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# Applications of AI in Medicine & Biology

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# Data Representation in Biology

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  - FASTA: DNA/RNA/Protein sequences

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>NC_000006.12:151654148-152129619 Homo sapiens chromosome 6, GRCh38.p13 Primary Assembly
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→ **HEADER**

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TATTGATTTTTGTGTAACATGTGTTTGTATATATCTATAACGAGAACTCAAGTCATACTGTAATCCTAT  
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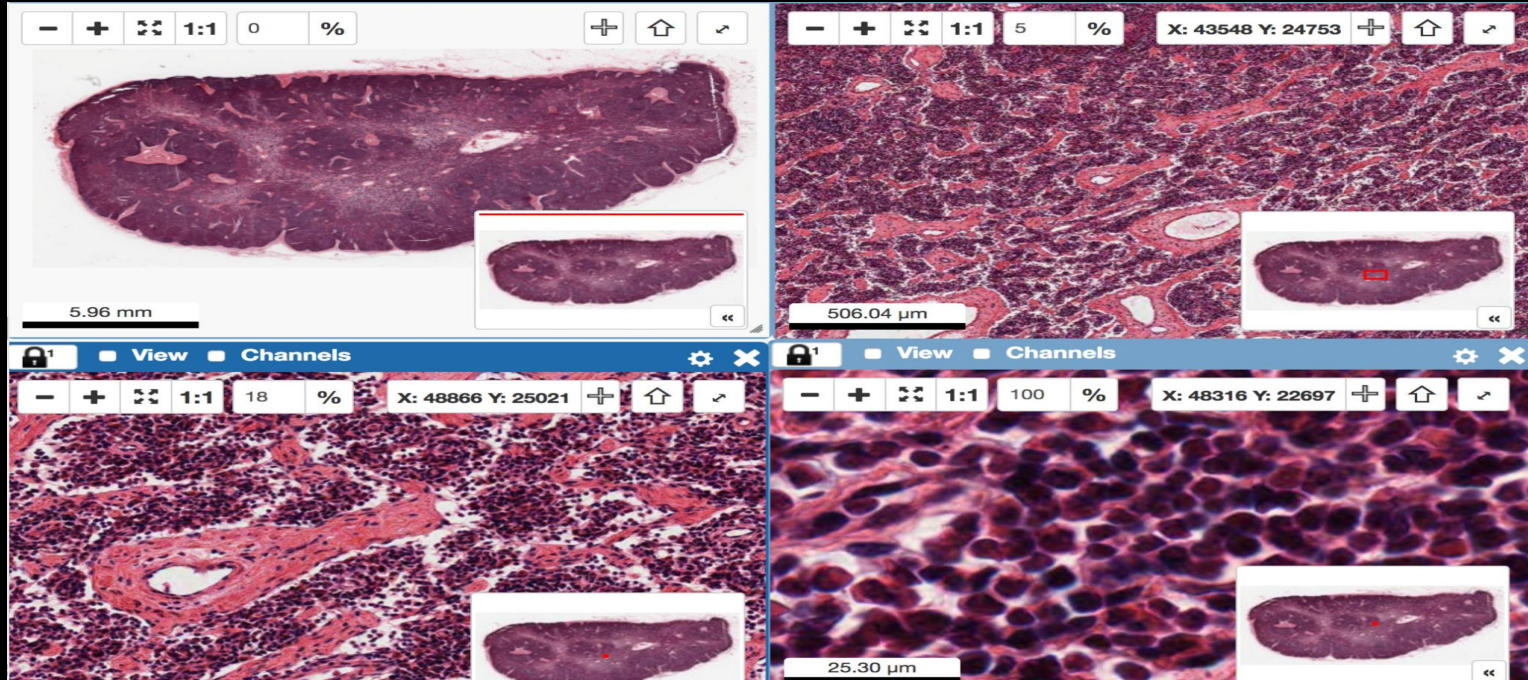
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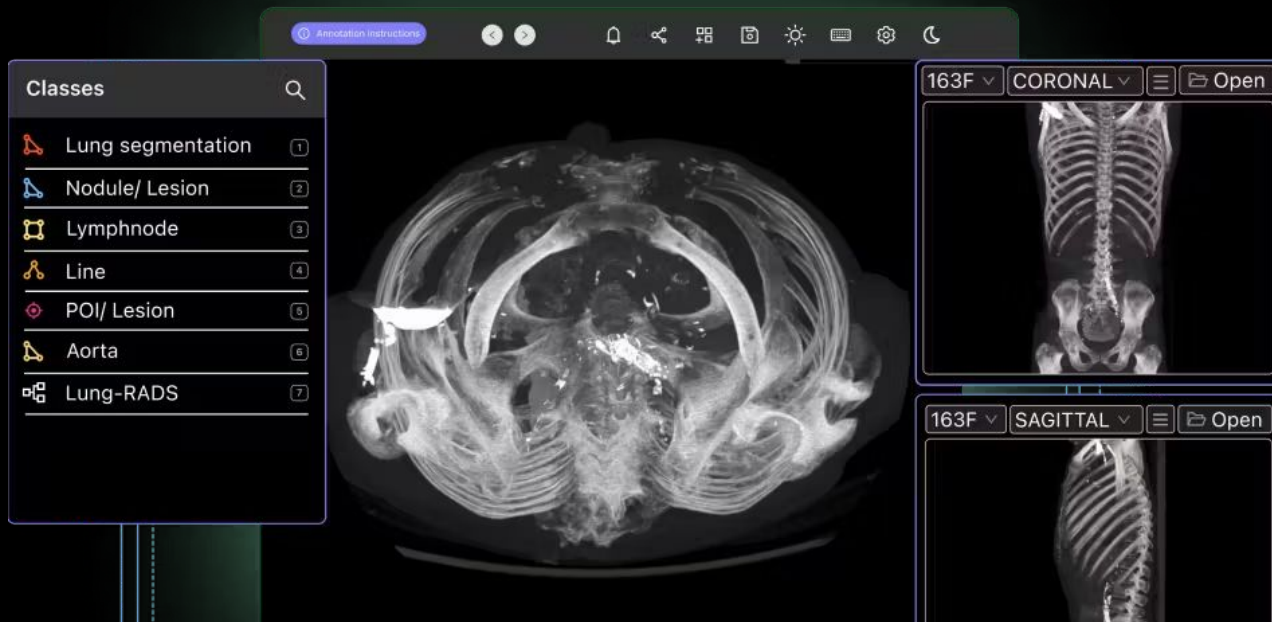
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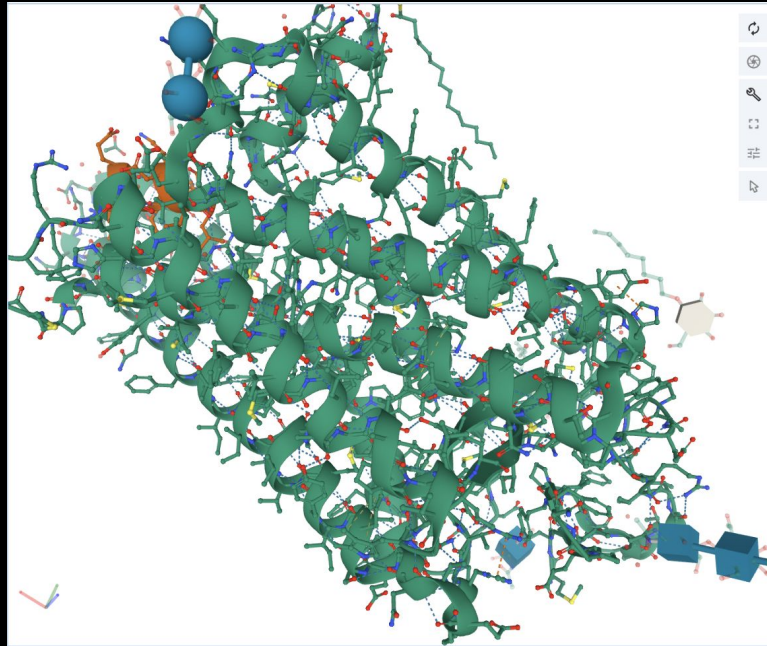
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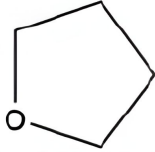
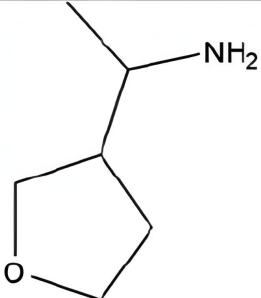
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NCC	
COCCC	
C1OCCCC1	
C1OCC3C1.C3(C)N C1COCC13.C3(N)C C1OCC(C(N)C)C1	

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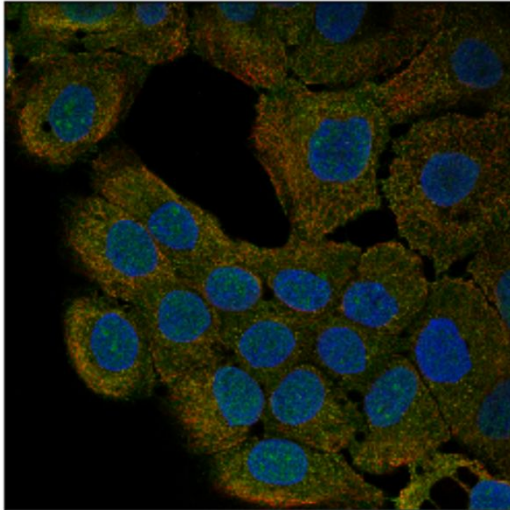
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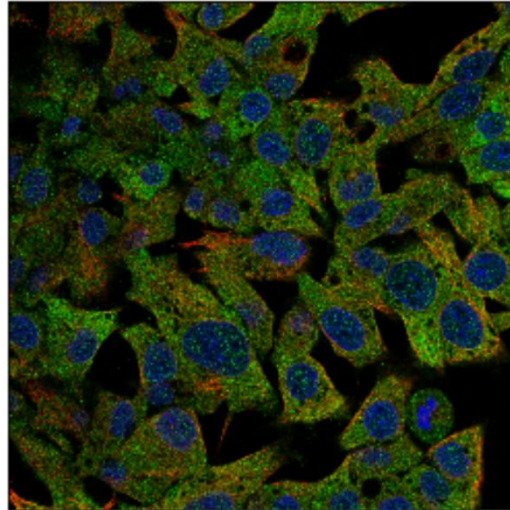
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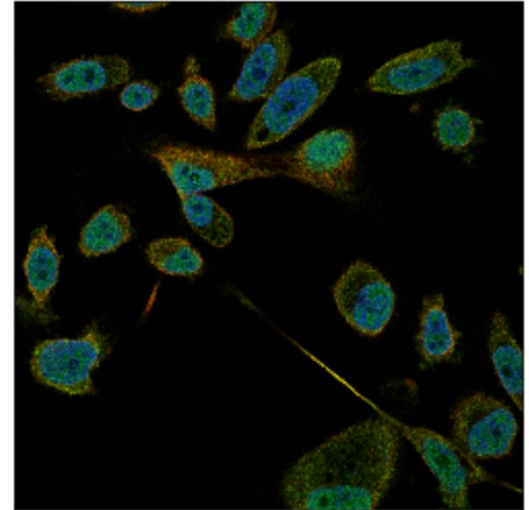
Nucleoplasm  
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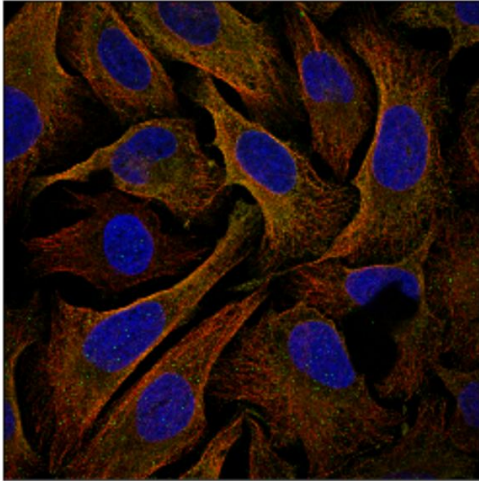




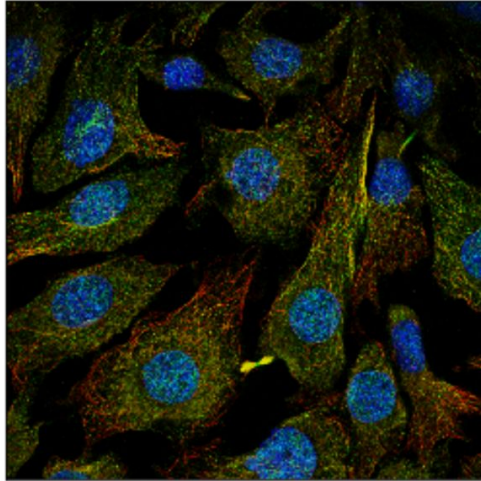
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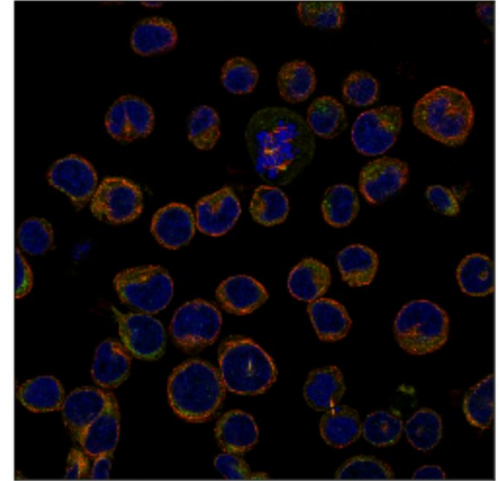
Cytokinetic bridge  
Cytosol



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Microtubules, Nucleoplasm



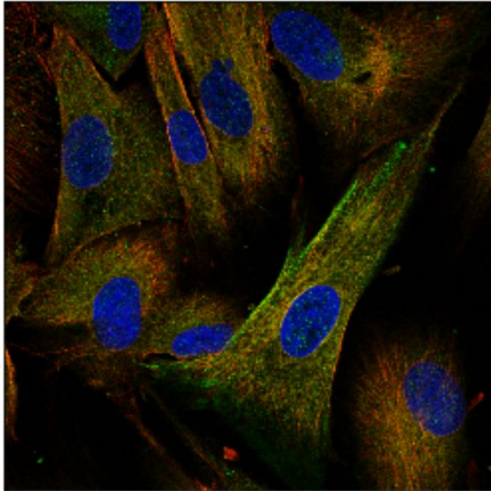
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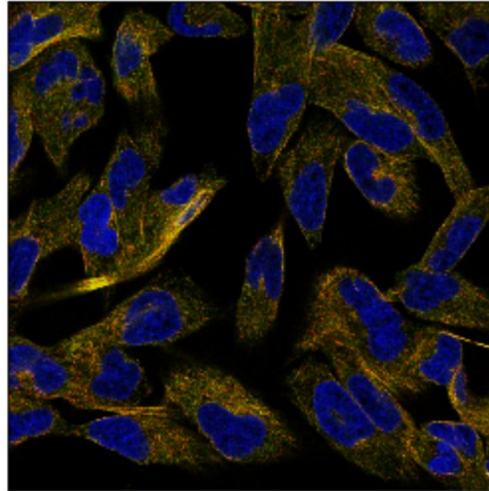
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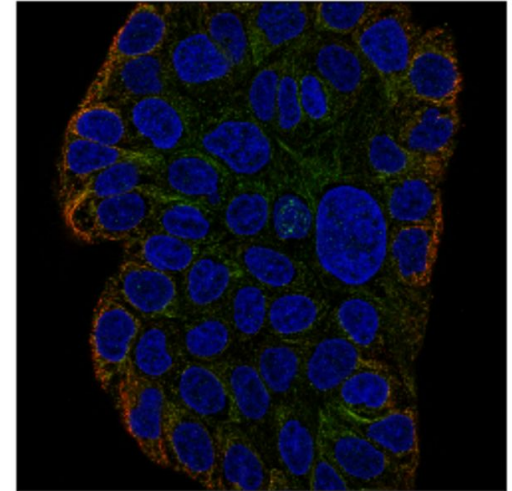
Microtubules  
Actin filaments



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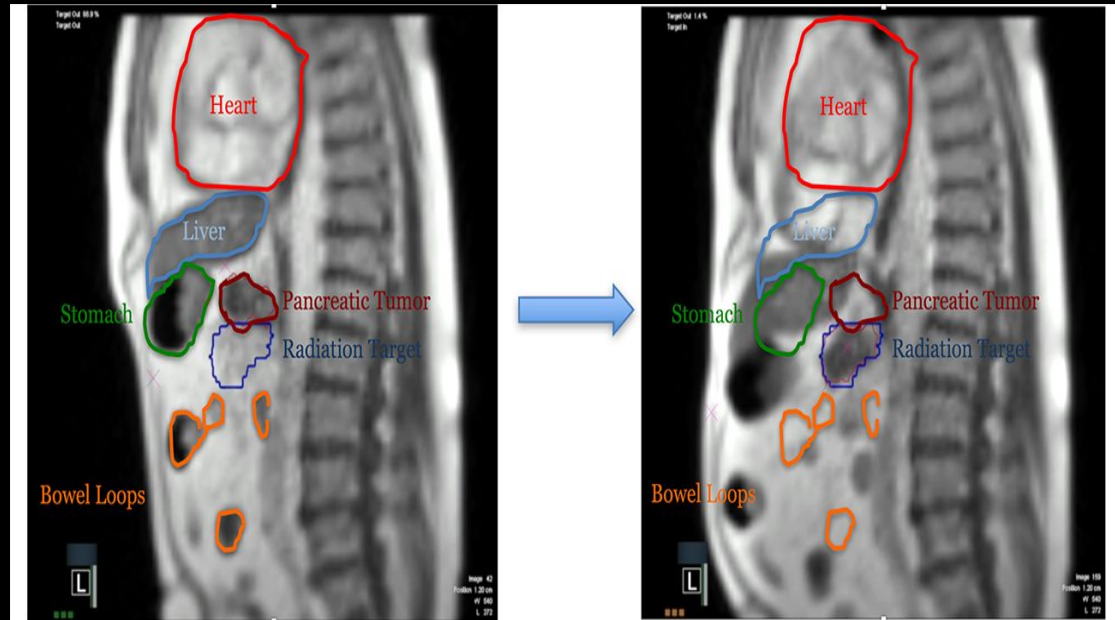


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Normal

Breath Hold

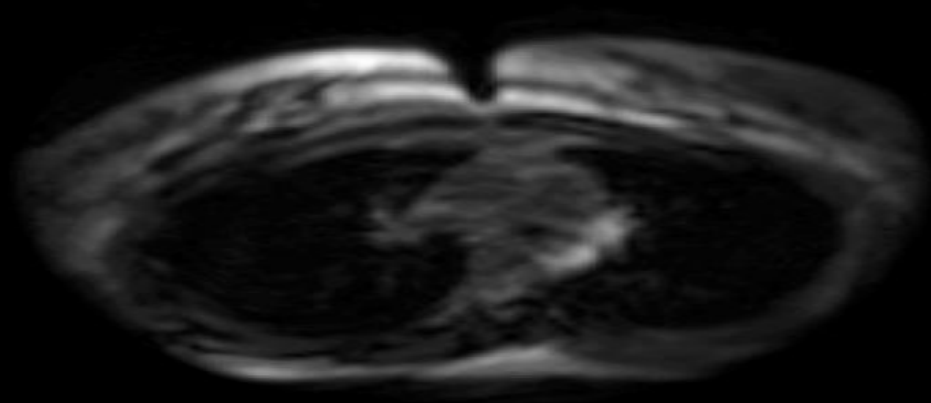
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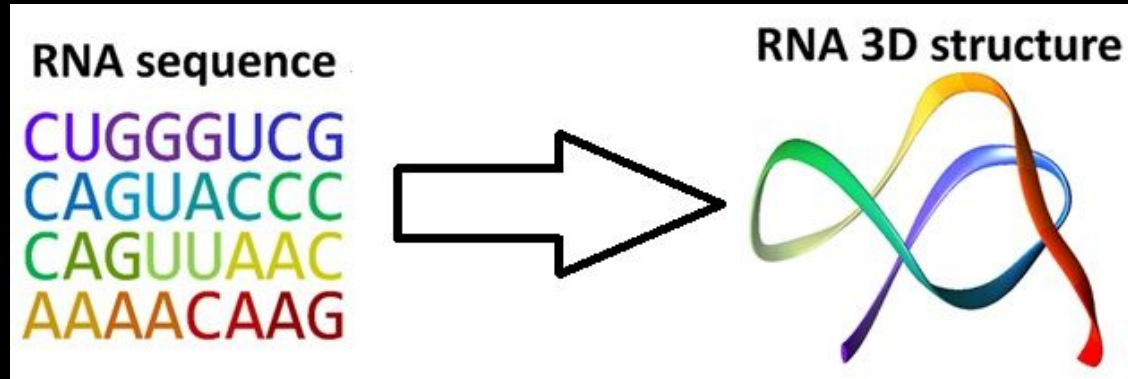
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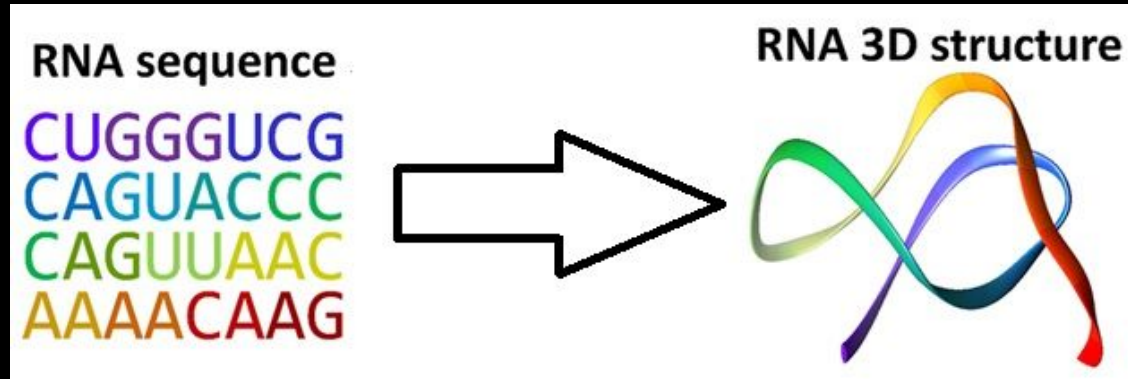
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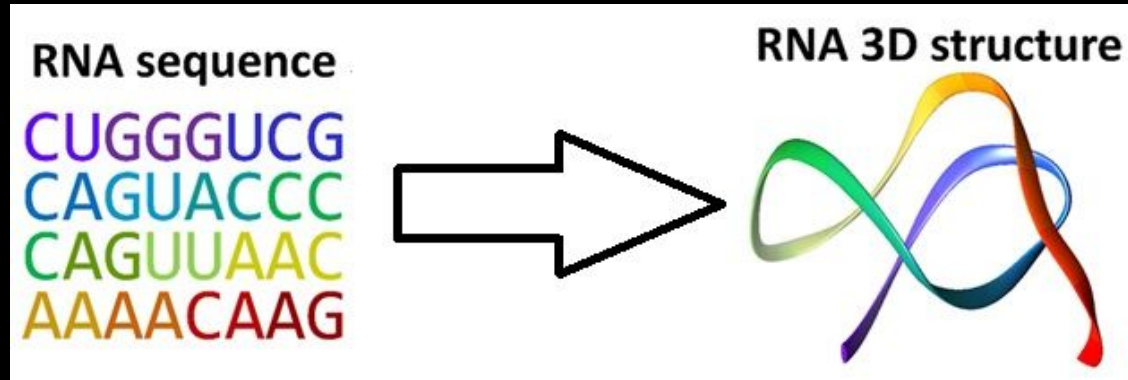
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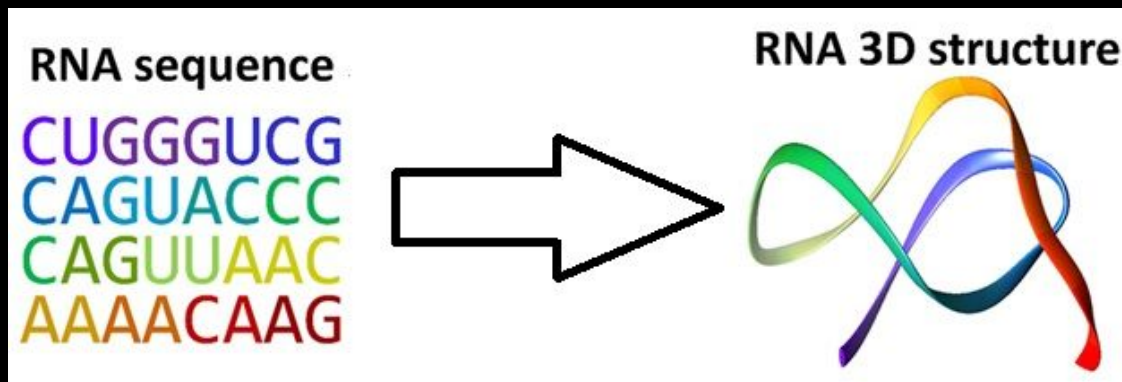
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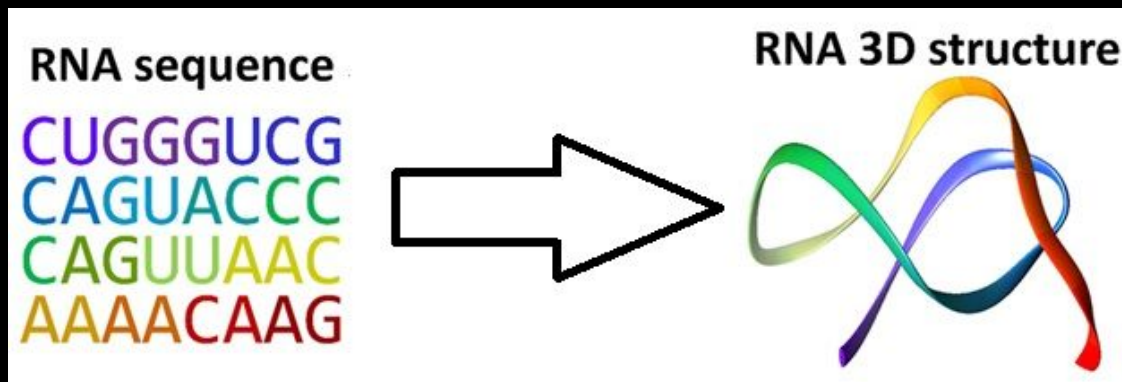
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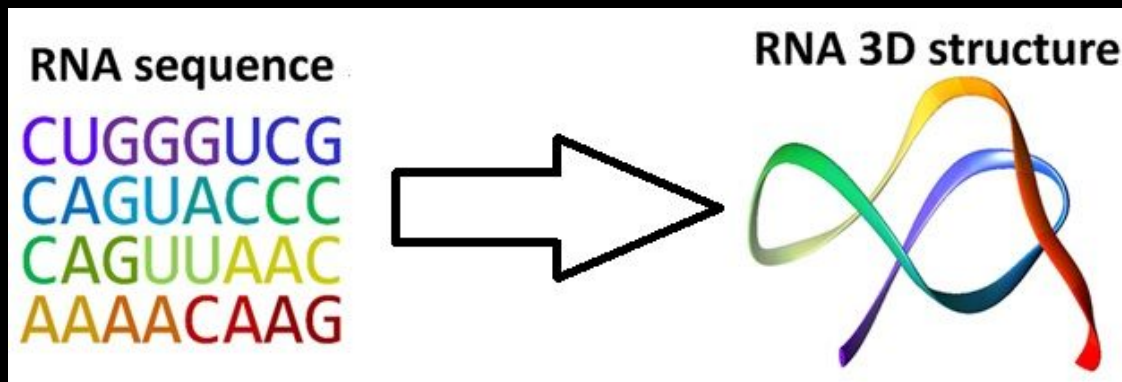
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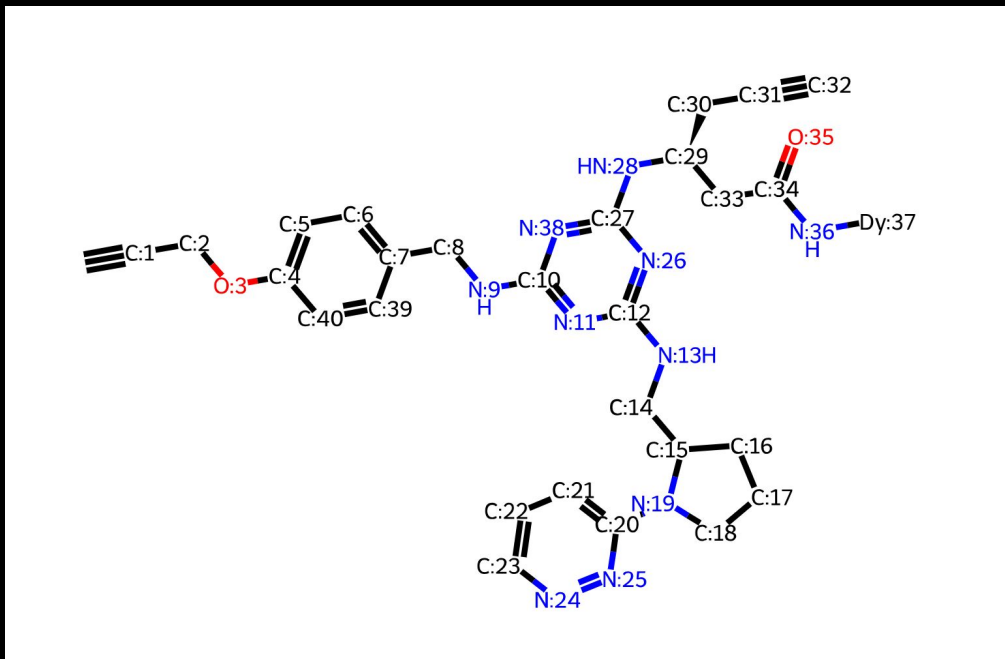
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- Google Deepmind did some good work here though
  - **AlphaFold 2:** Delivers near-atomic 3D protein structures from sequence alone.
  - **AlphaFold 3:** Extends prediction to whole complexes—proteins with DNA/RNA, ligands, ions, and modifications

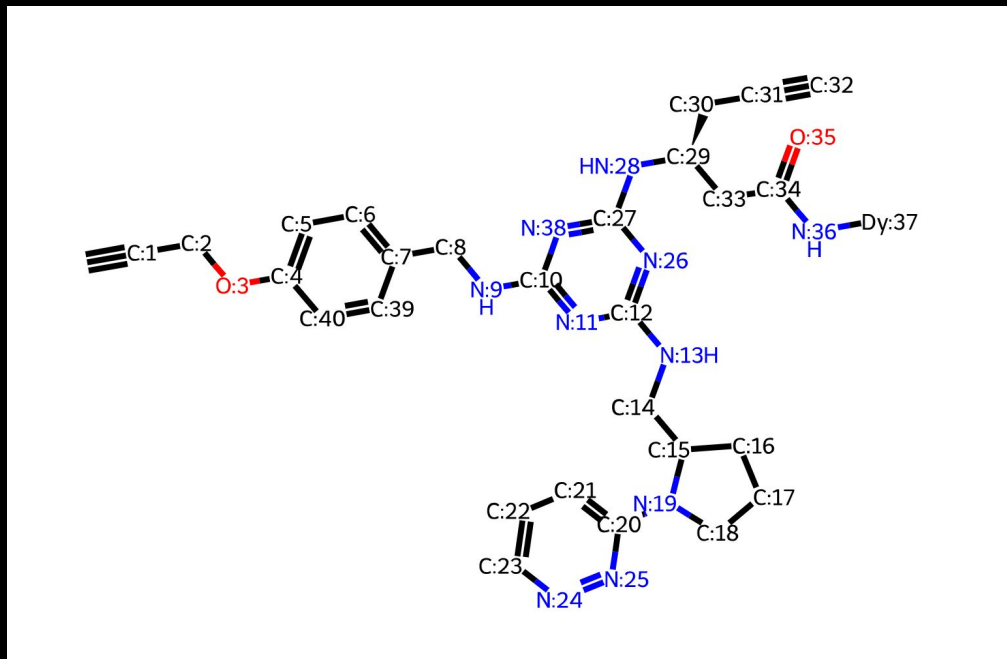
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## 5) Novozymes Enzyme Stability Prediction

- Predicting protein stability is a fundamental problem in biotechnology.
- Its applications include enzyme engineering for addressing the world's challenges in sustainability, carbon neutrality and more.

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ABCDEFGFG	ABCXEFG	35.2
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ABCDEFGFG	ABCDZFG	34.8
ABCDEFGFG	YBCDEFG	35.0
ABCDEFGFG	ABCDEFX	35.1

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- **Goal:** Predict the ranking of protein thermostability (as measured by melting point,  $t_m$ ) after single-point amino acid mutation and deletion.

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  - 3D CNN  $\Rightarrow$  Convert sequences to PDB then use 3D CNN  $\Rightarrow$  The most powerful idea (ThermoNet [link](#))

# Thanks for Attending!

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