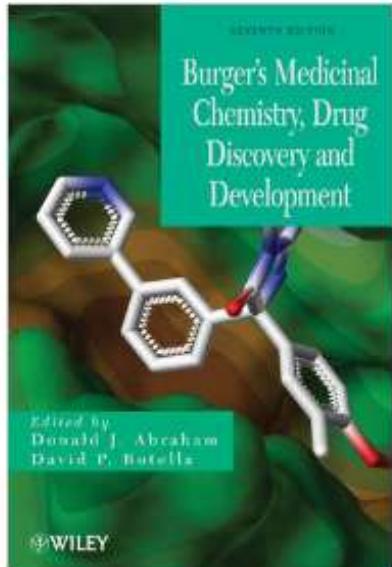




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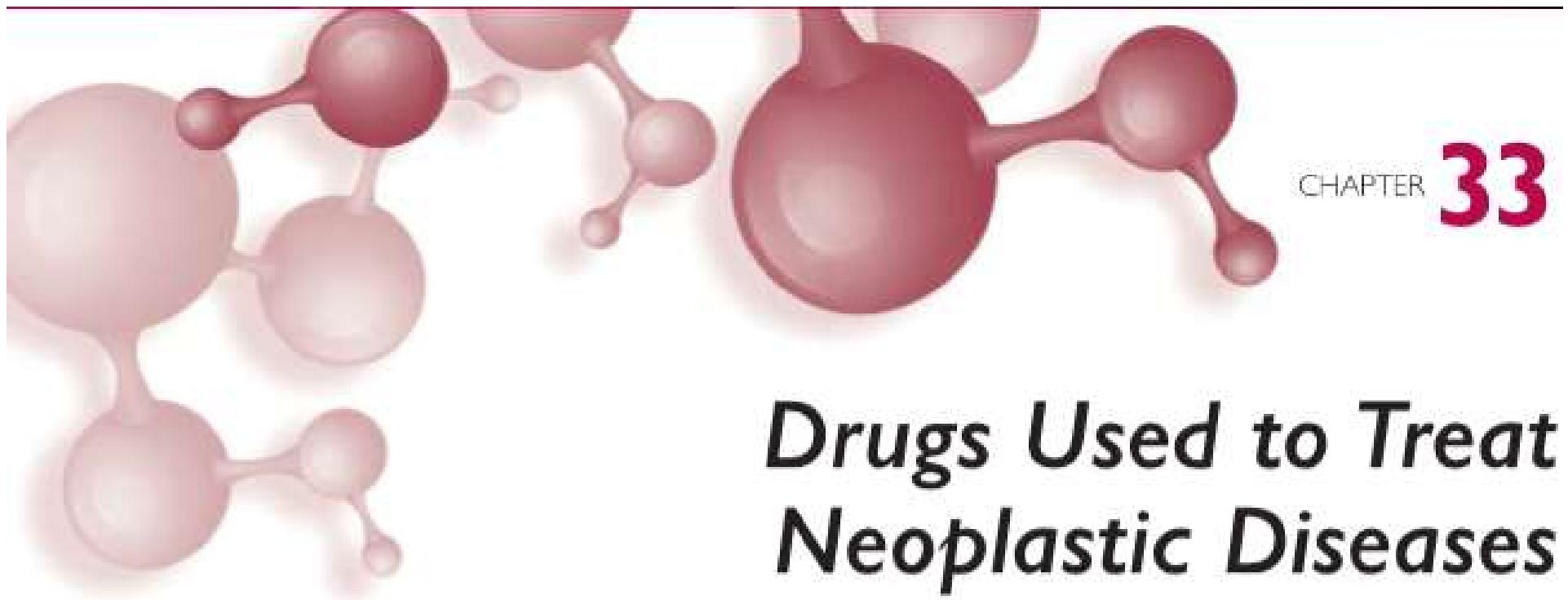


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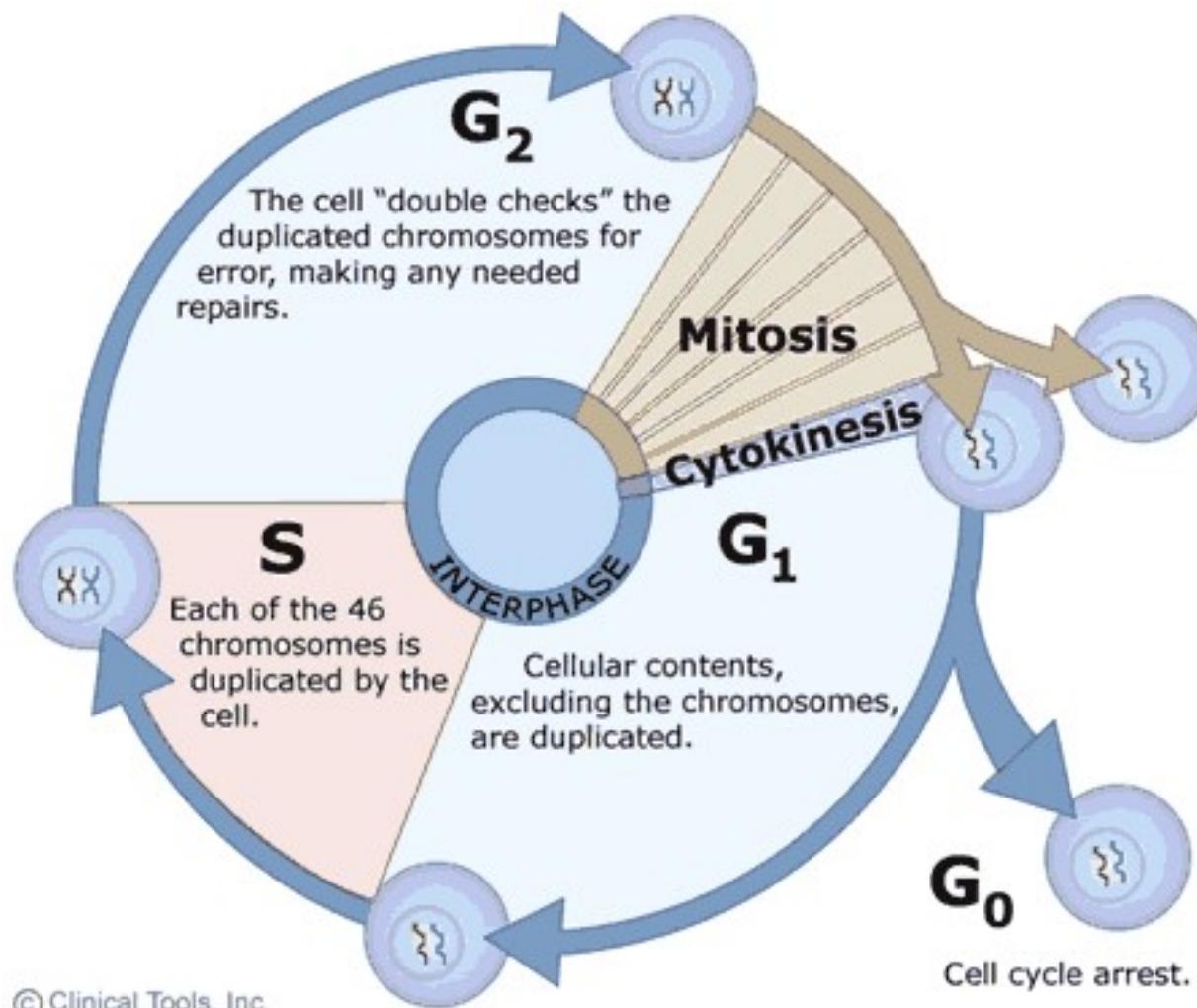


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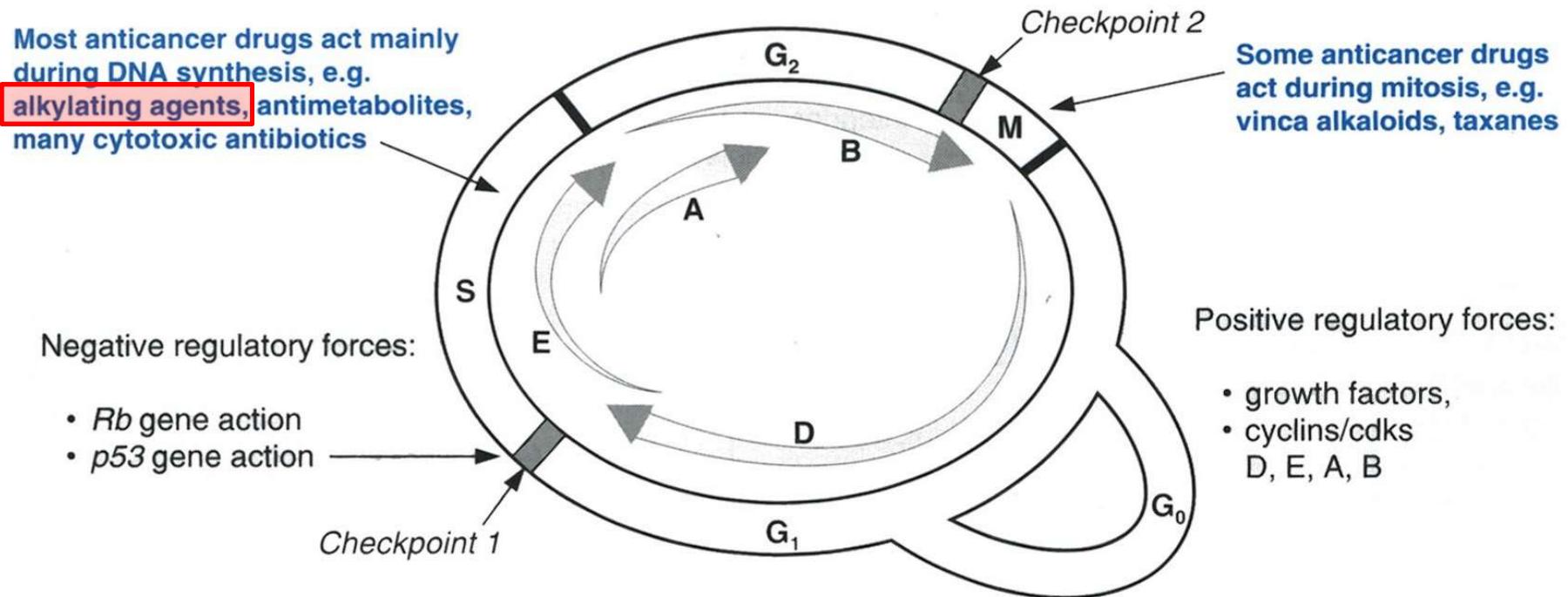
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# Established Possible Targets for Anticancer Agents in Cell Cycle



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# Cancer Treatment

- *Treatment approaches:*
  - Surgery
  - Radiation therapy
  - Immunologic treatment
  - Hormonal therapy
  - ***Chemotherapeutic agents***
- Goals in:*
- ✓ Cure
  - ✓ Reduce size of tumor
  - ✓ Sensitize tumor to radiation
  - ✓ Destroy microscopic metastases

# Pharmacologic Classification of Chemotherapeutic Agents

I. DNA (cross) linking agents; mostly DNA alkylating agents

II. Antimetabolites

III. DNA topoisomerase poisons & DNA intercalating agents:

III.1. Camptothecins; III.2. Epipodophyllotoxins

III.3. Antibiotics: III.3.a. Anthracyclines; III.3.b. Anthracenediones

IV. DNA interacting miscellaneous antibiotics:

IV.1. Phenoxazine; IV.2. Glycopeptide; IV.3. Mitomycin

# Pharmacologic Classification of Chemotherapeutic Agents- Contd.

V. Mitosis inhibitors: natural alkaloids

VI. Tyrosine Kinase & related inhibitors

VII. Histone deacetylase inhibitors

VIII. Immunomodulators

IX. Miscellaneous: hormonal, and specific agents

# I. DNA (Cross) Linking Agents:

## DNA Alkylating Agents

## DNA Alkylators

## DNA Methylators

## Organometalics



## *Drugs Used to Treat Neoplastic Diseases*

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### **Drugs covered or mentioned in this chapter—Continued**

#### **PYRIMIDINE ANTAGONISTS**

- Capecitabine
- Floxuridine
- Fluorouracil

#### **ANTIFOLATES**

- Methotrexate
- Pemetrexed
- Pralatrexate

#### **DNA POLYMERASE INHIBITORS**

- Cladribine
- Clofarabine
- Cytarabine
- Fludarabine
- Gemcitabine
- Trifluridine/tipiracil

#### **DNA METHYLTRANSFERASE INHIBITORS**

- Azacitidine
- Decitabine
- Nelarabine

#### **MISCELLANEOUS ANTIMETABOLITES**

- Hydroxyurea
- Pentostatin

#### **DNA CROSS-LINKING AGENTS**

##### **NITROGEN MUSTARDS**

- Bendamustine
- Chlorambucil
- Cyclophosphamide
- Ifosfamide
- Mechlorethamine
- Melphalan
- Thiotepa

#### **TRIAZENES AND PROCARBAZINE**

- Dacarbazine
- Procarbazine
- Temozolomide

#### **NITROSOUreas**

- Carmustine

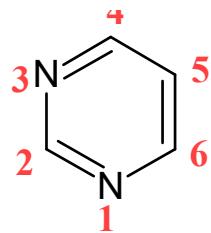
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#### **ORGANOPLATINUM COMPLEXES**

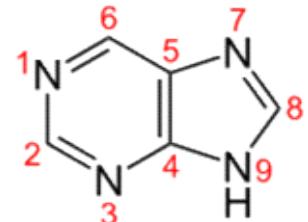
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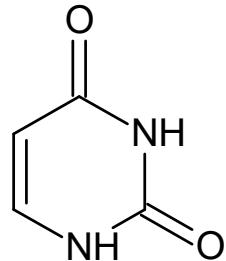
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- Trabectedin
- Tretinoin



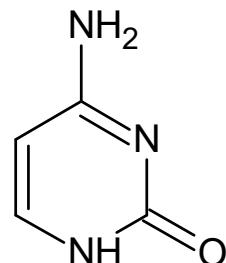
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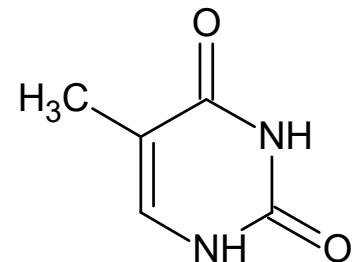
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2,4-dioxo-pyrimidine

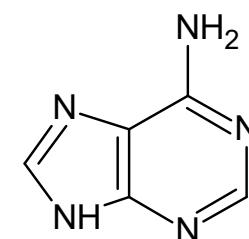


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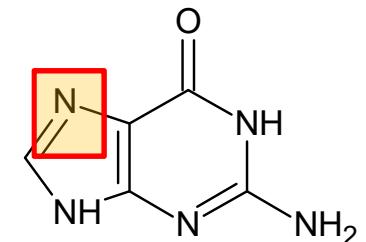


5-methyl-2,4-dioxo-pyrimidine

- Purines: A, G

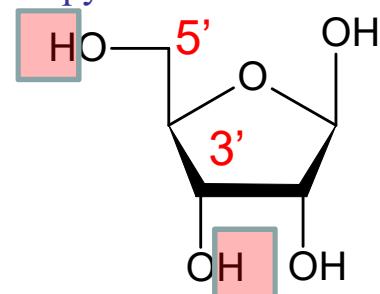


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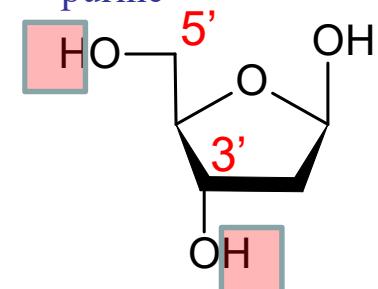


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- Ribose

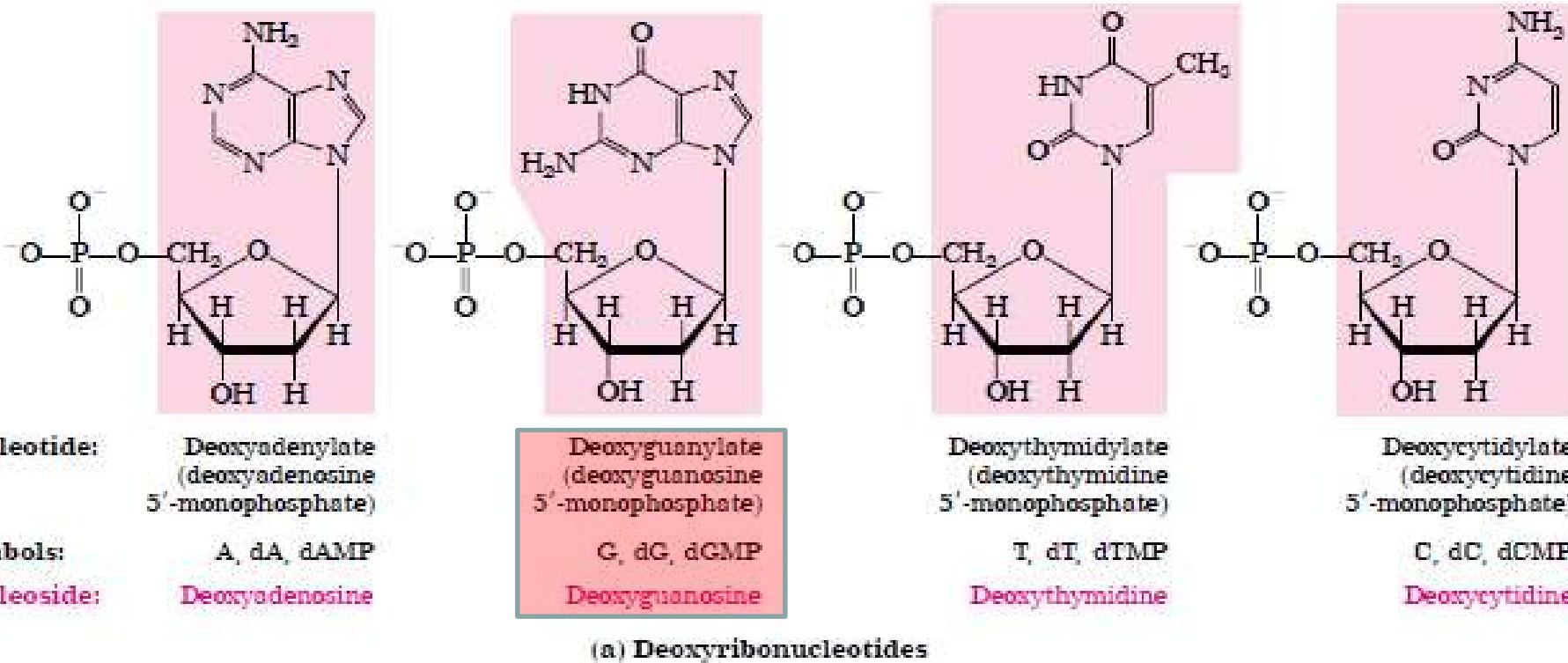


- 2-Deoxyribose



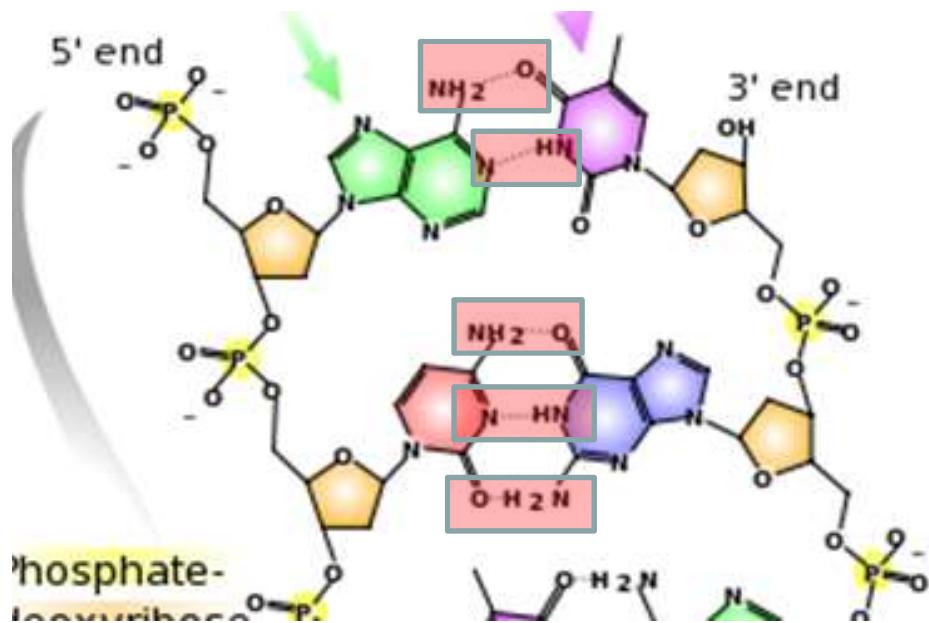
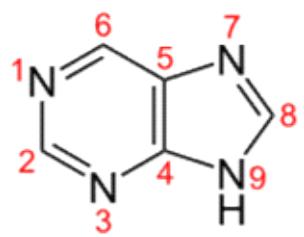
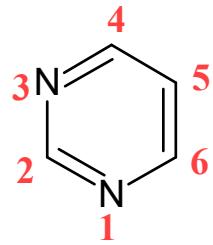
- Phosphate Group:  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ :  $\text{HO-P(O)(OH)-O-}$

# Nucleotides in DNA: Structures & Nomenclatures

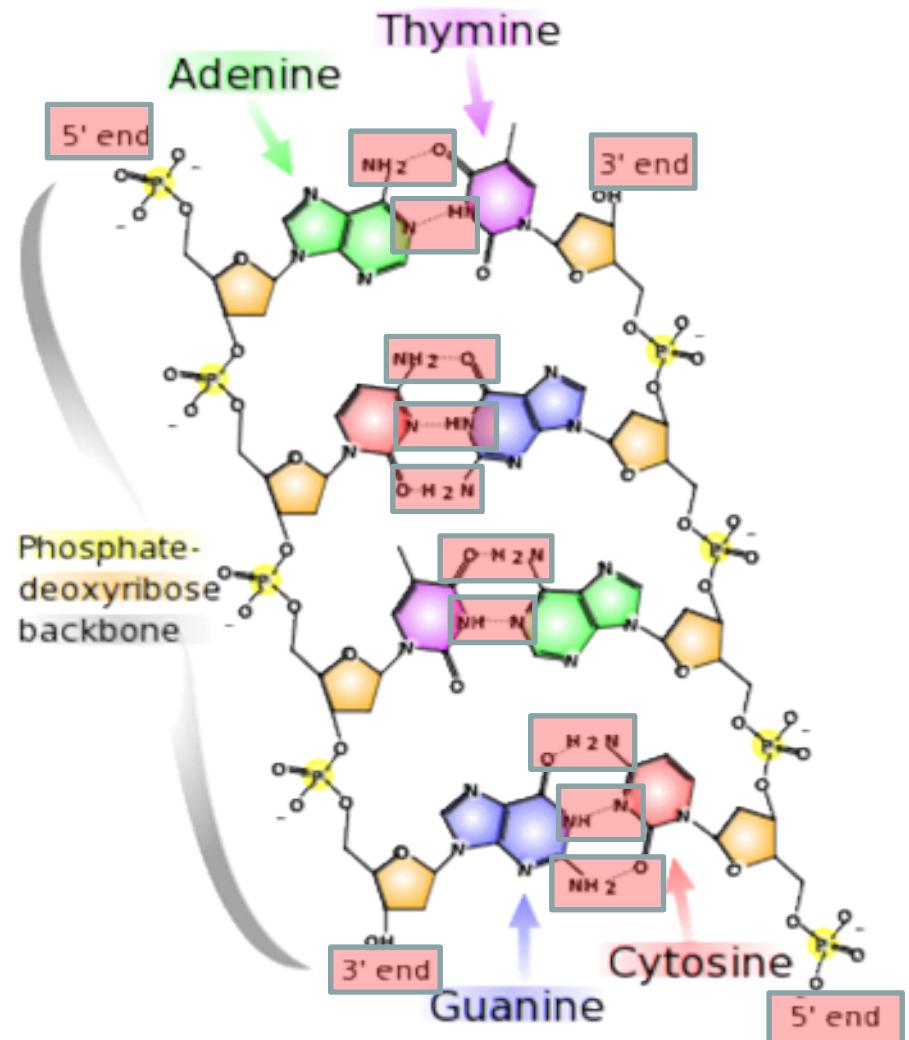


**FIGURE 8-4** Deoxyribonucleotides and ribonucleotides of nucleic acids. All nucleotides are shown in their free form at pH 7.0. The nucleotide units of DNA (a) are usually symbolized as A, G, T, and C, sometimes as dA, dG, dT, and dC; those of RNA (b) as A, G, U, and C. In their free form the deoxyribonucleotides are commonly abbreviated dAMP, dGMP, dTMP, and dCMP; the ribonucleotides, AMP,

GMP, UMP, and CMP. For each nucleotide, the more common name is followed by the complete name in parentheses. All abbreviations assume that the phosphate group is at the 5' position. The nucleoside portion of each molecule is shaded in light red. In this [14] the following illustrations, the ring carbons are not shown.



# Normal DNA Backbone

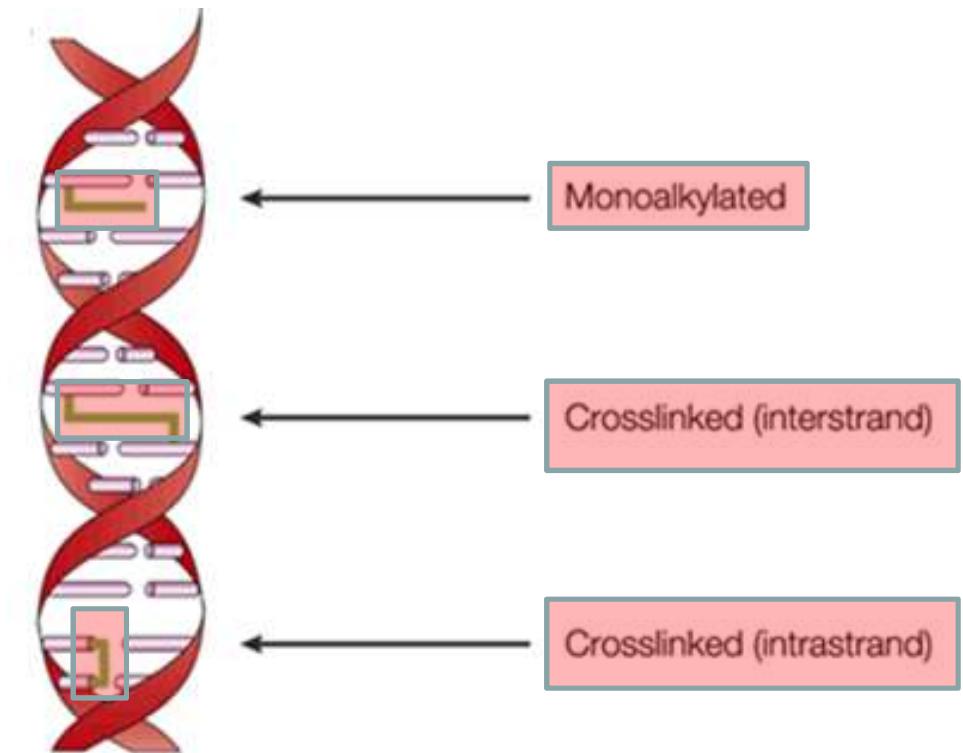


# DNA Alkylating Agents in Two General Types of DNA Alkylation

- Mono-alkylation

- Bis-alkylation:
  - ✓ inter-strand cross linking

- ✓ intra-strand cross linking



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# DNA Alkylating Agents: Chemistry & Mechanism

- Chemistry: electrophilic:
  - ✓ mono-functional
  - ✓ bi-functional
- MOA: irreversible alkylation or complexation
  - ✓ not cell cycle specific but more toxic to late G<sub>1</sub> & S phases
- Side effect:
  - ✓ interaction to electron rich groups such as: -SH; -OH; -NH-
  - ✓ in enzymes & membrane bound receptors

# Chemical Classification for

## I. DNA (Cross) Linking Agents

I.1-Nitrogen mustards: beta halo-ethyl nitrogens:

- a. beta halo-ethyl amine: aliphatic amine or aromatic amine
- b. beta halo-ethyl phosphoramide nitrogen: cyclic phosphoramide

I.2-Aziridin

I.3-DNA alkylators / methylators:

- a. Sulfonate ester: busulfan
- b. Hydrazine: procarbazine
- c. Triazene: dacarbazine
- d. Tetrazine: temozolomide
- e. Triazine: altretamine

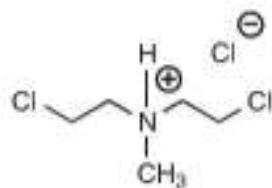
I.4-Nitroso-Ureas (NUs)

I.5- Organometallic agents: platinum agents (DNA cross linkers)

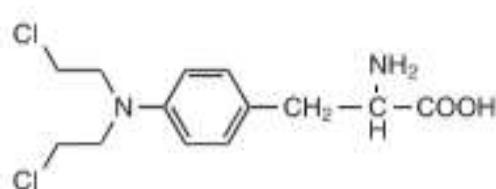
I.6. Miscellaneous antibiotic: mitomycin

# DNA (Cross) Linking Agents

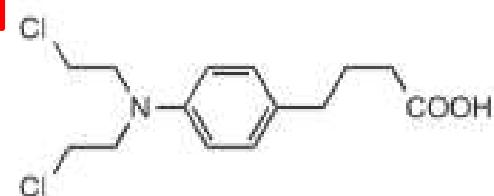
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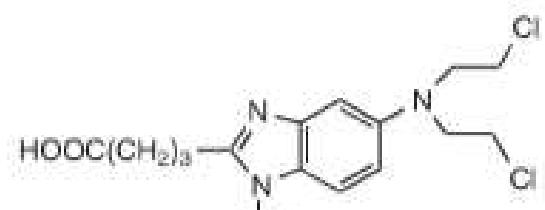
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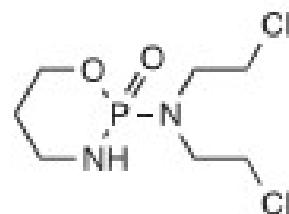
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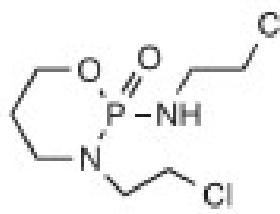
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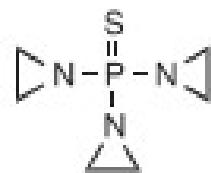
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Cyclophosphamide  
(Cytoxan)



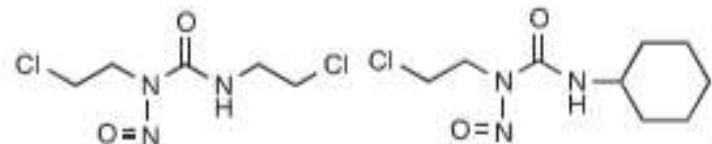
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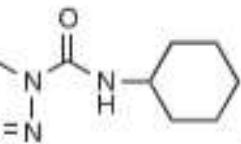
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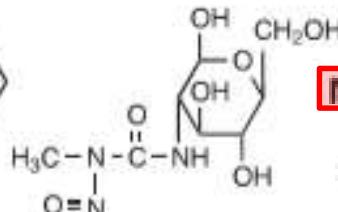
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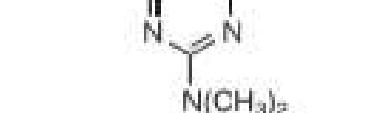
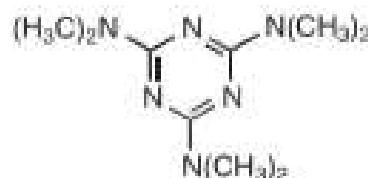


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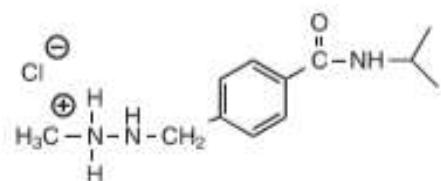


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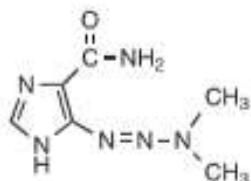
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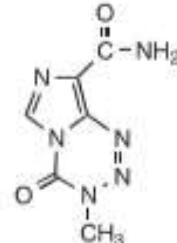
**DNA methylators:**



Procarbazine hydrochloride  
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Dacarbazine  
(DTIC-Dome)

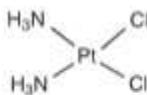


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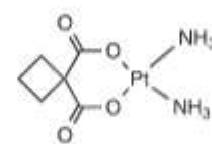
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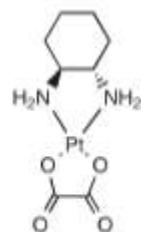
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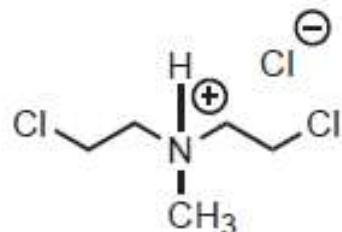
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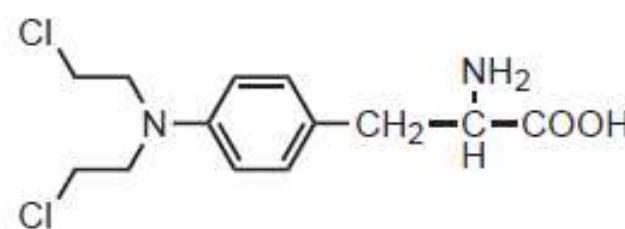
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# I.1. Nitrogen Mustards: Beta-Halo-Ethyl-Amines: Aliphatic or Aromatic Amines

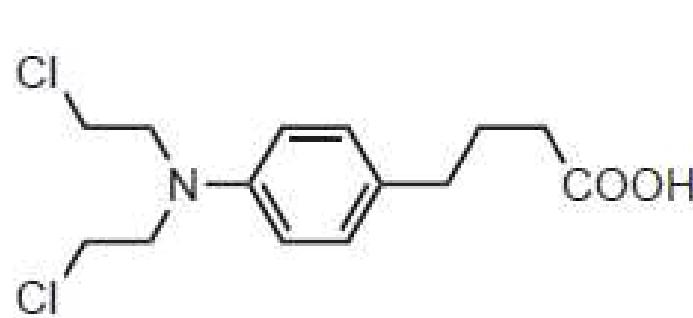
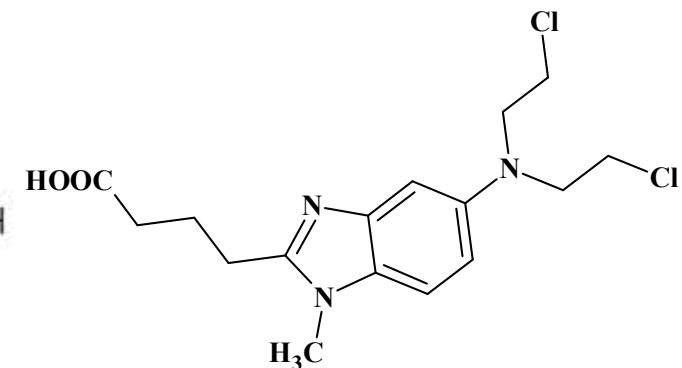
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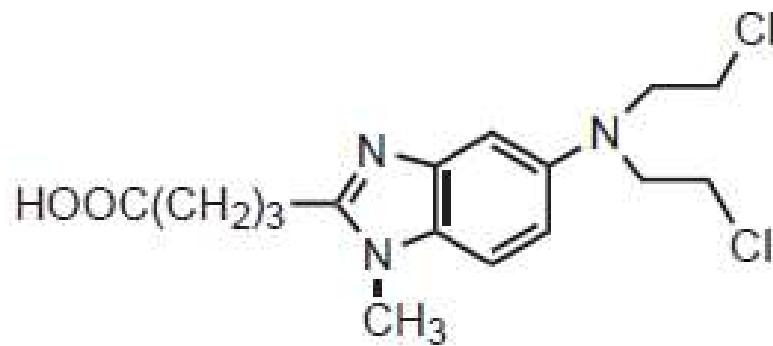
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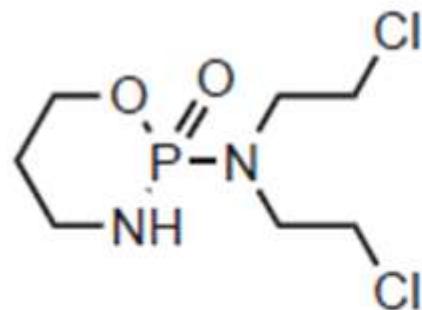


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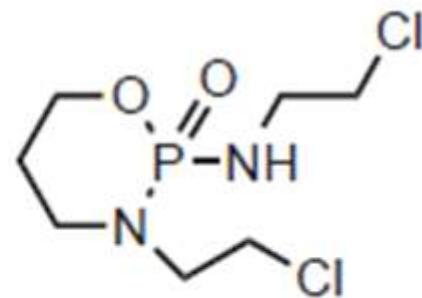


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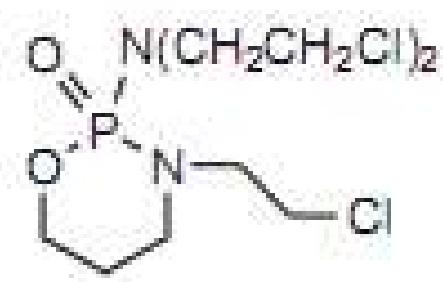
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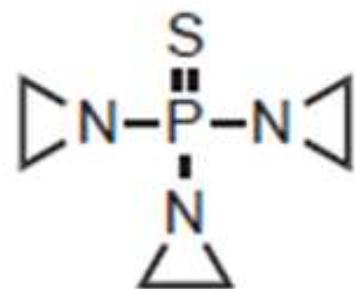
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Trofosfamide

## I.2.Aziridine

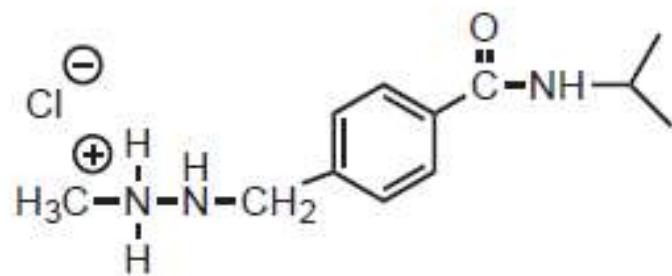
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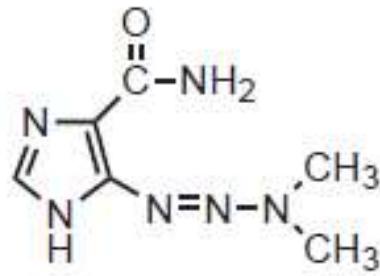
Thiotepa  
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# I.3. DNA Alkylators/Methylators

DNA methylators:



Procarbazine hydrochloride  
(Matulane)

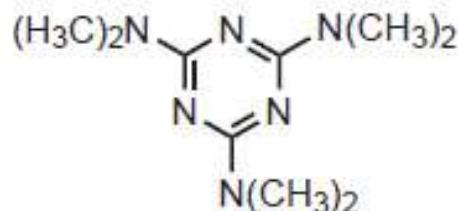


Dacarbazine  
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(Temodar)

Miscellaneous DNA alkylators:



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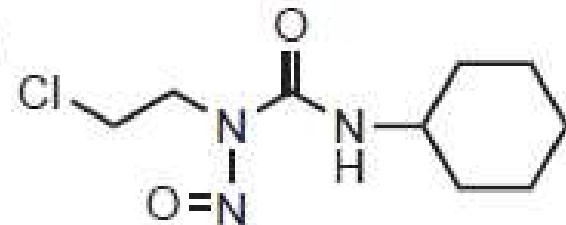
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- b. Hydrazine: procarbazine
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- e. Triazine: altretamine

## I.4. Nitroso-Ureas

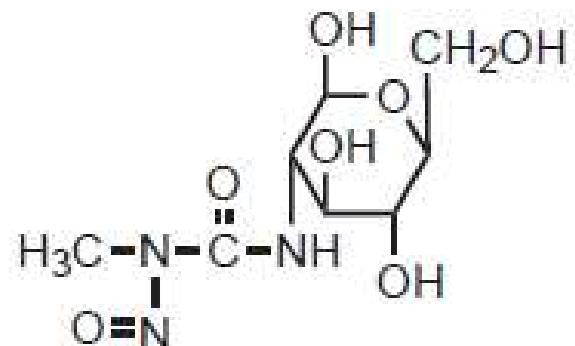
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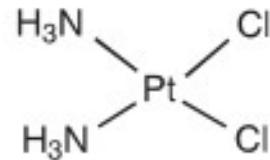
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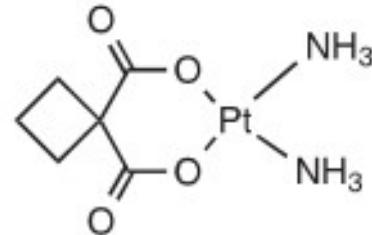
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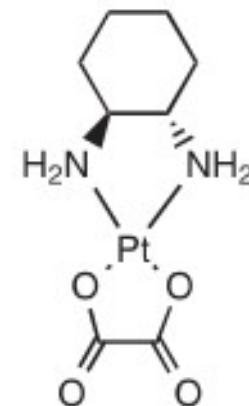
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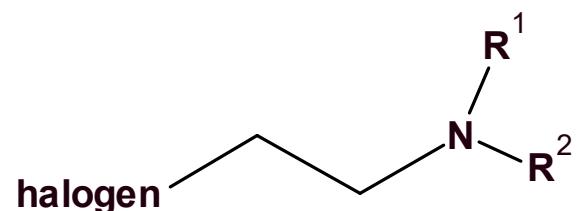
Oxaliplatin  
(Eloxatin)

# I. DNA (Cross) Linking Agents:

## I.1-Nitrogen Mustards: Beta-Halo Ethyl Nitrogen

a. Beta-halo ethyl amine: mostly in Bis-form:

- ✓ aliphatic amine
- ✓ aromatic amine: anilinic

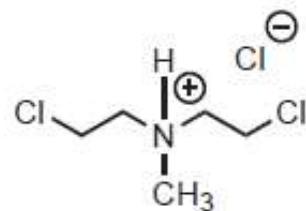


b. Beta- halo ethyl phosphoramide nitrogen

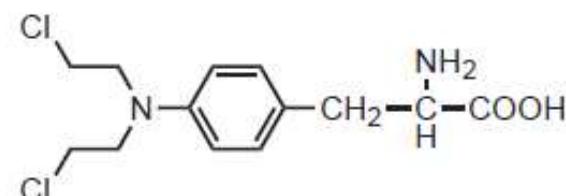
## I.1. Nitrogen Mustards: Beta-Halo-Ethylamines: Aliphatic or Aromatic Amines: SAR

Nitrogen mustards and aziridine-mediated alkylators:

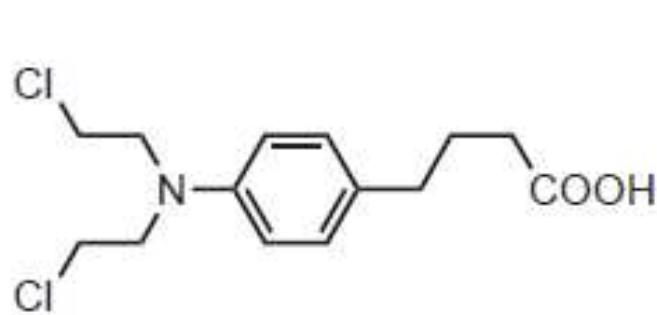
- SAR



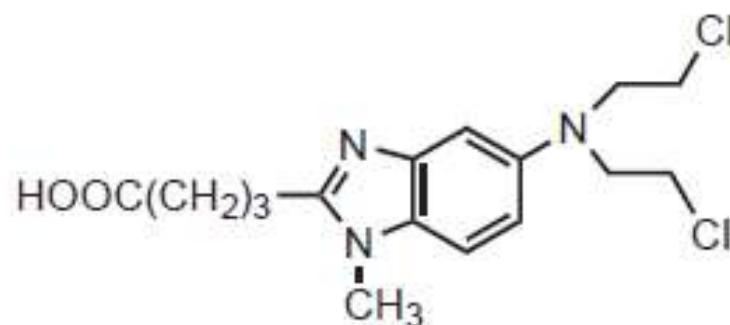
Mechlorethamine  
hydrochloride  
(Mustargen)



Melphalan  
(Alkeran)



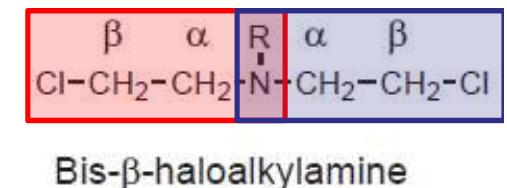
Chlorambucil  
(Leukeran)



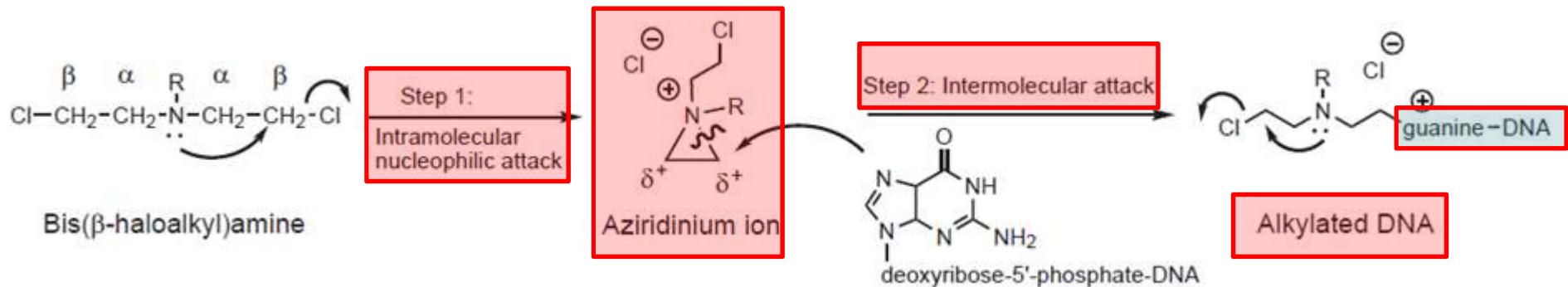
Bendamustine  
(Treanda)

# I.1. Nitrogen Mustards: MOA

- Bis- $\beta$ -halo-ethyl amines (nitrogens): as prodrug:



- ✓ step1: intramolecular nucleophilic attack: aziridinium cation
- ✓ step2: intermolecular nucleophilic attack by N7-G



- Reactive intermediate: highly electrophilic aziridinium cation
- Molecular mechanism: as prodrug:
- ✓ DNA alkylation through G-N7
- ✓ hydrolytic depurination

# 4 to 5 steps in Mechanism of DNA Alkylation & DNA Destruction through Nitrogen Mustards

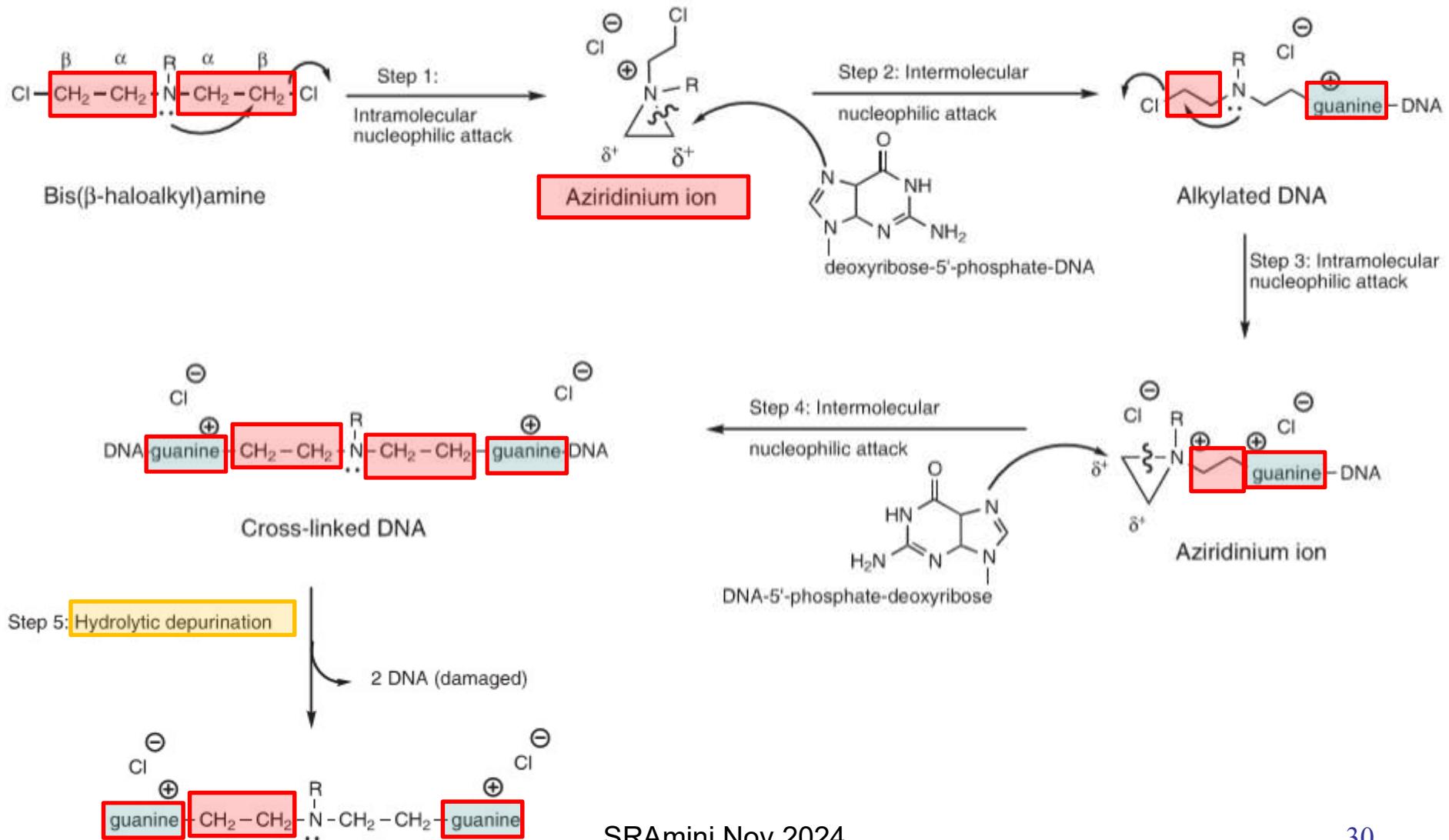


Figure 33.56 DNA destruction through nitrogen mustard-mediated alkylation.

# Aqueous Inactivation or Decomposition of Nitrogen Mustards by Water

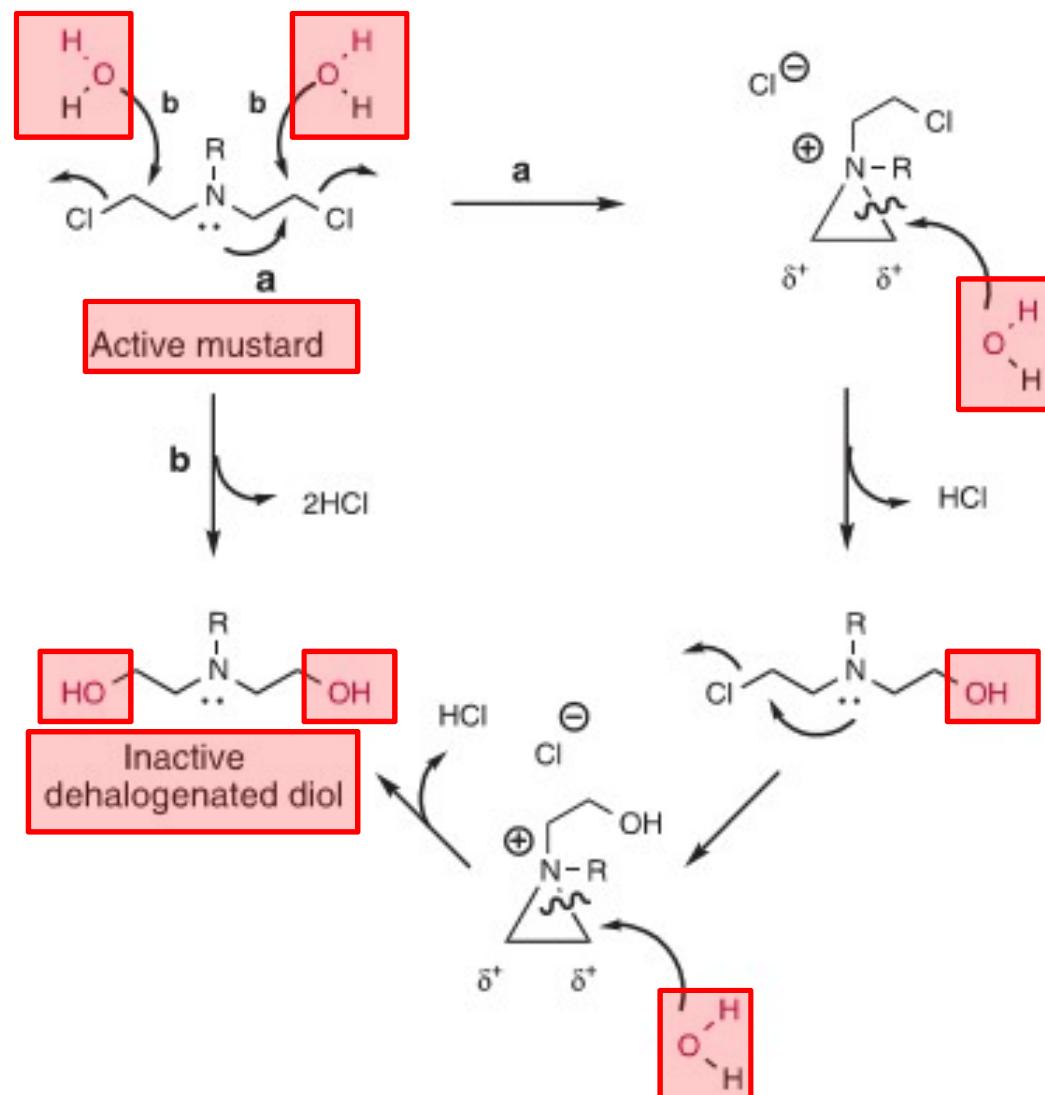


Figure 33.57 Aqueous decomposition of nitrogen mustards.

## I.1. Nitrogen Mustards: Mechlorethamine: Inactivation of Nitrogen Mustards by Sodium Thiosulfate

- Mechlorethamine: the **only** aliphatic mustard
- ✓ HCl salt
- ✓  $pK_a = 6.1$
- Even in skin contact: should be inactivated with:
- ✓ sodium thiosulfate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ ): reactant anion:  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$
- ✓ produce inactive, highly ionized & water soluble thio-sulfate ester

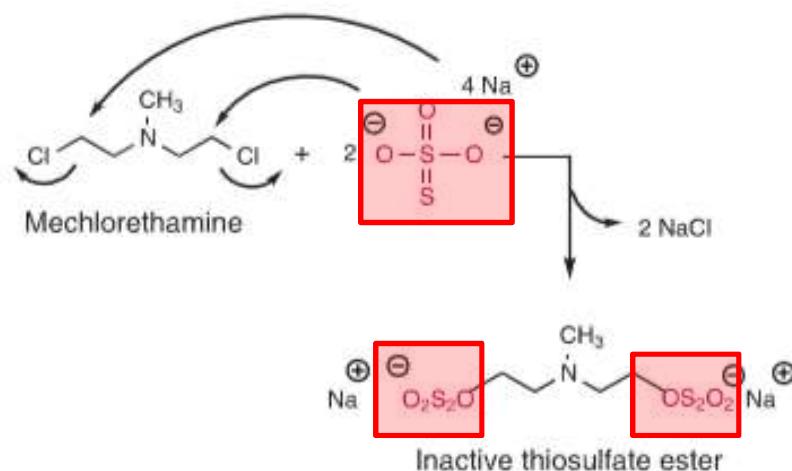
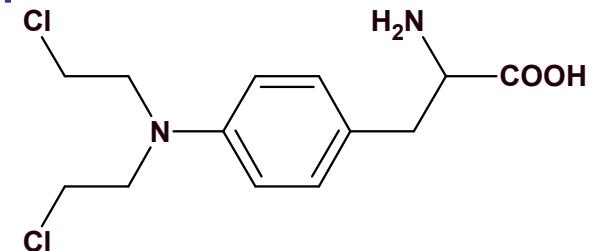


Figure 33.58 Mechlorethamine inactivation by sodium thiosulfate.

## I.1. Nitrogen Mustards: Melphalan

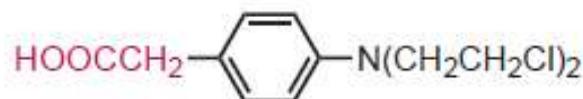
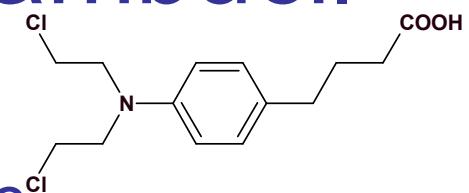
- Melphalan: phenylAlanin Mustard: PAM (L-PAM); Alkeran®
  - ✓ aromatic mustard: less reactive than aliphatic
  - ✓ L-Phe act as homing device



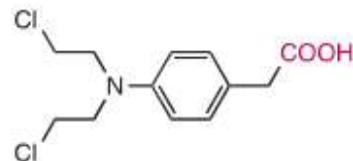
- Cell penetration: active transport & facilitated diffusion
- Dosage form: oral
- ✓ SE: mutagenic: to induce leukemia

# I.1. Nitrogen Mustards: Chlorambucil

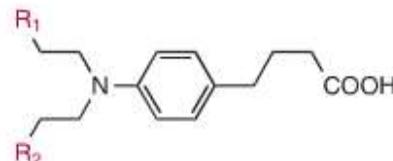
- Chlorambucil: Leukeran®
- ✓ aromatic mustard: less reactive than aliphatic
- Cell penetration: facilitated diffusion > active transport
- Dosage form: oral
- Active Metabolite: Phenyl Acetic acid Mustard: PAM
- Inactive metabolites: ?



Phenylacetic acid mustard (an active chlorambucil metabolite)



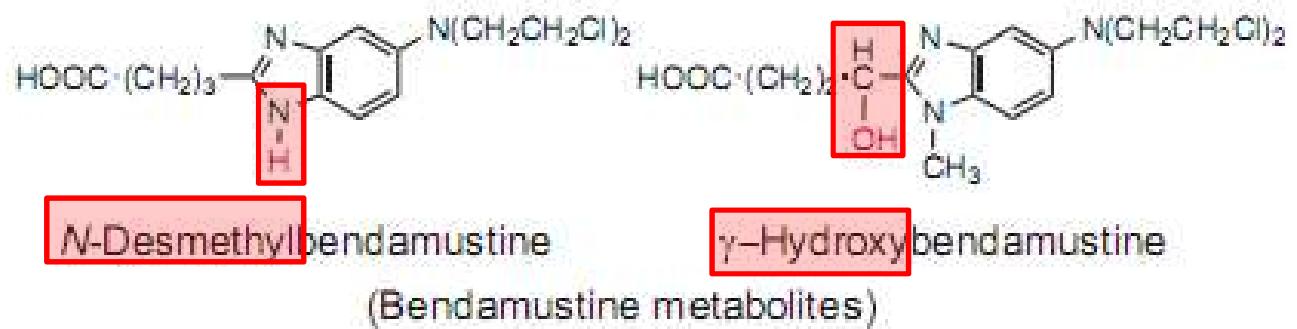
Phenylacetic acid mustard  
(active chlorambucil  
metabolite)



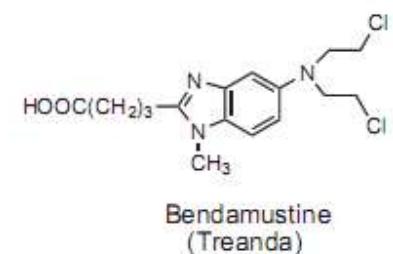
Inactive chlorambucil hydrolysis  
products  
(R<sub>1</sub> = OH, R<sub>2</sub> = Cl [monohydroxy])  
(R<sub>1</sub> = R<sub>2</sub> = OH [dihydroxy])

## I.1. Nitrogen Mustards: Bendamustine

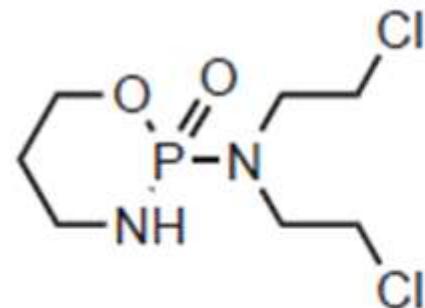
- Bendamustine: Treanda®
- ✓ N-methyl benz-imidazole analogue of chlorambucil
- Purine like ring substitution: promote antimetabolite
- ✓ provides extra MOA in addition to DNA alkylation
- Metabolism: active but clinically **insignificant**
- ✓ N-demethylation
- ✓  $\gamma$ -hydroxylation



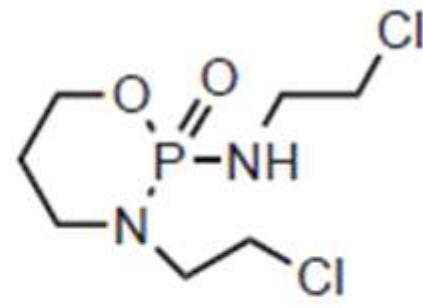
- Dosage form: only IV
- Can **induce** p53-mediated stress response
- Can **induce** apoptosis



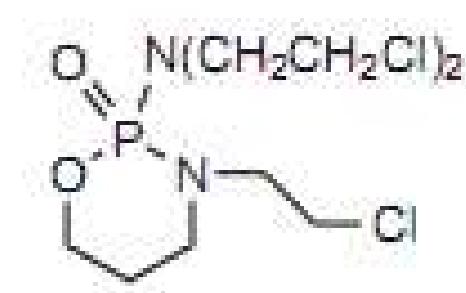
## I.1. Nitrogen Mustards: Beta-Halo-Ethyl-Amines (Nitrogens): Phosphoramides: SAR



Cyclophosphamide  
(Cytoxan)



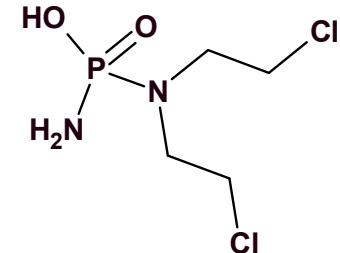
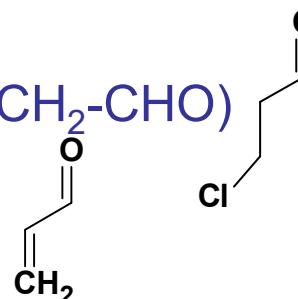
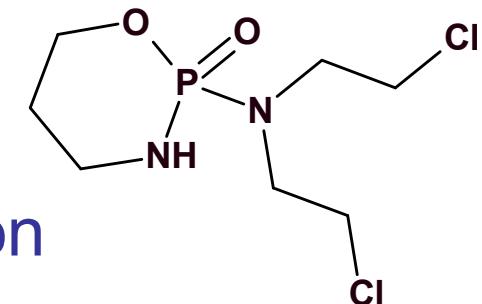
Ifosfamide  
(Ifex)



Trofosfamide

## I.1. Nitrogen Mustards: Phosphoramides: Cyclophosphamide

- Cyclophosphamide: CTX; Cytoxan®
- Chemistry: oxazaphosphorine
- Chiral prodrug: CYP450 related bio-activation
- Metabolic & non-metabolic activation processes.
- Active metabolites: phosphoramide mustard ( $pK_a = 4.75$ )
- Toxic metabolites:
  - ✓ Chloro-acetaldehyde (Cl-CH<sub>2</sub>-CHO)
  - ✓ Acrolein (CH<sub>2</sub>=CH-CHO)
- Adjuvant in therapy: mercaptoalkyl sulfonate sodium: Mesna; MESNA



# Cyclophosphamide Bio-Activation

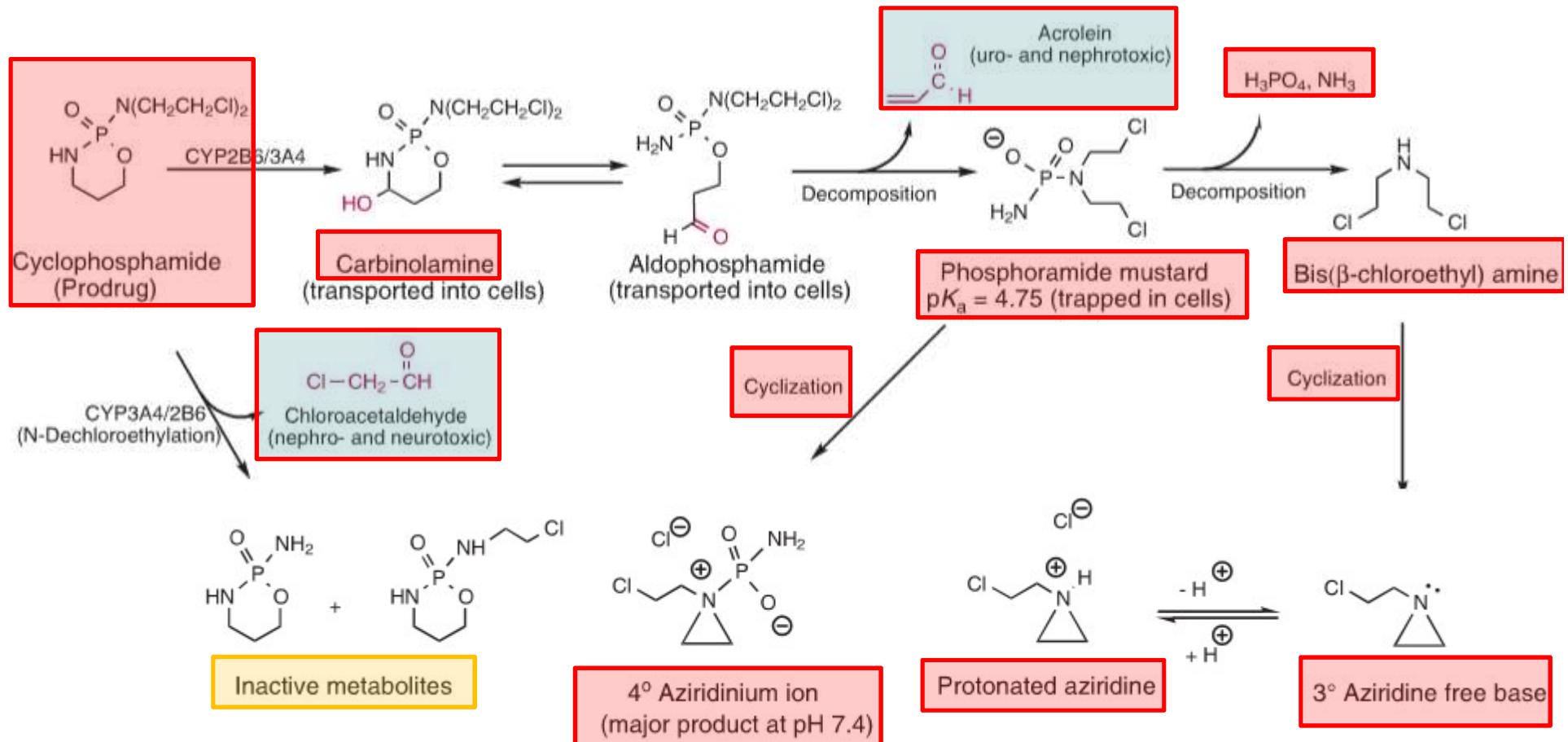
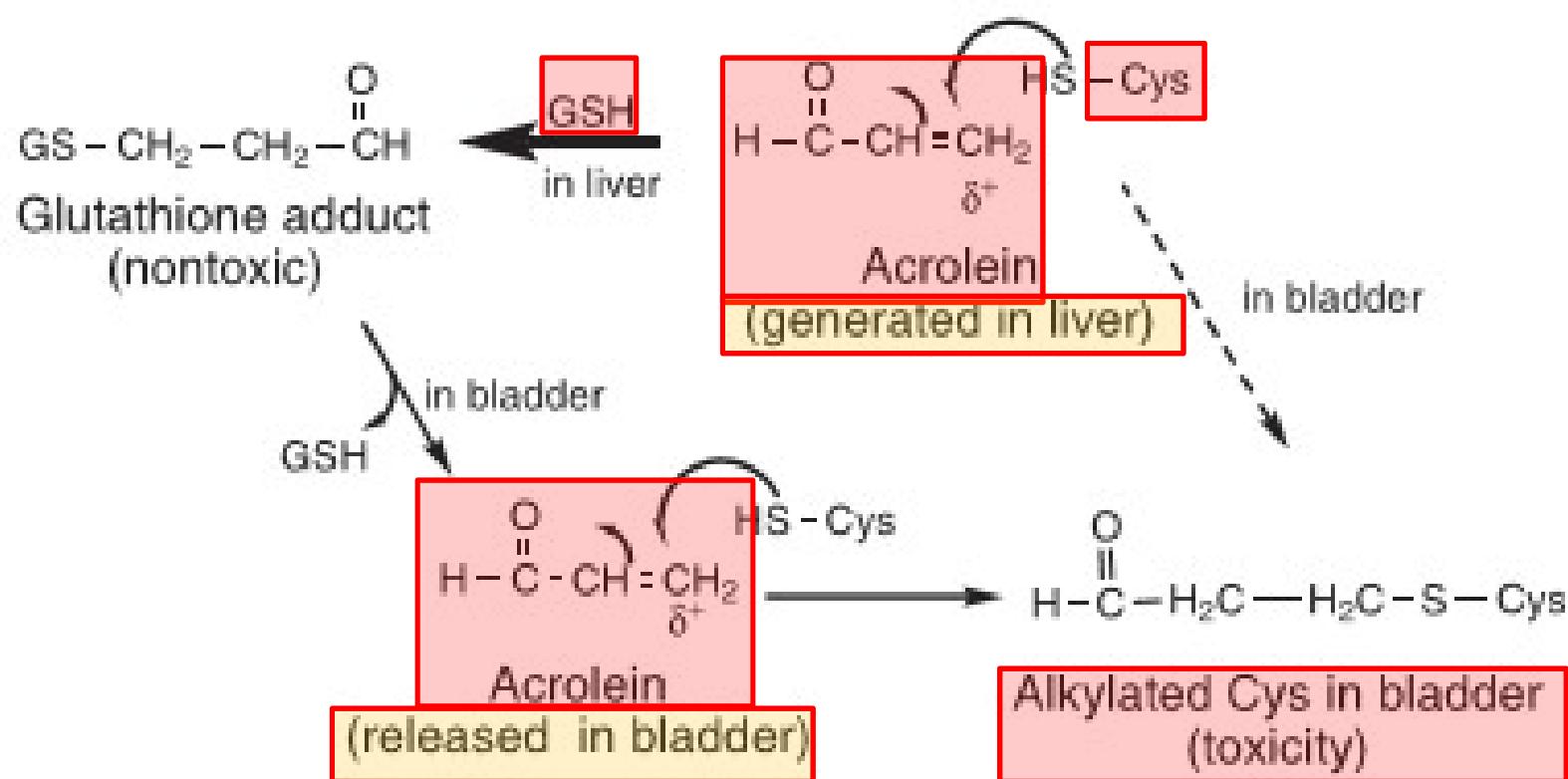


Figure 33.59 Cyclophosphamide metabolism.

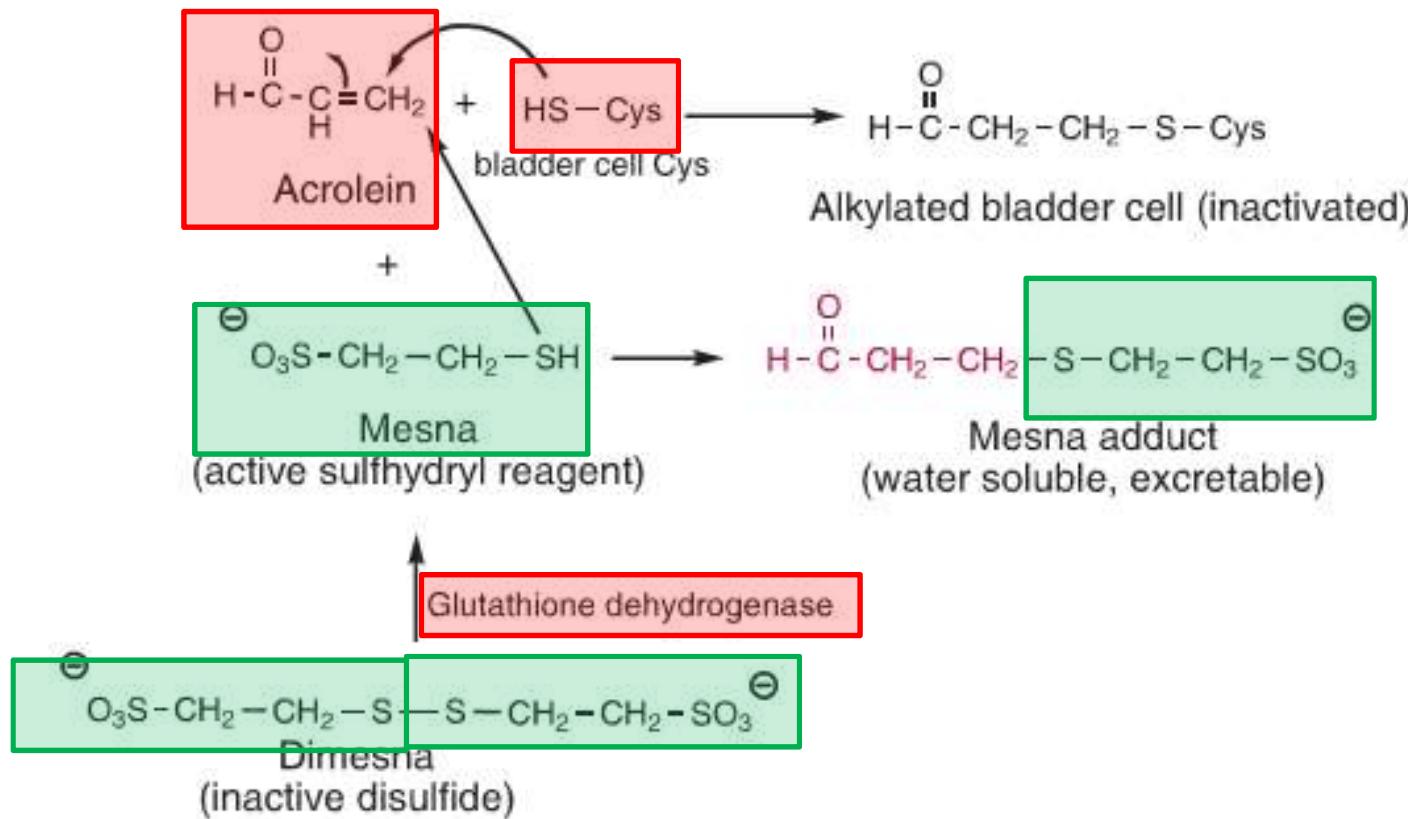
# Interaction of Cys & GSH to Acrolein



**Figure 33.60** GSH conjugation with acrolein.

# Acrolein Detoxification By Mesna

- Consider activation of Di-Mesna by Glutathione dehydrogenase
- Follow MESNA adduct product



**Figure 33.61** Acrolein detoxification by mesna.

# Detoxification of Chloro-Acetaldehyde by NAC

- NAC: N-Acetyl Cysteine: HS-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH(NHCOCH<sub>3</sub>)COOH

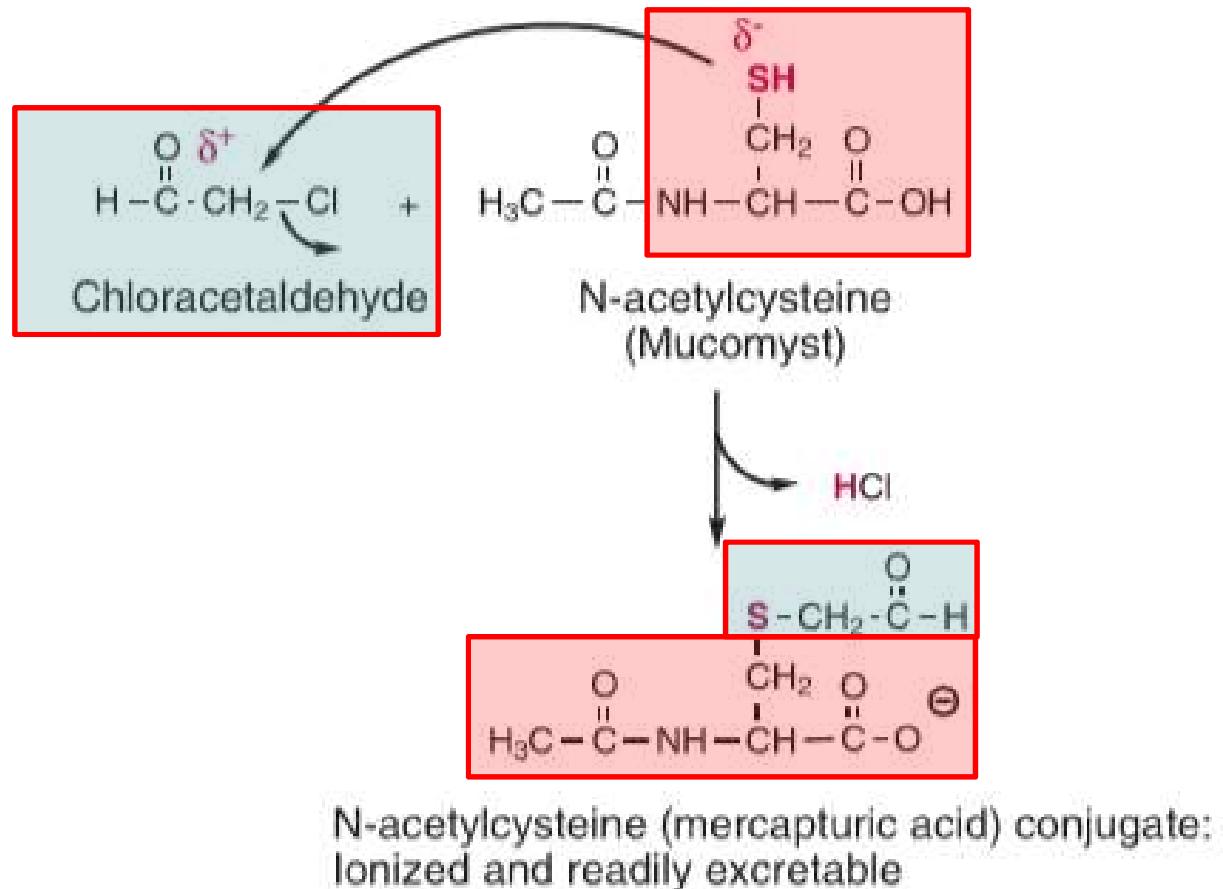
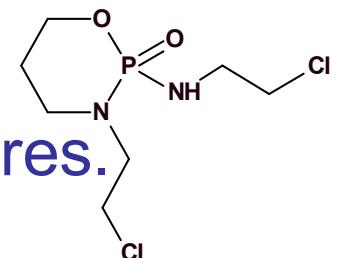


Figure 33.63 Chloroacetaldehyde detoxification by N-acetylcysteine.

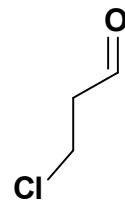
## I.1. Nitrogen Mustards: Phosphoramides: Ifosfamide

- Ifosfamide: Ifex®

- Cyclophosphamide analogue: compare the structures.



- CYP450 related bio-activation: slower rate: due to steric reasons



- Active metabolites:

- Toxic metabolite: chloro-acetaldehyde: > cyclophosphamide

- Nephrotoxicity & neurotoxicity

- Adjuvant in therapy: Mesna



# Bio-Activation of Ifosfamide

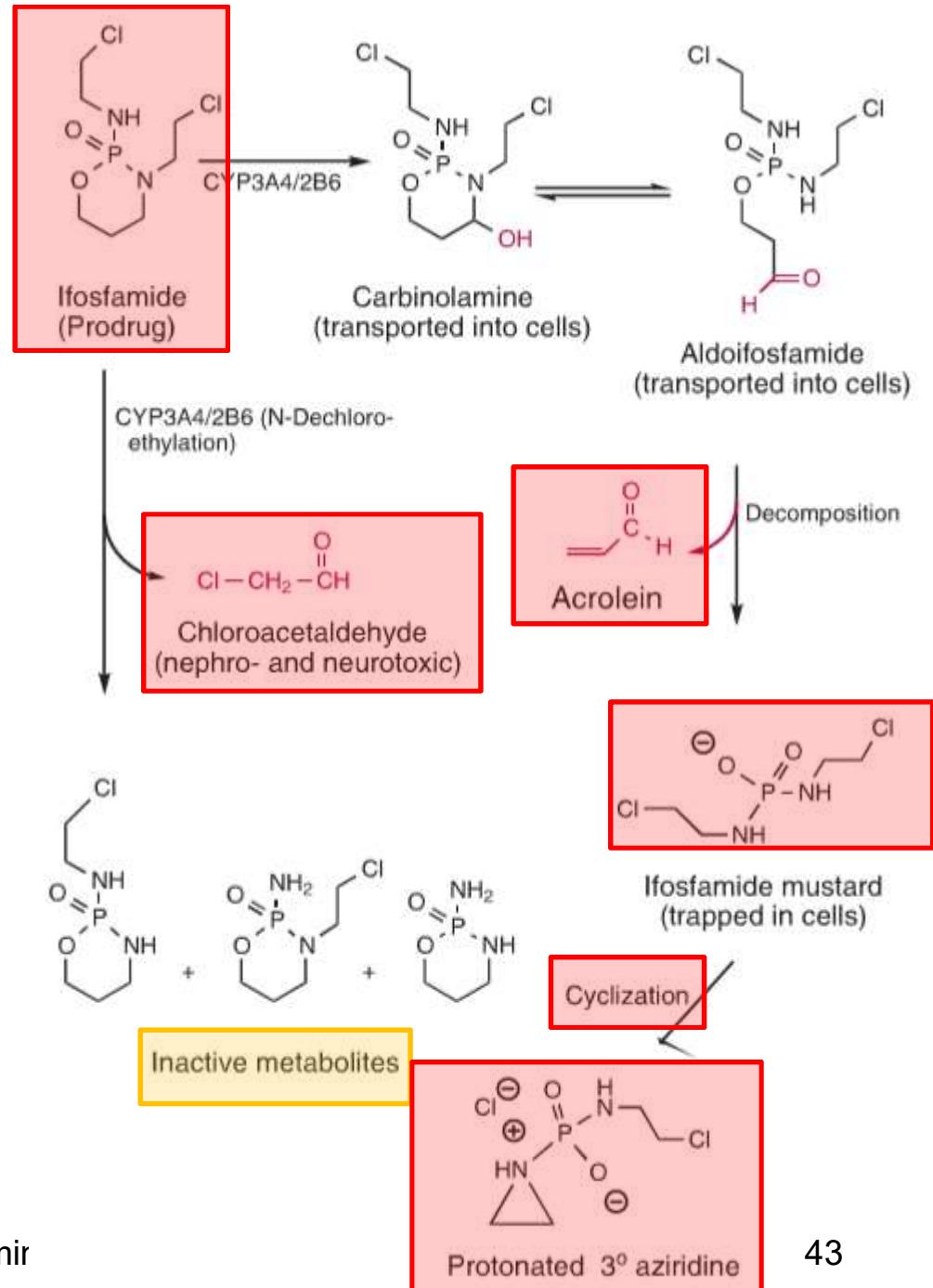


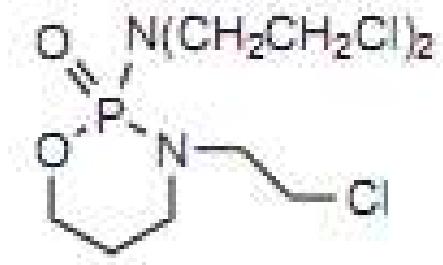
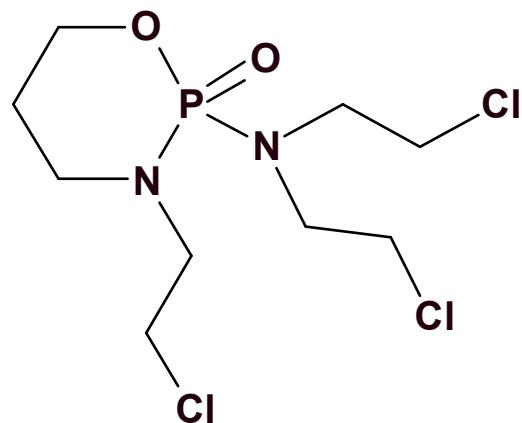
Figure 33.62 Ifosfamide metabolism.

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## I.1. Nitrogen Mustards: Phosphoramides: Tr-e/o-fosfamide

- Compare the structure to cyclophosphamide & ifosfamide.



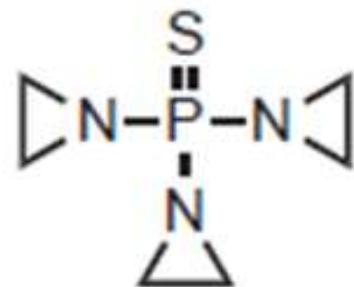
Trofosfamide

- Dechloro-ethylation:
  - ✓ bioactivation to cyclophosphamide & ifosfamide

## I.2.Aziridine

- SAR

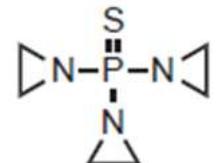
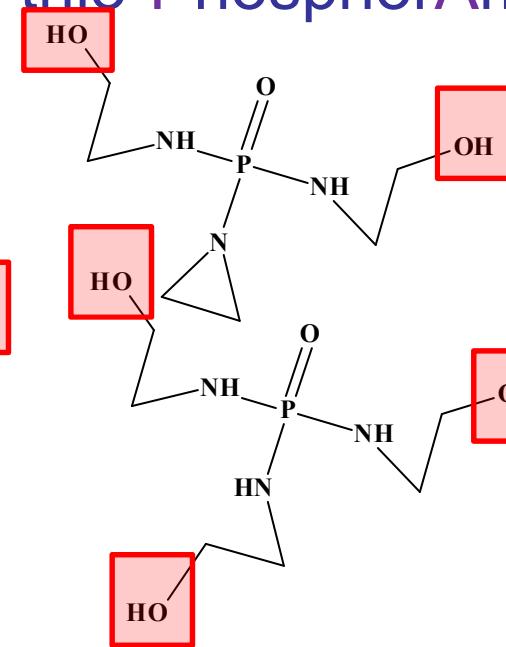
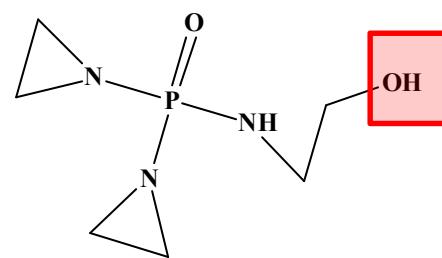
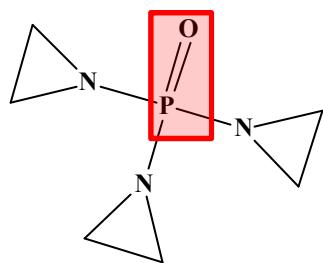
Nitrogen mustards and aziridine-mediated alkylators:



Thiotepa  
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## I.2. Aziridin DNA Alkylating Agents: Thio/TEPA

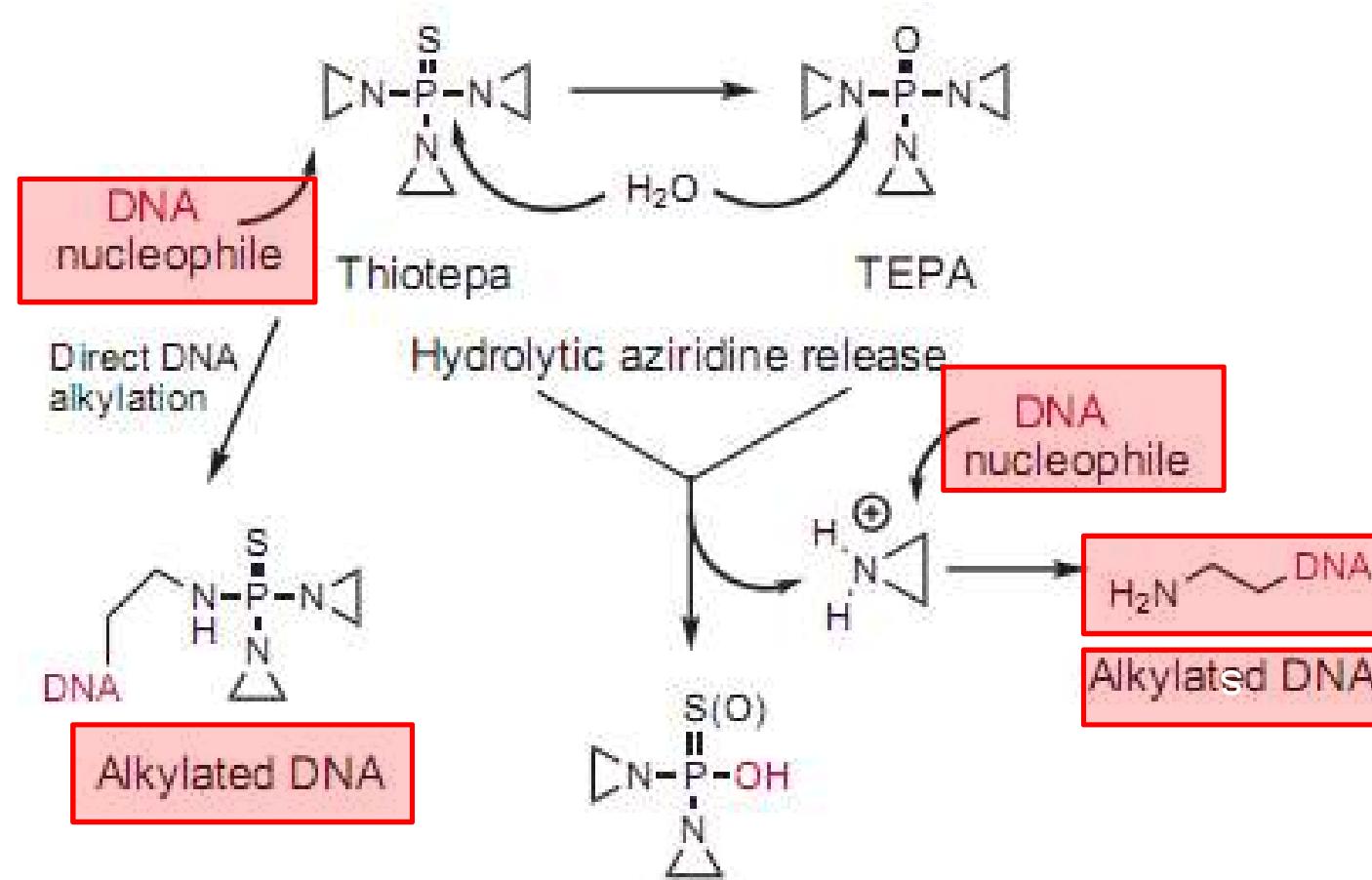
- Thiotepa; TEPA: Tri-Ethylene-thio-PhosphorAmide
- Chemistry: tertiary aziridine
- Metabolites:



Thiotepa  
(Thioplex)

- Active metabolites:
  - ✓ TEPA: through oxidative desulfurization
  - ✓ aziridinium ion
- MOA: weak alkylator
- SE: CNS penetration

# DNA Alkylation by Thiotepa



**FIGURE 37.8** Mechanism of thiotepa DNA alkylation.

## I.3. DNA Alkylators: Chemical Classification: Subclass “a” to Subclass “e”

a. Sulfonate ester: busulfan CH3SO2-O-(CH2)4-O-SO2CH3 DNA methylators:

b. Hydrazine: procarbazine

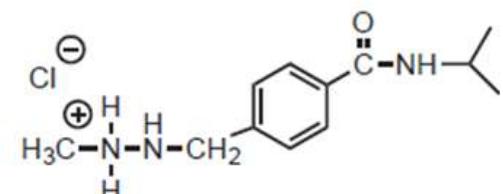
c. Triazene: dacarbazine

d. Tetrazine: temozolomide

e. Triazine: altretamine

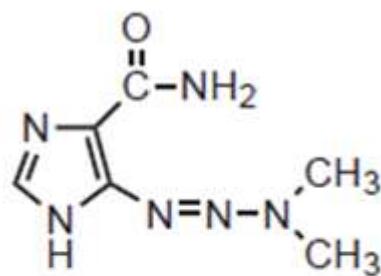
Busulfan  
(Myleran)

DNA methylators:



Procarbazine hydrochloride  
(Matulane)

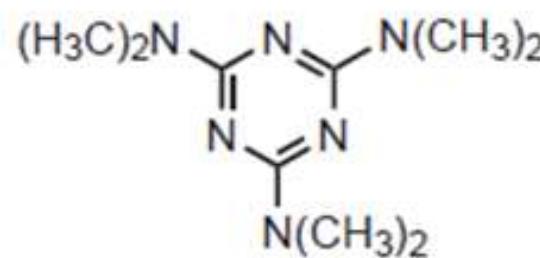
### DNA methylators:



Dacarbazine  
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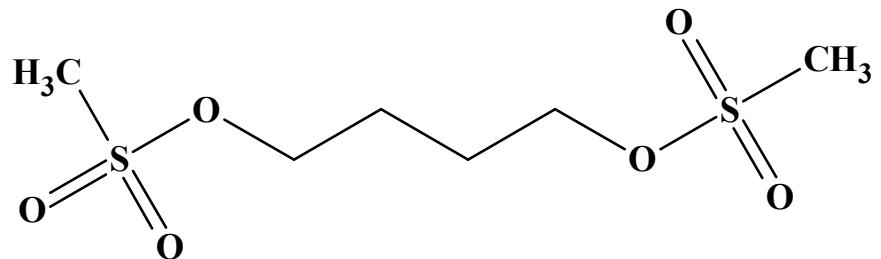
Temozolomide  
(Temodar)



Altretamine  
(Hexalen)

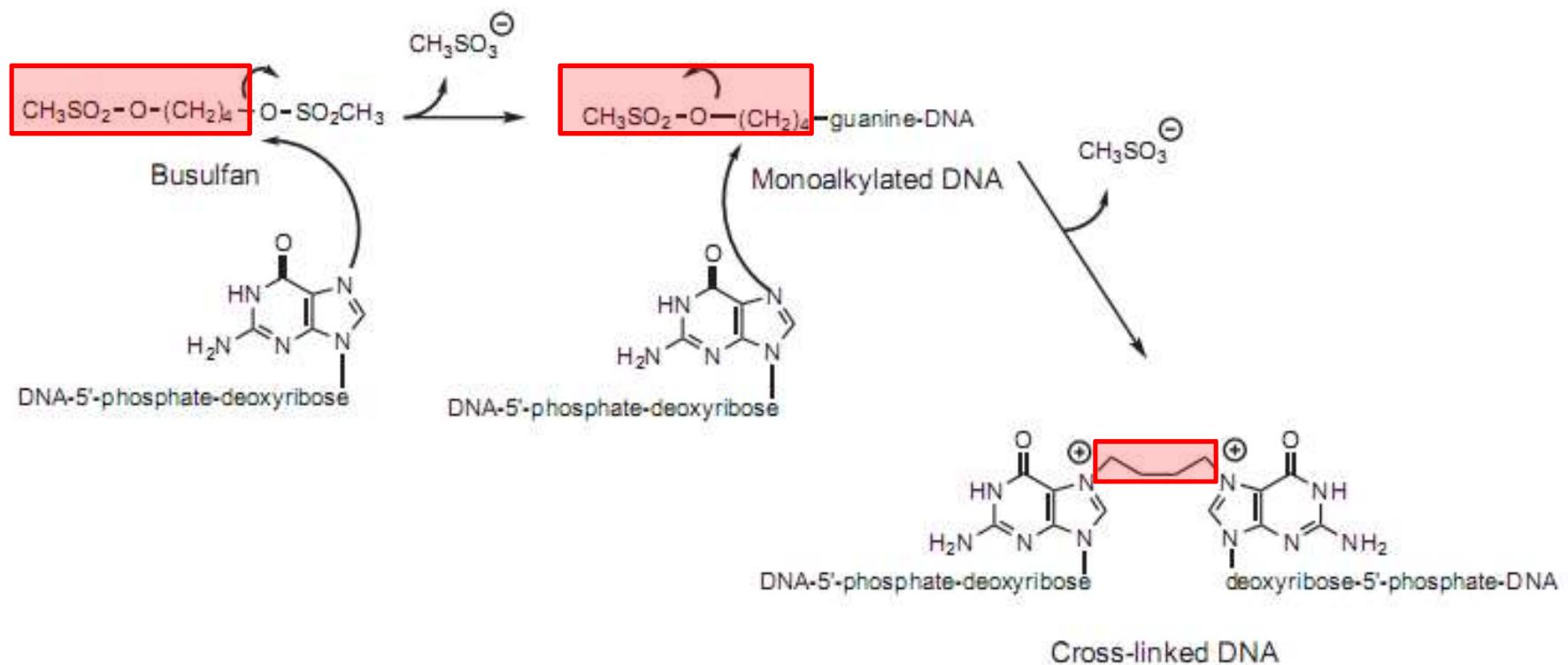
## I.3.a. DNA Alkylators: Sulfonate Ester: Busulfan

- Busulfan: Myleran<sup>®</sup>: a sulfonic acid ester



- SAR
- MOA:
- Mono- or di-alkylated adduct to N7- Guanine in DNA
- also cystein alkylation
- provide cross linker: how?
- Metabolite: ?

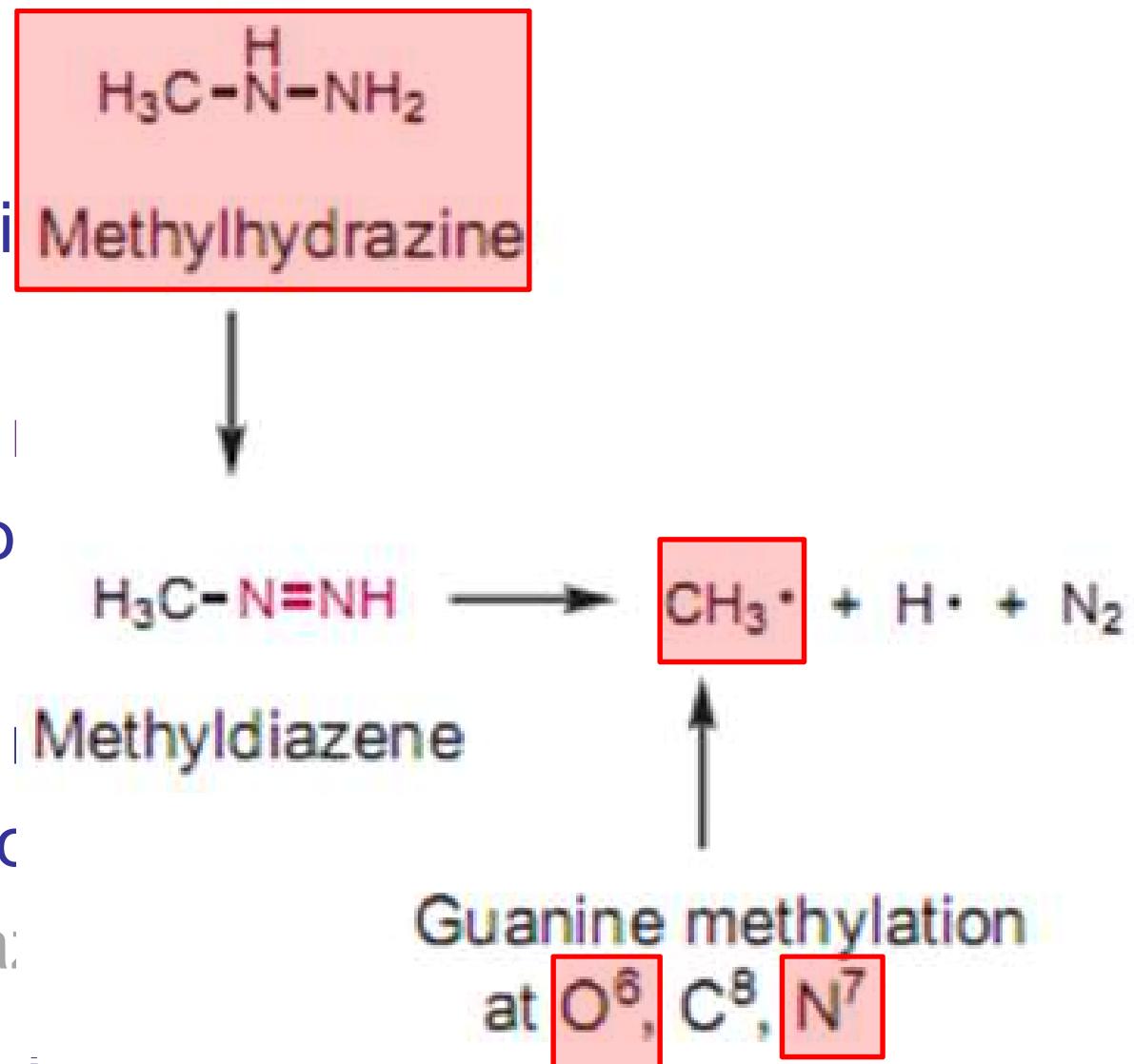
# DNA Cross-Alkylation by Busulfan



**FIGURE 37.13** Busulfan-mediated DNA alkylation.

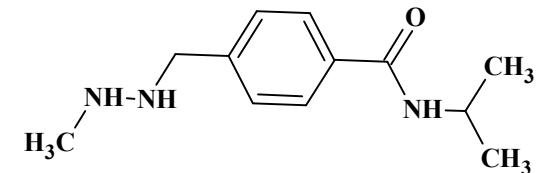
## I.3.b.DNA Alkylators: Hydrazine: Procarbazine

- Procarbazine
- CYP450 related bi
- Metabolites:
- ✓ active metabolite:  
+ N<sub>2</sub> + hydro
- SAR
- MOA: free radical | Methylidiazene
- ✓ guanine methylatic
- Resistant to hydra:
- Drug interactions: .



## I.3.b.DNA Alkylators: Hydrazine: Procarbazine

- Procarbazine
- CYP450 related bioactivation
- Metabolites:
  - ✓ active metabolite: methyl radical / carbocation  
+ N<sub>2</sub> + hydrogen radical + aldehyde (?)
- SAR
- MOA: free radical mechanism:
  - ✓ guanine methylation: at O<sub>6</sub> or N<sub>7</sub> or C<sub>8</sub>
- Resistant to hydrazines & triazenes:
- Drug interactions: ?



# Bio-Activation of Procarbazine- Pathway1- Minor Pathway

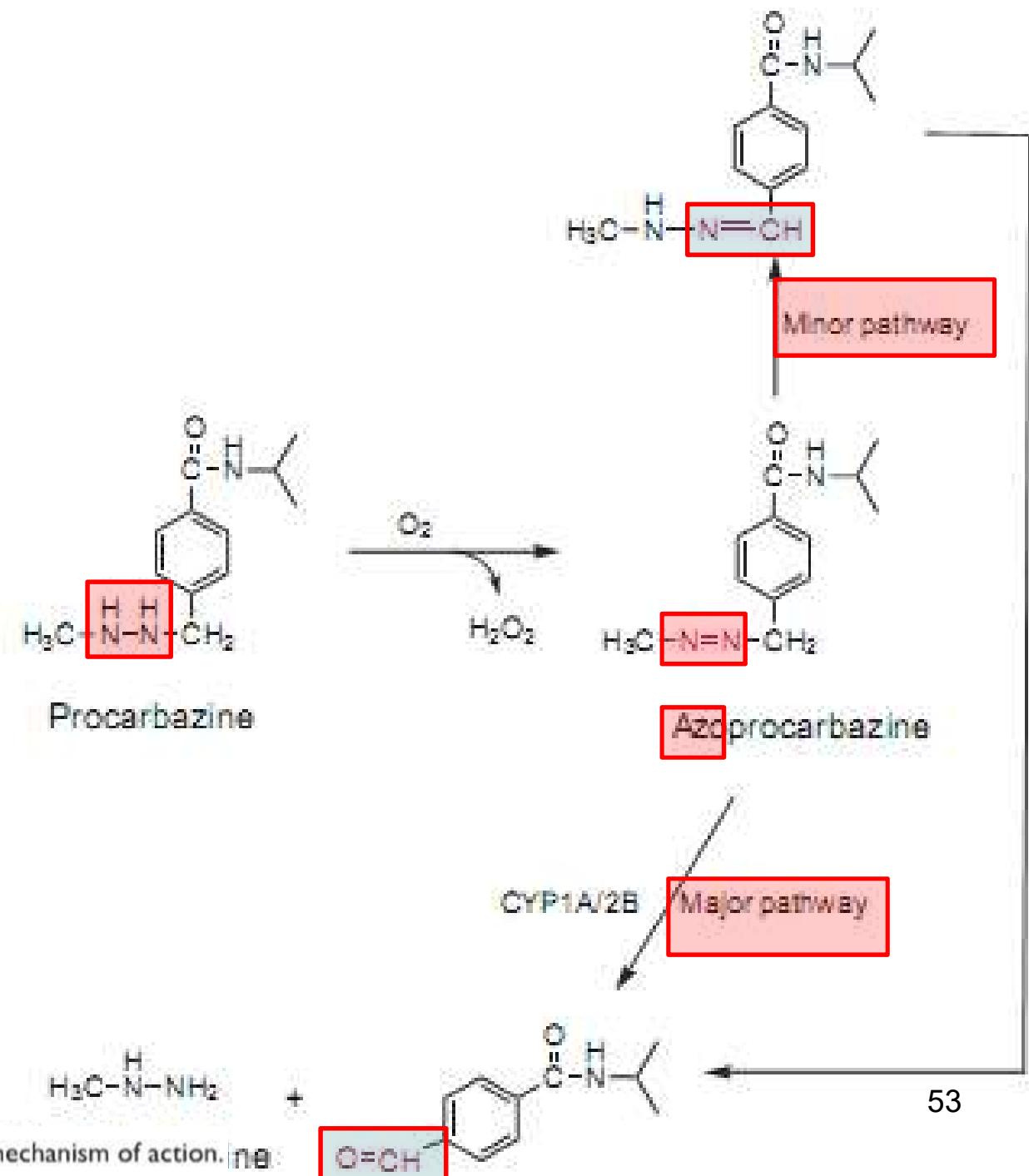


Figure 33.65 Procarbazine metabolism and mechanism of action. (ne)

## Bio-Activation of Procarbazine- Pathway 2- Major Pathway

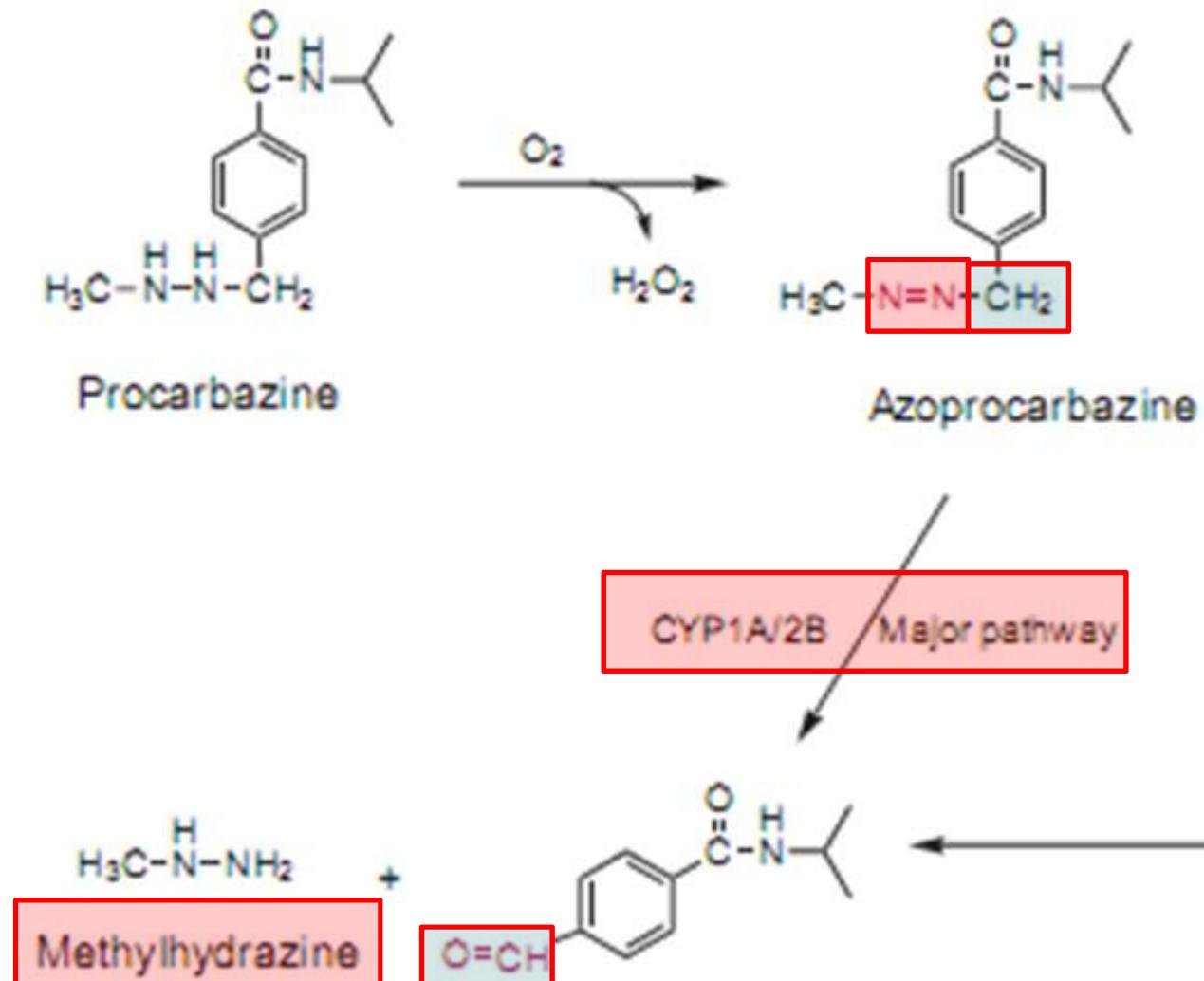


Figure 33.65 Procarbazine metabolism and mechanism of action.

# Bio-Activation of Procarbazine- Pathway 2- Major Pathway- Contd.

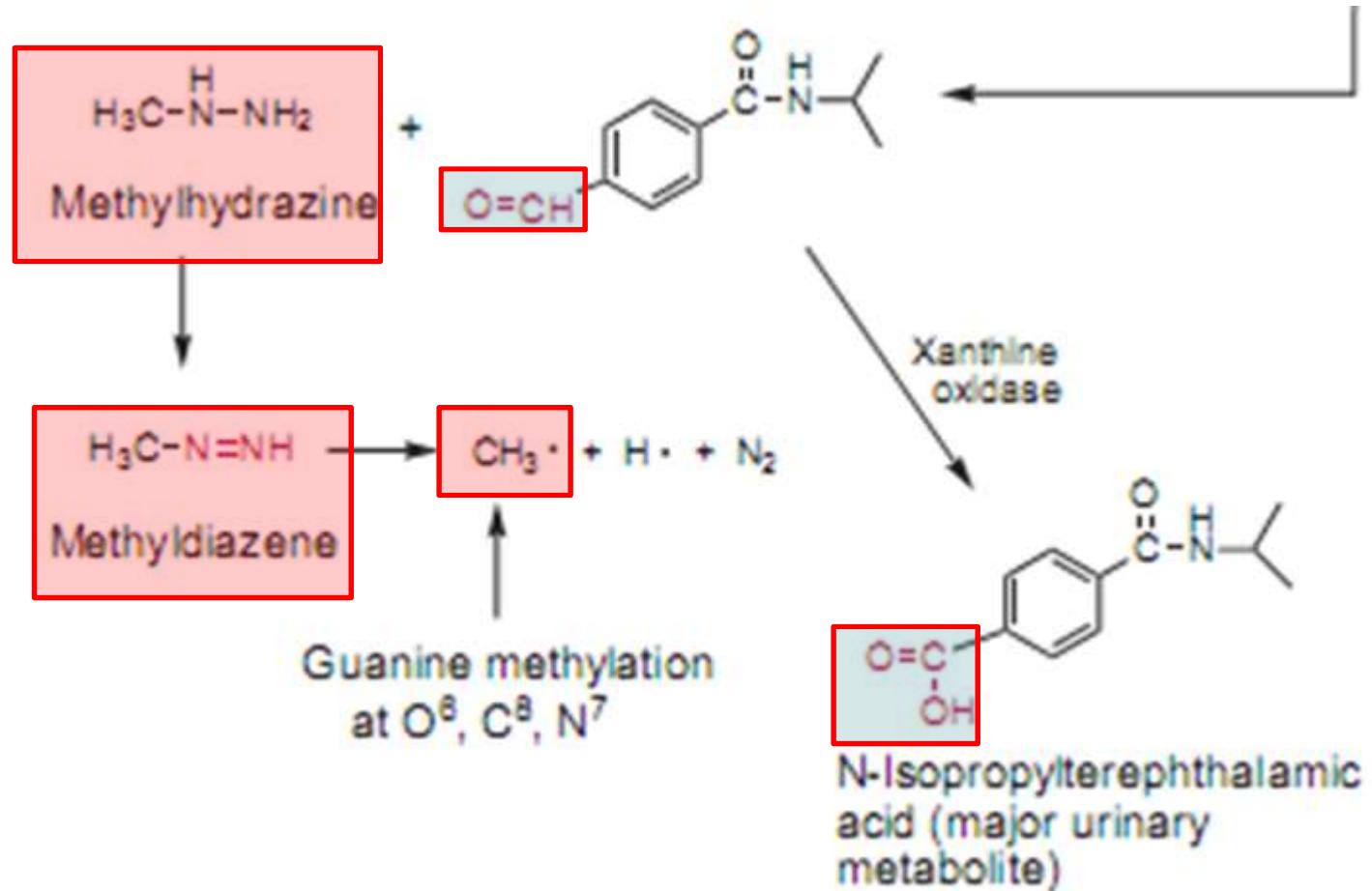
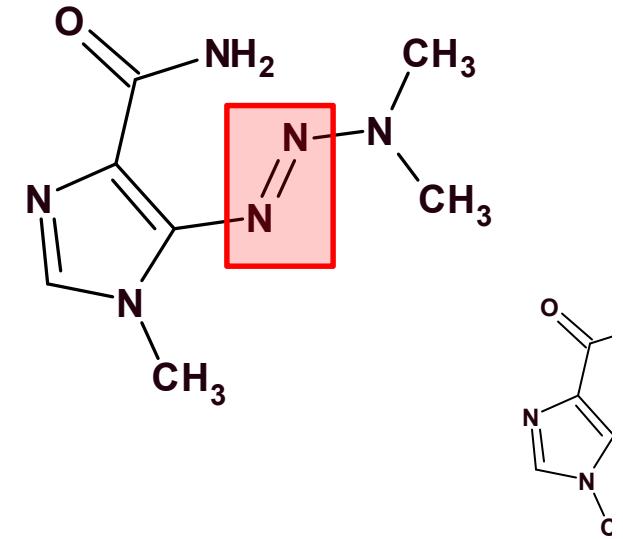


Figure 33.65 Procarbazine metabolism and mechanism of action.

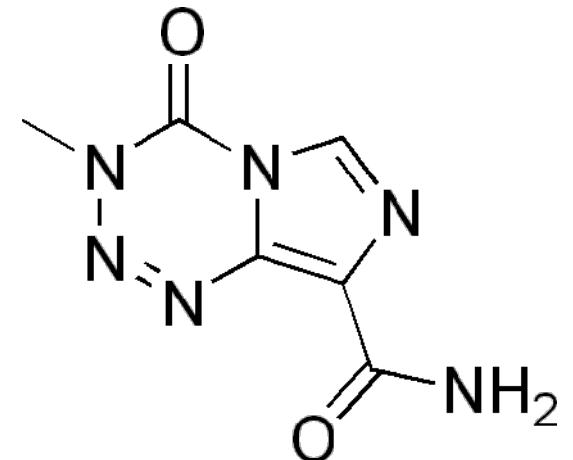
## I.3.c. DNA Alkylators: Triazene: Dacarbazine

- Dacarbazine: DTIC®
- CYP450 related bio-activation:
- Metabolites:
- ✓ active metabolite: methyl carbocation  
+  $\text{N}_2$  + diazomethane
- SAR
- MOA: Guanine (N7- or O6 ) methylation



## I.3.d. DNA Alkylators:Tetrazine: Temozolomide

- Chemistry: imidazolotetrazine



- Bio-activation
  - not related to CYP450:
  - non-enzymatically produce MTIC
- SAR
- MOA: Guanine (N7- or O6-) alkylation

# Bio-Activation of Dacarbazine (Triazene) & Temozolomide (Tetrazine)

- Follow the common pathways.

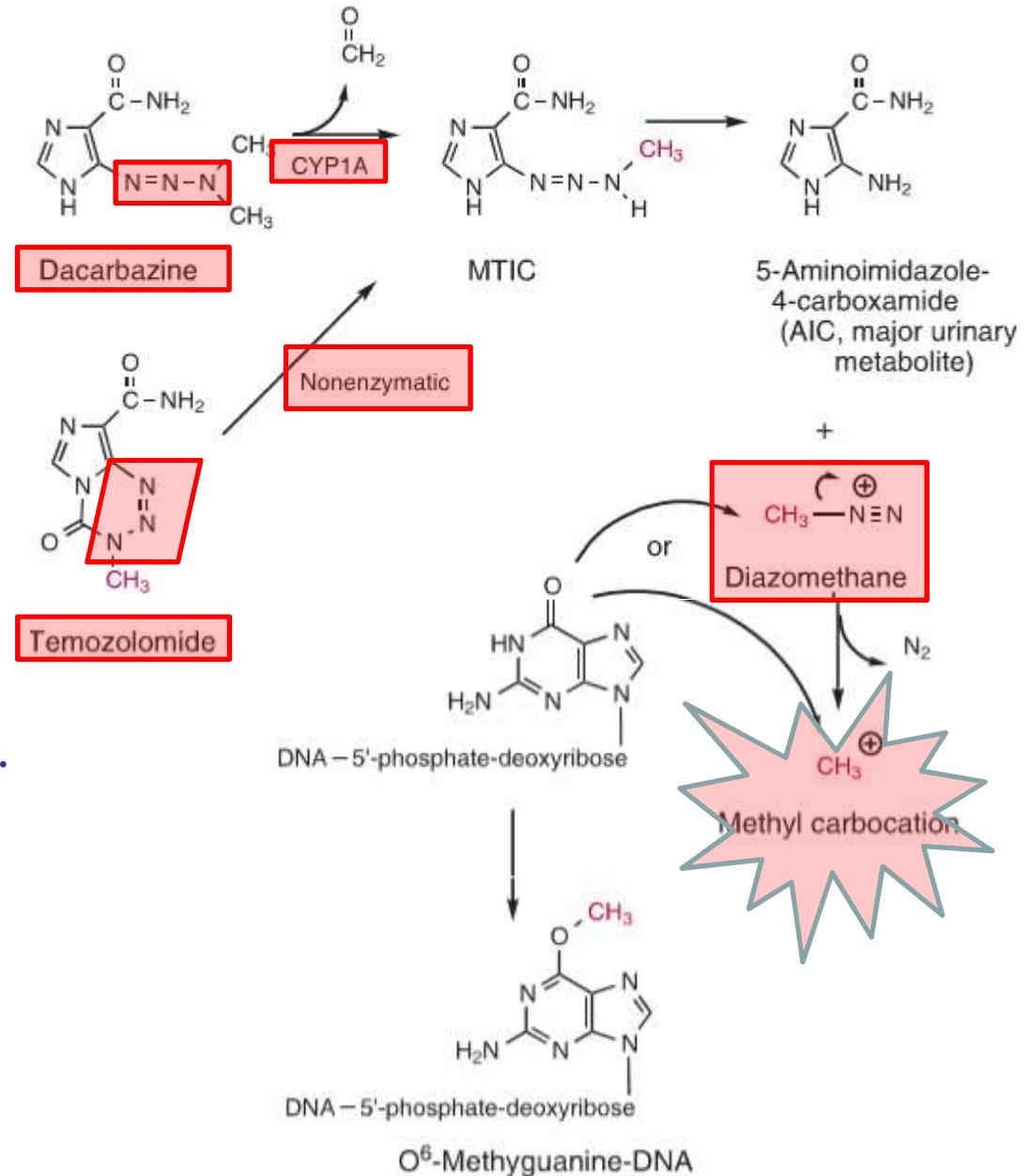


Figure 33.64 Metabolic activation of triazenes.

## I.3.d. DNA Alkylators: Triazine: Altretamine

- SAR:
- ✓ chemistry:
- 6-membered triazine ring
- Prodrug: CYP-related bio-activation
- MOA: ?

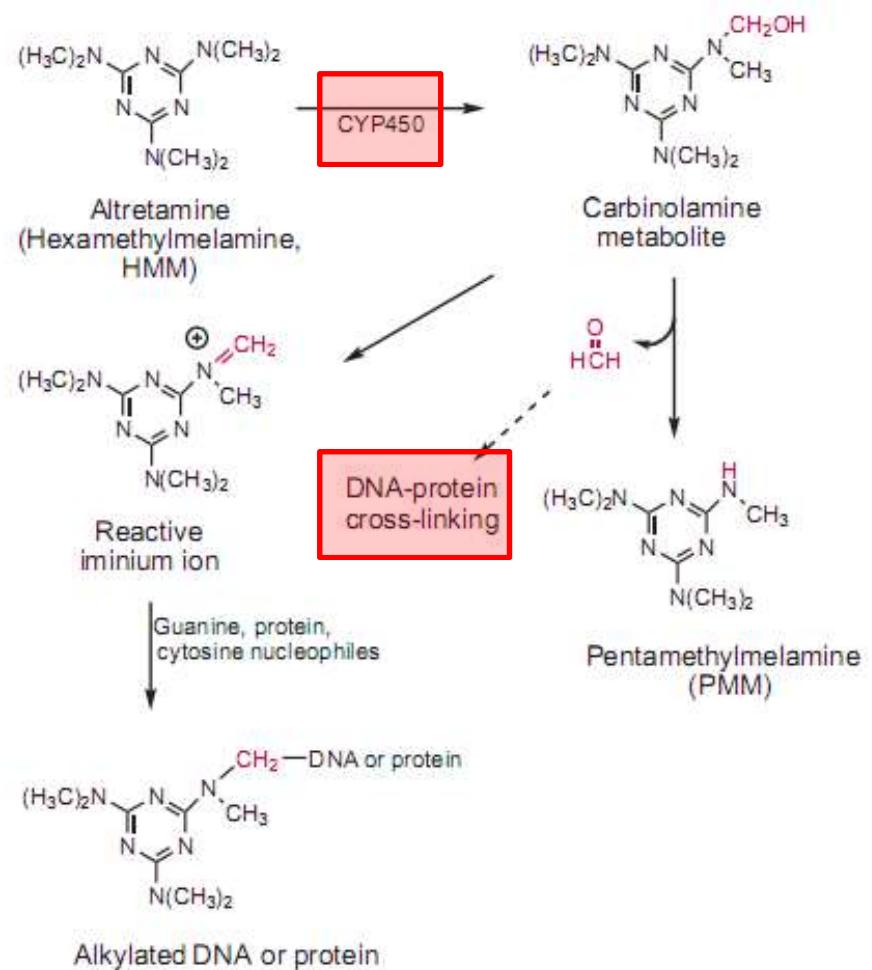
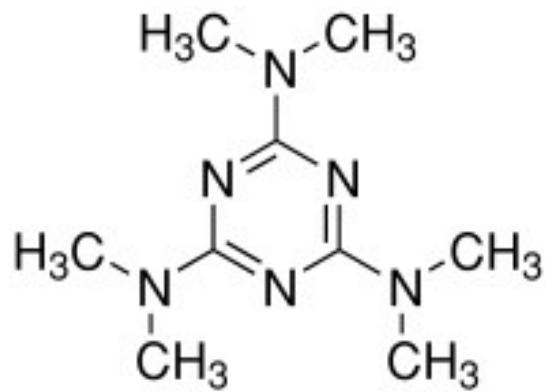
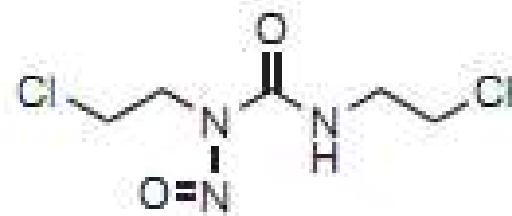


FIGURE 37.12 Altretamine metabolism and mechanism of action.

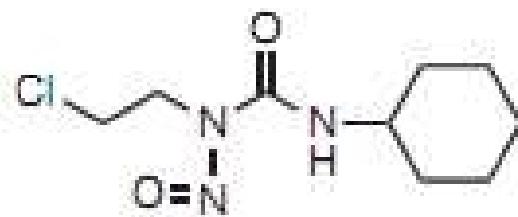
## I.4. Nitroso-Ureas (NUs)

- SAR

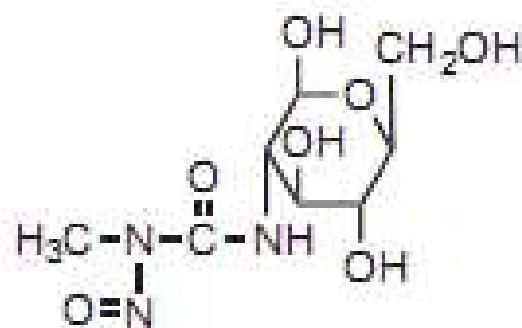
### Nitrosoureas:



Carmustine  
(BiCNU)



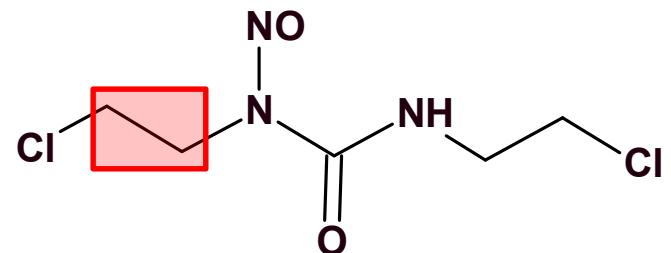
Lomustine  
(CeeNU)



Streptozocin  
(Zanosar)

## I.4. Nitrosoureas (NUs): Carmustine

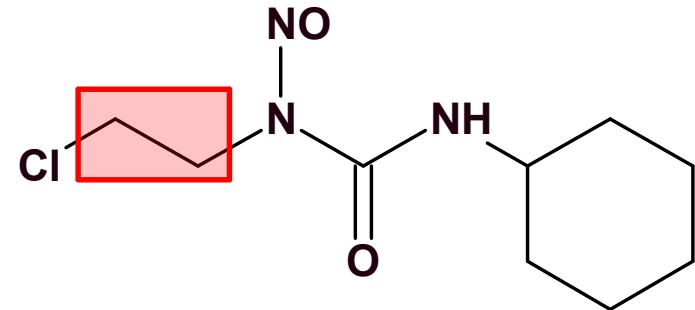
- Carmustine: BCNU®; BiCNU®



- Metabolites:
  - ✓ active electrophiles: chloro/hydroxyl ethyl carbocation
  - ✓ other metabolites: isocyanate + N<sub>2</sub>
  - ✓ theory of ~~vinyl-carbocation~~ as active metabolite is **retracted**
- MOA:
  - ✓ DNA alkylation & DNA cross links by N<sub>7</sub>, or O<sub>6</sub>-Guanine
  - ✓ also protein-(Lys) carbamylation

## I.4. Nitrosoureas (NU): Lomustine

- Lomustine: CCNU®

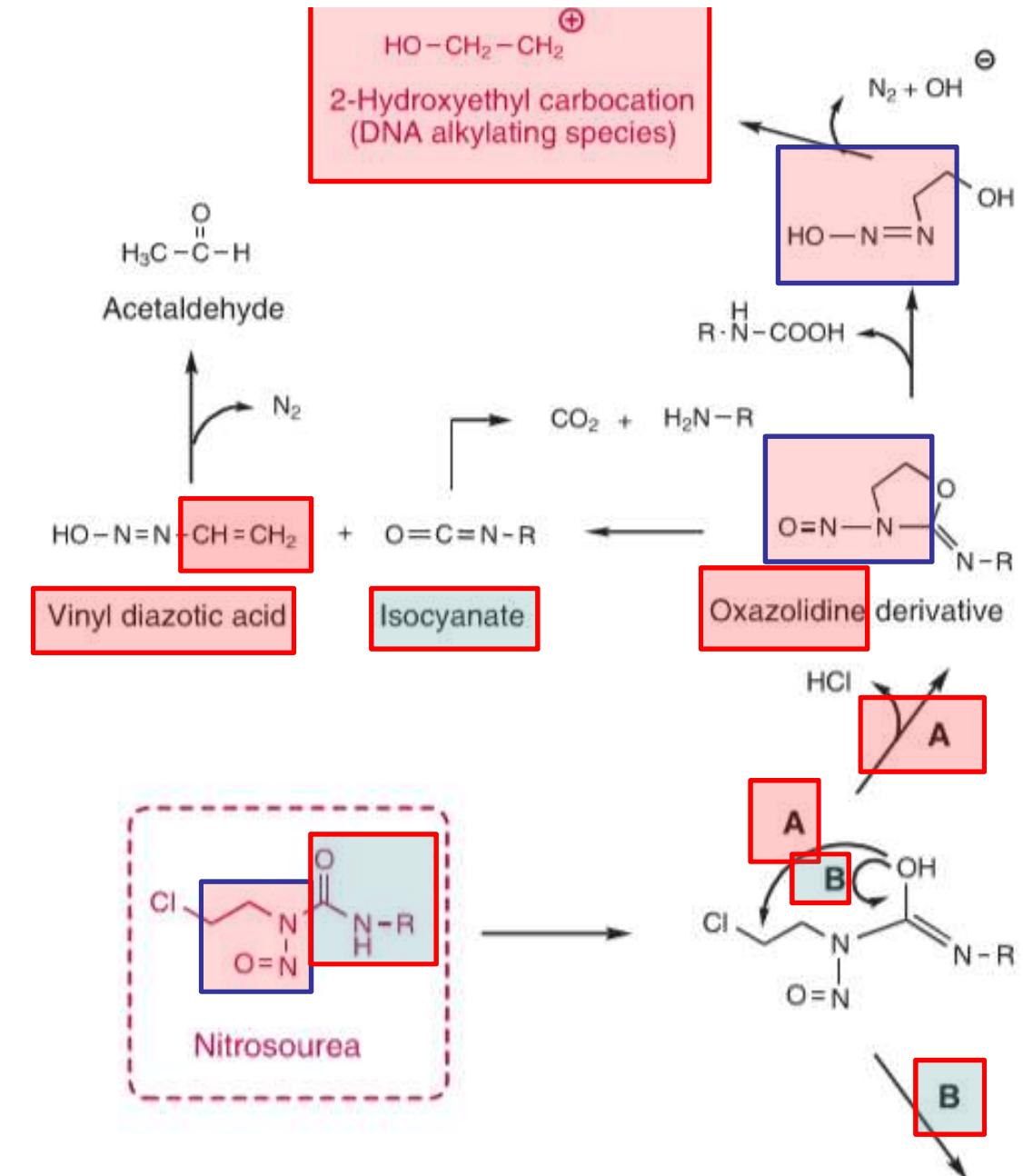


- Crosses BBB
- Metabolites:
  - ✓ active electrophiles: chloro/hydroxyl ethyl carbocation
  - ✓ other metabolites: isocyanate + N<sub>2</sub>
  - ✓ theory of ~~vinyl-carbocation~~ as active metabolite is **retracted**
- MOA:
  - ✓ DNA alkylation & DNA cross links
  - ✓ also protein-(Lys) carbamylation

# NU

## Bio-activation

- Pathway A
- H- release from urea moiety.
- SAR



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**Figure 33.66** Nitrosourea decomposition to cytotoxic electrophiles.

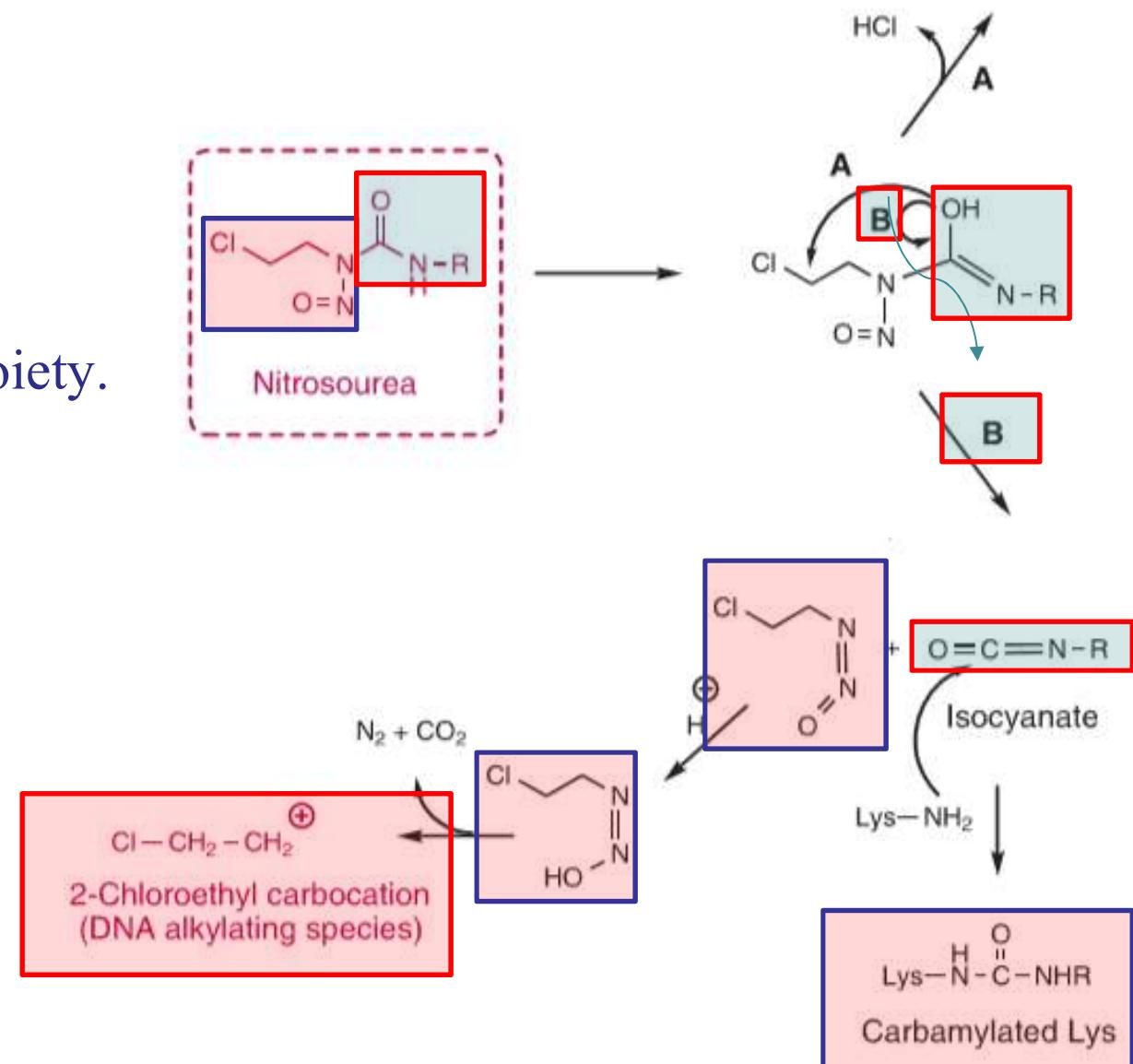
# NU

## Bio-activation

- Pathway B

- H-release from urea moiety.

- SAR



**Figure 33.66** Nitrosourea decomposition to cytotoxic electrophiles.

# DNA Cross Linking of NU Active Metabolites

- Follow G(N7)-alkylation.
- Follow C-cross linked DNA.
- Follow G(O6)-alkylation.

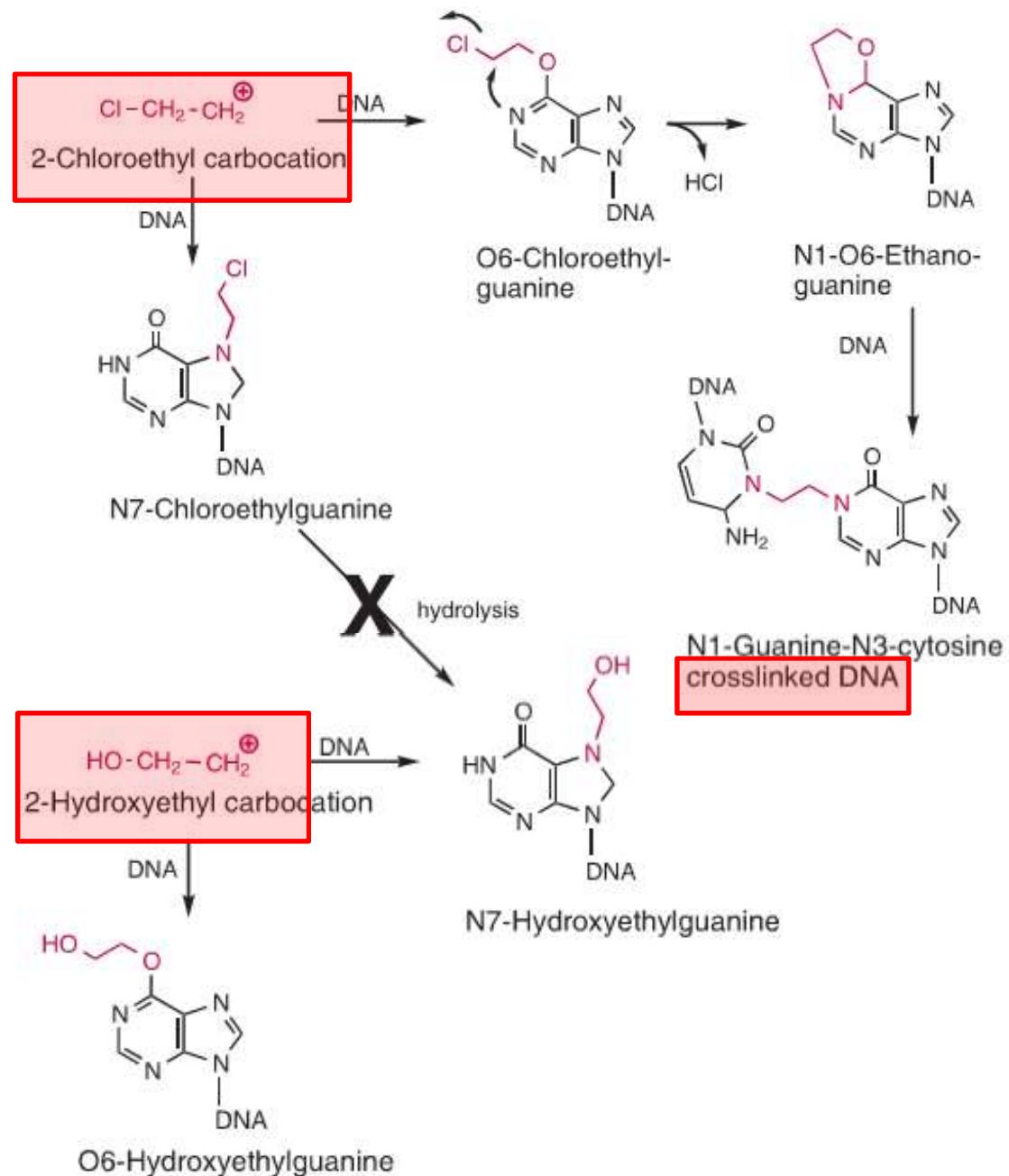


Figure 33.67 DNA cross-linking by 2-chloroethyl carbocation.

## I.5. Organometallic Agents: Organo-Platinum Agents

- Chemistry:

✓ Cisplatin: X = Cl; R<sup>1</sup> & R<sup>2</sup> = H

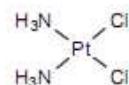
✓ Carboplatin: X = O-OCC(cyclobutyl)CO-O; R<sup>1</sup> & R<sup>2</sup> = H

✓ Oxaliplatin: X = O-CO-CO-O; R<sup>1</sup> & R<sup>2</sup> = trans(1,2-cyclohexyl)

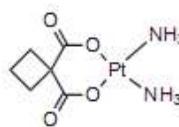
✓ Satraplatin: X = ?; R<sup>1</sup> & R<sup>2</sup> = ?

- SAR:

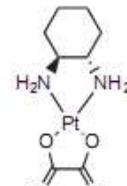
Organoplatinum complexes:



Cisplatin  
(Platinol-AQ)



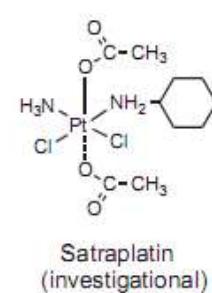
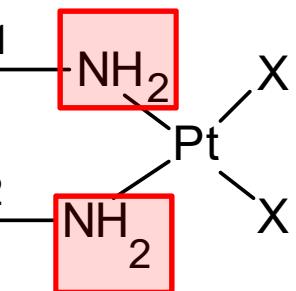
Carboplatin  
(Paraplatin)



Oxaliplatin  
(Eloxatin)



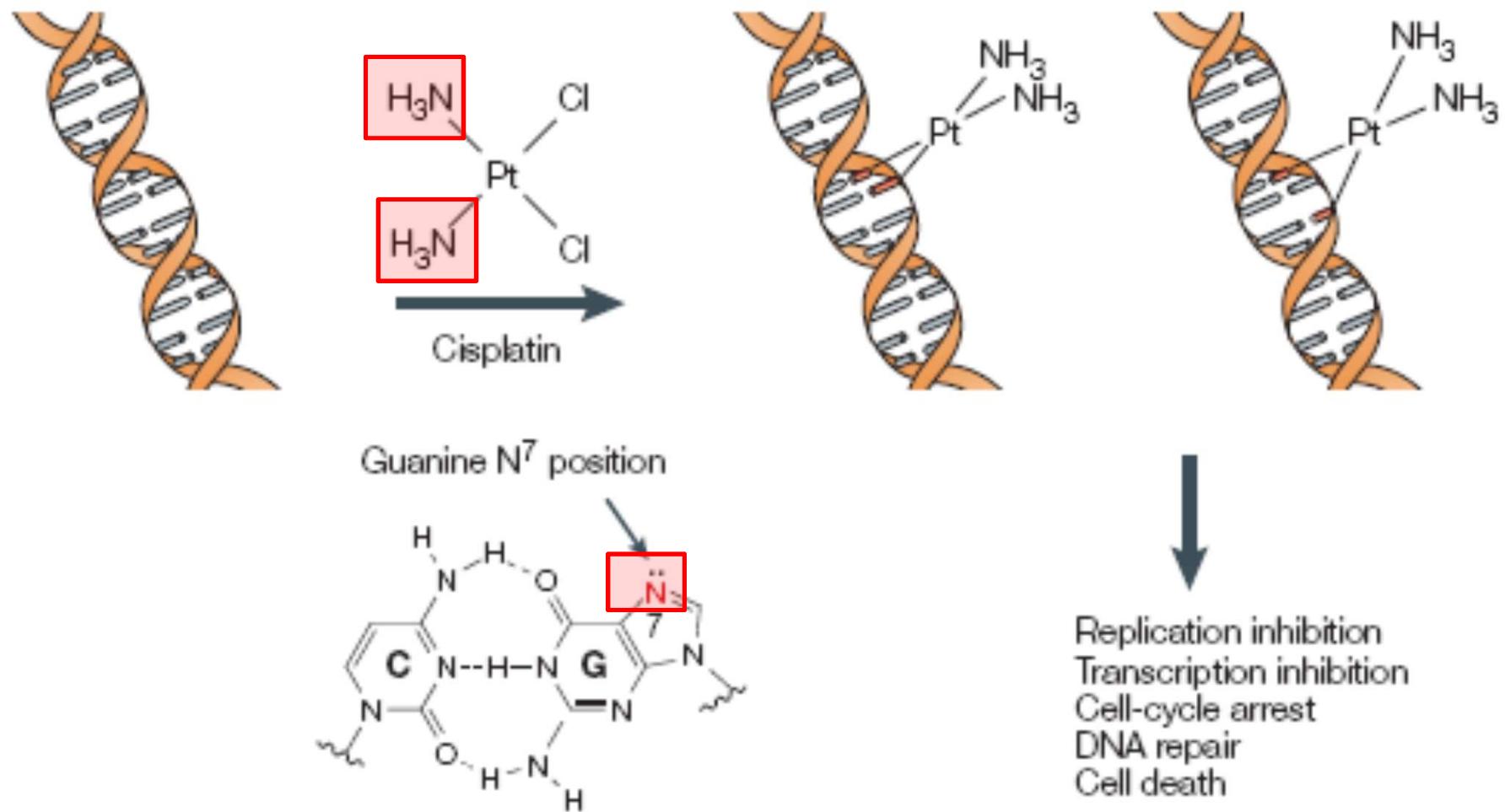
Picoplatin



Satraplatin  
(investigational)

- MOA: cross electrophilic reaction with Guanine of DNA:
- ✓ link to N7-Guanine, adjacent Gs to provide G-X-G
- ✓ intrastrand > interstrand crosslink

# DNA Cross Linking by Platin Complex



# DNA Interaction/Cross Link by Cis-Platin Complex

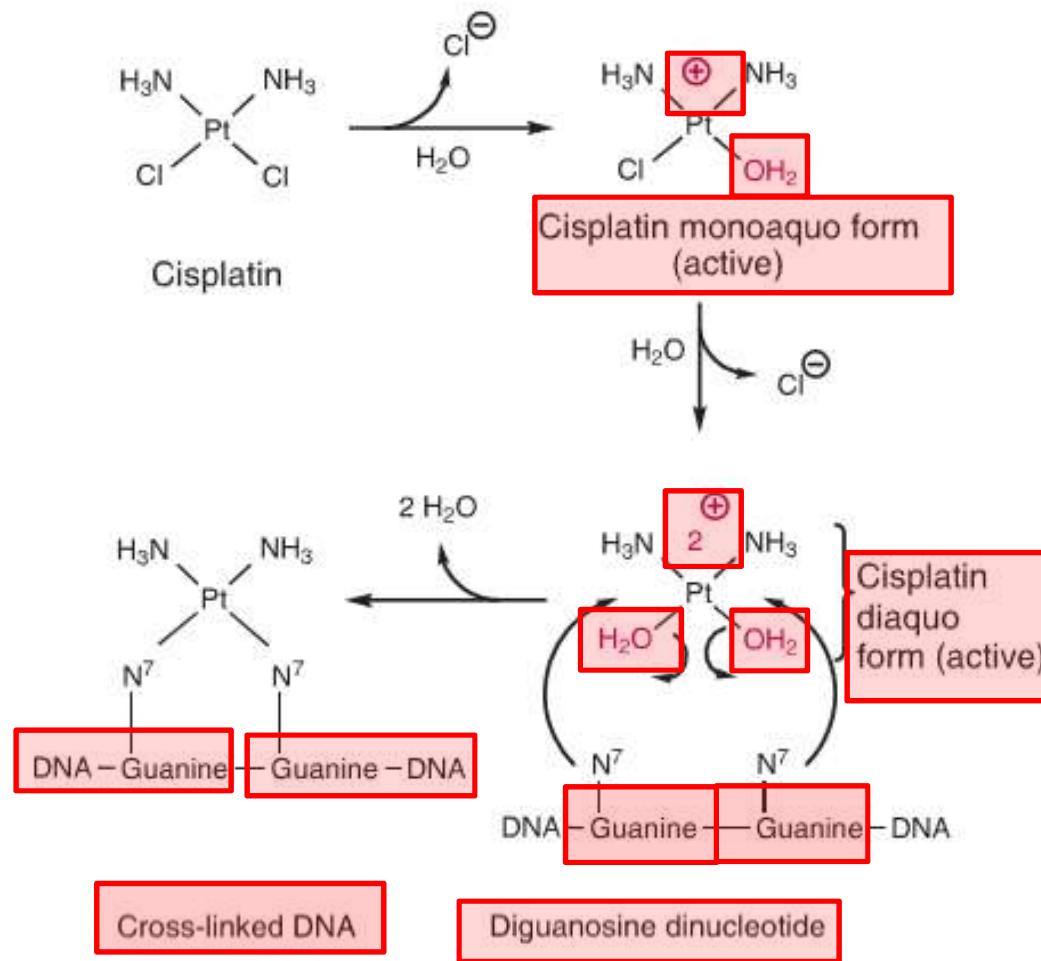


Figure 33.68 Cisplatin activation and DNA cross-linking.

# Activation of Oxaliplatin

- Site of action: narrow minor groove

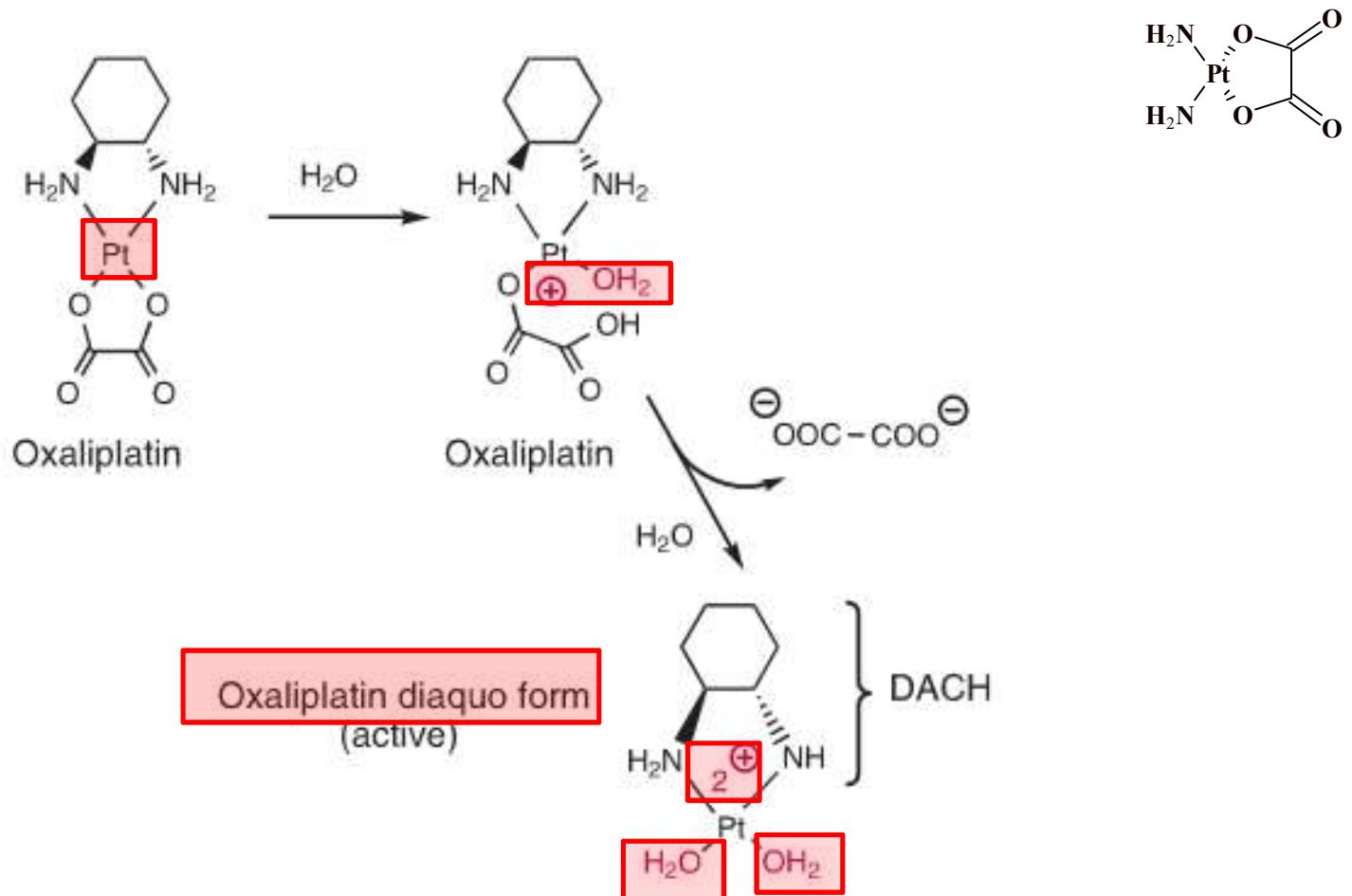
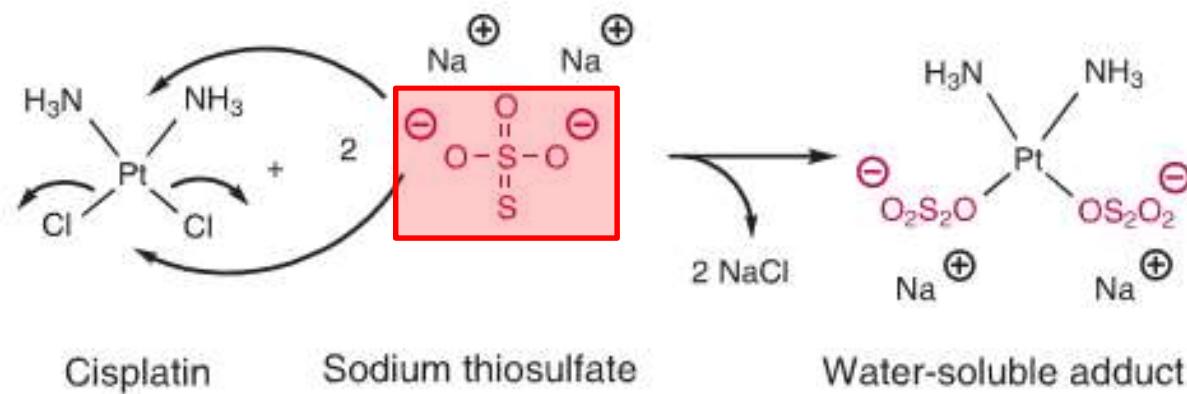
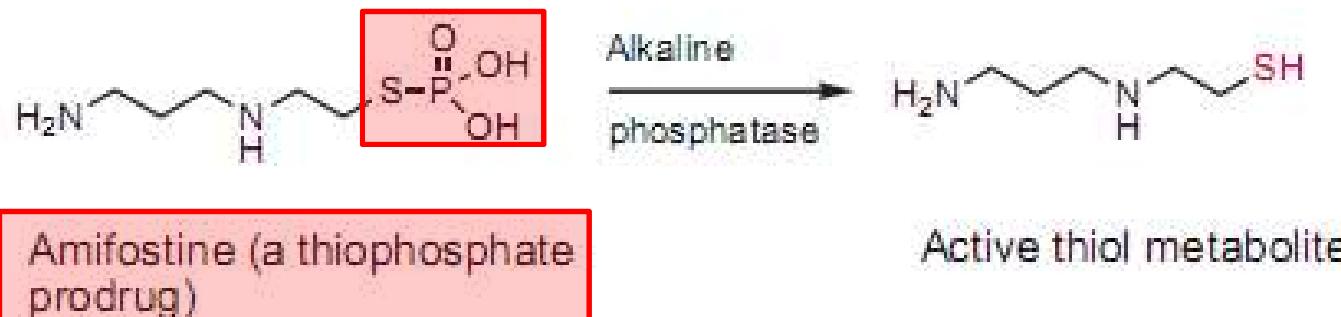


Figure 33.71 Activation of oxaliplatin.

# Cisplatin Inactivation by Sulfur or Oxygen Groups: Thiols & Sulfate Anions: Amifostine & Thiosulfate Salt



**Figure 33.69** Cisplatin inactivation by sodium thiosulfate.

## Amifostine: to Decrease Risk of Ototoxicity of Cisplatin

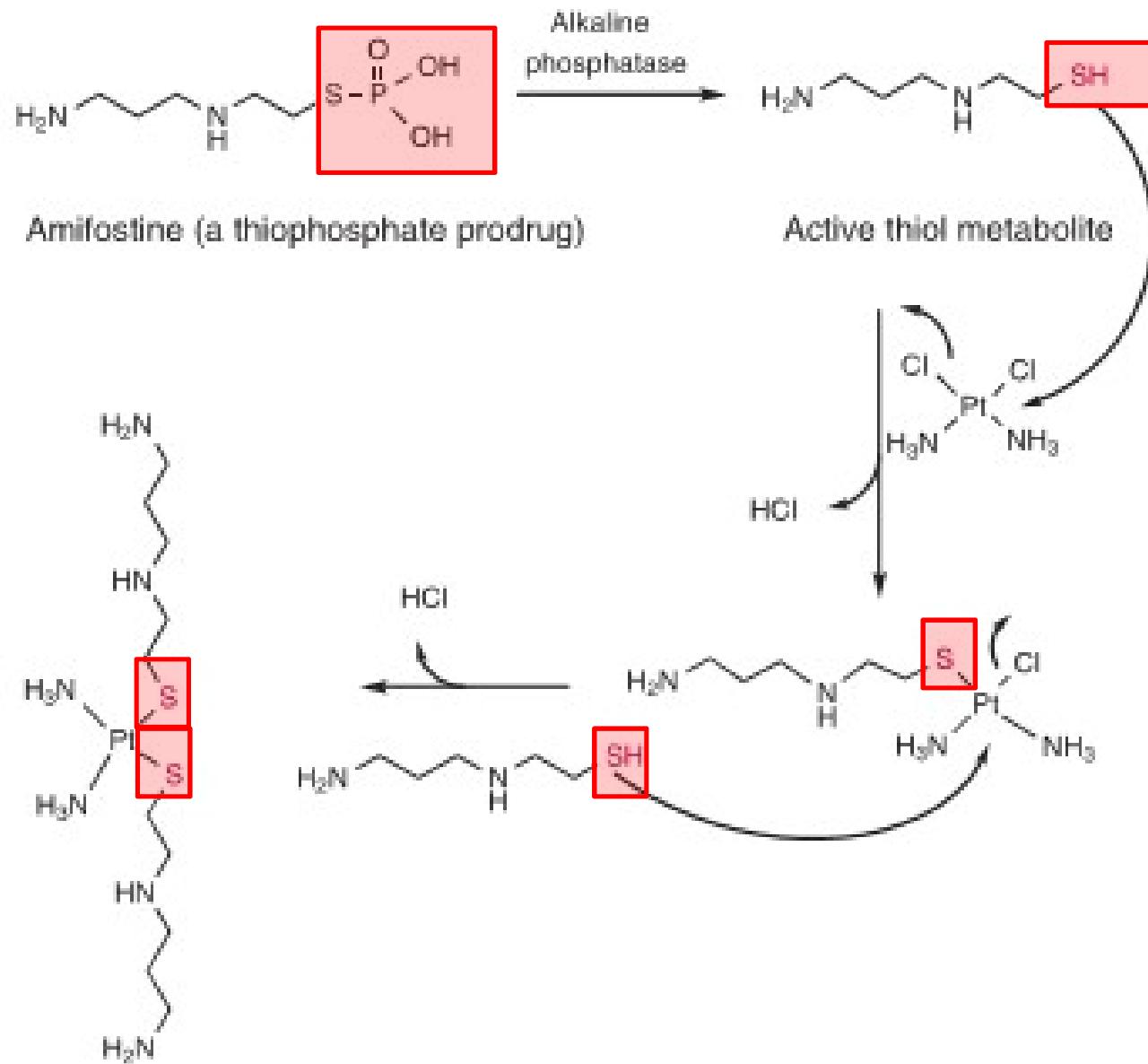


Figure 33.70 Amifostine activation and reaction with cisplatin.