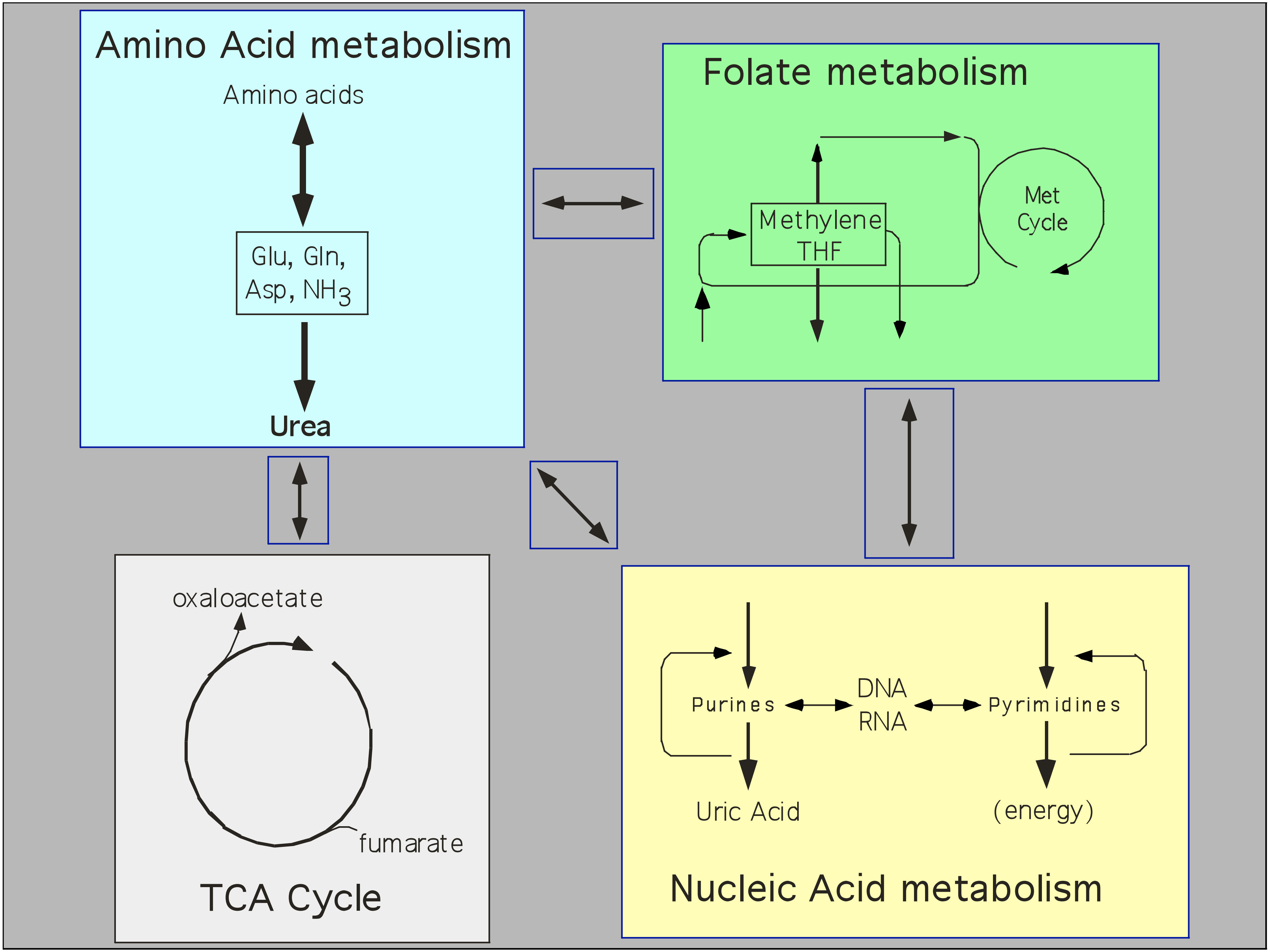

Amino Acid metabolism
Amino acids
Glu, Gln, Asp, NH_3
Urea
Folate metabolism
Methylene THF
Met Cycle
oxaloacetate
fumarate
TCA Cycle
Purines
DNA RNA
Pyrimidines
Uric Acid
(energy)
Nucleic Acid metabolism

Nucleic Acid metabolism

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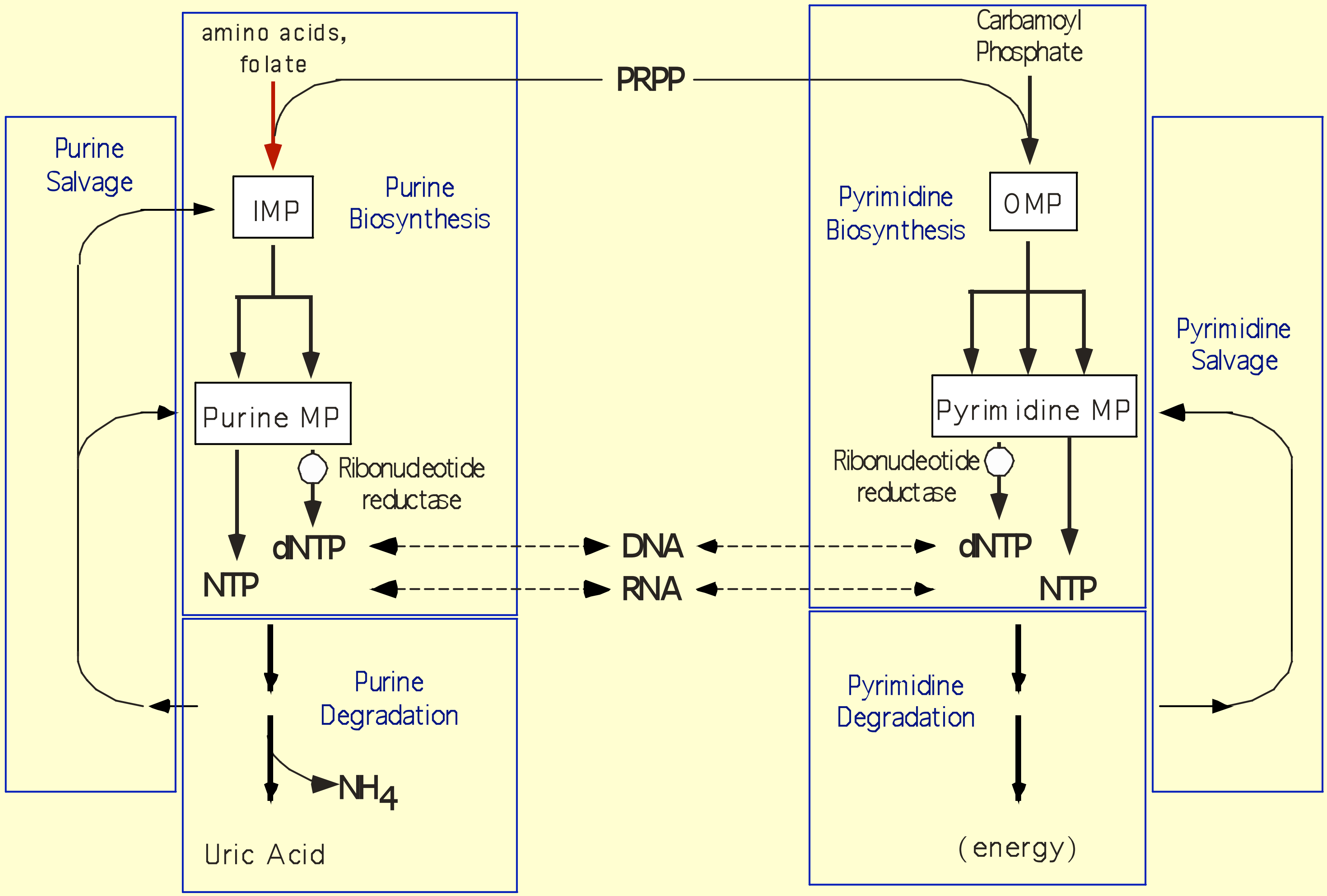
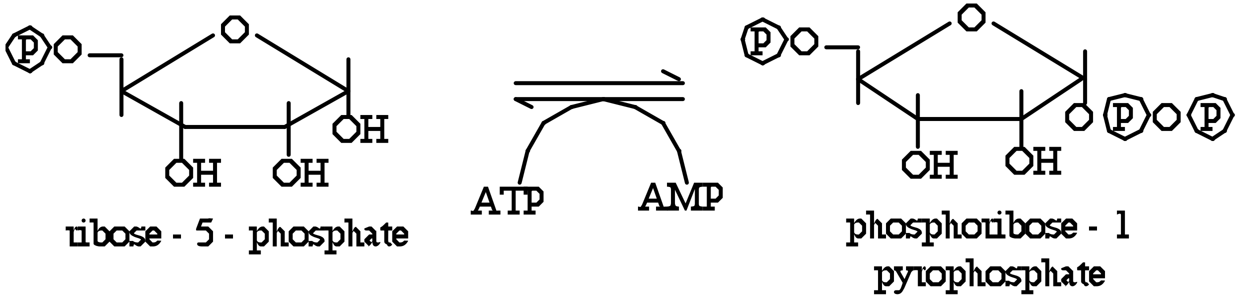
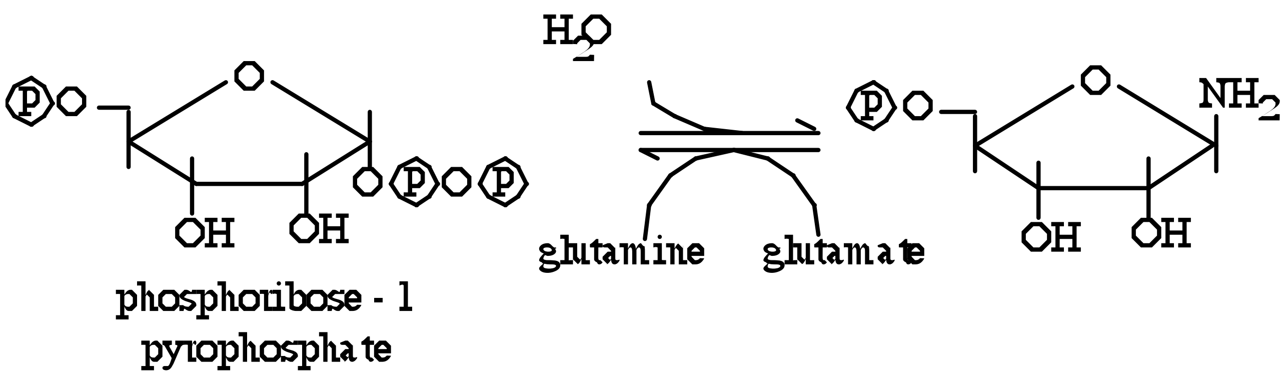


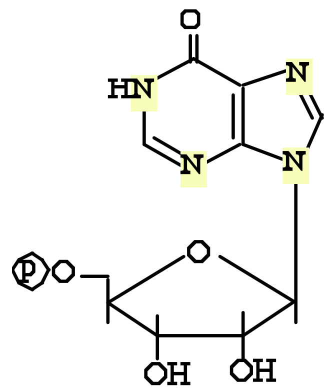
Formation of PRPP: Phosphoribose pyrophosphate



PRPP Use in Purine Biosynthesis:



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



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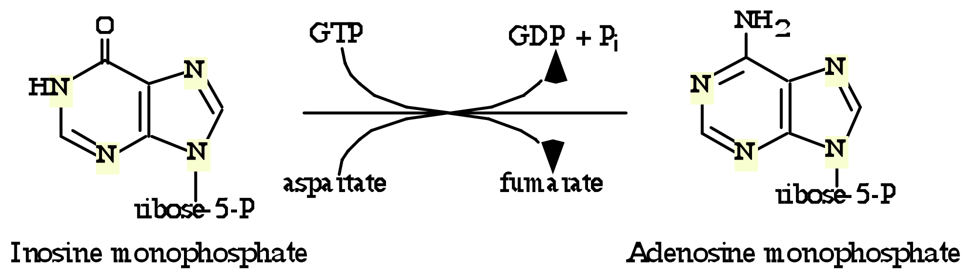

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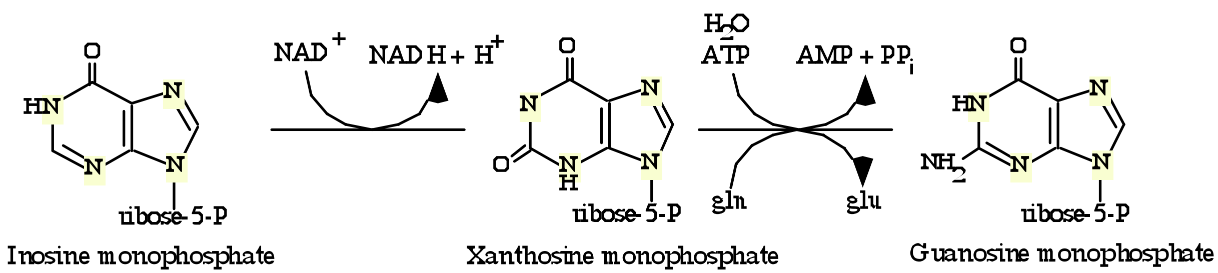


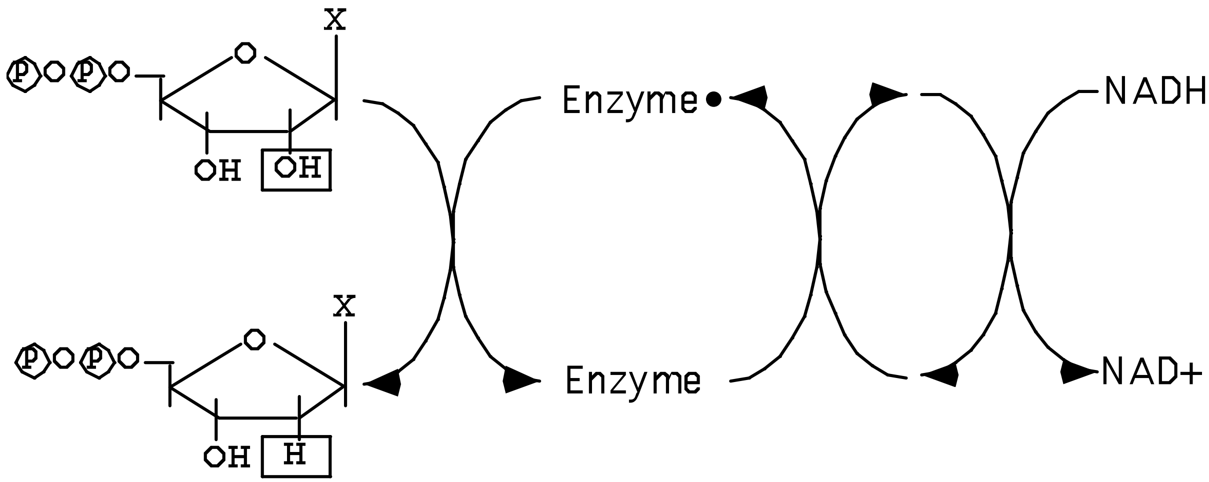
Nucleoside Monophosphate Kinases

AMP + ATP <--> 2ADP (adenylate kinase)

GMP + ATP <---> GDP + ADP (guanylate kinase)

- similar enzymes specific for each nucleotide
- no specificity for ribonucleotide vs. deoxyribonucleotide

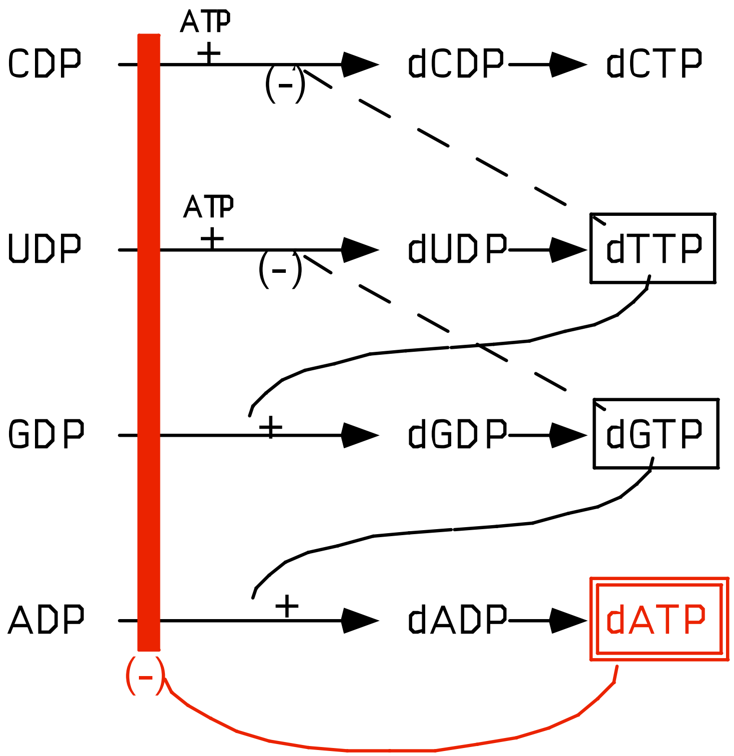
Ribonucleotide Reductase



Hydroxyurea inhibits this enzyme: chemotherapeutic use

$$HONH-\overset{\overset{\displaystyle O}{\|}}{C}-NH_2$$

Regulation of Ribonucleotide Reductase



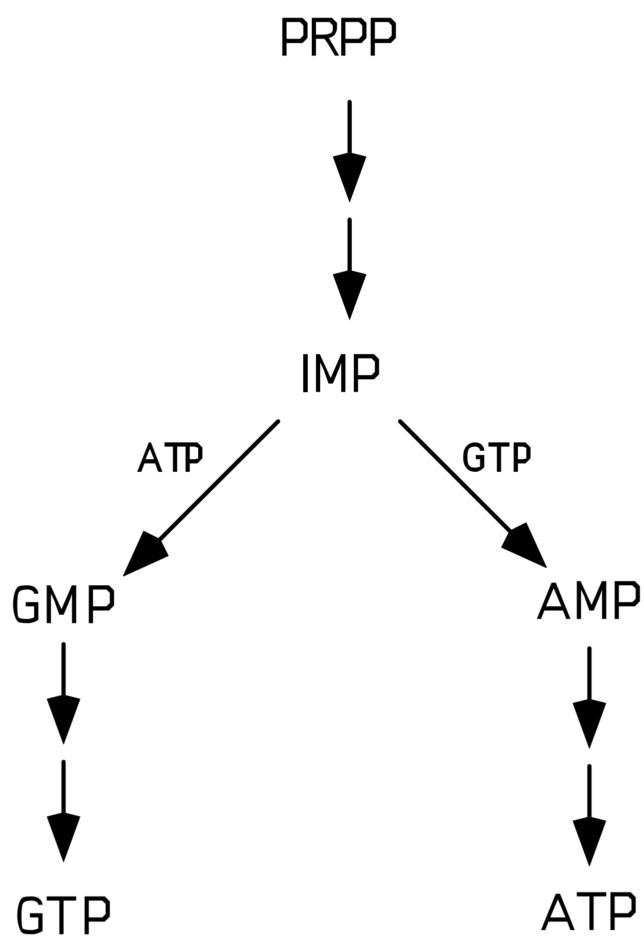
Nucleoside Diphosphate Kinase

$$N_1DP + N_2TP \leftrightarrow N_1TP + N_2DP$$

$$dN_1DP + N_2TP \leftrightarrow dN_1TP + N_2DP$$

- No specificity for base
- No specificity for ribo vs deoxy

Feed-forward regulation by PRPP



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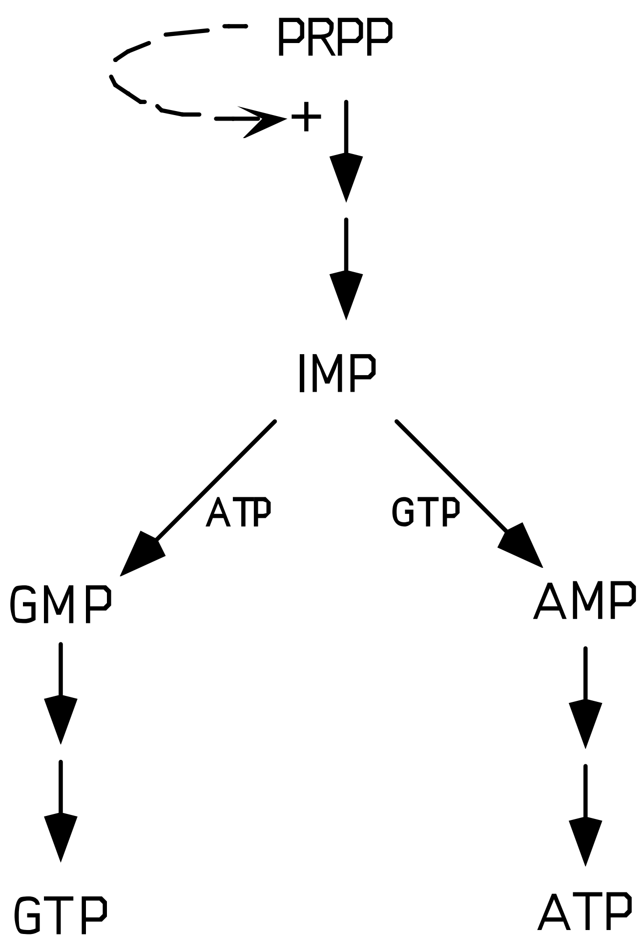

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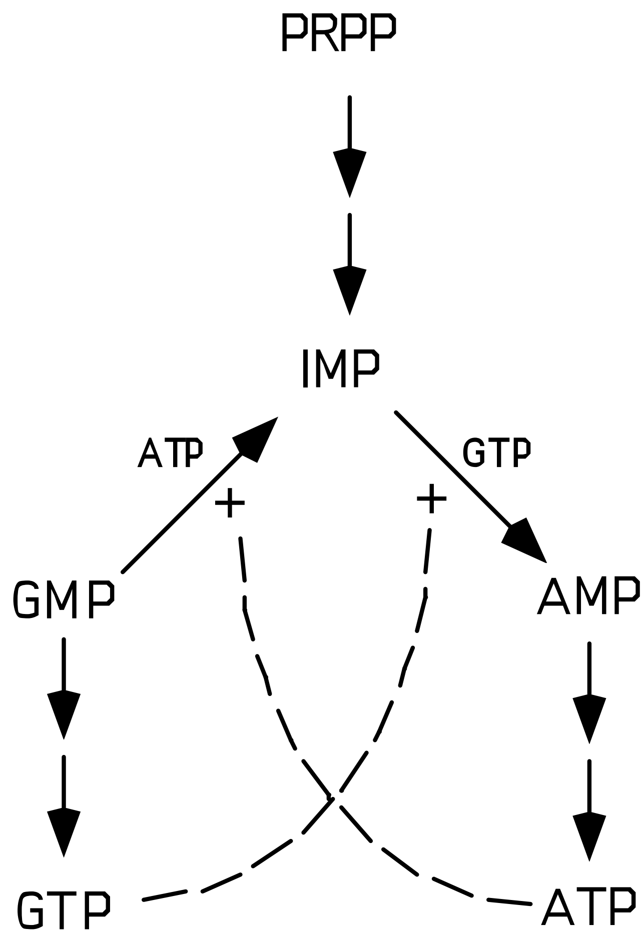

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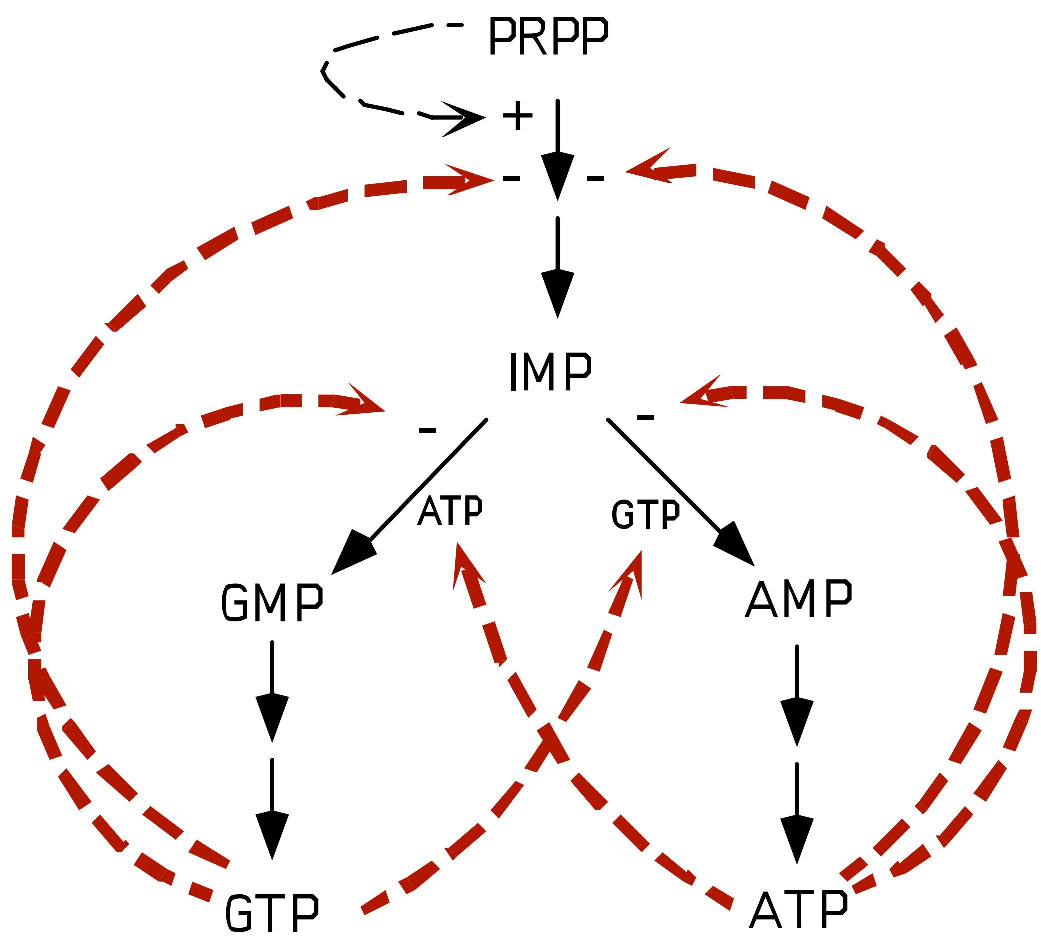
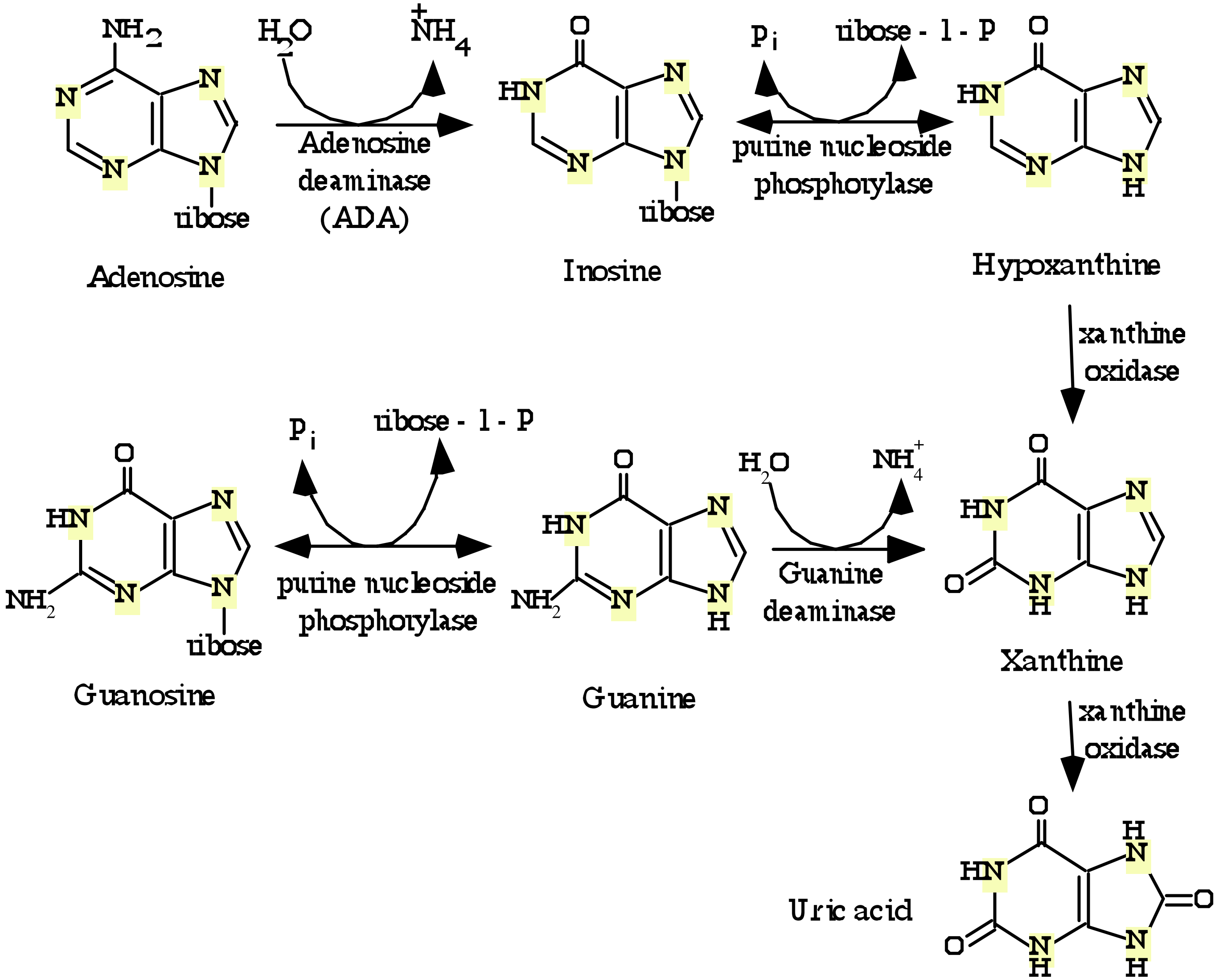
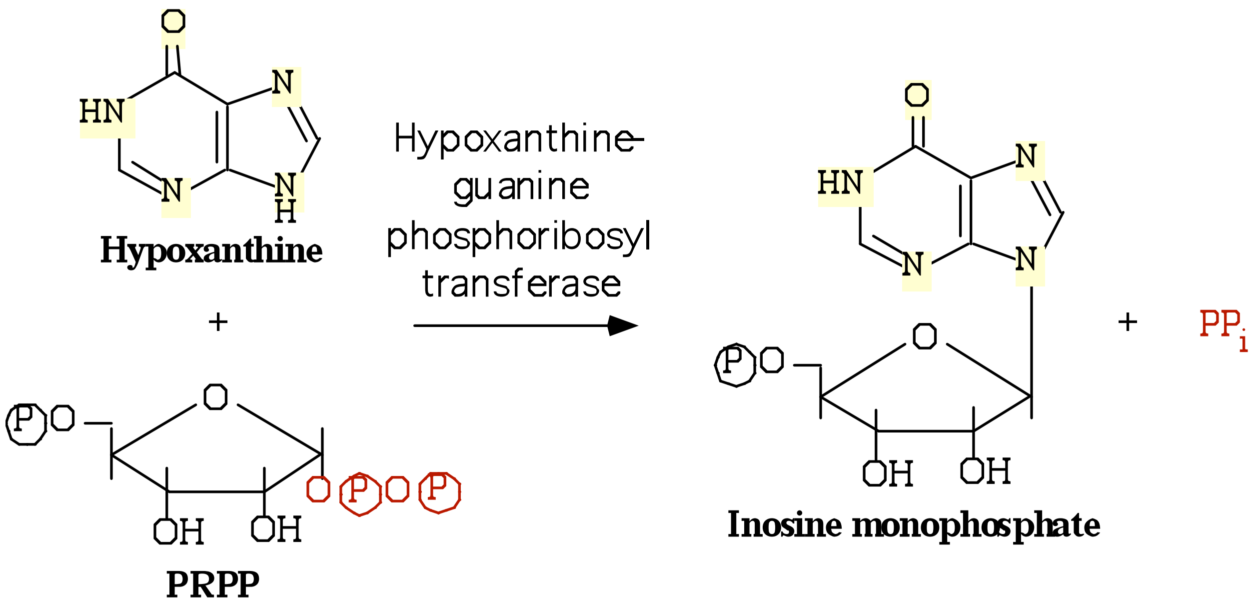


Degradation of the Purine Nucleosides:

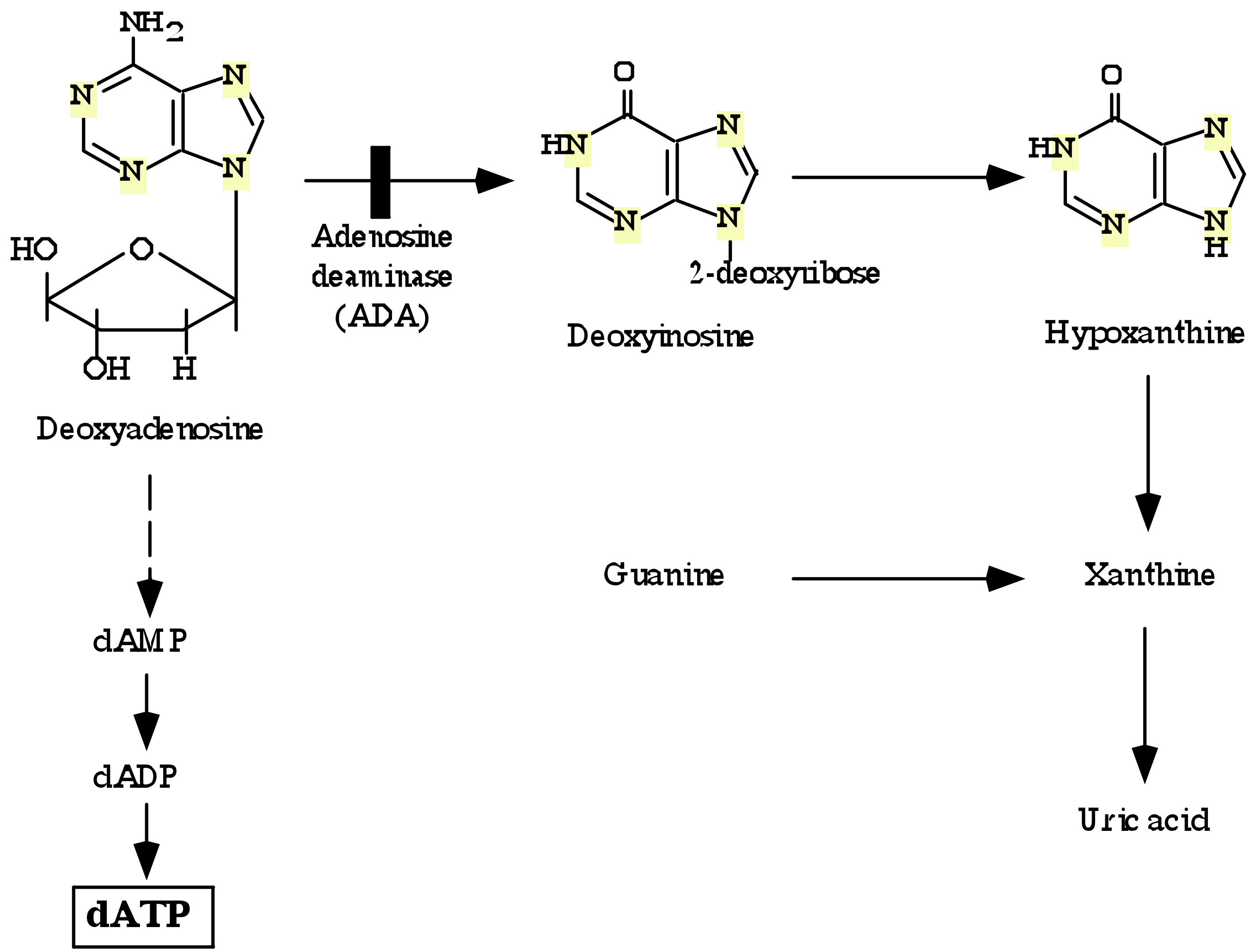


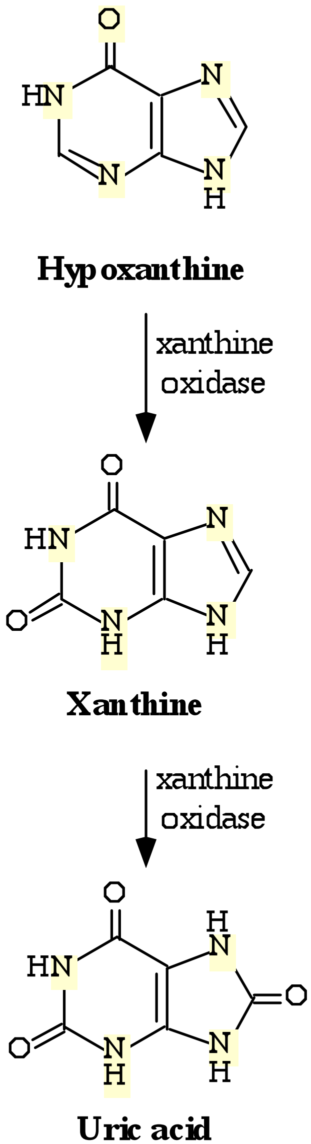
"Salvage" Pathways for Purine Nucleotides



APRT - Adenine phosphoribosyl transferase - performs a similar function with adenine.

Adenosine Deaminase Deficiency:





Gout: deposition of urate crystals in joints, “tophi” in cooler periphery

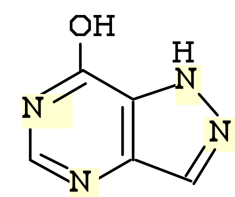
Hyperuricemia can be caused by:

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:

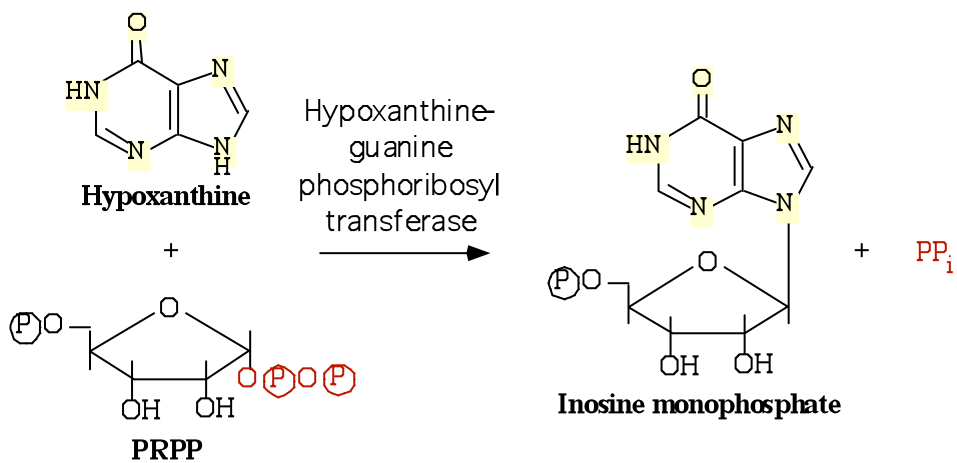


Allopurinol

The hands of a patient with a long history of gout, including high serum urate levels

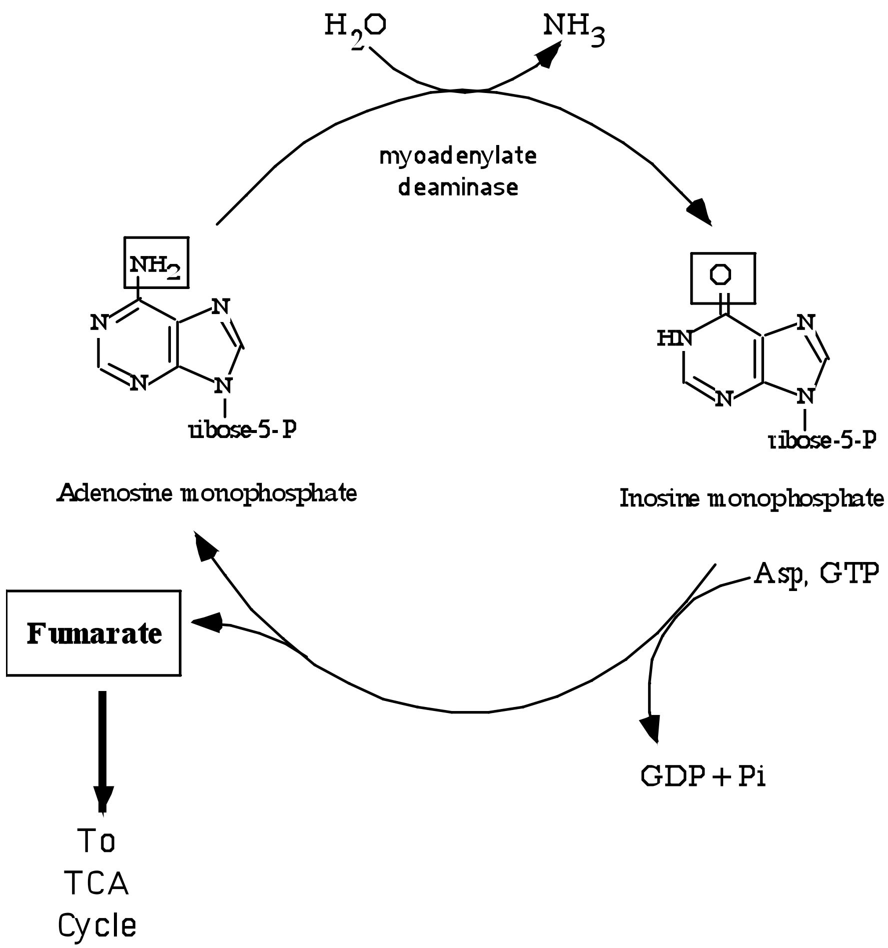
Lesch-Nyhan Syndrome: Defective HGPRT

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

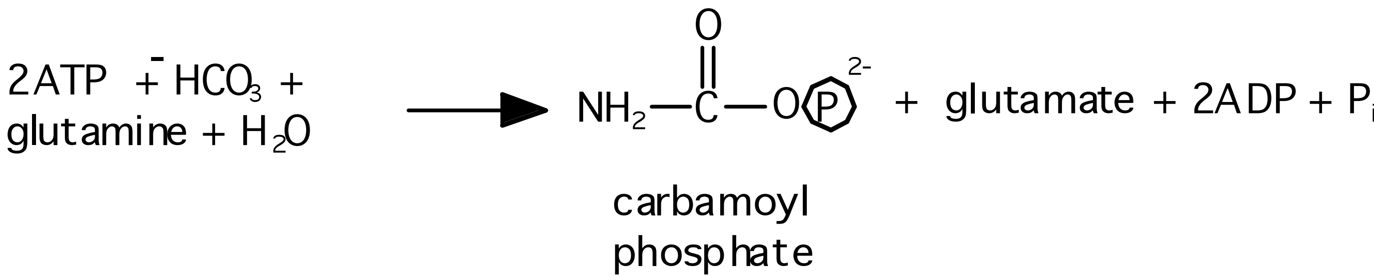


A defect in APRT does NOT have similar consequences

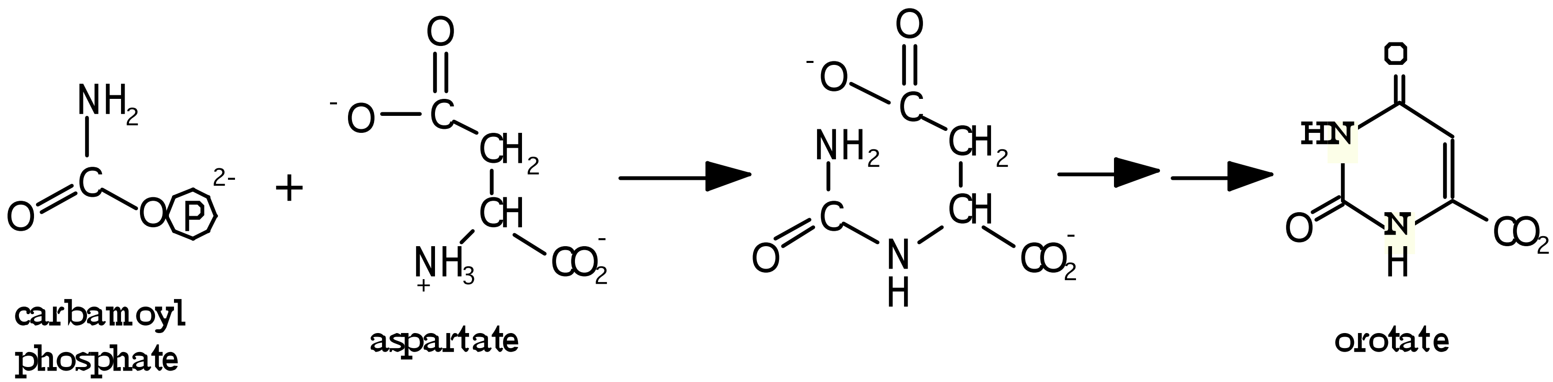
Myoadenylate Deaminase 'Fills' the TCA Cycle in Muscle



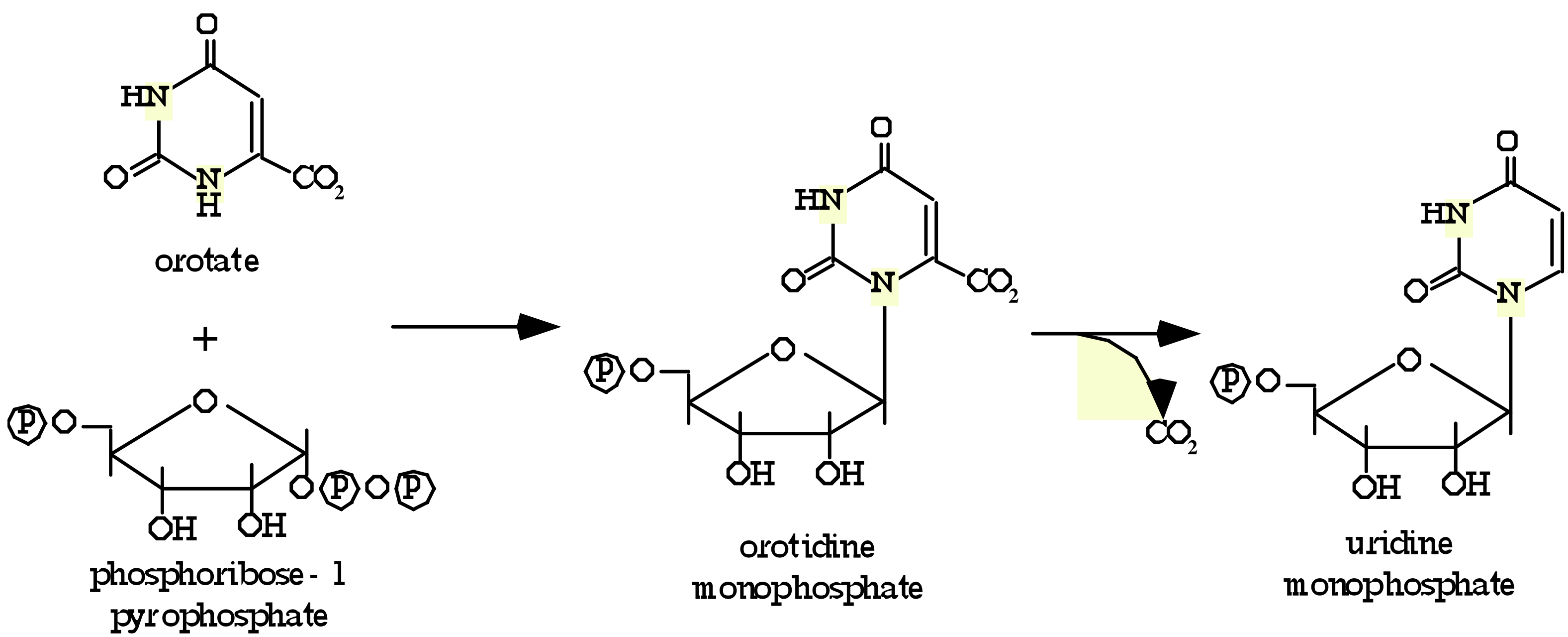
Carbamoyl phosphate synthetase II - a *cytoplasmic* enzyme…



…used for pyrimidine synthesis

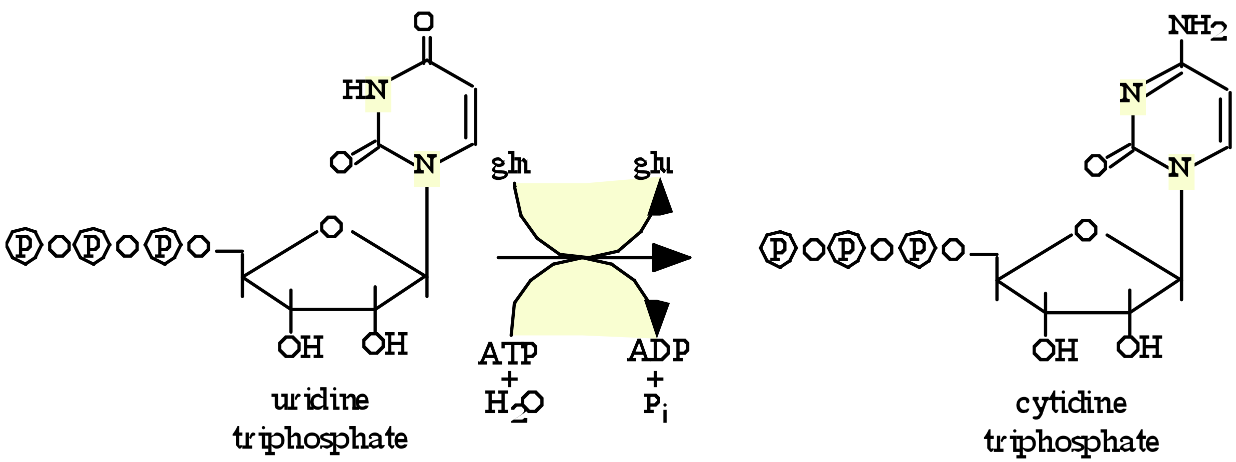


Orotate is linked to PRPP to form Uridine monophosphate:

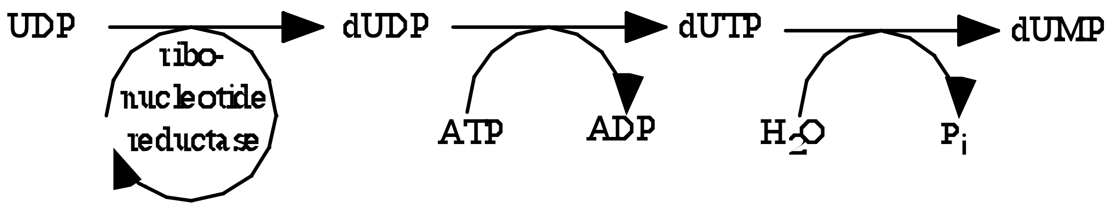


Newly-synthesized uridine monophosphate will be phosphorylated to UDP and UTP, as described for the purine nucleotides.

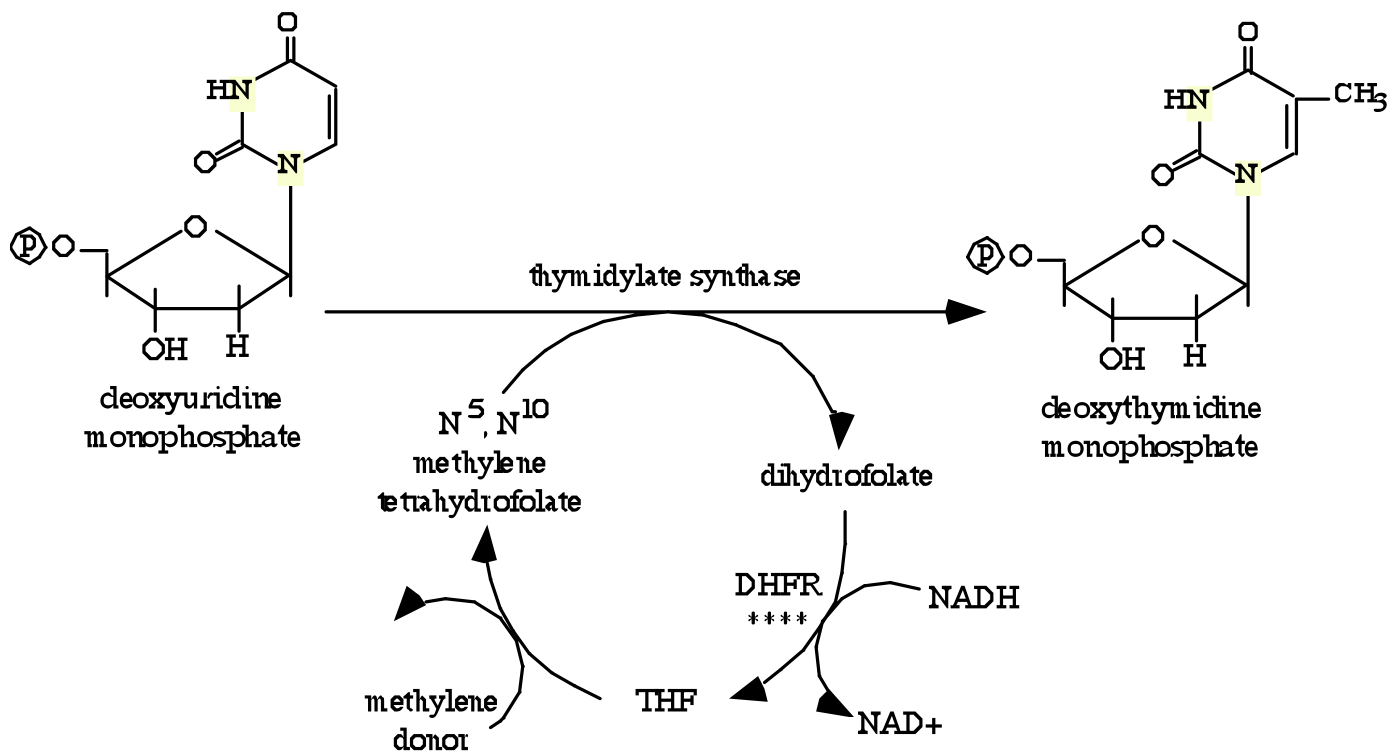
UTP can be converted to CTP by CTP Synthetase:



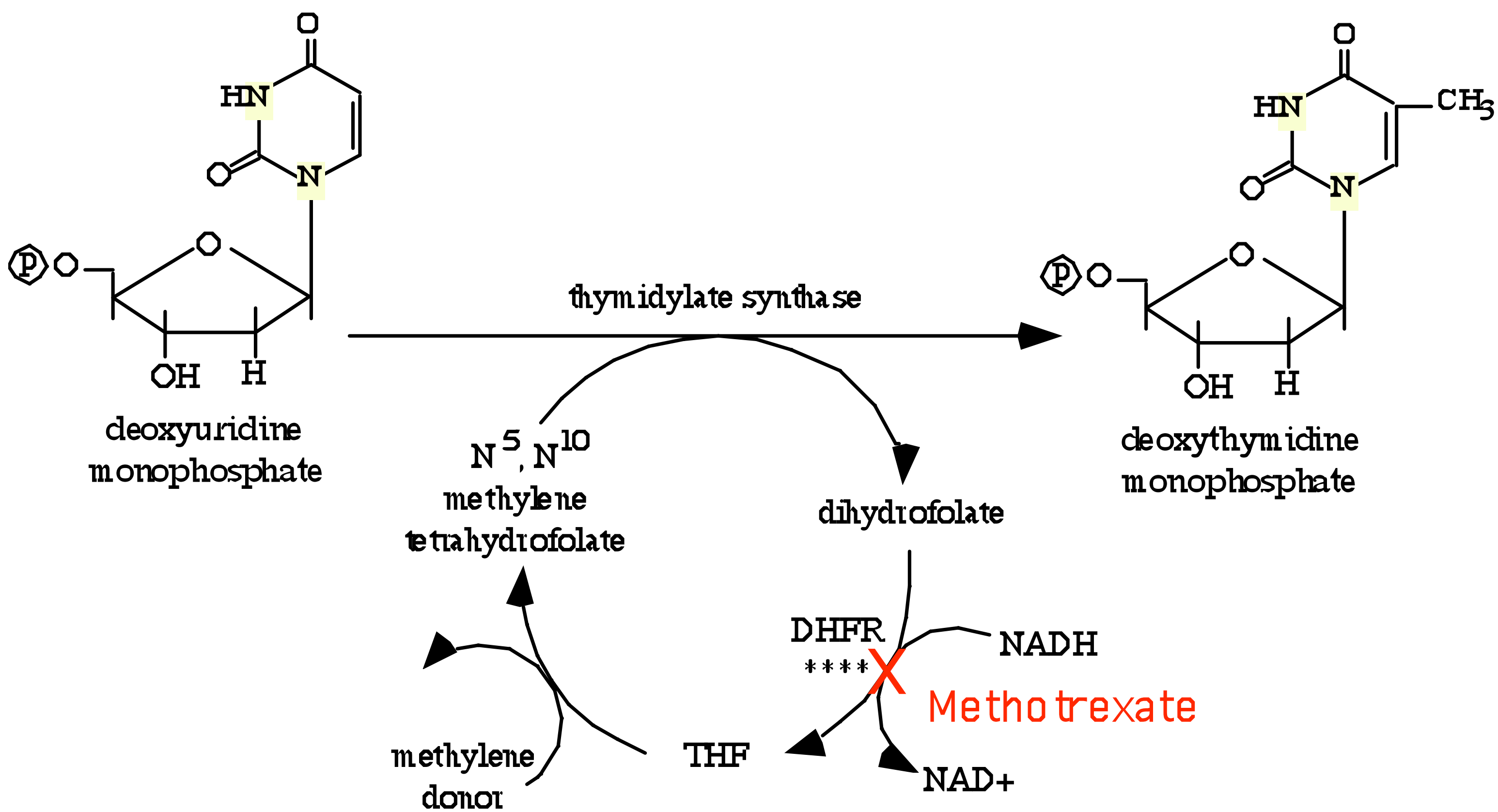
Some UDP is converted to dUDP via ribonucleotide reductase.



The Thymidylate Synthase Reaction:

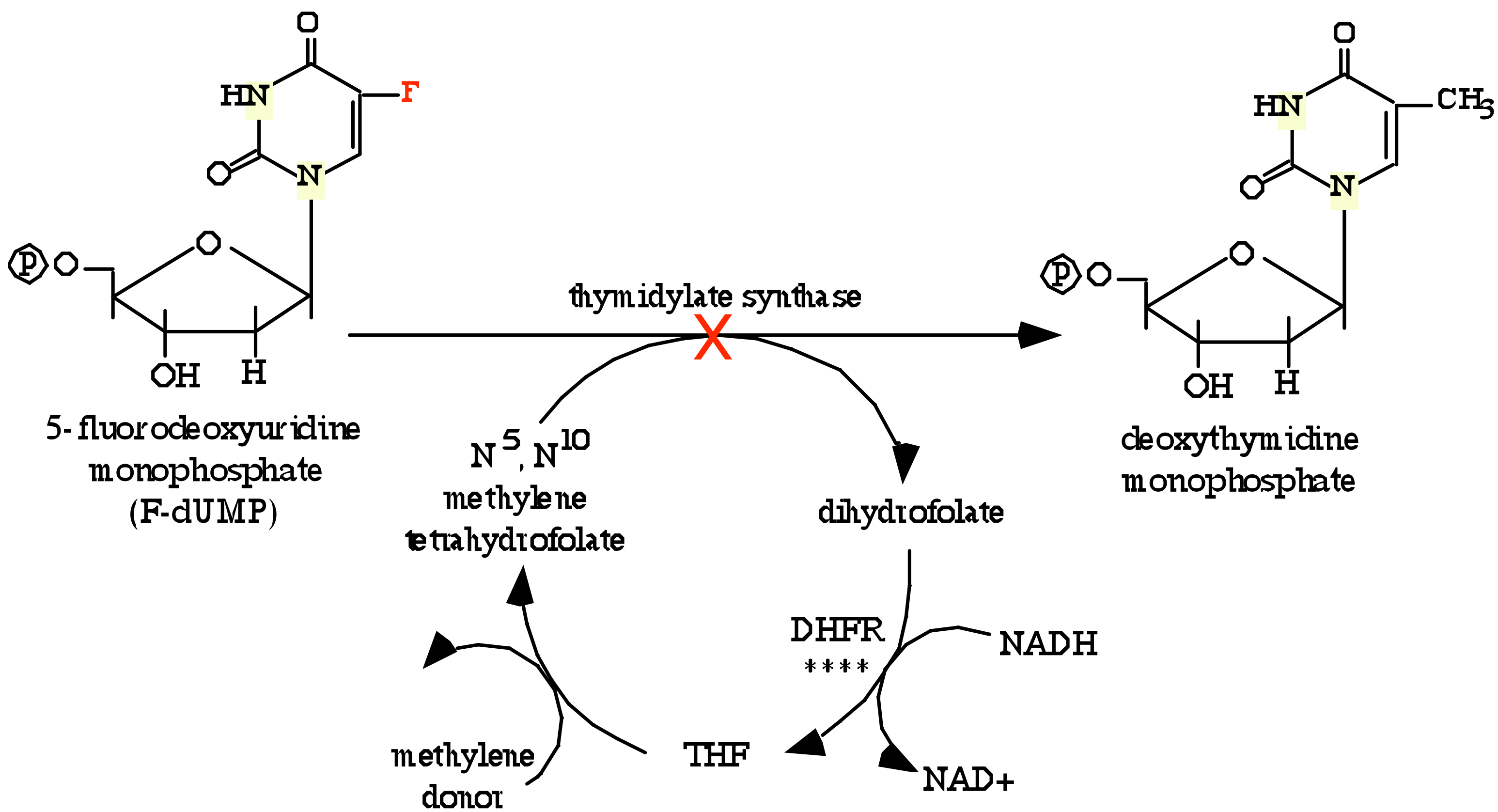


Methotrexate Inhibits Dihydrofolate Reductase:

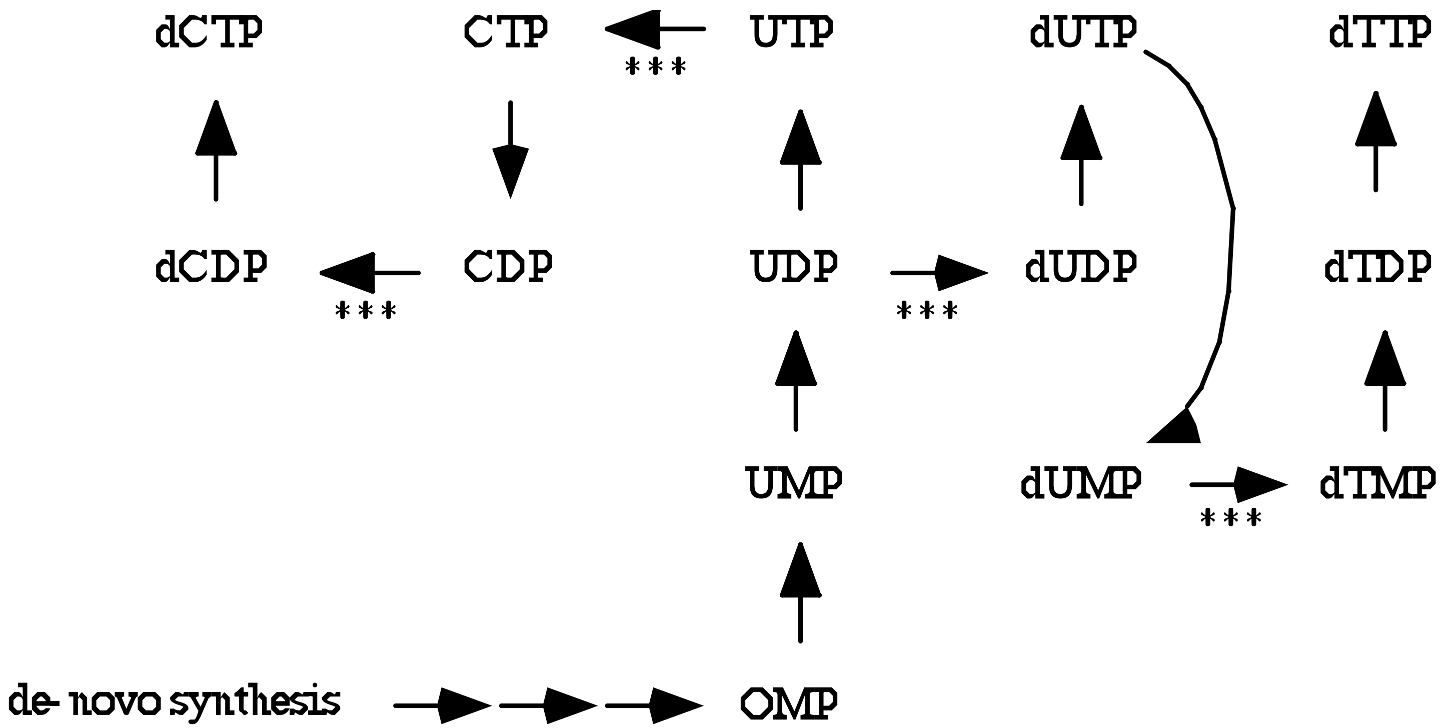


Dihydrofolate builds up, levels of THF become limiting, thymidylate synthase is unable to proceed. Follow it with a dose of Leucovorin, a.k.a. formyl-THF.

FdUMP Inhibits The Thymidylate Synthase Reaction:



Complicated Pathways for Pyrimidine Production:



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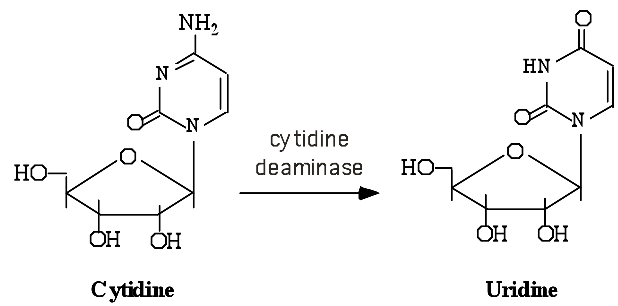
Pathologies of pyrimidine nucleotide biosynthesis:

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

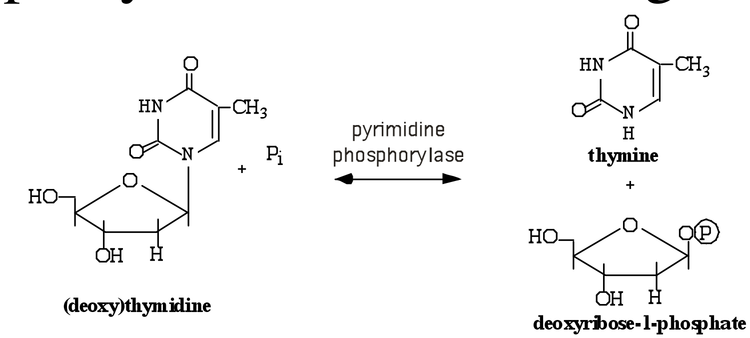
Hereditary orotic acidurea - deficiency of the enzyme that convert orotate to OMP to UMP. Not common.

Pyrimidine degradation:

Cytidine deaminase converts cytidine to uridine



A phosphorylase removes the sugar

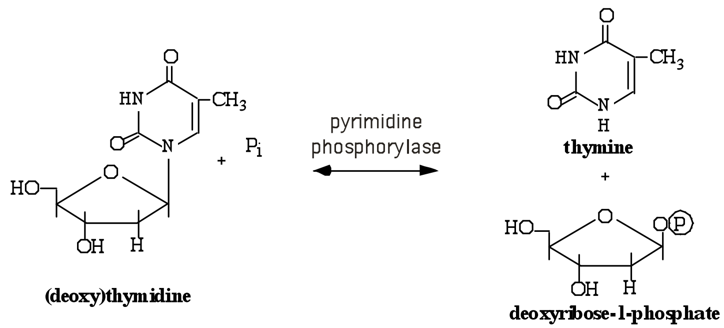


Degradation of the base proceeds (products are unimportant here)

Pyrimidines can be salvaged as well:

Enzyme: Pyrimidine nucleoside phosphorylases

Thymine + deoxyribose-1-phosphate --> thymidine
(NOT thymidine monophosphate!)

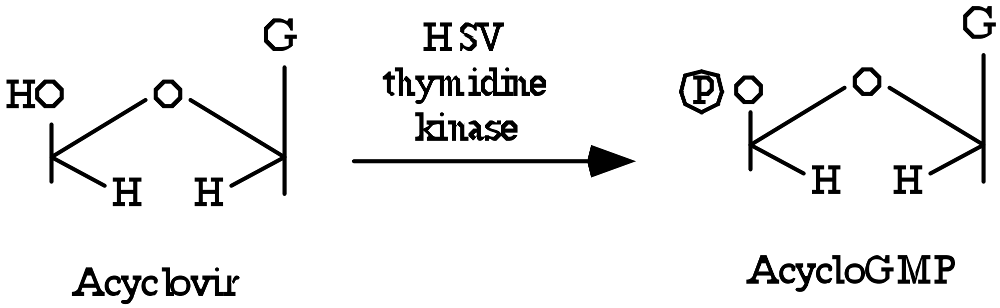


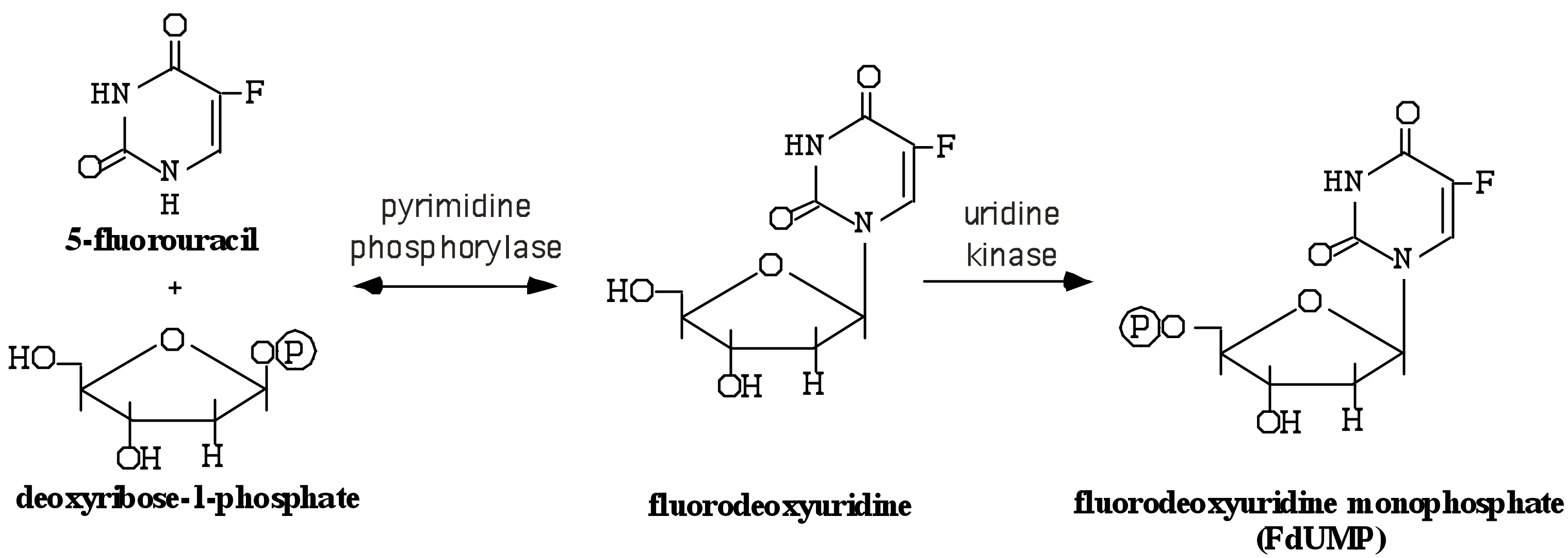
Enzyme: Thymidine kinase - adds the monophosphate back

Thymidine + ATP --> thymidine monophosphate

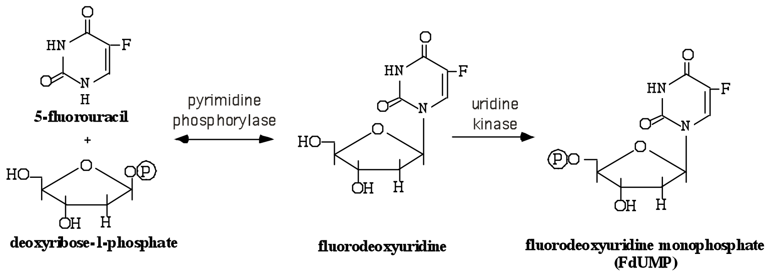
Herpes Simplex Virus carries its own tk gene

Certain drugs act via the pyrimidine salvage pathway:





5-FU efficacy depends on rate of degradation vs activation



5-FU --> --> FdUMP

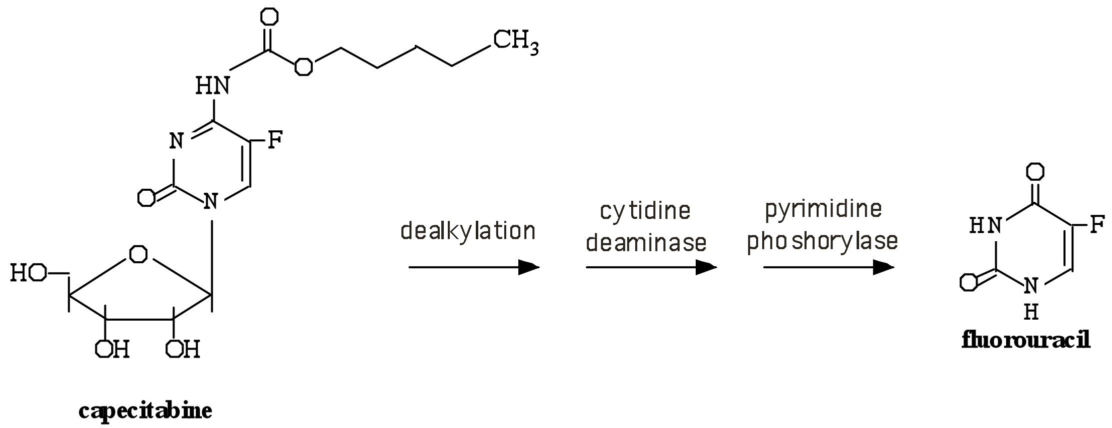
+ methylene-THF + Thymidylate Synthase

--> inactivation of TS

Degradation
(via dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase, DPD

DPD inhibitors can potentiate 5FU activity

Capecitabine mode of action:



Cytosine arabinoside (araC) activation and inactivation: