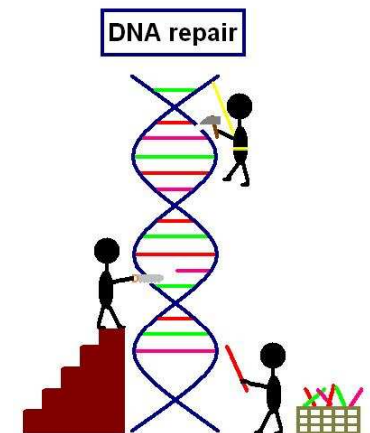


DNA Repair and Genomic Instability

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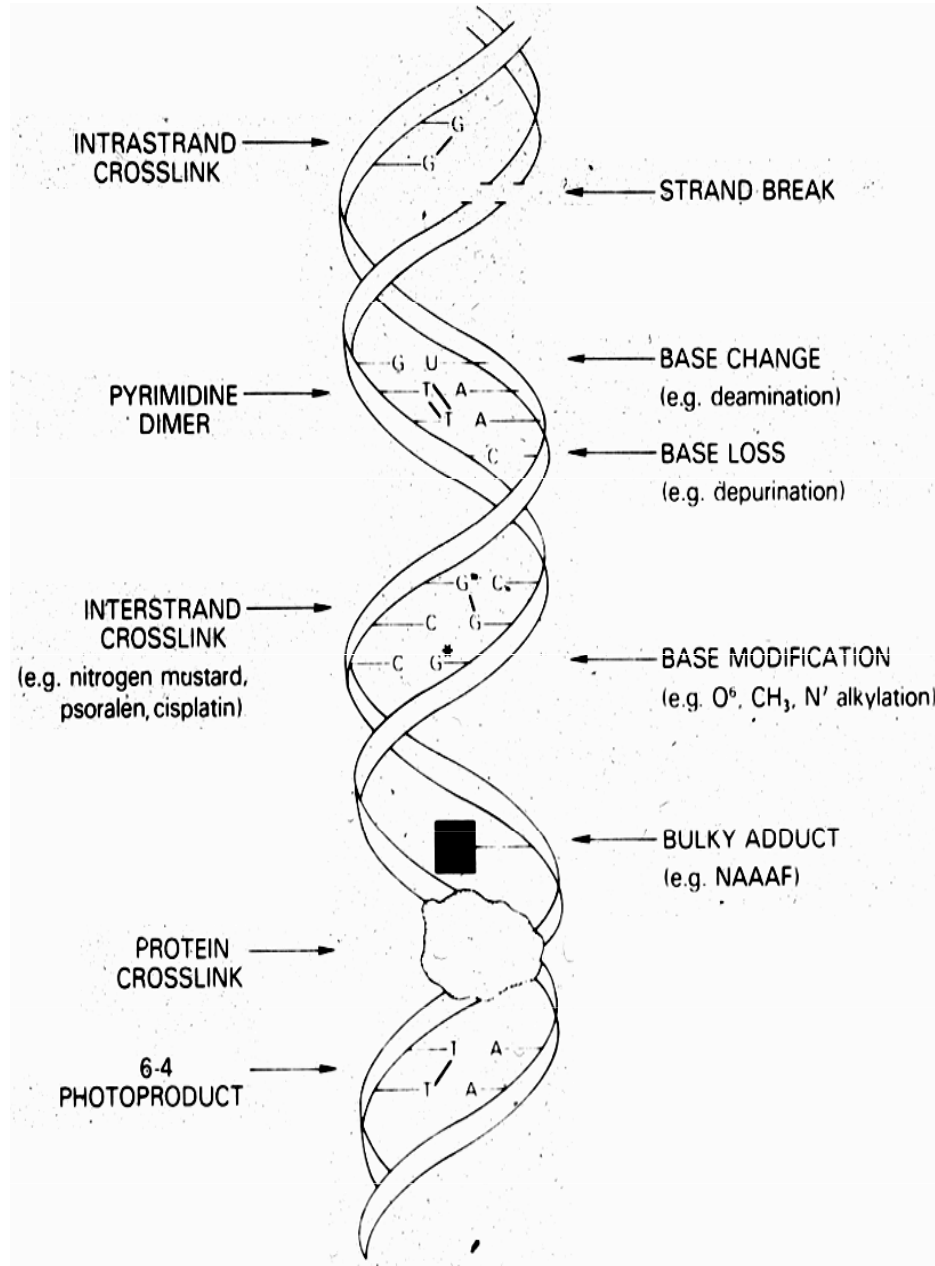
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Jaký mechanismus se podílí
na opravě dvouřetězcových
zlomů?

Why do we study this?

Common Types of DNA Damage and Spontaneous Alterations



Exogenous Sources

UV (sunlight)
Pollution (hydrocarbons)

Smoking
Foodstuffs

Radiotherapy
Ionizing Radiation
X-rays

Chemotherapy
(Alkylating agents)
Cisplatin
Mitomycin C
Cyclophosphamide
Psoralen
Melphalan

Endogenous Sources

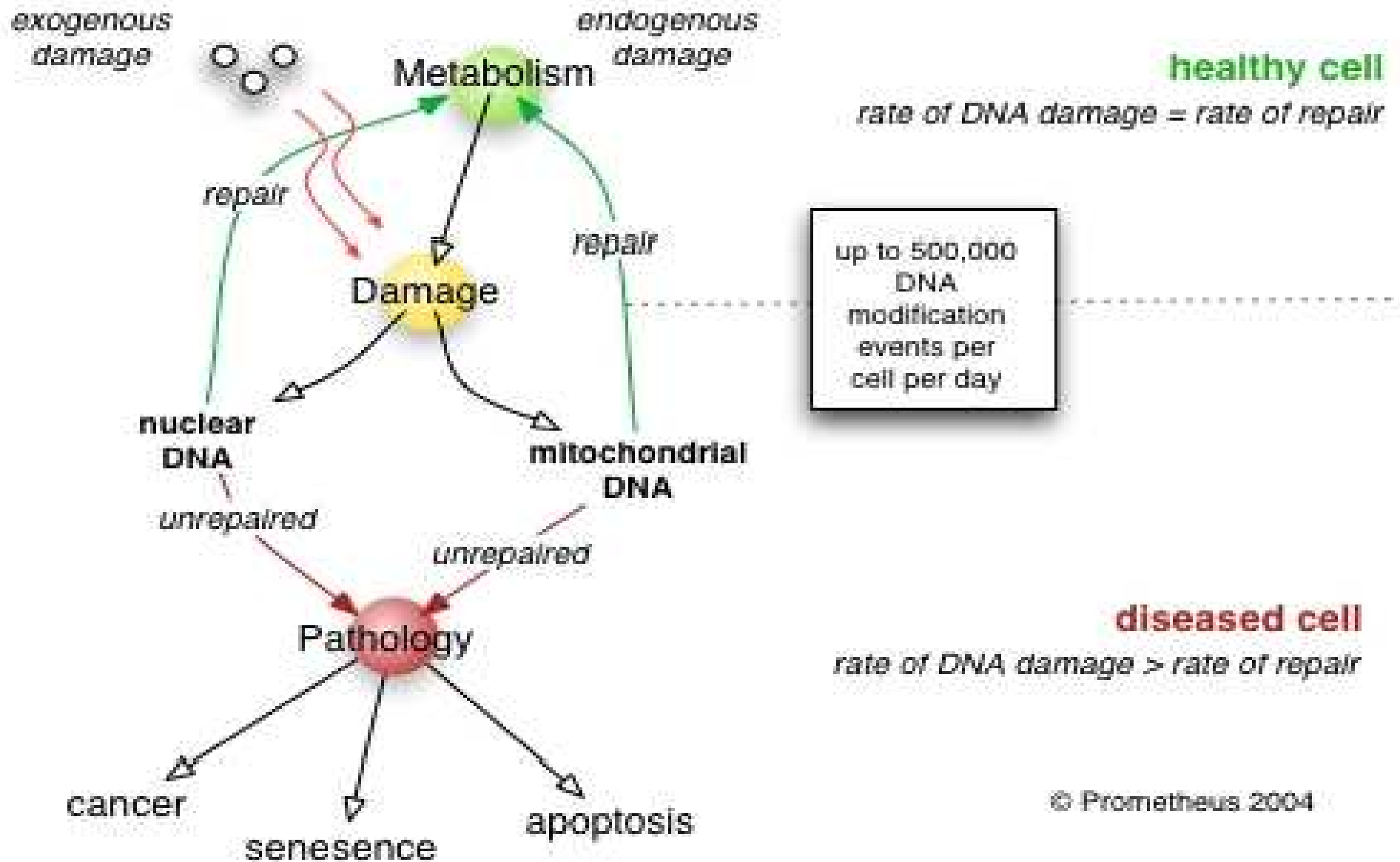
Oxidative damage by free radicals
(oxygen metabolism)
Replicative errors
Spontaneous alterations in DNA
Alkylating agents
(malondialdehyde)

DNA damage in human cell per day:

- loss of base – 26,000
- deamination of cytosin – 1 000
- alkylation of base – x 10 000
- dimerization of pyrimidins – 50 000
- ssDNA breaks – 100,000

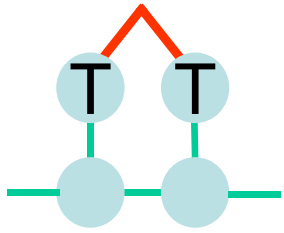
Total ~ 500 000 damage/day

Failure to repair DNA damage:

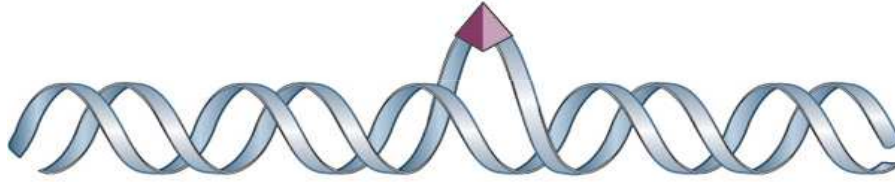


DNA Repair Pathways

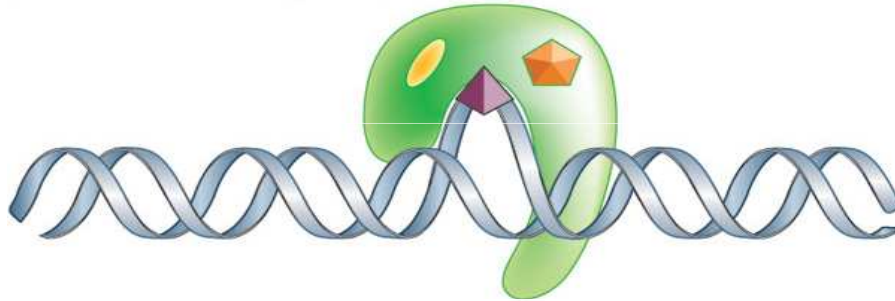
- 1. Direct reversals**
- 2. Excision repair**
 - Base Excision Repair (BER)
 - Nucleotide Excision Repair (NER)
- 3. Mismatch repair (MMR)**
 - replication errors
- 4. Recombinational repair (HR and NHEJ)**
 - multiple pathways
 - double strand breaks and interstrand cross-links
- 5. Tolerance mechanisms**
 - lesion bypass (TLS)
 - recombination



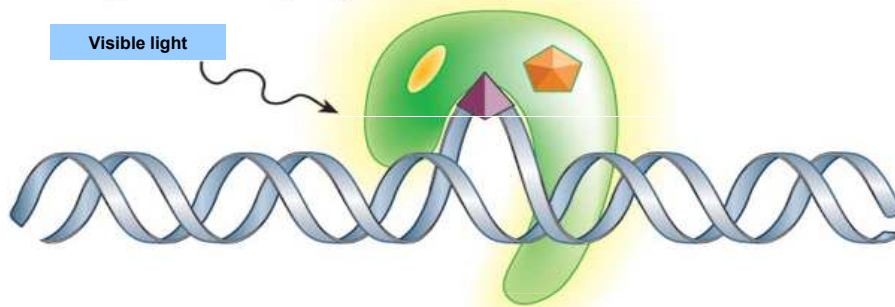
Pyrimidine dimer in UV-exposed DNA



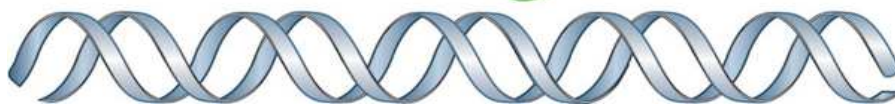
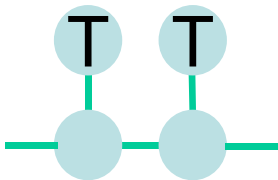
Complex of DNA with photoreactivating enzyme



Absorption of light (>300 nm)



Release of enzyme to restore native DNA



Repair by Direct reversal: photoreactivation

Damage Recognized:

Thymine dimers
6-4 photoproduct

Gene Products Required:

Photolyase

Related disease:

Photolyase not
yet found in
placental
mammals

Excision Repair Pathways

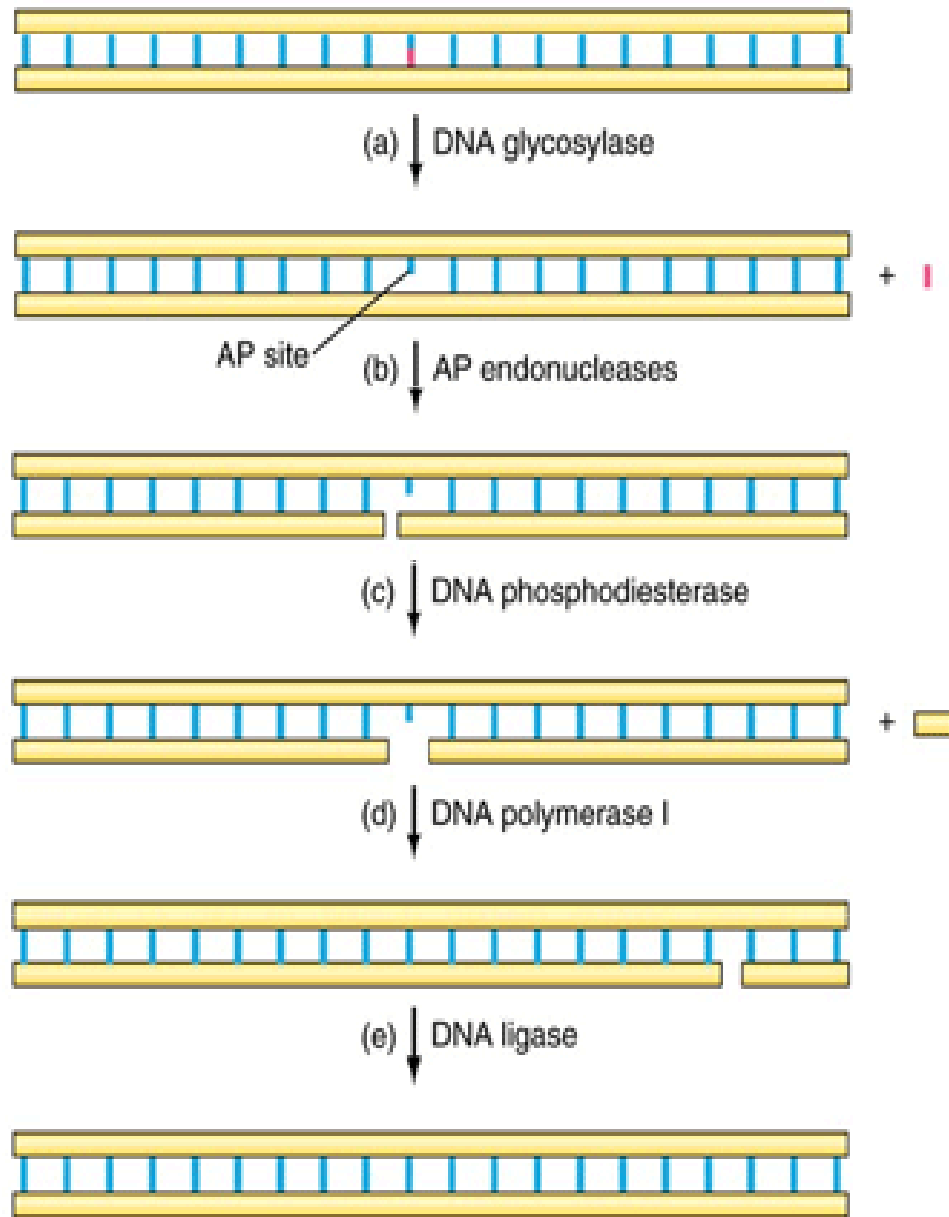
Base Excision Repair

- damaged bases are removed as free bases
- primarily responsible for removal of oxidative and alkylation damage
- most genes in pathway are essential
- thought to have an important role in aging and cancer

Nucleotide Excision Repair

- damaged bases are removed as oligonucleotides
- primarily responsible for removal of UV-induced damage and bulky adducts
- also removes ~ 20% of oxidative damage
- deficient in human disorders

E. coli Base Excision Repair (BER)



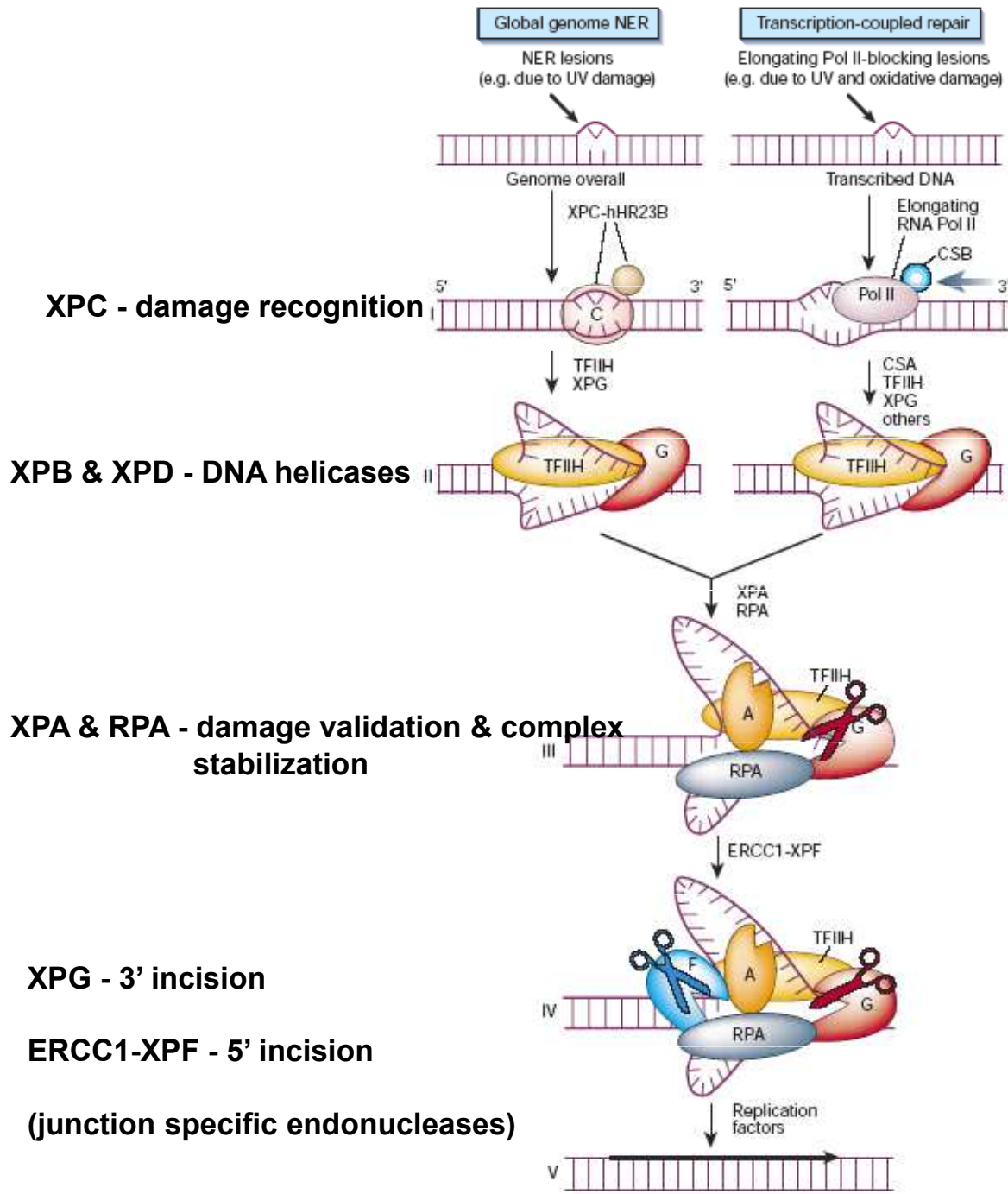
Damage Recognized:

- Base deamination
- Oxidative damage
- and other minor base modifications

Gene Products Required (5):

- Glycosylase
- AP endonuclease
- Phosphodiesterase
- DNA polymerase
- DNA Ligase

Nucleotide Excision Repair



E. coli

5' incision is 8 nuc. from lesion
3' incision is 4 nuc. from lesion

Mammals

5' incision is 22 nuc. from lesion
3' incision is 6 nuc. from lesion

Genetics of NER in Humans

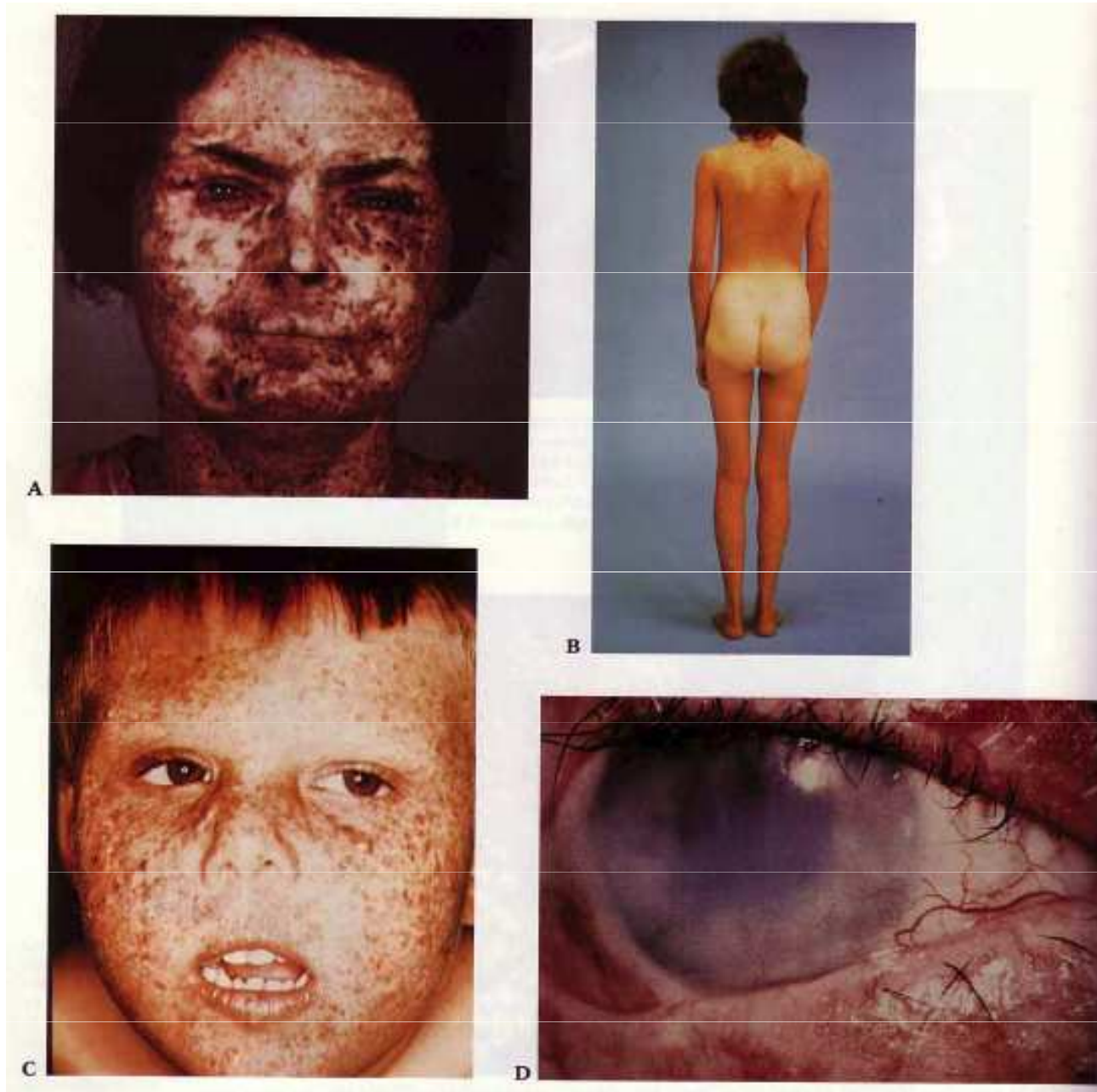
Xeroderma Pigmentosum (classical)

- Occurrence: 1-4 per million population
- Sensitivity: ultraviolet radiation (sunlight)
- Disorder: multiple skin disorders; malignancies of the skin; neurological and ocular abnormalities
- Biochemical: defect in early step of NER
- Genetic: autosomal recessive, seven genes (A-G)

Xeroderma Pigmentosum (variant)

- Occurrence: same as classical
- Sensitivity: same as classical
- Disorder: same as classical
- Biochemical: defect in translesion bypass

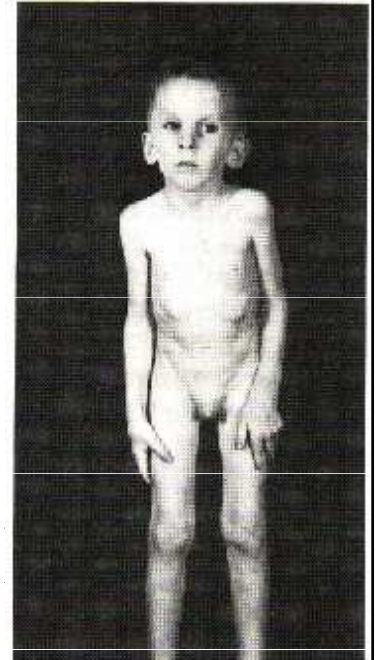
Xeroderma Pigmentosum



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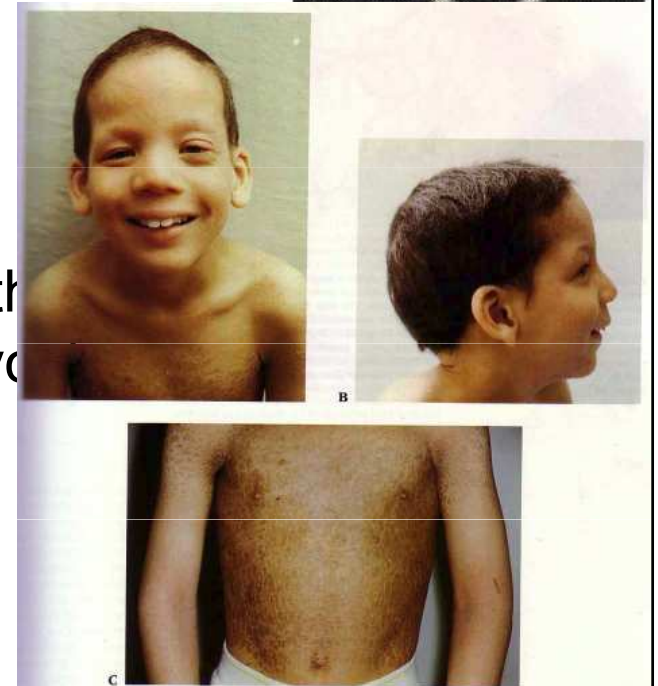
Cockayne's Syndrome

- Occurrence: 1 per million population
- Sensitivity: ultraviolet radiation (sunlight)
- Disorder: arrested development, mental retardation, dwarfism, deafness, optic atrophy, intracranial calcifications; (no increased risk of cancer)
- Biochemical: defect in NER
- Genetic: autosomal recessive, five genes (A, B and XPB, D & G)



Trichothiodystrophy

- Occurrence: 1-2 per million population
- Sensitivity: ultraviolet radiation (sunlight)
- Disorder: sulfur deficient brittle hair, mental and growth retardation, peculiar face with receding chin, ichthyosis (no increased cancer risk)
- Biochemical: defect in NER
- Genetic: autosomal recessive, three genes (TTDA, XPB, XPD)



DNA Mismatch Repair

Repair of Replication Errors

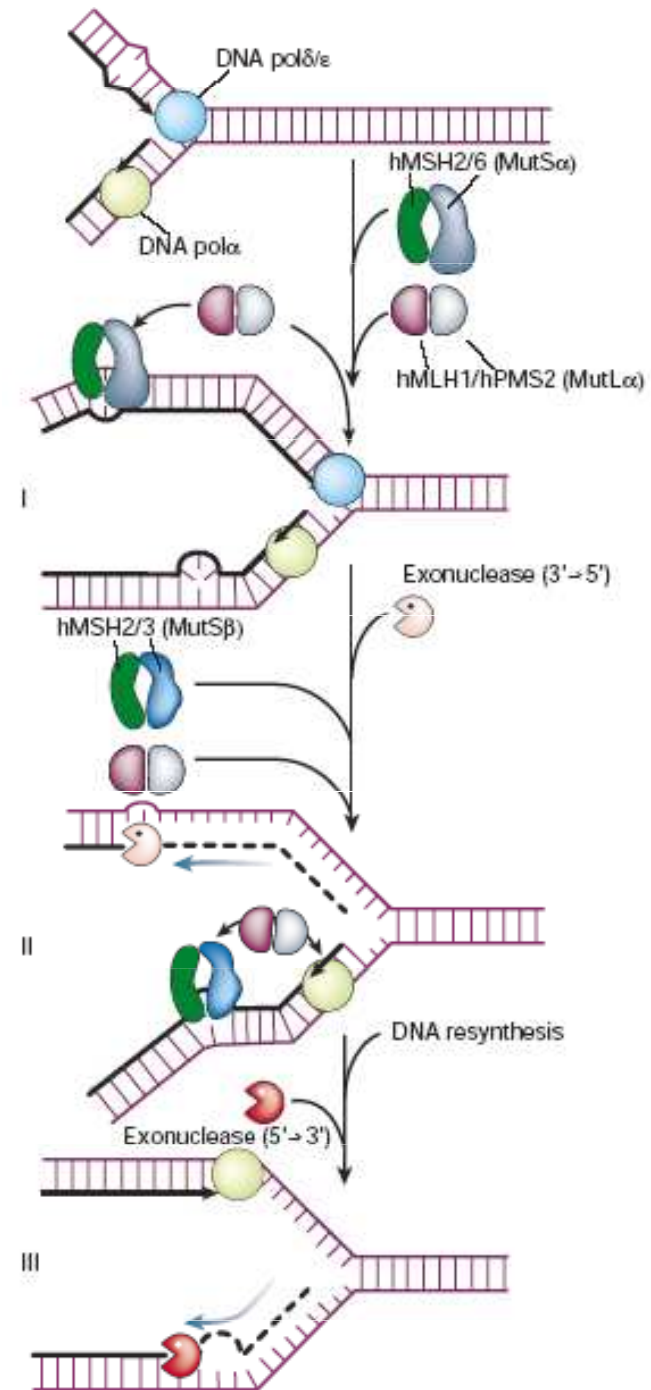
Mechanisms for Insuring Replicative Fidelity

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Base pairing | 10^{-1} to 10^{-2} |
| 2. DNA polymerases | 10^{-5} to 10^{-6} |
| - base selection | |
| - proofreading | |
| 3. Accessory proteins | 10^{-7} |
| - single strand binding protein | |
| 4. Mismatch correction | 10^{-10} |

Further reading: A. Bellacosa, Cell Death and Differentiation 8, 1076 (2001)

M. J. Schofield & P. Hsieh, Ann. Rev. Microbiol. 57, 579 (2003)

Mismatch Repair



Mismatch Repair Mutations in Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colon Cancer (HNPCC)

- MMR mutations in 70% of families
- MLH1 (50%), MSH2 (40%)
- Minor role for MSH6, PMS1, PMS2

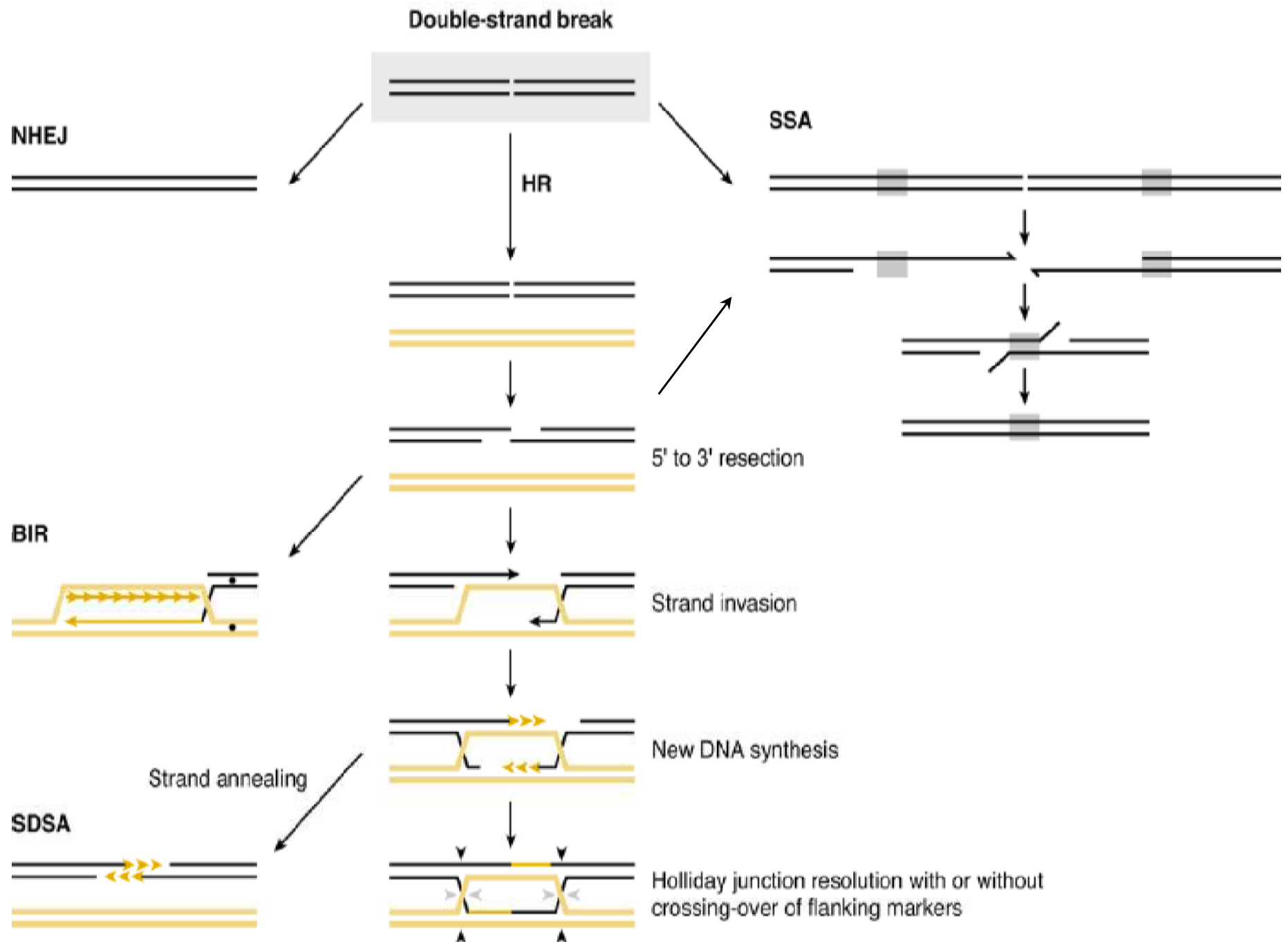
- Population prevalence 1:2851 (15-74 years)
- 18% of colorectal cancers under 45 years
- 28% of colorectal cancers under 30 years

Recombinational DNA Repair Mechanisms

Lesions repaired

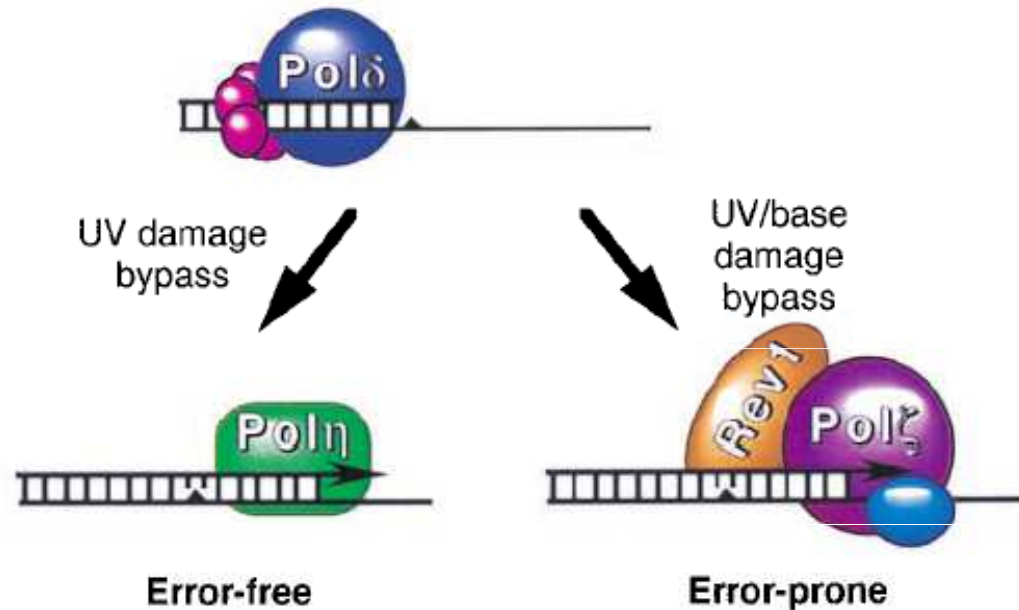
1. Double-strand breaks
2. Interstrand cross-links

Further reading: Paques and Haber, Microbiol. & Molec. Biol. Rev. 63, 349 (1999)



Translesion Bypass DNA Polymerases

S. cerevisiae



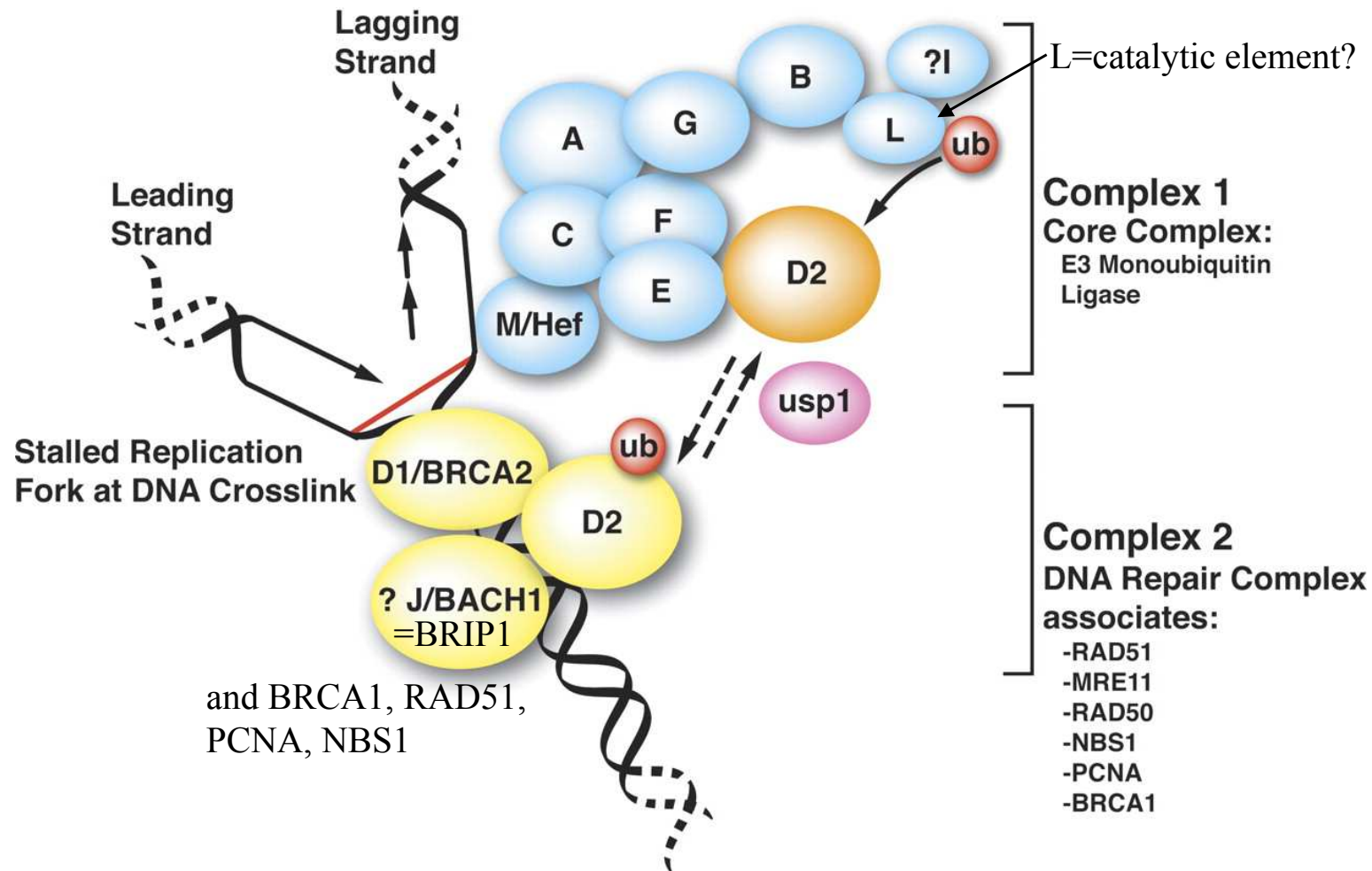
Pol eta

- inserts adenosines opposite TT dimers
- in general has low fidelity
- low processivity
- may be error-prone with other lesions
- Pol eta is a product of the XPV gene

Pol zeta and Rev 1

- Rev 1 inserts random bases opposite dimer
- Pol zeta extends bypass by a few bases
- Both polymerases have low fidelity and low processivity

Schematic interaction of the FA pathway



Richard D. Kennedy et al. *Genes Dev.* 2005; 19: 2925-2940

Fanconi's Anemia

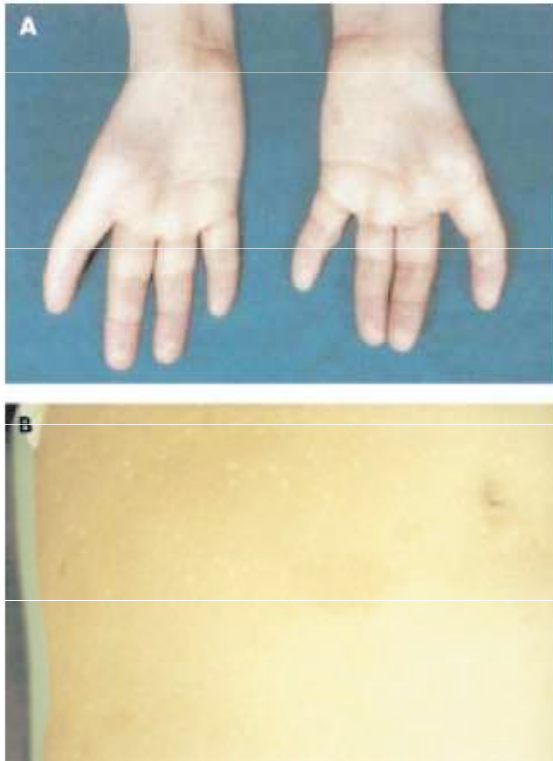


Figure 1 (A) Typical radial ray abnormalities and (B) café au lait patches and hypopigmentation, all common features in FA.

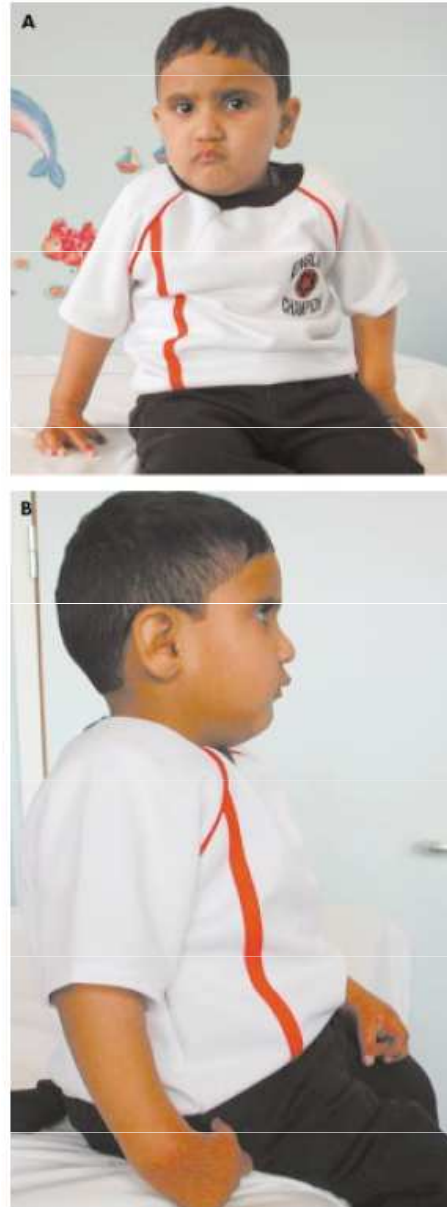


Figure 2 (A, B) A 3½ year old FA child showing radial ray abnormalities. Height and head circumference are both below the 3rd centile.

Congenital abnormalities

- skeletal
- skin pigmentation
- short stature
- male genital
- mental retardation
- cardiac abnormalities
- hearing

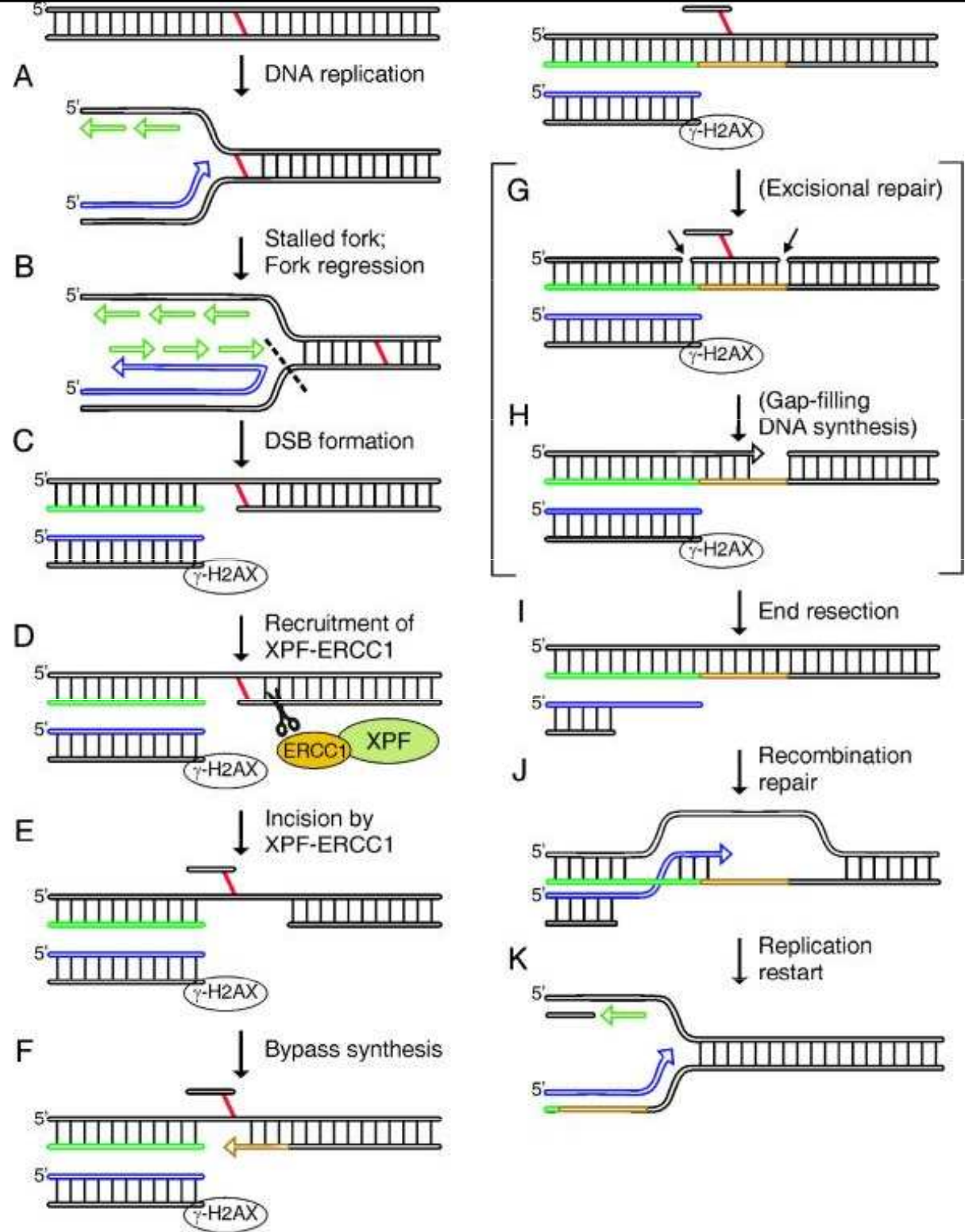
Cancer

- myeloid leukemia
- solid tumors

13 genes in FA

BRCA2 is deficient in FA-D1

Cross-link repair



What do we study?

DNA double-strand breaks (DSB)

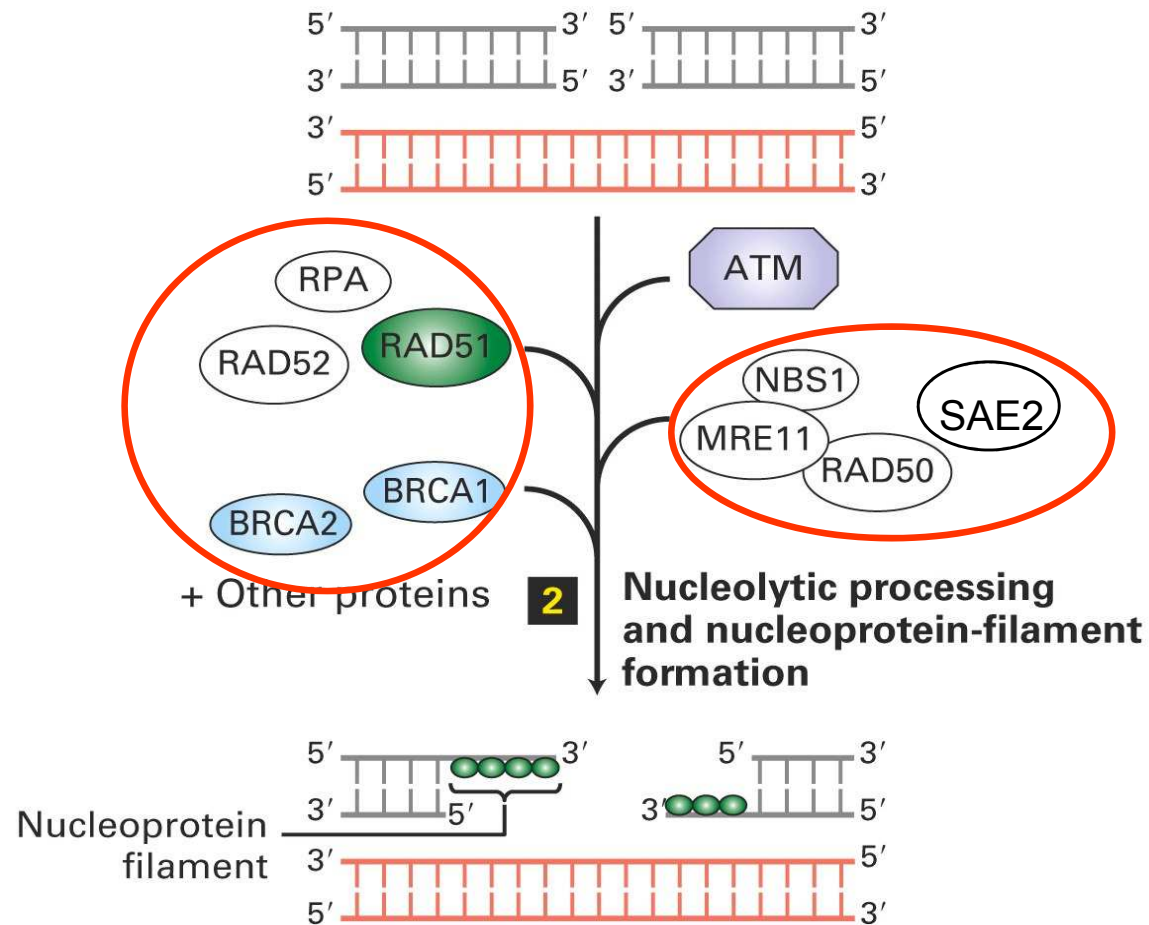
- **Induced by ionizing radiation & chemicals**
- **Arise when replicating a damaged template**
- **Serve as the initiator of meiotic recombination**
- **Part of immune response**

Failure to properly process DSBs

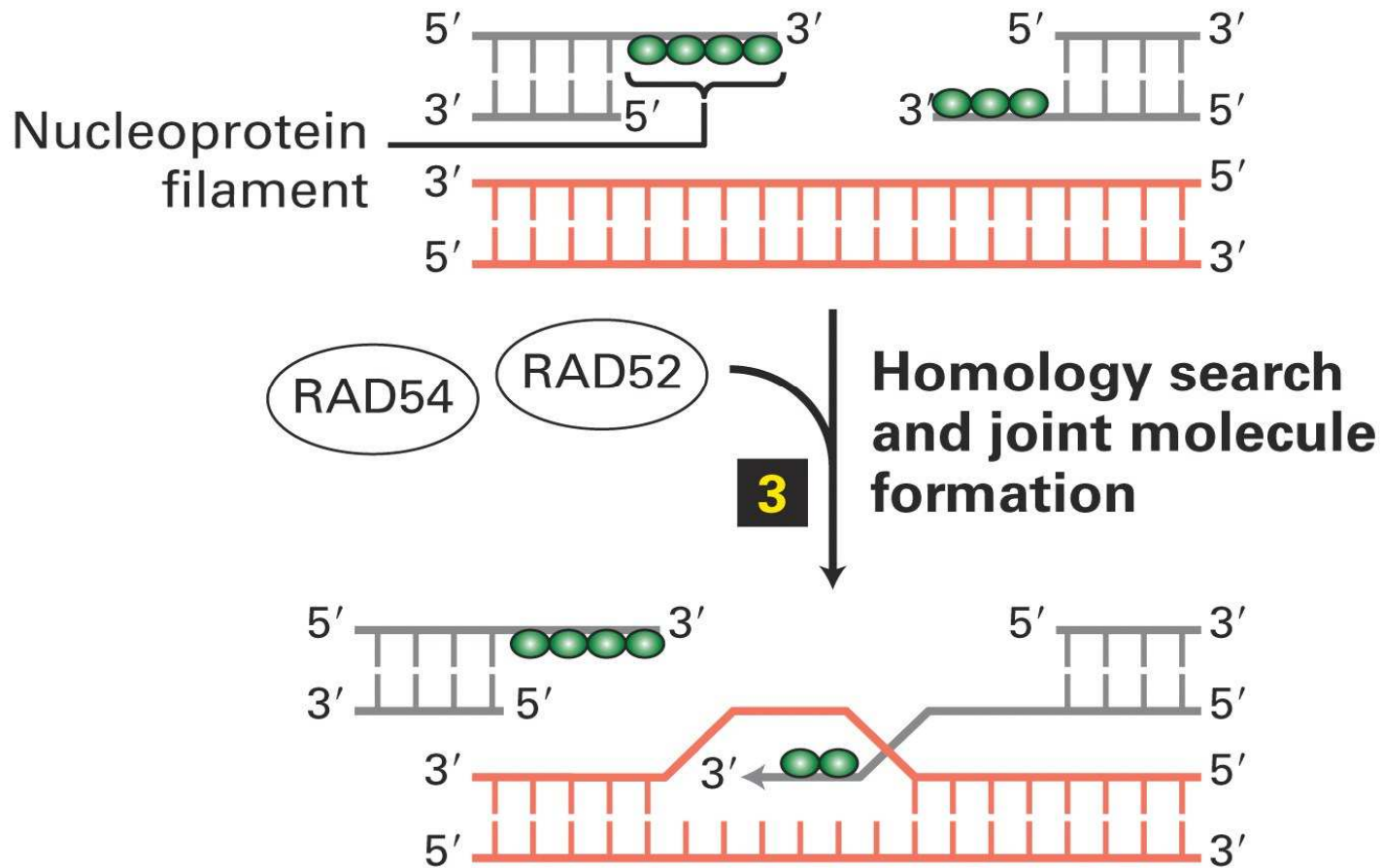
- **Cell death**
- **Chromosomal aberrations**
- **Meiotic aneuploidy**
- **Immunodeficiency**

QuickTime™ and a
TIFF (Uncompressed) decompressor
are needed to see this picture.

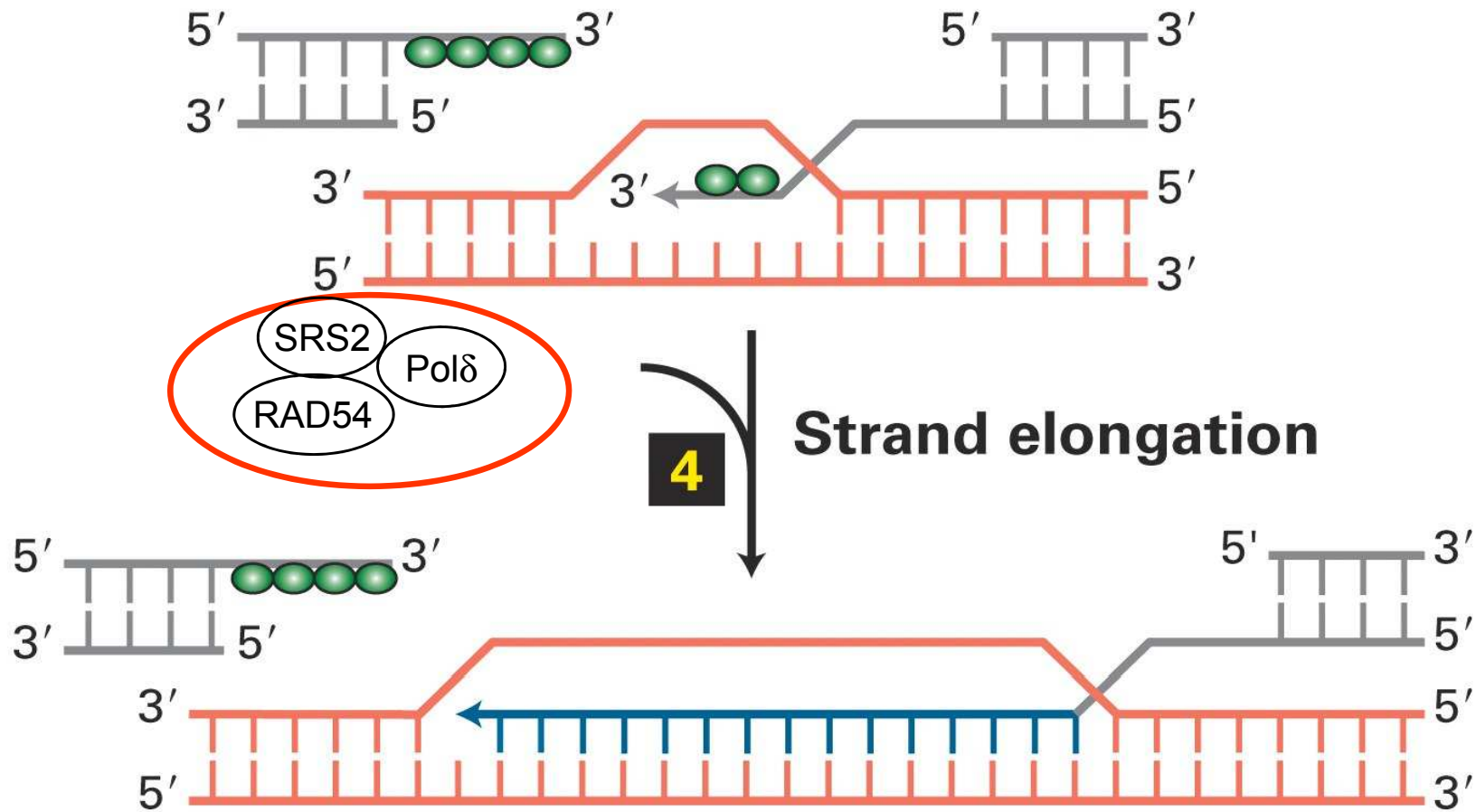
End processing



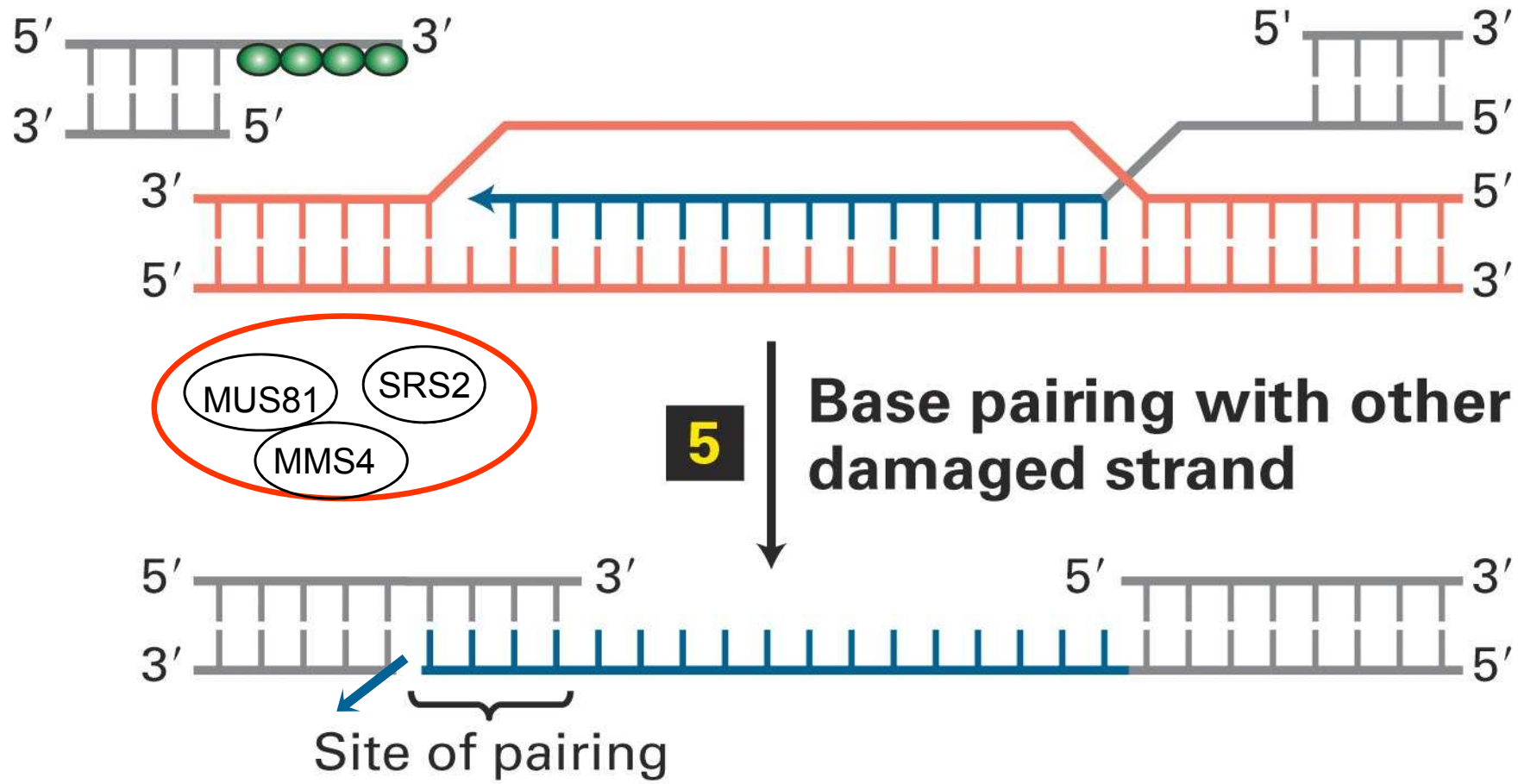
Homology search



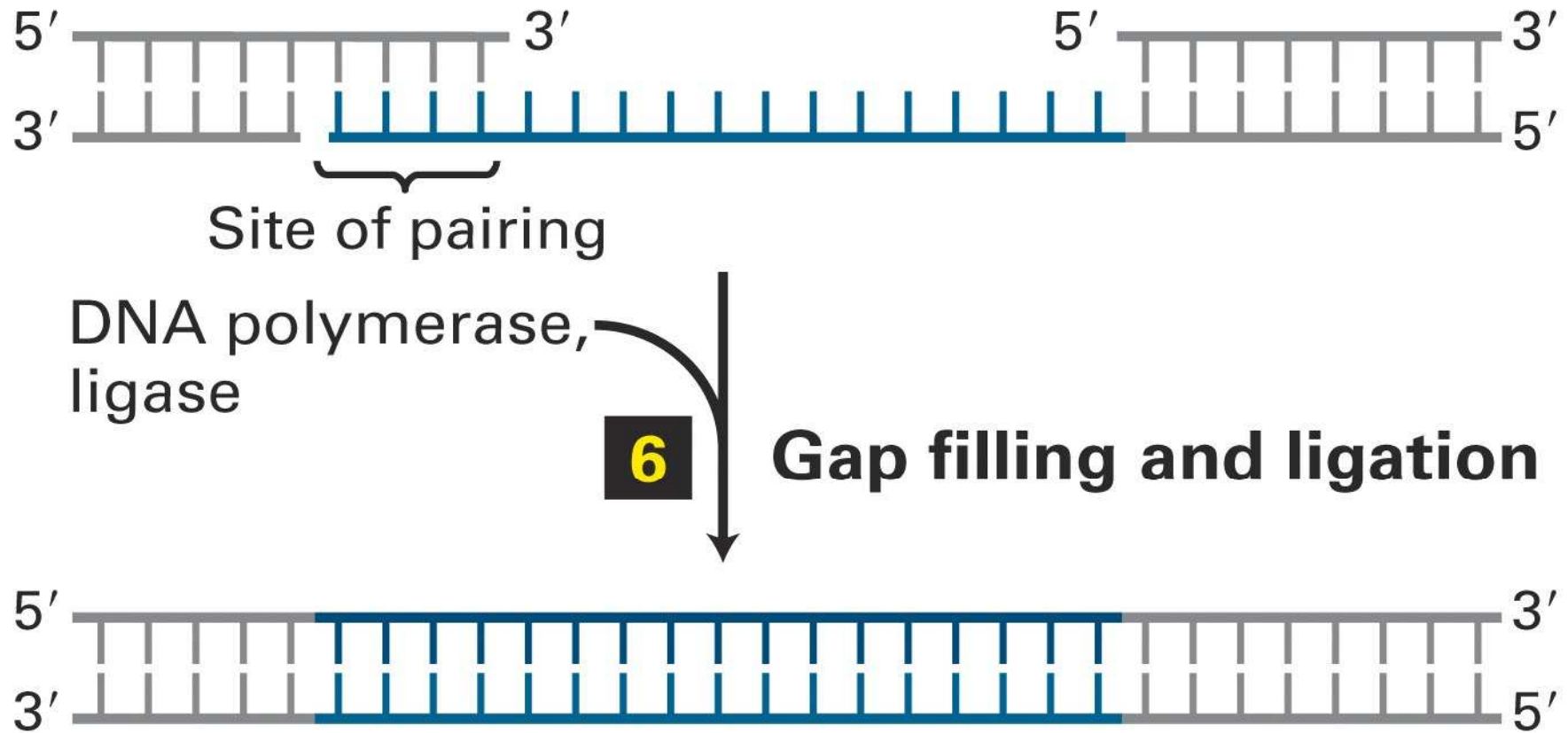
DNA repair synthesis



Resolution



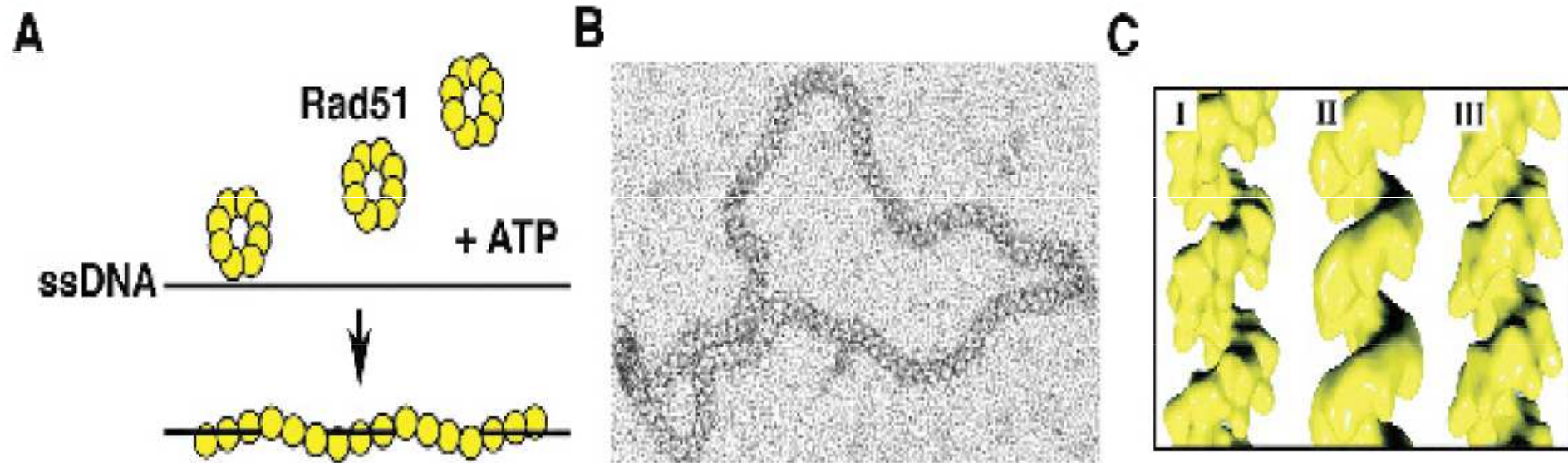
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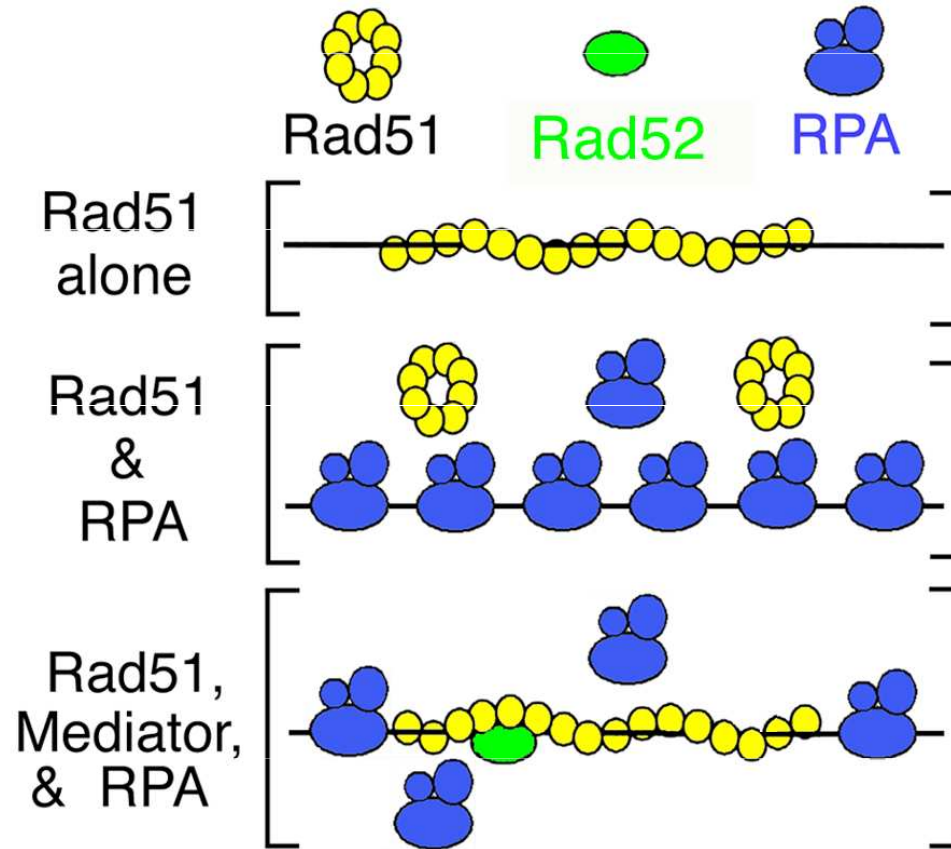
How do we study this?

Examples -
Regulation of recombination?

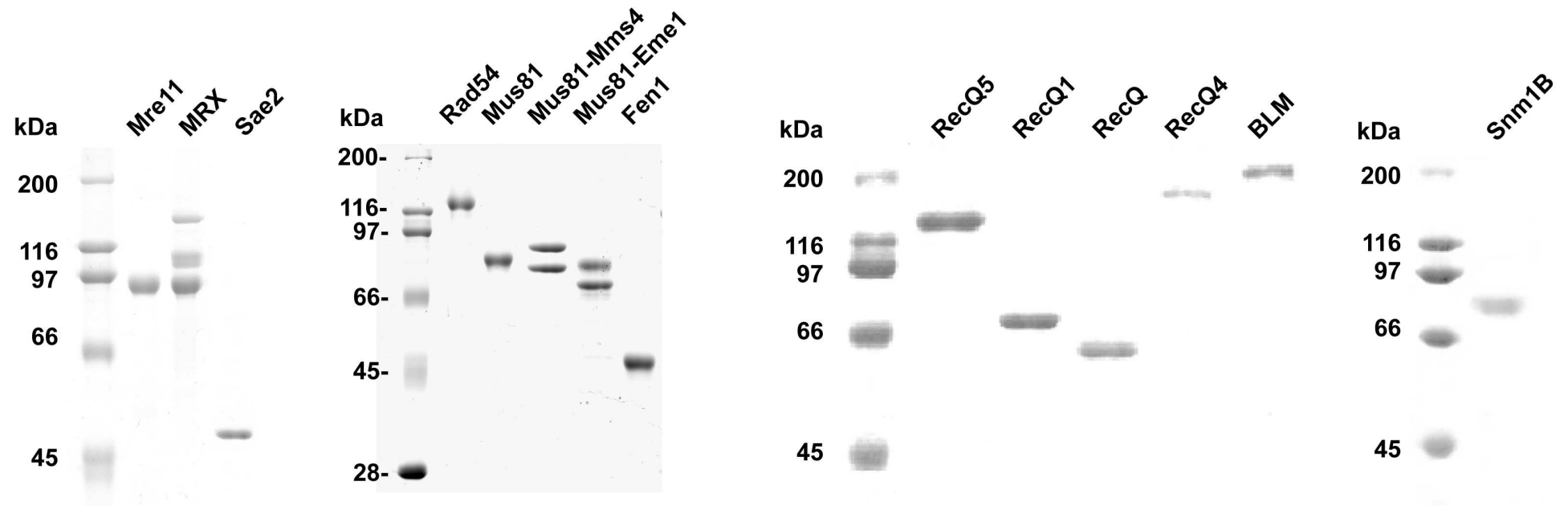
Presynaptic Rad51 filament



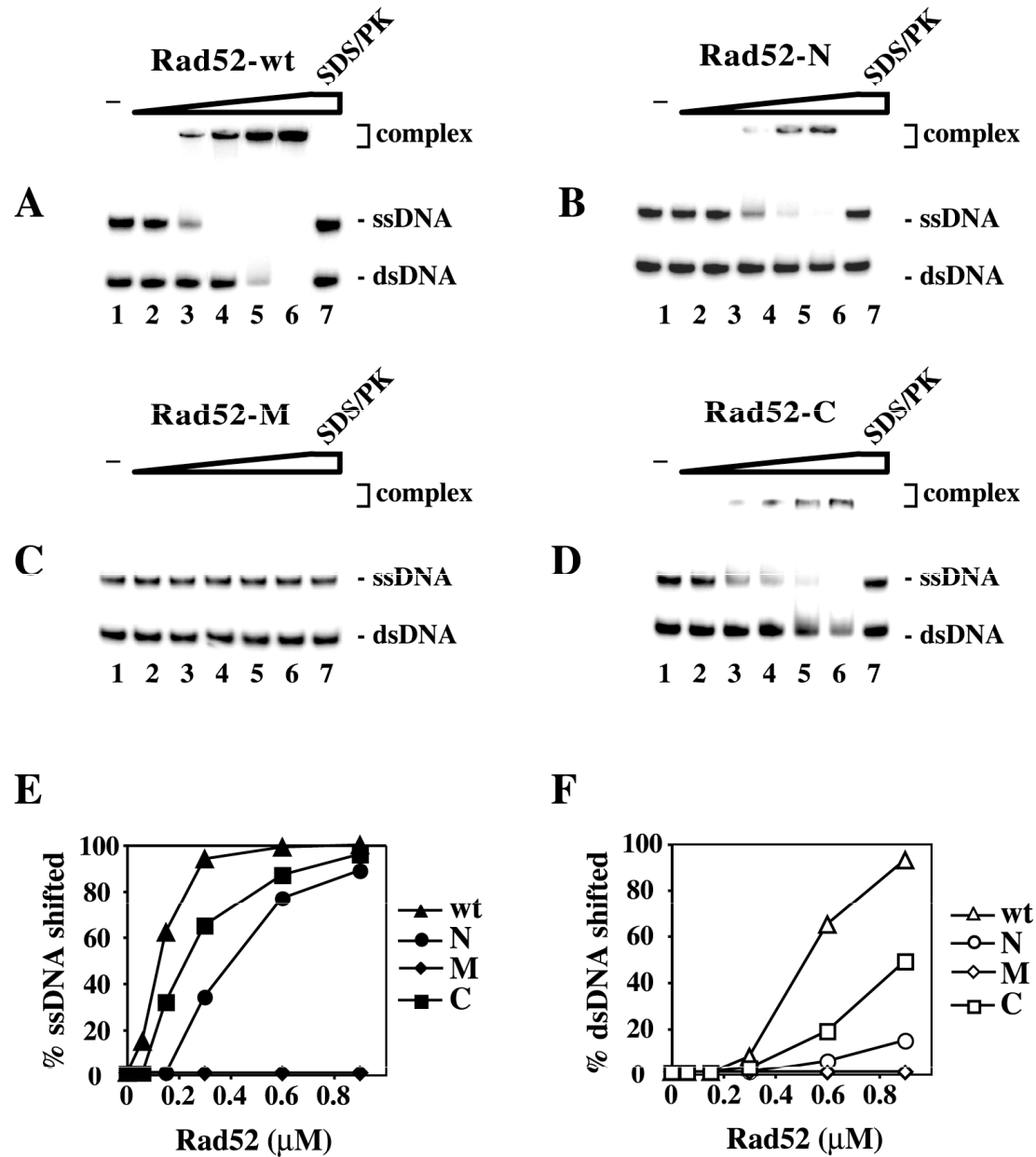
Positive regulation - Mediator proteins



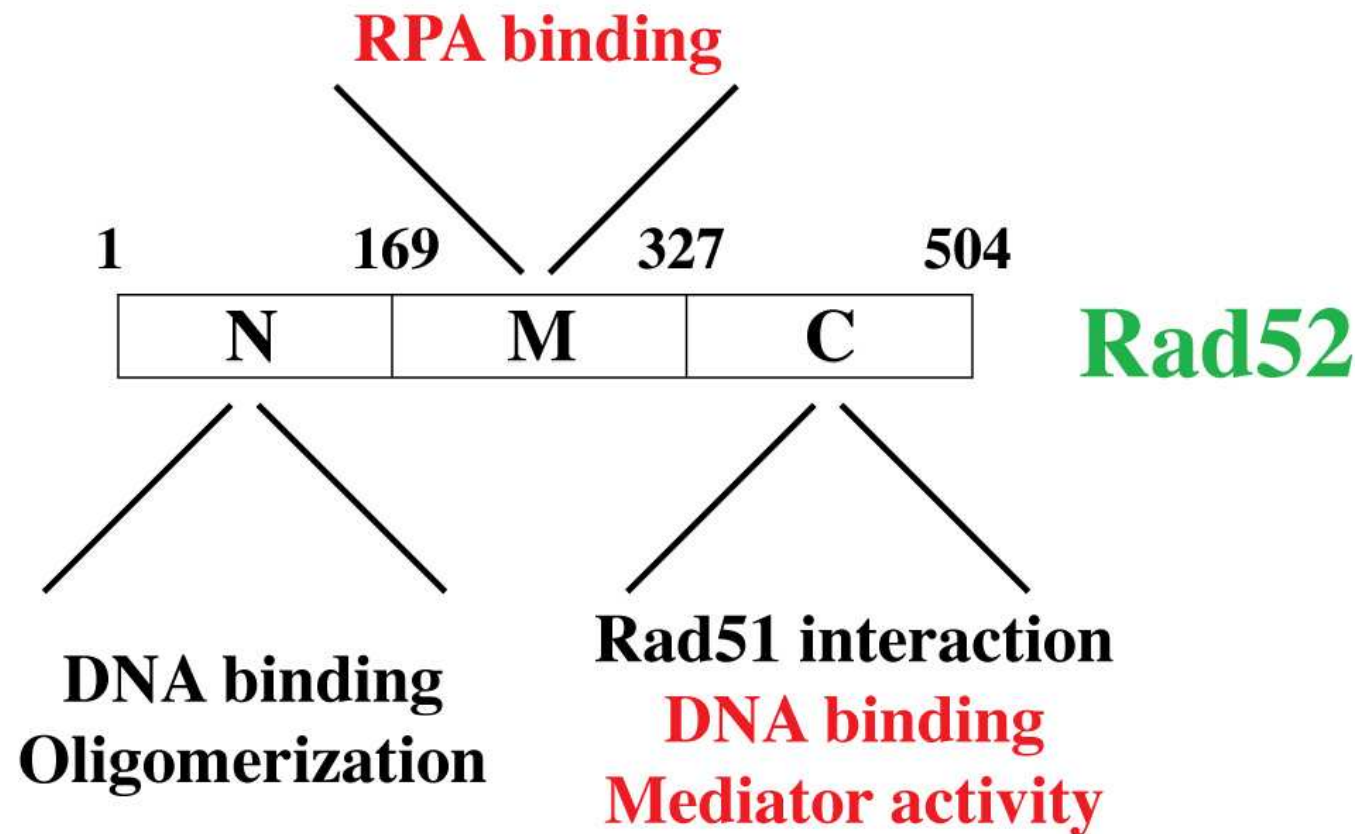
Proteins



DNA binding



Function of Rad52 protein



Negative regulation -
Recombination can be harmful to cells:

- **Can interfere with normal repair**
- **Elicits strong cell cycle responses**
- **Causes cell death**

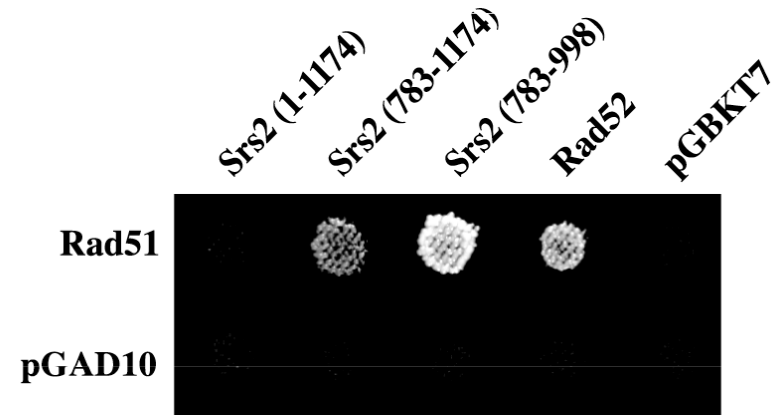
**Cells have ways to prevent
untimely recombination!**

Srs2 binds Rad51

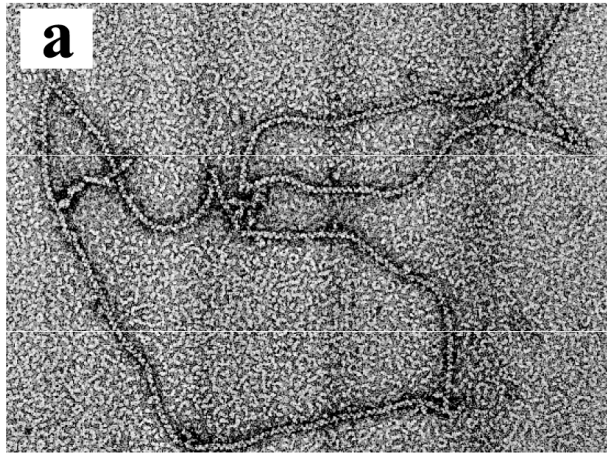
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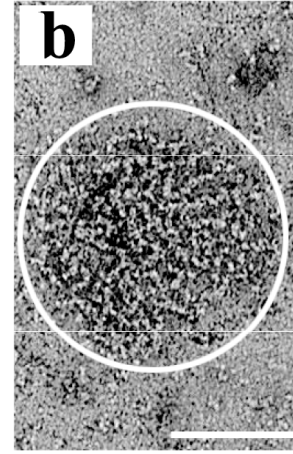
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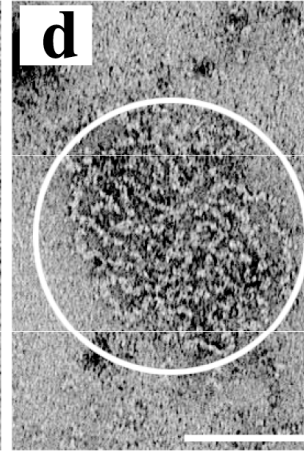
EM of Rad51 filaments



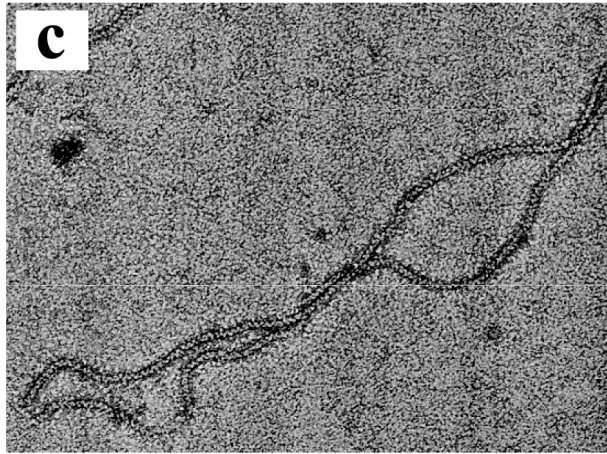
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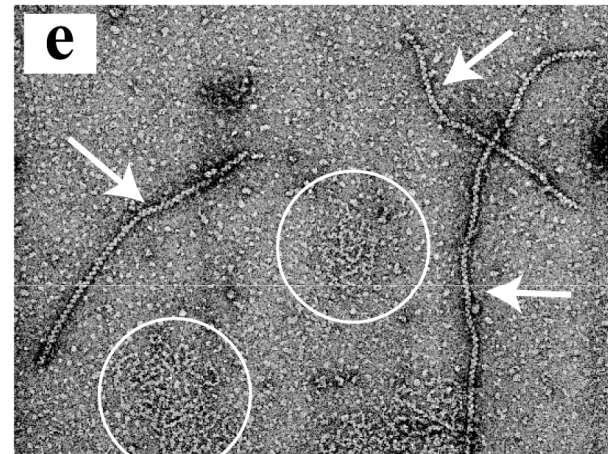
b. RPA/ssDNA



d. Rad51/ssDNA
→Srs2/RPA

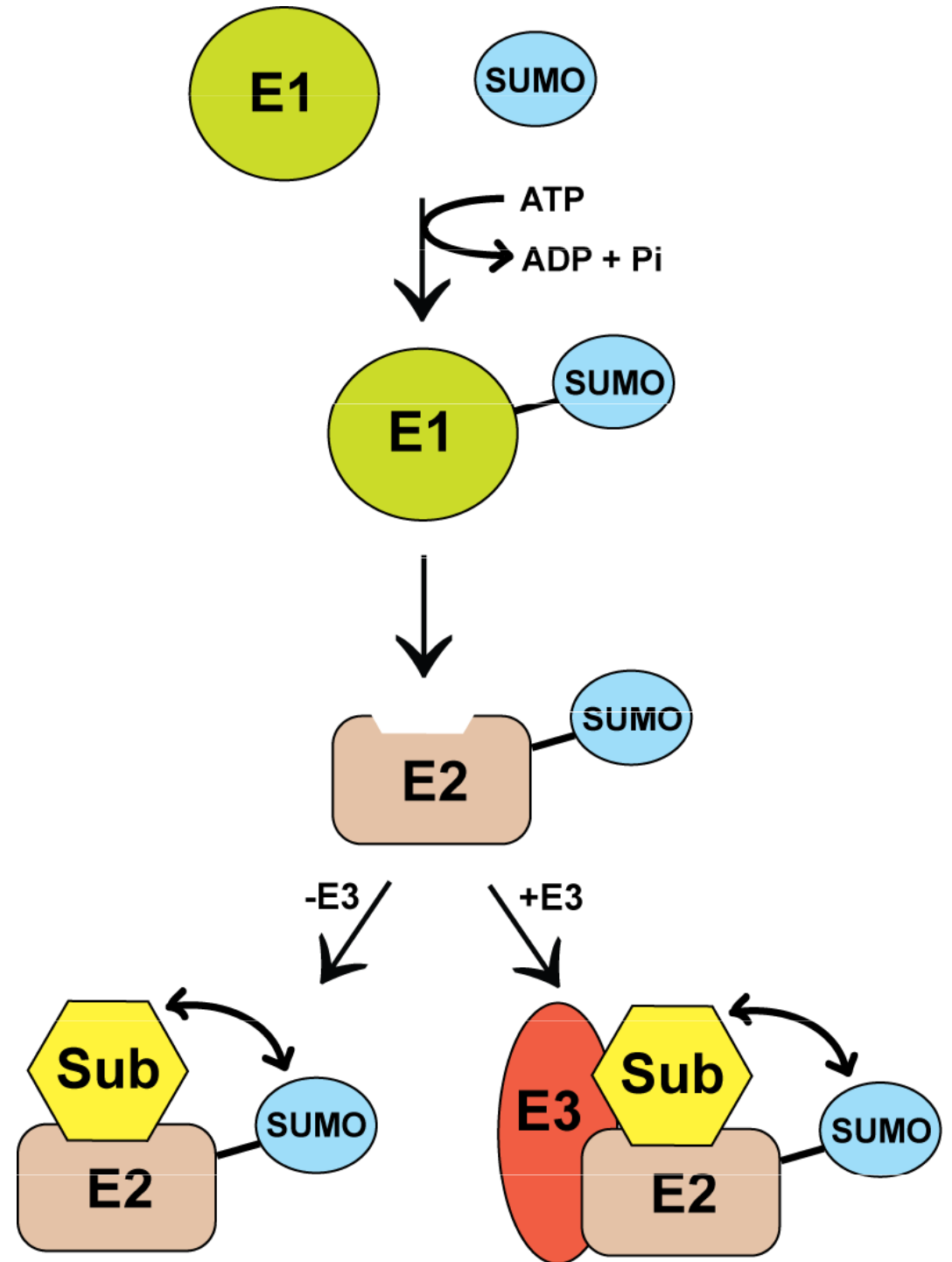


c. Rad51/ssDNA → RPA

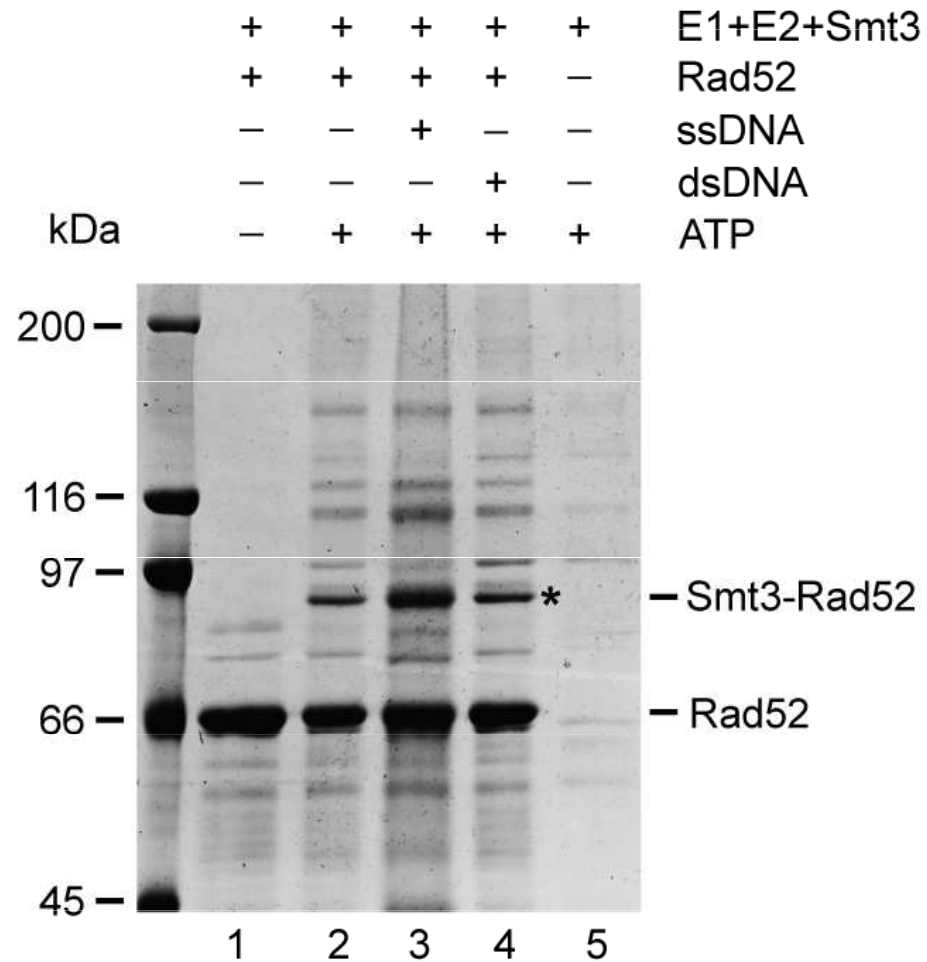


e. Rad51/ssDNA → Srs2/RPA/dsDNA

*Protein
modification
by SUMOylation*



Rad52 is SUMOylated



Quality control mechanism

