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Dear [Recipient Name],
I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to share a concise overview of the stages of DNA replication, which is a fundamental process in cellular biology.
1. Initiation:
During this stage, the DNA double helix unwinds and separates at specific locations called origins of replication, creating replication forks. This is facilitated by enzymes such as helicase.
2. Primer Binding:
RNA primers are synthesized by primase, providing the starting point for DNA synthesis.
3. Elongation:
DNA polymerase extends the RNA primers by adding complementary DNA nucleotides to synthesize the new DNA strand. This occurs in the leading strand continuously and the lagging strand discontinuously as Okazaki fragments.
4. Termination:
Replication continues until the entire DNA molecule has been copied. Then, the RNA primers are replaced with DNA, and the Okazaki fragments are joined together by DNA ligase.
5. Proofreading and Repair:
DNA polymerases also perform a proofreading function to ensure the accuracy of replication, correcting any errors that may arise.
Understanding these stages is crucial for further investigations in genetics and biotechnology. If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to reach out.
Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
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