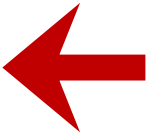


Landmarks in animal virus research:

The early period (From Virology- Fields 2002)

DATA	Virologist	DISCOVERY
1898	Loeffler F. Frosch P.	First filterable animal virus
1898	Sanarelli G.	Myxomatous virus
1901	Reed W.	First human virus (YFV)
1903	Remingler P. , Riffat-Bay	Rabies virus
1903	Negri A.	The body inclusion of rabies virus
1908	Ellerman V., Bang O.	First leukemia-causing virus
1909	Landsteiner K., Popper E.	Poliovirus
1911	Rous P.	First solid tumor-causing virus



Peyton Rous

Born: 5 October 1879, Baltimore, MD, USA

Died: 16 February 1972, New York, NY, USA

Affiliation at the time of the award:

Rockefeller University, New York, NY, USA

Prize motivation: "for his discovery of tumour-inducing viruses"

Nobel Lecture

Nobel Lecture, December 13, 1966

The Challenge to Man of the Neoplastic Cell



Renato Dulbecco

Born: 22 February 1914, Catanzaro, Italy

Died: 19 February 2012, La Jolla, CA, USA

Affiliation at the time of the award: Imperial Cancer Research Fund Laboratory, London, United Kingdom

Prize motivation: "for their discoveries concerning the interaction between tumour viruses and the genetic material of the cell"

1975, The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

From the Molecular Biology of Oncogenic DNA Viruses to Cancer



The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2008



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Harald zur Hausen

Prize share: 1/2



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Françoise Barré-
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Prize share: 1/4



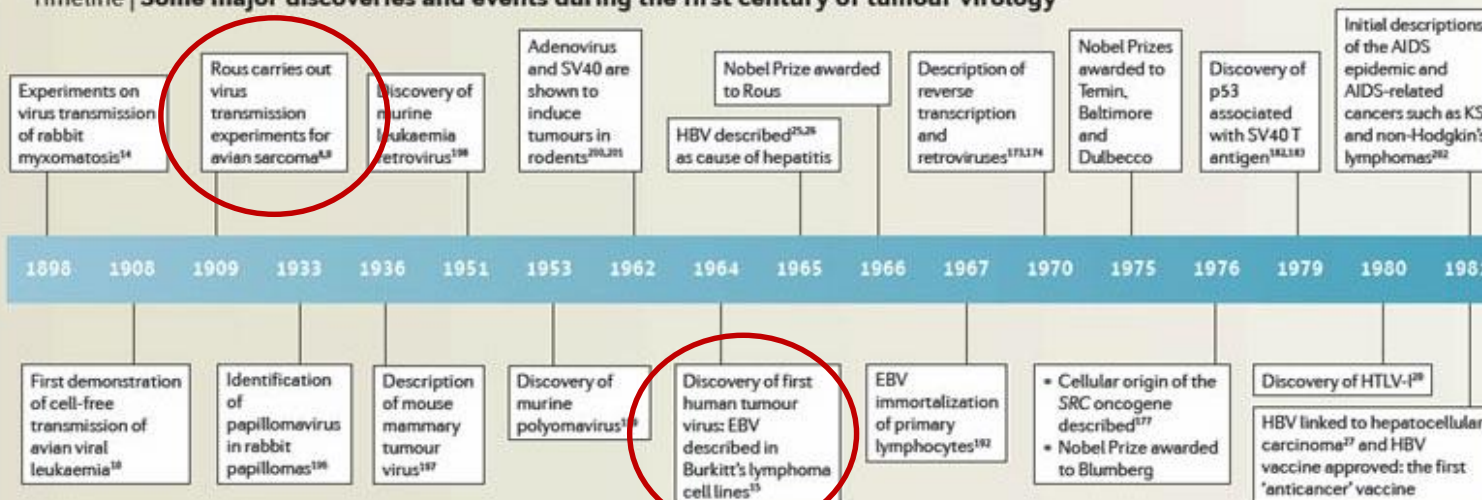
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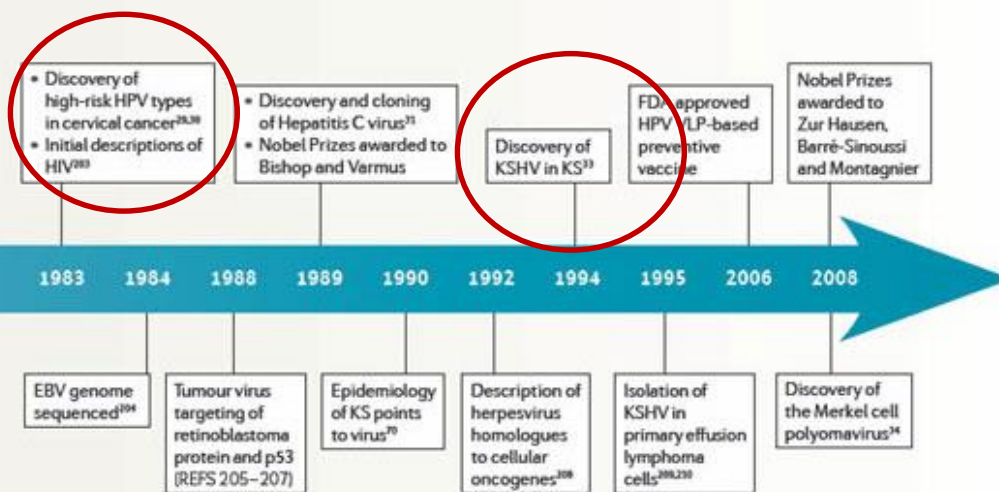
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The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2008 was divided, one half awarded to Harald zur Hausen "for his discovery of human papilloma viruses causing cervical cancer", the other half jointly to Françoise Barré-Sinoussi and Luc Montagnier "for their discovery of human immunodeficiency virus"

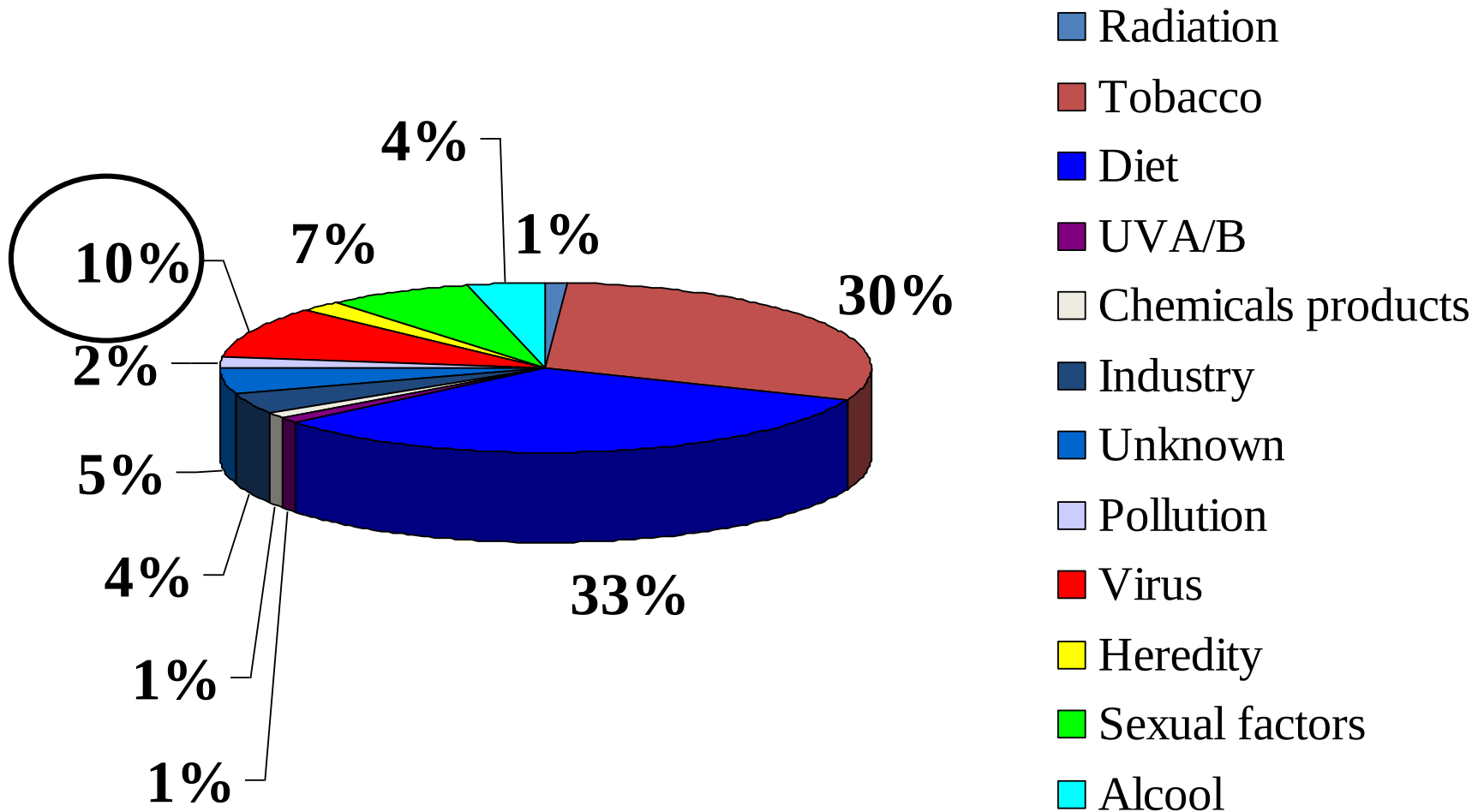
Timeline | Some major discoveries and events during the first century of tumour virology



EBV, Epstein-Barr virus; FDA, US Food and Drug Administration; HBV, hepatitis B virus; HPV, human papillomavirus; HTLV-I, human T-lymphotropic virus-I; KS, Kaposi's sarcoma; KSHV, Kaposi's sarcoma herpesvirus also known as human herpesvirus 8 (HHV8); VLP, virus-like particles.



Etiology of cancer in man



Etiology of cancer in man: role of infectious diseases

Total	15-16%	
	9%	Westerns countries
	21%	Developing countries

Infectious agents may induce the development of cancer

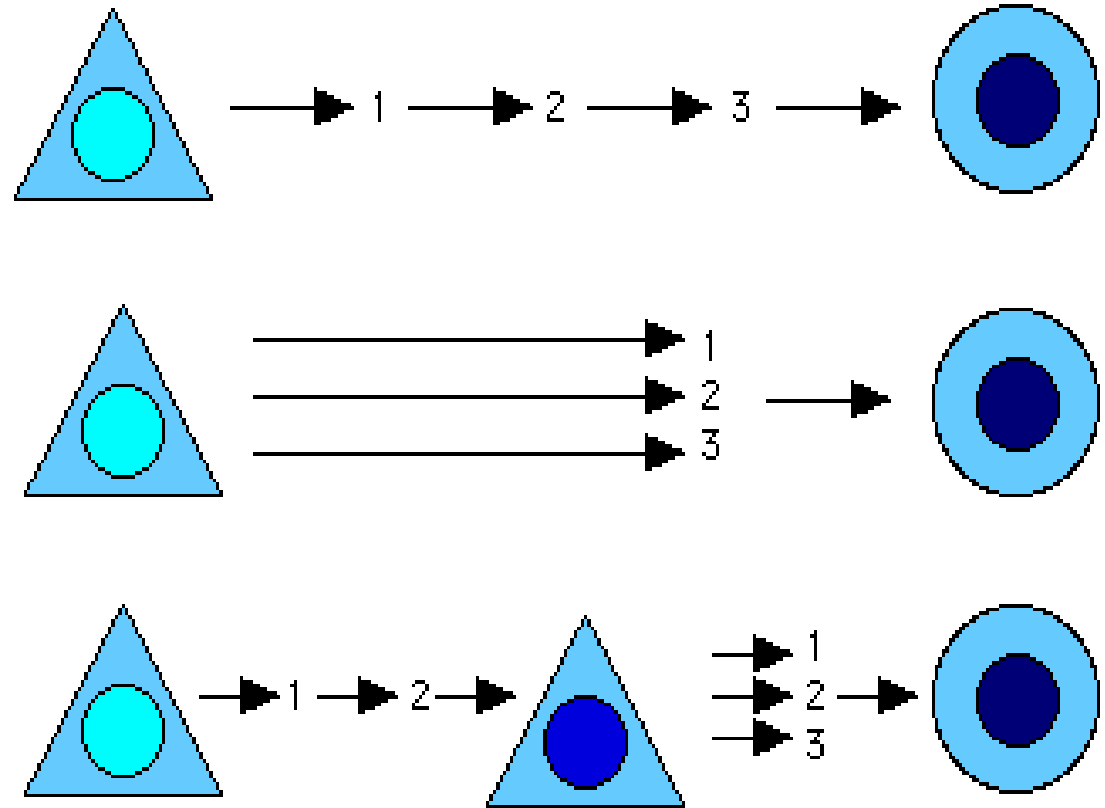
Mechanism	Trasforming action	Example
Genetic	Modifications on cellular DNA expression	carcinoma uterine cervix (HPV)
Inflammatory	Chronic inflammatory response	epatocarcinoma (HBV)
Immunodepressive	No response to cancer development	Kaposi sarcoma (HHV-8)

Mechanism of transformation

In vivo and epidemiological studies indicate that transformation is a **multi-step process** involving: **initiation**, **promotion** and **progression**

Normal Cell

Neoplastic Cell



The oncogenic virus may be necessary but not sufficient to produce neoplasia

Oncogenic viruses

***RNA
Viruses***



Acquire genes involved
in signal transduction
and then in cell proliferation;
Cellular oncogenes



Transformation



Tumors

***DNA
Viruses***



Adopte a strategy to inactivate
key tumor-suppressor proteins;
NO cellular oncogenes



Transformation



Tumors

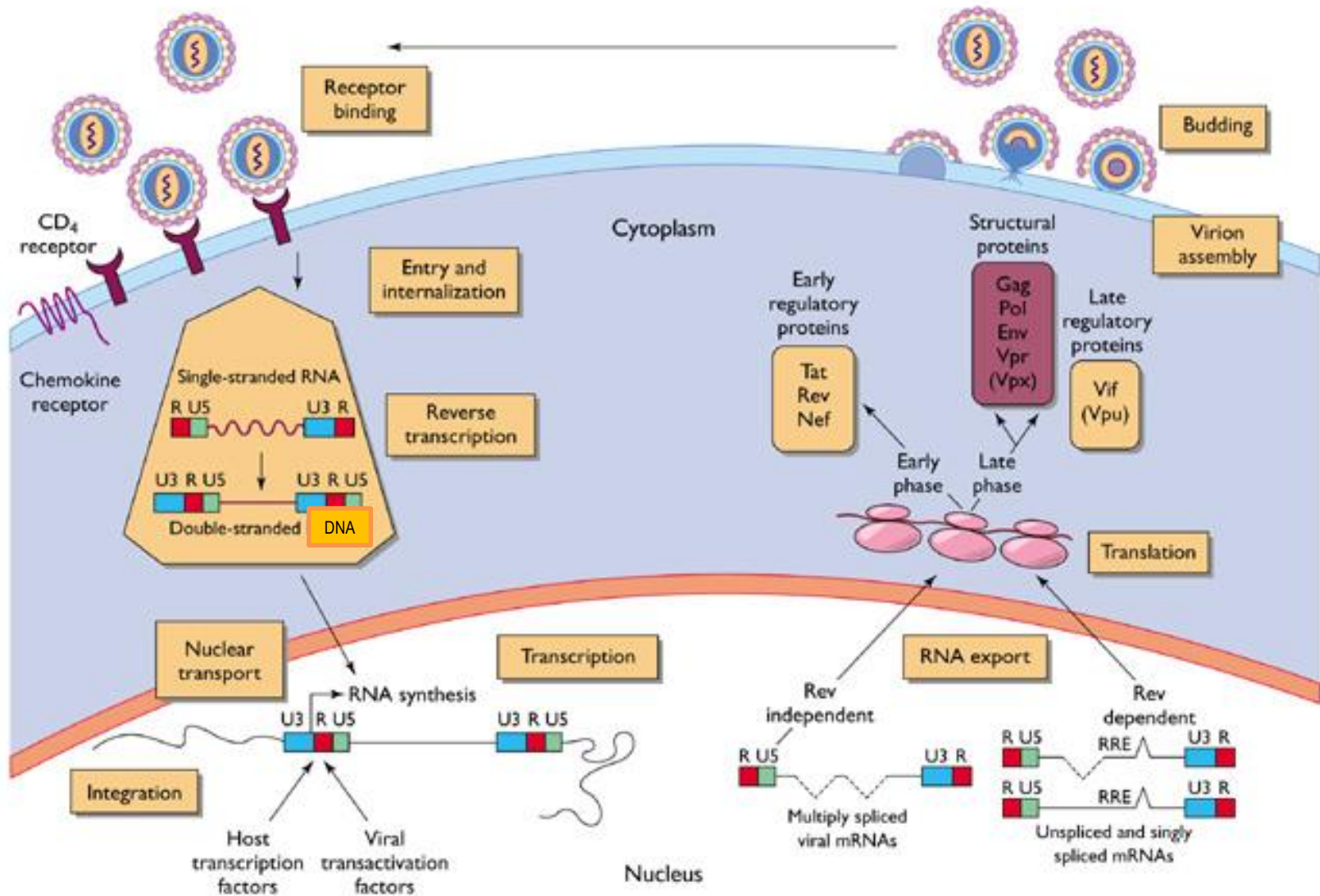
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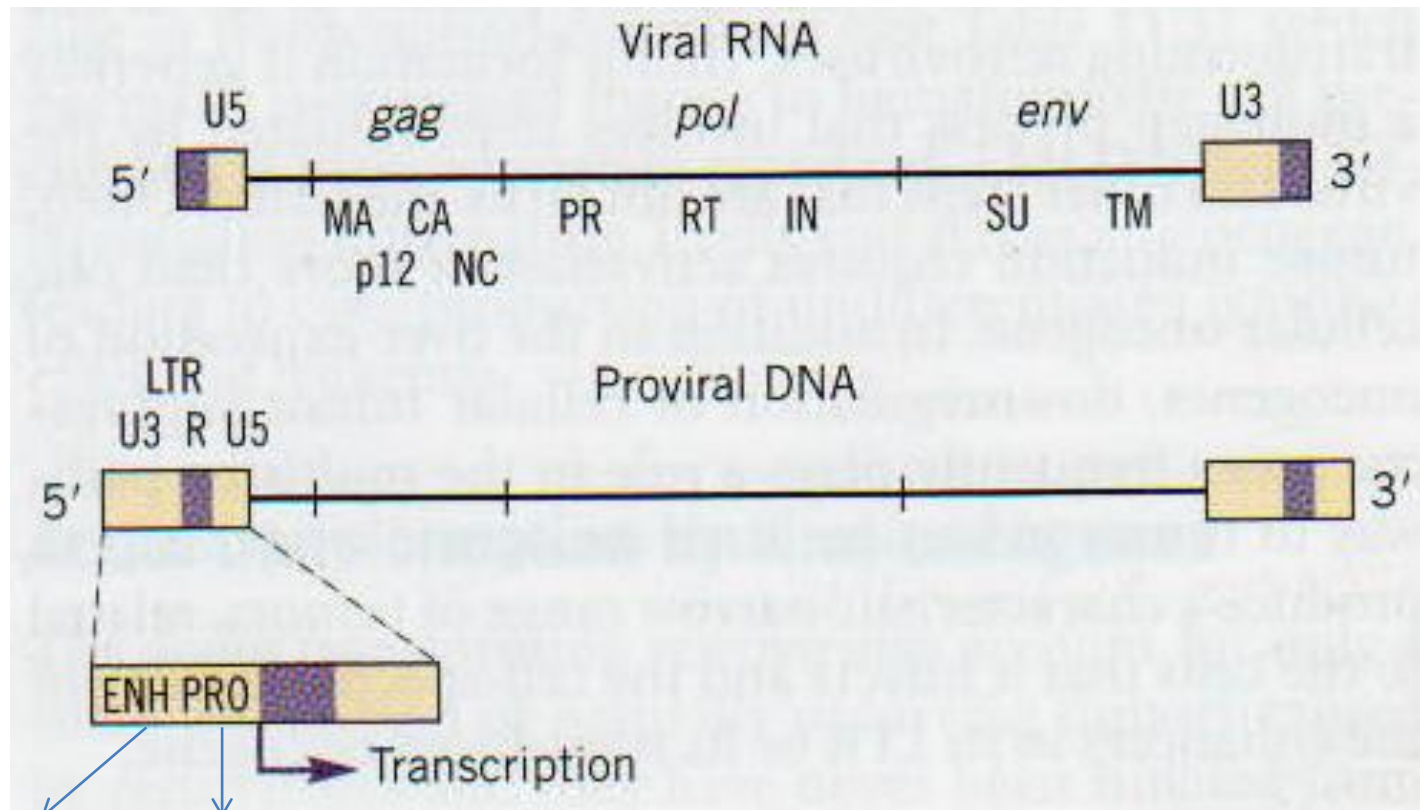
Oncogenic RNA viruses

Taxonomic grouping	Examples	Tumor Types
Retroviridae		
Mammalian B type	Mouse mammary tumor virus	Mammary carcinoma, T-cell lymphoma, Leukemia
Mammalian C type	Murine leukemia viruses Gross leukemia virus Moloney leukemia virus Graffi leukemia virus Friend leukemia virus Moloney sarcoma virus Kirsten sarcoma virus Harvey sarcoma virus Feline leukemia viruses Gardner-Amstein feline sarcoma virus McDonough feline sarcoma virus Simian sarcoma virus	Leukemia, lymphoma, sarcoma, various other malignancies and pathologic conditions
Avian C type	Avian leukosis and sarcoma viruses Rous sarcoma virus Rous-associated viruses (RAV) Avian leukosis viruses Avian myeloblastosis virus Avian erythroblastosis virus Mill-Hill 2 virus Myelocytoma virus MC29	Sarcoma, B-cell lymphoma, myeloid and erythroid leukemia, various carcinomas and other tumors
HTLV-BLV	Human T-lymphotropic virus Bovine leukemia virus	T-cell leukemia B-cell lymphoma

RETROVIRUS replication



RETROVIRUS genome

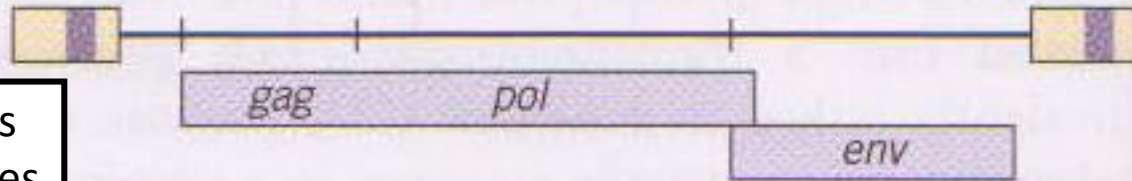


Enhancer

Promoter

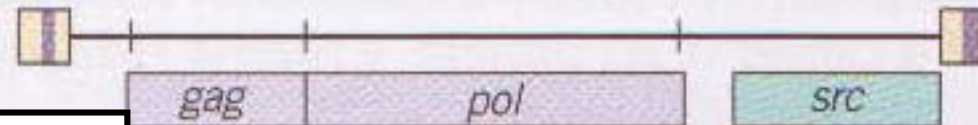
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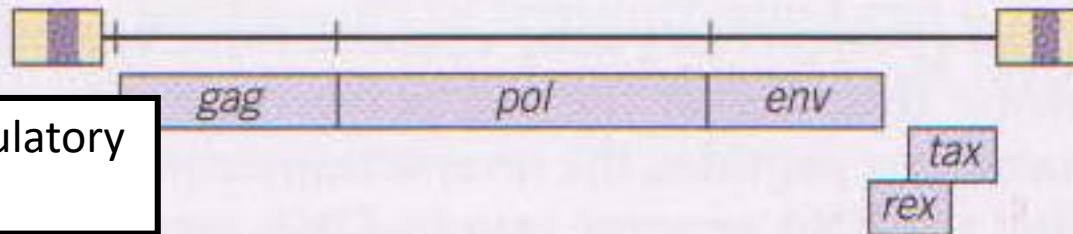
Insertional Mutagenesis
Cellular proto-oncogenes

RSV



Viral oncogenes action

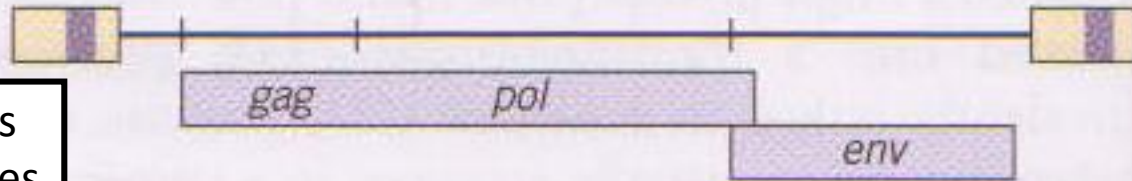
HTLV-1



Transactivation by regulatory
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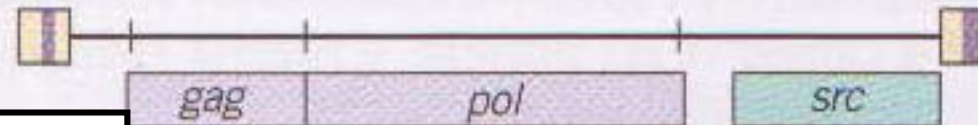
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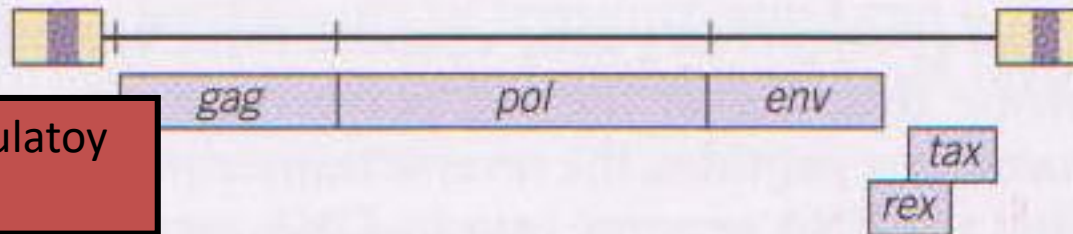
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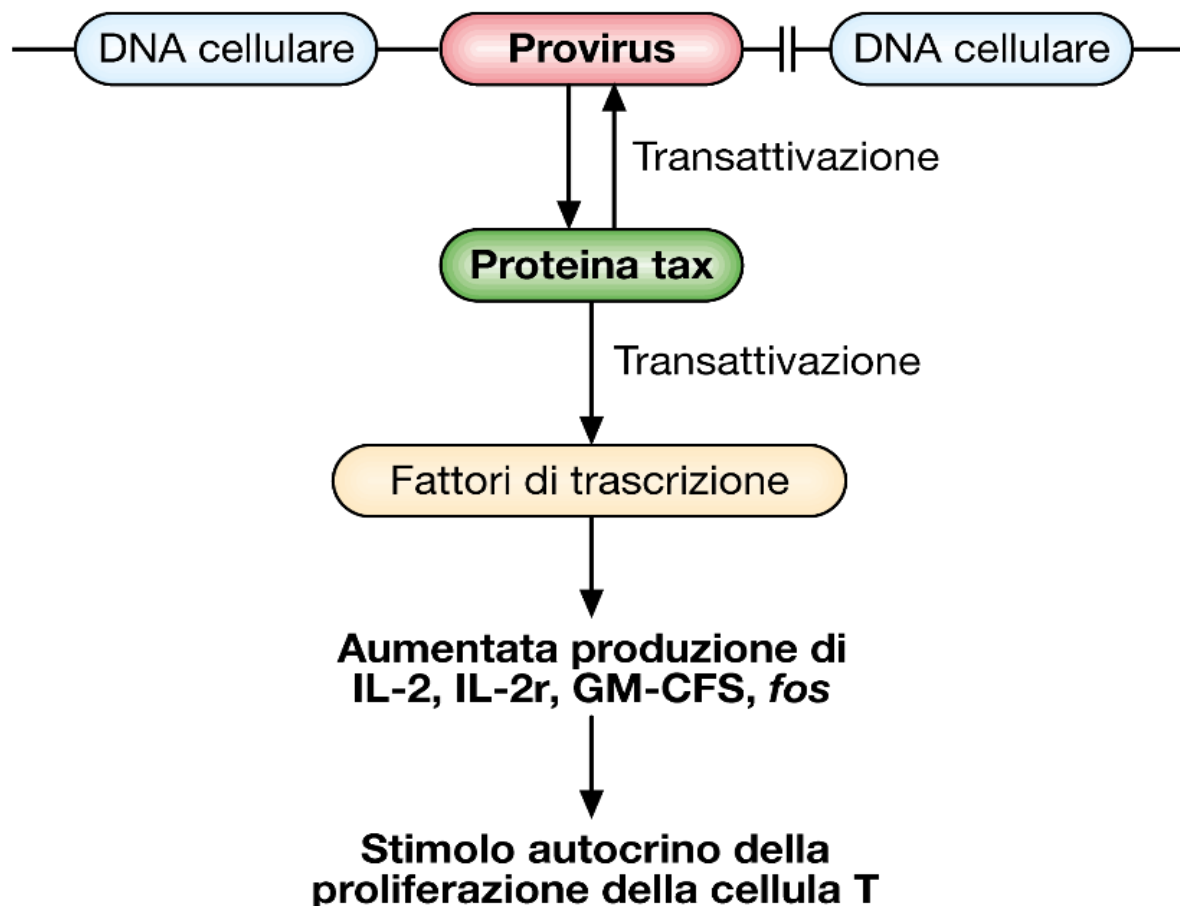
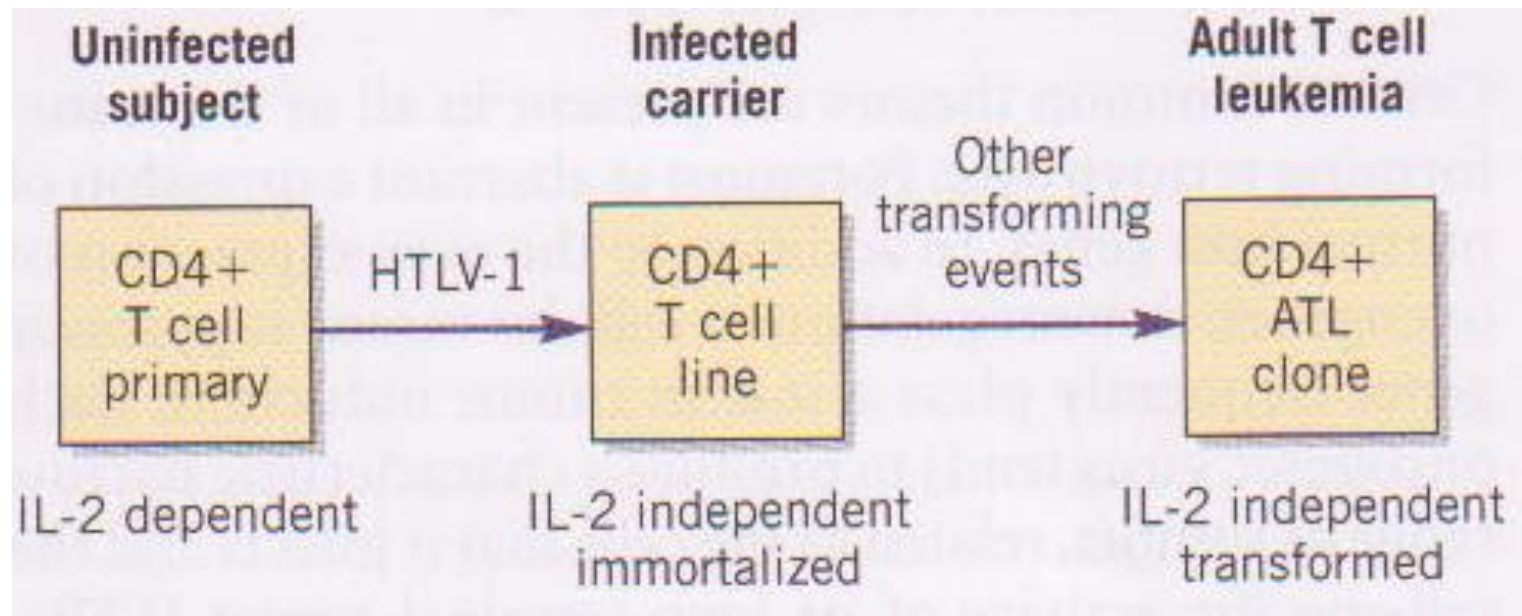


Figura 38.4 Schema del meccanismo trasformante di HTLV-1. Il prodotto del gene *tax* di HTLV-1 è in grado di transattivare non solo geni virali ma anche geni cellulari fra cui quelli codificanti l'IL-2 e il suo recettore. L'attivazione di IL-2 è responsabile della proliferazione e immortalizzazione dei linfociti T.

PUTATIVE TRANSFORMING ACTION OF HTLV-I



Oncogenic RETROVIRUS: Human T cell Leukemia Virus type I (HTLV-I)

- The first human retrovirus to be discovered, isolated from a patient with cutaneous T cell lymphoma in 1980
- Infects 10-20 million people worldwide from seroprevalence studies
- Disease only manifests in approx 5% of infected patients
- Primarily transmitted by breast feeding, although spread via blood transfusion, sharing of needles, and sexual intercourse also occurs
- Endemic in southern Japan, the Caribbean, South America, the Melanesian islands, Papua New Guinea, the Middle East and central/southern Africa
- Seroprevalence increases with age, women are twice as likely to be infected as men in endemic areas (only seen after 30 yrs of age and probably 2/2 sexual transmission)
- In non-endemic areas like US and Europe the seroprevalence is less than 1%
- Human T-lymphotropic virus type-1 (HTLV-1) is the causative agent of adult T-cell leukaemia/lymphoma (ATL), an aggressive CD4+ T-cell malignancy (and neurological disorders including myelopathy/Tropical spastic paraparesis).

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Other oncogenic RNA viruses

- HIV
 - DIRECT - Tat protein
 - INDIRECT - Immunosuppression
- HCV
 - INDIRECT - Liver regeneration

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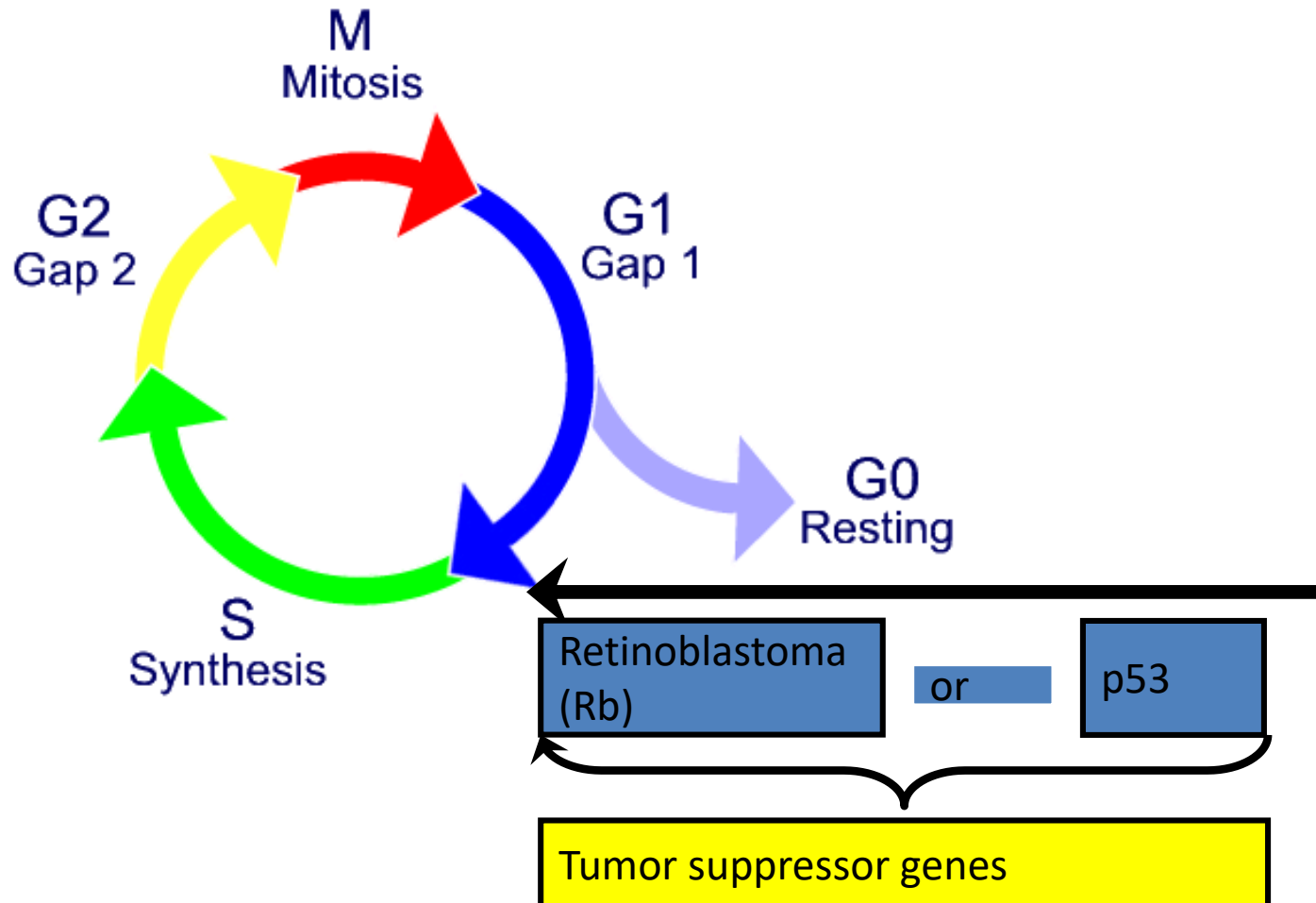
DNA VIRUSES (1)

- Most DNA viruses of eukaryotes transcribe and replicate their genomes and assemble progeny **in the nucleus**, the site of cellular DNA transcription and replication. The exceptions are the poxviruses, iridoviruses, and African swine fever virus, which replicate their DNA genomes partly or completely in the cytoplasm.
- DNA virus use **host cell enzymes for transcription**
- **Early in infection, a subset of so-called immediate early viral genes is expressed to produce mostly catalytic amounts of the nonstructural proteins required for DNA replication and modulation of the intracellular environment**
- **Sometimes these early events can lead to neoplastic transformation**
- Most viruses with small DNA genomes use host cell enzymes for **DNA replication**; those with intermediate and large size genomes have sufficient genetic capacity to encode DNA polymerases
- After genome replication, a different subset of genes is expressed (**late genes**) that directs synthesis of stoichiometric amounts of the **structural proteins** required for progeny virus assembly

DNA VIRUSES (2)

- **Because cellular DNA synthesis occurs only during the S-phase of the cell cycle and not at all in terminally differentiated G0 cells, viruses that depend on the DNA polymerases of the host must either wait for infected cells to enter S-phase spontaneously, as do parvoviruses, or early in infection they must express one or more viral oncogenes to override the regulation imposed by the cell cycle control proteins p53 and pRb and thereby stimulate infected cells to enter S-phase prematurely, as do polyoma- and papillomaviruses, among others.**
- **Viruses with large DNA genomes (e.g., herpes- and poxviruses) encode some of these enzymes themselves, and can thus replicate in nondividing cells** and other environments that would otherwise be inhospitable for DNA replication, such as terminally differentiated cells of the nervous system (some herpesviruses) or even the cytoplasm (poxviruses).

Tumor DNA viruses



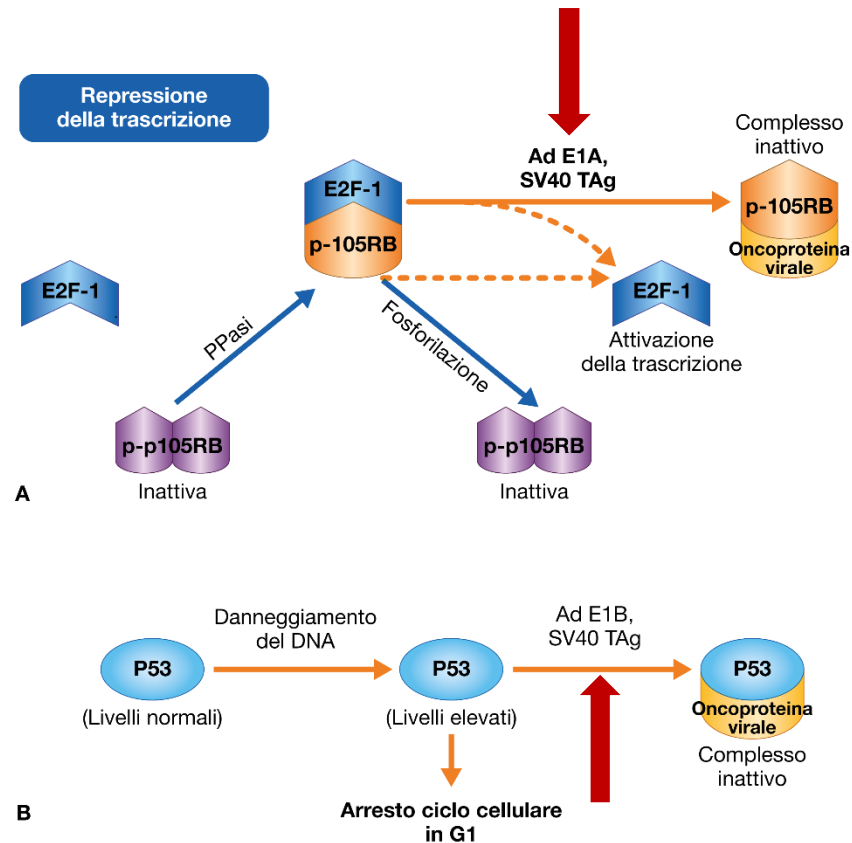


Figura 38.1 A. Interazione di oncoproteine prodotte da alcuni deossiribovirus con la proteina p105RB. Le proteine precoci E1A di adenovirus (Ad E1A) e T-grande del poliomavirus SV40 (SV40 TAg) possono interagire con la forma attiva ipofosforilata della proteina p105RB formando un complesso che porta alla liberazione del fattore di trascrizione E2F-1, il quale può così attivare la trascrizione di geni specifici che permettono alla cellula di entrare nella fase S. **B. Interazione di oncoproteine prodotte con la proteina p53.** Le proteine E1B di adenovirus (Ad E1B) e T-grande del poliomavirus SV40 (SV40 TAg) si legano alla proteina p53 inattivando la sua funzione.

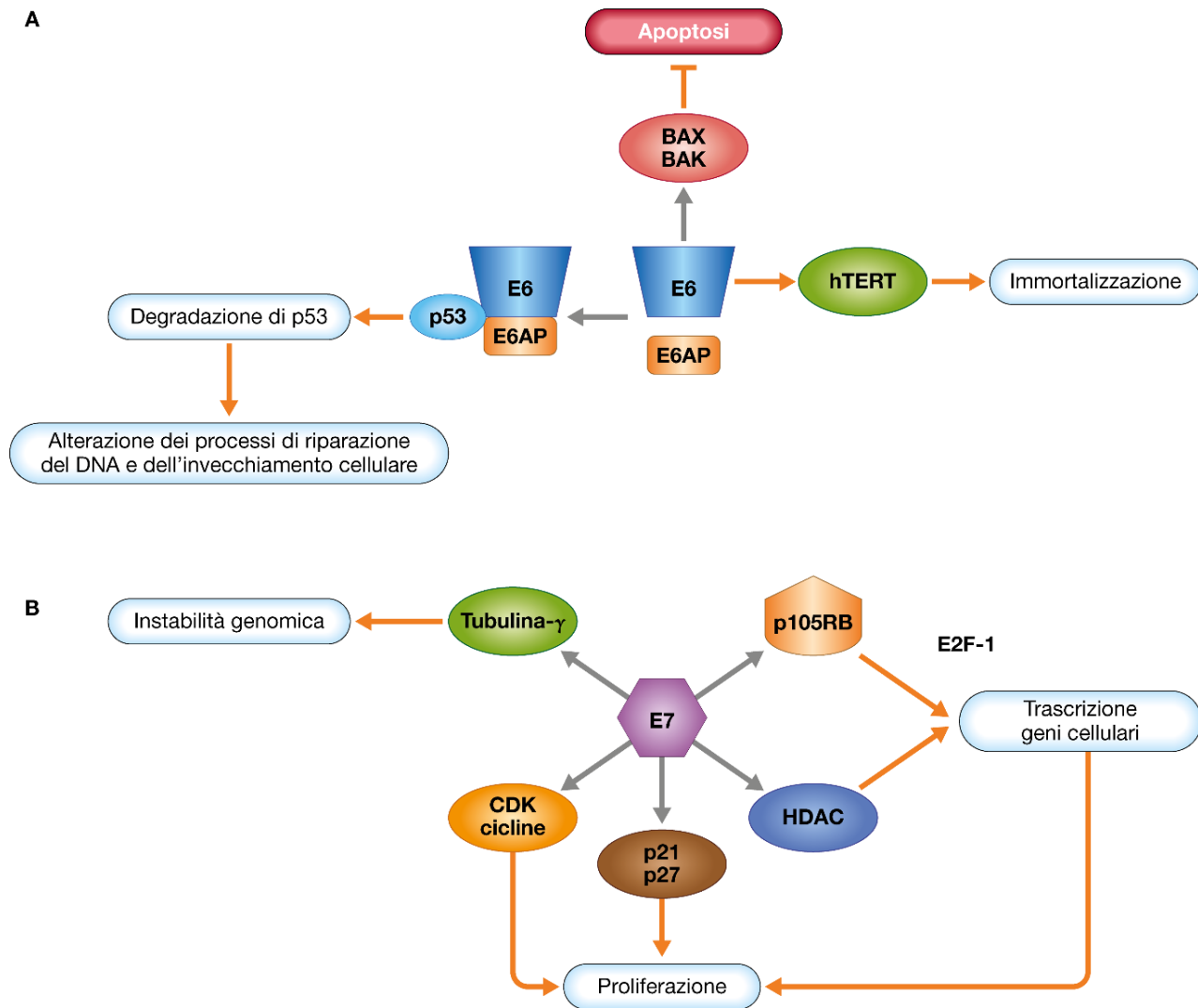


Figura 38.2 A. Interazione della oncoproteina E6 di papilloma virus con prodotti cellulari. La proteina precoce E6 può portare alla degradazione di p53 dopo formazione del complesso trimerico con E6AP e p53. E6 è anche in grado di interagire con hTERT e di bloccare l'apoptosi mediante interazione con BAX e BAK. **B.** Interazione della oncoproteina E7 di papillomavirus con prodotti cellulari. La proteina precoce E7 può interagire con la forma attiva ipofosforilata della proteina p105RB portando alla liberazione del fattore di trascrizione E2F-1, il quale può così attivare la trascrizione di geni coinvolti nella proliferazione cellulare. Inoltre E7 deregola il ciclo cellulare inibendo gli inibitori delle chinasi ciclico-dipendenti come p21 e p27 o interagendo direttamente con CDK2. E7 induce anche instabilità genomica interagendo con la tubulina- γ e attivando la trascrizione di geni cellulari mediante interazione con gli istoni deacetilasi (HDAC).

Other oncogenic DNA viruses

- HHV-8
 - DIRECT
Sequence homology with cellular genes involved in apoptosis, cell proliferation and immune response
- HSV-1
 - DIRECT
Insertional mutations, cis-activation of protooncogenes
- HSV-2
 - DIRECT
Insertional mutations, cis-activation of protooncogenes
- HBV
 - DIRECT
Insertional mutations, cis-activation of protooncogenes
 - INDIRECT
Liver regeneration

In most (approximately 90%) of the cases of Burkitt's lymphoma, a reciprocal translocation has moved the proto-oncogene *c-myc* from its normal position on chromosome 8 to a location close to the immunoglobulin (Ig) heavy-chain gene enhancer on chromosome 14. ENHANCEMENT OF GROWTH ACTIVATORS

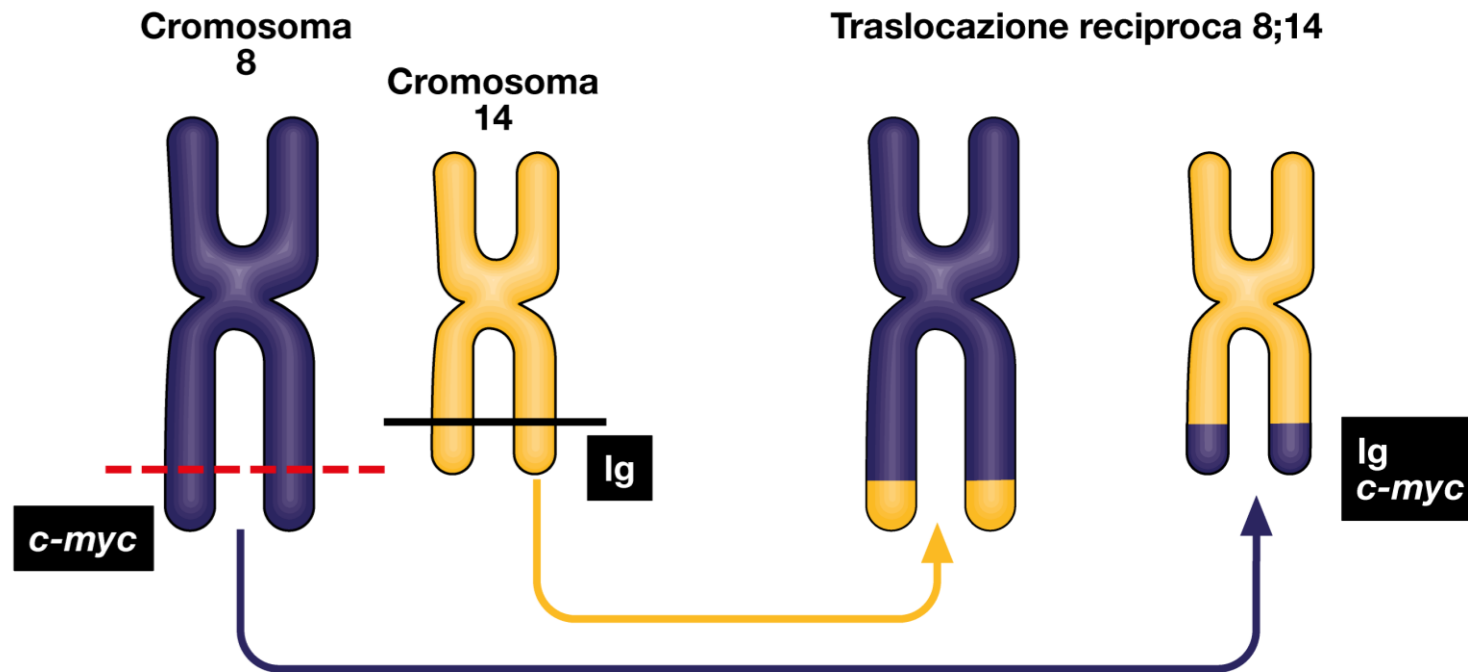


Figura 38.3 Traslocazione cromosomica nel linfoma di Burkitt. Nella traslocazione più frequente osservata in questo linfoma (8;14) l'oncogene *c-myc* presente sul cromosoma 8 viene portato sul cromosoma 14 in prossimità dei geni che codificano per la porzione costante delle catene pesanti delle immunoglobuline.

