

\* المادة بسبع (تدخل) الجسم يكون في عندها (balance hydrophilic-hydrophobic) Properties

لكن بسبع (مخرج) عبر الكلى لازم تكون (Water soluble) ويكون الـ molecular weight مناسب

\* كيف نبتا تحول هاد الدواء الي فيه فيه hydrophobic Properties الي دواء يكون Water soluble عن طريق الـ metabolism

# ADME Drug Metabolism

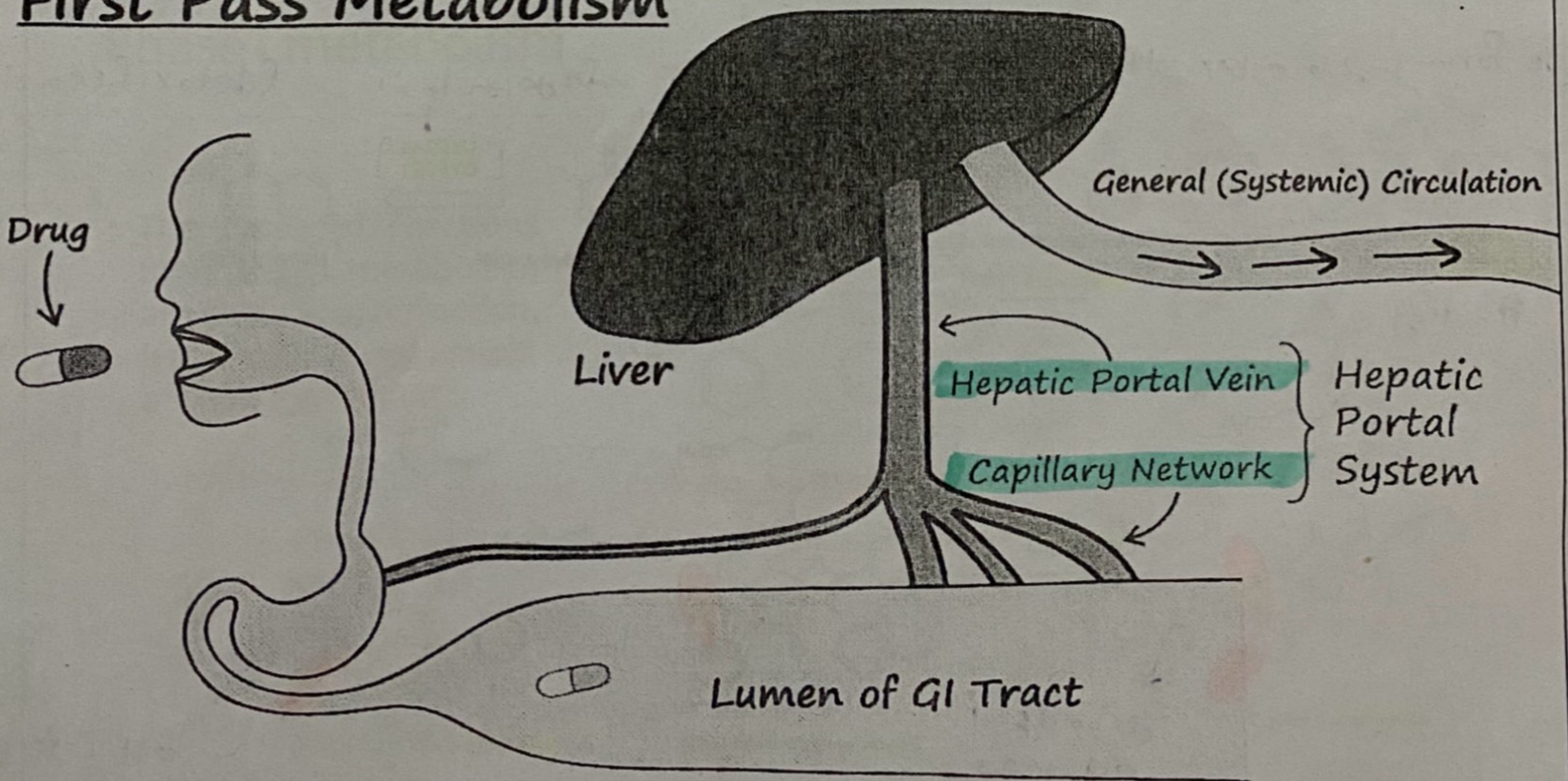
صليتكم ريماس الشوايكة

- رح افترعلم كل مادة المسكن  
ان شاء الله يكون لتفريغ  
واضح ومفهوم.

- وحش لوفي لا يذاتهم جوده  
شوي بعضي يكون فطريا كيت  
كل اسن الخبي

\* عندما تنقله لعضد الادويه عن طريق (hepatic portal vein) ويصير metabolism (General Circulation) او انها بعضي تدخل للكبد قبل ما تزوح وهو البروه للدوائه تنقله لهاد الدواء الي صالو metabolism (First pass effect)

## First Pass Metabolism



\* ماهو العضو الي تحلي البرتيبات (more water soluble) ؟ (liver)

# ROLE OF METABOLISM

هذه هي بنية الدواء Structure التي تدخل جسم الإنسان

- The role of metabolism step is to degrade or modify the foreign structure, such that it can be more easily excreted. As a result, most drugs undergo some form of metabolic reaction, resulting in structures known as **metabolites**.

Metabolites may: (مستقلبات الدواء)

هناك أنواع للأدوية من تدخل بصير انقلاب وتكون ال metabolites

1- Lose the activity of the original drug (**DETOXIFICATION**).  
هناك بعض الأدوية غير كفالة

2- Retain a certain level of activity.

3- Be more active than the parent drug (**BIOACTIVATION: PRODRUGS**)

كل شيء يدخل جسم الإنسان بصير له انقلاب تقريباً، إذا كان الدواء كثير water soluble فانه داخلي بصير له metabolism

Aside from water and most hydrophilic drugs, all other molecules/drugs are metabolized. This is actually essential because lipophilic drugs would circulate in the body for a long time, causing untoward side effects if not eliminated in due course. In most cases, metabolism converts lipophilic compounds to hydrophilic metabolites, which are then eliminated/excreted from the body.

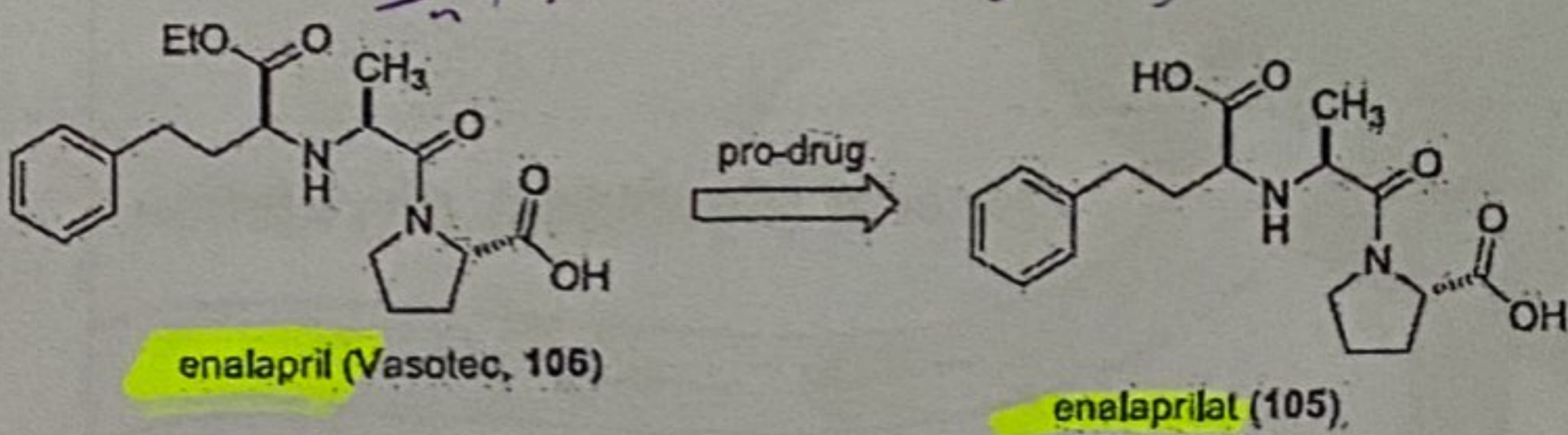
إذا ما كان metabolism واداءه وقتاً طويلاً له طين side effect.

- Metabolism is chemical alteration of the drugs in the body. The primary site for drug metabolism is the **liver**, which is of the uttermost importance with regard to a drug's biotransformations. Other sites of metabolism are the **kidney, intestine, lungs, and plasma**.

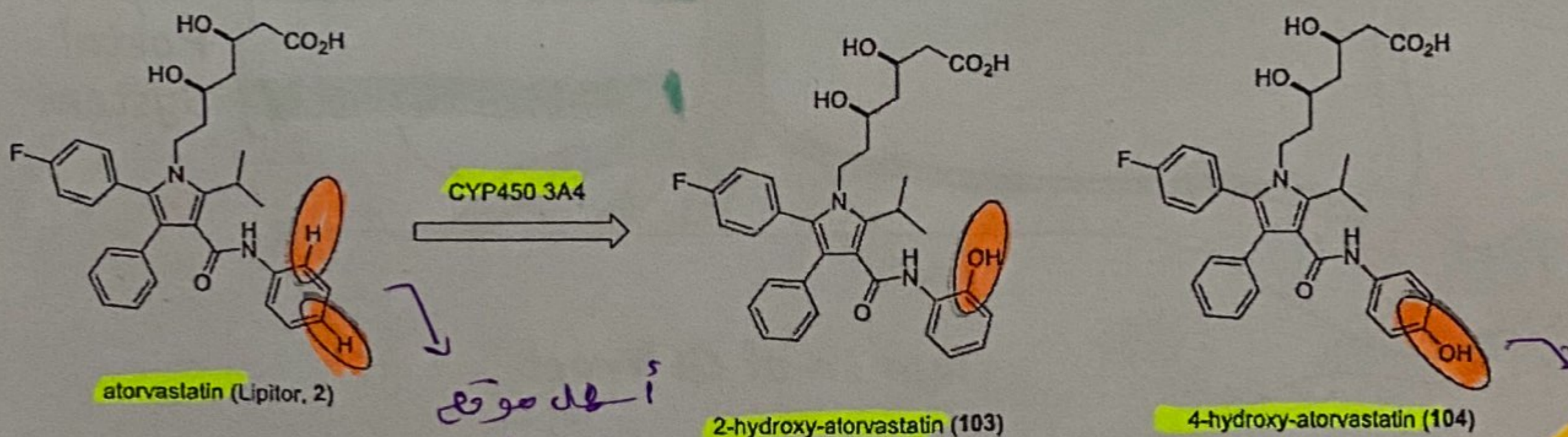
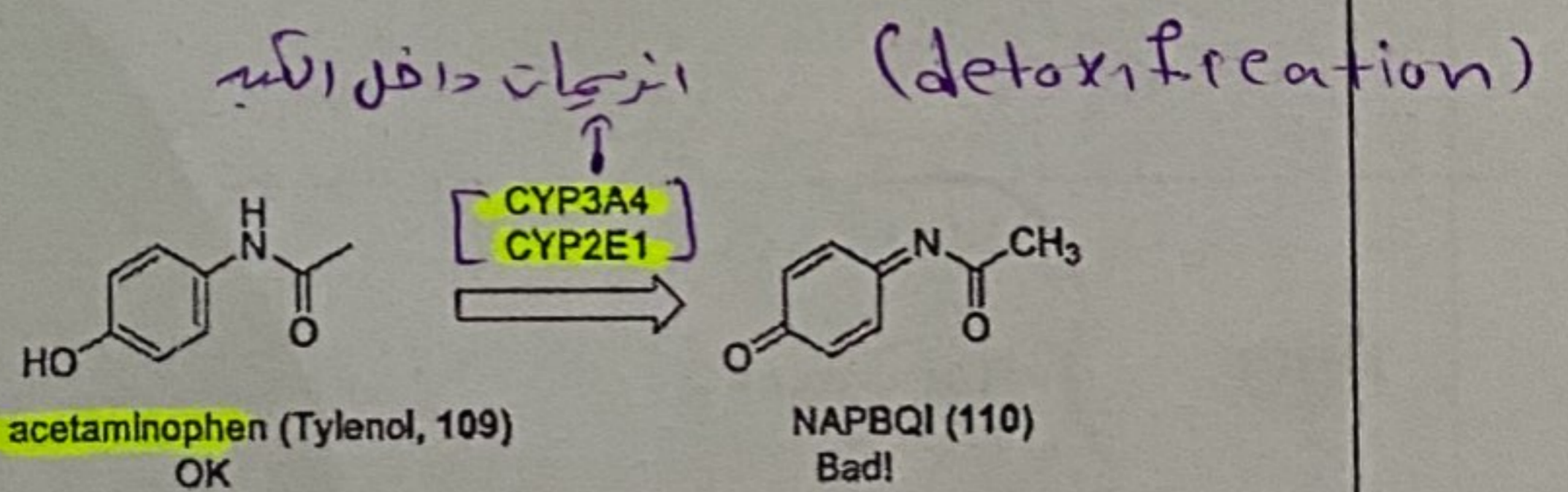
هو التغير الكيمياء داخل الجسم

## Examples

active form بصير ester



pro drug



أحد مواقع الأسترة oxidation هو عبارة عن benzyl hydrogen (تتحول) hydroxy

# Phases of Metabolism

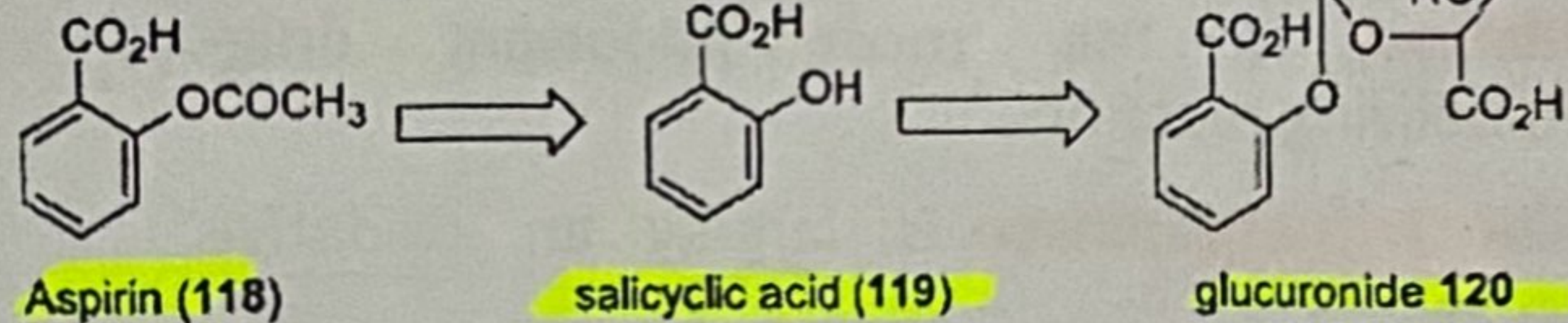
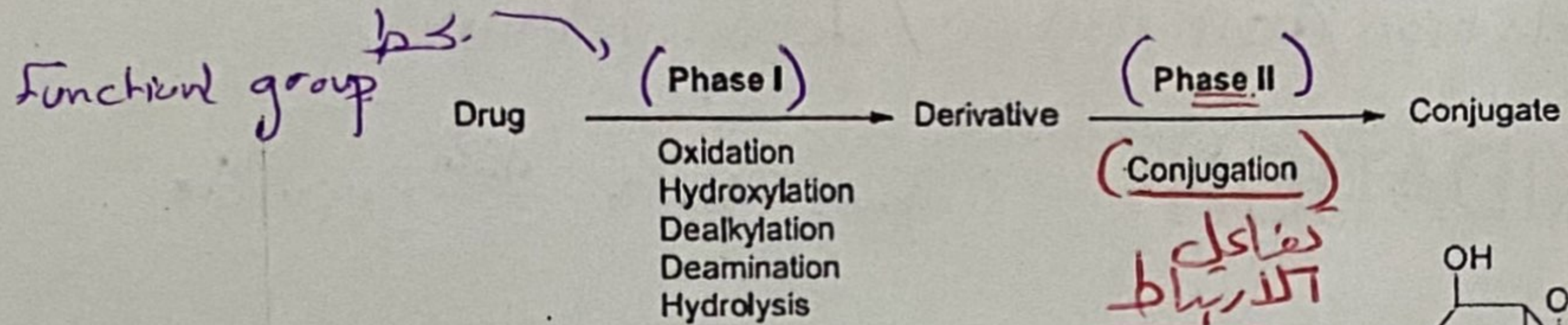
قاهين → قاصدي اوليه

\* ما بهر وقتي افرتاكون (more polar) جهتي رکت ايلا با

- Drug metabolism may be divided to two phases: Phase I metabolism and Phase II metabolism. Phase I metabolism refers to functional group transformations of the original drug, converting it to a more polar molecule(s).
- Phase II metabolism, also known as conjugation, is the process of appending a very polar and highly hydrophilic molecule (glucose or sulfate, for example) to appropriately functionalized (parent compound) or Phase I metabolite.

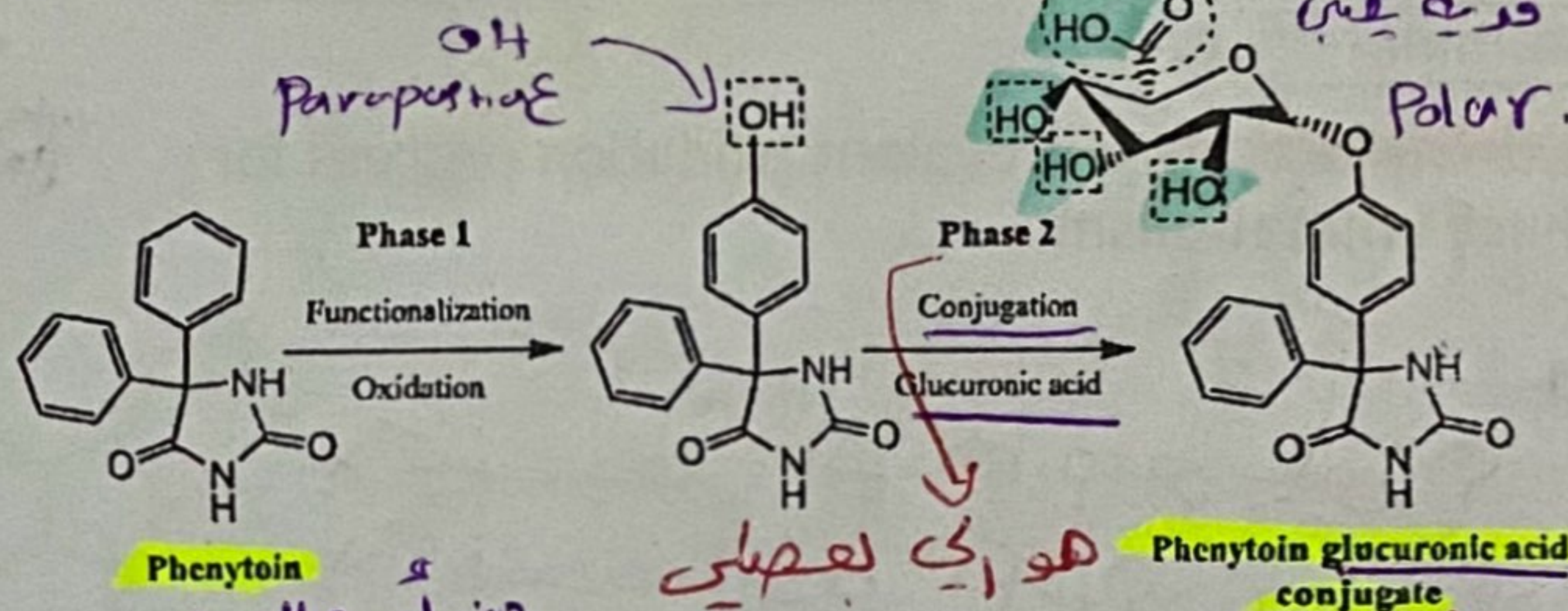
Function group Phase I  
 Phase II  
 glucose / sulfate

(more polar) ~~more polar~~ ~~more polar~~ \*



فانرج عنه بالصفه الي قدام

هادي كاه اوليه  
 الـ OH  
 تباري غير كافيه  
 ليكو ياطو water  
 فيني  
 glucuronide.



توفوا قدره عليه  
 OH قدره عيني  
 Polar.

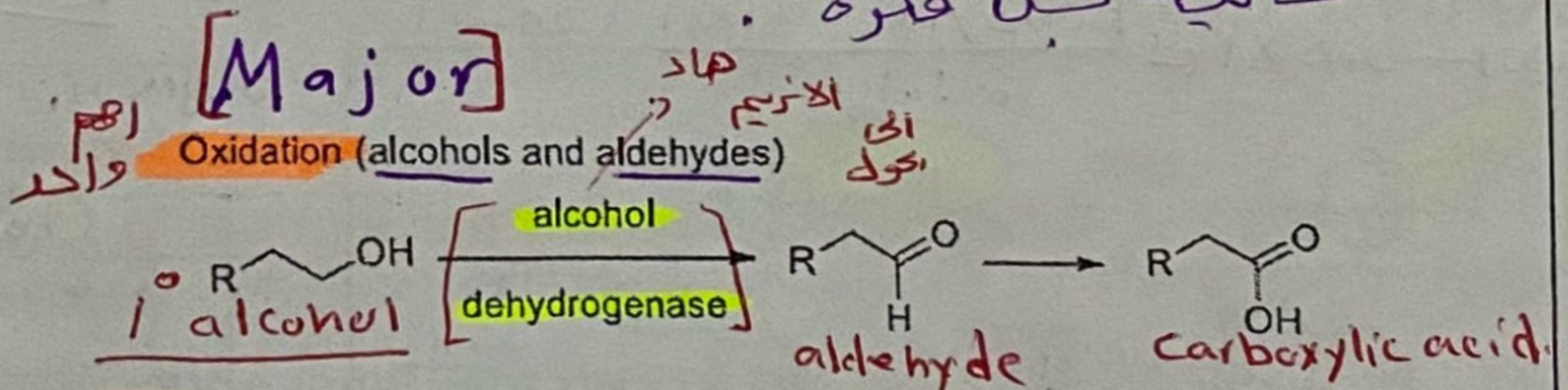
\* ليس توف رينج توف الـ OH  
 oxidation  
 Paraposition

اربطوازي بسب بدتم لفتحوا الباري (٢)  
 بال Phase 1 بسا بتدكوا ايرتم ع لباري  
 صبة Phase 1 بسا تكت OH

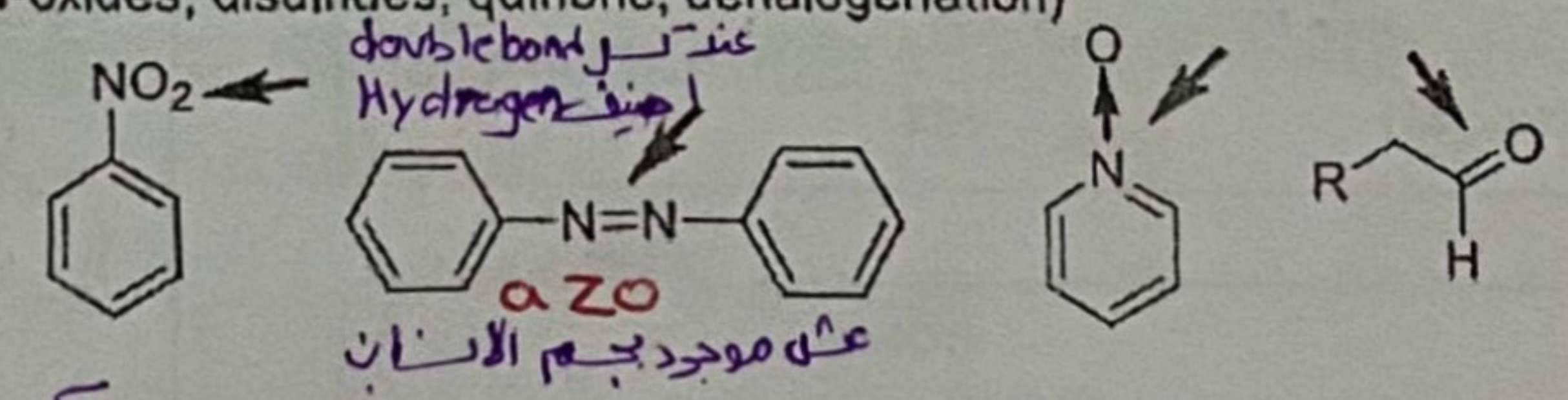
Phase II بلجي نفتح هاد لباري  
 زي بسا تخط glucorodation  
 تفتحوا هاد لباري لقدام  
 حاليه بسا فكرة

# Phase I metabolism

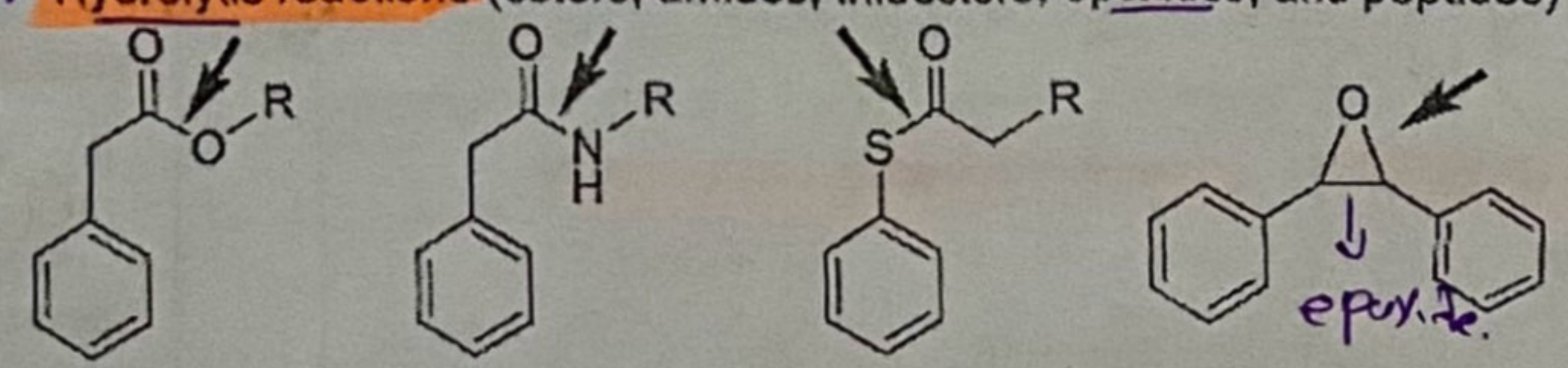
- The types of reactions for Phase I metabolism are **oxidation**, **reduction**, **hydrolysis**, **cyclization**, and **de-cyclization**.



Reductions: (ketones, double bonds, nitro and azo compounds, sulfoxides and N-oxides, disulfides, quinone, dehalogenation)



Hydrolytic reactions (esters, amides, thioesters, epoxides, and peptides)



oxidation  
 \* جراحه - اضافة اوتسجين اوازالة هيدروجين

1 alcohol  $\rightarrow$  aldehyde  $\rightarrow$  Carboxylic acid  
 2 $^{\circ}$   $\rightarrow$  Keton.  
 3 $^{\circ}$   $\rightarrow$  هاليفر oxidation.

\* Oxidation :- you add oxygen or remove hydrogen  
 (dehydrogenas enzyme)

\* Reduction :- you remove oxygen or you add hydrogen

اطلوا هاي للفهم بس ع

به يكون واحد مع inflammatory بال آاي

وبدي هاد لباري ايرتم ع لباري intestinal  
 anti-inflammatory / anti-bacterial

ما بيسرله اش بالعدت بدي بوصول لـ histamine فيربط بوصول الـ serotonin برابط azo compound

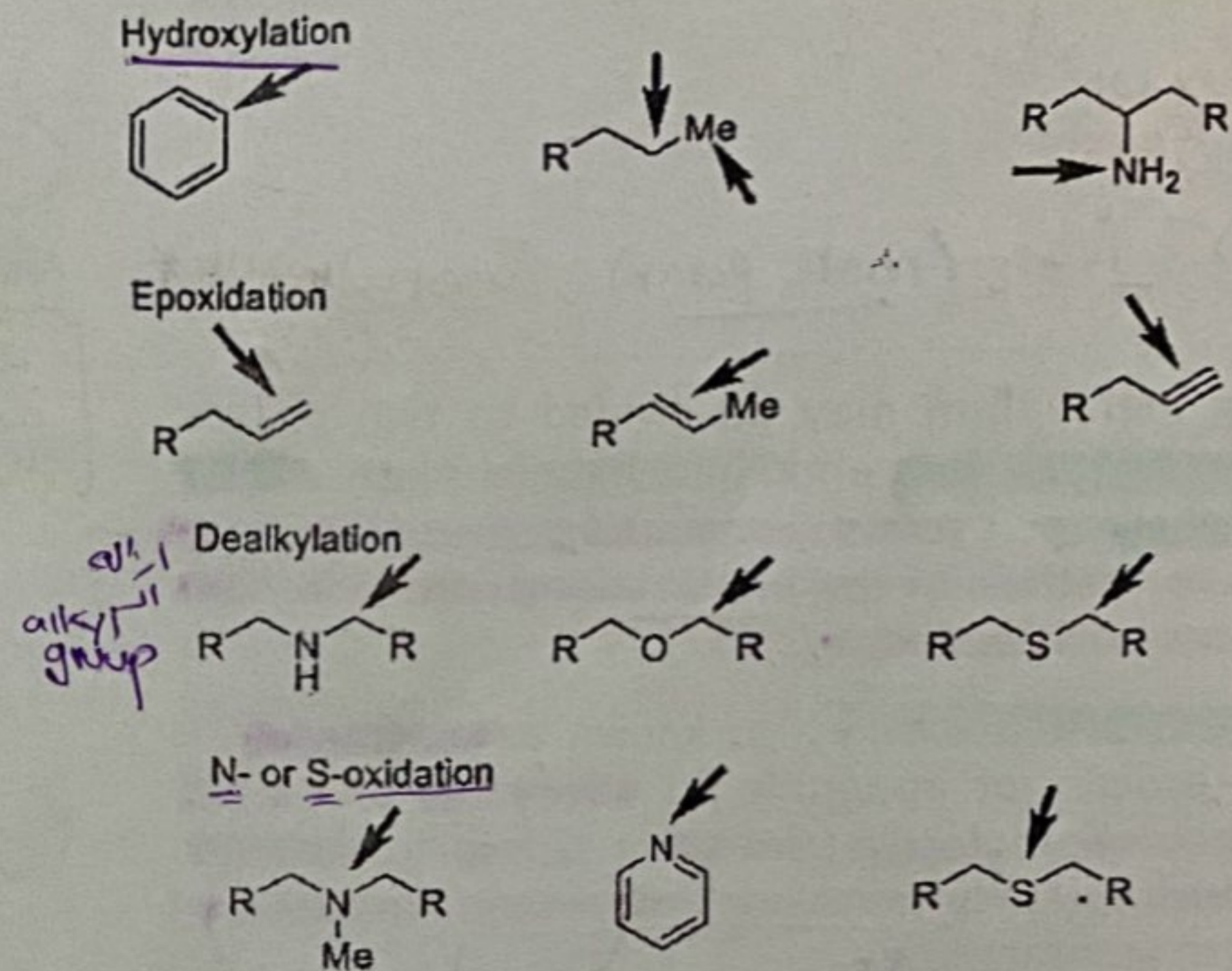
الرابطة هاي عند طرف اضافة الهيدروجين  
 و بيسر كذا دو سوام

(oxidation) → phase I → hydroxylation Alkylation / deamination

# OXIDATION

double bond → epoxide

- Oxidation is the most important drug-metabolizing reaction.
- Phase I metabolism is largely an oxidative process.
- Various oxidative metabolisms are hydroxylation; oxygenation at carbon, nitrogen, or sulfur atoms; N-dealkylation or O-dealkylation, oxidative deamination, etc.
- Hydroxylation is a prevalent oxidation process for Phase I metabolism.

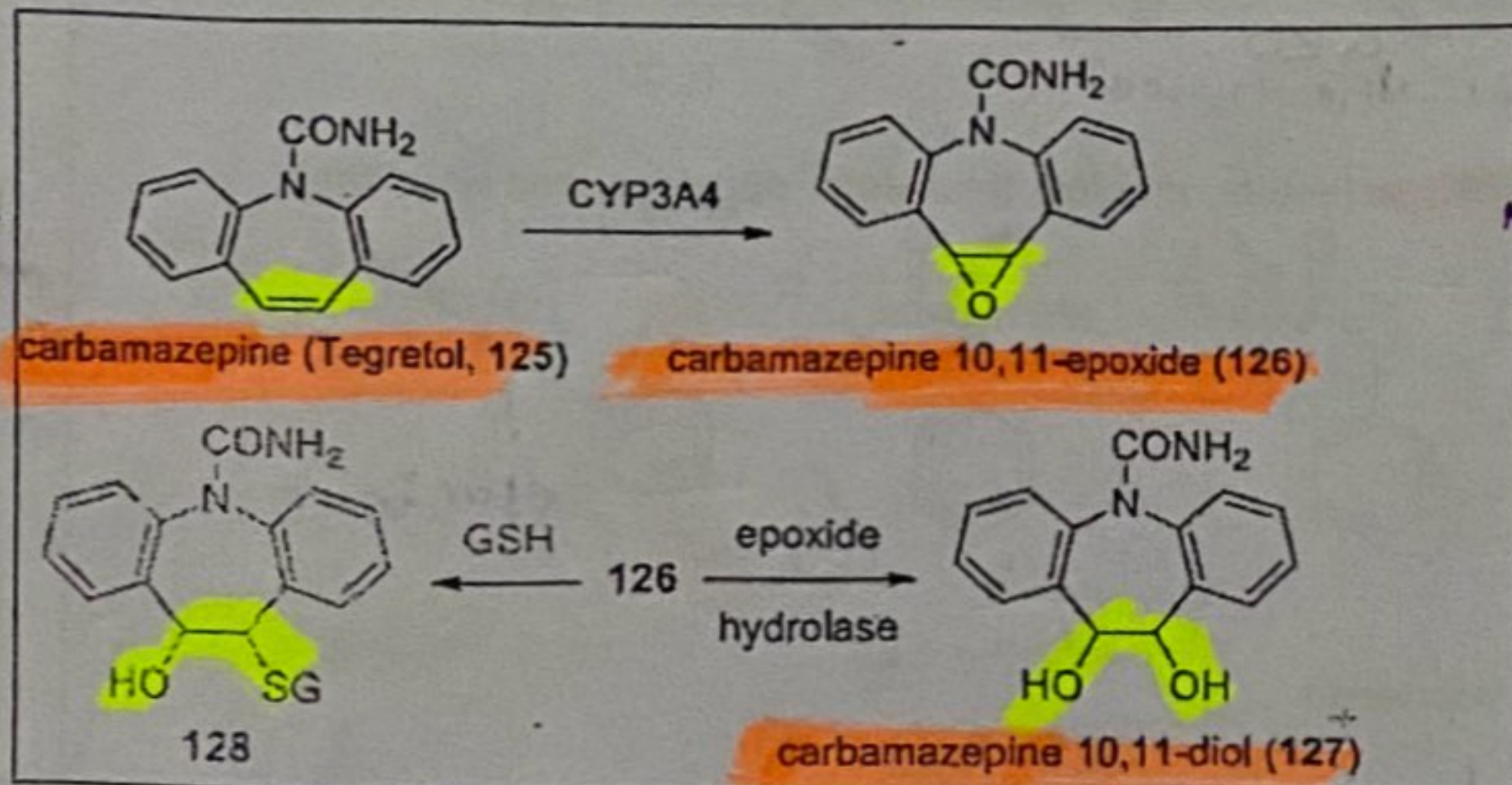
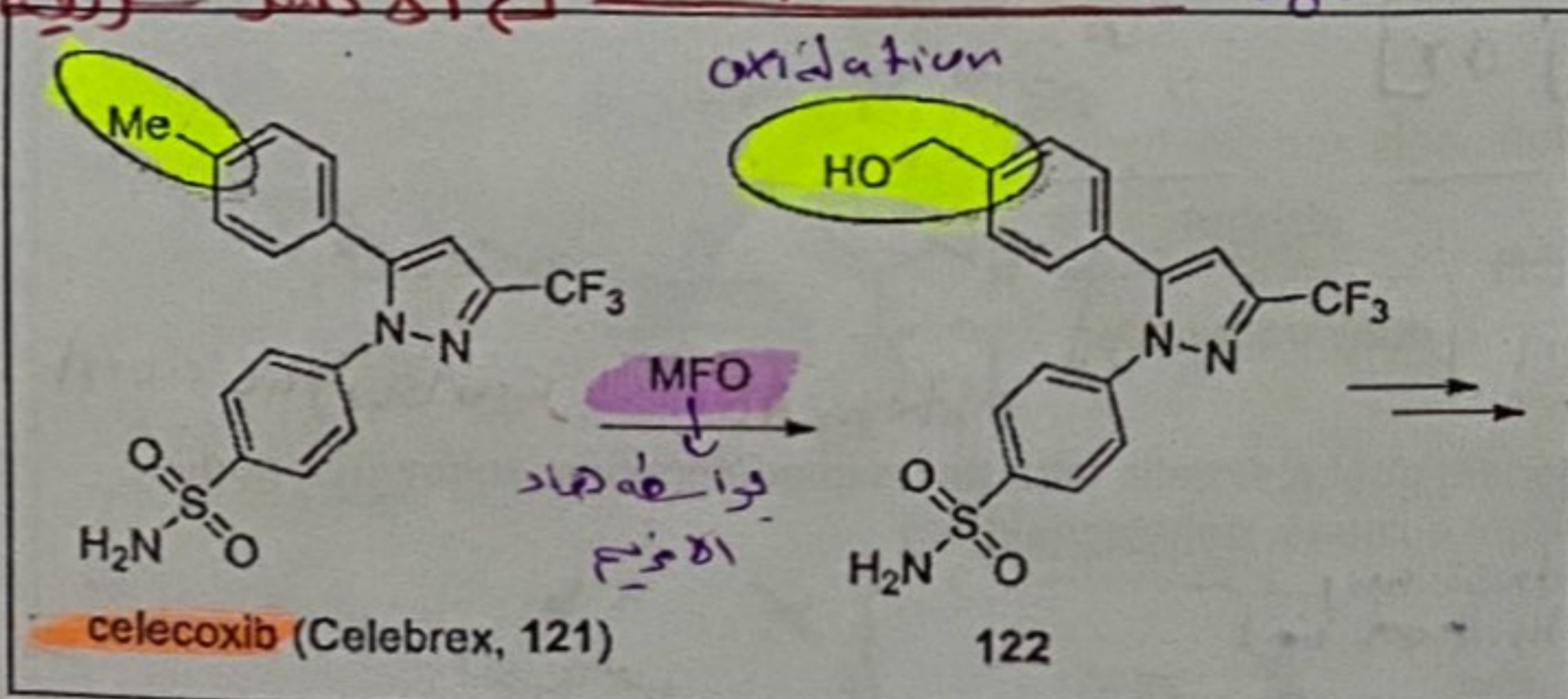


شرح الـ MFO  
 \* كيف يظهر الـ aspirin بالبول؟  
 - إذا قد صابول الـ MFO، روح يطلع عندي  
 (succinimidyl derivative)

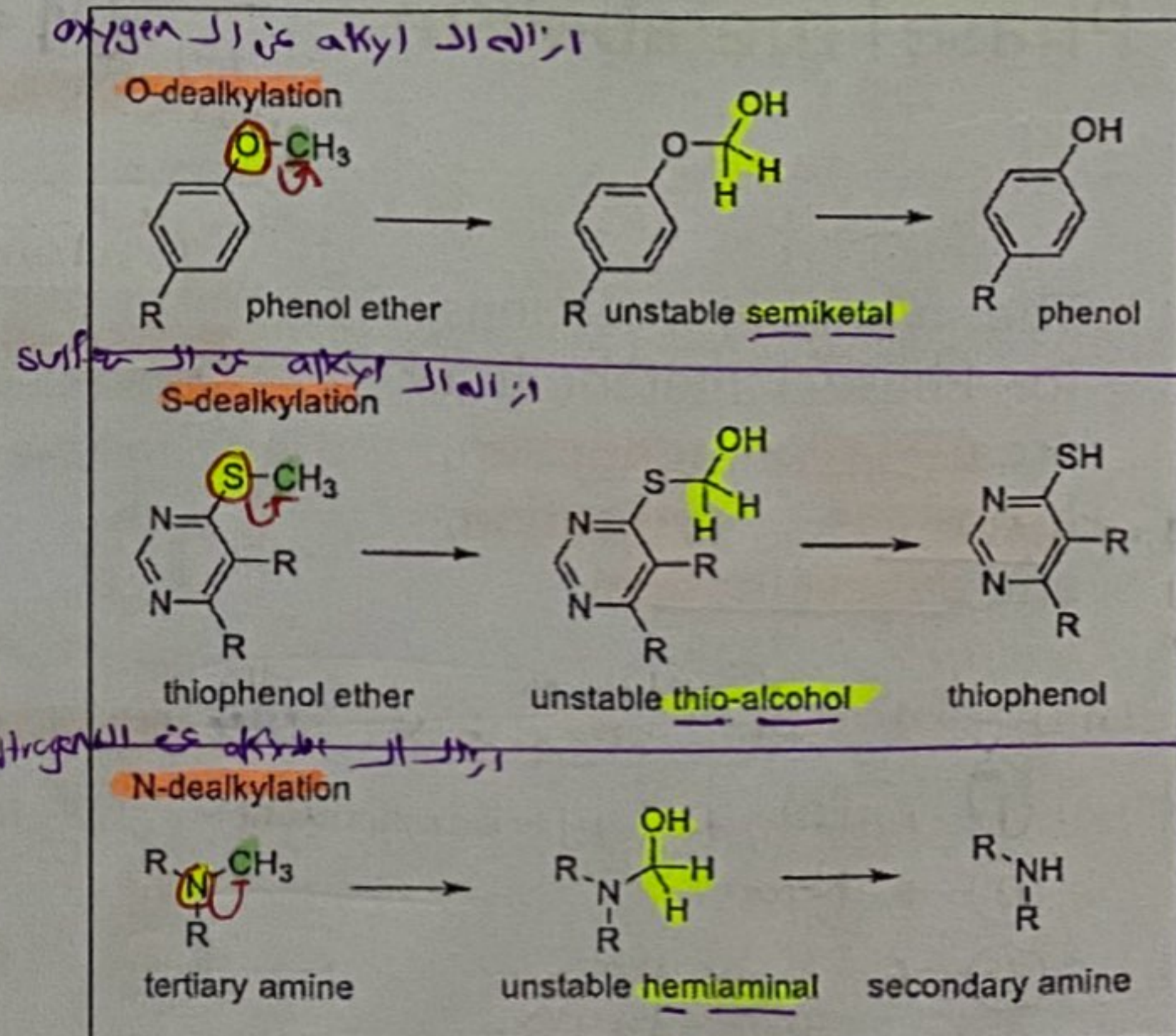
\* المستقلبات بيطلع معا بالبول ويتم لفحص  
 عن طريق جهاز Gas Chromatography

# EXAMPLES

aromatic ring → benzylic carbon



# Dealkylation



\* Note → double bond → epoxide (stable)



- Other metabolic enzymes involved in Oxidative reactions :
- **flavin-containing Monooxygenases**
- **Monoamine Oxidases**
- **Alcohol Dehydrogenases**
- **Aldehyde Dehydrogenases**
- **Xanthine Oxidase**

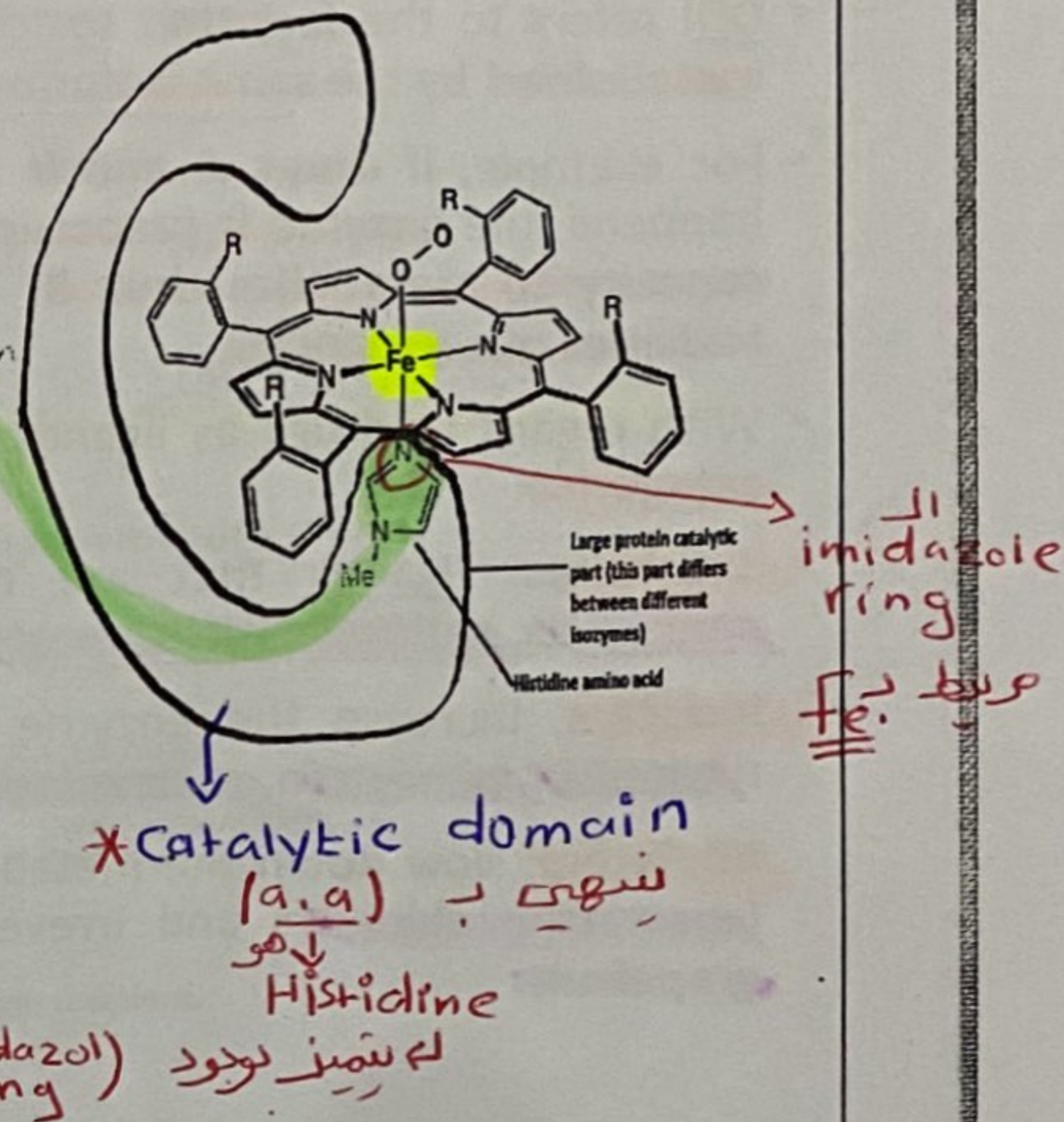
## Cytochrome P450 (CYP450) Enzymes

نعم استقلاب الادوية عن طريقه

- Drugs are metabolized mostly by a class of enzymes called **cytochrome P450 (CYP450) enzymes**. they belong to a general class of enzymes **called the monooxygenases**.
- They are so named because they are bound to membranes **within a cell (cyto)** and **contain a heme pigment** (chrome and P) that **absorbs light at a wavelength of 450 nm** when exposed to carbon monoxide.
- CYP450 enzymes are a superfamily of **18 heme-containing enzyme families**, which may be further divided into **43 subfamilies** and more than **200 CYP450 isoforms**. Chief among them are **CYP450 3A4 and 2D6**.
- CYP 3A4 carries out **biotransformations of the largest number (~50%) of drugs**.
- Other important CYPs are **1A2, 2C9, 2C19, and 3A5**.
- In all, these six CYP enzymes are **responsible for metabolizing 90% of drugs**.
- In addition to the **(liver)** these isoforms are expressed in the **(intestine)** and the **(kidney)** too.
- Inhibitors of CYP450 3A4: **erythromycin**, **clarithromycin**, **verapamil**, **ketoconazole**, **itraconazole**, **diltiazem**, and a constituent of grapefruit juice: responsible for unwanted interactions with many drugs.

↓ مؤوليه عن كثير تفاعلات  
غير مرغوب بها.

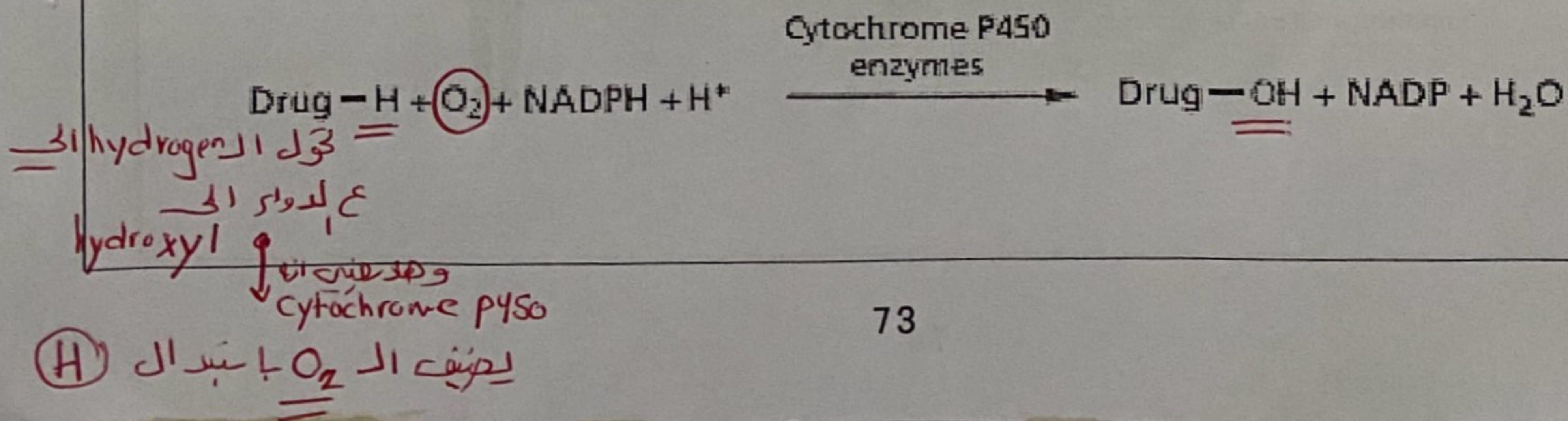
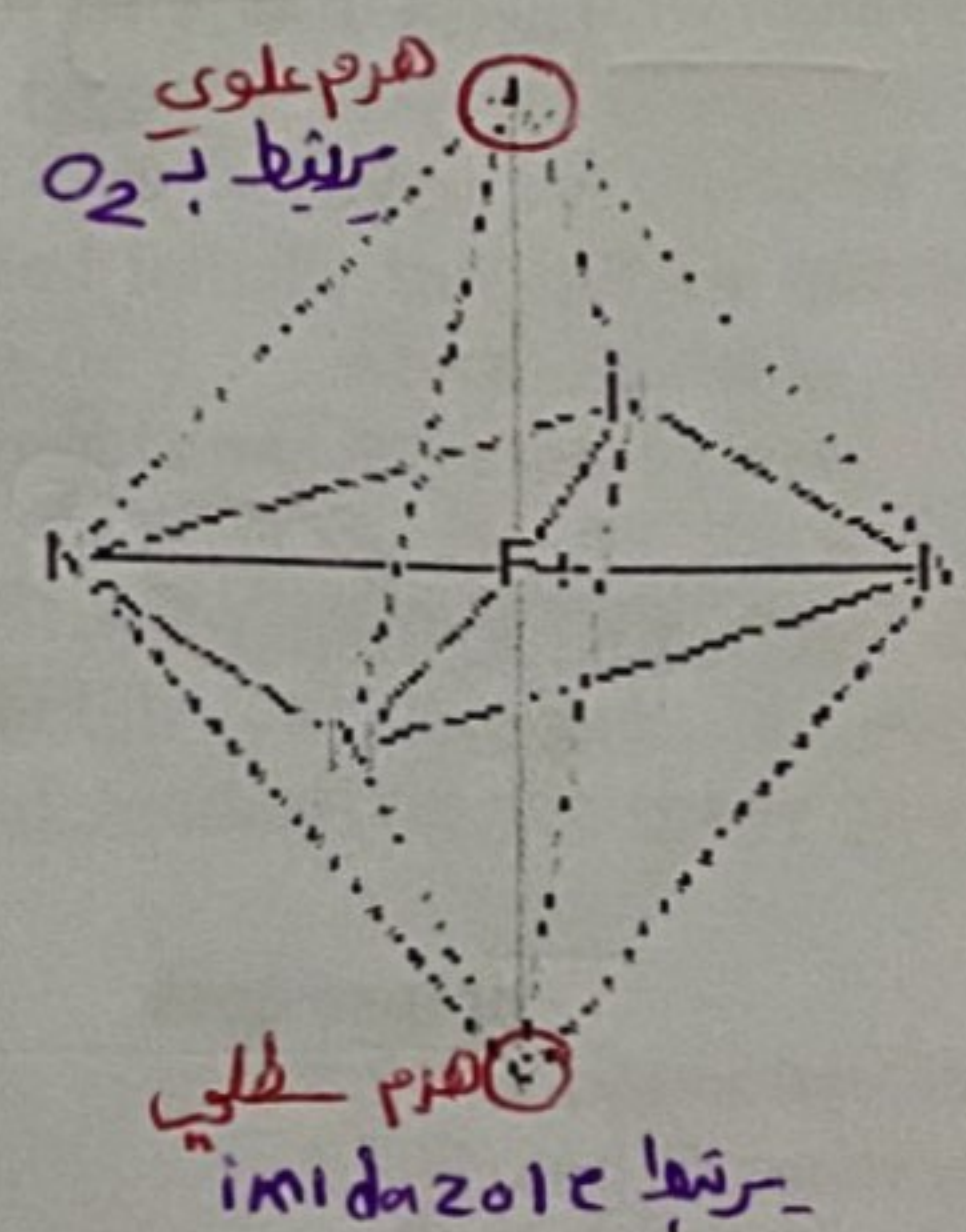
- Note in the figure the **large protein catalytic part**; this is the part that **differs in different oxidases** (different amino acid sequence).
  - However, they **all share the non-protein part (heme cofactor)**
  - As you can also see the **porphyrin ring** in the catalytic ring; made up of **4 pyrrole rings** in a highly **conjugated system**.
  - There's an **Iron in the middle of the ring** that forms coordinate bonds with **Nitrogen atoms** [Coordinate bond: a bond between an **electron donor** (Nitrogen in this case) that gives the electrons to the empty d-orbitals of a metal (Iron in this case)].
  - The Iron in the porphyrin ring forms the **heme**;
  - **The Iron is in the ferric state** ( $Fe^{+3}$ ).
- A similar molecule that contains a heme group is hemoglobin but the **Iron in hemoglobin is a ferrous iron** ( $Fe^{2+}$ ).



\*سواء كان  $Fe^{2+}$  /  $Fe^{+3}$  ← يشكل 6 روابط (Coordinate)  
 ↳ Bipyramidal system

- The Iron (whether a **ferrous** or a **ferric ion**) can form up to **6 coordinate bonds** in a **bipyramidal system** as you can see in the figure.
- In the **porphyrin ring** the Iron forms 4 bonds with the Nitrogen atoms in the pyrrole ring so that means there are two bonds left for the Iron to form:
- - One of the two bonds (**the 5<sup>th</sup> bond**) is formed with a Nitrogen atom in the imidazole group found in the amino acid histidine; this bond is responsible for holding this porphyrin ring structure in the catalytic pocket of the oxidase enzyme.
- The **6<sup>th</sup> bond** is formed between the Iron and **Oxygen molecule ( $O_2$ )**. This oxygen is very important since it's the oxygen atom that is donated in the oxidation reaction (act as oxidizing agent). Under the slightly acidic condition of the liver, the oxygen molecule is in the form of ( $-O-OH$ ) and this  $-OH$  is donated in the oxidation reaction to the metabolized compounds to form ( $R-OH$ ).
- **So, the source of the  $-OH$  is the oxygen bound to the Iron in cytochrome P450 (CYP-450).**

Bipyramidal system.

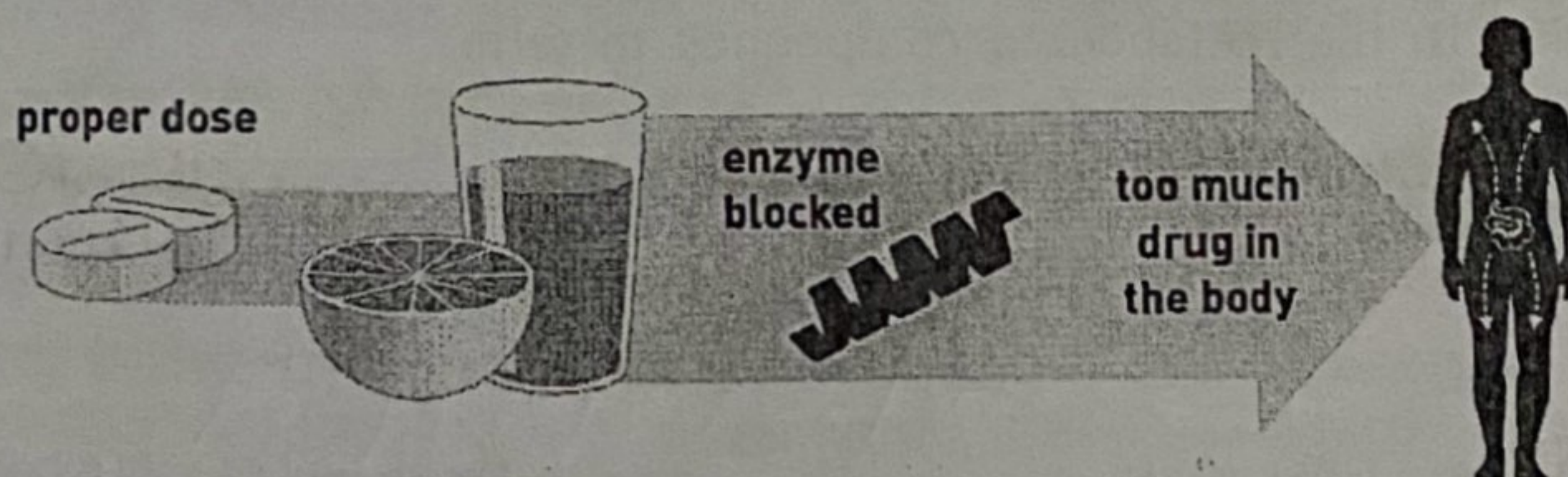
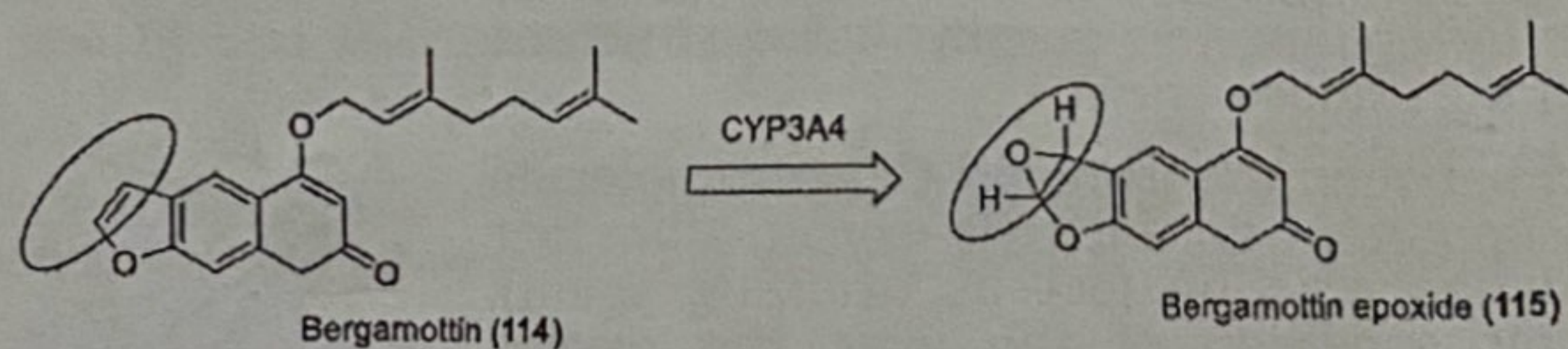


## Drug-Drug Interactions

- **DDI** refers to the fact that toxicity often ensues when two co-administered drugs are metabolized by the same isoform of CYP450 enzymes.
- For example, if drugs A and B are both metabolized by CYP450 3A4, as it so often happens, the enzyme is preoccupied by metabolizing drug A, it no longer possesses the capacity to metabolize drug B. Without the benefit being biotransformed, untoward toxicities often manifest
- With regard to drugs as ligands for CYP450 enzymes, they may be divided into three categories:
  - **Substrates:** ligands that are metabolized by the enzymes. Examples: macrolide antibiotics, antifungal ketoconazole and grapefruit juice.
  - **inducers,** increase the enzyme activity by increasing enzyme synthesis. Examples: rifampicin, phenytoin, carbamazepine and phenobarbital
  - **inhibitors:** slow down the metabolism of substrates leading to an increased drug effect (reversible inhibitors and irreversible inhibitors). Examples: fluoxetine, ketoconazole, grapefruit

- Drinking a glass of juice in the morning is good for you. But if you take your medicine with it, you should be aware of the grapefruit juice effect.

- Grapefruits contain **furanocoumarin derivatives** that are **rapid, potent, mechanism-based inhibitors (MBIs)** of **intestinal CYP3A4**. Its **major ingredient bergamottin** is oxidized by CYP3A4 to **bergamottin epoxide**. Bergamottin inhibits CYP3A4 via protein modification. It also inhibits CYP1A2, 2A6, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6, and 2E1. Therefore, when a drug is taken with grapefruit juice its bioavailability is frequently boosted.



# Oxidative Reactions

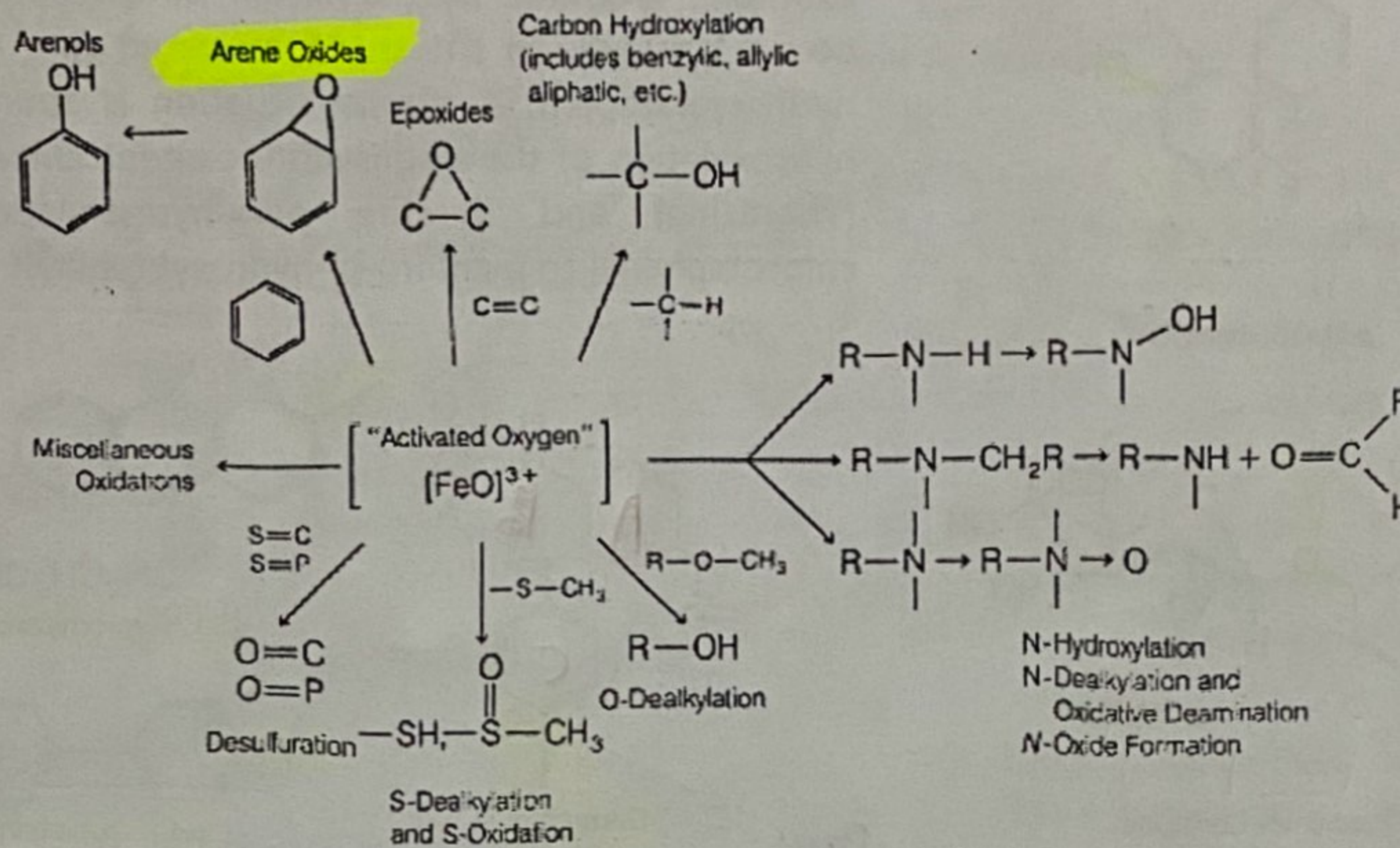
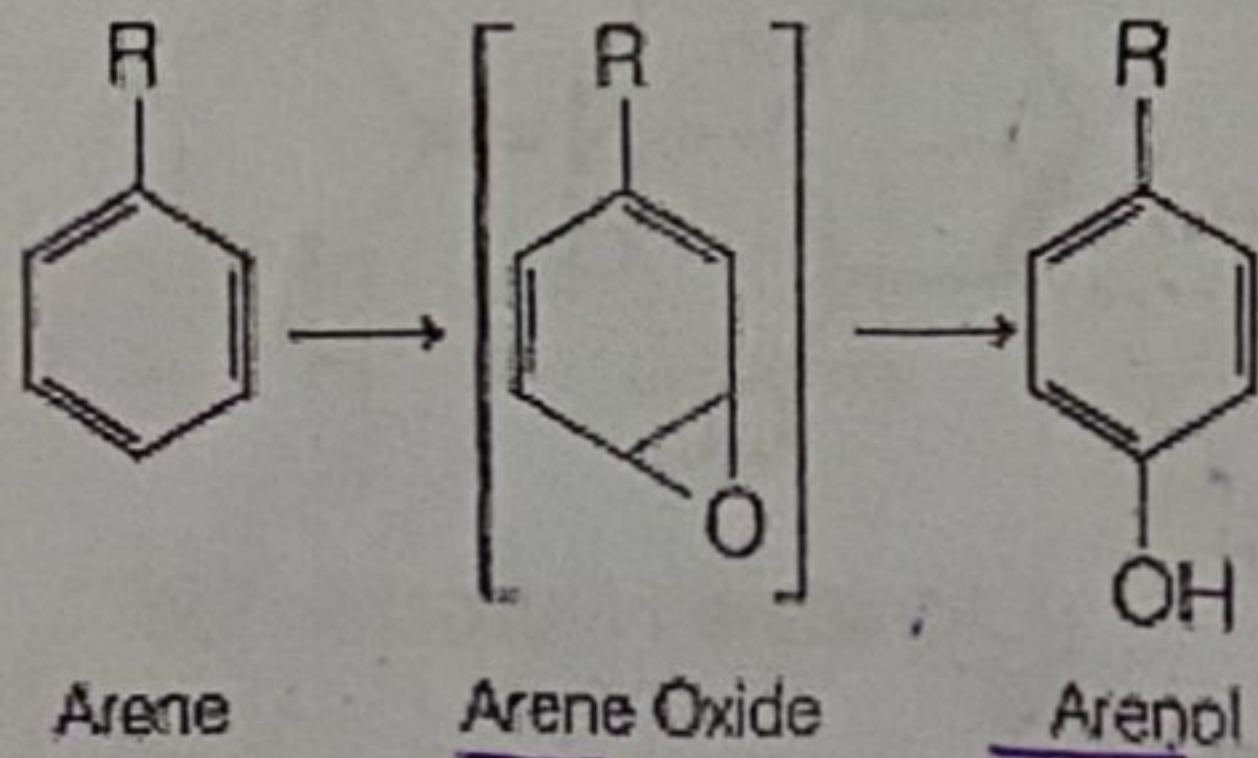


Figure 3.3 • Schematic summary of cytochrome P450-catalyzed oxidation reactions. (Adapted from Ullrich, V.: Top. Curr. Chem. 83:68, 1979.)

الكربون مع methyl  
 oxidation بنظير  
 في غنى استبدال  
 H → OH  
 oxidation benzylic carbon.

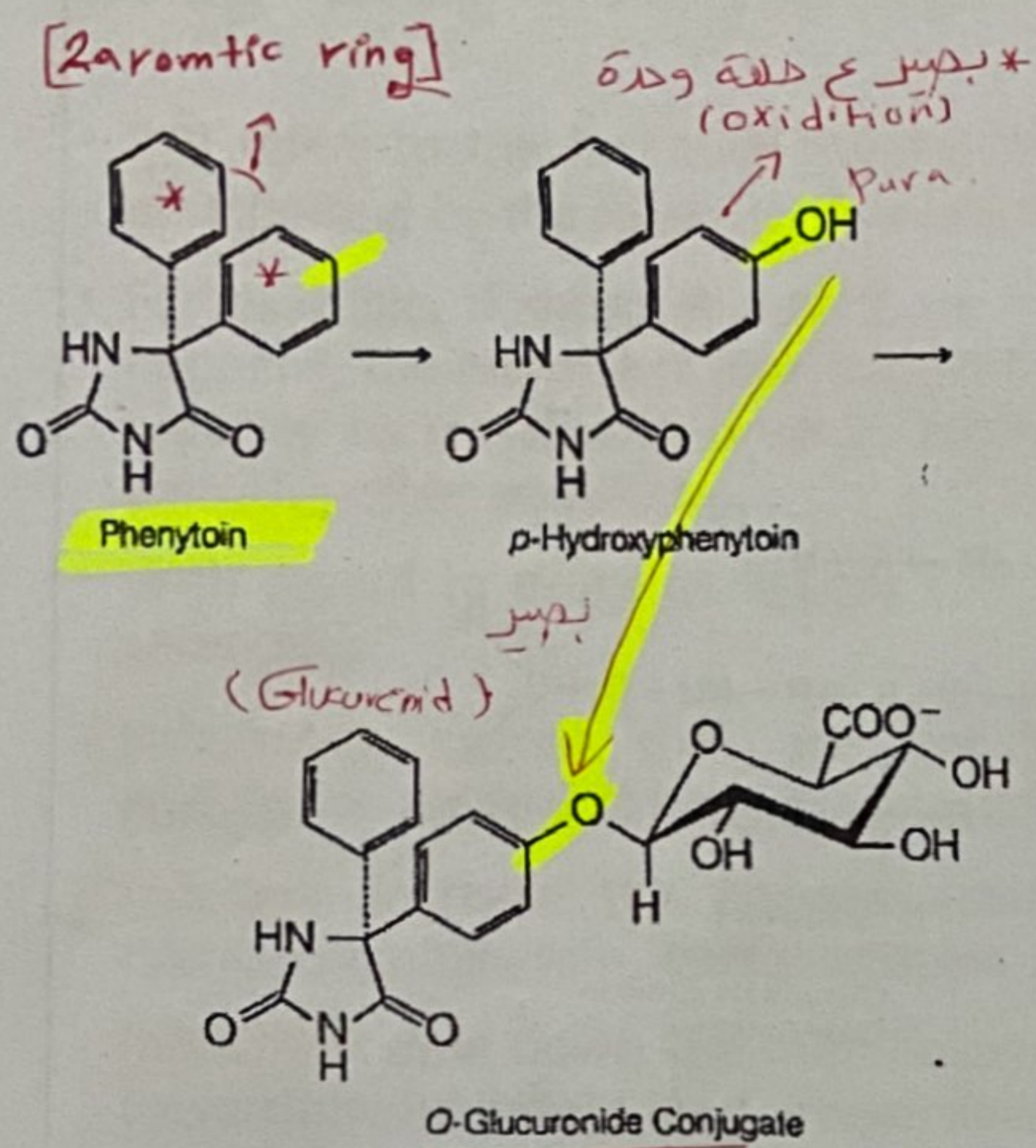
## Aromatic oxidation



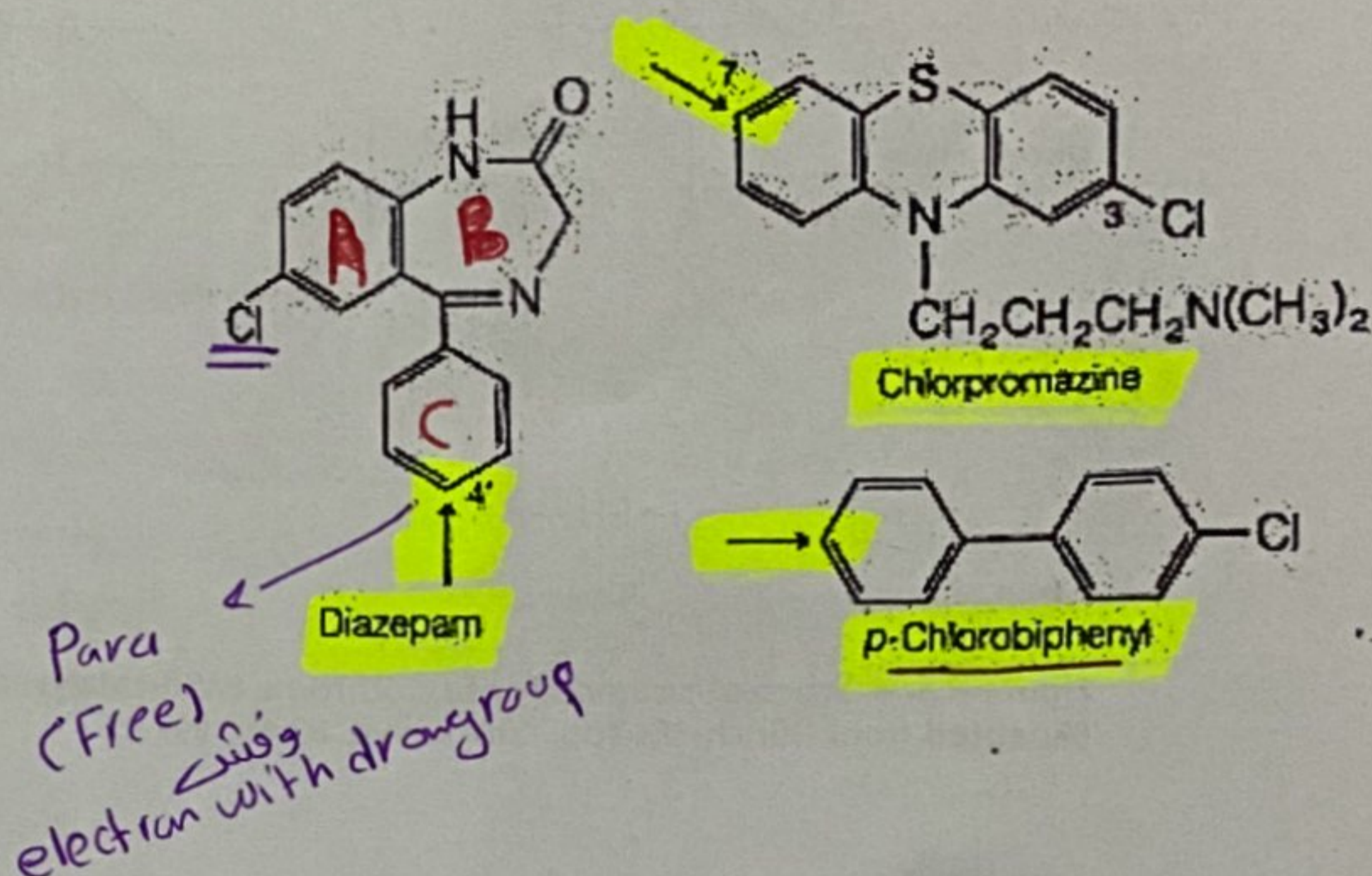
The term **aromatic hydroxylation** refers to the mixed functional oxidation of aromatic compounds (**arenes**) to their corresponding **phenolic metabolites** (**arenols**). It is believed that almost all aromatic hydroxyl reactions proceed initially through an epoxide intermediate called "**arene oxide**" which **quickly** and **spontaneously** rearranges to the arenol product in most cases.

Most foreign compounds containing **aromatic moieties** are susceptible to **aromatic oxidation**. In **humans**, aromatic hydroxylation is a major route of metabolism for many drugs containing phenyl groups.

Important therapeutic agents such as **propranolol**, **phenobarbital**, **phenytoin**, **atorvastatin**, **17α-ethinylestradiol** and **S-warfarin** undergo extensive **aromatic oxidation**. In most of the drugs just mentioned, **hydroxylation occurs at the para position**.



In compounds with **two aromatic rings**, hydroxylation occurs preferentially in the **more electron-rich ring**. For example, aromatic hydroxylation of diazepam (Valium) occurs primarily in the more activated ring to yield 4'-hydroxydiazepam. A similar situation is seen in the 7-hydroxylation of the antipsychotic agent chlorpromazine (Thorazine) and in the para-hydroxylation of p-chlorobiphenyl to p-chloro-p'-hydroxybiphenyl.



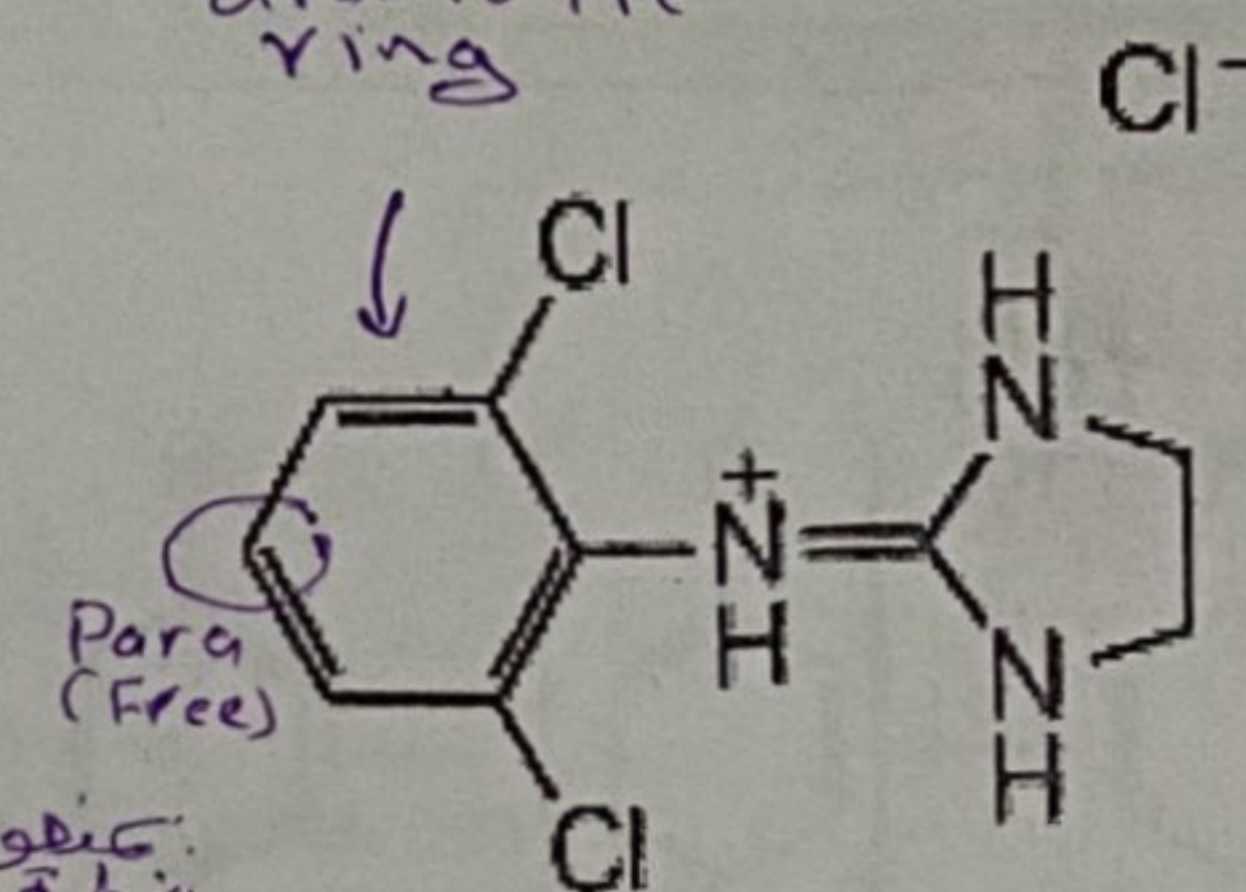
Often, the substituents attached to the aromatic ring may influence the ease of hydroxylation. As a general rule, microsomal aromatic hydroxylation reactions appear to proceed most readily in **activated (electron-rich) rings**, whereas deactivated aromatic rings (e.g., those containing electron-withdrawing groups Cl, -N+R<sub>3</sub>, COOH, SO<sub>2</sub>NHR) are generally slow or resistant to hydroxylation. The deactivating groups present in the antihypertensive clonidine may explain why this drug undergoes little aromatic hydroxylation in humans.

2 → Cl ← electron with drawing group

(electron with drawing group)

بجهد مع طاقة وحدة، بحدوث عملية hydroxylation

aromatic ring



Clonidine Hydrochloride

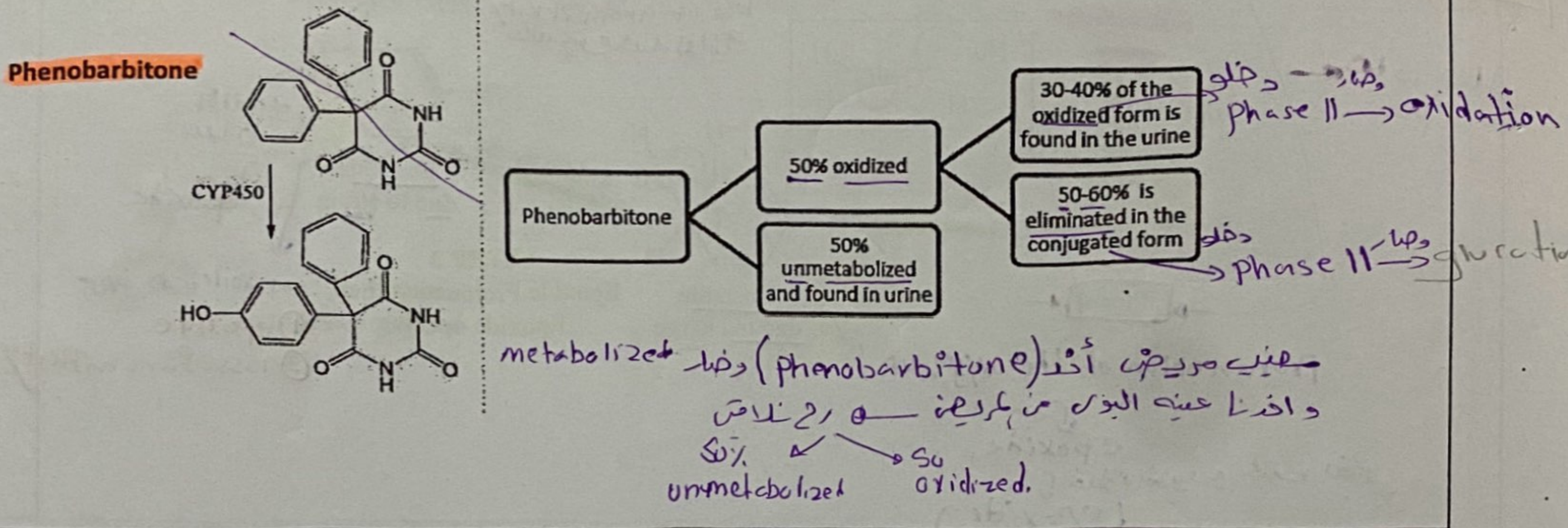
I / Br / F / Cl / H

[electron with drawing group]

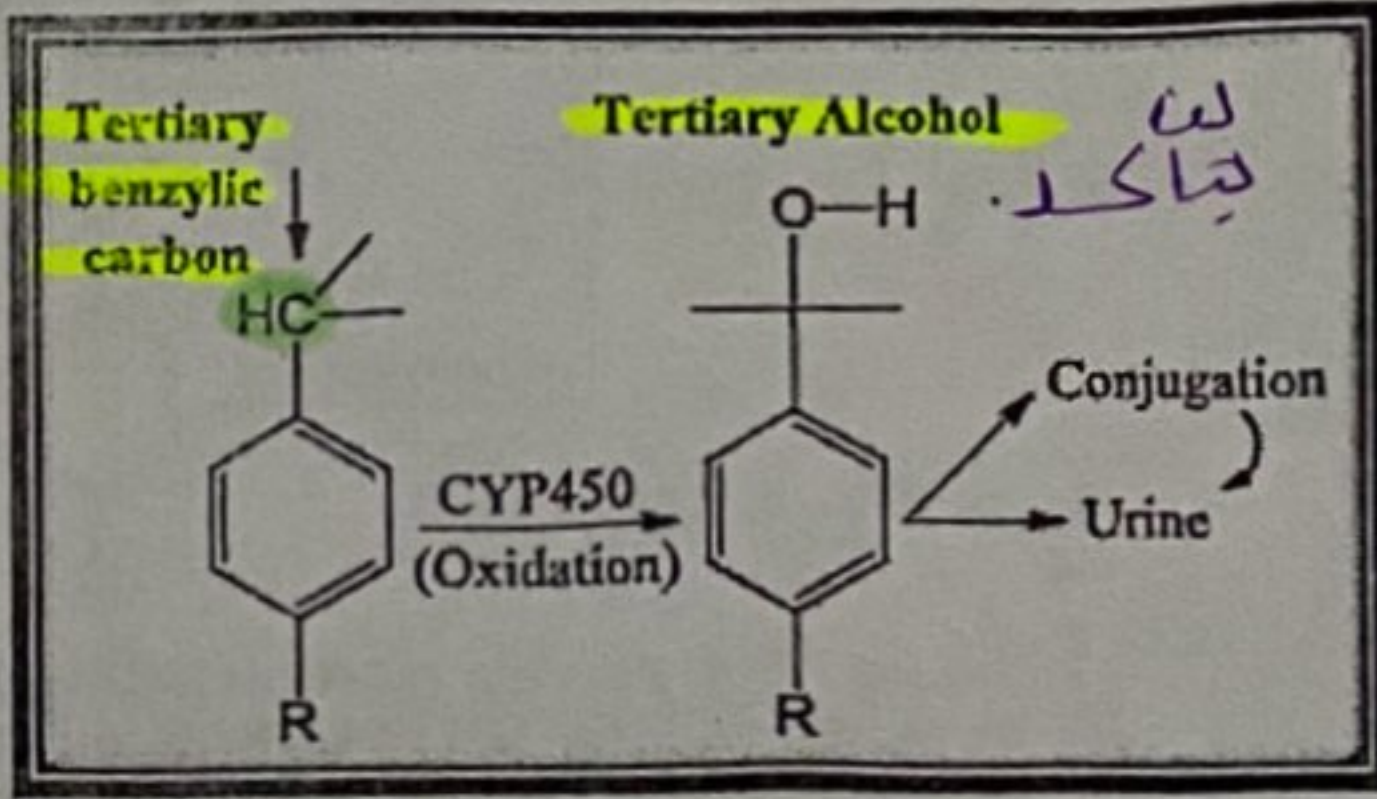
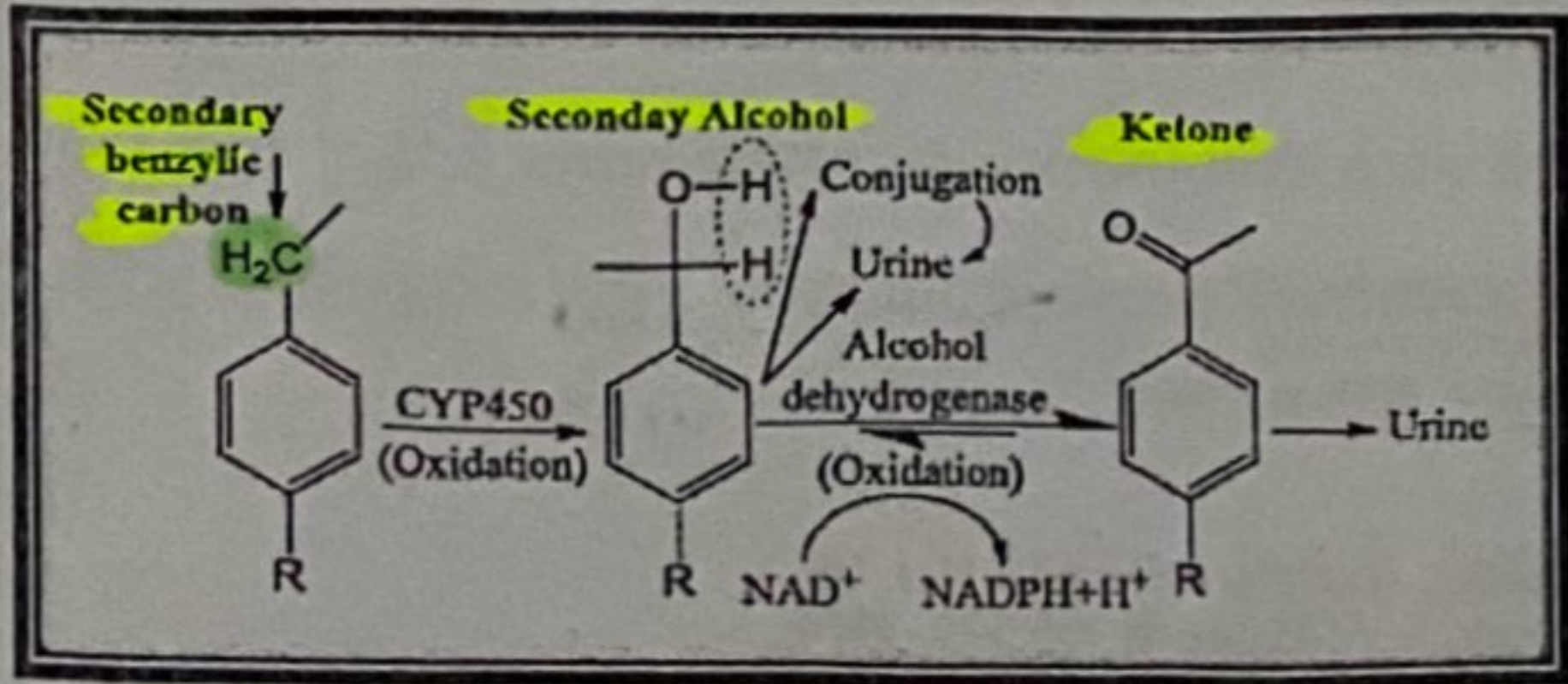
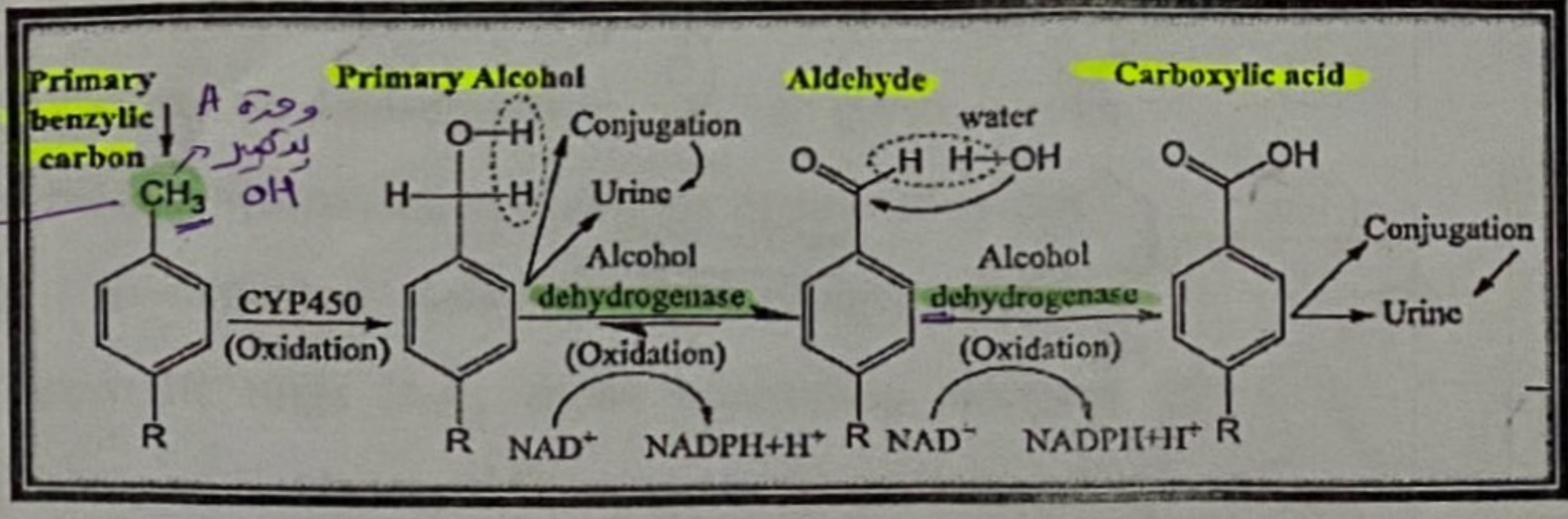
- ① Nucleophilic attack
- ② Oxidation



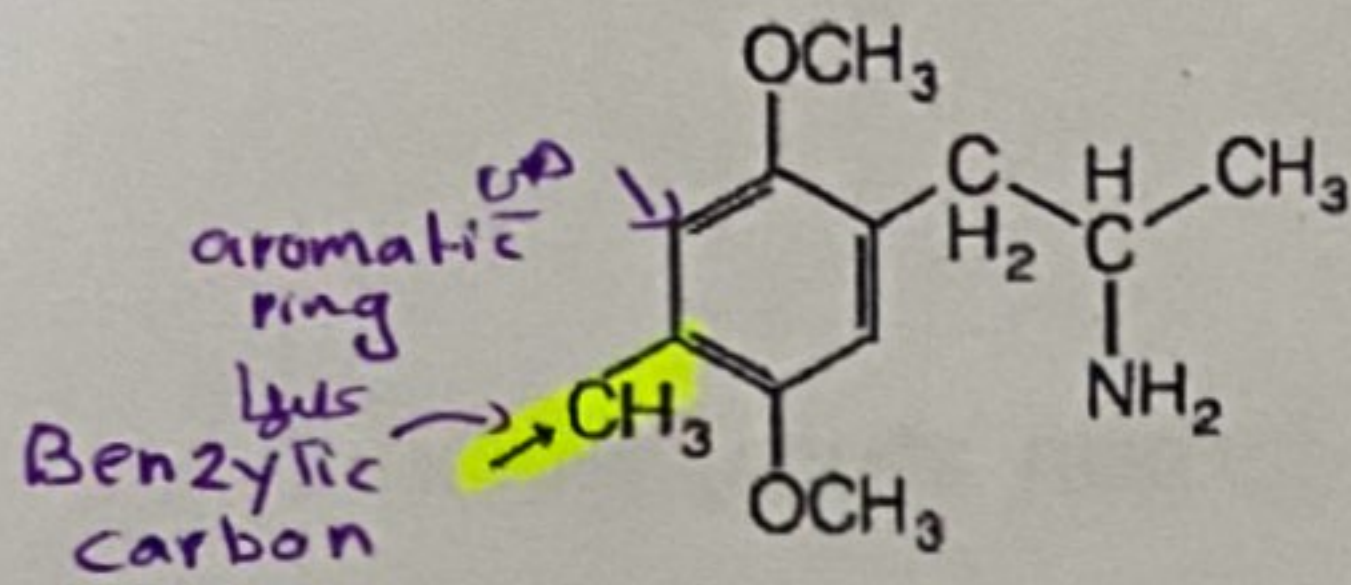
- Oxidation always occur at para position, if there is a substitution on the para then it will happen on the meta position , if both positions are being occupied then no oxidation will occur.
- Aromatic ring oxidation is moderate in speed usually not more than 50%, other kind of oxidations are faster, so their products will be extremely metabolized.



## 2. Benzylic oxidation

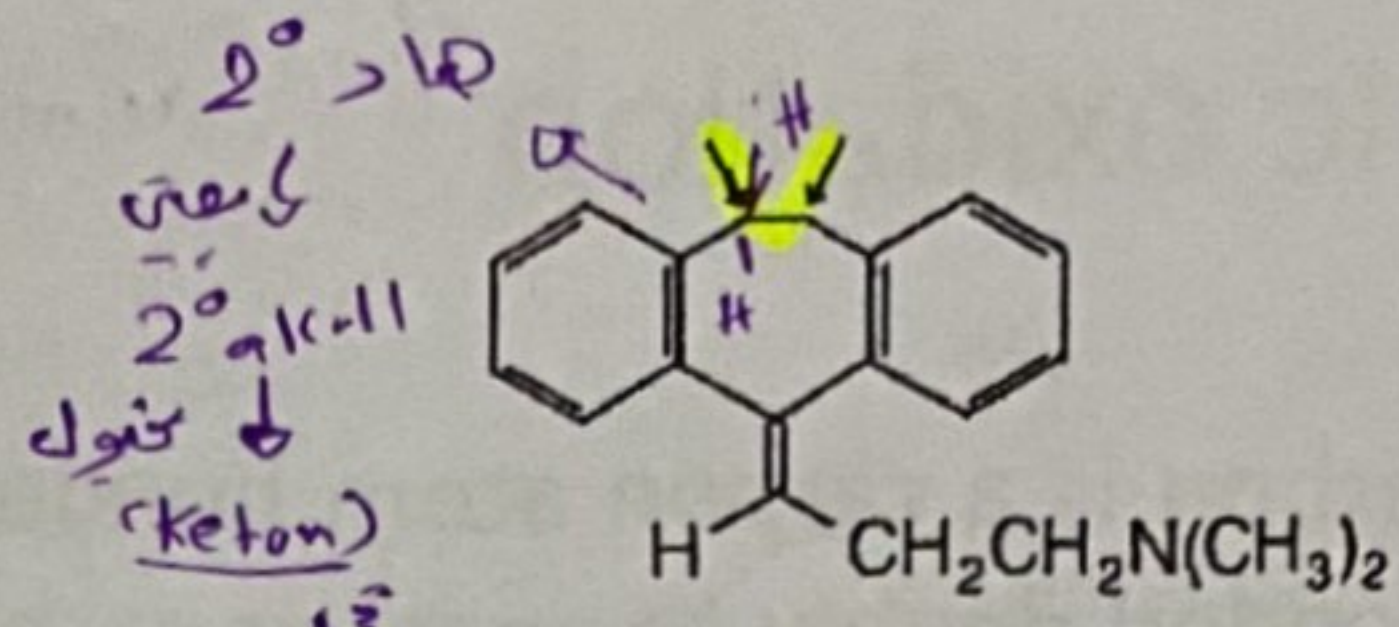


4° carbon, no oxidation because there is no H to replace (remember that H must exist to replace it with -OH).

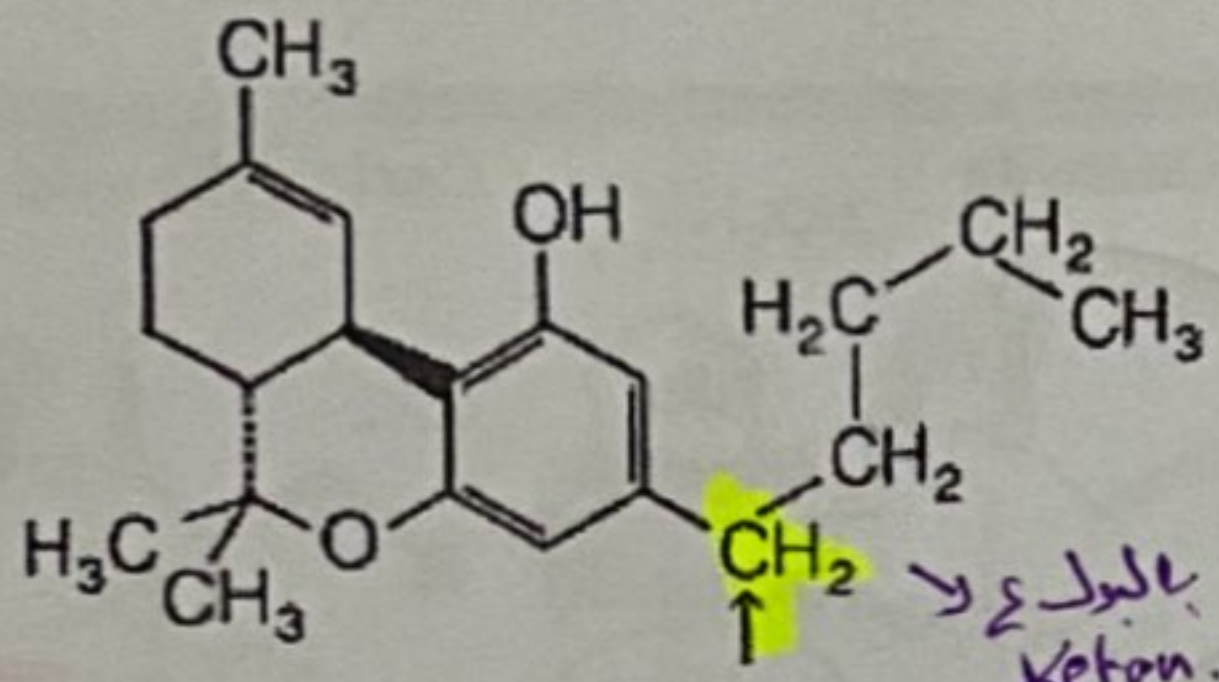


"STP"  
1-(2,5-Dimethoxy-4-methylphenyl)-  
2-aminopropane (DOM)

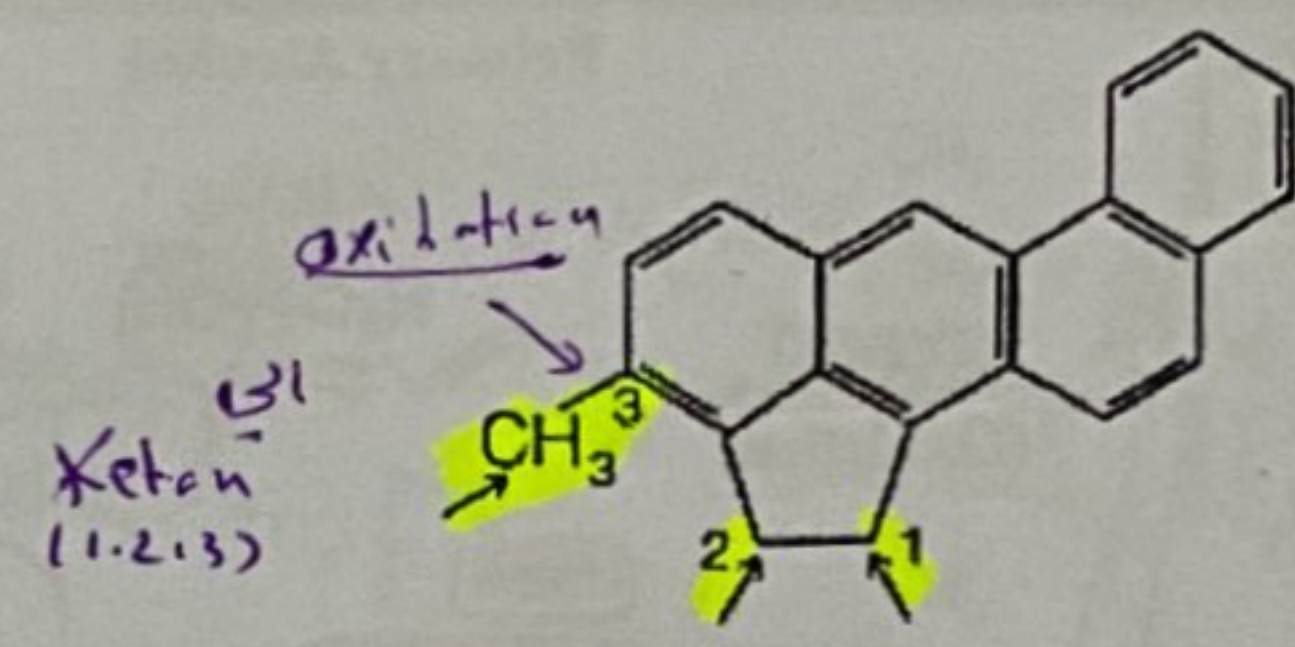
حيدون البول  
ويفك  
C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>



Amitriptyline  
مدرسة الكون



Δ<sup>9</sup>-Tetrahydrocannabinol

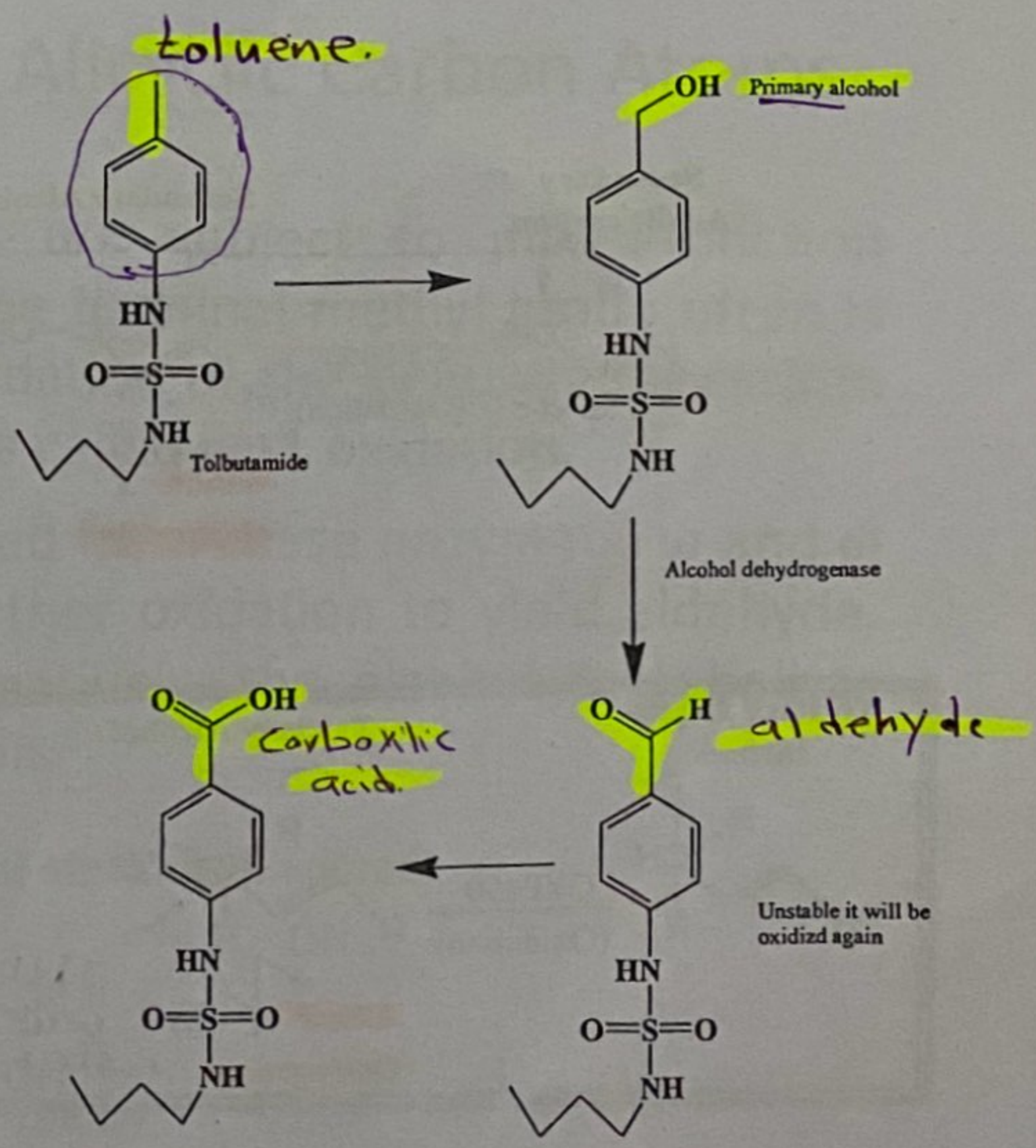


3-Methylcholanthrene

Figure 3.8 • Examples of drugs and xenobiotics undergoing benzylic hydroxylation. Arrow indicates site of hydroxylation.

## Example

- Tolbutamide will be eliminated in urine in 3 forms:
1. Alcohol
  2. Carboxylic acid
  3. Conjugated



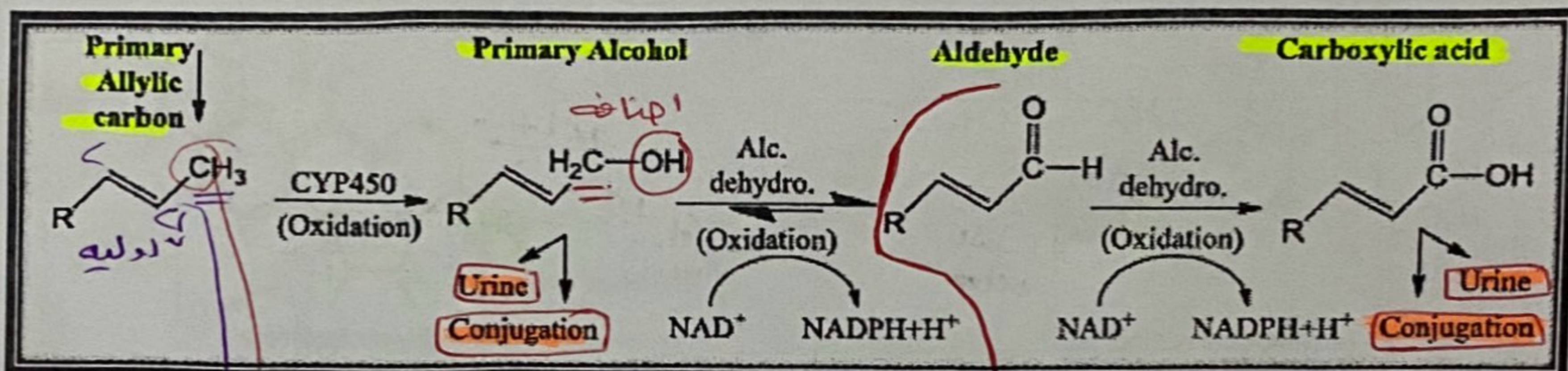
\* سرعة كاربونه بصير لها oxidation

\* (1) Benzylic carbon \* (2) aromatic ring \* (3) Allylic oxidation

\* كلما زاد غنى الكربونه بال electrons زياد oxidation عليها

### 3. Allylic oxidation

Allylic carbon is a carbon atom bonded to another carbon atom, which in turn is bonded doubly to another carbon atom  
 Considered as fast oxidation reaction.

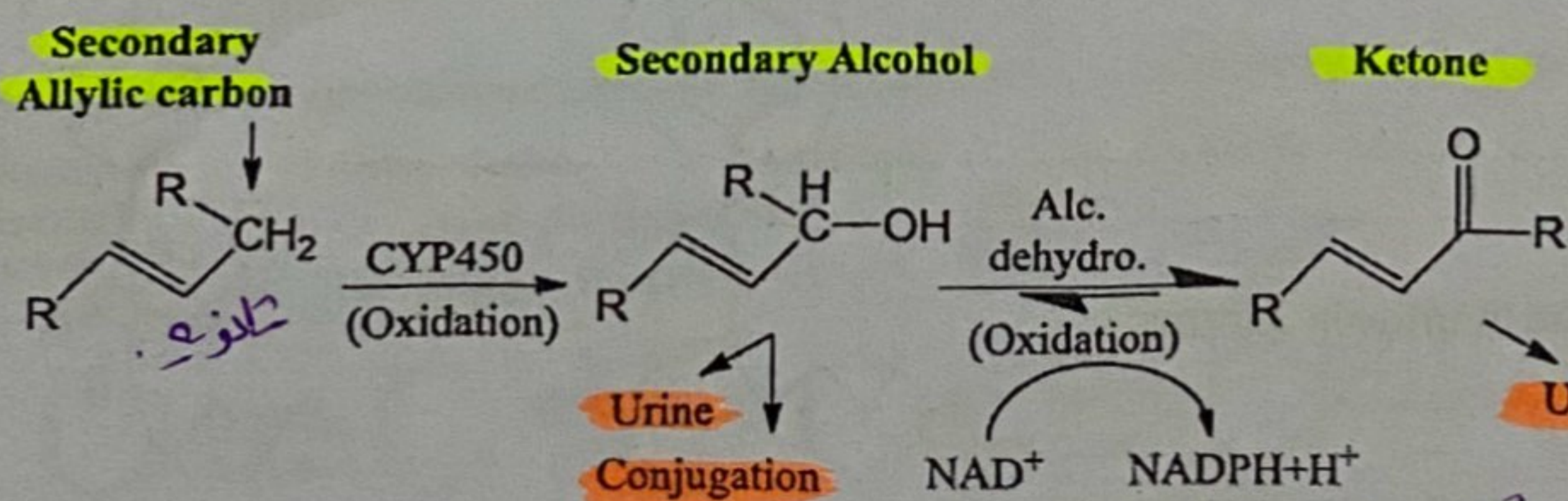


في اي مرحلة يتكون فيها الكحول بصير تحت عندي (Conjugation) قوي جدا

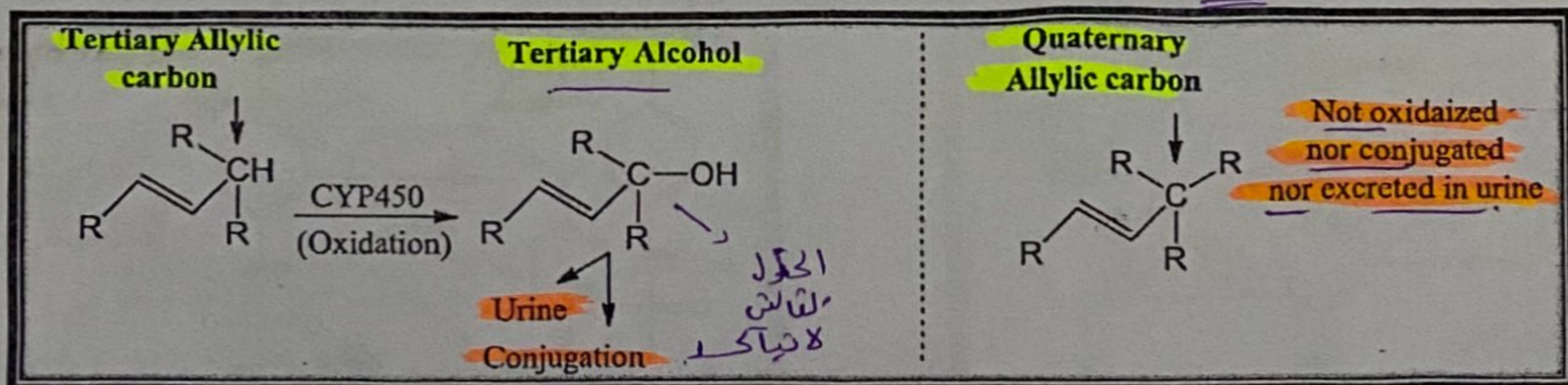
كربونه وكربونه وينضم double bond. هاي اي عندهم لتخلي عنها Allylic carbon.

\* صاعد بشكل ما يتوقوا بال urine لانه مبارة بصير لوه (Oxidation)

هاداك (Carboxylic acid) يا اما بروج بطلو بال urine او بصير لوه (Conjugated)



صوت رح بصير في conjugation لانه فيه OH



الكلول الثالث لا يتأكسد

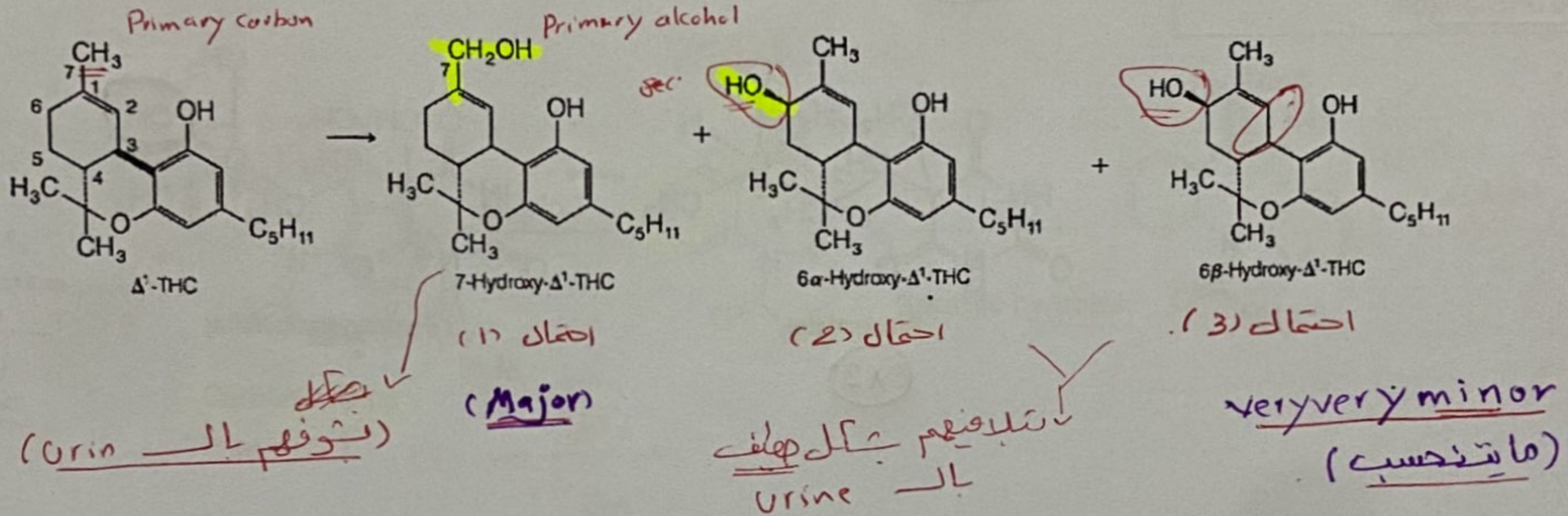
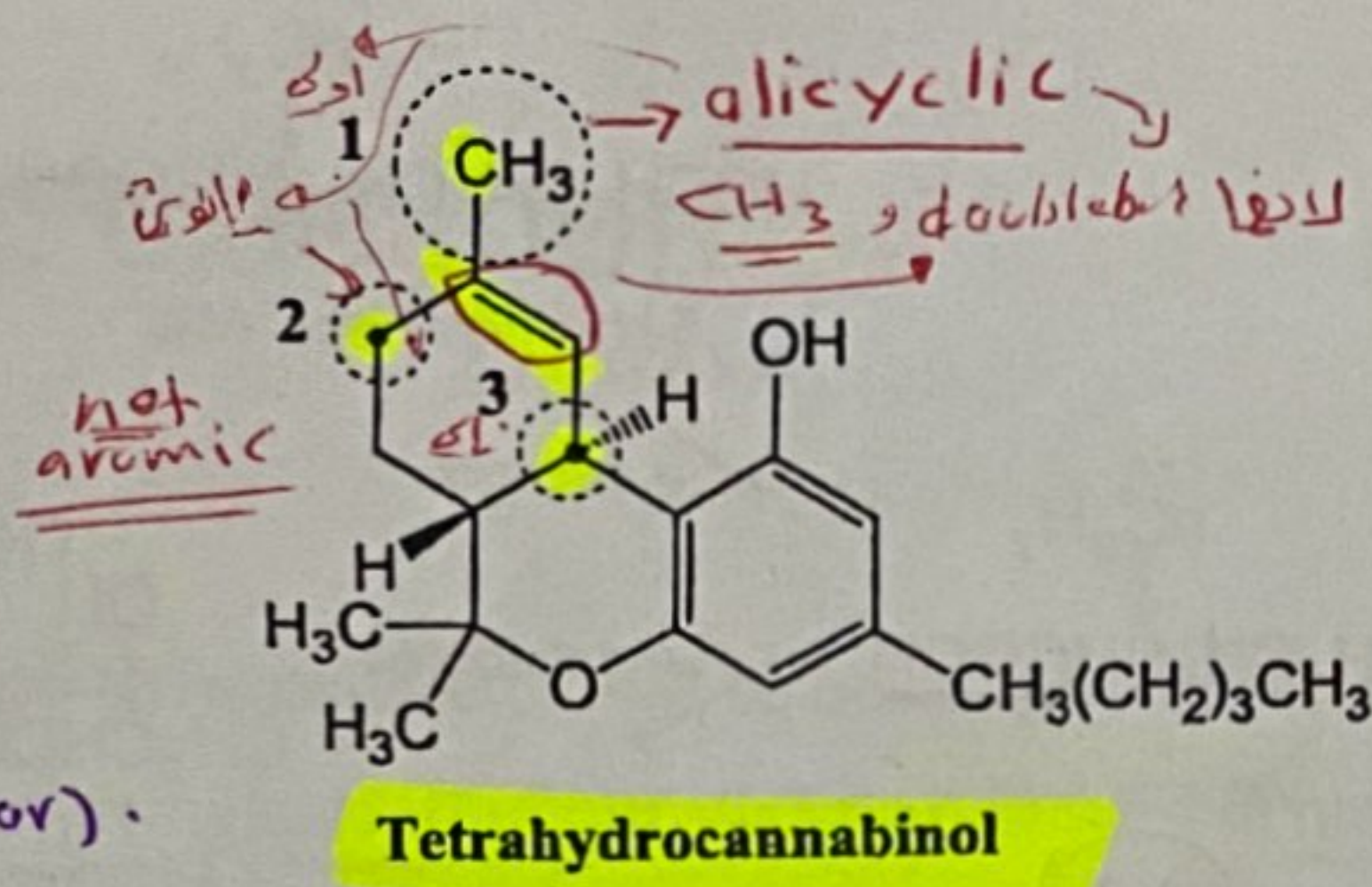
لانه من الكربون لا انا يتكون في (H) عمه

المركب لفعال  
 \* حميد (الموجود بالكسبيه)

attack →  
 Major ↓ بصيرح

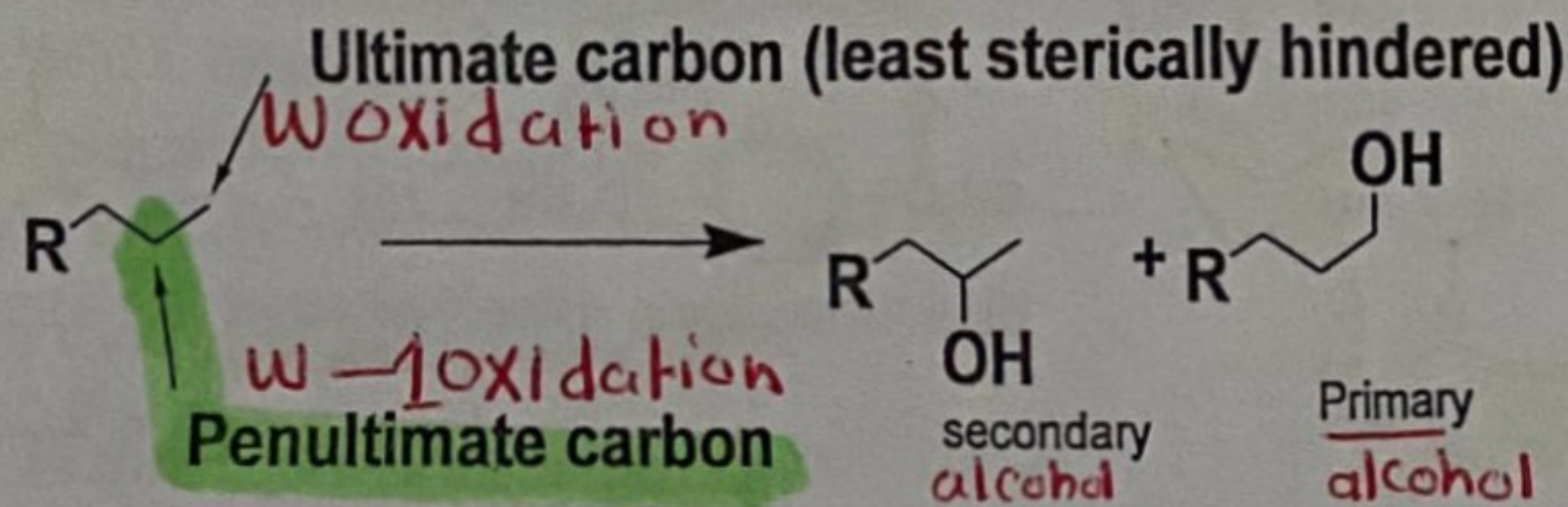
1  
 2  
 3

(Very very minor)



## Oxidation at Aliphatic and Alicyclic Carbon Atoms

- Alkyl or aliphatic carbon centres are subject to mixed-function oxidation. Metabolic oxidation at the terminal methyl group often is referred to as  $\omega$ -oxidation, and oxidation of the penultimate carbon atom (i.e., next-to-the-last carbon) is called  $\omega$ -1 oxidation.
- The initial alcohol metabolites formed from these enzymatic  $\omega$  and  $\omega$ -1 oxidations are susceptible to further oxidation to yield aldehyde, ketones, or carboxylic acids. Alternatively, the alcohol metabolites may undergo glucuronide conjugation.

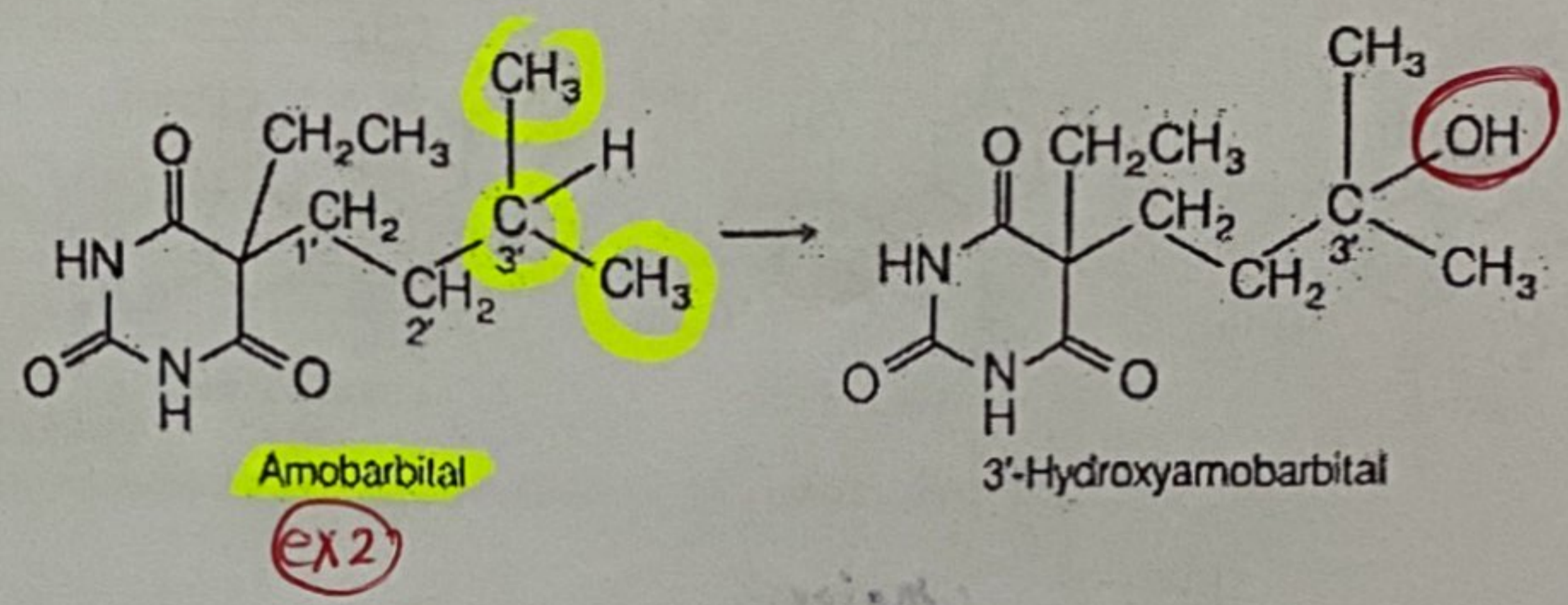
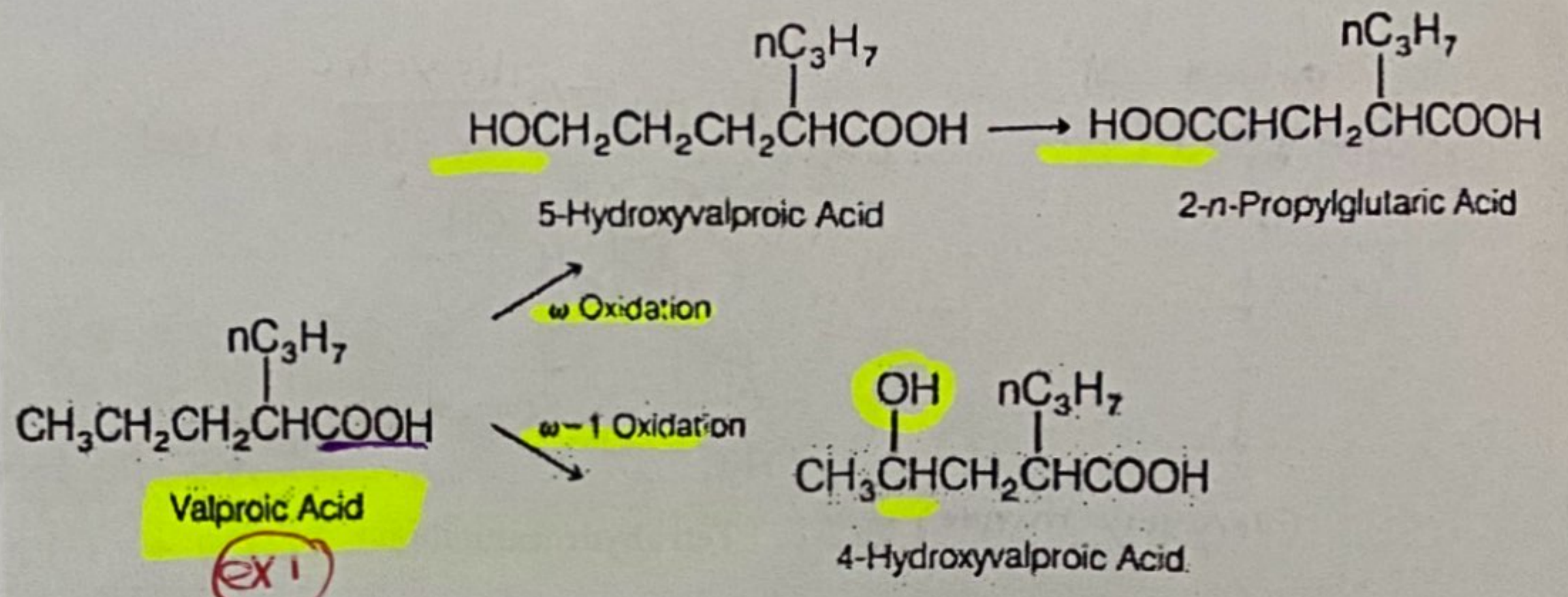


\* الكربونه المي جنبه  
 الكربونه الطرفية

\* ال Secondary و Primary  
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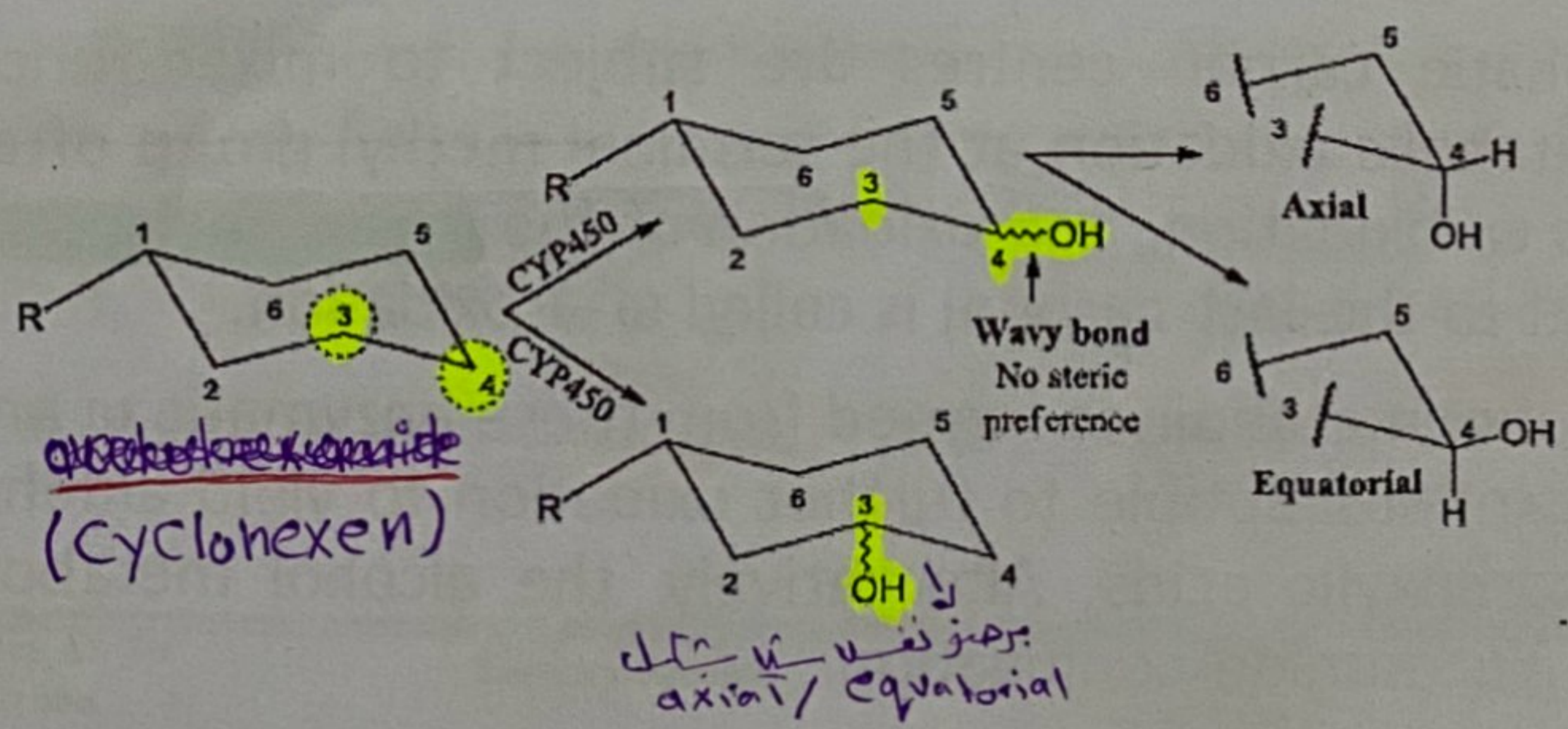
أو لعلوا (conjugation)

**Valproic acid (Anti-seizure; Depakin®)**  
 This drug has a carboxylic acid group so it's readily filtered and actively secreted to be eliminated in the urine unchanged.  
 It also gets oxidized, around 5%, in a  $\omega$  and  $\omega-1$  oxidation. But mostly is eliminated unchanged.

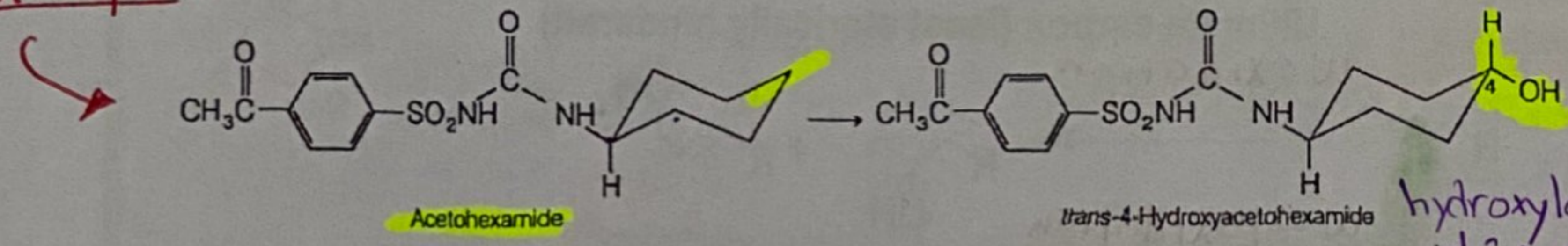


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$\omega$  oxidation في سلسلتي axial أو equatorial



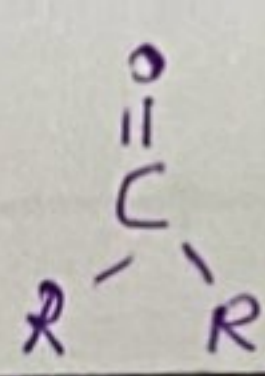
example :-



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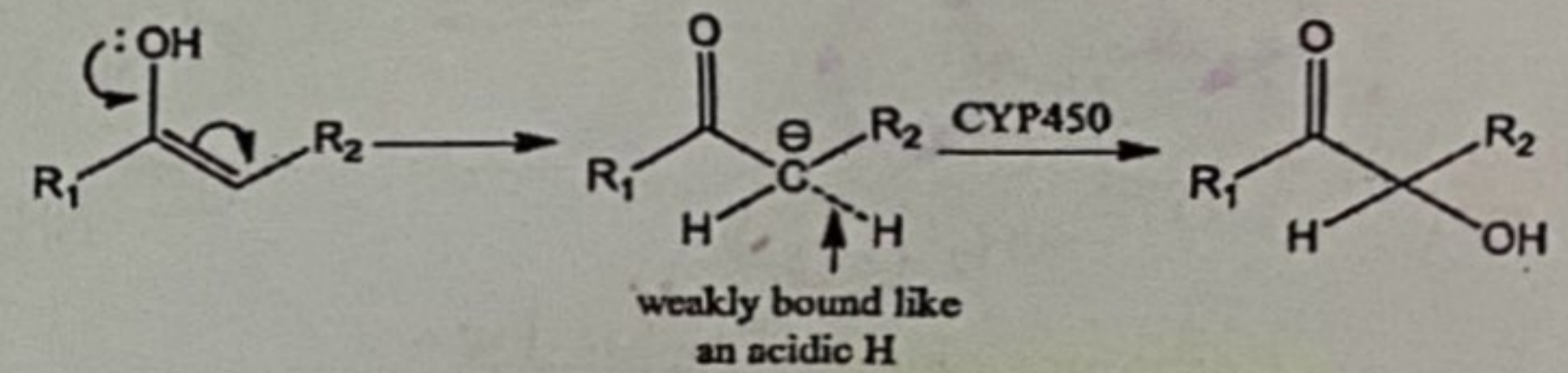
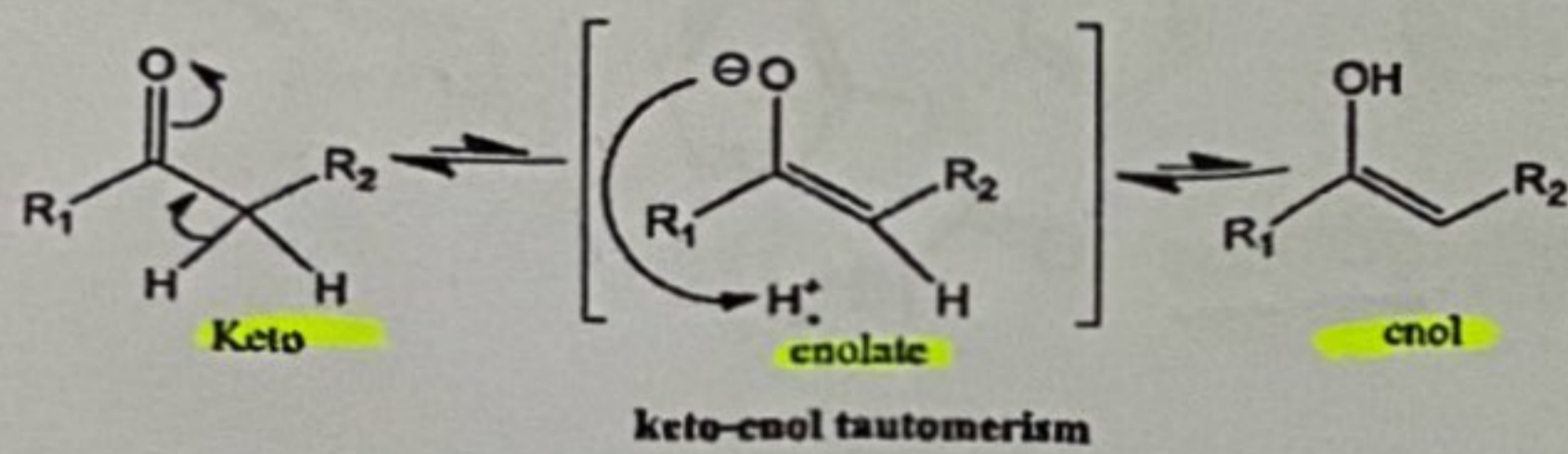
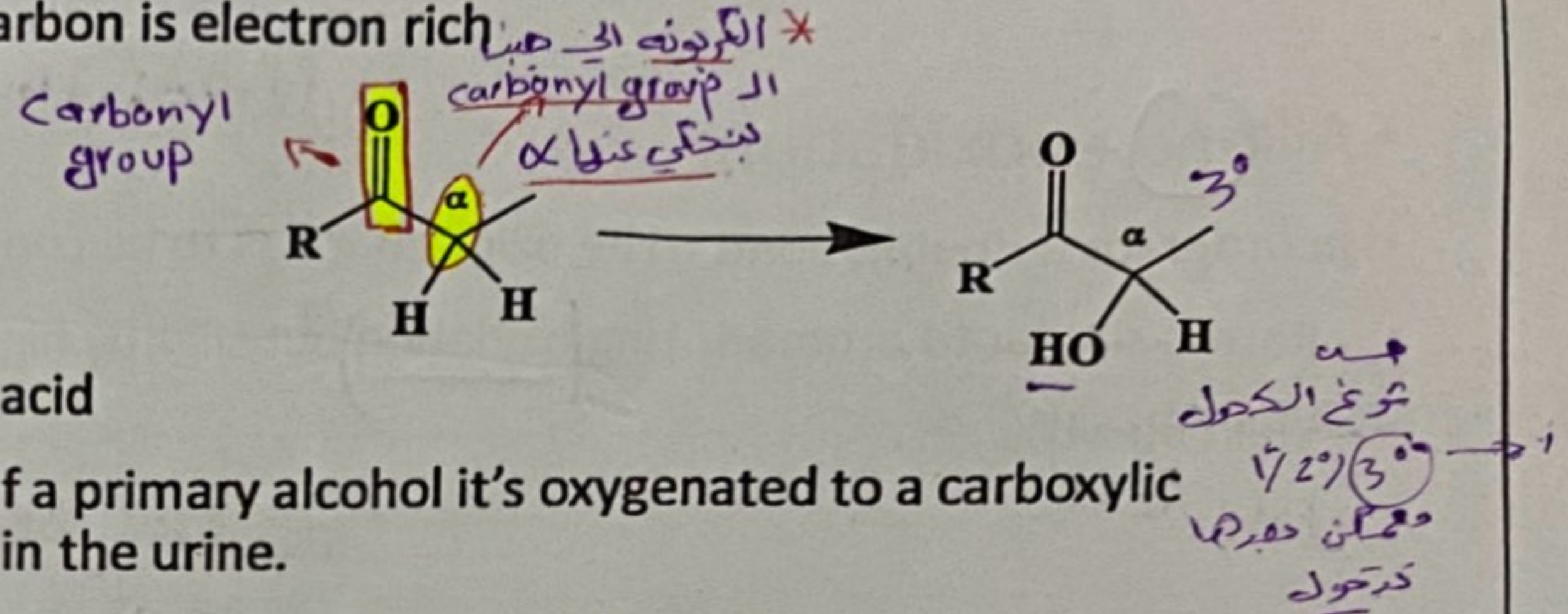


Carbonyl group =

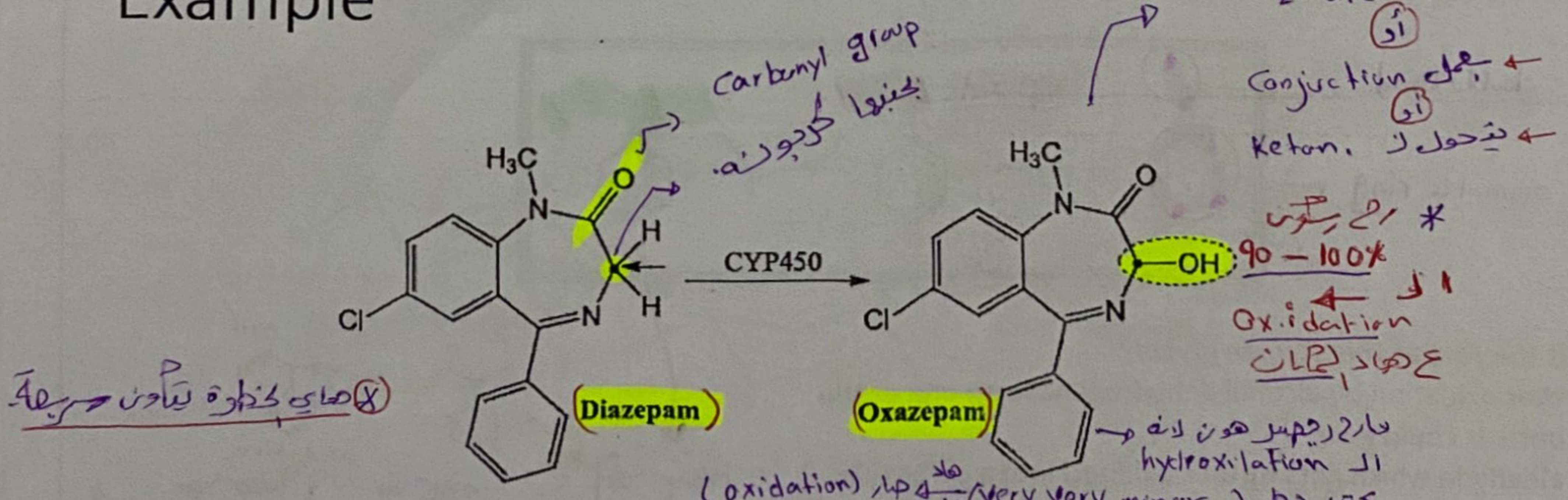


# Oxidation to $\alpha$ carbon to carbonyl

- Aldehyde, Ketone, Ester, Enole, Carboxylic acid, Thioester
- Carbonyl is electron withdrawing group  $\rightarrow$   $\alpha$  carbon is electron rich
- Very fast reaction: 90-100% yield
- Fate of the oxidized drug:
- Eliminated in its oxidized form in the urine
- Good candidate for conjugation to glucuronic acid
- Further oxidation by alcohol dehydrogenase: If a primary alcohol it's oxygenated to a carboxylic acid and gives a carboxylic acid ketone group in the urine.
- If it's a secondary alcohol it's oxidized to a ketone, giving a diketone in the urine.



## Example

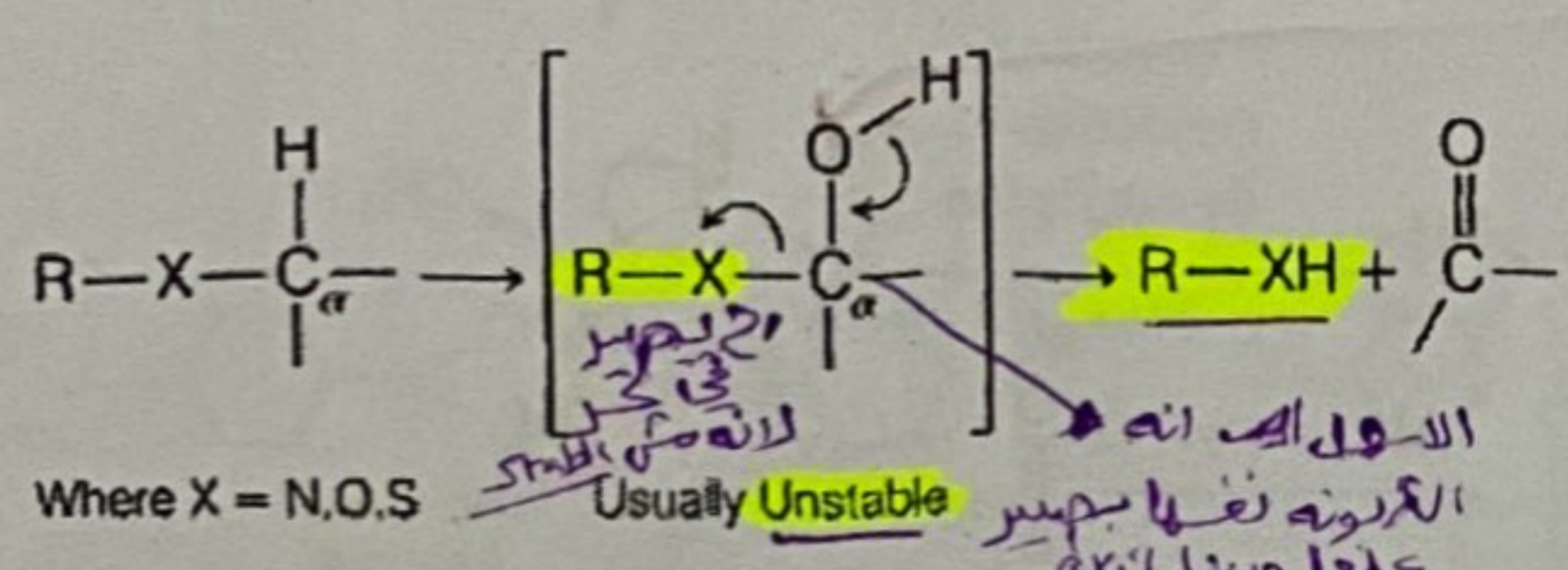


Aromatic ring oxidation is very minor because it's slower. The oxidation of the alpha carbon is much faster and more likely to happen.

\* نذهب لـ (oxidation) للكربون الى داخل الـ (heteroatom) (الذرة الغريبة)

# Oxidation Involving Carbon-Heteroatom Systems

- Nitrogen and oxygen functionalities are commonly found in most drugs and foreign compounds; sulfur functionalities occur only occasionally.
- Metabolic oxidation of carbon-nitrogen, carbon-oxygen, and carbon-sulfur systems involve two basic types of biotransformation processes:
  - Hydroxylation of the carbon atom directly attached to the heteroatom (N, O, S). The resulting intermediate is often unstable and decomposes with the cleavage of the heteroatom-carbon bond:



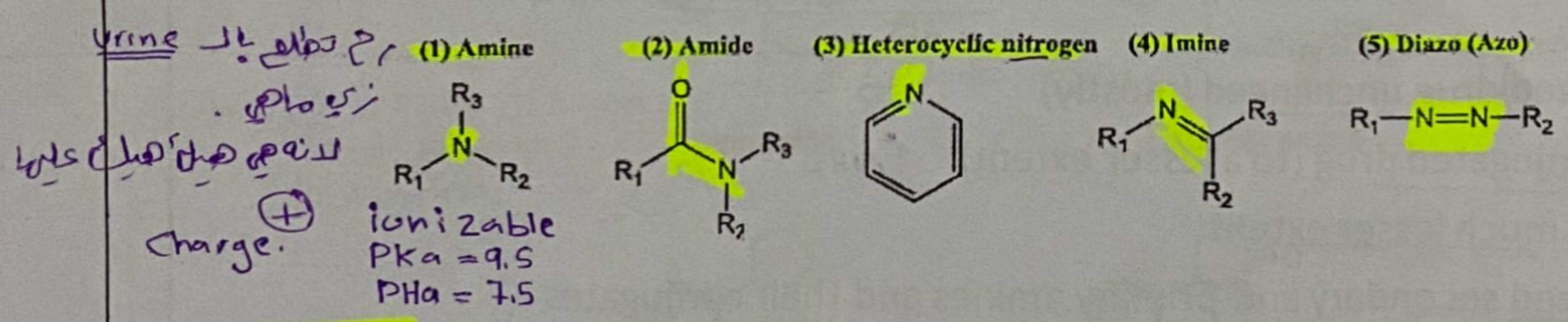
nitrogen is more electrophilic than carbon, the  $\alpha$ -carbon is likely to get oxidized and is easier to be oxidized than the nitrogen

الكربون هو الأكثر إلكتروфильية من N, O, S  
 الجزيء الى N, O, S  
 وهو جزيء (Hydroxylation)

Oxidative N-, O-, and S-dealkylation as well as oxidative deamination reactions fall under this mechanistic pathway.

- Hydroxylation or oxidation of the heteroatom (N, S only, e.g., N-hydroxylation, N-oxide formation, sulfoxide, and sulfone formation).  
 $S=O$      $O=\delta=O$   
 هيدروكسيلاتون  
 جاز اوكسيداتون

## N- systems



Amines are **ionizable** groups with a  $pK_a = 9.5$ . The plasma's  $pH = 7.5$  so amines are ionized in physiological conditions.

**How does that affect its renal elimination?** → يتصلب زكريات ما هي

Since it's ionizable that means it's water soluble and it's more likely to get eliminated in the urine **mainly** unchanged than reabsorbed. around **80%** of the amines get eliminated unchanged in the urine

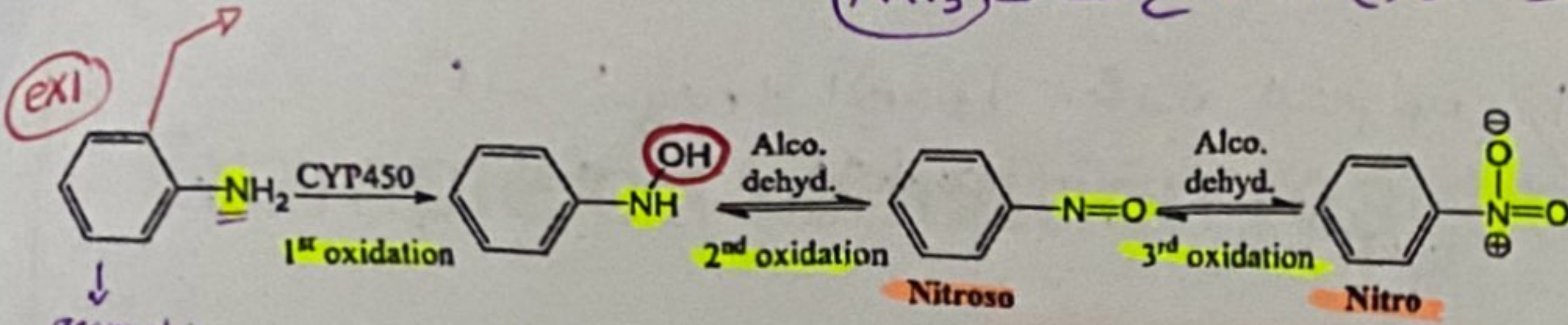
- and around **10%** get conjugated. This means that amines aren't good candidates for metabolism by CYP450.



مستقل بلوغ جلد \*  $NH_3$   $\rightarrow$   $NH_3^+$   $\rightarrow$   $NH_2$

alanin بهاد ال  $NH_3$  مع رة تكون protonated  
 جزئي  $NH_3^+$  يكون protonated لانه 5-7 pKa  
 في مستراح تكون مع  $NH_3$   $\rightarrow$   $NH_2$   $\rightarrow$   $NH_3^+$   
 (Very very minor)

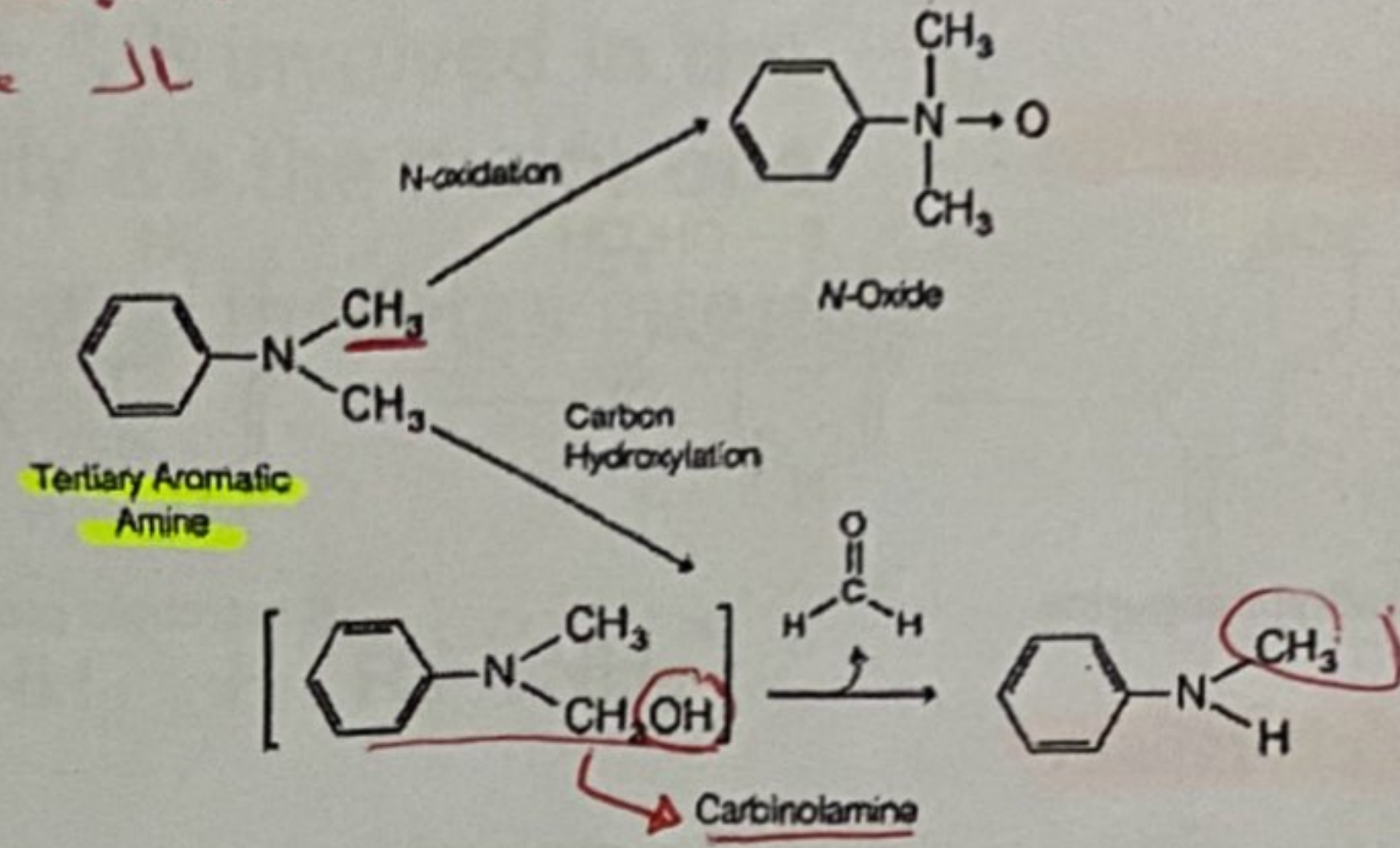
# N-oxidation



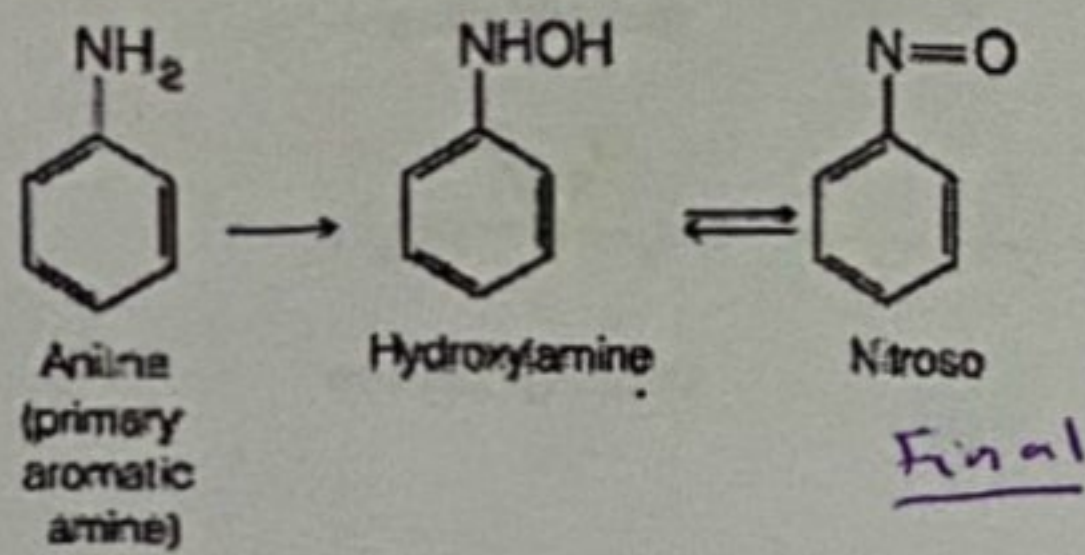
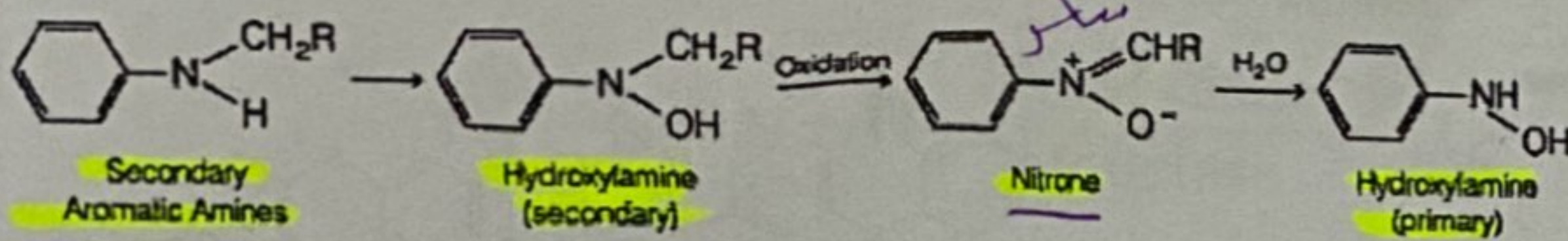
oxidation  $NH_2$   $\rightarrow$   $NH$   $\rightarrow$   $N=O$   $\rightarrow$   $N^+=O^-$

\* رباته لي هيلك  $NH_2$   $\rightarrow$   $NH$   $\rightarrow$   $N=O$   $\rightarrow$   $N^+=O^-$

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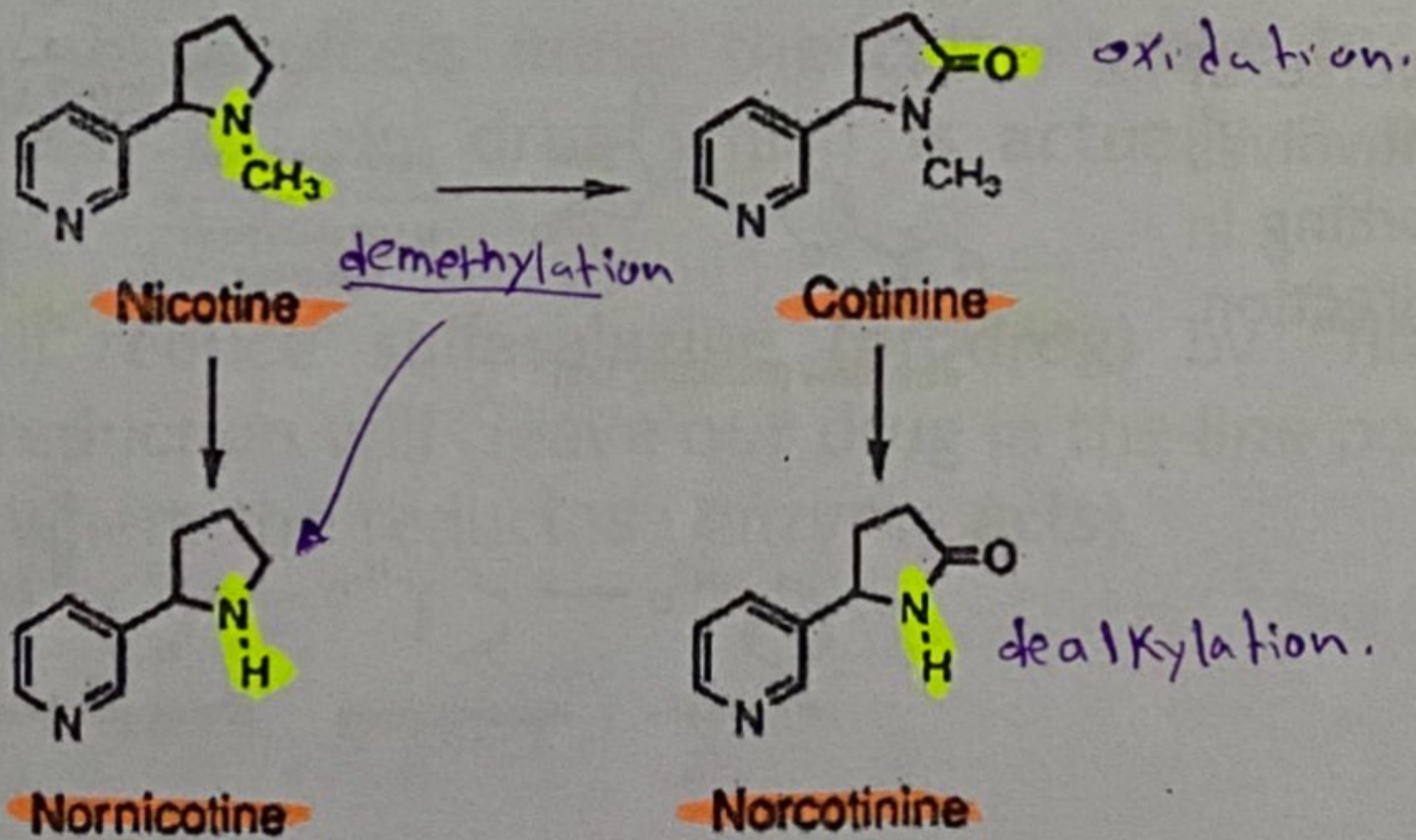
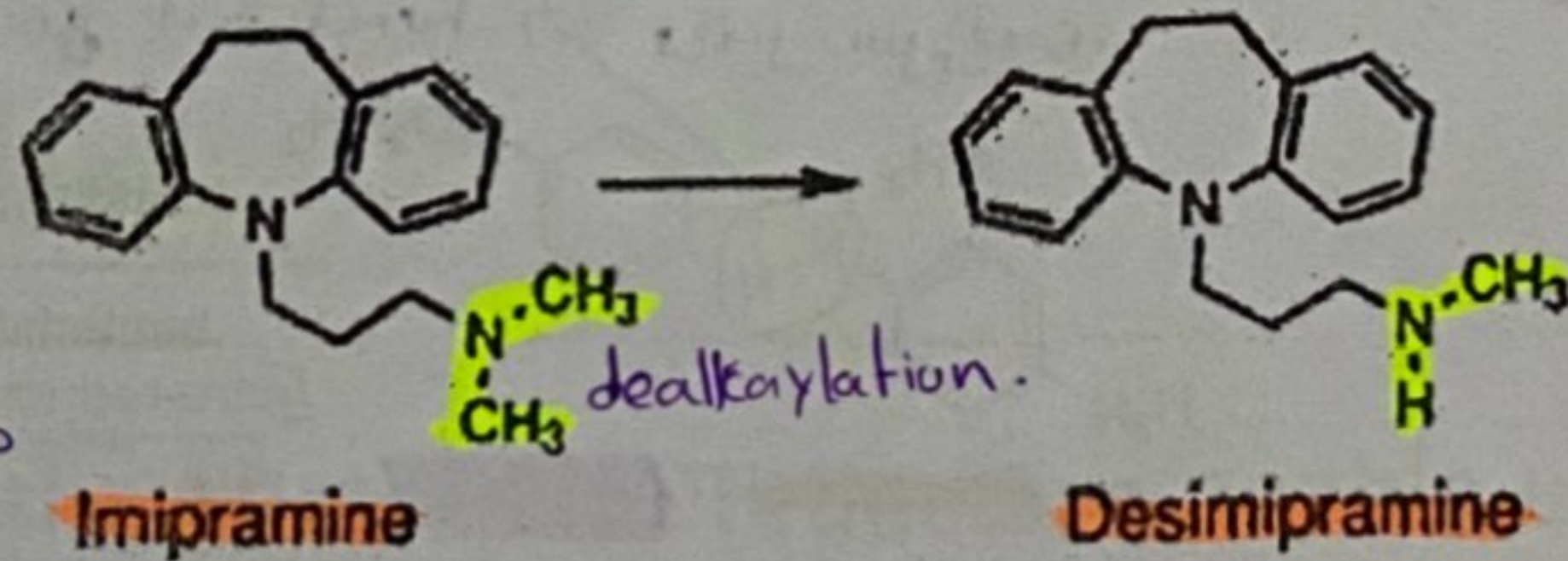


ex3



## Example

هاده  $NH_2$   $\rightarrow$   $NH$   $\rightarrow$   $N=O$   $\rightarrow$   $N^+=O^-$   
 في urine يكون protonated.



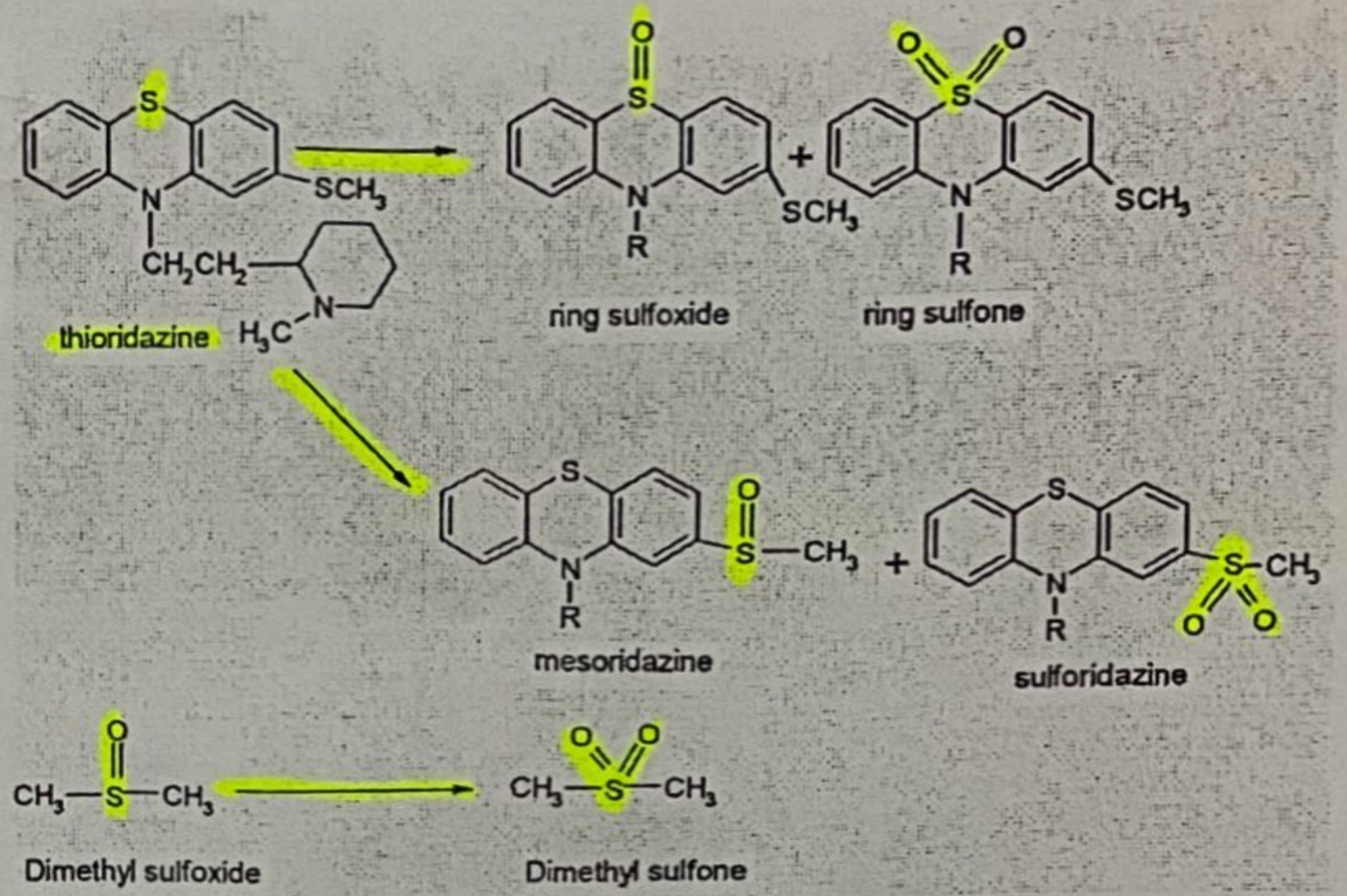
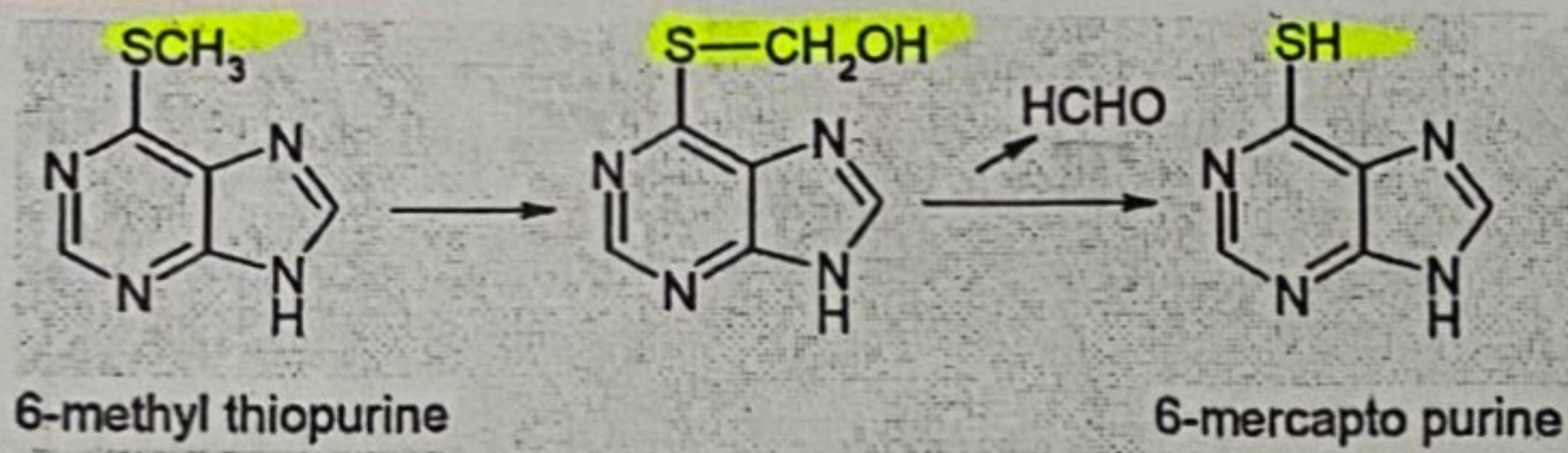
جائدهون متساوون  
 علوم كسب لانه خالصا  
 drug

# S-Oxidation

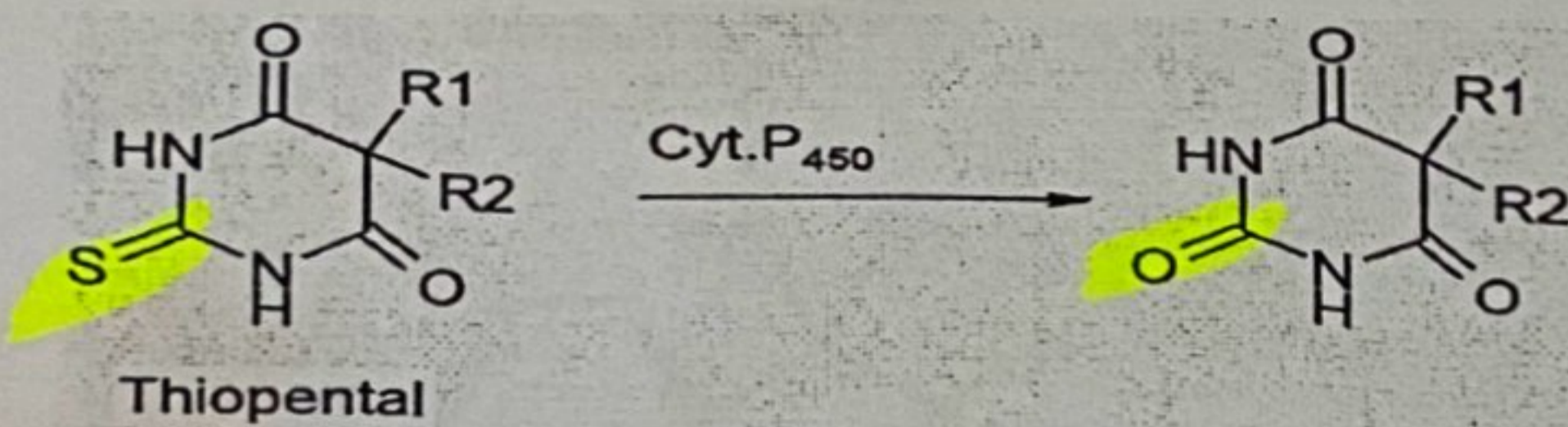
lipophilicity  $\rightarrow$  لذيذ نريد  
 lipophilic  $\rightarrow$  لانه هو

## 3) S-oxidation:

### 1) S-dealkylation:

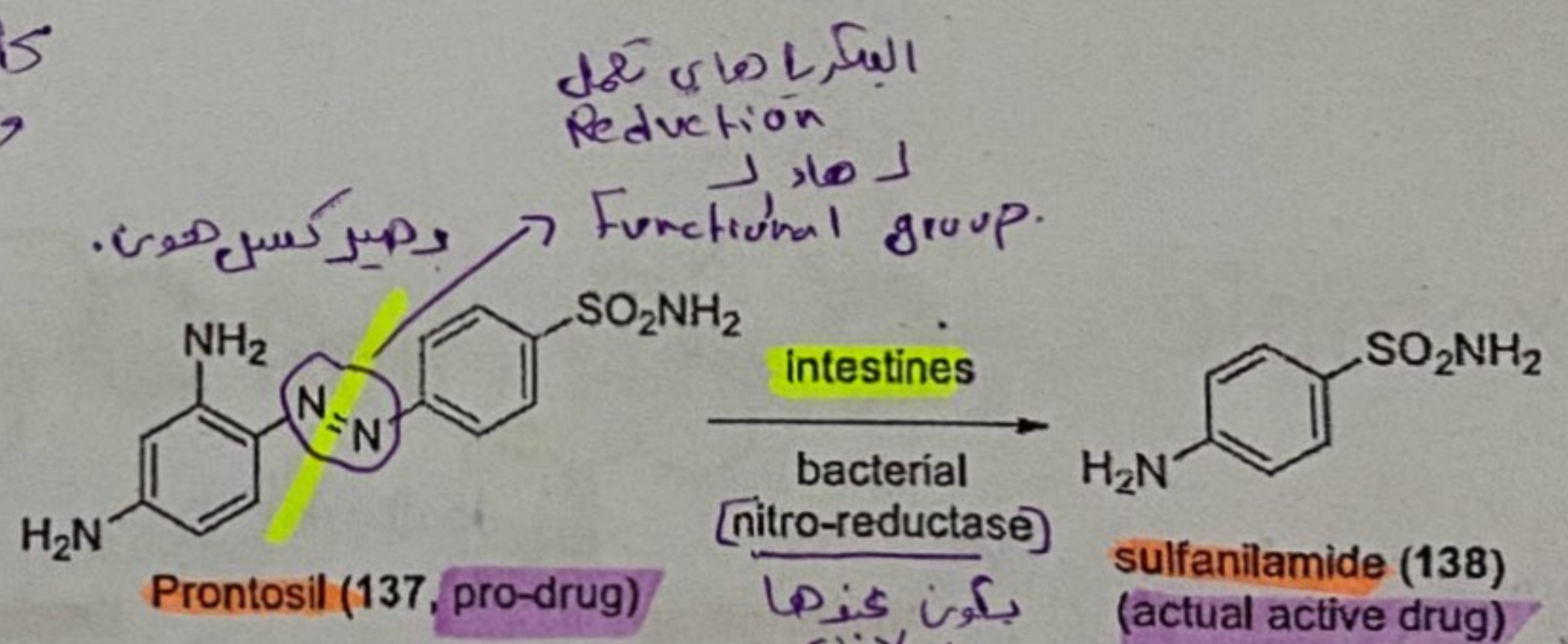


### 2) Desulphuration:

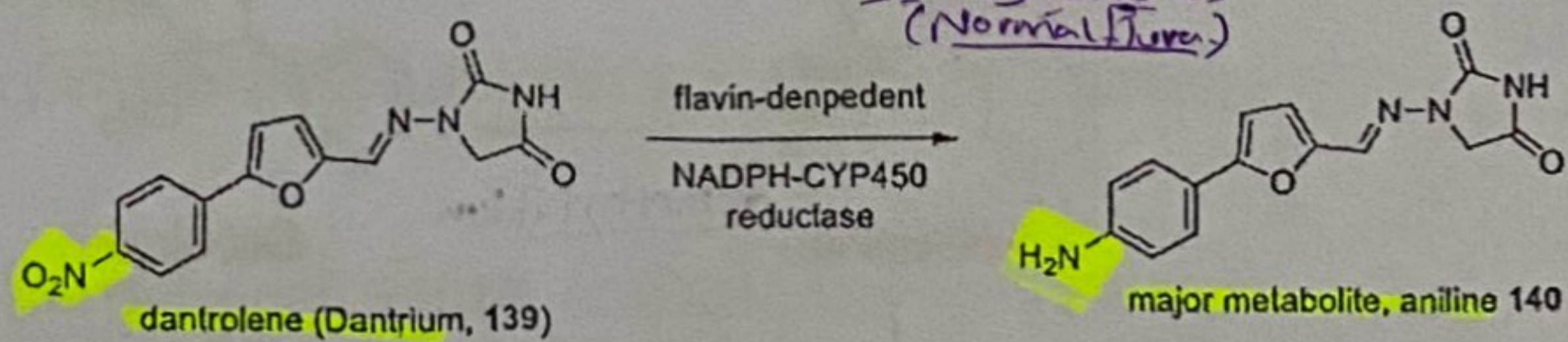


# REDUCTION

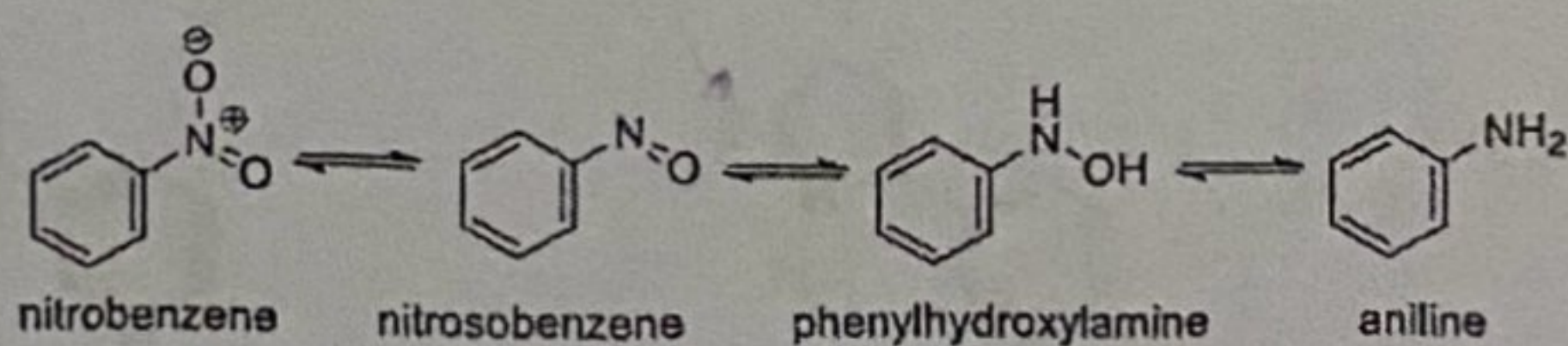
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Reduction is the reverse of oxidation and involves CYP450 enzymes working in the (opposite) direction.



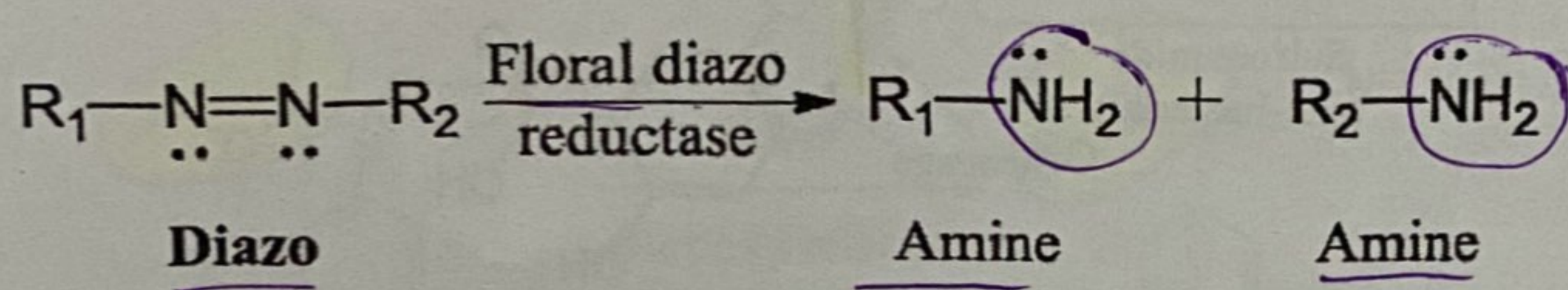
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 oxidation  
 reduction



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## Example on reduction reactions

- An enzyme called "floral diazo reductase", is involved in the metabolism of Diazo compounds, actually it's the major one.
- floral diazo reductase enzymes are present in the large intestine

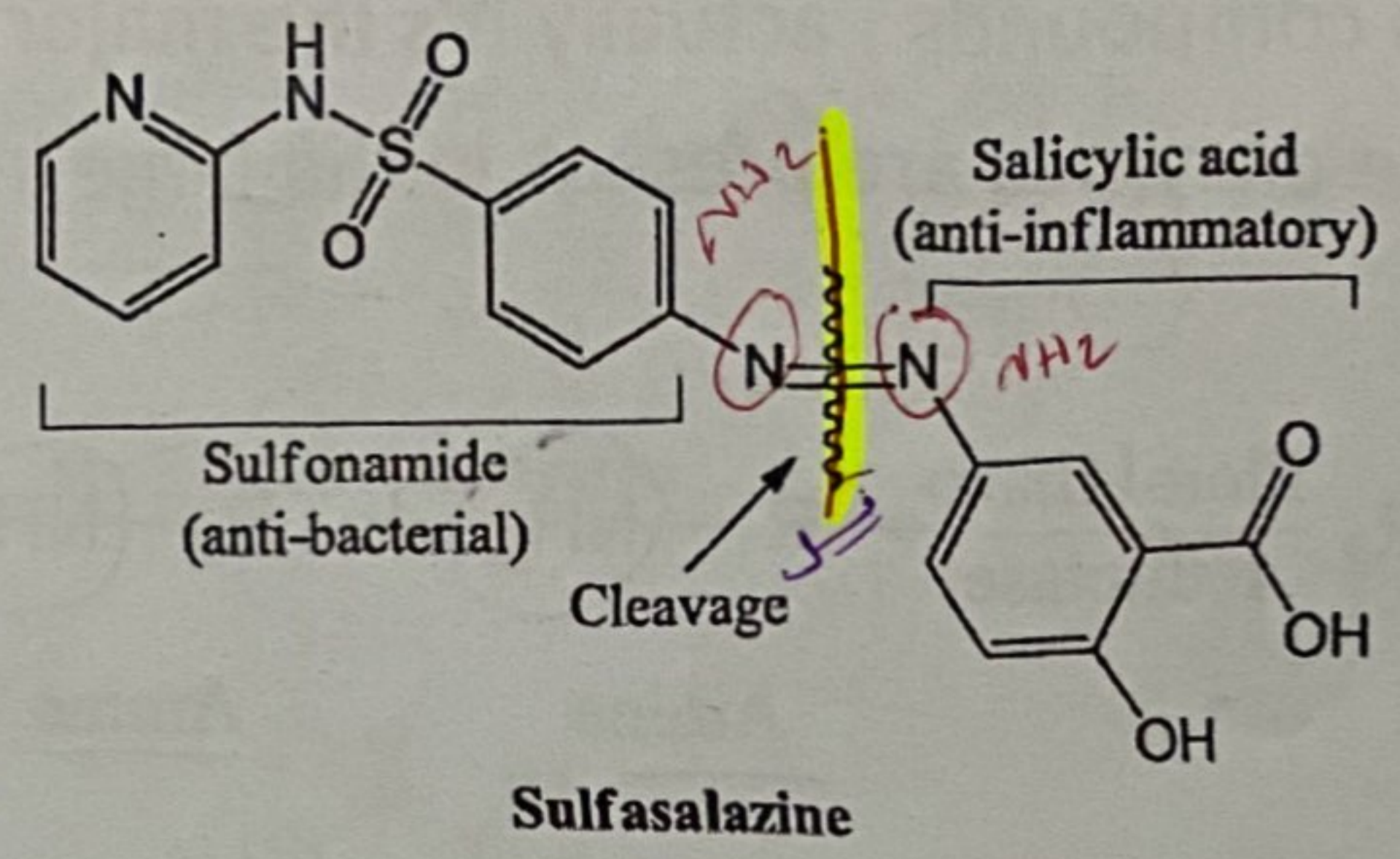


## Sulfasalazine

- The presence of the floral Diazo reductase enable us to build prodrug to treat a disease called Crohn's disease ( autoimmune disease leads to colon ulcers, these ulcers make the colon prone to infectious agents like bacteria ), our drug which is actually a prodrug is **Sulfasalazine**
- Normal flora will reduce sulfasalazine (prodrug) by "floral Diazo reductase", the reduction will cleave our drug in the line position. (At the Diazo group, where the reductase enzyme acts)

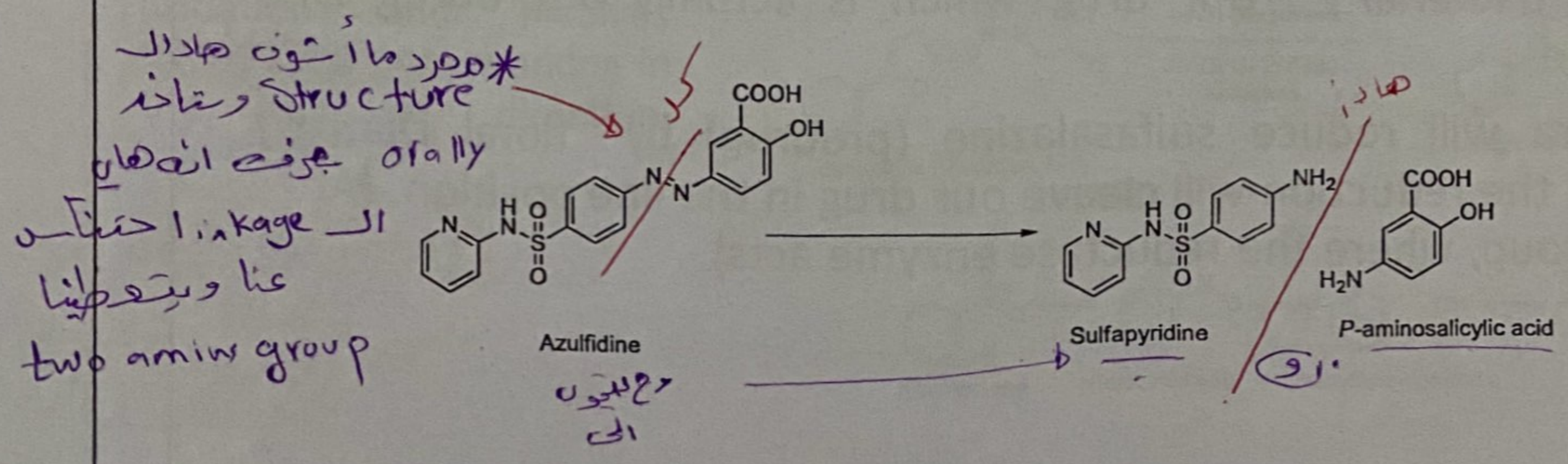
Sulfasalazine is not absorbable, so it acts locally at the large intestine .and it is a prodrug that has to be activated in vivo,

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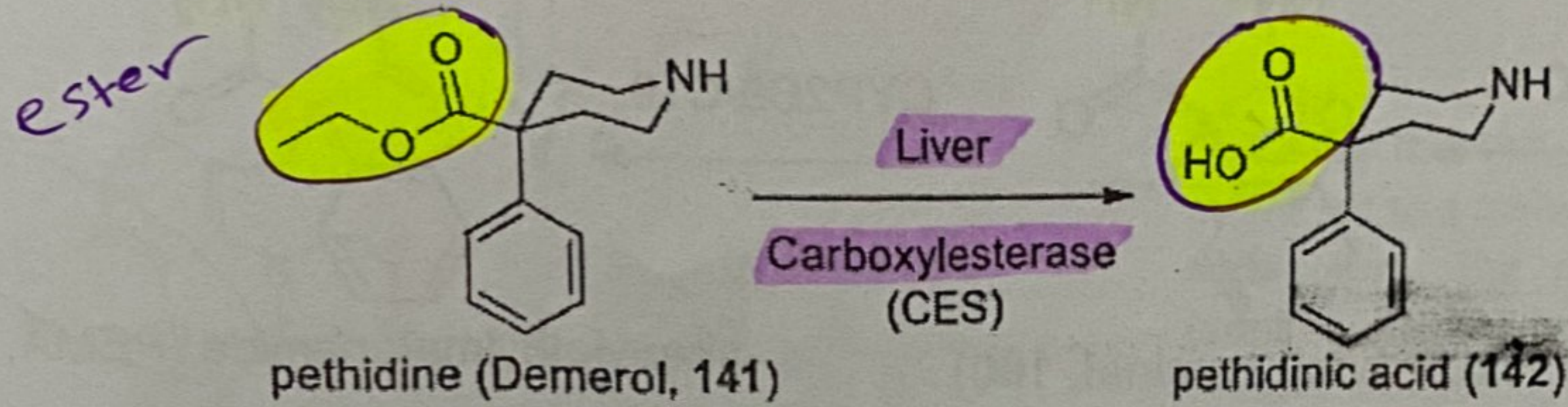
## Azo and Nitro Reduction

- A number of azo compounds, such as Prontosil and sulfasalazine, are converted to aromatic primary amines by azoreductase



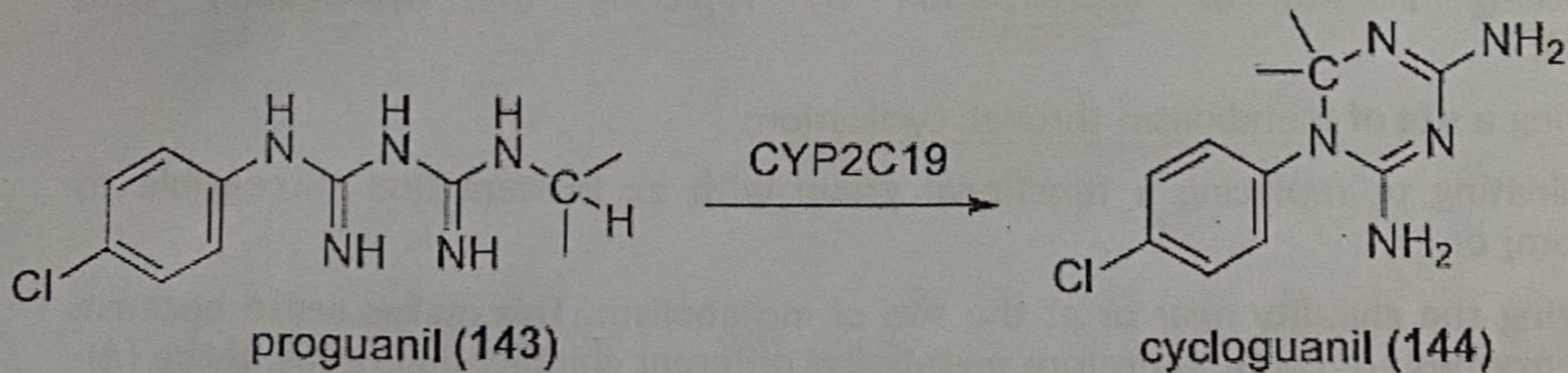
# HYDROLYSIS → Water بجذب

- Hydrolysis means adding water. For an ester-containing drug, hydrolysis is cleavage of the ester by taking up a molecule of water employing esterase. Similarly, amides and polypeptides are hydrolyzed by amidases and peptidases, respectively. Hydrolysis occurs in the liver, intestines, plasma, and other tissues.



# CYCLIZATION *Very minor*

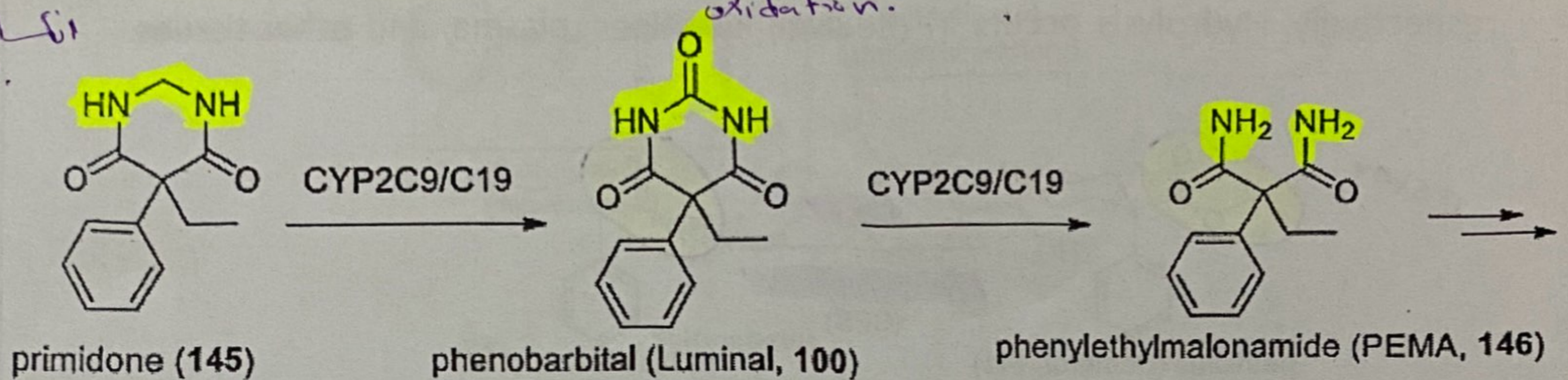
- Metabolic cyclization is formation of a ring structure from a straight-chain compound



# DECYCLIZATION

- Metabolic decyclization is ring-opening of a cyclic molecule such as phenytoin and barbiturates.

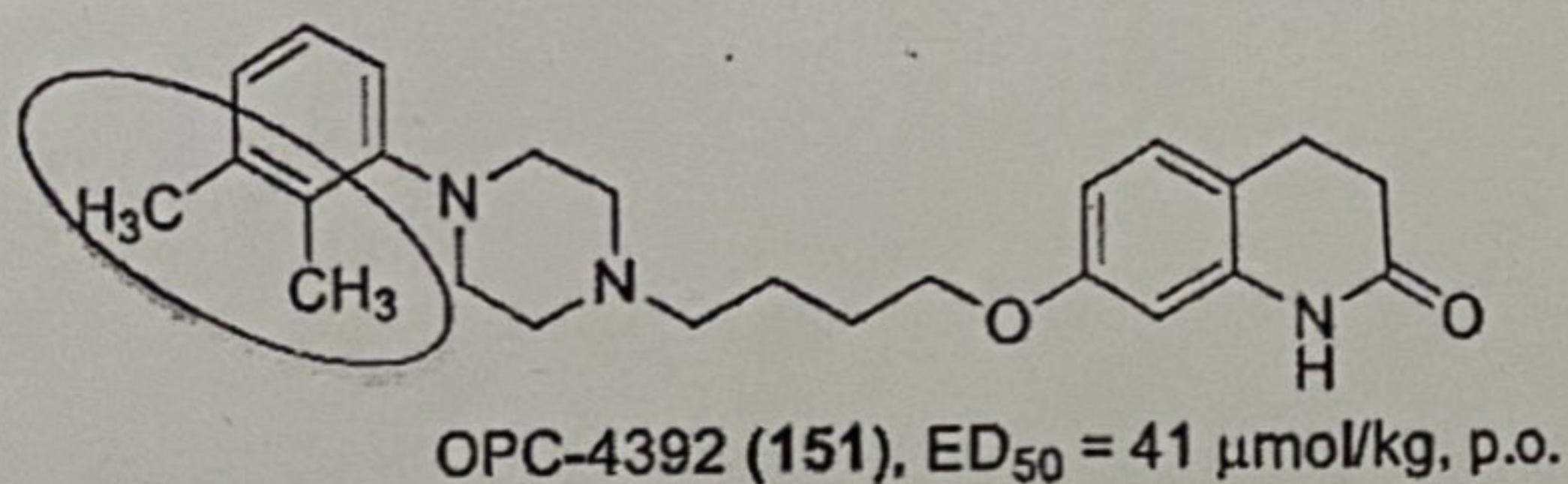
5-membered  
cycle.



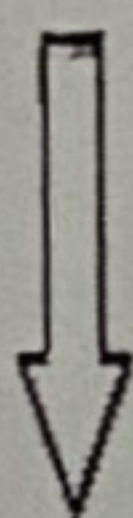
- Phase I metabolism is often problematic if the compound undergoes extensive metabolism to afford inactive metabolites, or, worse still, reactive metabolites. There are many approaches to address Phase I metabolism issues:

- (i) Reducing the lipophilicity of the drug;
- (ii) Blocking a site of hydroxylation by replacing the hydrogen(s) with fluorine(s);
- (iii) Blocking a site of metabolism through cyclization;
- (iv) Eliminating or replacing a functional group with an isostere less susceptible to metabolism; or
- (v) Changing the chirality near or at the site of metabolism. This makes sense because the CYP enzymes are chiral, therefore metabolize different chirality differently. If the (*R*)-stereochemical center is metabolized, chances are the corresponding (*S*)-stereochemical center may be resistant to the metabolism.

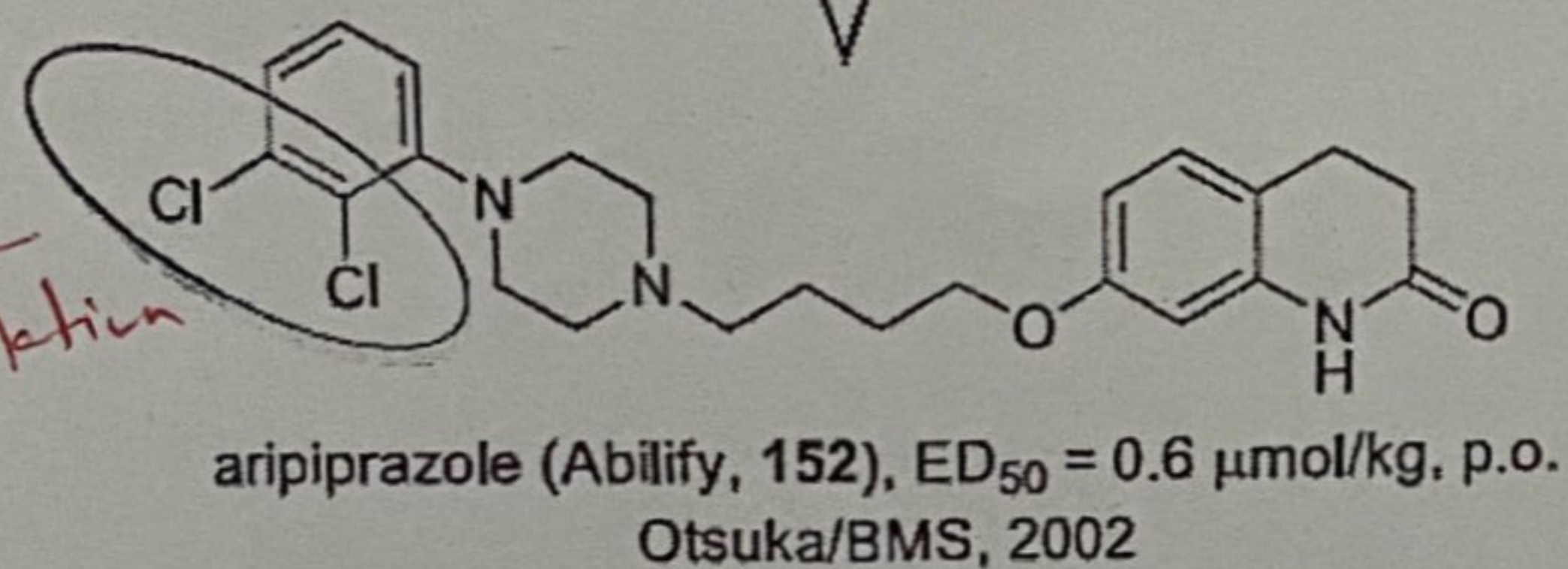
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The two methyl groups readily underwent hydroxylation and the diols were further oxidized to the corresponding inactive carboxylic acids.



↓  
hydroxylation



Switching the two methyl groups to two chlorine atoms led to a molecule that is more resistant to the metabolism. The resulting compound OPC-14597 (aripiprazole, Abilify, 152) is more efficacious with an  $ED_{50}$  of  $0.6 \text{ mmol/kg}$ , p.o. It was approved by the FDA in 2002 as an effective and unique antipsychotic.