

# Of complexes and the maintenance of genome stability

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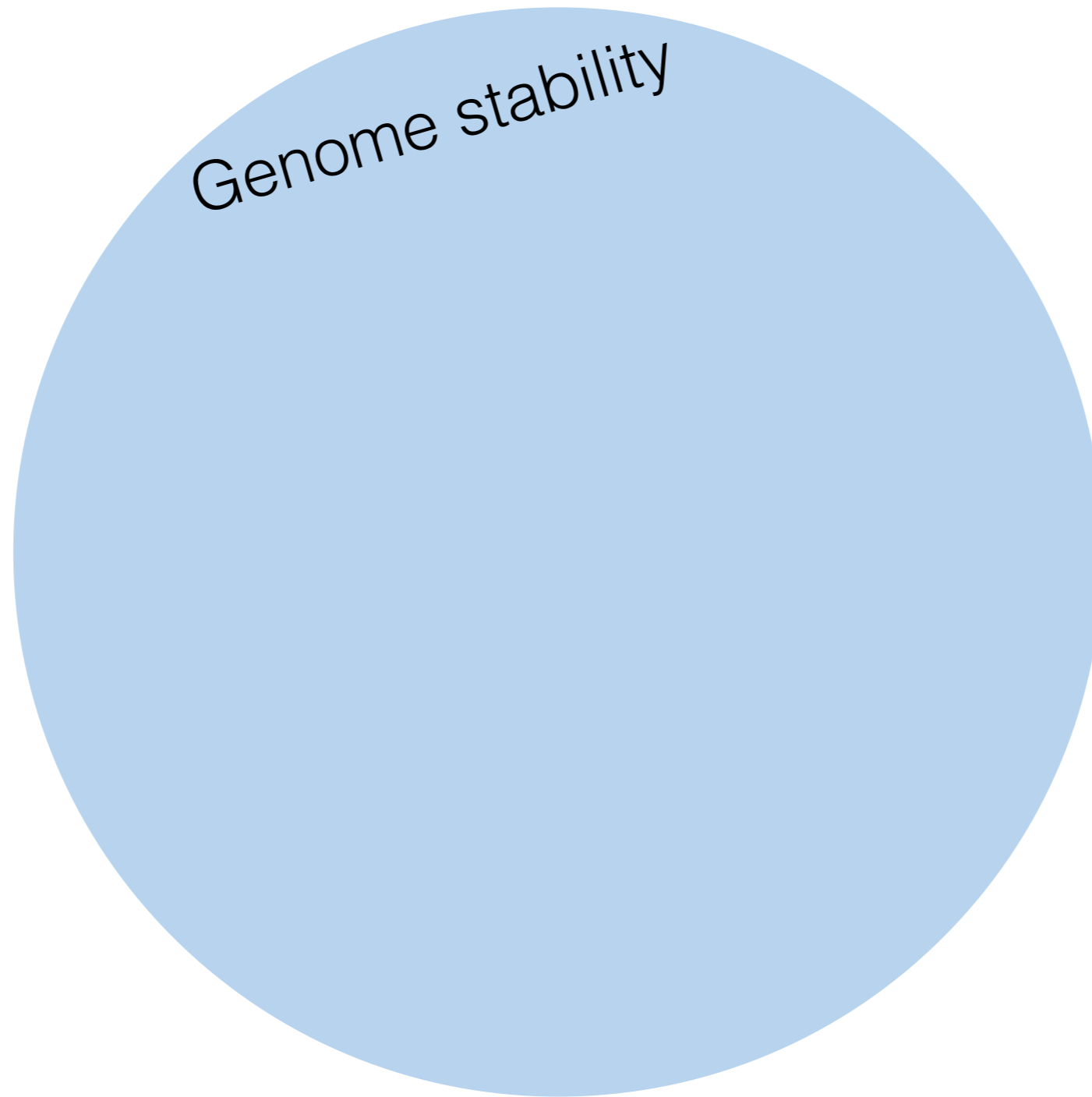
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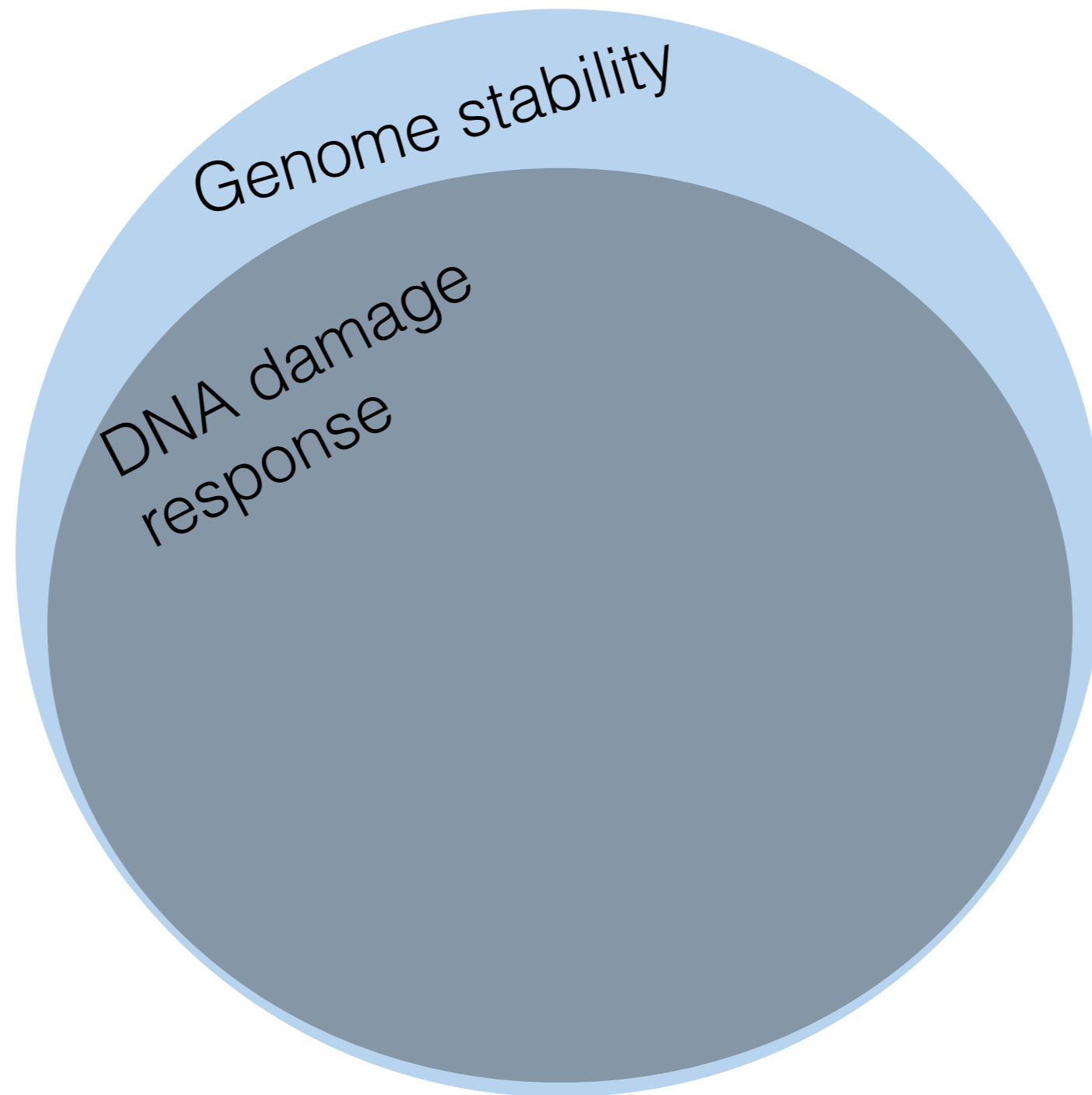
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(Case study on Homologous recombination)

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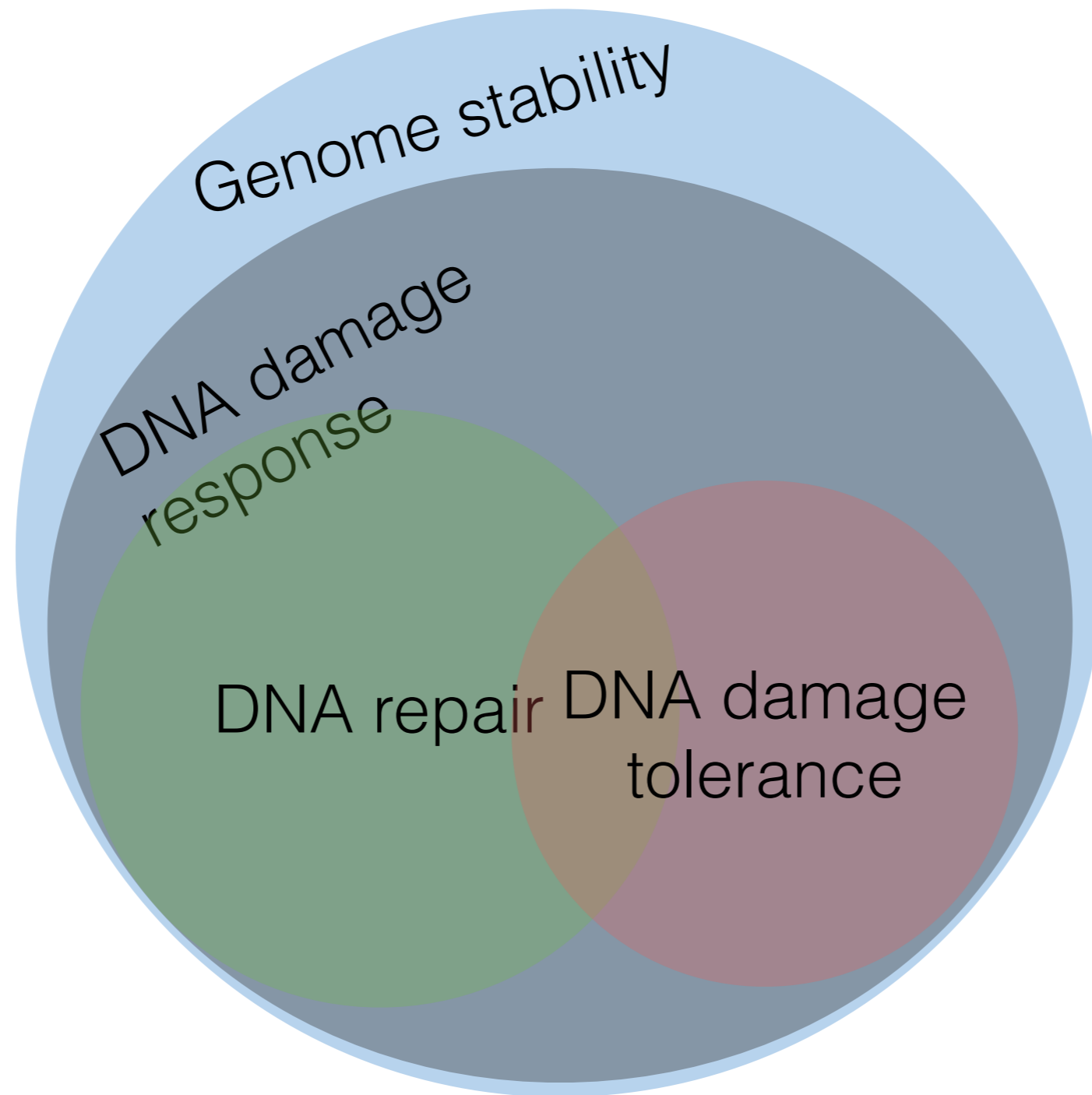
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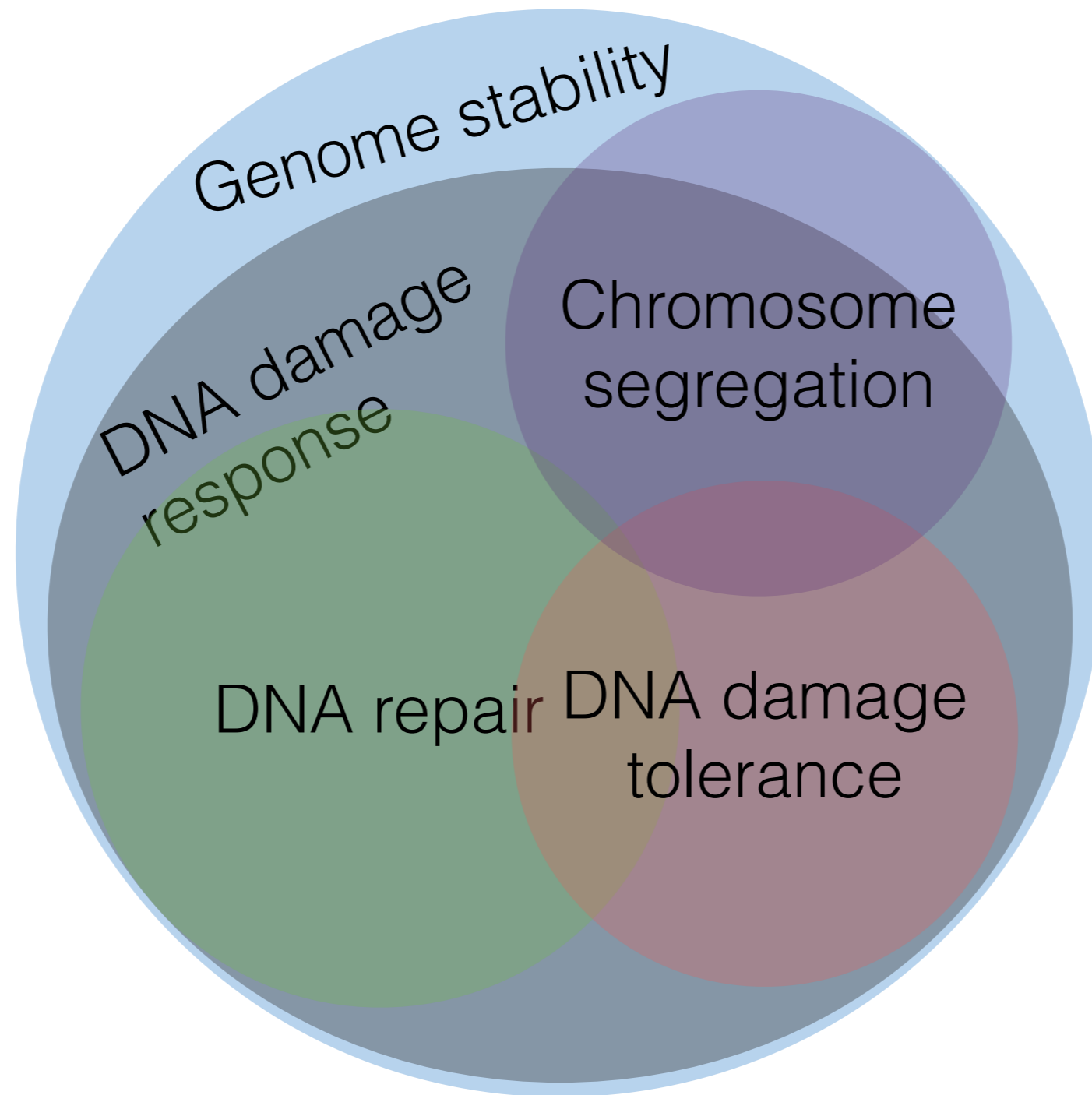
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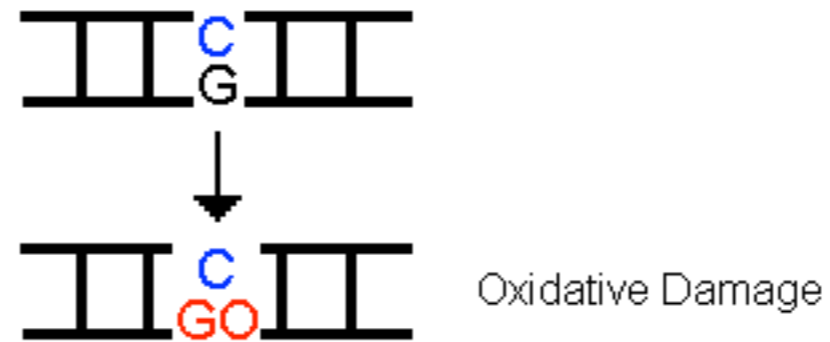
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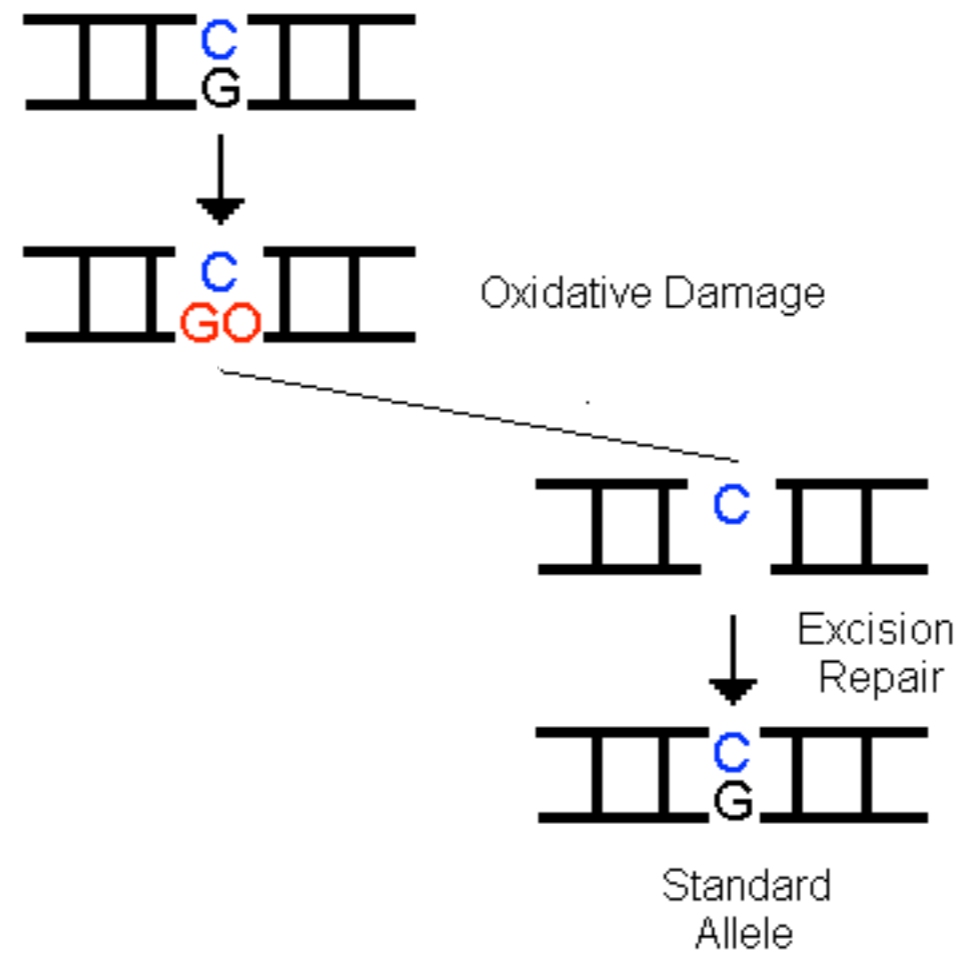
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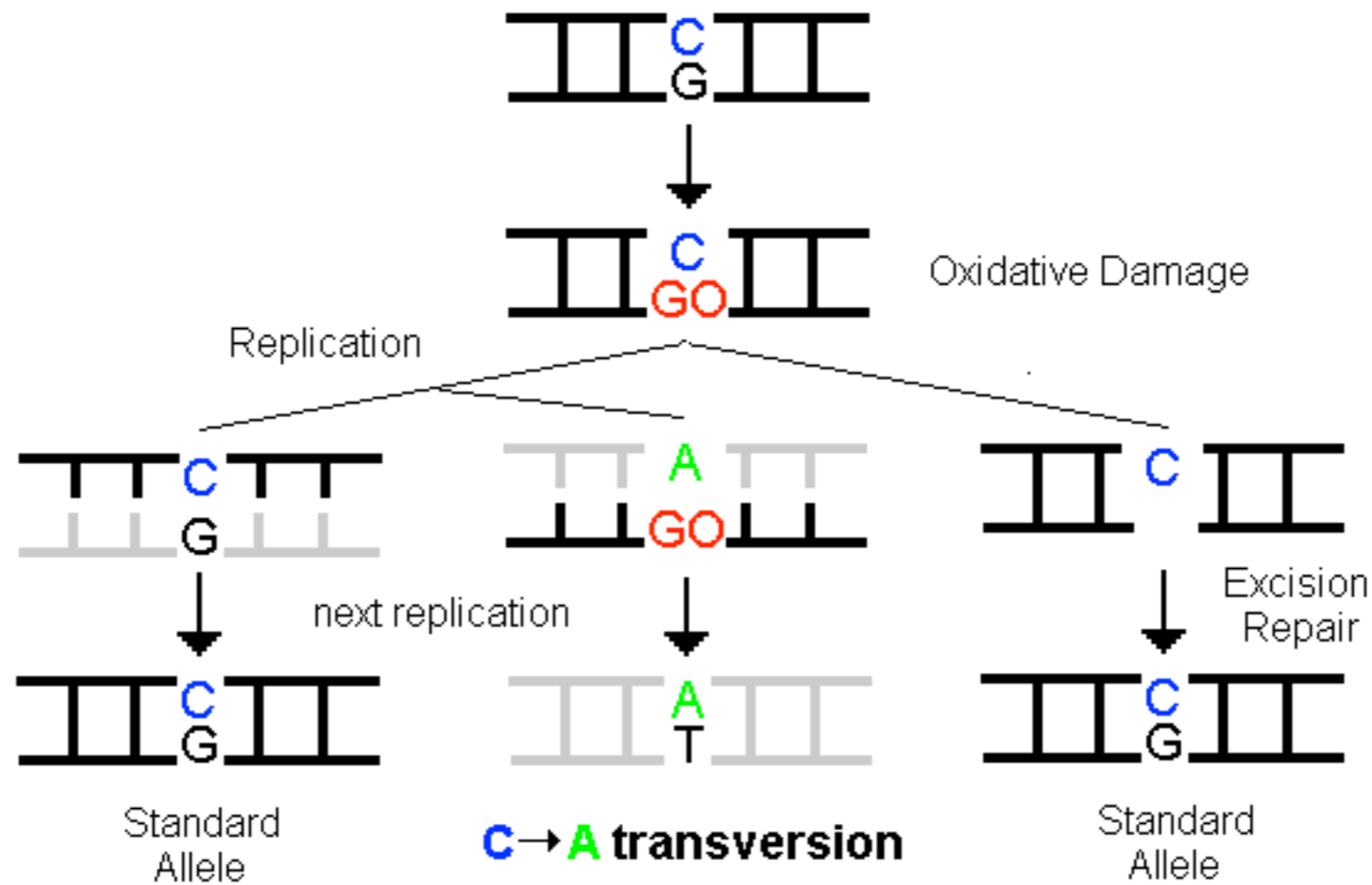
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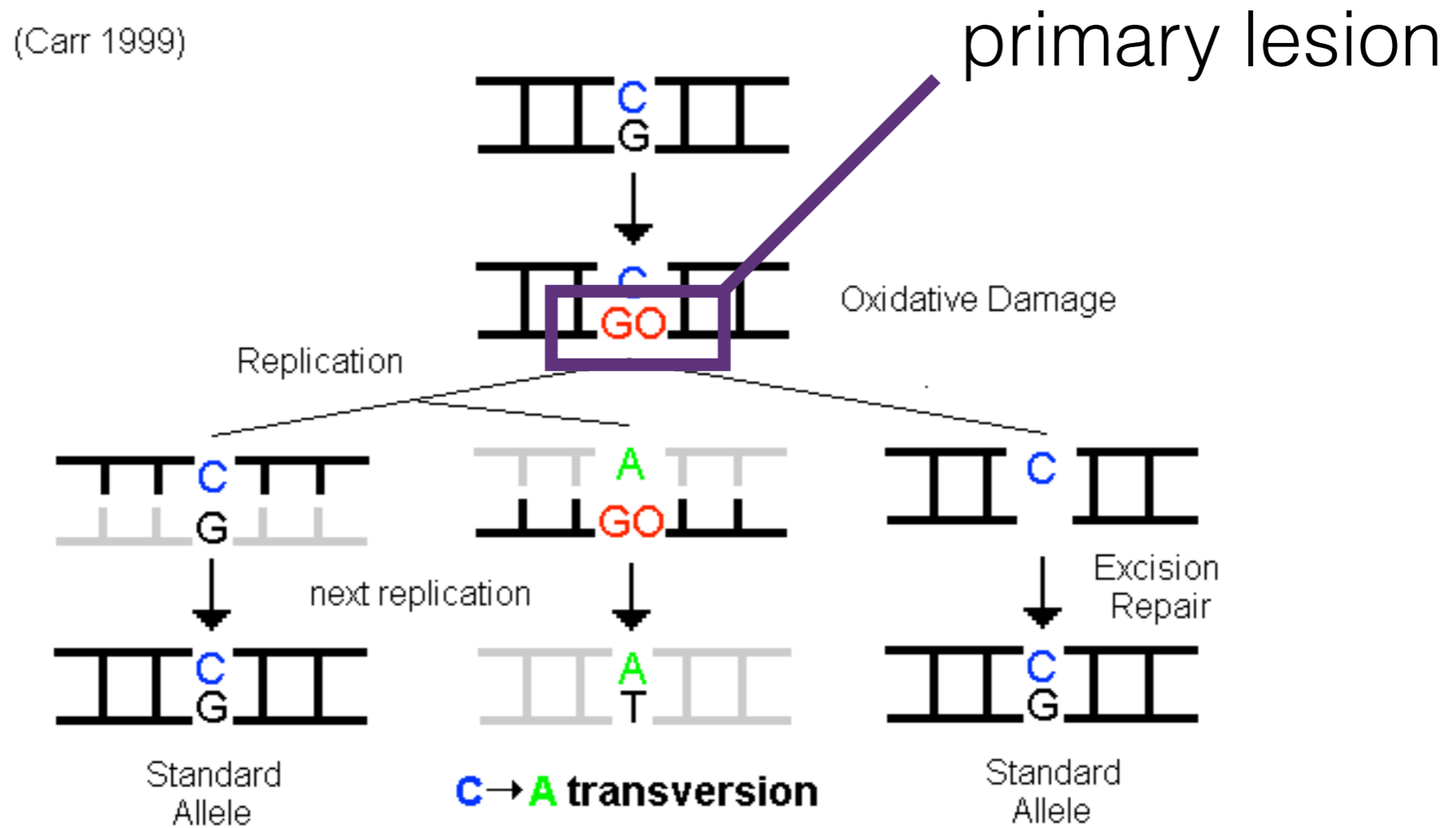


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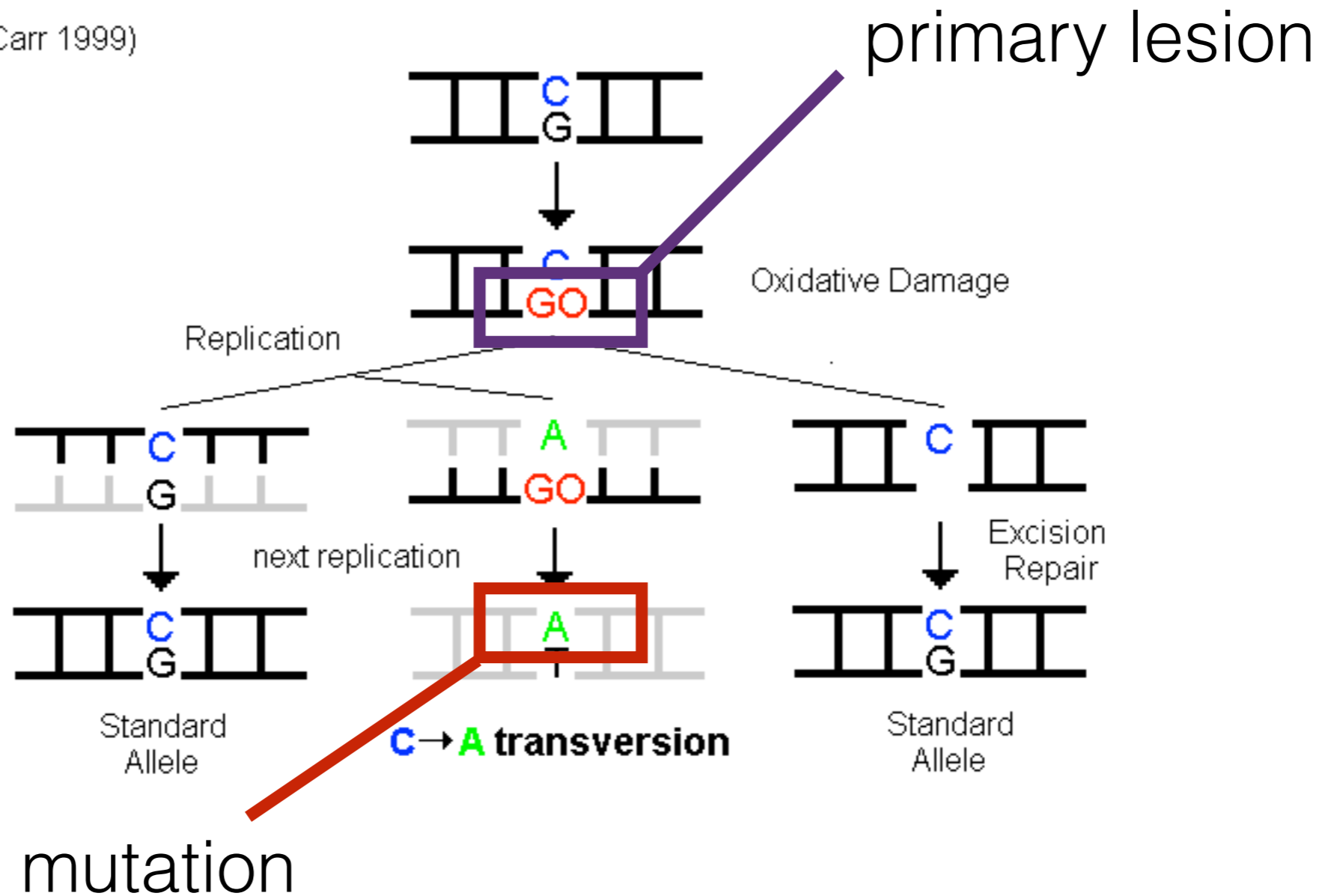


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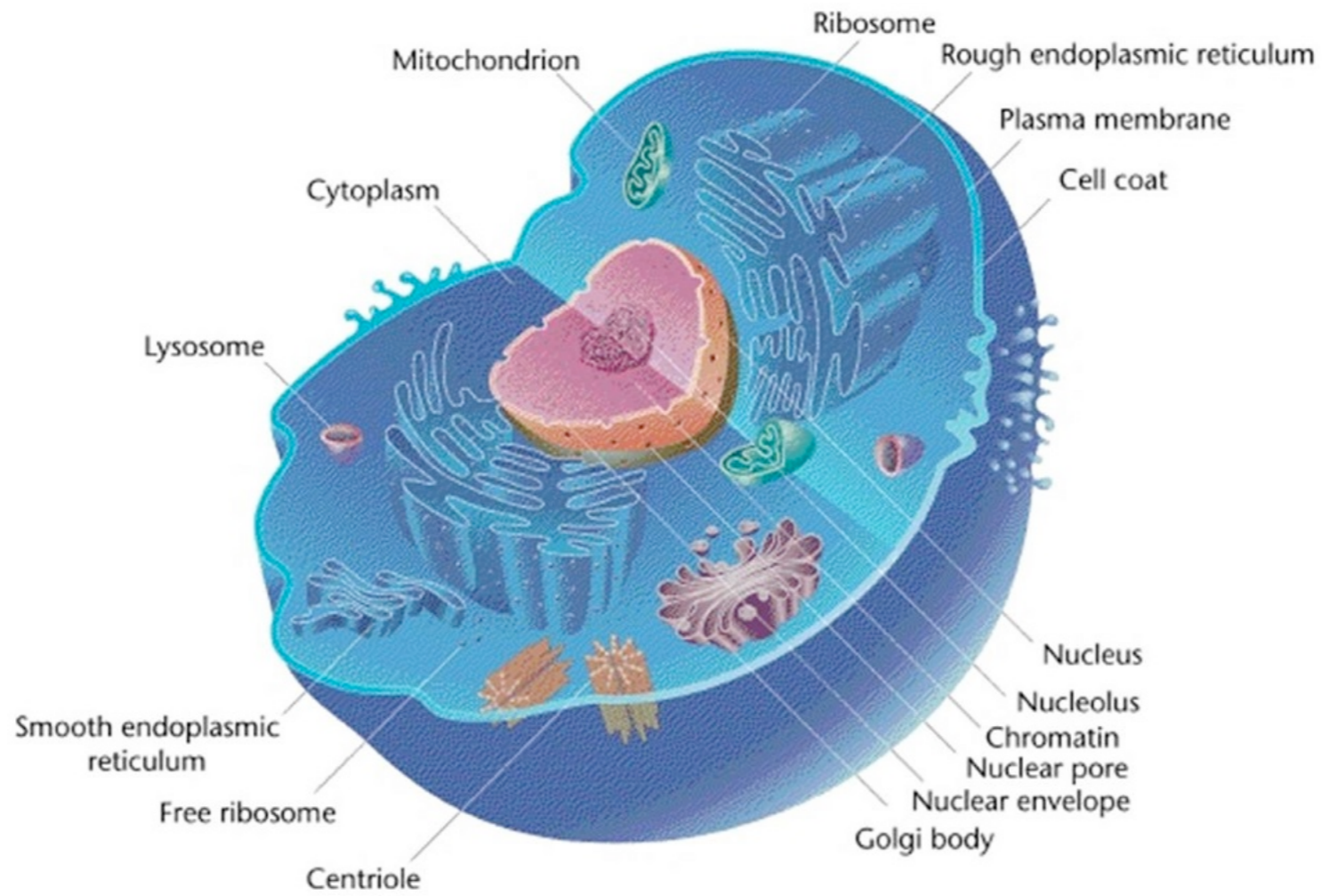
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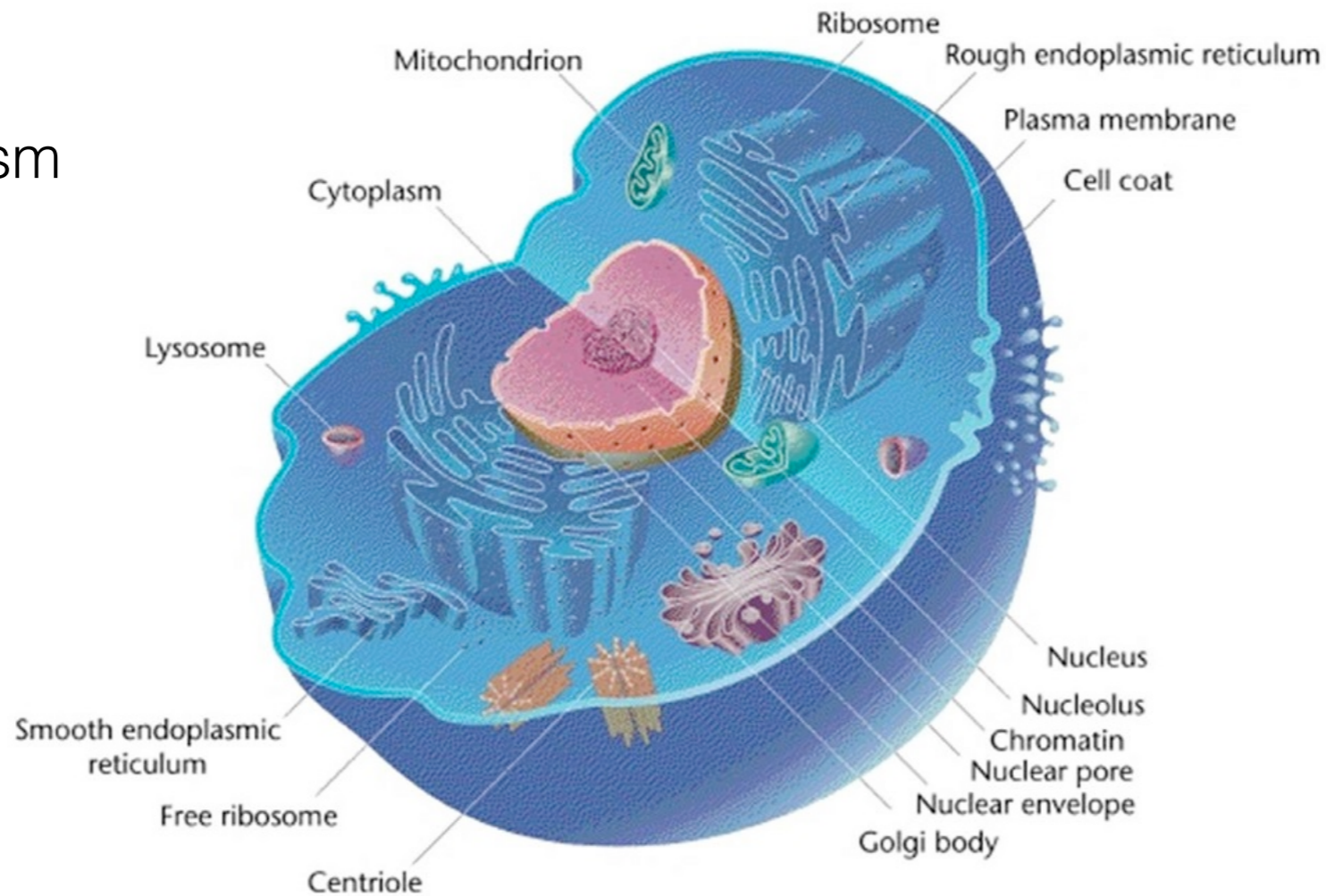
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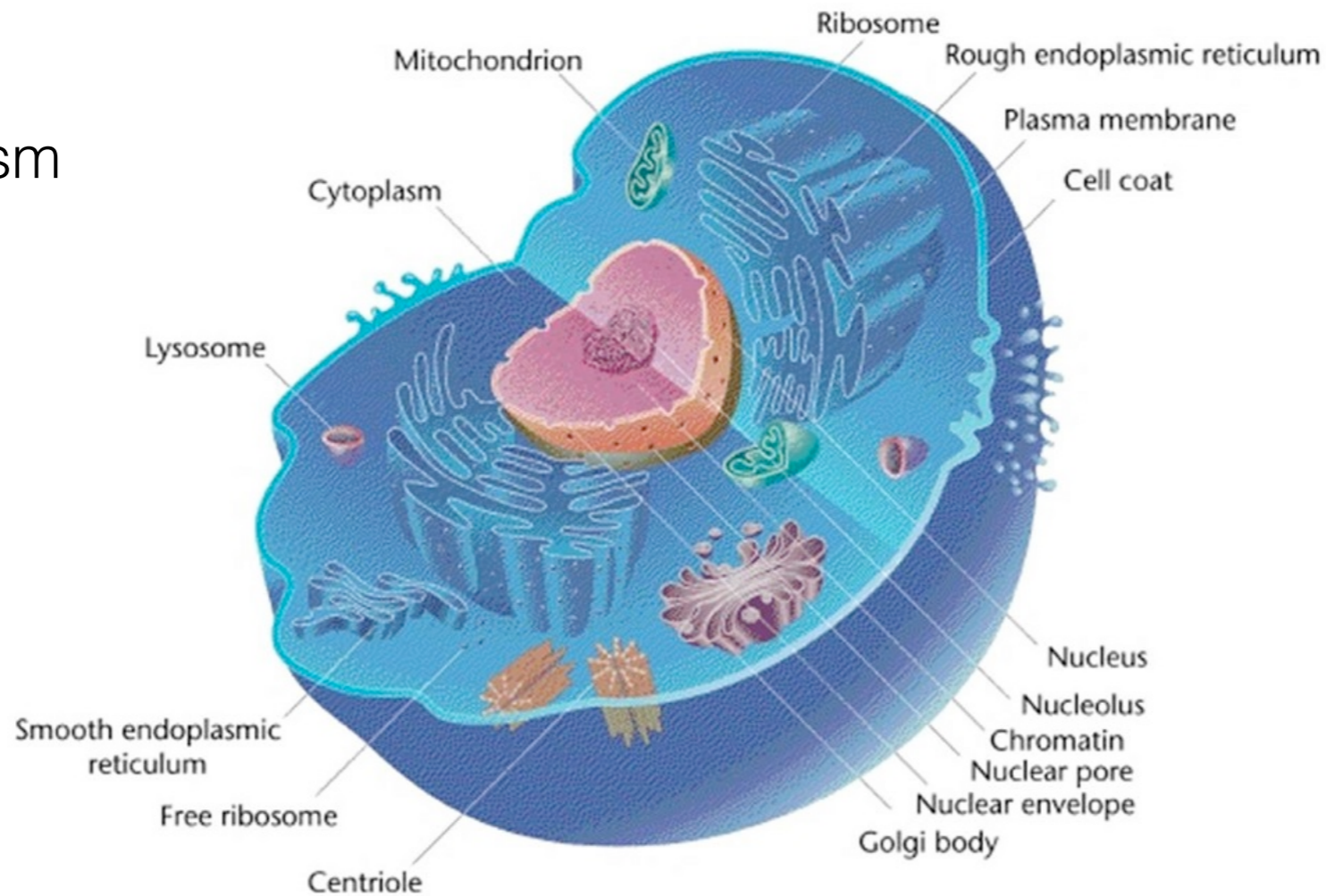
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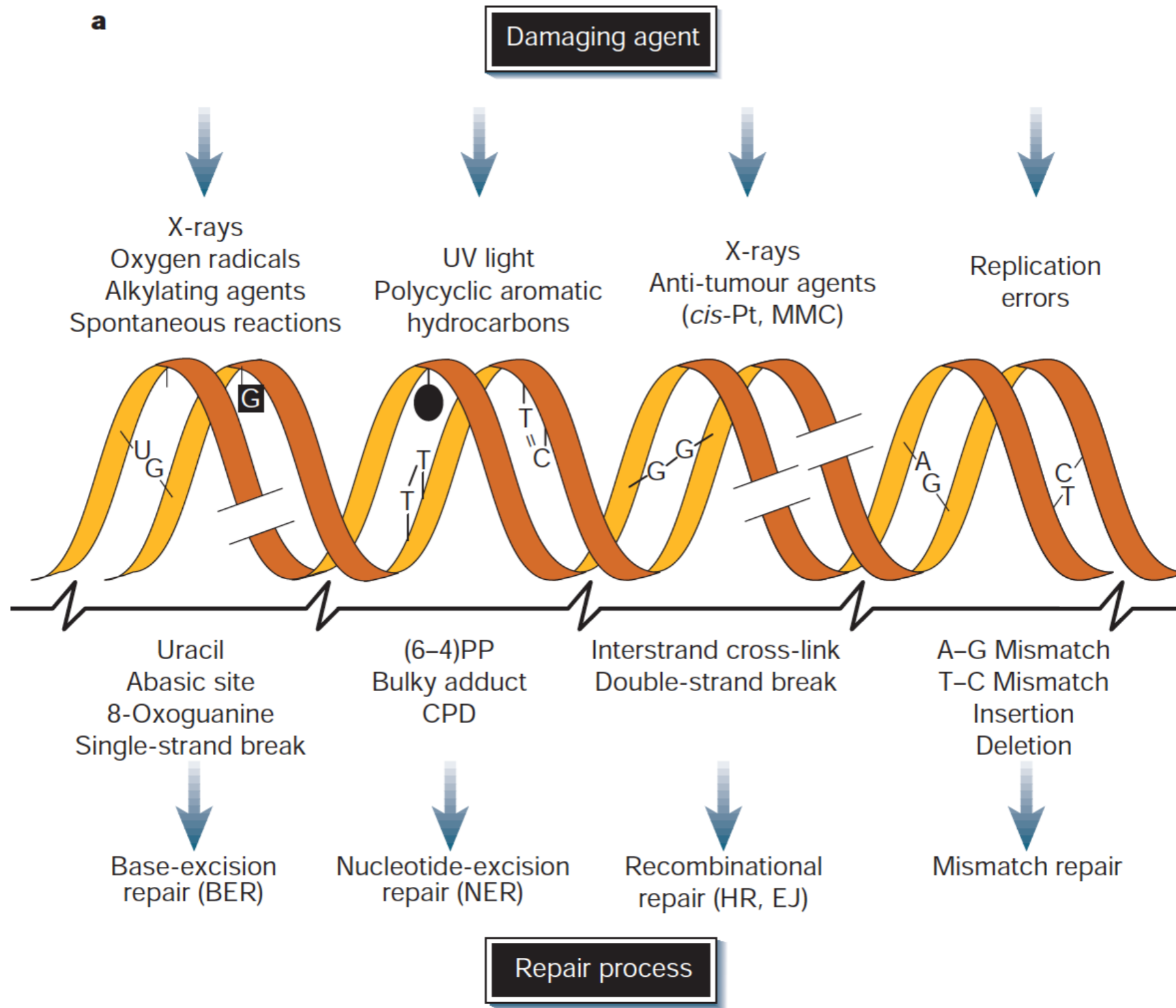
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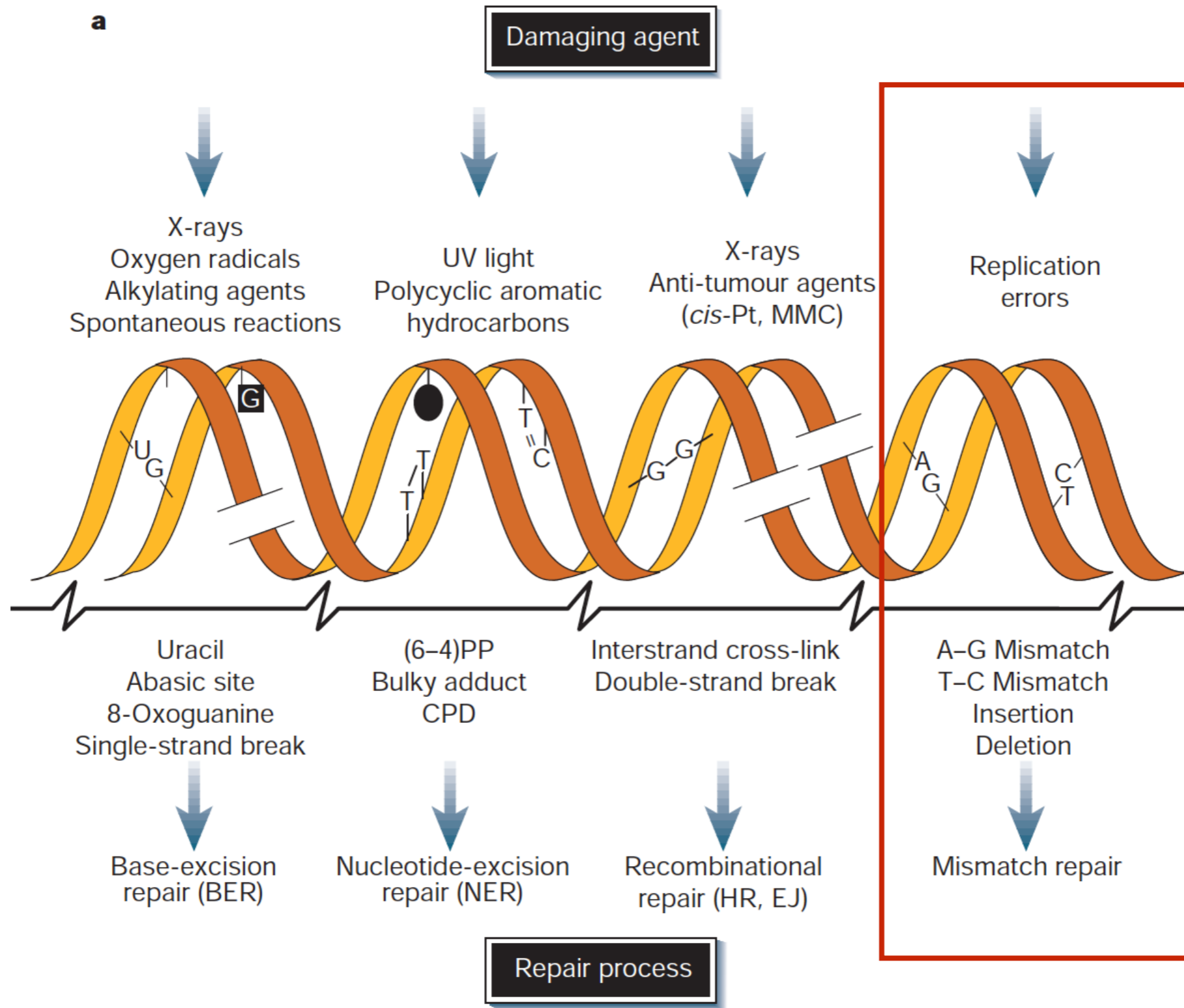
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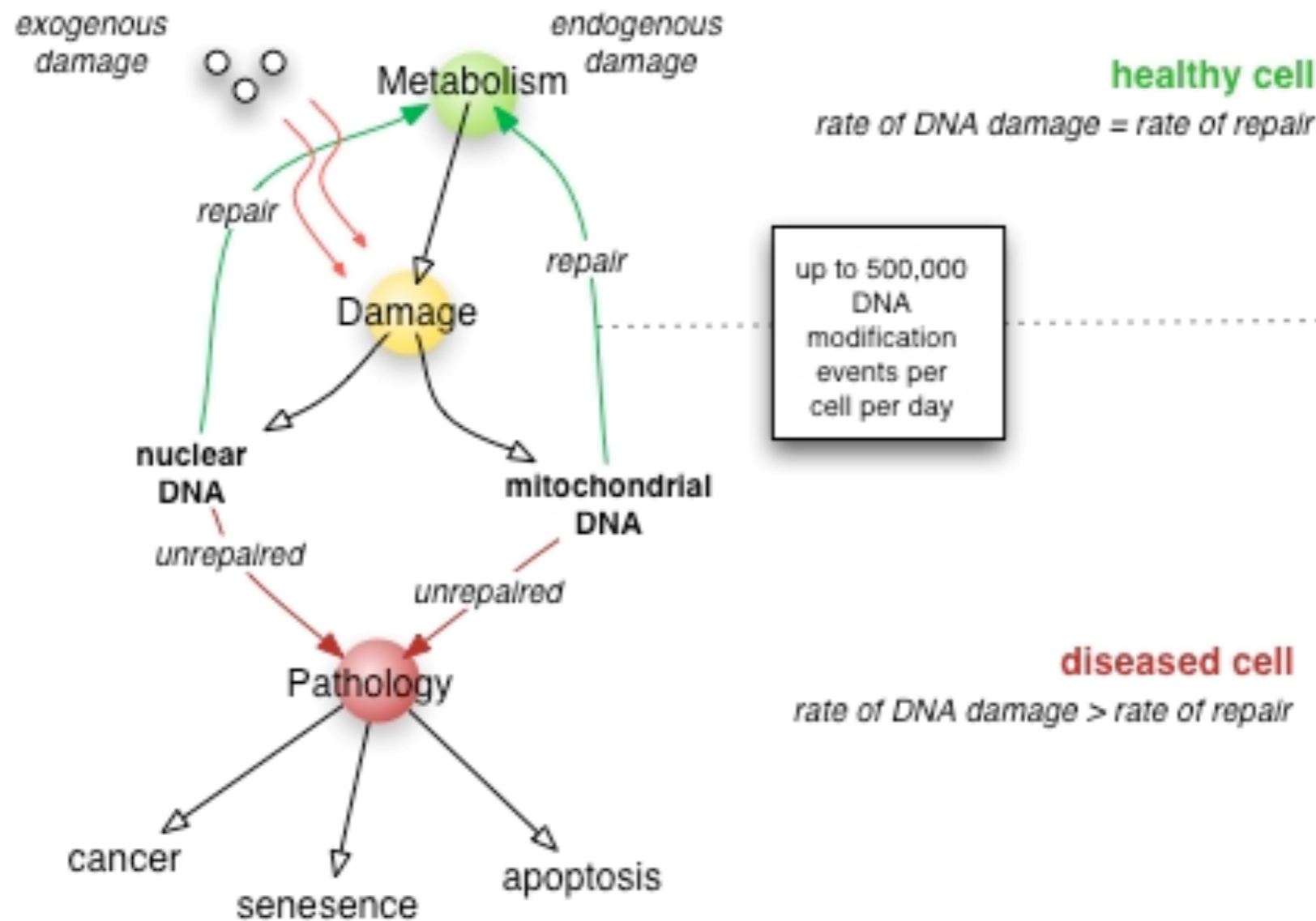
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Even-though, historically, exogenous DNA damage was considered to be the prime cause of mutagenesis, recently, as the methodology has progressed, the cellular DNA metabolism pathways (replication and transcription) are being recognised as the more prevalent cause of mutations.



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Inability to repair properly the damage may lead to cancer, senescence, or apoptosis.



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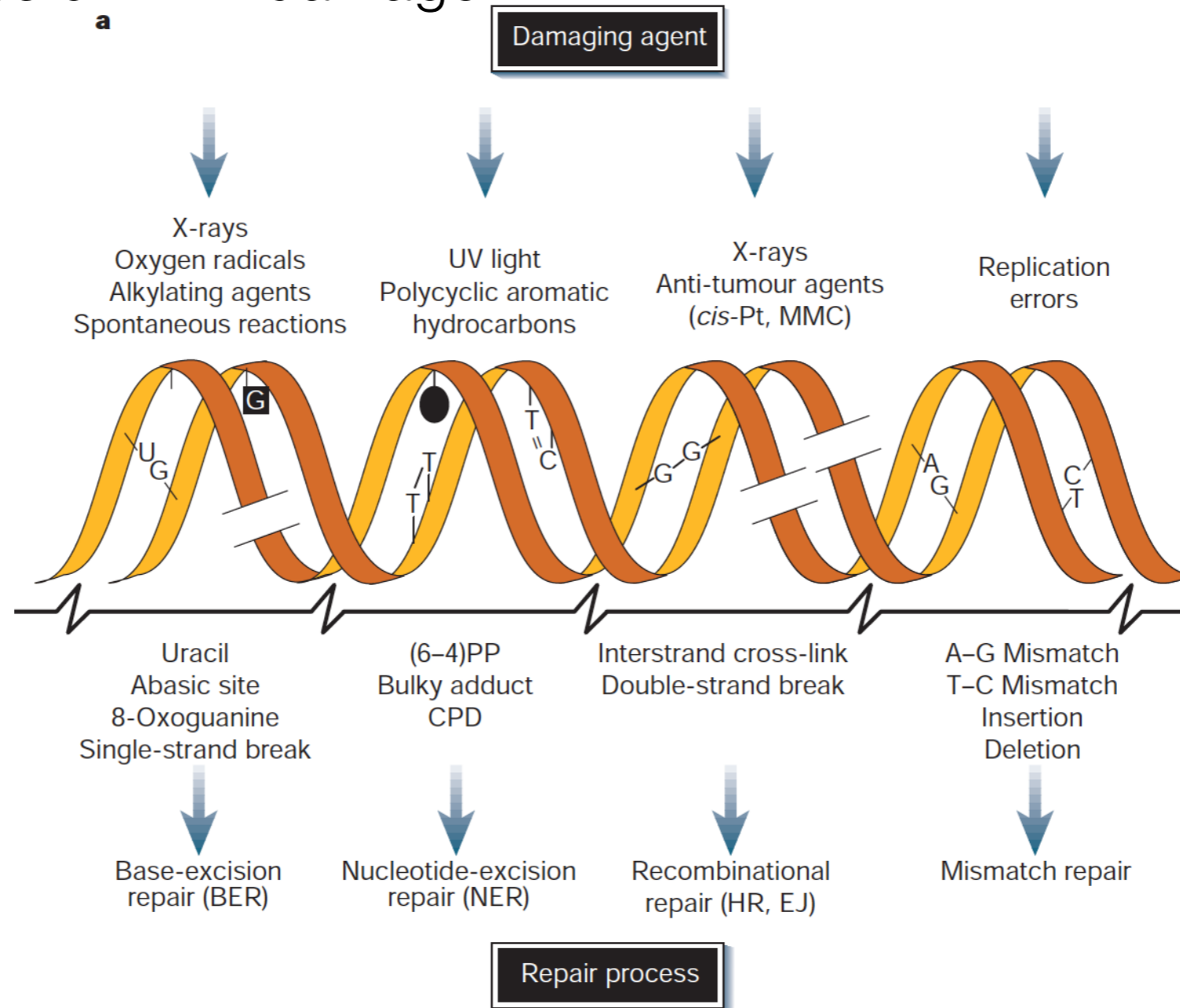
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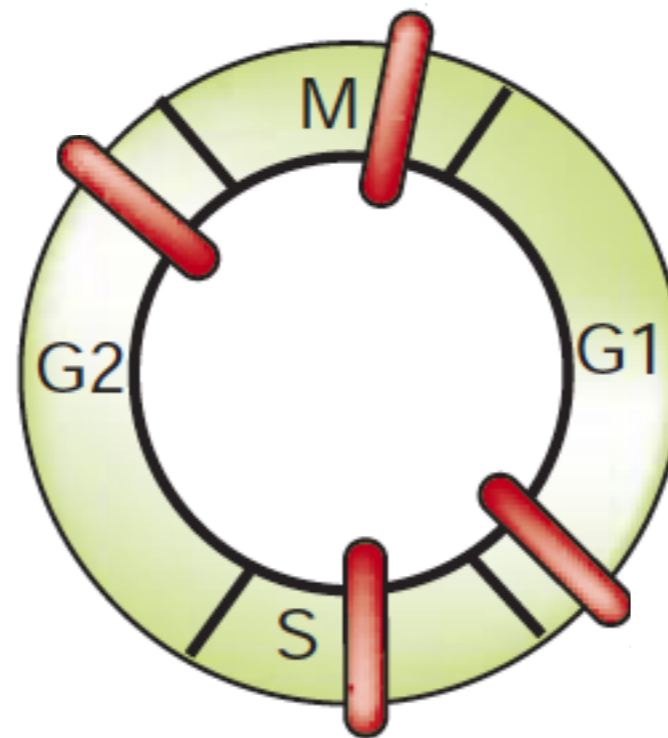
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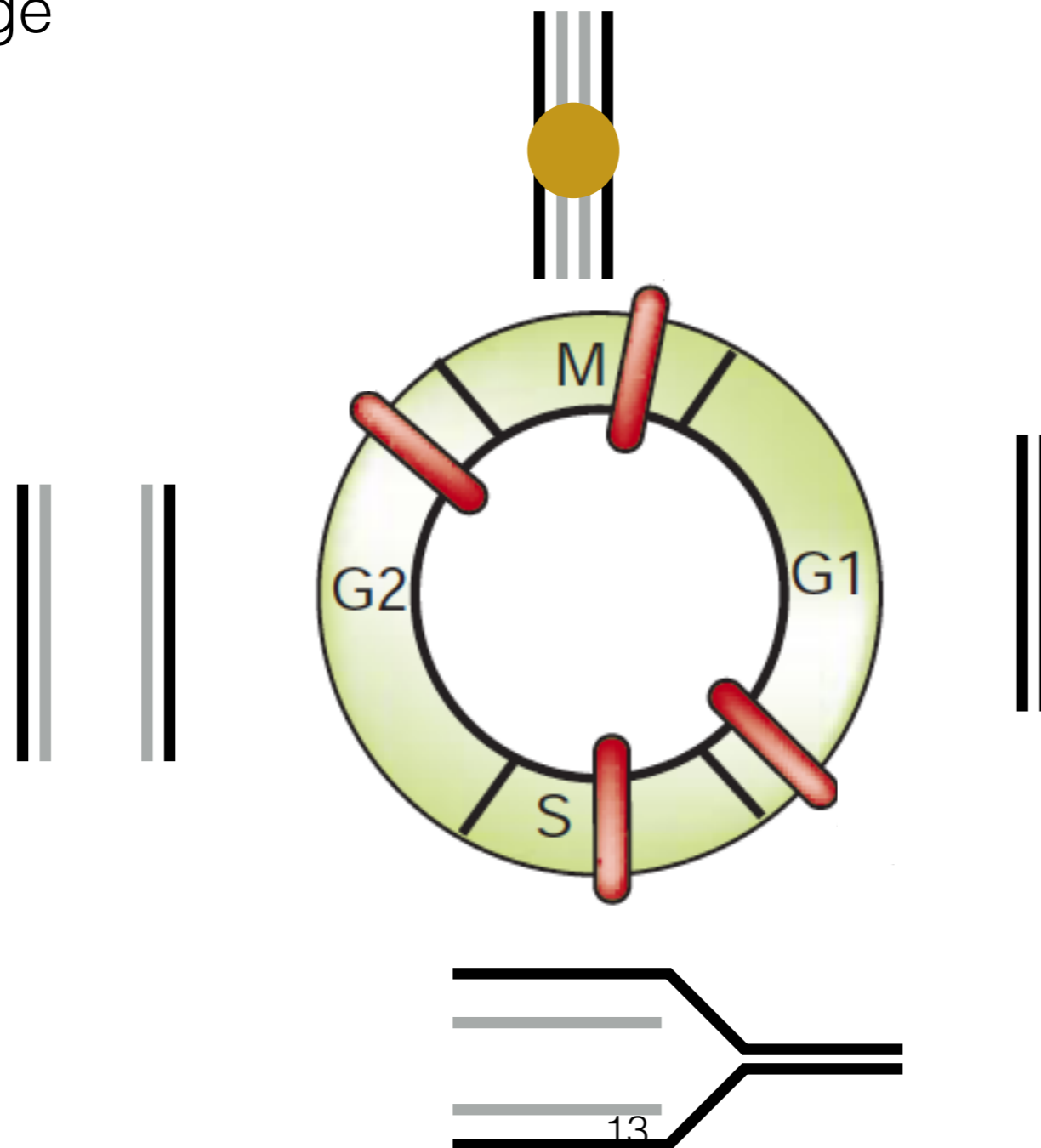
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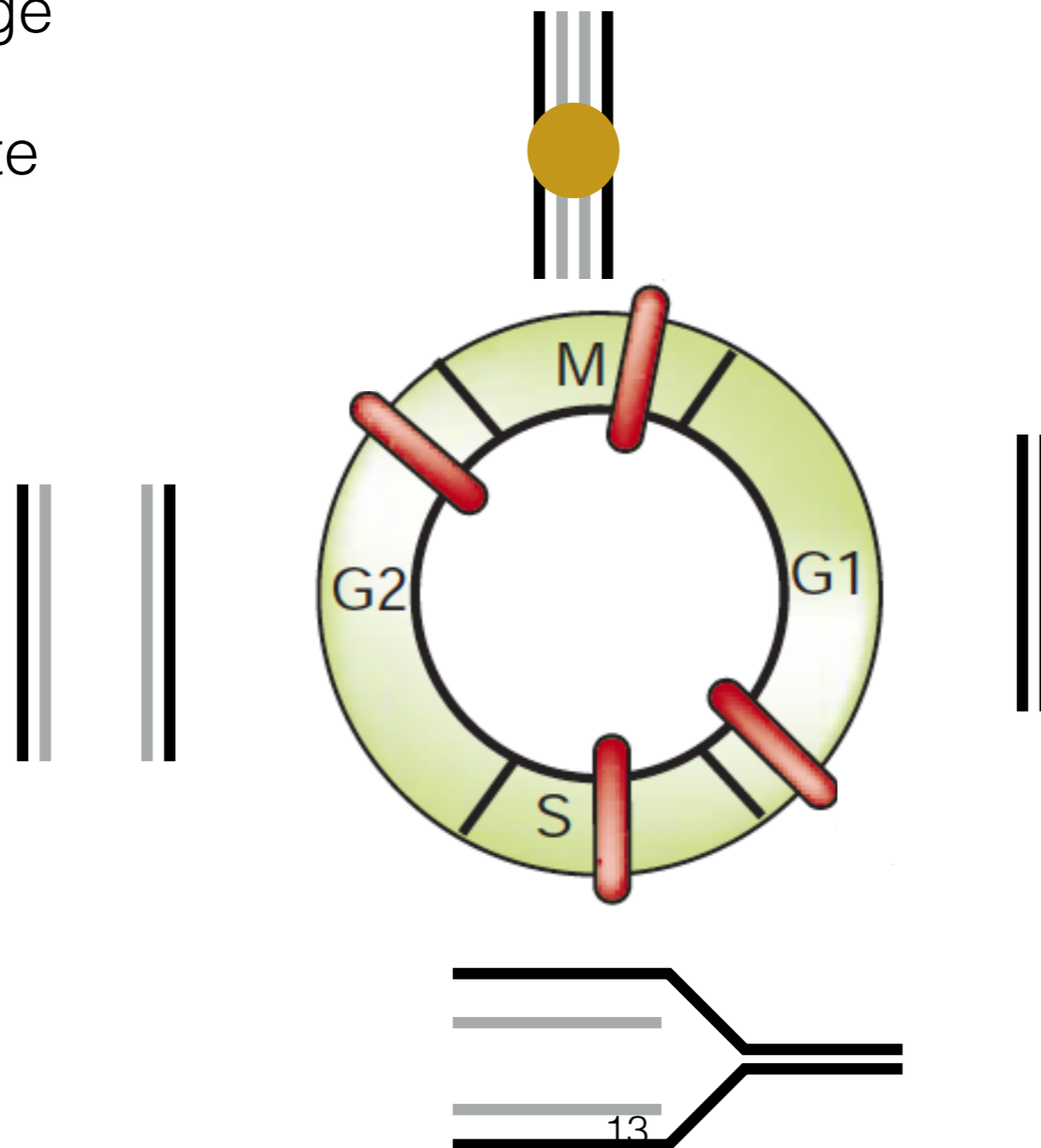


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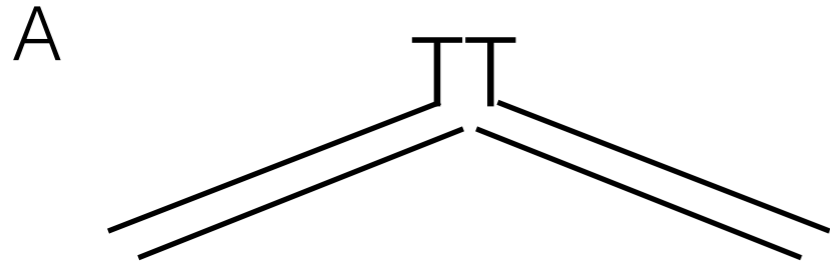
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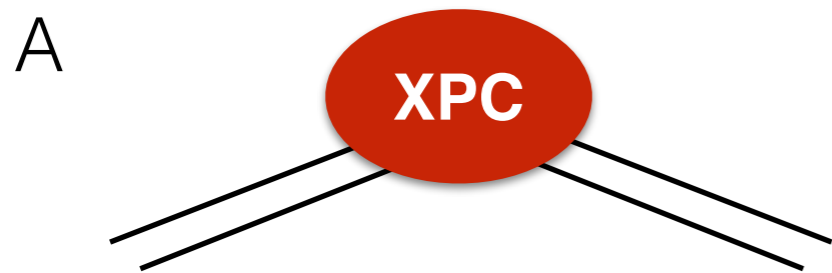
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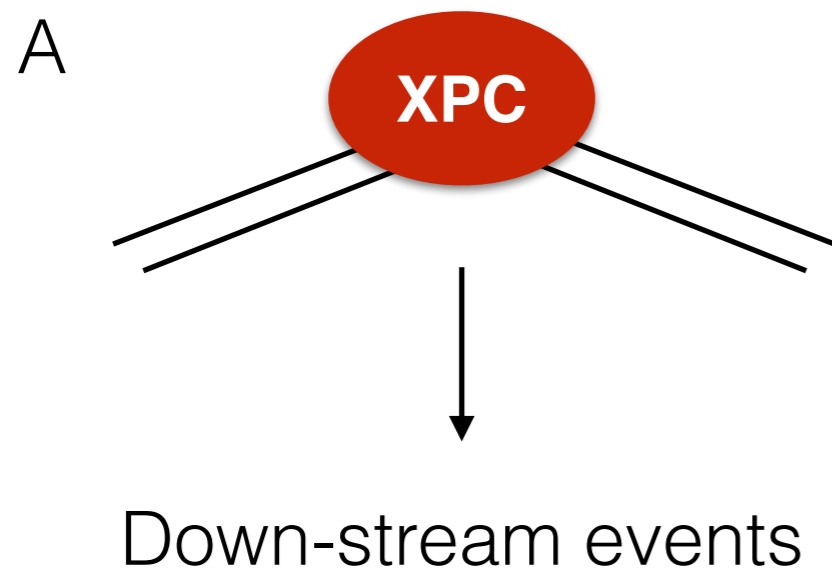
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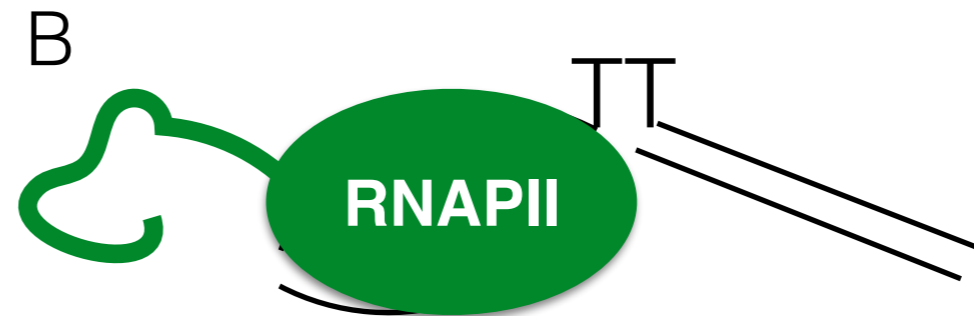
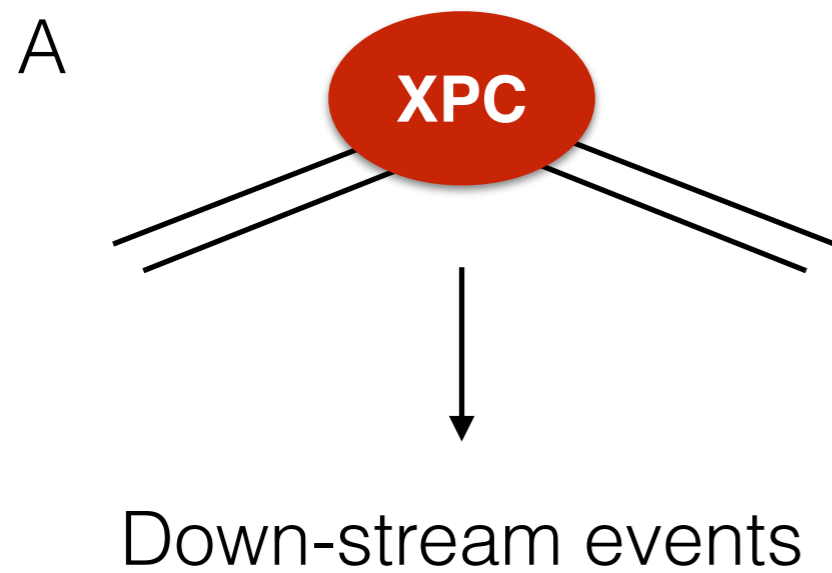
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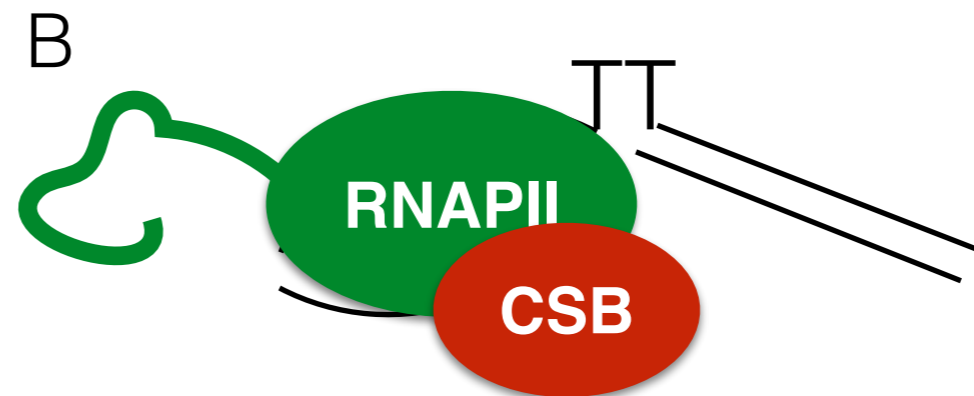
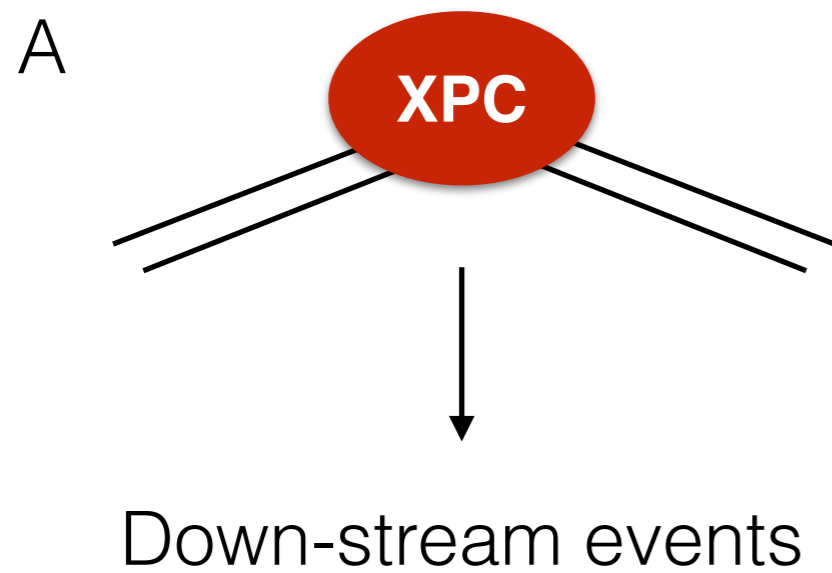
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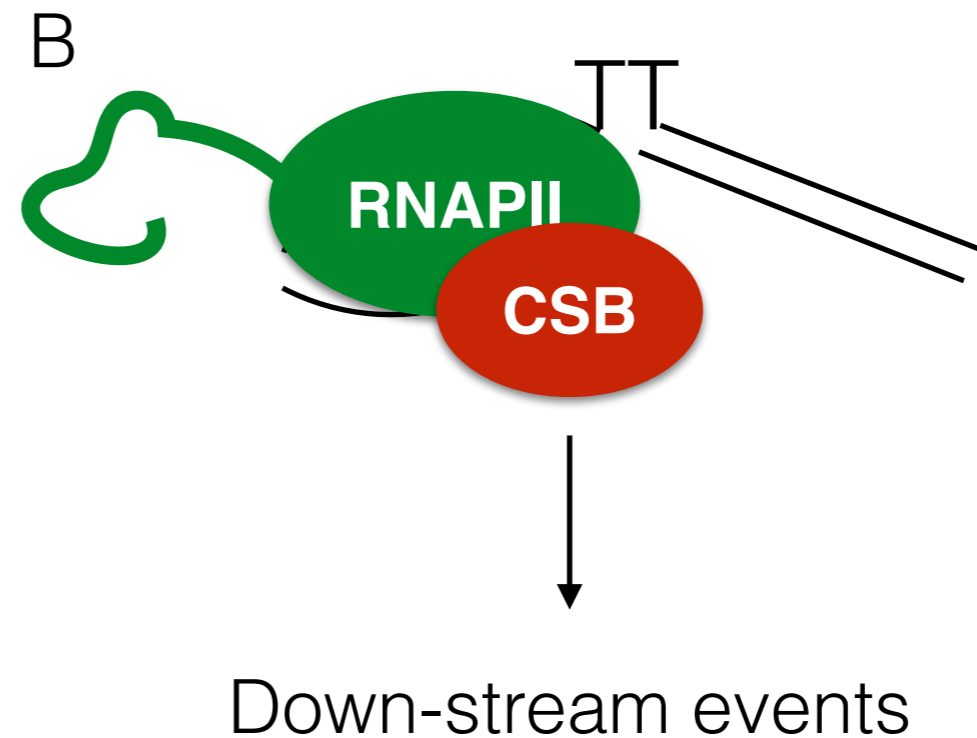
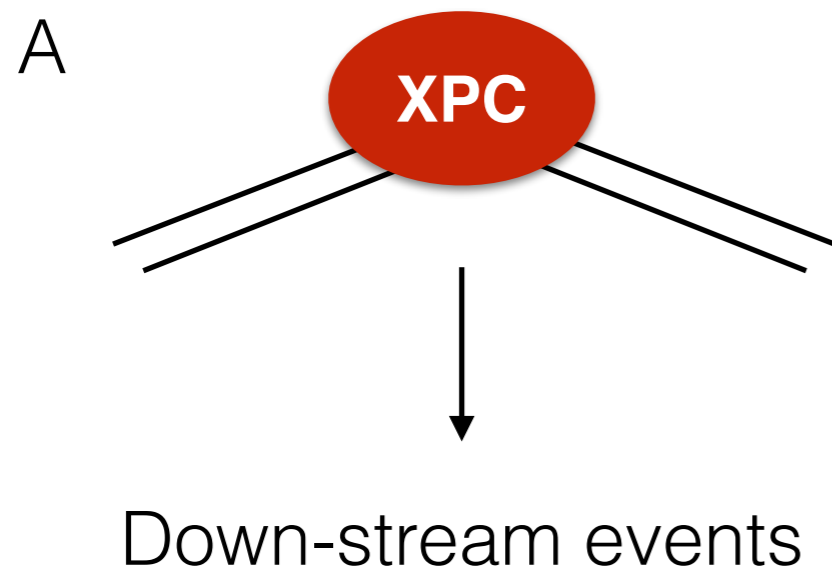
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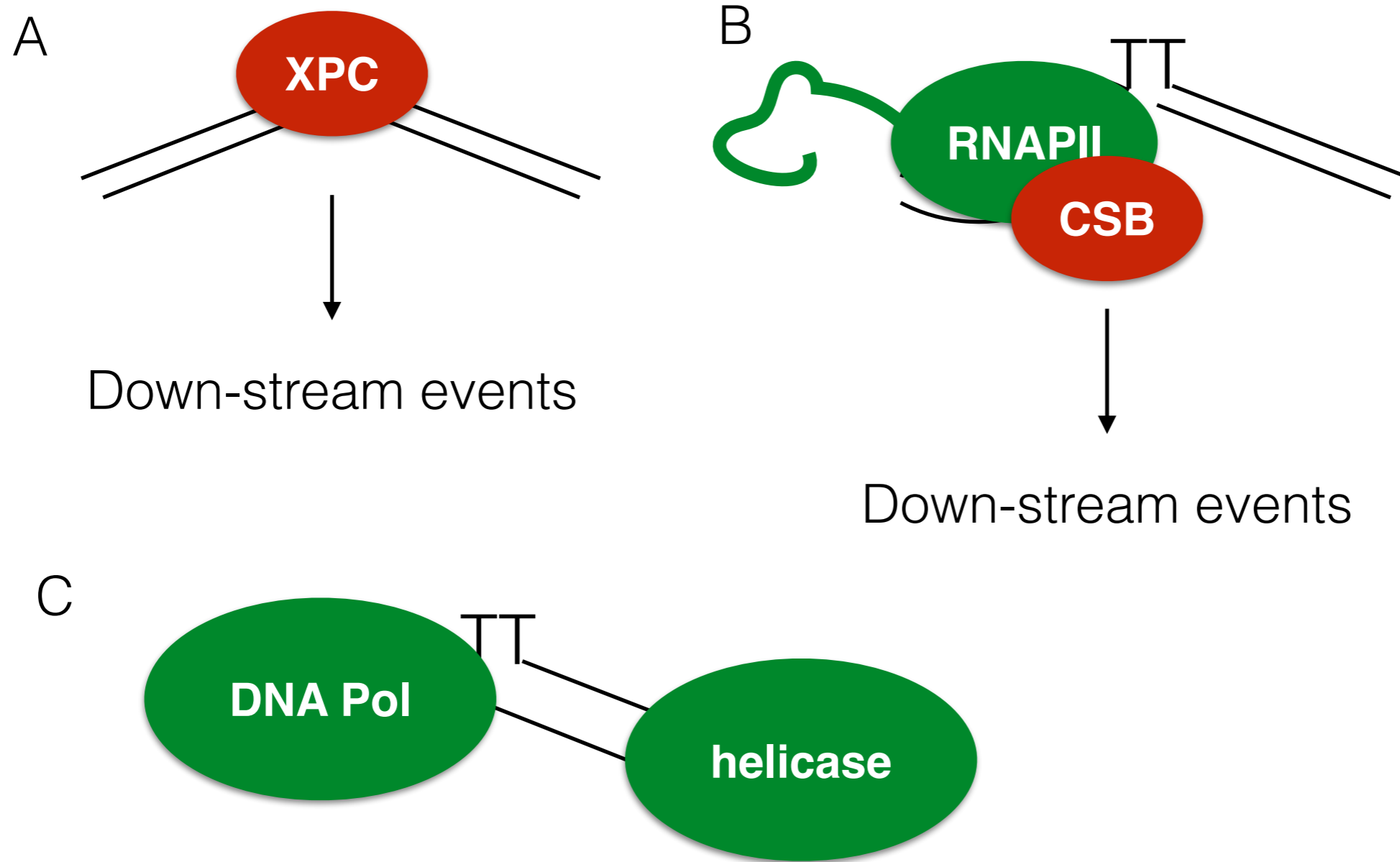
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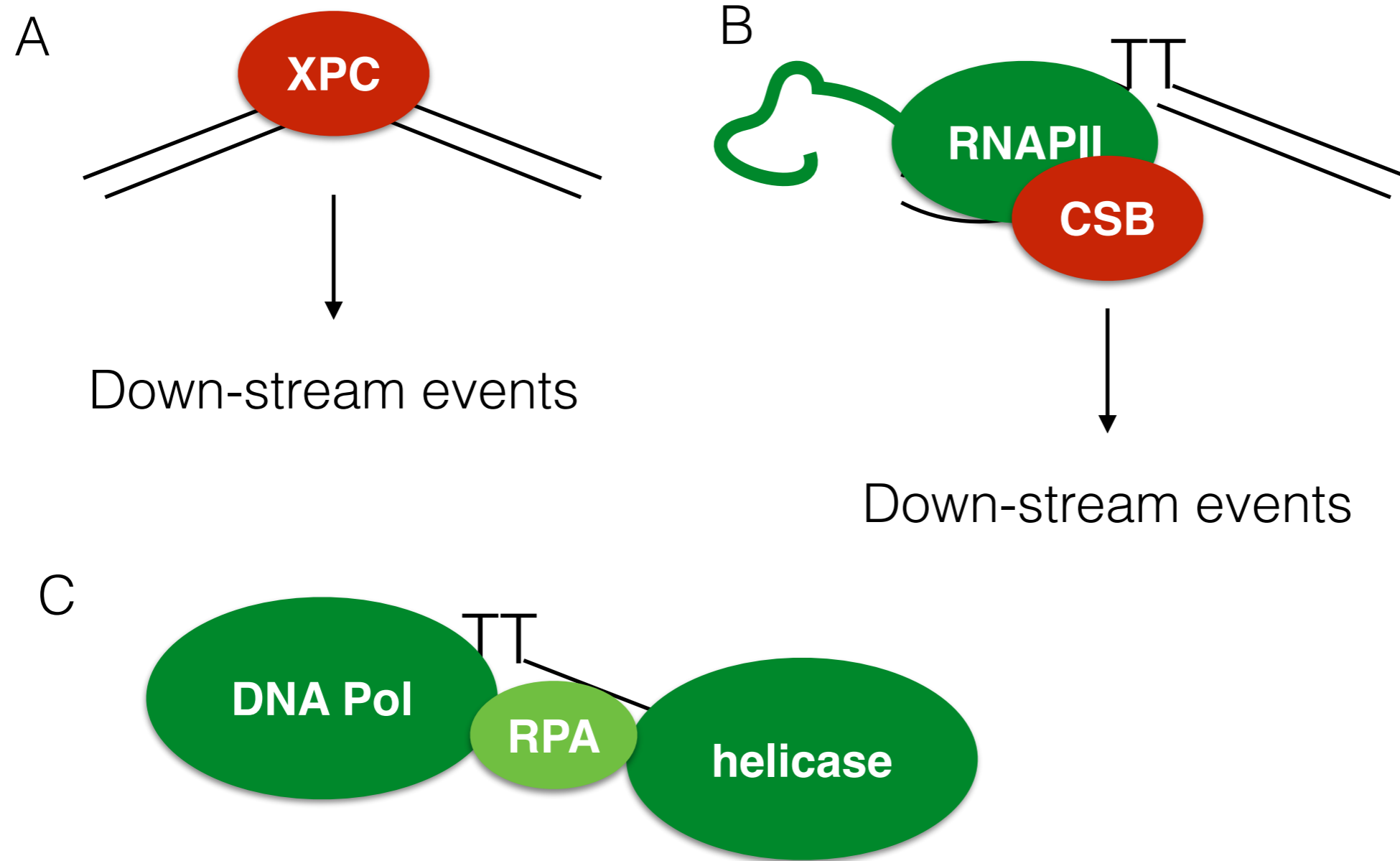
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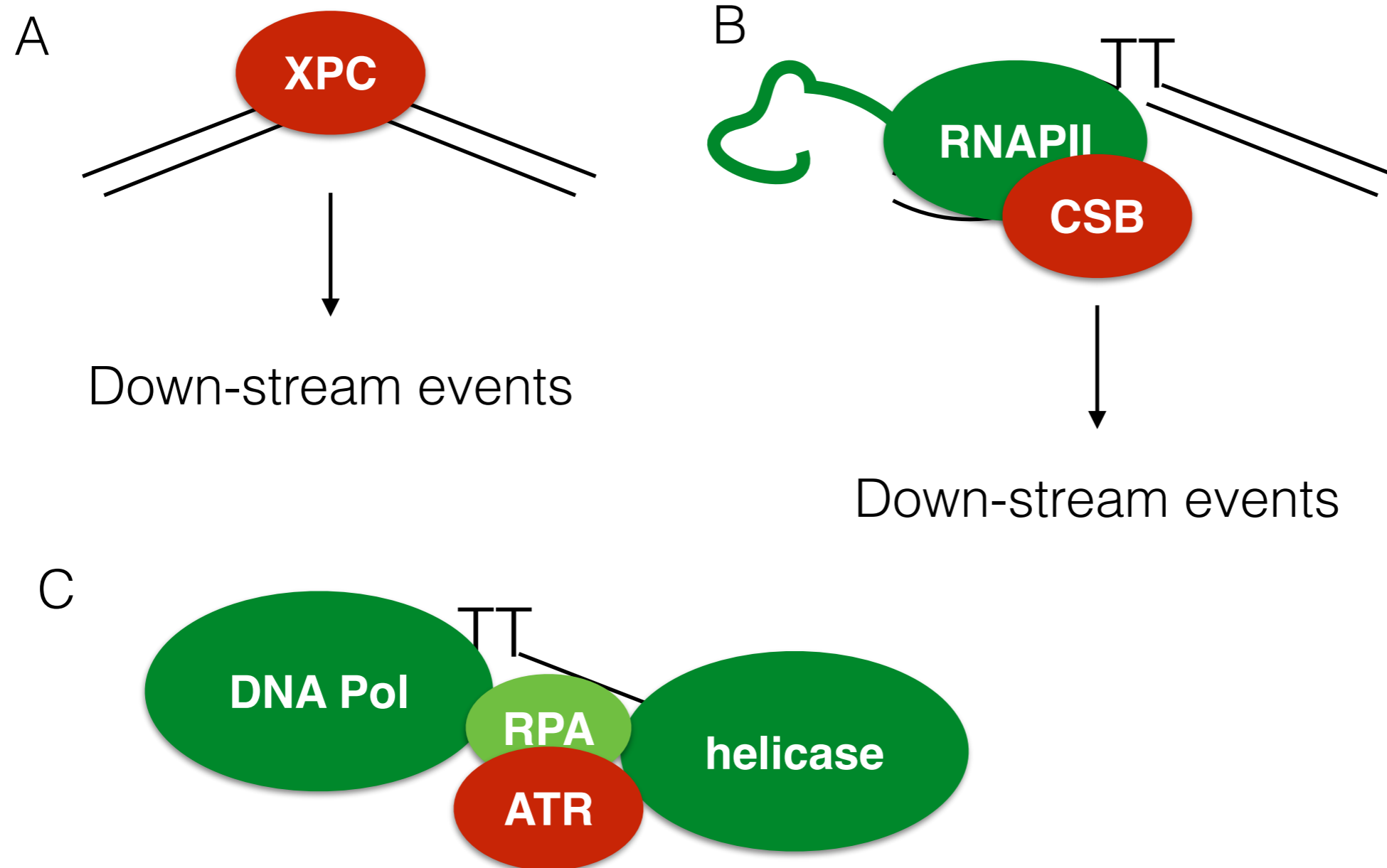
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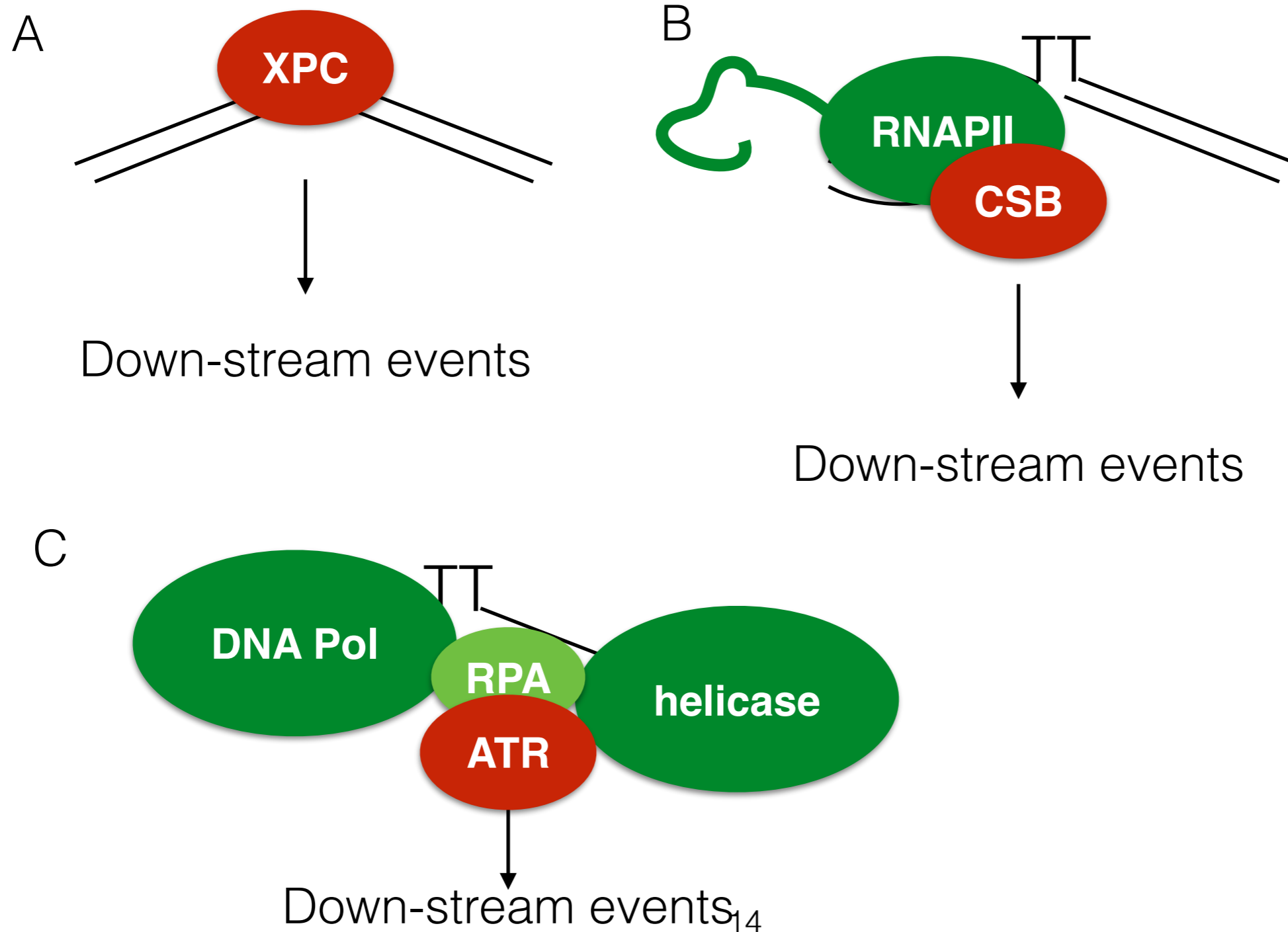
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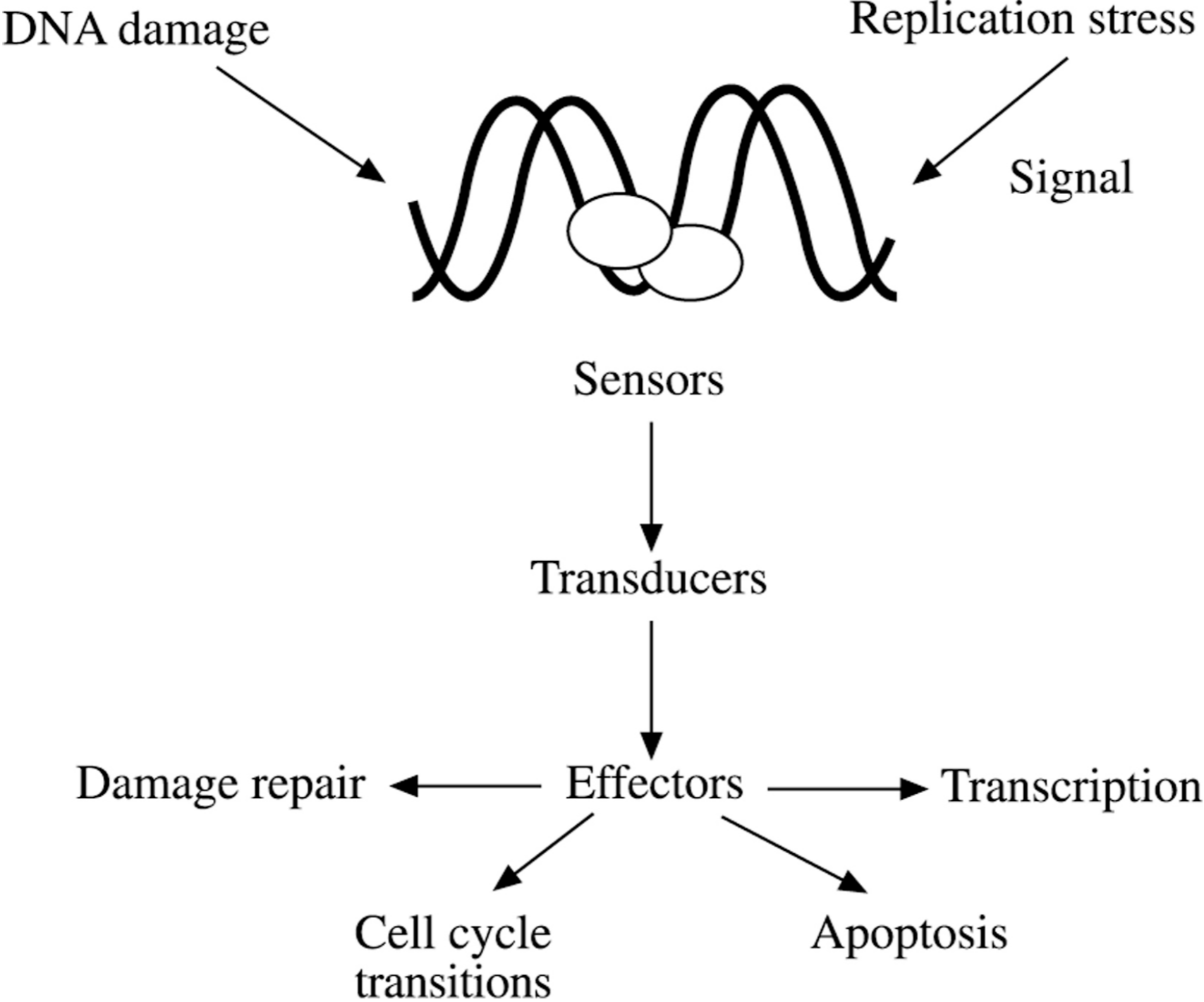


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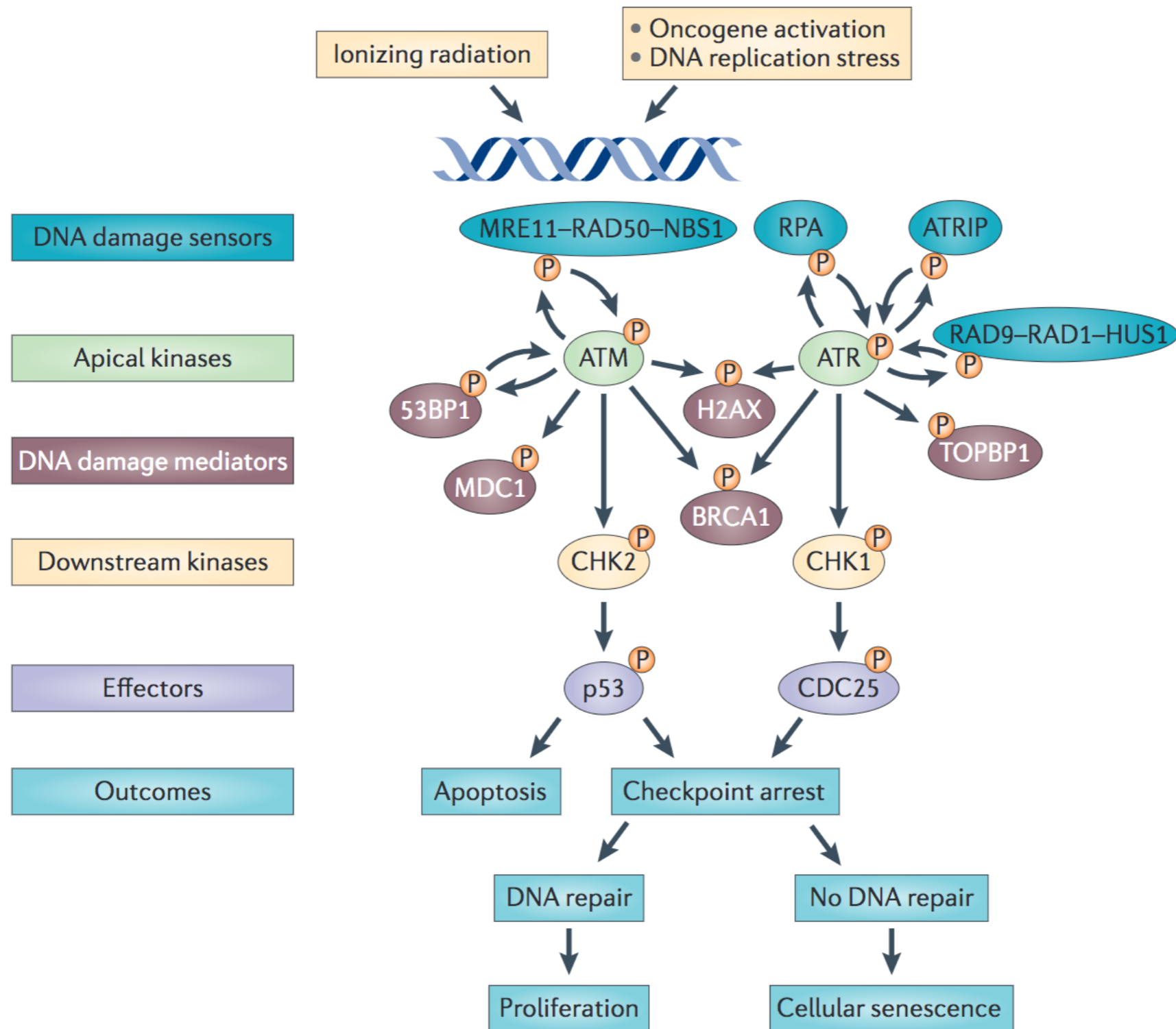


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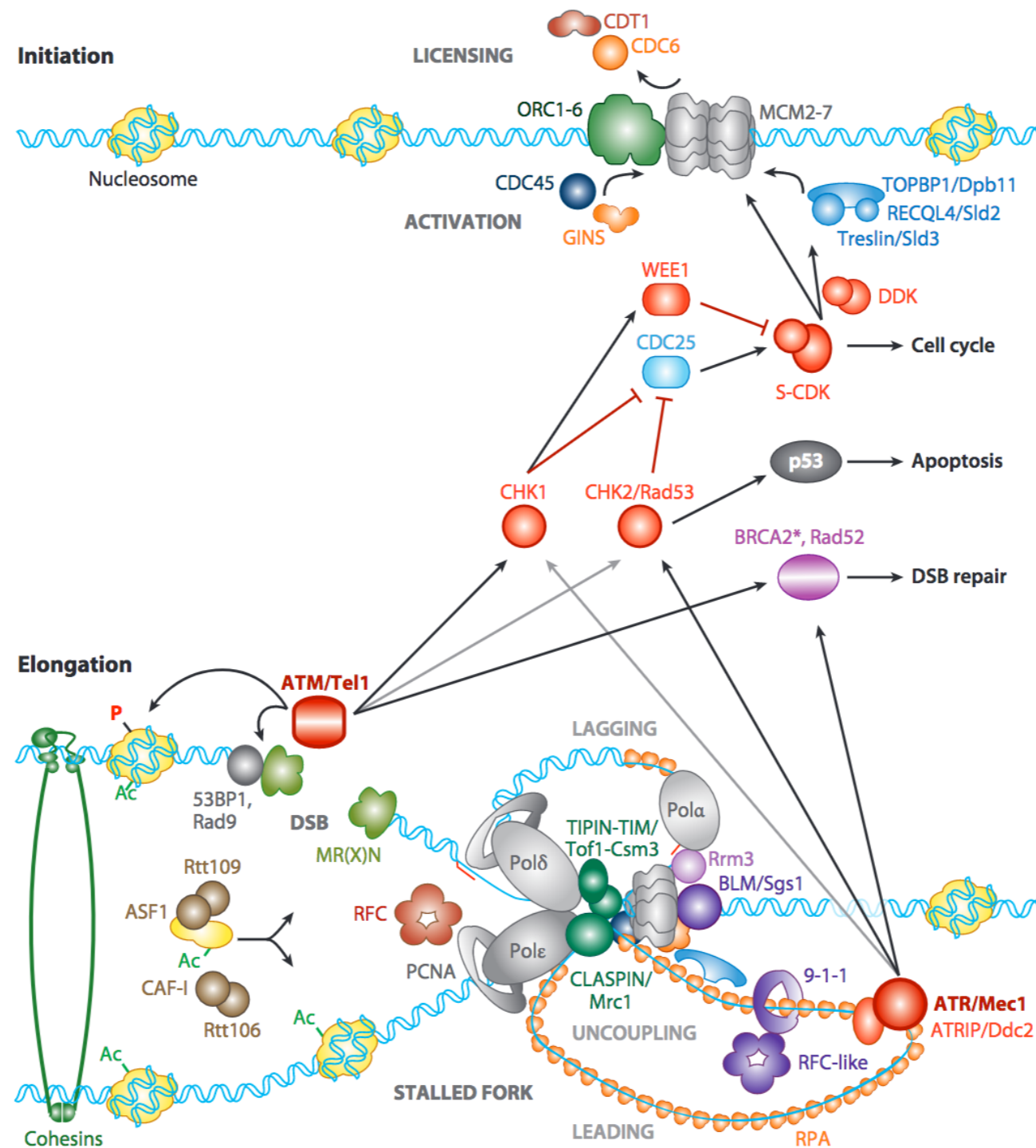
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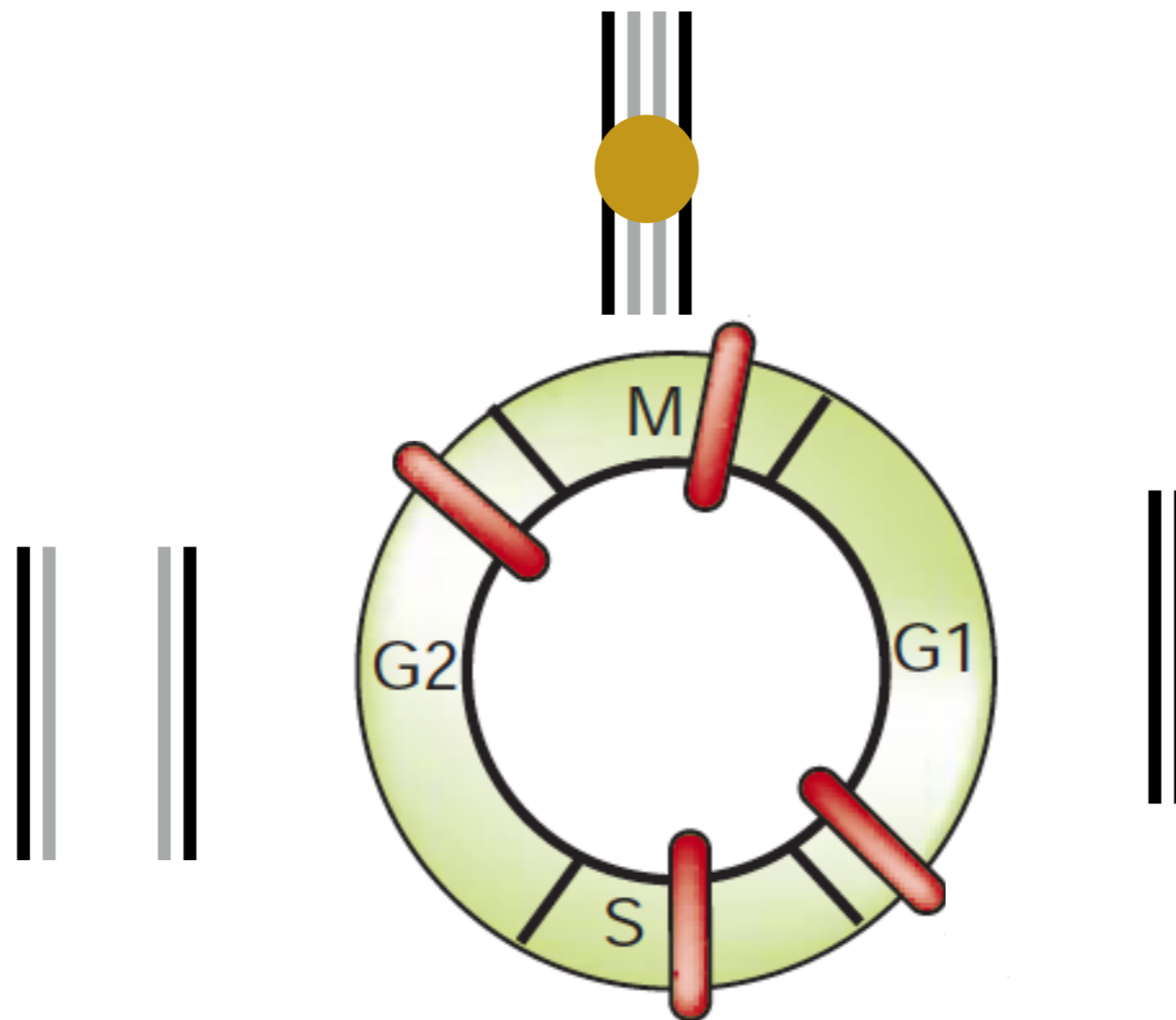
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The sensors subsequently activate complex signalling pathways that lead to halt of cell-cycle, as well as to decision as of which pathway is to be used; balancing the cell-cycle stage and other needs of the cell.

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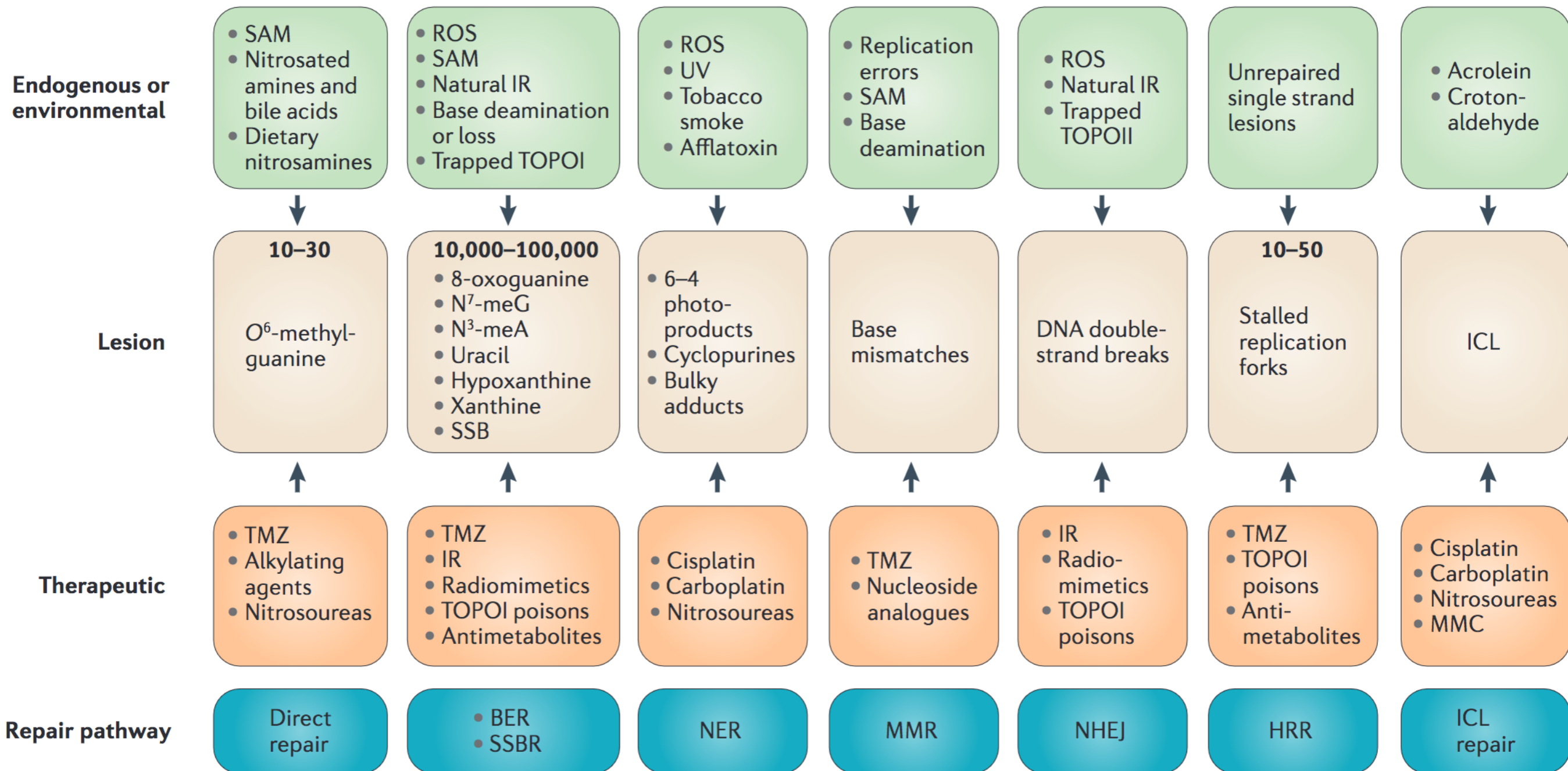
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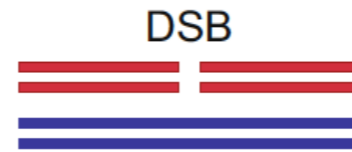
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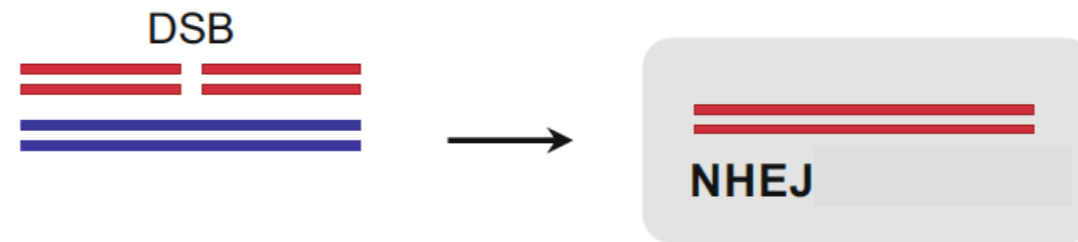
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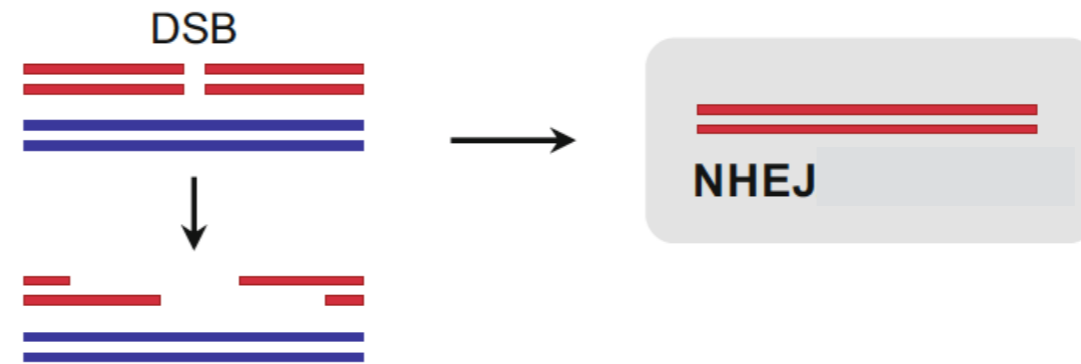
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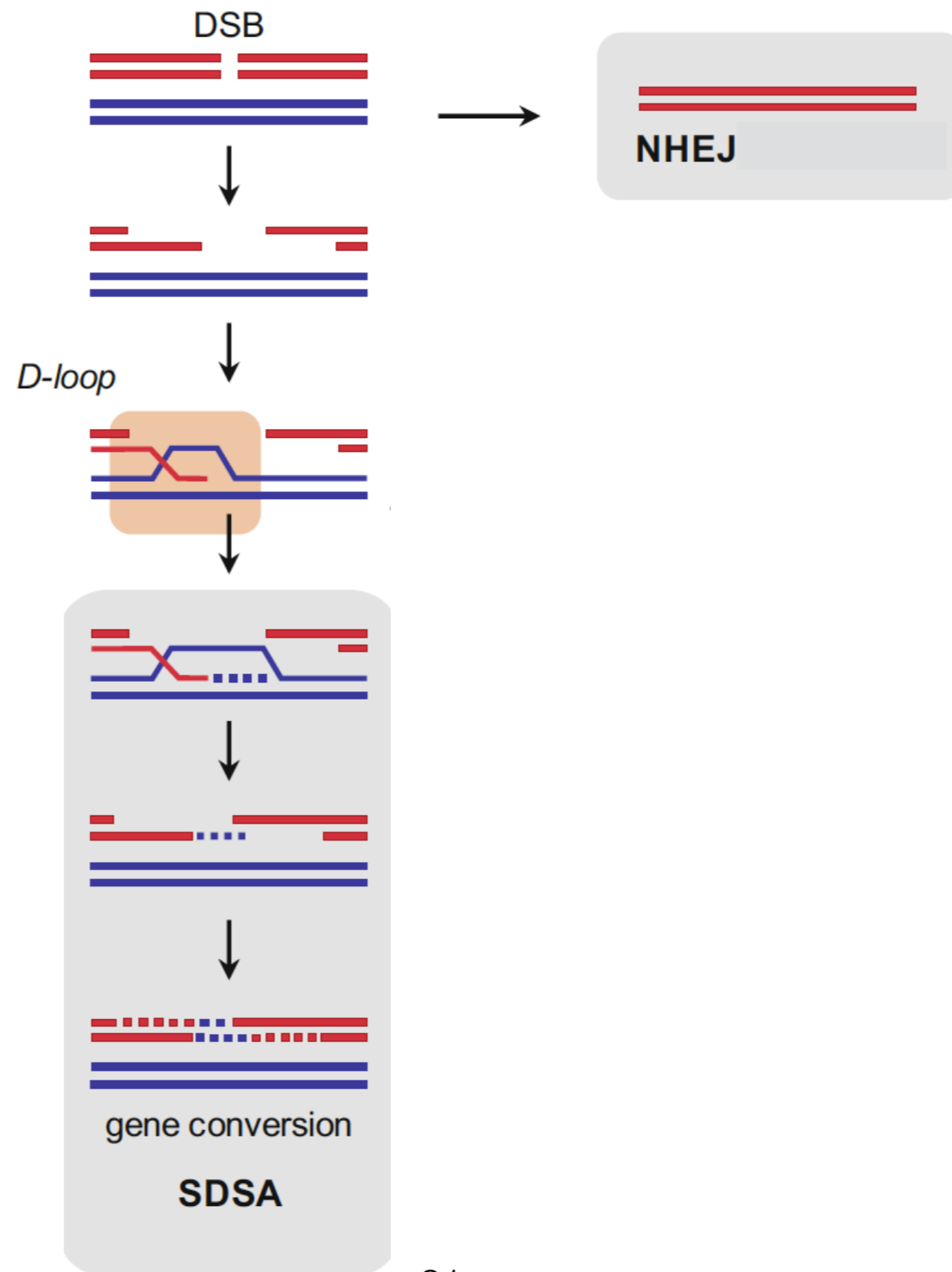
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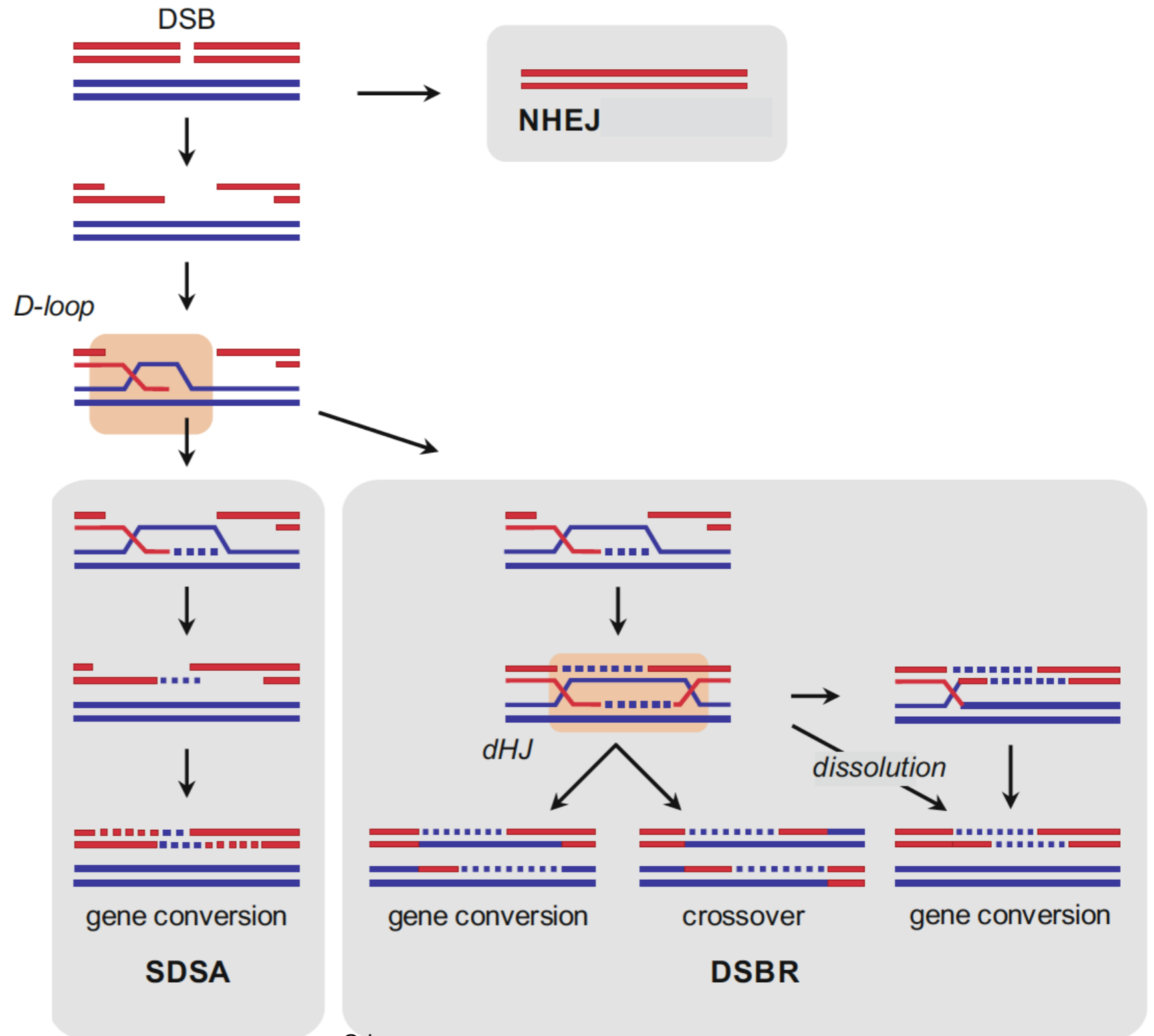
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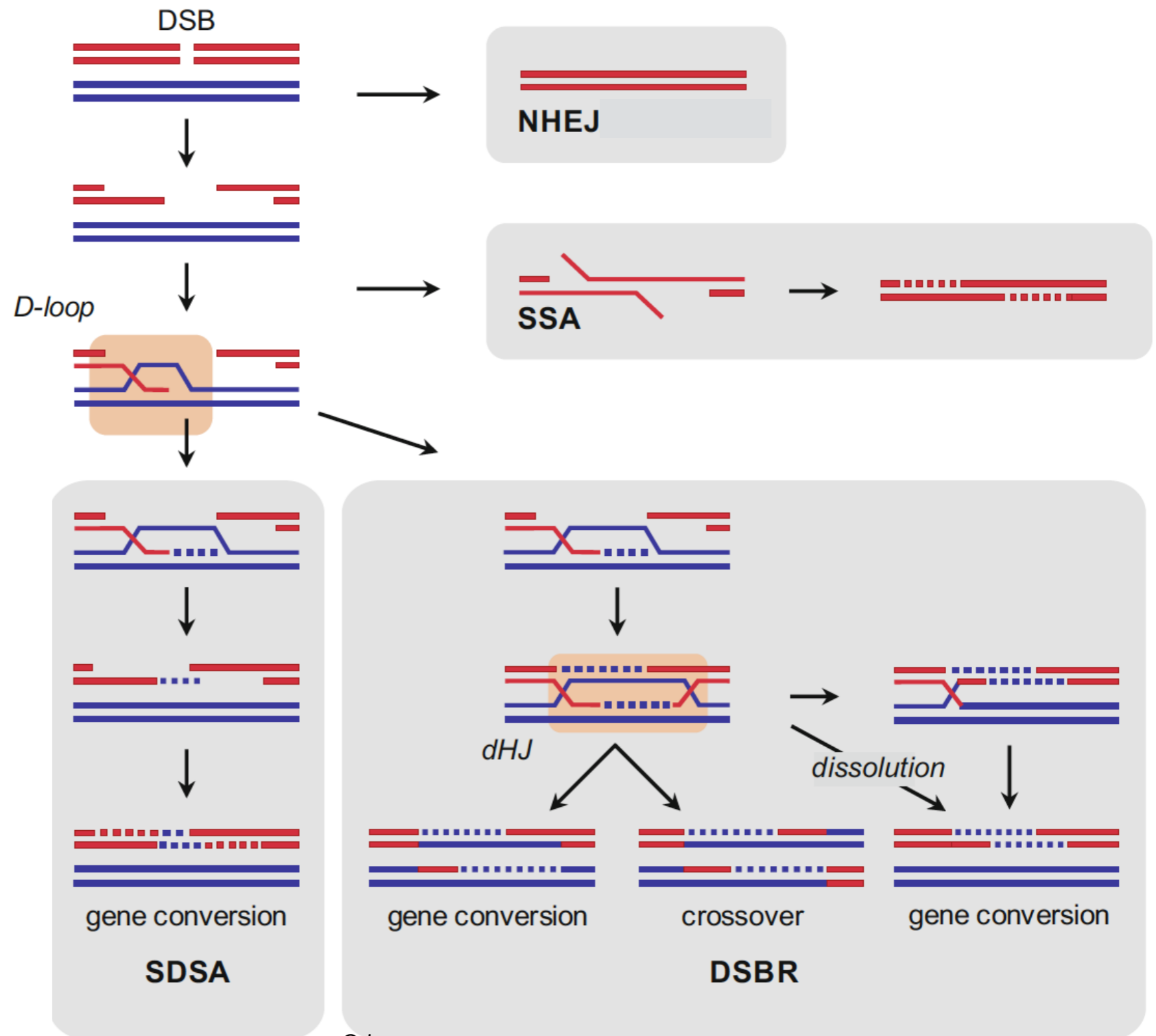
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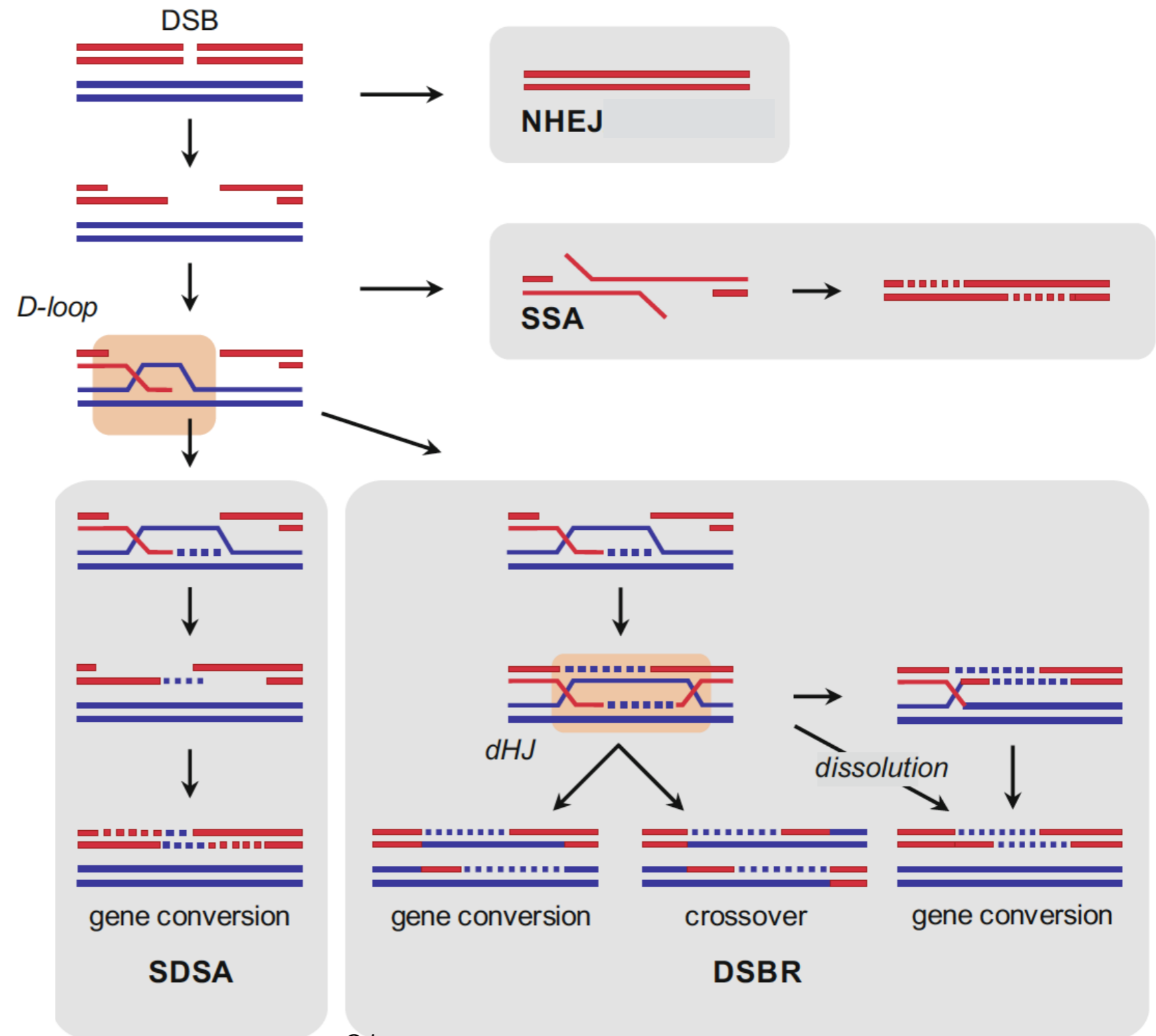
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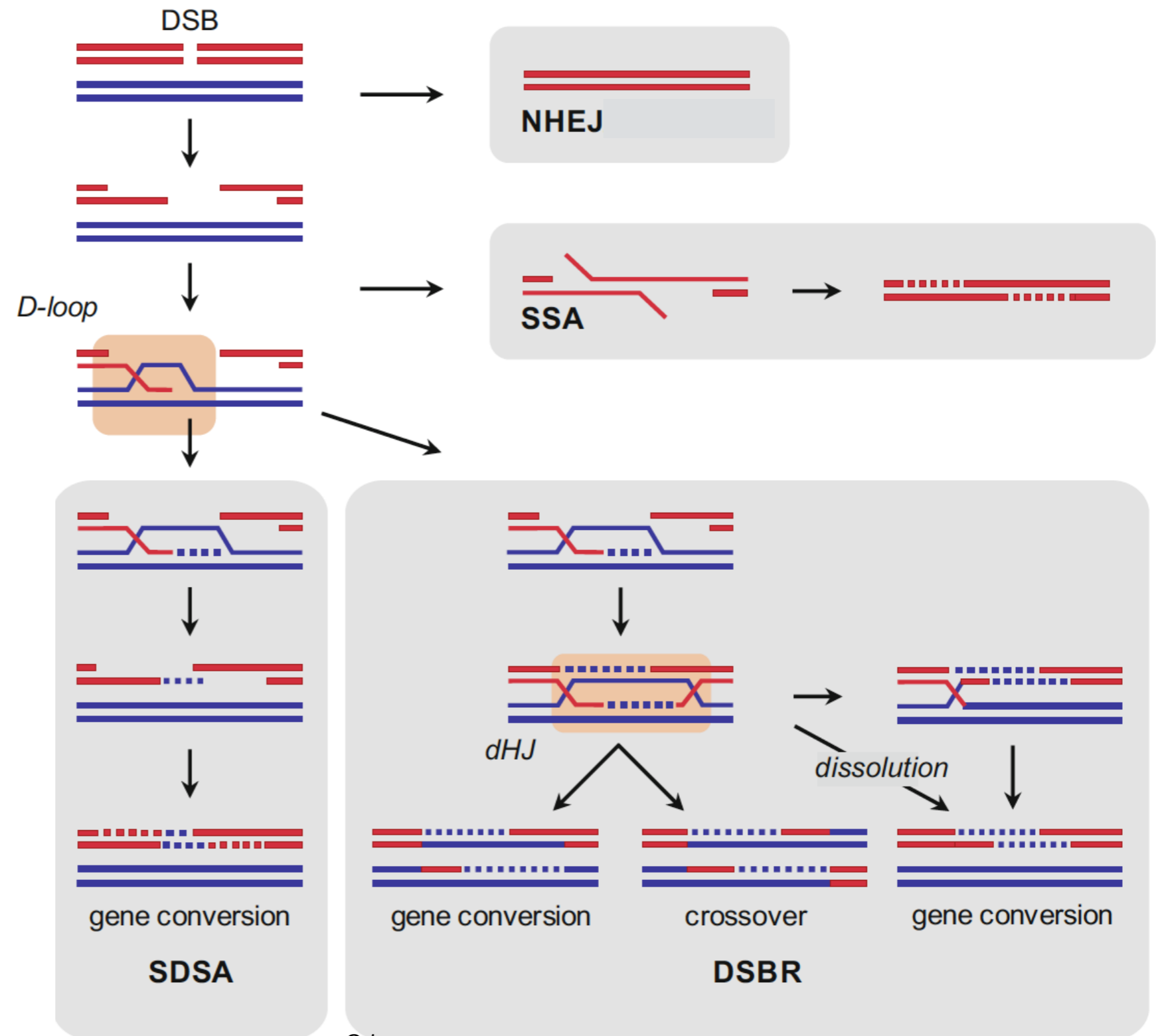
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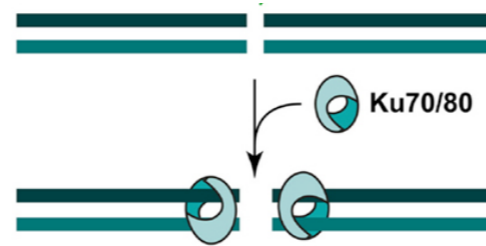
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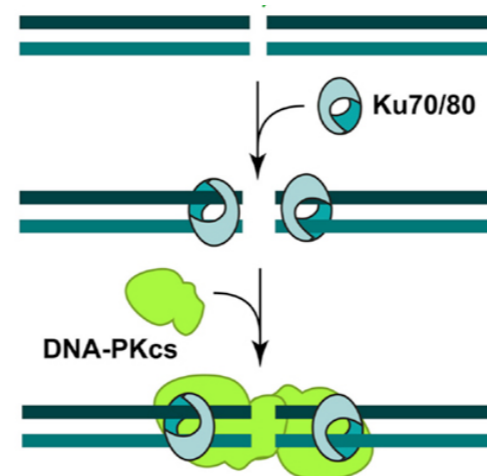
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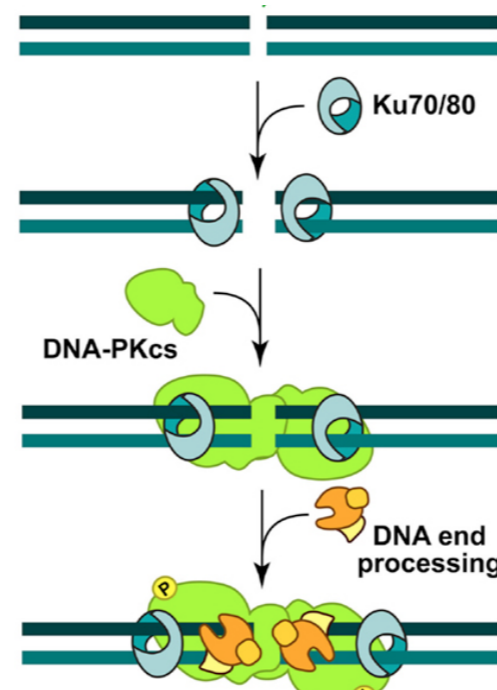
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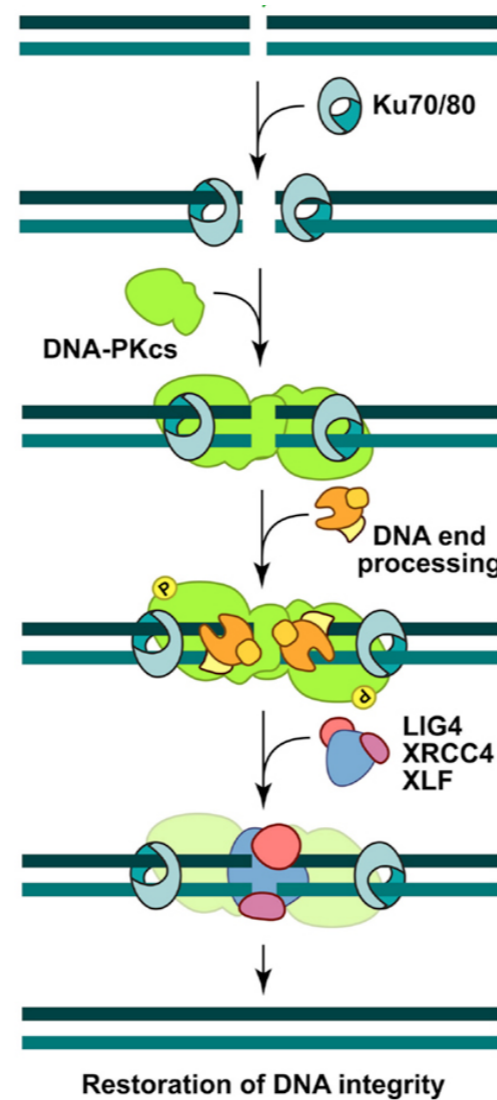
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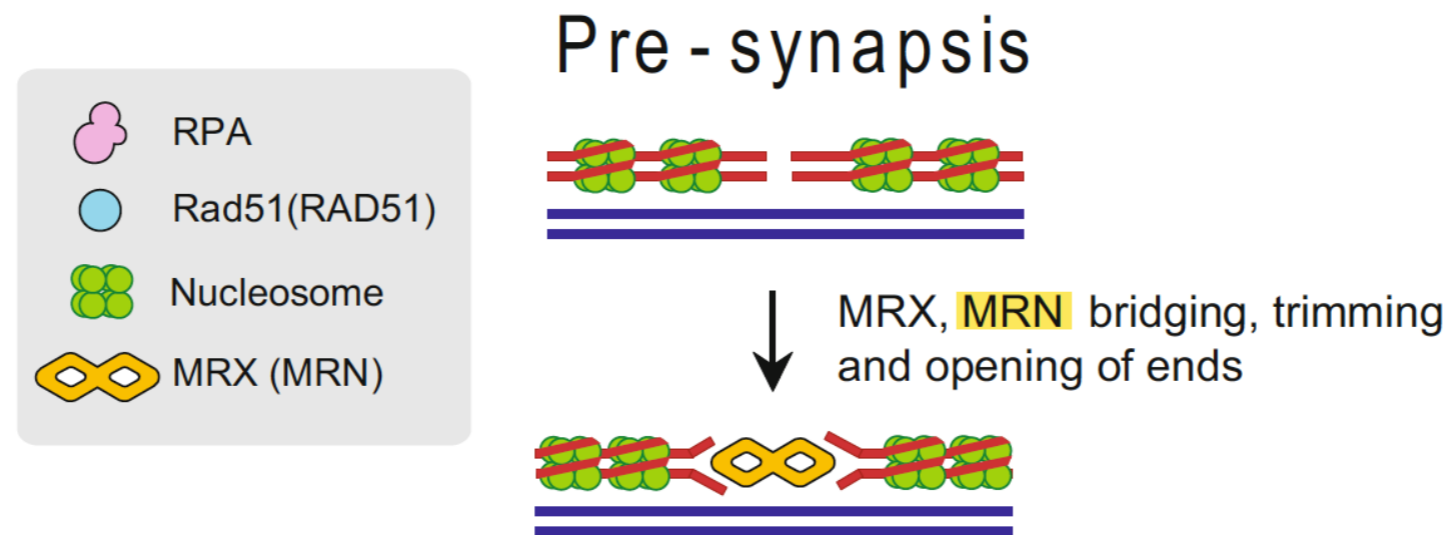
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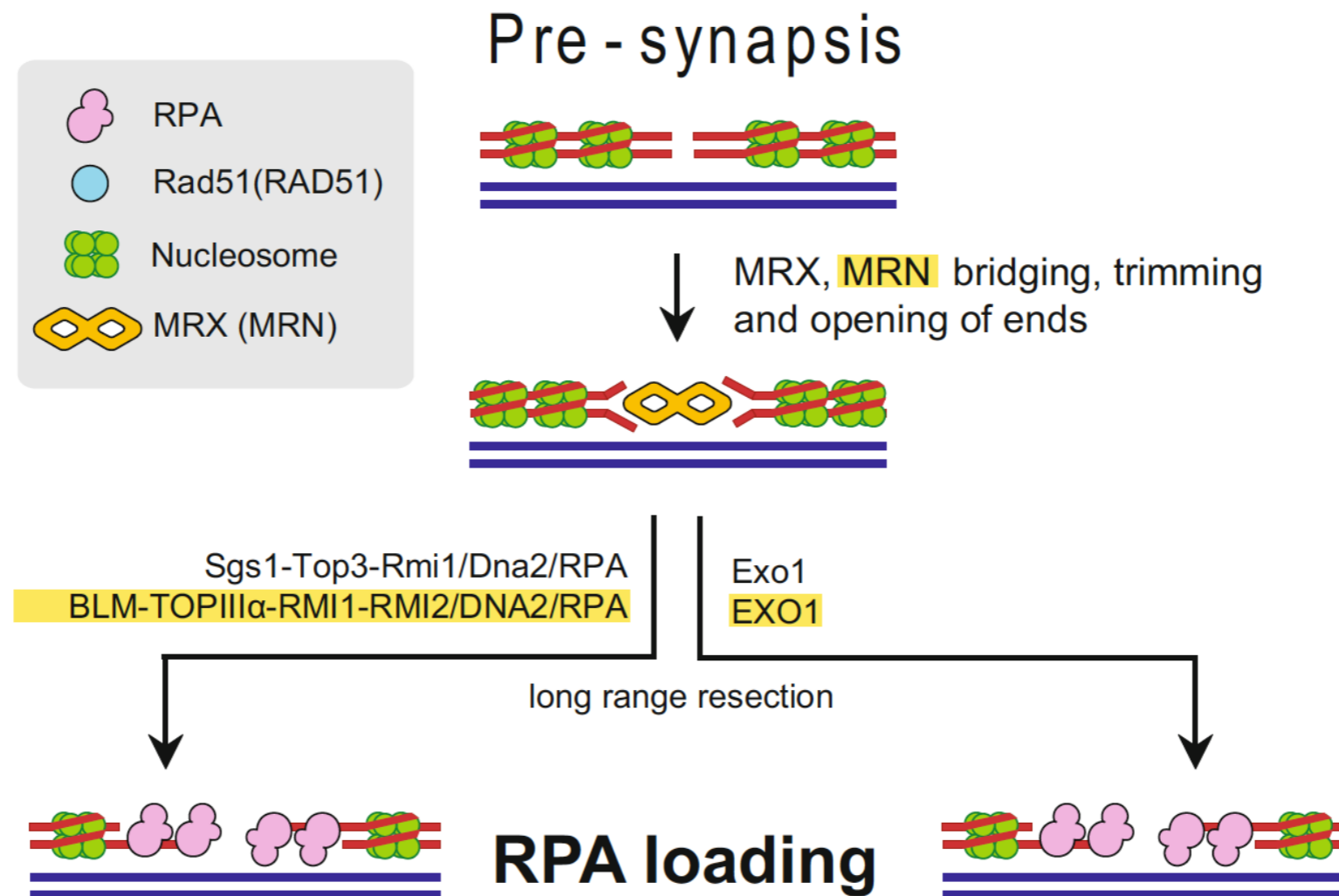
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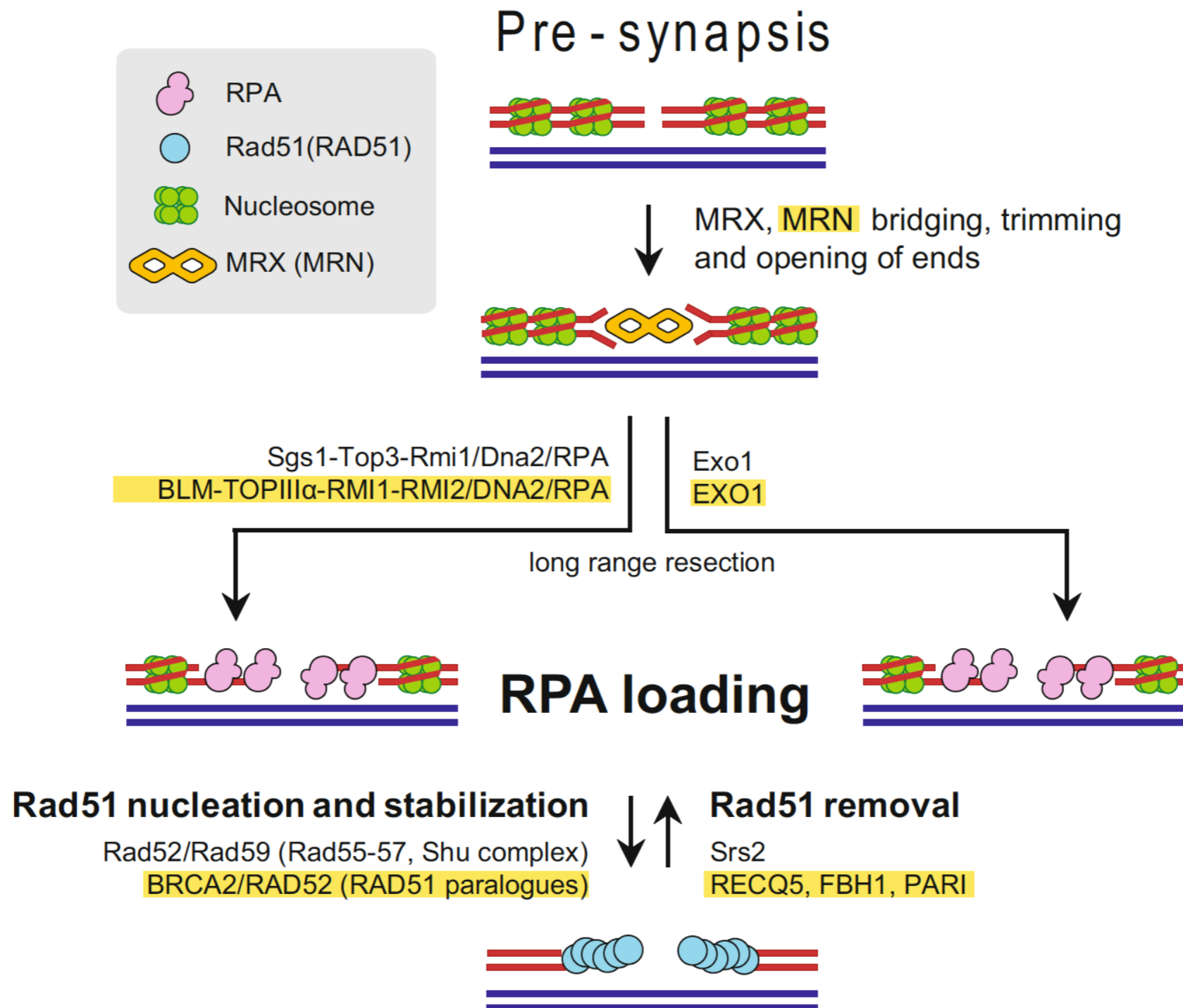
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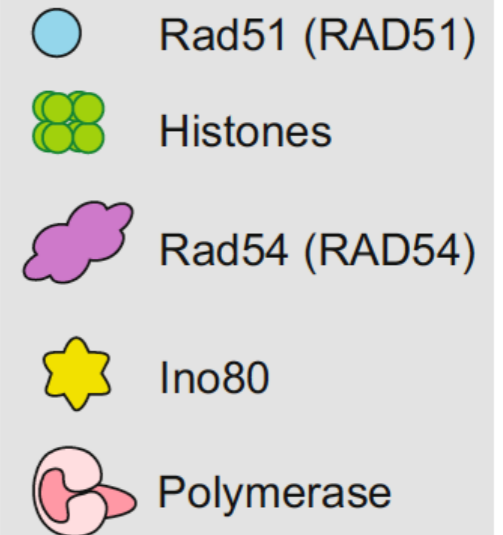


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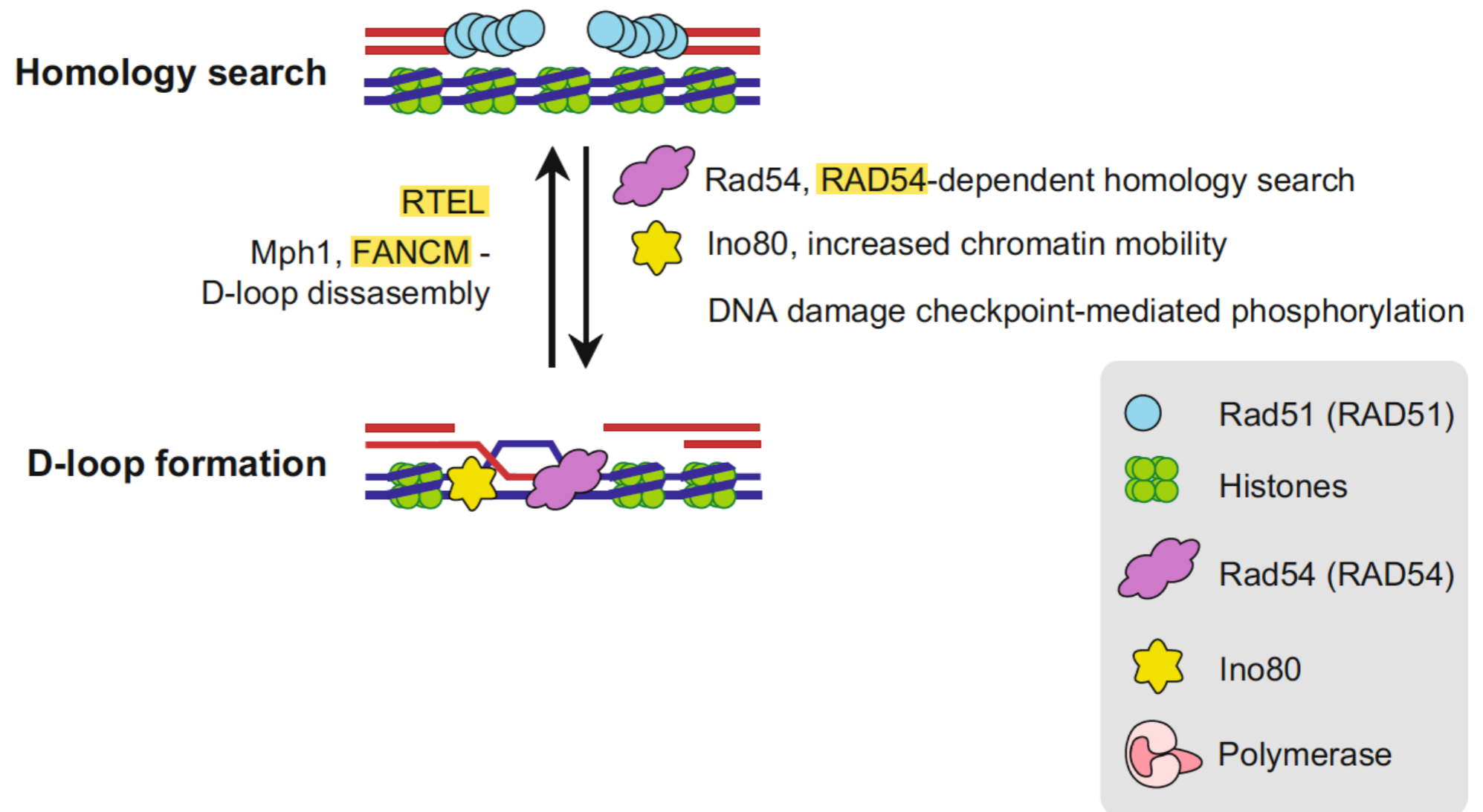
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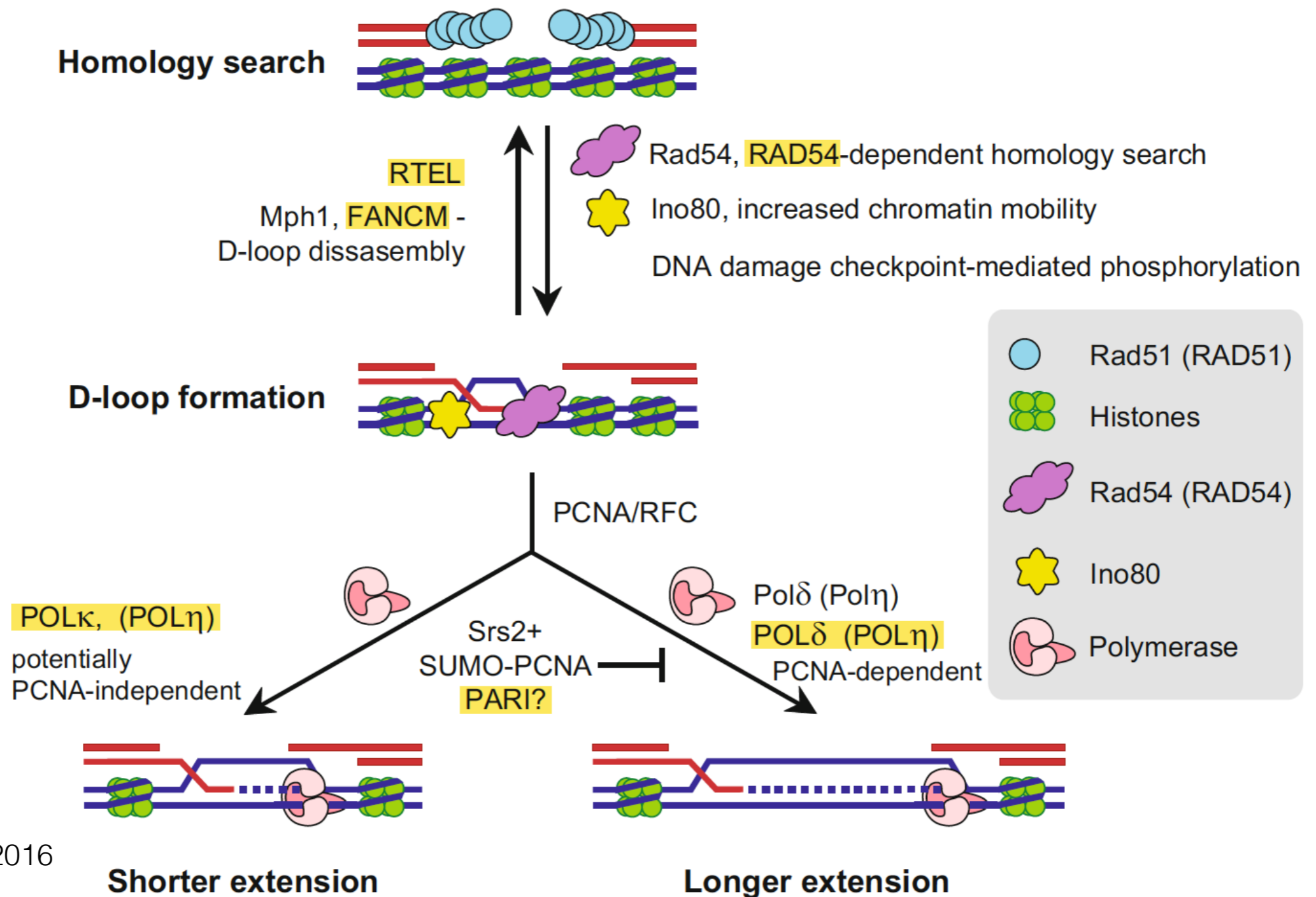
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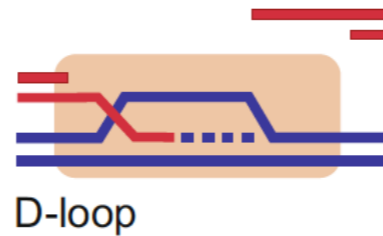


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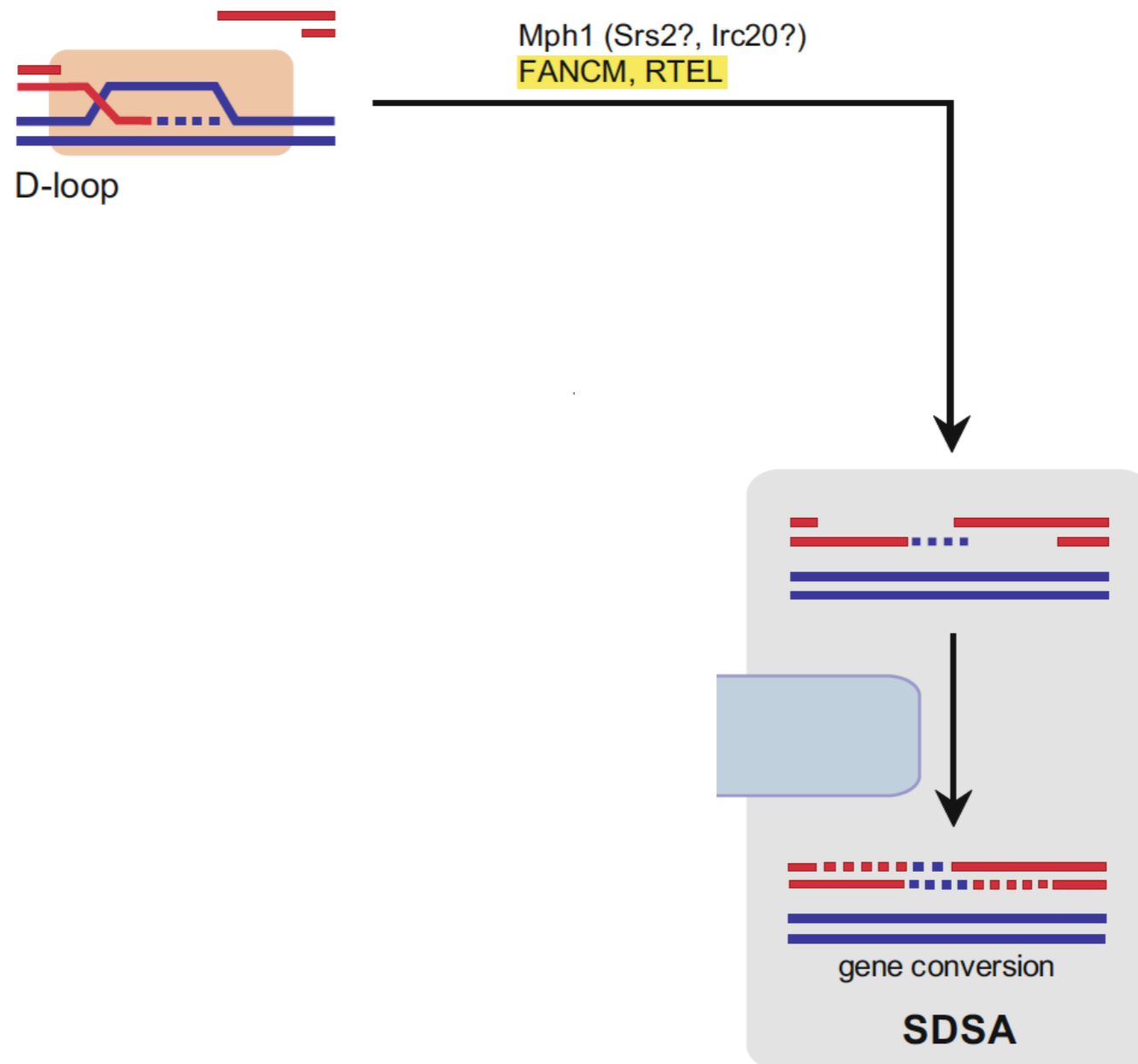
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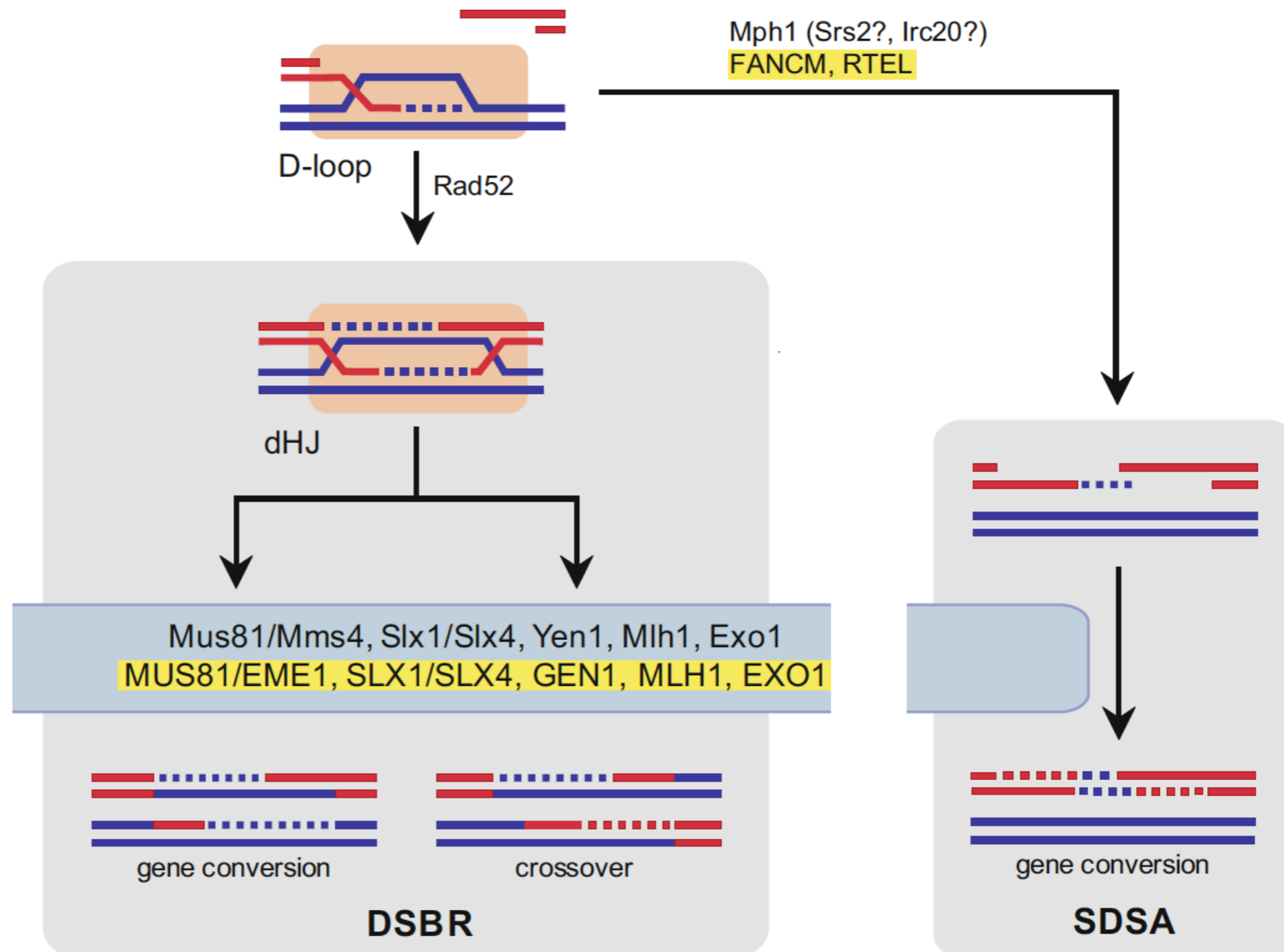
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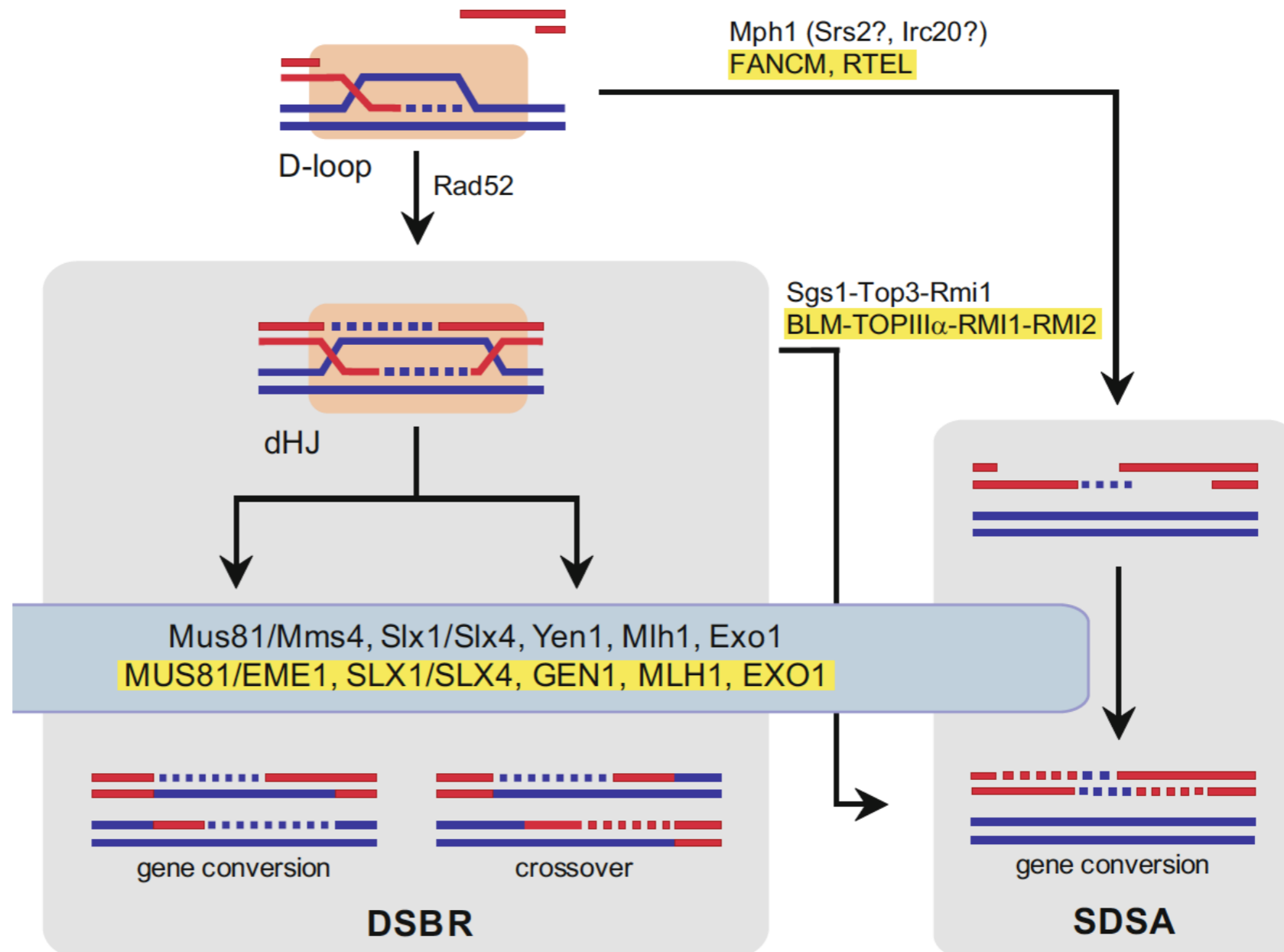
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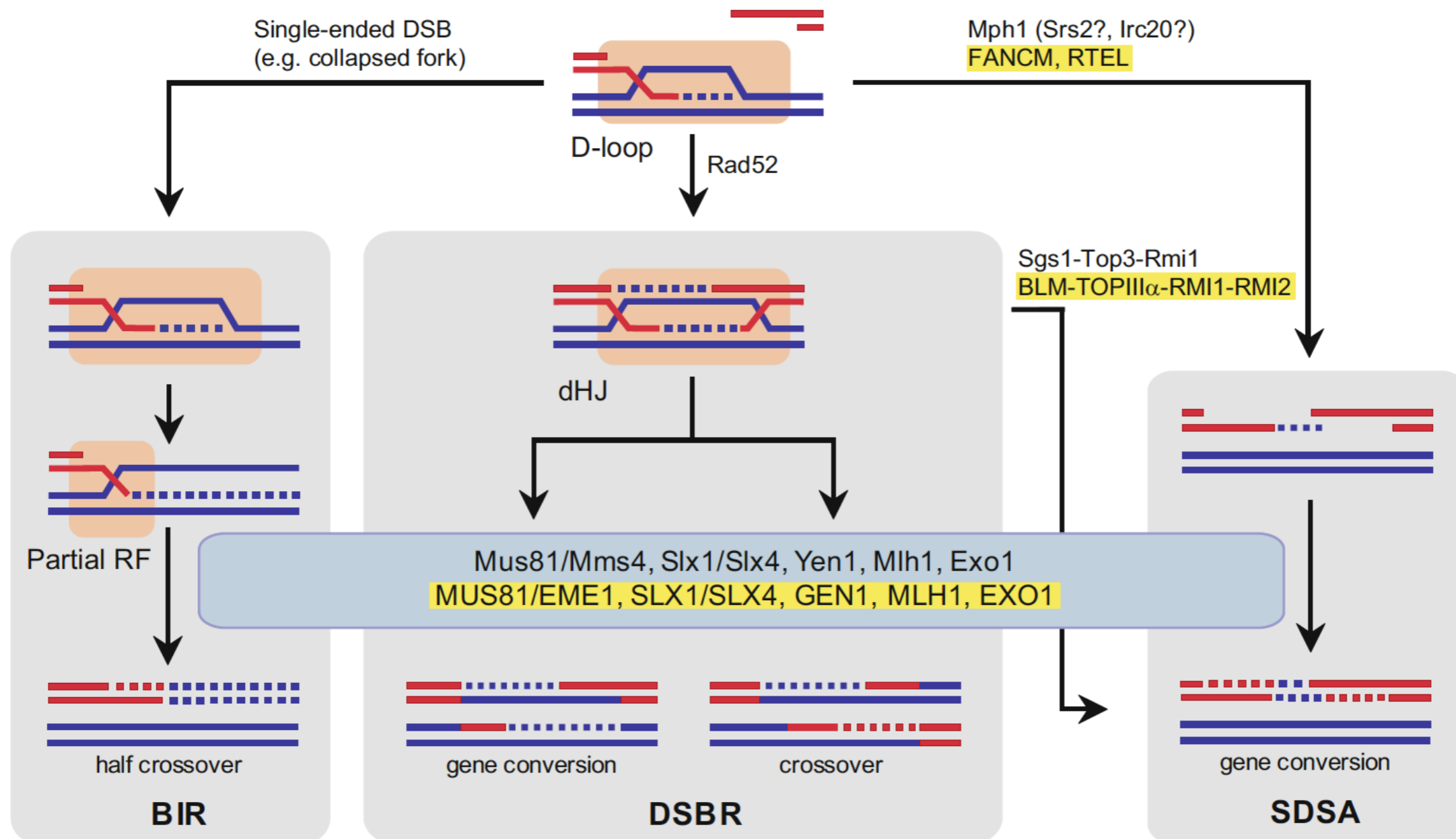
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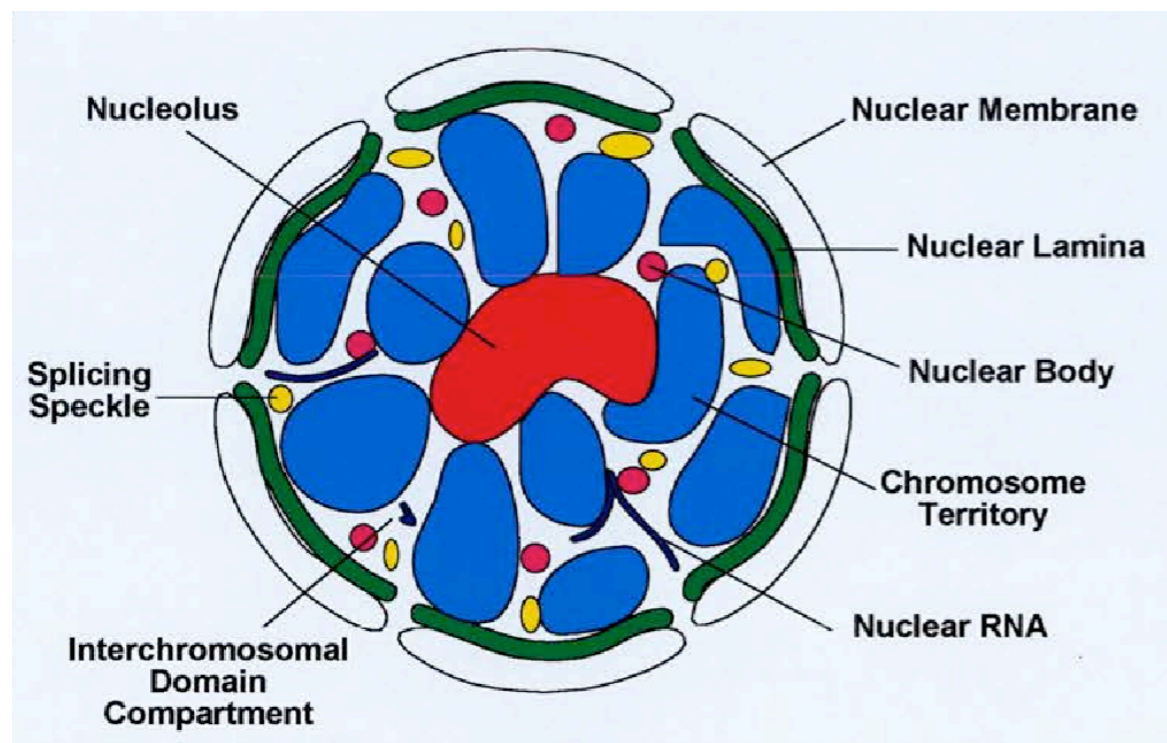
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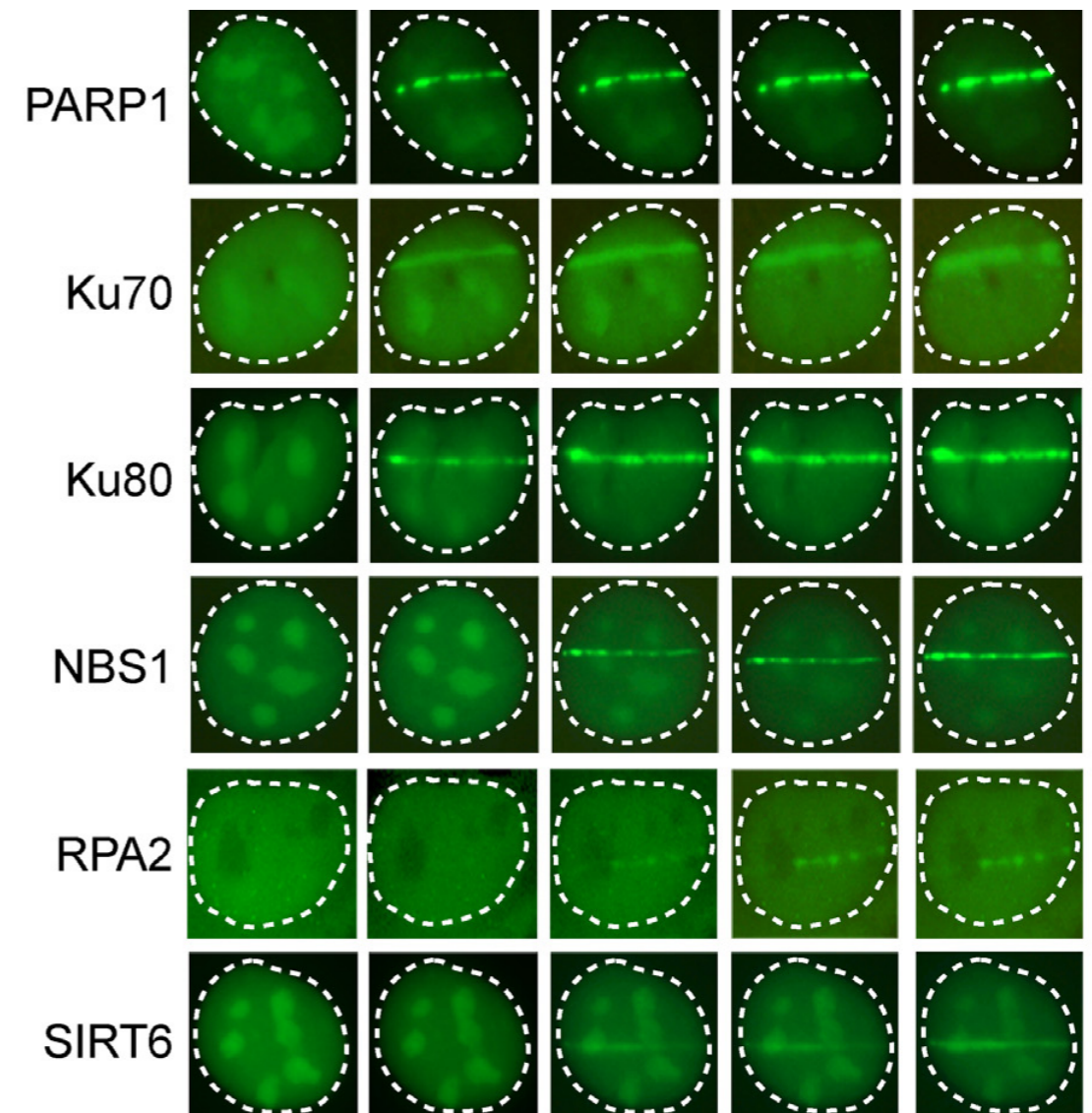
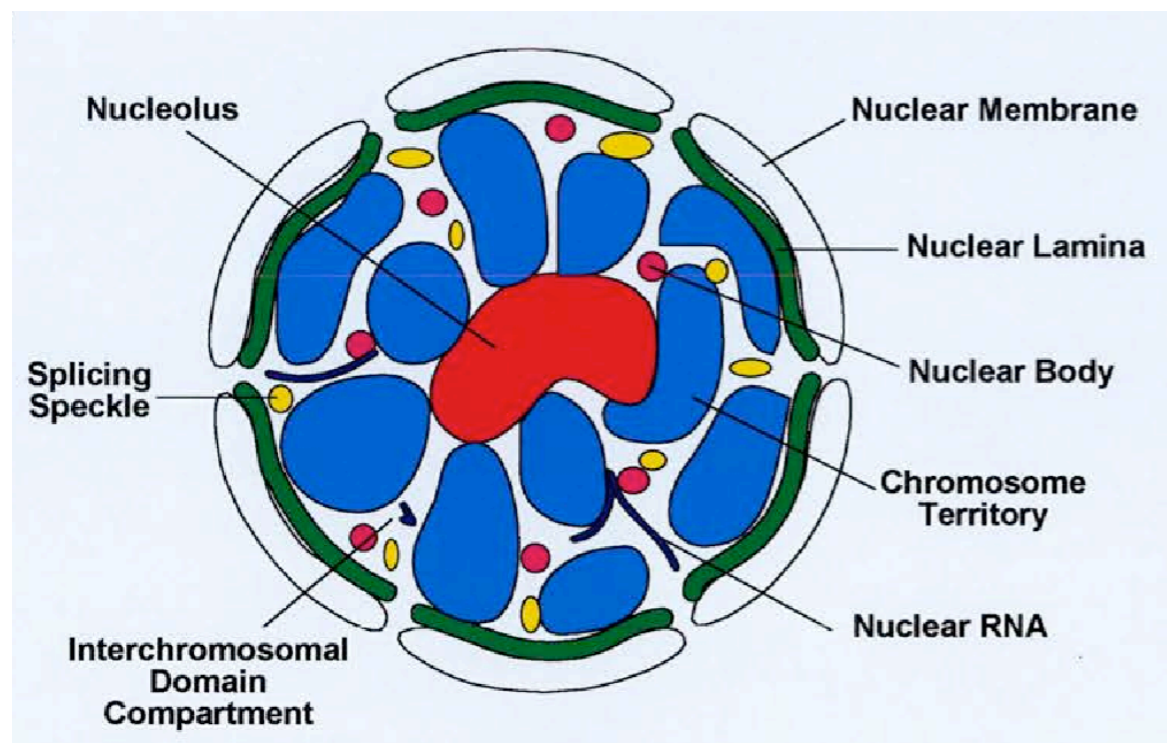
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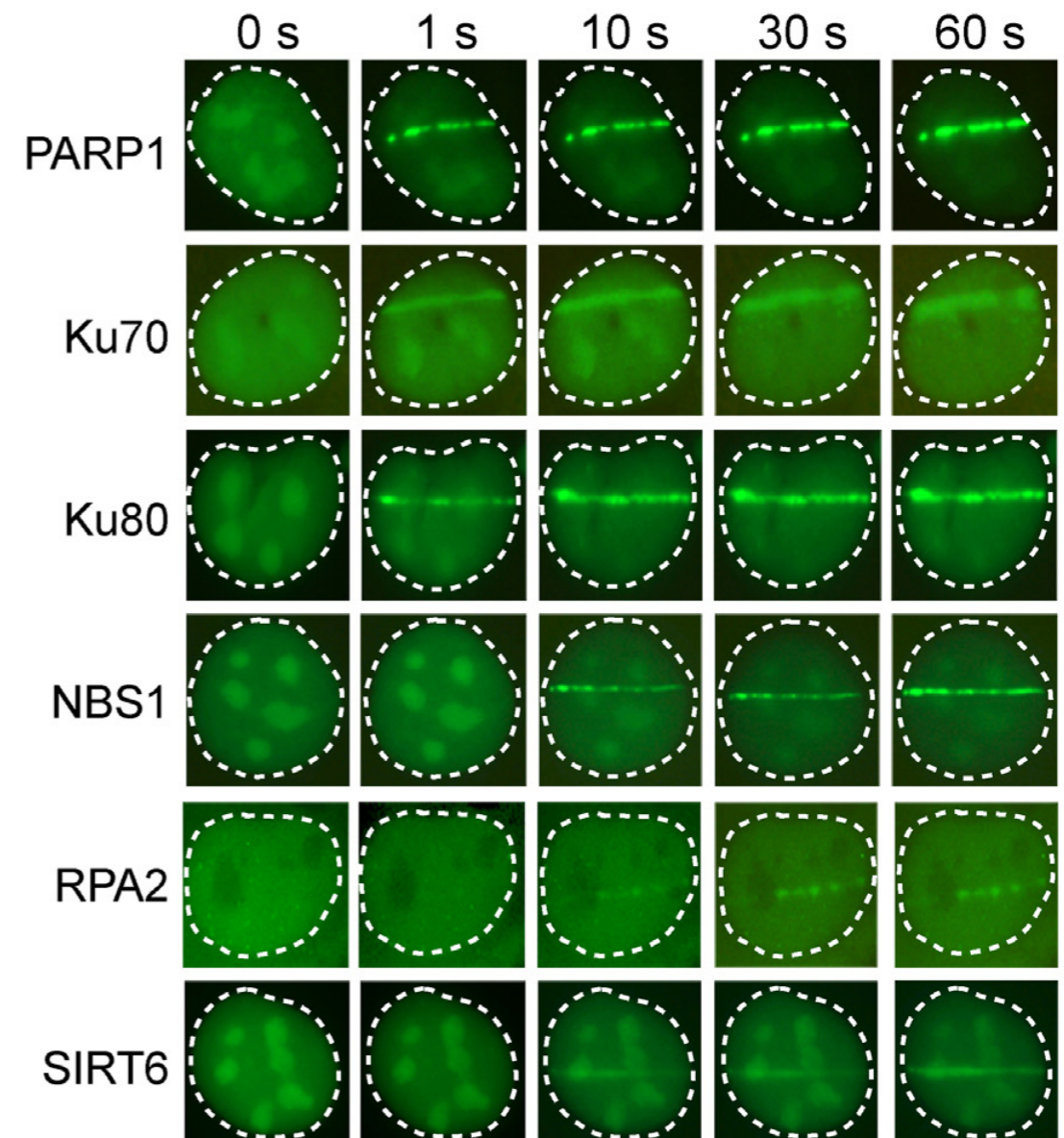
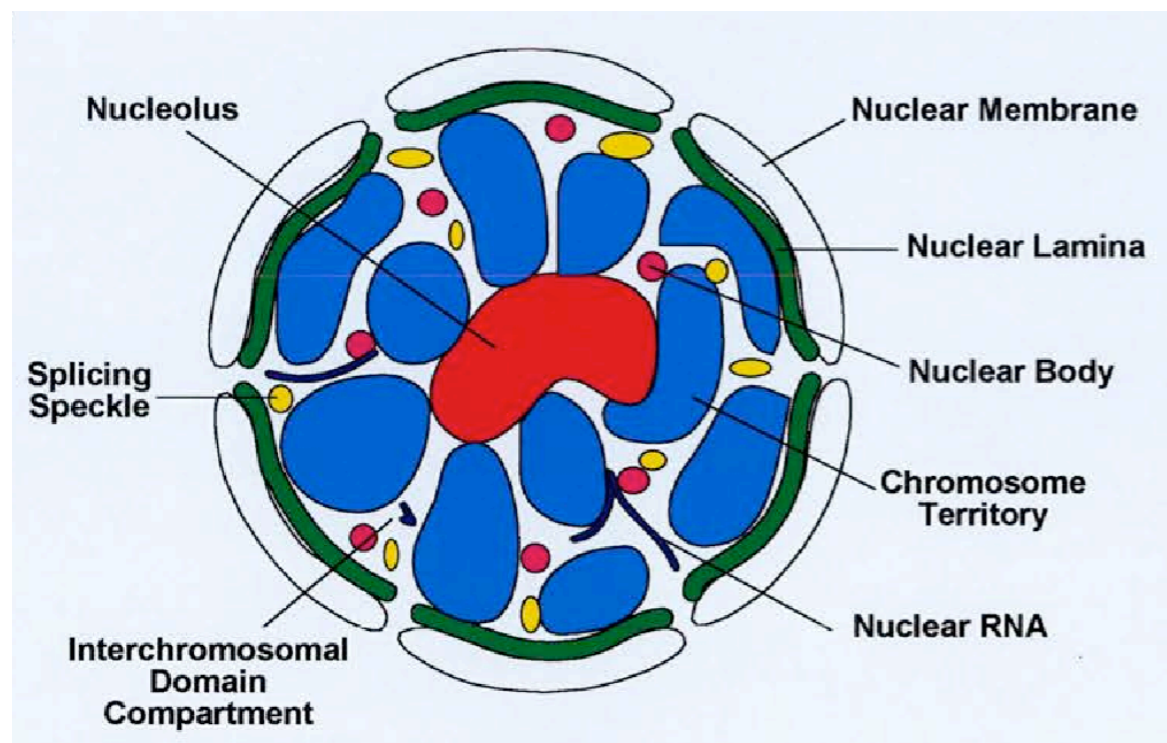


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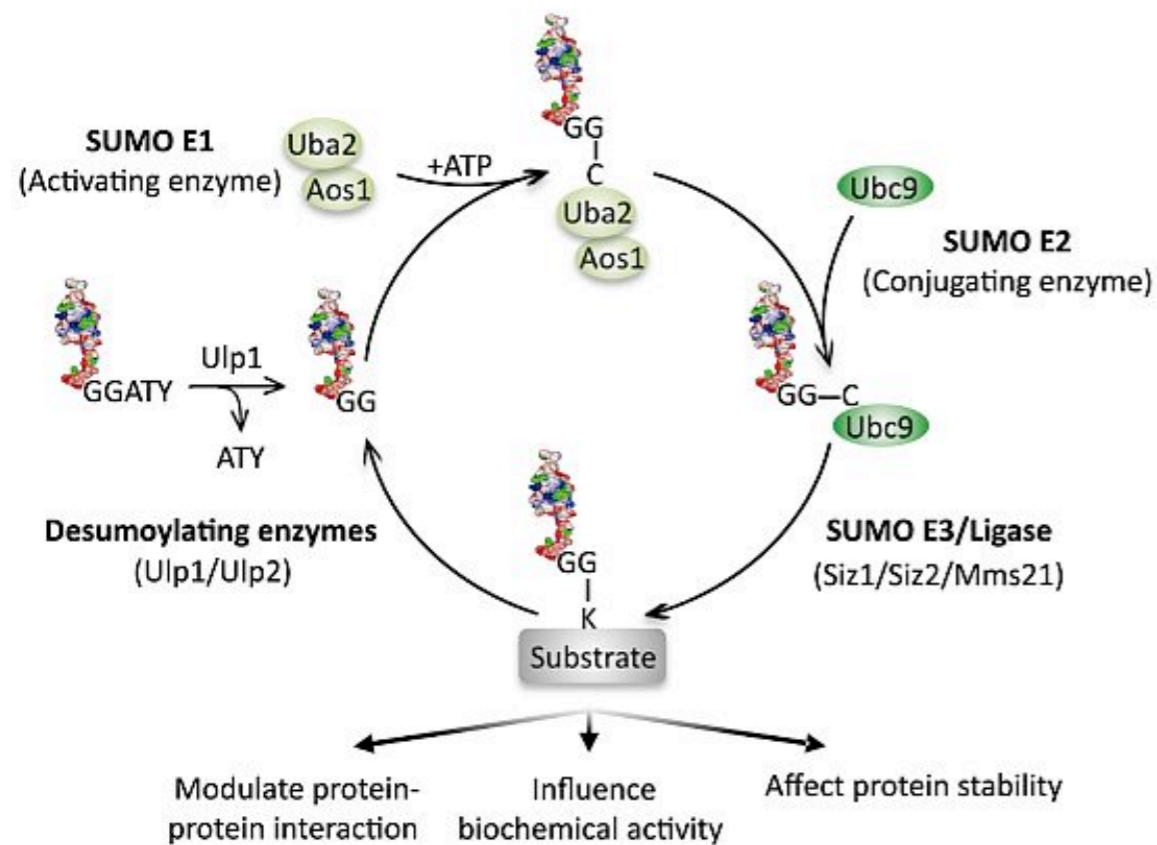
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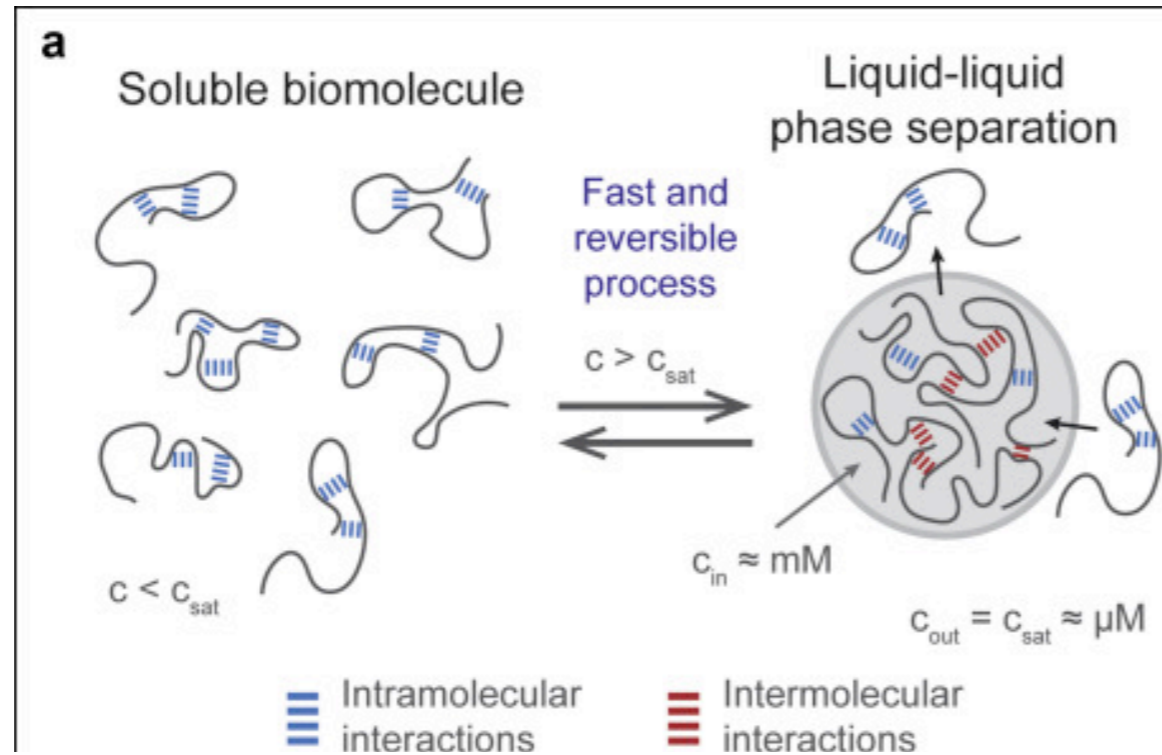
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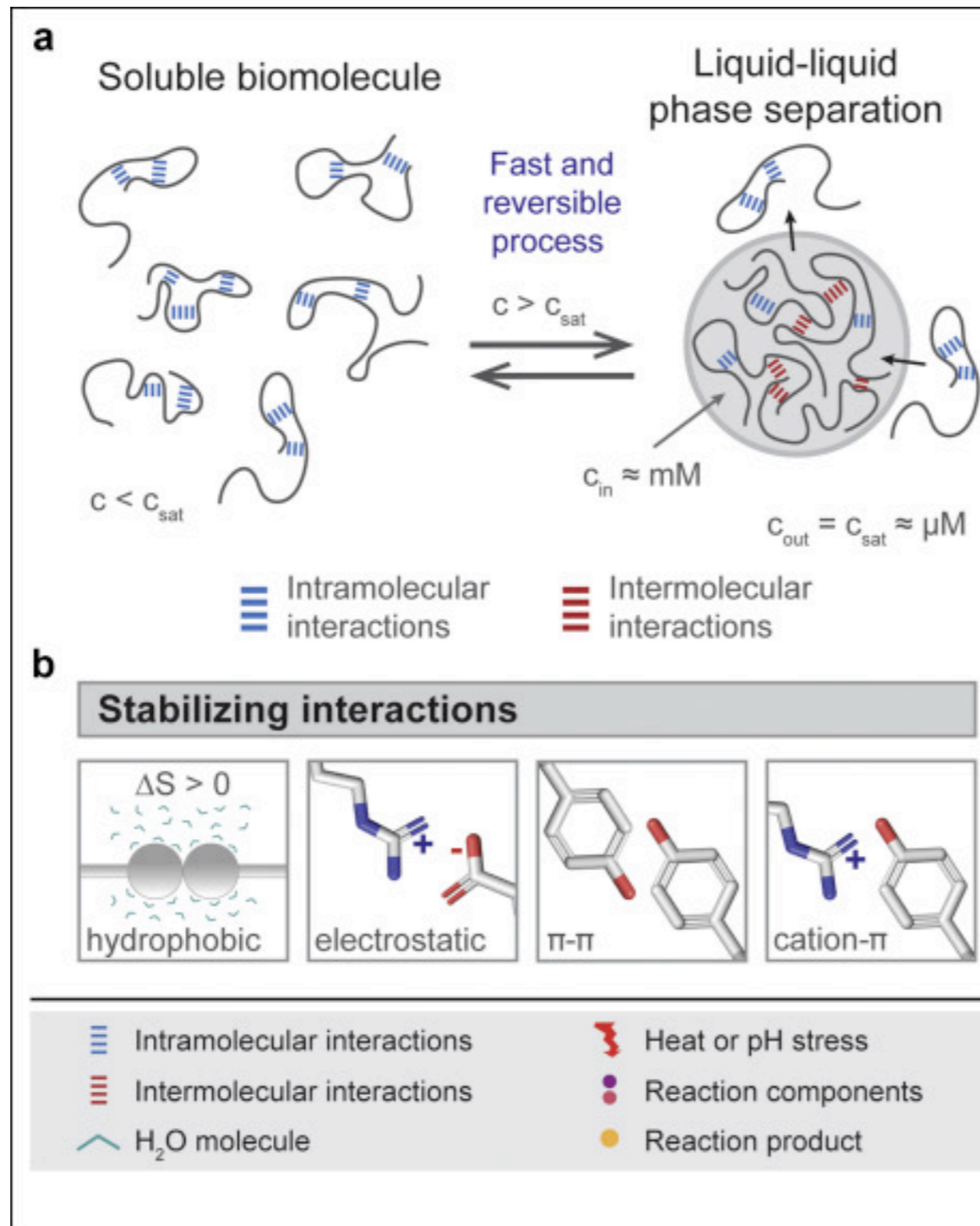
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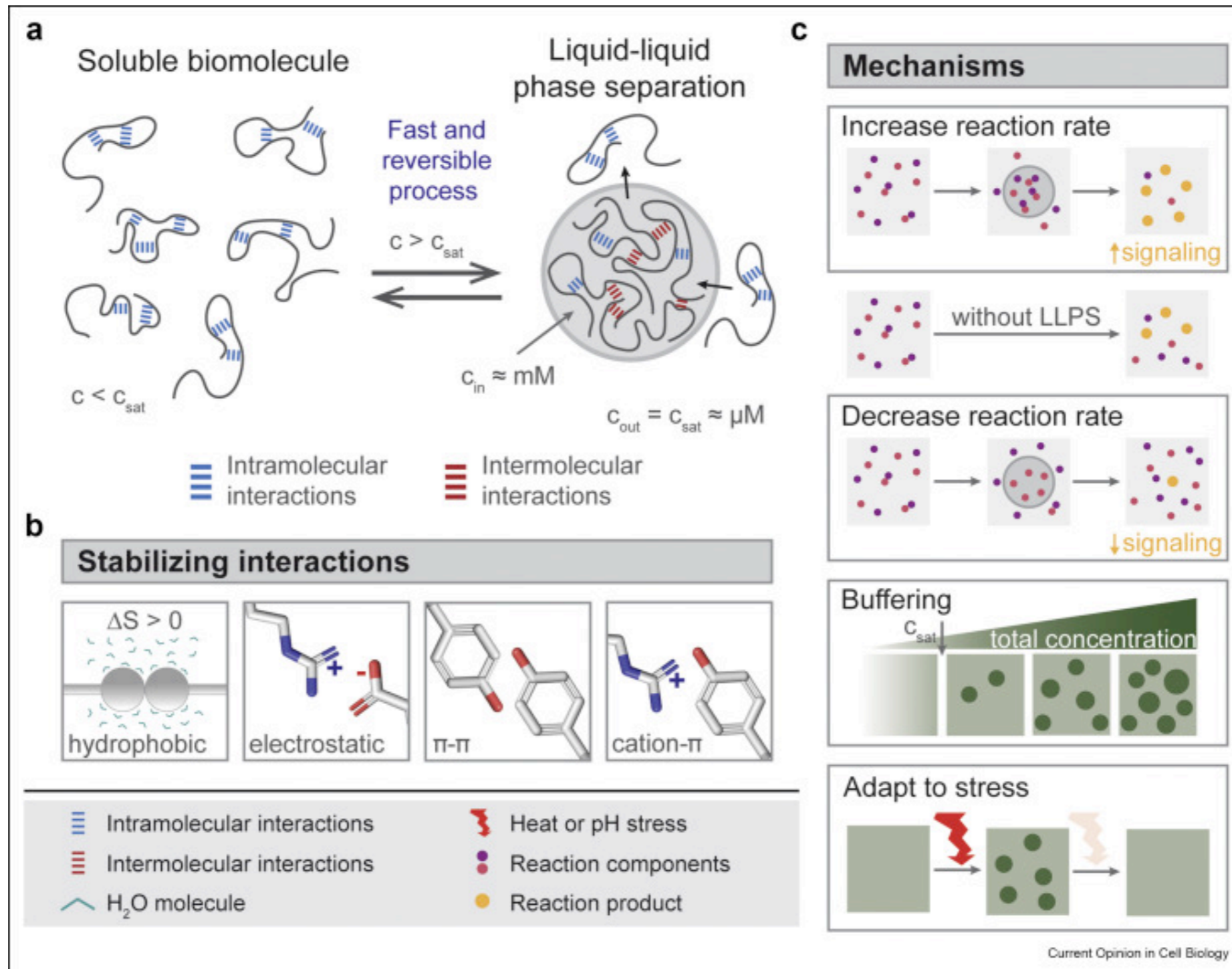
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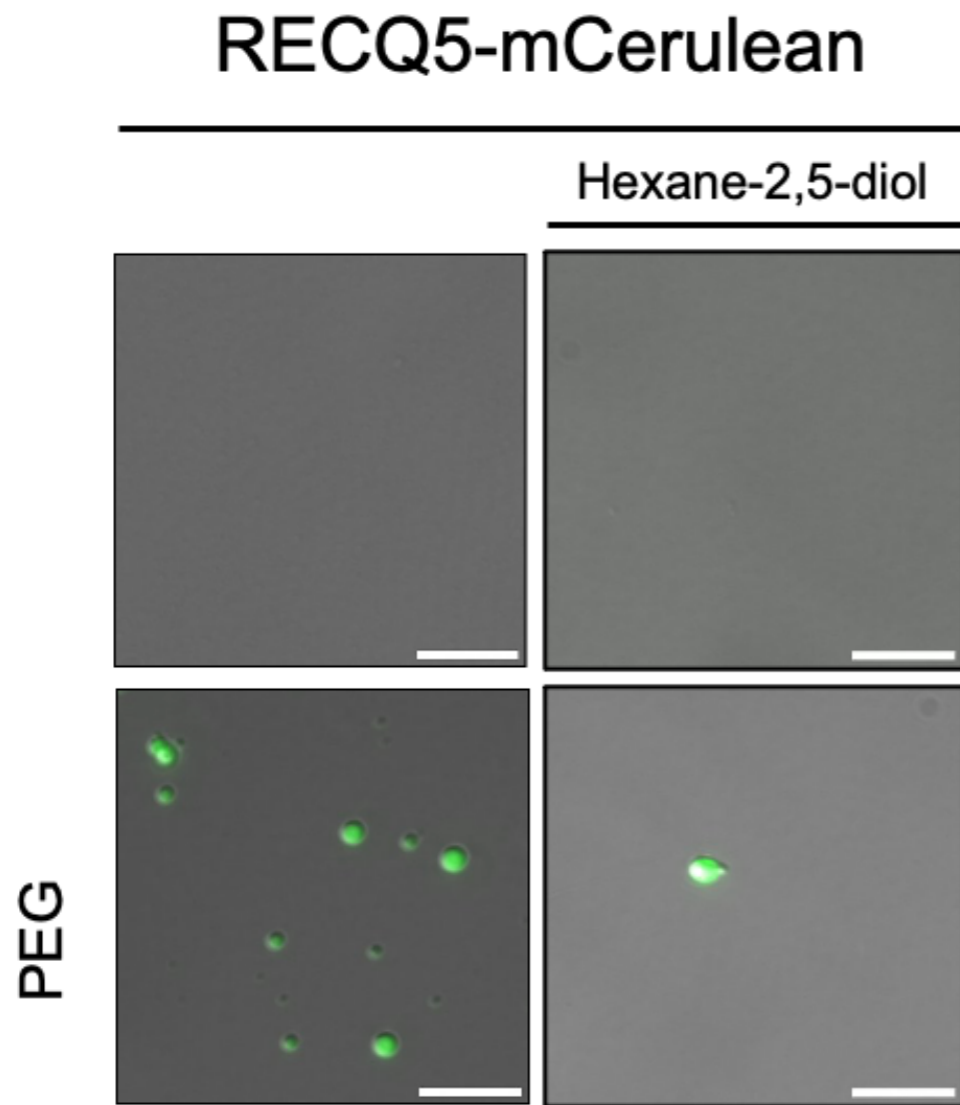
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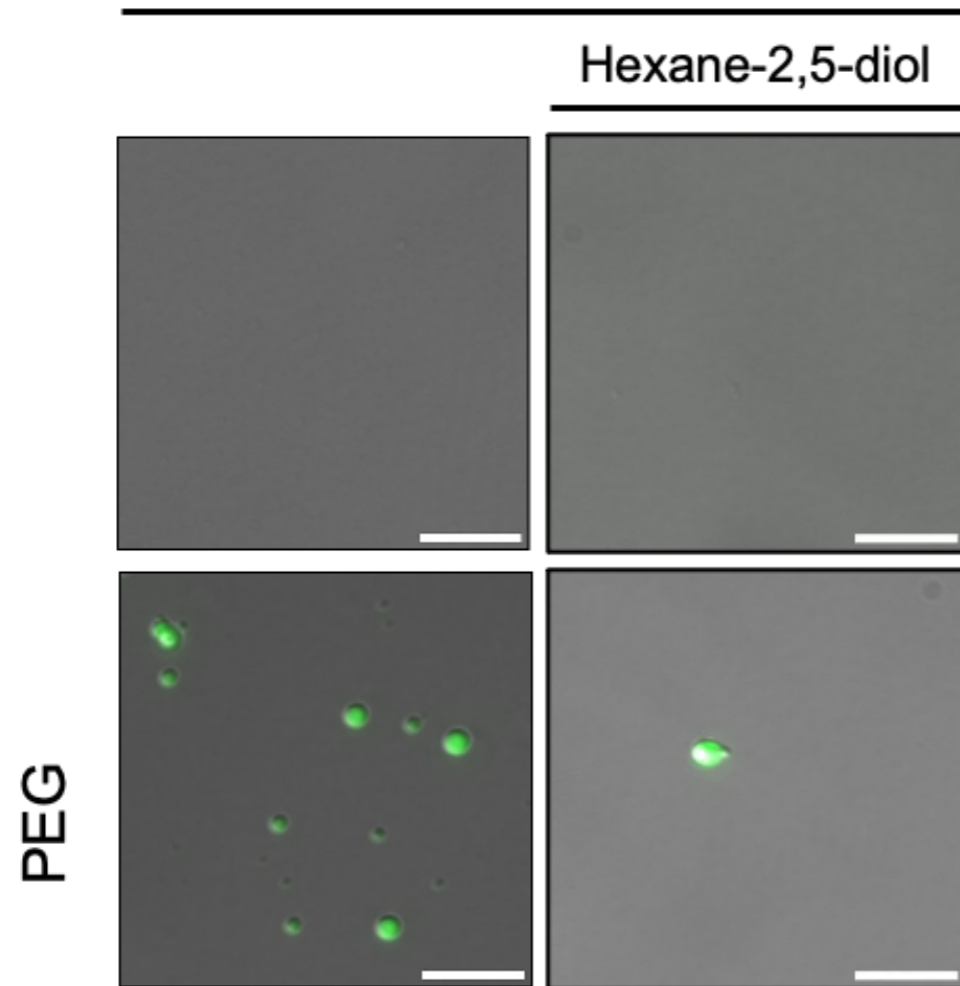


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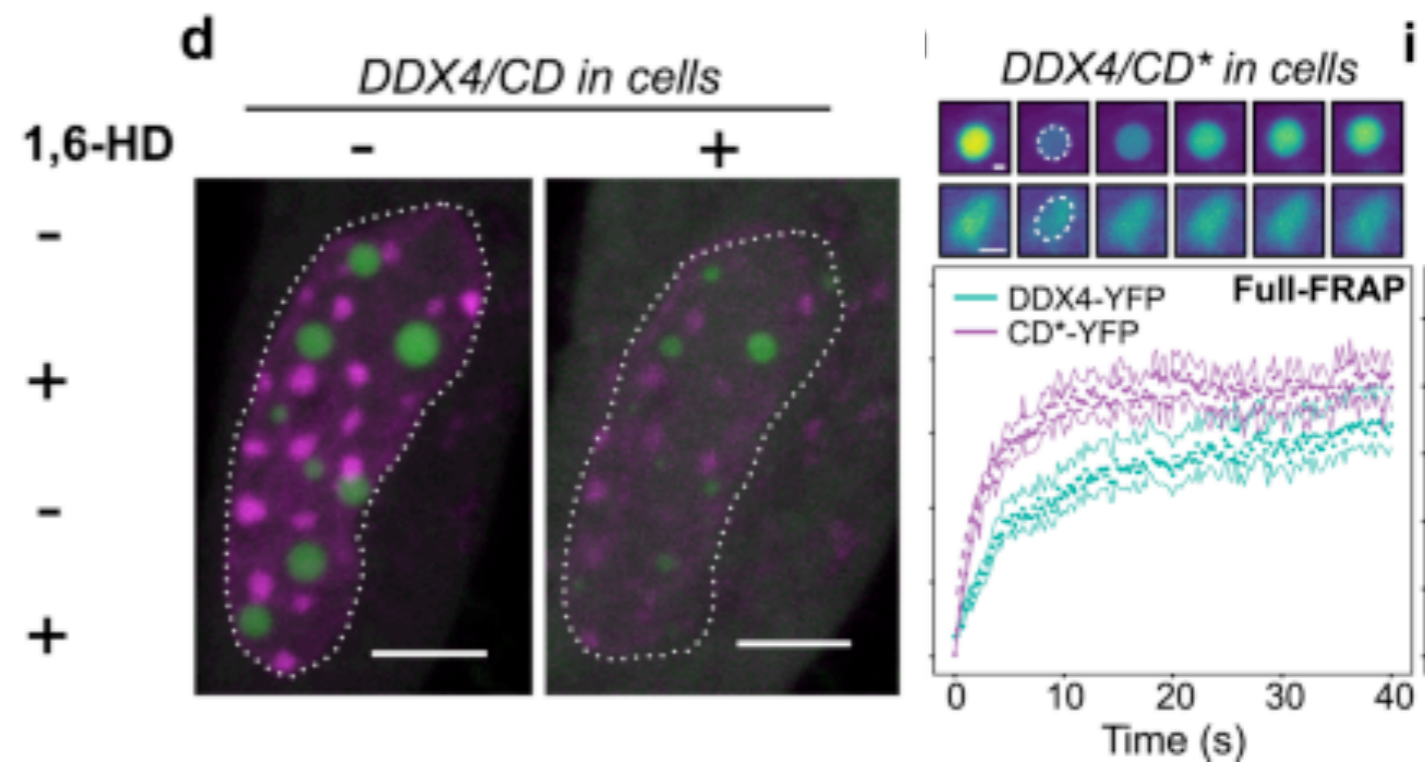
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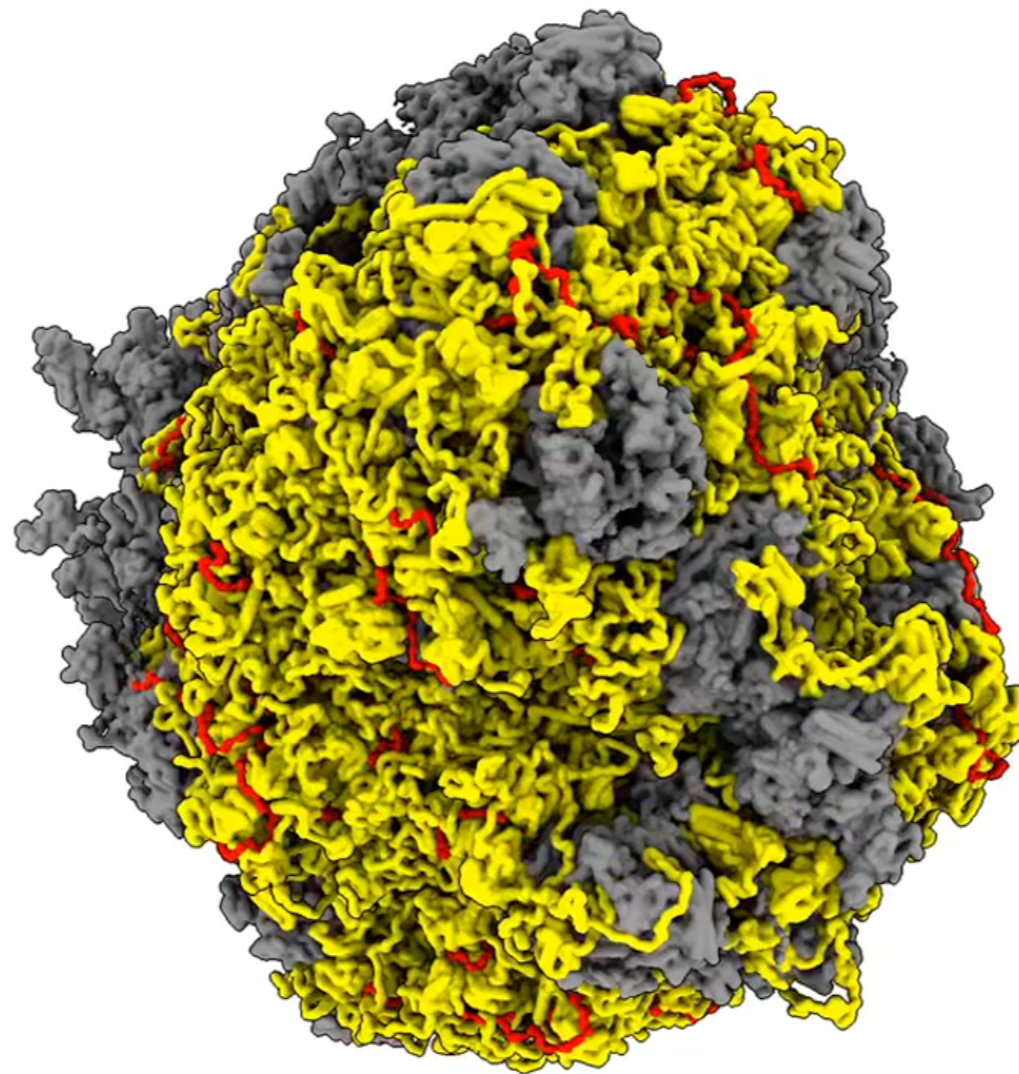
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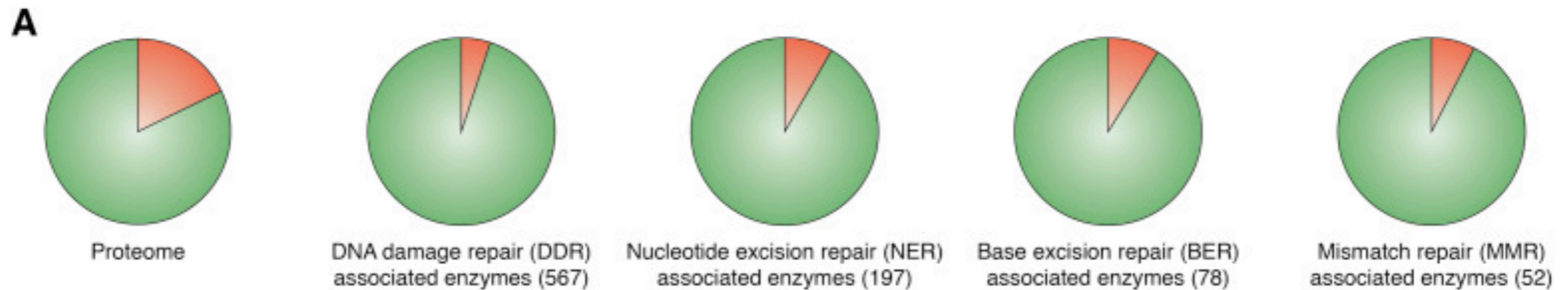
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### Genetic tools

Enable us to identify genes and the relationships among, thereby building a pathway

### Microscopic tools

Give us a glimpse at spacial and temporal relationships of genes of interests

### Biochemical tools

Enable us to understand mechanisms and complex formations within a studied pathway

### Structural tools

Enable us to understand molecular mechanisms at atomic resolution

### Single molecule techniques

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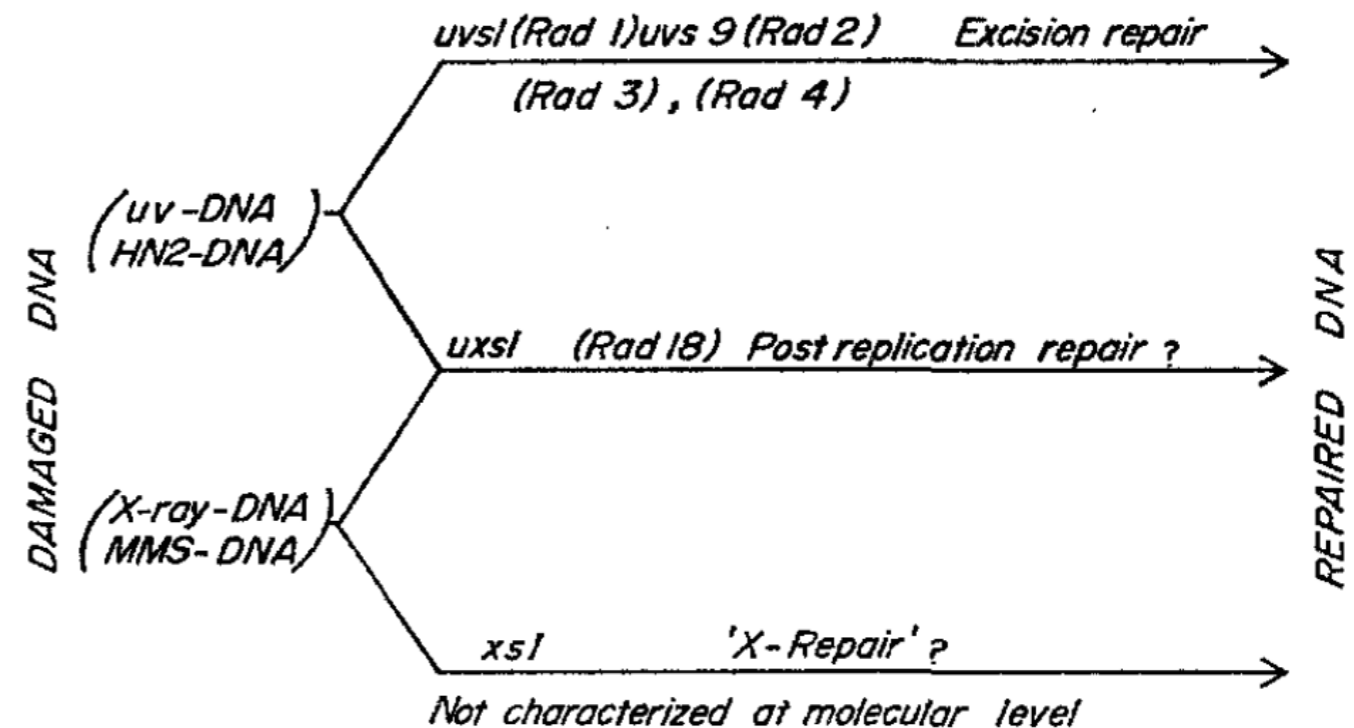
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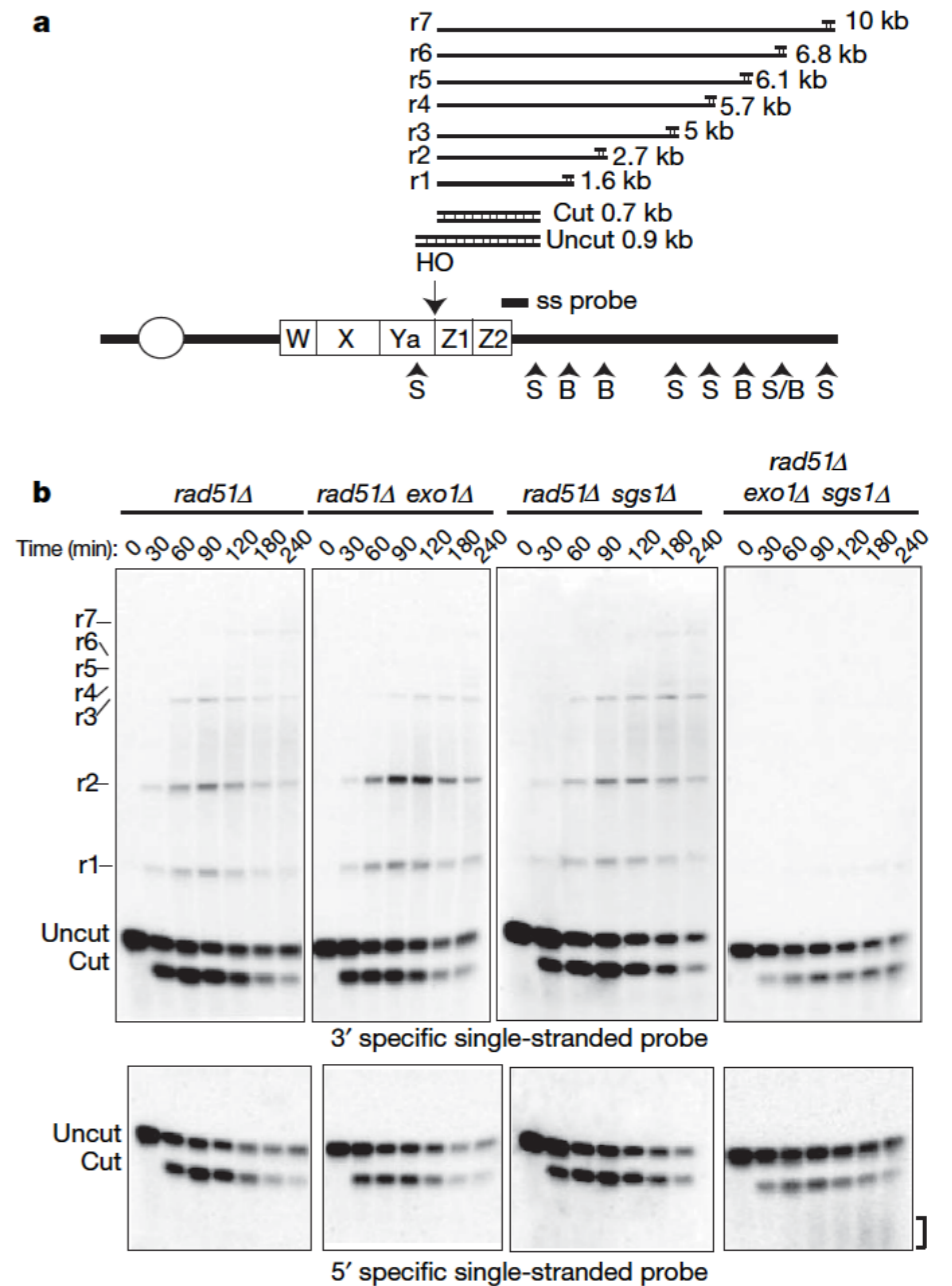
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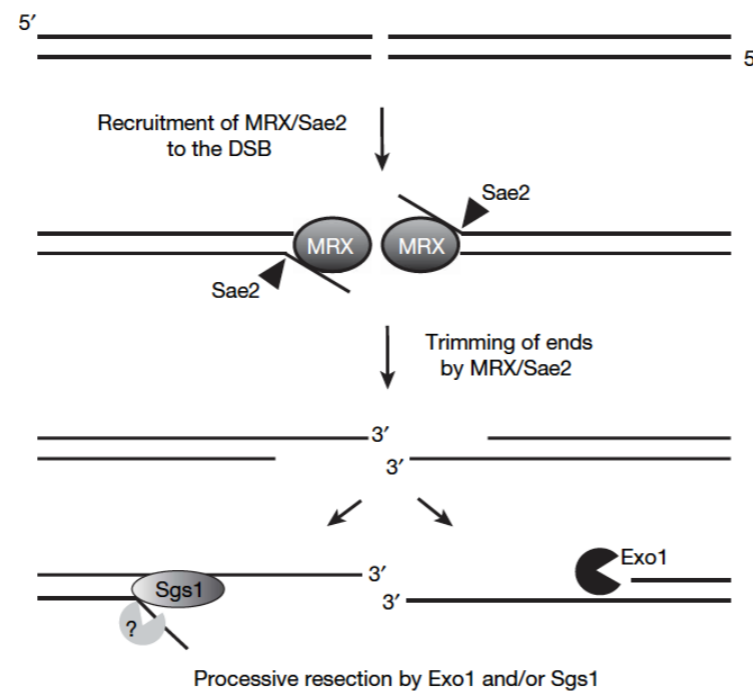


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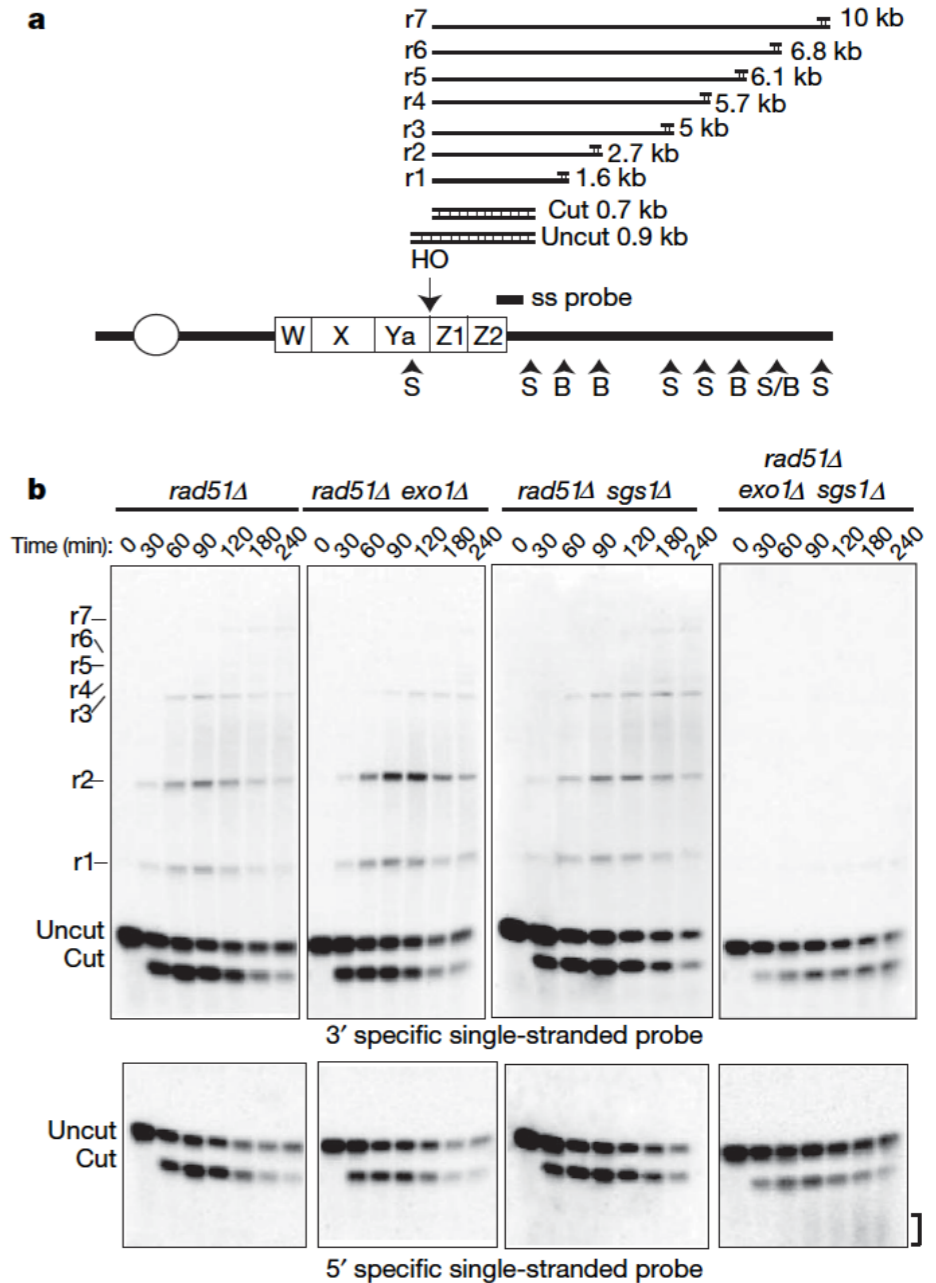


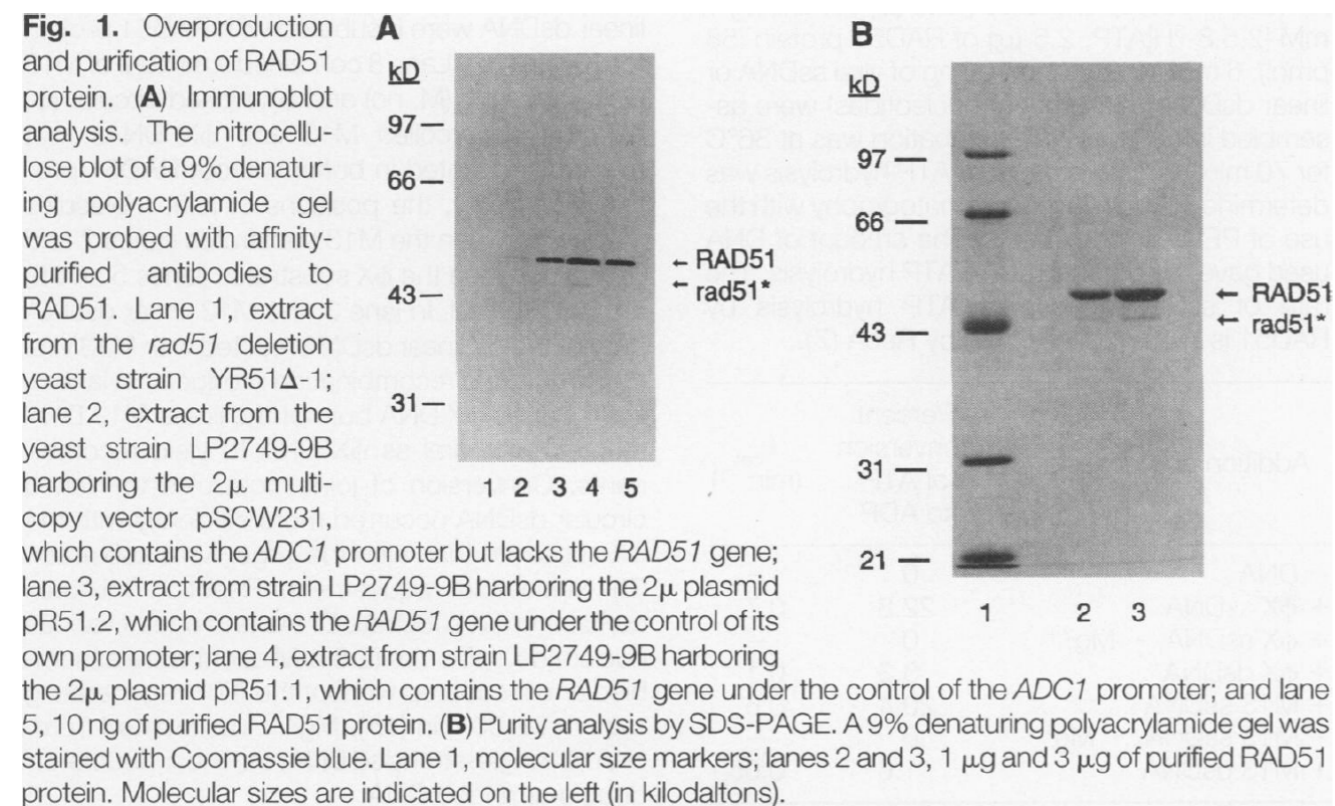
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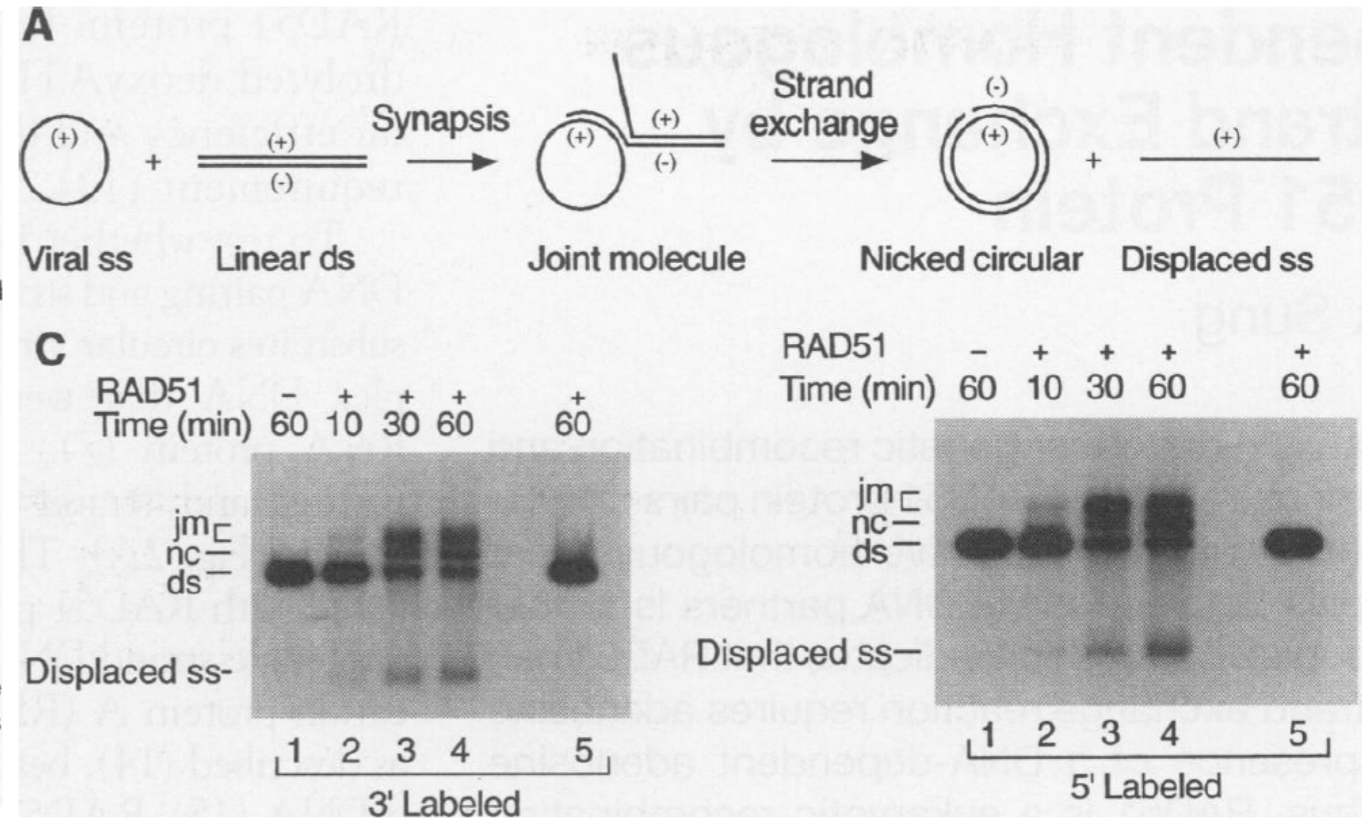
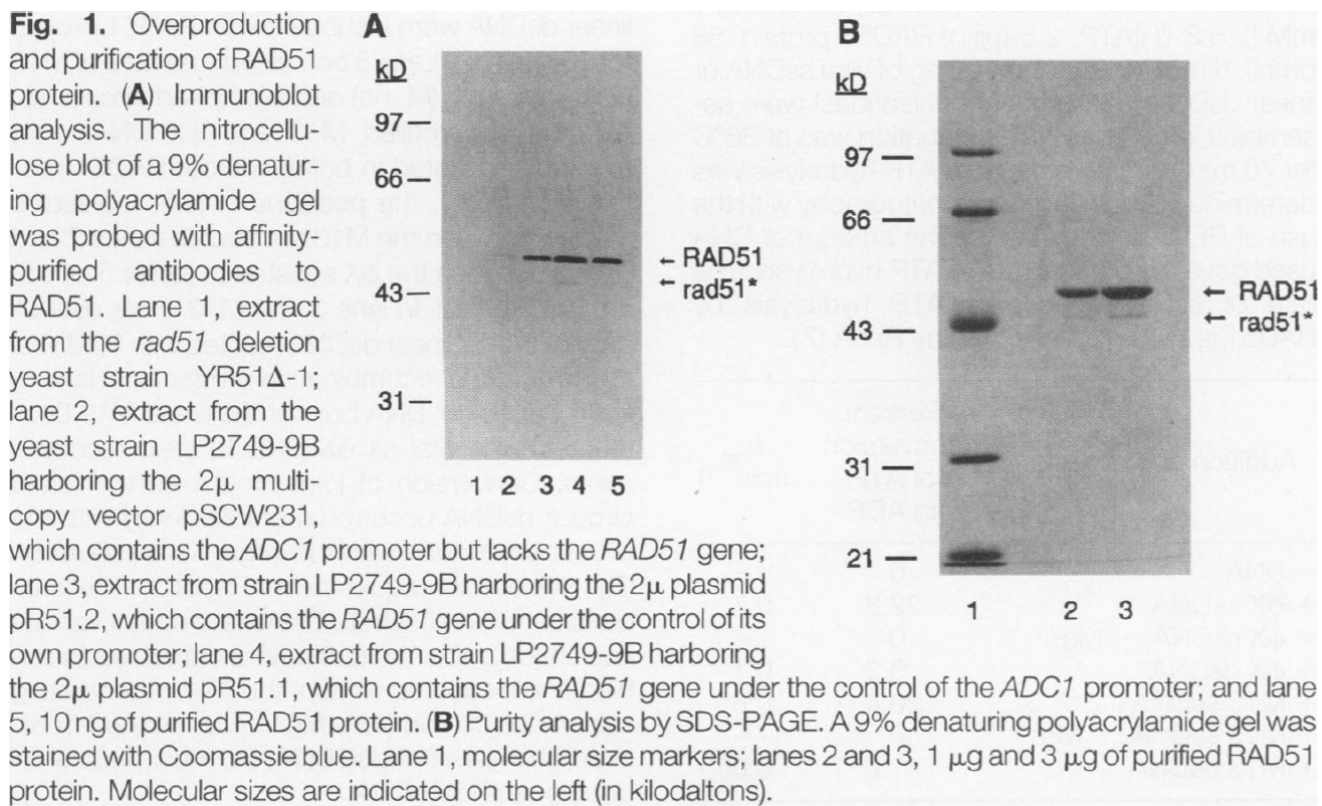
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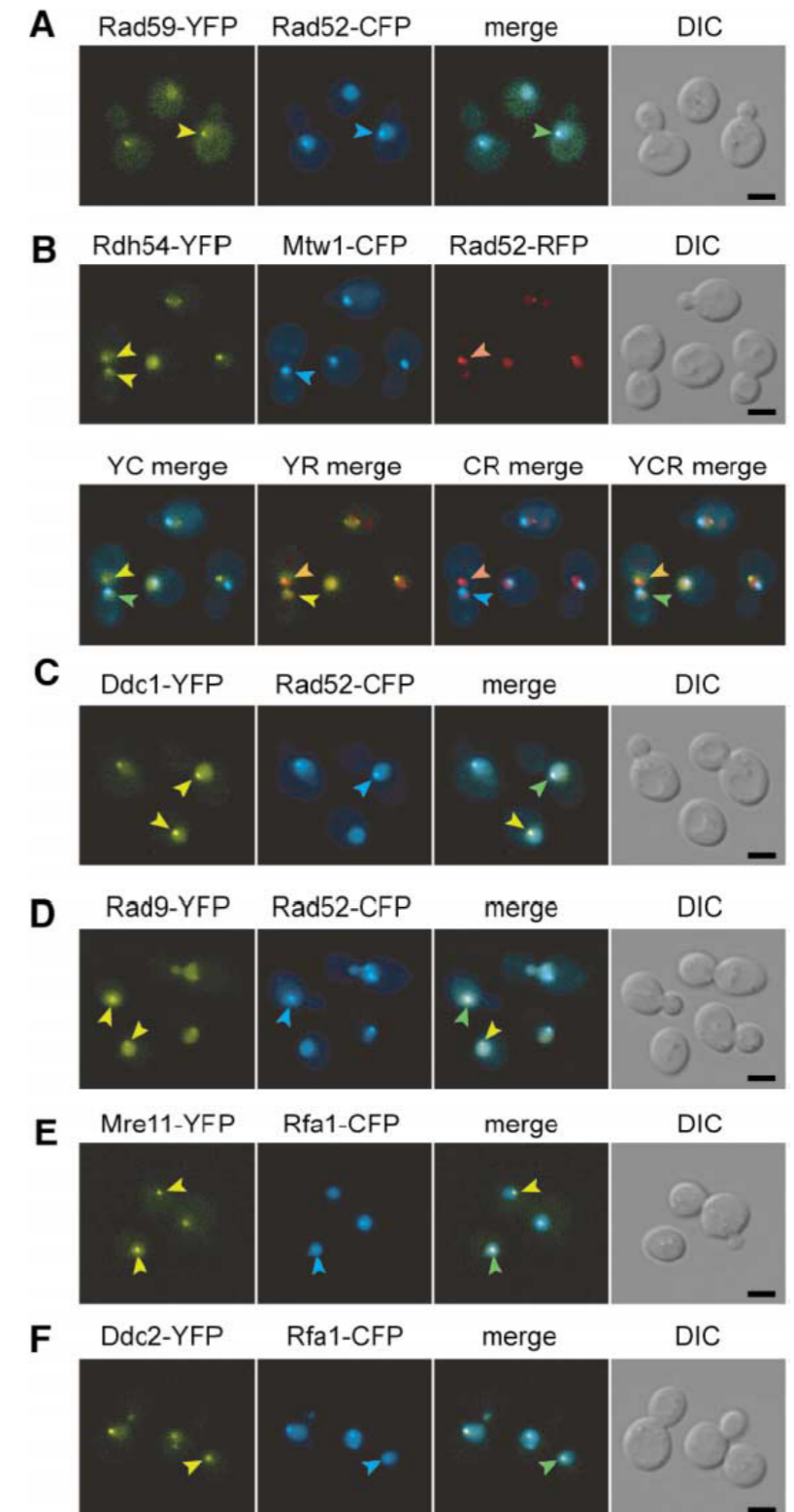


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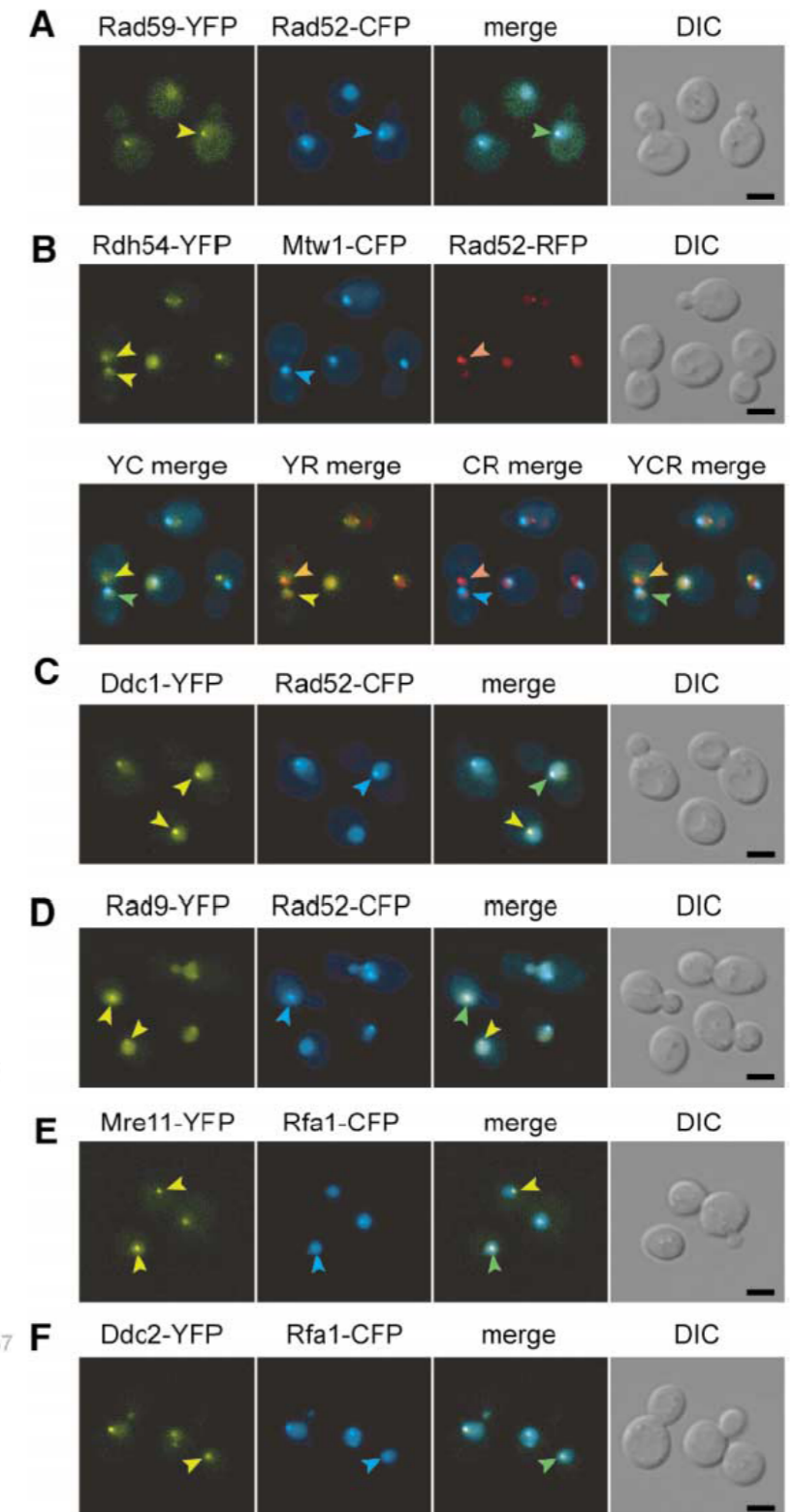
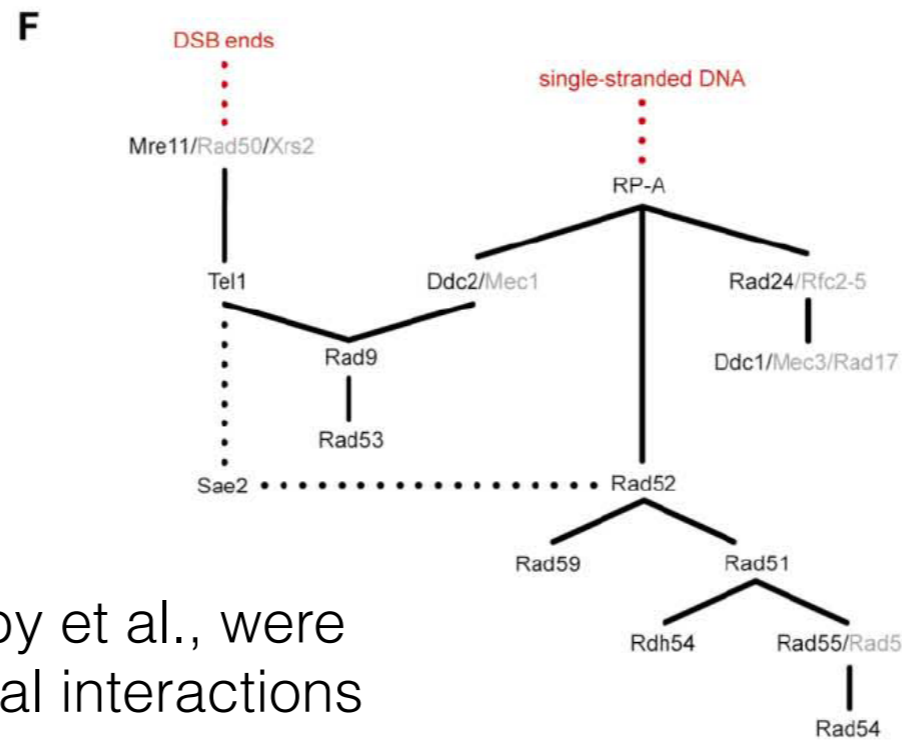
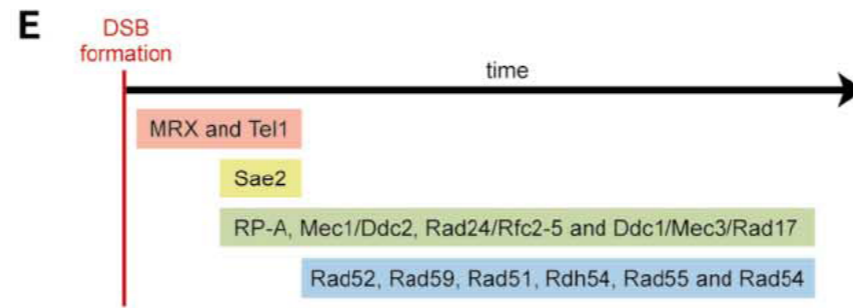
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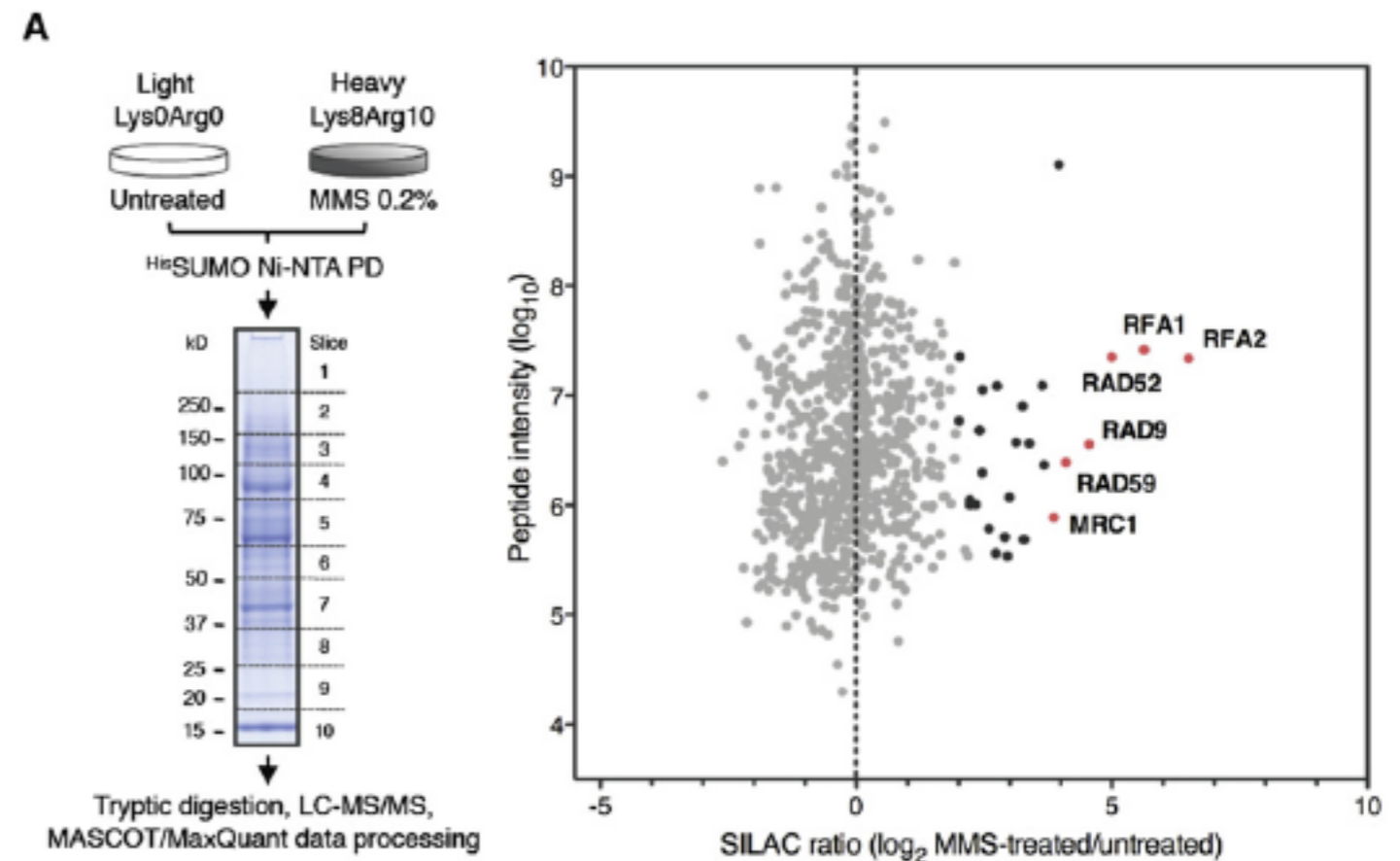
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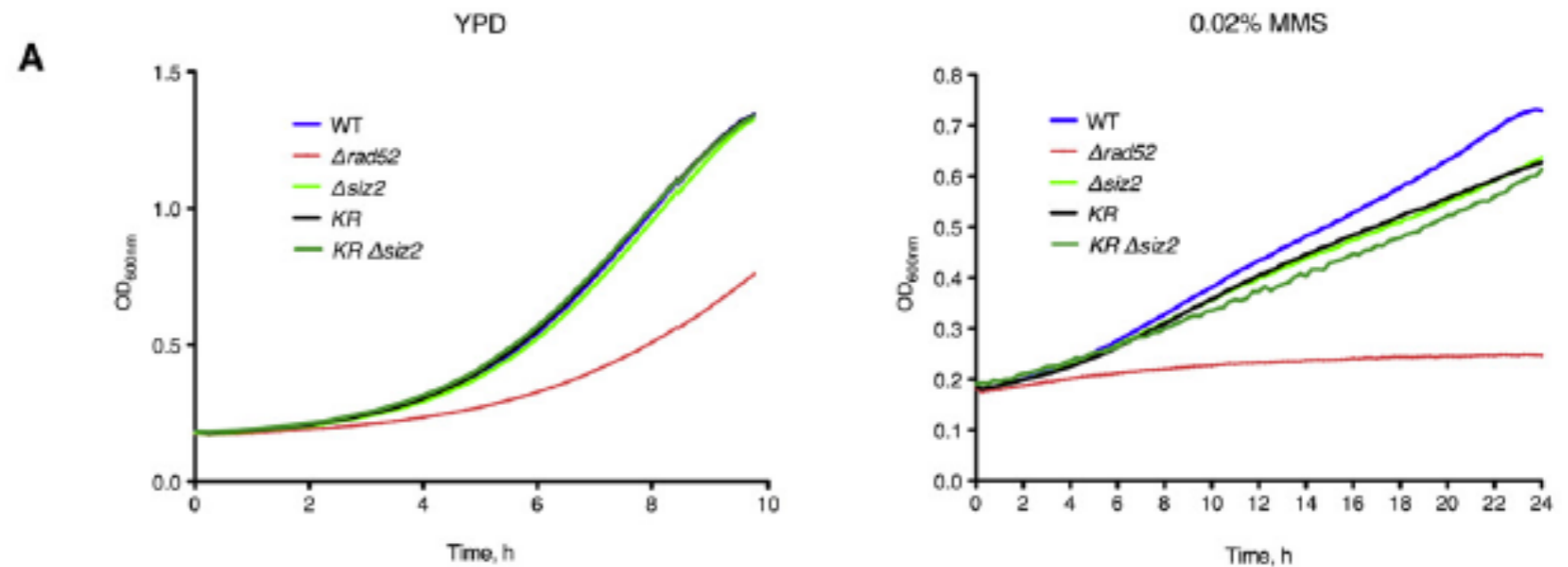
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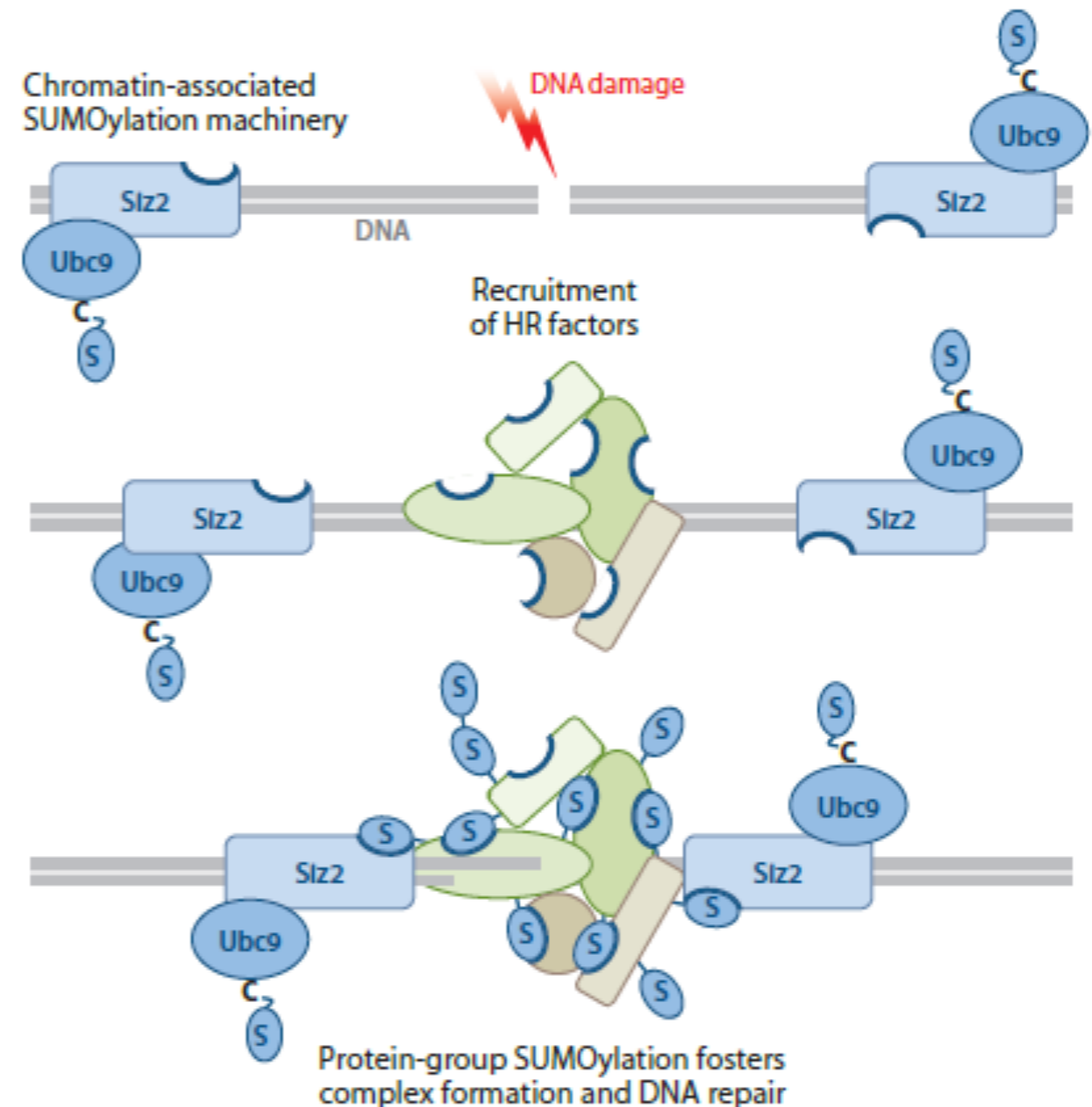
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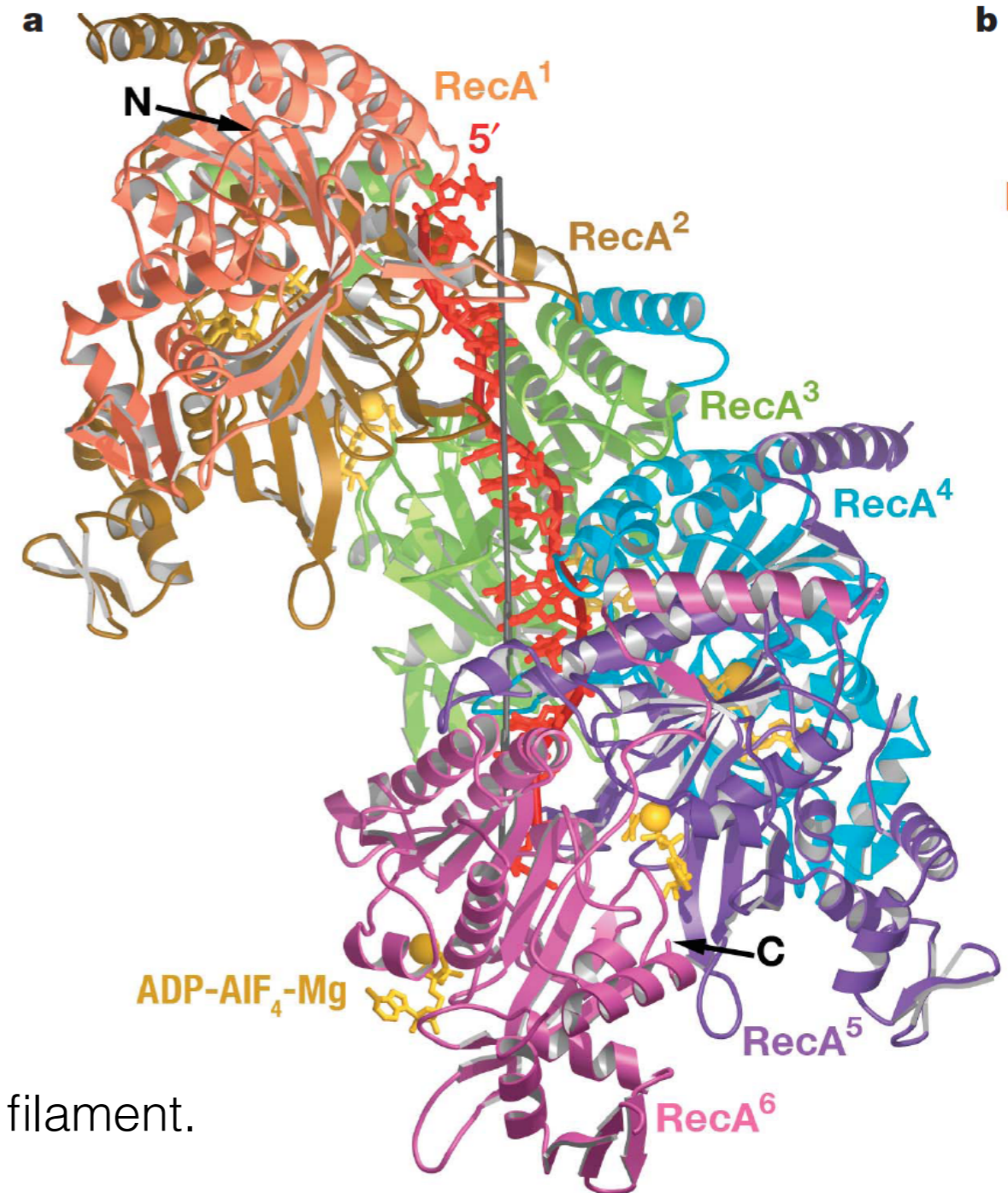
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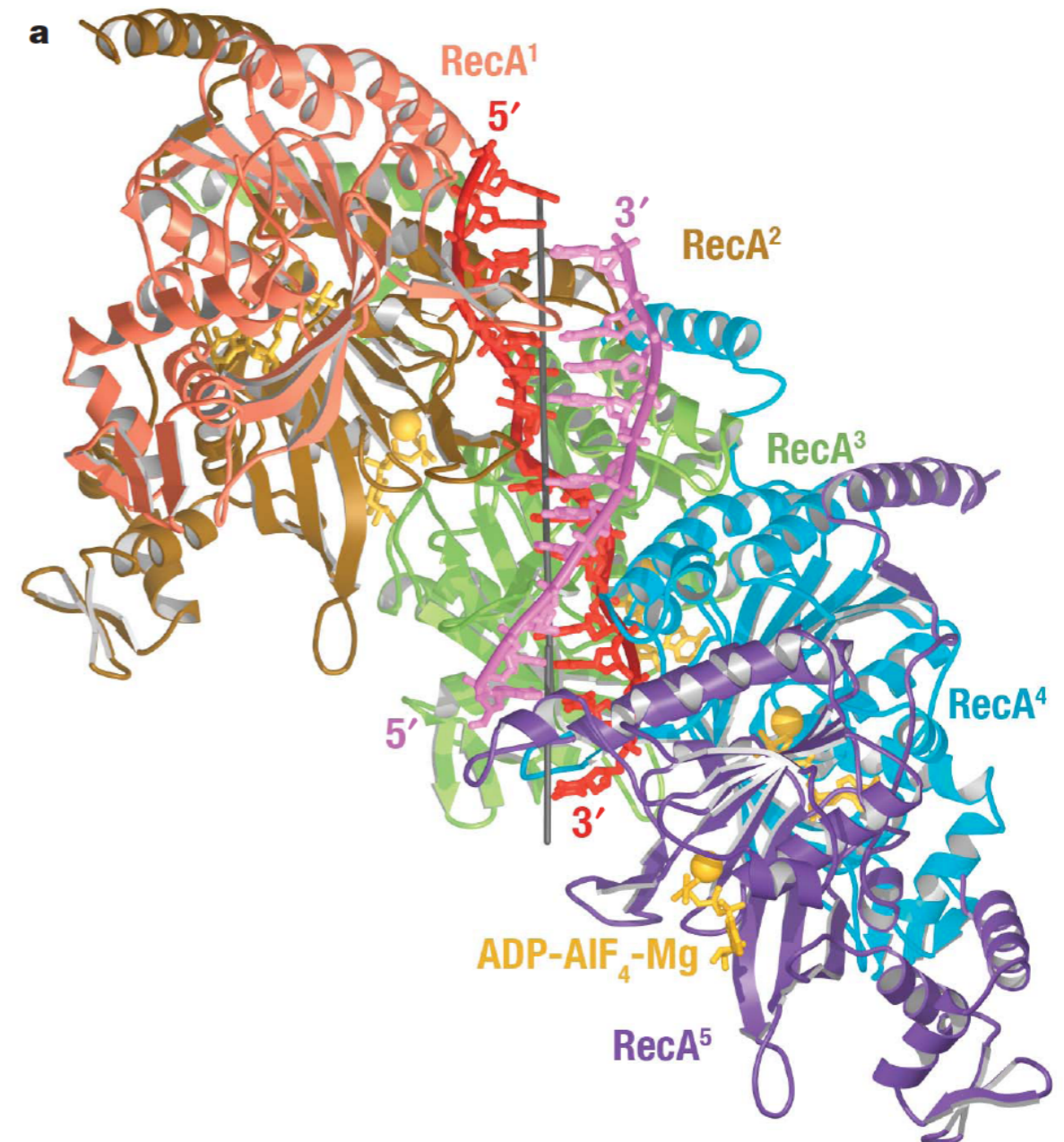
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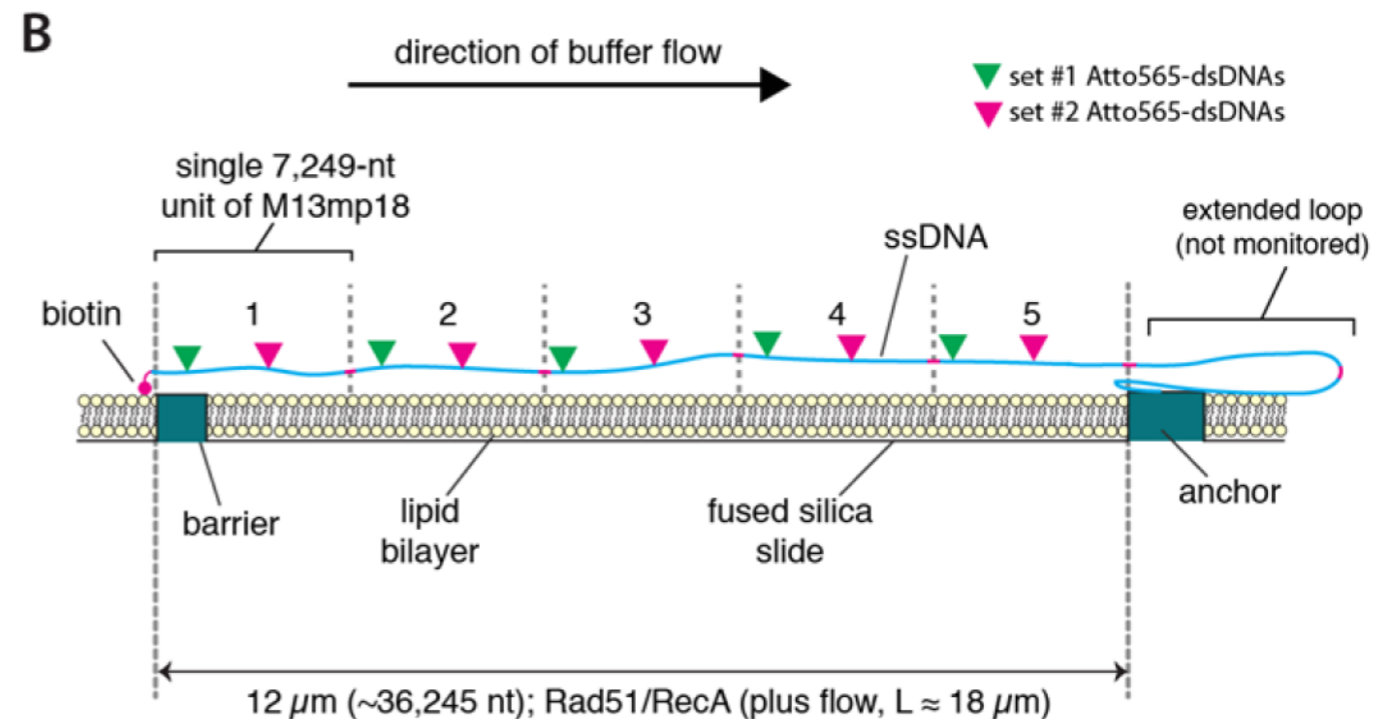


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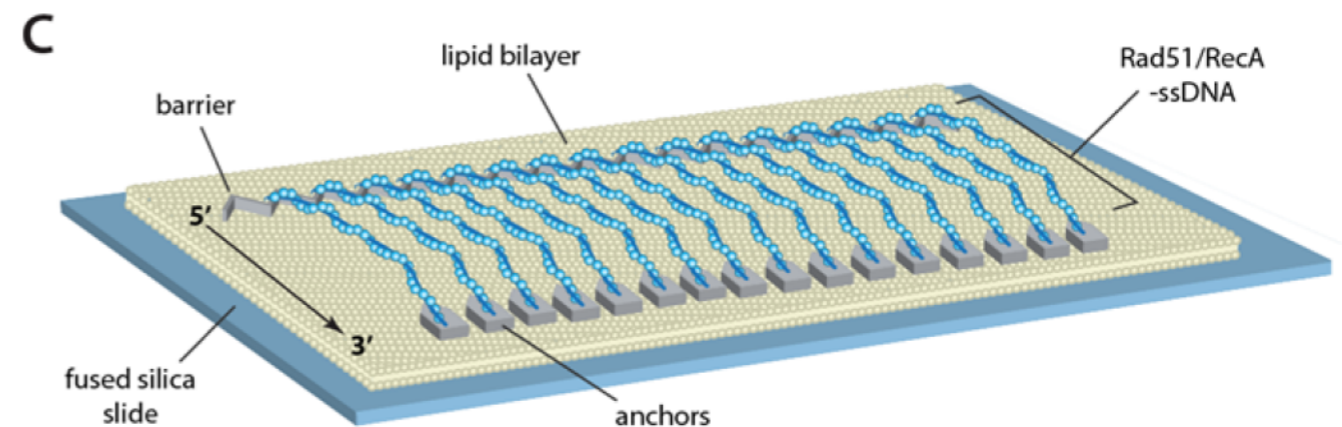
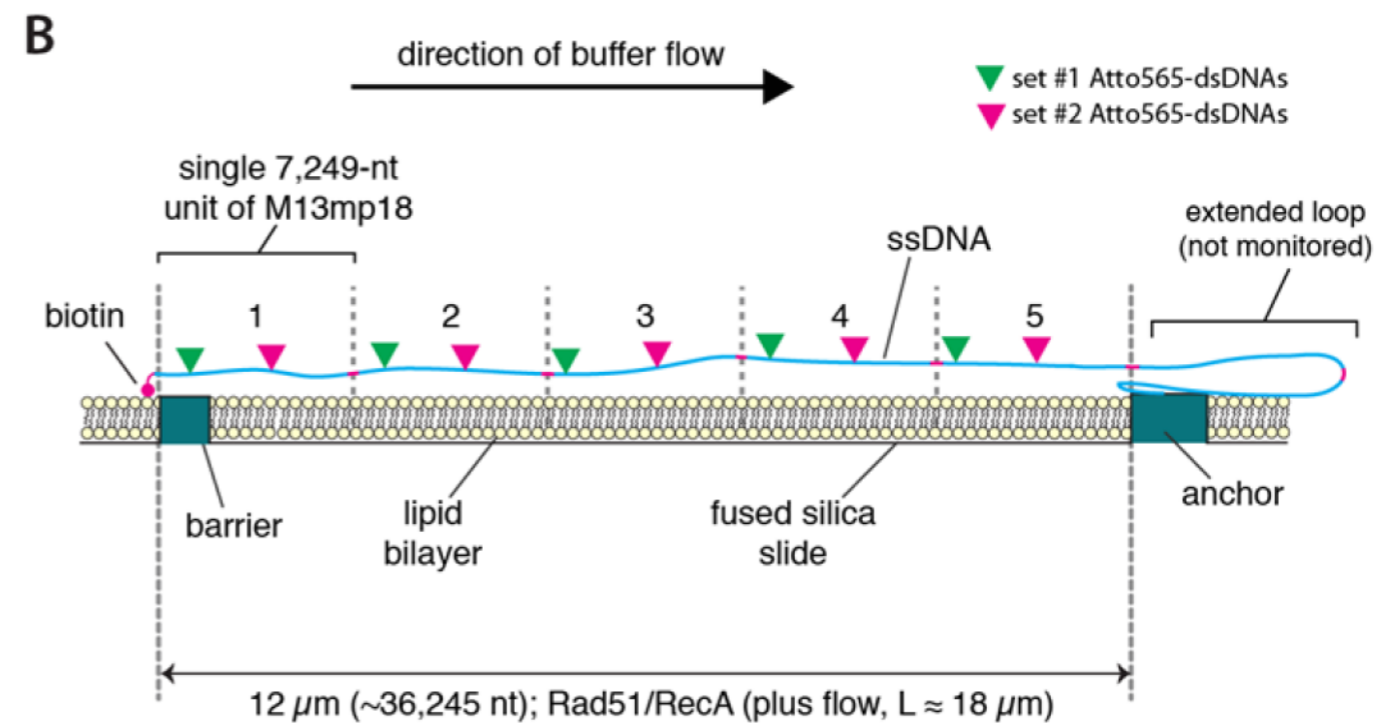


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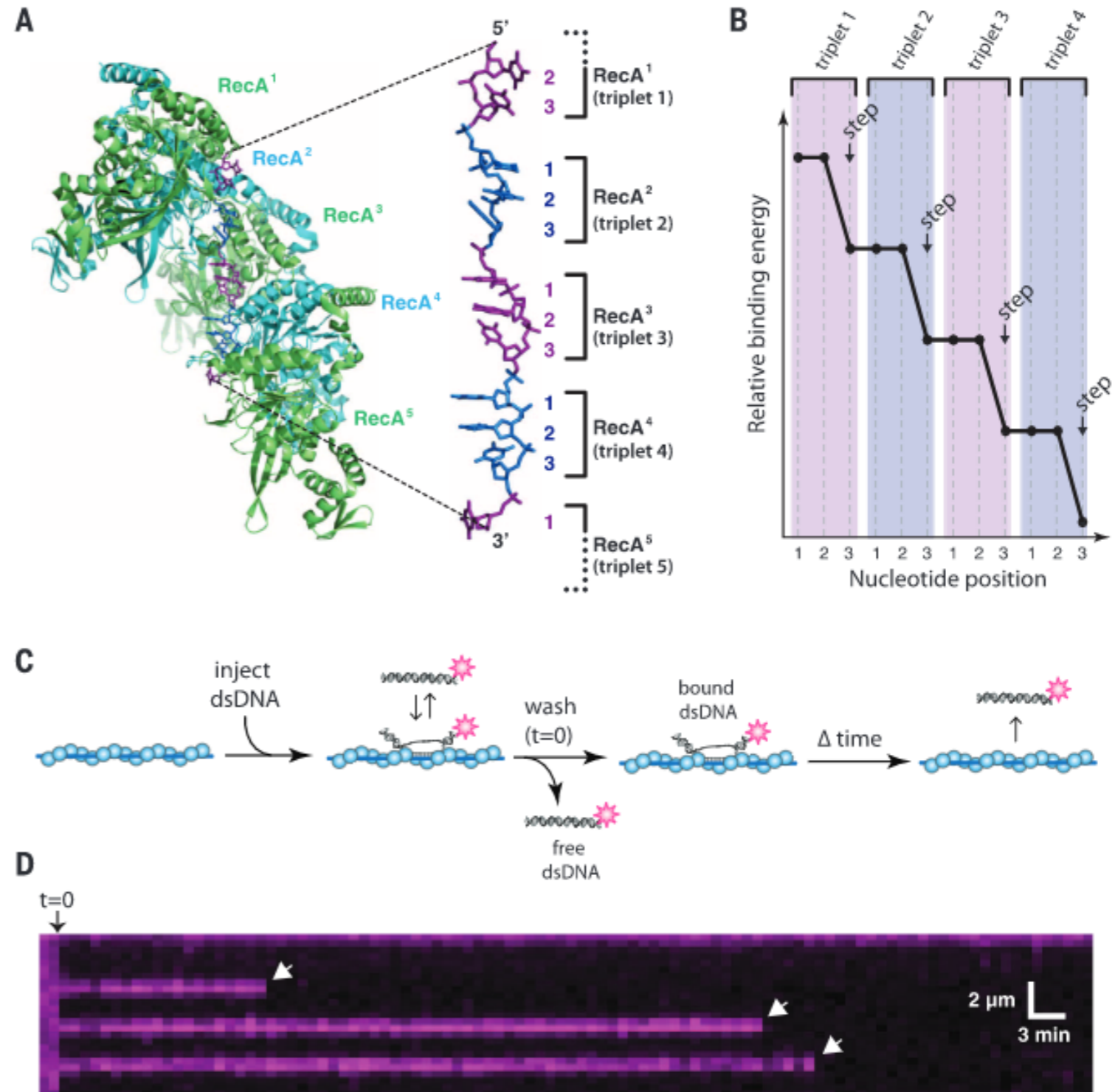


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