

Phases of the cell cycle Mitosis

Prophase	Chromosomes condense and spindle apparatus forms
Prometaphase	Kinetochores assembled at centromere, 2 opposite sides connected to microtubules
Metaphase	Lined up on imaginary metaphase plate. Polar microtubules extend from each spindle, overlap in middle, pole-pole connection
Anaphase	Cohesions are cleaved, daughters to opposite sides of cell. poles pulled apart
Telophase	Nuclear envelope reforms, chromosomes begin to condense
Cytokinesis	Division of cytoplasm

Mitosis

Mitosis	When cells divide, two genetically identical sister cells are their products
Uses	Somatic cells

G1 checkpoint

1. Cells big enough
2. Sufficient nutrients
3. social signals present
4. Cells undamaged

G2 checkpoint

1. No errors in replication
2. Activated MPF (cyclin + CDK) present
3. Undamaged

Metaphase checkpoint

1. Chromosomes attach to spindles
2. Chromosomes properly segregated
3. MPF absent

Mechanisms of cell cycle progression

Nucleotide excision repair	1. Error detected in DNA by proteins
	2. DNA nicking (cut at both sides of damage)
	3. Helicase unwinds and removes region with damaged bases
	4. DNA polymerase fills gap with undamaged strand as template
	5. Nucleotide linkage (DNA ligase links the strand into existing strand.
	If successful continues past G1 checkpoint
P53 gene	Creates CDK inhibitors if the cell is damaged so if cyclin is still present, CDK can still say no if damaged
UVRA	recognizes DNA damage, signals to start repair, if damage can't be repaired cell won't divide anymore.
recA	Facilitates DNA repair

DNA synthesis in Leading strand

Synthesized	Continuously
Begins with	RNA primer
After RNA primer	DNA polymerase

DNA synthesis in lagging strand

Synthesized	in fragments (Okazaki fragments)
Initiated by	RNA polymerase
RNA polymerase	builds primers
DNA polymerase	replicates DNA off of primers
RNA primer	popped out of gaps and replaced with DNA polymerase



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Both leading and Lagging strands

Single stranded binding proteins (SSBs)	Keep strands from attaching back together
Ligase	Fills in gaps or breaks in phosphodiester bonds of backbone
Helicase	Separates, unwinds double stranded DNA
Topoisomerase	Helps with stress on wound DNA, ex. Gyrase

Importance of Telomeres

Protect from	important DNA being cut out
Everytime cell divides	become shorter
Replication limit	prevents cancer
Why?	There is no 3' hydroxyl at end of lagging strand.
What?	G-rich series of repeats
Telomerase	elongates parental in 3' to 5' direction.



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