

# Riparazione degli errori di appaiamento (MMR)

Elimina le singole basi misappaiate ed i loop di inserzione-delezione che si formano durante la replicazione in presenza di brevi sequenze ripetute

Ripara il DNA con un'efficienza pari al 99,9%

Riconosce e ripara solo l'elica neosintetizzata che contiene i nucleotidi errati

E' compiuta da complessi multiproteici

- The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2015 was awarded jointly to
  - Tomas Lindahl,
  - Paul Modrich and
  - Aziz Sancar
- "for mechanistic studies of DNA repair"

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- Lindahl demonstrated that DNA is an inherently unstable molecule, subject to decay even under physiological conditions. Guided by this observation, Lindahl identified a completely new group of DNA glycosylases and described their role in **base excision repair**.
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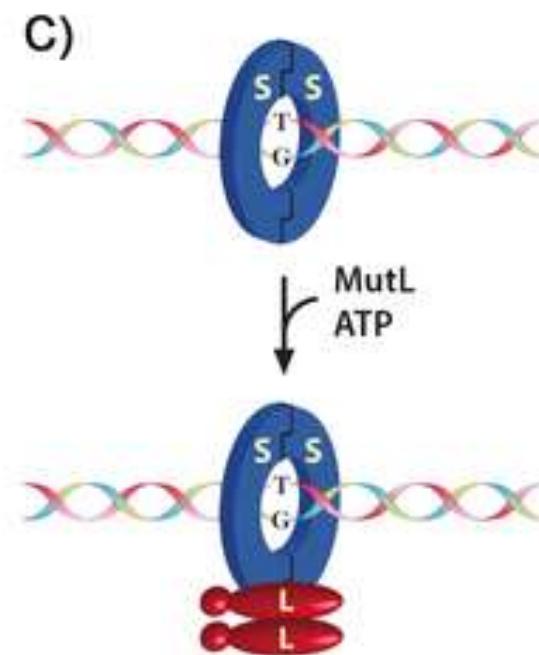
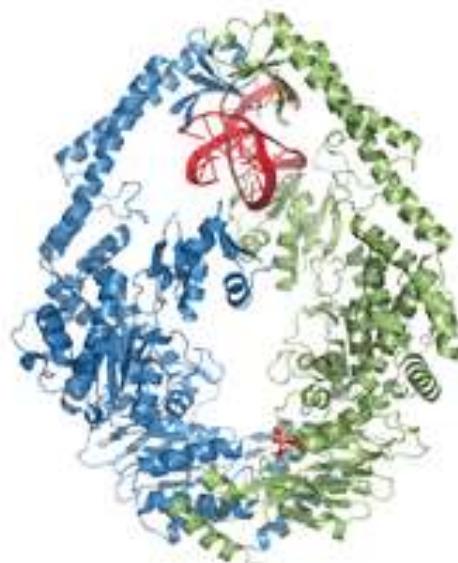
### A) MutS binds mismatched base pairs

Apparent affinities of mutS protein for base pair mismatches

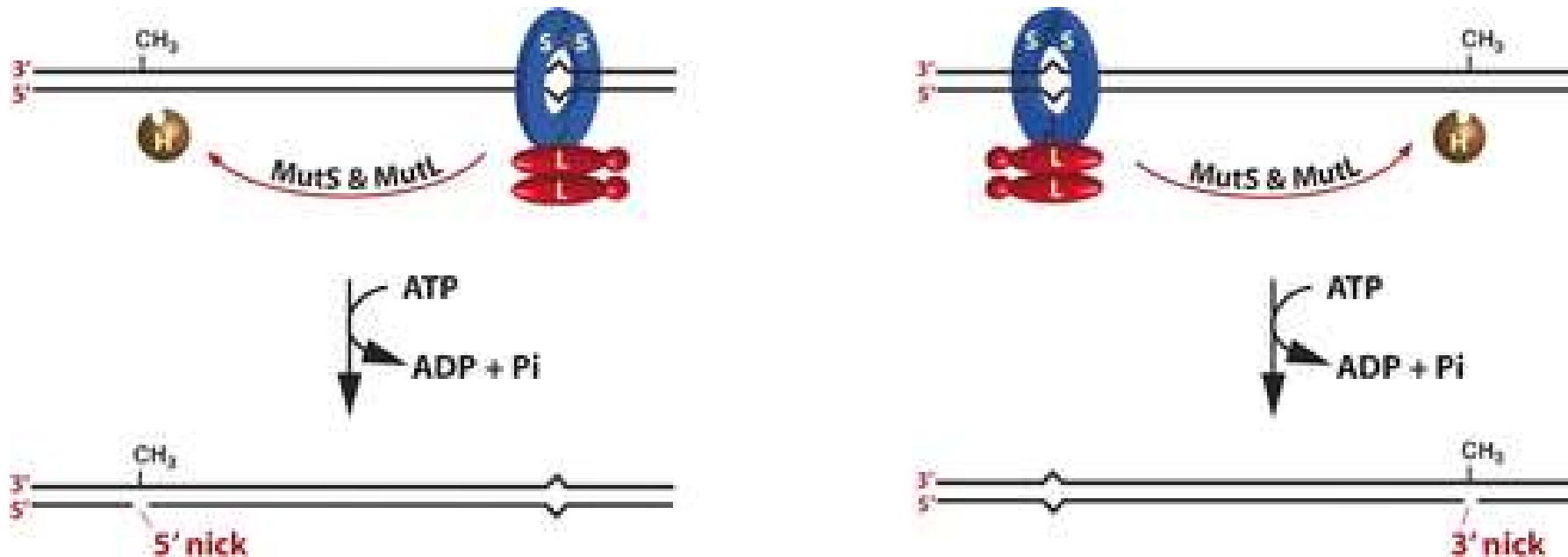
Mismatch	Apparent dissociation constant <i>nM</i>
G-T	39 ± 4
A-C	53 ± 4
A-A	110 ± 7
T-T	140 ± 9
G-G	150 ± 10
A-G	270 ± 30
C-T	370 ± 40
C-C	480 ± 50

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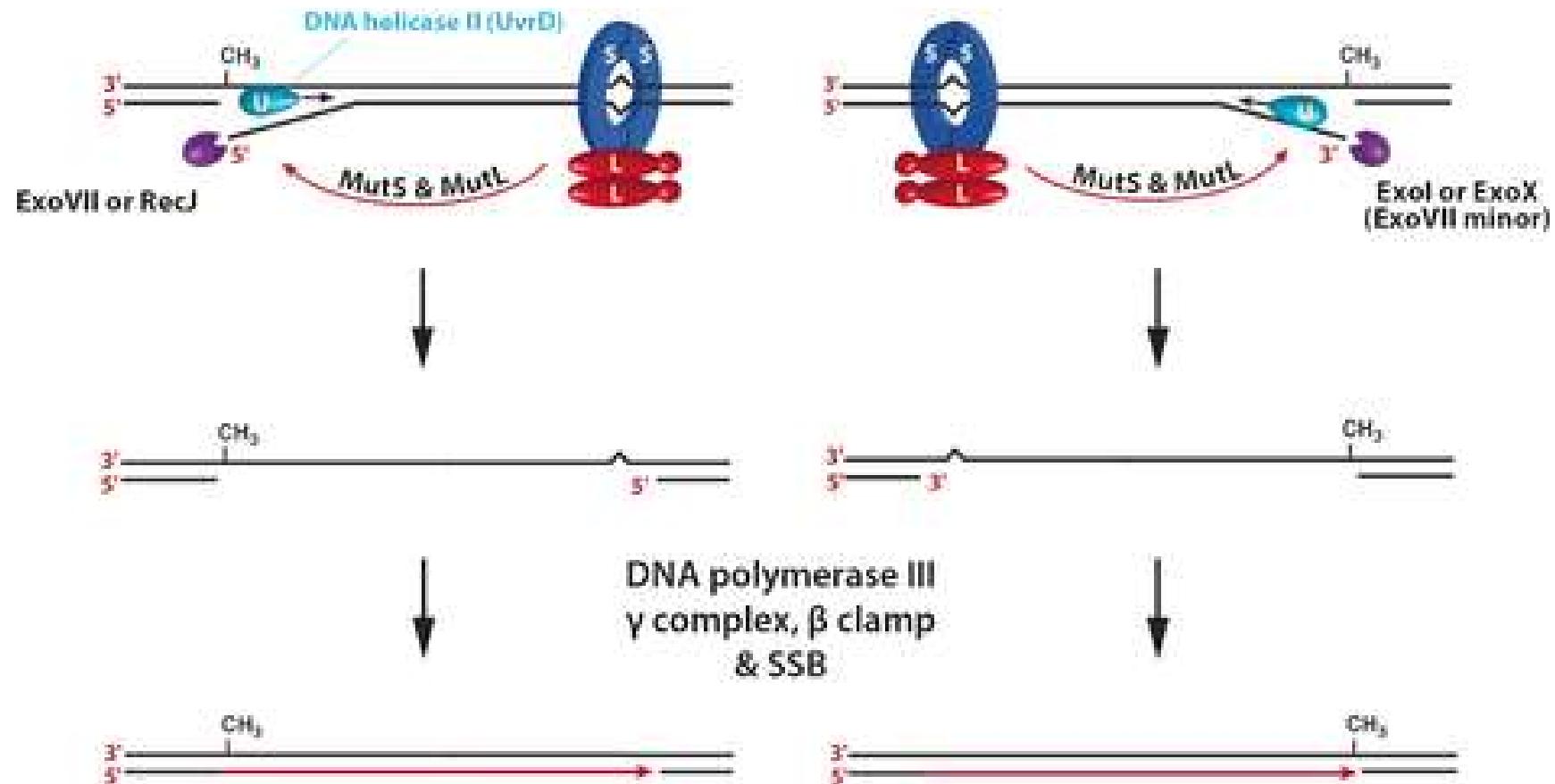
### B)



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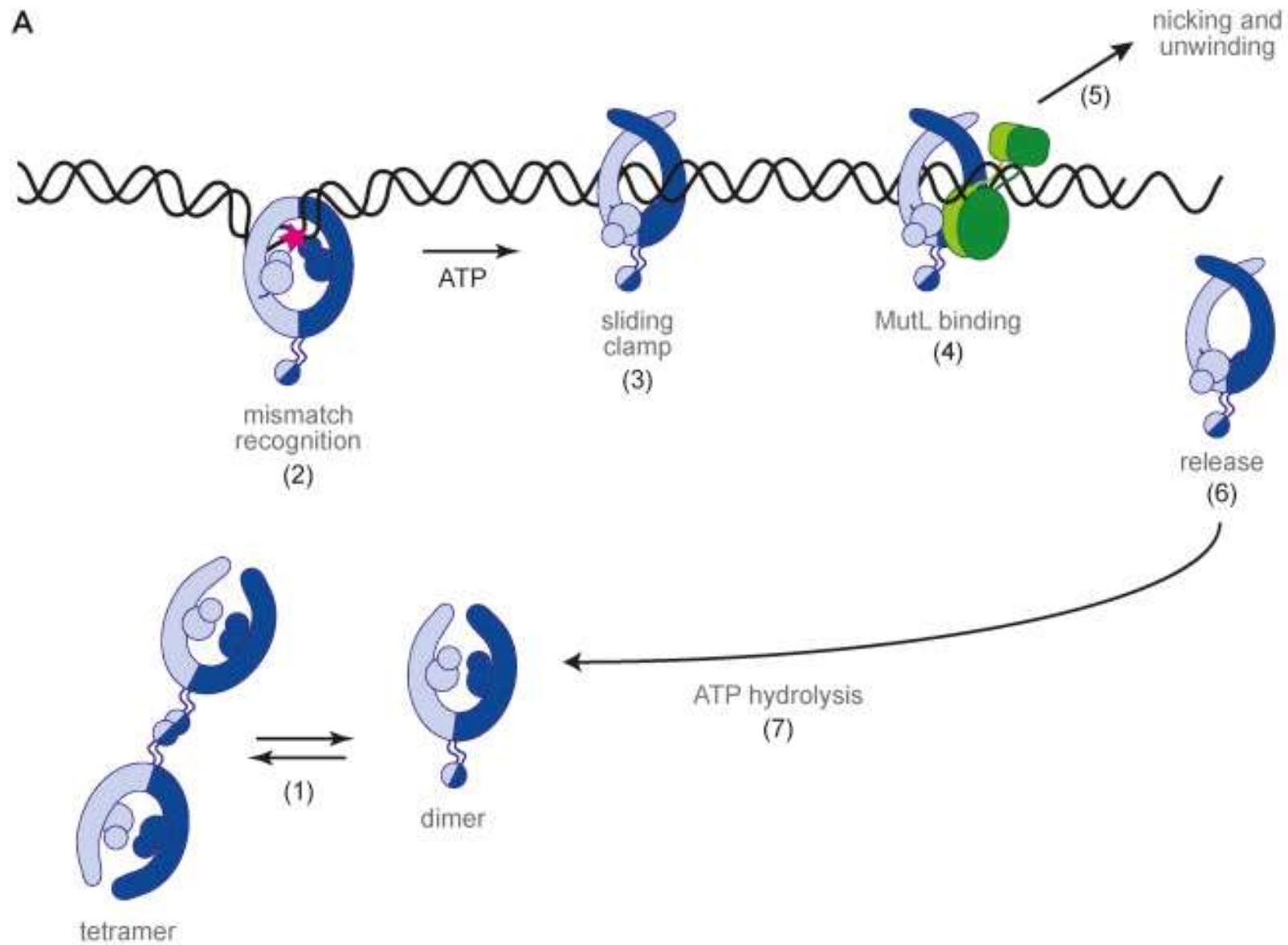
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**Table 1**MMR proteins in *E. coli*, *S. cerevisiae* and *H. sapiens*

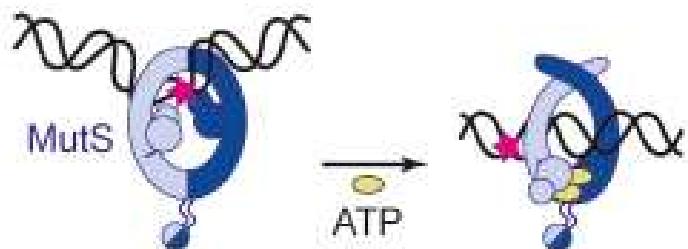
<i>E. coli</i>	<i>H. sapiens</i>	Comments
MutS-MutS	Msh2-Msh6 (MutS $\alpha$ ) Msh2-Msh3 (MutS $\beta$ )	Mispair recognition complex—homodimer in <i>E. coli</i> and a heterodimer in eukaryotes. MutS $\alpha$ and MutS $\beta$ have overlapping mispair recognition specificities.
	Mlh1-Pms2 (MutL $\alpha$ )	Homodimer in <i>E. coli</i> and heterodimer in eukaryotes. MutL ( <i>E. coli</i> ) and MutL $\alpha$ (eukaryotes) play a central role during MMR. In <i>E. coli</i> , MutL promotes whereas in eukaryotes MutL $\alpha$ possess an intrinsic endonuclease activity
MutL-MutL	Mlh1-Pms1 (MutL $\beta$ )	MutL $\beta$ is an accessory factor for MMR
	Mlh1-Mlh3 (MutL $\gamma$ )	MutL $\gamma$ substitutes for MutL $\alpha$ in the repair of a minor fraction of mispairs, but primarily acts in the resolution of meiotic recombination intermediates
Dam methylase	Absent	Promotes N <sup>6</sup> -adenine methylation at d(GATC) sites, serves as strand discrimination signal in <i>E. coli</i>
MutH	Absent <sup>a</sup>	Endonuclease, nicks daughter strand using d(GATC) hemi-methylated sites as strand discrimination signal
none	Exo1	5'-3' dsDNA exonuclease, acts in the excision reaction
RecJ, ExoVII	None	5'-3' ssDNA exonuclease, acts in the excision reaction
ExoI, ExoVII, ExoX	None	3'-5' ssDNA exonuclease, acts in the excision reaction
UvrD	own unknown	None or DNA helicase II, promotes excision reaction, activated by MutS
$\beta$ -clamp	PCNA	DNA polymerase processivity factor. In eukaryotes stimulates MutL endonuclease activity. The gene encoding PCNA in <i>S. cerevisiae</i> is <i>POL30</i>
$\gamma$ -Complex	RFC	Loading of $\beta$ -clamp/PCNA
SSB	RPA1-3	ssDNA binding protein, acts in the excision and DNA resynthesis reactions. The genes encoding RPA subunits in <i>S. cerevisiae</i> are <i>RFA1</i> , 2 and, 3
DNA Pol III	Pol delta	DNA polymerase that acts in the gap-filling step
DNA ligase	Ligase I	Seals nicks after DNA resynthesis

# predominant states of the MutS cycle



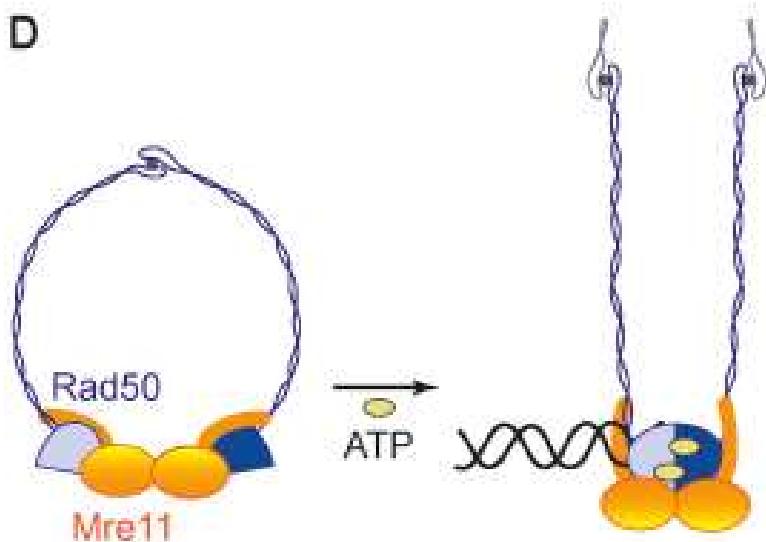
## predominant states of the MutS cycle

B



ATP binding induces a hinge motion that translocates mismatched DNA to a new channel in MutS proteins

D

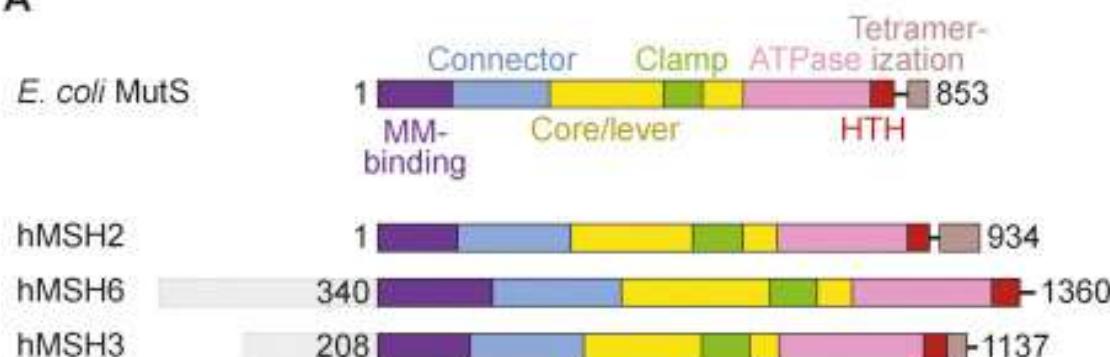


ATP binding by Rad50/Mre11 modulates the protein structure to increase binding to DNA ends

ATP-driven motions in different DNA repair proteins

# MutS proteins

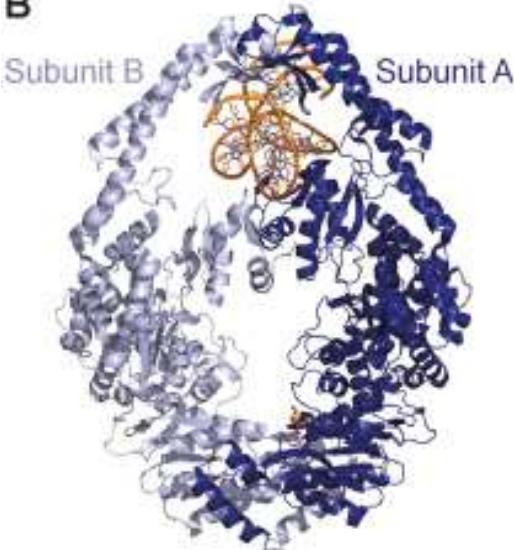
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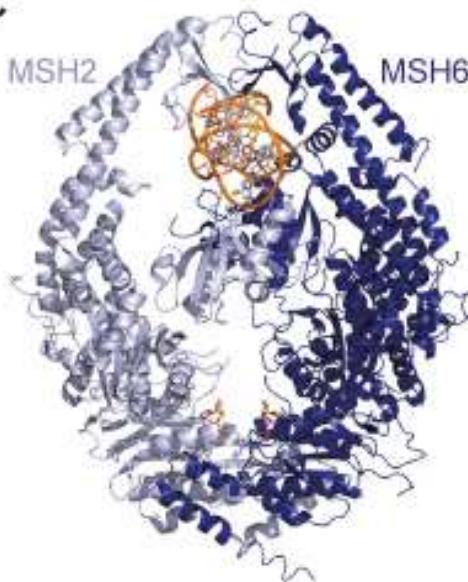
*E.Coli* MutS

human MutS $\alpha$

**B**

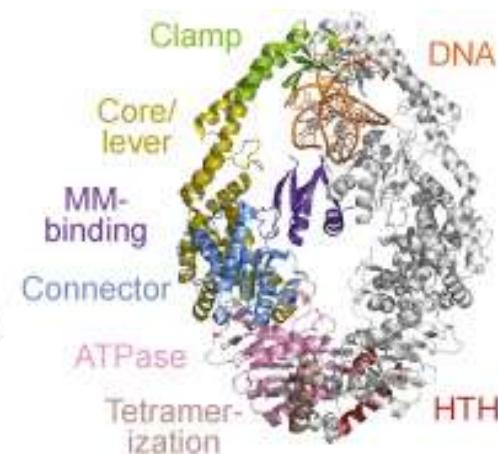
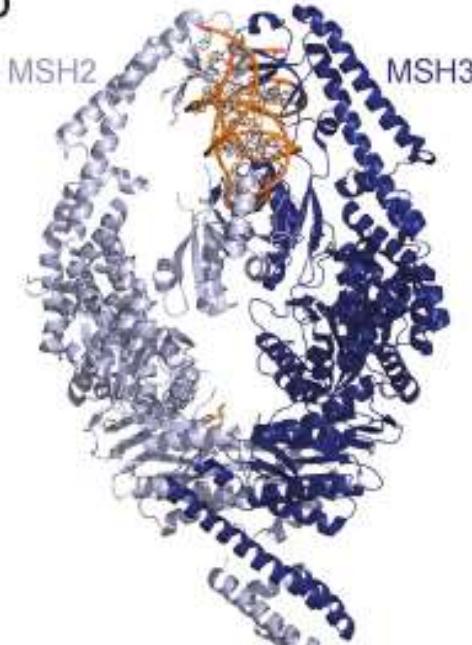


**C**

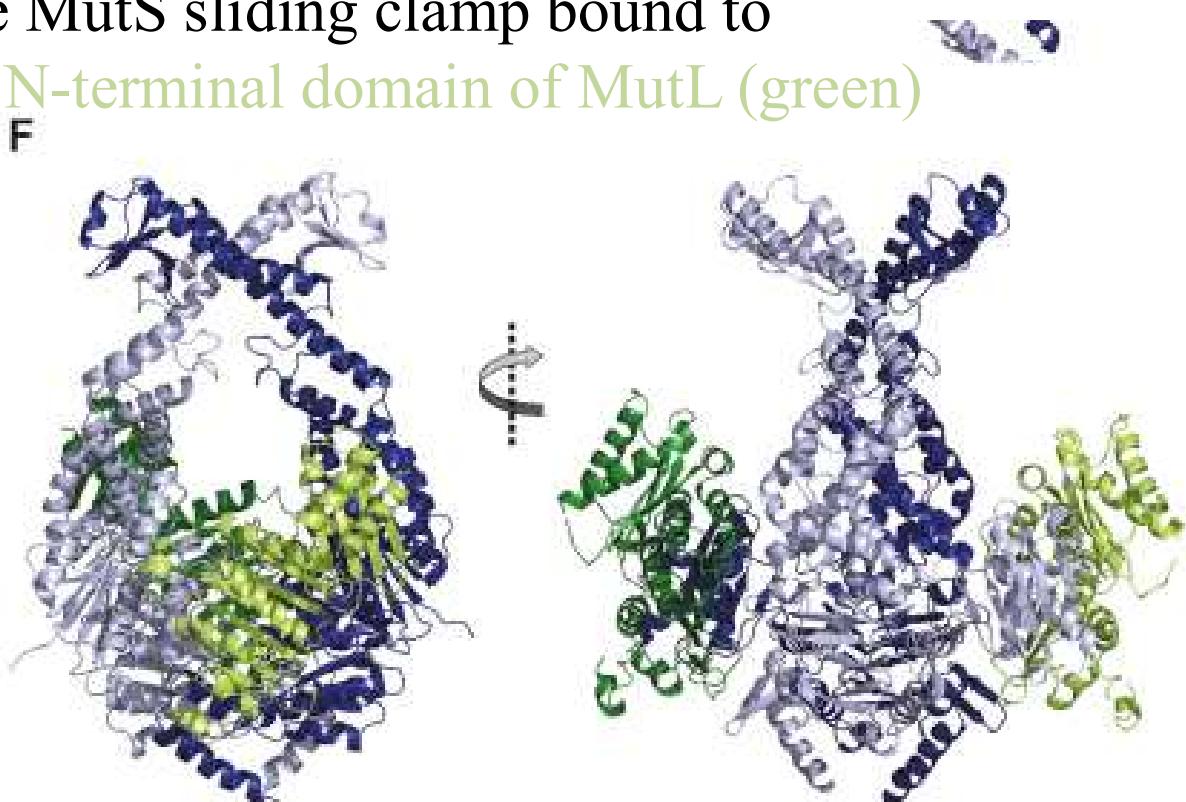
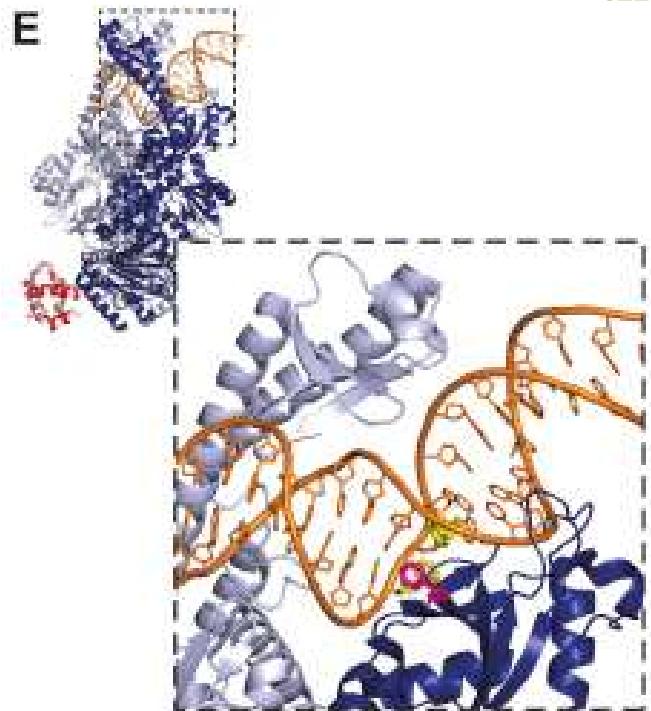


MutS $\beta$  bound to a 3-base del

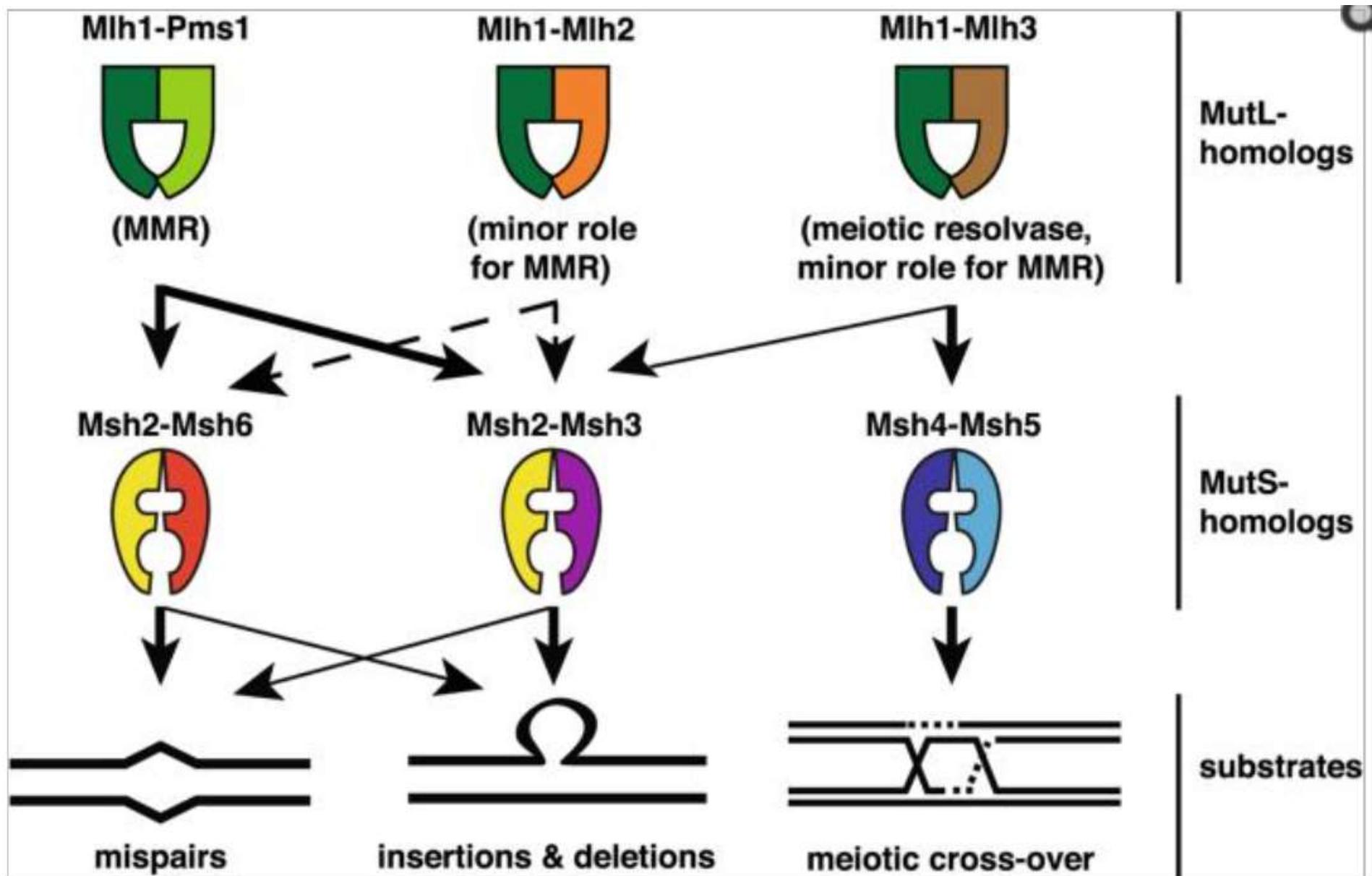
**D**



The MutS sliding clamp bound to  
the N-terminal domain of MutL (green)



# Omologia di MutS/MutL negli eucarioti



**MSH2** forma un eterodimero con **MSH6** (misappaiamento) o **MSH3** (loop di inserzione-delezione) e si lega al DNA segnalando l'elica templato

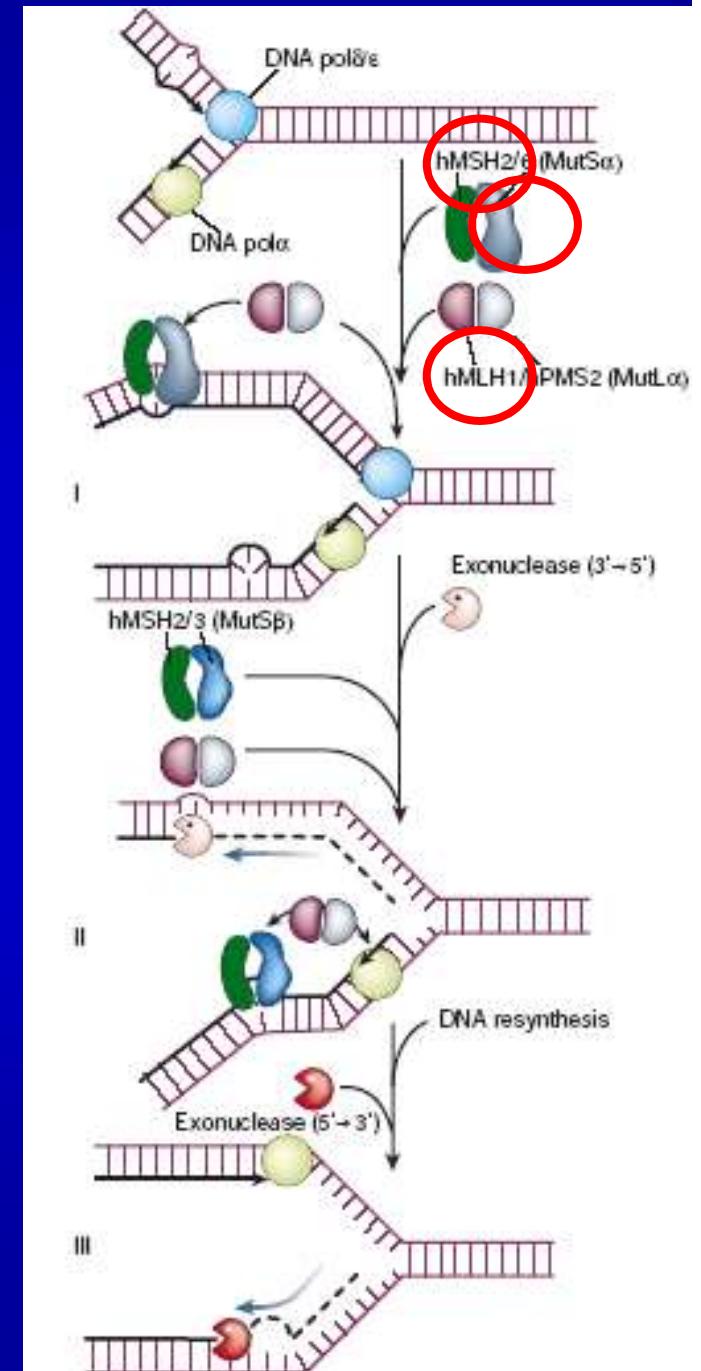


L'eterodimero **MLH1-PMS2**, talvolta legato anche a **PMS1**, incide e coordina il legame con l'esonucleasi **EXO1** 3'- 5' ed una o più elicasi



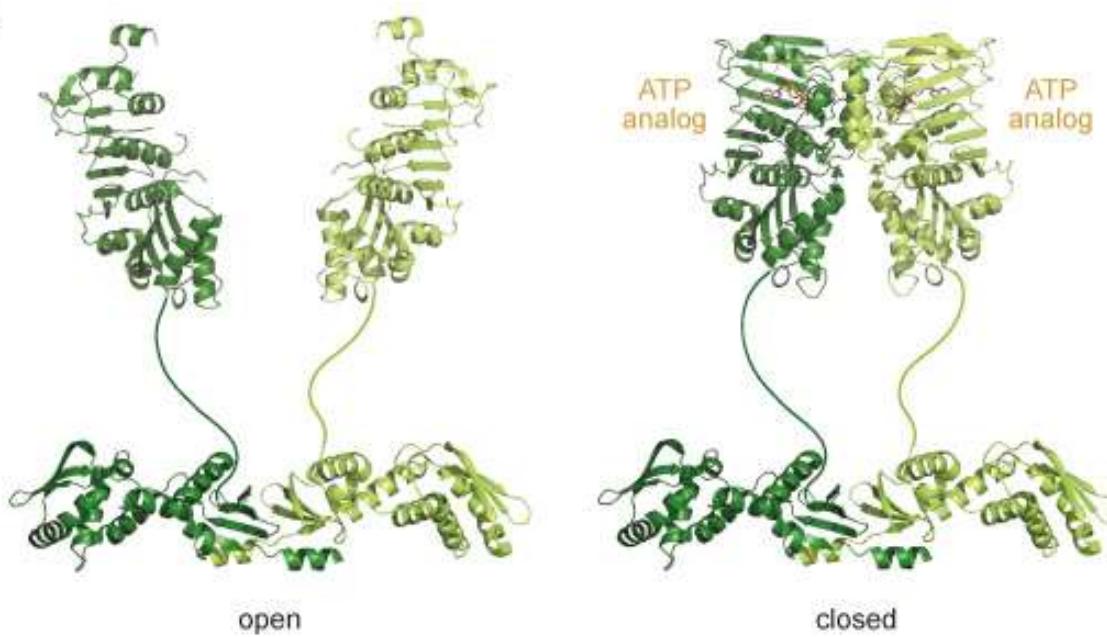
**EXO1** rimuove le basi errate e il gap è riempito da **DNA polimerasi** e **ligasi**

**MSH2**, **MSH3** e **MSH6** sono omologhi a **mutS** di *E.coli*; **MLH1**, **PMS1** e **PMS2** sono omologhi a **mutL** di *E.coli*



# MutL proteins

A

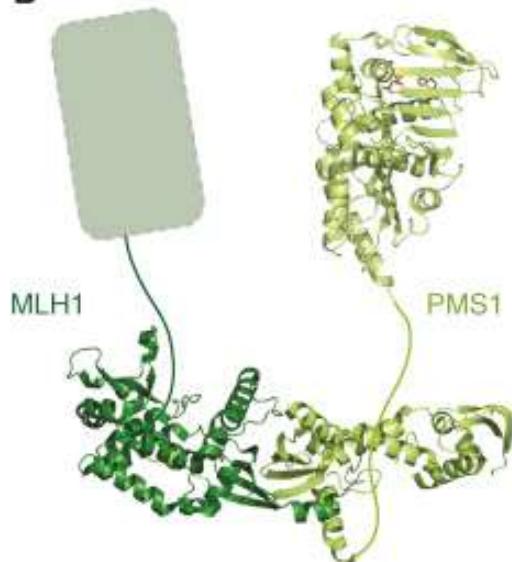


open

closed

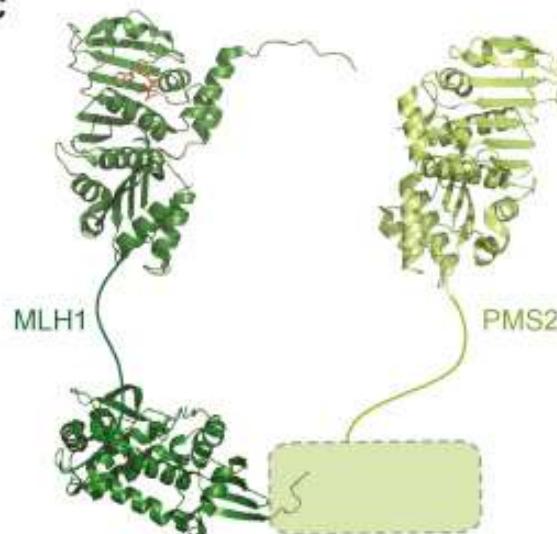
## Yeast MutLa

B

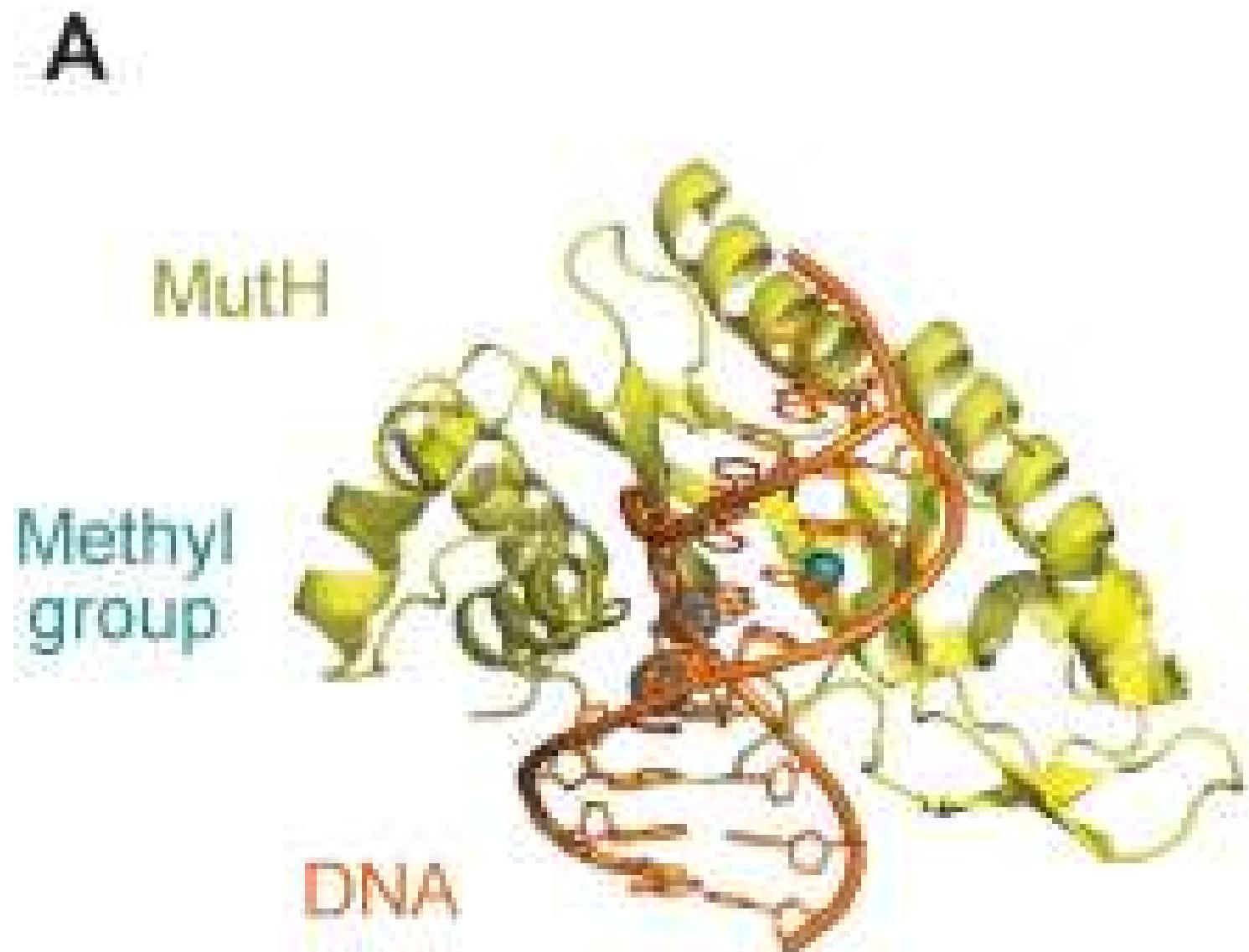


## Human MutLa

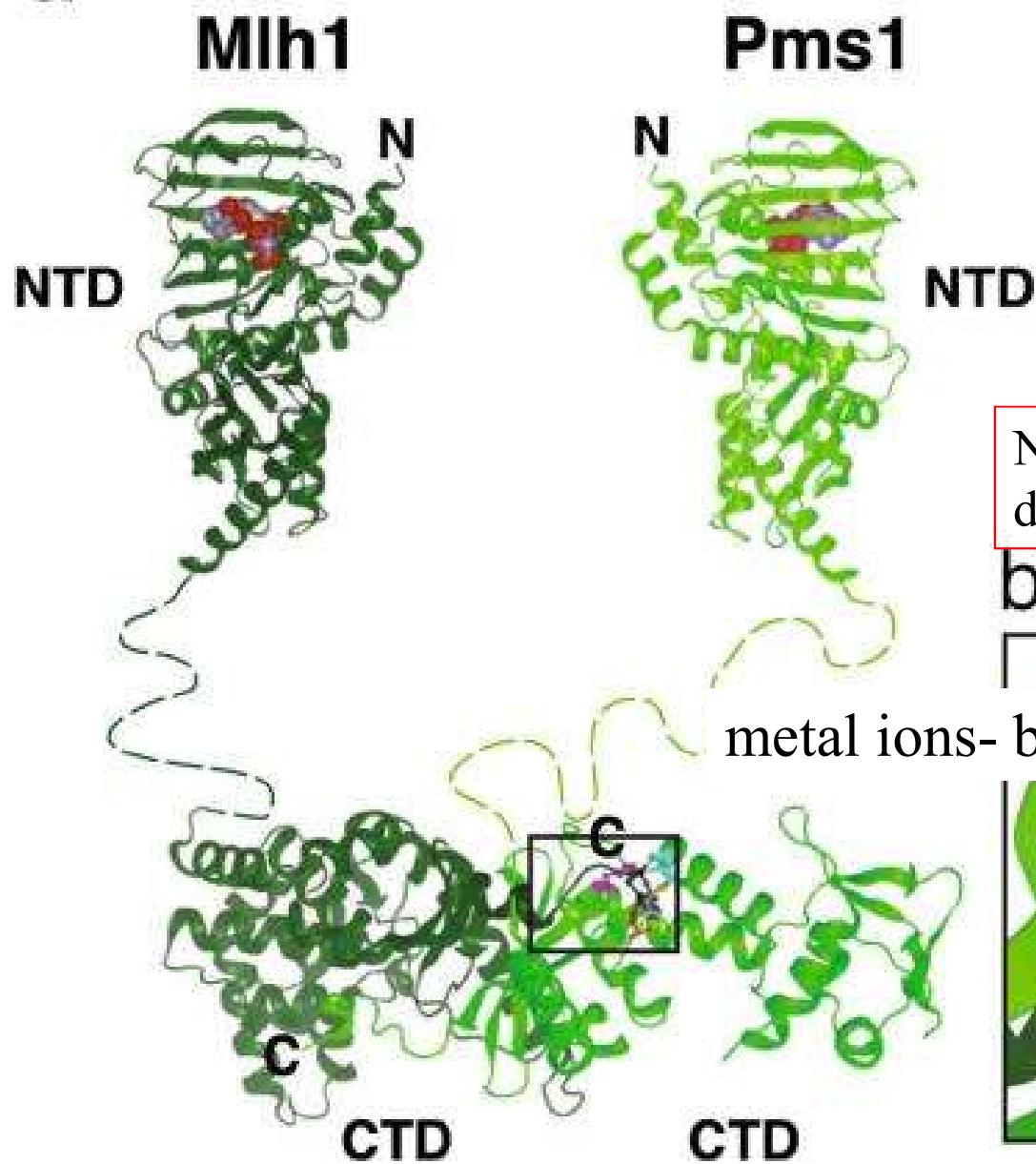
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# endonucleases in MMR

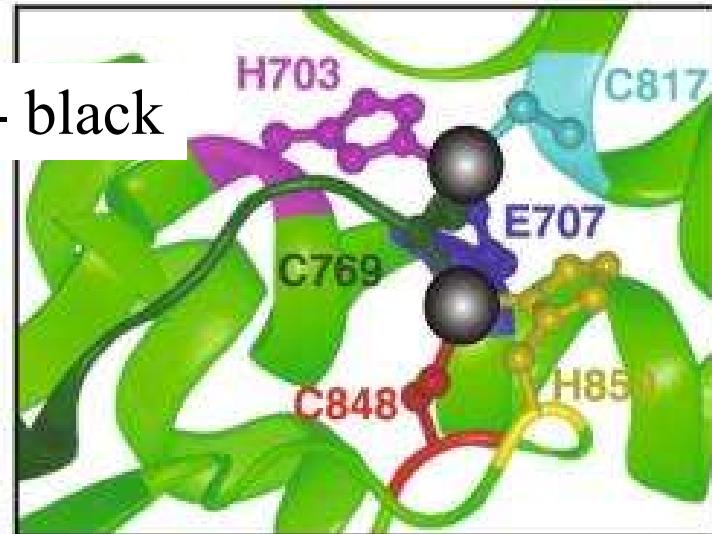


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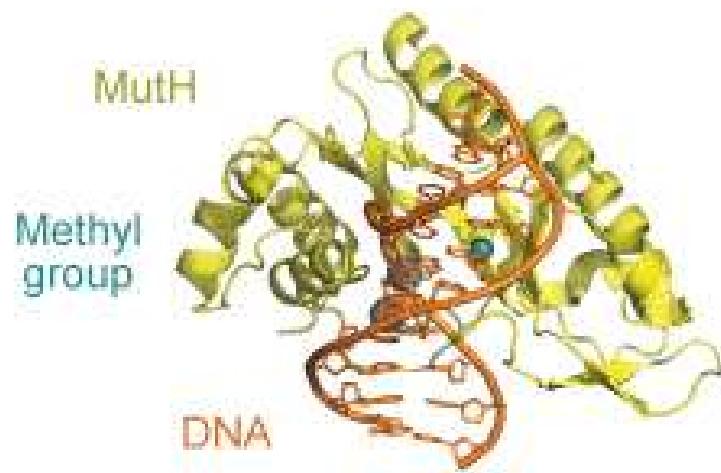
Negli eucarioti gli omologhi  
di MutL hanno attività di taglio

b



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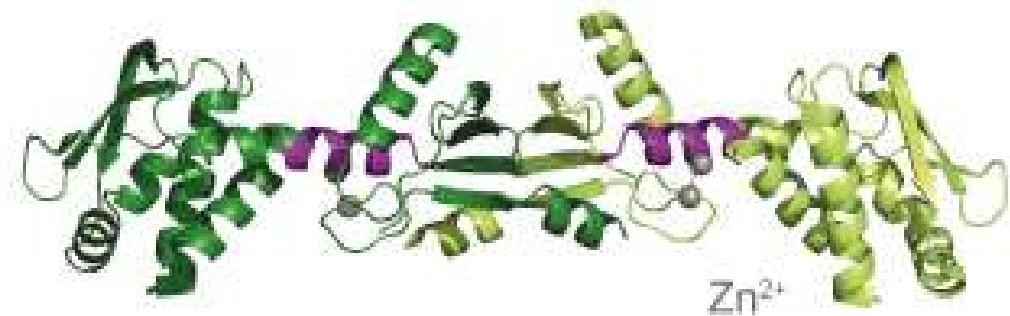
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*E. coli*

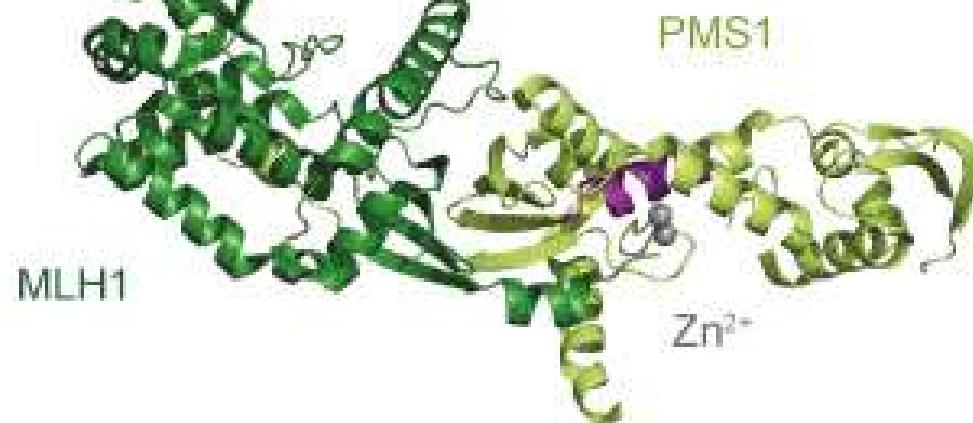
B

*B. subtilis*  
MutL

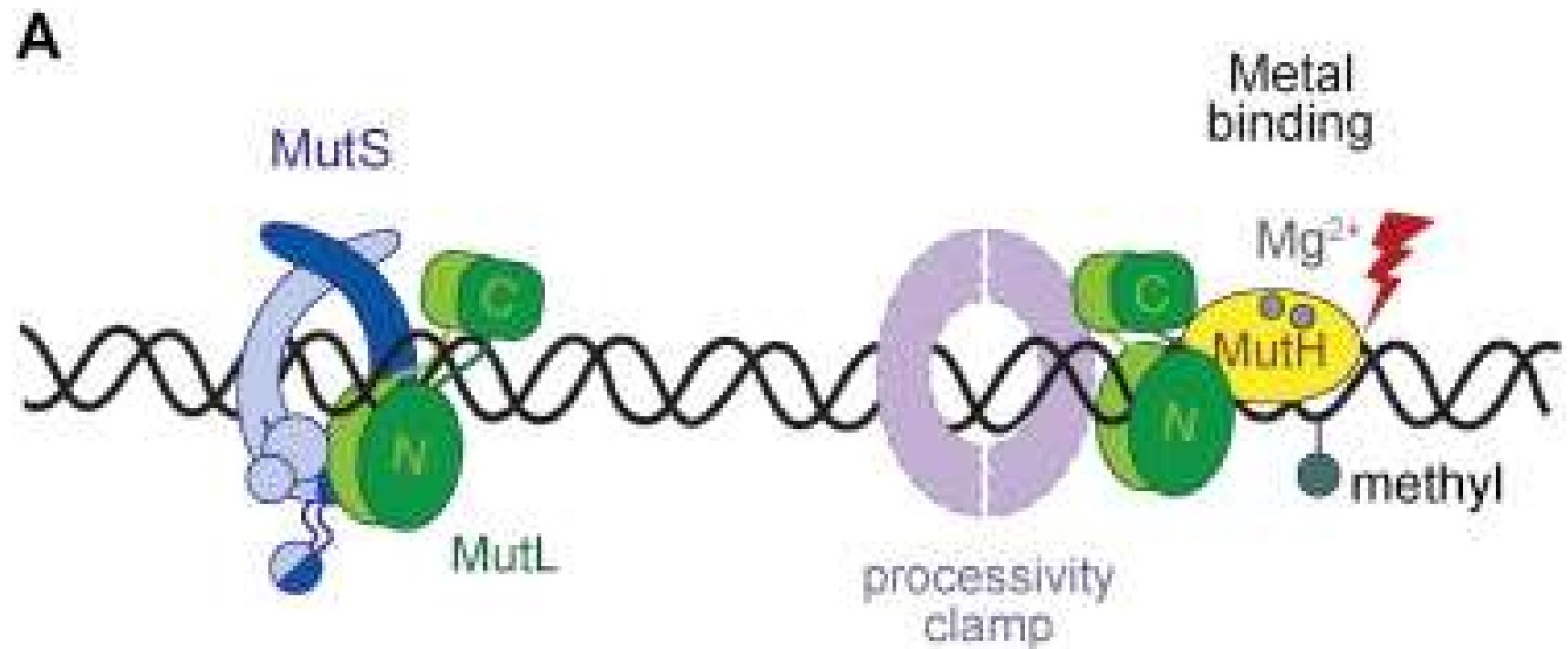


C

yeast



## MutH protein dependent endonuclease

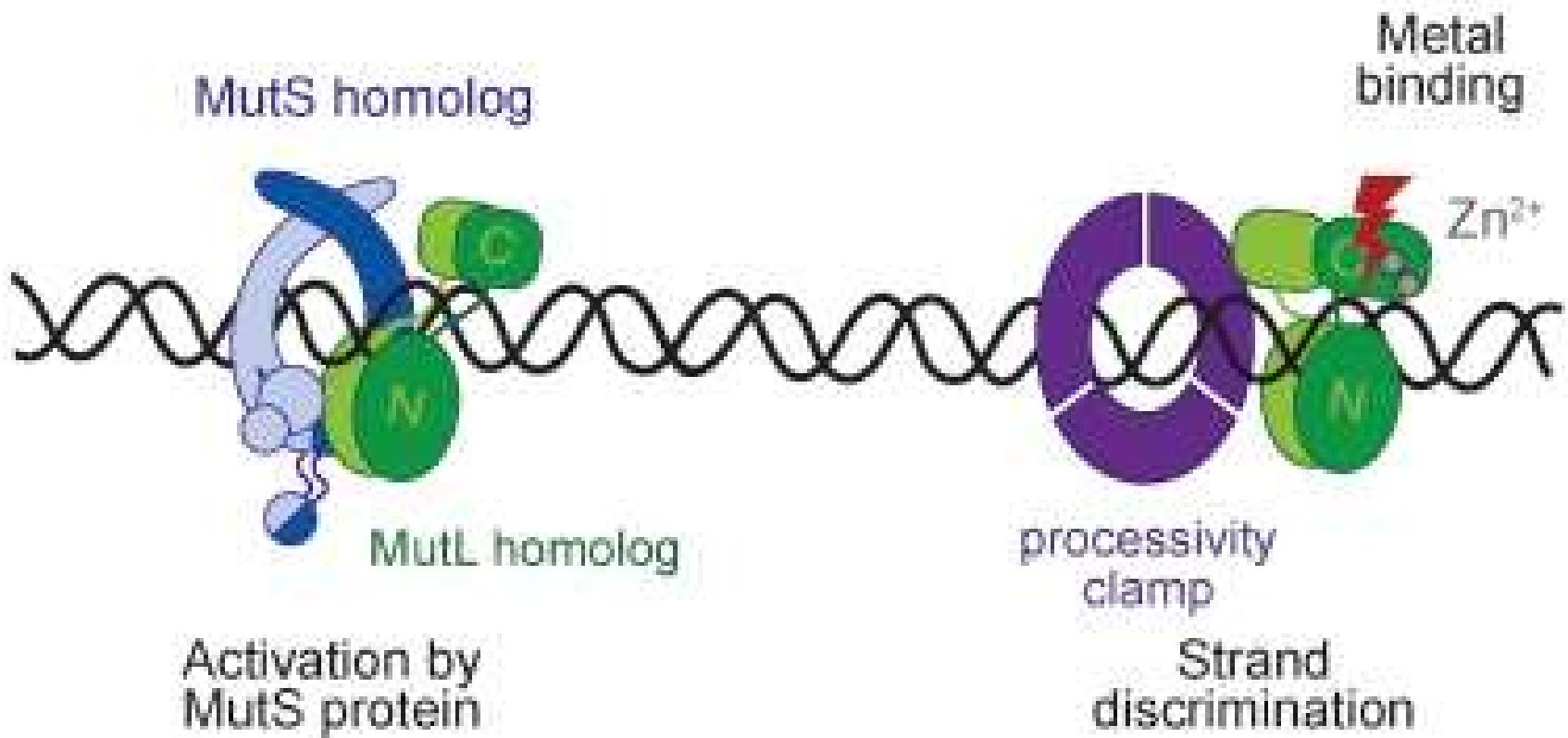


activation of endonuclease  
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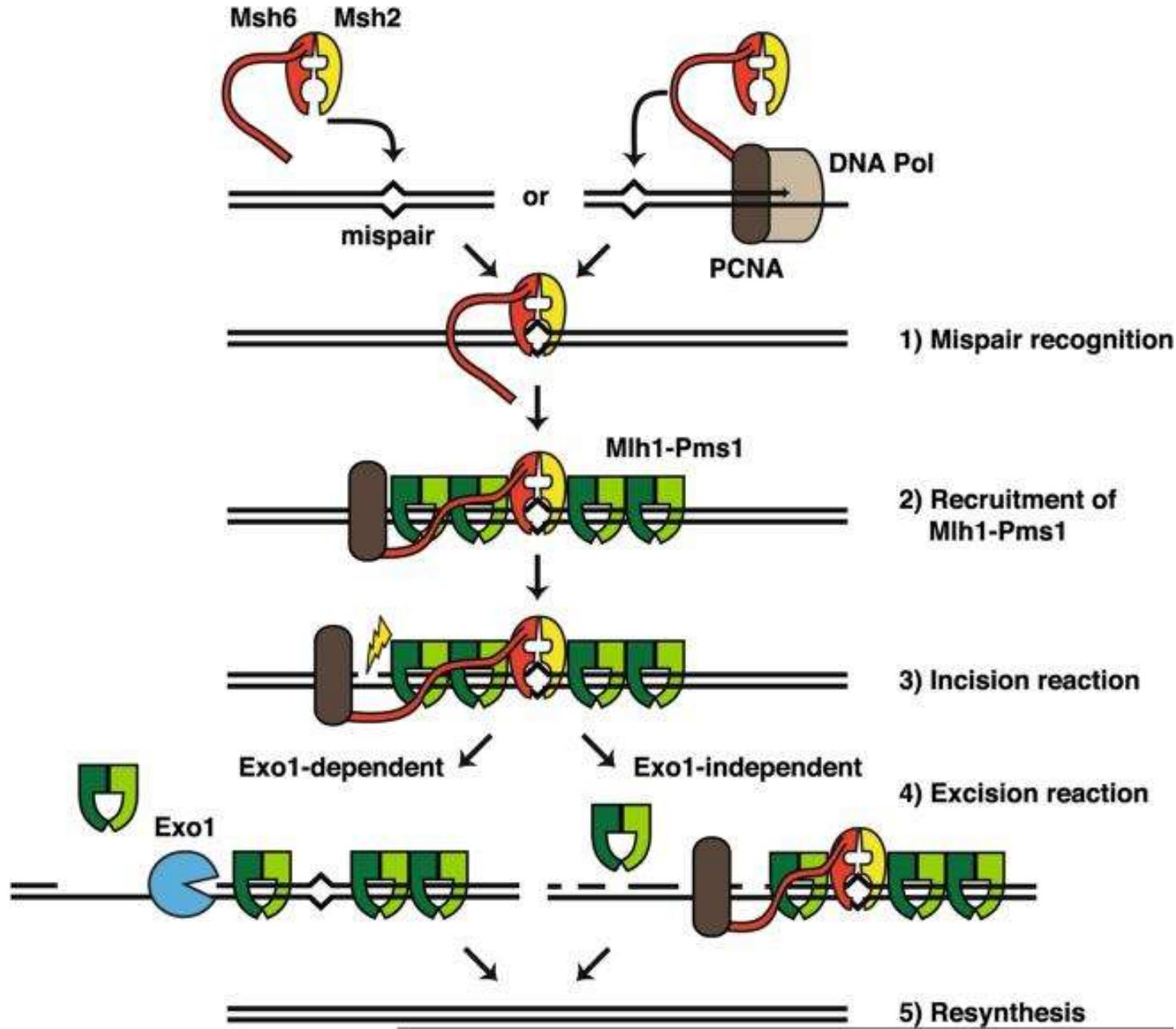
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MutL endonuclease activity

B



# alternative excision pathways during MMR



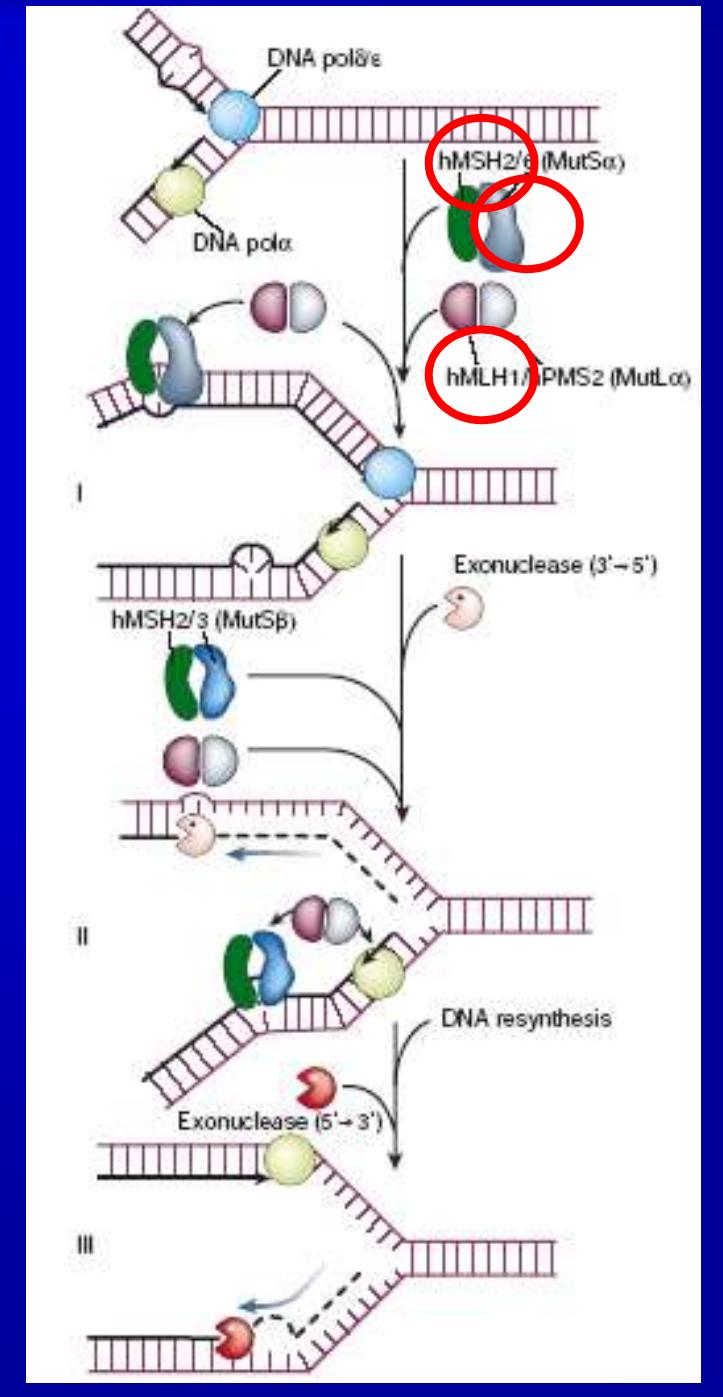
# HNPCC

## cancro colon-rettale ereditario non poliposico

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# HNPPCC

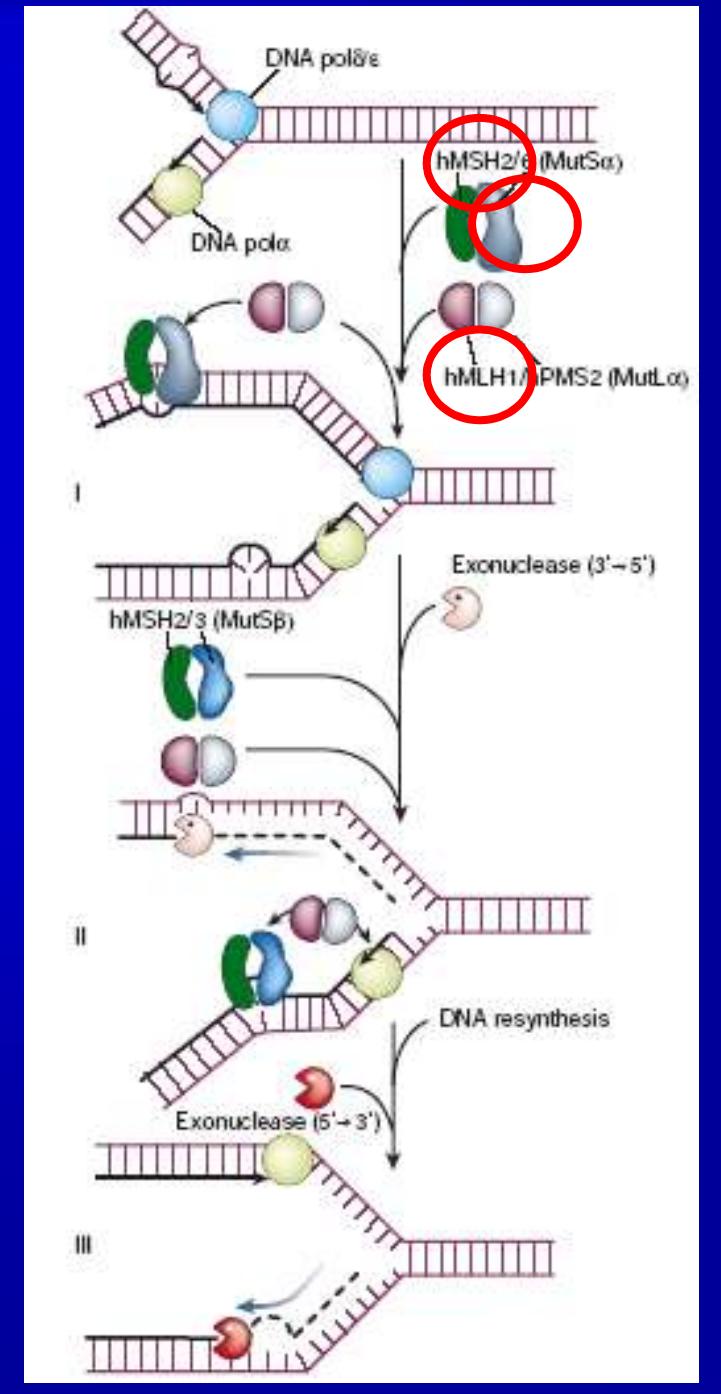
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Mutazioni polimerasi **Delta** ed  
**Epsilon**



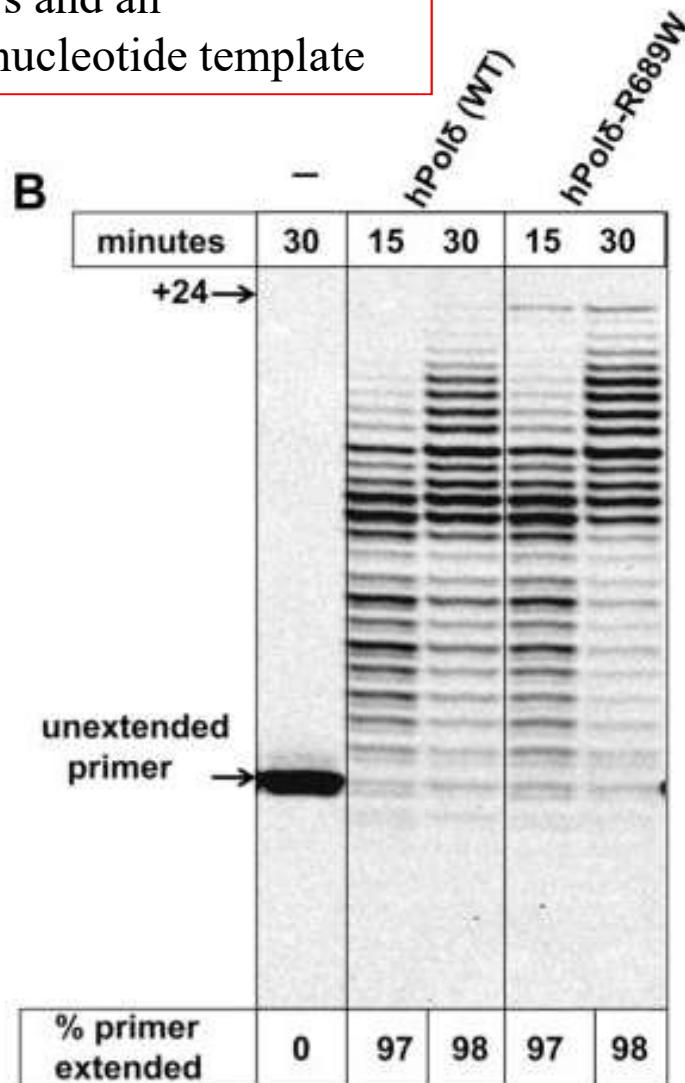
## **Nucleotide selectivity defect and mutator phenotype conferred by a colon cancer-associated DNA polymerase δ mutation**

Germline mutations in the POLD1 and POLE genes encoding the catalytic subunits of replicative DNA polymerases δ (Polδ) and ε (Polε) cause hereditary CRC

**POLD1-R689W**, encodes an error-prone DNA polymerase and causes a catastrophic increase in spontaneous mutagenesis

incubating the purified enzymes with all four dNTPs and an oligonucleotide template

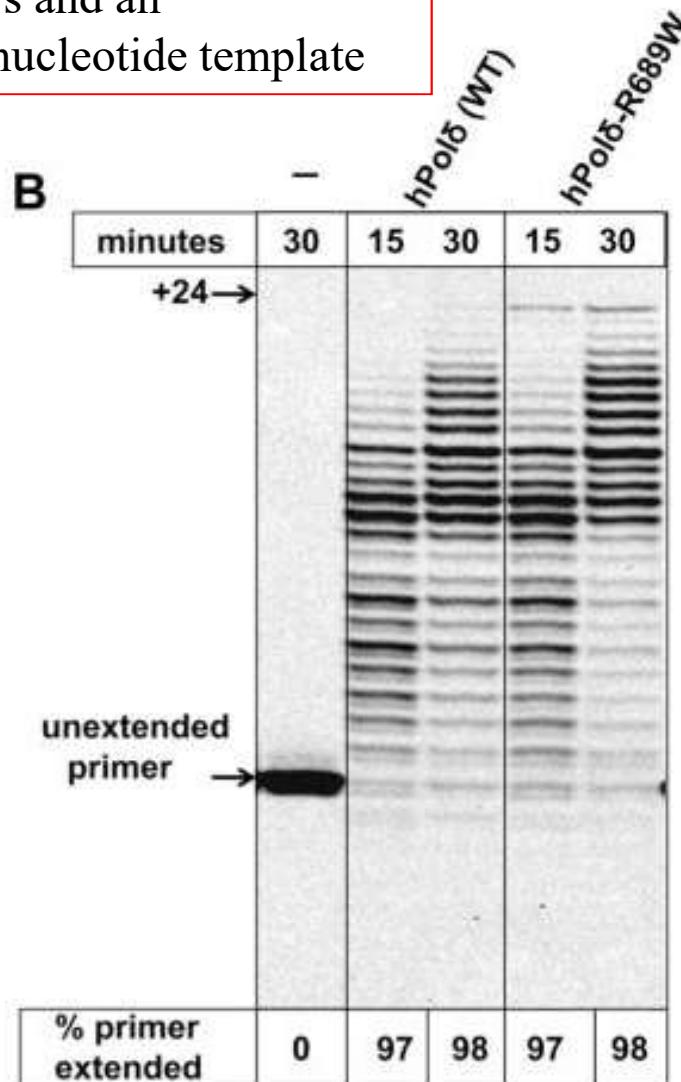
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DNA synthesis

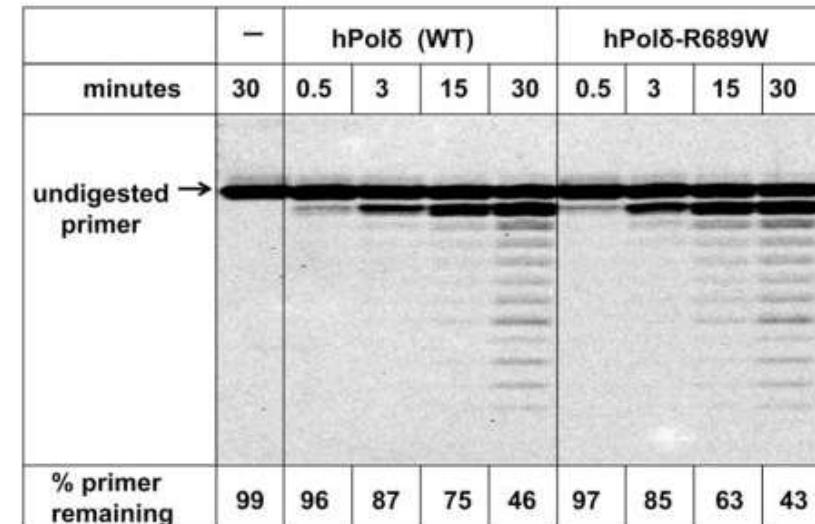
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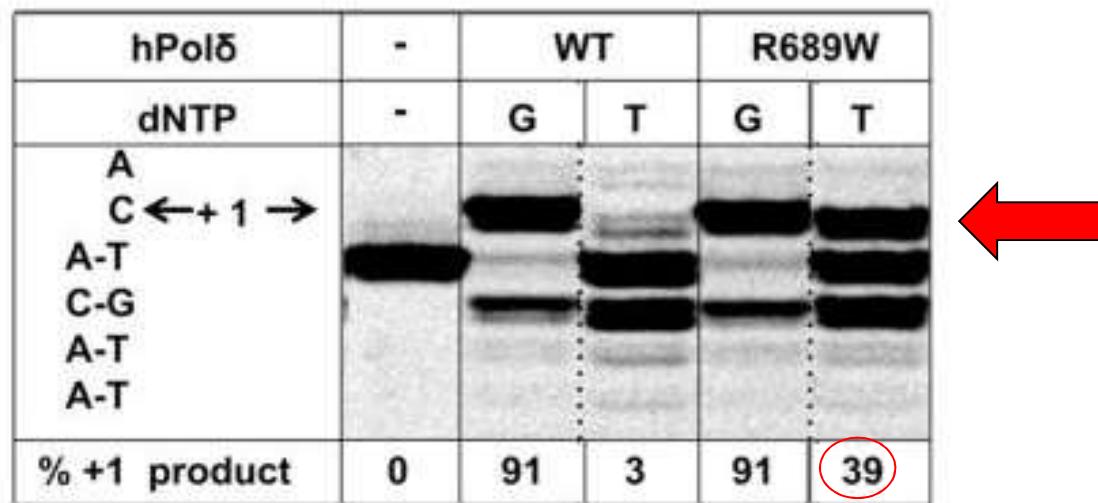


incubating the purified enzymes with the oligonucleotide substrate and no dNTPs

.....highly error-prone DNA polymerase

D

template C



efficiency of correct and incorrect nucleotide insertion

incubate the enzymes and the oligonucleotide substrate for 15 min in the presence of dGTP or dTTP

# HNPPCC cancro colon-rettale ereditario non poliposico

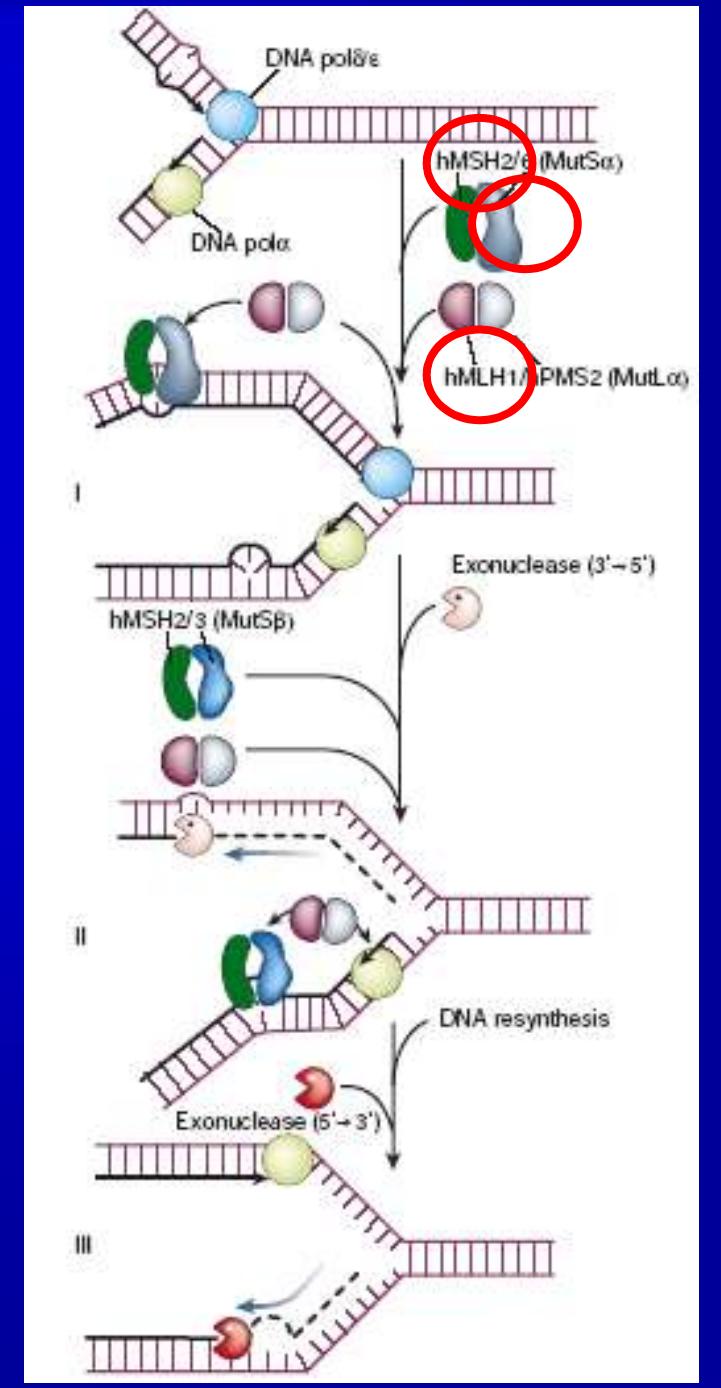
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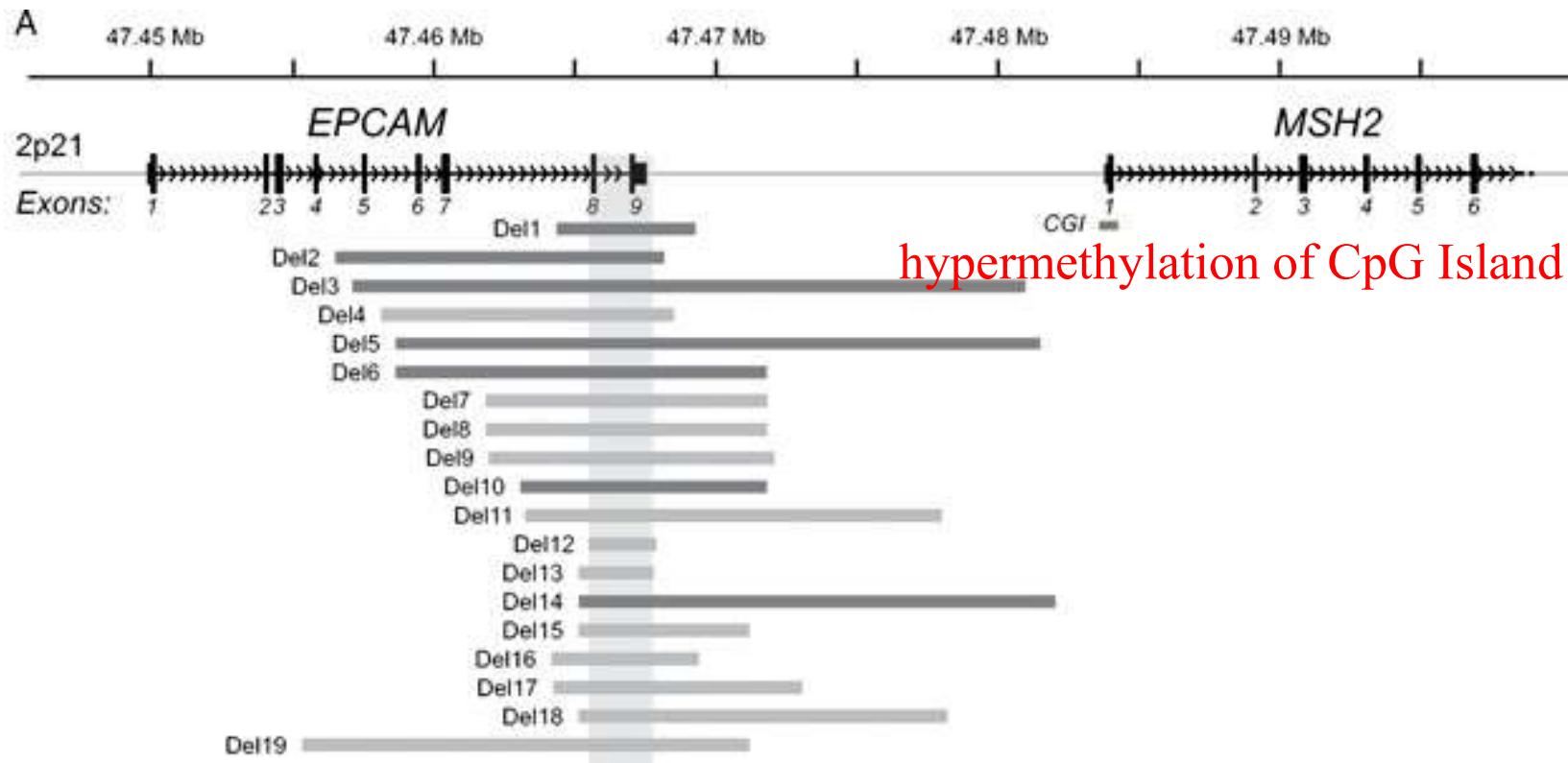
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Mutazioni polimerasi **Delta** ed  
**Epsilon**

epithelial cell adhesion molecule  
gene **EPCAM Deletion**



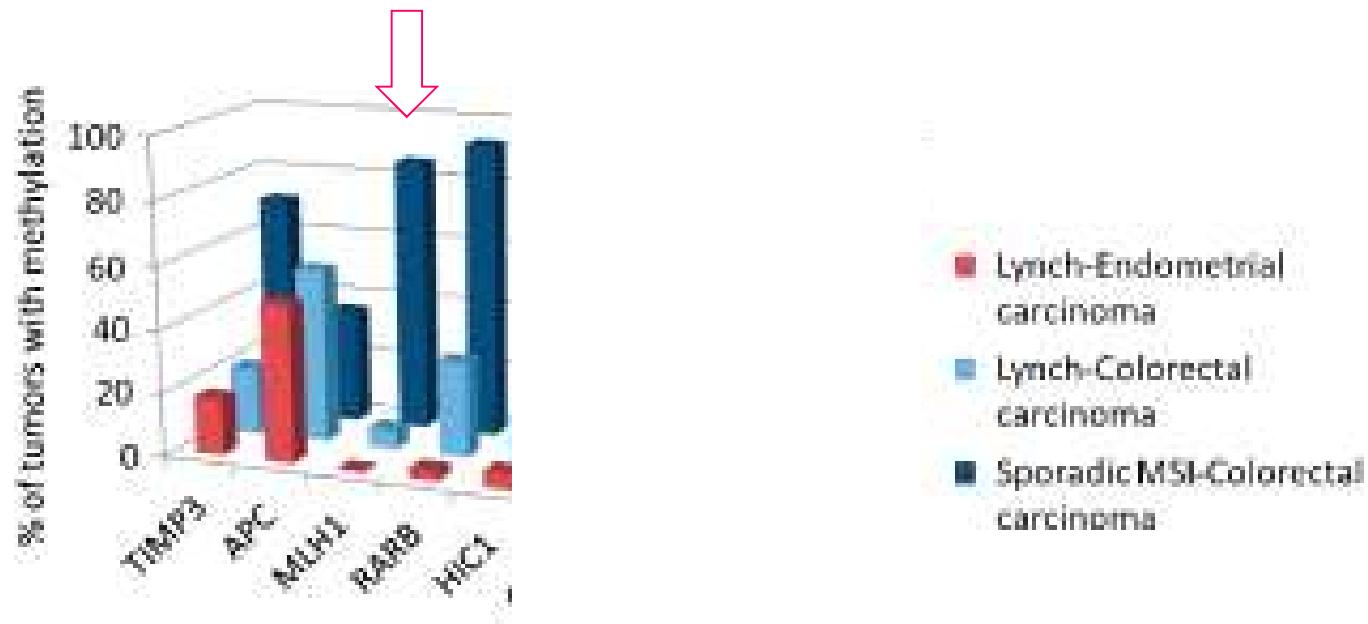
## Recurrence and variability of germline *EPCAM* deletions in Lynch syndrome



..result in transcriptional read-through into the *MSH2* gene and subsequent hypermethylation of its CpG island promoter in *EPCAM*-expressing tissues

# METILAZIONE DEL DNA E TUMORI

## Epigenetic mechanisms in the pathogenesis of Lynch syndrome



Lynch = HNPCC cancro colon-rettale  
ereditario non poliposico

**Mutazioni in un gene del MMR → predisposizione a HNPCC (cancro colon-rettale ereditario non poliposico), patologia frequente (1/200), aumento 100-1000X del tasso generale di mutazione, rischio di tumori al colon-retto**

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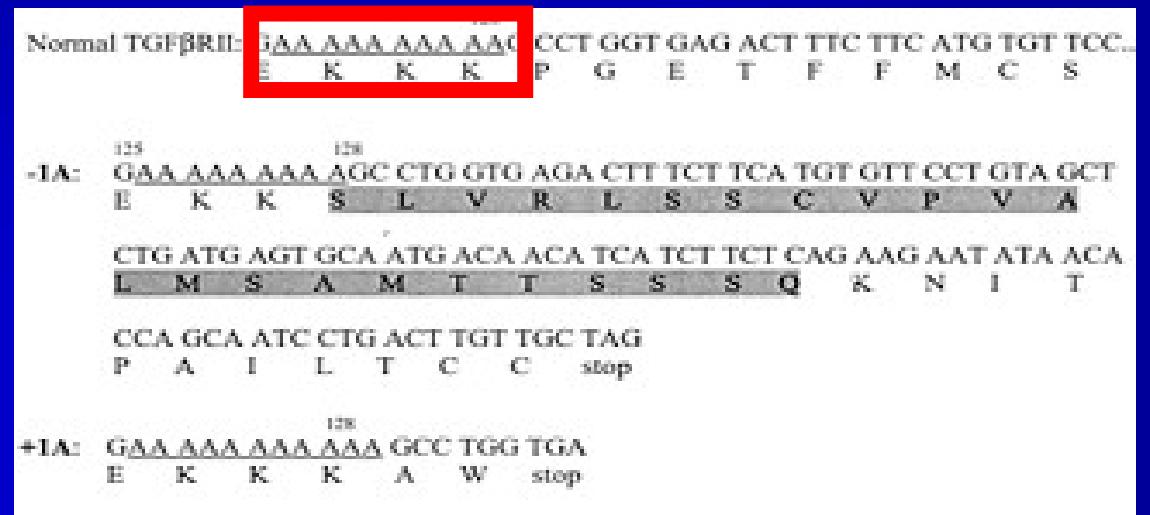
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**Le sostanze chimiche in grado di indurre mutazioni sono contenute soprattutto nel cibo o sono prodotte dal metabolismo alimentare → maggiori probabilità di colpire la mucosa della zona colon-rettale, dove il cibo permane 24-36 ore**

**L'alterazione del MMR aumenta l'insorgenza di mutazioni nel gene codificante per il recettore di tipo II per il TGF $\beta$  (TGF $\beta$  è un inibitore della proliferazione cellulare)**

**Tale gene contiene una fila di 10 Adenine dove si ha frequente “slittamento” della DNA polimerasi → sequenze con 9 o 11 A, corrette da MMR**



**Pazienti con alterazioni del MMR: l'errore permane → recettore per TGF $\beta$  non funzionale**



**La mutazione rende le cellule insensibili alla inibizione della crescita indotta da TGF $\beta$  → sviluppo incontrollato caratteristico dei tumori**

# Colorectal cancers

