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# CRISPR-Cas9 editing of *Streptomyces* genome

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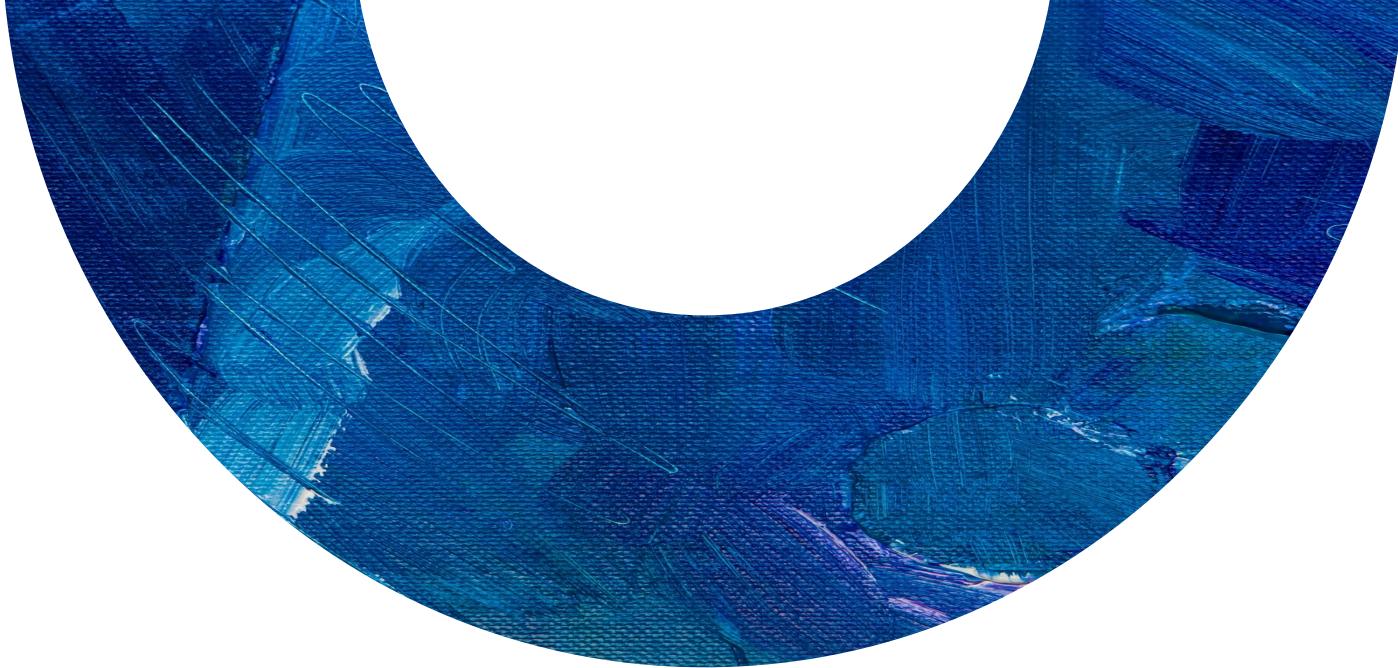
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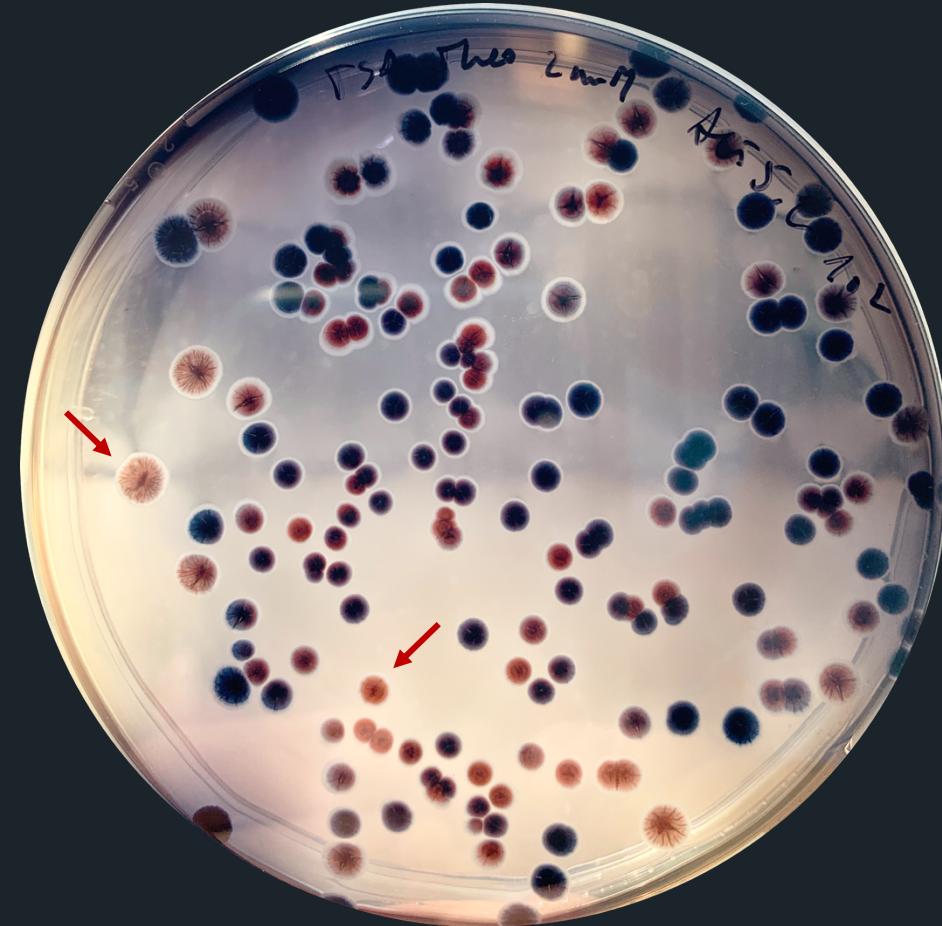
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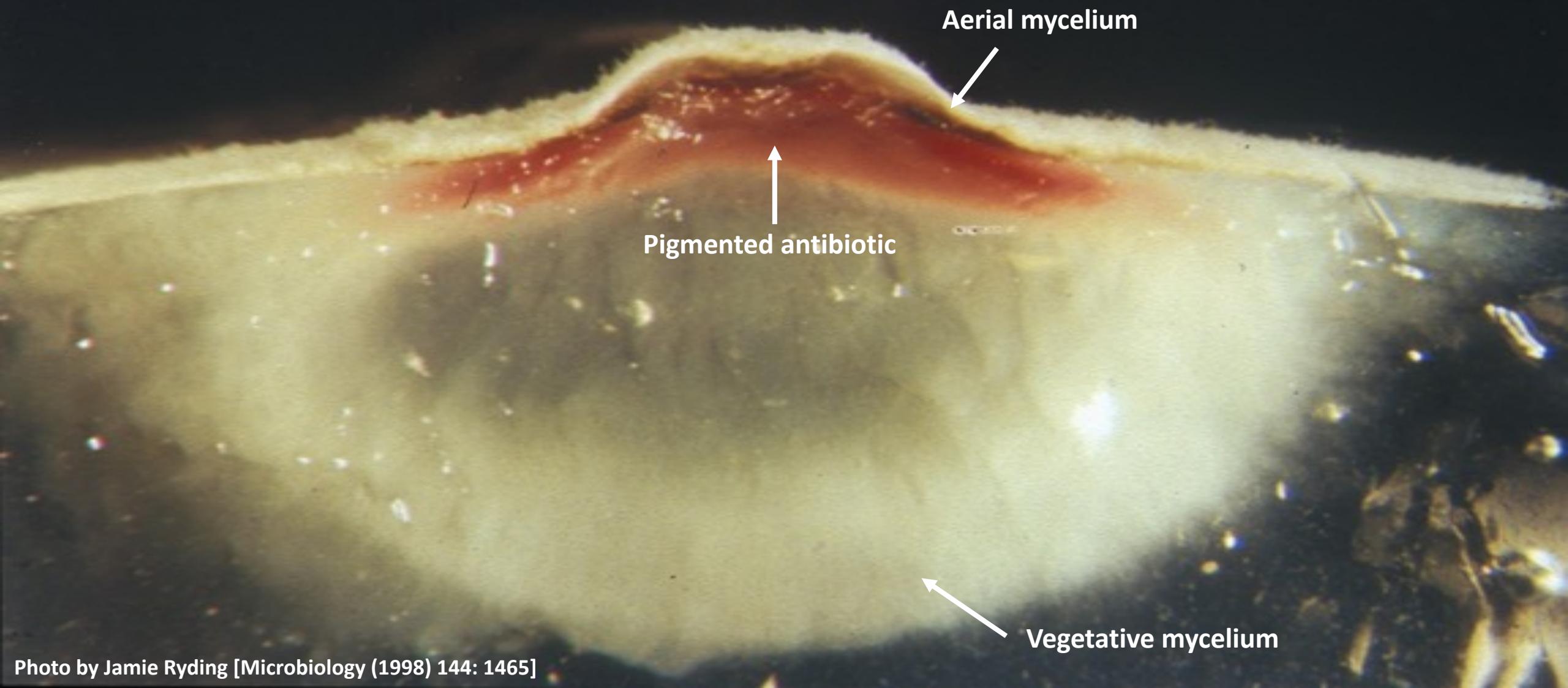




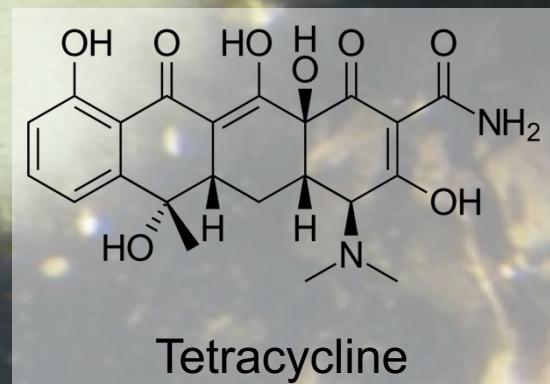
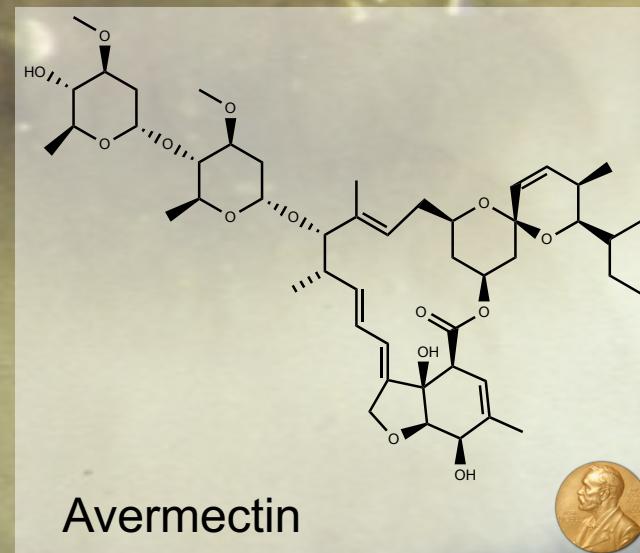
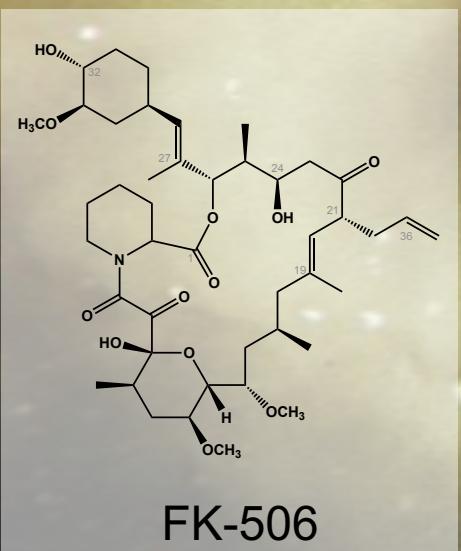
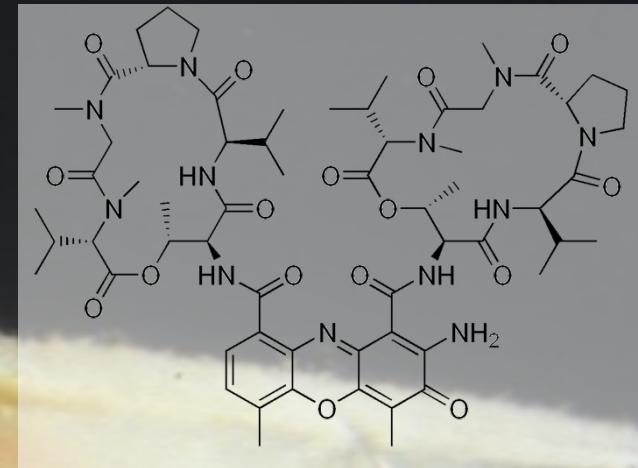
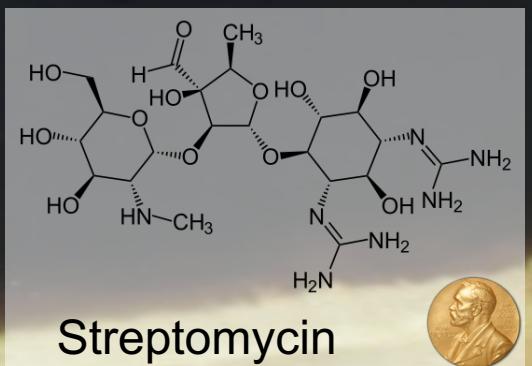
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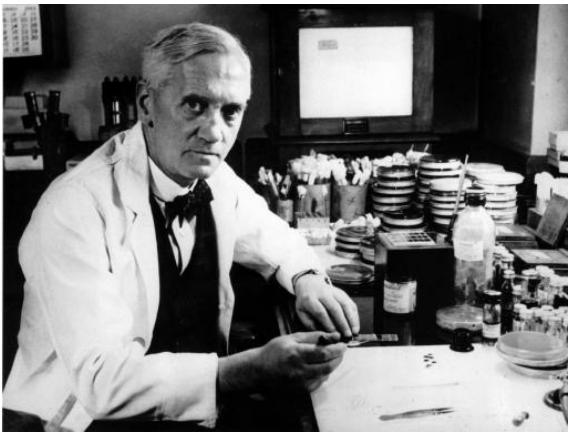


# Actinobacteria produce an enormous diversity of natural compounds

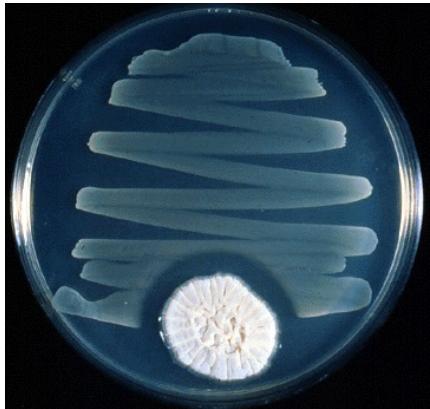


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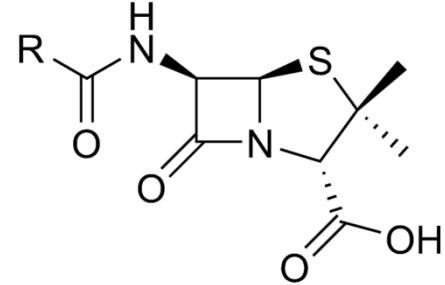
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Alexander Fleming

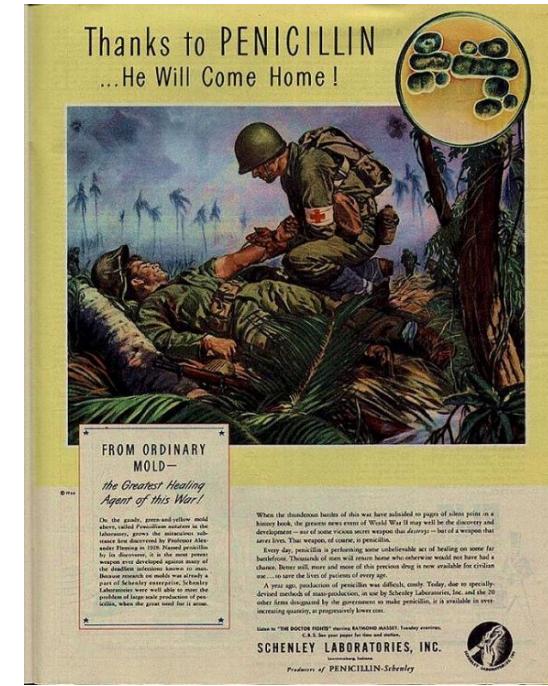


*Penicillium notatum*



Penicillin (1928)

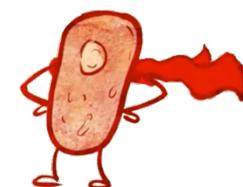
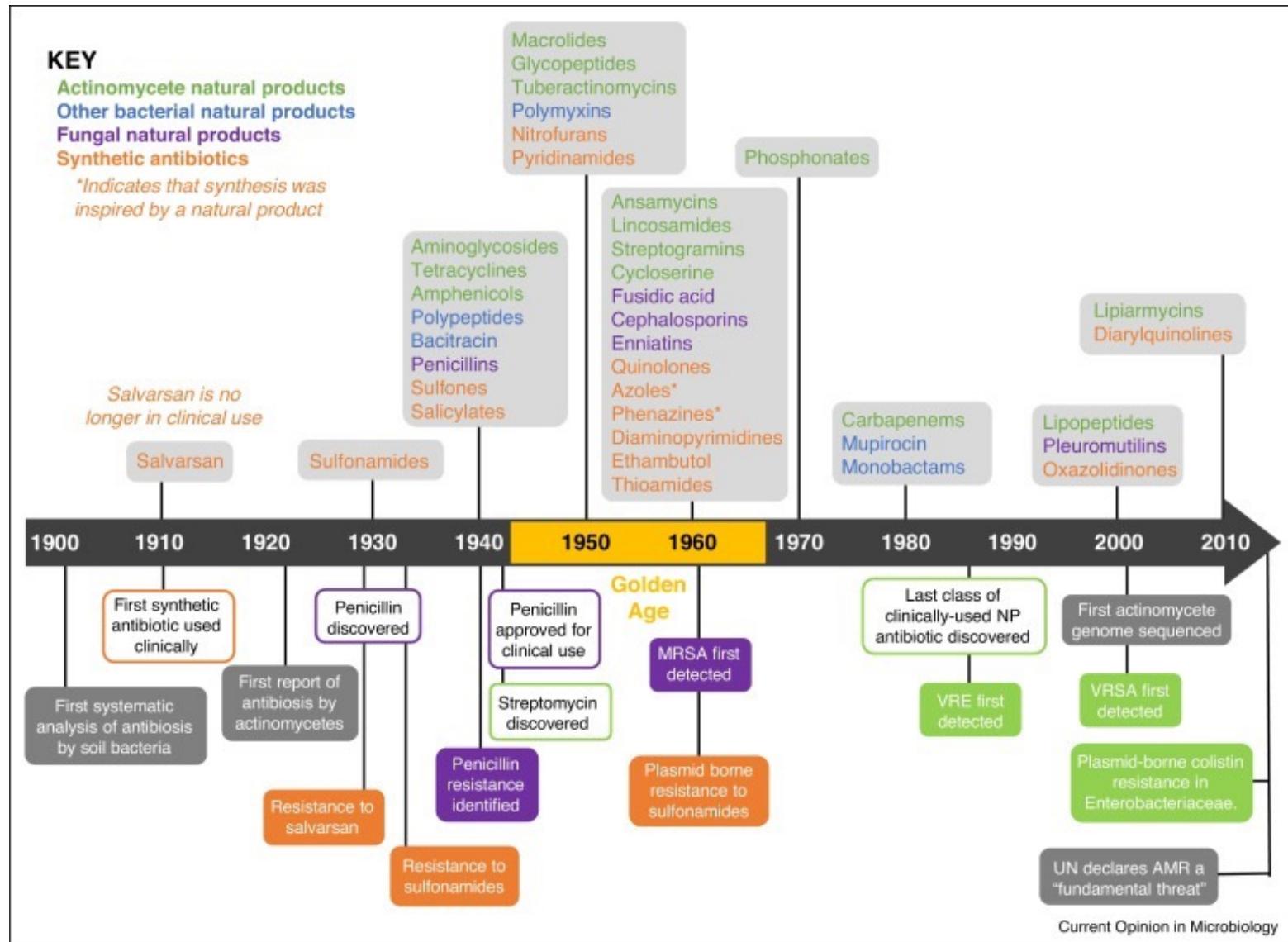
"for the discovery of penicillin  
and its curative effect in  
various infectious diseases"  
(1945)



Howard Florey and Ernst Chain



# Antibiotic discovery



# NEWS

## Health

### Antibiotic resistance plan to fight 'urgent' global threat

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Health

Drug-resistant superbugs are as big a threat as climate change, Theresa May will say as he unveils a new five-year plan to tackle the problem

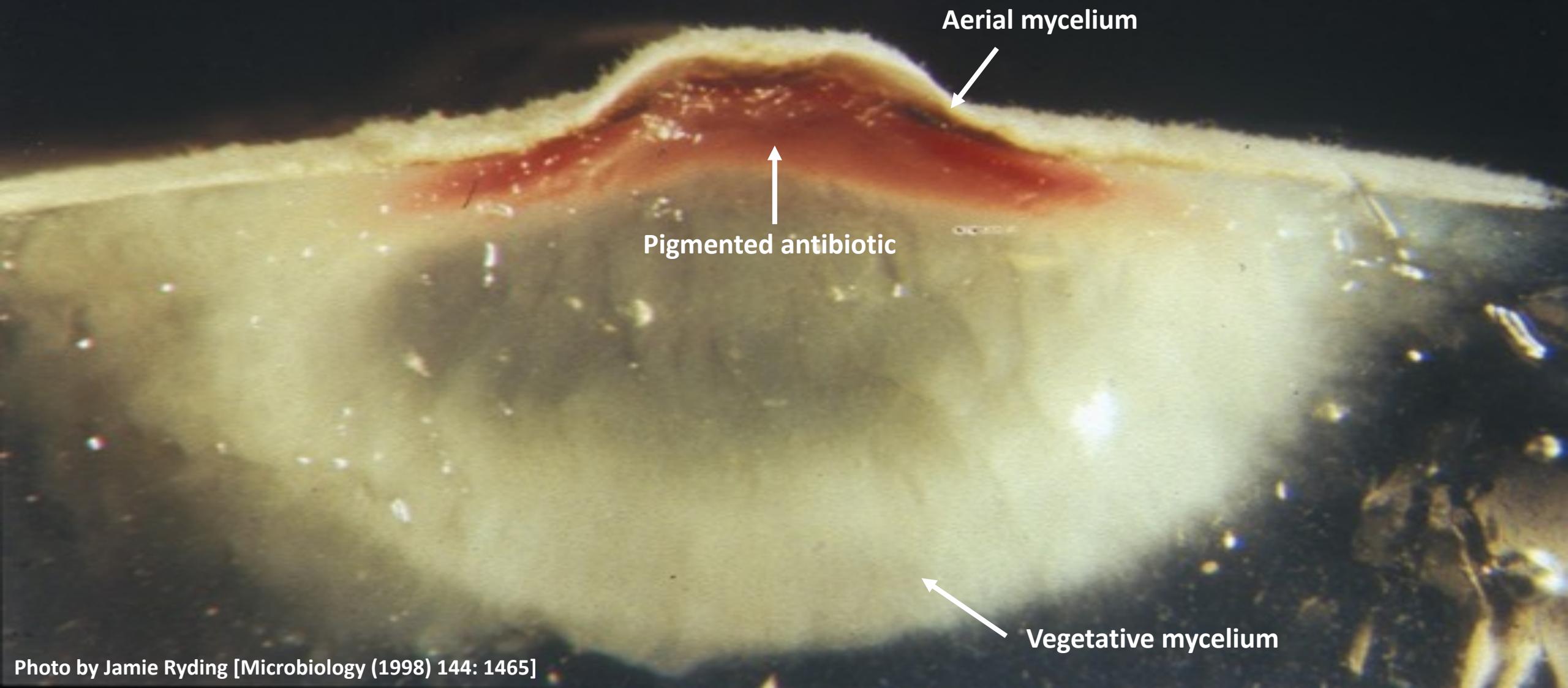


### Drug resistance likely to kill 400,000 Canadians by 2050, report predicts



Problem already costs the national health-care system \$1.4B a year

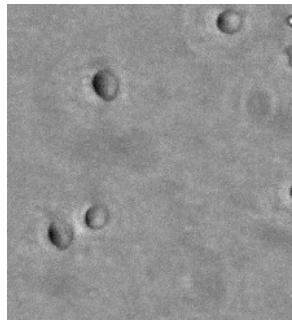
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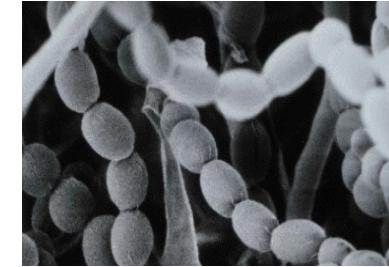
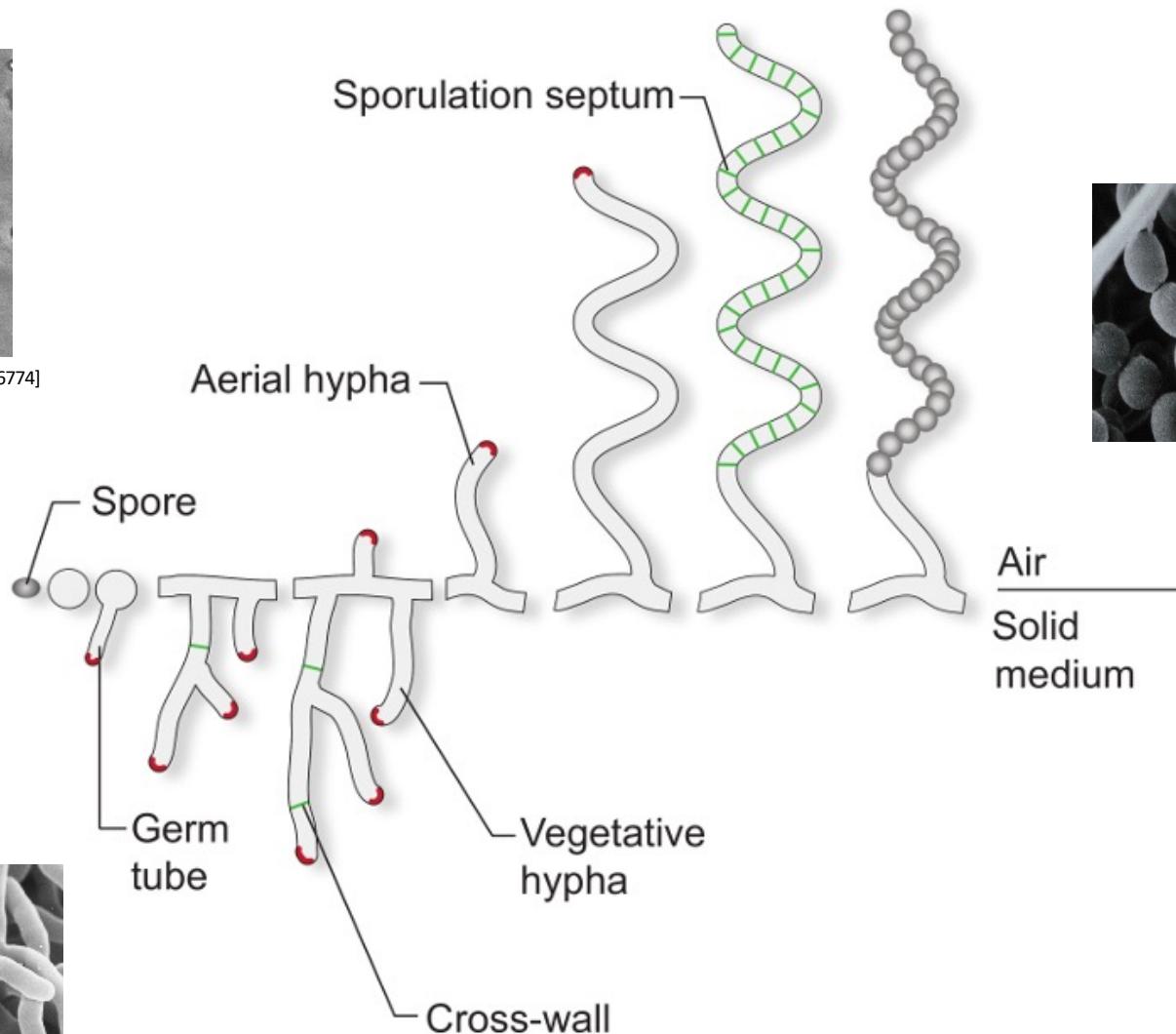
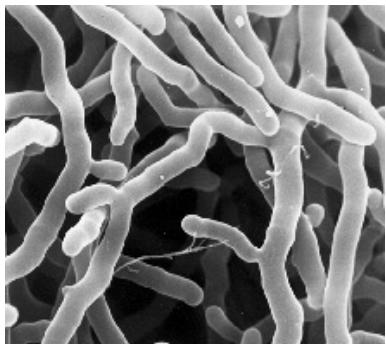


Scott Chimileski (<http://www.scottchimileskiphotography.com/>)

# Streptomyces life cycle



[Jyothikumar et al. (2008) AEM, 74: 6774]



# *Streptomyces coelicolor* - A case of colors

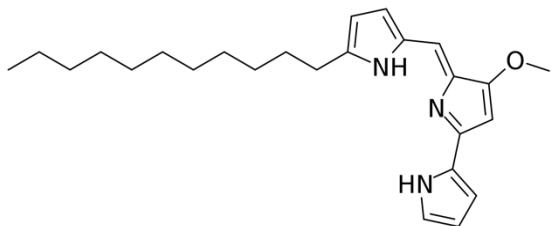


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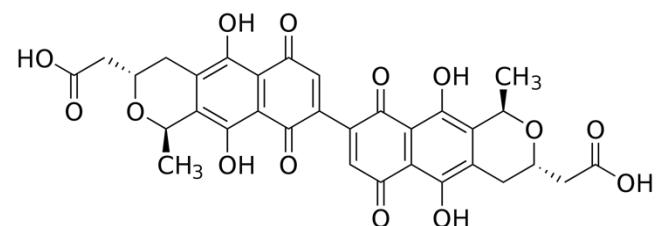


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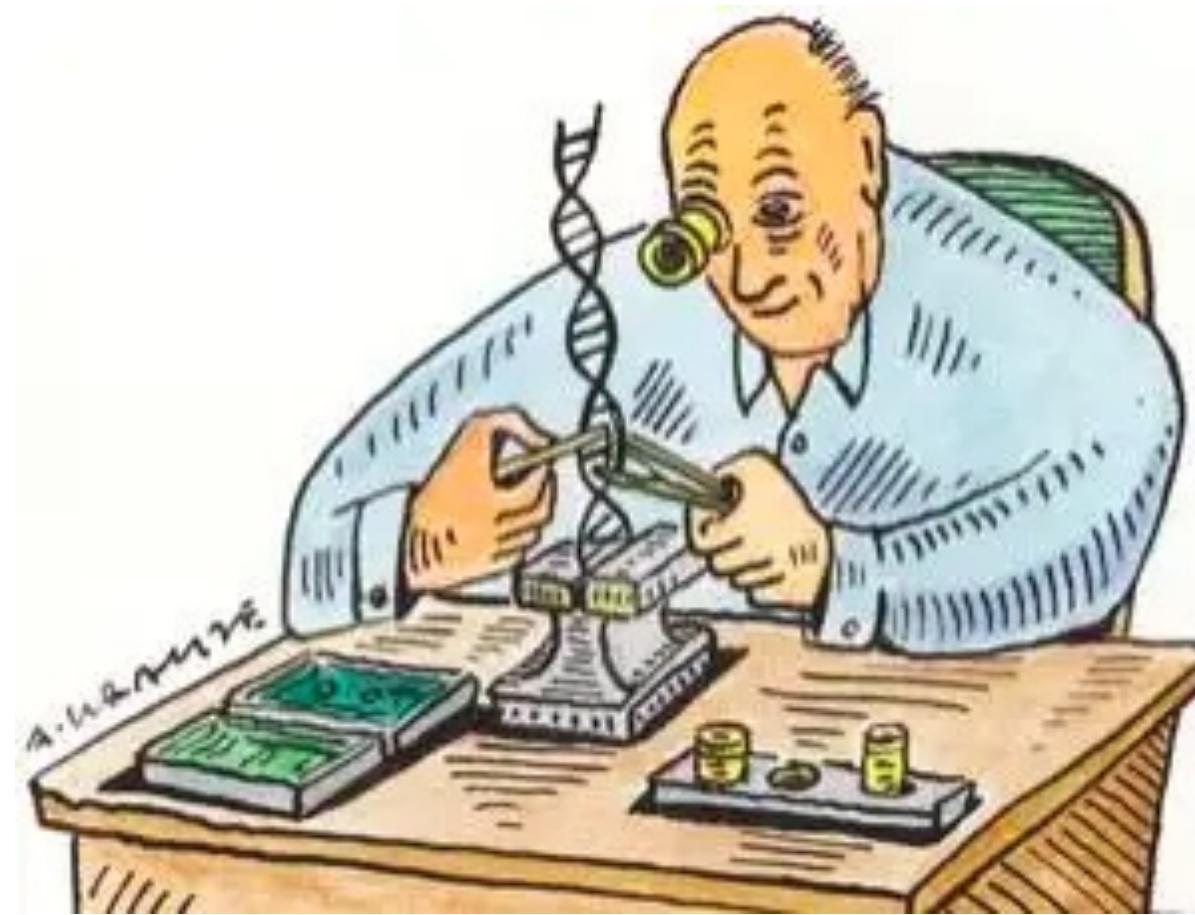
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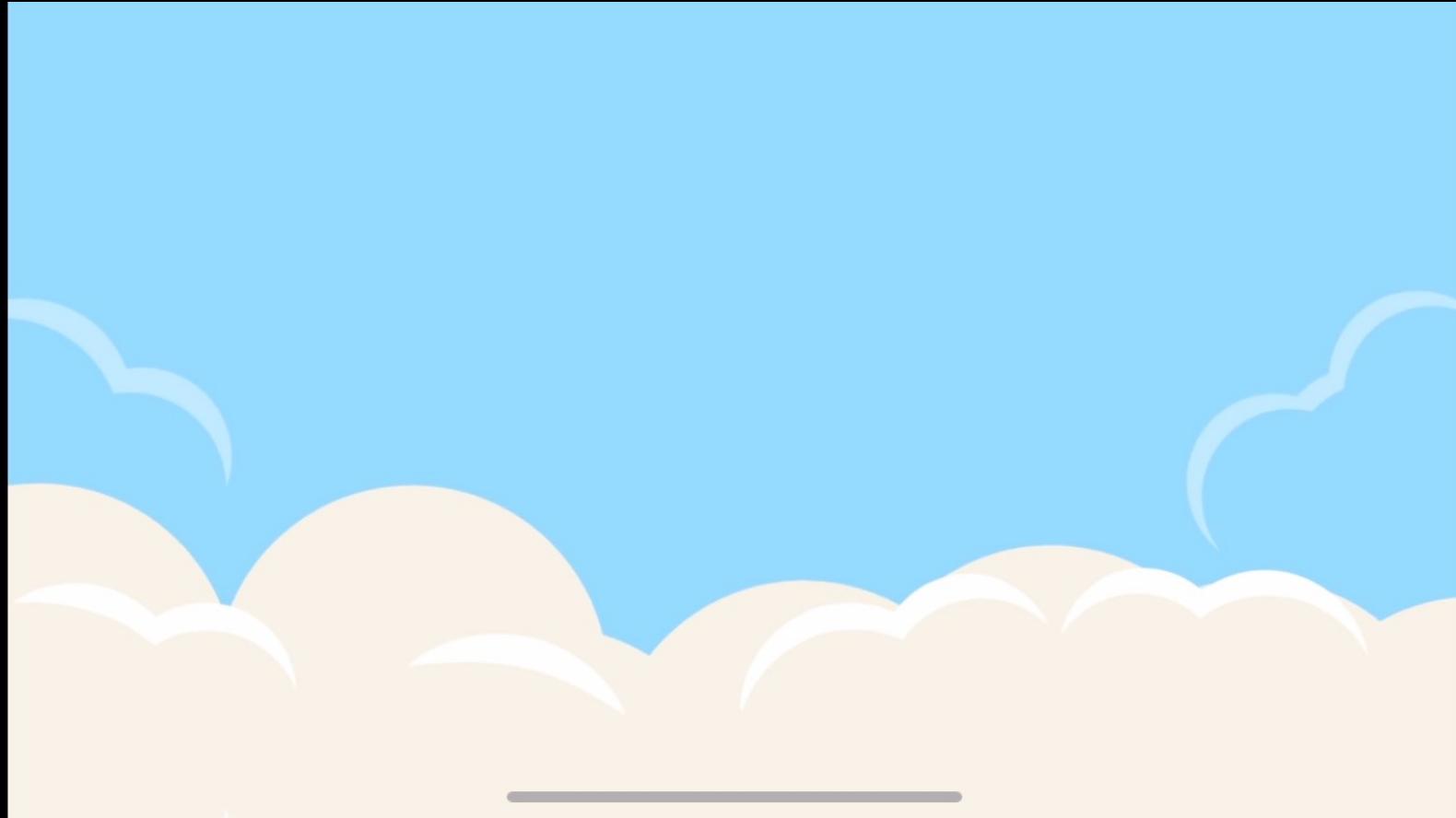


Actinorhodin



## CRISPR-cas9 as a tool for gene editing





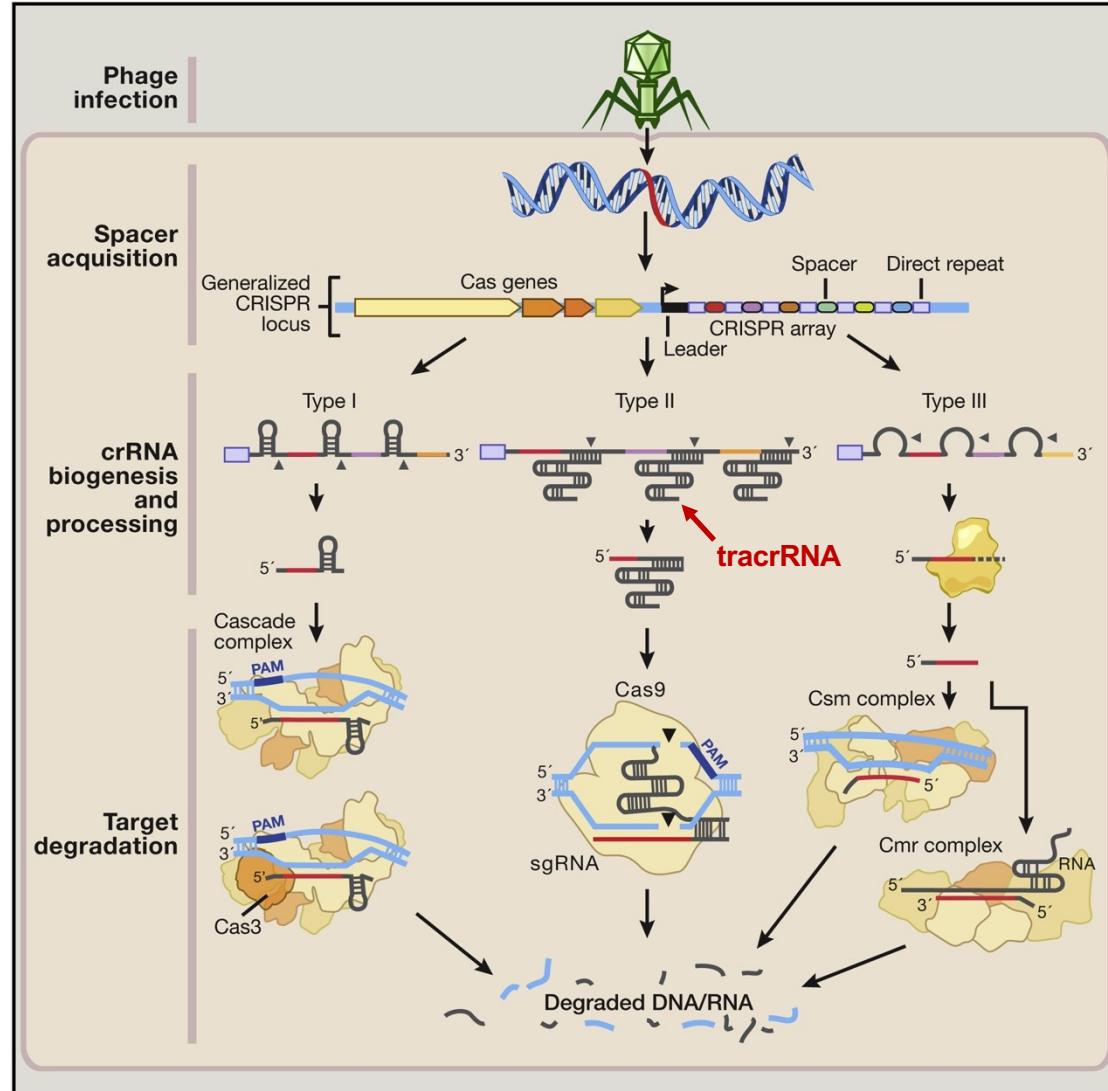
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# CRISPR-mediated immunity in bacteria



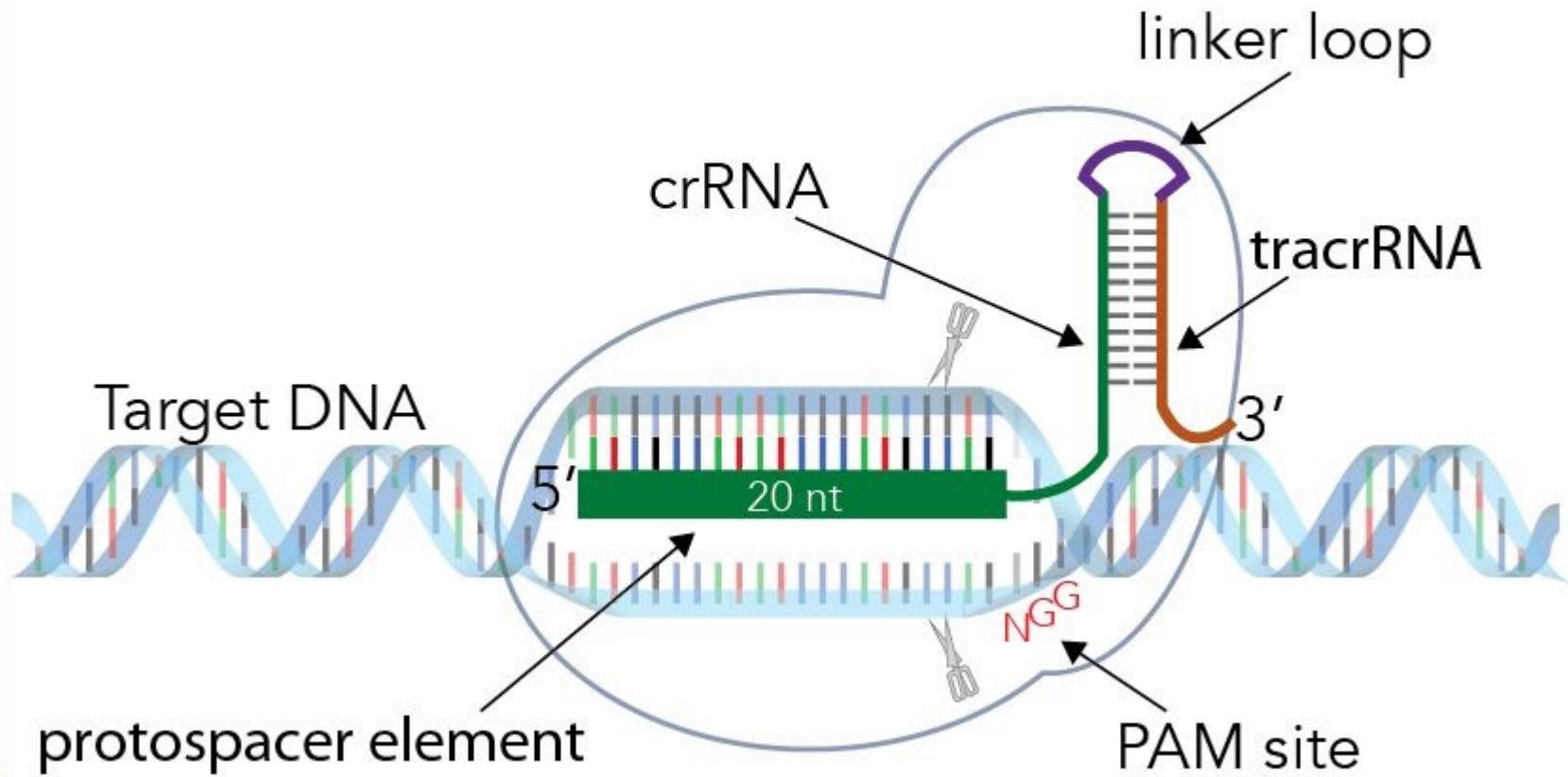
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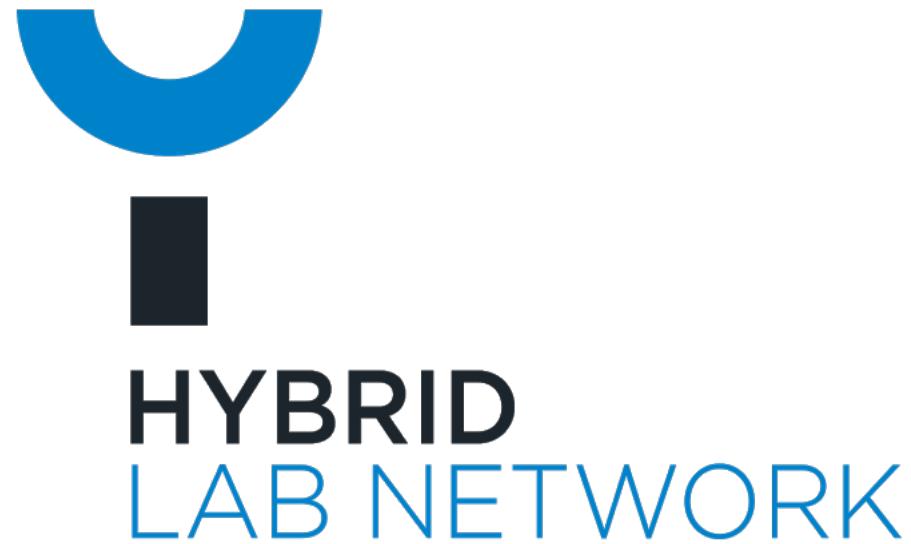
Immunity

crRNAs – CRISPR RNAs

tracrRNA – *trans*-activating CRISPR RNA

sgRNA  
(crRNA+linker loop+tracrRNA)





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*The protocol explained*

# Showcase – turning off the blue pigment

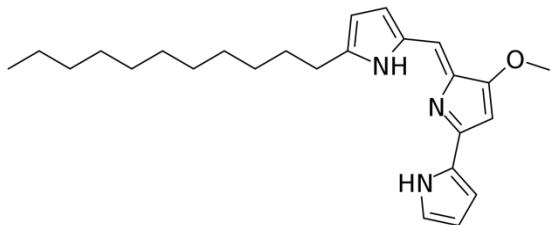


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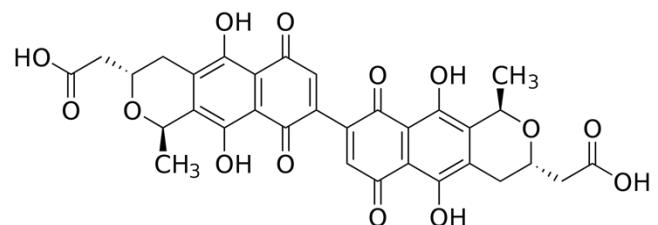


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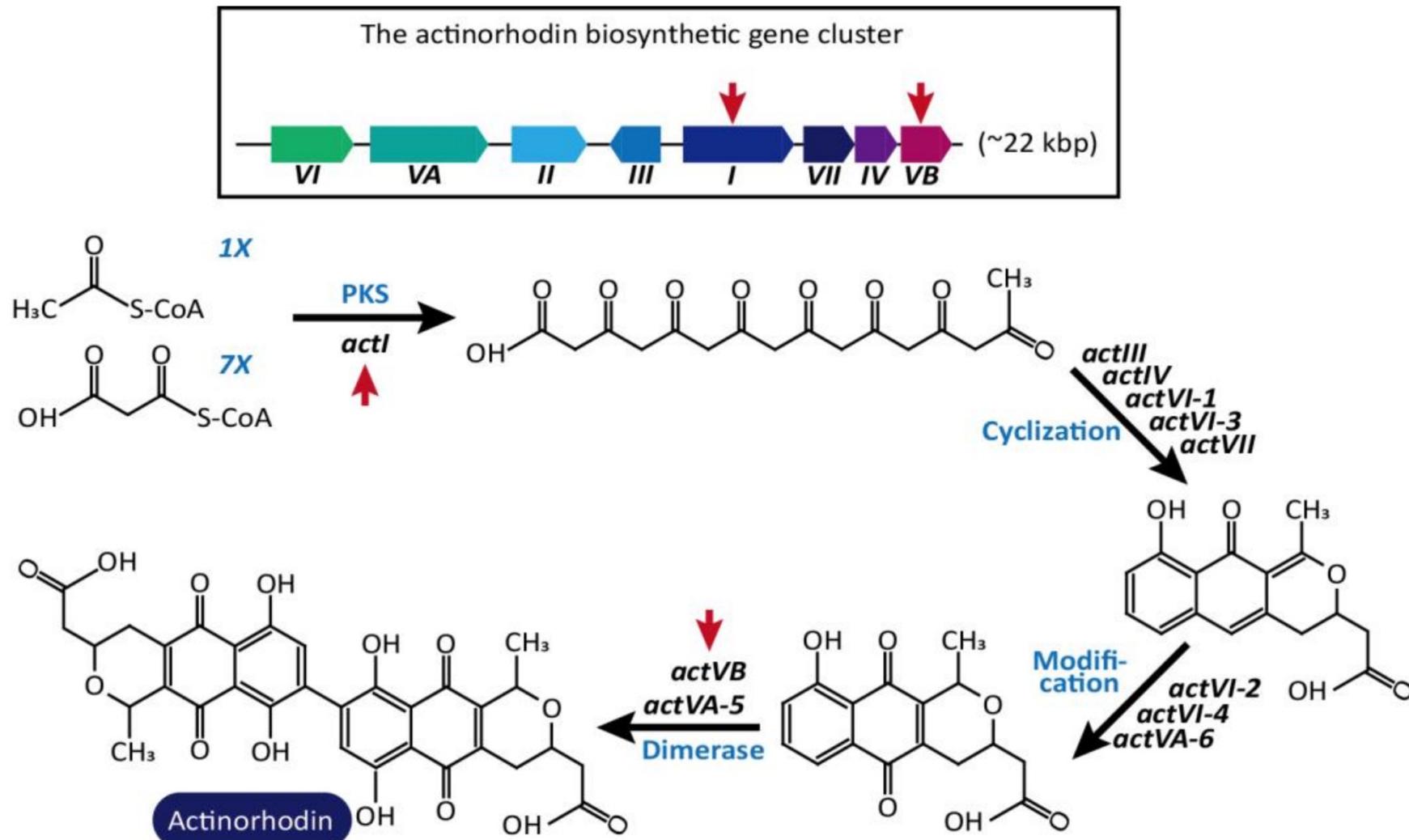
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# Actinorhodin biosynthetic pathway

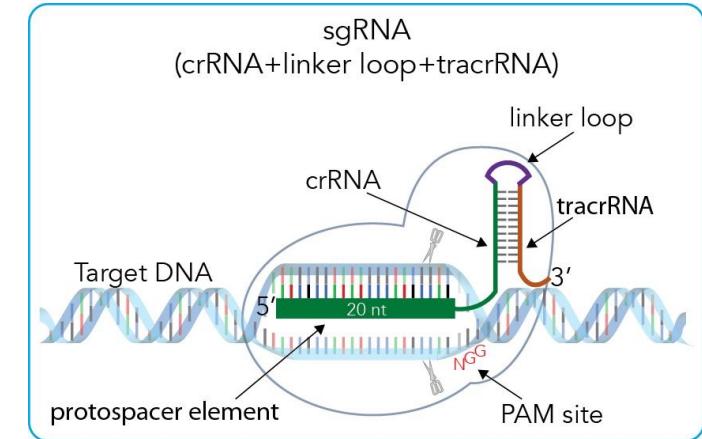
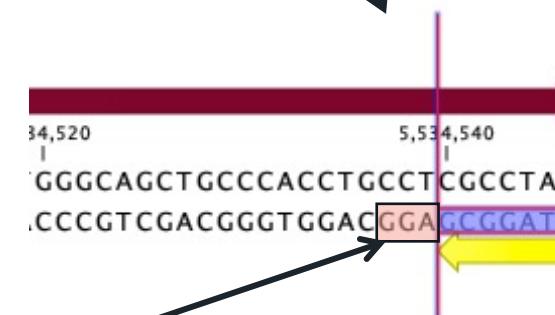
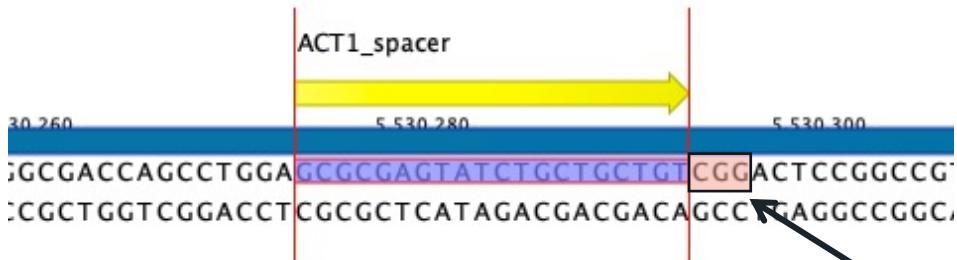


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The actinorhodin biosynthetic gene cluster

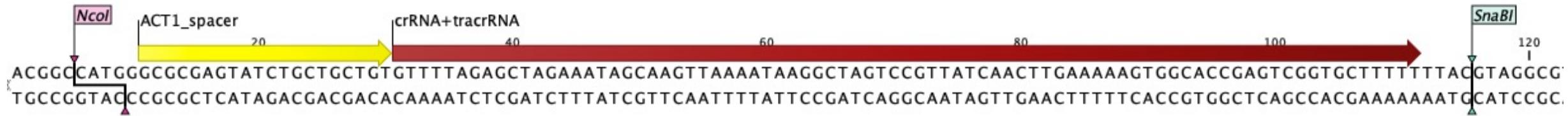
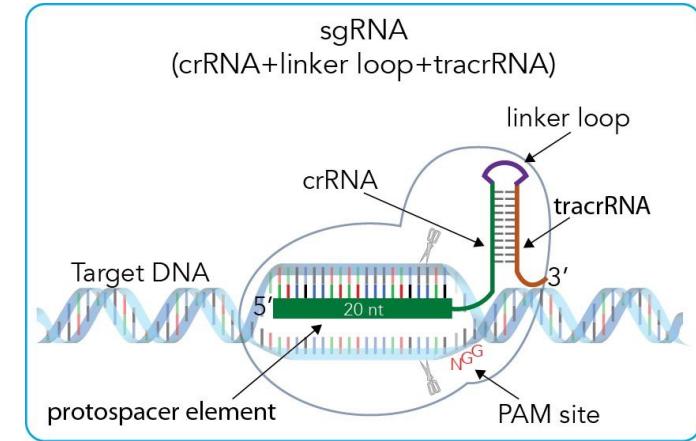


Genome analysis



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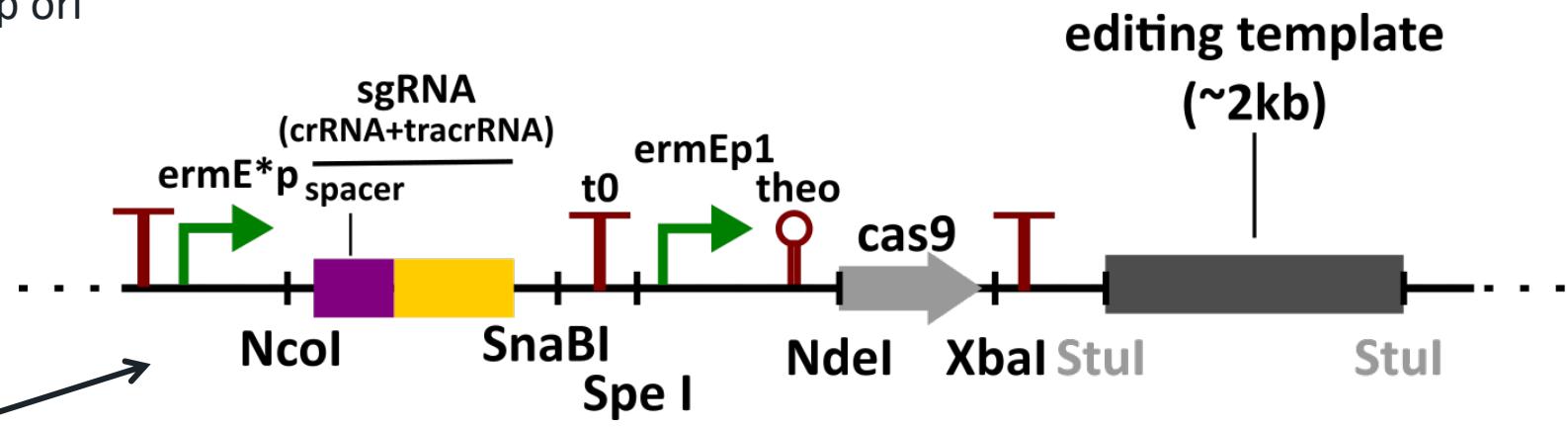
- sgRNA generation by PCR
- Ncol - [spacer + crRNA + linker loop + tracrRNA] – SnaBI (122 bp)



- Cloning fragment into pCRISPR-TT vector Ncol-SnaBI

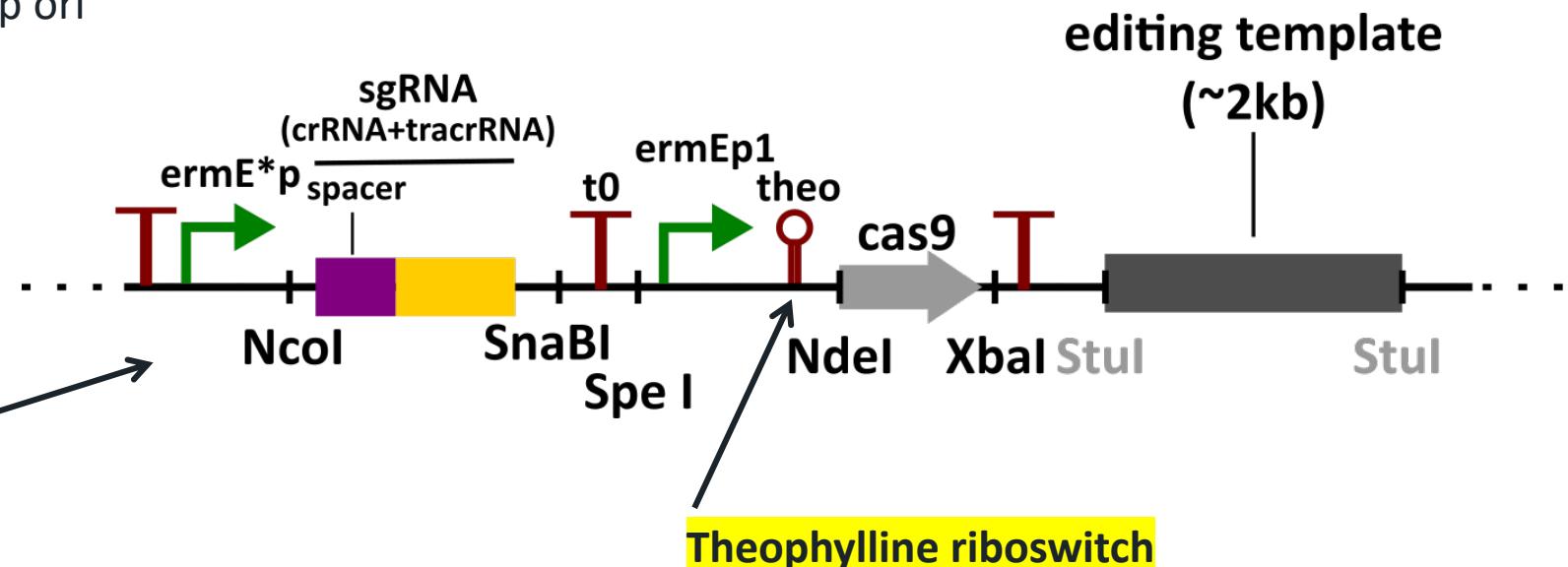
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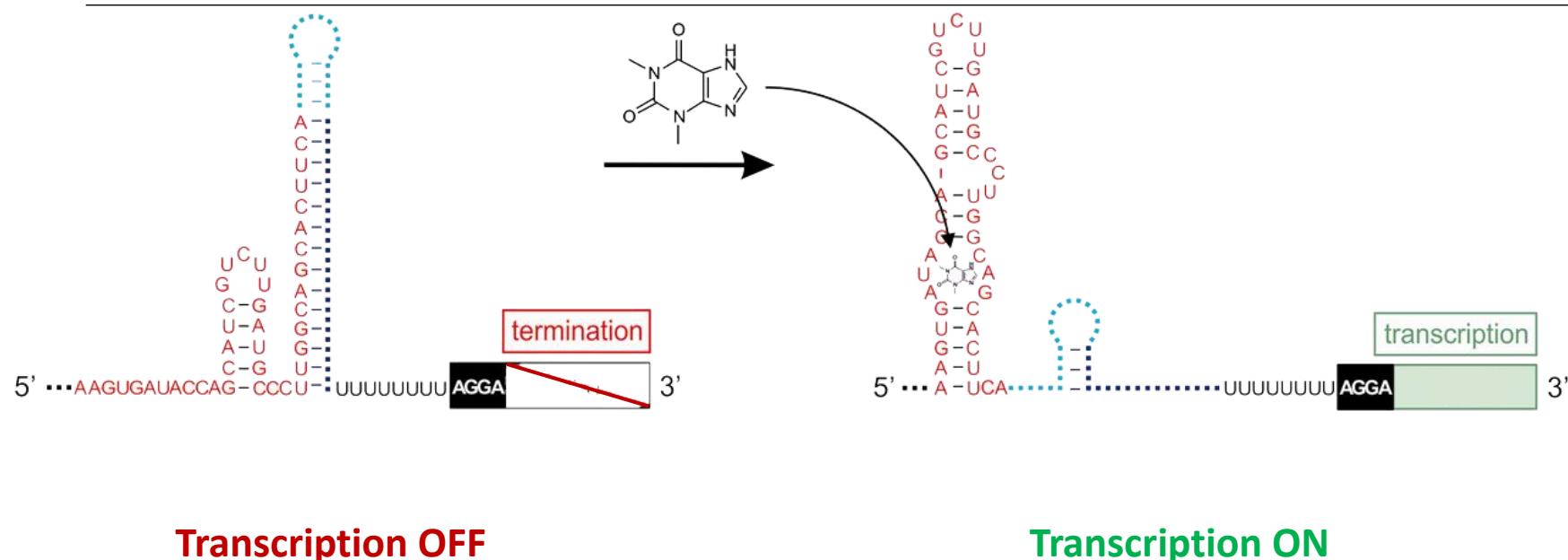


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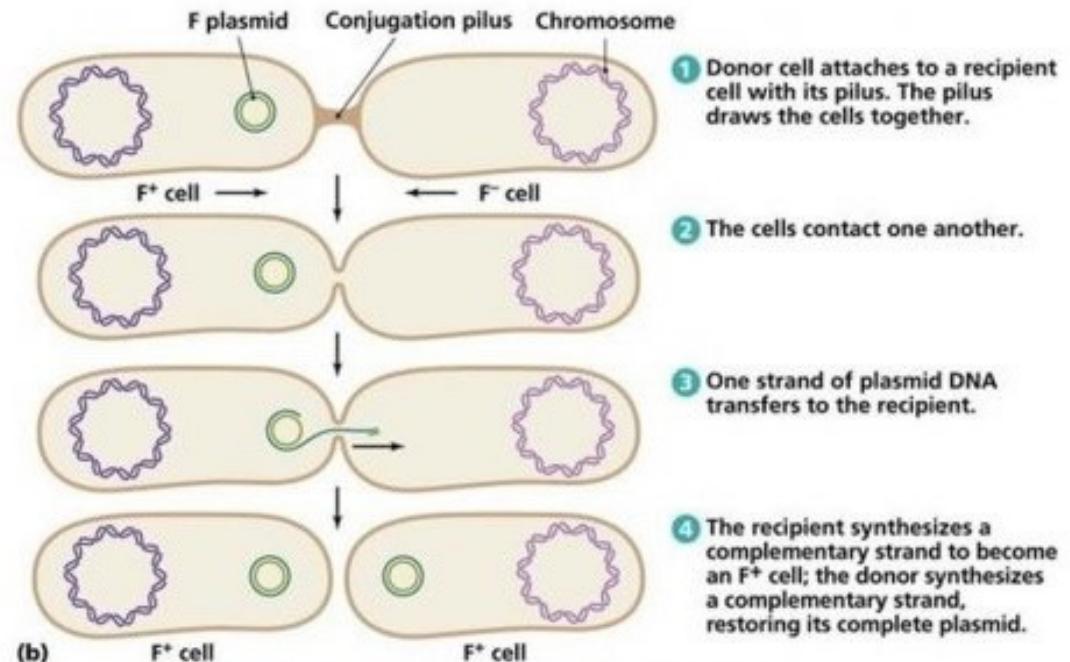
# Theophylline riboswitch



## D. transfer of CRISPR plasmid into *S. coelicolor* by intergeneric conjugation

- Conjugation *E. coli* – *S. coelicolor*

### Bacterial Conjugation

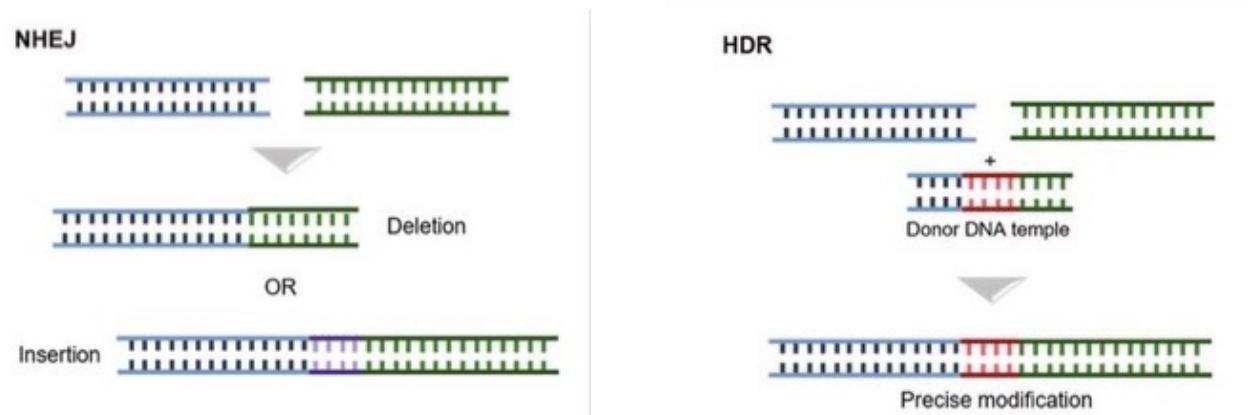
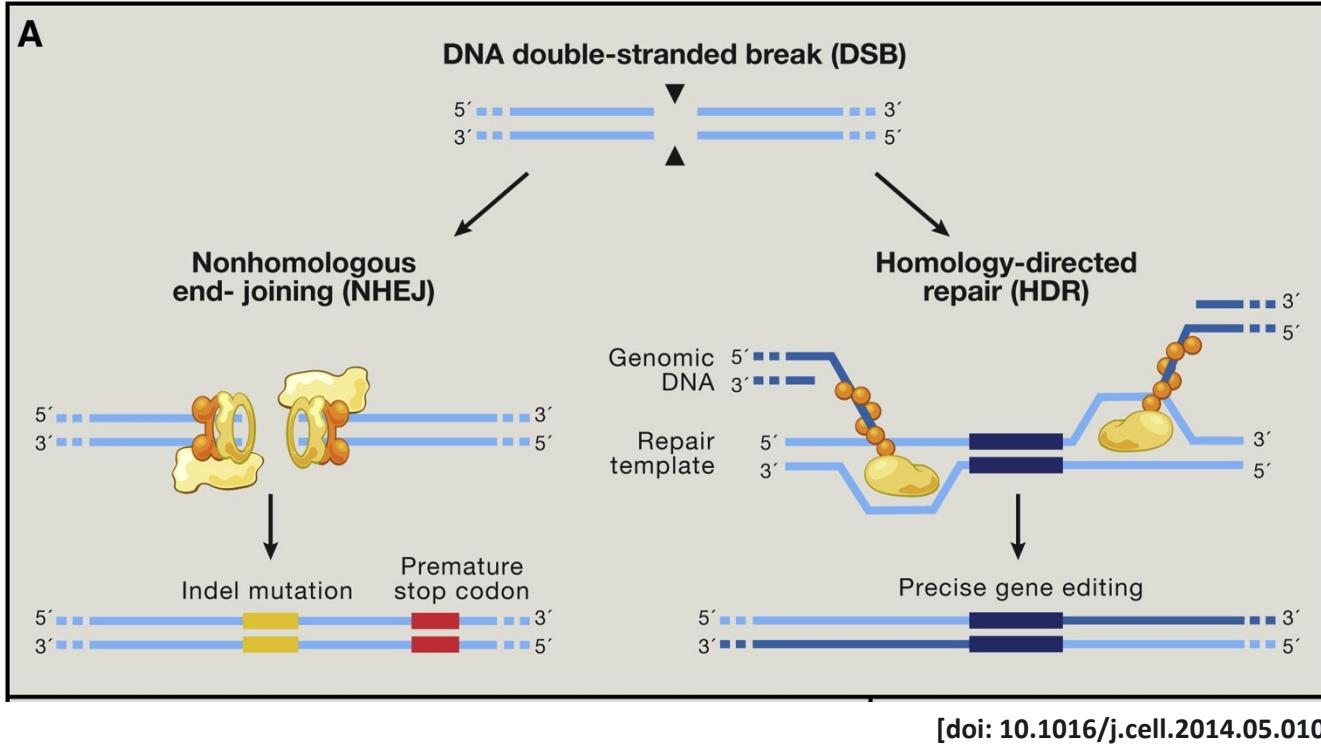


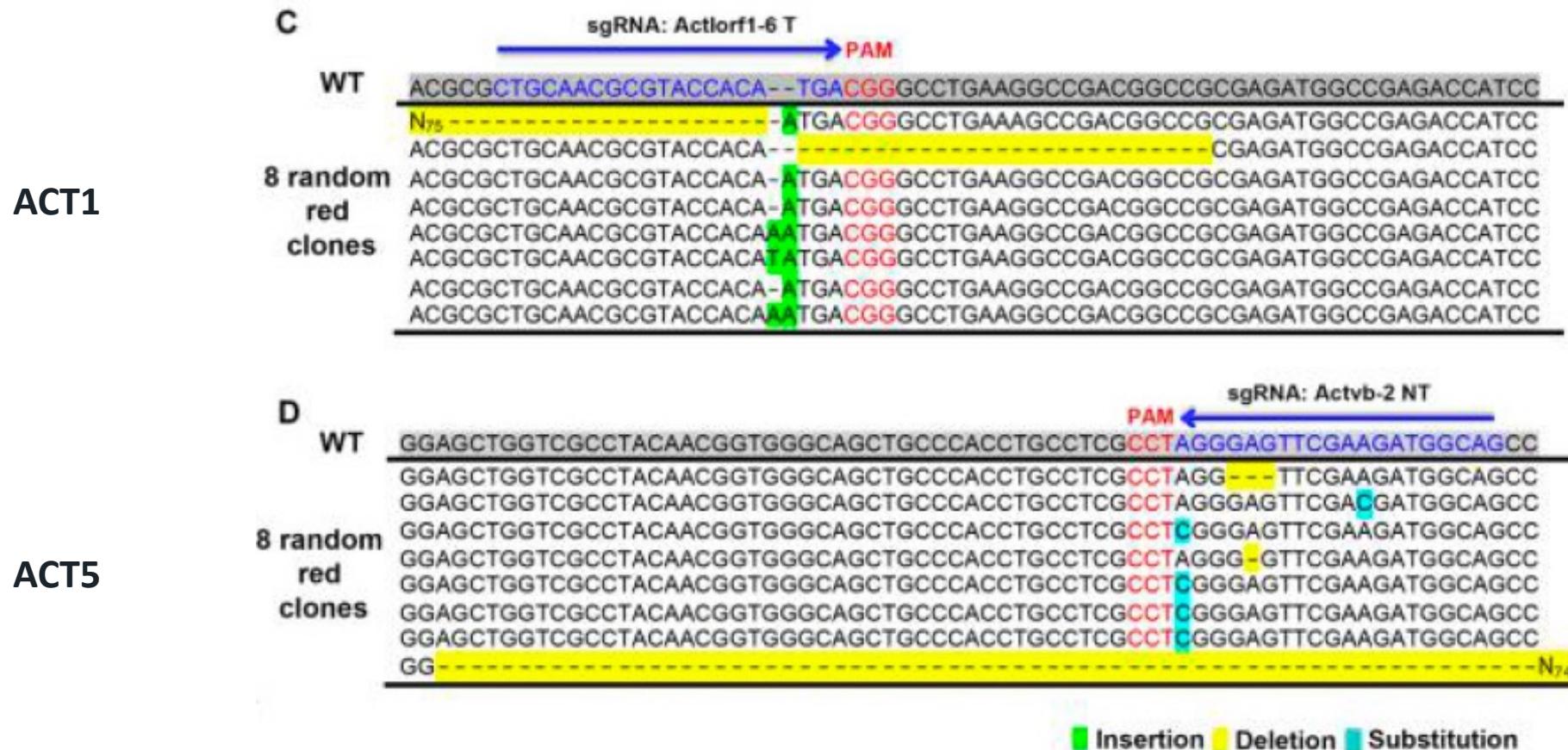
## C. Induction of cas9 expression

- plating the *S. coelicolor* harbouring the CRISPR plasmid in media with theophylline
  - induction of theophylline riboswitch → induction of *cas9 expression*
  - different media, different pigment production profile
  - presence of Cas9 results in the generation of DNA breaks at the sgRNA location.

How the bacteria repairs the breaks?

# Double strand repair – NHEJ vs HDR





## *What do you need to plate the spore suspension*

- To work on sterile conditions → use a bunsen burner (or similar)
- Media plates (TSA + 5 mM theo)
- spore solution (WT,
- spreader
- pipette – 100 µL





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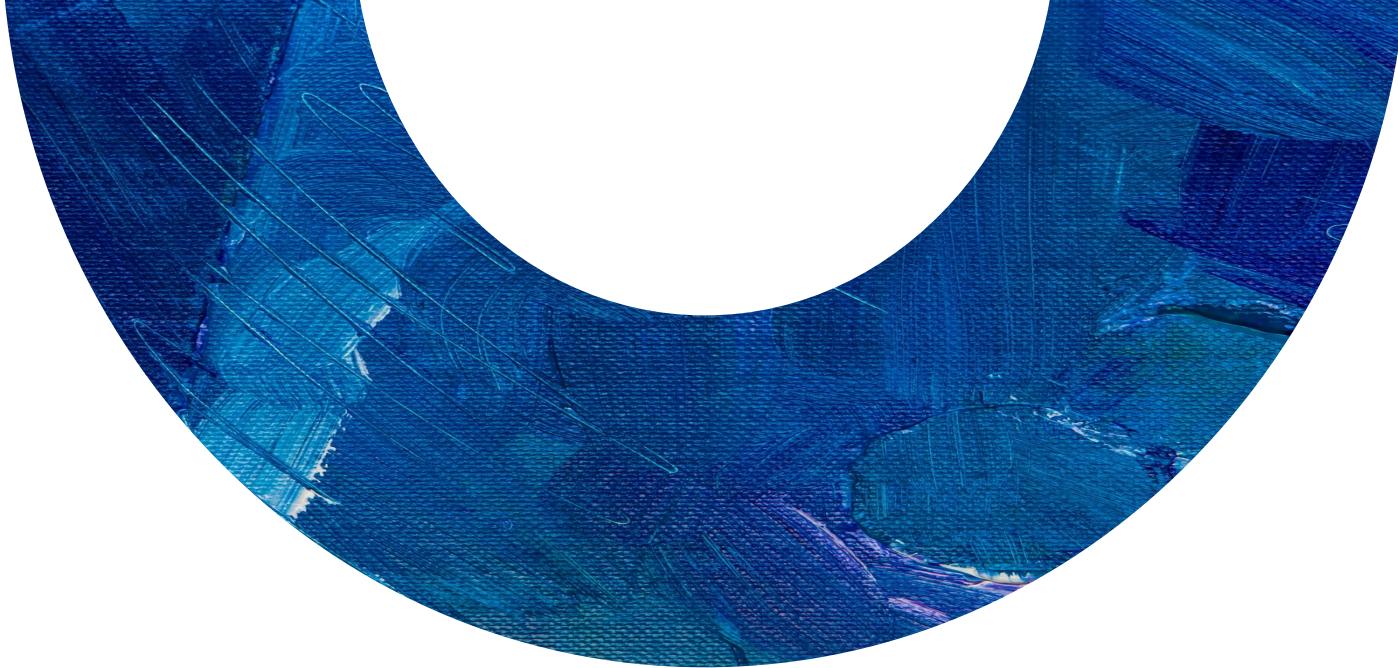
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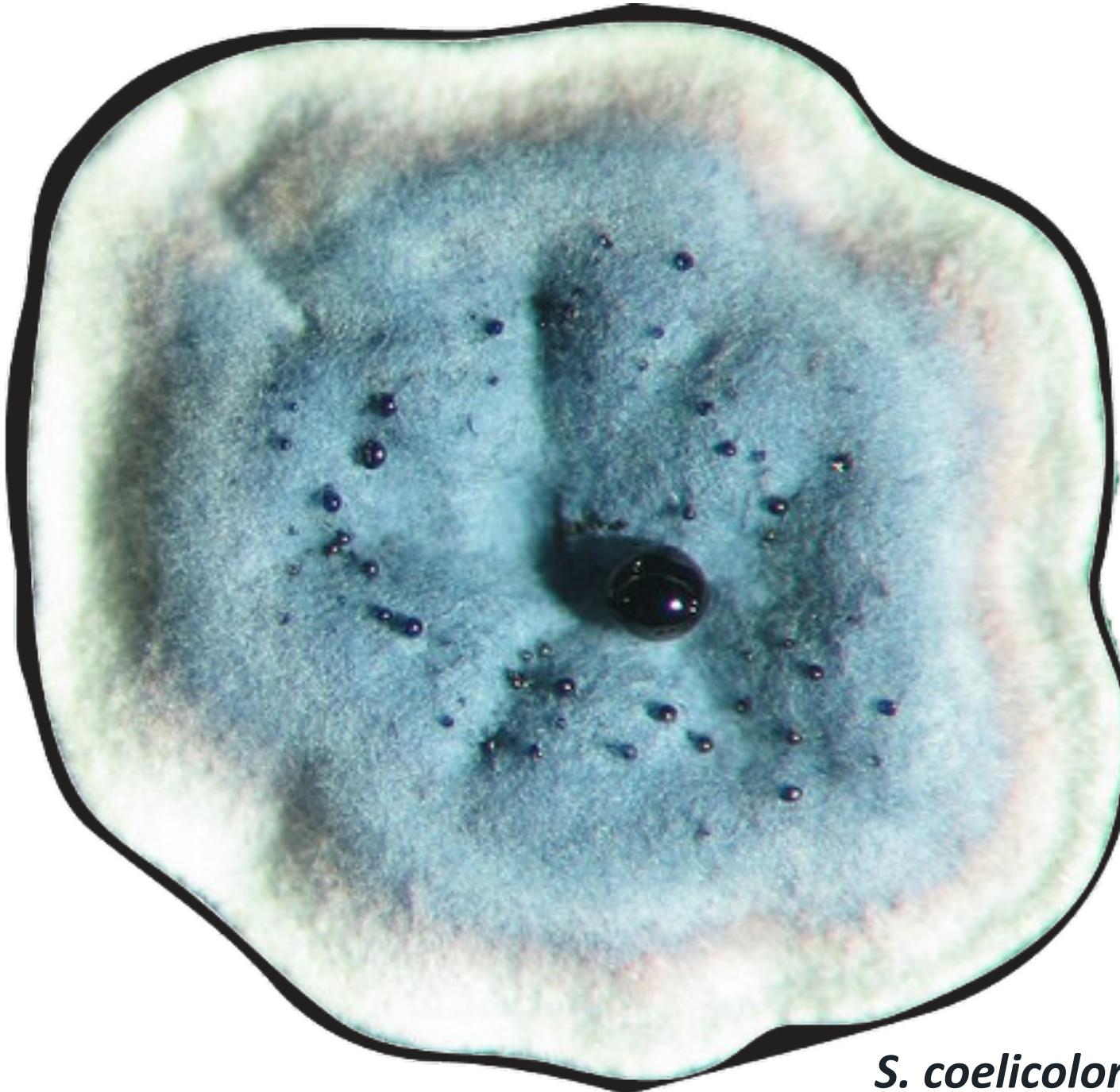


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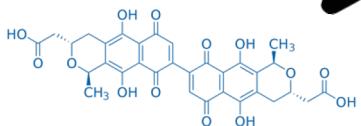


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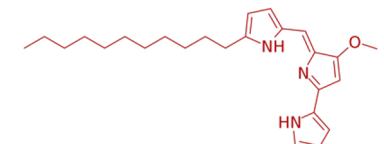
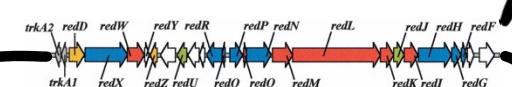
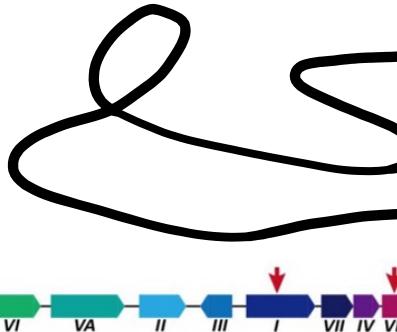


*S. coelicolor*

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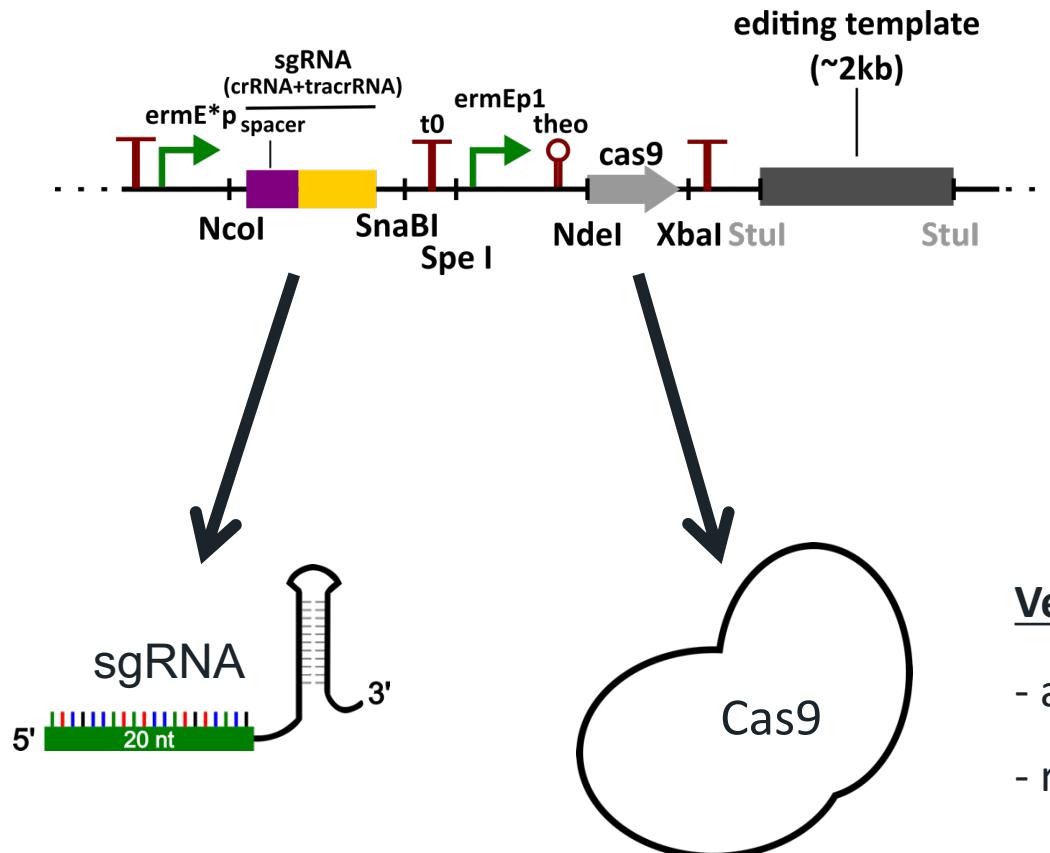
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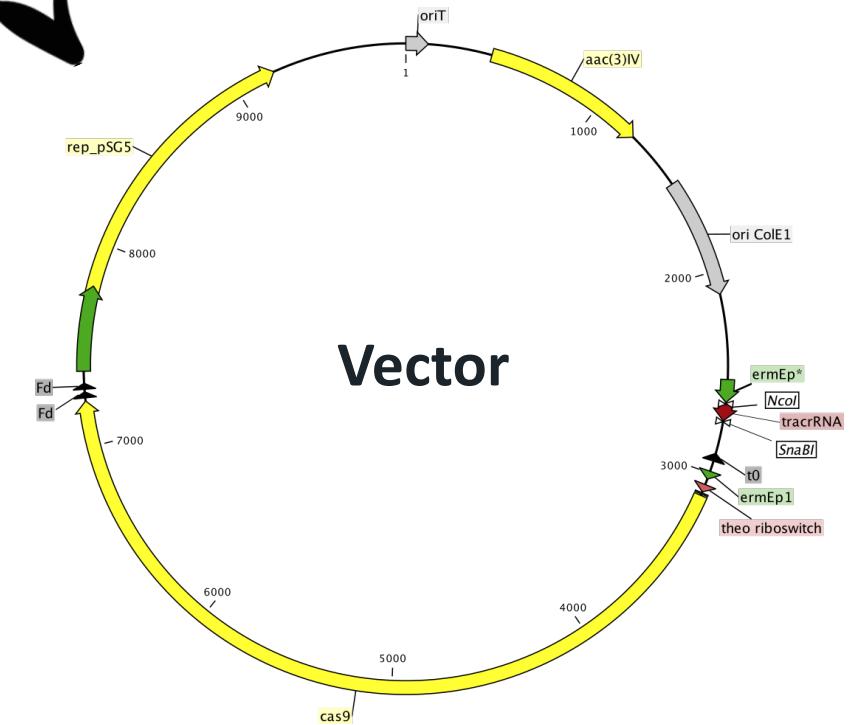


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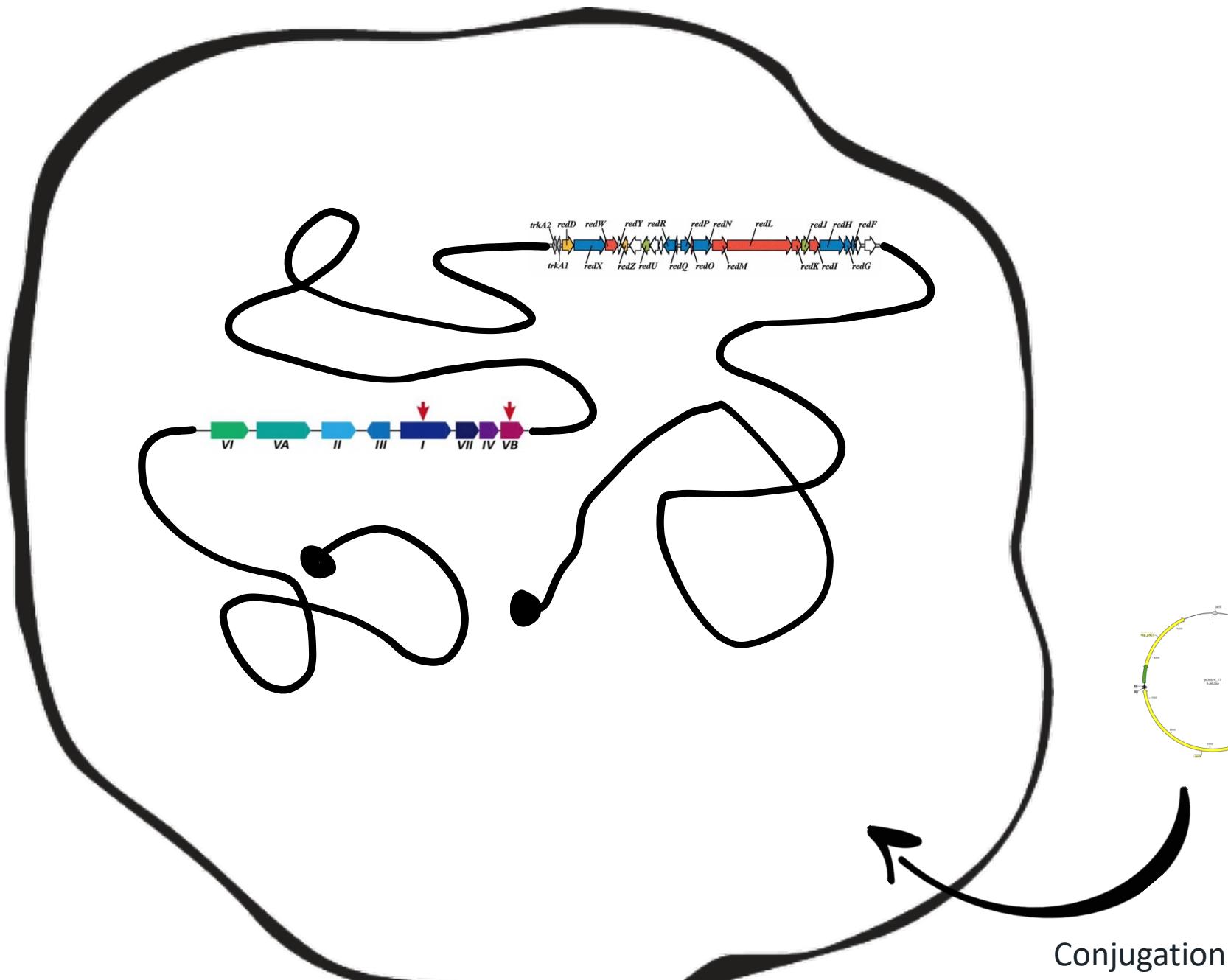


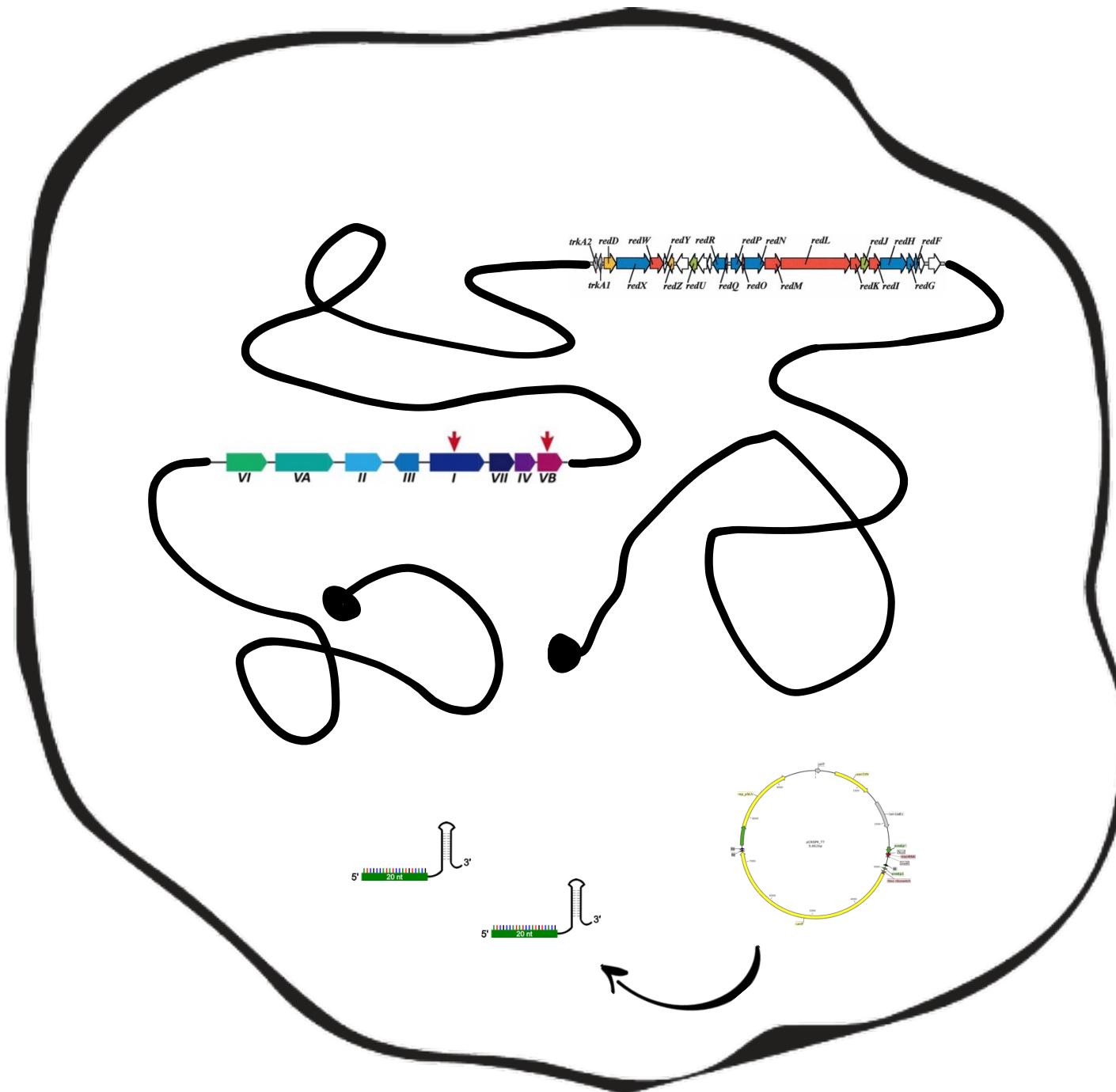
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- apramycin – vector selection
- replication origin
- sgRNA
- *cas9*
- transfer origin

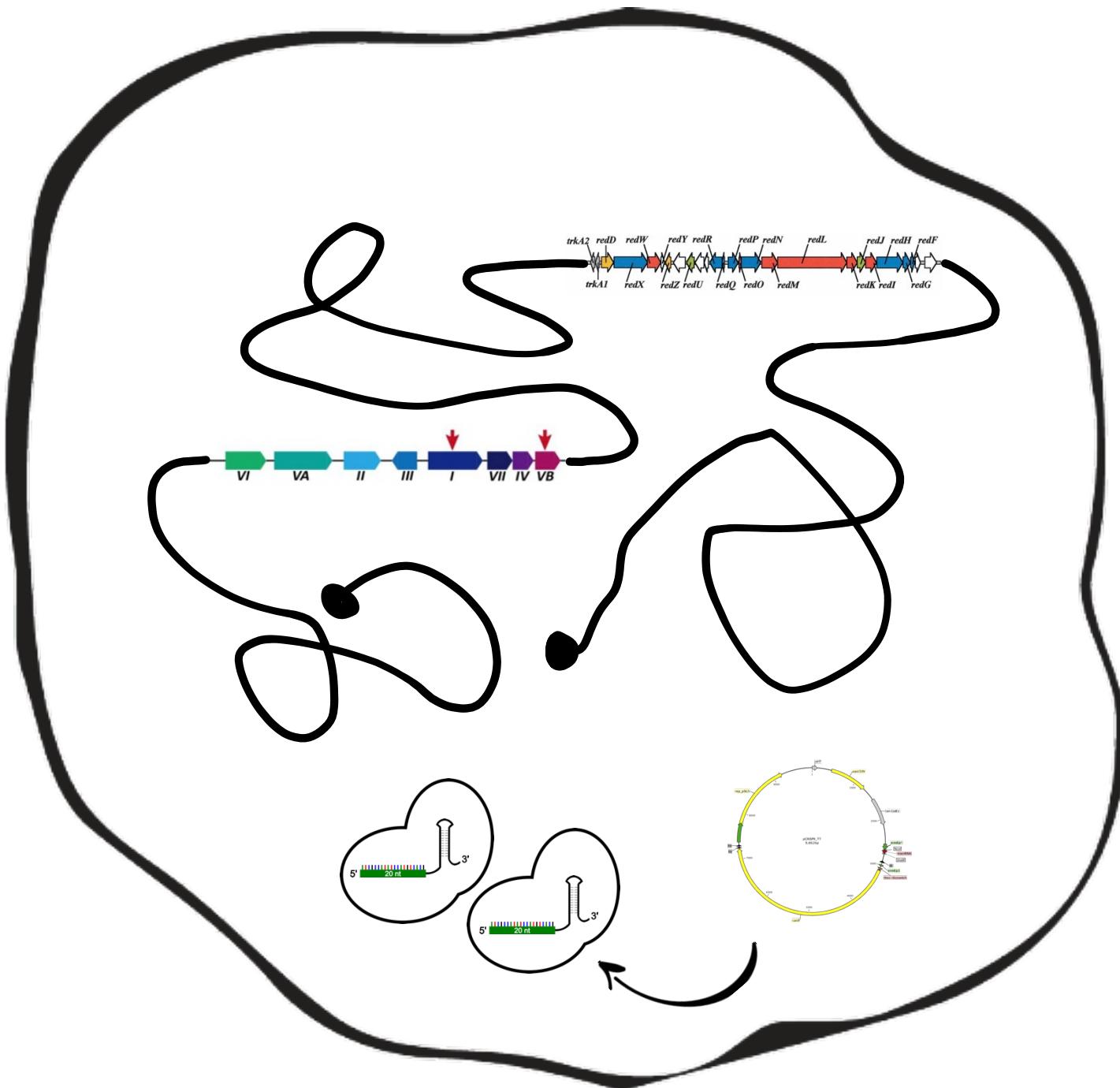


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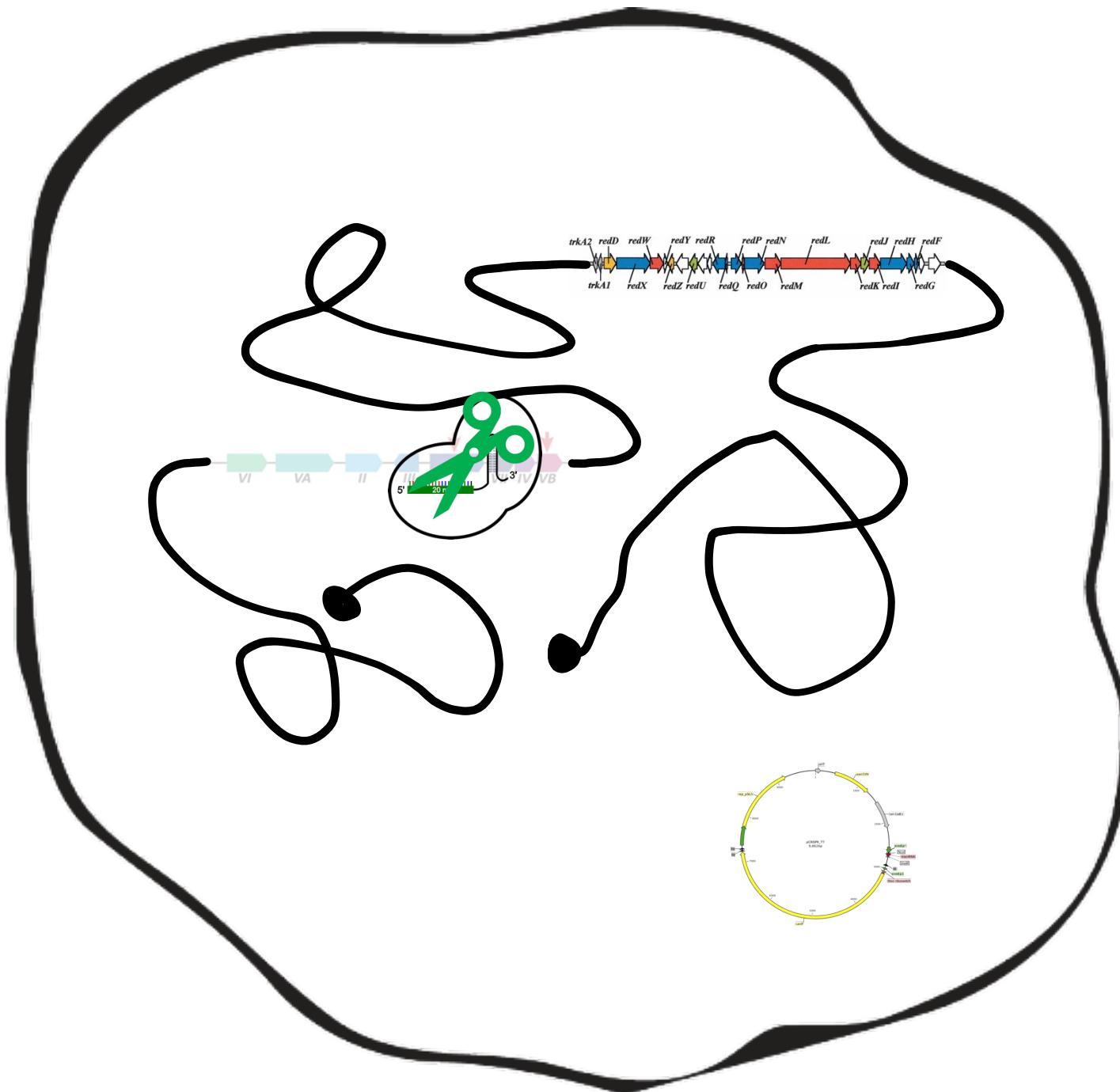


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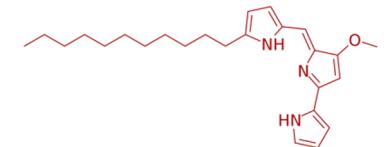
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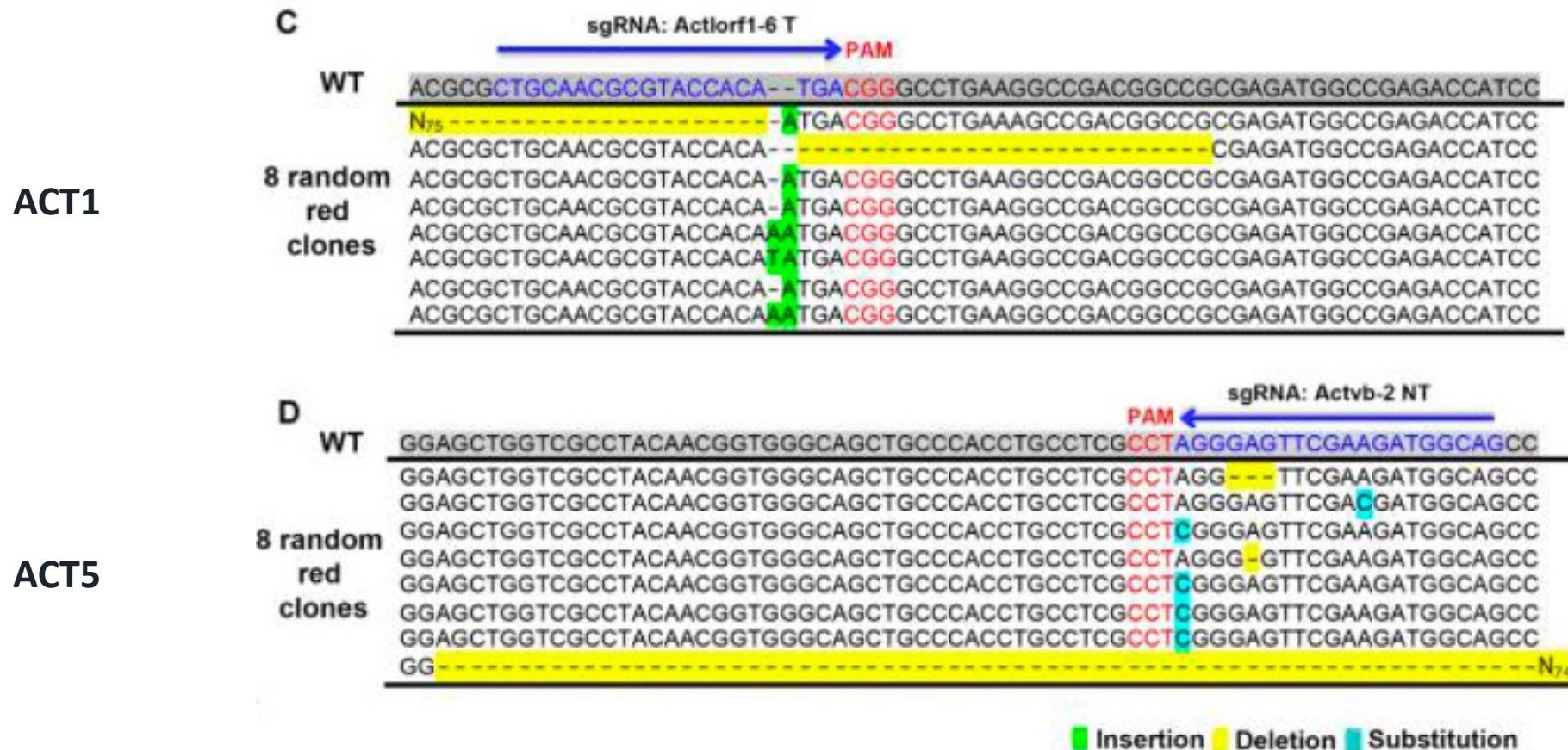


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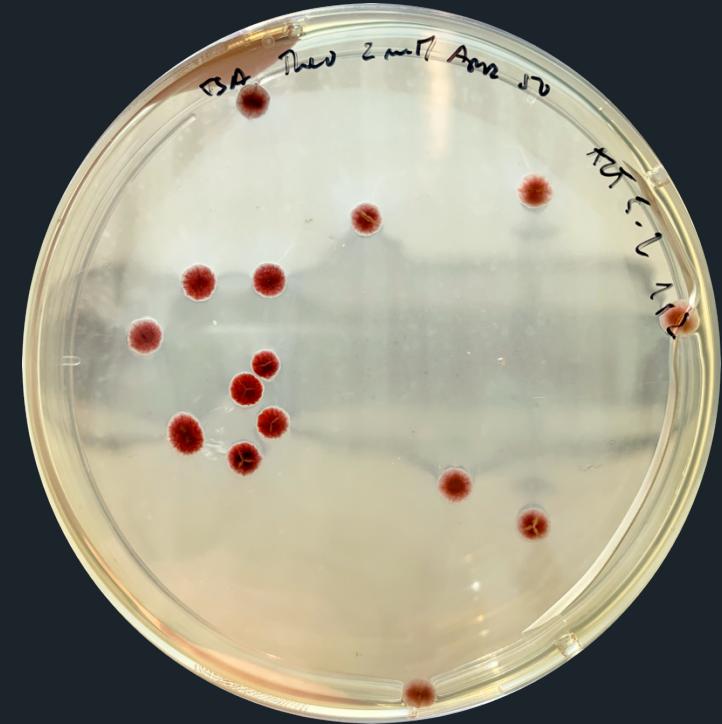




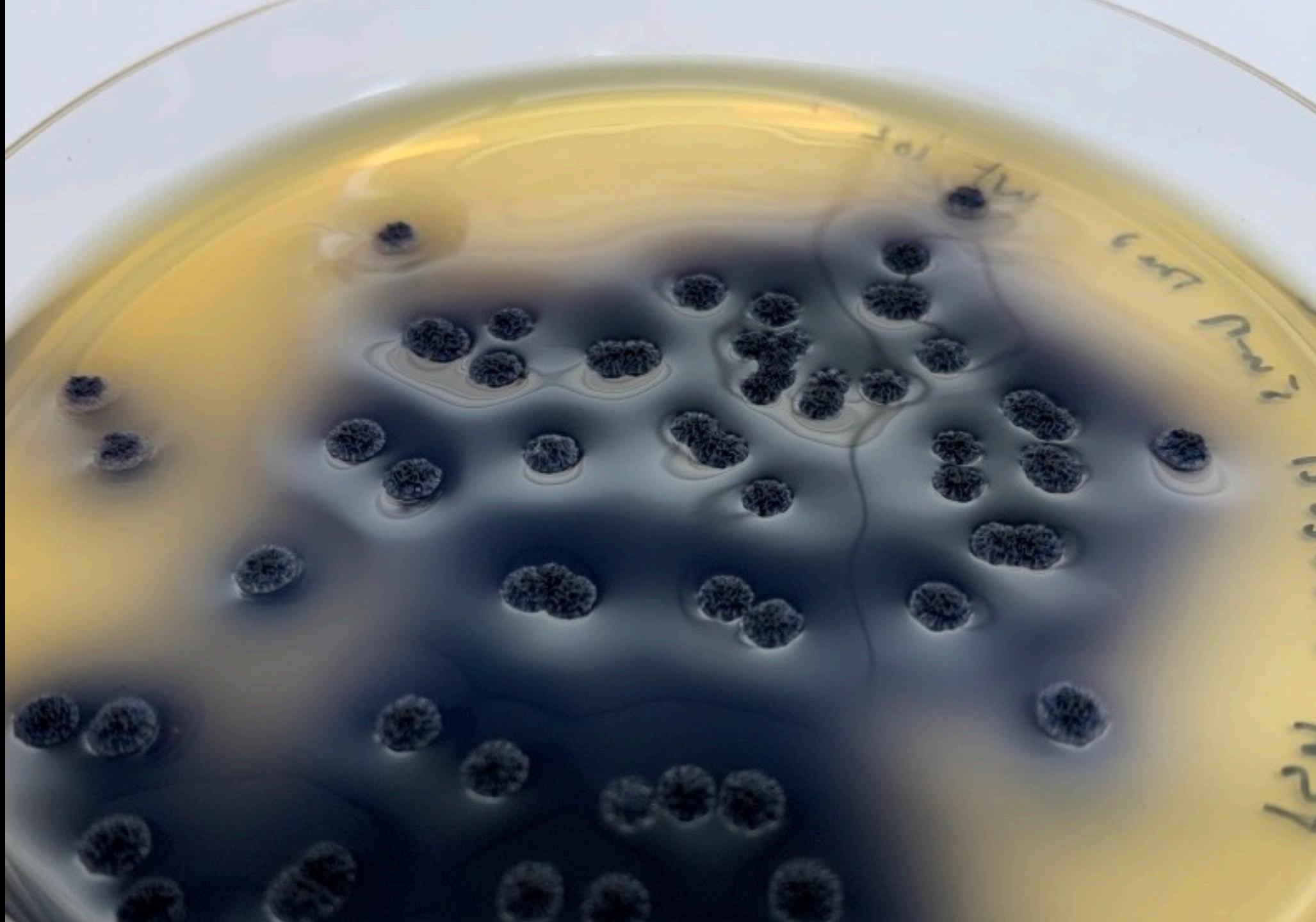
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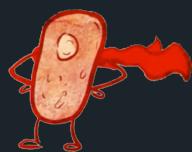
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