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# M1 Renal: Nucleotide Metabolism

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# Amino Acid metabolism

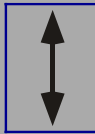
Amino acids



Glu, Gln,  
Asp, NH<sub>3</sub>



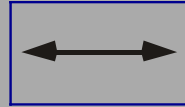
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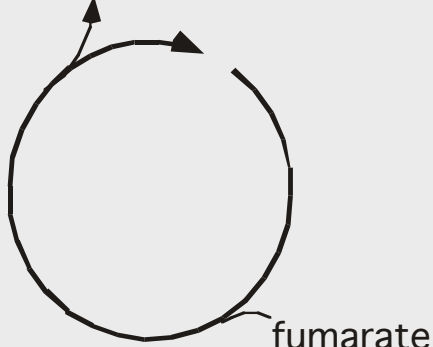
# Folate metabolism

Methylene  
THF

Met  
Cycle

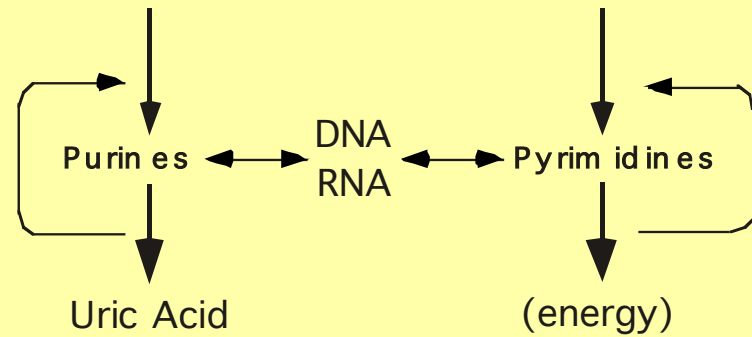


oxaloacetate



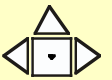
fumarate

TCA Cycle

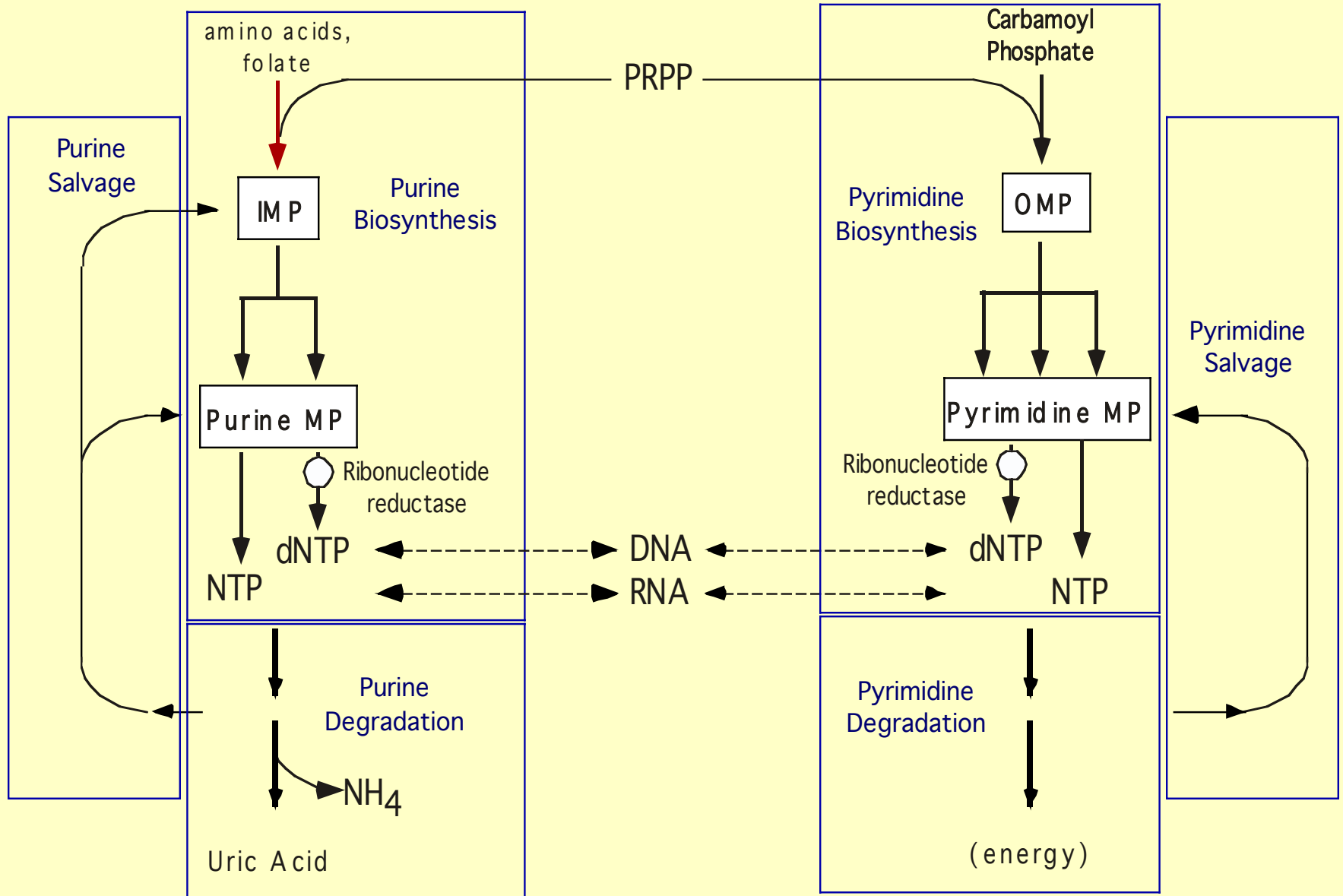


Nucleic Acid metabolism

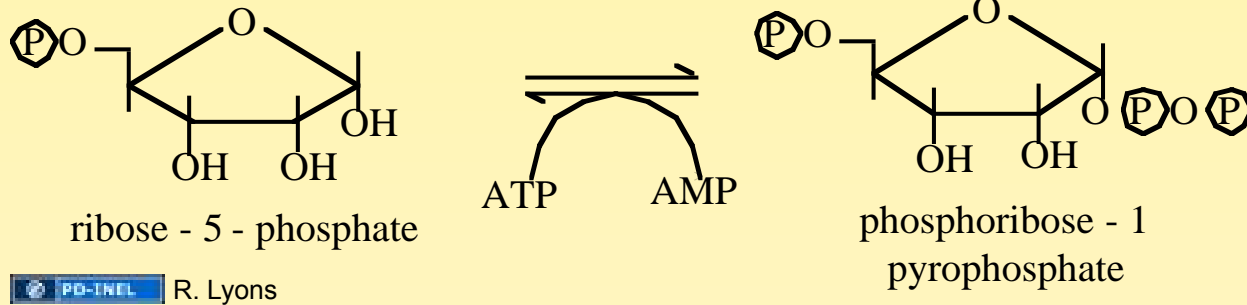
# Nucleic Acid metabolism



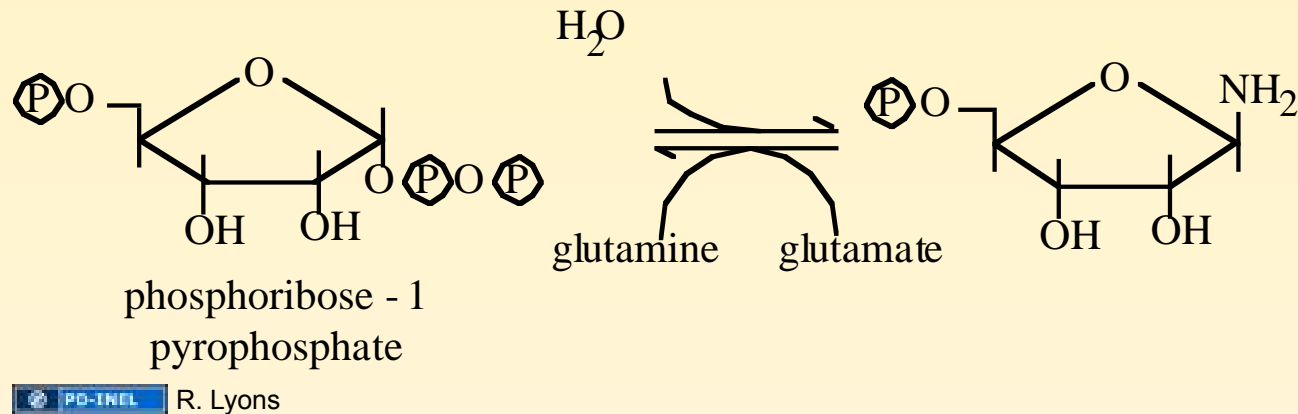
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# Formation of PRPP: Phosphoribose pyrophosphate

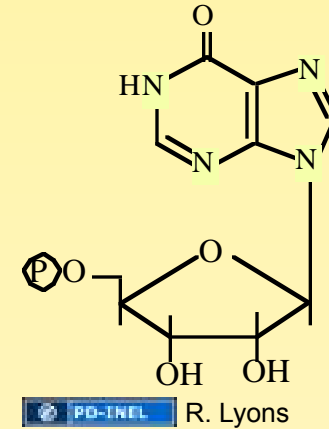


## PRPP Use in Purine Biosynthesis:

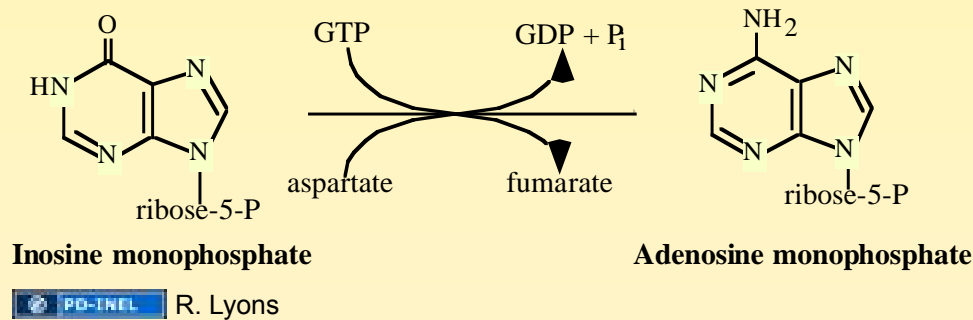


# The First Purine: Inosine Monophosphate

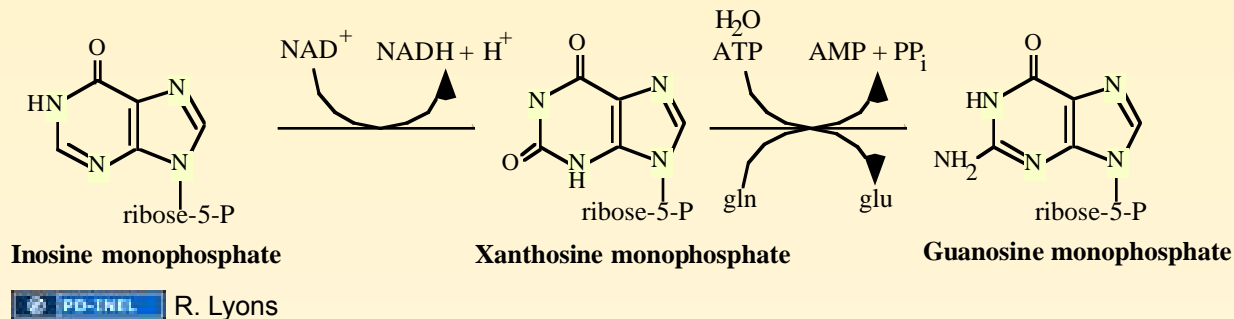
(folates are involved in this synthesis)



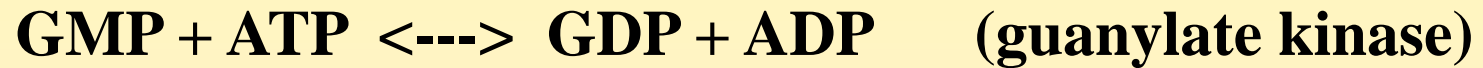
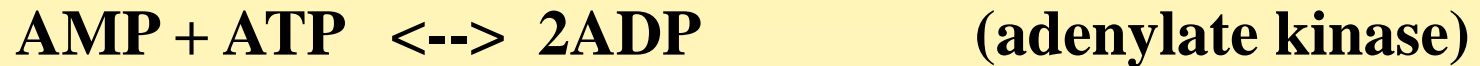
## Conversion to Adenosine:



## Conversion to Guanosine:



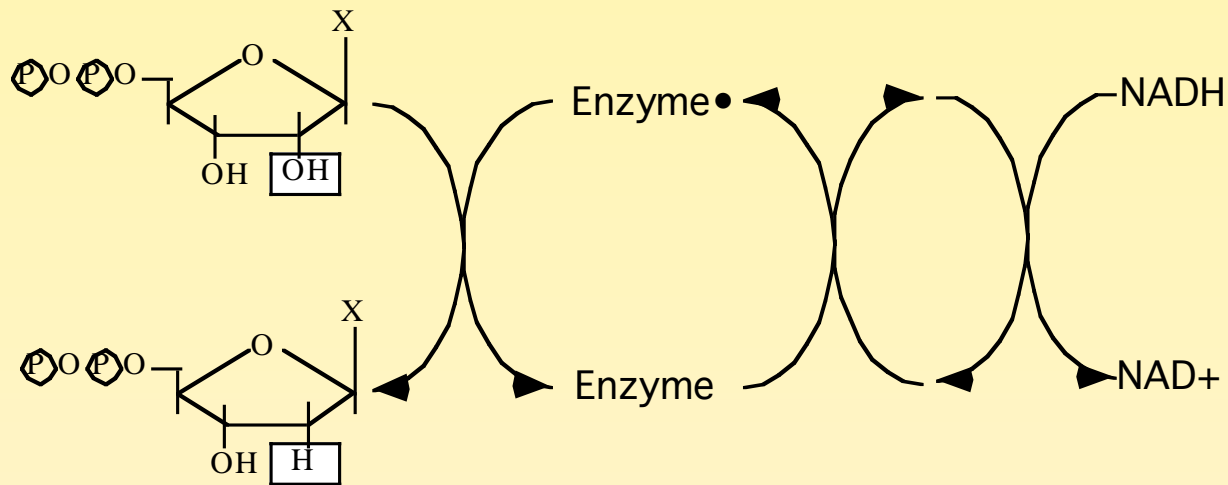
# Nucleoside Monophosphate Kinases



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

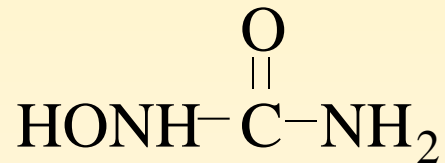


# Ribonucleotide Reductase

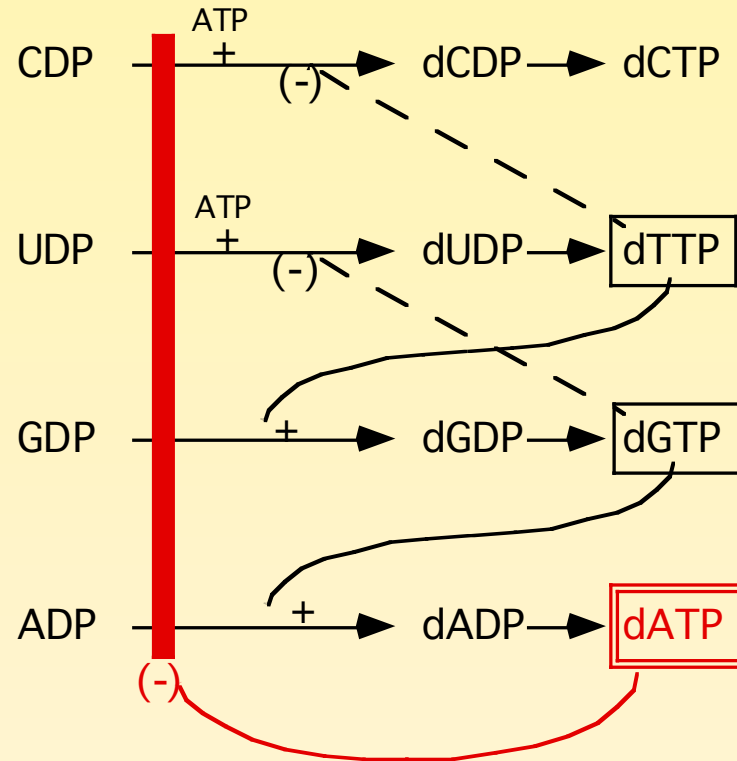


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Hydroxyurea inhibits this enzyme: chemotherapeutic use



# Regulation of Ribonucleotide Reductase

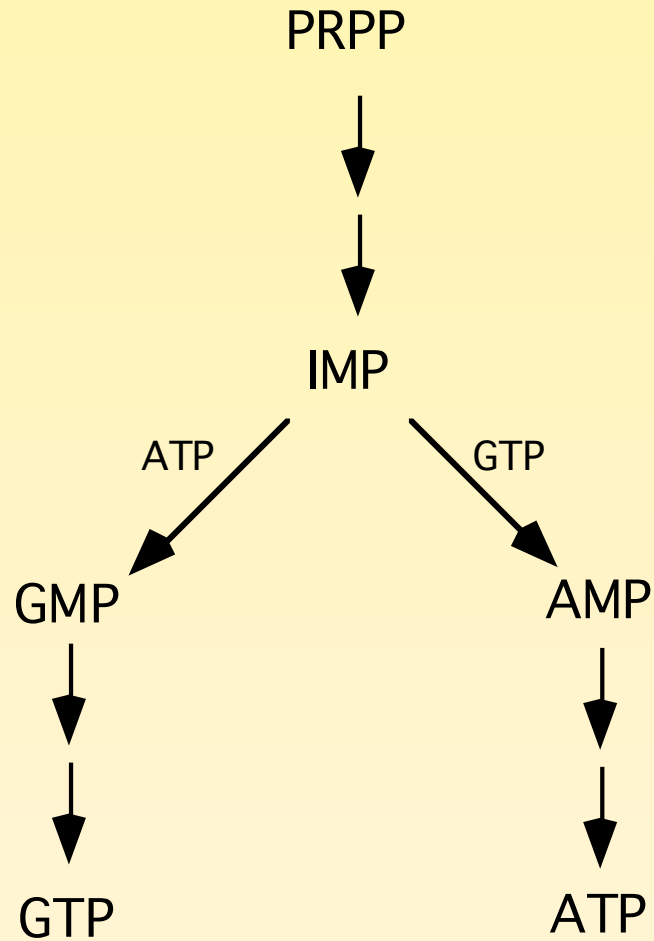


# Nucleoside Diphosphate Kinase

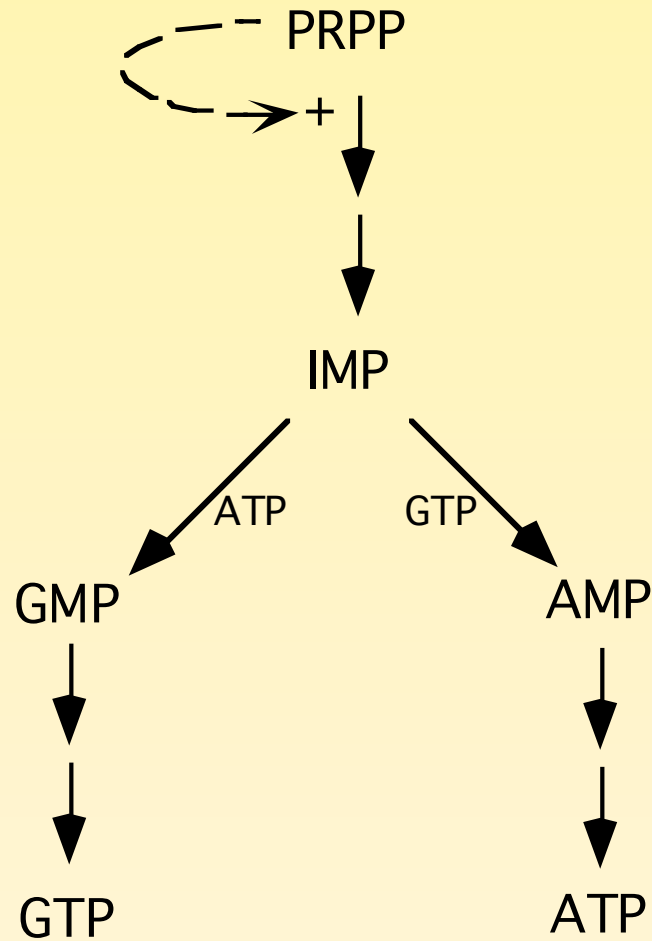


- No specificity for base
- No specificity for ribo vs deoxy

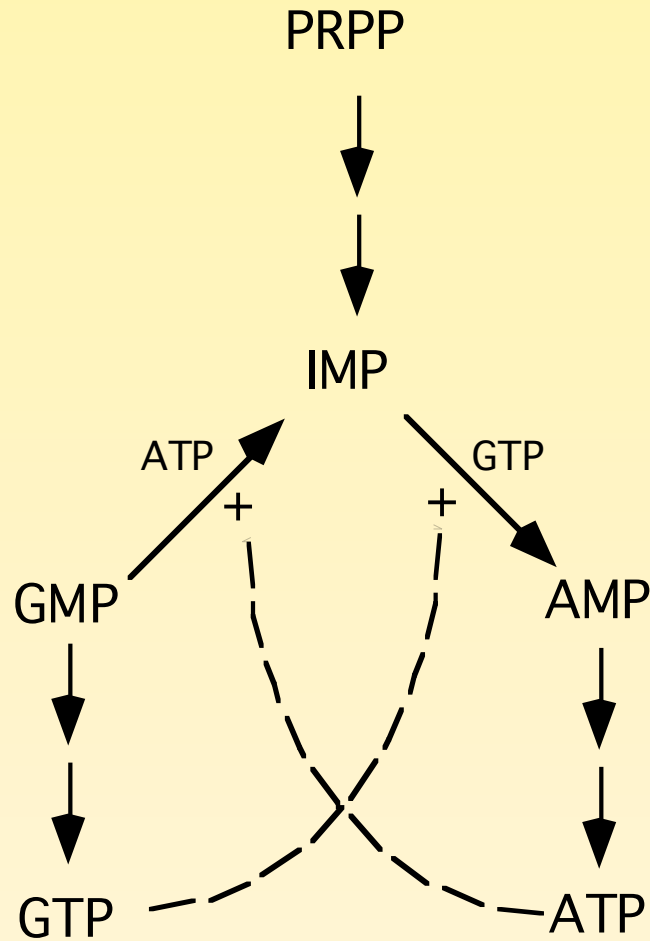
# Feed-forward regulation by PRPP



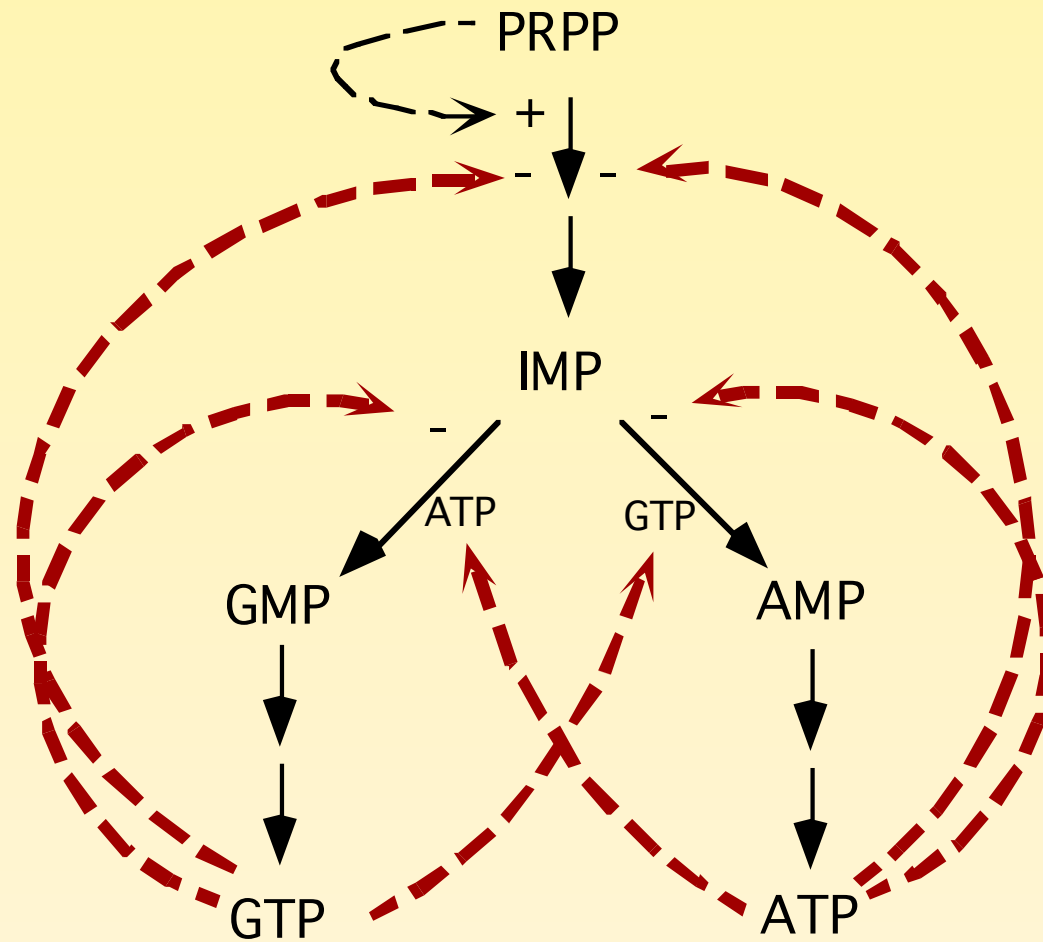
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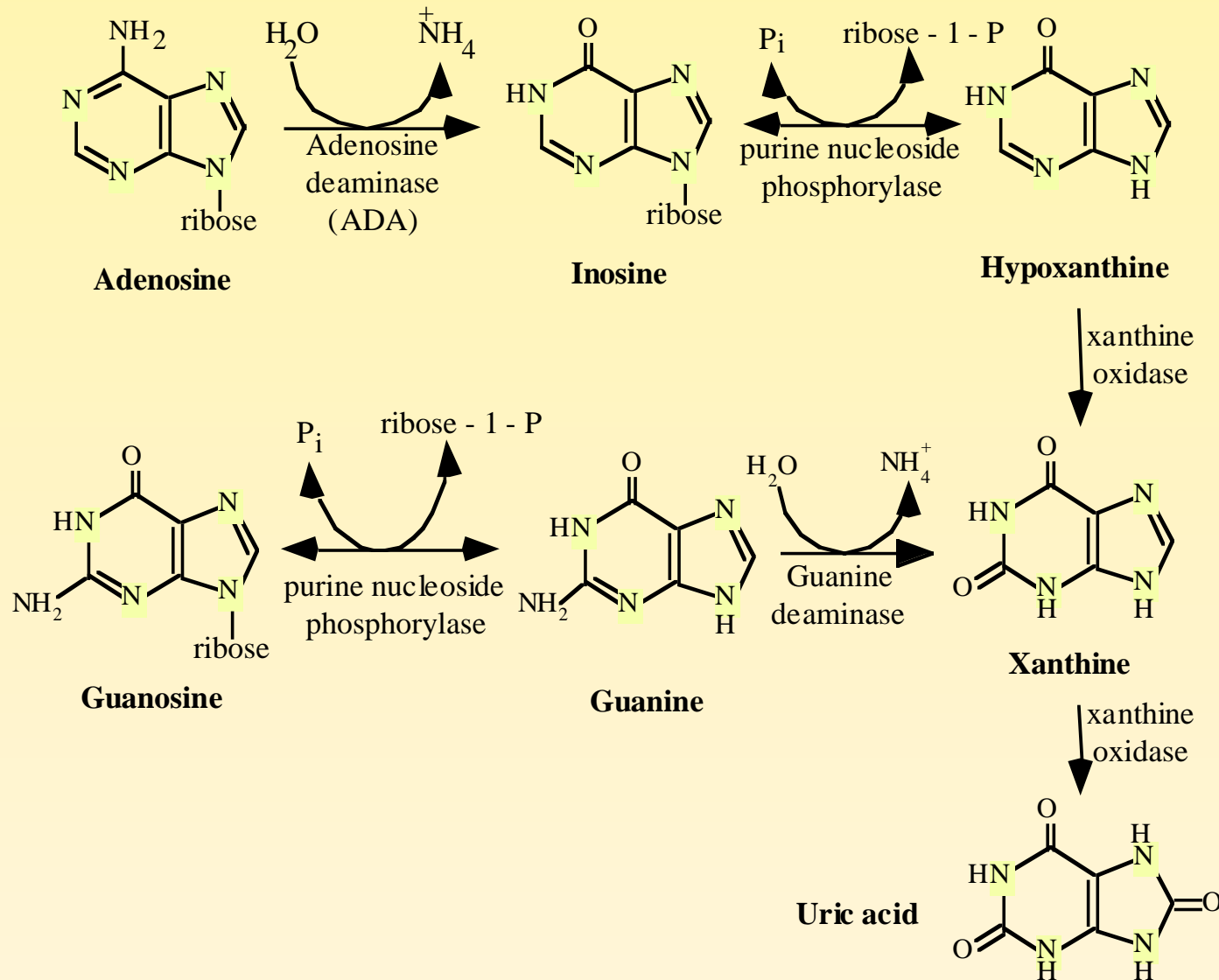
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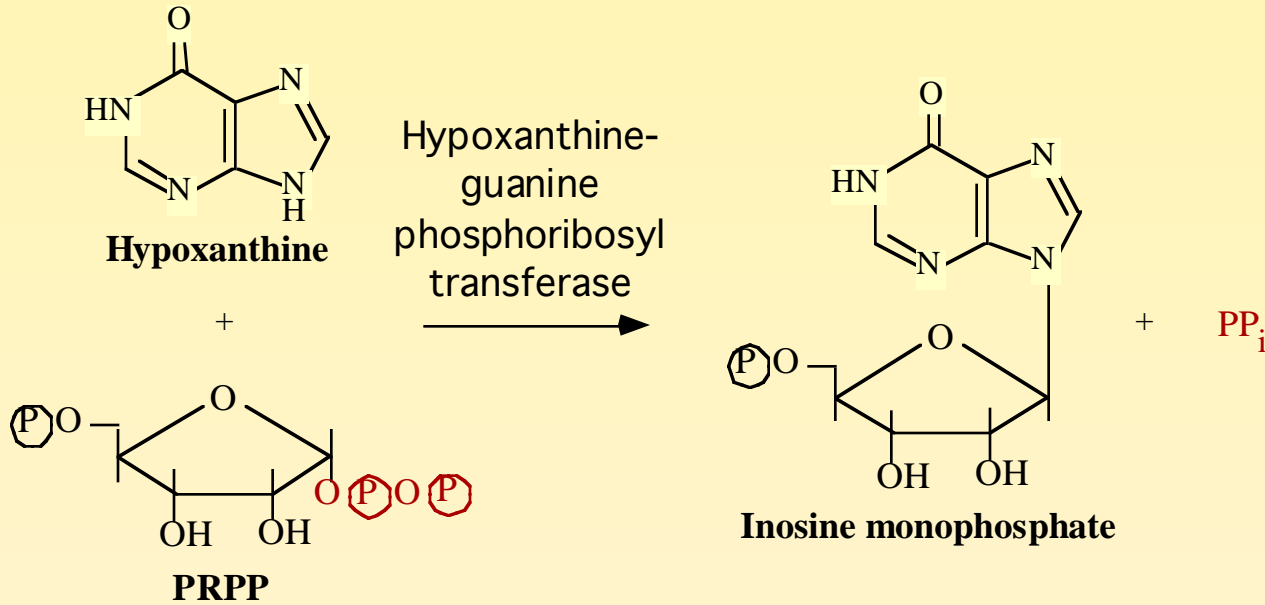


# Degradation of the Purine Nucleosides:





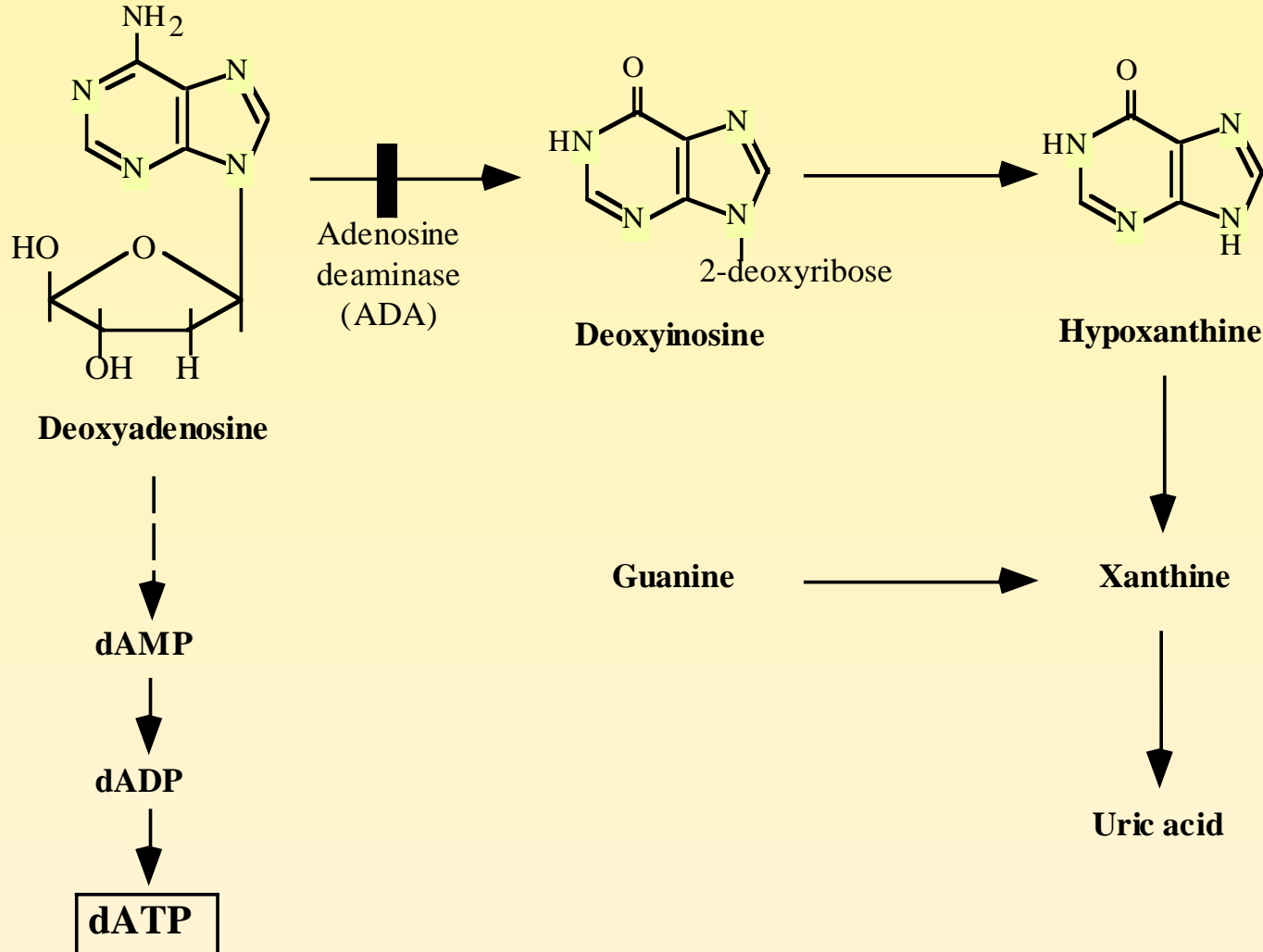
# “Salvage” Pathways for Purine Nucleotides

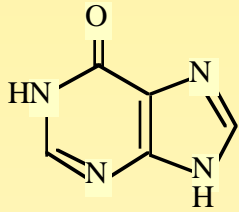


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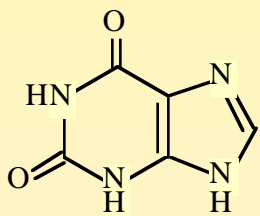
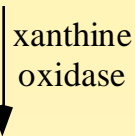
APRT - Adenine phosphoribosyl transferase - performs a similar function with adenine.

# Adenosine Deaminase Deficiency:

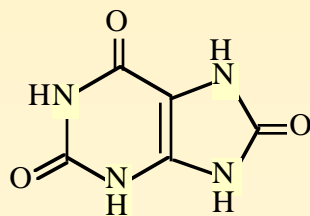
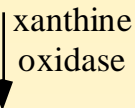




**Hypoxanthine**



**Xanthine**



**Uric acid**

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

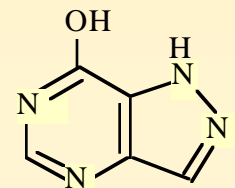
**Hyperuricemia** can be caused by:

Accelerated degradation of purines:

- Accelerated synthesis of purines
- Increased dietary intake of purines

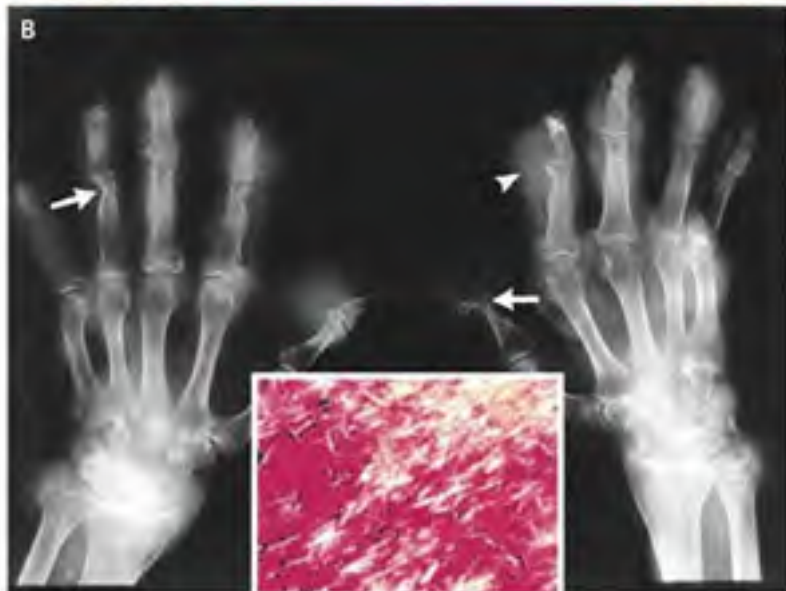
Impaired renal clearance of uric acid

Allopurinol inhibits xanthine oxidase and reduces blood uric acid levels:



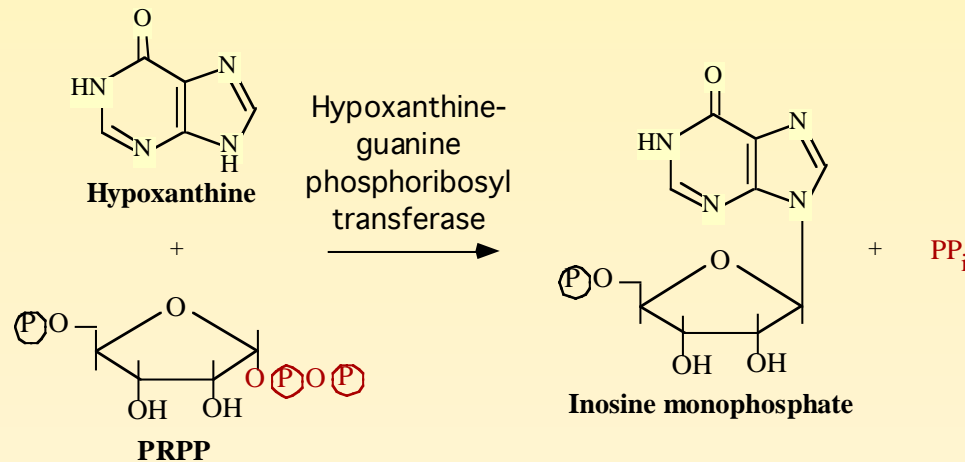
**Allopurinol**

An 80-year-old man with a 30-year history of gout, this patient had been treated intermittently to reduce his serum urate levels.



# Lesch-Nyhan Syndrome: Defective HGPRT

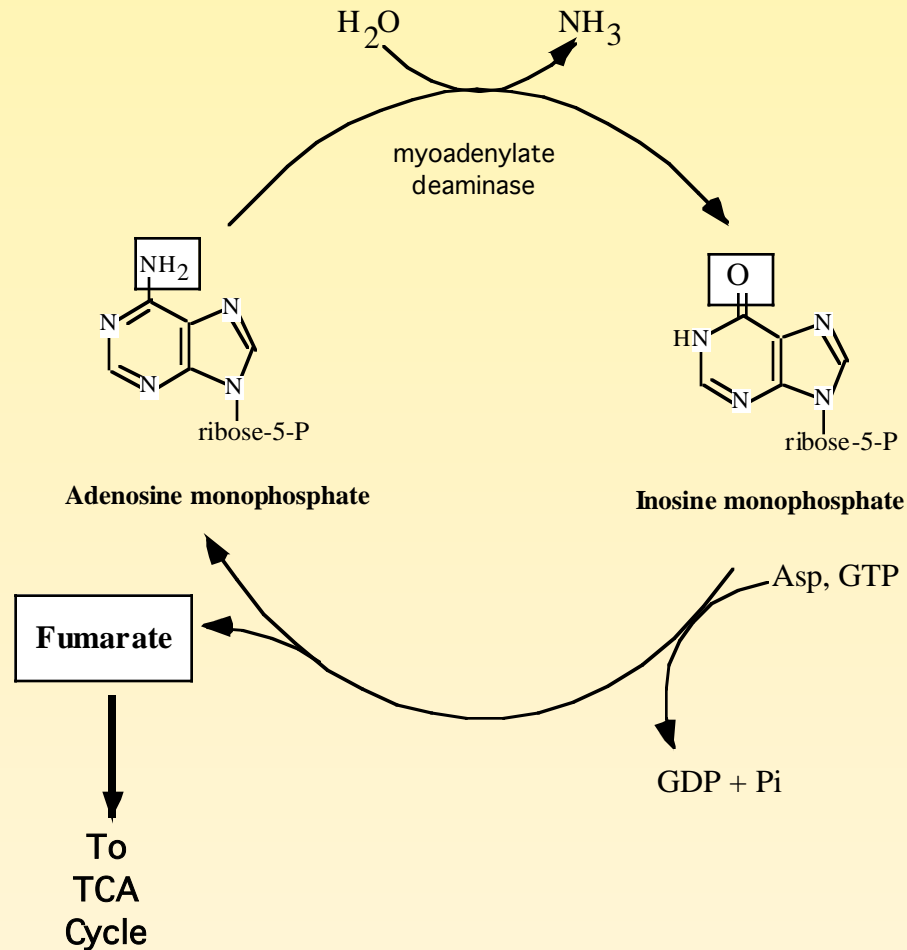
- hyperuricemia
- spasticity
- mental retardation
- self-mutilation behavior



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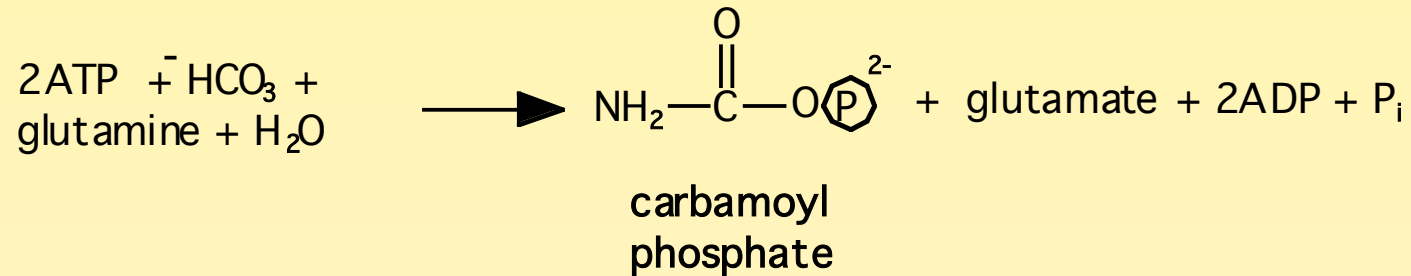
A defect in APRT does NOT have similar consequences

# Myoadenylate Deaminase 'Fills' the TCA Cycle in Muscle



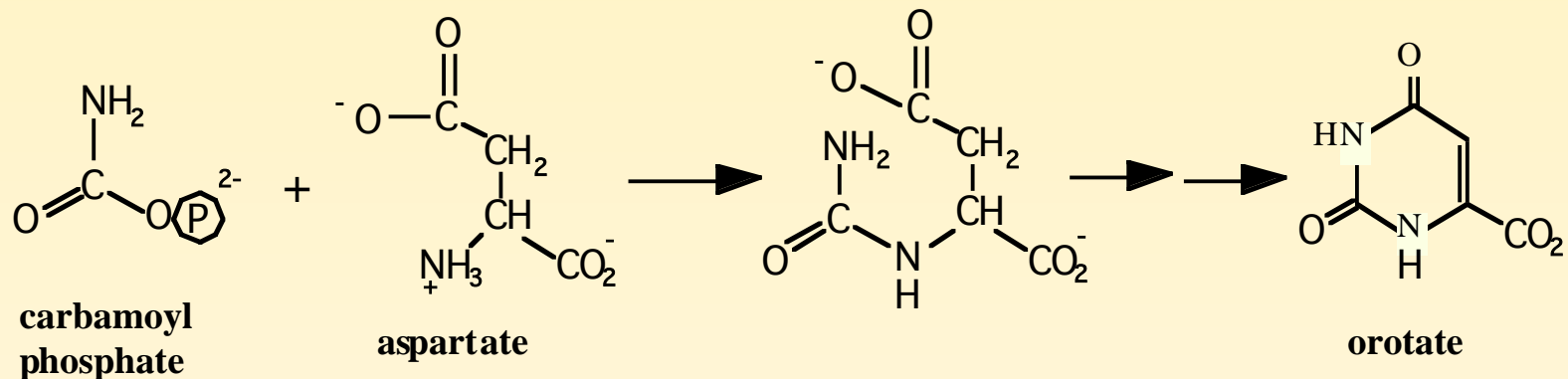


# Carbamoyl phosphate synthetase II - a *cytoplasmic* enzyme...



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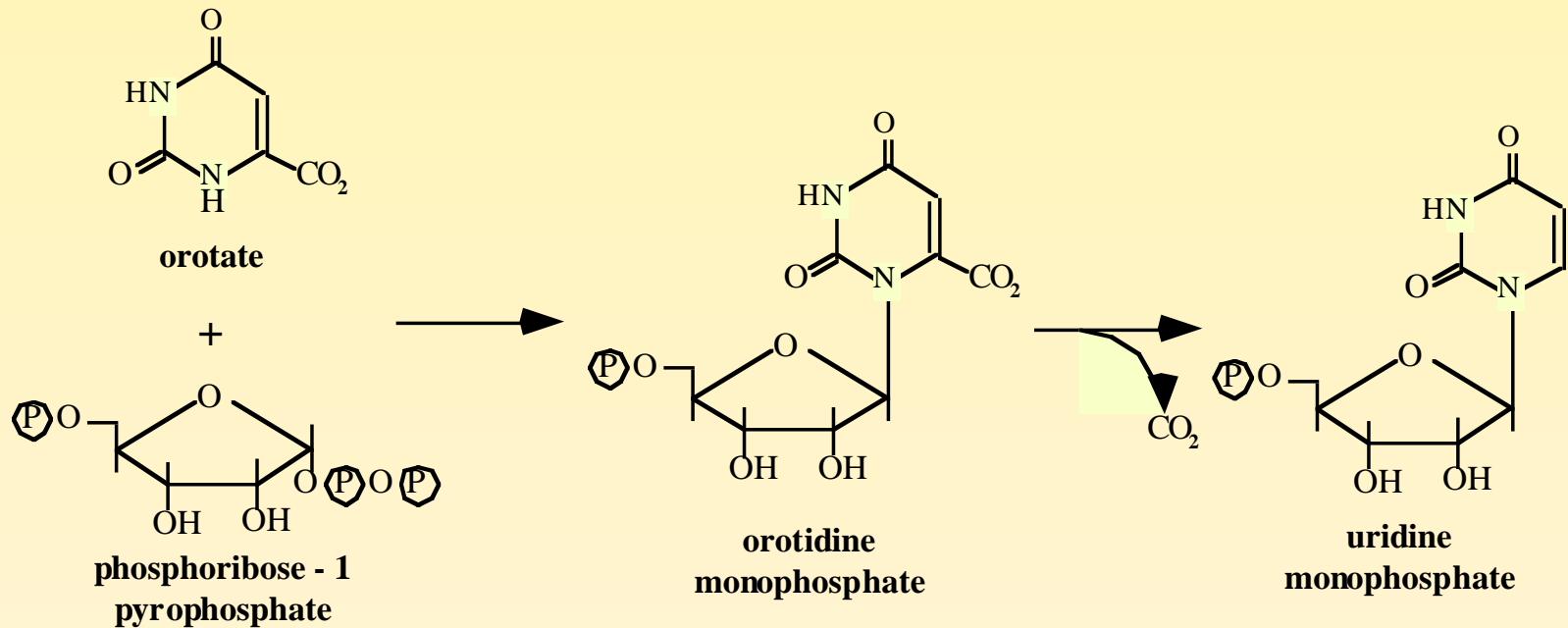
## ...used for pyrimidine synthesis



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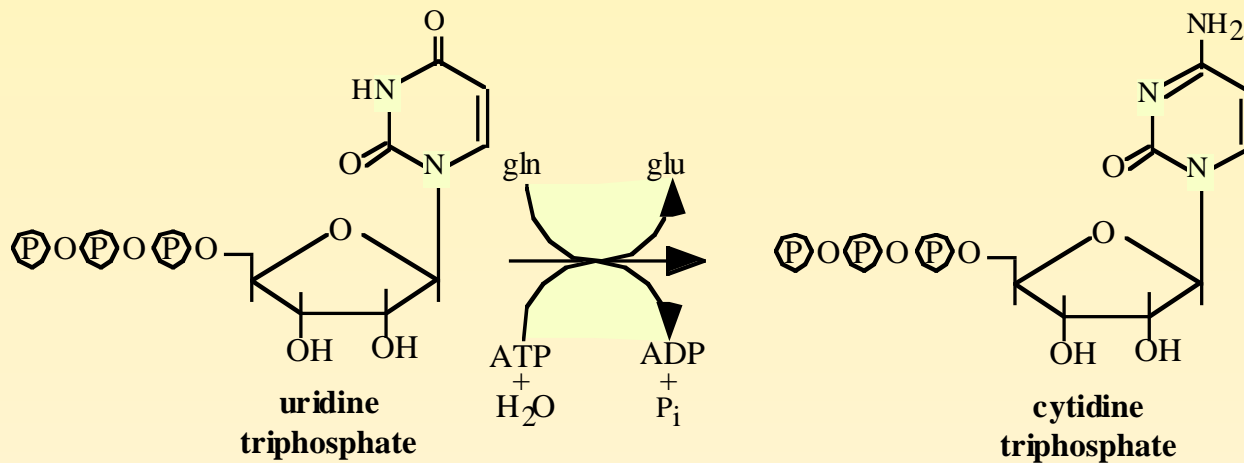


Orotate is linked to PRPP to form Uridine monophosphate:

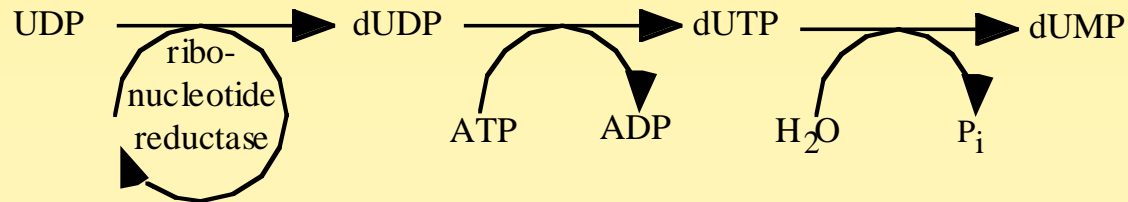


Newly-synthesized uridine monophosphate will be phosphorylated to UDP and UTP, as described for the purine nucleotides.

UTP can be converted to CTP by CTP Synthetase:

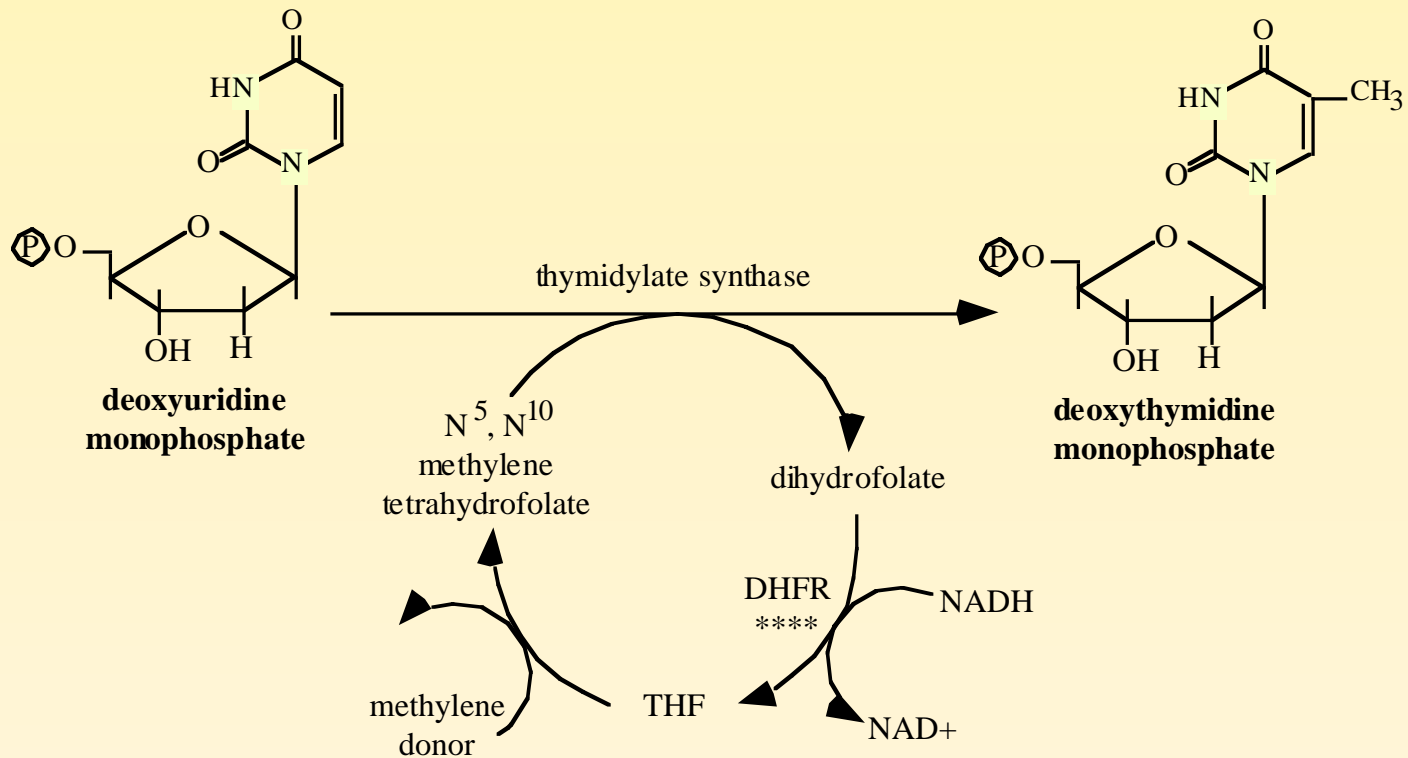


Some UDP is converted to dUDP via ribonucleotide reductase.



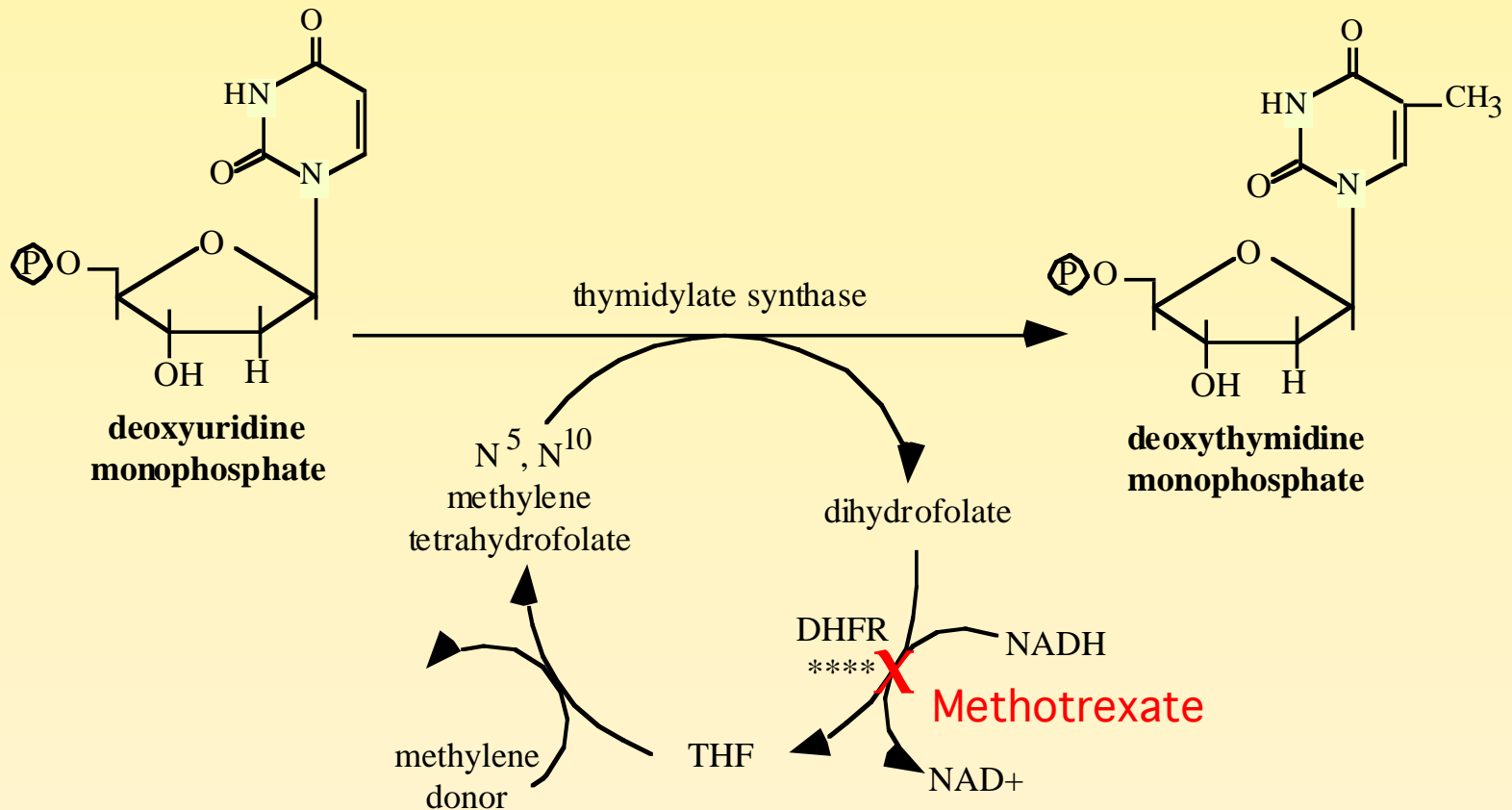
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The Thymidylate Synthase Reaction:



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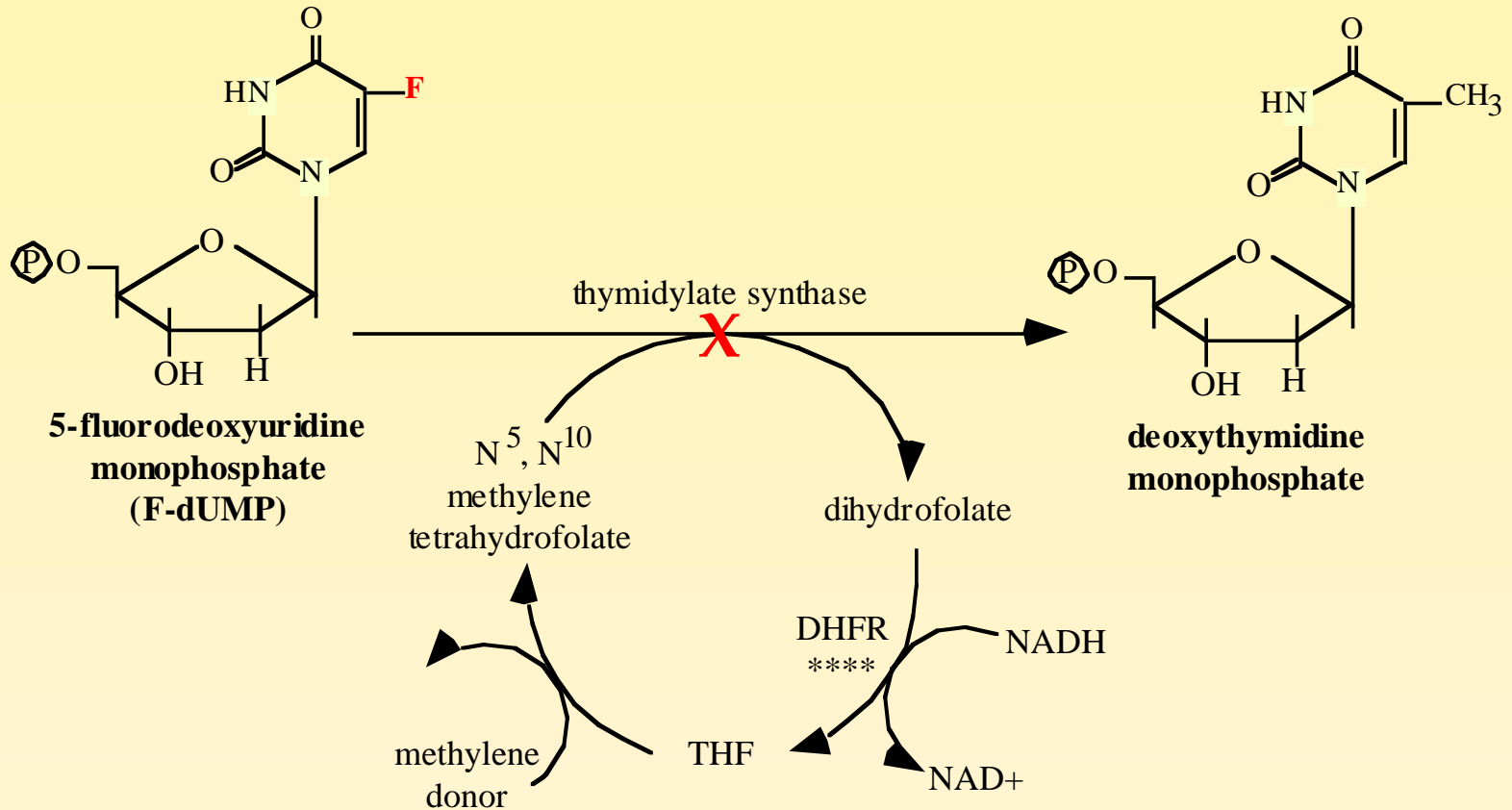
# Methotrexate Inhibits Dihydrofolate Reductase:



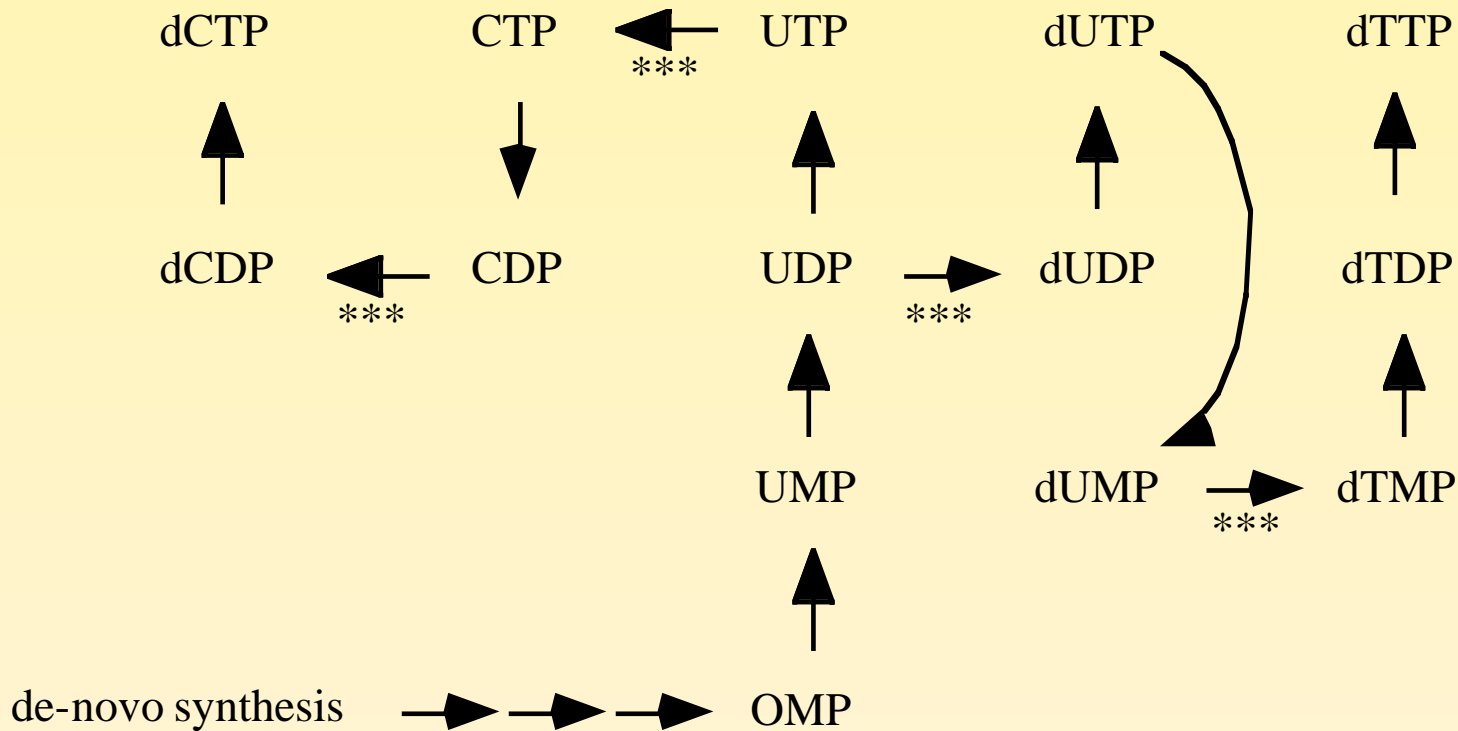
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Dihydrofolate builds up, levels of THF become limiting, thymidylate synthase is unable to proceed. Follow it with a dose of Leucovorin, a.k.a. formyl-THF.

# FdUMP Inhibits The Thymidylate Synthase Reaction:



# Complicated Pathways for Pyrimidine Production:



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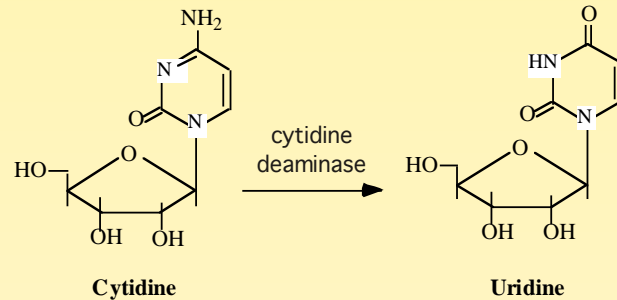
# Pathologies of pyrimidine nucleotide biosynthesis:

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

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

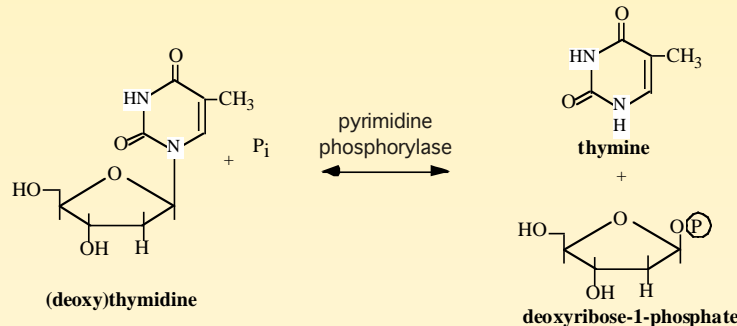
# Pyrimidine degradation:

Cytidine deaminase converts cytidine to uridine



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A phosphorylase removes the sugar



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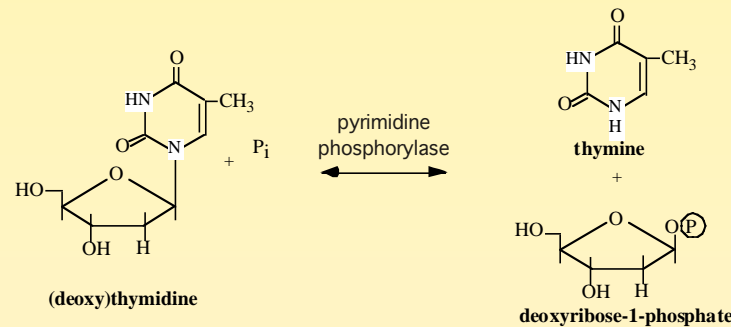
Degradation of the base proceeds (products are unimportant here)




# Pyrimidines can be salvaged as well:

Enzyme: Pyrimidine nucleoside phosphorylases

Thymine + deoxyribose-1-phosphate  $\rightarrow$  thymidine  
(NOT thymidine monophosphate!)



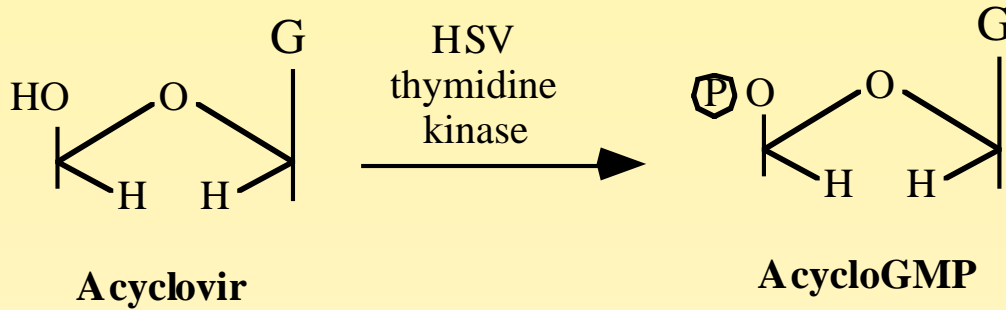
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Enzyme: Thymidine kinase - adds the monophosphate back

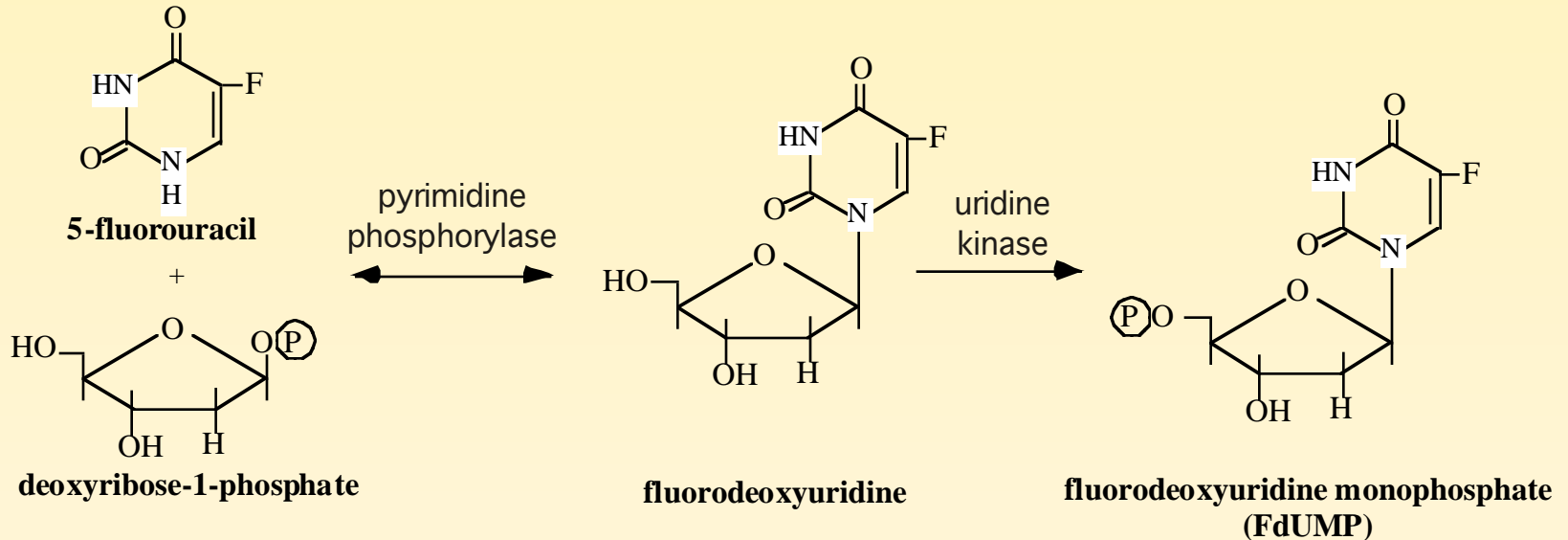
Thymidine + ATP  $\rightarrow$  thymidine monophosphate

Herpes Simplex Virus carries its own tk gene

# Certain drugs act via the pyrimidine salvage pathway:

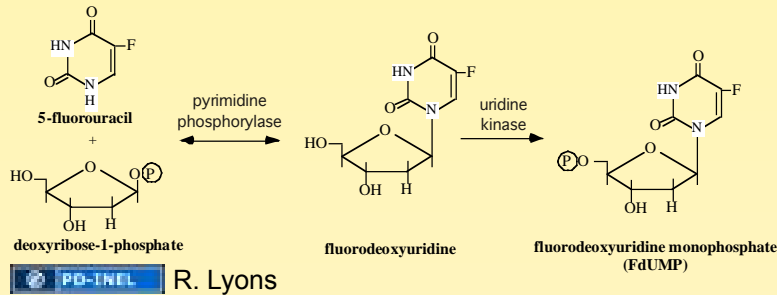


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# 5-FU efficacy depends on rate of degradation vs activation



5-FU -->

--> FdUMP

+ methylene-THF + Thymidylate Synthase

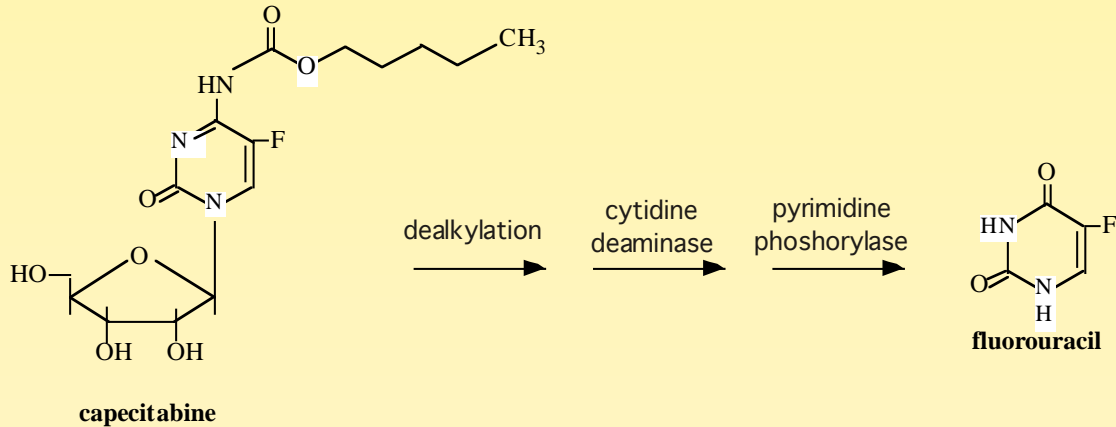
--> inactivation of TS

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Degradation

(via dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase, DPD)

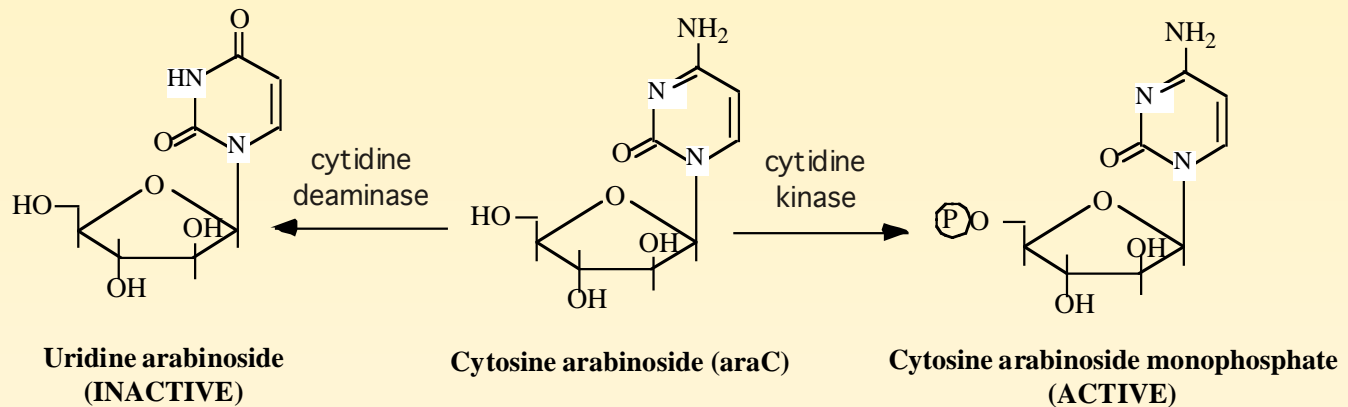
DPD inhibitors can potentiate 5FU activity

# Capecitabine mode of action:



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# Cytosine arabinoside (araC) activation and inactivation:



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