



By the end of lecture we will able to  
know : (basic chemistry of genetic)

## Nucleic acid (chemistry and structure)

- Chemical structure of Nucleoside
- Chemical structure of Nucleotide
- Biomedical importance



# Nucleic Acids

Nucleic acids are a group of biomolecules present in the cell's nucleus. These nucleic acids are long polymers made of monomeric units called nucleotides.

There are two types of nucleic acids within the cells: deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and ribonucleic acid (RNA). Both of them have vital functions within the cells.

# Importance of Nucleic Acids

The DNA is the biological molecule that stores all the genetic information of the **cell**.

**DNA** carries on the genetic information from parent to offspring.

**RNA** is a key factor for protein synthesis. RNA is responsible for transferring the information contained in the DNA to make a particular protein needed in a specific process for a specific function.

# HISTORY

**Rosalind Franklin** - X-ray photo of DNA.  
(1952)

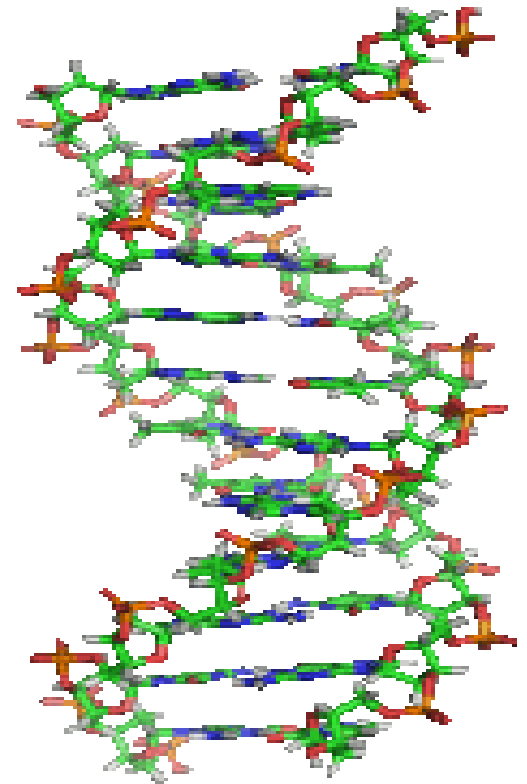
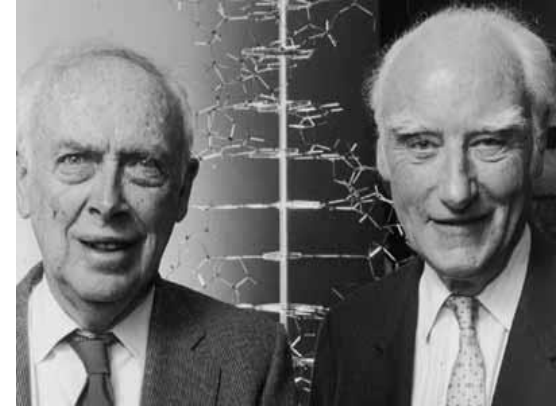


**Watson and Crick** - described the DNA molecule  
from Franklin's X-ray.  
(1953)



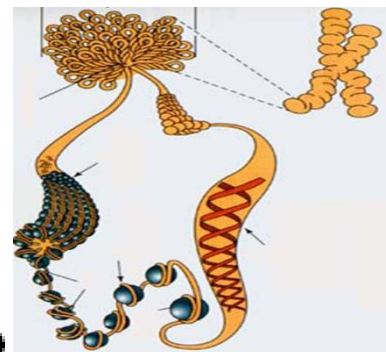
# 1962 Nobel Prize

- *For their discoveries concerning the molecular structure of nucleic acids and its significance for information transfer in living material"*



# NUCLEOPROTIENS

(proteolytic enzyme)



**PROTEINS**

(histones / protamine)

**NUCLEIC ACID**

**DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID**

(deoxyribonuclease)

(DNA)

**RIBONUCLEIC ACIDS**

(ribonuclease)

(RNA)

**DEOXYRIBONUCLEOTIDE**

deoxyribonucleotidos

Pi

**RIBONUCLEOTIDE**

(ribonucleotidase)

Pi

**DEOXYRIBONUCLEOSIDE**

deoxyribose sugar

adenine

guanine

cytosine

thymine

**RIBONUCLEOSIDE**

ribose sugar

adenine

guanine

cytosine

uracil

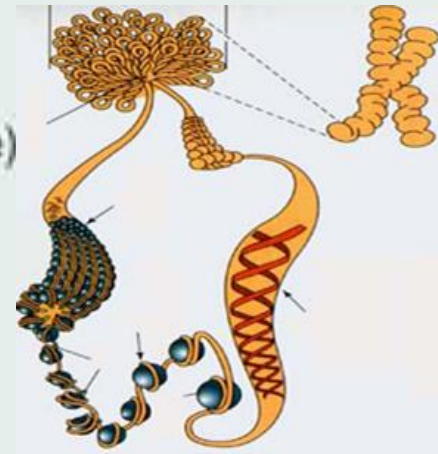


# NUCLEOPROTEINS

Nucleic acid + Proteins (Histone or protamine)  
(Prosthetic group)

**"Nuclease"**

(Ribonuclease or deoxyribonuclease)  
hydrolyses phosphodiester bond



Aqueous  $\text{NH}_3$   
 $115^\circ\text{C}$  or  
 $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$

Nucleotides

**Mononucleotidase (phosphatase)**

Hydrolyses ester bond between sugar and phosphoric acid

MgO in solution

Nucleosides + Phosphoric acid

Inorganic acid

or

**Purine/Pyrimidine Nucleosidases**

**Bases**

- Purines or
- Pyrimidines

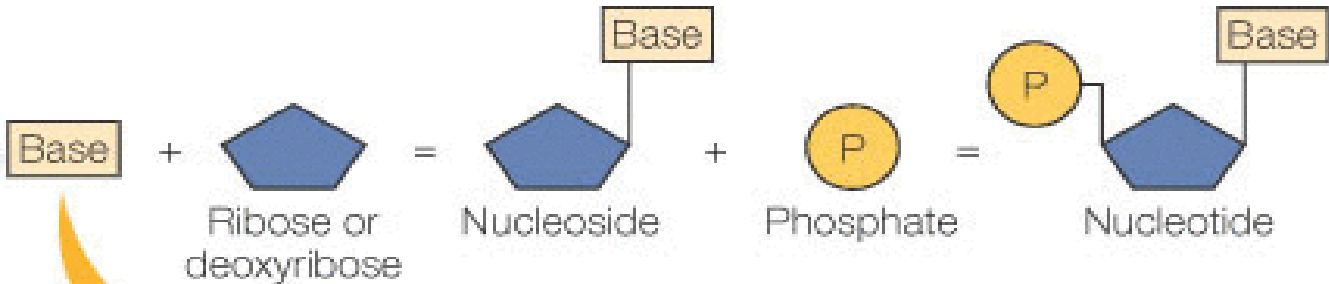
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**Sugar**

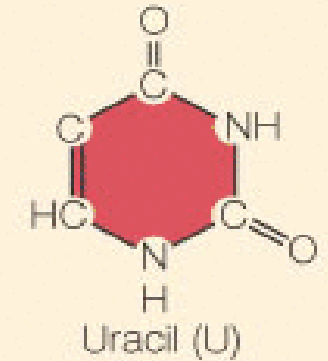
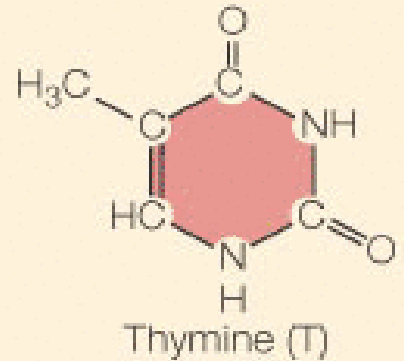
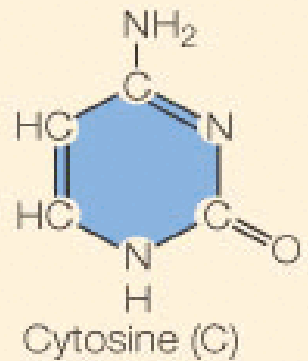
- D-ribose
- or D-2-deoxyribose

**'NUCLEOSIDE'**

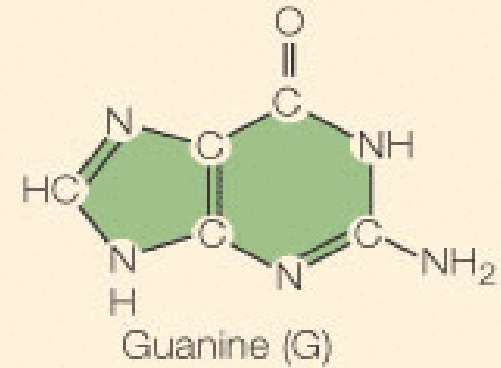
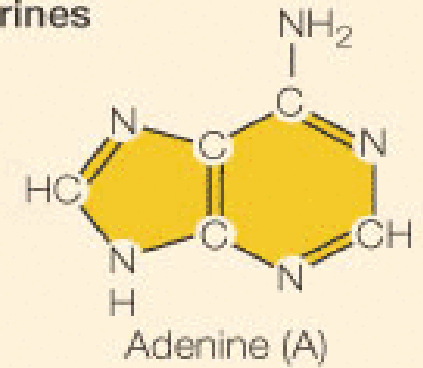
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### Pyrimidines



### Purines

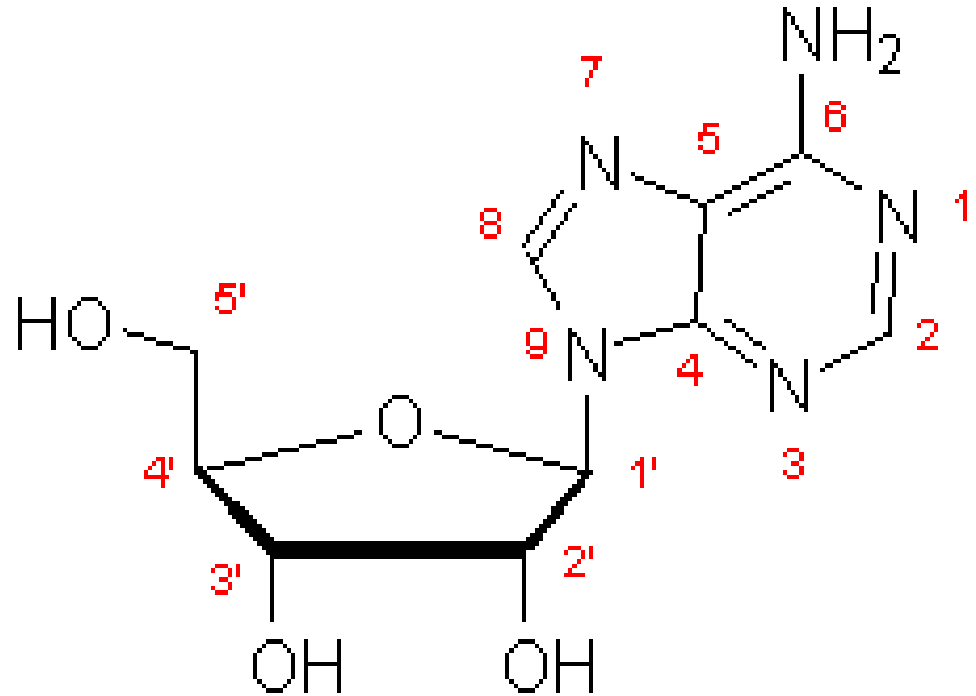


# NUCLEOSIDE:

Nucleosides are composed of purine or pyrimidine bases linked to either ribose (RNA) deoxyribose (DNA) by **glycosidic bond**.

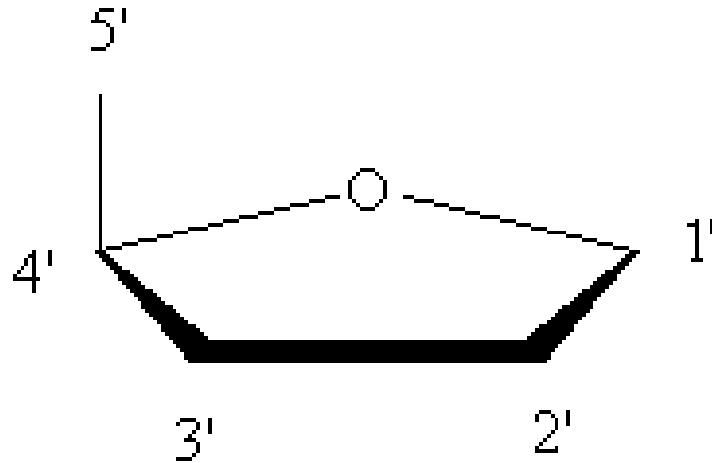
# COMPONENTS OF NUCLEOSIDE

- Sugar
  1. Ribose (RNA)
  2. Deoxyribose (DNA)
- Nitrogenous base
  1. Purine
  2. Pyrimidine



# Sugars

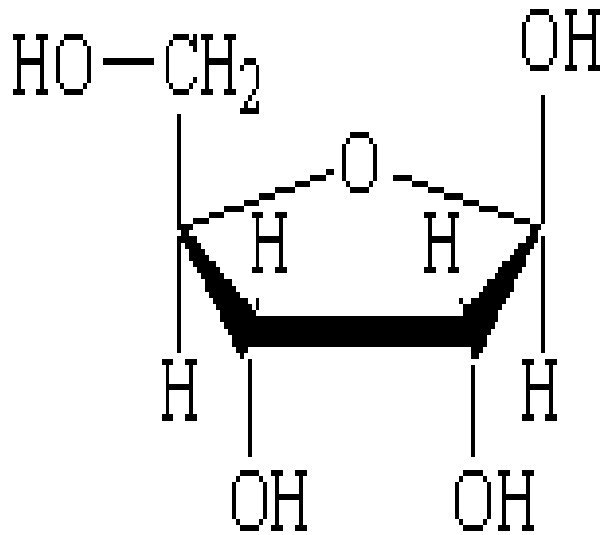
- Pentoses (5-C sugars)
- Numbering of sugars is “primed”



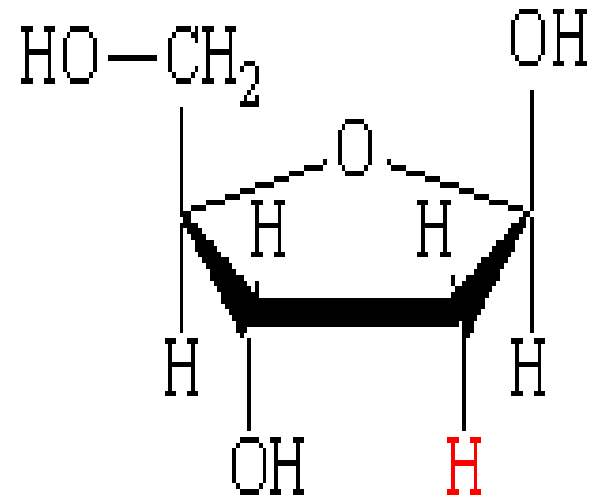
# Sugars

D-Ribose

2'-Deoxyribose



D-Ribose



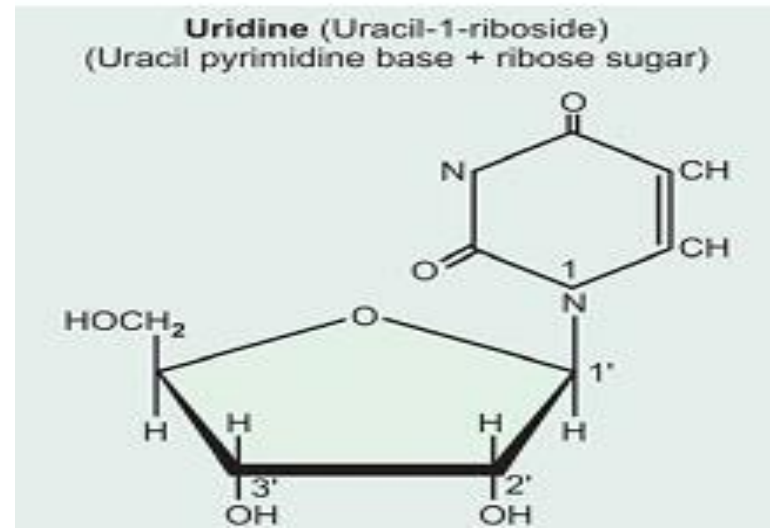
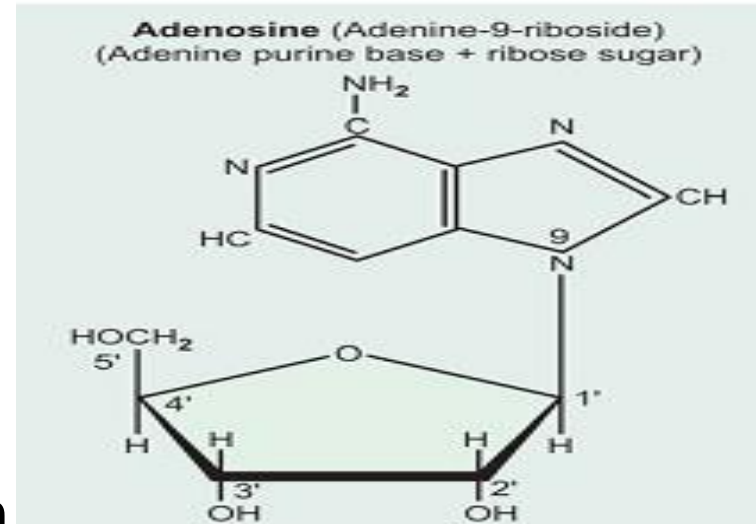
2'-Deoxyribose

# Nucleosides

- Result from linking one of the sugars with a purine or pyrimidine base through glycosidic linkage

– Purines bond to the C1' carbon of the sugar at their N9 atoms

– Pyrimidines bond to C1' carbon of the sugar at their N1 atoms

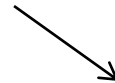




# Nitrogenous base+ Pentose suger

(purine , pyrimidine)

(D-ribose,D-2- deoxyribose)

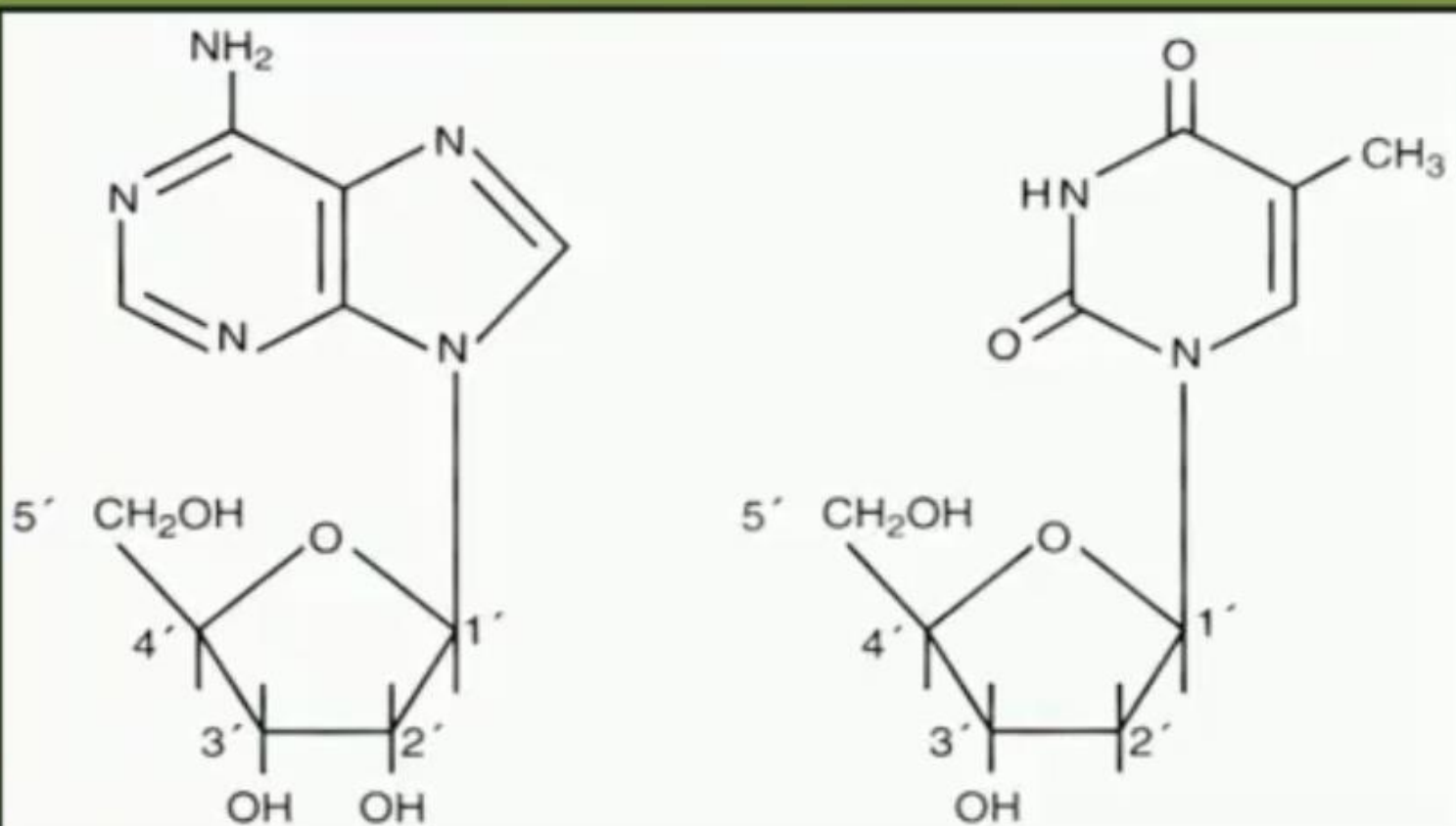


H2O

**NUCLEOSIDE**

RNA or DNA

# Nucleosides



**Adenosine**

**Deoxythymidine**

Nucleoside = Nitrogen Base + Sugar

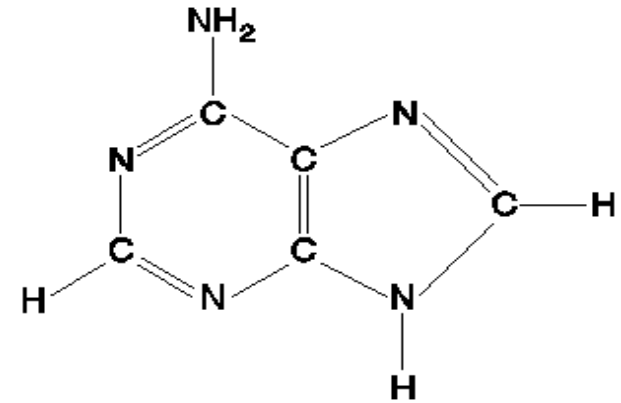
Base is attached to the 1' carbon of the sugar

# NUCLEOSIDES BASES

## 1- PURINE BASES:

Adenine

Guanine

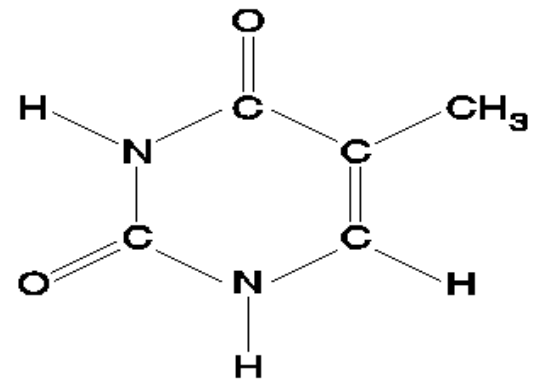


## 2- PYRIMIDINE BASES:

Cytosine

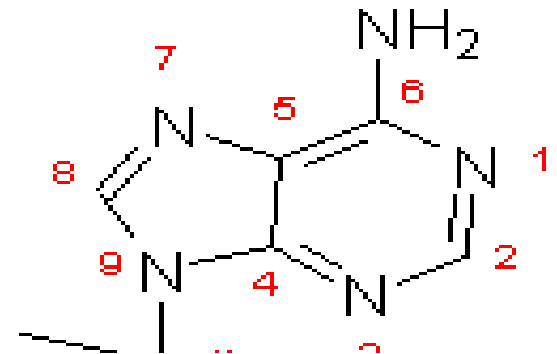
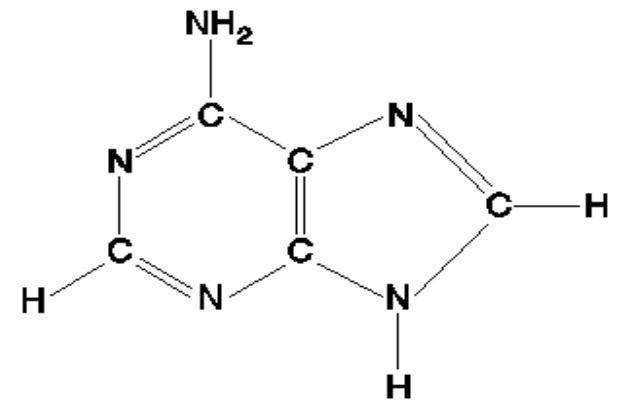
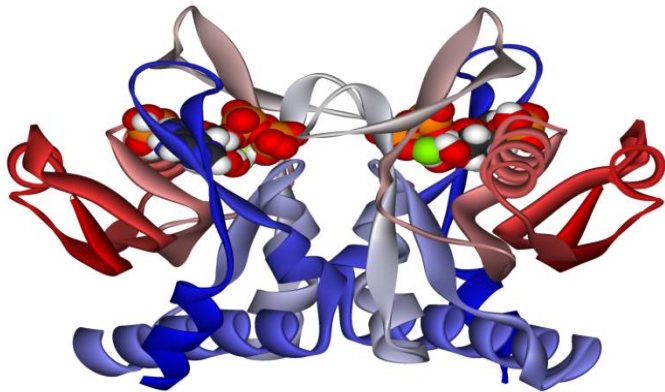
Thymine

Uracil



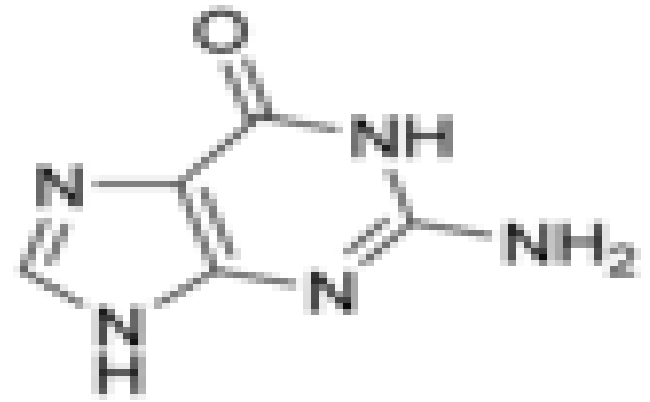
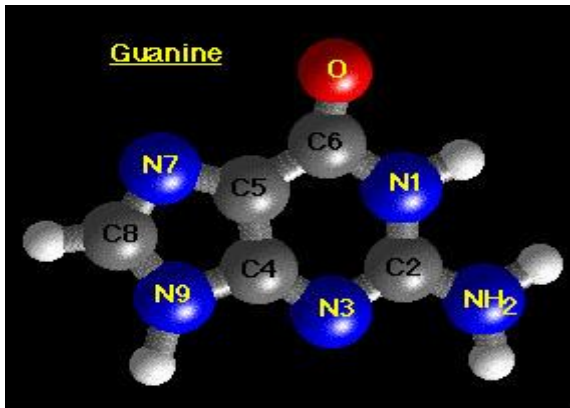
# ADENINE

- Adenine is a dicyclic purine, nitrogenous base that makes base pairs with thymine A-T (adenine-thymine) in DNA and uracil A-U (adenine-uracil) in RNA. It is 6-amino purine.



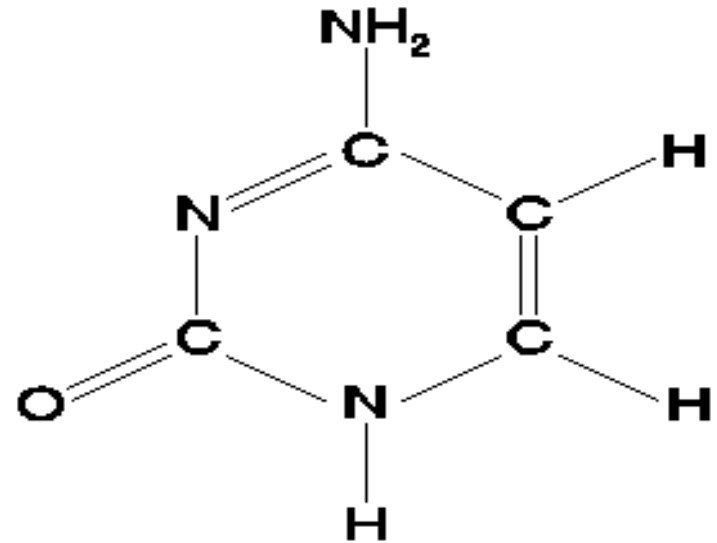
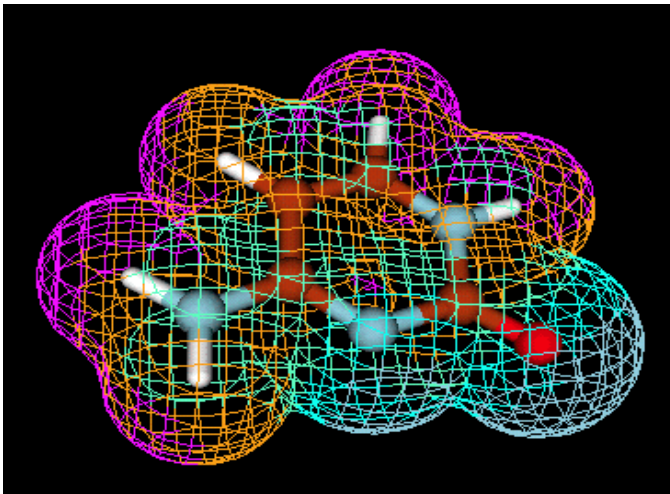
# GUANINE

- Guanine is a dicyclic purine ,nitrogenous base it make's base pair with cytocine G-C (guanine and cytosine).It is 2-amino 6-oxy purine .



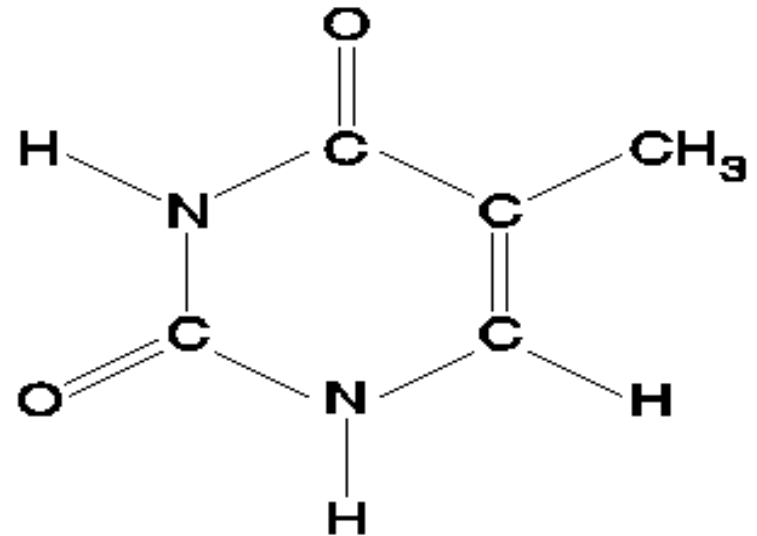
# CYTOSINE

- Cytosine is a single ring pyrimidine ,nitrogenous base it make's a base pair with guanine G-C (guanine and cytosine). It is 2-oxy , 4-amino pyrimidine.



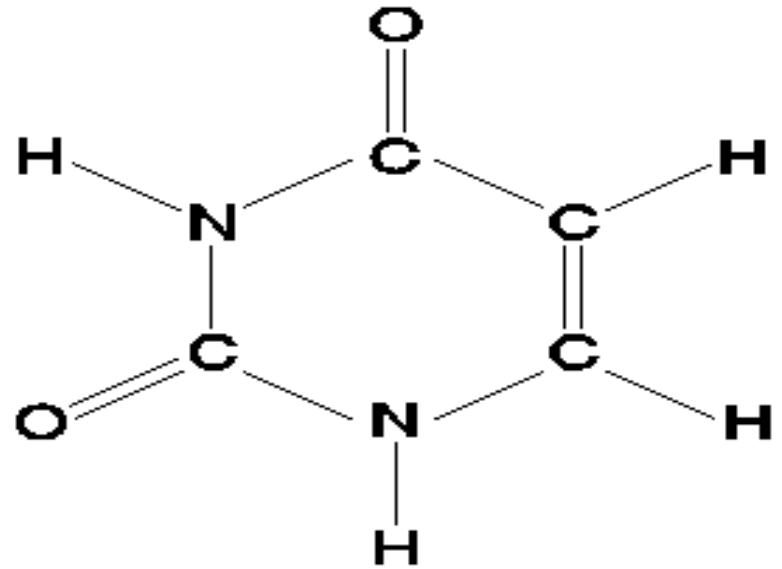
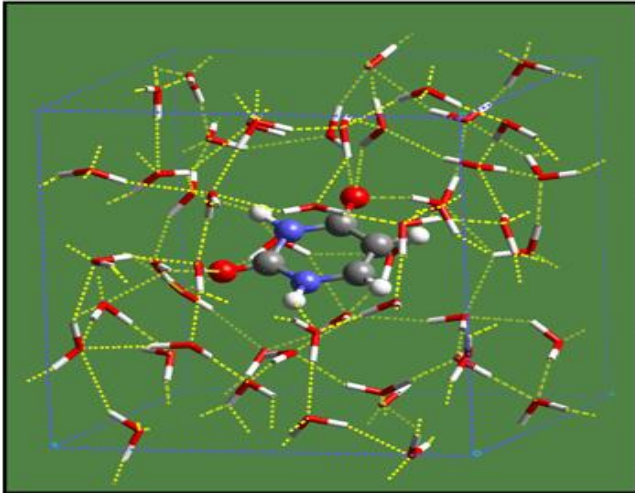
# THYMINE

- A single-ring, pyrimidine nitrogenous base that make's base pair with adenine A-T (adenine-thymine) in DNA. It is 2, 4-dioxy 5- methyl pyrimidine.



# URACIL

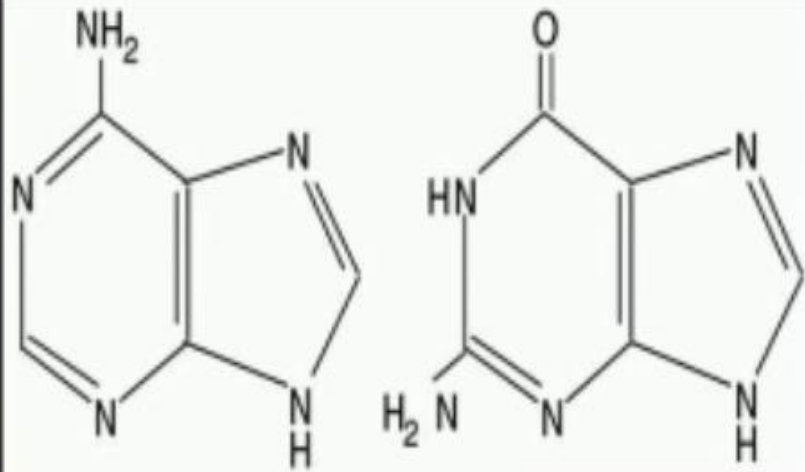
Uracil is a single ring pyrimidine, nitrogenous base that makes base pair with adenine A-U (adenine-uracil) in RNA. It is 2,4-dioxy pyrimidine.



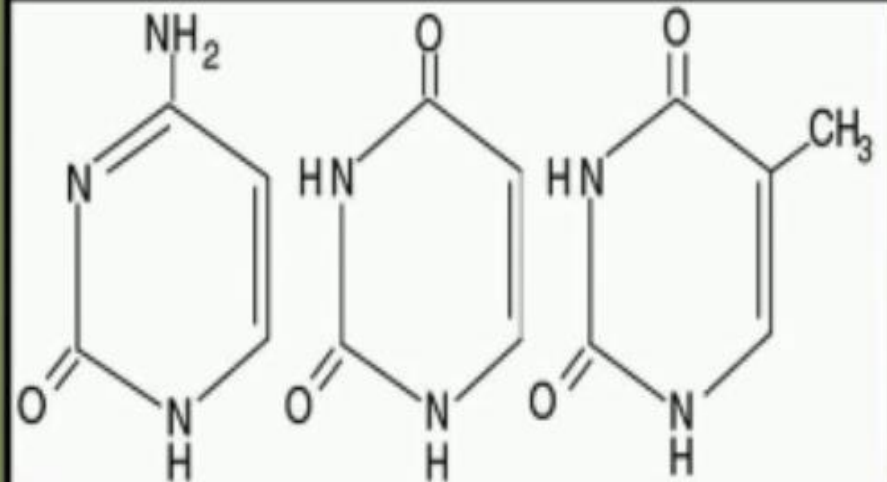


# Bases in Nucleotides

## Purines

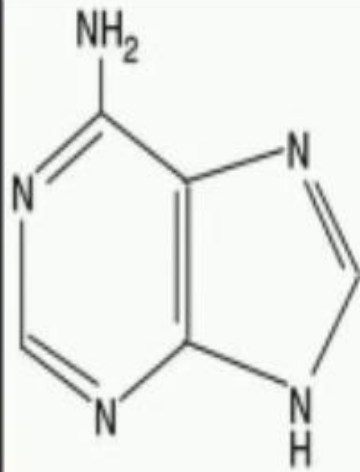


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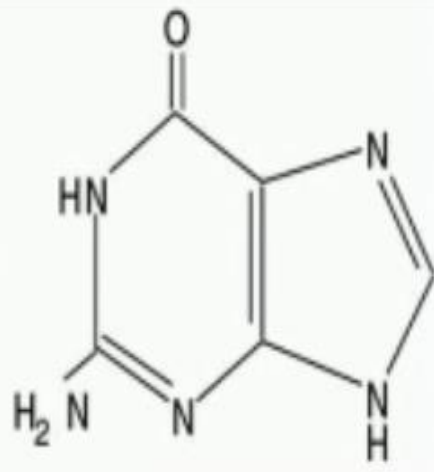


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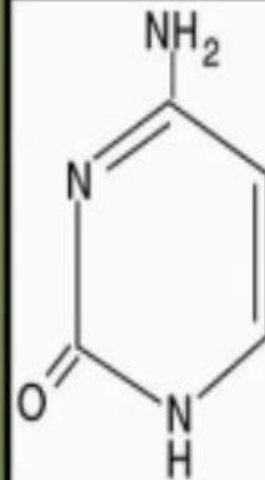


Adenine

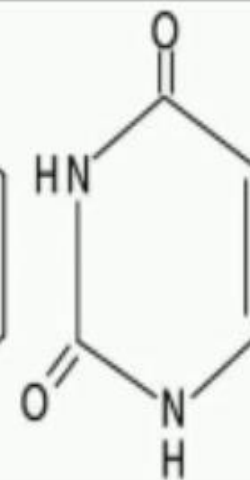


Guanine

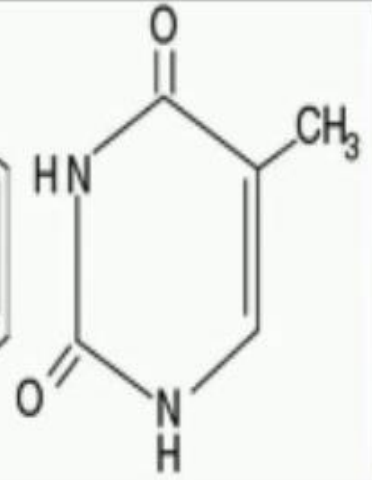
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Cytosine



Uracil

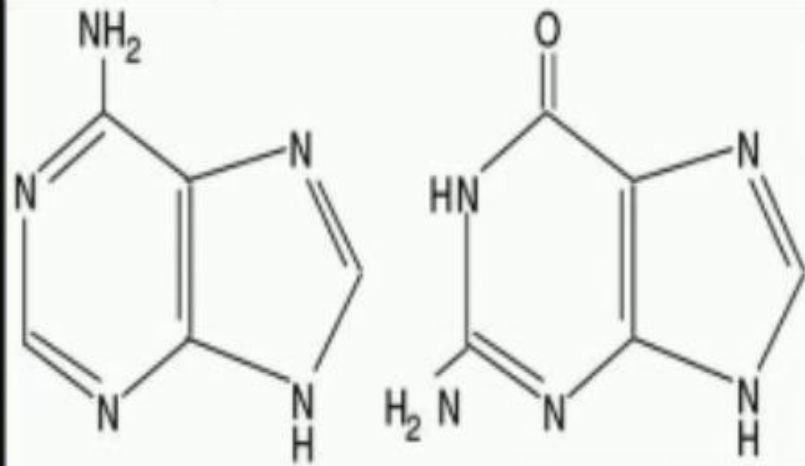


Thymine

# Bases in Nucleotides

Pure As Gold

## Purines



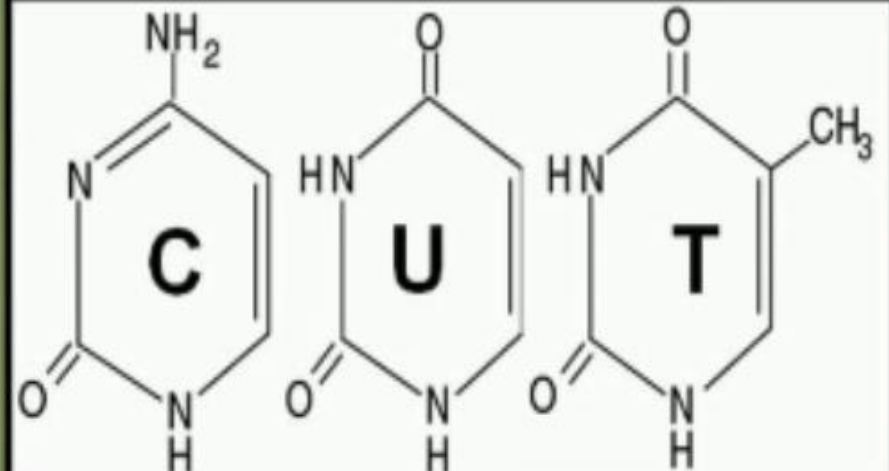
Adenine

Guanine

DNA

DNA

## Pyrimidines



Cytosine

Uracil

Thymine

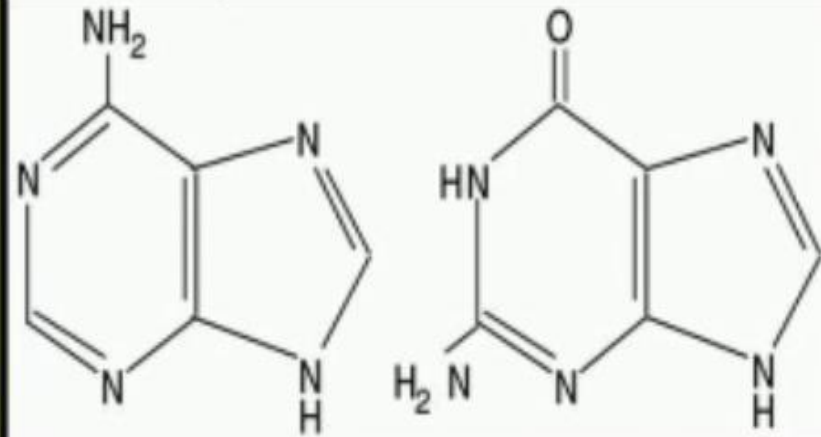
DNA

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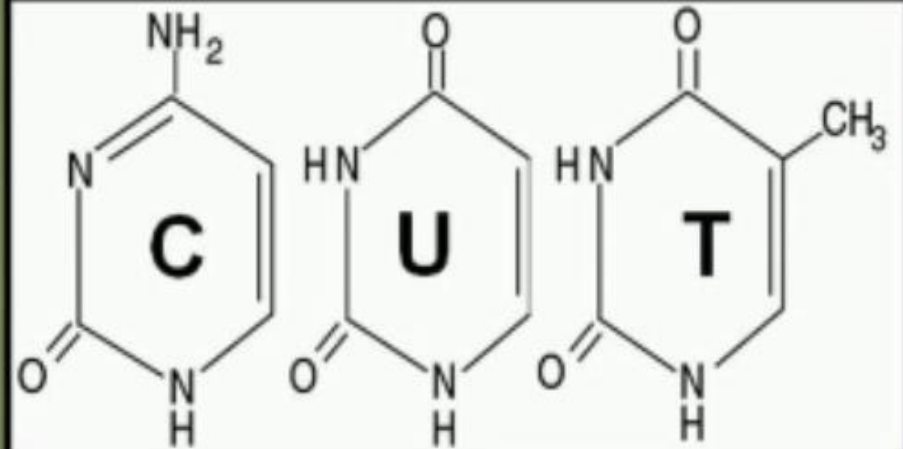
Adenine

Guanine

DNA  
RNA

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RNA

## Pyrimidines



Cytosine

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Pure As Gold

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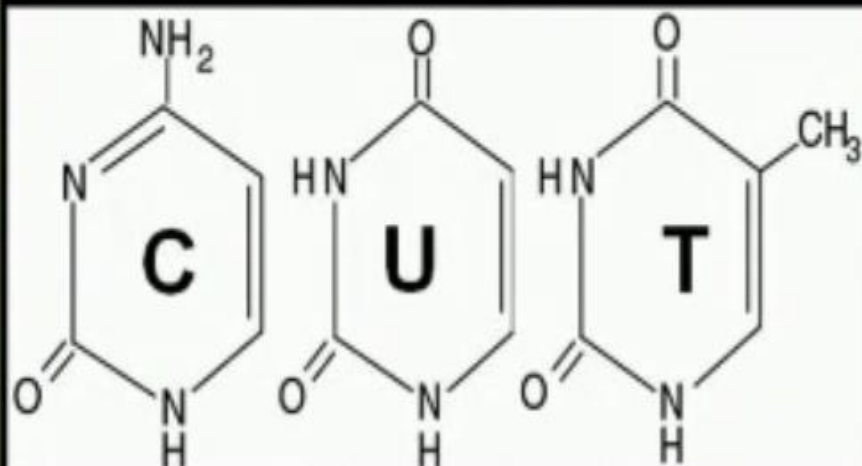
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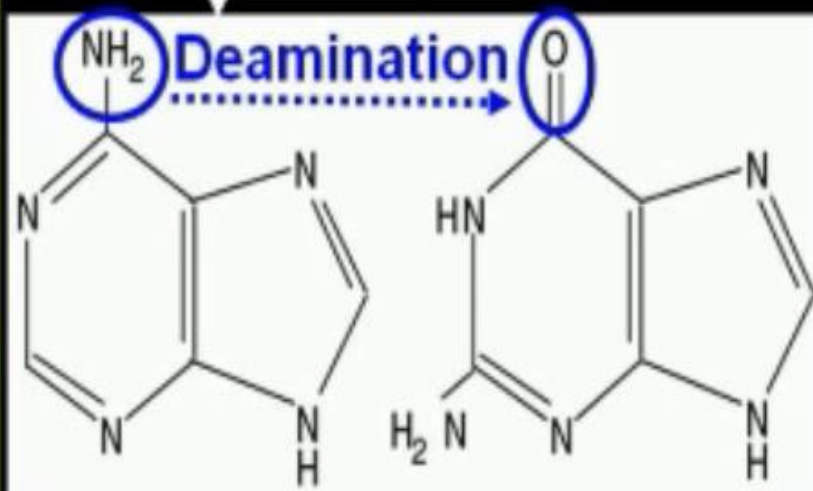
RNA

DNA

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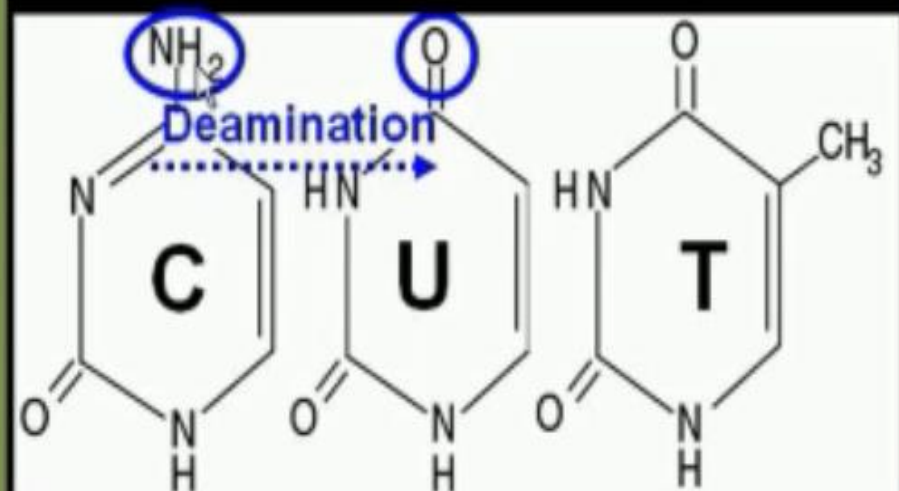
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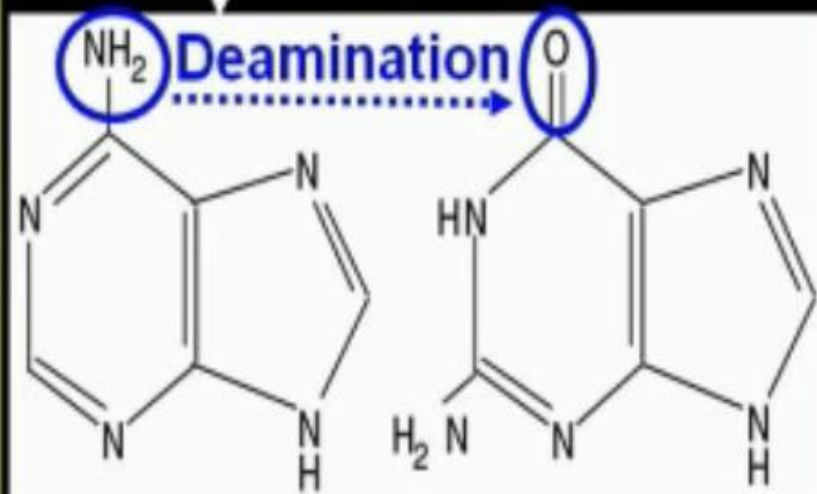
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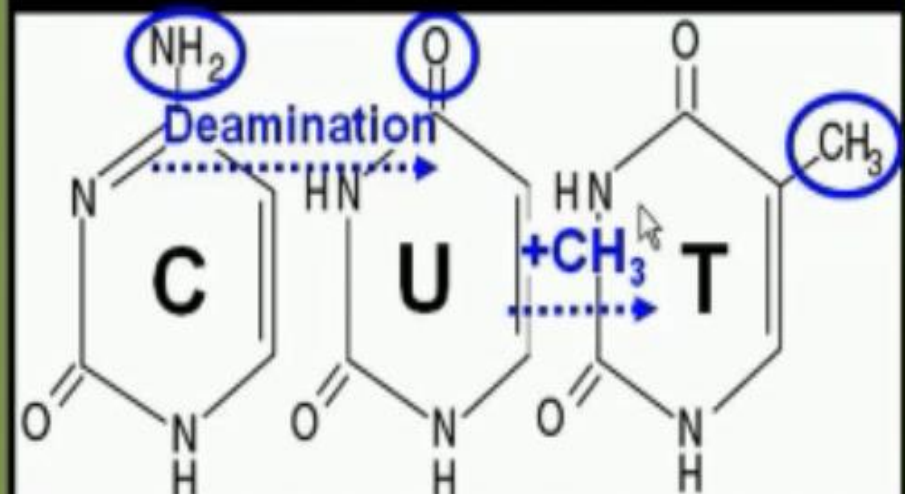
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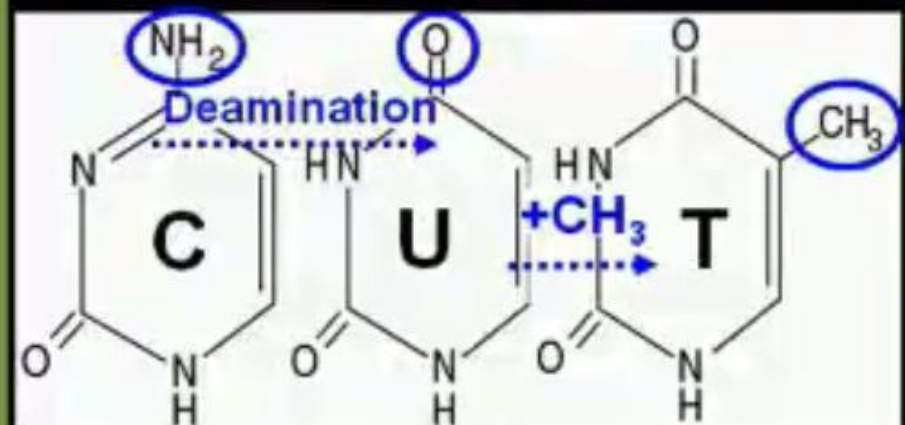
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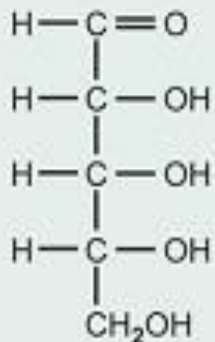
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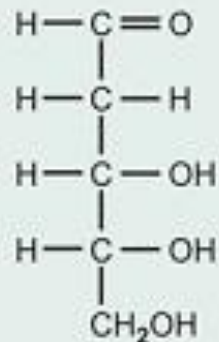


# PENTOSE SUGAR

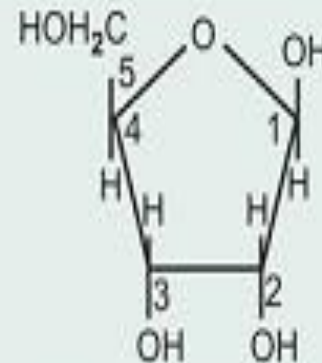
- D-ribose and D-2-deoxyribose are the only sugars so far found in the nucleic acids.
- D-ribose is present in RNA while D-2-deoxyribose is present in DNA.
- Pentoses are present in nucleosides in ring structure of B – form.



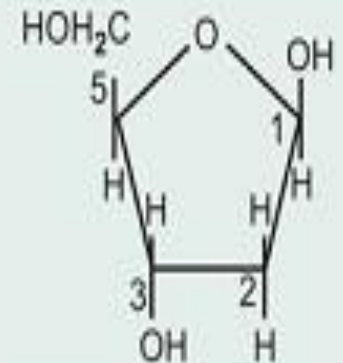
D-Ribose



D-2-deoxyribose



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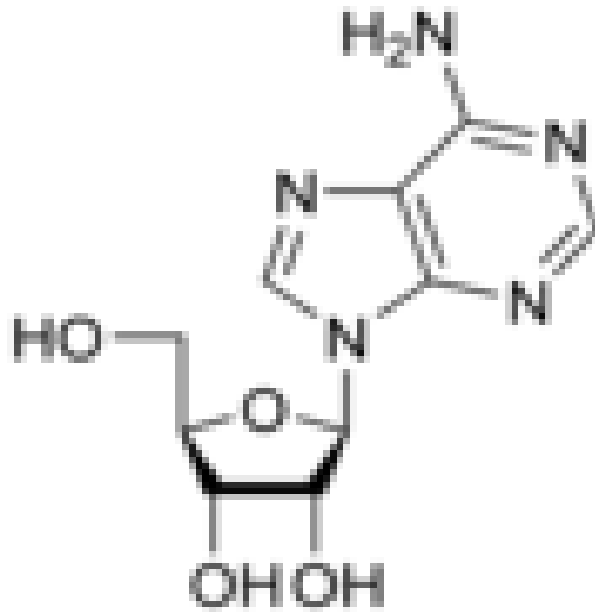


$\beta$ -D-2-deoxyribofuranose

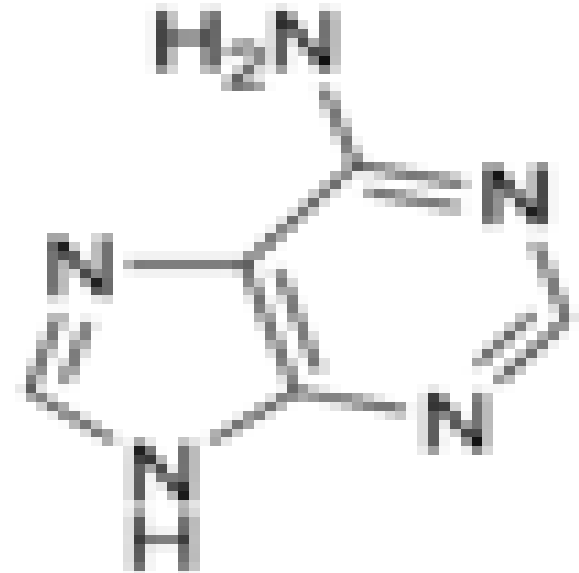
| Nucleoside | Base |  | Sugar |
|------------|------|--|-------|
|------------|------|--|-------|

- |                  |          |   |             |
|------------------|----------|---|-------------|
| • Adenosine      | Adenine  | + | Ribose      |
| • Deoxyadenosine | Adenine  | + | deoxyribose |
| • Guanosine      | Guanine  | + | Ribose      |
| • Deoxyguanosine | Guanine  | + | deoxyribose |
| • Uridine        | Uracil   | + | Ribose      |
| • Cytidine       | Cytosine | + | Ribose      |
| • Deoxycytidine  | Cytosine | + | deoxyribose |
| • Thymidine      | Thymine  | + | deoxyribose |

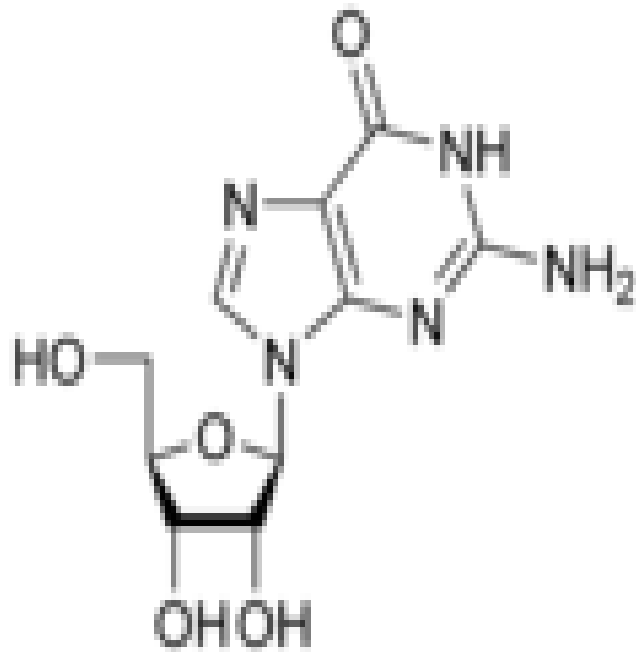
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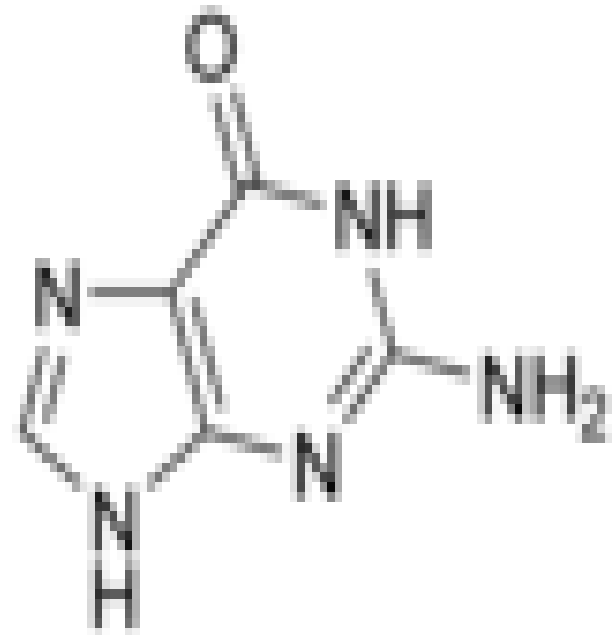
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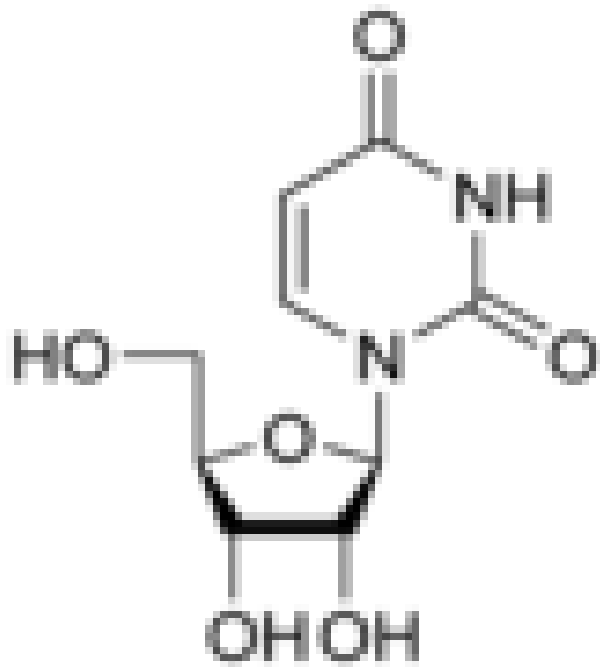
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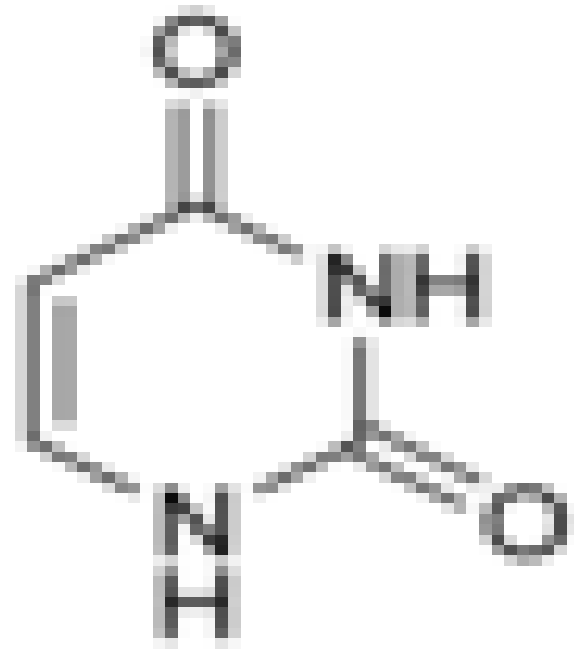
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URIDINE

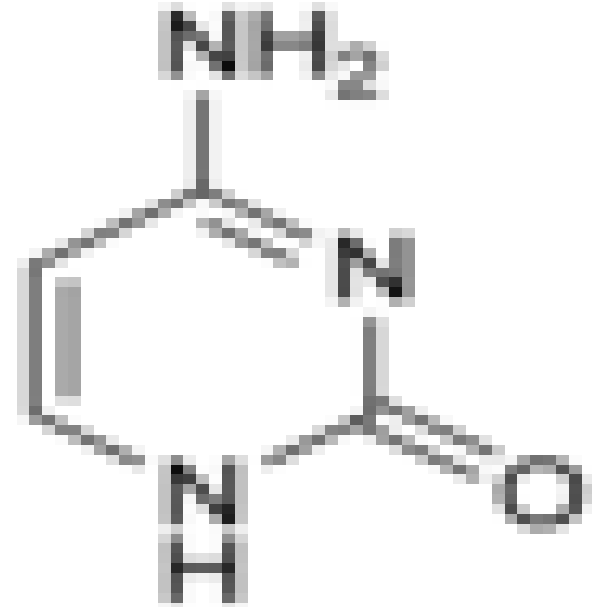
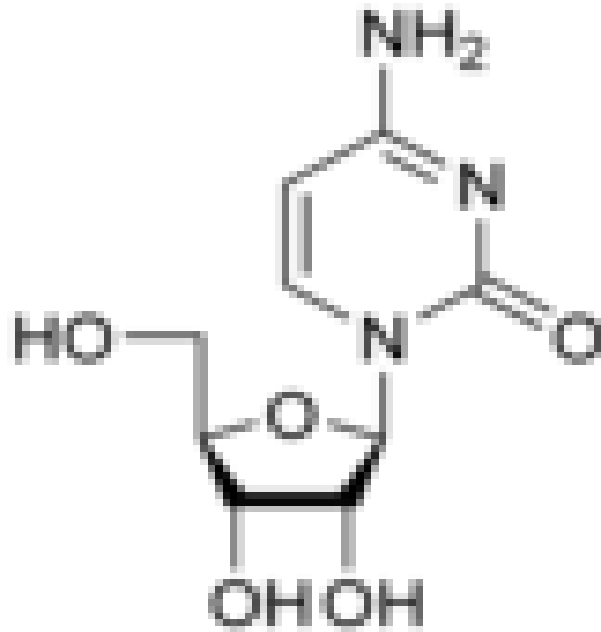


URACIL



CYTADINE

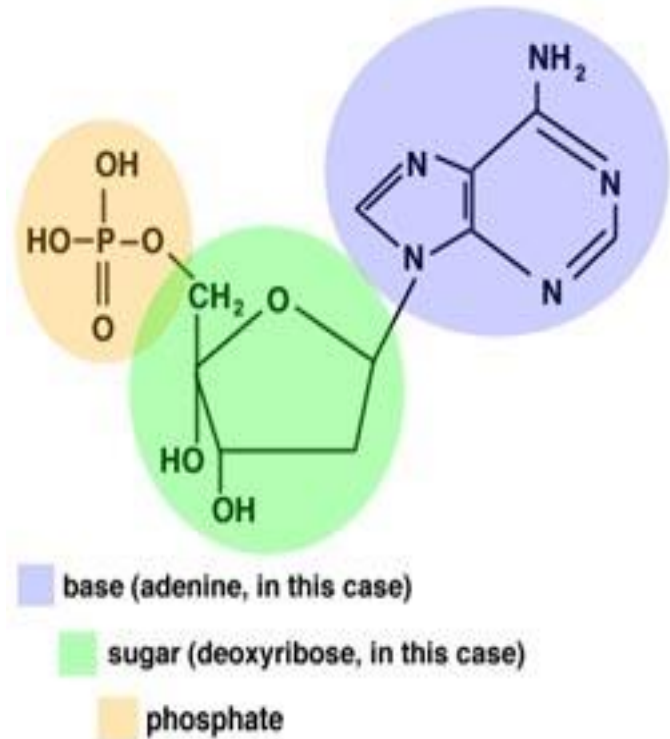
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# **NUCLEOTIDES**

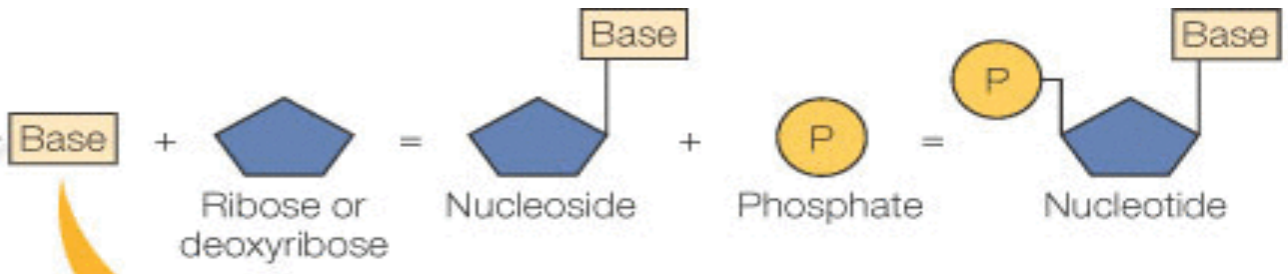
# NUCLEOTIDES

- A nucleotide is the monomer structural unit of nucleotide chains that form the nucleic acids.
- The building block of nucleic acid

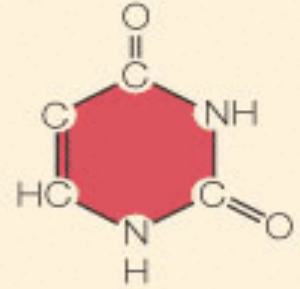
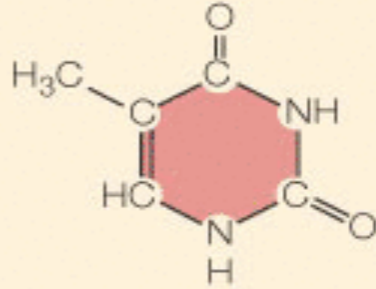
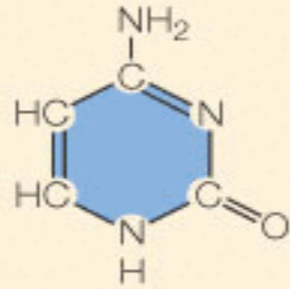




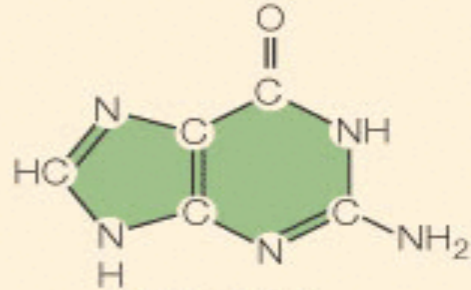
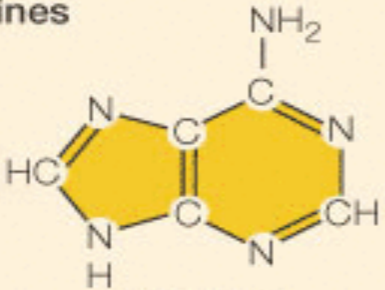
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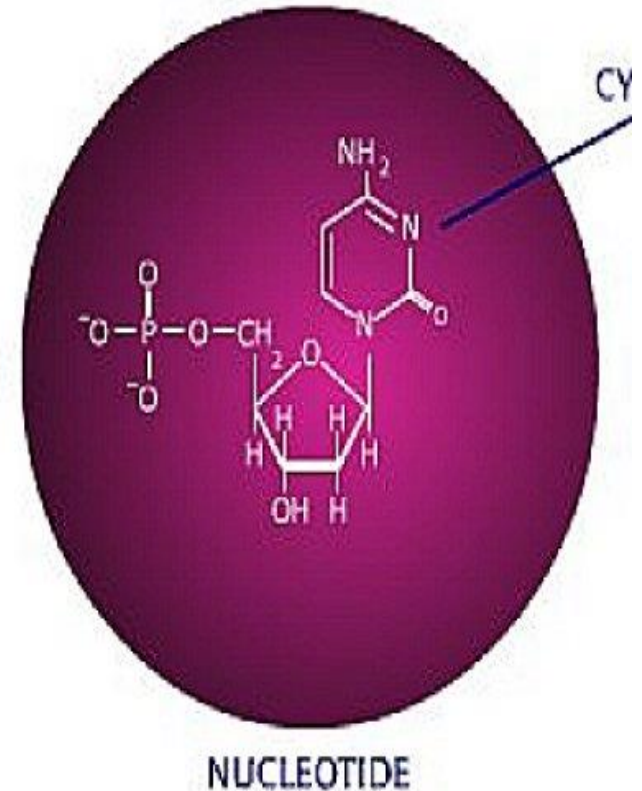


### Purines



# CONTENTS

- Each nucleotide contains three items:
- A nitrogenous base
- A pentose sugar
- And phosphate group



# Nucleotide Structure

All nucleotides are composed of:

**5-carbon sugar :**

D-ribose (RNA)

D-deoxyribose (DNA)

**Base**

Purine

Pyrimidine

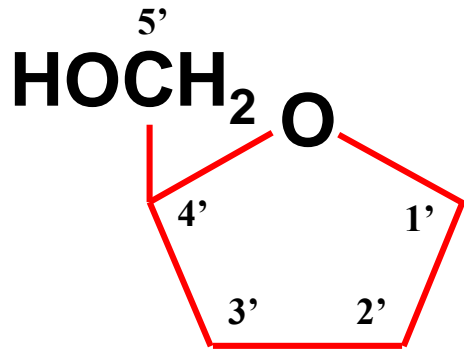
**Phosphate group**

A nucleotide **WITHOUT** a phosphate group is a **NUCLEOSIDE**

# Nucleotide Structure - 1

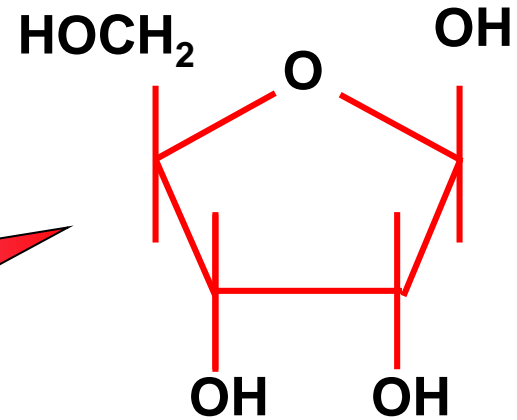
## Sugars

Generic Ribose  
Structure

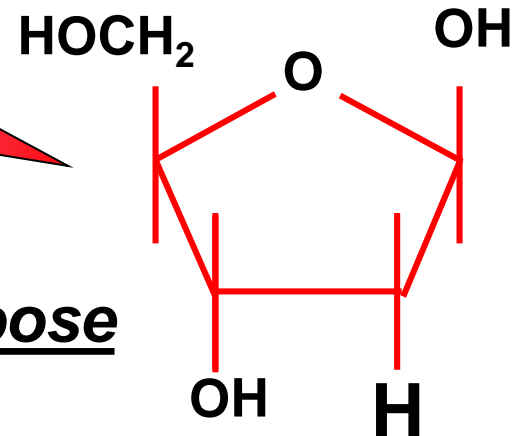


N.B. Carbons are given numberings as a  
prime

Ribose

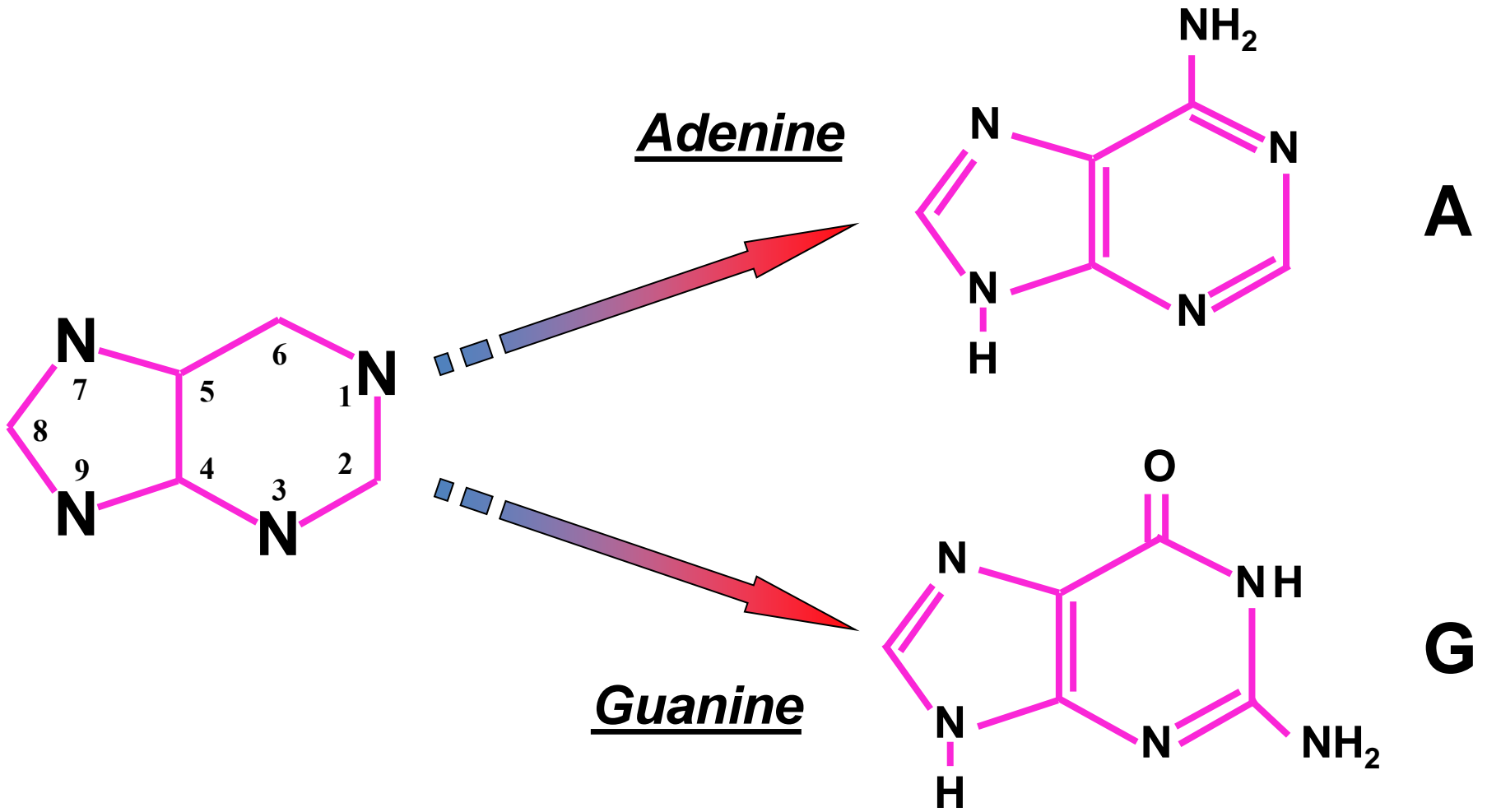


Deoxyribose

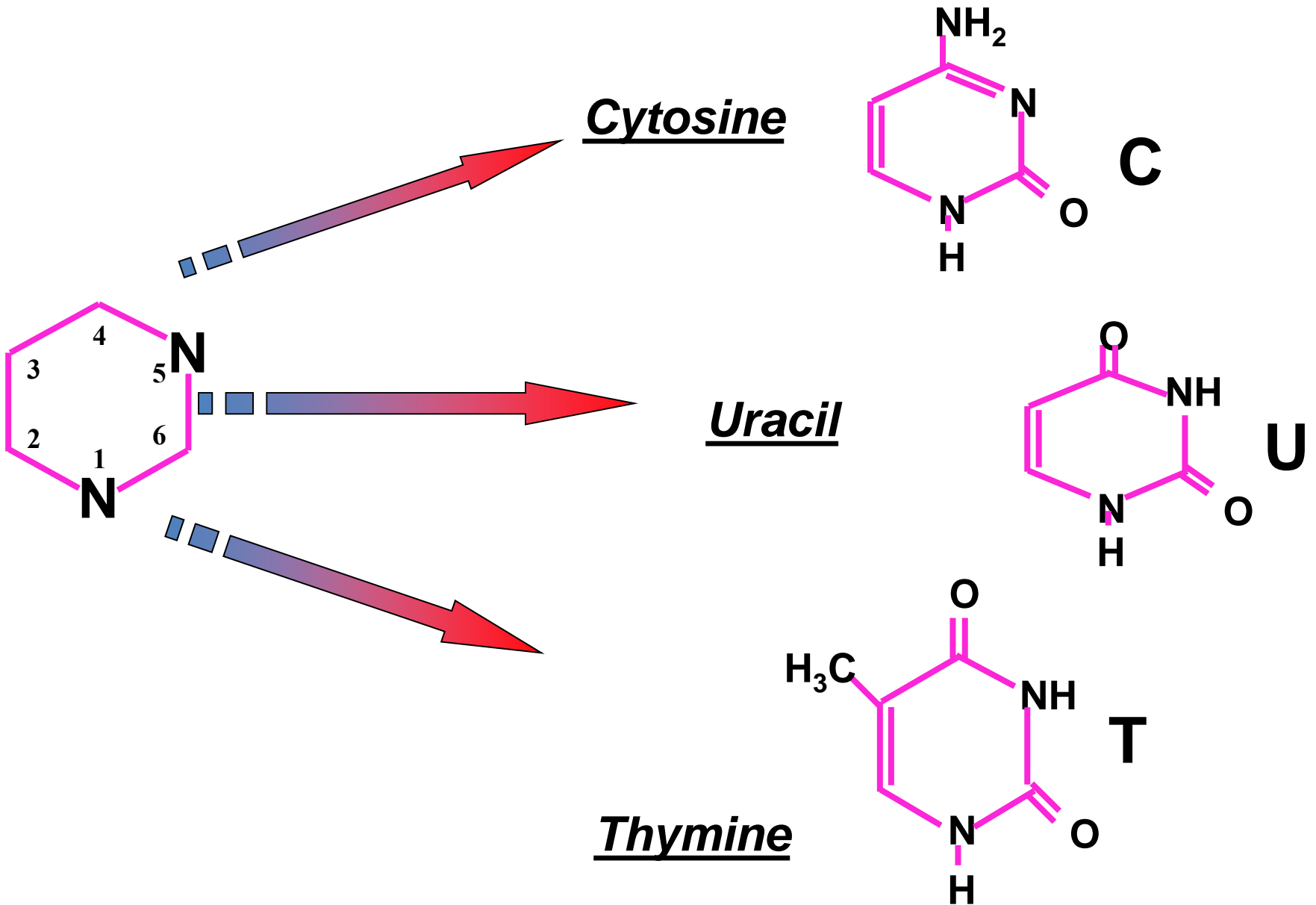


# Nucleotide Structure - 2

## Bases - Purines



# Nucleotide Structure - 3Bases - Pyrimidine



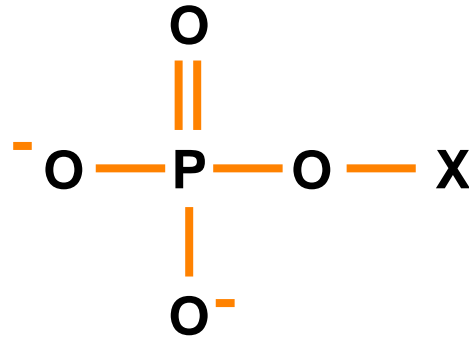
# Nucleotide Structure - 4

## Phosphate Groups

Phosphate groups are what makes a nucleoside a nucleotide

Phosphate groups are **essential** for nucleotide polymerization

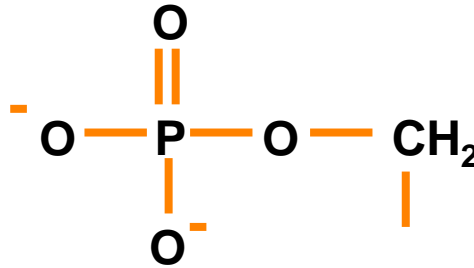
Basic structure:



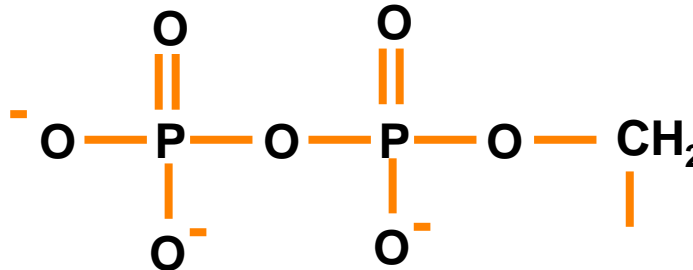
# Nucleotide Structure - 4Phosphate Groups

Number of phosphate groups determines nomenclature

Monophosphate  
e.g. AMP



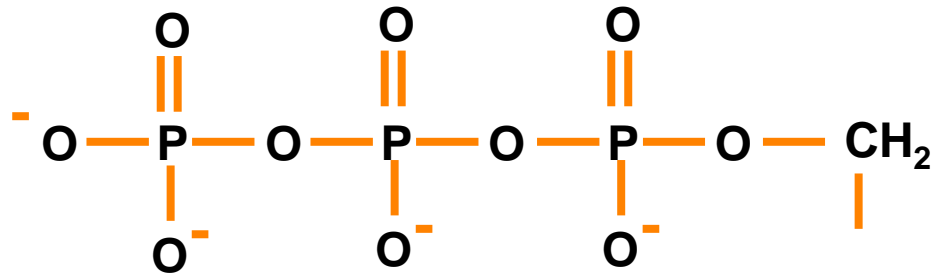
Diphosphate  
e.g. ADP



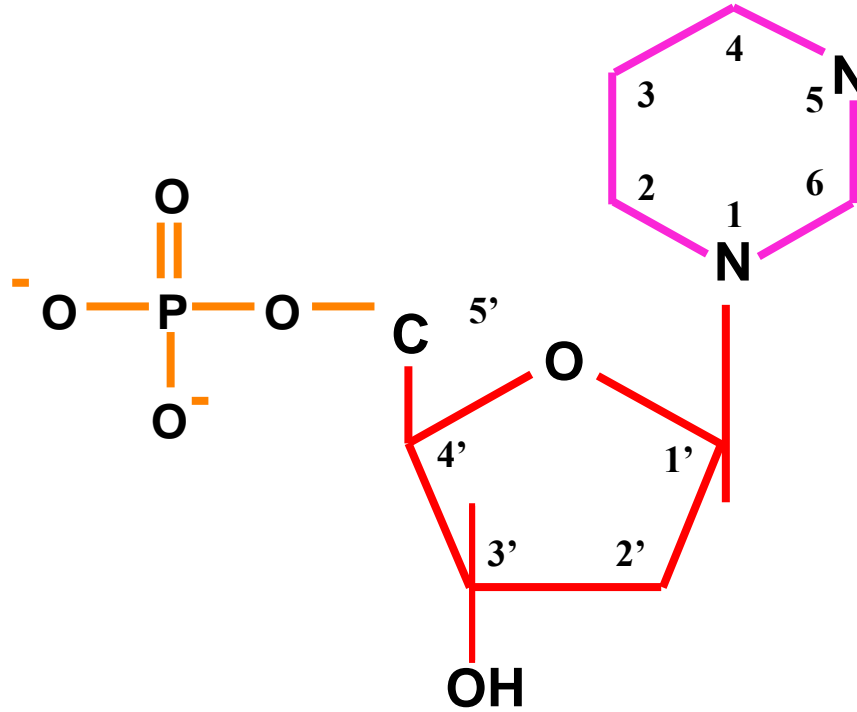


# Nucleotide Structure - 4 Phosphate Groups

Triphosphate  
e.g. ATP

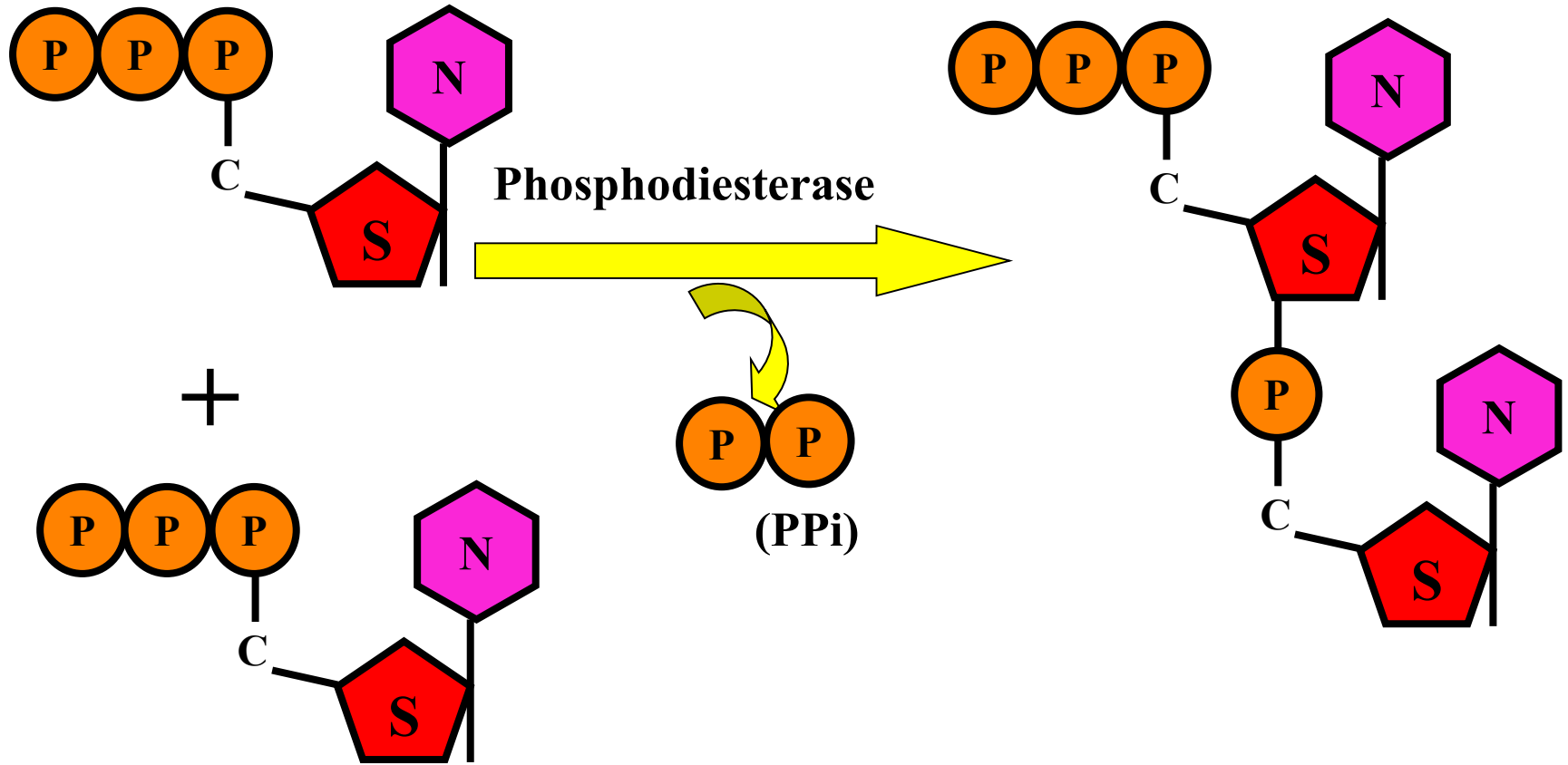


# Nucleotide Structure - 4Base-Sugar-PO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>

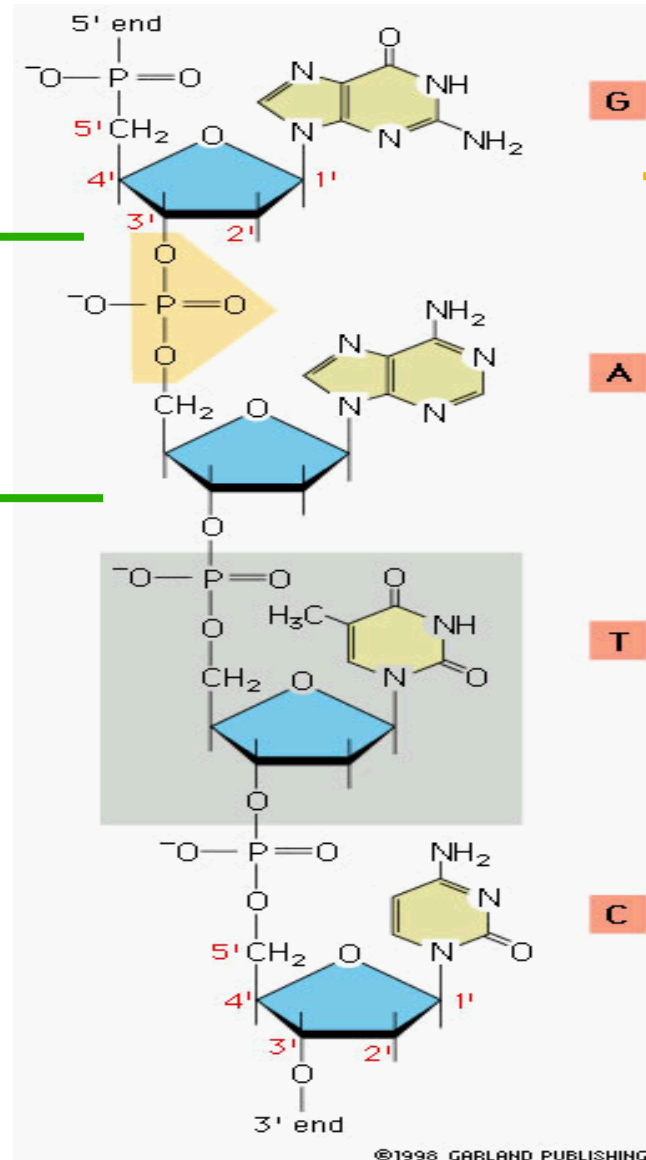


**Monophosphate**

# Nucleic Acid Structure Polymerization



# Nucleic Acid Structure Polymerization



G

A

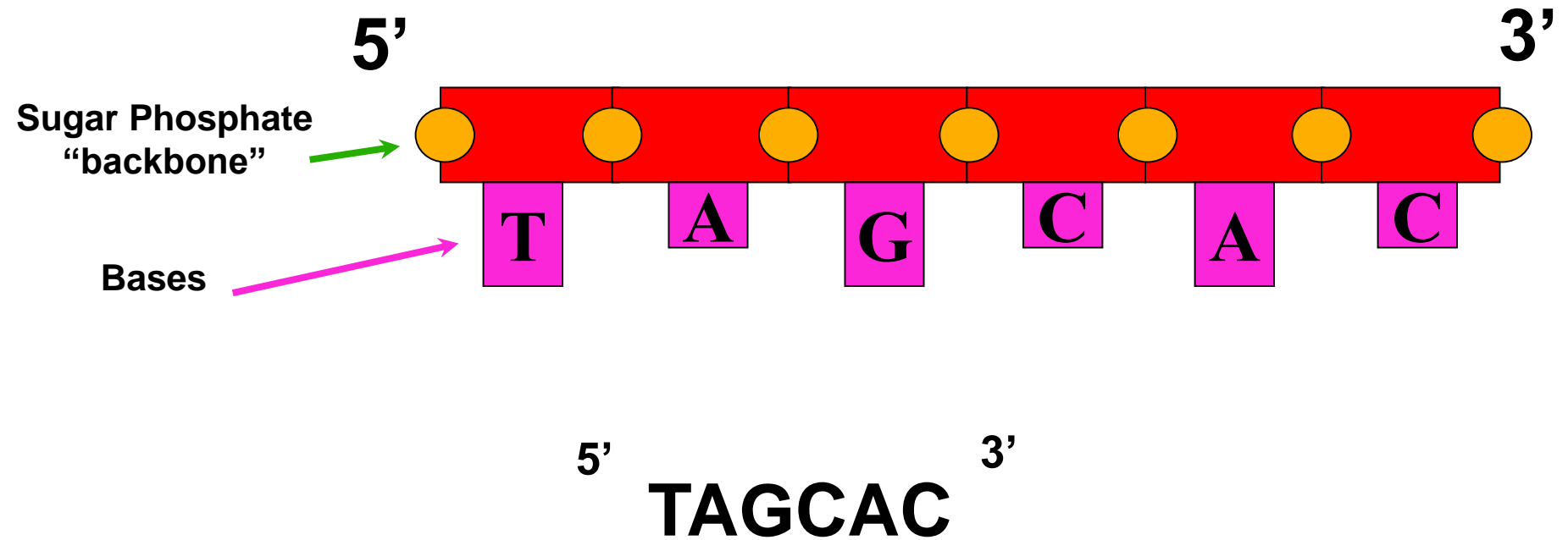
T

C

Nucleotide

Sugar Phosphate  
"backbone"

# Nucleic Acid Structure Polymerization

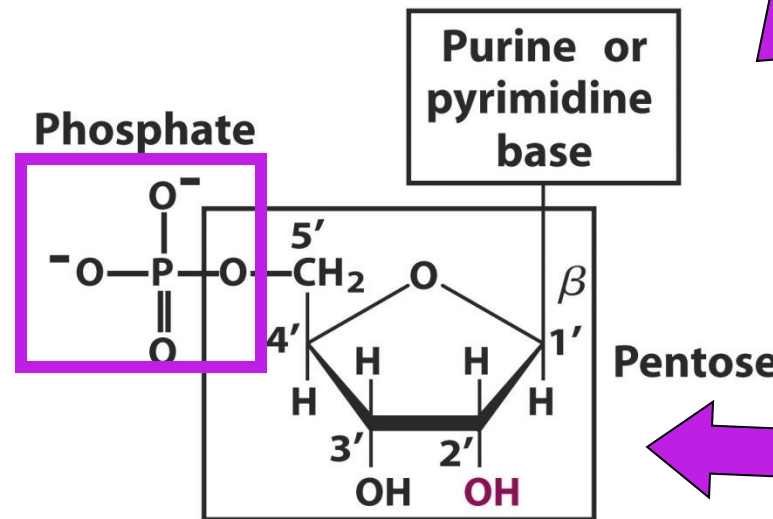


# Structure of nucleotides

Nucleotides have three characteristic components:

A phosphate group

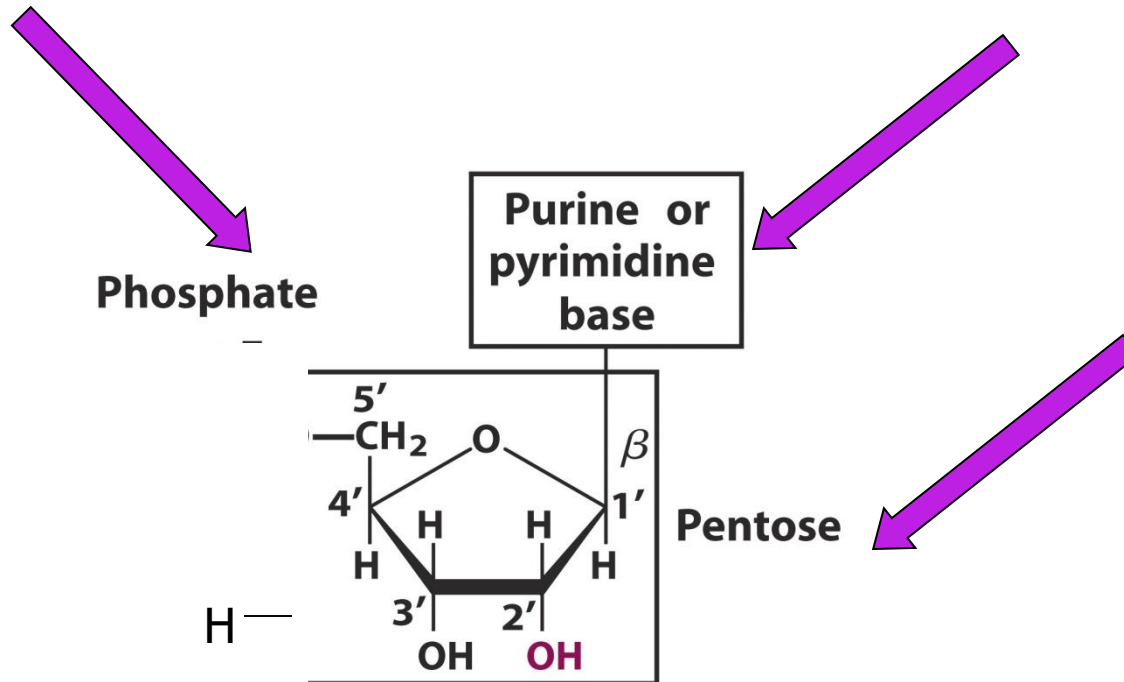
A nitrogenous base  
(pyrimidines or purine)



A pentose sugar

# Structure of nucleosides

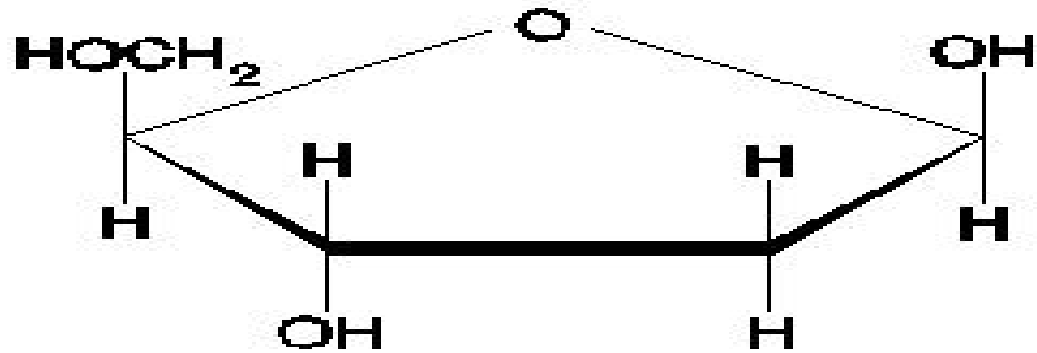
Remove the phosphate group, and you have a nucleoside.



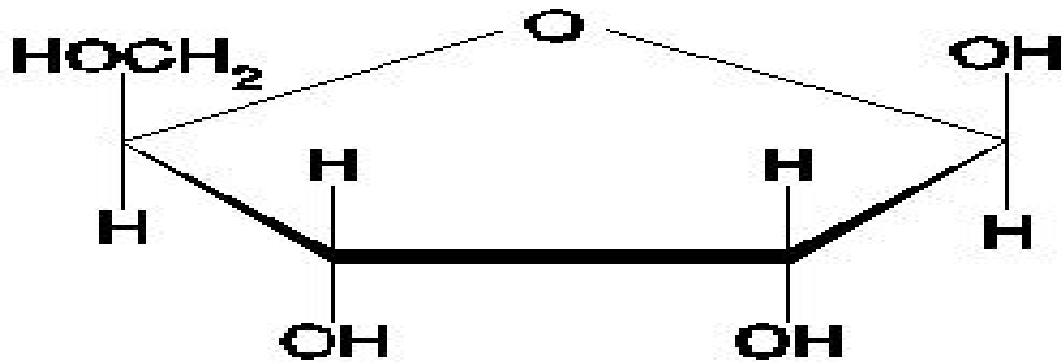
# NUCLEOBASES

- Mostly nucleotides bases are:
- **PURINE BASES:**
- [adenine](#) (A)
- [guanine](#) (G).
- **PYRIMIDINE BASES:**
- [thymine](#) (T)
- cytosine (C)
- uracil (U).





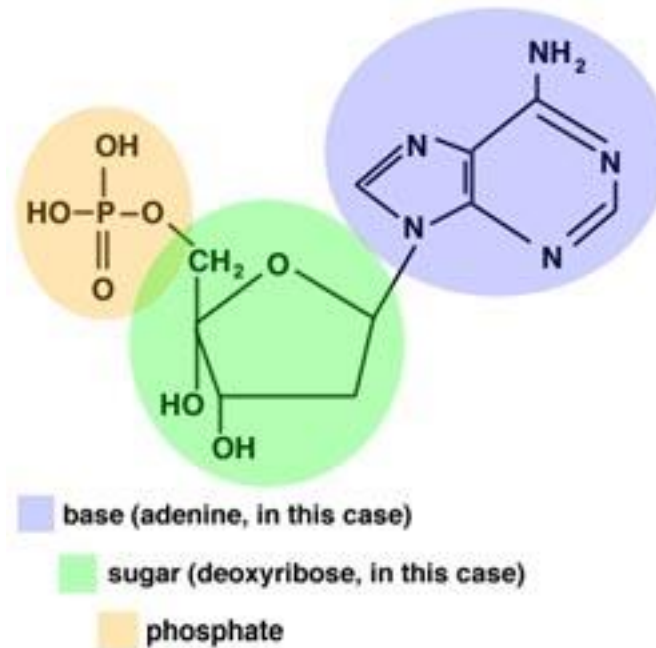
**Deoxyribose**

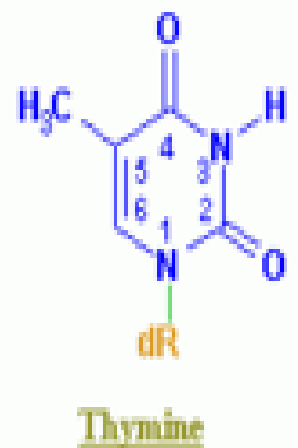
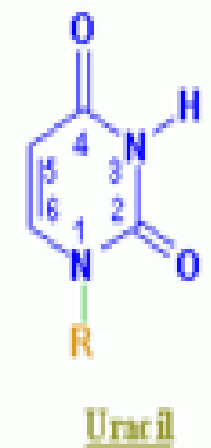
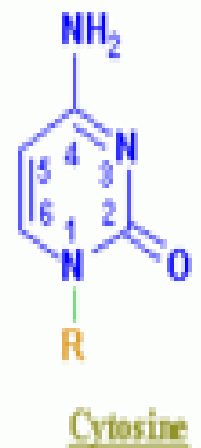
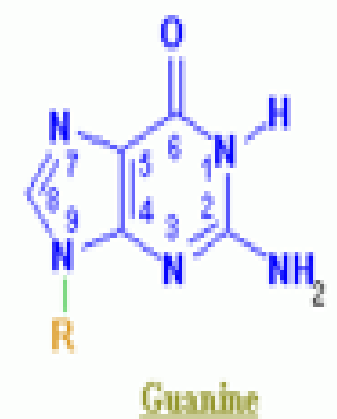
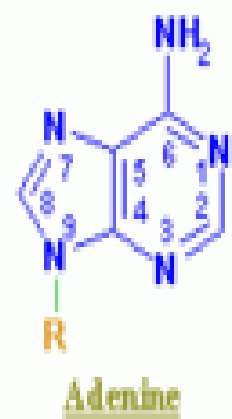
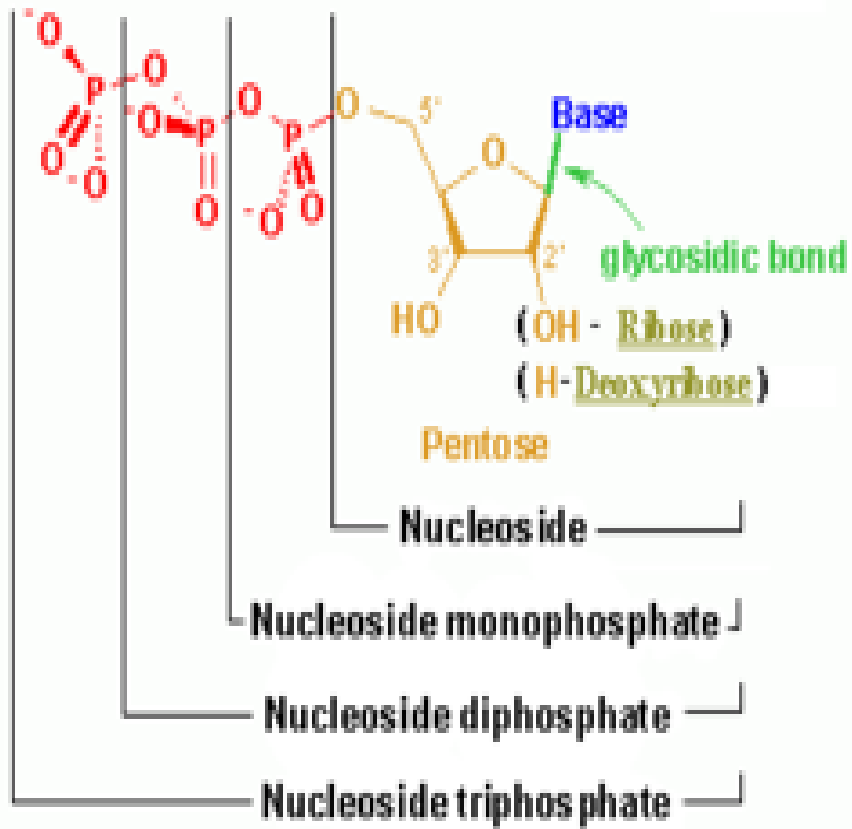


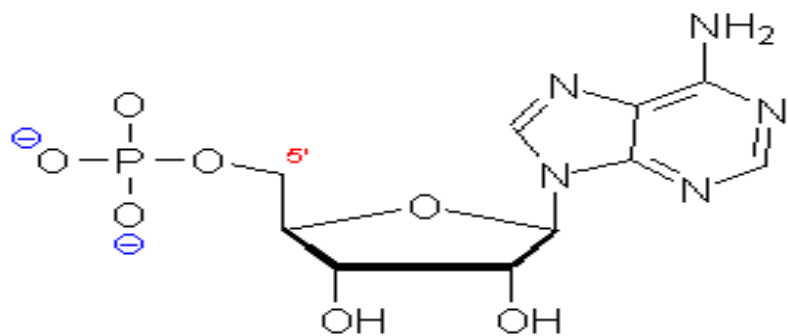
**Ribose**

# PHOSPHATE GROUP

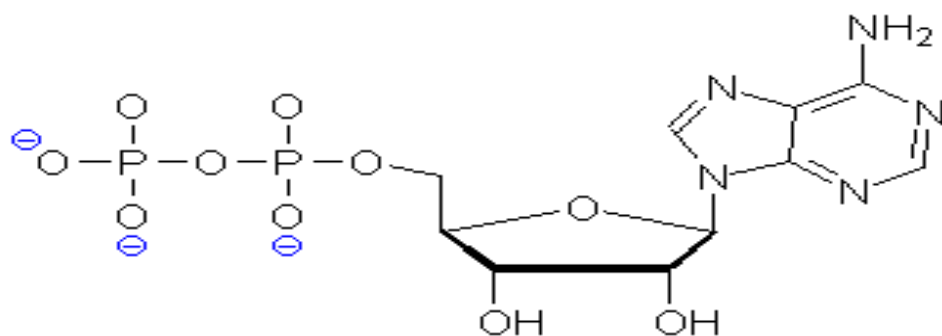
- Phosphate group is attached by an ester linkage to the OH of the 5'C of the pentose sugars.



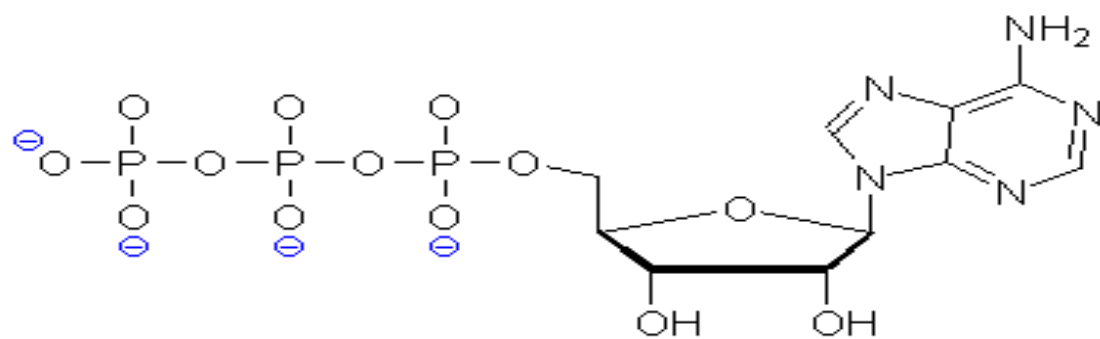




Adenosine 5'-monophosphate  
(AMP)

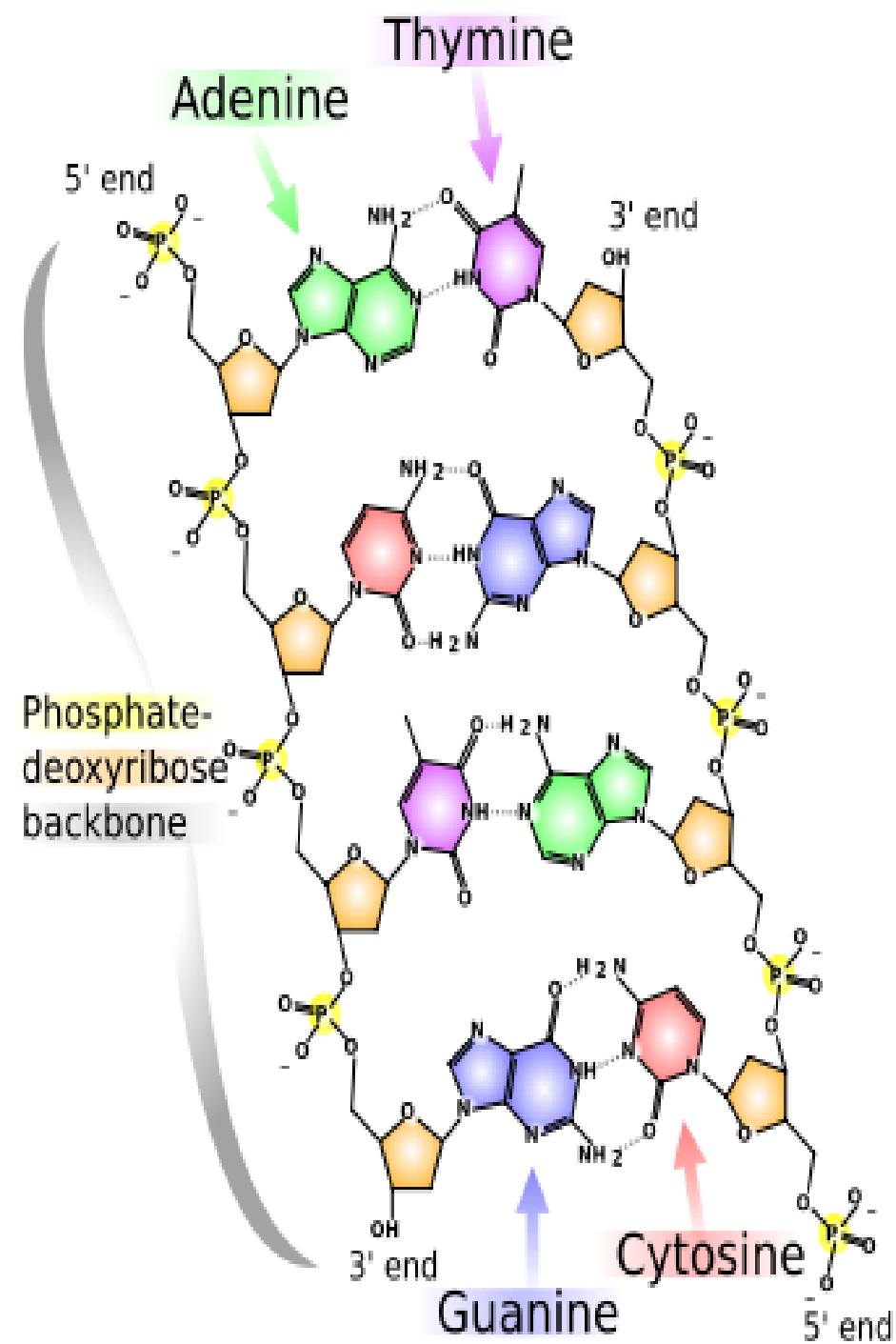
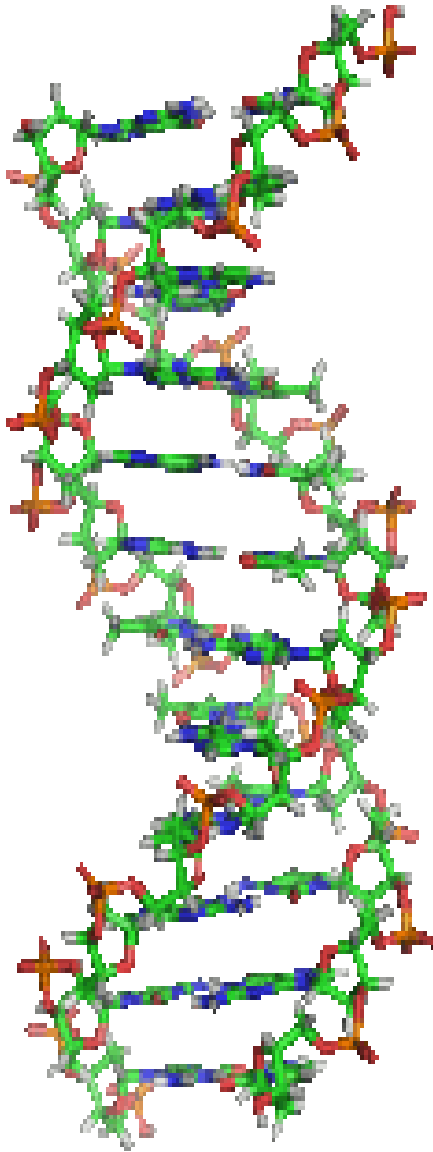


Adenosine 5'-diphosphate  
(ADP)



Adenosine 5'-triphosphate  
(ATP)

| Neucleotide   | Base     | Sugar         | Phosphoric acid   |
|---|----------|---------------|-------------------|
| <b>(a) Present in RNA</b>                                     |          |               |                   |
| • <i>Adenylic acid or Adenylate (AMP)</i>                     | Adenine  | + Ribose      | + Phosphoric acid |
| • <i>Guanylic acid or Guanylate (GMP)</i>                     | Guanine  | + Ribose      | + Phosphoric acid |
| • <i>Cytidylic acid or Cytidylate (CMP)</i>                   | Cytosine | + Ribose      | + Phosphoric acid |
| • <i>Uridylic acid or Uridylate (UMP)</i>                     | Uracil   | + Ribose      | + Phosphoric acid |
| <b>(b) Present in DNA</b>                                     |          |               |                   |
| • <i>Deoxy adenylic acid<br/>or deoxy Adenylate (dAMP)</i>    | Adenine  | + Deoxyribose | + Phosphoric acid |
| • <i>Deoxy guanylic acid<br/>or deoxy guanylate (d GMP)</i>   | Guanine  | + Deoxyribose | + Phosphoric acid |
| • <i>Deoxy cytidylic acid<br/>or deoxy cytidylate (d CMP)</i> | Cytosine | + Deoxyribose | + Phosphoric acid |
| • <i>Thymydylic acid<br/>or thymidylate (TMP)</i>             | Thymine  | + Deoxyribose | + Phosphoric acid |



# FUNCTIONS

- Nucleotides are the single units that make up nucleic acids like RNA and DNA – literally the building blocks of life.
- Nucleotides code for proteins and enzymes.
- They determine the genetic structure of life.
- They also function to transport and transform cellular energy and regulate enzymes.
- Without nucleotides, we would not have a genetic code.
- Act as a second messenger important in many biological processes
- Intracellular source of energy - Adenosine triphosphate (ATP)

# DERIVATIVES



# CLASSIFICATION OF NUCLEOTIDE

- **1. ADINOSINE NUCLEOTIDE**

ATP

ADP

AMP

cAMP.

# CLASSIFICATION OF NUCLEOTIDES

- **2. GUANOSINE NUCLEOTIDE.**

GTP

GDP

GMP

cGMP

# CLASSIFICATION OF NUCLEOTIDES

- **3. URIDINE NUCLEOTIDE.**

UTP

UDP

UMP

# CLASSIFICATION OF NUCLEOTIDES

- **4 . CYTIDINE NUCLEOTIDES.**

CTP

CDP

CMP

d-CMP

# CLASSIFICATION OF NUCLEOTIDES

- **5. MISCELLANEOUS.**

- Active methionine

- Coenzymes

- NAD

- FAD

- NADP

- FMN

- CoA

# BIOLOGICAL ACTION OF NUCLEOTIDES

## **AMP**

- Enzyme activator
- Enzyme Inhibitor

# BIOLOGICAL ACTION OF NUCLEOTIDES

## **ADP**

- Act as oxidative phosphorylation
- Control cellular respiration
- Muscle contraction.
- Enzyme activator

- **ATP**
  - . Supply free energy
  - . Synthesis of phosphocreatine from creatine
  - . Muscle contraction
  - . Act as phosphate donor in phosphotransferase reaction



- **GTP**

- .Citric acid cycle

- .It is necessary for formation of 3 – 5 cAMP

- . Protein synthesis

- .rhodopsin synthesis

- .gluconeogenesis

- **UTP**
  - . Biosynthesis of pyrimidine
  - . Conversion of glucose to galactose
  - . Detoxification of bilirubin

- **CTP**

- .Biosynthesis of phospholipids

- .An important precursor of bacterial cell wall

- . Synthesis of salivary mucin

- **cAMP**

- .Mediate the effects of different enzymes

- .vasodilatation

- .neurotransmitter

- .dark light adaptation

- .diagnosis of hyperthyroid and hypothyroid

- . Differentiation of extra and intrahepatic obstruction

# PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

- Soluble in water
- Solubility increase and depend upon phosphorylation of nucleotide.
- Nucleotide carry negative charge at their physiological pHs.
- Stable over wide range of pH
- At elevated temperature, protonation of purine base results.
- Strongly absorb UV lights

# CLINICAL IMPORTANCE & BIOCHEMICAL ROLE:

- **Allopurinol:** Inhibits the biosynthesis of pyrimidine & xanthine oxidase. It is used in the treatment of hyperuricemia and gout.
- **Cytarabine:** Used in chemotherapy of Ca.
- **Idoxuridine:** Are used in the treatment of viral infection.
- **Azathiopurine:** It inhibits the biosynthesis of purine and used as an immunosuppressive agent during:  
organ transplant and grafting

- **5-Iodo-2-deoxyuridine:** used in herpes simplex virus as in the treatment of herpetic keratitis.
- **5-fluorouracil:** used as antiviral agent.
- **Aminophylline and Theophylline:** inhibit the cAMP catabolism this cAMP level increased in cell. Specially in the treatment of asthma.

**ANY QUESTION**





- **CHATTERJEA BIOCHEMISTRY**
- **LIPPINCOTT BIOCHEMISTRY**
- **HARPERS BIOCHEMISTRY**
- **SATYANARAYANA BIOCHEMISTRY**
- **INTERNET**



**Thank you**