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# **Glucose Metabolism: Glycolysis**

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# **Glycolysis: Revision**

- **Major oxidative pathway of glucose**
- **The main reactions of glycolytic pathway**
- **The rate-limiting enzymes/Regulation**
- **ATP production (aerobic/anaerobic)**
- **Pyruvate kinase deficiency hemolytic anemia**

# Substrate-level phosphorylation Vs. Oxidative phosphorylation

- **Phosphorylation** is the metabolic reaction of introducing a phosphate group into an organic molecule.
- **Oxidative phosphorylation:** The formation of high-energy phosphate bonds by phosphorylation of ADP to ATP coupled to the transfer of electrons from reduced coenzymes to molecular oxygen via the electron transport chain (ETC); it occurs in the mitochondria.
- **Substrate-level phosphorylation:** The formation of high-energy phosphate bonds by phosphorylation of ADP to ATP (or GDP to GTP) coupled to cleavage of a high-energy metabolic intermediate (substrate). It may occur in cytosol or mitochondria

# **Summary: Regulation of Glycolysis**

**Regulatory Enzymes (Irreversible reactions):**

**Glucokinase/hexokinase**

**PFK-1**

**Pyruvate kinase**

**Regulatory Mechanisms:**

**Rapid, short-term:**

**Allosteric**

**Covalent modifications**

**Slow, long-term:**

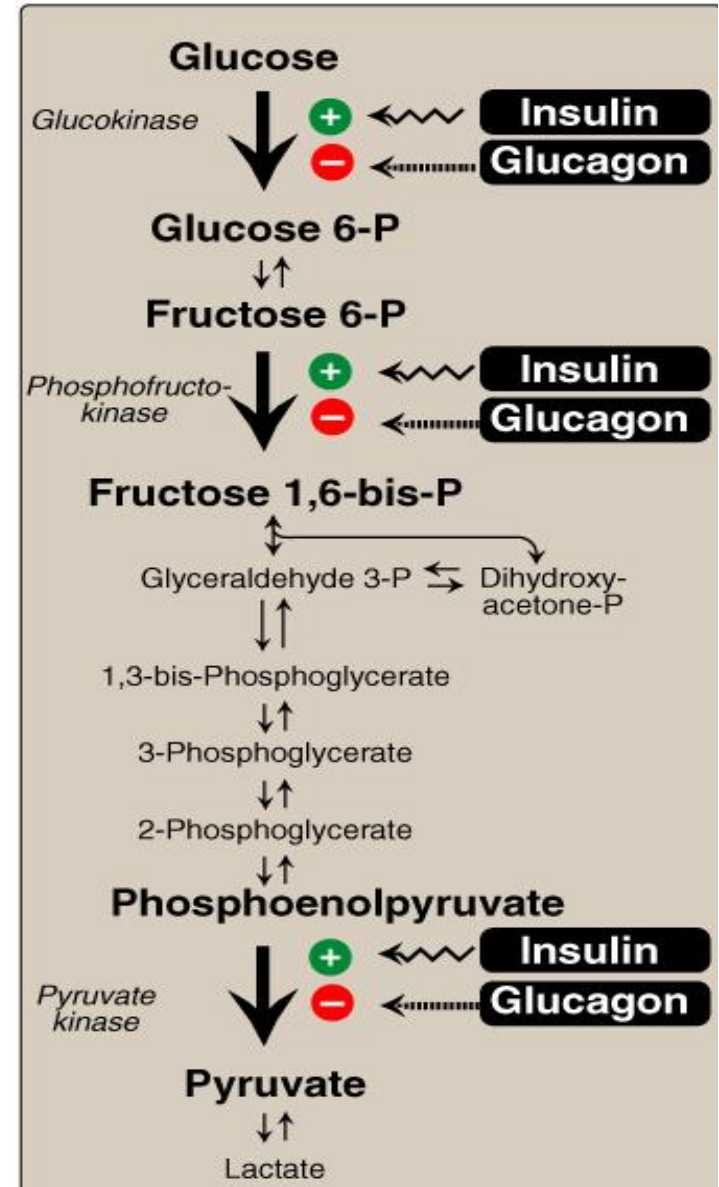
**Induction/repression**

**Apply the above mechanisms for each enzyme where applicable**

# Long-Term Regulation of Glycolysis

Insulin: Induction

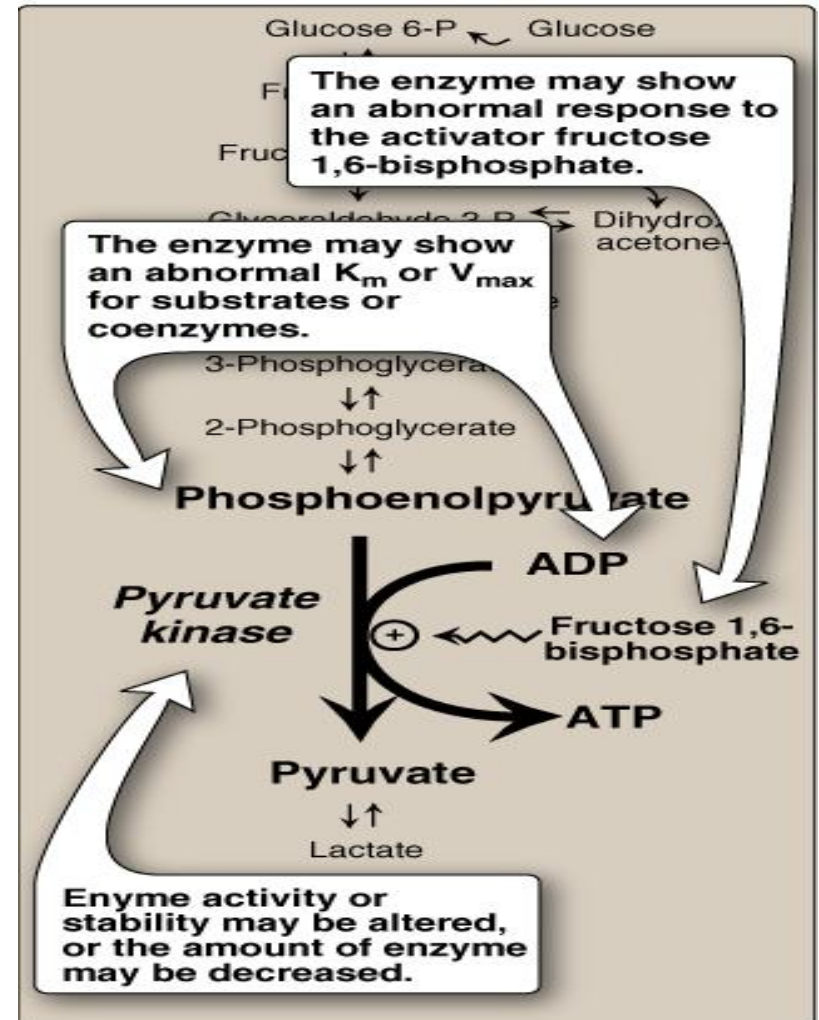
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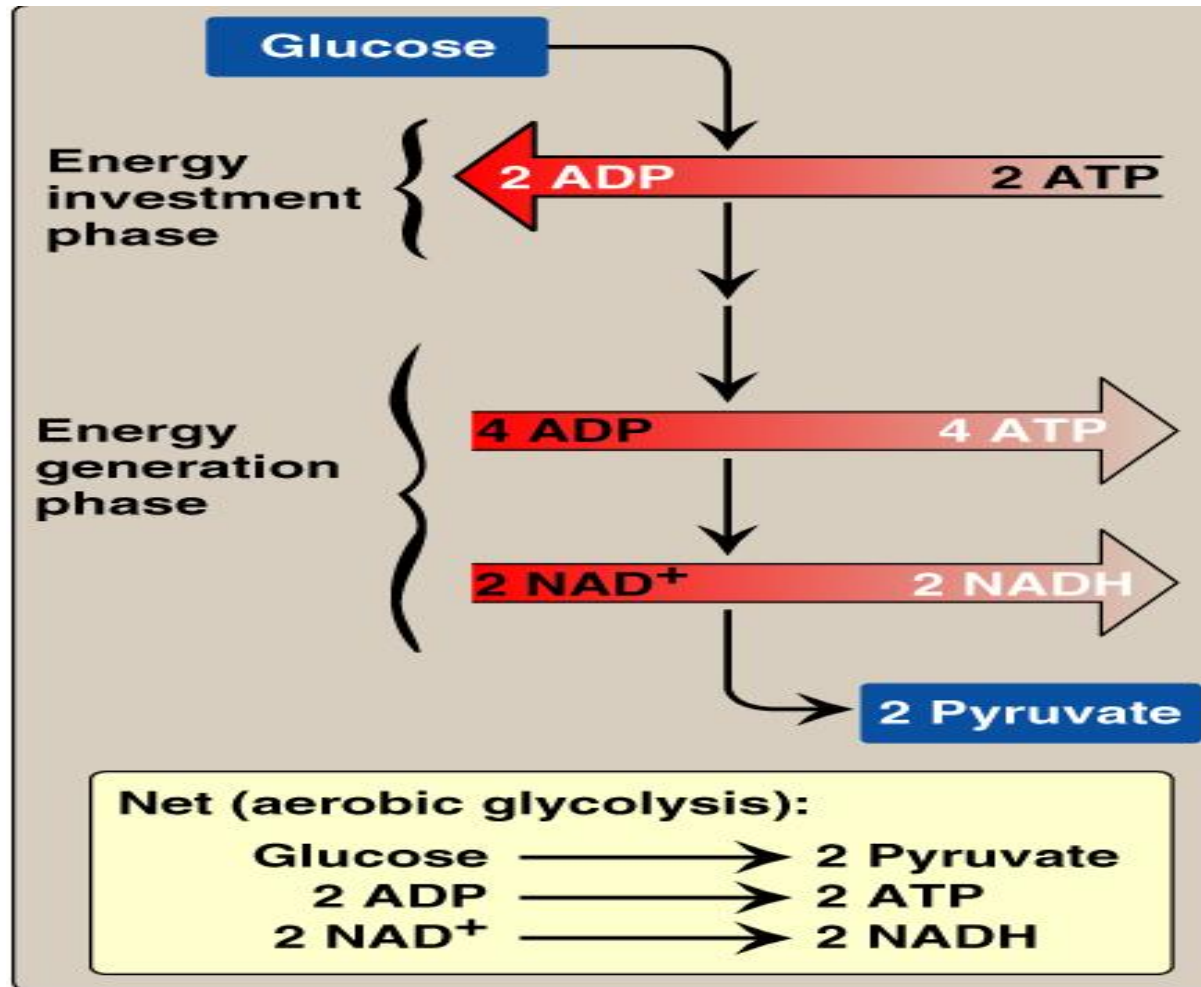
# Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency Hemolytic Anemia

## PK Mutation may lead to:

1. Altered Enz. kinetics
2. Decreased Enz. stability
3. Altered response to activator



# Aerobic Glycolysis: Total Vs Net ATP Production





# Aerobic Glycolysis: ATP Production

**ATP Consumed:**

**2 ATP**

**ATP Produced:**

**Substrate-level      2 X 2 =      4      ATP**

**Oxidative-level      2 X 3 =      6      ATP**

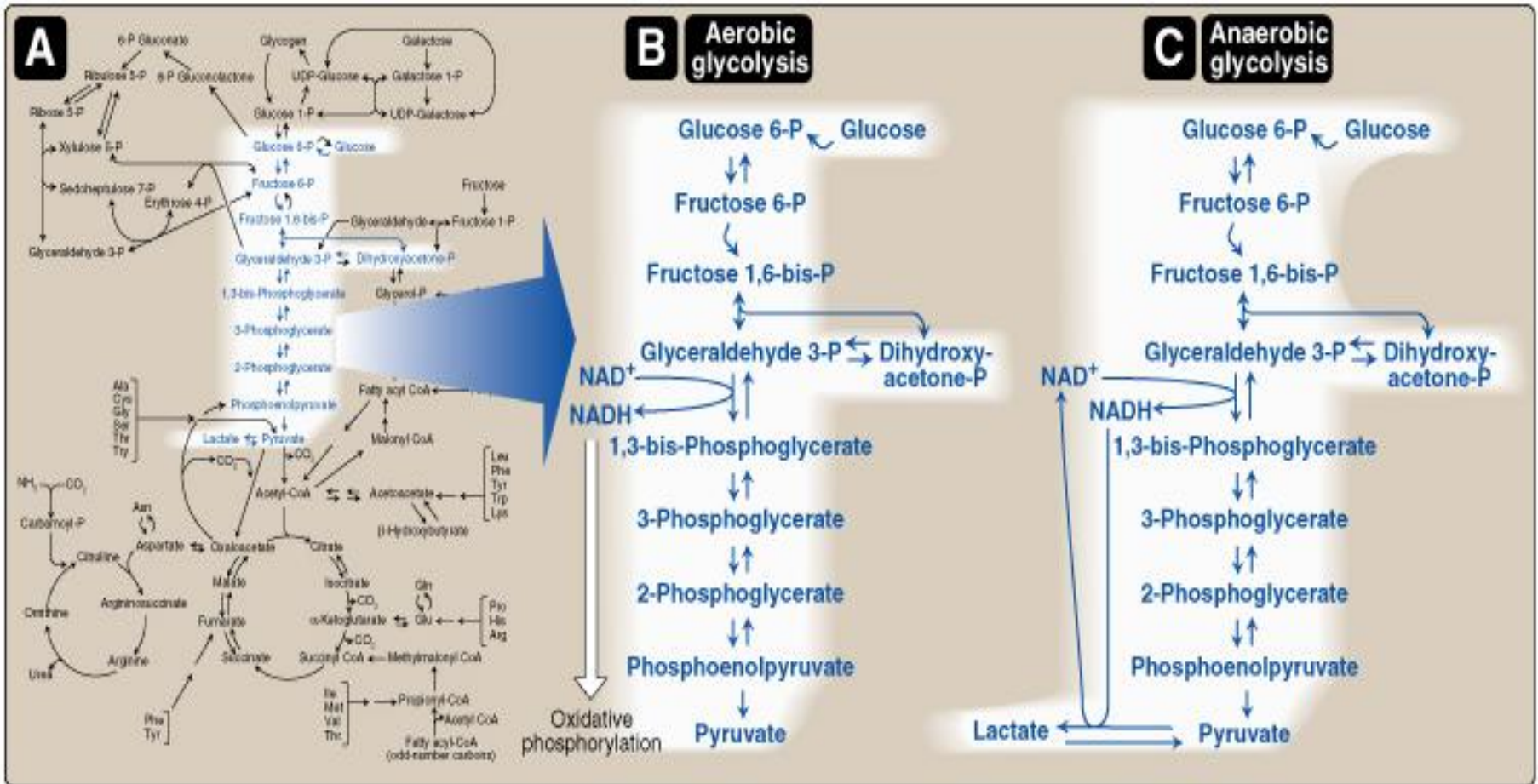
**Total      10      ATP**

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**Net:**

**10 – 2 =      8      ATP**

# Aerobic Vs Anaerobic Glycolysis

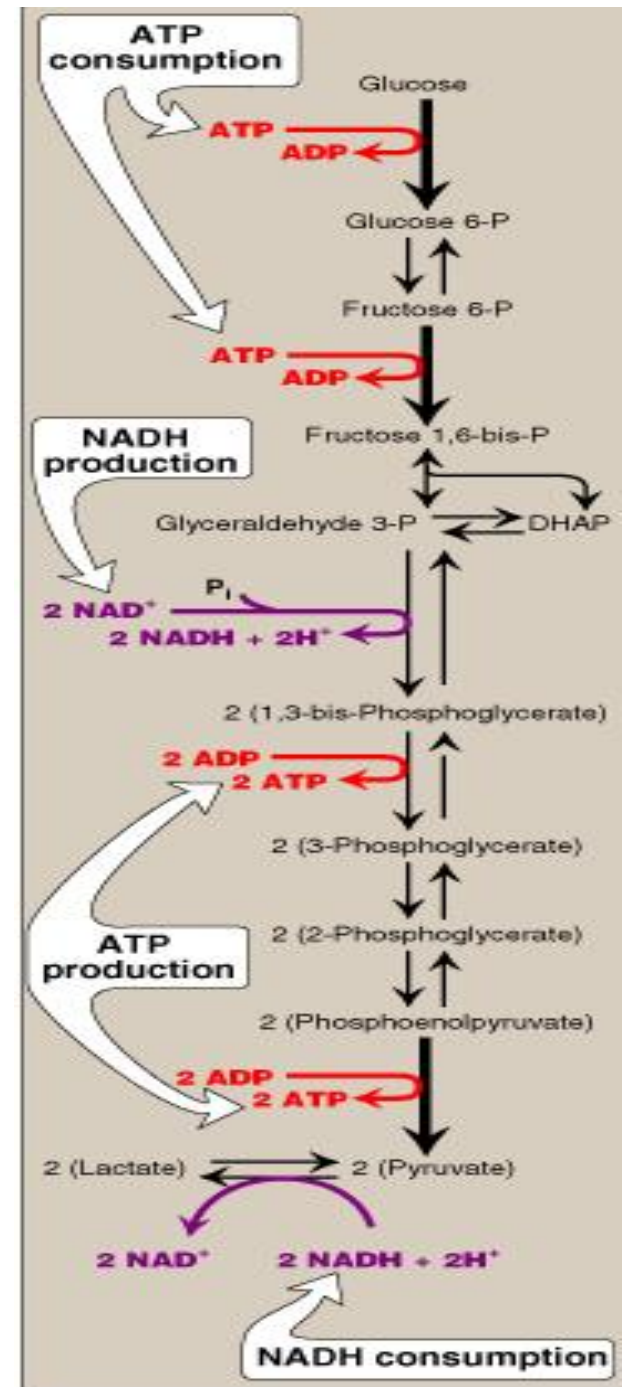


# Anaerobic Glycolysis

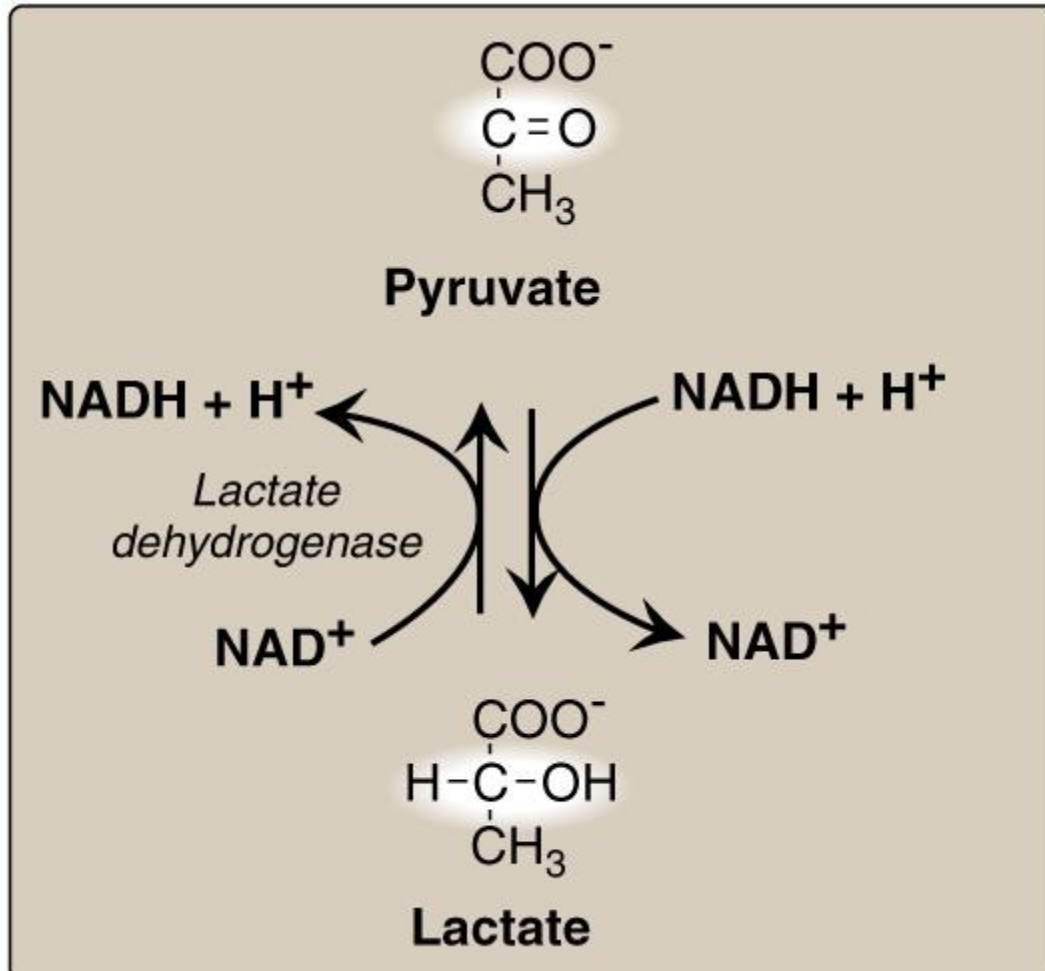
NADH produced **cannot** be used by ETC for ATP production  
(No  $O_2$  and/or No mitochondria)

Less ATP production, as compared to aerobic glycolysis

Lactate is an obligatory end product, **Why?**



# Lactate Dehydrogenase



# Anaerobic Glycolysis: ATP Production

**ATP Consumed:**

**2 ATP**

**ATP Produced:**

**Substrate-level**      **2 X 2 =**      **4**      **ATP**

~~**Oxidative-level**      **2 X 3 =**      **6**      **ATP**~~

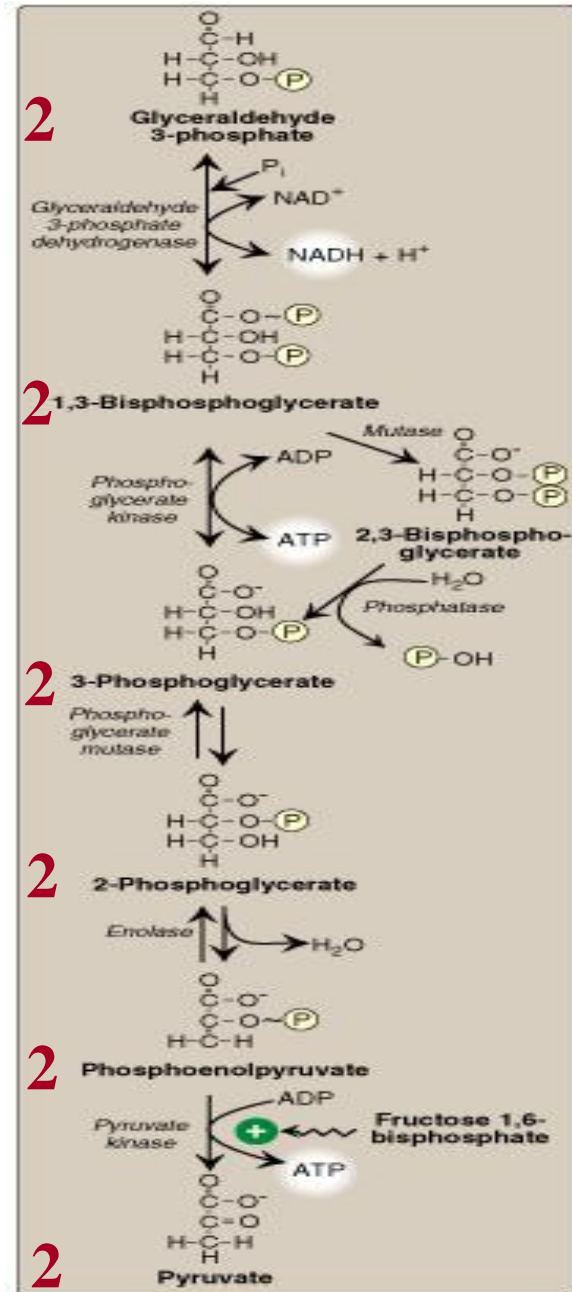
**Total**           **4**      **ATP**

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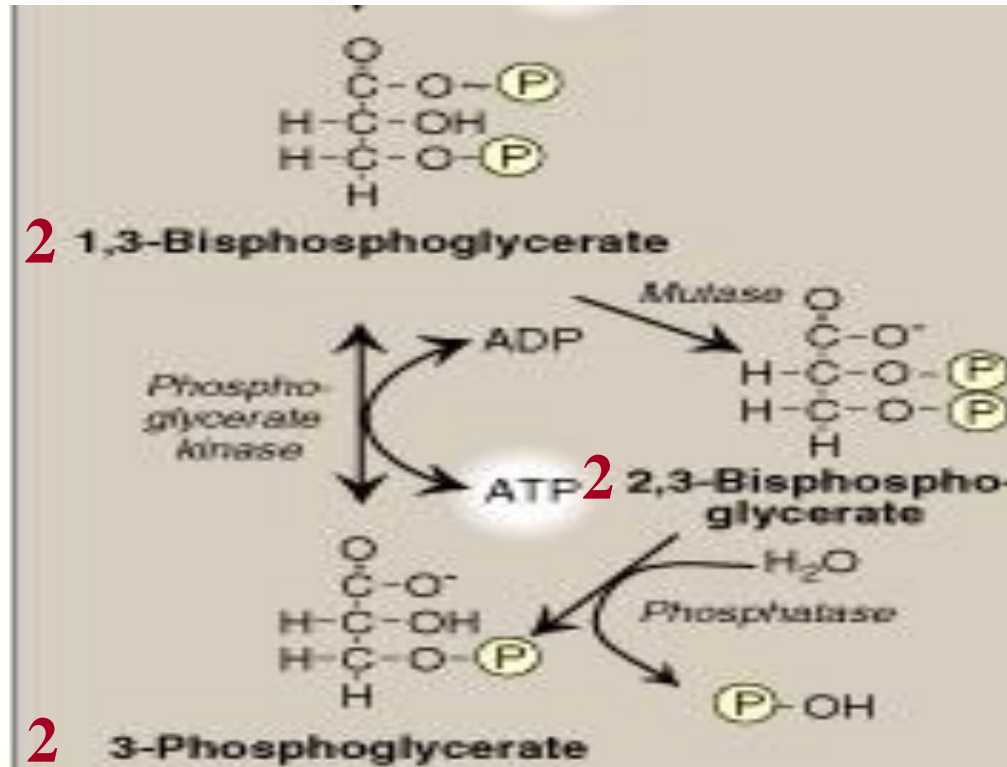
**Net:**

**4 - 2 =**      **2**      **ATP**

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# Glycolysis in RBCs: ATP Production

ATP Consumed:

2 ATP

ATP Produced:

Substrate-level      OR       $2 \times 2 = 4$       ATP

$1 \times 2 = 2$       ATP

~~Oxidative-level       $2 \times 3 = 6$       ATP~~

Total      4 OR 2      ATP

Net:      OR       $4 - 2 = 2$       ATP

$2 - 2 = 0$       ATP



# **Glycolysis in RBCs: Summary**

**End product:**

**Lactate**

**No net production or consumption of NADH**

**Energy yield:**

**If no 2,3-BPG is formed:                      2 ATP**

**If 2,3-BPG shunt occurs:                      0 ATP**

**PK Deficiency hemolytic anemia depends on:**

**Degree of PK Deficiency**

**Compensation by 2,3-BPG**

# Take Home Message

- **Glycolysis is the major oxidative pathway for glucose**
- **Glycolysis is employed by all tissues**
- **Glycolysis is a tightly-regulated pathway**
- **PFK-1 is the rate-limiting regulatory enzyme**

# Take Home Message

- Glycolysis is mainly a catabolic pathway for ATP production, **But** it has some anabolic features (amphibolic)
- Pyruvate kinase deficiency in RBCs results in hemolytic anemia

# Take Home Message

- **Net energy produced in:**
  - **Aerobic glycolysis:** 8 ATP
  - **Anaerobic glycolysis:** 2 ATP
- **Net energy produced in glycolysis in RBCs:**
  - **Without 2,3 BPG synthesis:** 2 ATP
  - **With 2,3 BPG synthesis:** 0 ATP