## The intrinsic Fragility of DNA

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## **Abstract**

The DNA in our cells undergoes unavoidable damage, caused by the intracellular water andby reactive oxygen and metabolites. In consequence, our DNA is being repaired continuously. Several repair pathways are involved, the quantitatively most important of these is base excision-repair to counteract occasional loss of adenine and guanine basis from DNA.