

# NUCLEOTIDE BIOSYNTHESIS

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An ample supply of nucleotides is essential for many life processes.

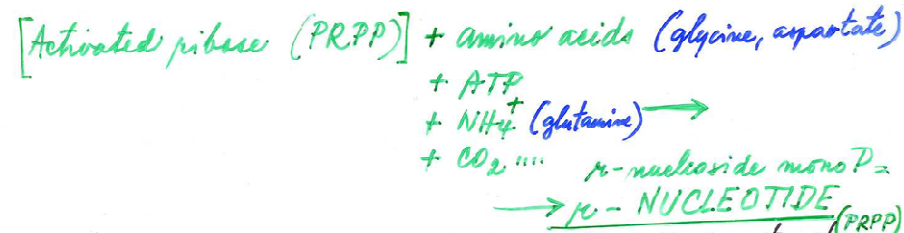
- Activated precursors of nucleic acids - nucleoside <sup>5'</sup>triphosphates
- ATP is a universal currency of energy protein synthesis
- GTP is an energy source for a more select group of biol. processes
- UDP-glucose participates in biosynthetic processes  
such as the formation of glycogen, gangliosides PIP<sub>2</sub>
- CTP - formation of phosphoglycerols (Phosphatidyl-dohine, <sup>Cardiolipin</sup> inositol)
- essential components of signal transduction pathways  
- cyclic AMP, cyclic GMP = second messengers:  
transmit signals both within and between cells

Nucleotide biosynthetic pathways are tremendously important as intervention points for therapeutic agents.

Many of the most widely used drugs in the treatment of cancer block steps in nucleotide biosynthesis, particularly steps in the synthesis of DNA precursors.  
Drugs against certain viruses.

## NUCLEOTIDE BIOSYNTHESIS

(i) de novo : the nucleotide bases are assembled from simpler compounds



a) **PYRIMIDINE**: base is assembled first and then attached to ribose

b) **PURINE**: base is synthesized directly onto a ribose-based structure (PRPP)

(ii) salvage pathway : preformed bases are recovered and reconnected to a ribose unit

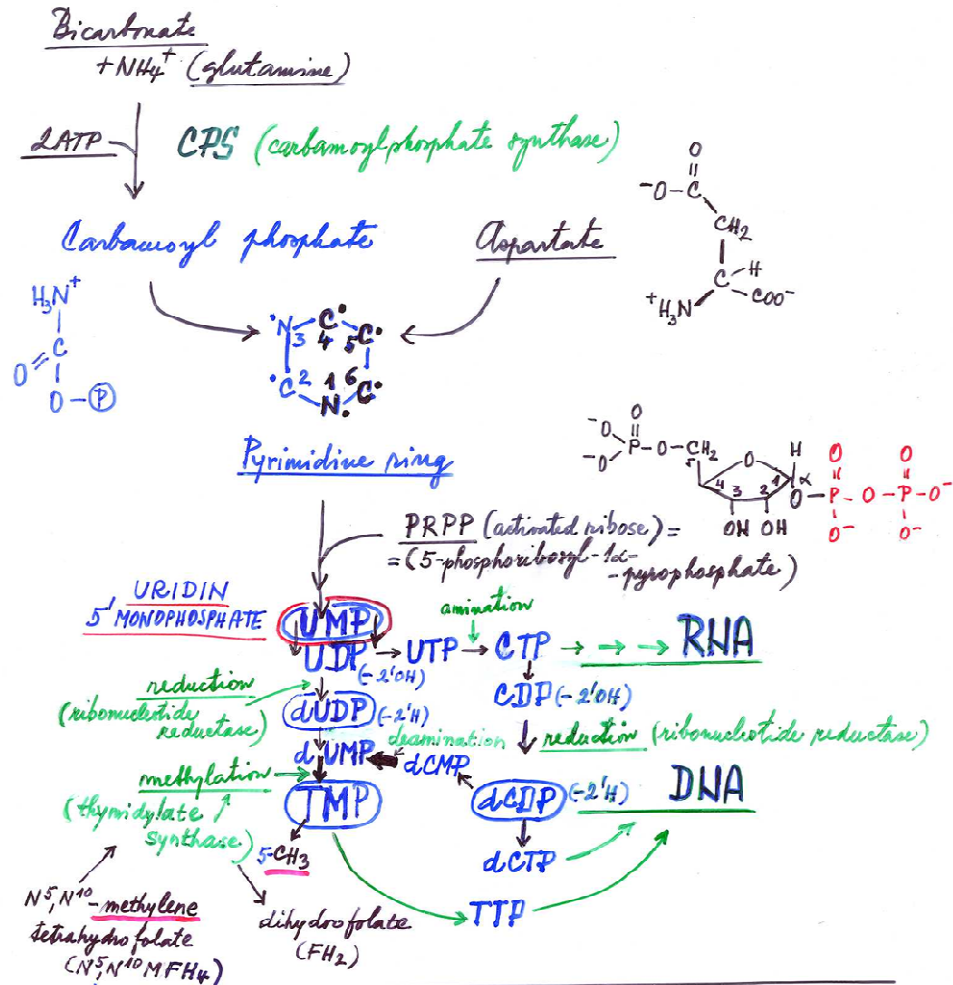


## RNA preceded DNA in the course of evolution

(a) all deoxyribonucleotides are synthesized from the corresponding ribonucleotides. The deoxyribose sugar is generated by the reduction of ribose within a fully formed N-nucleotide - not earlier

(b) the methyl (-CH<sub>3</sub>) group that distinguishes the thymine of DNA from the uracil of RNA is added at the last step in the pathway

De novo pathway for pyrimidine nucleotide synthesis  
(simplified)



Deoxyribonucleotides formed first are diphosphates:



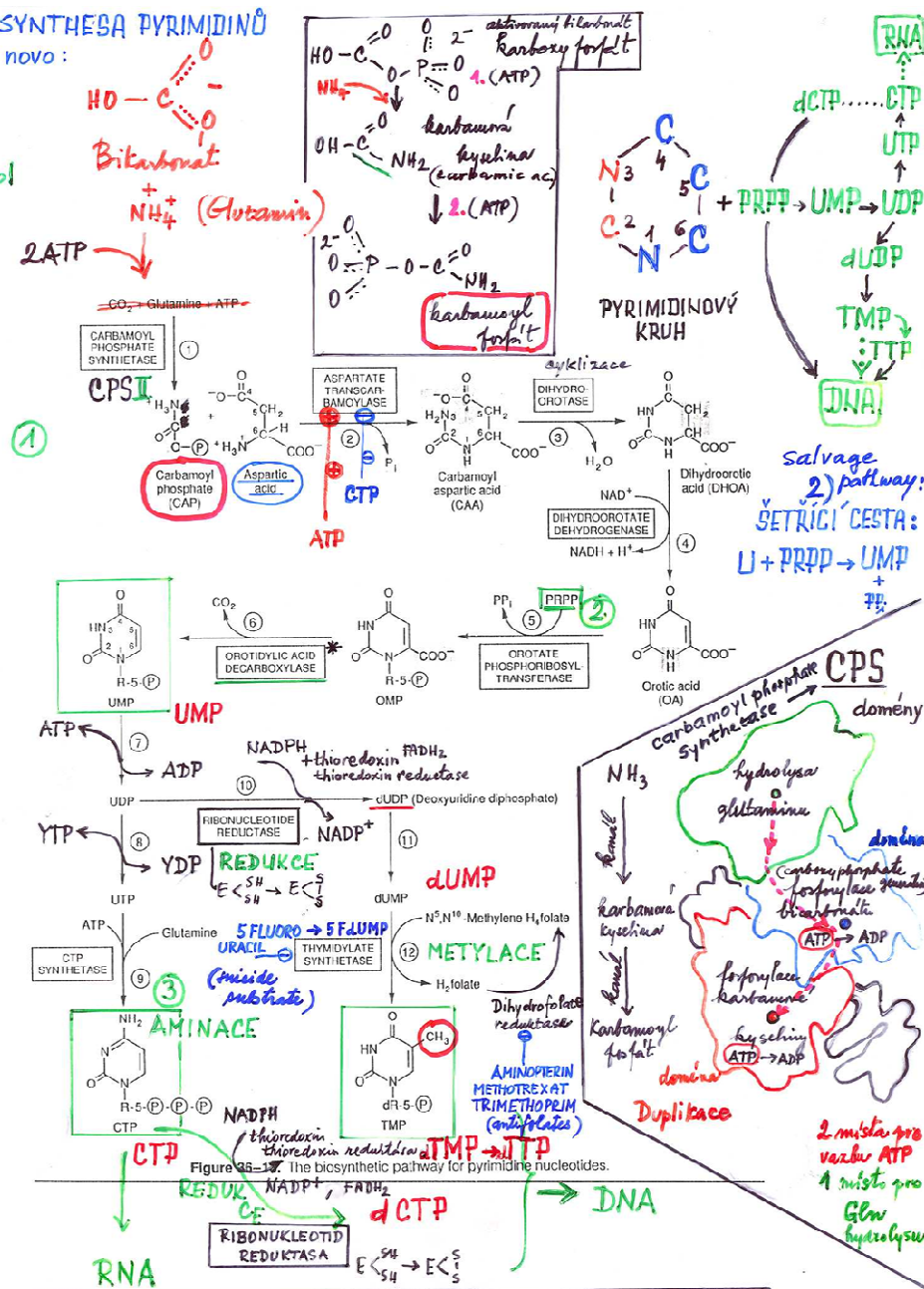
or a monophosphate:



# BIOSYNTHEZA PYRIMIDINŮ

1) de novo:

cytosol



\* orotidylic acid decarboxylase: jeden z nejvíce nedostupných enzymů (1/s); bez něj by došlo k dekarboxylaci 1x/78 milionů let rychlejší reakce enzymů: 10<sup>17</sup> násobně

# The *pyrAb* Gene Coding for the Large Subunit of Carbamoylphosphate Synthetase from *Bacillus stearothermophilus*: Molecular Cloning and Functional Characterization

( carbamoylphosphate synthetase / pyrimidine biosynthesis pathway / *pyr* operon / *pyrAb* )

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*Two binding sites for ATP binding in the molecule of carbamoyl phosphate synthetase*

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start pyrD
  
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Fig. 2. Nucleotide sequence of the *Bacillus stearothermophilus pyrAb* gene and its 5' and 3' flanking regions. Putative Shine-Dalgarno sequences for *pyrAb* and *pyrD* are depicted in underlined italics. The start codons of *pyrAb* and *pyrD* as well as the stop codons of *pyrAb* and *pyrD* are highlighted by underlined bold letters.

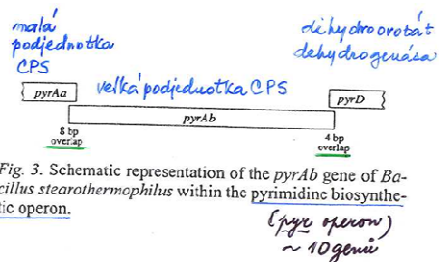


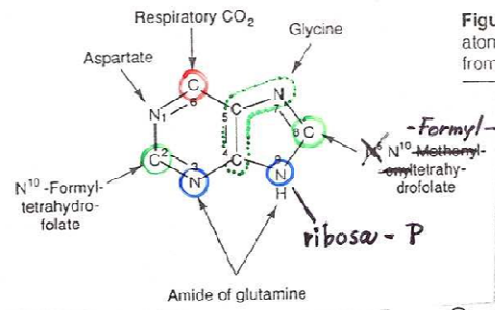
Fig. 3. Schematic representation of the *pyrAb* gene of *Bacillus stearothermophilus* within the pyrimidine biosynthetic operon.

*DNA sekvence genu pyrAb = 3195 nt dlouhý ORF - kóduje polypeptidický řetězec dlouhý 1064 aminokyselin*

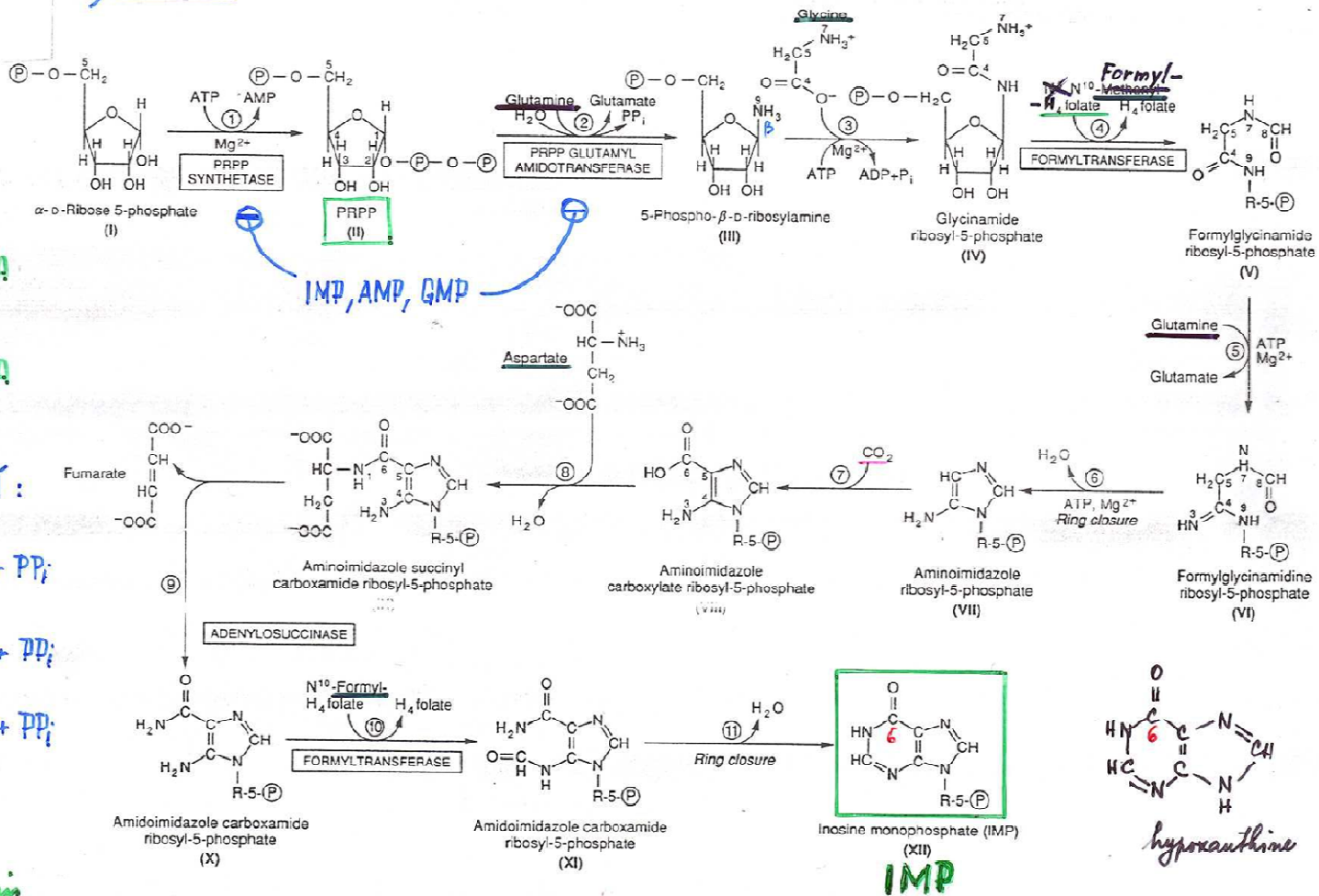
# BIOSYNTESA PURINŮ – PURINE BIOSYNTHESIS

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Figure 36-2. The sources of the nitrogen and carbon atoms of the purine ring. Atoms 4, 5, and 7 (shaded) derive from glycine.



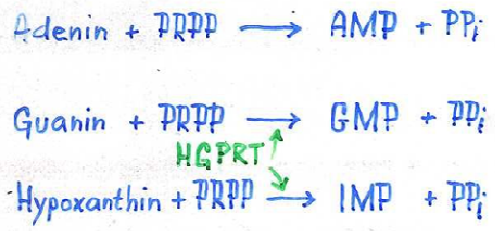
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IMP

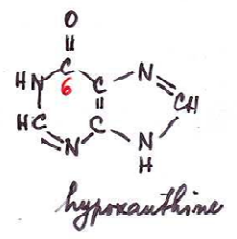
ATP → dATP  
 GTP → dGTP → DNA

## 2) ZACHRANNA CESTA ŠETRČÍ: SALVAGE PATHWAY:



HGPRT = hypoxanthin - guanine fosforiboyl transferase

Figure 36-3. The pathway of de novo purine biosynthesis from ribose 5-phosphate and ATP. (See text for explanation.) @, PO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> or PO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>.



## CONVERSION OF IMP TO AMP AND GMP

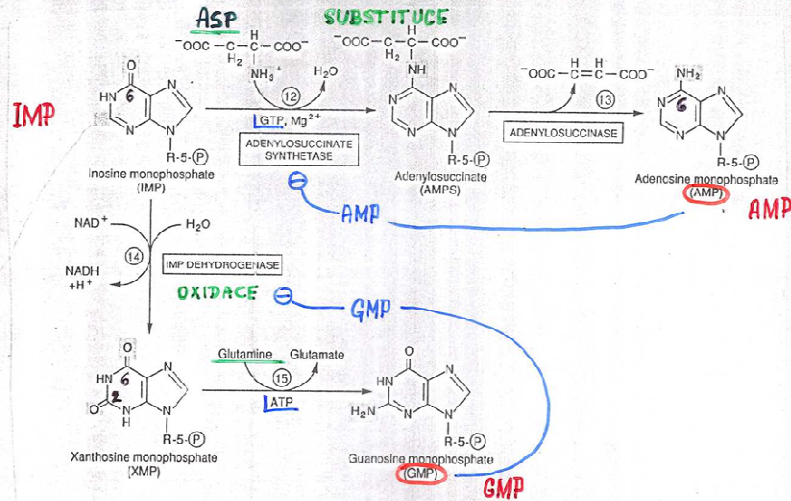
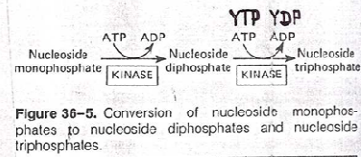


Figure 36-4. Conversion of IMP to AMP and GMP.



Ribose 5 phosphate + ATP

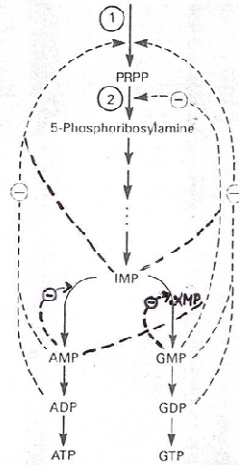


Figure 36-8. Control of the rate of de novo purine nucleoside synthesis. Solid lines represent chemical flow, and broken lines represent feedback inhibition (⊖) by end products of the pathway. Reactions ① and ② are catalyzed by PRPP synthetase and by PRPP glutamyltransferase (see Fig 35-3) respectively.

## FORMATION OF DEOXYRIBONUCLEOTIDES

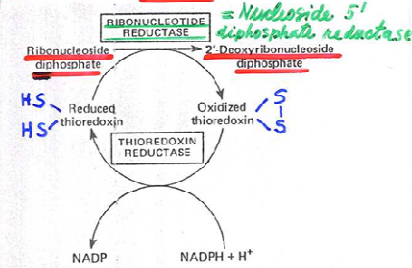


Figure 36-10. Reduction of ribonucleoside diphosphates to 2'-deoxyribonucleoside diphosphates.

Inhibitors of ribonucleotide reductase are potent inhibitors of DNA synthesis → cell cycle

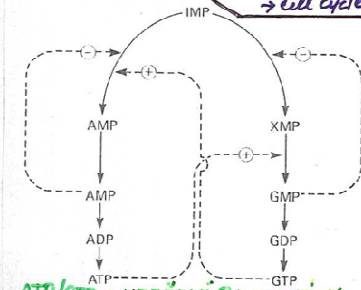


Figure 36-9. Regulation of the interconversion of IMP to adenosine nucleotides and guanosine nucleotides. Solid lines represent chemical flow, and broken lines represent both positive (⊕) and negative (⊖) feedback regulation.

**PURINE DEGRADATION:  
DEGRADACE PURINŮ**

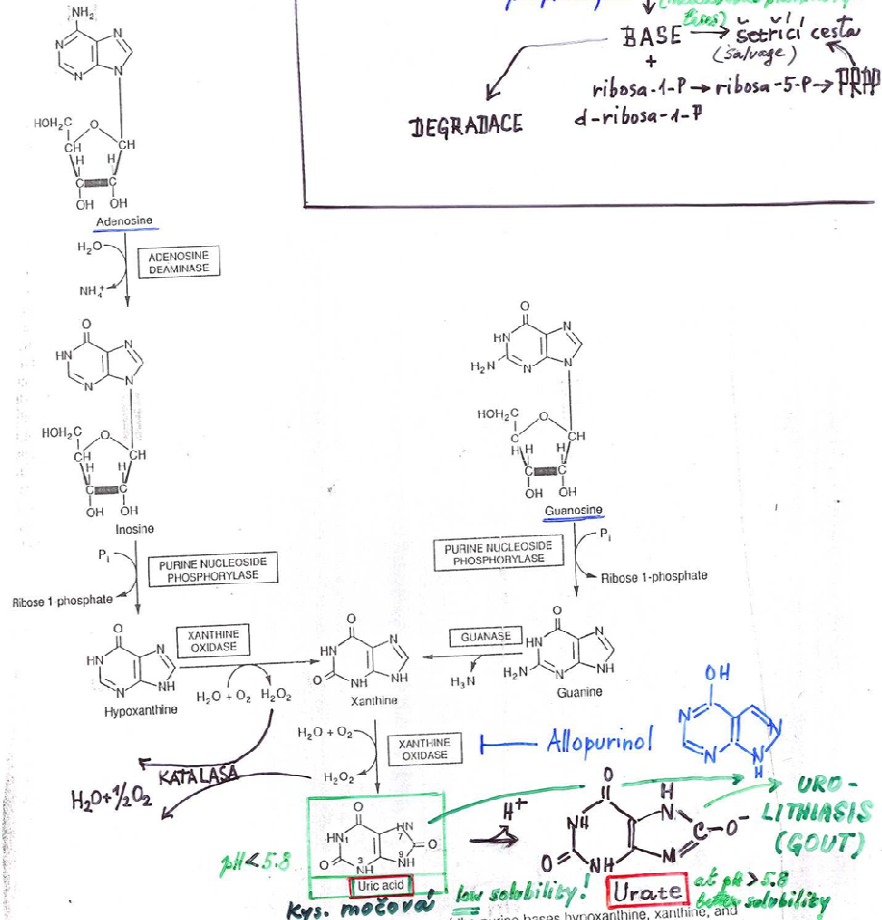
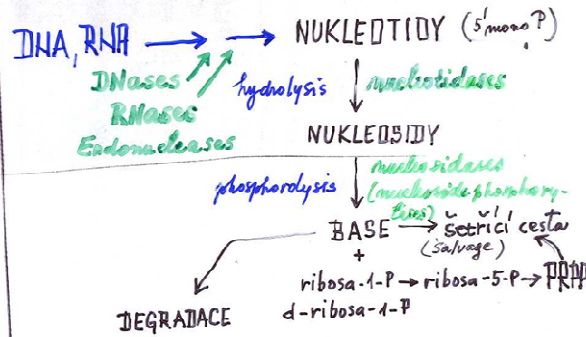
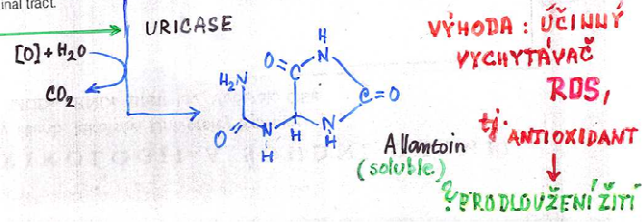


Figure 36-1. Formation of uric acid from purine nucleosides by way of the purine bases hypoxanthine, xanthine, and guanine. Purine deoxyribonucleosides are degraded by the same catabolic pathway and enzymes, all of which exist in the mucosa of the mammalian gastrointestinal tract.

in mammals but not in primates  
 savci, ale ne vyšší primáti





# DEGRADACE NUKLEOTIDŮ = PYRIMIDINY PYRIMIDINE DEGRADATION

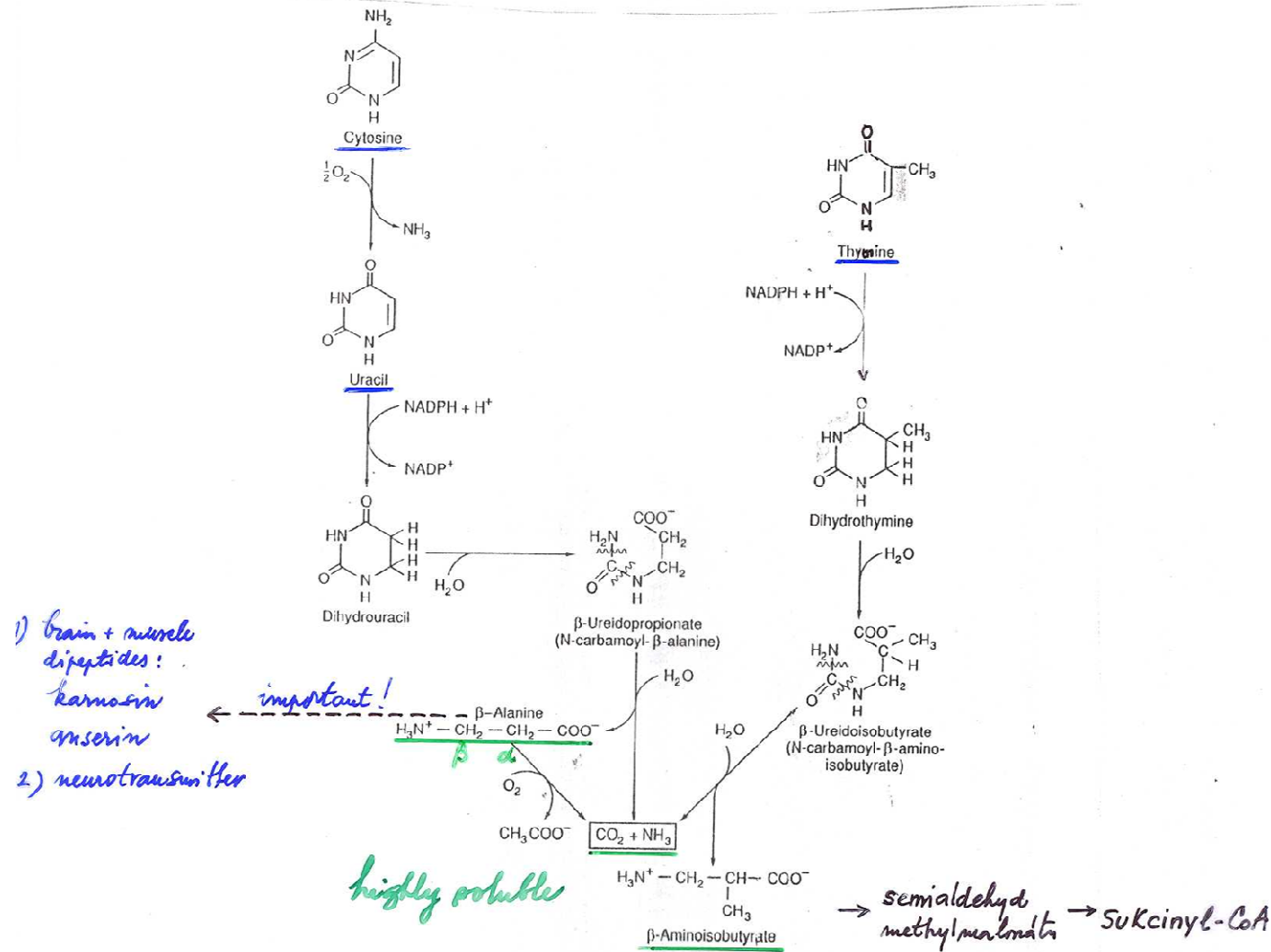


Figure 36-15. Catabolism of pyrimidines.

Table 35-1. Inherited disorders of purine metabolism and their associated enzyme abnormalities.

Clinical Disorder	Defective Enzyme	Nature of the Defect	Characteristics of Clinical Disorder	Inheritance Pattern
Gout	PRPP synthetase	Superactive (increased $V_{max}$ )	Purine overproduction and overexcretion	X-linked recessive
Gout	PRPP synthetase	Resistance to feedback inhibition	Purine overproduction and overexcretion	X-linked recessive
Gout	PRPP synthetase	Low $K_m$ for ribose 5-phosphate	Purine overproduction and overexcretion	Probably X-linked recessive
Gout	HGPRTase*	Partial deficiency	Purine overproduction and overexcretion	X-linked recessive
Lesch-Nyhan syndrome	HGPRTase* (SETRICÍ CESTA)	Complete deficiency → ↑↑ PRPP	Purine overproduction and overexcretion; cerebral palsy and self-mutilation. → ↑↑ urát	X-linked recessive NEPŘÁLETSKÉ CHOVÁNÍ
Immune deficiency	Adenosine deaminase	Severe deficiency SCID *	Combined (T cell and B cell) immunodeficiency, deoxyadenosinuria	Autosomal recessive
Immune deficiency	Purine nucleoside phosphorylase	Severe deficiency	T cell deficiency, inosinuria, deoxyinosinuria, guanosinuria, deoxyguanosinuria, hypouricemia	Autosomal recessive
Renal lithiasis	Adenine phosphoribosyltransferase	Complete deficiency	2,8-Dihydroxyadenine renal lithiasis	Autosomal recessive
Xanthinuria	Xanthine oxidase	Complete deficiency	Xanthine renal lithiasis, hypouricemia	Autosomal recessive

\*HGPRTase = hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyltransferase.

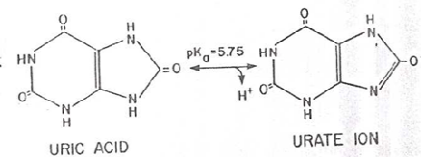
- \* léčení: genová terapie (10/11 dětí vyléčeno (genová transplantace pomocí retrovirového konstruktu) \* leukemic Lx)
- \* SCID: severe combined immunodeficiency
- \* nadbytek purinů, ne nukleotidů!

NEPŘÁLETSKÉ CHOVÁNÍ  
SEBEMRZAČENÍ  
způsobeno chyběním JEDINEHO ENZYMU!

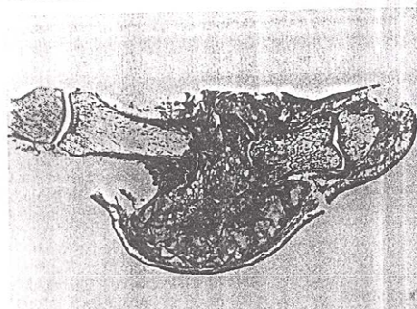
\* HGPRT = hypoxanthin-guanin fosforibosyl transferasa ("setrácí cesta")

Table 36-3. Inherited disorders of pyrimidine metabolism and their associated enzyme abnormalities.

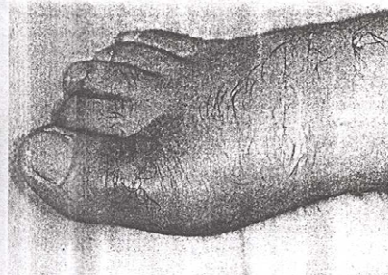
Clinical Disorder	Defective Enzyme	Characteristics of Clinical Disorder	Inheritance Pattern
$\beta$ -Aminoisobutyric aciduria	Transaminase	No symptoms; frequent in Orientals.	Autosomal recessive
Orotic aciduria, type I	Orotate phosphoribosyltransferase and orotidylate decarboxylase	Orotic acid crystalluria, failure to thrive, and megaloblastic anemia. Immune deficiency. Remission with oral uridine.	Autosomal recessive
Orotic aciduria, type II	Orotidylate decarboxylase	Orotidinuria and orotic aciduria. megaloblastic anemia. Remission with oral uridine.	Autosomal recessive
Omithine transcarbamoylase deficiency	Omithine transcarbamoylase	Protein intolerance, hepatic encephalopathy, and mild orotic aciduria.	X-linked recessive.



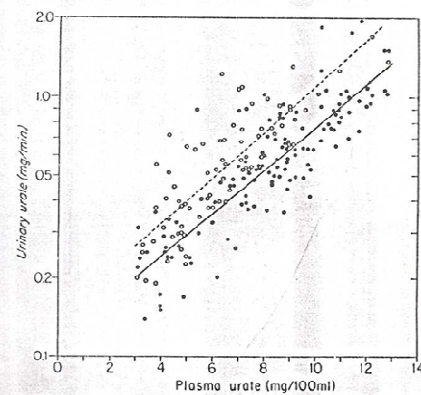
**FIG. 49-10** Ionization of uric acid. The weakly acidic nature of uric acid is due to ionization of hydrogen atoms. Ionization at position 9 ( $pK_a = 5.75$ ) is shown above. The ionized forms of uric acid readily form salts. In extracellular fluids in which sodium is the principal cation, about 98 percent of uric acid is in the form of the monosodium salt at pH 7.4. The crystals, which form in the synovial fluid or the tophi of gouty patients when solubility limits are exceeded, are composed of monosodium urate monohydrate.



**FIG. 49-2** Chronic tophaceous gout. In this sagittal section of a surgical specimen, complete destruction of the first metatarsophalangeal joint is evident. Light microscopy with polarization confirmed replacement of articular and adjacent bony structures as well as the subcutaneous layers by fibrous tissue containing relatively few chronic inflammatory cells but masses of monosodium urate crystals. The tarsometatarsal and interphalangeal joints remain intact. (Courtesy of M. A. Simon, University of Chicago.)



**FIG. 49-1** Acute gouty arthritis of the first metatarsophalangeal joint (podagra). Intense swelling and discoloration (redness) spreading well beyond the confines of the joint (periarthritic inflammation) are typical of acute gout.



**FIG. 49-14** Urate excretion at varying concentrations of plasma urate. Urinary urate is expressed in  $\text{mg}/\text{min} \bullet 100 \text{ ml}$  of glomerular filtrate. The slopes of the normal ( $\circ$ ) and gout ( $\bullet$ ) regressions are not significantly different from each other. The average gouty individual must have a serum urate  $1.7 \text{ mg/dl}$  higher than normal in order to equal the normal rate of urate excretion. (From P. A. Sinker.<sup>144</sup> Used by permission.)



Prof. Dr. Jan Horbaczewski  
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Kyseliny močové  
1st chemical synthesis  
of URIC ACID ~ 1882*

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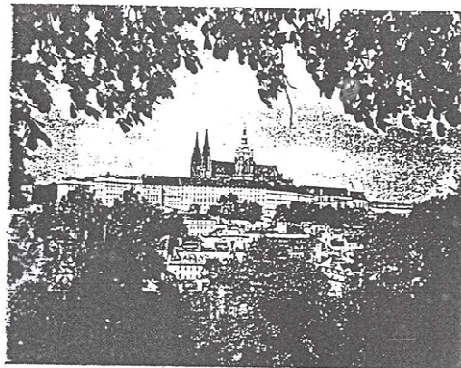
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