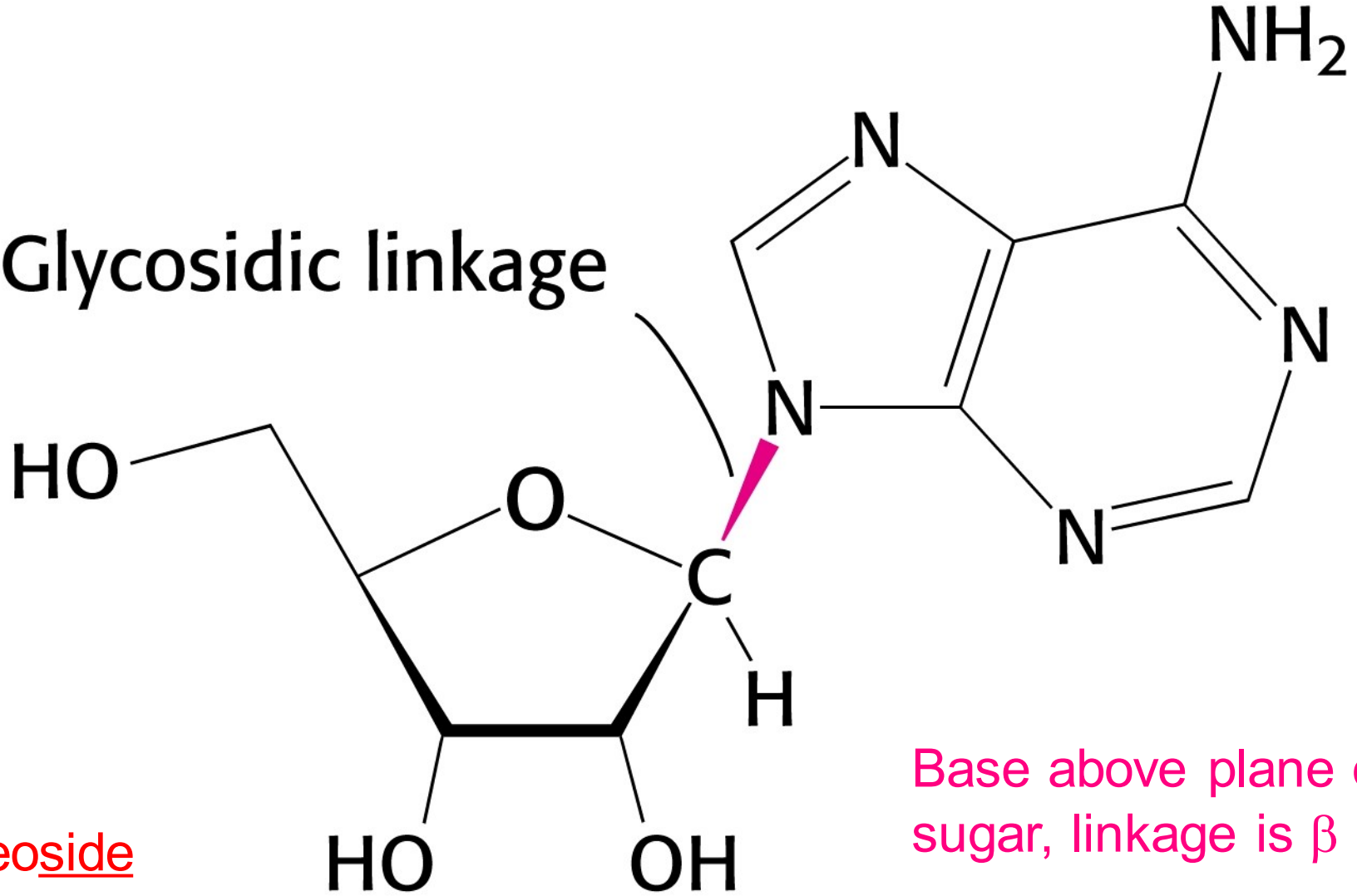


**2. The nucleic acid metabolism disorders of  
purine and pyrimidine.  
Hyperuricemia, orotacidurie, therapy.**

# Sugar - base linkage

$\beta$ -Glycosidic linkage



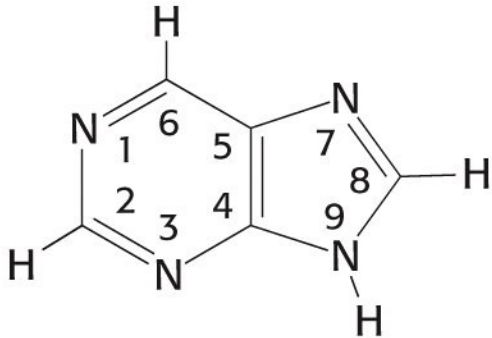
Nucleoside

RNA: adenosine, guanosine, cytidine, & uridine

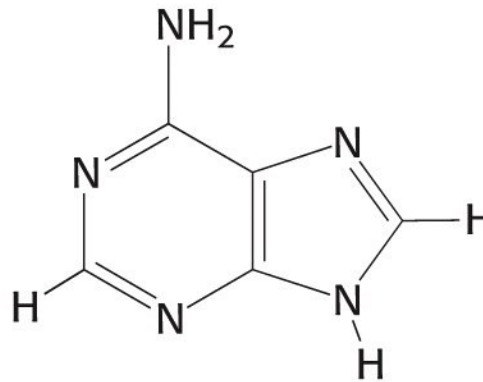
DNA: deoxyadenosine, deoxyguanosine, deoxycytidine, & thymidine

# Purines & Pyrimidines

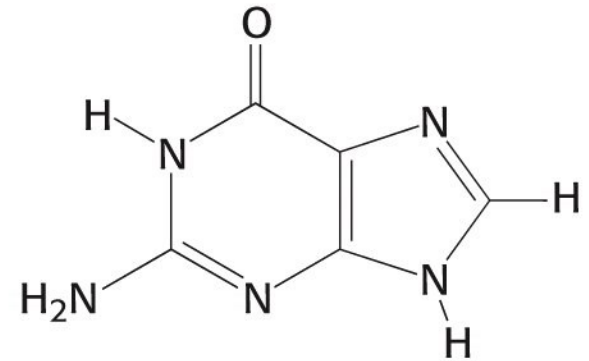
## PURINES



**Purine**

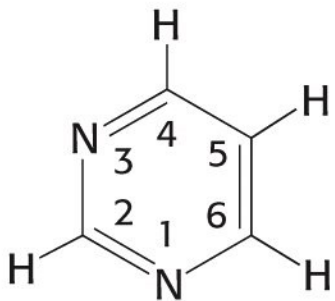


**Adenine**

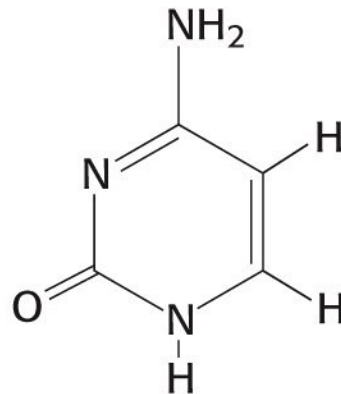


**Guanine**

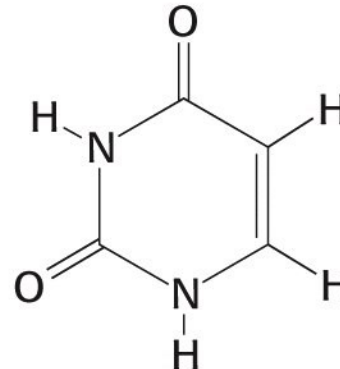
## PYRIMIDINES



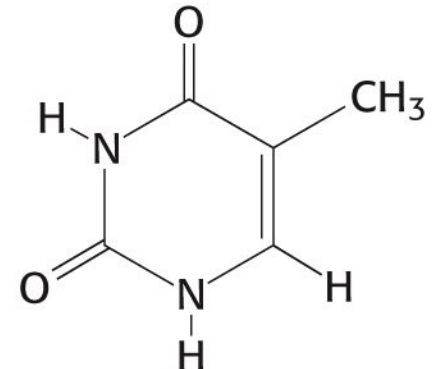
**Pyrimidine**



**Cytosine**



**Uracil**



**Thymine**

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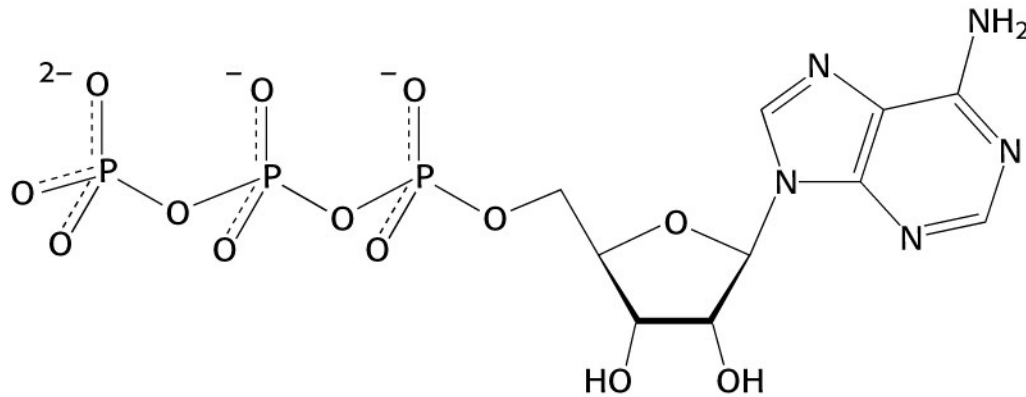
**RNA**

**DNA**

Note: ring atom #s

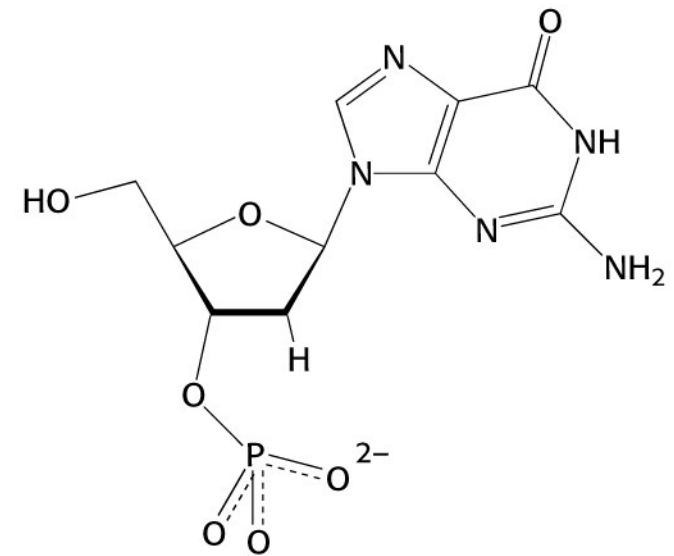
# Nucleotides: monomeric units of nucleic acids

## Adenosine 5'-triphosphate



**5'-ATP**

## Deoxyguanosine 3' monophosphate



**3'-dGMP**

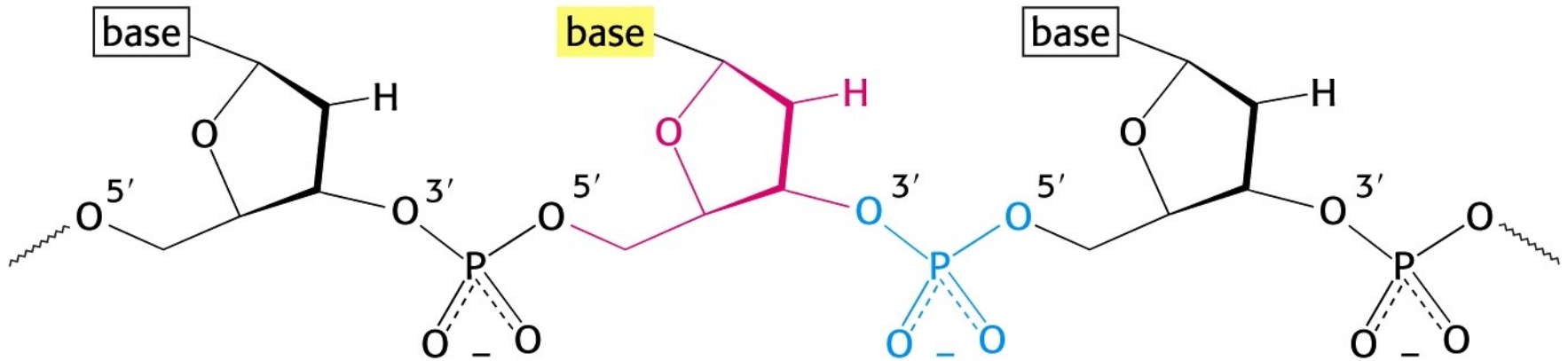
**5' nucleotide** - most common

**3' nucleotide**

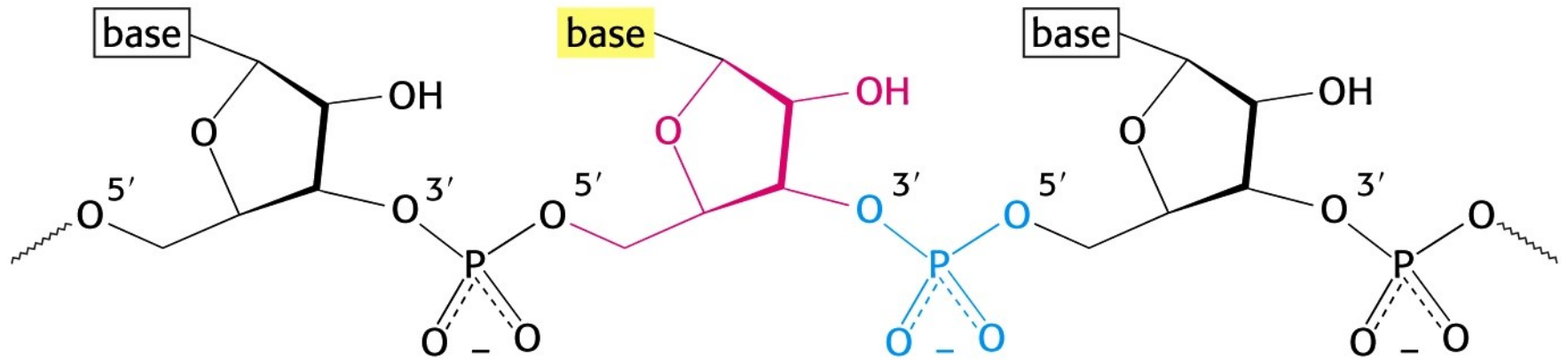
**Nucleotide**: nucleoside joined to one or more phosphate groups by an ester linkage

# Backbone of DNA & RNA

## 3'-to-5' phosphodiester linkages



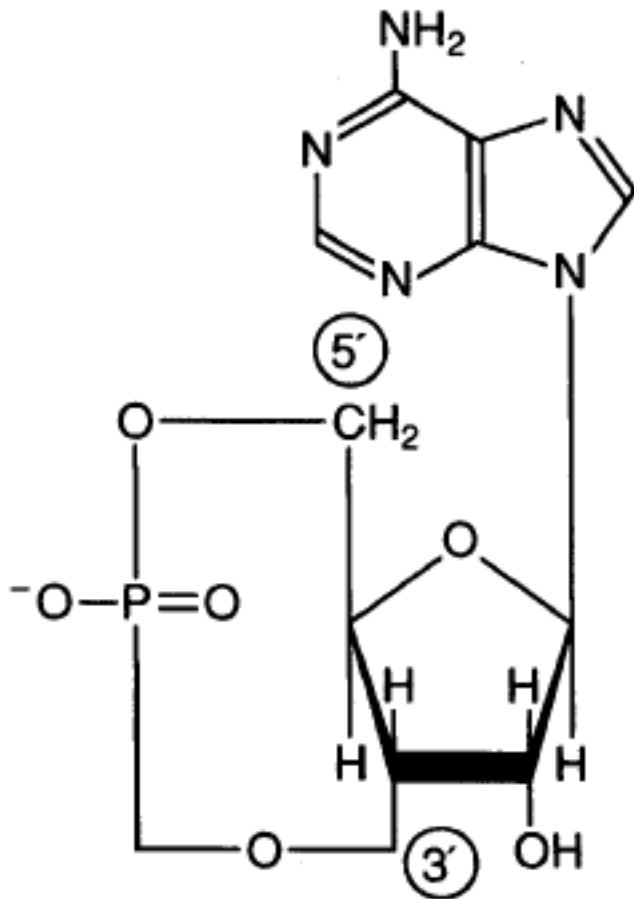
DNA



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

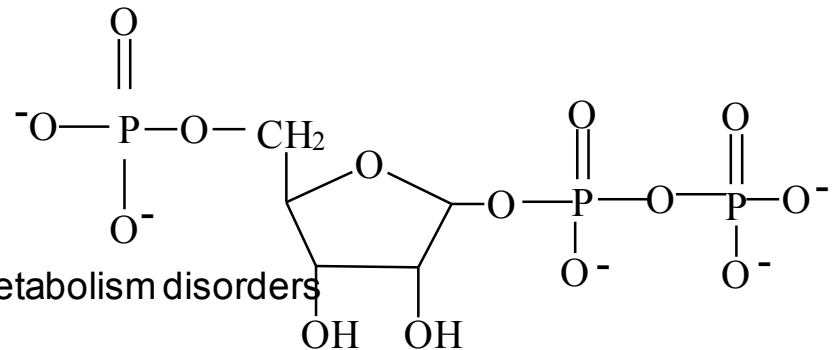
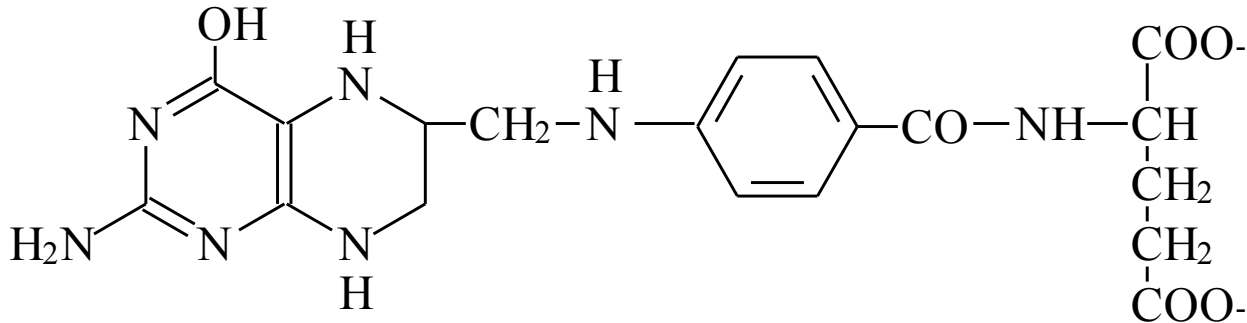
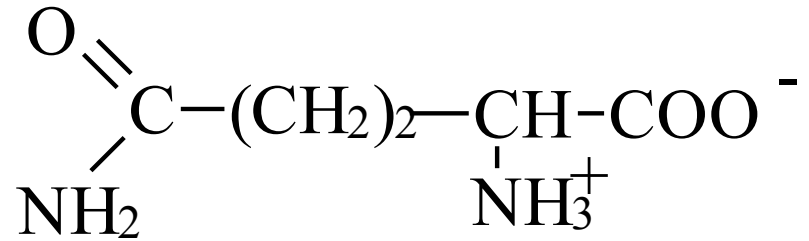
# Precursor molecules for purine and pyrimidine nucleotides

- 3 main compounds:

- 1)  tetrahydrofolate

- 2)  glutamine

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



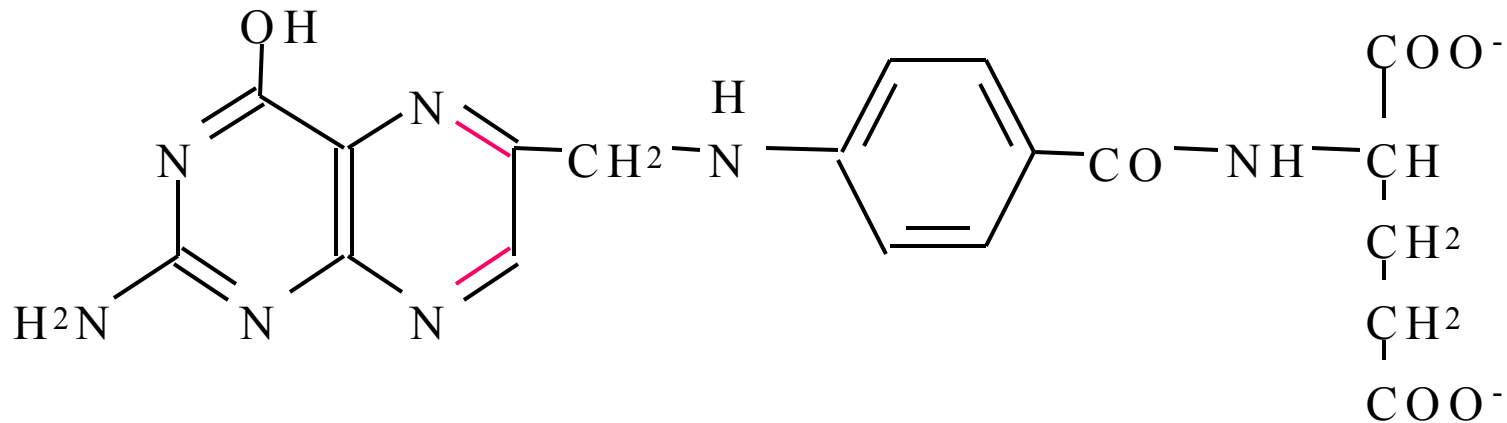
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# Importance of folic acid for biosynthesis of NA bases

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

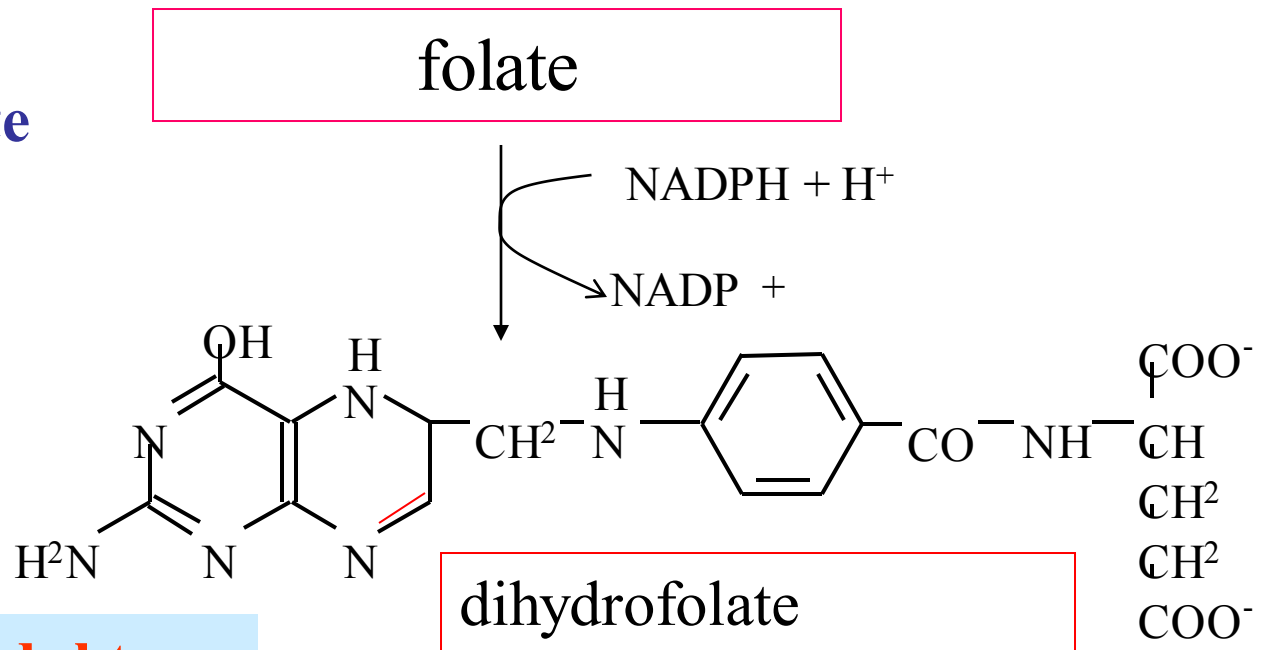
Folate



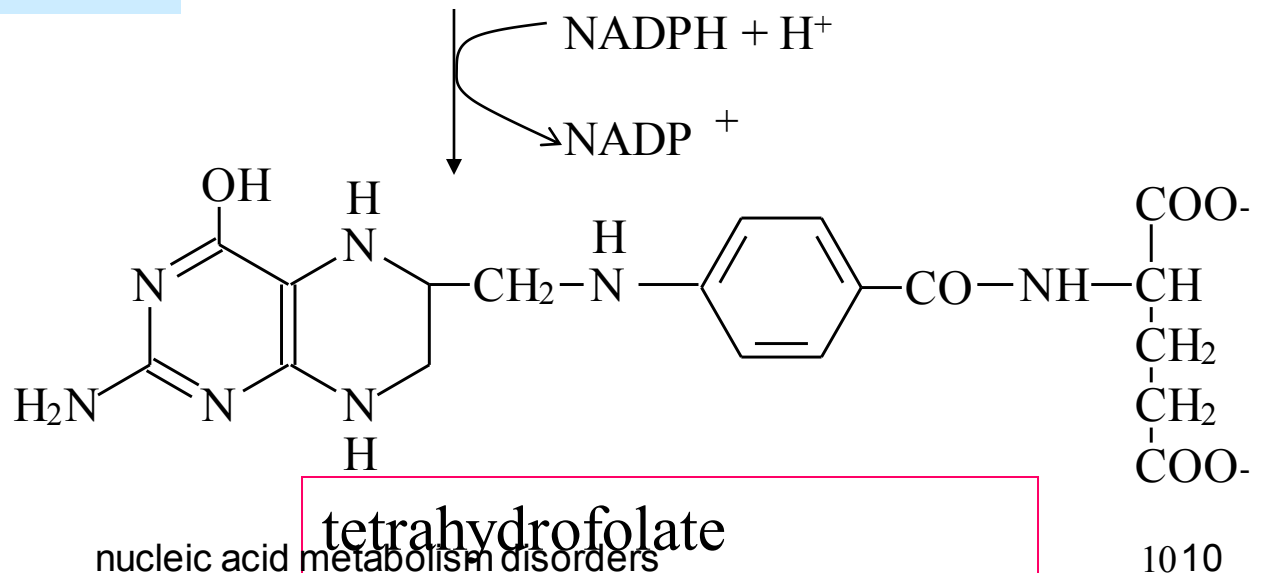
Used form in human is tetrahydrofolate

# Formation of tetrahydrofolate

## DEHYDOGENATION

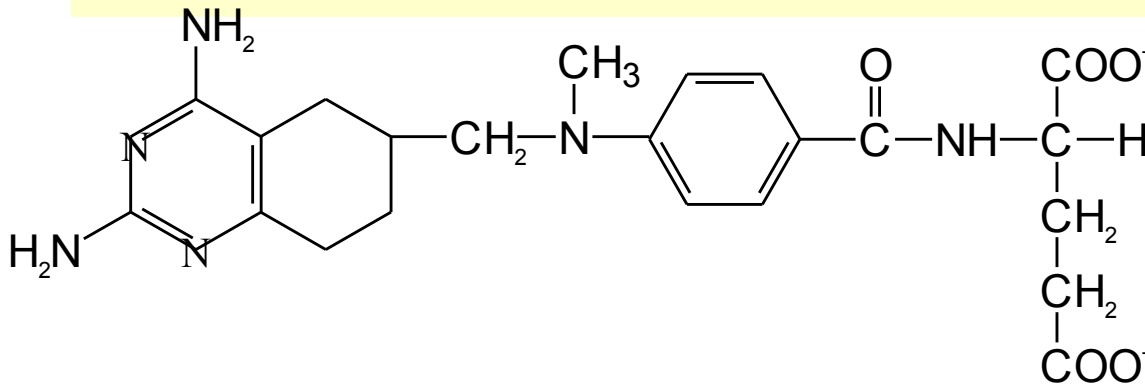


## (dihydro)folatereduktase

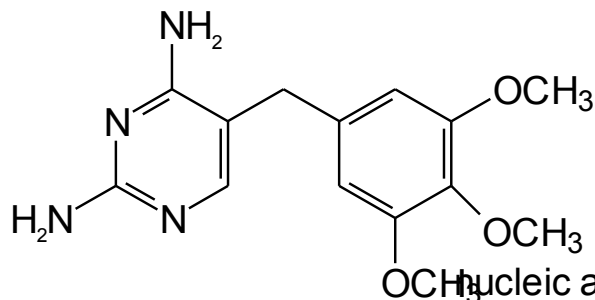


# Inhibitors (dihydro)folatereductase:

Methotrexate (anticancer agent)



Trimethoprim (bacteriostaticum)



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# Dihydrofolate reductase - an objective antitumor therapy.

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

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

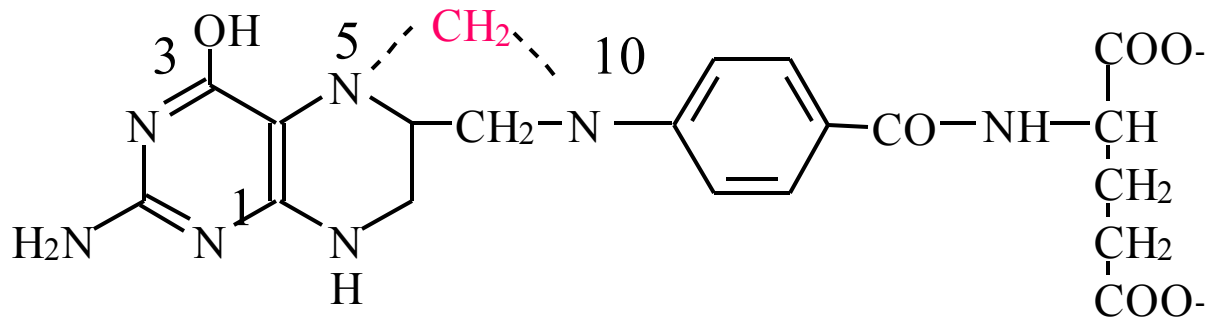
It binds to the enzyme 1000 times tighter than folate, acts as a competitive inhibitor.

Currently used **methotrexate** and similar derivatives.

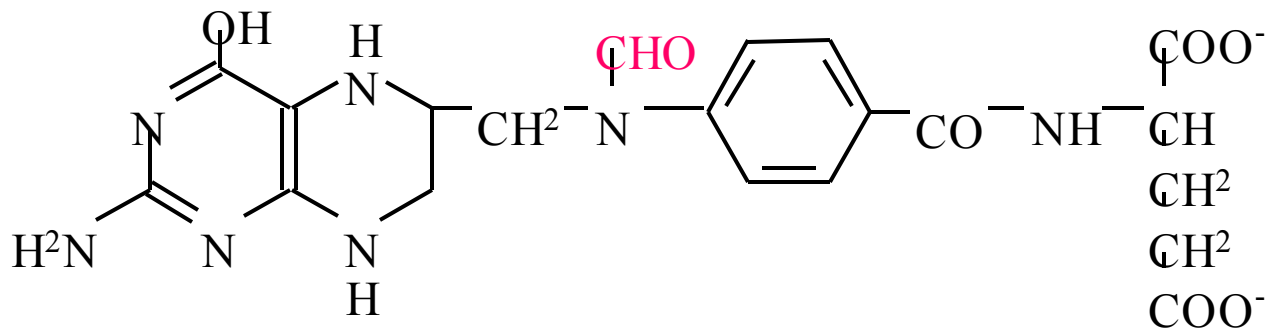
All drugs which affect the synthesis of purines and pyrimidines, deplete rapidly dividing cells - but not only cancer cells but also cells in the bone marrow and GI tract cells such as hair follicles.

# Using of tetrahydrofolate

## N-5,N-10- methylen H<sub>4</sub>F – synthesis of thymin

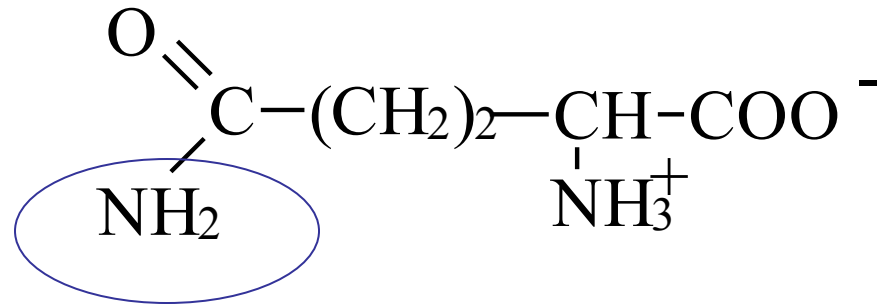


## N-10-formyl H<sub>4</sub>F – synthesis of purins

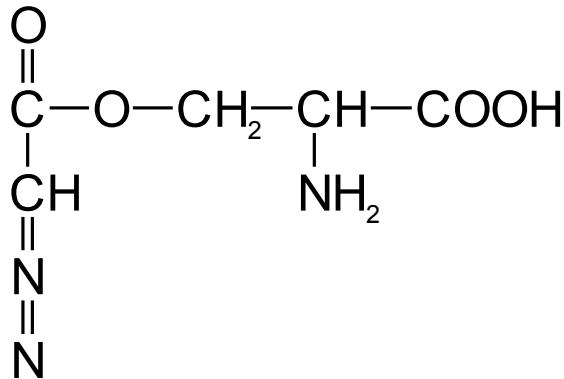


# Importance of glutamine for purine and pyrimidine biosynthesis

- Donor of amino group



## Glutamine antagonists inhibits synthesis of purines and pyrimidines



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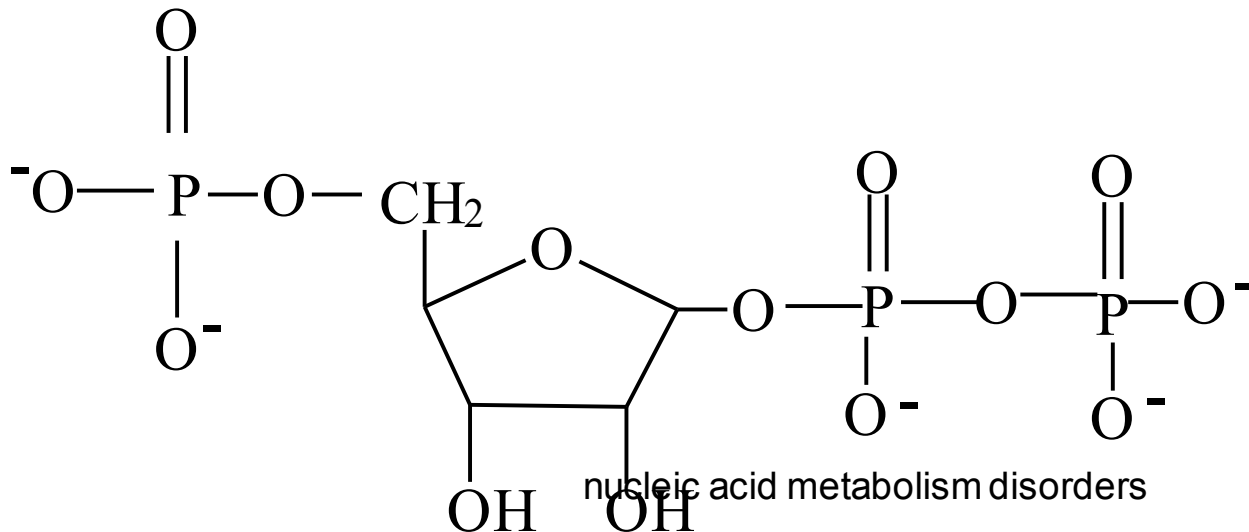
# PRPP - phosphoribosylphosphoxalophosphate

## Necessary for synthesis:

Purine nucleotides

Pyrimidine nucleotides

NAD<sup>+</sup>, NADP<sup>+</sup>

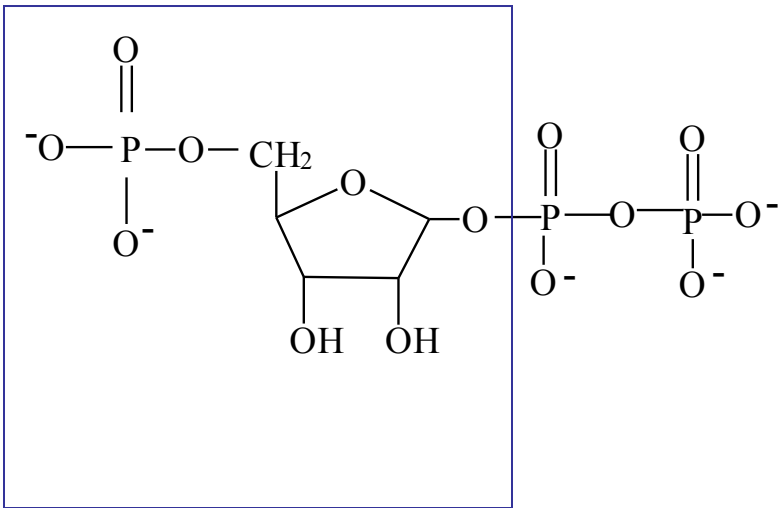


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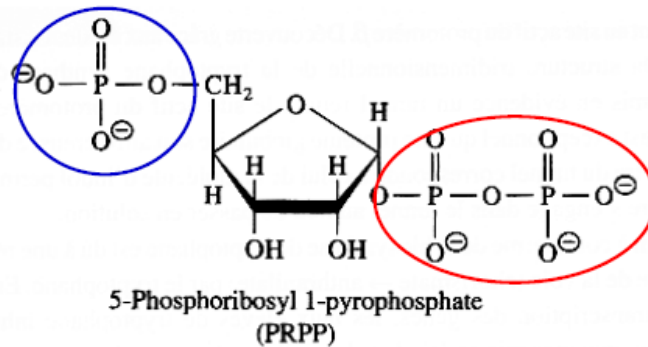
# Synthesis of PRPP

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

PRPP-synthetase



PRPP = 5-fosforibosylpyrofosphate

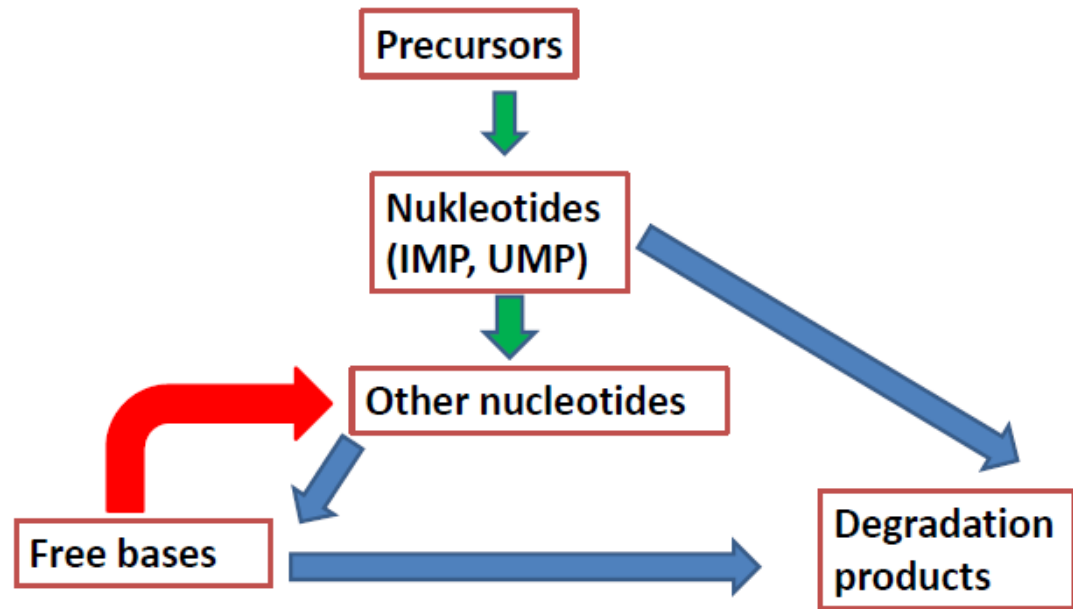


5-Phosphoribosyl 1-pyrophosphate  
(PRPP)

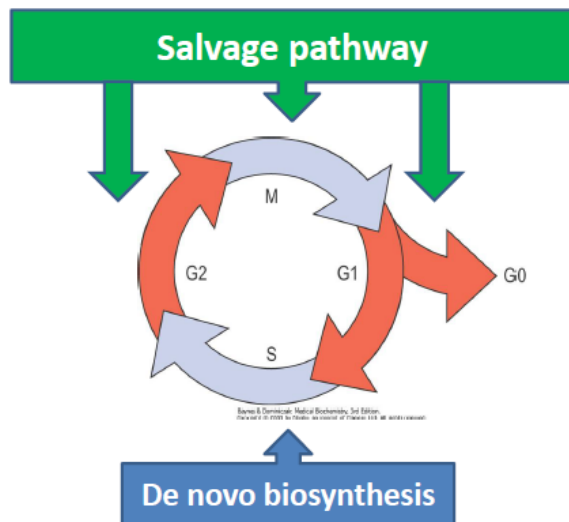
- Purines: first step in IMP synthesis
- Pyrimidines: last steps in UMP synthesis
- P/P: salvage pathway



# Synthesis and degradation of P/P



## Cell cycle and P/P synthesis



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# Metabolism of purines and pyrimidines

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

# Differences in purine and pyrimidine synthesis

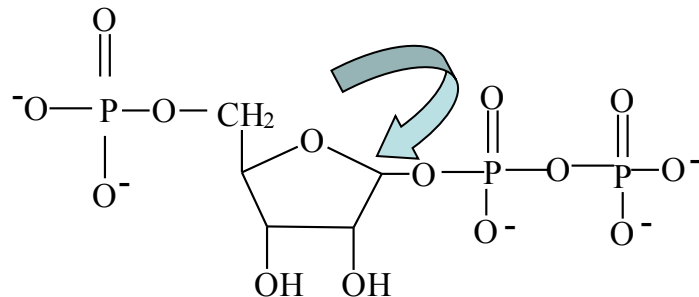
Synthesis - *puzzle* – one part to others.

## Difference in the beginning :

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

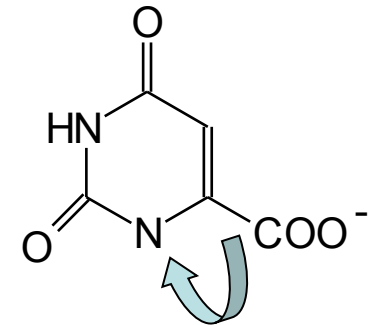
## Purins

First PRPP...



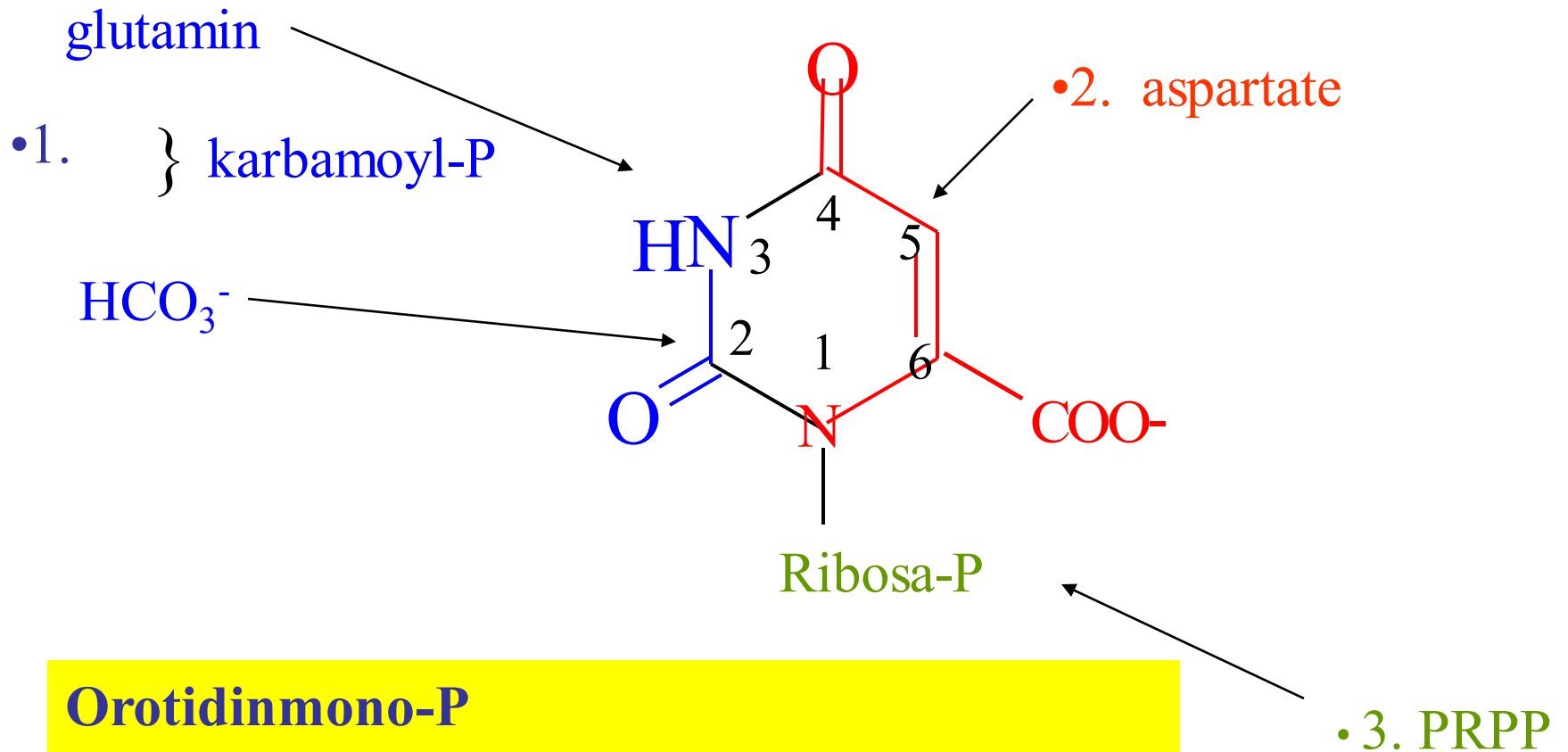
## Pyrimidins

First heterocycle ribose-P from PRPP



# 1) BIOSYNTESIS of PYRIMIDINS

Origin of atoms in pyrimidines



**Orotidinmono-P**

**Decarboxylation** — nucleic acid metabolism disorders

# BIOSYNTHESIS OF PYRIMIDINS

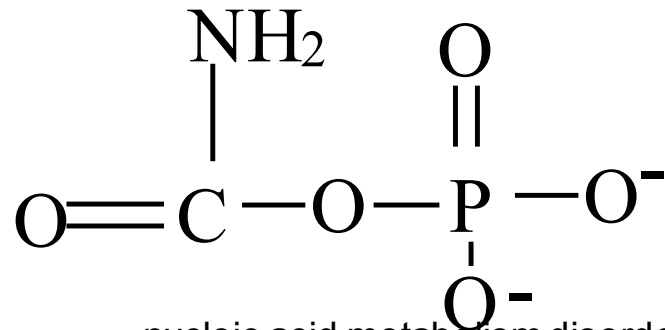
- synthesis of karbamoyl -P

CYTOPLASM

Karbamoyl-P-synthetase

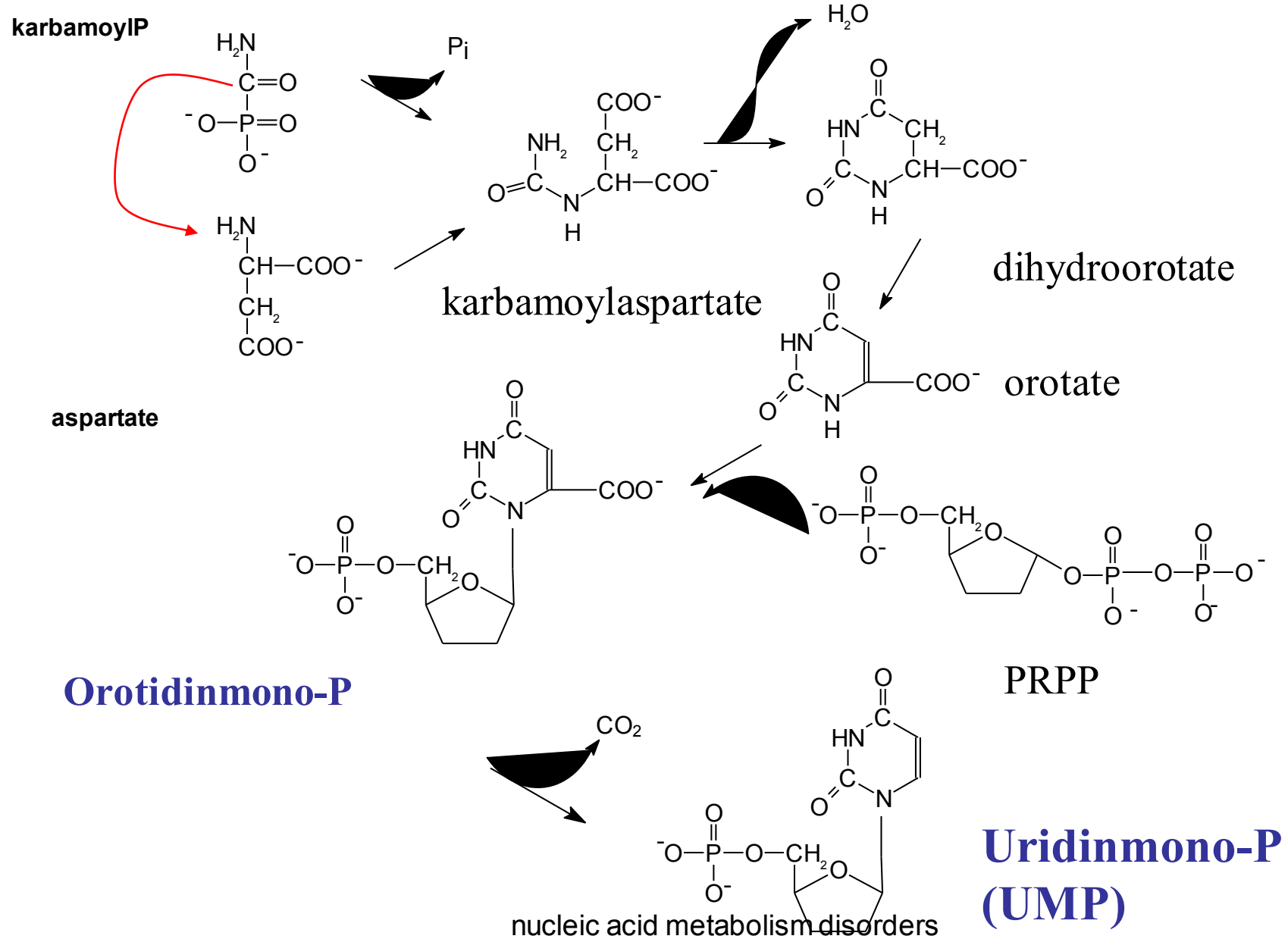
-energy, enzym **karbamoylphosphatesynthetase II**  
**Inhibition by UTP** („inhibition by product“) and  
**aktivation by ATP**.

- 1 Glutamine + 2 ATP + HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>  
→ karbamoyl-P + glutamate + 2 ADP + P<sub>i</sub>



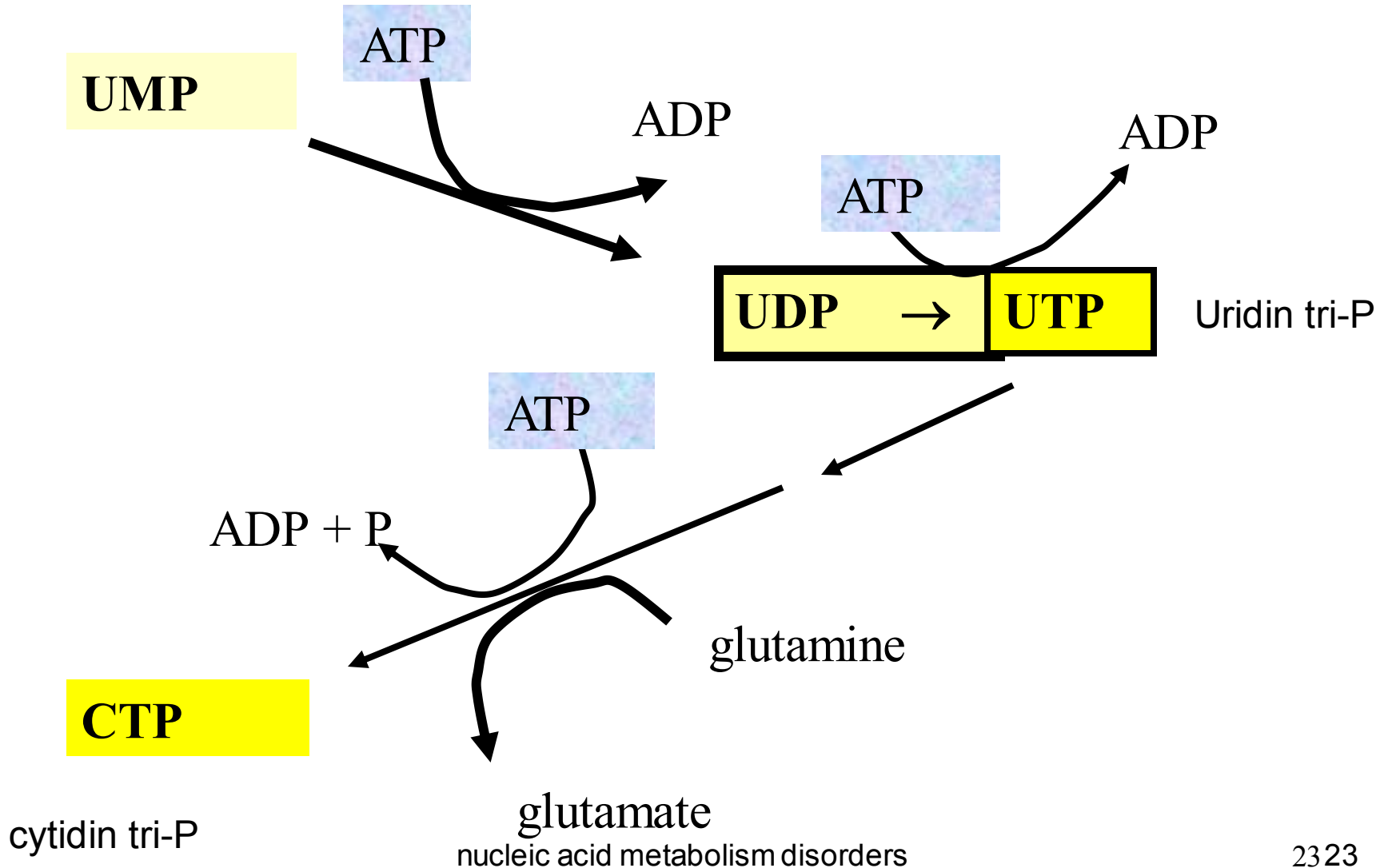
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# BIOSYNTESIS OF PYRIMIDINS



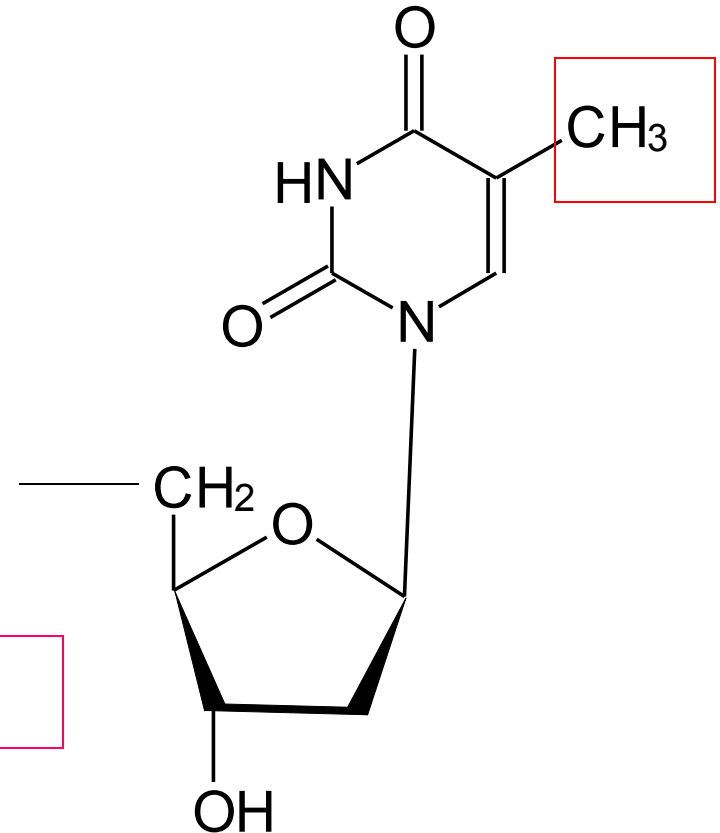
# BIOSYNTESIS OF PYRIMIDINS

## Biosynthesis of UTP and CTP



# dTMP (methylation)

Deoxythymidintri-P

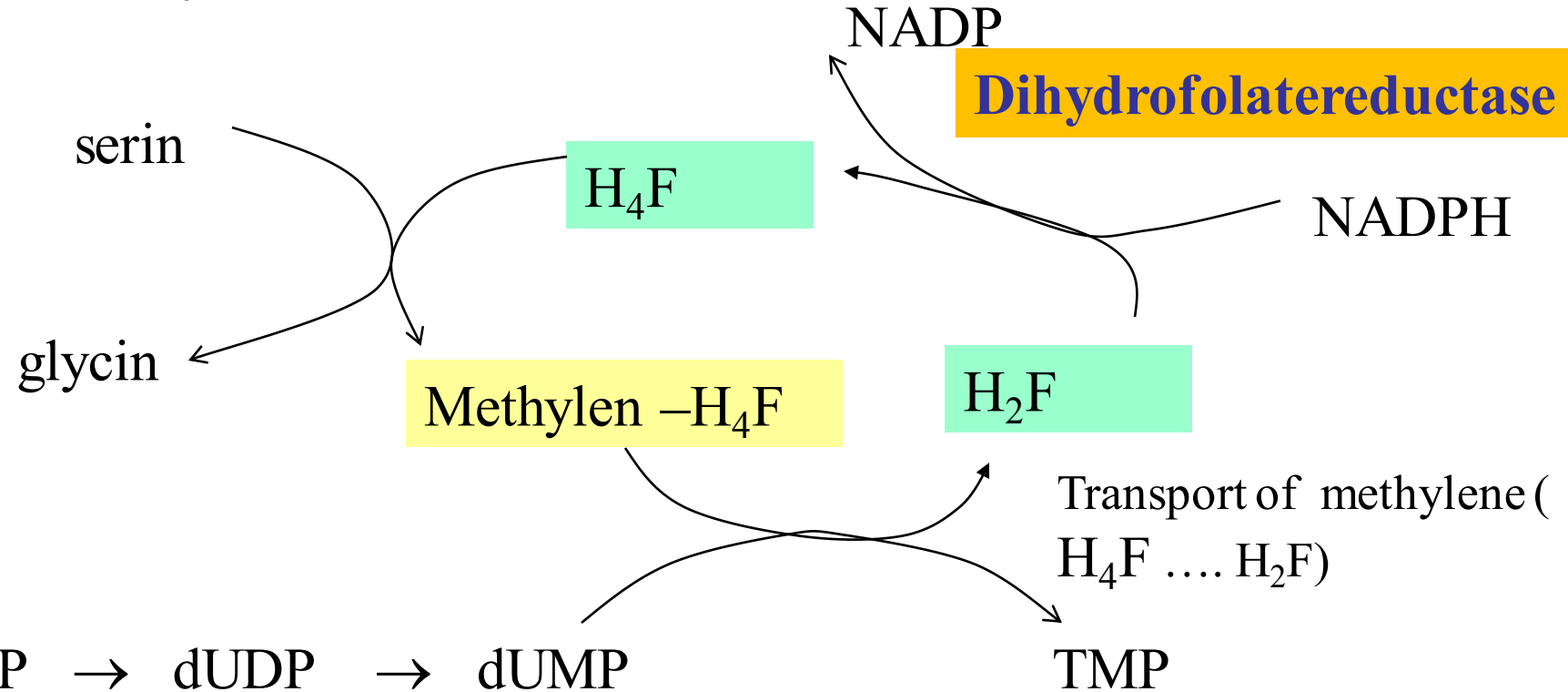


**Methylation-  $H_4F$**

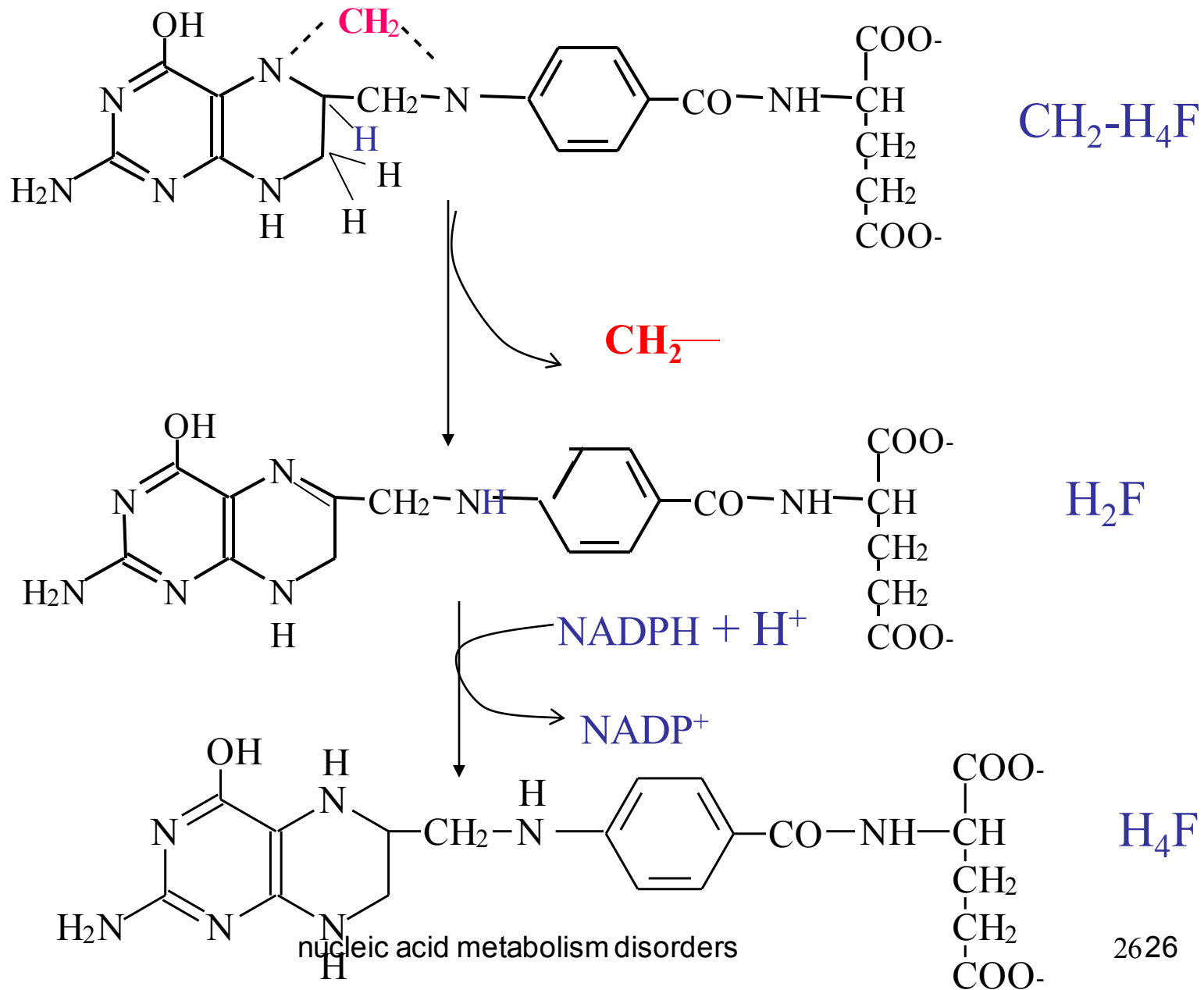
Methylen group in  $H_4F$  is reduced to methyl dUMP



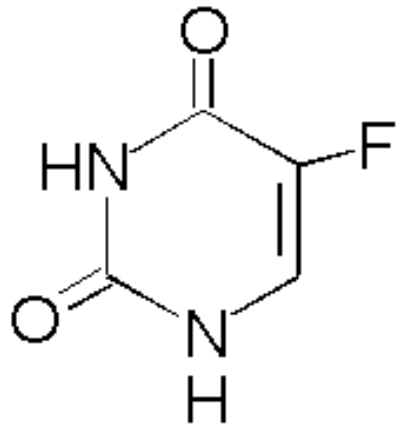
# Synthesis of TMP



**Thymidylatesynthase**  
(enzyme dependent on folate)



# thymidylate synthase



5-fluorouracil

The administration of fluorouracil



organism conversion to  
5-fluorodeoxyuridine monophosphate



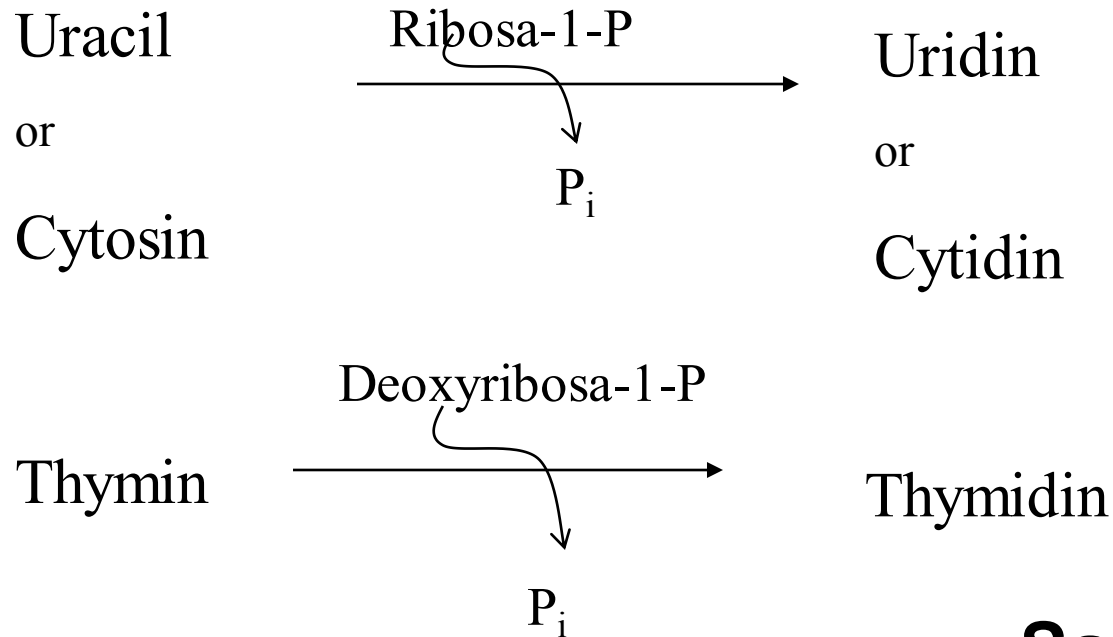
Competitive inhibition  
thymidylatesynthase

**The cytostatic effect of a drug**

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

## 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
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# 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

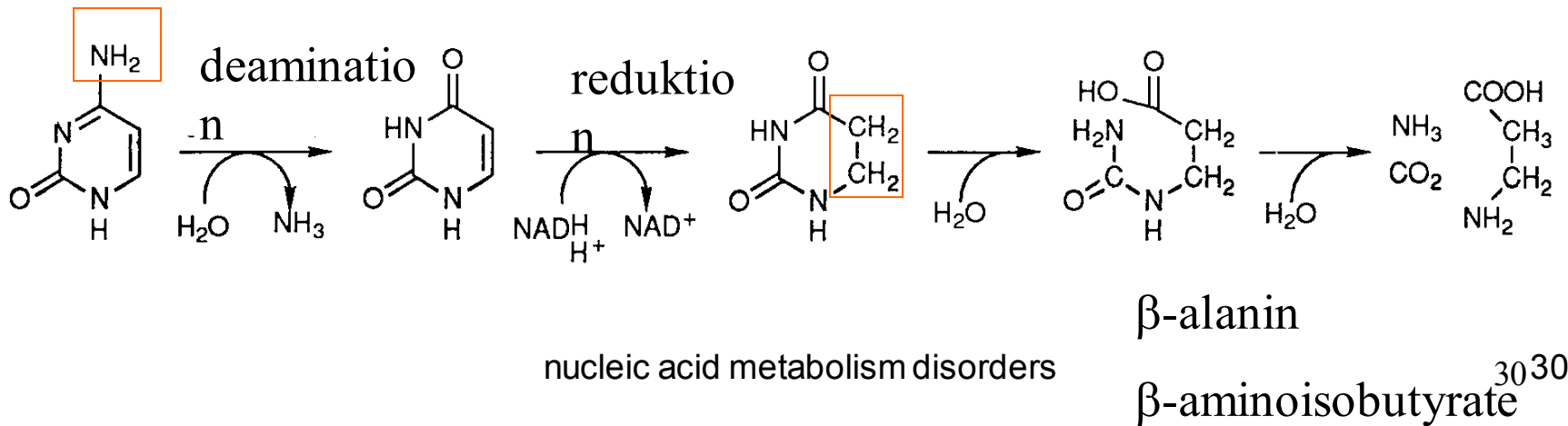
STEPS:

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

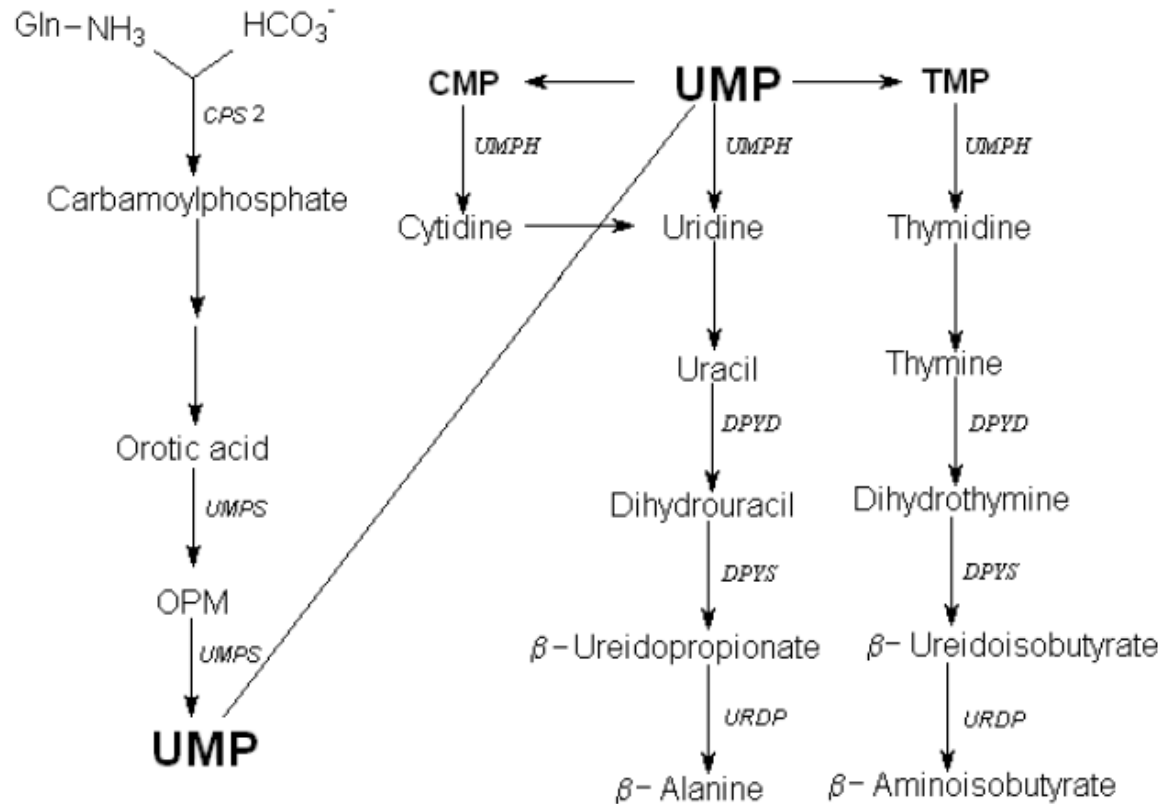
**End products of cleavage of pyrimidines:**

**NH<sub>3</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, β-alanin, (β -aminoisobutyrate)**

**Soluble metabolist – excretion by urine**



# Inherited metabolic disorder of pyrimidine metabolism

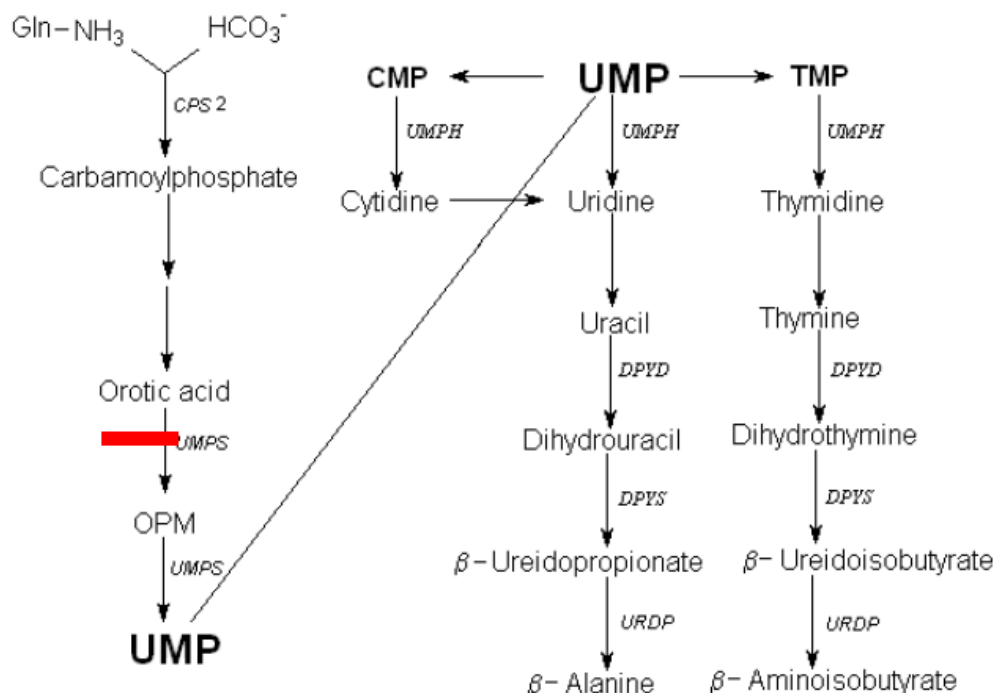


- **Orotic aciduria (UMP synthase deficiency)**
- **Dihydropyrimidinase deficiency**
- **Thymidine phosphorylase deficiency MNGIE**

# Inherited metabolic disorder of pyrimidine metabolism

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

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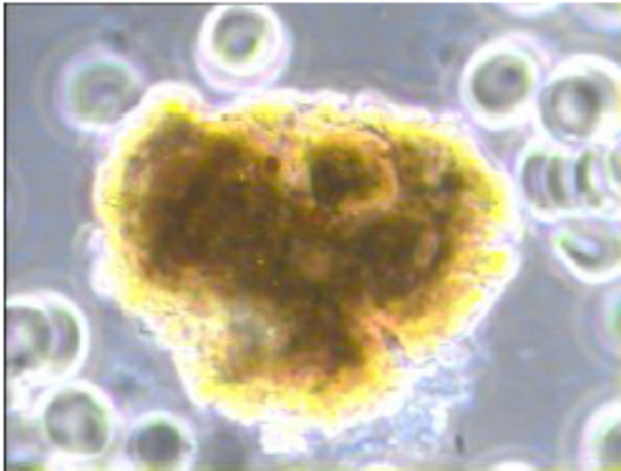


This gene encodes a **uridine 5'-monophosphate synthase**. The encoded protein is a bifunctional enzyme that catalyzes the final two steps of the de novo pyrimidine biosynthetic pathway. The first reaction is carried out by the N-terminal enzyme **orotate phosphoribosyltransferase** which converts orotic 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.**



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# Orotic aciduria



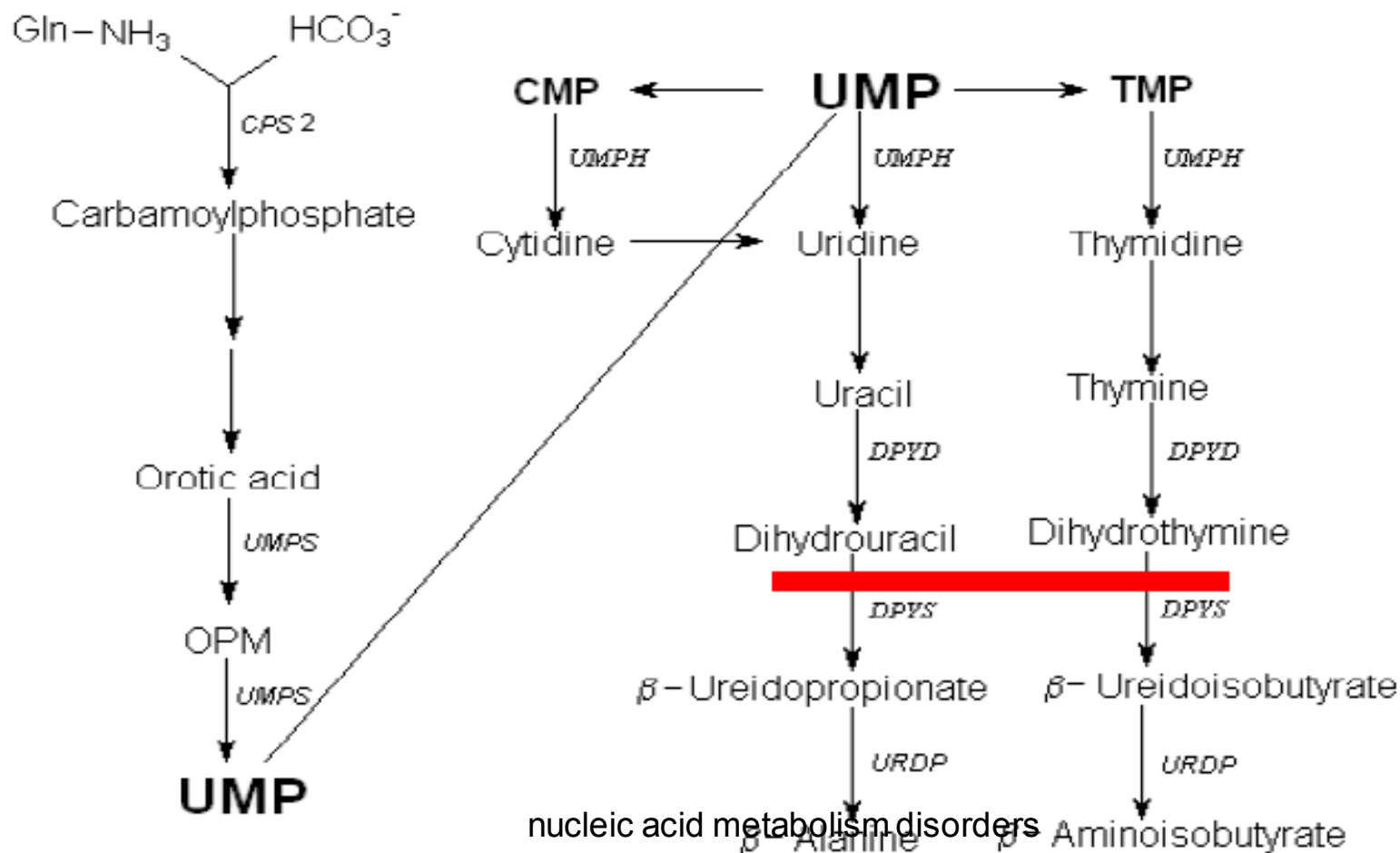
- UMP synthase deficiency
- Overproduction of orotic acid - crystalluria (lithiasis is rare)
- Decreased production of pyrimidines—abnormal hematopoiesis-megaloblastic anemia—PMR, FTT
- Treatment: uridine (kinase converts to UMP)

**UMP synthase**  
**uridine 5'-monophosphate synthase**

# Inherited metabolic disorder of pyrimidine metabolism

- 2. Dihydropyriminidase deficiency

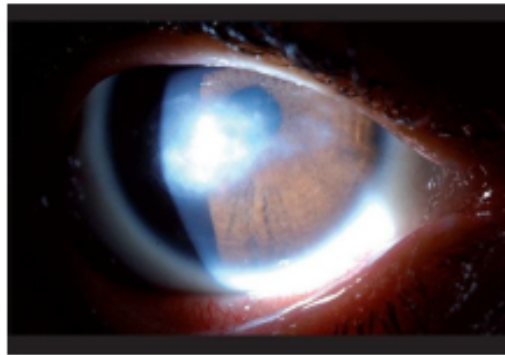
## Dihydropyriminidase deficiency



# 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)

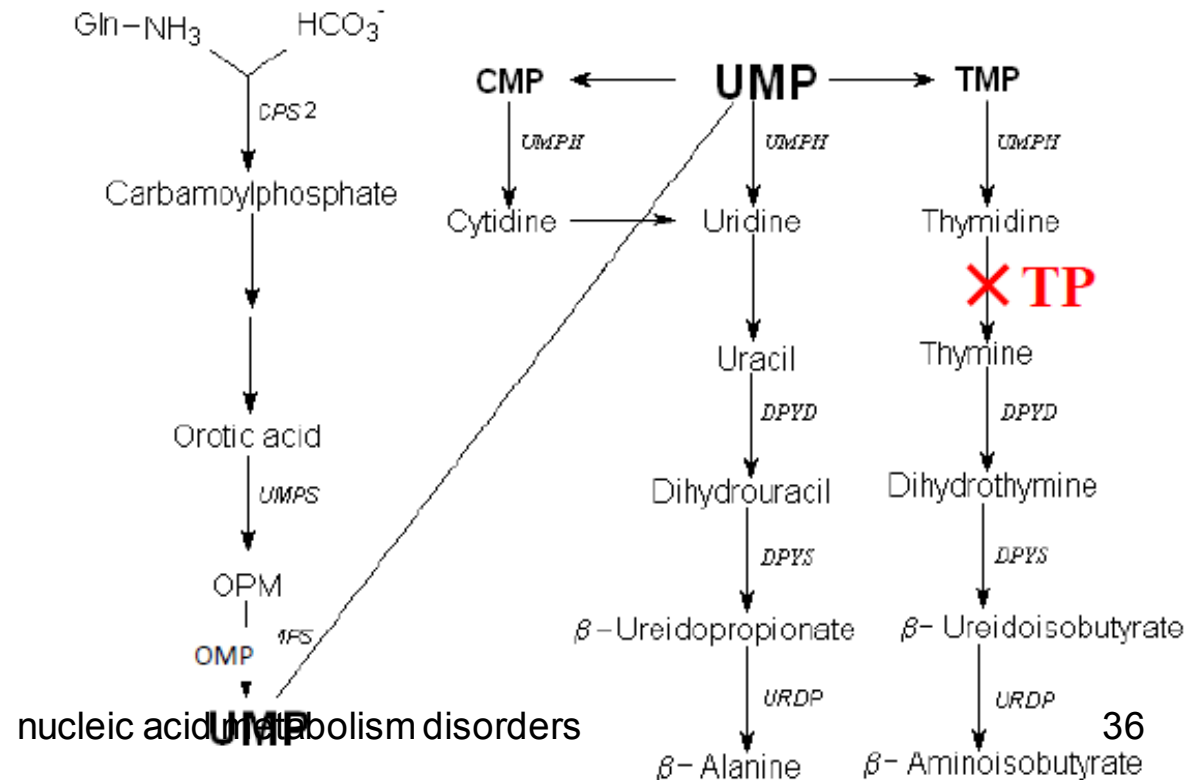
Dihydropyrimidinase (DHP) is the second enzyme in the catabolism of 5-fluorouracil (5FU), and it has been suggested that patients with a deficiency of this enzyme are at risk from developing severe 5FU-associated toxicity.

## Inherited metabolic disorder of pyrimidine metabolism

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

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.

## Thymidine phosphorylase deficiency



## Inherited metabolic disorder of pyrimidine metabolism

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

### **Mitochondrial neurogastrointestinal encephalopathy syndrome (MNGIE)**

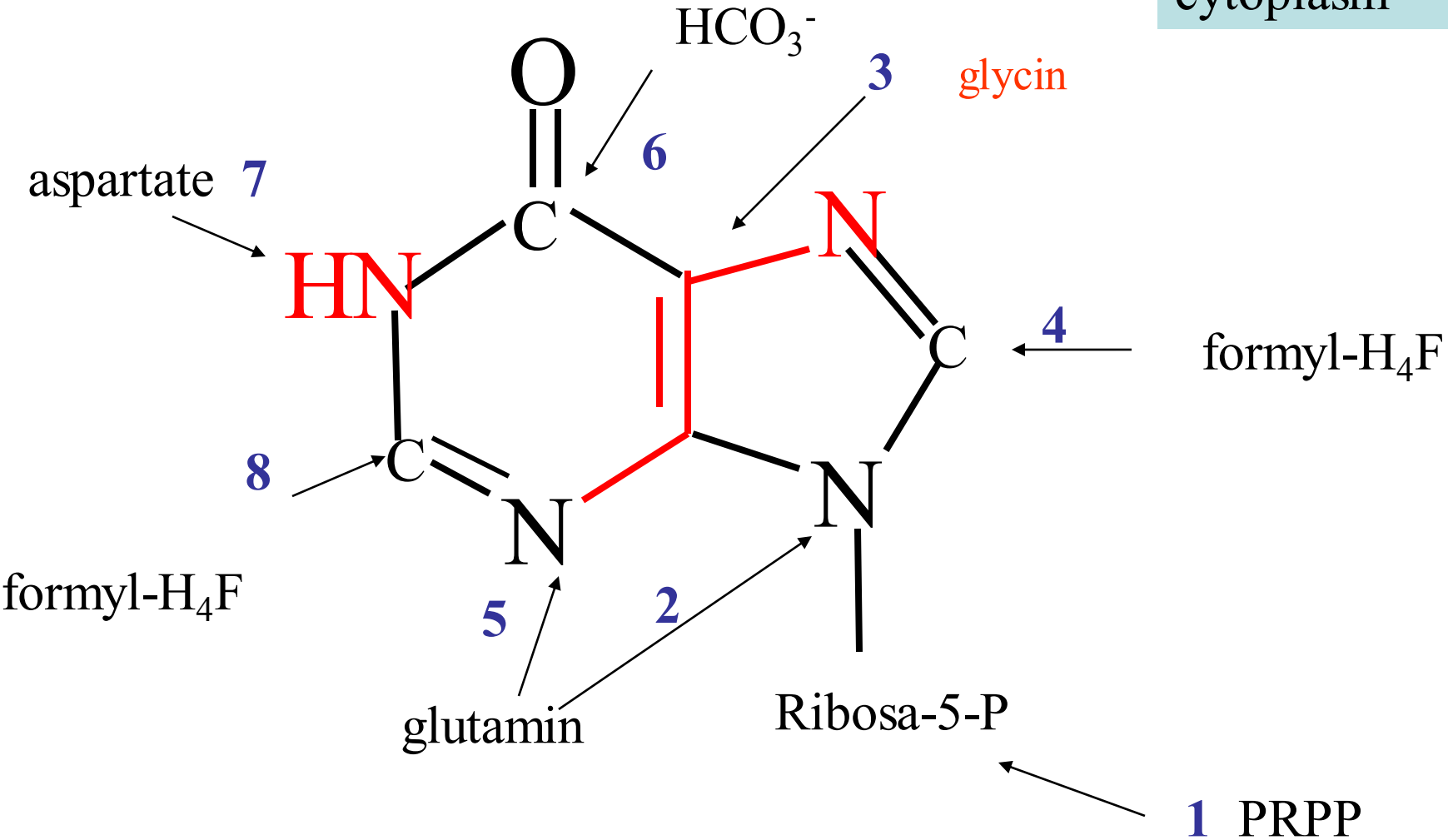
- Mitochondrial DNA depletion syndrome
- Start in 1st to 5th decade (60% patients before 20 y)
- Progressive GIT dysmotility (vomiting, dysphagia, reflux, diarrhoea/obstipation)
- Progressive cachexia
- Neurological abnormalities-demyelination of peripheral nerves, paresthesias, hypacusis, ptosis
- leukoencephalopathy

# Biosynthesis of purins

(multienzym complex)

liver

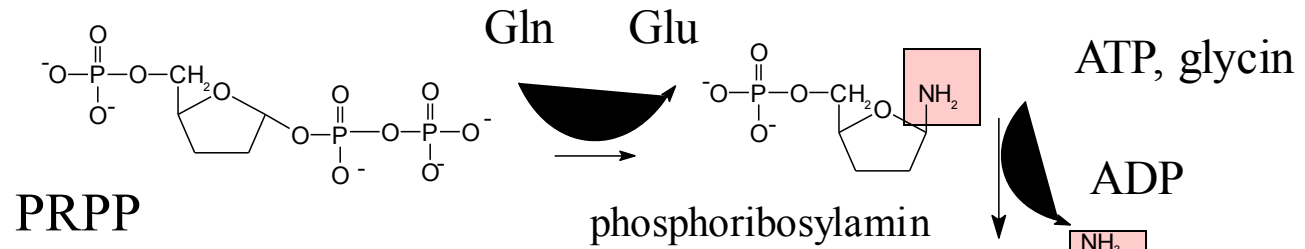
cytoplasm



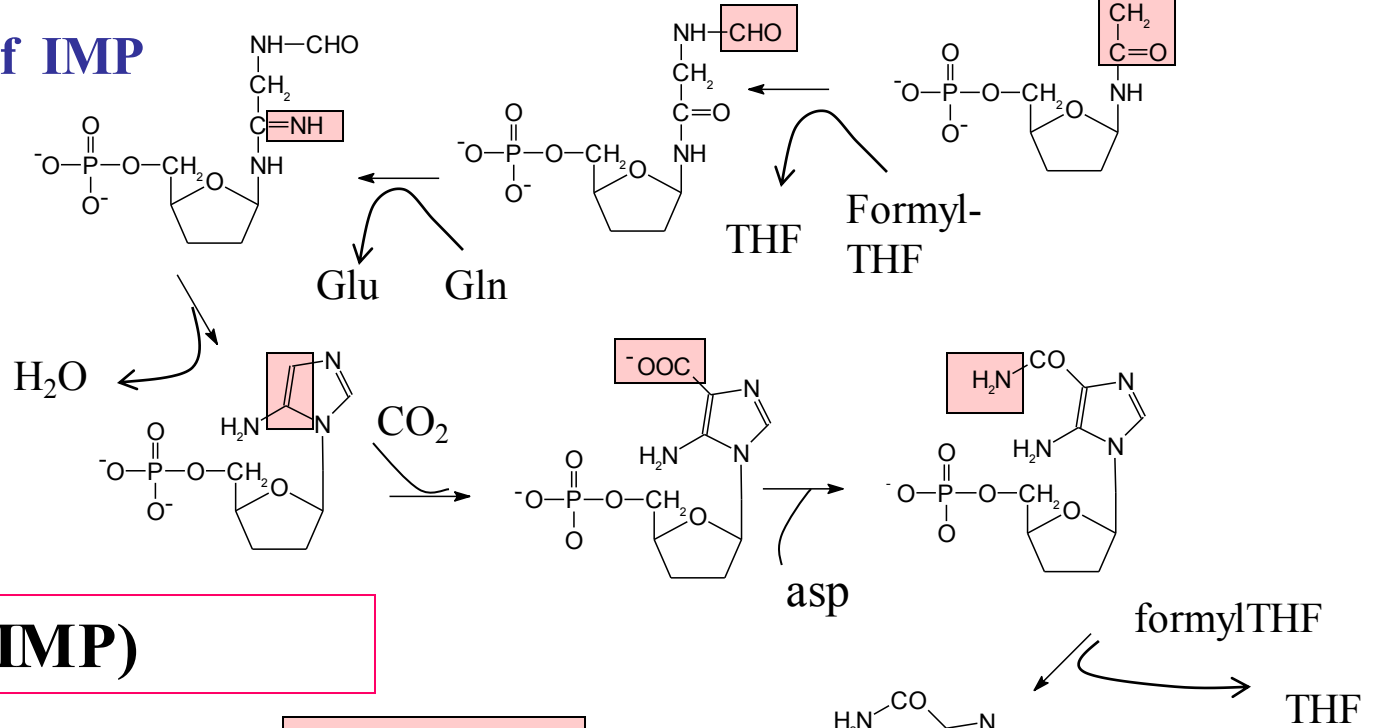
**Inosin-5-P (IMP)**

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# Biosynthesis of purins

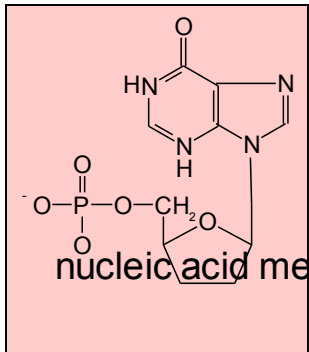


# Biosynthesis of IMP



# Inosin-5-P (IMP)

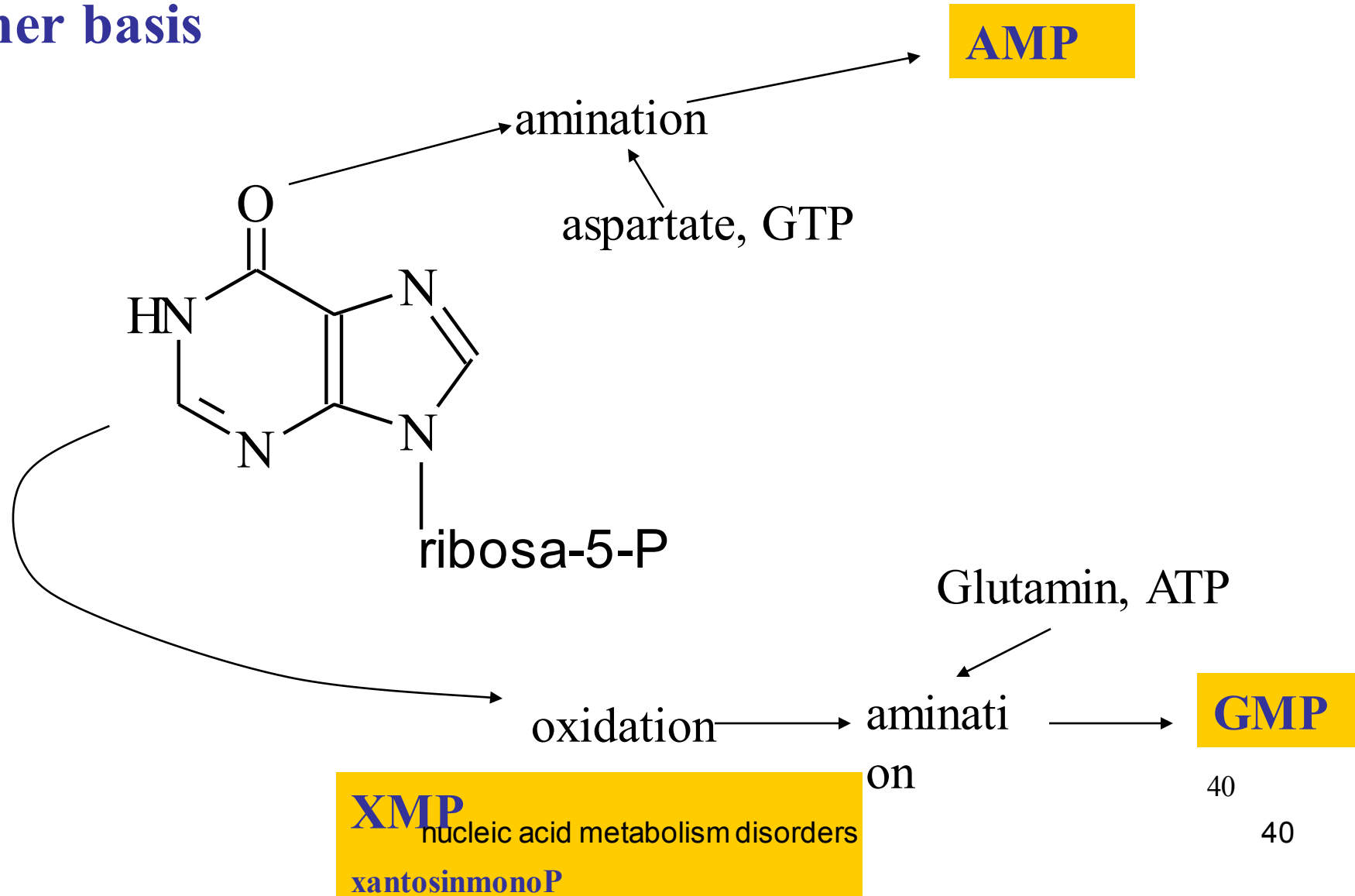
**inosinmonophosphate**



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# Biosynthesis of purins

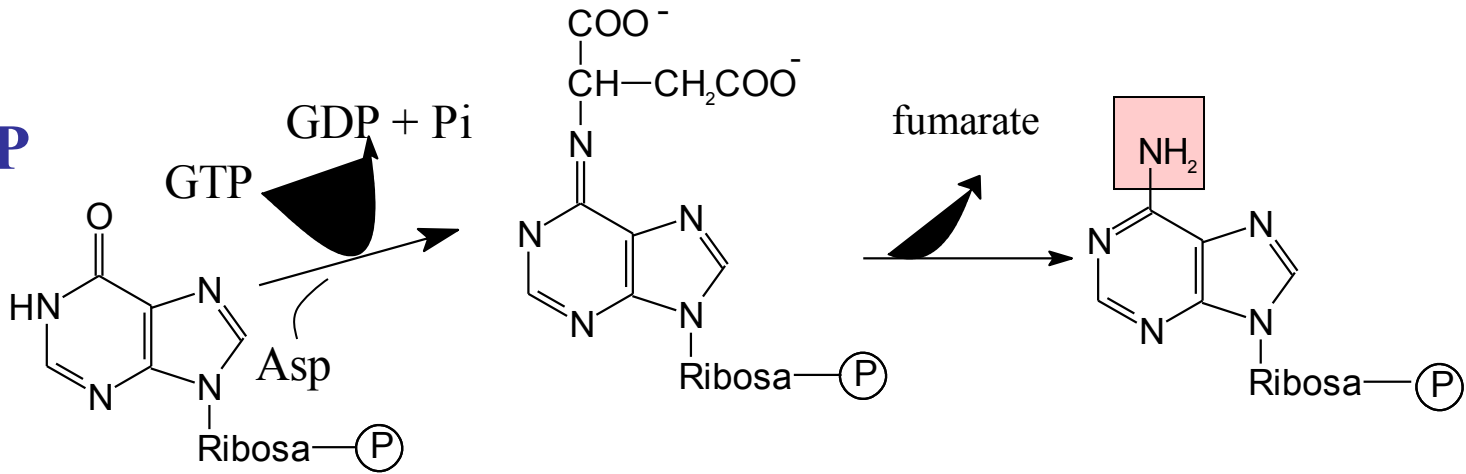
## Inosin-5-P (IMP)-Initial substance for synthesis of other basis



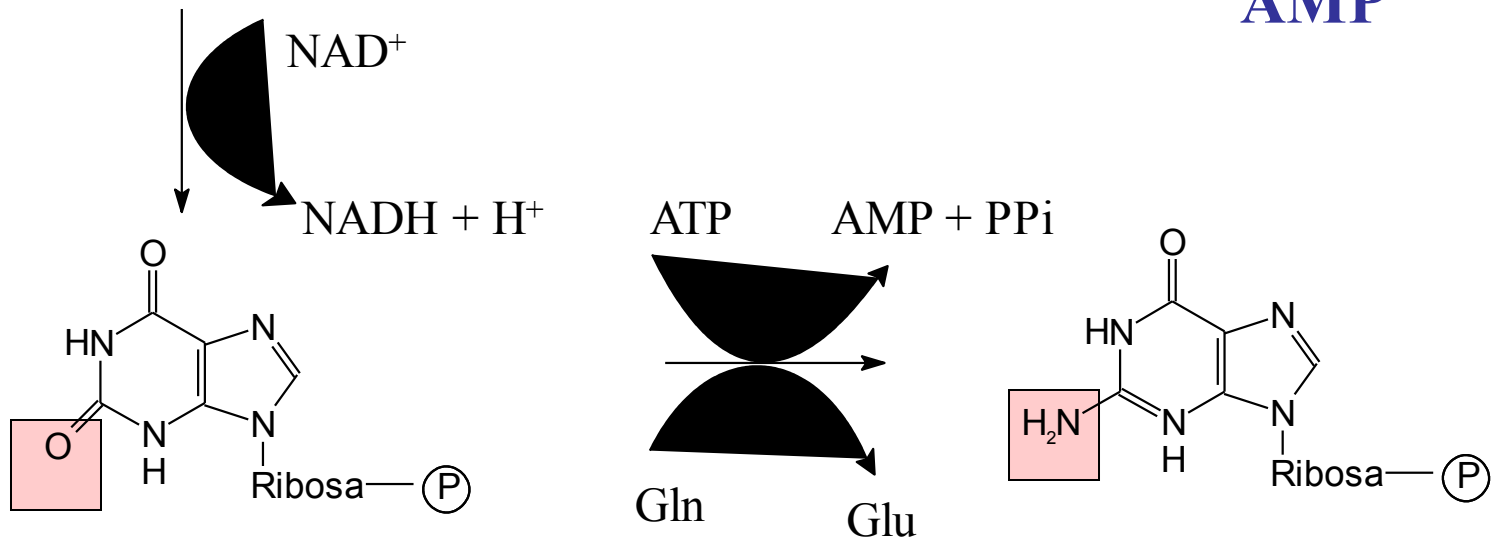


# Synthesis of AMP and GMP

**IMP**



**AMP**



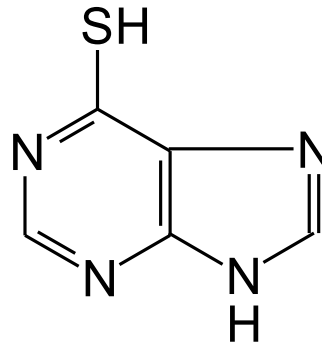
**XMP**

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**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

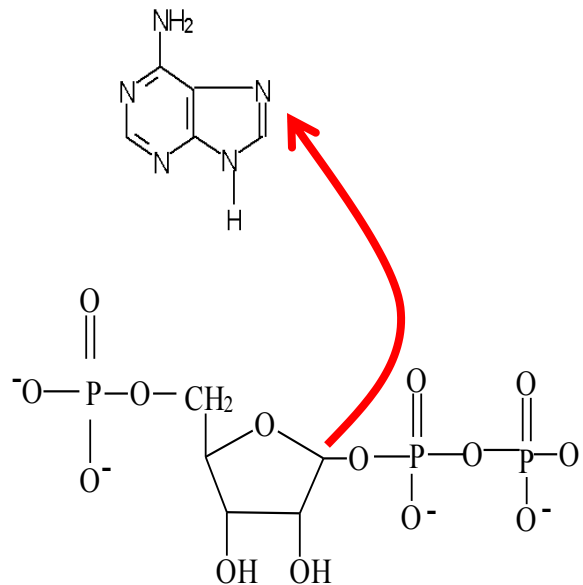
Extrahepatal tissue

phosphoribosyltransferase



Recyclation of purins

phosphoribosyltransferase

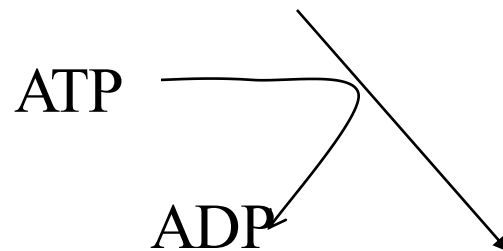
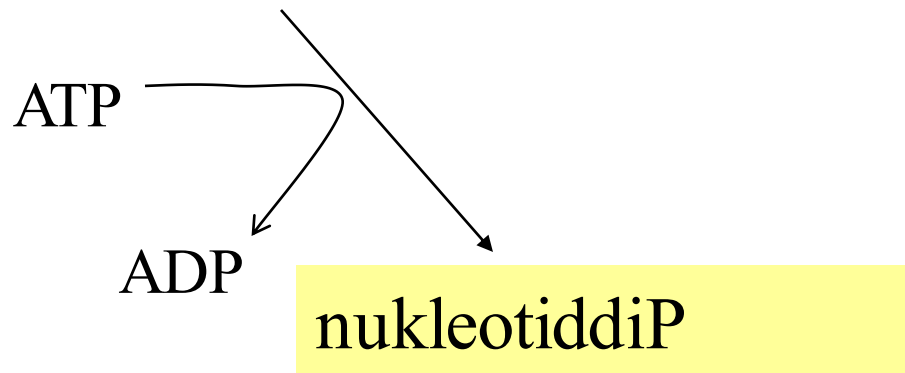


AMP

adeninphosphoribosyltransferase  
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# Syntesis of nukleotiddiP and triP

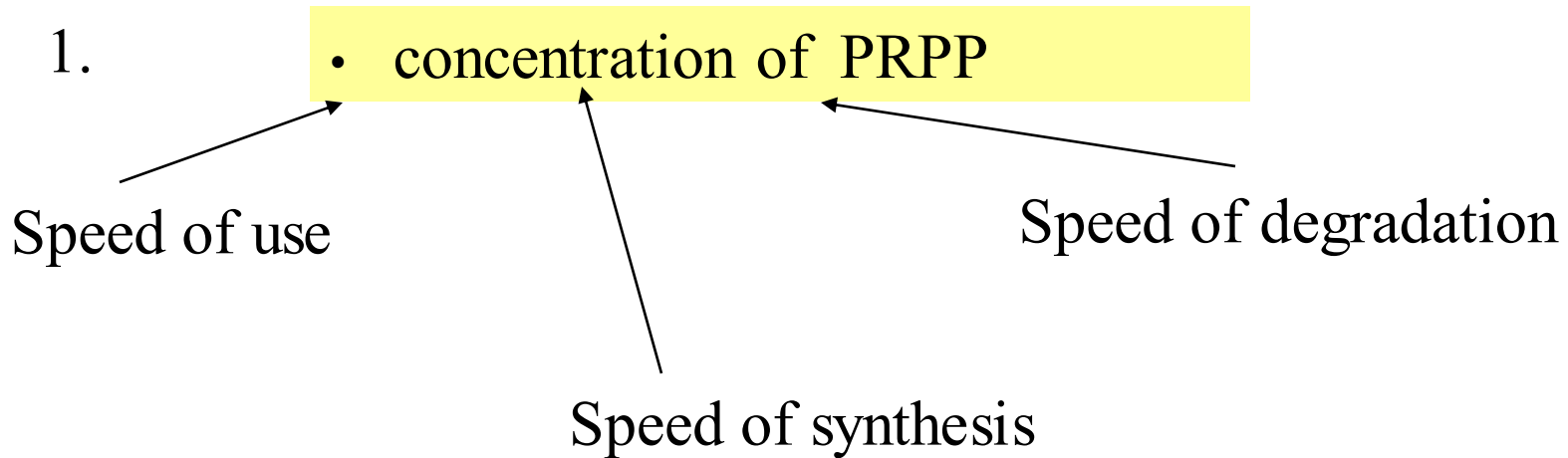
nukleosidmonoP



nukleotidtriP

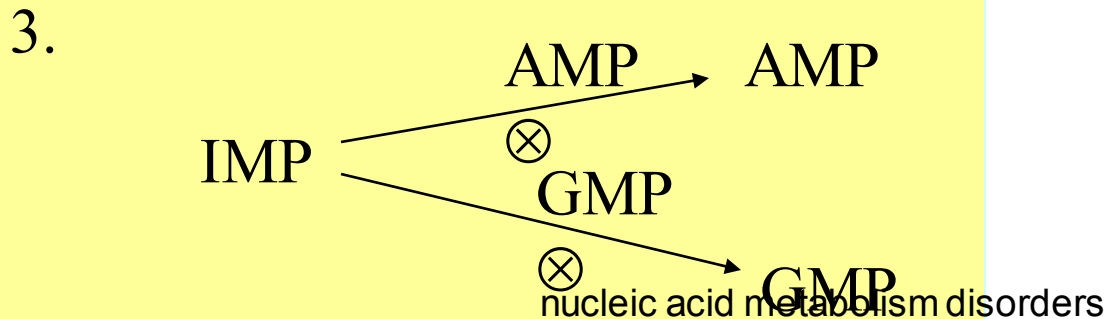
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# Regulation of biosynthesis of purins



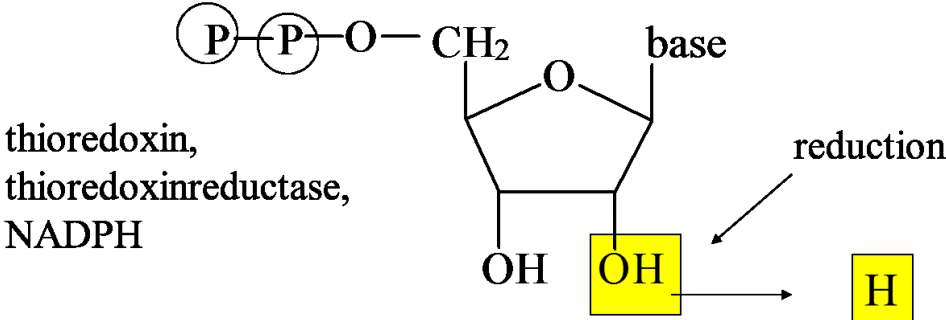
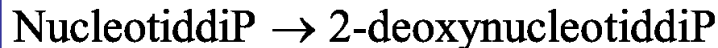
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- inhibice PRPP-glutamylamidotransferase by AMP and GMP (end products)



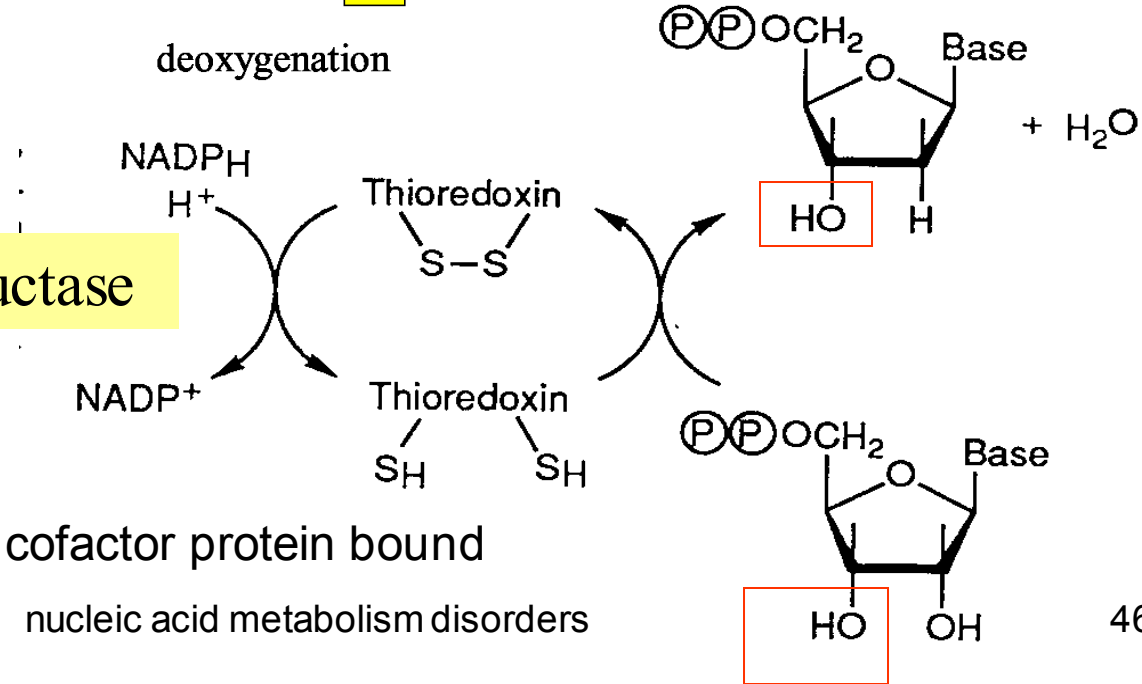
# Nucleotiddiphosphate → deoxynucleotiddiphosphate

## 2-deoxyribonucleotides



### Thioredoxinreductase - Se

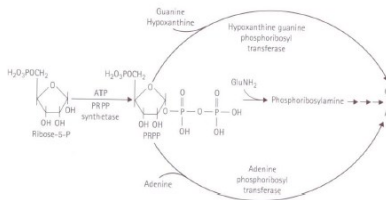
ribonucleotidreductase



# Inherited metabolic disorder of pyrimidine/purine metabolism

## • 4. PPRP synthase super activity

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]). S.M., at 14 years-of-age.

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

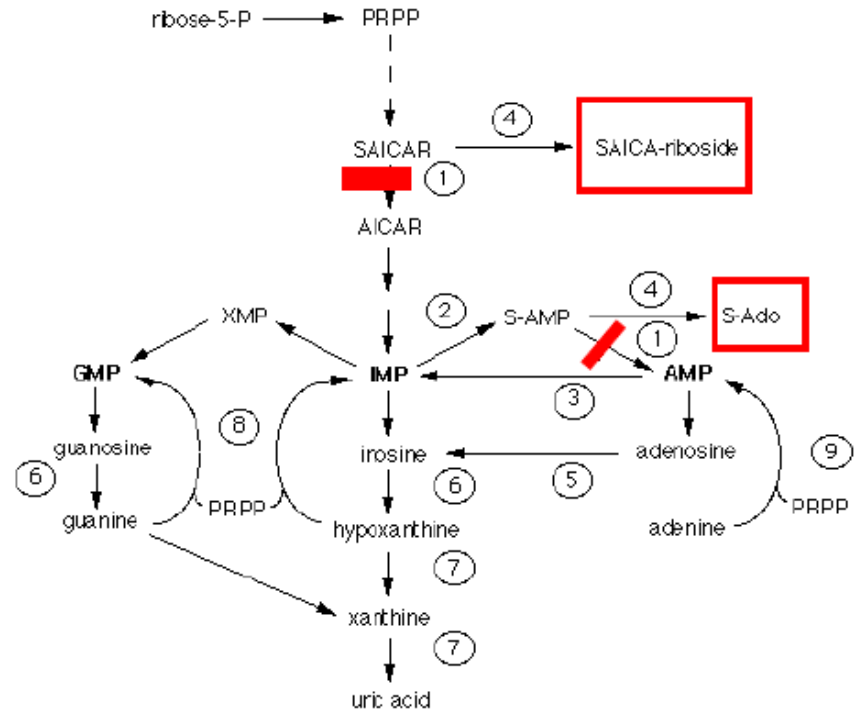
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# Inherited metabolic disorder of purine metabolism

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

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- Treatment unknown

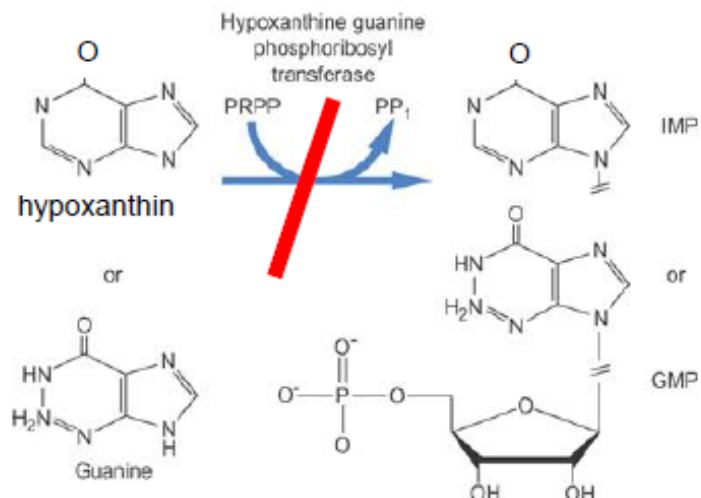
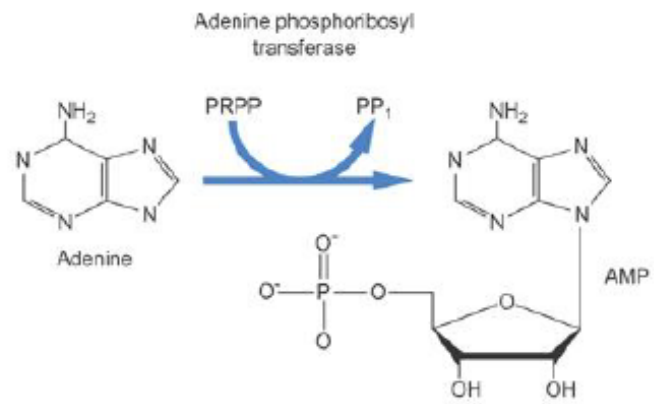


# Inherited metabolic disorder of purine metabolism

- 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.

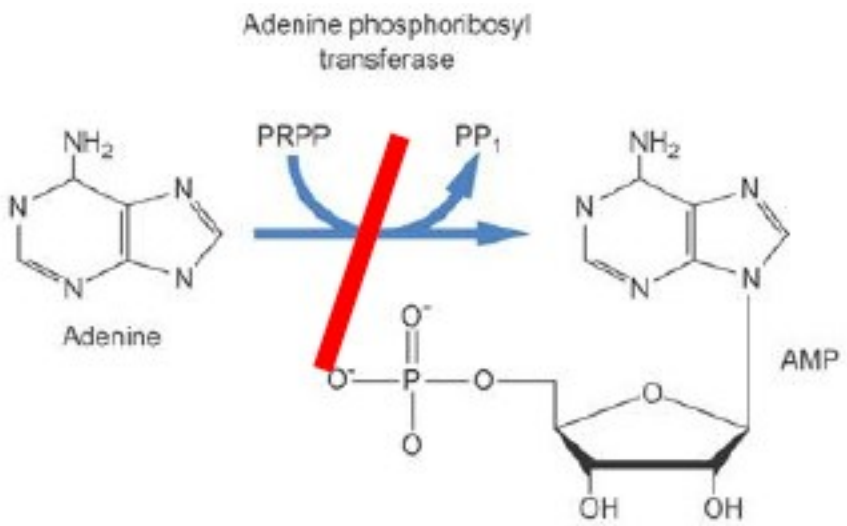


Figure 65.5 J.J., a 14-year-old boy, illustrating an extreme degree of mutilation around the face.

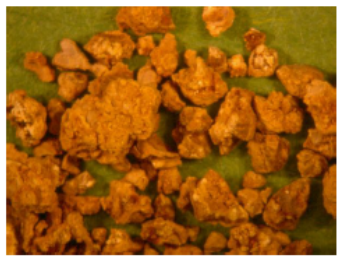
# Inherited metabolic disorder of purine metabolism

- **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 66.2 An 18-month-old with APRT deficiency who began passing stones at birth. At last report he was a young, fit 24-year-old. (Illustration was kindly provided by Dr. N. Anne Simmons of the United Medical and Dental Schools, University of London.)

William N Nyhan, Bruce A Barshop, Pinar T Ozand (eds). Atlas of metabolic diseases, 2nd edition. London: Hodder Arnold, 2005

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

# Degradation of purines

liver

Cleavage of P

AMP, GMP,  
IMP, XMP

*5-nucleotidase*

→ guanosin, inosin,  
xantosin + P<sub>i</sub>      Adenosin + P<sub>i</sub>

*nukleosidphosphorylase*

*adenosindeaminase*

guanin,  
hypoxantin,  
xantin  
+ riboso-1-P

*nukleosidphosphorylase*      inosin

# 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).

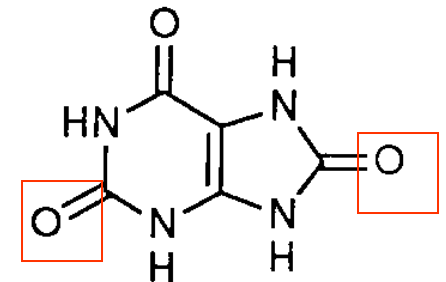
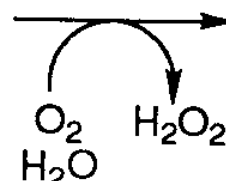
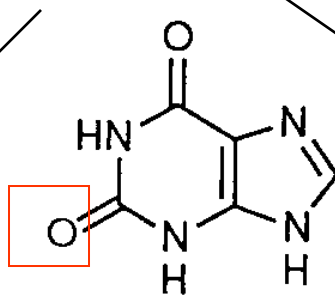
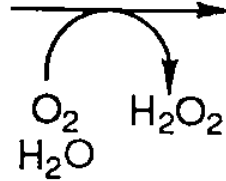
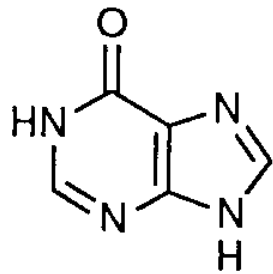
## ADA – adenosine deaminase deficiency

- 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
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# Degradation of purins

Inhibition by allopurinolem

**xanthinoxidase**



hypoxantin

**xantin**

Uric acids

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

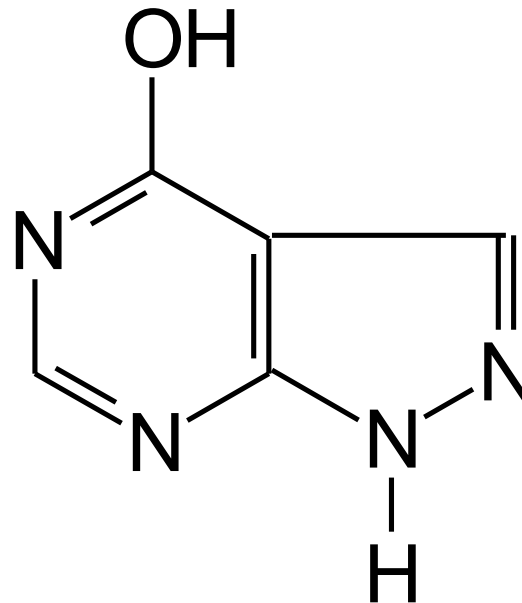
guanin

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

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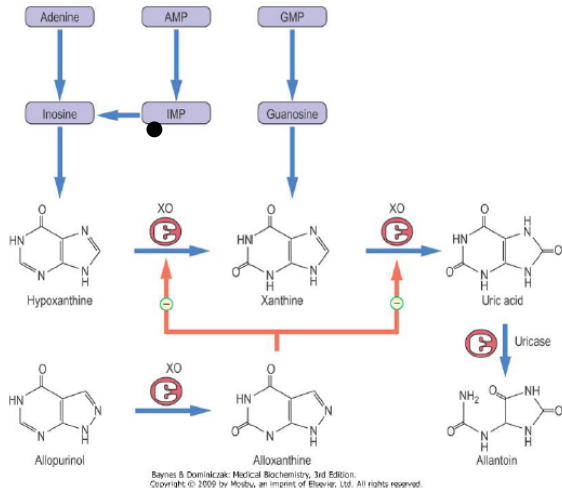
**Allopurinol** (structural analog of hypoxanthine ) is converted to the xanthine oxypurinol (= alloxanthin ), which binds tightly to the enzyme and prevents its further catalytic activity. Allopurinol is the " suicide " inhibitor of xanthine oxidase , reduces the concentration of uric acid in the blood 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 .



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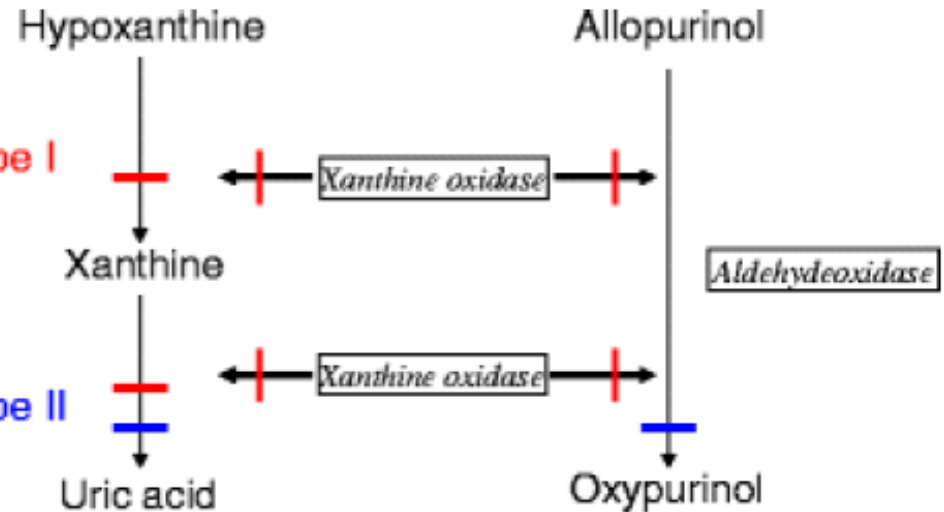
## • 4. Xanthinuria

lack of enzyme, xanthine oxidase



Xanthinuria type I

Xanthinuria type II



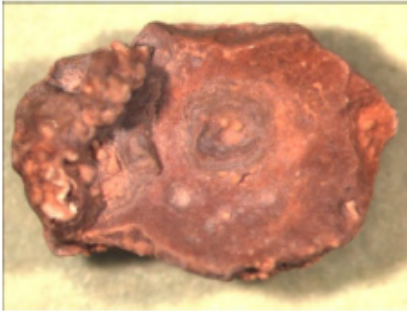
*Arikyants N. et al. Pediatr Nephrol 2007*

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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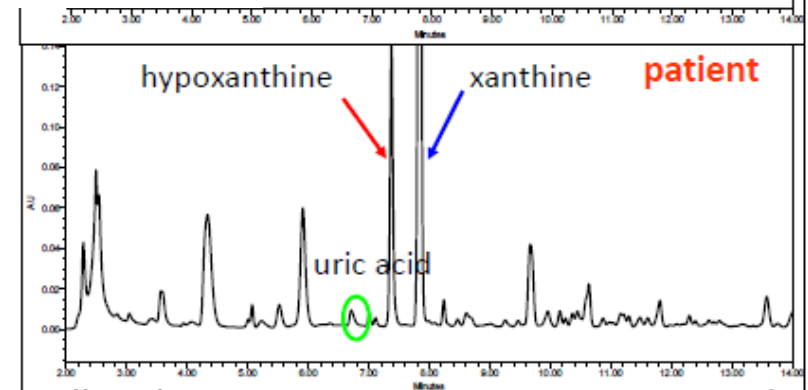
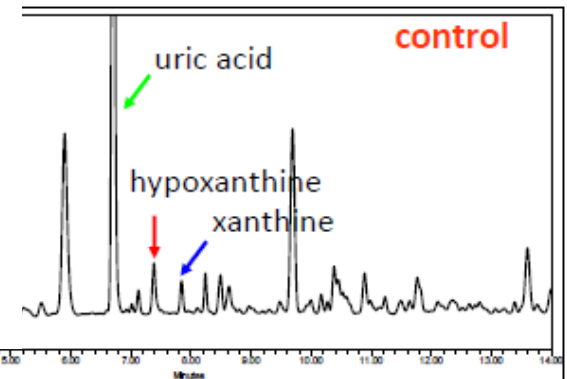
# Xanthinuria



- 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>



# Inherited metabolic disorder of purine metabolism

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

## 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

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# Gout

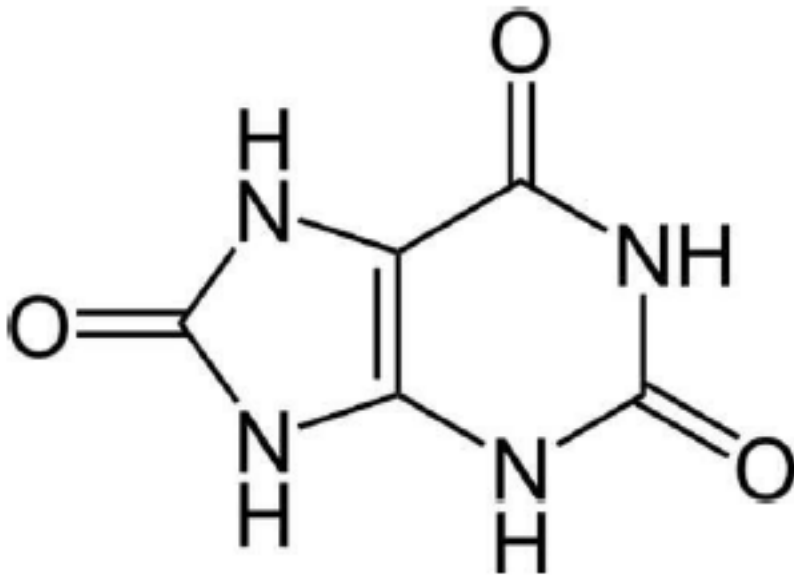
- **Impaired excretion or overproduction of uric acid**
- Uric acid crystals precipitate into joints (Gouty Arthritis), kidneys, ureters (stones)
- Lead impairs uric acid excretion – lead poisoning from pewter drinking goblets
  - Fall of Roman Empire?
- **Xanthine oxidase** inhibitors inhibit production 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 <sup>a</sup>	enzyme deficiency	hyperuricemia
Gout	glucose-6-phosphatase	glucose nucleic acid metabolism disorders enzyme deficiency	hyperuricemia



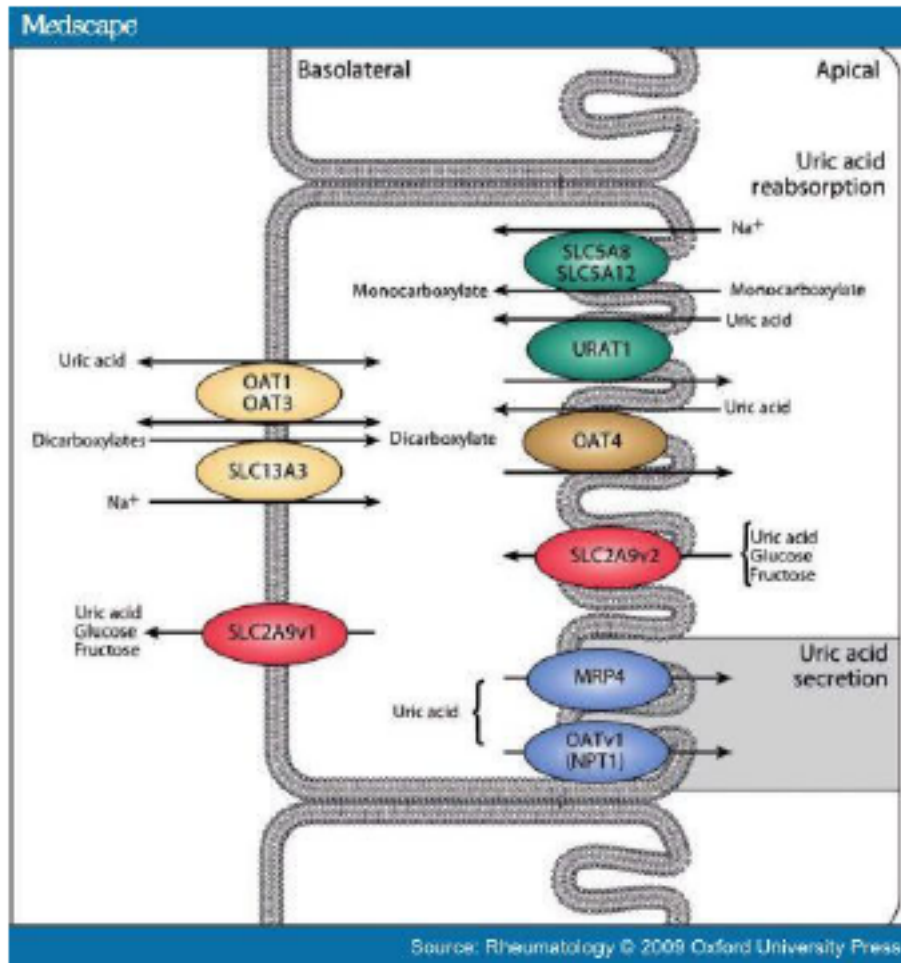
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# Uric acid



- 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.<sup>[1][2]</sup> 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.<sup>[2]</sup> In humans, the upper end of the normal range is 360  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  (6 mg/dL) for women and 400  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  (6.8 mg/dL) for men.



# Inherited metabolic disorders of purine metabolism

Lesch-Nyhan syndrome	HGPRT	lack of enzyme	see above
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## 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**,<sup>[1]</sup> 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.<sup>[2]</sup> 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.<sup>[3]</sup> 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 <sup>a</sup>	enzyme deficiency	hyperuricemia
Gout	glucose-6-phosphatase	enzyme deficiency	hyperuricemia
Lesch-Nyhan syndrome	HGPRT	lack of enzyme	see above
SCID	ADA <sup>b</sup>	lack of enzyme	see above
Immunodeficiency	PNP <sup>c</sup>	lack of enzyme	see above
Renal lithiasis	APRT <sup>d</sup>	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

<sup>a</sup> hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyltransferase

<sup>b</sup> adenosine deaminase

<sup>c</sup> purine nucleotide phosphorylase

<sup>d</sup> adenosine phosphoribosyltransferase