

# NUCLEIC Acids

## RNA structure

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### RNA Structure

- The polynucleotide structure of RNA is similar to DNA except that RNA contains the sugar **ribose** rather than **deoxyribose** and **uracil** rather than **thymine**
- RNA is generally **single-stranded** (but sometimes form **base pairing** and even **supercoiling**)

رغم انه RNA single  
لا انه بعض الاحيان  
بكون عامل double  
helix A form  
DNA,supercoiling

Differ from DNA

- Smaller
- Ribose
- Uracil
- Single strands  
**(Usually)**

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## RNA Structure

**RNA structure**

- Building units **nucliotid**
- Bonds **phosphodiester**
- Backbone **phosphate sugar**
- Genetic code
- Ends **5'P** **3'P**

**Formation of phosphodiester bond**

Condensation reaction  
another chemical bond

**5'P** **Pentose** **P** **Pentose** **P** **Pentose** **3'**

**Nucleotides**  
Single strand **single strand DNA**

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## RNA Structure

بعض انواع ال RNA يمكن تشكيله ك enzyme

- Some **RNA molecules** act as **catalysts** of reactions; thus, RNA, as well as protein, can have **Enzymatic Activity**.
  - **Ribozymes**, usually precursors of rRNA, remove internal segments of themselves, **splicing** the ends together.
 

يقطع و يعدل نفسه بنفسه
  - RNAs also act as **ribonucleases**, cleaving other RNA molecules (e.g., RNase P cleaves tRNA precursors).

**RNA Types**

- **3 major types** of RNA **major; linked to protein synthesis**
  - ribosomal (rRNA)**, **transfer (tRNA)**, and **messenger (mRNA)**
- **Other Types** of RNA (**Noncoding** RNA) **non coding; non linked to protein**

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## A- Transfer RNA (tRNA)

carrier amino acid بشتغل ک

- **Smallest** of the three major of RNA (about 80 nucleotides)

- About 15% of the total RNA

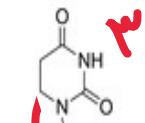
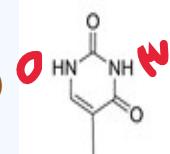
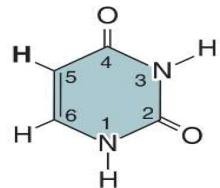
- **At least one type** of tRNA for each of 20 standard aa

- Contains **unusual** bases يعني ممكن الباقي فيه اشياء **uncommon**

Dihydrouracil (D), pseudouracil ( $\Psi$ ), and thymine (T)

ال N 3,5 على psedouracil

uracil  
العادي بكتور  
ع 3



### Pseudouracil

### Dihydouracil

- Have extensive intrachain base-pairing  **2<sup>nd</sup>** structure
- Characteristic **tertiary (supercoiling)** structure (**clover leaf** appearance)
- AA **carrier** in ptn synthesis (**Adaptor**)

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## tRNA structure

## Five main arms:

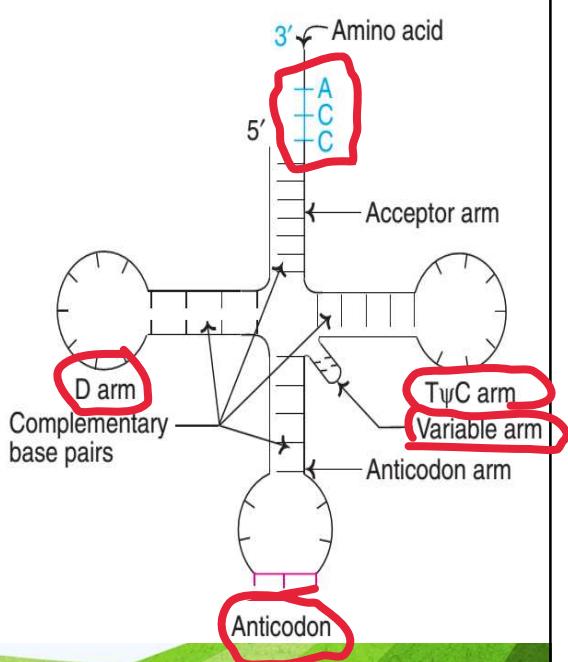
**1- Acceptor arm:** terminates at its 3' end by a CCA sequence and it carries the amino acids

**2- D- arm:** contains dihydrouracil.

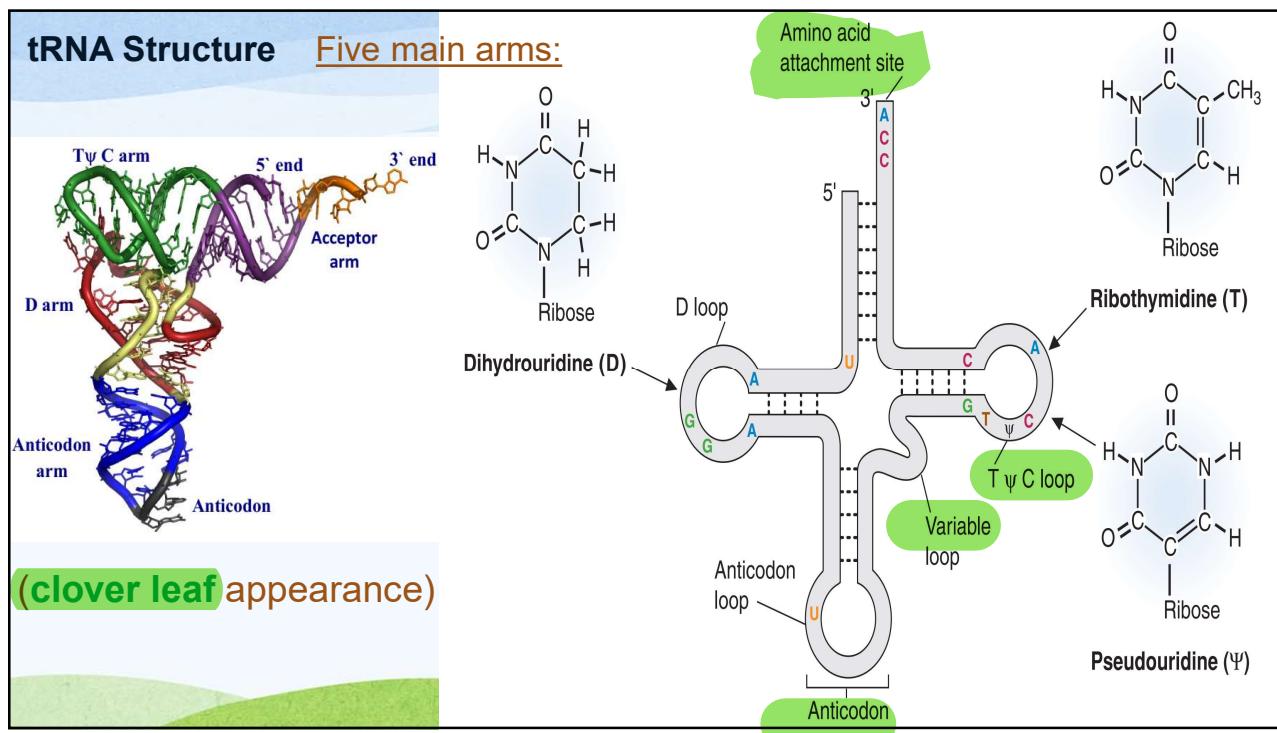
**3-Anticodon arm:** contains three specific bases (**anticodon**). It plays a key role in translation by **pairing** with the complementary codon of mRNA

## 4- Extra arm ايضا يسمى variable arm

**5- $\text{TyC}$  arm:** contains (thymine - pseudouridine - cytosine).



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## B- Messenger RNAs (mRNAs)

- About **5%** of the total RNA
- Carries **information** from **DNA (Nucleus)** for **protein synthesis (Cytosol)**

### Structure of **Mature** eukaryotic mRNA

- Cap at 5' end  
(**methylated guanine triphosphate**)
- Poly A tail at 3' end  
(up to **200 adenine (A)**)
- The coding region
- Untranslated regions (UTRs)

بعد Posttranscriptional modification

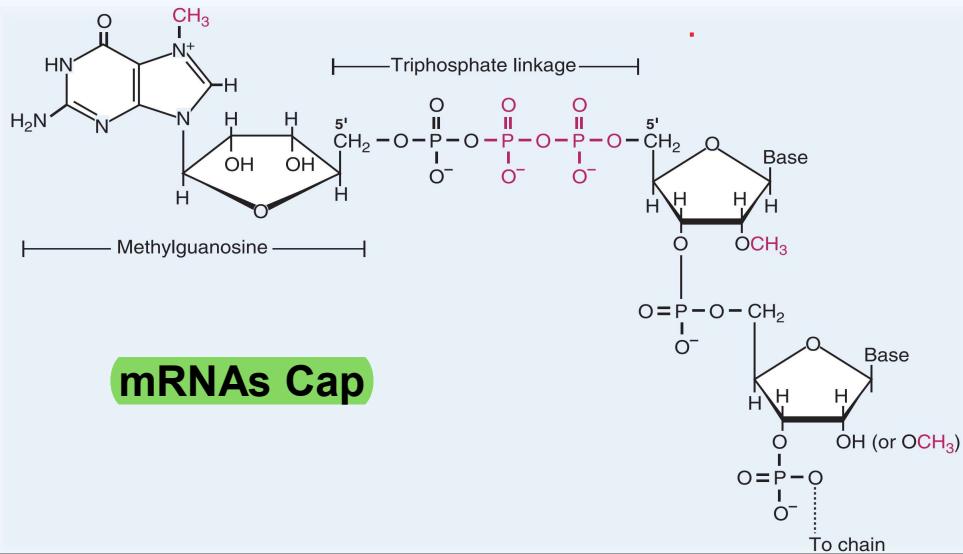
cap , tail  
بصيراً بعد ما نعمل  
transcription



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The **cap** consists of **methylated guanine triphosphate** attached to the hydroxyl group on the ribose at the 5' end of the mRNA. this cap protect strand RNA from exonuclease

*N.B. The 2'-hydroxyl groups of the **first** and **second** ribose moieties of the mRNA also may be **methylated***



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## B- Messenger RNAs (mRNAs)

**N.B.**

-coding for one protein  
-one initiation/termination codon  
-site in eukaryote

-coding for more one protein  
-more one initiation/termination codon  
-site in prokaryote



**Monocistronic mRNA & Polycistronic mRNA**

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## C- Ribosomal RNA (rRNA)

- Associated with several proteins →
- Serve as the site for protein synthesis

rRNA more stable  
بضل فترة طويلة وما بتكسر بسرعة  
زى ال mRNA

- About 80% of the total RNA

### - Structure of ribosomes

#### - In prokaryotic cells

The fully active **70S** ribosomes  
(**50S** subunit and the **30S** subunit)

#### - In Eukaryotic cells

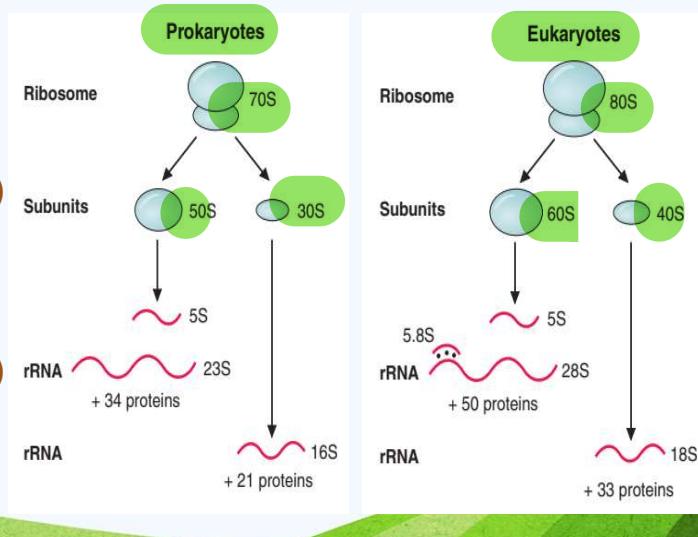
The fully active **80S** ribosomes  
(**60S** subunit and the **40S** subunit)

The Svedberg unit (S) offers a measure of a particle's size based on its sedimentation rate.

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بدنا نعرف انه ال  
sedimentation velocity

هي سرعة الترسيب  
وحدة قياس اجزاء الرايبوسوم- S



## Other Forms of RNA (Noncoding RNA)

### Include:

non coding  
حكتنا انه ما بشتركتوا بال  
protein synthesis

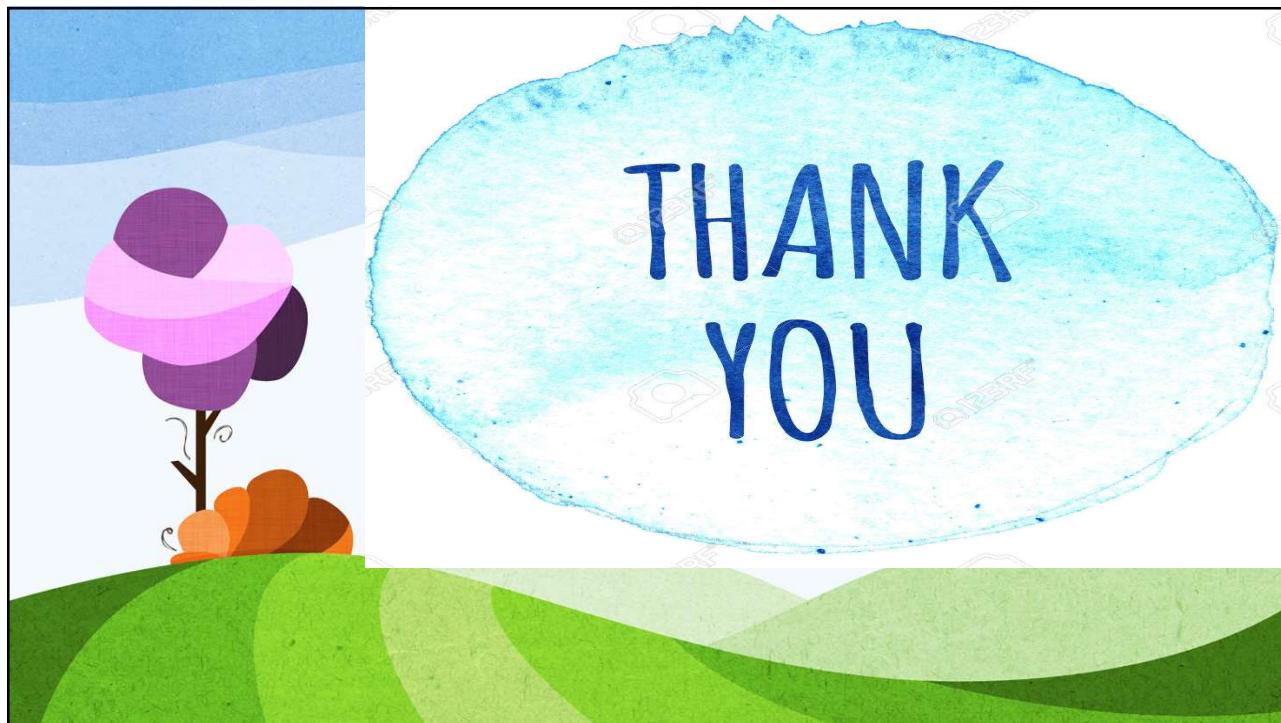
- The oligonucleotides that serve as **primers** for DNA replication  
 موجودين بال nuclear
- **Small nuclear RNAs (snRNAs)** as a part of **Small nuclear ribonucleoproteins (snRNPs)** or **snurps** that are involved in the **splicing** and **processing** of RNA precursors small nuclear RNA/protein
- **Micro RNAs (miRNAs)**: important role in **regulation of gene expression** **JI**

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## Comparison between DNA and RNA

|                           | DNA                                       | RNA  |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Nitrogenous Bases:</b> |   |  |
| <b>a- Purines</b>         | Adenine & Guanine                         | Adenine & Guanine  |
| <b>b- Pyrimidines</b>     | Cytosine<br>Thymine<br>No uracil          | Cytosine<br>Thymine as minor base in tRNA<br>Uracil          |
| <b>Sugar:</b>             | 2-Deoxyribose                             | Ribose   |
| <b>Shape of strand:</b>   | Double helix                              | Single strand  |
| <b>Types:</b>             | Circular or linear (A, B & Z forms)       | mRNAs<br>tRNAs<br>rRNAs                                      |
| <b>Site:</b>              | Nucleus and Mitochondria                  | Mainly in cytosol, less commonly in nucleus and mitochondria |
| <b>Functions:</b>         | Genetic information and synthesis of RNAs | Protein synthesis  |

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