

# Disorders of metabolism of purines and pyrimidines

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- **Inborn / since early childhood**
  - Simple heredibility
- **Acquired**
  - Usually complicated heredibility
  - Influences of environment

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**PURINES**

# Lesch-Nyhan syndrome

- **Hyperuricemia from overproduction**
- **Urate concrements**
- **Automutilation**
  
- **Defective hypoxanthin-guanin phosphoribosyl transferase**
  - **Leads to increased PRPP and overproduction of purines**

# Von Gierke disease

- **Hyperuricemia from overproduction**
- **Defective G6PDH**
- **Excess of G6P stimulates production of PRPP**
- **Lactic acidosis decreases elimination of urates**

# Defect of adenosine deaminase

- Poor conversion of A to I
- Accumulation of dATP & dGTP inhibits ribonucleotide reductase
  - Lack of DNA precursors
- **Immuno-deficiency** (SCID = severe combined immunodeficiency disease)

# Podagra

- **Why is uric acid an acid?**
- **Under which conditions is uric acid soluble?**
- **How is it eliminated by kidneys?**

# Podagra

- **Overproduction of purine bases**
  - Increased production of PRPP
  - Decreased activity of HGPRT
    - PRPP not spent
    - Less IMP & GMP → increased production of PRPP
- **Cell lysis**
- **Disorders of elimination of urate**



# Podagra



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# Podagra



hypoxanthin

Xanthin oxidase  
→



Uric acid

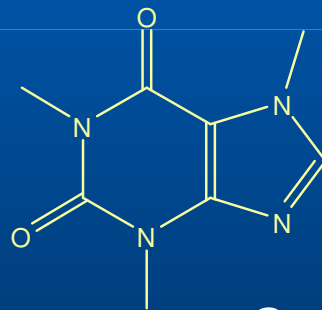


allopurinol

→

alloxanthin  
Remains covalently  
bound to  
xanthin oxidase

# Purines



Caffein



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# **PYRIMIDINES**

# Disorders of metabolism of pyrimidines

- **Derivatives of pyrimidines are well soluble**
- **Usually not clinically significant**

# Orotic aciduria

- **Rey's syndrome**
  - Damage to mitochondria, disability do metabolise carbamoylphosphate
  - Excess of carbamoylphosphate stimulates production of orotate
- **Type I and Type II**
  - Disorders of conversion of OMP to UMP
  - I: both orotate phosphoribosyl transferase and orotidylate decarboxylase
  - II: orotidylate decarboxylase only

# Defects of ureasynthesis

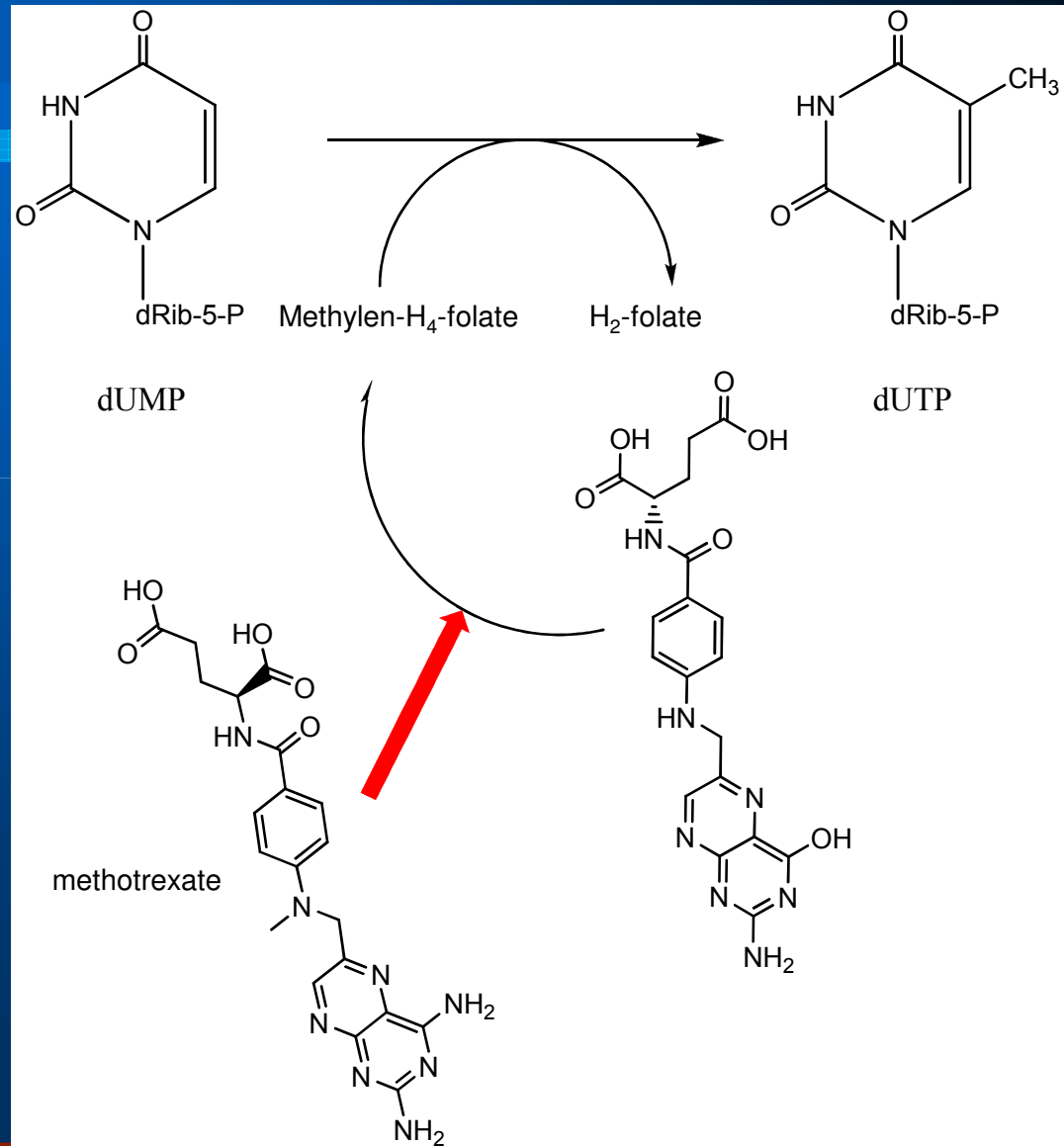
- **Defect of mitochondrial ornithin transcarbamoyltransferase**
- **Excess of carbamophosphate stimulates production of pyrimidinesMild orotic aciduria**

# Methotrexat

- **Inhibits dihydrofolate reductase**
  - **Blocks reduction of dihydrofolate to tetrahydrofolate**
  - **Tetrahydrofolate is essential for synthesis of TMP**



# Methotrexate



# Other chemotherapeutics

- **Purine analogs**
  - Mercaptopurine
- **Pyrimidine analogs**
  - Fluorouracil
  - Cytosinarabioside