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T2 bacteriophage DNA



0.5 μm

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TABLE 24–1	The Sizes of DNA and Viral Particles for Some Bacterial Viruses (Bacteriophages)				
Virus	Size of viral DNA (bp)	Length of viral DNA (nm)	Long dimension of viral particle (nm)		
φX174	5,386	1,939	25		
T7	39,936	14,377	78		
λ (lambda)	48,502	17,460	190		
T4	168,889	60,800	210		

Note: Data on size of DNA are for the replicative form (double-stranded). The contour length is calculated assuming that each base pair occupies a length of 3.4 Å (see Fig. 8–13).

Table 24-1

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TABLE 24–2 DNA, Gene, and Chromosome Content in Some Genomes

	Total DNA (bp)	Number of chromosomes*	Approximate number of genes
Escherichia coli K12 (bacterium)	4,639,675	1	4,435
Saccharomyces cerevisiae (yeast)	12,080,000	16 [†]	5,860
Caenorhabditis elegans (nematode)	90,269,800	12*	23,000
Arabidopsis thaliana (plant)	119,186,200	10	33,000
Drosophila melanogaster (fruit fly)	120,367,260	18	20,000
Oryza sativa (rice)	480,000,000	24	57,000
Mus musculus (mouse)	2,634,266,500	40	27,000
Homo sapiens (human)	3,070,128,600	46	29,000

Note: This information is constantly being refined. For the most current information, consult the websites for the individual genome projects.

*The diploid chromosome number is given for all eukaryotes except yeast.

[†]Haploid chromosome number. Wild yeast strains generally have eight (octoploid) or more sets of these chromosomes.

[‡]Number for females, with two X chromosomes. Males have an X but no Y, thus 11 chromosomes in all.

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TABLE 24–3	Telomere Sequences		
		Telomere repeat sequence	
<i>Homo sapiens</i> (human)		(TTAGGG) _n	
<i>Tetrahymena thermophila</i> (ciliated protozoan)		(TTGGGG) _n	
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> (yeast)		((TG) ₁₋₃ (TG) ₂₋₃) _n	
Arabidopsis thaliana (plant)		(TTTAGGG) _n	

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A segment of DNA in a closed-circular molecule, **84 bp long**, in its relaxed form with **8** helical turns (10.5 bp/turn).

Removal of one turn induces structural strain. (84 /7) = 12 bp/turn

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Topology is the study of the properties of an object that do not change under continuos deformations.

For DNA, **continuos deformations** include conformational changes due to thermal motion or an interaction with proteins or other molecules;

Discontinuous deformations involve DNA strand breakage.

For circular DNA molecules, a topological property is one that is unaffected by deformations of the DNA strands as long as no breaks are introduced. Topological properties are changed only by breakage and rejoining of the backbone of one or both DNA strands.



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Figure 24-16 Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry, Fifth Edition © 2008 W. H. Freeman and Company Specific linking difference (σ) or superhelical density, is a measure of the number of turns removed relative to the number present in relaxed DNA $\sigma = \frac{\Delta Lk}{Lk_0}$

 σ = -0.01, means that 1% of (2 of 200) of the helical turns present in the DNA (in its B form) have been removed. The degree of underwinding in cellular DNAs generally falls in the range of 5% to 7% that is, σ : -0.05 to -0.07. The negative sign indicates that the change in Iinking number is due to underwinding of the DNA. The supercoiling induced by underwinding is therefore defined as negative supercoiling. Conversely under some conditions D NA can be overwound, resulting in positive supercoiling.





Straight ribbon (relaxed DNA)

Topological changes in linking number are usually accompanied by geometric changes in both writhe and twist.



Large writhe, small change in twist



Zero writhe, large change in twist

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DNA topoisomerases

In *E. coli*:

Type I topoisomerase: Generally relax DNA by removing negative supercoils (increase in Lk) Topoisomerase I Topoisomerase III

Type II topoisomerase: Introduce negative supercoils (decrease in Lk); uses ATP Topoisomerase II (DNA gyrase) Topoisomerase IV

DNA topoisomerases

In Eukaryotes:

Type I topoisomerase: Generally relax DNA by removing negative supercoils (increase in Lk) Topoisomerase I Topoisomerase III

Type II topoisomerase: Introduce negative supercoils (decrease in Lk); uses ATP Topoisomerase IIα Topoisomerase IIβ







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Bacterial topoisomerase inhibitors as antibiotics



Nalidixic acid



Ciprofloxacin





Irinotecan

Box 24-1 part 1 Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry, Fifth Edition © 2008 W.H. Freeman and Company

Eukaryotic topoisomerase inhibitors as anticancer drugs





CH₃ N H CH₃ CH₃ CH₃

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TABLE 24-	4 Types and	Properties of Histo	nes	
	Molecular	Number of amino acid	Content of basic amino acids (% of total)	
Histone	weight	residues	Lys	Arg
H1*	21,130	223	29.5	11.3
H2A*	13,960	129	10.9	19.3
H2B*	13,774	125	16.0	16.4
H3	15,273	135	19.6	13.3
H4	11,236	102	10.8	13.7

*The sizes of these histones vary somewhat from species to species. The numbers given here are for bovine histones.

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Each type of histone is subject to enzymetic modification by

methylation, acetylation, ADP-ribosylation, phosphorylation, glycosylation, sumoylation, or ubiquitination.

Such modifications affect the net electric charge, shape, and other properties of histones, as well as the structural and functional properties of the chromatin, and they play a role in the regulation of transcription.



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