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Topic: How does virus infection induce IFN?

[more slides from Klimstra pres'n.]

Virus & dsRNA as Interferon Inducers

$\beta$  is induced before  $\alpha$  (we know this b/c of knockout mice)

$\alpha$  genes divided into 2 groups: immediate & delayed

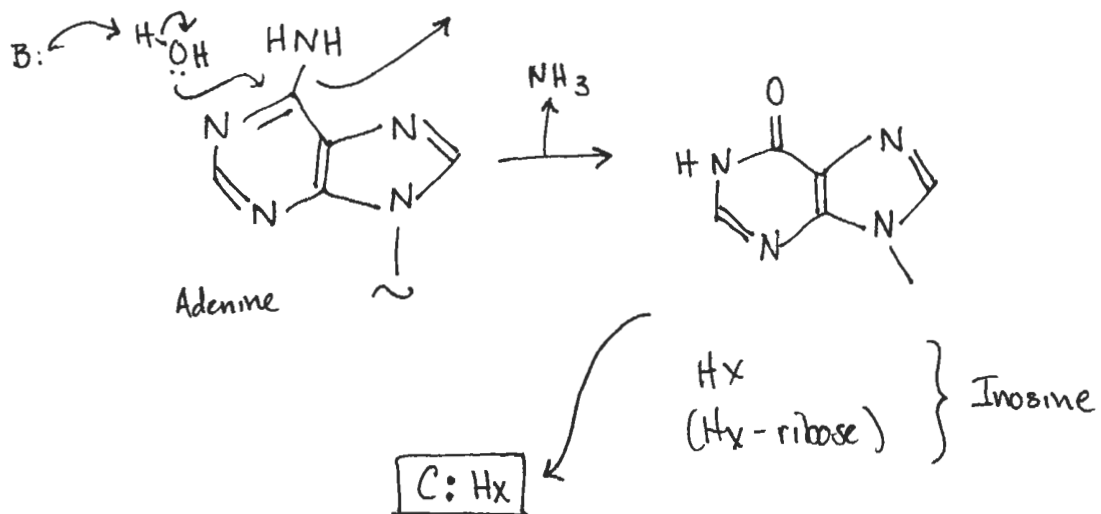
Virus & dsRNA as Type I Interferon Inducers

different receptor pathways are specialized for different responses

p300 = creb-binding protein + creb

Activated IRF-3 Induces More than Just the IFN Genes

Poly I:C :



= adenosine deaminase

⇒ If you rapidly deaminate adenines, it will be devastating to the RNA in the cell. BUT: we can use it in a very site-specific way to do selective activation of genes.