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Major Metabolic Pathways of Glucose

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Objectives:

Major Metabolic Pathways

By the end of the first half of the lecture, students are expected to:

- **Define a metabolic pathway.**
- **Define reactions, and rate limiting steps in a pathway**
- **Determine different regulatory mechanisms for metabolic pathways**
- **Describe the general metabolic pathways for glucose (production and utilization)**
- **briefly describe the glycogen metabolic pathway and HMP**
- **Recognize the mechanisms of glucose transport**

Metabolic Pathway

Definition

Site:

Cellular (tissue) and Subcellular

Reactions

Rate-limiting enzyme(s)

Regulatory mechanism(s):

**Rapid,
short-term**

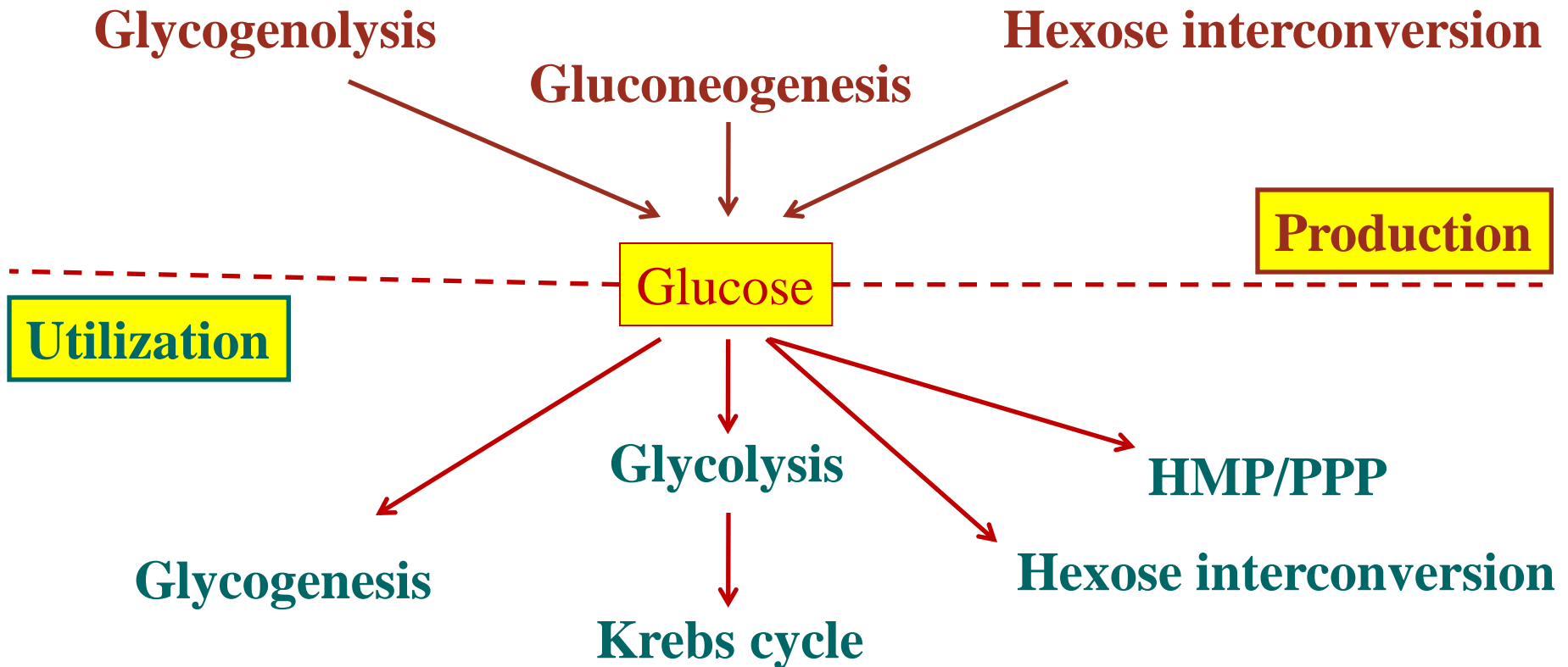
**Slow,
long-term**

**Covalent
modification**

Allosteric

Induction/repression

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

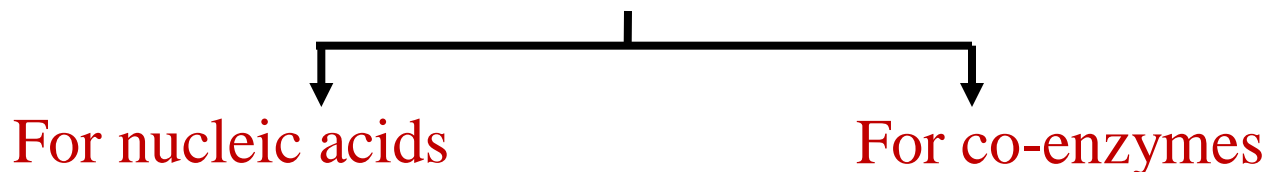
Hexose Monophosphate Pathway (HMP) or Pentose Phosphate Pathway (PPP)

1- Important source for NADPH

Which is used in reductive syntheses

2- Source for metabolically active ribose

Which is used for production of nucleotides:



Glucose Transport

Na⁺-Monosaccharide Cotransporter:

Against concentration gradient

Energy dependent

Carrier-mediated

Coupled to Na⁺ transport

Small intestine, renal tubules & choroid plexus

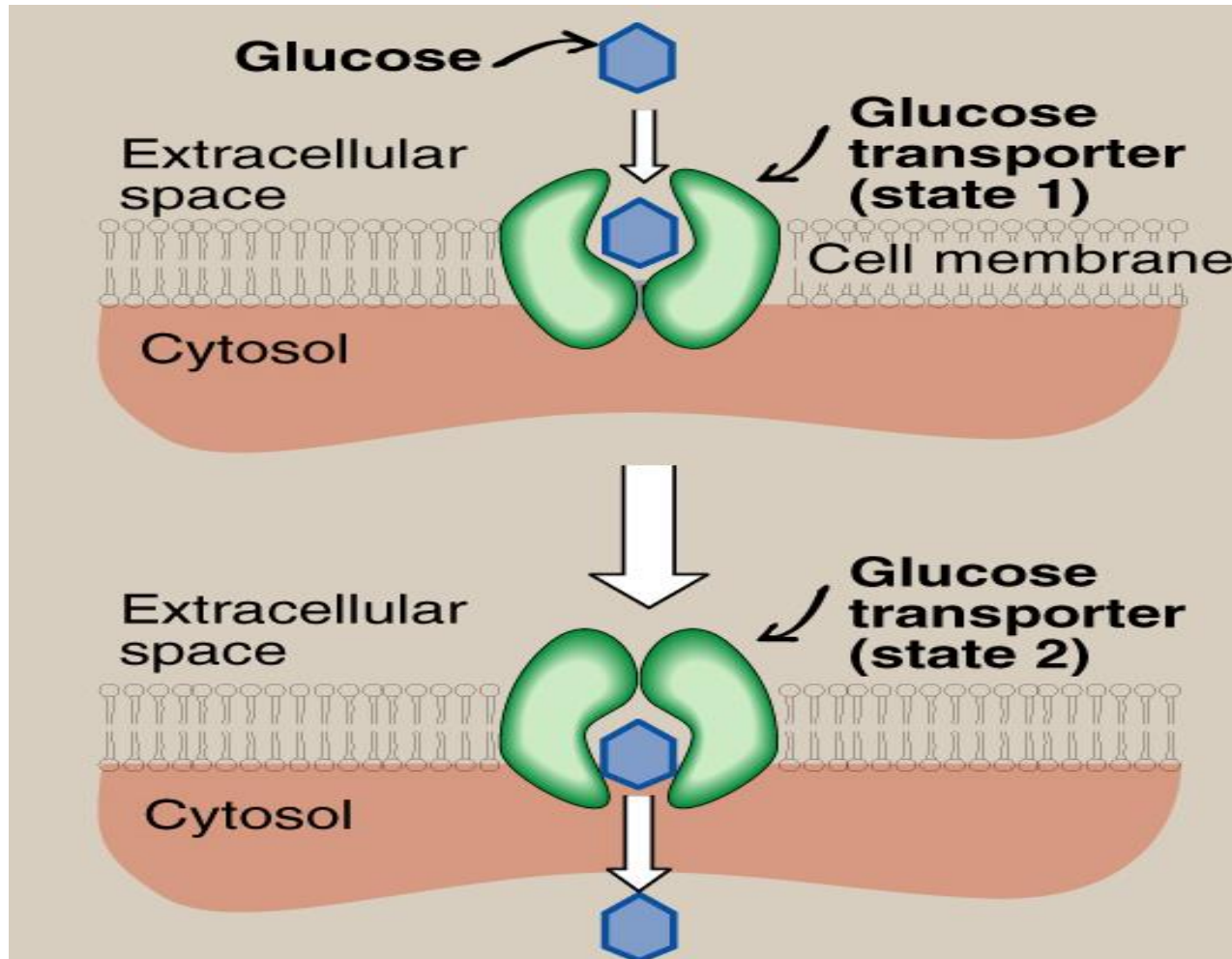
Na⁺-Independent Facilitated Diffusion:

Down the 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

Objectives: Glycolysis

By the end of the second half of the lecture, students are expected to:

- **Recognize glycolysis as the major oxidative pathway of glucose**
- **List the main reactions of glycolytic pathway**
- **Discuss the rate-limiting enzymes/Regulation**
- **Assess the ATP production (aerobic/anaerobic)**
- **Define pyruvate kinase deficiency hemolytic anemia**

Glycolysis: An Overview

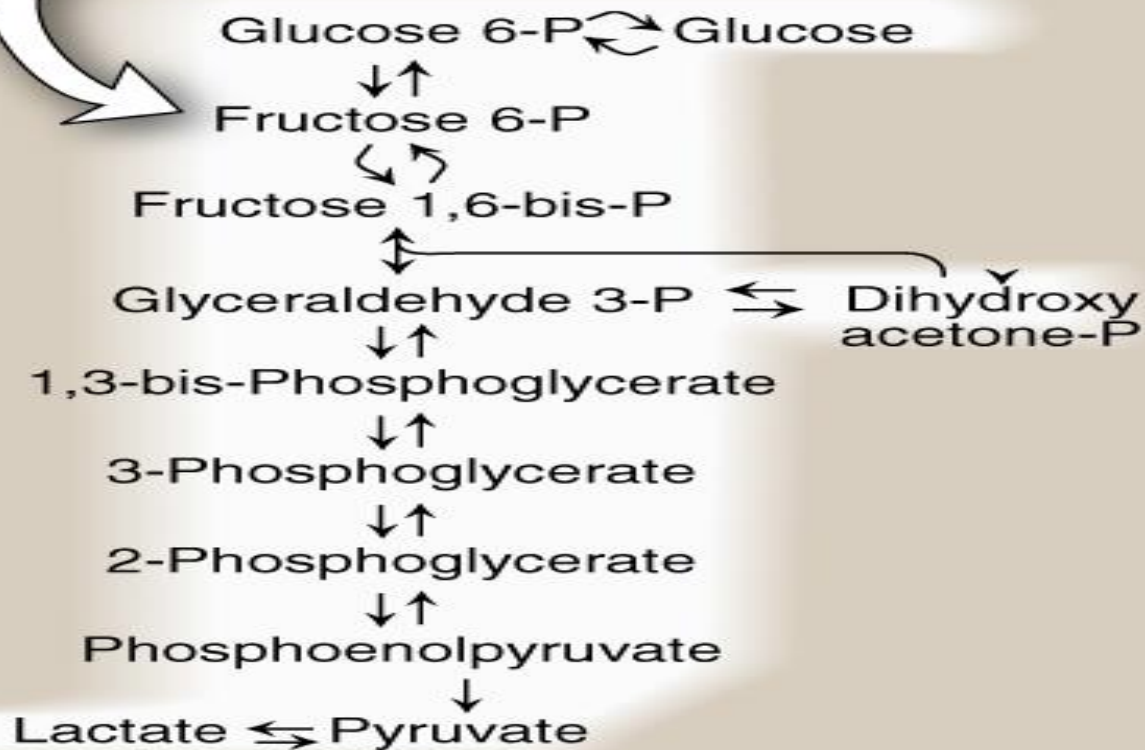
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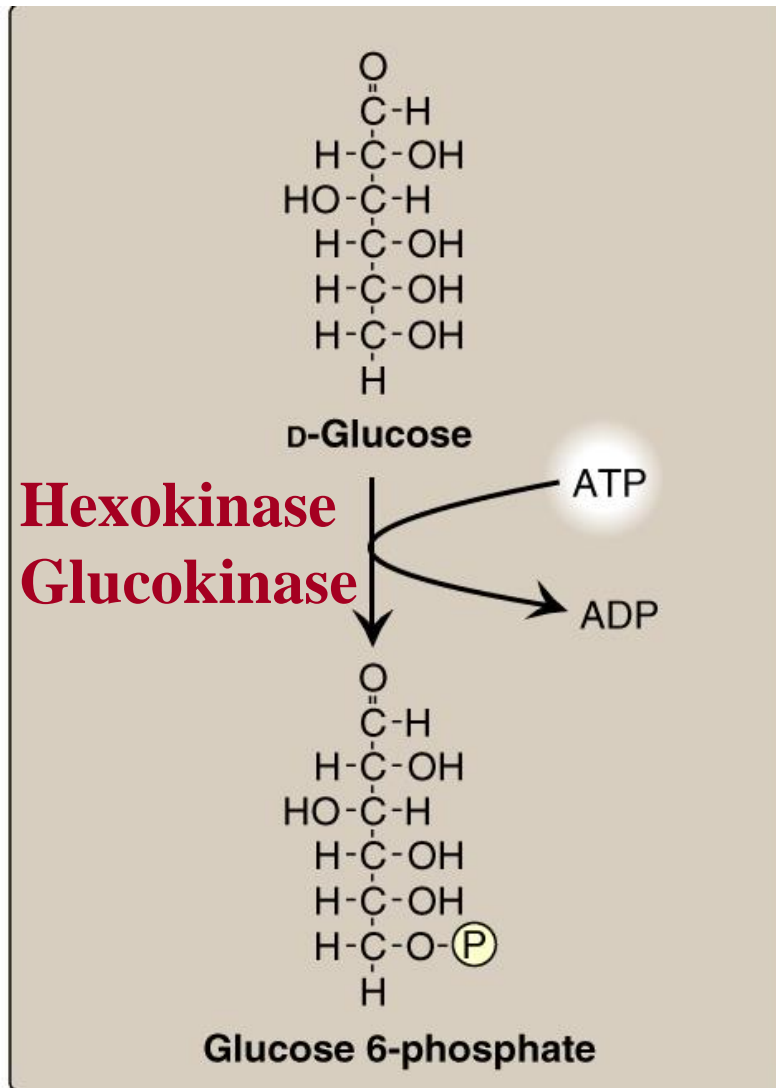
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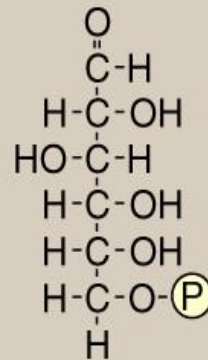
The product of one reaction is the substrate of the subsequent reaction.



Aerobic Glycolysis-1

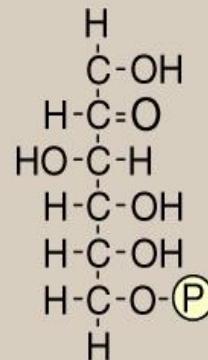


Aerobic Glycolysis-2



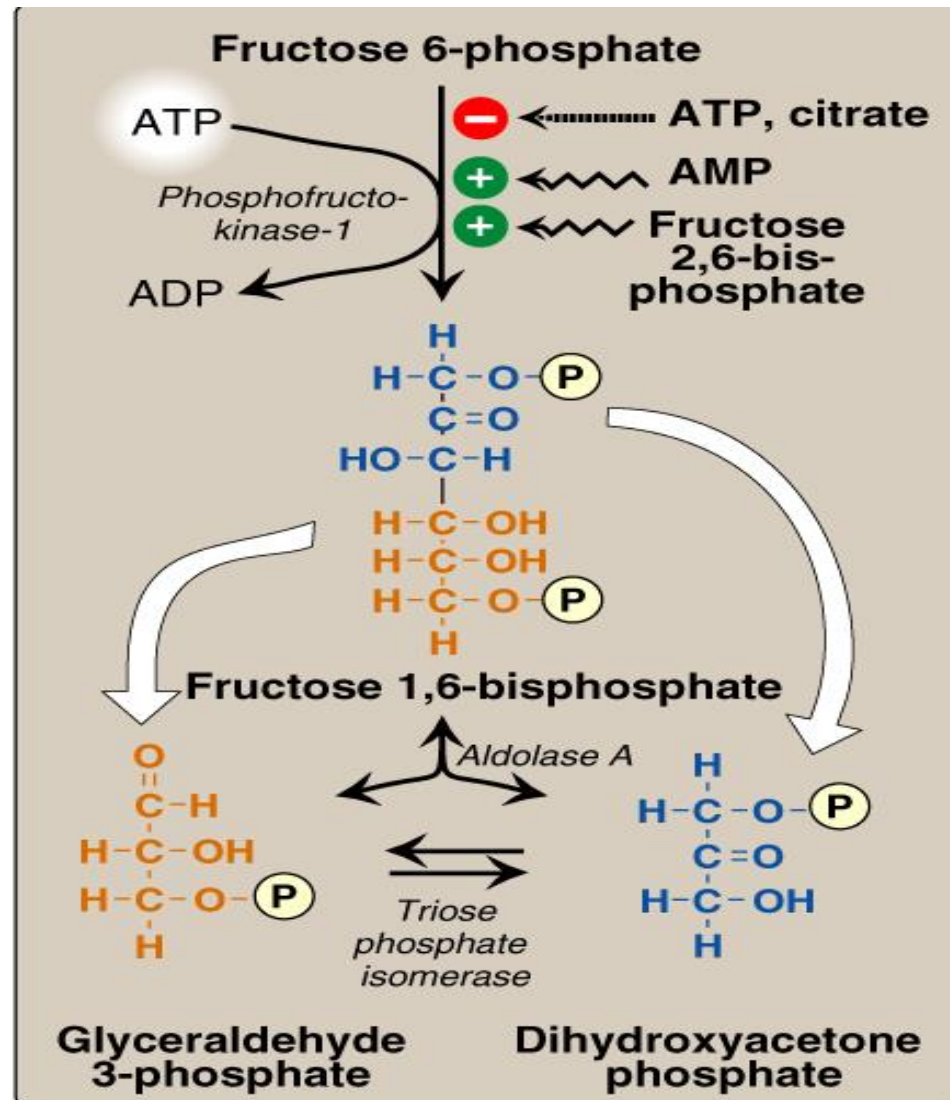
Glucose 6-phosphate

*Phosphoglucose
isomerase*

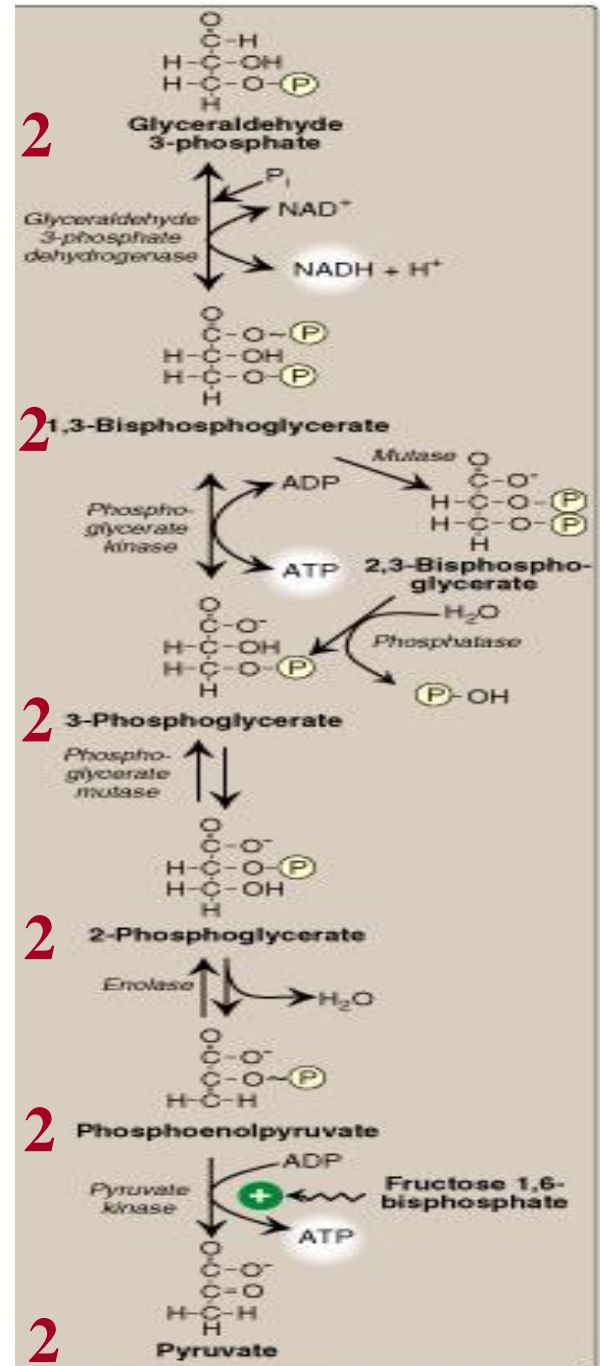


Fructose 6-phosphate

Aerobic Glycolysis: 3-5



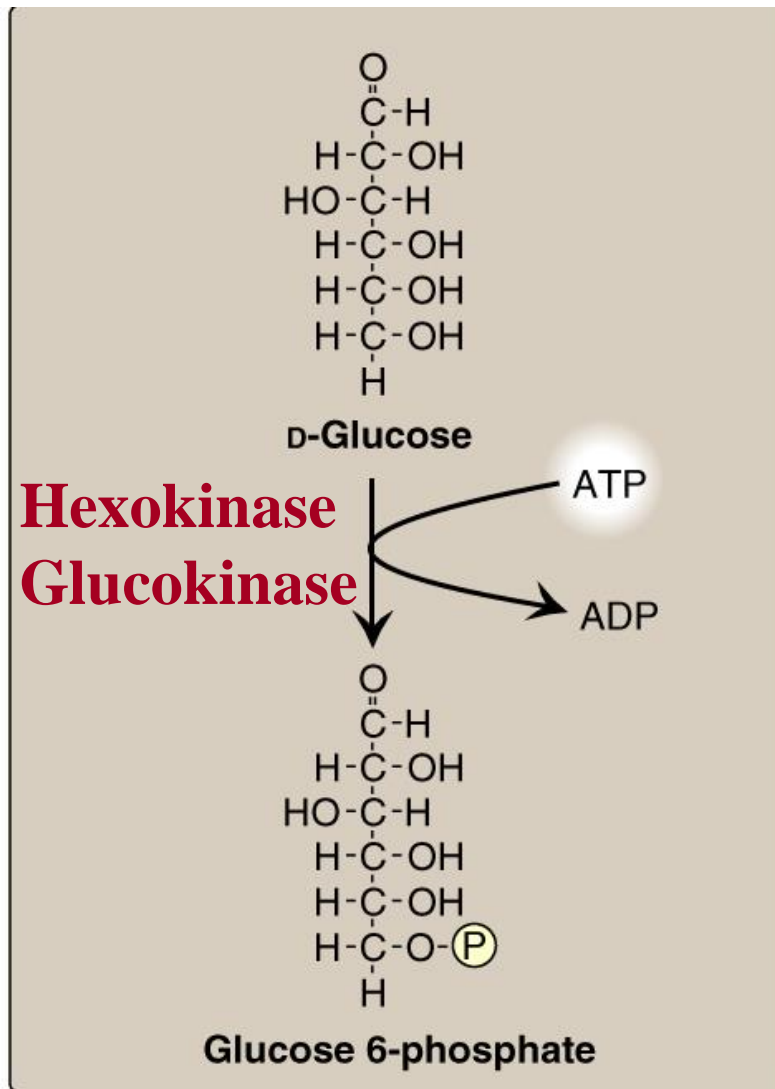
Aerobic Glycolysis: 6-10



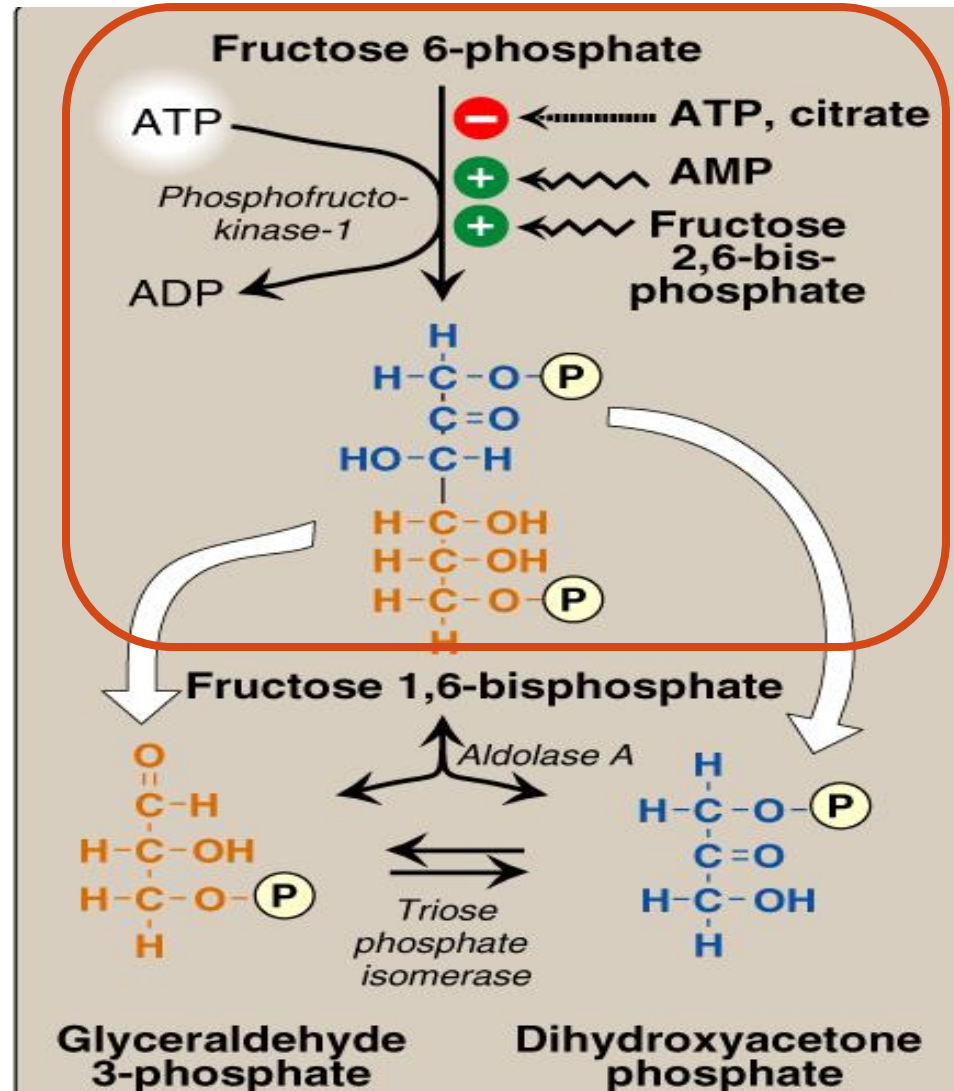
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Hexokinase:
Most tissues

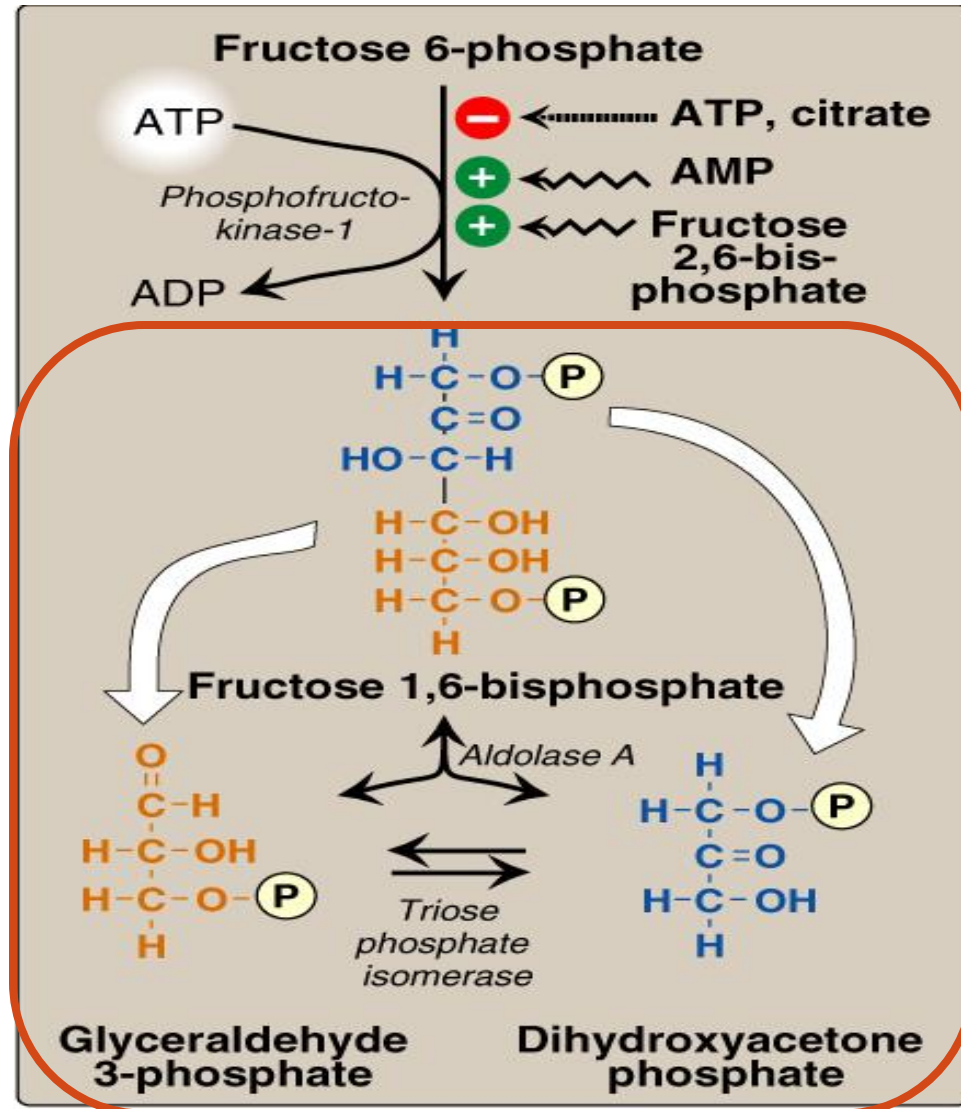
Glucokinase:
Hepatocytes



PFK-1 : Regulation

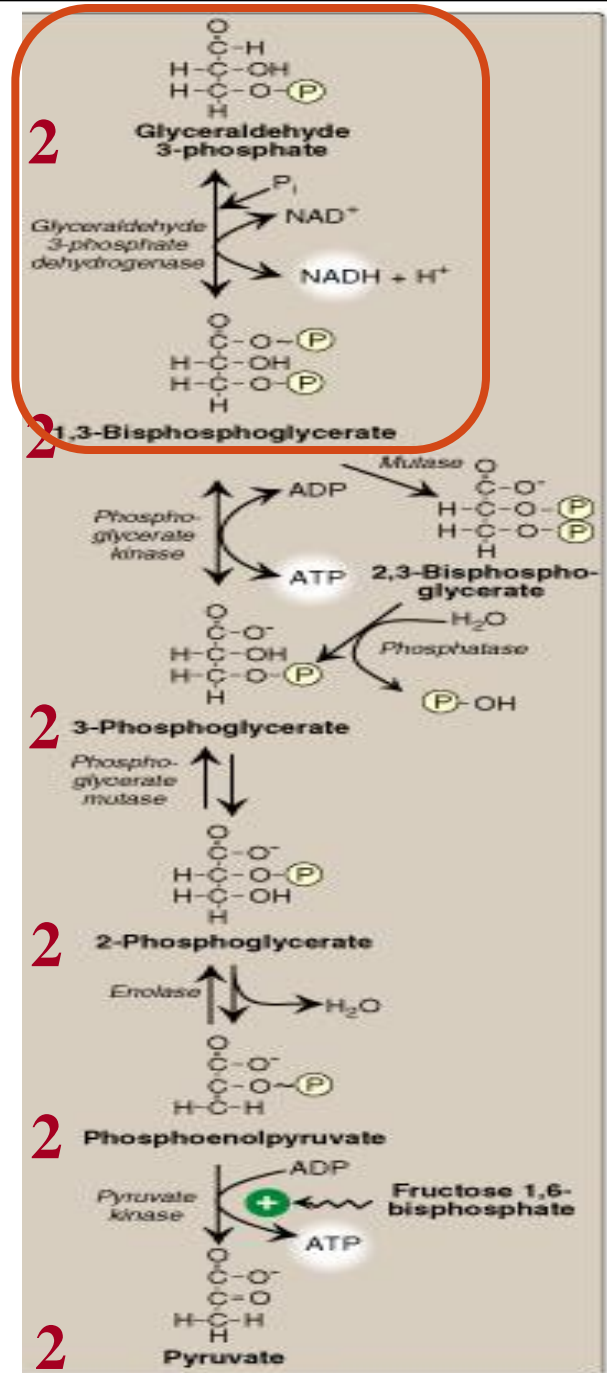


Aldolase and Triose Isomerase

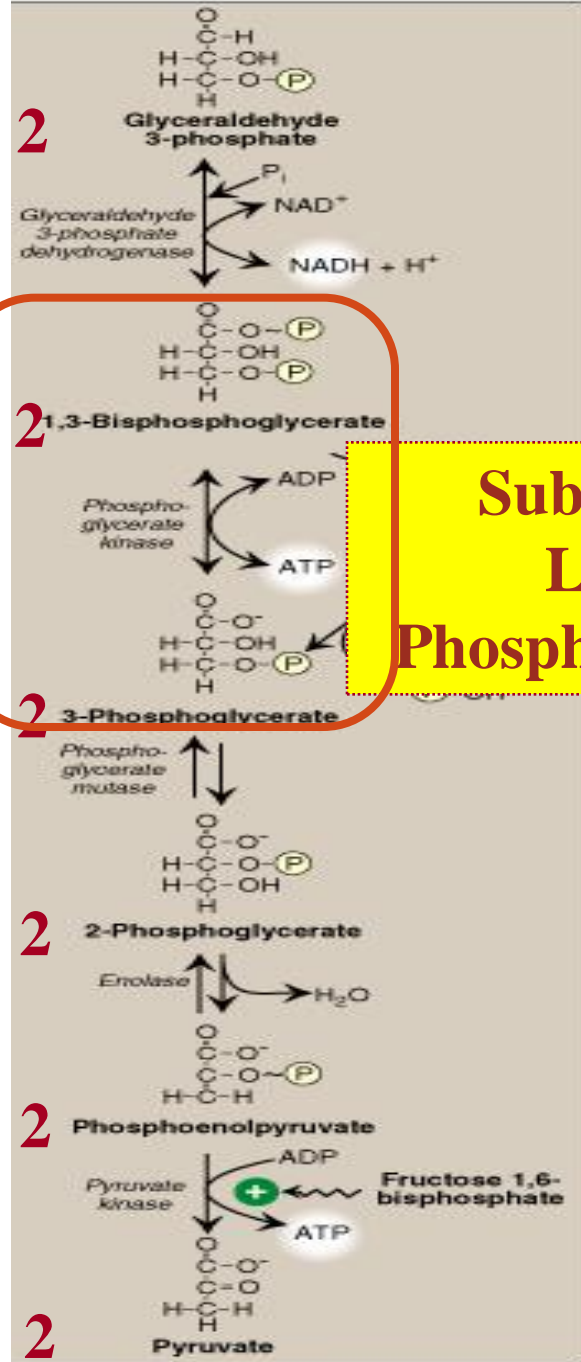


Glyceraldehyde 3-Phosphate Dehydrogenase

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

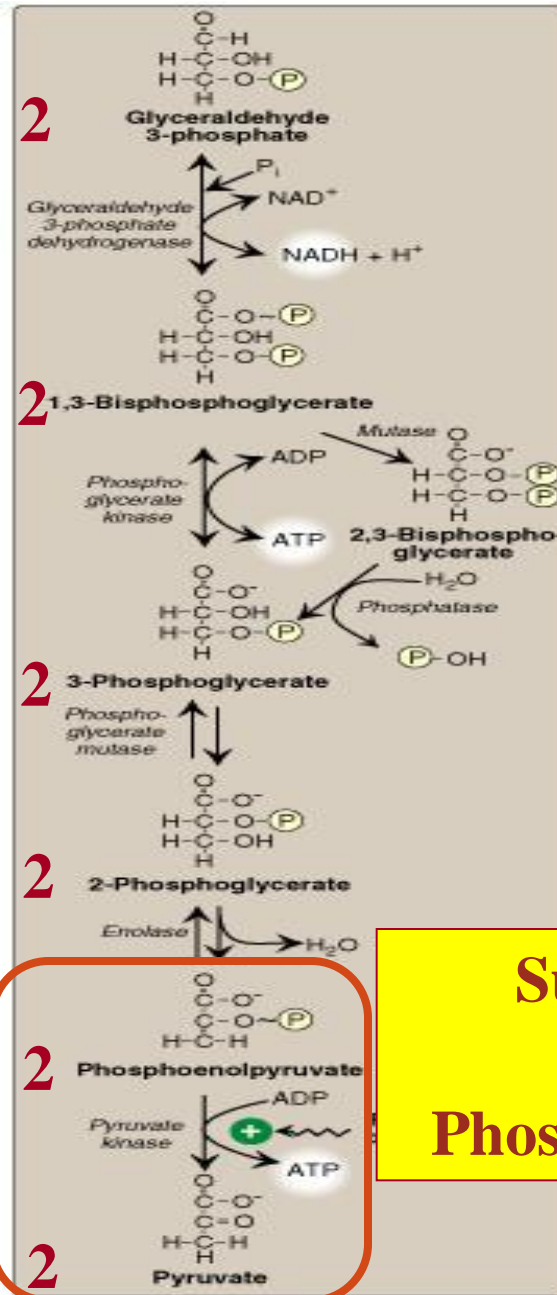


Phospho-glycerate Kinase



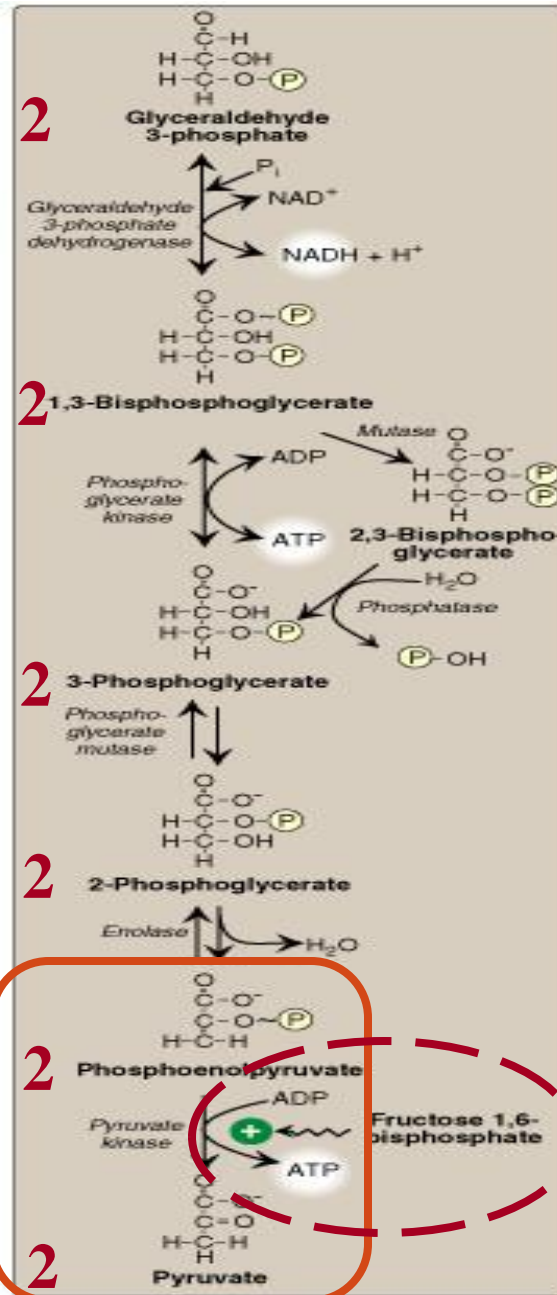
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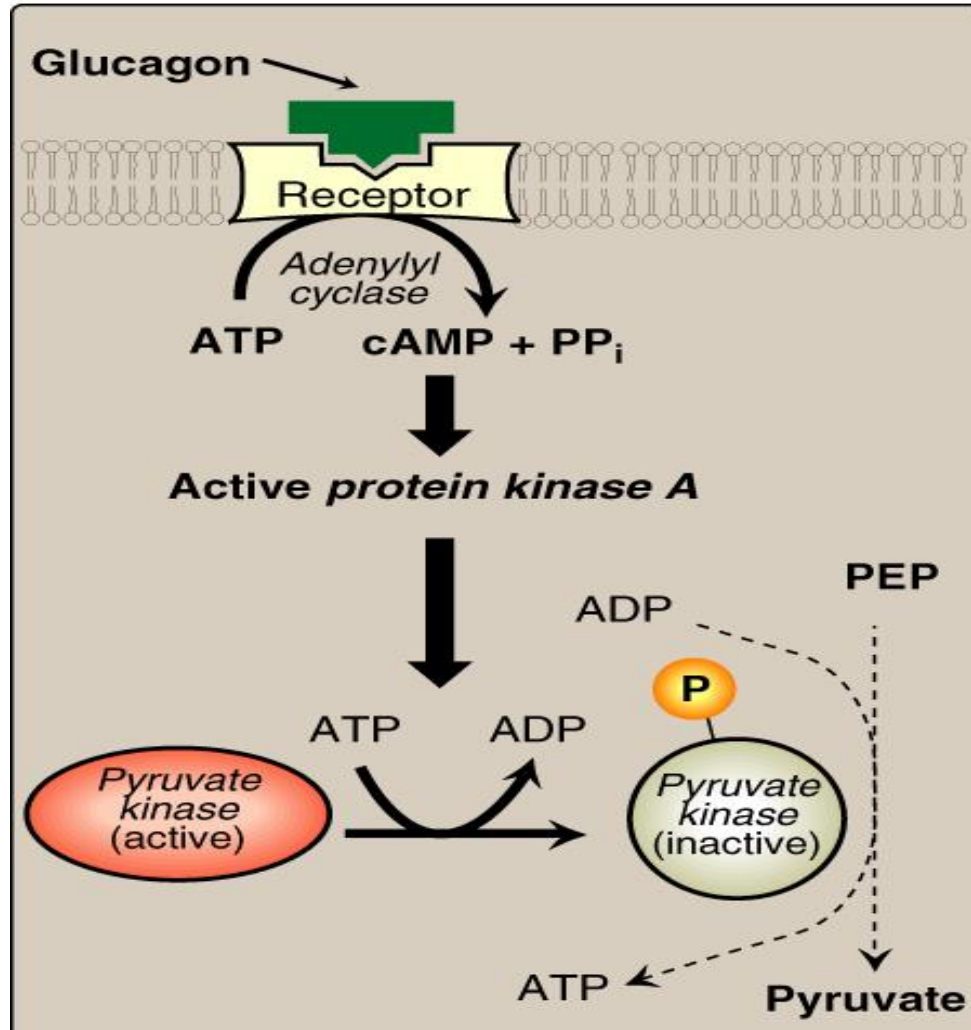
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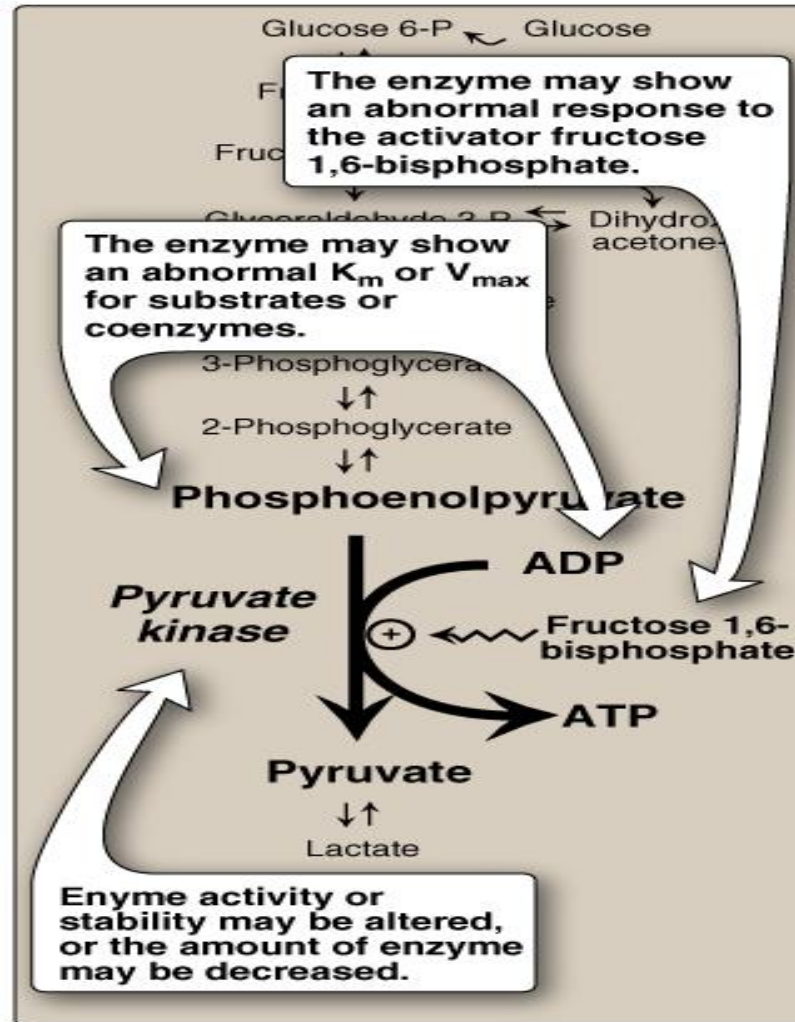
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Pyruvate Kinase Covalent Modification



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 2 X 2 = 4 ATP

Oxidative-level 2 X 3 = 6 ATP

Total 10 ATP

Net: 10 – 2 = 8 ATP

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

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