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The following 4 proteins are found in a yeast cell.

Protein 1	is a cytoplasmic protein
Protein 2	is a secreted protein
Protein 3	is a secreted protein
Protein 4	is a plasma membrane protein

Describe how each of the following mutations (a-f) affect the localization of these above proteins.

outside the cell in the cytoplasm in transport vesicles in secretory vesicles in the golgi in the ER in the plasma membrane in the nucleus Fill in the blanks below with the term(s) from the previous list to indicate the resulting locations of the proteins.

a) Mutation A is a deletion of the signal sequence protein 2. Where would the majority of the following proteins be found in a strain with this mutation?

Protein 1? Protein 2? Protein 3? Protein 4?

b) Mutation B inactivates the SRP (signal recognition particle), preventing it from binding to signal sequences. Where would the majority of the proteins be in a strain with this mutation?

Protein 1? Protein 2? Protein 3? Protein 4?

- c) Mutation C results in a deletion of the transmembrane domain of protein 4. Where would the majority of the following proteins be found in a strain with this mutation?
 - Protein 1? Protein 2? Protein 3? Protein 4?

d) Mutation D blocks the fusion of the transport protein vesicles with the Golgi membrane. Where would the majority of the following proteins be found in a strain with this mutation?

Protein 1? Protein 2? Protein 3? Protein 4?

e) Mutation E eliminates the SRP docking protein on the ER membrane. Where would the majority of the following proteins be found in a strain with this mutation?

Protein 1? Protein 2? Protein 3? Protein 4?

f) Mutation F inserts a signal sequence in frame at the beginning of Protein 1. Where would the majority of the following proteins be found in a strain with this mutation?

Protein 1? Protein 2? Protein 3? Protein 4?