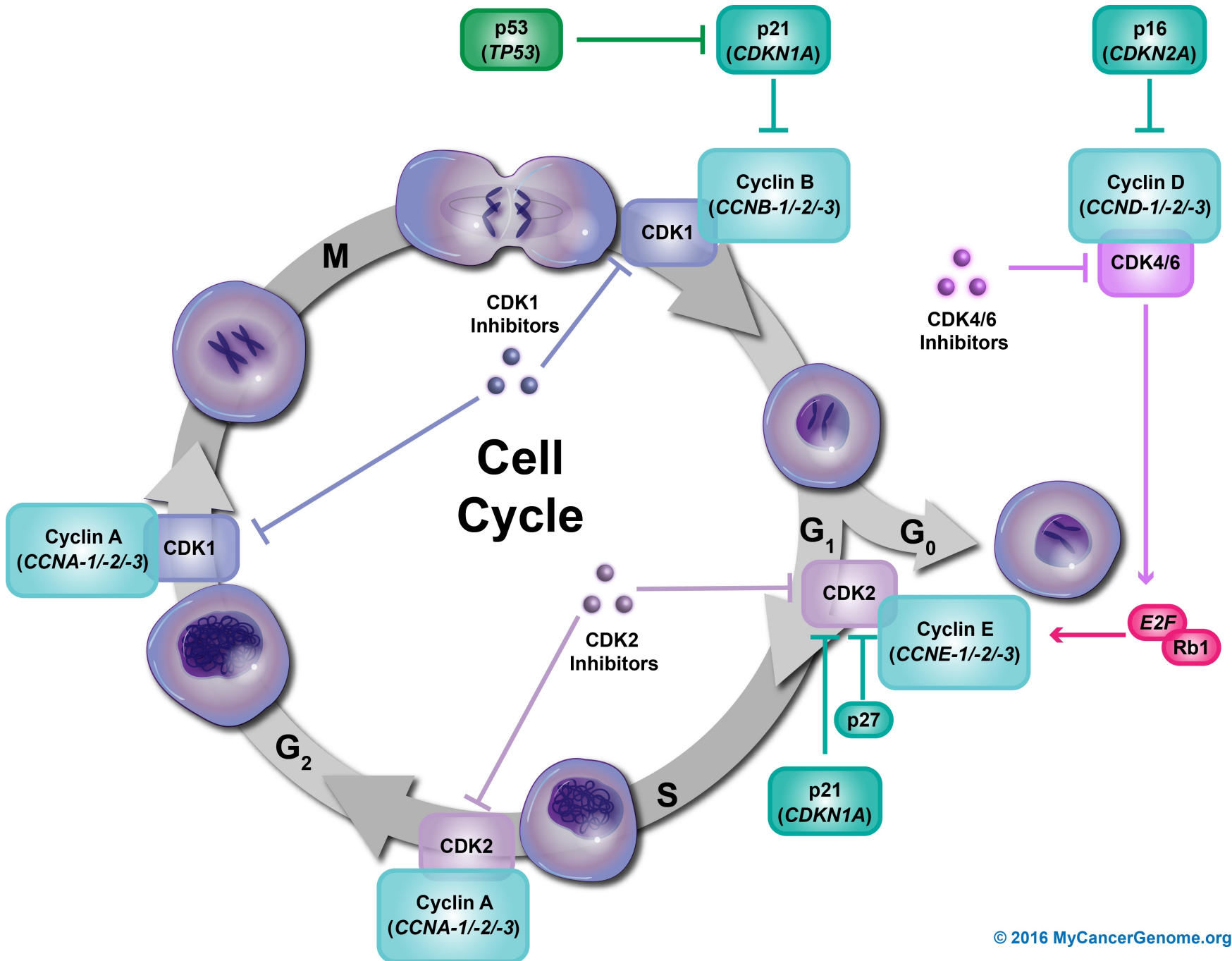


**L'ACQUISIZIONE DELL'INDIPENDENZA DAI SEGNALI  
PROLIFERATIVI:  
IL CICLO CELLULARE**

**L'ACQUISIZIONE DELLA CAPACITA' REPLICATIVA  
ILLIMITATA**



# Eventi che promuovono la proliferazione cellulare nei tumori

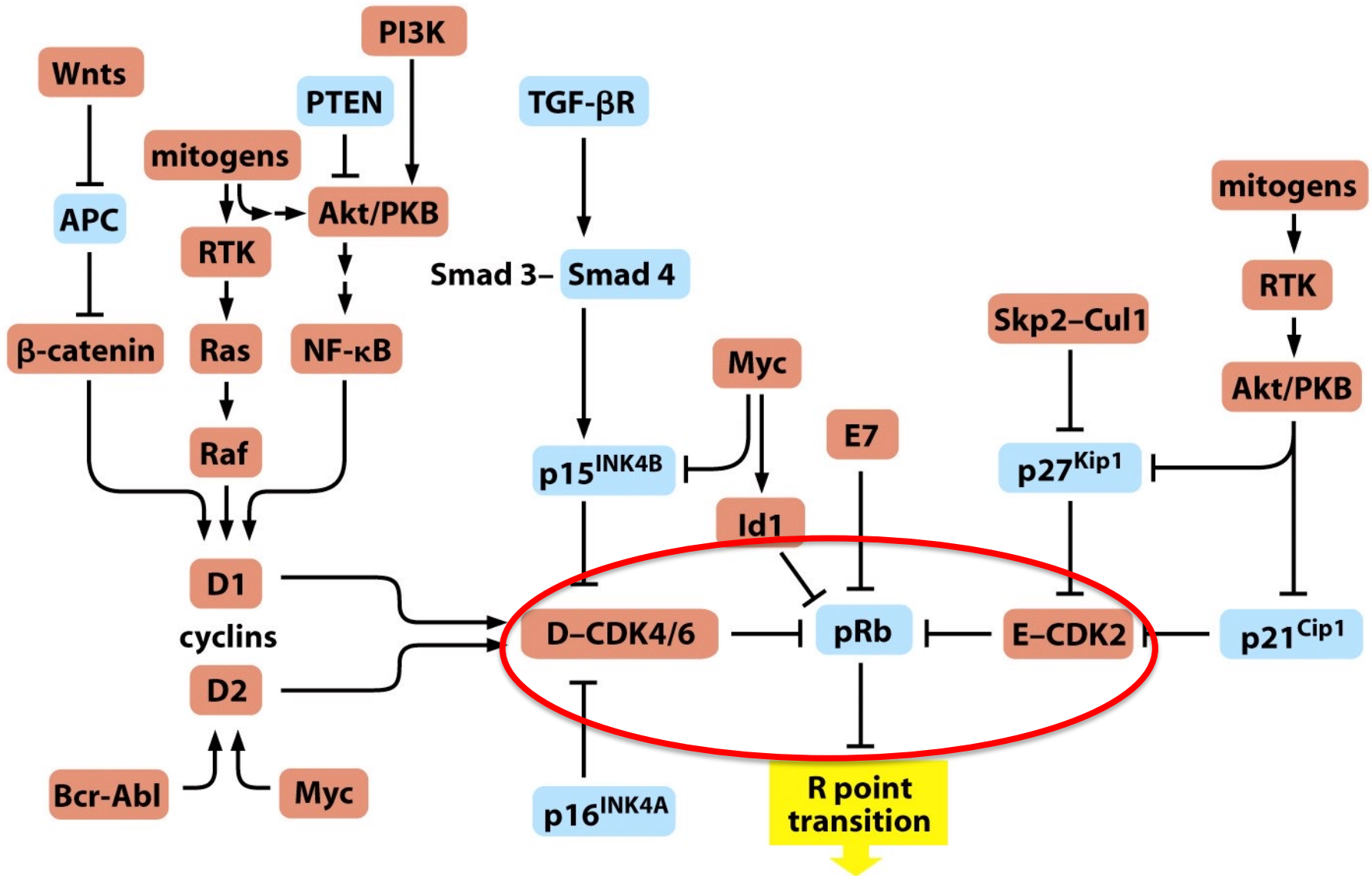
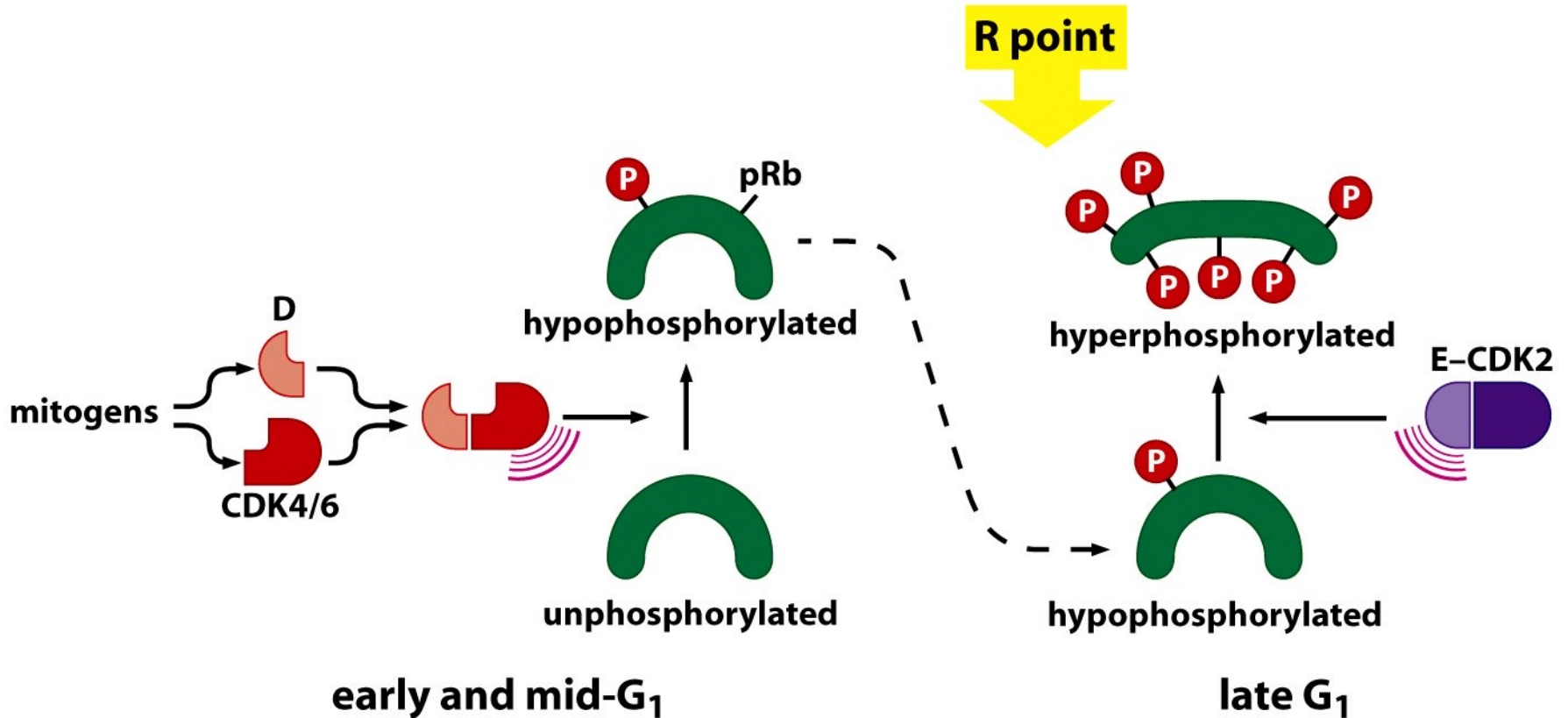


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# I complessi Cyc/CDK

controllano la fosforilazione di Rb durante il ciclo cellulare



# Fosforilazione di Rb durante il ciclo cellulare

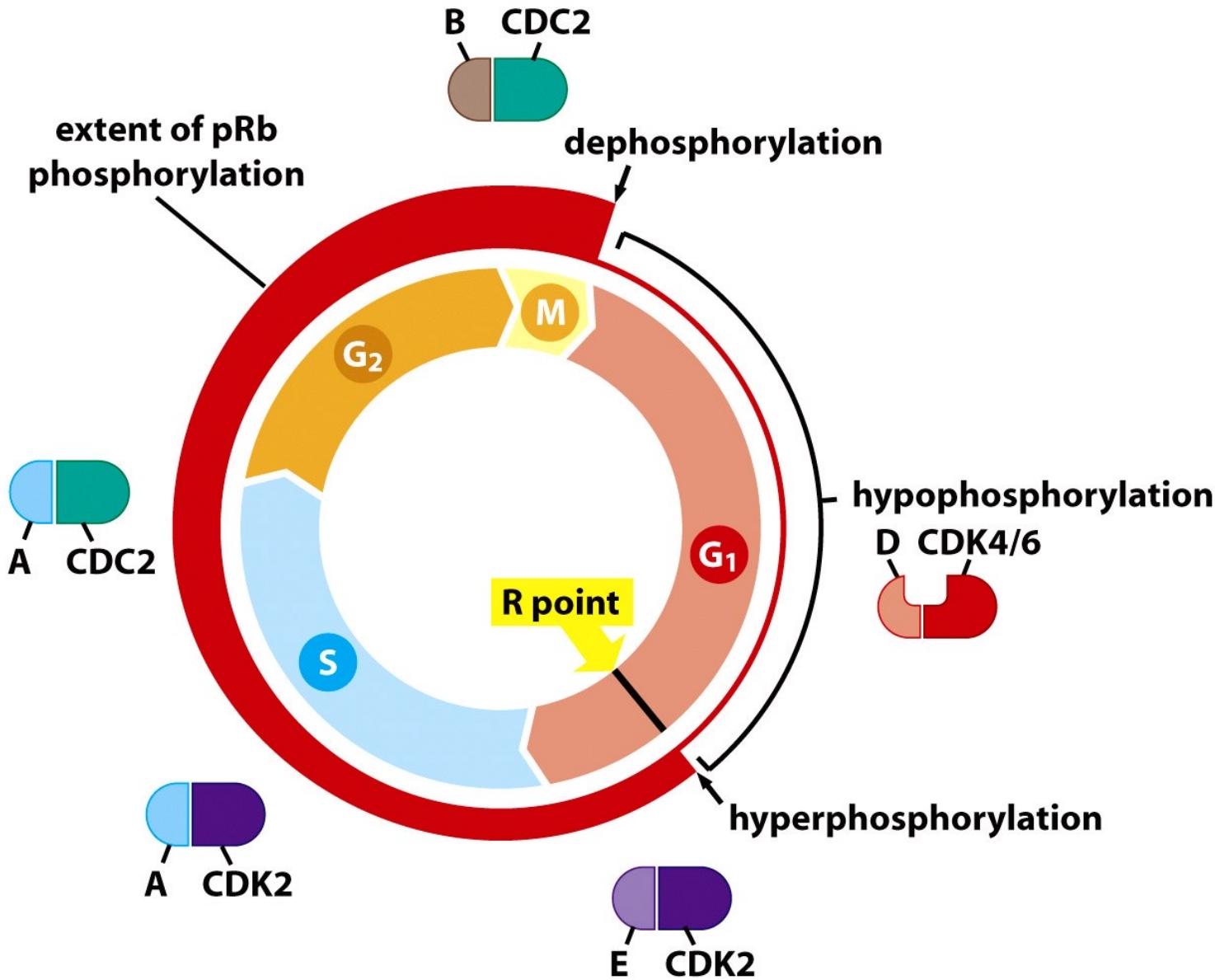
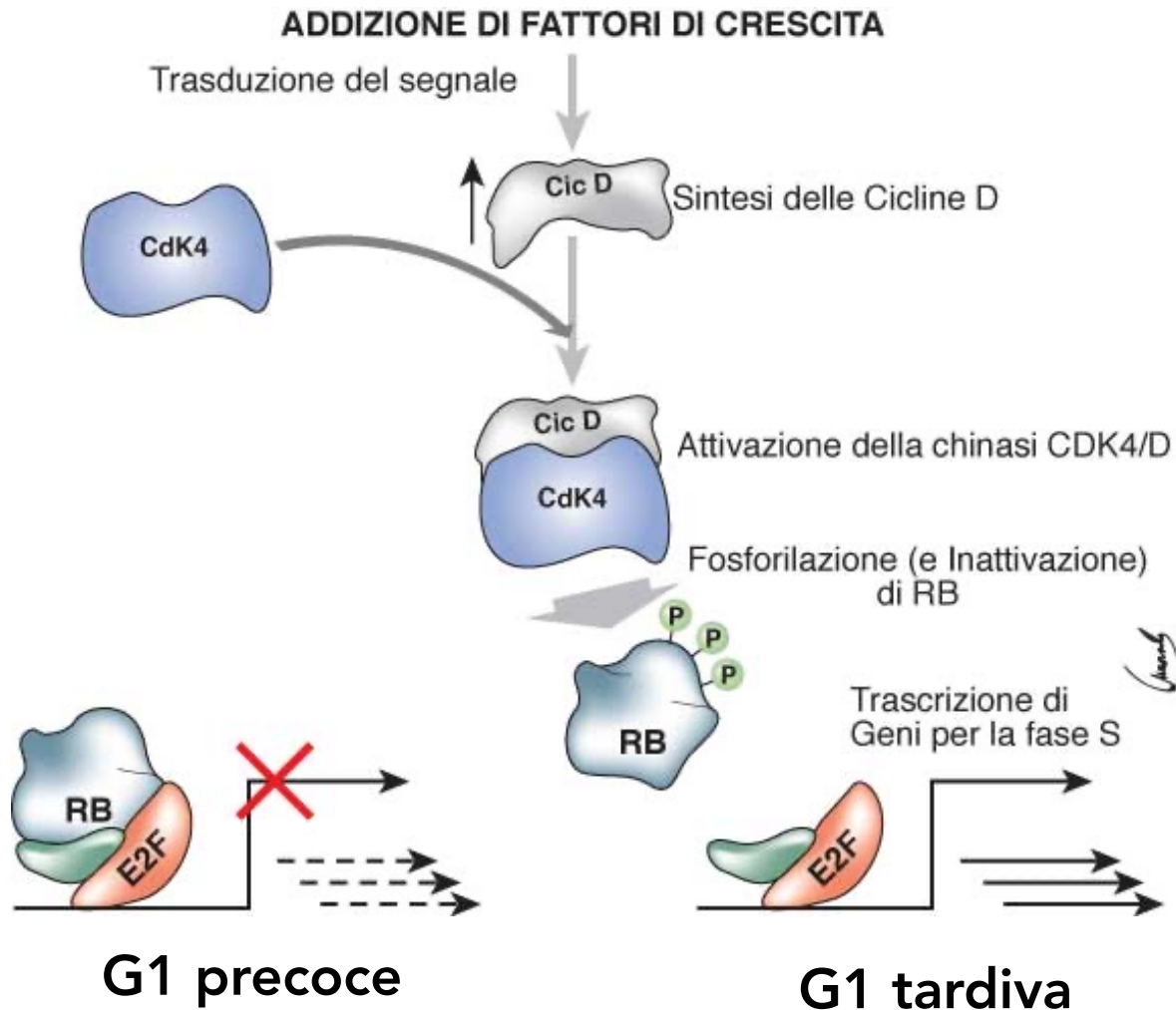
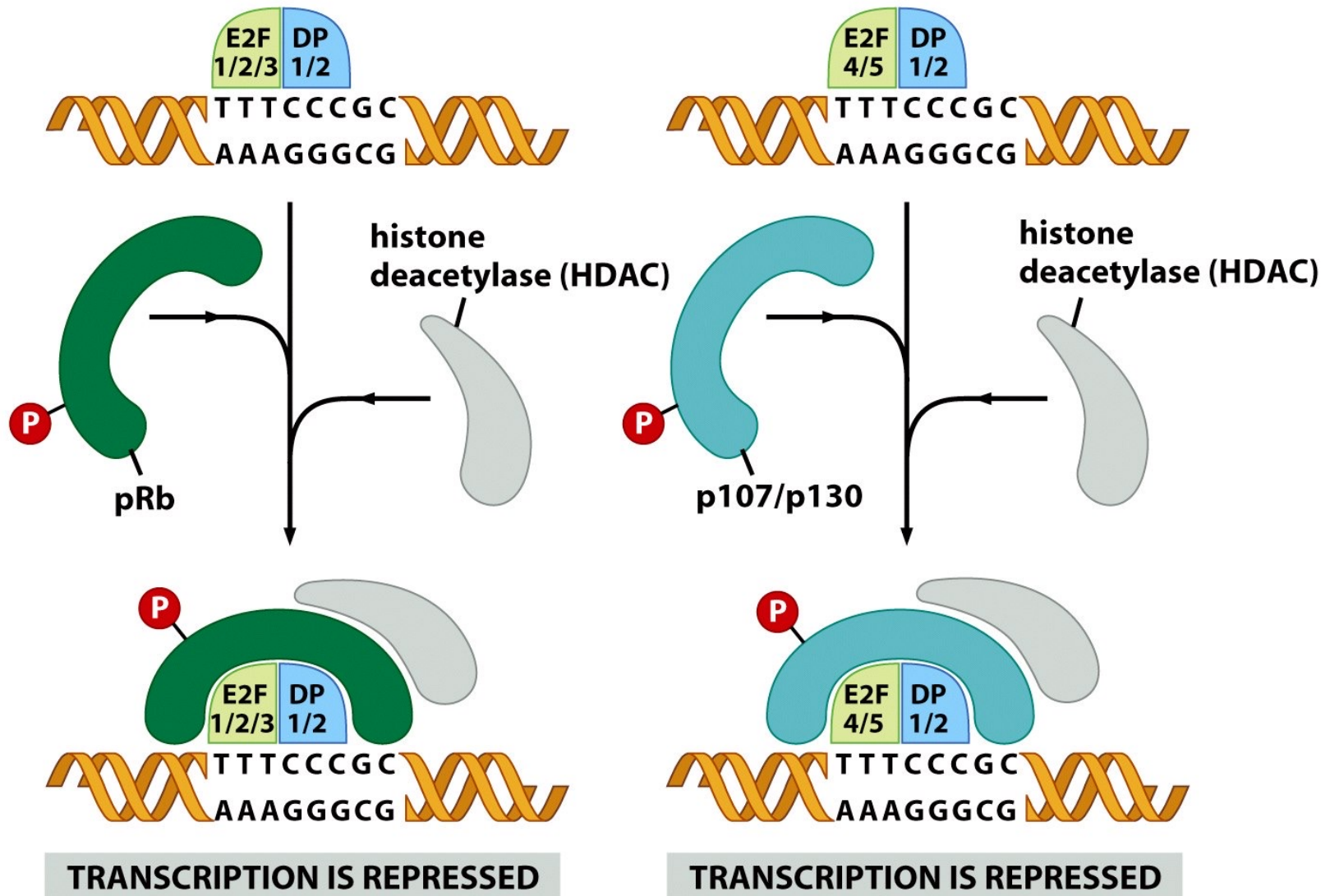


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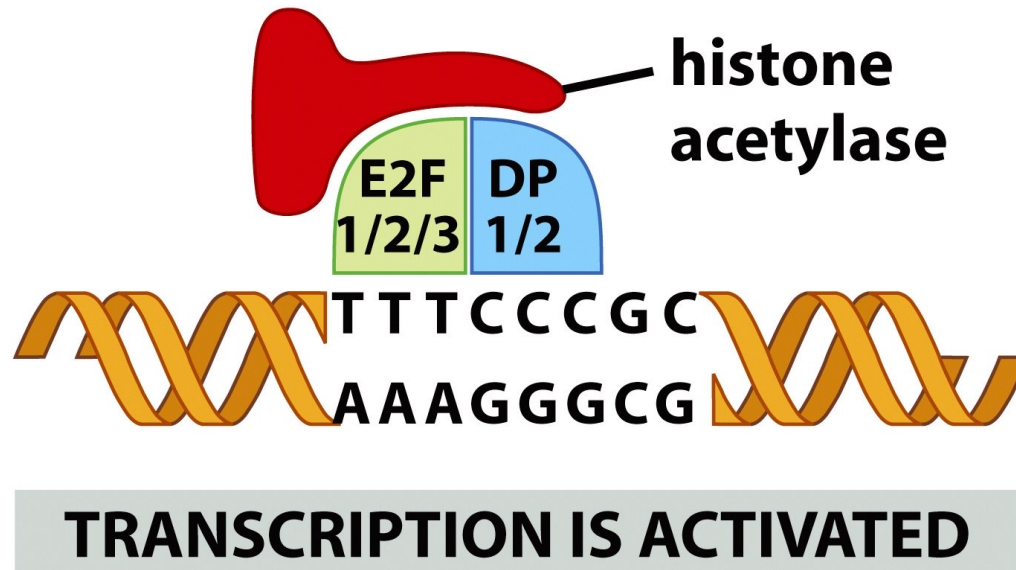
# L'iperfosforilazione di Rb rimuove il blocco della transizione G1/S



Le pocket proteins inibiscono la trascrizione mediata da E2Fs =  
inibizione della transizione G1/S



# La rimozione di Rb causa l'attivazione trascrizionale dei geni bersaglio di E2Fs





# L'aumento dei livelli delle cicline promuove la transizione G1/S

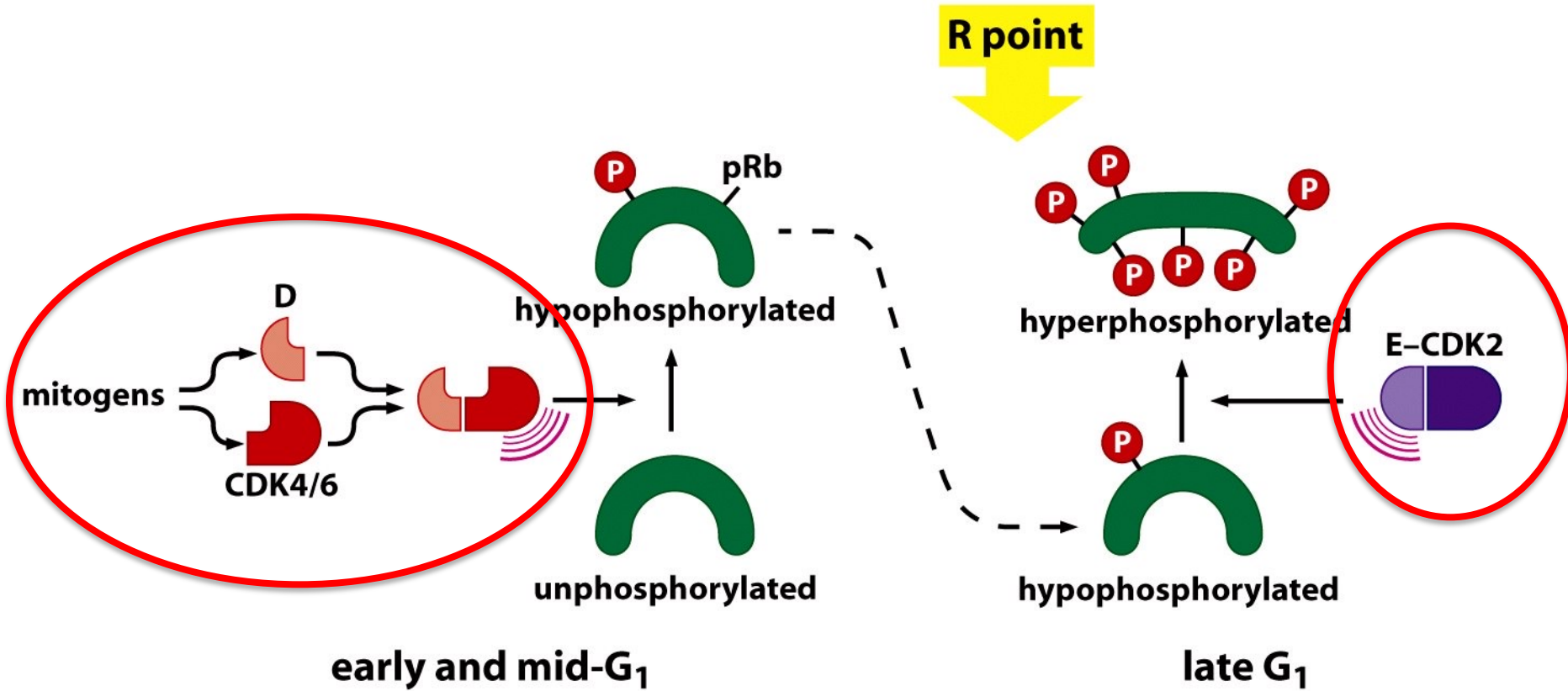


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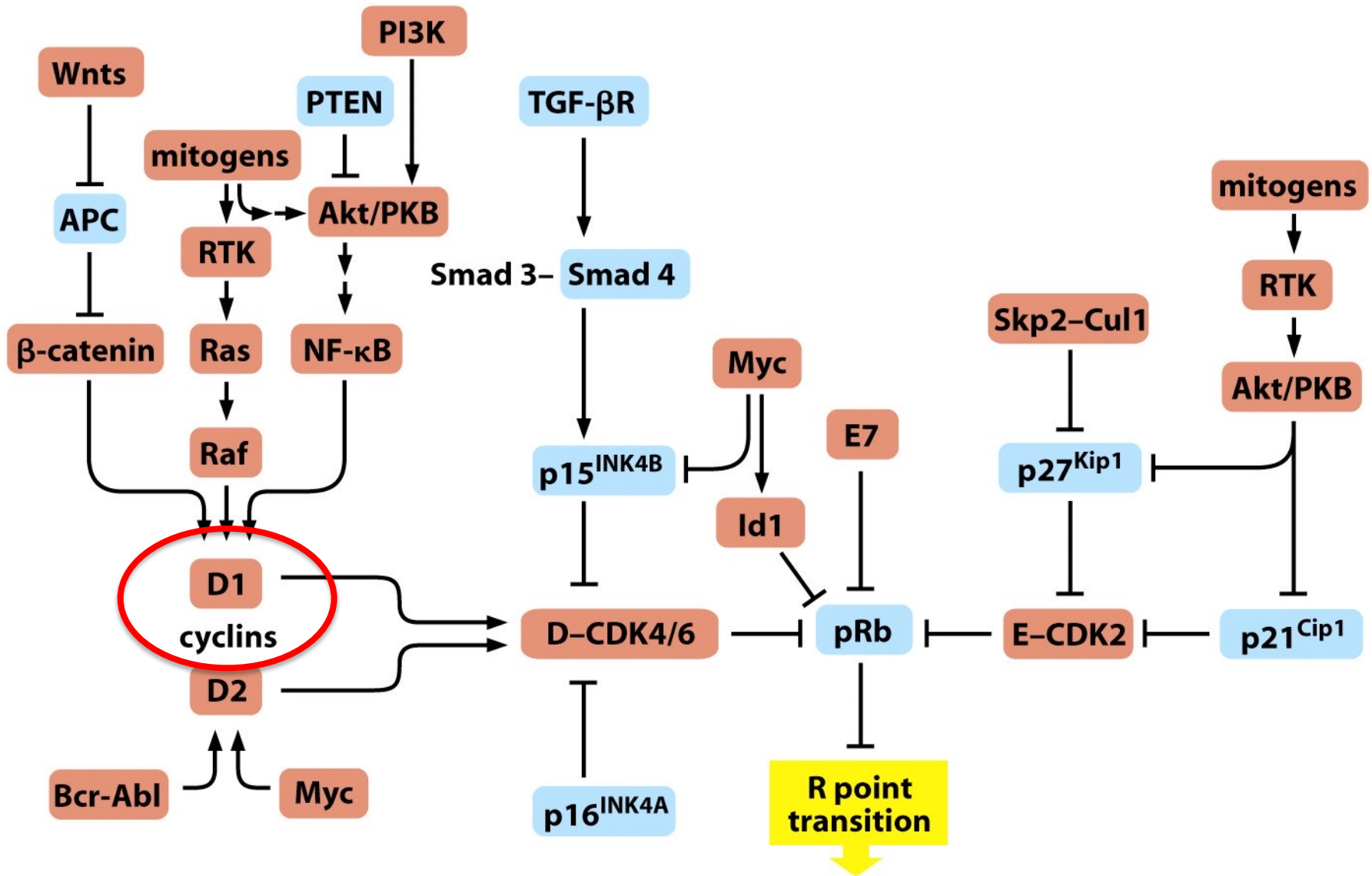
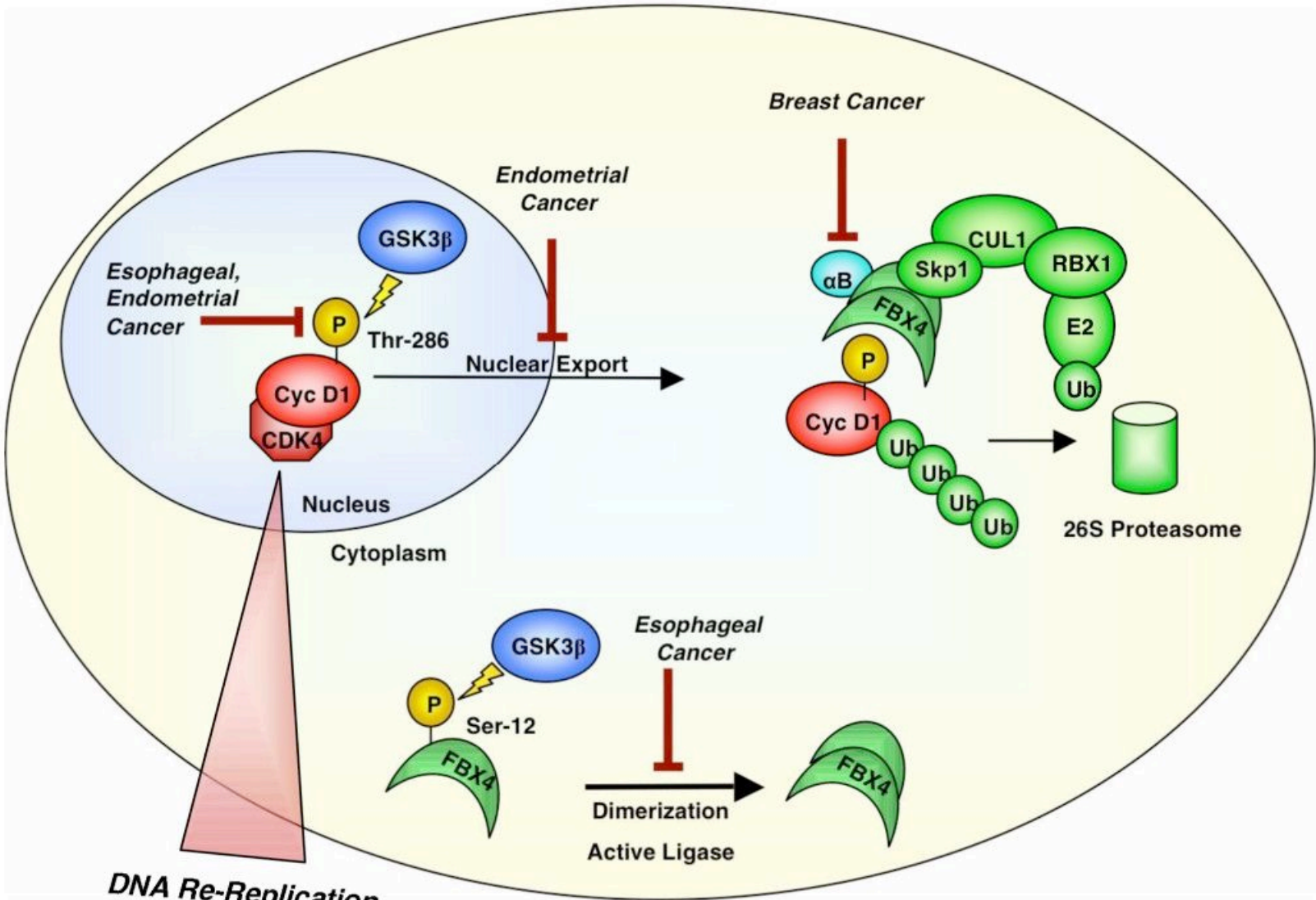


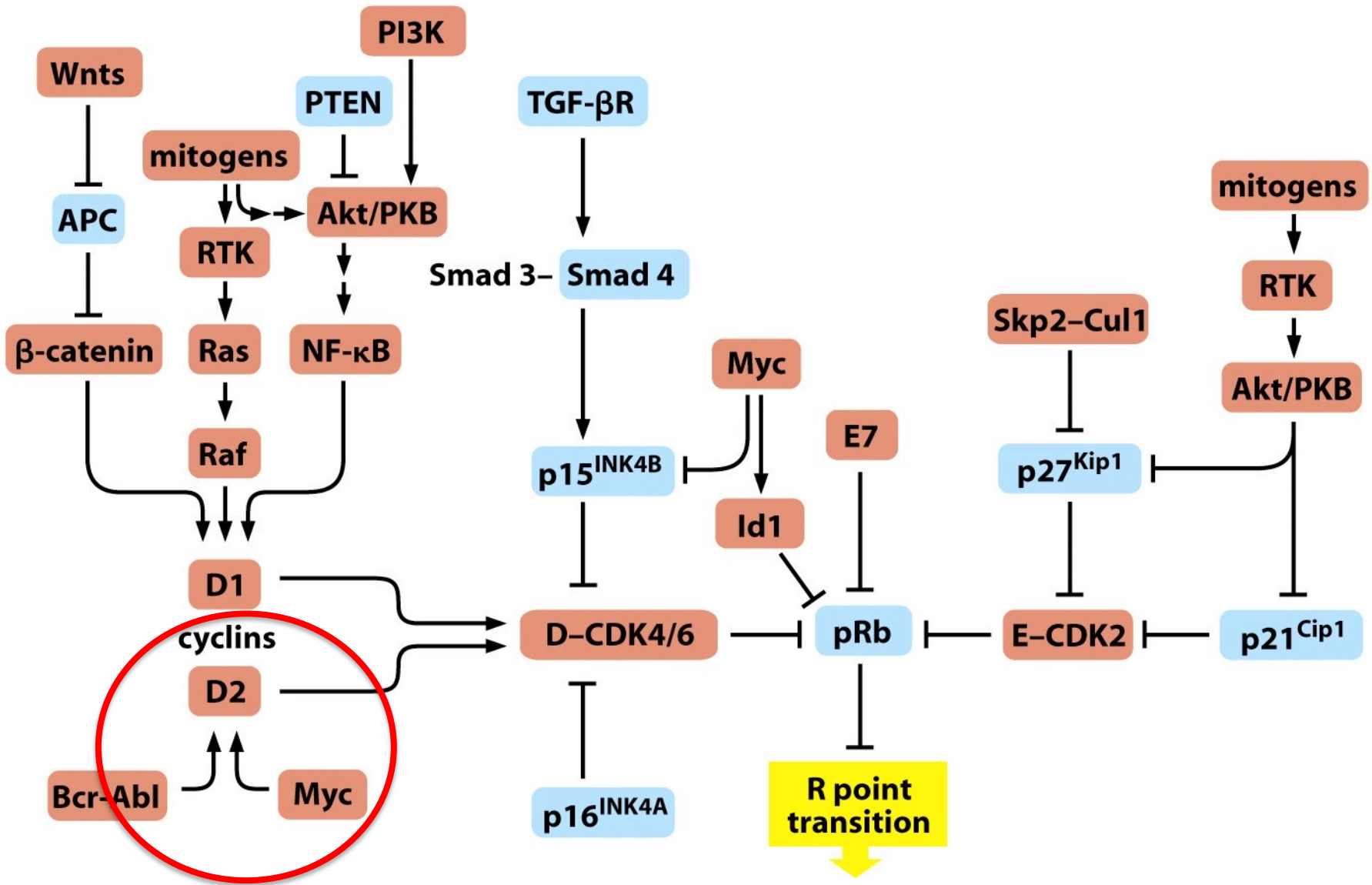
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# La regolazione della stabilità di Ciclina D1 è alterata nei tumori

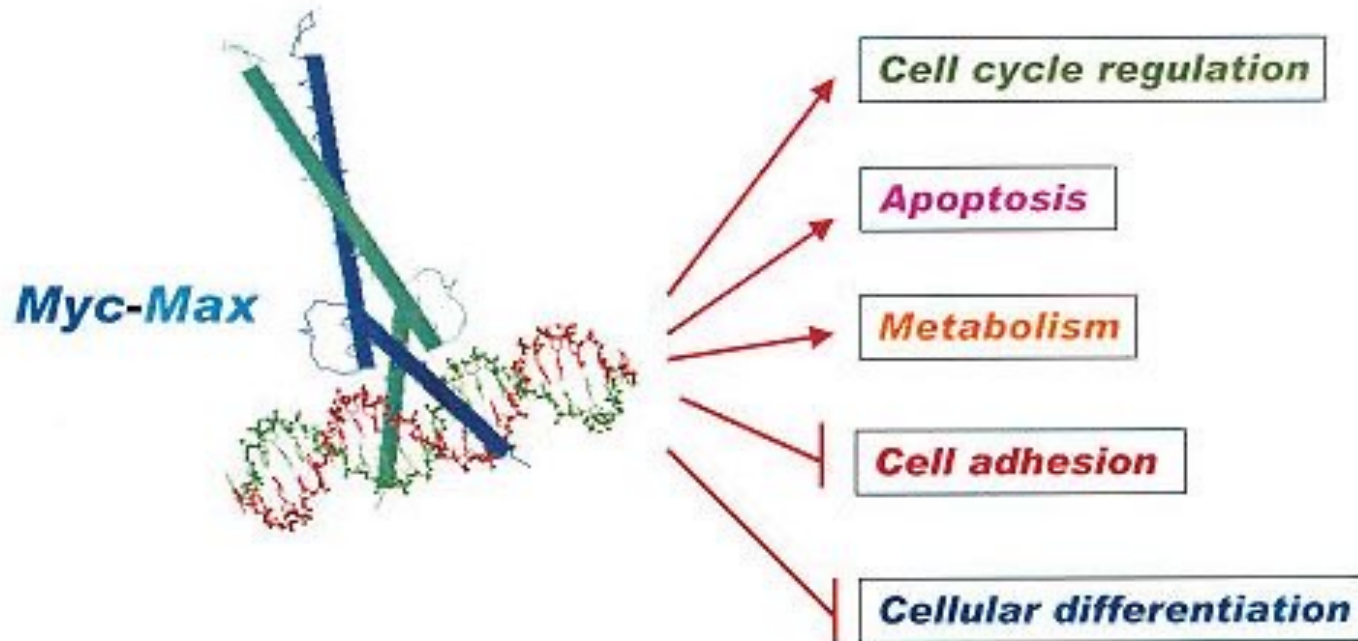


DNA Re-Replication  
Genomic Instability  
Neoplastic Transformation

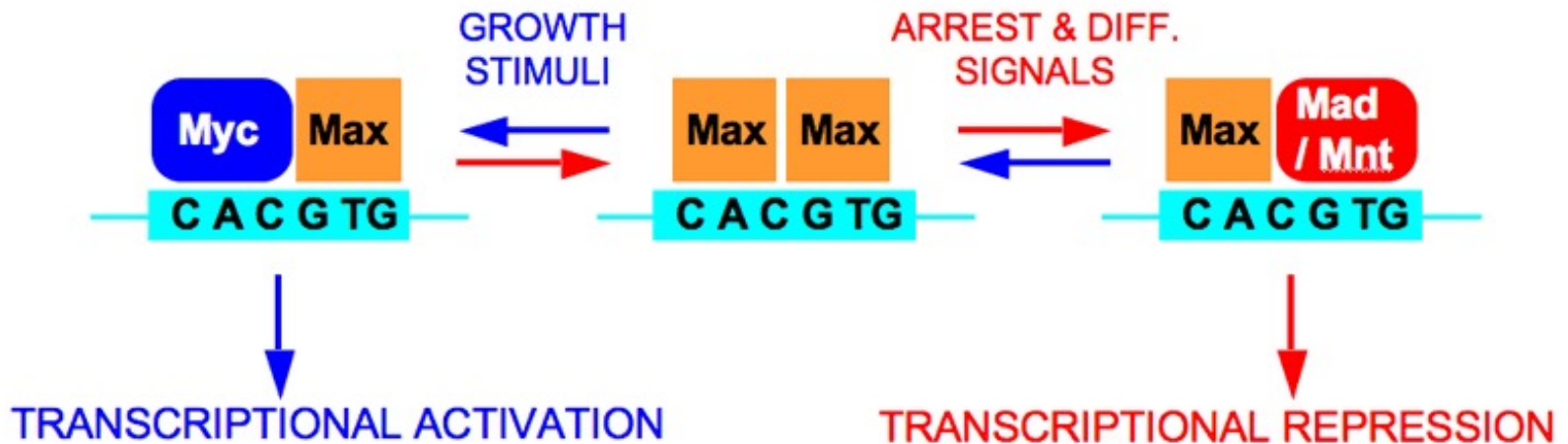
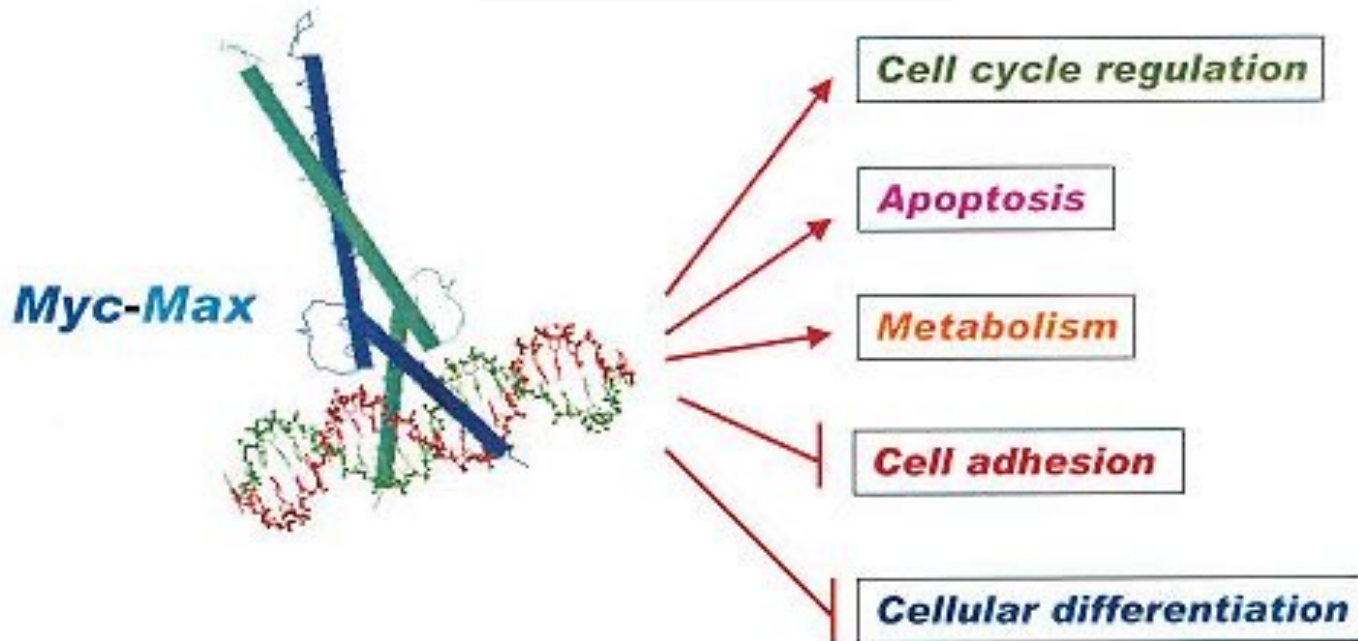
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# c-Myc



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# c-Myc induce la trascrizione di CycD2, CDK4 e dei TFs E2F

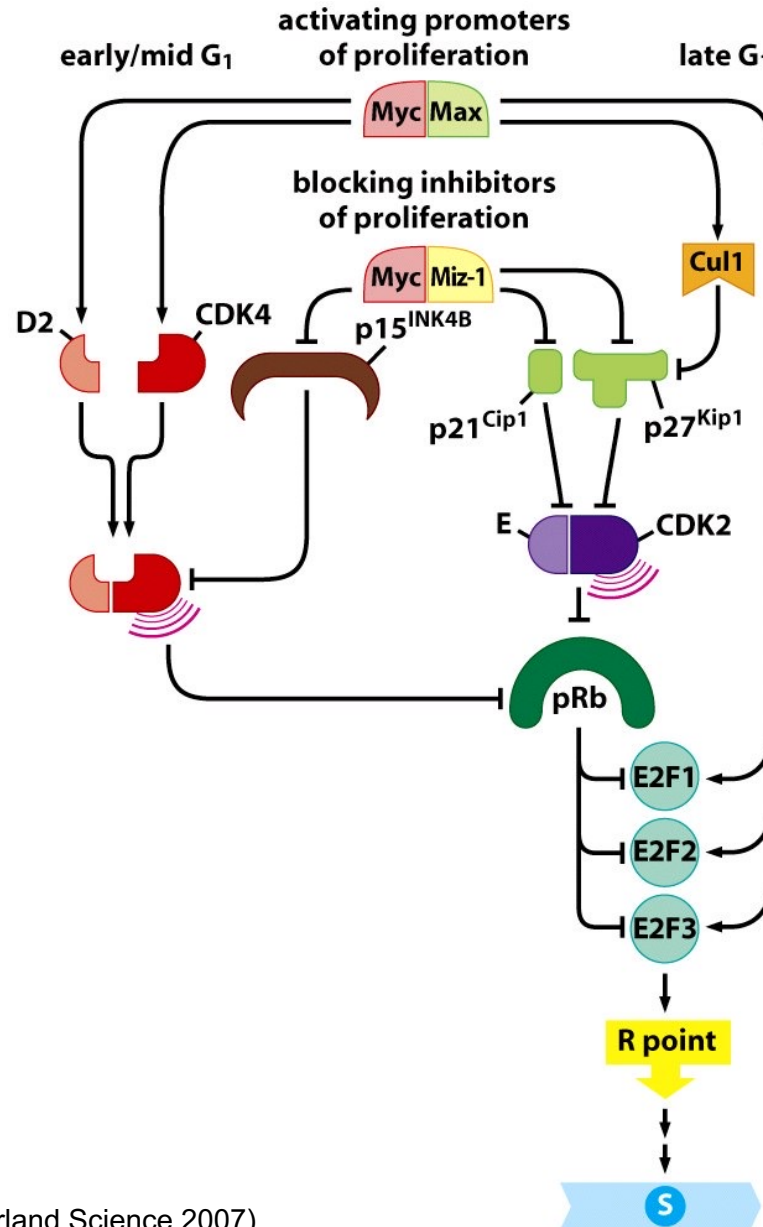
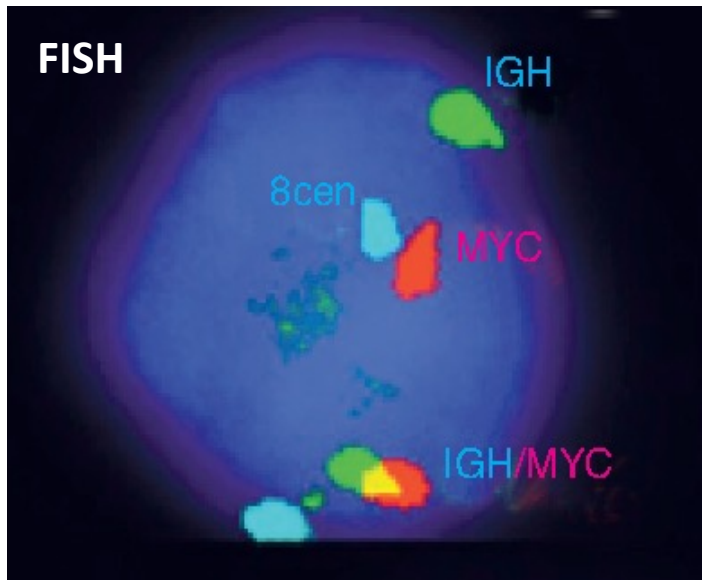
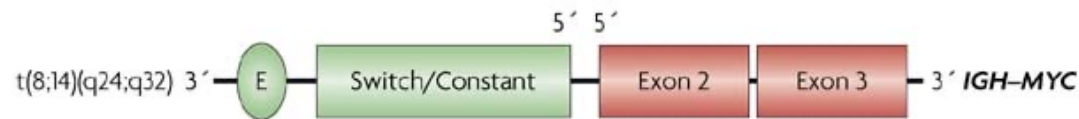
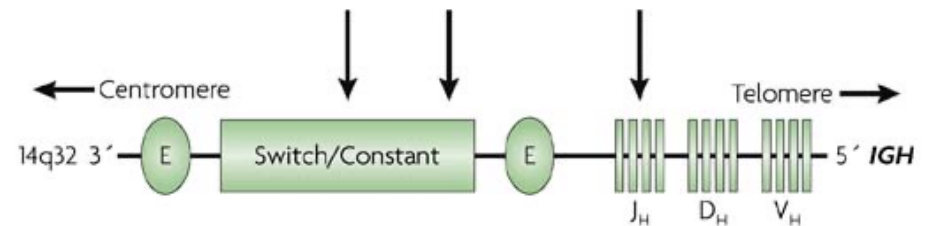
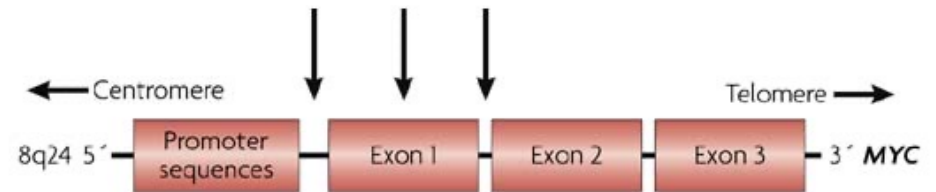
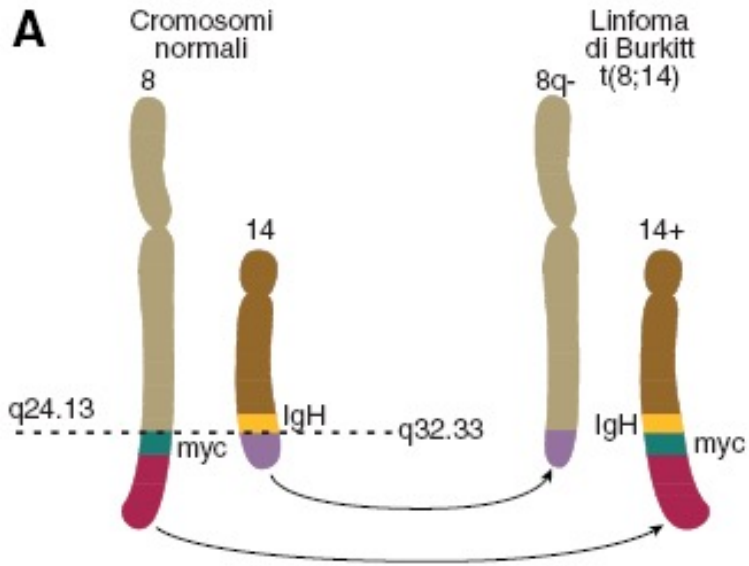


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# Iper-espressione di c-Myc nel linfoma di Burkitt





# Eventi che promuovono la proliferazione cellulare nei tumori

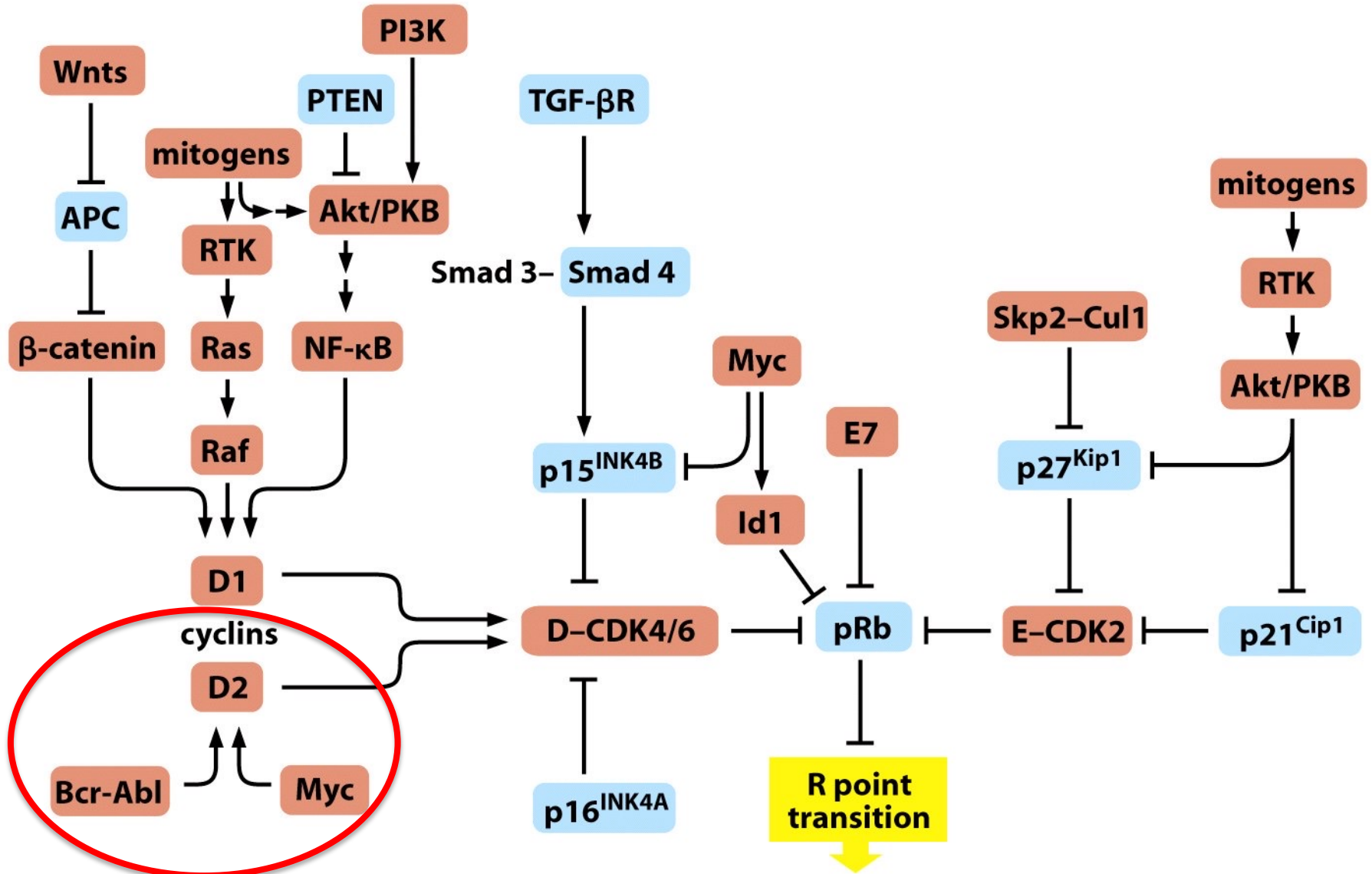


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# La tirosina chinasi Bcr-Abl e la leucemia mieloide cronica

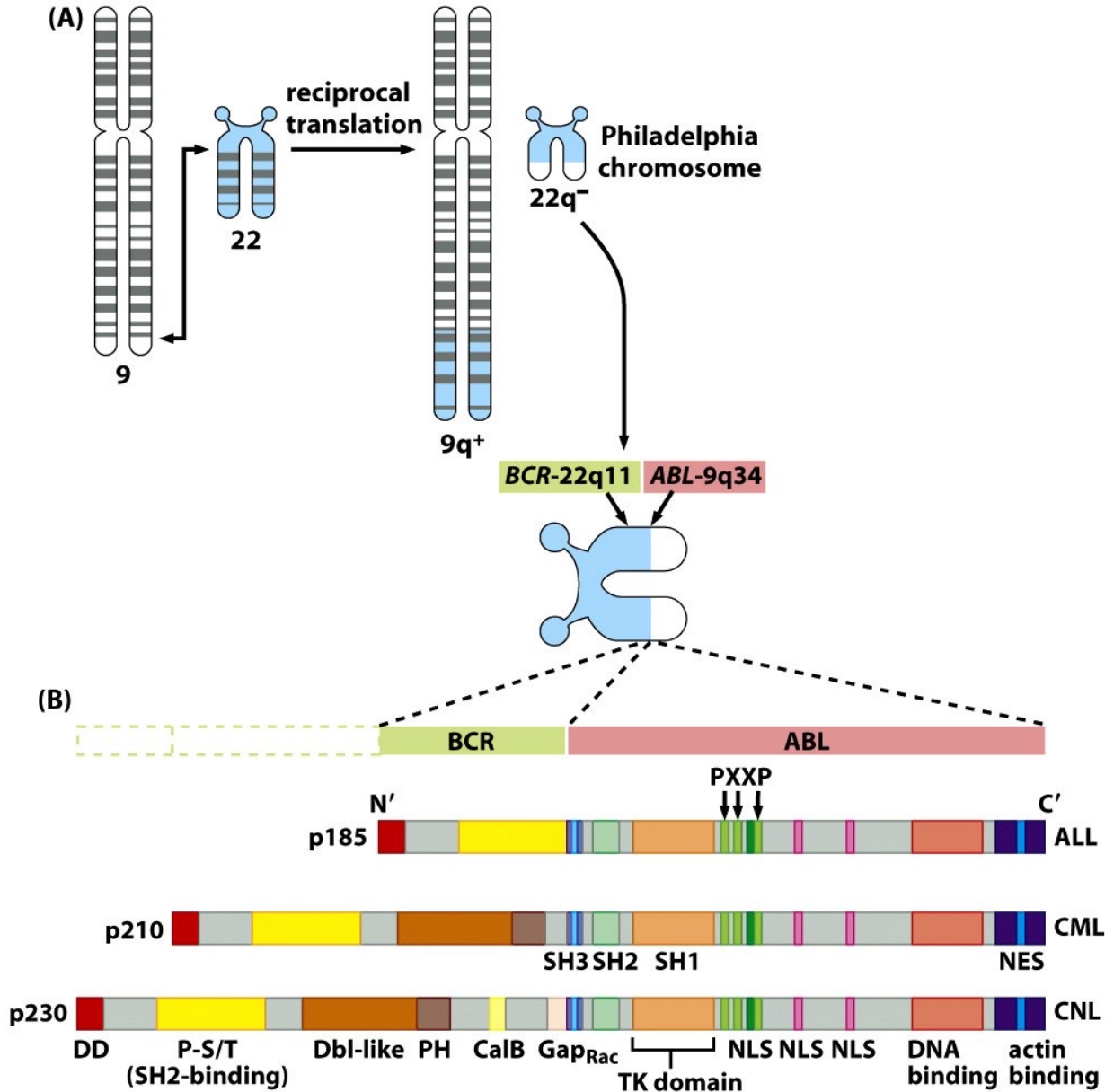
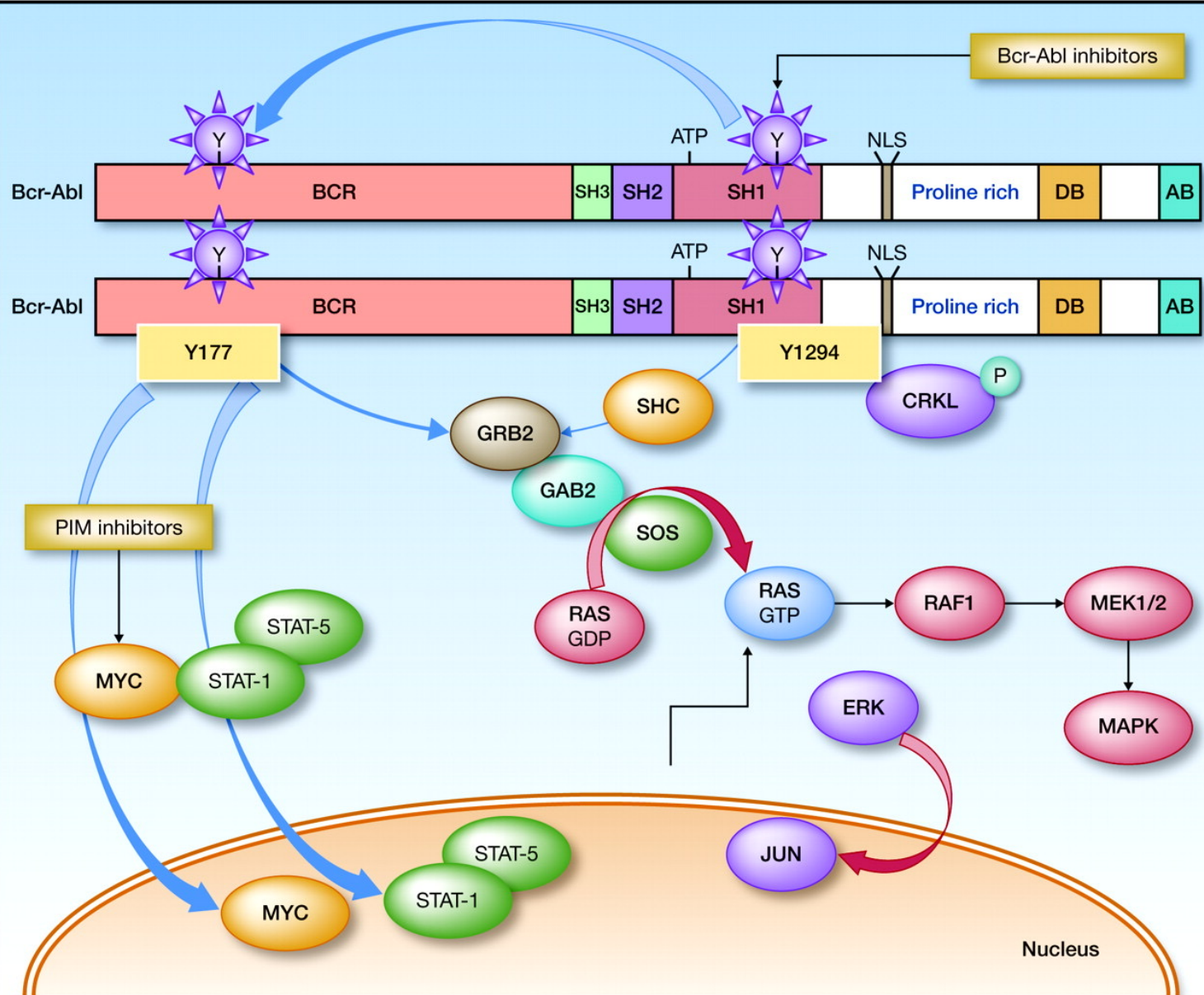
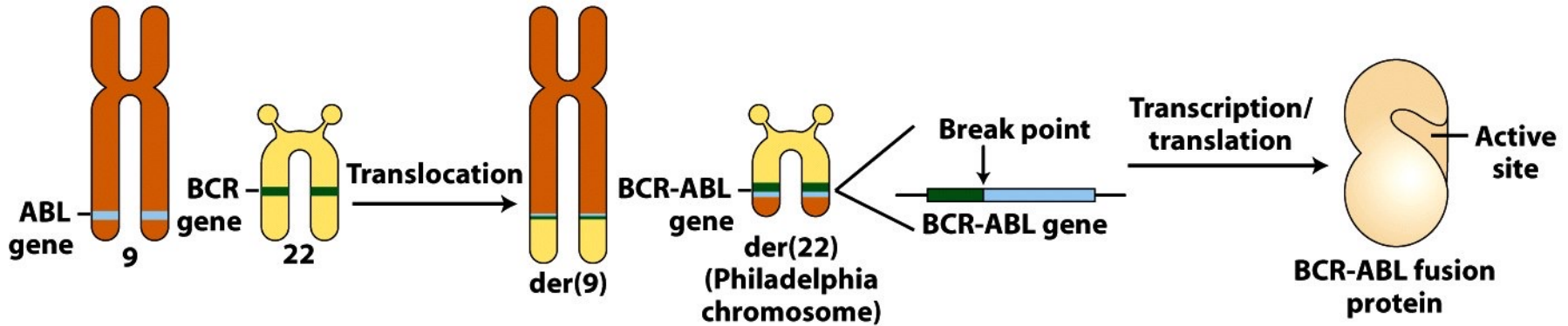


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# Bcr-Abl: una chinasi chimerica con attività citoplasmatica



# L'IMATINIB è un inibitore della chinasi Abl



BCR-ABL fusion protein

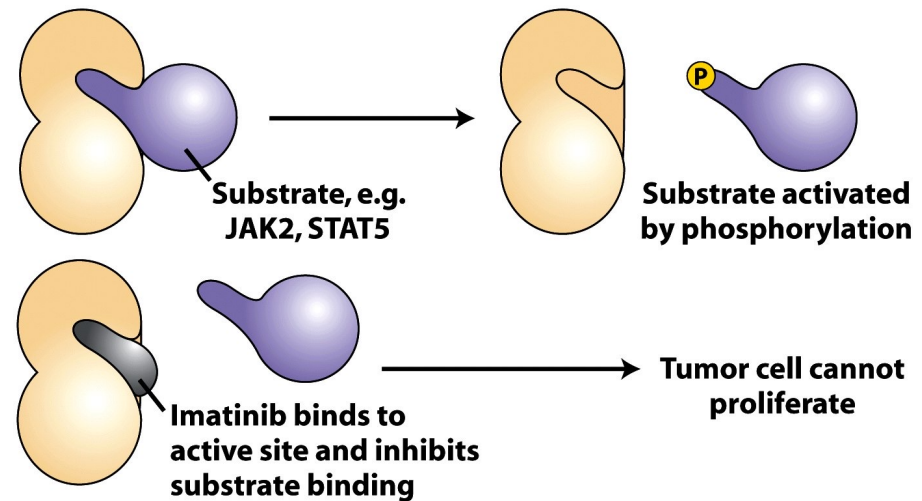
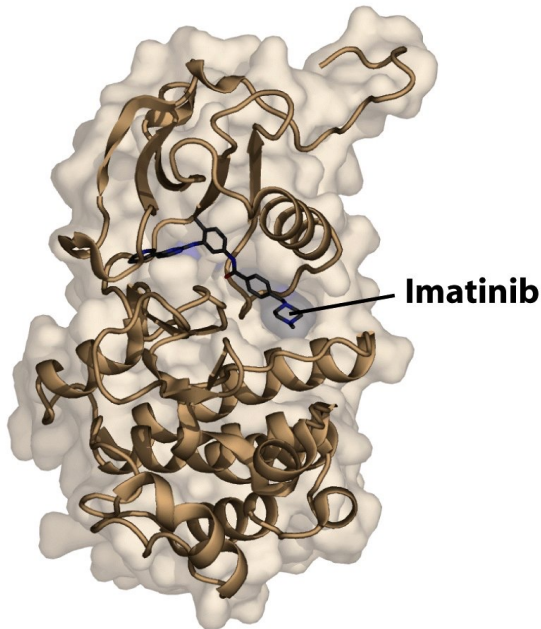
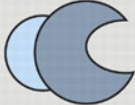
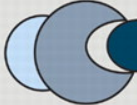
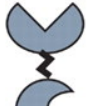

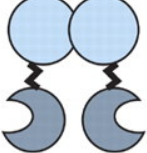
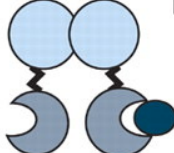


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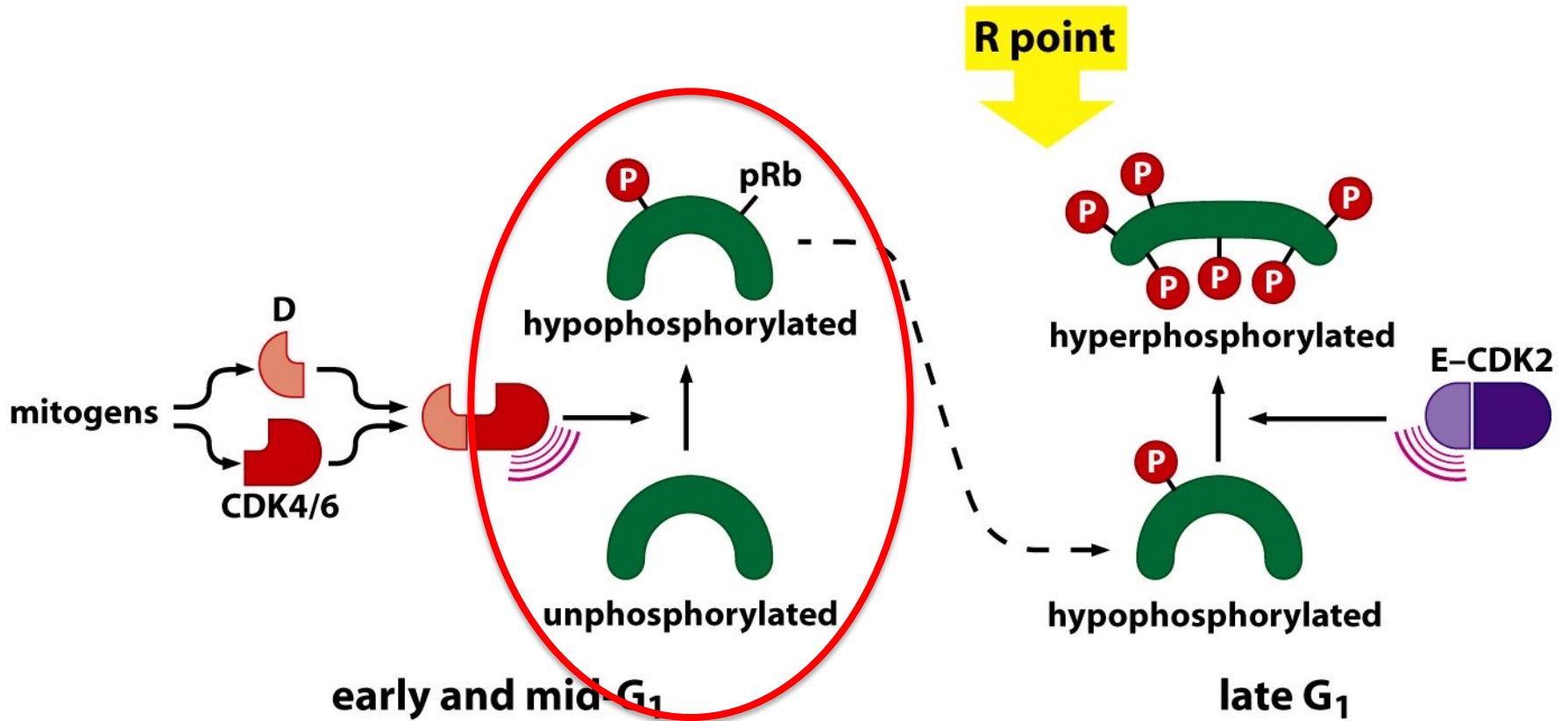
**Binds ATP binding pocket and stabilizes a catalytically inactive form of the kinase**

## L'imatinib inibisce diverse Tirosina chinasi oncogeniche

| Tumor type                      | Tyrosine-kinase target  | Inhibitor   |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Chronic myelogenous leukemia    |  BCR-ABL |  Imatinib  |
| Gastrointestinal stromal tumors |  c-Kit   |  Imatinib  |
| Metastatic medulloblastomas     |  PDGFR  |  Imatinib |

Per il trattamento della resistenza all'Imatinib viene impiegato il Dasatinib, Inibitore di Abl e Src

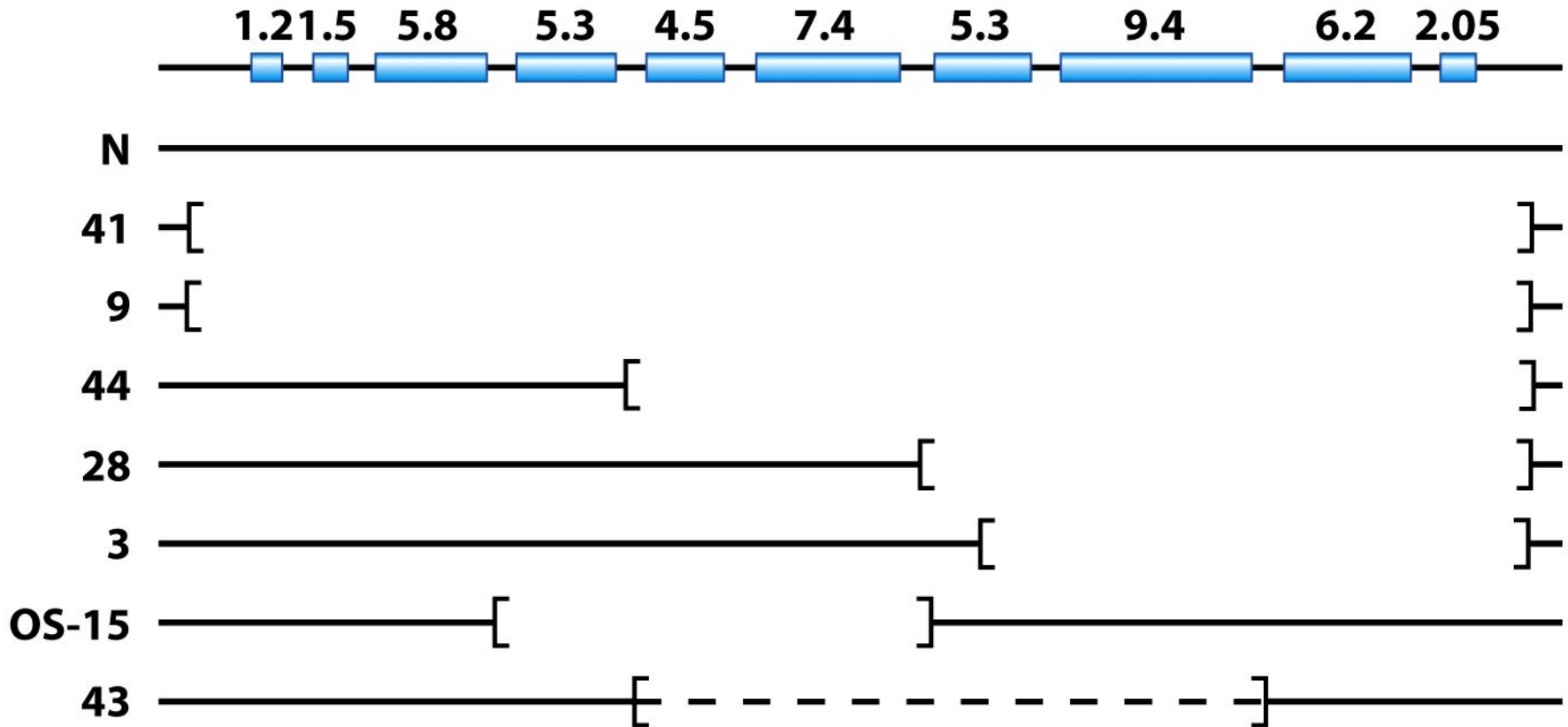
# Mutazioni di Rb promuovono la transizione G1/S



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| Cyclin D3 overexpression caused by hyperactivity of <i>cyclin D3</i> gene  | hematopoietic malignancies                              |
| Cyclin E overexpression  | breast carcinoma  |
| Defective degradation of cyclin E protein due to loss of hCDC4   | endometrial, breast, and ovarian carcinomas             |
| <b>Alteration of cyclin-dependent kinases</b>  |   |
| CDK4 structural mutation   | melanoma  |
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| Increased degradation of <i>p27<sup>Kip1</sup></i> protein due to Skp2 overexpression                                    | breast, colorectal, and lung carcinomas, and lymphomas  |
| Cytoplasmic localization of <i>p27<sup>Kip1</sup></i> protein due to Akt/PKB action                                      | breast, esophagus, colon, thyroid carcinomas            |
| Cytoplasmic localization of <i>p21<sup>Cip1</sup></i> protein due to Akt/PKB action                                      | diverse tumors  |
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# Mutazioni di Rb sono frequenti in retinoblastoma e osteosarcoma





# Mutazioni di Rb causano il retinoblastoma familiare e sporadico

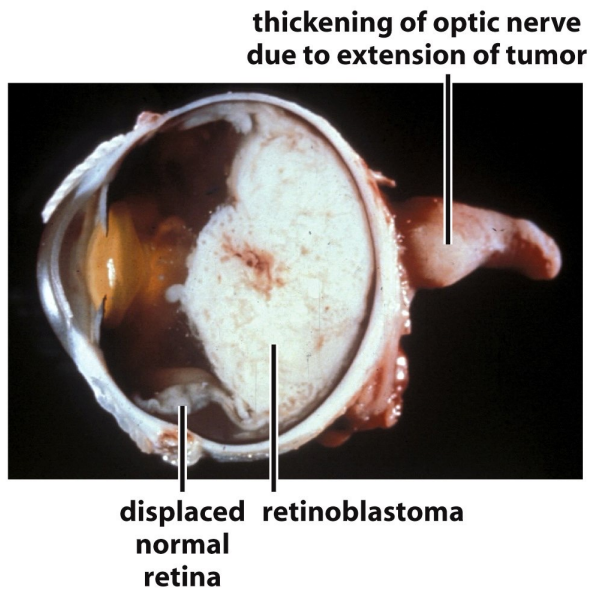
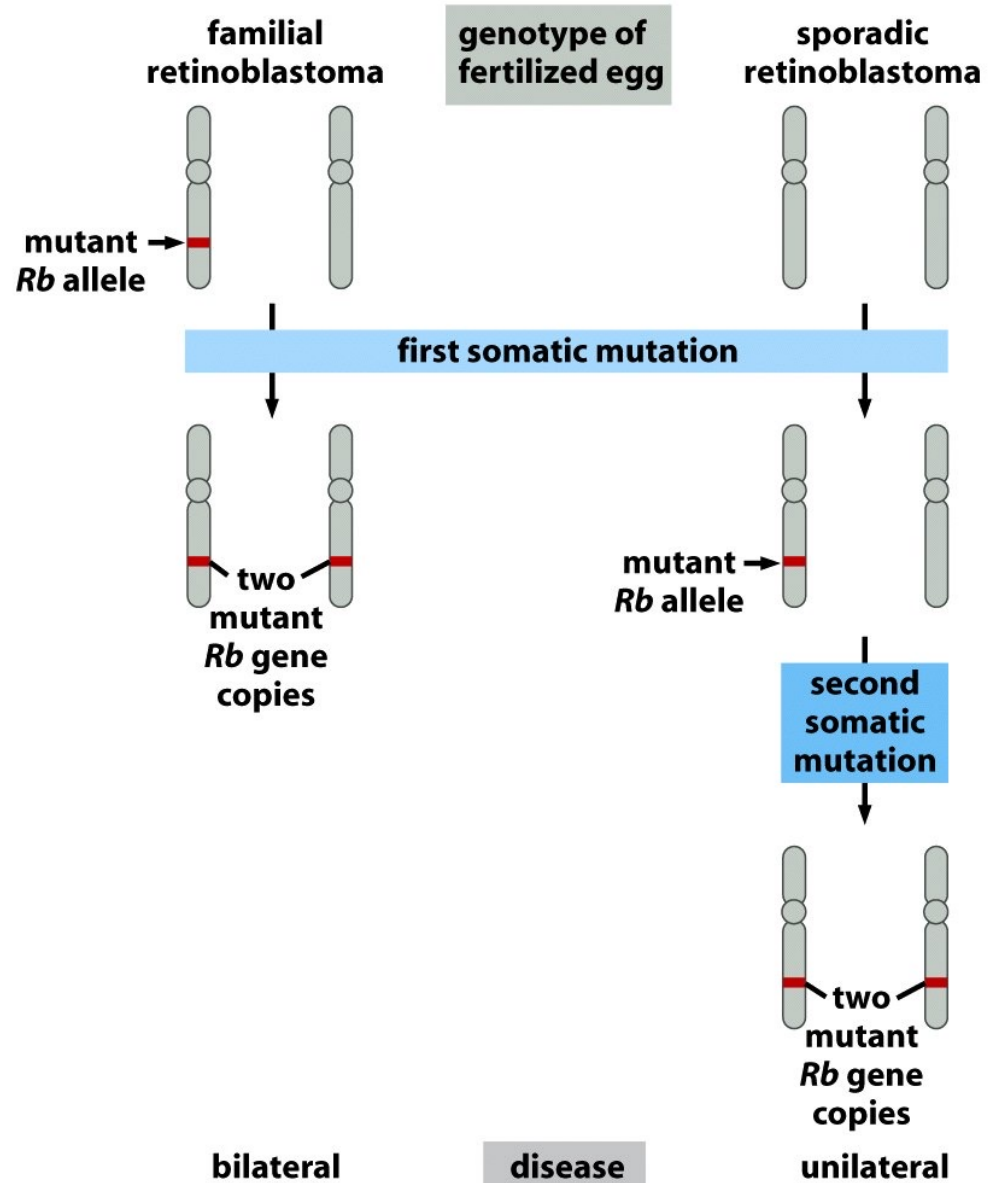
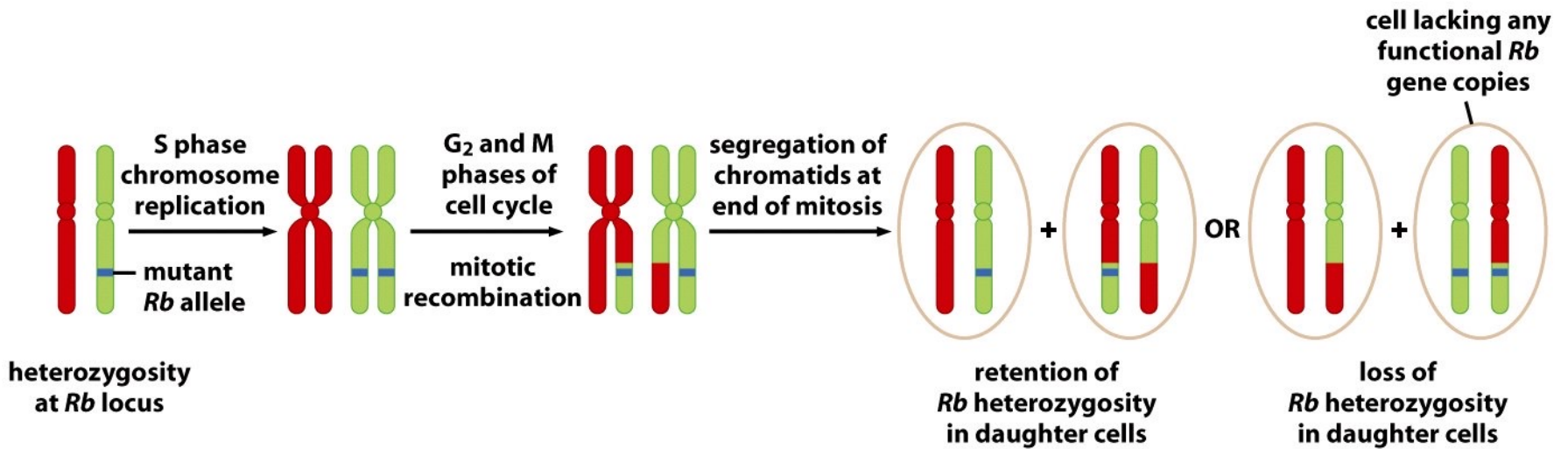


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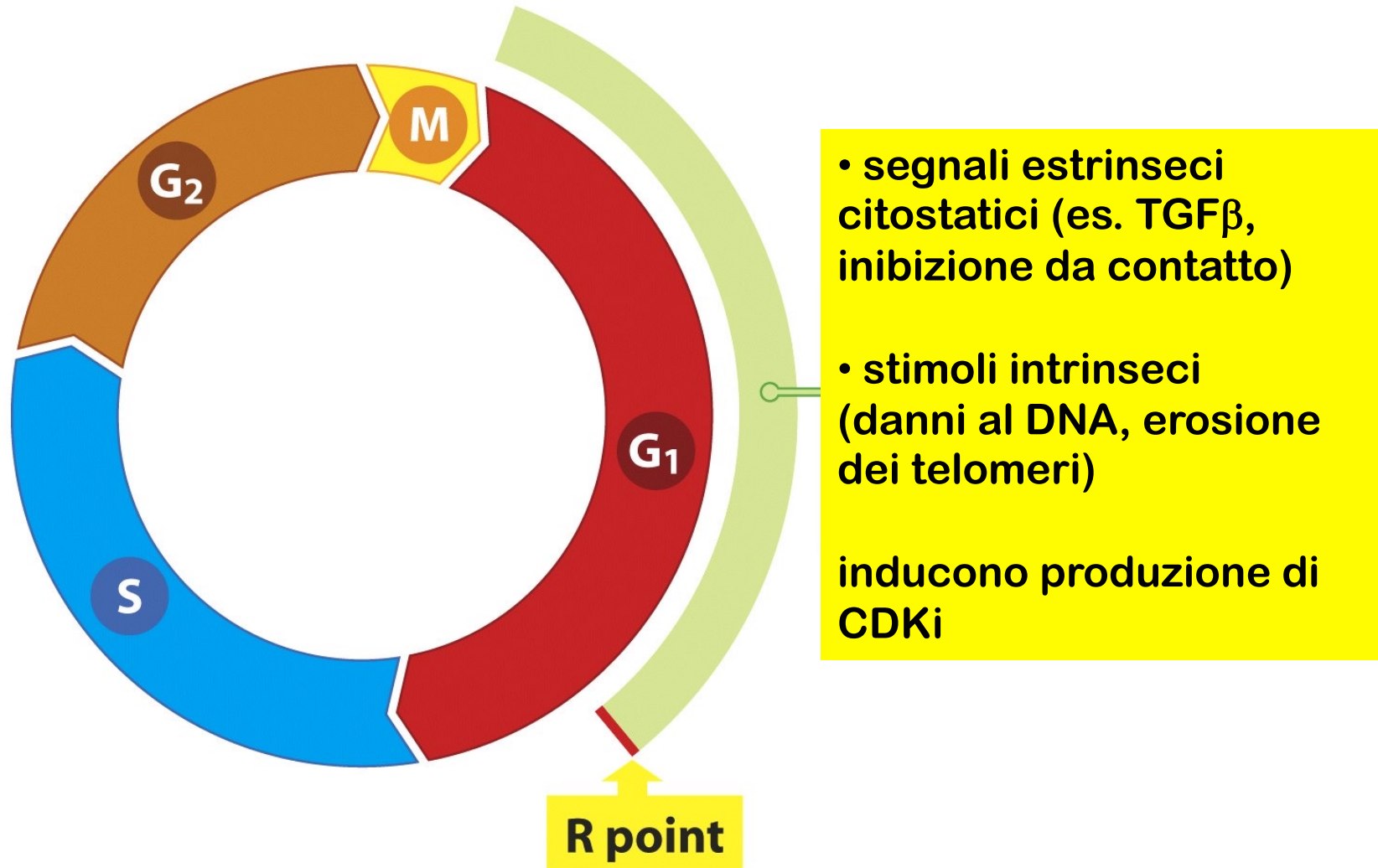
# Meccanismo di perdita di eterozigosi di Rb: ricombinazione mitotica



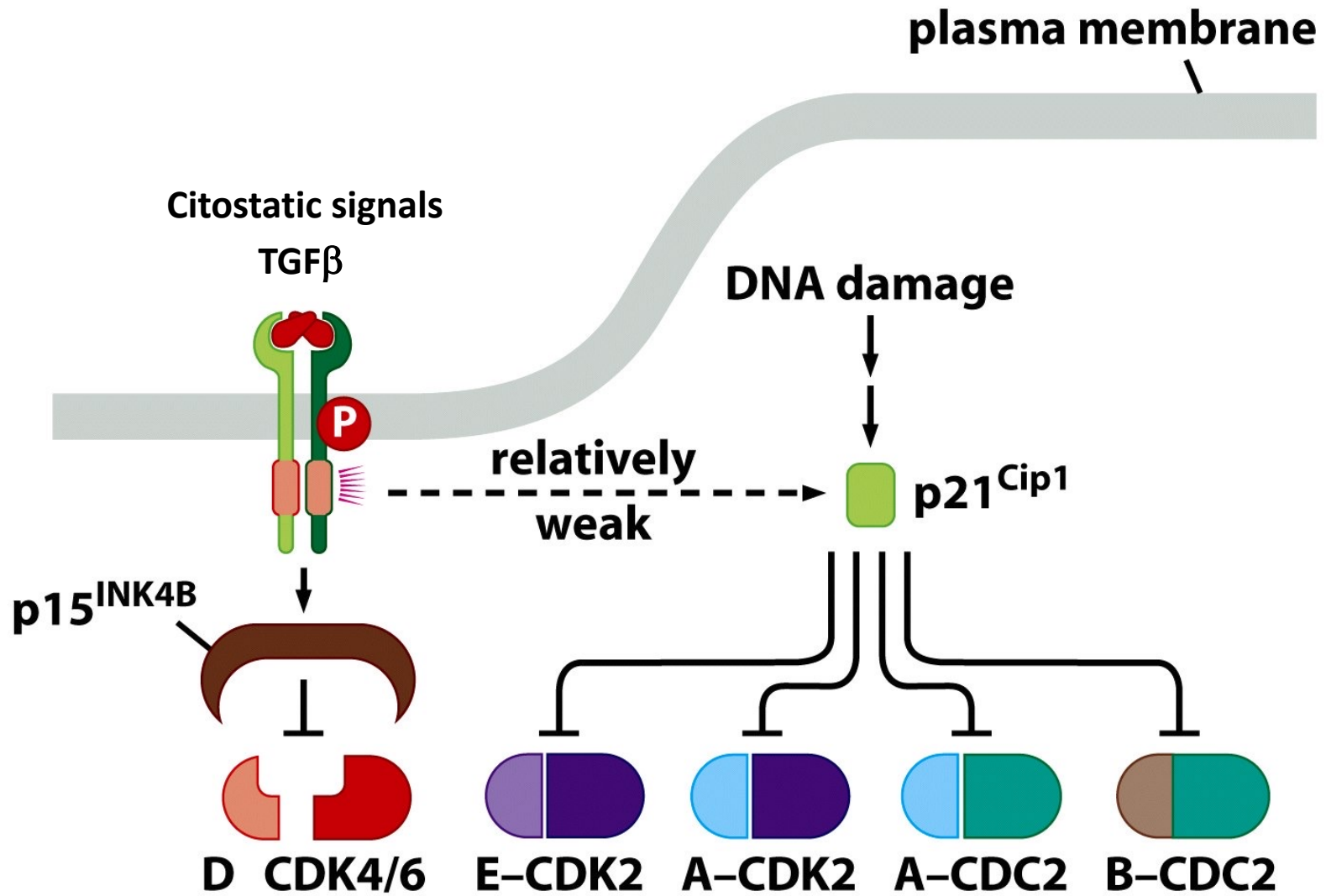
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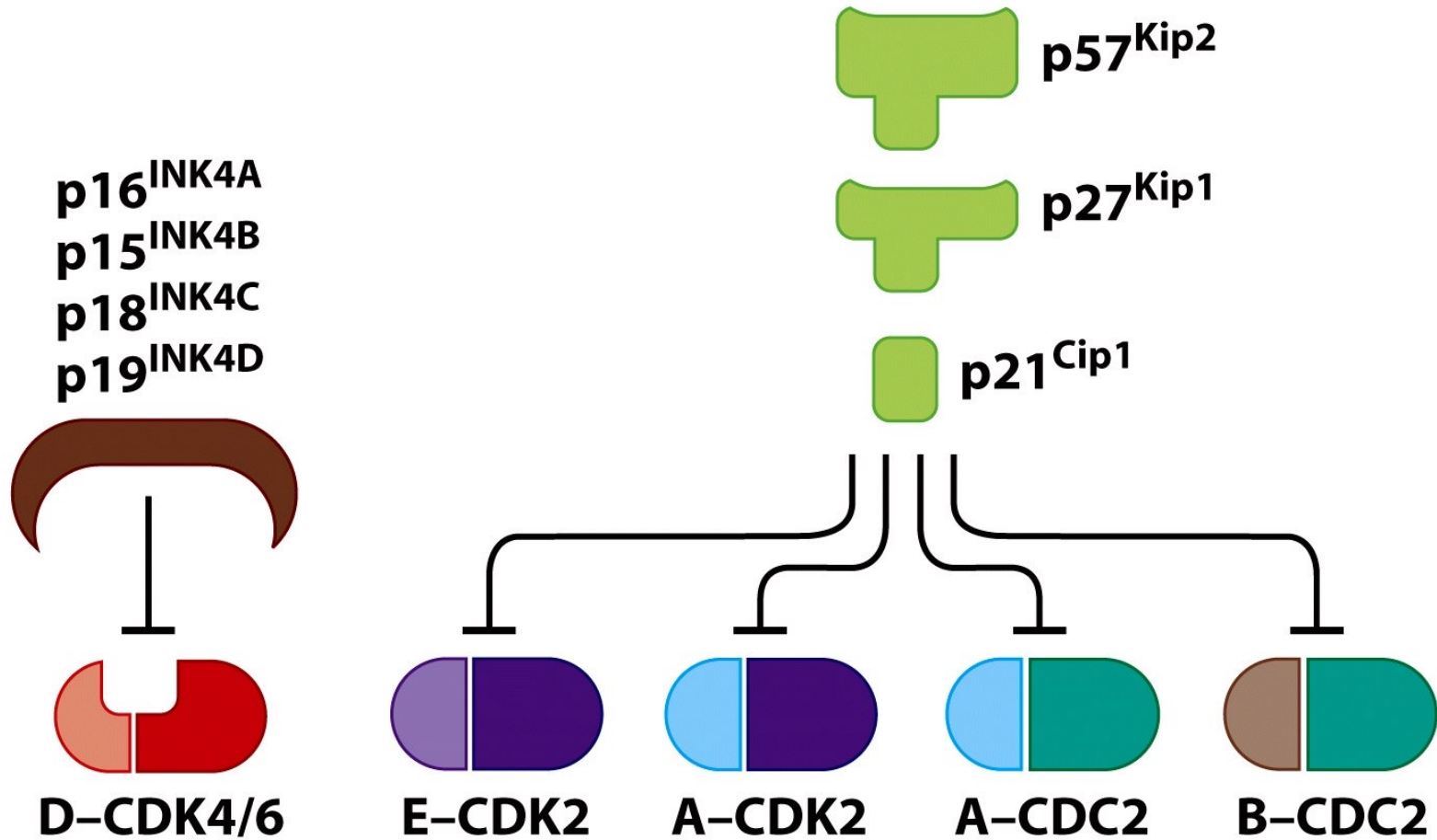


# CDKi sono indotti da stimoli intrinseci ed estrinseci

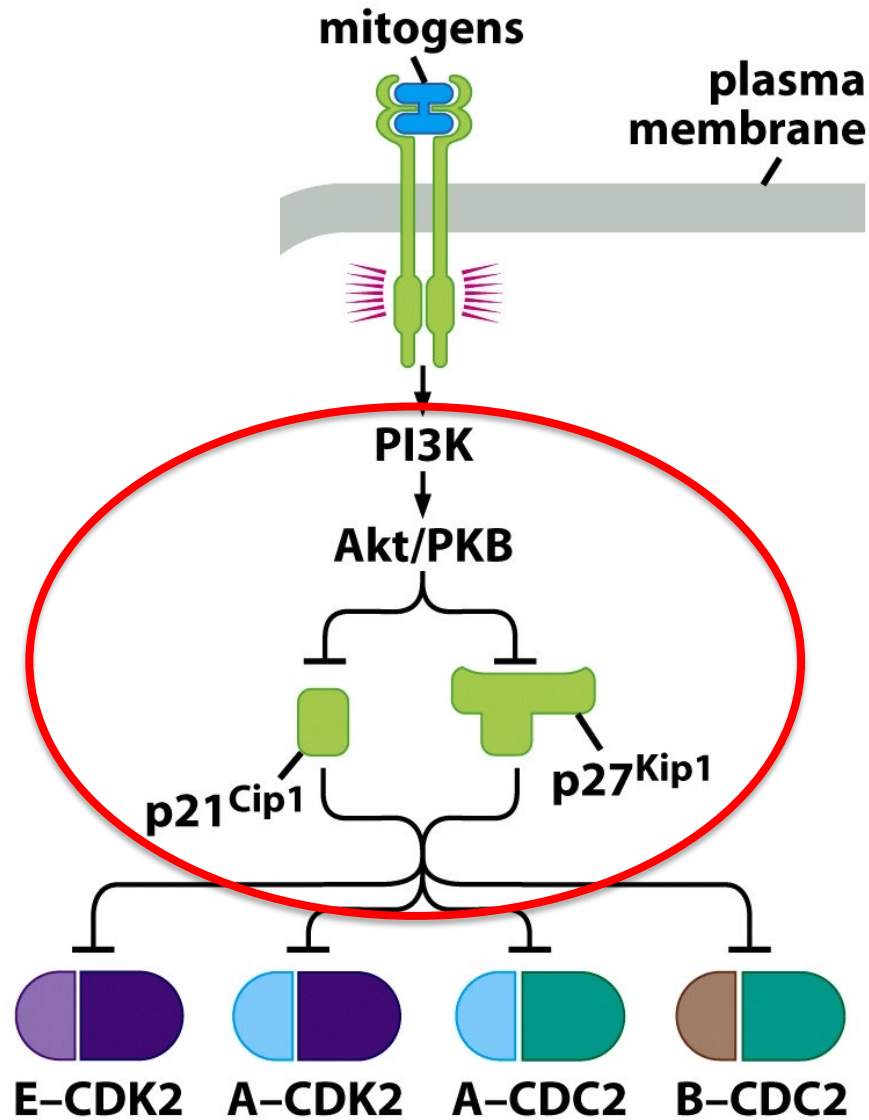


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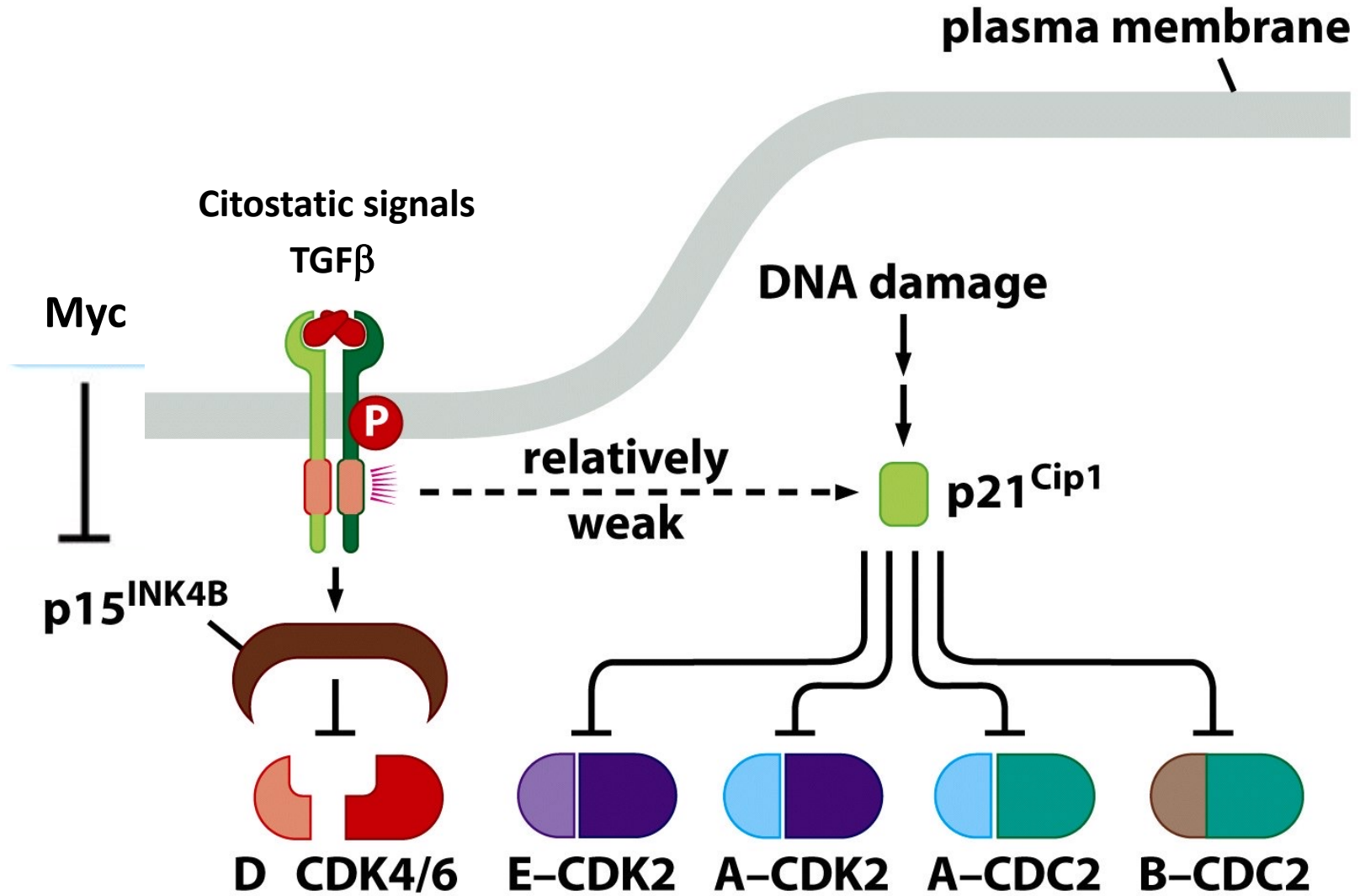
## Inibiscono la transizione G1/S



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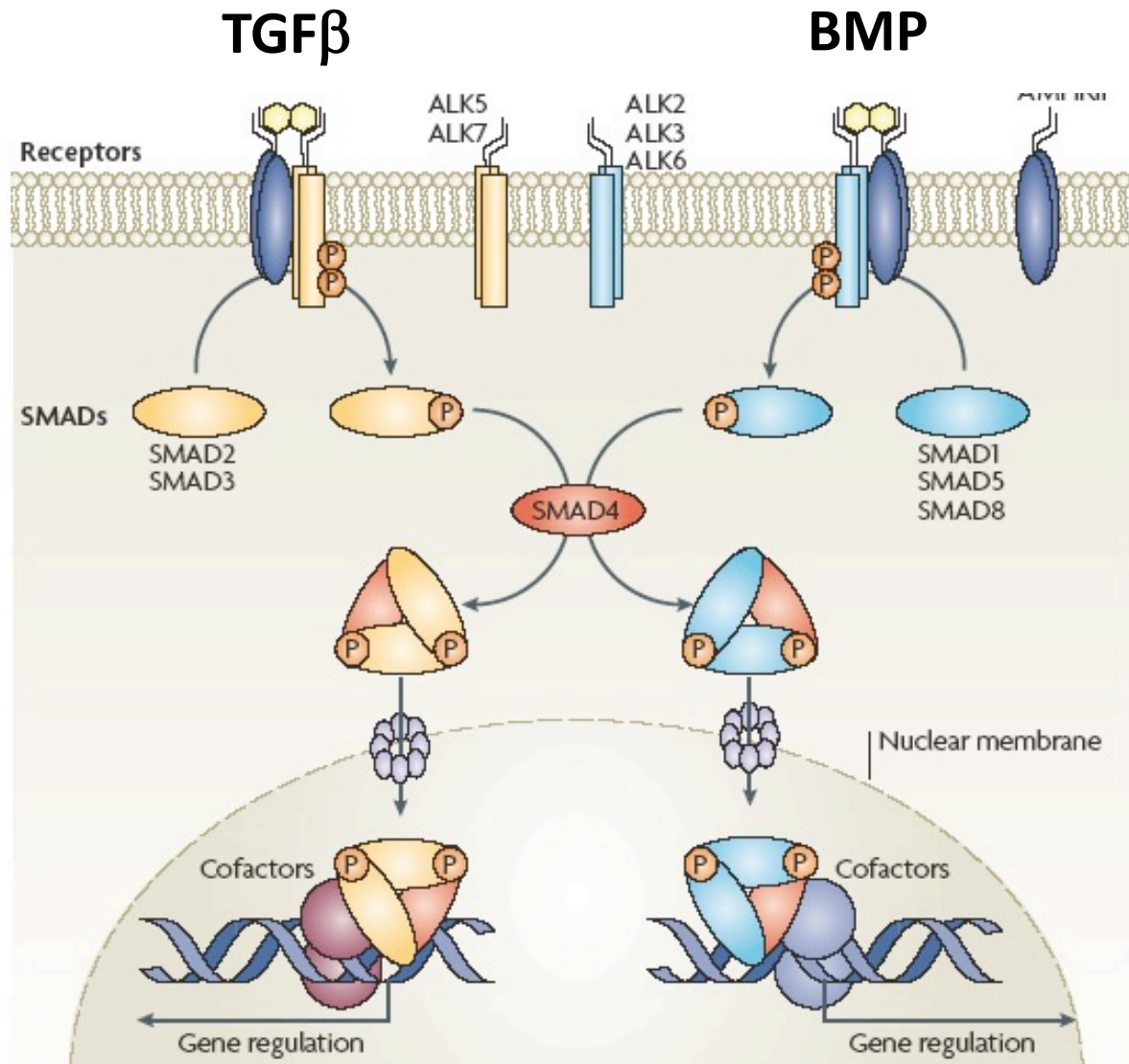


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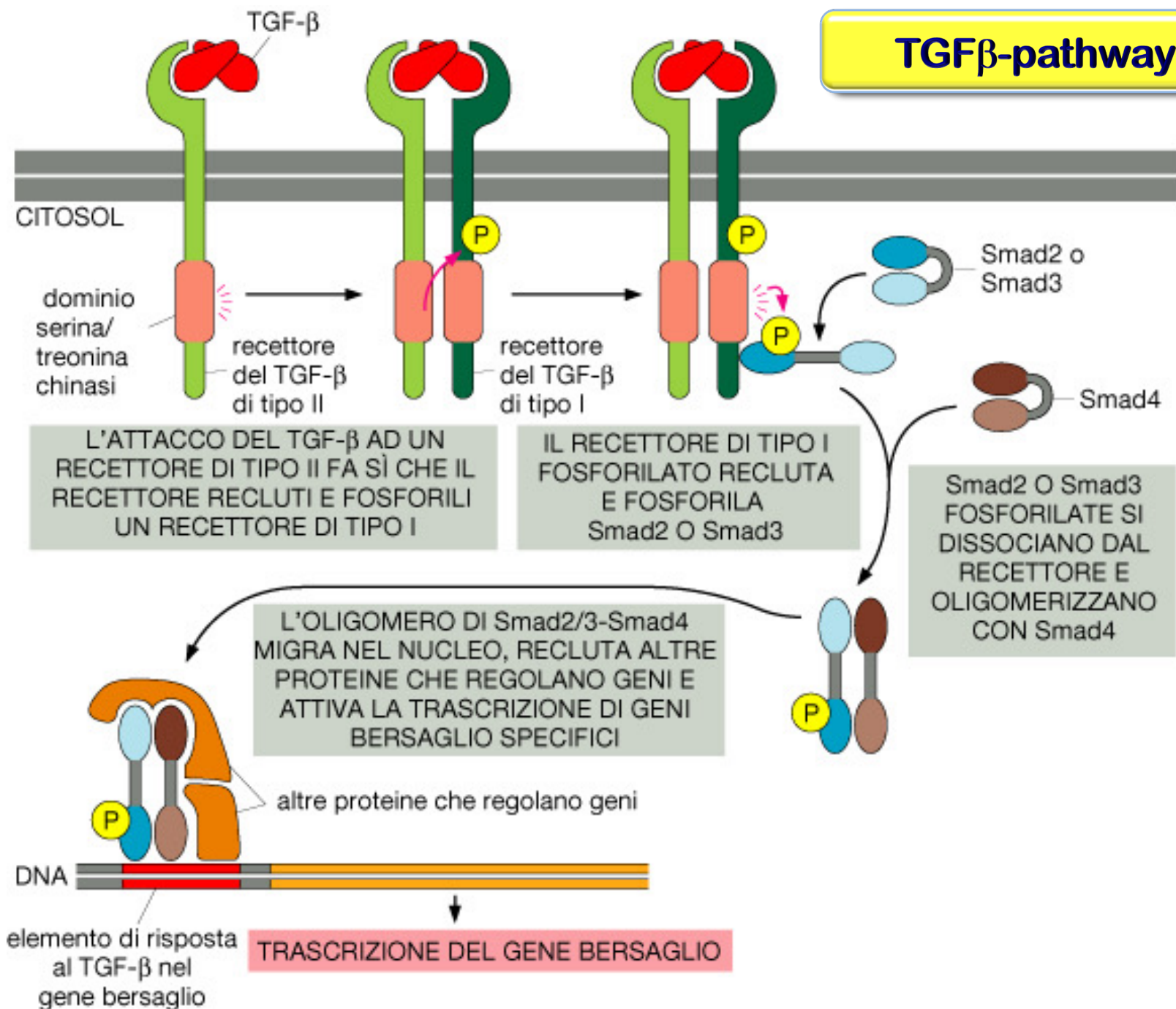




# La pathway di TGF $\beta$

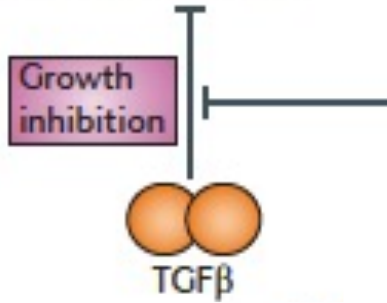


# TGF $\beta$ -pathway



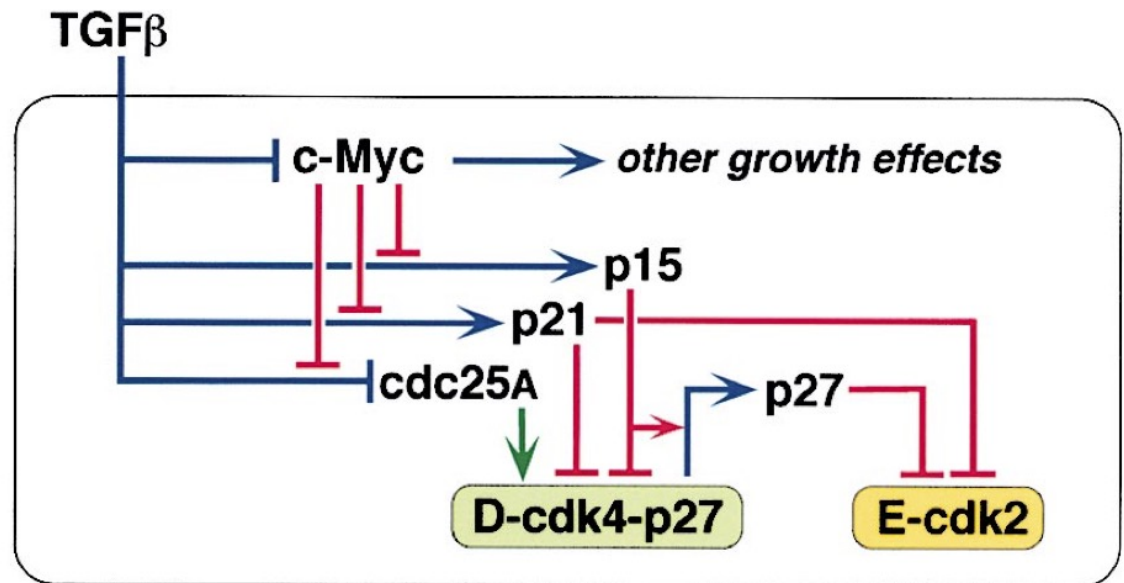
# La pathway di TGF $\beta$ è oncosoppressiva in tessuti normali e nelle fasi iniziali della tumorigenesi

Normal epithelium or carcinoma 'in situ'

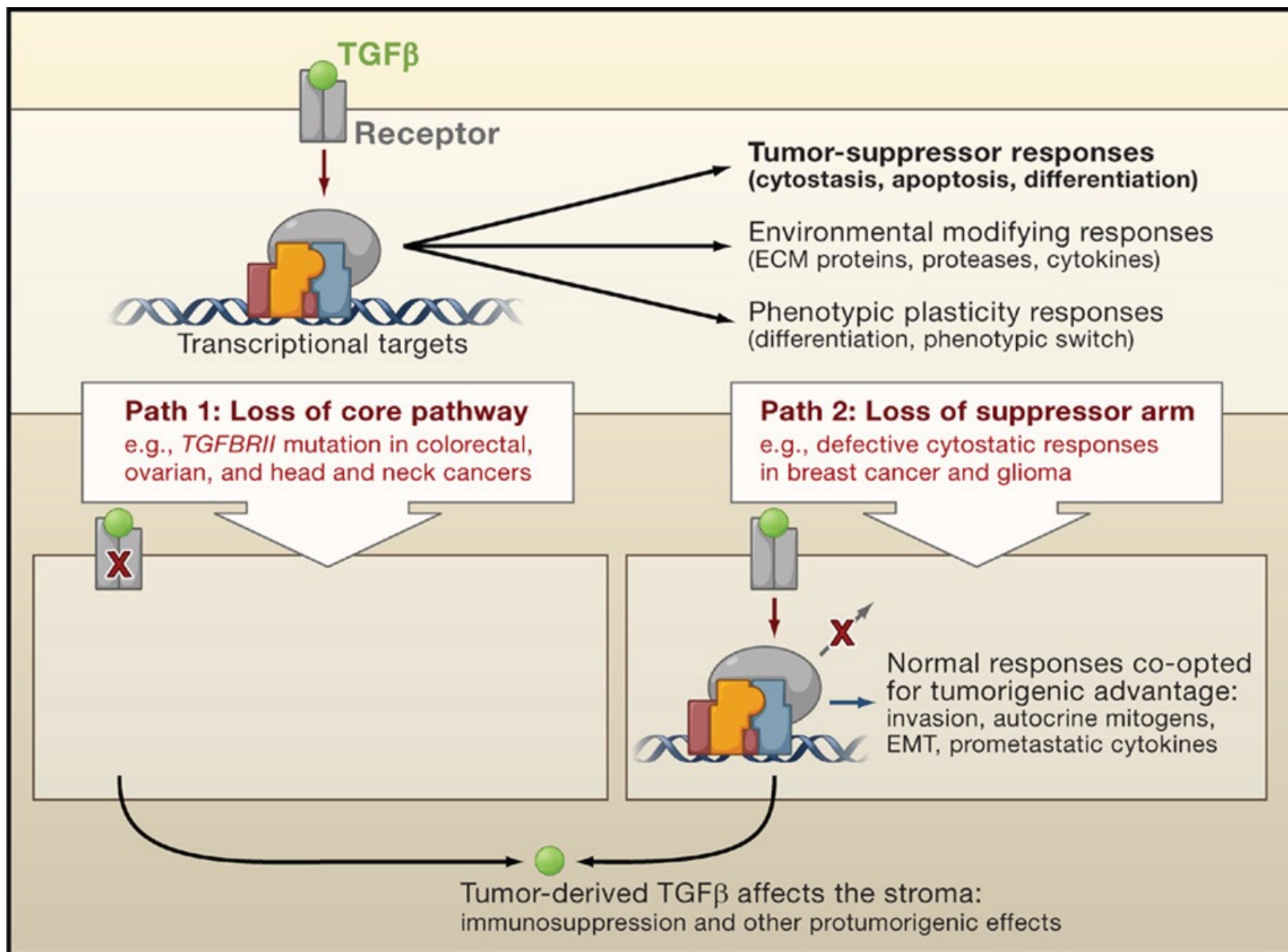


Oncogenes

Akhurst & Hata, Nat Rev Drug Disc 2012



# Alterazioni della pathway di TGF $\beta$ nel cancro



# Eventi che promuovono la proliferazione cellulare nei tumori

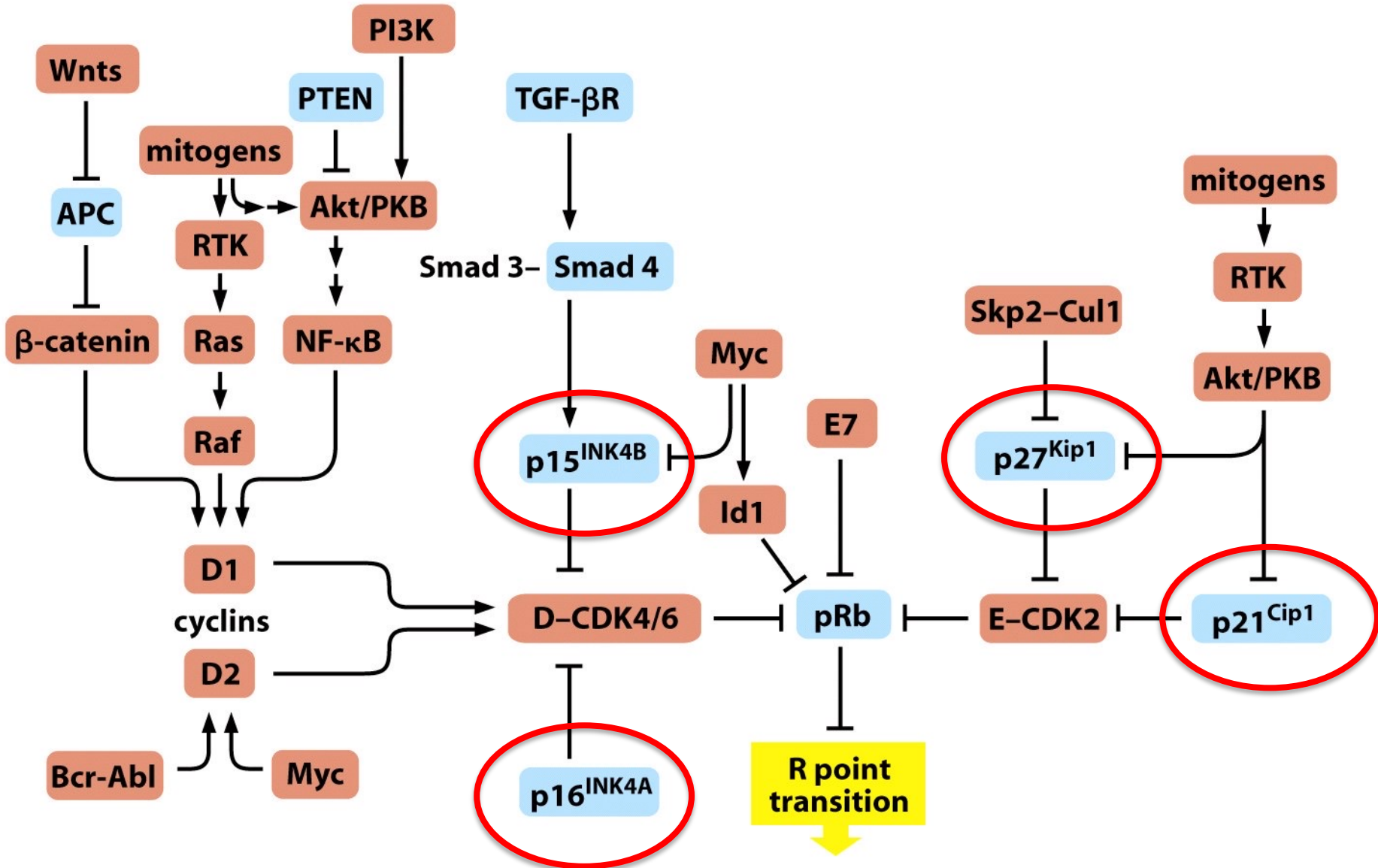


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# Il locus *Ink4a/Arf* codifica per gli oncosoppressori p16 e ARF

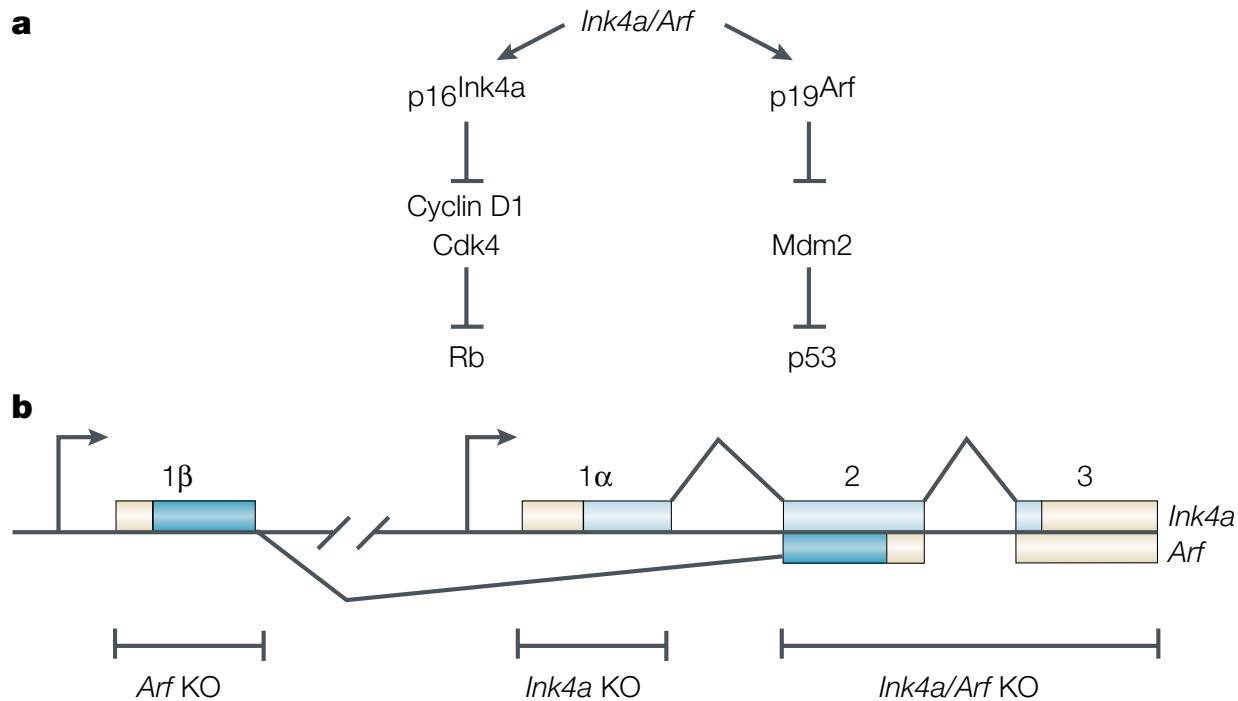
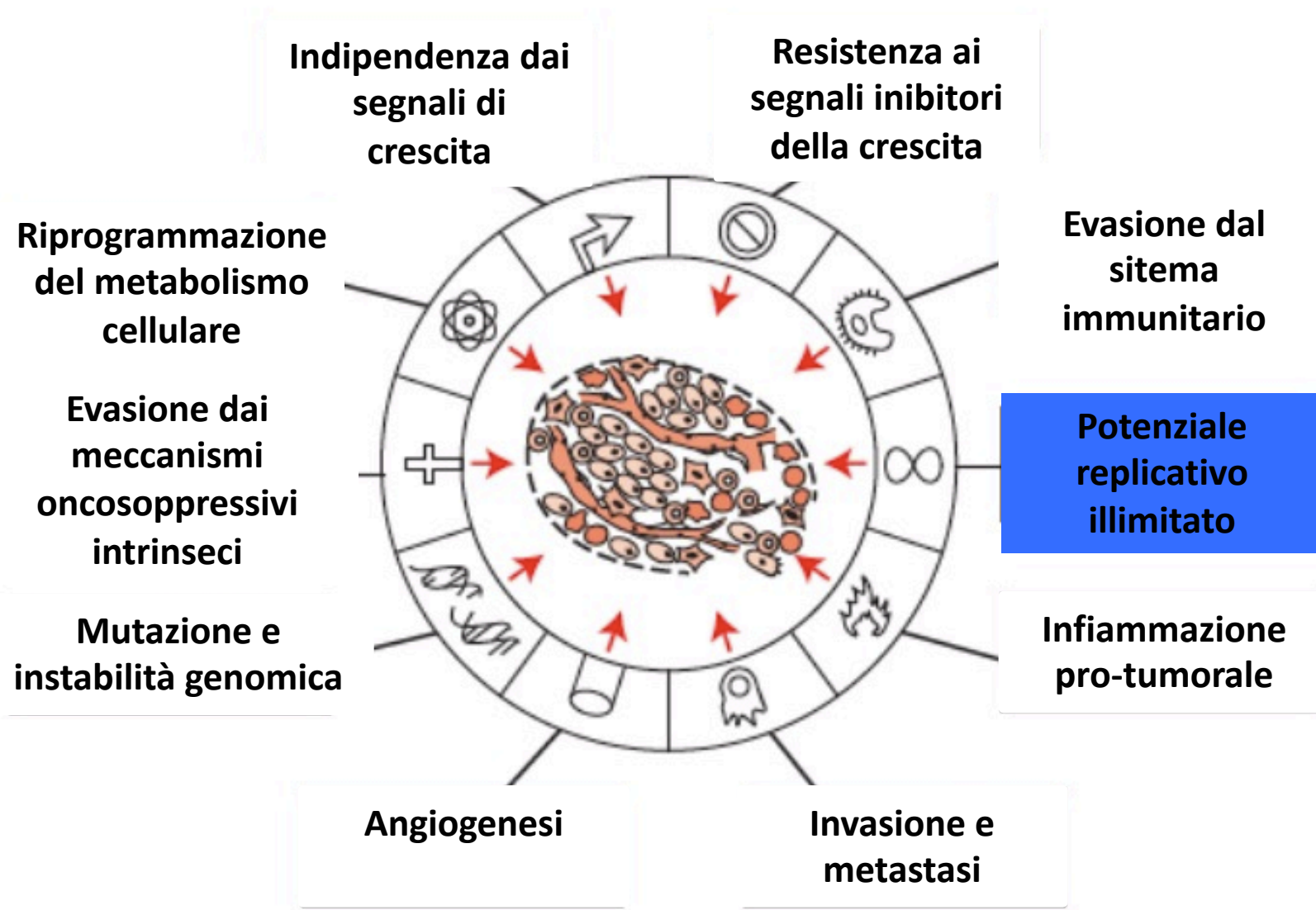
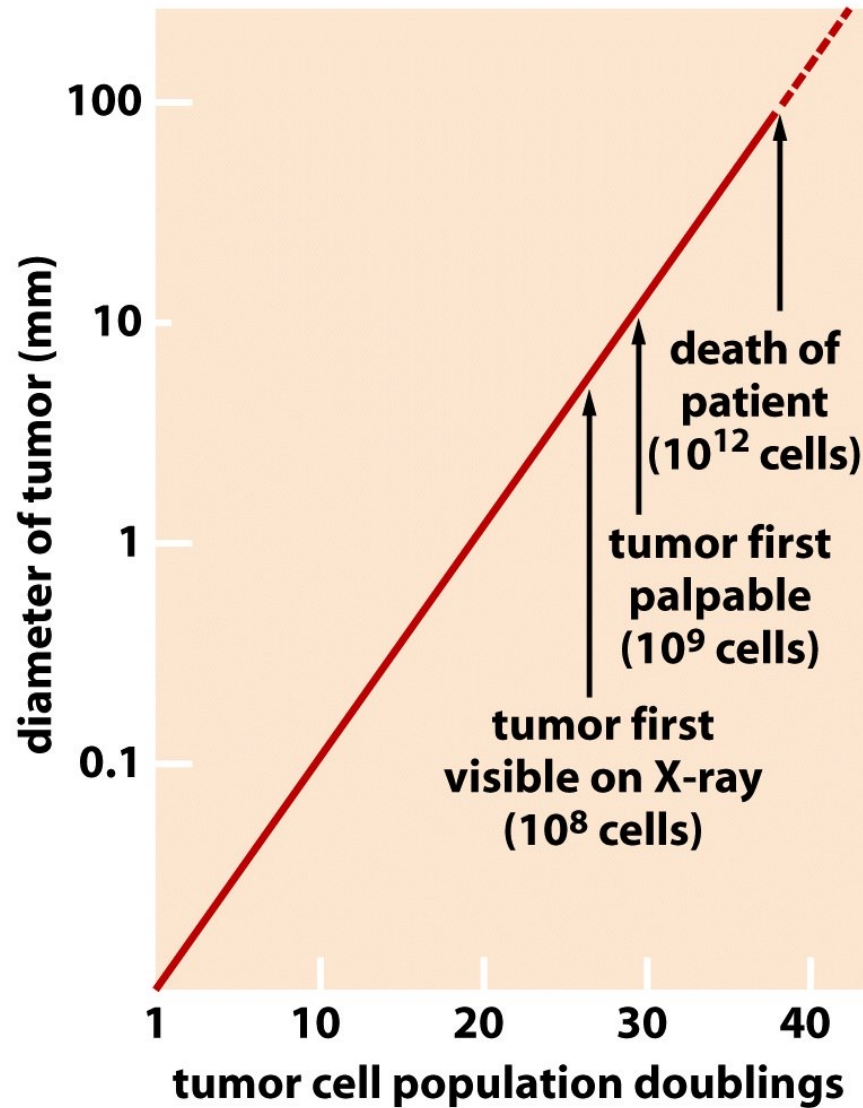


Figure 1 | **The *Ink4a/Arf* locus.** **a** | The two products of the mouse *Ink4a/Arf* locus, p16<sup>Ink4a</sup> and p19<sup>Arf</sup> (p14<sup>ARF</sup> in human) indirectly regulate the retinoblastoma protein (Rb) and p53, respectively. **b** | Alternative first exons (1 $\alpha$  and 1 $\beta$ ) that are transcribed from different promoters (arrows) specify the 5' ends of the *Ink4a* and *Arf* transcripts, respectively. These are spliced to the same acceptor site in exon 2, which is translated in alternative frames. *Ink4a* coding sequences in exons 1 $\alpha$ , 2 and 3 are denoted by light shading, and *Arf* coding sequences in exons 1 $\beta$  and 2 are indicated by dark blue shading. The regions that are disrupted in the different knockout (KO) mouse strains are indicated below the figure. The schematic is not drawn to scale, and in both the human and mouse genomes, exons 1 $\alpha$  and 1 $\beta$  are separated by >15 kb. (**b** is adapted from REF. 14.)

# Acquisizione dell'immortalità replicativa



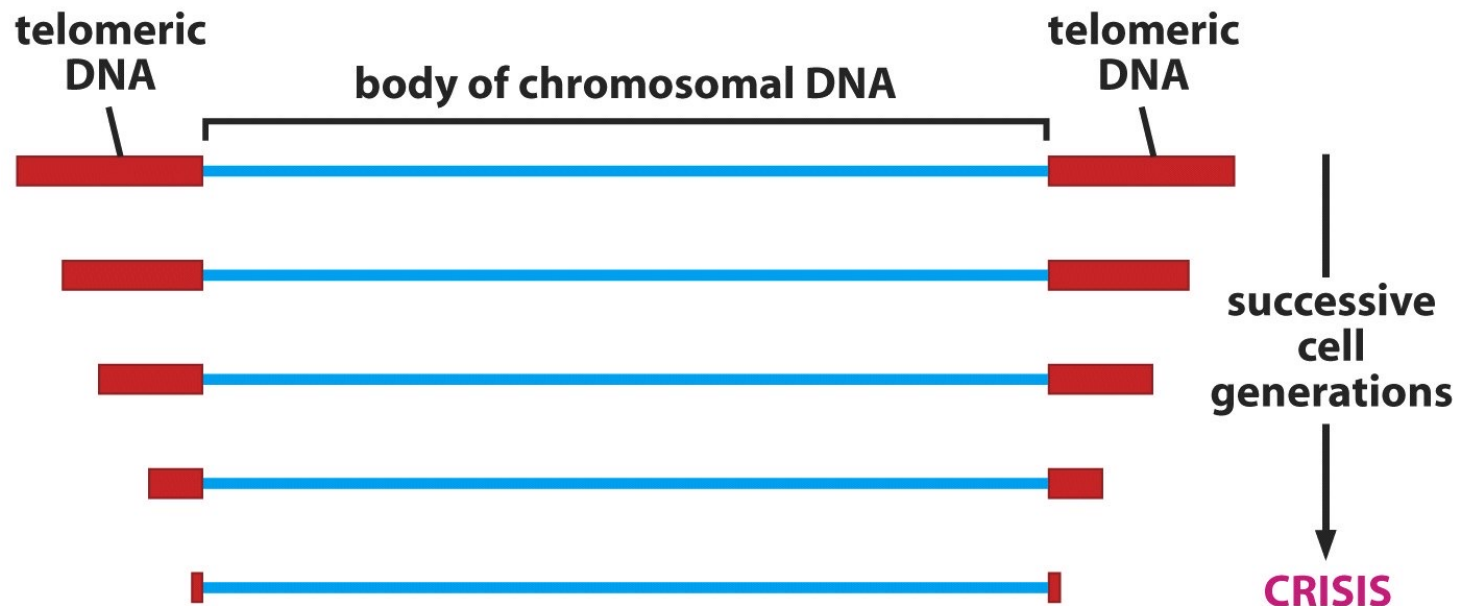
# Le cellule di un tumore effettuano un elevato numero di divisioni



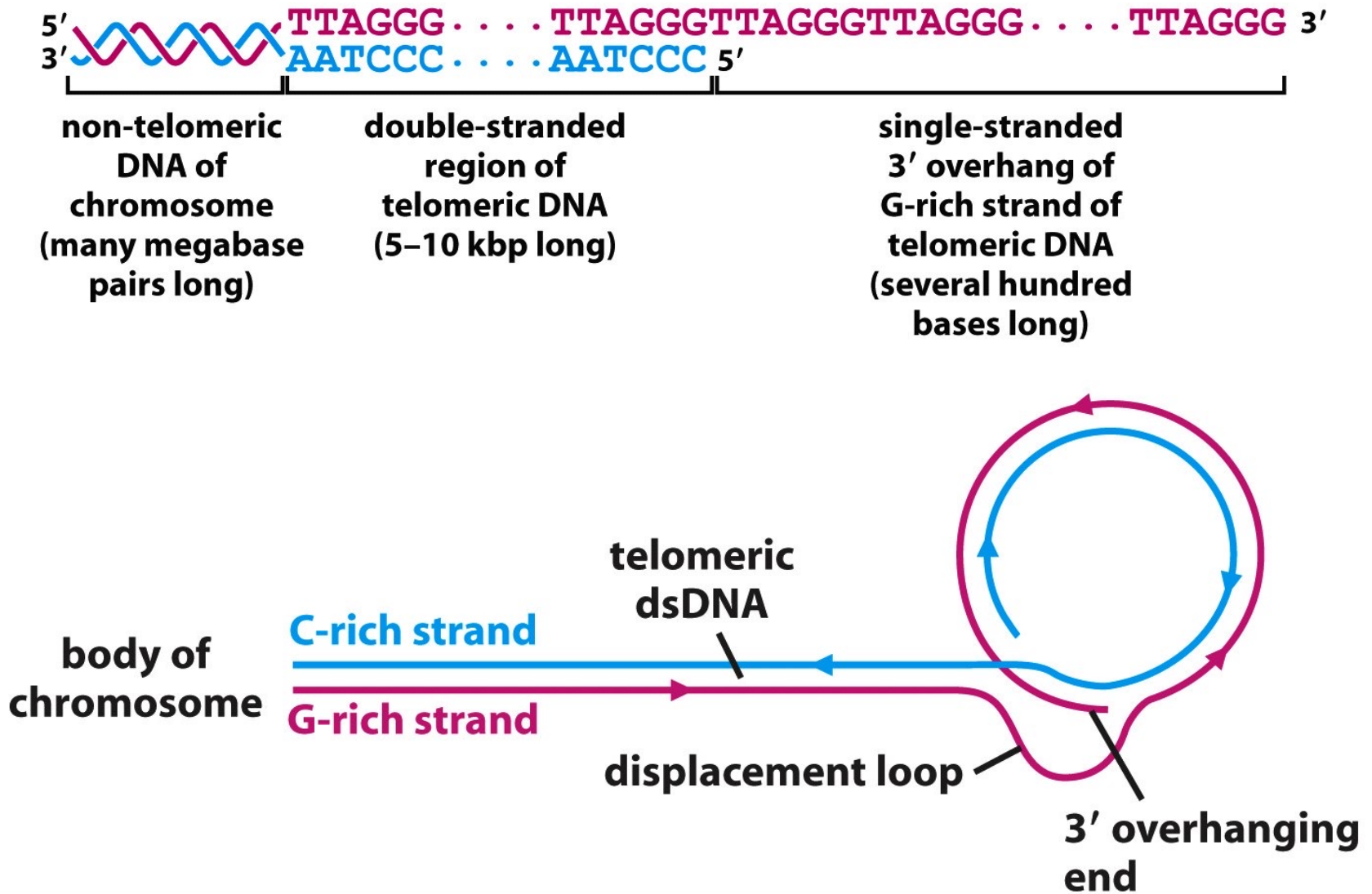


# Cellule somatiche normali subiscono il progressivo accorciamento dei telomeri ad ogni divisione cellulare

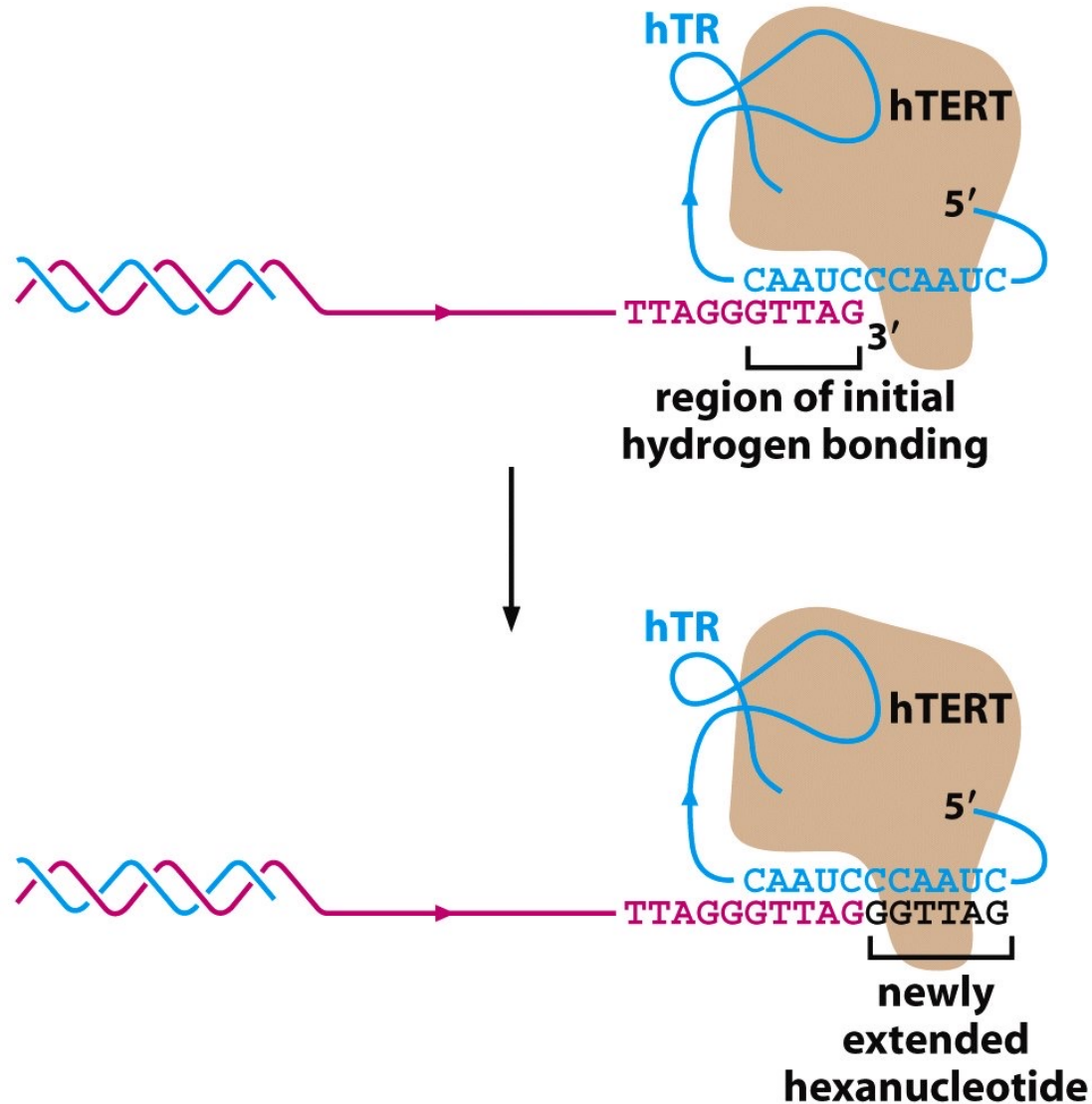
End-replication problem:  
cells lose 50-200 bp of telomeric DNA  
during each S phase



# La struttura dei telomeri protegge le estremità dei cromosomi



# Le sequenze di DNA telomerico sono sintetizzate dalla telomerasi



# L'accorciamento dei telomeri causa DANNI AL DNA che possono portare a cicli di fusione-rottura causando instabilità genomica

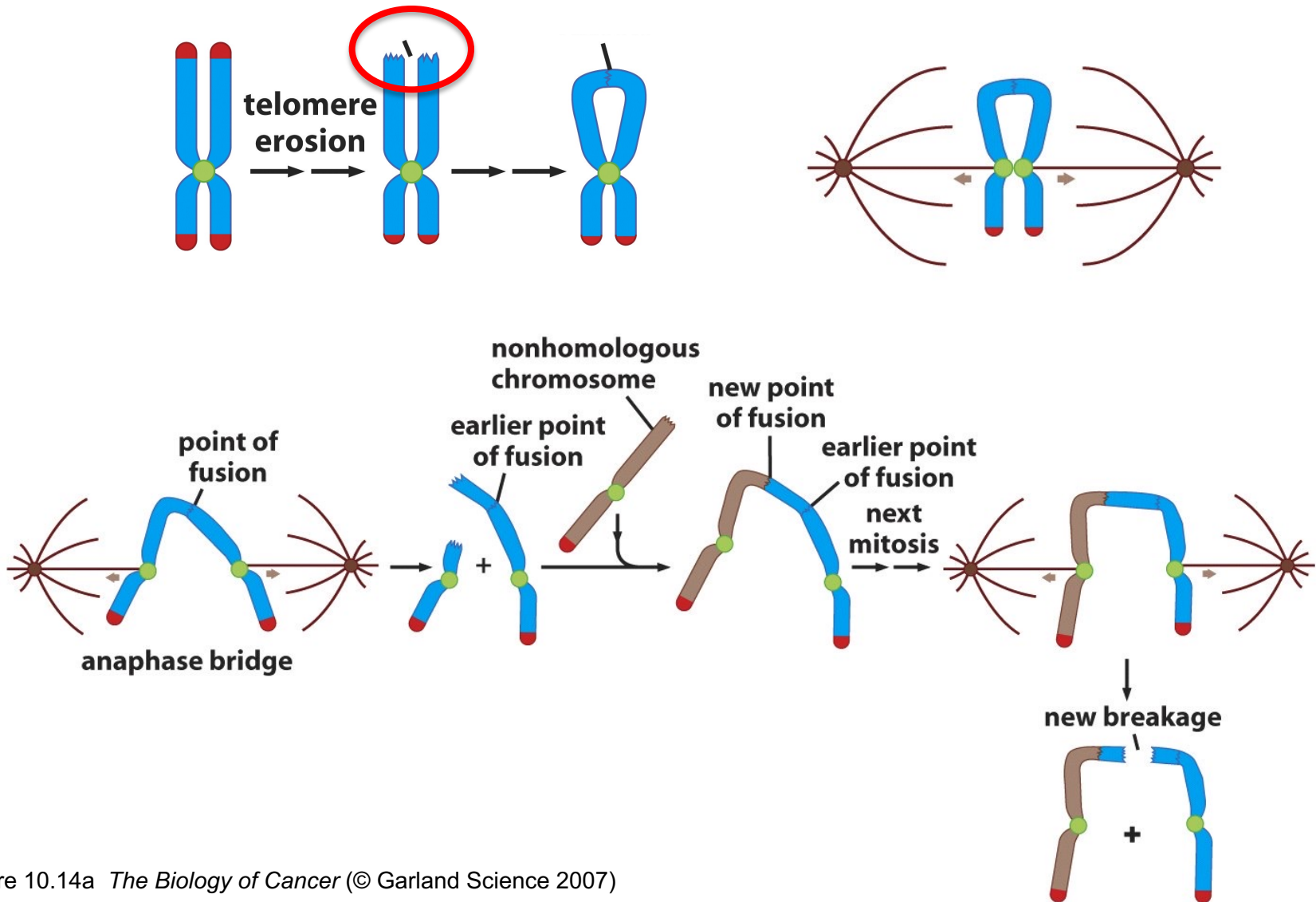
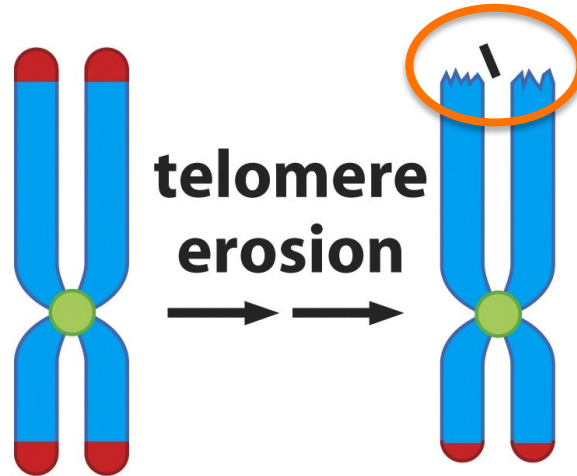


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# L'erosione dei telomeri causa una risposta antiproliferativa



Induzione del cdki p21



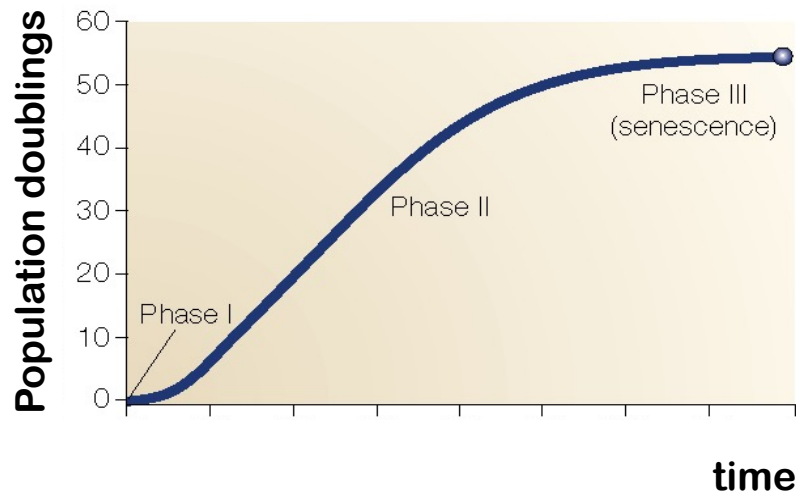
Attivazione di pRB



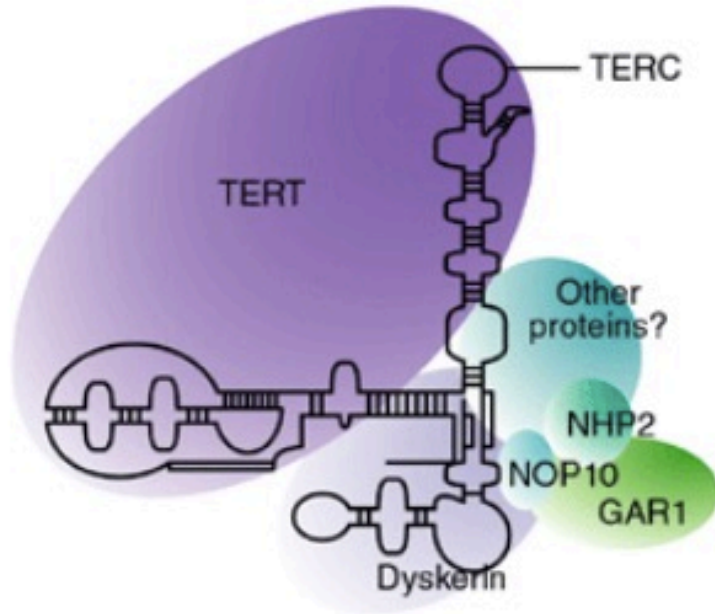
Blocco della transizione  
G1/S



**ARRESTO  
PERMANENTE DEL  
CICLO CELLULARE**



# Molti tumori (90%) presentano attività telomerasica



TERT: protein component

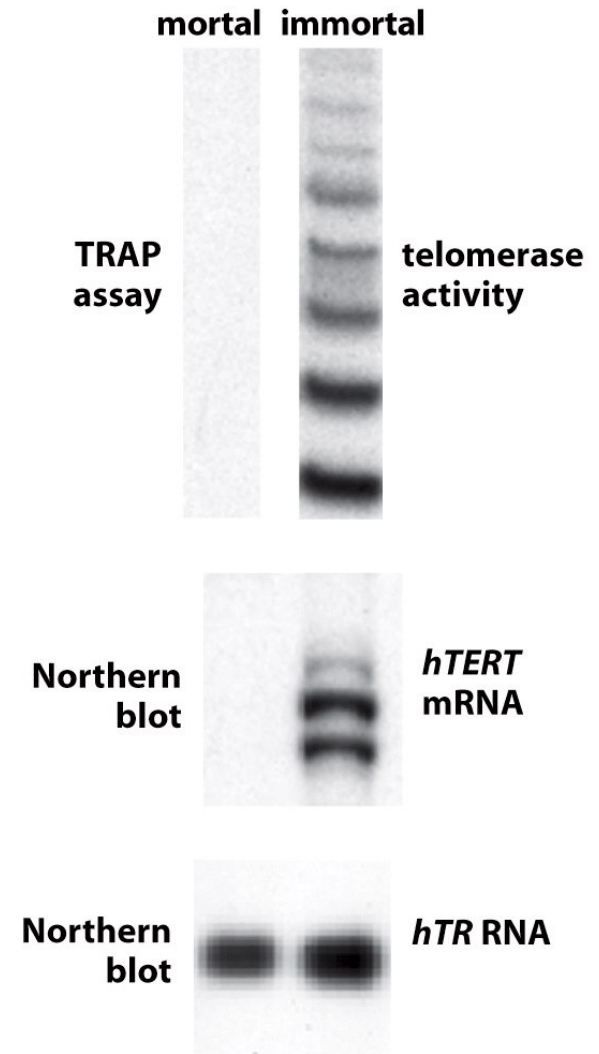
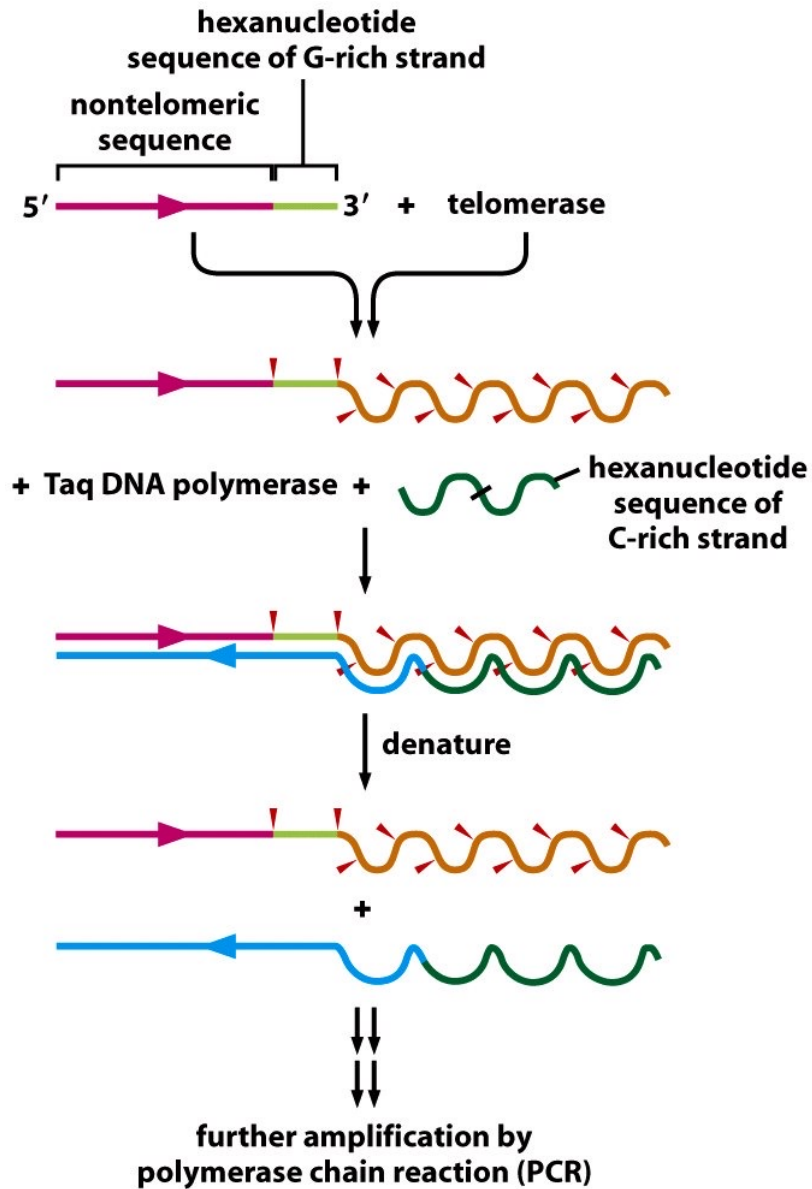
TERC: non-coding RNA component

core  
components

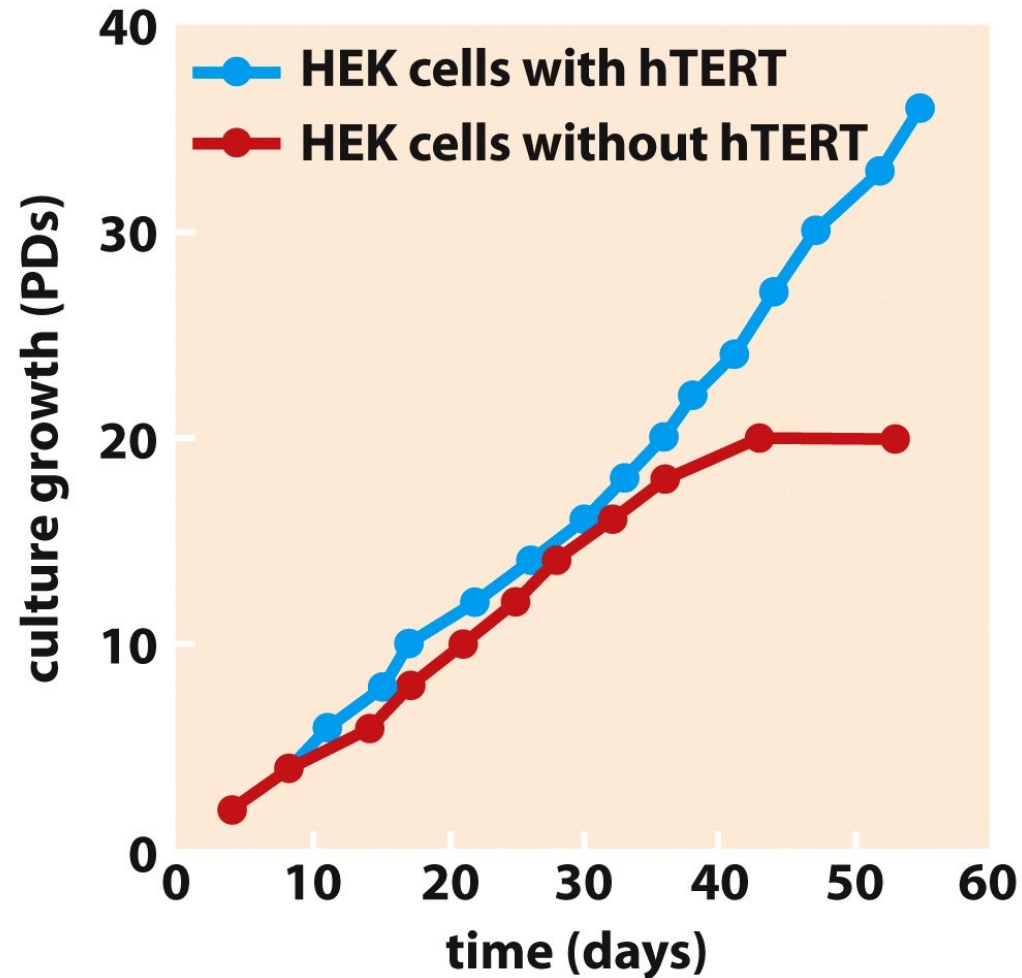
Dyskerin, NOP10, NHP2, GAR1

improve  
activity

# Telomerase activity (TRAP) assay



## La sovraespressione della telomerasi immortalizza cellule normali





# La riattivazione della telomerasi nei tumori è associata a prognosi negativa

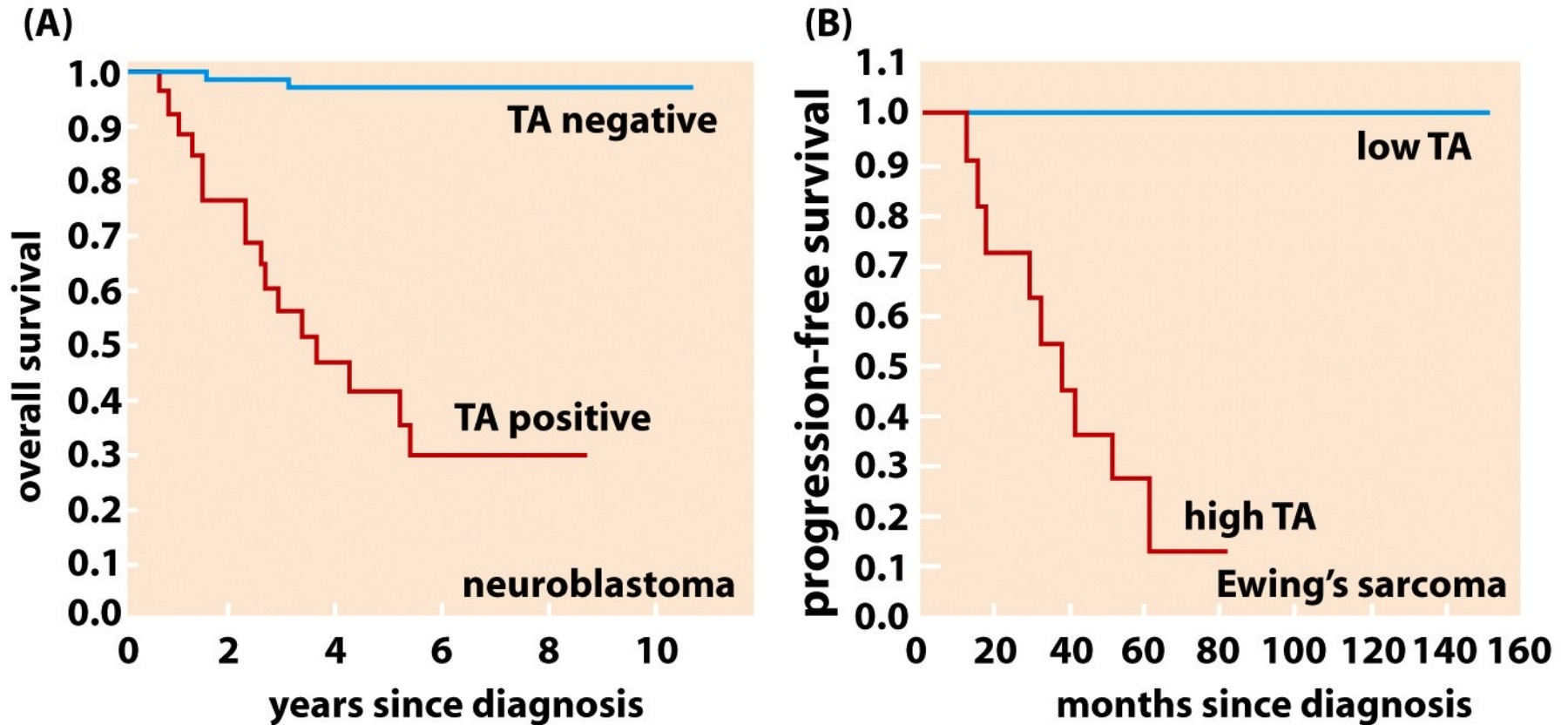


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## Alternative lengthening of telomeres (ALT) (10% cancers)

