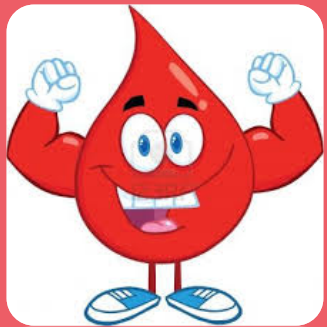


Lecture 4

Biochemistry of Vitamin K



The Objectives

- Types and chemistry of vitamin K
- Sources and daily requirements
- Functions
- Synthesis of γ -carboxyglutamate in:
 - Prothrombin and blood clotting factors
 - Osteocalcin
 - Interaction of prothrombin with platelets
- Deficiency and disorders

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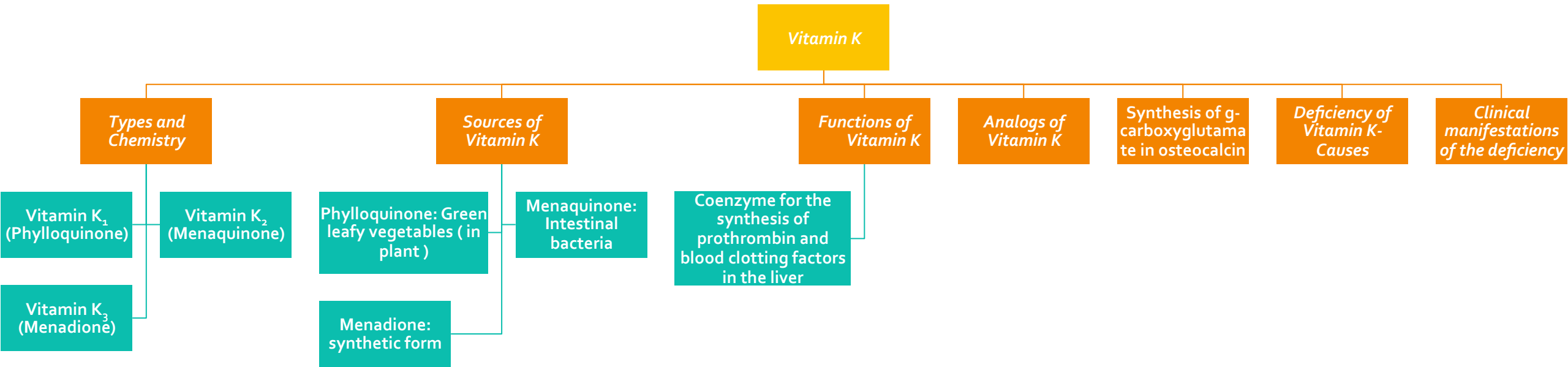
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Types and source of Vitamin K

Vitamin K₁ (Phylloquinone) : Green leafy vegetables

Vitamin K₂ (Menaquinone): Intestinal bacteria
(Intestinal bacterial synthesis meets the daily requirement of Vitamin K even without dietary supplement)

Vitamin K₃ (Menadione): synthetic form

RDA for Vitamin K (mg/day)

Infant (0-1 year): 2-2.5

Children (1-8): 30-55

Men (19+): 120

Women (19+): 90

Pregnancy / lactation: 90 / 90

UL: Not established because there is no enough studies to establish UL

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Functions of Vitamin K

- Coenzyme for the synthesis of prothrombin and blood clotting factors in the liver
 - Prothrombin (clotting factor II) and clotting factors are protein in nature
 - Synthesis of prothrombin and clotting factors VII, IX, X require carboxylation of their glutamic acid (Glu)
 - **Mature prothrombin** and clotting factors contain γ -carboxyglutamate (Gla) after carboxylation reaction
 - **Vitamin K is essential for the carboxylase enzyme involved**
 - Dihydroquinone (= Hydroquinone) form of vitamin K is essential for this reaction

1) Glutamate is converted to γ -carboxyglutamate by Carboxylase enzyme .

2) Carboxylase enzyme takes (OH) group from Vit.K hydroquinone(and will convert point (1))

3) Vit.k hydroquinone after Decarboxylation will become Vit.k epoxide .

4) we need the reductase enzyme to make vit.k hydroquinone (the reduced or active form).

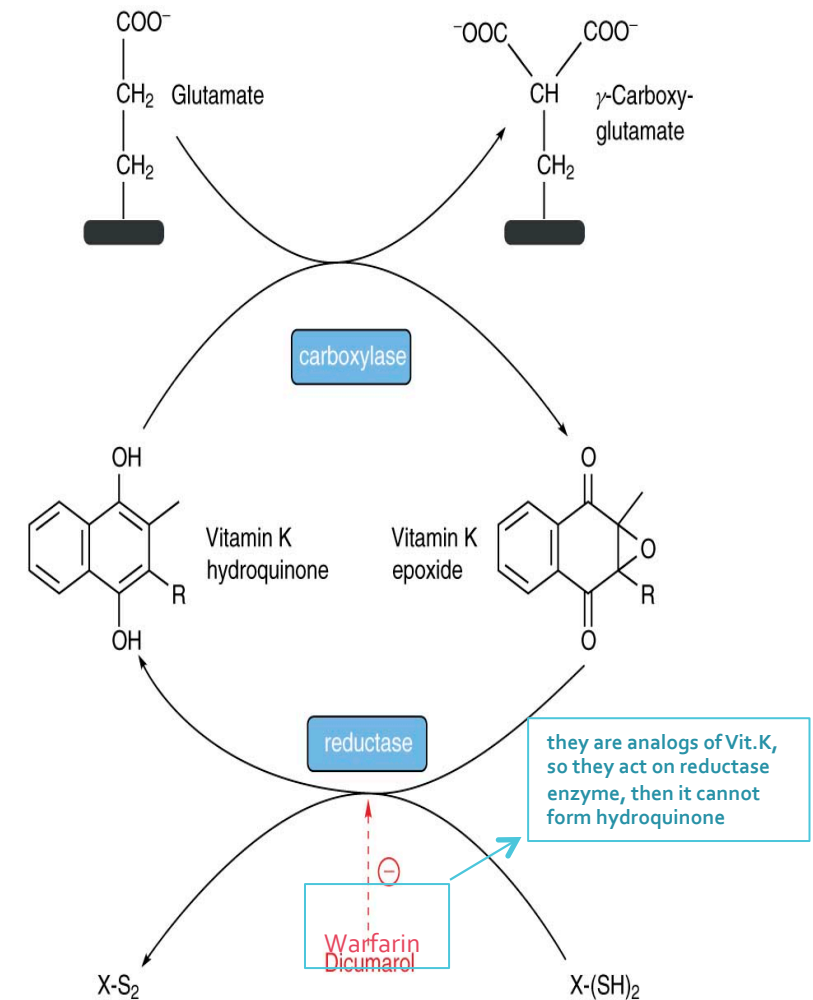


Figure 28.7. Function of Vitamin K.

Analogues of Vitamin K

- Anticoagulant drugs (warfarin and dicoumarol) **are structural analogs** of vitamin K
- They inhibit the activation of vitamin K **to hydroquinone form**
- Hence prothrombin and clotting factors are not carboxylated
- Blood coagulation time increases upon injury

{ structural analogs: is a compound having a structure similar to that of another one, but differing from it in respect of a certain component } that's mean Warfarin & dicoumarol are similar to Vit.K

Functions of Vitamin K – Prothrombin – platelets interaction

- Carboxylated prothrombin **contains two carboxylate groups (COO⁻)**
- **These groups bind to Ca²⁺ forming prothrombin-calcium complex**
- The complex then **binds to phospholipids on the surface of platelets** (important for blood clotting)
- Converting prothrombin to thrombin and clot formation

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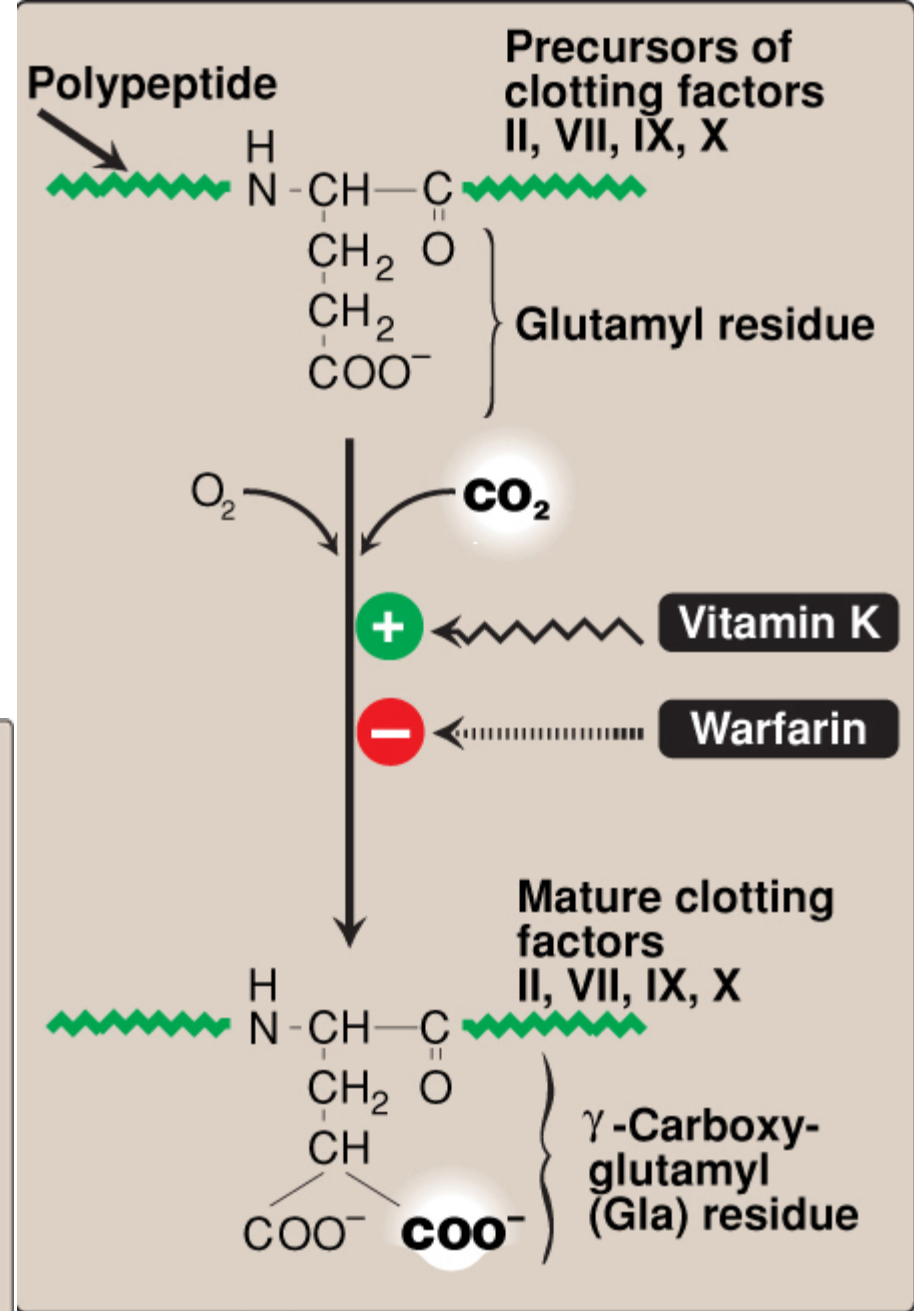




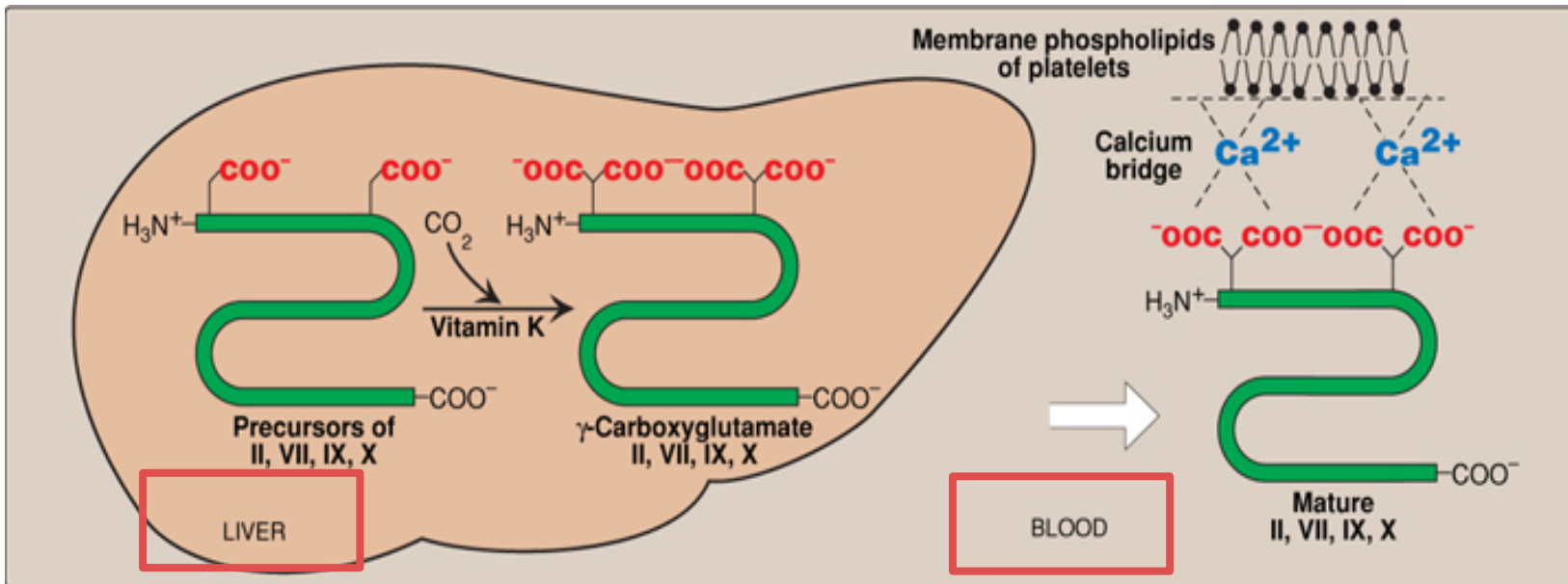
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Prothrombin – platelet interaction



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Functions of Vitamin K in other proteins

- Synthesis of γ -carboxyglutamate in osteocalcin
 - Osteocalcin is a bone protein
 - May have a role in bone formation and mineralization
 - γ -carboxyglutamate is required for its binding to hydroxyapatite (a mineral) in the bone
 - The function of bone osteocalcin is unclear

osteocalcin synthesized by osteoblasts (bone forming cells), In patients with osteoporosis circulating osteocalcin is undercarboxylated.

Deficiency of Vitamin K- Causes

- Deficiencies are rare: **it is synthesized by the intestinal bacteria**
- **Malabsorption** of lipids due to obstructive jaundice leads to vitamin K deficiency (**Vit.K lipid soluble**)
- Deficiency **most common in newborn infants**
 - **Newborns lack intestinal flora**
 - Human milk cannot provide enough vitamin K
 - Supplements are given by injection
- Prolonged antibiotic therapy
- **Gastrointestinal infections** with diarrhea
 - Both of the above destroy the bacterial flora and can also lead to vitamin K deficiency

Deficiency of Vitamin K- Effects

- Hypoprothrombinemia: increased blood coagulation **time**
- May affect bone growth and mineralization

Clinical manifestations of the deficiency

- Hemorrhagic disease of the newborn
- **Bruising** tendency**, ecchymotic* patches, mucus membrane hemorrhage, **post-traumatic bleeding** and internal bleeding
- Prolongation of the prothrombin time

***Ecchymotic:**

medical term for a bleeding underneath the skin

****Bruising** كدمة :

To injure the underlying soft tissue or bone of (part of the body) without breaking the skin





Summary

- 1) Vitamin K has **3 types** (Phylloquinone , Menaquinone , Menadione)
- 2) Vitamin K is a Coenzyme **for the synthesis of prothrombin and blood clotting factors in the liver.**
- 3) Vitamin K is **essential for the carboxylase enzyme involved**
- 4) Anticoagulant drugs (warfarin and dicoumarol) , inhibit the activation of vitamin K
- 5) **Malabsorption** of lipids due **to obstructive jaundice** leads to vitamin K deficiency (Vit.K lipid soluble)
- 6)its **Deficiency is** most common in **newborn infants**
- 7) **Gastrointestinal infections with diarrhea cause vitamin K deficiency .**
- 8) **Vit.k is essential for clot formation ,decreases coagulation time, and is present in low concentration in milk. It is one of Four fat-soluble Vitamins.**
- 9) High levels of undercarboxylated osteocalcin and low serum vit K are associated with lower bone mineral density and higher risk of fractures (osteoporosis)

Test your knowledge ...!

1) What factors of Vit K are procoagulants?

- A. II , II & X
- B. II (prothrombin), VII, IX, & X
- C. IX,V&X

2) All factors and proteins in blood clotting are synthesized in :

- A. Pancreas
- B. Kidney
- C. Liver by carboxylation

3) Vitamin K is synthesized in the body by :

- A. intestinal bacteria
- B. liver
- C. non

4) deficiency in vitamin K results in a decreased level of

- A. Prothrombin
- B. Thrombin
- C. Fibrin
- D. Fibrinogen

5) What groups of people need additional Vitamin K?

- A. Premature newborns
- B. People who do not have enough bile to absorb fat
- C. Both A and B

6) Anticoagulant drugs (warfarin and dicoumarol) are :

- A. increase capability of vitamin k
- B. inhibit the activation of vitamin K
- C. both

For your knowledge :

1) In liver diseases, an increase in prothrombin time is noted. Is this connected to a deficiency in vitamin K? No, in liver diseases there is an increased prothrombin time due to deficient synthesis of coagulation factors. Further, vitamin K fails to restore Prothrombin Time when administered.

2) How are vitamin K and antibiotics connected?

Increased use of amoxicillin will decrease the synthesis of vitamin K since there will be a reduction in the bacteria in the intestine.



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