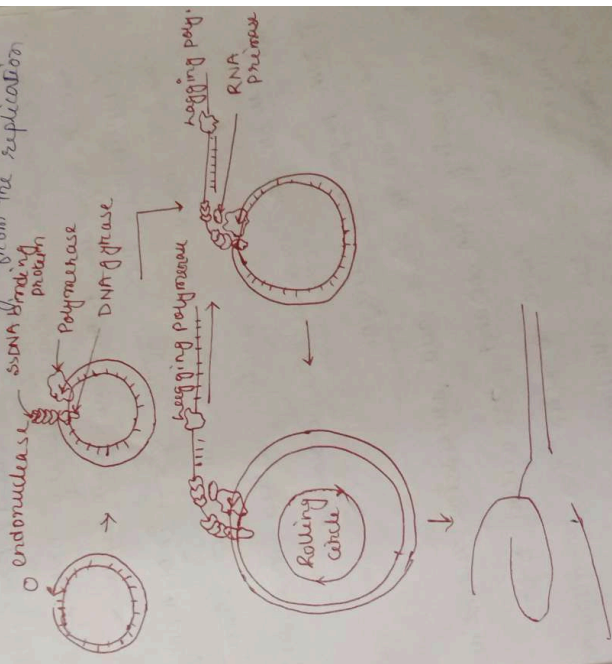


Synthesis by Primase

- 4. The lagging strand RNA primers are removed and Okazaki fragments ligated.
- 5. The replication fork go on until they reach the end of linear genome or until they meet at the opposite side of a circular genome.

6. After synthesis topoisomerase allows separation of two strands



The next

## Enzymology of DNA replication / Enzyme associated with DNA replication / Kornberg hypothesis on enzymology:

Enzyme involved in DNA replication was first given by Arthur Kornberg and his colleagues in 1957. Kornberg and his colleagues isolated an enzyme from *E. coli* which promotes DNA synthesis, which later be known as DNA polymerase-1.  $\approx 20$  amino acid (proteins) and enzymes are required during DNA replication which together known as DNA replicase system (replisome). These enzymes are - i) DNA polymerase, ii) Polynucleotide ligase, iii) Exonuclease, while a number of protein called helicase, gyrase or topoisomerase are involved.

### i) DNA polymerase enzyme:

Enzymes that add successive nucleotides to a growing DNA strand are called DNA polymerase. These have 2 sites for the attachment.

1. Template site for attachment template DNA
2. 5' triphosphate site for " of deoxyribonucleo-

with 5' triphosphate

3. Primer terminus site (For attachment 3'OH end of the DNA primer)

DNA polymerase associated with dNTP nucleotides to primer DNA in direction from 5'-PO<sub>4</sub> end to the 3'-OH end. There are 3 DNA polymerase enzymes participate \_\_\_\_\_

A. DNA Polym. I (Pol. I)

B. DNA polymerase - II (Pol. II)

C. DNA polymerase - III (Pol. III)

A. DNA polymerase I: The enzyme is spherical with a diameter of about 6.5 nm. It has molecular weight of 1,90,000 and is formed of single polypeptide chain. It has sulphhydryl group, single inter-chain disulphide and one zinc molecule at active site. DNA pol.-I molecules is a complex structure formed of \_\_\_\_\_

a) DNA polymerase 3'-5' exonuclease

b) 5'-3' exonuclease

There are five binding sites of

### A. DNA pol. I :

- Template site for binding the template DNA.
- Primer site for binding primer strand of DNA.
- Primer terminus site for 3'-hydroxyl terminus of primer.
- Pri 5'-triphosphate site, locus for incoming DNA 5' - " group.
- 5' → 3' exonuclease site, a locus for 5' → 3' exonuclease activity situated in the path of growing chain.

### Function:

1. 5' → 3' polymerase activity: It catalyse the addition of mononucleotide units (deoxyribonucleotide residue) to the free 3'-hydroxyl end of polynucleotide chain of DNA for the growth of polynucleotide chain in 5' → 3' direction. A pure DNA pol. I can add about

1000 nucleotide residue per minute per molecule  
of at  $37^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

2.  $5' \rightarrow 3'$  exonuclease activity: It catalyse  $5' \rightarrow 3'$  exonuclease activity in DNA repair by removing and replacing damaged base pair. It also catalyses removal of pieces of RNA primers used in DNA replication from the  $5'$  end of each Okazaki fragment.

3.  $3' \rightarrow 5'$  proof reading exonuclease activity: This activity of polymerase-1 has a proof reading correcting function. It removes the incorrect nucleotide and places the correct one.

### β. DNA pol. II:

It is comparatively small enzyme with a molecular weight of about 1,20,000 daltons. Its biological function is not fully established. It seems to repair DNA by filling polynucleotide chain. Thus the pol.-II can't replicate long strand but can fill gaps in DNA duplex.

C. DNA pol-III :

This enzyme was discovered by T. Kornberg and H.L. Gutter in 1972. It is largest, most complex and most active polymerase enzyme out of three. Molecular weight  $\approx 9,00,000$  and consist of 18-20 subunits. Because its role as primary role in replication, so it is referred as replicase.