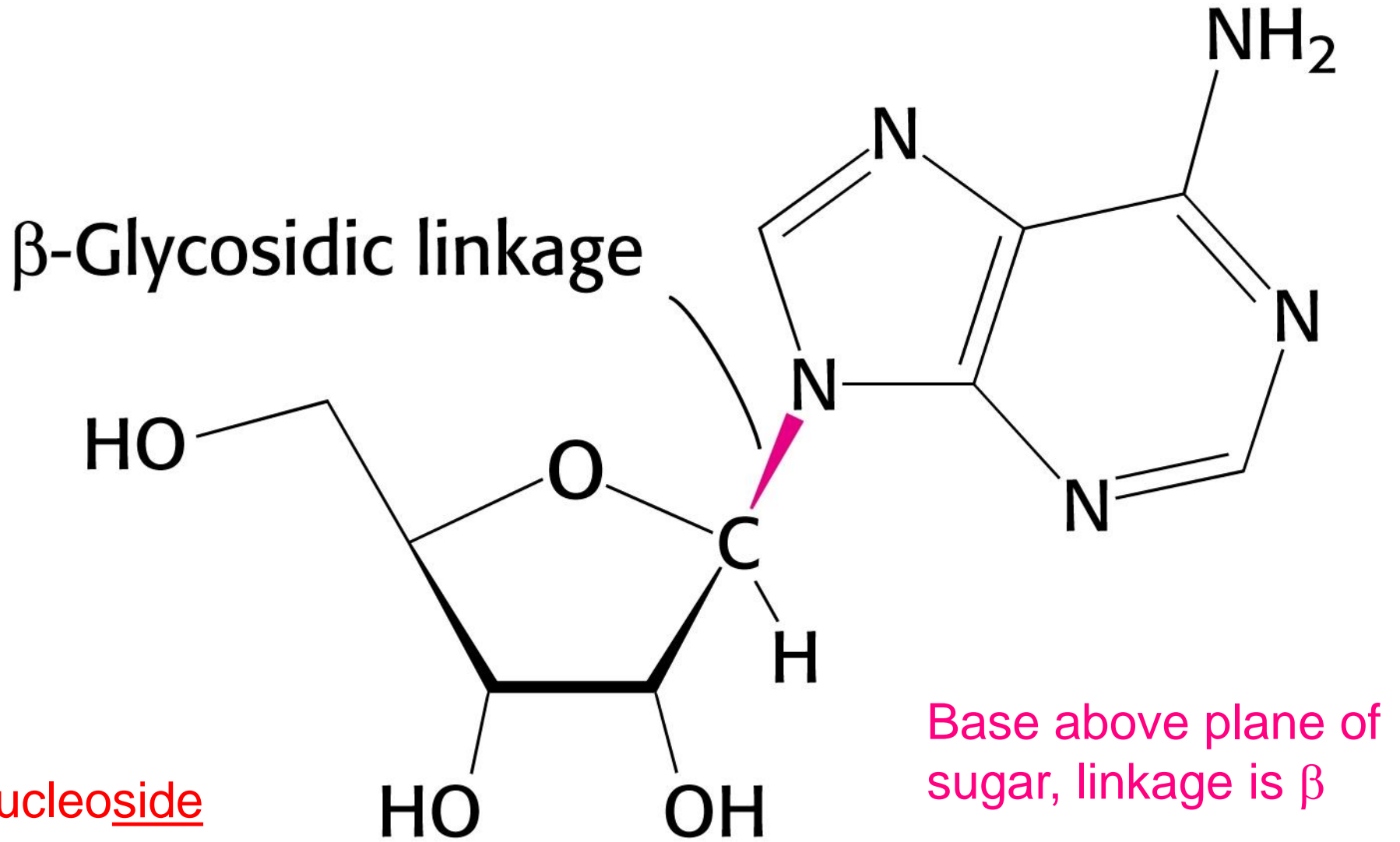


2. The nucleic acid metabolism disorders of purine and pyrimidine.

Hyperuricemia, orotacidurie, therapy.

Sugar - base linkage

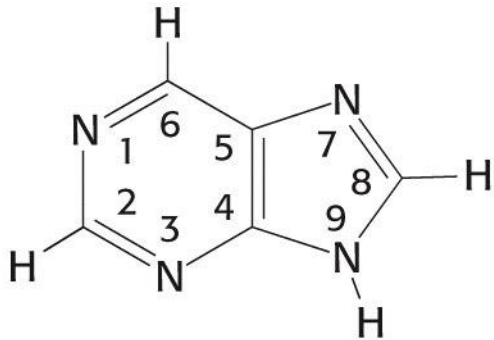


RNA: adenosine, guanosine, cytidine, & uridine

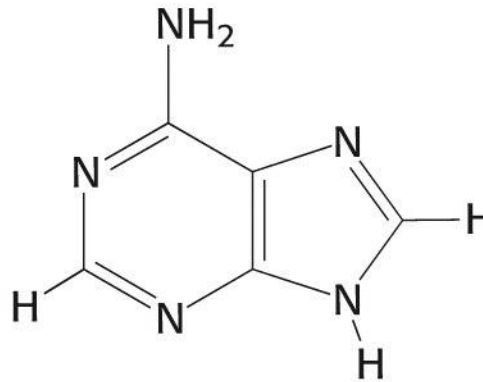
DNA: deoxyadenosine, deoxyguanosine, deoxycytidine, & thymidine

Purines & Pyrimidines

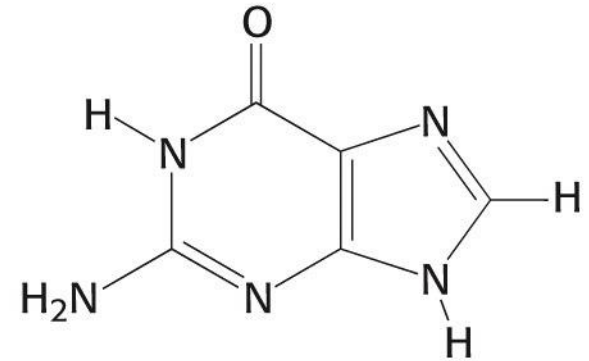
PURINES



Purine

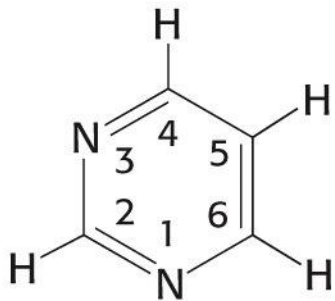


Adenine

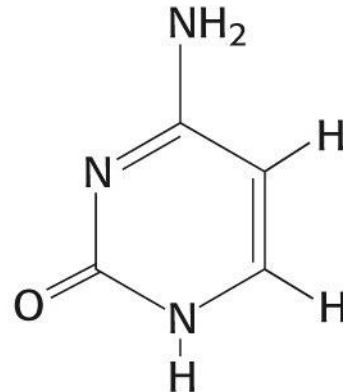


Guanine

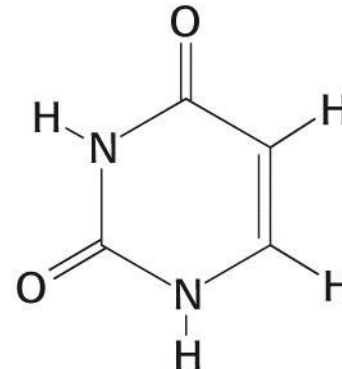
PYRIMIDINES



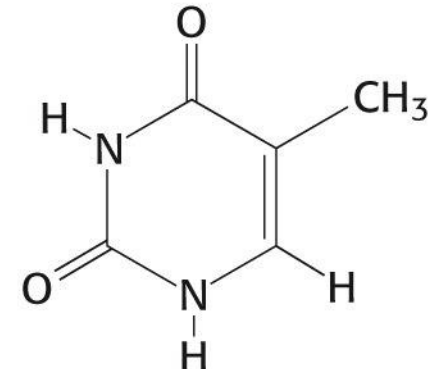
Pyrimidine



Cytosine



Uracil



Thymine

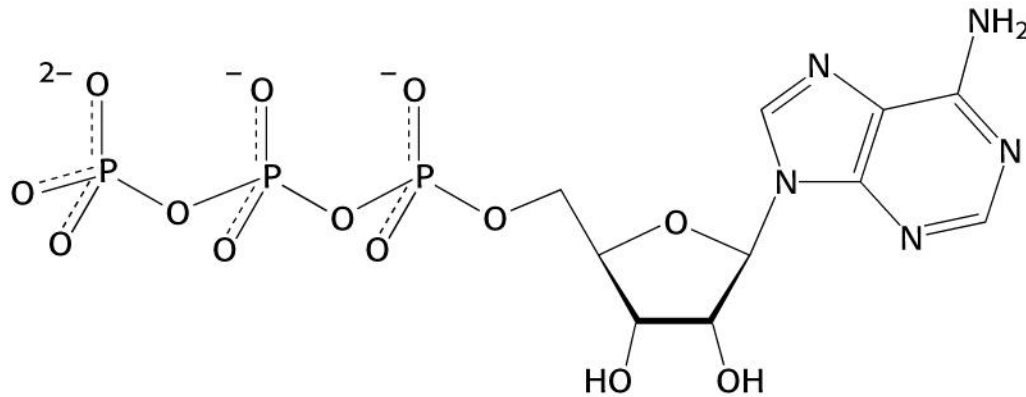
Note: ring atom #s

RNA

DNA

Nucleotides: monomeric units of nucleic acids

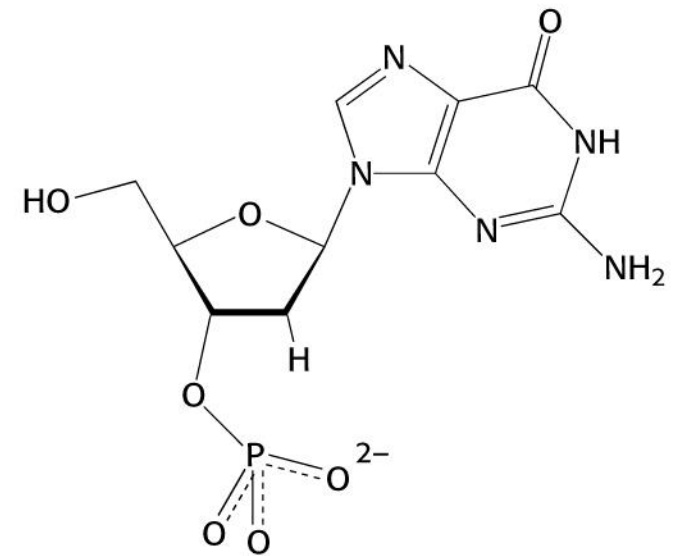
Adenosine 5'-triphosphate



5'-ATP

5' nucleotide - most common

Deoxyguanosine 3' monophosphate



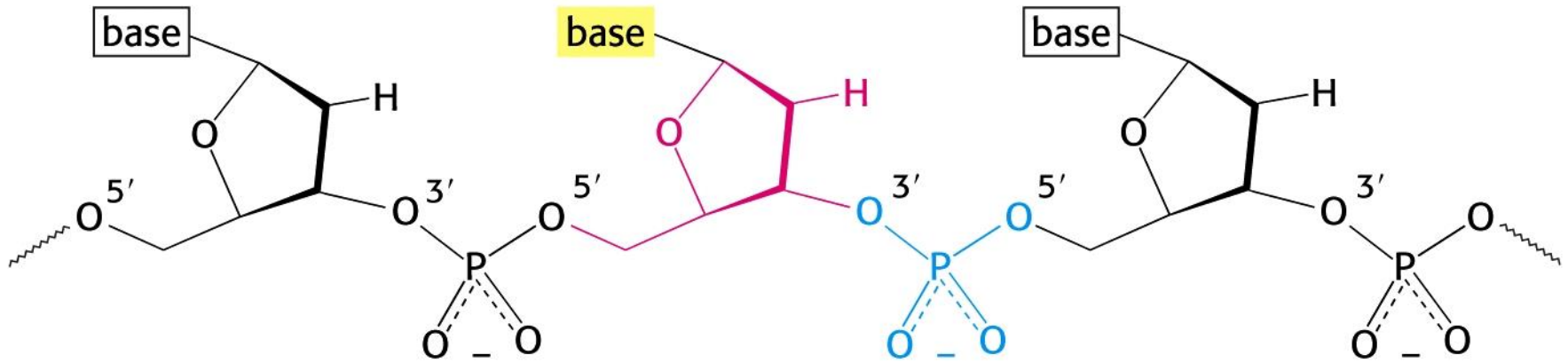
3'-dGMP

3' nucleotide

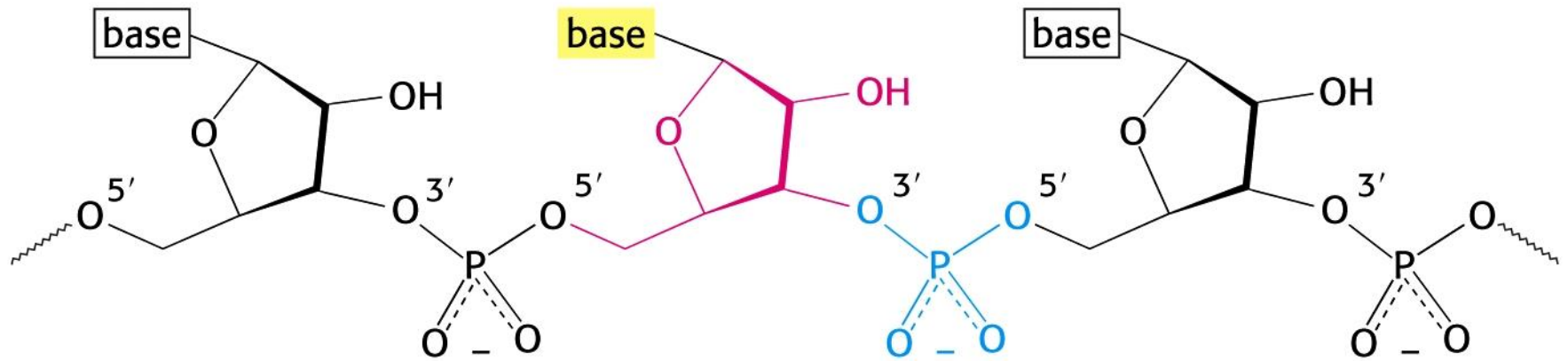
Nucleotide: nucleoside joined to one or more phosphate groups by an ester linkage

Backbone of DNA & RNA

3'-to-5' phosphodiester linkages



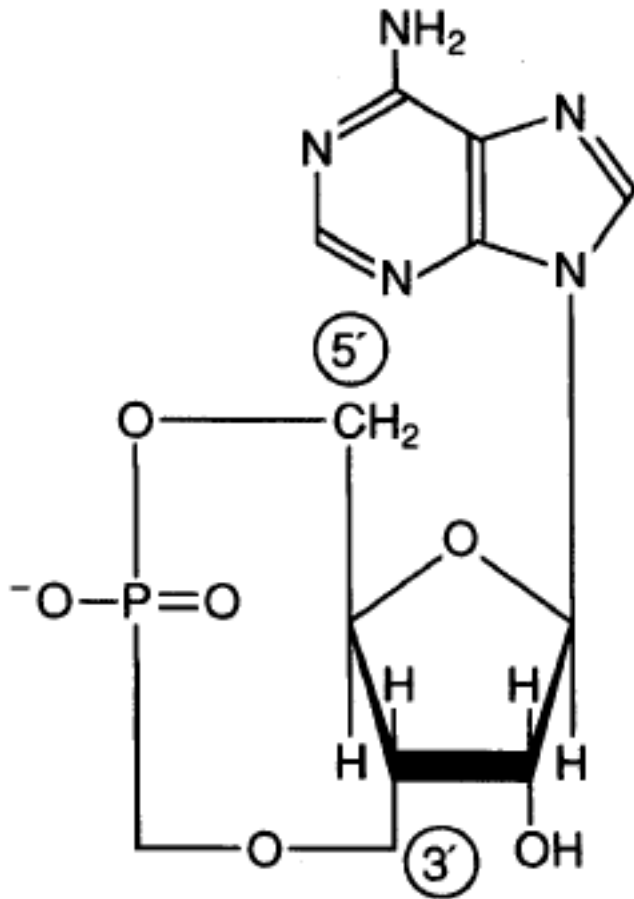
DNA



RNA

Sugar, red. Phosphate, blue

Role of nucleotides



- Information carriers (DNA/RNA)
- Universal source of energy (ATP 30 kJ/mol)
- Second messengers: cGMP a cAMP
- Coenzymes and group transfer

TEST

Biosynthesis of purine and pyrimidine nucleotides

- all cells needs ribonucleosides, deoxyribonucleosides and their phosphates
- not esencial (2 biosynthetic pathways)
- purine and pyrimidine basis **from food** are not used for biosynthesis, cleved for catabolism (pancreatic endonucleases)
- biosynthesis purine and pyrimidine basis (2 pathways):
 - 1. de novo 2. salvage pathway
- location :- liver
- needs: sugar (PPRP), AA(glycine, glutamine, aspartate),
. coenzyme: **tetrahydrofolate**
- synthesis of purine and pyrimidine nucleotides are coordinated

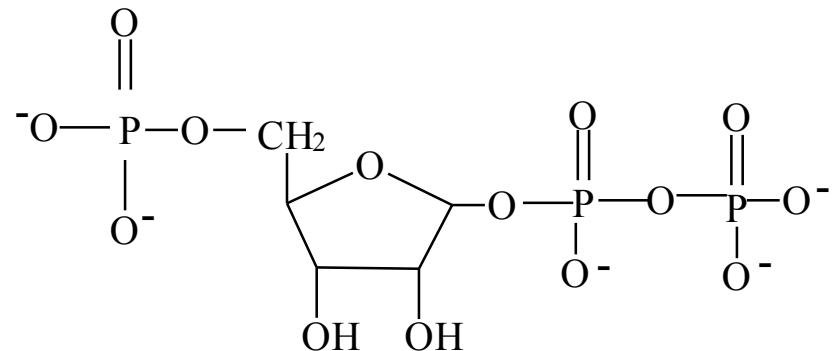
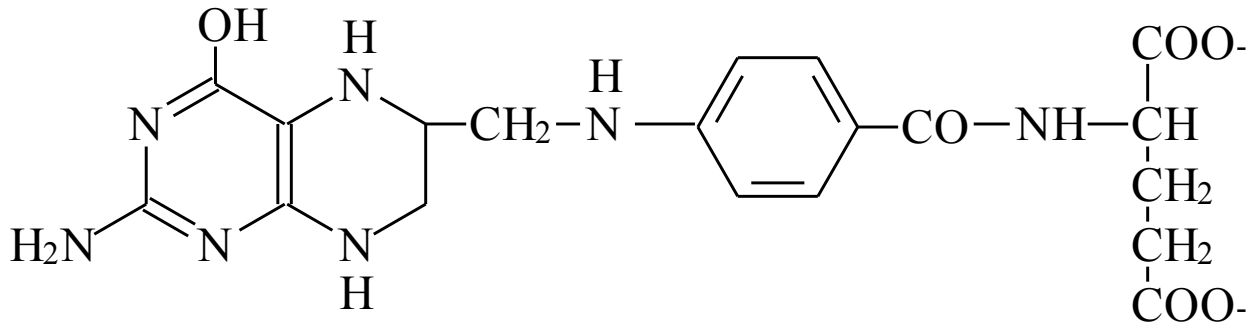
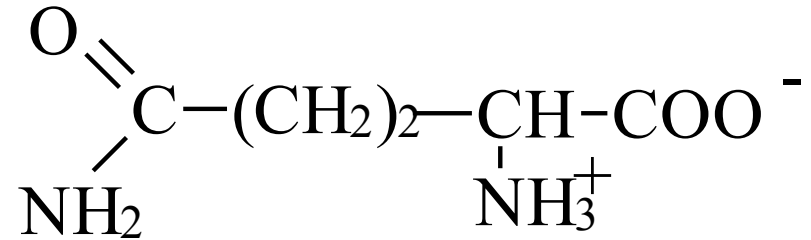
Precursore molecules for purine and pyrimidine nucleotides

- 3 main compounds:

- 1) tetrahydrofolate

- 2) glutamine

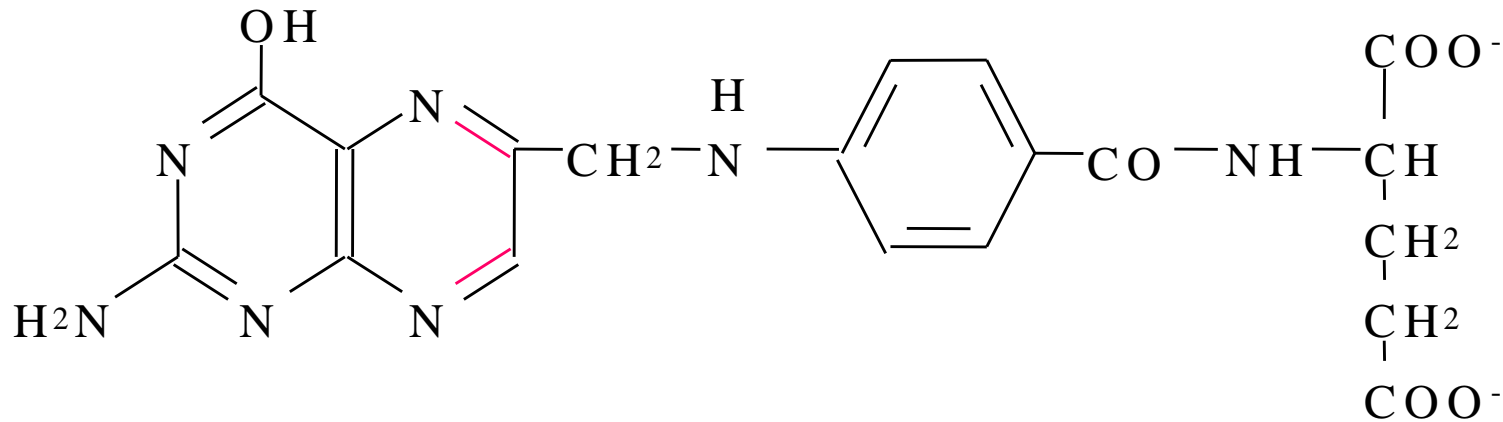
- 3) PRPP – 5-phosphoribosyl-1-pyrophosphate



Importance of folic acid for biosynthesis of NA bases

Green leafy vegetables,
liver, whole grains, yeast, k

Folate

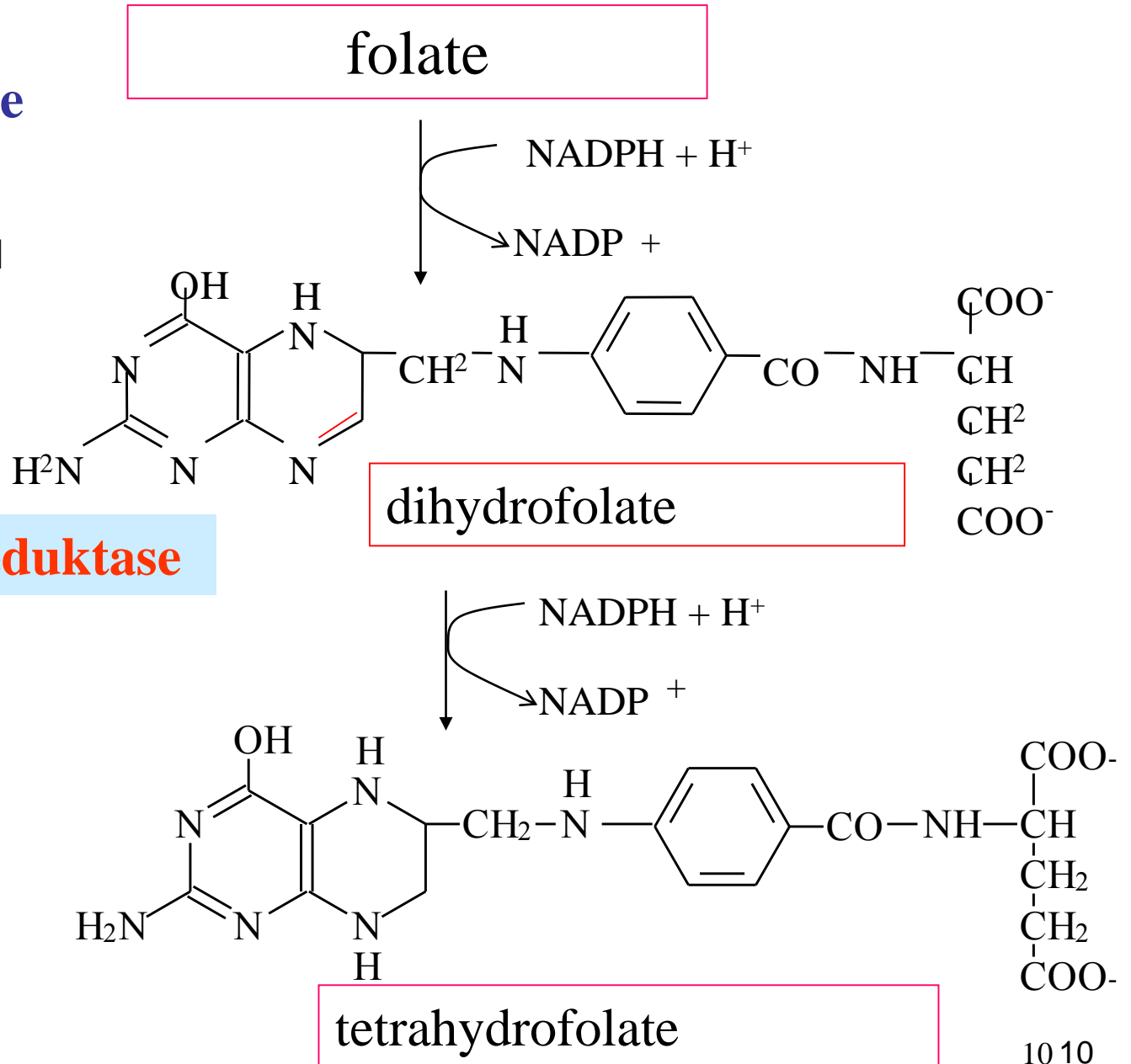


Used form in human is tetrahydrofolate

Formation of tetrahydrofolate

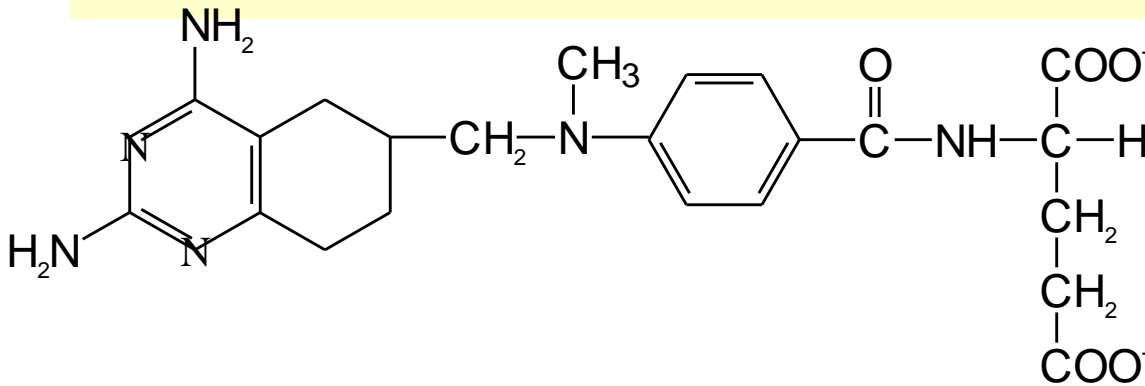
DEHYDOGENATION

(dihydro)folatereduktase

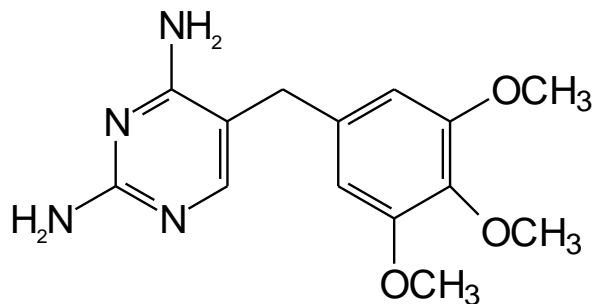


Inhibitors (dihydro)folatereductase:

Methotrexate (anticancer agent)



Trimethoprim (bacteriostaticum)



Dihydrofolate reductase - an objective antitumor therapy.

Dihydrofolate reductase was the first enzyme for which focused antitumor therapy.

The first-used inhibitor was **aminopterin**.

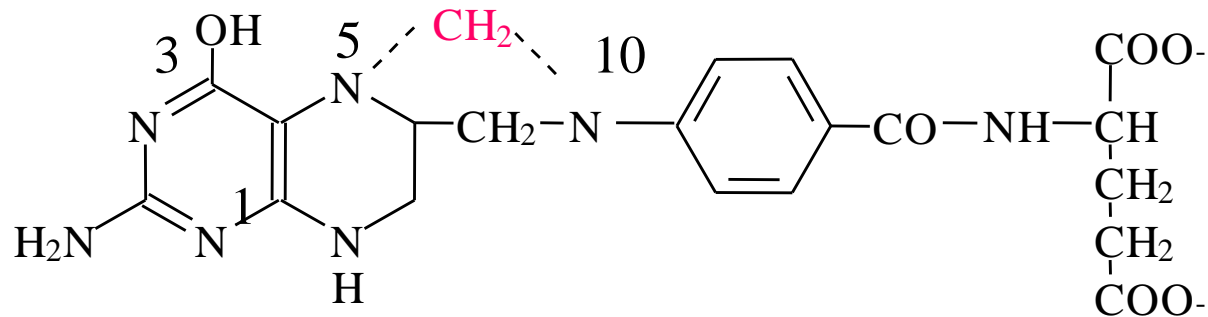
It binds to the enzyme 1000 times tighter than folate, acts as a competitive inhibitor.

Currently used **methotrexate** and similar derivatives.

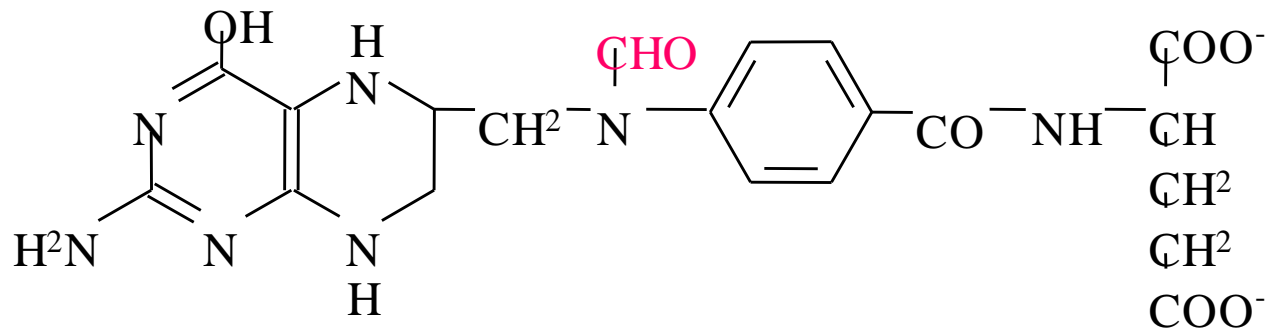
All drugs which affect the synthesis of purines and pyrimidines, deplete rapidly dividing cells - but not only cancer cells but also cells in the bone marrow and GI tract cells such as hair follicles.

Using of tetrahydrofolate

N-5,N-10- methylen H₄F – synthesis of thymine

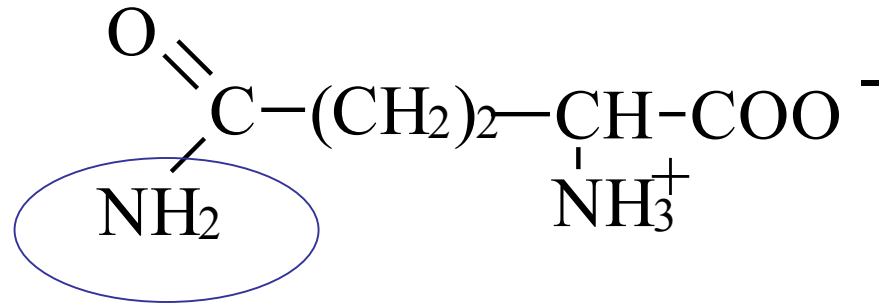


N-10-formyl H₄F – synthesis of purins

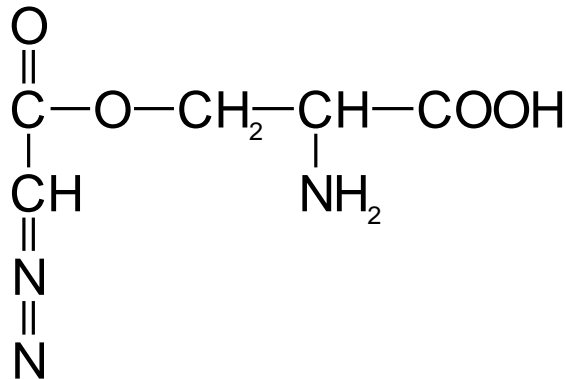


Importance of glutamin for purine and pyrimidine biosynthesis

- Donor of aminogroup



Glutamine antagonists inhibits synthesis of purines and pyrimidines



azaserin

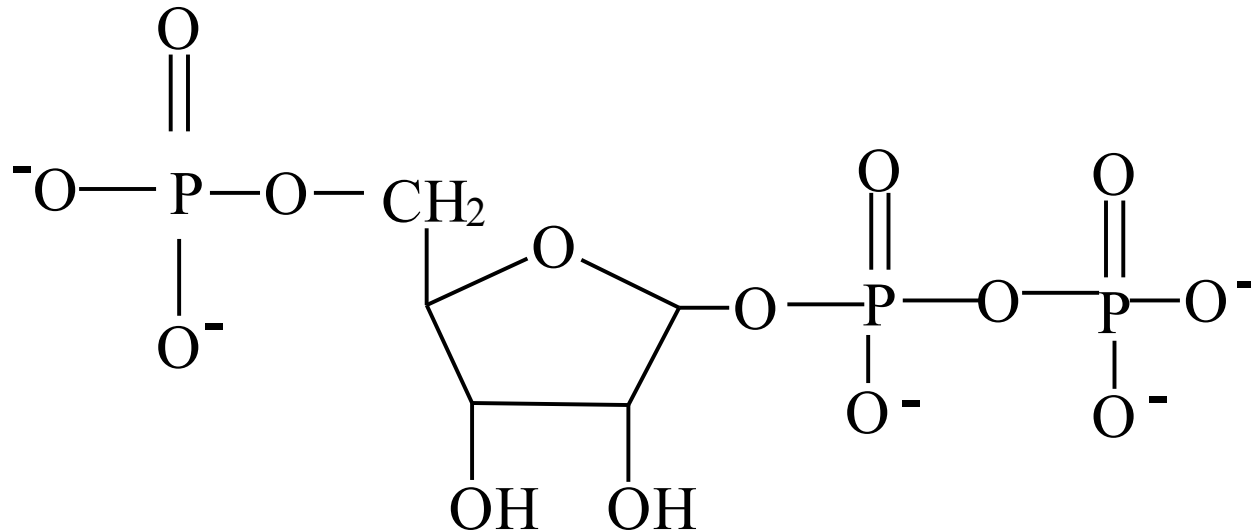
PRPP - phosphoribosylphosphoribosylphosphate

Necessary for synthesis:

Purine nucleotides

Pyrimidine nucleotides

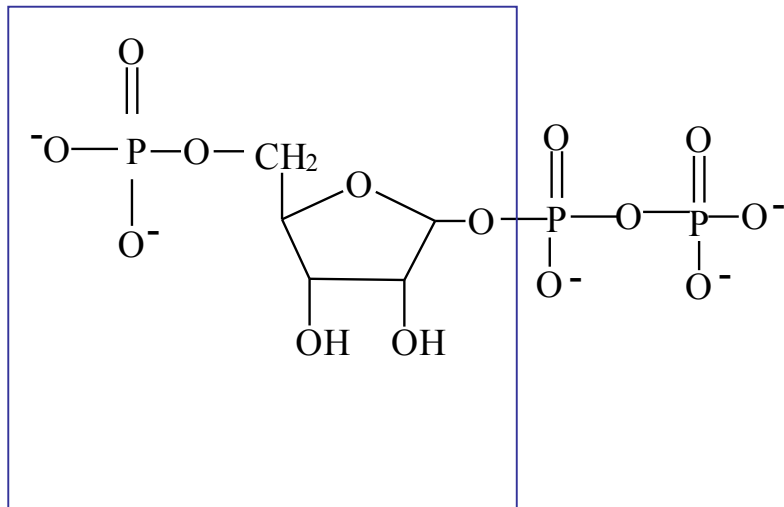
NAD⁺, NADP⁺



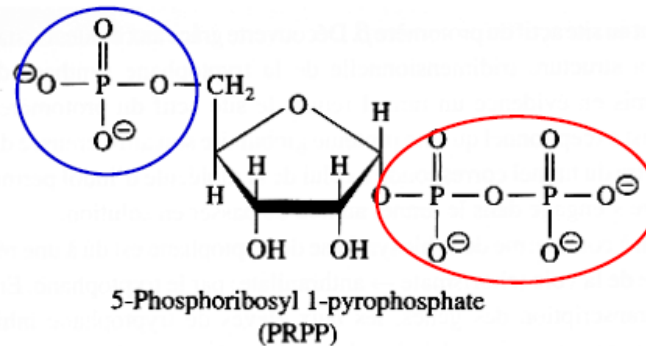
Synthesis of PRPP

ribose-5-phosphate
(pentose cycle),
activated pentose

PRPP-synthetase

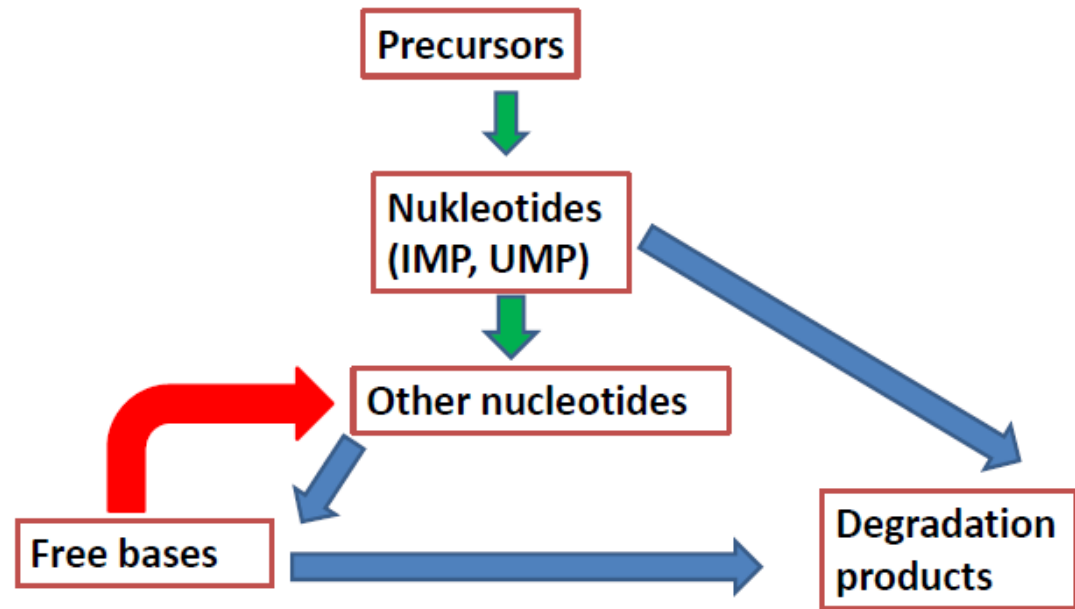


PRPP = 5-fosforibosylpyrofosphate

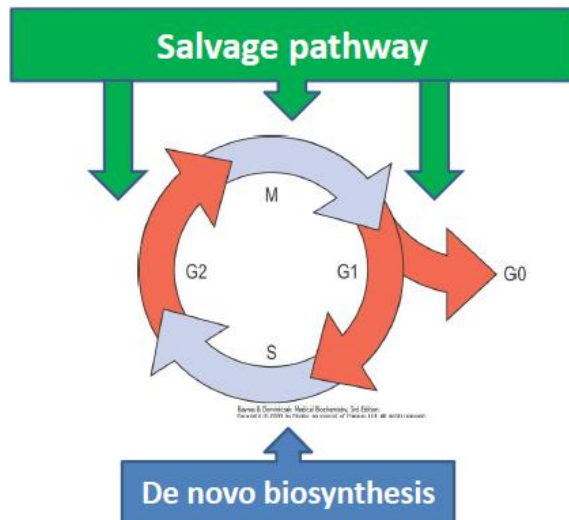


- Purines: first step in IMP synthesis
- Pyrimidines: last steps in UMP synthesis
- P/P: salvage pathway

Synthesis and degradation of P/P



Cell cycle and P/P synthesis



Metabolism of purines and pyrimidines

	purines	pyrimidines
PRPP	1st step	Last steps
product	IMP	UMP
localization	cytoplasm	cytoplasm + 1 enzyme in mitochondria
Degradation products	Uric acid, ammonia	CO ₂ , NH ₄ , β-Alanine, β-Aminoisobutyrate

Differences in purine and pyrimidine synthesis

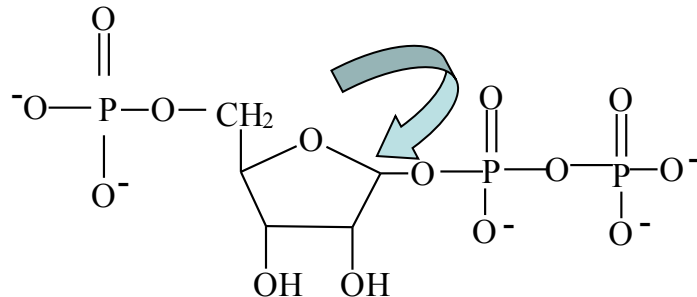
Synthesis - *puzzle* – one part to others.

Difference in the beginning :

- purines : first PRPP and than is form base
- Pyrimidines : first base and than ribosa-5-P from PRPP.

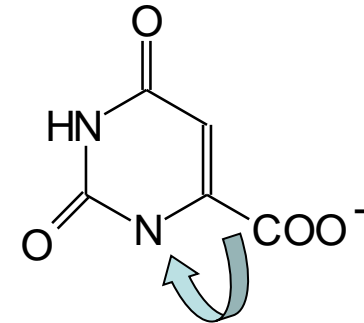
Purins

First PRPP...



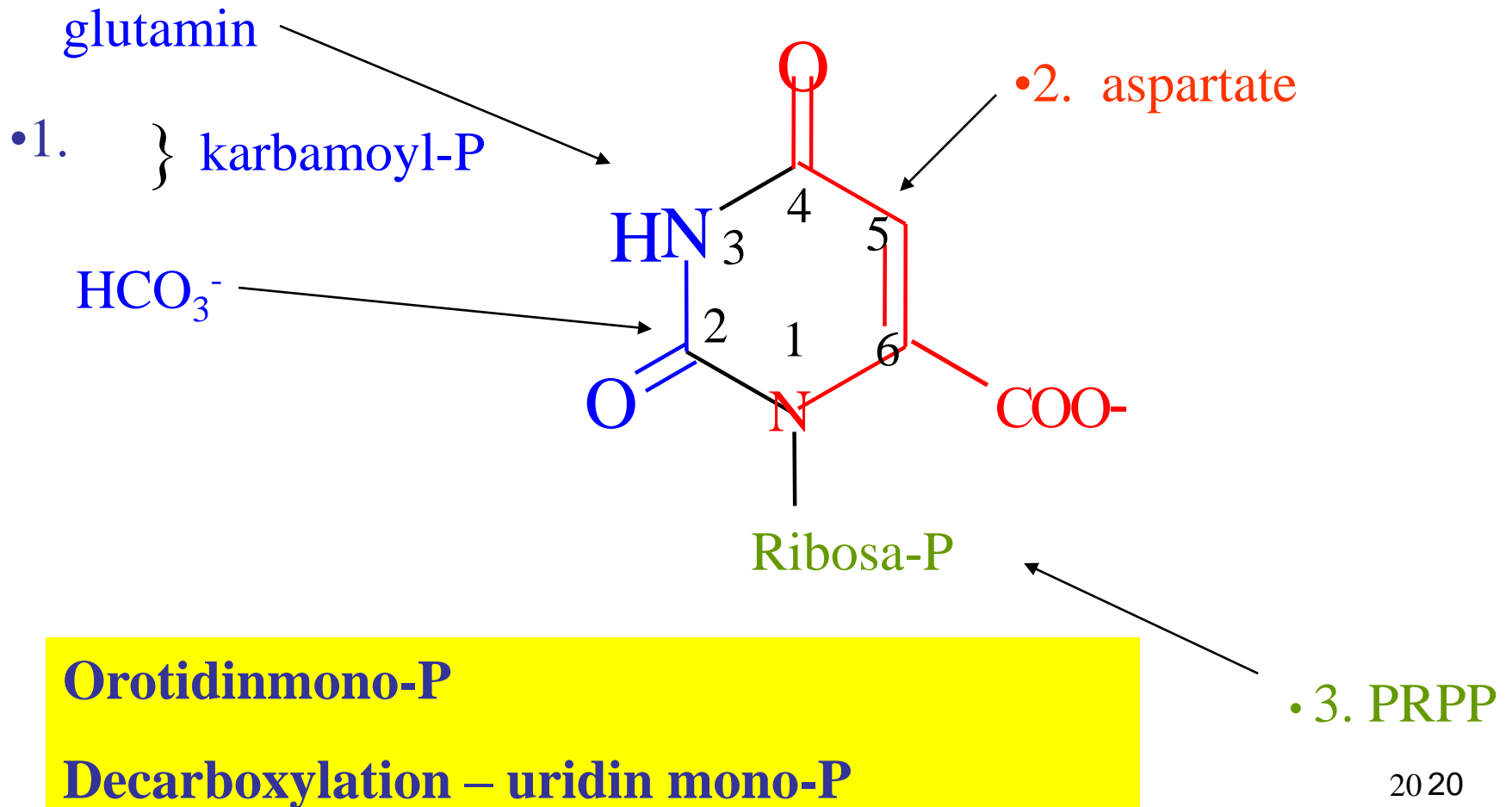
Pyrimidins

First heterocycle ribose-P from PRPP



1) BIOSYNTESIS of PYRIMIDINS

Origin of atoms in pyrimidines



BIOSYNTESIS OF PYRIMIDINS

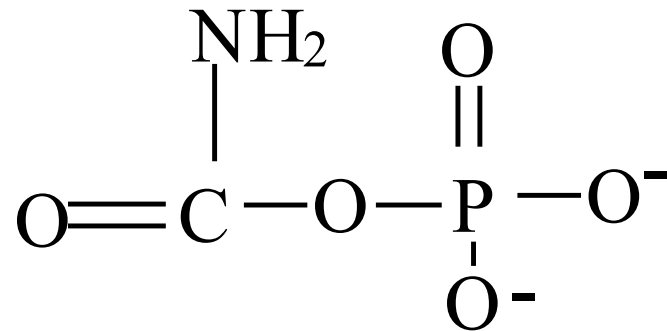
- synthesis of karbamoyl -P

CYTOPLASM

Karbamoyl-P-synthetase

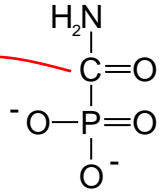
-energy, enzym **karbamoylphosphatesynthetase II**
Inhibition by UTP („inhibition by product“) and
aktivation by ATP.

- 1 Glutamine + 2 ATP + HCO₃⁻
→ karbamoyl-P + glutamate + 2 ADP + P_i

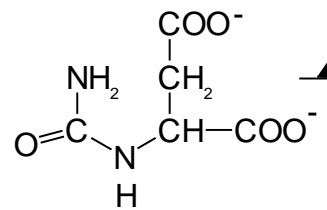


BIOSYNTESIS OF PYRIMIDINS

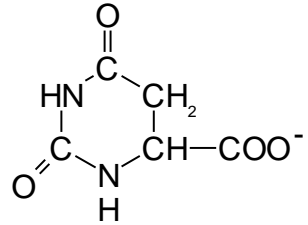
karbamoylP



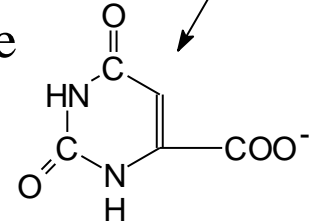
P_i



karbamoylaspartate

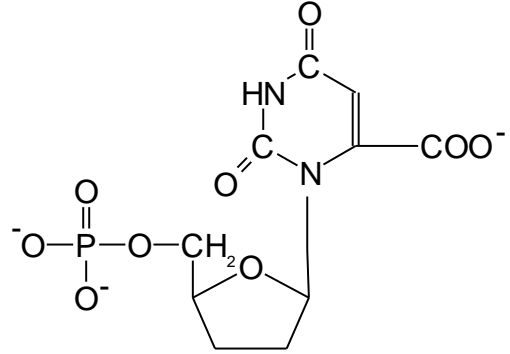


dihydroorotate

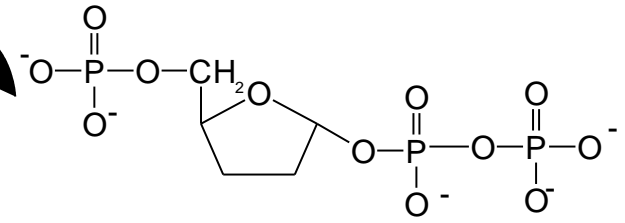


orotate

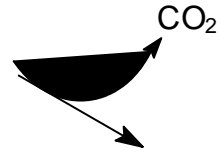
aspartate



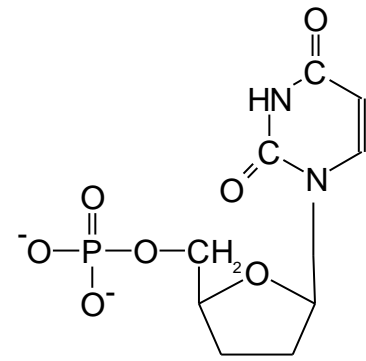
Orotidinmono-P



PRPP



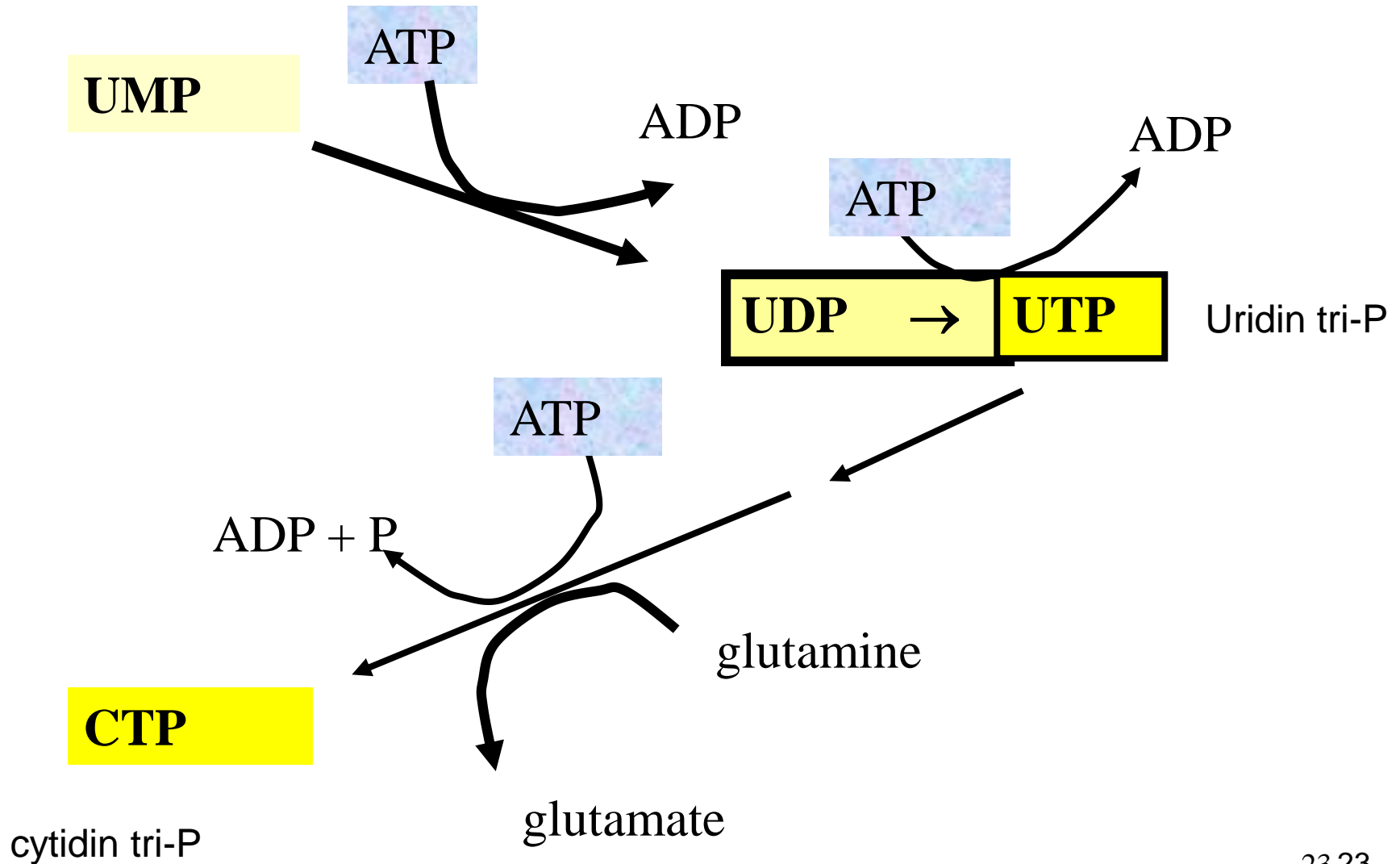
CO₂



Uridinmono-P
(UMP)

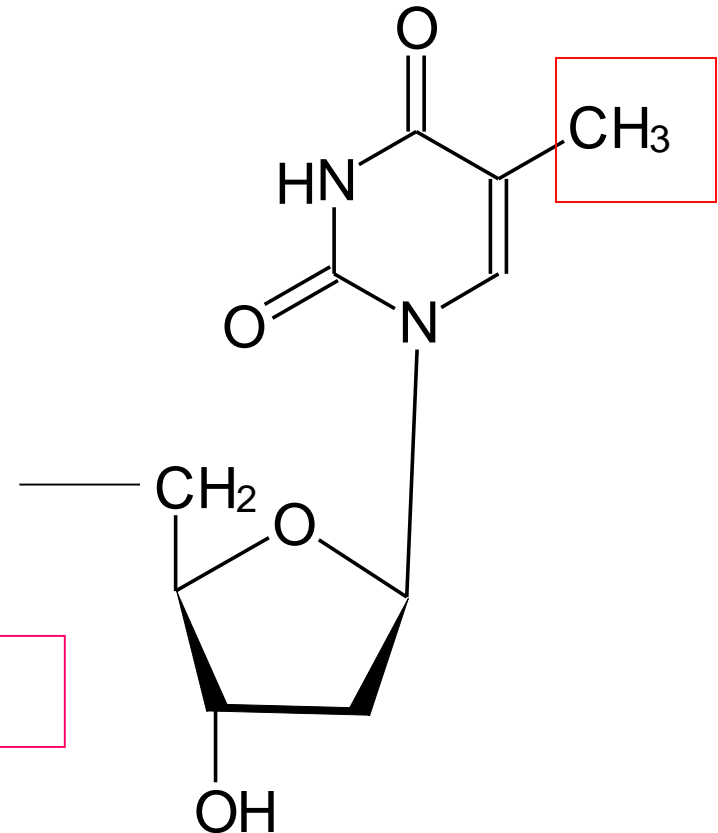
BIOSYNTHESIS OF PYRIMIDINS

Biosynthesis of UTP and CTP



dTMP (methylation)

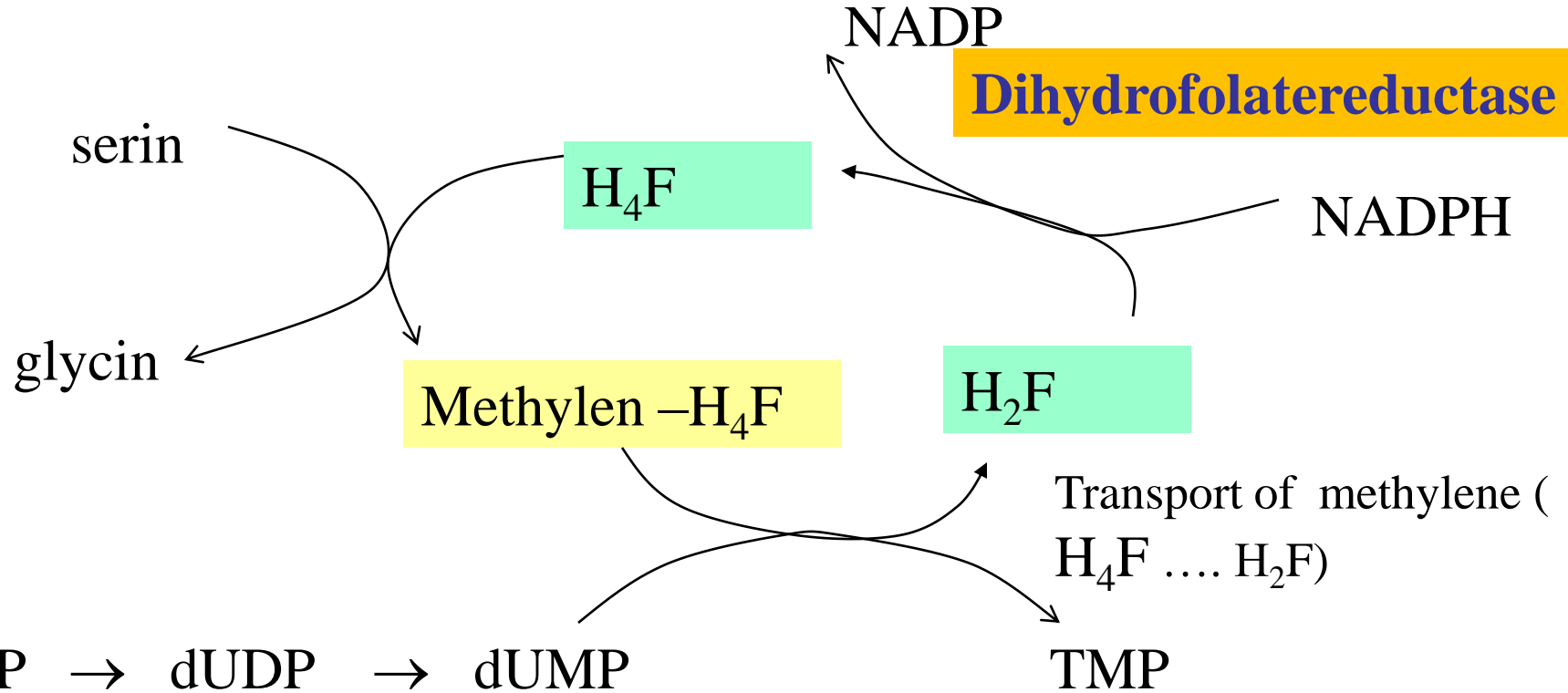
Deoxythymidintri-P



Methylation- H₄F

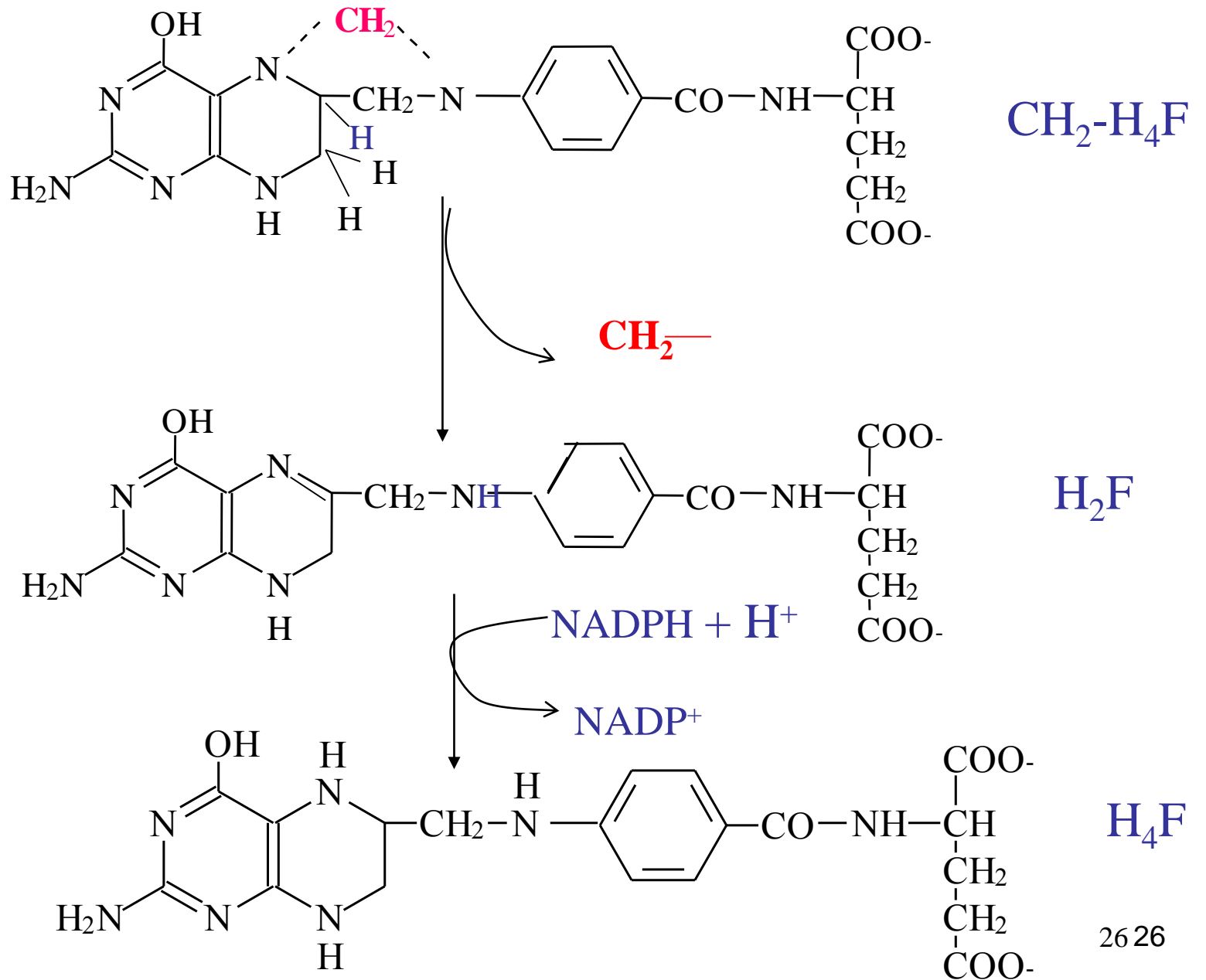
Methylen group in H₄F is reduced to methyl dUMP

Synthesis of TMP

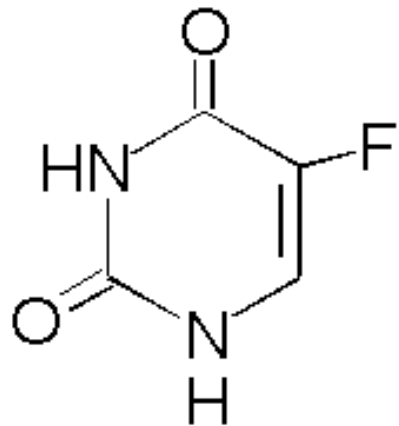


Thymidylatesynthase
(enzym dependent on folate)

Anticancer drugs



thymidylate synthase



5-fluorouracil

Thymidylate synthase because it is blocked by a competitive inhibitor, which in effect prevents dTMP, resulting in a slowdown (disabling) of cell division.

The administration of fluorouracil



organism conversion to 5-fluorodeoxyuridine monophosphate

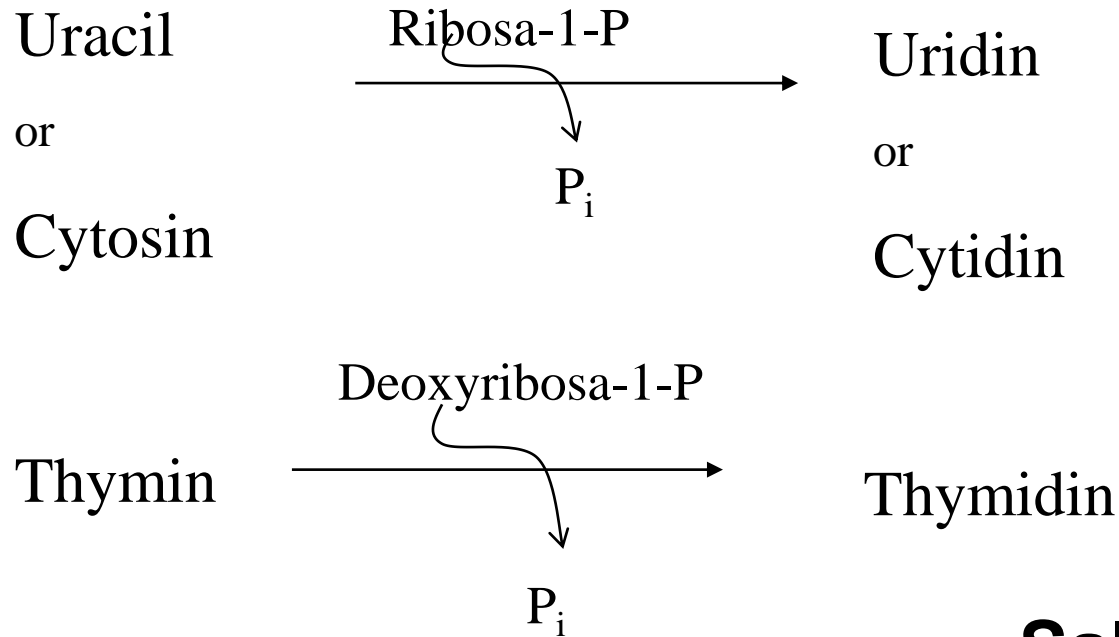


Competitive inhibition
thymidylatesynthase

The cytostatic effect of a drug

2. Synthesis of pyrimidins by *salvage pathway*

1. nucleosides



2. Kinase - phosphorylation

Salvage pathway – extrahepatal tissues

- thymidin + ATP → TMP + ADP
- cytidin + ATP → CMP + ADP
- deoxycytidin + ATP → dCMP + ADP
- uridin + ATP → UMP + ADP

Regulation of biosynthesis of pyrimidins

☐ **Allosteric:**

- Karbamoyl-P-synthetase:
inhibition by UTP, purins nucleotides,
activation by PRPP

☐ dependence on cell cycle

KarbamoylP-synthetase in S phase is more sensitive to activation by PRPP

Degradation of pyrimidins nucleotides

Pyrimidins – to the simple compounds – in urine

Pyrimidine base, we are able in our body break down into simpler components

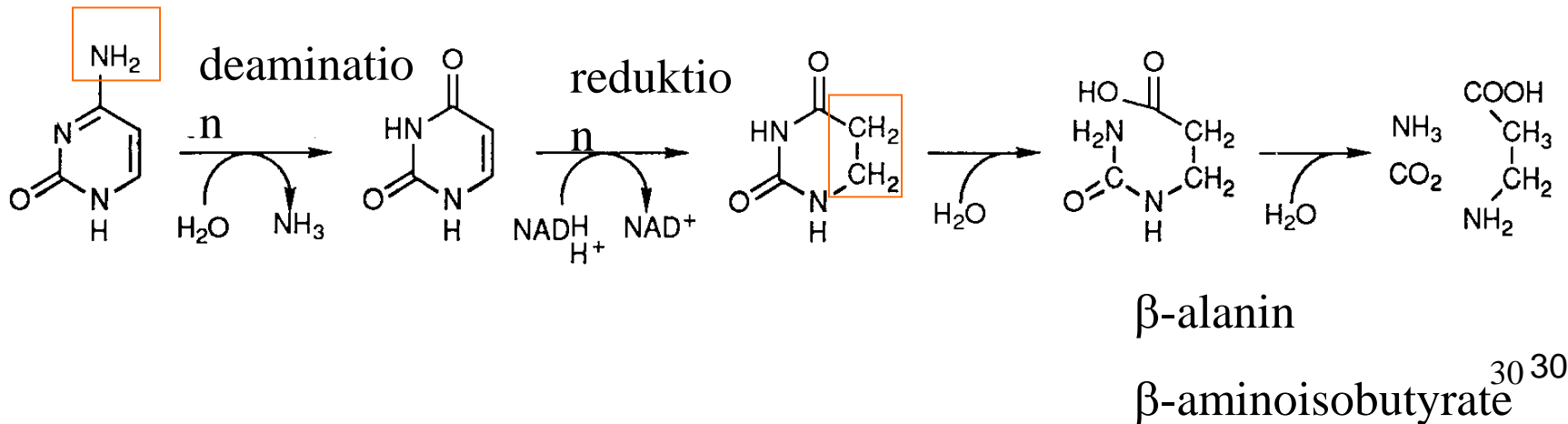
STEPS:

- a) Release of P
- b) Release of sugar
- c) Degradation of pyrimidine base

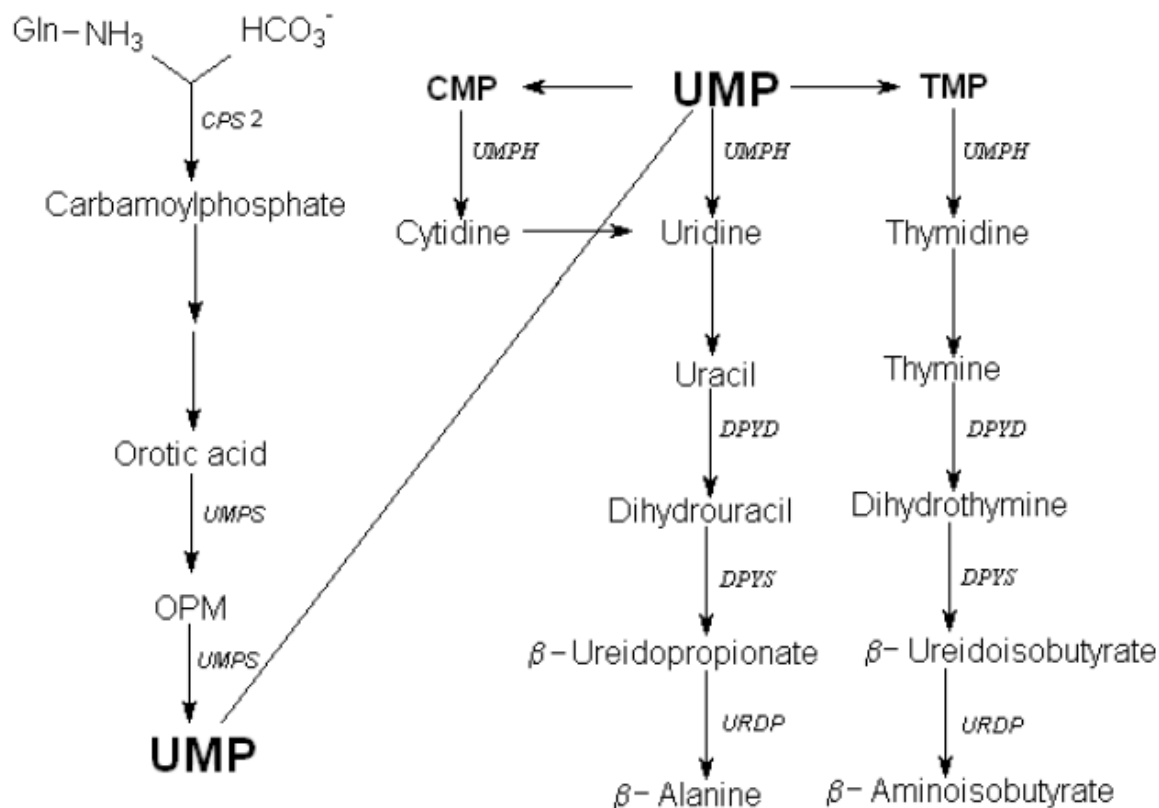
End products of cleavage of pyrimidines:

NH_3 , CO_2 , β -alanin, (β -aminoisobutyrate)

Soluble metabolist – excretion by urine



Inherited metabolic disorder of pyrimidine metabolism

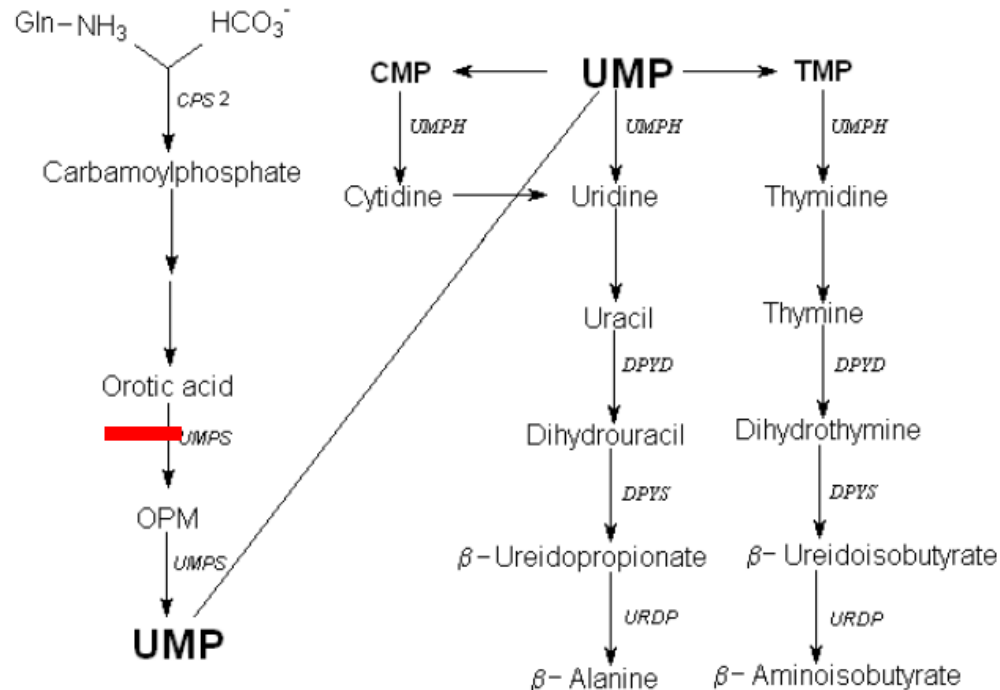


- **Orotic aciduria (UMP synthase deficiency)**
- **Dihydropyriminidase deficiency**
- **Thymidine phosphorylase deficiency MNGIE**

Inherited metabolic disorder of pyrimidine metabolism

1. uridine 5'-monophosphate synthase deficiency (**orotic aciduria**)

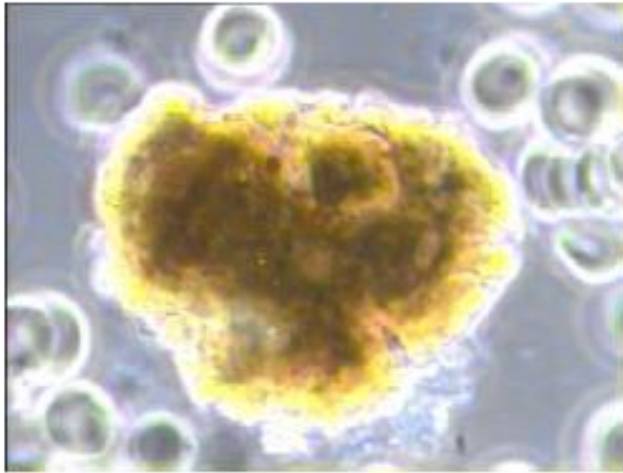
TEST



This gene encodes a **uridine 5'-monophosphate synthase**. The encoded protein is a bifunctional enzyme that catalyzes the final two steps of the de novo pyrimidine biosynthetic pathway. The first reaction is carried out by the N-terminal enzyme **orotate phosphoribosyltransferase** which converts orotic acid to orotidine-5'-monophosphate. The terminal reaction is carried out by the C-terminal enzyme OMP decarboxylase which converts orotidine-5'-monophosphate to uridine monophosphate. **Defects in this gene are the cause of hereditary orotic aciduria.**

TEST

Orotic aciduria



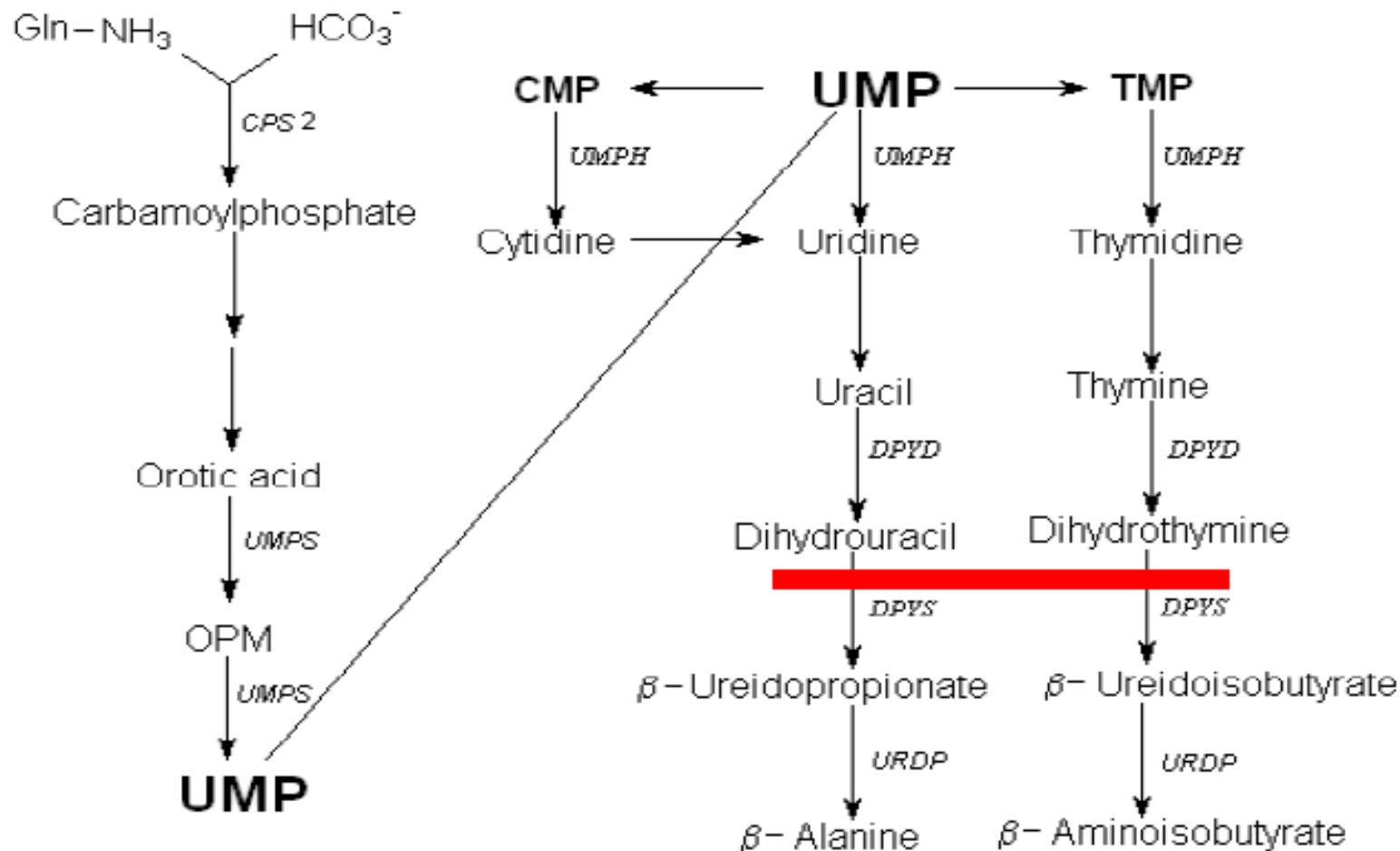
- UMP synthase deficiency
- Overproduction of orotic acid - crystalluria (lithiasis is rare)
- Decreased production of pyrimidines—abnormal hematopoiesis-megaloblastic anemia—PMR, FTT
- Treatment: uridine (kinase converts to UMP)

UMP synthase
uridine 5'-monophosphate synthase

Inherited metabolic disorder of pyrimidine metabolism

- 2. Dihydropyriminidase deficiency

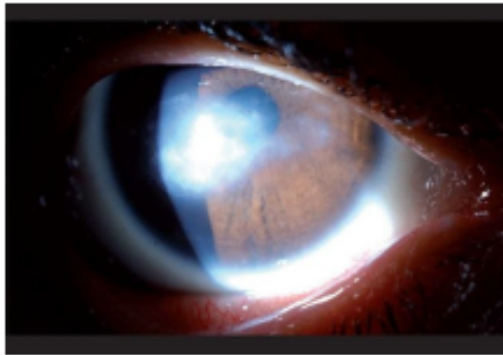
Dihydropyriminidase deficiency



Inherited metabolic disorder of pyrimidine metabolism

- 2. Dihydropyrimidinase deficiency

DPD deficiency (Dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase)



Neurotrophic keratitis

- Complete deficiency
 - Childhood onset
 - PMR, hypertonus, autism
 - Mikrocephaly, dysmorphism
 - No treatment known
- Partial deficiency
 - % of common population
 - Toxicity of 5-fluorouracil (neutropenia, stomatitis, neurological symptoms)

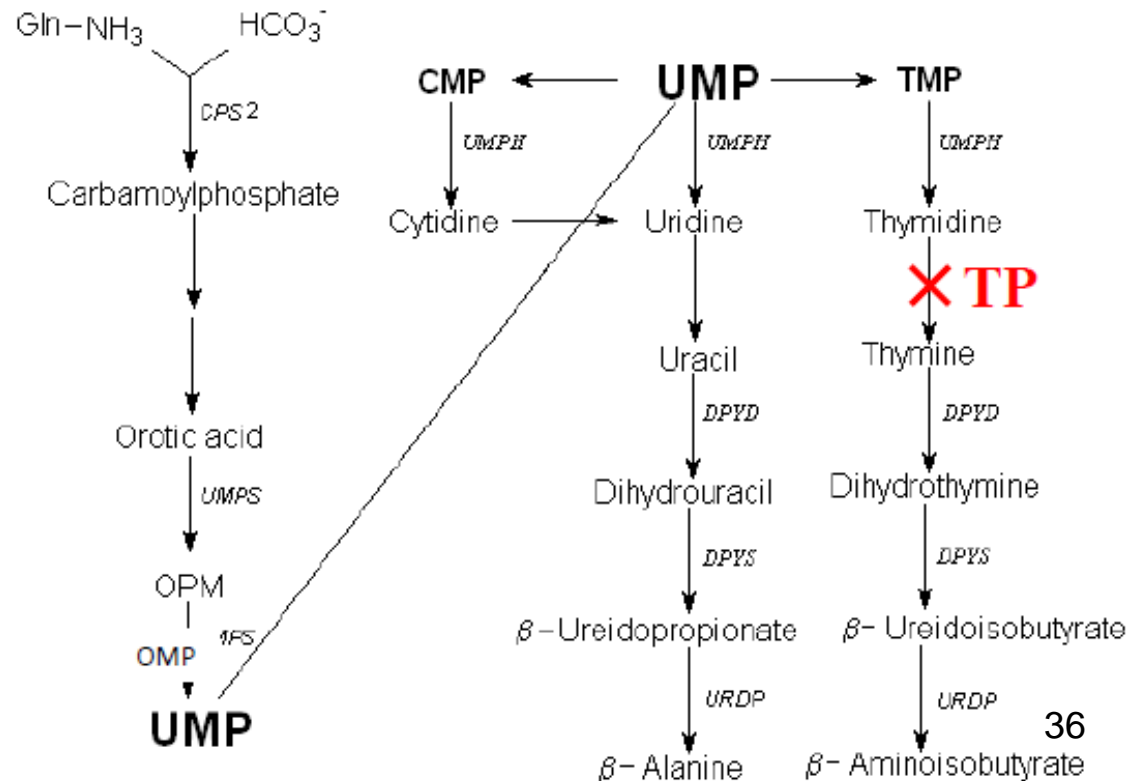
Dihydropyrimidinase (DHP) is the second enzyme in the catabolism of 5-fluorouracil (5FU), and it has been suggested that patients with a deficiency of this enzyme are at risk from developing severe 5FU-associated toxicity.

Inherited metabolic disorder of pyrimidine metabolism

- 3. thymidine phosphorylase deficiency
- mitochondrial neurogastrointestinal encephalomyopathy (MNGIE) syndrome

Thymidine phosphorylase deficiency

Deficiency of the cytosolic enzyme thymidine phosphorylase (TP) causes a multisystem disorder called mitochondrial neurogastrointestinal encephalomyopathy (MNGIE) syndrome. Clinical symptoms are gastrointestinal dysfunction, muscle involvement and neurological deterioration.



Inherited metabolic disorder of pyrimidine metabolism

- 3. thymidine phosphorylase deficiency
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Mitochondrial neurogastrointestinal encephalopathy syndrome (MNGIE)

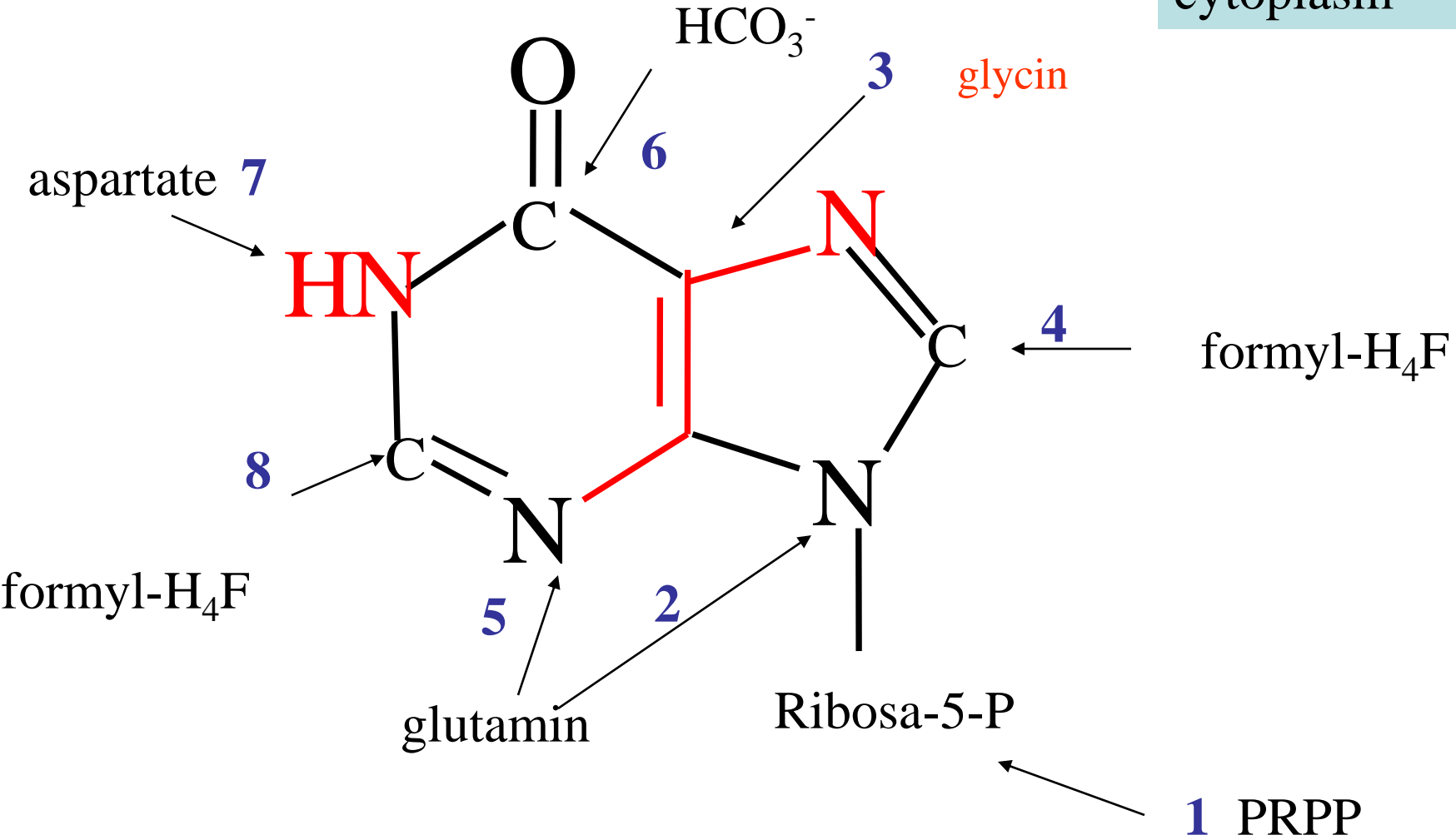
- Mitochondrial DNA depletion syndrome
- Start in 1st to 5th decade (60% patients before 20 y)
- Progressive GIT dysmotility (vomiting, dysphagia, reflux, diarrhoea/obstipation)
- Progressive cachexia
- Neurological abnormalities-demyelination of peripheral nerves, paresthesias, hypacusis, ptosis
- leukoencephalopathy

Biosynthesis of purins

(multienzym complex)

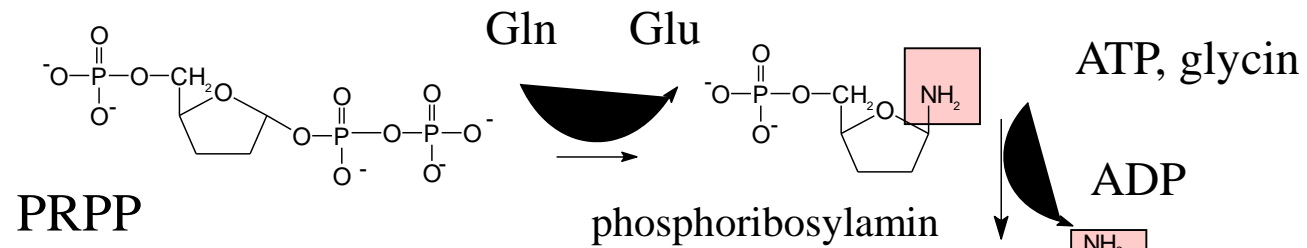
liver

cytoplasm

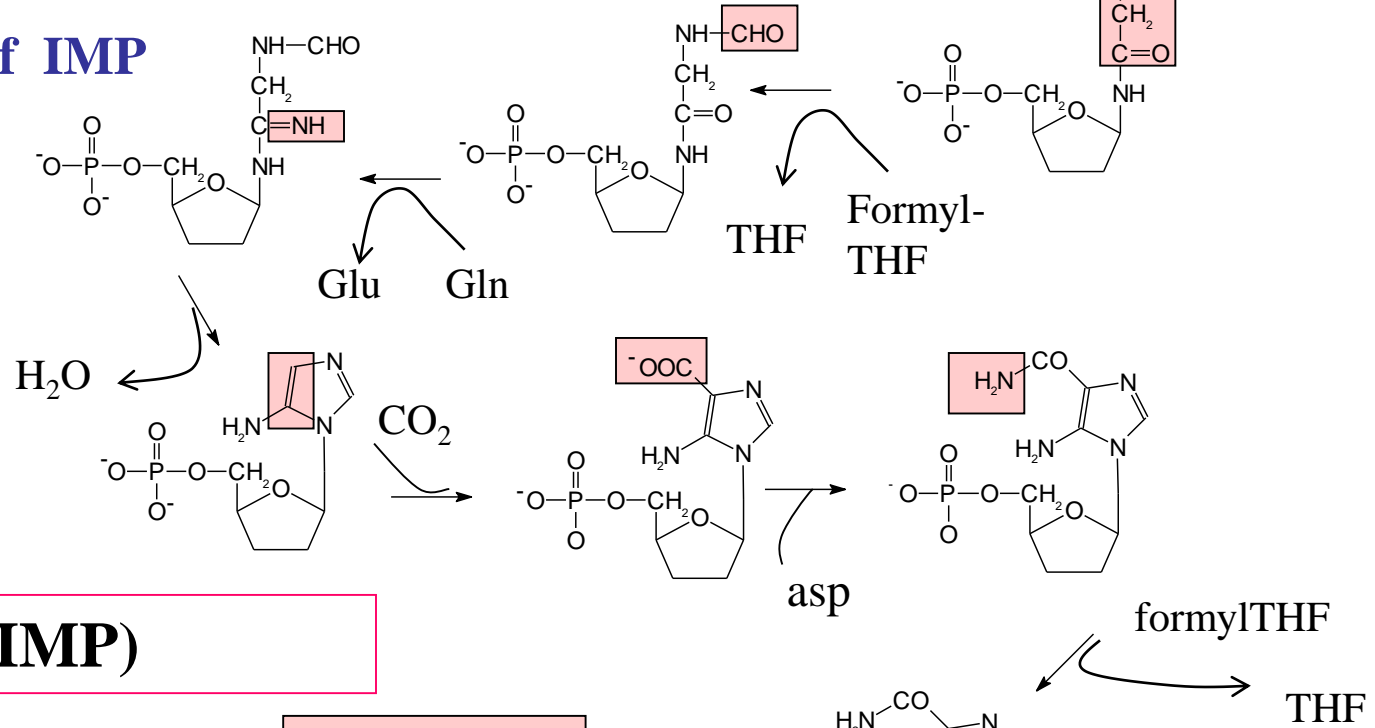


Inosin-5-P (IMP)

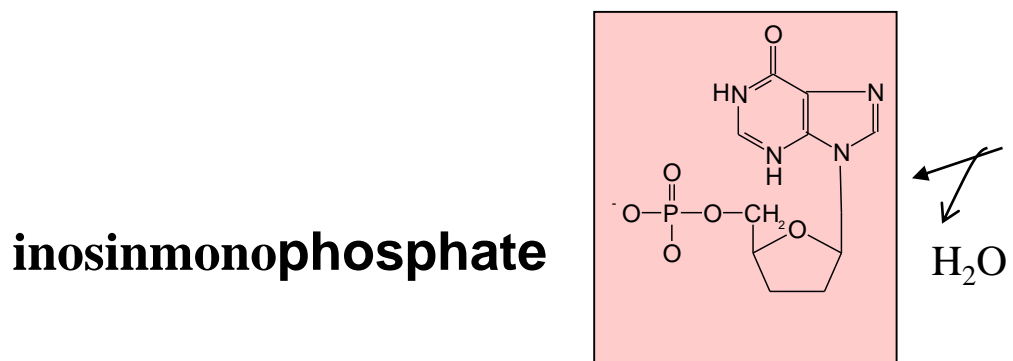
Biosynthesis of purins



Biosynthesis of IMP

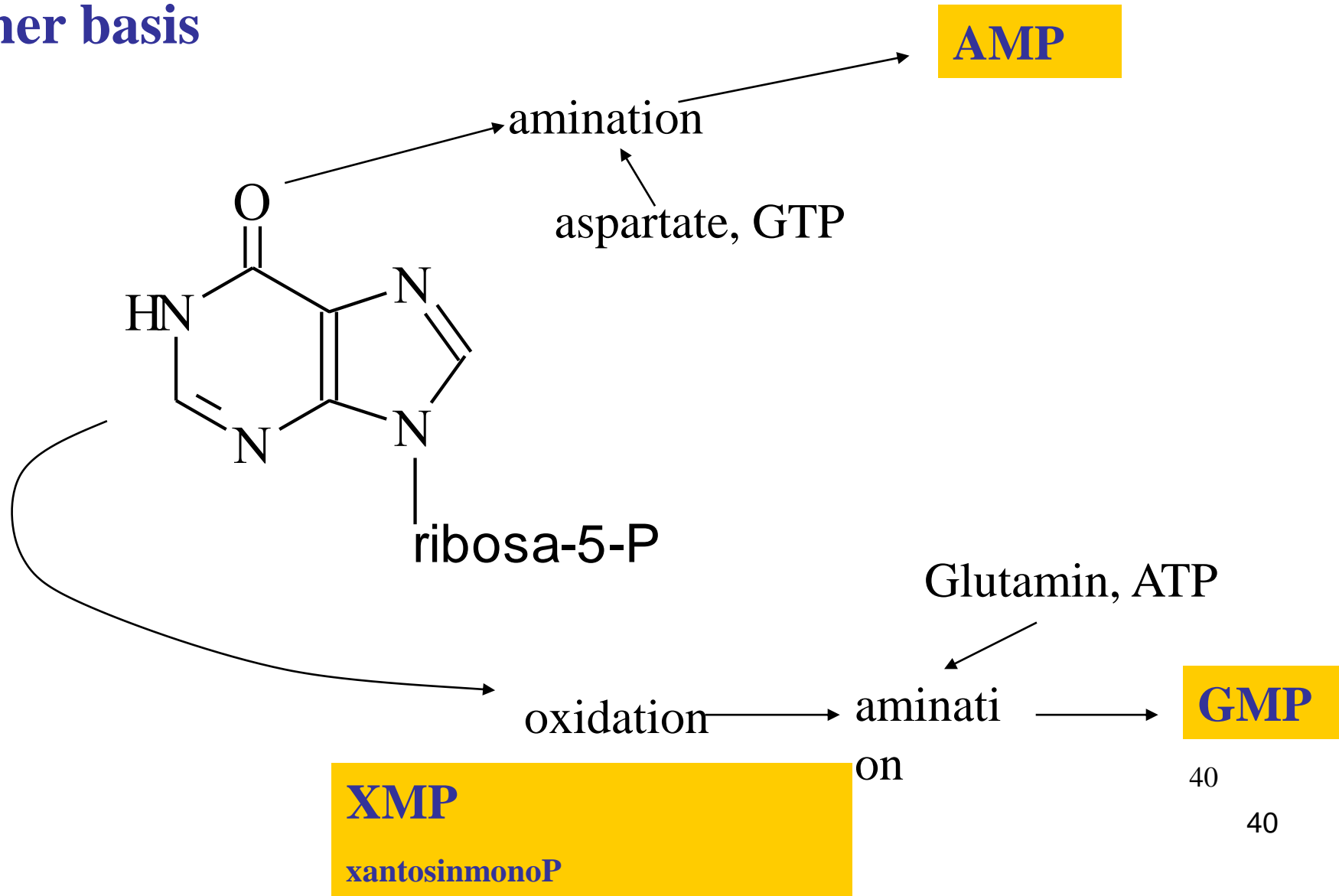


Inosin-5-P (IMP)



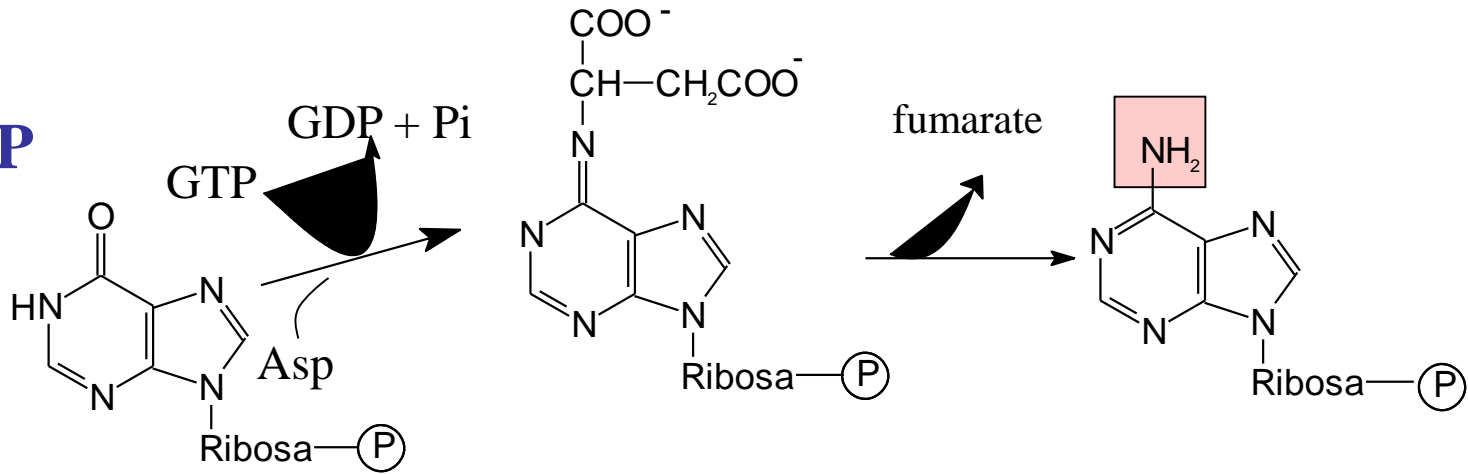
Biosynthesis of purins

Inosin-5-P (IMP)-Initial substance for synthesis of other basis

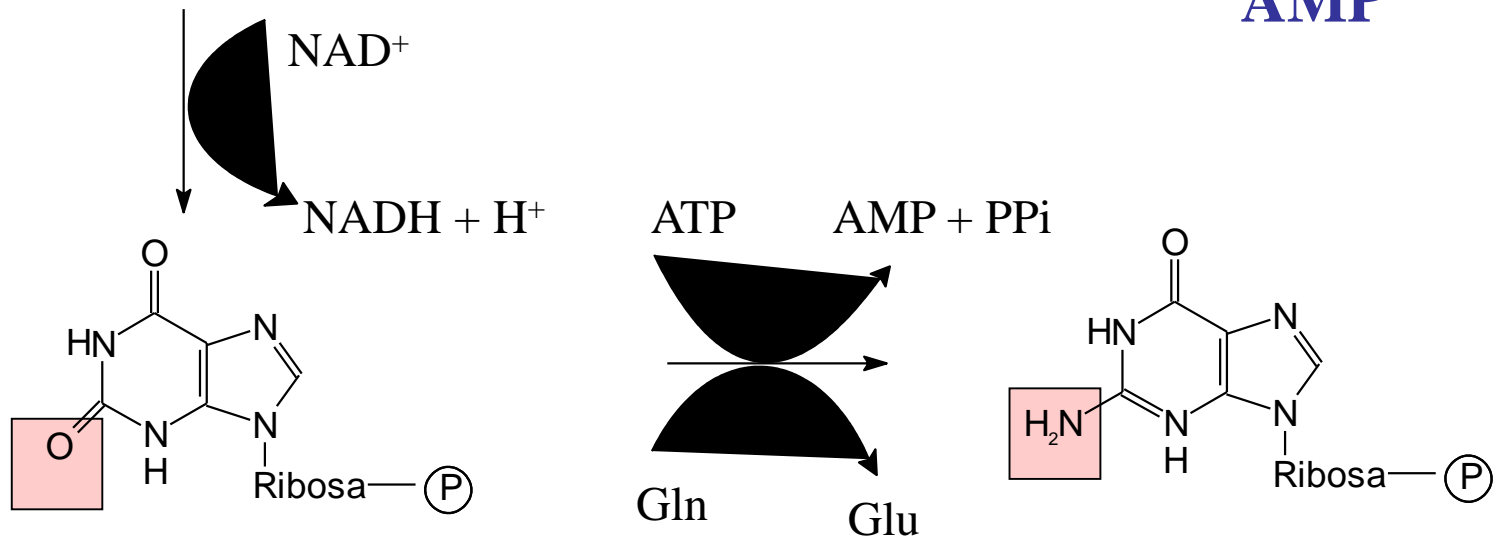


Synthesis of AMP and GM

IMP



AMP

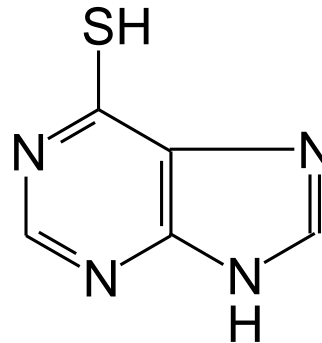


XMP

GMP

Inhibitors of synthesis of purins (cytostatics)

- inhibitors **dihydrofolate reductase**
- analogy glutamin (azaserin)
- 6-merkaptopurin- inhibition of change IMP to AMP and GMP



merkaptopurin

Syntesis of purins by salvage pathway

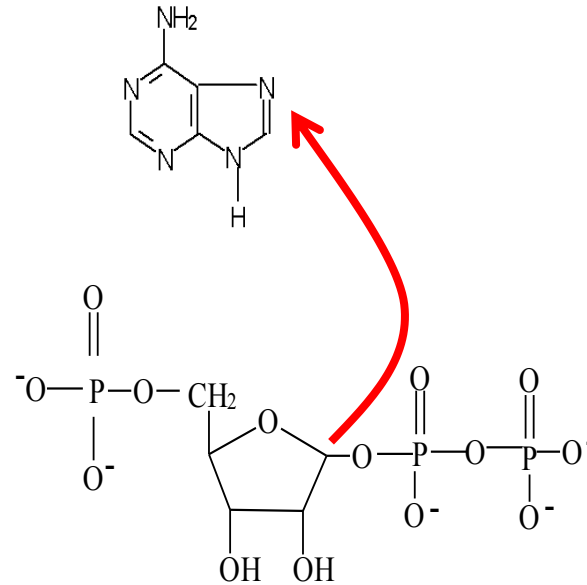
Extrahepatal tissue

phosphoribosyltransferase



Recyclation of purins

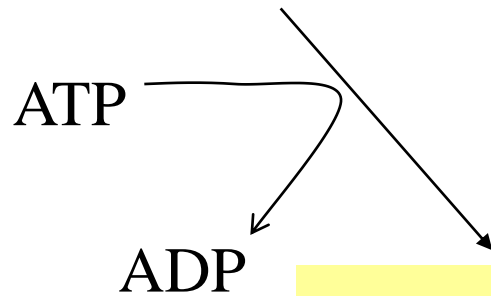
phosphoribosyltransferase



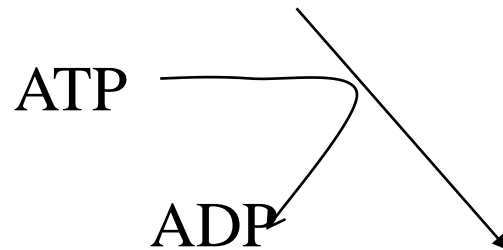
AMP
adeninphosphoribosyltransferase

Syntesis of nukleotiddiP and triP

nukleosidmonoP

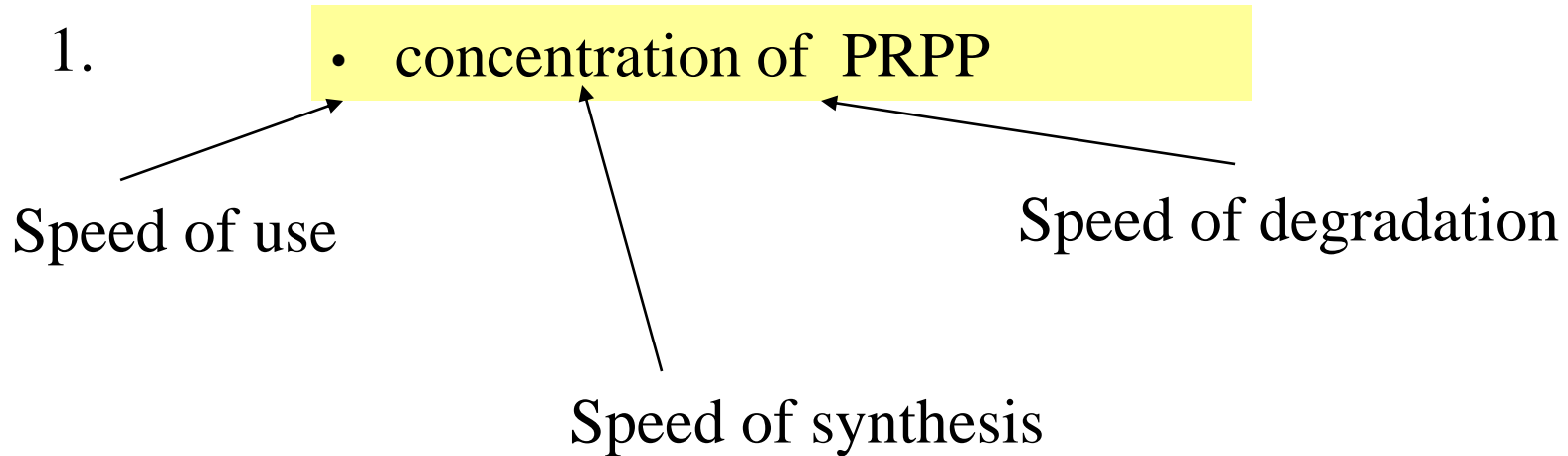


nukleotiddiP



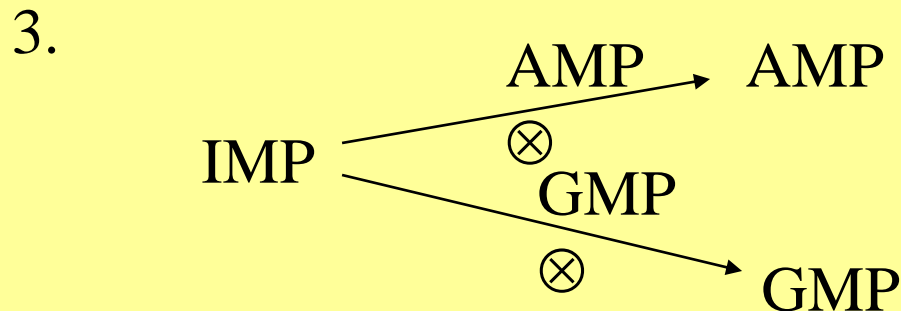
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Regulation of biosynthesis of purins



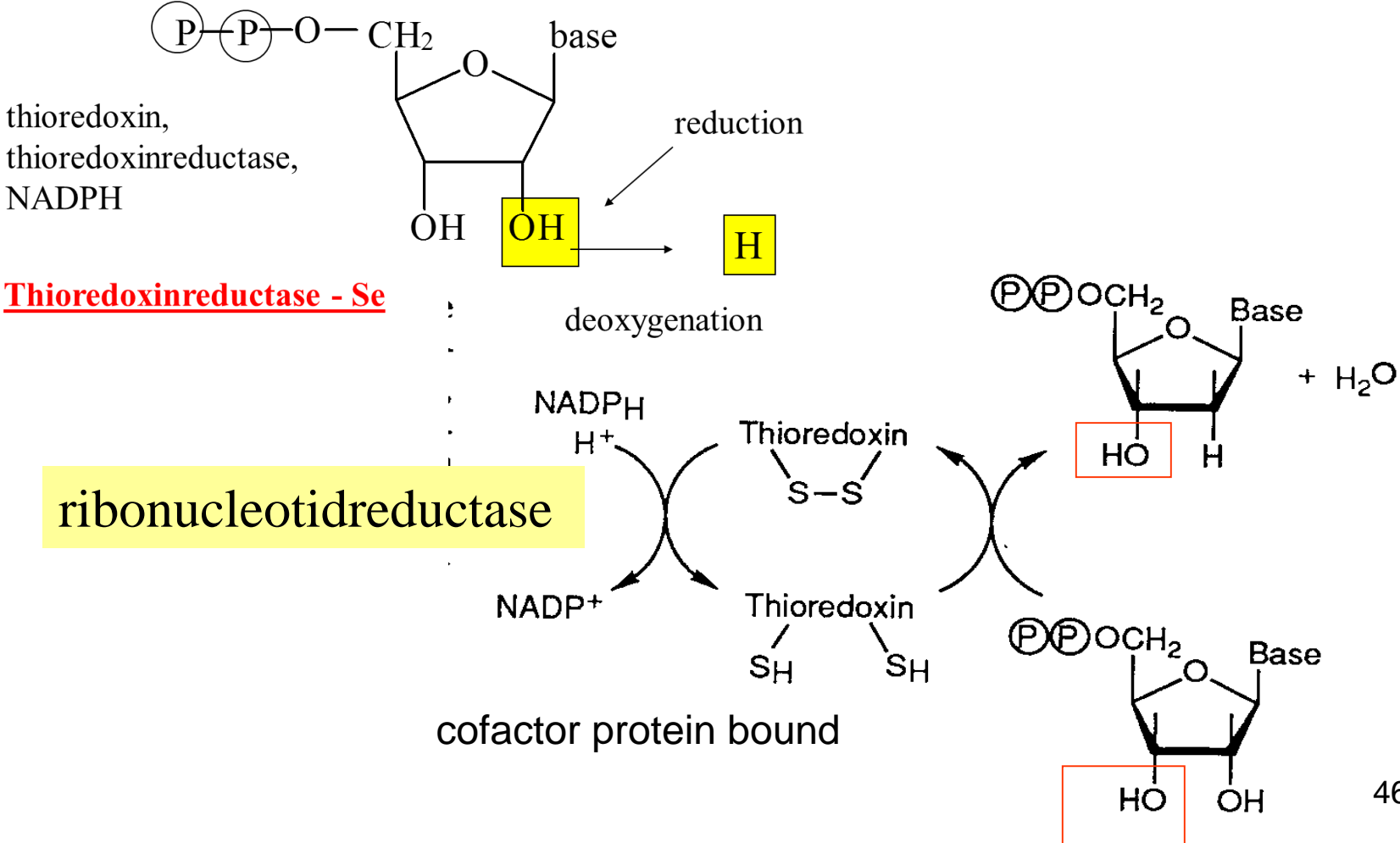
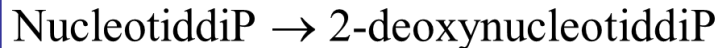
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• inhibice PRPP-glutamylamidotransferase by AMP and GMP (end products)



Nucleotiddiphosphate → deoxynucleotiddiphosphate

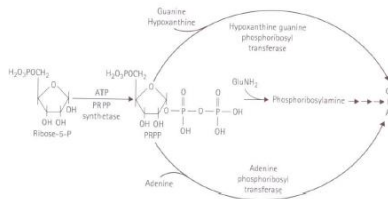
2-deoxyribonucleotides



Inherited metabolic disorder of pyrimidine/purine metabolism

• 4. PPRP synthase superactivity

PPRP synthase superactivity



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PPRP synthase superactivity



Figure 67.2 S.M., a 3-year-old with an abnormal PPRP synthetase. The odd grimace was characteristic. (Reprinted with permission from the Journal of Pediatrics [5]).

- X-linked diseases
- Increased activity (activating mutation)
- Hyperuricemia, gout
- Neurological impairment (unclear)
- Deafness
- PMR, autistic-like behaviour

Inherited metabolic disorder of purine metabolism

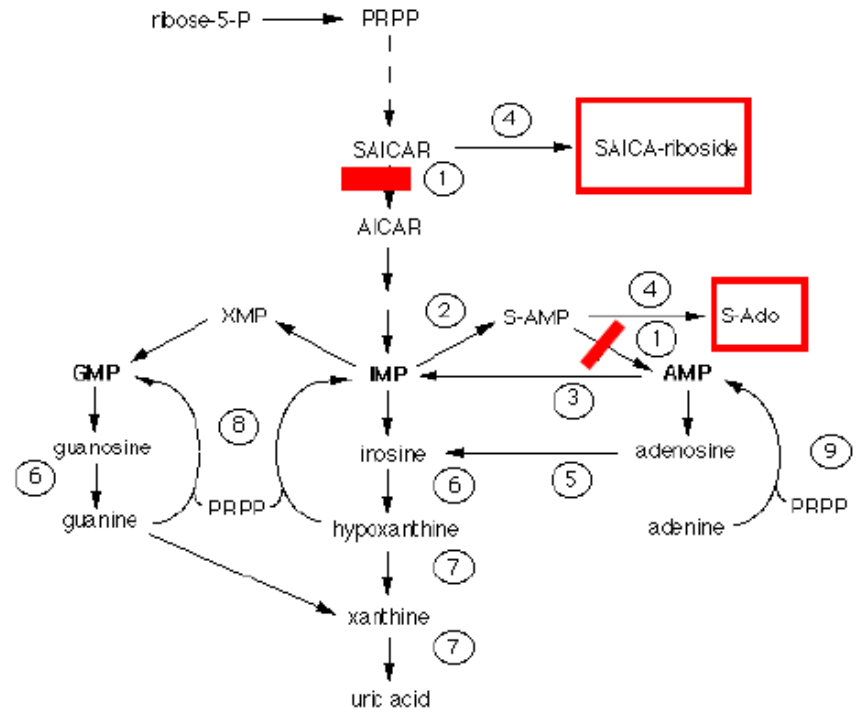
Facial dysmorfia in ADSL deficiency

- 1. Adenylosuccinate lyase deficiency (ADSL)



Holder-Espinasse M et al. J Med Genet 2002;39:440-442

brachycephaly, prominent metopic sutures, small nose with anteverted nostrils, long, smooth philtrum, and thin upper lip.



ADSL deficiency

- AR inheritance
- SAICAR toxic for neurons (impaired utilization of glucose), S-Ado may be protective
- Uncertain role of purine depletion (not confirmed)
- Variable neurological findings (neonatal epilepsy, encephalopathy, stereotypic movement, ataxia, PMR, seizures, hypotonia)
- Autistic like behaviour
- Facial dysmorfia in some patients
- Treatment unknown

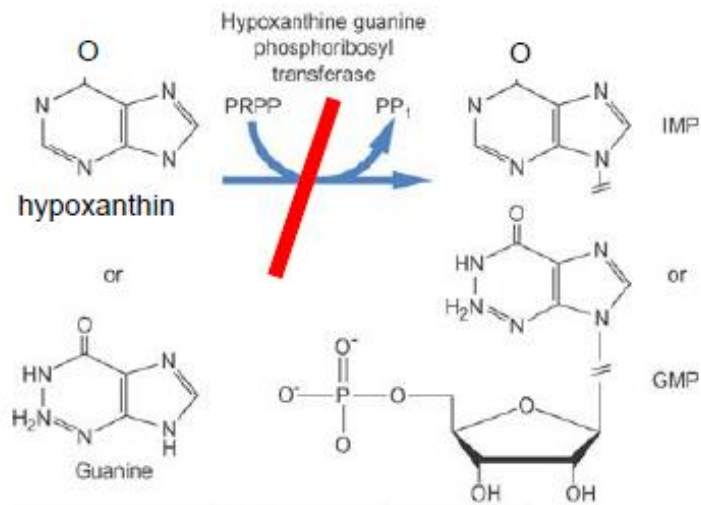
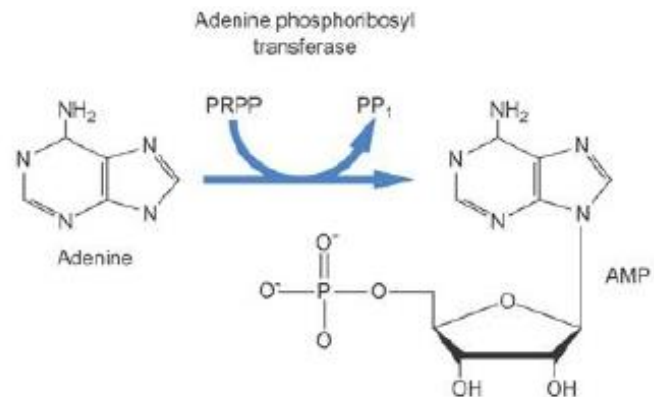
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Inherited metabolic disorder of purine metabolism

- 1. HGPRT deficiency

- X-linked disease
- Various forms: Lesch-Nyhan syndrome, partial deficiency (Kelly-Seegmiller syndrome)
- Hyperuricemia (the only treatable feature of disease)
- Neurological abnormalities: automutilation, aggressivity, PMR, seizures, gait disturbances
- Various theories for neurological anomalies incl. purines depletion, possibly secondary dopamin synthesis defect (decreased DOPA-decarboxylase)

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HGPRT deficiency



Figure 65.4 M.J. The degree of the mutilation of the lip is relatively mild.

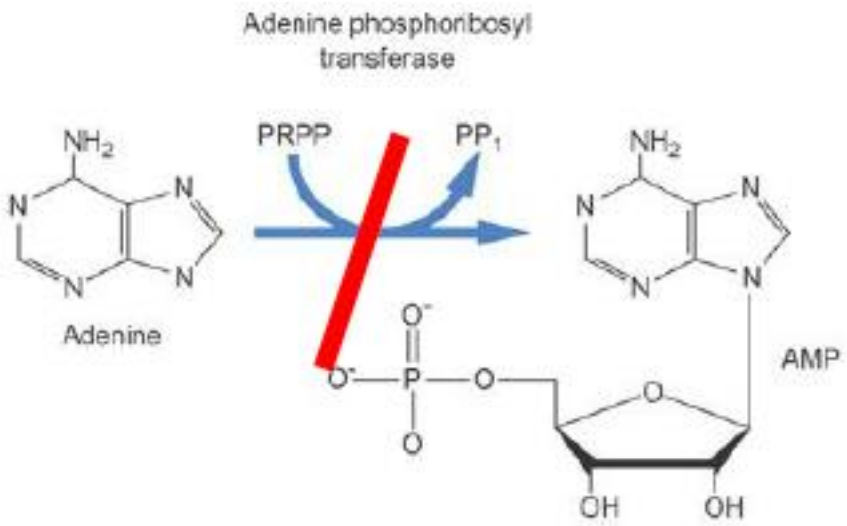


Figure 65.5 J.J., a 14-year-old boy, illustrating an extreme degree of mutilation around the face.

Inherited metabolic disorder of purine metabolism

- **2. Adenine phosphoryl transferase**
- **deficiency**

Adenine phosphoryl transferase



APRT deficiency



- Production of 2,8-dihydroxyadenine
- Very low solubility: 3 mg/L (vs. uric acid 150 mg/L)
- Crystalluria (spots on diaper); renal colic, dysuria, acute renal failure
- Treatment: allopurinol, dietary restriction, high fluid intake

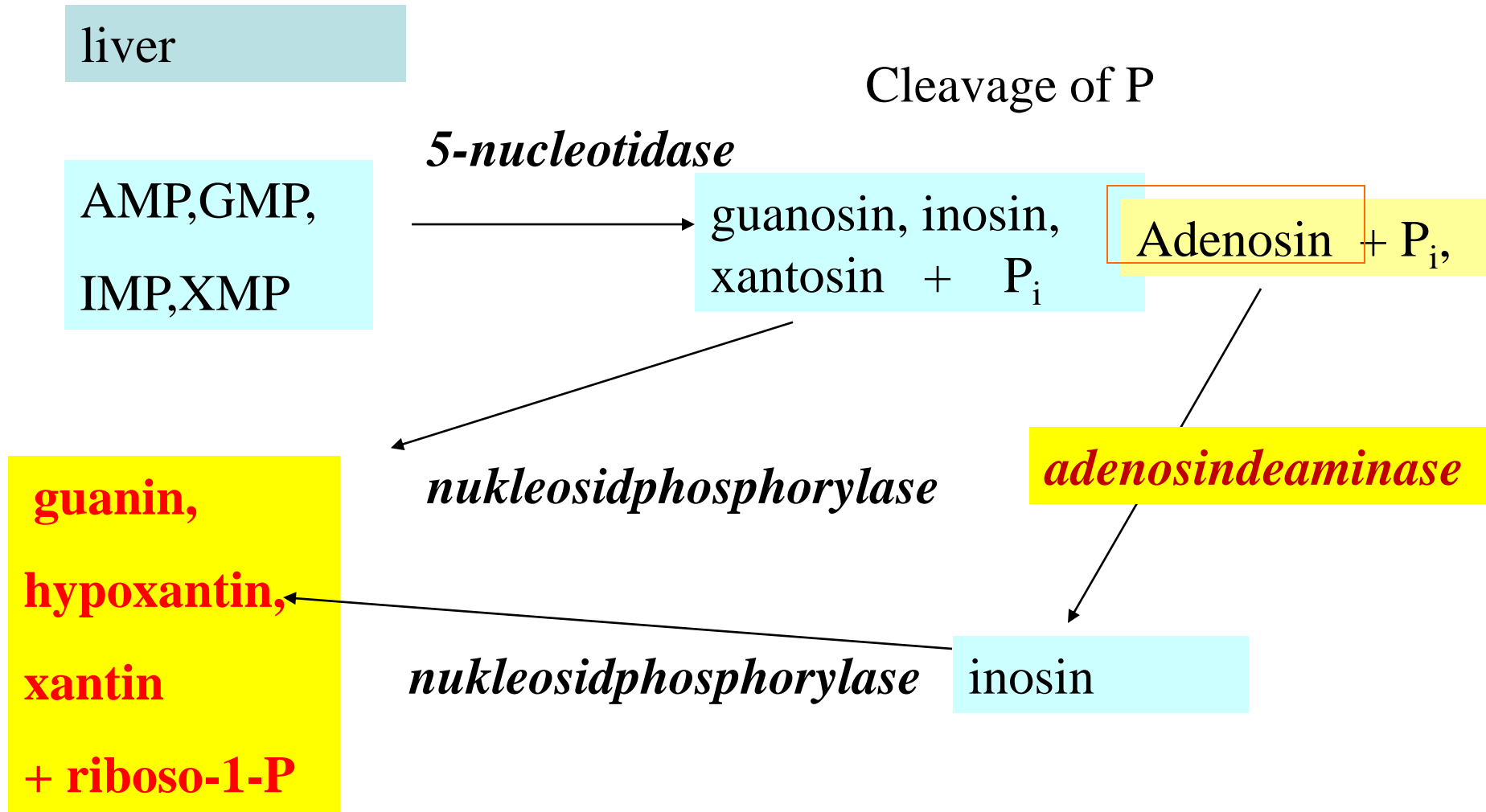
Figure 98.2 An 18-month-old with APRT deficiency who began passing stones at birth. At 100 report for was a young, fit 24-year-old. (Illustration was kindly provided by Dr. M. Kase Simons of the United Medical and Dental Schools, University of London.)

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<http://www.herringlab.com/photos/2/55-2,8-dihydroxyadenine97-P3.jpg>

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Degradation of purines



Inherited metabolic disorder of purine metabolism

• 3. adenosine deaminase deficiency

Enzyme deficiency leads to the accumulation of toxic deoxyadenosine, which affects immunocompetent cells

One of the causes of severe combined immunodeficiency (severe combined immunodeficiency disease-SCID).

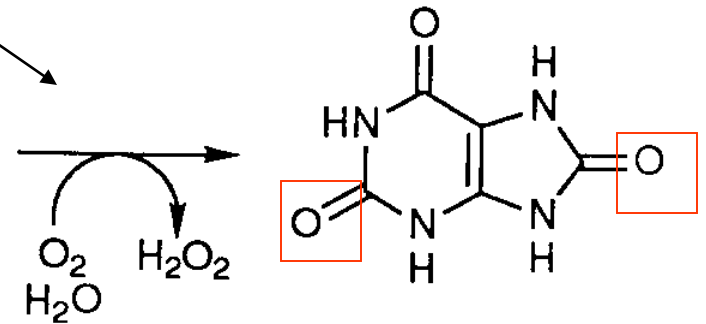
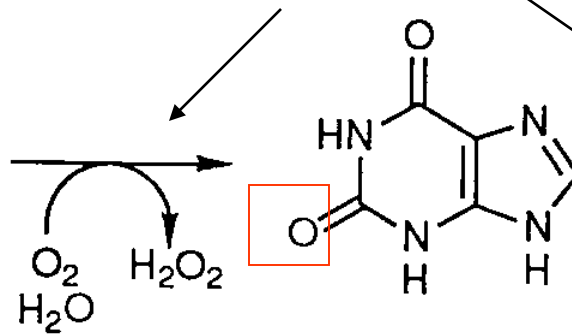
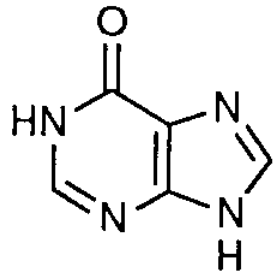
ADA – adenosine deaminase deficiency

- SCID – severe combined immunodeficiency
- Failure to thrive, progressive neurological symptoms (movement disorders, spasticity)
- Lymphopenia, hypogammaglobulinaemia
- Elevated adenosine
- Therapy – bone marrow transplantation
 - enzyme replacement therapy
 - gene therapy

Degradation of purins

Inhibition by allopurinolem

xantinoxidase



hypoxantin

xantin

Uric acids

end metabolit primate,
..... (400-600 mg /den)

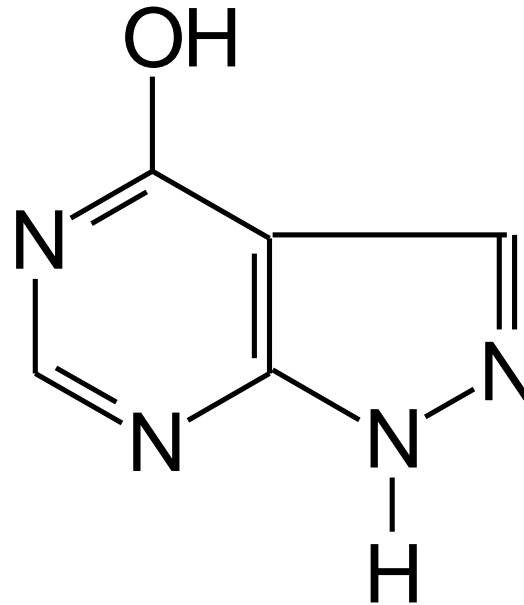
guanin

guanase

Xanthine Oxidase

- A homodimeric protein
- Contains electron transfer proteins
 - FAD
 - Mo-pterin complex in +4 or +6 state
 - Two 2Fe-2S clusters
- Transfers electrons to $O_2 \rightarrow H_2O_2$
 - H_2O_2 is toxic
 - Disproportionated to H_2O and O_2 by catalase

Allopurinol – competitive inhibitor of xanthinoxidase



Gout: allopurinol inhibits the oxidation of hypoxanthine to xanthine

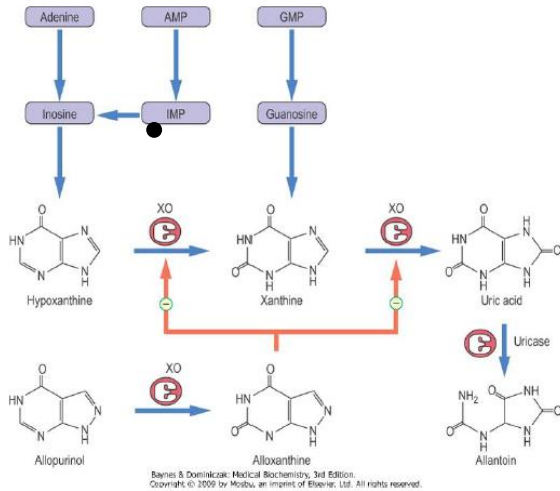
hypoxanthine is more soluble and more readily excreted

Allopurinol (structural analog of hypoxanthine) is converted to the xanthine oxypurinol (= alloxanthin), which binds tightly to the enzyme and prevents its further catalytic activity. Allopurinol is the " suicide " inhibitor of xanthine oxidase , reduces the concentration of uric acid in the blood and thus the other fluids (eg . synovial) ; amount of secreted urate decreases excretion rises somewhat better soluble hypoxanthine and xanthine . moreover final metabolite is not a single product but three , so decreasing the risk of excess constants solubility that would be the case for one of the final product .

Inherited metabolic disorder of purine metabolism

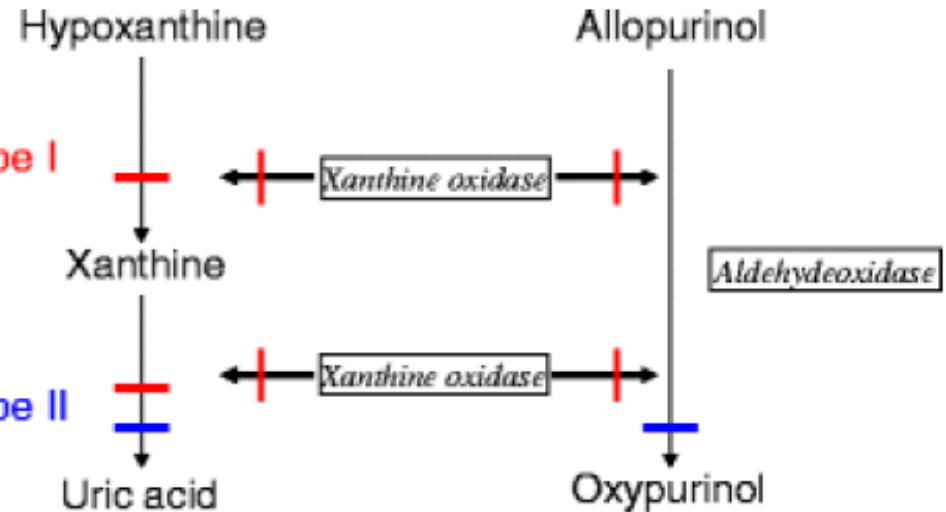
- 4. Xanthinuria

lack of enzyme, xanthin oxidase



Xanthinuria type I

Xanthinuria type II

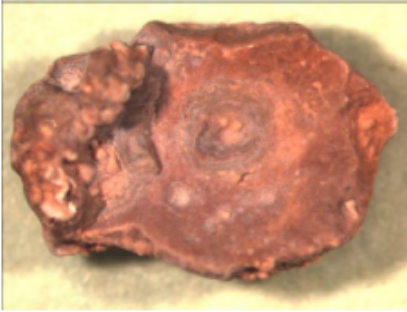


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In **type I**, the isolated XO deficiency leads to a block in UA production and accumulation of xanthine and hypoxanthine whereas the conversion of allopurinol to oxypurinol is unaffected. In **type II** the combined deficiency of the XO and AO complex impairs the production of UA and oxypurinol.

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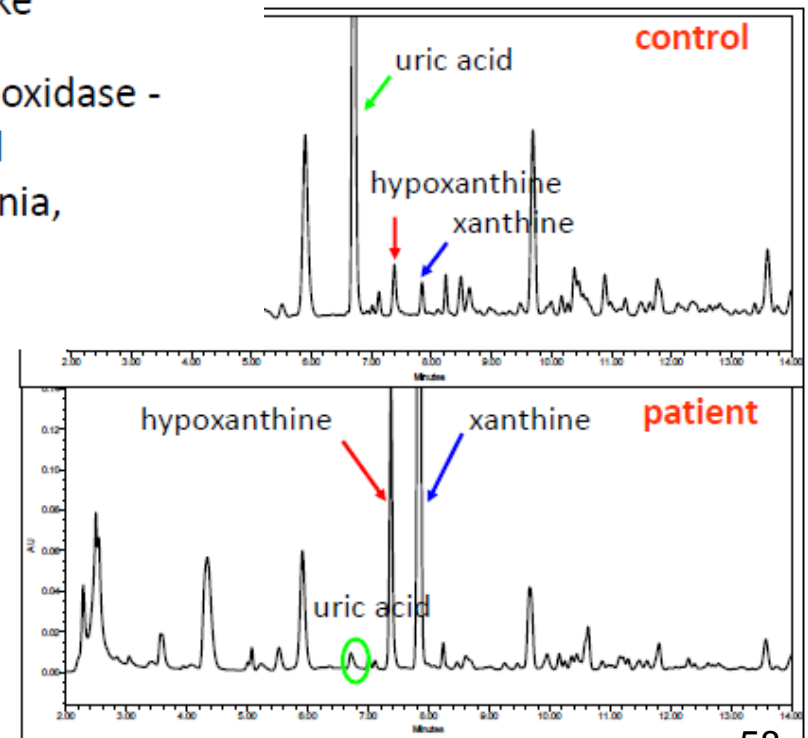
Xanthinuria



- Isolated XO deficiency
- Urolithiasis and occasionally myopathy due to xanthin crystals, arthropathy
- 50% asymptomatic
- S and U- uric acid decreased!!!!
- Treatment: fluid intake

Molybdene is cofactor for XO and also for sulphite oxidase - combined XO/SO deficiency (neonatal neurological abnormalities – epilepsy, encephalopathy, hypertonia, death in early childhood)

<http://www.tamilspider.com/attachments/Resources/3322-71129-xanthine.jpg>



HPLC chromatogram močových P/P

Inherited metabolic disorder of purine metabolism

- **5. Gout**
- enzyme deficiency HGPRT
- enzyme deficiency glucose-6-phosphatase
- increased enzyme activity PRPPsynthetase

GOUT (hyperuricemia)

increasing of production and decreasing of excretion of uric acid

➤ defect in salwa pathway

—————> (deficit hypoxantin-guaninphosphoribosyltransferase) (HGPRT)



➤ decrease of clearance in kidney



Keeping of crystals of UA in tissue

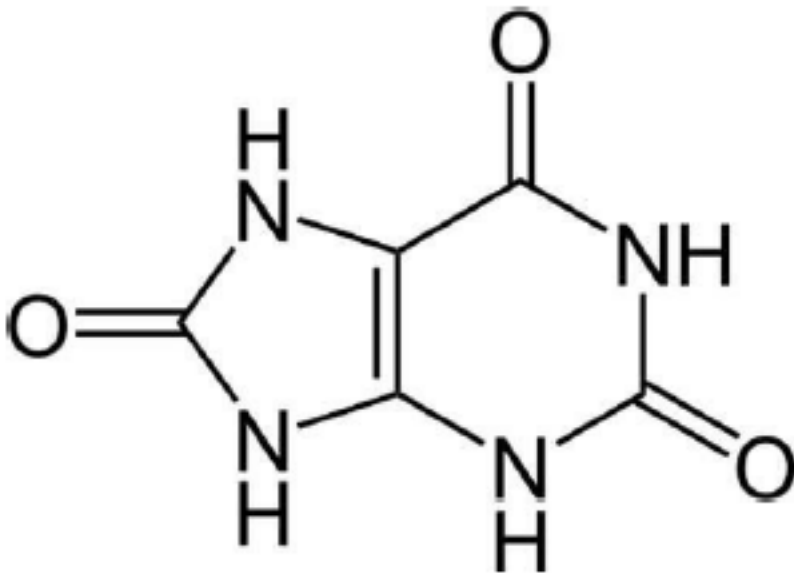
Gout

- **Impaired excretion or overproduction of uric acid**
- Uric acid crystals precipitate into joints (Gouty Arthritis), kidneys, ureters (stones)
- Lead impairs uric acid excretion – lead poisoning from pewter drinking goblets
 - Fall of Roman Empire?
- **Xanthine oxidase** inhibitors inhibit production of uric acid, and treat gout
- **Allopurinol treatment** – hypoxanthine analog that binds to Xanthine Oxidase to decrease uric acid production

Disorder	Defect	Nature of Defect	Comments
Gout	PRPP synthetase	increased enzyme activity	hyperuricemia
Gout	HGPRT ^a	enzyme deficiency	hyperuricemia
Gout	glucose-6-phosphatase	enzyme deficiency	hyperuricemia

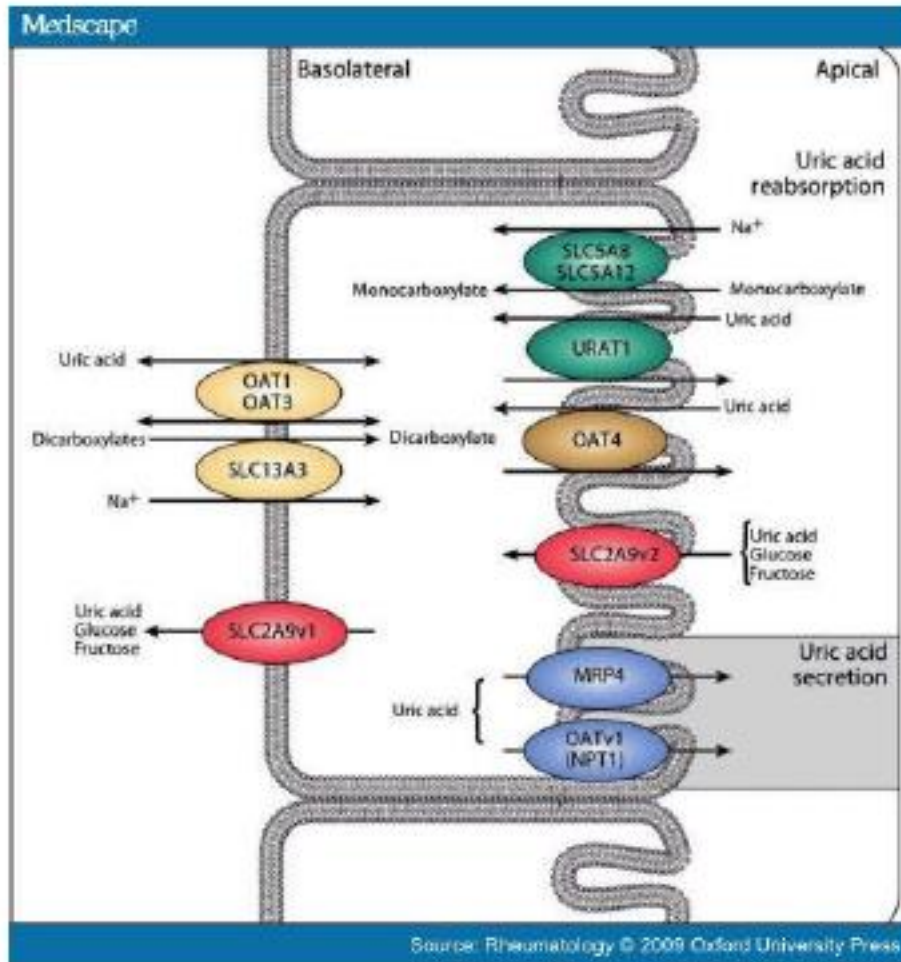


Uric acid



- Trioxopurine
- Keto/enol
- Physiological pH: monosodium urate
- Limited solubility
- Free radical scavenger

Renal reabsorption and secretion

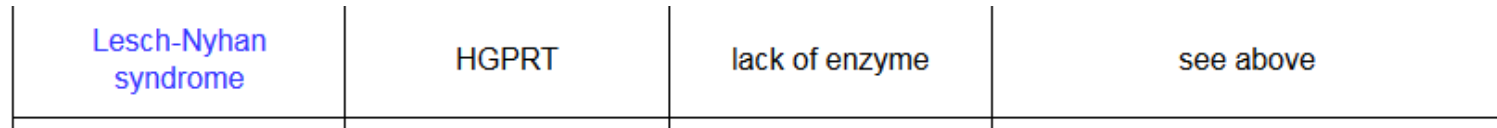


- Elevated uric acid in blood
- Low excretion fraction of uric acid
- Normal purine and pyrimidine profile

<http://img.medscape.com/article/705/178/705178-fig1.jpg>

Hyperuricemia is an abnormally high level of [uric acid](#) in the [blood](#). In the pH conditions of body fluid, uric acid exists largely as urate, the ion form.^{[1][2]} The amount of urate in the body depends on the balance between the amount of purines eaten in food, the amount of urate synthesised within the body (e.g., through [cell turnover](#)), and the amount of urate that is excreted in urine or through the gastrointestinal tract.^[2] In humans, the upper end of the normal range is 360 µmol/L (6 mg/dL) for women and 400 µmol/L (6.8 mg/dL) for men.

Inherited metabolic disorders of purine metabolism



6. Lesch-Nyhan Syndrome

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- A defect in production or activity of HGPRT
 - Causes increased level of Hypoxanthine and Guanine ($\rightarrow \uparrow$ in degradation to uric acid)
- Also, PRPP accumulates
 - stimulates production of purine nucleotides (and thereby increases their degradation)
- Causes gout-like symptoms, but also neurological symptoms \rightarrow spasticity, aggressiveness, self-mutilation
- First neuropsychiatric abnormality that was attributed to a single enzyme

Lesch–Nyhan syndrome (LNS),

also known as **Nyhan's syndrome**, **Kelley-Seegmiller syndrome**, and **juvenile gout**,^[1] is a rare inherited disorder caused by a deficiency of the enzyme **hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyltransferase (HGPRT)**, produced by mutations in the HPRT gene located on the X chromosome. LNS affects about one in 380,000 live births.^[2] The disorder was first recognized and clinically characterized by medical student Michael Lesch and his mentor, pediatrician William Nyhan, who published their findings in 1964.^[3]

The HGPRT deficiency causes a build-up of uric acid in all body fluids. This results in both hyperuricemia and hyperuricosuria, associated with severe gout and kidney problems.

Inherited metabolic disorders of purine metabolism

Disorder	Defect	Nature of Defect	Comments
Gout	PRPP synthetase	increased enzyme activity	hyperuricemia
Gout	HGPRT ^a	enzyme deficiency	hyperuricemia
Gout	glucose-6-phosphatase	enzyme deficiency	hyperuricemia
Lesch-Nyhan syndrome	HGPRT	lack of enzyme	see above
SCID	ADA ^b	lack of enzyme	see above
Immunodeficiency	PNP ^c	lack of enzyme	see above
Renal lithiasis	APRT ^d	lack of enzyme	2,8-dihydroxyadenine, renal lithiasis
Xanthinuria	Xanthine oxidase	lack of enzyme	hypouricemia and xanthine renal lithiasis
von Gierke disease	Glucose-6-phosphatase	enzyme deficiency	see above

^a hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyltransferase

^b adenosine deaminase

^c purine nucleotide phosphorylase

^d adenosine phosphoribosyltransferase