

DNA replication



DNA polymerase

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- 5' - 3' only

→ functions without RNA and DNA primer in test tube.

Okazaki fragments

Replication fork is asymmetrical.

Main reason → ATP requirement for DNA helicase

The 3' nucleotide has a triphosphate, that can be broken to release energy. In 5' end if there is triphosphate, where does the primer sit? → Why 5' → 3'

Fact: only one polymerase acts (two? X)

Looping of lagging strand in replisome helps in coordinated movement of two strands

Joining of Okazaki Fragments

Why RNA as primer! (and not DNA)

RNAse H → 5' exonuclease

→ does it recognise 2' OH RNA

- Yes

DNA polymerase III → elongation.

DNA polymerase I → filling of gaps.

↳ does this remove the primers?

↳ how can it sit without something

Fidelity of replication

→ does not allow incorrect base pairs

→ can recognise unpaired end.

→ can also recognise RNA's due to steric

hindrance

Tautomers & incorrect base pairing

Structural isomers of chemical compounds that readily interconvert.

Thymine (enol), Cytosine (imino)

Transient → unpairs → recognised again

↳ as DNA pol moves slower than this change.

How does it slide back? → source of energy is ATP.

We should print pictures of DNA pol III.

CT on Monday HEHE