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# Lecture 25

# Central Dogma: RNA to Protein, Translation...













Figure 3.22 Biology: How Life Works





1 error in 1x 10<sup>9</sup> (1 in 1,000,000,000) bases replicated





#### <u>Fig. 1</u>

Genomic organization of representative  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  CoVs. An illustration of the MHV genome is depicted at the *top*. The expanded regions below show the structural and accessory proteins in the 3' regions of the HCoV-229E, MHV, SARS-CoV, MERS-CoV and IBV. Size of the genome and individual genes are approximated using the legend at the *top* of the diagram but are not drawn to scale. *HCoV-229E* human coronavirus 229E, *MHV* mouse hepatitis virus, *SARS-CoV* severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus, *MERS-CoV* Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus, *IBV* infectious bronchitis virus



















The "Universal" Genetic Code is a 3 base/letter code...

T / HER / EDC / ATG / OTT / HER / ATO / FFT / HEM / AT TH / ERE / DCA / TGO / TTH / ERA / TOF / FTH / EMA / T THE/ RED / CAT / GOT / THE / RAT / OFF / THE / MAT



**AUG,** which codes for the amino acid **methionine**, is called the **start codon**, which initiates the translational process.

Three of the possible codons are **STOP CODONS** (**UAA**, **UAG**, and **UGA**), which direct the ribosomes to STOP reading the mRNA; that is, they end translation.

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Four possibilities for the first base, x four for the second, x four for the third yields **64 possibilities options** 

#### Only 20 amino acids, so the code is "redundant"



















































Messenger RNA (mRNA)

Initiation factors

**Elongation factors** 

**Release factors** 

Aminoacyl tRNA synthetases

Transfer RNA (tRNA)

Ribosome (ribosomal RNA + ribosomal proteins)




#### **RNA** comes in various forms/sequences, commensurate with function.

**rRNA** (81% by weight in *E. coli*; cellular RNA), which acts as nucleic acid scaffold for the ribosomes, which are the enzymes that copy the mRNA message into a polypeptide chain.

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mRNA (4% by weight in *E. coli;* transient 0.5-10 minute to 24hr. life span), which is the transient information that is copied from the DNA.



















## **Prokaryote rRNA:**

**23S** rRNA, **5S** rRNA

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**16S** rRNA,

**Eukaryote rRNA:** 

28S rRNA, 5.8S rRNA, 5S rRNA,

&

18S rRNA









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Enzymes known as aminoacyl tRNA synthetases are important in translation. They carry out the actual translation from nucleic acid to amino acid.

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Initiation factors recruit the small ribosomal subunit and tRNAMet and scan the mRNA for an AUG codon.



When the complex reaches an AUG, the large ribosomal subunit joins, the initiation factors are released, and a tRNA complementary to the next codon binds to the A site.



A reaction transfers the Met to the amino acid on the tRNA in the A site, forming a peptide bond.



The ribosome moves down one codon, which puts the amino acid carrying the polypeptide into the P site and the nowuncharged tRNA into the E site, where it is ejected. A new tRNA complementary to the next codon binds to the A site.



The polypeptide transfers to the amino acid on the tRNA in the A site. The polypeptide is elongated by repeating steps (d) and (e).

### **Translation Elongation**



Translation of the sequence of codons in messenger RNA into the sequence of amino acids in a polypeptide chain is an orderly process repeated over and over again.

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# **Release factors**










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Initiation in prokaryotes is at any Shine–Dalgarno sequence; the mRNA can therefore be a polycistronic mRNA that codes for several polypeptides.

**Monocistronic mRNA** 



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- α carbon
- Carbonyl group (C=O)
- Amide group (N–H)
- R group (side chain)
- H atom
- Single bond
- Peptide bond
- --- Hydrogen bond



The primary structure is the sequence of amino acids.

The secondary structure results from interactions of nearby amino acids.

The tertiary structure is the threedimensional shape of a polypeptide.

The quaternary structure results from interactions of polypeptide subunits.



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WHERE and HOW do you regulate the whole process?????