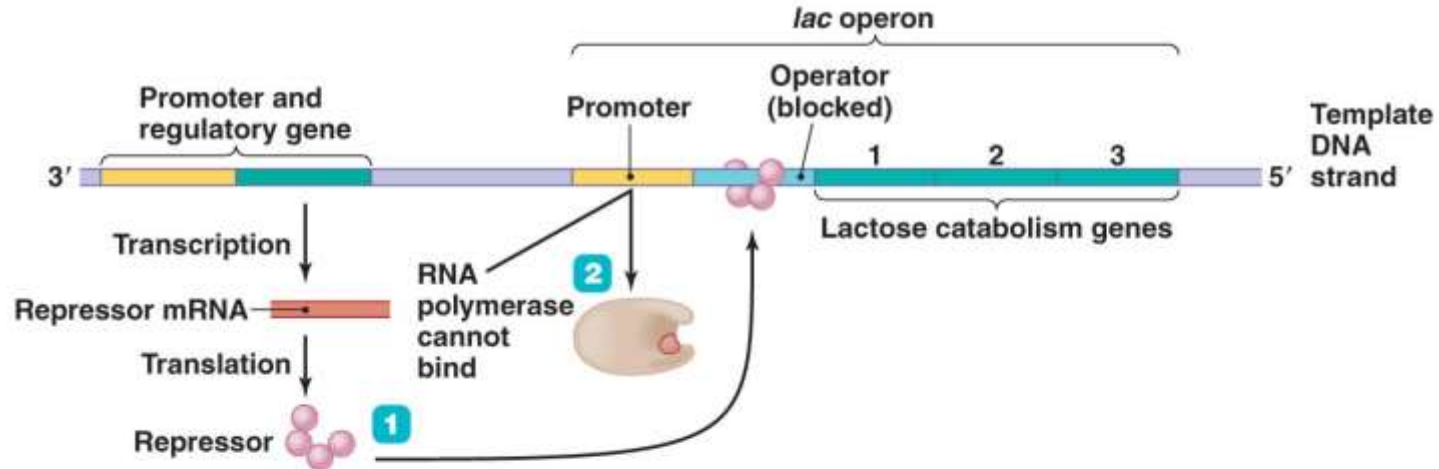


- **Regulation of Genetic Expression**
 - Nature of prokaryotic operons
 - **Inducible operons** must be activated by inducers
 - Lactose operon
 - **Repressible operons** are transcribed continually until deactivated by repressors
 - Tryptophan operon

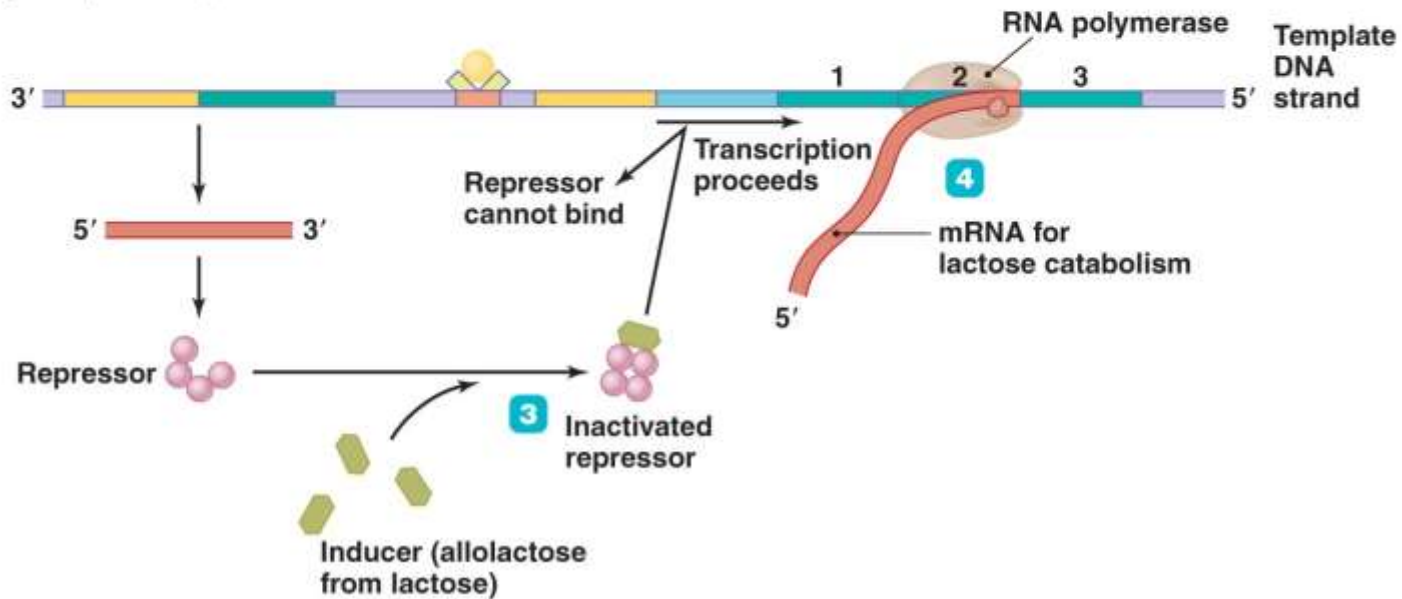
The *lac* operon, an inducible operon



The *lac* operon, an inducible operon

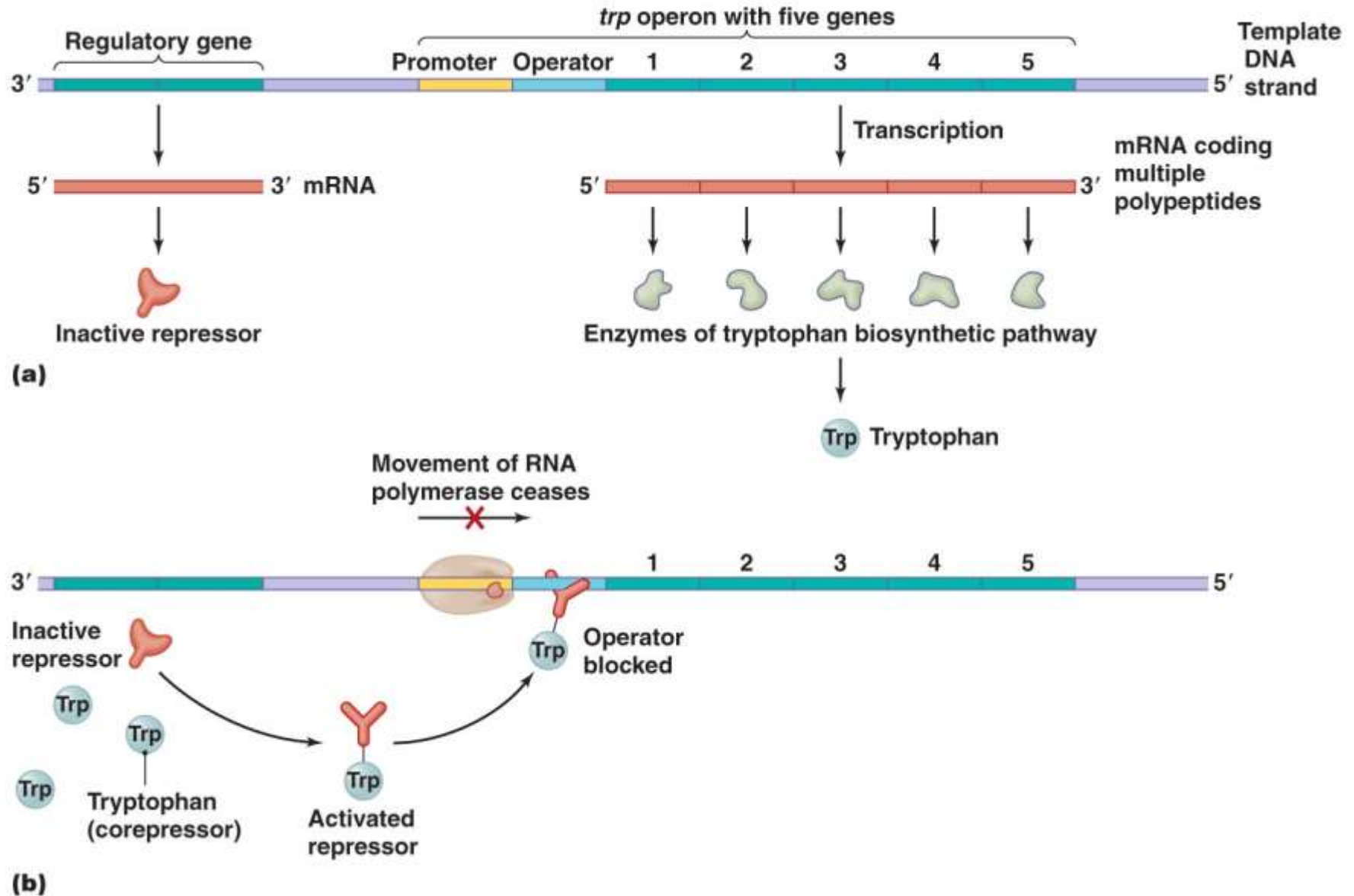


(a) *lac* operon repressed



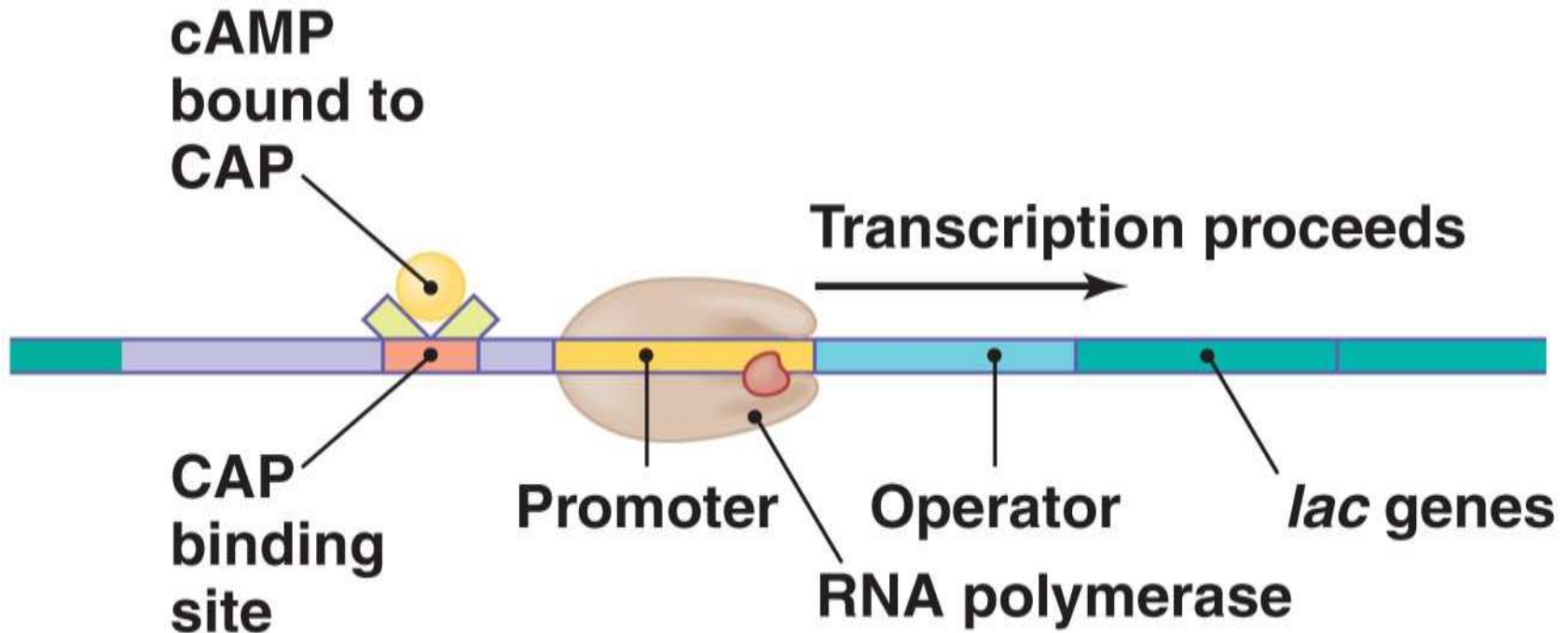
(b) *lac* operon induced

The *trp* operon, a repressible operon

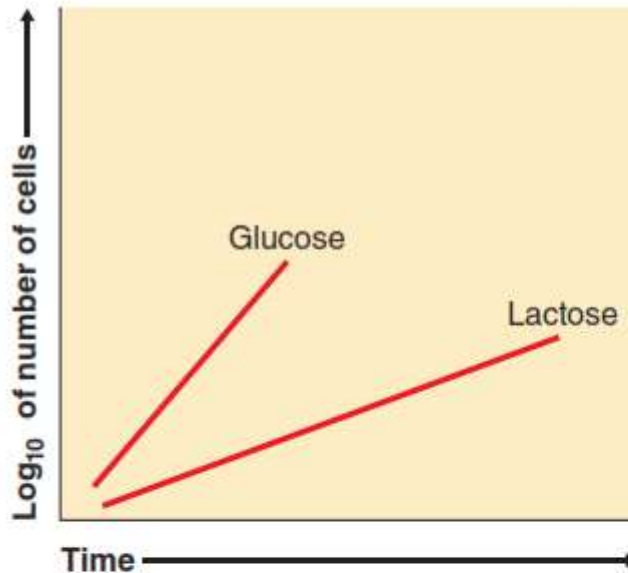


Positive regulation: CAP-cAMP enhances *lac* transcription

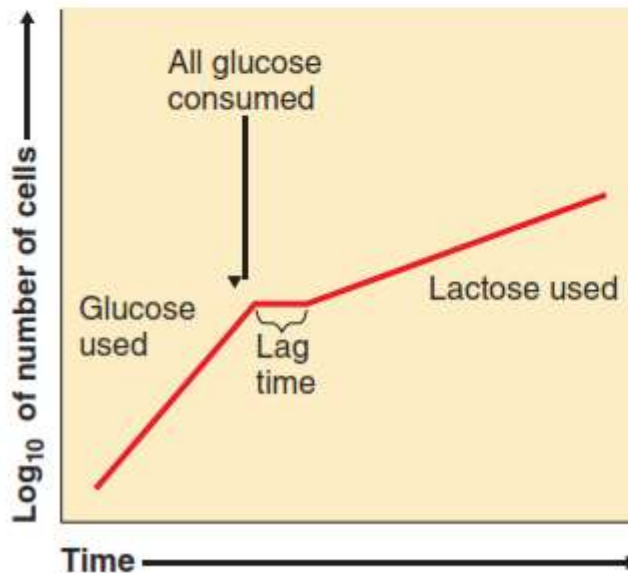
Regulation of the lactose operon also depends on the level of glucose in the medium, which in turn controls the intracellular level of the small molecule **cyclic AMP (cAMP)**. It is an example of an **alarmone**, a chemical alarm signal that promotes a cell's response to environmental or nutritional stress.



Inhibition of the metabolism of alternative carbon sources by glucose is termed **catabolite repression** (or the glucose effect).

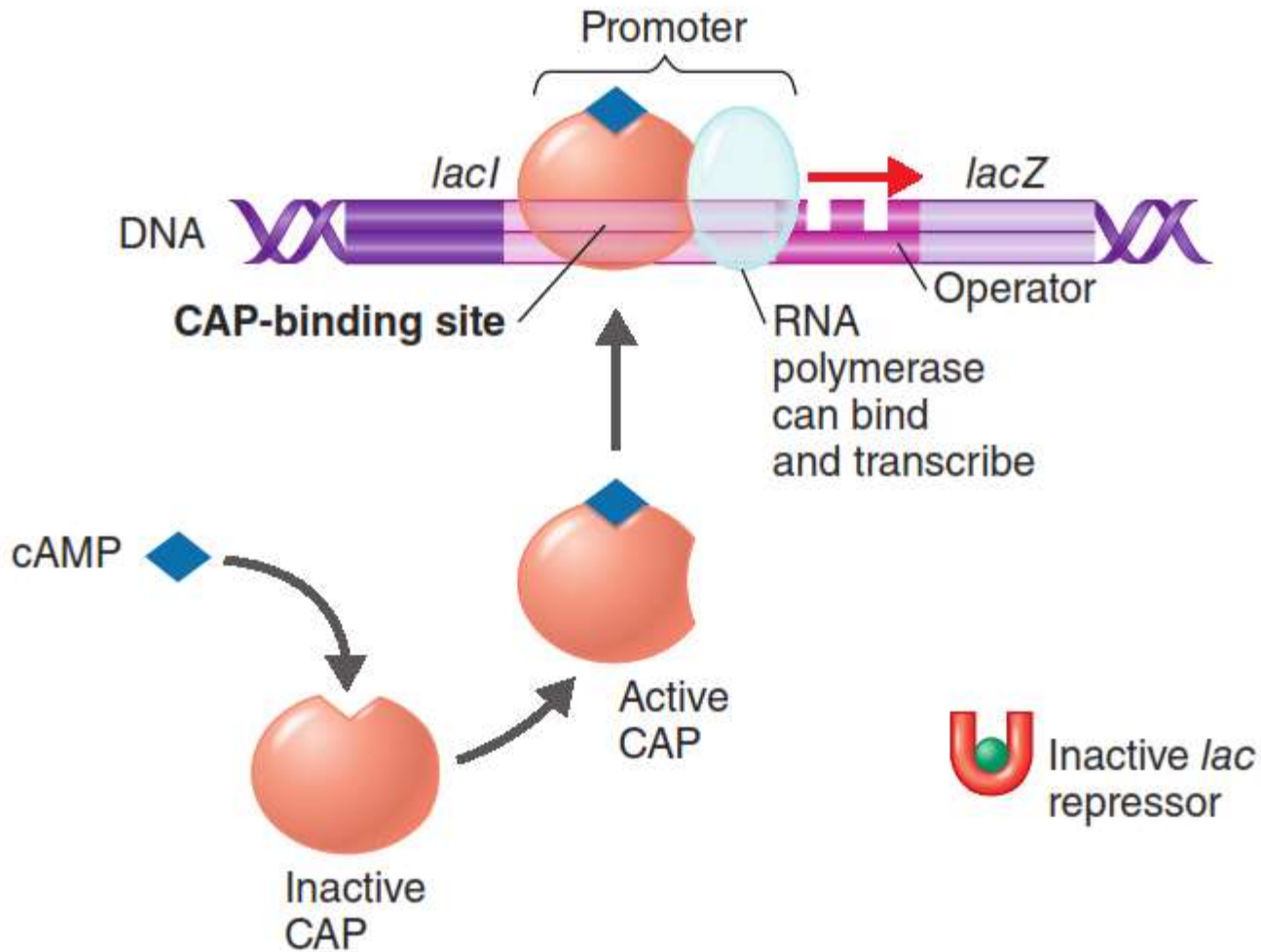


(a) Bacteria growing on glucose as the sole carbon source grow faster than on lactose.

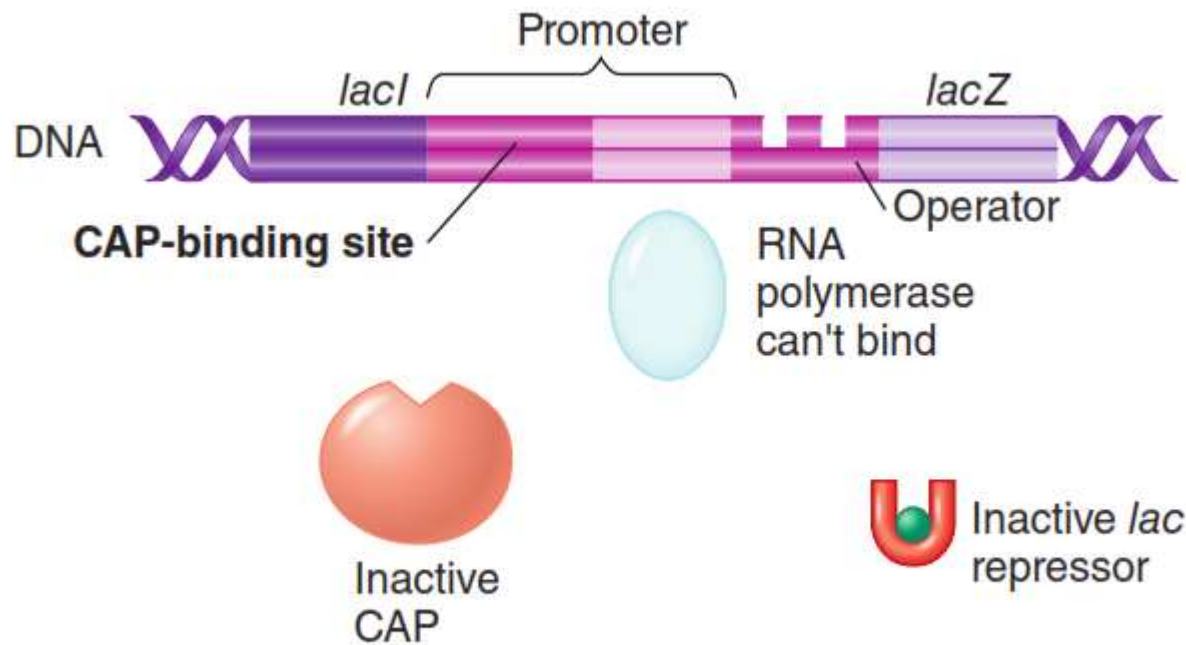


(b) Bacteria growing in a medium containing glucose and lactose first consume the glucose and then, after a short lag time, the lactose. During the lag time, intracellular cAMP increases, the *lac* operon is transcribed, more lactose is transported into the cell, and β -galactosidase is synthesized to break down lactose.

Figure 8.14 The growth rate of *E. coli* on glucose and lactose.



(a) Lactose present, glucose scarce (cAMP level high). If glucose is scarce, the high level of cAMP activates CAP, and the *lac* operon produces large amounts of mRNA for lactose digestion.



(b) Lactose present, glucose present (cAMP level low). When glucose is present, cAMP is scarce, and CAP is unable to stimulate transcription.

Mutations of Genes



- **Mutation**

- Change in the nucleotide base sequence of a genome
- Rare event
- Almost always deleterious
- Rarely leads to a protein that improves ability of organism to survive

Mutations of Genes



- **Types of Mutations**

- **Point mutations**

- Most common

- One base pair is affected

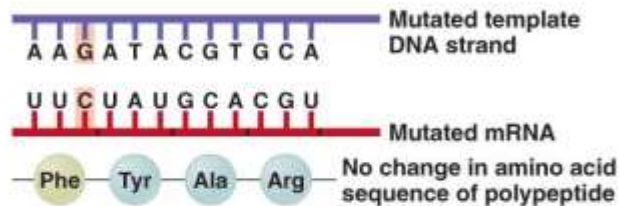
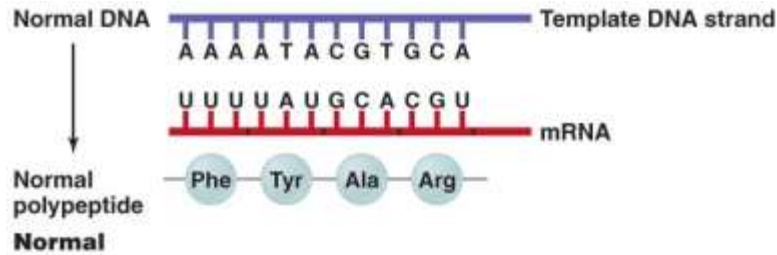
- Insertions, deletions, and substitutions

- **Frameshift mutations**

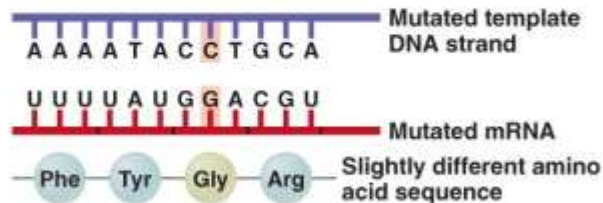
- Nucleotide triplets after the mutation are displaced

- Insertions and deletions

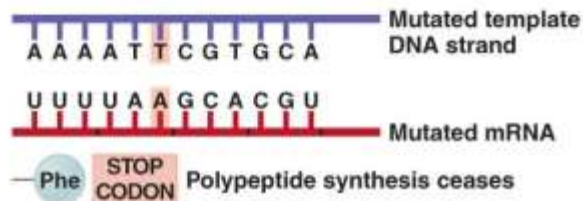
The effects of the various types of point mutations



(a) Silent mutation

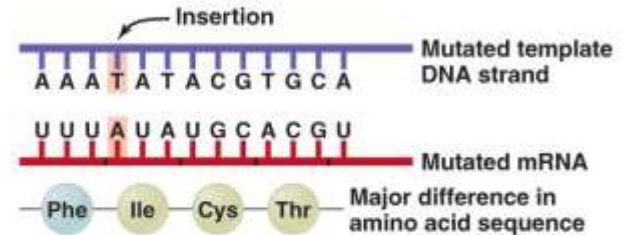


(b) Missense mutation

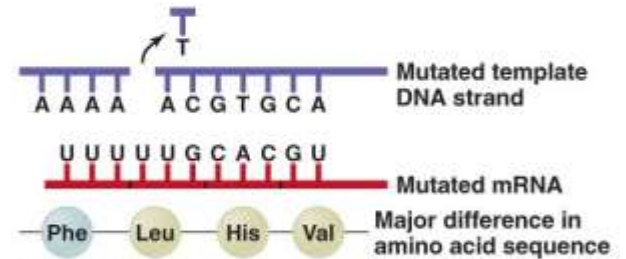


(c) Nonsense mutation

Frameshift mutations:



(d) Frameshift insertion



(e) Frameshift deletion

Mutations of Genes



- **Mutagens**

- **Radiation**

- Ionizing radiation

- Nonionizing radiation

- **Chemical mutagens**

- Nucleotide analogs

- Disrupt DNA and RNA replication

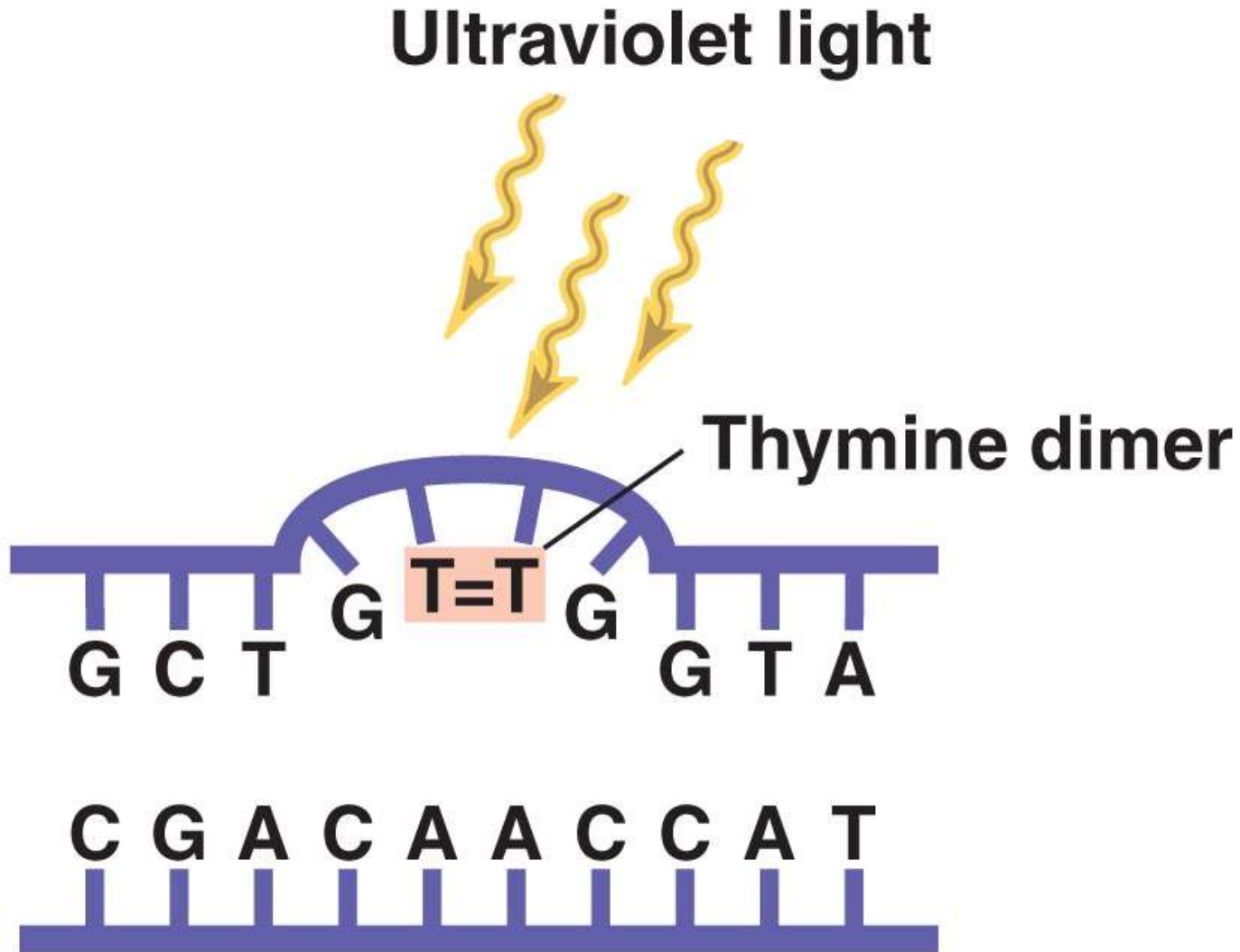
- Nucleotide-altering chemicals

- Result in base-pair substitutions and missense mutations

- Frameshift mutagens

- Result in nonsense mutations

A pyrimidine dimer



The structure and effects of a nucleotide analog

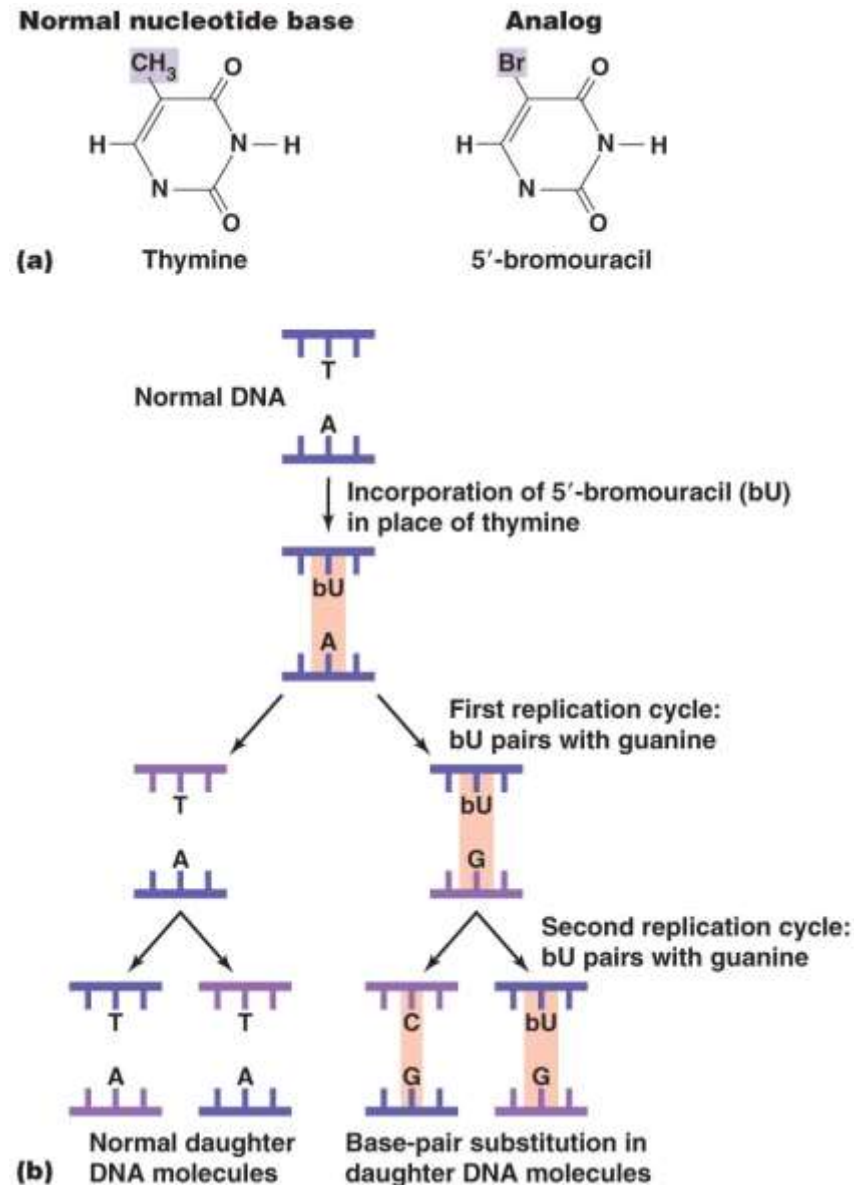
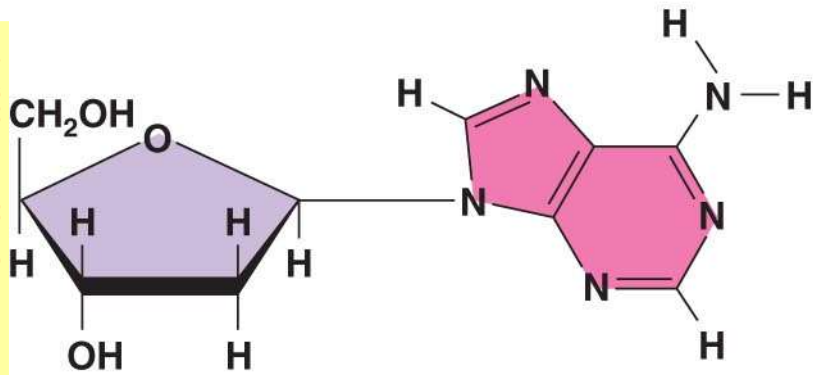


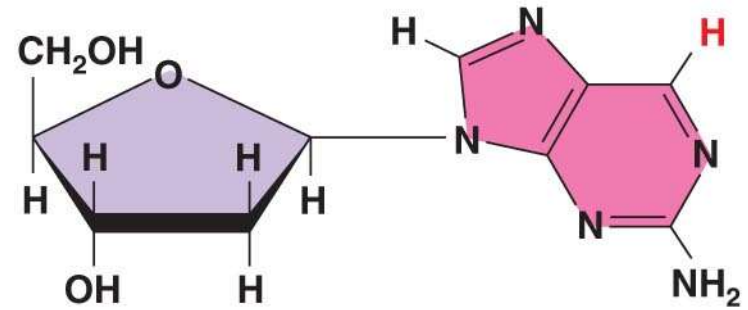
Fig 8.19a

Normal nitrogenous base



Adenine nucleoside

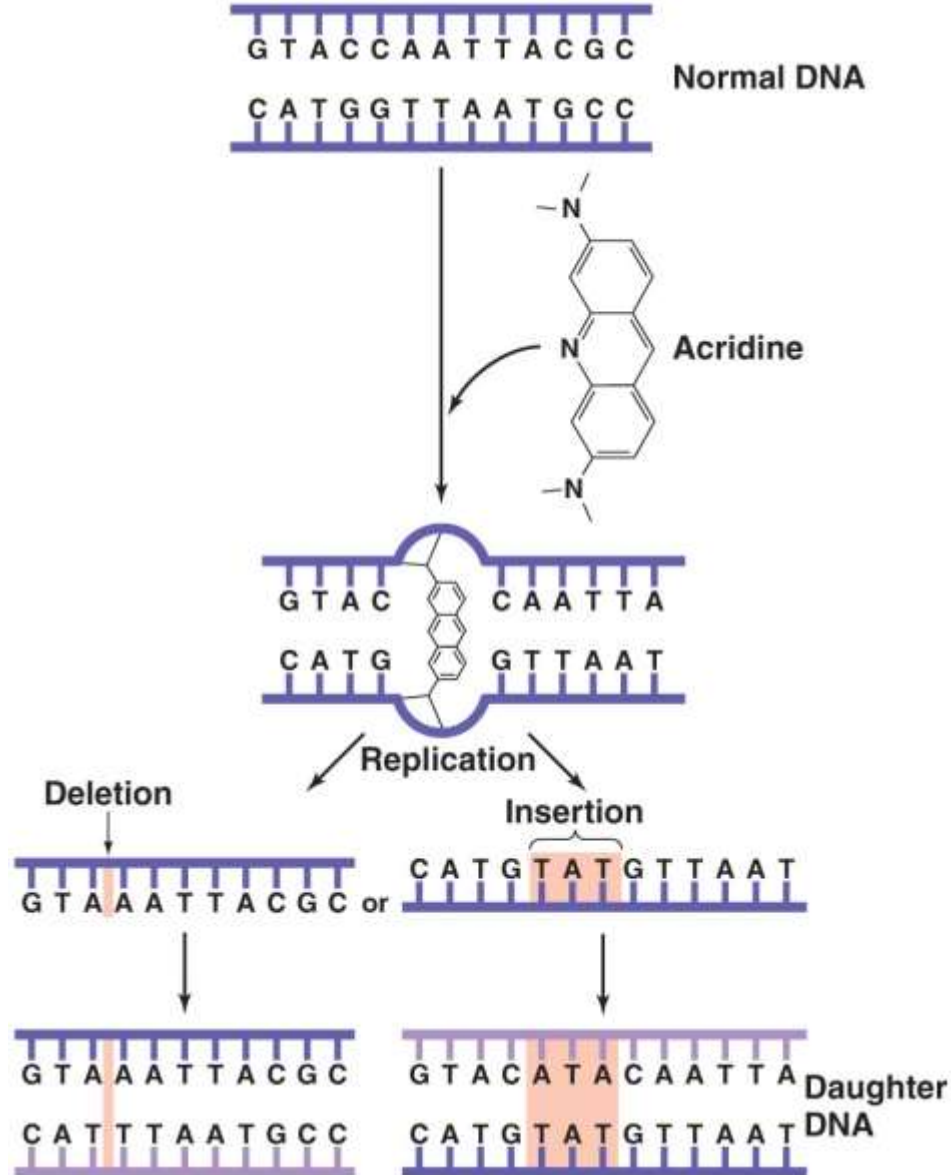
Analog



2-Aminopurine nucleoside

a) The 2-aminopurine is incorporated into DNA in place of adenine but can pair with cytosine, so an AT pair becomes a CG pair.

The action of a frameshift mutagen



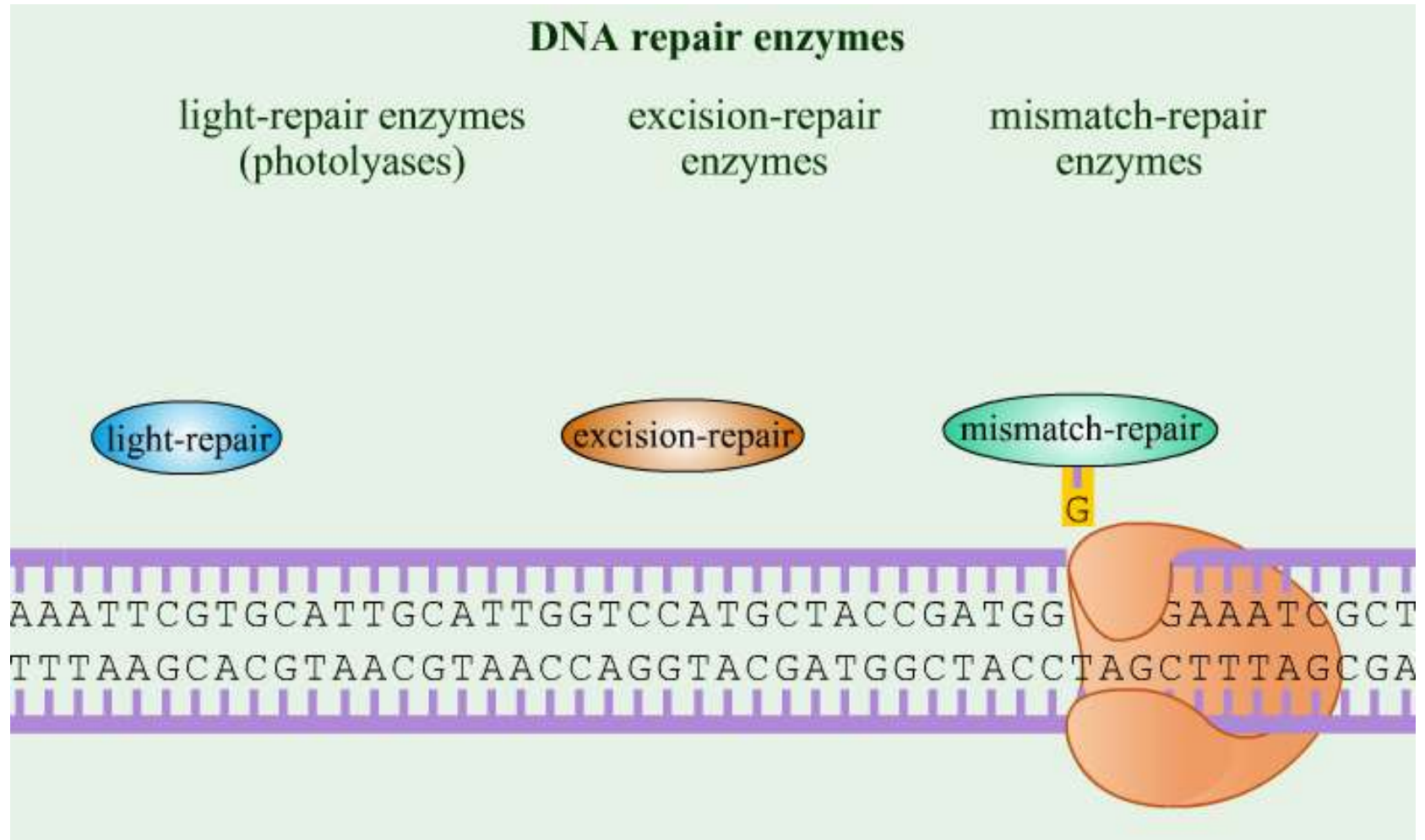
Mutations of Genes



- **Frequency of Mutation**

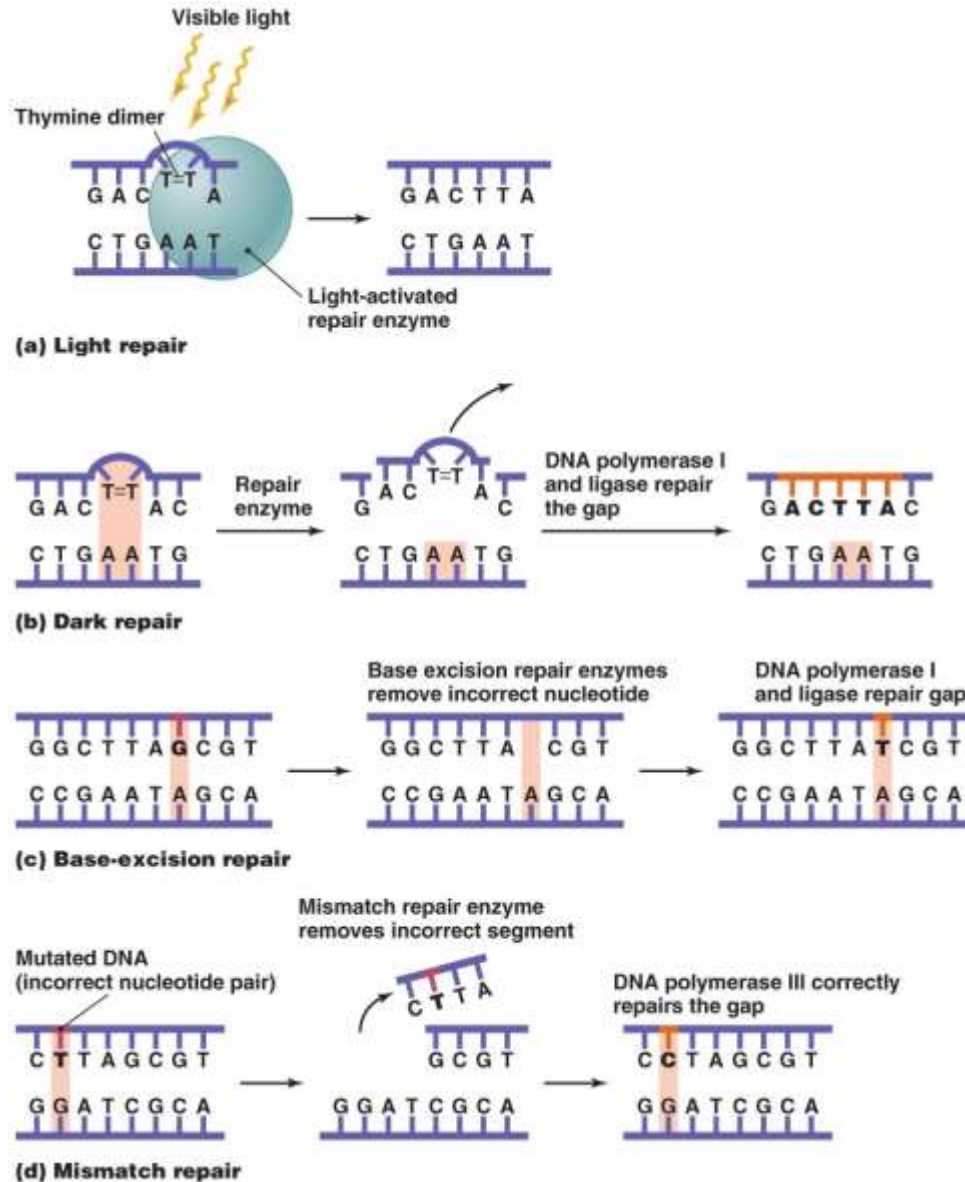
- Mutations are rare events
 - Otherwise organisms could not effectively reproduce
- Mutagens increase the mutation rate by a factor of 10 to 1000 times

Mutations of Genes



Animation: Mutations: Repair

DNA repair mechanisms



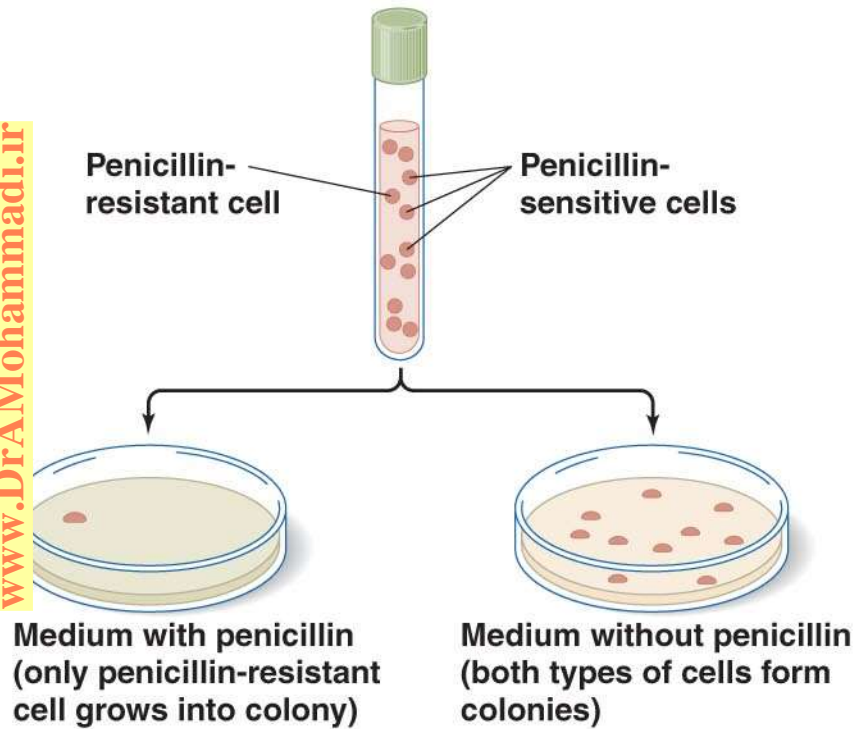
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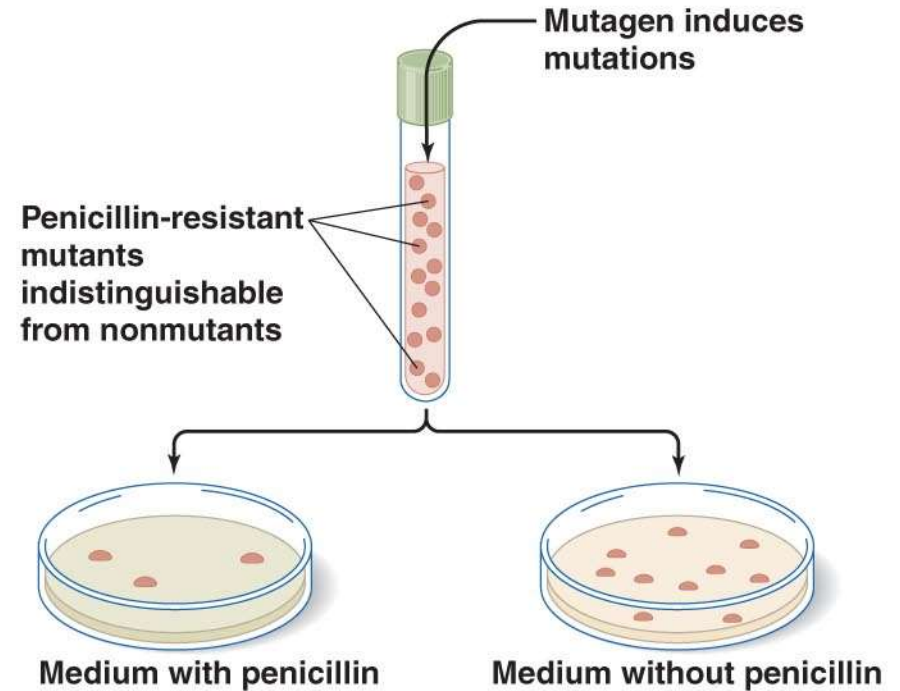
- **Identifying Mutants, Mutagens, and Carcinogens**
 - **Methods to recognize mutants**
 - 1) Positive selection
 - 2) Negative (indirect) selection
 - 3) Ames test

Positive selection of mutants

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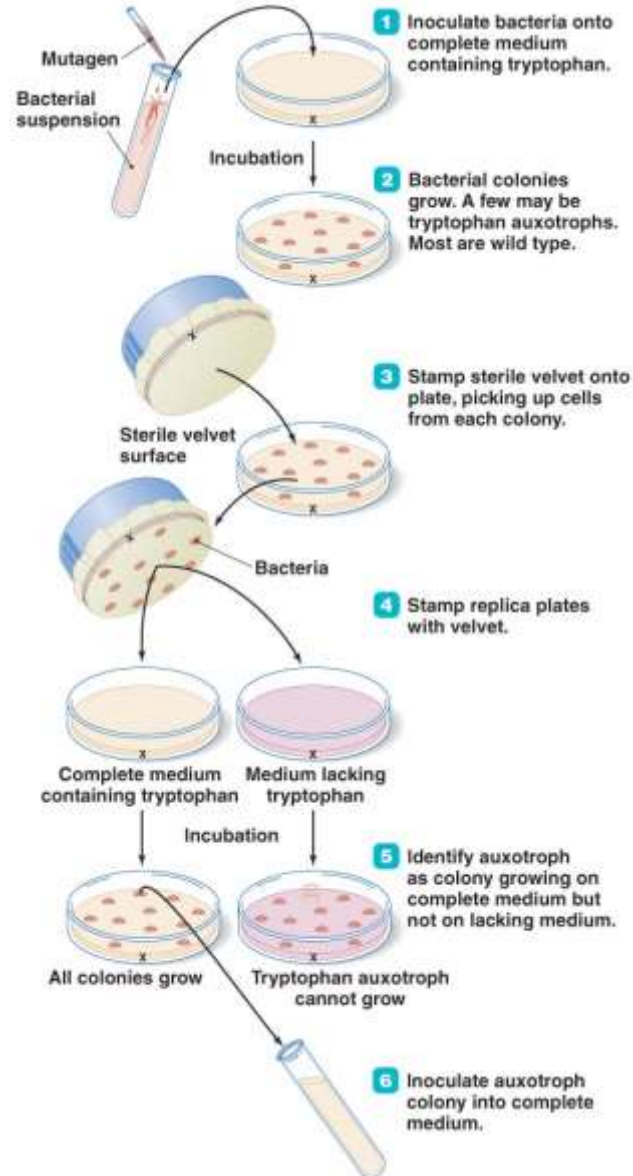


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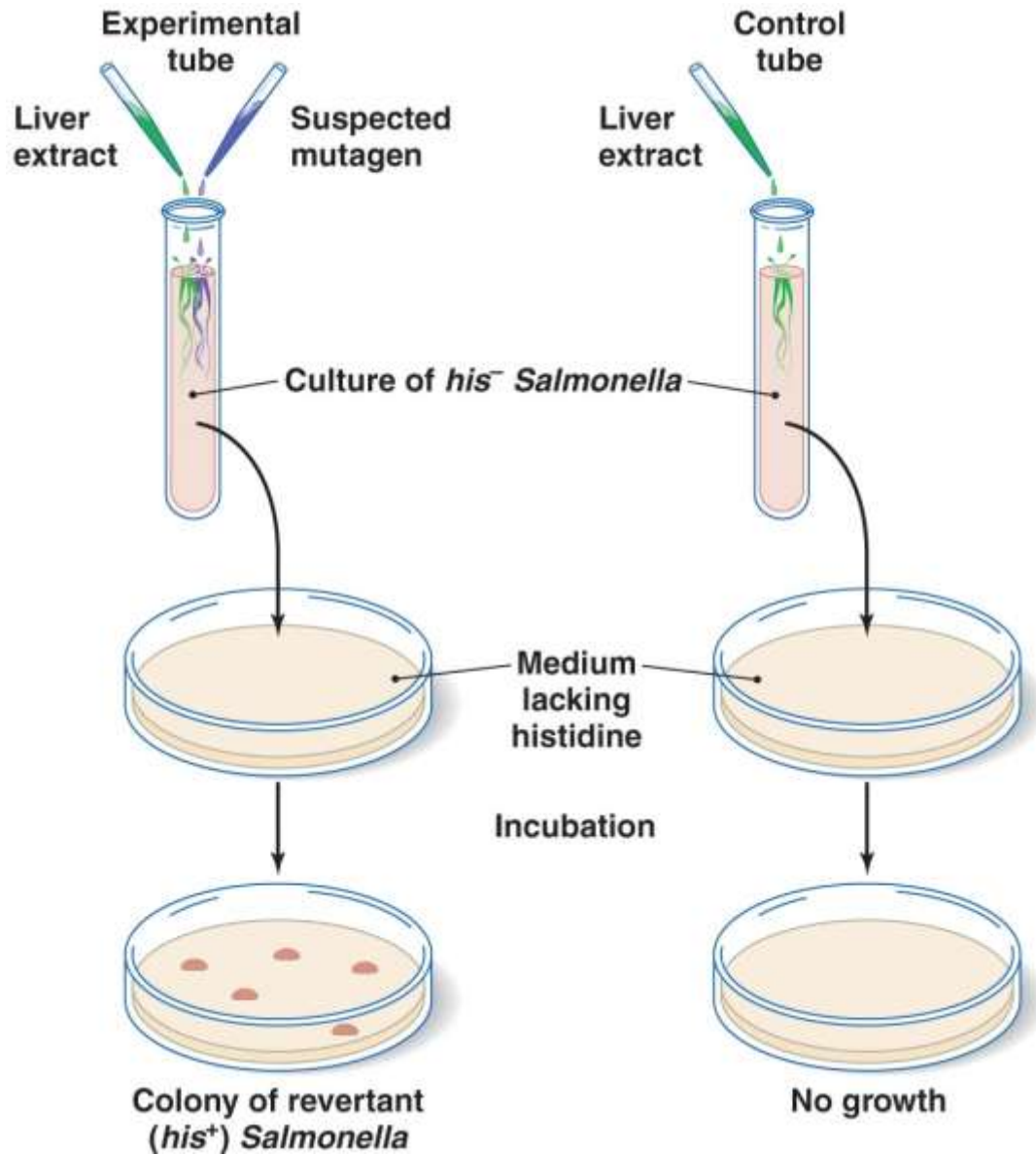


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The use of negative (indirect) selection



The Ames test

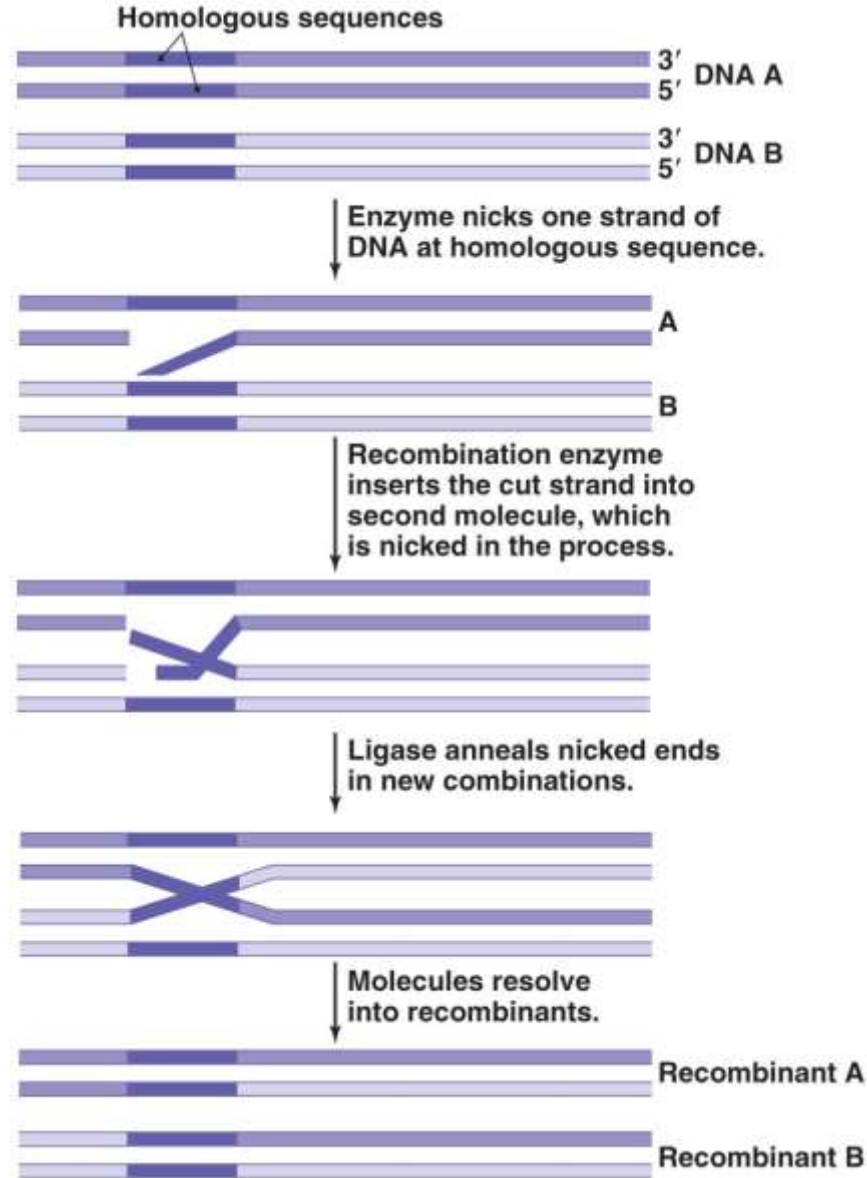


Genetic Recombination and Transfer



- Exchange of nucleotide sequences often mediated by homologous sequences
- Recombinants
 - Cells with DNA molecules that contain new nucleotide sequences

Genetic recombination



Genetic Recombination and Transfer



- **Vertical gene transfer**
 - Organisms replicate their genomes and provide copies to descendants

- **Horizontal Gene Transfer Among Prokaryotes**
 - Horizontal gene transfer
 - Donor cell contributes part of genome to recipient cell
 - Three types
 - **Transformation**
 - **Transduction**
 - **Bacterial conjugation**

Genetic Recombination and Transfer

- Horizontal Gene Transfer Among Prokaryotes

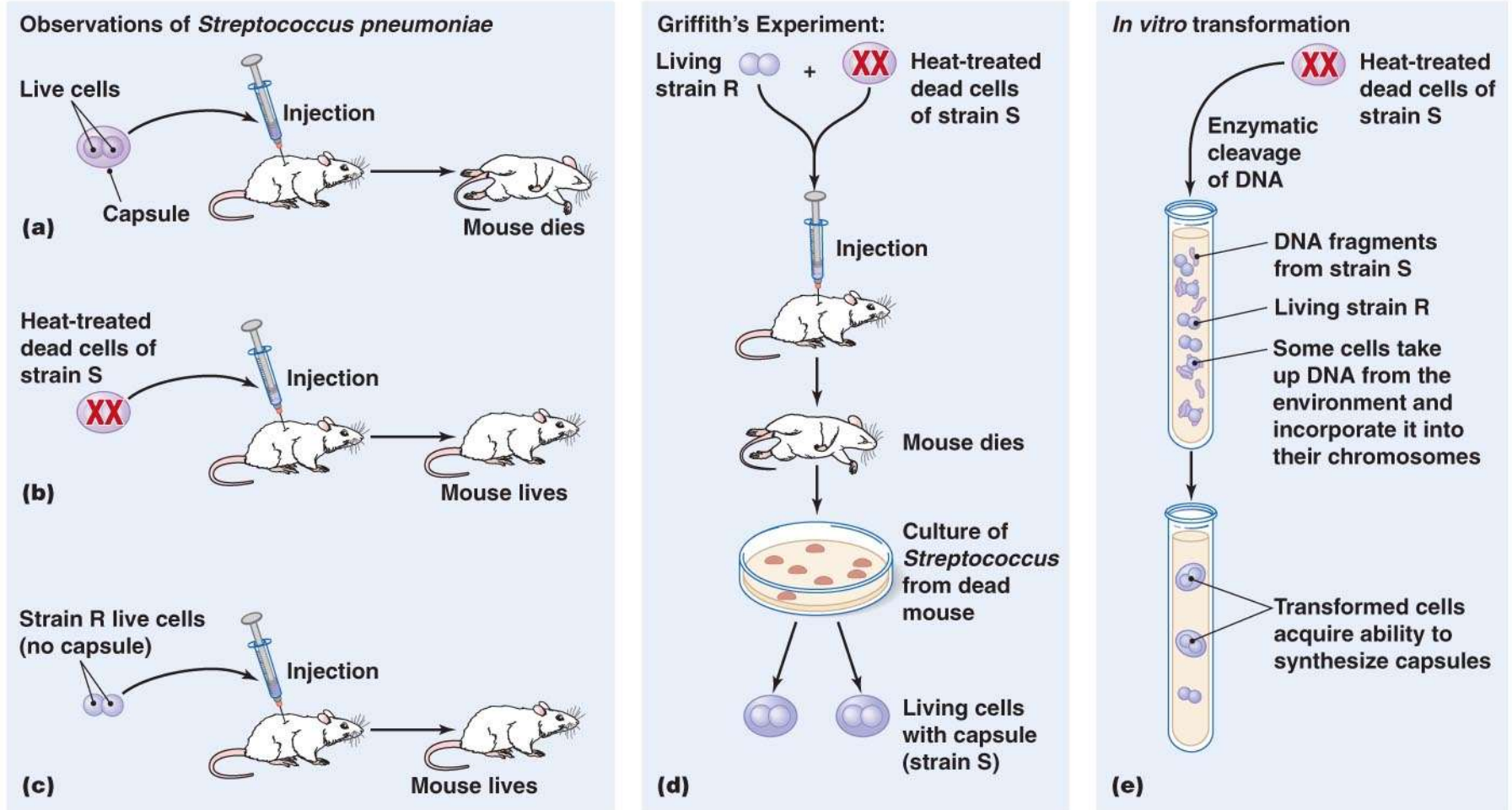
- **Transformation**

- One of conclusive pieces of proof that DNA is genetic material

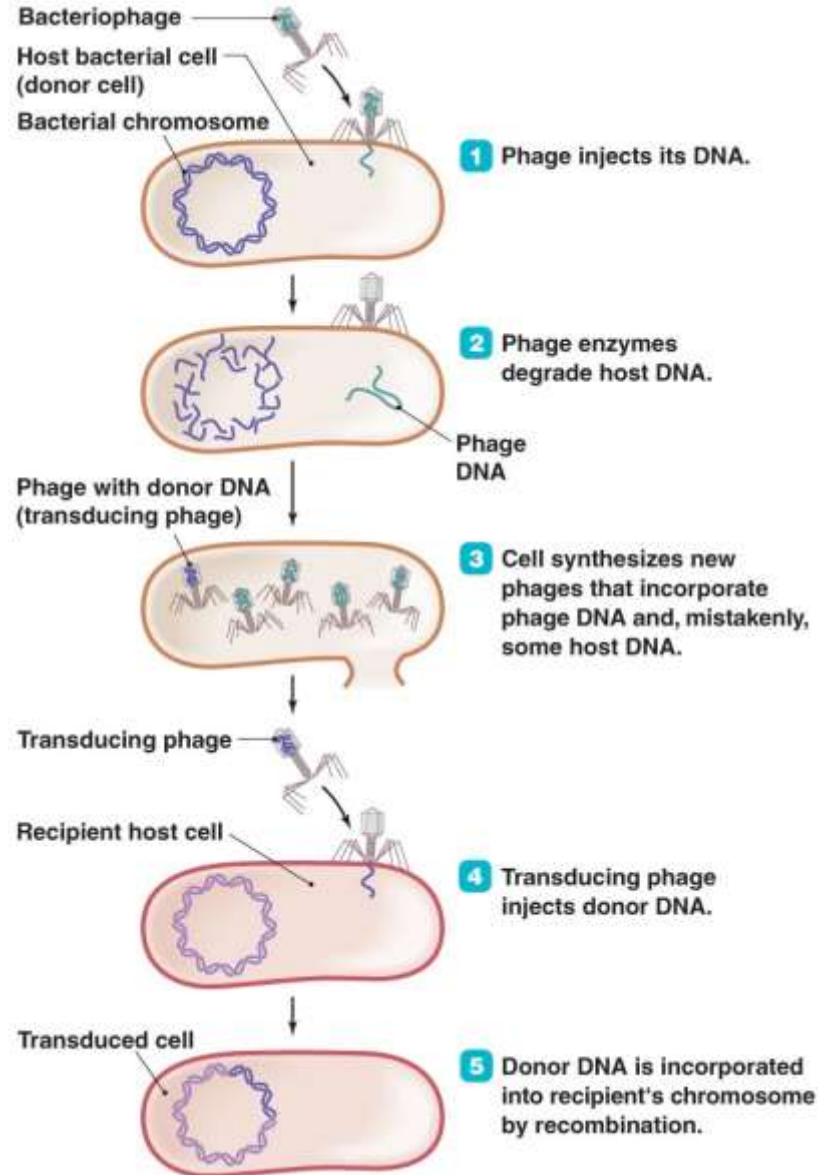
- Cells that take up DNA are **competent**

- Results from alterations in cell wall and cytoplasmic membrane that allow DNA to enter cell

Transformation of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*



Transduction



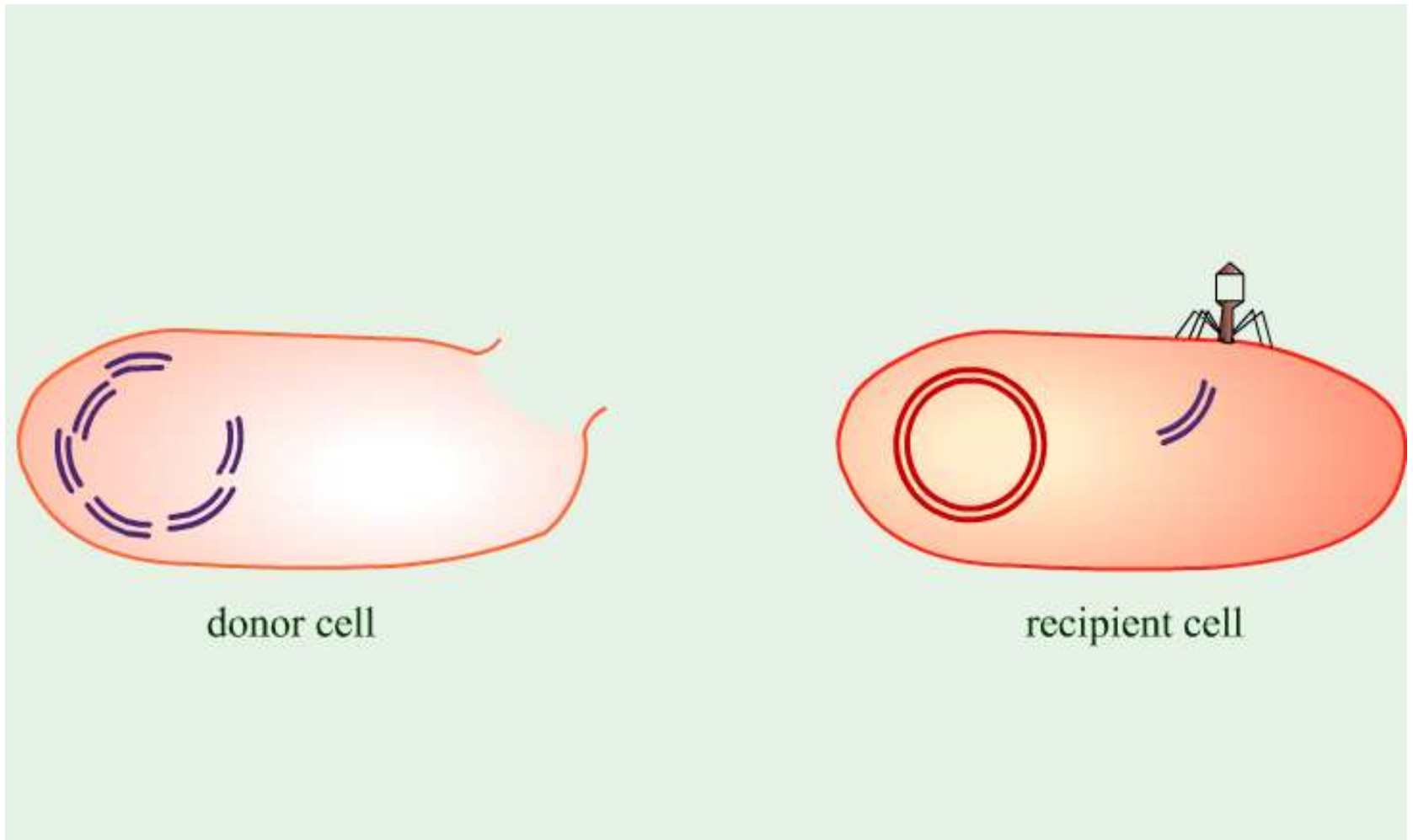
Genetic Recombination and Transfer



- **Horizontal Gene Transfer Among Prokaryotes**
 - **Transduction**
 - **Generalized transduction**
 - Transducing phage carries random DNA segment from donor to recipient
 - **Specialized transduction**
 - Only certain donor DNA sequences are transferred

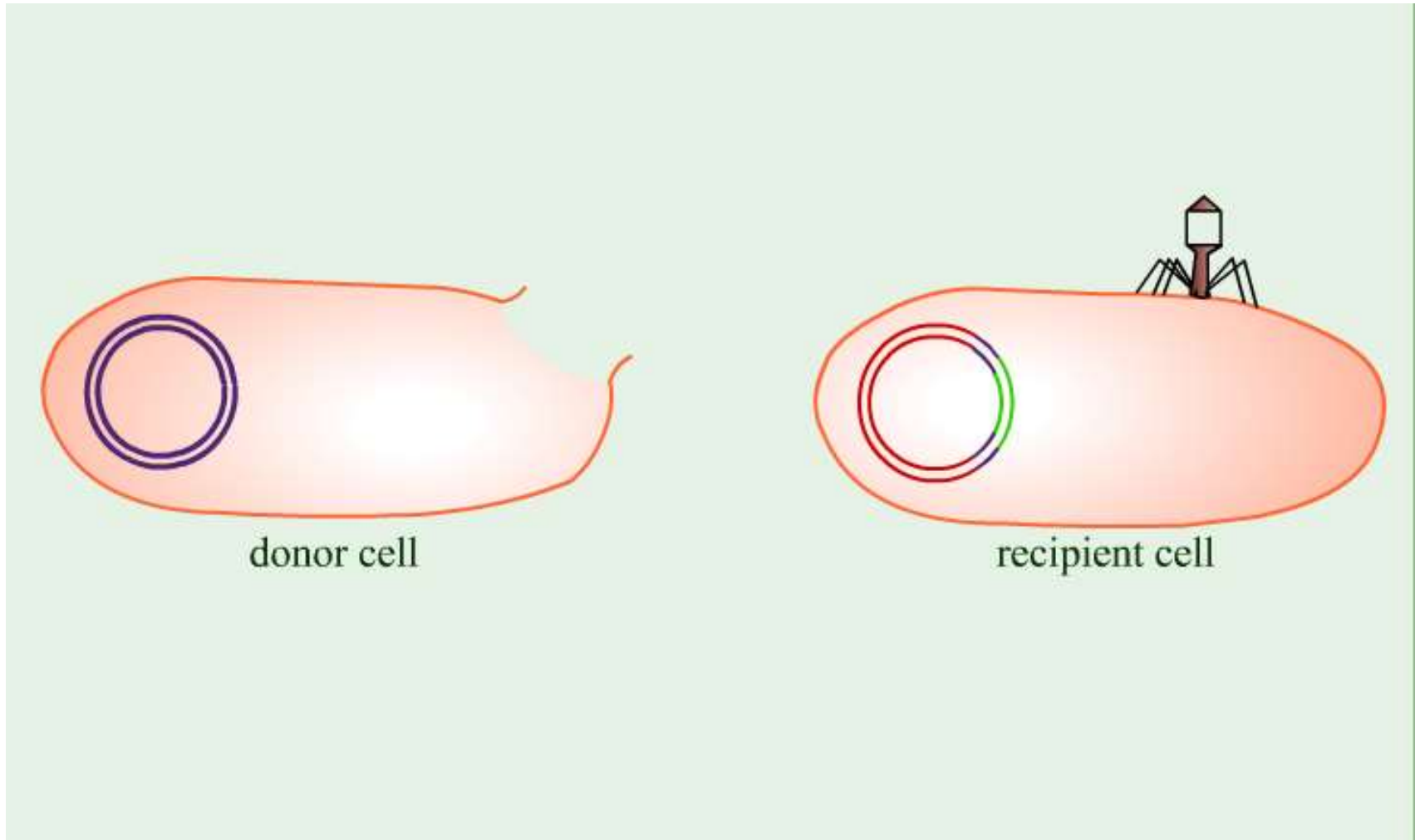
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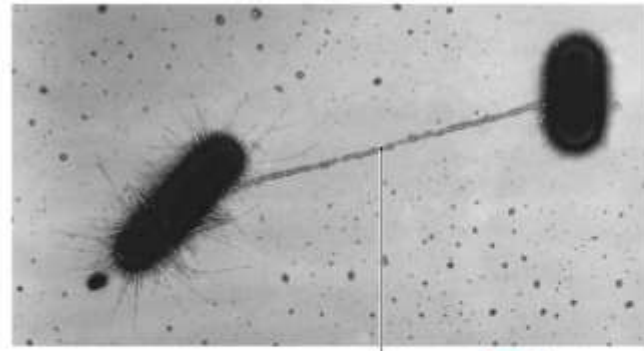
Animation: Transduction: Generalized Transduction

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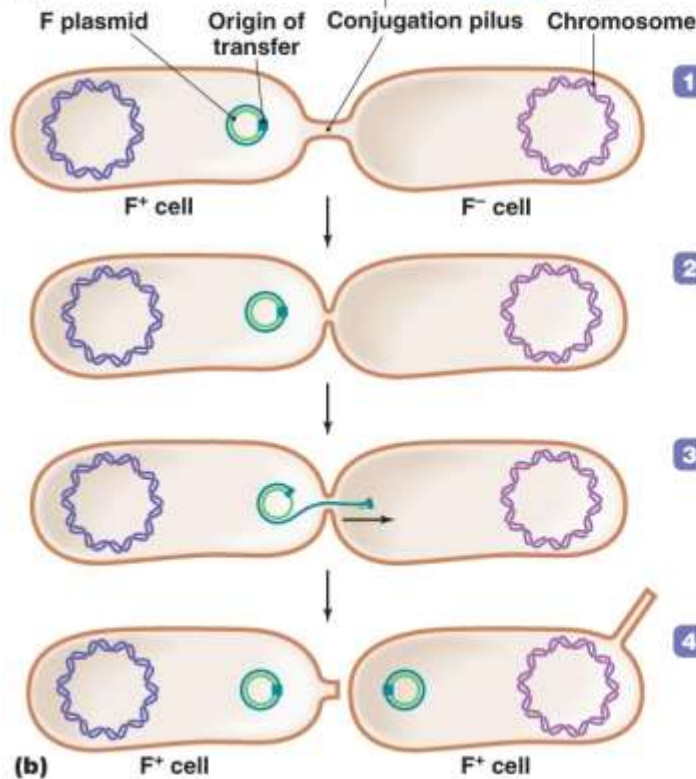


Animation: Transduction: Specialized Transduction

Bacterial Conjugation

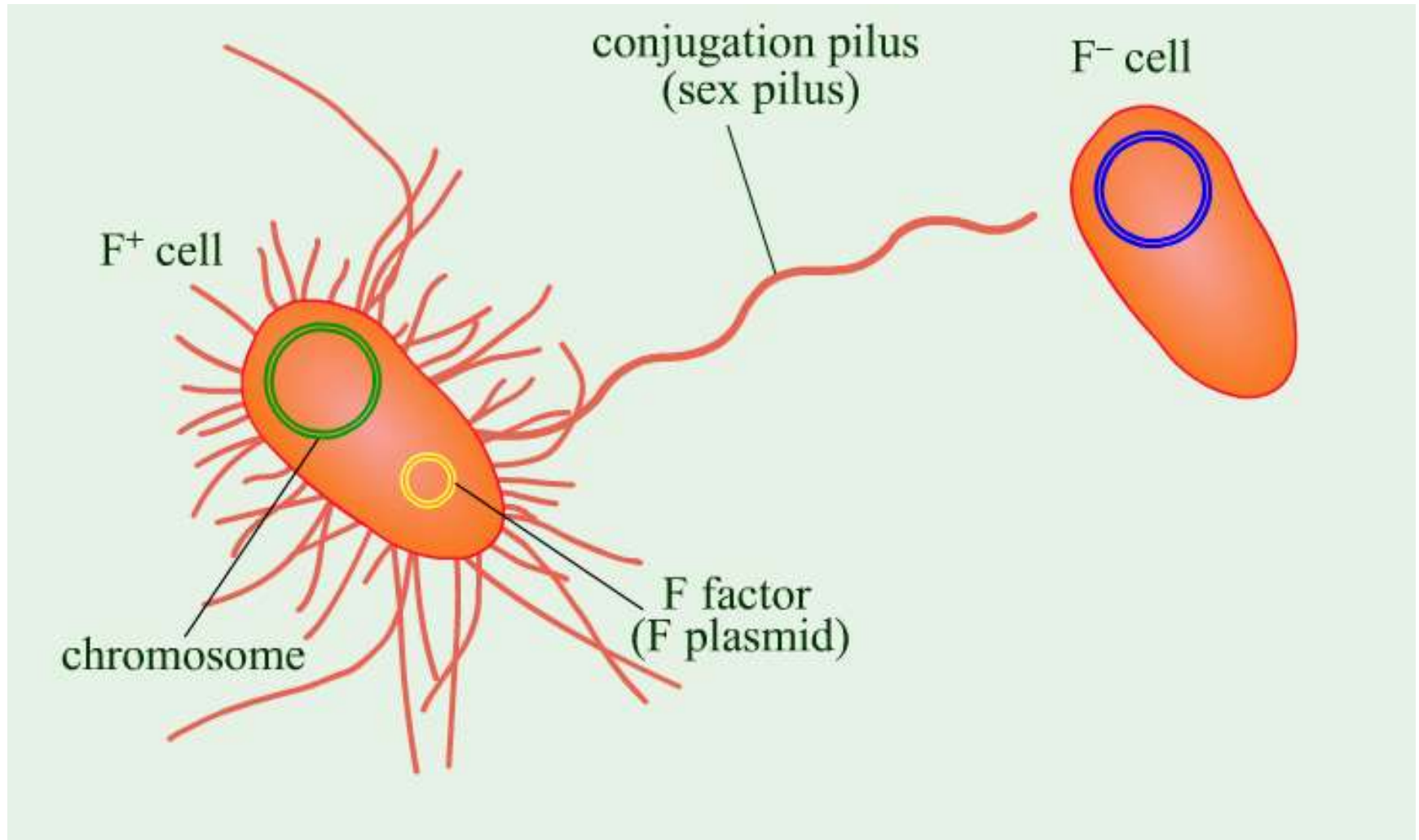


(a) TEM 1 μm



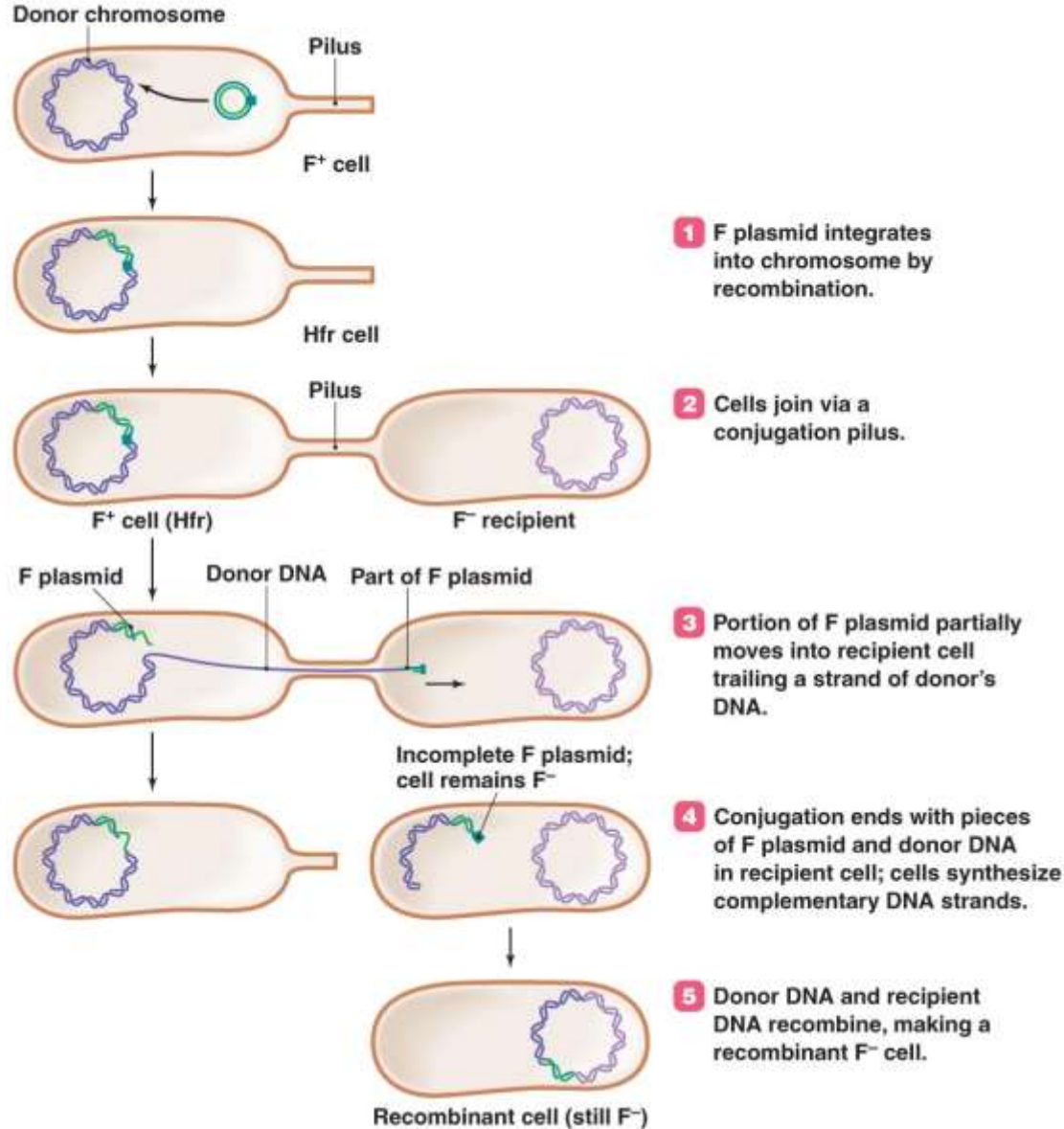
- 1 Donor cell attaches to a recipient cell with its pilus.
- 2 Pilus may draw cells together.
- 3 One strand of F plasmid DNA transfers to the recipient.
- 4 The recipient synthesizes a complementary strand to become an F⁺ cell with a pilus; the donor synthesizes a complementary strand, restoring its complete plasmid.

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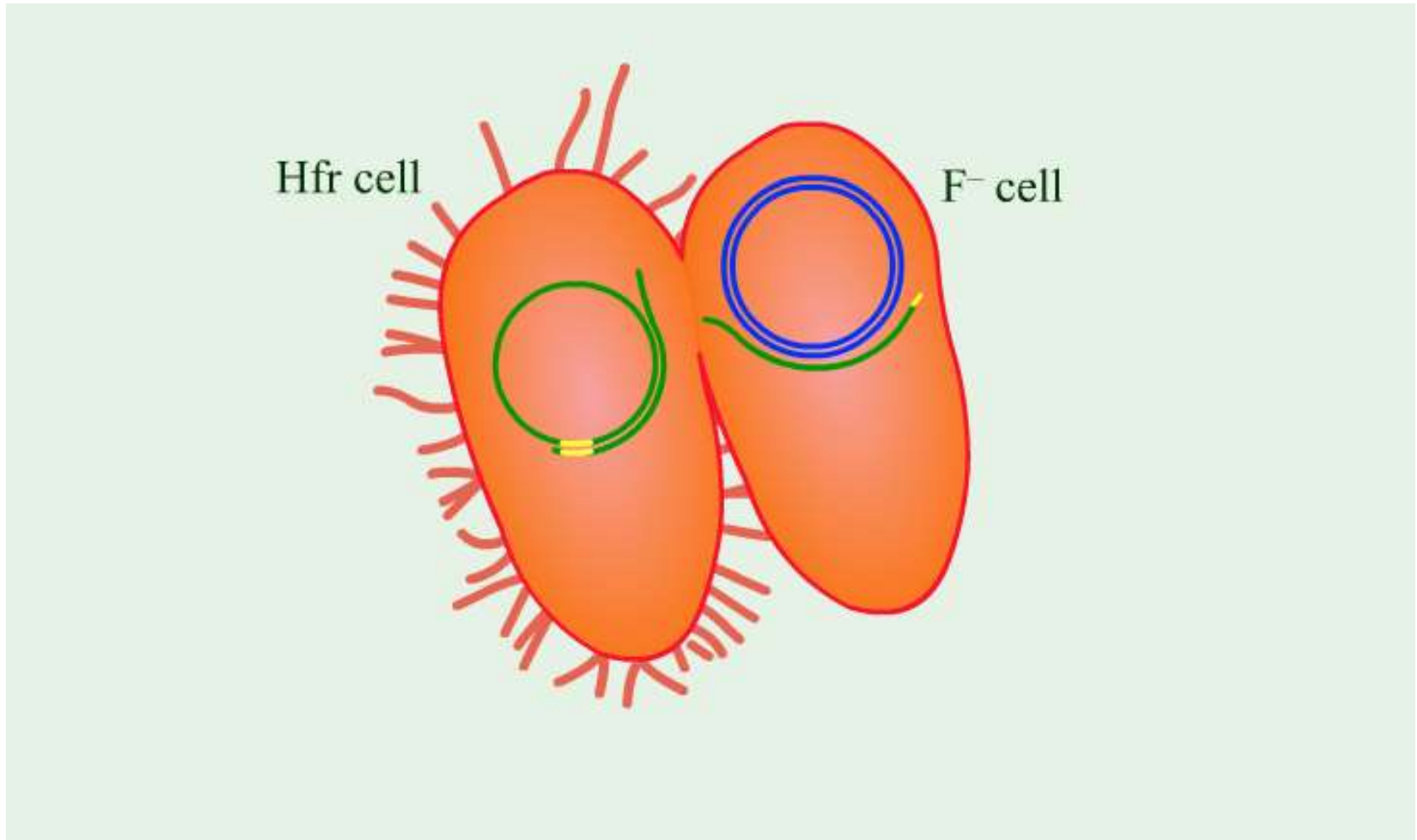


Animation: Conjugation: F Factor

Conjugation involving an Hfr cell



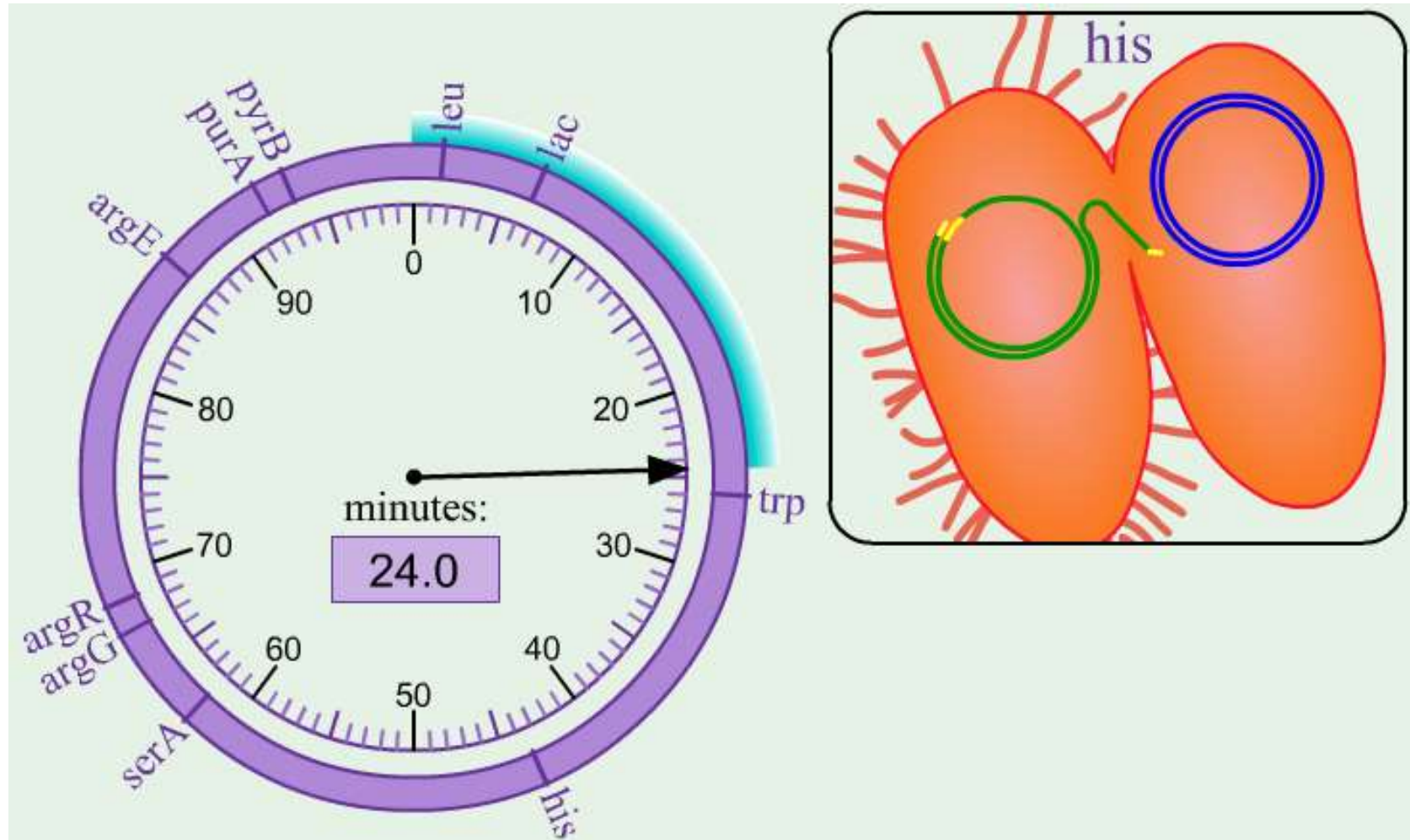
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Animation: Conjugation: Hfr Conjugation

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Animation: Conjugation: Chromosome Mapping

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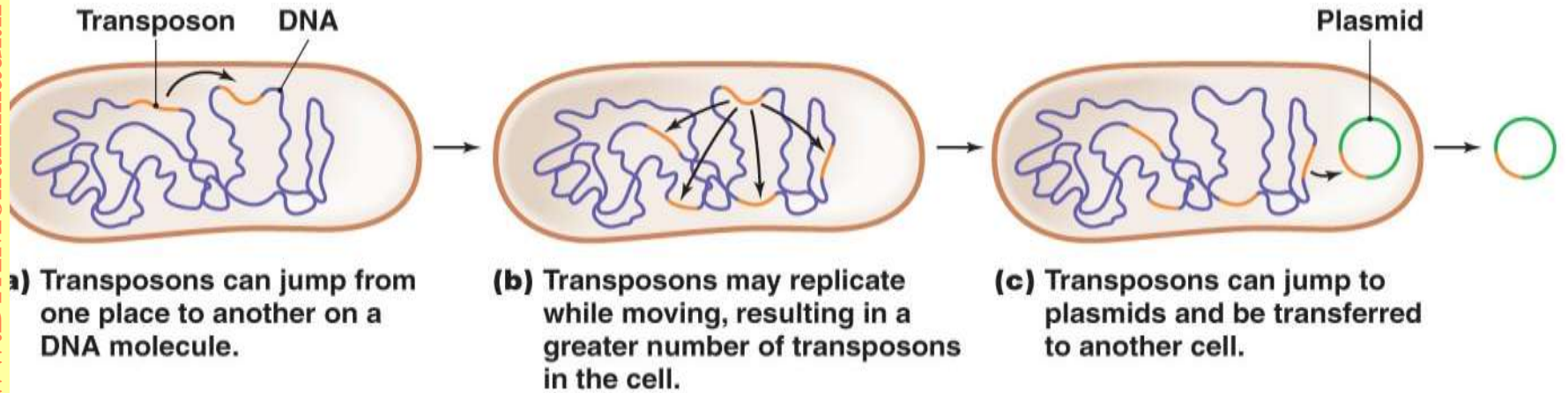


- **Transposons and Transposition**

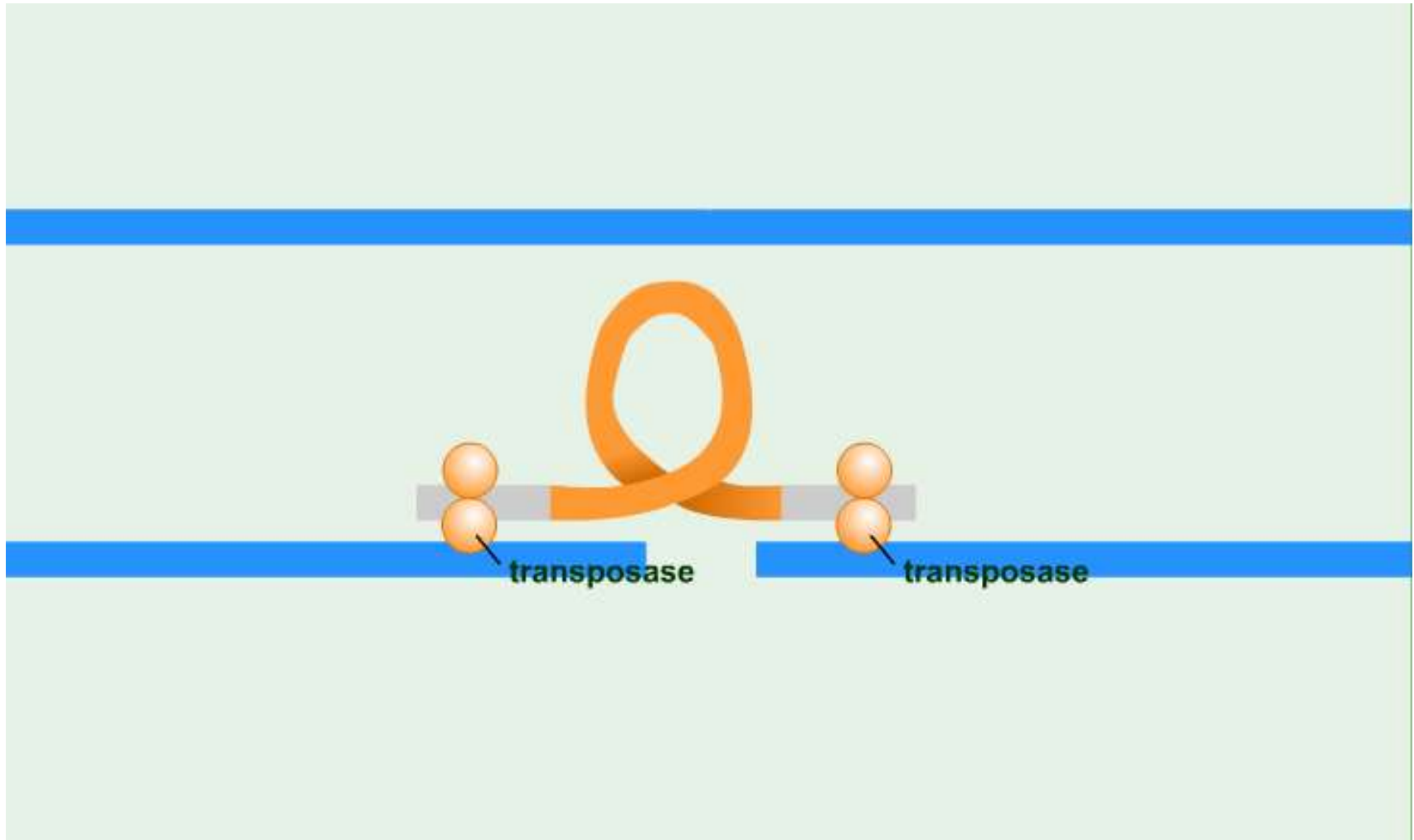
- Transposons
 - Segments of DNA that move from one location to another in the same or different molecule
 - Result is a kind of frameshift insertion (transpositions)
 - Transposons all contain palindromic sequences at each end

Transposition

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Genetic Recombination and Transfer



Animation: Transposons: Overview

Genetic Recombination and Transfer

- **Transposons and Transposition**

- **Simplest transposons**

- Insertion sequences (**IS**)

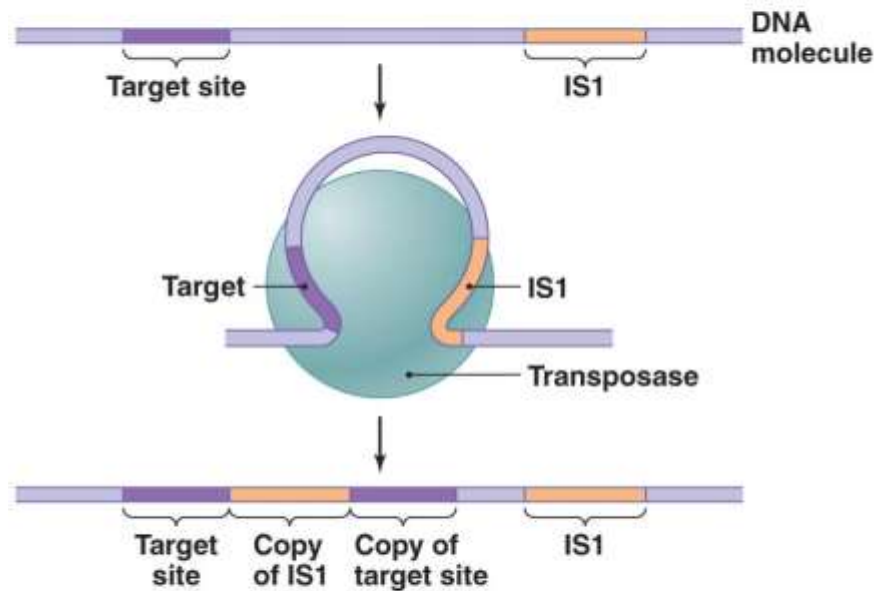
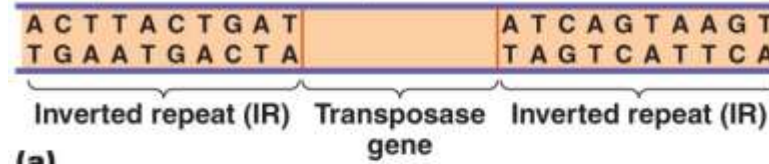
- Have no more than two inverted repeats and a gene for transposase

- **Complex transposons**

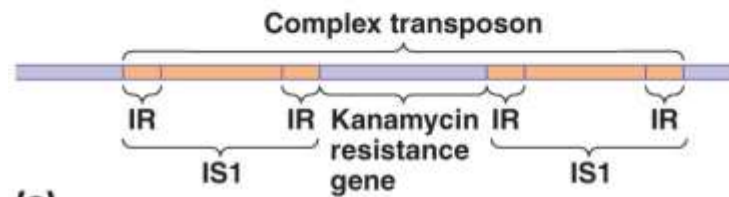
- Contain one or more genes not connected with transposition

Transposons

Transposon: Insertion sequence IS1

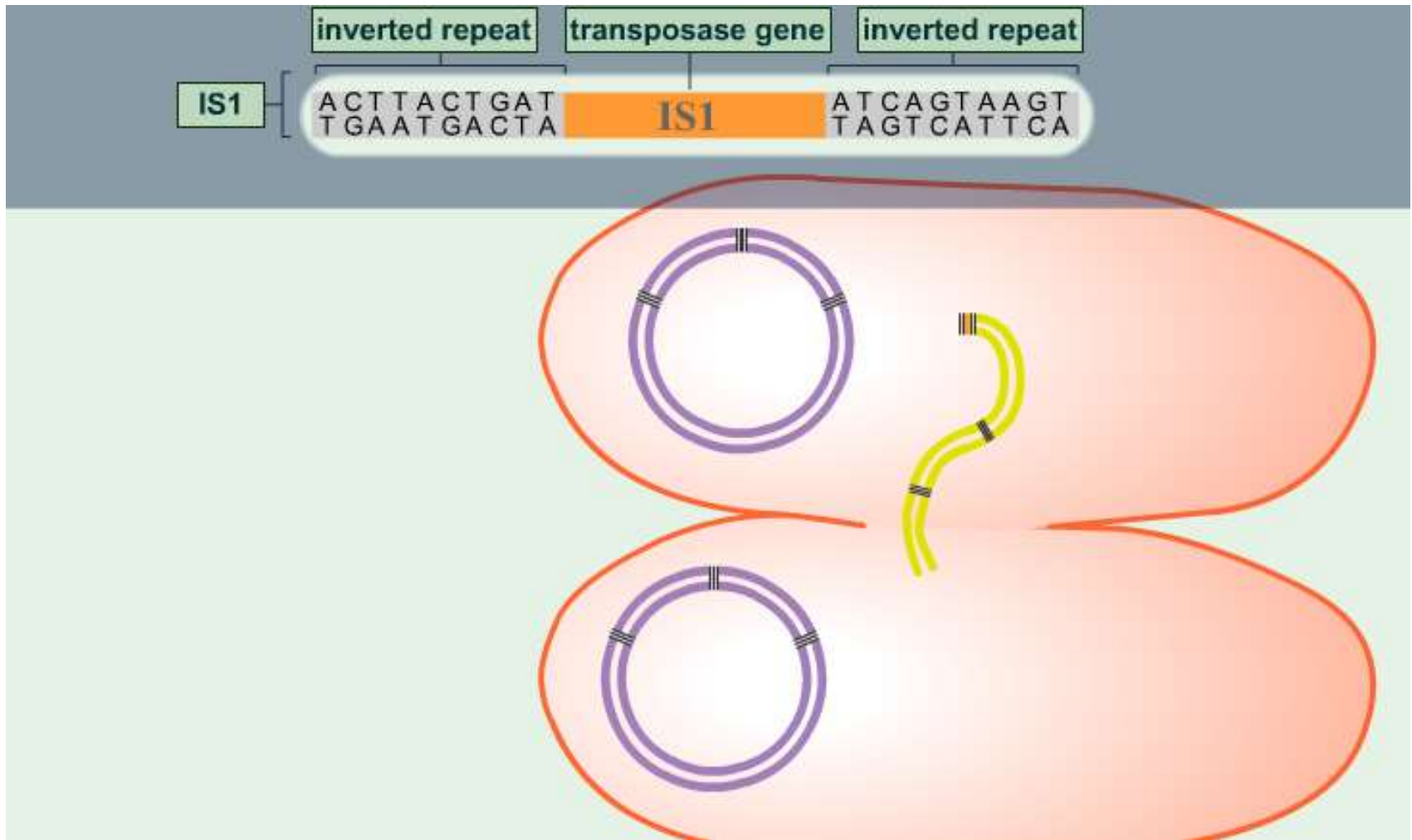


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Genetic Recombination and Transfer

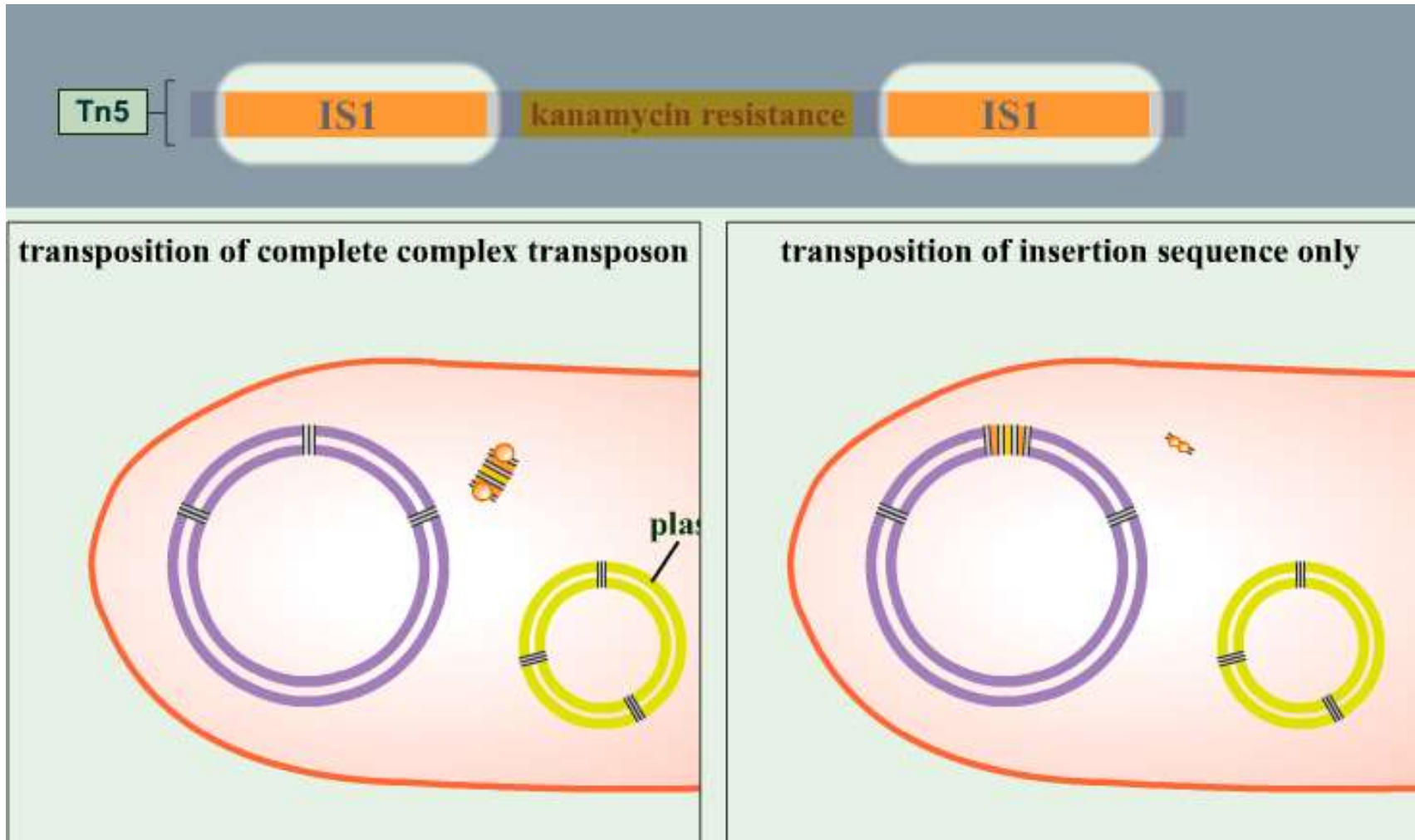


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Animation: Transposons: Insertion Sequences

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Animation: Transposons: Complex Transposons

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