

DNA Repair

Damage to DNA can occur due to errors of replication

Causes for damage

- 1) Environmental agents δ UV rays, ionising radiations, X-rays
- 2) Chemical agents δ free radicals, alkalitic reagents
- 3) Repair enzymes identifying the incorrect bases and is corrected.
- 4) Defect in DNA repair leads to mutations.

Repair mechanisms

- 1 Mismatched Repair
- 2 Nucleotide excision repair.
- 3 Base excision repair
- 4 Double strand break repair

1. \rightarrow This mechanism corrects a single mismatched base pair

\rightarrow Parent strand is identified by the presence of unmethylated Adenine in GATC sequence.
unmethylated

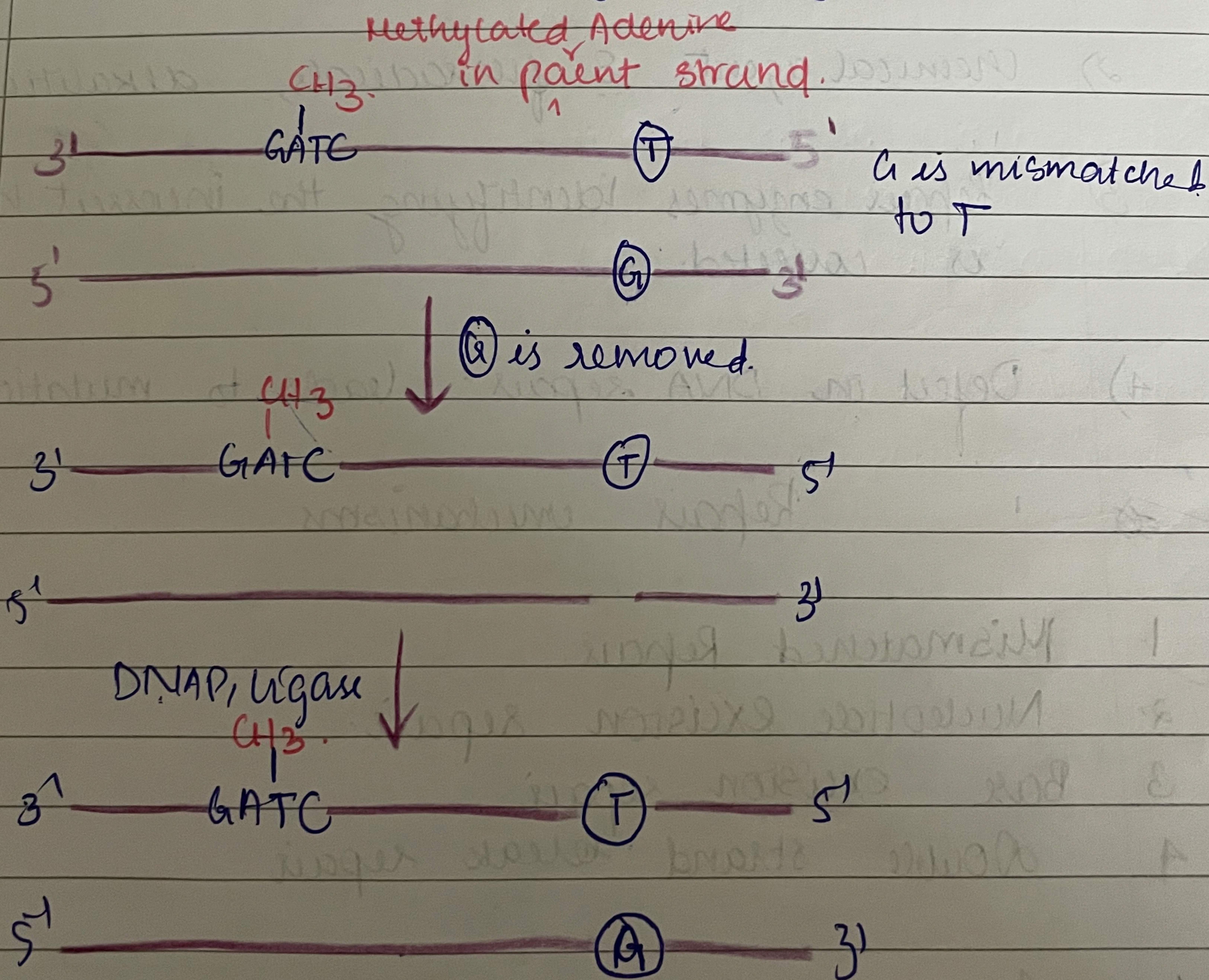
chromosomes is present

→ If a mismatch is found an endonuclease make a single strand cut at the adjacent methylated GATC sequence

→ Defect is removed by exonuclease.

→ DNAP fill the gap using correct nucleotides.

→ This is then ligated by DNA ligase



2. NER

→ This mechanism repairs the damage due to UV light

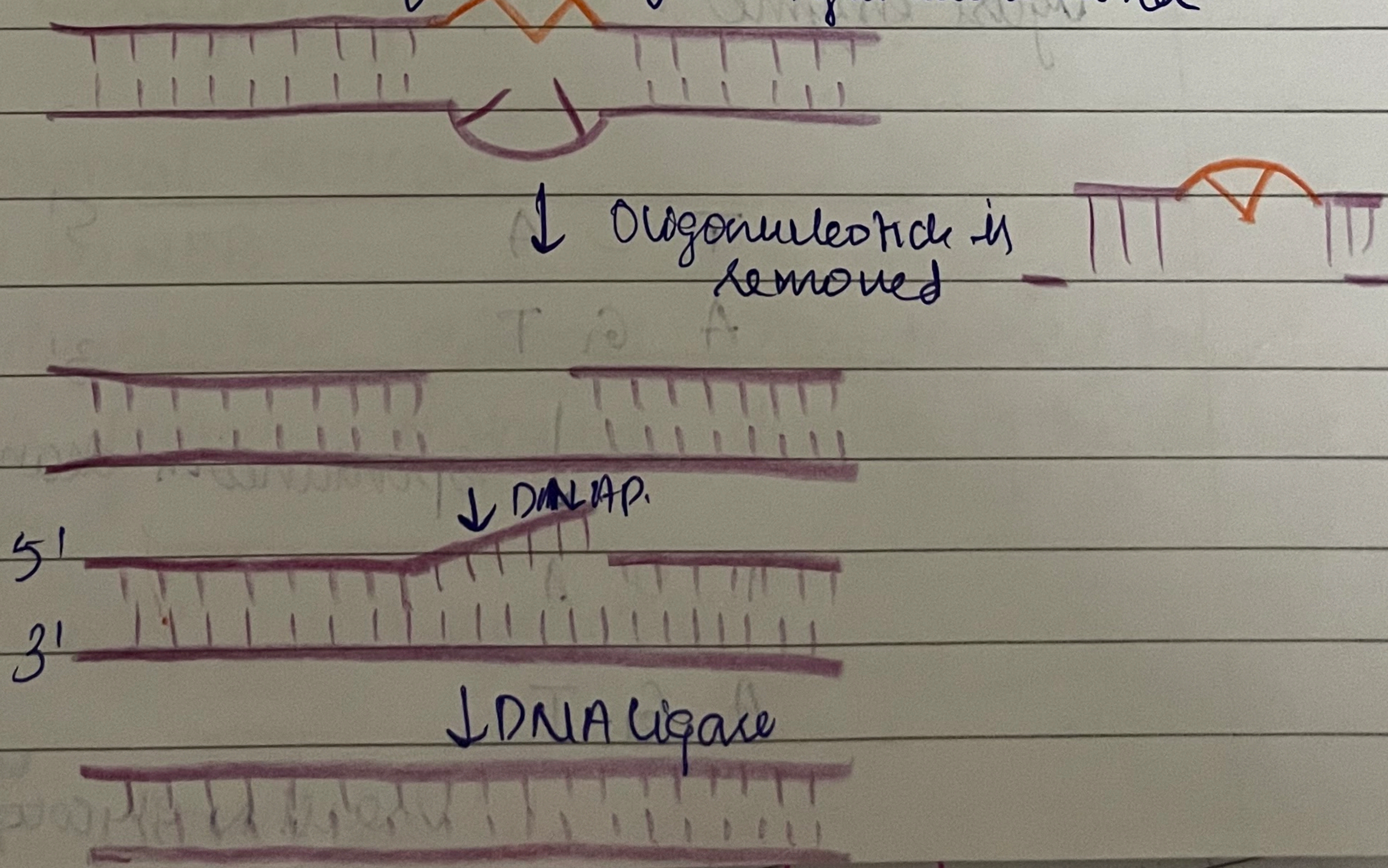
→ Exposure to UV light induce the formation of pyrimidine-pyrimidine dimer (usually thiamine-thiamine dimer).

→ NER also repairs the defect due to ionising radiation, cancer chemotherapeutic agents and variety of chemicals.

→ After defect recognition an excision nuclease (endonuclease) cuts the DNA at 2 sides.

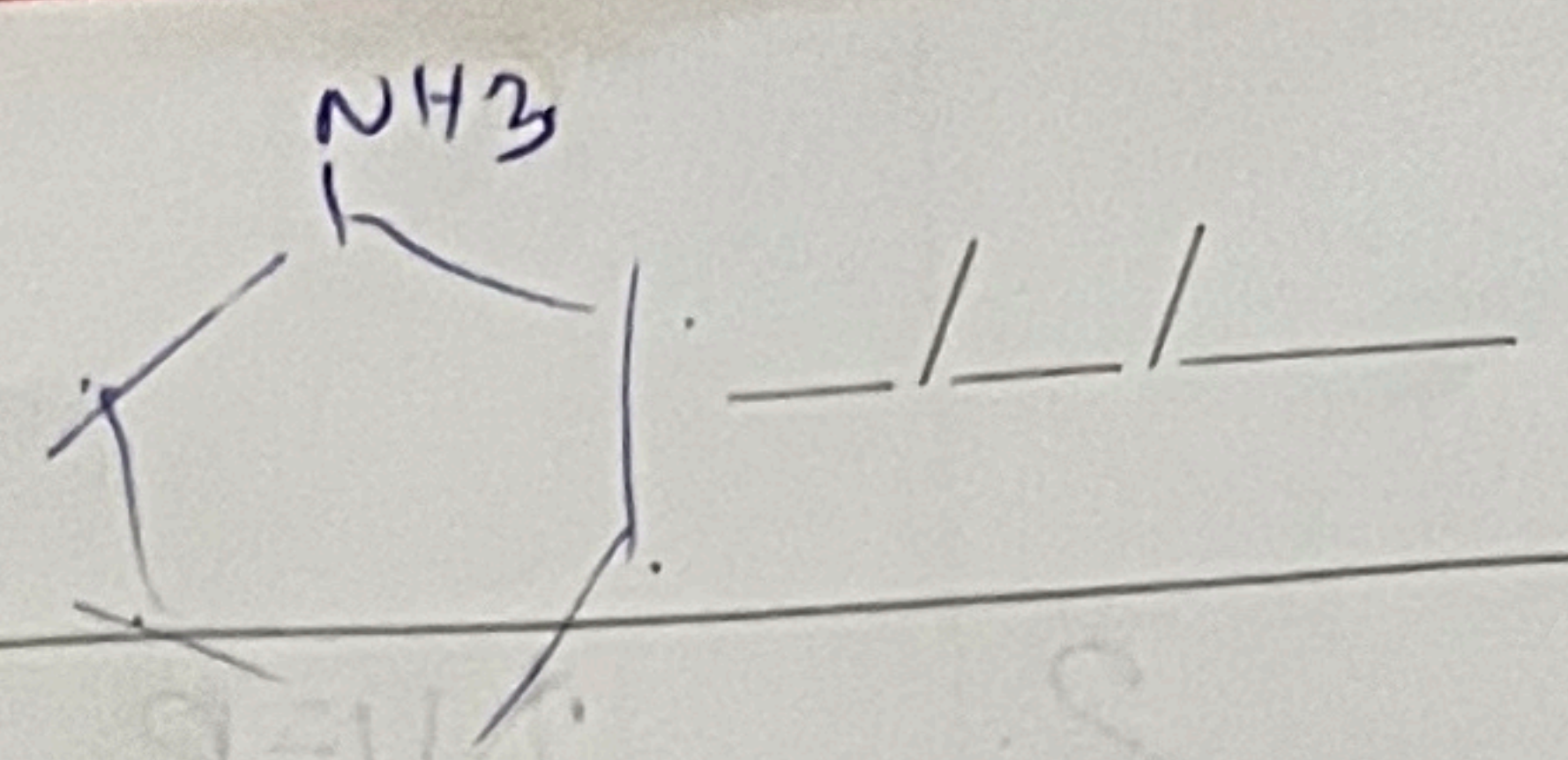
→ An oligonucleotide (approx 30 bases in length) is removed.

→ The gap is then filled by DNAP and sealed. Pyrimidine dimer



TCCAA

completes strand synthesis



3) BER

→ This repair mechanism corrects DNA damage from oxd^n , deamination

Eg: (Resulting from ~~deamination~~ deamination of cytosine) and alkylation

→ Deamination is common & spontaneous damage occurring in DNA

This set

→ N glycosylase recognise & remove the wrong base without altering the phosphodiester backbone forming AP site. (A pyrimic or a pyrimidinic)

→ AP endonuclease enzyme recognise the AP site & specifically cut the phosphodiester backbone at 5' position.

→ the gap is filled by DNAP and ligated by ligase enzyme

T C A 5'

A G T 3'

↓ Spontaneous deamination

T U A

A G T

↓ Klenow N-glycosylase

T * A

A G T

↓. Apurinic endonuclease

T A

A G T

↓ DNAP + DNA ligase

T C A

A G T

Diseases associated with DNA repair

1. ~~Sicca~~ Xeroderma pigmentosum

→ Autosomal recessive

→ Defect in NER.

→ The ability to repair damage caused by UV light (T-T dimers) is deficient

→ Highly sensitive to sunlight (UV rays)

→ High risk of skin cancer

2. Cockayne syndrome

→ Autosomal recessive

→ Defect in NER.

→ Neurodegenerative disorder. Characterised by growth failure, impaired development of the nervous system.

→ Photosensitivity and eye disorders.

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3 Ataxia-telangiectasia

→ AR

→ Ataxia (poor coordination)

→ telangiectasia (proliferated blood vessels)

→ Caused by a defect in the ATM gene responsible for a protein required for DS Break Repair

→ ↑ sensitivity to damage by x-rays

→ cerebellar ataxia and lymphoreticular neoplasma

4 Bloom Syndrome

→ Defect in DNA helicase

→ disorder characterised by short stature, & development of cancer

5 Hereditary Non-polyposis (colorectal cancer)

→ Autosomal Dominant

→ Defect in DNA mismatched repair

→ High risk of colon cancer & endometrial cancer

6 Fanconi's Anemia

→ AR

→ Defective repair of cross-linking damage

→ Anemia & ↑ frequency of cancer

Repair Mechanism

4. Double strand break repair

It repairs DNA damage due to

- Ionizing radiation
- Free radical
- Chemotherapeutic agents

2 repair mechanism

(i) Homologous recombination:-

Joining of ends require sequence similarity

(ii) Non-homologous end joining:-

The broken ends are directly ligated without the need for a homologous (sequence similarity) template