

**B/CH 422/622**

**OUTLINE:**

Introduction and review  
 Transport  
 Glycogenolysis  
 Glycolysis  
 Other sugars  
 Pasture: Anaerobic vs Aerobic **Exam-1 material**  
 Fermentations **Exam-2 material**  
 Pyruvate  
 Krebs' Cycle  
 Oxidative Phosphorylation  
 Electron transport  
 Chemiosmotic theory: Phosphorylation  
 Fat Catabolism **Exam-3 material**  
 Fatty acid Catabolism  
 Mobilization from tissues (mostly adipose)  
 Activation of fatty acids  
 Transport; carnitine  
 Oxidation:  $\beta$ -oxidation, 4 steps:  
 Protein Catabolism  
 Amino-Acid Degradation  
 Dealing with the nitrogen; Urea Cycle  
 Dealing with the carbon; Seven Families  
 Nucleic Acid & Nucleotide Degradation

**ANABOLISM I: Carbohydrates**

**PHOTOSYNTHESIS:** **Exam-4 material**  
 Overview;; Key experiments:  
 Light Reactions  
 Reaction center  
 Photosystems (PSII & PSI - NADPH)  
 Proton Motive Force - ATP  
 Carbon Assimilation - Calvin Cycle  
 Overview and regulation  
 C4 versus C3 plants  
 Kornberg cycle - glyoxylate  
 Carbohydrate Biosynthesis in Animals  
 Gluconeogenesis  
 Glycogen Synthesis  
 Pentose-Phosphate Pathway  
 oxidative-NADPH  
 non-oxidative-Ribose 5-P  
 Regulation of Carbohydrate Metabolism  
 Anaplerotic reactions

**ANABOLISM II: Lipids**

**Fatty Acids**  
 contrasts  
 location & transport  
 Synthesis: ACC & fatty acid synthase  
 Control of fatty acid metabolism  
 Diversification of fatty acids  
 elongation  
 desaturation  
 Eicosanoids  
 Prostaglandins and Thromboxane  
**Triacylglycerides**  
**Membrane lipids**  
 Glycerophospholipids  
 Isoprene lipids:  
 Ketone body synthesis  
**Cholesterol**

**ANABOLISM III: Nitrogen (Amino Acids & Nucleotides)**

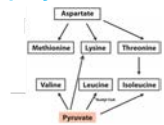
Nitrogen cycle - Nitrogen fixation  
 nitrogenase  
 Nitrogen assimilation  
 Plants  
 Nitrate/nitrite reductases  
 Animals  
 Glutamine synthetase  
 Glutamate synthase  
**Amino-acid Biosynthesis**  
 non-essential  
 essential  
**Nucleotide Biosynthesis**  
 Secondary products of amino acids **Exam-5 material**

**Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides**

Asp	1	*	OAA
Glu	1	*	$\alpha$ -KG
Ala	1	*	Pyr
Asn	1	-	Asp
Gln	1	-	Glu
Pro	3(1)	(*)	Glu/Arg
Ser	3	-	3PGA
Gly	1	*	Ser
Cys	2	*	Ser/Met
Tyr	1	*	Phe

Red=biosynthesis specific \*reverse of degradation

**Asp/Pyruvate Family**



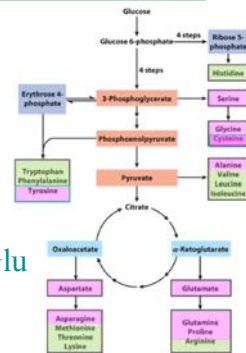
**Aromatic Family**

**Histidine**

**Essential Amino acids:**

These require many steps and unique to those used for degradation.

- Met** 7 -Asp/Cys/THF/Glu
- Thr** 5 -Asp/Glu
- Lys** 9 -Asp/Pyr/Glu
- Ile** 10 -Asp(Thr)/Pyr/Glu
- Val** 4 -Pyr/Glu
- Leu** 7 -Pyr/AcCoA/Glu
- Phe** 10 -E4P/PEP/Glu
- Trp** 12 -E4P/PEP/Gln/R5P/Ser
- His** 10 -R5P/ATP/Gln/Glu

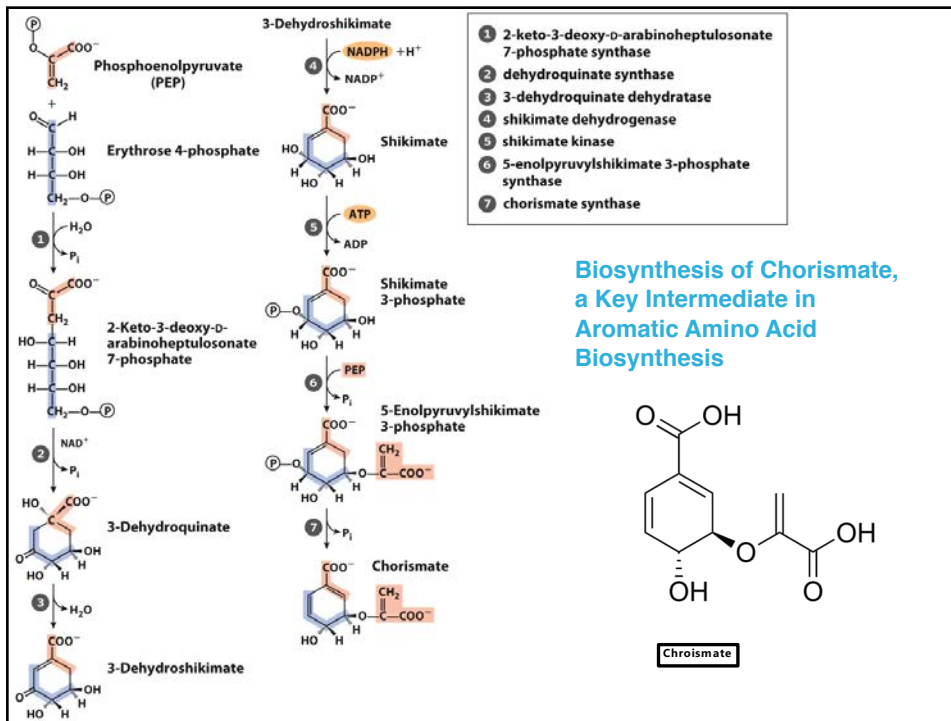
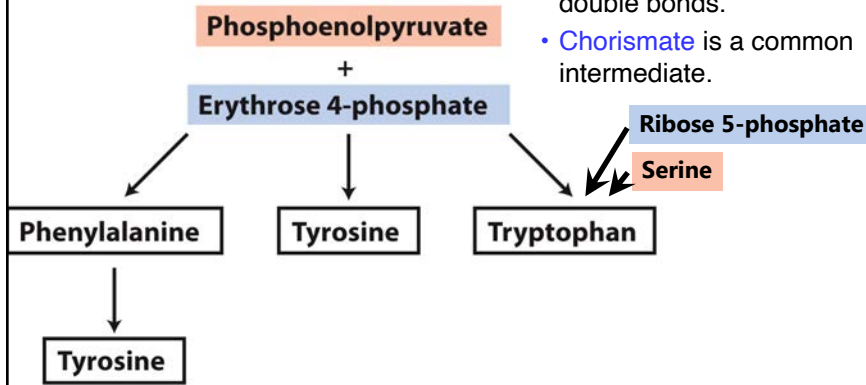


# Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

Aromatic Family: Phe, Trp

Aromatic Amino Acids Derive from PEP and Erythrose 4-Phosphate (and Rib5P and Ser)

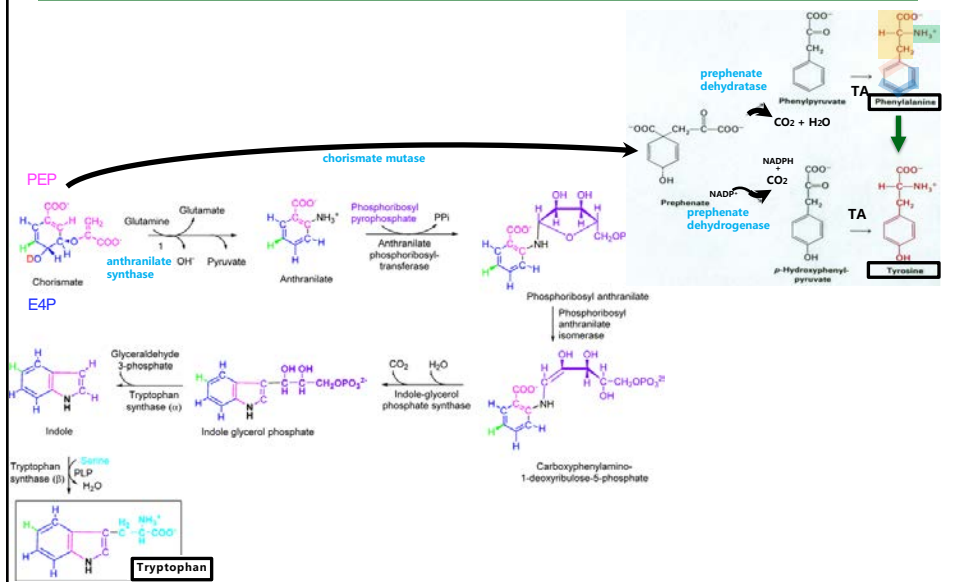
- Very complicated and amazing chemistry!
- Rings must be synthesized and closed and then oxidized to create double bonds.
- **Chorismate** is a common intermediate.



# Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

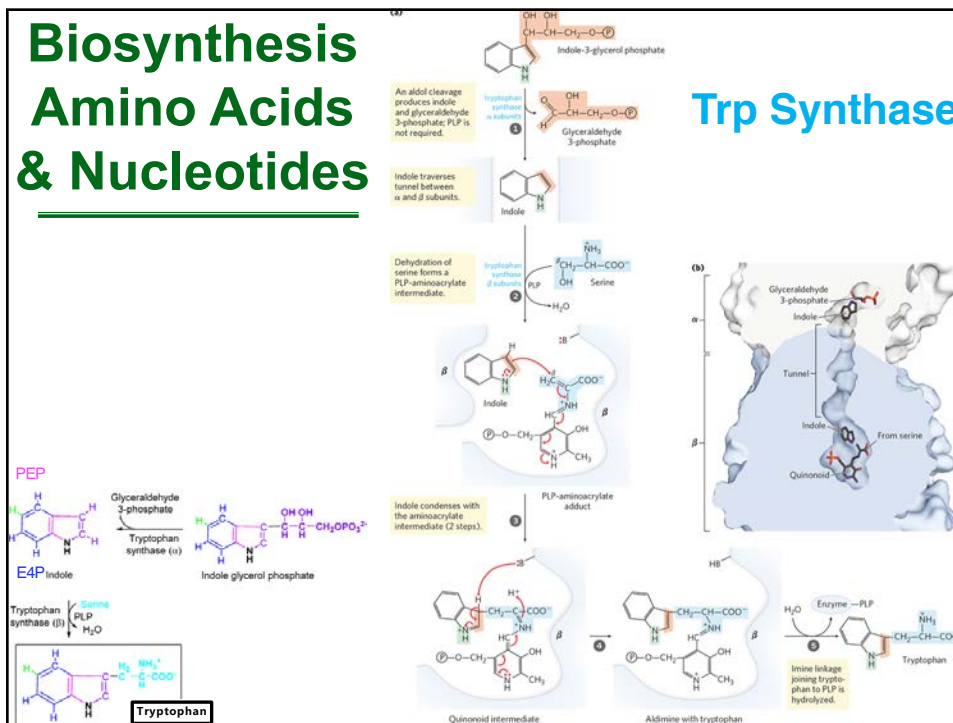
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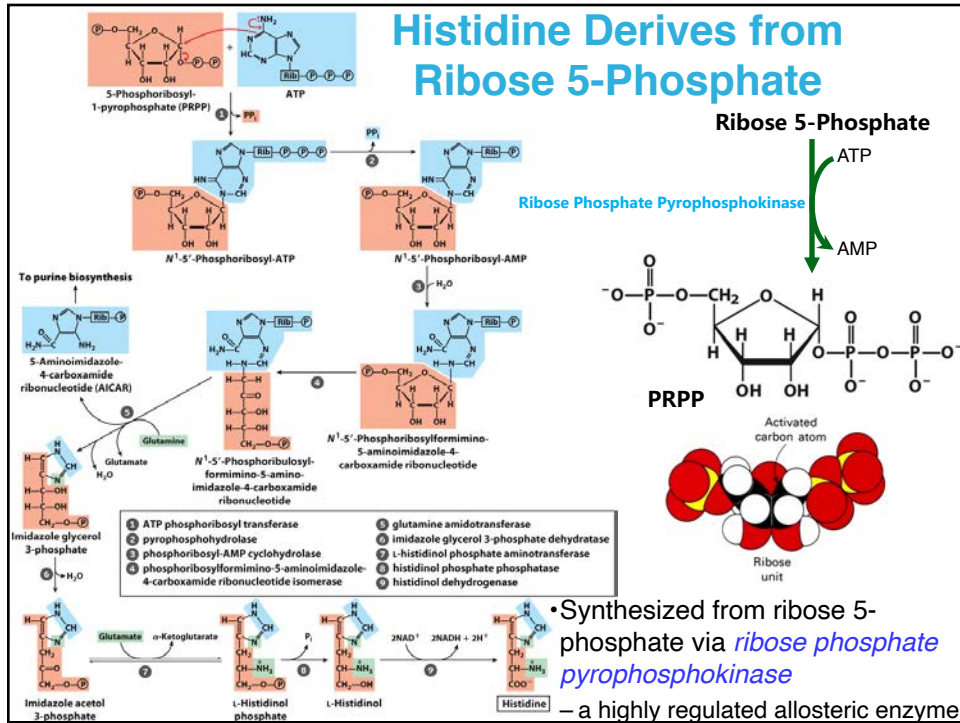
## Nucleotides



# Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

## Trp Synthase





## Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

### Essential vs. Nonessential and Conditionally Essential Amino Acids

Asp	1	*	OAA
Glu	1	*	$\alpha$ -KG
Ala	1	*	Pyr
Asn	1	–	Asp
Gln	1	–	Glu
Pro	3(1)	(*)	Glu/Arg
Ser	3	–	3PGA
Gly	1	*	Ser
Cys	2	*	Ser/Met
Tyr	1	*	Phe

Red-biosynthesis specific \*reverse of degradation

- Essential amino acids must be obtained as dietary protein.
- Nonessential amino acids are easily made from central metabolites.
- Consumption of a **variety** of foods supplies all the essential amino acids.

**TABLE 18-1** Nonessential and Essential Amino Acids for Humans and the Albino Rat

Nonessential	Conditionally essential <sup>a</sup>	Essential
Alanine	Arginine	Histidine
Asparagine	Cysteine	Isoleucine
Aspartate	Glutamine	Leucine
Glutamate	Glycine	Lysine
Serine	Proline	Methionine
	Tyrosine	Phenylalanine
		Threonine
		Tryptophan
		Valine

<sup>a</sup>Required to some degree in young, growing animals and/or sometimes during illness.

- Conditionally Essential amino acids are made from essential, or become essential in certain physiological conditions.

# Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

## Non-essential Amino acids:

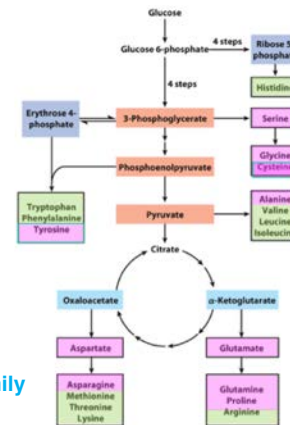
These are very few steps and often the same enzyme(s) used for degradation.

Arg-Val-His-Ile-Leu-Lys-Met-Phe Thr-Trp  
Professor A.V.HILL M.P. was a Tea Totaler

AA #steps degradation From?

AA	#steps	degradation	From?	Route
Asp	1	✓	OAA	Transaminase route
Glu	1	✓	α-KG	
Ala	1	✓	Pyr	Amidation route
Asn	1	–	Asp	
Gln	1	–	Glu	Glu Family
Pro	3(1)	(✓)	Glu/Arg	
Ser	3	–	3PGA	3-PGA Family
Gly	1	✓	Ser	
Cys	2	✓	Ser/Met	From Essential Family
Tyr	1	✓	Phe	

Red=biosynthesis specific Green=essential

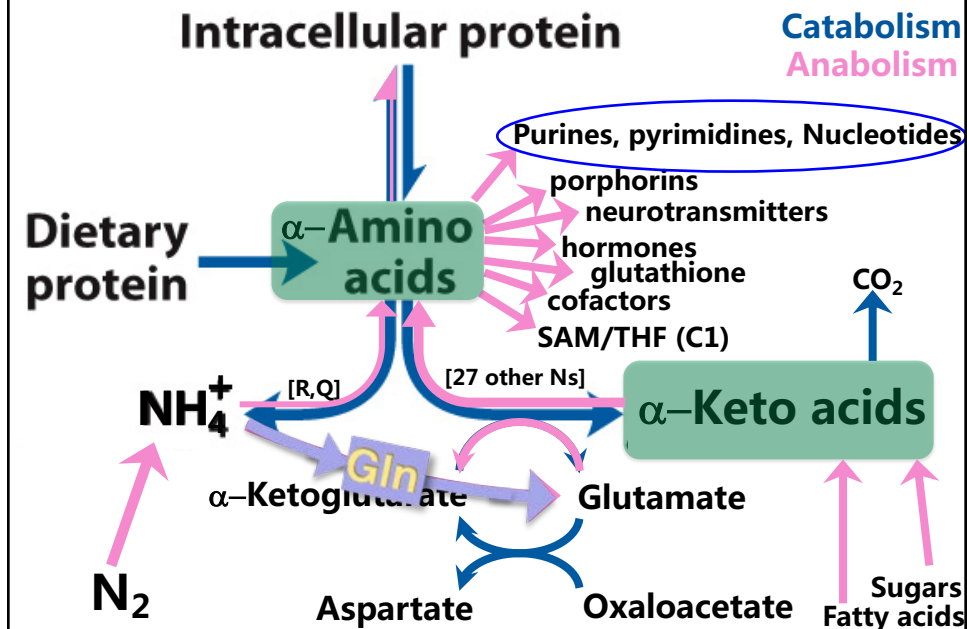


# ANABOLISM III: Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

- 1) Nitrogen fixation:  $N_2 \rightarrow NH_4$
- 2) Nitrogen assimilation: incorporation of ammonia into biomolecules
- 3) Biosynthesis of amino acids
  - a) non-essential
  - b) essential
- 4) Biosynthesis of nucleotides
  - a) sources
  - b) *de novo* purines (R)(as nucleotides\*); salvage; regulation
  - c) *de novo* pyrimidines (Y)(as bases); making nucleotide; regulation
  - d) deoxy-ribonucleotides, dTMP, and phosphorylation to NTP & dNTP
  - e) regulating levels for DNA synthesis
- 5) Control of nitrogen metabolism
- 6) Biosynthesis and degradation of heme; other 2° products of amino acids

\*Bases synthesized while attached to ribose-5-P; products are RMP (R is one-letter code for purine, Y is one letter code for pyrimidine)

## Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

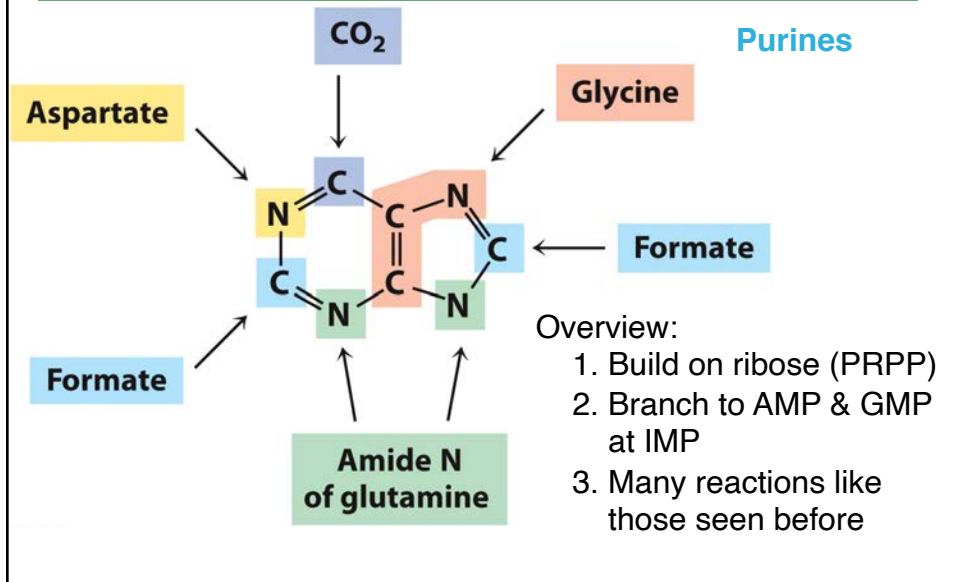


## Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

### Two major sources of Nucleotides:

- They can be synthesized **de novo** ("from the beginning")
  - Purine nucleotides: from Gly, Gln( $\text{NH}_3$ ), Asp( $\text{NH}_3$ ), THF, and  $\text{CO}_2$ , and ribose-5-phosphate (PRPP)
  - Pyrimidine nucleotides: from Asp, carbamoyl-phosphate, and ribose-5-phosphate (PRPP)
- Nucleotides can be **salvaged** from RNA, DNA, and cofactor degradation and diet.
  - Recall purines are degraded to uric acid (no energy) but pyrimidines can be oxidized to acetyl-CoA and Succinyl-CoA
  - Purine salvage is a significant contribution (80-90%)
  - Interesting: Many parasites (e.g., malaria) lack **de novo** biosynthesis and rely exclusively on salvage. Therefore, compounds that inhibit **salvage** pathways are promising **antiparasite drugs**.
- Because **ATP/ADP** are involved in so many reactions and regulation mechanisms, the [nucleotide] are kept low; so cells must continually synthesize them.
  - This synthesis may actually limit rates of transcription and replication.
- Unlike amino-acid biosynthesis, conserved in all organisms studied.

# Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides



## Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

### De Novo Biosynthesis of Purines

0. Begins with PRPP synthesis
1. PRPP reacts with Gln

#### Committal Step

2. Addition of three carbons from glycine by making amide (like Glu synthase; ammonia channel).
3. Add C1 from THF

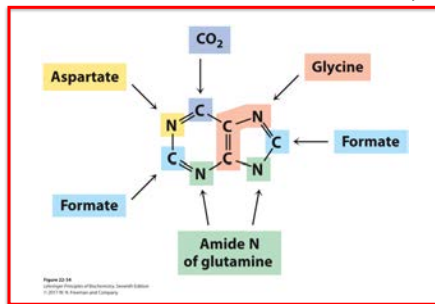
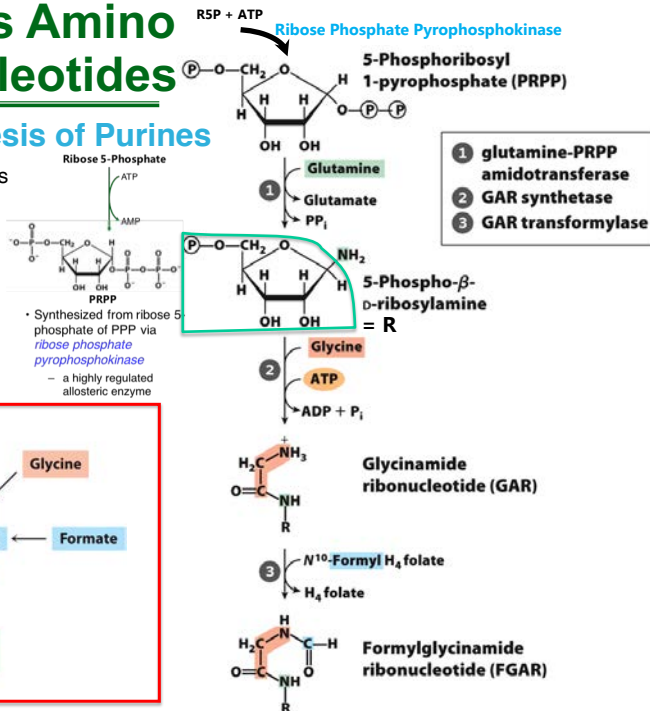


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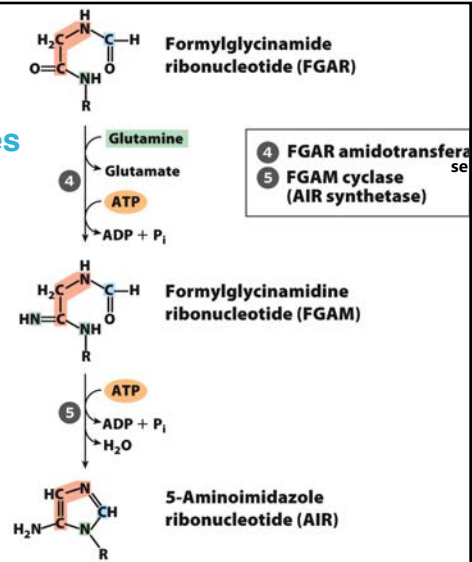
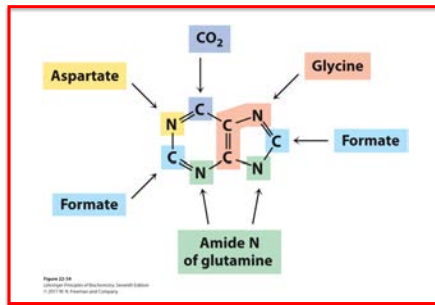




# Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

## De Novo Biosynthesis of Purines

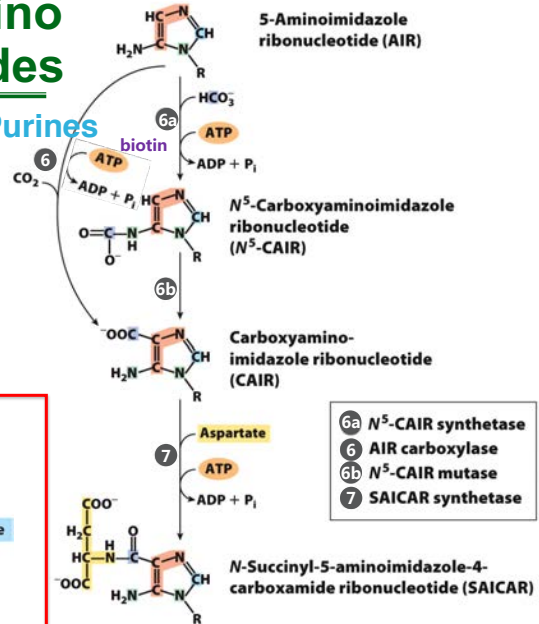
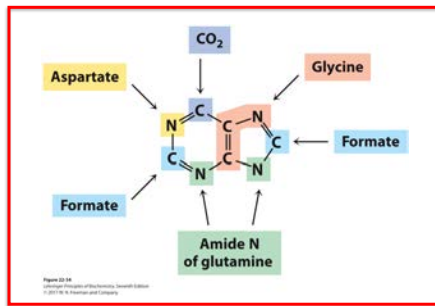
4. FGAR reacts with Gln (like Glu synthase; ammonia channel).
5. Looks like Schiff base, but its an elimination after phosphorylation.



# Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

## De Novo Biosynthesis of Purines

6. Typical carboxylase (6a/b in microorganisms)
7. Add Nitrogen of Asp (recall Urea Cycle).



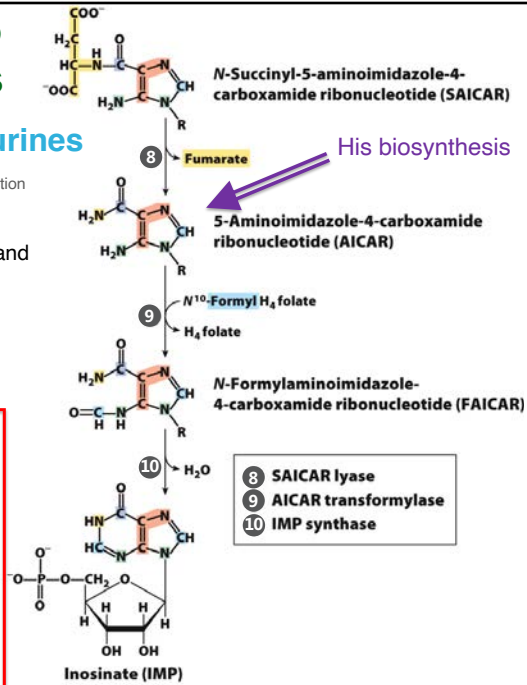
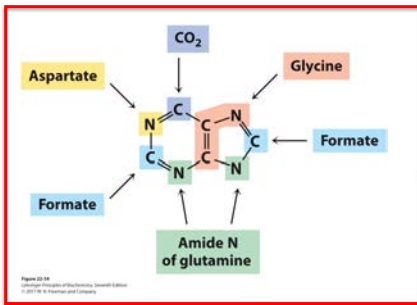


# Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

## De Novo Biosynthesis of Purines

8. Removal of formate (can act as anaplerotic reaction to keep ATP synthesis)
9. Add C1 from THF
10. Schiff base formation gets ring closure and IMP

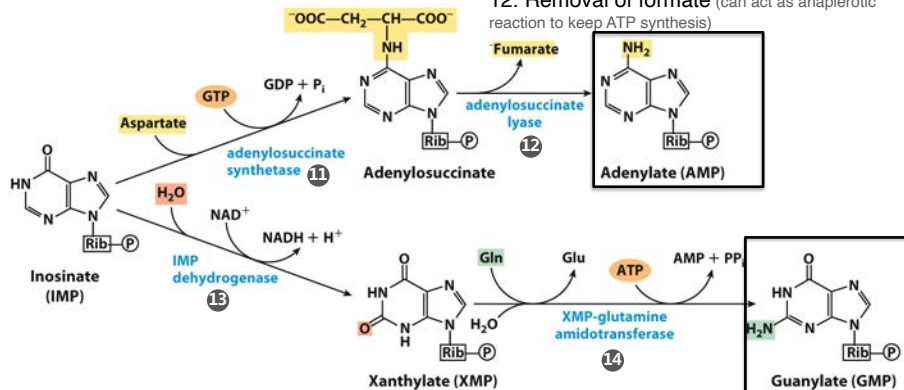
Total ATP=10 (2 for N10-formylTHF)



# Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

## Synthesis of AMP and GMP from IMP

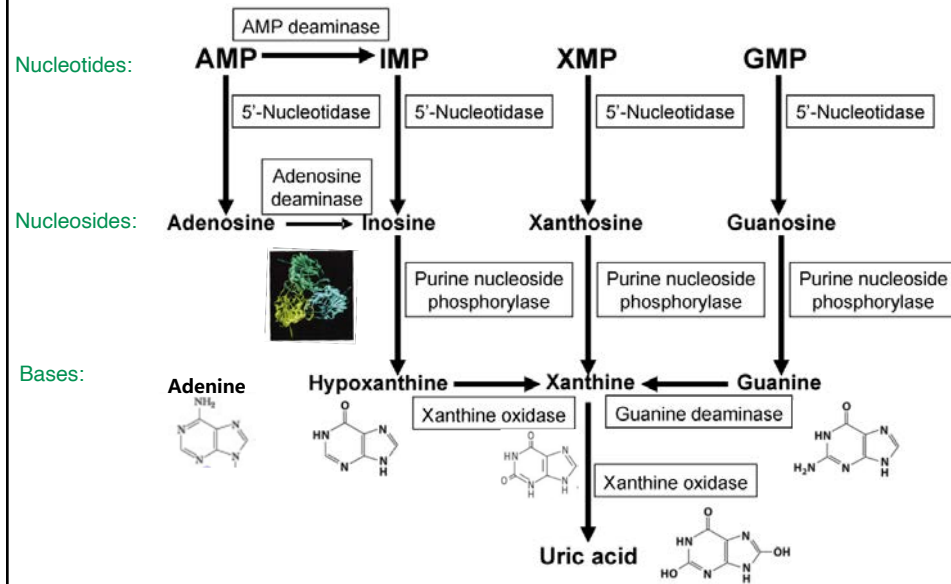
11. Add Nitrogen of Asp (recall Urea Cycle)
12. Removal of formate (can act as anaplerotic reaction to keep ATP synthesis)



13. Add water cross imine and oxidize to keto (recall fatty acid oxidation, except at imine not alkene)
14. Add nitrogen from Gln (recall Glu synthase (ammonia channel), and 3rd time we saw use of Gln for this)

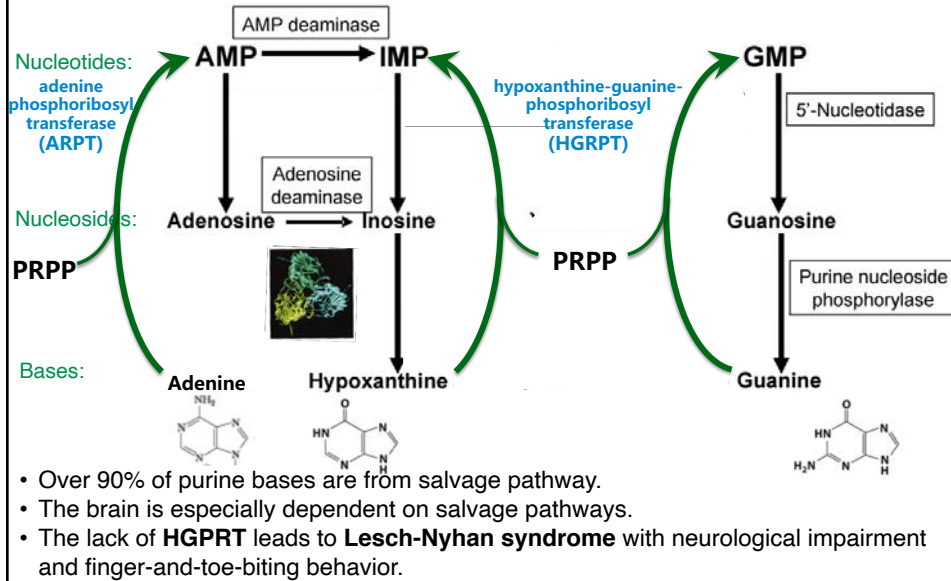
Note that ATP is used to synthesize GMP precursor, while GTP is used to synthesize AMP precursor.

## Recall: Nucleotide Degradation



## Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

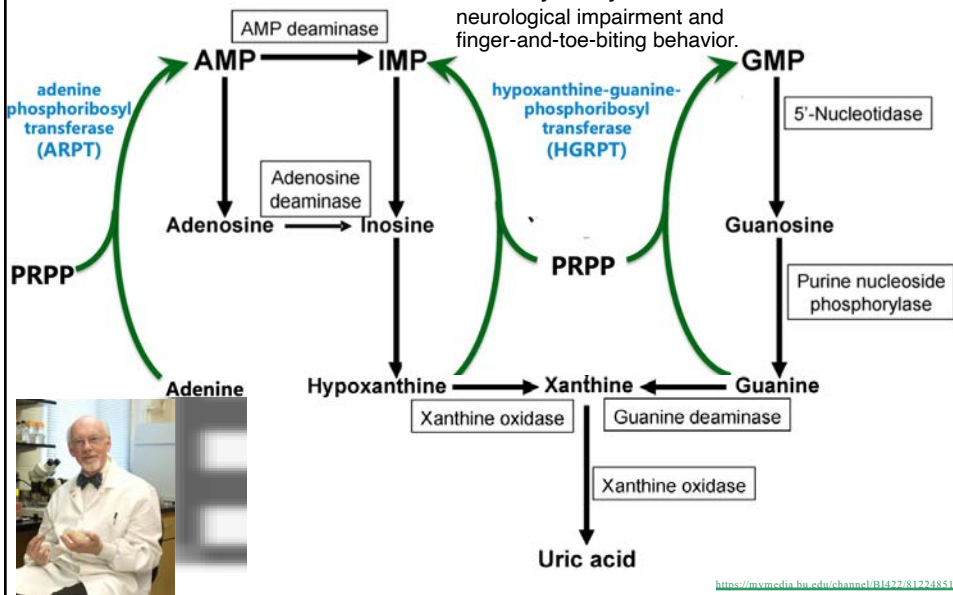
### Salvage Pathway of Purines



# Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

## Salvage Pathway

- The lack of HGPRT leads to **Lesch-Nyhan syndrome** with neurological impairment and finger-and-toe-biting behavior.

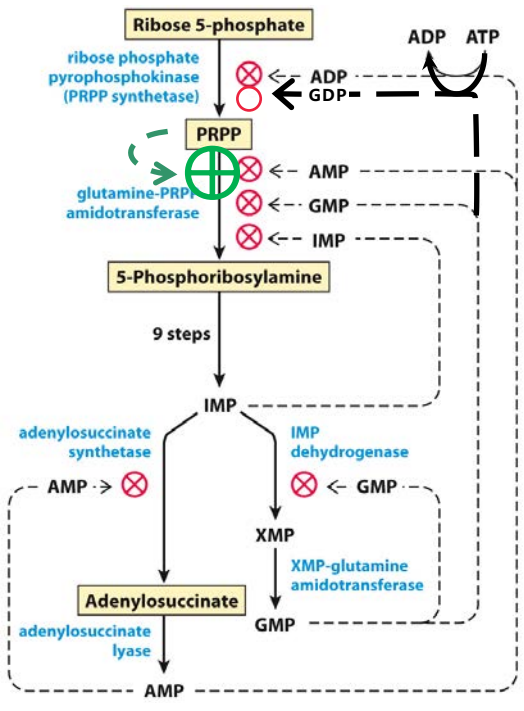


# Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

## Regulation of Purine Biosynthesis

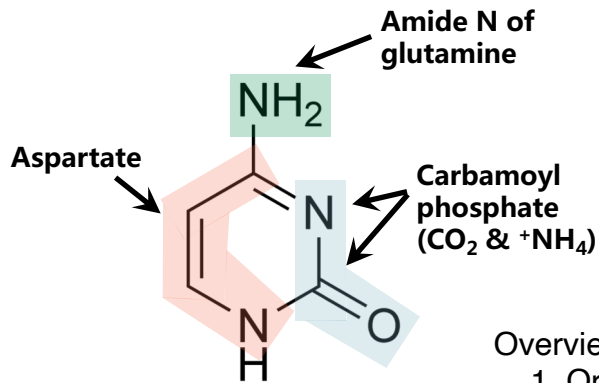
### Four Major Sites of Allosteric Regulation

- PRPP synthetase* is inhibited by ADP and GDP.
- Glutamine-PRPP amidotransferase* is inhibited by end-products IMP, AMP, and GMP.
- Excess GMP inhibits formation of xanthylate from inosinate by *IMP dehydrogenase*.
- Excess AMP inhibits formation of adenylosuccinate from inosinate by *adenylosuccinate synthetase*.



# Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

## Pyrimidines



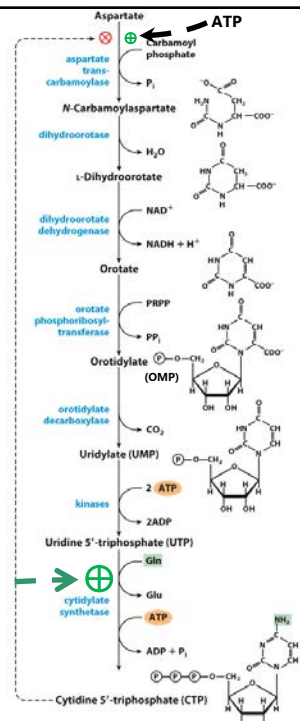
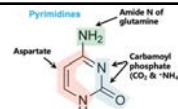
Overview:

1. Orotic acid
2. Add ribose (PRPP), make UMP
3. CTP made from UTP

## Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

### De Novo Biosynthesis of Pyrimidines

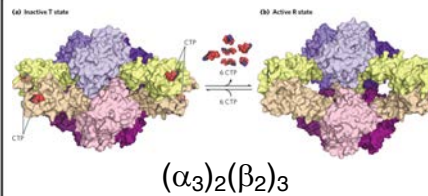
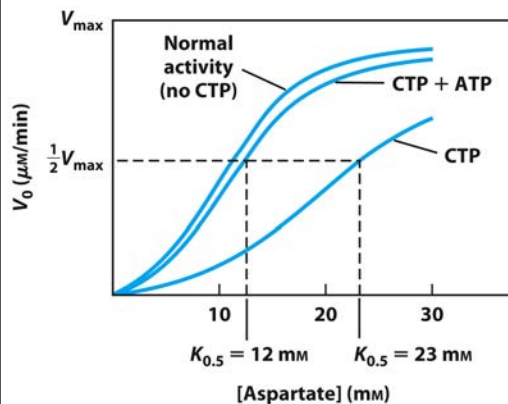
- Unlike purine synthesis, pyrimidine synthesis proceeds by *first making the pyrimidine ring* (in the form of **orotic acid**) and *then attaching it to ribose 5-phosphate* using PRPP.
- **Aspartate** and **carbamoyl phosphate** provide all the atoms for the heterocycle or pyrimidine. The first pyrimidine is **Orotate**.
- This is converted to a nucleotide using PRPP, resulting nucleotide (orotidylate; OMP).
- OMP is decarboxylated to form uridylate (UMP).
- The other pyrimidine nucleotide used in RNA is made at the triphosphate level; UMP is phosphorylated twice to make UTP.
- UTP is converted to CTP by amination using Gln similar to making AMP from XMP.
- The biosynthesis of CTP is the **CLASSIC** feedback inhibition by the allosteric negative effector (CTP) on ATCase. Also, activation by GTP



## Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

### Regulation of Pyrimidine Biosynthesis via Feedback Inhibition

### Aspartate Transcarbamoylase (ATCase)



Recall from 421: ATCase is inhibited by end-product CTP and is accelerated by ATP.

## ANABOLISM III: Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

Involvement of ribonucleotide-derivatives in all of biology

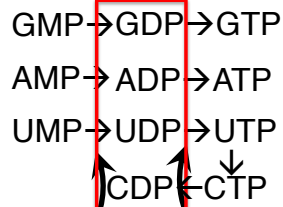


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# Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

So far:



Specific kinases,  
e.g., *UMP kinase*,  
*GMP kinase*,  
*Adenylate kinase*  
etc.



Non-specific kinase,  
*nucleoside diphosphate kinase*  
(works on both oxy- and deoxy-ribose nucleosides)

How are Ribonucleic Acid Precursors converted to Deoxyribonucleic Acid Precursors?

.....and how is dTTP made?

2'C-OH bond is directly reduced to 2'-H bond ...without activating the carbon for dehydration, etc.!

catalyzed by *ribonucleotide reductase*

*Very unique enzyme in all of biochemistry - use of free radicals (without cofactors)*

**Mechanism:** Two H atoms are donated by NADPH and carried by thioredoxin or glutaredoxin to the active site.  
-Substrates are the NDPs and the products are dNDP.