Fig. S1. Urea denaturation of wild-type, G566R, and H1248D mutants. Stability of the hMSH2-hMSH6 complex was analyzed at increasing concentrations of urea (2-7 M) and examined on a native gel. The ratio of protein in a complex (heterodimer or higher order multimer) versus a monomeric form is plotted for each urea concentration. The urea-dependent denaturation of wild-type, G566R, and H1248D mutants appear similar. Error bars show +/- one S.D. Each experiment was performed in triplicate.

<u>Fig. S2.</u> Steady-state ATPase activity of hMSH6 missense mutants. ATPase velocity determined for multiple concentrations of protein incubated for 30 min at 37°C with or without 240nM G/T heteroduplex DNA, and increasing amounts of ATP, of which 17nM was radiolabeled. The amount of released  $\gamma$ -phosphate was determined by charcoal binding. Kinetic constants were determined by fitting the data to the Michaelis-Menten equation (Table 1). Error bars show +/- one S.D. Each experiment was performed a minimum of three times.

<u>Fig. S3.</u> Mismatch binding of WT and hMSH6 missense mutants. An overlay of Biacore surface plasmon resonance sensorgrams displaying the association curves of 50nM WT and hMSH6 missense mutant-containing heterodimers with a 41-bp heteroduplex oligonucleotide. Multiple concentrations of each protein were used to determine kinetic constants (see Table 2).

Fig. S4. Partial trypsin proteolysis of hMSH2-hMSH6 missense mutants. *A*, Wild-type hMSH2-hMSH6 was partially digested with increasing amounts of trypsin and analyzed by western blotting with polyclonal anti-hMSH6 and anti-hMSH2 antibodies to determine the identity of proteolytic products. *B*, Silver-stained acrylamide gels showing the partial trypsin proteolysis products of S144I, V878A, and H1248D mutants.

Supplementary Figure 1



Supplementary Figure 2





Supplementary Figure 3



Supplementary Figure 4

