

Questions We Have

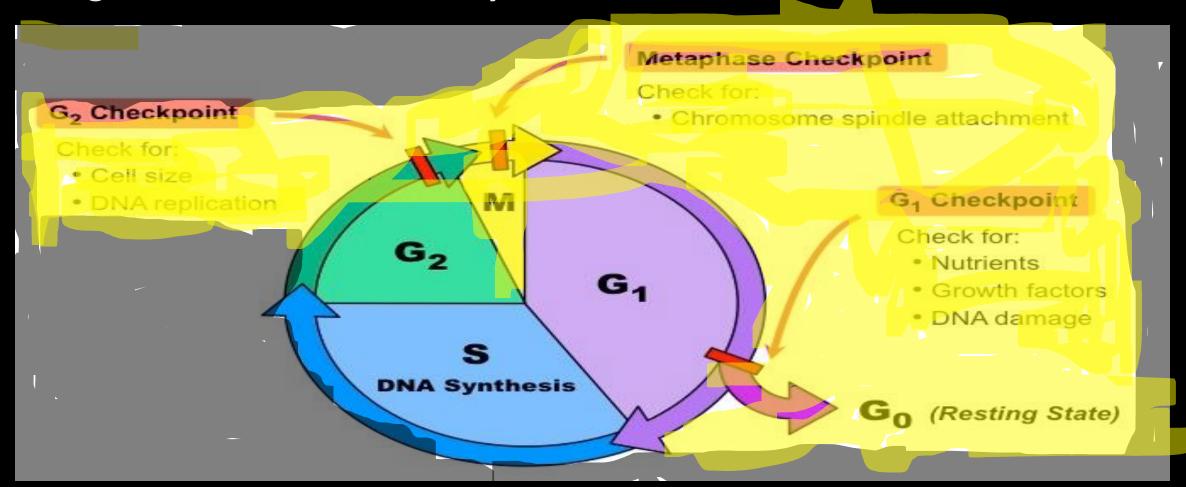
- How do cells divide?
- •What controls cell division?
- •What's binary fission anyhow?
- •What happens when things go wrong?
- All living things are made up of cells and the products formed by cells So, why do cells divide?
- Growth adding more cells
- •Renewal replace old, worn out cells
- Repair fixing things that are broken
- Reproduction creating sperm and egg

A few terms we need to know

- •Genome A cells endowment of DNA. All of its genes
- •Chromosomes Discrete molecules of DNA and any associated proteins called histones.
- Somatic Cells Body cells containing pairs of chromosomes (diploid,
 2n number = 46 in humans).
- •Gametes Reproductive cells: sperm & egg containing ½ the chromosome number (haploid, n = 23)
- •Sister chromatids Duplicate chromosomes held together by a centromere which contains a kinetochore for spindle fiber attachment.
- •Karyokinesis The division of the nucleus in eukaryotic cells.
- •Cytokinesis The division of the cytoplasm creating two daughter cells.

CELL CYCLE

The sequence of events by which a cell duplicates its genome, synthesises the other constituents of the cell and divides into two daughter cells is termed cell cycle



Regulation of the Cell Cycle

- •The frequency of cell division varies with the kind of cell.
- •Regulation occurs at the molecular level.
- Regulation by both external and internal controls occurs at checkpoints.
- Cell division stops at checkpoints until overridden by go-ahead signals.
- •G₁ checkpoint called "restriction point" in mammalian cells.
- -Cells that do not divide further exit G1 phase to enter an inactive stage called quiescent stage (G0) EX- HEART CELL

EXTERNAL SIGNAL

- Chemical and physical factors.
- •Growth factors like PDGF (platelet-derived growth factor.
- Density-dependent inhibition.

INTERNAL SIGNAL

- Cell surface to volume ratio
- Cell age
- Chromosome number and position

Phases of Cell cycle: Human cell-24 hrs, Yeast -90 minutes

- -Interphase (Rest phase) phase between two successive M phases. It take 98% of total duration of cell cycle
- -M Phase (Mitosis phase) -only one hour of 24 hrs

Interphage (preparing period)

Divided into 3 phases –

- -G₁ phase (gap 1 phase)-Cell is metabolically active.
 - -Cell grows continuously.
 - -Does not replicate its DNA
- –S phase (synthesis phase)-DNA synthesis occurs.
 - -Amount of DNA per cell doubles.
 - -Chromosome number does not increase.
- -G₂ phase (gap 2 phase)-No synthesis of DNA.
 - -Proteins are synthesised.
 - -Cell growth continues



At the time of cell division the material inside the nucleus become clearly visible.-the chromosomes

the chromosomes appear as thin diffuse threads called chromatin

CHROMATIDS

-CENTROMÉRE

