Chem 352 - Lecture 10
Lipid, Amino Acid, and Nucleotide Metabolism
Part III: Nucleotide Metabolism

Lipid Metabolism

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Question:

Draw a general pathway for converting carbohydrates to fatty acids in a liver cell, and indicate which processes occur in the cytosol and which occur in mitochondria.

Lipid Metabolism

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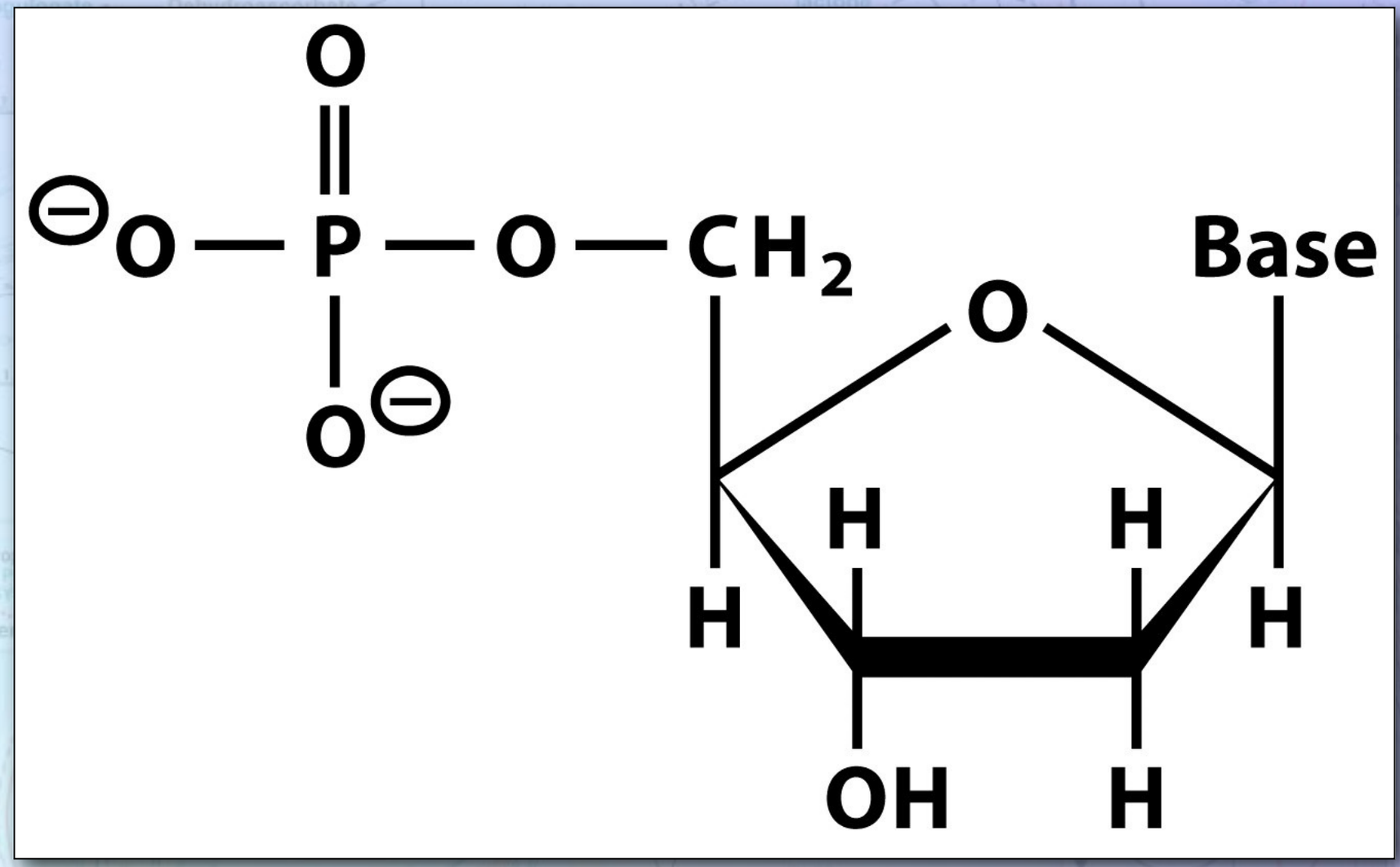

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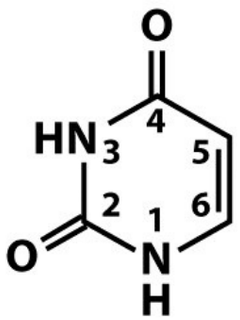

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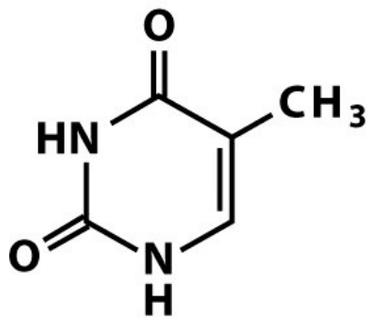

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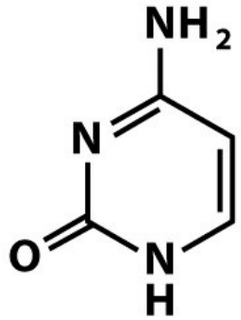

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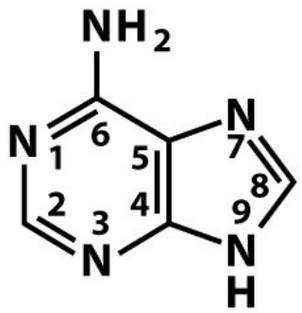

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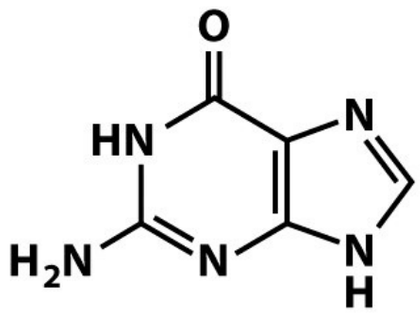

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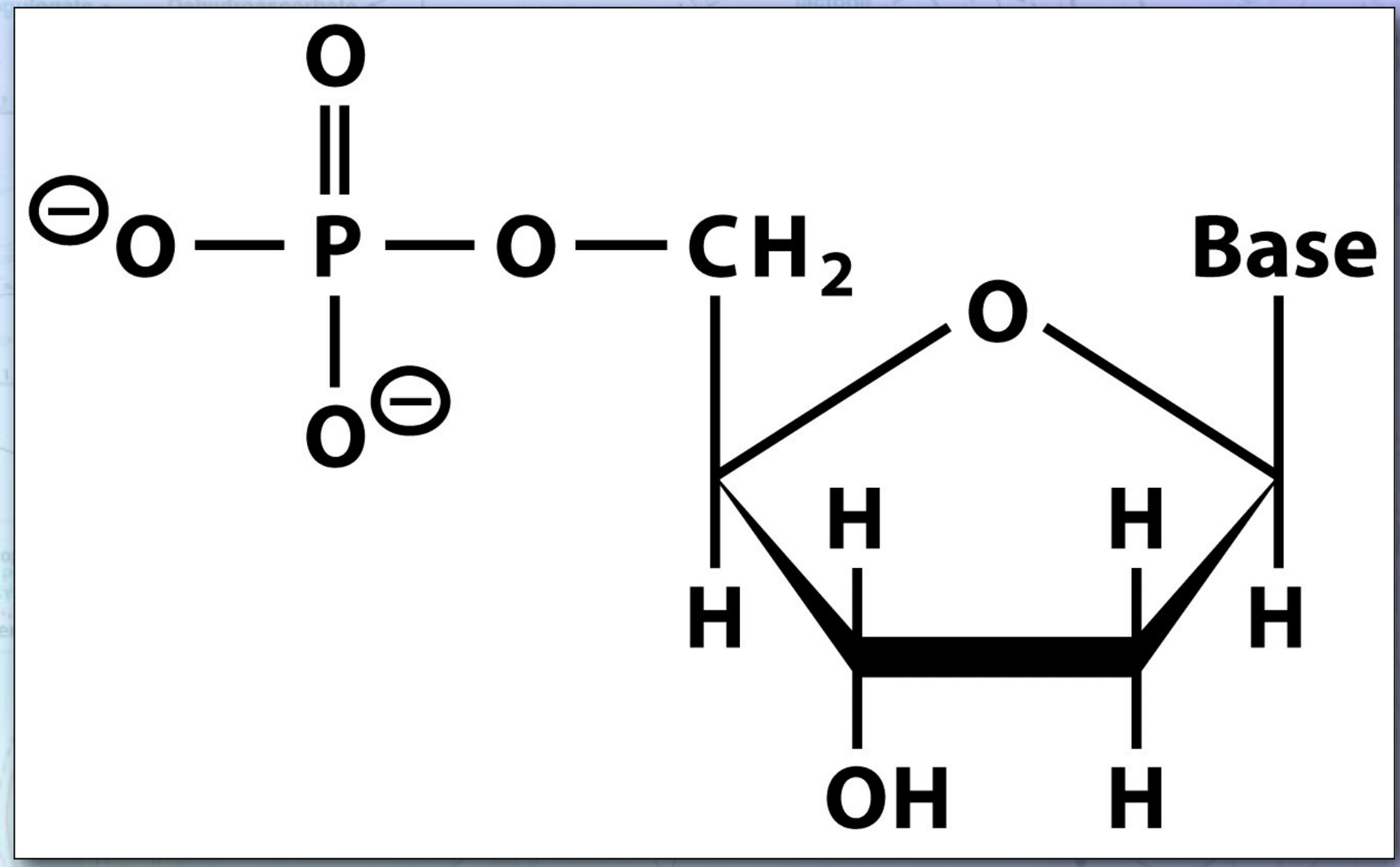

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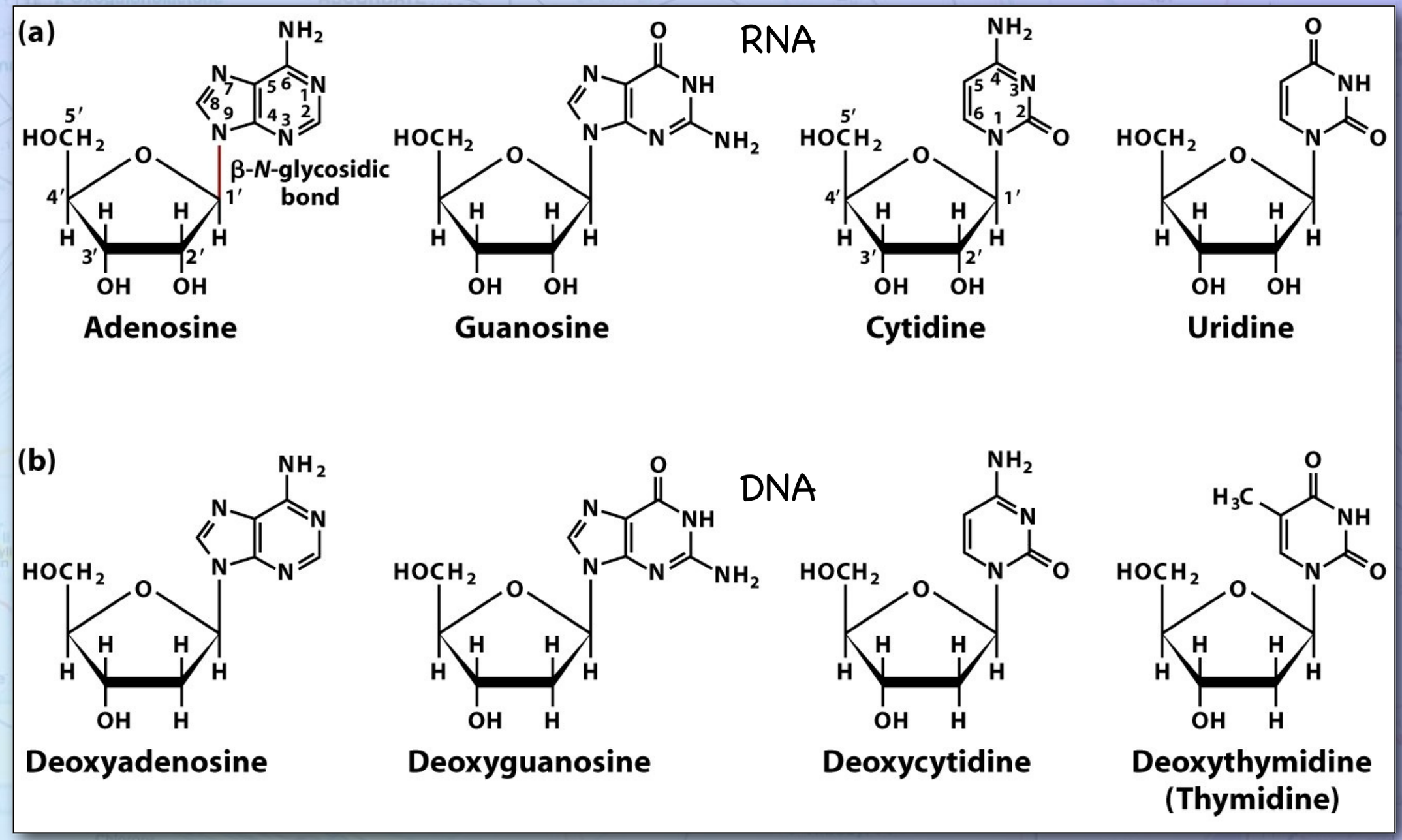

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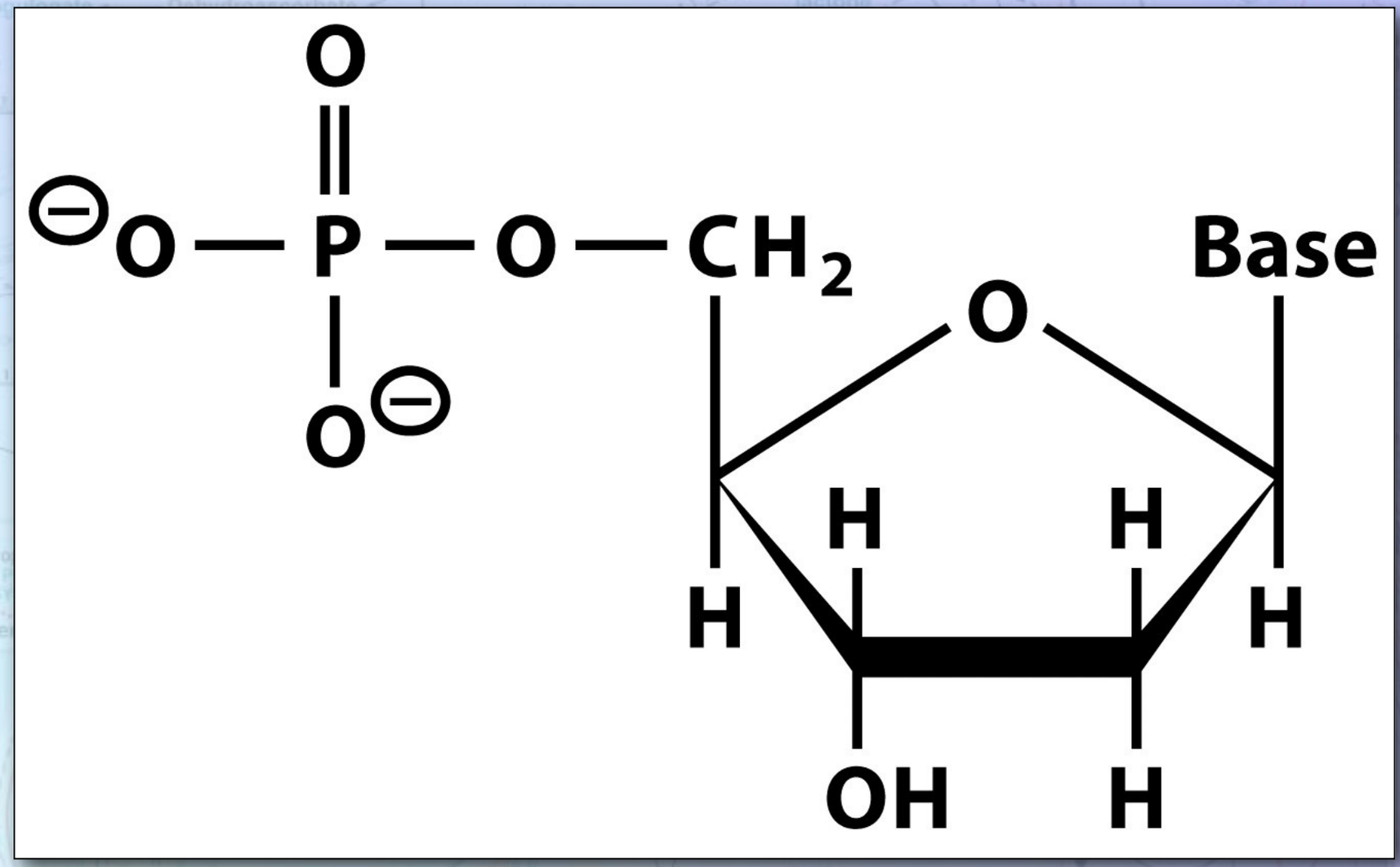

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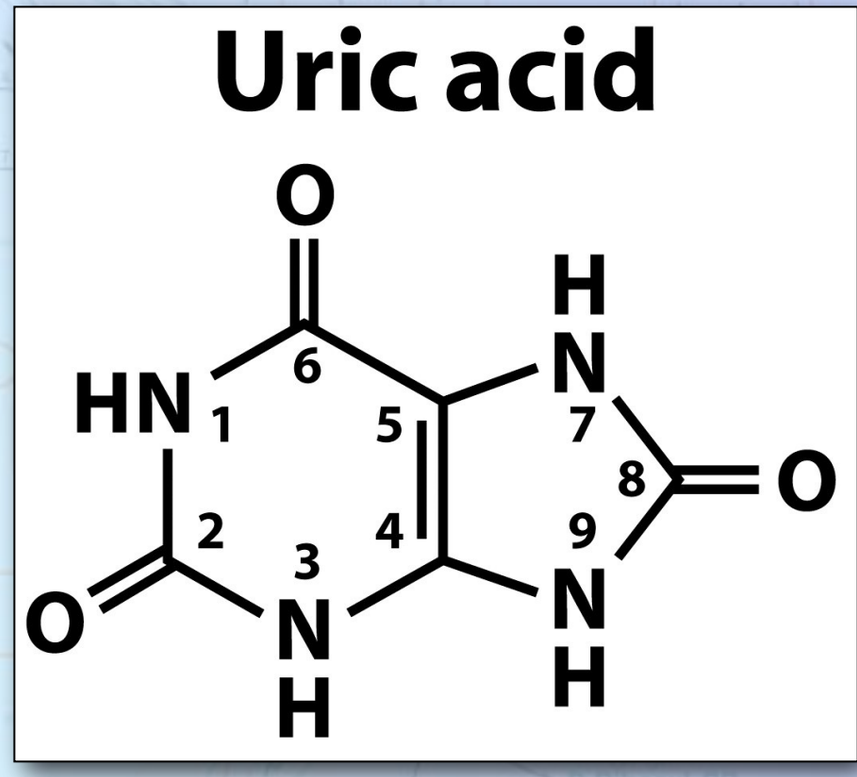
- Nucleotide metabolism provides us with some nice examples of biochemically intricate and creative pathways.
- We will focus on a couple of examples
  - 18.1 Synthesis of Purine Nucleotides (Inosine Monophosphate, IMP)
  - 18.2 Other Purine Nucleotides are Synthesized from IMP
  - 18.3 Synthesis of Pyrimidine Nucleotides (Uridine monophosphate, UMP)
  - 18.4 CTP is Synthesized from UMP
  - 18.5 Reduction of Ribonucleotides to Deoxyribonucleotides

Introduction

- We will not cover nucleotide degradation or the salvage pathways
  - As we will see, the nucleotide biosynthesis pathways are very energy intensive.
  - The salvage pathways are used to recycle nucleotides and conserve energy in rapidly growing cells.

Synthesis of Purines

- Working out the details of purine biosynthesis started with the investigation the uric acid biosynthesis pathway in birds.



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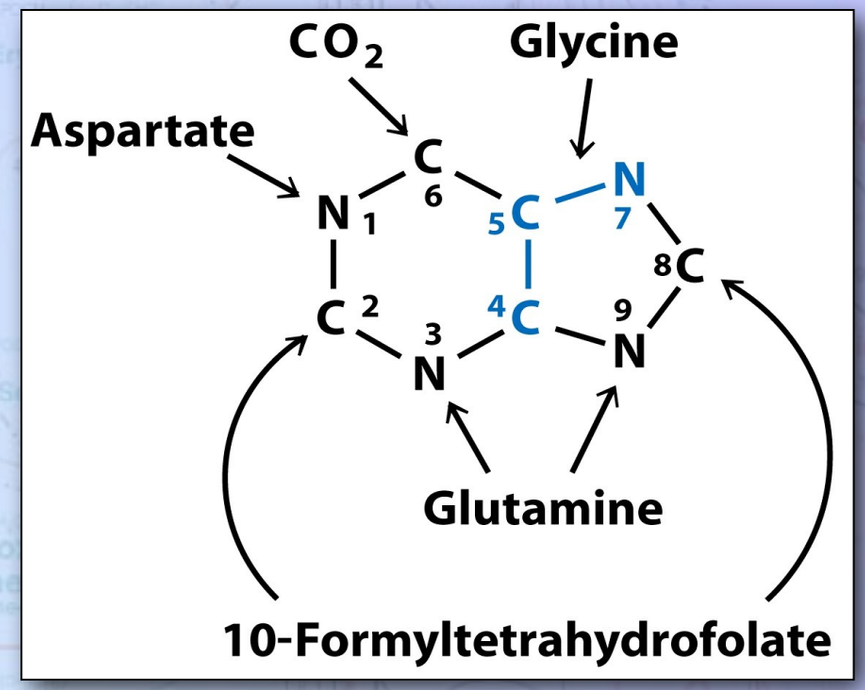

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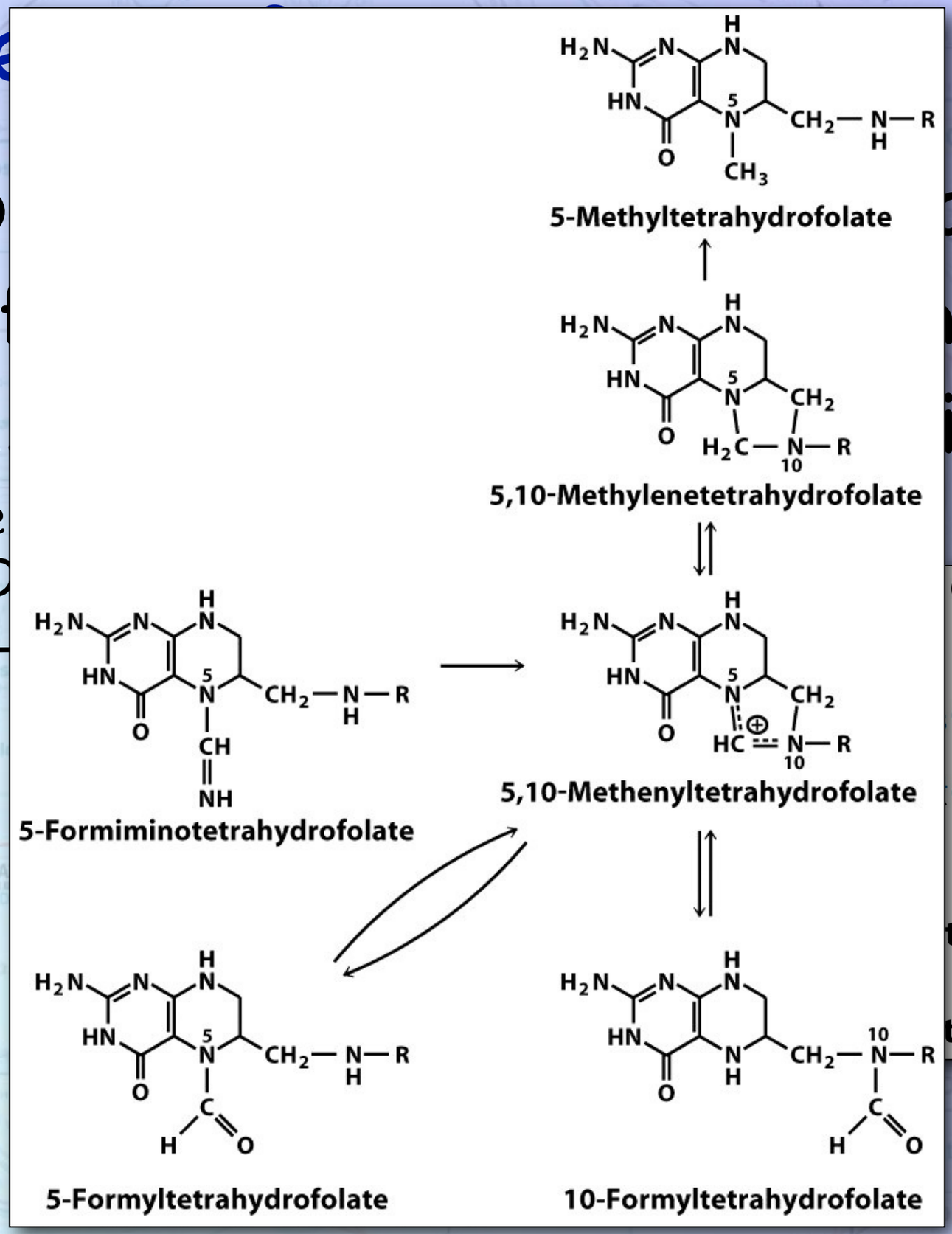

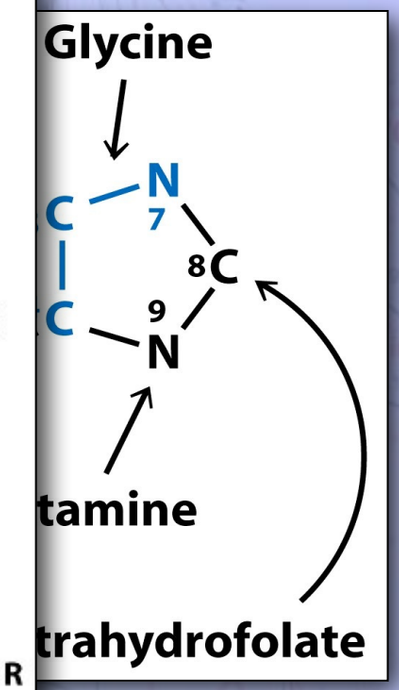

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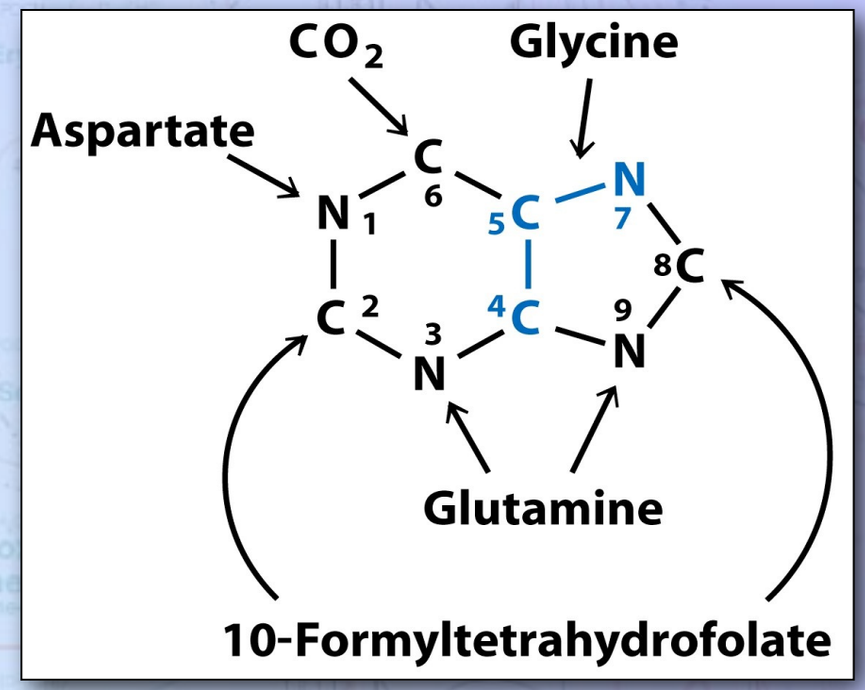

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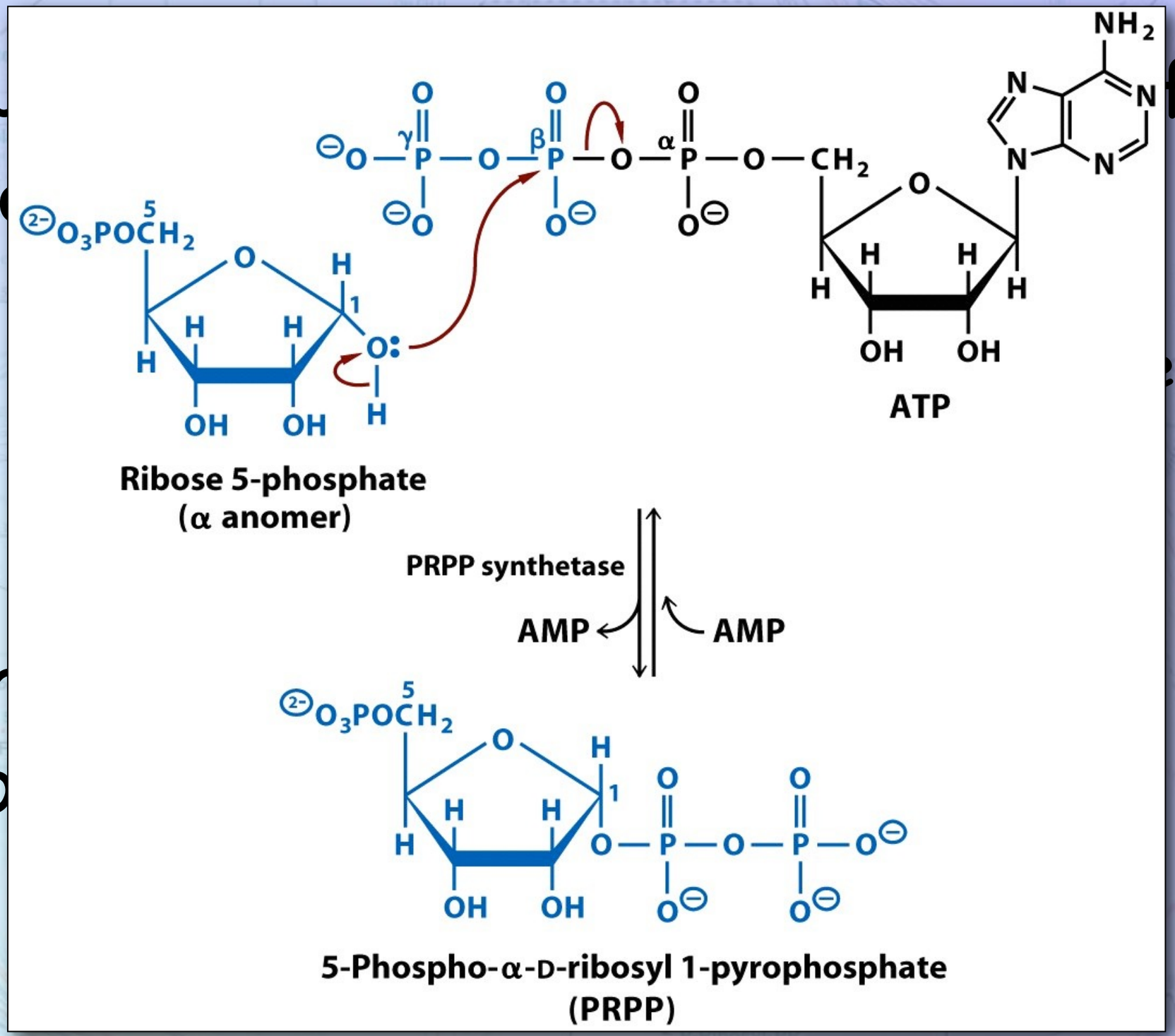

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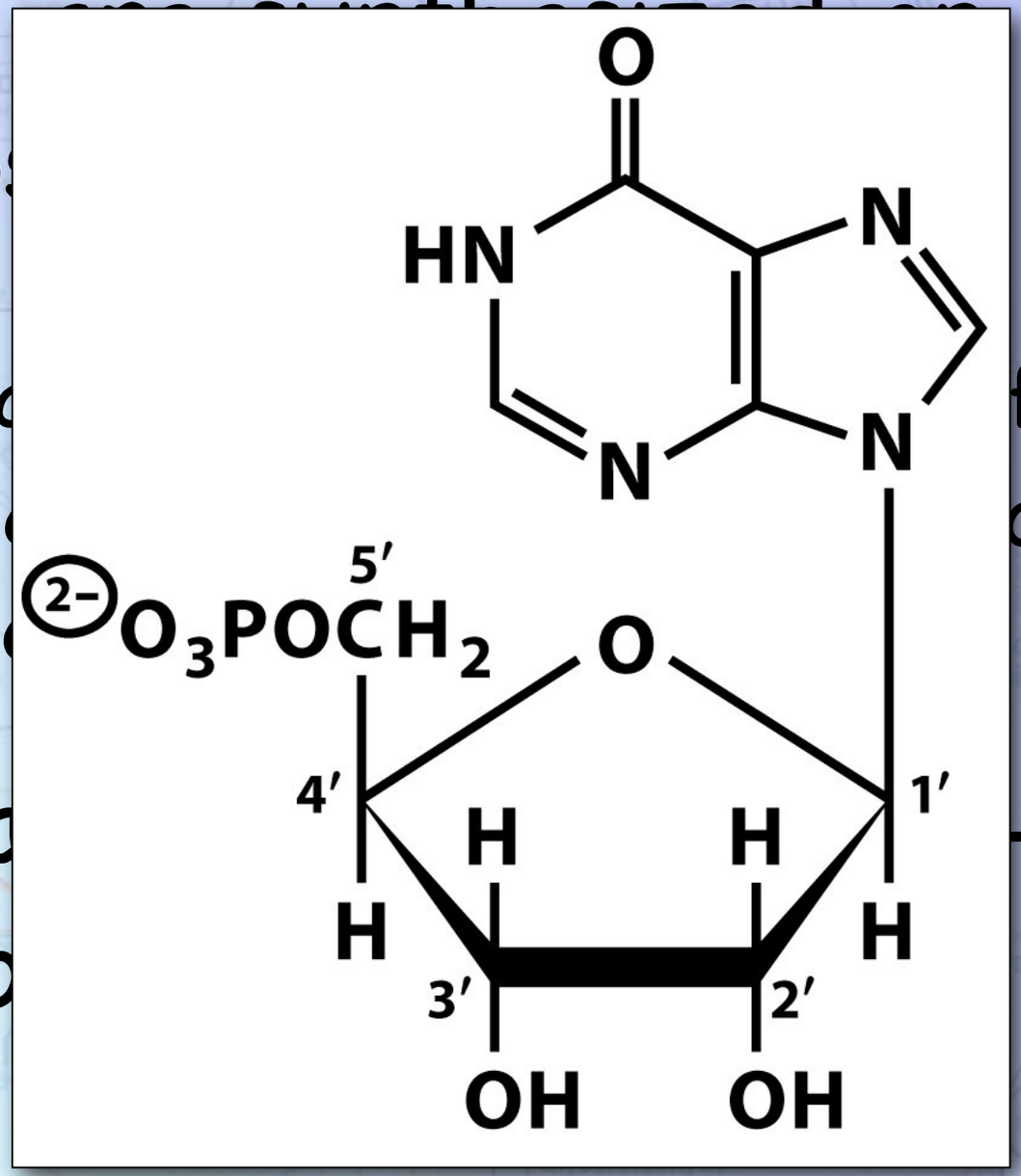

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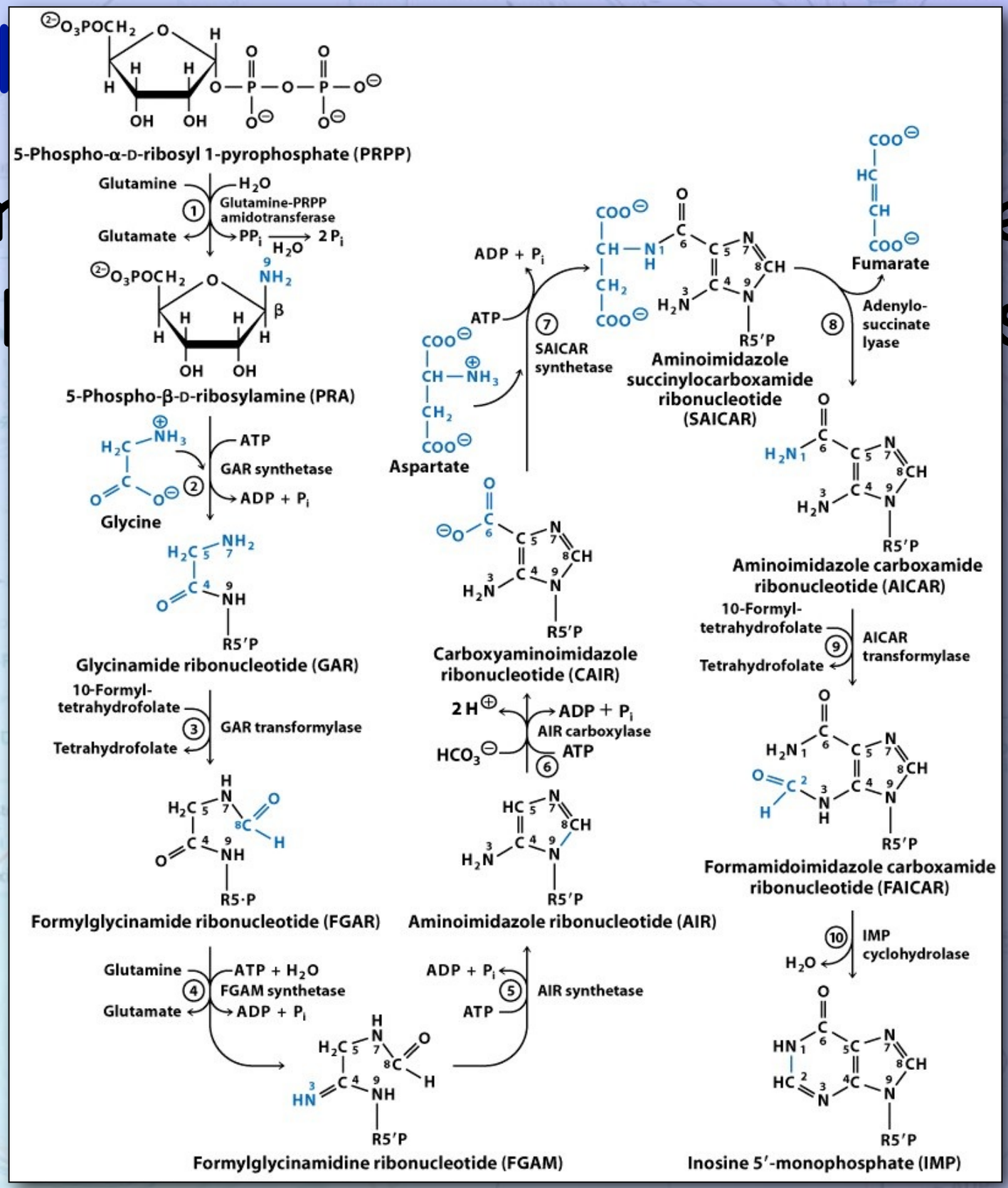

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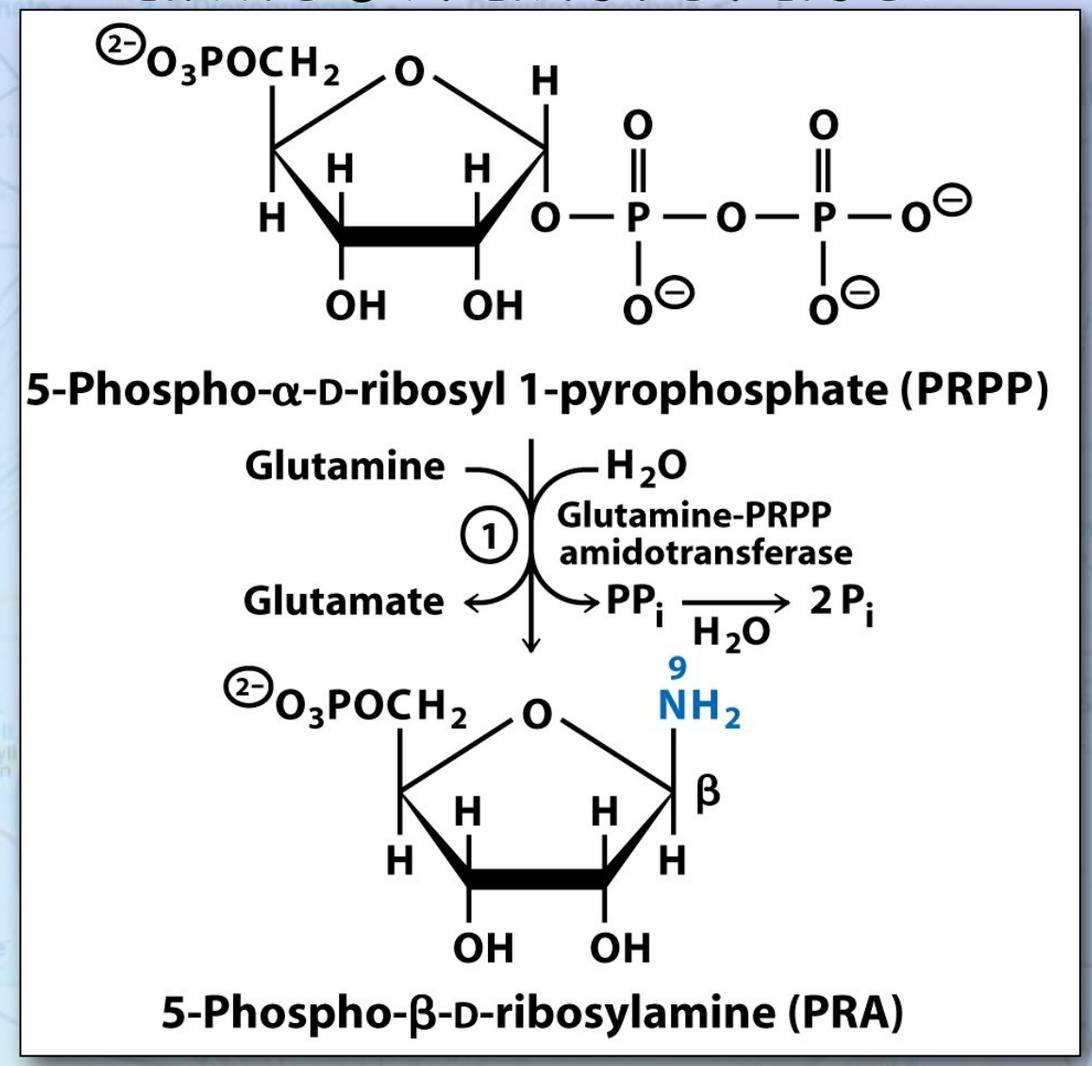
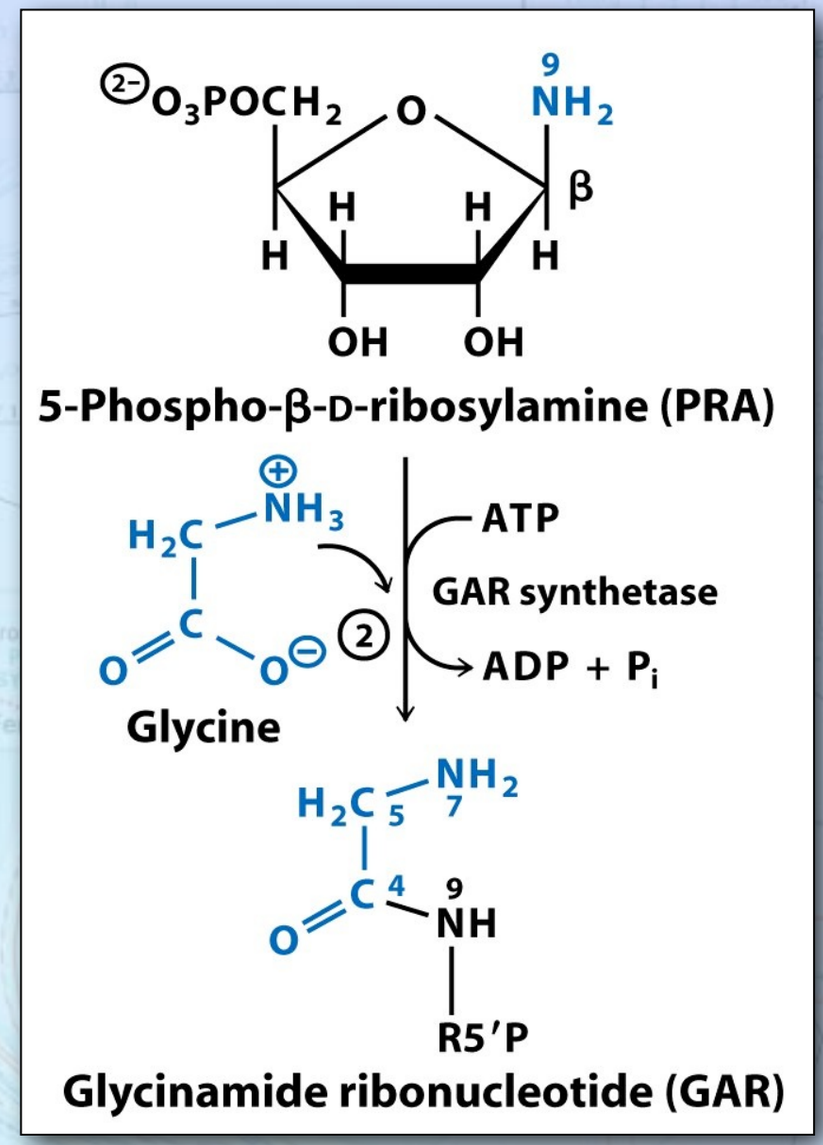


- An amido nitrogen is transferred form glutamine to the C1 position of PRPP.
- Note the inversion of the chirality of the ribose from α to β.
- Reaction is driven by the hydrolysis of the pyrophosphate

Synthesis of Purines

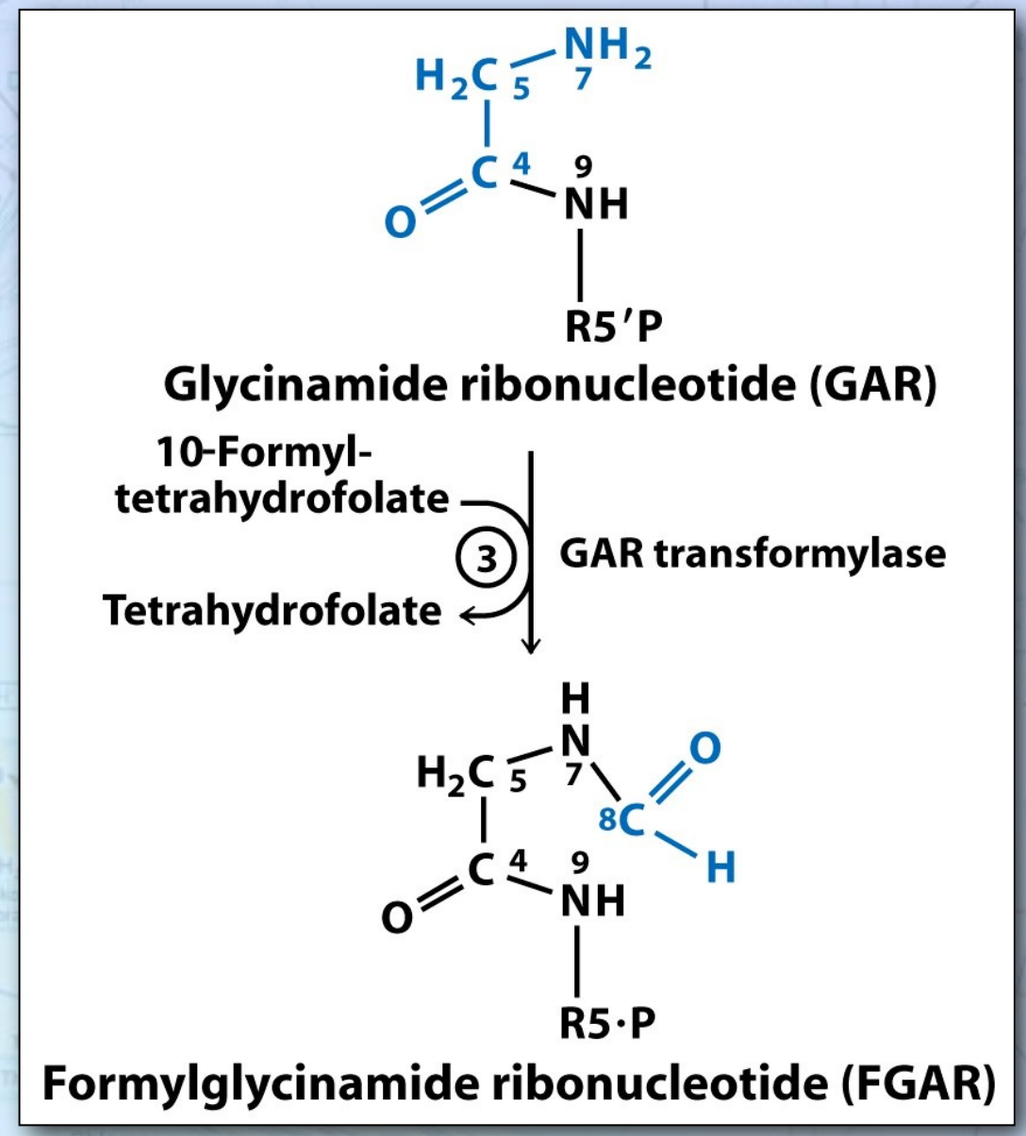
- Step 2: Glycinamide ribonucleotide synthetase.



- A peptide bond is formed between the glycine and the ribosylamine.
- The reaction requires activation of the glycine carboxylate with ATP.

Synthesis of Purines

- Step 3: Glycinamide ribonucleotide transformylase.



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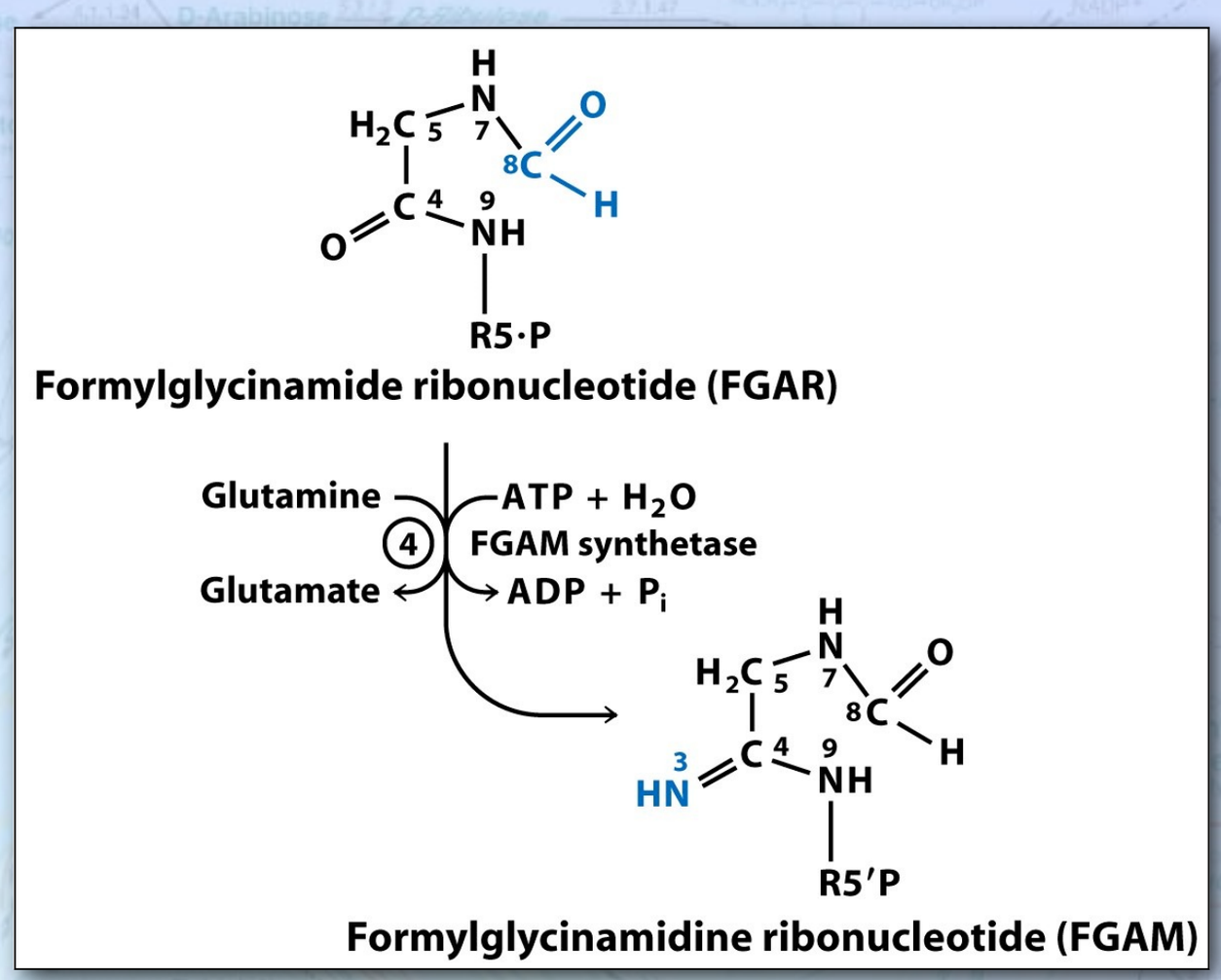
- Step 4: Formylglycinamidine ribonucleotide synthetase.



- The amide is converted to an amidine
- The nitrogen is donated by glutamine.
- This reaction requires the hydrolysis of ATP

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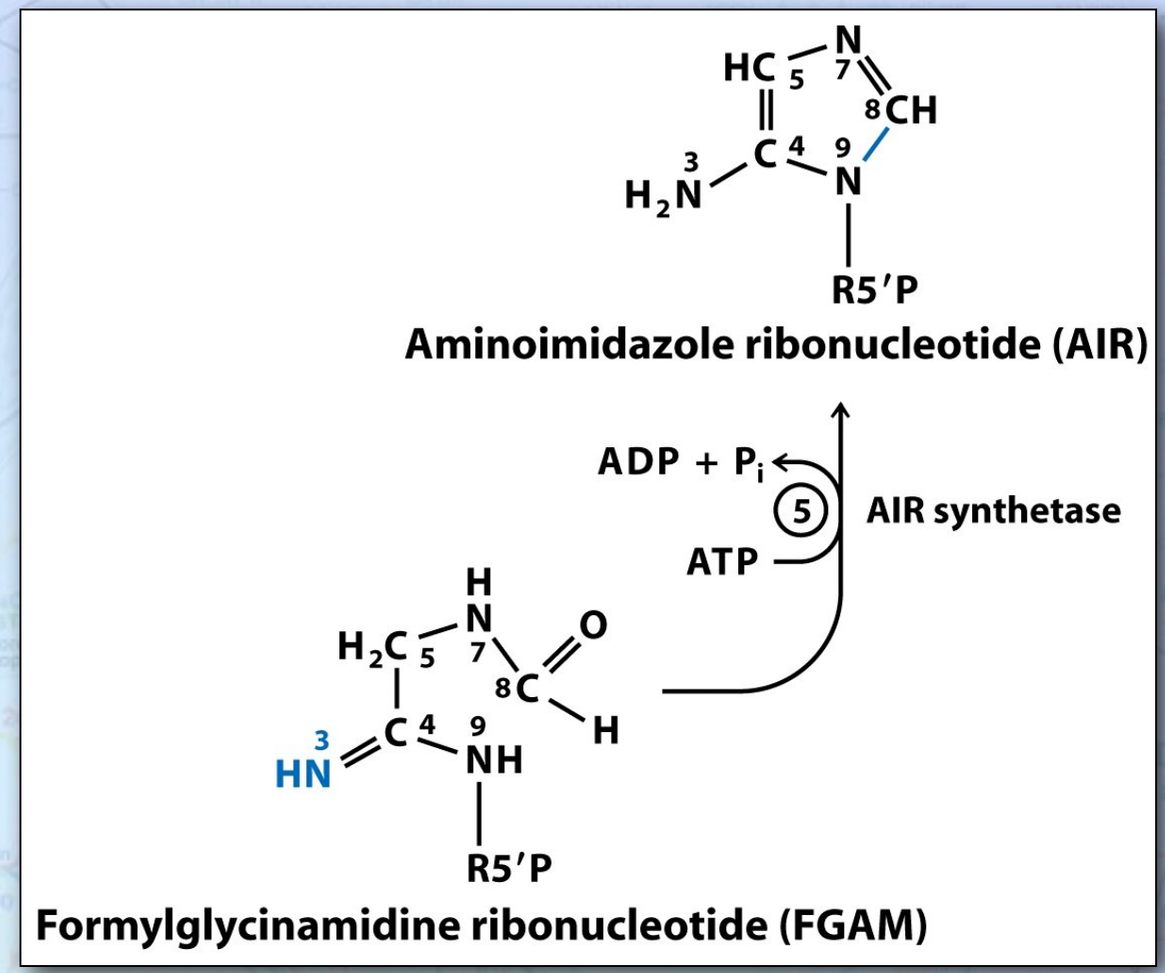
- Step 5: Aminoimidazole ribonucleotide synthetase.



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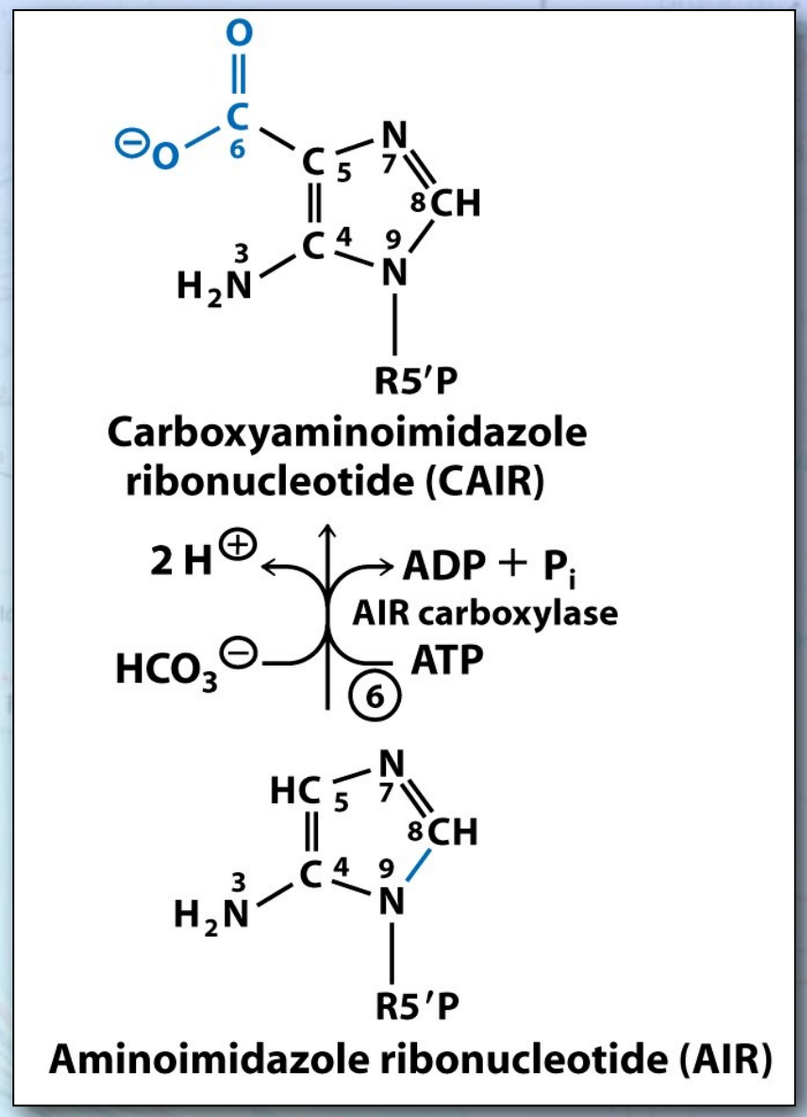

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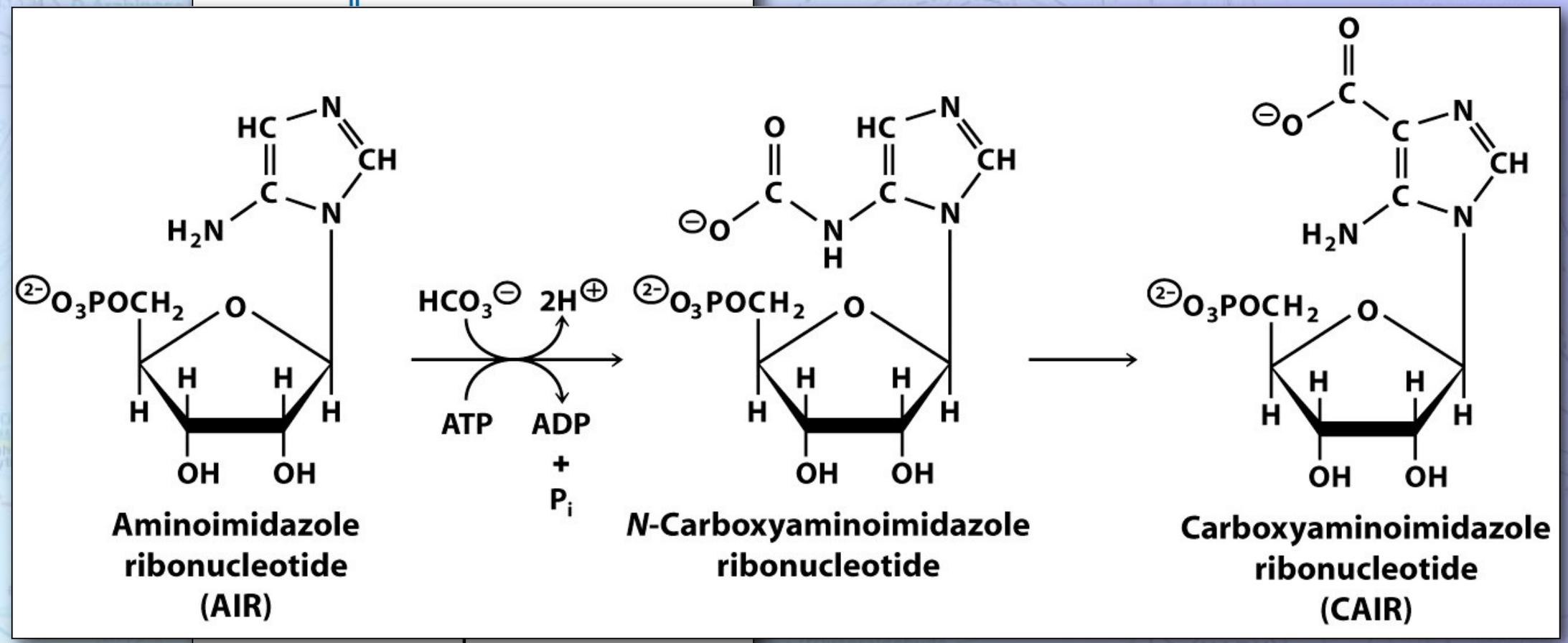

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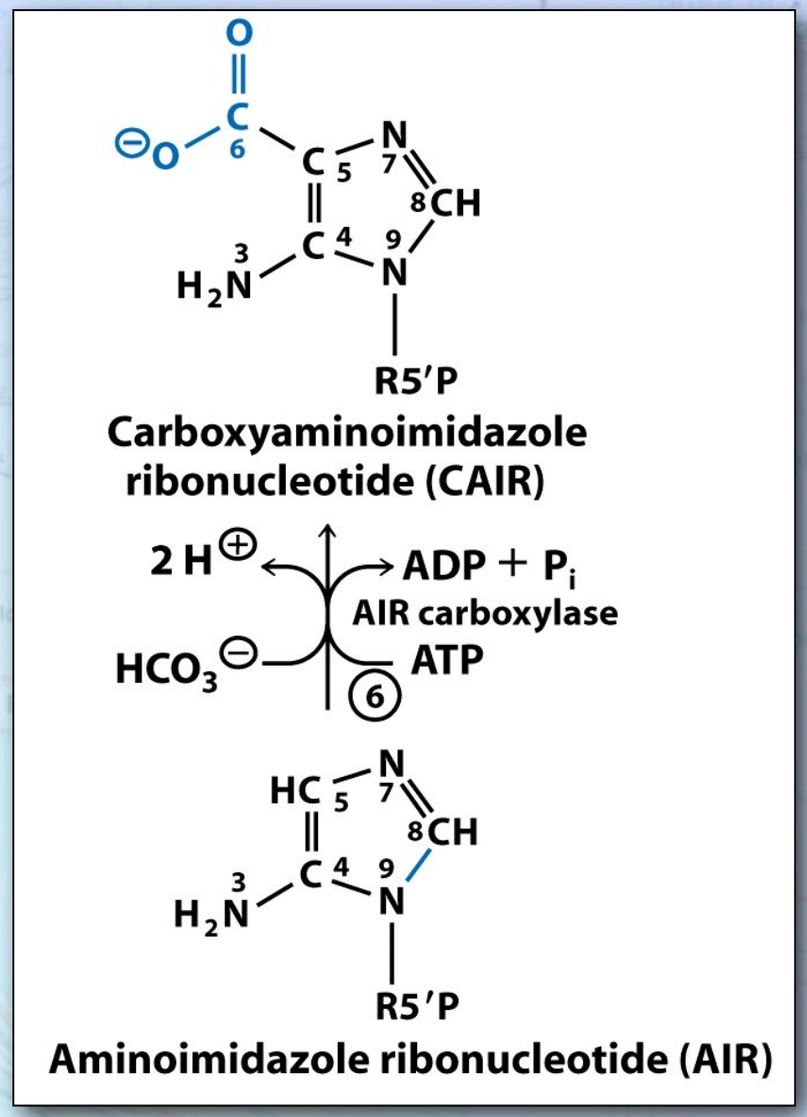

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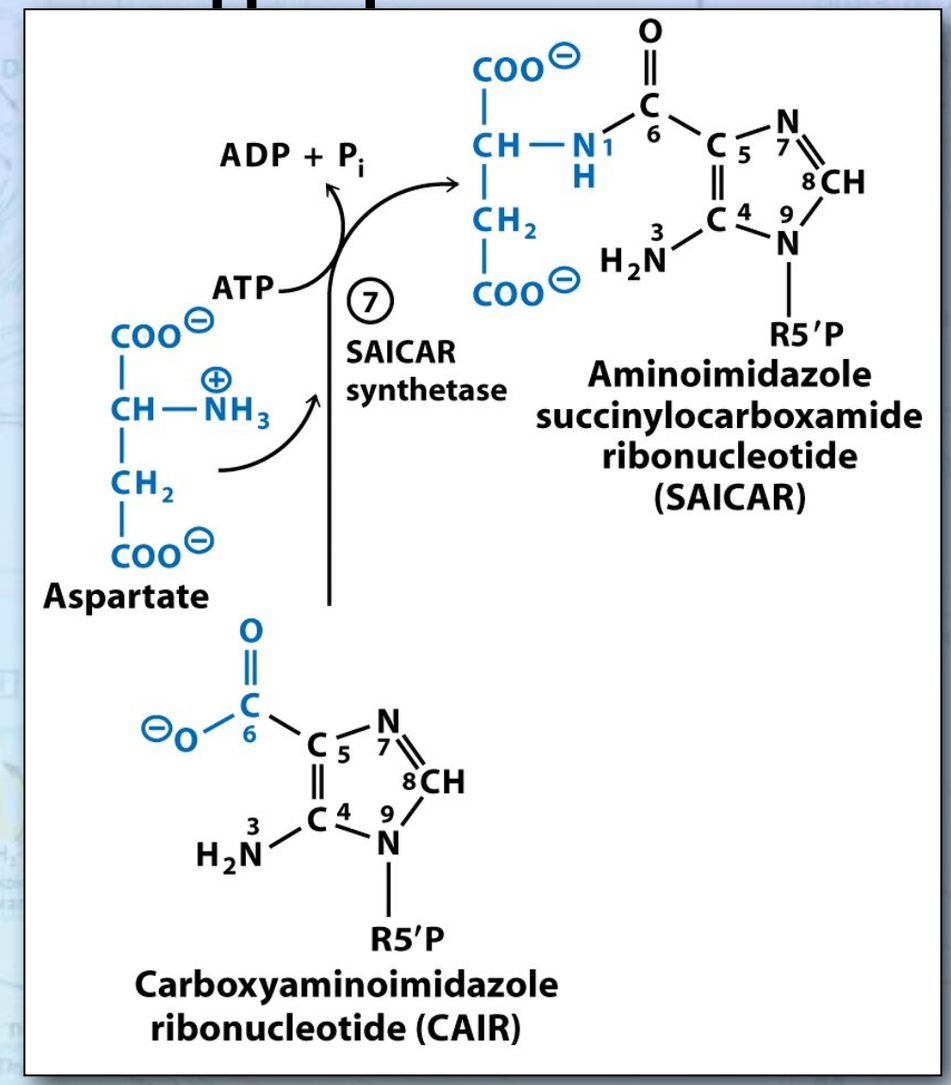

- The newly added carboxylate group is activated with ATP and condensed with aspartate to become succinylated.

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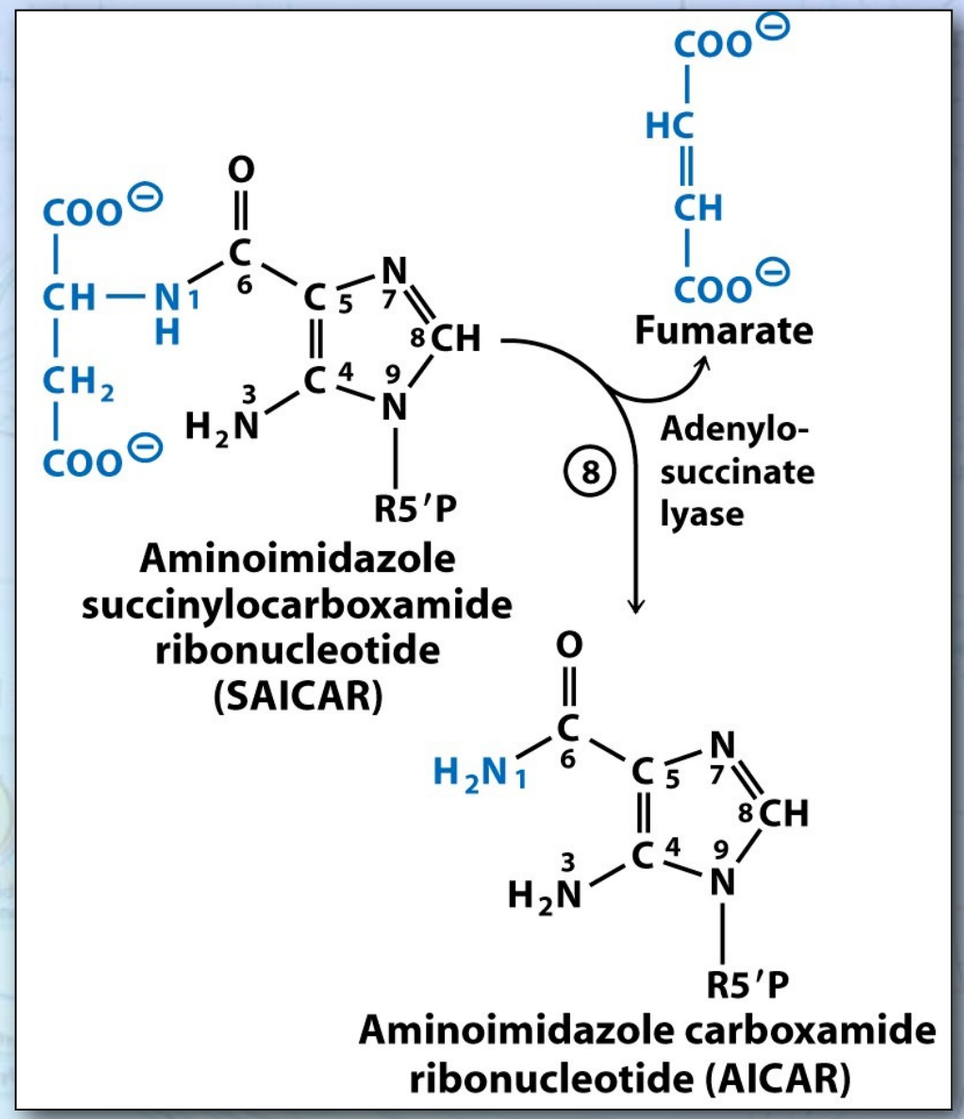

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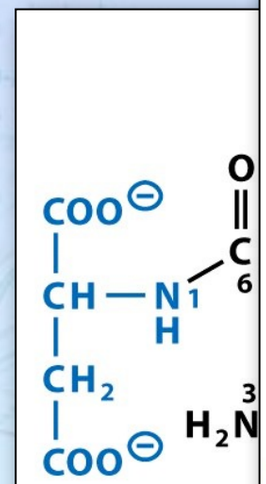

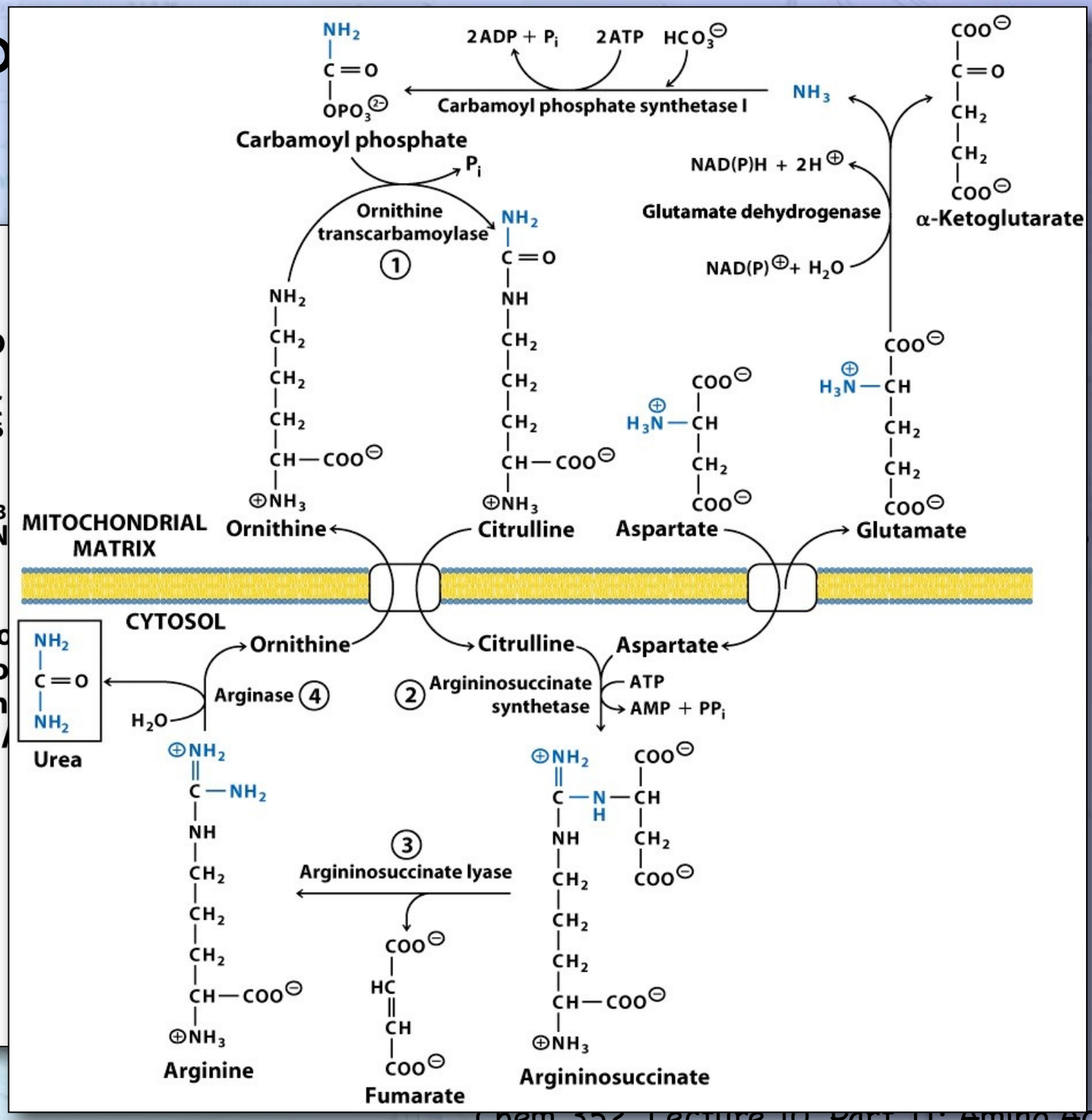

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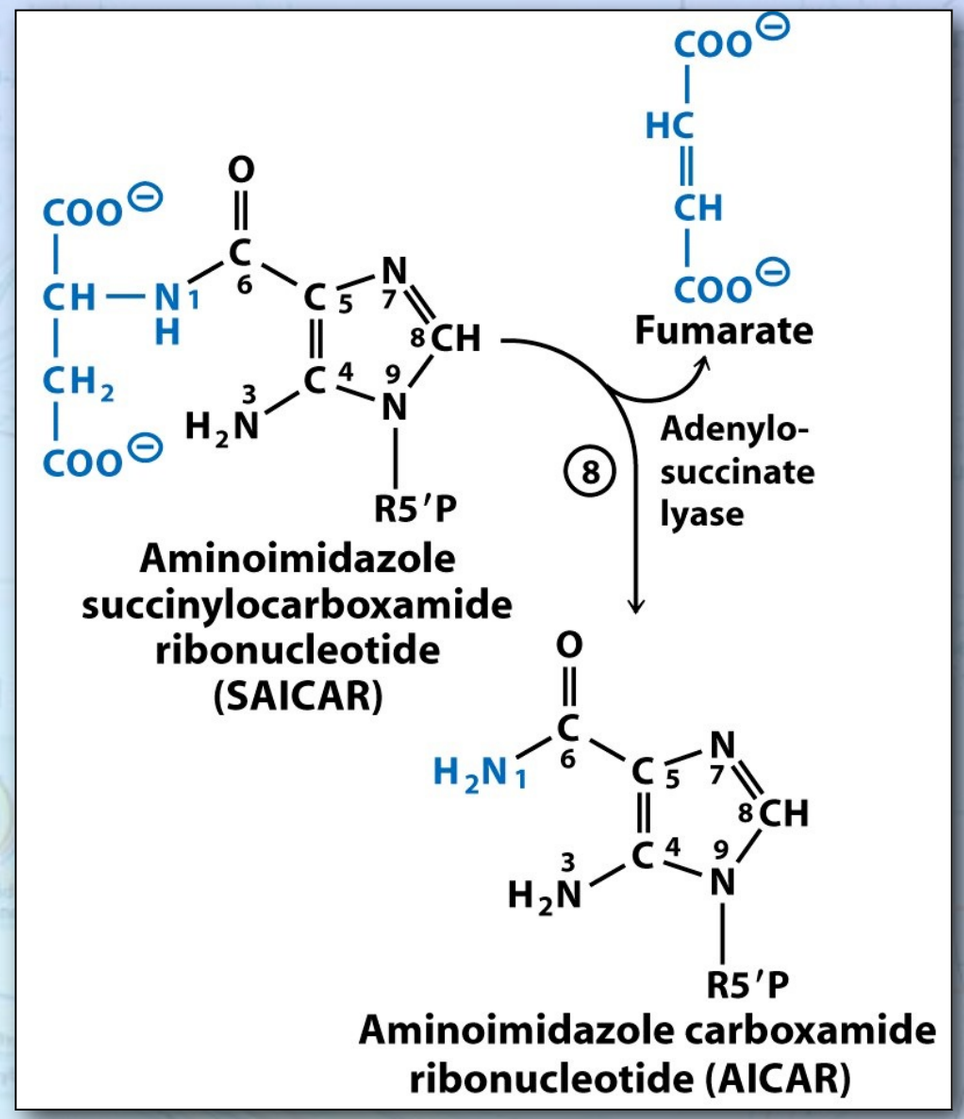

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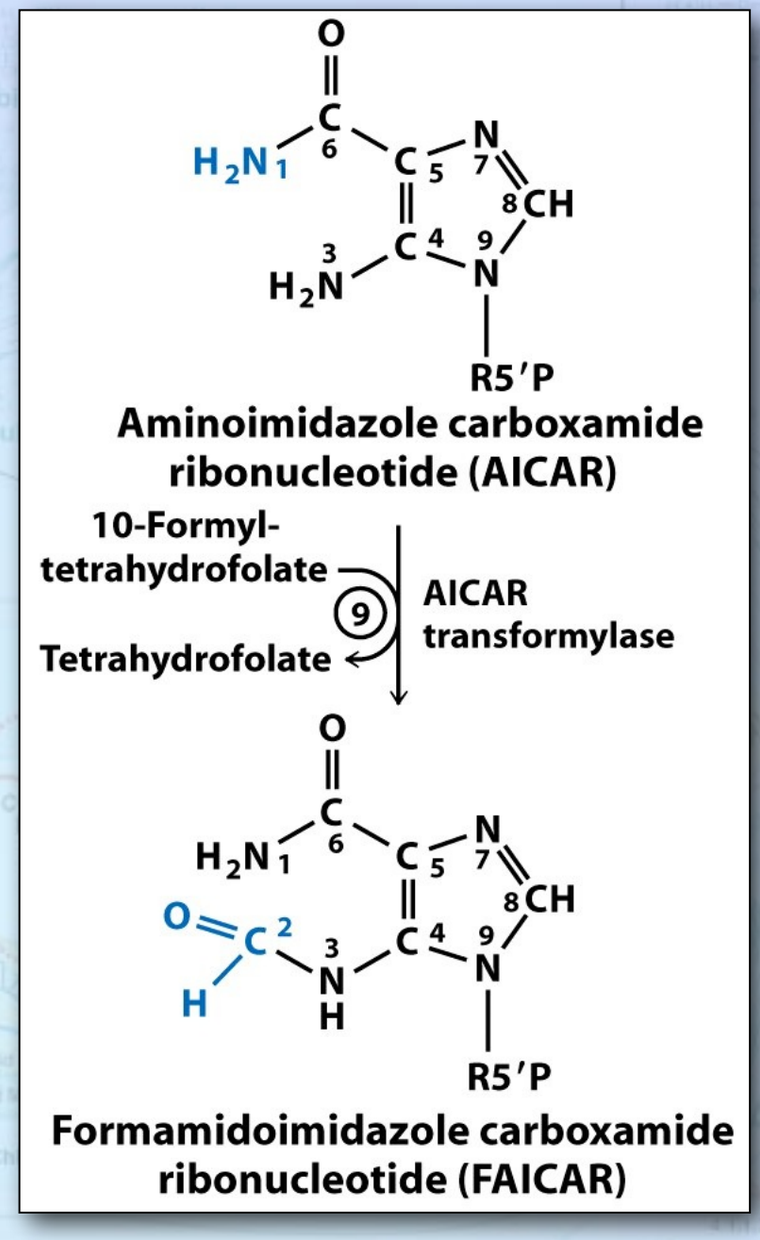

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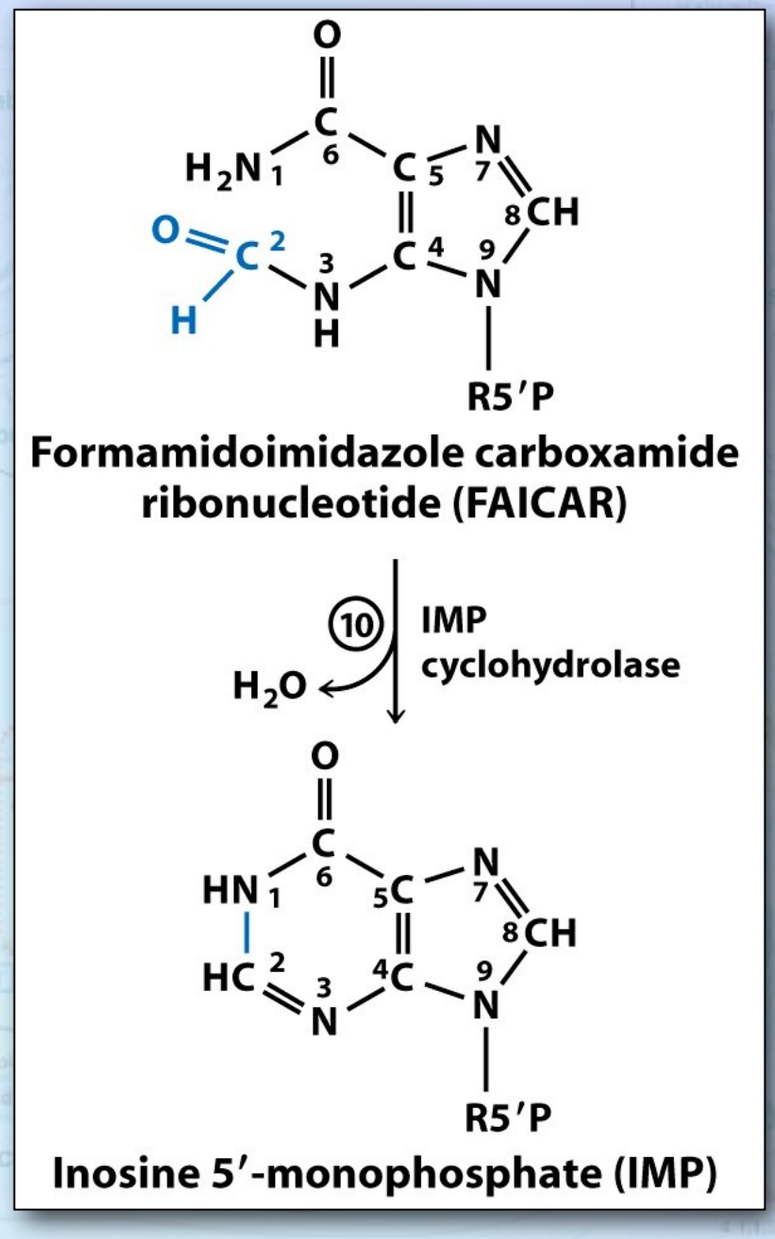

- Like Schiff base formation, this is a condensation reaction between an aldehyde and an amine.

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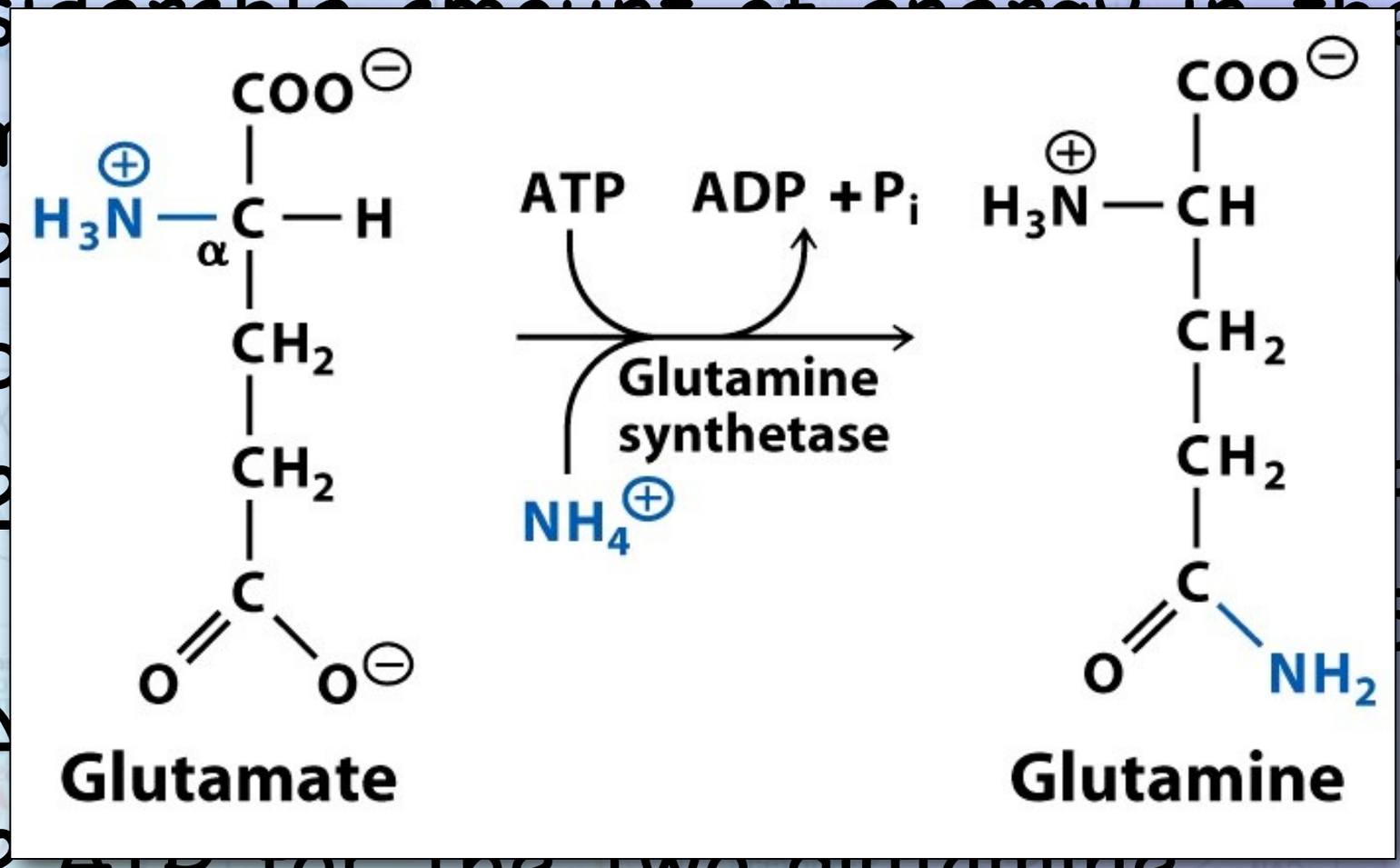

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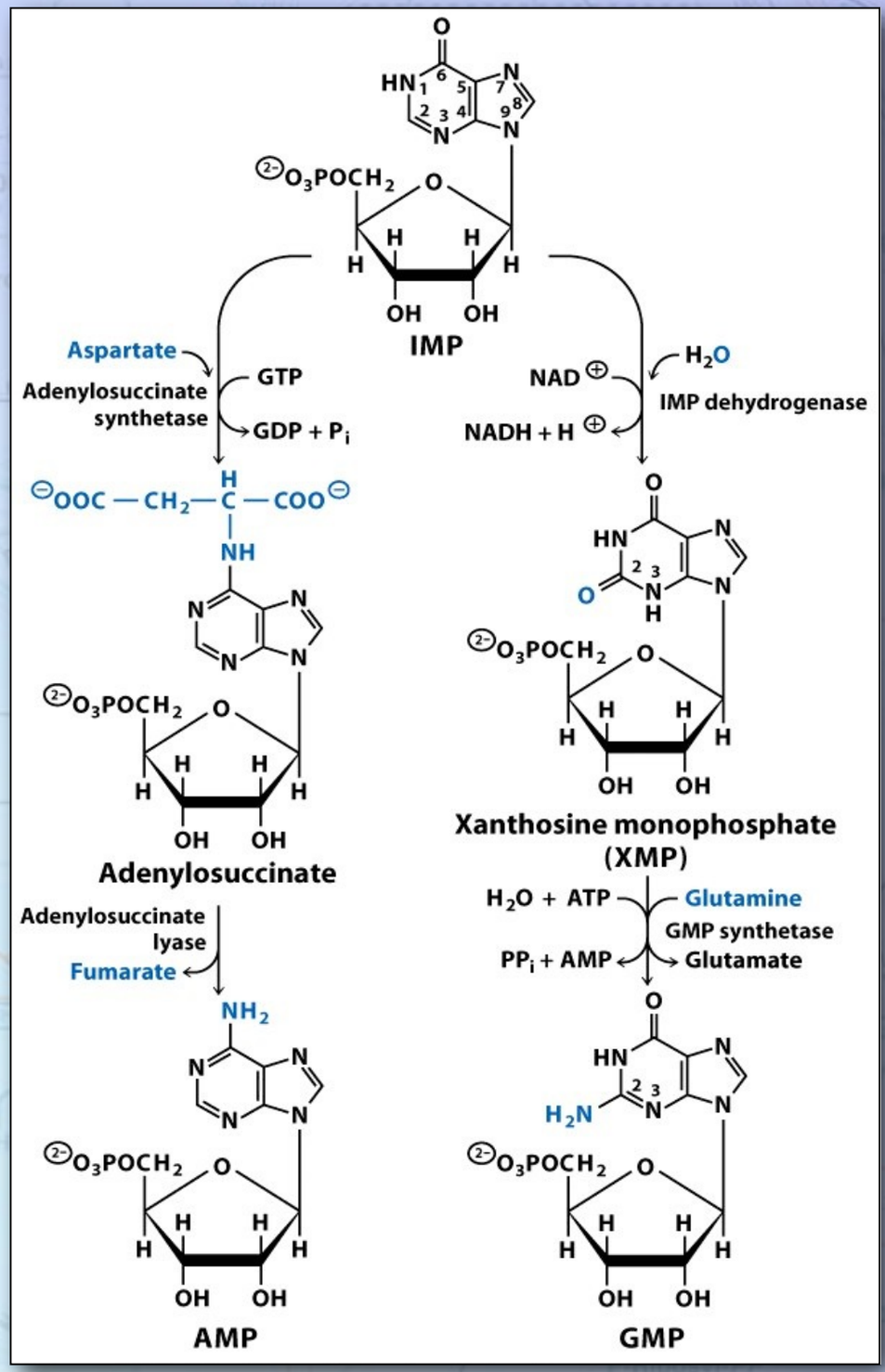

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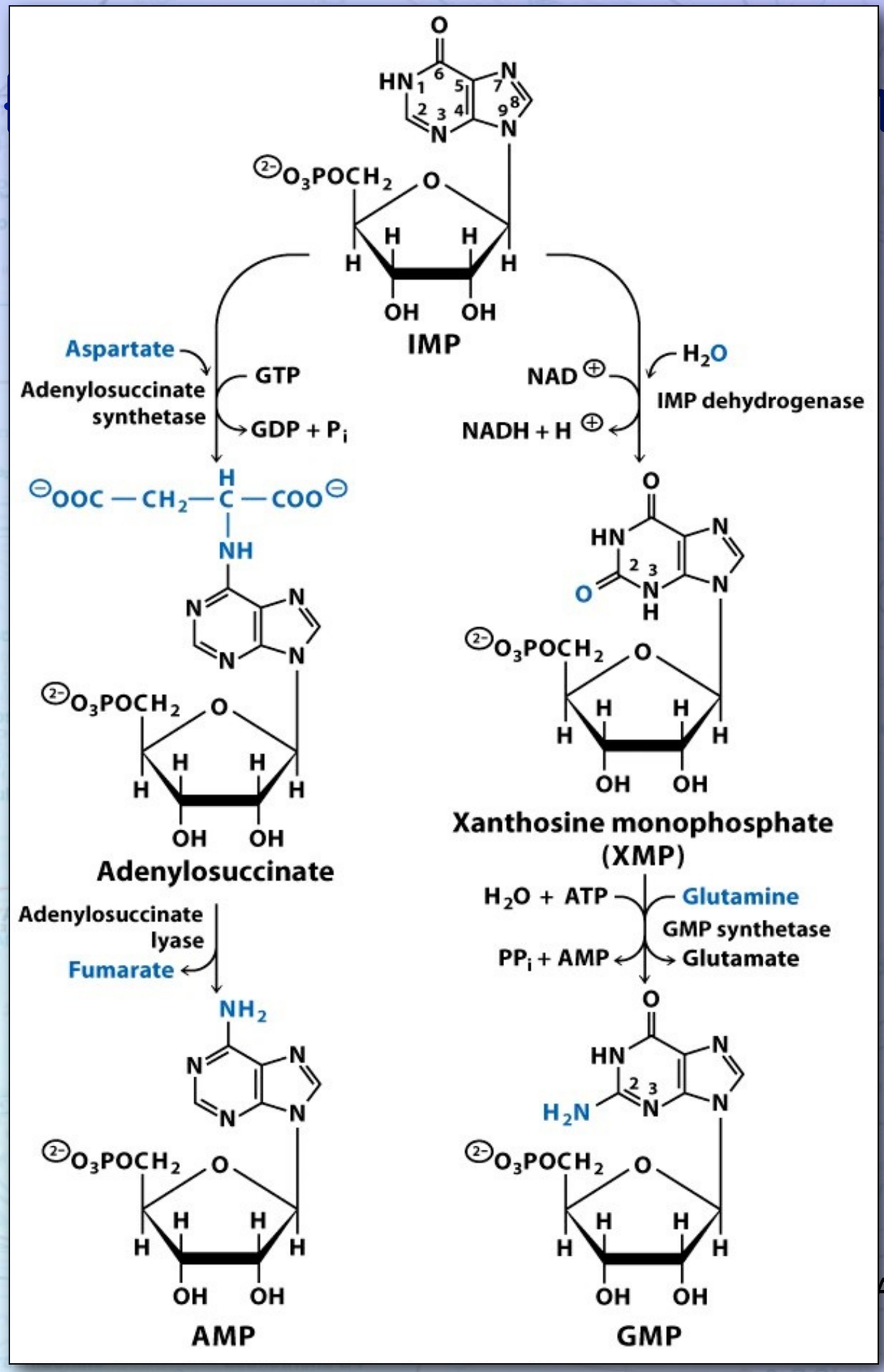

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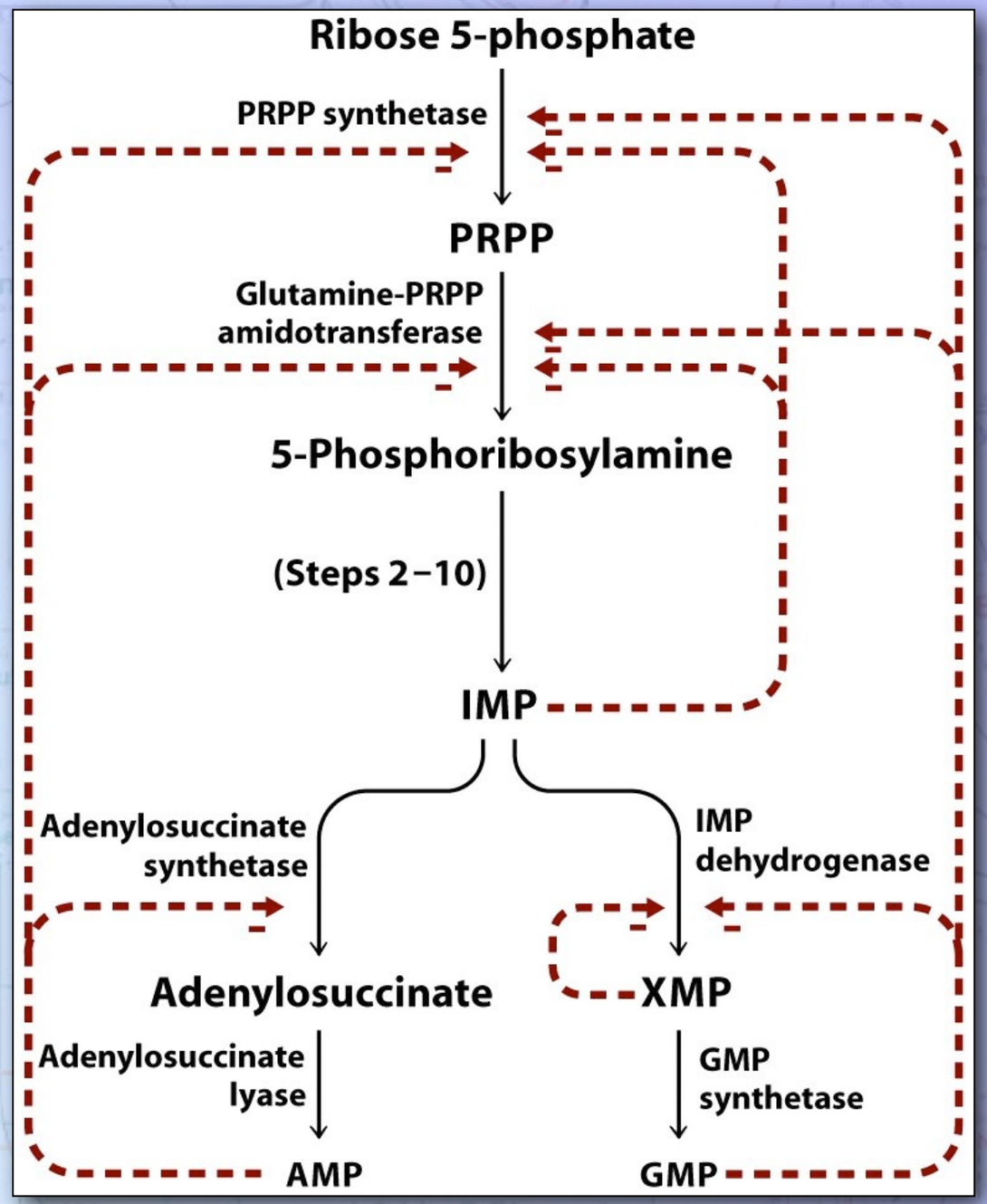

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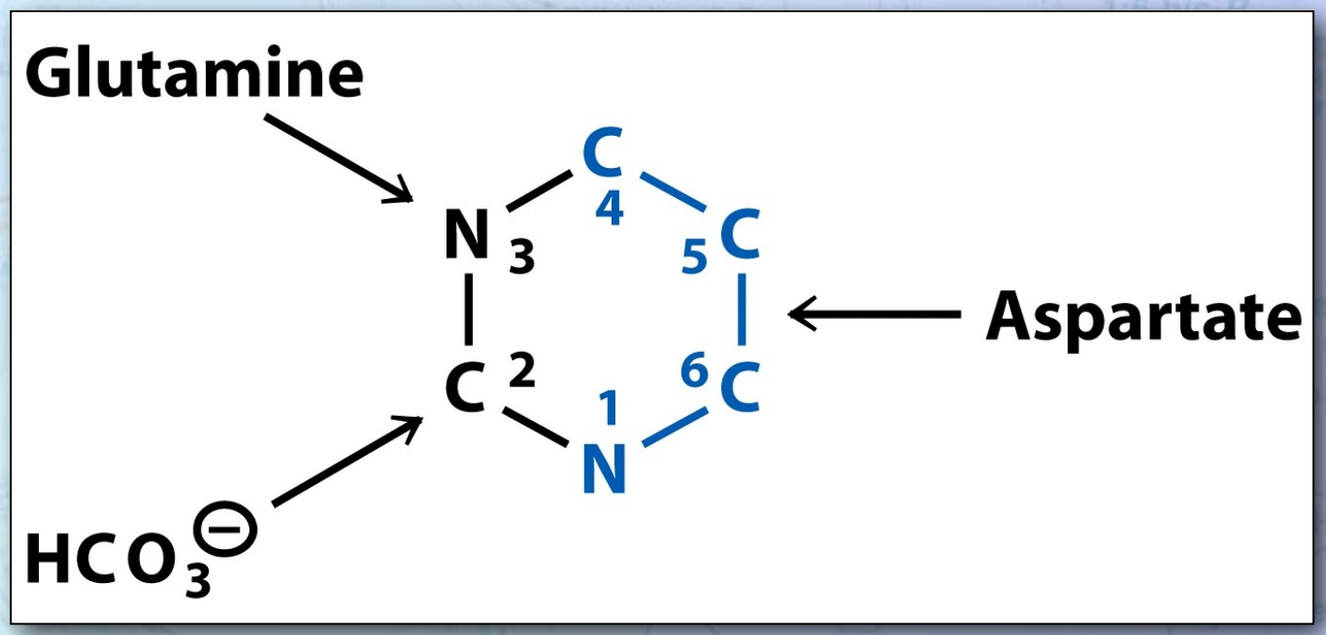

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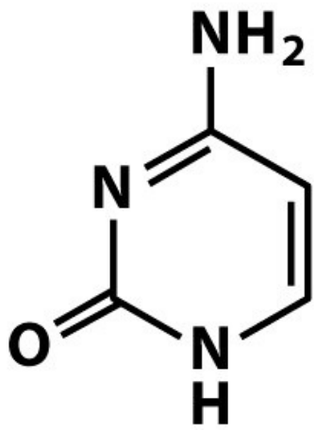

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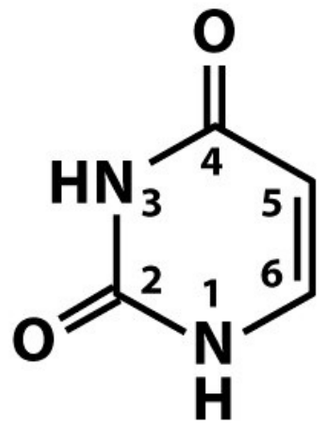

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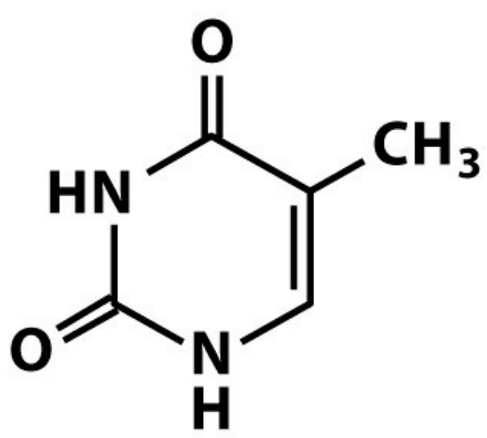

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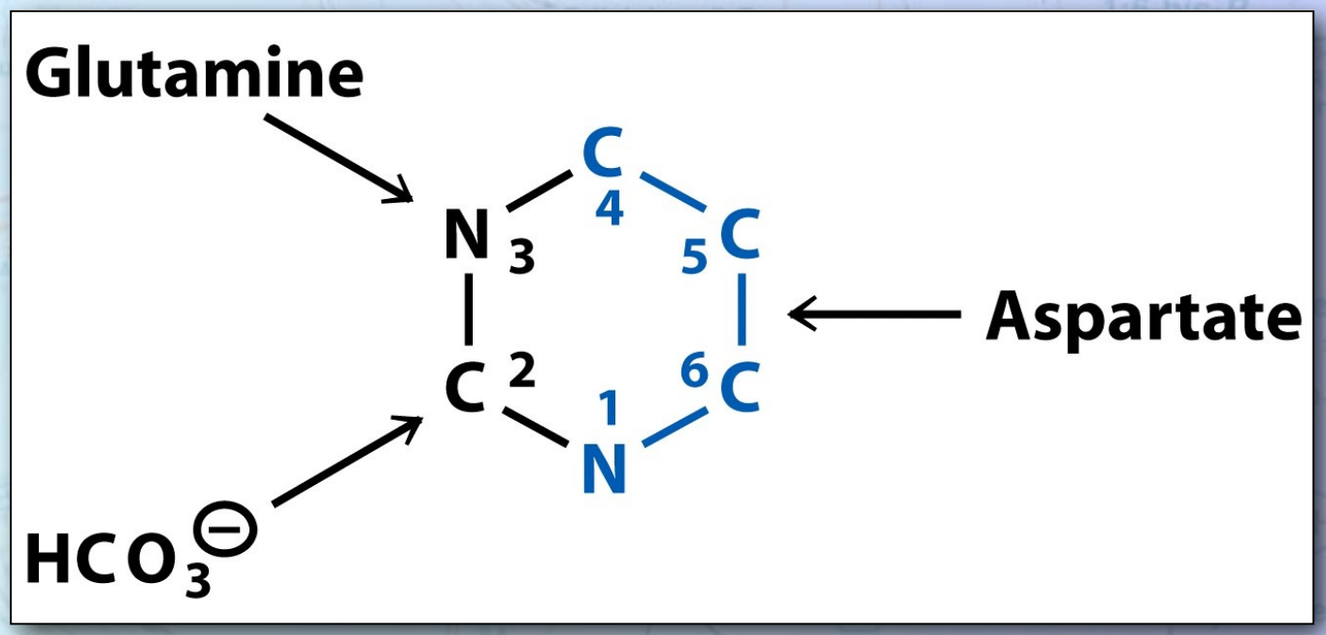

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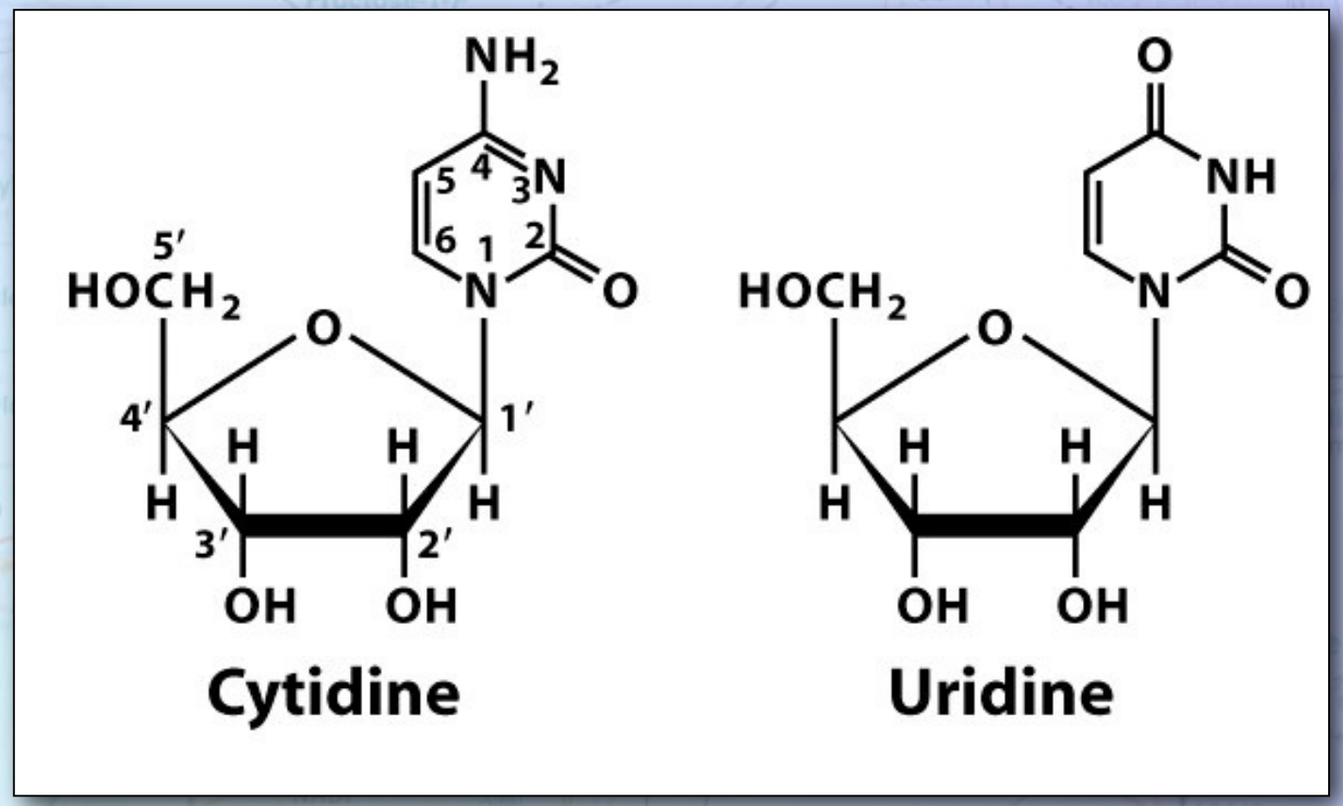

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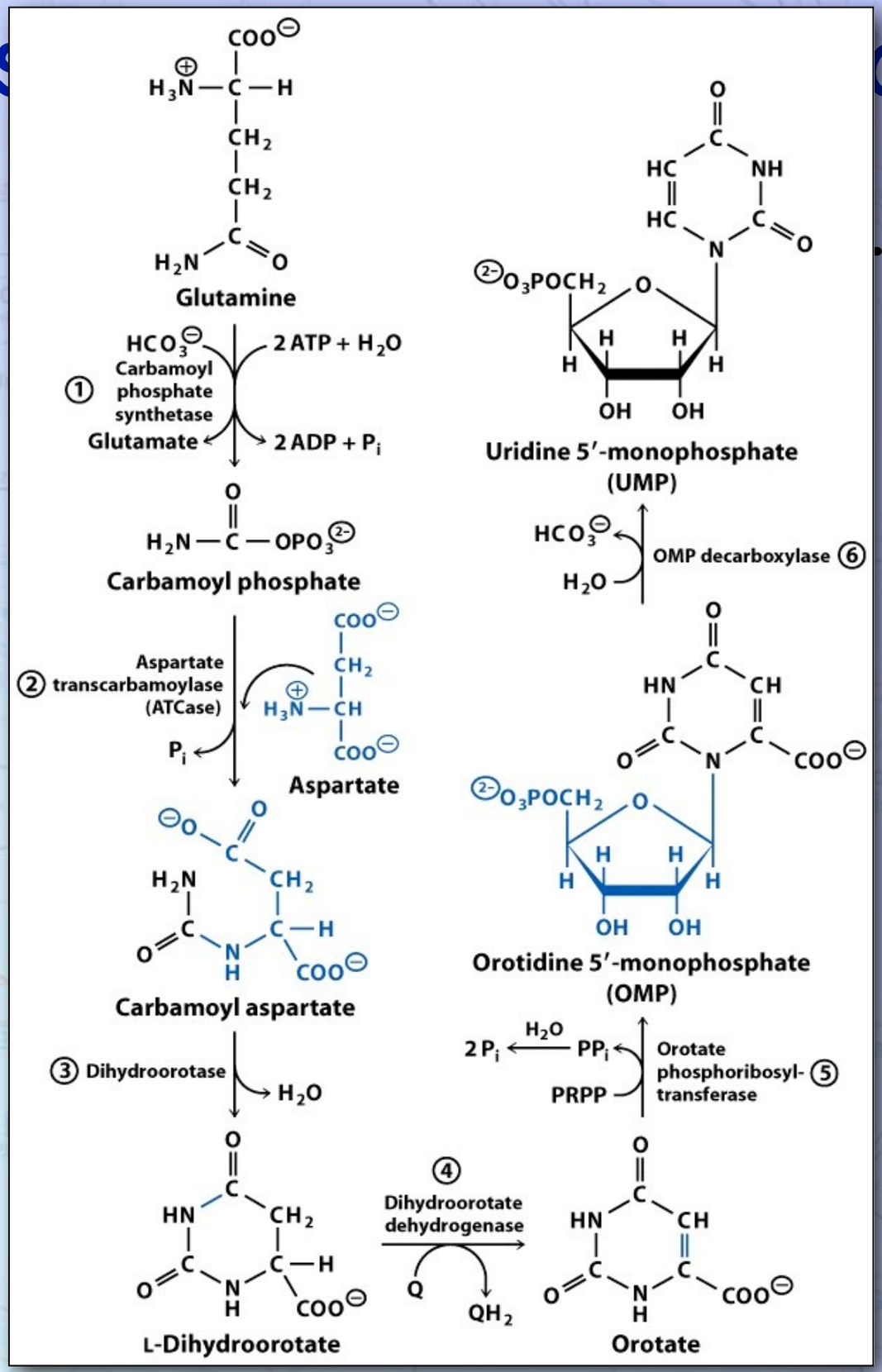

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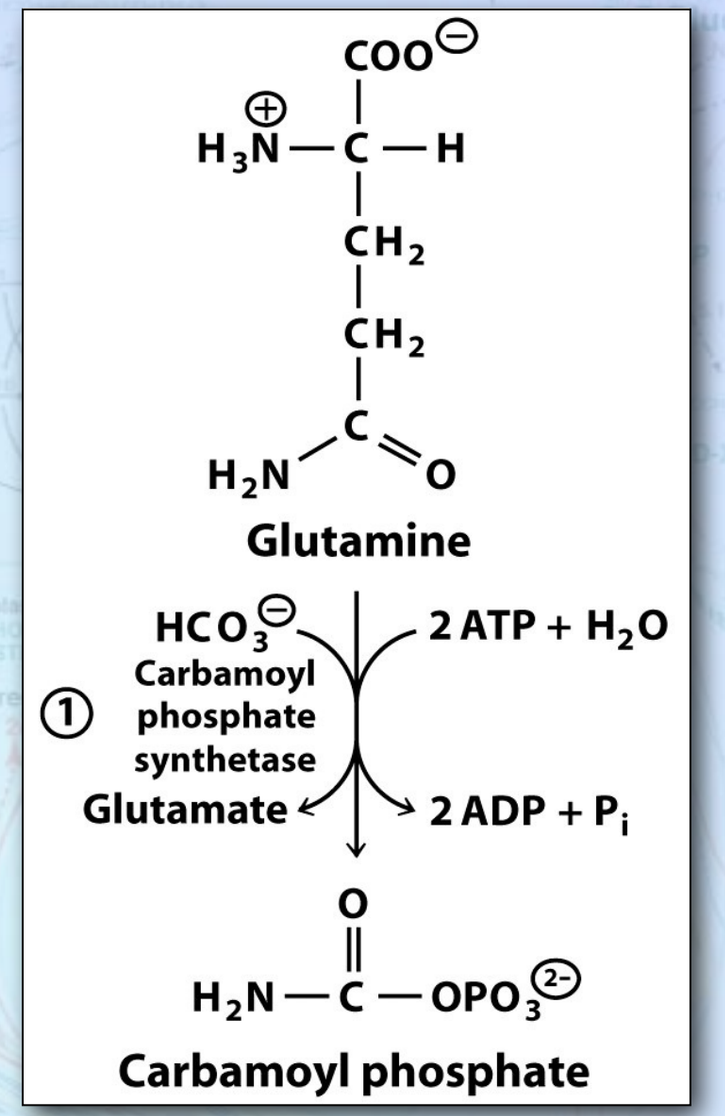

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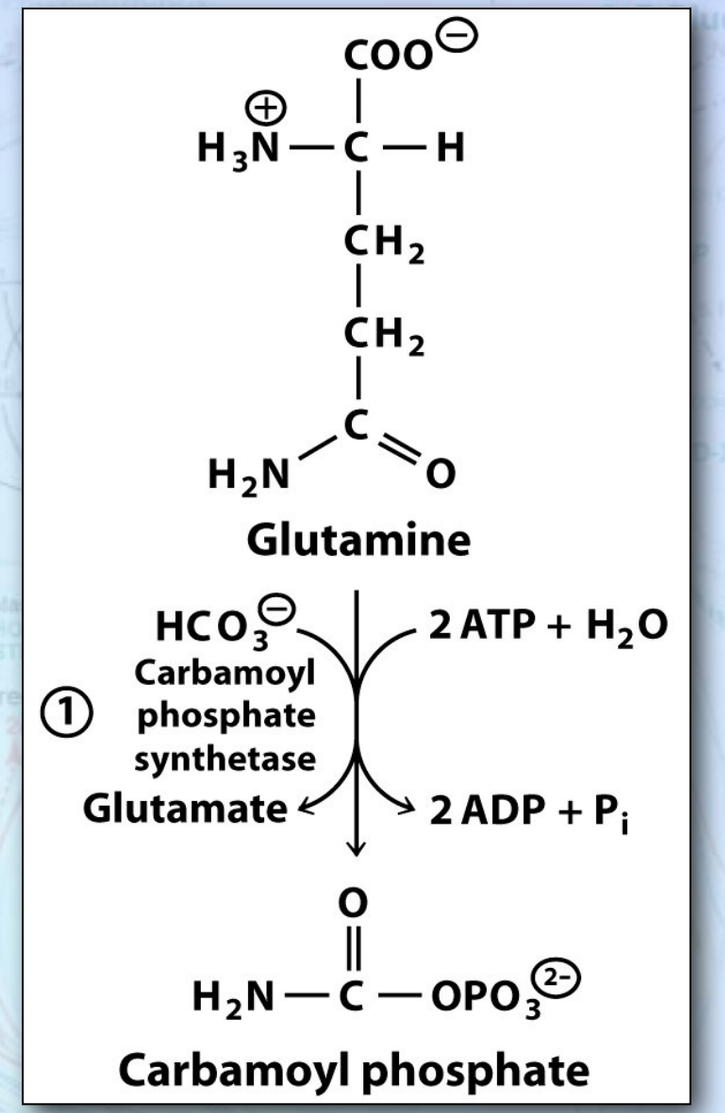

- This reaction is synthesized by carbamoyl phosphate synthetase II in mammals.
- This enzyme is found in the cytosol instead of the mitochondrial matrix
- Unlike the reaction in the urea cycle, the sources of the nitrogen is glutamine instead of free ammonia

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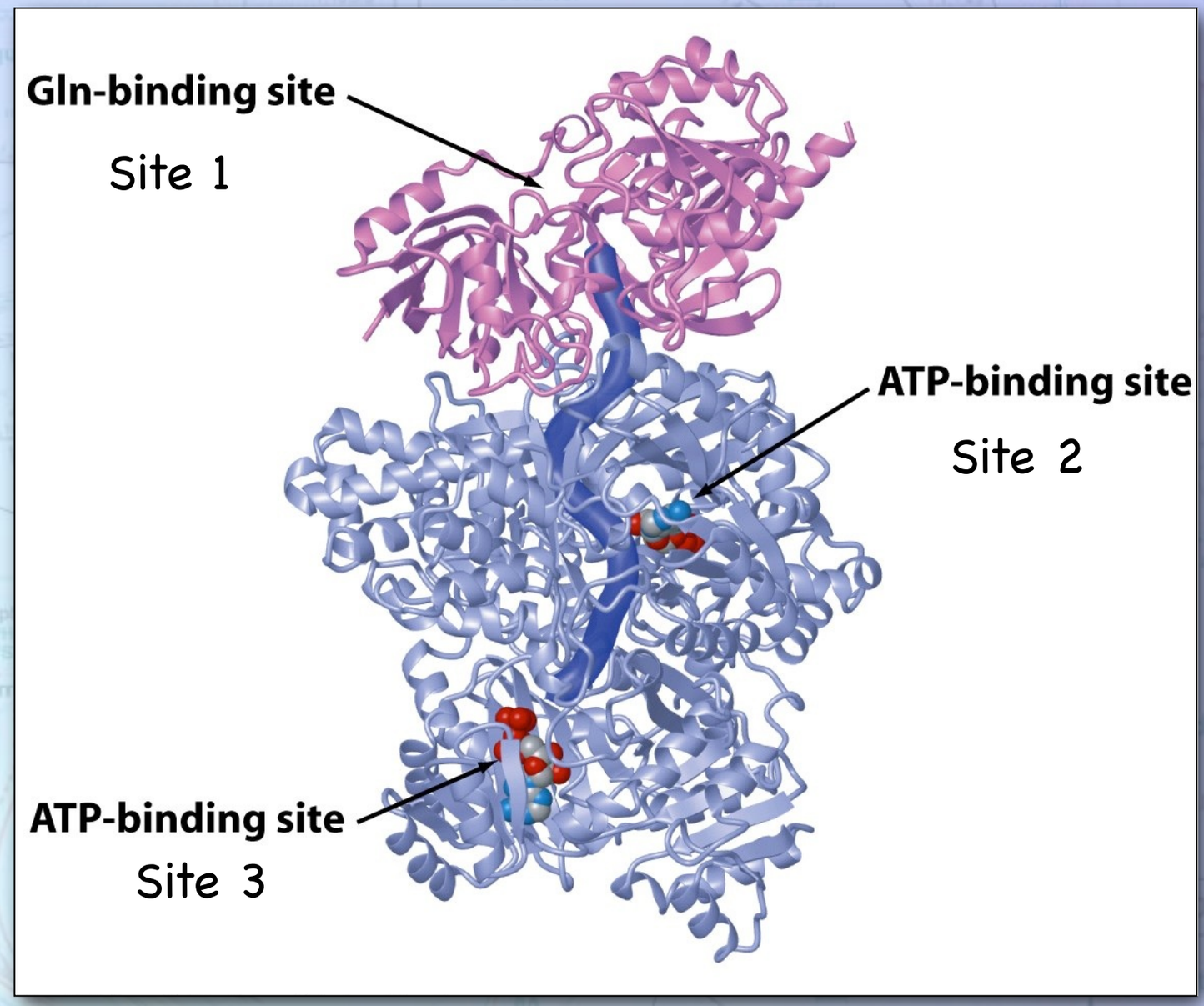

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II

Glutamine + H_2O ⟶ glutamate + NH_3 Site 1

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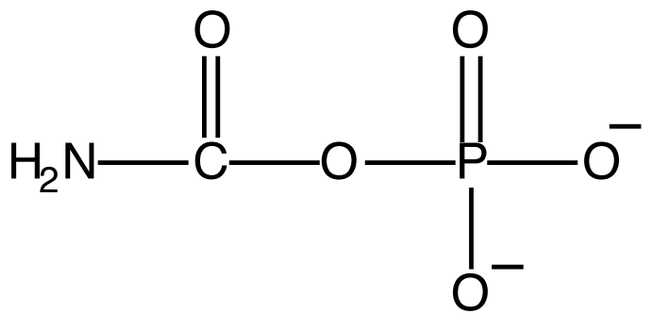
H_2N-COOH + ATP ⟶ carbamoyl phosphate + ADP Site 3



glutamine + HCO_3^- + H_2O + 2 ATP ⟶ carbamoyl phosphate + glutamate + 2 ADP + P_i

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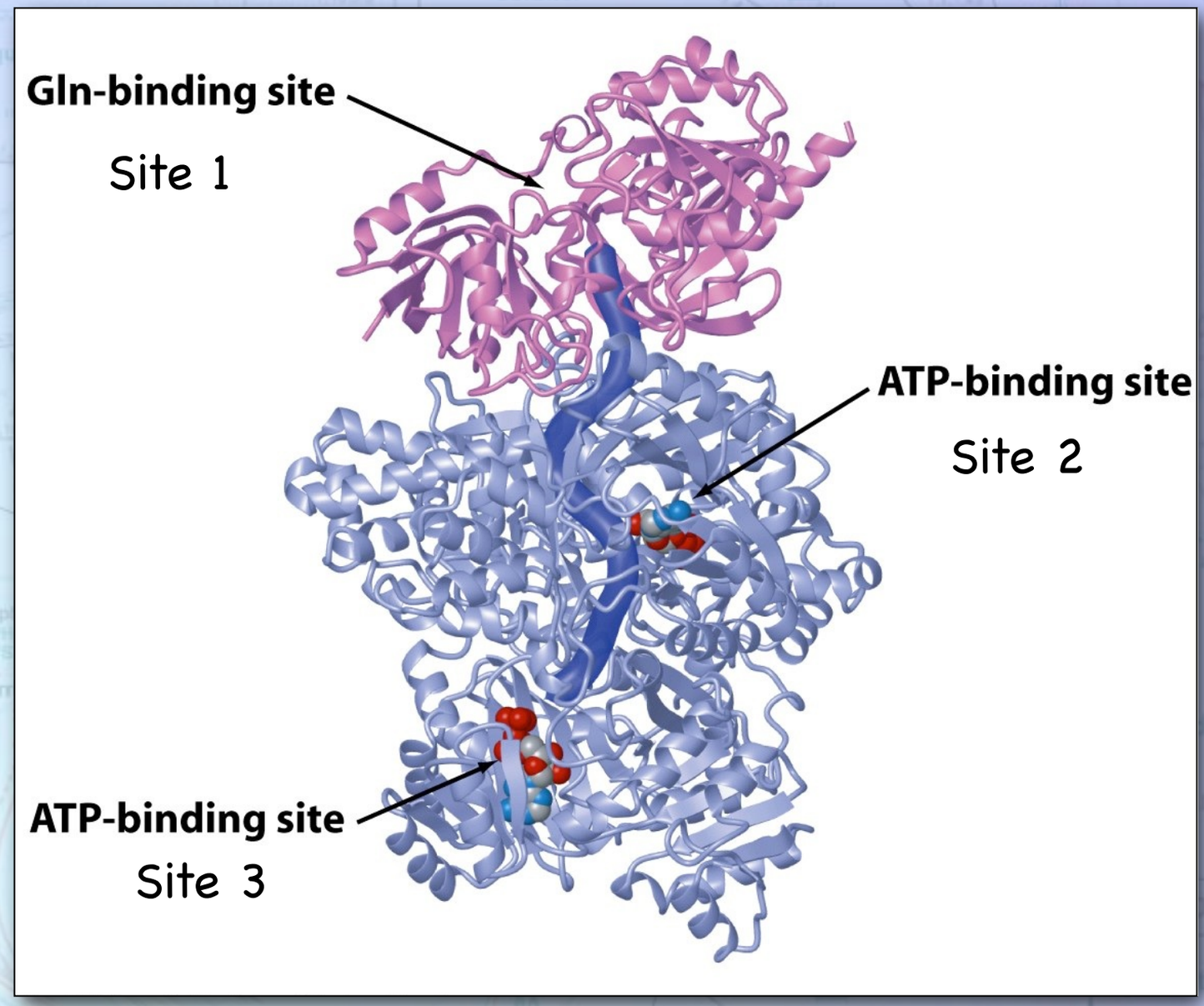

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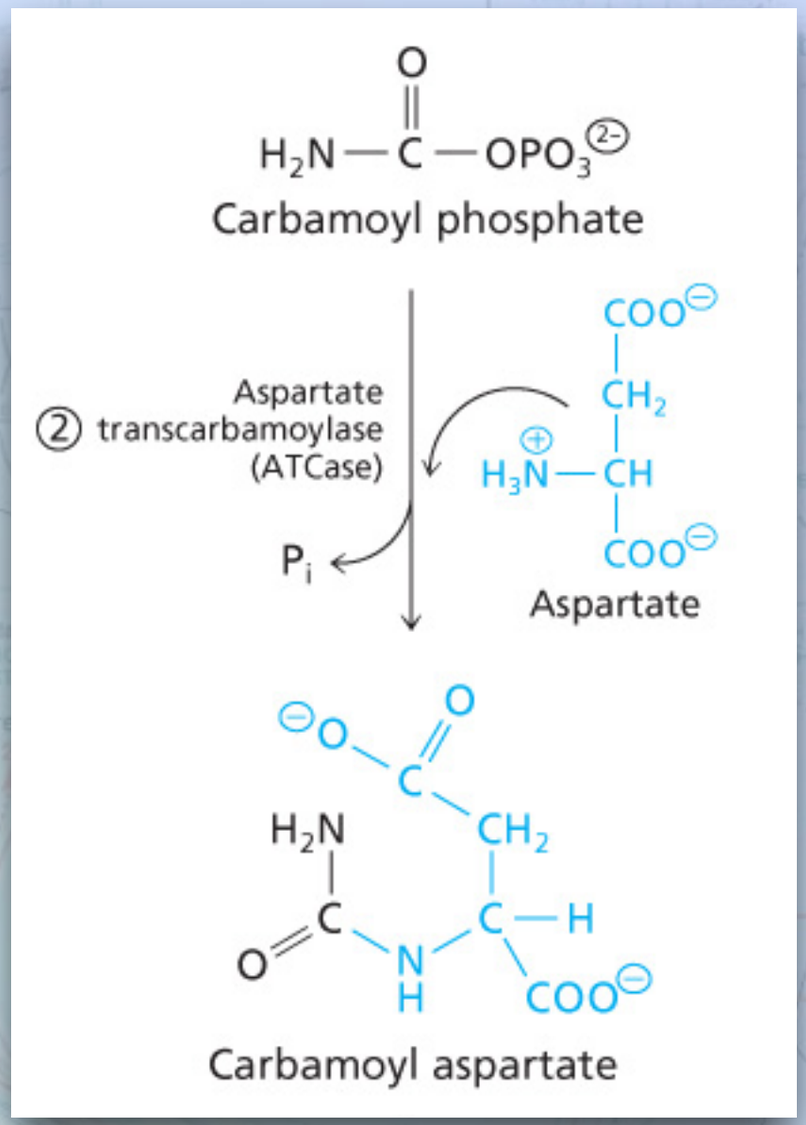

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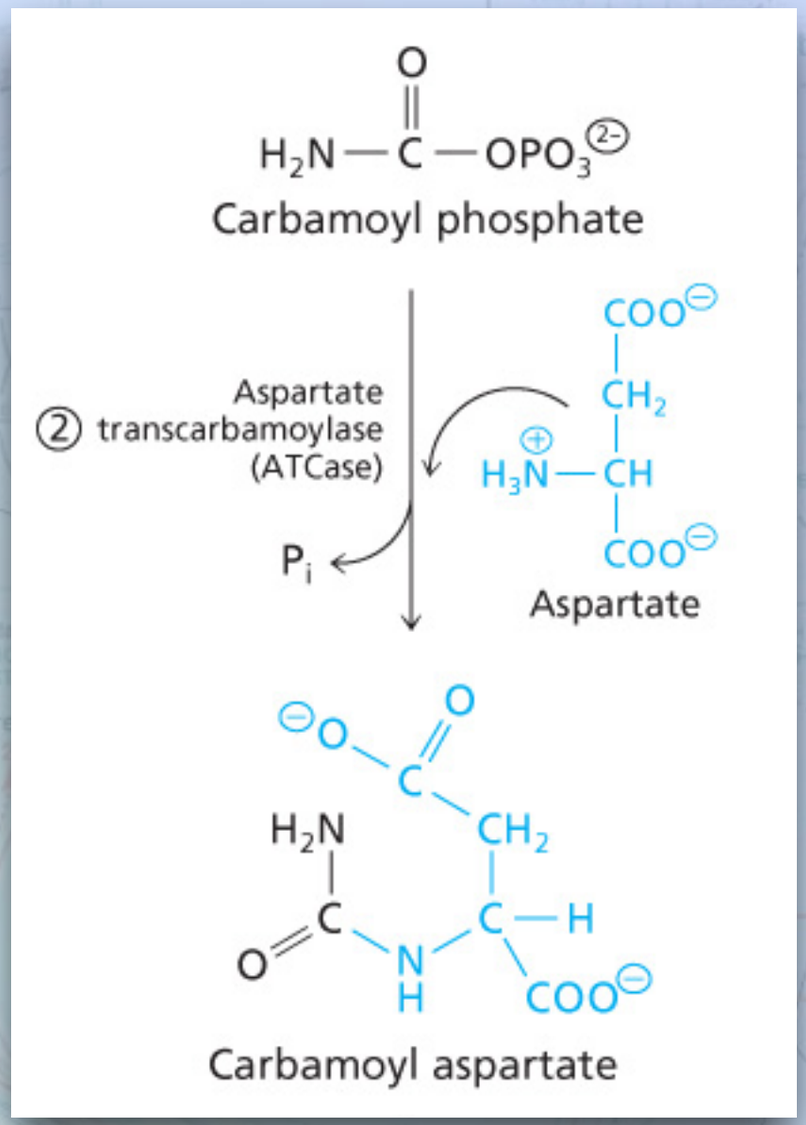
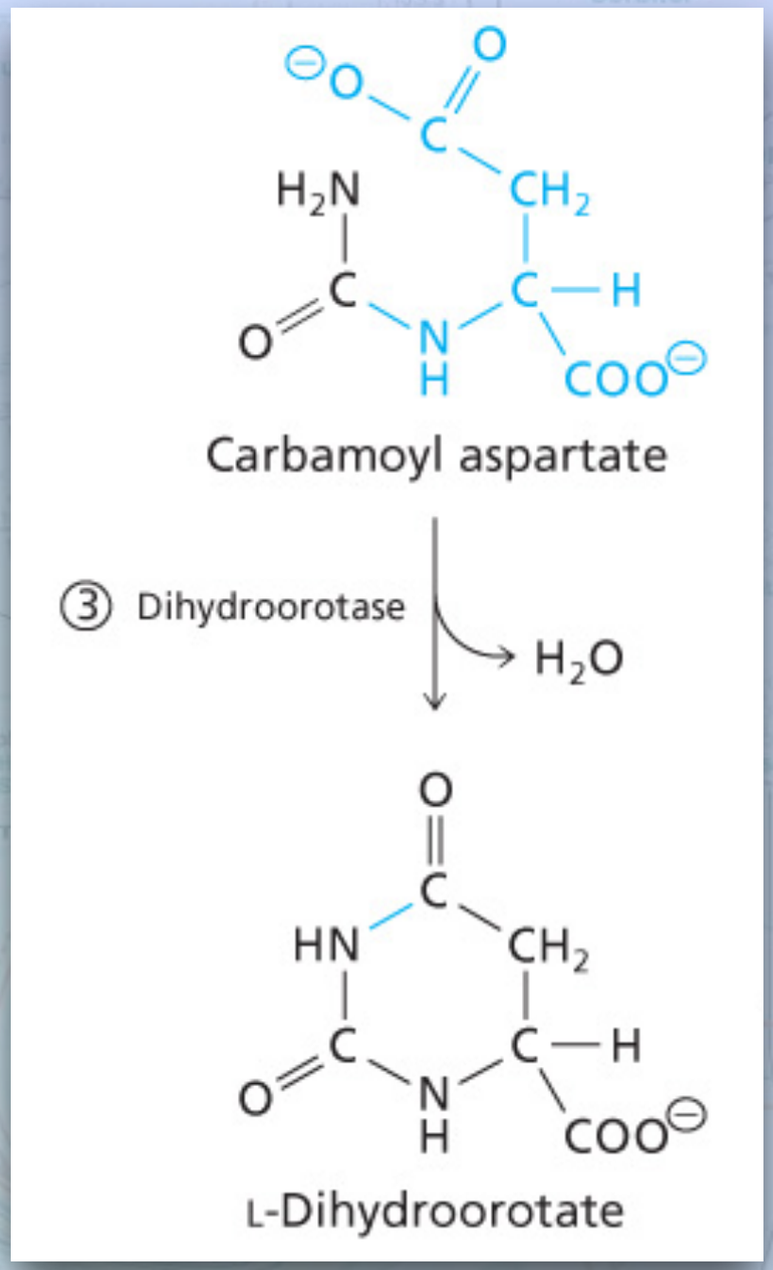


- The activated carbamoyl phosphate condenses with aspartate.

Synthesis of Pyrimidine Nucleotides

- Step 3: Dihydroorotase.



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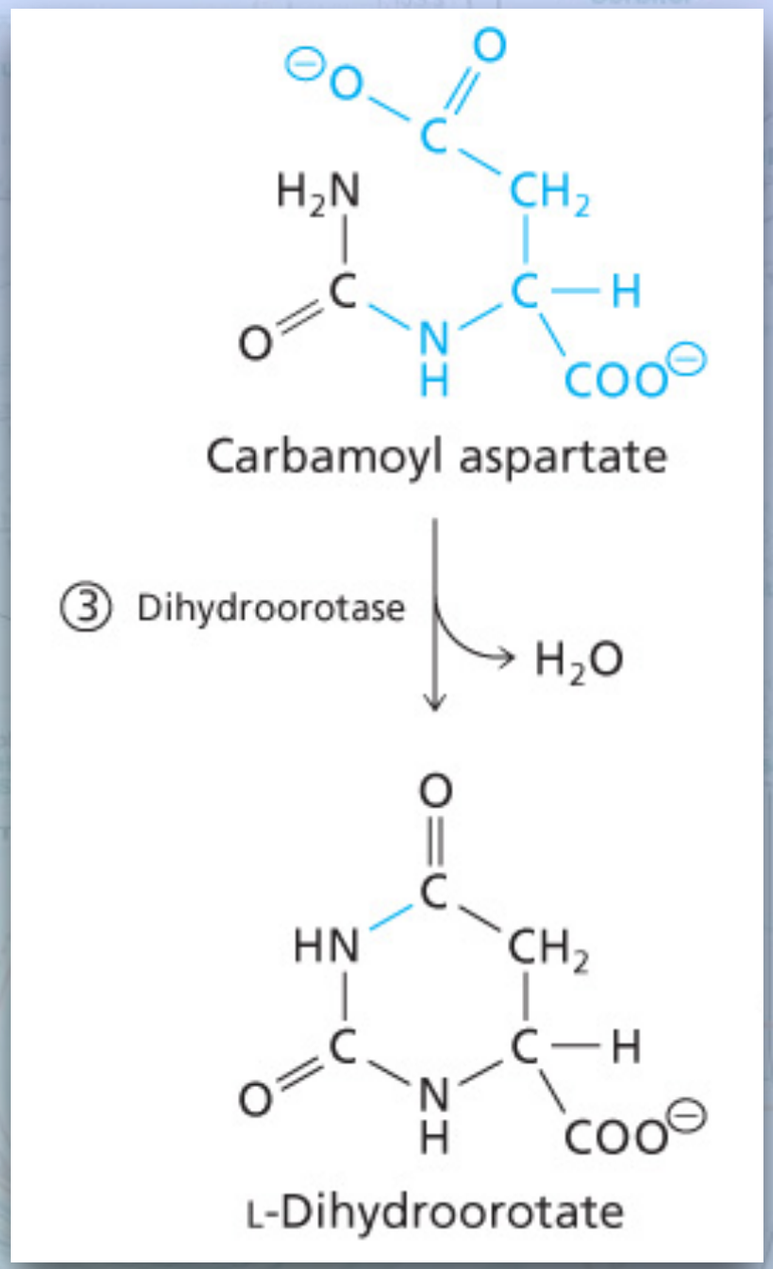
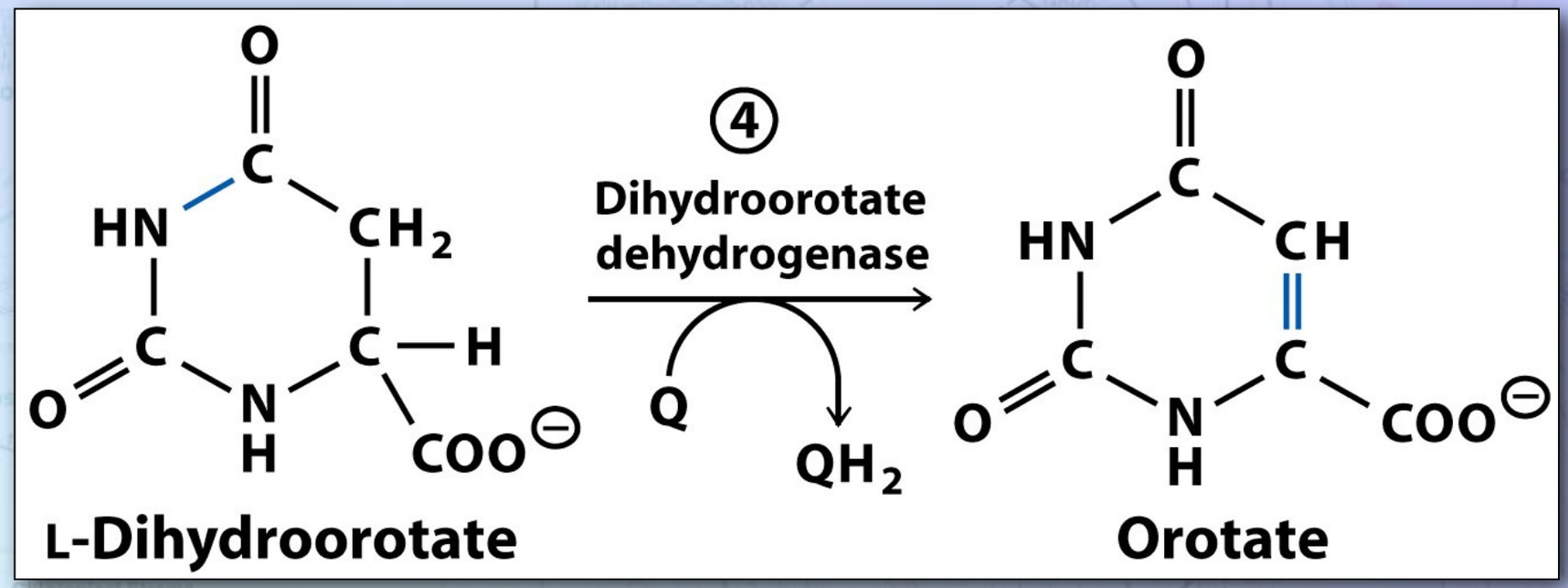


- The carboxylate and amide $-NH_2$ condense to close the ring and form a cyclic imide.

Synthesis of Pyrimidine Nucleotides

- Step 3: Dihydroorotate dehydrogenase



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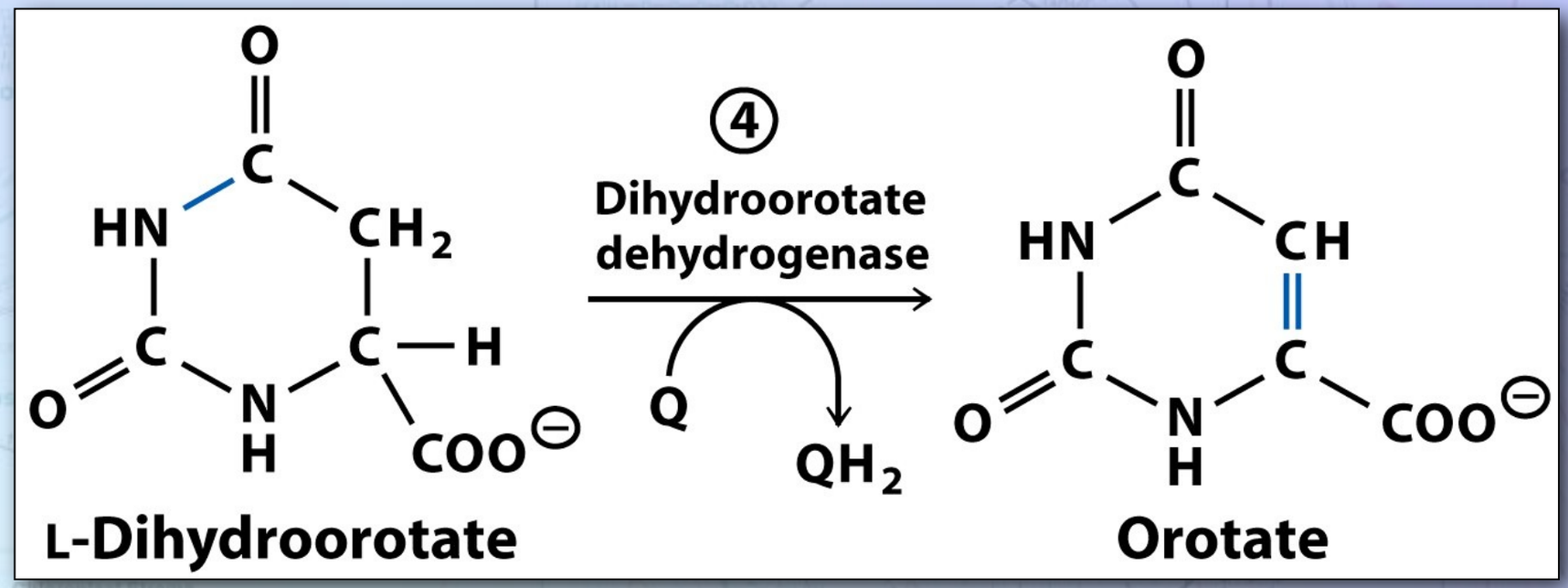
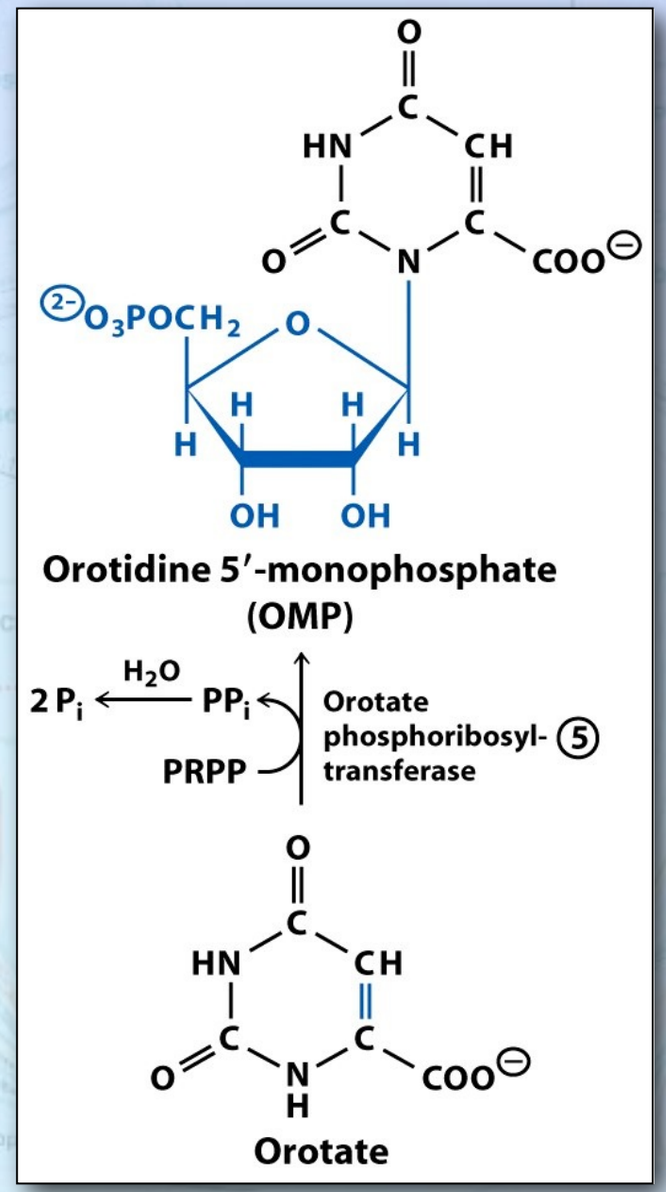


- The ring is oxidized to form the aromatic orotate ring
- In eukaryotes, this reaction occurs at the inner mitochondrial membrane

Synthesis of Pyrimidine Nucleotides

- Step 5: Orotate phosphoribosyl transferase



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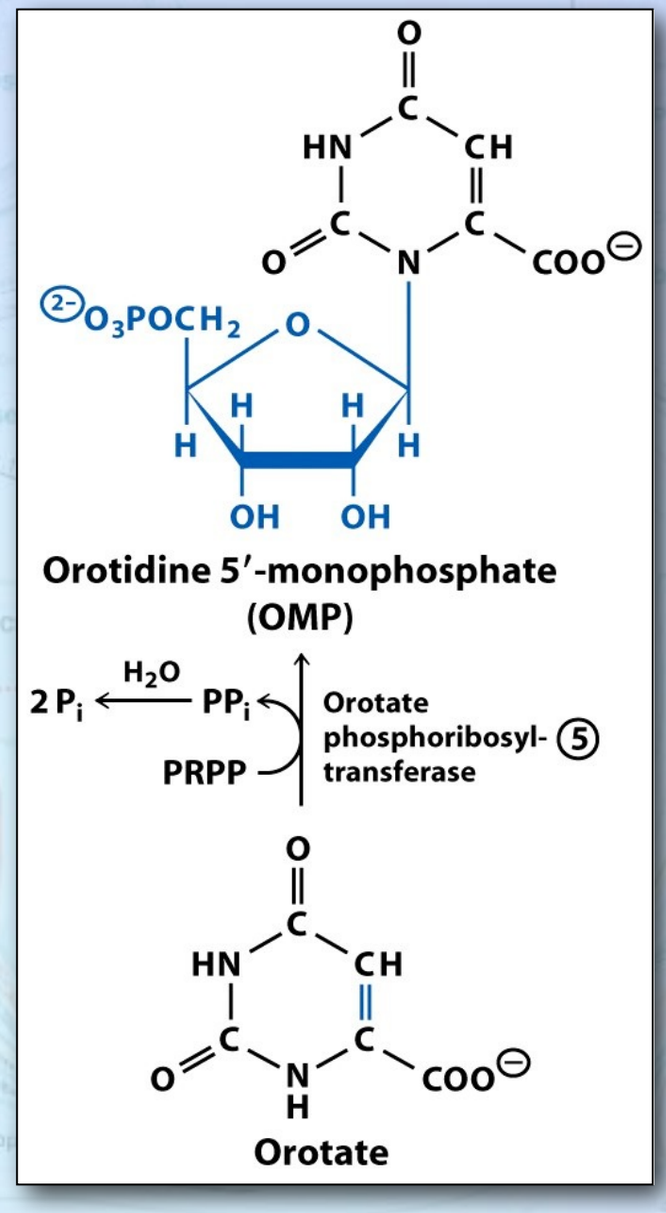
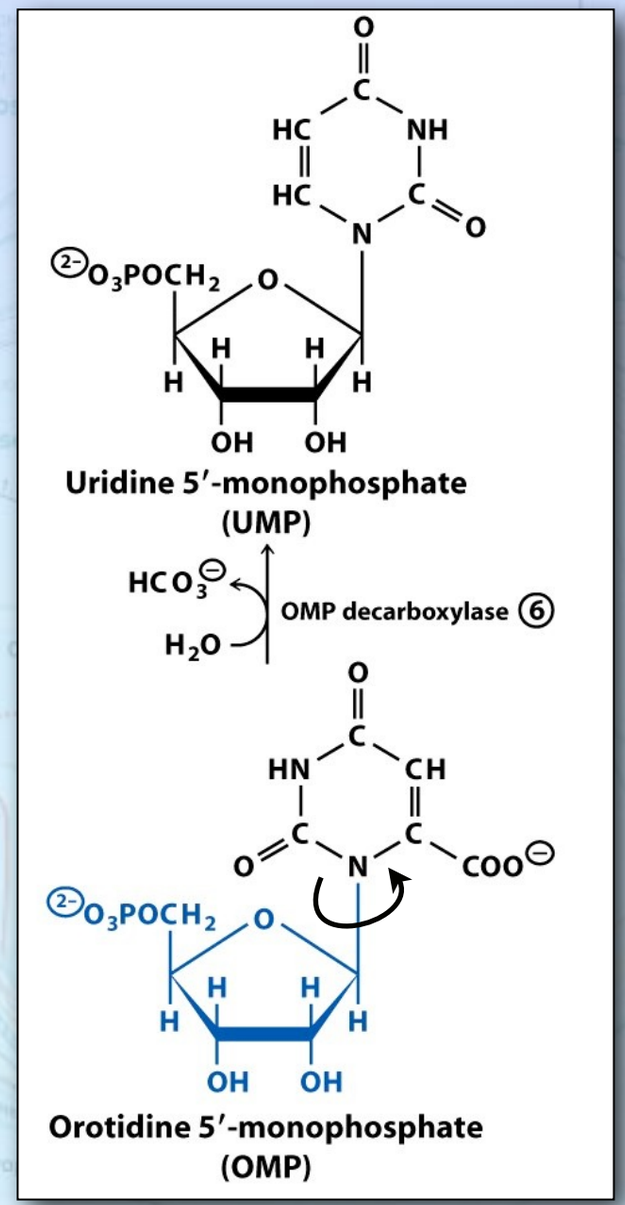


- The orotate is condensed with phosphoribosyl pyrophosphate (PRPP)

Synthesis of Pyrimidine Nucleotides

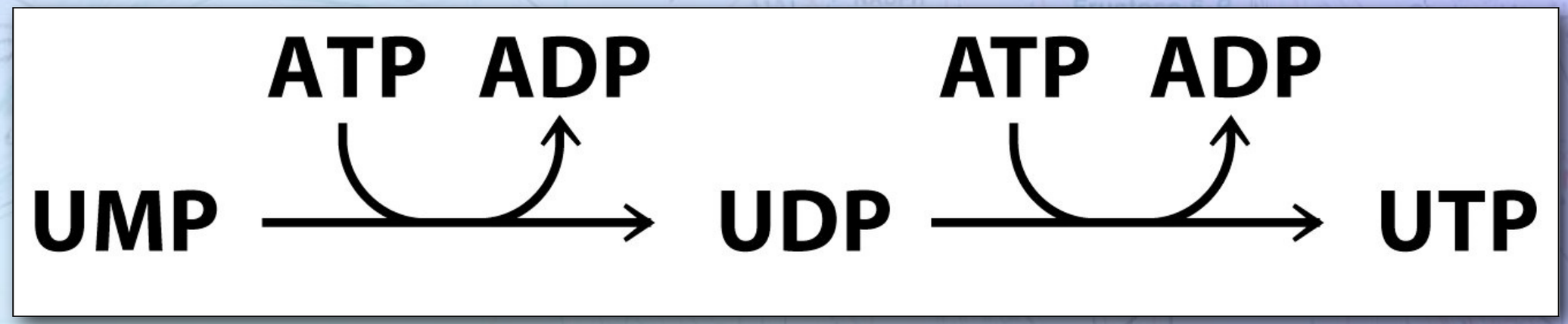
- Step 6: Orotidine 5′-monophosphate decarboxylase



- Decarboxylation of orotidine 5′-monophosphate produces UMP

Synthesis of Pyrimidine Nucleotides

- UMP is phosphorylated to UTP



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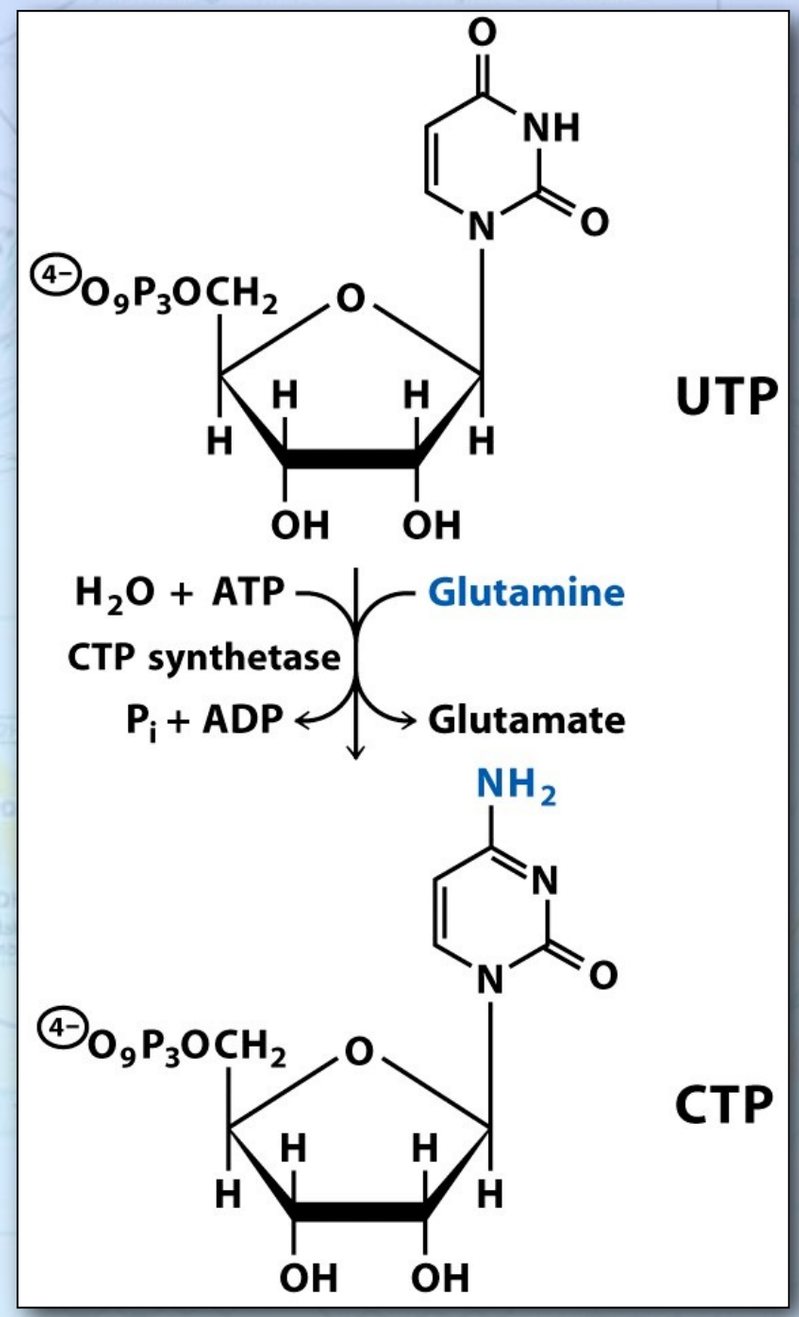

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Synthesis of Pyrimidine Nucleotides

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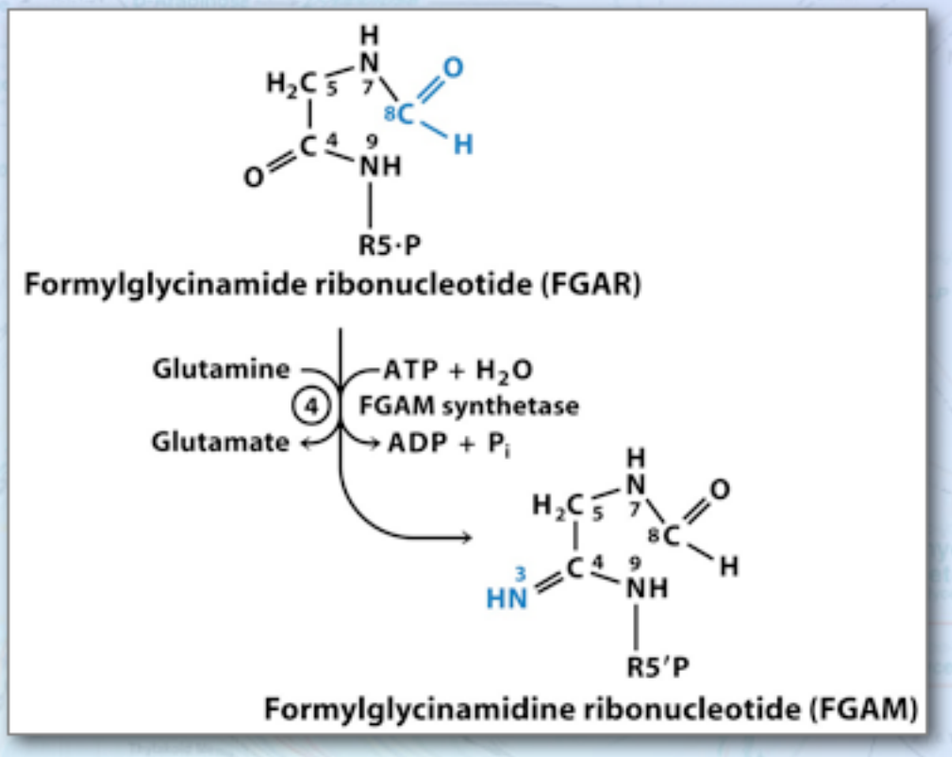
Synthesis of Purines

Step 4: Formylglycinamidine ribonucleotide synthetase.



- The amide is converted to an amidine
- The nitrogen is donated by glutamine.
- This reaction requires the hydrolysis of ATP

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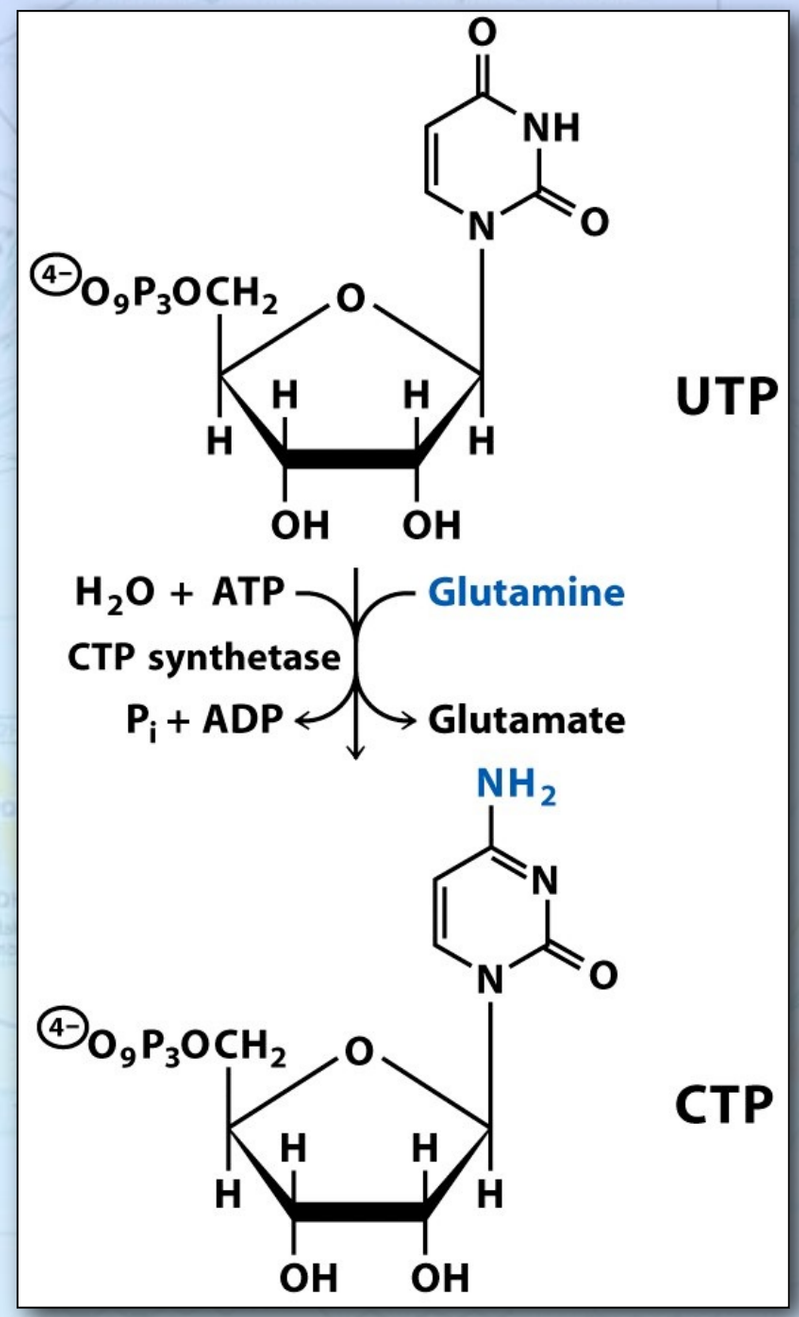

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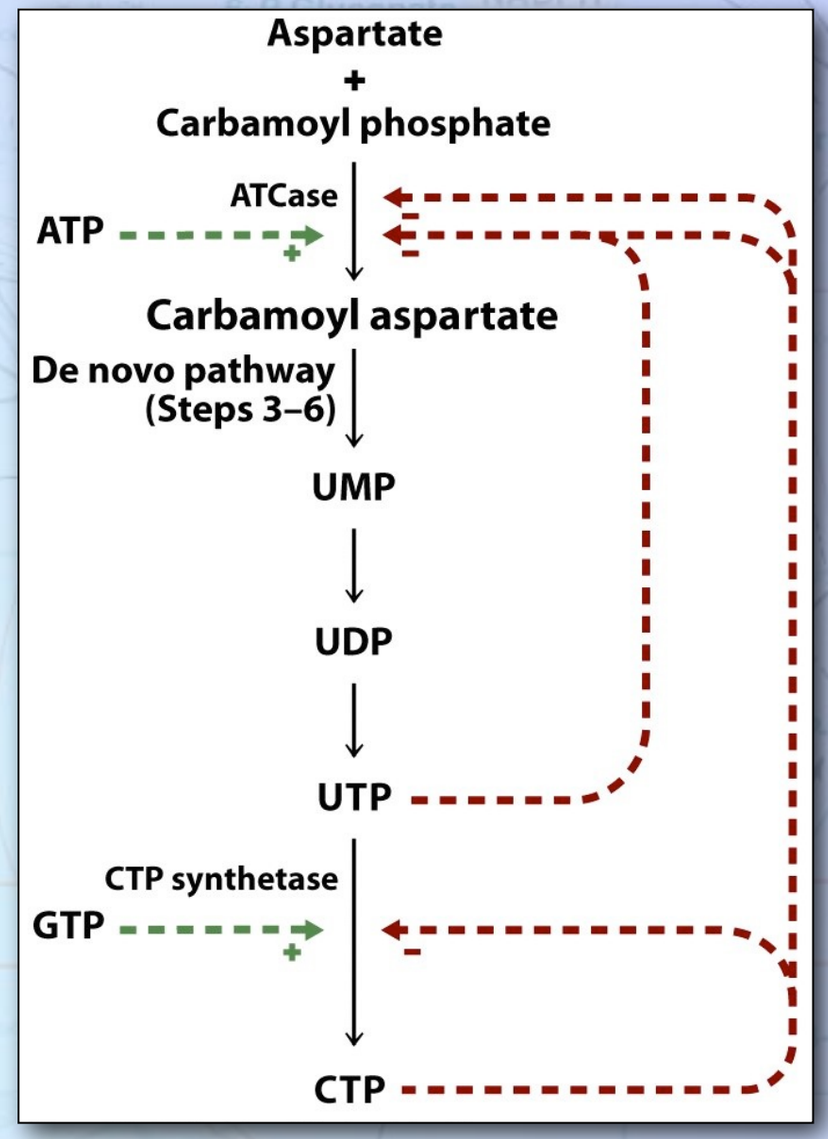

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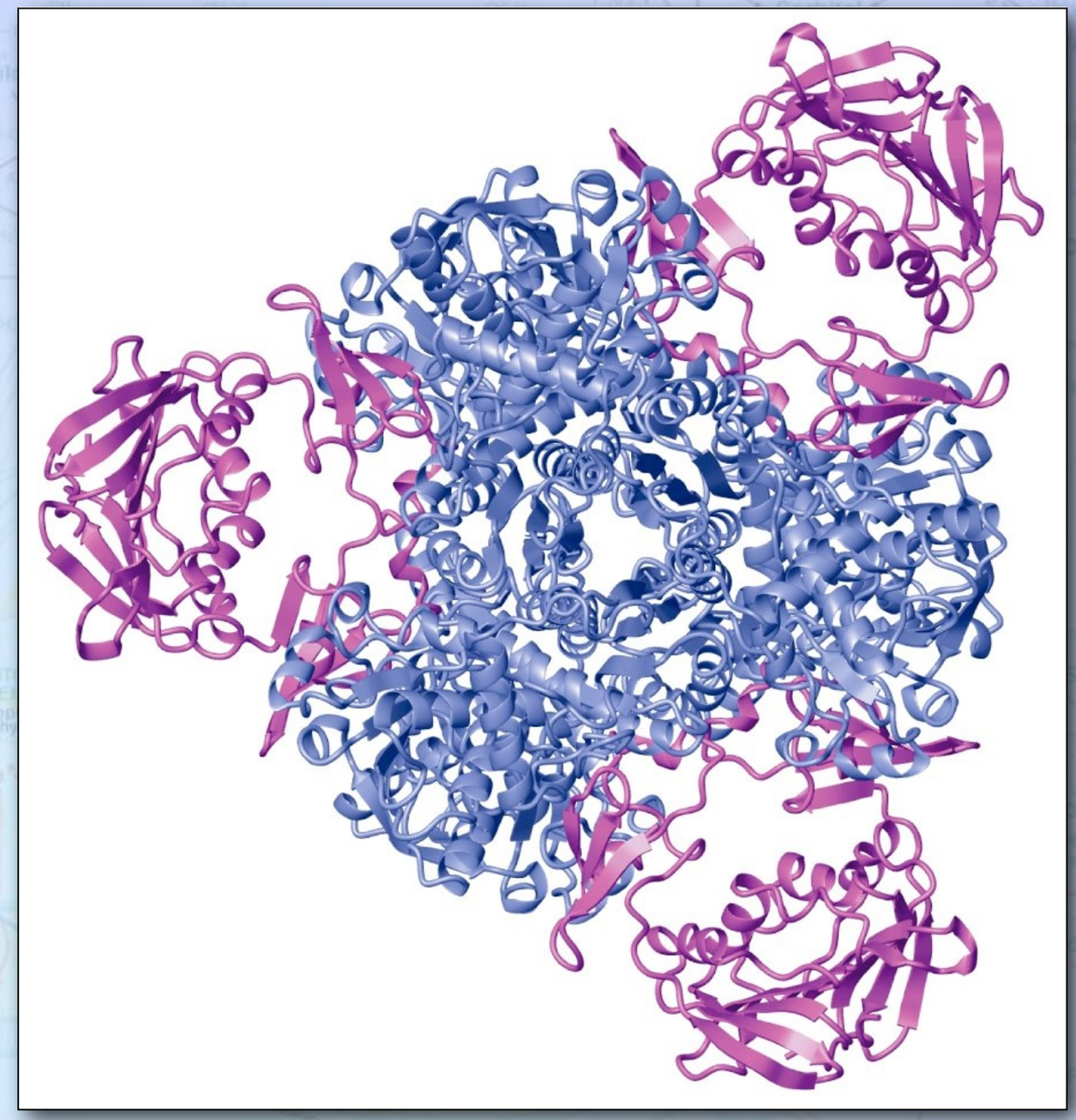

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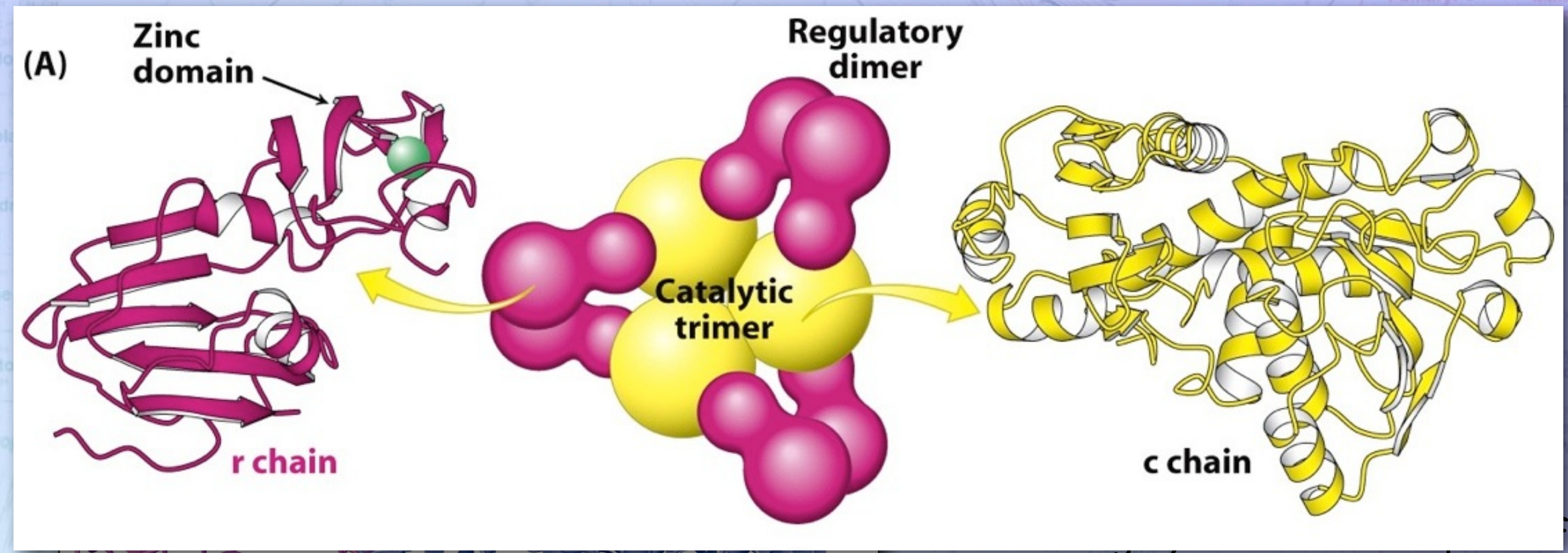

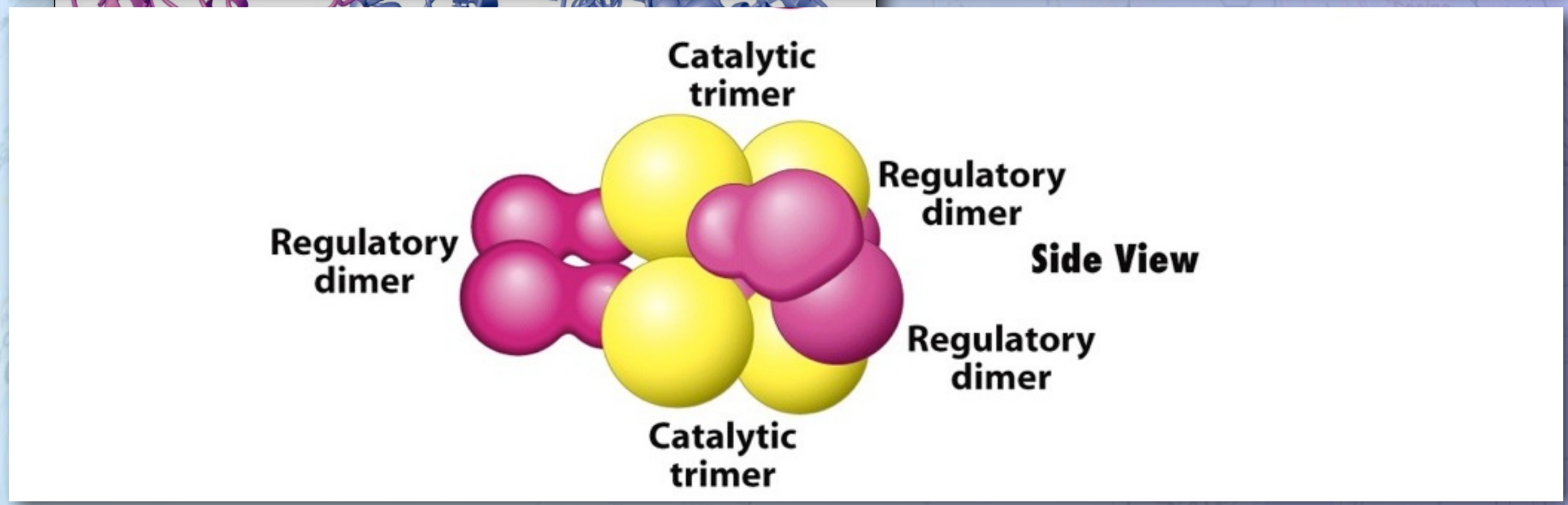

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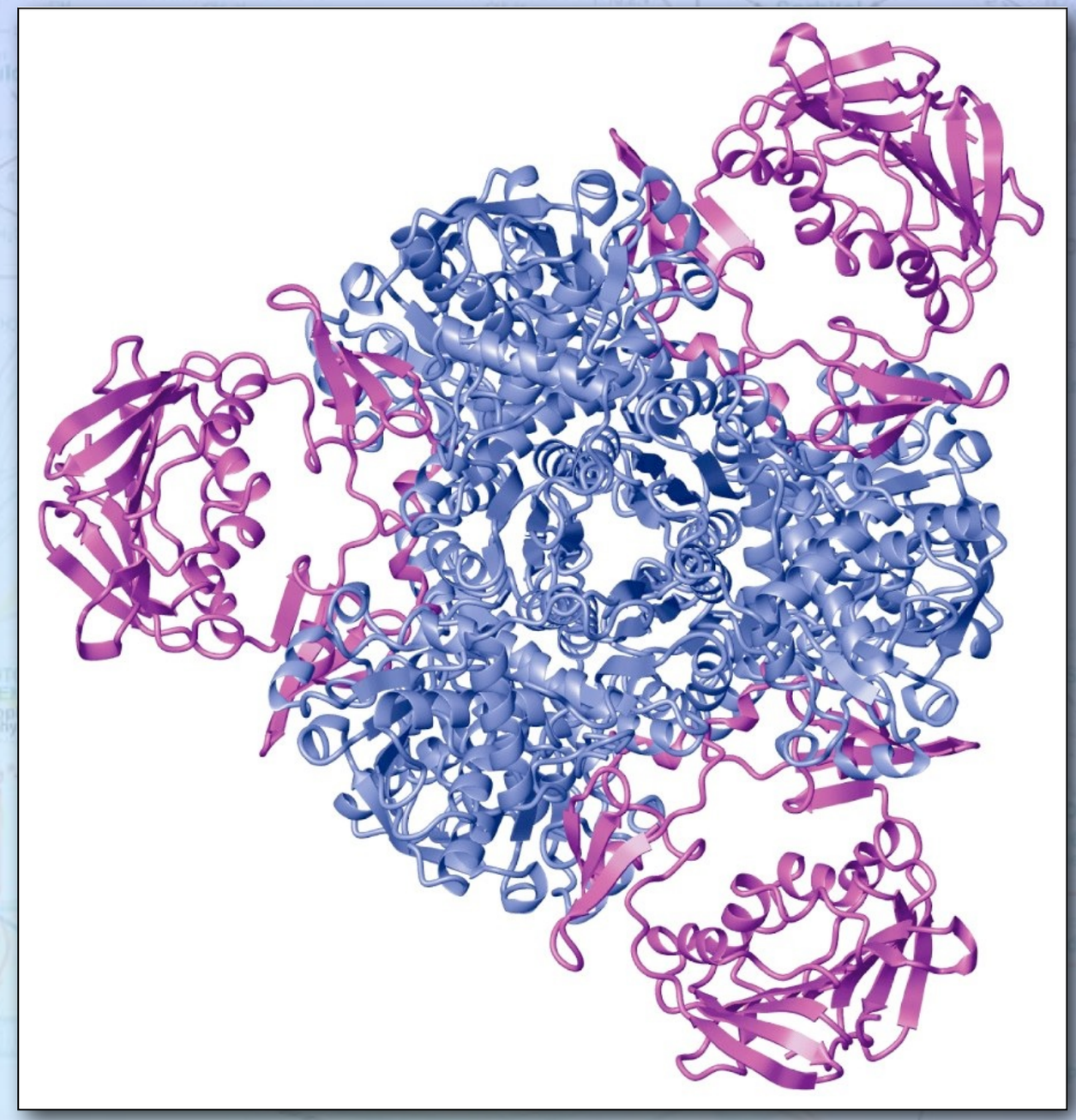

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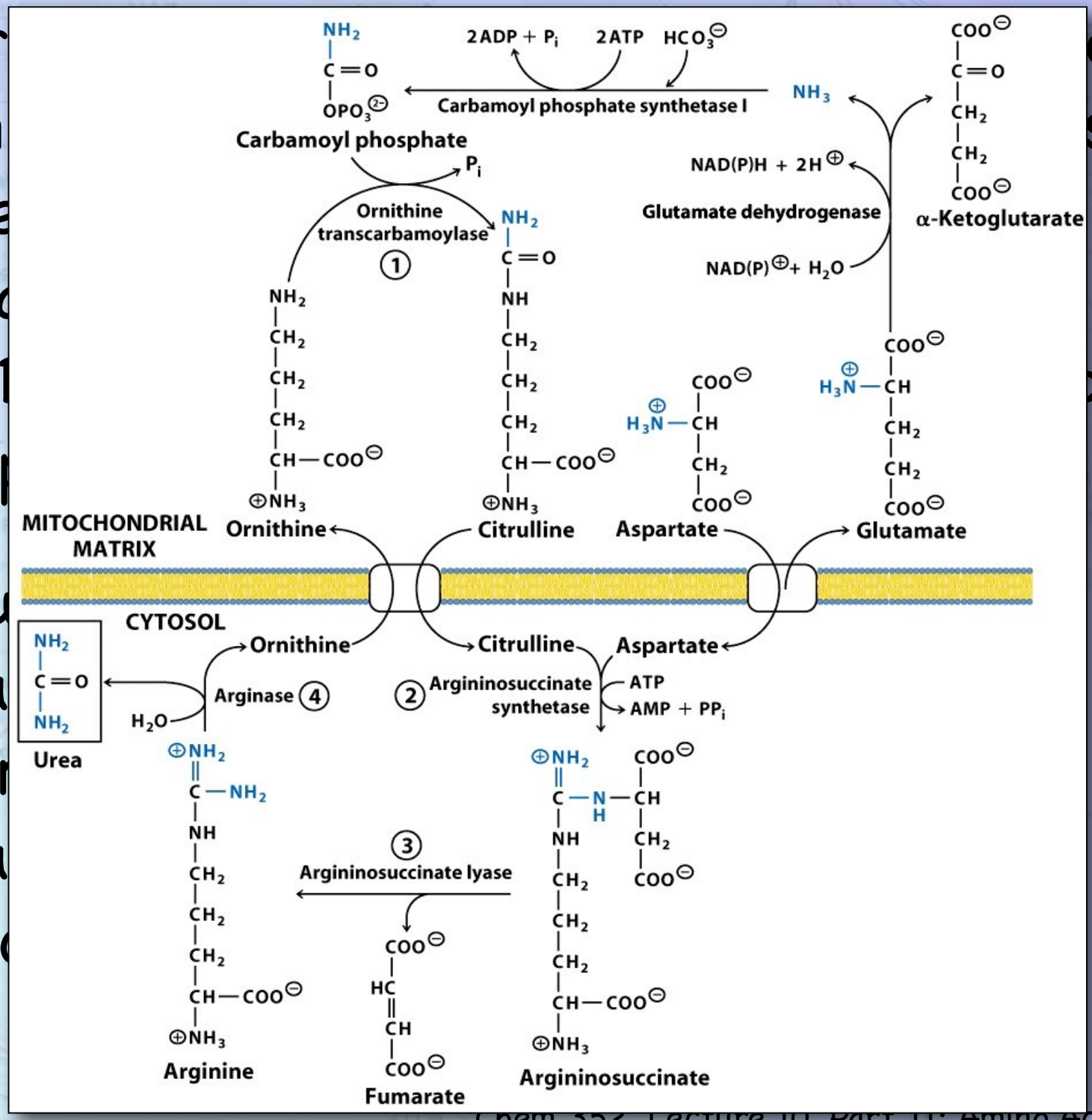

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Reduction of Ribonucleotides to Deoxyribonucleotides.

- Reduction occurs at the diphosphate level
- The same system is used for all four ribonucleotides
  - ADP, GDP, CDP & UDP
- The system involves three enzymes
  - ribonucleotide reductase
  - thioredoxin
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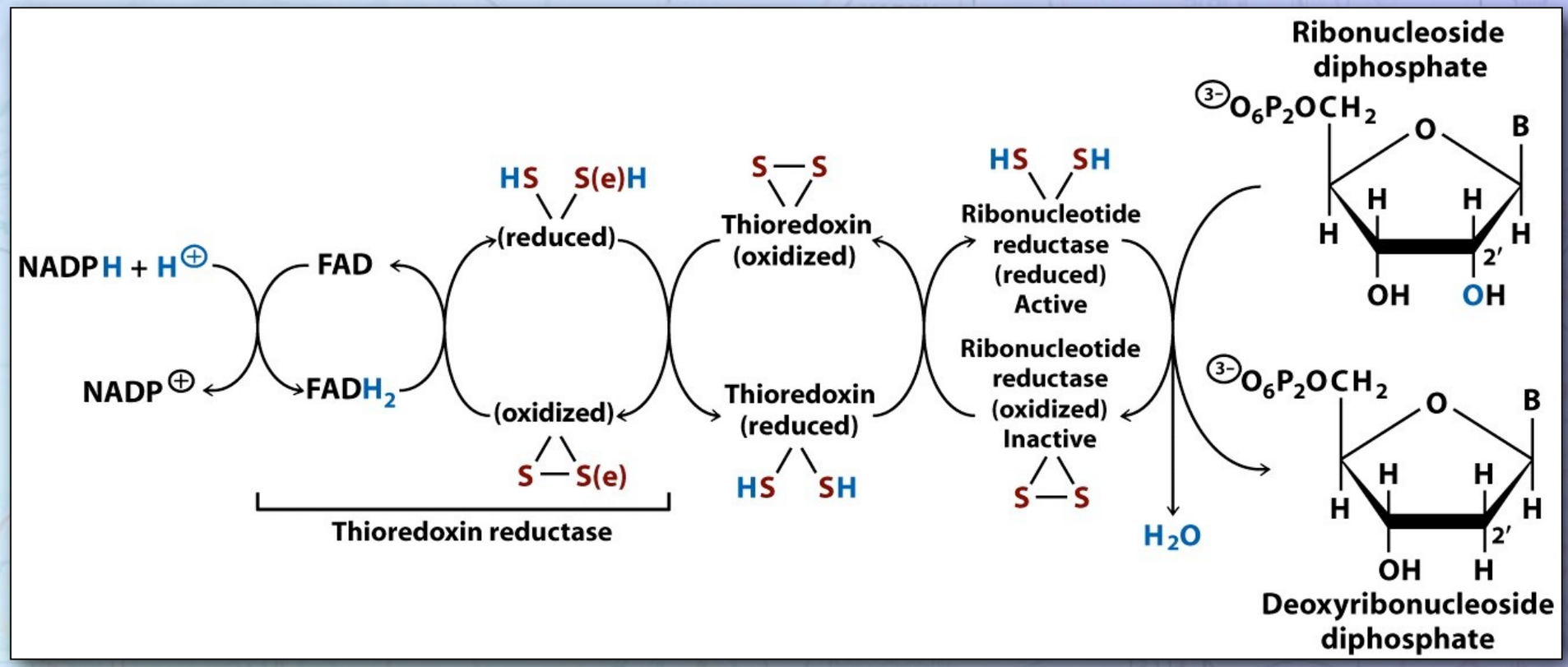
Reduction of Ribonucleotides to Deoxyribonucleotides.

- Ribonucleotide reductase



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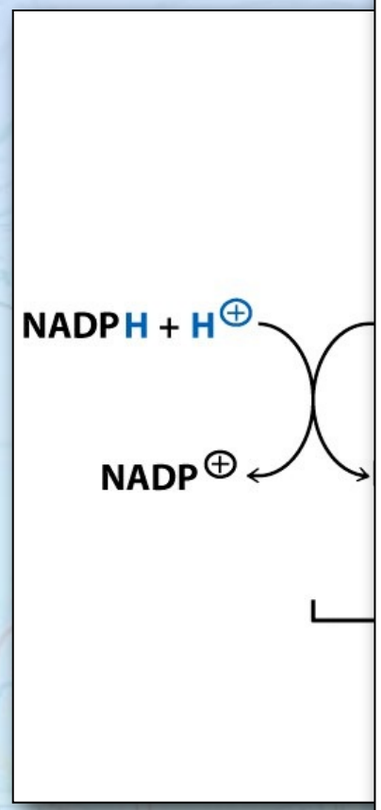

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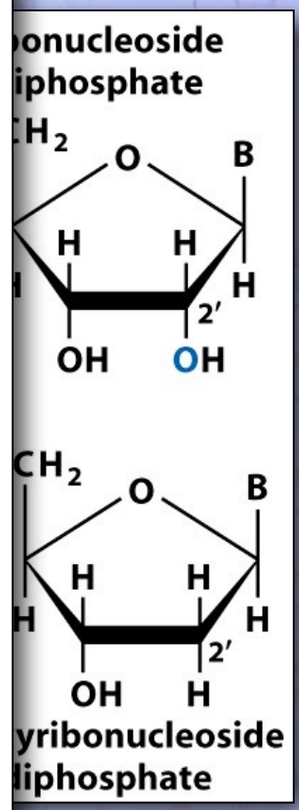

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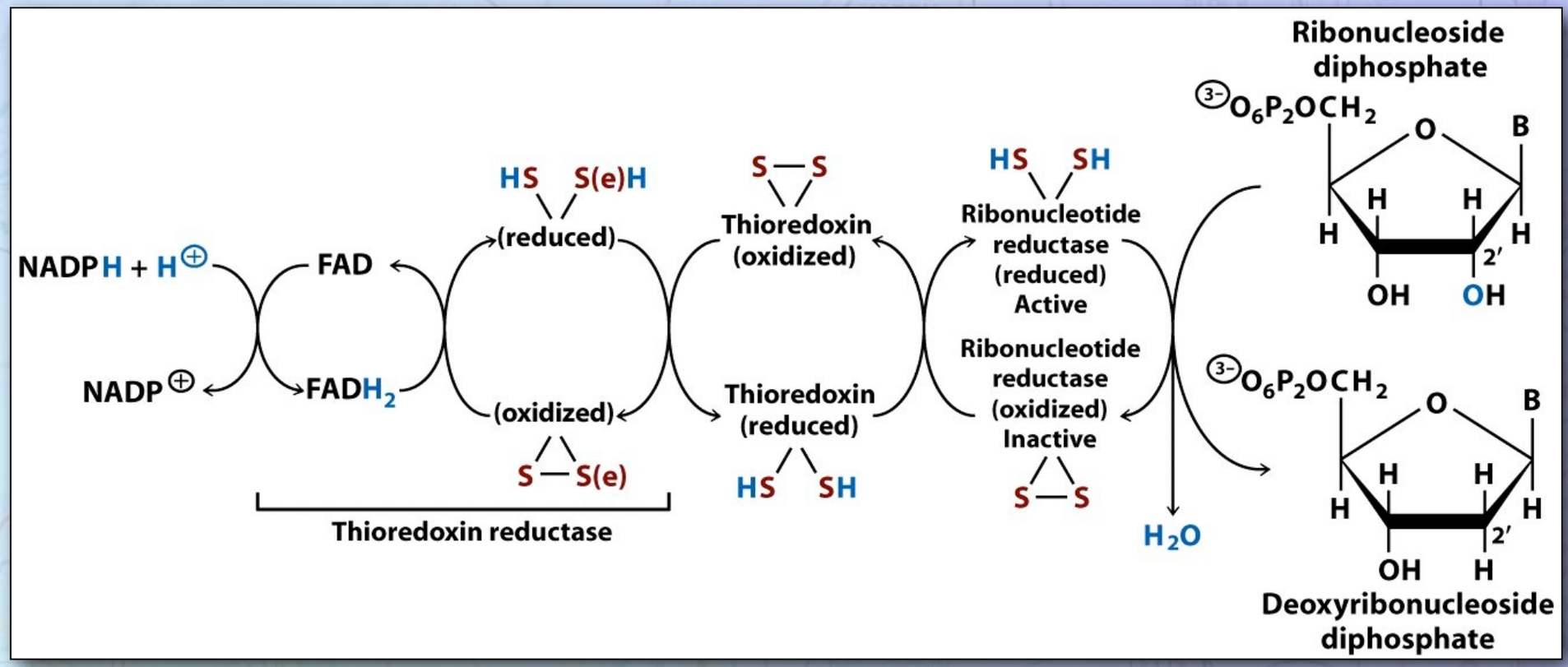
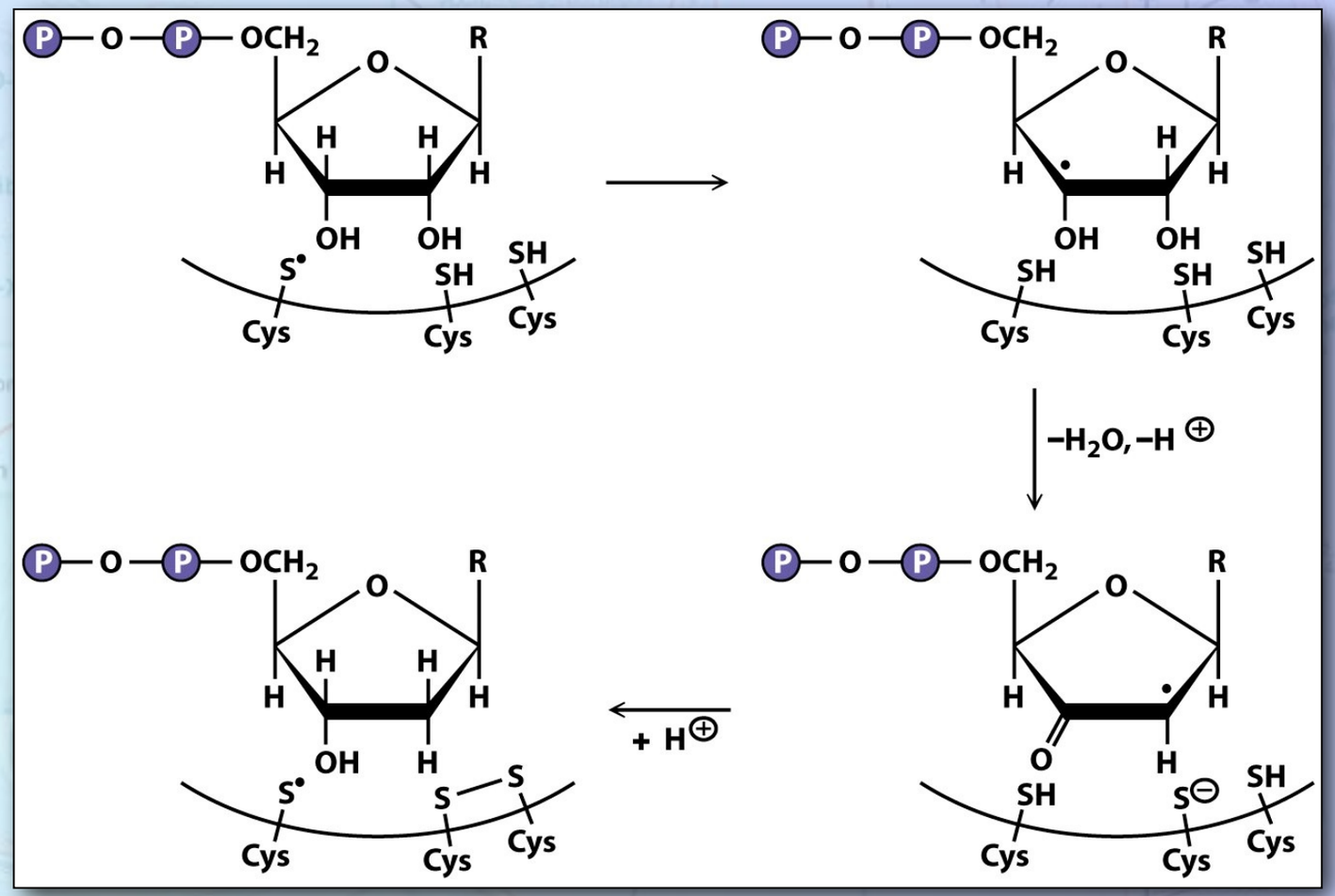


Reduction of Ribonucleotides to Deoxyribonucleotides.

- Ribonucleotide reductase
  - The enzyme mechanism involves free radicals.

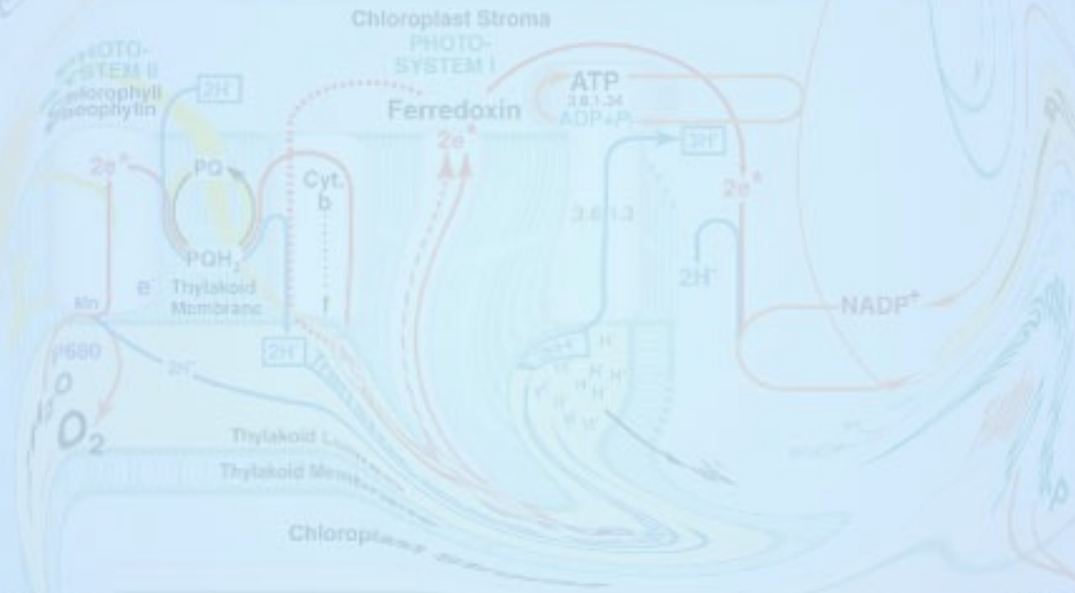


Reduction of Ribonucleotides to Deoxyribonucleotides.

- Ribonucleotide reductase has two regulatory sites
  - An activity site
  - A specificity site

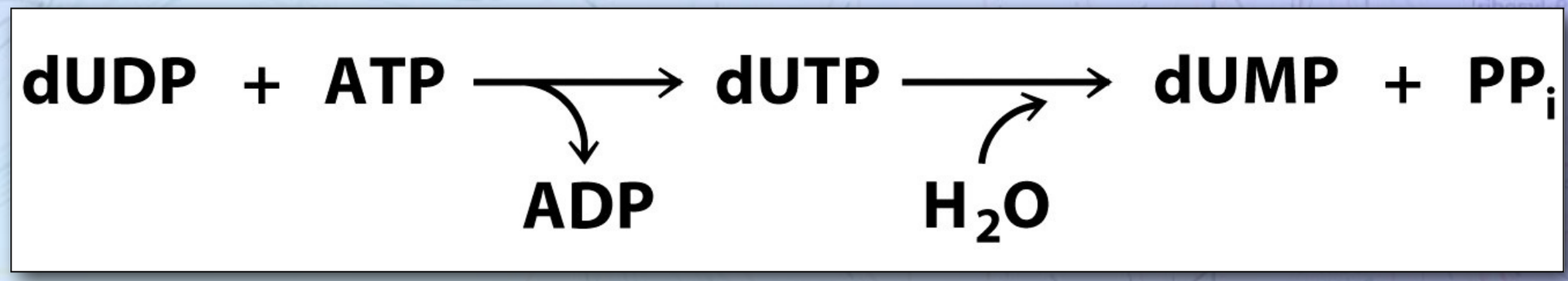
TABLE 18.1 Allosteric regulation of eukaryotic ribonucleotide reductase

Ligand bound to activity site	Ligand bound to specificity site	Activity of catalytic site
dATP		Enzyme inactive
ATP	ATP or dATP	Specific for CDP or UDP
ATP	dTTP	Specific for GDP
ATP	dGTP	Specific for ADP



Methylation of dUMP to dTMP

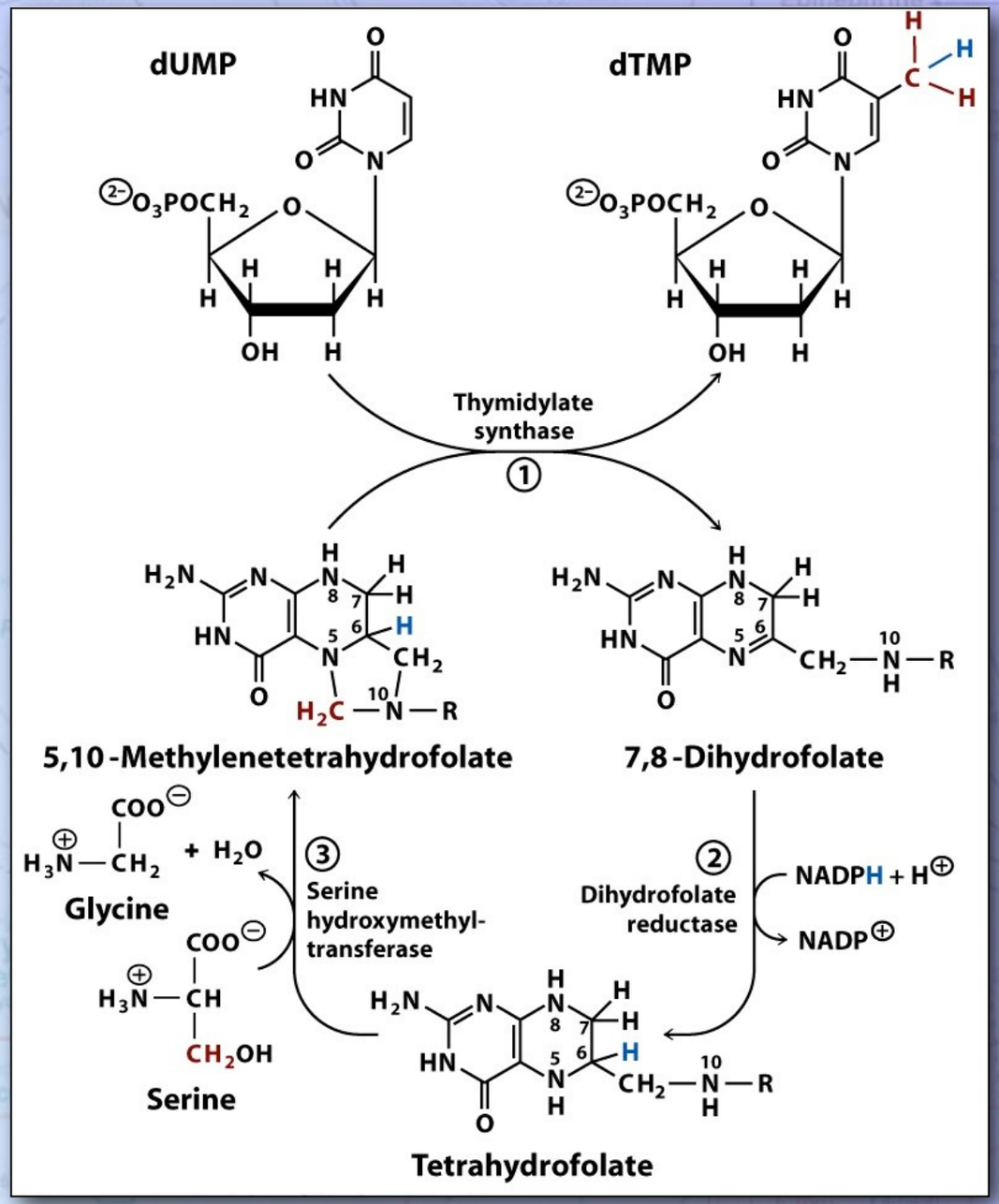
- dUDP is first converted to dUMP in a way the prevents the buildup of dUTP.



- This done to head off the incorporation of dUTP into DNA in place of dTTP.

Methylation of dUMP to dTMP

- dUMP is converted to dTMP by Thymidylate synthase.
  - The source of the methyl group is serine, by way of 5,10-methylenetetrahydrofolate



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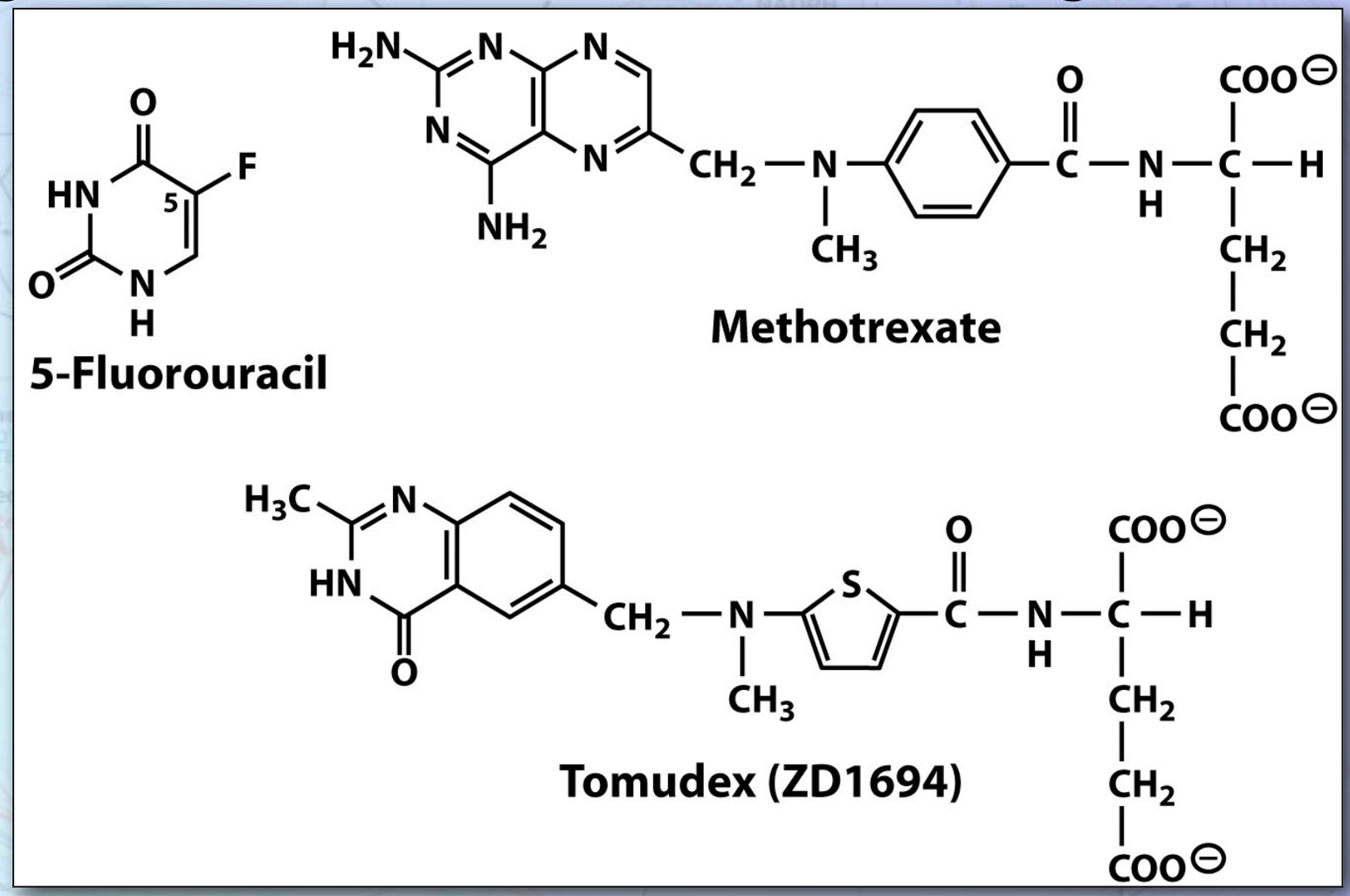

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