

Genetic Toxicology & DNA Repair Research at Stony Brook: Department of Pharmacological Sciences

Carlos de los Santos: TODAY'S SPEAKER

Dan Bogenhagen: DNA replication and repair in mitochondria

Bruce Demple: Oxidative DNA damage; BER; oxidative stress responses*

Miguel Garcia-Diaz: DNA replication fidelity; protein structure; gene regulation in mitochondria*

Arthur Grollman: Mutagenesis and molecular carcinogenesis (aristolochic acid); structural biology

Francis Johnson & Charles Iden: Synthesis, purification and analysis of single-lesion DNA molecules

Orlando Schärer: Mechanisms of mammalian NER; DNA interstrand crosslinks

Kate Dickman: DNA damage and renal disease

Mark Lukin: generation of site-specific DNA lesions

Masaaki Moriya: translesion DNA polymerases

Mamta Naidu: Radiation biology & BER; heavy ion studies

Thomas Rosenquist: genetics of aristolochic acid toxicology

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New insights into NER recognition:
When bulky & perturbing is not enough

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Serge Smirnov
David Cullinam
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Raphael Hazel
Omar Armstrong
Tanya Zaliznyak
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NCI, NIEHS

Healthy Genome

DNA Damage Rate < Repair Rate

Sick Cell

DNA Damage Rate > Repair Rate

Cancer

Ageing

**Repair
Diseases**

Exogenous

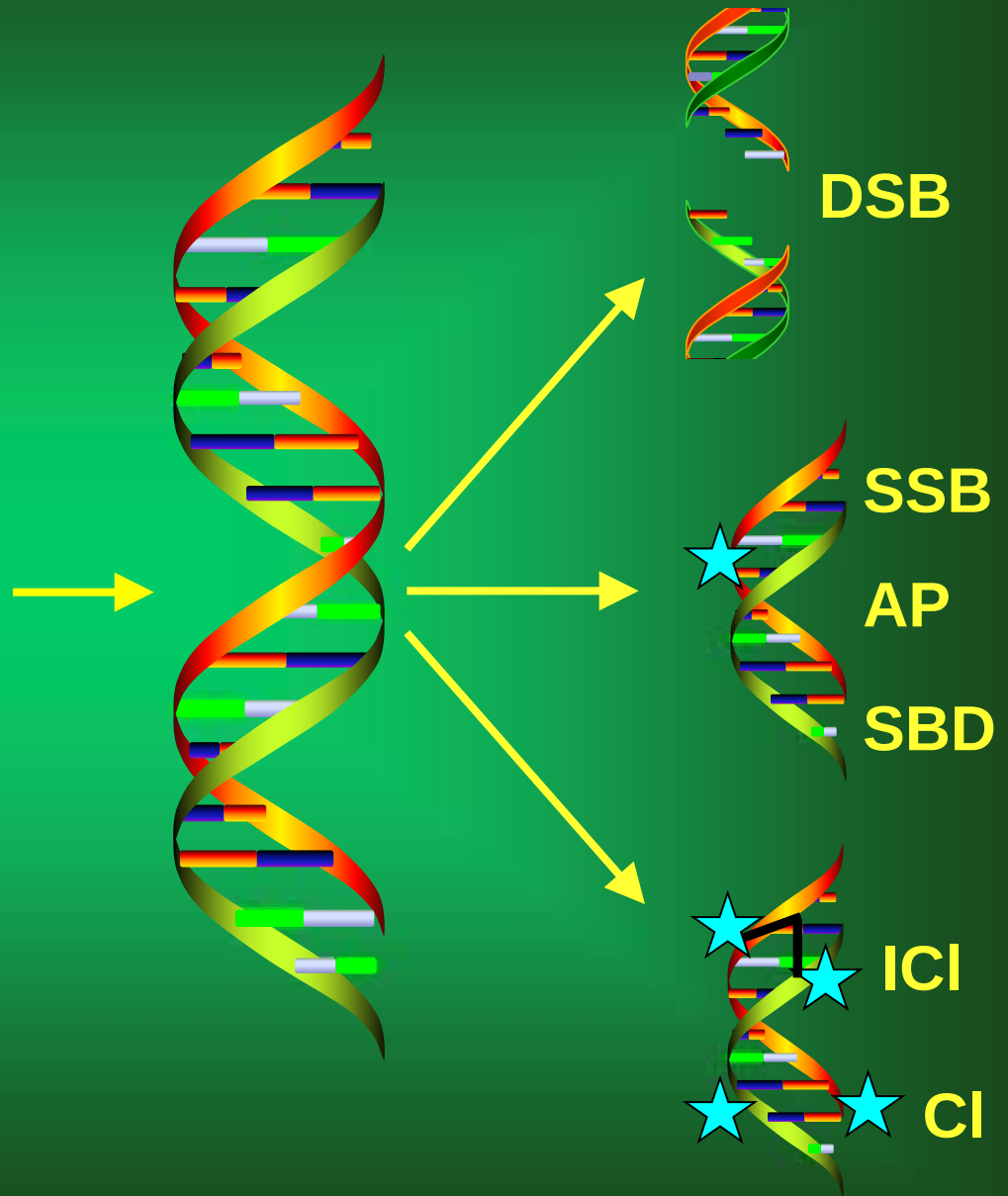
Bulky Adducts
Alkylating Agents

Ionizing,
UV
Radiation

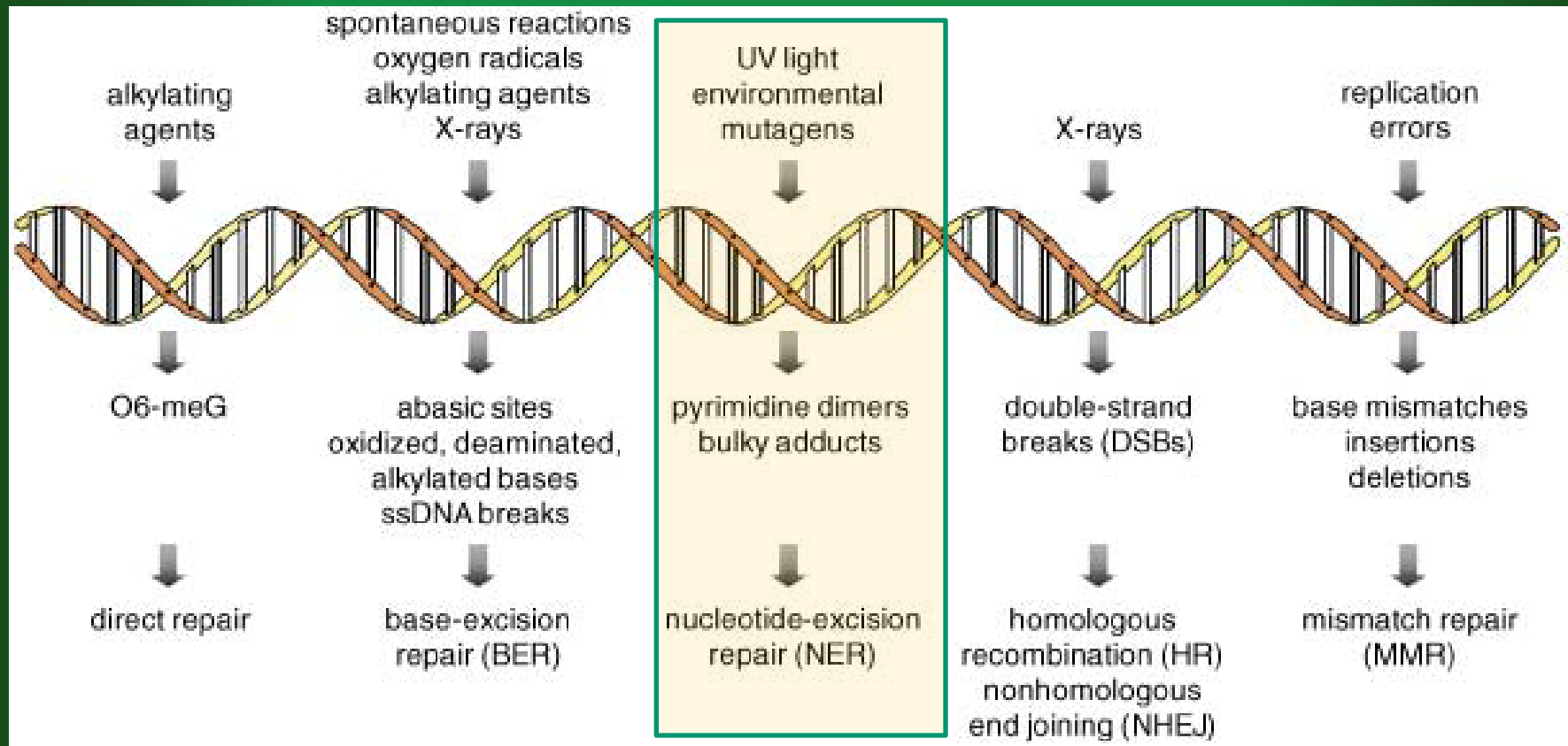
Endogenous

Endogenous
(ROS, LPO)

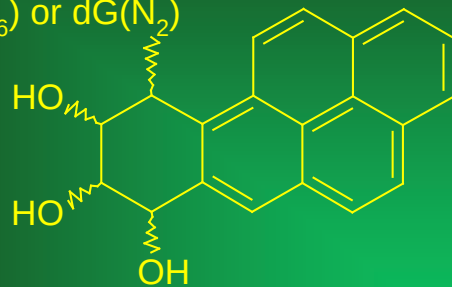
Chemical
Degradation



DNA Damage and Repair



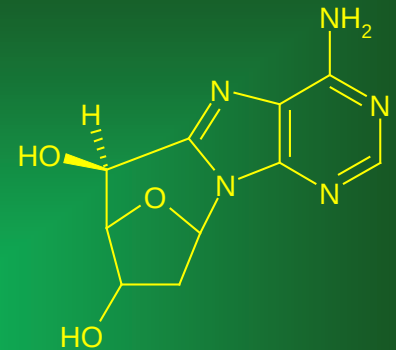
dA(N₆) or dG(N₂)



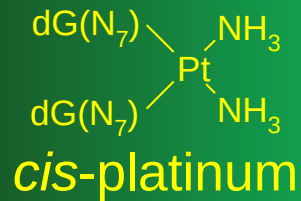
Benzo[a]Pyrene



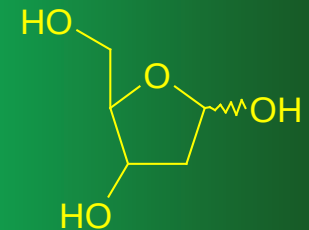
2-Nitrofluorene



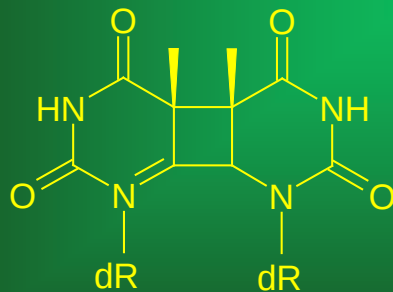
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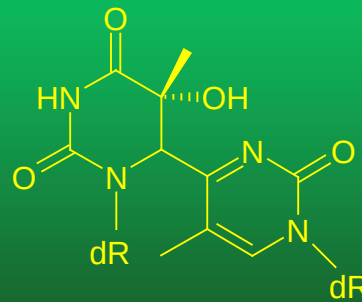
NER Lesions



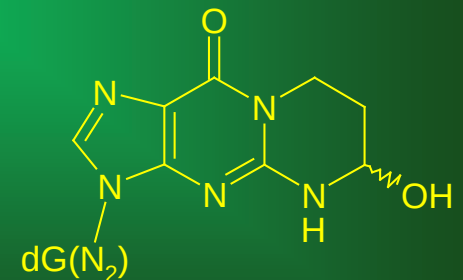
AP Sites



Cyclobutane TT dimer

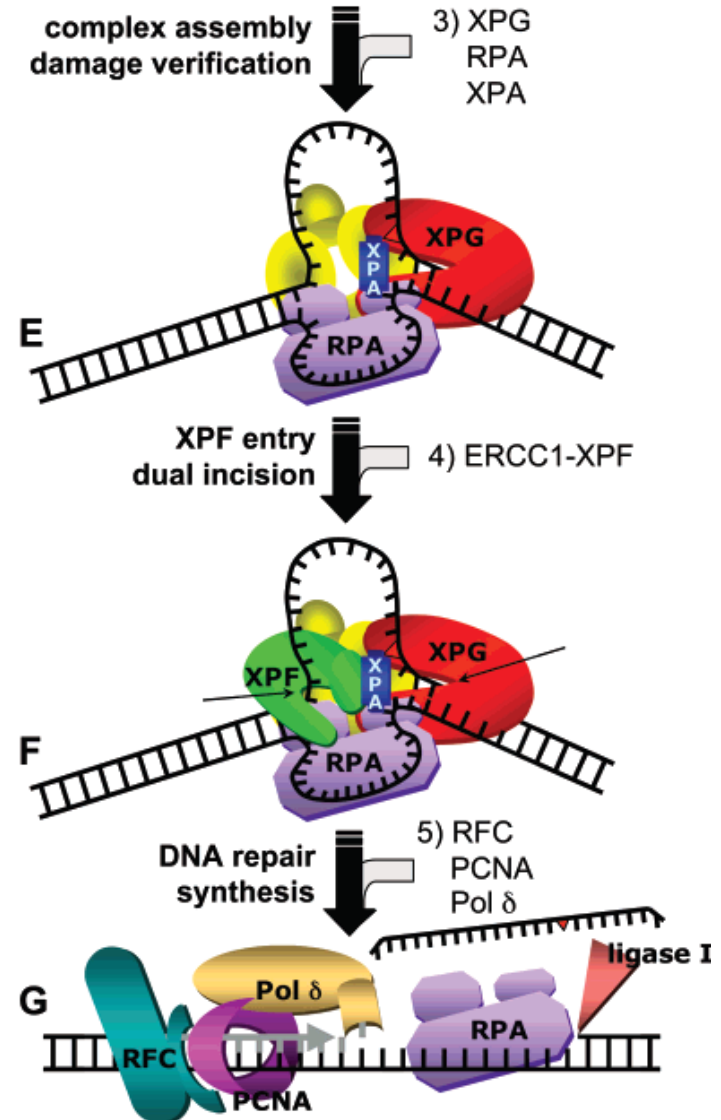
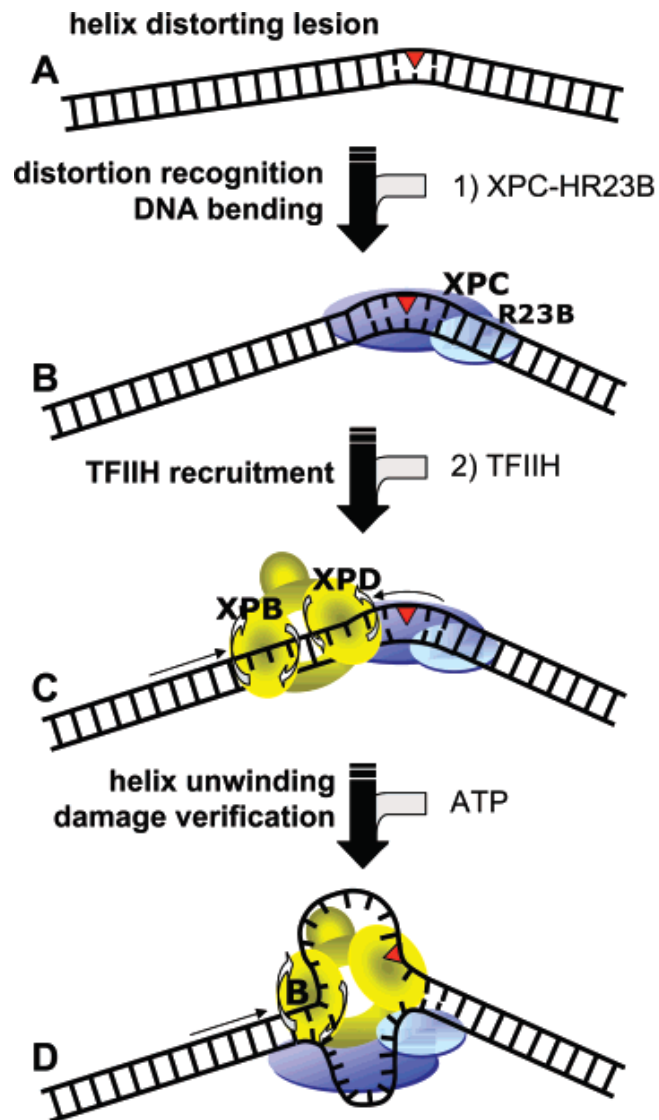


6-4 Photoproducts

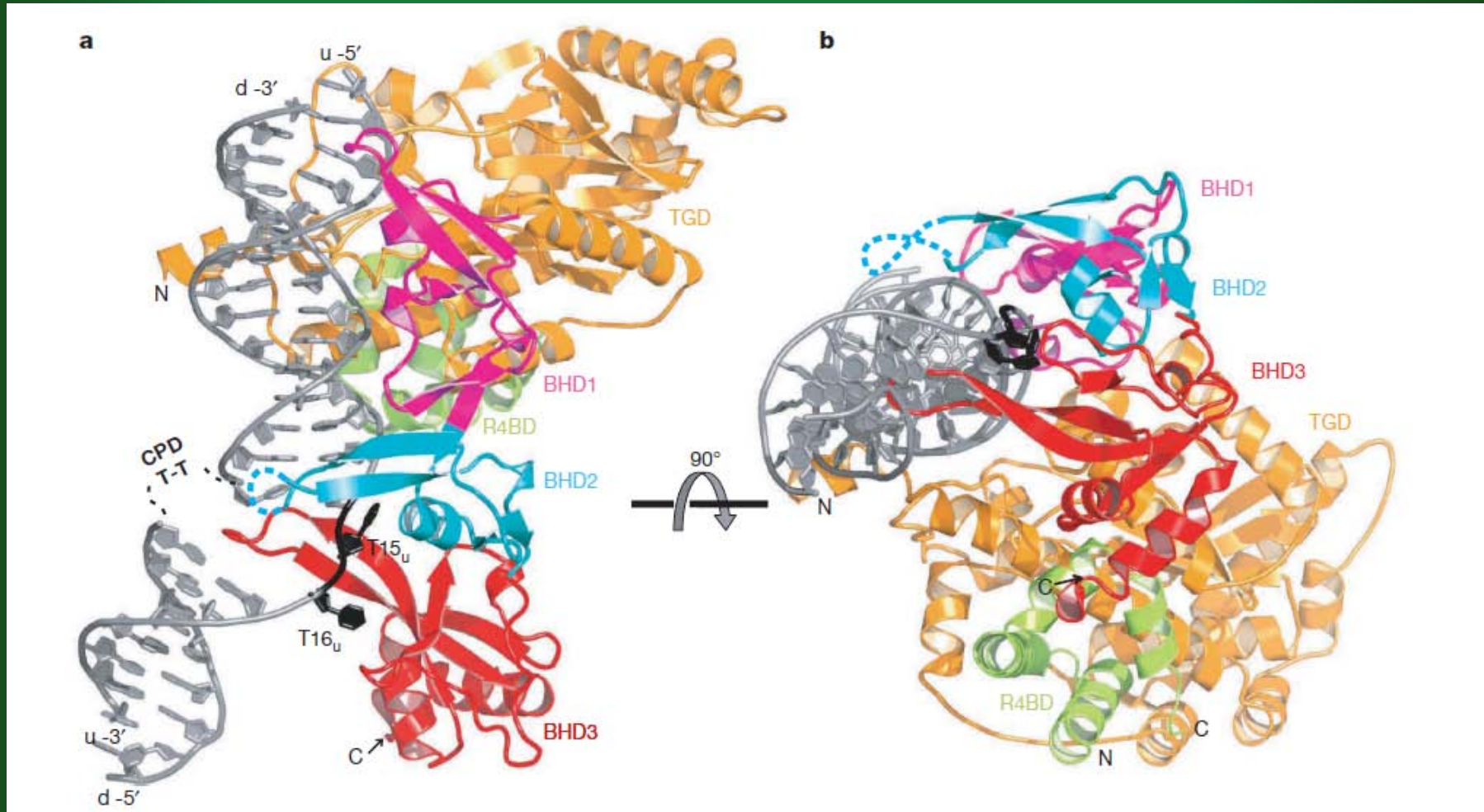


Acrolein

NER Recognition of Bulky Adducts



Structure of a RAD4/RAD23-CPD-DNA Complex

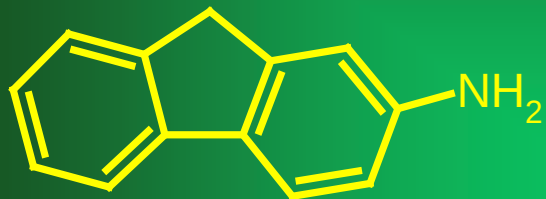


GG-NER Resistant DNA Lesions

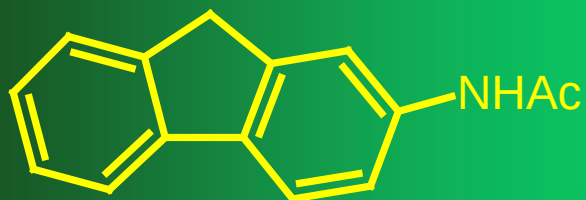
dG-N2 Adducts (AAF, 3ABA)

dA-N6 Adducts (ALII)

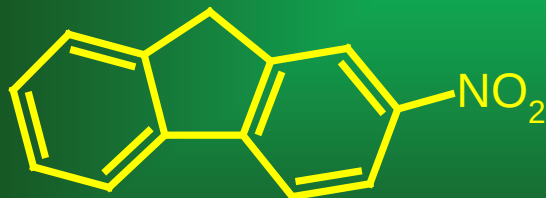
Aminofluorene



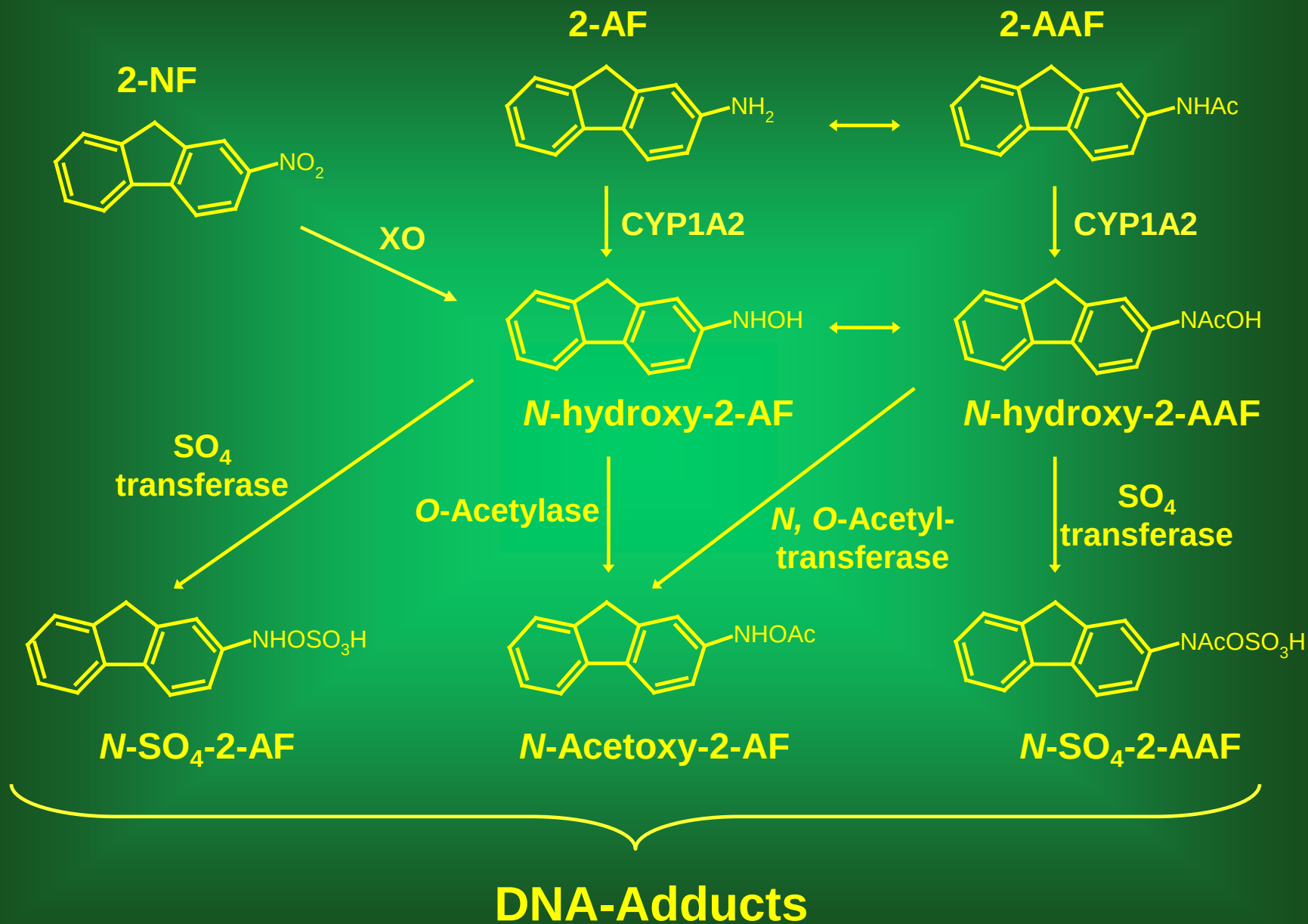
2-Aminofluorene (2-AF)



2-Acetylamino fluorene (2-AAF)



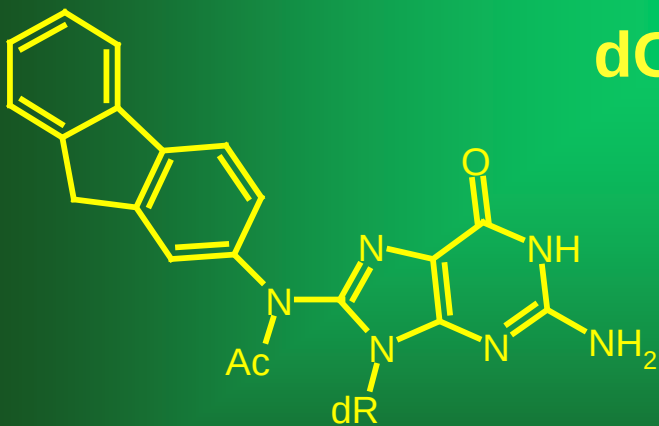
2-Nitrofluorene (2-NF)



DNA-Adducts



dG-C8-AF



dG-C8-AAF



dG-N²-AAF

dG- N^2 -AAF

- Is a minor guanine adduct
- Is mutagenic: DNA-Pol I inserts dAMP, suggesting G $\rightarrow$ T mutations in bacteria
- It blocks mammalian Pol α activity *in vitro*, but TLS polymerases η and κ can bypass the lesion
- It induces G $\rightarrow$ T transversions in mammalian cells
- NER processing of dG- N^2 -AAF needs full study

Formation and persistence of DNA adducts during and after a long-term administration of 2-nitrofluorene

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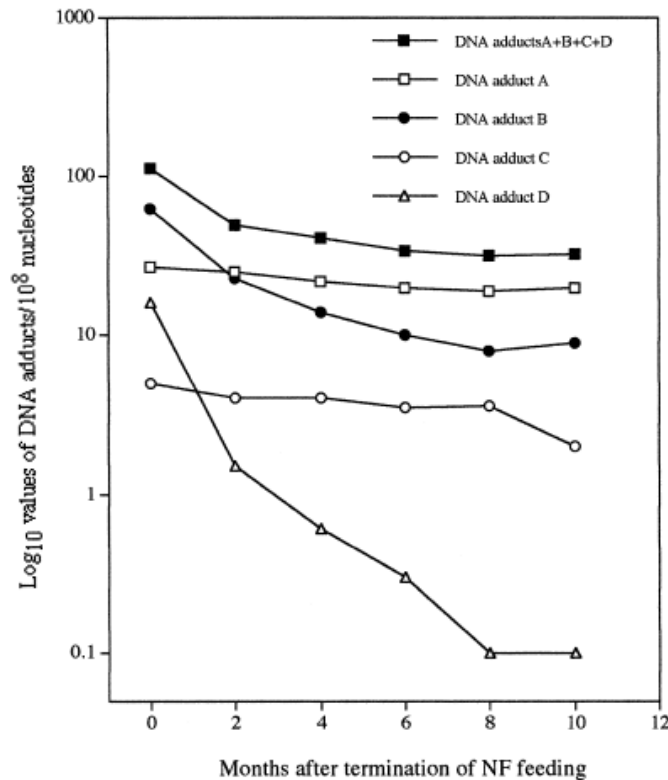


Fig. 8. The persistence of DNA adduct levels in the liver of MD rats after the termination of 11 months of NF feeding. Values showed at each time point are means of one to four samples depending on the number of rats sacrificed during that period. For further details, see Ref. [23].

- **dG-N²-AAF is a persistent DNA lesion**

Damaged DNA Sample

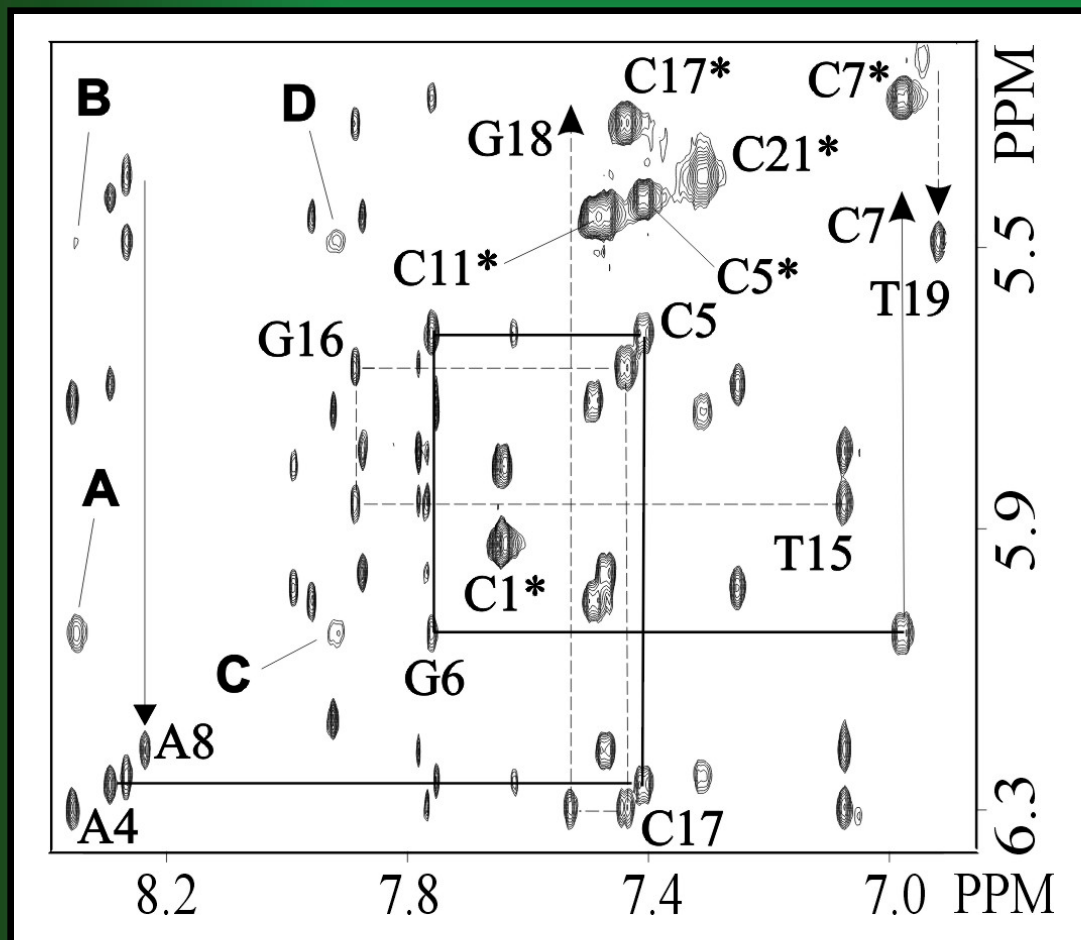
NMR Studies

NMR Constraints

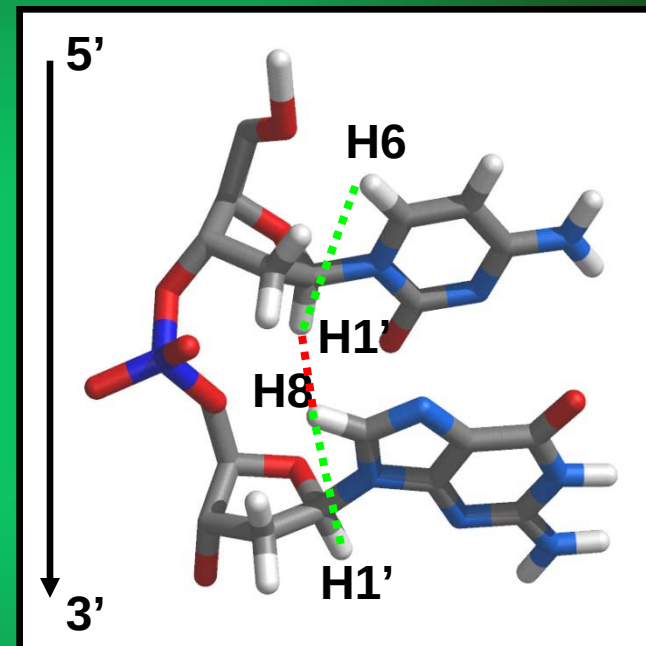
Restrained MD

Structure Analysis and Validation

5' - d(C₁ G₂ T₃ A₄ C₅ X₆ C₇ A₈ T₉ G₁₀ C₁₁)
 d(G₂₂ C₂₁ A₂₀ T₁₉ G₁₈ C₁₇ G₁₆ T₁₅ A₁₄ C₁₃ G₁₂) - 5'

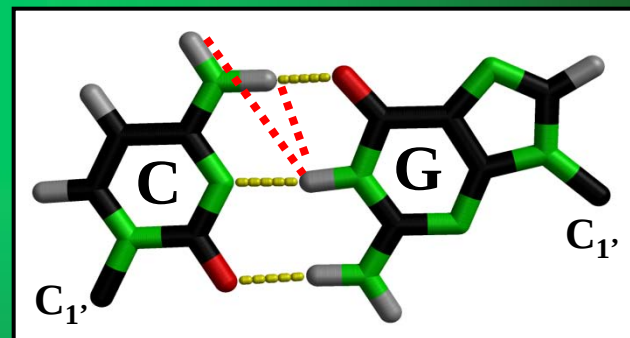
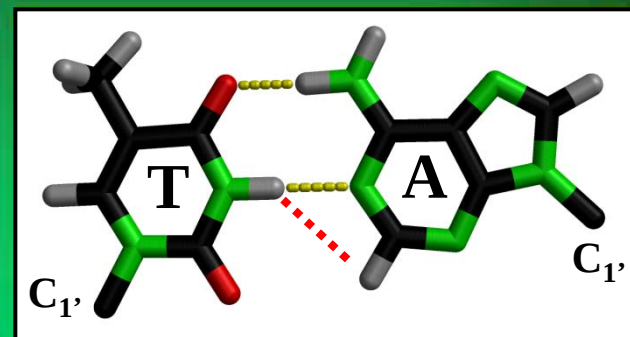
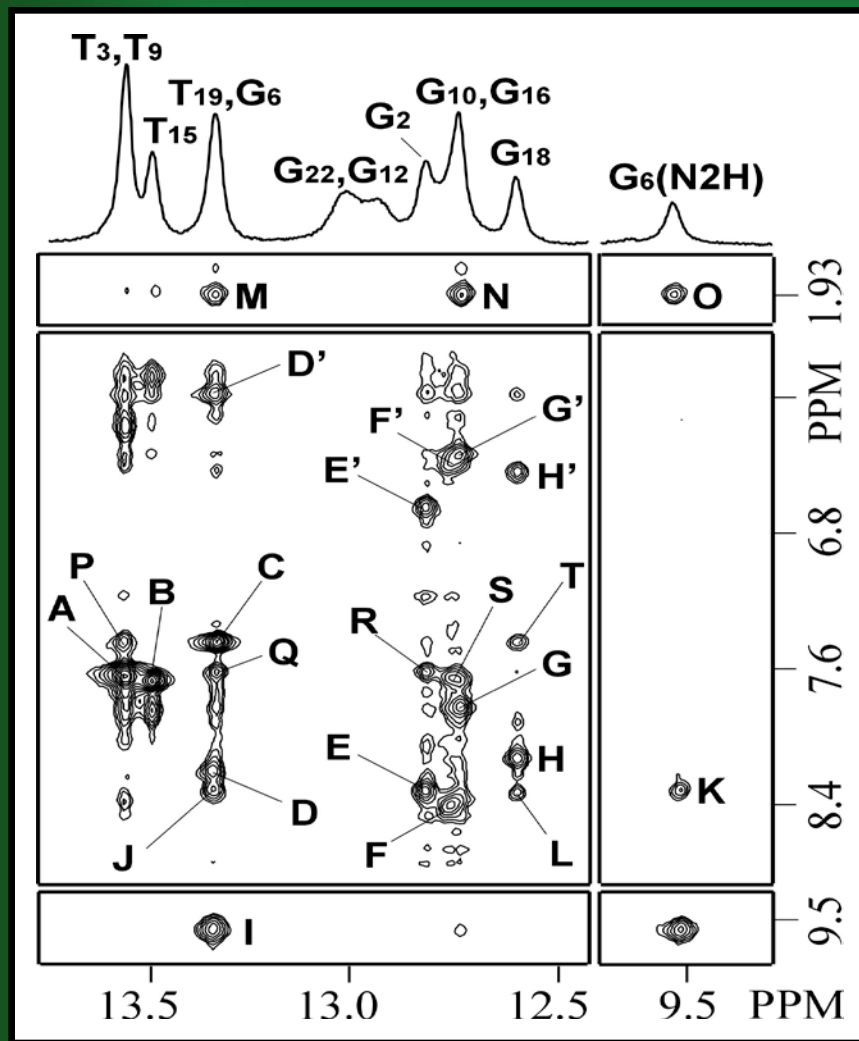


A & B, AAFH4 to G6H1' and T19H1'
 C & D, AAFH5 to G6H1' and T19H1'



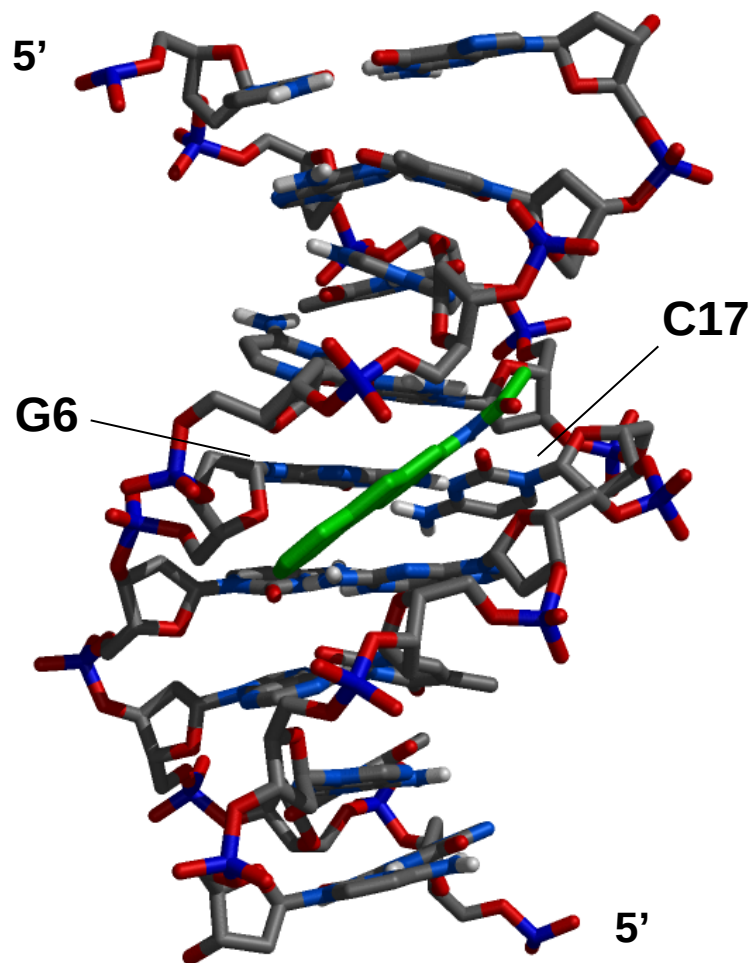
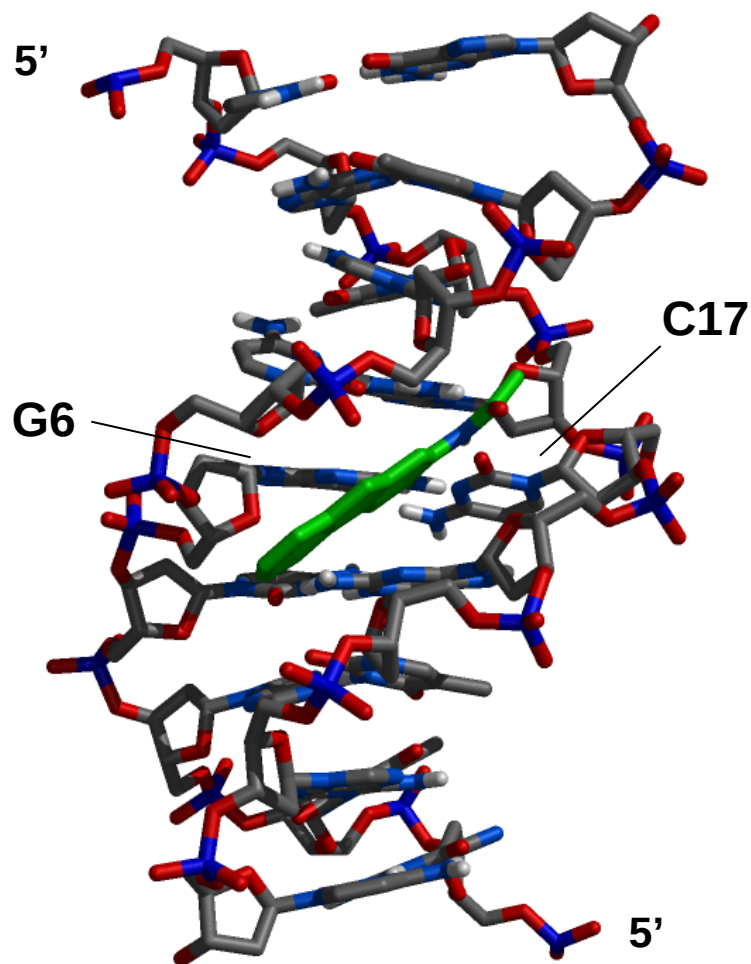
D₂O NOESY

5'-d(C₁ G₂ T₃ A₄ C₅ X₆ C₇ A₈ T₉ G₁₀ C₁₁)
 d(G₂₂ C₂₁ A₂₀ T₁₉ G₁₈ C₁₇ G₁₆ T₁₅ A₁₄ C₁₃ G₁₂)-5'



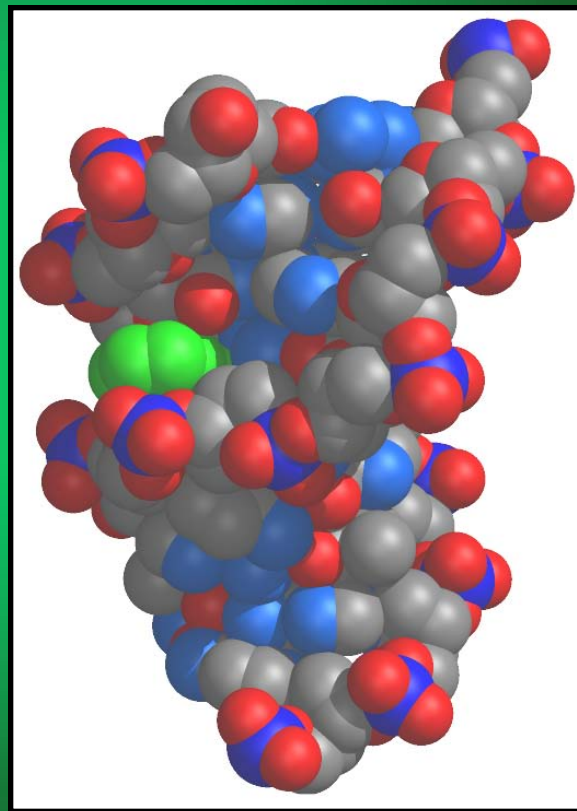
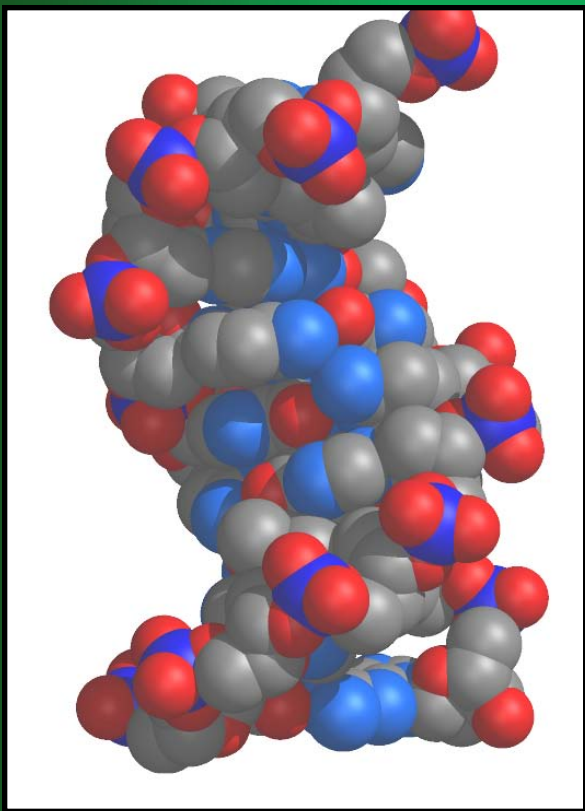
H₂O NOESY

Refined MD Structure



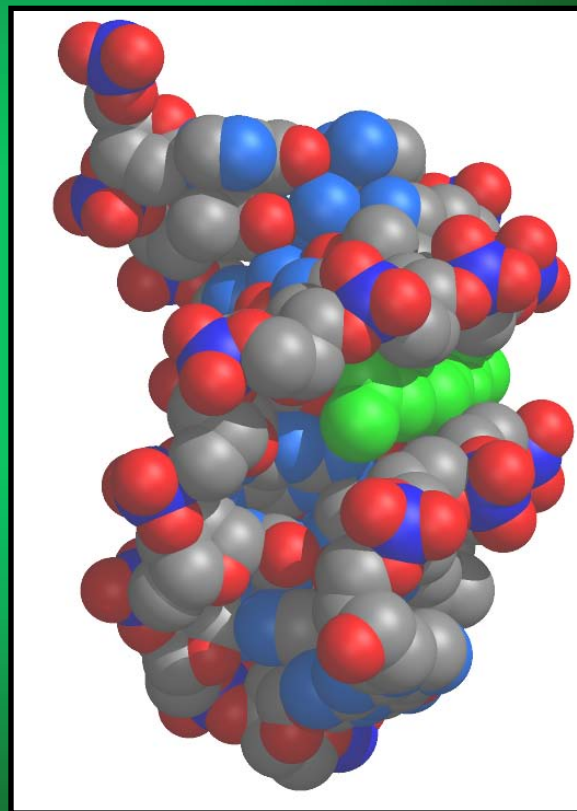
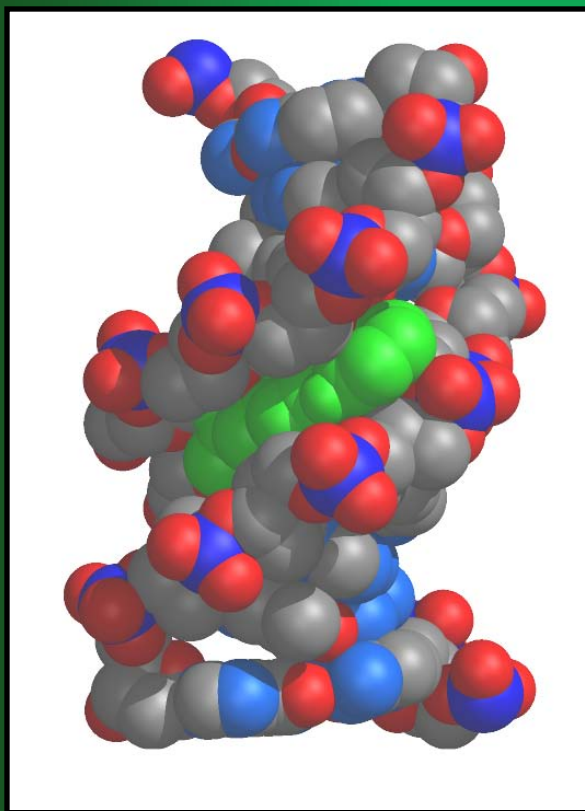
Space Filling Models

Major Groove

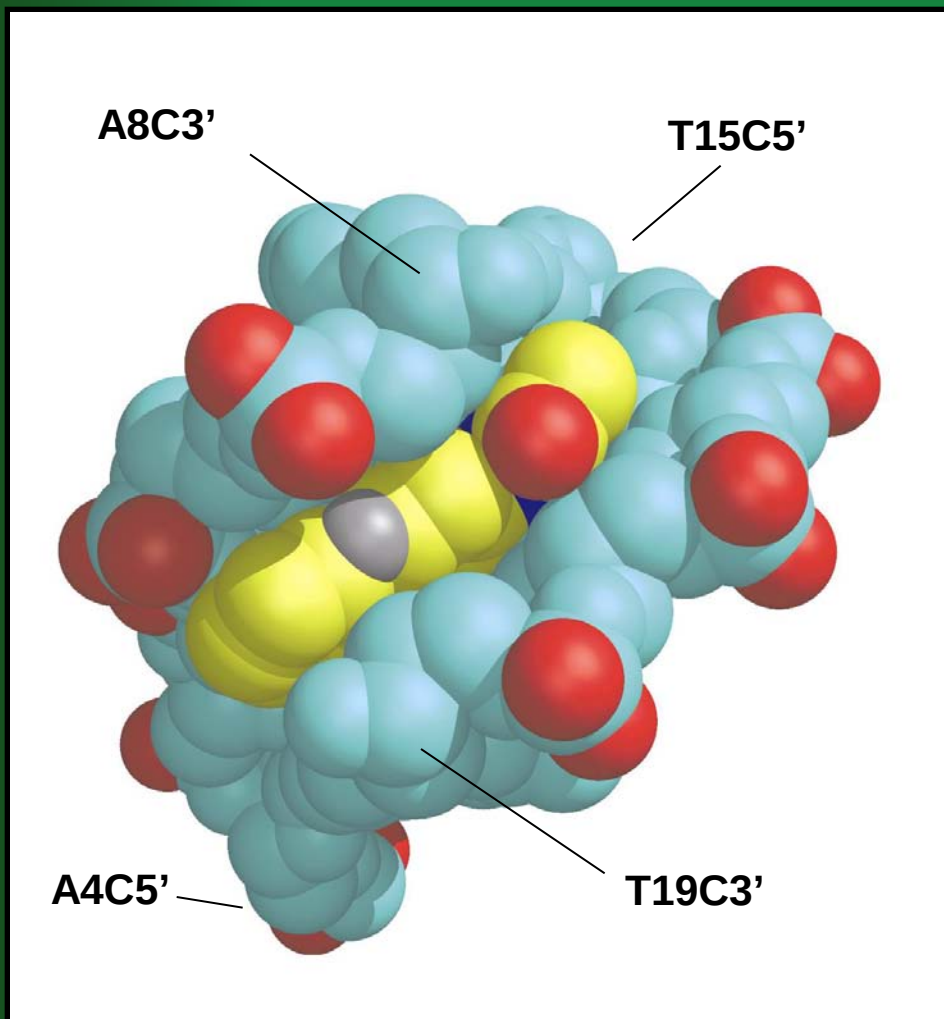


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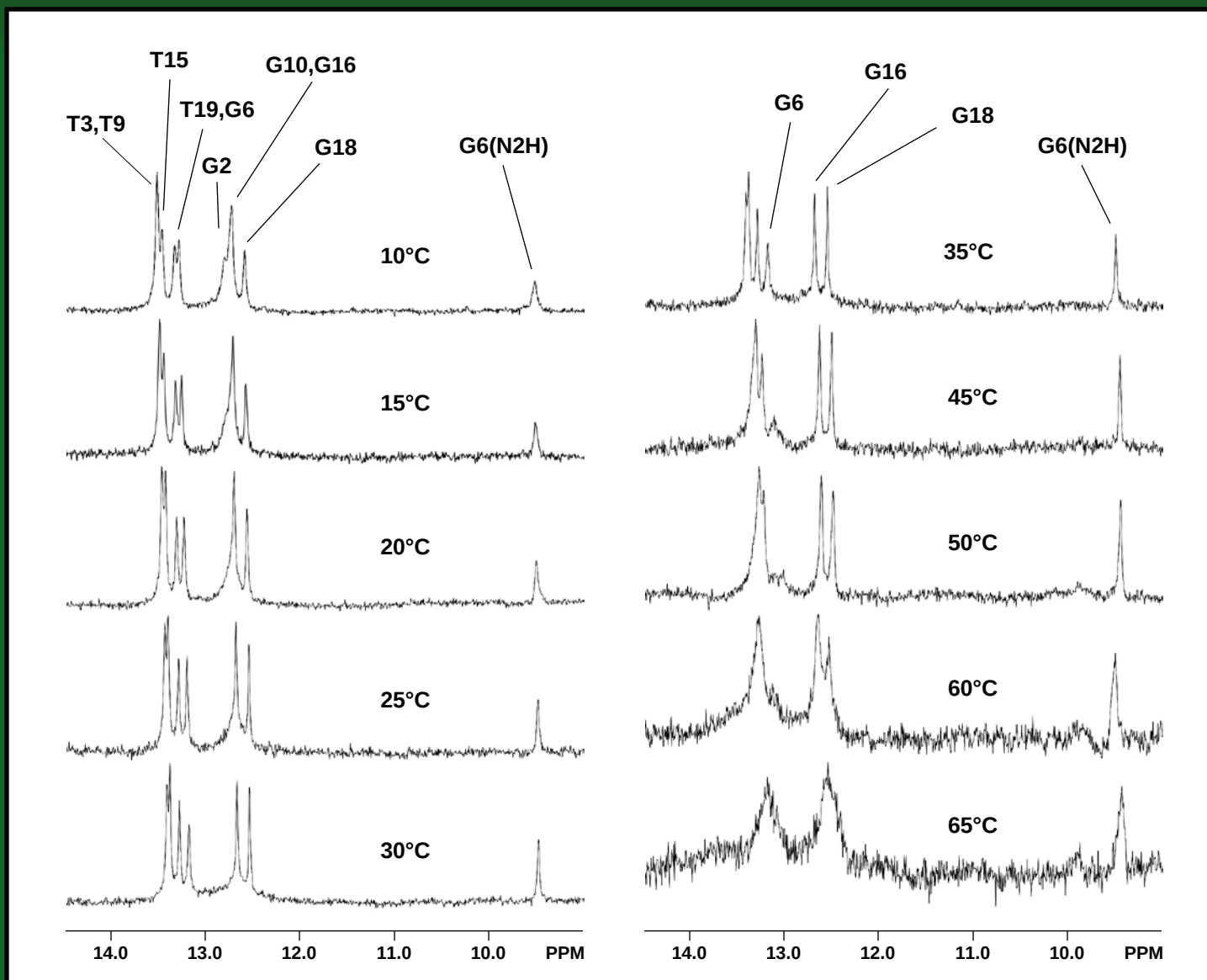
Minor Groove



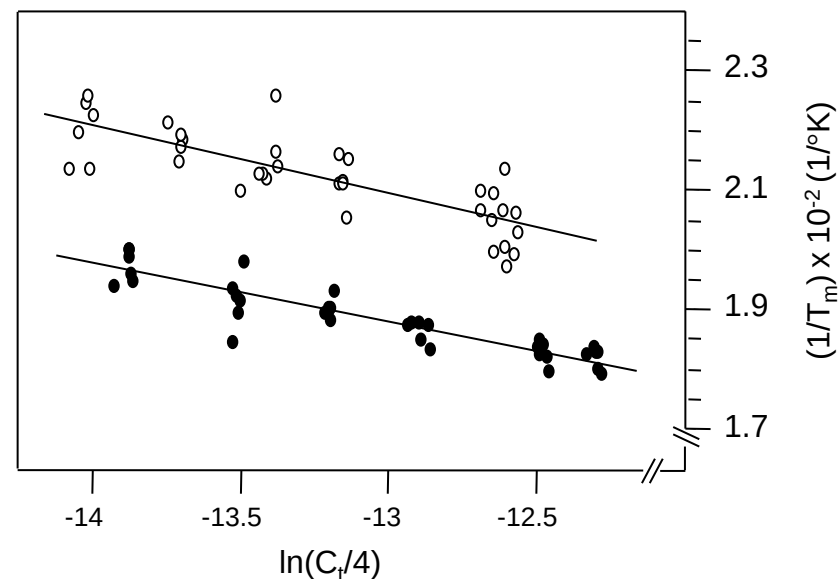
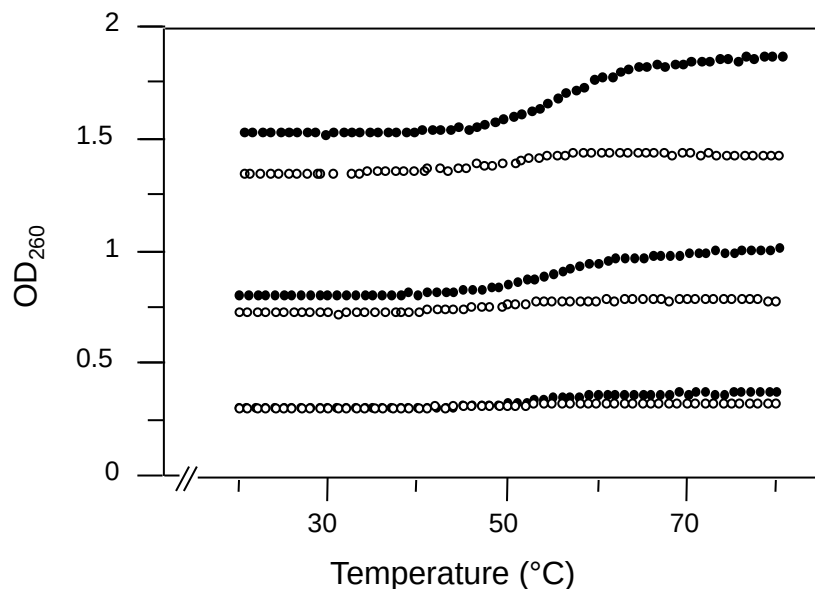
Structural Parameters



Minor groove width (Å)	2.0-4.7 (5.9)
Minor groove depth (Å)	5.6-7.2 (4.6)
BP propeller twist (°)	1-34 (<3.7)
Base pair buckle (°)	2-18 (0)
AAF Exposed Surface	17%



dG-N²-AAF Duplex Stability



	T _m (°C)	ΔH^0 (kCal/Mol)	ΔS^0 (Cal/Mol°K)	$\Delta G^0_{25^\circ\text{C}}$ (kCal/Mol)	$\Delta G^0_{37^\circ\text{C}}$ (kCal/Mol)
AAF-Duplex	60.5	-93 ± 9	-262 ± 20	-14.9 ± 0.3	-11.8 ± 0.3
Control Duplex	54.3	-98 ± 11	-285 ± 23	-13.1 ± 0.3	-9.6 ± 0.3

dG- N^2 -AAF Duplex

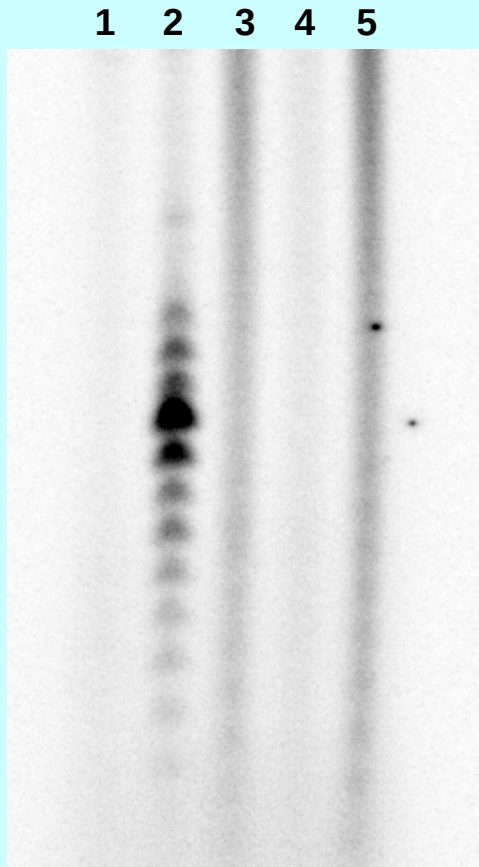
Adopts a regular helical structure with WC alignments

The lesion increases the duplex thermal and thermodynamics stability

The AAF moiety resides in the minor groove without protruding out of the helix boundaries

The minor groove deepens and narrows, sheltering AAF from water exposure

NER Repair of dG- N^2 -AAF

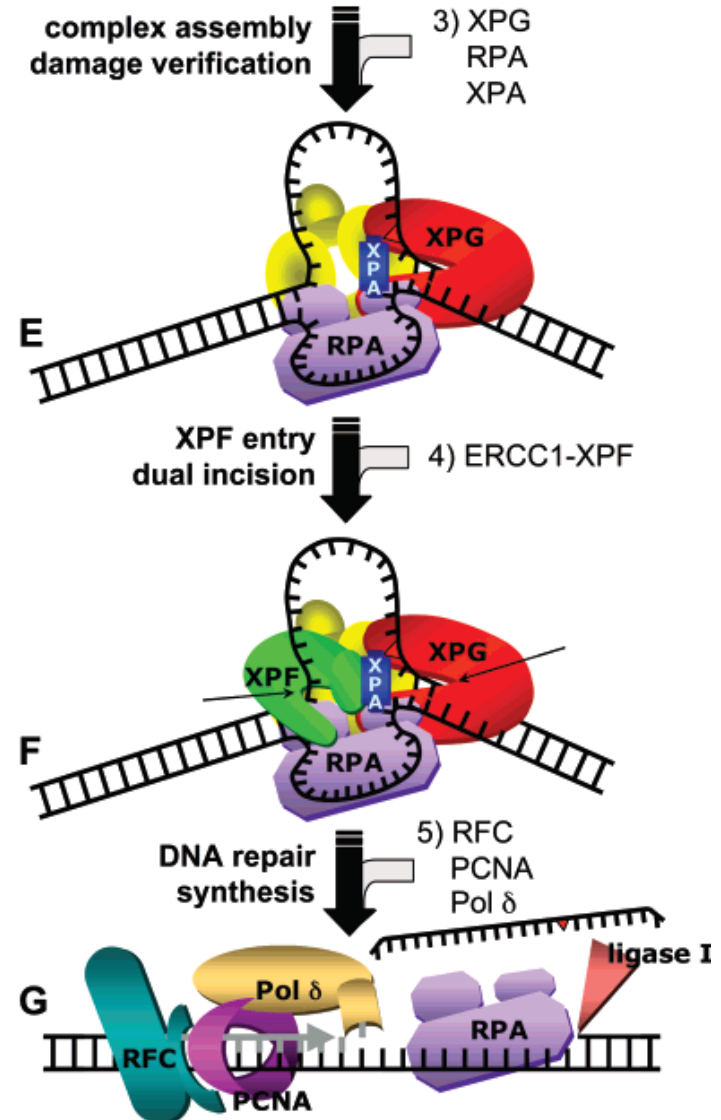
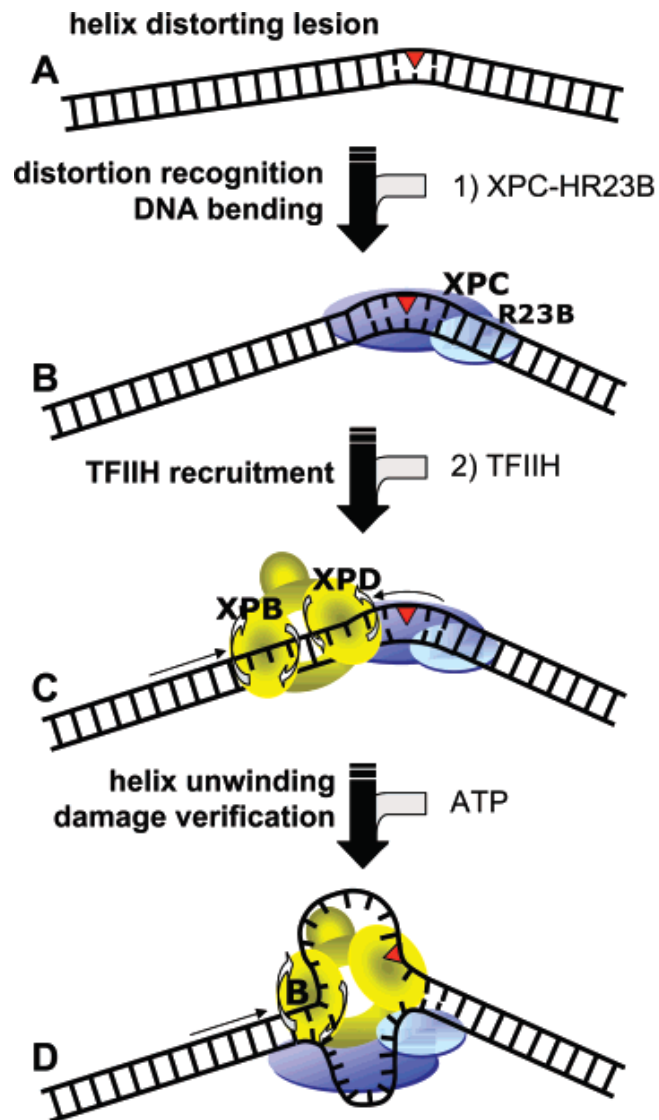


Lane 1: Hela whole cell extracts

**Lane 2: Hela whole cell extracts + plasmid DNA
containing a (1,3)- N^7 - N^7 *cis*-Pt adduct**

**Lane 3-5: Three different preparations of Hela
whole cell extracts + plasmid DNA
containing a dG- N^2 -AAF lesion**

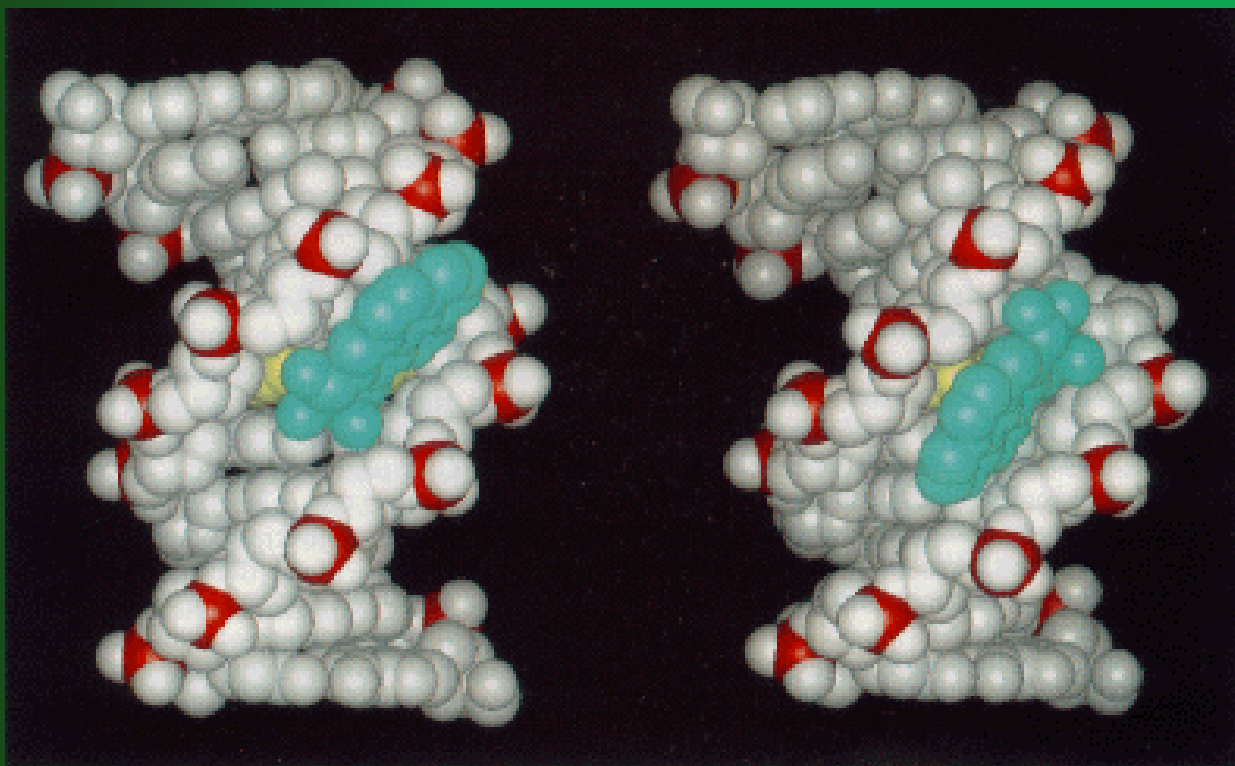
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Some bulky dG-(N^2) adducts of defined topology cause minimal structural perturbations and increase duplex stability.

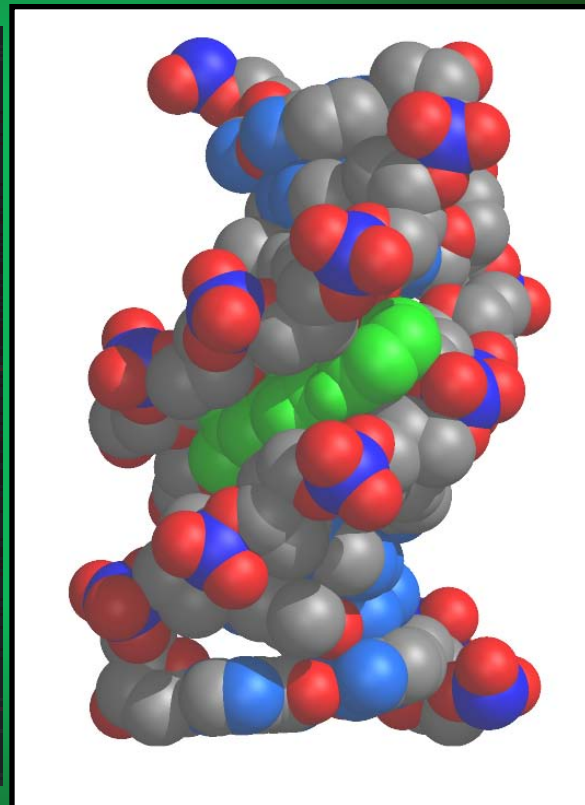
Thus, they evade GG-NER processing, persist in cellular DNA and are likely to have a prevalent role in chemical mutagenesis and disease.

(+) and (-) *trans*-benzo[a]pyrene-N2-dG Lesions



Cosman, et al. (1992) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **89**, 1914-1918.
de los Santos, et al. (1992) *Biochemistry*. **31**, 5245-5252.

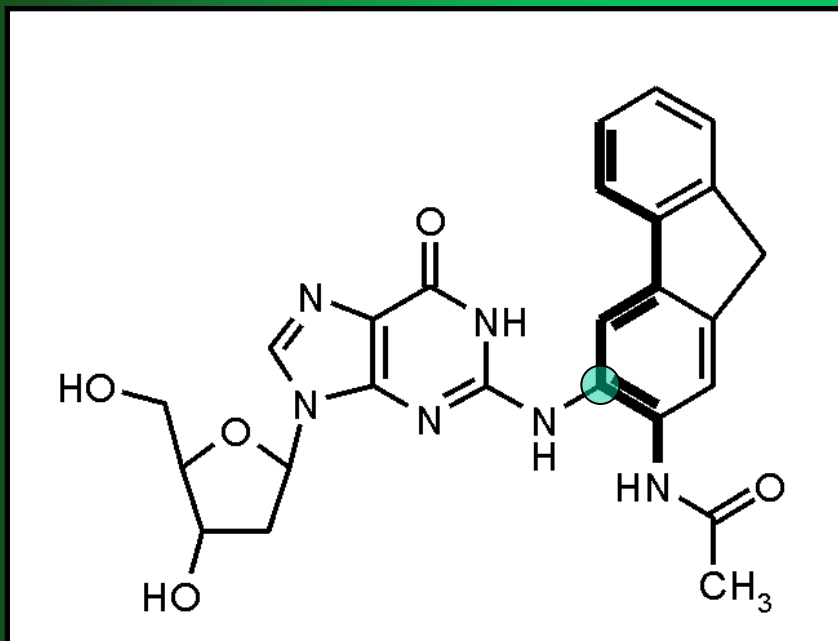
AAF-N2-dG Lesions



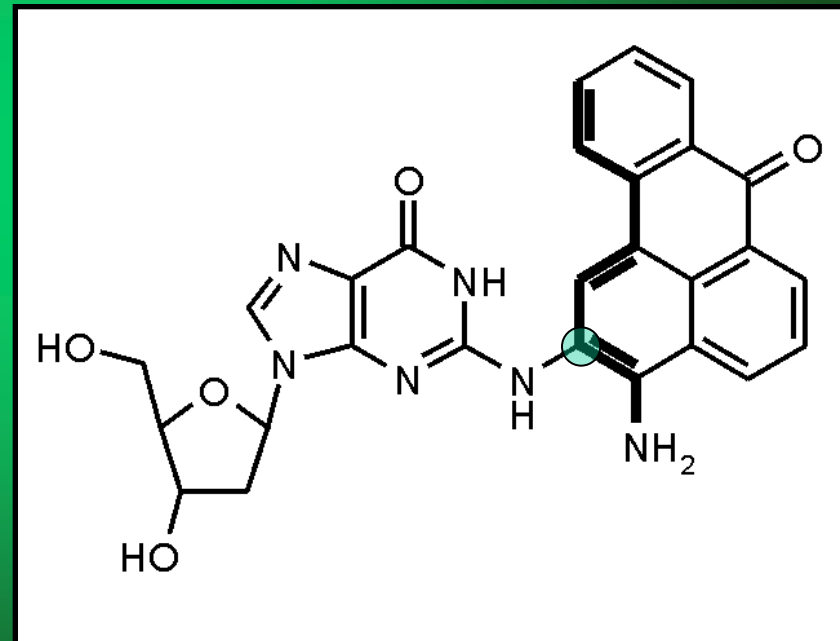
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Topology of helix-stabilizing lesions

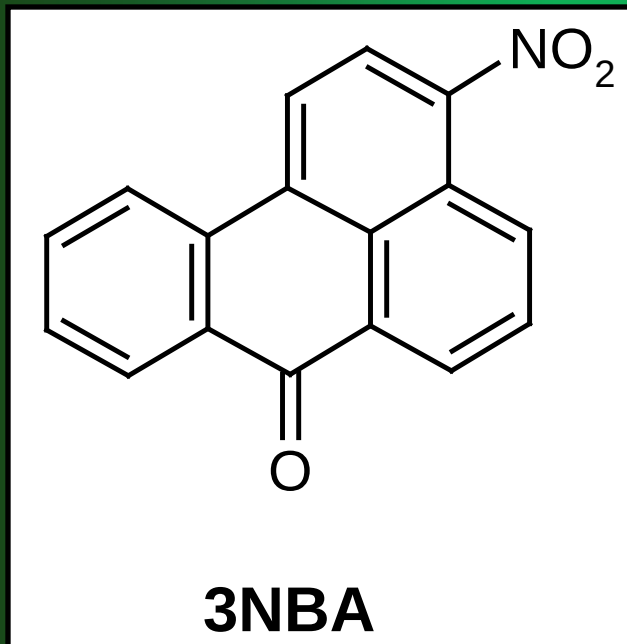
dG- N^2 -AAF



dG- N^2 -3ABA



3-Nitrobenzanthrone



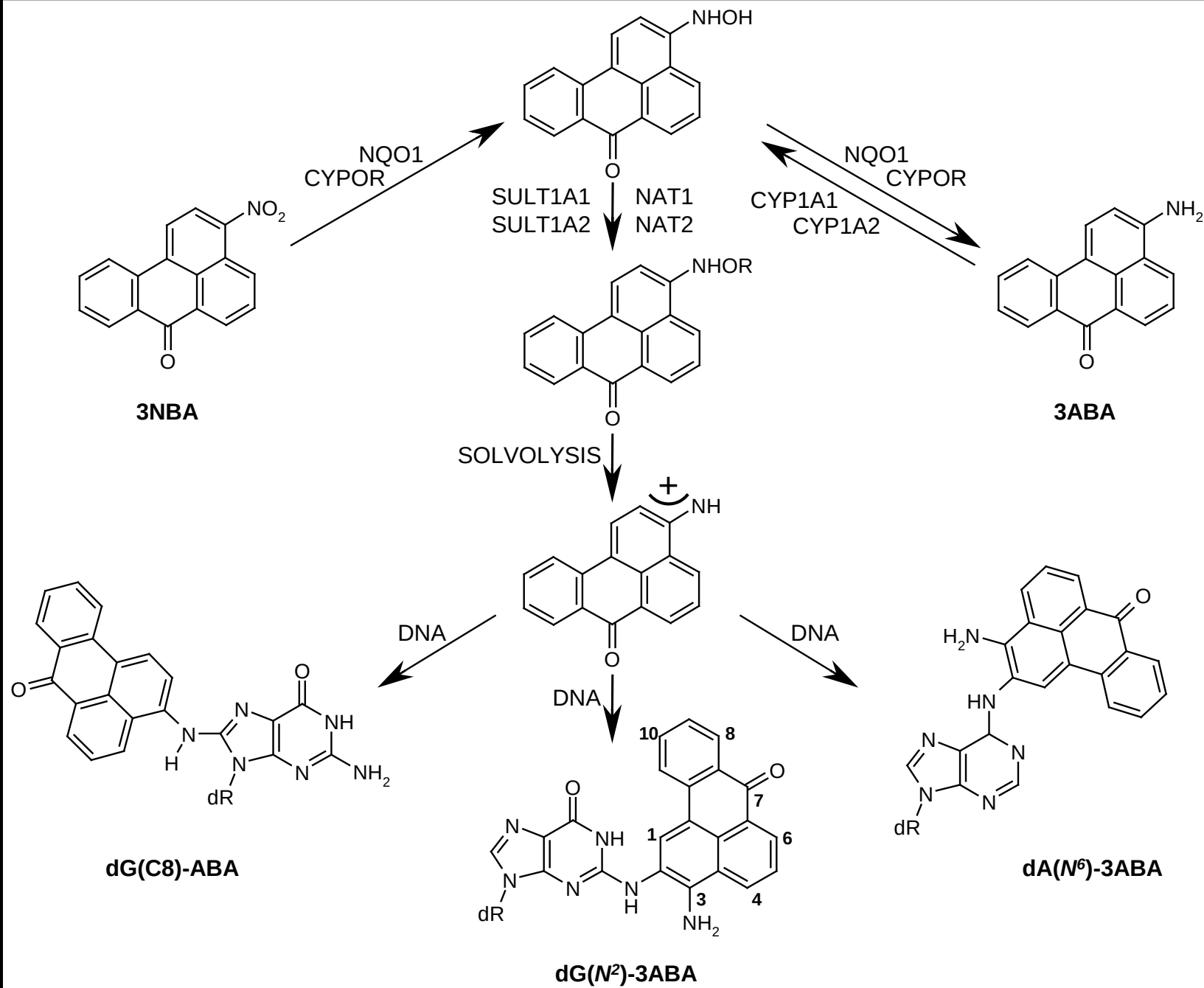
Present in coal fly ash, diesel engine exhausts and air particulate matter

Strong mammalian mutagen

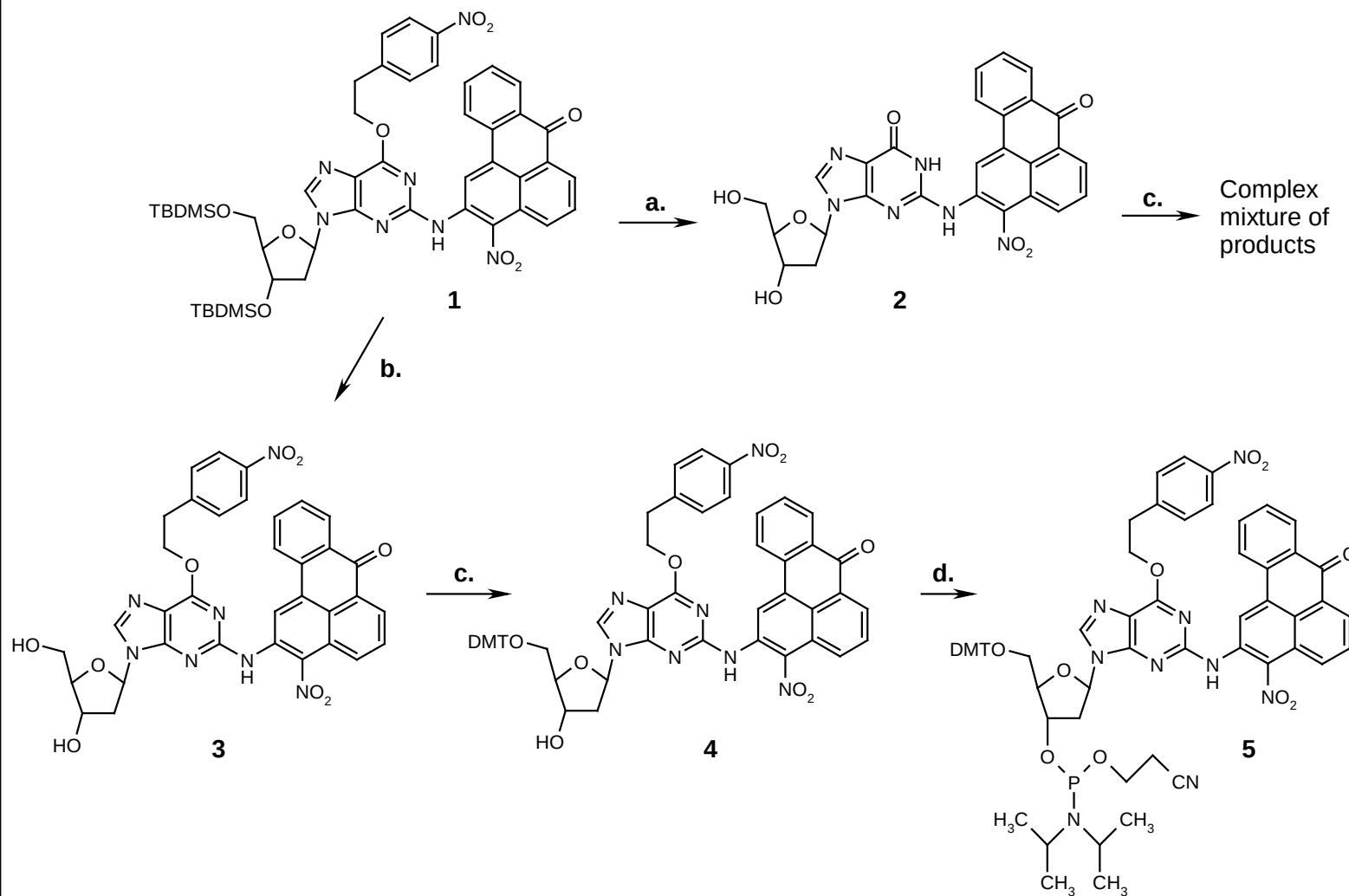
Causes DSB and induces micronuclei formation in human cells

Causes squamous cell lung tumors in rats.

Epidemiologically linked to lung cancer in humans

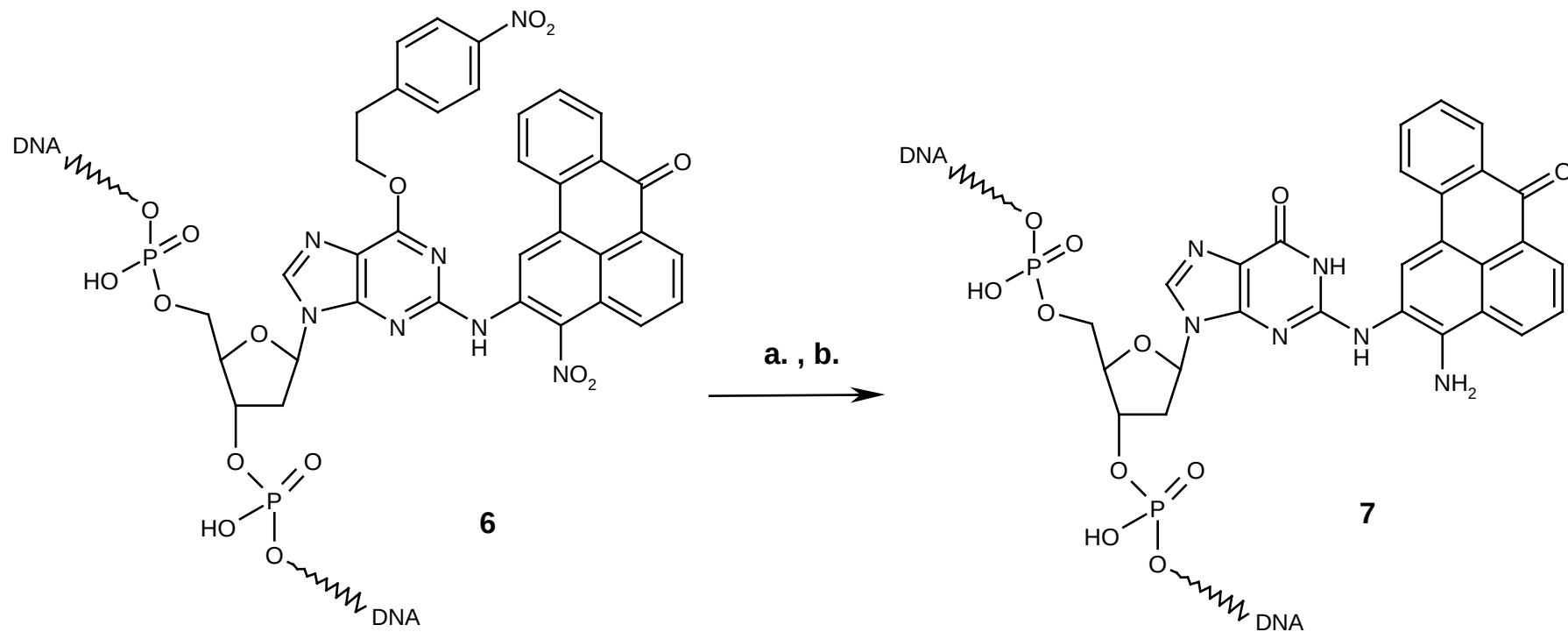


Scheme 1. Synthesis of protected dG(N²)-3ABA phosphoramidite



a. 1M tetrabutylammonium fluoride, THF; b. Triethylamine trihydrofluoride:triethylamine:DMF (4:3:6);
c. Dimethoxytrityl chloride, pyridine; d. Cyanoethoxy diisopropylamino chlorophosphine.

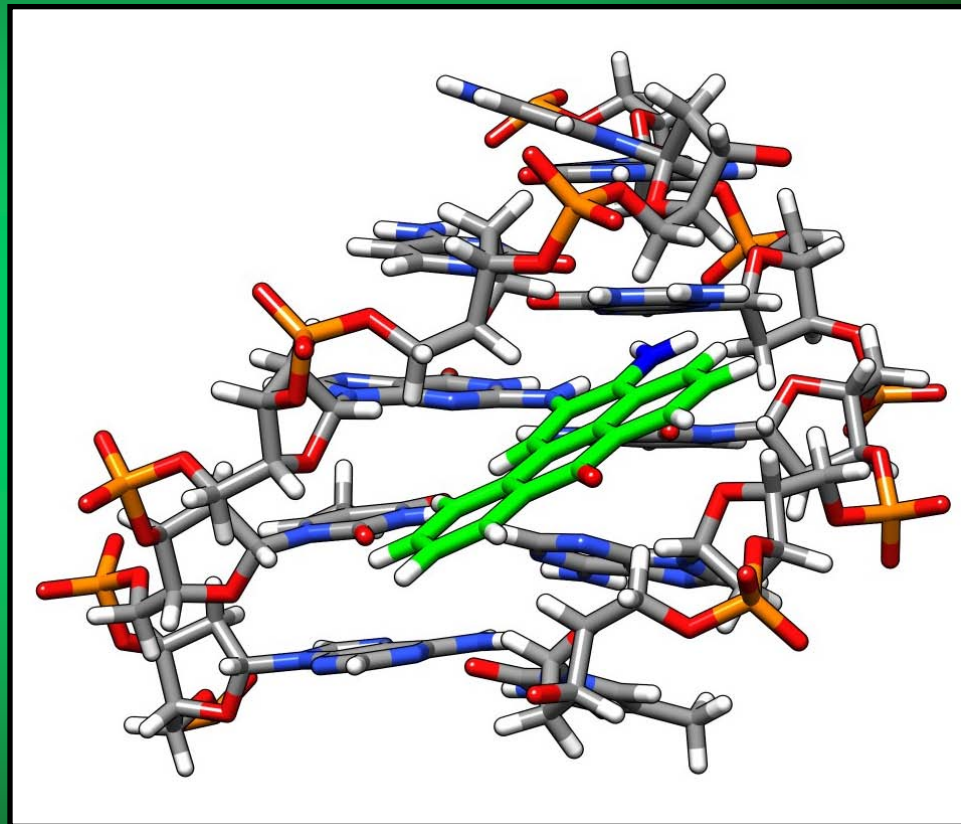
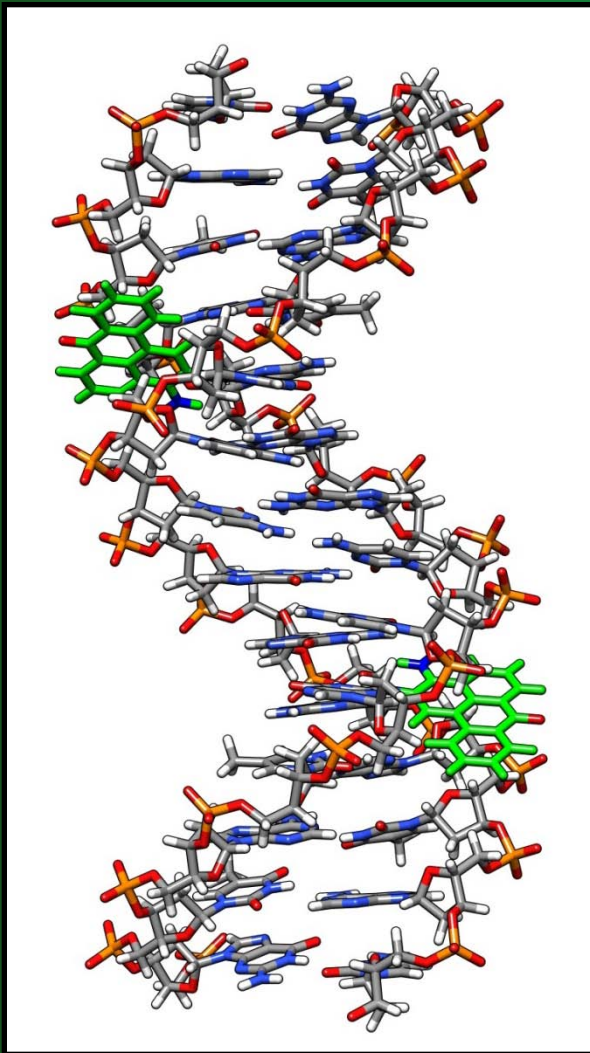
Scheme 2. Deprotection and nitro reduction of dG(*N*²)-NBA in oligonucleotides



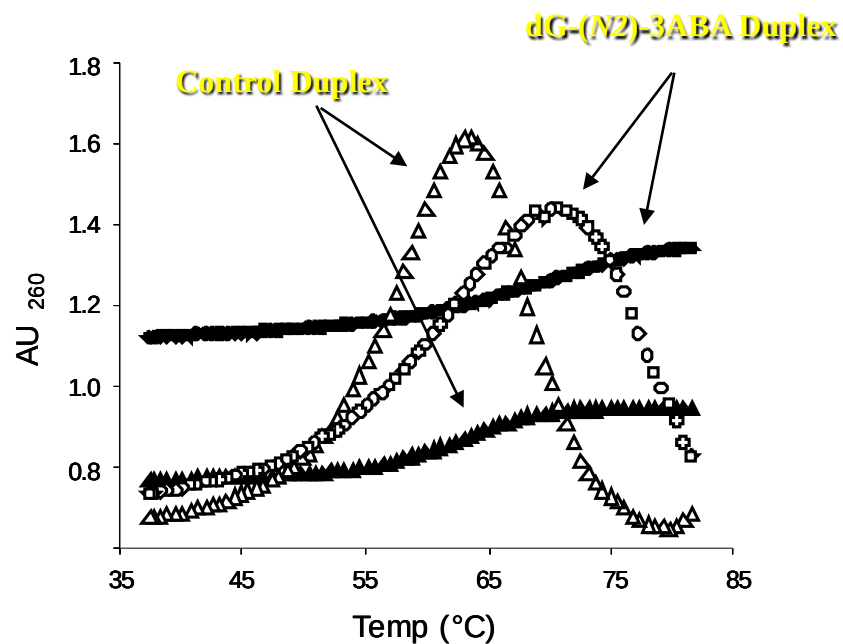
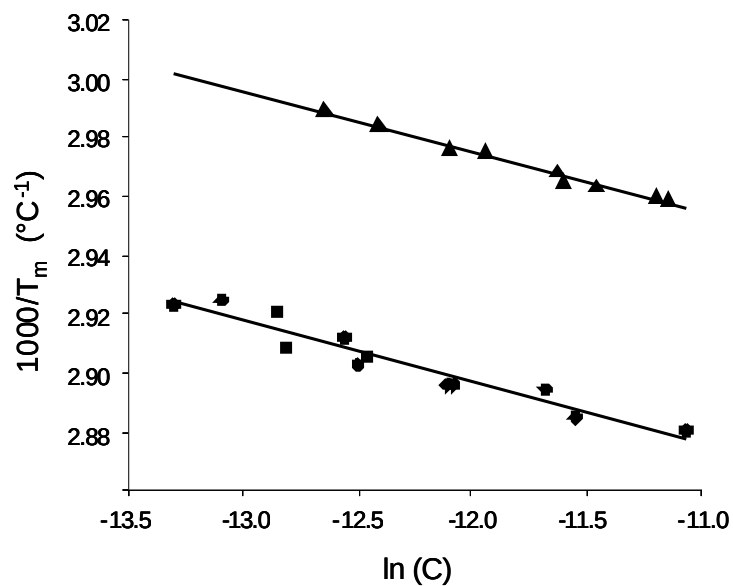
a. 1M tetrabutylammonium fluoride, THF; b. 1M Na₂S.

G₁ T₂ A₃ T₄ X₅ C₆ C₇ G₈ G₉ C₁₀ A₁₁ T₁₂ A₁₃ C₁₄

dG-(N²)-3ABA Duplex

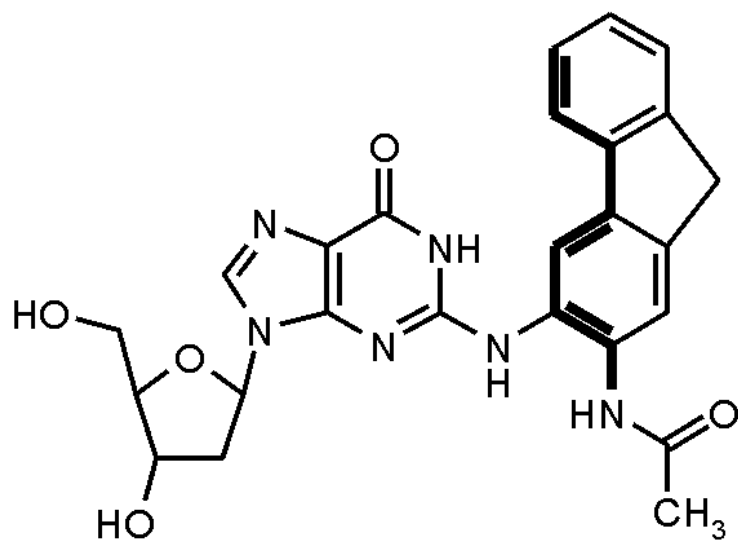


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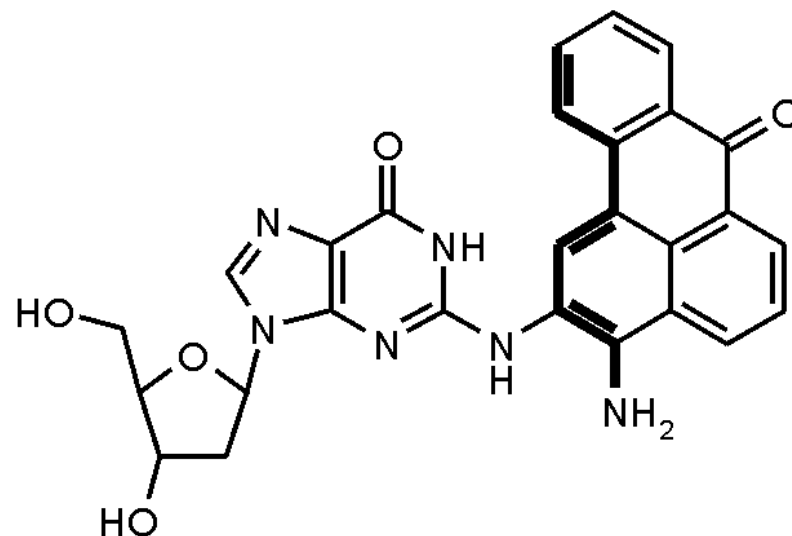


	$\Delta H^\circ_{25'}$ kcal/mol	$\Delta S^\circ_{25'}$ cal/mol·K	$\Delta G^\circ_{25'}$ kcal/mol	$\Delta G^\circ_{37'}$ kcal/mol	$\Delta\Delta G^\circ_{37'/\text{lesion}}$ kcal/mol
dG(2N)-ABA duplex	-95 ± 8	-252 ± 24	-21 ± 1.1	-17.9 ± 0.8	-1.5
Control duplex	-98 ± 4	-267 ± 11	-18.2 ± 0.5	-14.9 ± 0.3	

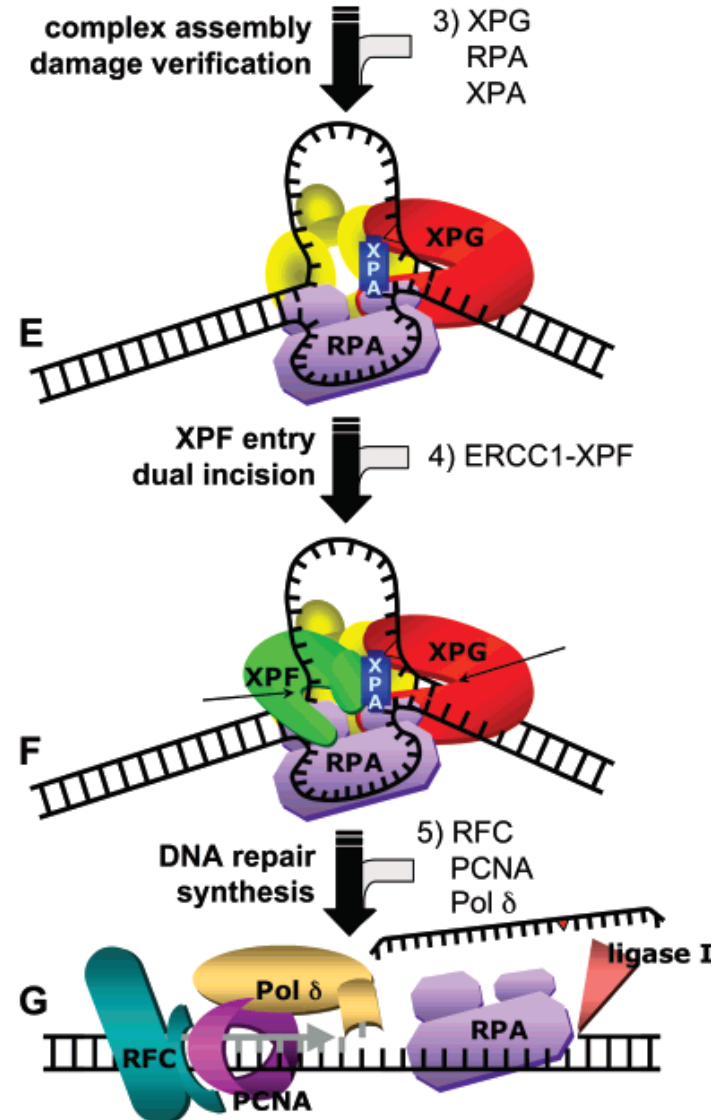
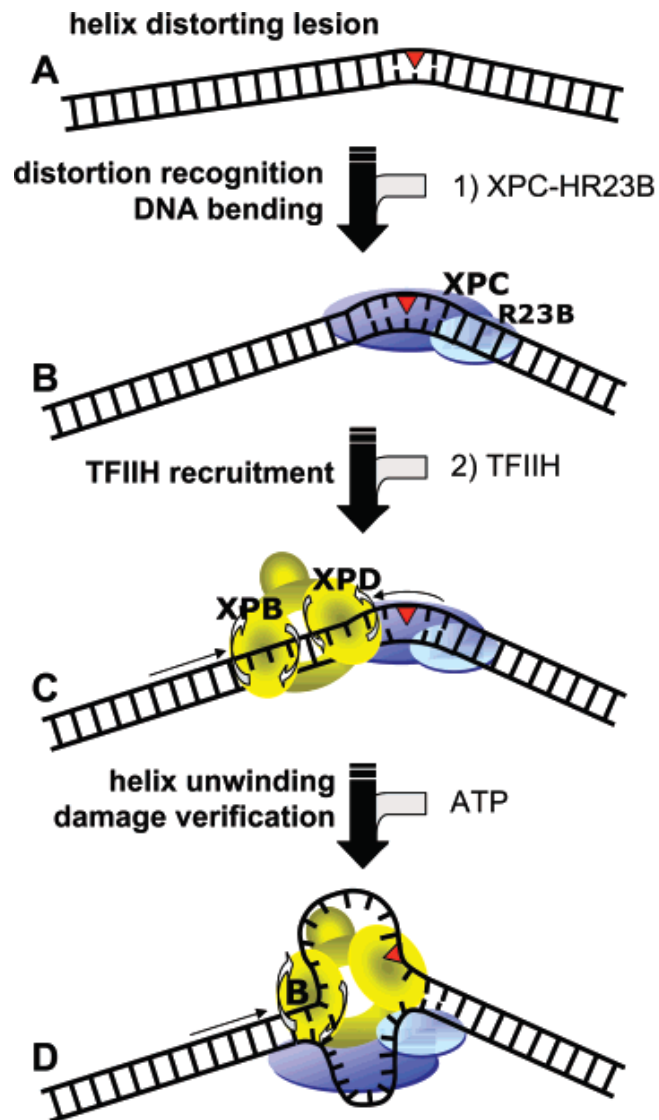
dG-N²-AAF



dG-N²-3ABA



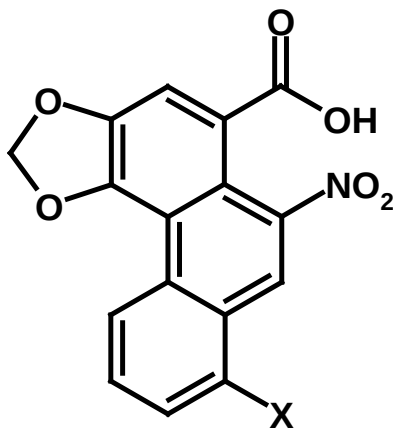
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Aristolochic Acids



Aristolochia elegans



AAI : X = OMe
AAII : X = H



Aristolochia clematitis

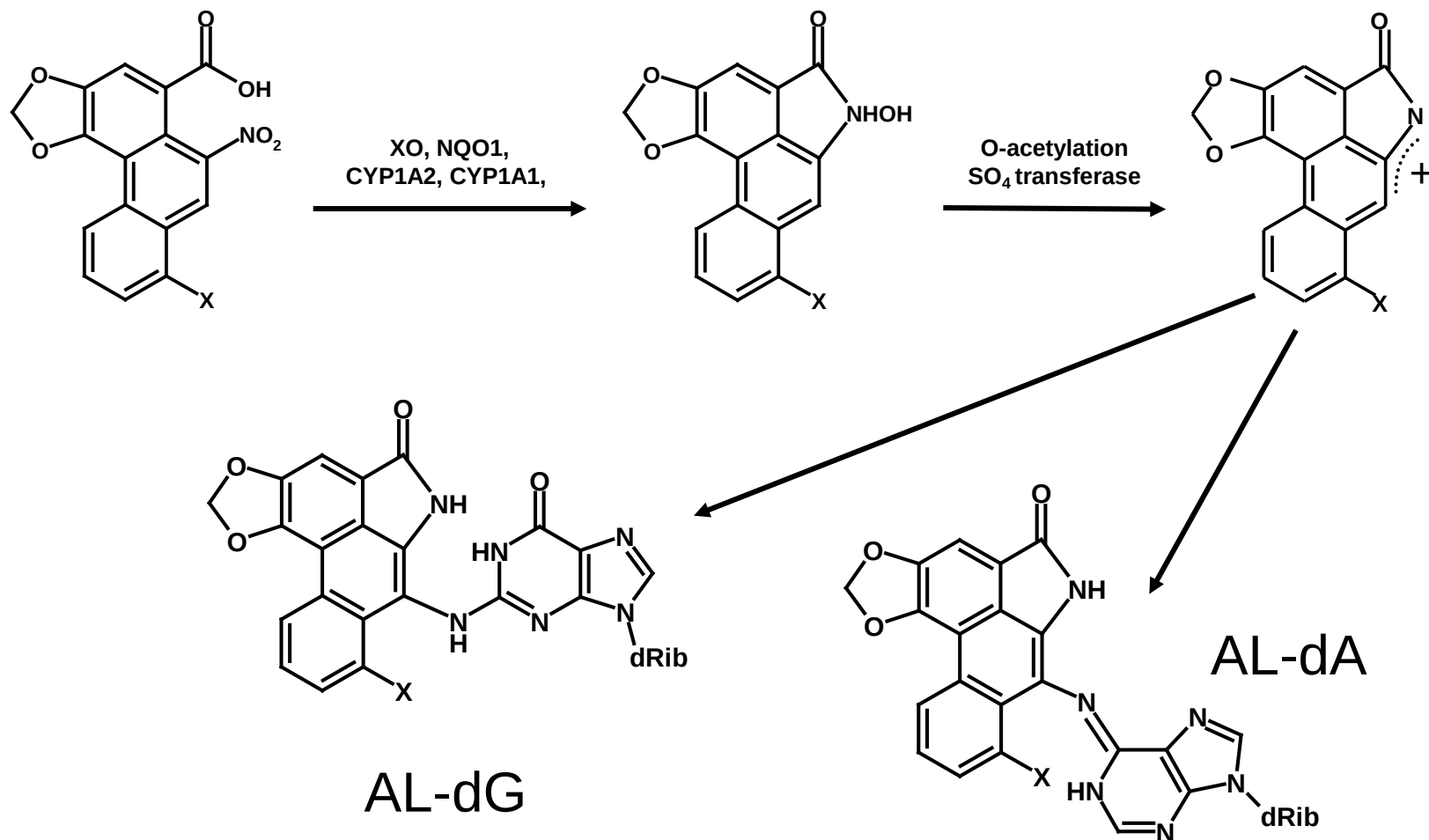
AA-I is nephrotoxic: causes interstitial fibrosis
with progression to end-stage renal disease
Many patients develop urothelial cancer

Both AA-I & AA-II are genotoxic, mostly
leading to AT → TA transversions

AA-dA adducts persist in chromosomal DNA
for several years

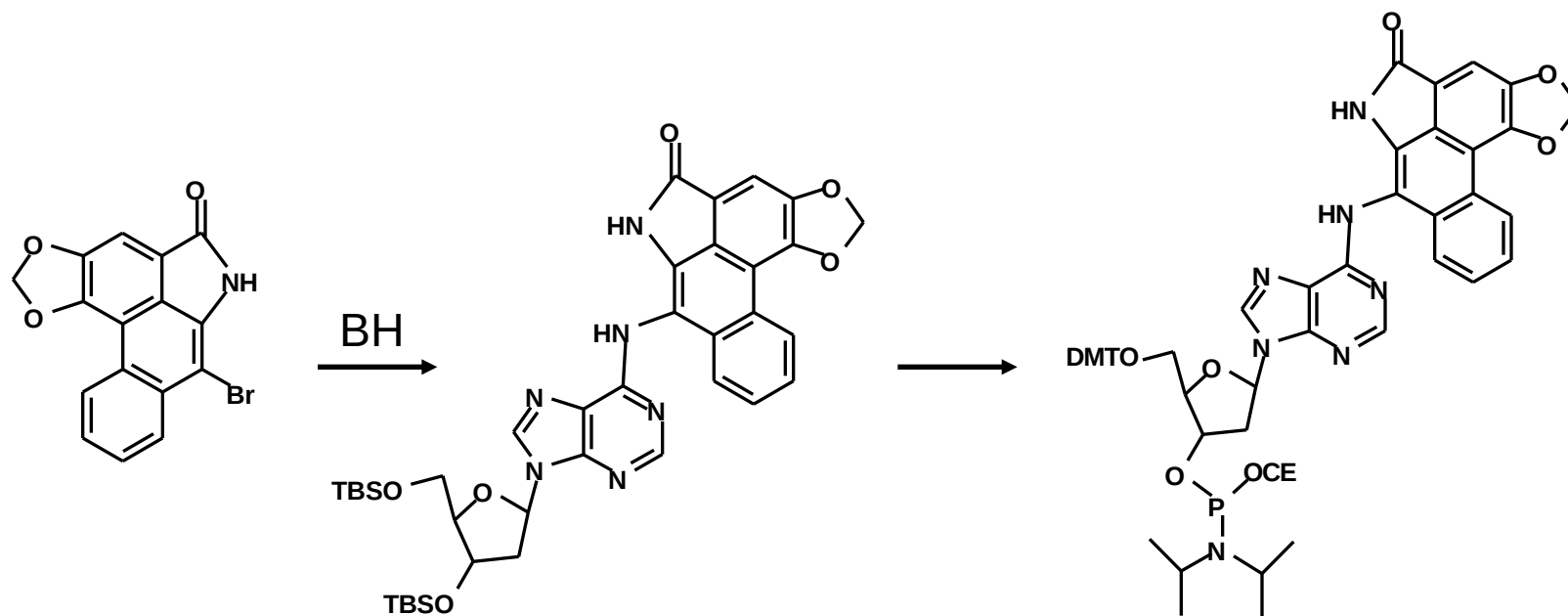
The National Toxicology Program listed the AAs
as established human carcinogens

Aristolochic Acids



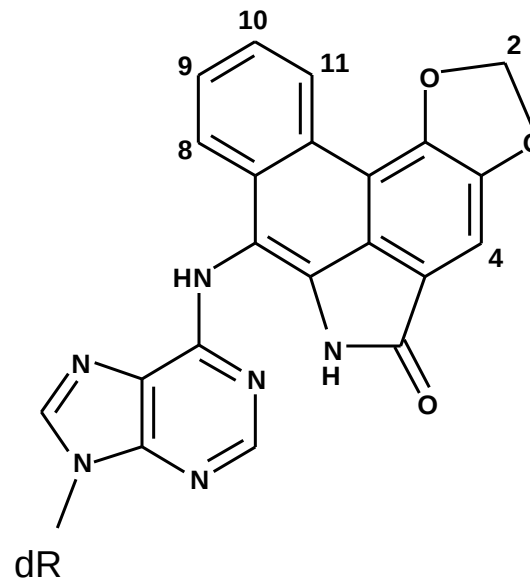
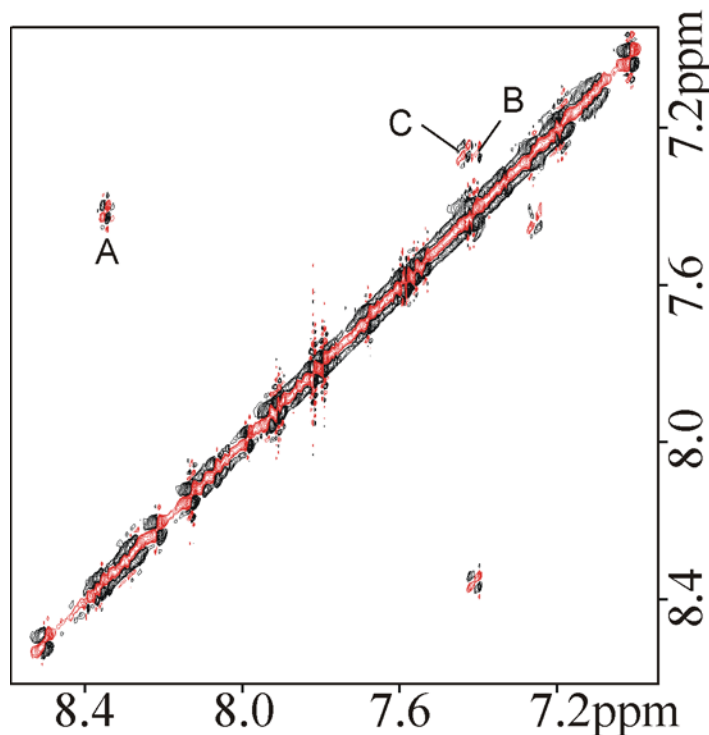
dA-(N⁶)-ALII Duplex

C1 G2 T3 A4 C5 **X6** C7 A8 T9 G10 C11
G22 C21 A20 T19 G18 T17 G16 T15 A14 C13 G12



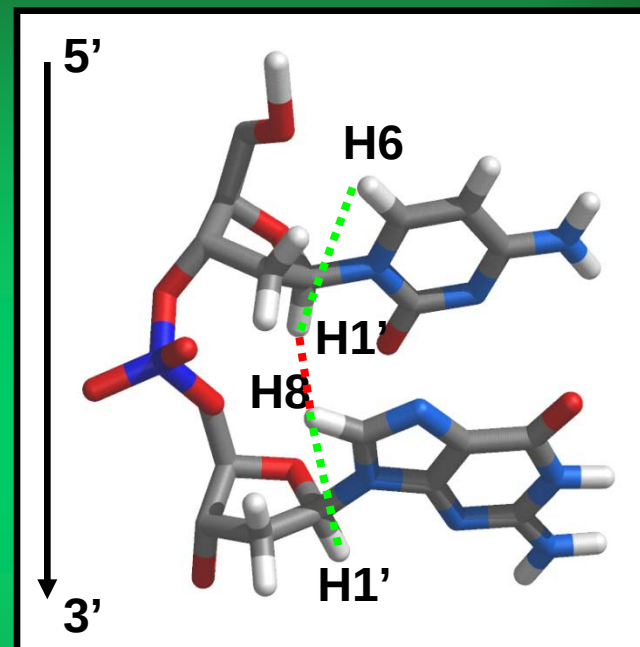
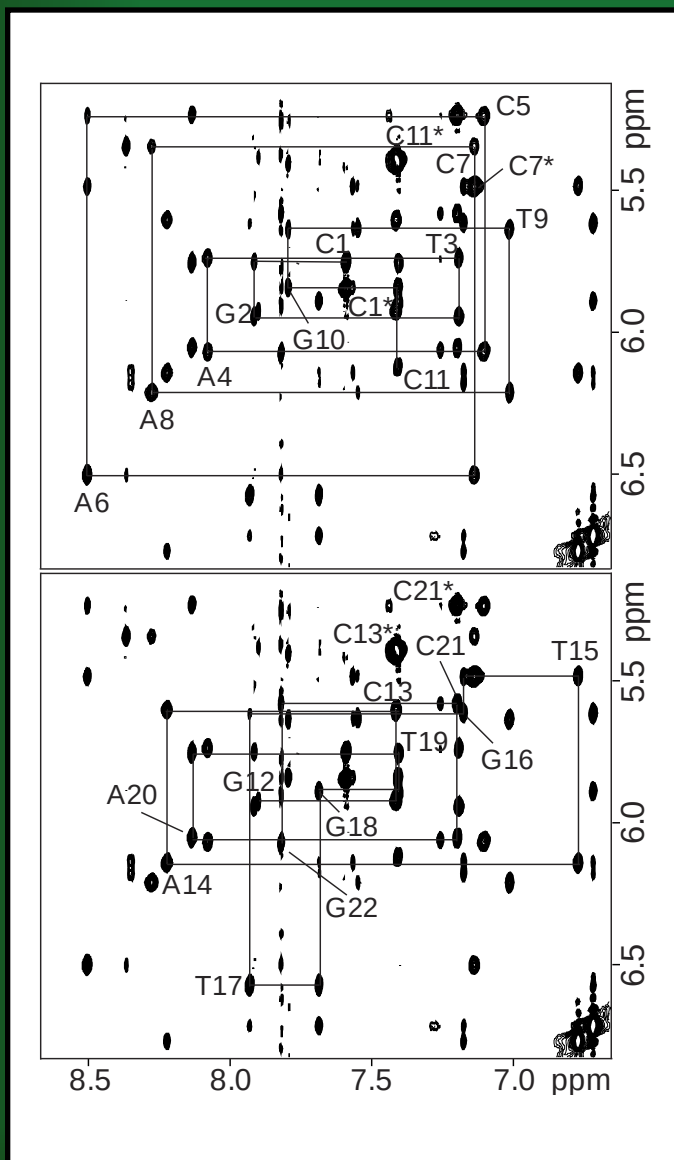
Attaluri et al. (2010) *Nucleic Acids Res.*, **38**, 339-352.

dA-(N⁶)-ALII Duplex



A) AAH11-AAH10 B) AAH10-AAH9 C) AAH8-AAH9

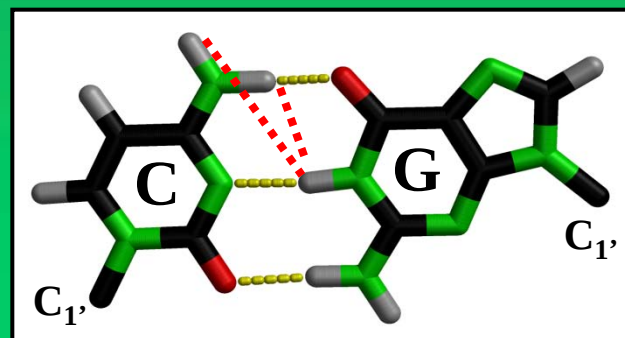
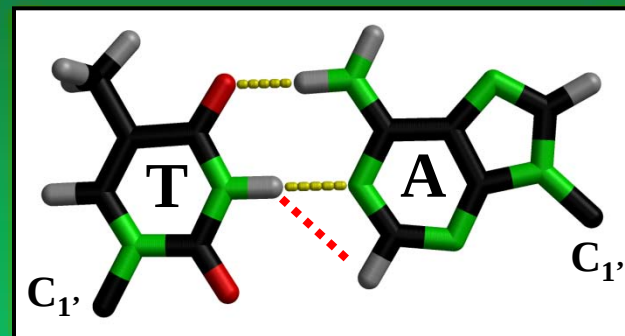
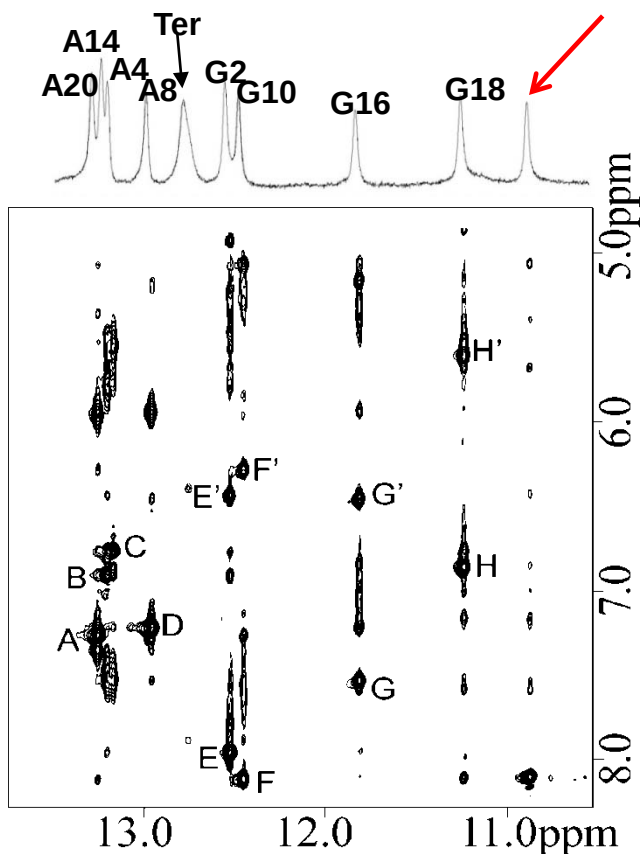
dA-(N⁶)-ALII Duplex



D₂O NOESY

dA-(N⁶)-ALII Duplex

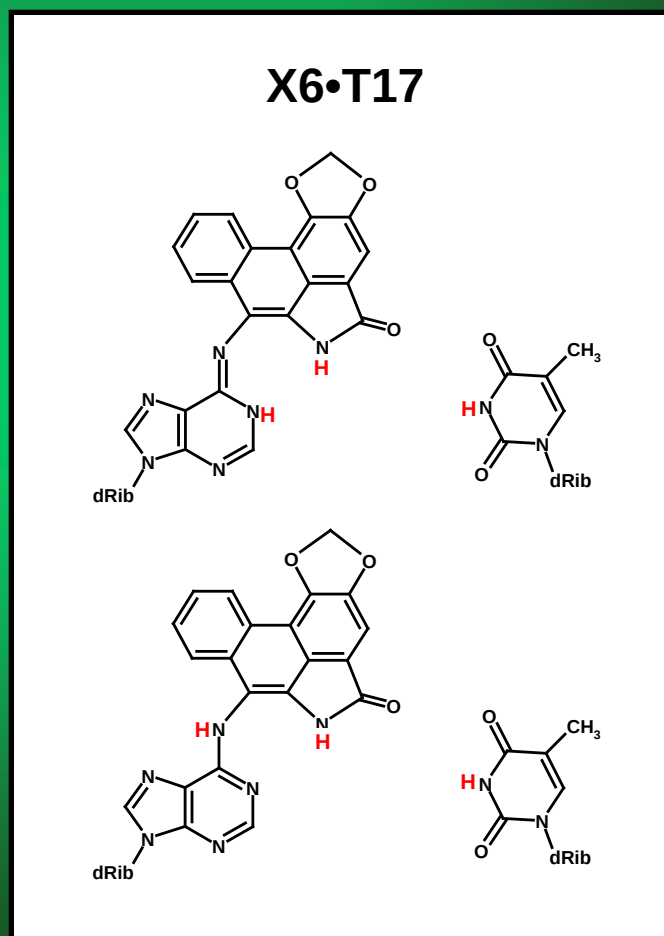
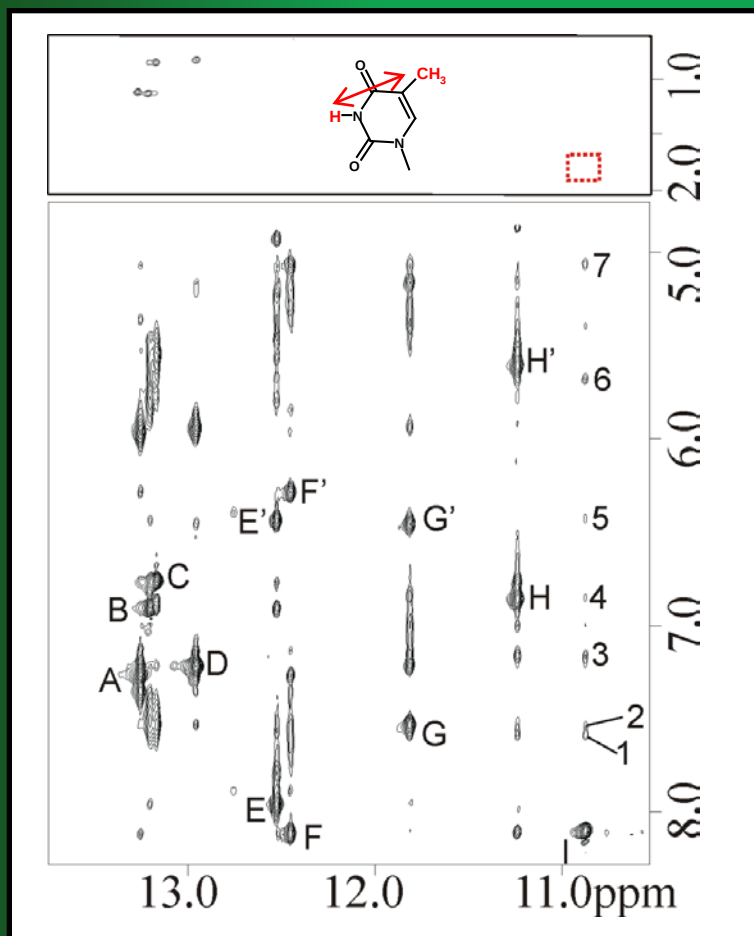
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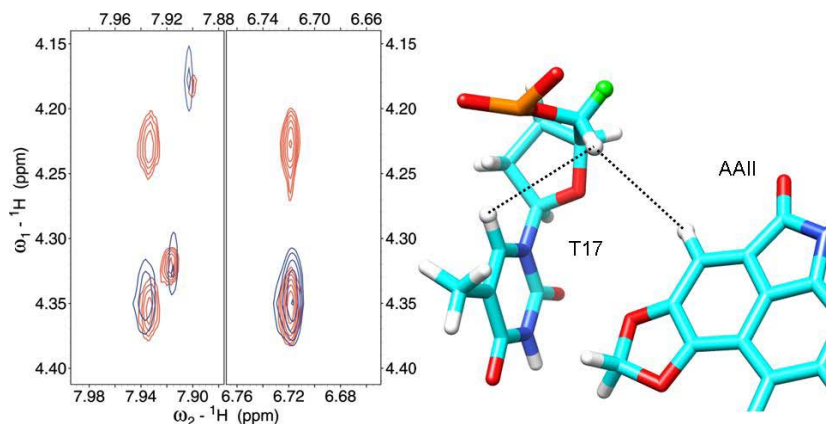
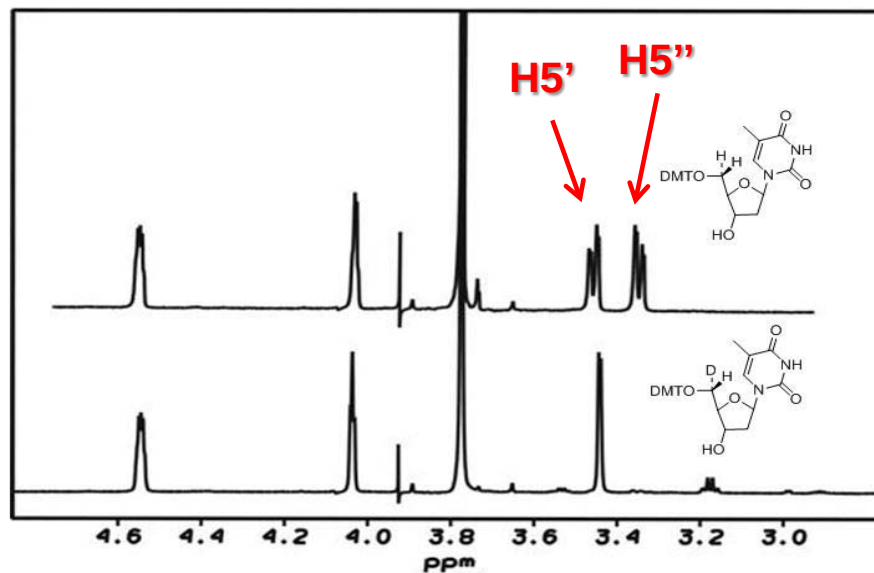
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dA-(N⁶)-ALII Duplex

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G ₂₂	C ₂₁	A ₂₀	T ₁₉	G ₁₈	T ₁₇	G ₁₆	T ₁₅	A ₁₄	C ₁₃	G ₁₂

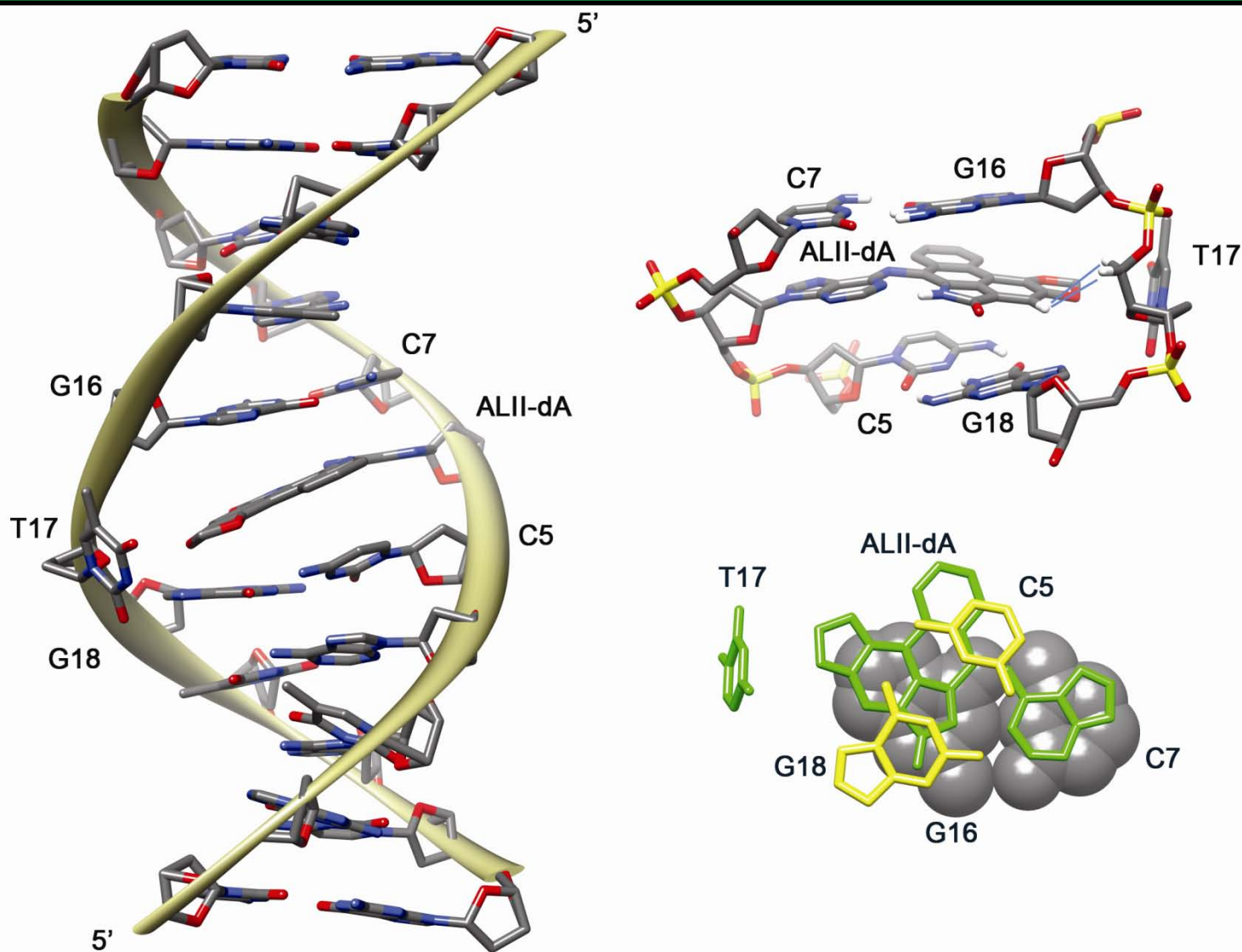


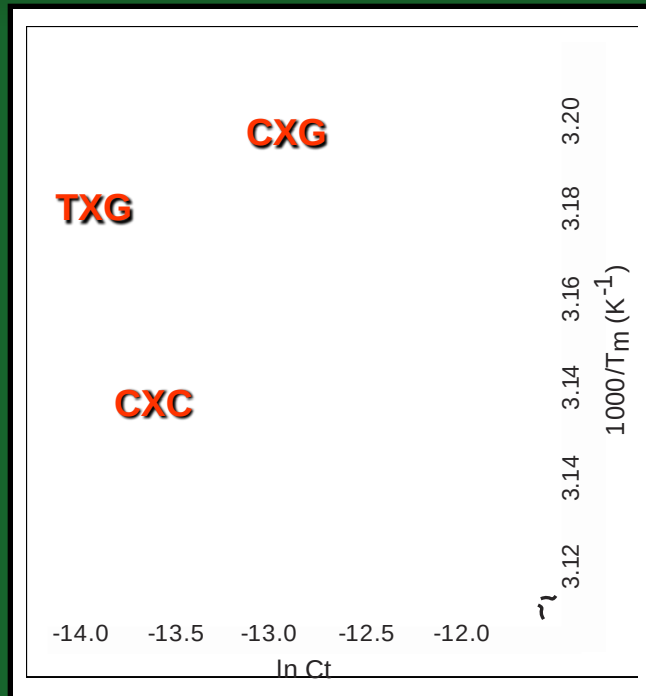
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Selective H5''
thymine deuteration

dA-(N^6)-ALII Duplex





dA-(N⁶)-ALII causes duplex destabilization

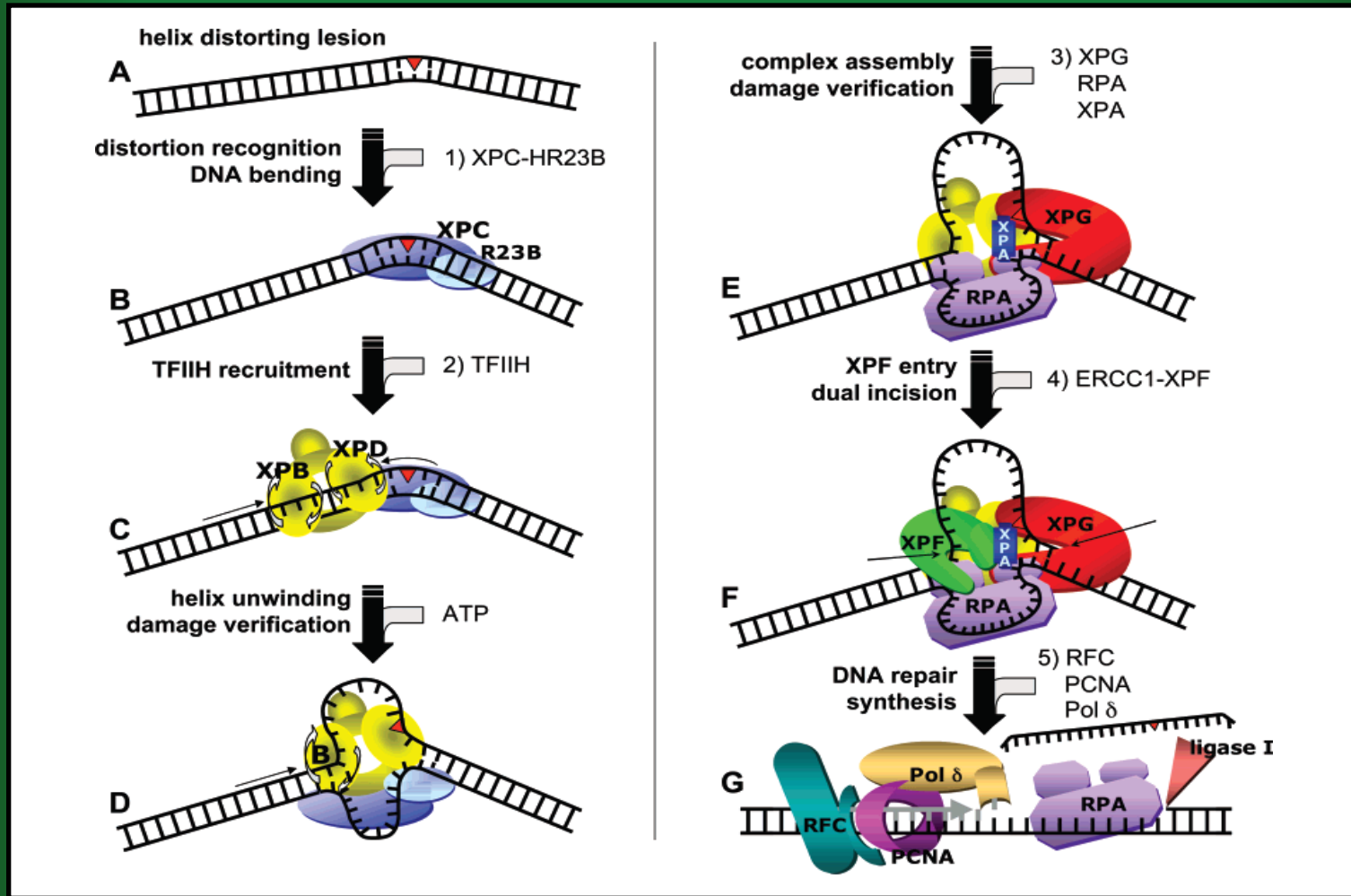
Duplex Sequence	T_m (°C)	ΔH^0 (Kcal/mol)	ΔS^0 (cal/mol °K)	$\Delta G^0_{25^\circ C}$ (Kcal/mol)	$\Delta G^0_{37^\circ C}$ (Kcal/mol)	$\Delta\Delta G^0_{37^\circ C}$ (Kcal/mol)
C - X - C	45.2	-76	-211	-12.7	-10.2	2.5
C - A - C	51.6	-98	-273	-15.9	-12.7	
T - X - G	43.1	-58	-157	-11.2	-9.3	1.2
T - A - G	46.7	-78	-219	-13.1	-10.5	
C - X - G	39.9	-68	-190	-11.0	-8.7	0.8
C - A - G	42.9	-72	-203	-11.9	-9.5	

The AL-II-dA lesion reduces the stability of the duplex

Duplex structure is perturbed at the lesion site. The AL-II moiety intercalates in the opposing strand displacing the partner thymine in the major groove

In spite of these changes, the duplex adopts a single conformation that is stabilized mainly by hydrophobic interactions at lesion site

NER Recognition of Bulky Adducts



dA-(N^6)-AL-II adduct levels are elevated in GG-NER and transcription-coupled NER deficient cells, but not in XPC cell lines lacking GG-NER.

In vitro, plasmids containing a single dA-(N^6)-AL-II adduct are resistant to the early recognition and incision steps of NER.

Additionally, XPC-RAD23B, the GG-NER damage sensor, failed to specifically bind to dA-(N^6)-AL-II adducts.

Recognition of bulky lesions by GG-NER
seems less efficient than initially thought

Topology of duplex stabilizing lesions
(AAF- N^2 -dG, 3ABA- N^2 -dG)

Stability threshold

Other factors