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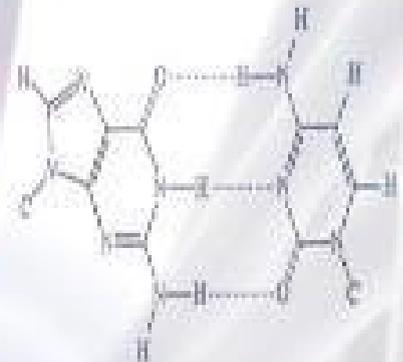


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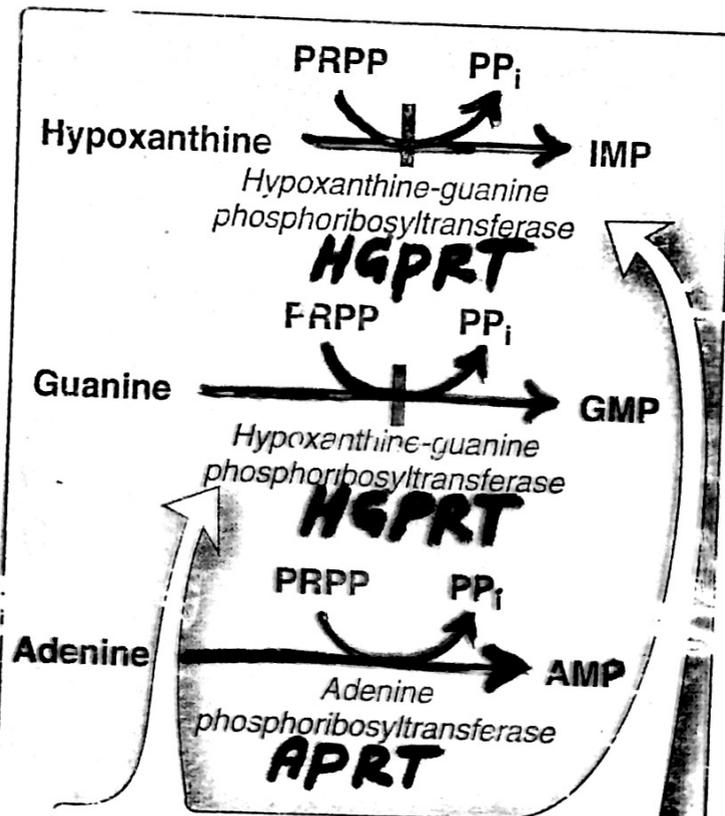
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# Disorder of purines salvage pathway



## LESCH-NYHAN SYNDROME

✓ This is an X-linked, recessive, inherited disorder associated with a virtually complete deficiency of hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyltransferase and, therefore, the inability to salvage hypoxanthine or guanine.

• The enzyme deficiency results in increased levels of PRPP and decreased IMP and GMP, causing increased de novo purine synthesis.

• This results in the excessive production of uric acid, plus characteristic neurologic features, including self-mutilation and involuntary movements.

### Hyperuricemia:

→ uric acid stones in kidneys (uric acid lithiasis)

→ deposition of urate crystals in the joints (gouty arthritis) and in soft tissues

→ motor dysfunction  
cognitive deficits  
behavioral disturbances  
e.g. self-mutilation  
involuntary movements

→ Increased Purine synthesis

→ Increased Uric acid (Gout)

Substrate Specificity

e.g. dTTP activates reduction of GDP

Hydroxy Urea  
- inhibit RRase by destroying a required free radical

- treating HbS disease by increasing HbF level  
- Anti cancer drug

ADA deficiency  
→ ↑ dATP level

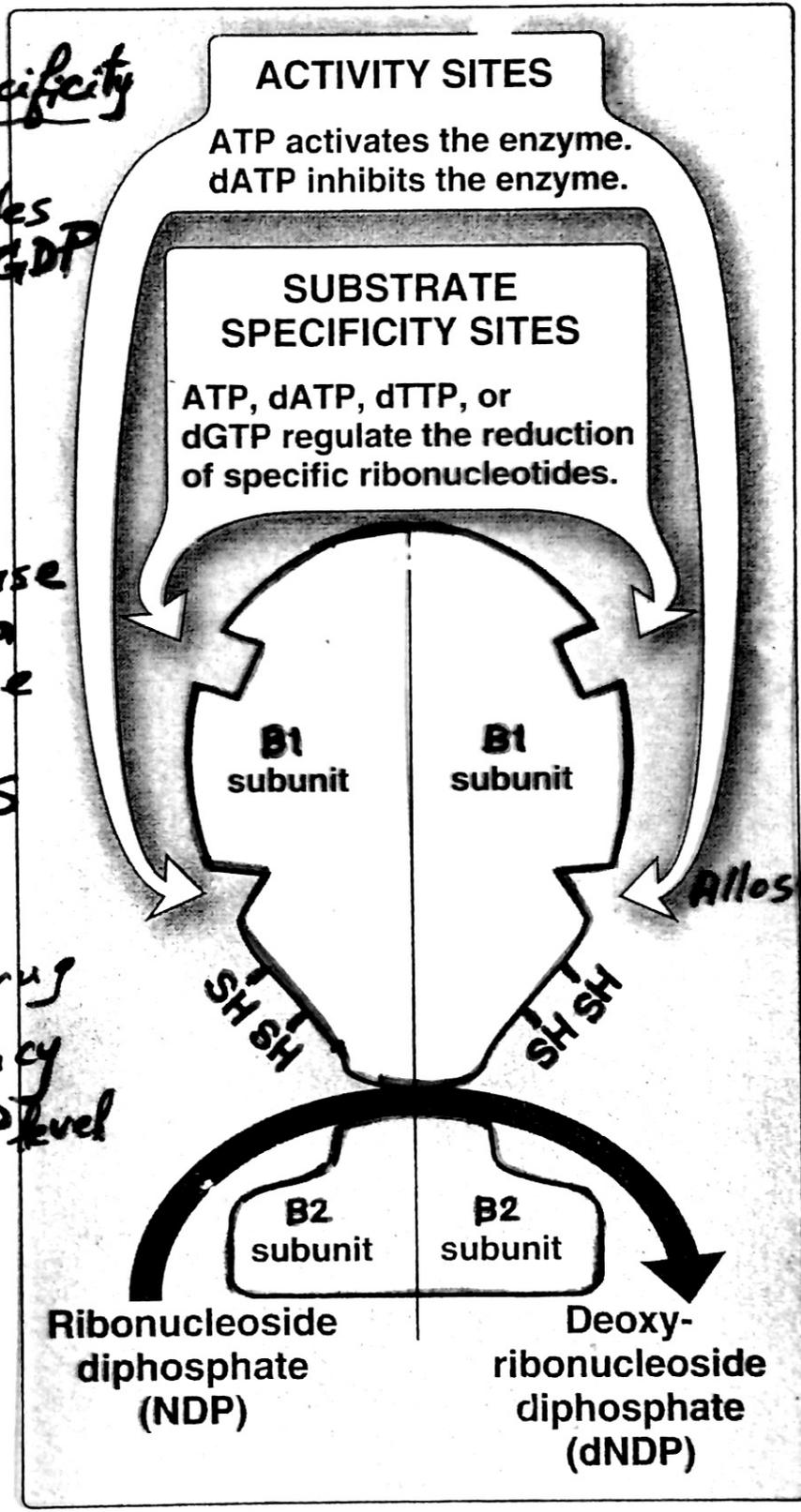
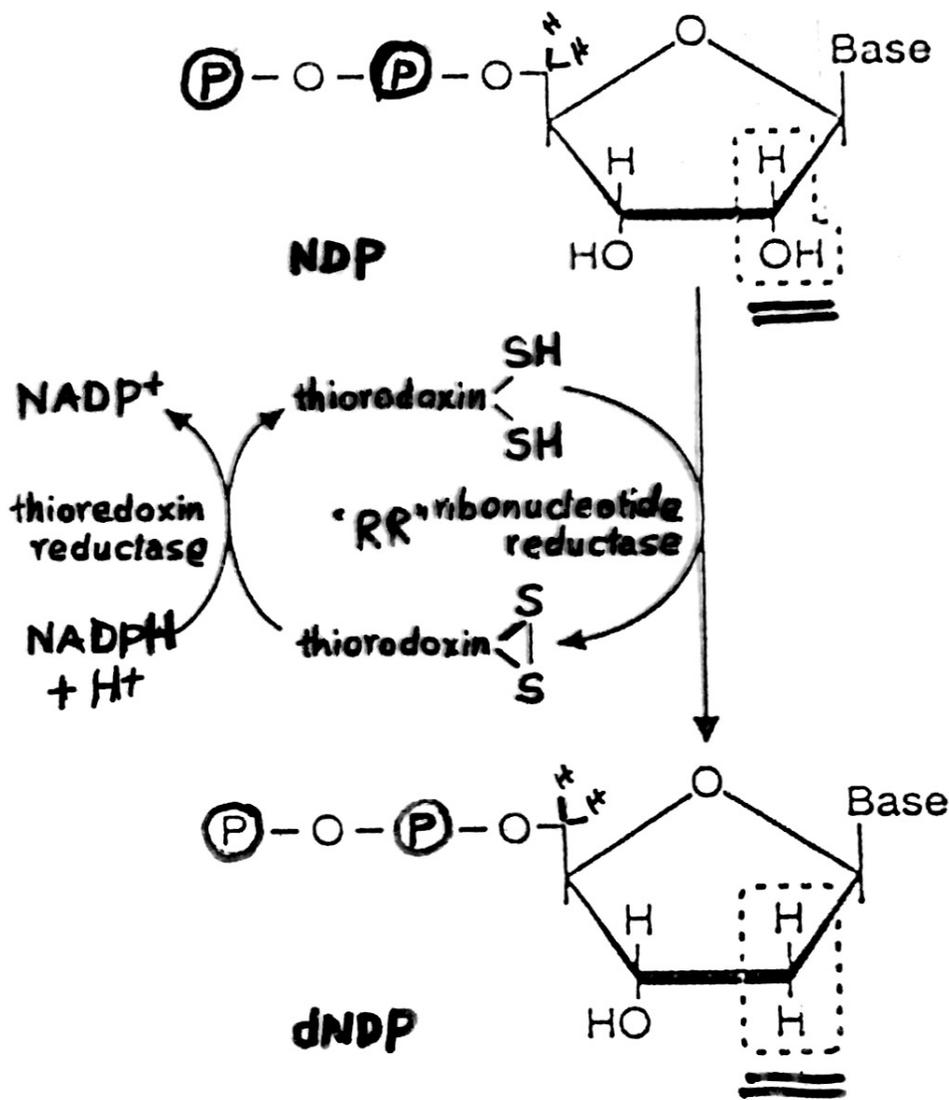


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Regulation of *ribonucleotide reductase*.

# Reduction of Ribose $\rightarrow$ deoxy Ribose

## Synthesis of Deoxyribonucleotides:



## Regulation of RR

- $\rightarrow$  balanced supply of dNDP
- $\rightarrow$  two identical B<sub>1</sub> + two identical B<sub>2</sub> subunits
- $\rightarrow$  one single active site
- $\rightarrow$  two regulatory site
  - Activity site dATP  $\downarrow$  ATP  $\uparrow$
  - substrate specificity site

# Mechanism of Increased Uric acid production and de novo synthesis of purine nucleotides in deficiency of HGPRT

