



Pathology

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NEOPLASIA



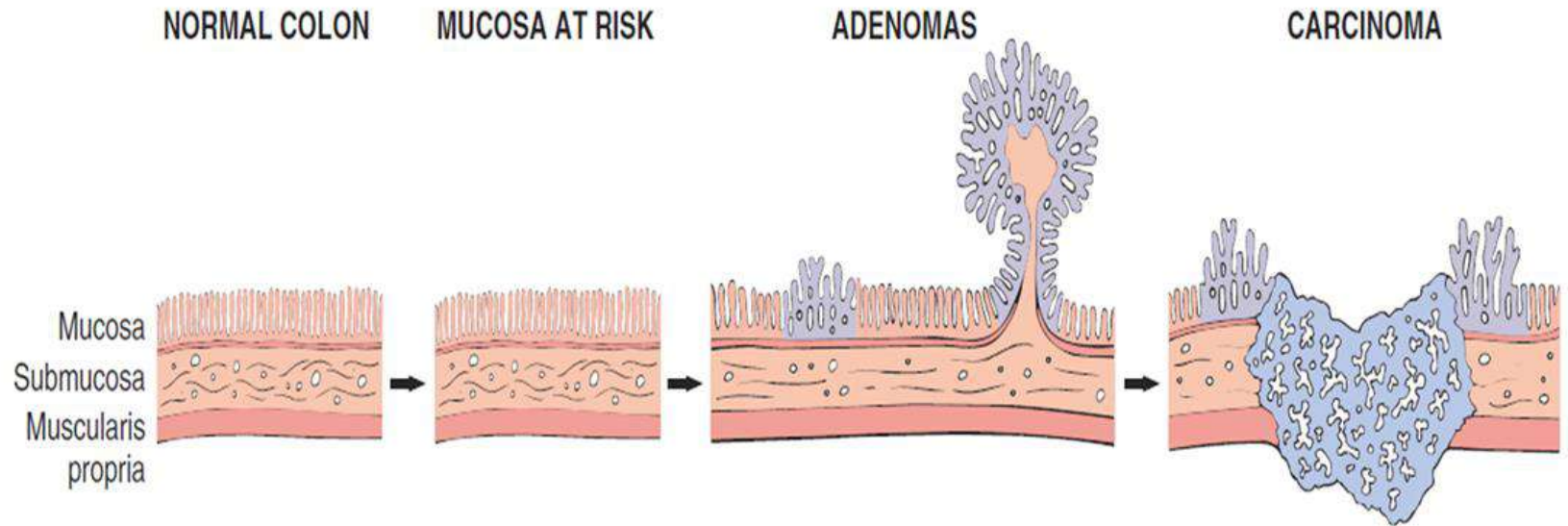
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Carcinogenesis

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Carcinogenesis is a multistep process resulting from the accumulation of multiple genetic alterations that collectively give rise to the transformed phenotype and all of its associated hallmarks.

In most *Cases*, no single mutation is sufficient to transform a normal cell into a cancer cell.



Germline (inherited) or somatic (acquired) mutations of cancer suppressor genes ("first hit")

APC at 5q21

Methylation abnormalities
Inactivation of normal alleles ("second hit")

APC
 β -catenin

Protooncogene mutations

K-RAS at 12p12

Homozygous loss of additional cancer suppressor genes
Overexpression of COX-2

TP53 at 17p13
LOH at 18q21 (SMAD 2 and 4)

Additional mutations
Gross chromosomal alterations

Telomerase,
Many genes

multiple mutations
→ APC

Tumor Progression: → after cells are transformed

This is the stepwise accumulation of mutations resulting in increasing features of malignancy:

- More Aggressive
- Less responsive to therapy

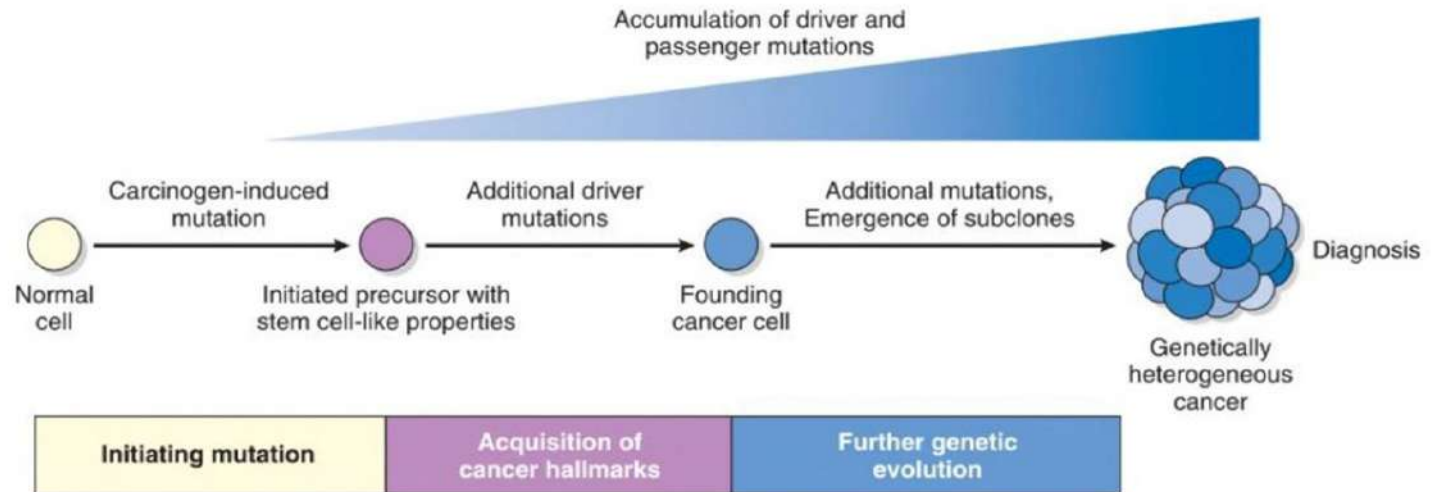
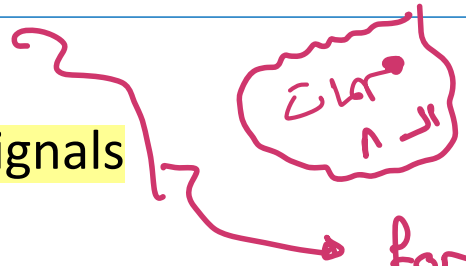


Fig. 6.16 Development of cancer through stepwise accumulation of complementary driver mutations. The order in which various driver mutations occur is usually unknown and may vary from tumor to tumor.

Hallmarks of Cancer

- All cancers appear to display eight fundamental changes in cell physiology and two enabling factors (genomic instability and tumor-promoting inflammation) that promote cellular transformation and subsequent tumor progression.

1. Self-sufficiency in growth signals
2. Insensitivity to growth-inhibitory signals
3. Altered cellular metabolism
4. Evasion of apoptosis
5. Limitless replicative potential (Immortality)
6. Sustained angiogenesis
7. Ability to invade & metastasize
8. Evasion of immune surveillance



for this lecture

1. Self-sufficiency in growth signals

→ mutation → gain function

- Gain of function mutation in Genes coding for growth: Classified by the site of action

■ Proto-oncogenes: Normal.

↳ oncogenes ↑

■ Oncogenes: Mutant/overexpressed

■ oncogenes → oncoproteins (promote cell growth, even without normal growth-promoting Signals).

■ They include genes coding:

1. Growth factors

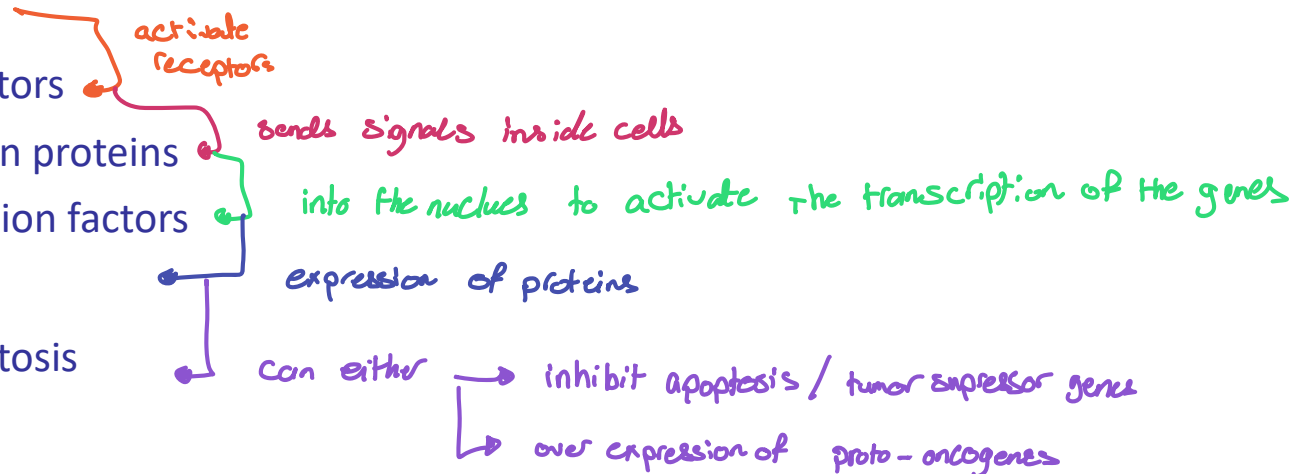
2. Cell surface receptors

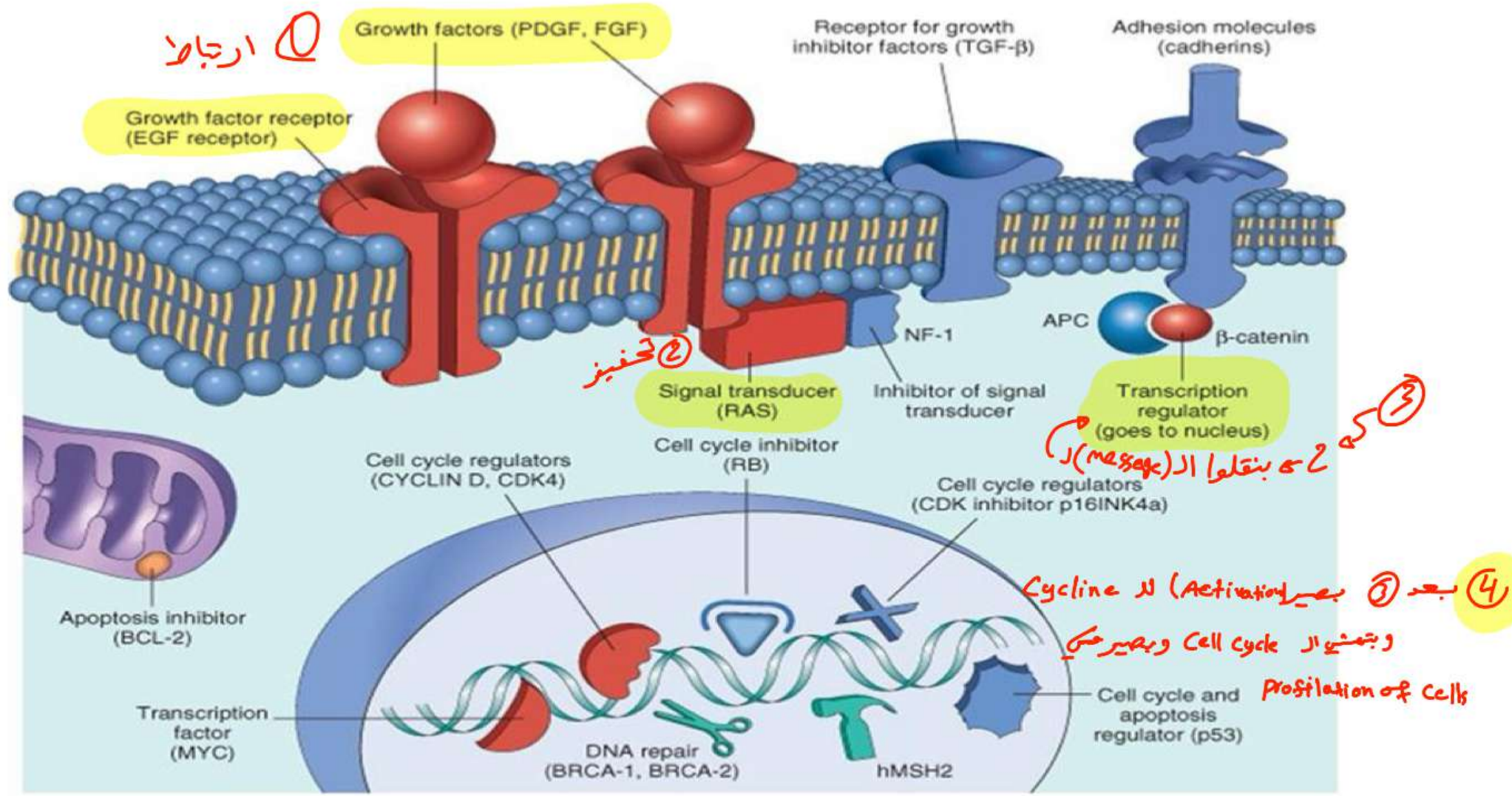
3. Signal transduction proteins

4. Nuclear transcription factors

5. Cell cycle proteins

6. Inhibitors of apoptosis





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(4) بعد (3) بغير Activation لا Cycline
 و يتمشور Cell cycle و بغير حكي
 Proliferation of Cells

1- Oncogenes coding Growth Factors

- Some cancers acquire the ability to synthesize the same growth factors (GF) to which they are responsive (autocrine) or send signals to activate normal cells in the supporting stroma to synthesize the same GF to which they are responsive (paracrine).
 - Platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF) seen in glioblastomas
 - Transforming Growth Factor (TGF- α) in sarcomas
- Products of other oncogenes (e.g. RAS) may cause overexpression of GF.

* Auto crine → parenchymal cells will stimulate itself → by a GF

* Para crine → parenchymal cells will stimulate the stromal cells
→ stromal cells will stimulate the parenchymal cells → by the same GF

2- Oncogenes coding Growth Factor Receptors

- Many of the growth factor receptors function as oncoproteins when they:

- **Mutant receptor** → continuous signals even in the absence of GF...

Or Normal but **overexpressed** ⇒ hypersensitive to GF...

- Epidermal GF receptor family:

ERBB1 overexpressed in sq. CA lung ^① & Glioblastoma ^②

ERBB2 (Her2) amplified in breast Ca, ^① less lung, ^② ovary, ^③ stomach ca ^④

- Increase = POOR PROGNOSIS

→ Can use Treatment that inhibits it

3- Oncogenes in signal transduction

- The signals are transmitted to the nucleus through various signal transduction molecules.

- **Two important oncoproteins in the category of signaling molecules:**

1. RAS

2. ABL

1. RAS

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g protein Activity

- RAS proteins **are inactive when bound to GDP**
- Stimulation of cells by growth factors: exchange of GDP for GTP and generate active RAS. → to stop the stimulse
- Intrinsic guanosine triphosphatase (**GTPase**) of RAS hydrolyzes GTP to GDP, releasing a phosphate group and returning RAS to its quiescent GDP-bound state.
- The **GTPase** protein is magnified dramatically by a family of **GTPase-activating proteins (GAPs)**.

→ activates GTPase

لازم ترجعه لل (inactive form)

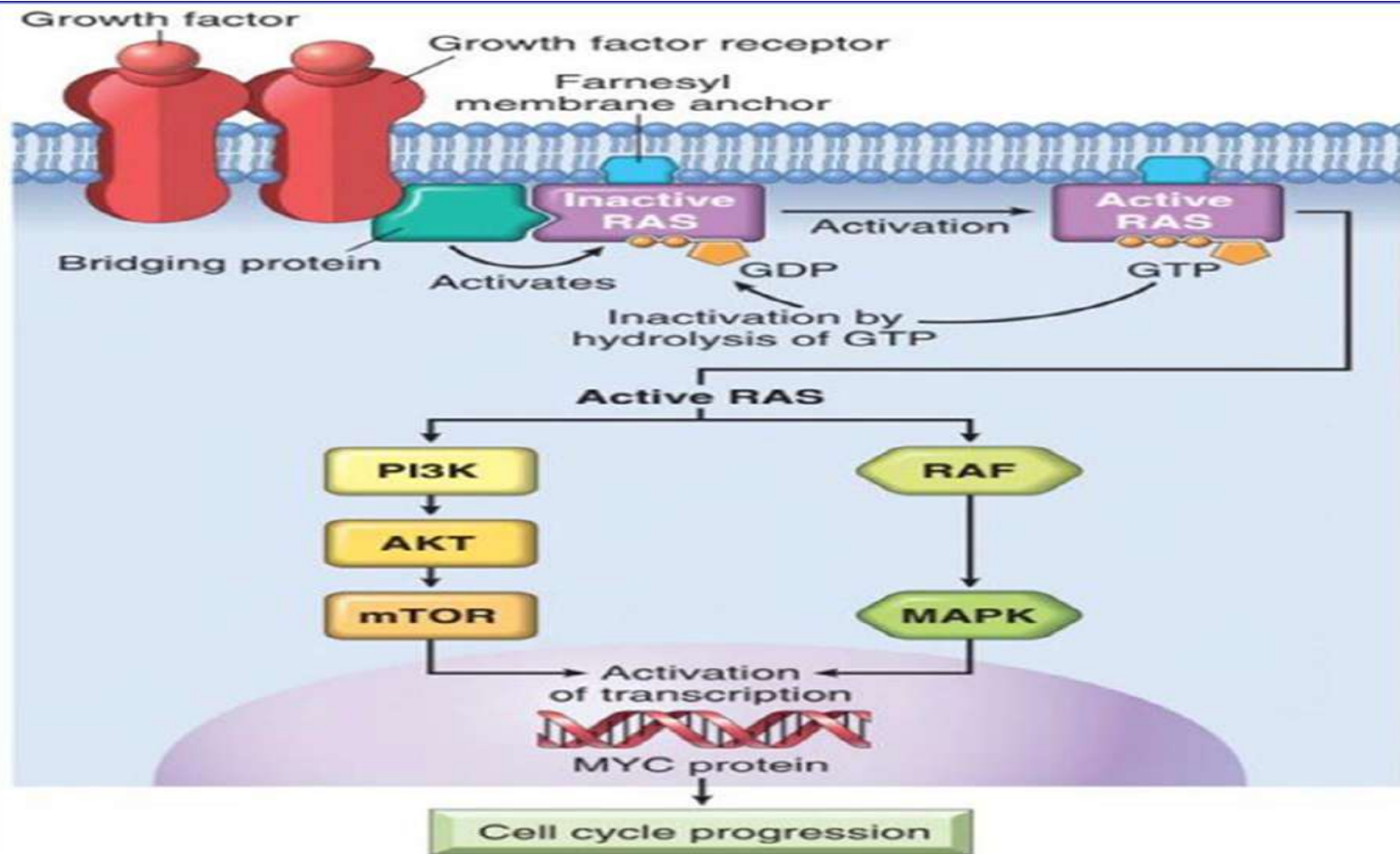


Fig. 6.18 Model for action of RAS. When a normal cell is stimulated through a growth factor receptor, inactive (GDP-bound) RAS is activated to a GTP-bound state. Activated RAS transduces proliferative signals to the nucleus along two pathways; the so-called "RAF/ERK/MAP kinase pathway" and the *PI3* kinase/AKT pathway. GDP, Guanosine diphosphate; GTP, guanosine triphosphate; MAP, mitogen-activated protein; *PI3*, phosphatidylinositol-3.

- Active RAS → Signal transduction (RAF/MAP-K or PI3-K/AKT pathways) → transcription activation → ↑ proliferation
- RAS most commonly is activated by point mutations in amino acid residues that are either within the GTP binding pocket or in the enzymatic region that carries out GTP hydrolysis
 (بفضل يحمه انه مرتبط فيه الـ (GTPase))
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- Activated RAS stimulates downstream regulators of proliferation by several interconnected pathways.
 ↑ RAS → ↑ proliferation
- Commonest oncogene mutation in human tumors.
- Point mutations in codons 12, 13 are present in 30% of cancers, especially CA pancreas & Colon.

2. ABL:

normal function → negatively regulated when proliferation is inhibited

- ❑ Non-receptor tyrosine kinase function as signal transduction molecule
- ❑ The ABL proto- oncogene has tyrosine kinase activity dampened by internal negative regulatory domain
- Chronic myeloid leukemia: t(9;22) → BCR-ABL hybrid gene *explained in lecture (3)*
- This new gene protein is retained in the cytoplasm where it has tyrosine kinase activity activates all of the signals downstream of RAS → cell proliferation

Cell cycle ← Control

→ (Cyclins) على (Control) (بجملته)

4- Nuclear Transcription Factors:

→ Signal transduced from cytosol → Nucleus
(activating expression molecules)

- DNA transcription regulated by genes e.g. MYC, JUN, ...etc. that regulate the expression of growth-promoting genes, such as cyclins → initiation of cell cycle
- MYC mutation → sustained activation
- Examples:
 - Dysregulation of MYC in Burkitt lymphoma
 - MYC amp. in Breast, lung CA.

Cyclins : بفضله فعال

Cell cycle : sustained proliferation

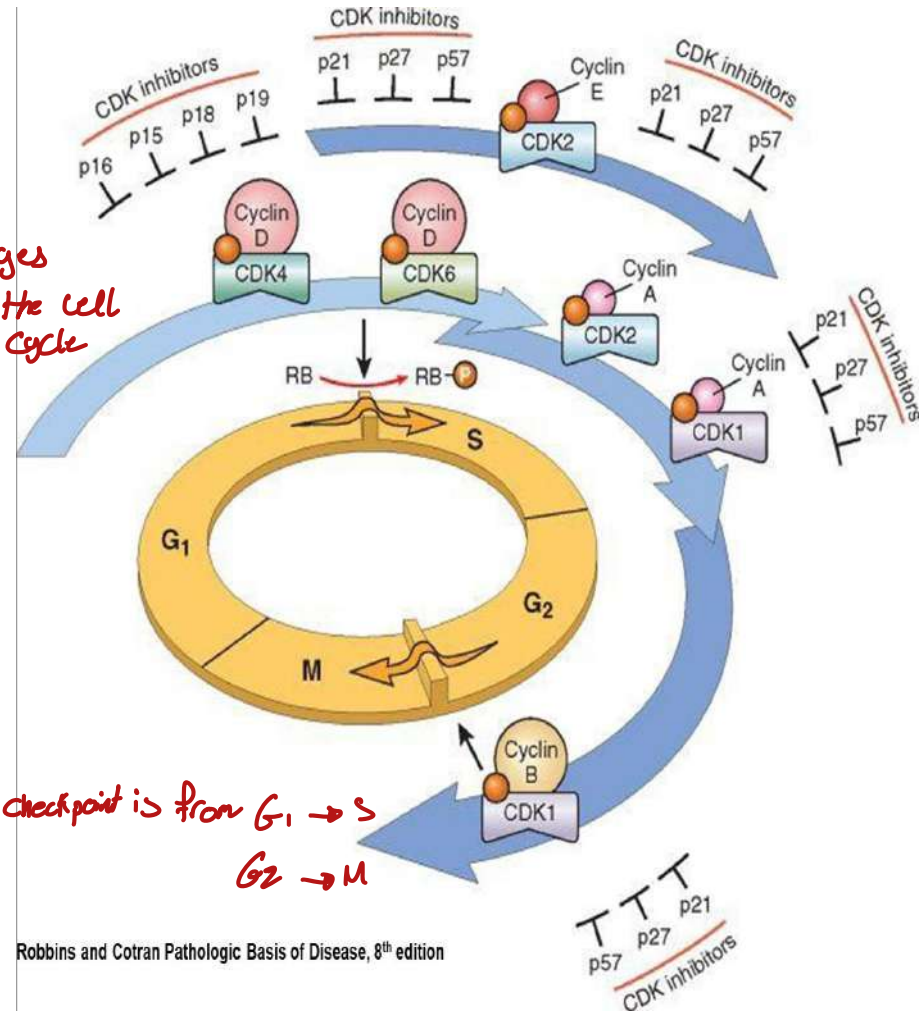
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5- Cyclins & Cyclin Dependent – Kinases regulate cell cycle phases

L → Cyclin → proteins that are at different concentration at different stages of the cell cycle

- Family of proteins that control entry of the cells at specific phases of cell cycle (D, E, A, B....etc.) *Cyclins*
- Level of a specific cyclin increases at a specific phase, then decreases rapidly after the cell departs that phase
- Function by phosphorylating certain proteins (e.g. RB protein)
- Cyclins bind to CDKs, activating them

*→ most imp checkpoint is from G₁ → S
G₂ → M*



↪ negative regulators of Cyclin / CDK

- CDK inhibitors regulate the activity of CDK/ Cyclin.



- Selective or nonselective inhibition.

↳ work on a specific one

- Examples: p21, p27 & p57 inhibit all CDKs while INK4 Inhibitors (p15, p16, p18 & p19) inhibit CDK4 & CDK6.

(الباقى) (non-selective)

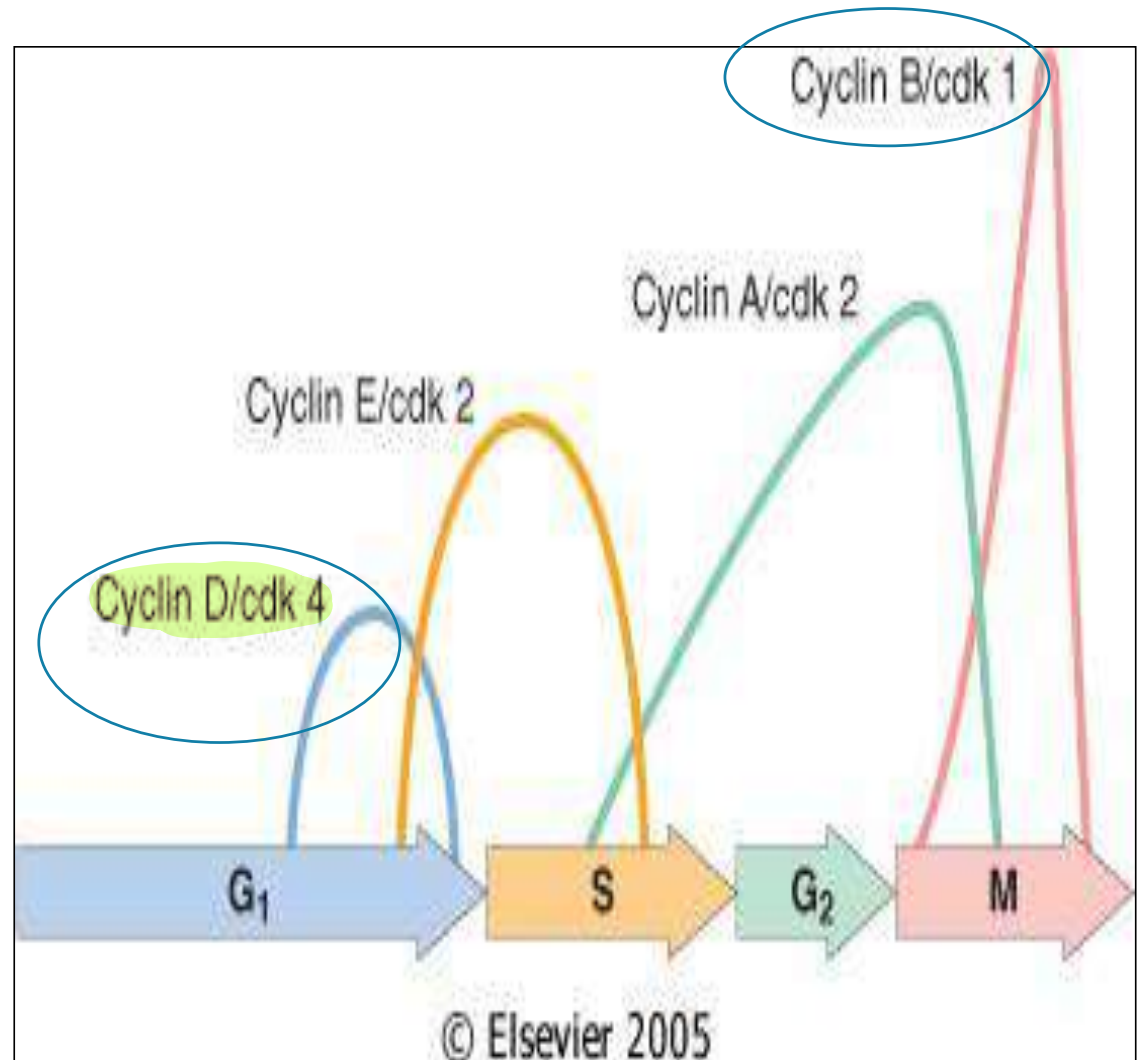
- The tumor suppressor protein p53 controls expression of p21.

Two important checkpoints, each of which is tightly regulated by a balance of growth-promoting and growth-suppressing factors, as well as by sensors of DNA damage:

- **G1 - S phase checkpoint:**

Cyclin D family---CDK4 & CDK6

- **G2 - M transition:** Cyclin B-CDK1 activate



* reason why these are the most imp. checkpoints

- Once cells pass through the G1/S checkpoint, they are committed to undergo cell division.

- Then, defects in the G1/S checkpoint are particularly important in cancer since these lead directly to increased cell division.

- All cancers appear to have genetic lesions that disable the G1/S checkpoint, causing cells to continually reenter the S phase.

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★ Mutations that dysregulate activity of cyclins & CDKs → Gain-of-function mutations and cell proliferation:

e.g.: Cyclin D is overexpressed in breast → passes G₁ → S checkpoint

★ Loss-of-function mutations involving CDKs → cell proliferation:

- Disabling mutations of CDKN2A (encoding p16): germline (in melanoma)
- Acquired deletion or inactivation of CDKN2A is seen in pancreatic carcinomas, glioblastomas, esophageal cancers
↳ p16

↳ as we said → Multi step process →
• oncogene ↑
• tumor suppressor gene ↓

A final consideration :

- The increased production of oncoproteins does not by itself lead to a sustained proliferation of cancer cells.
- There are two built-in mechanisms, **cell senescence** and **apoptosis**, that oppose oncogene-mediated cell growth.
- Therefore, genes that regulate these two braking mechanisms must be disabled to allow the action of oncogenes to proceed unopposed.

2. Insensitivity to growth-inhibitory signals

- **Disruption in Cancer Suppressor Genes**

- Growth inhibitory pathway by:

RB gene: Regulate cell cycle

TP53 gene: Regulate cycle & apoptosis

TGF- β : Block GF signals

APC gene: regulates β -catenin *↳ Antiproliferative action*

* 2 Alleles must be mutated/deleted
for inhibition of tumor suppressor
gene

لحتى ابي (Tumor suppressor gene) يبطل يشتغل لازم ادا (two copies) للجينة يكونوا معهم شغالين سواء كانه المرض وراثي أو لا

1- RB gene (Governor of cell cycle):

لو ادا (copy) الاول خرب الثاني يشتغل بداله

- The first tumor suppressor gene to be discovered
- First studied in Retinoblastoma
- RB gene → RB protein
- Both copies of gene must be lost for neoplastic transformation to occur

↳ both mutated

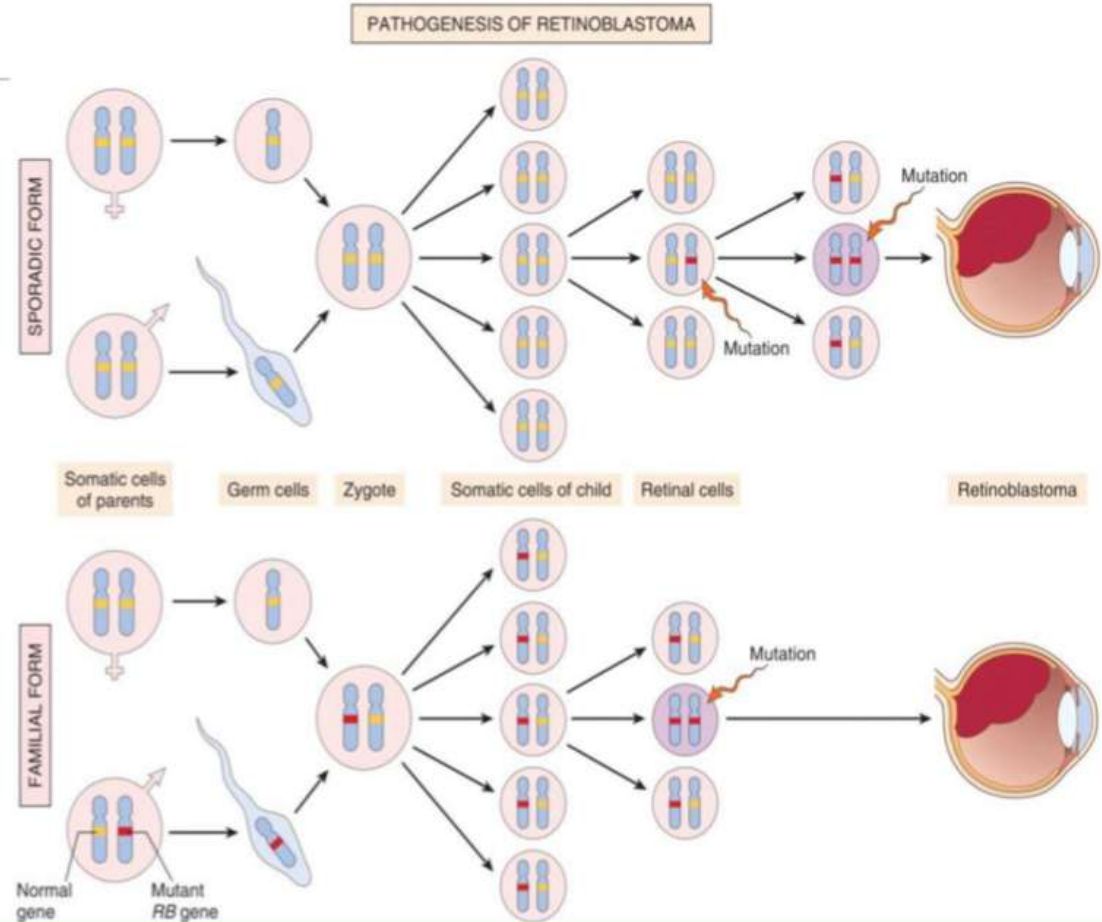
■ This is called **loss of heterozygosity**

■ Familial (RB → RB) or

■ Sporadic (RB → RB → RB)

red → normal

blue → mutated / detected



Mode of action of *RB* gene:

- The function of the RB protein is to regulate the G1/S checkpoint, the portal through which cells must pass before DNA replication commences.
- G1 – S transition and DNA replication require the activity of cyclin E/CDK2
- Cyclin E is dependent on the E2F family of transcription factors
- Active hypophosphorylated RB binds to & inhibits the E2F family of transcription factors --- NO TRANSCRIPTION of cyclin E

Growth factor signaling leads to cyclin D expression and activation of cyclin D- CDK4/6 complexes, which phosphorylate RB, inactivating the protein and releasing E2F → induce target genes such as cyclin E. → TRANSCRIPTION (G1 -- S phase)

GROWTH INHIBITORS
(TGF- β , p53, others)

Stimulate

CDK Inhibitors
p16

Inactivate

Cyclins D/CDK4,6
Cyclin E/CDK2

Hypophosphorylated
RB

→ Active

GROWTH FACTORS
(EGF, PDGF)

Activate

Cyclins D/CDK4,6
Cyclin E/CDK2

Hyperphosphorylated
RB

→ in active

inhibition

↓ لا يقدر يعمل
release



Histone methyl-transferase Histone deacetylase



E2F site S phase genes

Transcriptional block



→ released



E2F site S phase genes

Transcriptional activation

Retinoblastoma:

- Sporadic in 60% of cases
- Familial (40%), AD
- In familial form, patients carry one mutation in their genome, followed by a second mutation in retinal cells
- No tumor develops unless two alleles in chr. 13q14 become mutant (two hit theory)
- Familial form: ↑ incidence of bilateral ret., osteosarcoma, and other tumors

↳ only one mutation is needed

police man

2- TP53 (Guardian of Genome)

- The most commonly mutated gene (and suppressor gene) in human cancer.
- Homozygous loss in 70% of cancers
- TP53 is a negative regulator of the cell cycle (protein product is p53).
- 'Guardian of the Genome' OR (Policeman) preventing genetically damaged cells from progressing through a new cycle.
- p53 is inactivated by MDM2.
- Upon DNA damage or other stresses, various pathways will dissociate the p53 and MDM2 complex.

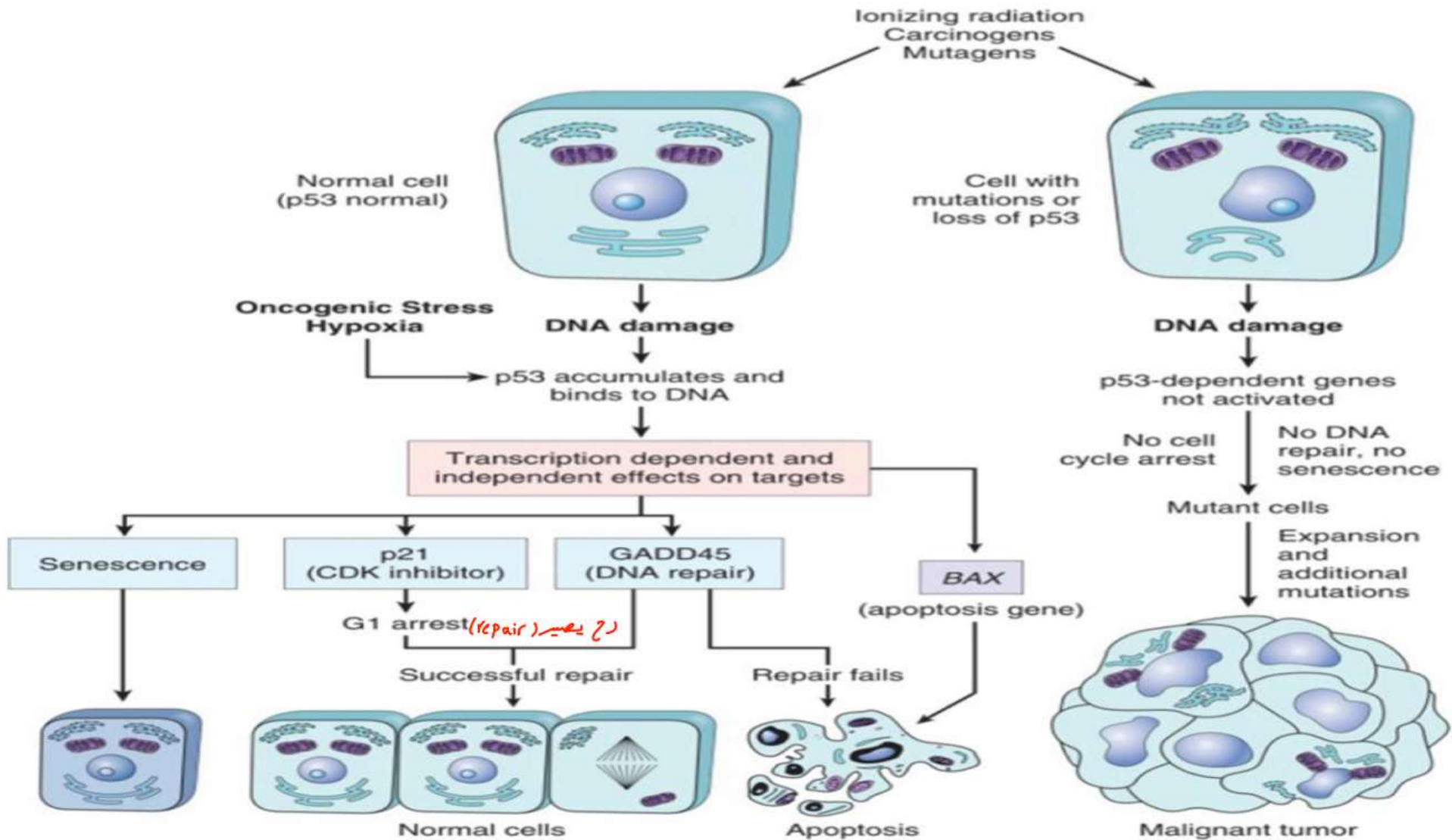
Mode of activation & action:

- p53 senses DNA damage or other stresses through various sensors, like protein kinases e.g. **Ataxia telangiectasia mutated (ATM) protein** → phosphorylates p53 → prevent degradation by MDM2
- p53 released from MDM2 & activated with longer half-life →
 - Transcription of CDKI gene **CDKN1A (p21)** → cell cycle arrest at G1 (**Quiescence**) ---
Result: more time for repair --- Normal inactive

OR

↳ GADD45 / PCNA → for repair

- If repair fails ---- **Senescence** (permanent cell cycle arrest) or **Apoptosis** (p53 is a positive regulator of apoptosis (**BAX & PUMA**)). (BAX)
- OR **Fixed mutation** --- **NEOPLASIA**



70% of Cancers
↙

Most common mutant of tumor suppressor gene for cancer

Significance of TP53 mutation:

- ❖ Acquired mutation in many cancers
e.g. colon, breast, lung, ...etc
- ❖ Inherited mutation in one allele---
Li-Fraumeni syndrome – 25-fold ---malignancy: sarcoma, breast carcinoma, brain tumors etc
↳ compared to general population

3- Transforming Growth Factor- β (TGF-B):

A potent inhibitor of proliferation (Antiproliferative activity): -

Act by binding to a complex composed of TGF- β receptors I and II resulting in the transcriptional activation of CDKIs with growth-suppressing activity and repression of growth-promoting genes.

- Mutations may alter the type II TGF- β receptor.

-Mutational inactivation of TGF- β components seen in a very high percent of pancreatic carcinoma & the majority of colonic CA

4- Contact Inhibition, APC:

- Cell-cell contacts in many tissues are mediated by **homodimeric interactions between transmembrane proteins called cadherins.**

→ all junctions attached by cadherins

↳ junctions

- **E-cadherin** (E for epithelial) mediates cell-cell contact in epithelial layers.

- **Contact inhibition** enables noncancerous cells to **cease proliferation** and growth when they form confluent monolayers and **contact** each other.

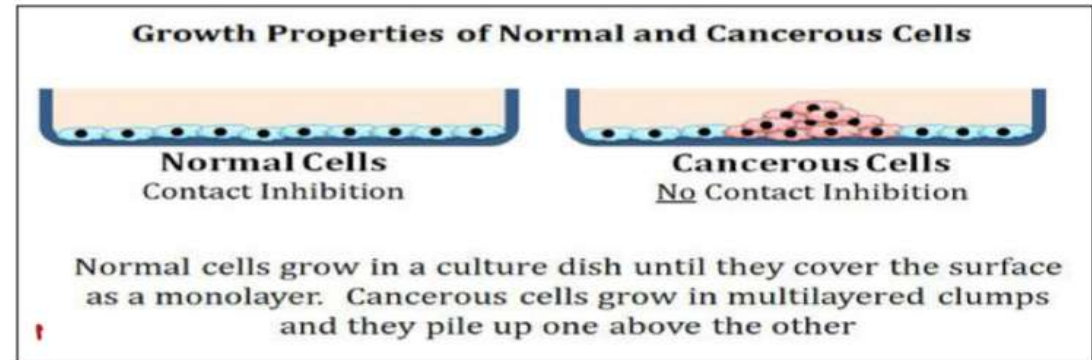
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- **Two mechanisms have been proposed to explain how E-cadherin maintains contact inhibition:**

1- Tumor suppressor gene *NF2*

2- APC gene and β -catenin (a key

component of the WNT signaling pathway).



-This characteristic is **lost** when cells undergo malignant transformation, leading to uncontrolled proliferation and solid tumor formation.

By:

-E-cadherins are reduced in many cancers.

- Mutant APC.

- β -catenin overfunctioning

all explained on the picture below

ACTION OF APC GENE:

- Gene product is a cytoplasmic protein that acts in adhesion by regulating the destruction of β -catenin in the cytoplasm.
- In quiescent cells that have not been exposed to WNT, cytoplasmic β -catenin is degraded by a destruction complex, so no proliferation of cells occur.


APC + β -catenin + E-Cadherin

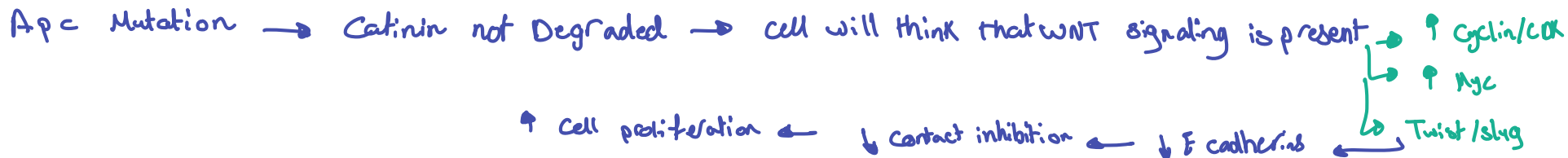
**Destruction
Complex**

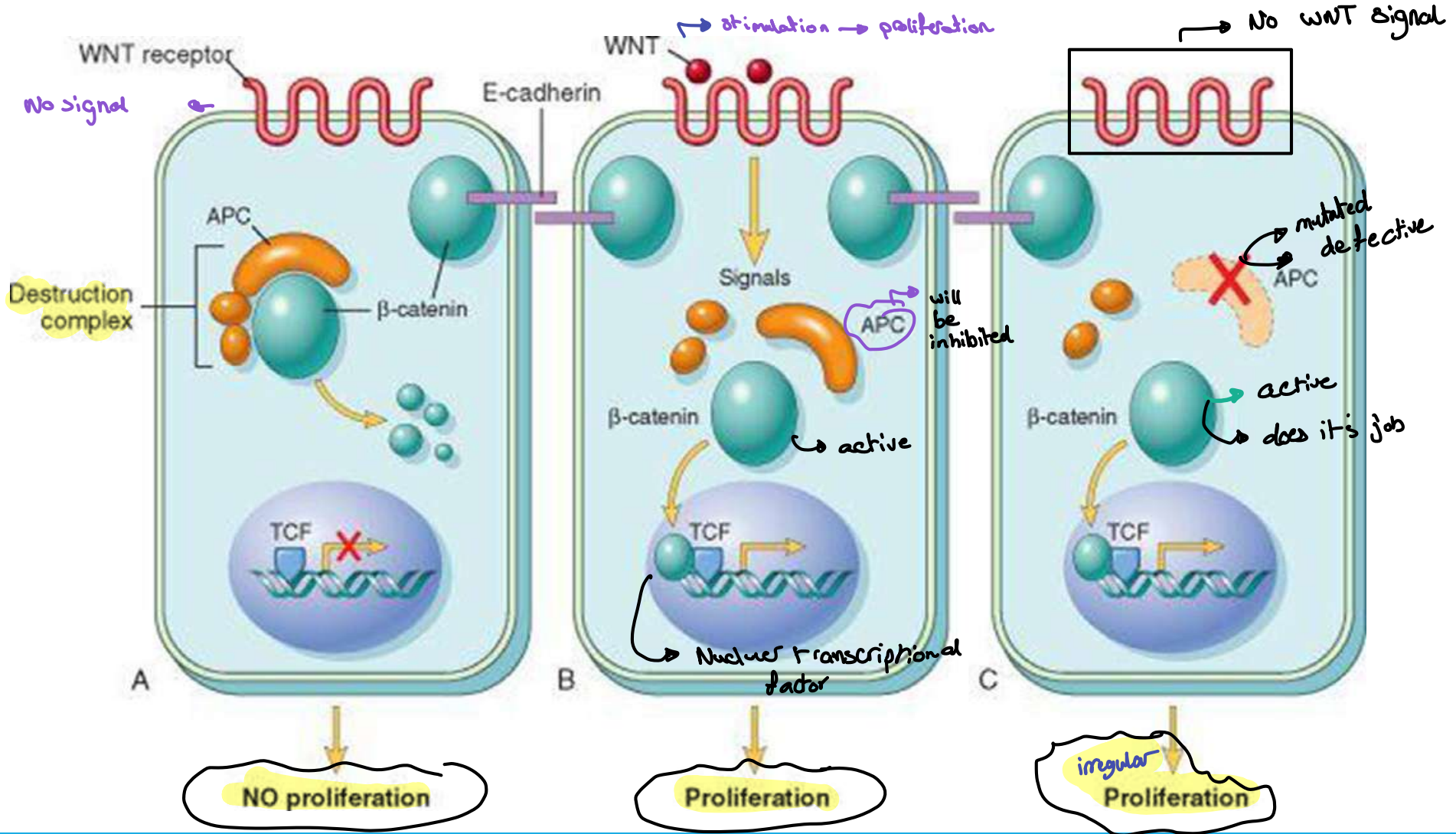
WNT → activates cell proliferation

↳ β catenin is also a Nuclear Transcription Factor

↳ it goes to the Nucleus and activated gene expression during proliferation

- With the **loss of APC** (in malignant cells), **β -catenin degradation is prevented**, and the WNT signaling response is inappropriately activated in the absence of WNT  transcription of growth-promoting genes, **such as cyclin D1 and MYC**, as well as transcriptional regulators, such as **TWIST and SLUG**, that repress E-cadherin expression and thus **reduce contact inhibition and proliferation.**





→ chromosome 5

Clinical significance of APC →

Familial Adenomatous Polyposis Coli (FAP)

* people with this mutation might have their colon removed as prophylaxis

- AD syndrome.
- Individuals with inherited one mutant allele of APC develop 100s to 1000s of adenomatous **polyps** by their **teens or twenties**. *↳ causing cancer/tumor*
- Additional mutations → colonic **carcinoma** (100% ↑↑ risk in familial polyposis coli).
- 70-80% of sporadic colonic carcinoma show mutant APC. *مشور وراثية صار بعد الولادة*
- Colonic cancers with normal APC have activating mutations of **β-catenin** that render them refractory to the degrading action of APC.

↳ over expression

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FAP







