



# DNA Damage, Mutations and Repair Mechanisms



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لازم يكون قبل او دائم (DNA duplication) (قبل division)  
يكون دائم وبنمية بما في الحاله daughter cell

## DNA Damage



- DNA molecules like all other biomolecules can be damaged in numerous ways
- DNA damage occurs at a rate of  $10^4 - 10^6$  molecular lesions per cell per day (بالطبع الطبيعي)
- What are the sources and types of this damage?
- Can our cells recognise and repair this damage?
- What are the consequences of unrepaird damage on the cell fate?

DNA is repairable molecule unlike other molecule like protein and lipid.

DNA → reversible damage

other molecule → irreversible damage.



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# DNA Damage

## Classification of DNA Damage



- DNA damage can be classified according to the causative agents into two main types:
  - A. Spontaneous damage (Endogenous): arising <sup>داخلي</sup> naturally and in the absence of known causative agents. Spontaneous DNA lesions are random events *so we can't predict when or in which cell the damage will take place.*
  - B. Induced damage (Exogenous): occurs in the presence of known causative agents (external factors) *like radiation.*

# Spontaneous DNA Damage

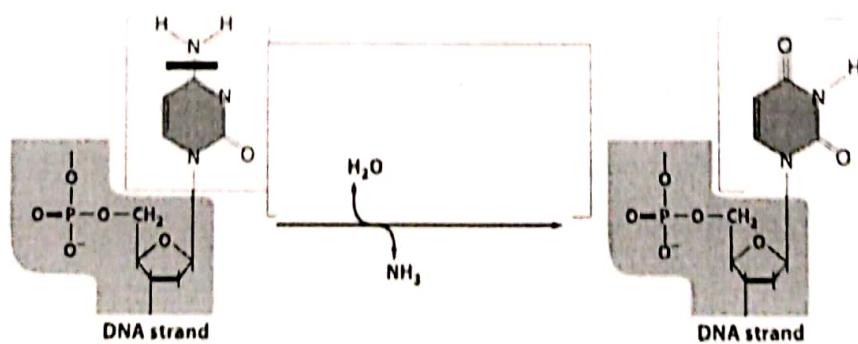


- Although DNA is highly stable, nevertheless it is susceptible to the following spontaneous changes under normal cell conditions:
    1. Deamination
    2. Depurination
    3. Replication errors
    4. Base tautomers
    5. Oxidative DNA damage
- the most common type of spontaneous damage

## Spontaneous DNA Damage

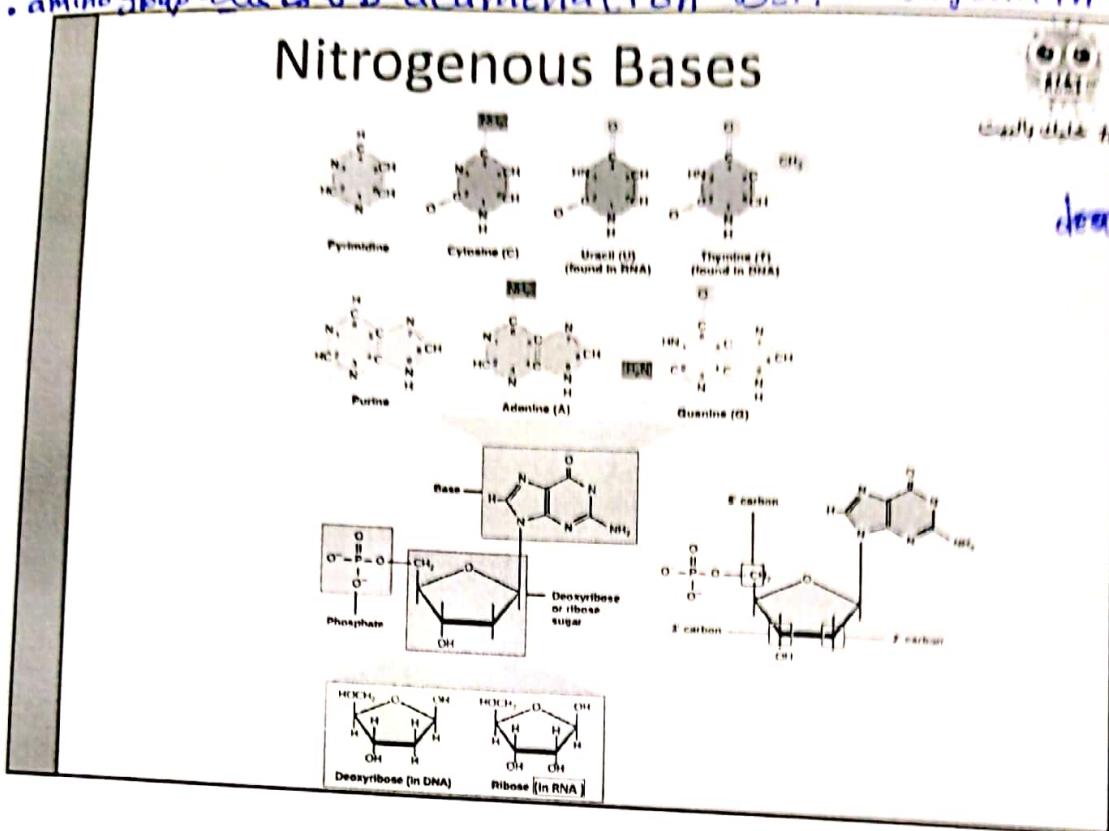


1. Deamination: the most common type is the spontaneous deamination of cytosine to uracil which occurs at a rate of about 100 bases/cell/day



\* deaminated product of thymine is thymine because it doesn't have amino group  
 \* amino group of thymine's deamination leads to thymine (H instead of NH<sub>2</sub>)

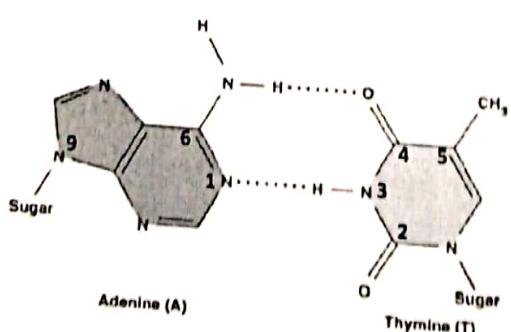
## Nitrogenous Bases



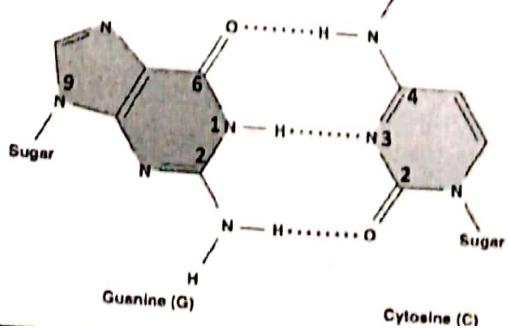
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### Purines

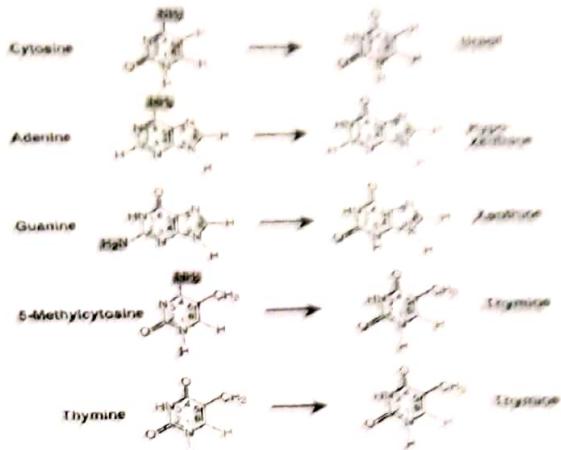


### Pyrimidines



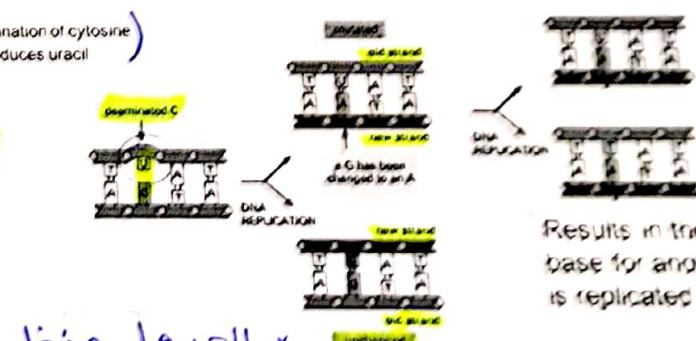
## Deamination

- Other possible deamination events in DNA:



## Deamination

the consequences  
of this deamination event  
is the occurrence of mismatch  
base pairs.



Results in the substitution of one base for another when the DNA is replicated

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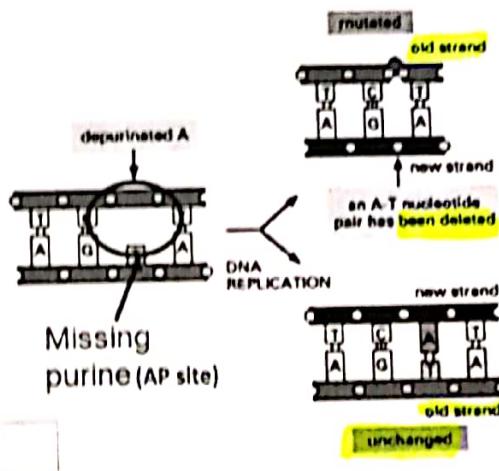
Nitrogenous base	Original base pair	Deamination product which base pairs with ( ) 1 <sup>st</sup> round	Substituted base pair 2 <sup>nd</sup> round
Cytosine	C-G	Uracil (A)	T-A
Adenine	A-T	Hypoxanthine (G)	G-C
Guanine	G-C	Xanthine (T)	A-T
5-Me cytosine	C-G	Thymine (A)	T-A
Thymine	T-A	Thymine	T-A

## Depurination



- Under physiological conditions, depurination occurs at a rate of about 5000 bases/cell/day
- Depurination results in apurinic site (AP site) which can be recognized and repaired by specific repair mechanisms
- If left uncorrected, during DNA replication these changes would lead to mutations in the daughter DNA chain (particularly base pair deletion) *mutation 31.6%*
- This error will propagate throughout subsequent generations (*inherited*)

## Depurination



DNA is repairable material because there are 2 types of backup system in DNA.

1- second complementary strand: guide the DNA repair enzyme to add original base pair

2- homologous chromosome: (2 strands of DNA in the cell bar)

### SPONTANEOUS

3. Replication errors: spontaneous lesions may occur during DNA replication in which the wrong base is added to the newly synthesized strand (base substitution), a DNA base is skipped (base deletion) or extra base is added (base insertion)
- Such errors are normally detected and repaired immediately by the proofreading/editing activity of DNA polymerase enzyme (3'-5' exonuclease activity)
  - Otherwise, DNA repair enzymes will recognize the mismatched base pairs and repair them

DNA proofreading



REPLICATION ERRORS: spontaneous errors which escaped from proofreading activity if they aren't recognise by DNA Polymerase enzyme.

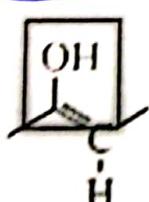
### Spontaneous DNA Damage



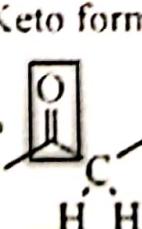
4. Base tautomers: DNA bases exist in one of several forms called tautomers (structural isomers)

#### 1. Keto/Enol pair

OH goes to C=O

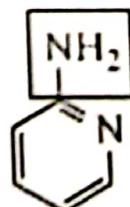


tautomerization

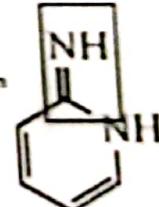


#### 2. Amine/Imine pair

Amine form



Imine form (rare)



enol form is rare

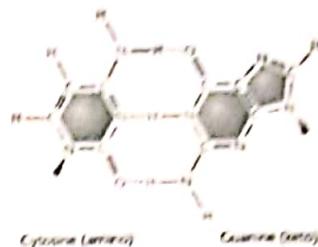
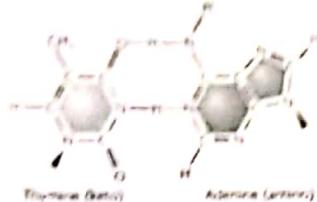
AMINO form 3) يوجو دينوكسي سيفادينوكس (cytosine 31) و ادينوكس (adenine 31) +  
• Keto form 3) يوجو دينوكس (guanine 31) و تيموكس (thymine 31) +

## Base Tautomers

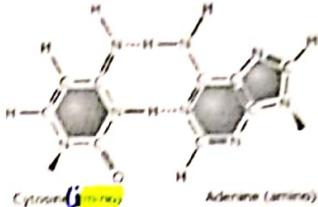


- Actually enol/imine forms are rare and tend to cause mispairing

### (الوضع الطبيعي) Standard base pairing arrangements



### (الوضع المخالف) Abnormal base pairing arrangements



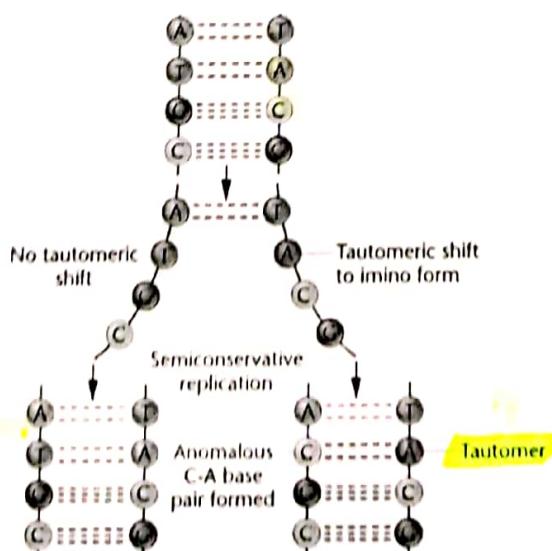
3 H bond (3 جيني)

(2 H bond جيني)

## Base Tautomers



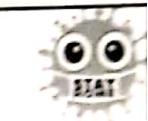
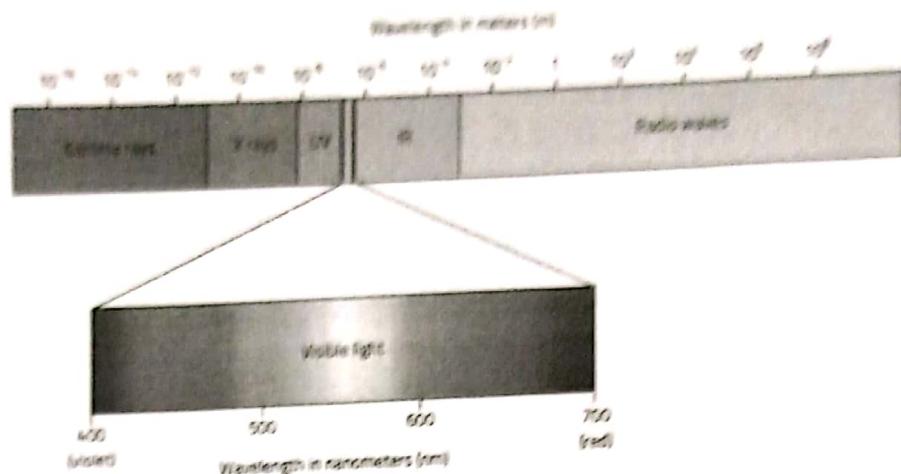
- If not repaired, it can lead to tautomeric shift mutation





# Induced DNA damage

1. Radiation damage: which includes both UV light and ionizing radiation like x-rays

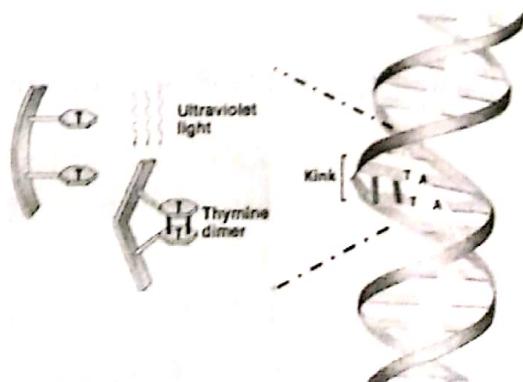


# Induced DNA damage

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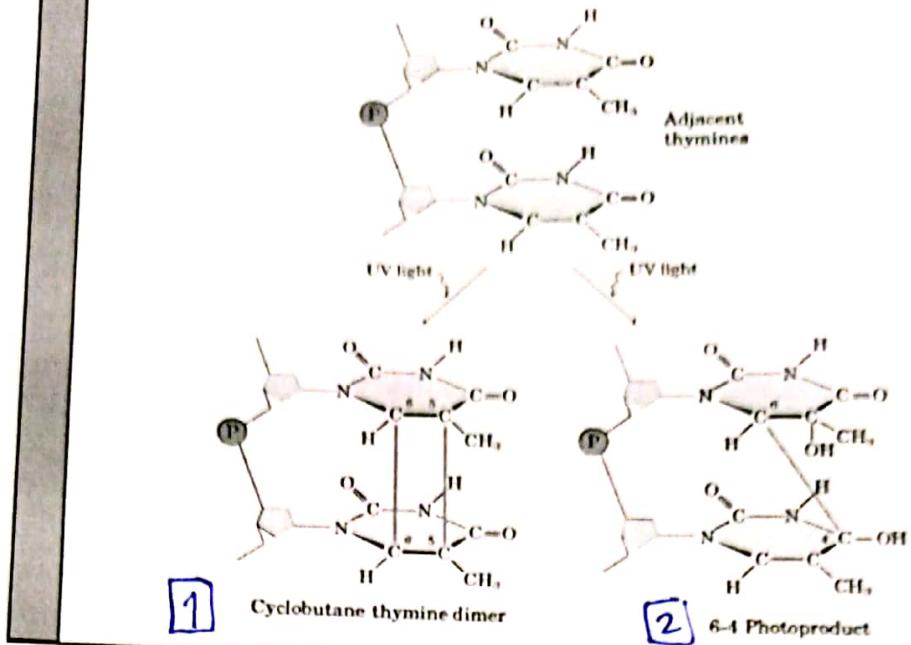
## A. Ultraviolet Radiation

- Pyrimidines are highly sensitive to UV light. They form pyrimidine dimer (intra-strand crosslinking) particularly thymine dimer (T-dimer)
- Dimers alter DNA structure (kink or knot in DNA strand)
- Thymine dimers prevent proper replication. The cell either dies (apoptosis) or forms a malignant tumour (cancer)



this type of damage is  
called intra strand cross linking.

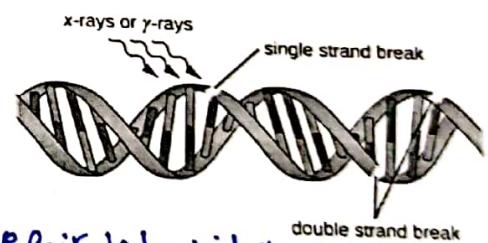
## T-Dimer Types



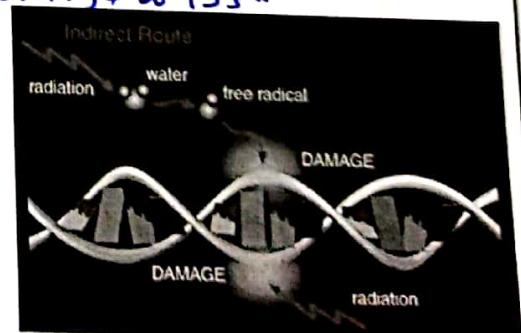
## Induced DNA damage

B. Ionizing Radiation: like cosmic rays, X-rays and gamma rays can damage DNA molecules in 2 ways:

- Direct DNA damage by producing single strand break (SSB) and the more severe double strand break (DSB)



- Indirect DNA damage by production of free radicals which alter the structure of bases by generation of exogenous ROS.



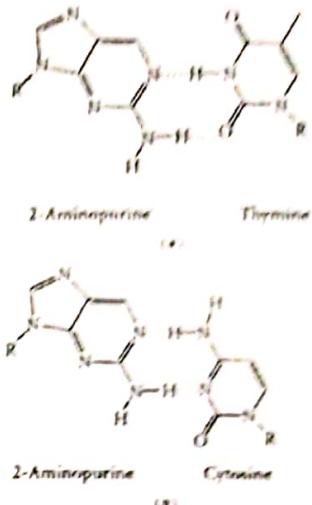
\* اذا تلقينا لـ x-ray بشكل متكرر وعالي فتران متنقارة حيضر من المصب  
• اصلح هذه الـ damage وبالتالي يحمل cancer



## Base analogs

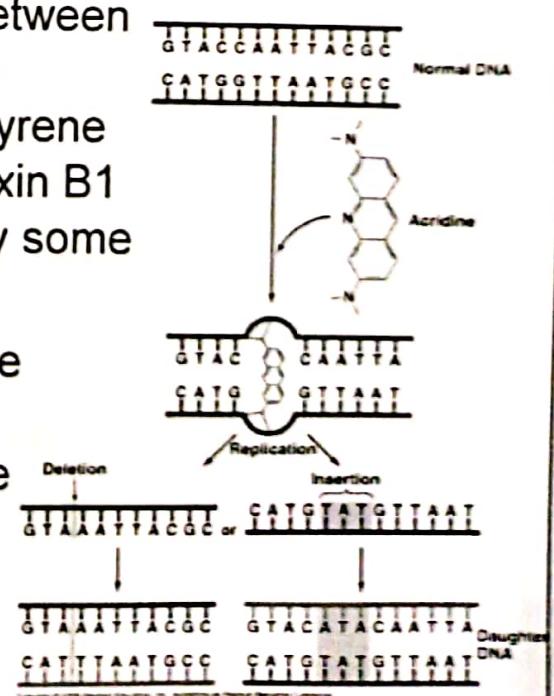
- Chemicals with structures similar to that of any of the four standard bases of DNA like 2-amino purine the base analog of adenine (6-amino purine). They replace them in DNA strand but do not always pair with normal bases leading to **base pair substitution** (e.g. AT bp is replaced with GC bp)

cytosine يُحلّ بـ 2 amino purin  $\rightarrow$   
DNA damaged



## Intercalating Agents

- Sandwich themselves between adjacent DNA bases like acridine orange, benzopyrene (cigarette smoke), aflatoxin B1 (mycotoxins produced by some fungi)
- They affect DNA structure causing insertion or deletion of an entire base pair leading to **frameshift mutation**





# DNA Repair Pathways

## DNA Repair Mechanisms



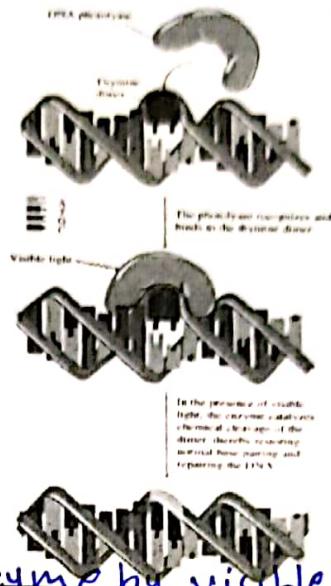
- DNA repair system : is a collection of processes by which a cell identifies and corrects various DNA lesions
- Several repair strategies are available:
  - A. Direct/reversal repair
  - B. Base excision repair (BER)
  - C. Nucleotide excision repair (NER)
  - D. Strand-directed Mismatch repair (MMR)
  - E. Double strand breaks repair (DSB)

\* حفظ الاختبارات ٥٥٠

## Direct Repair system



- Direct repair also called direct reversal because the damage can be directly recognized and reversed
- Two specific enzymes are involved in direct repair:
  1. Photolyases which repair UV induced damage in plants, bacteria and some animals (excluding humans) by splitting the dimers



\* mechanism of repair

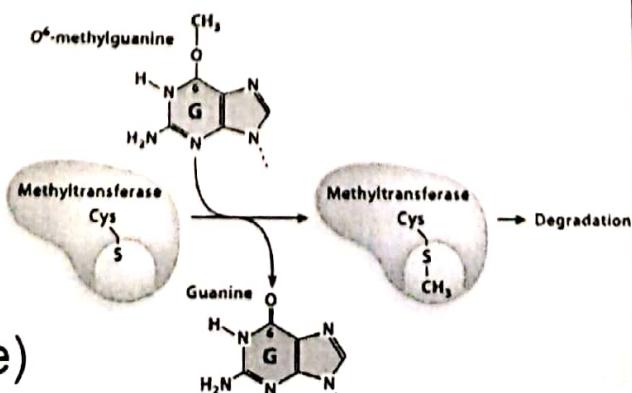
- 1- activation of photolyase enzyme by visible light (photoactivation)
- 2- cleavage the T-dimer

## Direct Repair system



2. O<sup>6</sup>-methylguanine methyltransferase (MGMT) حفظ الاختصار  
which transfer methyl group from G to a cysteine residue within the enzyme itself. Ada and Ogt are the two bacterial isoforms of MGMT

\* repair the damage result from base modifying agent.



- This reaction is stoichiometric rather than catalytic because each enzyme can be used only once (suicide)

This repair is specific to remove the modified pairs such as depurination or deamination or oxidative damage.

## Base Excision Repair



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- Base excision repair (BER) involves a category of enzymes known as DNA-N-glycosylases like uracil DNA glycosylase
- Glycosylases recognize damaged bases and remove them resulting in apurinic or apyrimidinic (AP) site
- AP endonucleases enzymes nick the damaged backbone at 5' end of AP site
- DNA polymerase removes the damaged region using its 5' to 3' exonuclease activity and correctly synthesizes the new strand. Finally, DNA ligase seals the strand.

## Base Excision Repair

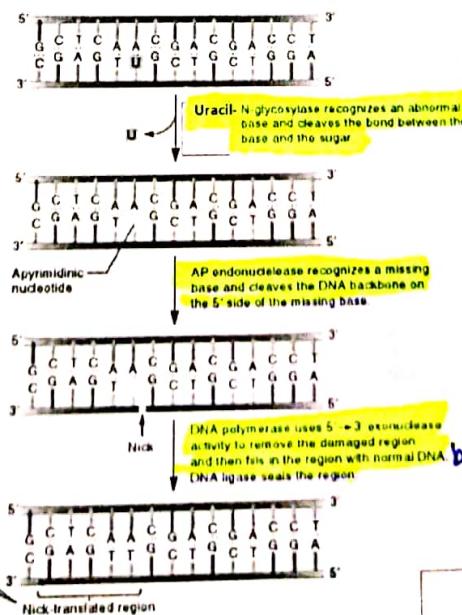


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### Base Excision Repair System

Depending on whether a purine or pyrimidine is removed, this creates an apurinic and an apyrimidinic site, respectively

Nick replication would be a more accurate term



# Nucleotide Excision Repair



- Nucleotide excision repair system (NER) corrects lesions which commonly cause bulk distortions in DNA helix like UV-induced pyrimidine dimers. NER is highly conserved used in both eukaryotes and prokaryotes
- The damaged region is removed in 3 steps process:
  1. Recognition of the damage by NER enzymes
  2. Excision of damaged DNA (12-24 nucleotides long) by endonucleases
  3. Resynthesis of removed DNA region by DNA polymerase followed by ligase to seal the region

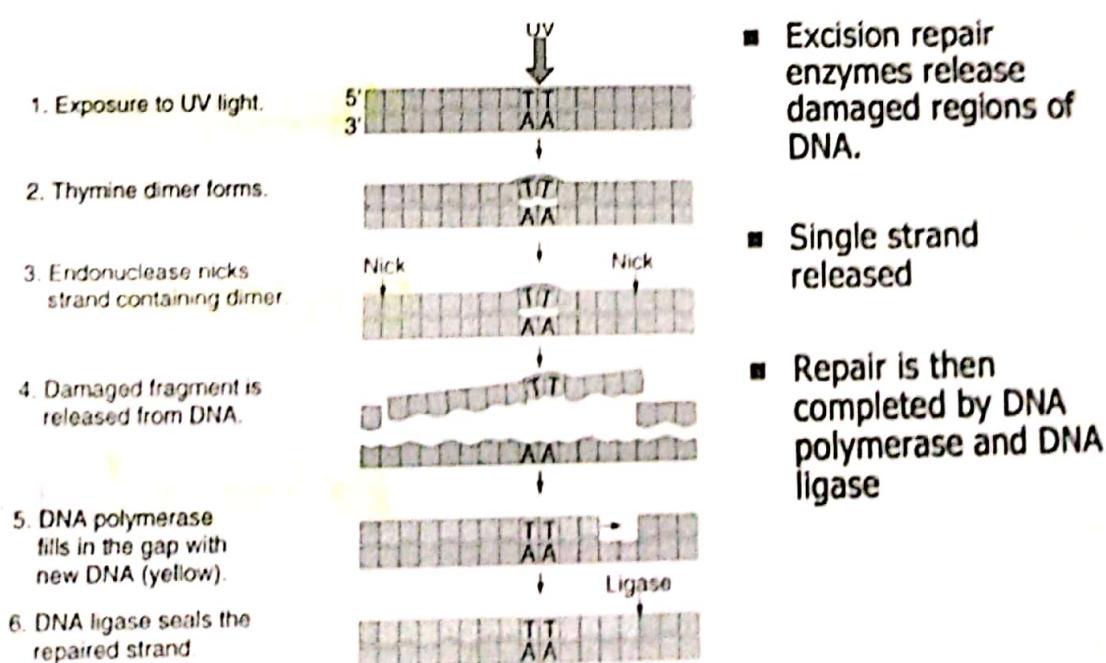
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# Nucleotide Excision Repair



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# Nucleotide Excision Repair



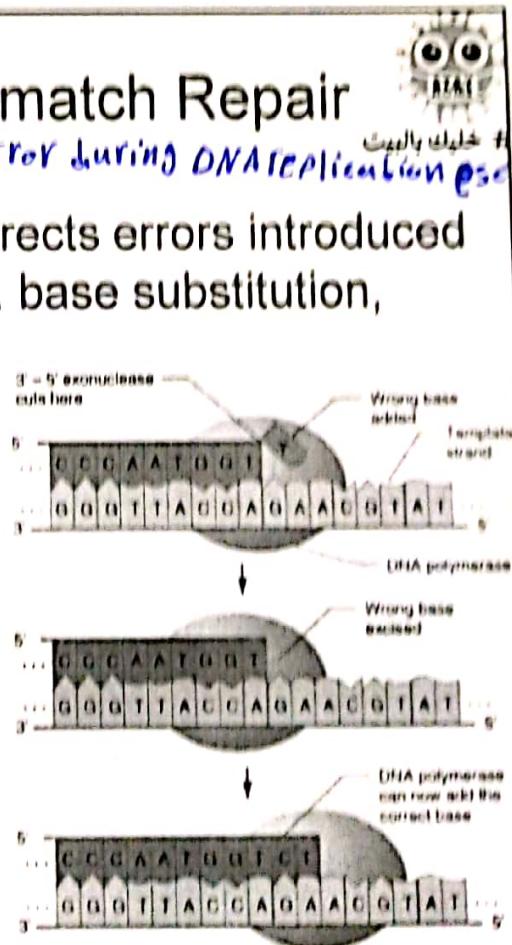
- Xeroderma pigmentosum (XP) is a recessive disorder in which victims lack the normal UV repair enzymes (NER genes). This creates hypersensitivity to sunlight and a tendency to develop skin cancer.



## Strand-directed Mismatch Repair

\*this repair occurs when the error during DNA replication is detected from proofreading activity -

- Mismatch repair (MMR) corrects errors introduced during DNA replication (e.g. base substitution, deletions or insertions)
- Replication errors are rare due to high fidelity of DNA replication process
- DNA polymerases have proofreading 3'-5' exonuclease (reverse) activity which recognizes mismatched bases and excises them



## Strand-directed Mismatch Repair

- Mismatch system recognizes and corrects errors that escaped from DNA polymerase proofreading machinery
- 3 steps process:
  1. Mismatched base pair is recognized
  2. Excision of DNA segment containing the mismatched nucleotide from the newly synthesized strand
  3. Resynthesis of the excised segment
    - It is called strand-directed MMR because MMR enzymes are selectively directed to the newly synthesized strand rather than to the old strand (it can distinguish between old strand and new strand)

old strand JIJLJLJLJLJL

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## Double strand breaks repair (DSB)

- A dangerous type of DNA damage which can lead to chromosomes fragmentation and consequently loss of genes (**chromosomal aberration**) if left unrepaired
- Two types of repair mechanisms:
  1. Non-homologous End Joining (NHEJ): it is an error-prone mechanism of repair because it results in change of DNA sequence at the site of breakage
  2. Homologous recombination (HR) is an error-free mechanism of repair because the damage is accurately repaired using information from sister chromatid

not completely efficient

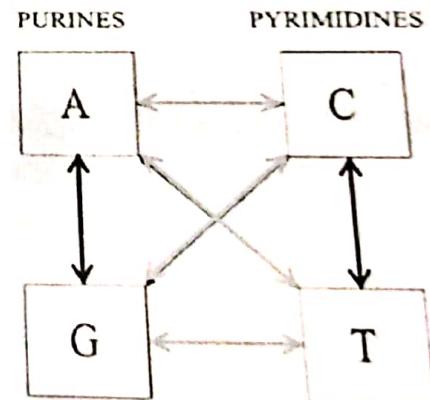
completely efficient

Types of mutations at the DNA level		Results at the molecular level			
No mutation	Wild type	The	Lys	Arg	Gly
Base insertion	Frameshift mutation	Codon 1	Codon 2	Codon 3	Codon 4
Base deletion	Frameshift mutation	A C T A A G A G A G G T	A C T A A G A G A G G T	A C T A A G A G A G G T	A C T A A G A G A G G T
		Codons specify wild type protein.			

## Point Mutation



- Point mutation: an alteration in DNA sequence by a single nucleotide base and consequently a change in single base pair (substitution)
- Substitution at a point is called **Transition** if one purine is replaced with another purine or one pyrimidine with another pyrimidine and it is called **Transversion** if one purine is replaced with one pyrimidine or vice versa

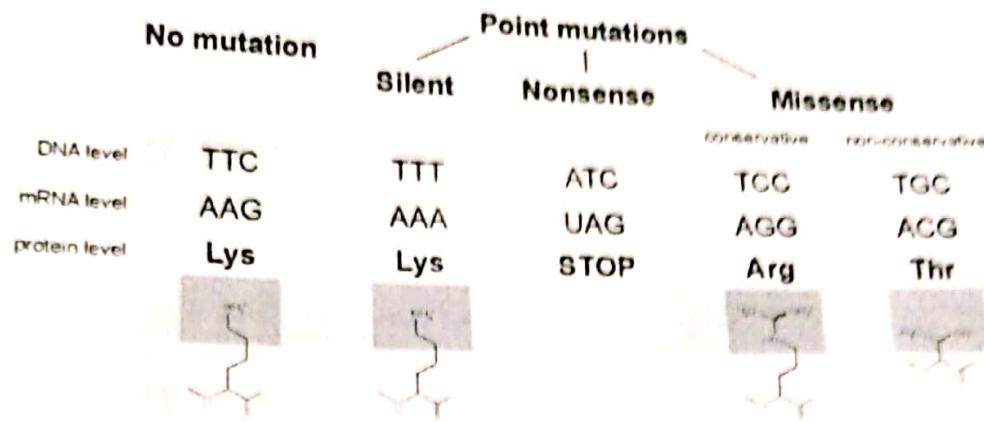


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# Point Mutation



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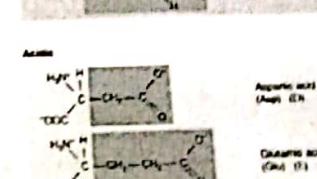
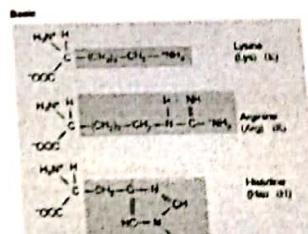
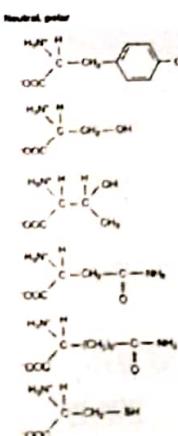
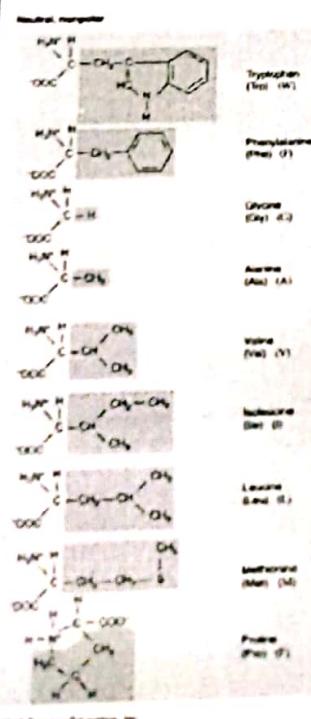


conserve  
non-conserve

# Point Mutation



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	U	C	A	G
U	UUU Phe UUC Ser UUA Leu UUG Stop	UCU Tyr UCC Ser UCA Stop UCG Stop	UAU His UAC Stop UAA Stop UAG Stop	UGU Cys UGC Stop UGA Stop UGG Trp
C	CUU Leu CUC Pro CUA Leu CUG Stop	CCC Pro CCU Stop CCA Gln CCG Stop	CAU His CAC Stop CAA Gln CAG Stop	CGU Arg CGC Stop CGA Stop CGG Stop
A	AUU Ser AUC Stop AUU Met AUG Stop	ACU Thr ACC Stop ACA Gln ACG Stop	AAU Asn AAC Stop AAA Stop AAU Stop	AGU Ser AGC Stop AGA Arg AGG Stop
G	GUU Val GUC Stop GUA Stop GUG Stop	GCU Ala GCC Stop GCA Gln GCG Stop	GAU Asp GAC Stop GAA Glu GAG Stop	GGT Gly GGC Stop GGA Stop GGG Stop

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AMINO acid