

# **Gene regulation**

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# Activities

- 10.00-11.00 Recall Lecture “Gene regulation”
- 11.00-11.20 Group activities
- 11.20-12.00 Discussion

# Objectives

- Regulation of gene expression in prokaryotes
- Regulation of gene expression in Eukaryotes

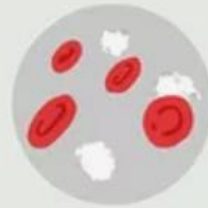
# Why is gene regulation necessary?



Stem Cells



Bone Cells



Blood Cells



Muscle Cells



Fat Cells



Skin Cells

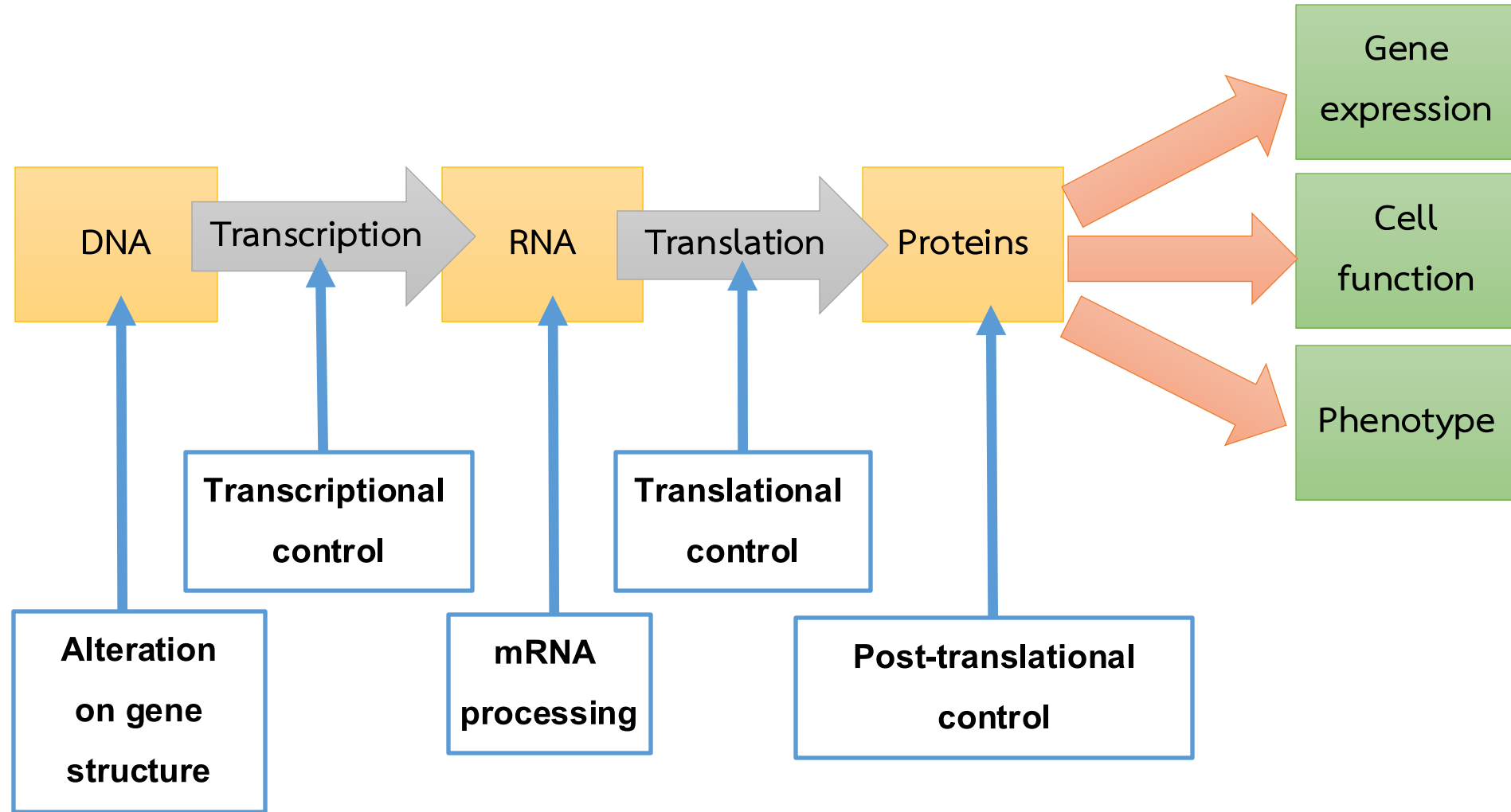


Nerve Cells



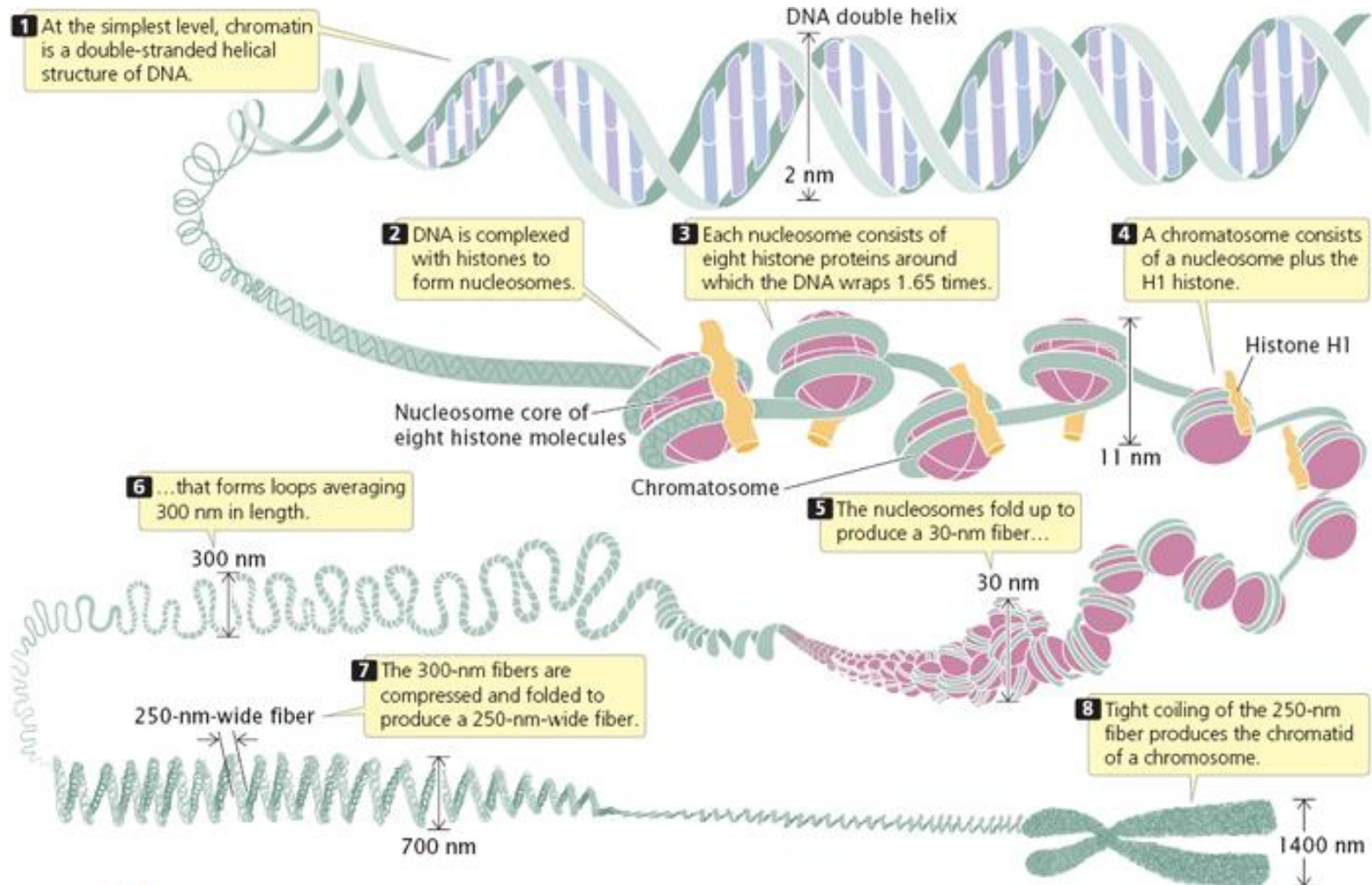
Endothelial Cells

# Gene expression : Eukaryote



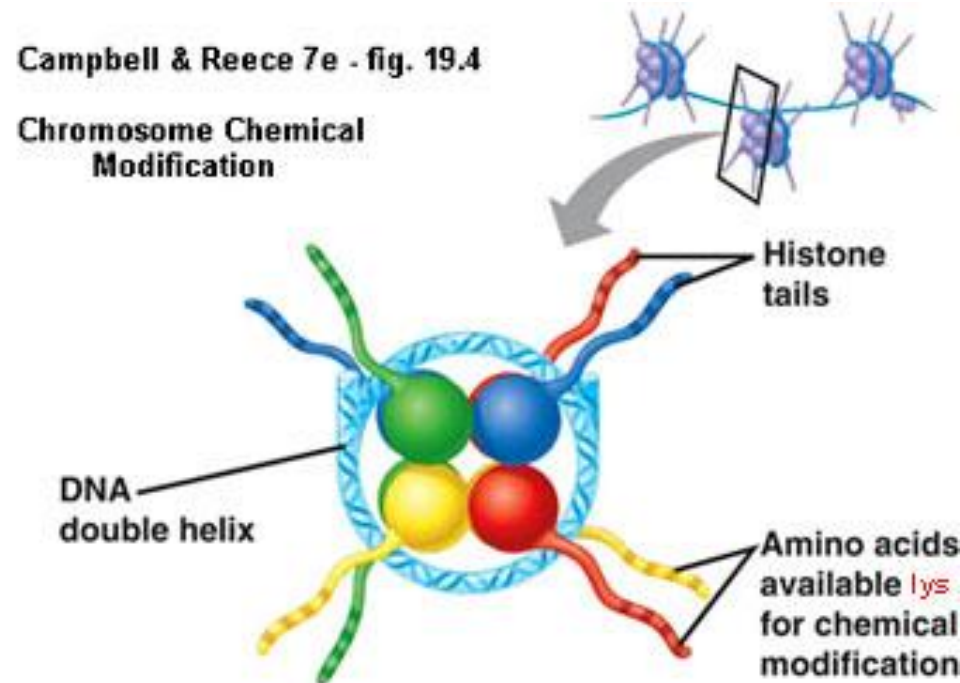
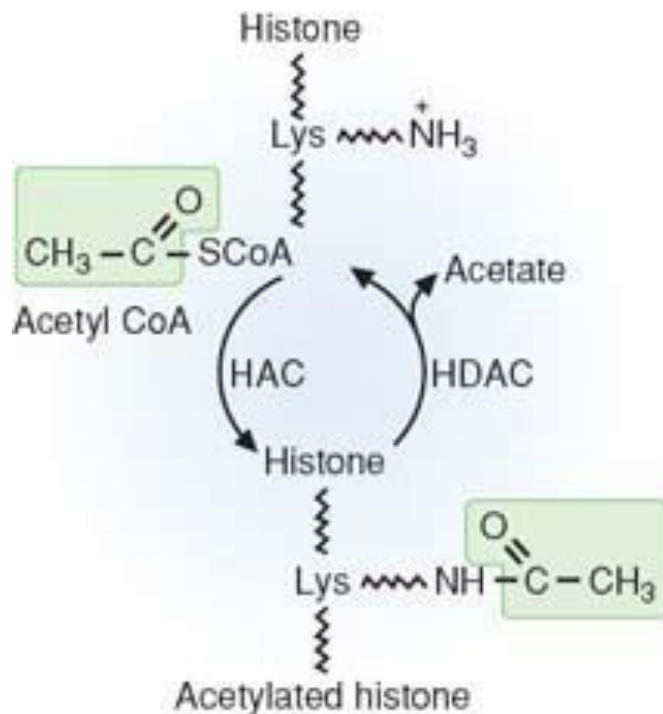
# Alteration on gene structure

- Chromatin rearrangement

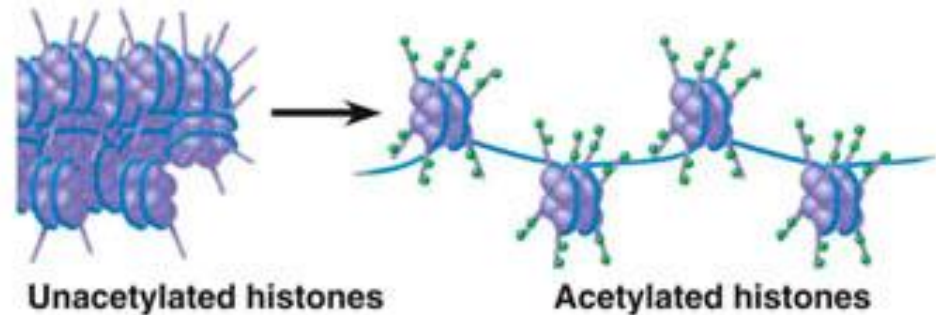


# Alteration on gene structure

- Histone modification
- HAC = Histone acetylase
- HDAC = Histone deacetylase



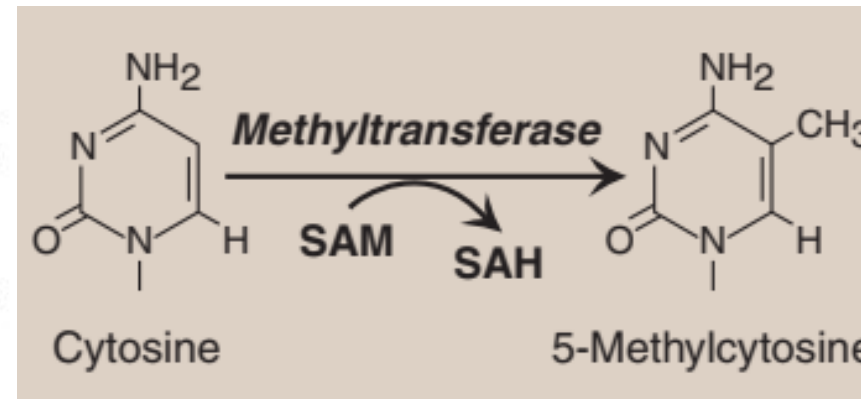
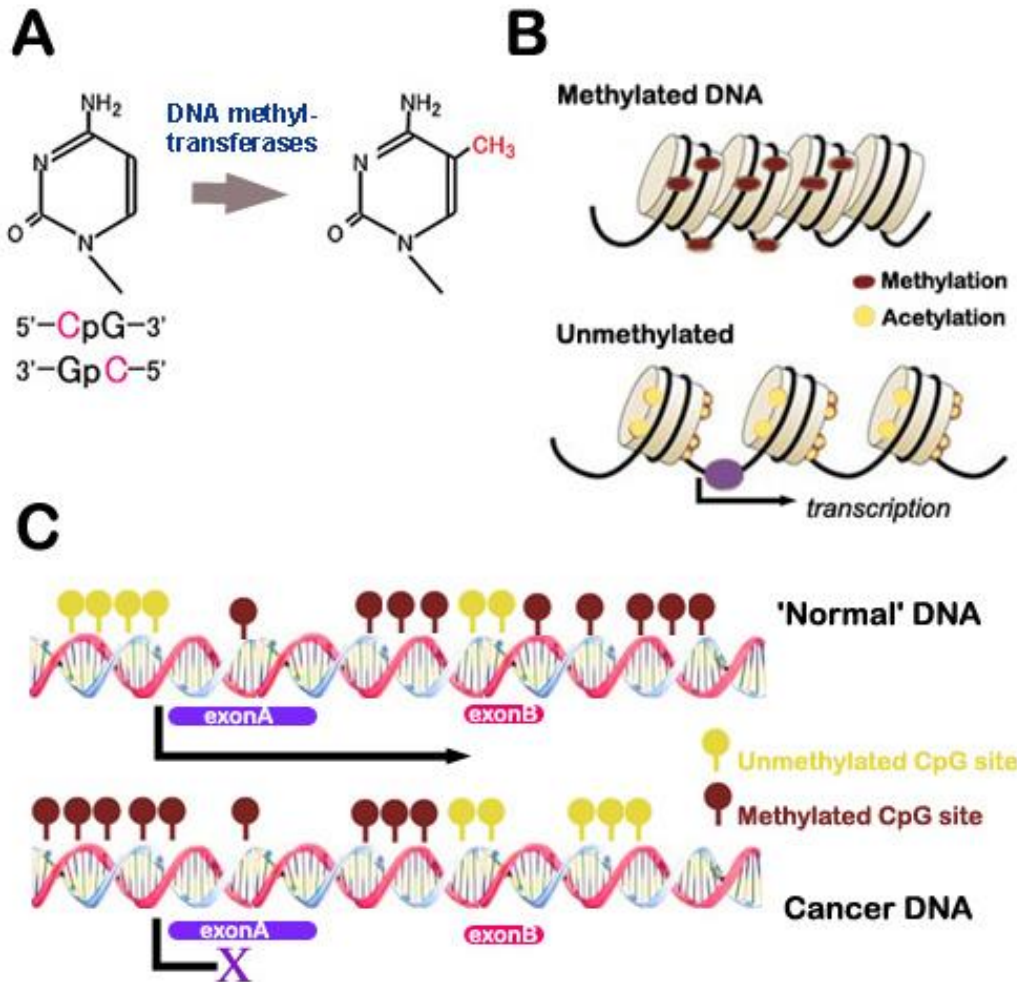
(a) Histone tails protrude outward from a nucleosome



(b) Acetylation of histone tails promotes loose chromatin structure that permits transcription

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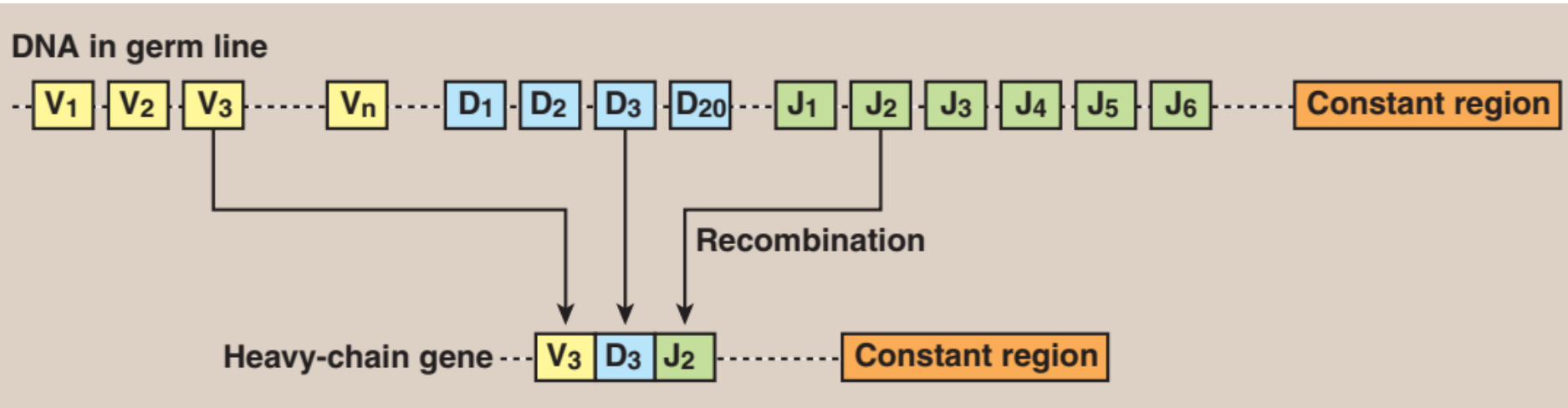
- DNA methylation (CpG islands)



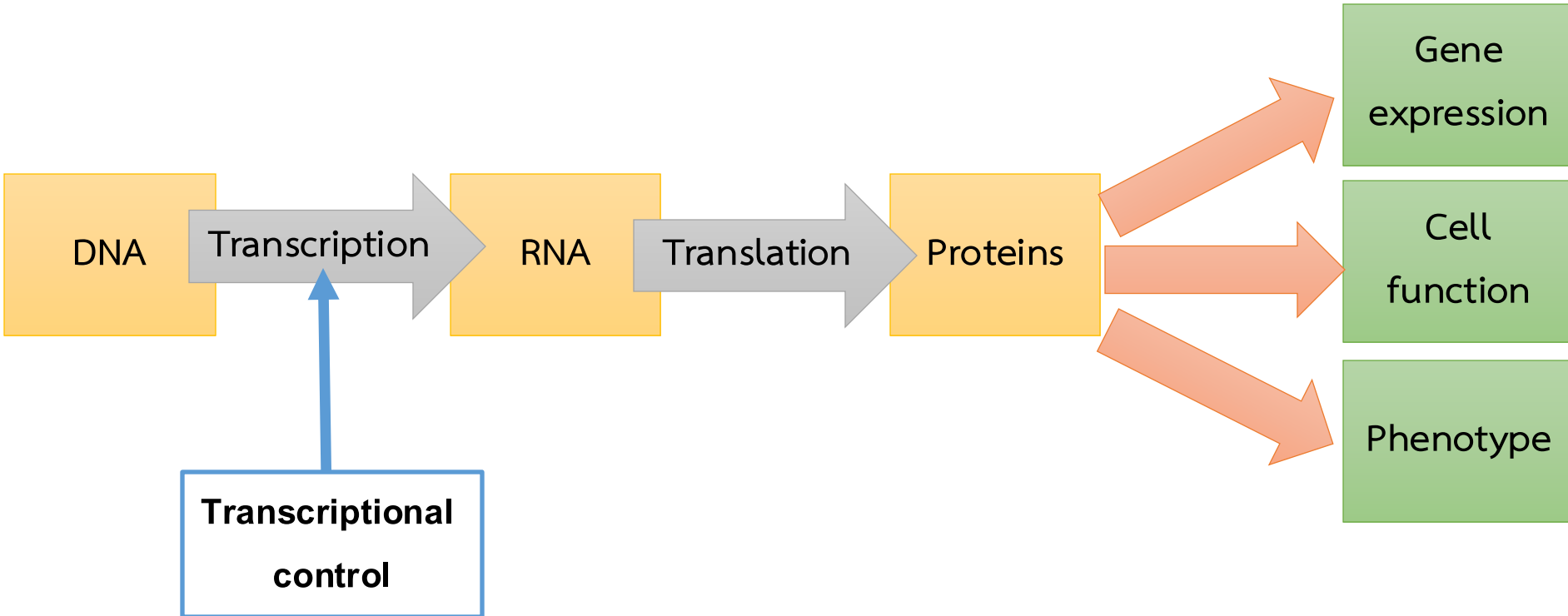


# Gene rearrangement

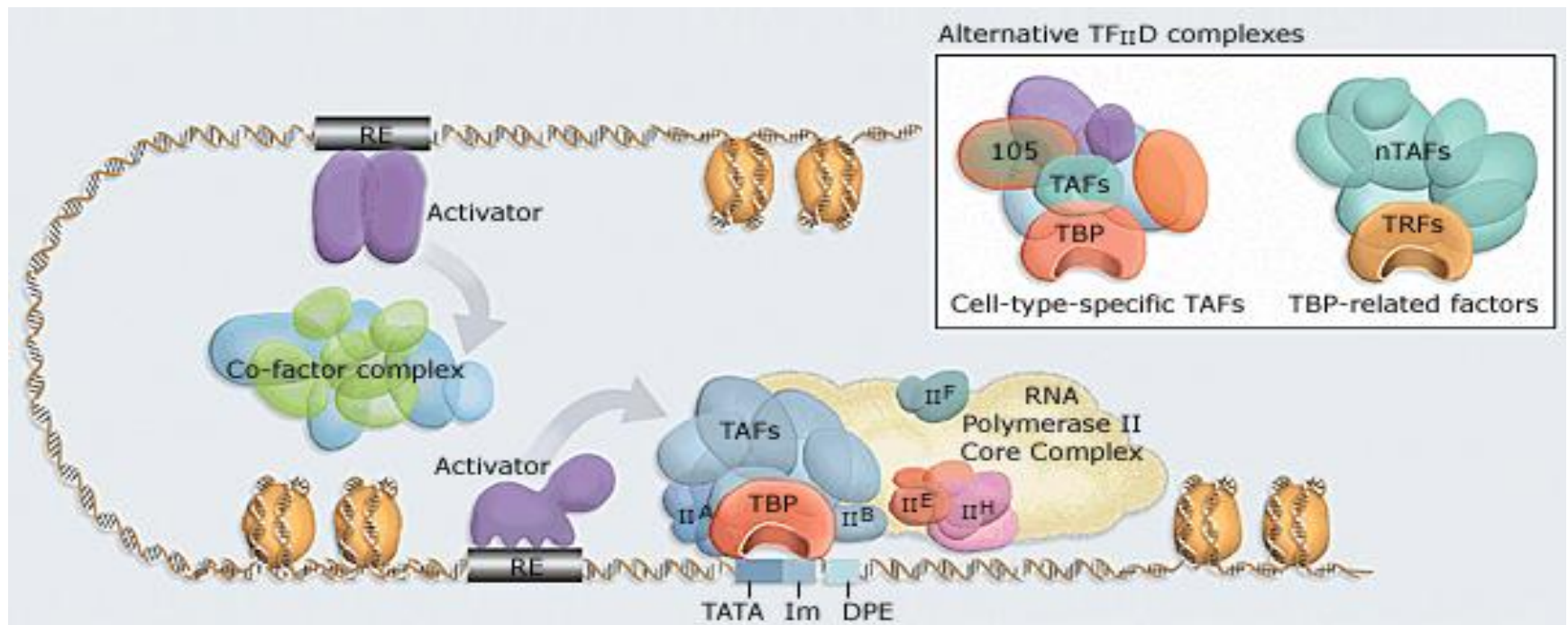
- In Immunoglobulin



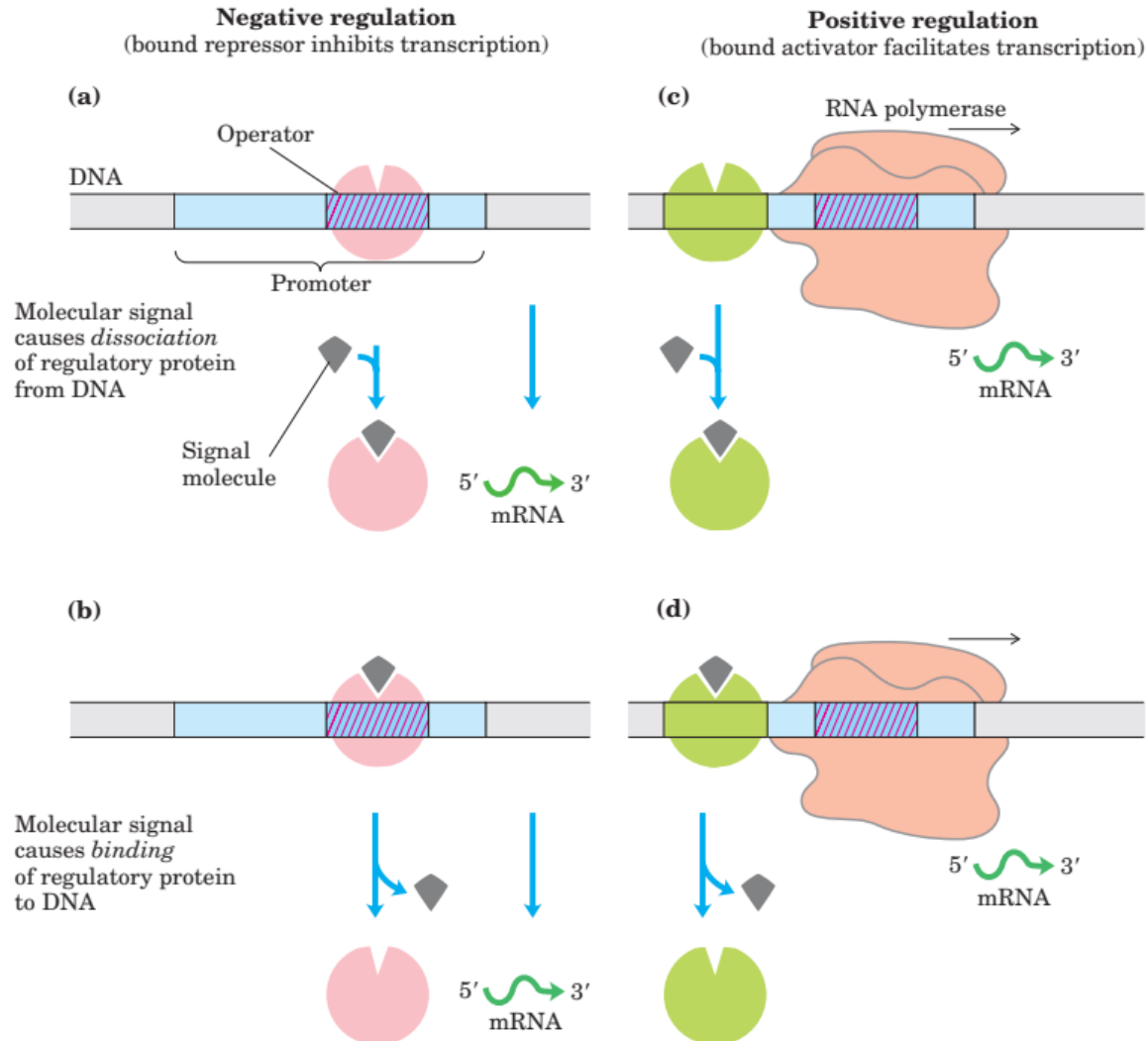
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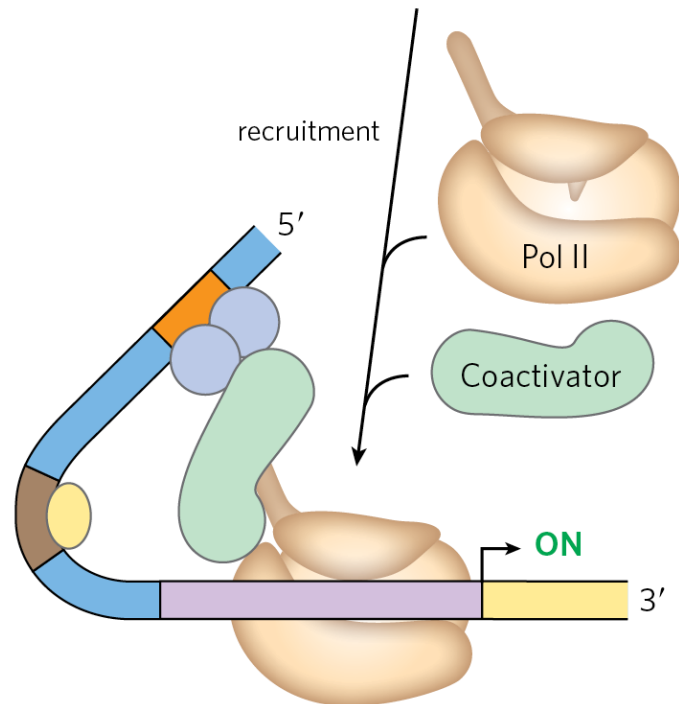
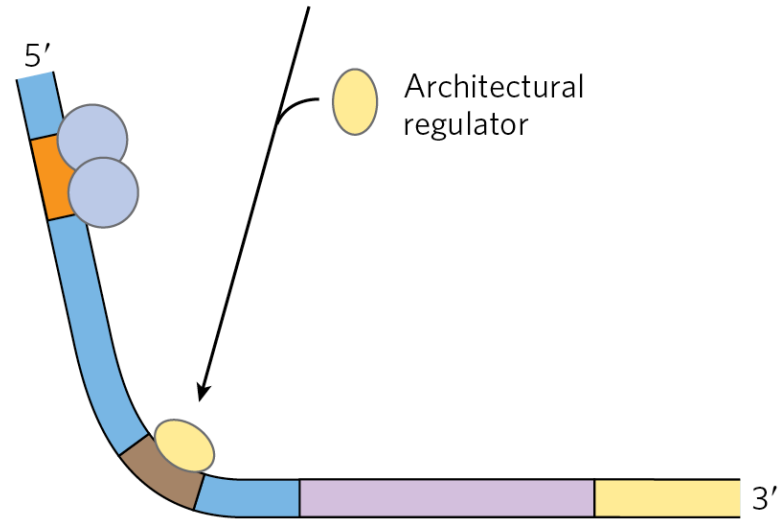
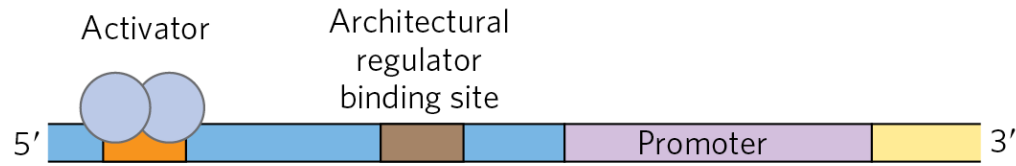


# Gene regulatory control region

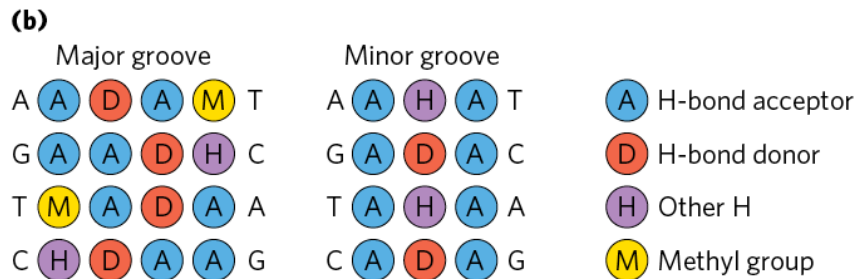
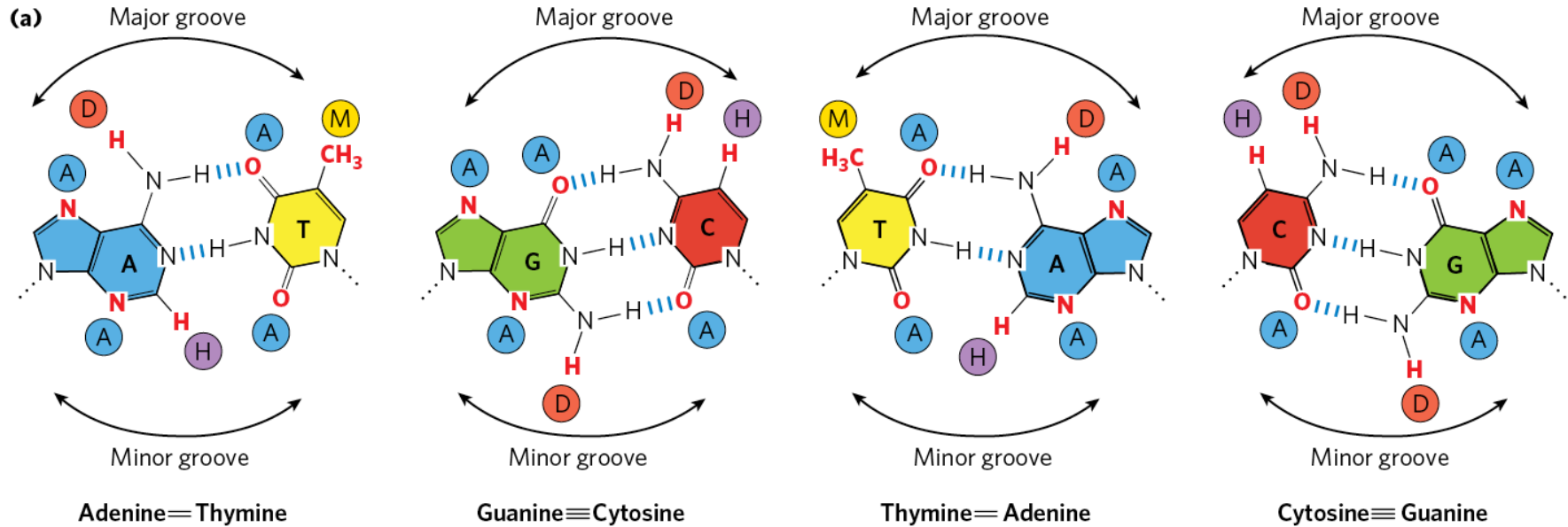


# Transcription is regulated by proteins that bind to or near promoters

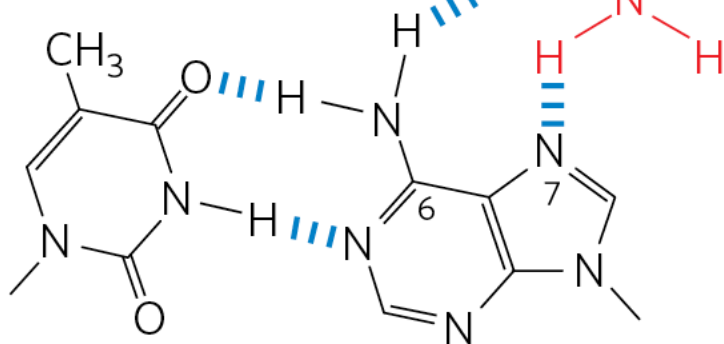
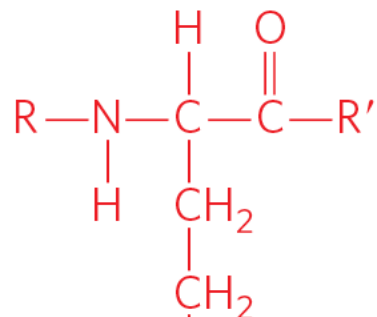




# Groups in DNA available for protein binding

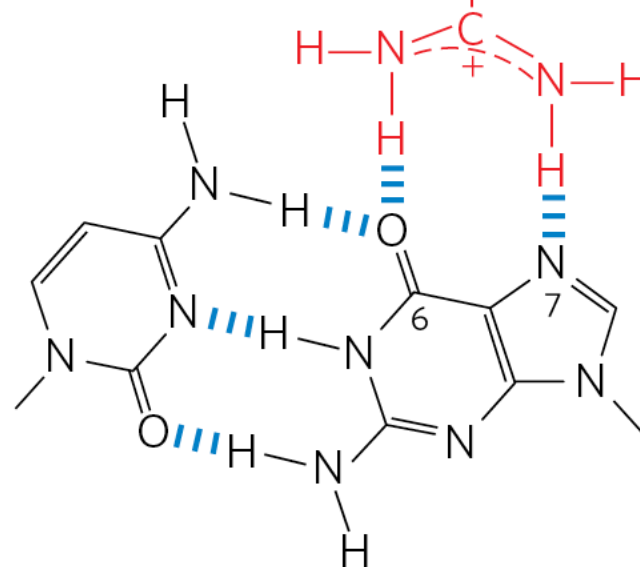
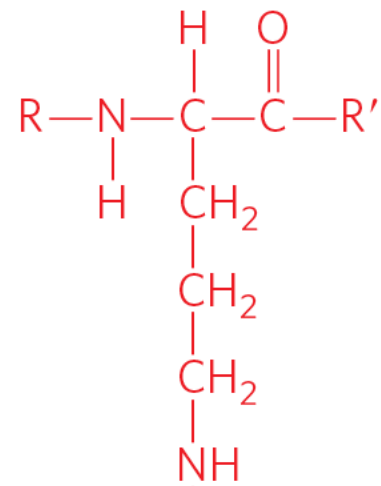


Glutamine  
(or asparagine)



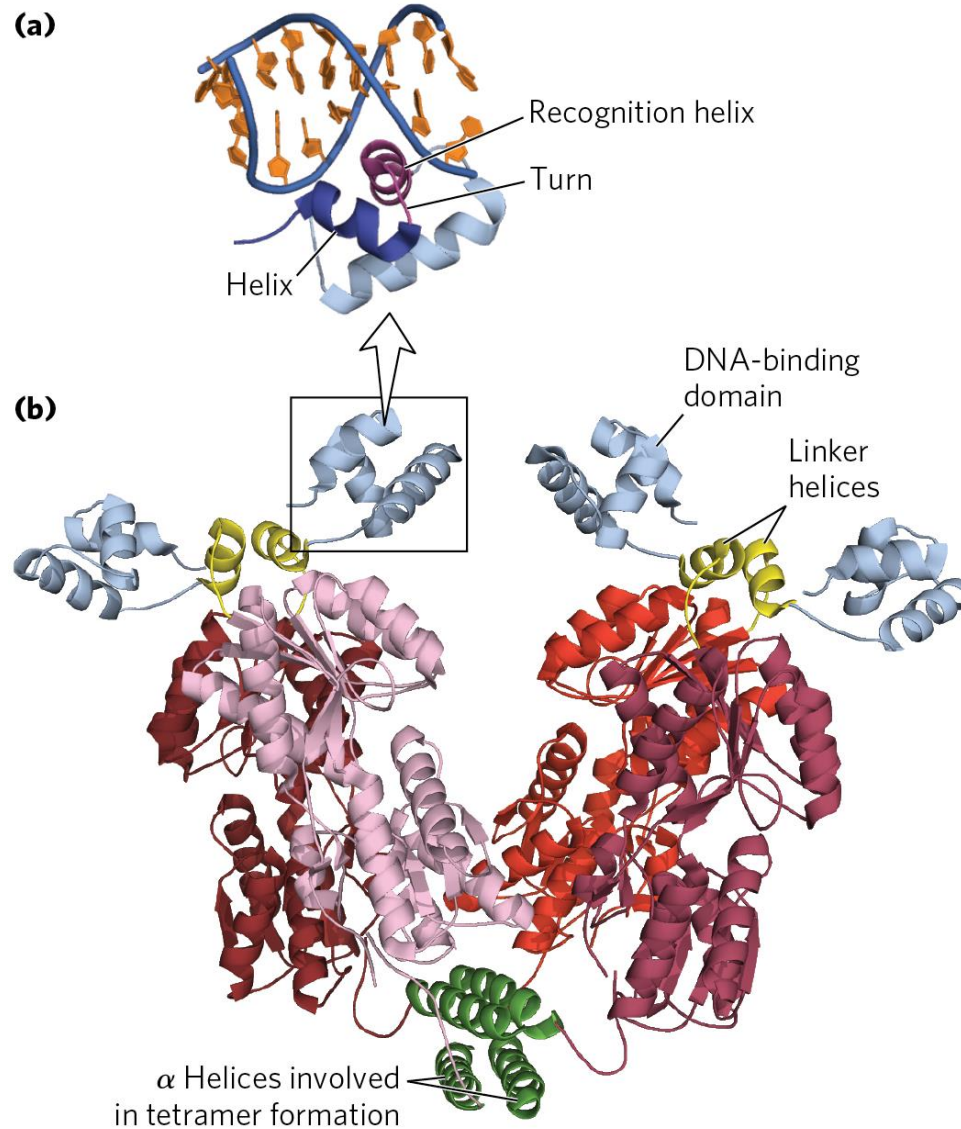
Thymine=Adenine

Arginine



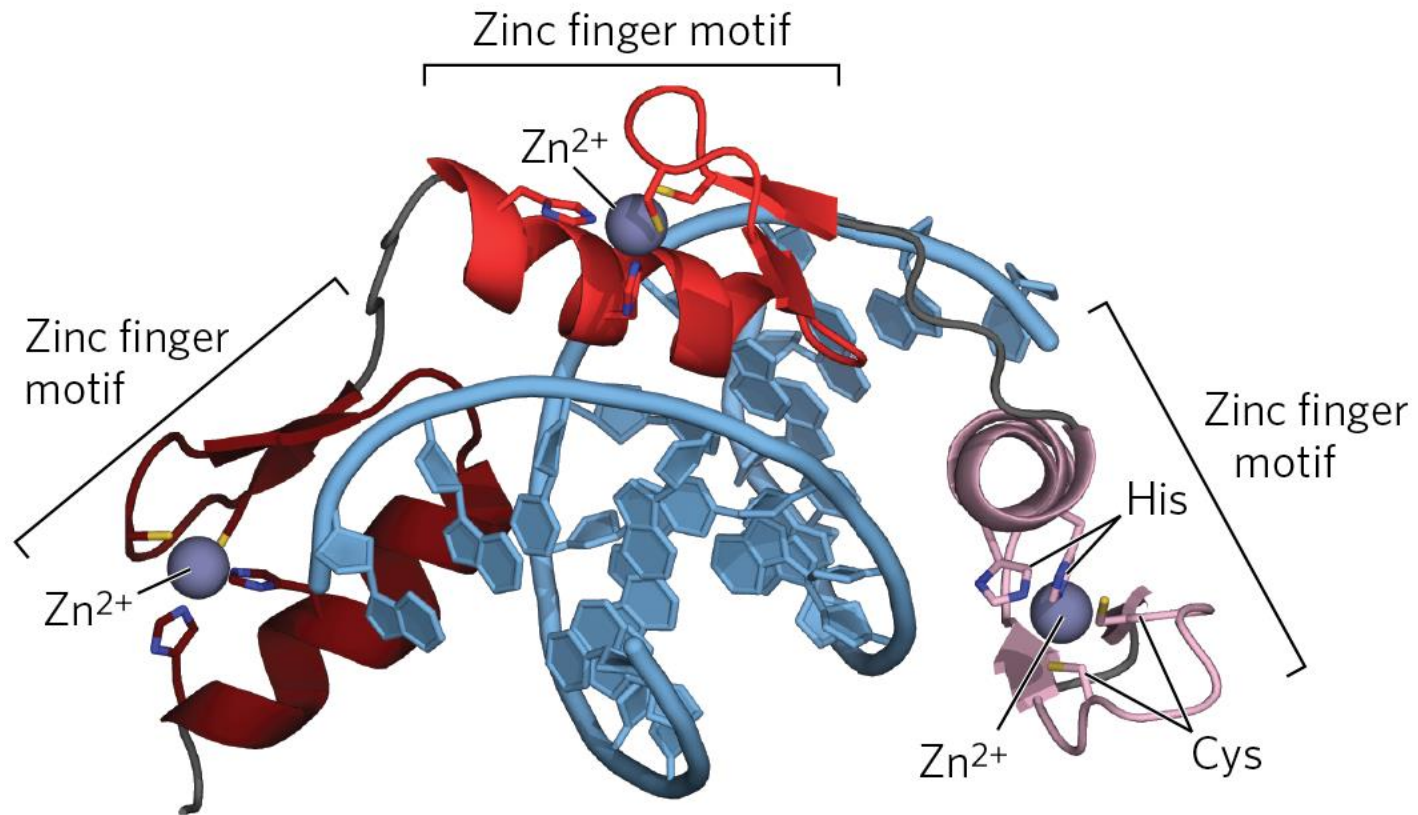
Cytosine≡Guanine

# Helix-Turn-Helix motif

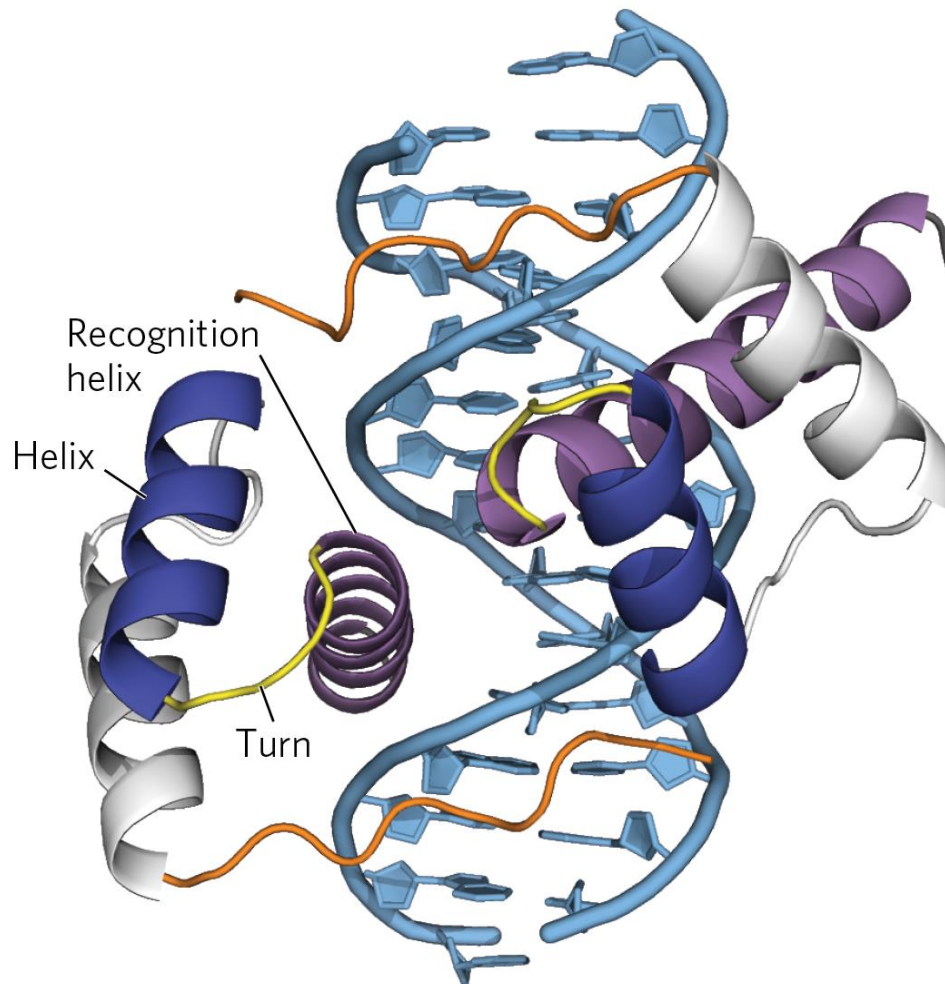




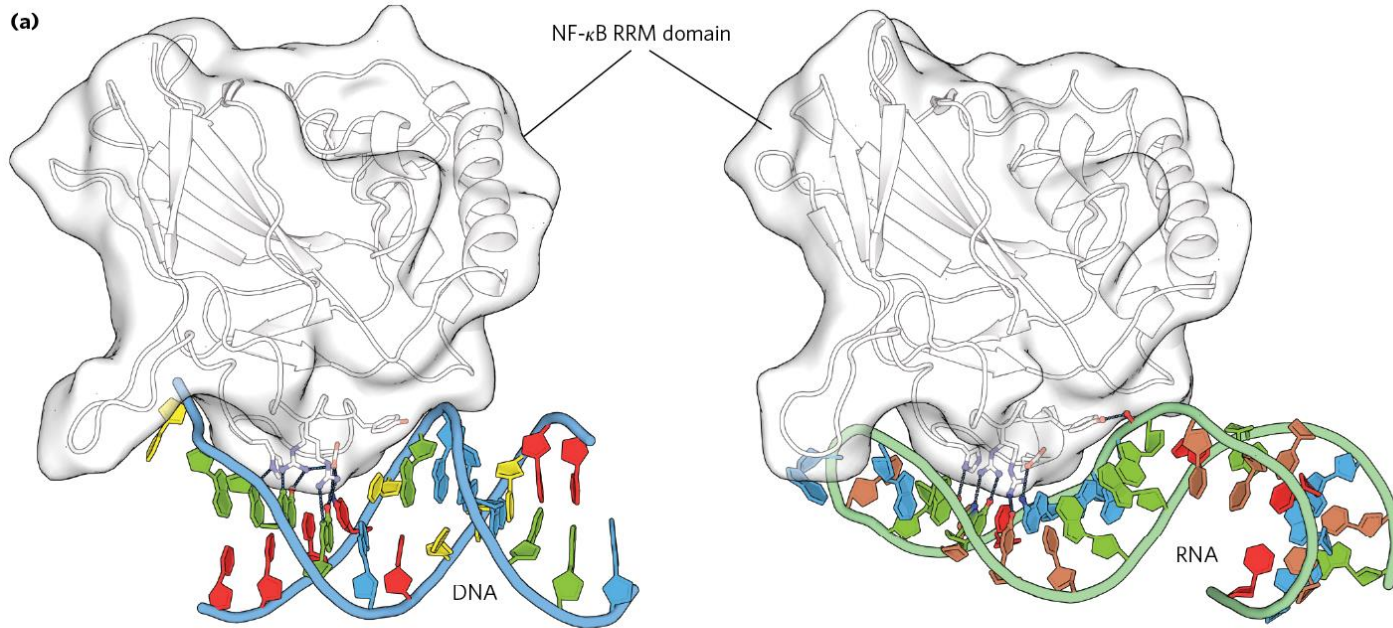
# Zinc Finger domain



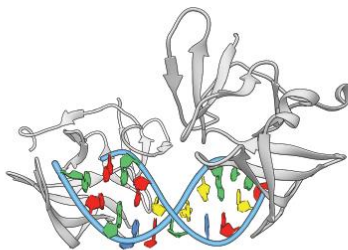
# Homeodomain



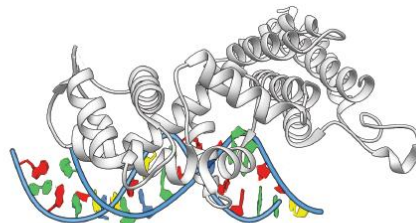
# RNA Recognition Motif



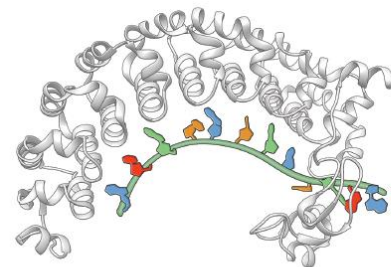
(b)



DEAD box RIG1

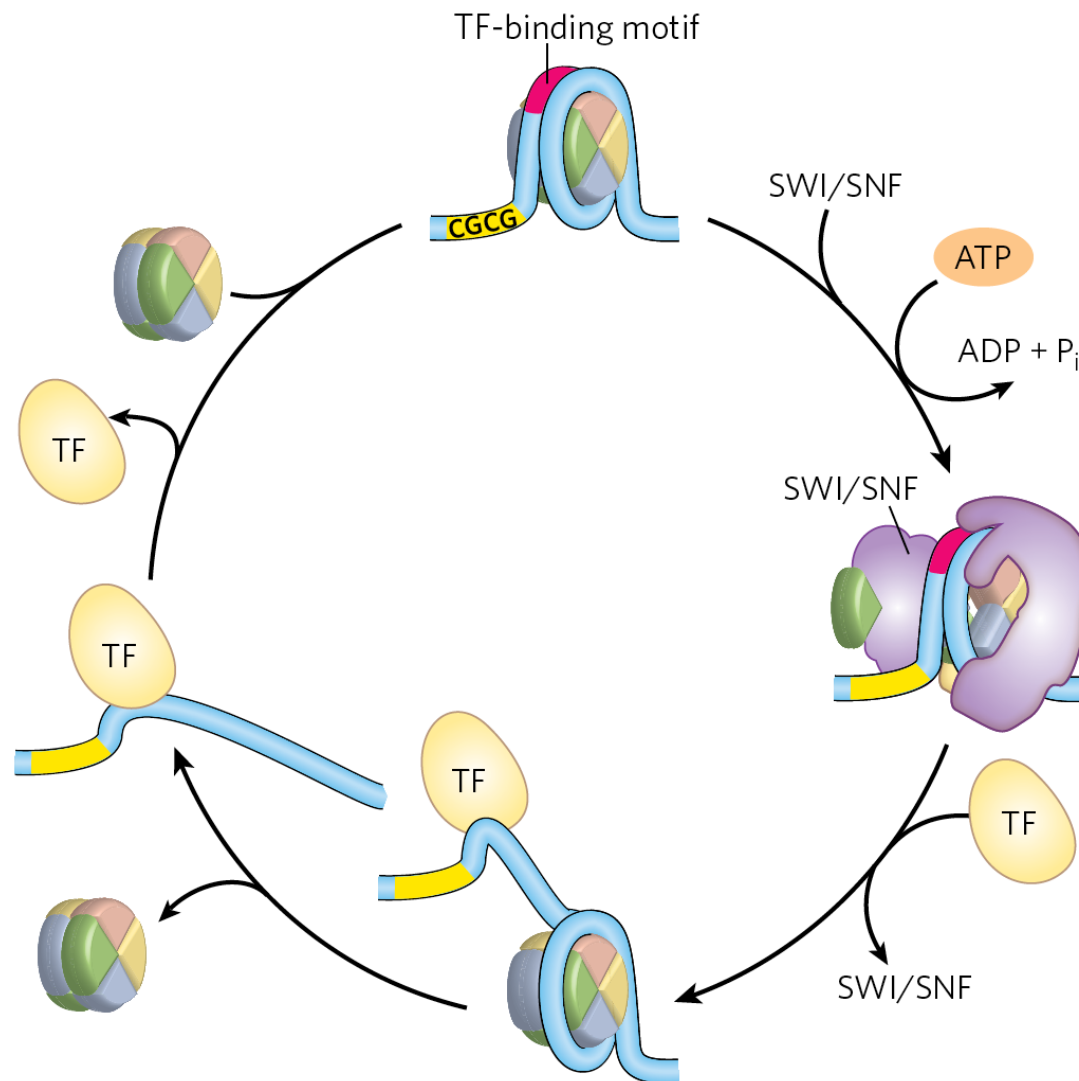


ROQ domain

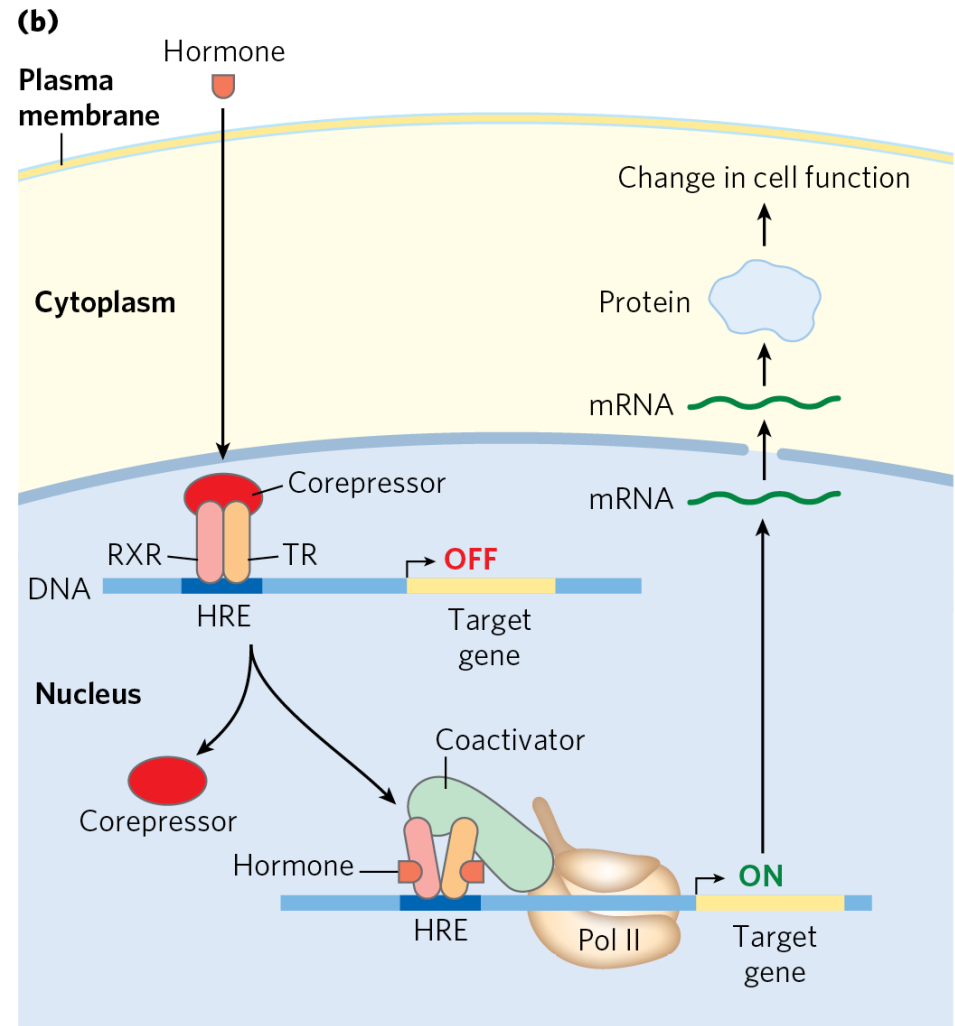
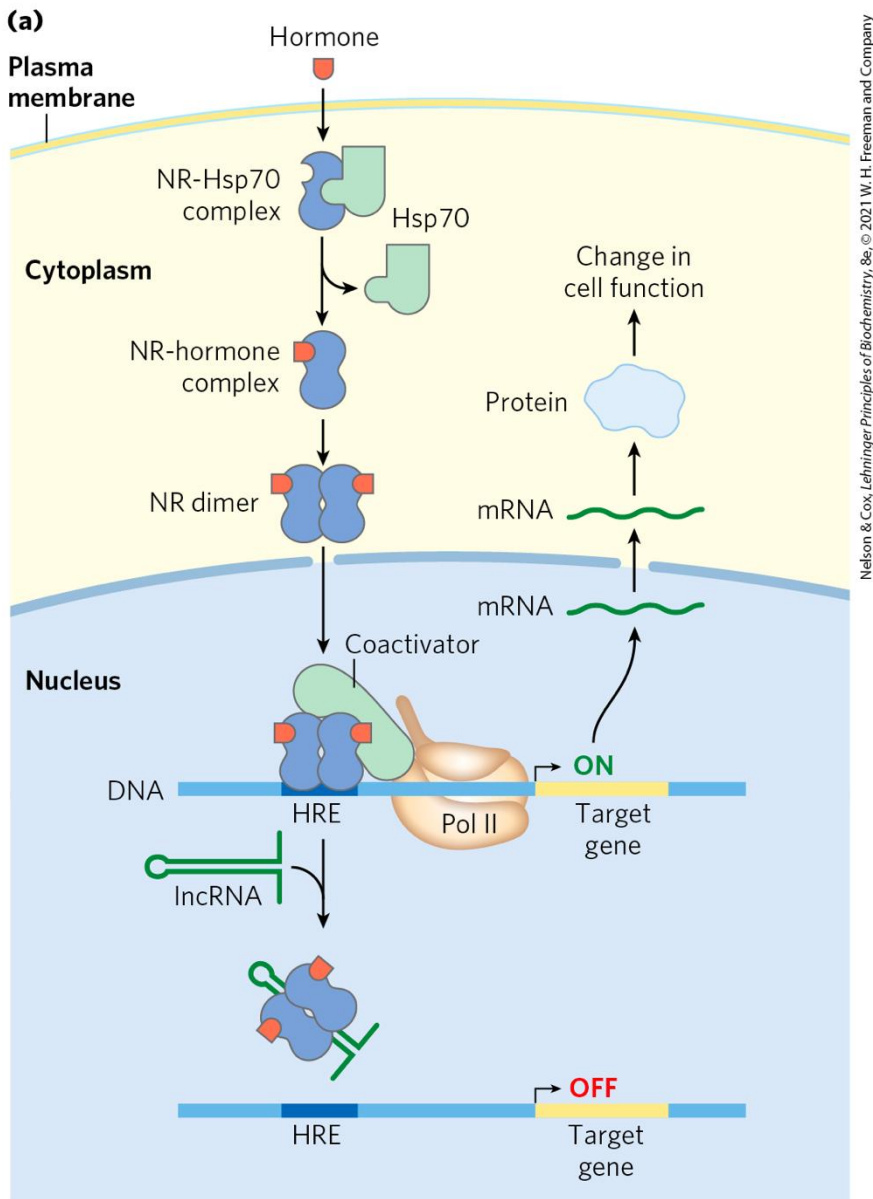


Pumilio-Nos-hunchback

# Nucleosome ejection by a SWI/SNF remodeler

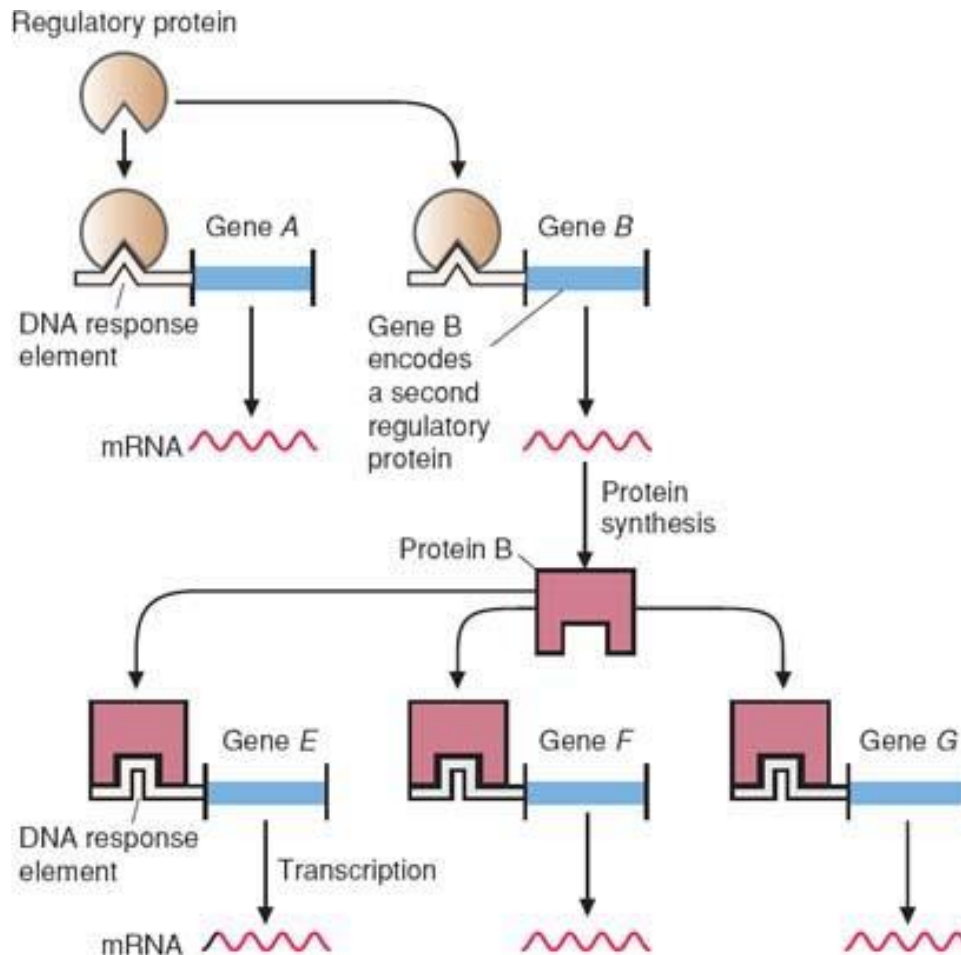


# Mechanisms of steroid hormone receptor function



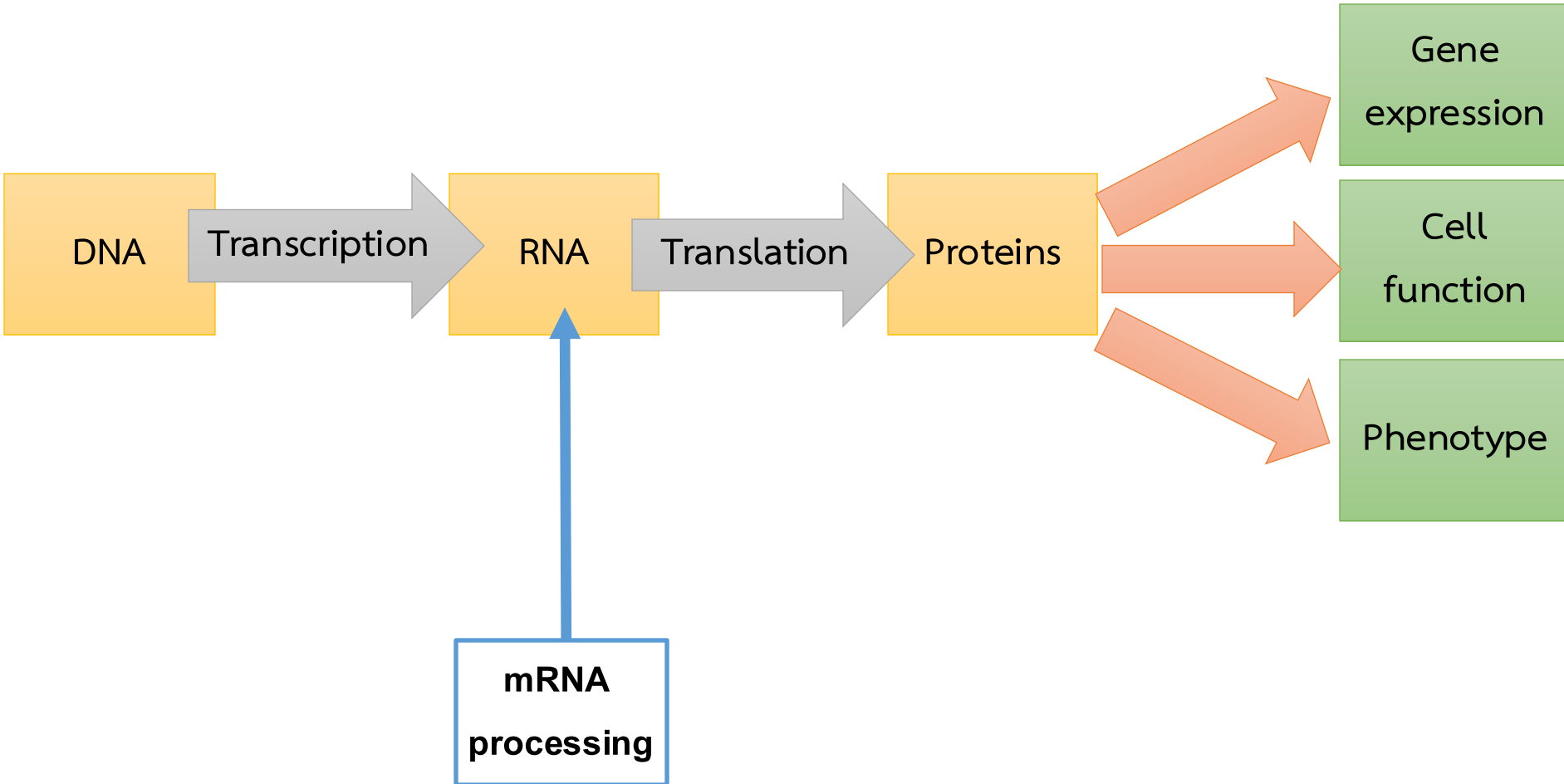
# Transcriptional control

- Activation of sets of genes by a single inducer

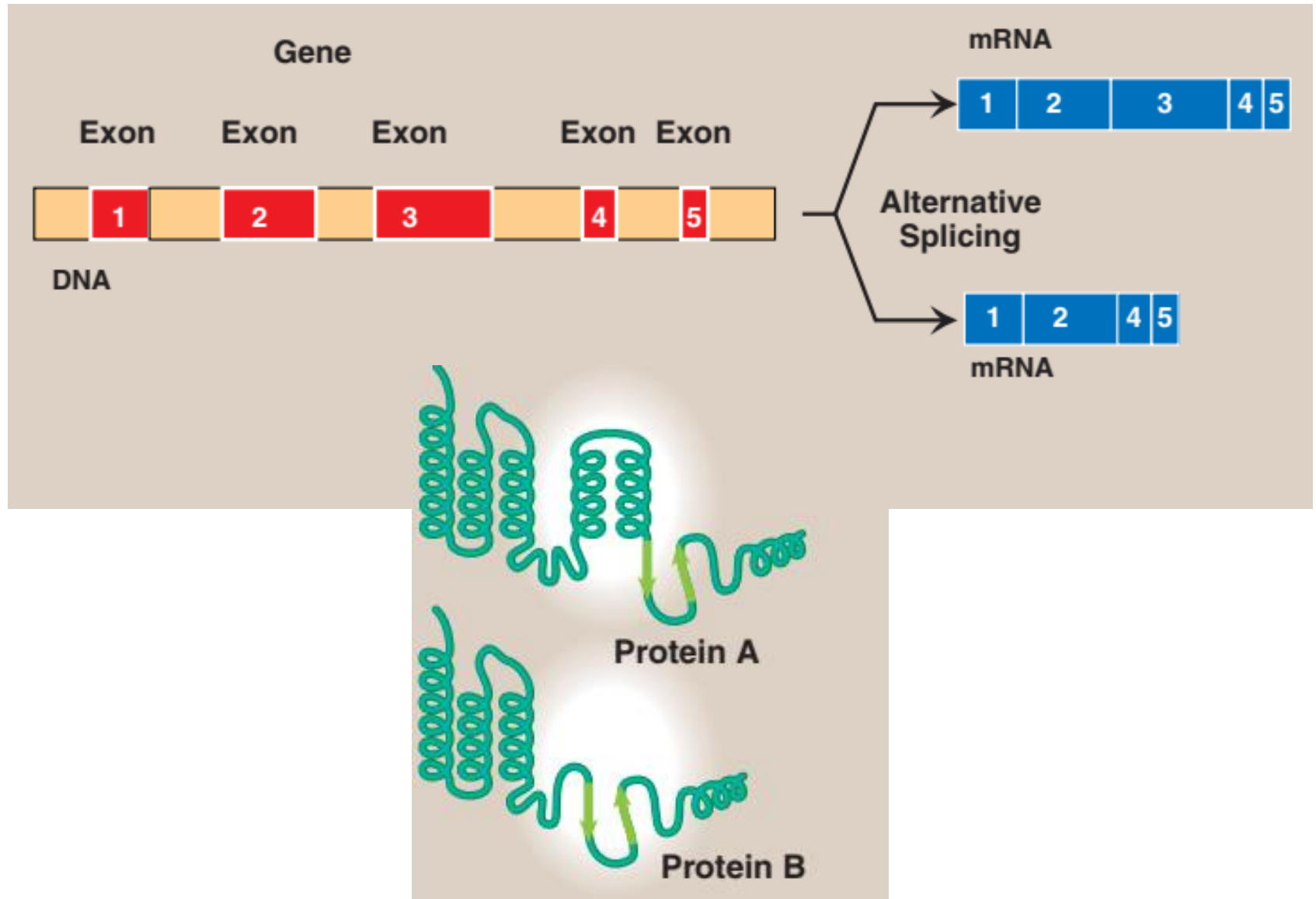




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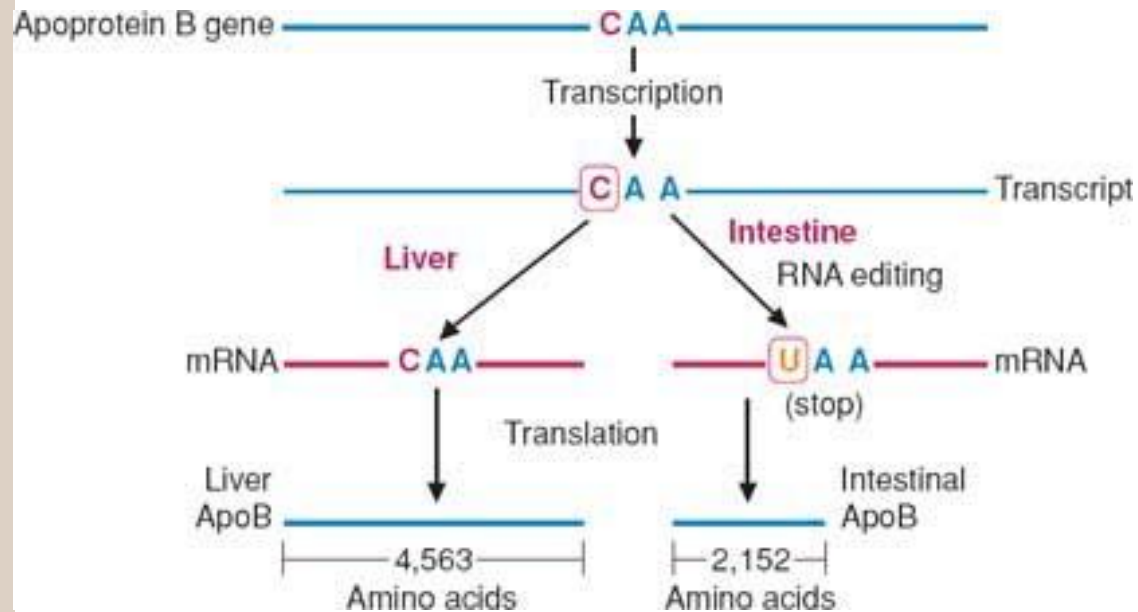
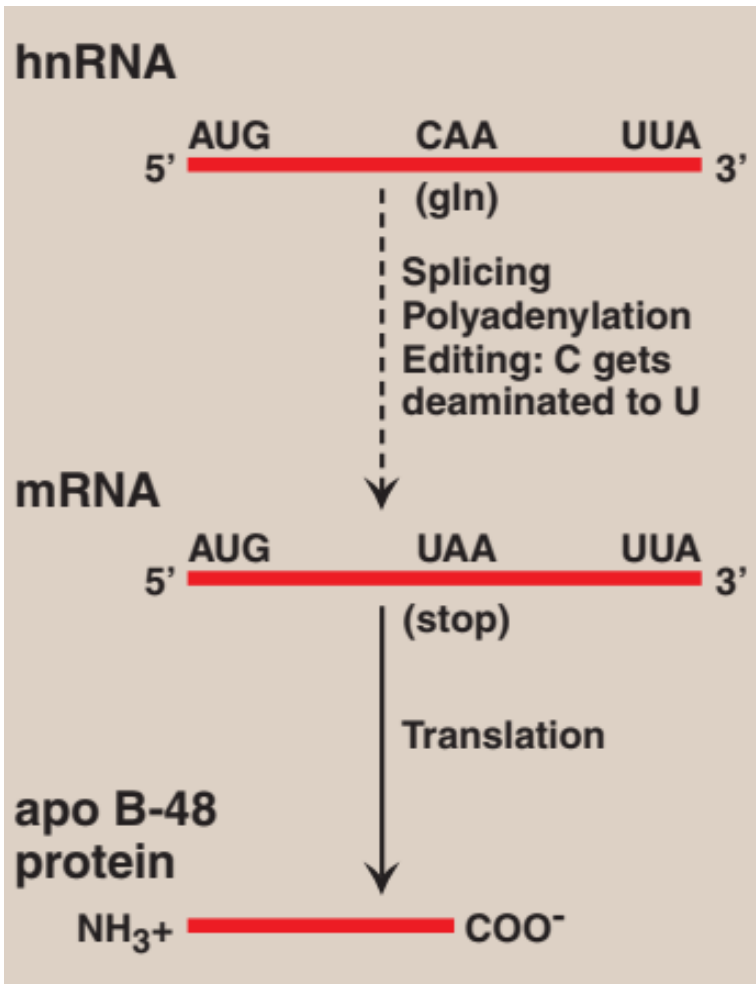


# Alternative splicing

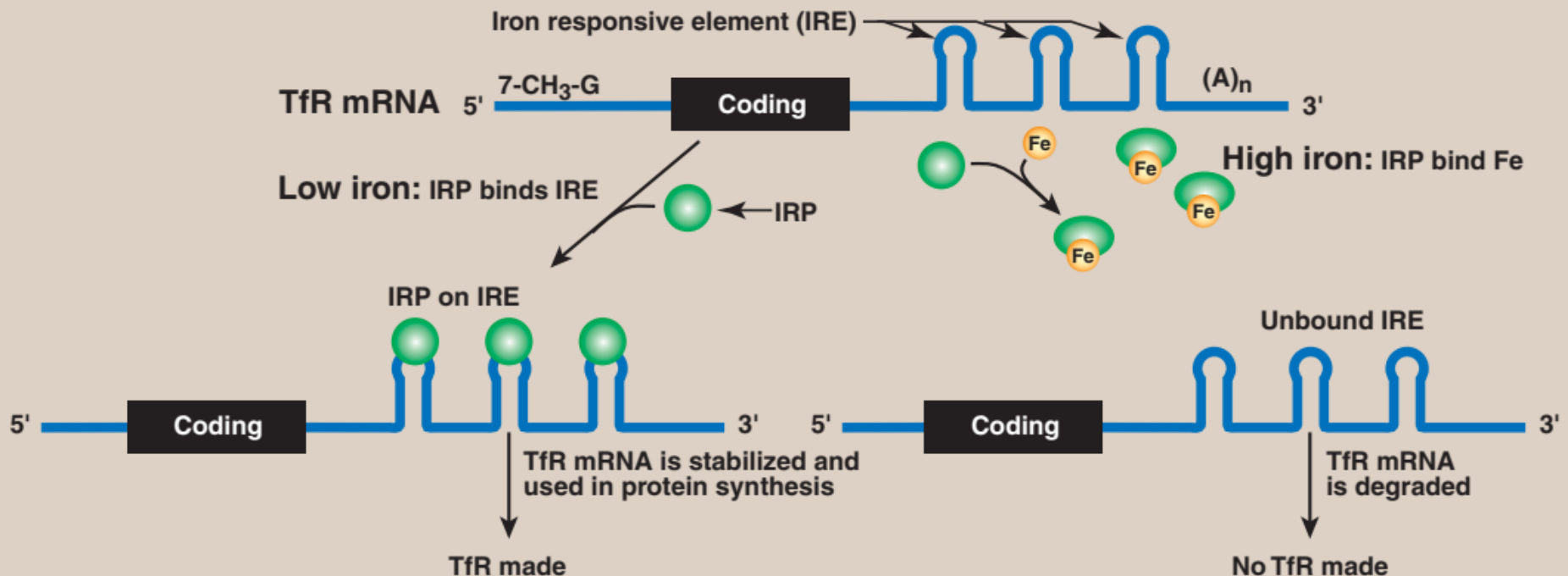




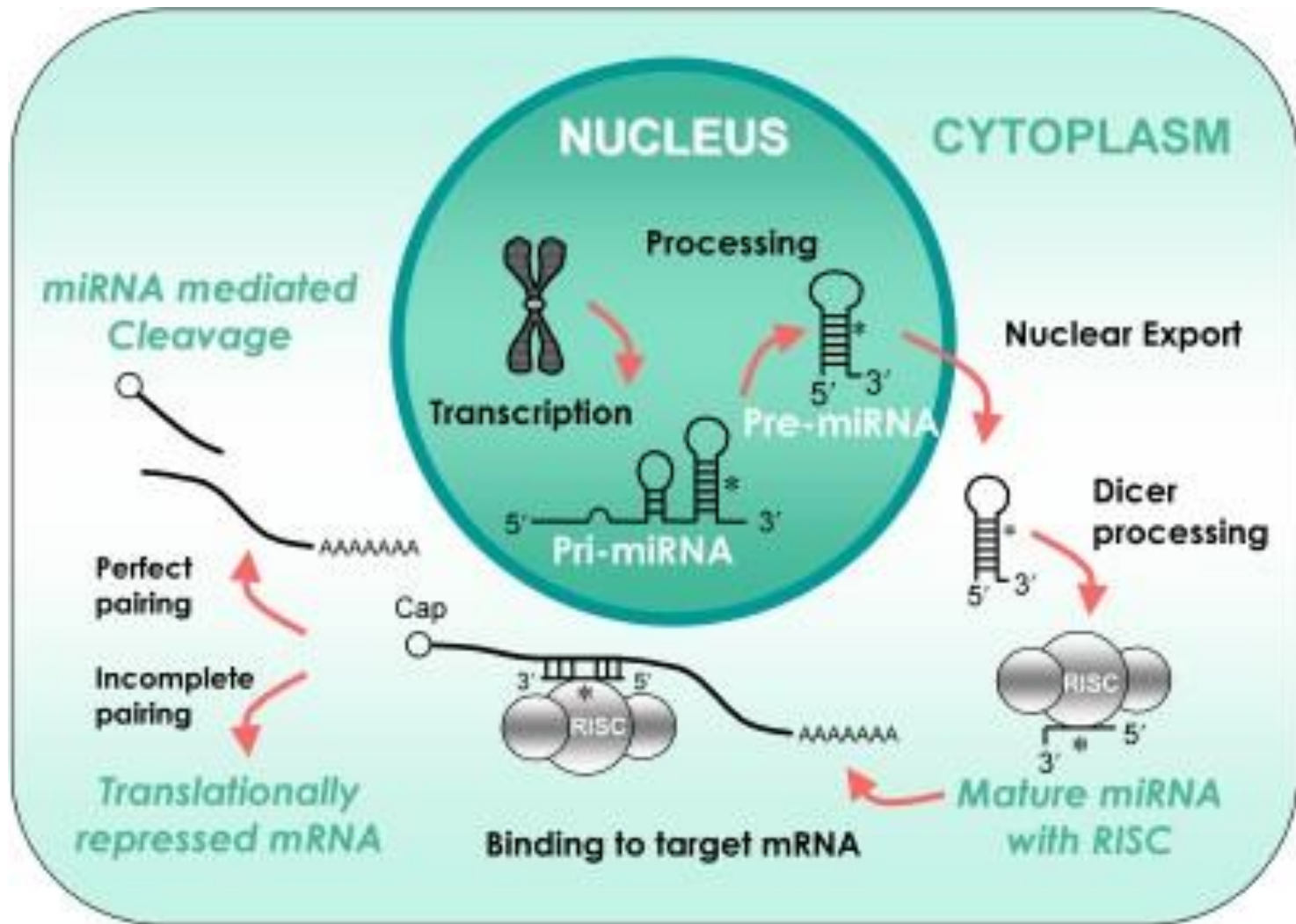
# Posttranscriptional processing of RNA



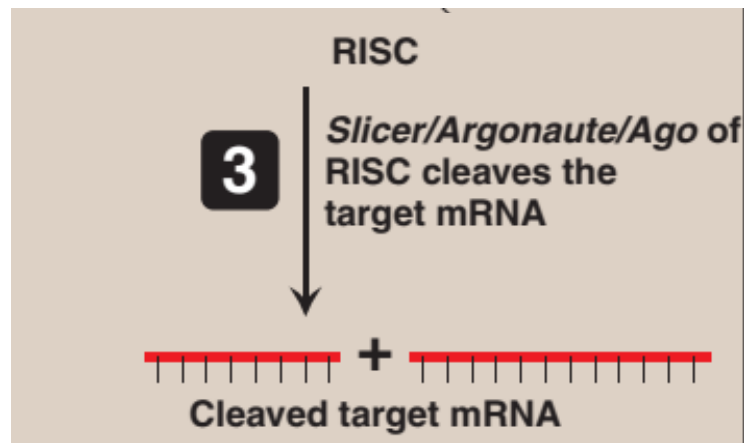
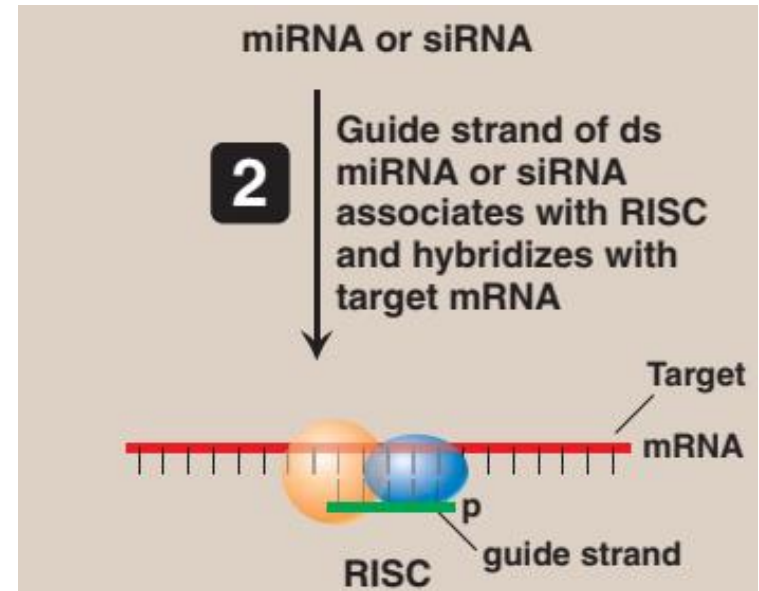
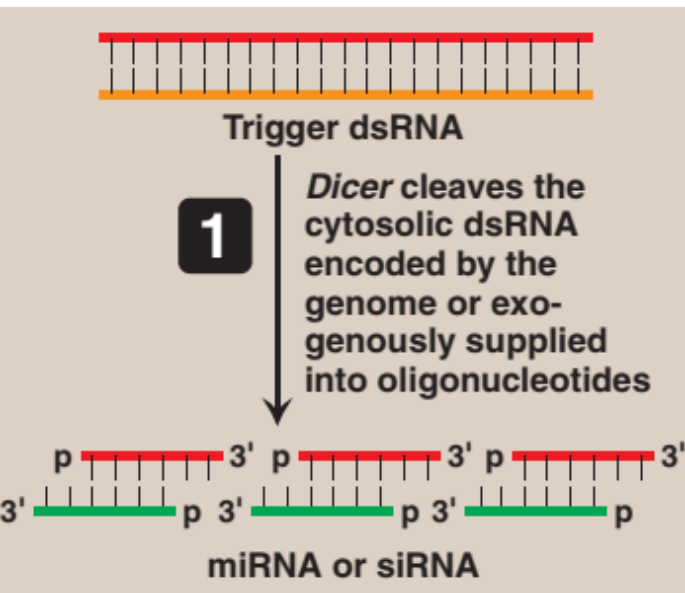
# Translation and mRNA stability



# mRNA stability (microRNA, miRNA)



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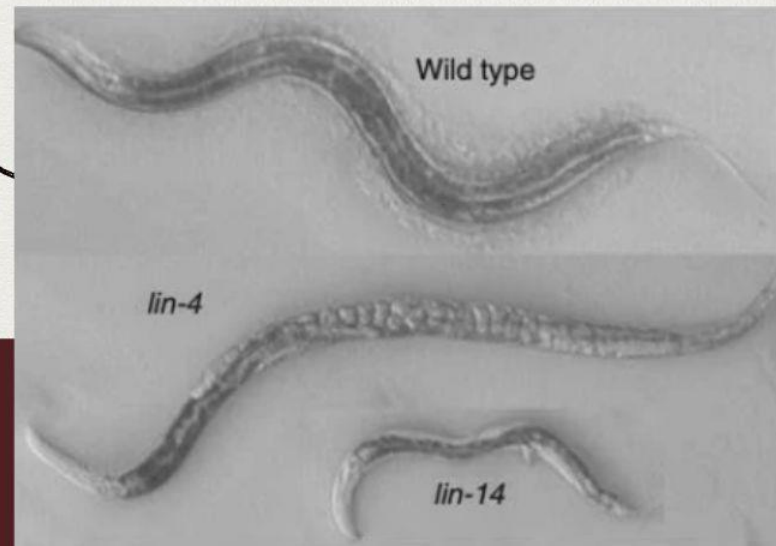
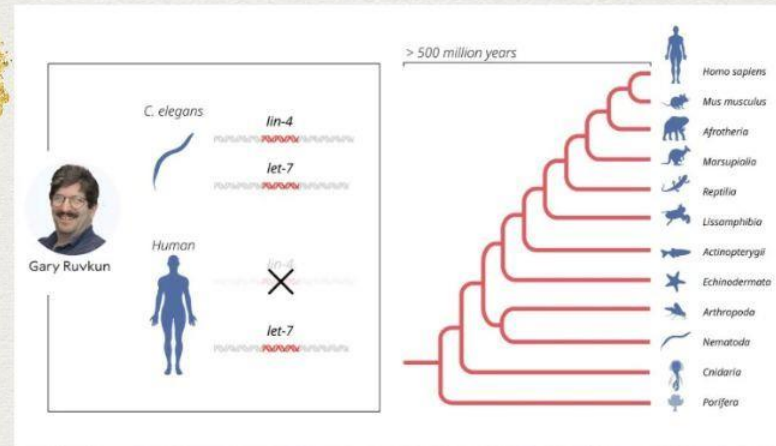
# 2024 NOBEL PRIZE: THE ANIMAL RESEARCH BEHIND THE DISCOVERY OF MICRO RNA



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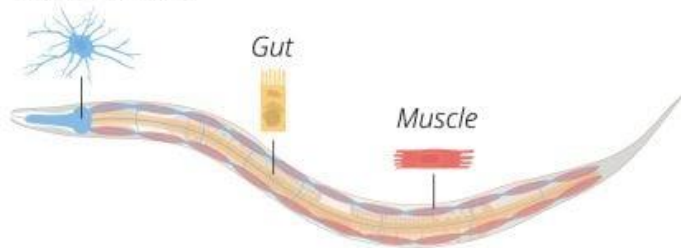
"for the discovery of microRNA and its role  
in post-transcriptional gene regulation"



**A**

## *C. elegans*

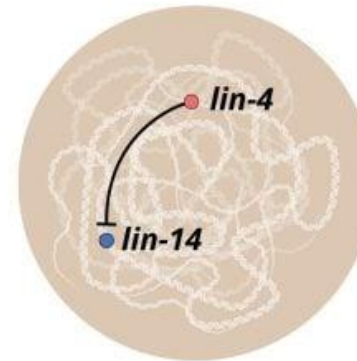
Nervous system



Adult size: ~1 mm

**B**

## *lin-4* and *lin-14* mutants



*C. elegans* genome  
100,000,000 base pairs

Normal



*lin-4* mutant



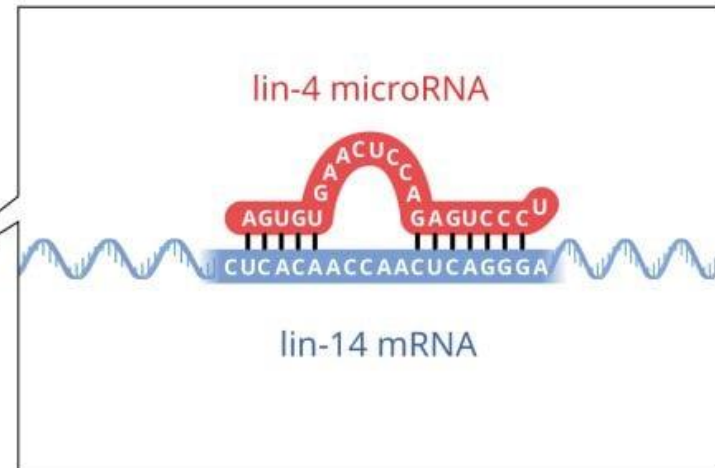
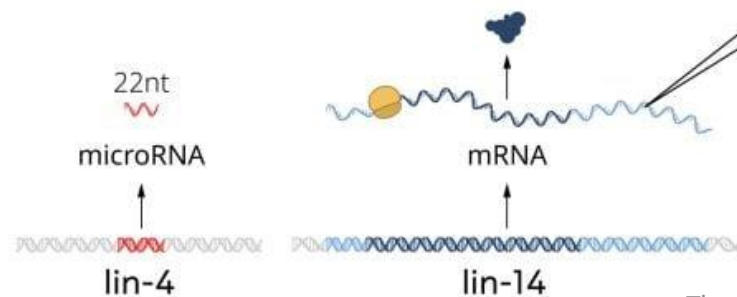
*lin-14* mutant

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*C. elegans*



*lin-4*



*let-7*



Human



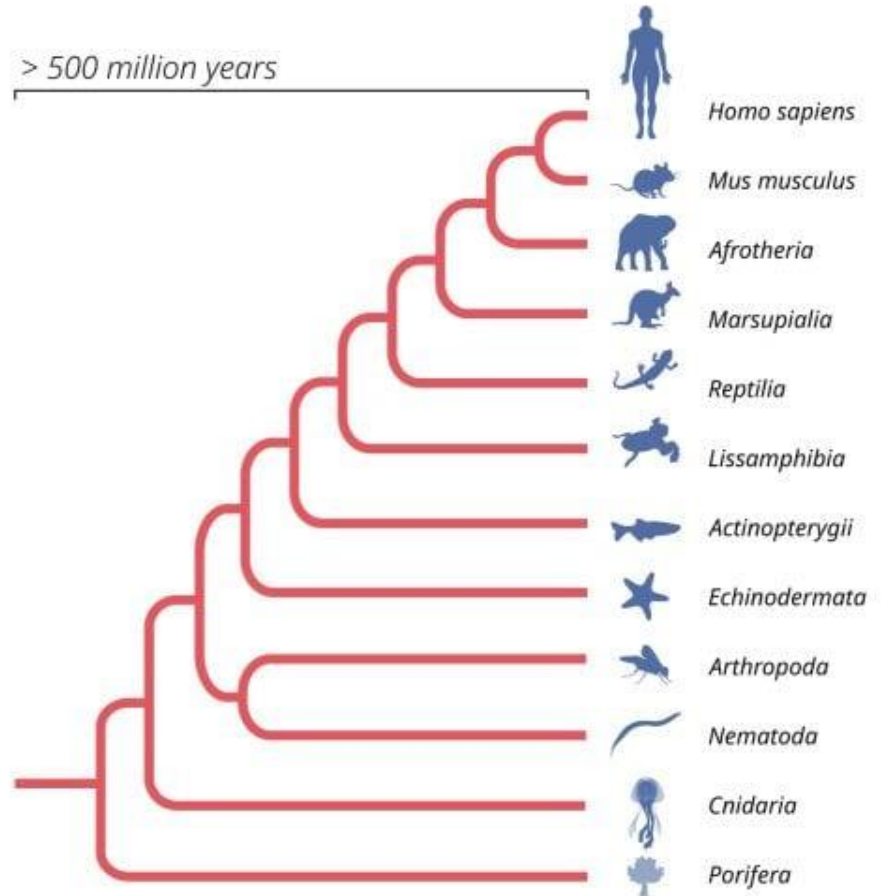
~~*lin-4*~~



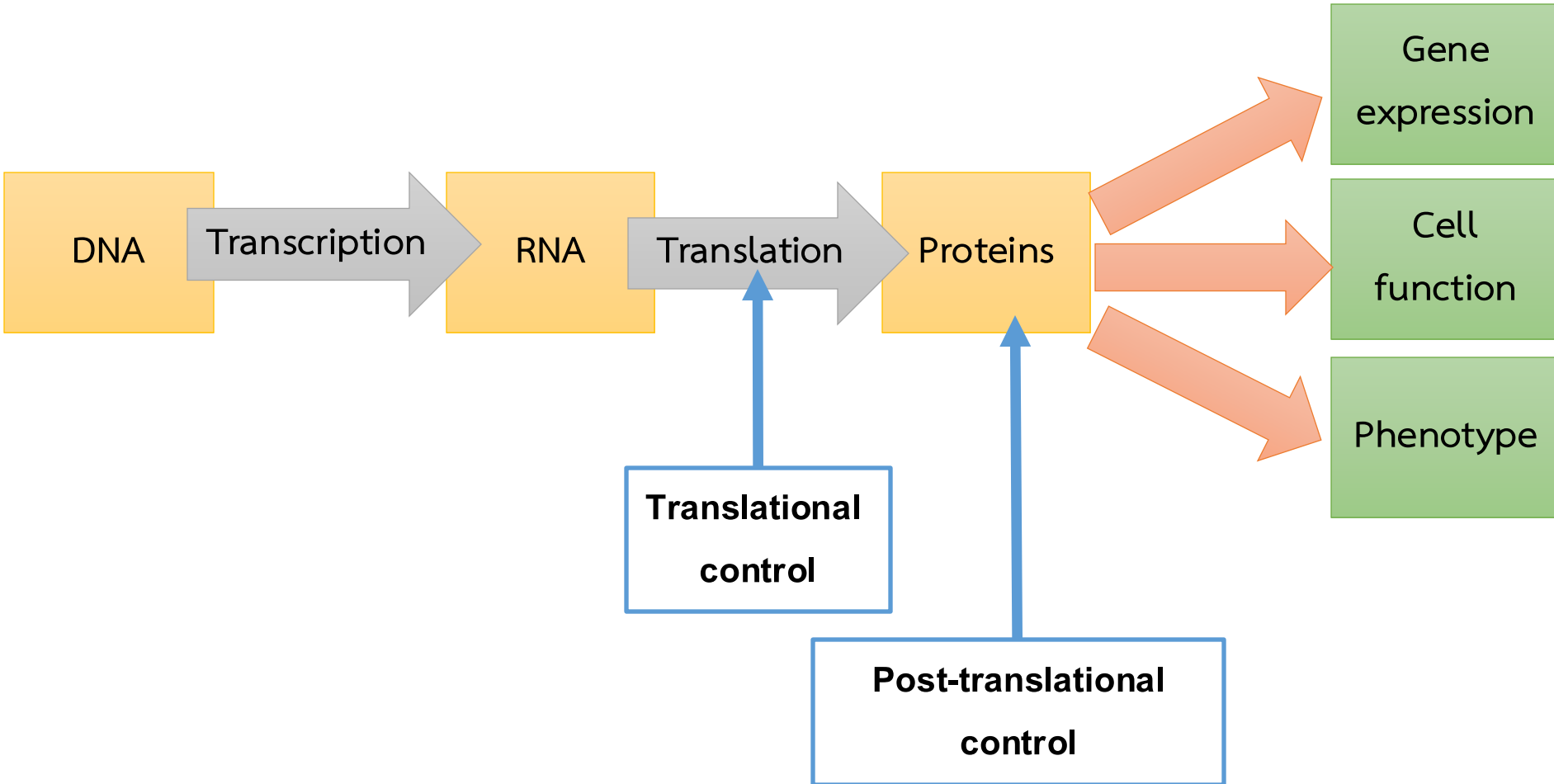
*let-7*



> 500 million years



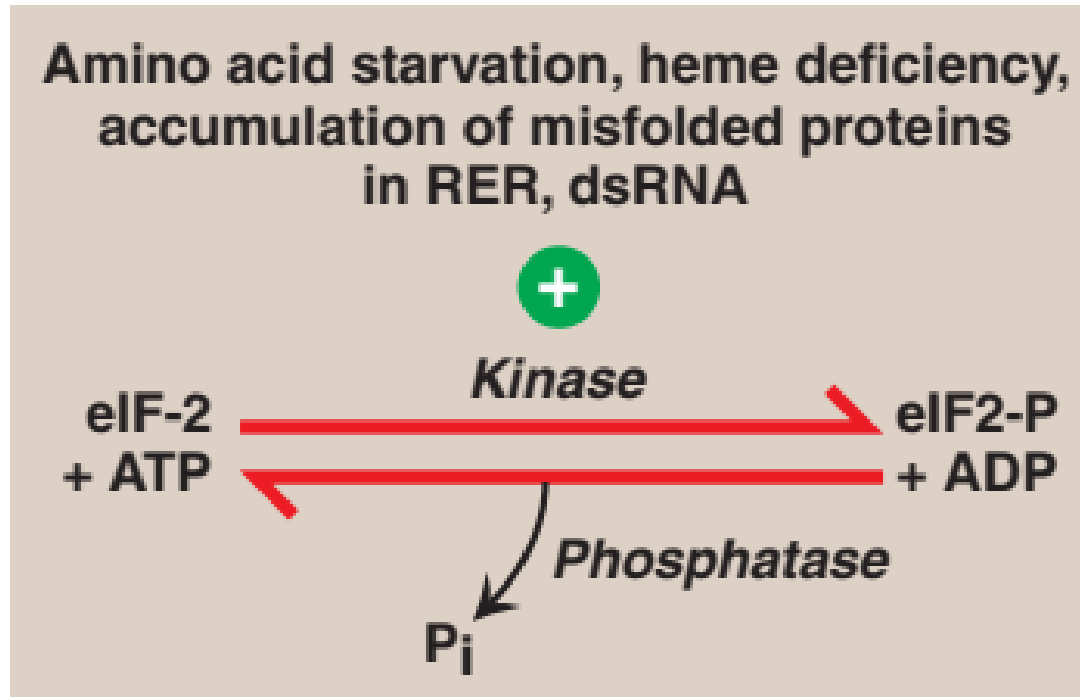
# Gene expression : Eukaryote





# Phosphorylation of eEF-2 leads to inhibition of the elongation phase

- The phosphorylation is thought to reduce the affinity of eEF-2 for the ribosome, thereby slowing down the overall rate of elongation phase of protein synthesis.



## Regulation of Gene Expression: Prokaryotes

*occurs primarily at*

**Transcription**

*through*

**Operons**

*encoding*

**Enzymes for  
use of lac**

**Enzymes for  
synthesis of trp**

*regulated by*

**Positive (inducer)  
and negative  
(repressor) control**

*through*

**Attenuation**

**rRNA, tRNA**

*regulated by*

**ppGpp**

*through*

**Stringent  
response**

*also occurs at*

**Translation**

*through*

**Operons**

*encoding*

**r-Proteins**

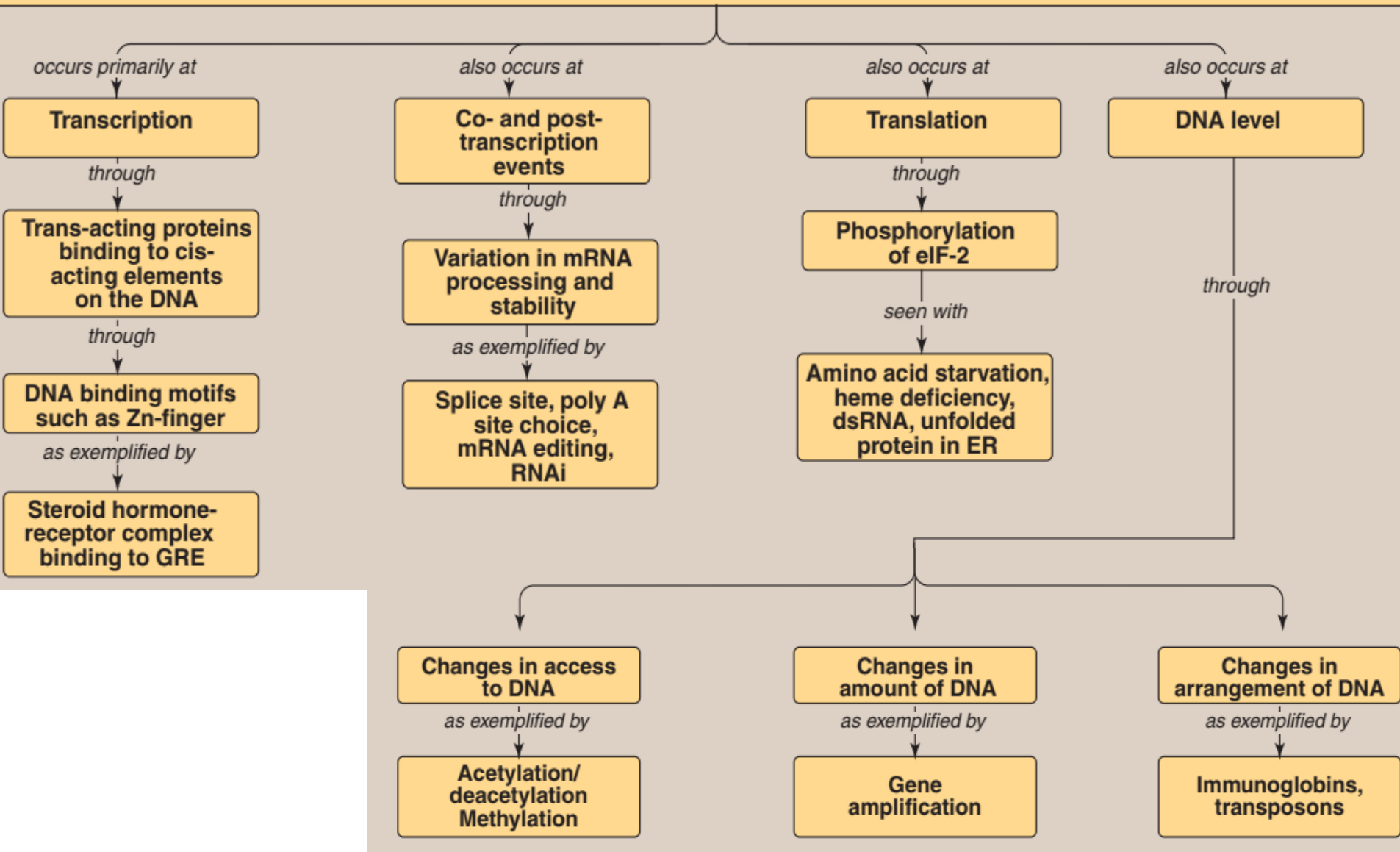
*regulated by*

**Specific r-protein  
binding to SD  
sequence on  
its mRNA**

*resulting in*

**Inhibition of  
r-protein synthesis**

# Regulation of Gene Expression: Eukaryotes



How can we do researches on gene regulations?

How can we apply knowledge of "Regulation of gene expression" to apply in medicine?

# Suggested reading

