

# 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"

- Modrich transformed the field of **mismatch repair** from genetic observations to a detailed biochemical understanding, first in bacteria, and later in eukaryotic cells.

## Mechanisms in *E. coli* and Human Mismatch Repair (Nobel Lecture)

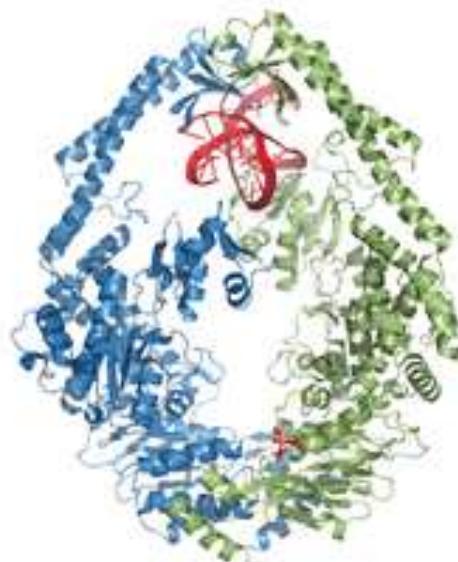
### A) MutS binds mismatched base pairs

Apparent affinities of mutS protein for base pair mismatches

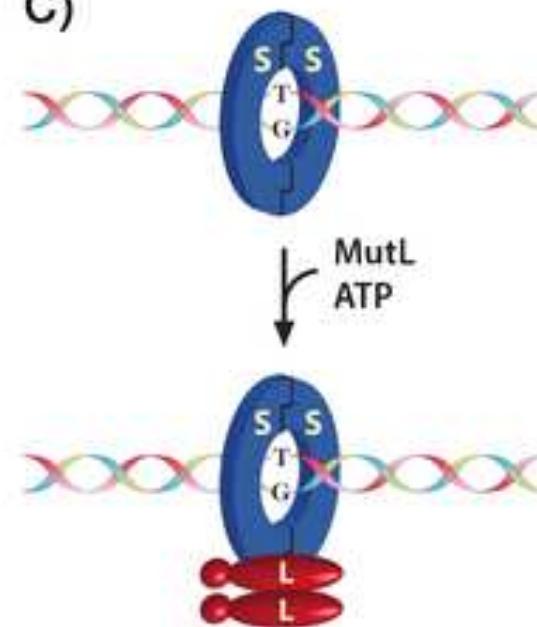
Mismatch	Apparent dissociation constant <i>nM</i>
G-T	39 ± 4
A-C	53 ± 4
A-A	110 ± 7
T-T	140 ± 9
G-G	150 ± 10
A-G	270 ± 30
C-T	370 ± 40
C-C	480 ± 50

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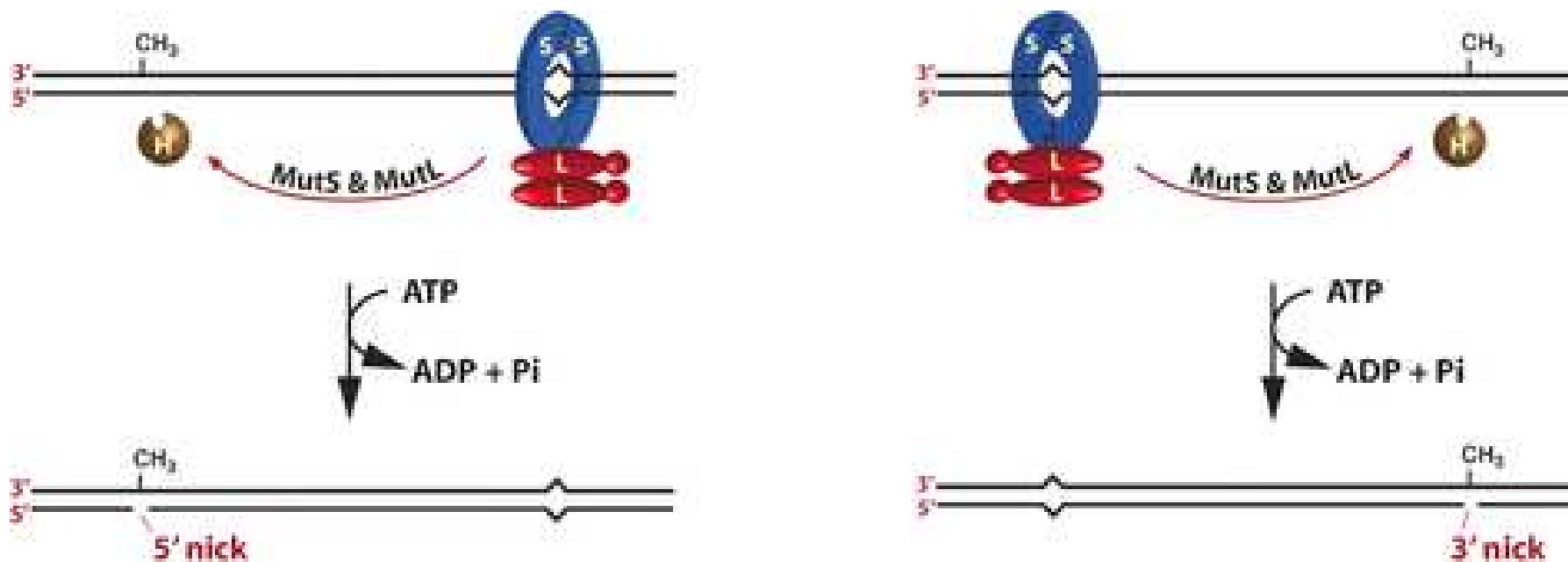
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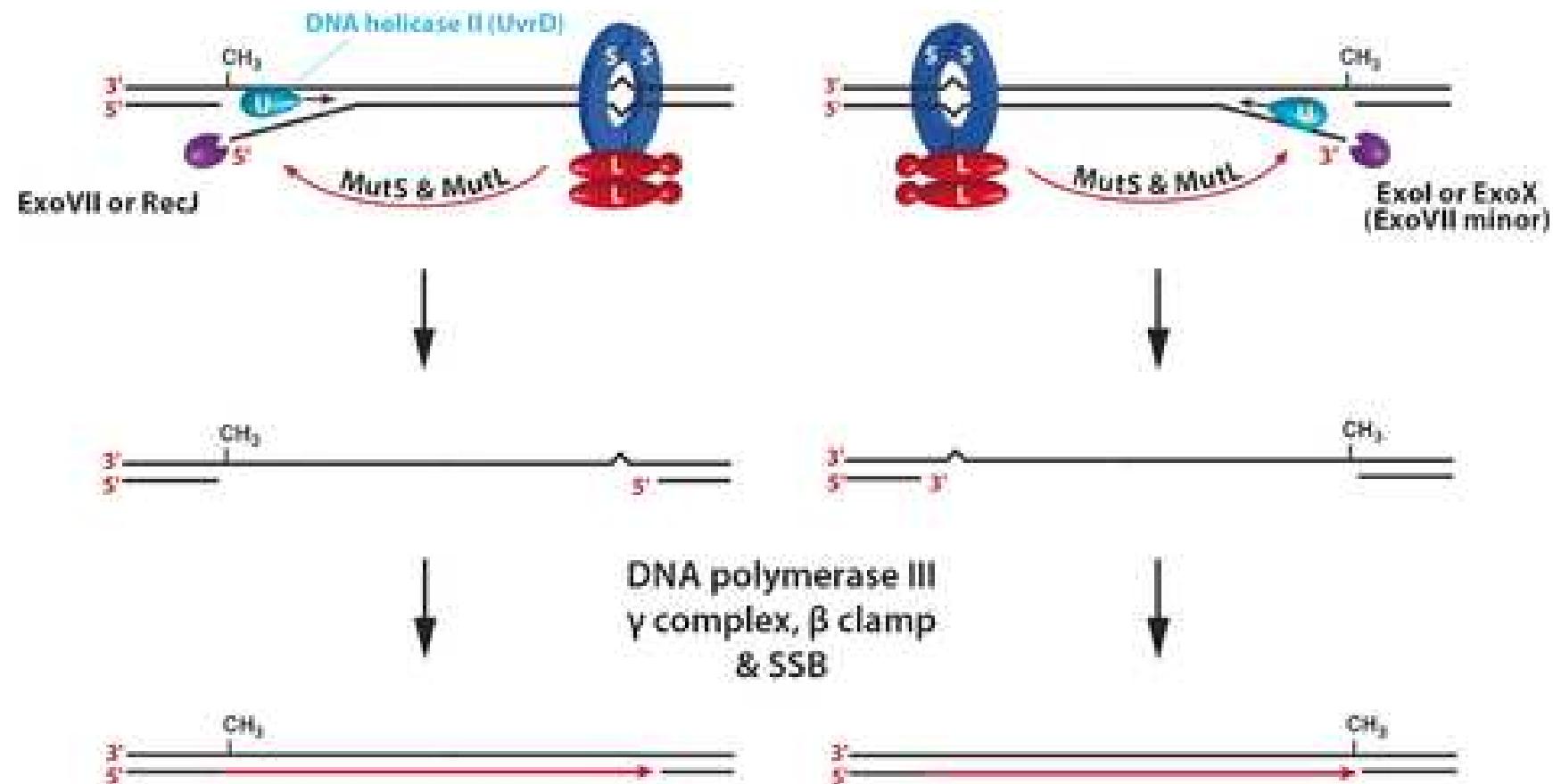
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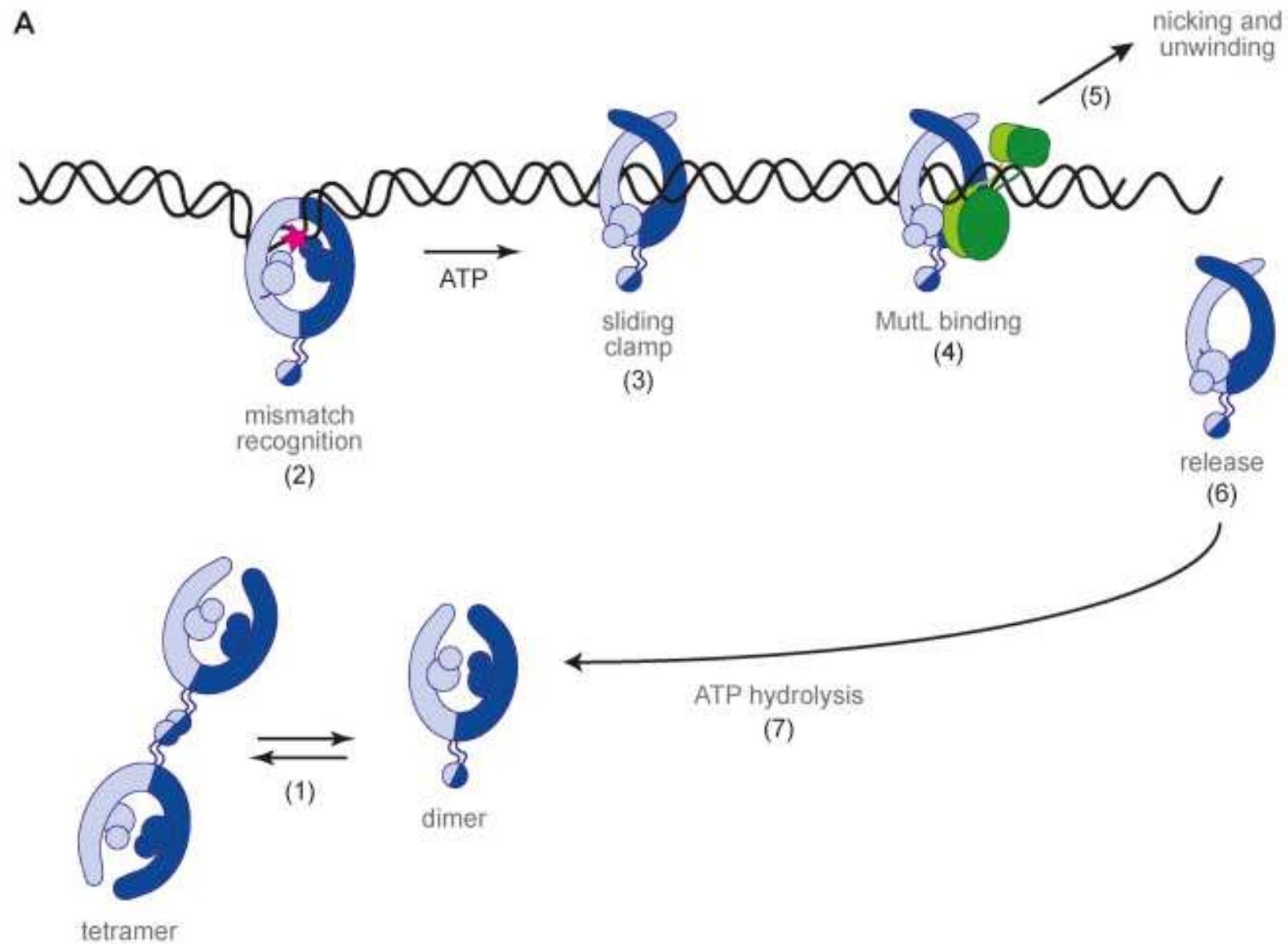
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**Table 1**MMR proteins in *E. coli*, *S. cerevisiae* and *H. sapiens*

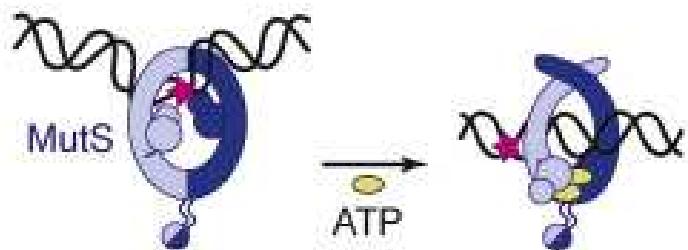
<i>E. coli</i>	<i>H. sapiens</i>	Comments
MutS-MutS	Msh2-Msh6 (MutS $\alpha$ )	Mispair recognition complex—homodimer in <i>E. coli</i> and a heterodimer in eukaryotes. MutS $\alpha$ and MutS $\beta$ have overlapping mispair recognition specificities.
	Msh2-Msh3 (MutS $\beta$ )	
	Mlh1-Pms2 (MutL $\alpha$ )	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

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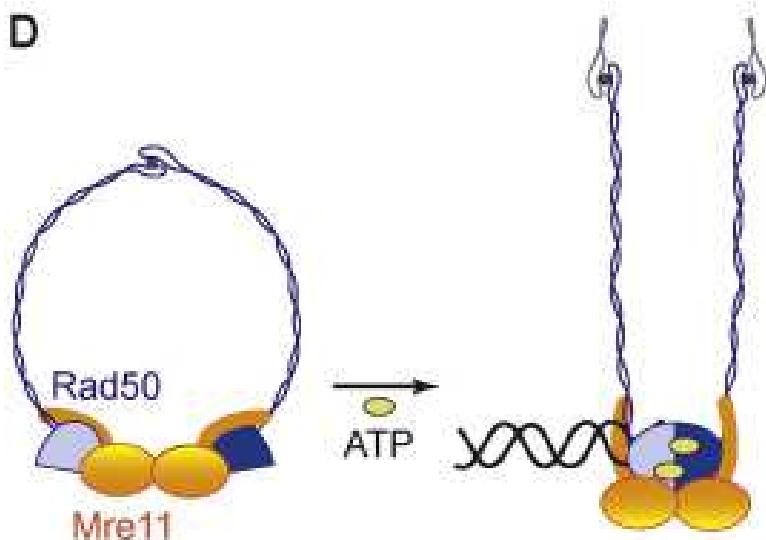
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ATP binding induces a hinge motion that translocates mismatched DNA to a new channel in MutS proteins



D

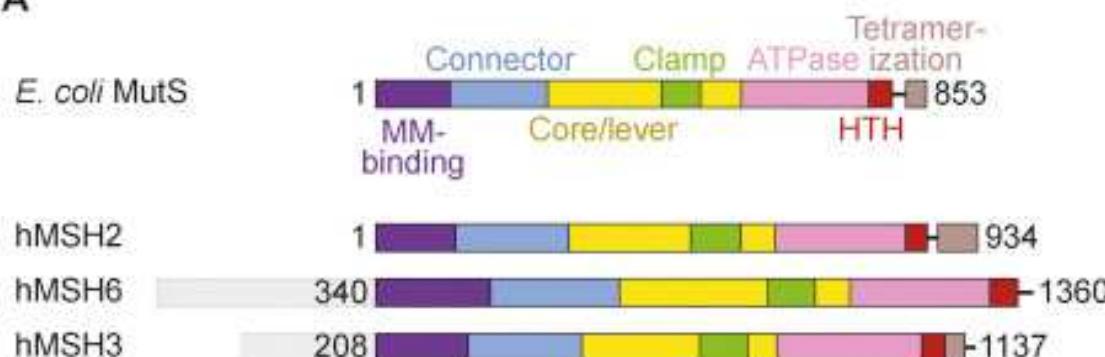


ATP binding by Rad50/Mre11 modulates the protein structure to increase binding to DNA ends

ATP-driven motions in different ABC proteins

# MutS proteins

**A**

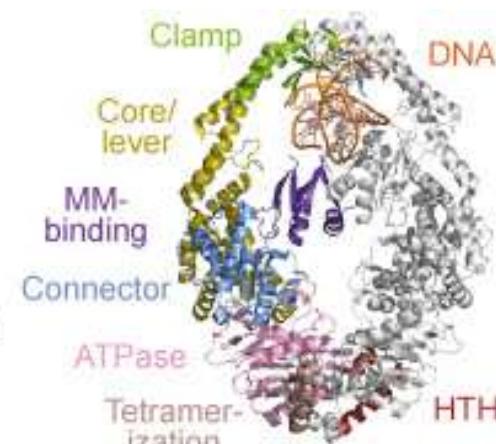


*E.Coli* MutS

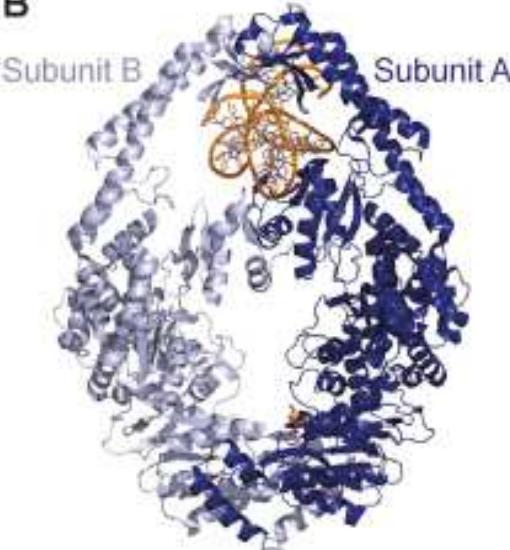
bound to a GT mismatch

human MutS $\alpha$

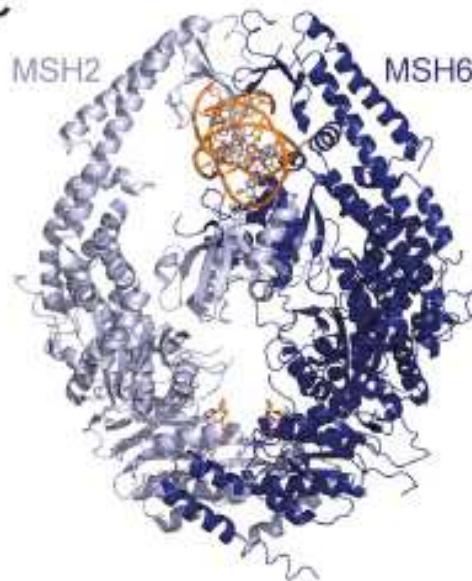
MutS $\beta$  bound to a 3-base del



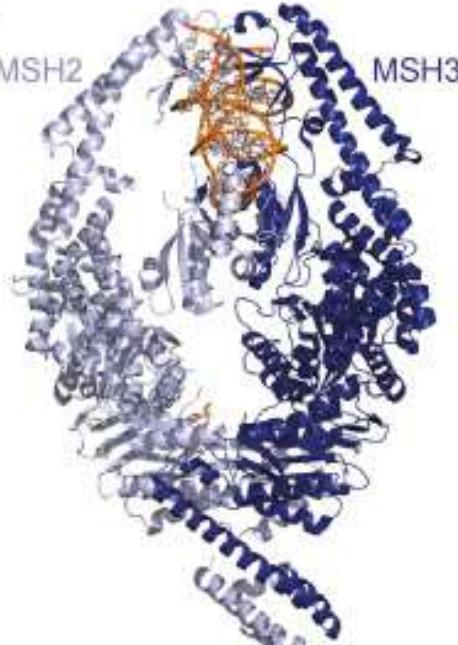
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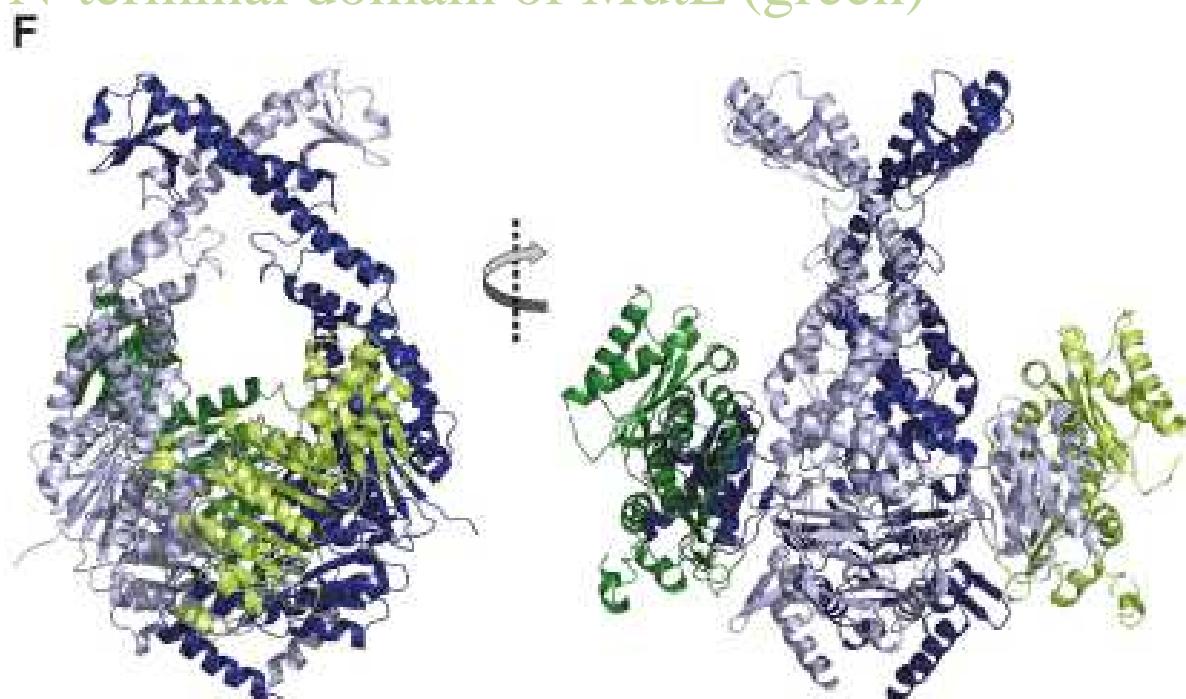
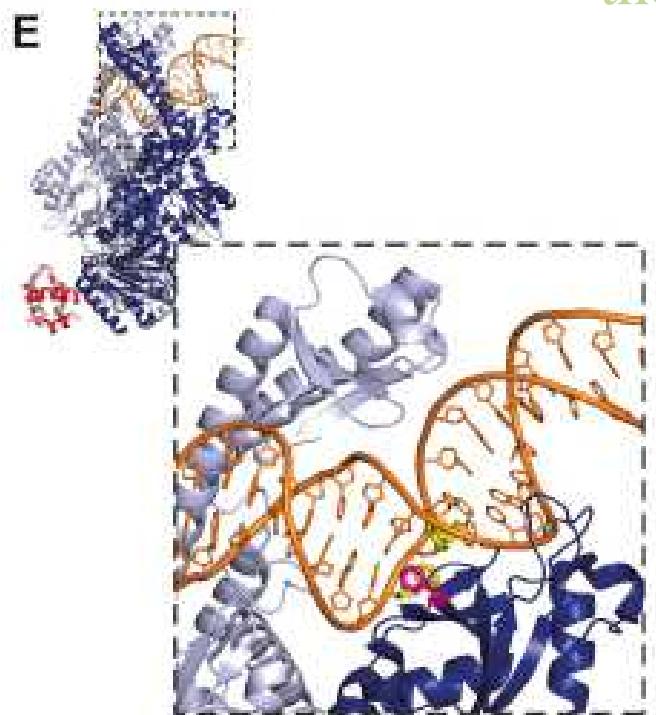
**C**



**D**

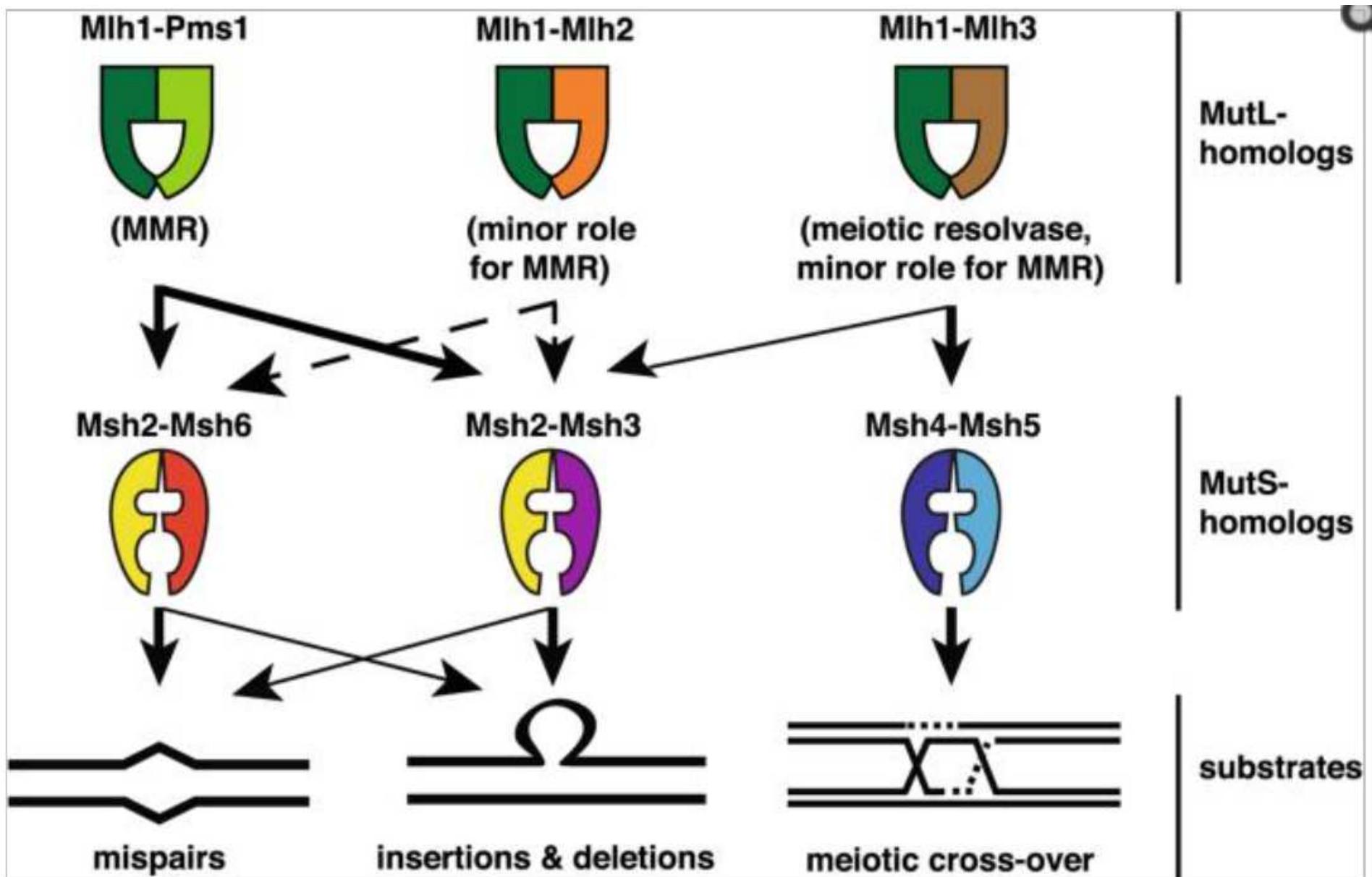


The MutS sliding clamp bound to  
the N-terminal domain of MutL (green)



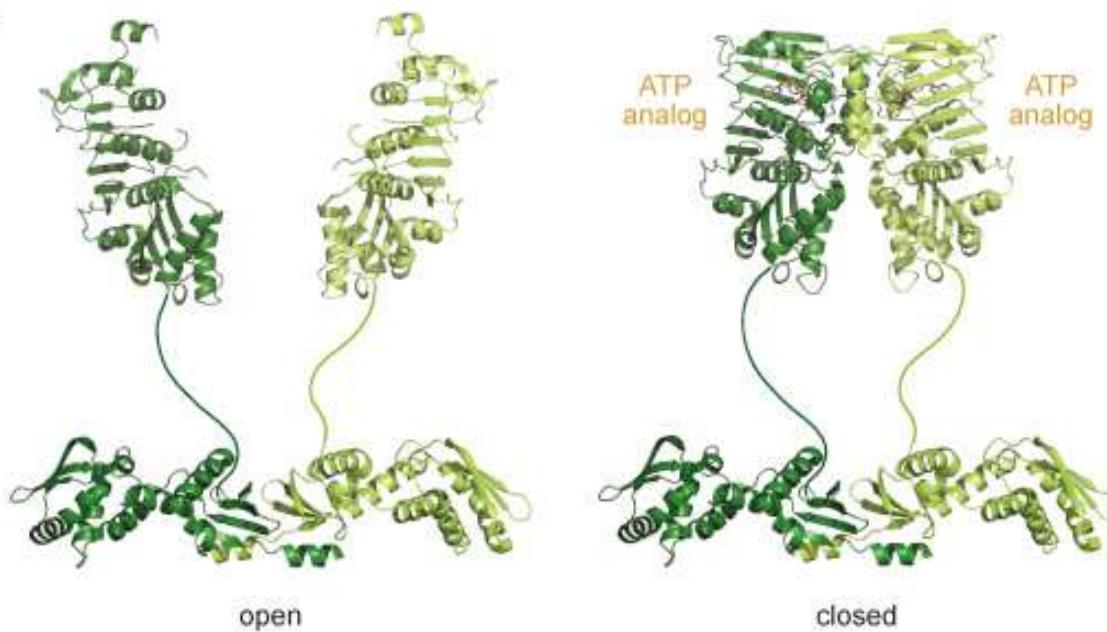
Mismatch yellow;  
phe36 pink

# Omologia di MutS/MutL negli eucarioti



# MutL proteins

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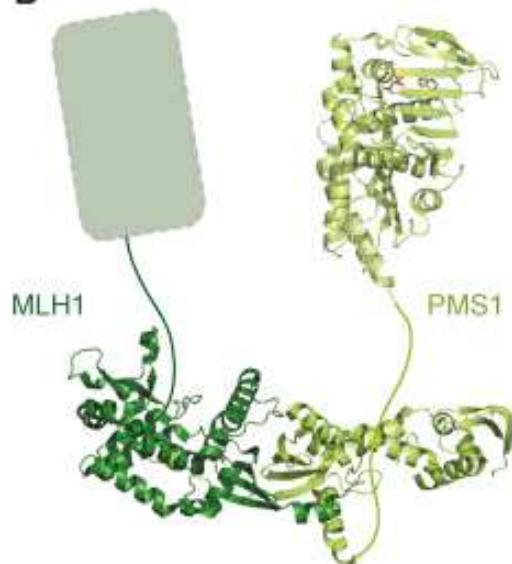


open

closed

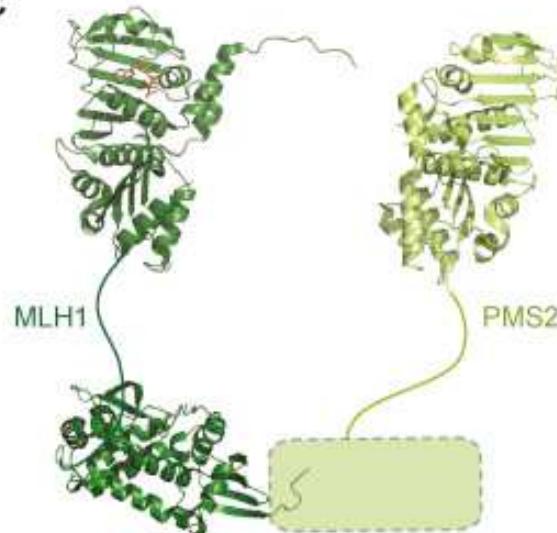
## Yeast MutL $\alpha$

B

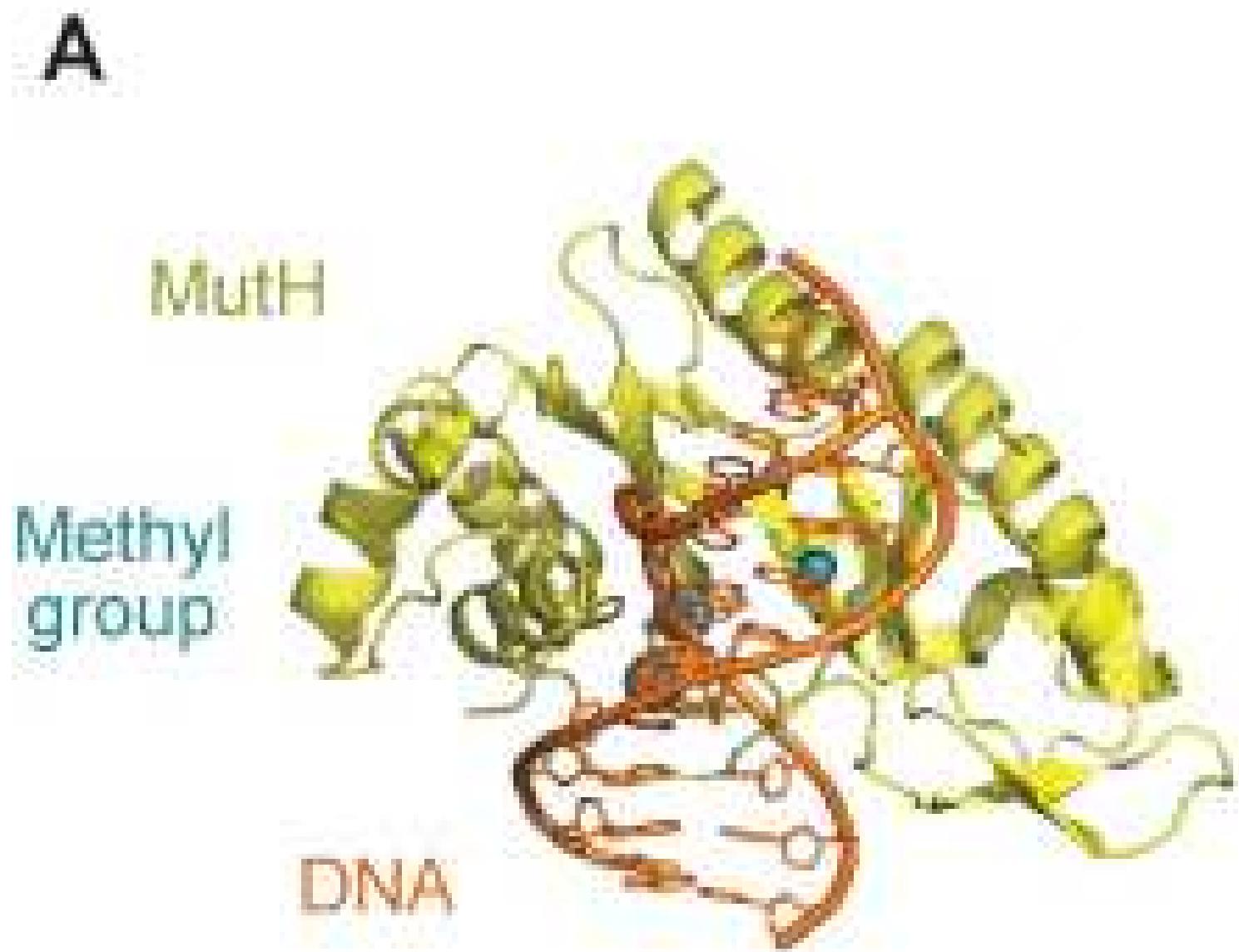


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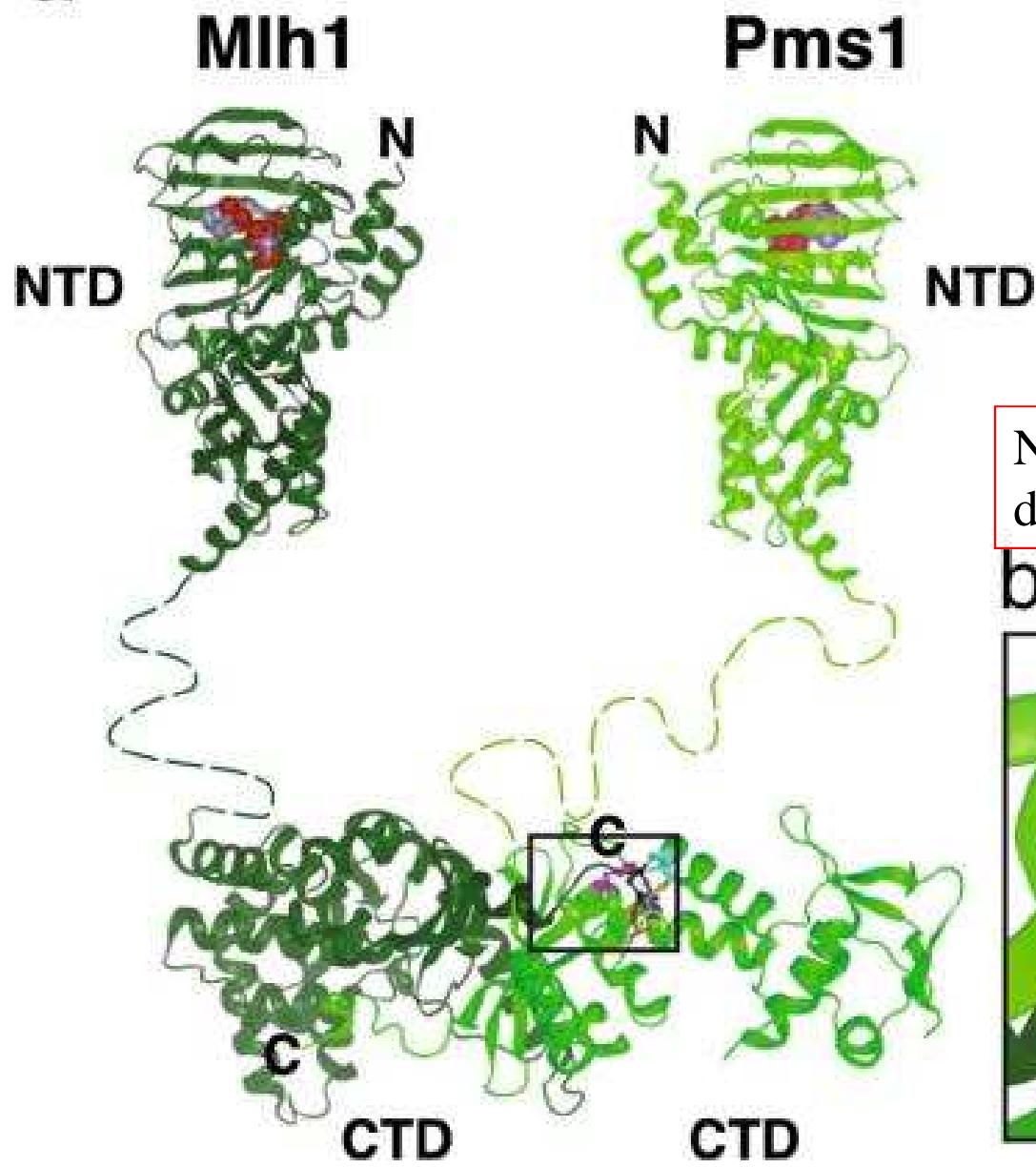
## Human MutL $\alpha$



# endonucleases in MMR



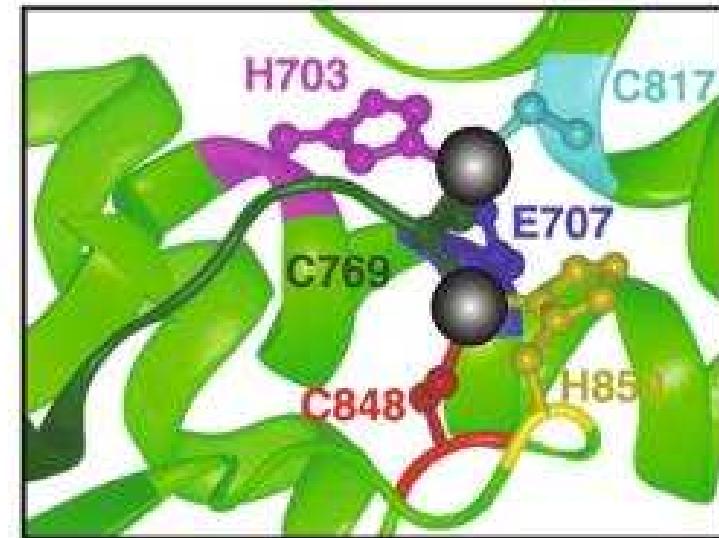
a



Pms1

Negli eucarioti gli omologhi  
di MutL hanno attività di taglio

b

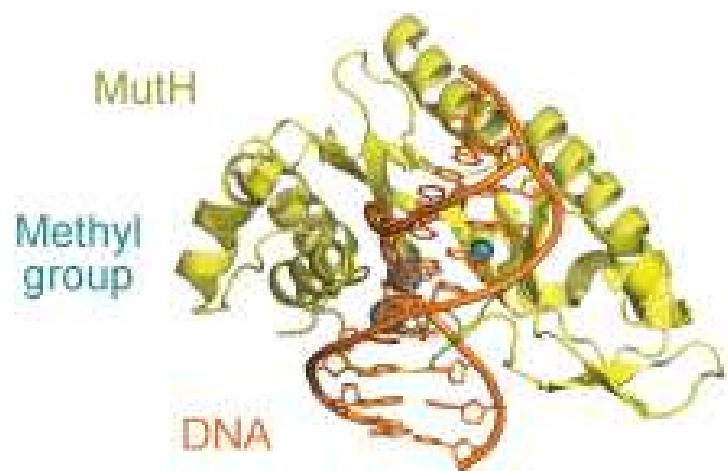


endonuclease site

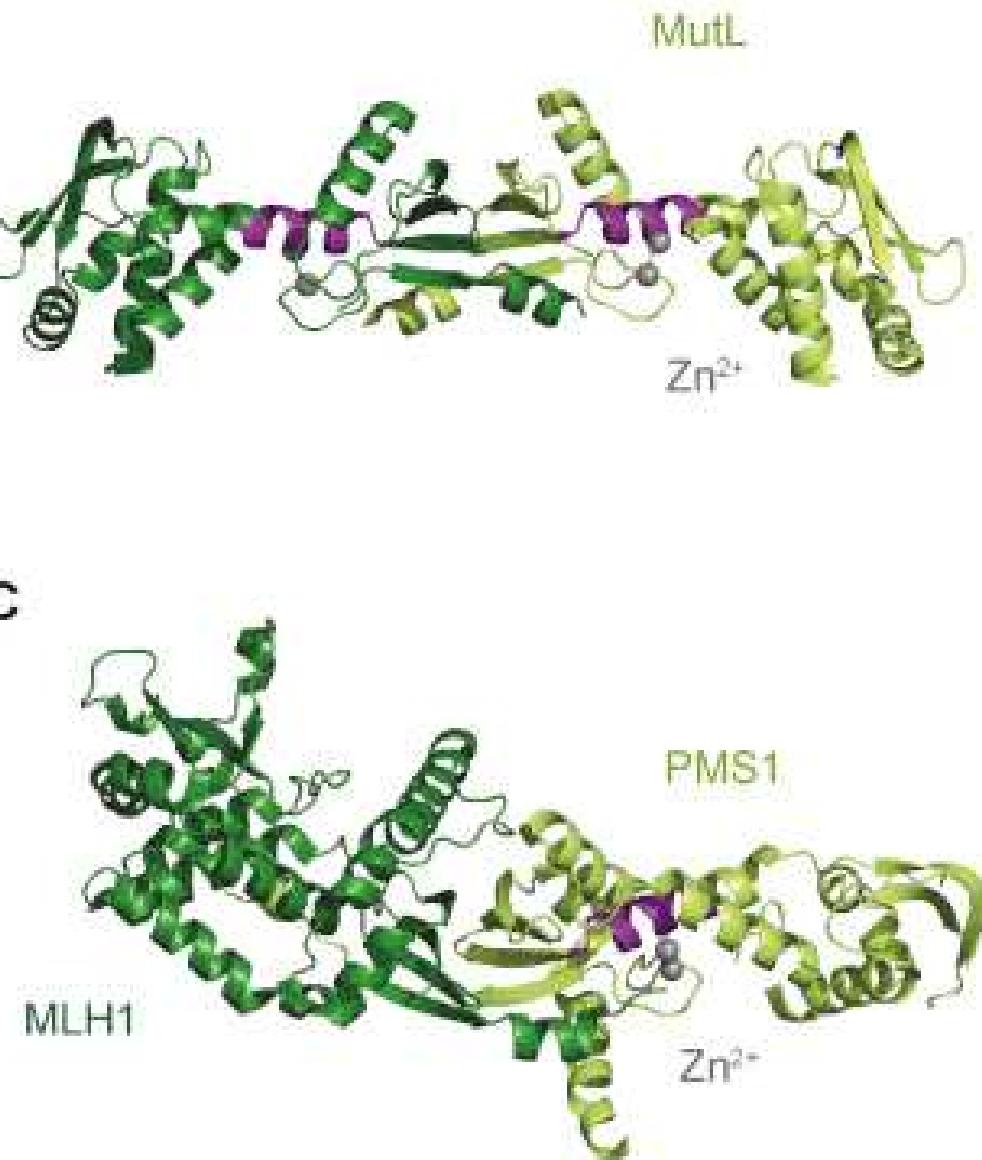
# endonucleases in MMR

B

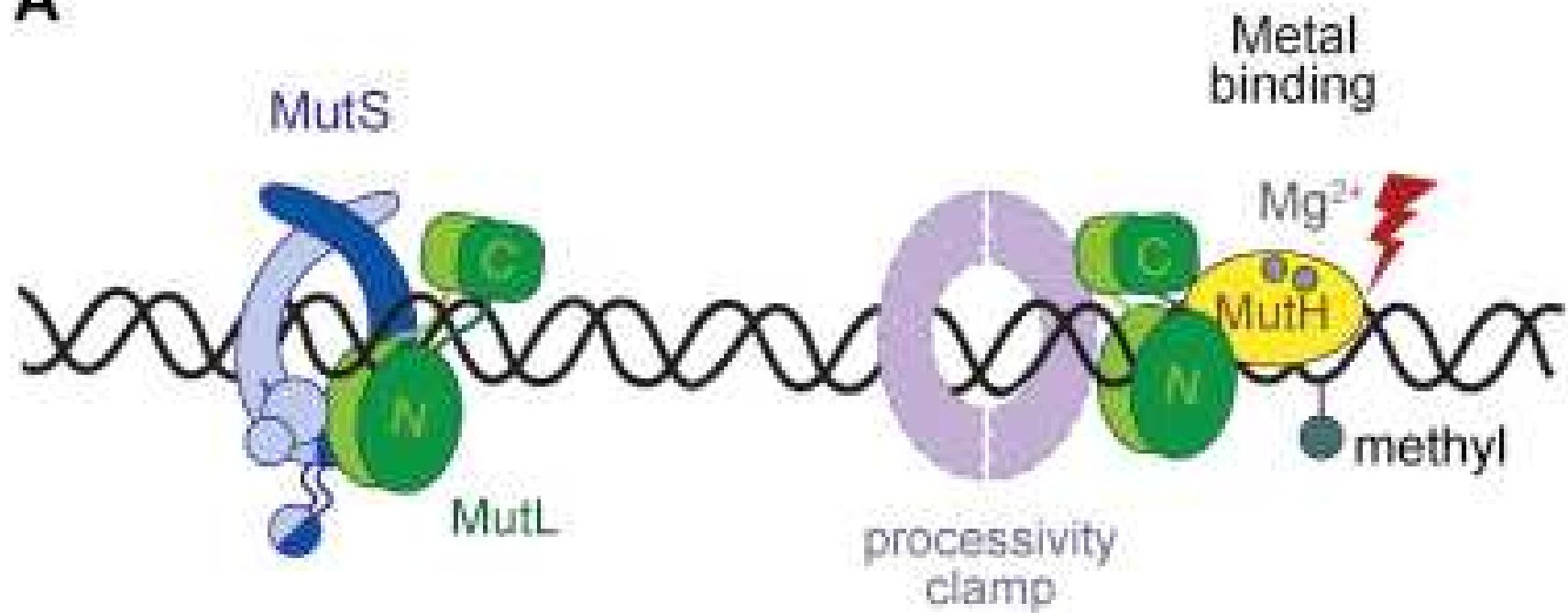
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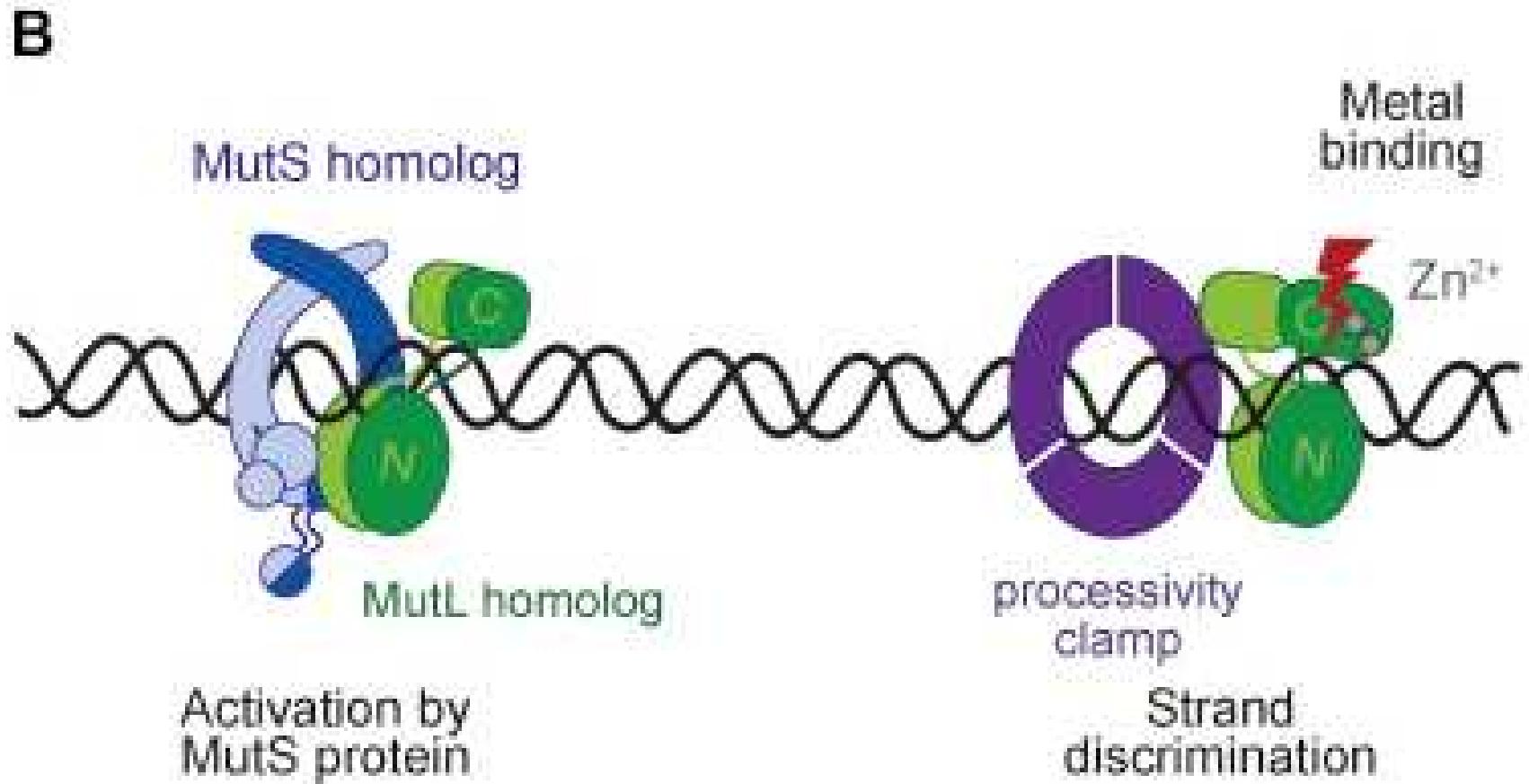


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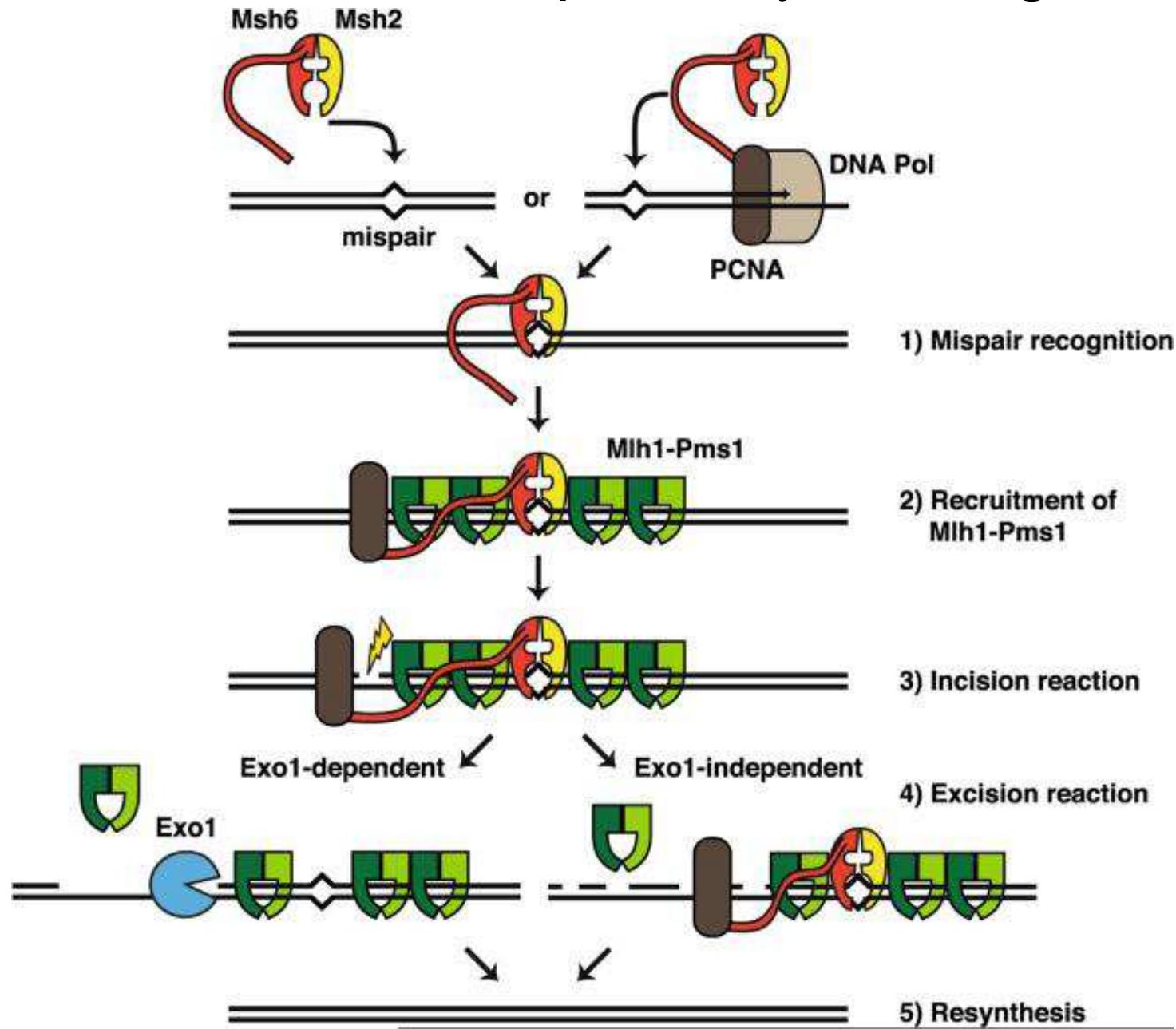


activation of endonuclease  
activities in MMR

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# alternative excision pathways during MMR



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

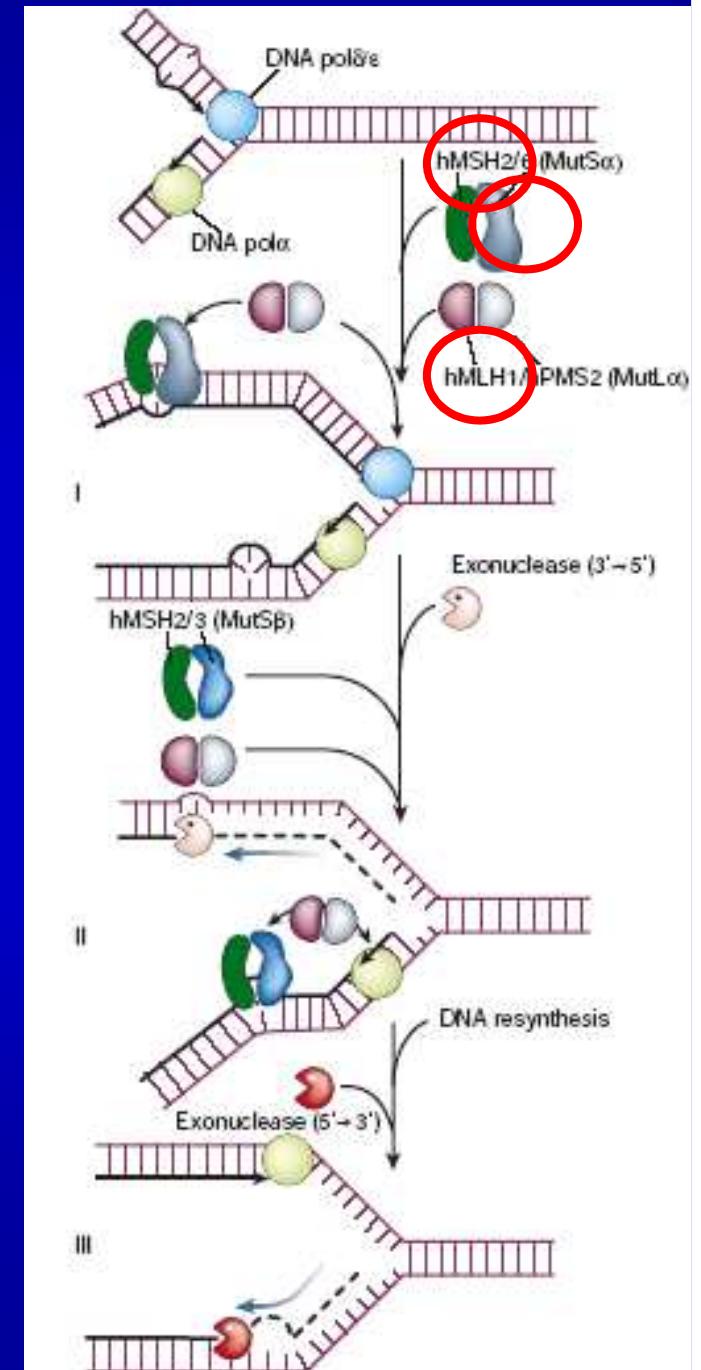


L'eterodimero **MLH1-PMS2**, talvolta legato anche a **PMS1**, coordina il legame con l'esonuclease **EXO1** 3'- 5' ed una o più elicasi



**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*



# HNPPCC

## cancro colon-rettale ereditario non poliposico

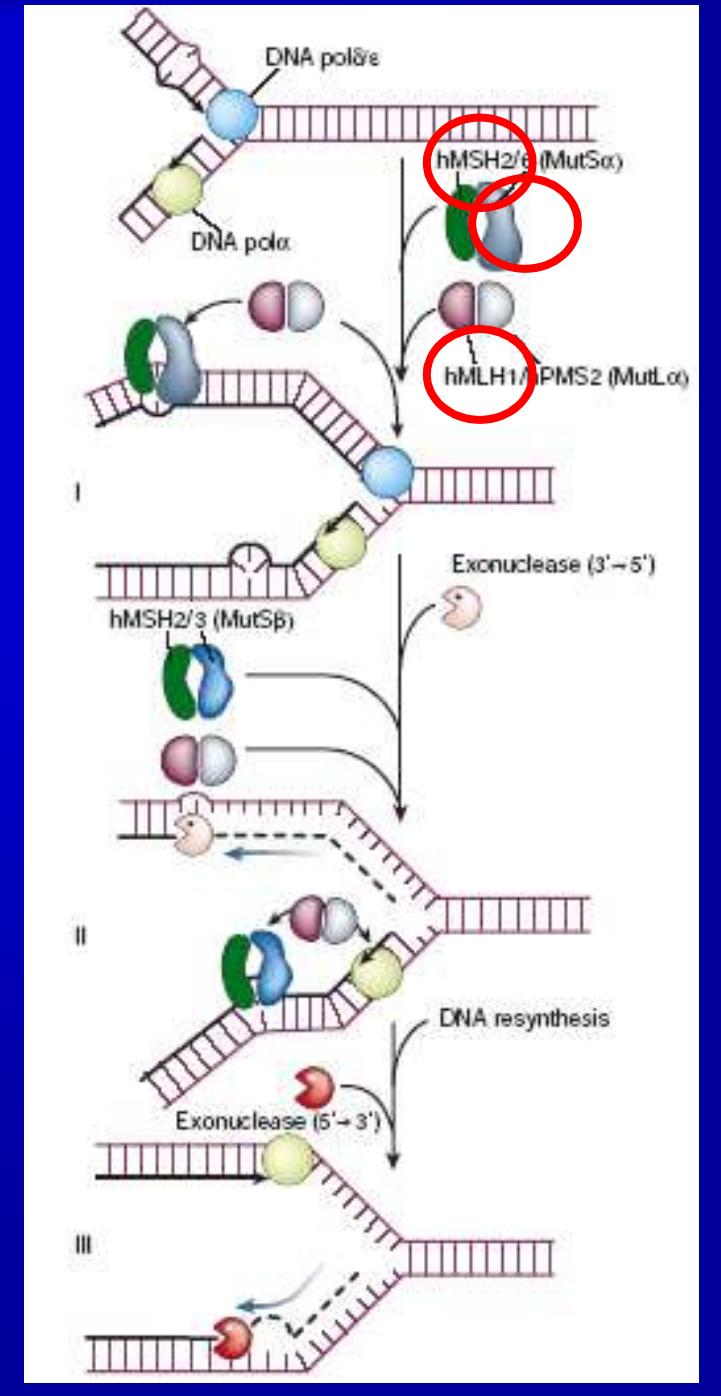
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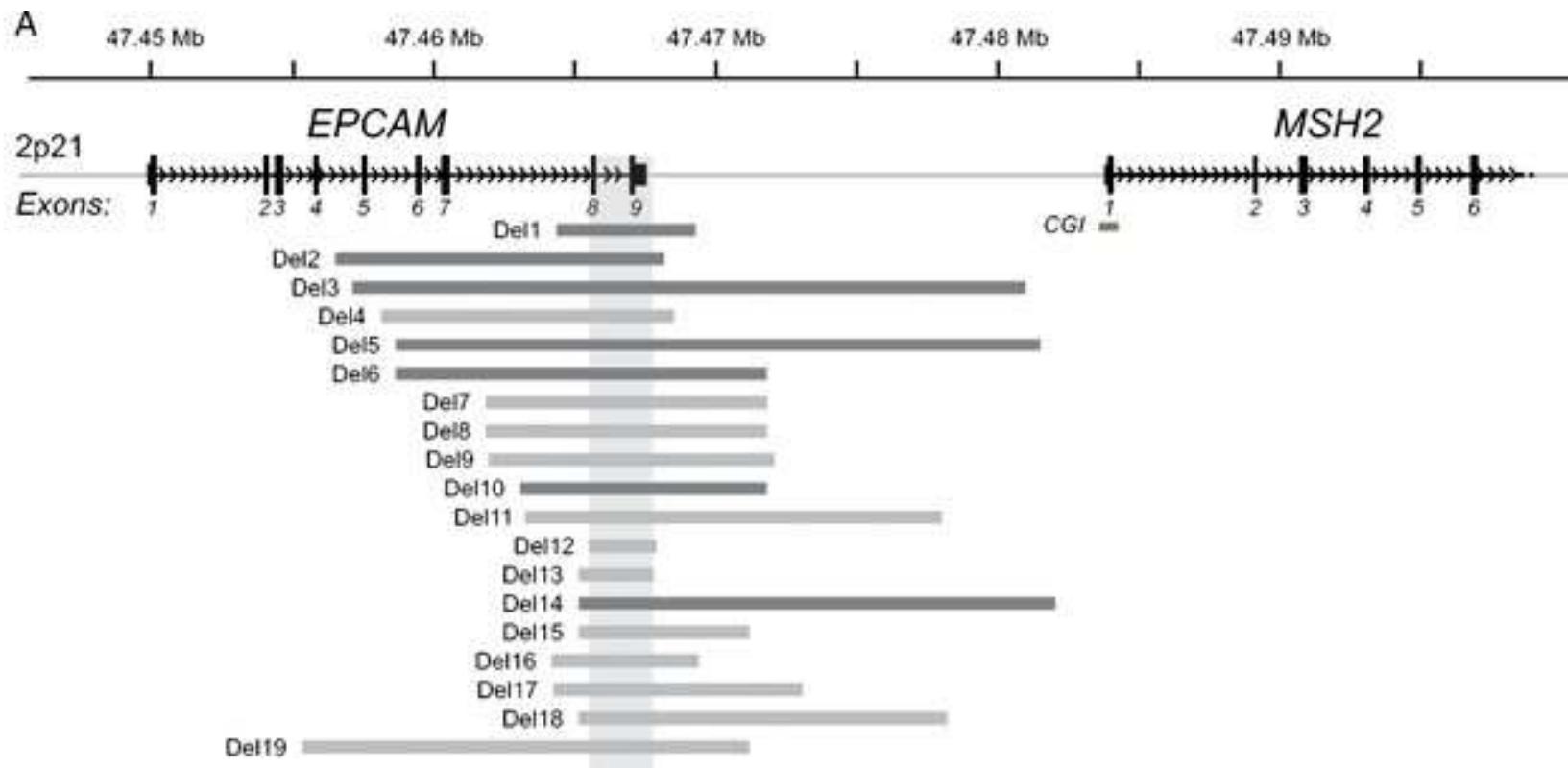
**hMSH6:** 10%

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

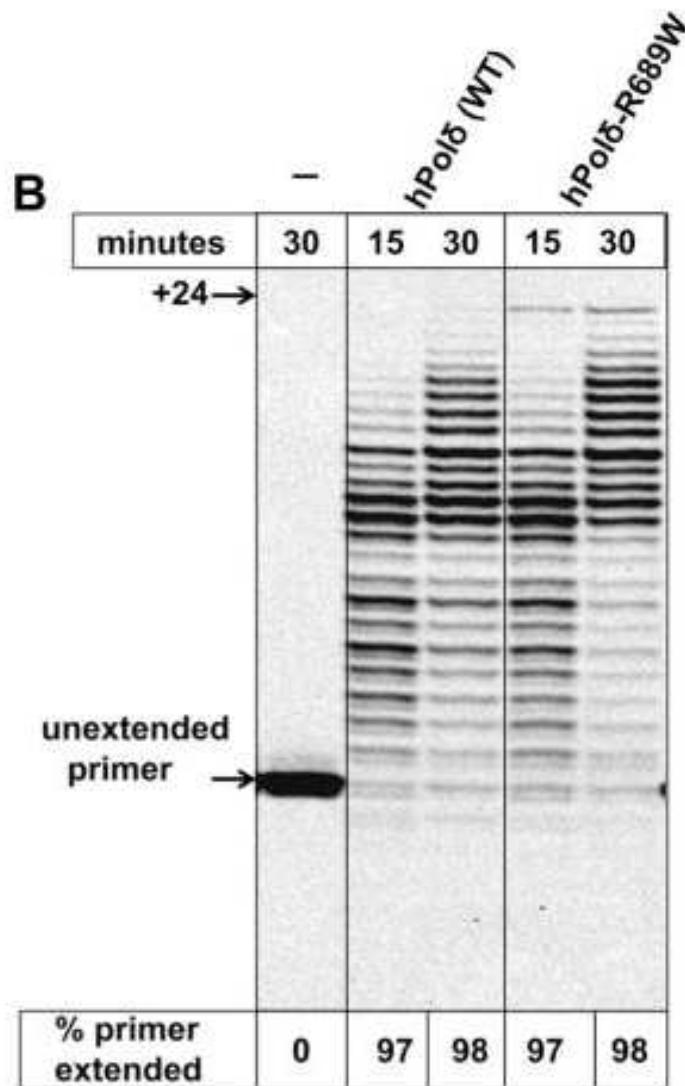
# Mutazioni nei geni delle DNA polimerasi

## **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

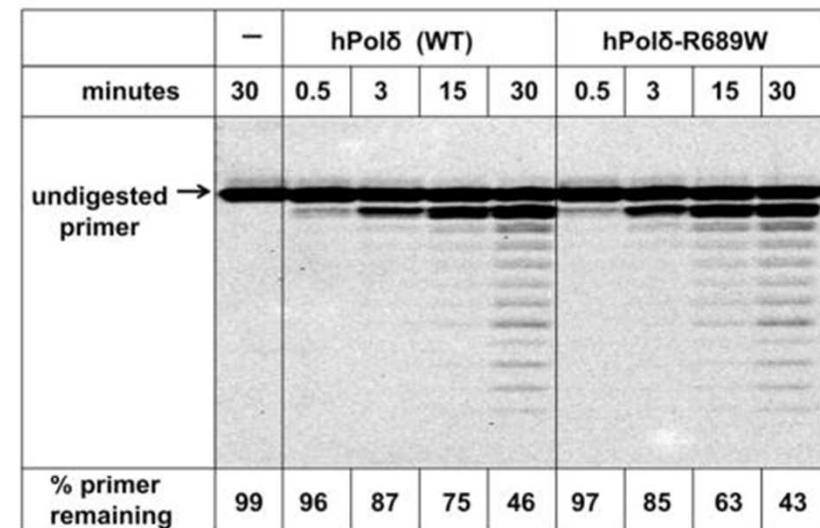
POLD1-R689W, encodes an error-prone DNA polymerase and causes a catastrophic increase in spontaneous mutagenesis

Polδ-R689W is an active and....



DNA synthesis

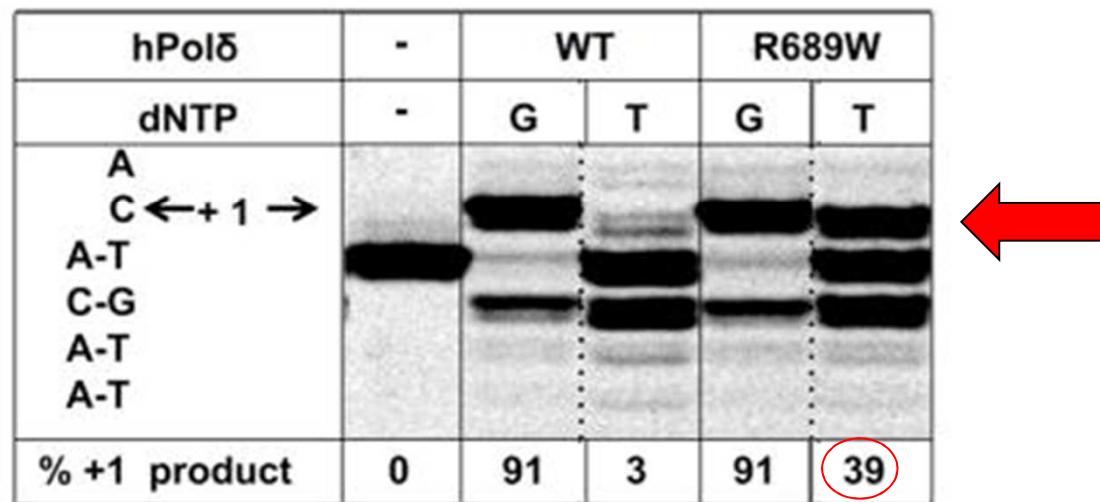
Exonuclease activity



.....highly error-prone DNA polymerase

D

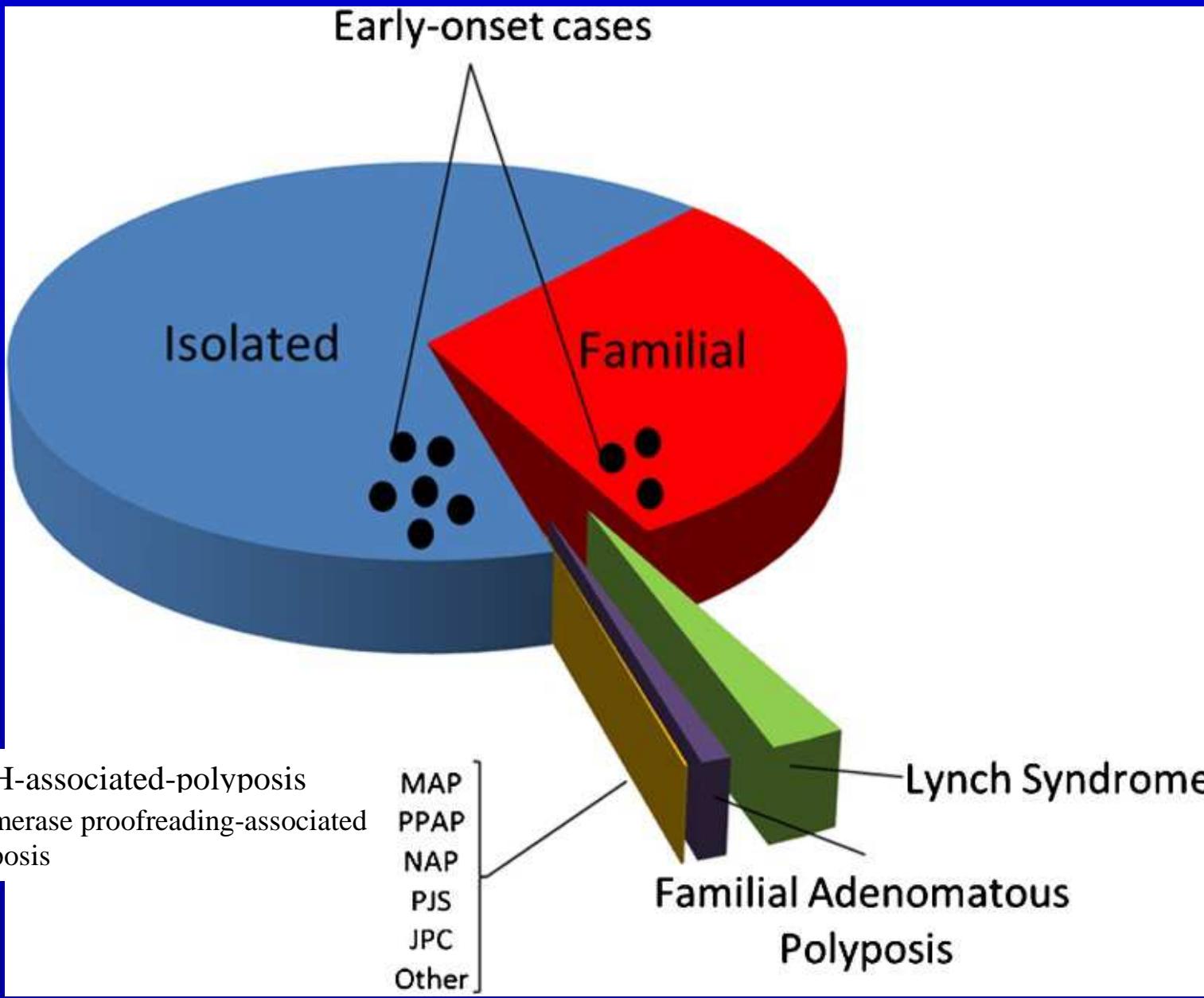
template C



efficiency of correct and incorrect nucleotide insertion

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

# Colorectal cancers



**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**

**hMLH1: 50% delle mutazioni in HNPCC**

**hMSH2: 35%**

**hMSH6: 10%**

**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  $\rightarrow$  sequenze con 9 o 11 A, corrette da MMR

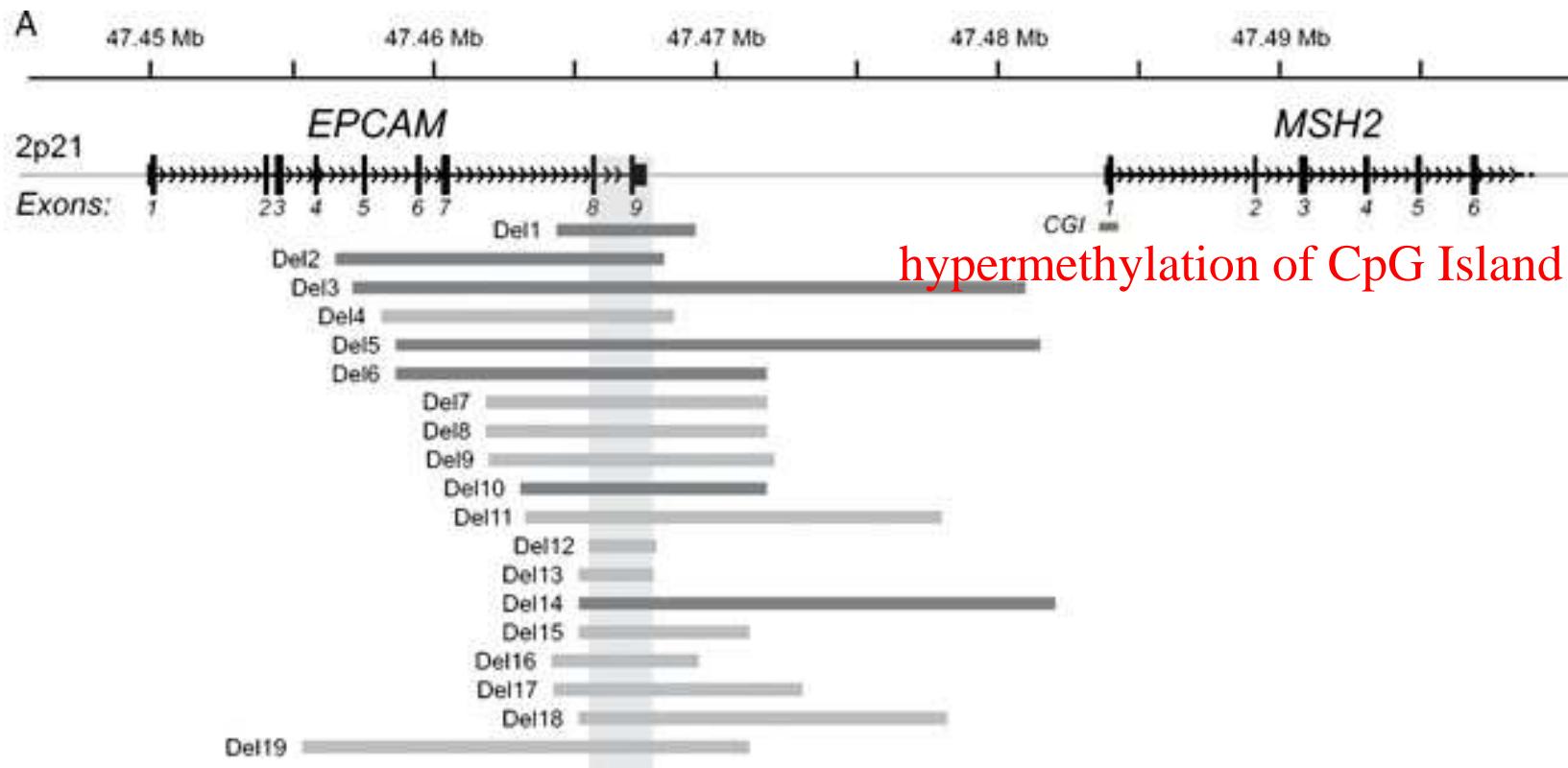
Normal TGF $\beta$ RII:	GAA AAA AAA AAC CCT GGT GAG ACT TTC TTC ATG TGT TOC..
	E K K K P G E T F F M C S
-1A:	125 126 GAA AAA AAA AOC CTO OTO AOA CTT TCT TCA TGT GTT CCT GTA OCT E K K S L V R L S S C V P V A
	CTG ATG AGT GCA ATG ACA ACA TCA TCT TCT CAG AAG AAT ATA ACA L M S A M T T S S S Q K N I T
	CCA GCA ATC CTG ACT TGT TGC TAG P A I L T C C stop
+1A:	128 GAA AAA AAA AAA GCC TGG TGA E K K K A W stop

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



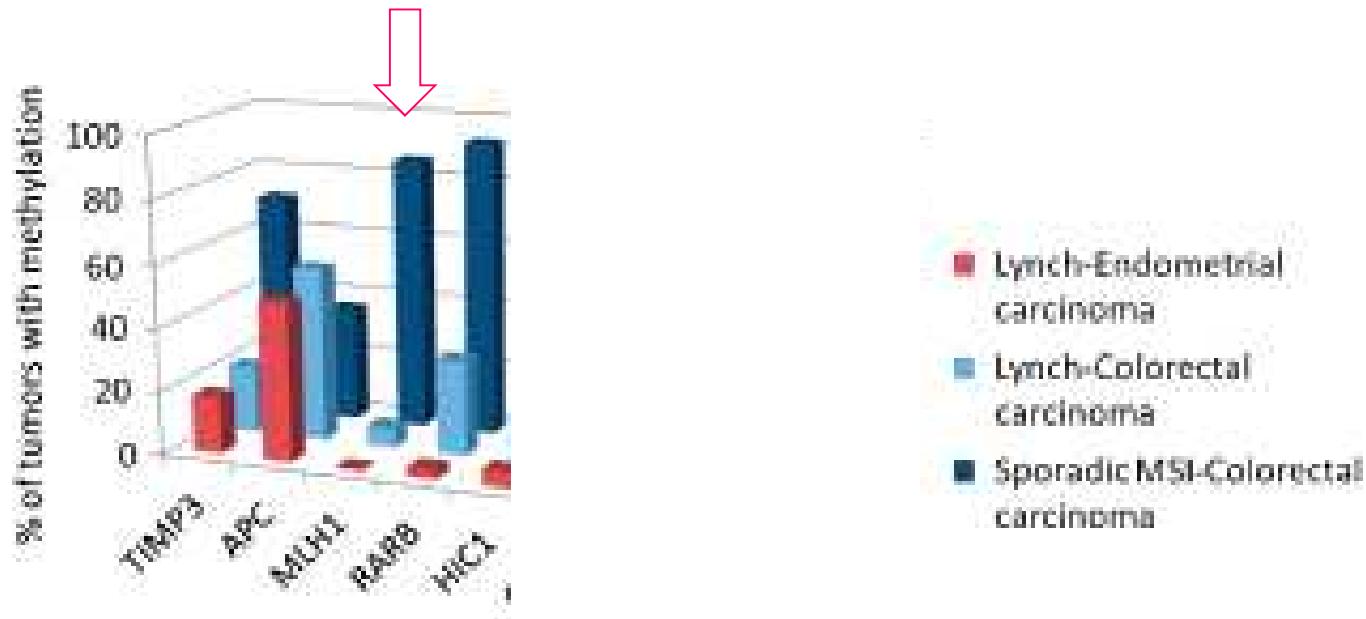
La mutazione rende le cellule insensibili alla inibizione della crescita indotta da TGF $\beta$   $\rightarrow$  sviluppo incontrollato caratteristico dei tumori

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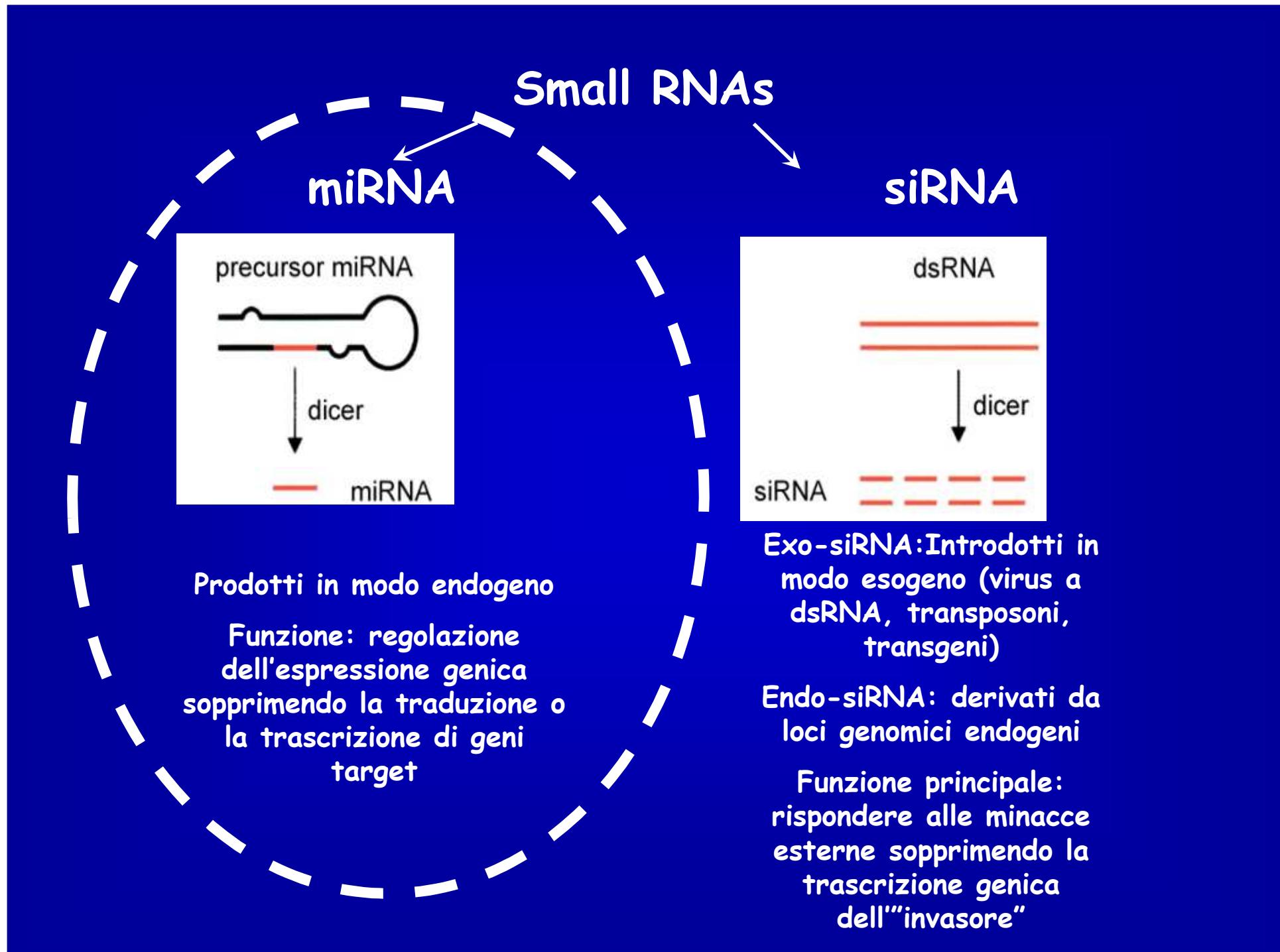
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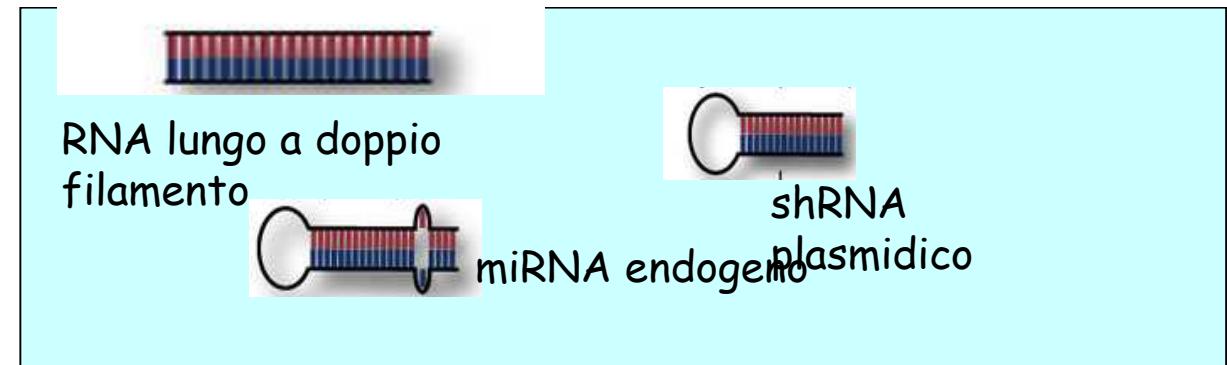
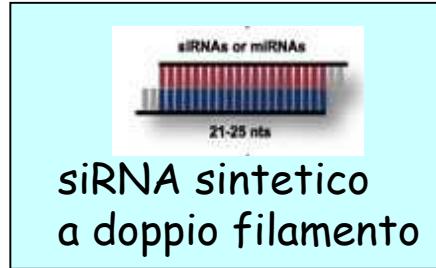
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# miRNA e MMR

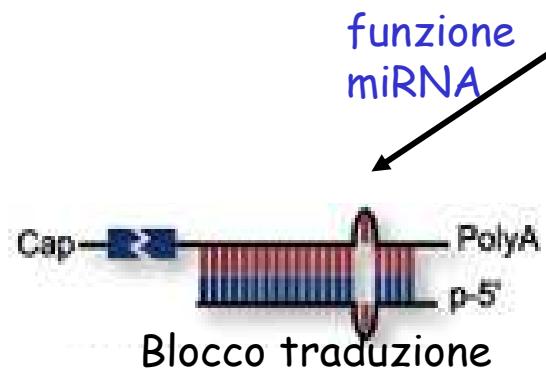




Formazione del complesso RISC (RNA induced silencing complex)

Complesso RISC attivato

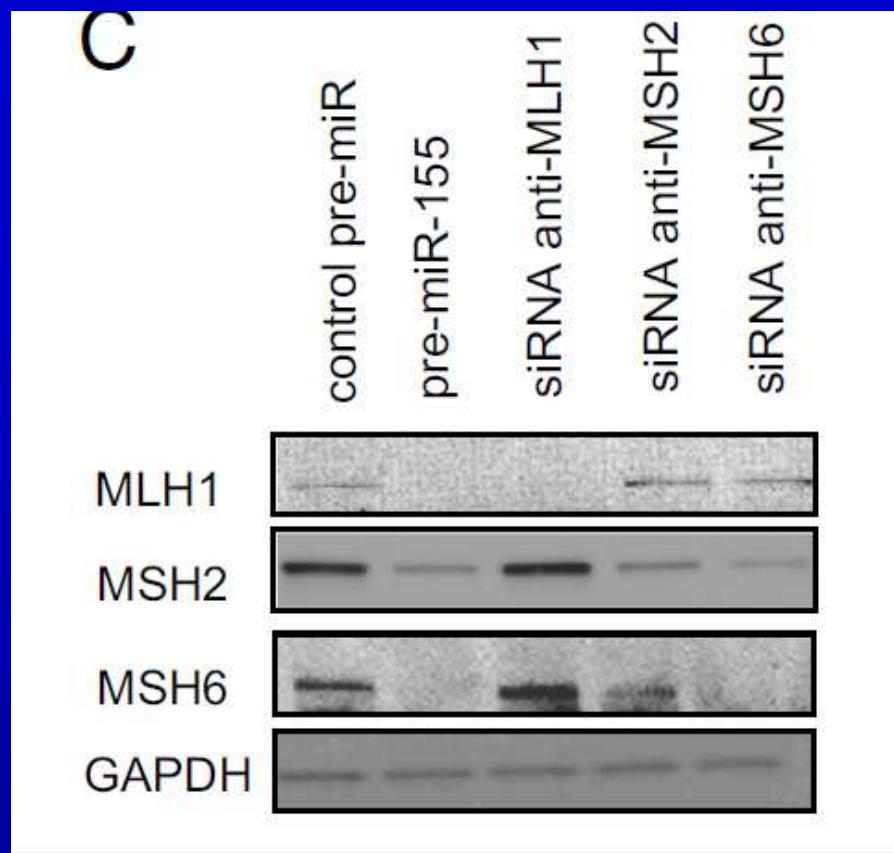
funzione  
siRNA



Formazione doppia elica con RNA complementare  
e attacco di endonucleasi

Overexpression of miR-155 decreases the expression of MLH1, MSH2, and MSH6

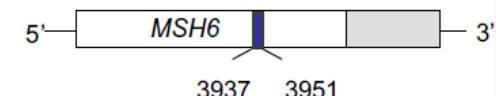
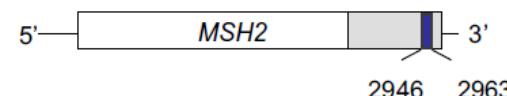
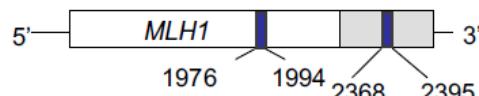
# Overexpression of miR-155 decreases the expression of MLH1, MSH2, and MSH6 in CRC cells



# Overexpression of miR-155 decreases the expression of MLH1, MSH2, and MSH6 in ColoRectal Cancer cells

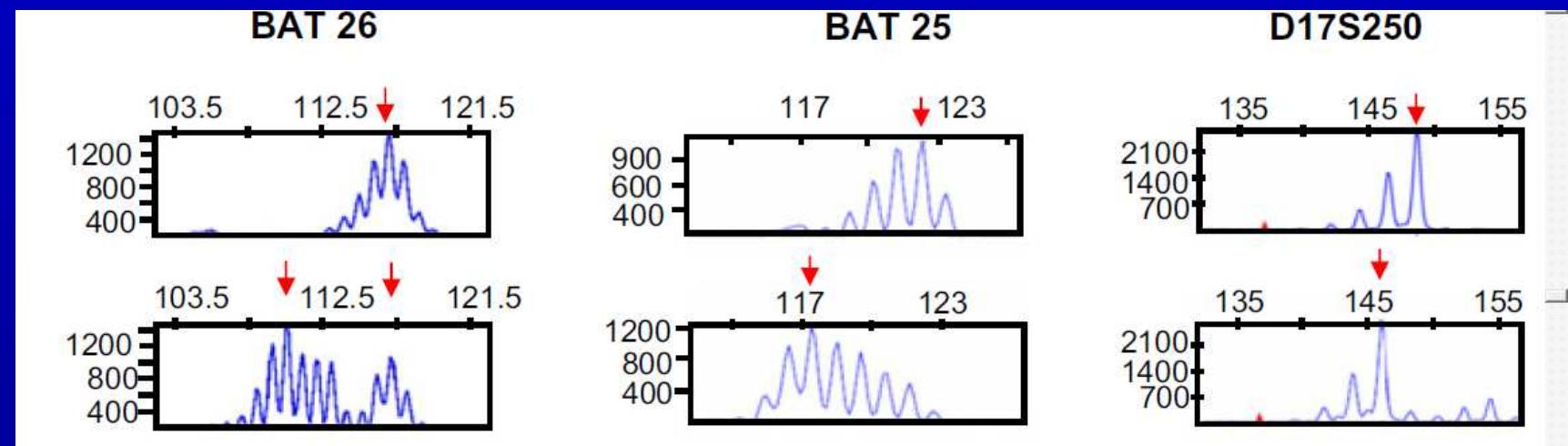
- hMLH1, hMSH2, and hMSH6 are direct targets of miR-155. (A) Locations of the target sites of miR-155 in the 3' UTRs and/or the CDS of the indicated genes

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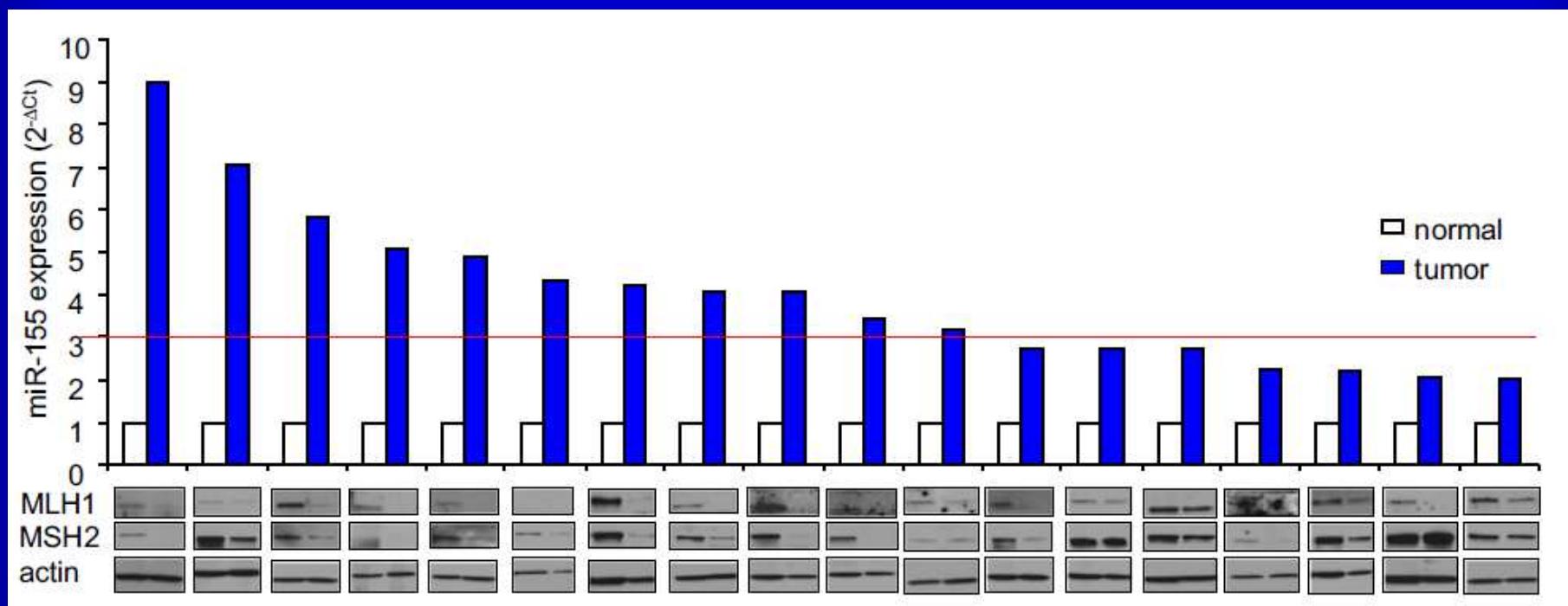
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- Microsatellite analysis of Colo 155 (+) overexpression of miR-155) and (-) cells
- BAT-26 and BAT 25 (mononucleotide repeats)
- D17S250 (dinucleotide repeat)

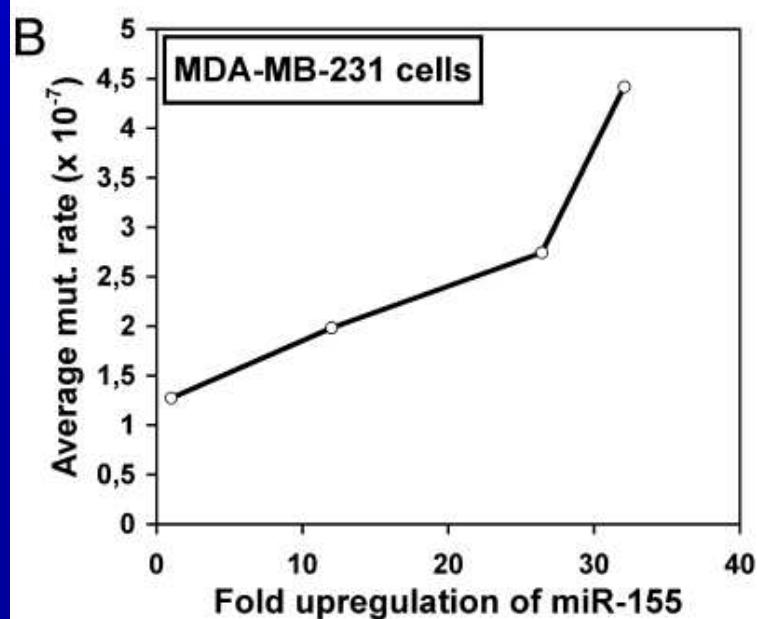
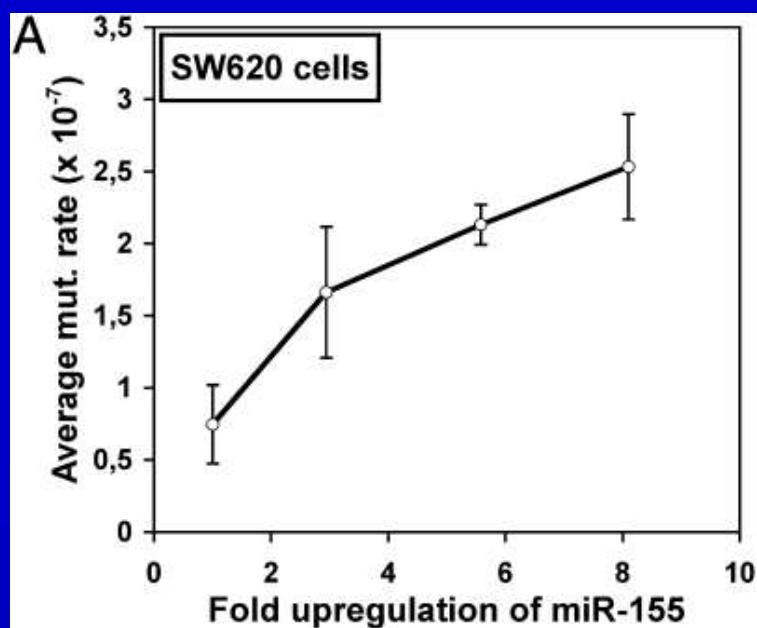


microsatellite instability (MSI)

# miR-155 expression is inversely related to MLH1 and MSH2 in CRC tissues



colorectal adenocarcinoma cells

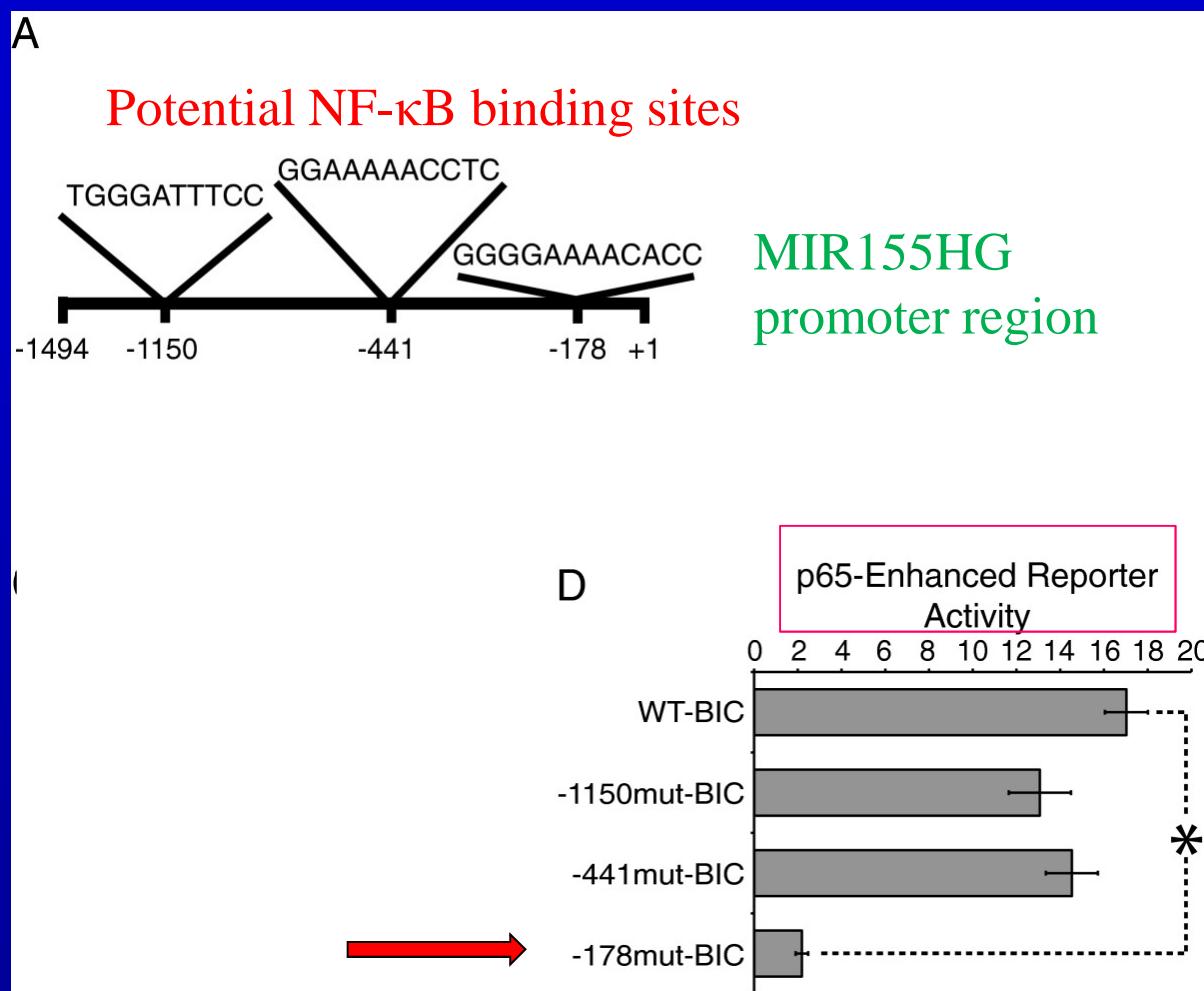


breast adenocarcinoma cells

*miR-155 under the control of an inducible system*

# Infiammazione e trascrizione di miRNA

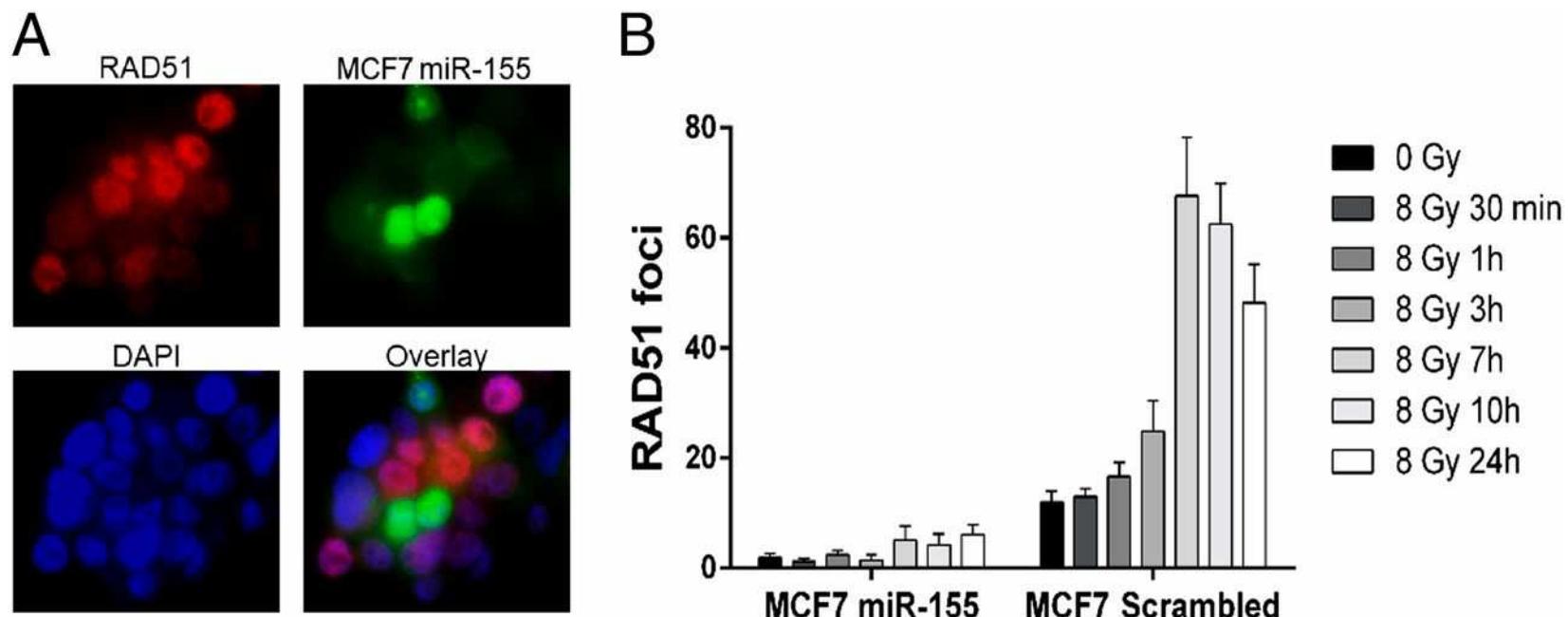
NF-κB p65 up-regulates expression from the MIR155HG promoter through an NF-κB binding site located upstream of the transcription start site BMC Molecular Biology 2013 14:24



# miRNA e DSB

**miR-155 inhibits gamma-rays-induced RAD51 foci formation.**

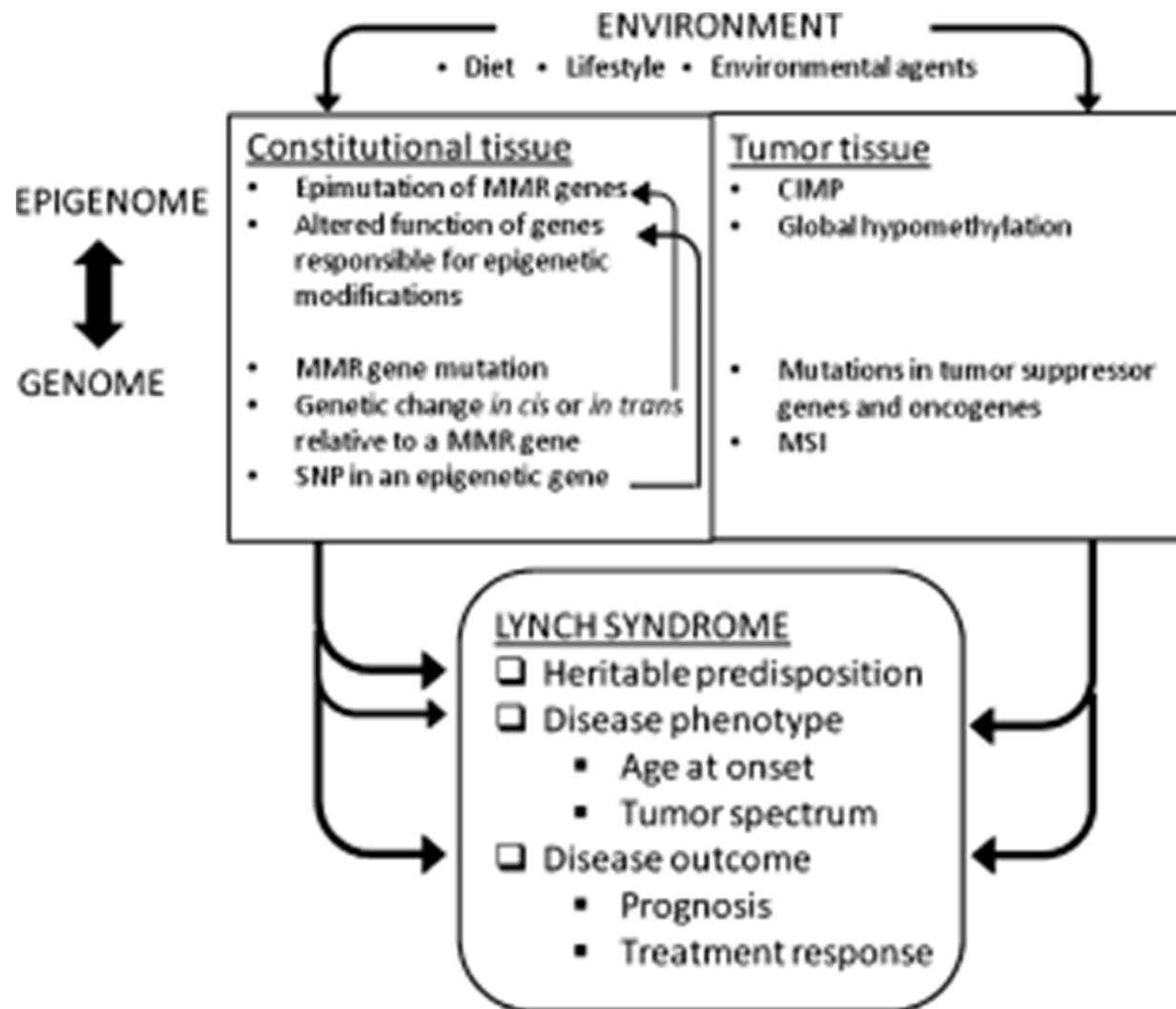
MCF-7 is a breast cancer cell line



miR-155–overexpressing MCF7 cells

Gasparini P et al. PNAS 2014;111:4536-4541

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microsatellite instability (MSI)

CpG island methylator phenotype: CIMP