

# Unit - IV (b)

Topic

Synthesis and Breakdown

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## Purines and Pyrimidines:- Introduction

DNA and RNA can be considered to be polymer of a simple unit called a 'nucleotide'.

Each nucleotide is made up of a base, a sugar and phosphoric acid.

If the phosphate is removed by hydrolysis, the residue consisting of a base and sugar is called a nucleoside.

The nucleotides nucleosides can be further hydrolyzed to separate the base from the sugar.

Sugar → The sugar moiety is

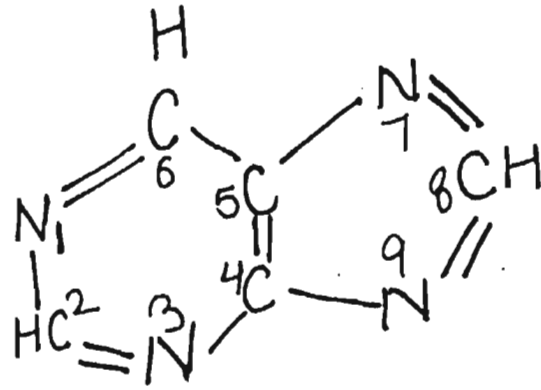
D-ribose in RNA

And

D-2, deoxyribose in DNA

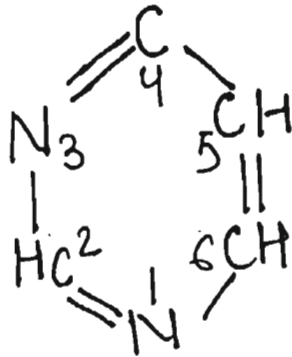
They exist in the ring form as furanose.

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(Purine)

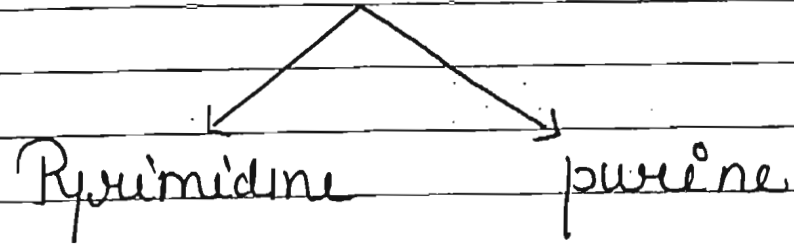
- ⇒ Bicyclic structure
- ⇒ 4 ⇒ nitrogen (1, 3, 9)
- ⇒ 9 membered



(Pyrimidine)

- Monocyclic structure
- 2 Nitrogen (1, 3)
- 6 membered

Base :-> Two types of bases are present



### Purines and Pyrimidines

The nitrogen bases found in nucleotides (and therefore, nucleic acid) are aromatic heterocyclic compounds.

Purines are numbered in the anticlockwise direction.

Definition -> Purines and pyrimidines are nitrogenous bases that

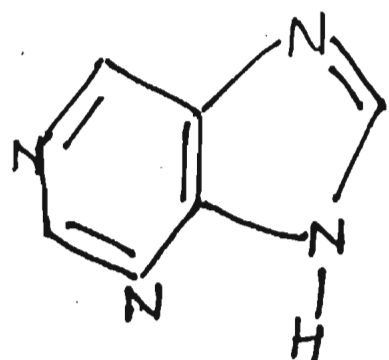
make up the two different kind of nucleotide bases in DNA & RNA.

=> The two-carbon nitrogen ring bases are purines

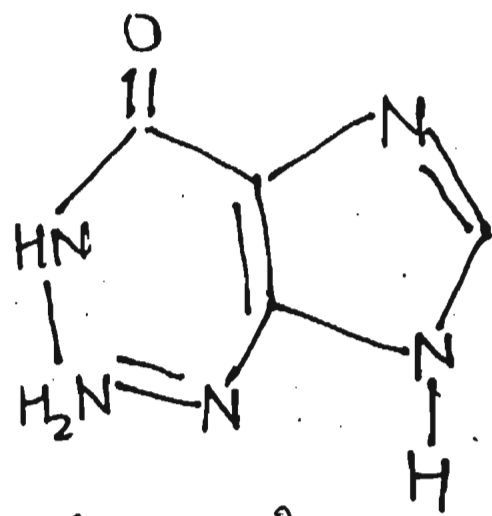
=> The one-carbon nitrogen ring bases are pyrimidines.



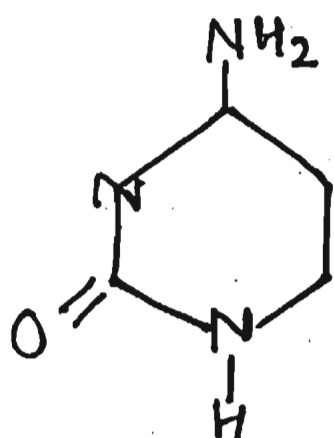
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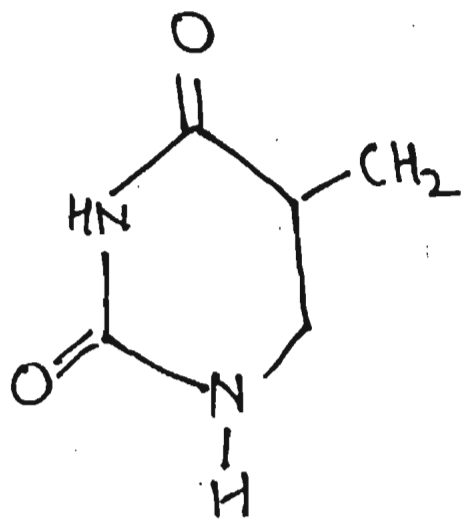
Adenine



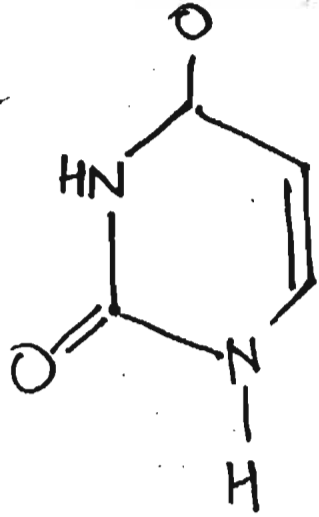
Guanine



Cytosine



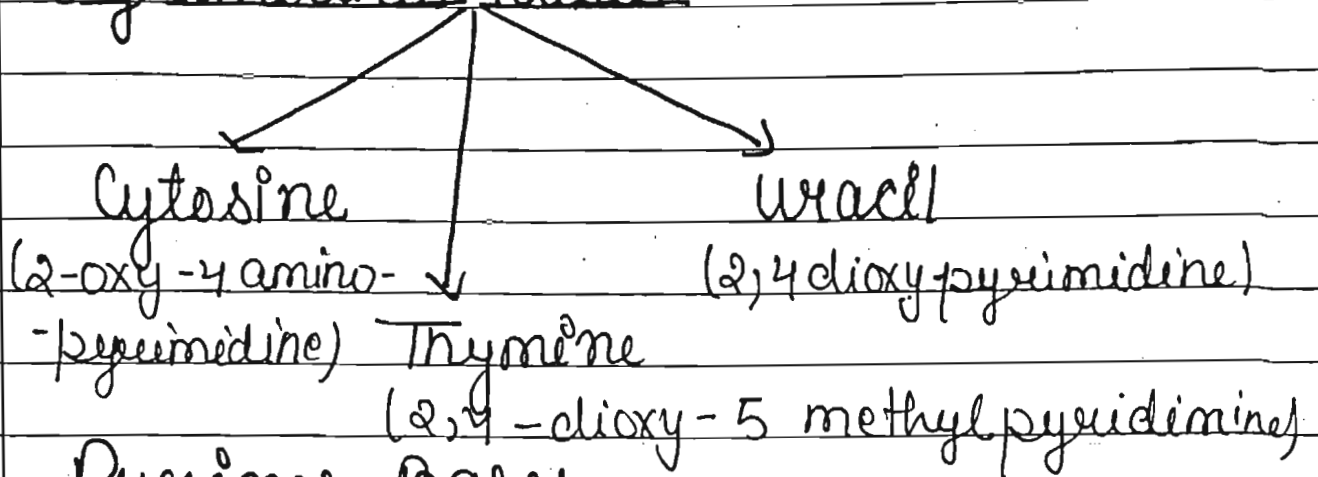
Thymine



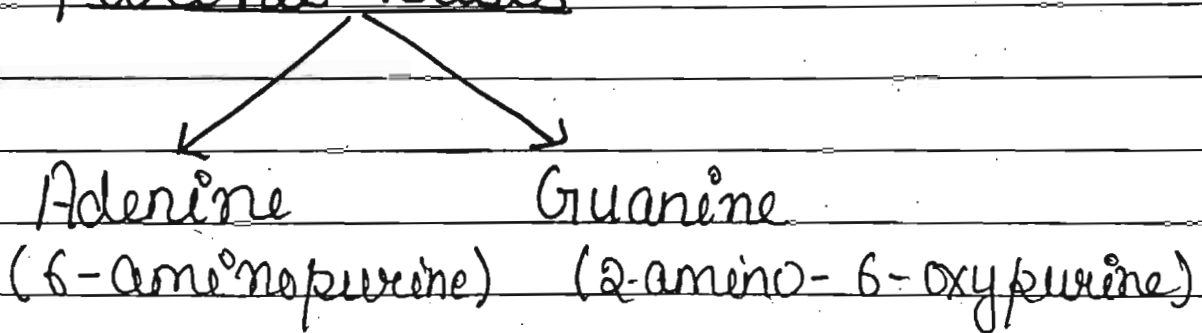
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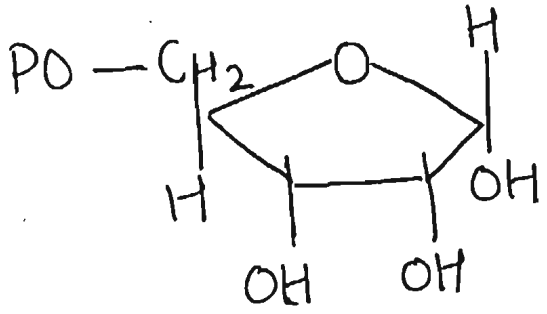
# Types of pyrimidines and purines

## Pyrimidines Bases

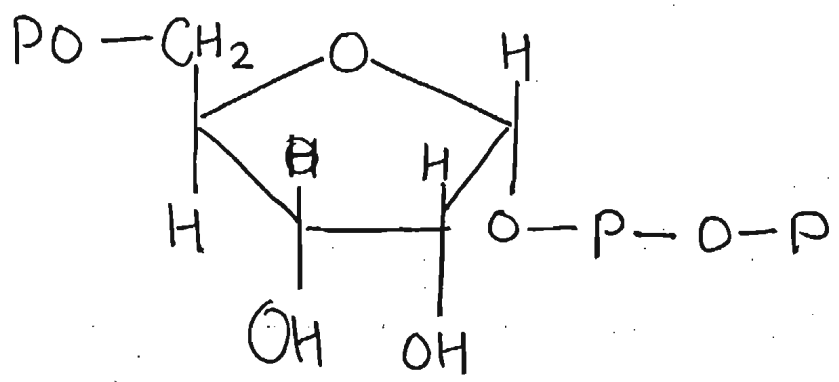
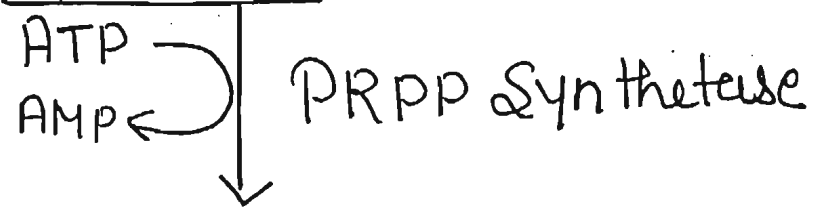


## Purines Bases

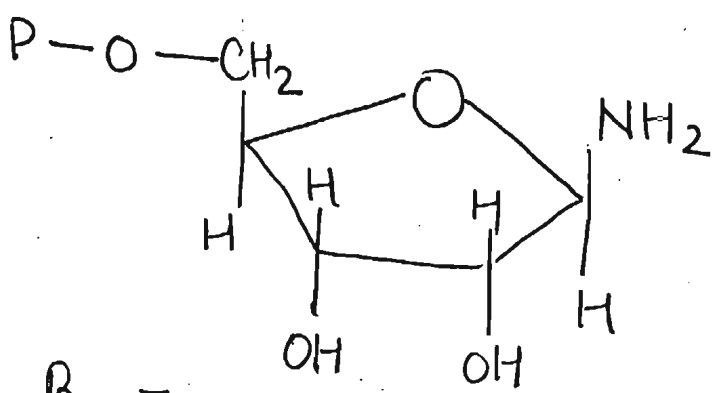
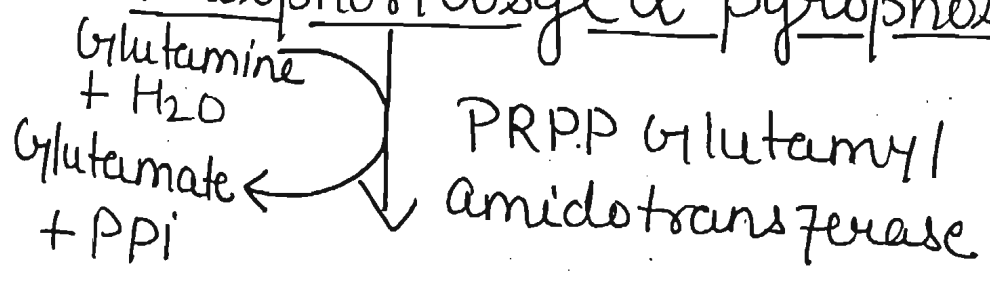




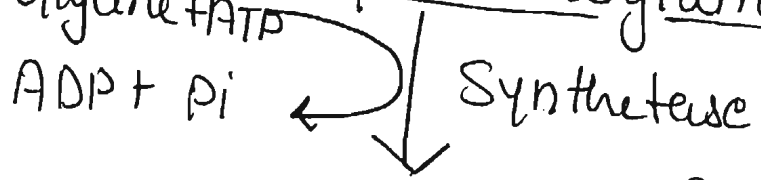
α-D-Ribose-5-Phosphate



5-phosphoribosyl α pyrophosphate



β-5-Phosphoribosylamine





# BIO SYNTHESIS OF PURINE

⇒ 1. Ribose 5 phosphate, produced in the hexose monophosphate shunt of CHO metabolism is the starting material for purine nucleotide synthesis. It reacts with ATP to form phosphoribosyl pyrophosphate (PRPP).

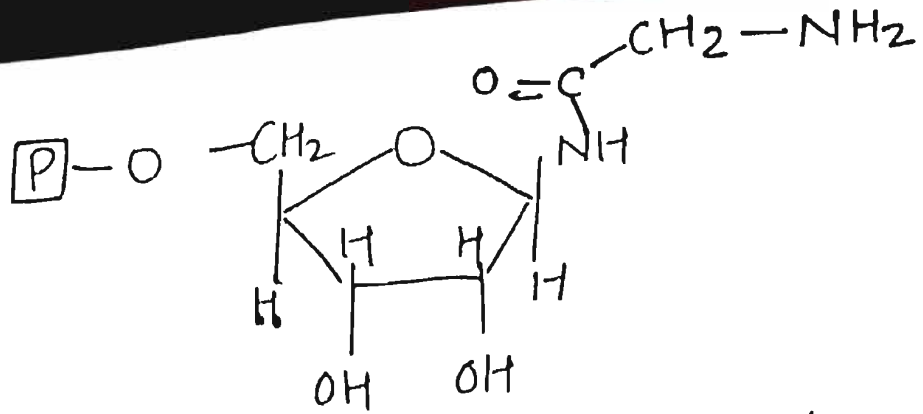
⇒ 2. Glutamine transfers its amide nitrogen to PRPP to replace pyrophosphate and produce 5 phosphoribosylamine.

The enzyme PRPP to replace glutamyl amidotransferase is controlled by the feedback inhibition of nucleotide (IMP) (AMP, GMP).

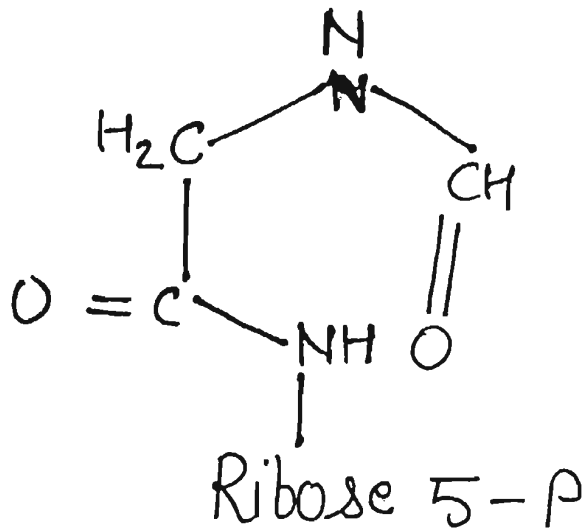
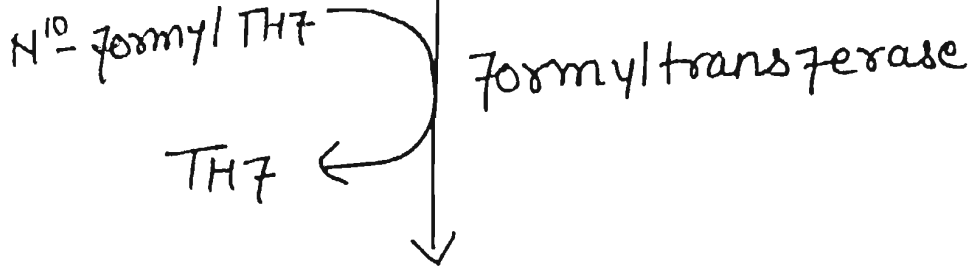
This reaction is the committed step in purine nucleotide biosynthesis.

⇒ 3 Step i → Phosphoribosylamine reacts with glycine in the presence of ATP to form glycinamide ribosyl 5-phosphate or glycinamide ribotide (GAR).

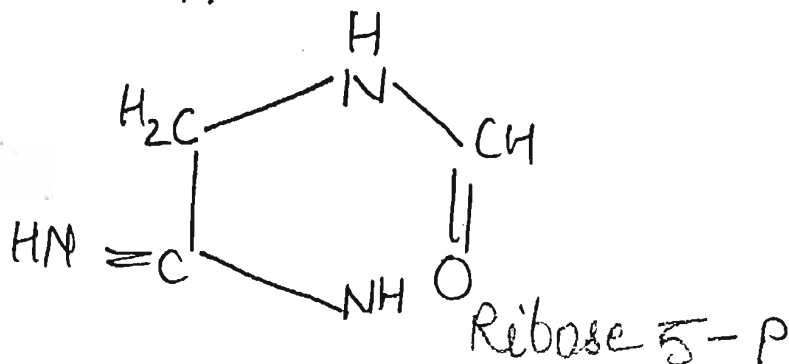
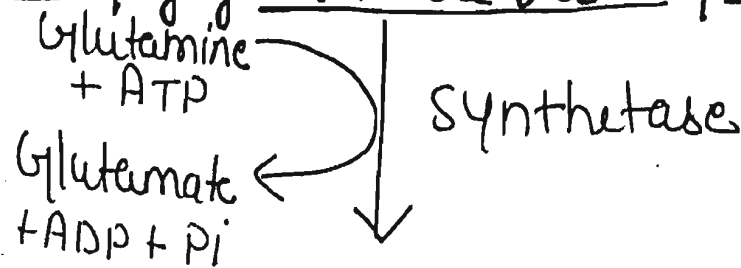
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Glycinamide ribosyl 5-phosphate



Formylglycinamide ribosyl 5-phosphate





4 → Step-4

$N^{10}$ -formyl tetrahydrofolate donates the formyl group and the product formed is formylglycinamide ribosyl 5-phosphate.

Step-5 → Glutamine transfers the second amido amino group to produce formylglycinamide ribosyl 5-phosphate.

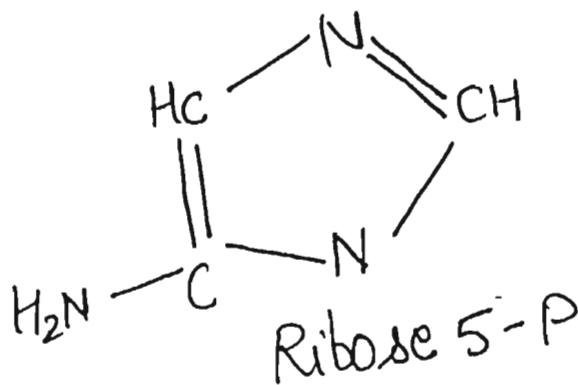
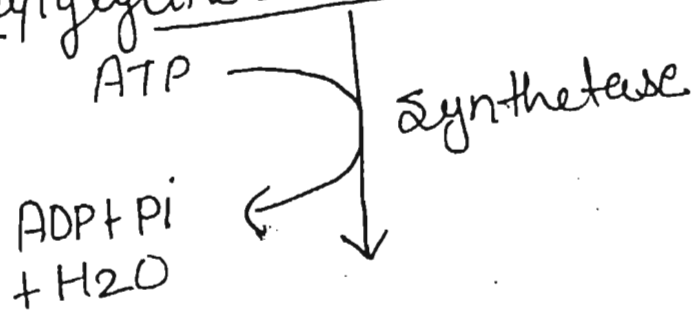
6. Step-6 → The imidazole ring of the purine is closed in an ATP dependent reaction to yield 5-aminoimidazole ribosyl 5-phosphate.

Step-7 → Incorporation of  $CO_2$  (carboxylation) occurs to yield aminimidazole carboxylate ribosyl 5-phosphate.

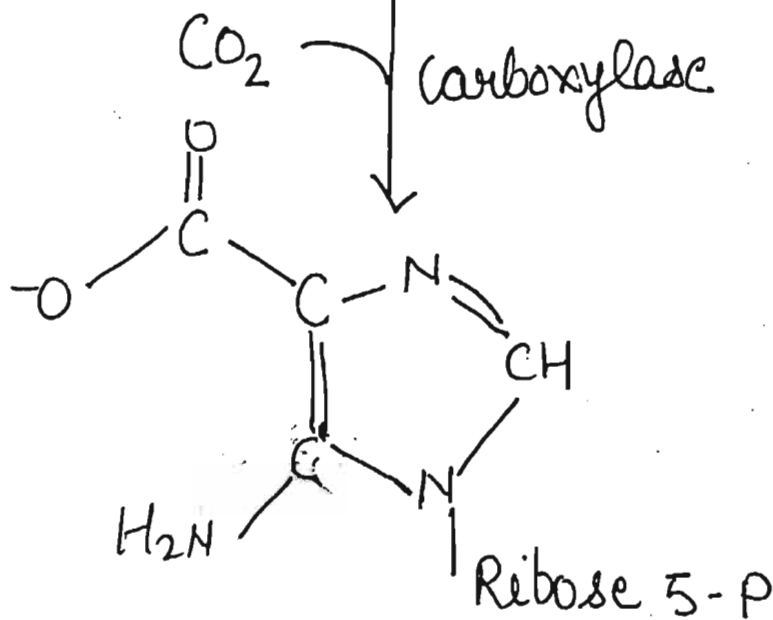
This reaction does not require the vitamin biotin and ATP which is the case with most of the carboxylation reactions.

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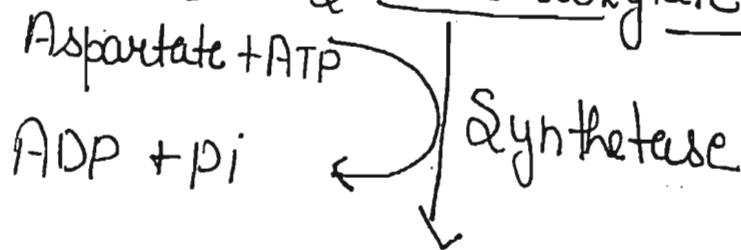
Formylglycineramide ribosyl-5-phosphate



5-Aminimidazole ribosyl 5-phosphate



5-Aminimidazole carboxylate ribosyl 5-phosphate



Step-8 Aspartate condenses with the product in reaction 7 to form aminoimidazole 4-Succinyl carboxamide ribosyl 5-phosphate.

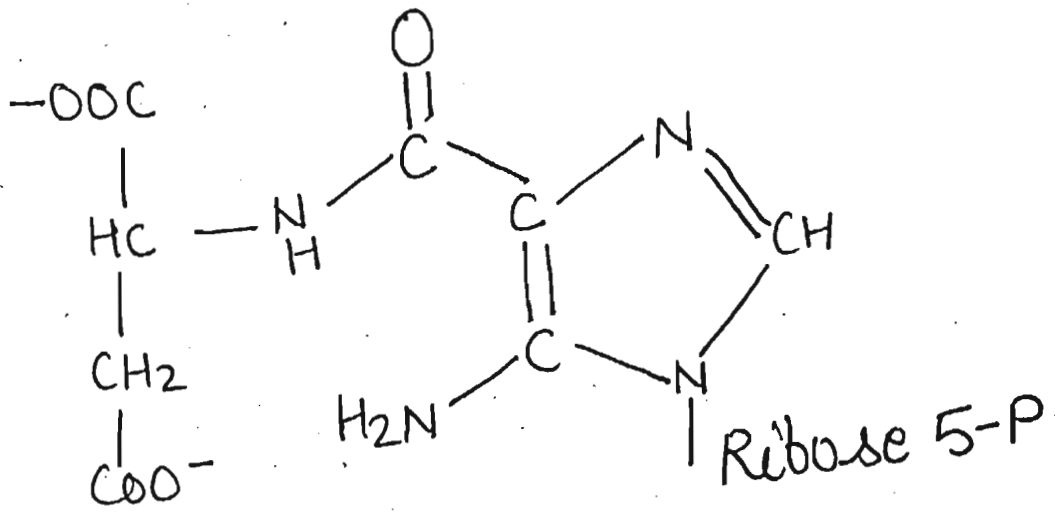
Step-9 Adeno succinate lyase cleaves off fumarate and only the amino group of aspartate is retained to yield aminoimidazole 4-Carboxamide ribosyl 5-phosphate.

Step-10  $N^{10}$ -formyl tetrahydrofolate donates a one-carbon moiety to produce formaminoimidazole 4-Carboxamide ribosyl 5-phosphate with this reaction,

① all the carbon and nitrogen atoms of purine ring are contributed by the respective sources.

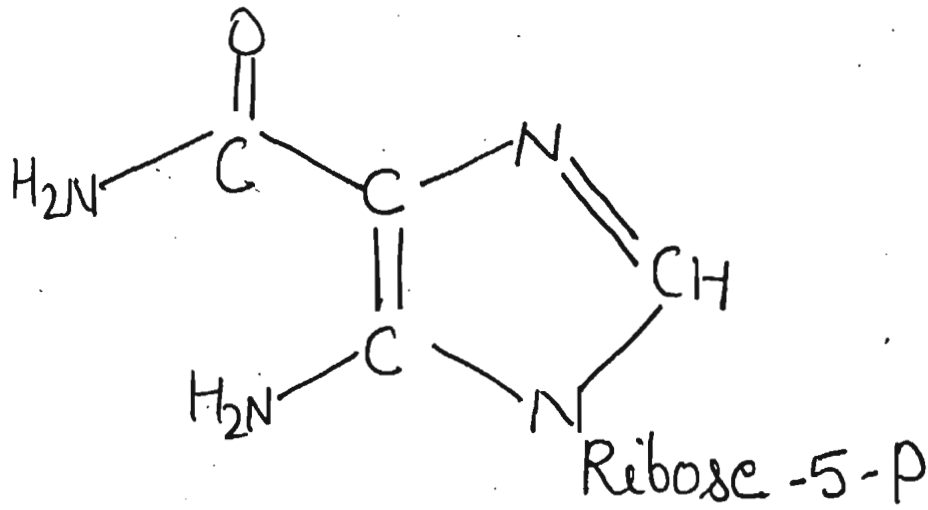
Step-11 The final reaction catalysed by cyclohydrolase leads to ring closure with an elimination of water molecules. The product obtained is inosine monophosphate (IMP)

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5 - Aminoisimidazole 4 - Succinyl carboxamide ribosyl 5 - phosphate

Fumarate ← Adenosuccinate lyase

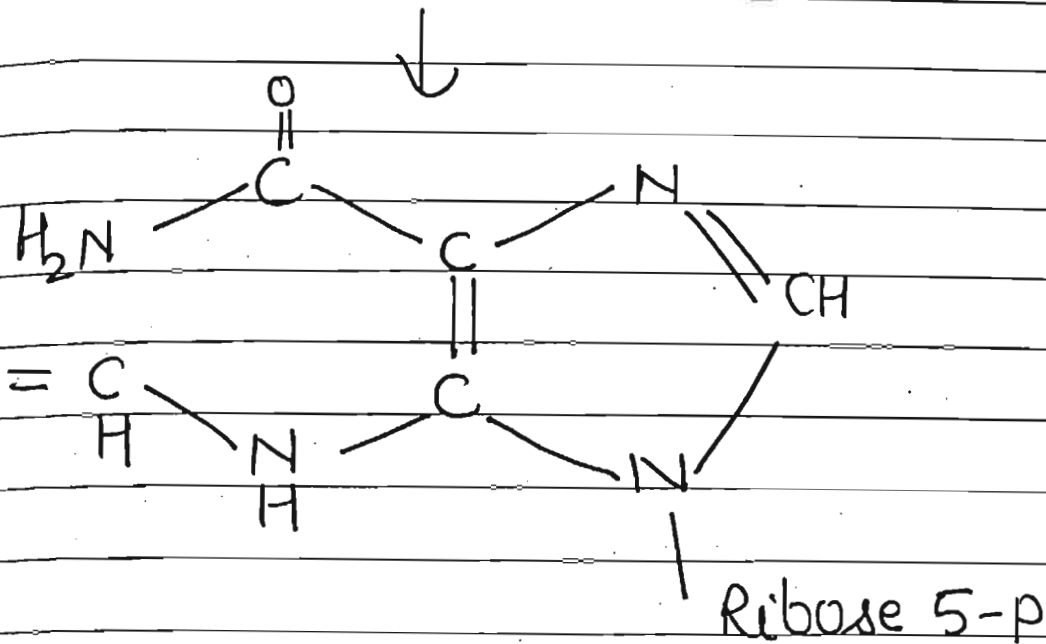


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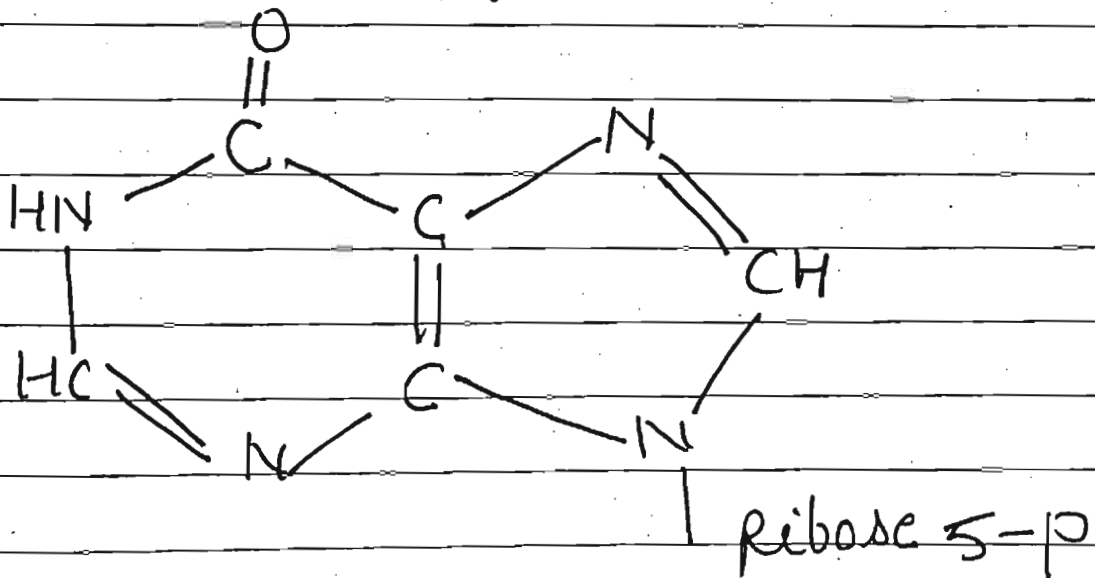
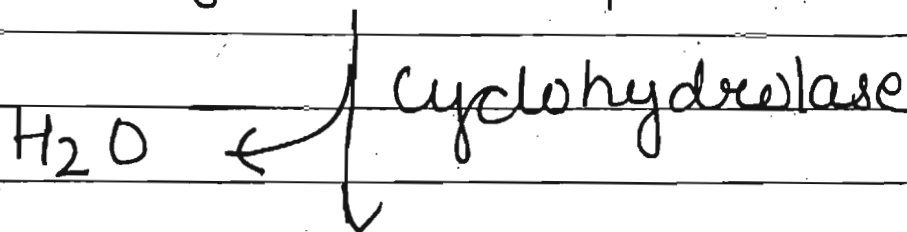
N<sup>10</sup> - formyl TH7

TH7

Formyltransferase



5-Formaminoimidazole 4-Carboxamide  
-die Ribosyl 5-phosphate



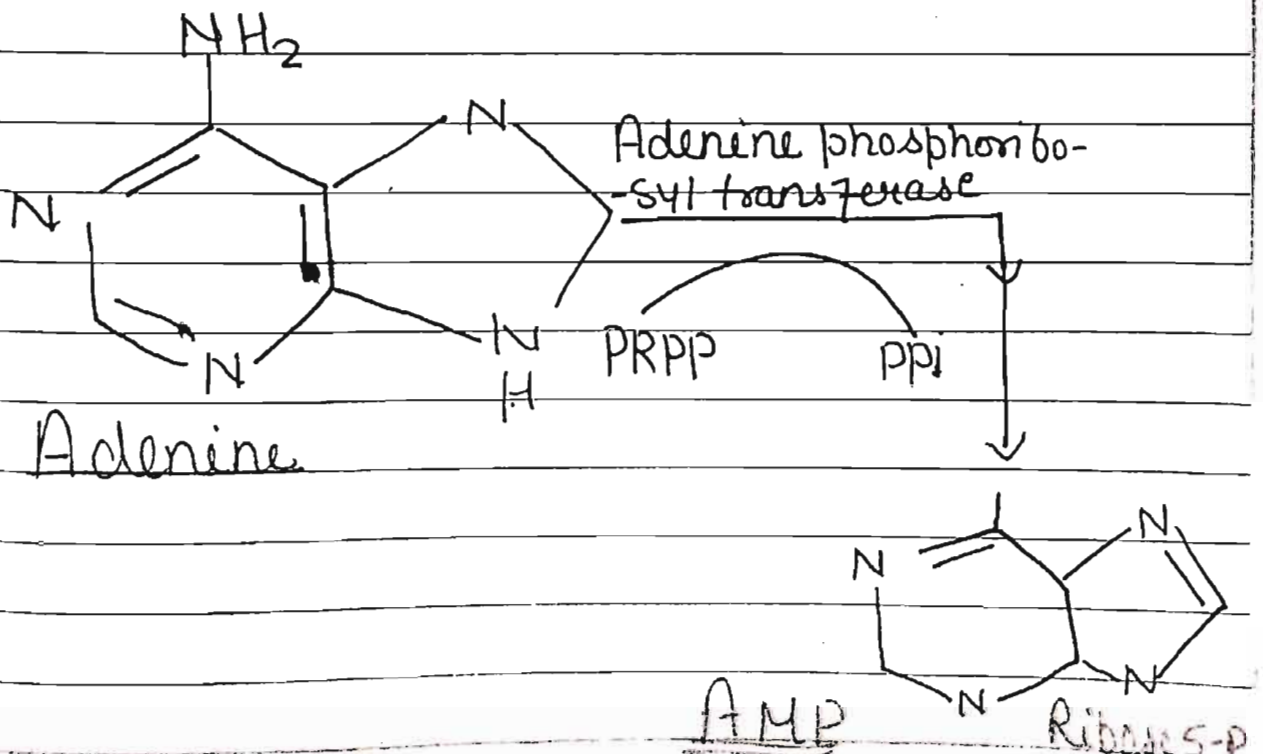
Inosine Monophosphate

# Salvage Pathway For Purine

The free purines (adenine, guanine & hypoxanthine) are formed in the normal turnover of nucleic acid (particularly RNA), and also obtained from the dietary sources.

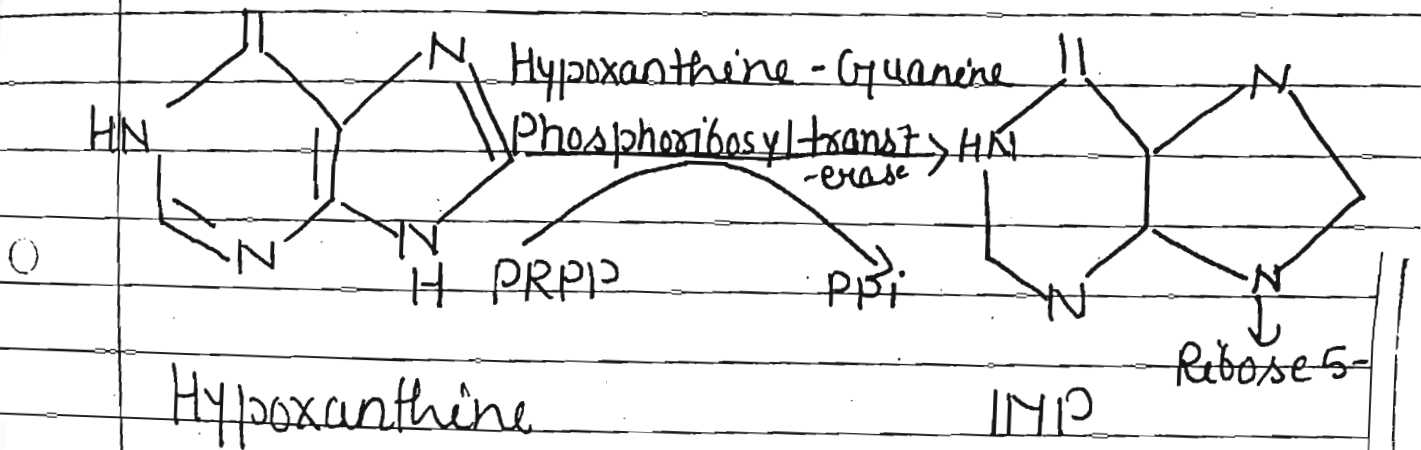
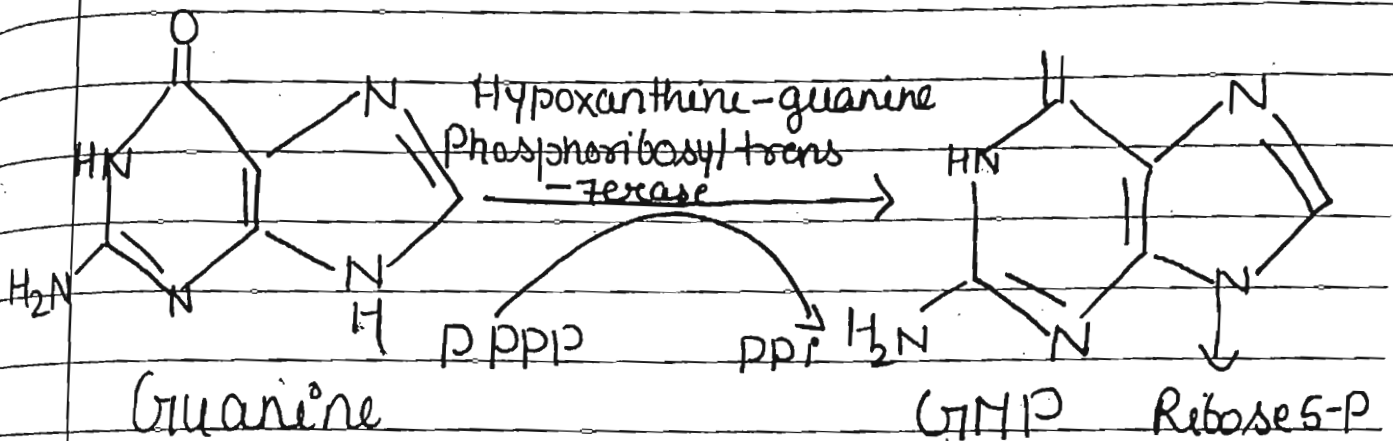
The purines can be directly converted to the corresponding nucleotides and this process known as salvage pathway.

Adenine phosphoribosyl transferase catalyses the formation of AMP from Adenine.

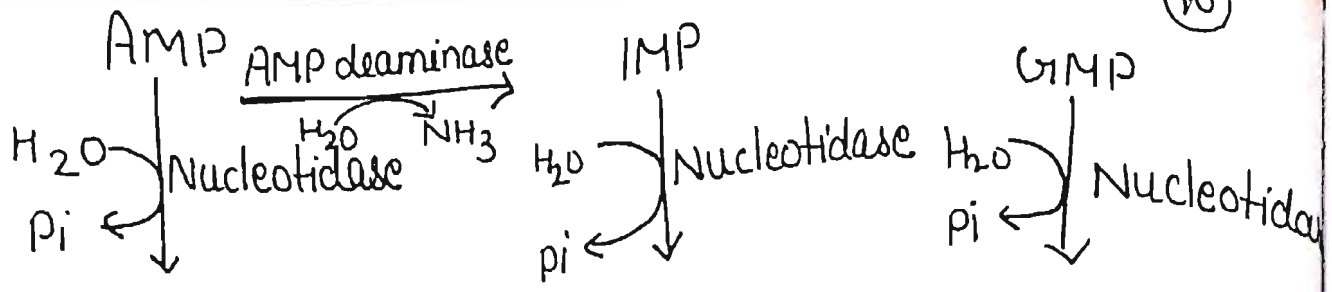




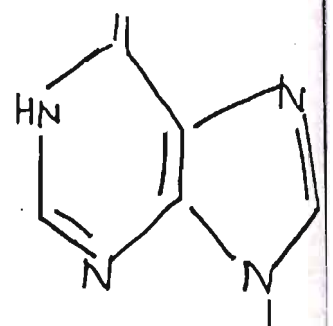
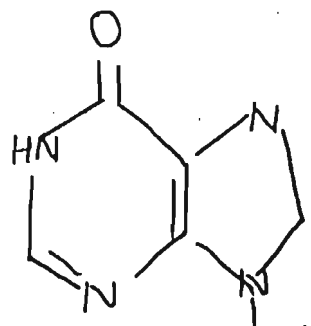
Hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl transferase (HGPRT) converts guanine and hypoxanthine, respectively, to GMP and IMP.



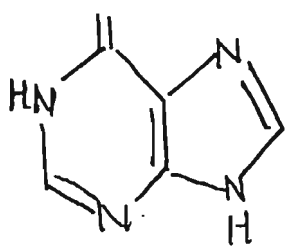
Phosphoribosyl pyrophosphate (PRPP) is the donor of ribose 5-phosphate in the salvage pathway.



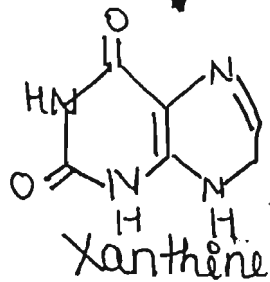
Adenosine deaminase



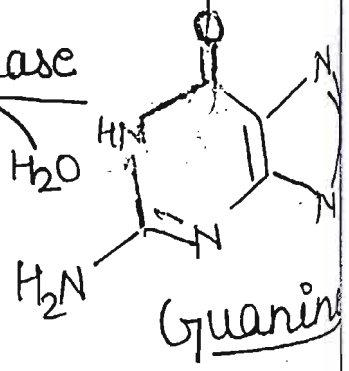
$\text{Inosine} \xrightarrow[\text{Ribose 1-phosphate}]{\text{Pi}} \text{Hypoxanthine}$   
 Purine nucleoside phosphorylase



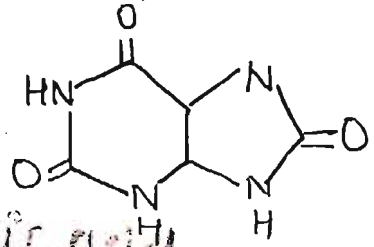
$\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2 \xrightarrow[\text{H}_2\text{O}_2]{\text{Xanthine oxidase}} \text{Xanthine}$



Guanase



$\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2 \xrightarrow[\text{H}_2\text{O}_2]{\text{Xanthine oxidase}} \text{Uric acid}$



# Degradation of Purine Nucleo

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The end product of purine metabolism in humans is uric acid.

Step-I => The nucleotide monophosphate (AMP, GMP, IMP) are converted to their respective nucleoside form (adenosine, inosine, and guanosine) by the action of nucleotidase.

Step-II -> The amino group, either from AMP or adenosine can be removed to produce IMP or inosine ~~IMP~~ respectively.

Step-III

Inosine and guanine are, respectively, converted to hypoxanthine and guanine (purine bases) by purine nucleoside phosphorylase.

Adenosine is not degraded by this enzyme, hence it has to be converted to inosine.

Step - 4  $\Rightarrow$  Guanine undergoes deamination by guanase to form xanthine.

Step - 5  $\Rightarrow$  Xanthine oxidase is an important enzyme that converts hypoxanthine to xanthine, and xanthine to uric acid.

This enzyme contains FAD, molybdenum and iron, and is exclusively found in liver and small intestine.

Xanthine oxidase liberates  $H_2O_2$  which is harmful to the tissue.

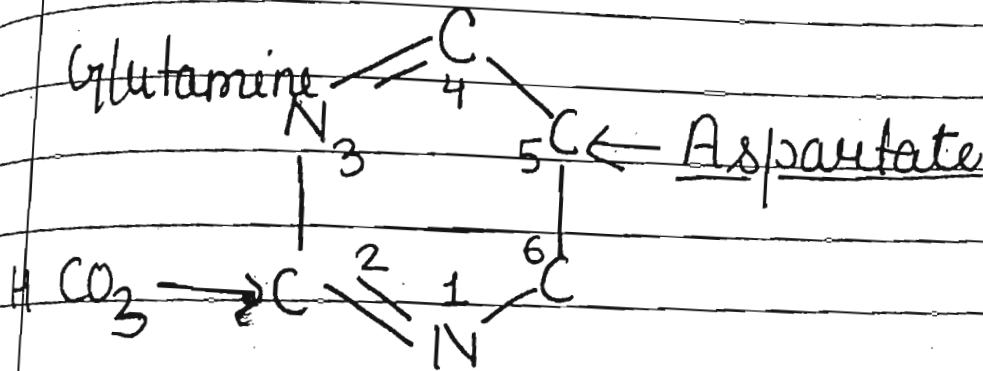
Uric acid (2,6,8-trioxypurine) is the final excretory product of purine metabolism in humans.



# BIOSYNTHESIS OF PYRIMIDINE

The synthesis of Pyrimidines is a much simpler process compared to that of purines.

Aspartate, Glutamine and  $\text{CO}_2$  contribute to atoms in the formation of pyrimidine ring.  $\Downarrow$



Pyrimidine ring is first synthesized and then attached to ribose 5-phosphate.

Isotopic labeling experiments have shown that atoms  $\text{N}_1$ ,  $\text{C}_4$ , and  $\text{C}_6$  of the pyrimidine ring are all derived from aspartic acid.  $\text{C}_2$  arises from  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ , and  $\text{N}_3$  is contributed by Glutamine.

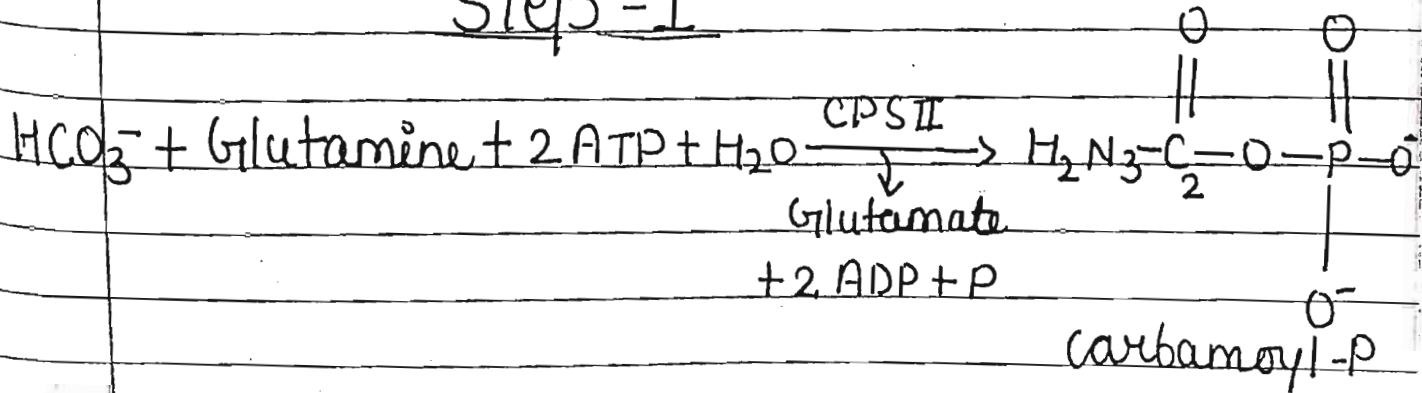
# Metabolic Pathway

## STEP-1: Synthesis of Carbamoyl phosphate

The first reaction of pyrimidine biosynthesis is the synthesis of carbamoyl phosphate from phosphate synthetase bicarbonate ion and the amide nitrogen of Glutamine by the cytosolic enzyme Carbamoyl phosphate Synthetase II (CPSII). This reaction is unusual in that it does not use biotin and consumes two molecule of ATP.

One provides a phosphate group and the other energizes the reaction.

### Step - I

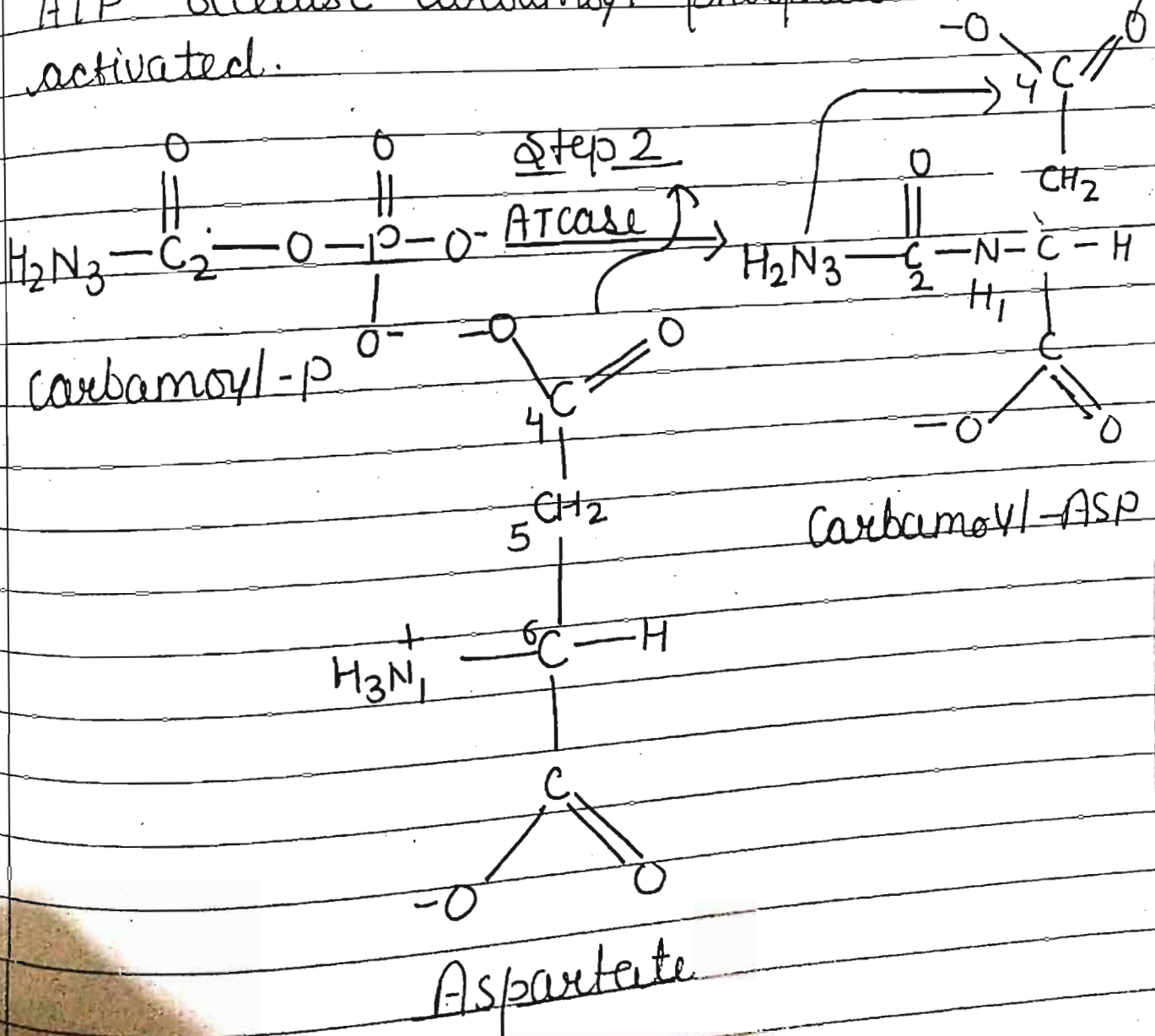




## STEP 2:- Synthesis of Carbamoyl Aspartate

Condensation of carbamoyl phosphate with aspartate to form carbamoyl aspartate is catalyzed by aspartate transcarbamylase (ATCase).

This reaction occurs without need of ATP because carbamoyl phosphate intrinsically activated.



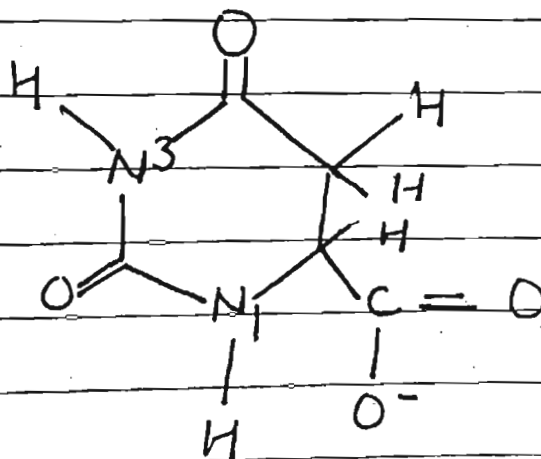
## Step - 3:- Ring Closure to form dihydro- -orotate.

The third reaction of pathway forms the pyrimidine ring yielding dihydroorotate in an intramolecular condensation catalysed by the zinc metalloenzyme dihydroorotase.

Step - 3

Carbamoyl-Asp

Dihydroorotase  $\text{OH}^-$

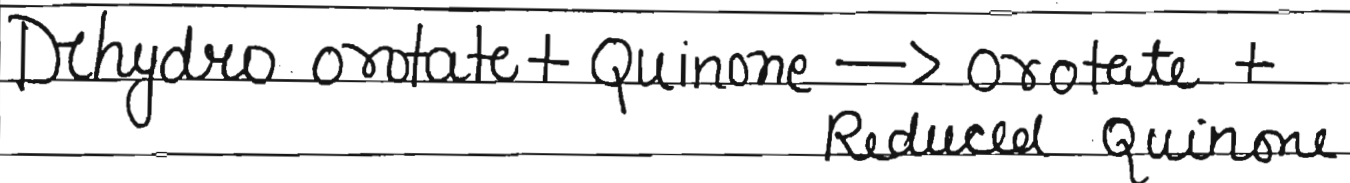


Dihydroorotate (DHO)

## Step 4:- Oxidation of dihydrooxotata

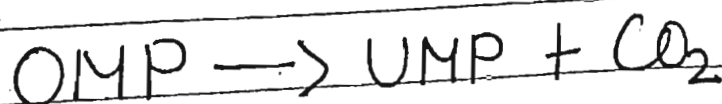
The hydroxotata irreversibly oxidized to oxotata by the enzyme Dihydrooxotata Dehydrogenase.

The eukaryotic enzyme, which contains FMN and non-heme iron, is located on the outer surface of the inner mitochondrial membrane where quinines supply its oxidizing power.



## Step-5 Decarboxylation to form UMP

The final reaction of the pathway is the decarboxylation of OMP by the OMP decarboxylase to form UMP this is an unusual reaction in that it requires no cofactors.



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End.