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**Alkaloid Biosynthesis:**

**Nitrogen containing compounds**

**Starting materials:**

**Amino acids and nucleic acids**

**Amino Acids:**

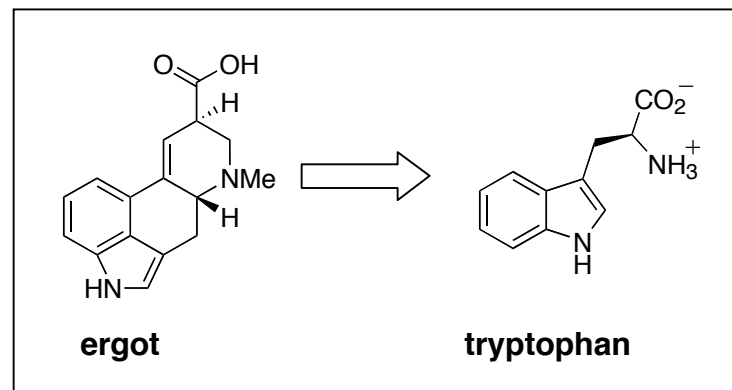
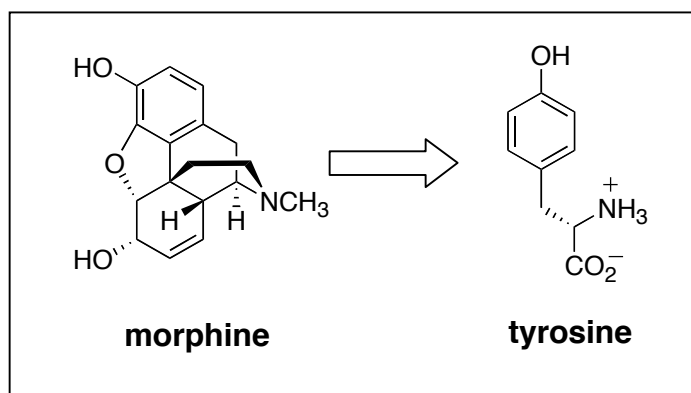
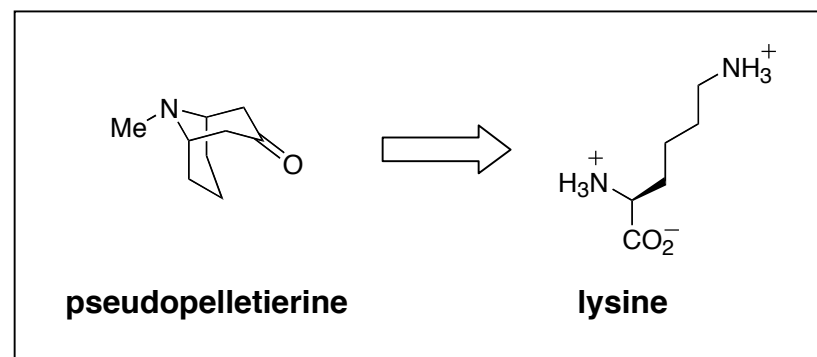
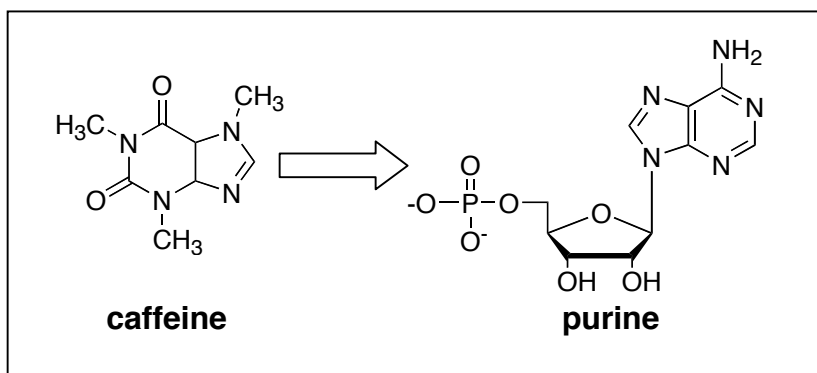
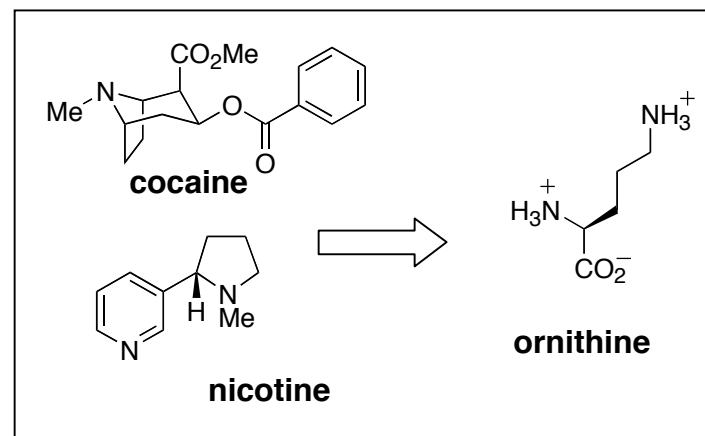
**Ornithine**

**Lysine**

**Tyrosine**

**Tryptophan**

**Purine**

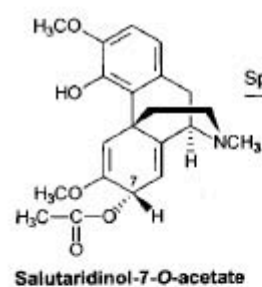
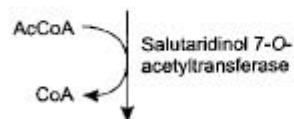
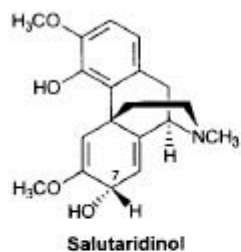


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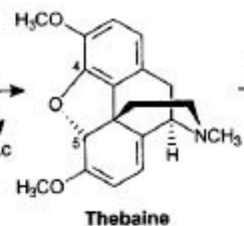
Alkaloid Biosynthesis:

Tyrosine

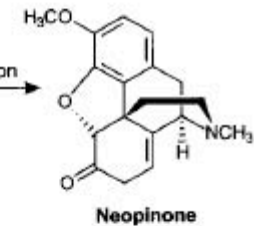
Late Steps of morphine biosynthesis



Spontaneous



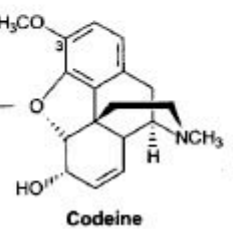
Demethylation



Equilibrium

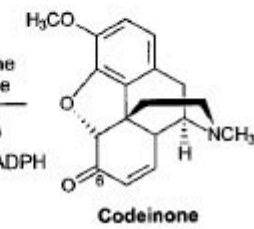


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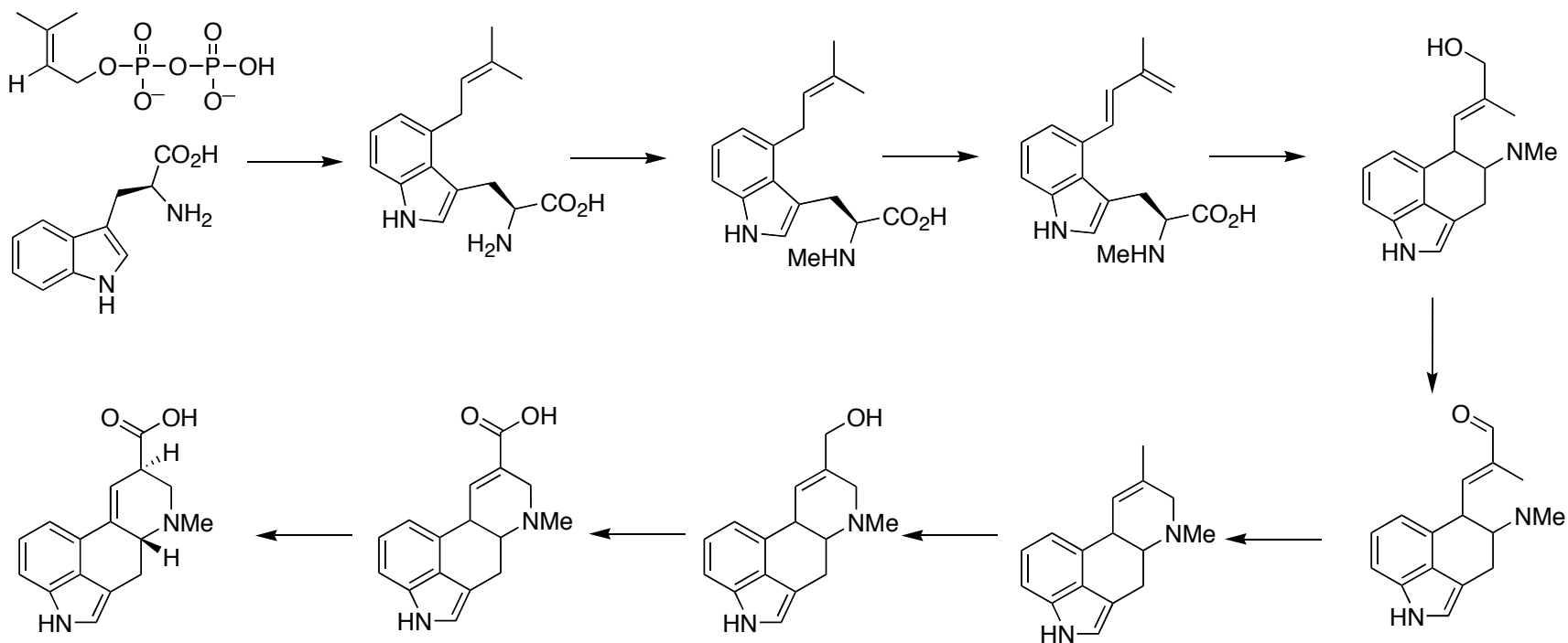


Codeinone reductase

NADP<sup>+</sup> → NADPH

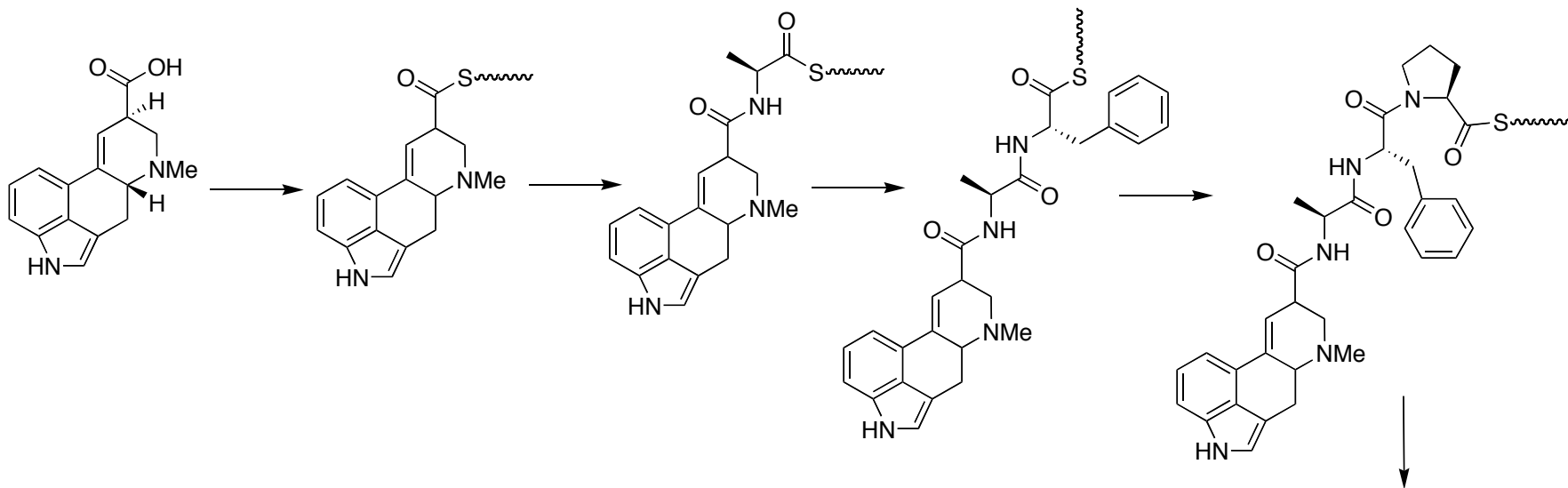


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Alkaloid Biosynthesis:  
tryptophan  
Ergot Alkaloids



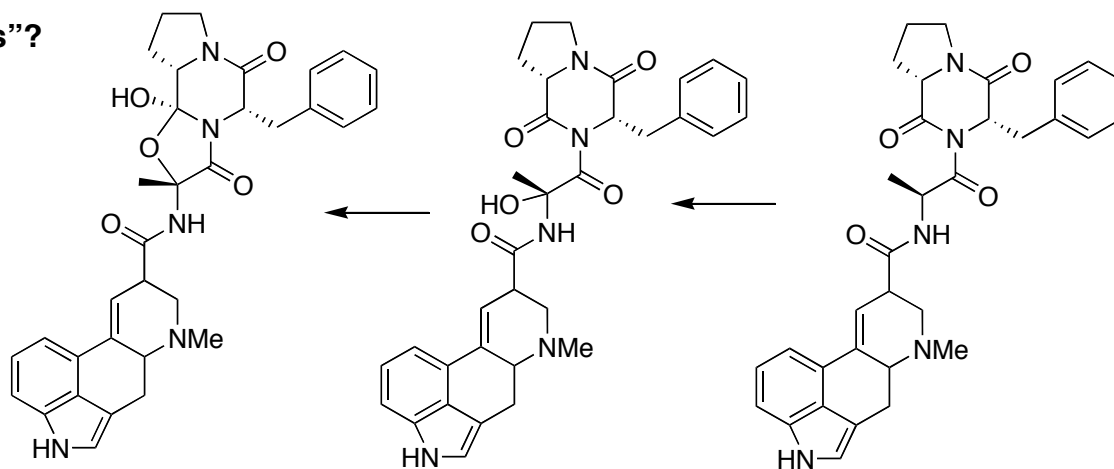
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 Alkaloid Biosynthesis:  
 tryptophan  
 Ergot Alkaloids



Potential for “combinatorial biosynthesis”?  
 Central amino acid varies

Ergovaline eliminated from a strain  
 of symbiant  
 “ryegrass staggers”  
 (PNAS (2001) 98 12820)



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