

# الوراثة الجزيئية

## Molecular Genetics

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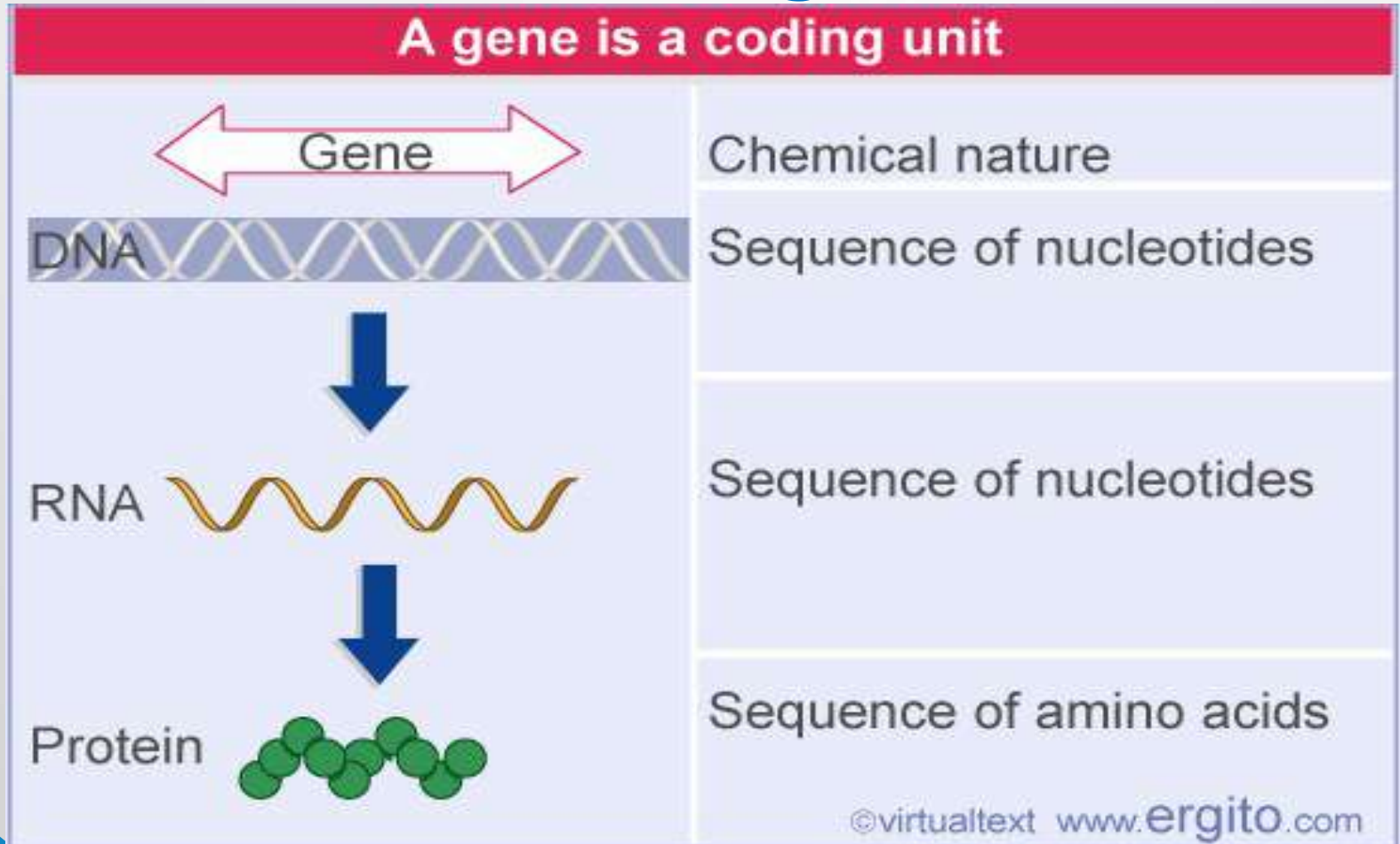




# Reverse Transcription

**Part-4**

# Central Dogma

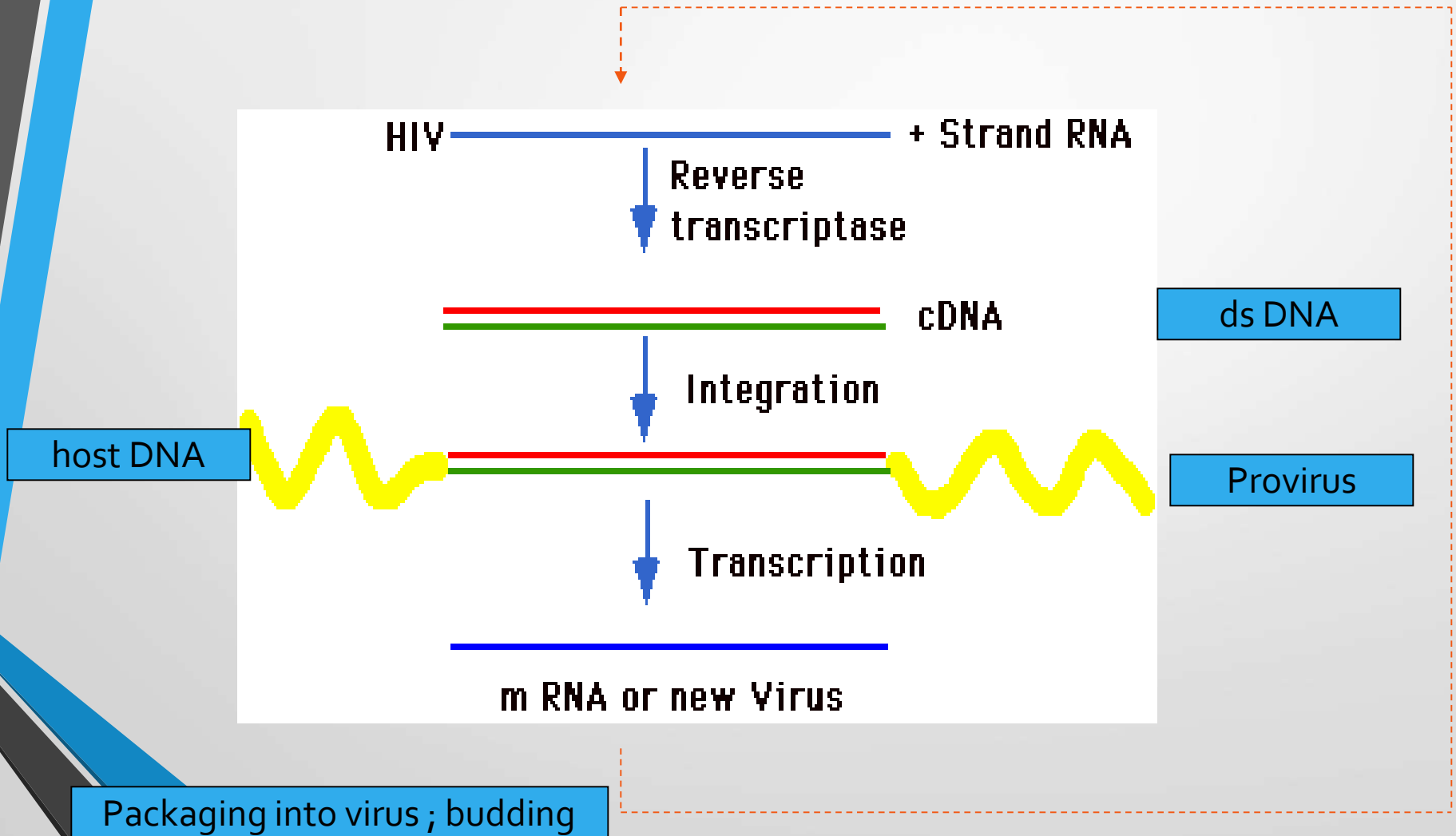


- Normal transcription involves synthesis of **RNA from DNA**.
- Reverse transcription is the transcription of **single stranded RNA into double stranded DNA**.
- With the help of the enzyme **Reverse Transcriptase**.

- Reverse Transcriptase also known as **RNA directed DNA Polymerase**.
- - **DNA Nucleotidyl transferase** (RNA directed)
- - **Revertase**.
- Reverse Transcriptase was discovered by **Howard Temin** and **Baltimore** in 1970 independently .
- - shared **Nobel Prize** in Physiology or Medicine in 1975 for their discovery.

- Reverse transcriptase common in **Retrovirus**.
- - **HIV**.
- **M-MLV** (Moloney Murine Leukemia Virus).
- **AMV** (Avian Myeloblastosis Virus).
- Reverse Transcriptase enzyme includes two activity: **DNA polymerase** and **RNase H**.

# Retrovirus Replication Cycle



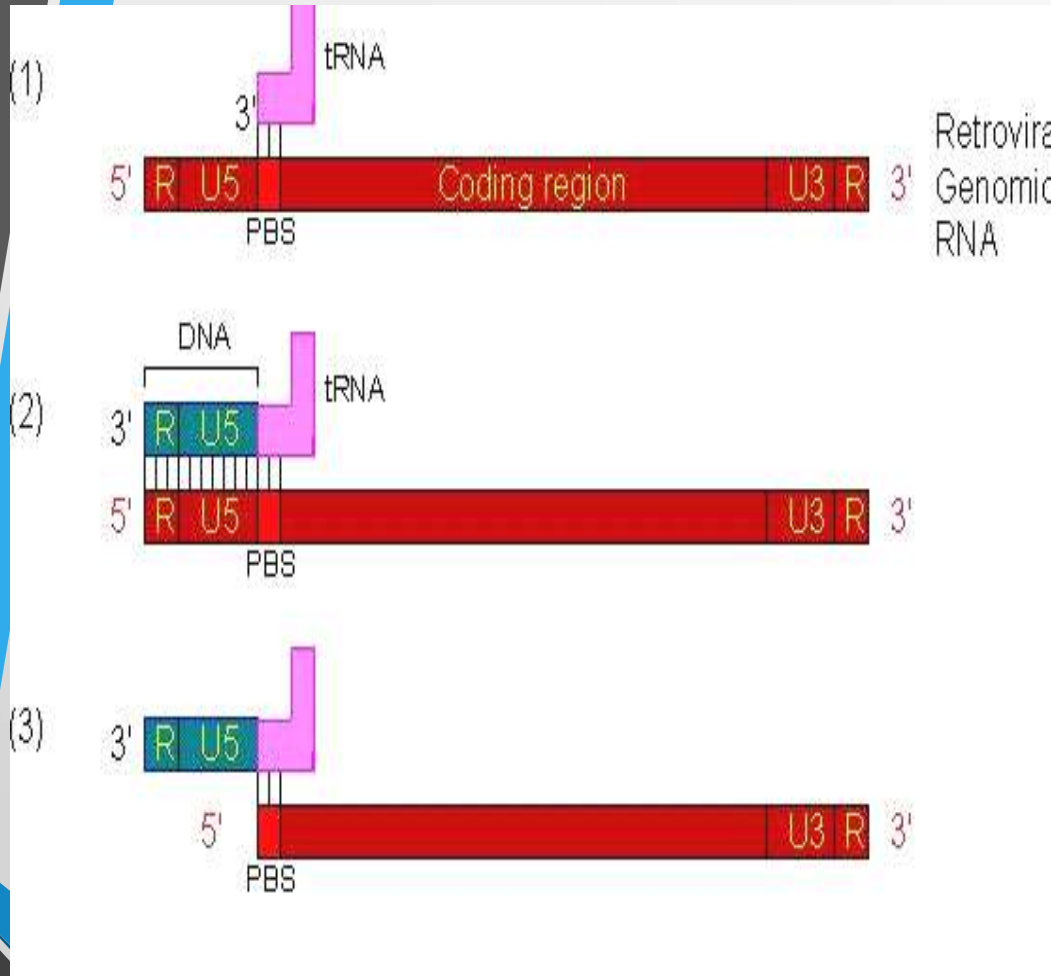
# Antiviral drug

- Zidovudine
- Lamivudine
- Tenfovir



- Typical retrovirus has three or four genes.
- Gag-pol- env.
- Retrovirus are called + strand because viral RNA itself code for protein products.
- Reverse transcriptase enzyme code for proteins are called – strand.
- R : Redundant or repeating seq – 10-80.
- U5: 80 – 100.
- U3: 170-1350.
- Like DNA polymerase, Reverse transcriptase requires primers.
- tRNA of the host is Primer.

# MECHANISM OF RETROVIRUS REPLICATION



1. A Retrovirus specific cellular **tRNA** hybridizes with a complementary region called **PBS** (Primer Binding Sites)

2. **Reverse Transcriptase (RT)** starts at this **binding site** and **copies RNA** into a single strand of **complementary DNA**. A **DNA** segment is extended from **tRNA** based on the sequence of the **retroviral genomic RNA**

3. The viral R and U5 sequences are removed by **RNase H**.

LTR – Long Terminal Repeat

Left LTR - Redundant sequence [R]+ 5' untranslated region (U5)

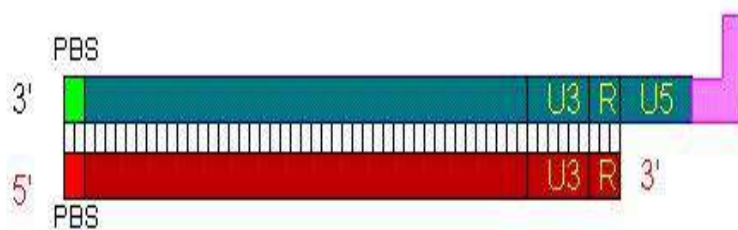
Right LTR - Redundant sequence [R]+ 3' untranslated region (U3)

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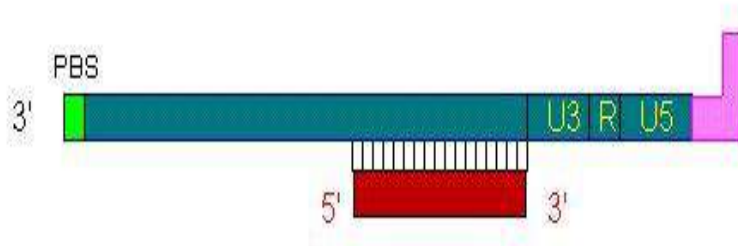
4. **First jump:** DNA hybridizes with the remaining R sequence at the 3' end.

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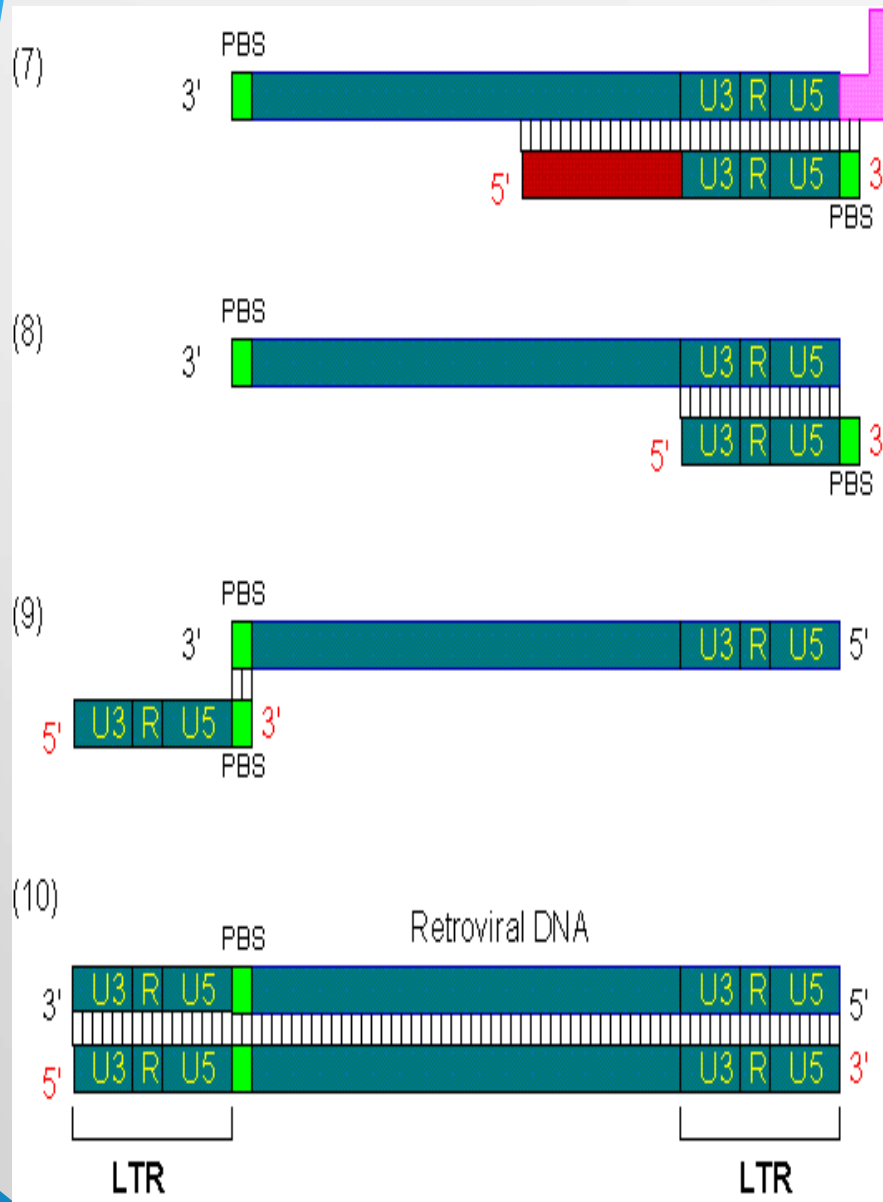


5. A DNA strand is extended from the 3' end.

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6. Most viral RNA is removed by **RNase H**



7. A second DNA strand is extended from the viral RNA.

8. Both tRNA and the remaining viral RNA are removed by RNase H.

9. **Second jump:** The PBS region of the second strand hybridizes with the PBS region of the first strand.

10. Extension on both DNA strands.

- Reverse transcriptase has a **high error** rate when transcribing RNA into DNA as unlike DNA Polymerase, since it has **no proof reading ability**.
- This high error rate allows **mutations** to accumulate.
- The commercially available RT produced by **Promega** are quoted high error rates in range of **one in 17,000 bp** for **AMV** and **one in 30,000 bases** for **M-MLV**.

# cDNA

- Reverse Transcriptase can use single stranded RNA into DS DNA – cDNA.
- cDNA library: A set of clones representing as many as possible of the mRNAs in a given cell type at given time.
- In the preparation cDNA library, mRNA is extracted, purified, and treated with the enzyme reverse transcriptase.
- Complementary DNA (cDNA) analogs of the isolated mRNA are thereby obtained.
- Since mature mRNA contains no introns or regulatory regions, a cDNA library composed of coding regions.

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