

# Glycolysis

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# Objectives :

- ❖ 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
- ❖ Discuss the unique nature of glycolysis in RBCs.

# Glycolysis

It is the **major pathway for glucose oxidation**, in the cytosol of all cells .

It works **aerobically or anaerobically**, depending on the availability of oxygen and intact mitochondria .

It allows tissues to **survive** in presence or absence of oxygen, e.g. Skeletal muscle.

RBCs rely completely on glucose as their metabolic fuel "metabolized by anaerobic glycolysis.

❖ We highly recommend you watch this video:



1-Aerobic  
(Available both : O<sub>2</sub> & mitochondria)

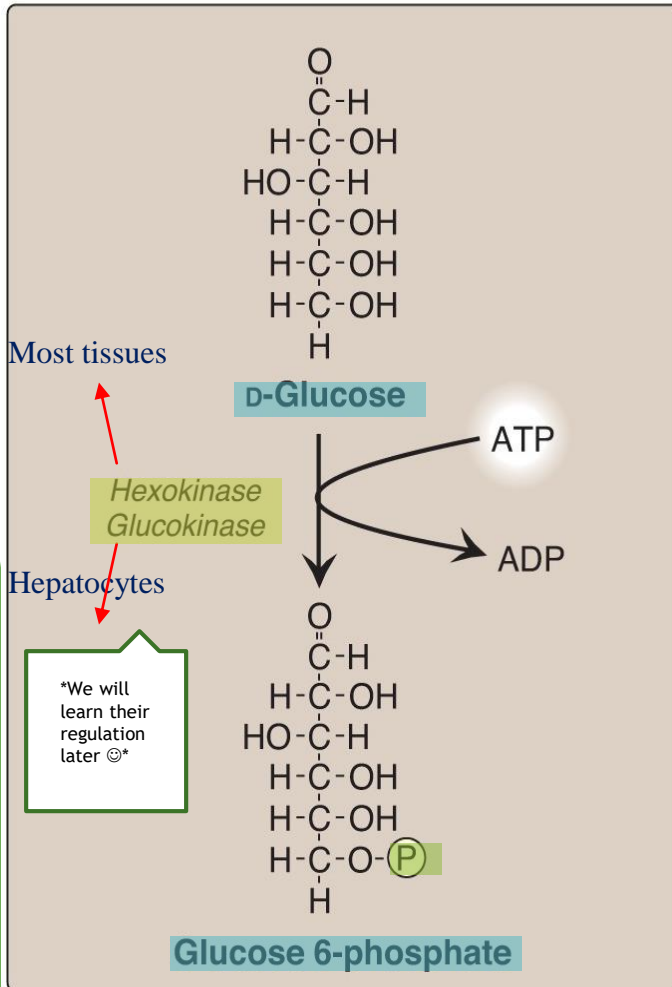
Glycolysis

2- Anaerobic  
(Absence of O<sub>2</sub> or mitochondria or both of them)

The general concept: Glycolysis breaks down glucose and forms pyruvate with the production of two molecules of ATP. The pyruvate is the end product of **glycolysis**.

# Aerobic glycolysis reactions (1st and 2nd)

ايش الحكمة من إضافة مجموعة الفوسفات ؟ ببساطة  
عشان تسجن الجلوكوز جوا الخلية ، كيف؟ لأن البروتينات  
اللي موجودة Cell membrane وتنقل الجلوكوز من برا لجوا  
الخلية ما راح تتعرف على الجلوكوز إذا كان معه بالتركيب أي  
شيء ثاني مثل الفوسفات

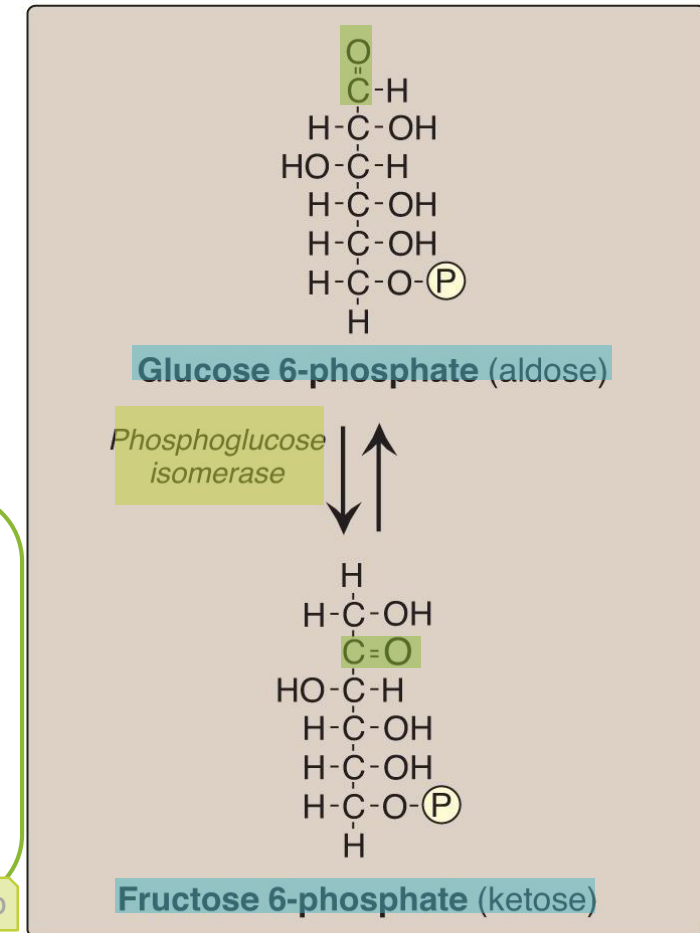


❖ Reaction 1 :  
From **Glucose** to  
**Glucose 6-phosphate** by  
hexokinase (in most tissues) or  
glucokinase (in liver),  
consuming 1 ATP.

Is irreversible and regulated step

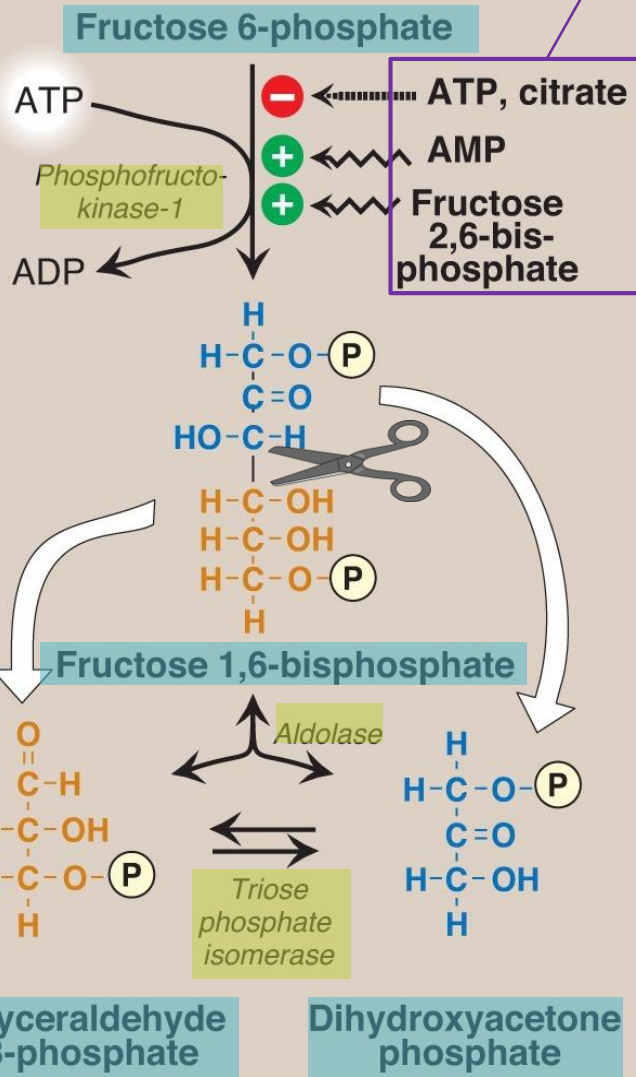
❖ Reaction 2 :  
From **Glucose 6-phosphate**  
to **Fructose 6-phosphate** by  
phosphoglucose isomerase.  
(isomerization)  
No consumption of ATP.

Is reversible and is not a rate-limiting or regulated step



# Aerobic glycolysis reactions (3rd - 5th)

\*Will be explained later\*



- ❖ **Reaction 3 :**  
From **Fructose 6-phosphate** to **Fructose 1,6-bisphosphate** by phosphofructokinase-1  
**consuming 1 ATP.**

Is irreversible and regulated step

- ❖ **Reaction 4 :**  
**Fructose 1,6-bisphosphate** cleavage (split) into both **Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate** and **Dihydroxyacetone phosphate** by aldolase  
No consumption of ATP.

Is reversible and is not a rate-limiting or regulated step

- ❖ **Reaction 5 :**  
From **Dihydroxyacetone phosphate** to **Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate** (total of 2 G3P in the reaction)  
No consumption of ATP.  
\*reversible\*

- ❖ **Reactions 1-5 :**  
**Energy consuming reactions**

## Notes ☺

The enzyme is called “aldolase” because it splits fructose 1,6-bisphosphate the “aldol” into two 3C phosphates:

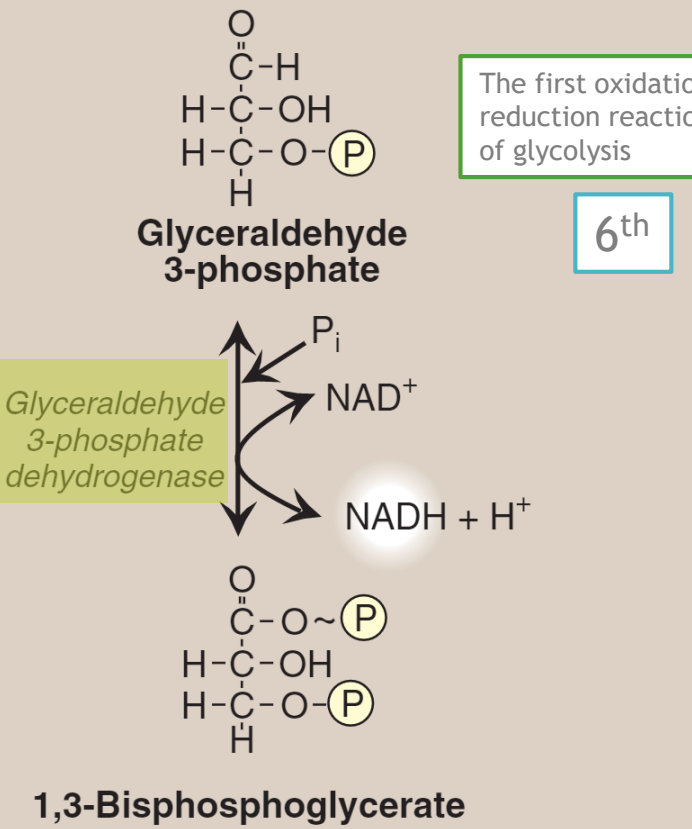
- Di-hydroxy-acetone phosphate
- Glycer-aldehyde 3-phosphate. (isomers of each other)

**Understand the molecules:**  
Acetone= the simplest ketone (3C)  
Glyceraldehyde= 3C monosaccharide, the simplest aldose.

# Aerobic glycolysis reaction (6th - 10th)

The first oxidation-reduction reaction of glycolysis

6<sup>th</sup>



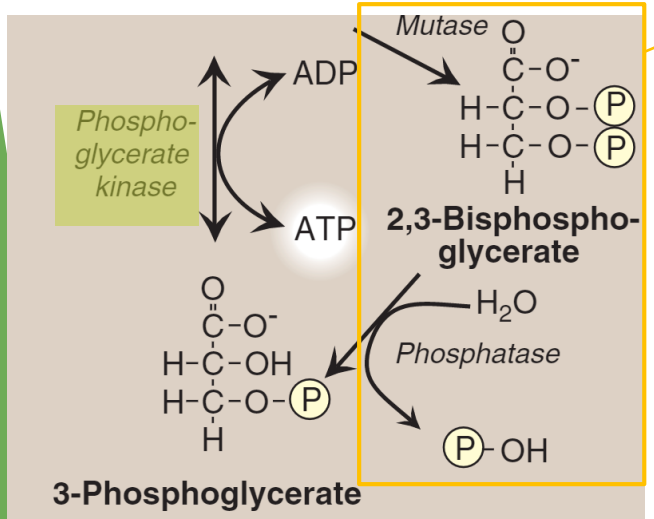
6<sup>th</sup> Reaction : (Oxidative level)  
 Oxidation to the molecule NAD<sup>+</sup> → NADH  
 this reaction adds Phosphate group to the molecule by **Glyceraldehyde 3-Phosphate Dehydrogenase**

❖ Reactions 6-10 :  
 Every reaction is multiplied by 2, due to having **2 G3P** (glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate)  
**\*They're Energy producing reactions\***

\*We'll learn about this later in glycolysis in RBCs \*

Understand the molecules involved:  
 Glyceraldehyde → when it's oxidized it becomes Glycerate (an acid)

7<sup>th</sup>



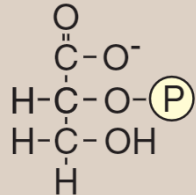
7<sup>th</sup> Reaction : (Substrate-level)  
 Phosphate group add to ADP to become ATP.  
 By **Phosphoglycerate kinase**

### 3-Phosphoglycerate

Phosphoglycerate mutase

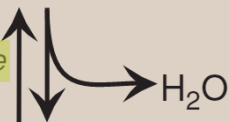


8<sup>th</sup>

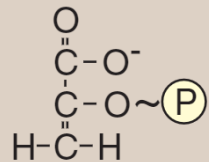


### 2-Phosphoglycerate

Enolase



9<sup>th</sup>



### Phosphoenolpyruvate

Pyruvate kinase

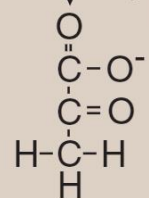
ADP

+

Fructose 1,6-bisphosphate

ATP

10<sup>th</sup>



### Pyruvate

**\*End product of Glycolysis\***

### 8<sup>th</sup> Reaction :

It is isomer and what changes is : The P group change position from O in carbon-3 to O in carbon-2 by **phosphoglycerate mutase**

### 9<sup>th</sup> Reaction :

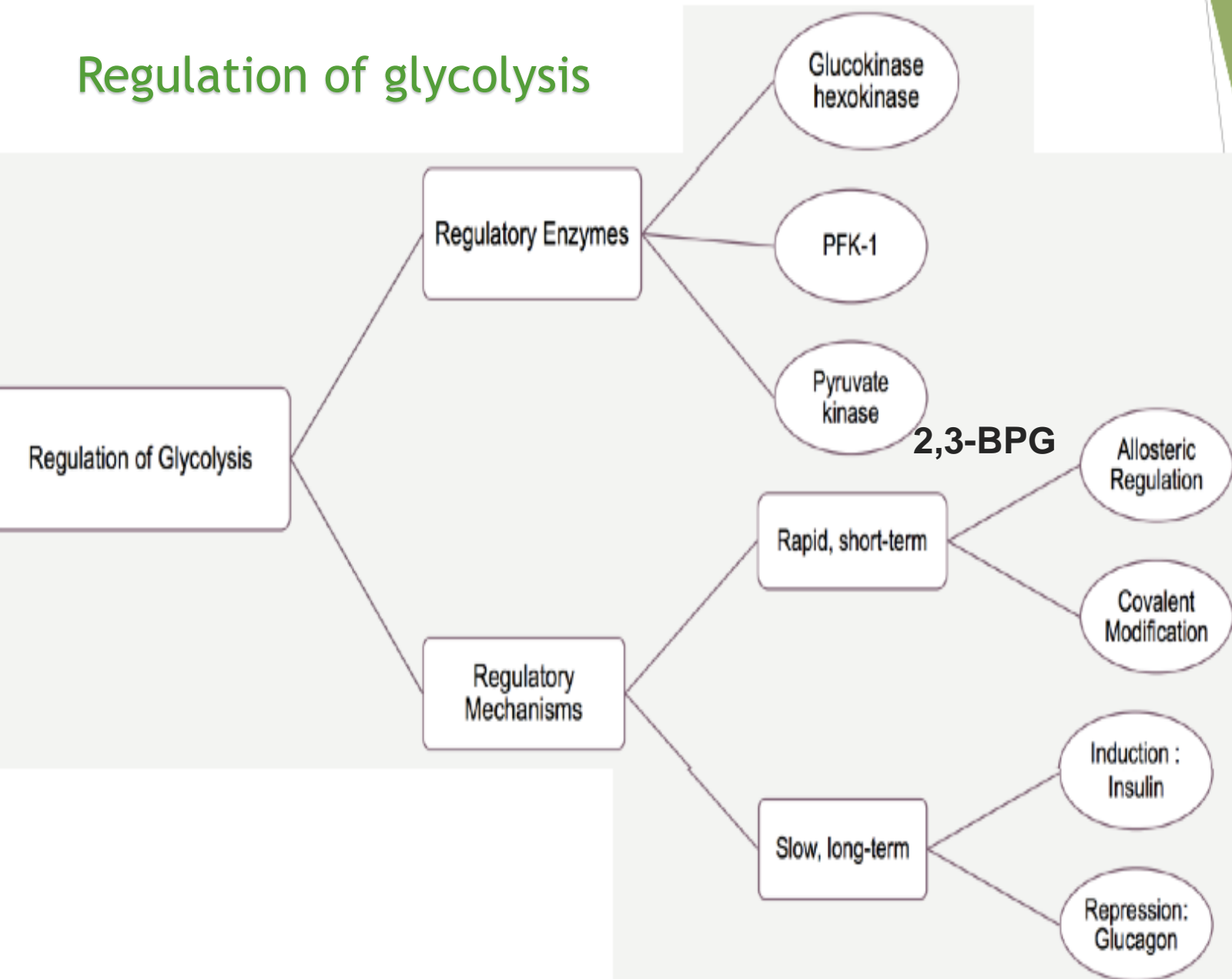
Phosphoglycerate change to phosphoenolpyruvate by remove water by **Enolase**

### 10<sup>th</sup> Reaction : (Substrate-level)

Phosphoenolpyruvate → pyruvate by **Pyruvate kinase** . Fructose 1,6-bisphosphate formed in 3rd step , it will go to the last step (it is Allosteric)

Is irreversible and regulated step

# Regulation of glycolysis



## Regulation of glycolysis:

- **Regulatory enzymes**  
The four regulatory enzymes are hexokinase, glucokinase, phosphofructokinase, and pyruvate kinase.
- **Mechanism of regulation:**
- Either short-term and rapid (we will learn this first- the next slides)
- Or long-term and slow (slide #13)



# Regulation of Hexokinase and Glucokinase

Regulation by: allosteric effectors.

Regulation (تنشيط او تثبيط) of hexokinase (in most cells) and glucokinase (in liver)

**Glucokinase:** is an enzyme that facilitates phosphorylation of glucose to glucose-6-phosphate. It is an isozyme of hexokinase.

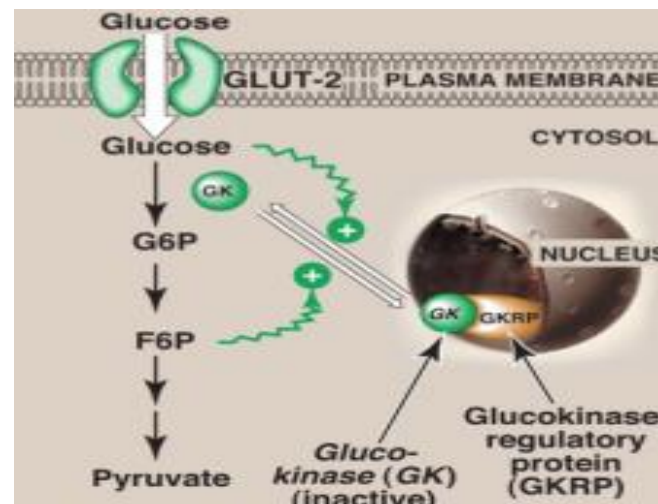
- ▶ **Hexokinase :** when Glucose 6-P (Fructose 6-phosphate is in equilibrium with it) is abundant it will indicate to the cell that it doesn't need hexokinase anymore and it will be **inhibited directly**.

**Inhibited indirectly**  
by Fructose 6-P

**Glucokinase**  
(hexokinase type 4)

**Stimulated indirectly**  
by Glucose

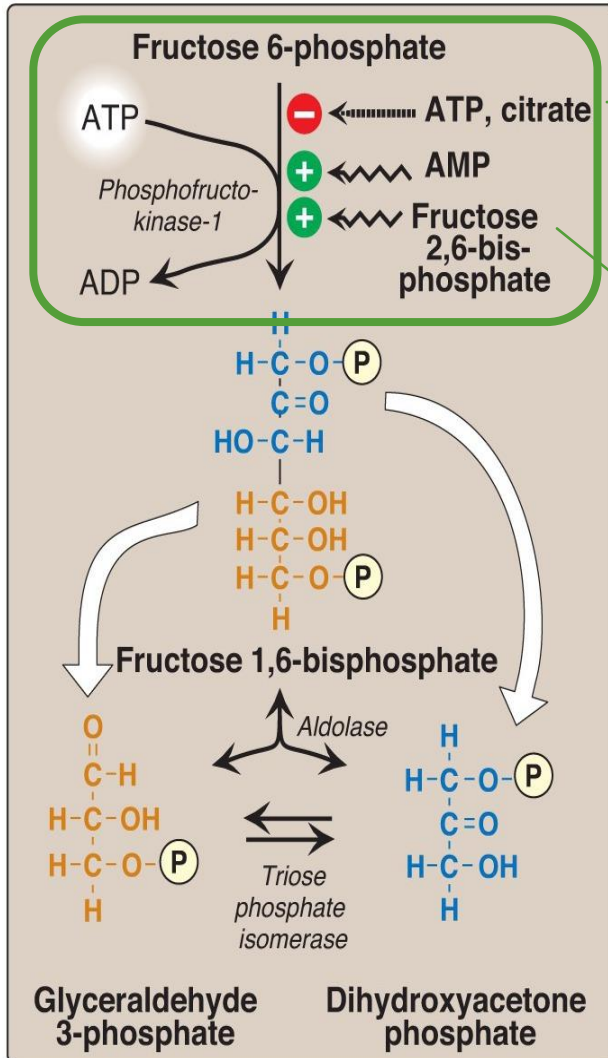
In the presence of high Fructose 6-P, Glucokinase will translocate and tightly bind to **GKRP** (Glucokinase regulatory protein) in the nucleus making it **inactive**.



when glucose levels is high in blood and hepatocytes (GLUT-2), glucokinase is released from **GKRP** to the cytosol. GLUT-2 is glucose transporter in liver

# Regulation of PFK-1 (phosphofructokinase-1)

Regulation by: allosteric effectors.



When **ATP** and **Citrate** are abundant (more than enough) they **inhibit** the reaction

N.B they are not involved in the chemical reaction they have **allosteric** effect

In contrast, **AMP** and **Fructose 2,6-bisphosphate** indicate low level of energy so when they're abundant they will **activate** the reaction

N.B they are not involved in the chemical reaction, they have an **allosteric** effect

PFK-1 (phosphofructokinase-1)  
N.B it's a rate-limiting enzyme  
(because it can be inhibited which will stop the glycolysis)

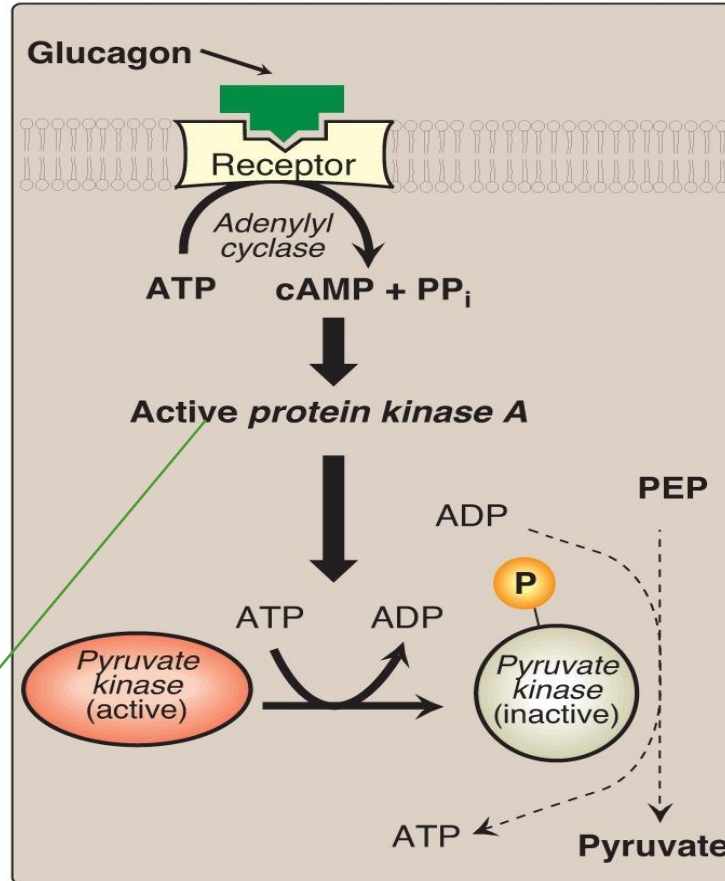
# Pyruvate Kinase

## Regulation by: Covalent Modification



\*Remember:  
Converting **PEP**  
(**P**hospho**e**nol**p**yruvate)  
to Pyruvate is the last  
step in glycolysis

Active Protein Kinase A inhibits  
the transformation to  
pyruvate by phosphorylation of  
pyruvate kinase which leads to  
the inhibition of glycolysis.



Covalent modification of hepatic  
*pyruvate kinase* results in inactivation  
of enzyme.

**Pyruvate kinase** is the enzyme that catalyzes the final step of glycolysis. It catalyzes the transfer of a phosphate group from phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) to adenosine diphosphate (ADP), yielding one molecule of pyruvate and one molecule of ATP.

**Covalent modifiers** serve as regulators by controlling the phosphorylation and dephosphorylation of enzymes, resulting in the activation and inhibition of enzymatic activity.

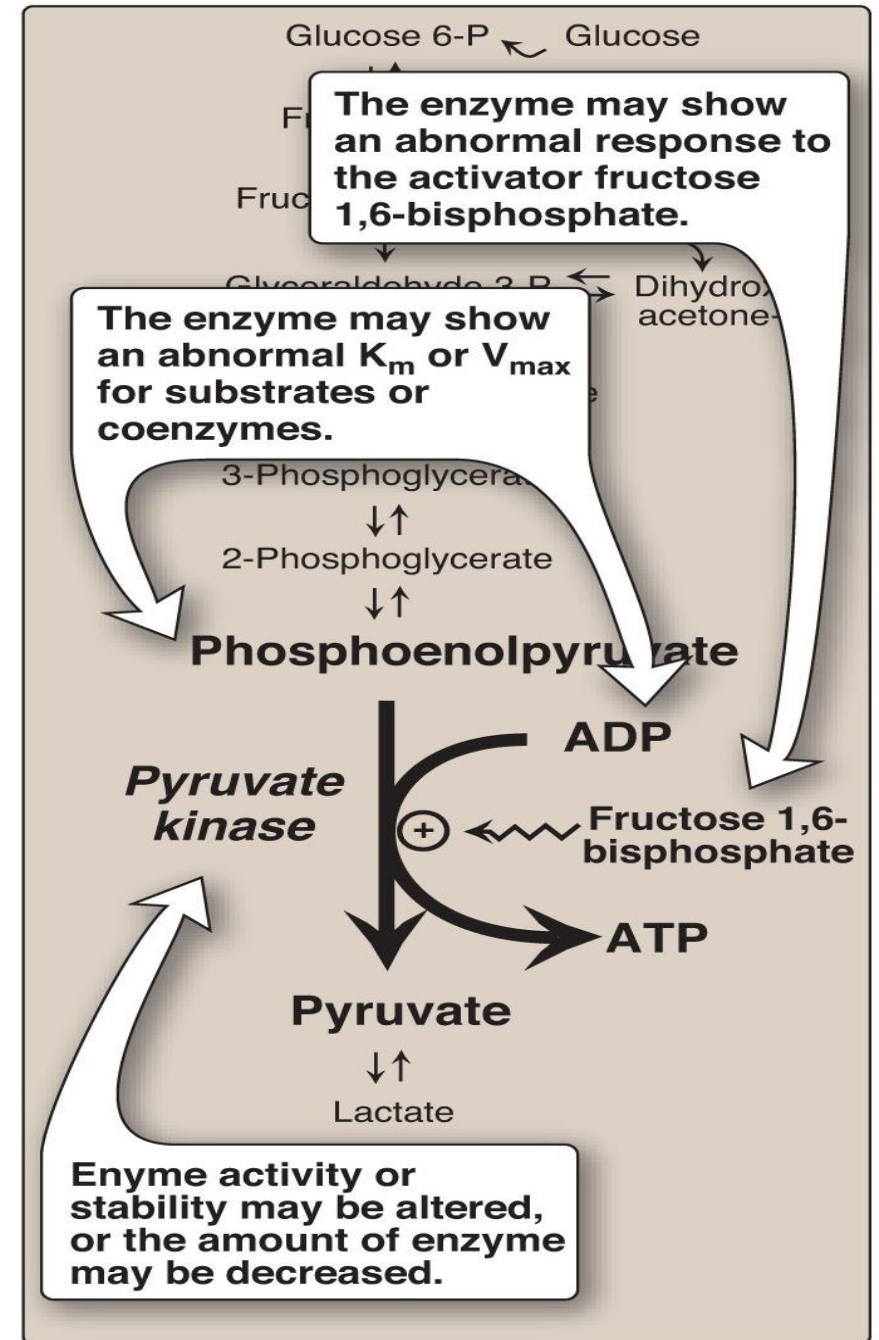
**Example:** covalent modifiers activate protein kinase A which in turn phosphorylates, and deactivates pyruvate kinase.

# Pyruvate kinase deficiency: hemolytic anemia

- ❖ Pyruvate kinase deficiency is due to **genetic mutation**
- ❖ (it affects the survival of red blood cells)

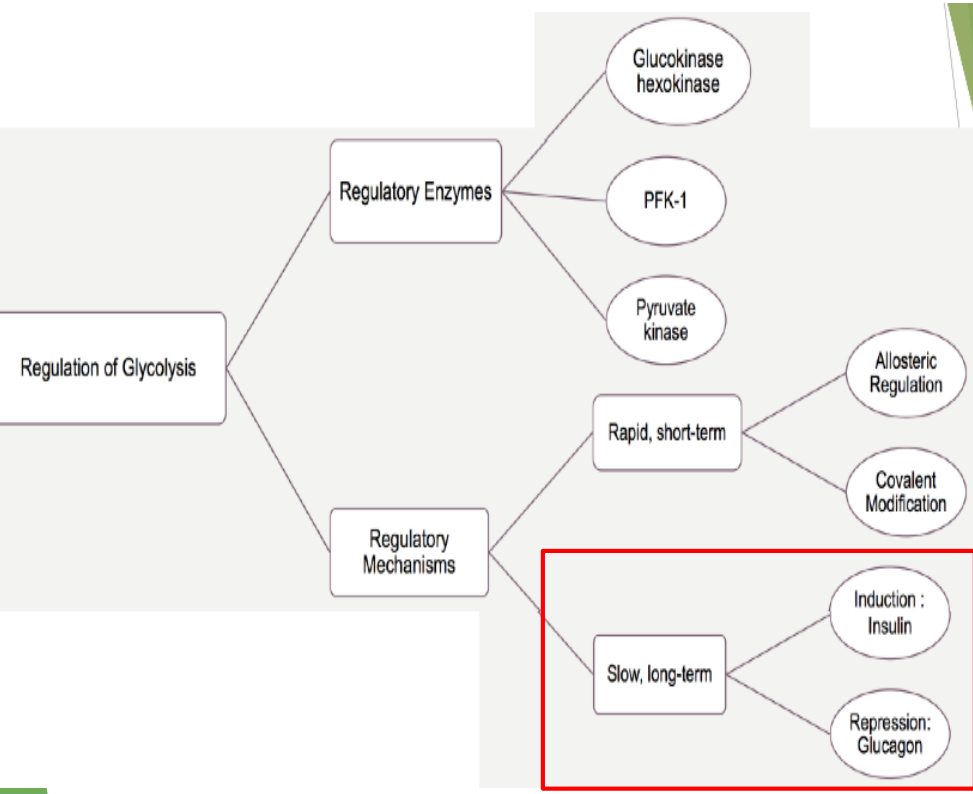
## ❖ PK Mutation may lead to:

- **Altered enzyme Kinetics .**  
(inhibiting enzyme activity)  
(mutation in other than the active site)
- **Altered response to activator.**  
(stopping enzyme activity)  
(mutation in the active site)
- **Altered enzyme stability.**
- **Decreased amount of the enzyme**



# Long term Regulation (Hormonal)

- It is slow



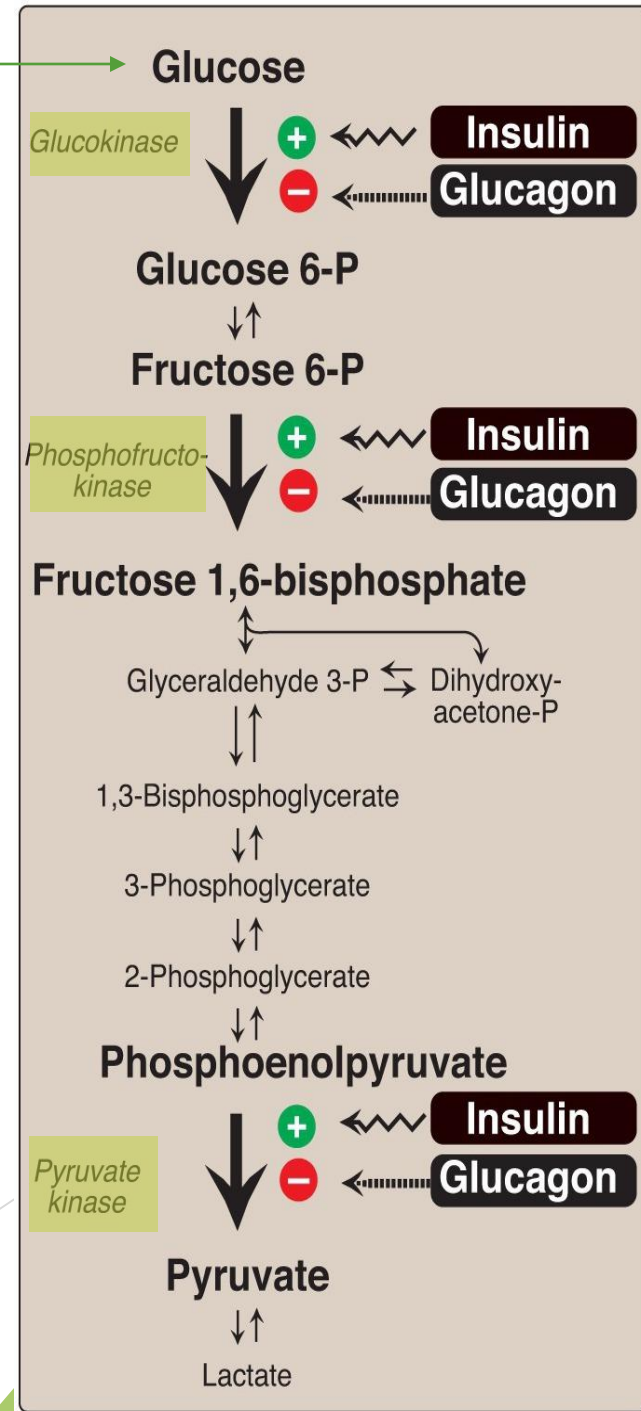
Effect of insulin and glucagon on the synthesis of key enzymes of glycolysis in liver.

### Insulin: (+)

- Glucokinase
- Phosphofruktokinase
- Pyruvate Kinase

### Glucagon: (-)

- Glucokinase
- Phosphofruktokinase
- Pyruvate Kinase



# Substrate-level phosphorylation Vs. Oxidative phosphorylation

- ❖ Phosphorylation is the metabolic reaction of introducing a **phosphate group** into an **organic molecule**.

Oxidative phosphorylation	Substrate-level phosphorylation
The formation of high-energy phosphate bonds by phosphorylation of ADP to ATP	The formation of high-energy phosphate bonds by phosphorylation of ADP to ATP (or GDP to GTP)
the transfer of electrons from reduced coenzymes to molecular oxygen by ETC	cleavage of a high-energy metabolic intermediate (substrate).
mitochondria	cytosol or mitochondria

Simple explanation 😊  
Substrate-level: production of ATP molecules via transfer of a phosphate group from an intermediate high-energy substrate directly to ADP.

Oxidative: production of ATP molecules from the redox reactions of an electron transport chain

Glycolysis and Krebs cycle use substrate-level phosphorylation. Electron transport chain uses oxidative phosphorylation.

- Substrate-level phosphorylation** is really important for:
- RBCs (they don't have mitochondria)
  - Muscle cells in oxygen-depleted condition.

# Aerobic Glycolysis: ATP Production

❖ Each NADH = 3 ATP will be produced by ETC in the mitochondria.

❖ ATP Consumed: 2 ATP

❖ ATP Produced:

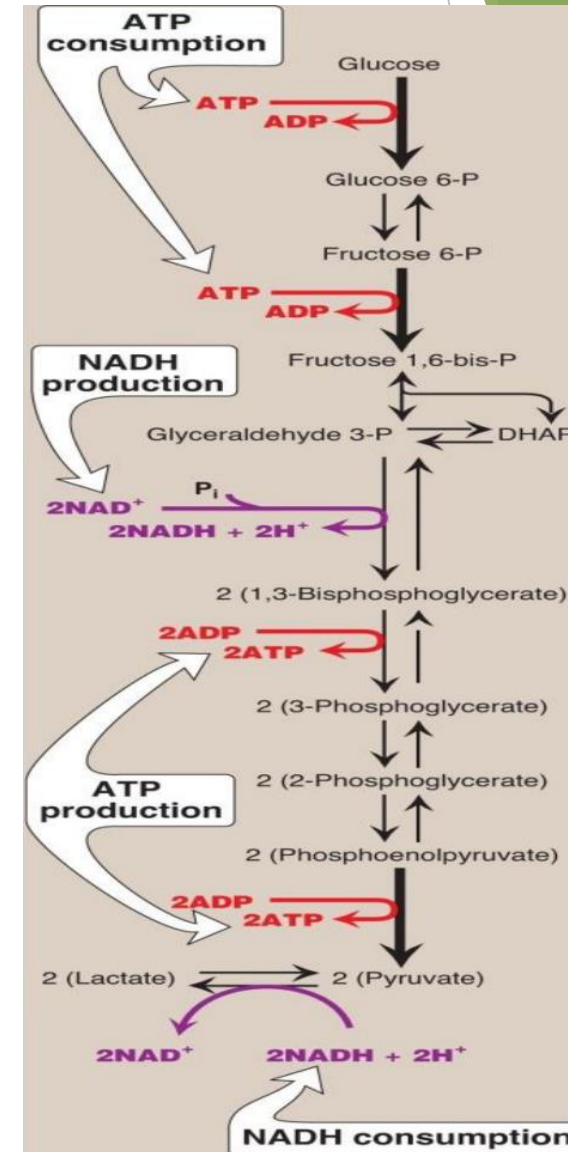
• Substrate-level:  $2 \times 2 = 4$  ATP

• Oxidative-level:  $2 \times 3 = 6$  ATP

❖ Total: = 10 ATP

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❖ Net:  $10 - 2 = 8$  ATP



# Anaerobic Glycolysis

## Overview:

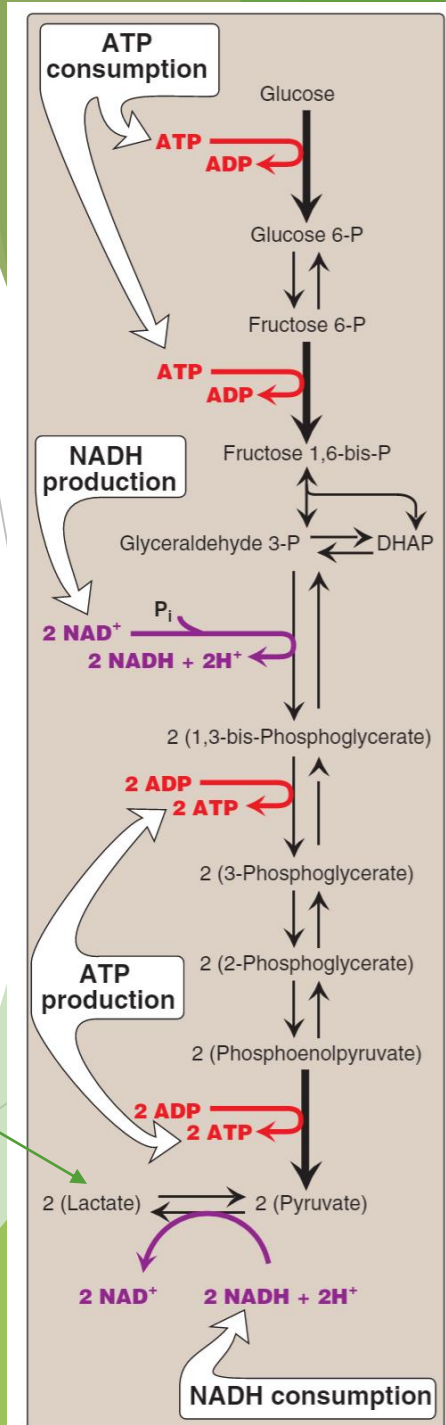
Anaerobic glycolysis is the transformation of glucose to lactate when limited amounts of oxygen ( $O_2$ ) are available. Anaerobic glycolysis is only an effective means of energy production during short, intense exercise, providing energy for a period ranging from 10 seconds to 2 minutes.

☺ Anaerobic Glycolysis is important in RBCs because they don't have mitochondria  
\*Will learn more in the next slides\*

From Lippincott

Summary of anaerobic glycolysis. Reactions involving the production or consumption of ATP or NADH are indicated. The three irreversible reactions of glycolysis are shown with thick arrows. DHAP = dihydroxyacetone phosphate.

- ❖ Anaerobic glycolysis less ATP production than aerobic.
- ❖ The end product of anaerobic glycolysis is lactate “obligatory output”. (why?)  
Because if is not formed, All cellular  $NAD^+$  will be converted to  $NADH$ , with no means to replenish (fill again) the cellular  $NAD$  → Glycolysis stops → death of the cell





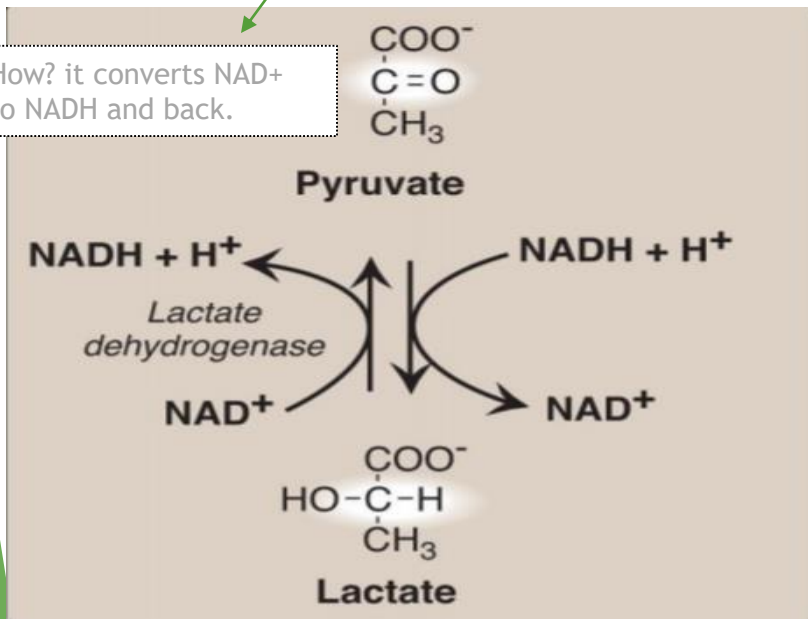
# Anaerobic Glycolysis: ATP production

## Anaerobic Enzymes:

### Lactate Dehydrogenase

- ❖ An enzyme that catalyzes the conversion of lactate to pyruvic acid and back (reversible reaction)

How? it converts NAD<sup>+</sup> to NADH and back.



- ❖ **ATP Consumed:** 2 ATP

- ❖ **ATP Produced:**

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

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

- ❖ **Total:**  $= 4$  ATP

- ❖ **Net:**  $4 - 2 = 2$  ATP

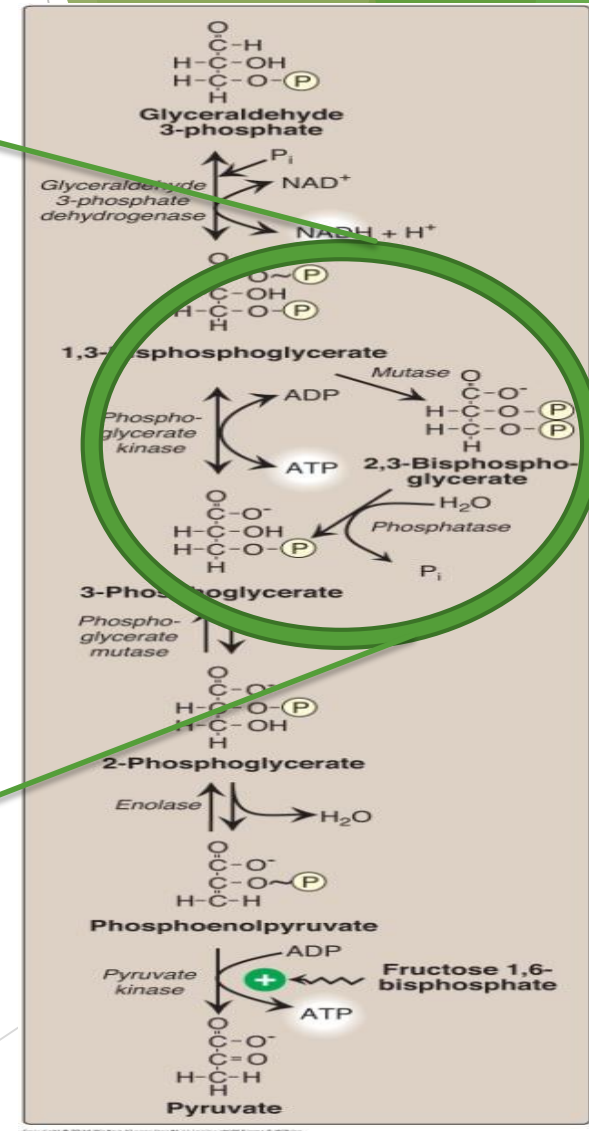
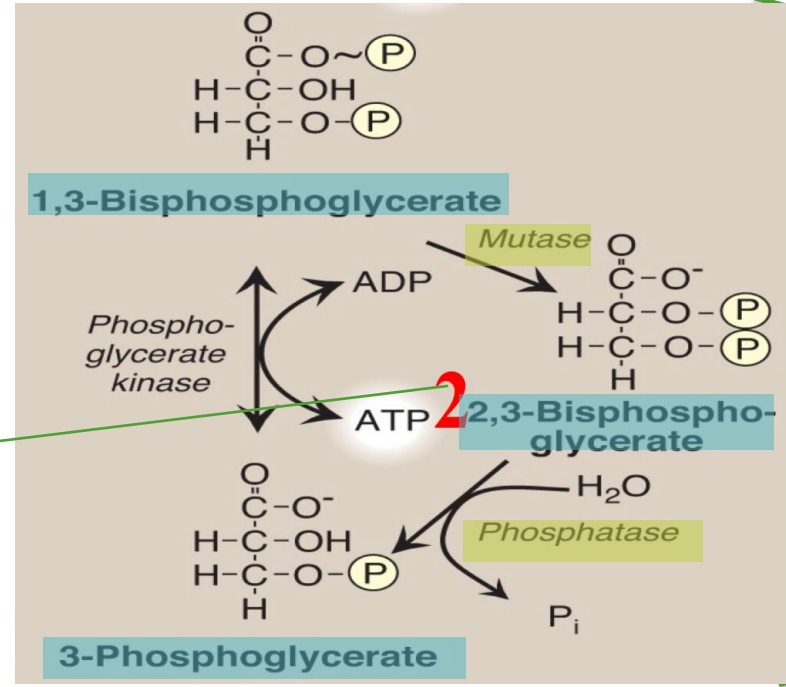
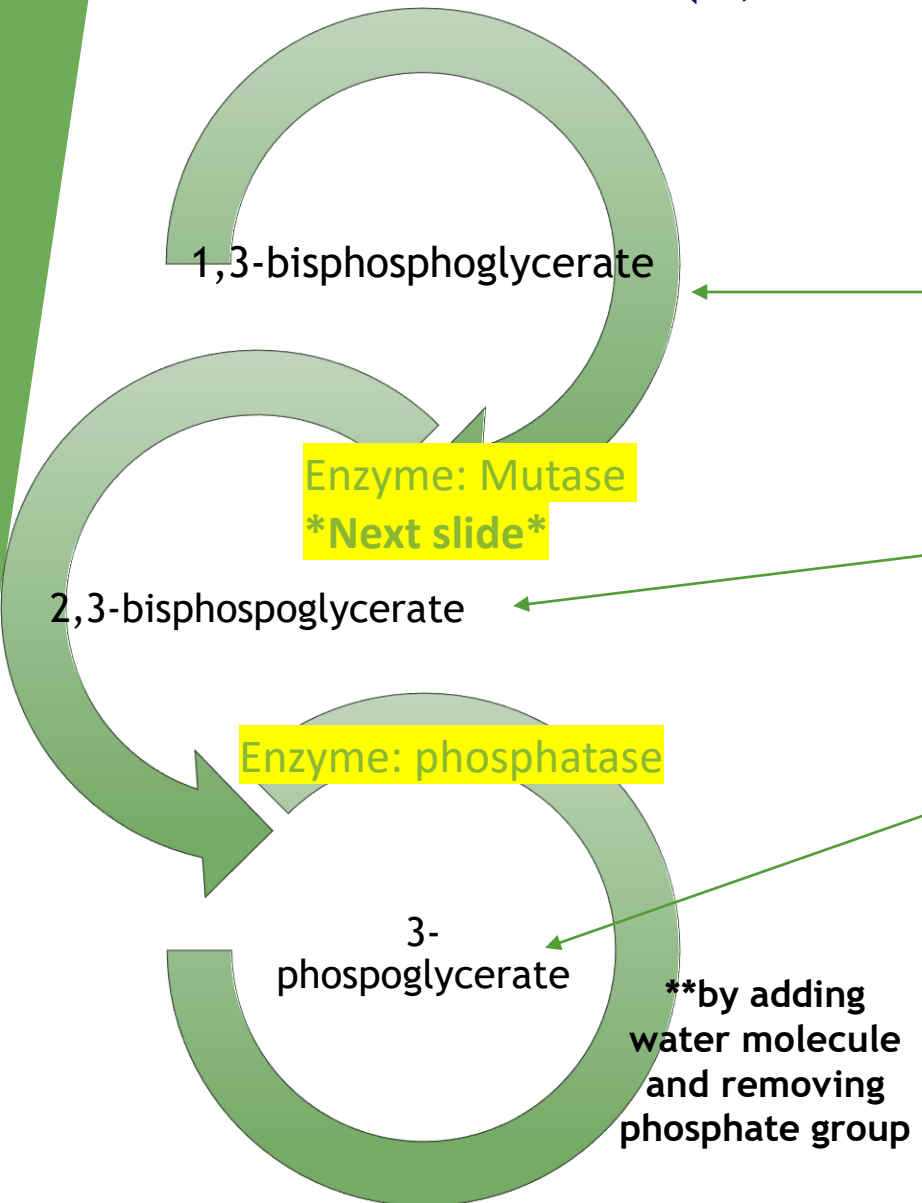
**In Anaerobic glycolysis:** Oxidative phosphorylation is cancelled, because the NADH molecules don't reach the ETC to produce ATP in anaerobic glycolysis.

NADH can NOT be used by ETC (oxidative-level) because:

- ❖ **there is no O<sub>2</sub> and/or no mitochondria.**

However, **NADH** help in lactate production.

# Anaerobic Glycolysis in RBCs (2,3-BPG Shunt)



- All the steps are the same with other anaerobic glycolysis **except 2,3-BPG Shunt** → only present in RBCs.
- 2,3-BPG: 2,3bisphosphoglycerate

## Anaerobic Glycolysis in RBCs (2,3-BPG Shunt) Continued

### Mutase enzyme :

- It is important for association and dissociation between  $O_2$  and hemoglobin.
- Increase in “2,3-BPG” will help with loss of association between  $O_2$  and hemoglobin and will release more  $O_2$ .
- It usually occurs with people who live in high altitude.

### Remember:

- 1- **NO** production of ATP in formation of “2,3-BPG”.
- 2- “2,3-BPG” comes back to “3-Phosphoglycerate” by **Phosphatase enzyme**

### Glycolysis in RBC : ATP Production

ATP consumed : 2 ATP

ATP produced :

Substrate-level

$2 \times 2 = 4$  ATP Without Shunt

Or  $1 \times 2 = 2$  ATP With Shunt

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Total

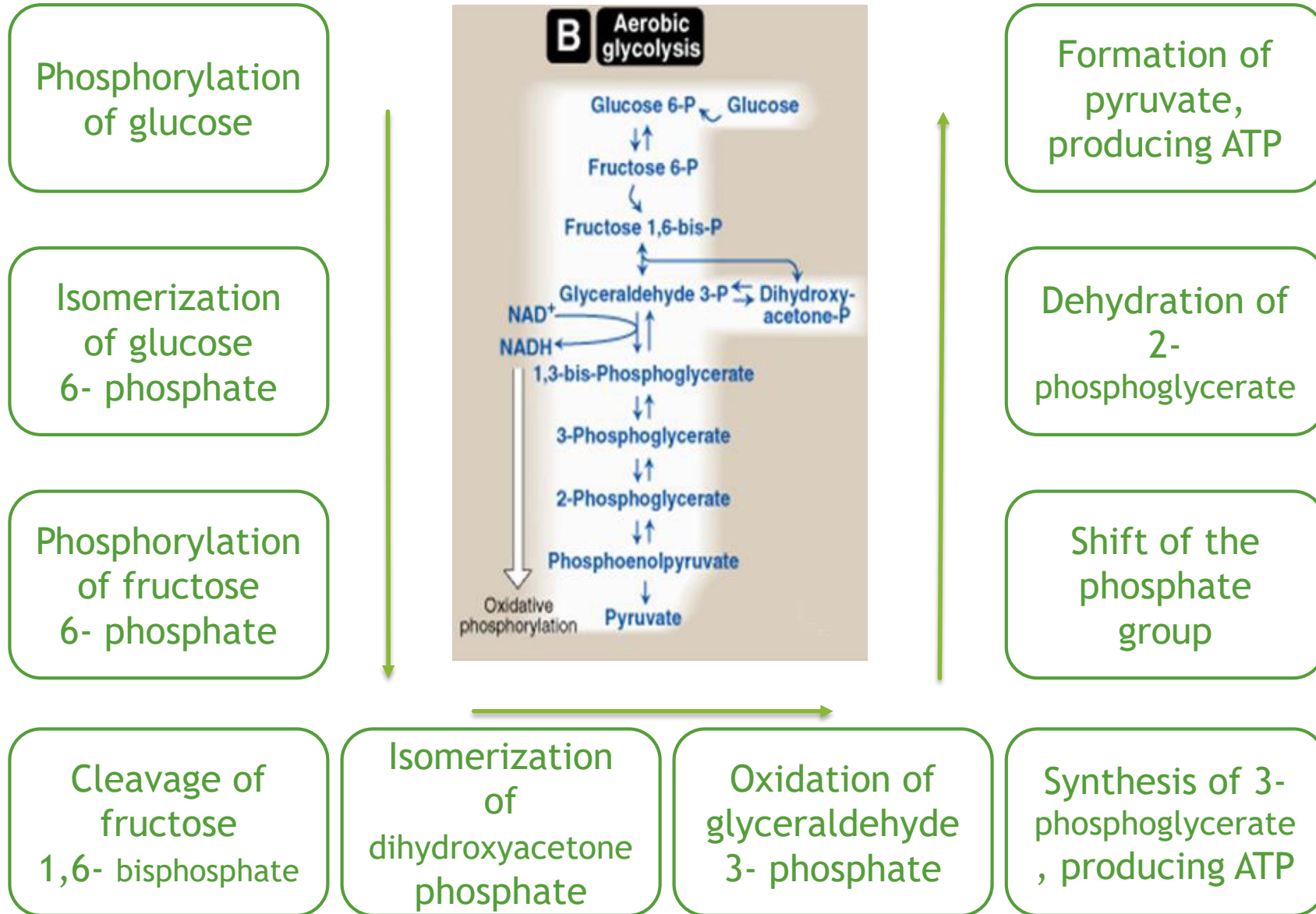
4 ATP

Net :

$4 - 2 = 2$  ATP Without Shunt

Or  $2 - 2 = 0$  ATP With Shunt

# Summary: Aerobic glycolysis



# Glycolysis in RBC : Summary

- ❖ **End product:** Lactate  
No net production or consumption of NADH
- ❖ **Energy yield:** If no 2,3-BPG shunt 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

# MCQs

1-Where does glycolysis occur ?

A-inner of mitochondria    B-matrix of mitochondria    C- cytosol

2-What is the final molecule product of glycolysis ?

A-lactate    B-phosphoenolpyruvate    C-pyruvate

3-Which of the following is the 3<sup>rd</sup> molecule in the glycolysis pathway ?

A- fructose-1,6-biphosphate    B- 3-phosphoglycerate  
C- fructose-6-phosphate

4-How many ATP are used up in glycolysis per glucose(the net) ?

A- 4    B- 2    C- 6    D-0

5-How many NADH are produced by glycolysis per glucose ?

A- 4    B-6    C-0    D-2

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDq1rhUkV-g>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FE2jfTXAJHg>

1-c

2-c

3-a

4-b

5-d

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