

# Uncovering mechanisms of BER regulation in human cells

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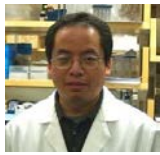
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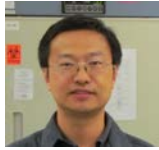


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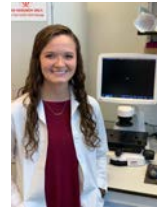
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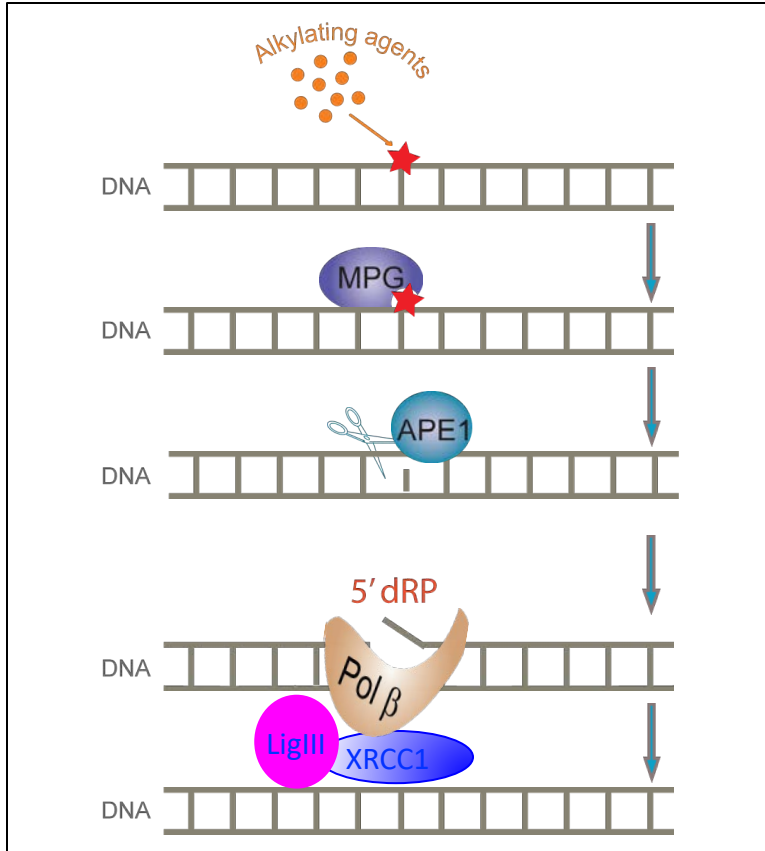


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# PARP1, SSBR, BER and Cancer

- Both BER and SSBR play critical roles in genome stability and genome mutation avoidance.
- BER/SSBR proteins such as some glycosylases, PNKP, POLB and XRCC1 shown to be altered in cancer, driving genome instability.
- The BER protein NEIL3 essential for DNA crosslink repair.
- BER/SSBR factors APE1, APE2, PNKP and Lig3 considered novel & druggable targets for synthetic lethality.
- There are effective small molecule inhibitors to the poly-ADP-ribose synthesis and degradation enzymes PARP1 and PARG that show preferential killing (synthetic lethality) in some cancer backgrounds (BRCA1, BRCA2 etc).
- Our long-term goals are to uncover novel BER/SSBR protein and metabolic factors that may be regulated or targeted for effective/enhanced treatment response in cancer.

# Simple base excision repair (BER) Model



Base damage induced by exogenous or endogenous sources

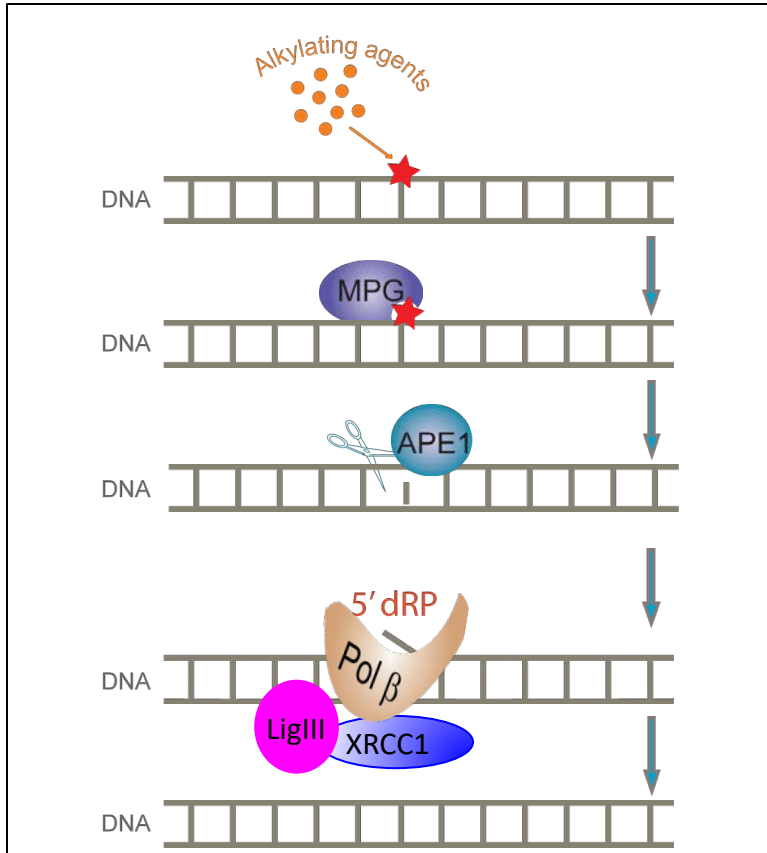
Base damage removed by a DNA glycosylase

DNA cleaved at the abasic site by an AP endonuclease

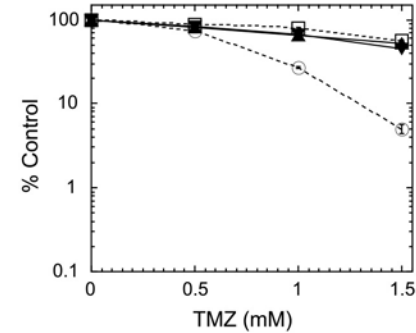
DNA polymerase  $\beta$  recruited to the site to:

- 1) Tailor the gap (5'dRPase)
- 2) Synthesize DNA (one base insertion)

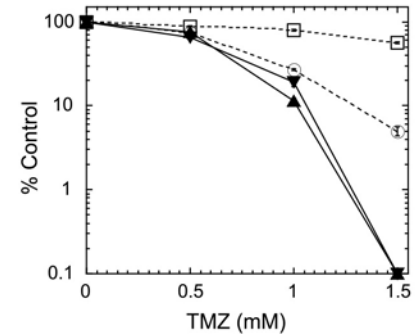
# DNA polymerase $\beta$ is essential for repair and cell survival in response to base damage, especially the gap tailoring activity



Pol $\beta$   
WT



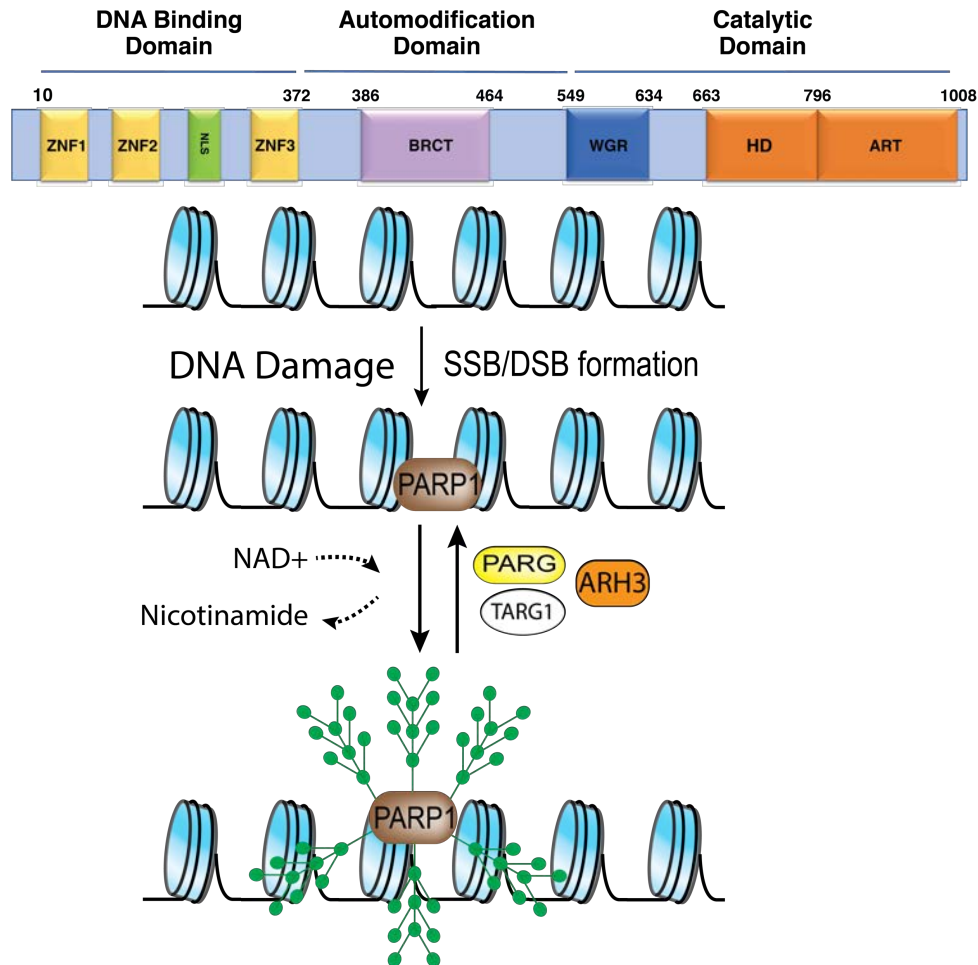
Pol $\beta$   
Lyase-  
dead



Nature 1996; Nature 2000; Cancer Res 2007, MCB 2010

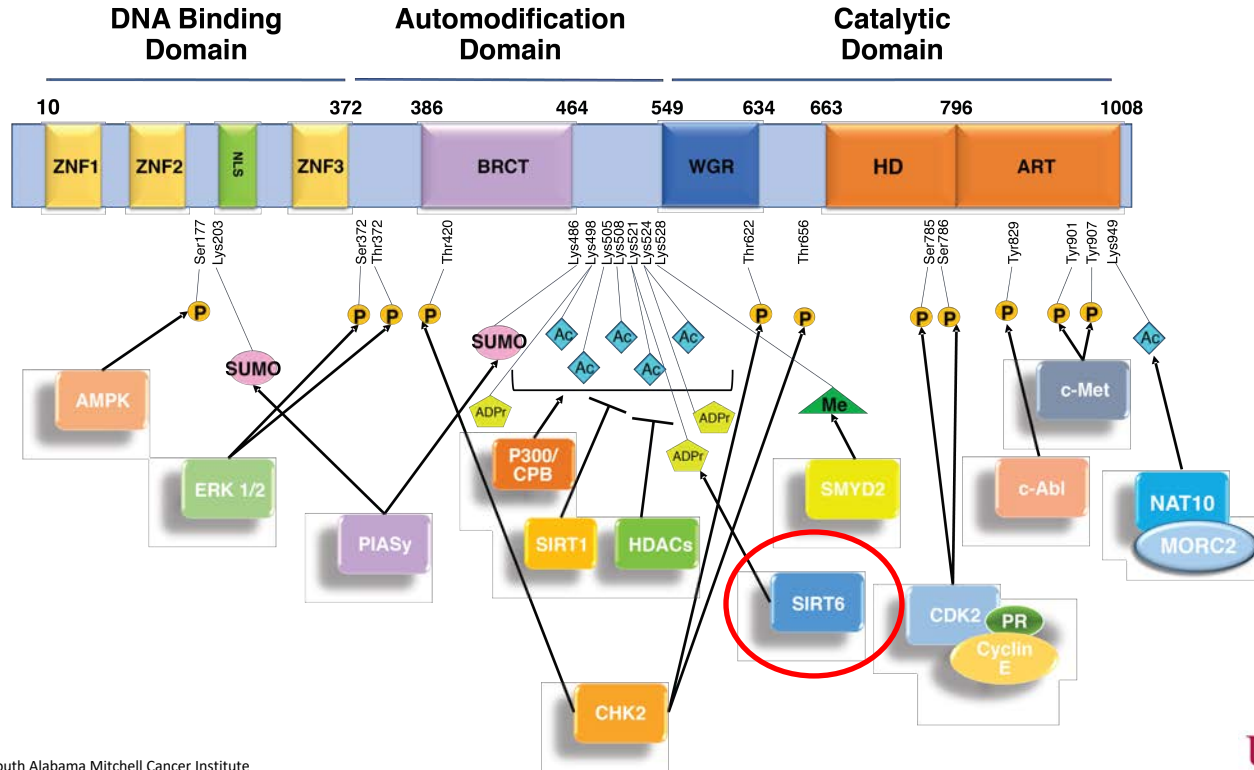
PARP1 is a  
critical BER  
factor in  
mammalian  
cells

**PARP1**



# PARP1: highly regulated by post-translational modifications

## PARP1



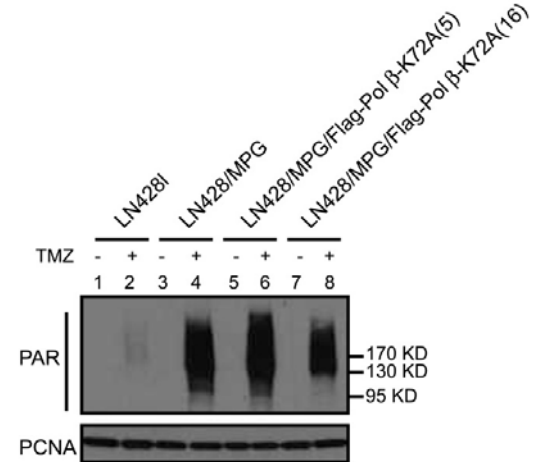
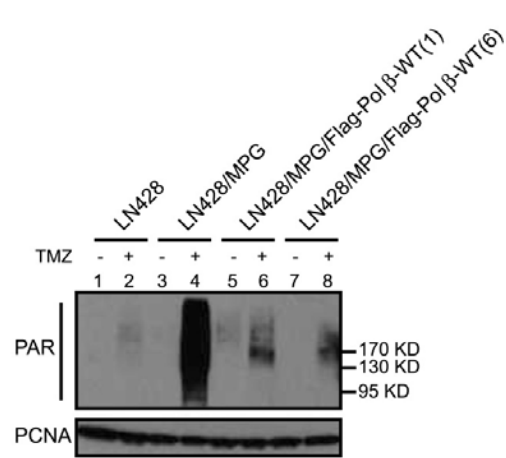
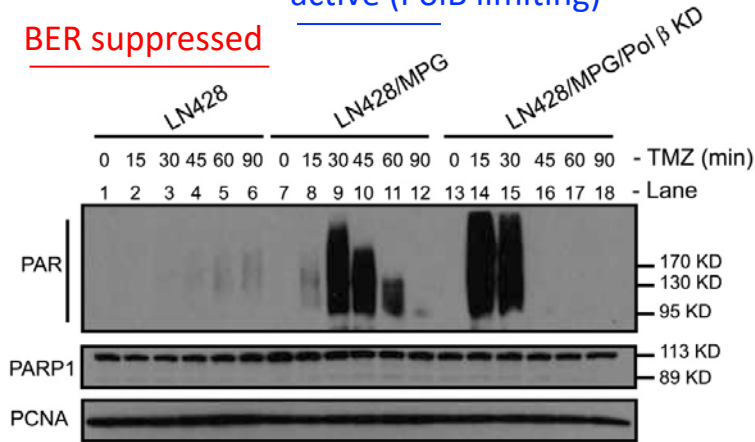


# Base Excision Repair (BER) defect triggers PARP-activation dependent cell death

BER hyper-active  
+ PolB suppressed

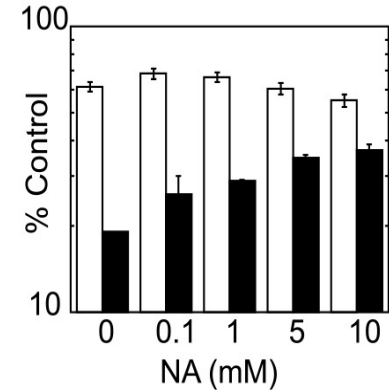
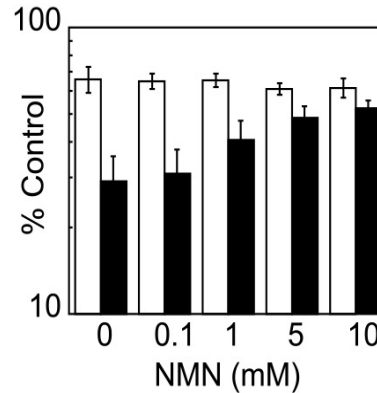
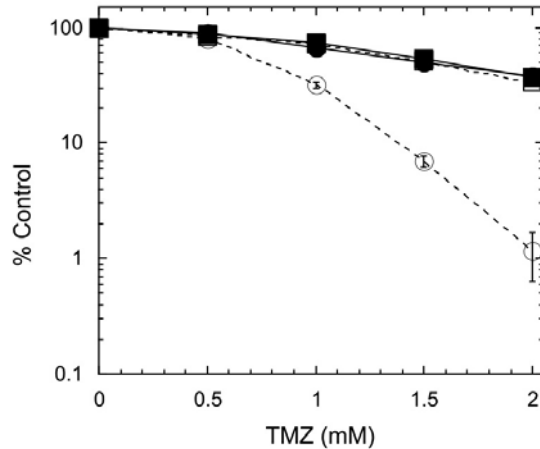
BER hyper-active (PolB limiting)

BER suppressed



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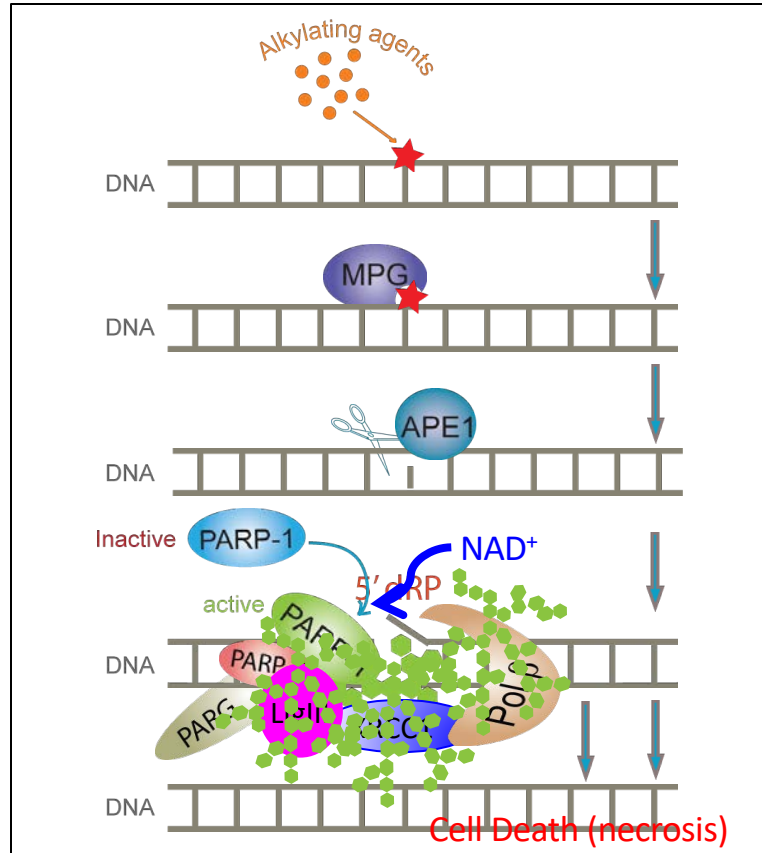
# Base Excision Repair (BER) defect triggers PARP-activation dependent cell death -rescue by PARPi or NMN supplementation



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# Mammalian BER Model

⇒ Support for this model:  
Pol $\beta$  loss triggers damage-induced PARP1 hyperactivation and likely dependence on NAD<sup>+</sup> levels



This model places PARP1 upstream of Pol $\beta$

The implication is that the PARP1 substrate NAD<sup>+</sup> is an essential BER co-factor.

Fornsaglio JL, et al. *Mutat Res.* (2010) Apr 1;686(1-2):57-67.

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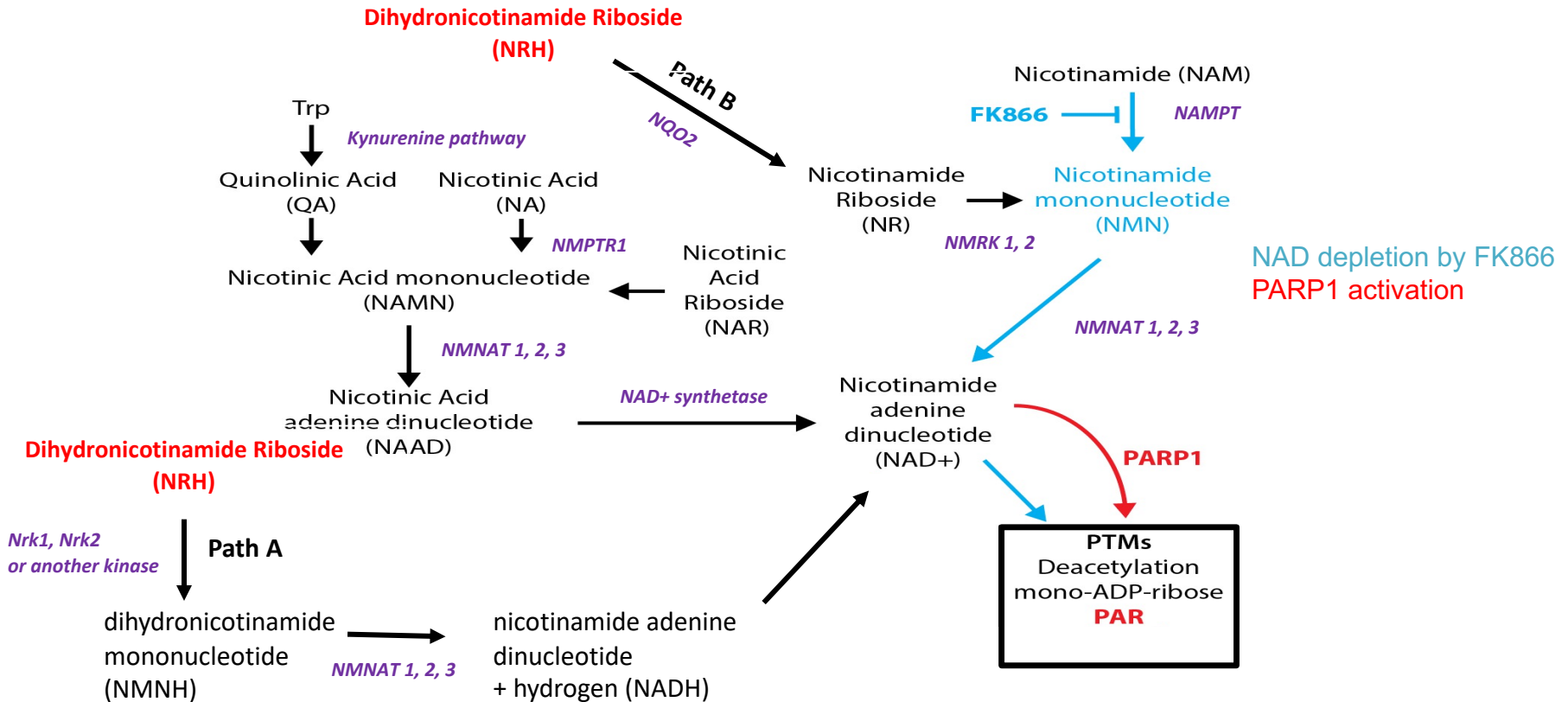
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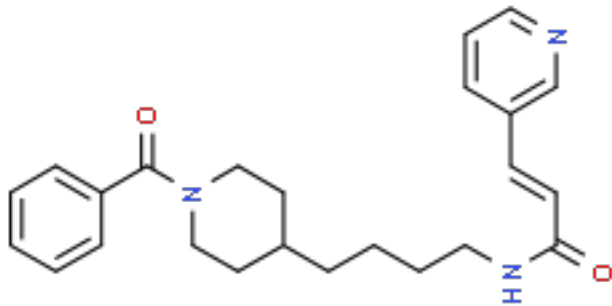
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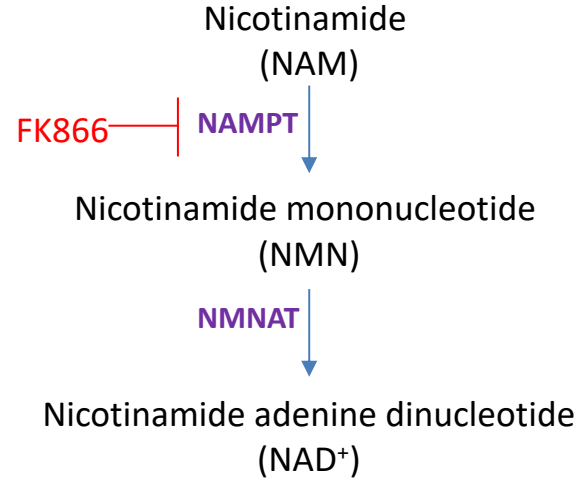
# Differential metabolic alterations mediated by PARP1 activation or NAD<sup>+</sup> depletion by FK866



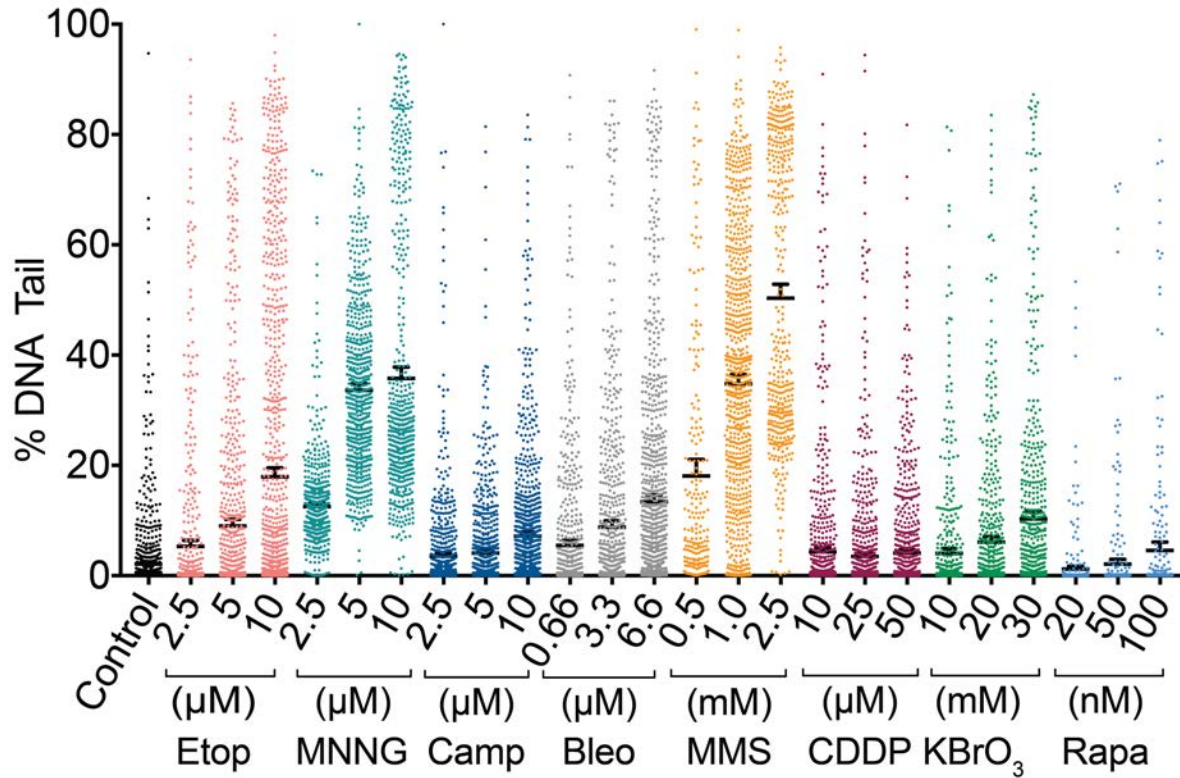
# NAD Biosynthesis inhibition



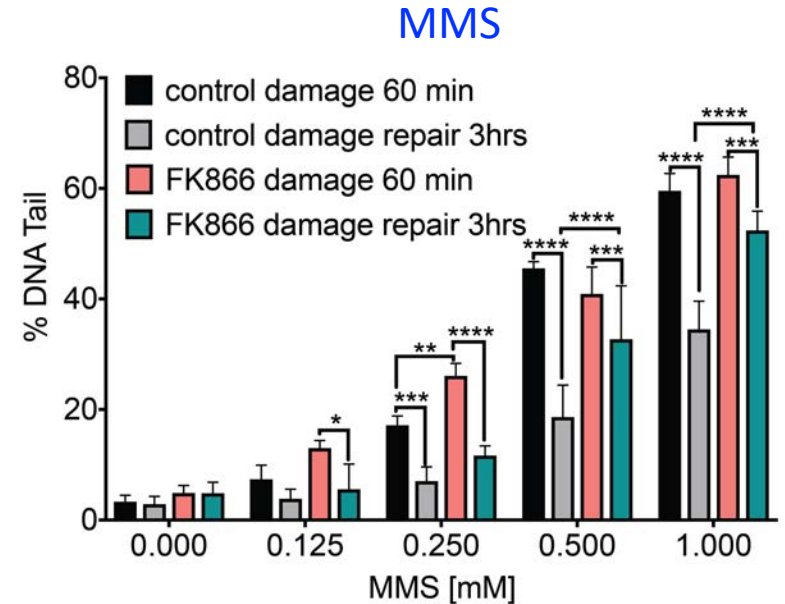
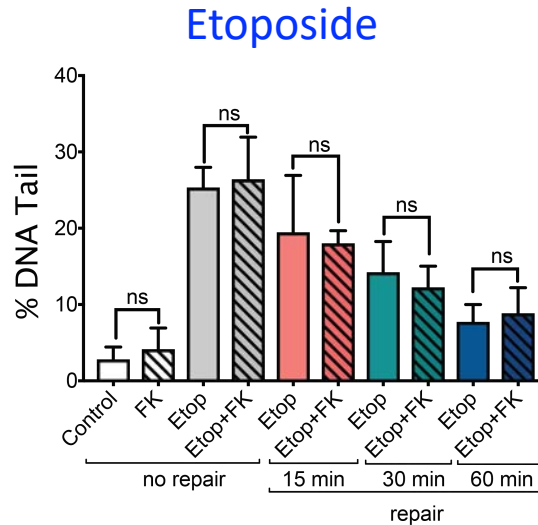
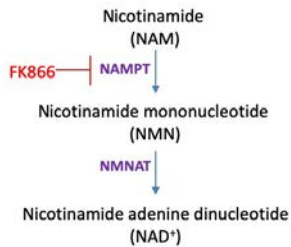
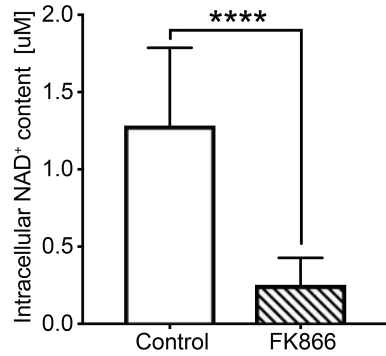
**FK866**



# Dose response for Chemical-induced genomic DNA damage



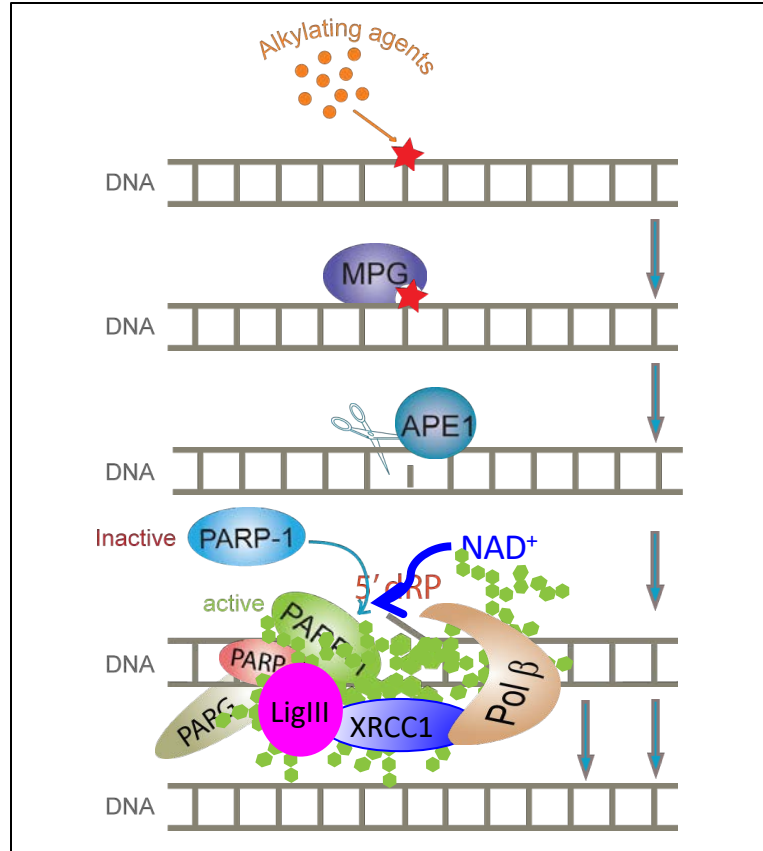
# DNA repair of genomic DNA damage from some chemicals is suppressed when NAD<sup>+</sup> is deficient



➔ Supports a role for NAD<sup>+</sup> as a critical BER factor

# Mammalian BER Model

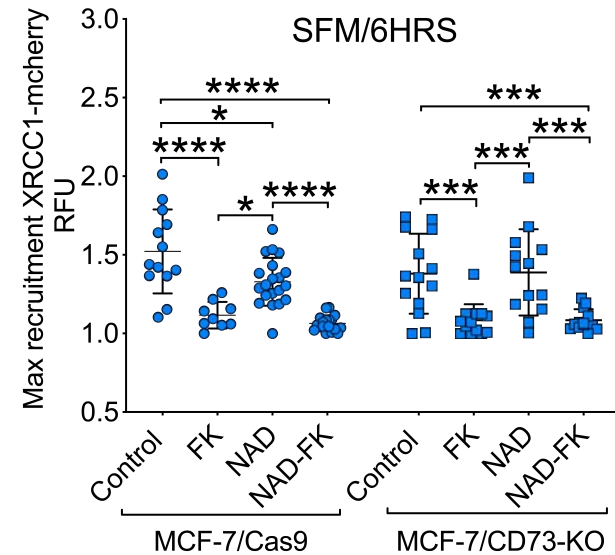
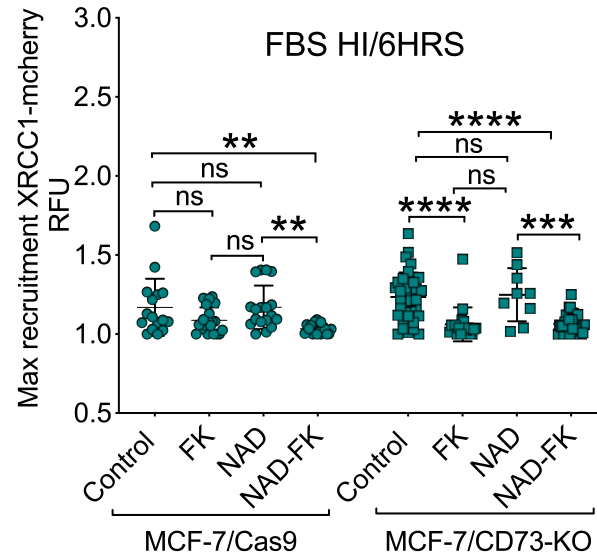
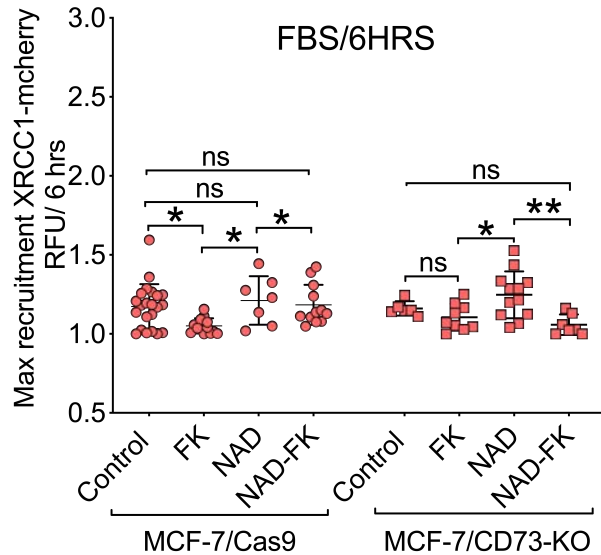
⇒ Can we modulate BER complex formation with alterations in NAD<sup>+</sup> levels ?



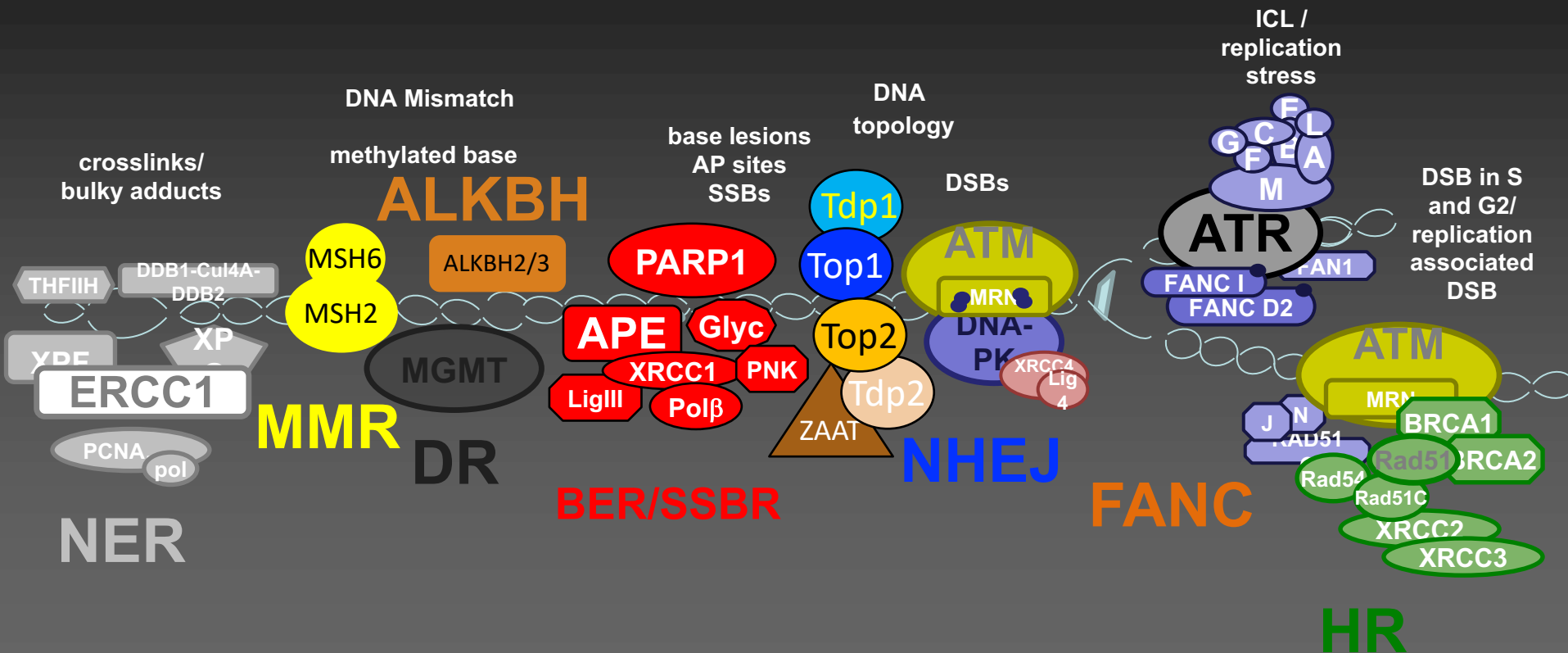
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# XRCC1 complex formation in cells following reduction (FK) and supplementation of NAD<sup>+</sup>

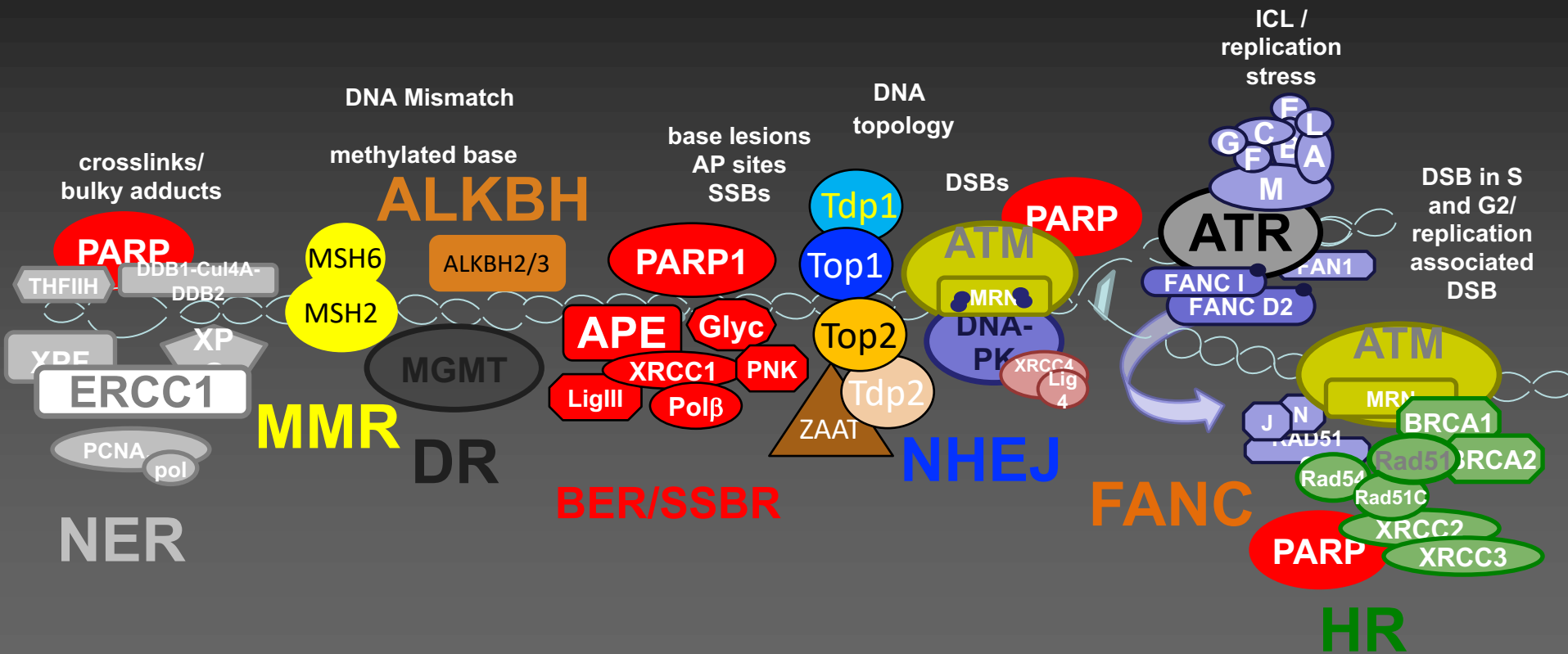


# DNA Repair Pathways mediating genotoxin/chemo/radiation resistance

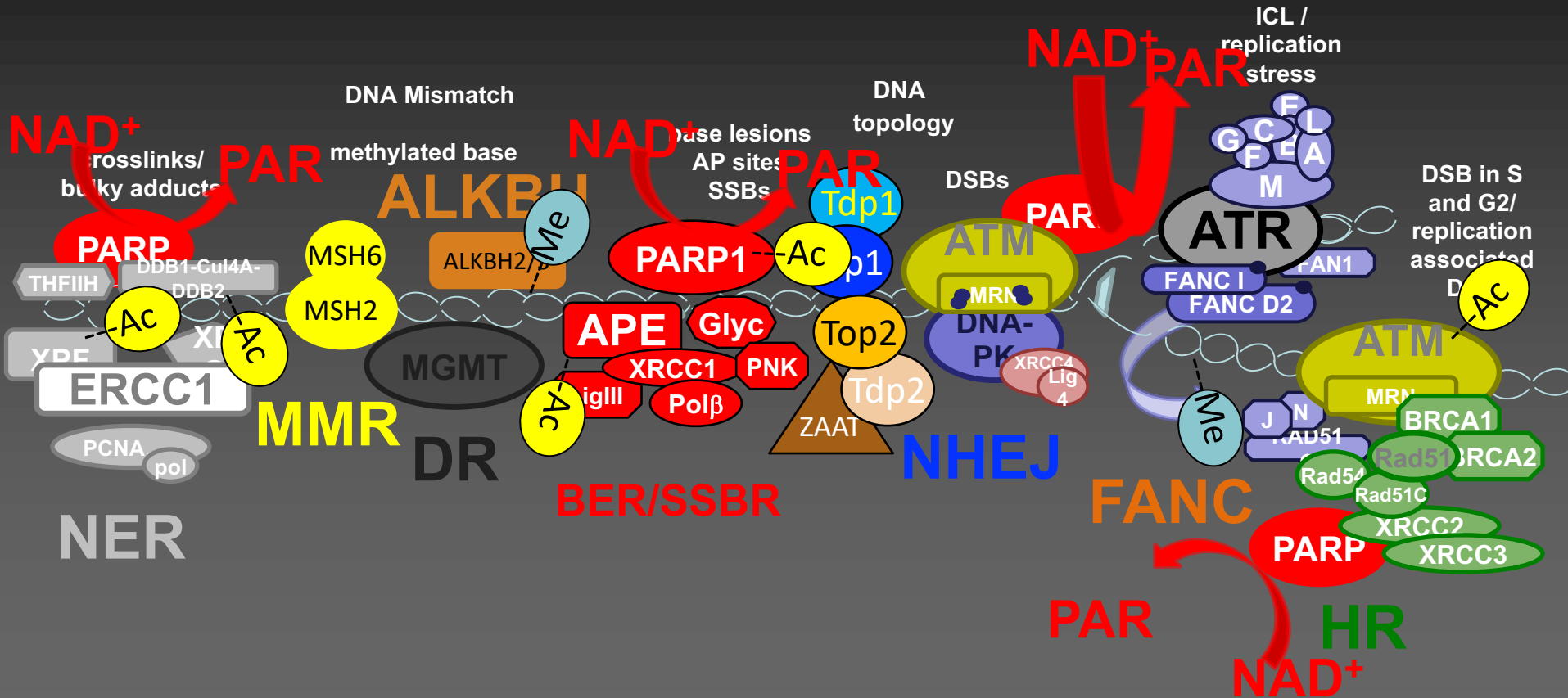


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# PARP1 and other signaling factors play a critical role in the DDR, transmitting the signal via PTMs



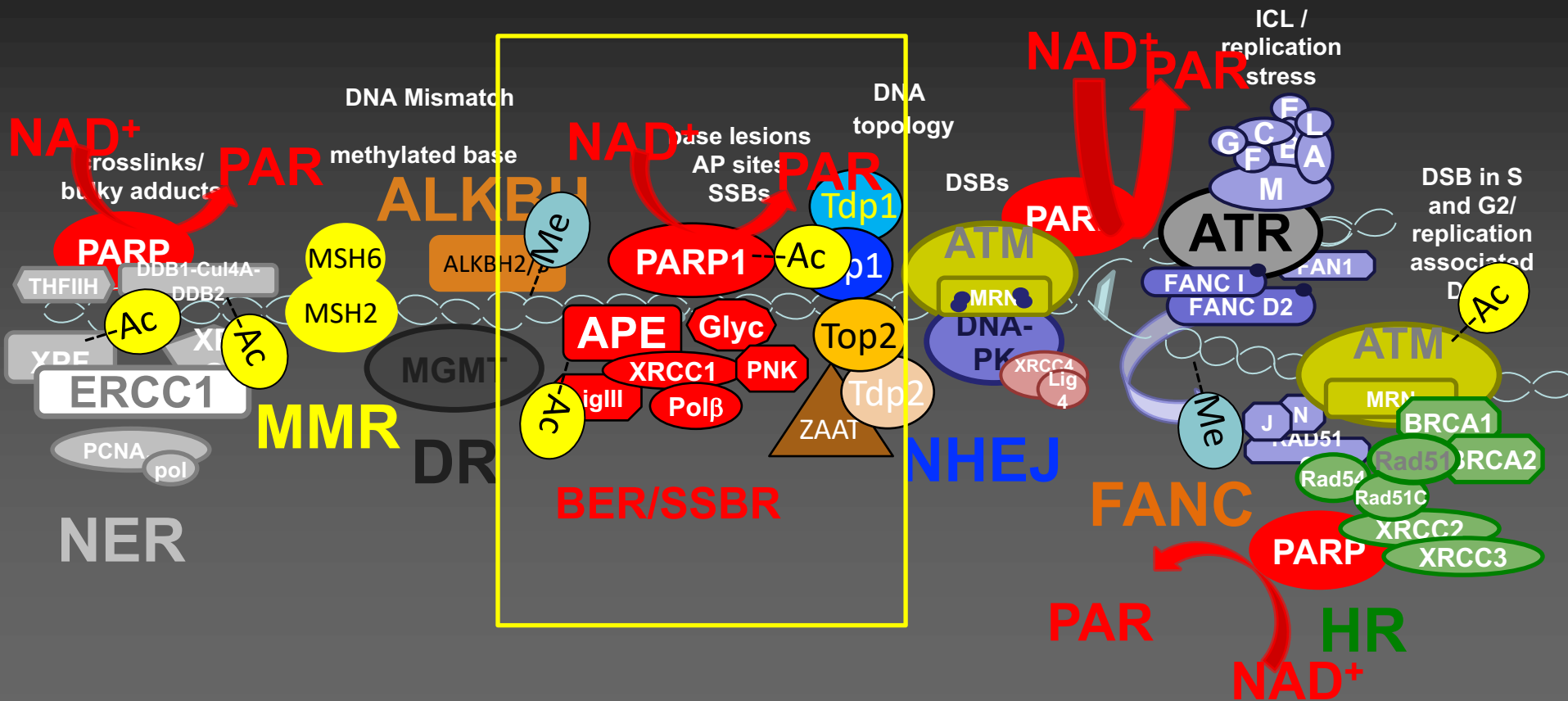
# Many of these pathways require post-translational modifications that are regulated by NAD<sup>+</sup> or related small metabolites



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# Our lab's focus has been primarily on the BER pathway



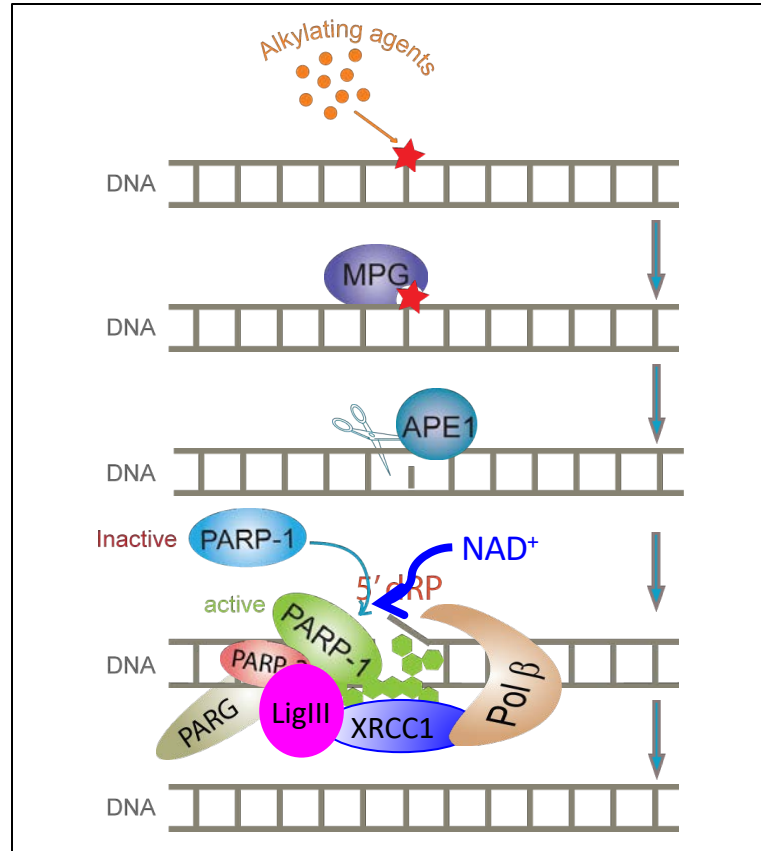
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# Mammalian base excision repair (BER/SSBR) Model

Glycosylases (11)

Poly-ADP-ribose  
polymerases (2)

PARG



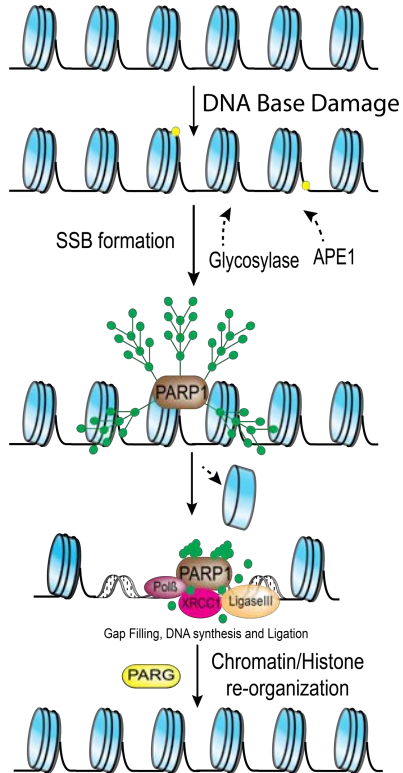
What about  
when in  
chromatin?

AP endonucleases (2)

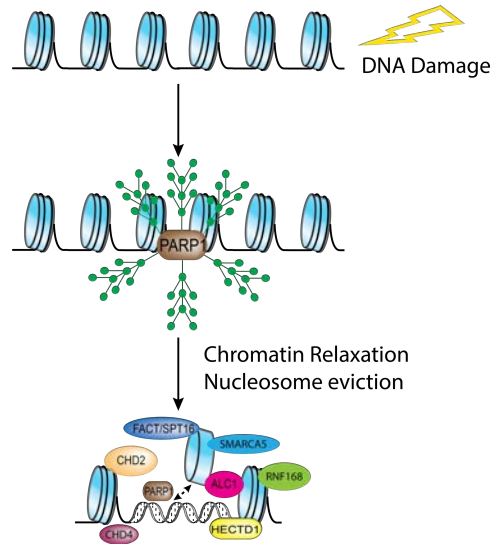
DNA polymerases in BER (4)

DNA ligases (2)

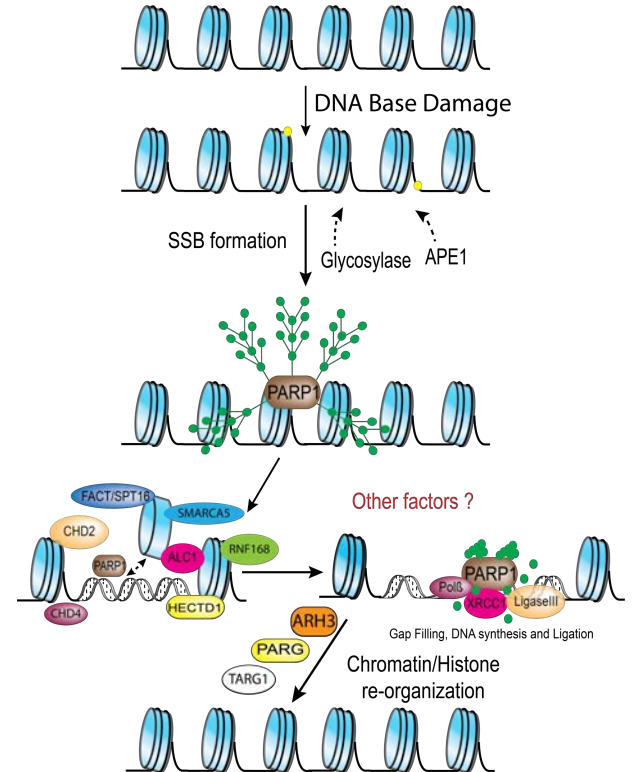
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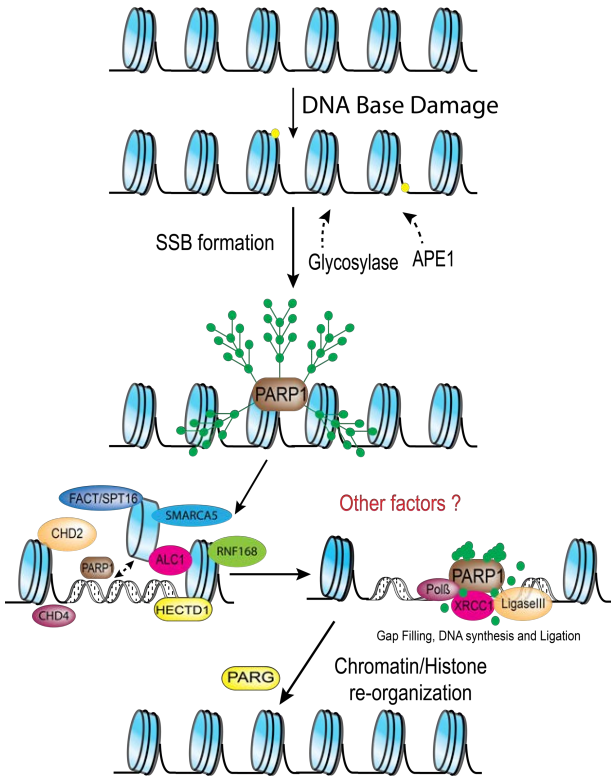
# PARP1 & Chromatin relaxation



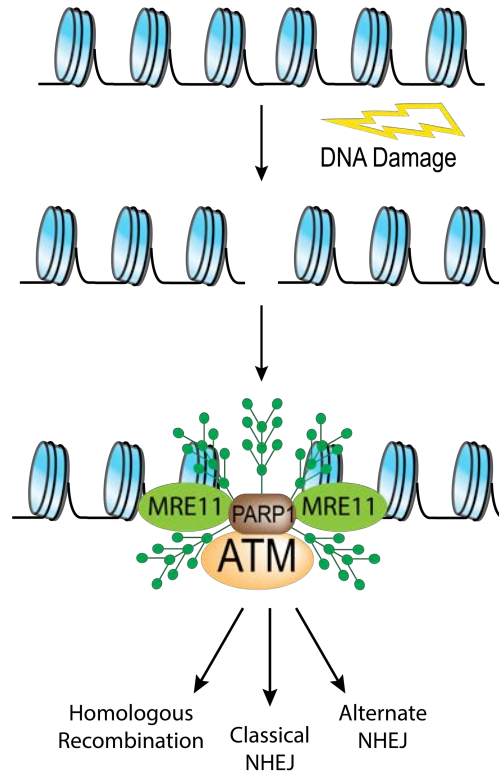
# SSBR/BER & chromatin factors



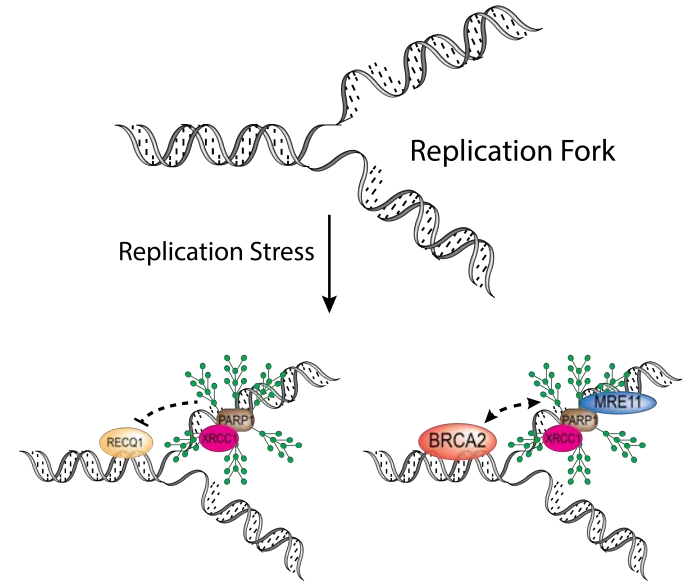
# PARP1 in SSBR/BER



# PARP1 in DSBR

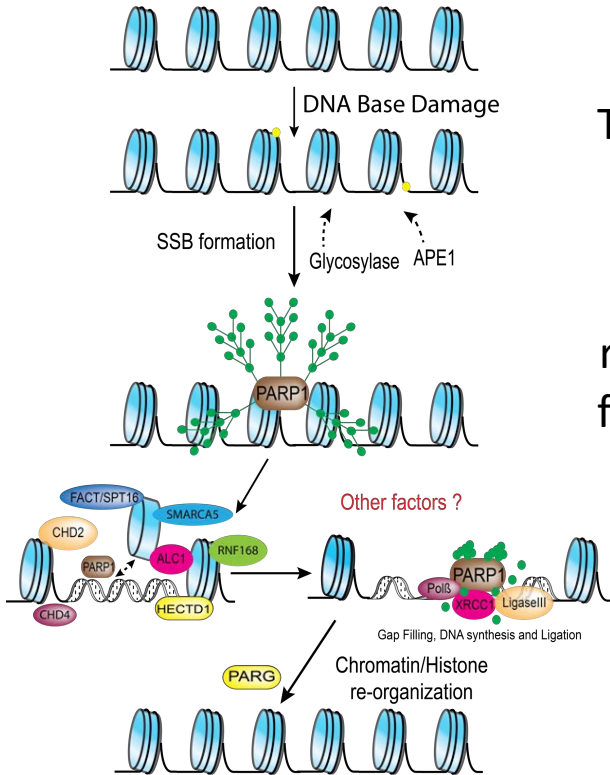


# PARP1 in SSBR at Replication forks





# PARP1 in SSBR/BER

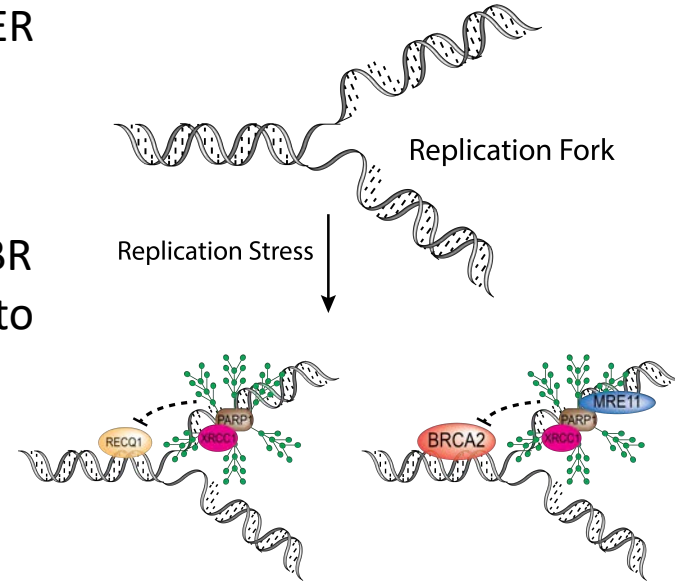


## Ongoing/future plans

To temporally map the SSBR/BER interactome in cancer.

Goal: To discover novel regulatory or essential BER/SSBR factors that can be considered to enhance cancer treatment response.

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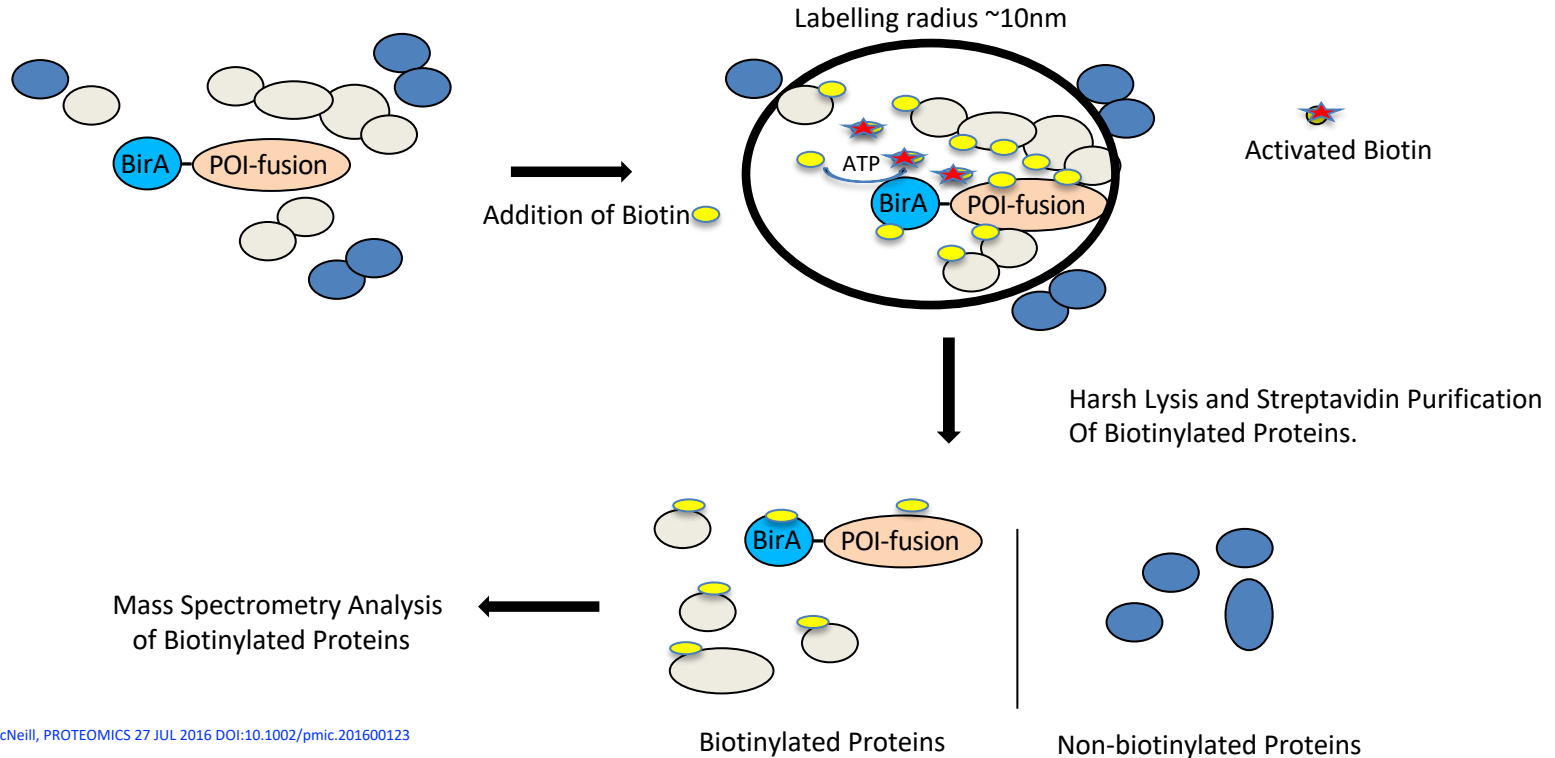
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- Temporal map protein factors by BioID, Split-BioID and classical protein interactome analysis.
- Uncover the protein and histone acetylation/ADP-ribosylation code that regulates classical BER/SSBR.
- Define the role of PARP1, XRCC1 and the PARP1/PAR interactome in SSBR at replication forks that govern the intra S-phase checkpoint.

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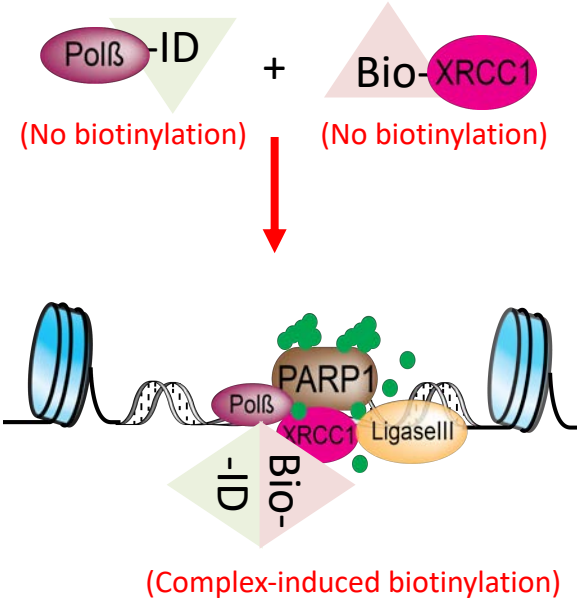
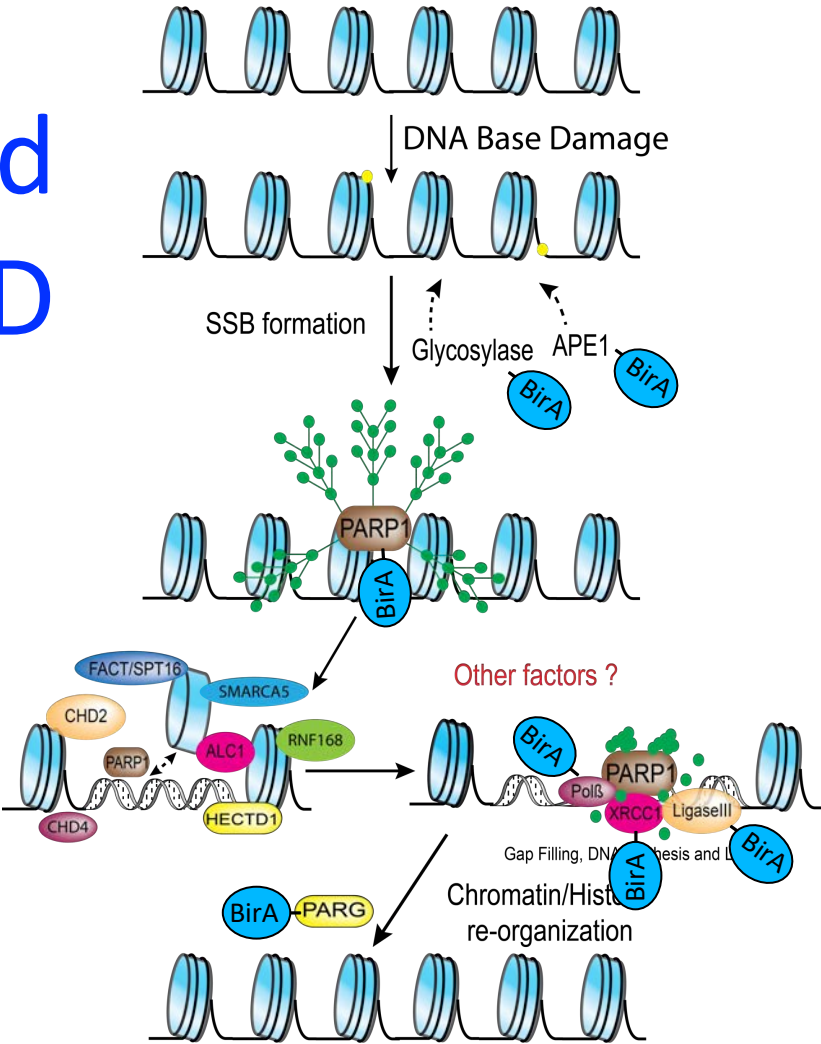
# Proximity Protein Identification-BioID



Varnaite and MacNeill, PROTEOMICS 27 JUL 2016 DOI:10.1002/pmic.201600123

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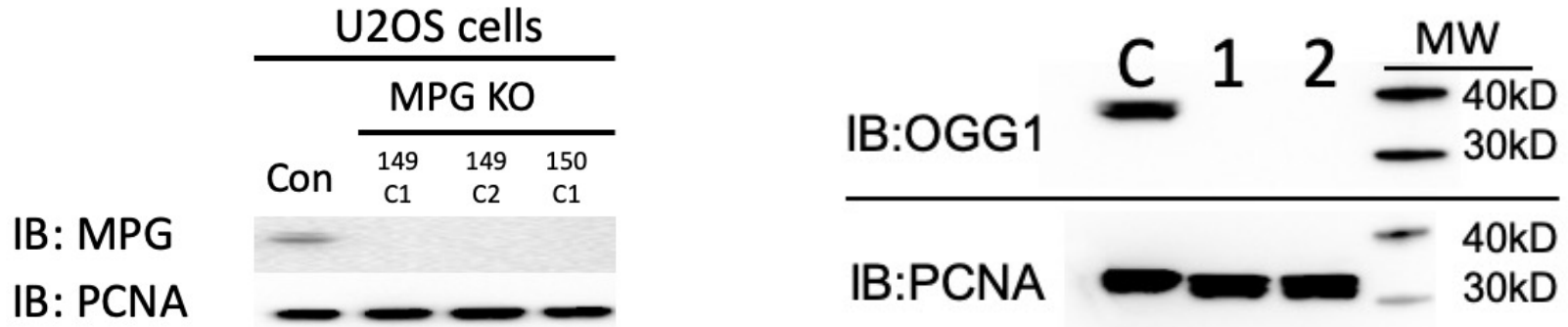
# Bio-ID and Split-BioID scheme



# Overall Glycosylase BioID scheme

- KO DNA glycosylase of interest by CRISPR/cas9 (MPG, OGG, etc).
- Express BioID fused MPG (MPG-BirA) or OGG1 (OGG1-BirA) in KO cells using Tet-regulated (Dox-on) lentiviral vector.
- Identify biotinylated proteins +/- Dox and +/- DNA damage (MMS, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, etc).

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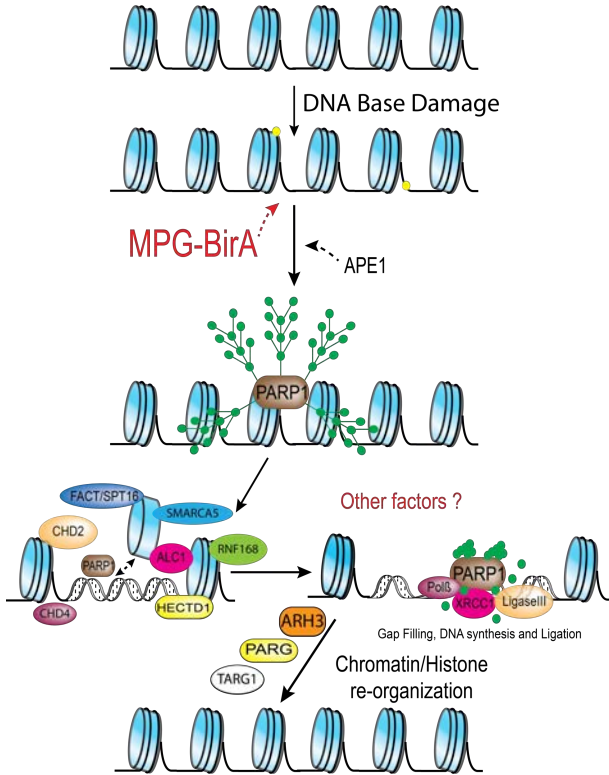


For each, express BioID fused glycosylase in U2OS cells.

# Repair of N-alkylated bases

## BER

Damage sensor role of UV-DDB during base excision repair.  
 Nat Struct Mol Biol. 2019 Aug;26(8):695-703.  
 (Van Houten group)

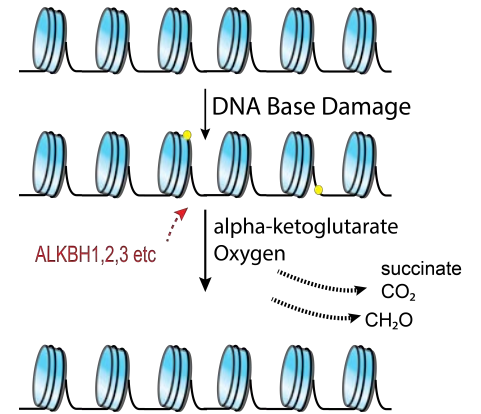


## MPG-Bio-ID

+/- MMS

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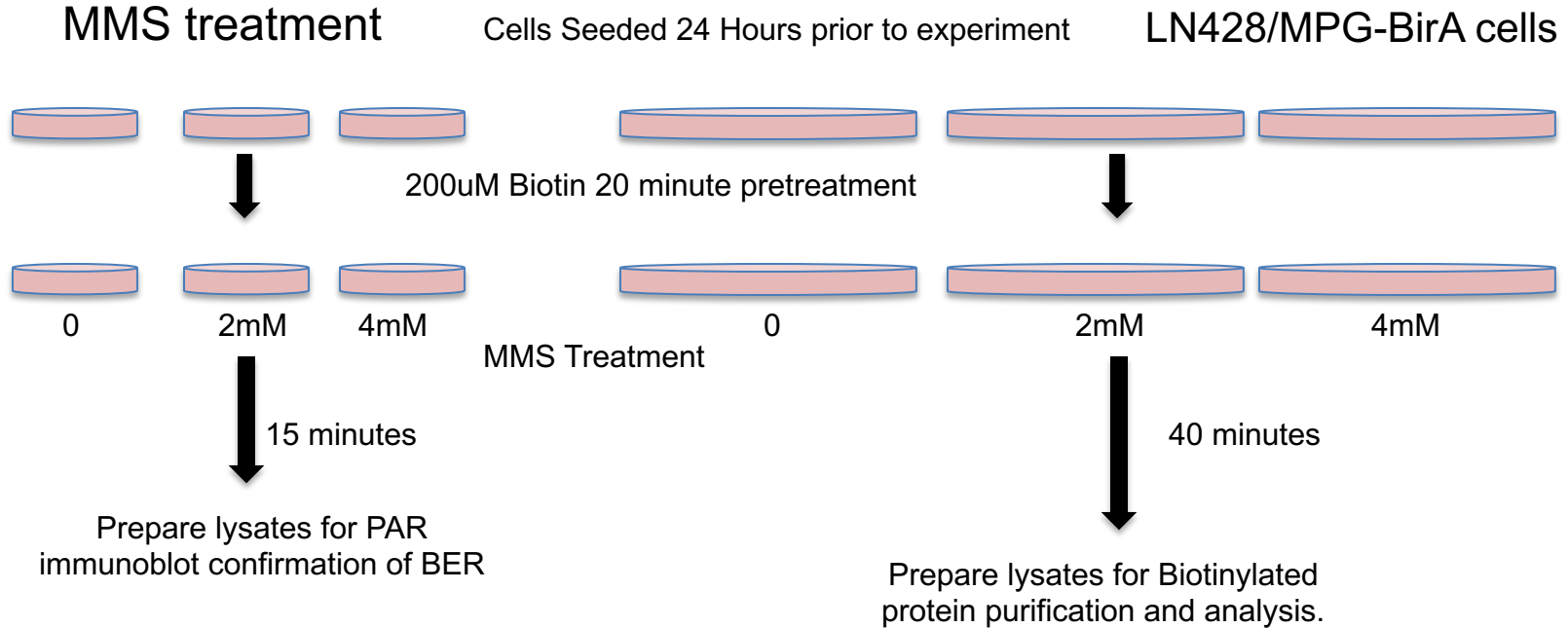
## ALKB-family



Direct repair of 3,N(4)-ethenocytosine by the human ALKBH2 dioxygenase is blocked by the AAG/MPG glycosylase.  
 DNA Repair (Amst). 2012 Jan 2;11(1):46-52.  
 (Samson group)

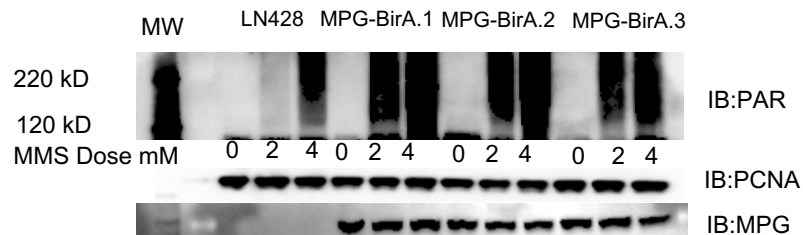


# MMS treatment schedule

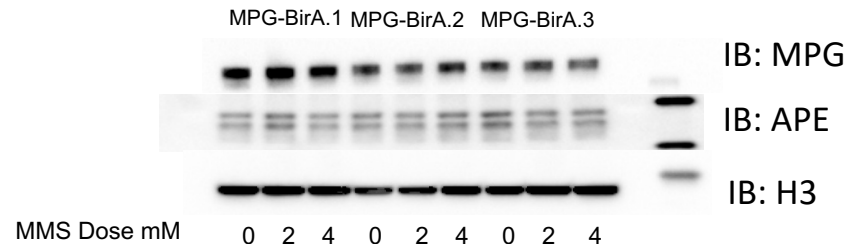


Methyl methanesulfonate (MMS) is an alkylating agent that methylates N7-deoxyguanosine and N3-deoxyadenosine.

# PAR analysis confirming MMS-induced DNA damage

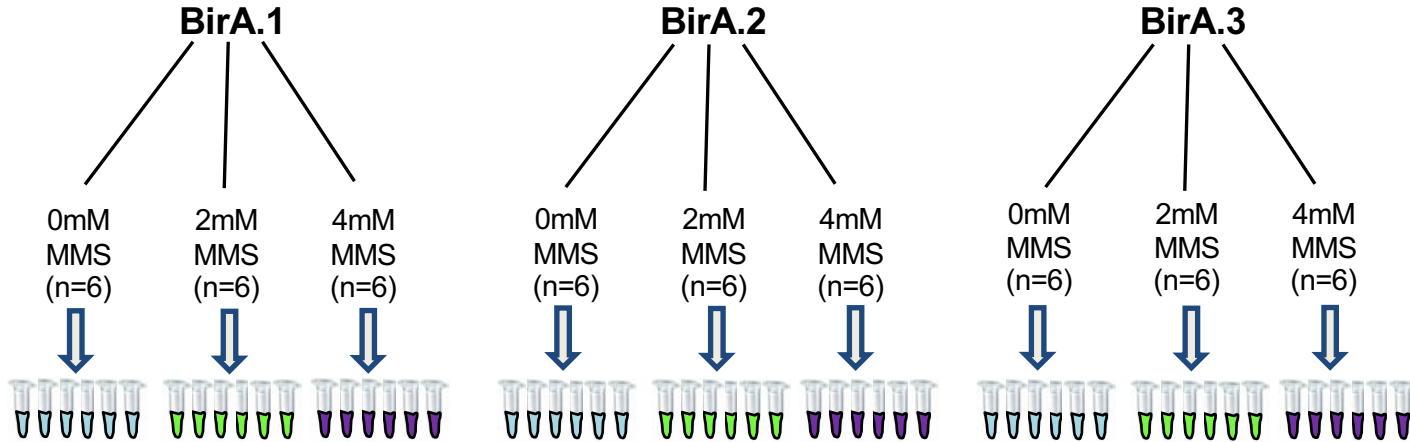


PAR blot- 15 min time-point



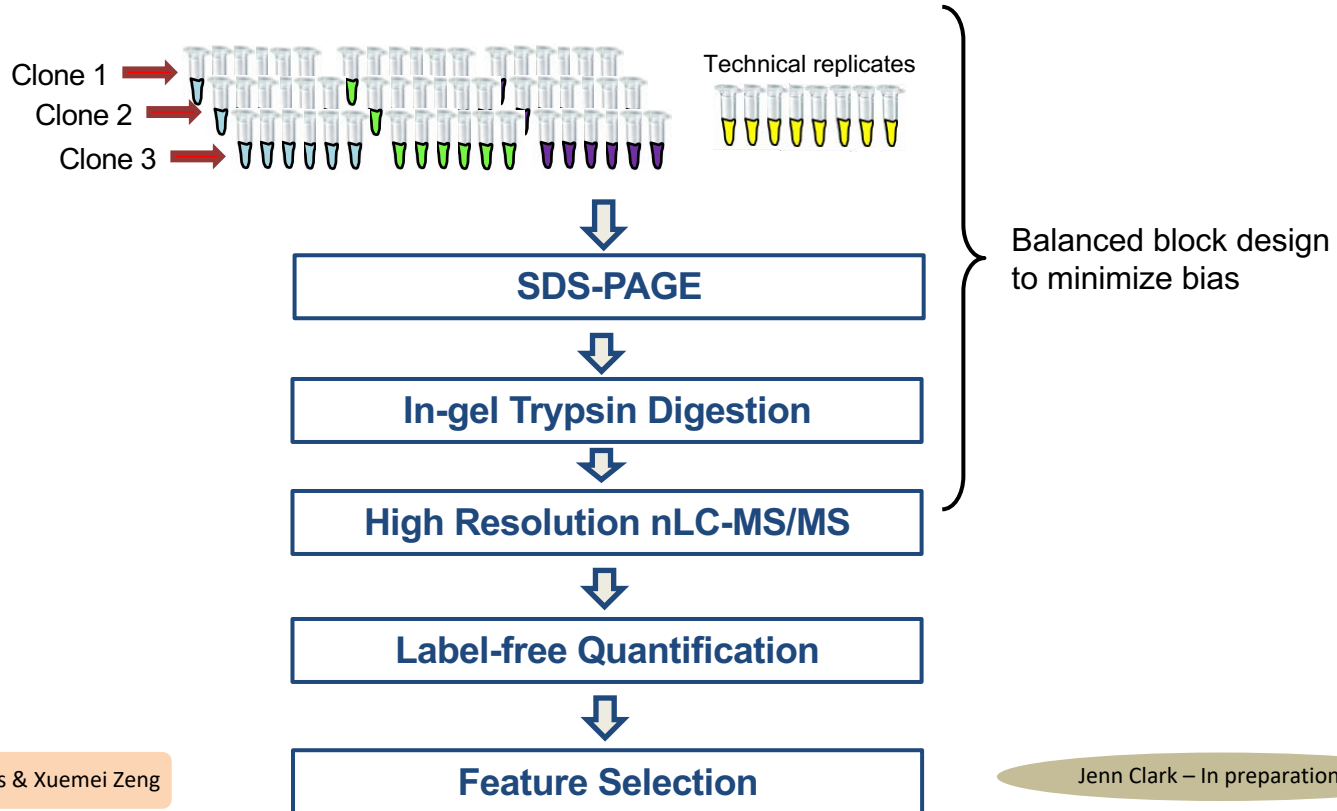
Streptavidin Pull-Down 40 minutes post-MMS

# Mass Spectrometry analysis sample prep



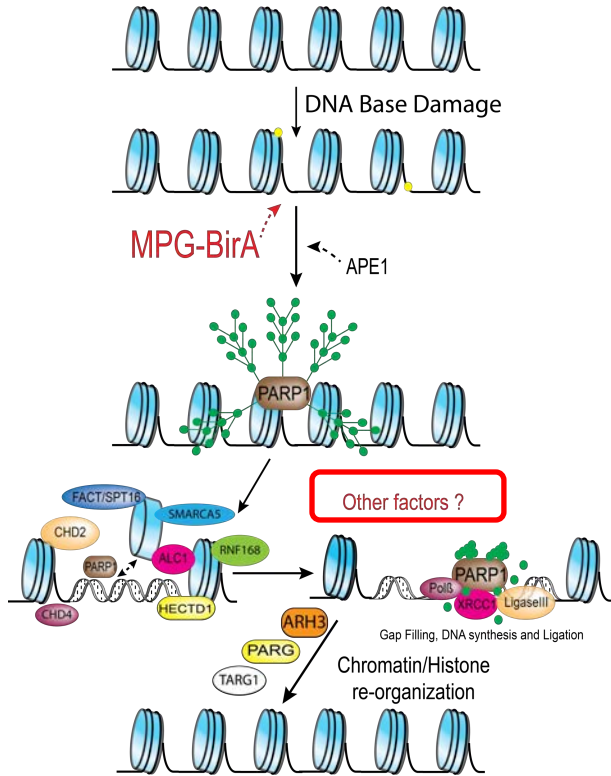
- Three different clones (BirA1, BirA2, and BirA3) of cell line LN428 were treated with media or methyl methane sulfonate (MMS) at 0, 2, and 4mM for 40mins.
- All cells were spiked with 200 $\mu$ M biotin at 20mins before damage.
- Biotin-labeled proteins were isolated by streptavidin-magnetic beads. A total of 54 streptavidin IP samples were received.

# Label-free Differential Mass Spectrometry Workflow



# Repair of N-alkylated bases

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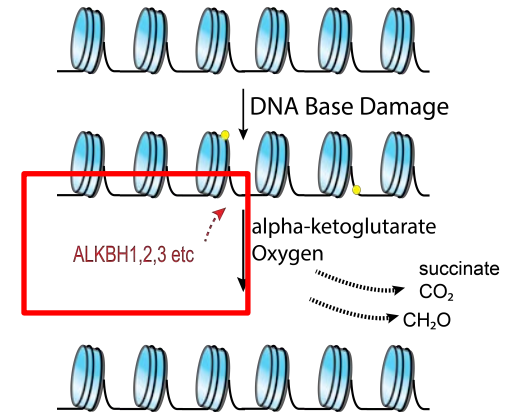


## MPG-Bio-ID

+/- MMS

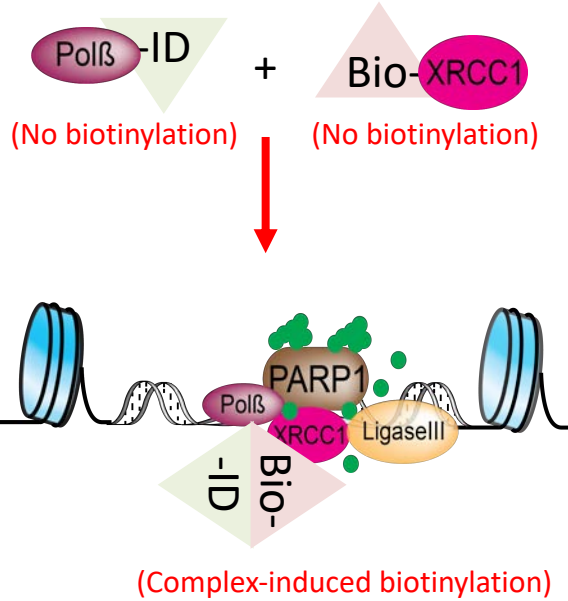
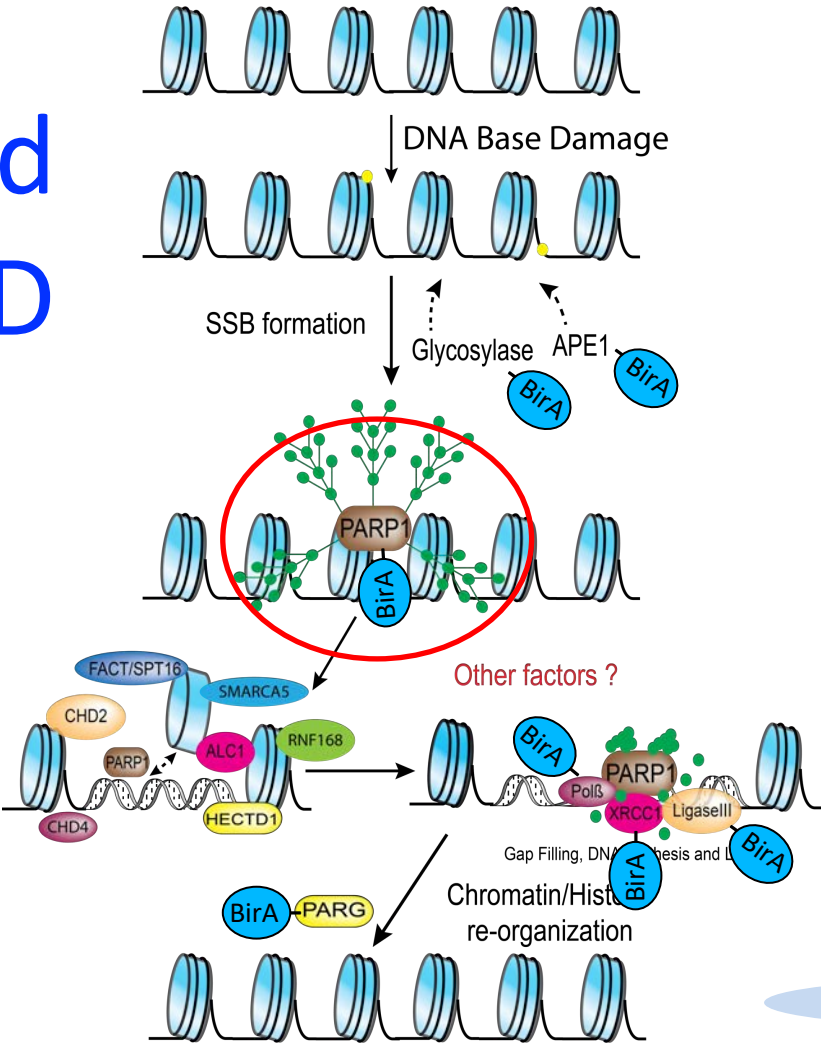
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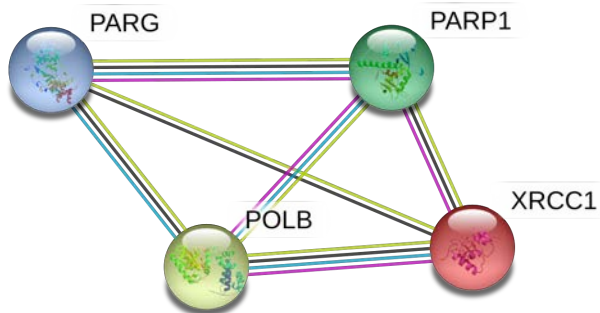
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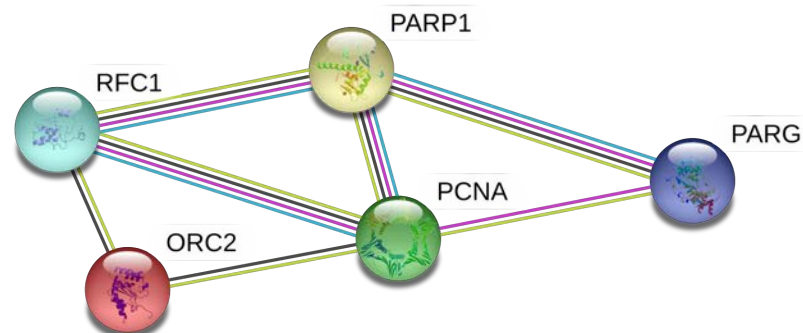
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# PARP1-BirA expressed in glioma cells (LN428)

Immunoblot / MS ID of biotinylated proteins



The ID of XRCC1 and PARG supports the role of PARP1 in BER/SSBR



The ID of replication factors PCNA, ORC2 and RFC1 is more in line with the role of PARP1 in controlling replication stress

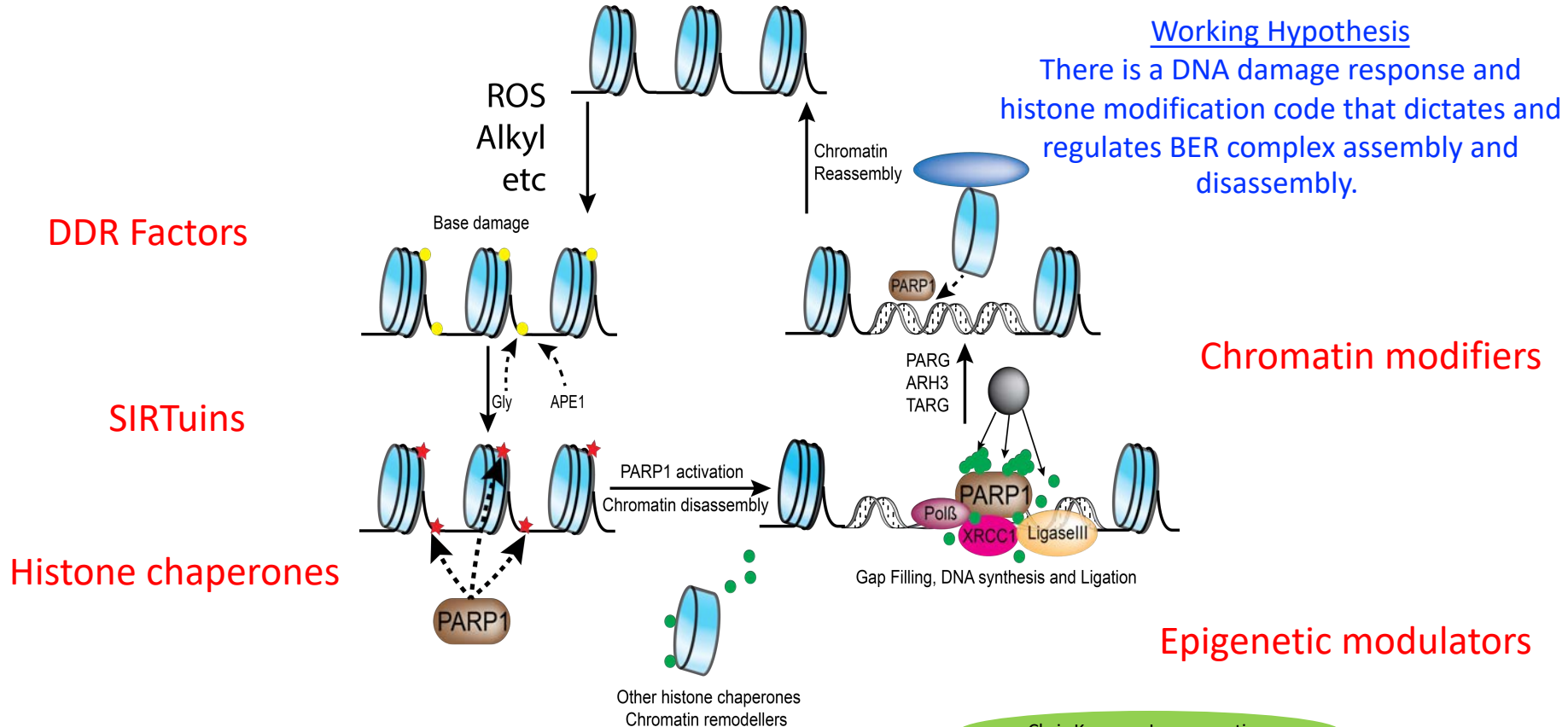
# Uncovering novel BER/SSBR factors

- Temporal map protein factors by BioID, Split-BioID and classical protein interactome analysis.
- **Uncover the protein and histone acetylation/ADP-ribosylation code that regulates classical BER/SSBR.**
- Define the role of PARP1, XRCC1 and the PARP1/PAR interactome in SSBR at replication forks that govern the intra S-phase checkpoint.



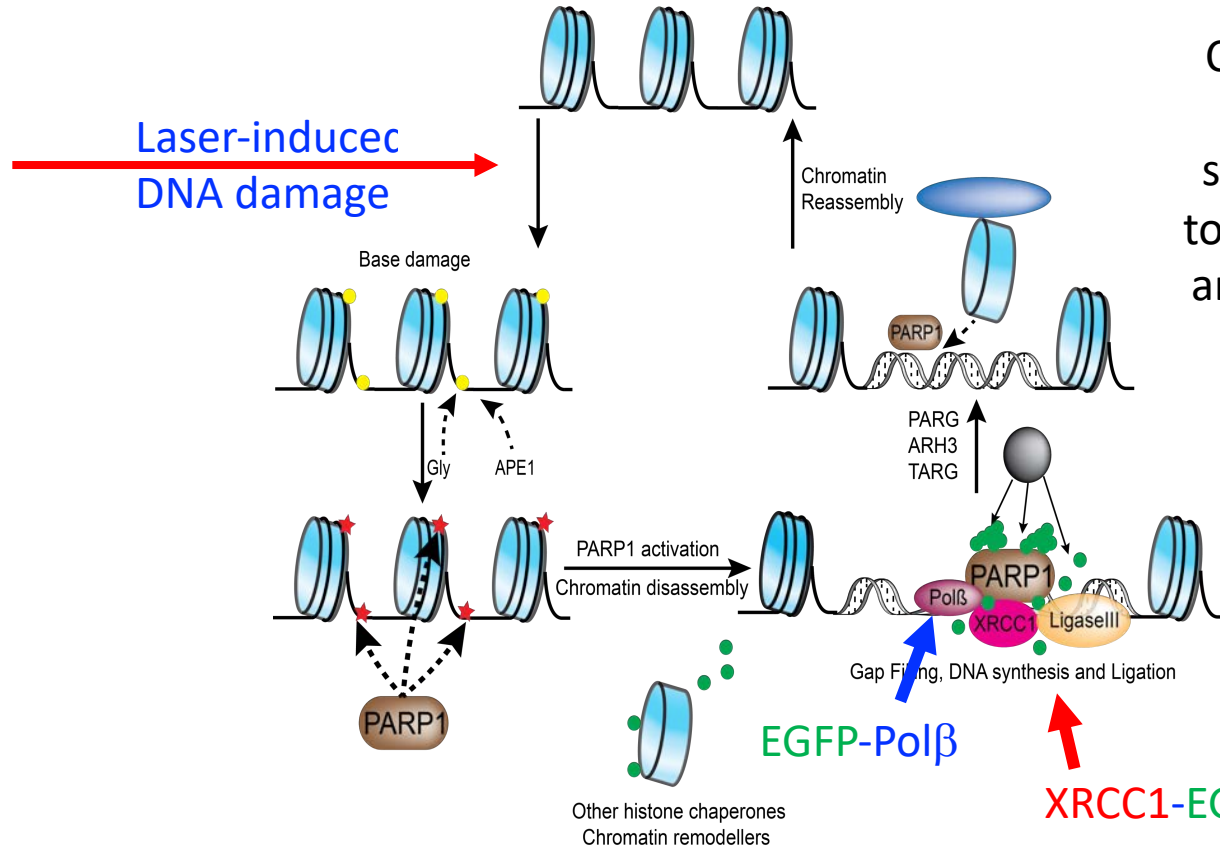
# BER in chromatin

PARP1-mediated chromatin unwinding via recruitment of modifying complexes



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# Tracking BER complex assembly / disassembly



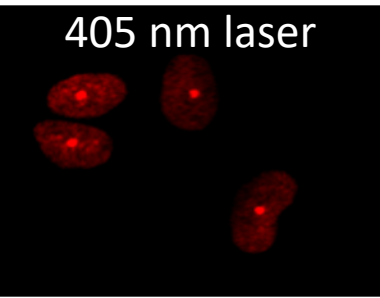
Combined with inhibitors or select gene KOs to probe function and involvement in complex assembly

EGFP-Polβ

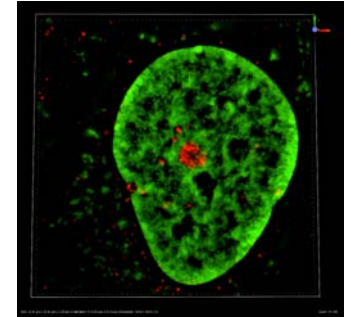
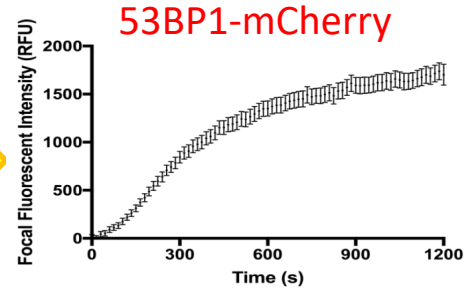
XRCC1-EGFP

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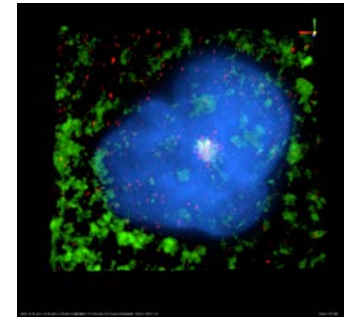
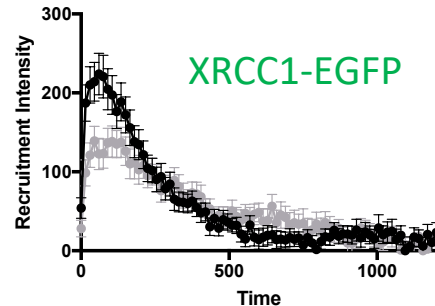
# Analysis of protein recruitment following laser-induced DNA damage



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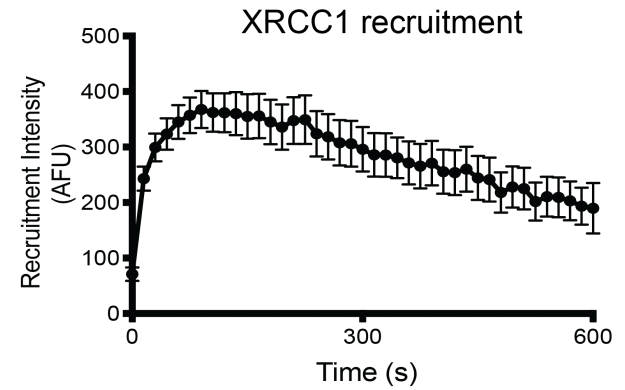
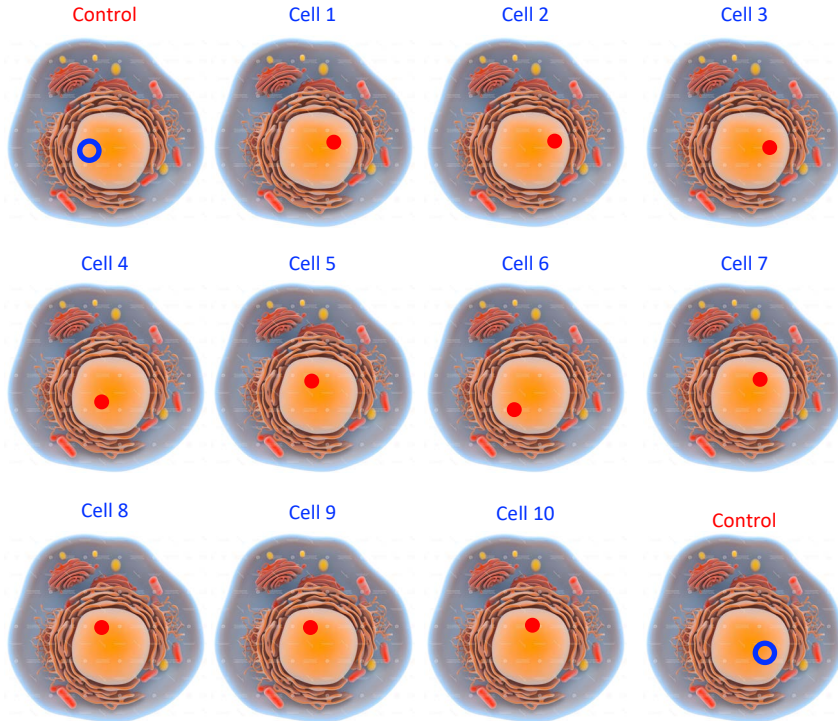
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MIDAS platform developed by Joel Andrews (MCI)

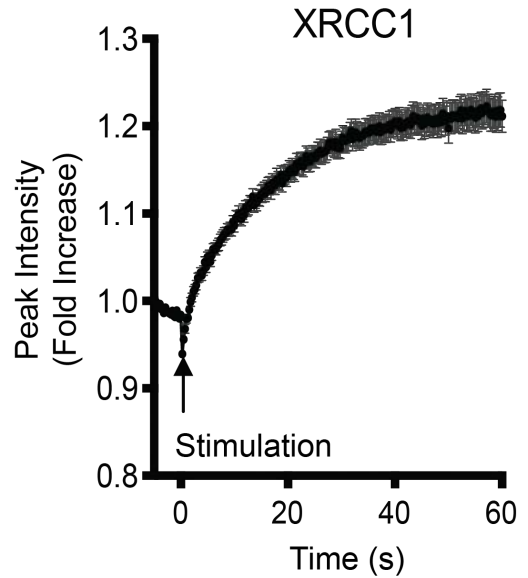
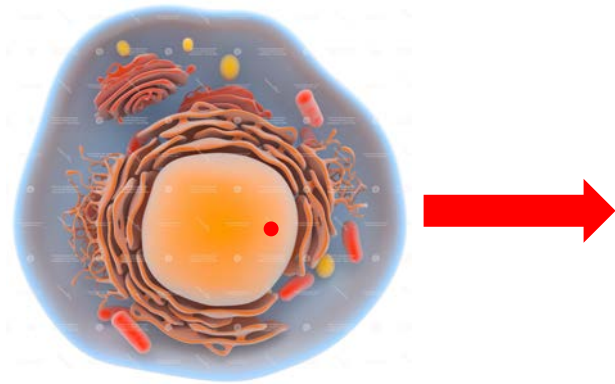
# MIDAS - Parallel



Result summary of >40 cells

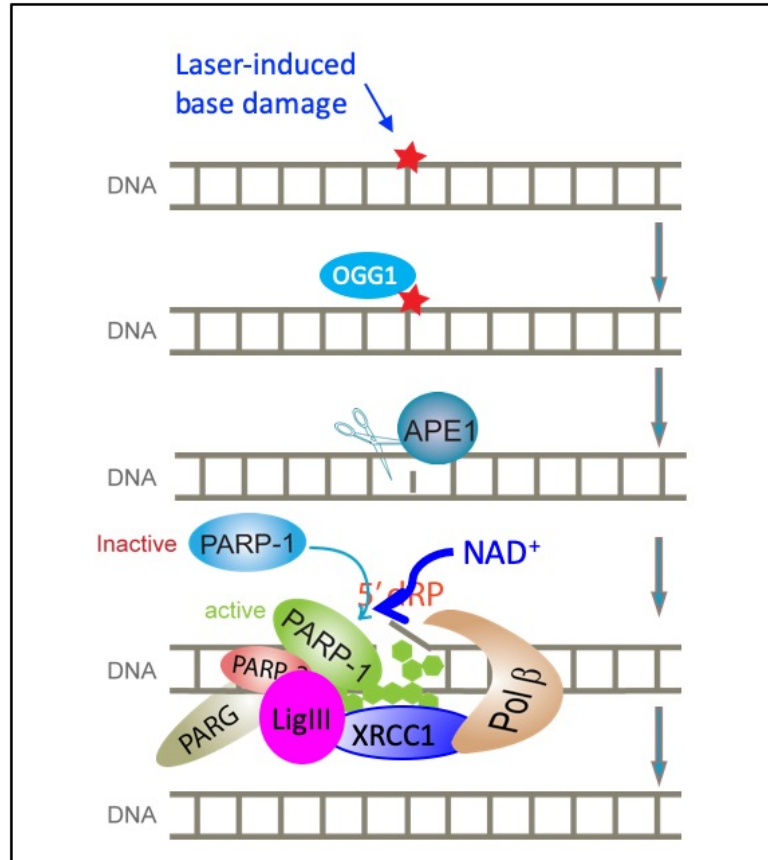
Parallel analysis provides quantification of repair protein recruitment in 10 cells per exp.

# MIDAS - Serial



Serial analysis provides rapid, single cell quantification of repair protein recruitment

# Pol $\beta$ steps in BER

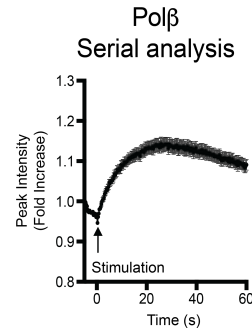
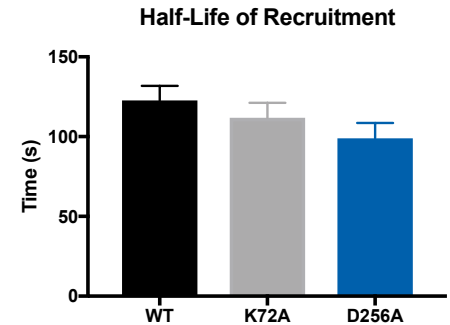
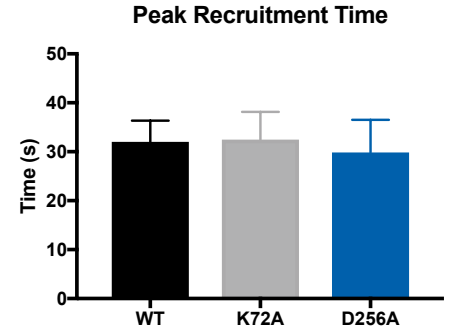
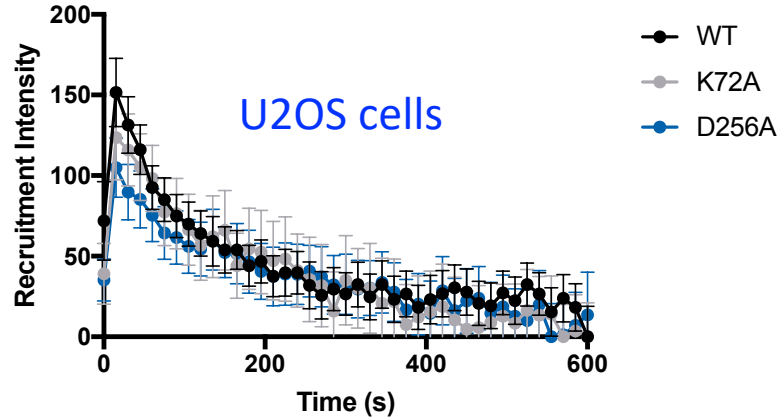
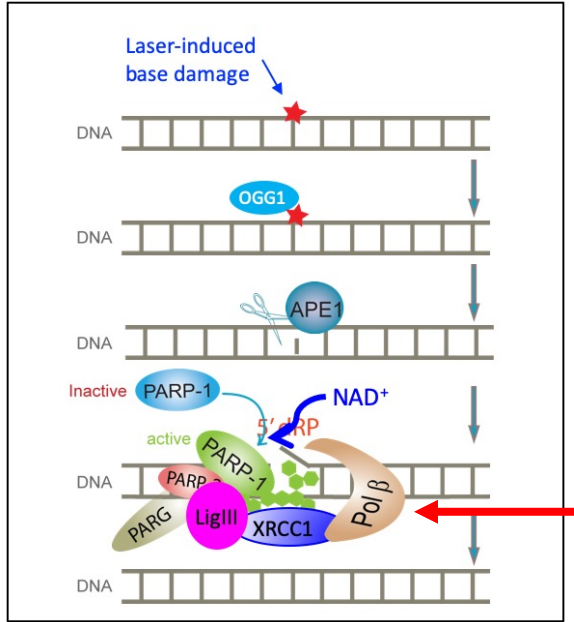


5'dRP lesion removal  
(K72)

DNA synthesis  
(D256)

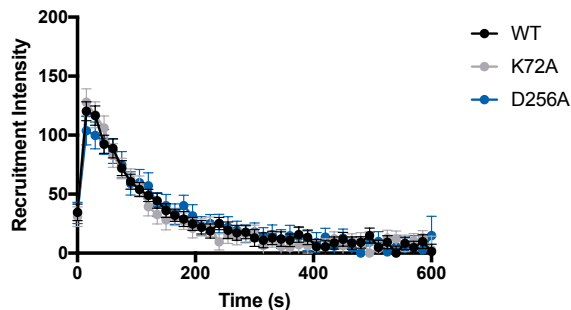
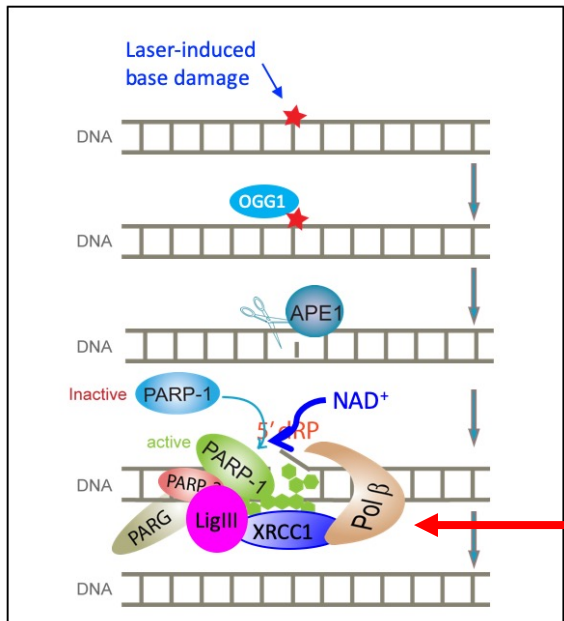
# Recruitment of EGFP-POLB is not dependent on function

Complex assembly = Peak recruitment  
 Complex disassembly = Half-life

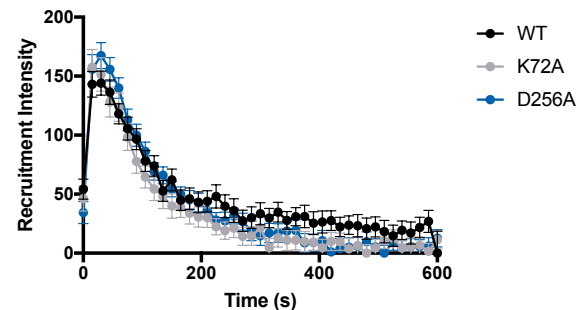


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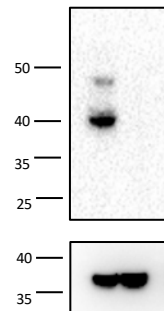
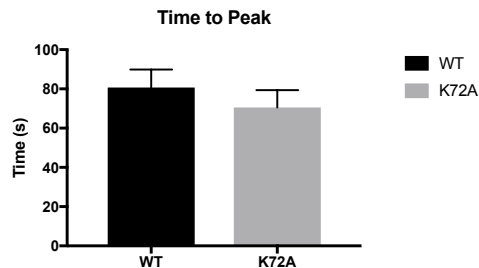
# Recruitment of EGFP-POLB is not effected by endogenous POLB



U2OS/cas9 cells



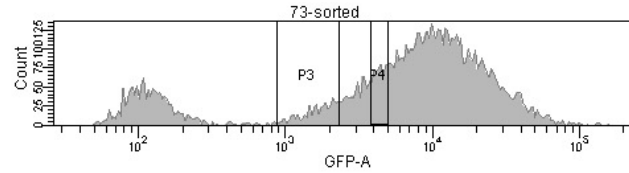
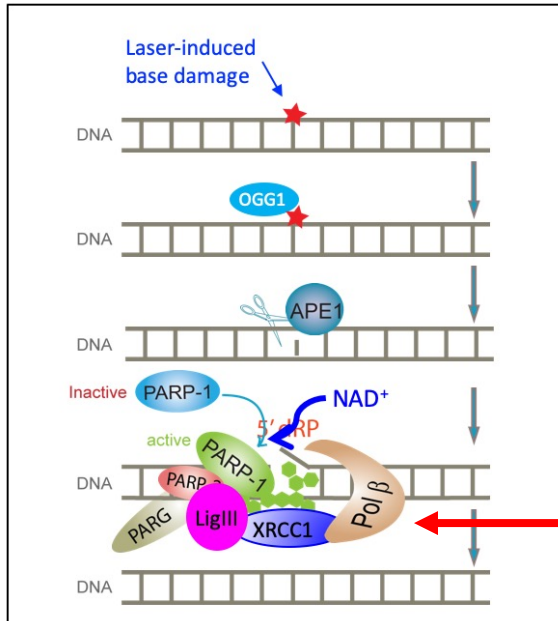
U2OS/POLB-KO cells



No change in peak recruitment time or half-life

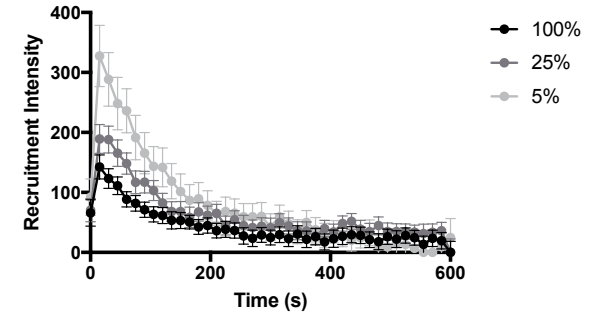
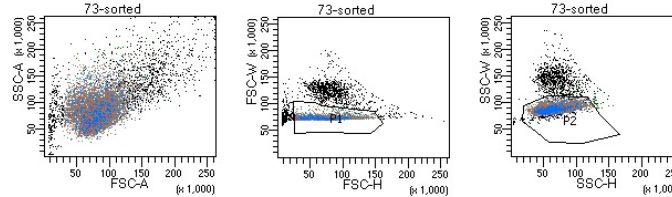


# Is recruitment of EGFP-POLB is effected by transgene expression level?



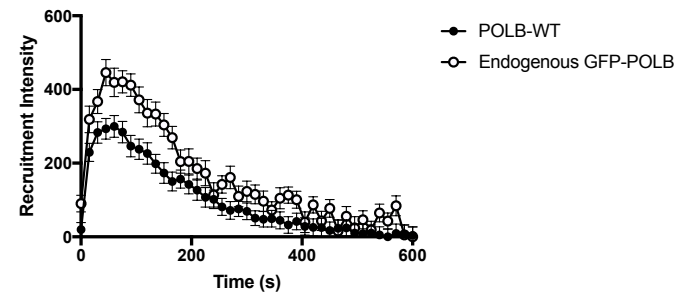
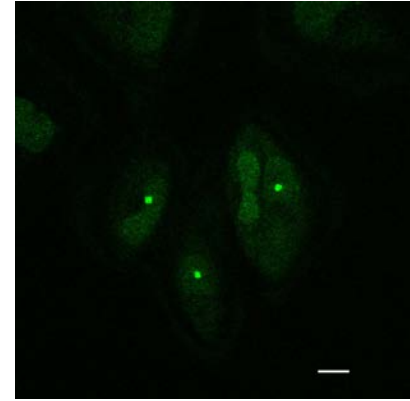
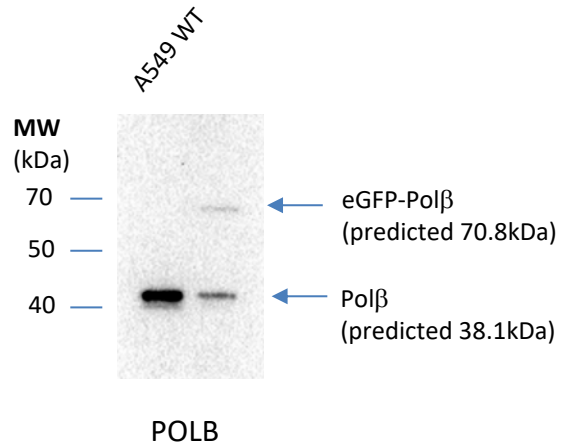
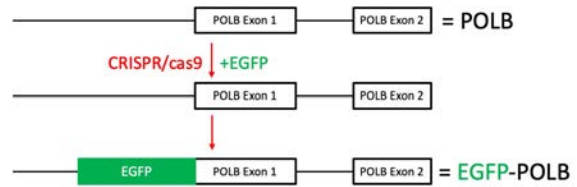
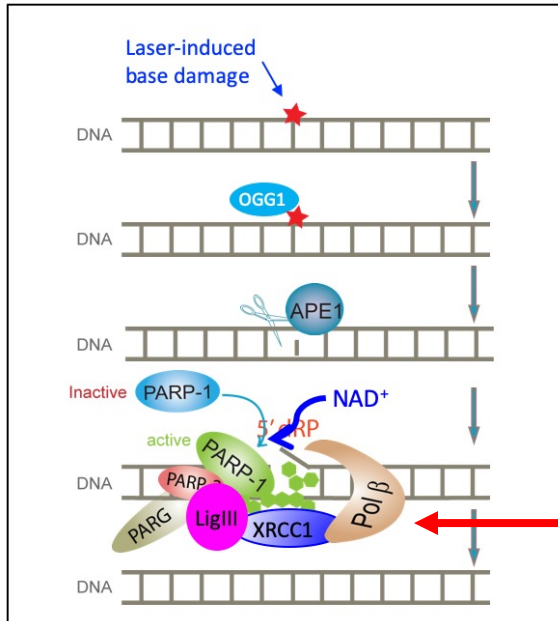
Tube: sorted

Population	#Events	%Parent	%Total
All Events	10,000	####	100.0
P1	8,781	87.8	87.8
P2	8,723	99.3	87.2
P3	519	5.9	5.2
P4	563	6.5	5.6



Recruitment of PolB is not effected by level of expression (peak time; half-life)

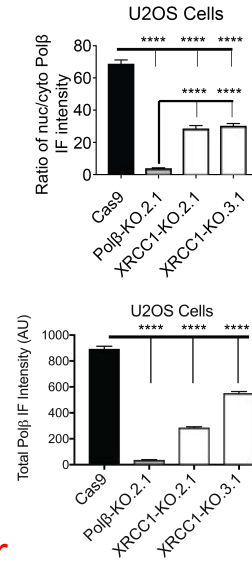
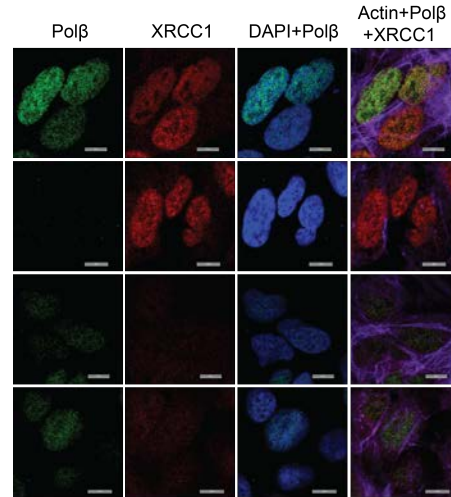
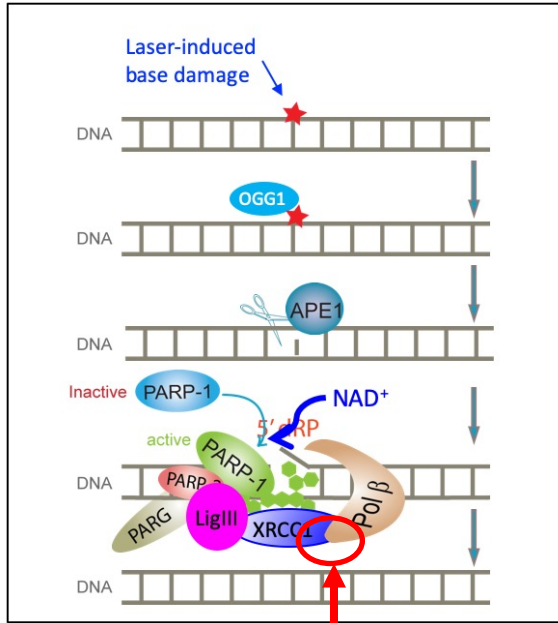
# Does tagging the endogenous POLB gene improve analysis?



Higher signal to noise level of endogenous EGFP-POLB and no change in peak recruitment time or half-life

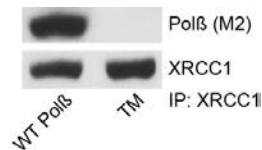
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# Is recruitment of EGFP-POLB dependent on XRCC1?

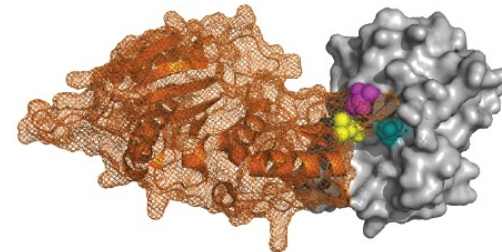


**XRCC1 promotes chromatin/nuclear accumulation of Polβ**

Fang, Andrews, ... Sobol (2019) NAR, 47(12):6269-6286

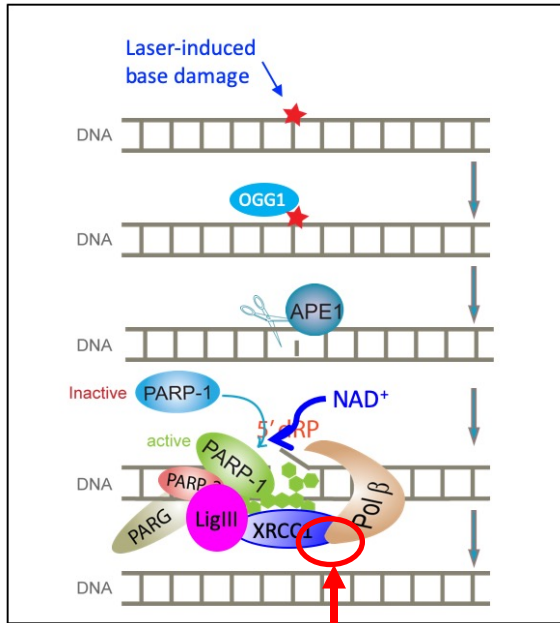


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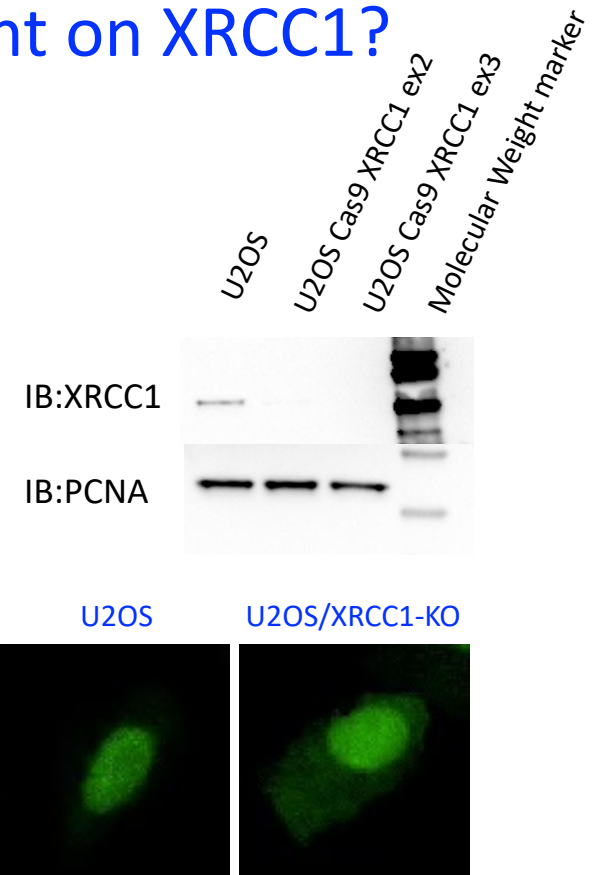
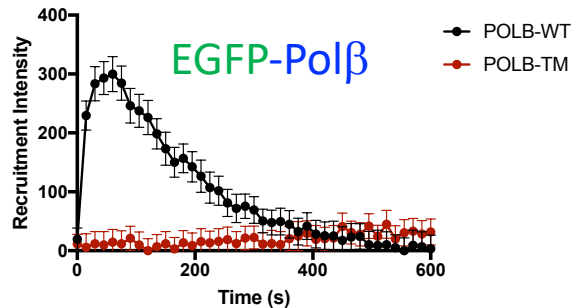
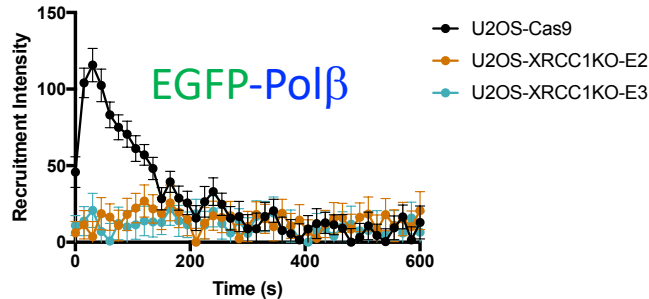


Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2010 Apr 13;107(15):6805-10

# Is recruitment of EGFP-POLB dependent on XRCC1?



Recruitment requires XRCC1 presence and an interaction between Pol β and XRCC1

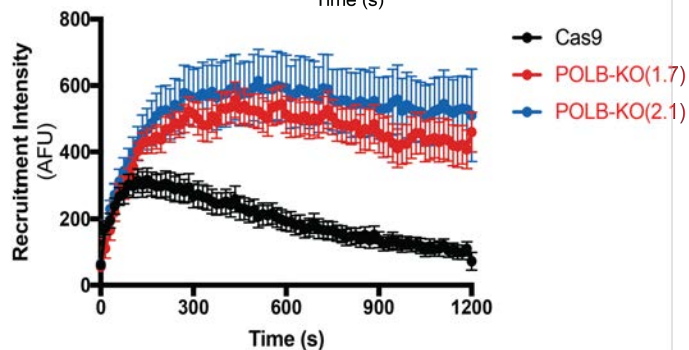
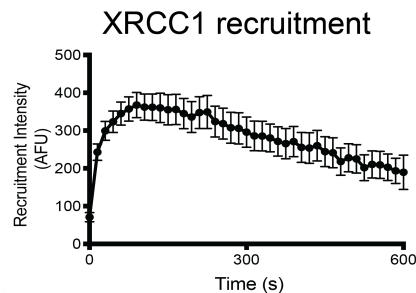
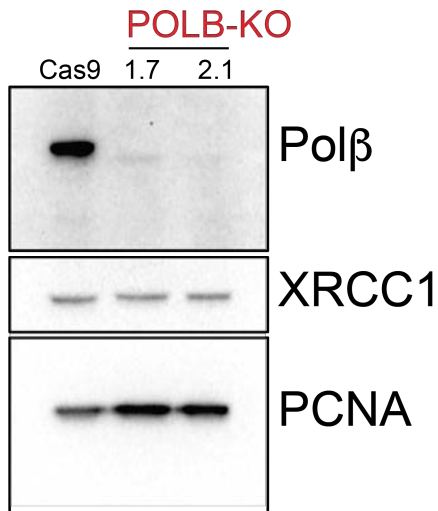


Still unknown if the proteins are recruited as a heterodimer

# Both the PolB-XRCC1 interaction and the expression of each is essential for completion of BER complex assembly - what about disassembly?

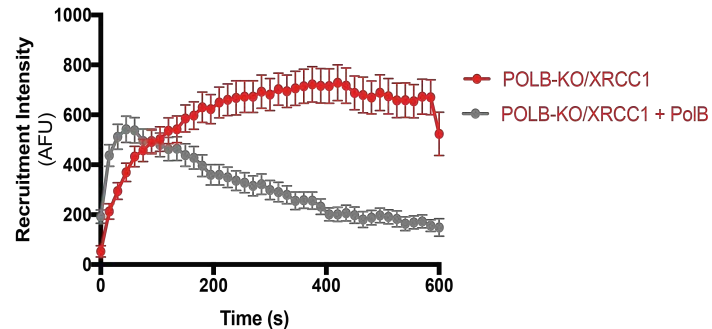
## POLB-KO

### Validation by immunoblot

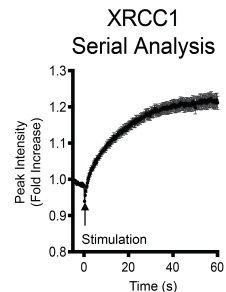


Recruitment of XRCC1-EGFP in U2OS/POLB-KO cells with POLB restored.

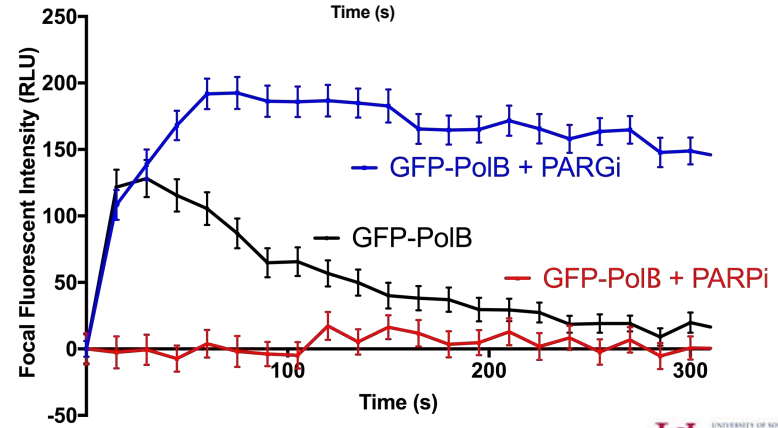
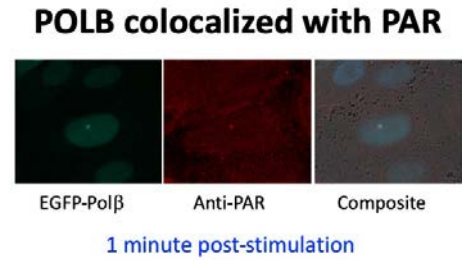
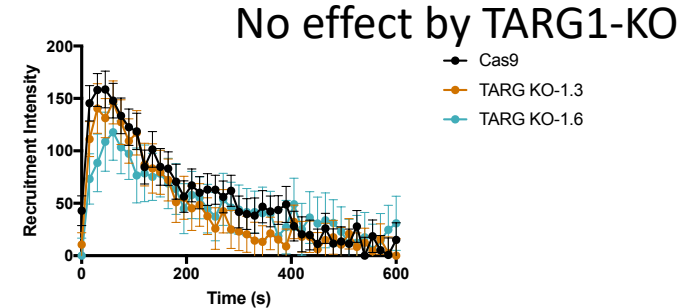
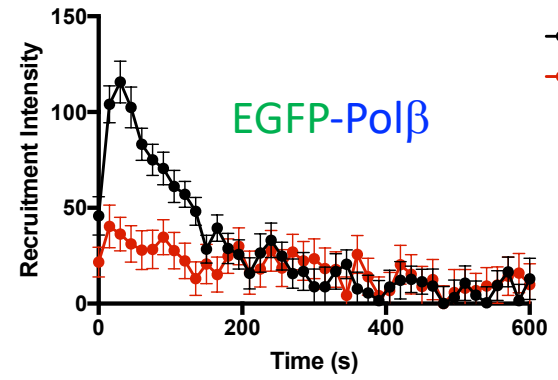
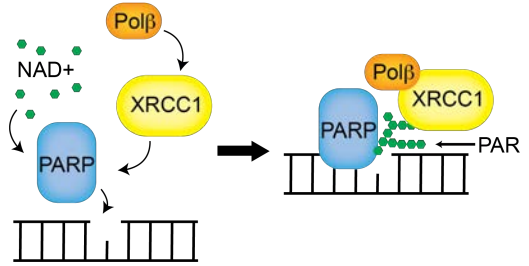
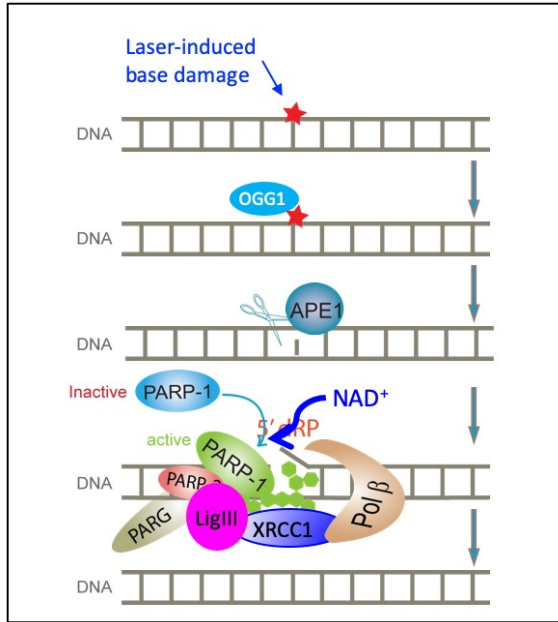
Re-expression of Polβ was able to restore the disassembly of XRCC1 from sites of DNA damage.



Recruitment of XRCC1-EGFP in U2OS/POLB-KO cells.  
XRCC1 demonstrates slower disassembly from the repair complex in the absence of Polβ.

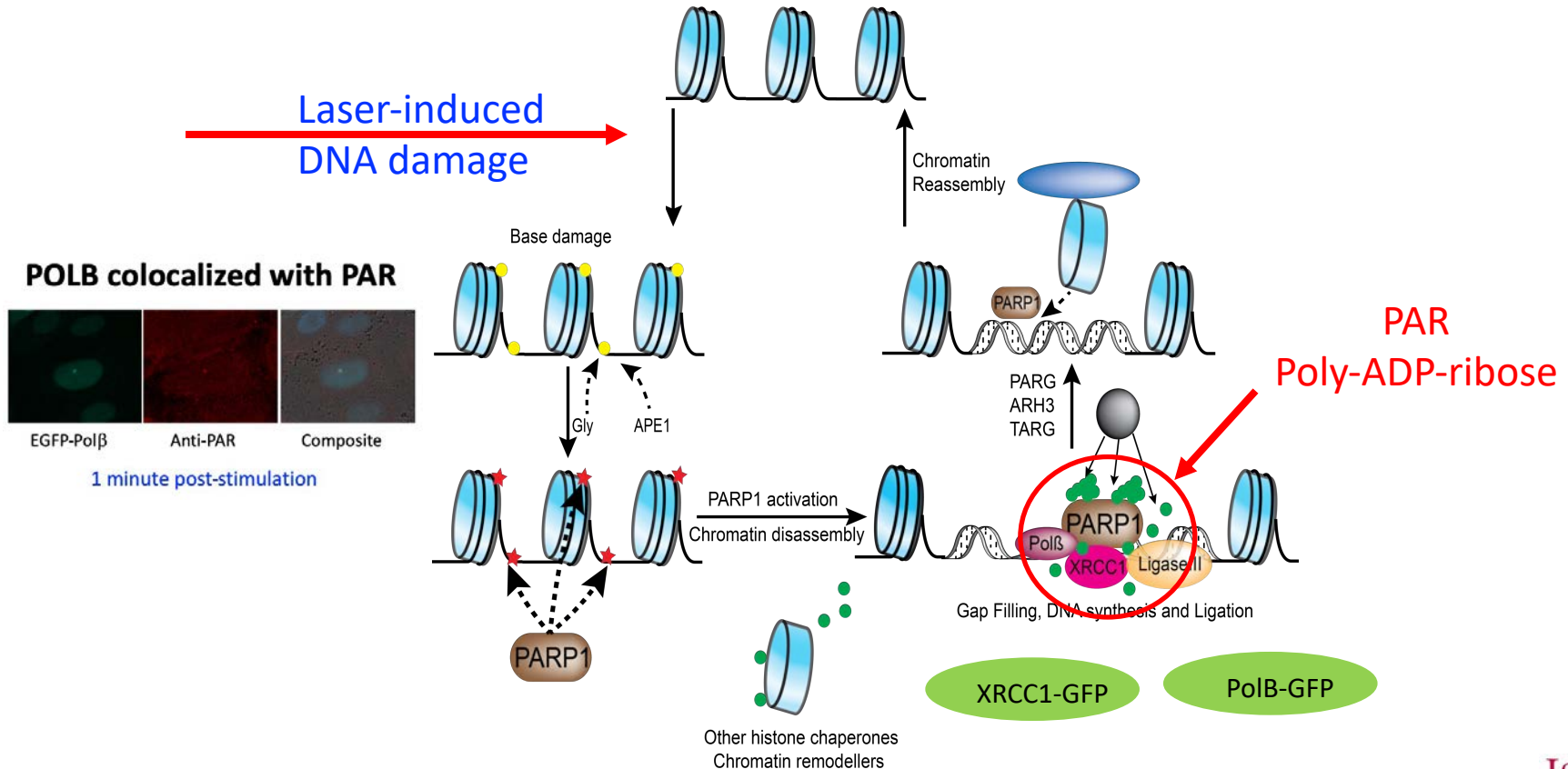


# Is POLB AND XRCC1 complex assembly and dis-assembly regulated by poly-ADP-ribose?

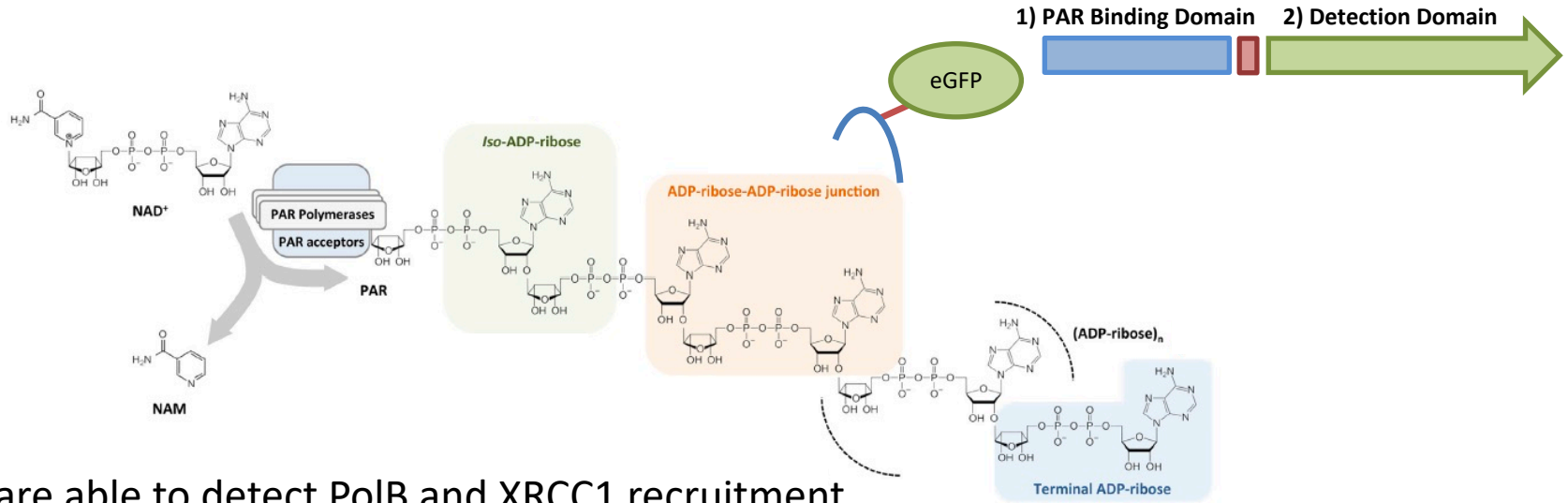


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# Can we enhance our mechanistic analysis by tracking PAR?



# RealPAR

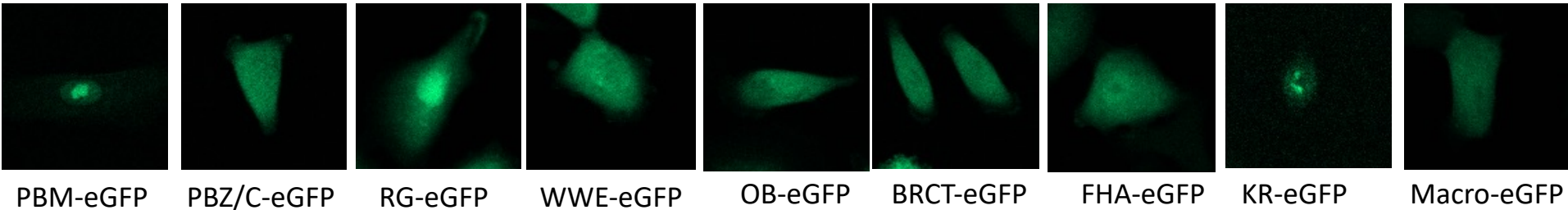


- We are able to detect PolB and XRCC1 recruitment in real time, but similar options were not available for PAR.
- We generated a PAR binding domain fused to eGFP to measure PAR in real time. We termed it “RealPAR”.

Teloni and Altmeyer, *Nuc. Ac. Res.*, 2016



# Expression of PBD-eGFP in A549 cells

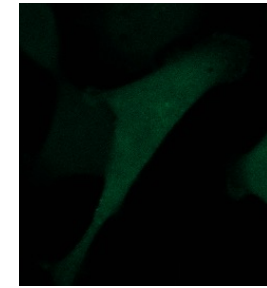
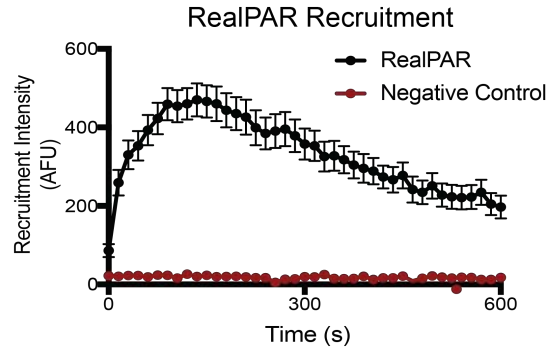
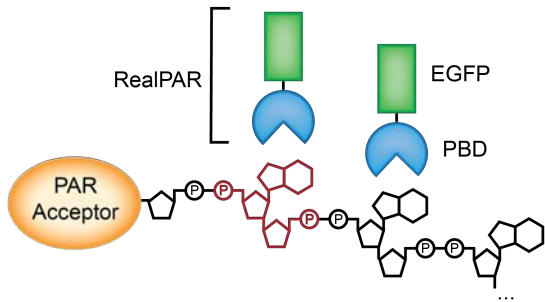


- All cells were tested for 405nm and 355nm recruitment.
- **Only 1 recruited to laser-induced damage.**

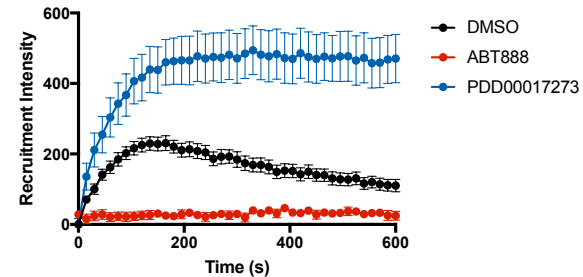
Readers of poly(ADP-ribose)		
Module	Module Size	Interaction Type
1 PBM	~20 residues	unknown
2 PBZ	~30 residues	consecutive ADP-ribose moieties
3 Macrodomain	~130-190 residues	terminal ADP-ribose
4 WWE	~80-100 residues	iso-ADP-ribose
5 FHA/BRCT	~80-100 residues	ADP-ribose or iso-ADP-ribose
6 RRM	~60-80 residues	unknown
7 SR/KR-rich	variable	unknown
8 OB-fold	~70-150 residues	iso-ADP-ribose
9 PIN domain	~130-150 residues	unknown
10 RG/RGG domain	variable	unknown

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# Development of REAL-PAR, a live-cell probe of DNA damage-induced PAR formation

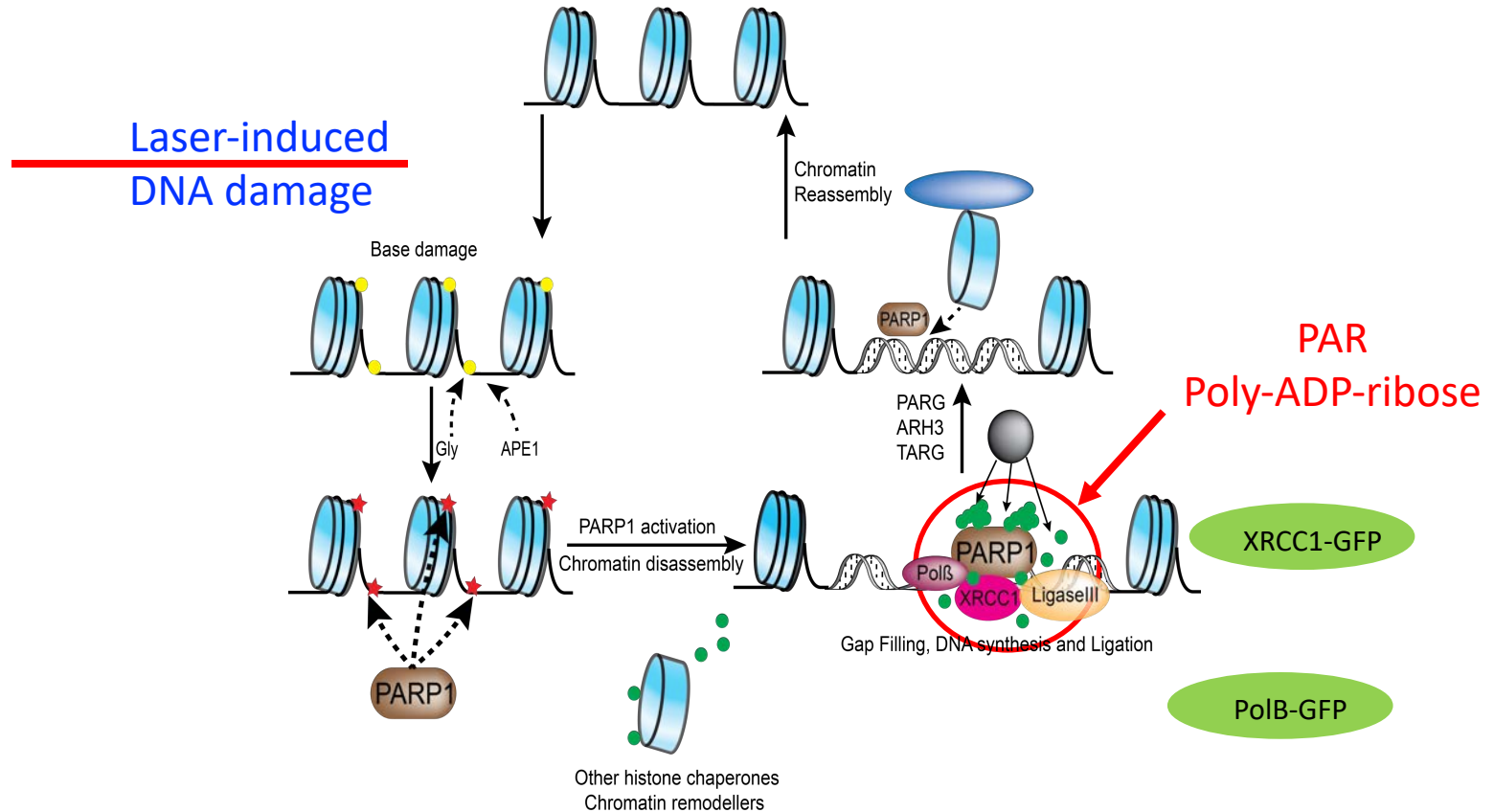


A549 cells  
1727 construct (PBD-eGFP)  
405nm laser, 1/8sec stimulation

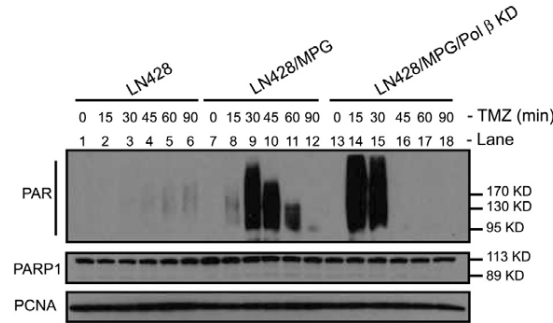
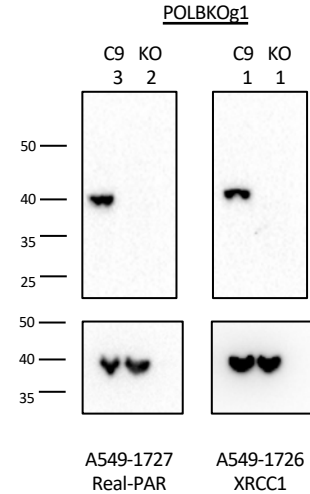
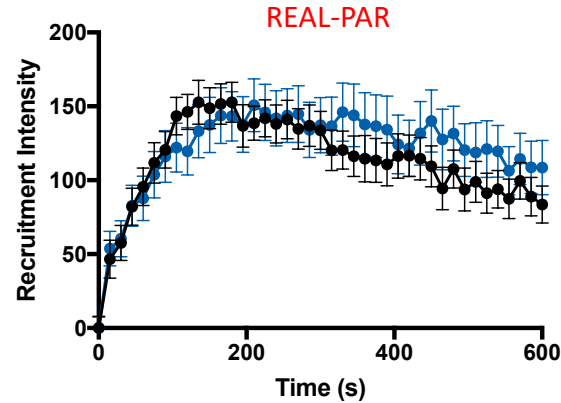
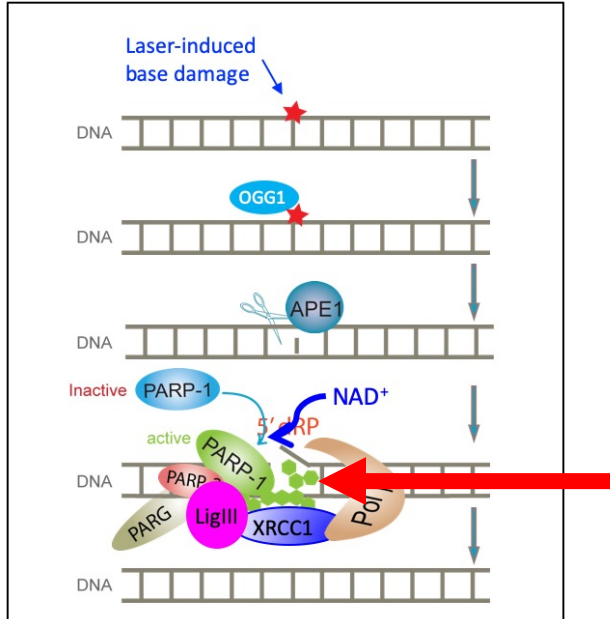


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# REAL-PAR can now be used to probe PAR formation kinetics along with BER complex assembly / disassembly



# Does loss of POLB impact damage-induced PAR formation?

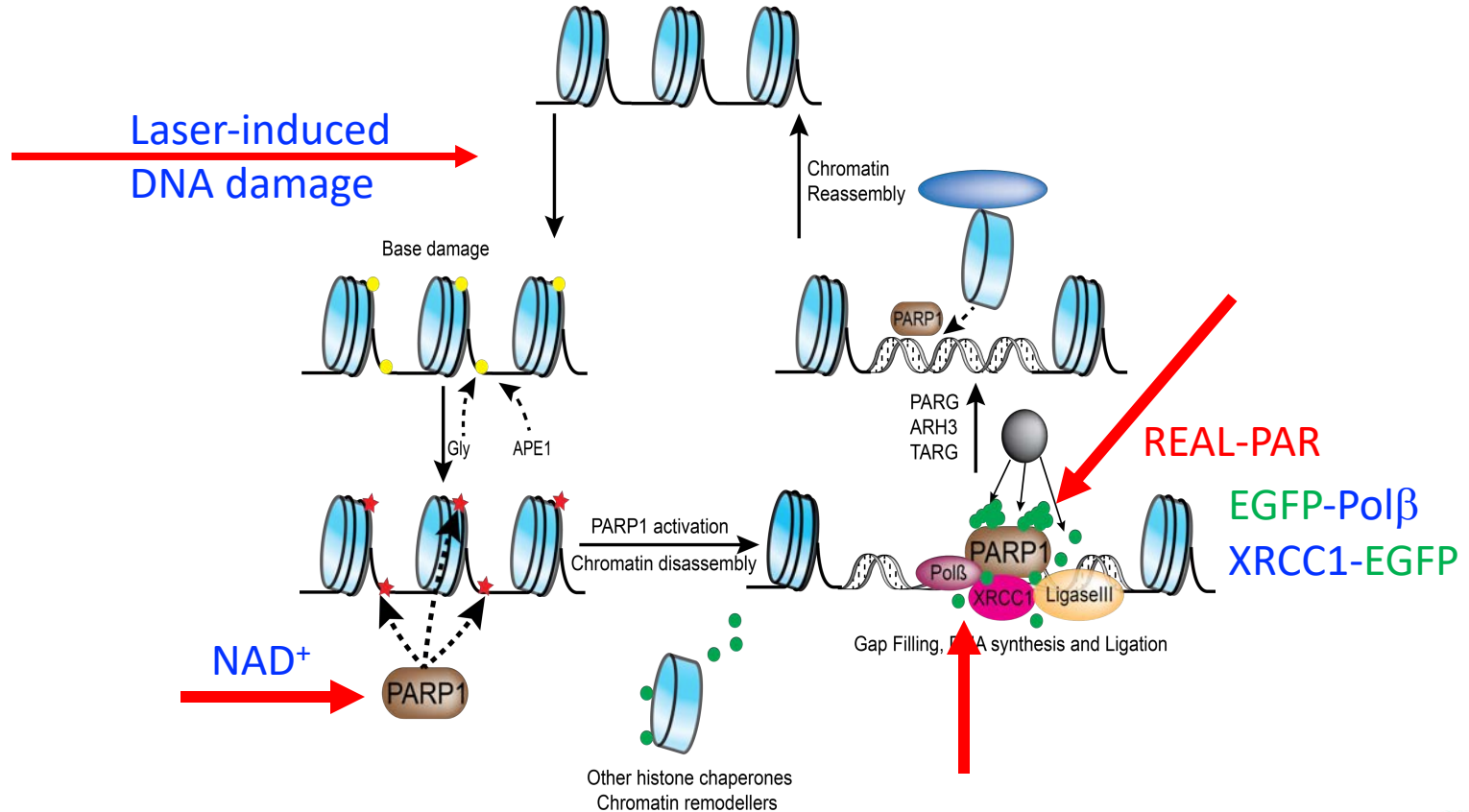


No change in PAR when PolB is absent – a backup? (PolQ, Poli, other?)  
PARG?

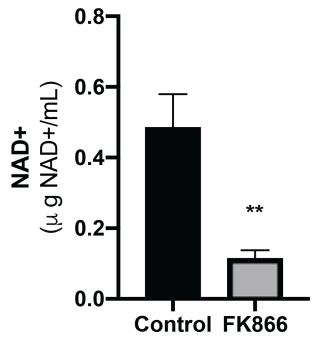
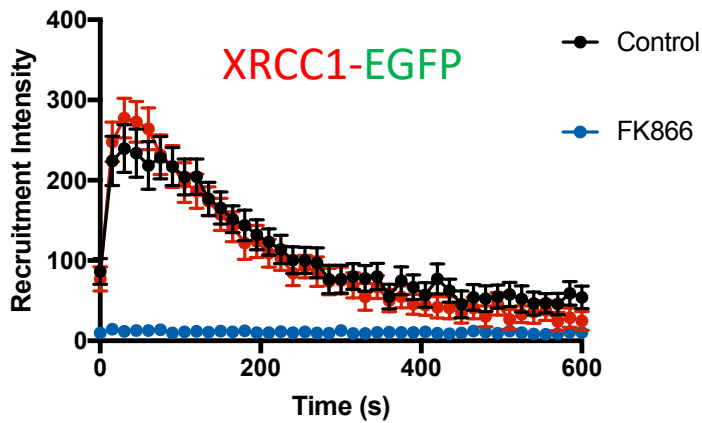
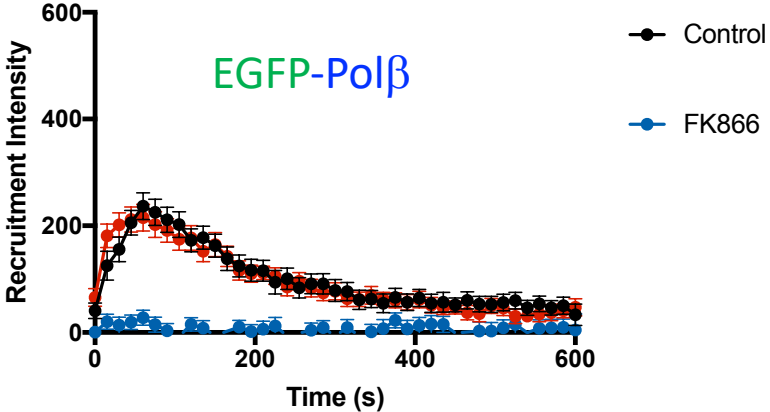
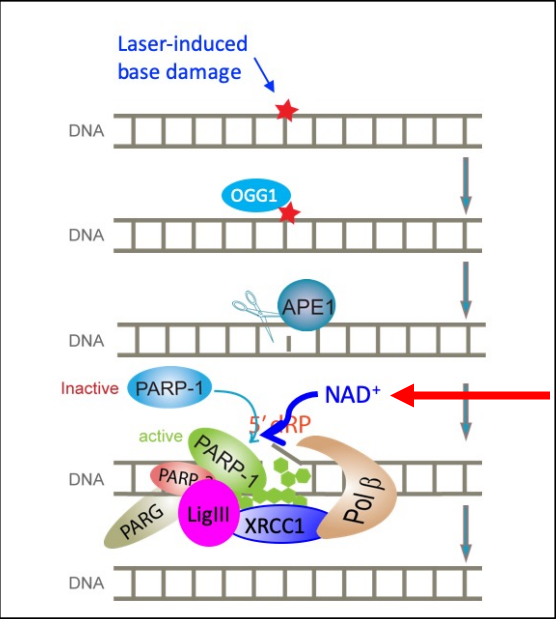
Tang JB et al.  
Mol Cancer Res. 2010 Jan;8(1):67-79.

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# Factors affecting BER complex assembly / disassembly ?



# Recruitment of EGFP-POLB or XRCC1-EGFP is lost when NAD<sup>+</sup> is deficient



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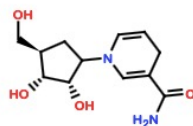
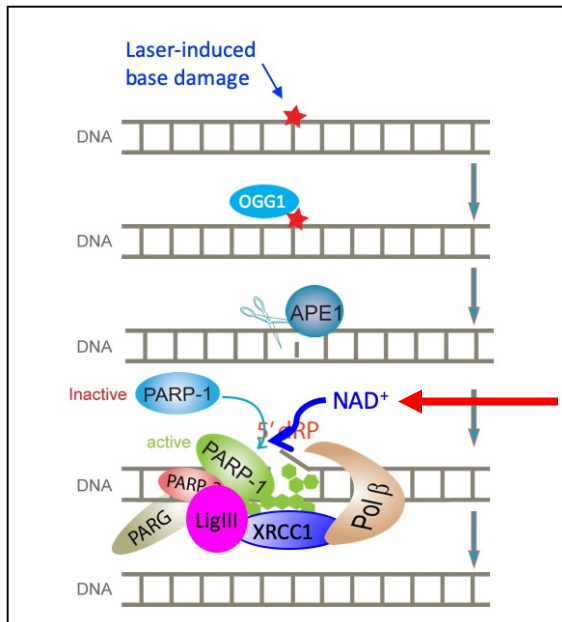
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# What about alterations in NAD<sup>+</sup> bioavailability?

- We should consider co-factors or enzyme substrates such as NAD<sup>+</sup> as BER regulatory factors.
- The biosynthesis of NAD<sup>+</sup>, an essential substrate for both sirtuins and PARPs, is compartmentalized and highly regulated.
- Fluctuations in cellular levels of NAD<sup>+</sup> have been linked to the aging process.
- Cancer-related DNA repair defects may be, in part, the result of known variations in NAD<sup>+</sup> biosynthesis in different tissues.
- Increasing NAD<sup>+</sup> bioavailability may provide an opportunity to increase cellular DNA repair capacity.
- However, it remains to be determined if too much of a good thing (NAD<sup>+</sup>) can also be detrimental.

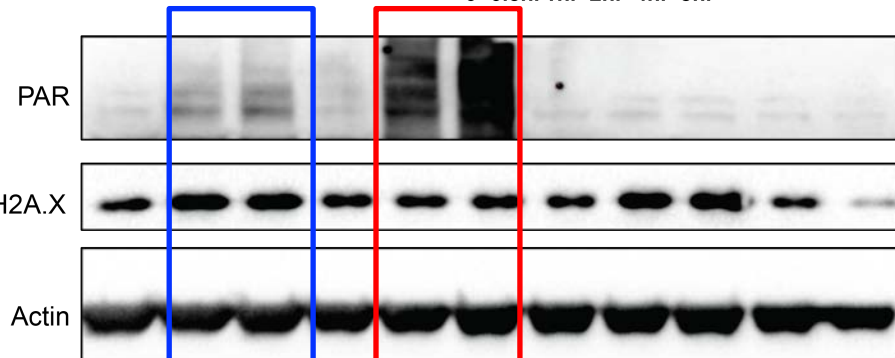
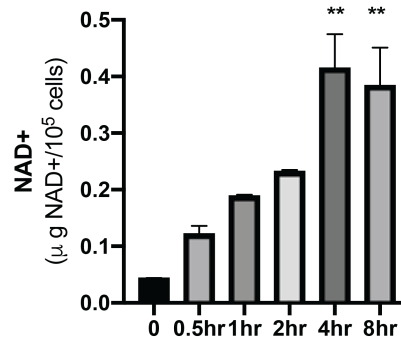
# Cellular NAD<sup>+</sup> levels can be significantly elevated by supplementation of NRH

## This leads to enhanced PARP1 activation in cells with elevated PARP1 levels



**Dihyronicotinamide Riboside (NRH)**

U2OS



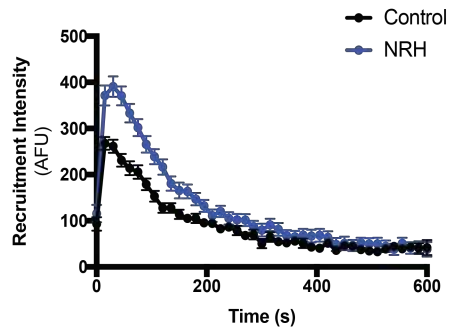
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100μM NRH	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+
50nM FK866	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-
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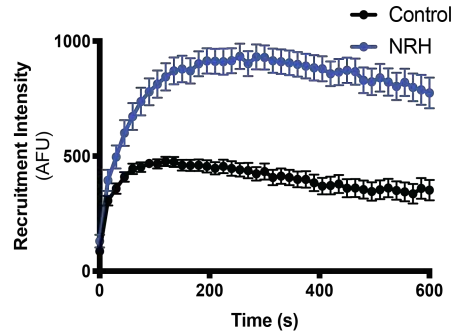


# Recruitment of EGFP-POLB, XRCC1-EGFP and RealPAR is enhanced when NAD<sup>+</sup> is elevated

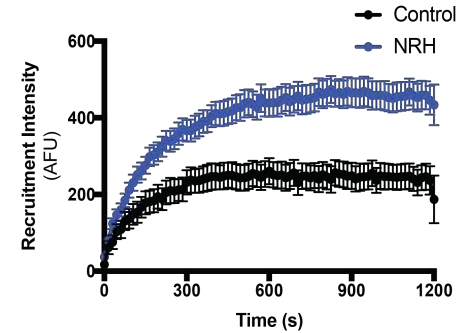
## Pol $\beta$ recruitment



## XRCC1 recruitment



## RealPAR recruitment

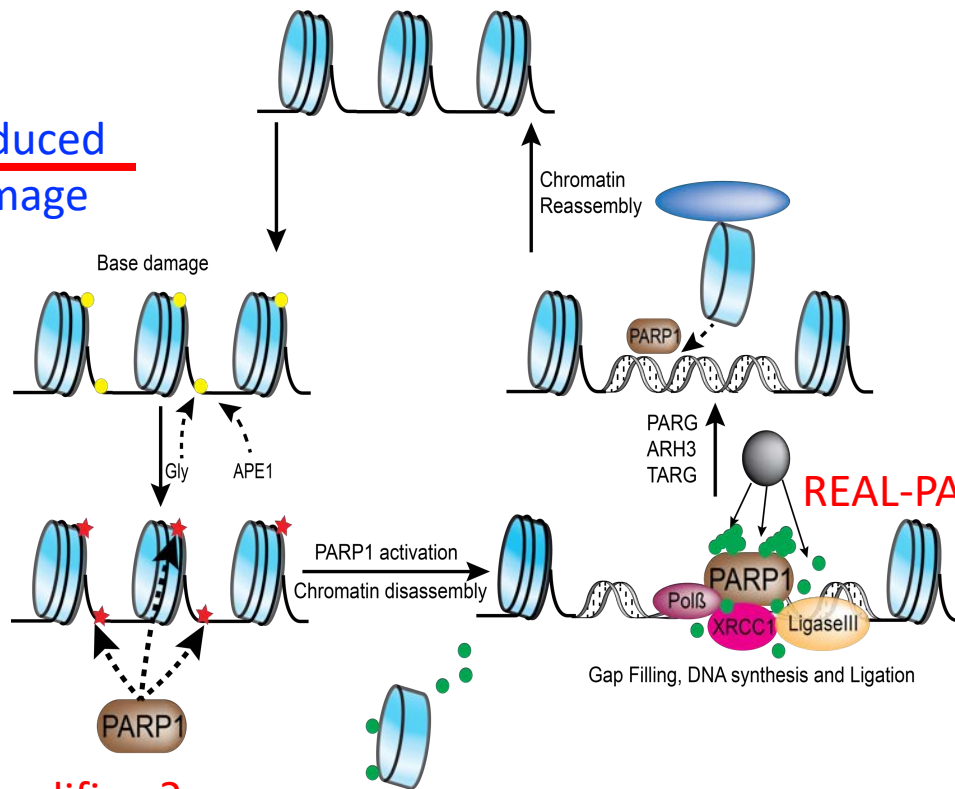


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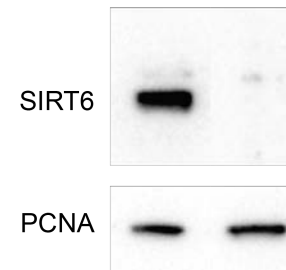
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# Factors affecting BER complex assembly / disassembly ?

Laser-induced DNA damage



Cas9 SIRT6-KO



Changes in NAD impacts BER complex formation.

Is this all via PAR/PARP1?

What about Chromatin modifiers?

Other histone chaperones  
Chromatin remodellers

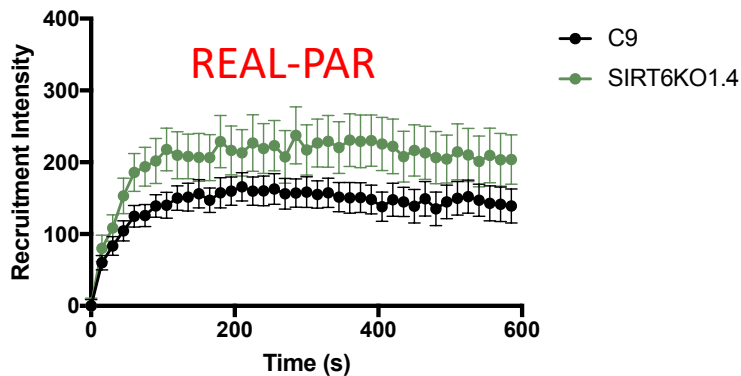
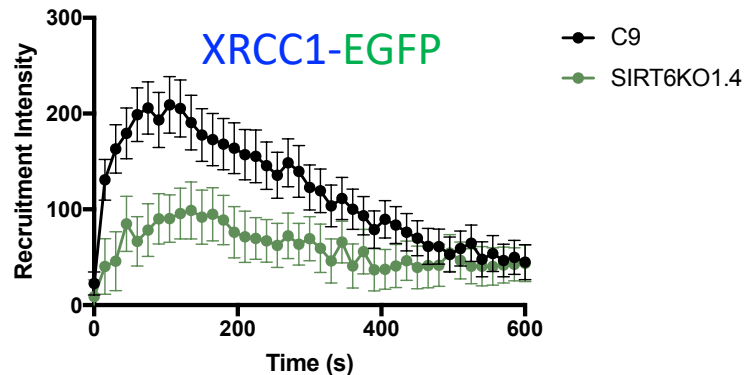
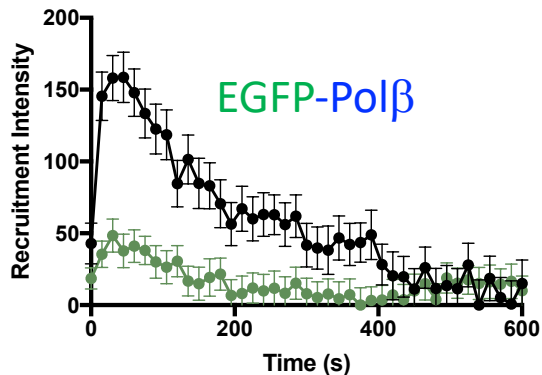
**SIRT6?**

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# How can SIRT6 affect repair?

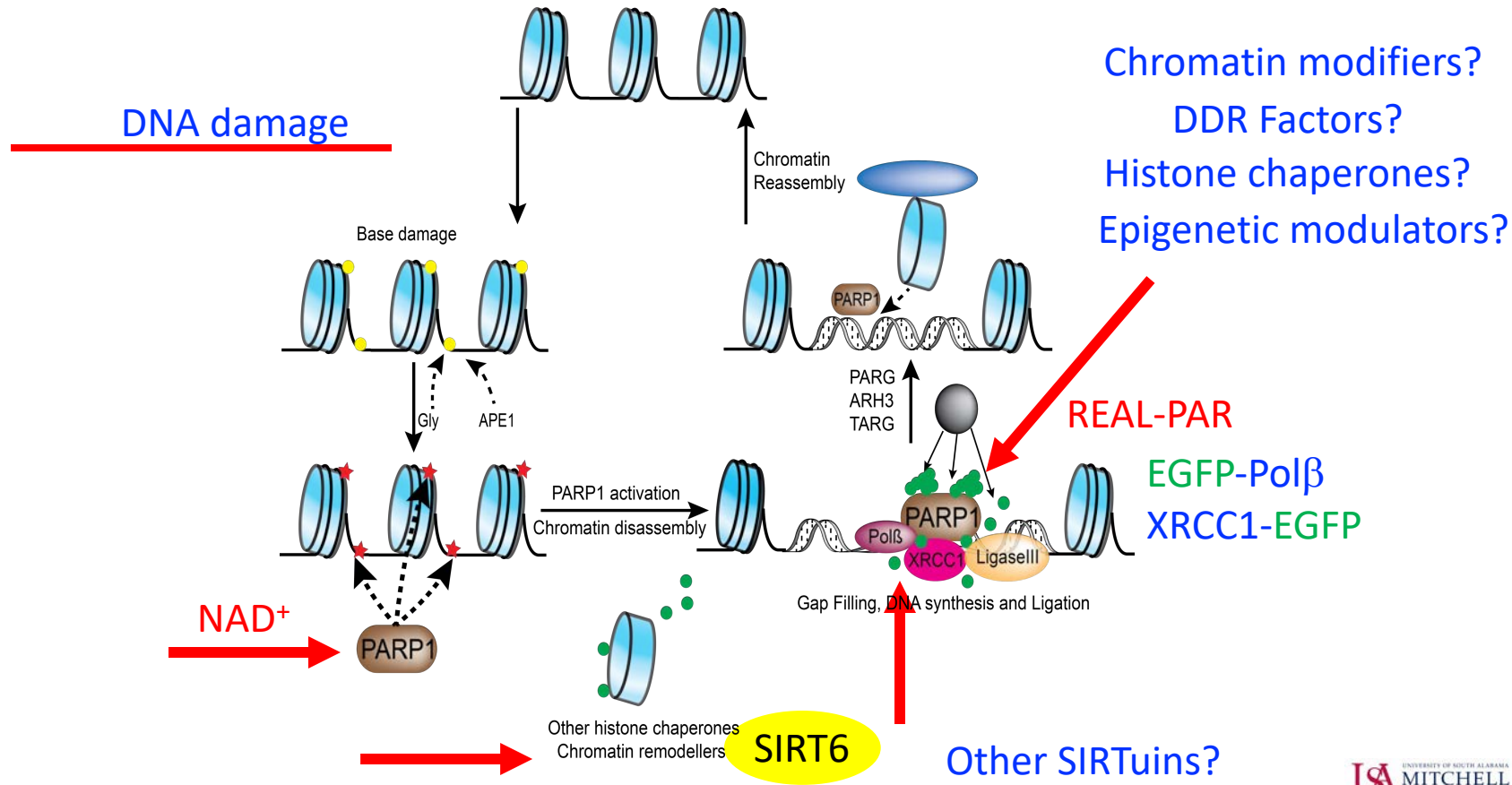
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# SIRT6 alters POLB/XRCC1 recruitment but not PARP1 activation

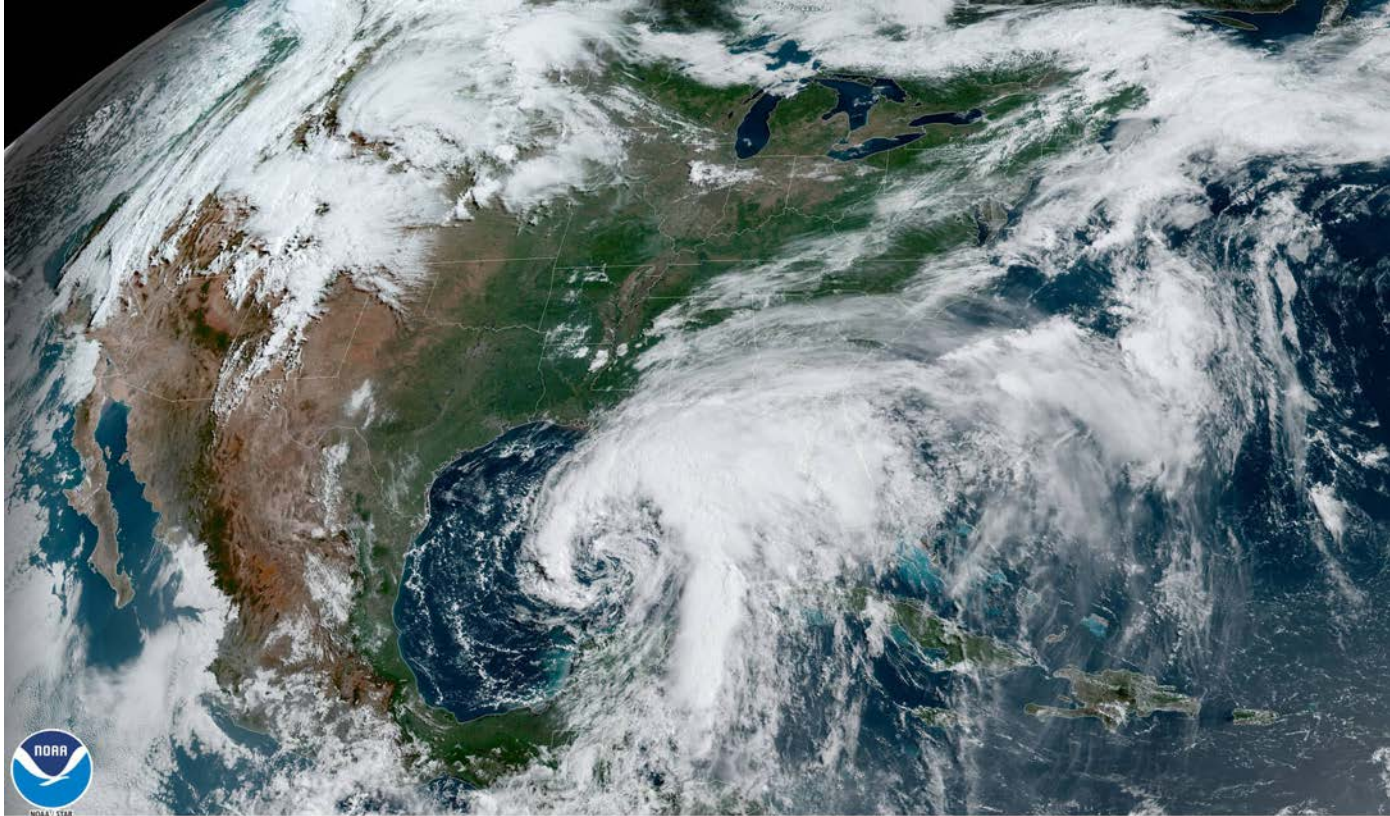


➔ SIRT6 affects recruitment by modulating the PARP1/XRCC1 complex or the chromatin state (deacetylation of H3K9 or H3K56?) to impact recruitment but does not impact laser-induced PAR formation (PARP1 activation).

# Factors (metabolites, proteins) affecting DNA repair complex assembly / disassembly, PARP1 activation and DNA Repair



# Thank you – Questions?



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