Feeder pathways for glycolysis

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Phosphorolysis **NOT** hydrolysis





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Defects in any of the three enzymes in this pathway cause galactosemia in humans. In galacto kinase deficiency galactosemia, high galactose concentrations are found in blood and urine. Infants develop cataracts, Transferase-deficiency galactosemia is more serious it is characterized by poor growth in children, speech abnormality, mental deficiency, and liver damage that may be fatal.

Lactose intolerance

Lactose cannot be completely digested and absorbed in the small intestine and passes into the large intestine, where bacteria convert it to toxic products that cause **abdominal cramps and diarrhea**. The problem is further complicated because undigested lactose and its metabolites increase the osmolarity of the intestinal contents, favoring the retention of water in the intestine.

Conversion of galactose to glucose 1-phosphate.

The conversion proceeds through a sugar-nucleotide derivative, UDP galactose, which is formed when galactose 1-phosphate displaces glucose1-phosphate from UDP-glucose. UDP-galactose is then converted by UDP-glucose 4-epimerase to UDP-glucose, in a reaction that involves oxidation of C-4 (pink) by NAD, then reduction of C-4 by NADH; the result is inversion of the configuration at C-4.

The UDP glucose is recycled through another round of the same reaction. The net effect of this cycle is the conversion of galactose 1-phosphate to glucose 1-phosphate; there is NO net production or consumption of UDP-galactose or UDP-glucose.

PENTOSE PHOSPHATE PATHWAY Phosphogluconate pathway Hexose monophosphate pathway



It's a shunt



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General scheme of the pentose phosphate pathway

- NADPH formed in the oxidative phase is used to reduce glutathione and to support reductive biosynthesis.
- The other product of the oxidative phase is ribose 5phosphate, which serves as precursor for nucleotides, coenzymes, and nucleic acids.
- In cells that are not using ribose 5-phosphate for biosynthesis, the nonoxidative phase recycles six molecules of the pentose into five molecules of the hexose glucose 6-phosphate, allowing continued production of NADPH and converting glucose 6phosphate to CO2.



Pentose Phosphate Pathway is the major source of NADPH used for:

• Biosynthesis of:

- fatty acids (within liver, adipose tissue, lactating mammary gland).
- cholesterol (in liver, adrenal gland cortex, skin, gonads).
- catecholamines (nervous system, adrenal medulla).
- preserving the transparency of the eye lens, keeping crystalline (eye lens protein) in the active reduced state).
- to preserve erythrocyte membrane integrity.

Oxidative Stage of Pentose Phosphate Pathway Glucose-6-phosphate NADP Glucose-6-phosphate Mg++ dehydrogenase NADPH 6-Phosphogluconolactone H₂O Gluconolactonase Mg++ H, 6-Phosphogluconate NADP* Mg++ 6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase NADPH CO2 Phosphopentose isomerase Ribulose-5-phosphate ribose 5-phosphate copyright 1996 M.W.King Non-oxidative reactions

The Oxidative Phase Produces Pentose Phosphates and NADPH

In some tissues, the pentose phosphate pathway ends at this point, and its overall equation is:

The net result is the production of:

- NADPH, a reductant for biosynthetic reactions,
- Ribose 5-phosphate, a precursor for nucleotide synthesis.

The Nonoxidative Phase Recycles Pentose Phosphates to Glucose 6-Phosphate

Ribulose 5-phosphate is first epimerized to xylulose 5-phosphate.



Then, in a series of rearrangements of the carbon skeletons, six pentoses (five-carbon sugar) are converted to five hexoses (six-carbon sugar), completing the cycle and allowing continued oxidation of glucose 6-phosphate with production of NADPH.

Continued recycling leads ultimately to the conversion of glucose 6phosphate to six CO2.

Non-Oxidative Stage of Pentose Phosphate Pathway

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Ribulose-5-phosphate Ribulose-5-phosphate Ribulose-5-phosphate 3-epimerase isomerase Xylulose-5-phosphate **Ribose-5-phosphate** Transketolase Sedoheptulose-7-phosphate Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate Transaldolase Erythrose 4-Phosphate Transketolase Glyceraldehyde Fructose Fructose 3-phosphate 6-phosphate 6-phosphate

See detailed reactions below

In tissues that require primarily **NADPH**, the pentose phosphates produced in the oxidative phase of the pathway are recycled into glucose 6phosphate.



second



Third



(b)



The fate of the trioses is determined by the cell's relative needs for pentose phosphates, NADPH, and ATP. 36 Dr. Suheir Eregat



PPP_Regulation



When NADPH is forming faster than it is being used for biosynthesis and glutathione reduction

First step Rate limiting Feedback inhibited by NADPH

Regulation

- Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase is the ratecontrolling enzyme of this pathway.
- It is allosterically stimulated by NADP+. The ratio of NADPH:NADP+ is normally about 100:1 in liver cytosol. This makes the cytosol a highly-reducing environment.
- An NADPH-utilizing pathway forms NADP+, which stimulates Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase.

Glutathione and NDPH



Glutathione Function

- It serves as a reductant.
- Conjugates to drugs making them water soluble.
- Involved in amino acid transport across cell membranes.
- Cofactor in some enzymatic reactions.
 - rearrangement of protein disulfide bonds.



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Detoxification of Superoxide Anion and Hydrogen Peroxide

- Antioxidant enzymes
 - Superoxide dismutase
 - Glutathione peroxidase
 - Glutathione reductase
 - Catalase
- ascorbic acid (vitamin C)
- The tocopherol (vitamin E)
- Carotenoids



effects of oxidative stress

Role of NADPH in the RBC

The oxidation of glucose-6-phosphate to ribulose-5phosphate and CO_2 is very active in mammalian red blood cells, where the NADPH produced by the reaction is used to keep the glutathione inside the cell in a reduced state. Reduced glutathione helps prevent the oxidation of the iron in hemoglobin from Fe(II) to Fe(III). Hemoglobin containing Fe(III) is not effective in binding O_2 .

Glucose 6 – phosphate dehydrogenase (G6PD) deficiency

- In favism, erythrocytes begin to lyse 24 to 48 hours after ingestion of the beans, releasing free hemoglobin into the blood. Jaundice and sometimes kidney failure can result.
- Similar symptoms can occur with ingestion of the antimalarial drug primaquine or of sulfa antibiotics, or following exposure to certain herbicides. These symptoms have a genetic basis: G6PD deficiency, which affects about 400 million people worldwide.
- Most G6PD-deficient individuals are asymptomatic; only the combination of G6PD deficiency and certain environmental factors produces the clinical manifestations

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Wernicke-Korsakoff Syndrome

- Wernicke-Korsakoff syndrome is a disorder caused by a severe deficiency of thiamine, a component of TPP.
- The syndrome is more common Among people with alcoholism than in the general population, because chronic, heavy alcohol consumption interferes with the intestinal absorption of thiamine.
- The syndrome can be exacerbated by a mutation in the gene for transketolase that results in an enzyme with a lowered affinity for thiamine.
- This defect makes individuals much more sensitive to a thiamine deficiency. The result is a slowing down of the whole pentose phosphate pathway. In people with Wernicke-Korsakoff syndrome this results in a worsening of symptoms, which can include severe memory loss, mental confusion, and partial paralysis.