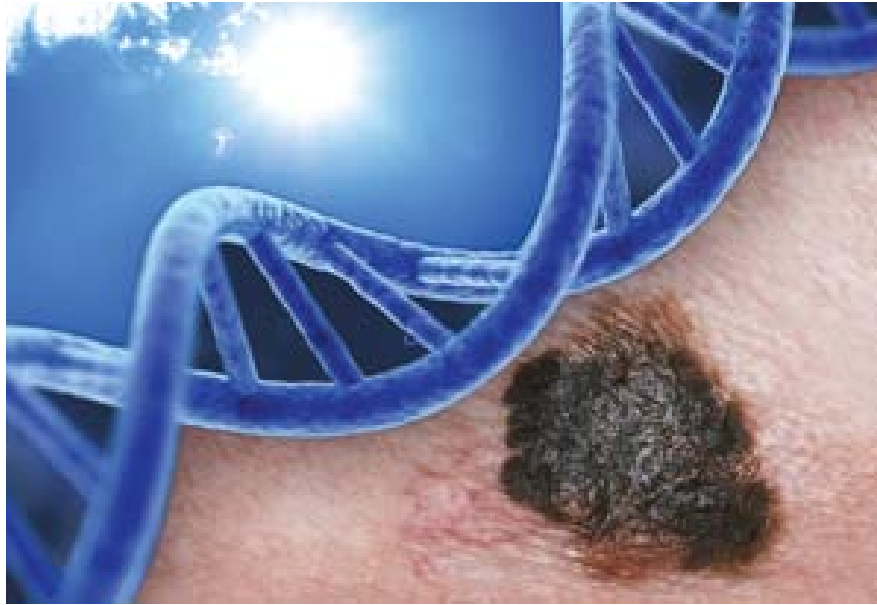


# **Regulation of melanocyte DNA repair by the melanocortin signaling axis**



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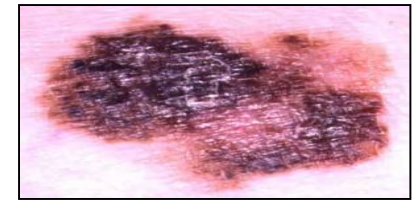
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# Melanoma



- Melanomas arise from malignant transformation of melanocytes
- Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer
  - ~ 87,110 new cases (SEER, 2017)
  - ~ 9,730 deaths
  - Annually, \$3.3 billion of skin cancer treatment costs are attributable to melanoma
- Genetic, phenotypic and environmental risk factors all contribute to melanoma predisposition
- UV exposure is a major risk factor
  - Intermittent UV exposure
  - Childhood sunburn

**Whereas 10 years ago the risk of developing melanoma was one in 250, today the risk of people getting melanoma is about one in 70.**

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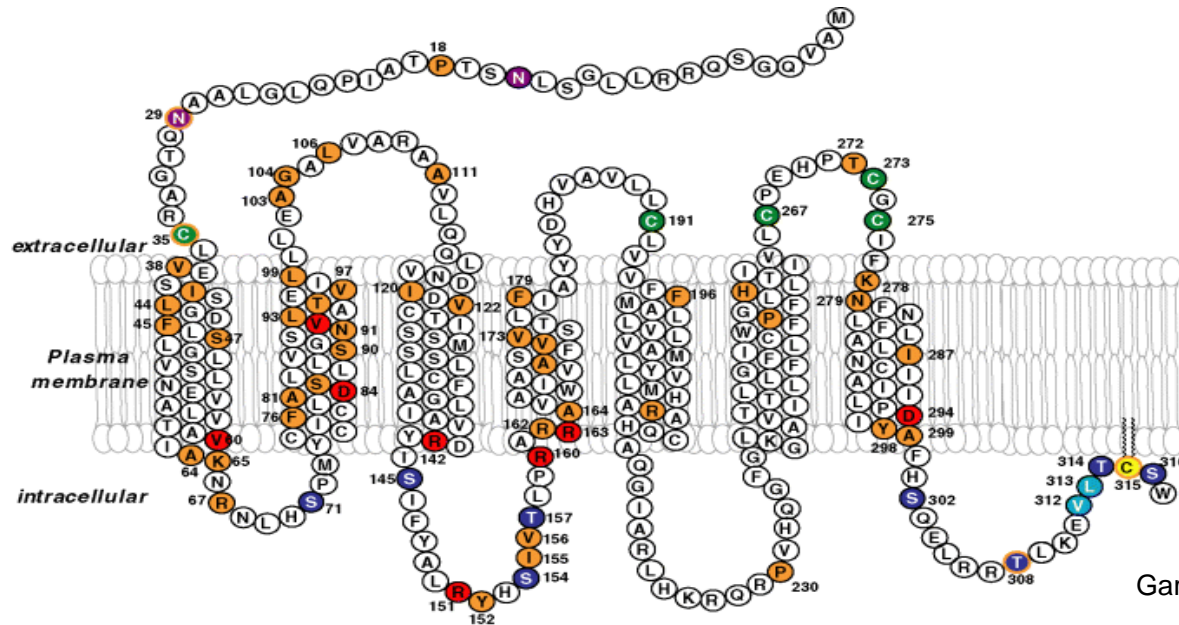
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## Modifiable risk factors



Ultraviolet radiation exposure  
from the sun and sunbeds

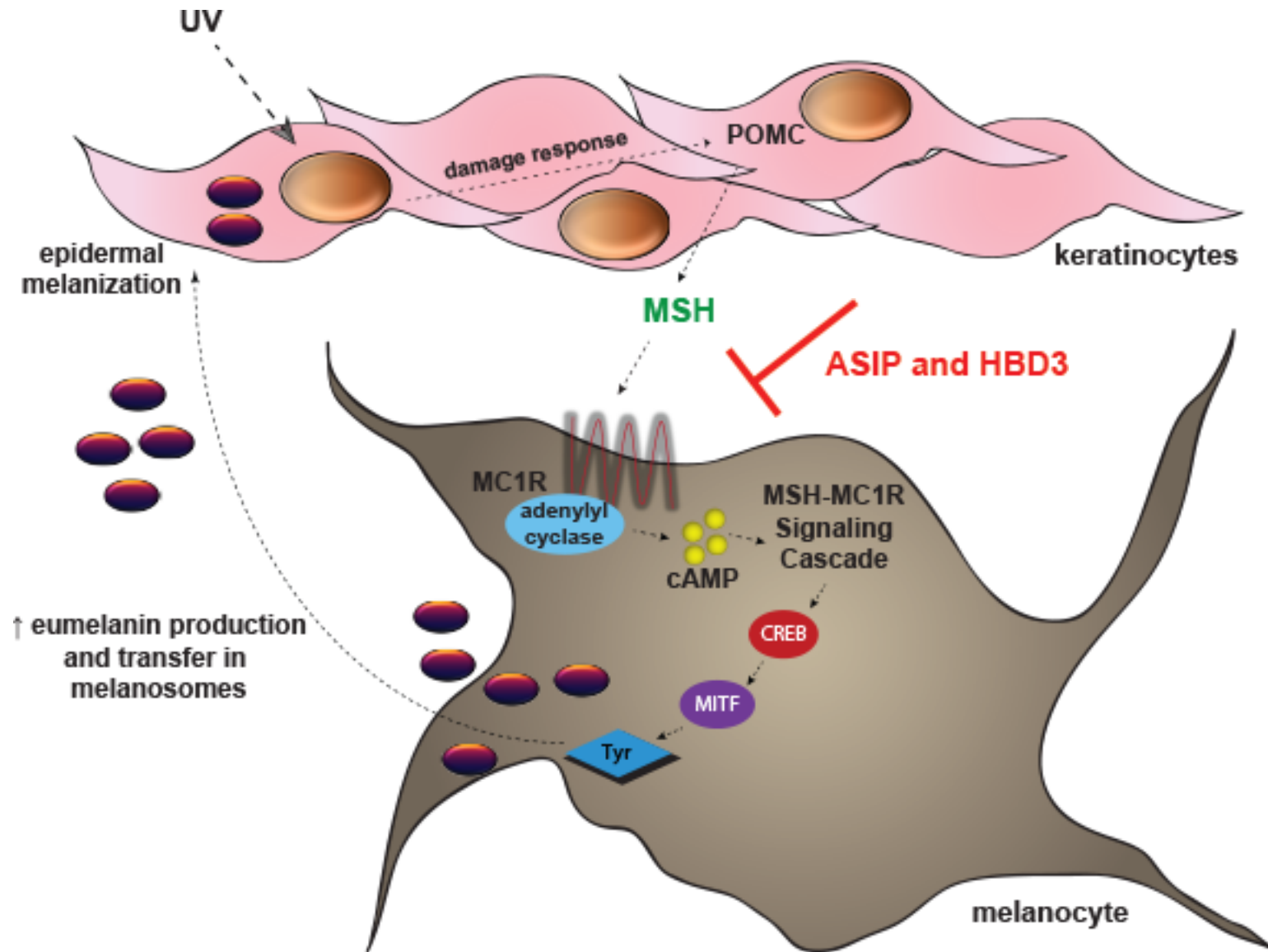
# Melanocortin 1 Receptor (MC1R) - A melanoma susceptibility gene



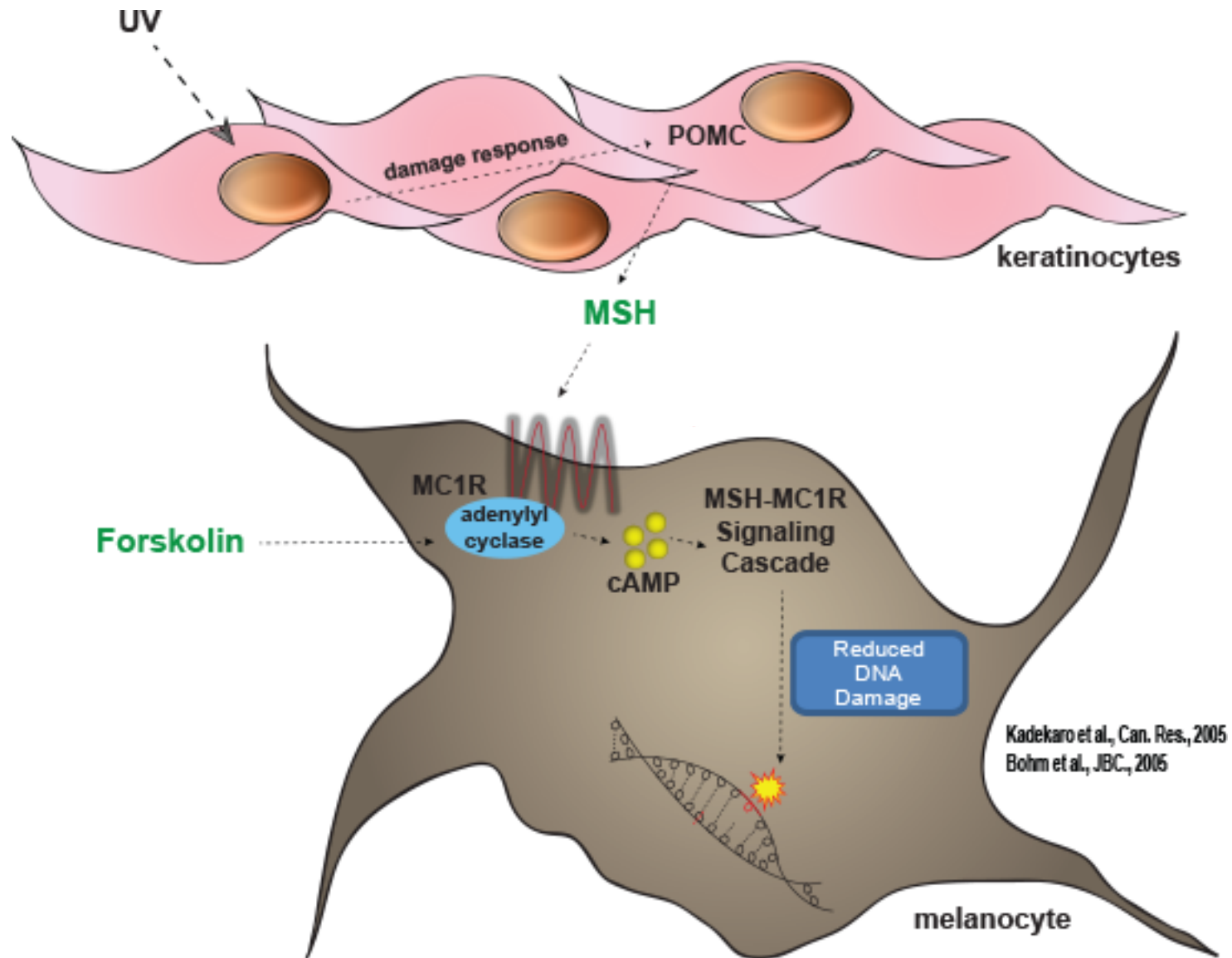
Garcia-Borrón et al., *PCM*. 2005

- The melanocortin 1 receptor (MC1R) is a melanocytic transmembrane receptor.
- It regulates pigmentation and adaptive tanning via cAMP generation.
- The MC1R gene is highly polymorphic.
- Loss-of-function MC1R polymorphisms are correlated with melanoma risk .
- Germline MC1R status influences somatic mutation burden in melanoma (Robles-Espinoza et al., *Nature Communications*. 2016).

# The Melanocortin Signaling Axis

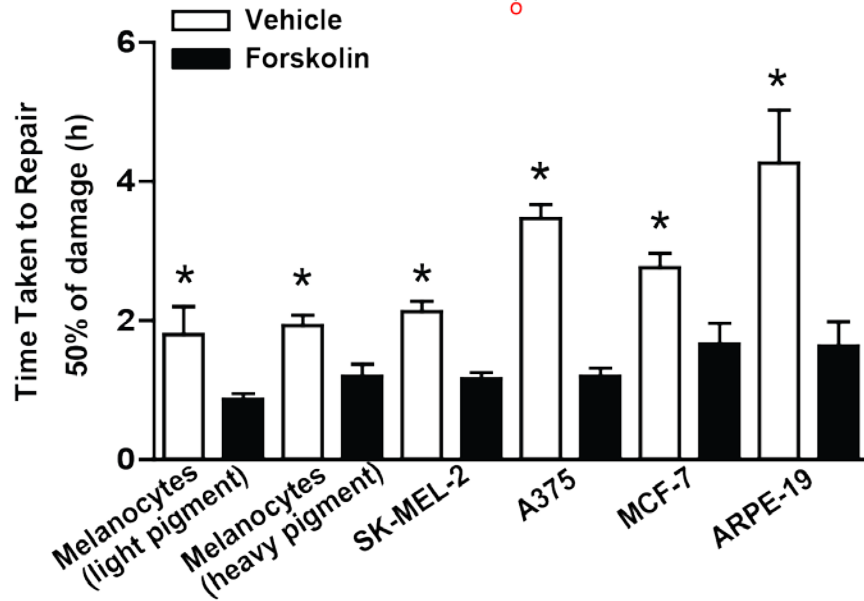
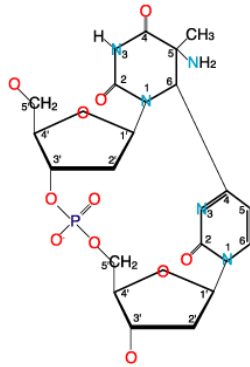


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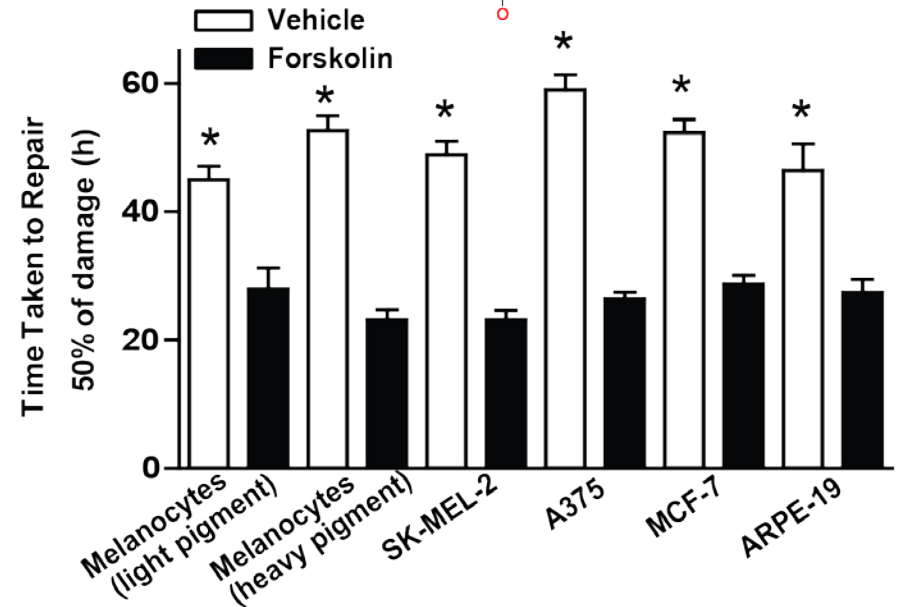
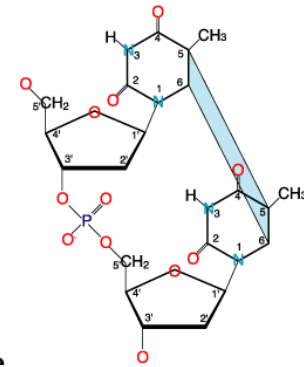


# MC1R Signaling Enhances Repair of UV-Induced DNA Damage

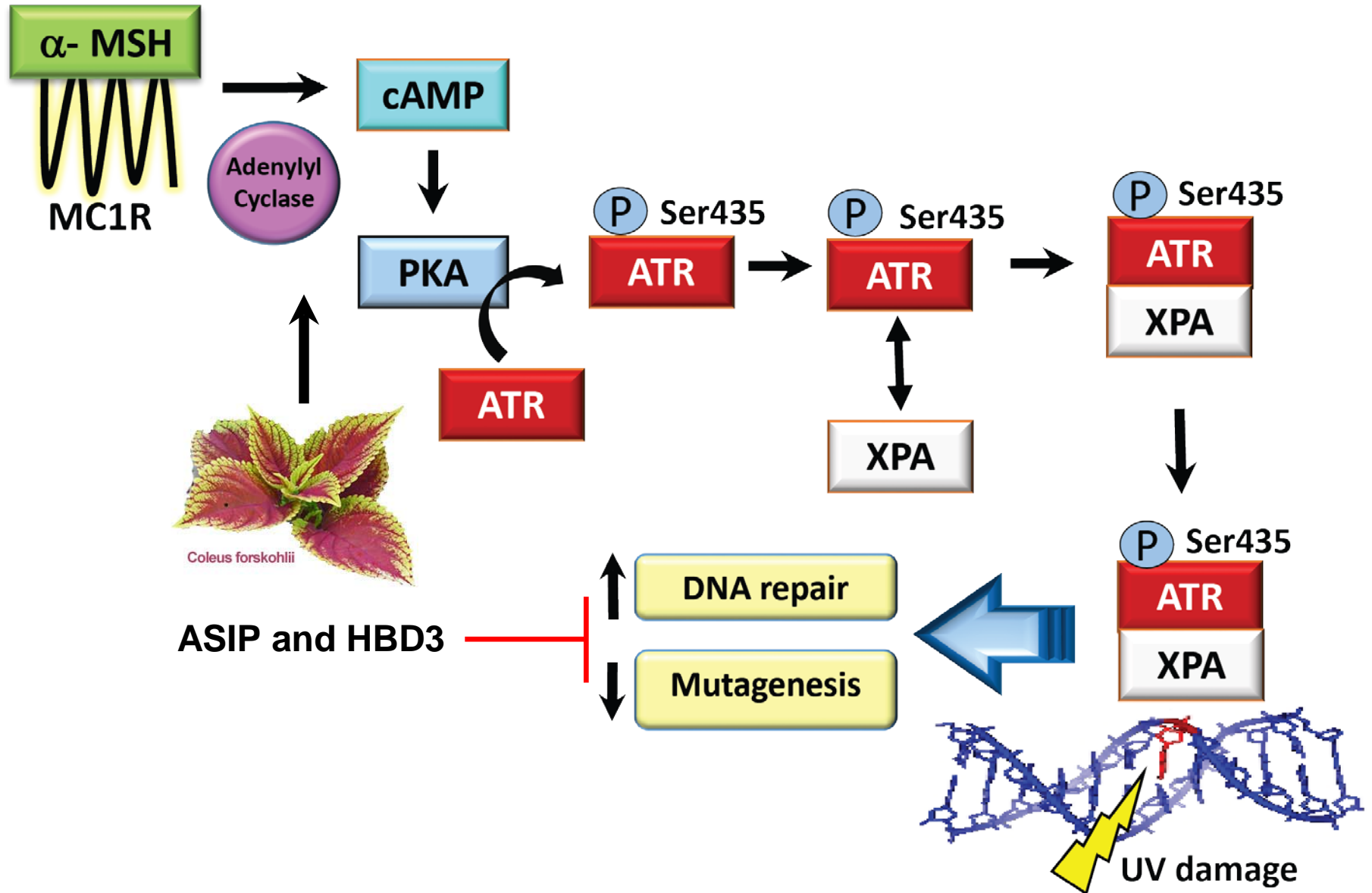
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Cyclobutane dimers



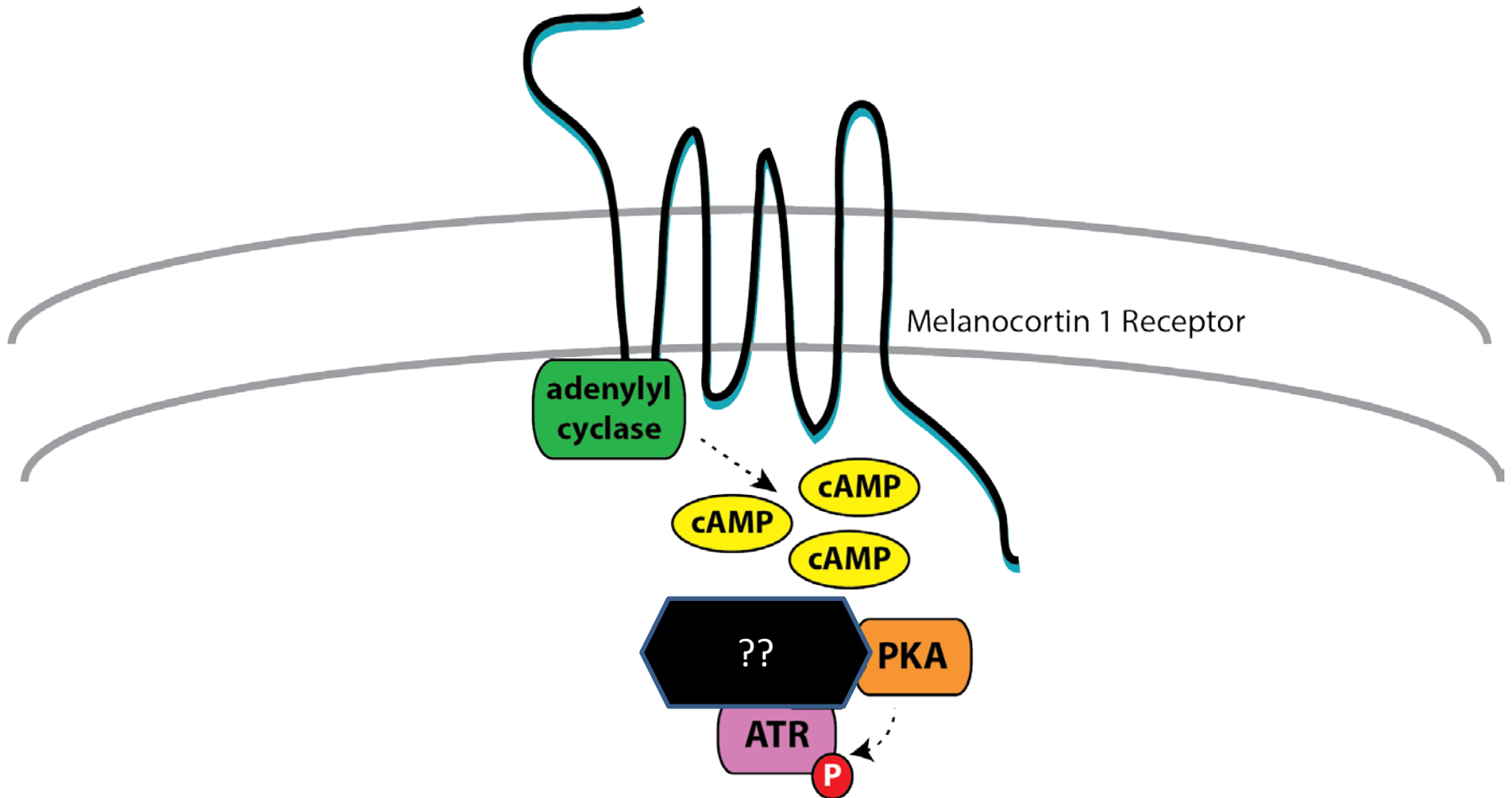
# MC1R/cAMP DNA Repair Axis



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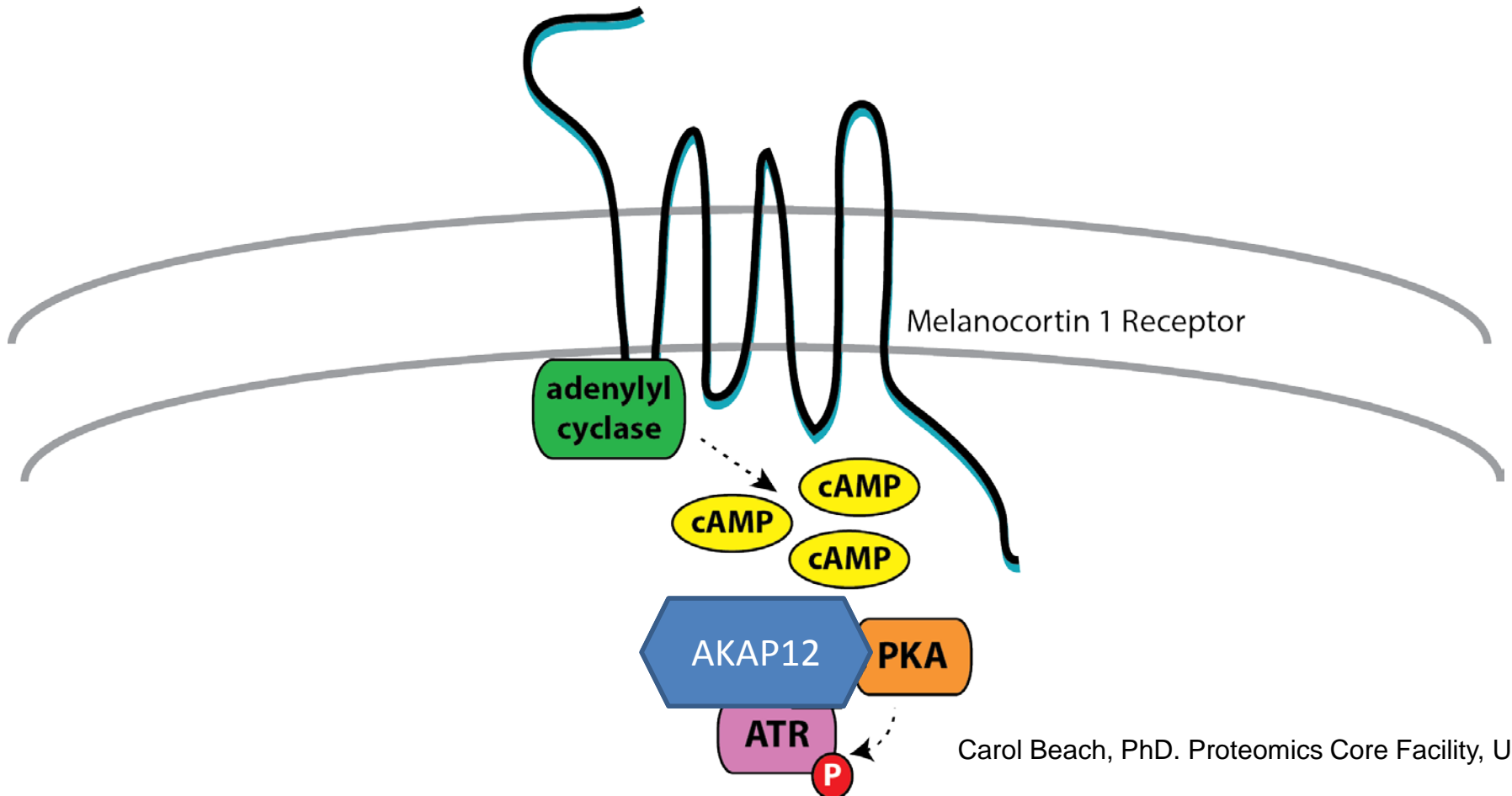
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# A Kinase Anchoring Proteins (AKAPs)

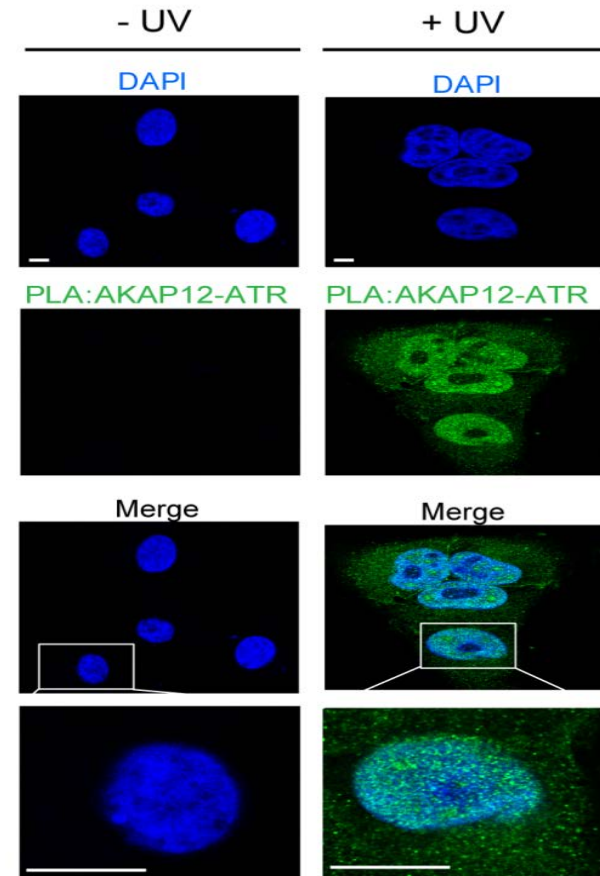
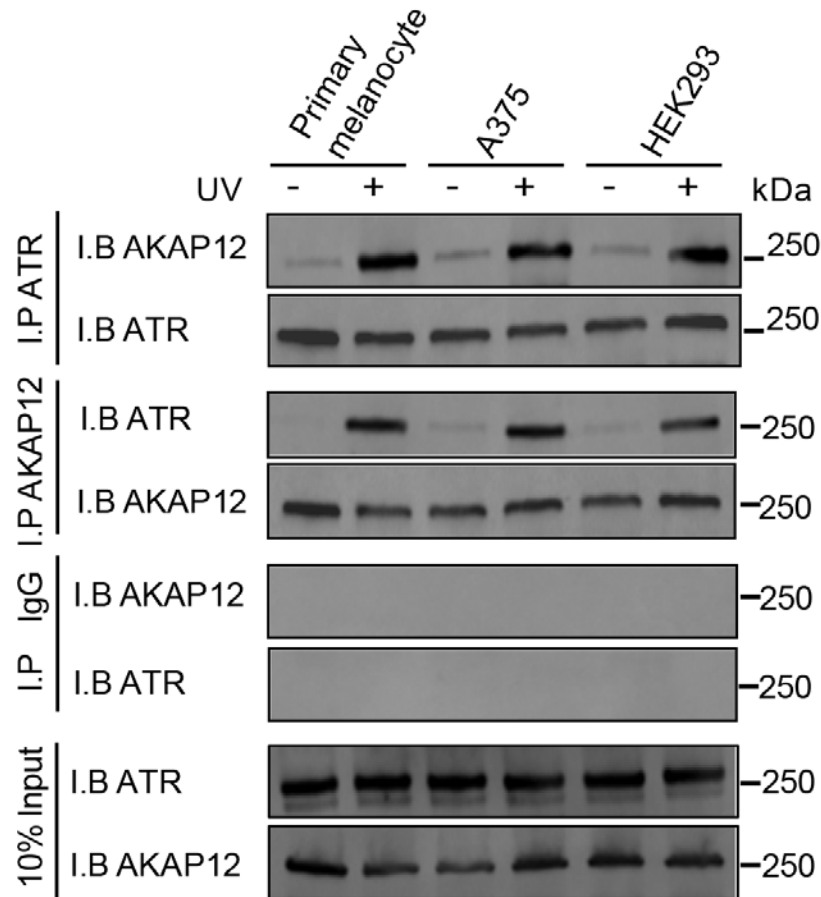
- Family of more > 50 proteins needed for PKA signaling
- Scaffold PKA kinase events
- Regulate PKA localization and activity
  - Brings together PKA with phosphorylation targets and its regulatory proteins

## A Kinase Anchoring Protein 12 (AKAP12)

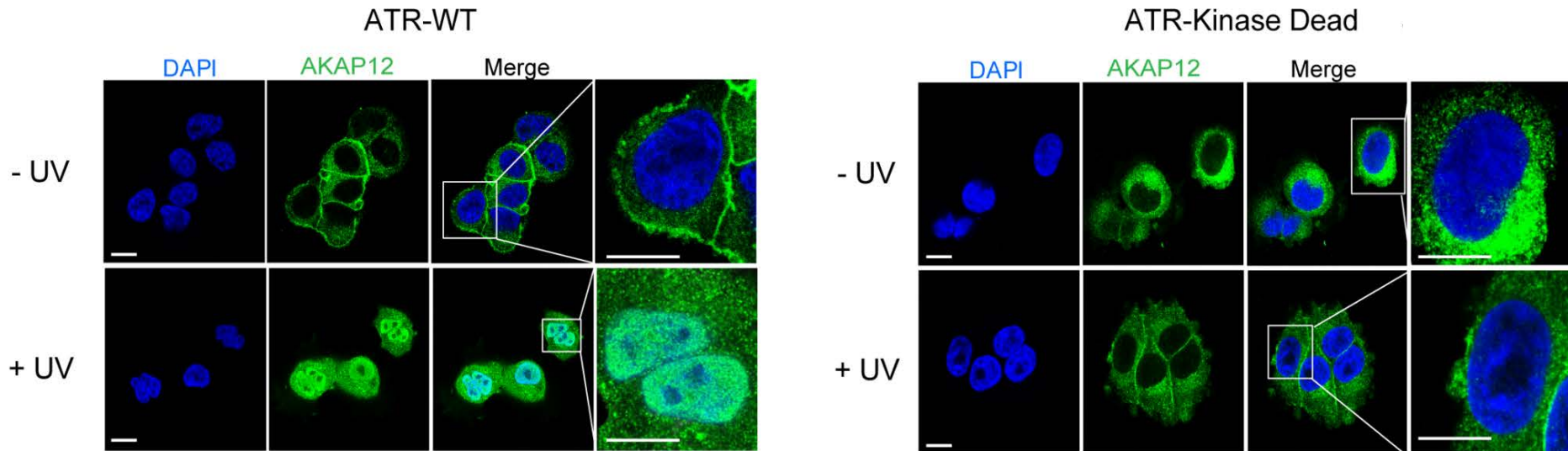
- AKAP12 (also called Gravin and SSeCKS)
  - tumor suppression, cytoskeletal architecture,  $\beta_2$ -adrenergic receptor desensitization/resensitization, cell cycle regulation
  - AKAP12 found at sites of stalled replication forks following nucleotide depletion, however to date, AKAP12 has not been implicated in DNA repair (Sirbu et al., JBC, 2013).

# A-Kinase Anchoring Protein 12 (AKAP12) interacts with ATR

- AKAPs scaffold PKA kinase events and localize PKA with phosphorylation targets

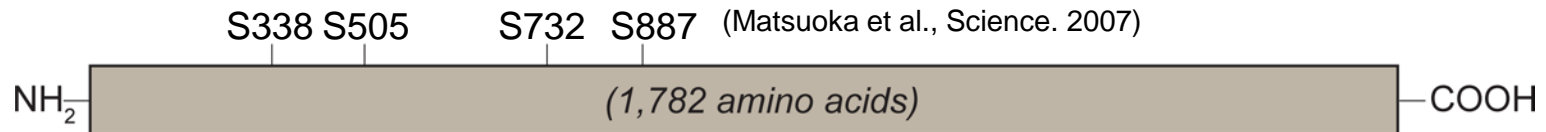



# ATR-mediated Phosphorylation of AKAP12 Promotes Nuclear Localization

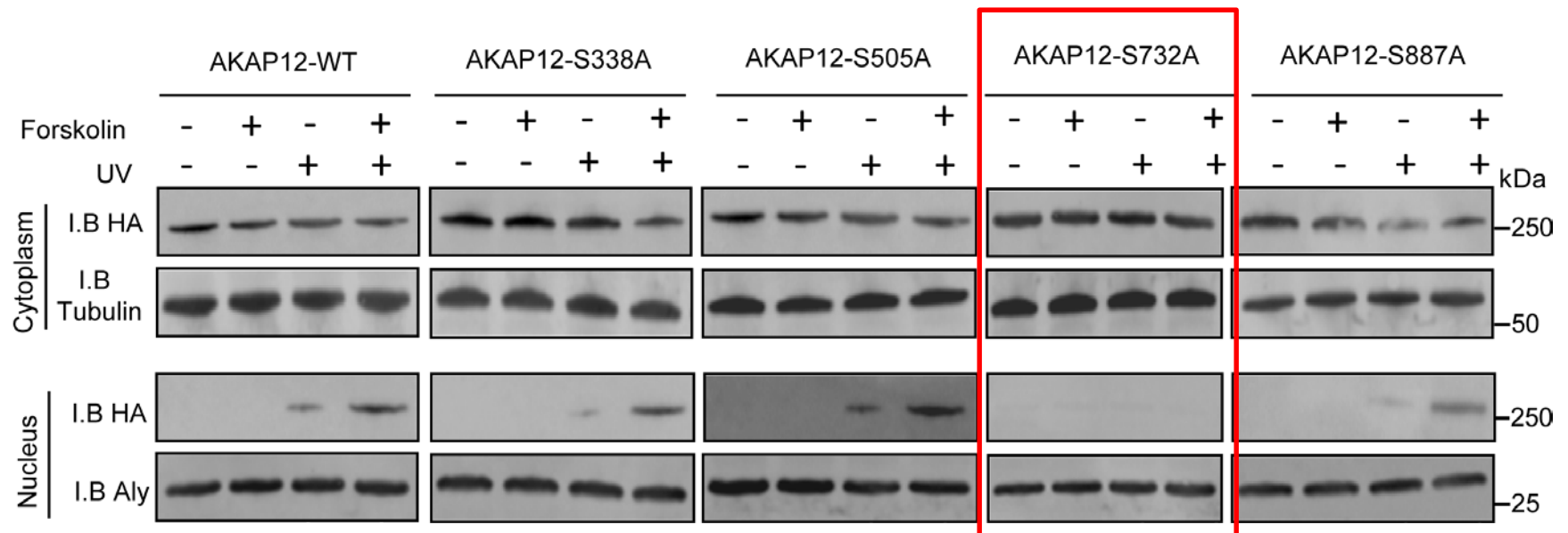


# Phosphorylation of AKAP12 at S732 is necessary for nuclear localization

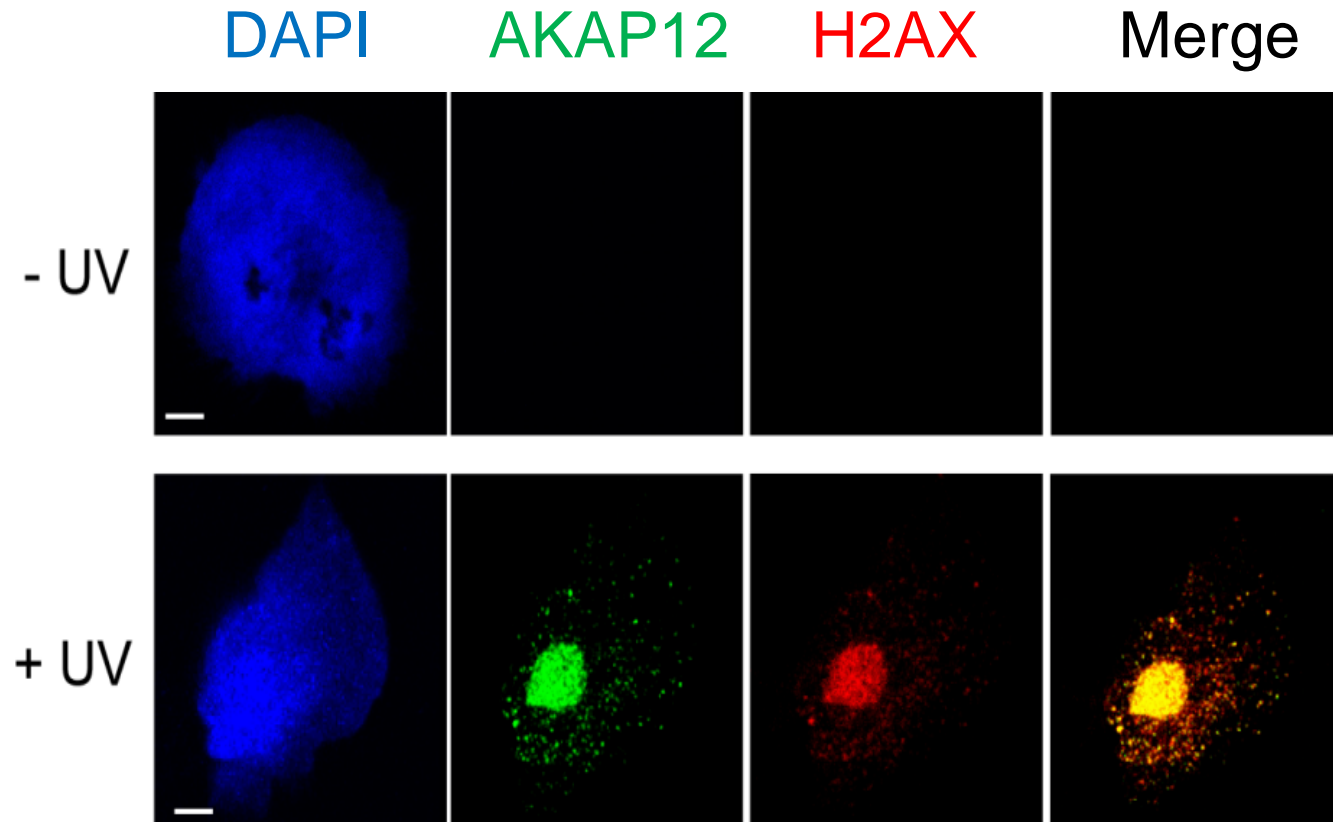
## AKAP12



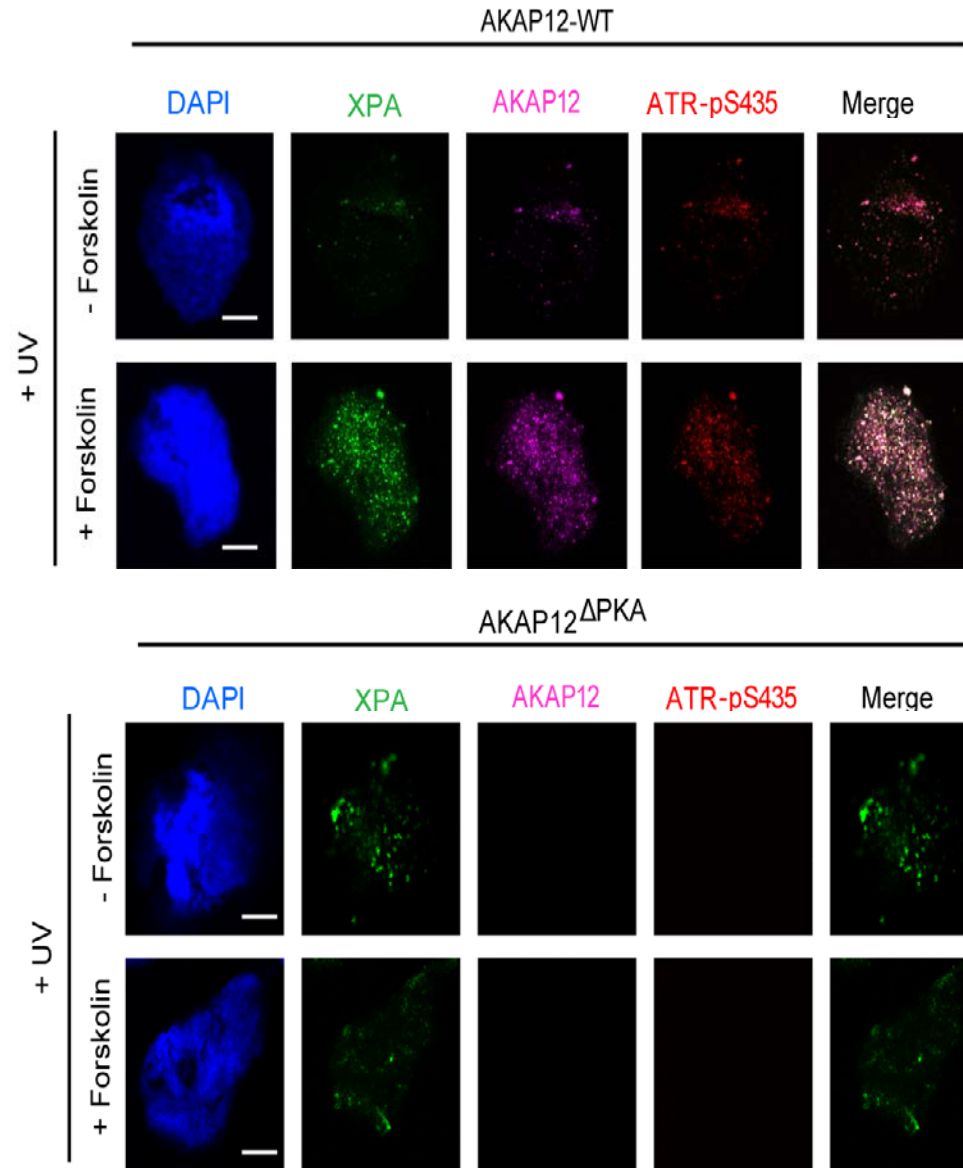
 Nuclear localization  
(Streb et al., JBC. 2005)



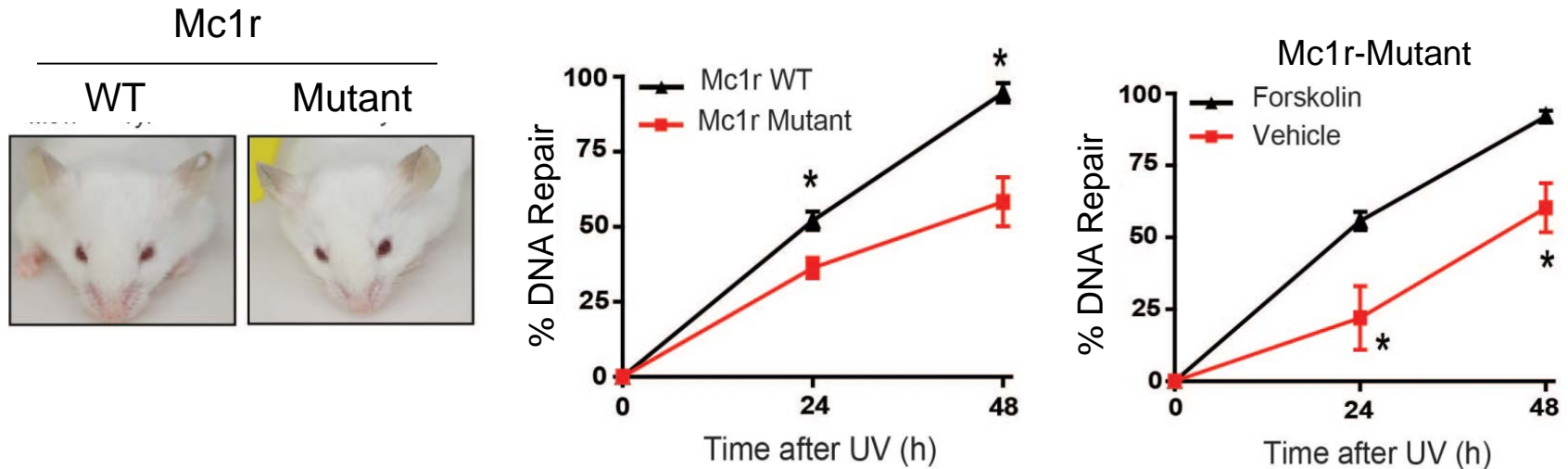
# AKAP12 co-localizes with UV-damaged DNA



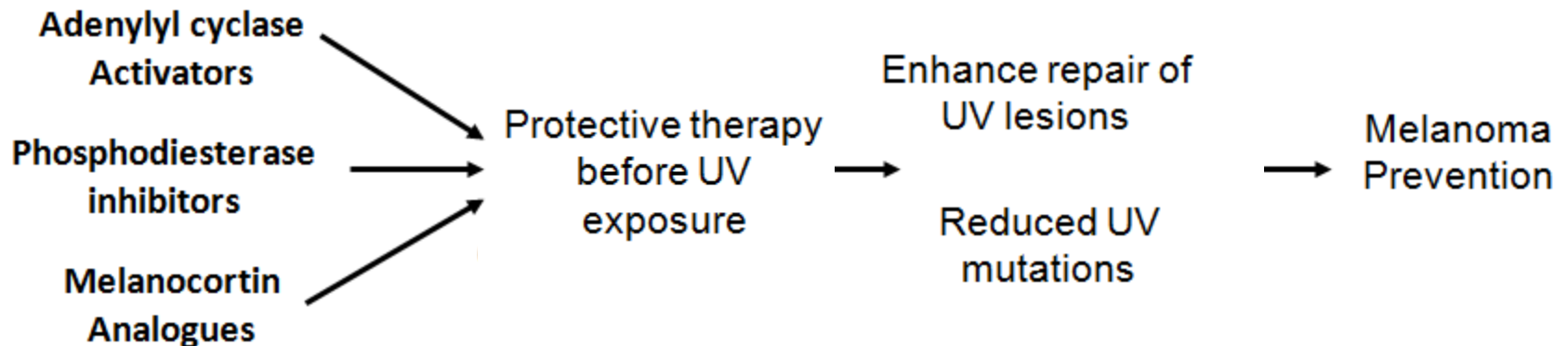
# cAMP enhanced co-localization of XPA-ATR-pS435 requires a functional AKAP12



# Topical forskolin application enhances DNA repair in Mc1r-mutant mice

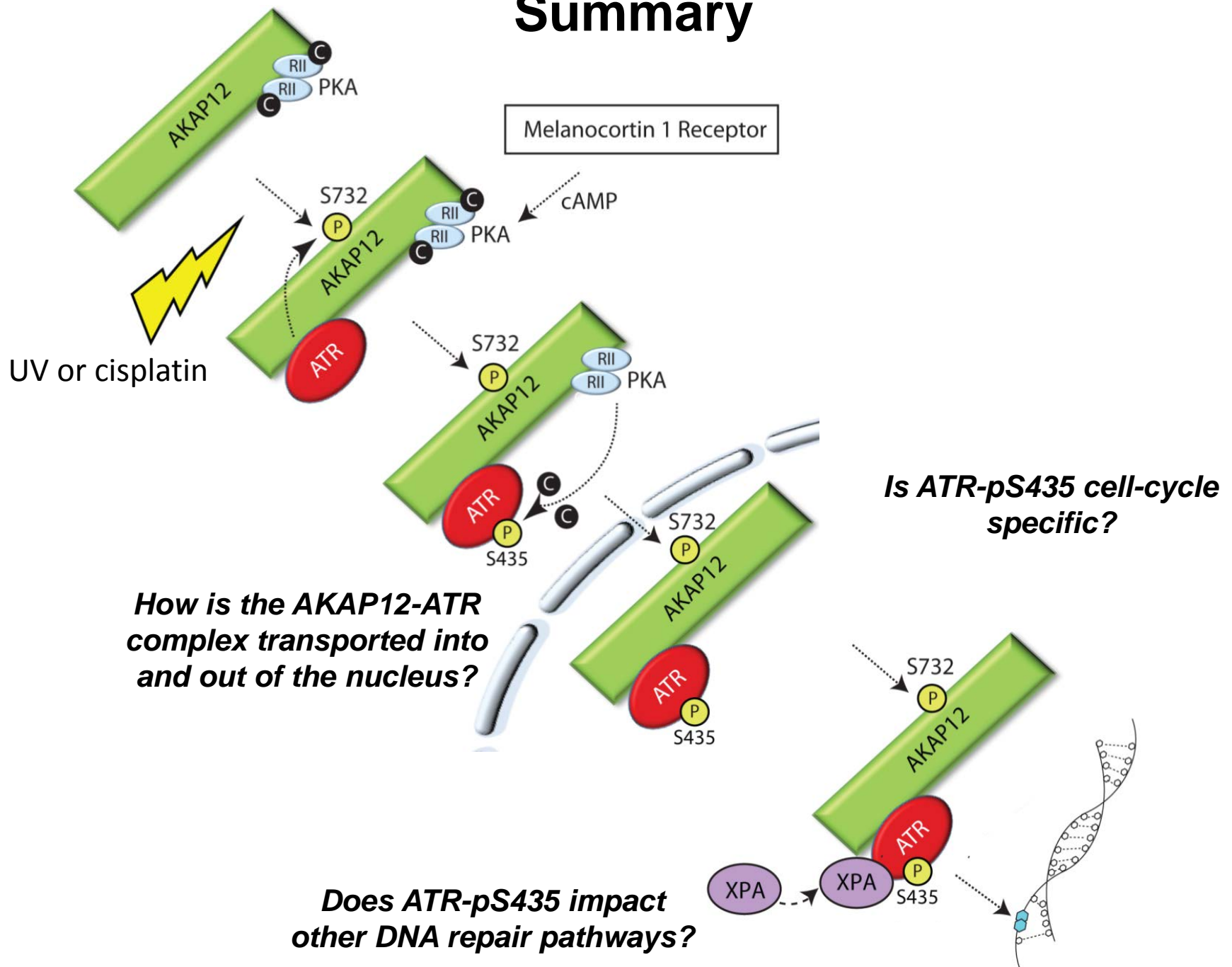


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