

nucleosides

Ribosyl or deoxyribosyl derivatives (rarely, other glycosyl derivatives) of certain *pyrimidine* or *purine bases*. They are thus *glycosylamines* or N-*glycosides* related to *nucleotides* by the lack of phosphorylation. It has also become customary to include among nucleosides analogous substances in which the *glycosyl group* is attached to carbon rather than nitrogen ('C-nucleosides').

See also *nucleic acids*.

1995, 67, 1352; see also W.B. 110; 1992, 64, 161