Major Metabolic Pathways of Glucose

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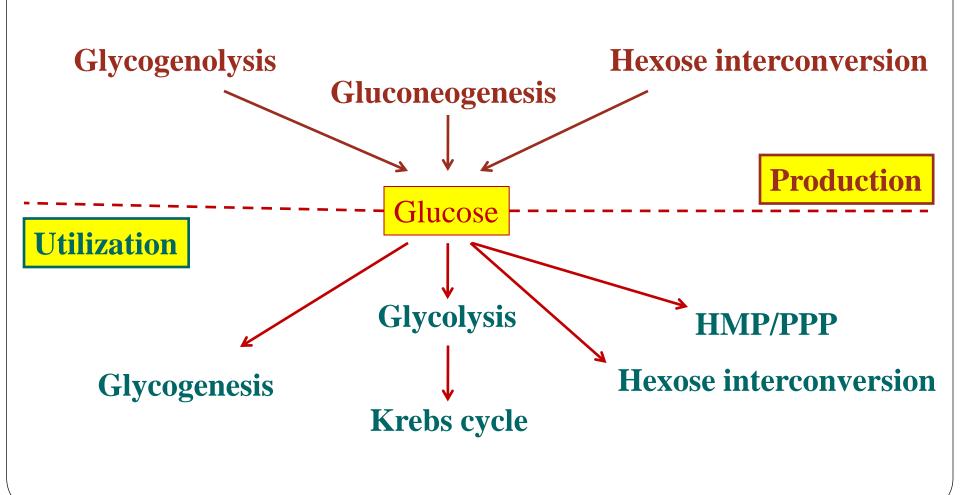
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Metabolic Pathway

Definition Site: Cellular (tissue) and Subcellular Reactions **Rate-limiting enzyme(s) Regulatory mechanism(s):** Rapid, Slow, short-term long-term **Covalent** Allosteric **Induction/repression**

modification

Metabolic Pathways of Glucose: Production and Utilization



Metabolic Pathways of Glucose: Catabolic and Anabolic

Catabolic cycles
Glycolysis (Mainly)
Krebs (Mainly)
Glycogenolysis
HMP

Anabolic cycles Gluconeogenesis

Glycogenesis

Glycogenesis and Glycogenolysis

Glycogenesis:

Synthesis of glycogen from glucose Mainly liver and muscle, Cytosol

Glycogenolysis

Degradation of glycogen into glucose Mainly liver and muscle, Cytosol

Hexose Monophosphate Pathway (HMP) or Pentose Phosphate Pathway (PPP)

1- Important source for NADPH

Which is used in reductive syntheses

2- Source for metabolically active ribose

Which is used for production of nucleotides:

For nucleic acids

For co-enzymes

Glucose Transport

Na⁺-Monosaccharide Cotransporter:

Against concentration gradient

Energy dependent

Carrier-mediated

Coupled to Na⁺ transport

Small intestine, renal tubules & choroid plexus

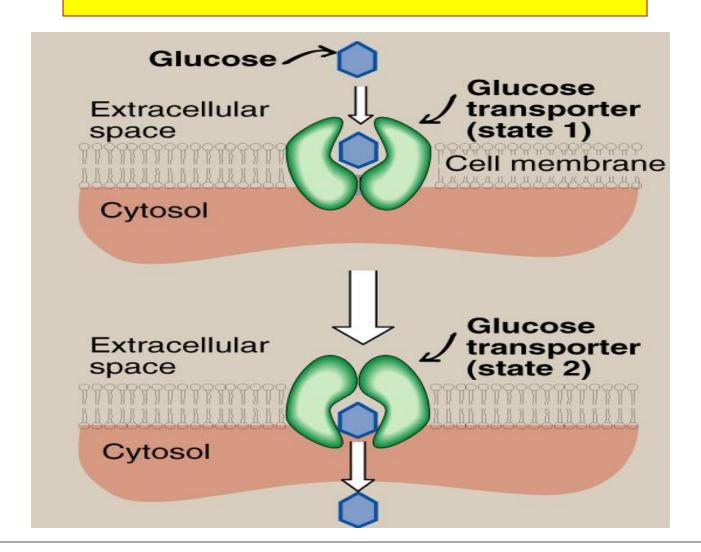
Na⁺-Independent Facilitated Diffusion:

With concentration gradient

Energy Independent

Glucose Transporters (GLUT 1-14)

Glucose Transport: Facilitated Diffusion



Glucose Transporters

Tissue-specific expression pattern

GLUT-1 RBCs and brain

GLUT-2 Liver, kidney & pancreas

GLUT-3 Neurons

GLUT-4 Adipose tissue & skeletal

muscle

GLUT-5 Small intestine & testes

GLUT-7 Liver (ER-membrane)

• Functions:

GLUT-1, 3 & 4 Glucose uptake from blood

GLUT-2 Blood & cells (either direction)

GLUT-5 Fructose transport

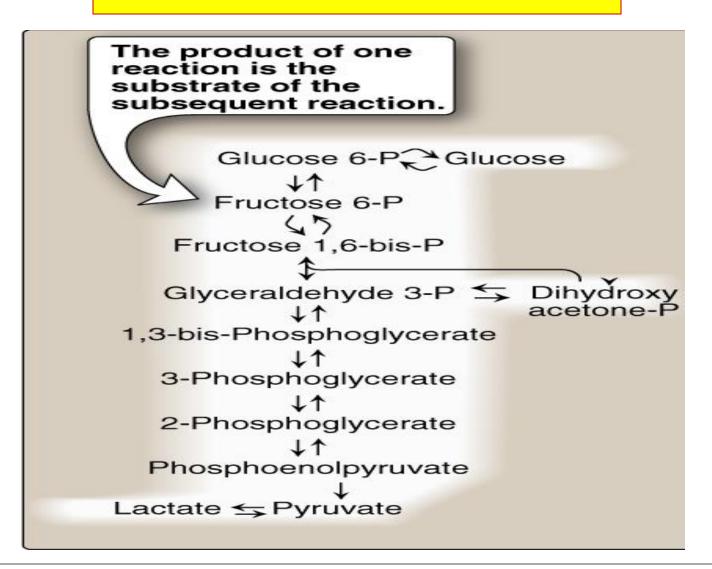
Glycolysis: Objectives

- ➤ Glycolysis as a 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

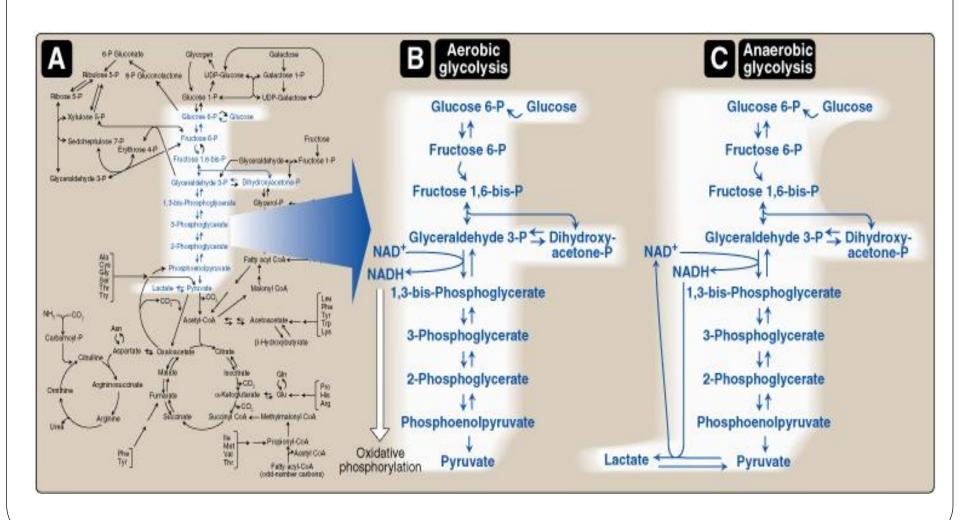
Glycolysis: An Overview

- ➤ Glycolysis, the major pathway for glucose oxidation, occurs in the cytosol of all cells.
- ➤ It is unique, in that it can function either aerobically or anaerobically, depending on the availability of oxygen and intact mitochondria.
- ➤ RBCs, which lack mitochondria, are completely reliant on glucose as their metabolic fuel, and metabolizes it by anaerobic glycolysis.
- ➤ It allows tissues to survive in presence <u>or</u> absence of oxygen, e.g., skeletal muscle.

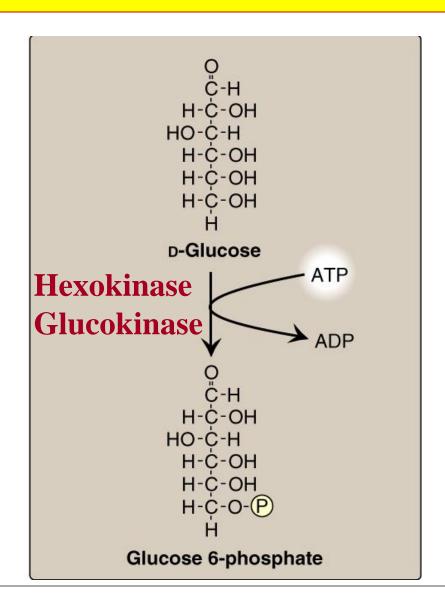
Glycolysis



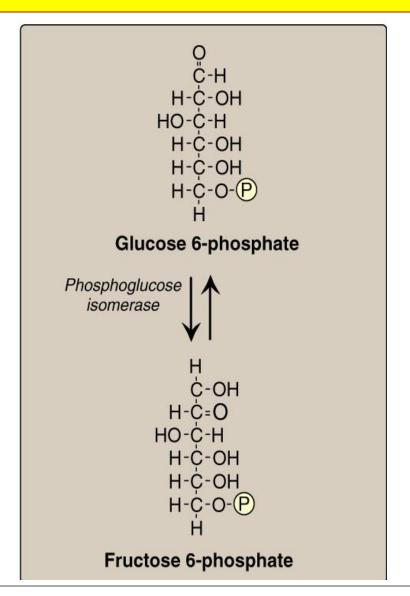
Aerobic Vs Anaerobic Glycolysis



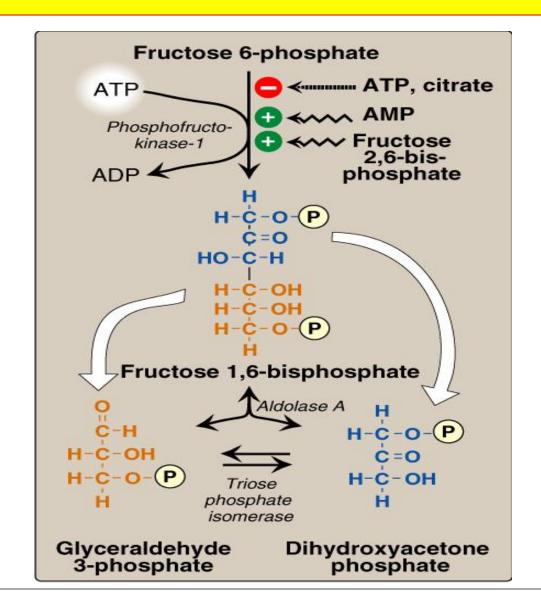
Aerobic Glycolysis-1



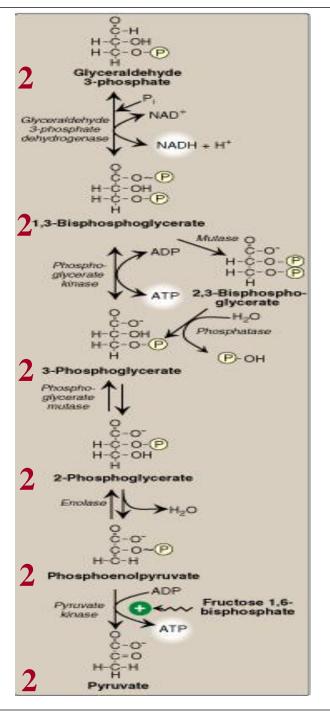
Aerobic Glycolysis-2



Aerobic Glycolysis: 3-5



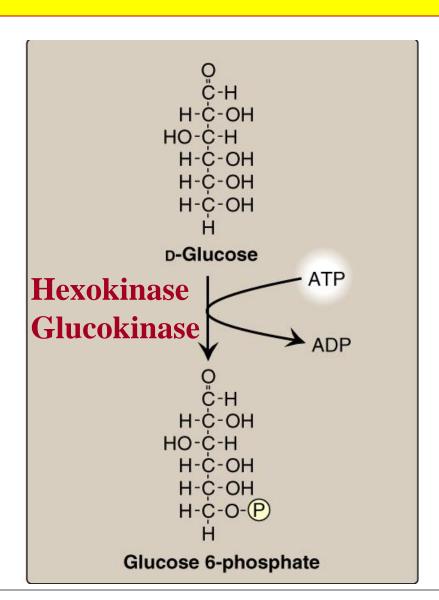
Aerobic Glycolysis: 6 -10



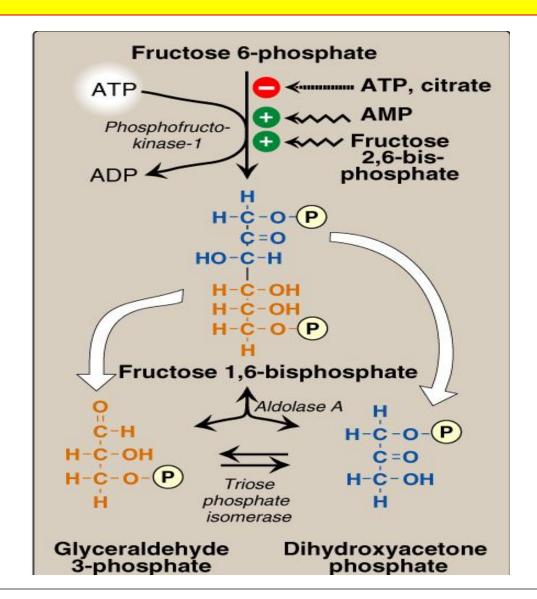
Aerobic Glycolysis-1

Hexokinase: Most tissues

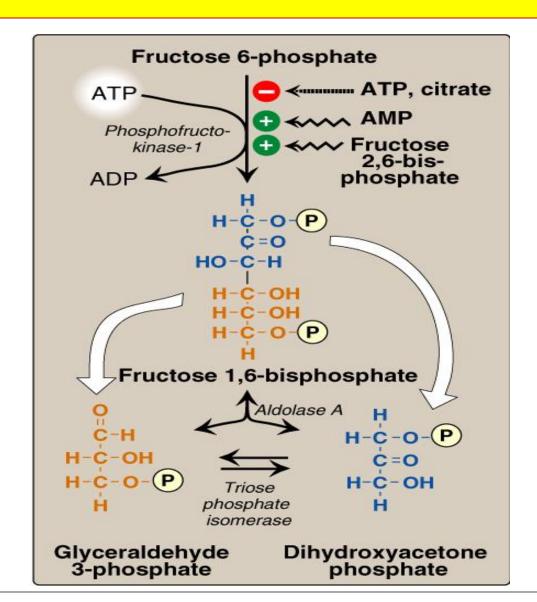
Glucokinase: Hepatocytes



PFK-1: Regulation

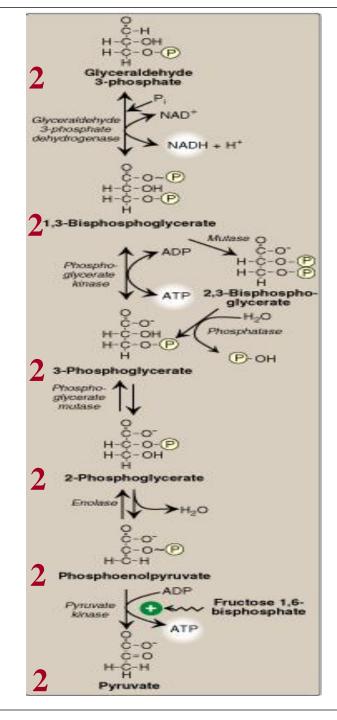


Aldolase and Triose Isomerase

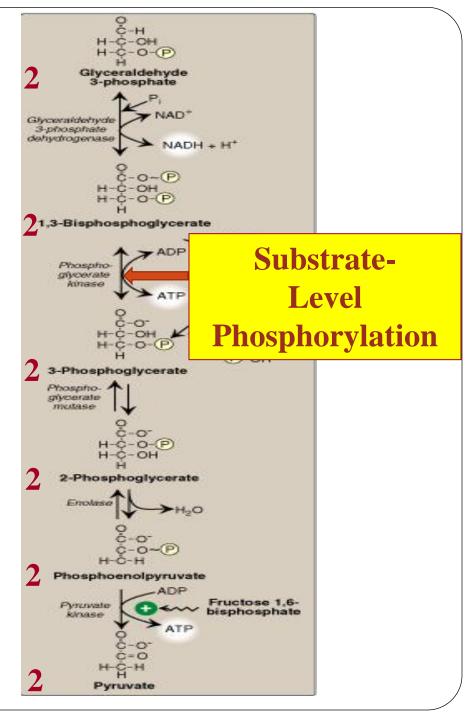


Glyceraldehyde 3-Phosphate Dehydrogenase

For each NADH, 3 ATP will be produced by ETC in the mitochondria i.e., 6 ATP are produced



Phosphoglycerate Kinase



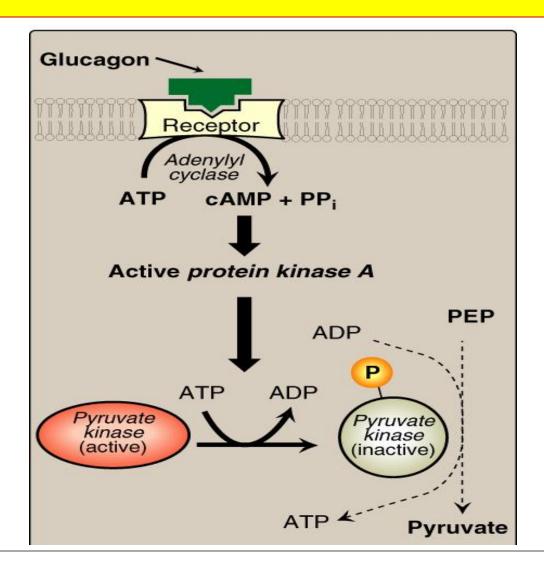
0 ¢-H H-¢-OH H-ç-O-® Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase NADH + H+ -0-P H-C-O-P 1,3-Bisphosphoglycerate Phosphoglycerate kinase 2,3-Bisphospho-glycerate Phosphatase H-C-OH H-C-O-P P-OH 3-Phosphoglycerate Phosphogiyoarate mutase Substrate-¢-0-H-C-O-P H-C-OH Level 2-Phosphoglycera **Phosphorylation** Phosphoeno yruvate -ADP Fructose 1,6-Pyruvate bisphosphate kinase C-0 H-C-H Pyruvate

Pyruvate Kinase

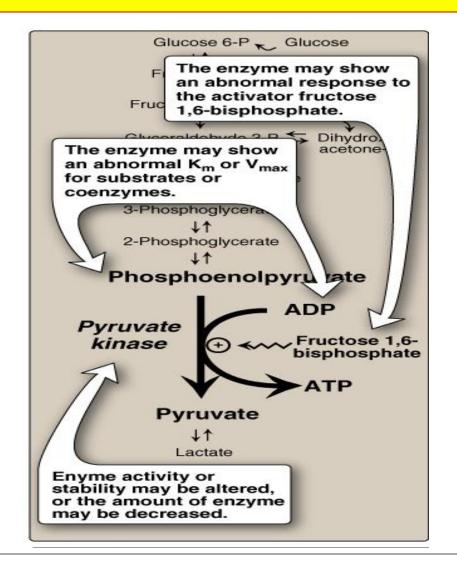
Substrate-level phosphorylation Vs. Oxidative phosphorylation

- **Phosphorylation** is the metabolic reaction of introducing a phosphate group into an organic molecule.
- Oxidative phosphorylation: The formation of highenergy 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.
- <u>Substrate-level phosphorylation</u>: The formation of high-energy phosphate bonds by phosphorylation of ADP to ATP (or GDP to GTP) <u>coupled to</u> cleavage of a high-energy metabolic intermediate (substrate). It may occur in cytosol or mitochondria

Pyruvate Kinase Covalent Modification



Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency Hemolytic Anemia



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

Aerobic Glycolysis: ATP Production

ATP Consumed:

2 ATP

ATP Produced:

Substrate-level

Oxidative-level

Total

 $2 \times 2 = 4 \quad ATP$

 $2 \times 3 = 6$

10 ATP

ATP

Net:

10 - 2 = 8

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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

