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Introduction and review
Transport
Glycogenolysis
Glycolysis
Other sugars
Posterior: Anaerobic vs Aerobic

Exam-1 material

Fermentations

Exam-2 material

Pyruvate

Krebs' Cycle

Oxidative Phosphorylation

Electron transport

Chemiosmotic theory: Phosphorylation



Fat Catabolism

Exam-3 material

diet

storage

Fatty acid Catabolism

FOUR stages in the catabolism of lipids:

Mobilization from tissues (mostly adipose)

hormone regulated

specific lipases

glycerol

Activation of fatty acids

Fatty-acyl CoA Synthetase

Transport

carnitine

Oxidation

Rationale

Saturated FA

β-oxidation

4 steps:

dehydrogenation

hydration

oxidation

thiolase

energetics

Unsaturated FA

energetics

Odd-chain FA

Ketone Bodies

Other organelles

Protein Degradation (Catabolism)

Digestion

Inside of cells

Protein turnover

Ubiquitin

Proteosome

Amino-Acid Degradation

Dealing with the nitrogen

Ammonia

free

transamination

← know mechanism

Carbamoyl-phosphate synthetase

Urea Cycle

5 Steps

Ornithine transcarbamylase

Arginino-succinate synthetase

Arginino-succinase

Arginase

Energetics

Urea Bi-cycle

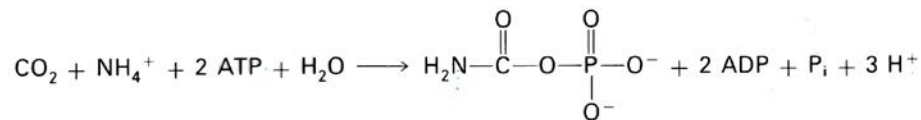
Dealing with the carbon



Amino Acid Catabolism: Urea Cycle

① Synthesis of Carbamoyl Phosphate

- The first nitrogen-acquiring reaction of the urea cycle



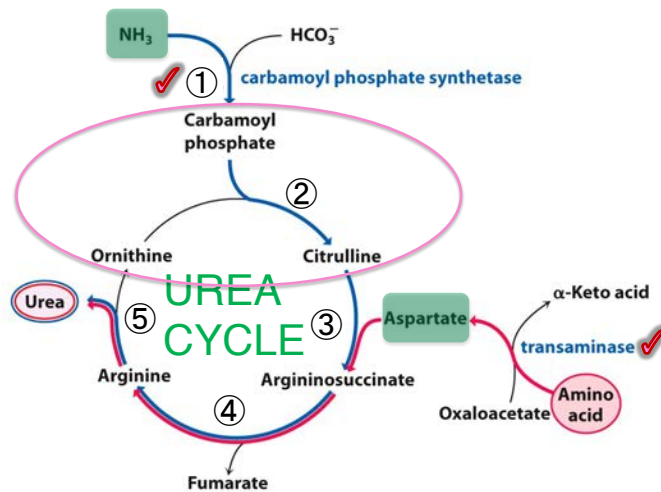
Carbamoyl phosphate

Carbamoyl Phosphate Synthetase I

- Excess CO_2 , ATP, and ammonia is present in liver mitochondria. This is where the activation of both waste products occur (the majority of the other urea-cycle reactions occur within the cytosol).
- For step #2, in order to move to the cytosol, carbamoyl phosphate must condense with ornithine to create citrulline. This reaction releases the phosphate of carbamoyl phosphate into the mitochondrial matrix (so it does not deplete the proton motive force). Citrulline can then be transported to the cytosol.

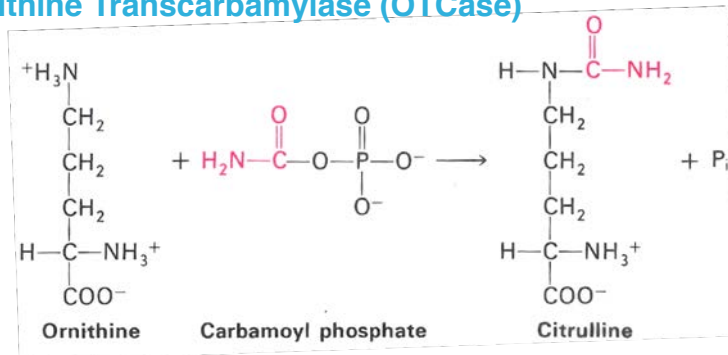
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The Urea Cycle



Amino Acid Catabolism: Urea Cycle

② Ornithine Transcarbamylase (OTCase)



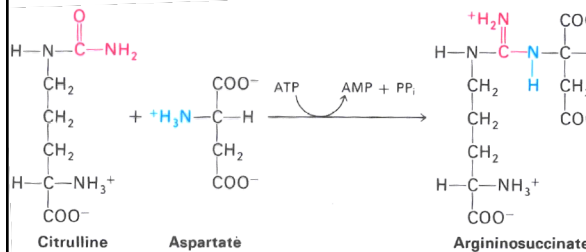
Recall: Aspartate Transcarbamoylase (ATCase)

(α₃)₂(β₂)₃

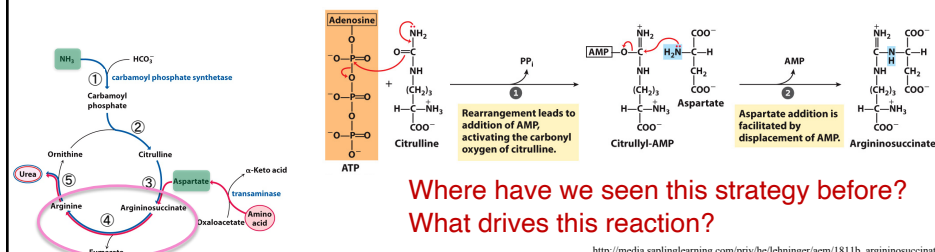


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③ Argininosuccinate Synthetase

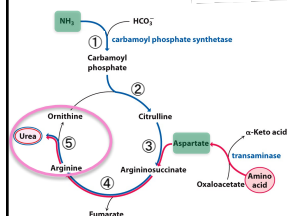
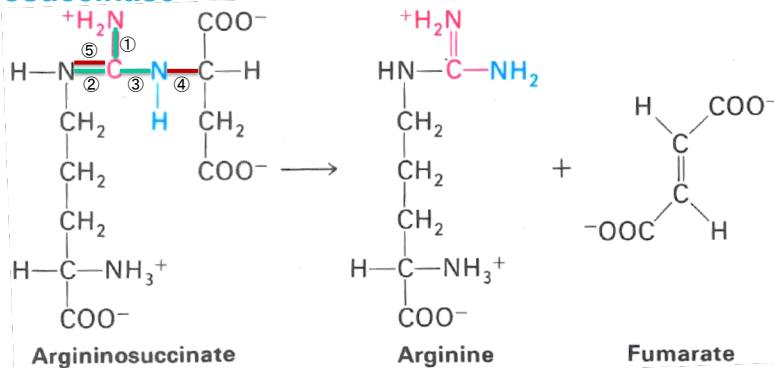


- This is the second **nitrogen-acquiring reaction**.
- The synthetase is in the cytosol
- citrulline reacts with ATP to produce citrullyl-AMP.
- AMP acts as a good leaving group, as aspartate attracts the imide carbon to produce argininosuccinate.
- PP_i product helps drive reaction.



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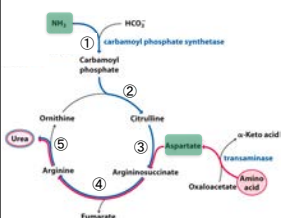
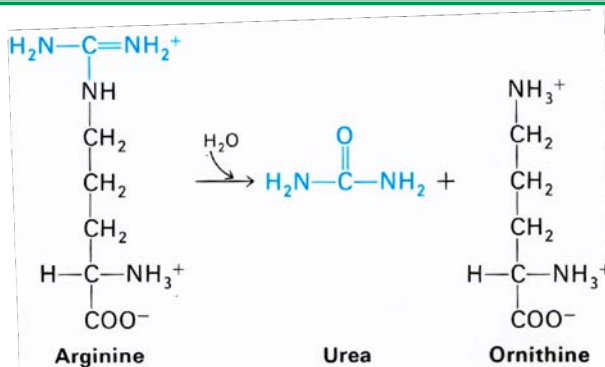
④ Argininosuccinase



- Argininosuccinate is a good molecule to rationalize the cycle showing where and in what order bonds are **made** or **broken**.
- **Argininosuccinase** cleaves fumarate from argininosuccinate, resulting in arginine.

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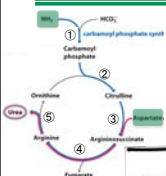
⑤ Arginase



- Excess Arginine can also enter the urea cycle at this point.
- Arginase cleaves both nitrogen atoms added in the urea cycle from ammonia and Asp, resulting in free urea.
- Ornithine is able to serve as a substrate for the next round of the cycle.

Amino Acid Catabolism: Urea Cycle

Enzymes of the Urea Cycle



	Enzyme	Compartment	Activity	M _r	pH opt	K _m , mM	Equilibrium Constant	Tissue Distribution
	N-acetyl glutamate synthetase, EC 2.3.1.1	Mitochondrial matrix	0.30–1.49	200,000	8.5	Glu, 3.0 Ac CoA 0.7 Arg, 0.01	Irreversible	Liver, intestine, kidney (trace), spleen
①	Carbamyl phosphate Synthetase EC 6.3.4.16	Mitochondrial matrix	279 [†]	310,000 dimer	6.8–7.6	NH ₄ , 0.8 HCO ₃ , 6.7 Mg ATP, 1.1 NAG, 0.1	Irreversible	Liver, intestine, kidney (trace)
②	Ornithine transcarbamylase, EC 2.1.3.3	Mitochondrial matrix	6600	108,000 trimer	7.7	CP, 0.16 Orn, 0.40	(Cit)(p) (Orn)(CP) = 10 ⁵	Liver, intestine, kidney (trace)
③	Argininosuccinic acid synthetase, EC 6.3.4.5	Cytosol	90	185,000 tetramer	8.7	Asp, .03 Cit, .03	(ASA)(AMP)(Mg PPi)(2H) (Cit)(Asp)(Mg ATP) = 0.89 [†]	Liver, kidney, fibroblasts, brain (trace)
④	Argininosuccinase, EC 4.3.2.1	Cytosol	220	173,200 tetramer	7.5	Asp, 0.017 Cit, 0.016 ATP, 0.041	(Arg)(fumarate) (ASA) = 11.4 × 10 ⁻³	Liver, kidney, brain, fibroblasts
⑤	Arginase, EC 3.5.3.1	Cytosol	86,600	107,000 tetramer	9.5	Arg, 10.5	Irreversible	Liver, erythrocytes, kidney, lens, brain (trace)

[†]Enzyme activity is expressed as micromoles per hour per gram wet weight. Apart from the equilibrium constants, the values described are those of human liver.
[†]The monomers may have substantial catalytic activity.¹¹

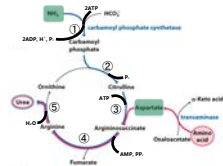
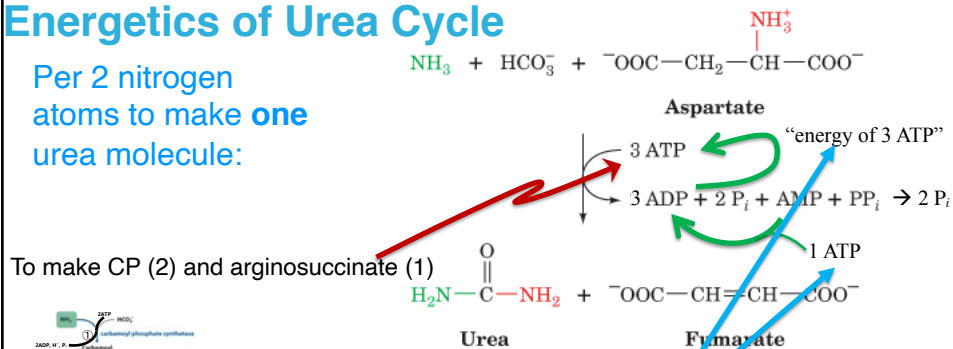
[†]AT pH = 7.0.

Source: Table assembled from Ratnes⁴, Snodgrass,⁸ Meijer and Hensgens,¹⁰ Jackson, et al.,¹¹ Beaudet et al.,¹² Lusty,¹³ and Bachman et al.¹⁴

Amino Acid Catabolism: Urea Cycle

Energetics of Urea Cycle

Per 2 nitrogen atoms to make **one** urea molecule:

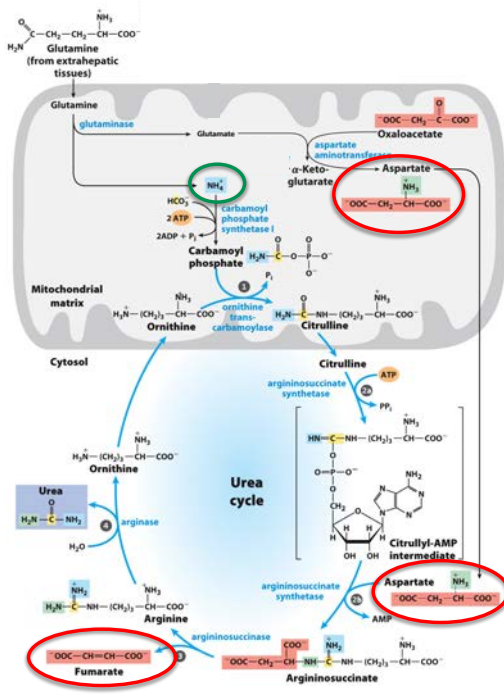


- But what about this fumarate?
- What is its fate?
- How do you regenerate Asp to keep the cycle going?

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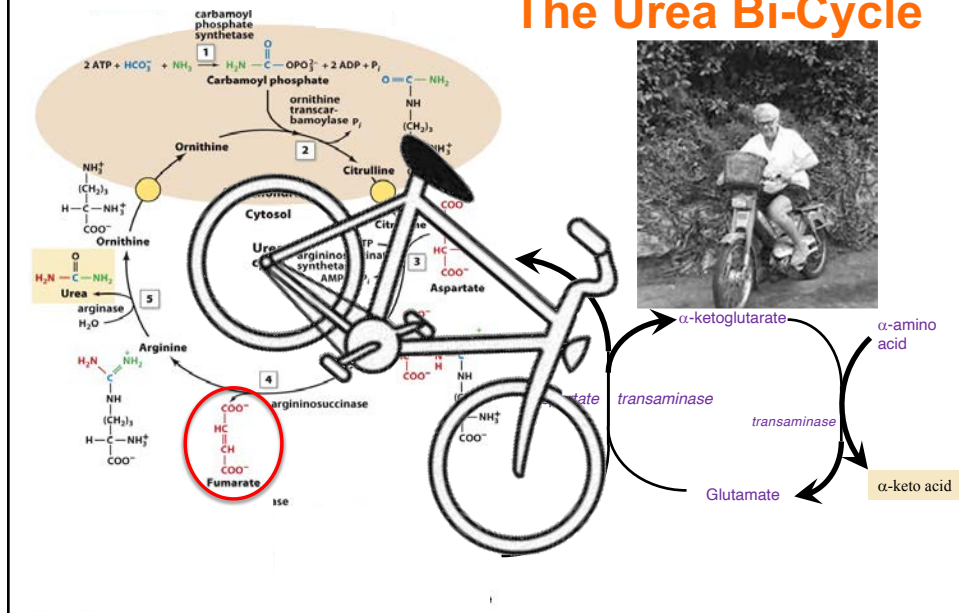
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The Urea Bi-Cycle

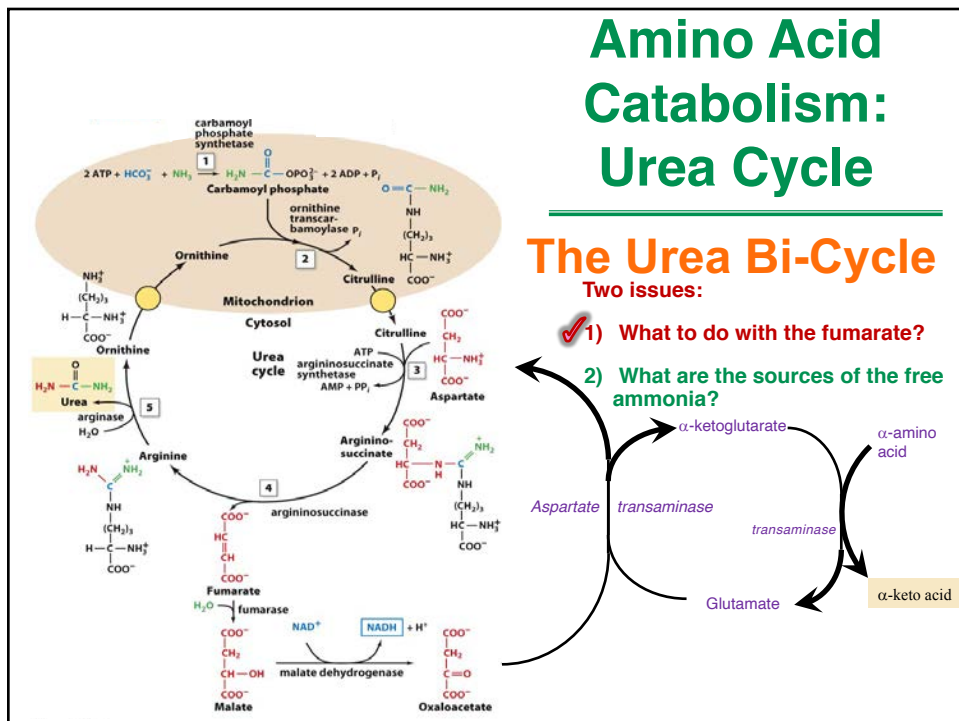


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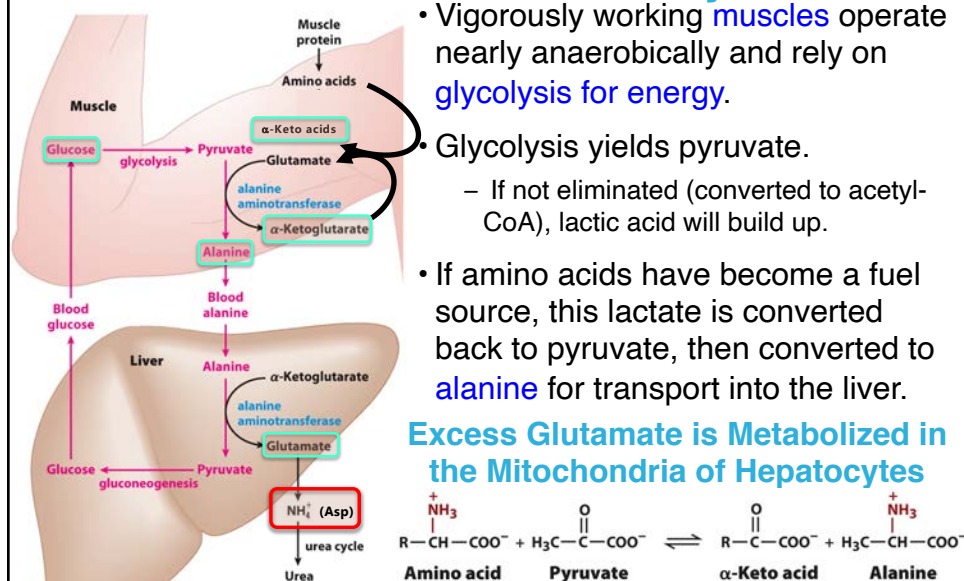
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The Glucose-Alanine Cycle



- Vigorously working **muscles** operate nearly anaerobically and rely on **glycolysis** for energy.

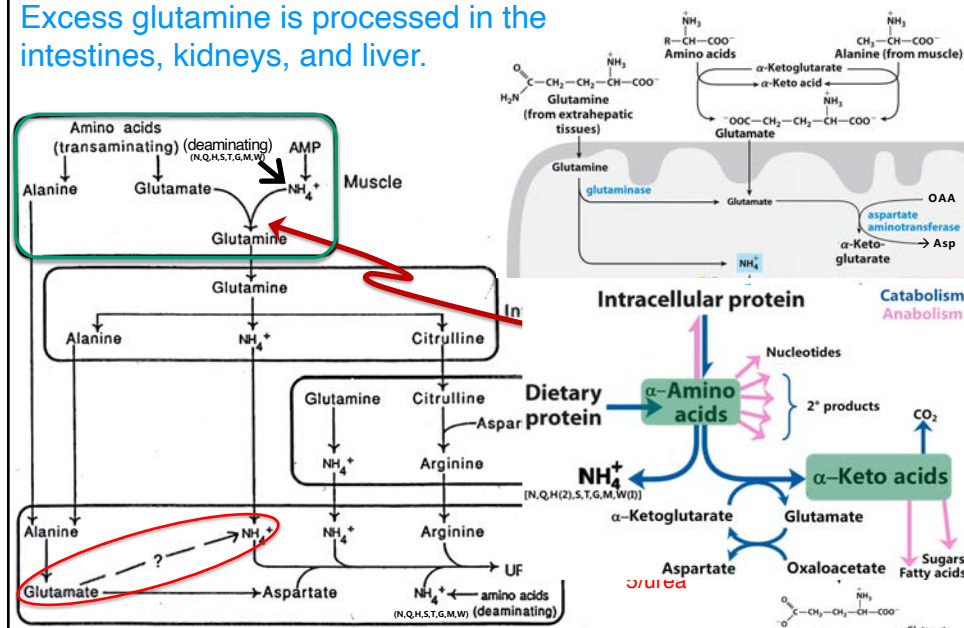
- Glycolysis yields pyruvate.
 - If not eliminated (converted to acetyl-CoA), lactic acid will build up.

- If amino acids have become a fuel source, this lactate is converted back to pyruvate, then converted to **alanine** for transport into the liver.

Excess Glutamate is Metabolized in the Mitochondria of Hepatocytes

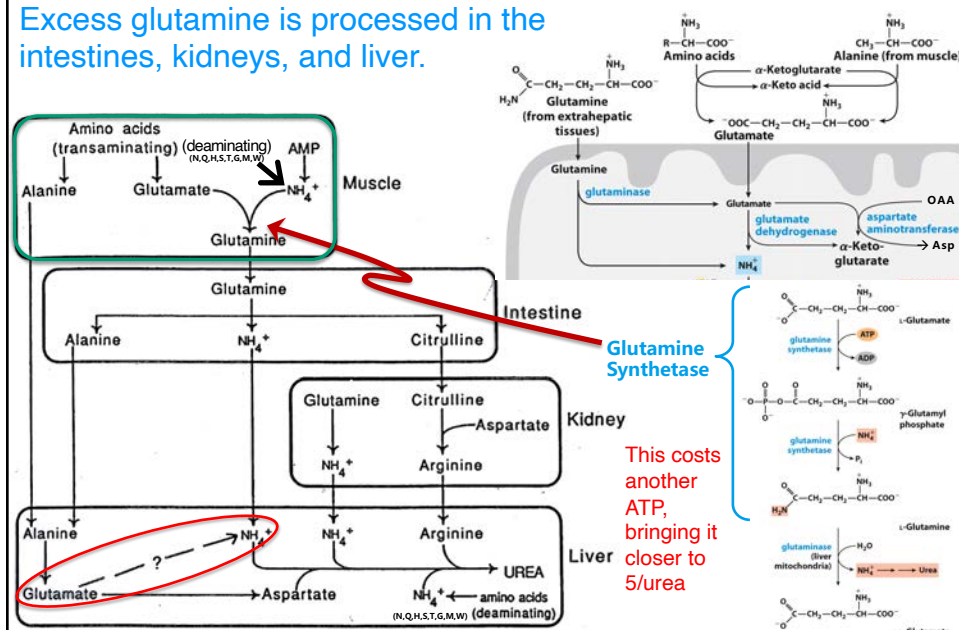
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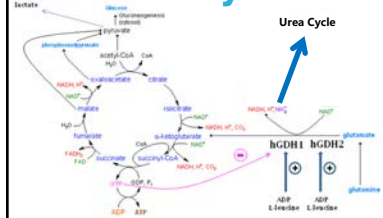
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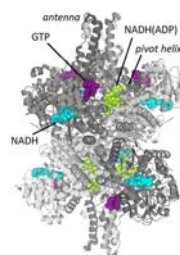
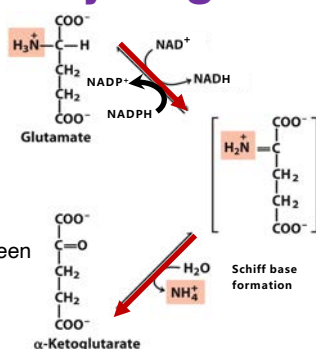
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Regulation of the Urea Cycle



- The pool of **Glu** is a critical junction between biosynthesis and catabolism
- The enzyme represents a key link between catabolic and anabolic pathways; when biosynthesis is needed, its **off** and Glu provides for amino-acid biosynthesis. When energy is needed, its **on**; the ammonia is pulled off to provide for the urea cycle and oxidation of carbon skeletons.
- Can use either NAD^+ in the catabolic direction (oxidative deamination), or NADPH in the biosynthetic direction.

Glutamate Dehydrogenase



Allosteric inhibitors:
GTP, ATP, Palmitoyl-CoA

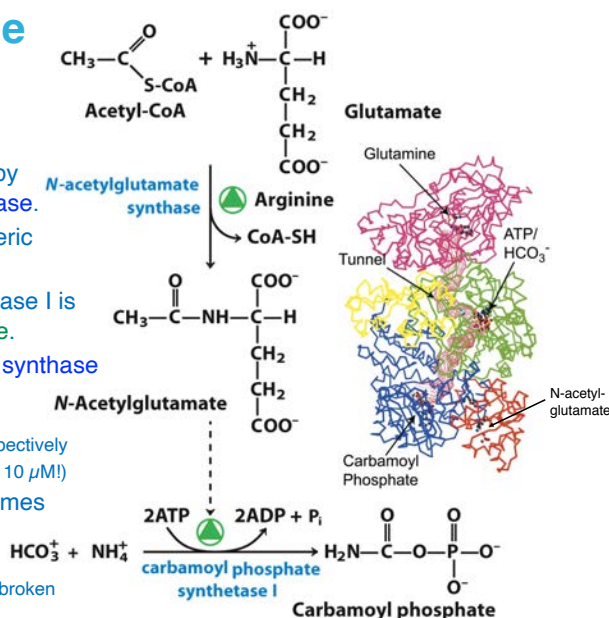
Allosteric Activators:
ADP, Leucine, Isoleucine, Valine

- GluDH has a high K_m value ($>1 \text{ mM}$) for ammonia, so it mostly functions to provide the initial material for the urea cycle; ammonia, using NAD^+ , which is high when energy charge is low.
- Ammonia is processed into **urea** for excretion. Carbon skeletons are oxidized for ATP.

Amino Acid Catabolism: Urea Cycle

Regulation of the Urea Cycle

- Urea production is controlled by carbamoyl phosphate synthetase.
- *N*-acetylglutamate is an allosteric activator.
- Carbamoyl phosphate synthetase I is activated by *N*-acetylglutamate.
- Formed by *N*-acetylglutamate synthase
 - when glutamate and acetyl-CoA concentrations are high
 - K_m values are 1 and 0.7 mM, respectively
 - activated by arginine (K_a value of $10 \mu\text{M}$!)
- Expression of urea cycle enzymes increases when needed.
 - high-protein diet
 - starvation, when protein is being broken down for energy

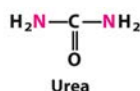


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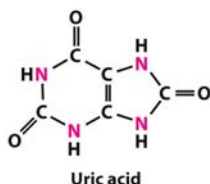
Excretory Forms of Nitrogen: Fates of Nitrogen in Organisms

NH₄⁺
Ammonia (as ammonium ion)

Ammonotelic animals:
most aquatic vertebrates, such as bony fishes and the larvae of amphibia



Ureotelic animals:
many terrestrial vertebrates; also sharks



Uricotelic animals:
birds, reptiles

Ure-otelic (urea)

Uric-otelic (uric acid)

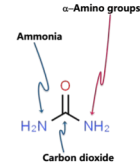
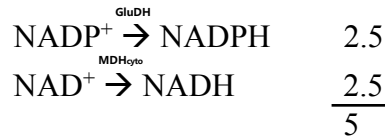
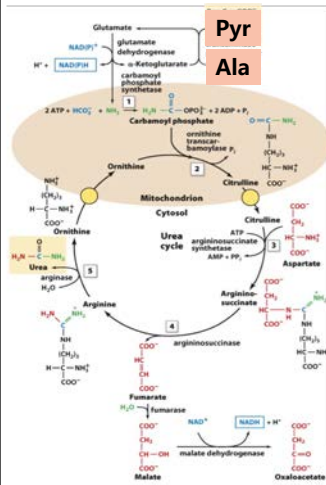
- Plants conserve almost all the nitrogen.
- Many aquatic vertebrates release **ammonia** to their environment.
 - passive diffusion from epithelial cells
 - active transport via gills
- Many terrestrial vertebrates and sharks excrete nitrogen in the form of **urea**.
 - Urea is far less toxic than ammonia.
 - Urea has very high solubility.
 - Requires lots of water
- Some animals such as birds and reptiles excrete nitrogen as **uric acid**.
 - Uric acid is rather insoluble.
 - Excretion as paste allows the animals to conserve water.
- Humans and great apes excrete both urea (from amino acids) and uric acid (from purines).

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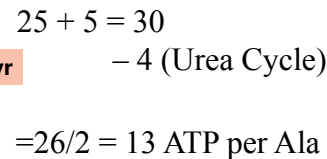
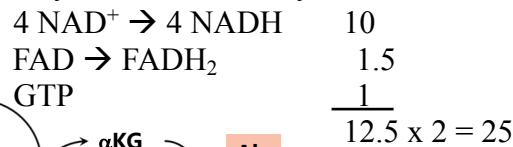
Energy from Amino-Acid Degradation & Urea Cycle

In liver

Example: 2 Alanines



Per Pyruvate in Krebs Cycle:



Amino Acid Degradation: the carbon “skeletons”

A. Concepts

1. Convergent
2. ketogenic/glucogenic
3. Reactions seen before

The SEVEN (7) Families

B. Transaminase (A,D,E) / Deaminase (N,Q) Family

C. Related to biosynthesis (R,P,H; G,S,C; T,M)

1. Glu Family

- a. Introduce oxidases/oxygenases
- b. Introduce one-carbon metabolism (1C)

2. Pyruvate Family

- a. PLP reactions

3. α-ketobutyric Family

- a. 1-C metabolism

D. Dedicated (F,Y; K,W; V,I,L)

1. Aromatic Family

- a. oxidases/oxygenases

2. α-ketoadipic Family

3. Branched-chain Family

In total there are 29 Nitrogen atoms in the 20 amino acids:

10 are given off as ammonia

17 are taken off in transaminase reactions

2 leave as urea

There are ~75 reactions in total