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Nucleic Acid metabolism

Click on any blue rectangle to see details.
Formation of PRPP: Phosphoribose pyrophosphate

PRPP Use in Purine Biosynthesis:
The First Purine: Inosine Monophosphate
(folates are involved in this synthesis)

Conversion to Adenosine:

Conversion to Guanosine:
Nucleoside Monophosphate Kinases

AMP + ATP  \(\rightleftharpoons\)  2ADP  \hspace{1cm} \text{(adenylate kinase)}

GMP + ATP  \(\rightleftharpoons\)  GDP + ADP  \hspace{1cm} \text{(guanylate kinase)}

• similar enzymes specific for each nucleotide
• no specificity for ribonucleotide vs. deoxyribonucleotide
Ribonucleotide Reductase

Hydroxyurea inhibits this enzyme: chemotherapeutic use

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\[ \text{HONH}^- \text{C}\text{NH}_2 \]
Regulation of Ribonucleotide Reductase
Nucleoside Diphosphate Kinase

\[ \text{N}_1\text{DP} + \text{N}_2\text{TP} \leftrightarrow \text{N}_1\text{TP} + \text{N}_2\text{DP} \]

\[ \text{dN}_1\text{DP} + \text{N}_2\text{TP} \leftrightarrow \text{dN}_1\text{TP} + \text{N}_2\text{DP} \]

- No specificity for base
- No specificity for ribo vs deoxy
Feed-forward regulation by PRPP

PRPP

↓

IMP

ATP  GTP

GMP  AMP

↓↓

GTP  ATP
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Degradation of the Purine Nucleosides:
“Salvage” Pathways for Purine Nucleotides

Hypoxanthine + Hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl transferase → Inosine monophosphate + PP\textsubscript{i}

APRT - Adenine phosphoribosyl transferase - performs a similar function with adenine.
Adenosine Deaminase Deficiency:

- Deoxyadenosine
- dAMP
- dADP
- dATP
Hyperuricemia can be caused by:

Accelerated degradation of purines:

- Accelerated synthesis of purines
- Increased dietary intake of purines

Impaired renal clearance of uric acid

Allopurinol inhibits xanthine oxidase and reduces blood uric acid levels:

Gout: deposition of urate crystals in joints, “tophi” in cooler periphery
The hands of a patient with a long history of gout, including high serum urate levels
Lesch-Nyhan Syndrome: Defective HGPRT

- hyperuricemia
- spasticity
- mental retardation
- self-mutilation behavior

A defect in APRT does NOT have similar consequences
Myoadenylate Deaminase ‘Fills’ the TCA Cycle in Muscle
Carbamoyl phosphate synthetase II - a cytoplasmic enzyme...

$$2\text{ATP} + \text{HCO}_3^- + \text{glutamine} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{NH}_2\text{C} = \text{O}\text{O}_2^- + \text{glutamate} + 2\text{ADP} + \text{P}_i$$

carbamoyl phosphate

...used for pyrimidine synthesis

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\begin{align*}
\text{carbamoyl phosphate} & \quad + \quad \text{aspartate} \\
\text{orotate}
\end{align*}
\]
Orotate is linked to PRPP to form Uridine monophosphate:
Newly-synthesized uridine monophosphate will be phosphorylated to UDP and UTP, as described for the purine nucleotides.

UTP can be converted to CTP by CTP Synthetase:
Some UDP is converted to dUDP via ribonucleotide reductase.

The Thymidylate Synthase Reaction:
Methotrexate Inhibits Dihydrofolate Reductase:

Dihydrofolate builds up, levels of THF become limiting, thymidylate synthase is unable to proceed. Follow it with a dose of Leucovorin, a.k.a. formyl-THF.
FdUMP Inhibits The Thymidylate Synthase Reaction:

5-fluorodeoxyuridine monophosphate (FdUMP)

Thymidylate synthase

5,10-methylene tetrahydrofolate

Dihydrofolate

DHFR

NADH

NAD+
Complicated Pathways for Pyrimidine Production:

This figure is primarily a study aid; you do not need to memorize it or reproduce it. The information here merely summarizes material from previous sections.
Pathologies of pyrimidine nucleotide biosynthesis:

Orotic acidurea due to OTC deficiency - please review your Urea Cycle notes.

Hereditary orotic acidurea - deficiency of the enzyme that convert orotate to OMP to UMP. Not common.
Pyrimidine degradation:

Cytidine deaminase converts cytidine to uridine

A phosphorylase removes the sugar

Degradation of the base proceeds (products are unimportant here)
Pyrimidines can be salvaged as well:

Enzyme: Pyrimidine nucleoside phosphorylases
Thymine + deoxyribose-1-phosphate  --> thymidine
(NOT thymidine monophosphate!)

Enzyme: Thymidine kinase - adds the monophosphate back
Thymidine + ATP --> thymidine monophosphate

Herpes Simplex Virus carries its own tk gene
Certain drugs act via the pyrimidine salvage pathway:

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\text{Acyclovir} \xrightarrow{\text{HSV thymidine kinase}} \text{AcycloGMP}
\]

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\text{5-fluorouracil} + \text{deoxyribose-1-phosphate} \xrightarrow{\text{pyrimidine phosphorylase}} \text{fluorodeoxyuridine} \xrightarrow{\text{uridine kinase}} \text{fluorodeoxyuridine monophosphate (FdUMP)}
\]
5-FU efficacy depends on rate of degradation vs activation

Deoxyuridine-1-phosphate → fluorodeoxyuridine → fluorodeoxyuridine monophosphate (FdUMP)

$\text{5-FU} \rightarrow \text{FdUMP}$

$+\text{methylene-THF} + \text{Thymidylate Synthase}$

$\rightarrow \text{inactivation of TS}$

Degradation
(via dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase, DPD)

DPD inhibitors can potentiate 5FU activity
Capecitabine mode of action:

Cytosine arabinoside (araC) activation and inactivation: