

Aerobic and anaerobic metabolism in muscle

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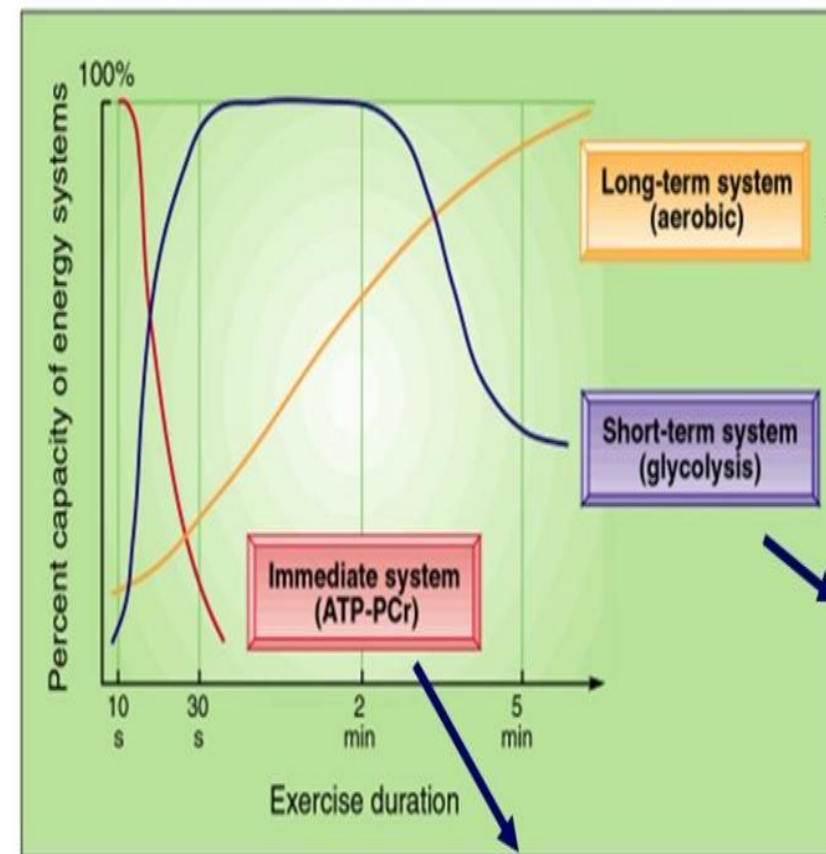
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Three systems of energy transfer:

The three systems are overlapping

في الخلية الطاقة دائماً متوفرة من خلال أن هذه الانظمة تنتج الطاقة بشكل مستمر

Type of system:	Immediate system (ATP-PCr)	Short term system (glycolysis)	Long term system (aerobic)
Type of metabolism:	Anaerobic	Aerobic	Aerobic
main energy source:	Phosphocreatine (PCr)	Glucose <i>"glycogen as the first substrate"</i>	Fatty Acids, Glucose, proteins ..etc
Type of exercise:	High intensity exercise	High intensity exercise <i>Fast, strong contraction e.g. weight lifting</i>	Continuous exercise <i>Prolonged effort e.g. running for long time (moderate)</i>
Duration:	3-15 sec <i>(4-6 in normal people) (8-10 in athletes)</i>	15 sec to 2min	Hours
Final product		lactate <i>"causes fatigue"</i>	CO ₂ & H ₂ O <i>"doesn't cause fatigue"</i>



ATP as energy source:

Breakdown of ATP into ADP+PO₄ releases energy

This energy is used for all body functions (biosynthesis, membrane transport, muscle contraction, etc.)

The nucleotide coenzyme adenosine triphosphate (ATP) is the most important form of chemical energy stored in cells

ATP as energy source

ATP synthase catalyzes the synthesis of ATP

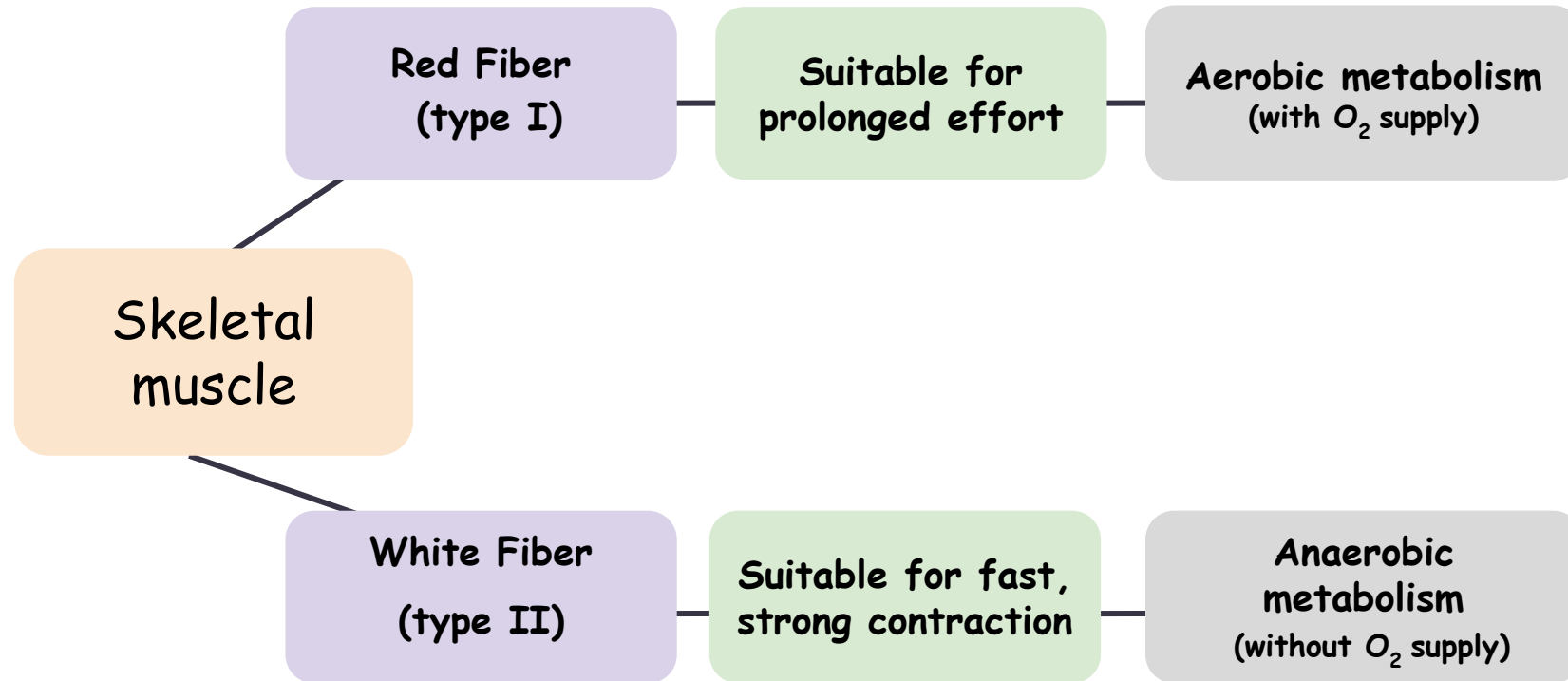


★ ATP synthase is not a part of the electron transport chain

The main pathway for ATP synthesis is oxidative phosphorylation catalyzed by the respiratory chain

Energy metabolism in muscle

- Muscle contraction requires high level of **ATP** consumption.
- Without constant resynthesis, the amount of ATP is used up in **less** than 1 sec. of contraction



- ★ The muscle can't store energy for more than 1-2 sec, so they need constant re-synthesis
- ★ in humans the type of muscle is mixed "pink"

Overview of energy metabolism

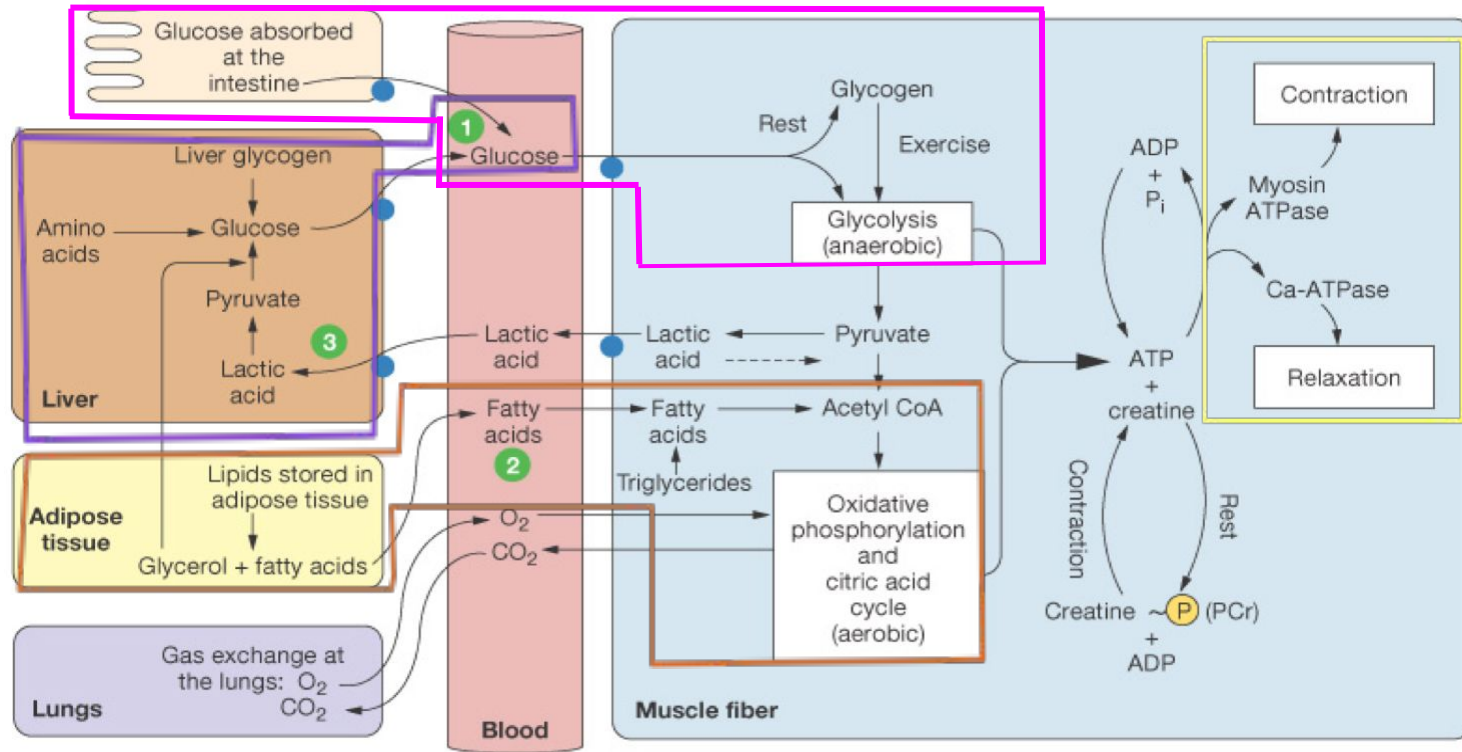
When we eat, glucose is absorbed in the intestine → goes to bloodstream → goes to the muscle.

- Inside to muscle fibers:

- at rest: its stored as glycogen.

-During exercising: it undergoes glycolysis (anaerobic pathway) to give ATP

Gas exchange happens in the lungs
- when exercising, breathing increases for more O₂ supplying.



The produced ATP will be used for contraction and relaxation.

-myosin ATPase (for contraction)

-Ca-ATPase (for relaxation)

1 Glucose comes from liver glycogen or dietary intake.

2 Fatty acids can only be used in aerobic metabolism.

3 Lactic acid from anaerobic metabolism can be converted to glucose by the liver.

Liver also can give glucose from

- 1) its stored glycogen (glycogenolysis)
- 2) using amino acids, fatty acid, pyruvate (gluconeogenesis).

-glucose then will go to blood stream then to the muscle fibers.

★ in prolonged exercise

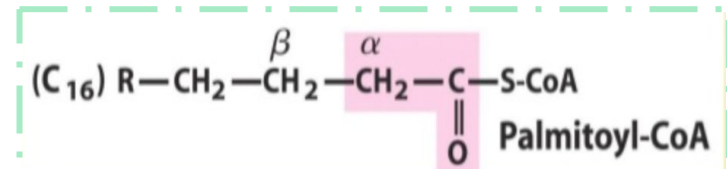
adipose tissue will give fatty acid → goes to bloodstream → goes to muscle fibers → get converted into 6 Acetyl CoA (by β-oxidation) → undergoes oxidative phosphorylation + O₂ produced from the lung (aerobic pathway) to give ATP

Red muscle fibers (Aerobic metabolism)

- Red muscle fibers are suitable for **prolonged** muscle activity
الرياضيون يمتلكون هذا النوع من العضل بسبب الممارسة المستمرة للرياضة
- Their metabolism is mainly Aerobic and "Depends on adequate supply of O₂"
- They obtain ATP mainly from **fatty acids**
عشان كذا لما الشخص يبني ينحف يسوي تمارين هوائية لأنها تستخدم الدهون
- Fatty acids are broken down by **β-oxidation** which will produce Acetyl CoA (A process in which the fatty acids are degraded and energy is Produced), Krebs cycle, and the respiratory chain.

★ why it's called β-oxidation ?

The process of beta oxidation is named after the carbon atom in the beta position of the fatty acyl-CoA which becomes the most oxidized during the cyclic redox reactions that remove C₂ units in form of acetyl-CoA from the fatty acyl chain. (a pathway that converts fatty acid to Acetyl COA)



Why they're called RED fibers ? "Important Question"

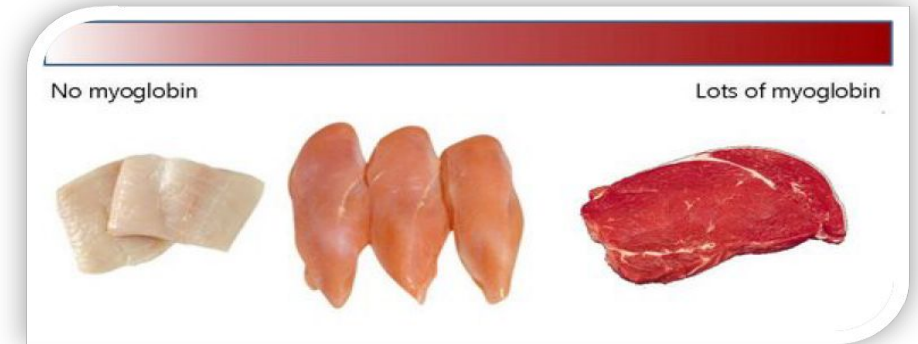
- Red colour is due to the rich of **myoglobin**, mitochondria and capillaries

Myoglobin

- **has higher O₂ affinity than hemoglobin**

*O₂ can't be released easily -> in absence of O₂ muscles undergo anaerobic metabolism

- It releases O₂ when its level drops .
- Each one **myoglobin** binds to **ONE** molecule of O₂ ,while **hemoglobin** bind with **4** O₂



Red muscle fibers (Aerobic metabolism)

There are 4 ways for muscle fibers to get ATP :

1. aerobic by red fibers
2. anaerobic by white fibers
3. creatine phosphate
4. by the enzyme **adenylate cyclase**;

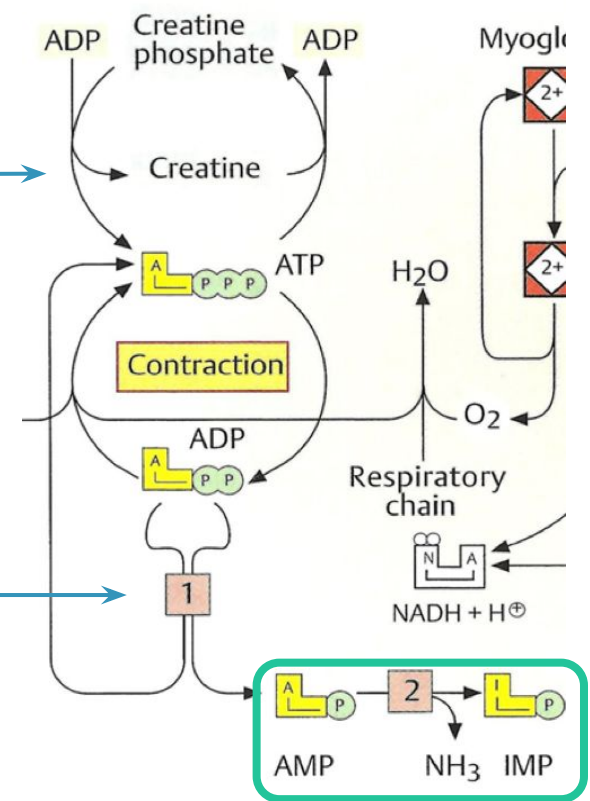
* it's mechanism:
 $2 \text{ ADP} \rightarrow 1 \text{ ATP} + 1 \text{ AMP}$

What do we need the ATP for?
 It is used in both contraction and relaxation of the muscle.

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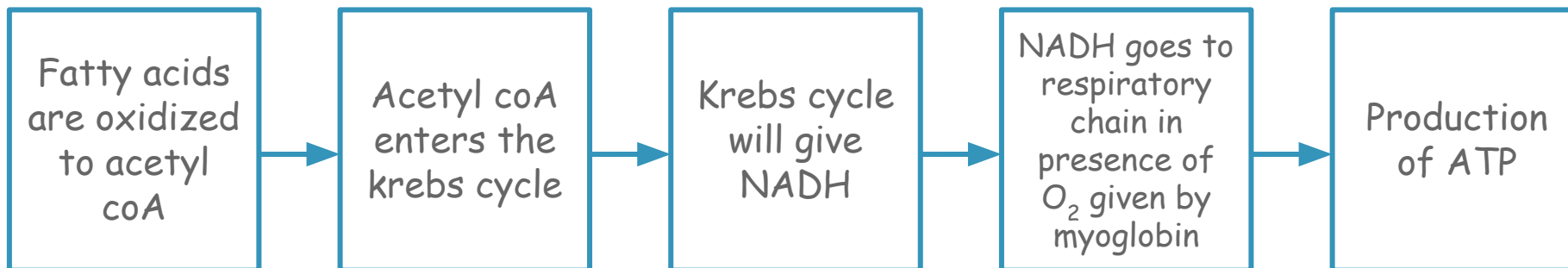
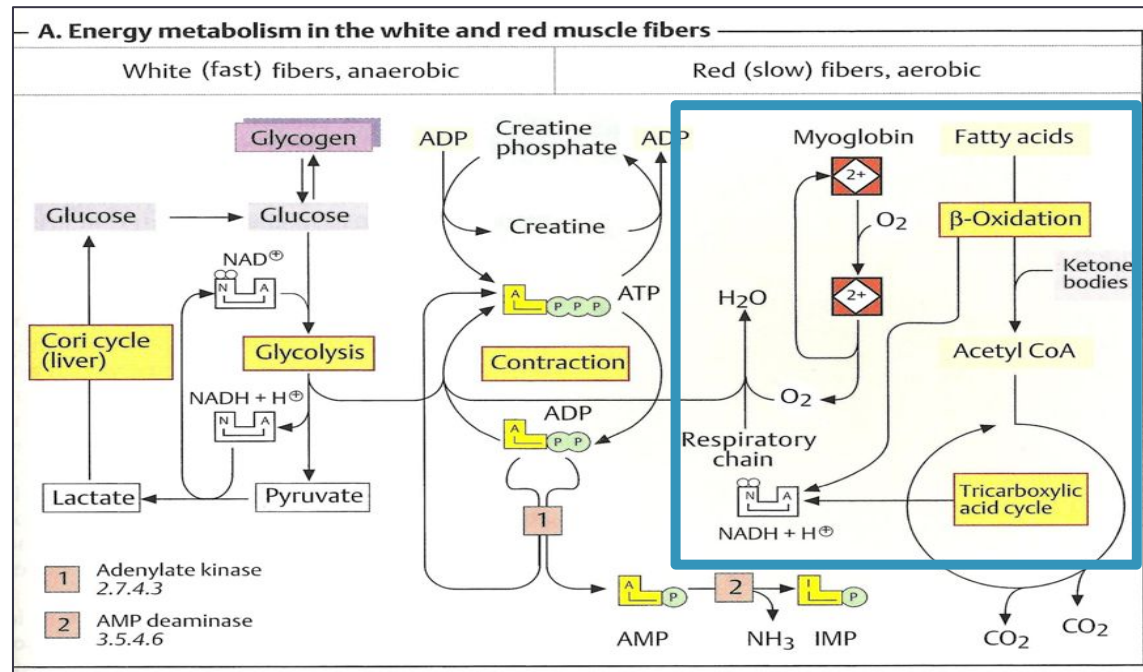
White and red muscle fibers

Aerobic	Red (slow) fiber
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ATP metabolism in red muscle fibers:



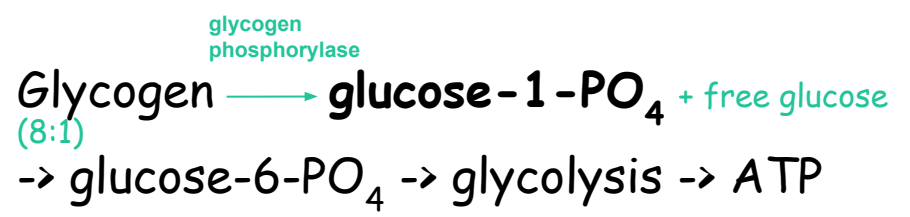
White muscle fibers (anaerobic)

- ★ White muscle fibers are suitable for fast, strong contractions
- ★ They **mainly** obtain ATP from **anaerobic glycolysis**.
- ★ During intense muscle activity (weightlifting, etc.) O_2 supply from blood quickly drops, then the muscle will use anaerobic glycolysis
- ★ They have supplies of glycogen that is catabolized and undergoes glycolysis.



- They are white because they have less mitochondria, capillaries and myoglobin
- They make energy from glycogen breakdown fast

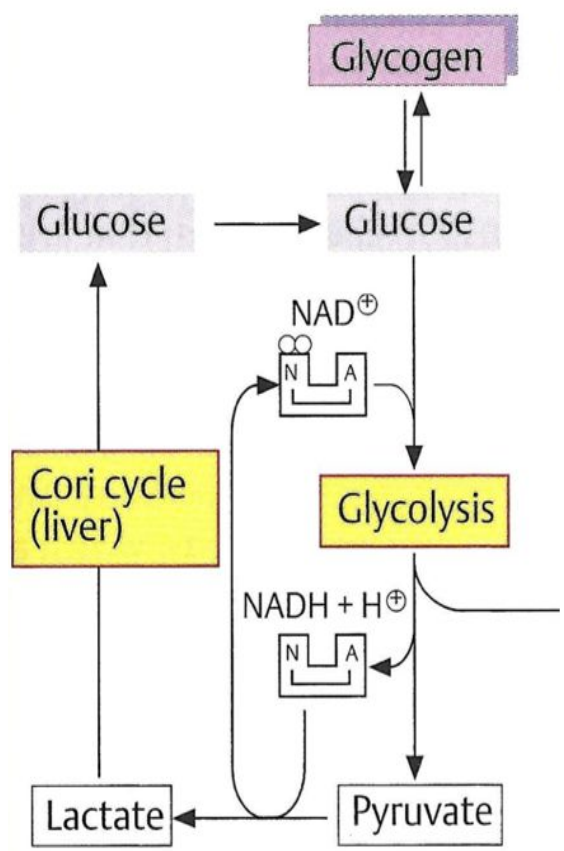
Anaerobic Pathway:



- anaerobic glycolysis
 - ATP is produced, $\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+$ is re-oxidized to maintain glucose degradation and ATP formation
 - pyruvate will be converted into lactate

Lactate is resynthesized into glucose in the liver by Cori cycle

Cori cycle functions:
Lactic acid to glucose
 NADH to NAD^+

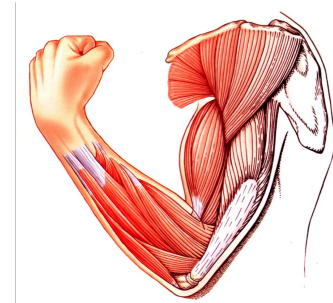


Why skeletal muscles can't produce new glucose from lactate?

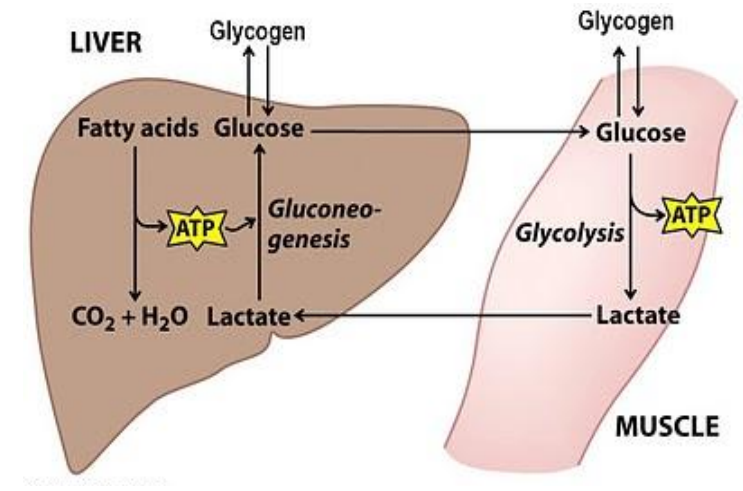
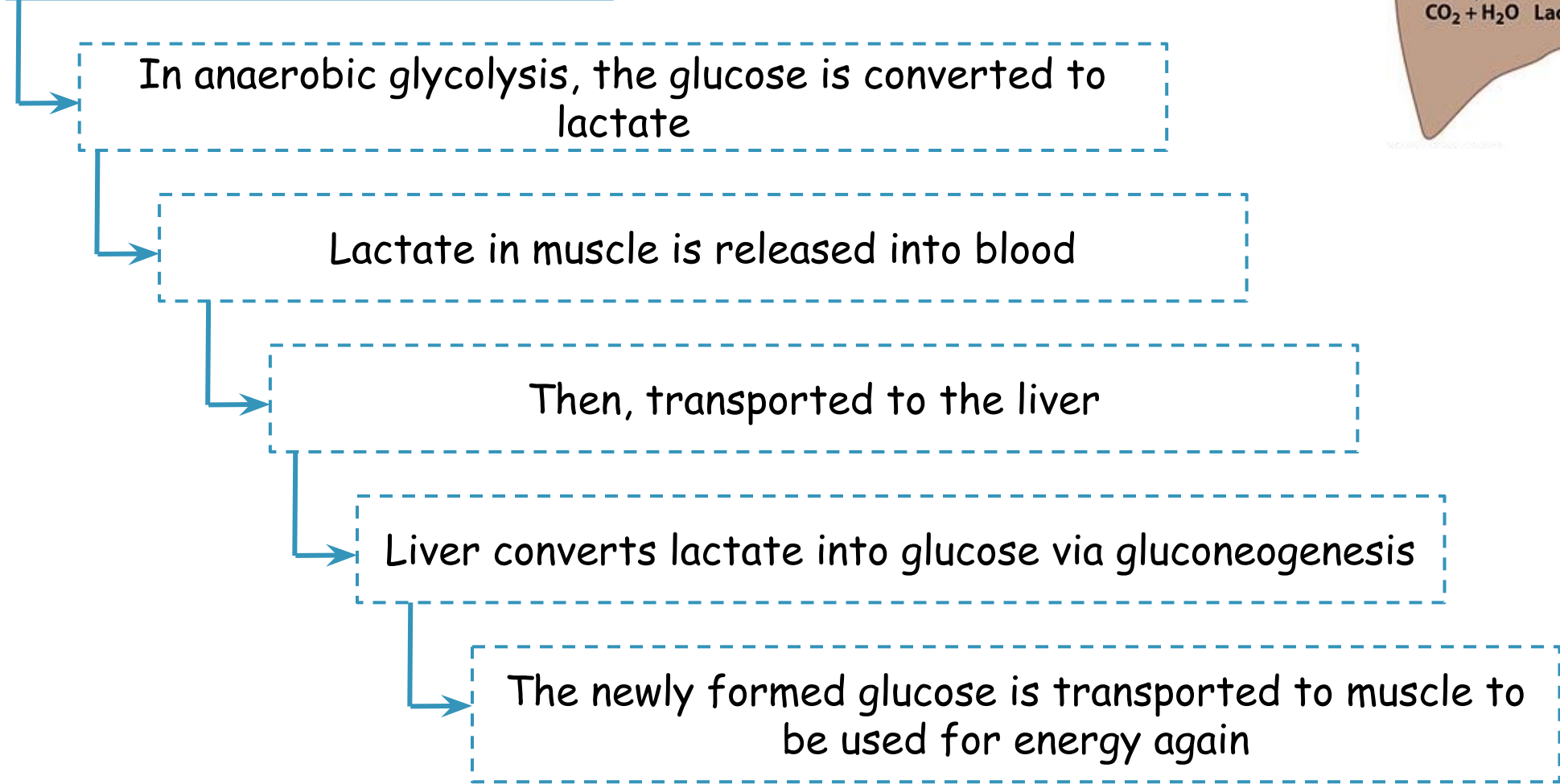
Because:

- 1- Gluconeogenesis (energy consuming) requires much more ATP than is supplied by glycolysis in muscle
- 2- O_2 deficiencies do not arise in the liver even during intense exercise

→ Therefore, liver always has sufficient ATP for gluconeogenesis



The Cori Cycle

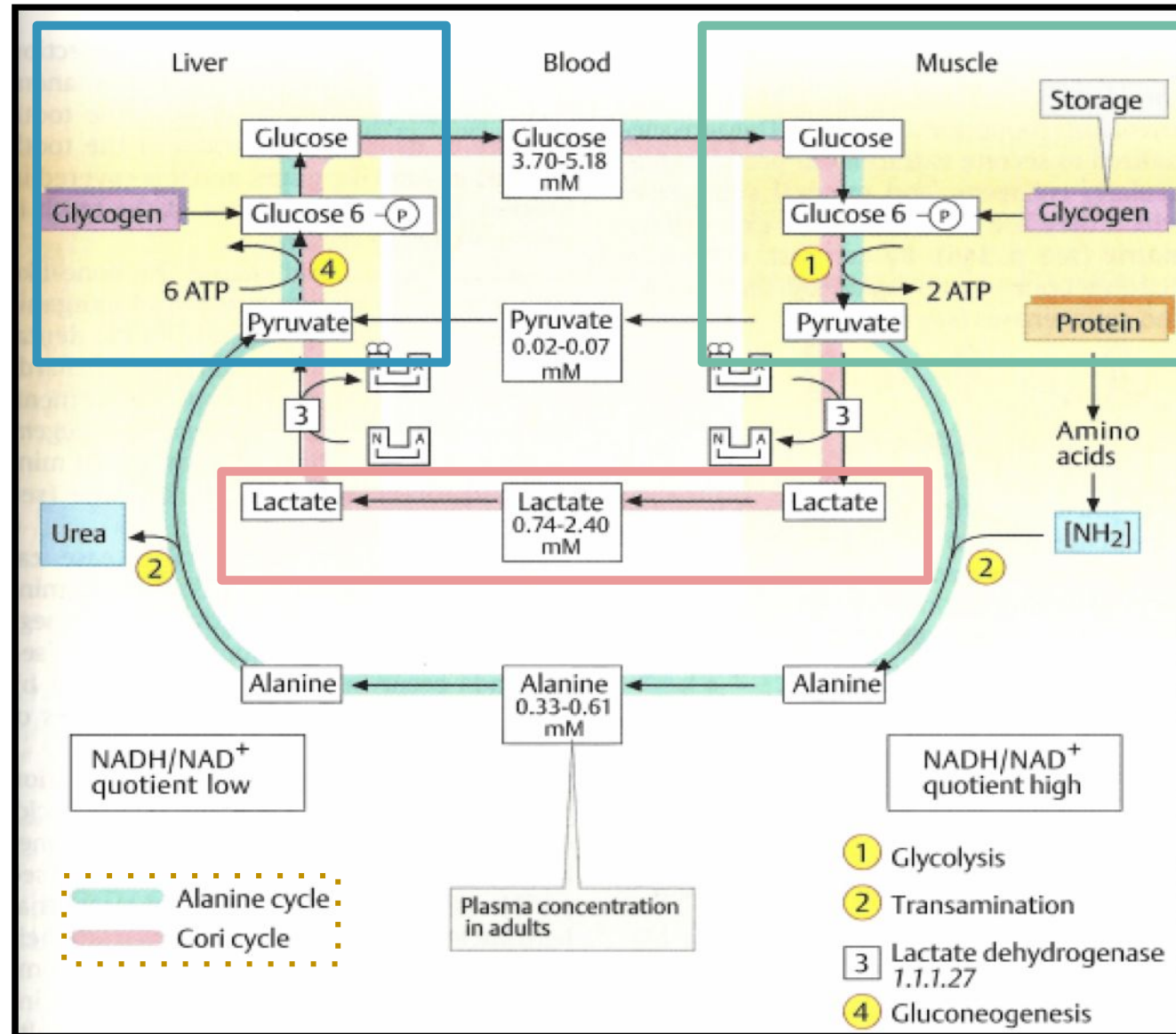


Cori cycle

★ In the liver:

- Liver produces glucose via gluconeogenesis or glycogenolysis.

the newly formed glucose is transported to muscle to be used for energy again
 "complete cycle"



★ In the Muscle:

- white muscle fibers (Fast & Strong contraction) obtain ATP from Anaerobic glycolysis.

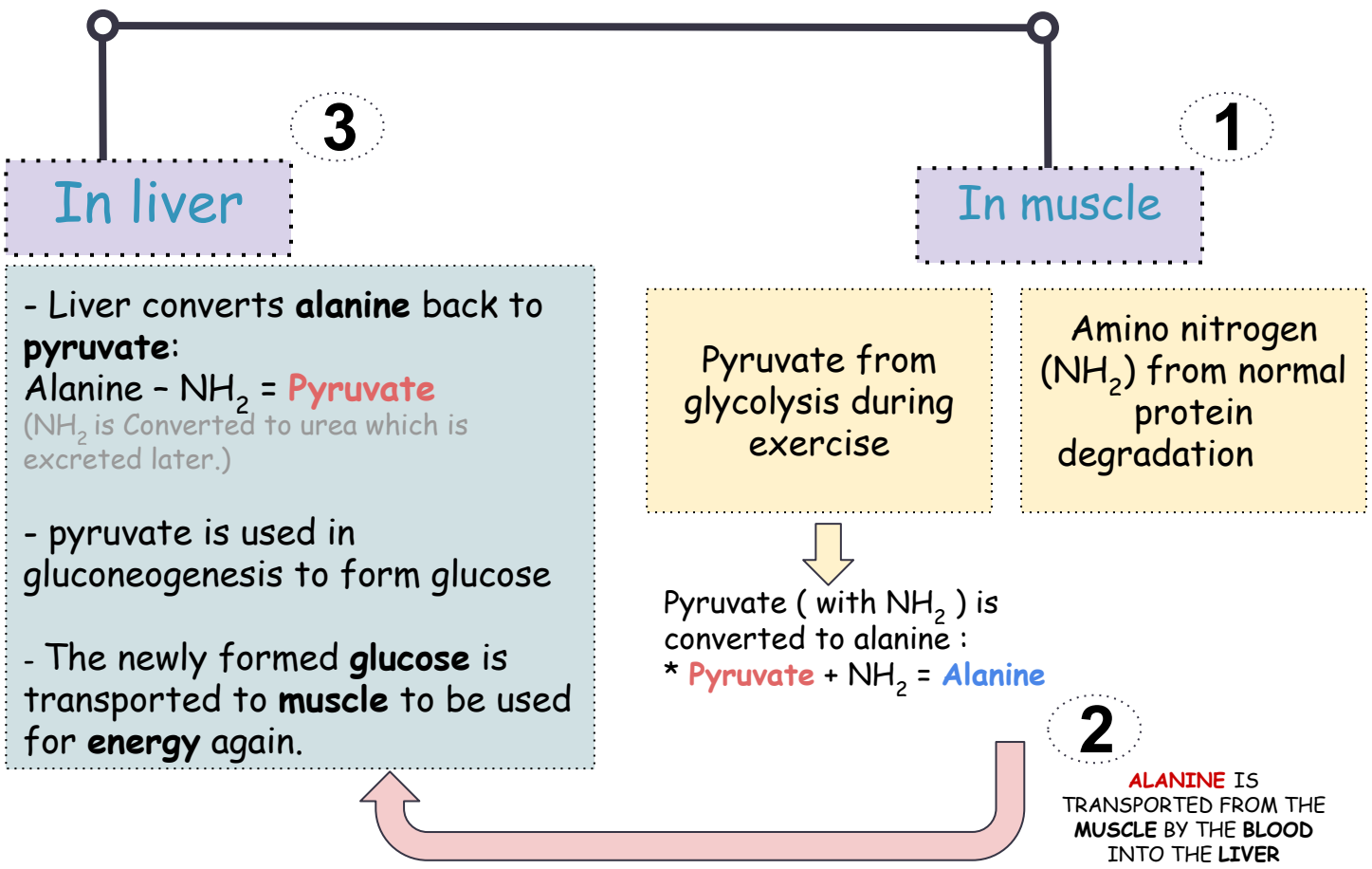
In Anaerobic glycolysis glucose is converted to lactate.

★ In the blood:

- Lactate in muscle is released into blood.
- Transported to the liver.

The glucose-alanine cycle

The glucose-alanine cycle products



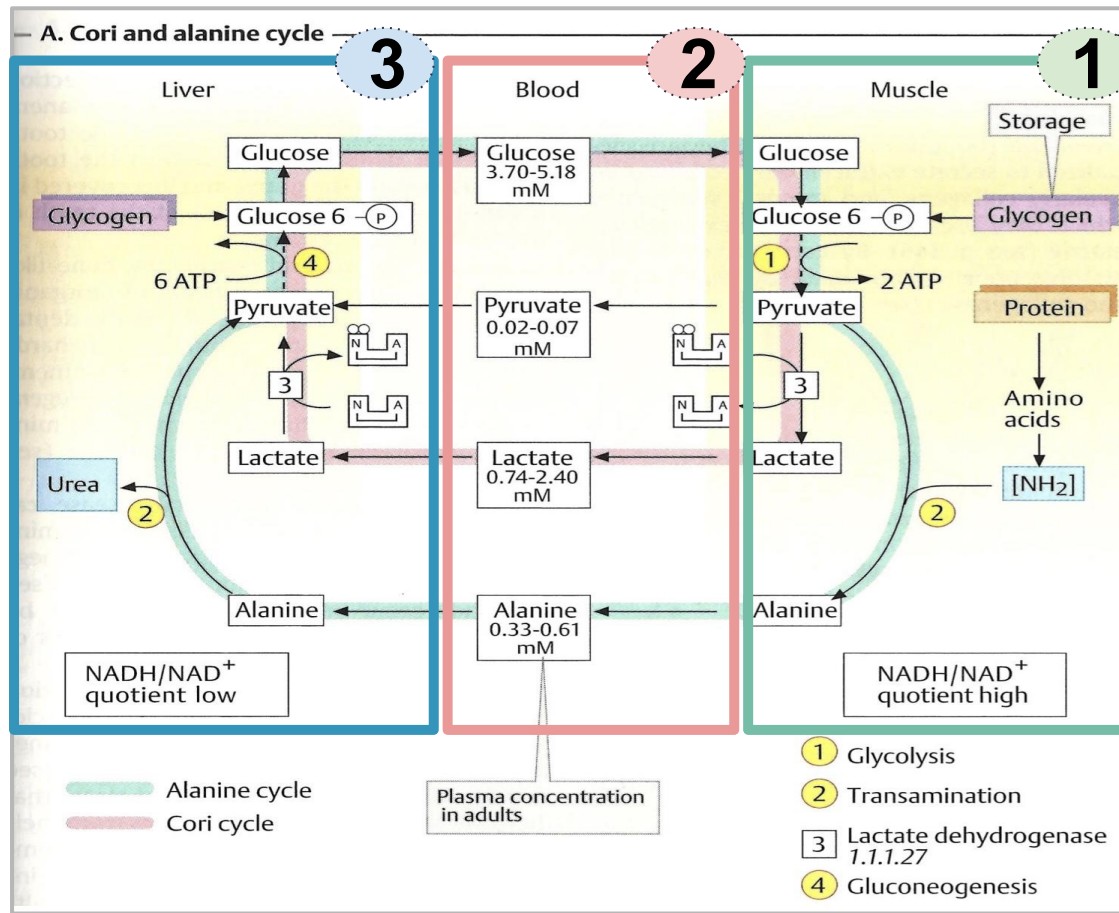
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NOTES:

- ★ The alanine cycle in the liver doesn't only provide alanine as a precursor for gluconeogenesis, but also transports to the liver the amino nitrogen arising in muscles during protein degradation. In the liver, it's incorporated (يختلط) into urea for excretion.
- ★ Alanine is the second important form of transport for amino nitrogen in the blood. And the first transport form is glutamate.

*Recall that it's different from the liver "opposite"

The glucose-alanine cycle



1 - In skeletal muscles:

- glycolysis produces **pyruvate**.
- Pyruvate can be transaminated to **alanine**. (producing an amino group)

2 - In the blood:

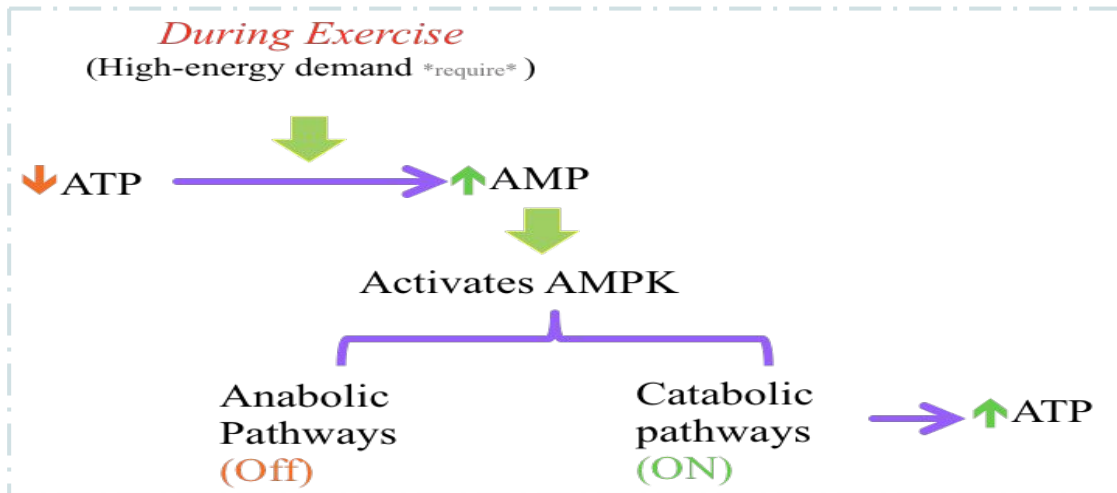
The **alanine** then enters the **bloodstream** and is transported to the **liver**.

- ★ Alanine is returned to the liver for **gluconeogenesis**.

3 - in the liver:

- Within the liver, **alanine** is converted back to **pyruvate** by deamination (The removal of amino group).
- **Pyruvate** is available for **gluconeogenesis** and the glutamate supplies the urea cycle.
- **Gluconeogenesis** converts **pyruvate** to form **glucose**.
- The newly formed **glucose** can then enter the blood for delivery back to the muscle.

Exercise and AMPK



- In exercise, the **metabolic enzymes are regulated** thru **phosphorylation** by **AMP-activated protein kinase (AMPK)**

*EXTRA : By this process the body try to save energy .

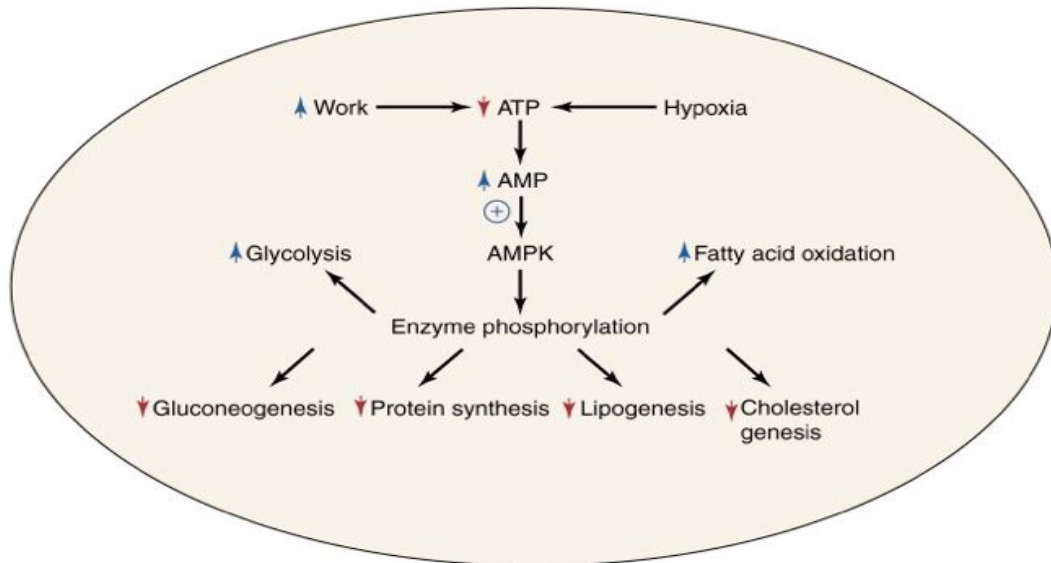
□ Explanation :

- During exercise **ATP** level goes **down** at the same time **AMP** level goes **up** .

- When **AMP** level goes **up** it activates the **AMPK** enzyme .

- The activation of **AMPK** enzyme will

- 1) **shut down** the **anabolic** pathway (ATP requiring processes)
★ to save energy
- 2) **stimulates** **catabolic** pathway (ATP producing processes)
★ to produce energy.



Muscle fatigue and endurance in athletes

Muscle fatigue:

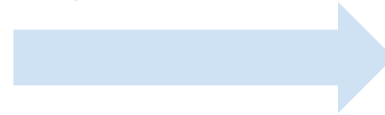
Inability of muscles to maintain a particular strength of contraction over time.

Causes:

Muscle **damage** & **accumulation** of lactic acid "decrease PH in tissues".

- **Athletes** are able to change the proportions of **red and white*** muscle fibers **by** targeted training.
- The expression of muscle **proteins** can also change during the course of training.

This provides them with



1. **High** endurance during muscle activity.
2. Efficient **energy** production and consumption.
3. **Delayed** fatigue.

* The **red** muscle fibers are **better** for them because it is suitable for **prolonged** effort + it is an **aerobic** which doesn't cause lactic acid formation which leads to muscle fatigue .

Review

Metabolism in the muscle

Anaerobic
(without O_2)

White fibers

ATP from
anaerobic
glycolysis

Product :
lactate

lactate converted
to glucose by **cori
cycle** (liver)

Aerobic
(with O_2)

Red fibers

ATP from
fatty acid

Product: CO_2
and H_2O

fatty acid broken
down by :

- 1) β -oxidation
- 2) krebs cycle
- 3) Respiratory chain

Enzymes

Catalyze the synthesis of ATP



ATP synthase

Adenylate kinase 2.7.4.3

Joins 2 ADP molecules to make 1 ATP and 1 AMP

AMP deaminase 3.5.4.6

part of the auxiliary system of energy along with Adenylate Kinase

Contraction of the muscles

Myosin ATPase

Take 2 ADP and produce 1 ATP & 1cAp

Adenylate cyclases

Ca-ATPase

Relaxation of the muscles

Catalyzes the conversion of lactate to pyruvate, as it converts NAD^+ to NADH

Lactate dehydrogenase
1.1.1.27

AMP-activated protein kinase
(AMP kinase)

When it is activated is shut down ATP-requiring processes and stimulate ATP producing processes

Take home message

- ATP is an important source of chemical energy needed by the cells to perform body functions
- Muscular activity requires constant supply of ATP for energy either from aerobic or anaerobic metabolism
- Cori and glucose-alanine cycles play an important role in regenerating glucose for energy
- Athletes are able to change proportions of their red and white muscle fibers with appropriate training

Overview

- ★ Three systems of energy transfer
- ★ ATP as energy source
- ★ Aerobic metabolism: red muscle fibers
Anaerobic metabolism: white muscle fibers
- ★ Cori cycle
- ★ Glucose-alanine cycle
- ★ Muscle fatigue and endurance in athletes

MCQs

Answer key:

- 1) B
- 2) A
- 3) D
- 4) C
- 5) B
- 6) C
- 7) B
- 8) C

Q1: During exercise ATP level goes down and the AMP level goes?

A) Down	B) Up	C) Remain the same	D) Down and up in the same time
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Q2: How many O₂ molecules can myoglobin take?

A) 1	B) 2	C) 3	D) 4
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Q3: What is the enzyme that converts two ADP to produce 1 ATP & 1 AMP

A) Myosin ATPase	B) adenylate cyclase	C) Lactate dehydrogenase	D) Adenylate kinase
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Q4: the first step of ATP metabolism in red muscle fibers

A) Acetyl coA enters the krebs cycle	B) Production of ATP	C) Fatty acid is oxidized to acetyl COA	D) Krebs cycle will give NADH
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Q5: in the White Muscle Fibers; they mainly obtain ATP from...

A) aerobic glycolysis	B) anaerobic glycolysis	C) Krebs cycle	D) electron transport
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Q6: Liver converts lactate into glucose via

A) glycolysis	B) glycogenesis	C) gluconeogenesis	D) glucogenesis
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Q7: during exercising, the metabolic enzymes are regulated through phosphorylation by:

A) ATPK	B) AMPK	C) GAPK	D) GMPK
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Q8: In muscle, Pyruvate (with NH₂) is converted to

A) guanine	B) lysine	C) Alanine	D) Valine
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SAQs

Q1: List 3 ways to get ATP in the muscles?

1. aerobic by red fibers
2. anaerobic by white fibers
3. creatine phosphate degradation

Q2: What is the definition of muscle fatigue?

Inability of muscles to maintain a particular strength of contraction over time

Q3: Why skeletal muscles can't produce new glucose from lactate?

Because Gluconeogenesis requires much more ATP than is supplied by glycolysis in muscles and O_2 deficiencies do not arise in the liver even during intense exercise

Q4: Explain the mechanism of ATP metabolism in red muscle fibers?

Fatty acids are oxidized into acetyl coA after that acetyl coA enters the krebs cycle to give NADH which will go to the respiratory chain in presence of O_2 given by myoglobin to start production of ATP

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