

# MSH2:MSH6 binds 1 base mismatch or 1-2 base insertion/deletion loop

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## Introduction

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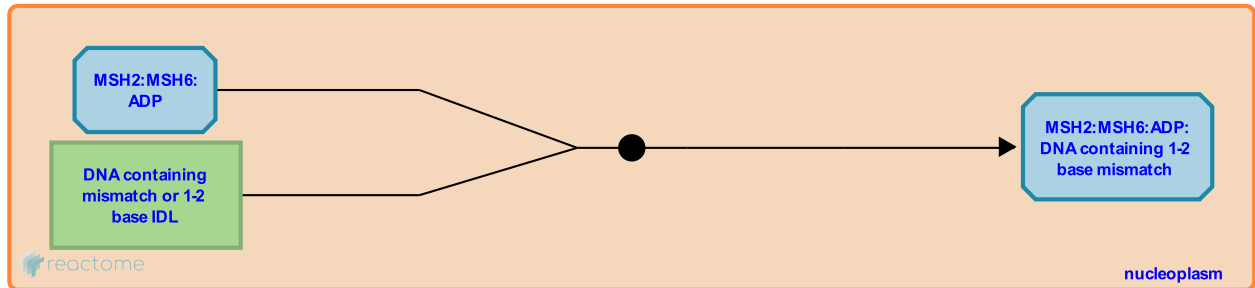
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The MSH2:MSH6 (MutSalpha) heterodimer binds single base mismatches and insertion or deletion loops (IDLs) of 1-2 bases (Drummond et al. 1997, Genschel et al. 1998, Gradia et al. 2000, Zhang et al. 2005, Constantin et al. 2005, Tian et al. 2009, reviewed in Edelbrock et al. 2013). The MSH6 subunit contains a Phe-X-Glu motif that binds the mismatched base (Dufner et al 2000, Warren et al. 2007). During replication most nuclear MSH2:MSH6 is observed to colocalize with PCNA via an interaction between PCNA and MSH6 at replication forks during S phase (Kleczkowska et al. 2001), presumably coupling mismatch repair to DNA replication. The MSH6 subunit of MSH2:MSH6 also binds histone H3 methylated at lysine-36, which is enriched in chromatin during G1 and early S phase (Li et al. 2013).

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