

Gluconeogenesis

Synthesis of glucose from non carbohydrate precursors is called gluconeogenesis (Synthesis of new glucose)

Precursors :-

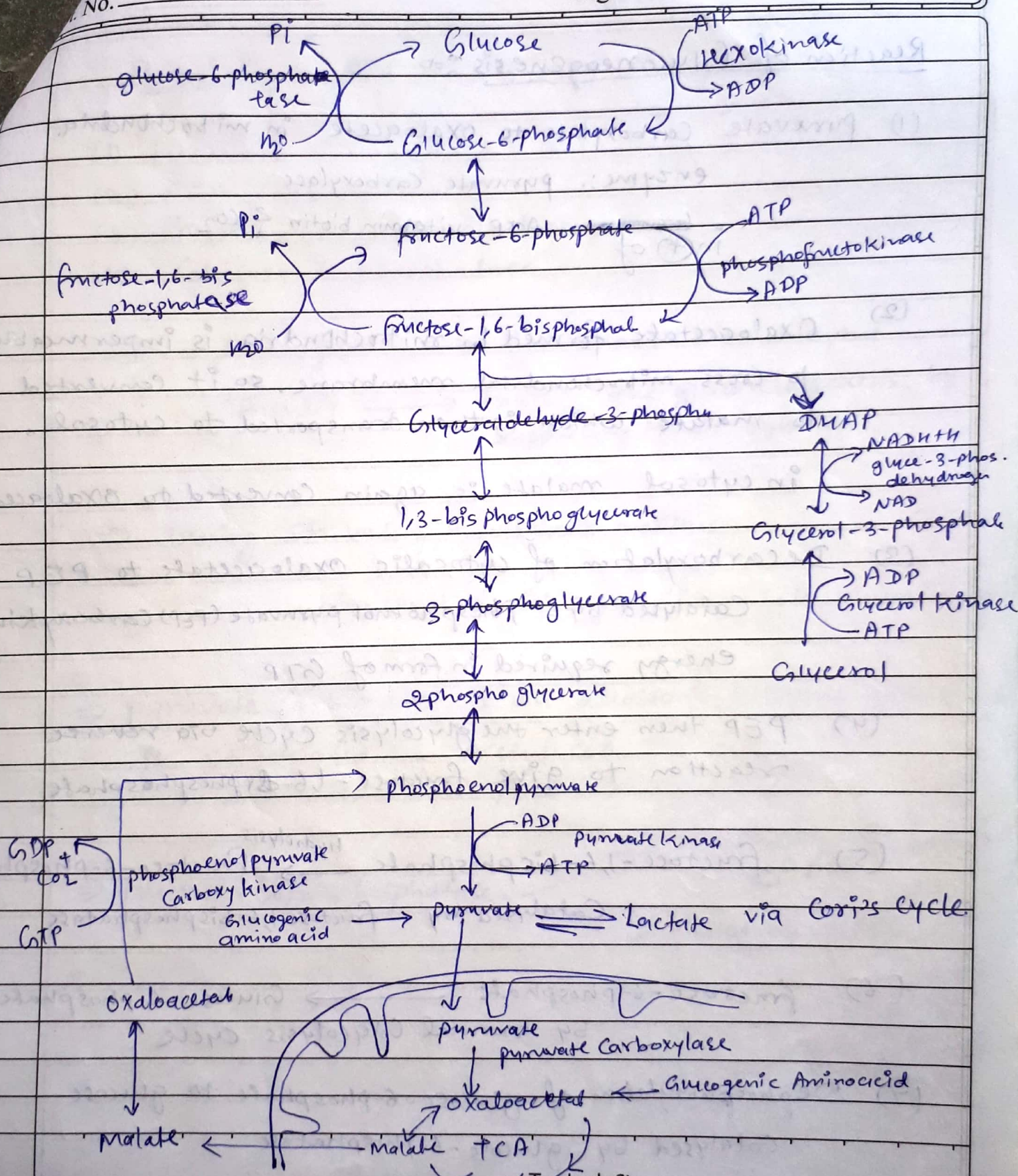
- (1) Lactate \Rightarrow It generated from pyruvate in glycolysis. The lactate transferred to liver by "CORI'S Cycle" and is converted to glucose
- (2) Glycerol \Rightarrow It form in adipose tissue by hydrolysis of triacylglycerol. The generated glycerol cannot utilised by adipose tissue due to poor content of Glycerol kinase enzyme. So it is delivered to liver where it convert in glucose.
- (3) Gluco-genic Amino acid :- The Carbon skeleton of gluco-genic amino acid are converted to pyruvate which converted to glucose.
- (4) Intermediate of TCA cycle

Location \Rightarrow Gluconeogenesis occurs mainly in cytosol.

Liver is the main tissue for gluconeogenesis.

Characteristic of gluconeogenesis \Rightarrow It involve glycolysis, TCA cycle and some special reaction.

- \Rightarrow Glycolysis & Gluconeogenesis share the same pathway but in opposite direction
- \Rightarrow Special reaction are catalysed by
 - (a) pyruvate carboxylase
 - (b) Phosphoenolpyruvate Carboxykinase
 - (c) fructose 1-6-bis phosphatase
 - (d) Glucose-6-phosphatase



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Reaction of Gluconeogenesis

(1) Pyruvate Carboxylate to Oxaloacetate in mitochondria.
enzyme: pyruvate Carboxylase

in \oplus of ~~mitochondria~~: ATP, vitamin biotin & CO_2

(2) Oxaloacetate formed in mitochondria is impermeable to cross mitochondrial membrane, so it is converted to malate which is then transported to cytosol.

in cytosol malate is again converted to Oxaloacetate

(3) Decarboxylation of cytosolic Oxaloacetate to PEP
Catalysed by: Phosphoenol pyruvate (PEP) Carboxykinase
energy required in form of GTP

(4) PEP then enters the glycolysis cycle via reverse reaction to give fructose-1,6-bisphosphate

(5) fructose-1,6-bisphosphate $\xrightarrow{\text{hydrolysis}}$ fructose-6-phosphate
Catalysed by fructose-1,6-bisphosphatase

(6) fructose-6-phosphate \longrightarrow Glucose-6-phosphate
by normal Glycolysis cycle

(7) Dephosphorylation of glucose-6-phosphate to glucose
Catalysed by glucose-6-phosphatase
bypass the Glycolysis pathway.

Regulation: ~~Reg~~ by 4 key enzymes.

- (1) Pyruvate Carboxylase
- (2) PEP Carboxykinase
- (3) Fructose-1,6-bisphosphatase
- (4) Glucose-6-phosphatase

⇒ Glucagon → Stimulate these enzyme

Insulin → inhibit the gluconeogenesis by suppressing their synthesis.

⇒ During starvation & diabetes mellitus



High level of Glucagon - Stimulate gluconeogenesis

⇒ pyruvate Carboxylase is an allosteric enzyme which is stimulated by Acetyl-CoA
Inhibited by ADP

⇒ Fructose-1,6-bisphosphatase

 ↗ Allosterically stimulated by **AMP**
 ↘ Inhibited by **AMP**

Significance of Gluconeogenesis

- (1) Maintain blood glucose level when Carbohydrate is not available in diet.
- (2) During long starvation, hepatic glycogen storage is totally depleted.

So glucose is continuously supplied by gluconeogenesis to brain, Lens, Cornea, Kidney medulla. They need continuous supply of glucose as source of energy.

- (3) It is used to clear the product of the metabolism of other tissue from the blood.

Such as → Blood Lactate produced by muscle & erythrocytes

^{Blood} → Glycerol produced by adipose tissue

^{Blood} → Propionyl-CoA produced by oxidation of odd carbon number fatty acid