

Lec4 \ DNA Damage and Repair



DNA Damage

DNA damage is an alteration in the ^{*} chemical structure of DNA, such as a break in a strand of DNA, a nucleobase missing from the backbone of DNA, or a chemically changed base such as 8-OHdG.

Sources of DNA damage

- naturally
- Environmental
 - Radiation
 - Carcinogens
- Mistakes in replication

DNA Repair

Depending on the type of defect found in the DNA, there are several pathways to activate the DNA, which can be explained as follows



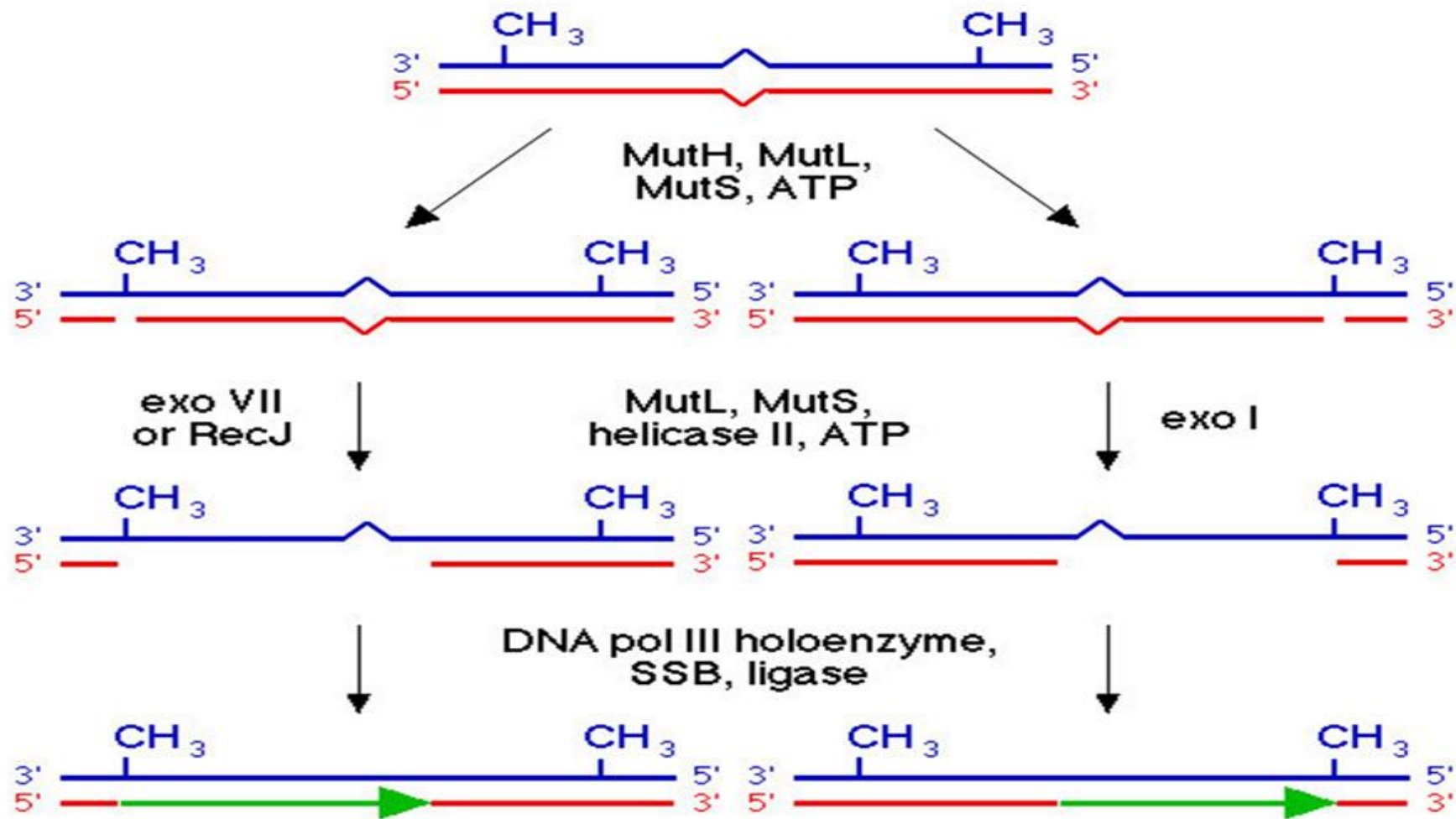
- 1-Mismatch Repair
- 2- Nucleotide Excision Repair
- 3-Base Excision Repair
- 4-Direct Photoreactivation Repair

1- Mismatch Repair (MMR):

This mechanism is used to break the **incorrect connection that occurs between incompatible bases**, especially the wrong connection that occurs between **Adenine** and other incompatible bases. *

This mechanism is used to repair the wrong association that occurs as a result **of point mutations and frameshift mutations**, meaning this mechanism is **used to repair Simple lesions and Bulky lesions.**

Methyl-directed Mismatch Repair



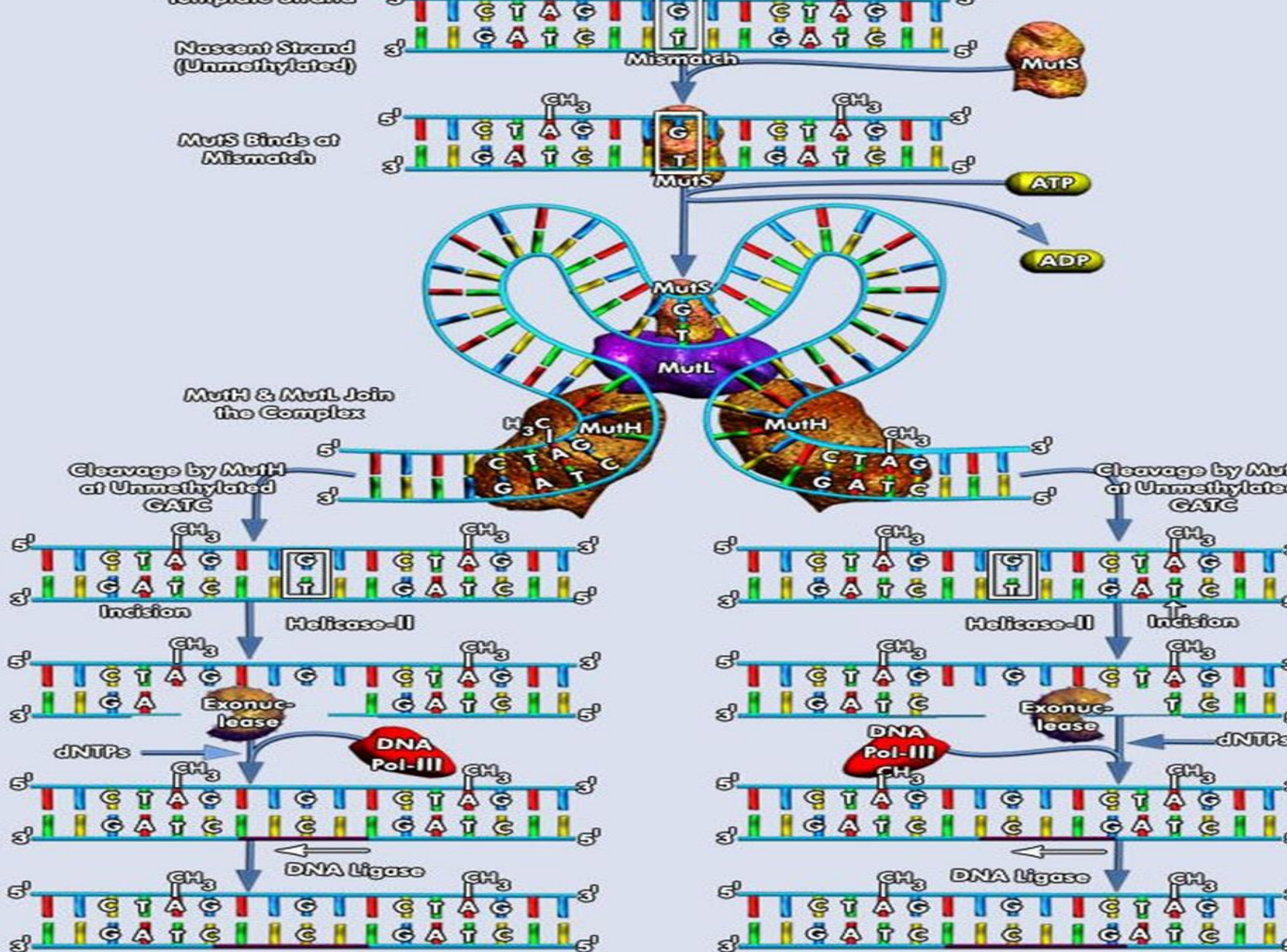
Nascent Strand
(Unmethylated)

MutS Binds at
Mismatch

MutH & MutL Join
the Complex

Cleavage by MutH
at Unmethylated
GATC

Cleavage by MutH
at Unmethylated
GATC



2- Nucleotide excision repair (NER) *

nucleotide excision repair (NER) This mechanism is used to repair bulky lesions that occur in more than one base and lead to a defect in the double helix, such as the Thymine Dimer, as follows:

deals with bulky adducts and cross-linking lesions caused by UV radiation or chemical exposure.

NER removes a fragment of nucleotides containing the damaged lesion and synthesizes a new DNA strand using the undamaged strand as a template.

Global Genome NER (GG-NER) repairs bulky damages throughout the entire genome, including regions that are not actively transcribed. Transcription-Coupled NER (TC-NER) repairs damage that occurs on the transcribed DNA strand.

Damaged nucleotide,
causing helix distortion



Excision point



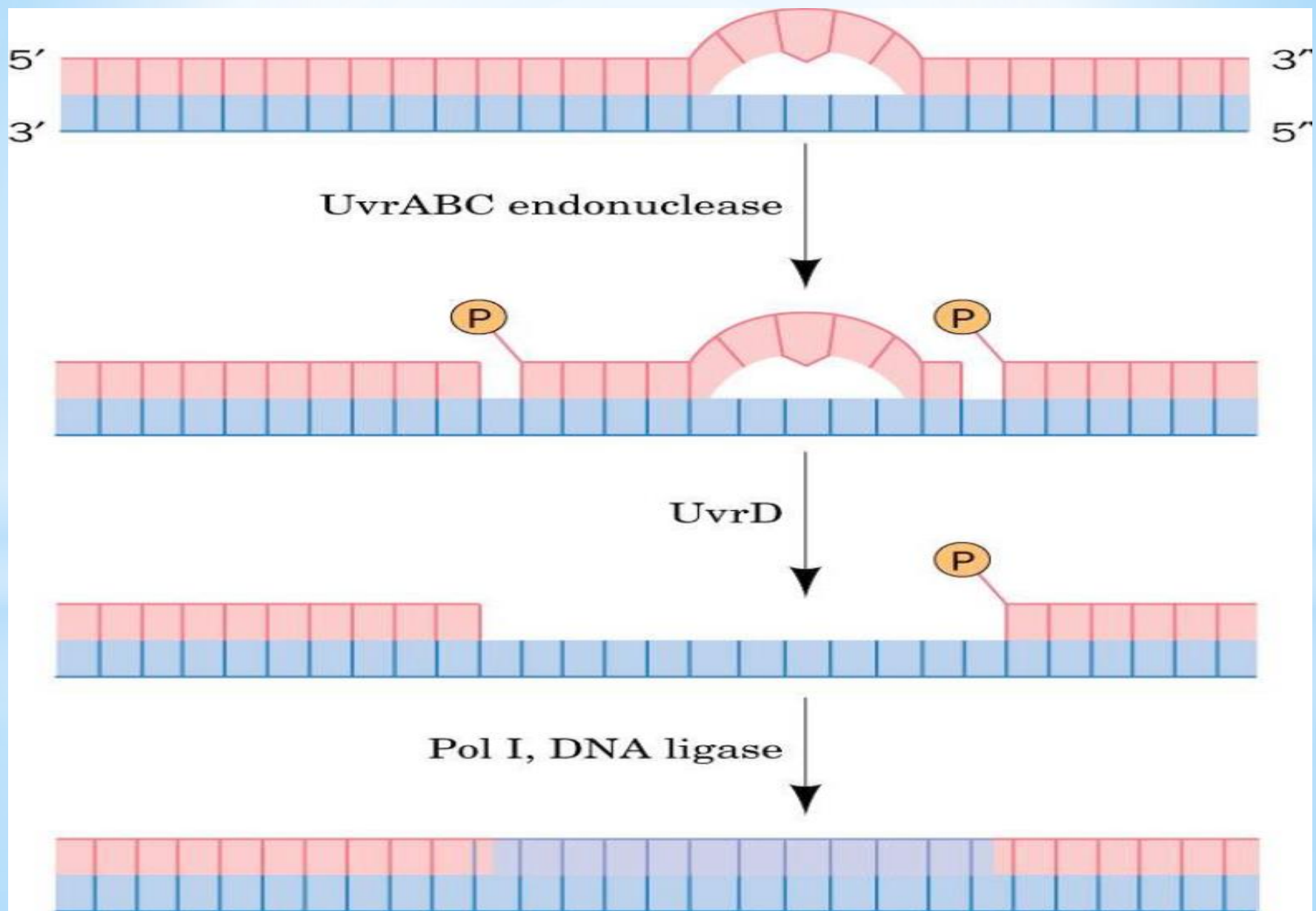
Melted region

Excision of the
damaged region



DNA polymerase +
DNA ligase

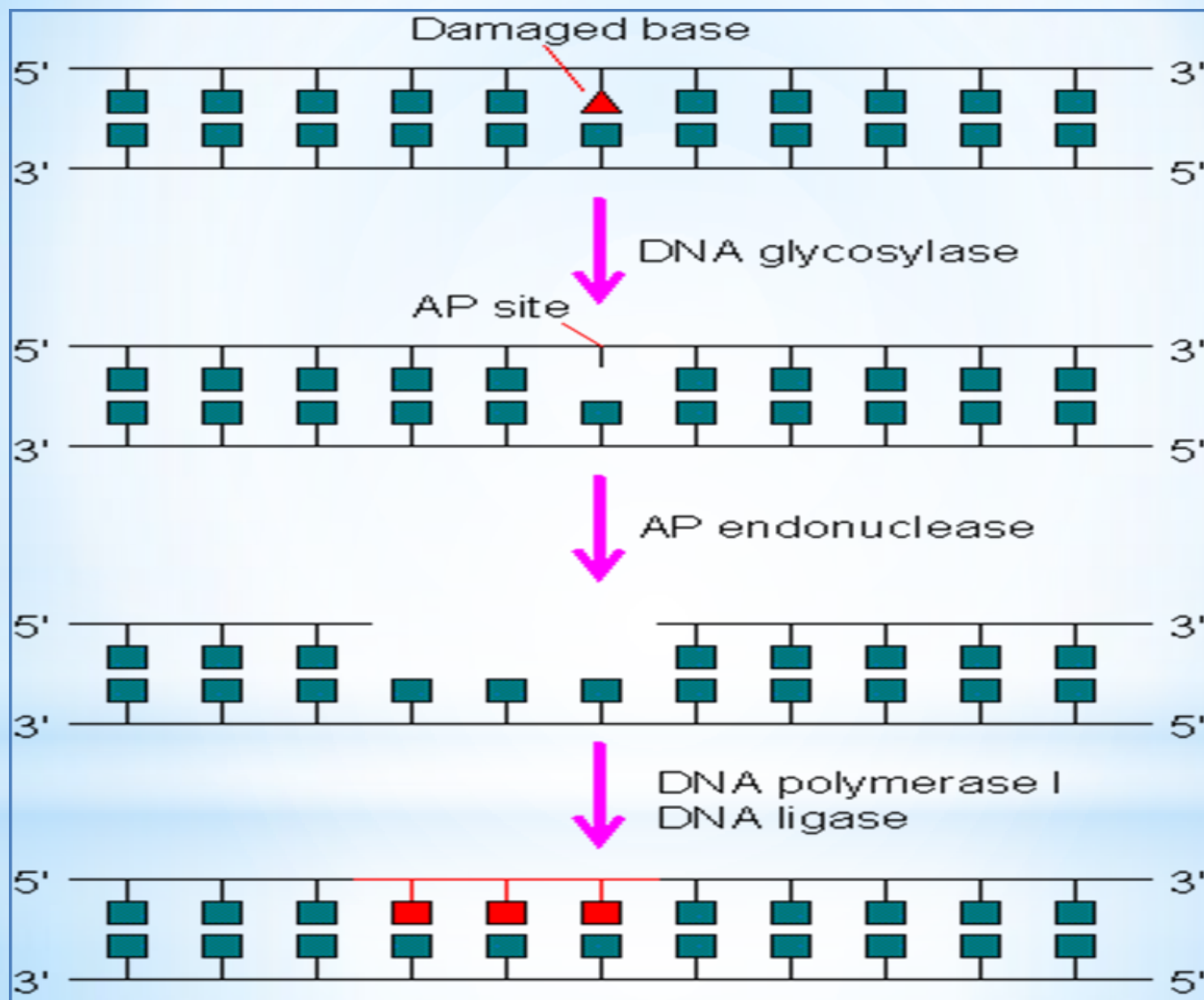




3-Base Excision Repair (BER) *

This mechanism is used to repair **non-bulky lesions** that occur in **only one base** and do **not lead to a defect** in the double helix. An example is the damage that **occurs** in DNA as a result of:

**deamination,
oxidation,
and alkylation processes.**

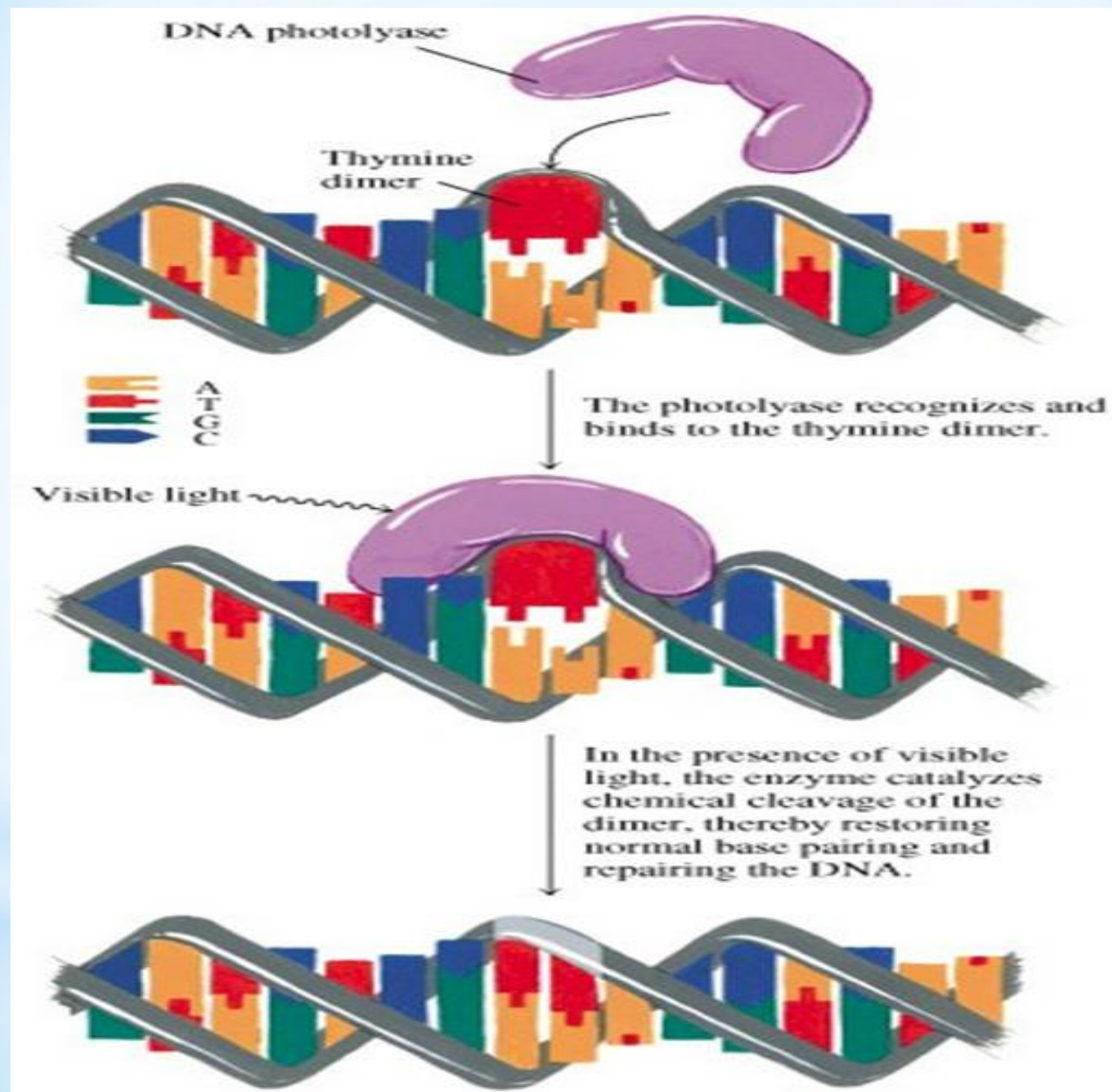


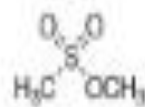
4- Direct Photoreactivation Repair *

It is the mechanism that is used to repair DNA damage resulting from **UV-B** and **UV-C** rays, which lead to the formation of photoproducts, such as **Thymine** Dimer.

This mechanism is summarized as follows:

The **photolyase** enzyme absorbs **visible light** and transfers **electrons** to **FADH** and from there to the Thymine Dimer, which leads to the dissolution of the Thymine Dimer.





DNA damage sources

Oxidation and alkylation

UV light and anti-tumor drugs

Replication errors

Irradiation, anti-tumor drugs and replication fork collapse



DNA lesions

SSBs

Oxidized bases

Bulky lesions

Crosslinks

Mismatches

DSBs

DNA repair pathways

BER

NER

MMR

HR

NHEJ

Main proteins

OGG1
APE1
XRCC1
FEN1
PCNA
Pol β
Ligase III

XPA
XPG
ERCC1
PCNA
Pol δ/ϵ
Ligase I

MSH2/MSH6
MLH1/PMS2
EXO1
PCNA
Pol δ
Ligase I

ATM
ATR
BRCA1/2
RAD50/51
Pol δ
Ligase I

KU70/80
DNA PKs
Pol μ
Ligase IV