

## Subject: Genetics

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 RNA polymerase recognizes a termination signal at the end of the DNA sequence to be transcribed (termination sequence). Then RNA polymerase stop transcription and releases RNA molecule.

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<u>2-Rho factor independent termination (intrinsic</u> <u>termination)</u> Rho factor لا تحتاج

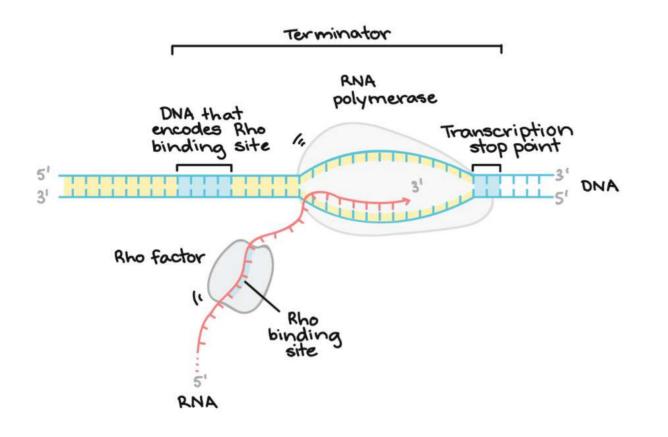
### **<u>1-Rho-dependent termination:</u>**

It uses a <u>termination factor called ρ factor</u> (rho factor) which is a protein that binds at a <u>rho utilization site</u> (*rut*) on the nascent RNA strand (cytosine-rich sequence) and runs along the mRNA towards the RNAP (in a 5'-3' direction).

<u>(The rut serves as a mRNA loading site and as an</u> <u>activator for Rho)</u>

- The rho protein is an <u>ATP dependent RNA-</u> <u>DNA helicase</u>
- when ρ-factor reaches the RNAP, it causes RNAP to dissociate from the DNA, terminating transcription.

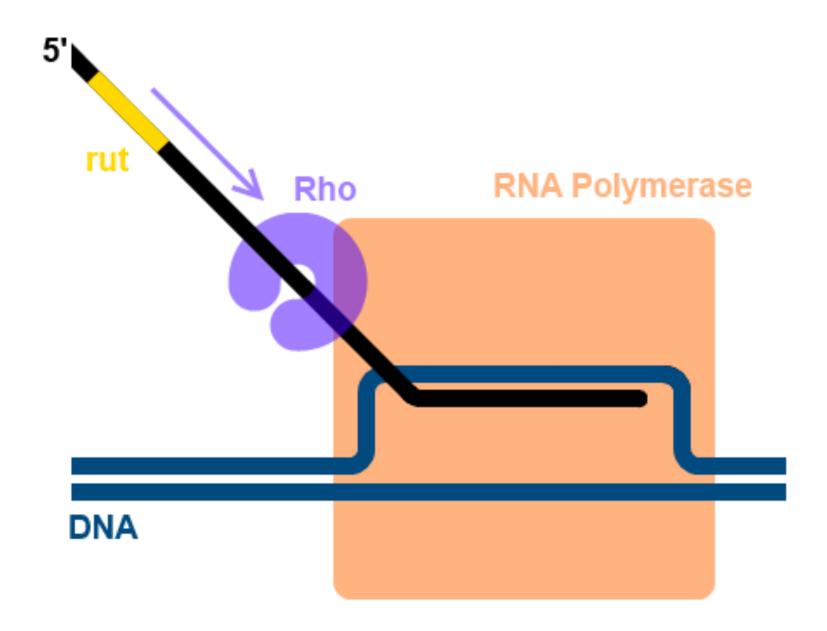
binds to this sequence and starts "climbing" up the transcript towards RNA polymerase.



• Rho is able to catch up with the RNA polymerase. Contact between Rho and the polymerase complex stimulates RNA dissociation of the transcriptional complex through a mechanism involving allosteric effects of Rho on RNA polymerase.

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# 2-Rho factor independent termination (intrinsic termination):

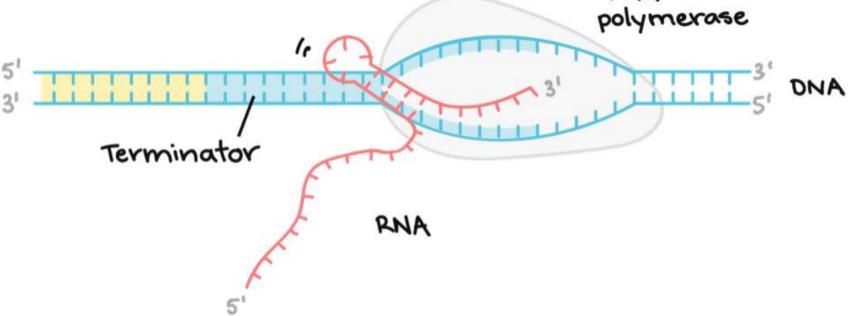
 The termination sequences is selfcomplementary sequences rich in GC that are present at the 3<sup>\</sup> end of mRNA. These complementary bases join each other forming hairpin loop like structure that leads to dissociation of RNA from the DNA and release the RNA polymerase enzyme.

- The termination site is characterized by the presence of two regions that are separated by a few bases (4-6) in the form of a period rome.
- DNA palindrome: A palindromic sequence is a nucleic acid sequence on double-stranded DNA wherein reading 5' to 3' forward on one strand matches the sequence reading 5' to 3' on the complementary strand with which it forms a double helix. (form symmetrical inverted repeat).
- When the RNA is created, the inverted repeates can loop back on themselves to form a hairpin loop, which acts as a termination signal.

Rho-independent termination depends on specific sequences in the DNA template strand. As the RNA polymerase approaches the end of the gene being transcribed, it hits a region rich in C and G nucleotides. The RNA transcribed from this region folds back on itself, and the complementary C and G nucleotides bind together. The result is a stable hairpin that causes the polymerase to stall.

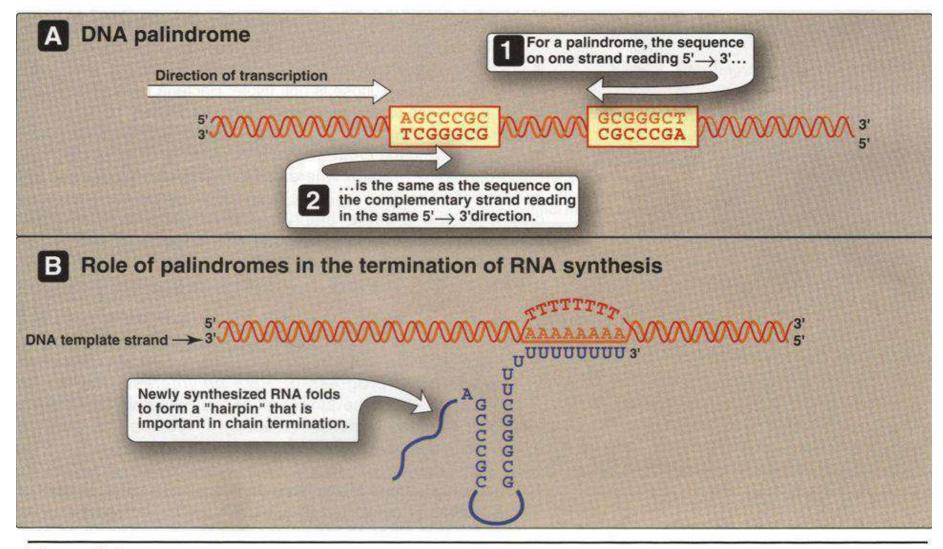
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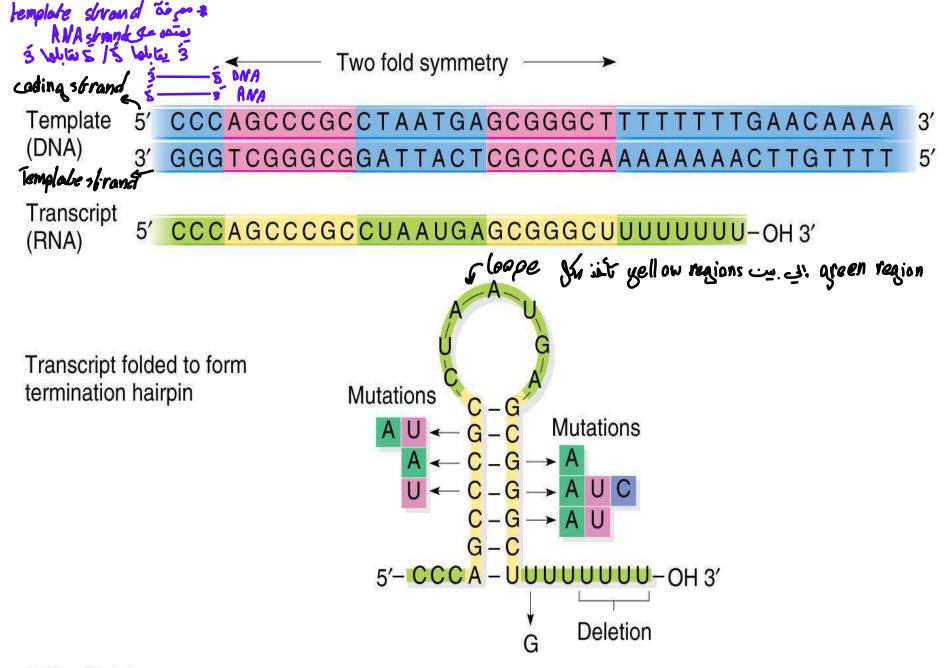
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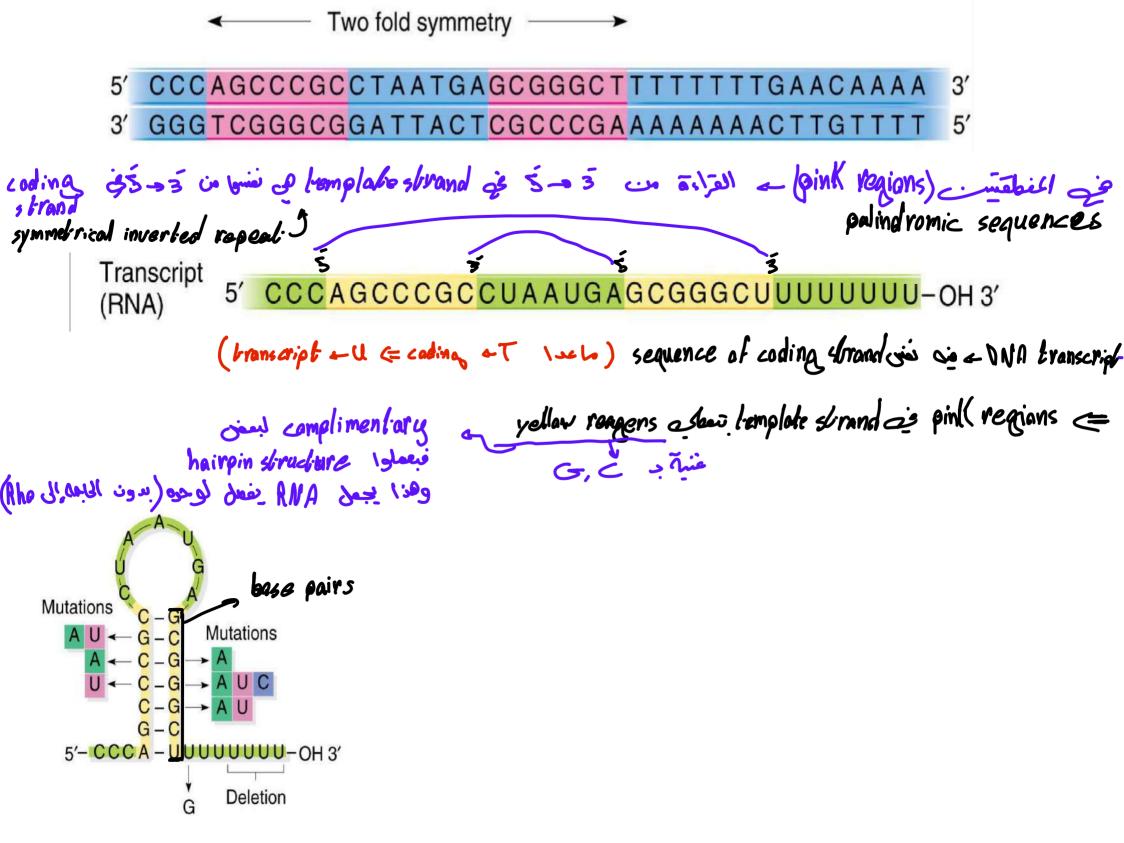
## Palindrome dependent Termination



#### Figure 30.9

Rho-independent termination of transcription. A. An example of a palindrome in double-stranded DNA. B. A transcribed DNA palindrome codes for RNA that can form a hairpin turn.



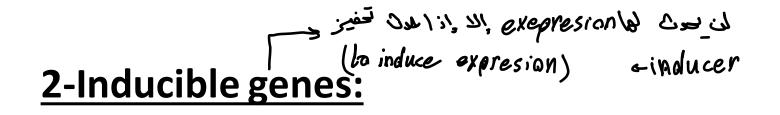


# Regulation of prokaryotic gene expression

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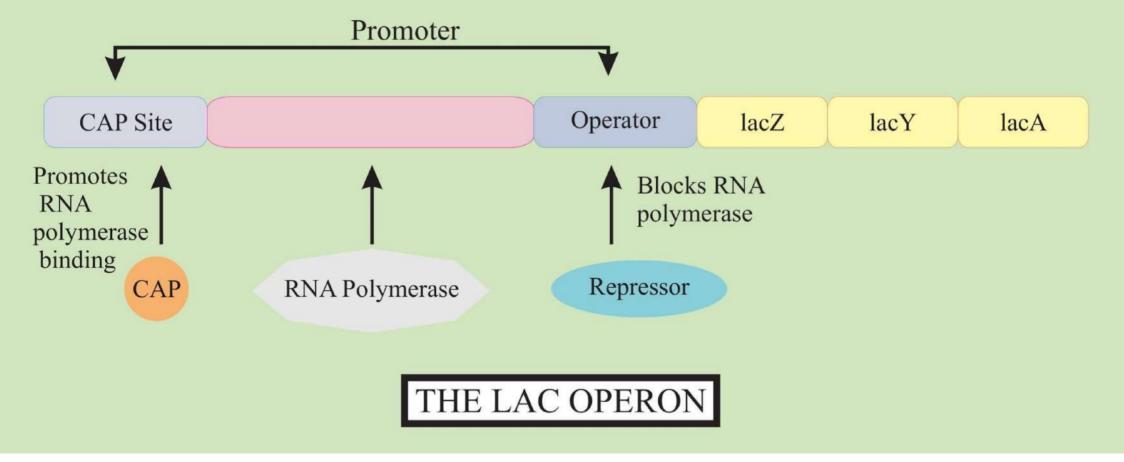
- They code their protein products which are required for the basic cellular functions and so, they are continuously expressed at a low rate;
- They are also known as "housekeeping" genes.
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- They express their protein product only in the presence of an <u>inducer or derepressor</u> repression موقفه انتابع inducer i inducer of derepressor وقفه انتابع inducer i inducer of a negressor وقفه انتابع inducer of an inducer of an inducer of an inducer of a negressor inducer of a negre
  - They are negatively regulated by specific proteins termed <u>repressors</u>.
  - <u>The inducer produces inactivation of the</u> <u>repressor.</u>

- <u>In bacteria</u>, the <u>structural genes</u> that code for the enzymes of a metabolic pathway are often found grouped together on the chromosome together with the **regulatory genes** <u>that determine their</u> <u>transcription as a single long piece of mRNA</u>.
- This entire package is referred to as an
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- So operon is a linear array of the genes that are involved in a metabolic pathway.
- One of the best understood examples is the lactose operon of E. coli.

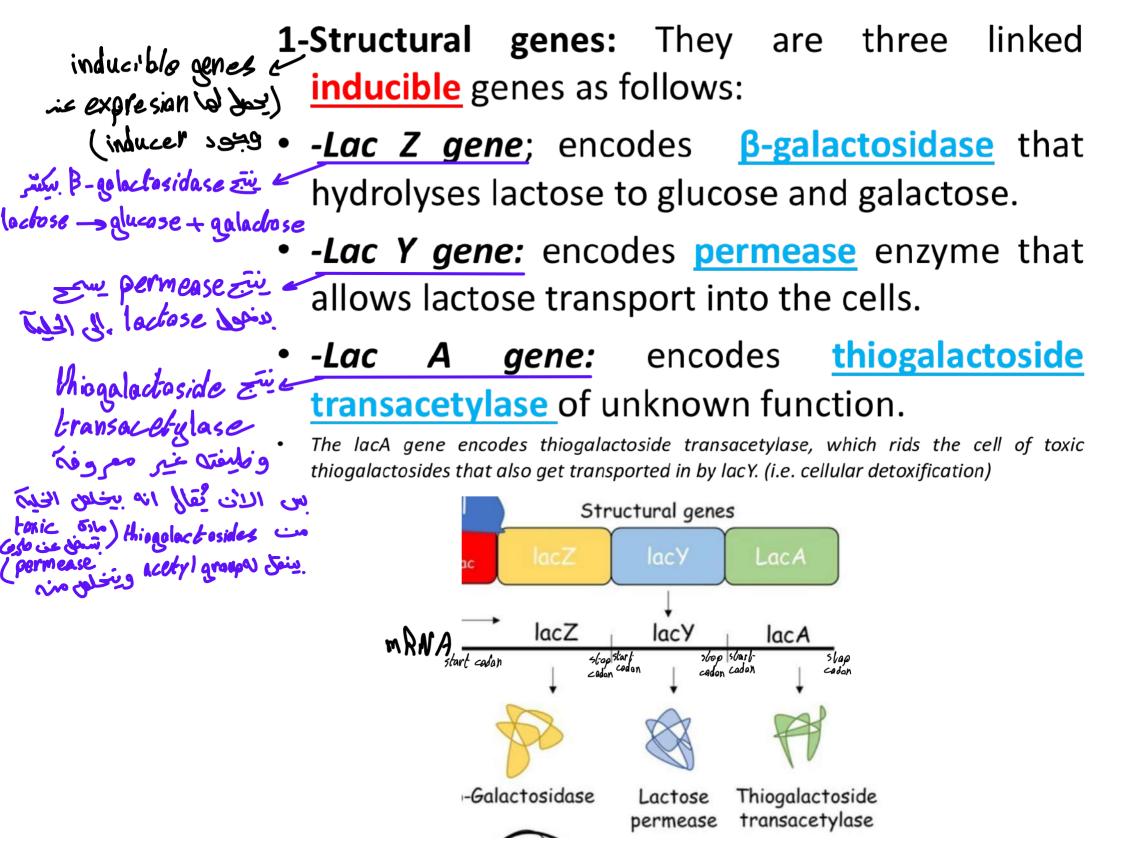
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#### The lactose operon of E coli (as a model of prokaryotic gene regulation)

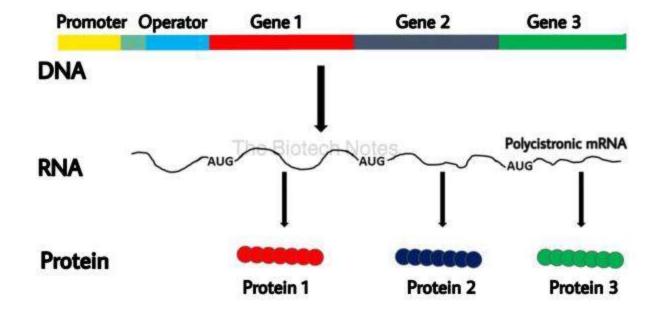
- Lac operon contains the genes <u>responsible for</u> <u>lactose metabolism by E coli bacteria</u> when lactose is available to the cell but glucose is not.
- [Note: Bacteria use glucose as a fuel in preference to any other sugar.]
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#### The Lac operon of E-coli is formed of:



• The three linked genes are transcribed into one large polycistronic mRNA molecule that contains multiple independent translation start and stop codons for each cistron.

 Thus, <u>each protein is translated separately</u> and they are not processed from a single large precursor protein. ليسو، عبارة عن المهم المعارية عن المعام المعارية عن المعارية المعارية عن المعارية عن المعارية عن المعارية المعارية عن المعارية عن المعارية عن المعارية عن المعارية عن المعارية عن المعارية المعالية المعارية المعارية المعارية المعارية المعالية المعالية المعارية المعالية الم

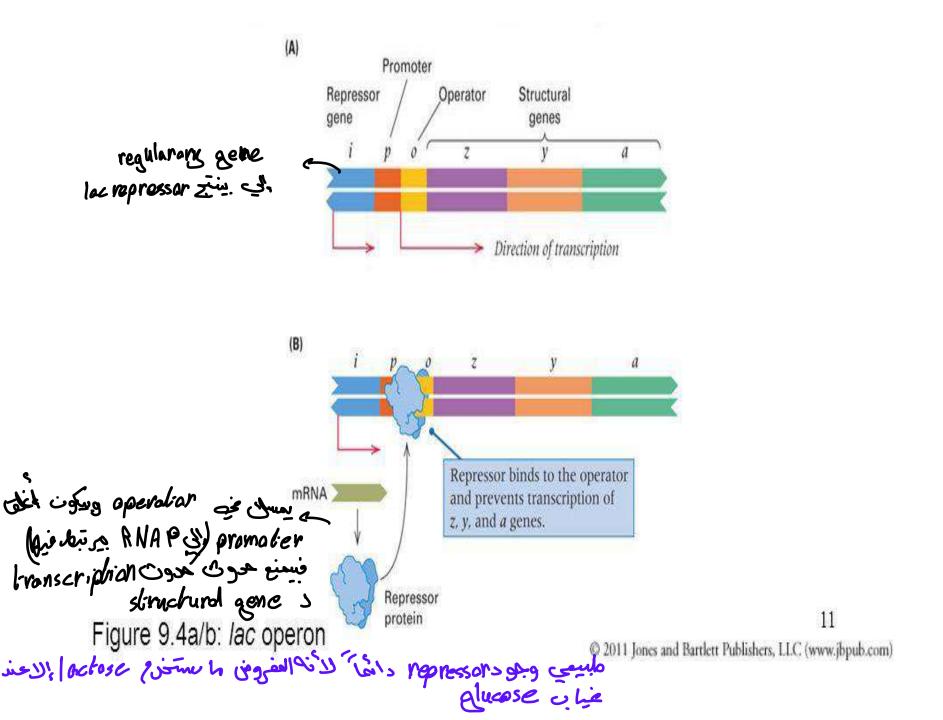


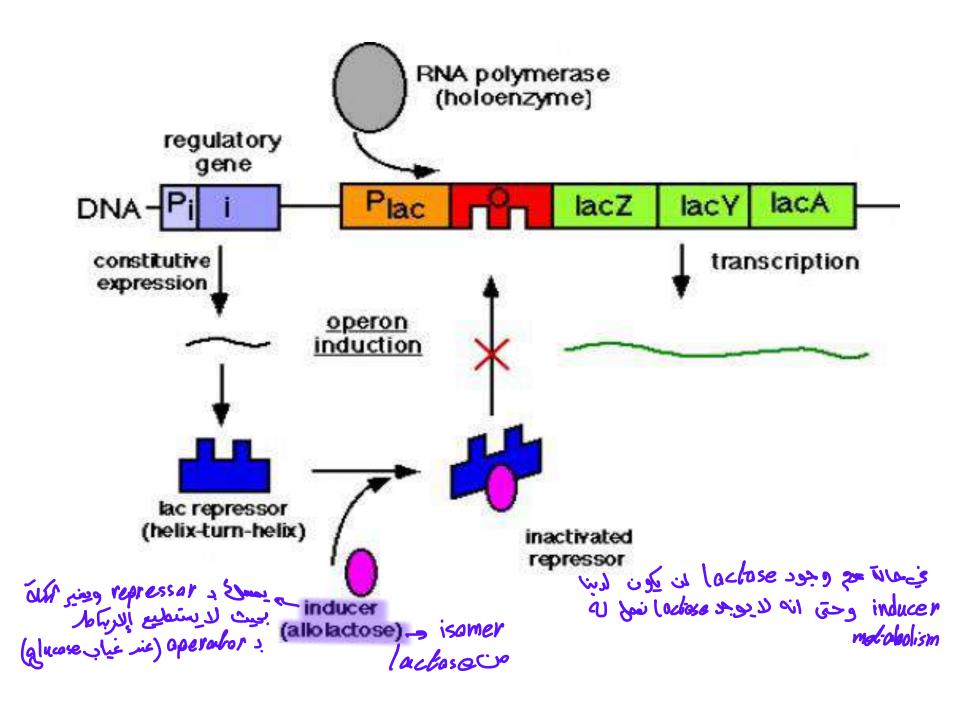
- <u>A gene</u> is a part of DNA that gets transcribed into an RNA( mRNA, tRNA, rRNA or any other form of rna) ( with the start coden of mRNA or any other to mRNA or any other to mRNA or any other to mRNA ( mRNA that begins with a part of mRNA that begins with a
- <u>Clistron</u> is a part of mRNA that begins with a start codon, ends with a stop codon and in between these codons lies the series of codon which code for a single polypeptide.
- You can say that cistron is the part of mRNA that gets translated into polypeptide.

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**3-Operator region:** At which Lac repressor binds and inhibits gene expression.

**4-A single common Promoter:** It is the site where RNA polymerase binds to it and start transcription of the structural gene.





# When glucose is the only sugar available (Gene repression):

- In this case, the lac operon is repressed (<u>turned off</u>). جرجة *repressors* والقن على *repressors*
- Repression is mediated by the repressor protein binding to the operator site, <u>which is</u> <u>downstream of the promoter region.</u>
- Binding of the repressor interferes with the progress of RNA polymerase, and blocks transcription of the structural genes.
- This is an example of <u>negative regulation</u>.
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#### When only lactose is available (Gene induction):

- In this case, the lac operon is induced (<u>maximally</u> <u>expressed or turned on</u>).
- A small amount of lactose is converted to an isomer, allolactose. This compound is an inducer that binds to the repressor protein, <u>changing its conformation</u> so that it can no longer bind to the operator.
- This allows RNA polymerase to enter at the promoter region and initiate transcription of the structural genes.
   <u>This is an example of positive regulation.</u>
- After the inducer or lactose is removed, expression of the lac operon stops quickly because <u>the lac mRNA is</u> <u>unstable and decays within minutes.</u> وجو د عدميني

#### 5' AAA AUG AGU AAG 3'

Which of the following DNA strands could have been the template for this RNA?

#### Choose 1 answer:

- $^{\scriptsize (\ensuremath{\mathbb{S}})}$  3' TTT ATG TGC TTC 5'
- <sup>®</sup> 3' UUU TAC UCA UUC 5'
- © 3' AAA ATG AGT AAG5'
- $^{\odot}~3^{\prime}$  TTT TAC TCA TTC  $5^{\prime}$

Which of the following is true regarding the process of transcription?

#### Choose 1 answer:

- A Transcription occurs for individual genes.
- Transcription uses both strands of DNA to make mRNA.
- © DNA polymerases control transcription.
- The three stages of transcription are initiation, elimination, and reduction.

Match the following events with the correct stage of transcription.

	Initiation	Elongation	Termination
RNA polymerase stops transcribing.	0	0	0
RNA polymerase binds to the promoter.	0	0	0
RNA polymerase adds complementa nucleotides to the 3' end of the RNA strand.	. ()	0	0
What steps	are needed to pro	duce a mature mR	RNA?
	swers that apply:		
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	Exons are joined together to form the mature mRNA.		
Introns	Introns are removed from the sequence.		