

Chapter 13 Biosynthesis of amino acids, nucleotides, and related molecules

4. Biosynthesis and degradation of nucleotides

◎ Nucleotides roles

- Precursor of DNA and RNA
- Essential carrier of chemical energy (ATP, GTP)
- Components of the cofactors (NAD, FAD, SAM, coenzyme A)

◎ Biosynthetic pathways : De novo pathways, Salvage pathways

1) De novo purine synthesis begins with PRPP

* The formation of PRPP : *Ribose phosphate pyrophosphokinase*



2) Purine nucleotide biosynthesis is regulated by feedback control

* Purine (A, G)생합성에 엽산(folate)이 관여한다.

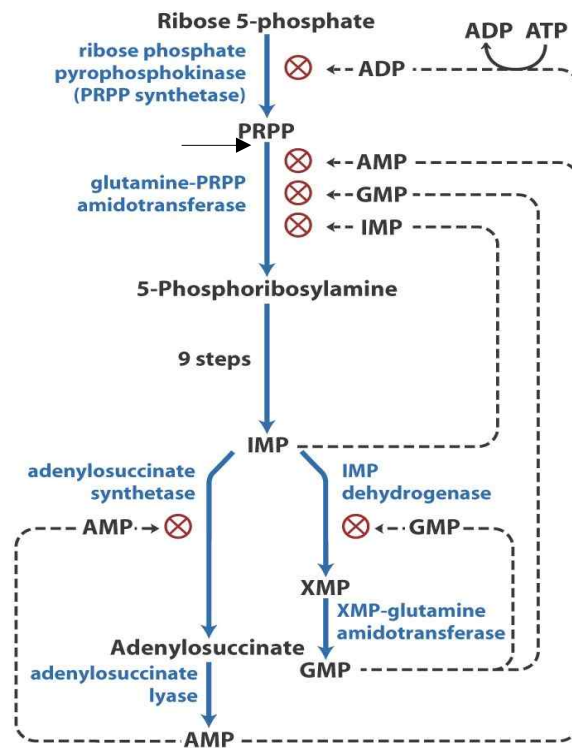


Fig. Regulation mechanism in the biosynthesis of adenine and guanine nucleotides in *E. coli*

3) Pyrimidine nucleotides are made from **aspartate and ribose-5-phosphate**

* The common pyrimidine nucleotides are cytidine 5'-monophosphate (CMP: cytidylate) and uridine 5'-monophosphate (UMP; uridylate)

4) Pyrimidine nucleotides biosynthesis is regulated by feed back inhibition

5) Nucleotide monophosphates are converted to nucleoside triphosphates

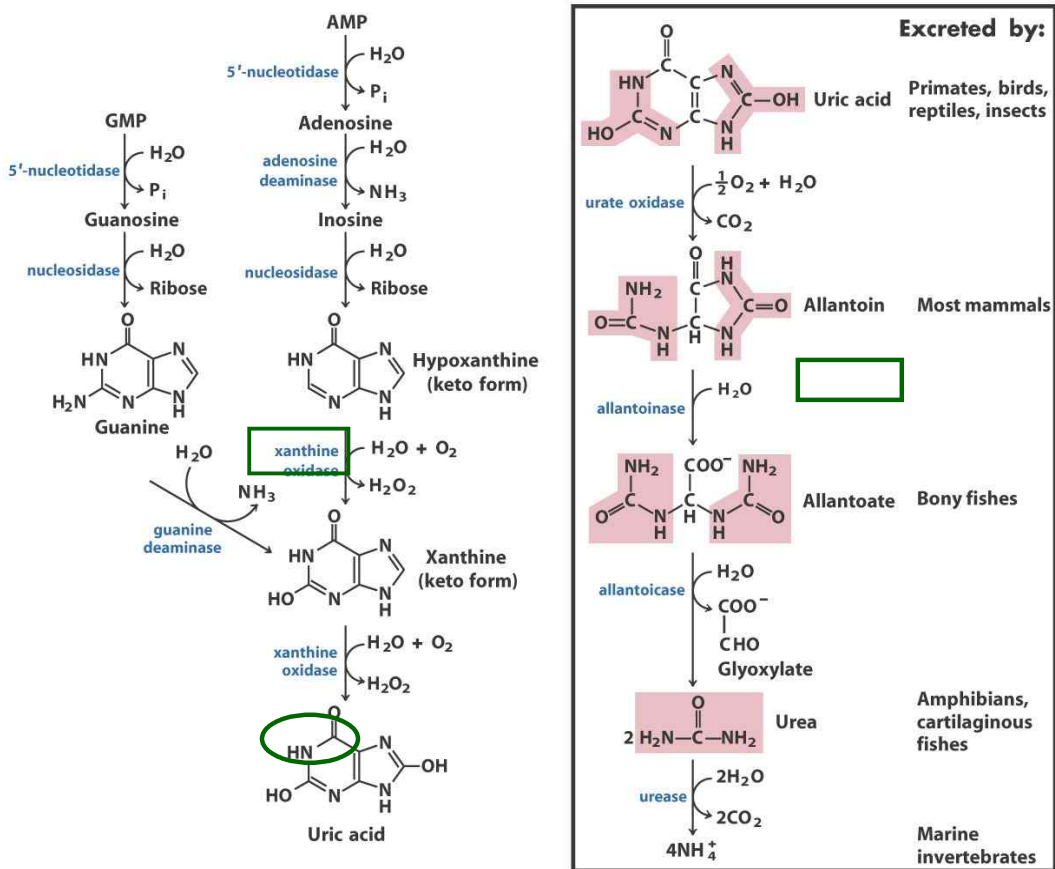


adenylate kinase

- ② The ADP so formed is then phosphorylated to ATP by glycolytic enzymes or through oxidative phosphorylation

6) Thymidylate is derived from dCTP and dUMP

7) Degradation of purines and pyrimidines leads to uric acid and urea, respectively



- Purine nucleotide **염기**는 분해하여 요산(uric acid) 만든다.
- Pyrimidine은 간에서 분해되어 β-알라닌과 β-아미노이소부티르산 생성
 - Uracil → β-alanine + NH₃, CO₂
 - Thymine → β-aminobutyric acid + NH₃, CO₂

8) Purine and pyrimidine bases are recycled by salvage pathways

- ① Adenine phosphoribosyltransferase
 - Adenine + PRPP → AMP + PPi
- ② Hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyltransferase (HGPRT)
 - : Guanine and hypoxanthine are salvaged
 - Hypoxanthine + PRPP → IMP + PPi

- Guanine + PRPP → GMP + PPI

◎ **레쉬-나이한 증후군(Lesch-Nyhan syndrome) :**

- HGPRT의 결핍은 심각한 임상적 질병을 유발
- 신경계통에 심각한 이상 : 정신지체, 경련성 마비, 공격적인 행동, 신체자해행위

9) **Excess uric acid causes gout (과량의 요산은 통풍을 유발)**

: 체액에 과량의 요산이 축적되어 연골조직에 요산염이 축적되어 통풍성 관절염 통증 유발 (엄지발가락의 관절이 특히 민감)

- * **원인** : 요산배설과정 손상 및 요산이 과도하게 생산되어 요산의 축적
- * **치료제** : Allopurinol (an inhibitor of xanthine oxidase)
- * **Many chemotherapeutic agents** target enzymes in the nucleotide biosynthetic pathways

◎ **Adenosine deaminase deficiency (ADA)**

- leads to **severe immunodeficiency diseases** in humans
- B-cell, T-cell 생성부족
- AIDS, 빈혈, 백혈병 등 유발
- * 중증합병면역 결핍증 (Severe combined immunodeficiency syndrome, SCID) 환자의 30% 정도는 ADA 결핍증으로 고통을 받고 있다

5. **Porphrin biosynthesis**

- * Porphrin : tetra pyrrole 이 methine bridge로 연결된 것
- * Mg^{++} : chlorophyll
- * Fe^{++} : hemoglobin, myoglobin, cytochrome
- * **Precursor : Succinyl-CoA, glycine**
- * Heme is the source of bile pigments

6. **Alkaloid : 염기성 질소 함유**

- * 코카인 : 중추신경자극
- * 아트로핀(atropine) : 근육 이완제
- * Codeine, morphine : 아편