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Elongation is adding more amino acids carried by tRNA to Met (the start amino acid).

What are the steps in translation elongation?

1. Amino-acyl tRNA (charged tRNA) binds to the ribosome's **A site**.
2. Peptide bond forms.
3. Ribosome moves (translocate) one codon downstream.

What is needed for elongation?

1. Charged tRNA

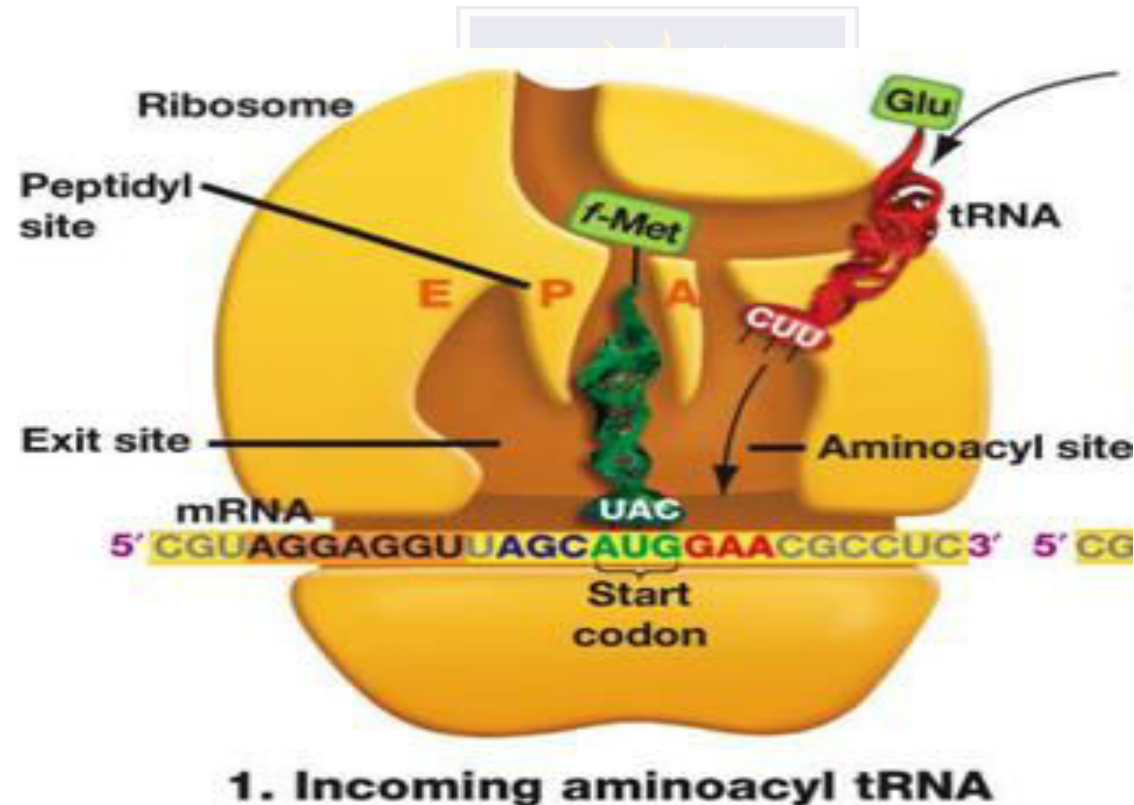
2. Elongation factors (EF)

3. GTP



Elongation process:

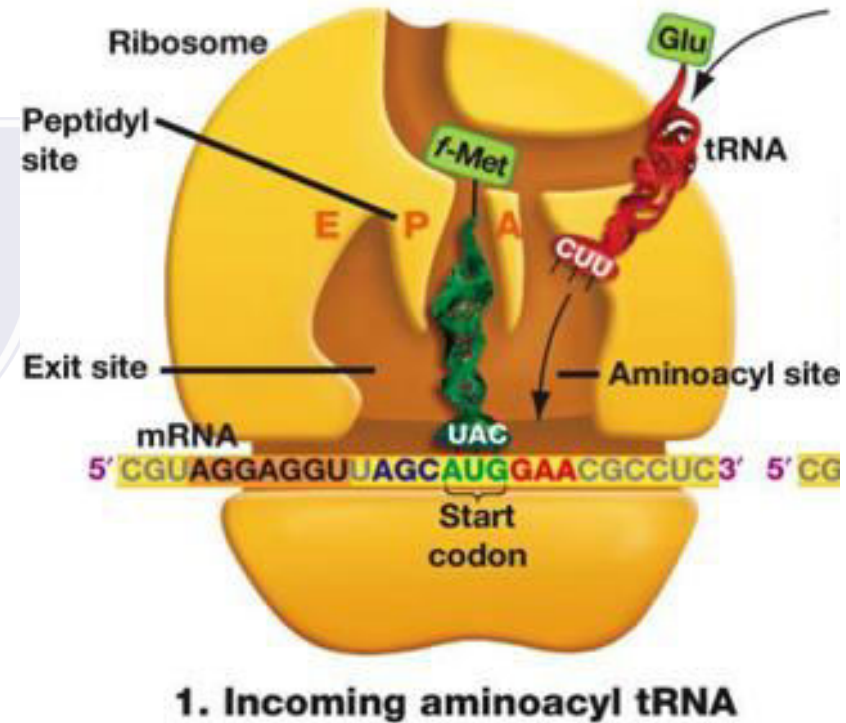
1. fMet tRNA is bound to the AUG codon at P site. 2. Next codon is positioned in the A site.



Elongation process:

3. Appropriate amino-acyl tRNA binds to the A site.

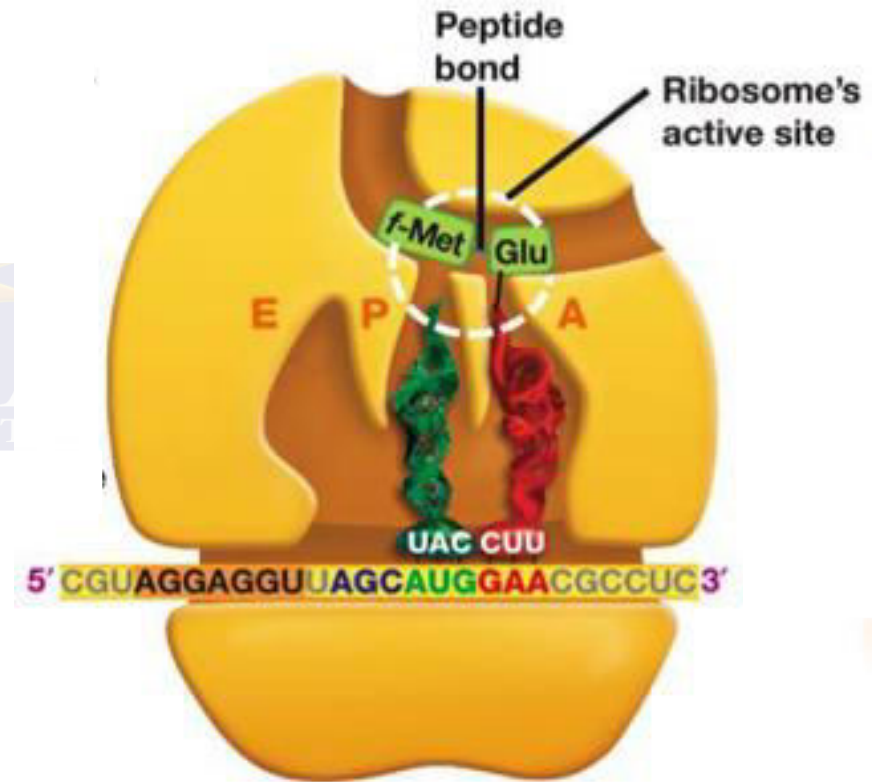
4. The charged tRNA is brought to the ribosome by elongation factors (EF and GTP).



Elongation process:

5. Two amino-acyl tRNAs are in positions P and A and a peptide bond is formed between the two amino acids.

6. The bond between the amino acid and tRNA at P site is broken.

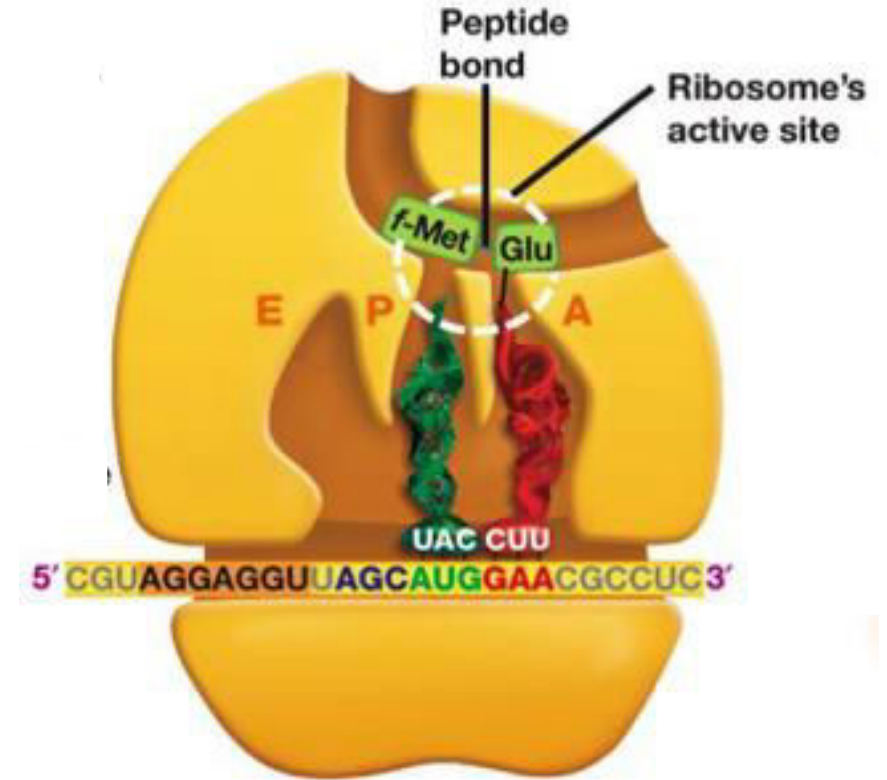
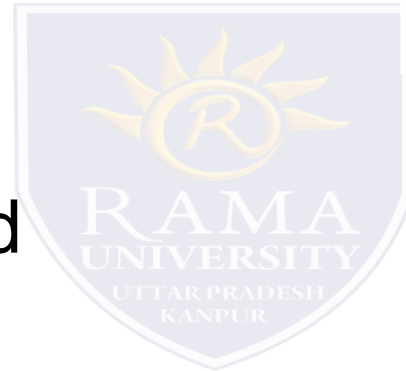


2. Peptide bond formation

Elongation process:

7. A peptide bond is formed between the free amino acid from the P site and the one at the A site by:

Peptidyl Transferase

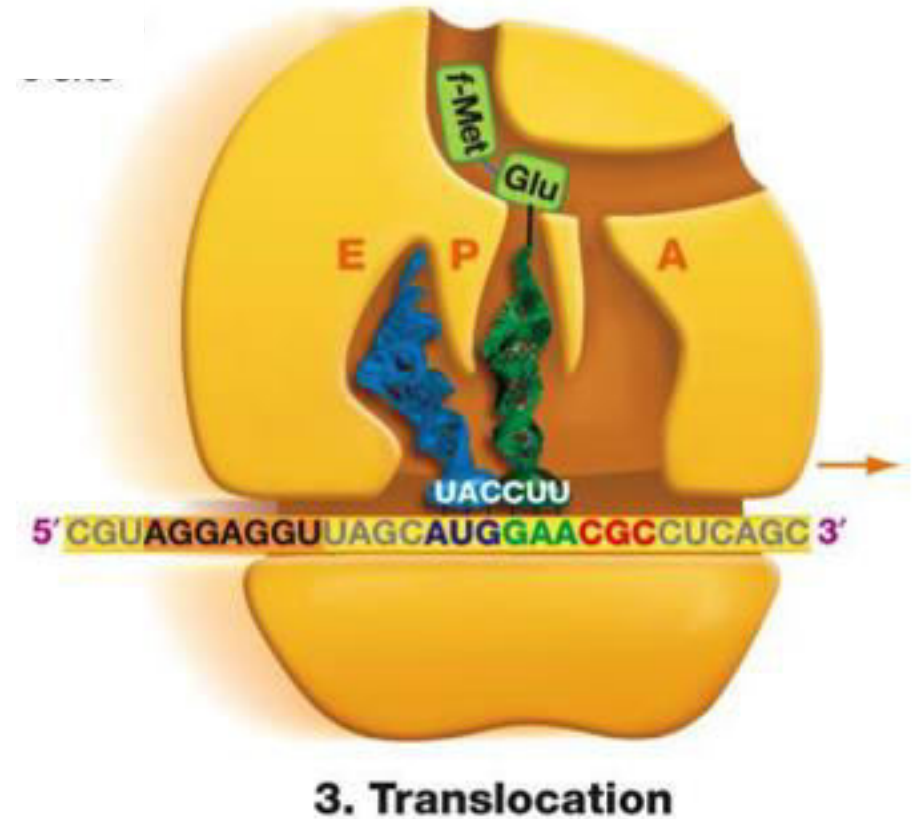
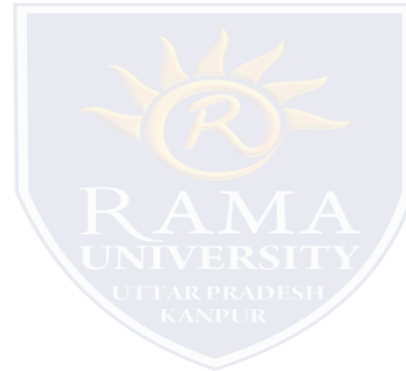


2. Peptide bond formation

Elongation process:

8. When a peptide bond is formed the free tRNA is in site P and the tRNA at site A has two amino acids.

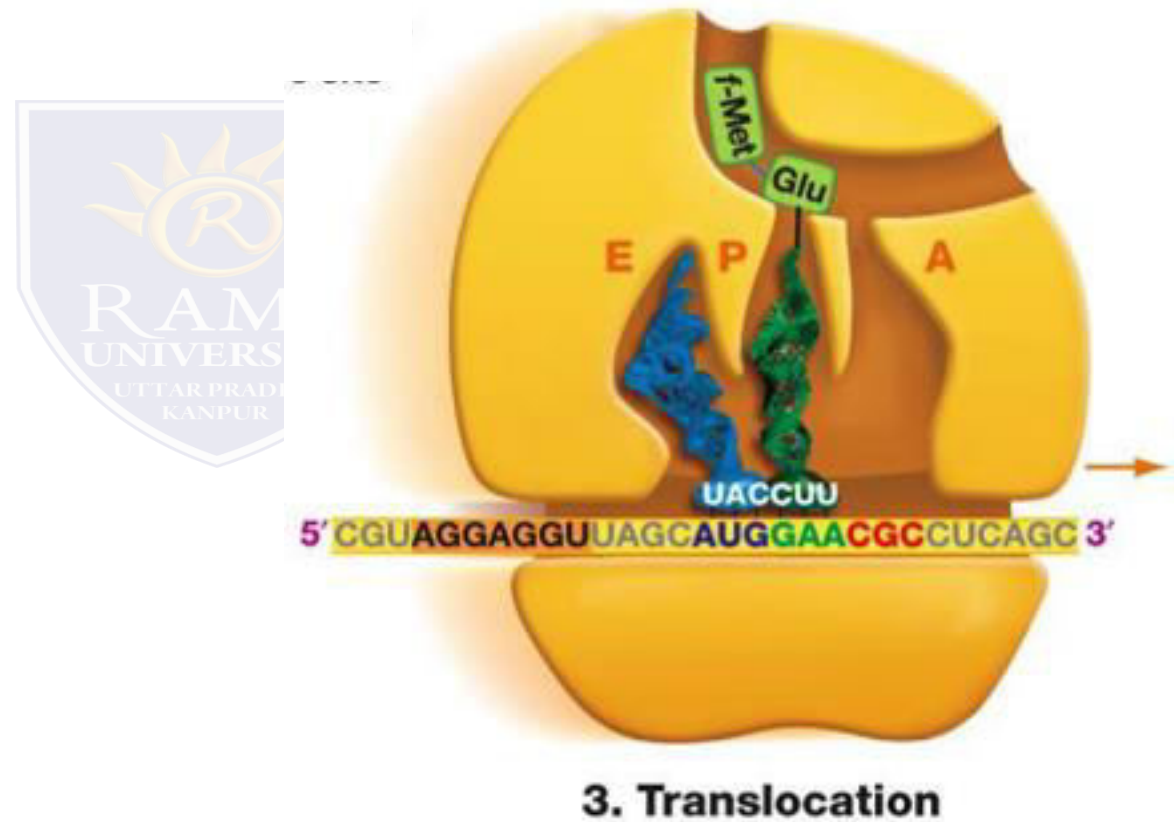
9. Ribosome moves one codon downstream (3').

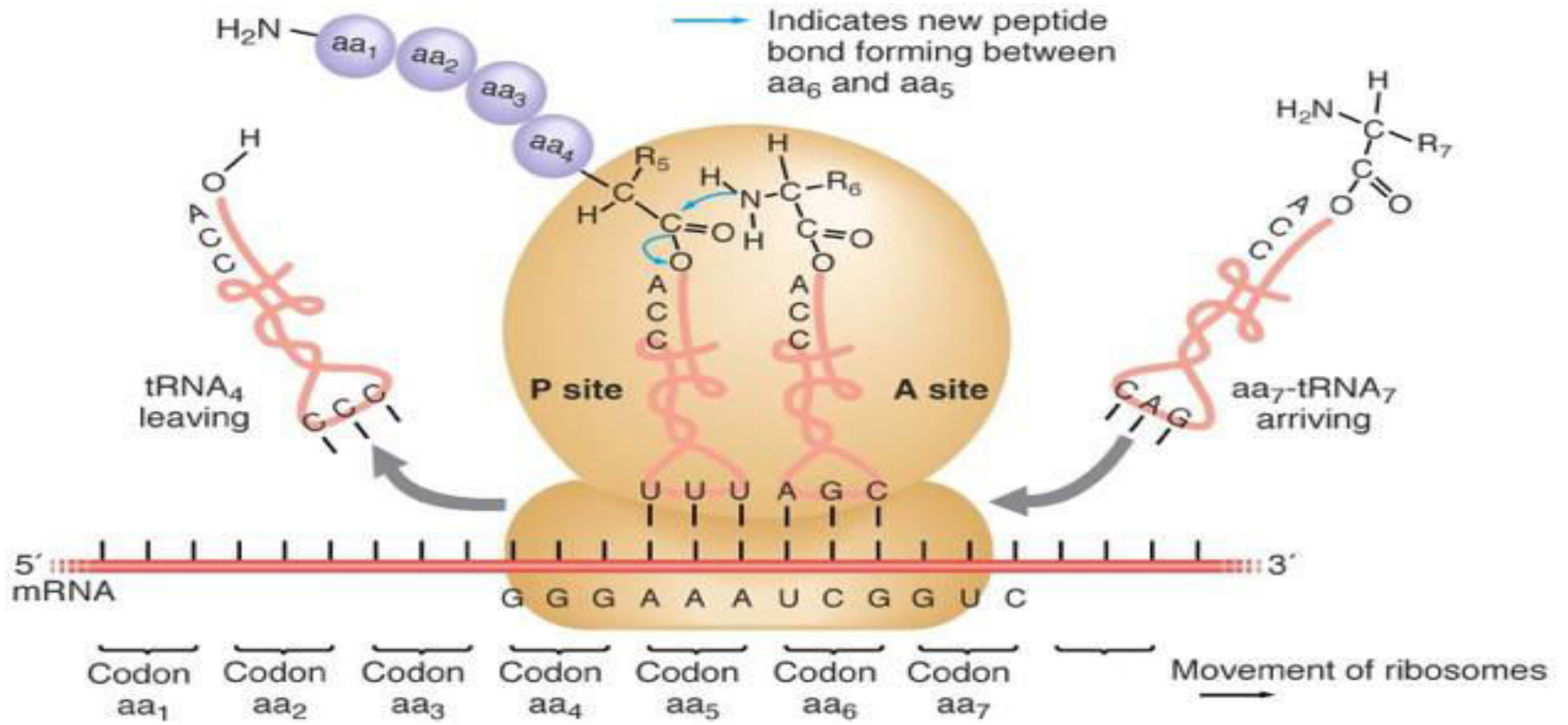


Elongation process:

10. Free tRNA moves to the E site.

11. A new charged tRNA gets to the A site and the cycle repeats.





ELONGATION OF POLYPEPTIDES DURING TRANSLATION

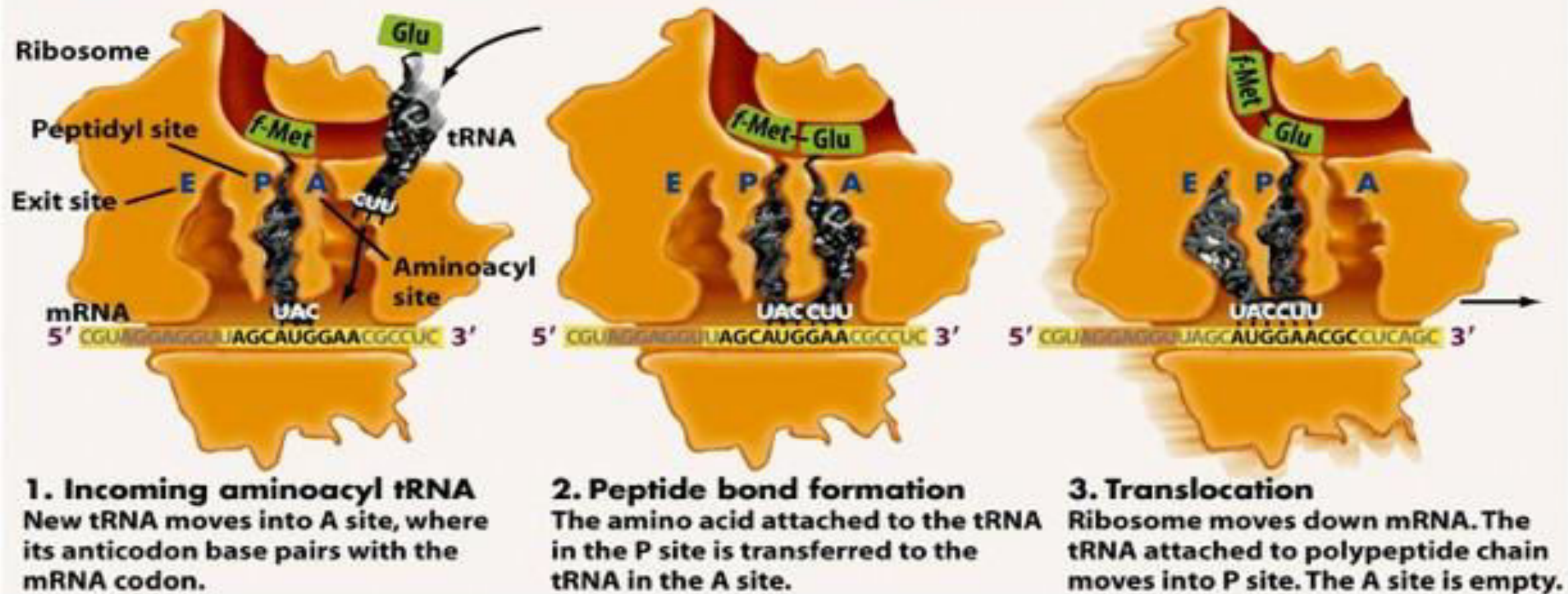


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4. Incoming aminoacyl tRNA
 New tRNA moves into A site, where its anticodon base pairs with the mRNA codon.

5. Peptide bond formation
 The polypeptide chain attached to the tRNA in the P site is transferred to the tRNA in the A site.

6. Translocation
 Ribosome moves down mRNA. The tRNA attached to polypeptide chain moves into P site. Empty tRNA from P site moves to E site, where tRNA is ejected. The A site is empty again.

Figure 16-15 part 2 Biological Science, 2/e