

Nucleotide Excision Repair in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

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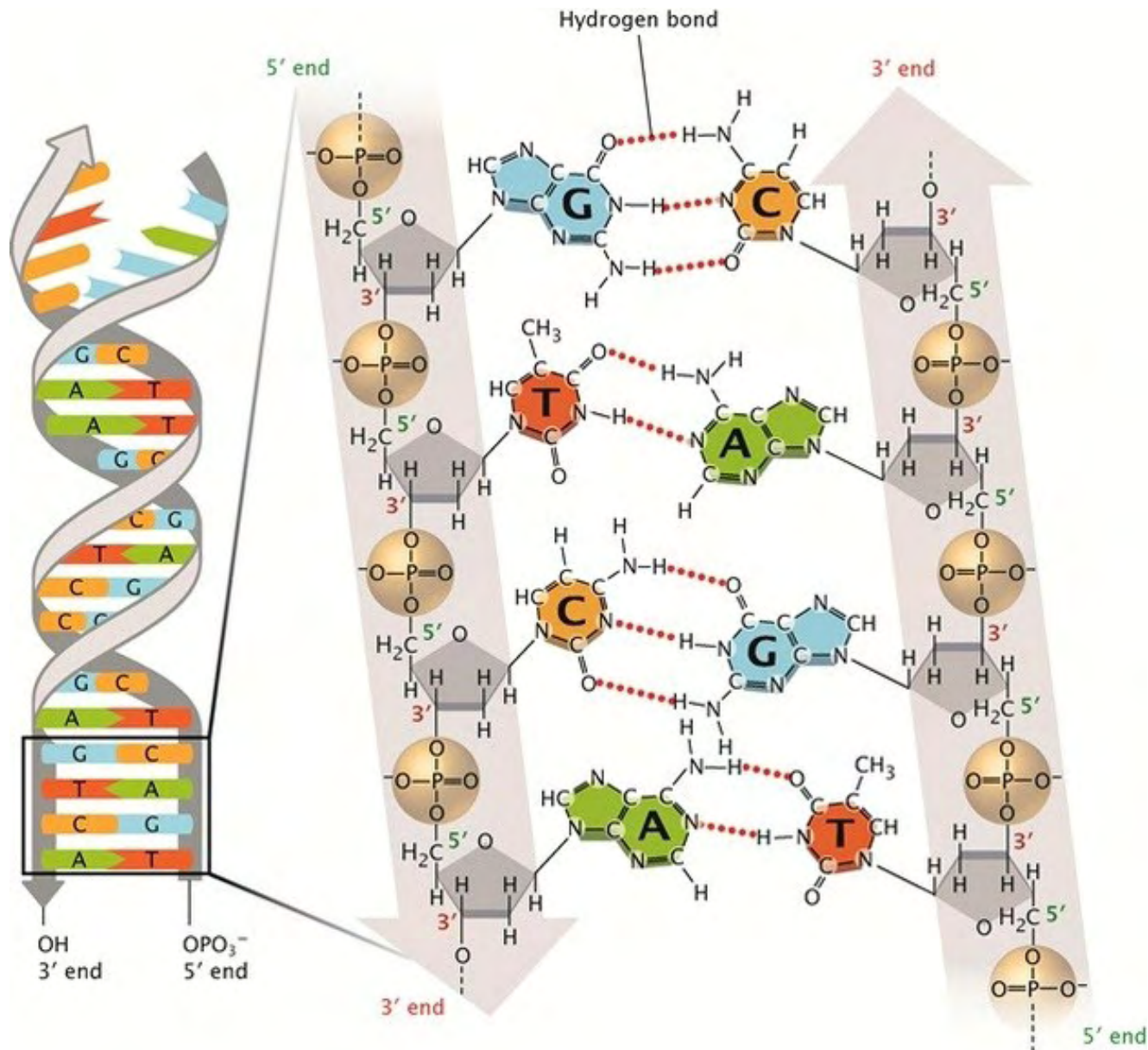
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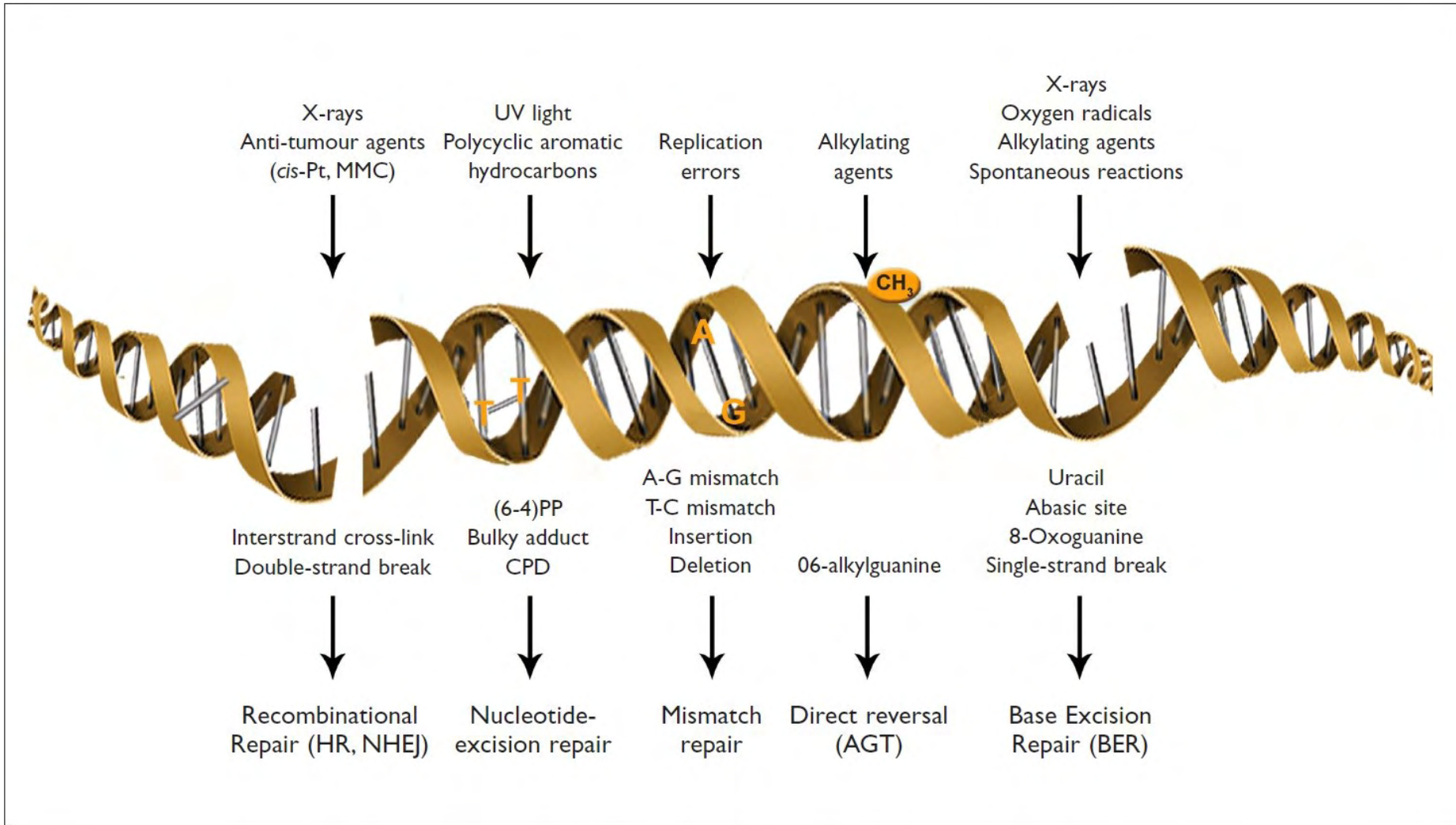
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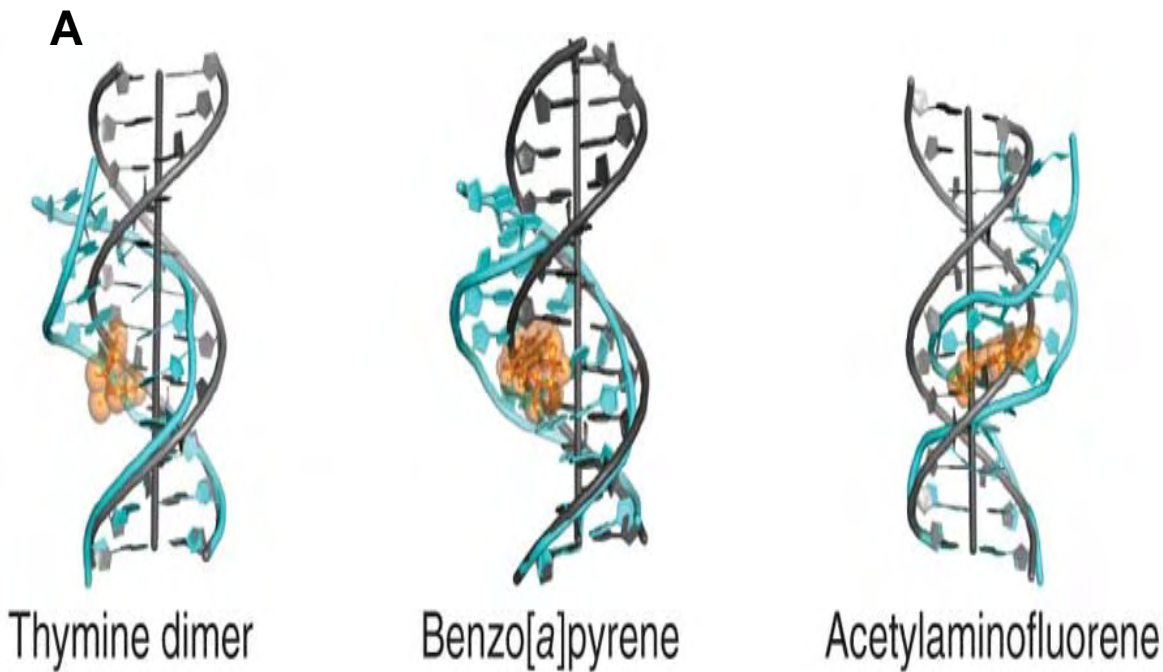
Chemical composition of DNA



Types of DNA damages and DNA repair processes

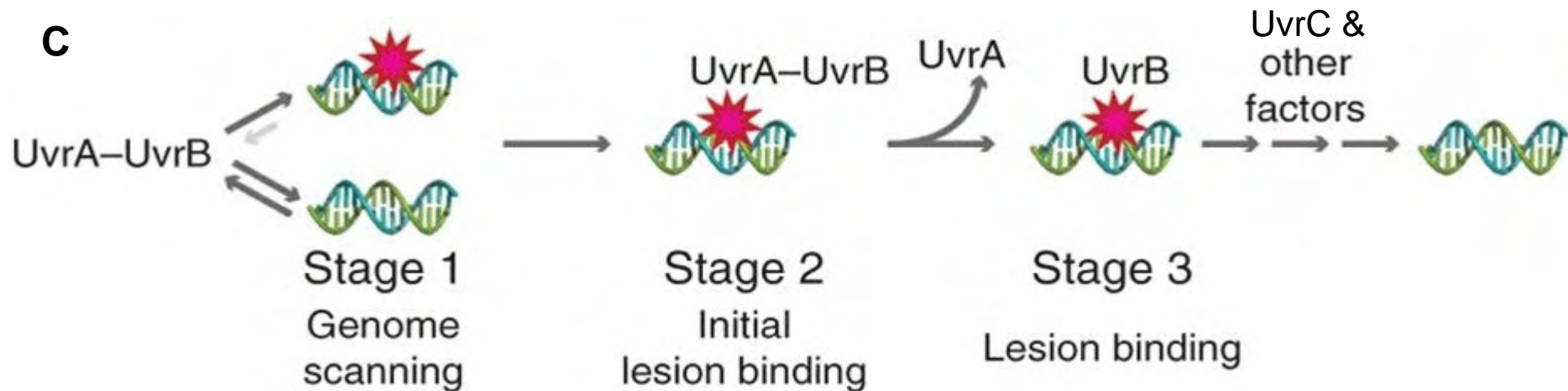


Deformed DNA conformations processed by NER

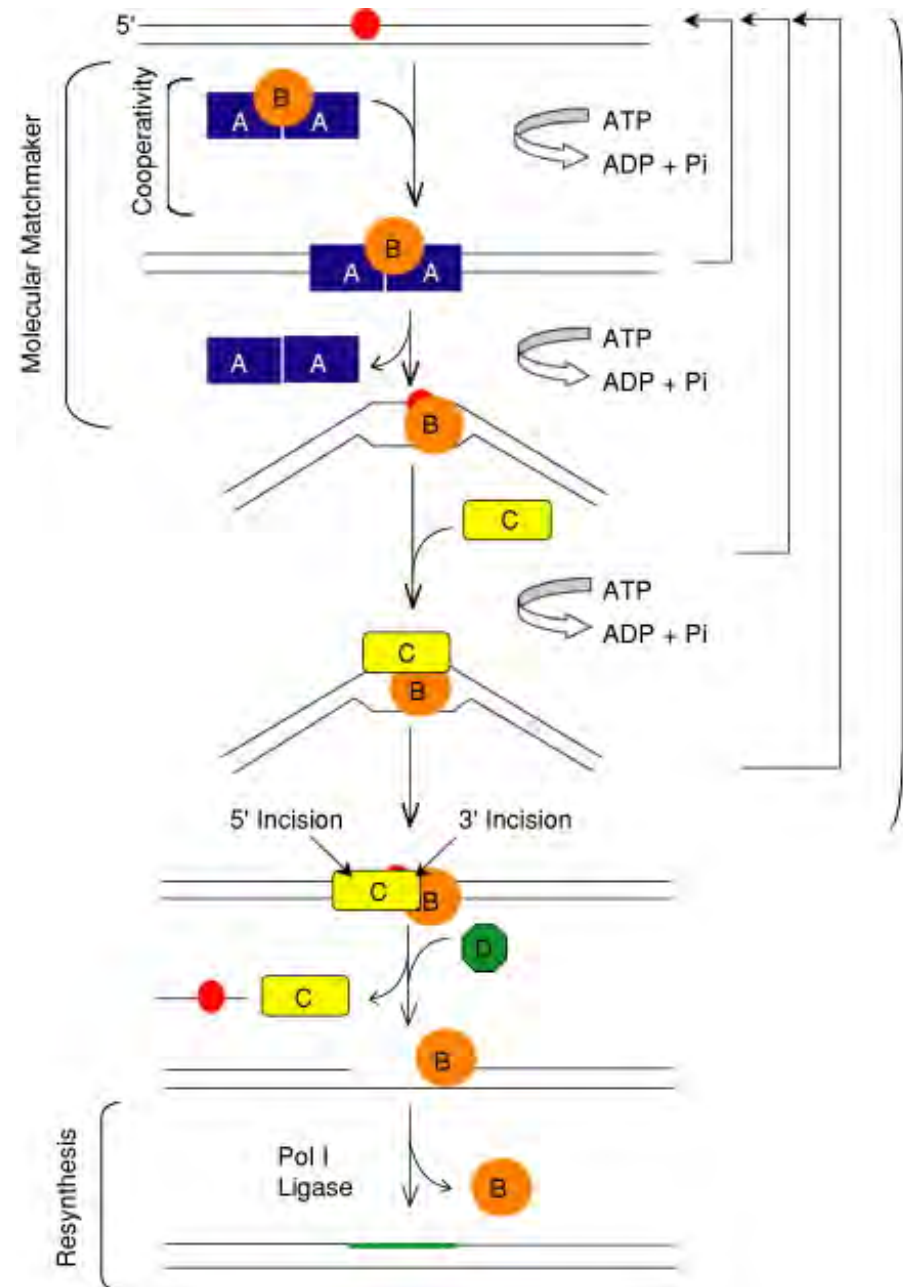


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Type of lesion	Lesion
Single base modification	Thymine glycol
	Dihydrothymine
	Benzo[α]pyrene adduct
	Anthramycin adduct
	O ⁴ -alkyl thymine
	O ⁶ -methyl guanine
	N ⁶ -methyl adenine
	Psoralen adduct
	Nitrogenous base removed (AP site)
Intra-DNA strand cross-links	<i>cis</i> -Platin adduct
	Pyrimidine dimer (6-4) photoproduct
Inter-DNA strand cross-links	<i>cis</i> -Platin adduct
	Nitrogen mustard adduct
Non-covalent modifications	Psoralen bisadduct
	Caffeine complex
	Ditercalinum complex



Nucleotide excision repair in *Escherichia coli*



Aziz Sancar

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2015

Prize share: 1/3: "for mechanistic studies of DNA repair."

**Photochemistry
AND Photobiology**

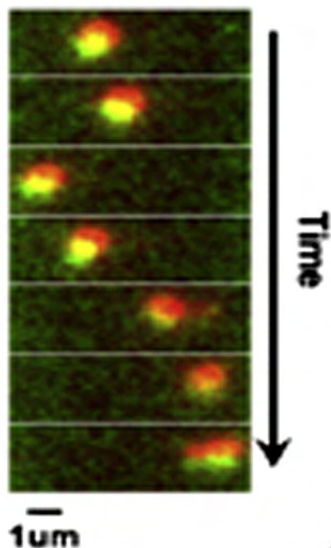
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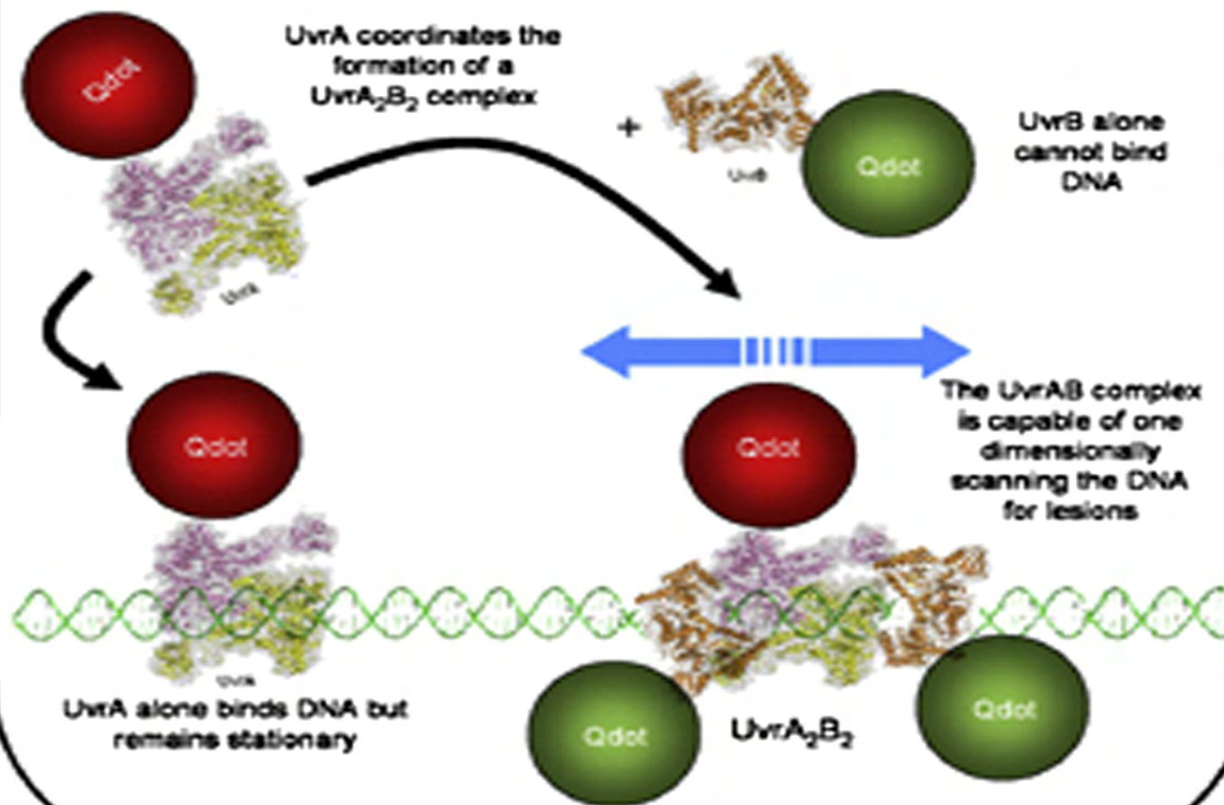
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The motion of a dual labeled UvrAB complex on a DNA tightrope

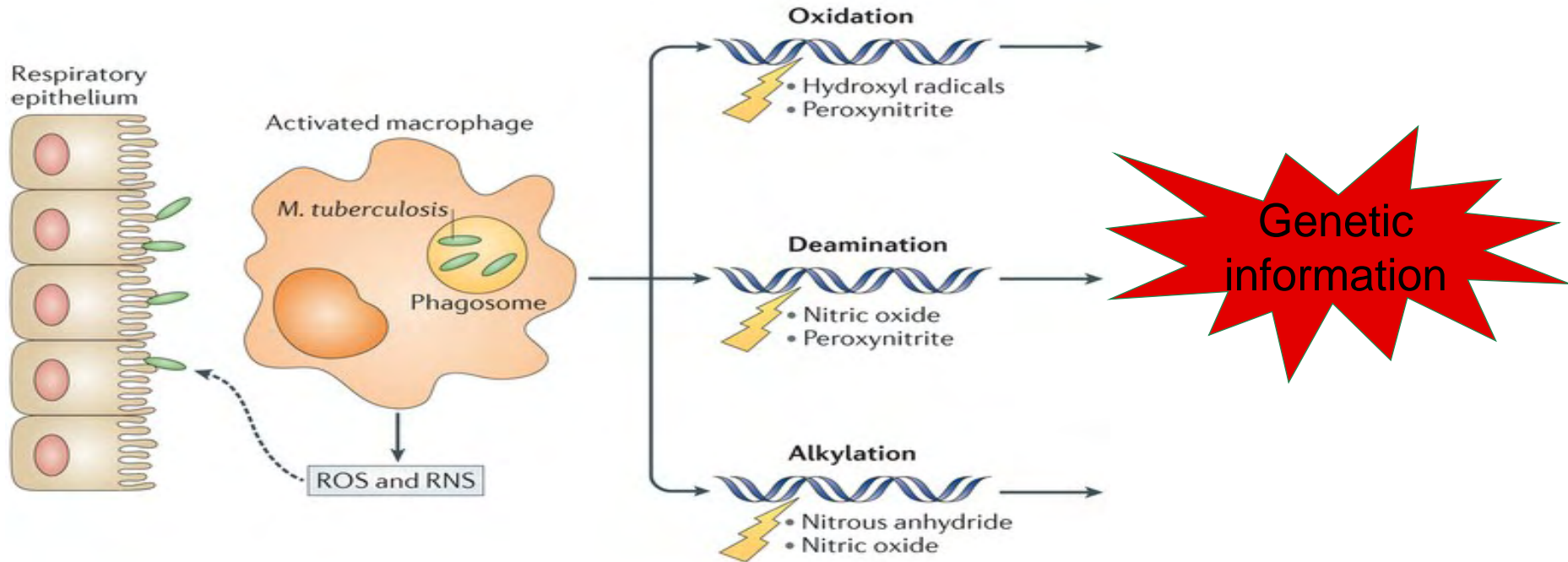


Single Molecule imaging of repair reveals the mechanism of collaboration between the prokaryotic nucleotide excision repair proteins UvrA and UvrB



DNA is suspended as tightropes on 5 μm beads to permit direct single molecule imaging of the process of lesion search during Nucleotide Excision Repair

DNA repair systems and *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*



Veen & Tang (2015) *Nat. Rev. Microbiol.*

- However, in contrast to *Helicobacter pylori*, where the absence of a functional MMR system was correlated to a markedly high level of genetic diversity, *M. tuberculosis* genomes are very stable.

Kang & Blaser (2006) *Nat. Rev. Microbiol.* **4**, 826–836.

Transcription of the *uvrA* gene has been shown to be up-regulated in human macrophage-grown *M. tuberculosis* bacilli hours post infection. **Graham & Clark-Curtiss (1999) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U S A.* 96, 11554-11559**

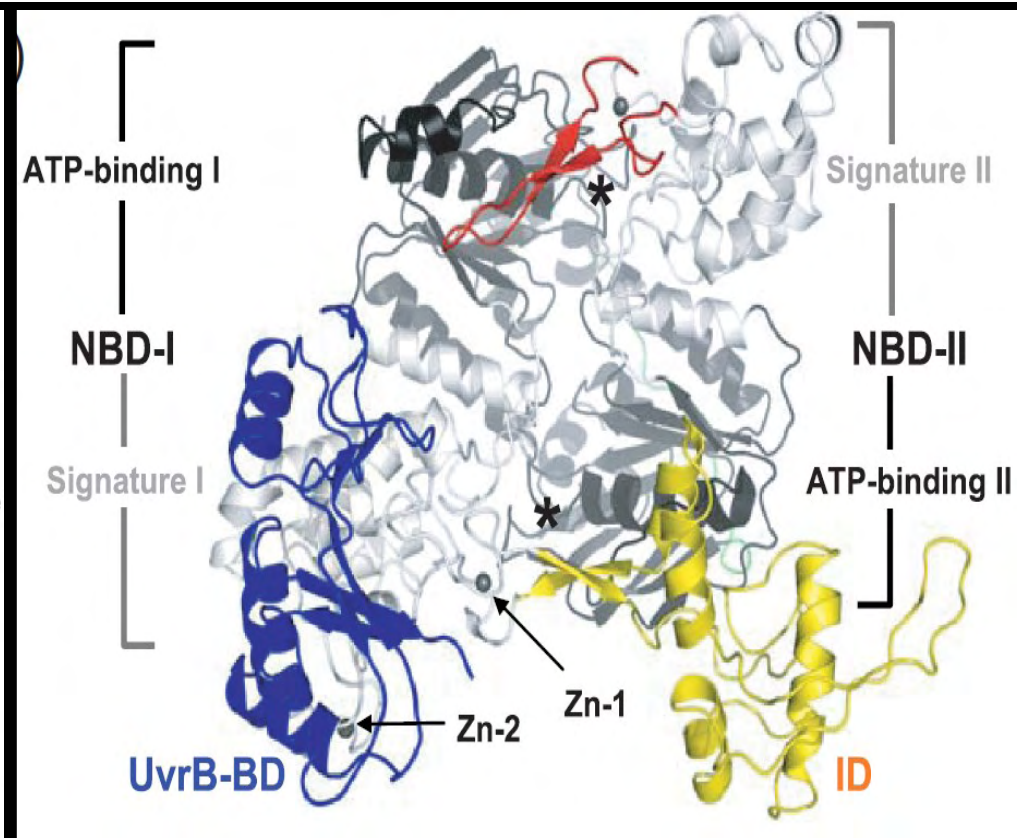
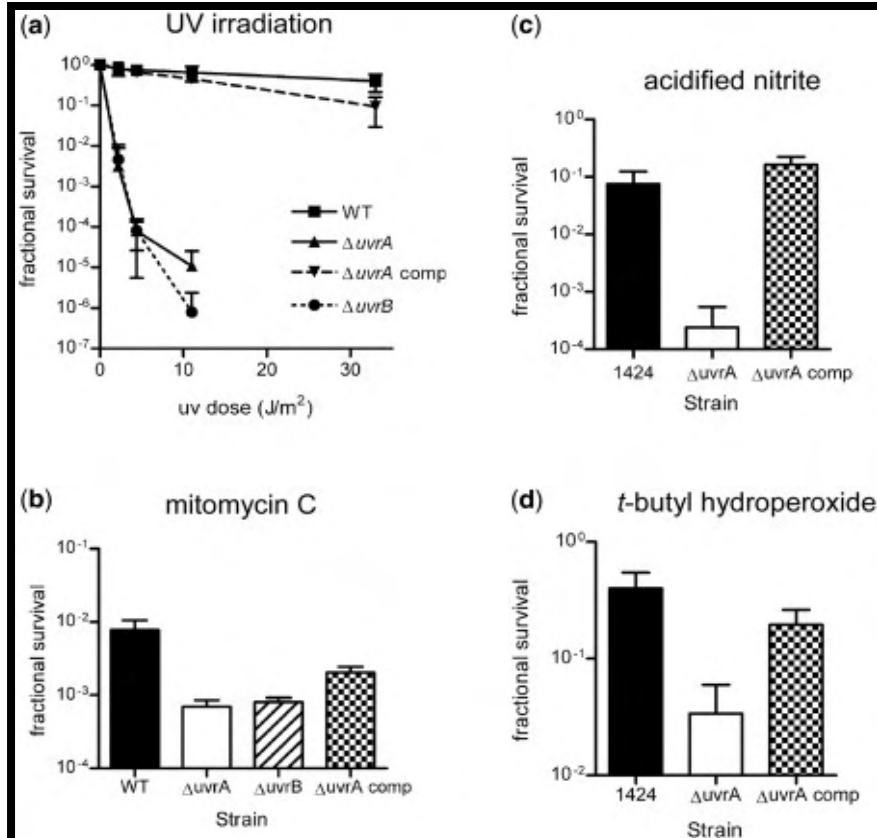
Gene inactivation and trans-complementation analyses demonstrated a crucial role for UvrB in mycobacterial resistance to nitrosative, oxidative and UV exposure-induced DNA damage. **Darwin *et al.*, (2003) *Science* 302, 1963-1966**

Importance of the *uvrB* gene for *M. tuberculosis* survival and virulence in the mouse model. **Darwin & Nathan (2005) *Infect. Immun.* 73, 4581– 4587**

Identification of a chemical that inhibits the mycobacterial UvrABC complex in nucleotide excision repair. **Mazloum *et al.*, (2011) *Biochemistry* 50, 1329-1335**

The biological and structural characterization of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* UvrA provides novel insights into its mechanism of action

Franca Rossi , Jasbeer Singh Khanduja , Alessio Bortoluzzi , Joanna Houghton , Peter Sander , Carolin Güthlein , Elaine O. Davis , Burkhard Springer , Erik C. Böttger , Annalisa Relini , Amanda Penco , K. Muniyappa and Menico Rizzi *



Examples Using NER Proteins: MtUvrA, MtUvrB and MtUvrC

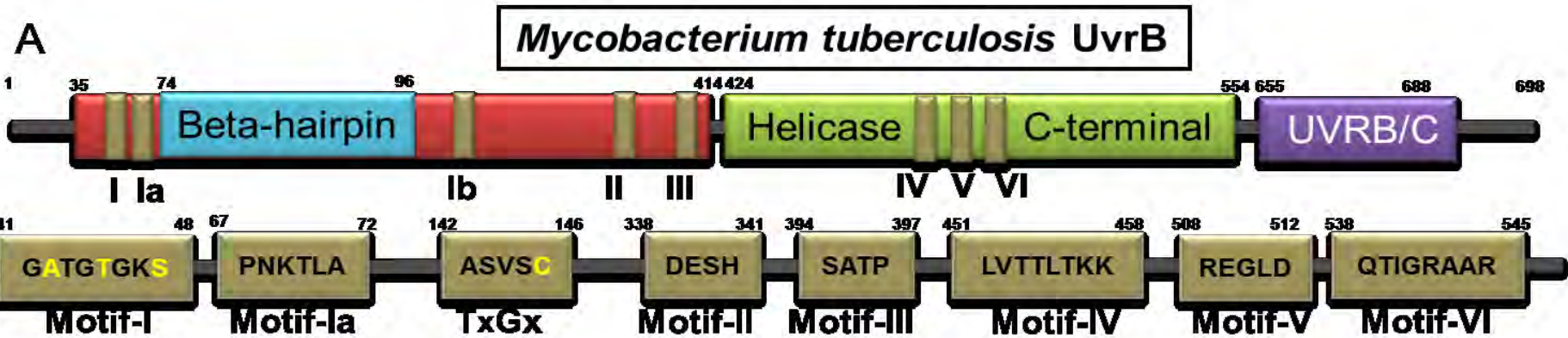
Strategies

- ✓ How to purify *M. tuberculosis* protein from the surrogate host, *E. coli* ?
 - ✓ Site Directed Mutagenesis
- ✓ Understanding the role of Motif in the protein
- ✓ Techniques to study protein-protein interaction

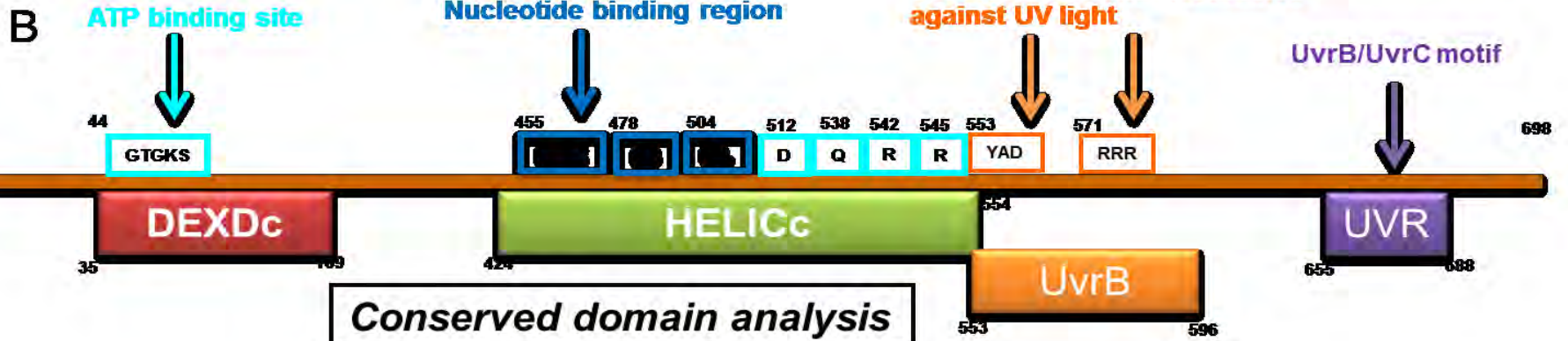
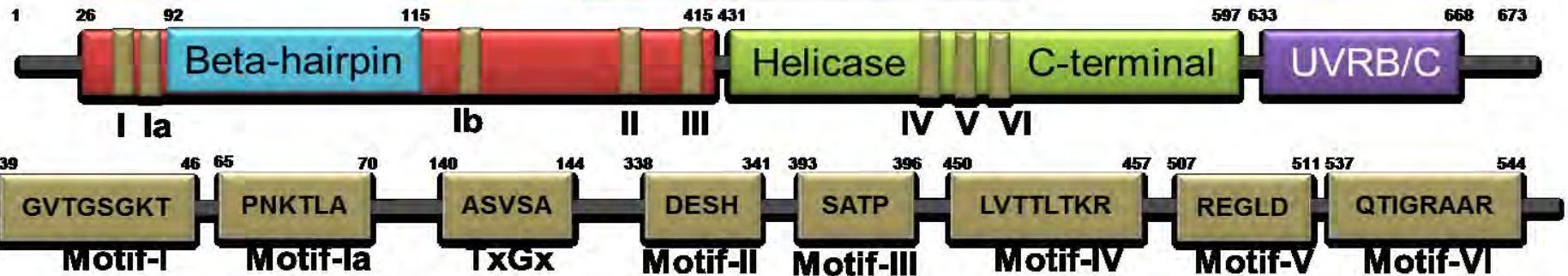
Comparison of *E. coli* and *M. tuberculosis* UvrB Protein

Organism	Similarity (%)	Identity (%)
<i>Mycobacterium smegmatis</i>	97.1	92.2
<i>Mycobacterium leprae</i> (Strain TN)	96.7	95
<i>Mycobacterium bovis</i>	100	100
<i>Escherichia coli</i> (Strain K12)	68.3	54
<i>Thermotoga maritima</i>	64.8	50
<i>Thermus thermophilus</i>	66.5	55
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> (Strain 168)	70.1	58

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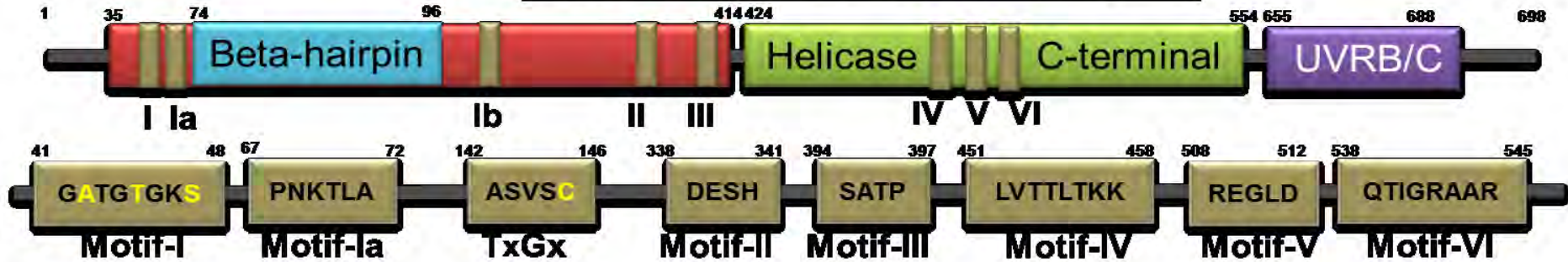
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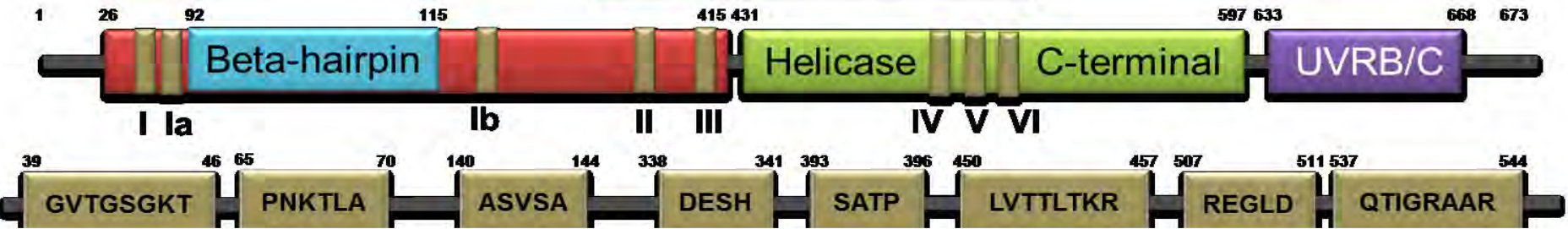
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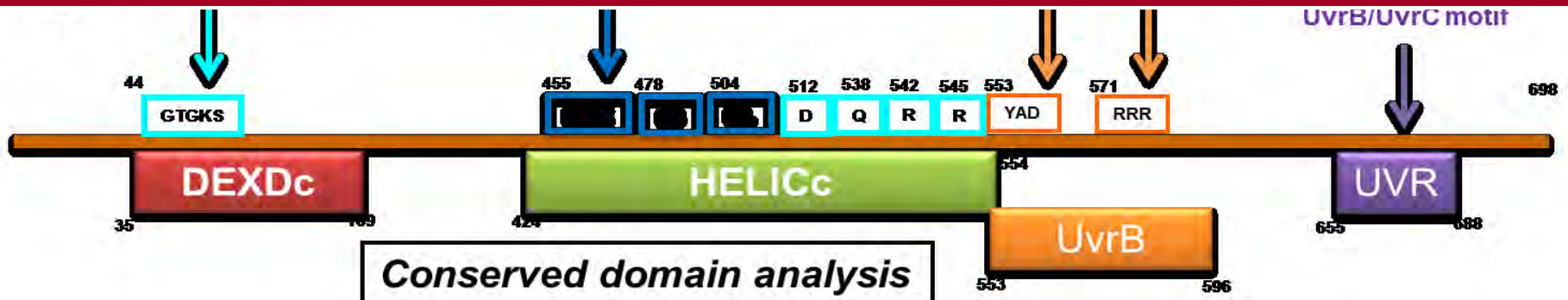
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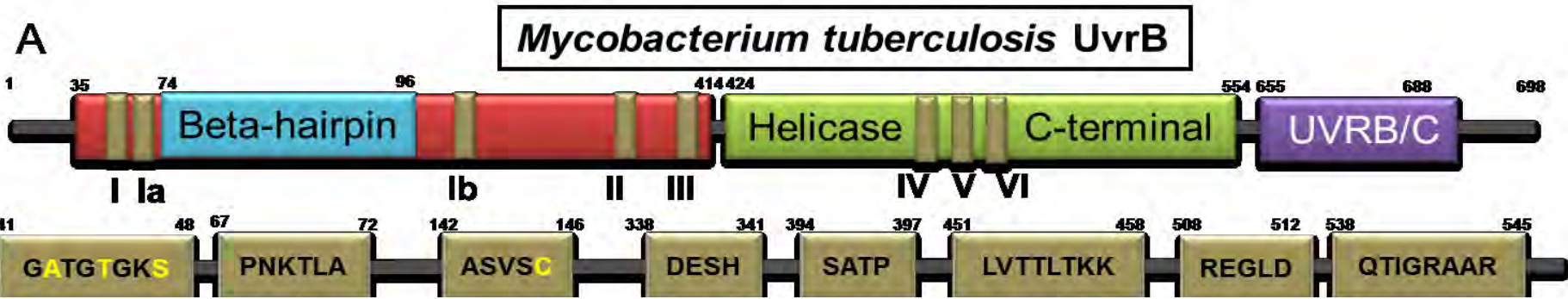
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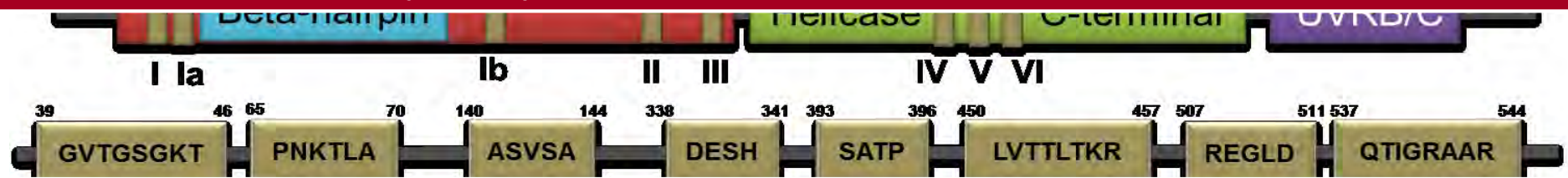
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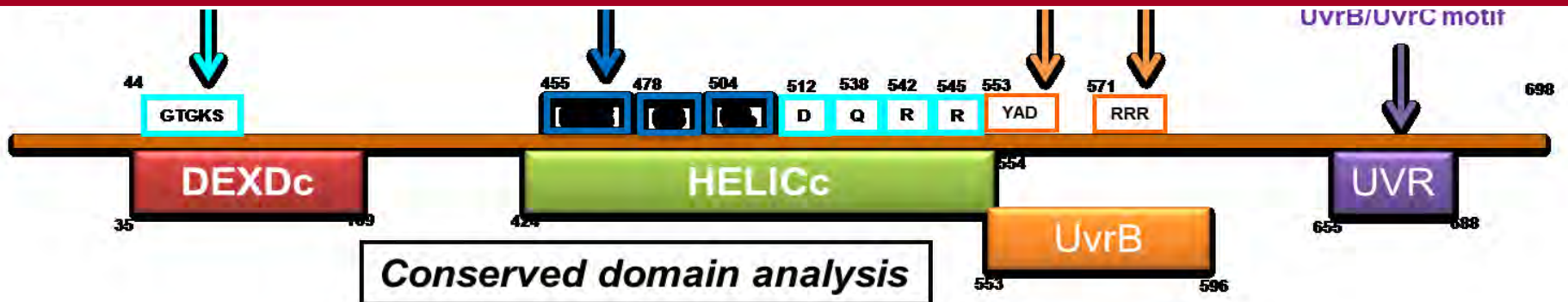
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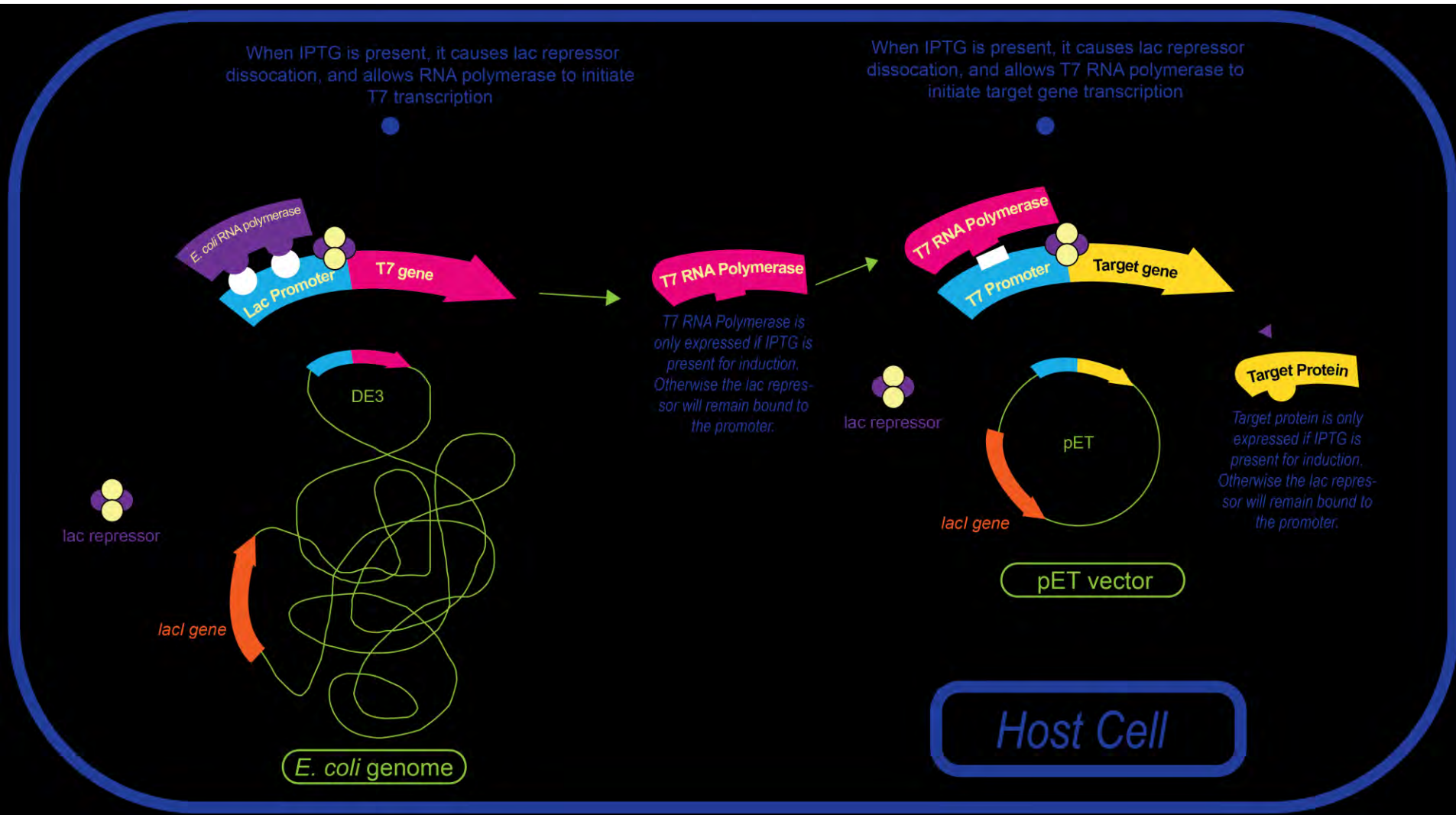
EcUvrB and MtUvrB contain all of the structural properties of a DNA/RNA helicase necessary to couple ATP binding and hydrolysis to enable domain motion



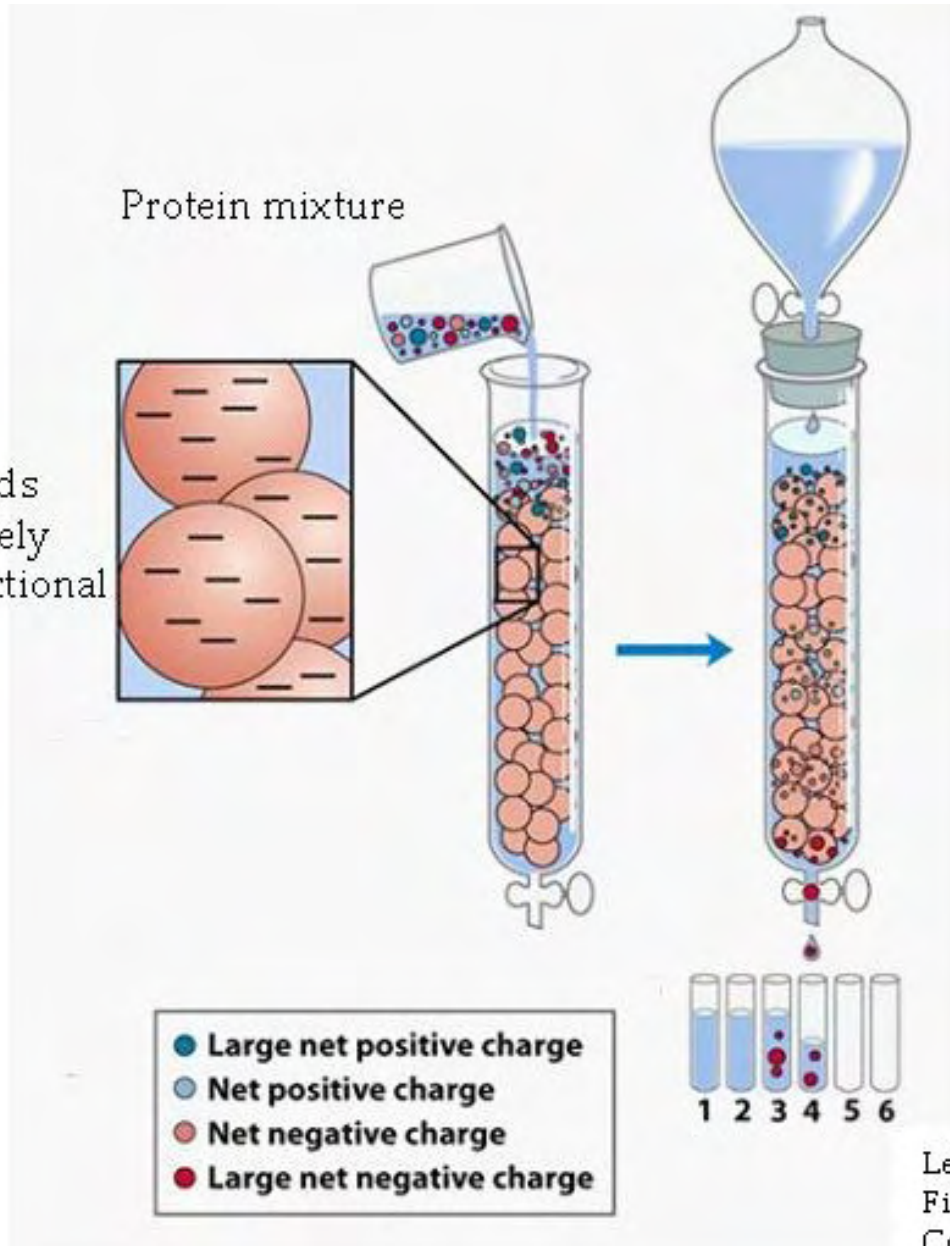
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Overexpression of proteins using *E. coli* as a host

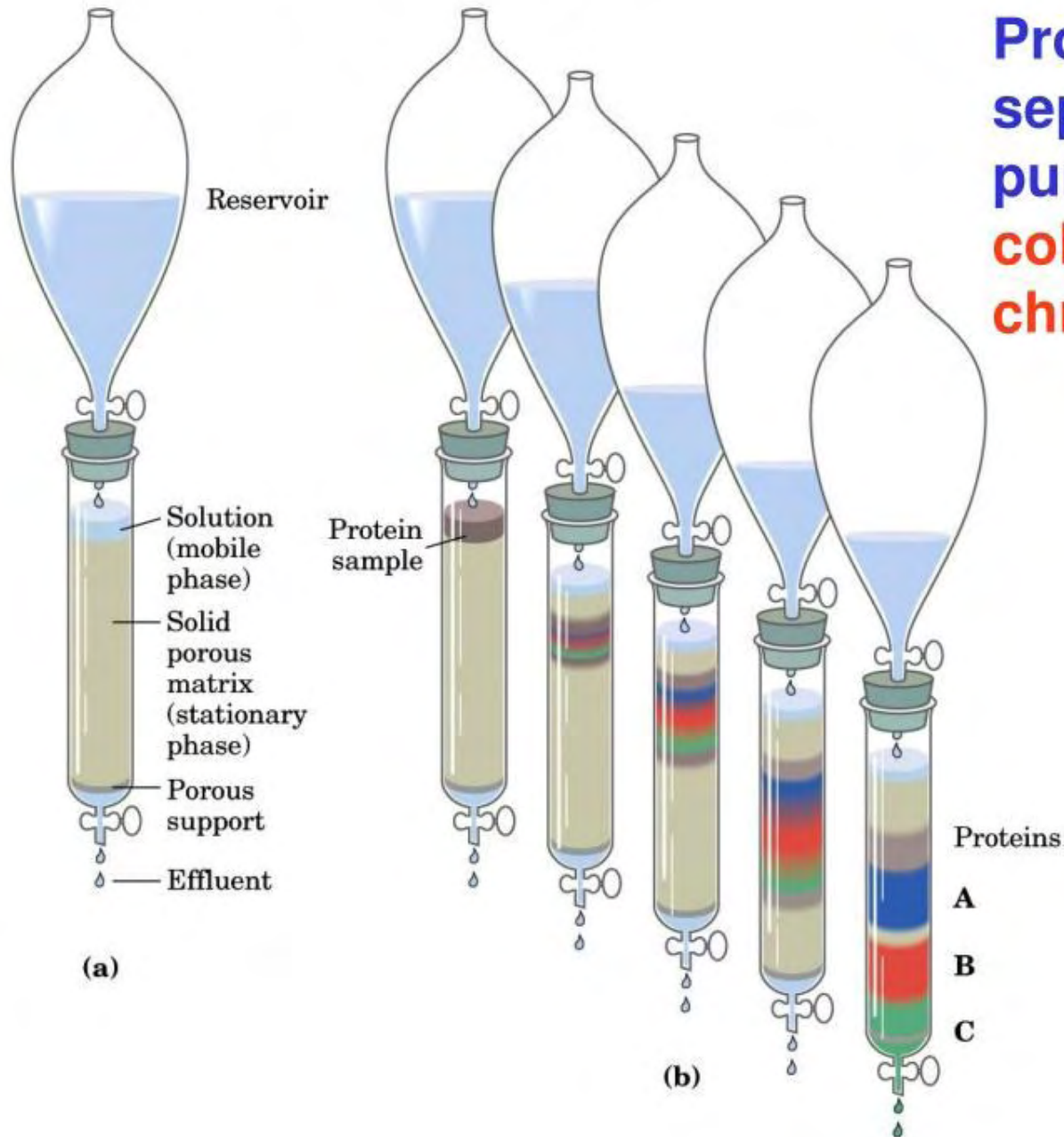


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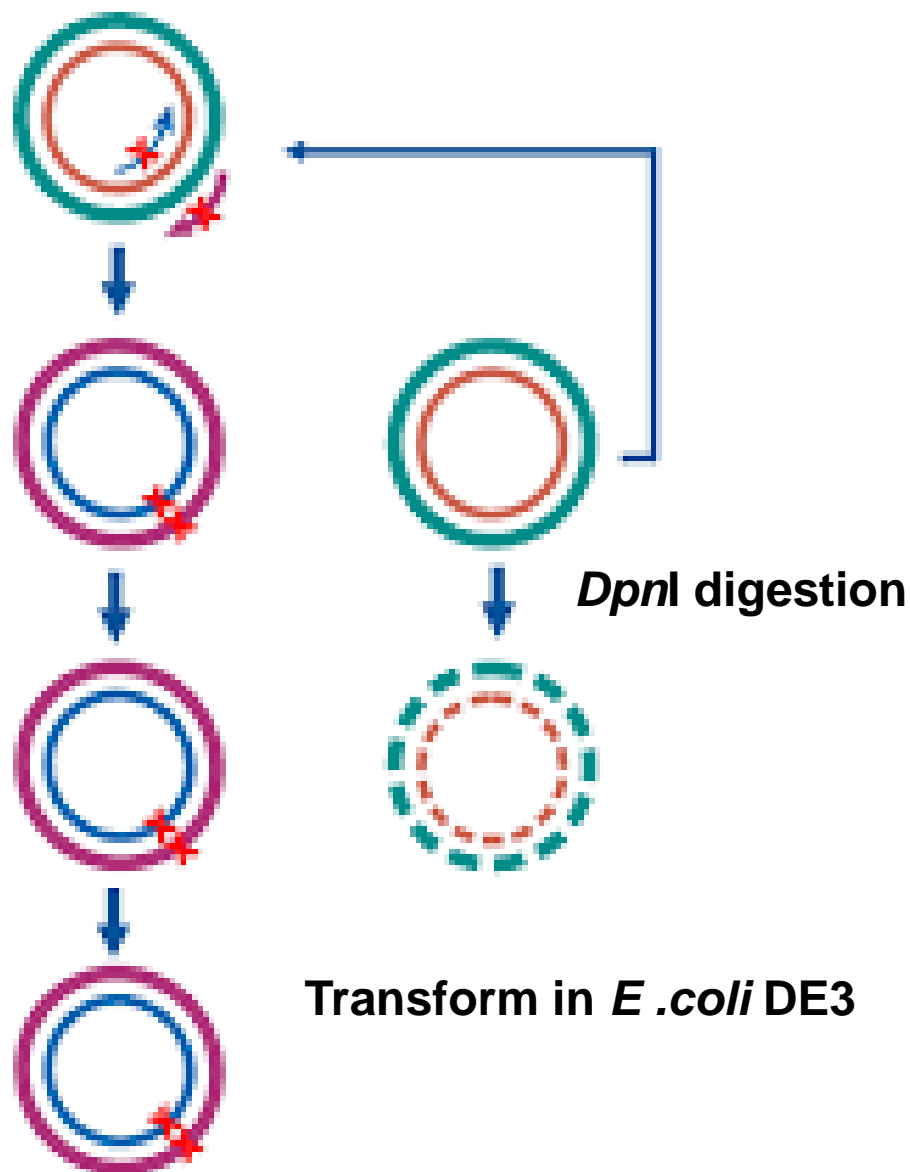


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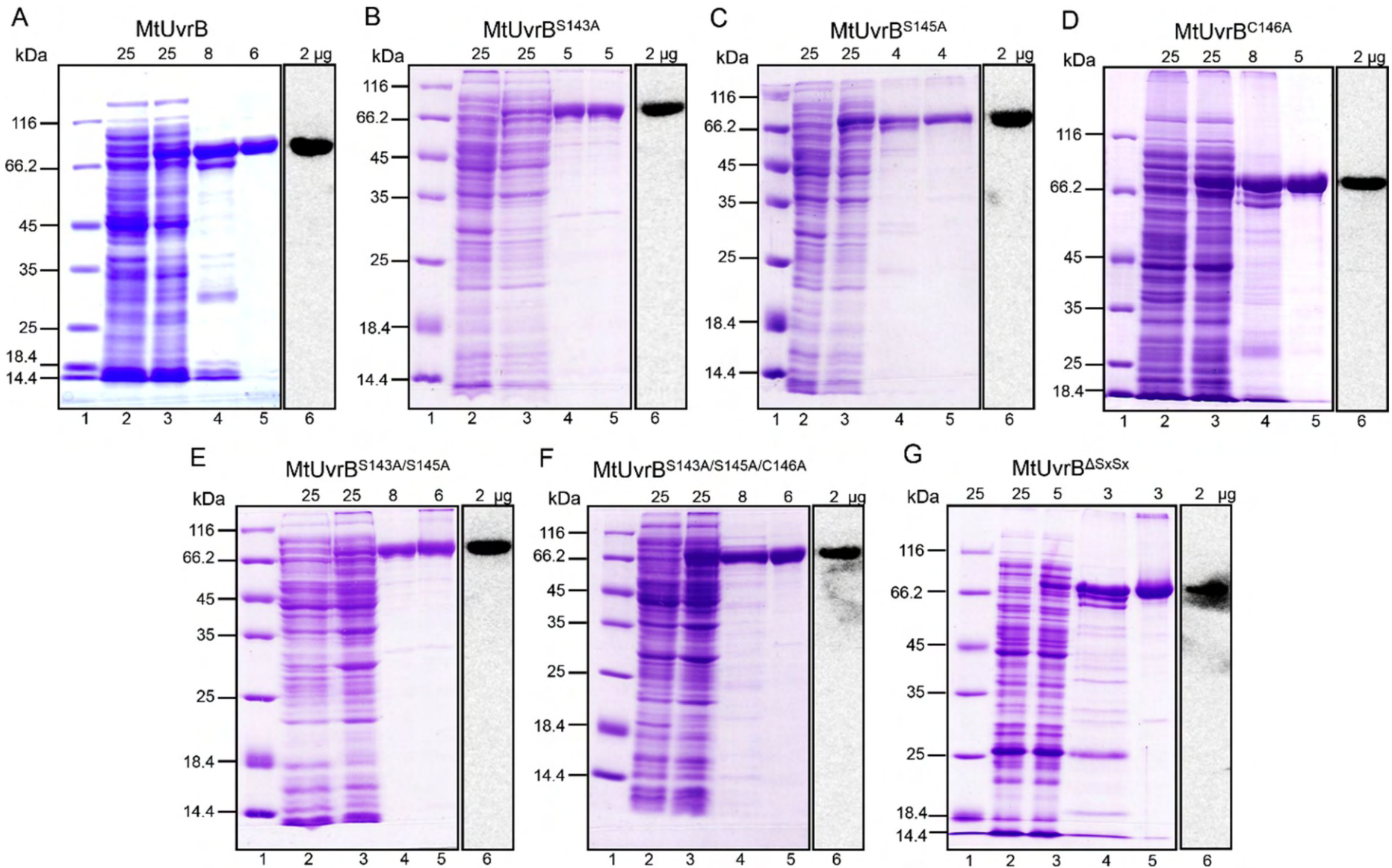
Protein separation and purification by column chromatography



Site Directed Mutagenesis Using Single/Complimentary Primers

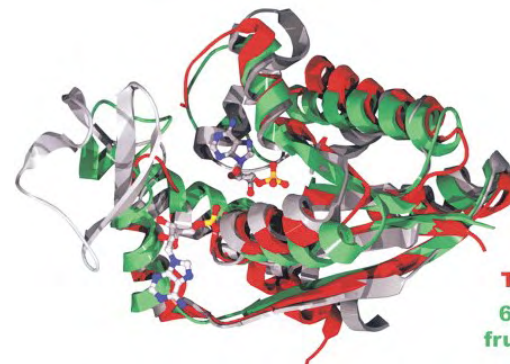
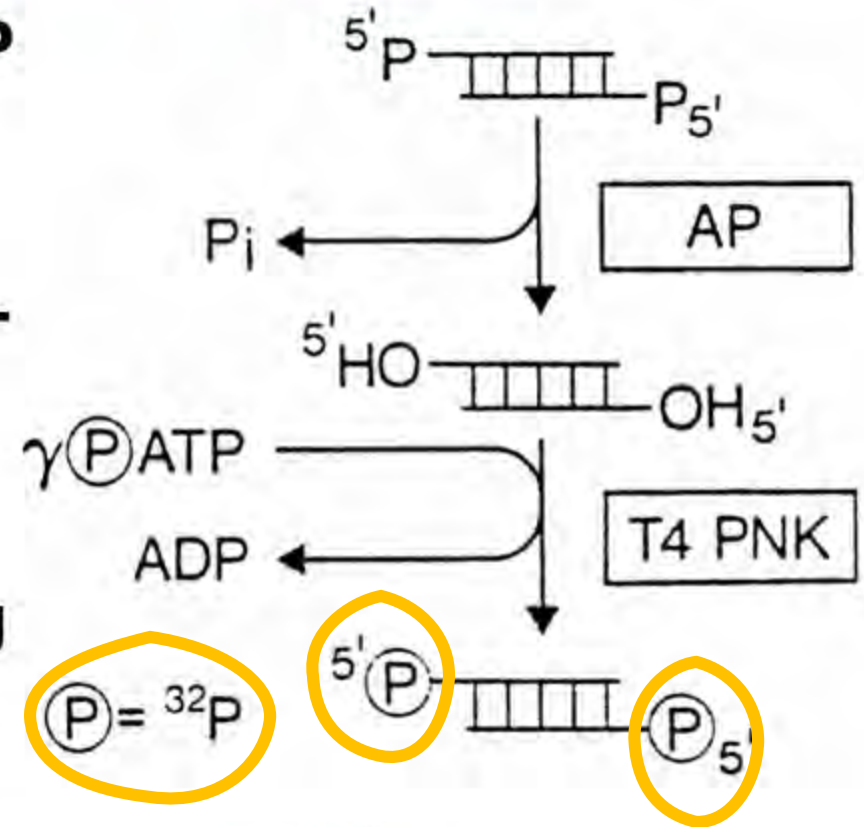
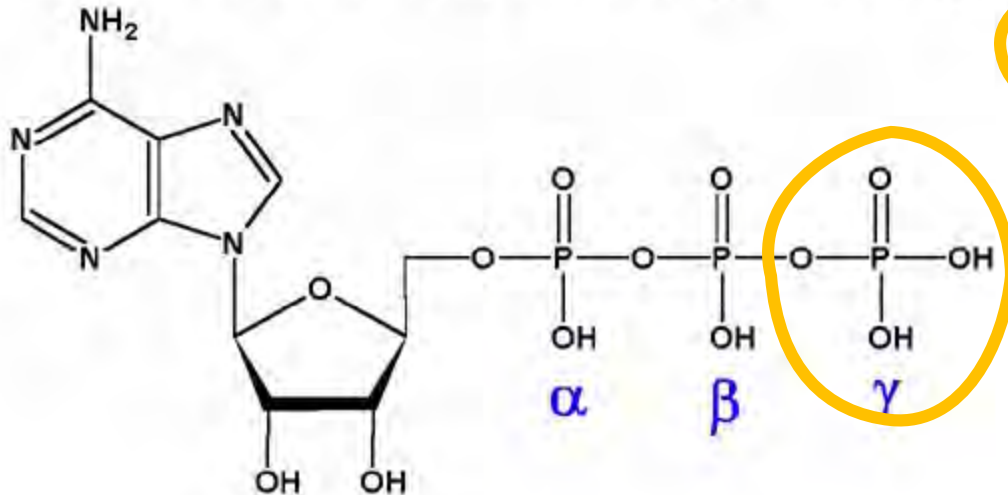


Expression and Purification of MtUvrB or its variants



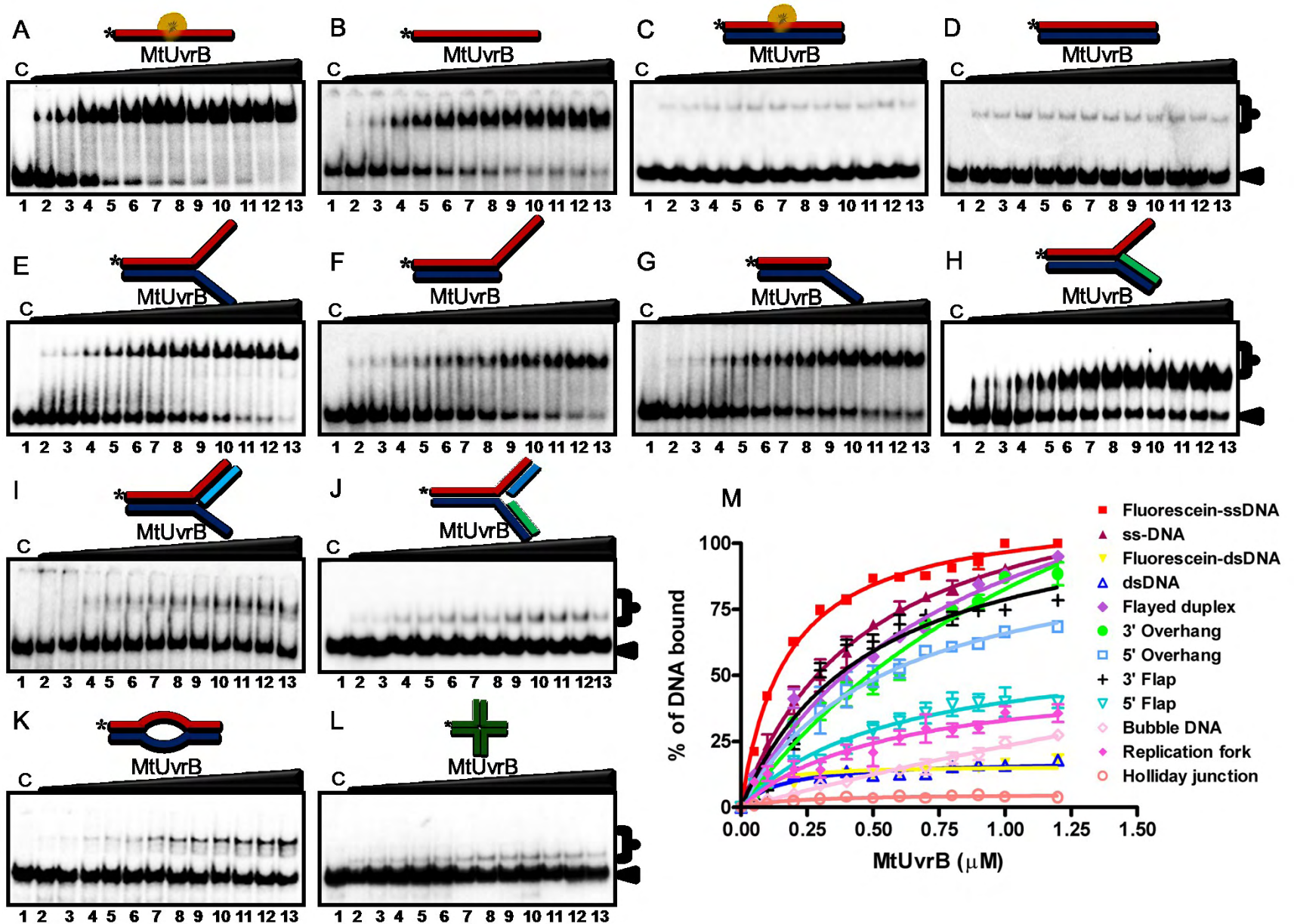
T4 Polynucleotide Kinase

- transfers γ - PO_4 from ATP to 5'-OH
- major uses:
 - end-labeling (dephosphorylate first if necessary)
 - phosphorylate synthetic oligonucleotides
 - Maxim-Gilbert sequencing



adenylate kinase
T4 polynucleotide kinase
6-phosphofructo-2-kinase/
fructose-2,6-bisphosphatase

Characterization of DNA Substrate Specificity of MtUvrB



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Substrate	K_d (nM)
Fluorescein-ssDNA	136.8 ± 4.46
Unmodified ssDNA	285.4 ± 3.19
3' flap	365.4 ± 2.69
Splayed duplex	389.5 ± 2.69
3' overhang	482 ± 2.51
5' overhang	530.5 ± 1.72
5' flap	1427.5 ± 2.17
Replication fork	1716.2 ± 3.30
Bubble-containing dsDNA	2247.9 ± 0.23
Fluorescein-dsDNA	ND
Unmodified dsDNA	ND
Holliday junction	ND

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Nucleic Acids Research

Involvement of a cryptic ATPase activity of UvrB and its proteolysis product, UvrB* in DNA repair

Paul R. Caron⁺ and Lawrence Grossman

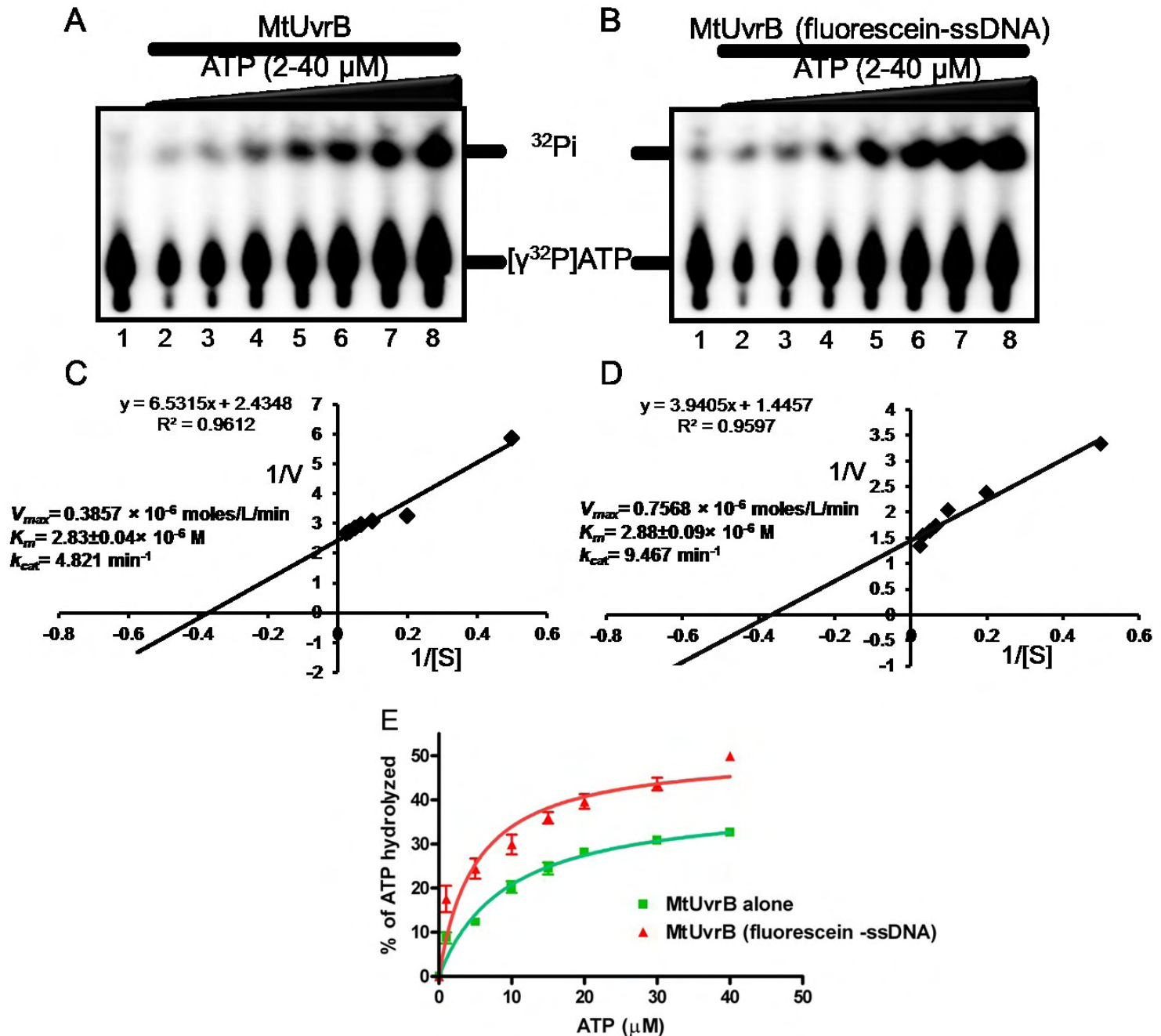
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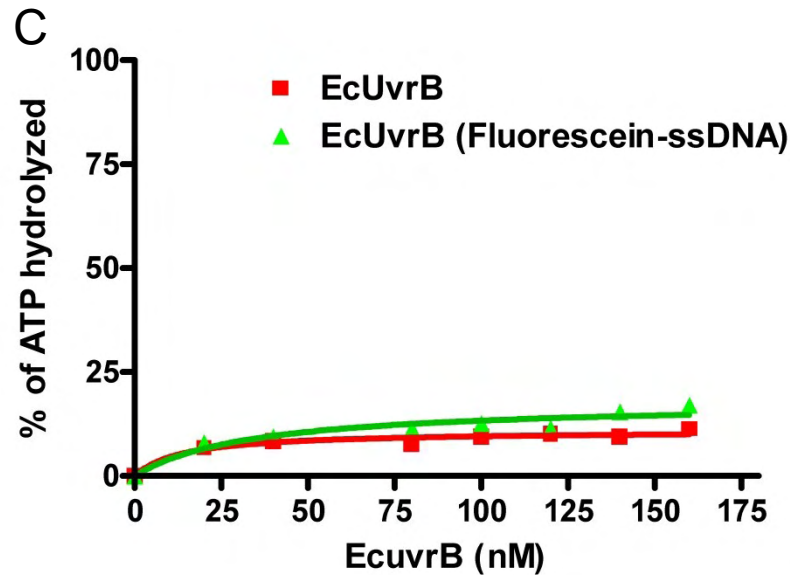
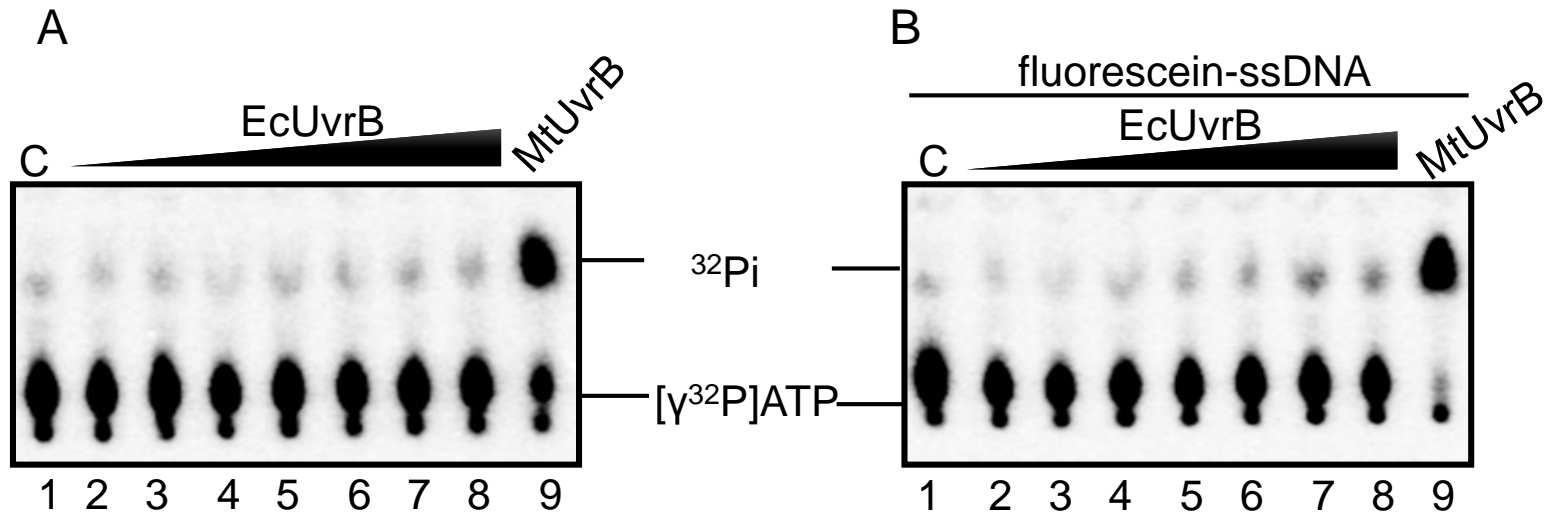
ATPase Activity of UvrB Protein from *Thermus thermophilus* HB8 and Its Interaction with DNA*

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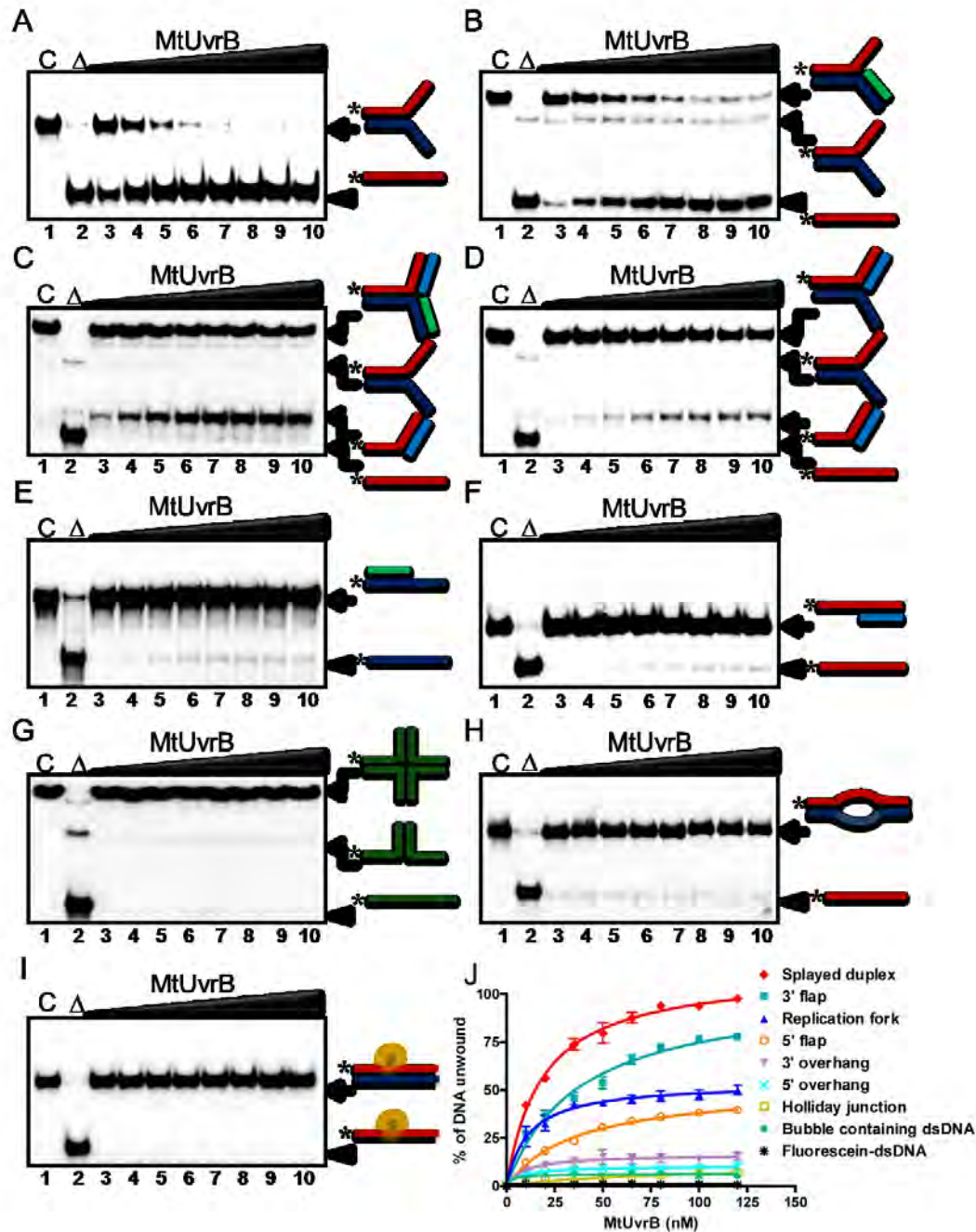
MtUvrB Possesses ATPase Activity Which Is Stimulated by DNA



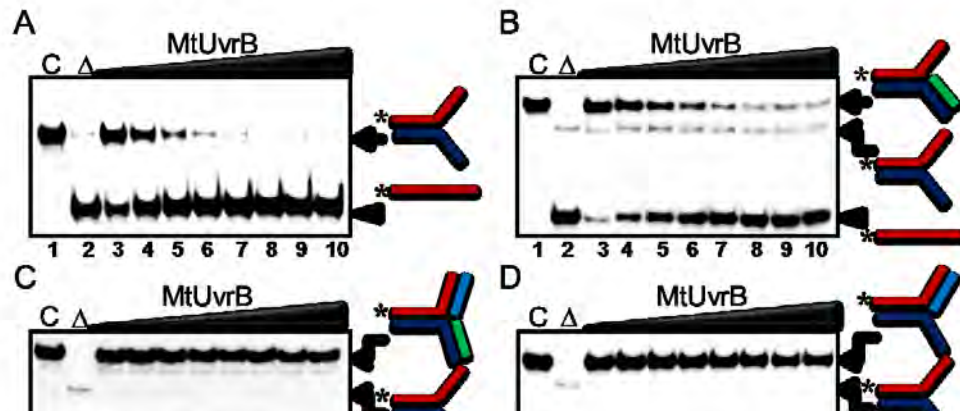
Evaluation of the ATPase Activity of EcUvrB in Absence and Presence of Fluorescein-ssDNA



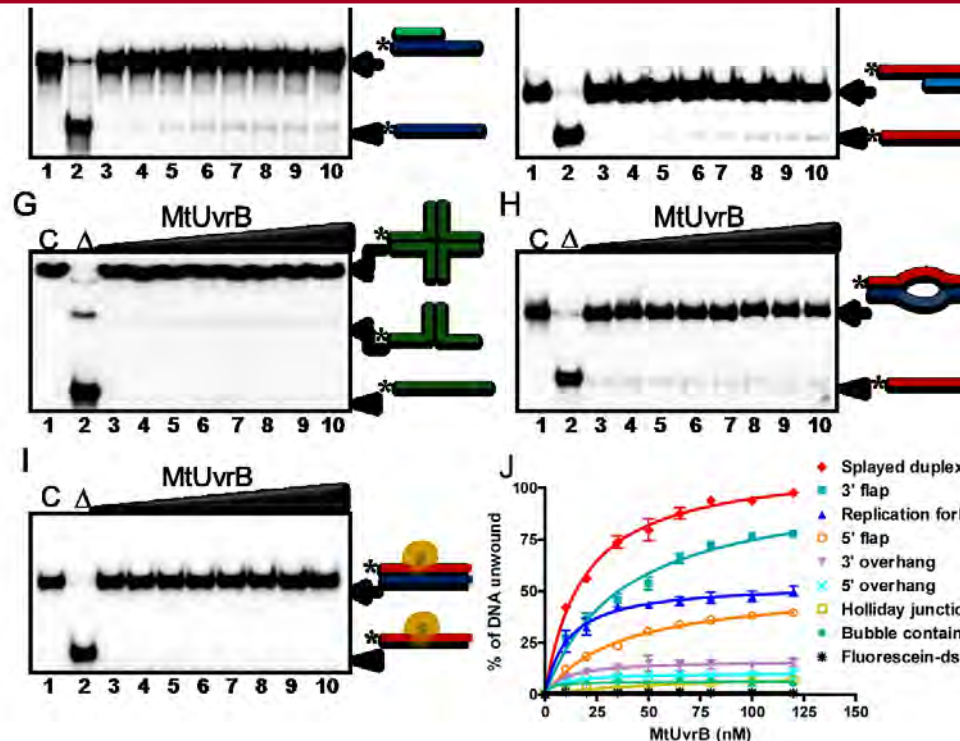
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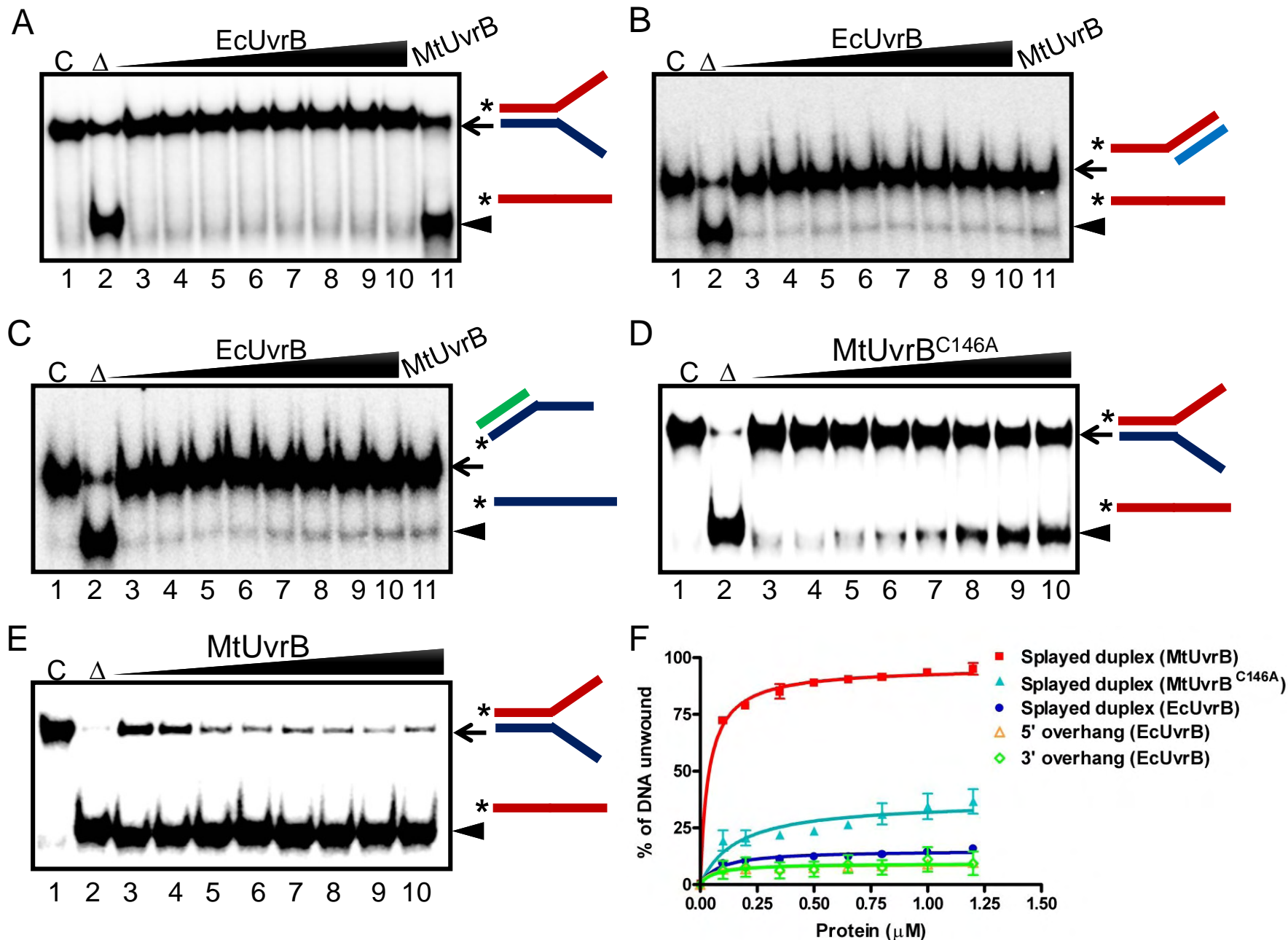
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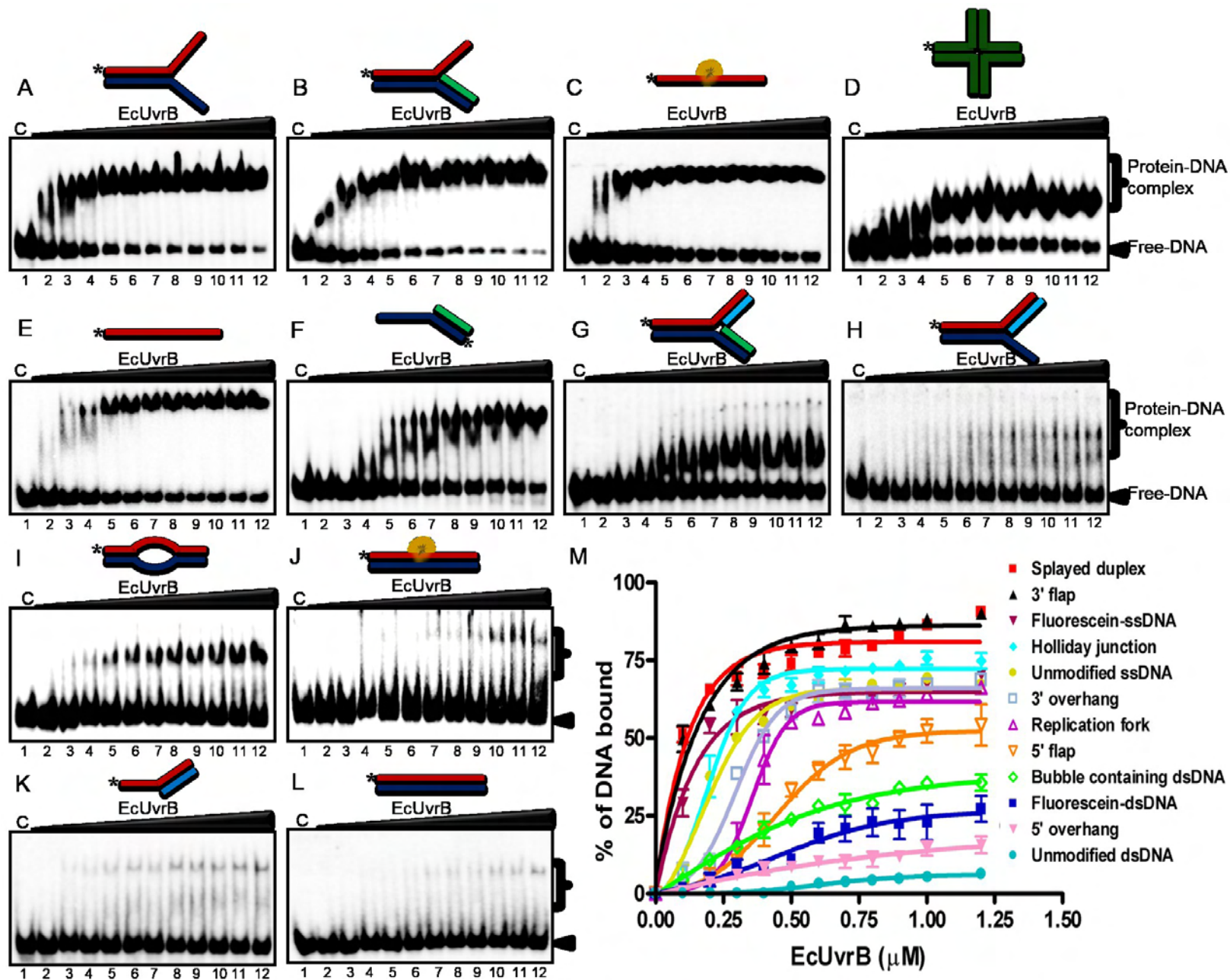
MtUvrB requires a single-stranded region for unwinding and proceeds in a directional manner

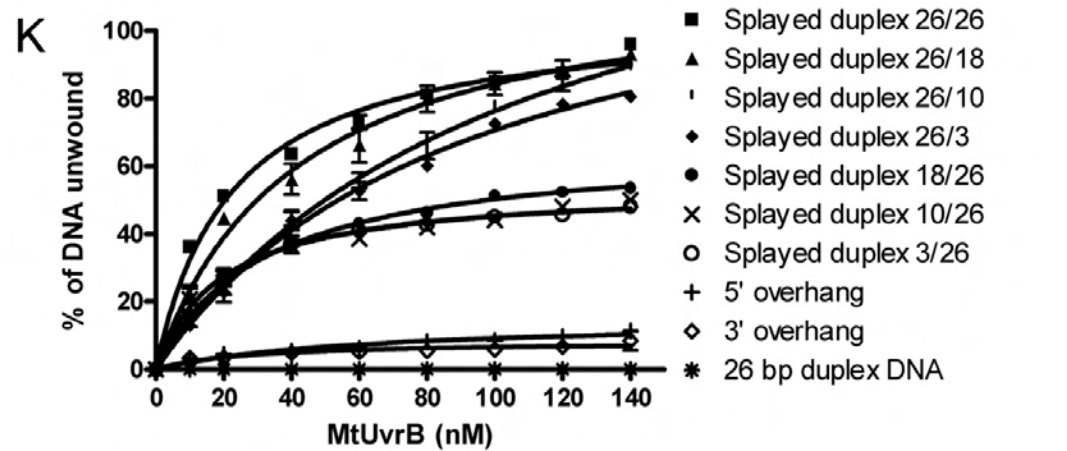
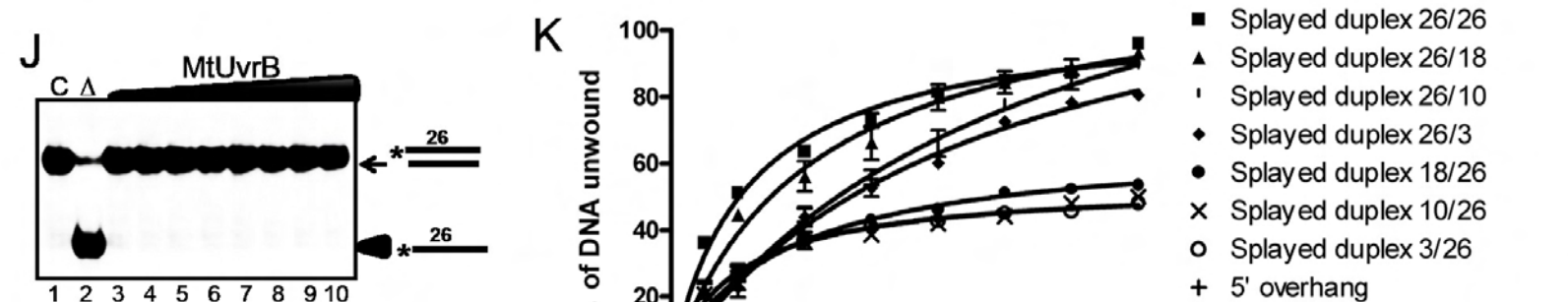
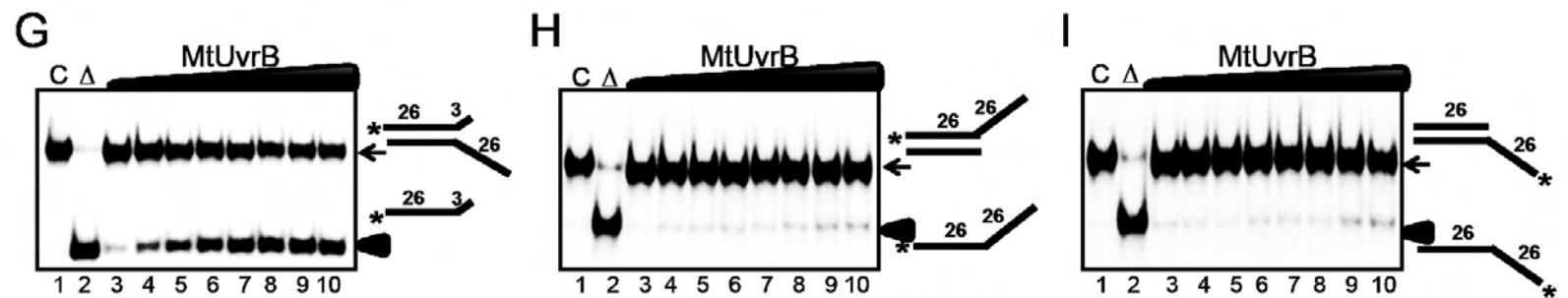
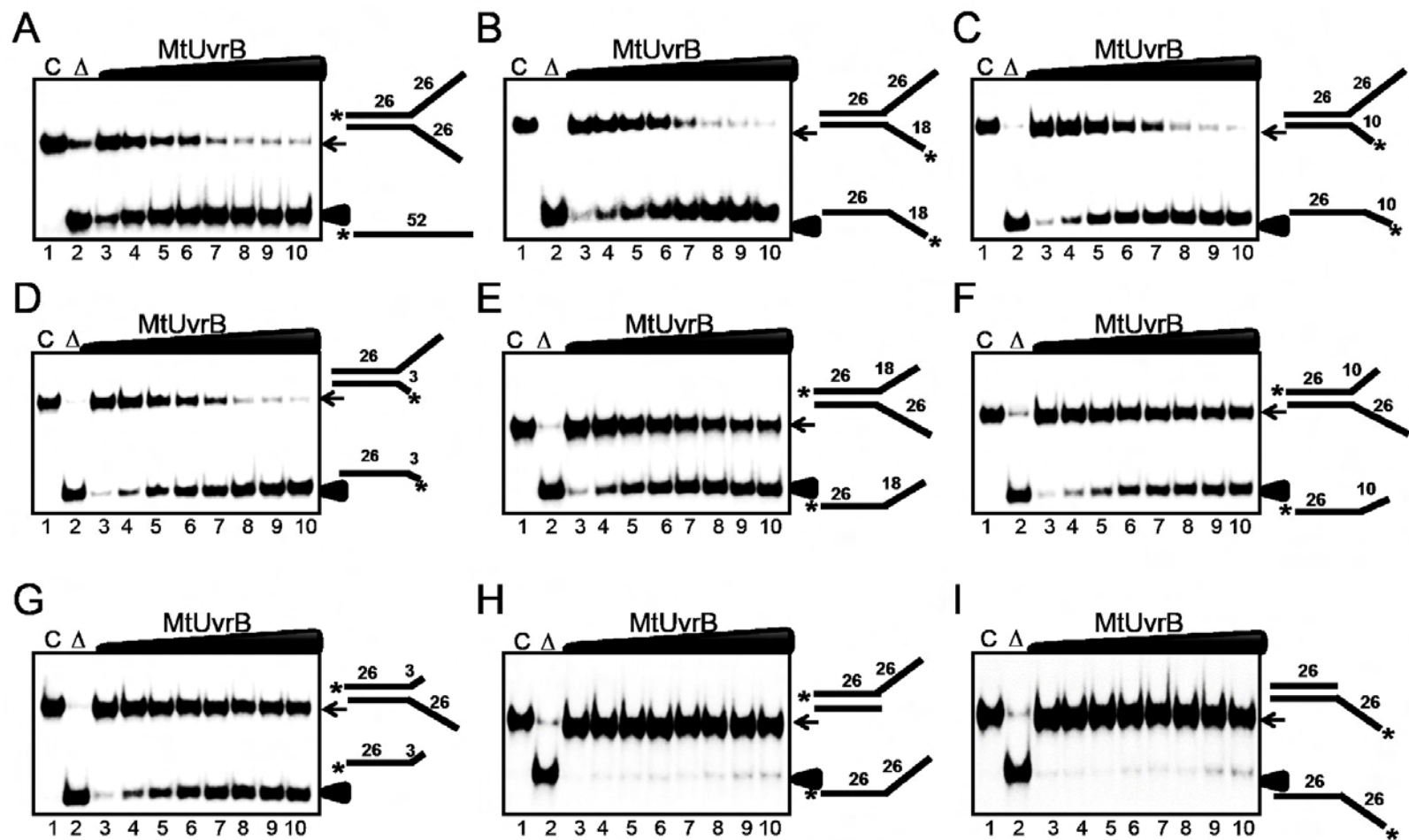


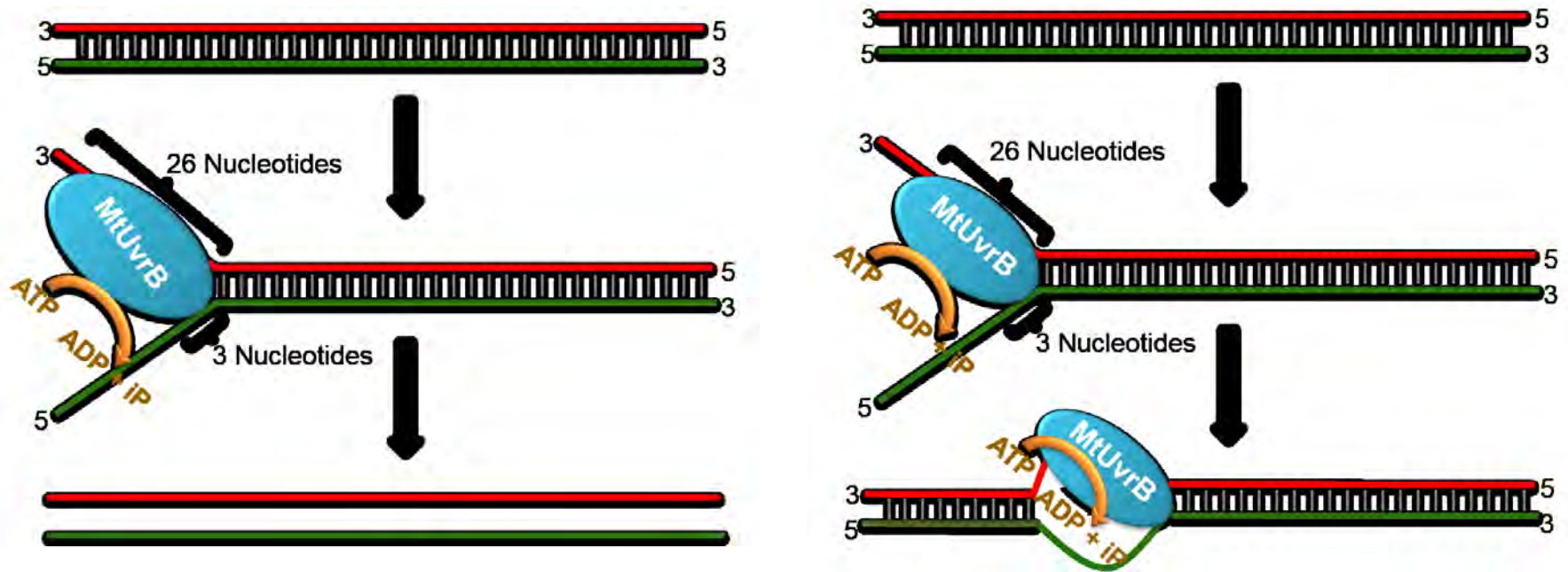
Helicase Activity of *E.coli* UvrB and MtUvrB^{C146A}



Characterization of DNA Substrate Specificity of EcUvrB

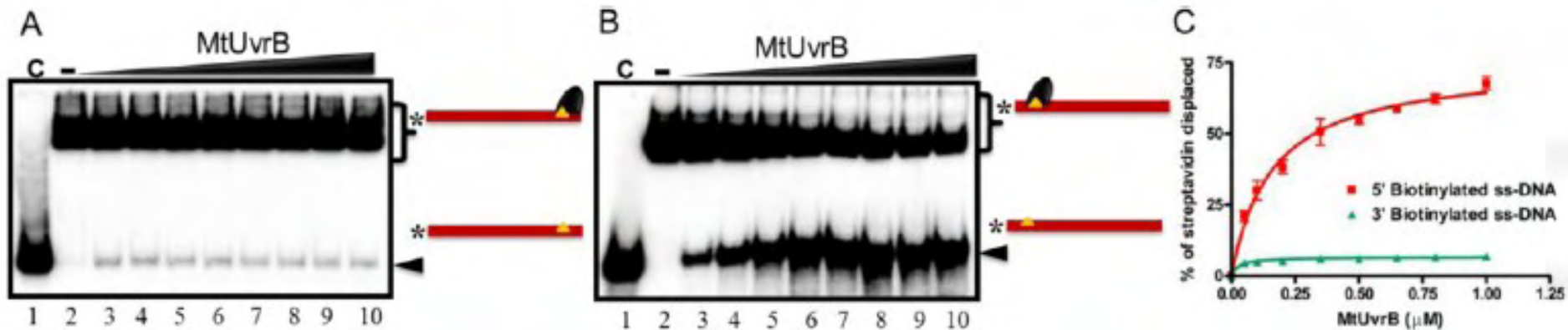
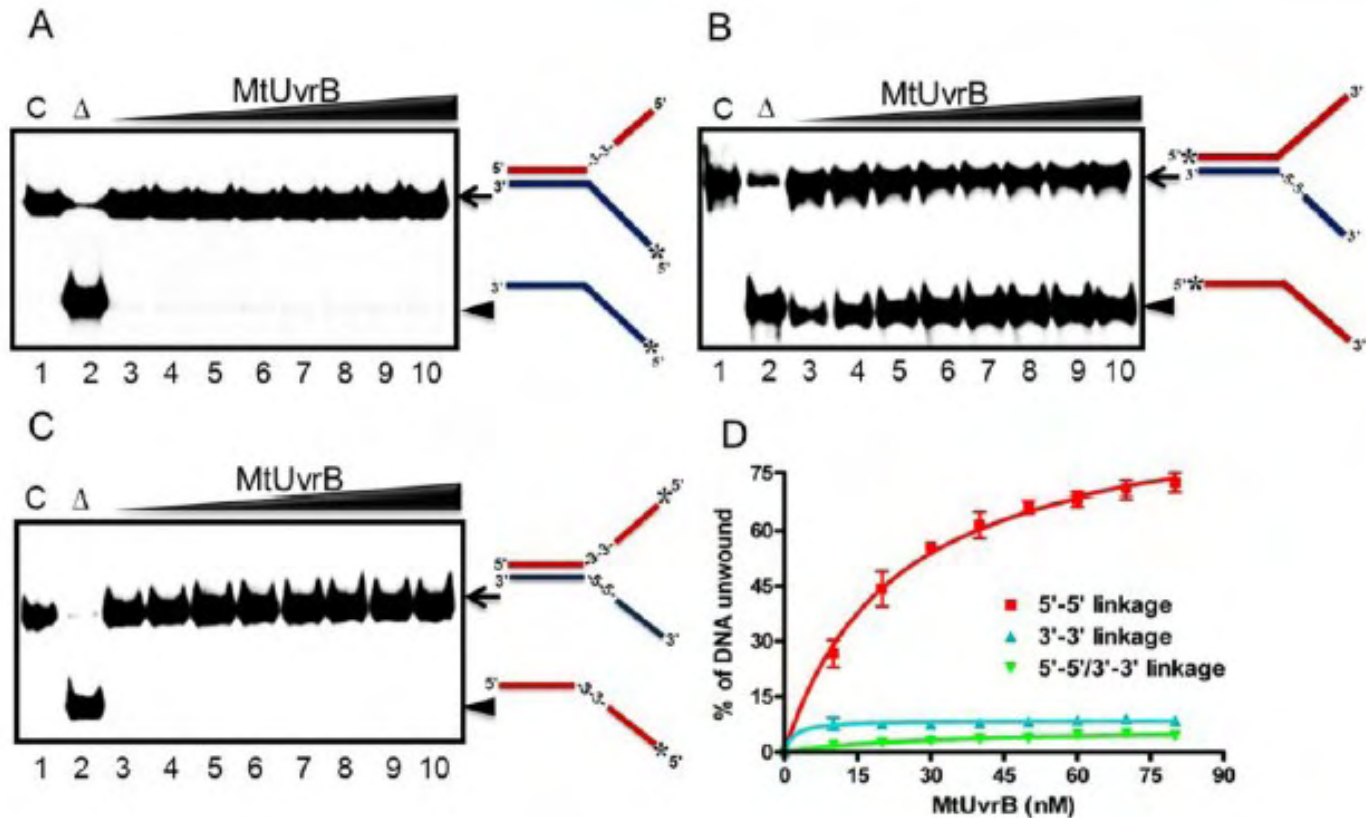






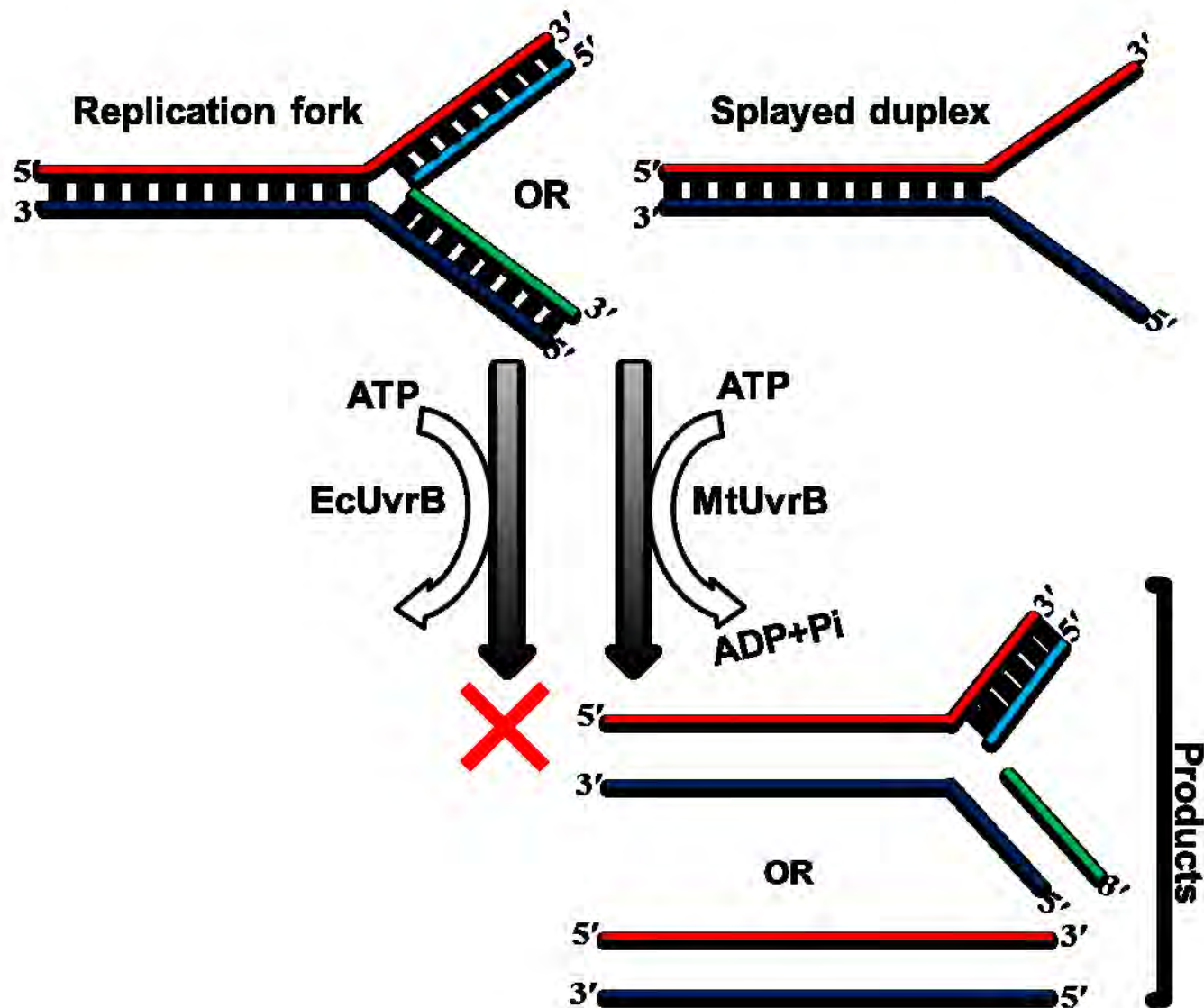
- Fork junction is required for MtUvrB catalysed helicase activity
- 26 nucleotides on 3' ss-dna tails are required for loading MtUvrB to perform helicase activity
- 3 Nucleotides are required on 5' ss-DNA tails to perform helicase activity
- Hence, in addition to translocating strand, it also interacts with non-translocating strand
- The fraction of DNA unwound by MtUvrB decreases significantly as the length of the duplex increases
- Thus, reannealing of the strands starts occurring behind the translocating MtUvrB

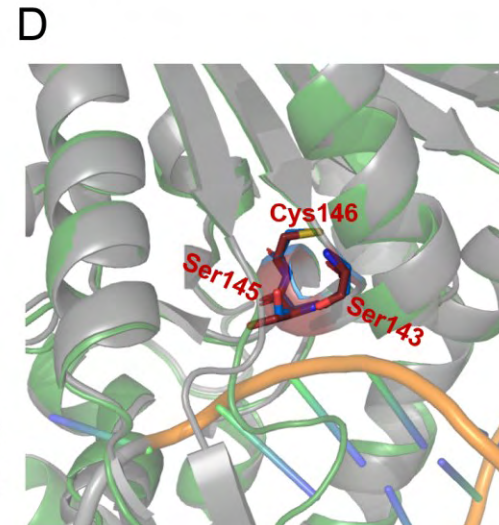
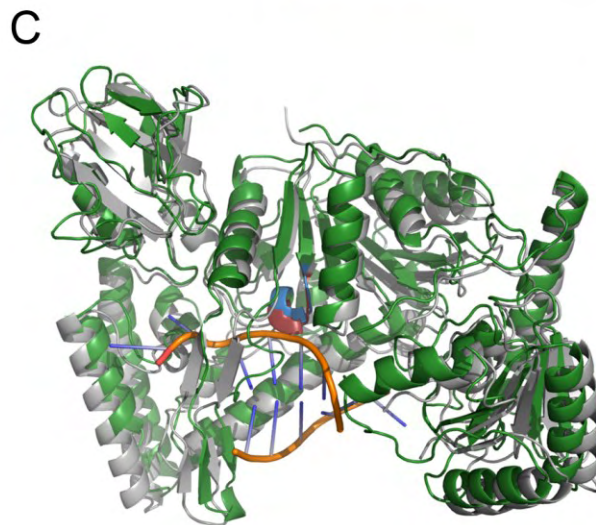
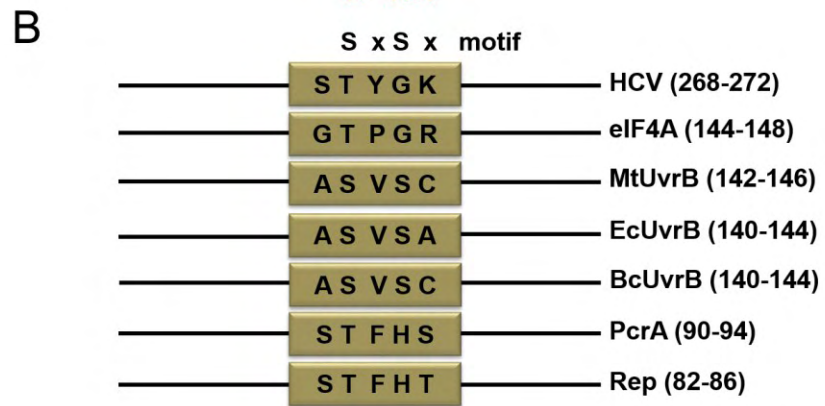
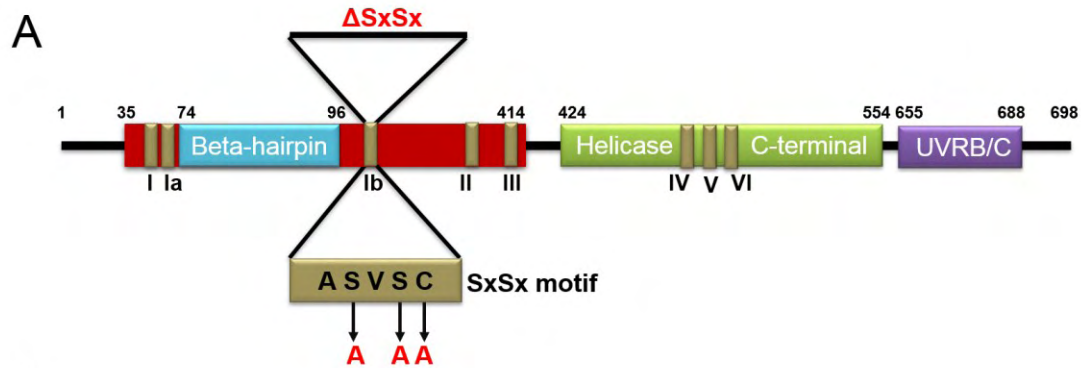
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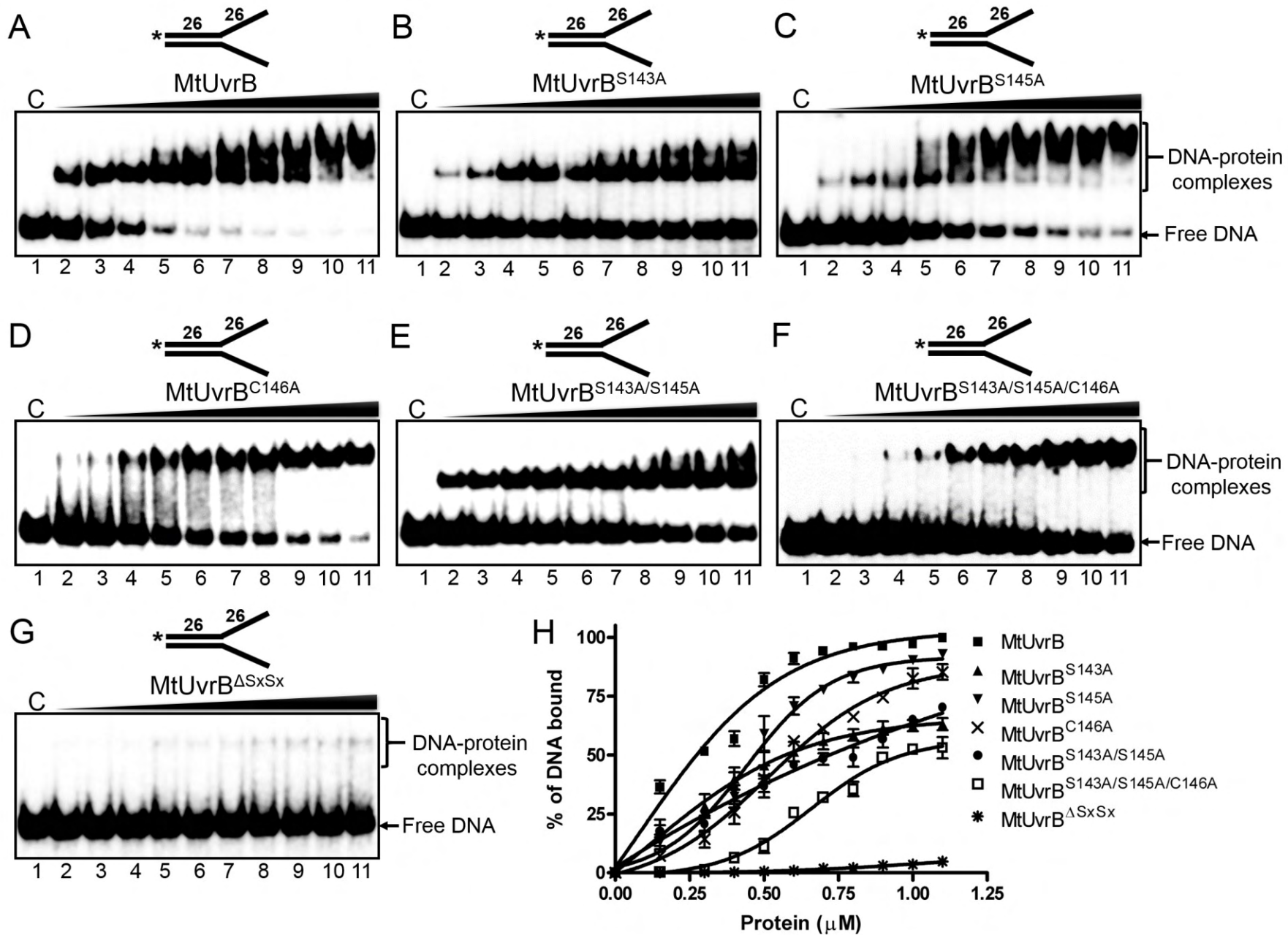


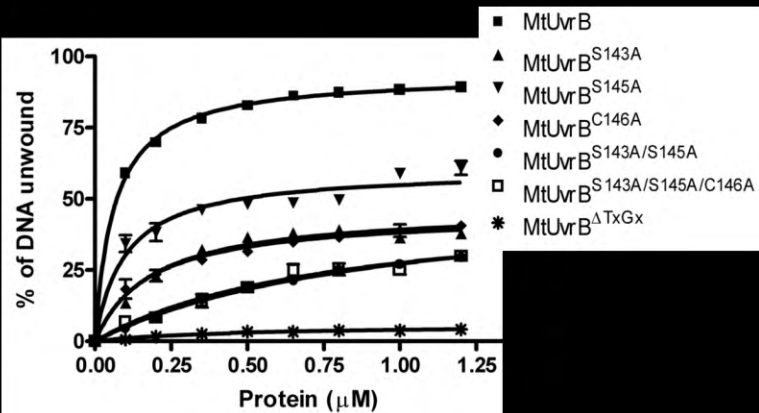
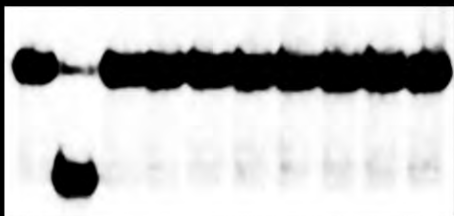
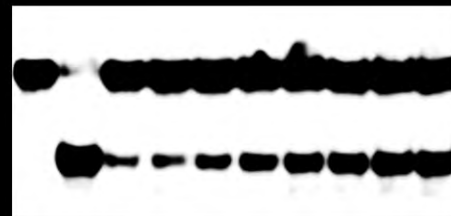
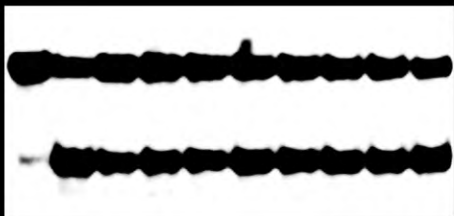
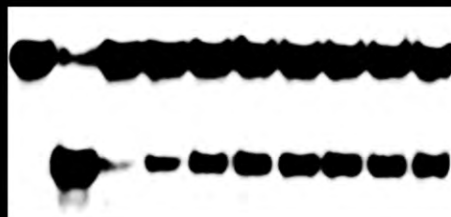
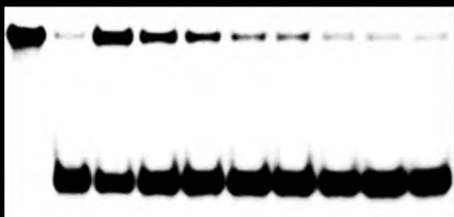
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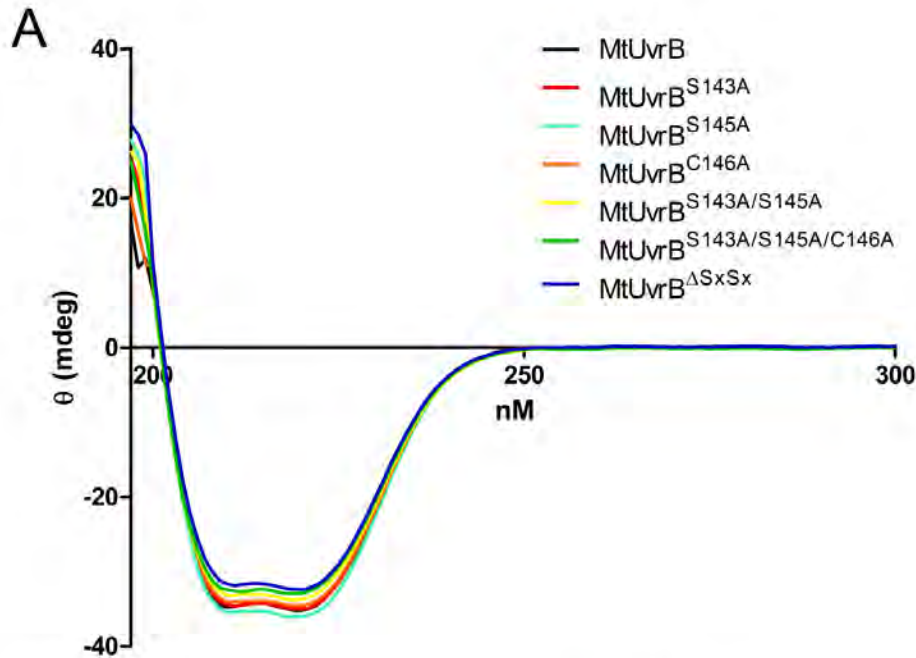






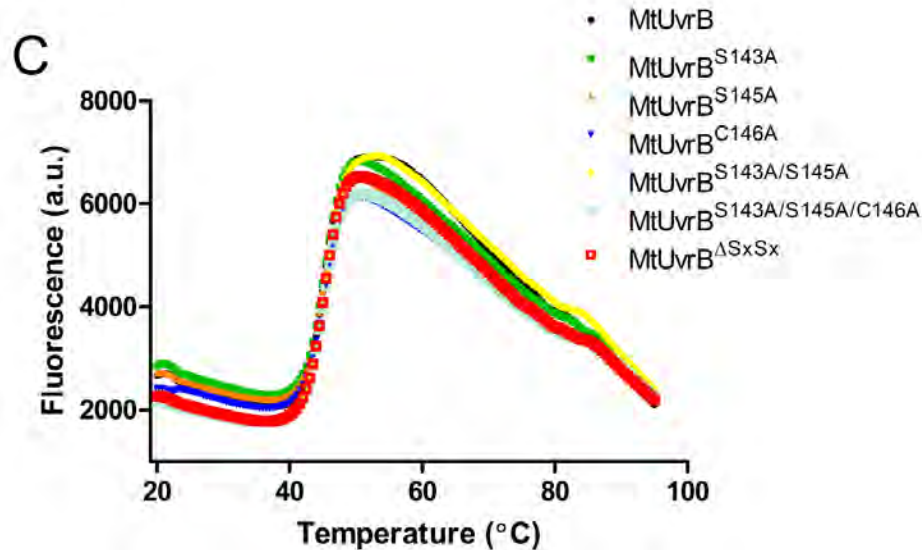


CD Spectroscopy and Thermal Shift Assay



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Protein	% α-helix	% β-sheets
MtUvrB	62.78	13.44
MtUvrB ^{S143A}	62.77	13.44
MtUvrB ^{S145A}	62.77	13.44
MtUvrB ^{C146A}	62.77	13.44
MtUvrB ^{S143A/S145A}	62.77	13.47
MtUvrB ^{S143A/S145A/C146A}	59.85	13.48
MtUvrB ^{ΔSxSx}	58.68	13.44



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Protein	T _m (°C)
MtUvrB	45.80 ± 0.17
MtUvrB ^{S143A}	45.75 ± 0.11
MtUvrB ^{S145A}	45.75 ± 0.11
MtUvrB ^{C146A}	45.83 ± 0.11
MtUvrB ^{S143A/S145A}	45.67 ± 0.10
MtUvrB ^{S143A/S145A/C146A}	45.67 ± 0.10
MtUvrB ^{ΔSxSx}	45.66 ± 0.10



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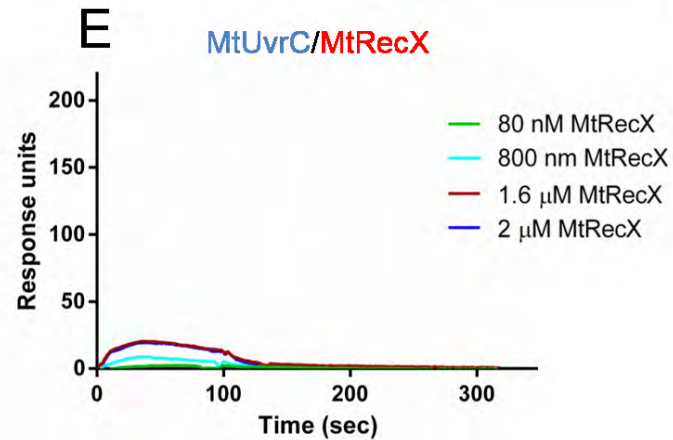
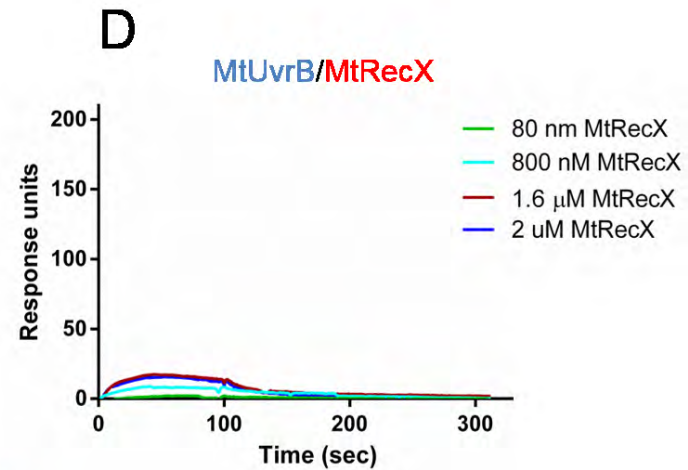
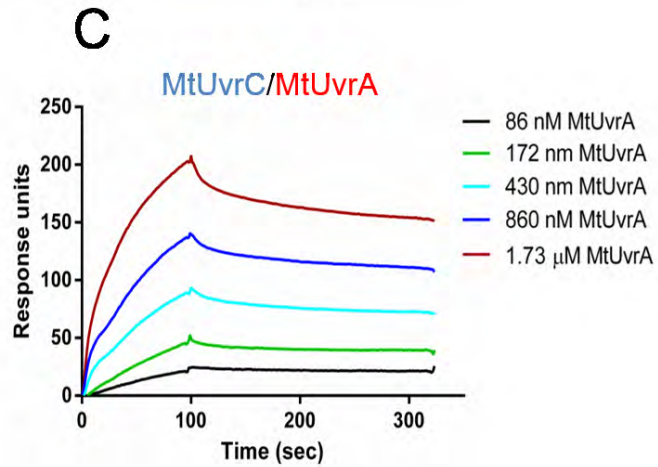
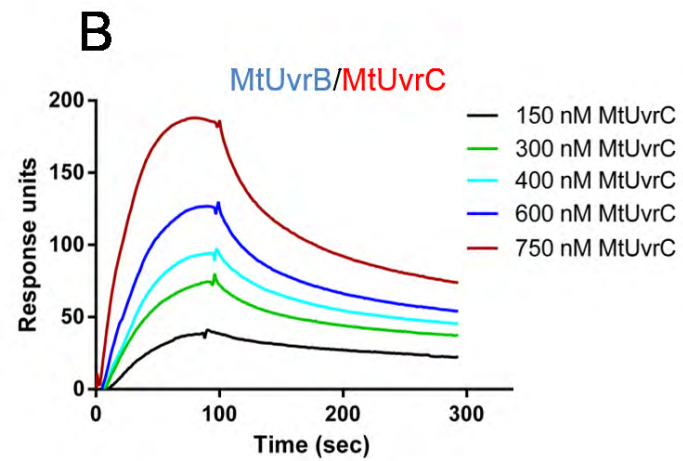
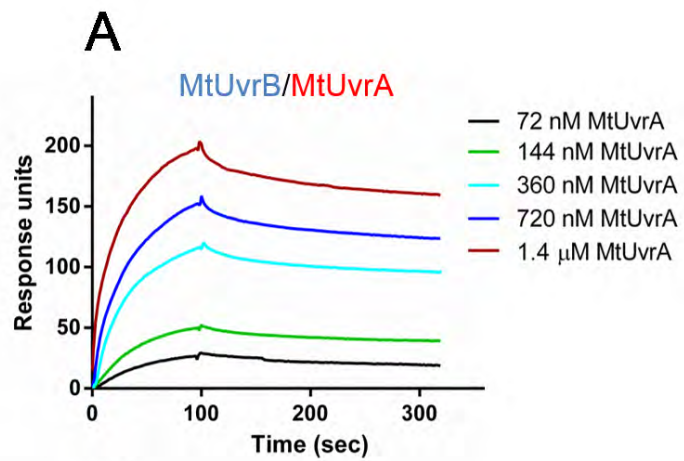
DNA helicase

TxGx motif

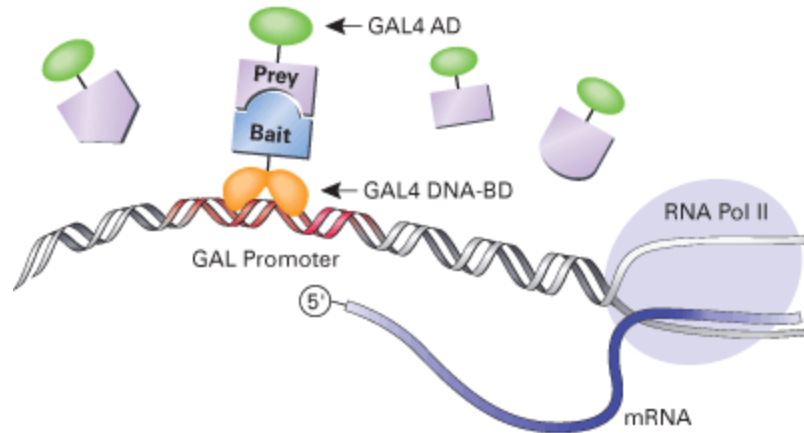
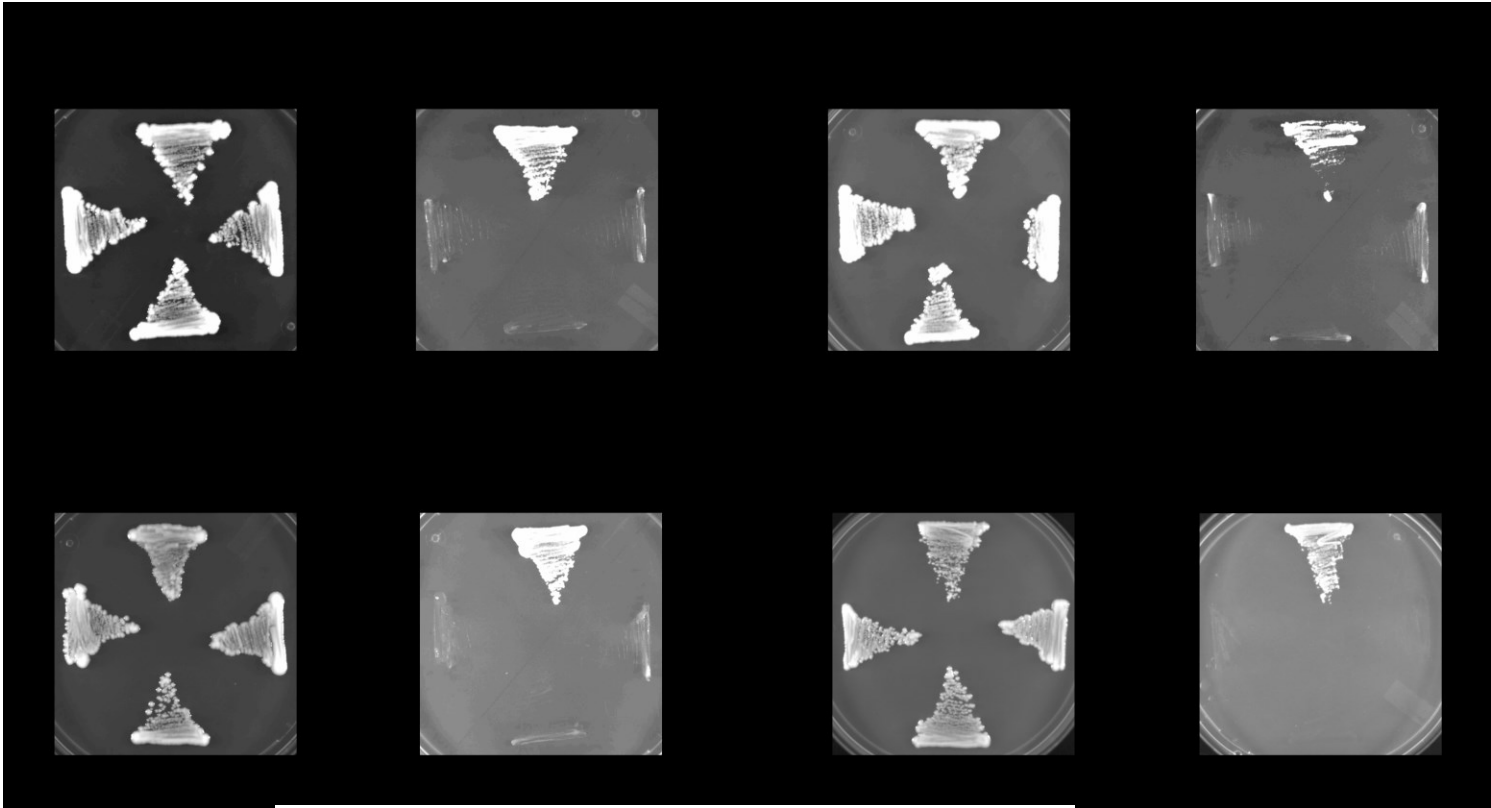
ABSTRACT

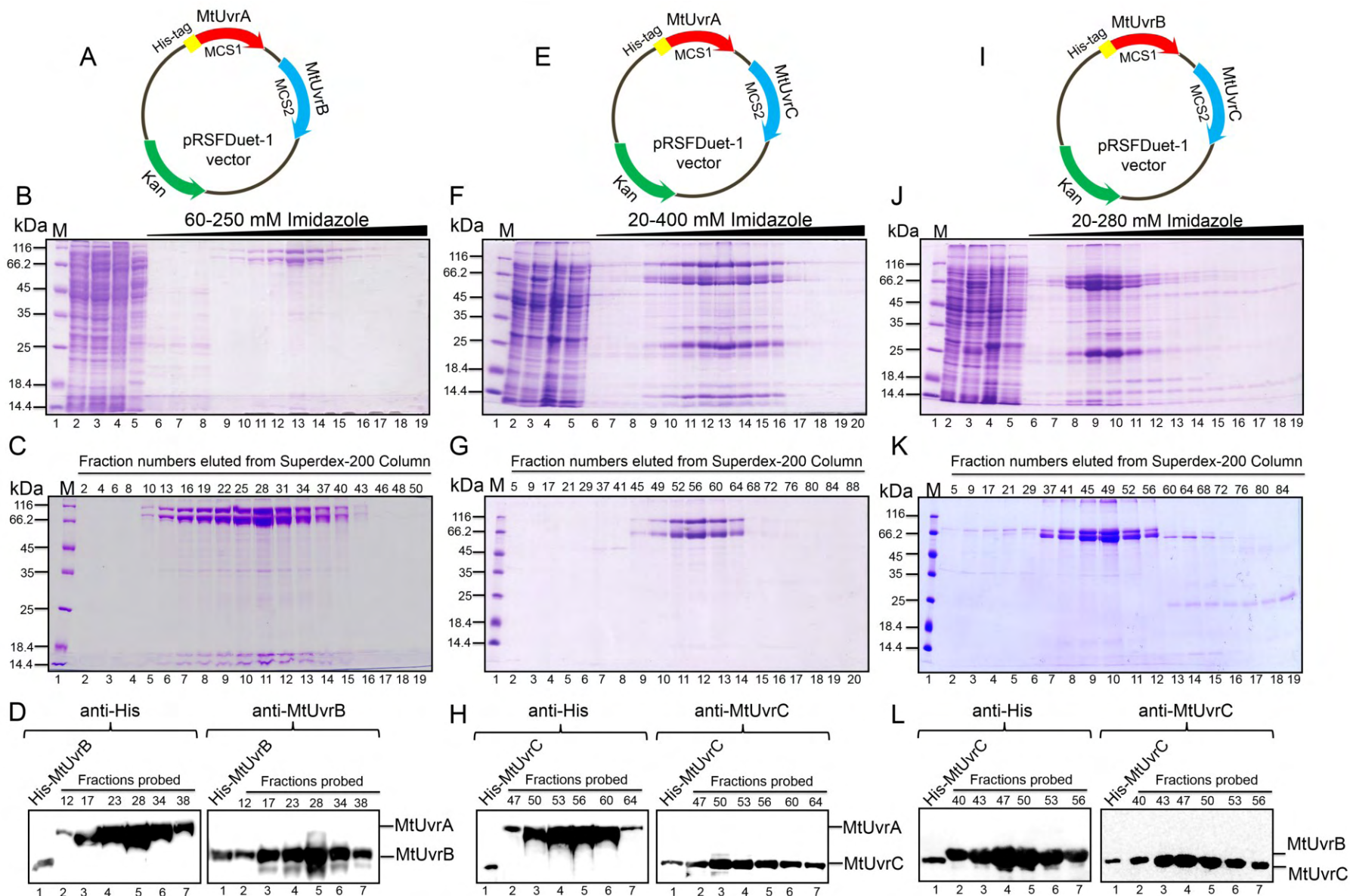
The UvrB subunit is a central component of the UvrABC incision complex and plays a pivotal role in damage recognition, strand excision and repair synthesis. A conserved structural motif (the SxSx motif) present in UvrB is analogous to a similar motif (TxGx) in the helicases of superfamily 2, whose function is not fully understood. To elucidate the significance of the SxSx (Ser143-Val144-Ser145-Cys146) motif in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* UvrB (MtUvrB), different variants of MtUvrB subunit were constructed and characterized. The SxSx motif indeed was found to be essential for MtUvrB function: while Ser143 and Cys146 residues within this motif were crucial for MtUvrB function, Ser145 plays an important but less essential role. The SxSx motif-deleted mutant was drastically attenuated and three single (S143A, S145A and C146A) mutants and a double (S143A/S145A) mutant exhibited various degrees of severity in their DNA-binding, DNA helicase and ATPase activities. Taken together, these results highlight a hitherto unrecognized role for SxSx motif in the catalytic activities of UvrB.

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MtUvrA interacts with MtUvrC independent of MtUvrB





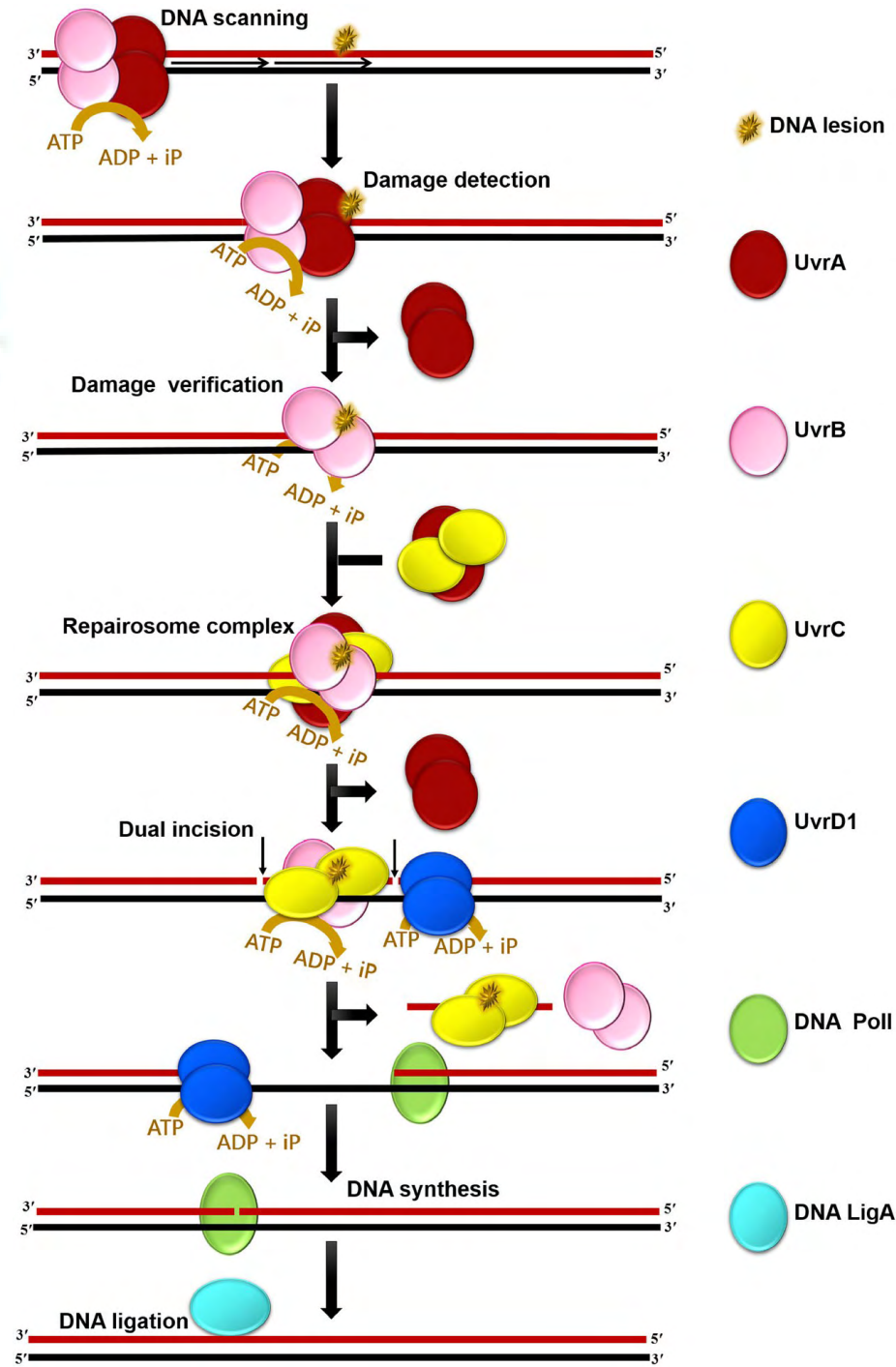
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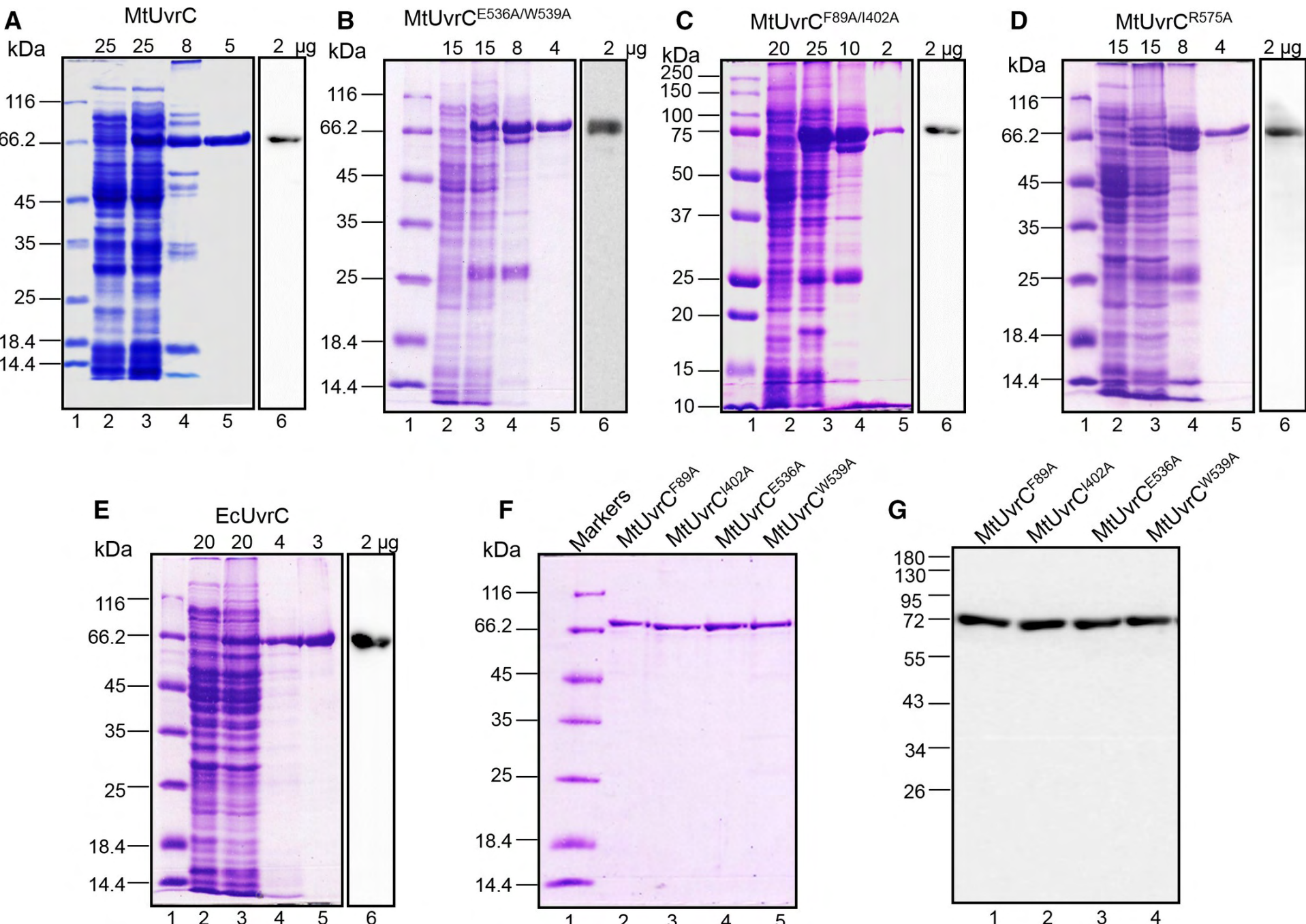
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UvrA and UvrC subunits of the *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* UvrABC excinuclease interact independently of UvrB and DNA.

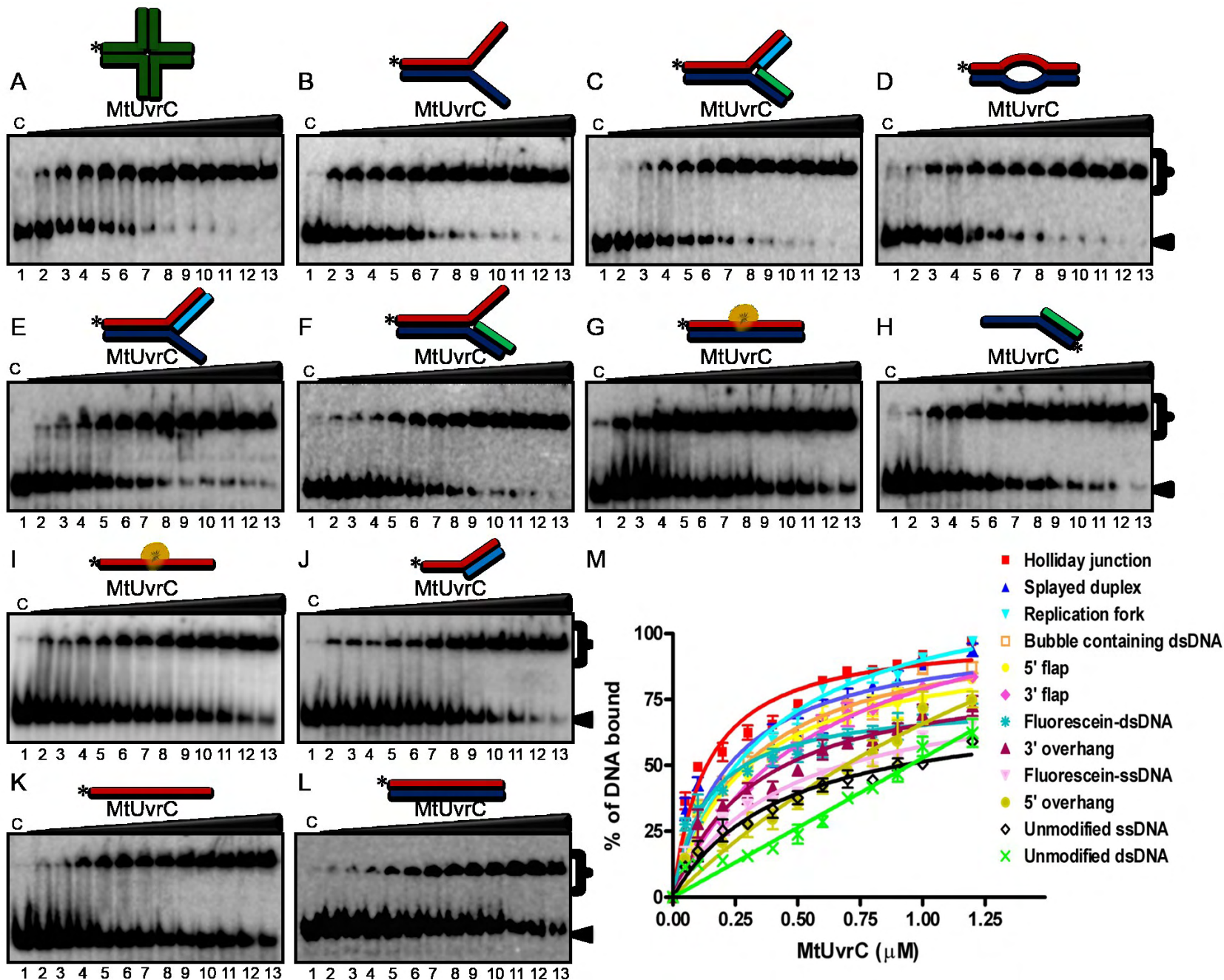
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Expression and Purification of MtUvrC or its variants

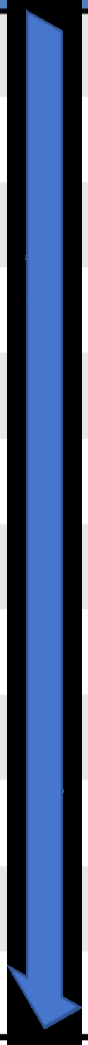


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These results support a model in which UvrC might bind and process various DNA intermediates that arise due to genotoxic stress from cellular processes.

Effect of DNA and UvrB and UvrC proteins on ATPase activity of UvrA protein

Additions ^a	ATPase <i>pmol hydrolyzed</i>	Relative activity ^b
None	2020	100
ssDNA	1810	89.6
dsDNA	2120	105
UV-DNA	2010	99.5
B ^c	1510	74.7
B + dsDNA	3090	153
B + UV-DNA	5440	269
C ^c	1920	95.0
C + dsDNA	2050	101
C + UV-DNA	1880	93.1
B + C	1430	70.8
B + C + dsDNA	2810	139
B + C + UV-DNA	4950	245

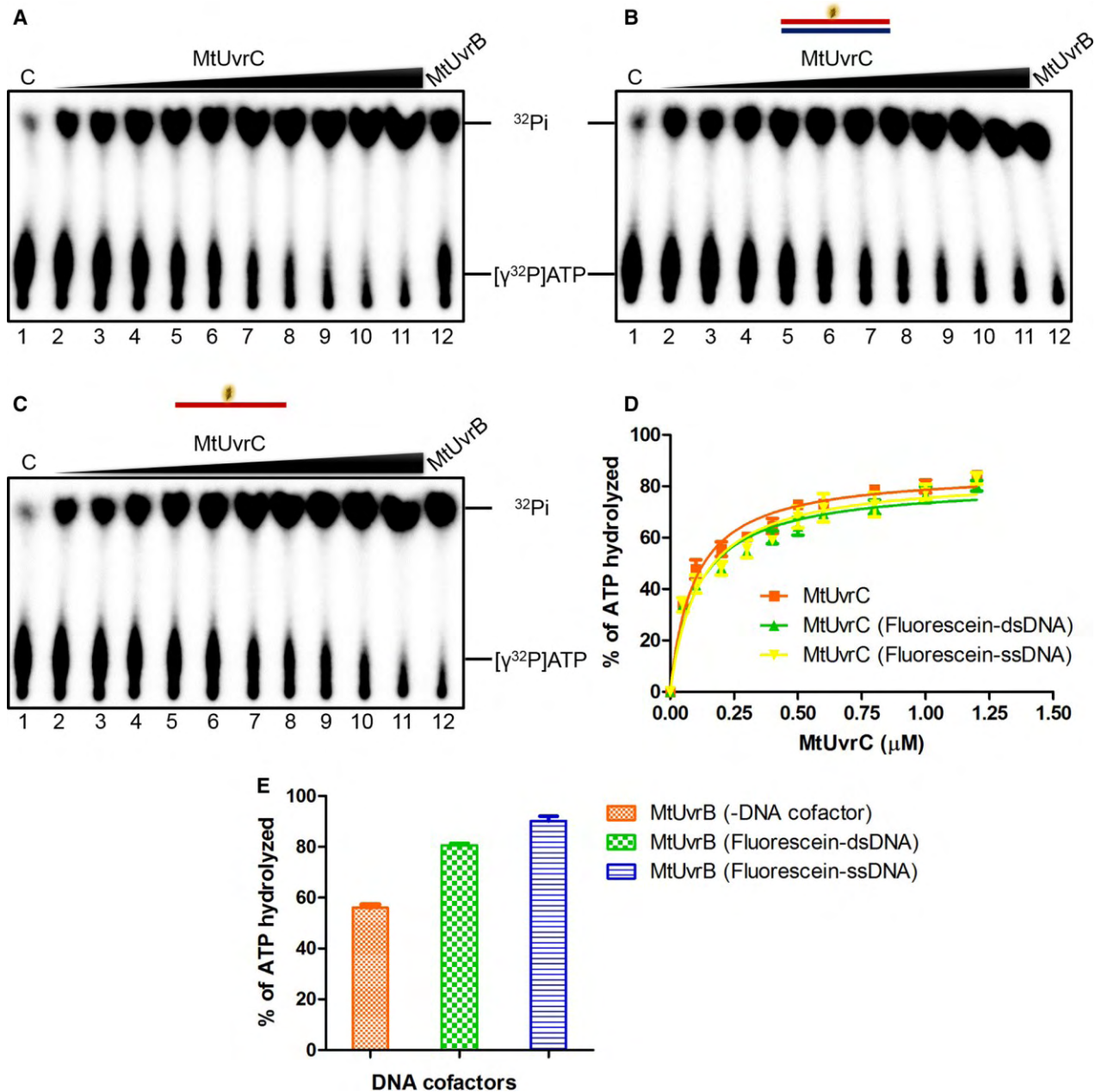
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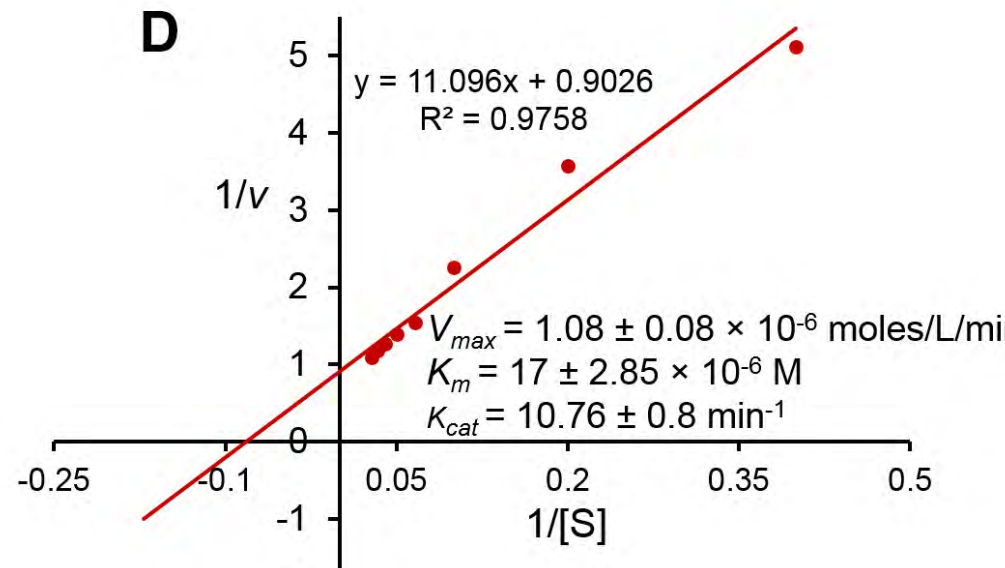
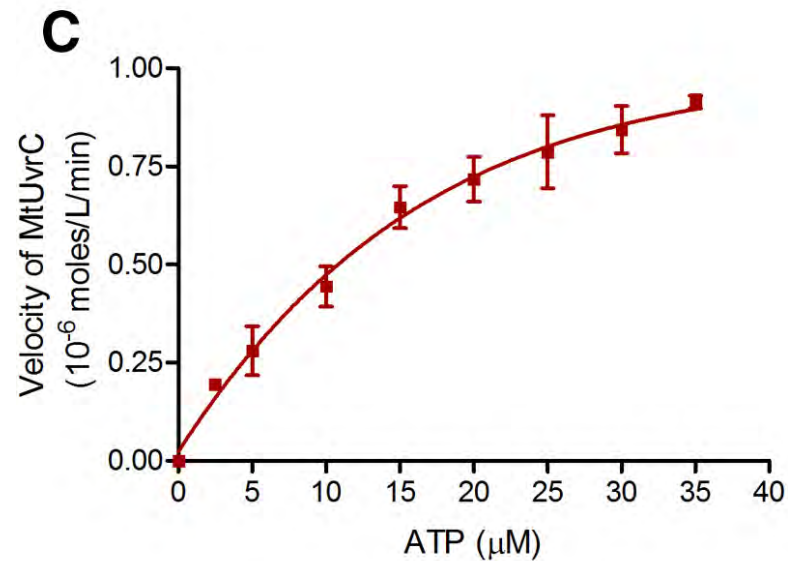
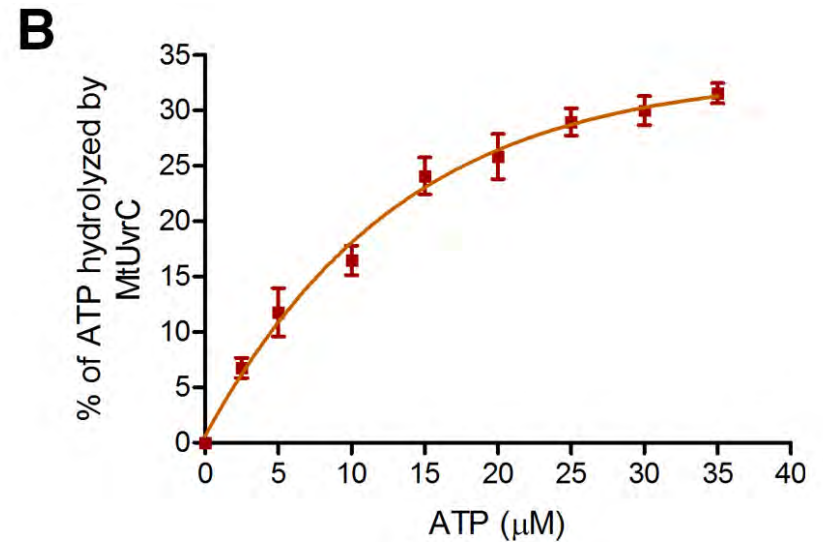
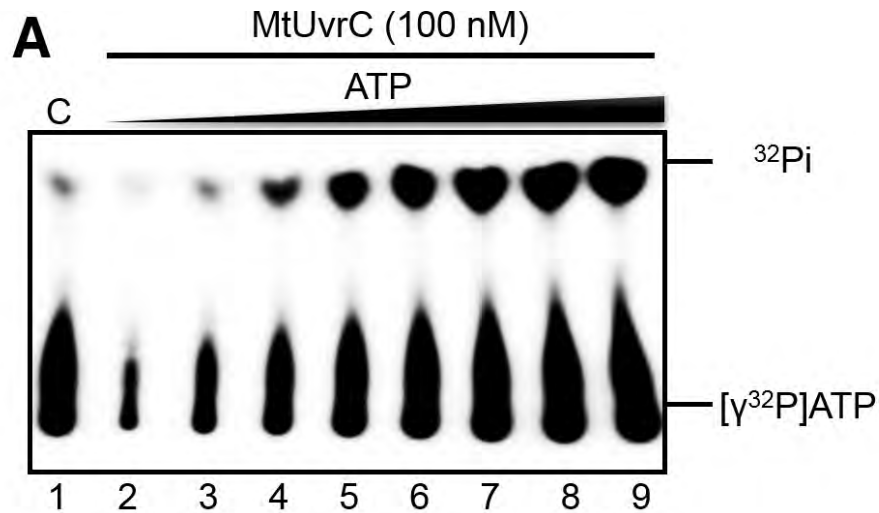
	Rate <i>min⁻¹</i>
UvrB ^a	b.d. ^b
UvrB + S8 ^c	0.66
UvrC ^d	b.d.
UvrC + S8	b.d.
UvrB + UvrC	0.16
UvrB + UvrC + S8	2.5

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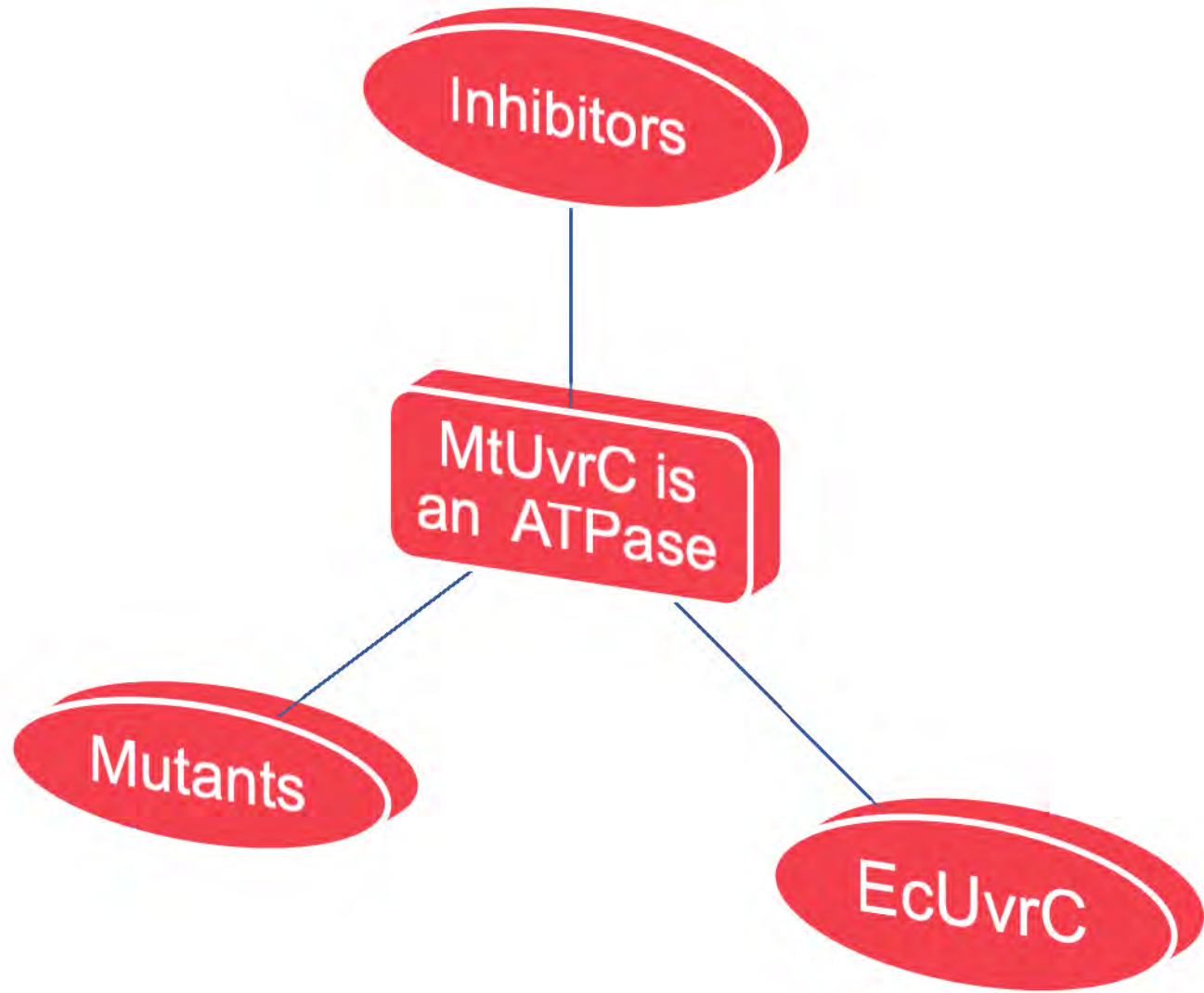
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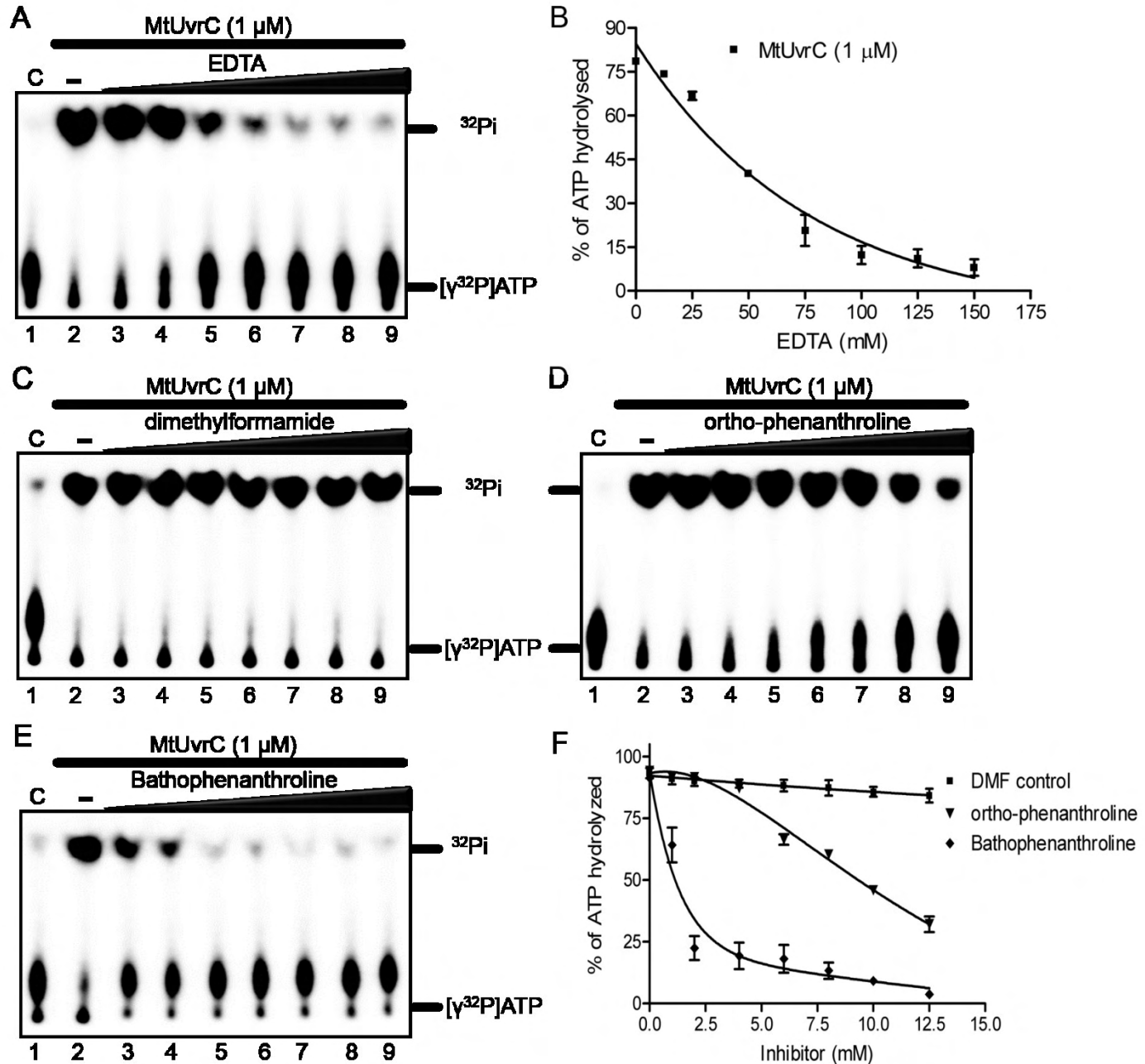
Determination of the Kinetic Parameters of MtUvrC ATPase Activity



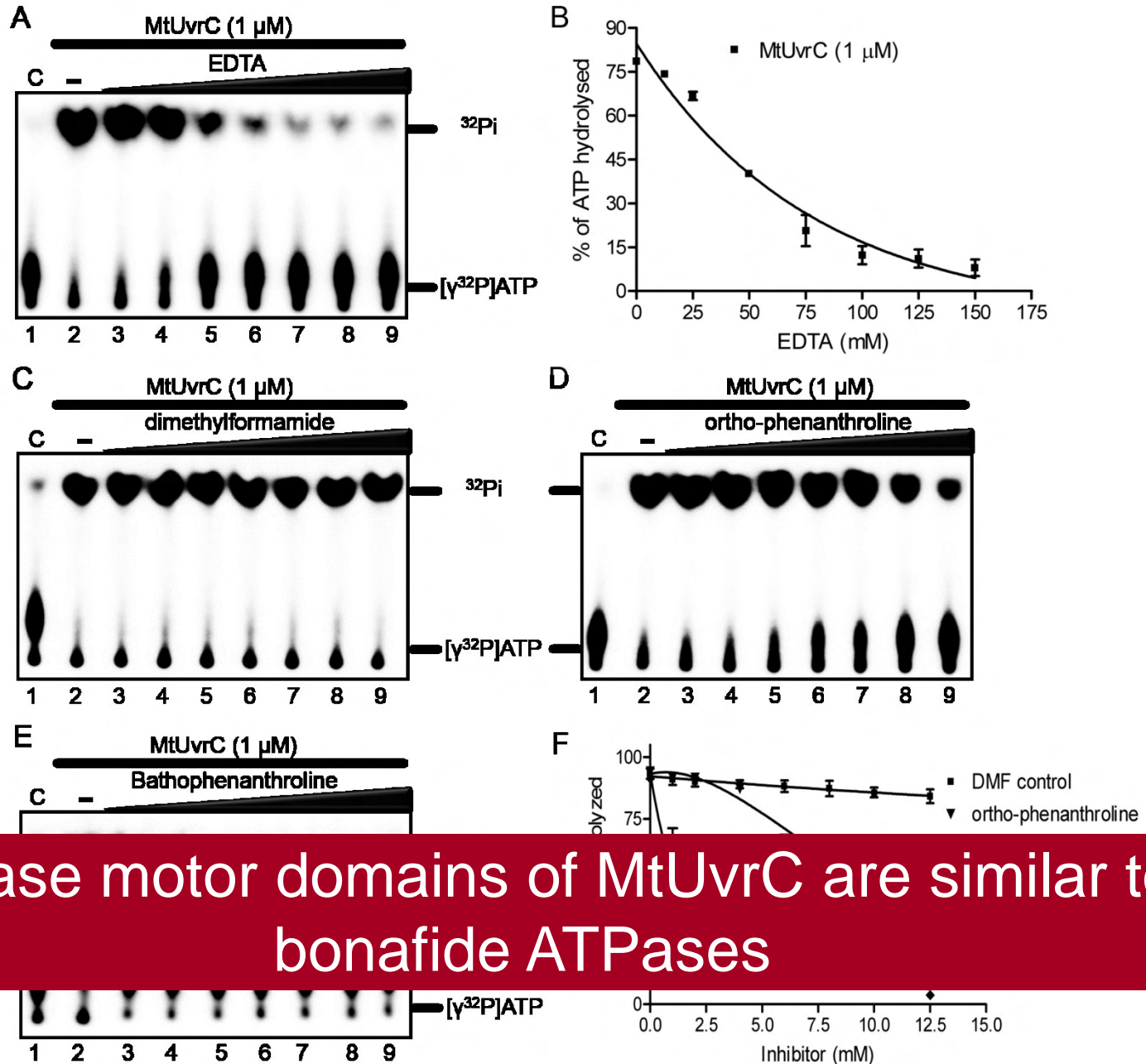
The similar value of k_{cat} of MtUvrB and MtUvrC suggests its significance in terms of mechanism of action of both the proteins in complex while performing its function.



ATPase Assay of MtUvrC in the presence of inhibitors

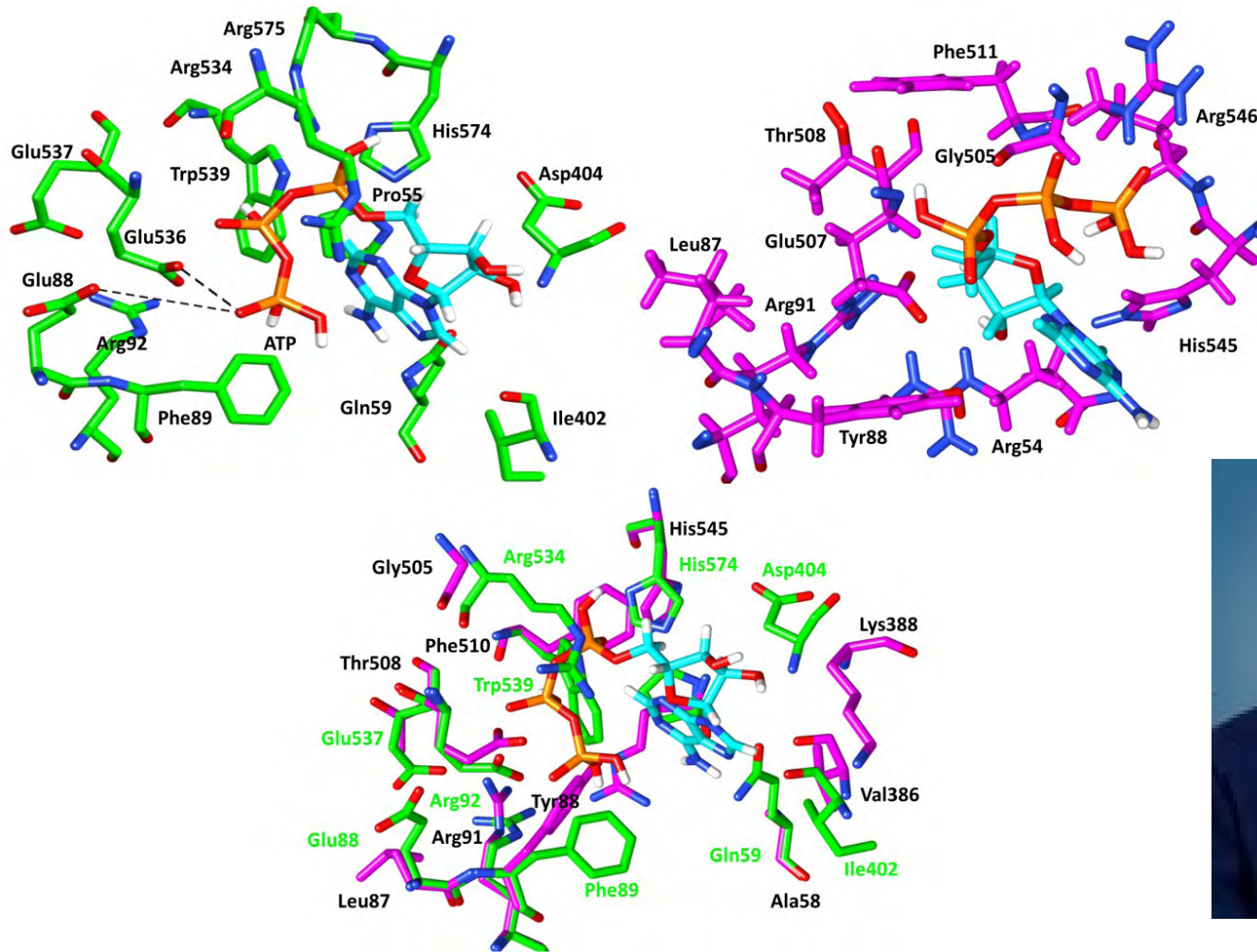


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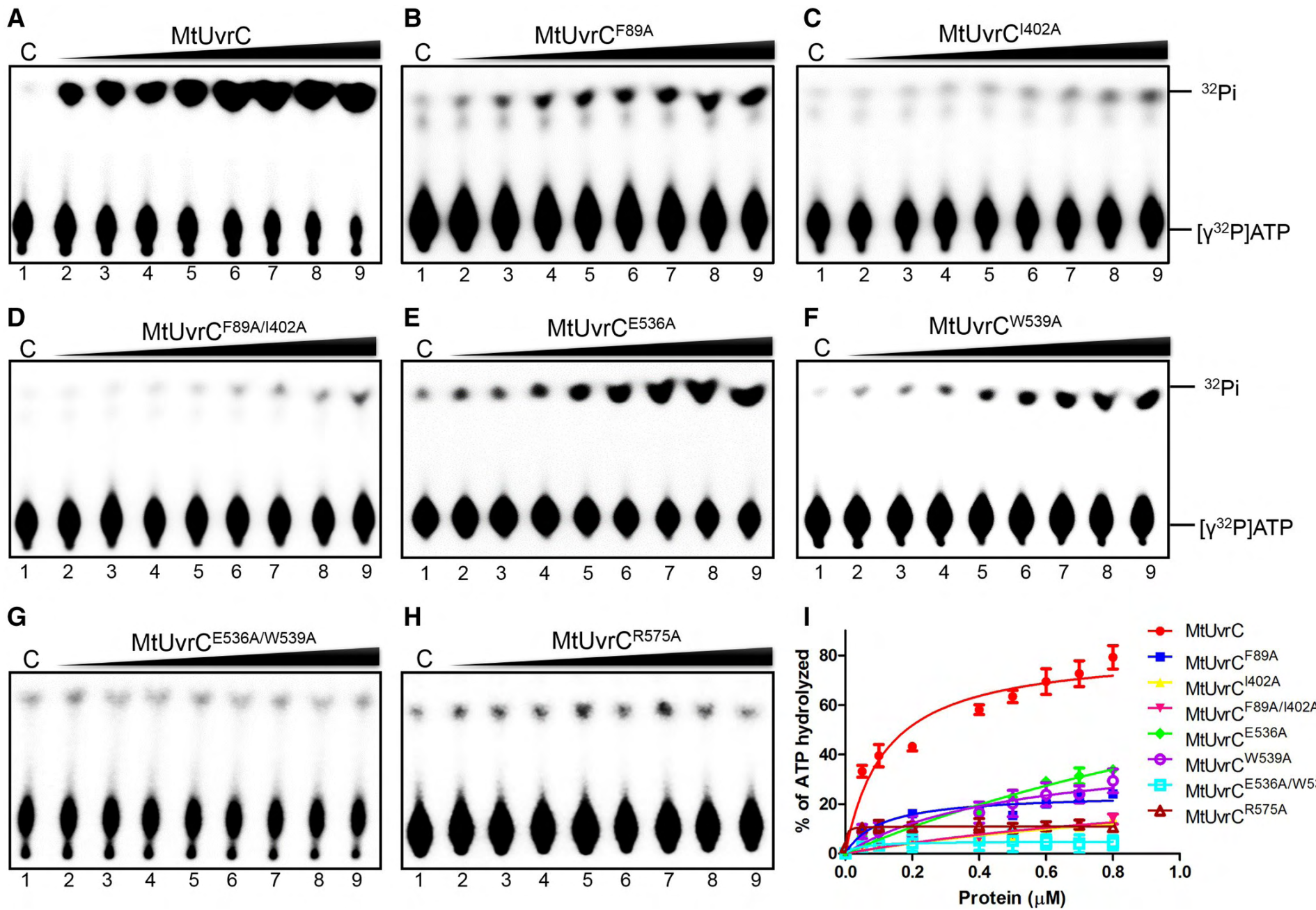
ATPase motor domains of MtUvrC are similar to bonafide ATPases

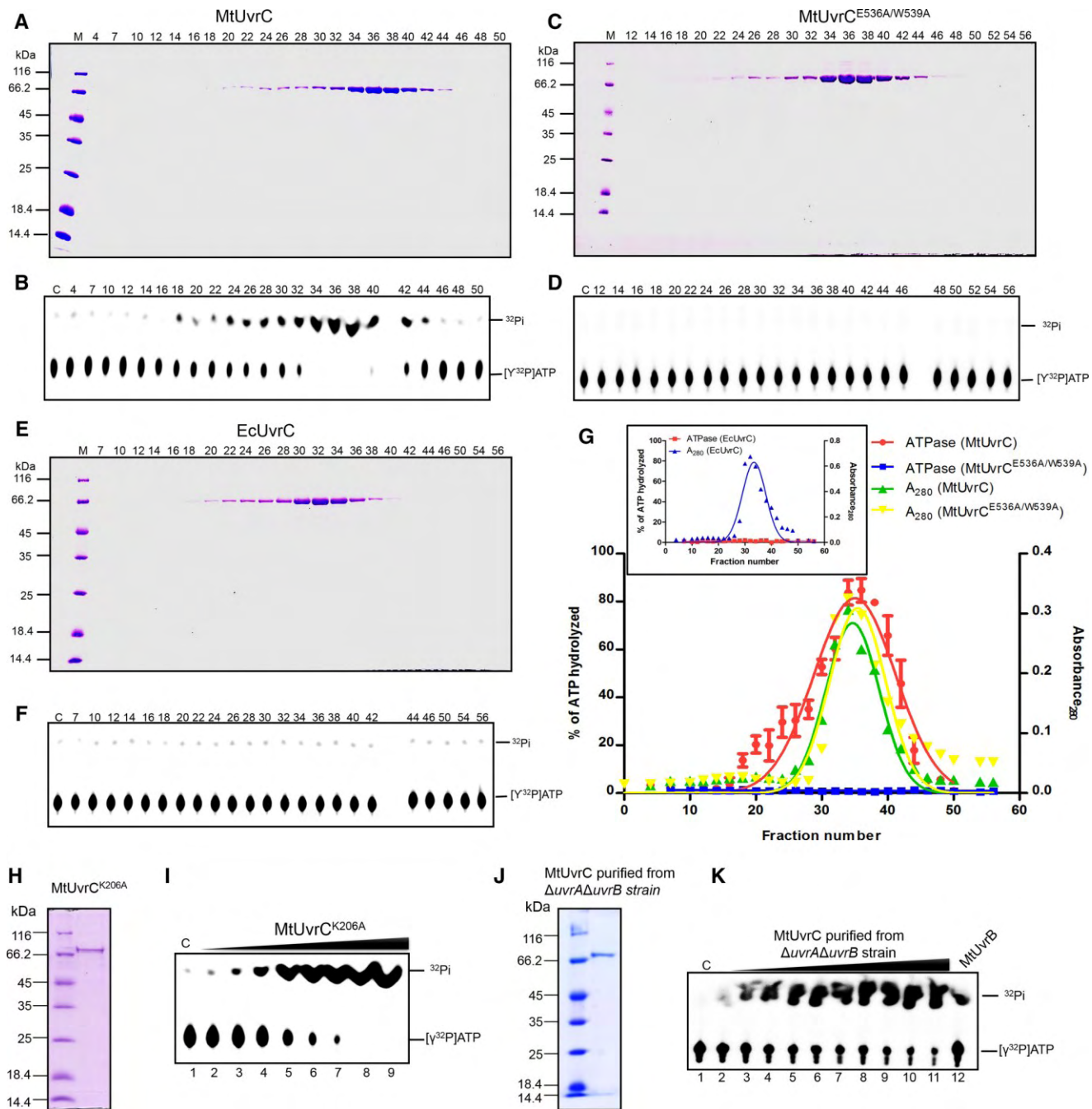
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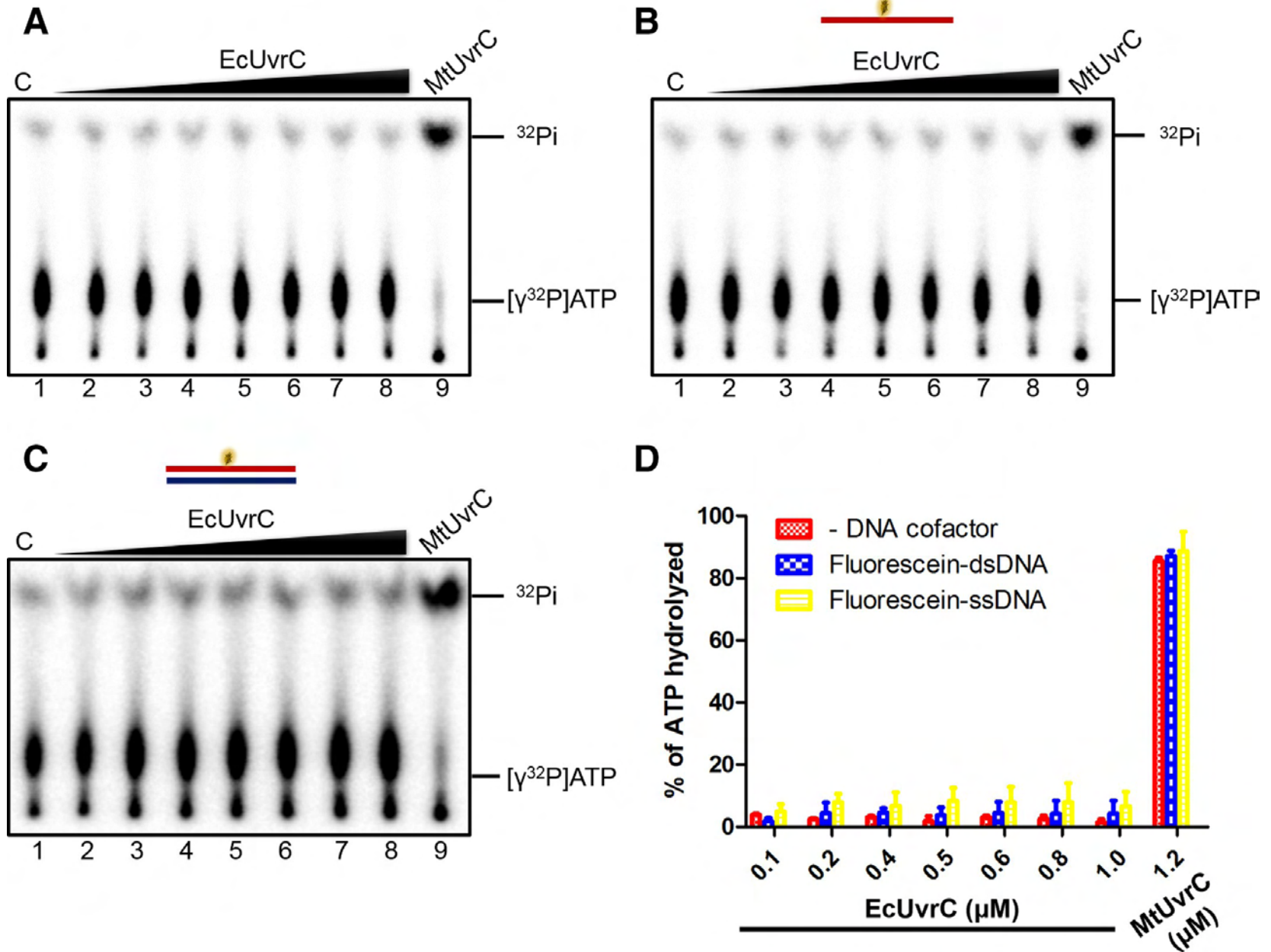
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Mutations in the ATP binding pocket lead to the abrogation of ATP hydrolysis





Evaluation of the ATPase Activity of EcUvrC in Absence and Presence of DNA



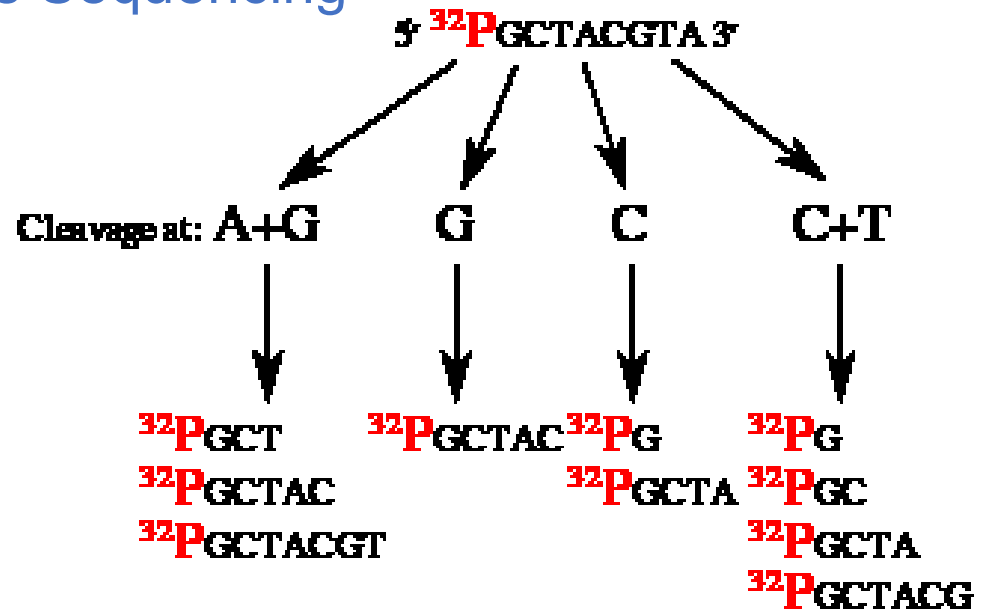
- ✓ **According to our studies, MtUvrC possesses robust ATPase activity independent of MtUvrB and MtUvrA.**

These findings prompted us to ask following questions:

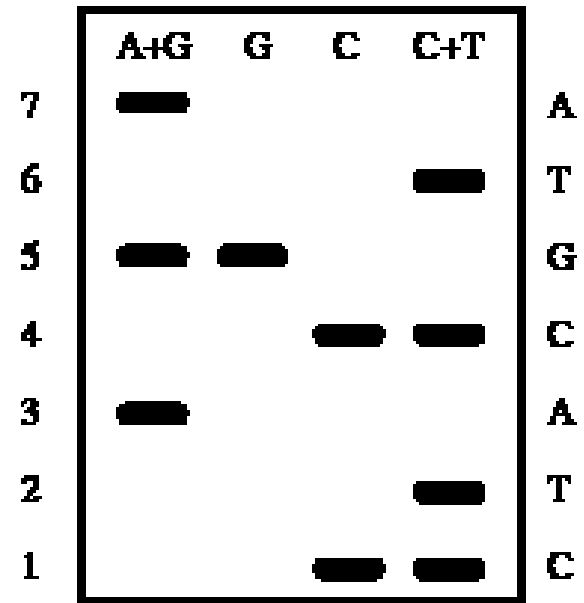
- ✓ **Can these two activities influence GIY-YIG and RNaseH endonuclease domains of MtUvrC to perform cleavage function?**
- ✓ **Besides harbouring these properties, does MtUvrC still require MtUvrA and MtUvrB for cleavage of damaged nucleotides on DNA?**
- ✓ **Does MtUvrC alone have the potential to discriminate between damaged and undamaged strands?**

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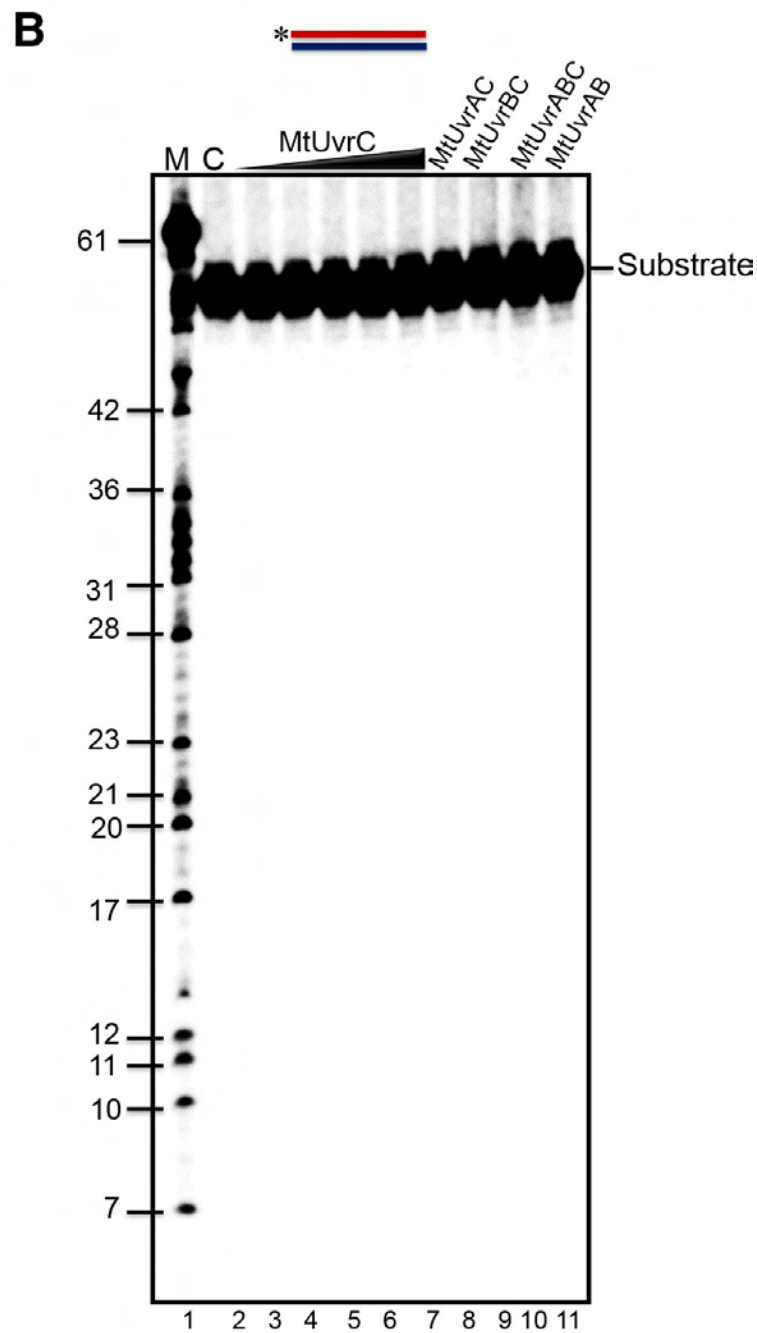
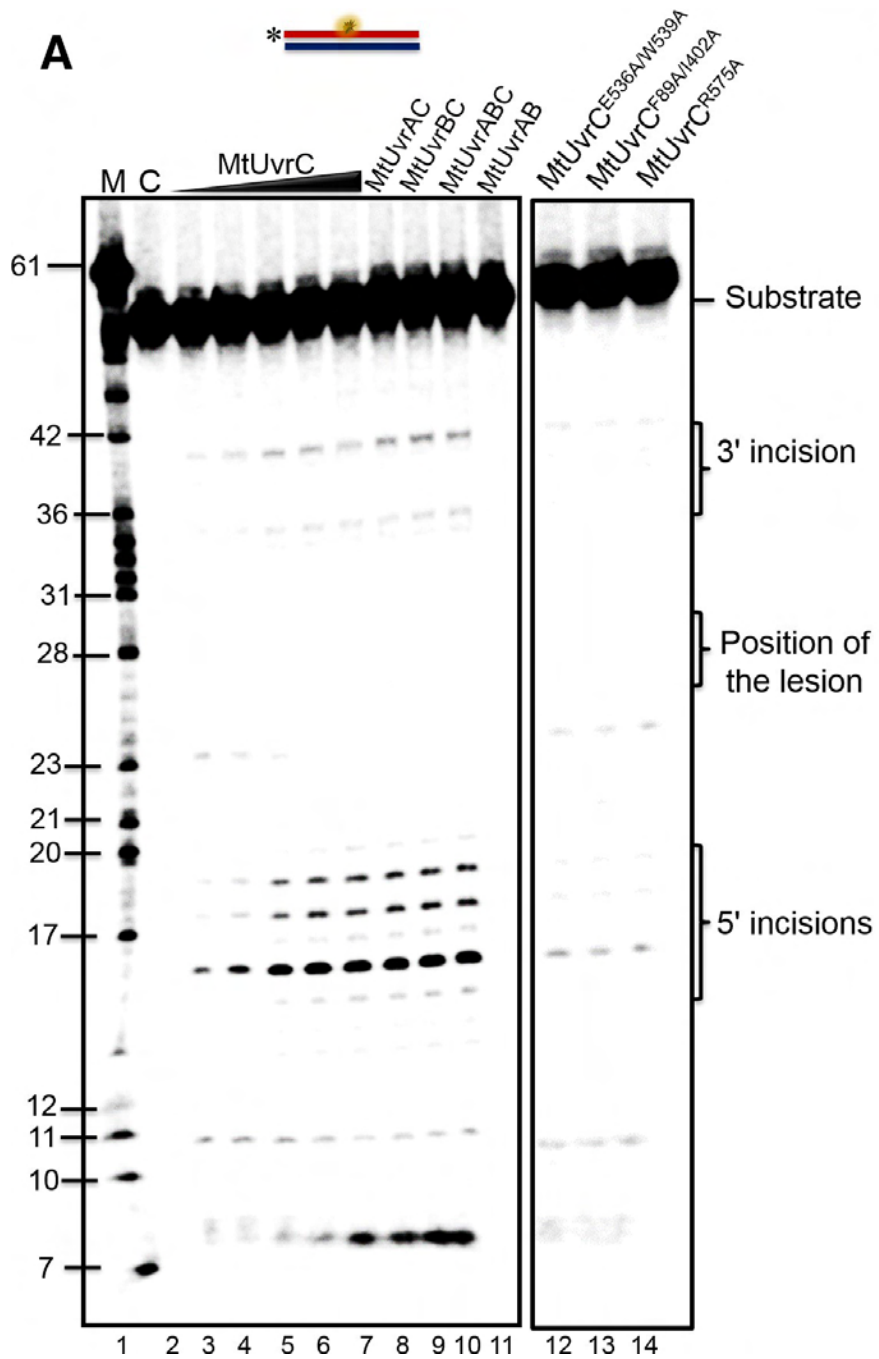
- ✓ 1977 paper "A new method for sequencing DNA" was honored by a Citation for [Chemical Breakthrough Award](#) from the Division of History of Chemistry of the American Chemical Society for 2017. It was presented to the Department of Molecular & Cellular Biology, Harvard University



- ✓ [purines](#) (A+G) are depurinated using [formic acid](#),
- ✓ the [guanines](#) are methylated by [dimethyl sulfate](#),
- ✓ the [pyrimidines](#) (C+T) are hydrolysed using [hydrazine](#).
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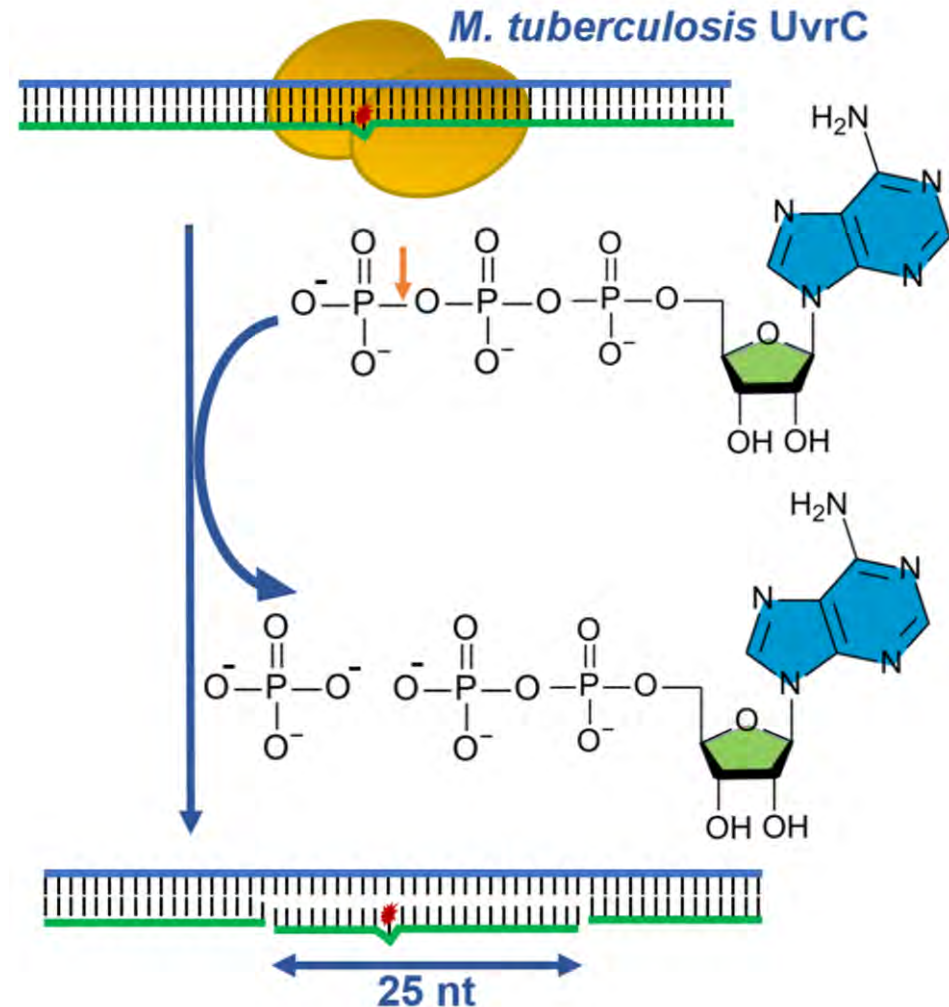


Sequencing Gel



The intrinsic ATPase activity of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* UvrC is crucial for its damage-specific DNA incision function

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Future perspectives

- ❑ Screening of small molecule inhibitors and the development of antitubercular agents against the proteins involved in the first steps of NER
- ❑ Crystallizations trials of MtUvrA, MtUvrB and MtUvrC proteins alone and with modified DNA
- ❑ SAXS analysis and cryoelectron microscopy of novel UvrAC complex
- ❑ Characterization of the domains involved in the interaction of MtUvrA and MtUvrC
- ❑ Analysis of MtUvrABC excinuclease or its individual subunit's crosstalk with other DNA related machinery

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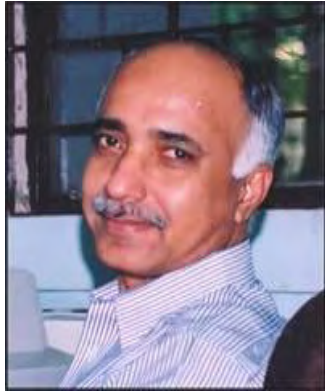
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Abstract

Nucleotide excision repair (henceforth abbreviated as NER) plays a pivotal role in all organisms to protect their genetic material against radiations, toxic chemicals, and normal by-products of cellular metabolism. In humans, defects in excision repair causes inherited diseases, and NER-related human diseases are associated with cancer and aging. Much of our current understanding of NER has emerged from experimental evidence in model systems including *Escherichia coli*, yeast, and mammalian cells. Considering the importance of NER in the maintenance of genome integrity, it is surprising that only a few studies have investigated NER in mycobacteria. Here we provide a brief overview of the mechanism of the DNA repair in mycobacteria. A detailed understanding of structure-function relationship of DNA repair proteins in tubercle bacillus could facilitate the identification and development of novel therapeutic targets for tuberculosis therapy.

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