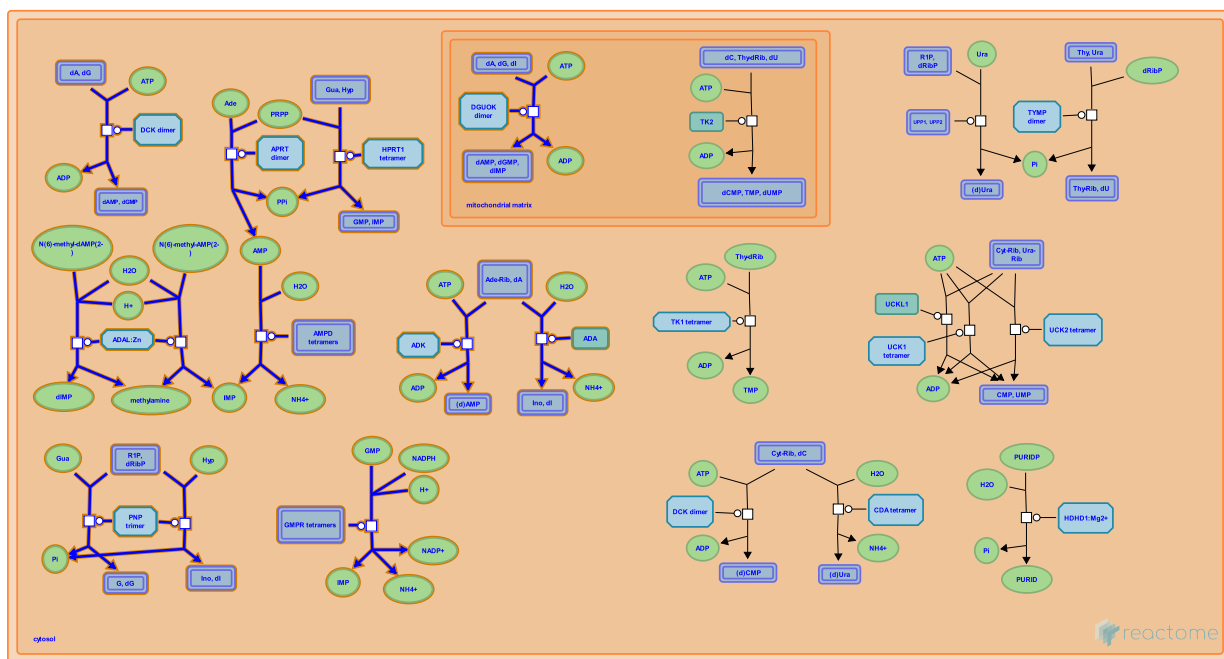


# Purine salvage



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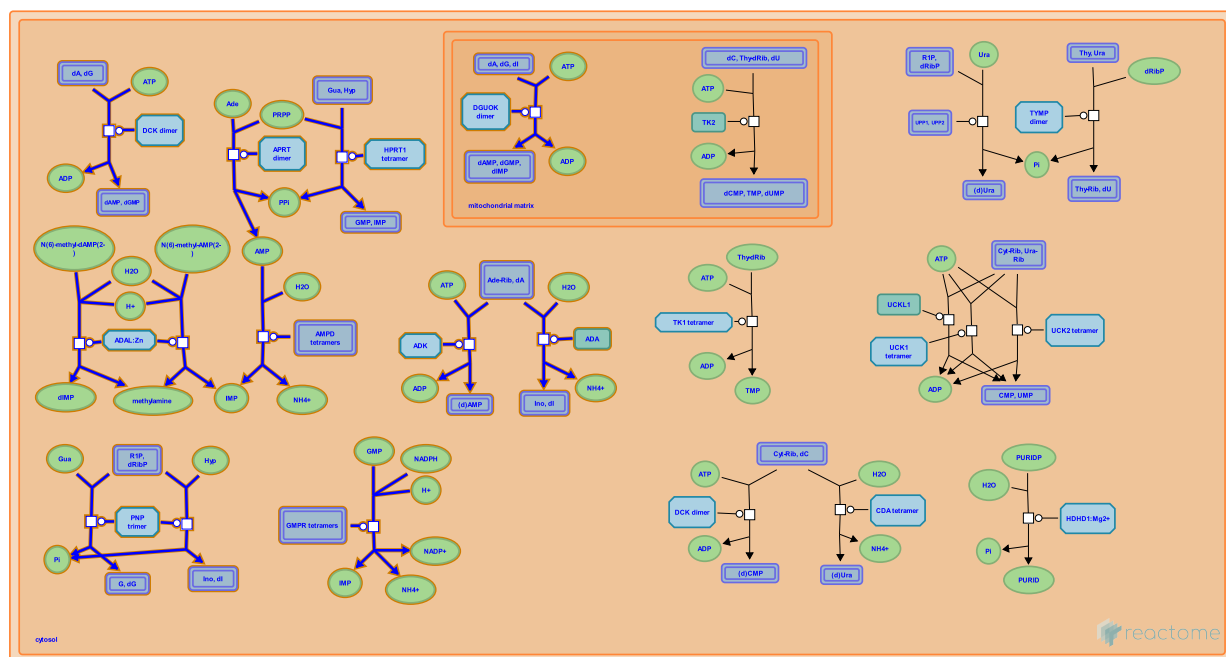
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Nucleosides and free bases generated by DNA and RNA breakdown are converted back to nucleotide monophosphates, allowing them to re-enter the pathway of purine biosynthesis and interconversion. Under normal conditions, DNA turnover is limited and deoxyribonucleotide salvage operates at a correspondingly low level (Watts 1974).

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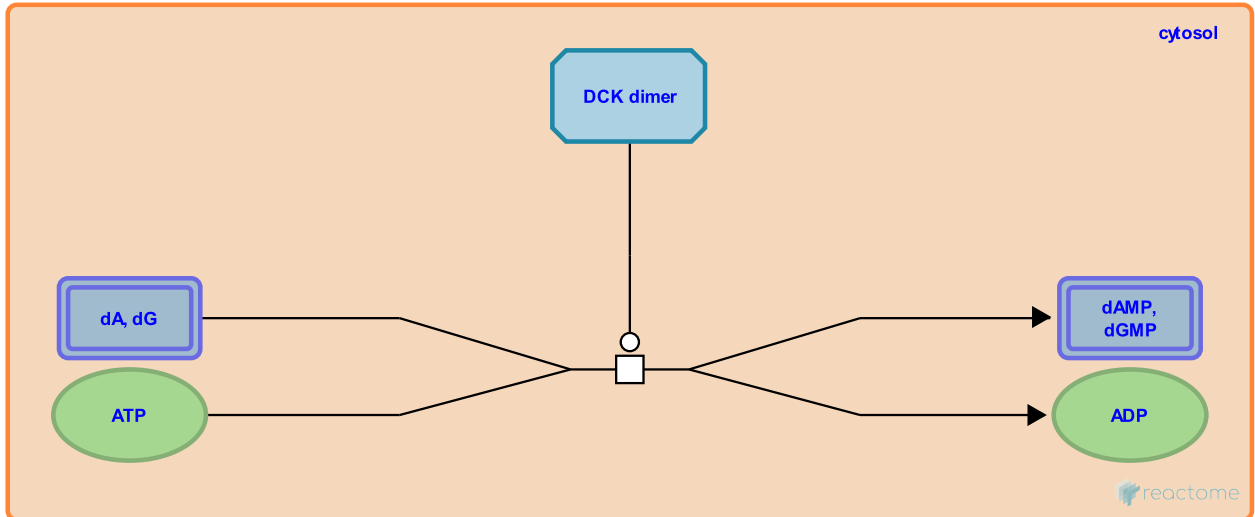
## deoxyadenosine or deoxyguanosine + ATP => dAMP or dGMP + ADP (DCK) ↗

**Location:** [Purine salvage](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-109671

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Cytosolic deoxycytidine kinase (DCK) catalyzes the reactions of deoxyadenosine and deoxyguanosine with ATP to form the corresponding nucleotide monophosphates and AMP. The enzyme is a dimer (Bohman and Eriksson 1988; Datta et al. 1989). While the enzyme can be found in nuclei of cultured cells expressing high levels of a tagged recombinant protein, its normal location appears to be cytosolic (Hatzis et al. 1998).

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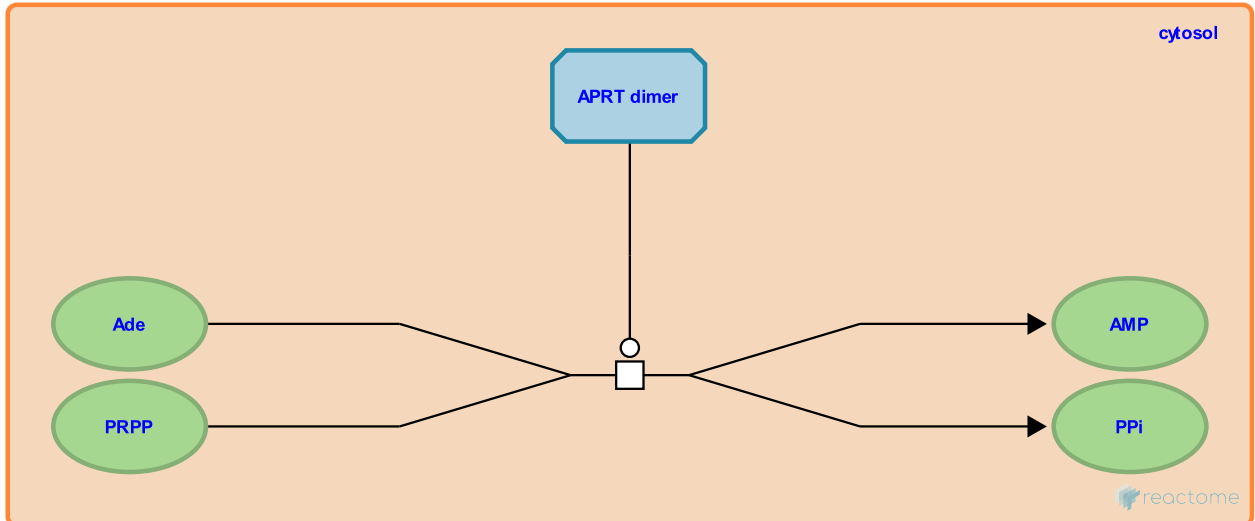
## APRT catalyzes the conversion of adenine to AMP [↗](#)

**Location:** [Purine salvage](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-74213

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Cytosolic APRT dimer catalyzes the reaction of adenine and 5-phospho-alpha-D-ribose 1-diphosphate to form AMP and pyrophosphate (Holden et al. 1979; Silva et al. 2008).

**Followed by:** [AMP + H2O => IMP + NH4+ \(AMPD\)](#)

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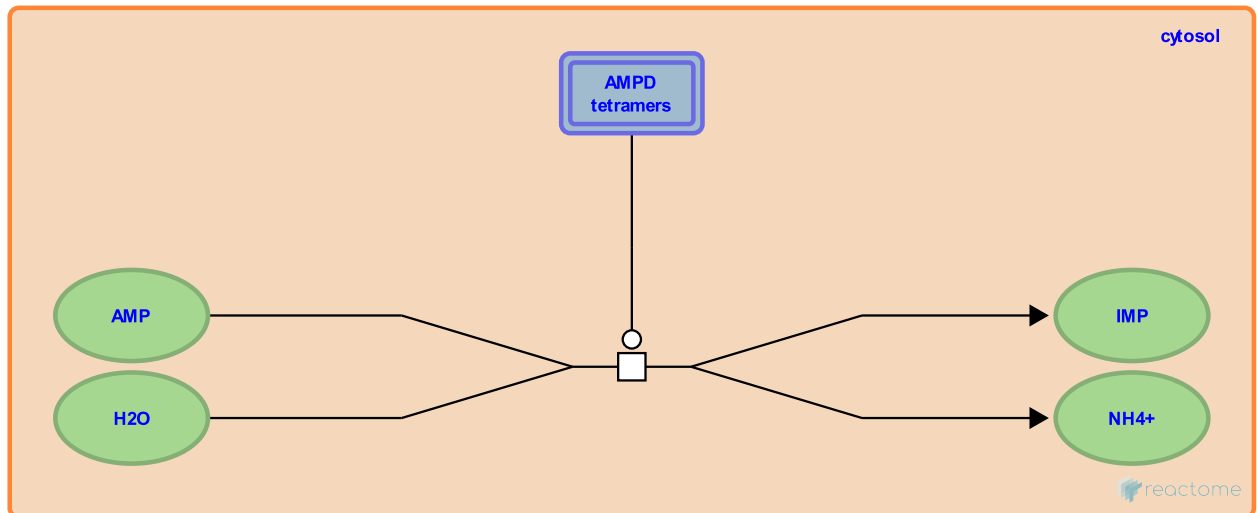
**AMP + H2O => IMP + NH4+ (AMPD)** ↗

**Location:** [Purine salvage](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-76590

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Cytosolic AMP deaminase (AMPD) catalyzes the hydrolysis of AMP to yield IMP and ammonia. Three isoforms of AMPD, E, L, and M, have been identified that differ in their expression patterns in the body. All occur as tetramers and all have qualitatively the same catalytic activity, however (Bausch-Jurken et al. 1992; Mahnke-Zizelman et al. 1998).

**Preceded by:** [APRT catalyzes the conversion of adenine to AMP](#)

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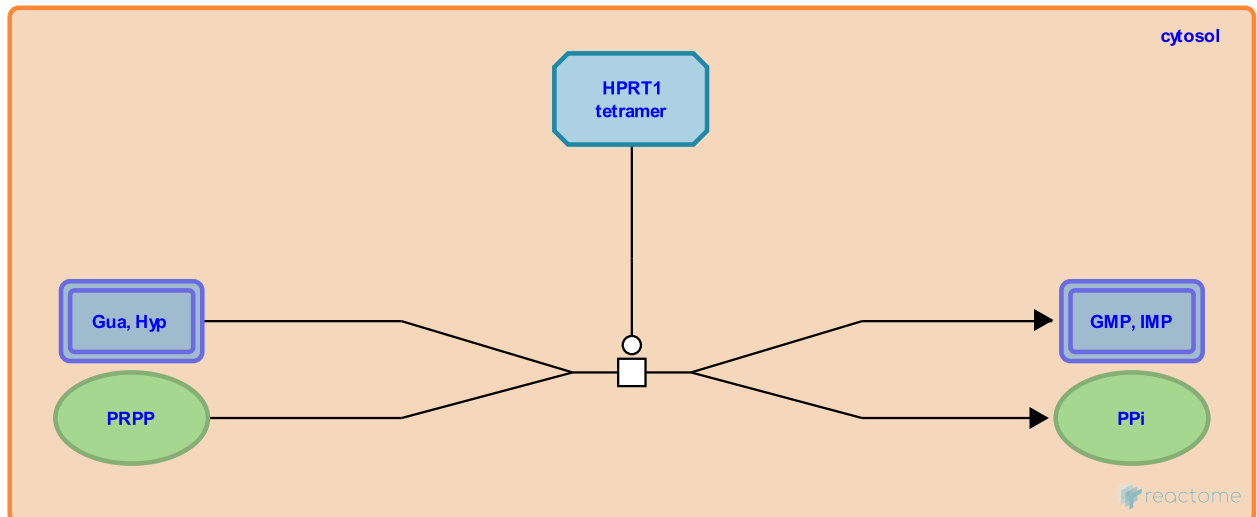
## HPRT1 catalyzes the conversion of guanine or hypoxanthine to GMP or IMP ↗

**Location:** [Purine salvage](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-74215

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Cytosolic hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyltransferase (HPRT1) tetramer catalyzes the reactions of guanine or hypoxanthine with PRPP to form GMP or IMP and pyrophosphate (Holden and Kelley 1978; Jolly et al. 1983).

**Followed by:**  $\text{GMP} + \text{NADPH} + \text{H}^+ \Rightarrow \text{IMP} + \text{NADP}^+ + \text{NH}_4^+$  (GMPR,GMPR2)

### Literature references

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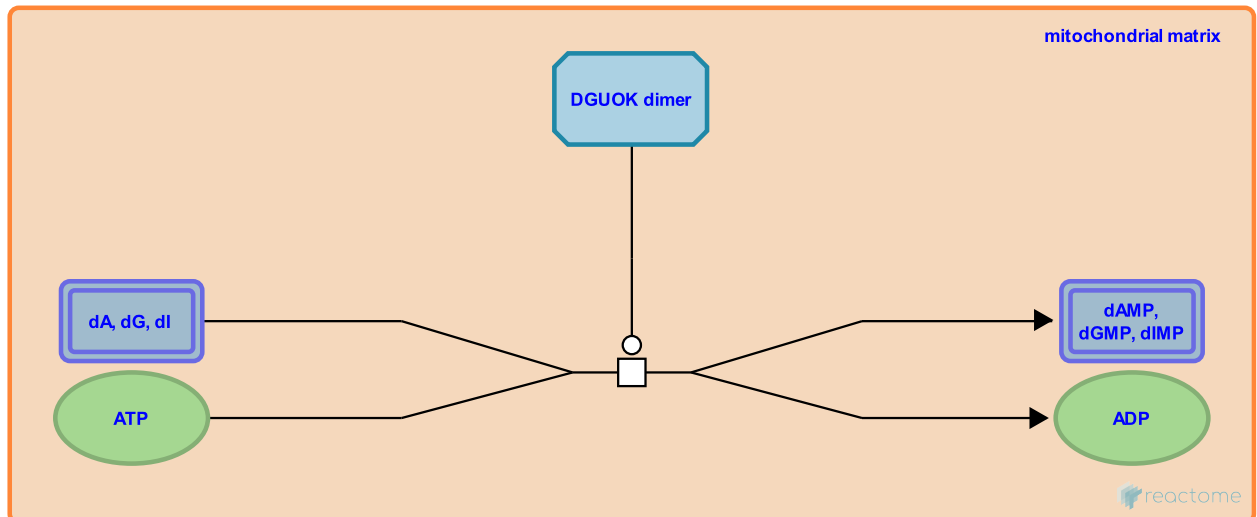
**dA, dG, or dI + ATP => dAMP, dGMP, or dIMP + ADP (DGUOK)** ↗

**Location:** Purine salvage

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-74207

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** mitochondrial matrix



Mitochondrial deoxyguanosine kinase (DGUOK) catalyzes the reactions of deoxyadenosine, deoxyguanosine, and deoxyinosine with ATP to form the corresponding nucleotide monophosphates and ADP (Park and Ives 1988; Johansson and Karlsson 1996). Crystallographic studies of the human enzyme have confirmed its dimeric structure and allowed identification of key amino acid residues responsible for its substrate specificity (Johansson et al. 2001).

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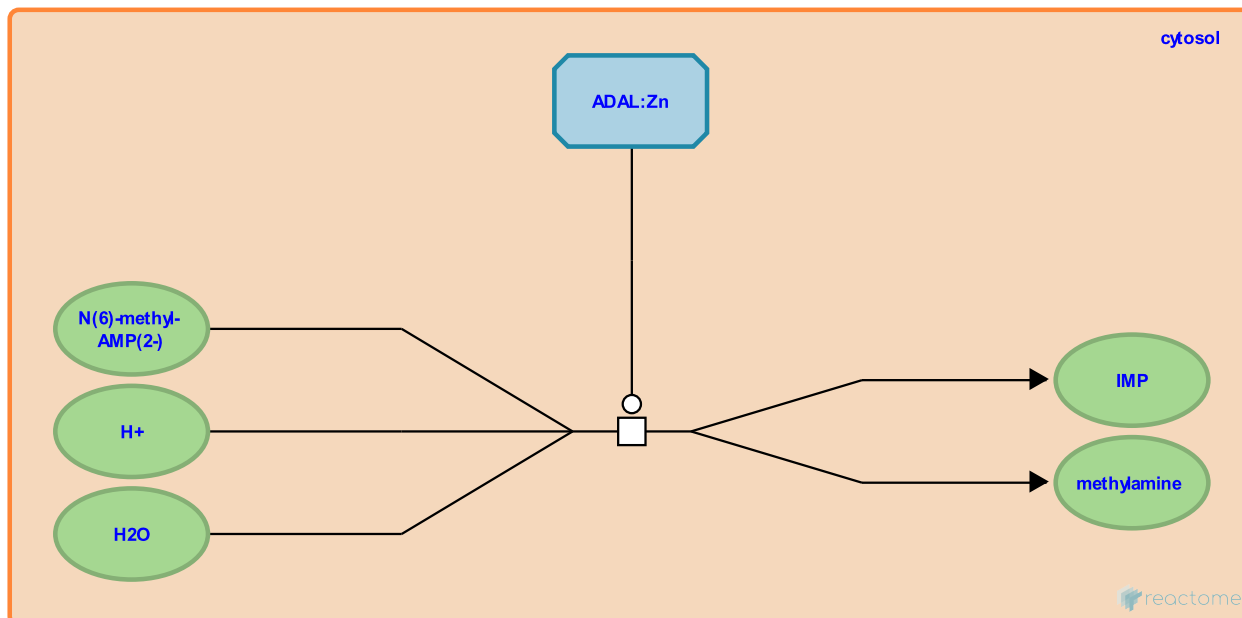
## ADAL1 hydrolyzes N6-methyl-AMP to IMP and methylamine ↗

**Location:** [Purine salvage](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-2161187

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Cytosolic ADAL (Adenosine DeAminase-Like) catalyzes the reaction of N6-methyl-AMP and water to form IMP and methylamine. The active form of the enzyme is a protein monomer complexed with a zinc ion (Murakami et al. 2011). Scaletti et al. (2021) suggest that under physiological conditions this reaction could enable the detoxification and salvage of methylated adenosine nucleotides.

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Vallin, KS., Jemth, AS., Scaletti, ER., Stenmark, P., Helleday, T., Sarno, A. et al. (2020). MutT homologue 1 (MTH1) removes N6-methyl-dATP from the dNTP pool. *J Biol Chem*, 295, 4761-4772. ↗

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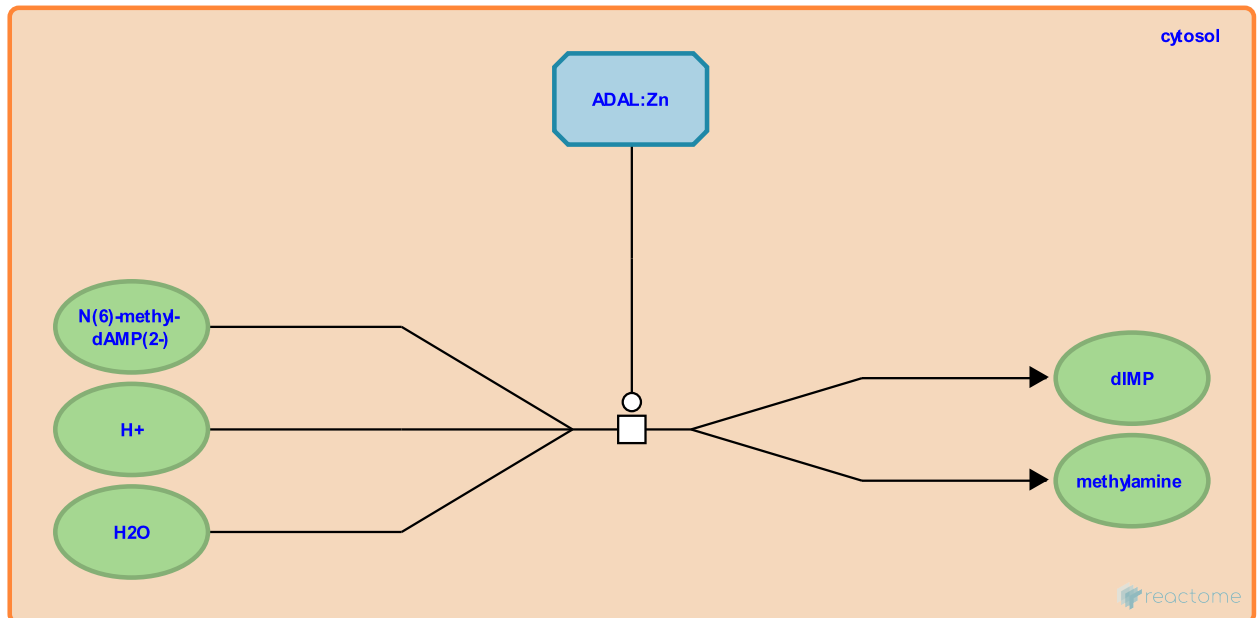
## ADAL1 hydrolyzes N6-methyl-dAMP to dIMP and methylamine ↗

**Location:** [Purine salvage](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-9731661

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Cytosolic ADAL (Adenosine DeAminase-Like) catalyzes the reaction of N6-methyl-dAMP and water to form dIMP and methylamine. The active form of the enzyme is a protein monomer complexed with a zinc ion (Murakami et al. 2011). Scaletti et al. (2021) suggest that under physiological conditions this reaction could enable the detoxification and salvage of methylated adenosine nucleotides.

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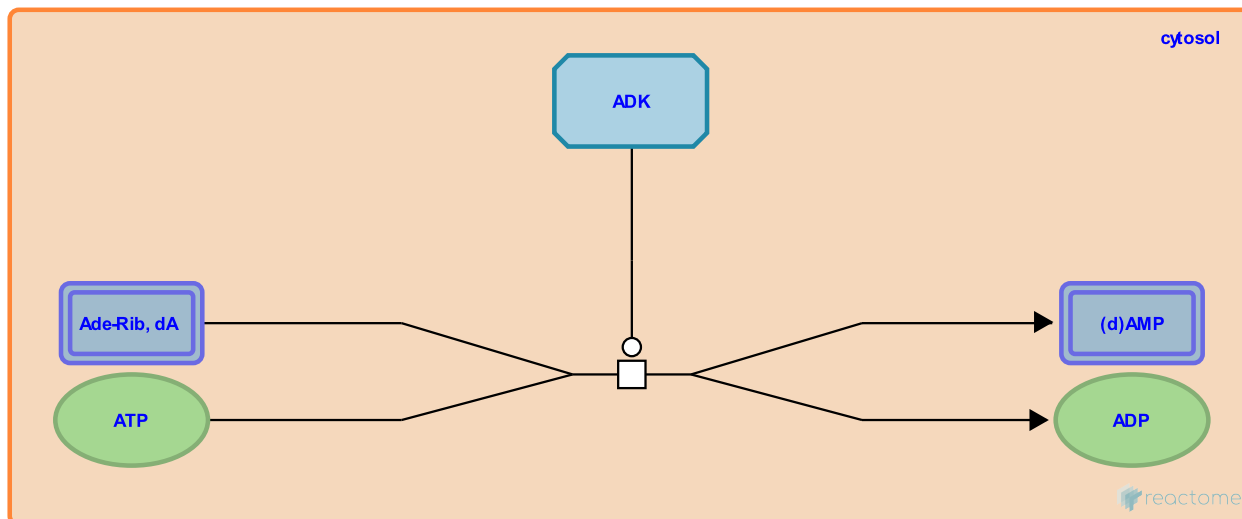
**(2'-deoxy)adenosine + ATP => (d)AMP + ADP (ADK)** ↗

**Location:** [Purine salvage](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-109624

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Cytosolic adenosine kinase (ADK) catalyzes the reactions of adenosine and deoxyadenosine with ATP to yield the corresponding nucleotide monophosphates and ADP (Andres and Fox 1979). The enzyme is substantially more active on adenosine than deoxyadenosine in vitro (Hurley et al. 1985) though studies of cultured cells suggest that both reactions may be physiologically relevant (Hershfield et al. 1982). The enzyme is a monomer complexed with magnesium (Mathews et al. 1998).

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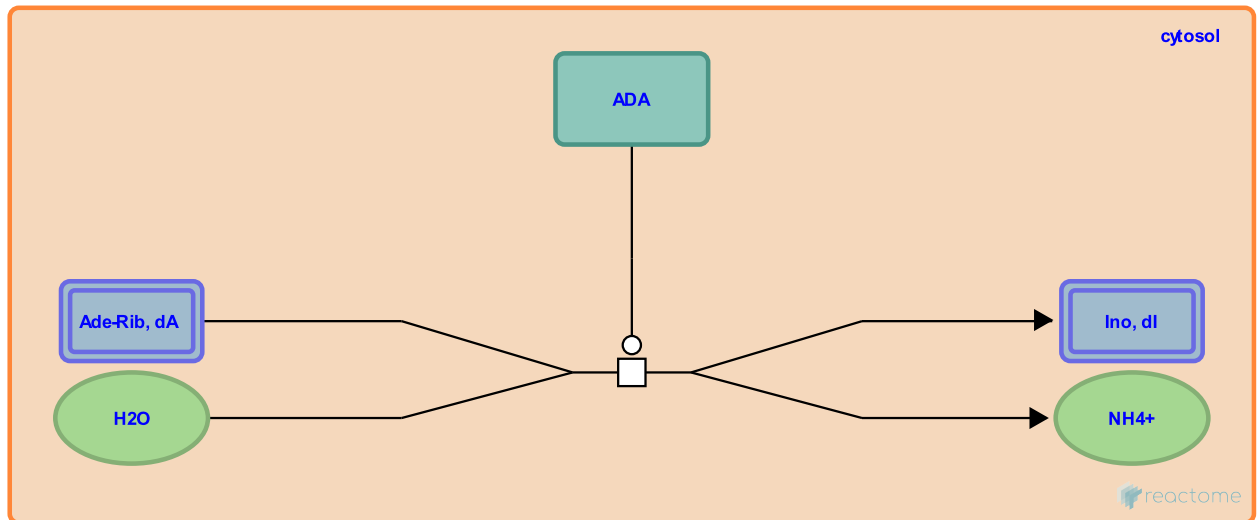
## ADA catalyzes the deamination of (deoxy)adenosine ↗

**Location:** [Purine salvage](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-74241

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Cytosolic adenosine deaminase (ADA) catalyzes the hydrolysis of 2'deoxyadenosine and adenosine to yield deoxyinosine and inosine, respectively, plus ammonia (Akeson et al. 1988). Unpublished crystallographic data (PDB 3IAR) indicate that the human enzyme is a monomer.

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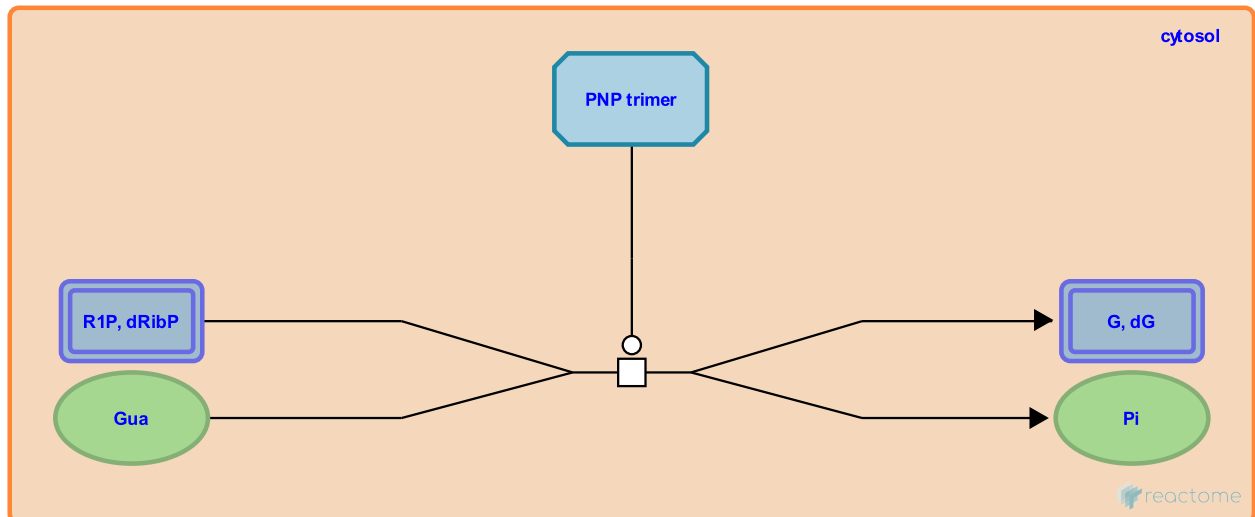
## PNP catalyzes the conversion of guanine and (deoxy)ribose to (deoxy)guanosine ↗

**Location:** [Purine salvage](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-112034

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Cytosolic purine nucleoside phosphorylase (PNP) trimer catalyzes the reversible reaction of guanine with ribose 1-phosphate or deoxyribose 1-phosphate to form guanosine or deoxyguanosine and orthophosphate (Ealick et al. 1990; Wiginton et al. 1980). While PNP is active with either ribose 1-phosphate or deoxyribose 1-phosphate in vitro, levels of deoxyribose 1-phosphate are normally low in vivo, limiting the extent of this reaction. PNP deficiency in vivo is associated with defects in purine metabolism and leads to immunodeficiency (Williams et al. 1987).

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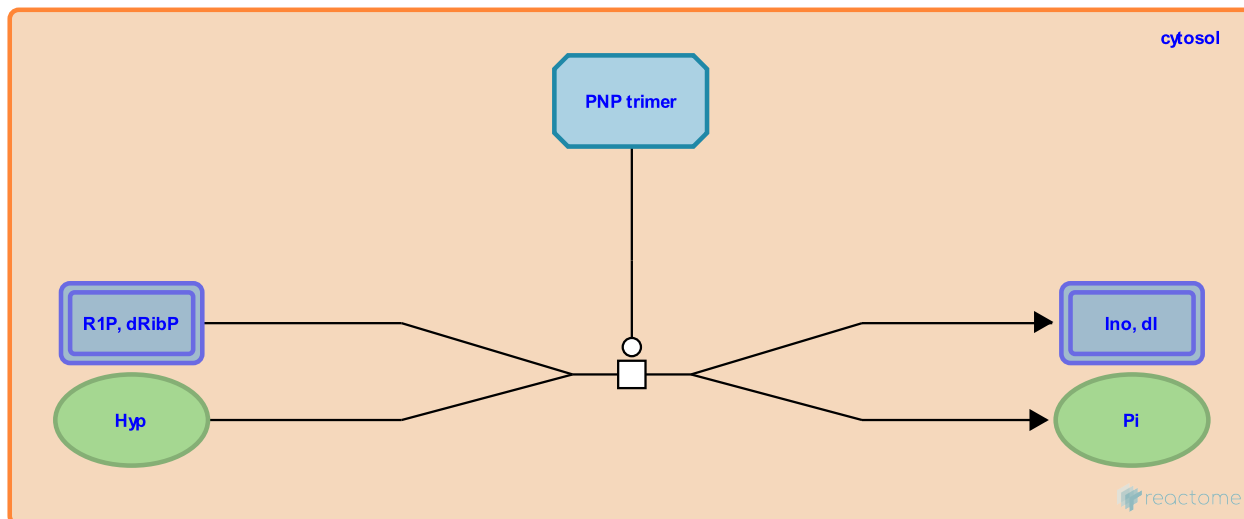
## PNP catalyzes the conversion of hypoxanthine and (deoxy)ribose to (deoxy)inosine ↗

**Location:** Purine salvage

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-112033

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol



Cytosolic purine nucleoside phosphorylase (PNP) trimer catalyzes the reversible reaction of hypoxanthine with ribose 1-phosphate or deoxyribose 1-phosphate to form inosine or deoxyinosine and orthophosphate (Ealick et al. 1990; Wiginton et al. 1980). While PNP is active with either ribose 1-phosphate or deoxyribose 1-phosphate in vitro, levels of deoxyribose 1-phosphate are normally low in vivo, limiting the extent of this reaction. PNP deficiency in vivo is associated with defects in purine metabolism and leads to immunodeficiency (Williams et al. 1987).

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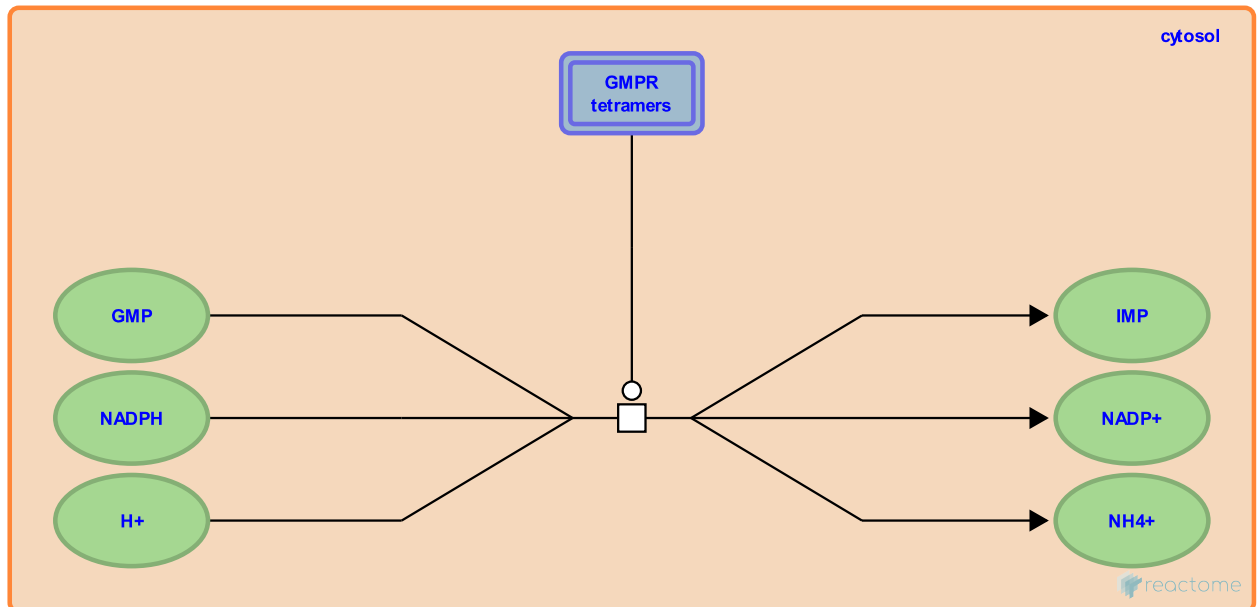
**GMP + NADPH + H+ => IMP + NADP+ + NH4+ (GMPR,GMPR2) ↗**

**Location:** [Purine salvage](#)

**Stable identifier:** R-HSA-514604

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**Compartments:** cytosol



Cytosolic GMP reductase (GMPR) catalyzes the reaction of GMP and NADPH + H<sup>+</sup> to yield IMP and NADP<sup>+</sup> + NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> (Spector et al. 1979; Deng et al. 2002). Two GMPR proteins have been identified, GMPR and GMPR2. Both proteins form homotetramers (GMPR - unpublished crystallographic data PDB 2BLE; GMPR2 - Li et al. 2006).

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