

Hereditary disorders of sugar metabolism



Disorders of metabolism of monosaccharides („small molecules“)

Fructose

Galactose

Disorders of metabolism of polysaccharides („large molecules“)

Glycogen storage disorders (also lack of product)

Disorders of glycosylation of proteins product deficiency

Inherited disorders of fructose metabolism



Fructose

Fructose (β -D-fructofuranose)

Honey, vegetables and fruits

Saccharose

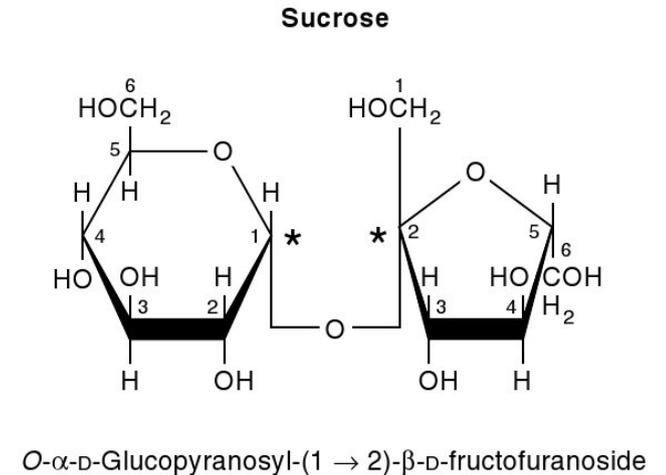
Fructose is the main sugar of seminal fluid

raffinose, stachyose, inulin - no role in human nutrition

sorbitol – sugar alcohol, derived from glucose, abundant in fruits. Sorbitol dehydrogenase converts sorbitol to fructose - a source of fructose.

GLUT5 – glucose transporter isoform is probably responsible for fructose transport in the small intestine

Fructose is probably transported into the liver by the same system as glucose and galactose



Inherited disorders of fructose metabolism

Daily intake of fructose in Western diets: 100 g

Metabolised in liver, kidney, intestine

Intravenous fructose in high-doses is toxic: hyperuricemia, hyperlactacidemia, ultrastructural changes in the liver.

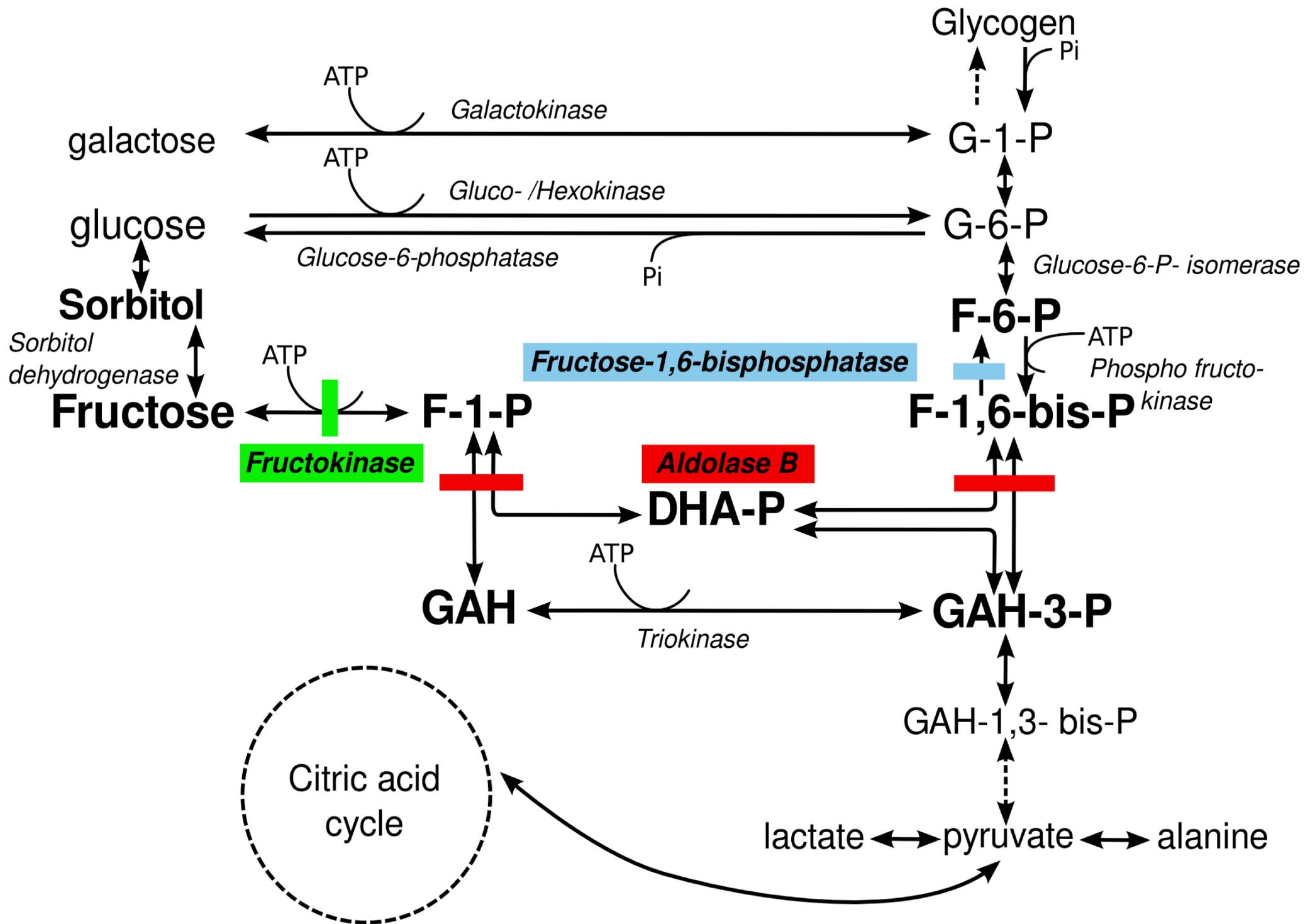
Essential fructosuria

Hereditary fructose intolerance (aldolase B deficiency)

Hereditary fructose 1,6-bisphosphatase deficiency

Autosomal recessive disorders





Toxicity of fructose

Rapid accumulation of fructose -1-phosphate

The utilization of F-1-P is limited by triokinase

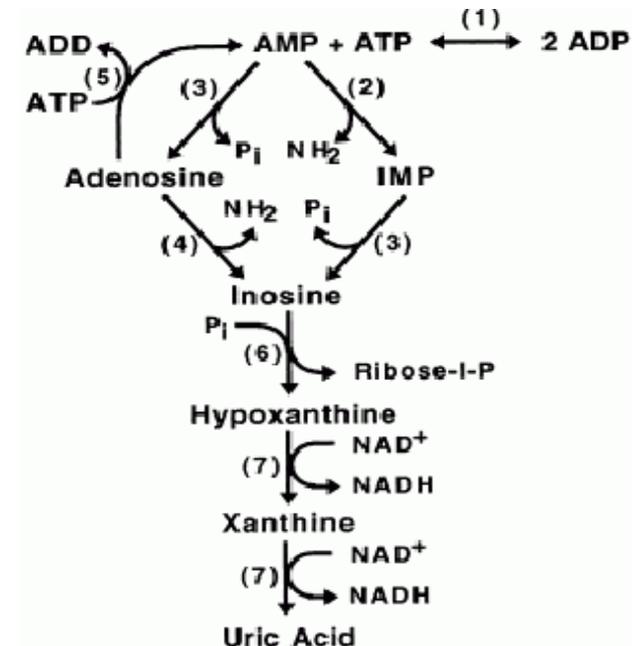
Depletion of ATP

Hyperuricemia

Hyperuricemic effect of fructose results from the **degradation of adenine nucleotides (ATP)**.

Adenine dinucleotides $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$ uric acid

Increase in lactate



Hereditary fructose intolerance

Deficiency of **fructoaldolase B** of the liver, kidney cortex (isoenzymes A,B,C)

Severe hypoglycemia upon ingestion of fructose

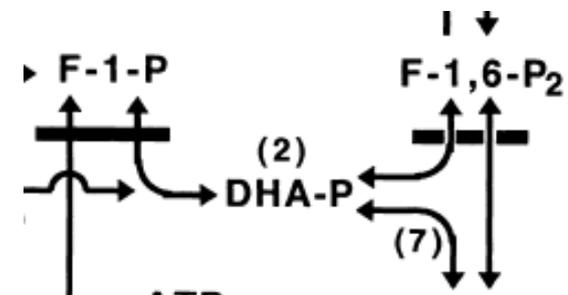
Prolonged fructose intake : poor feeding, vomiting, hepatomegaly jaundice hemorrhage, proxima tubular renal syndrome, hepatic failure, death

Strong distaste for fructose containig foods

Fructose -1- phosphate inhibits gluconeogenesis : phosphorylase and aldolase

Patients are healthy on fructose-free food

Diagnostics: (i.v. fructose tolerance test), DNA analysis.



Hereditary fructose 1,6-bisphosphatase deficiency

Fructose 1,6-bisphosphatase catalyzes **the irreversible splitting of fructose 1,6-bisphosphate** into fructose 6-phosphate and inorganic phosphate (P)

Autosomal recessive disorder

Severe disorder of gluconeogenesis, gluconeogenetic precursors (amino-acids, lactate, ketones) accumulate after depletion glycogen in the patients

Episodes of hyperventilation, apnea, hypoglycemia, ketosis and lactic acidosis, potentially lethal course

Episodes often triggered by fasting and infection

Aversion to sweets does not develop, tolerance to fasting improves with age

Essential fructosuria

Deficiency of liver fructokinase

Asymptomatic metabolic anomaly - benign

Hyperfructosemia and hyperfructosuria

Hereditary disorders of galactose metabolism



Hereditary disorders of galactose metabolism

The main sources of galactose are milk and milk products.

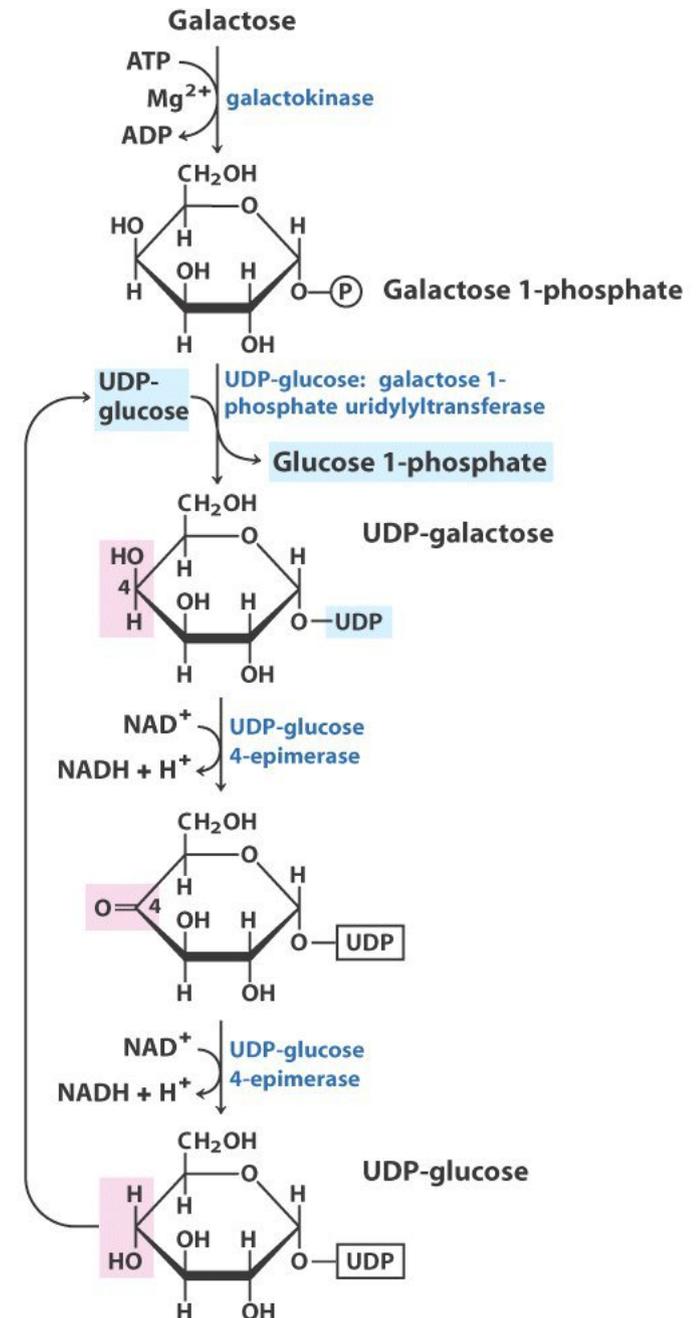
Galactose is present as the disaccharide **lactose** (β -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)-D-glucose)

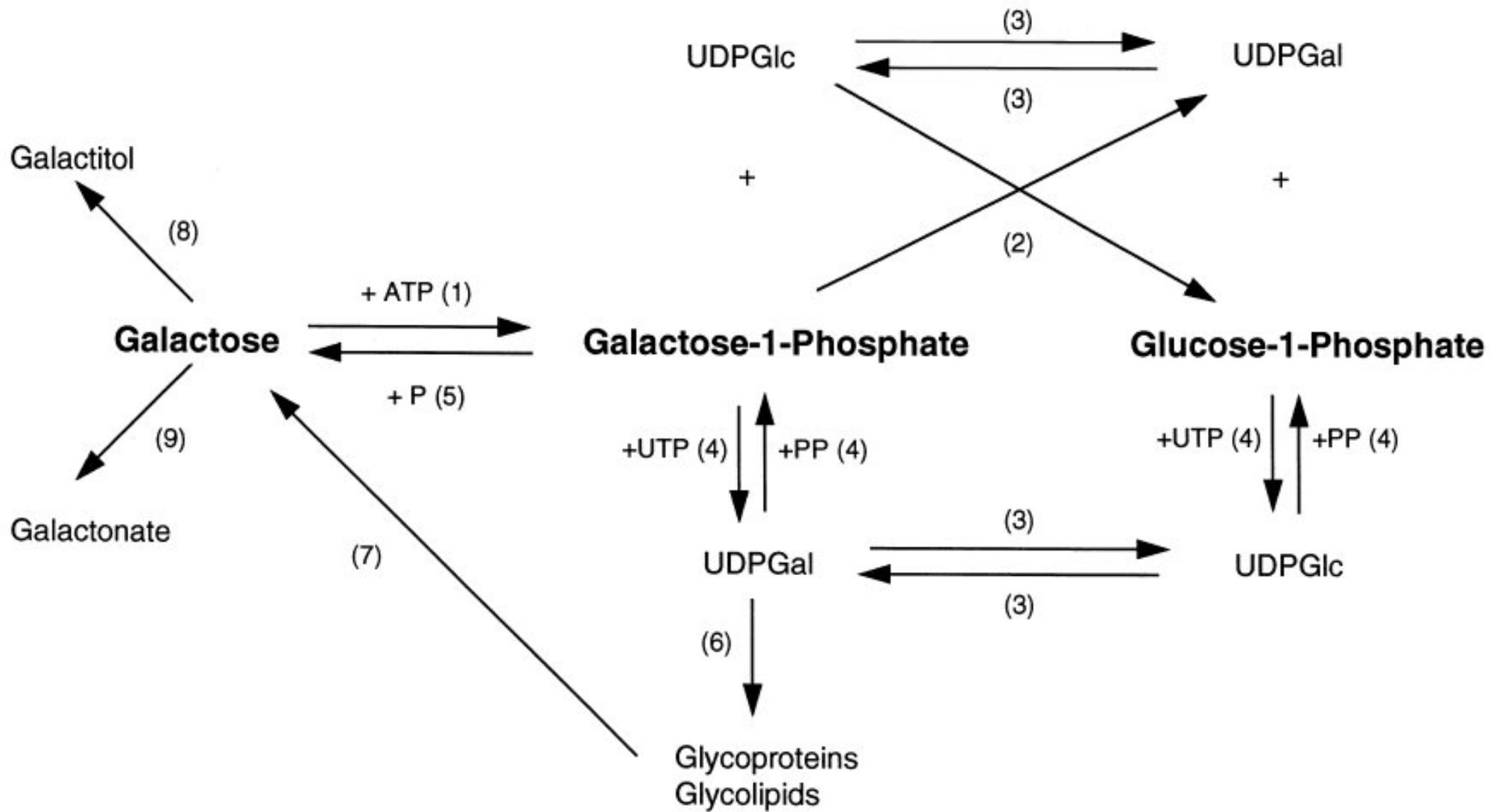
Genetic disorders:

Galactokinase

Galactose-1-phosphate uridylyltransferase

Uridine diphosphate galactose 4-epimerase.





Classical galactosemia: galactose-1-phosphate uridyltransferase deficiency

In the first weeks of life: poor feeding and weight loss, vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, and hypotonia.

Severe liver dysfunction, hepatomegaly, icterus, vomiting, lethargy
bleeding tendencies, septicemia, renal tubular syndrome

Cataracts

Elevated galactose, galactitol, galactose-1-phosphate

Long-term complications

effects on cognitive development,
ovarian failure in females
An ataxic neurologic disease.

AR, incidence 1:40 000- 60 000,
Neonatal screening for galactose in some countries

Variants (Duarte)

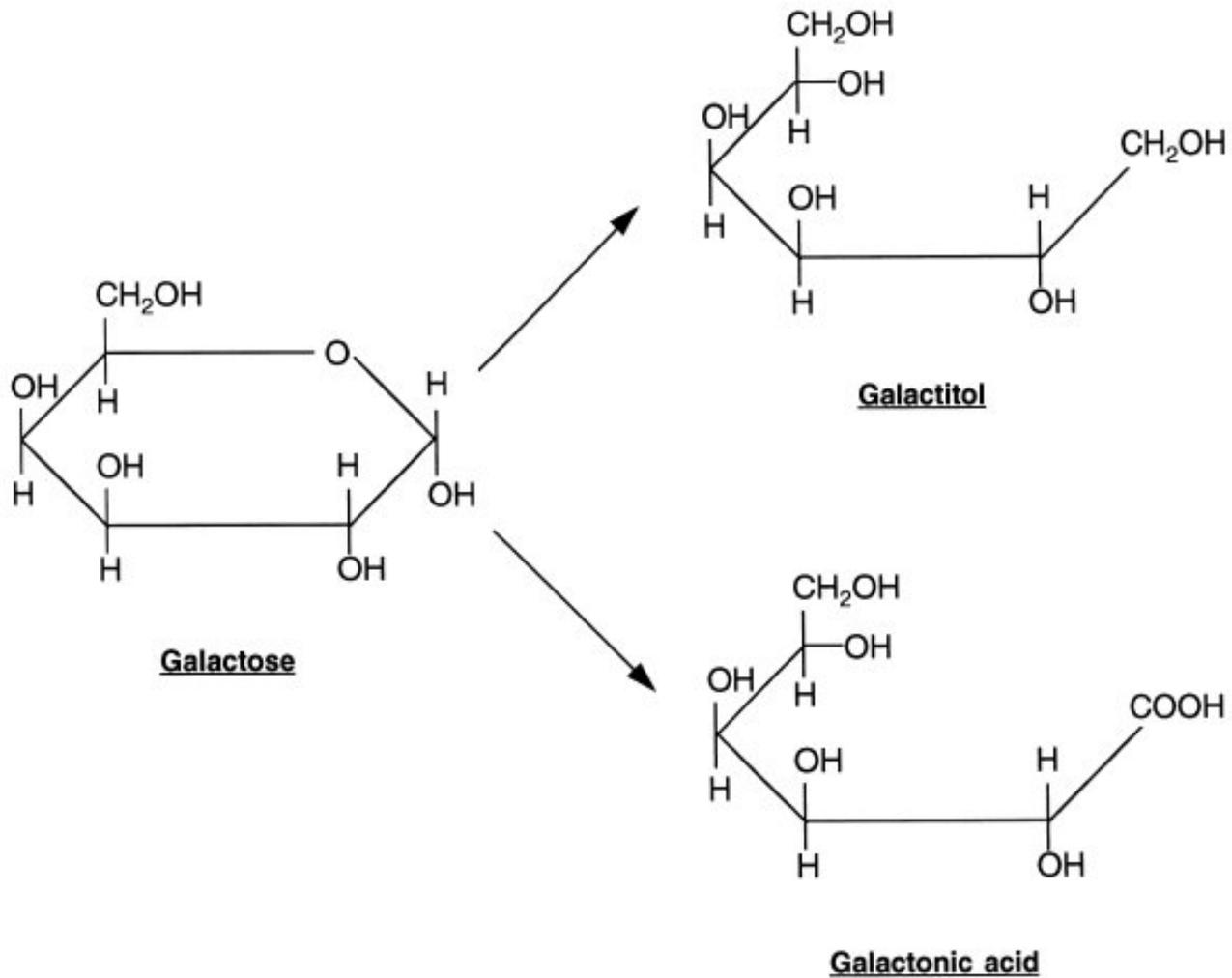


Fig. 72-3 The conversion of galactose to galactitol by a nonspecific aldose reductase and to galactonic acid by aldehyde dehydrogenase.

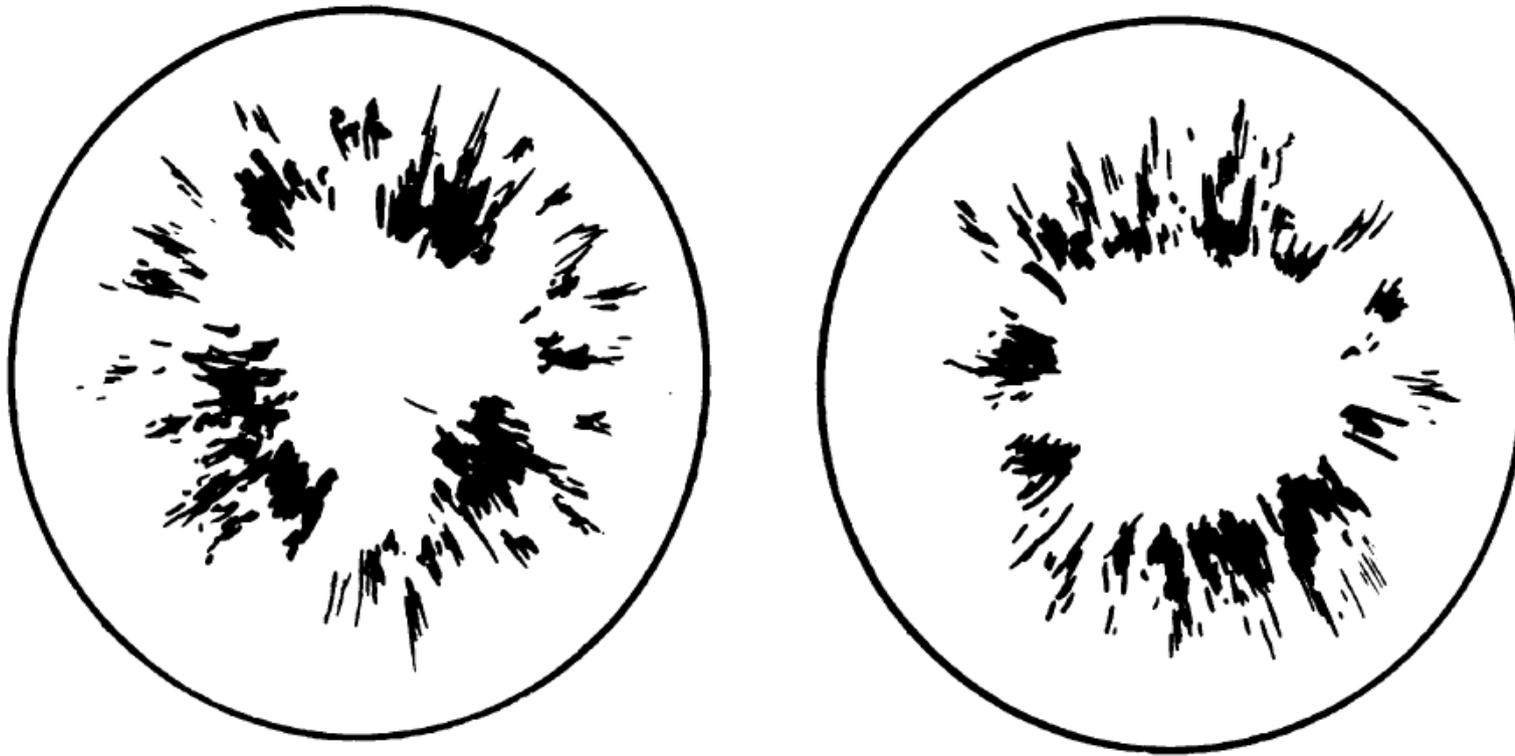
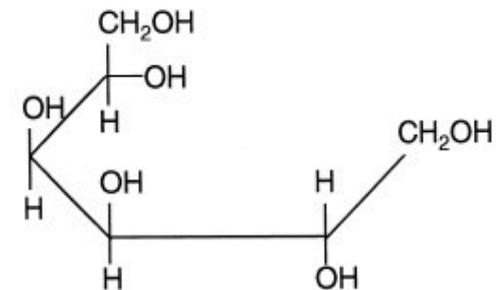


FIGURE.—Ophthalmoscopic appearance of the lenses at 6 weeks.

Cataracts in classical galactosemia

Galactitol – osmotic swelling of lens fibres



Galactitol

Galactokinase deficiency

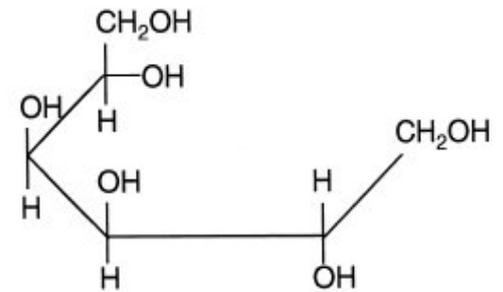
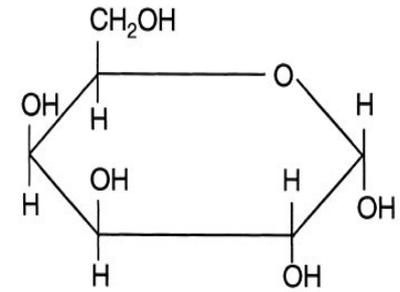
Cataracts - usually bilateral and detectable in the early weeks of life

Pseudotumor cerebri

Galactitol – osmotic oedema of lens

Treatable by galactose-restricted diet, cataract can resolve

Autosomal recessive, rare condition (cca 1:200 000)



Galactitol

Uridine diphosphate galactose 4-epimerase deficiency

Severe form:

Severe deficiency of epimerase activity

Newborns with vomiting, hepatopathy resembling classical galactosemia.
Mental retardation

Mild form:

Partial deficiency of epimerase deficiency
In most patients apparently benign condition

Autosomal recessive

Hereditary disorders of glycogen metabolism

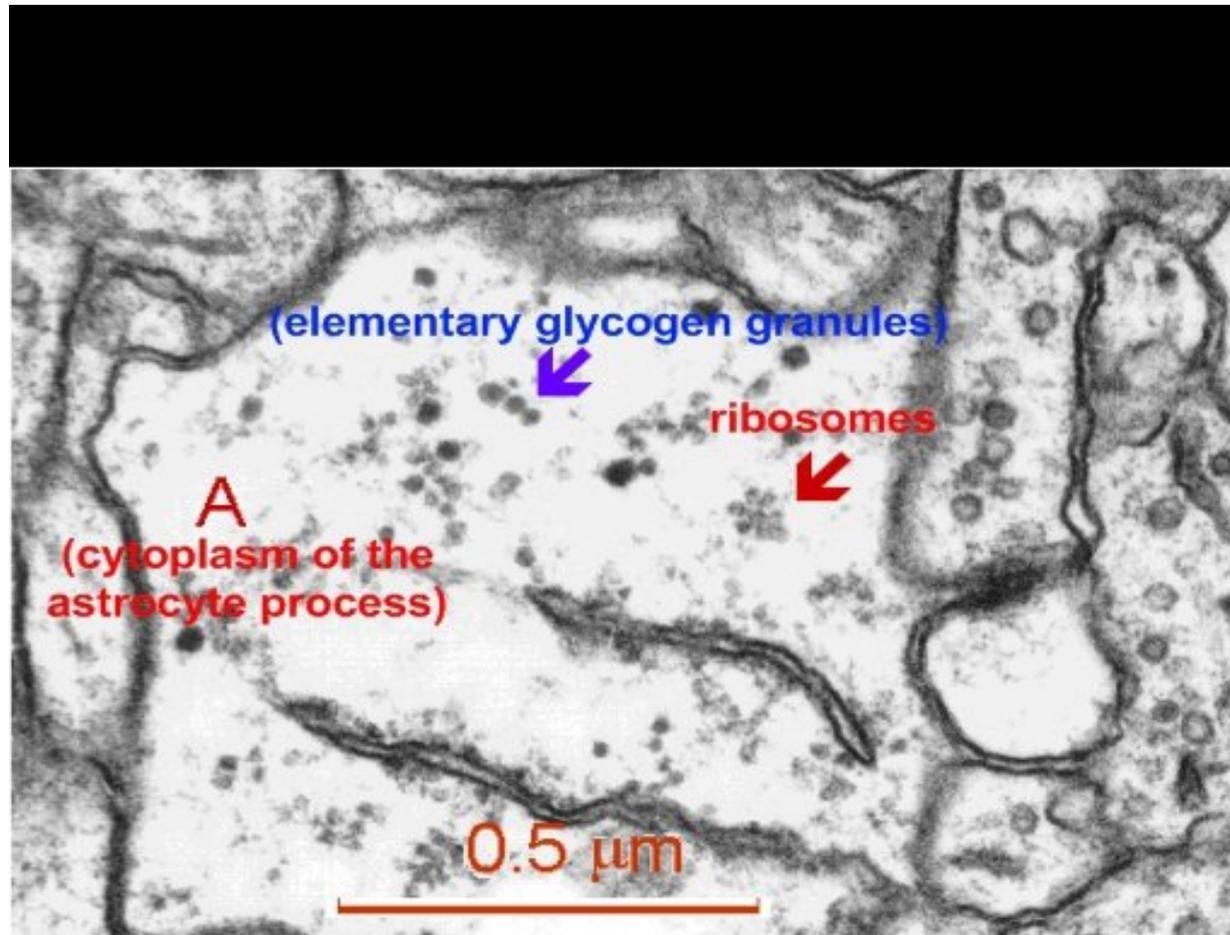
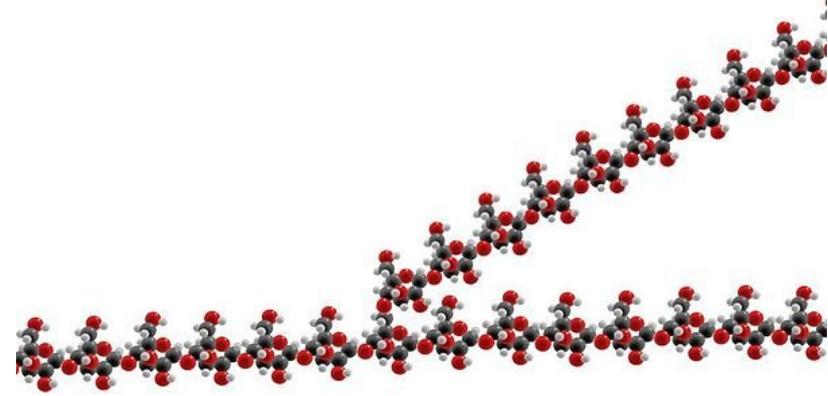


image obtained from Synapse Web
http://synapse-web.org/atlas/1_1_9_3.stm

Glycogenoses

Glycogen storage disorders

Glucose: primary source of energy for eukaryotic cells



Glycogen: macromolecular storage form of glucose
– branched chain polysaccharide composed of glucose units.

wikipedia

straight chains **α -1,4 linkages**

branching points **α -1,6 linkages** at intervals of 4-10 glucose residues

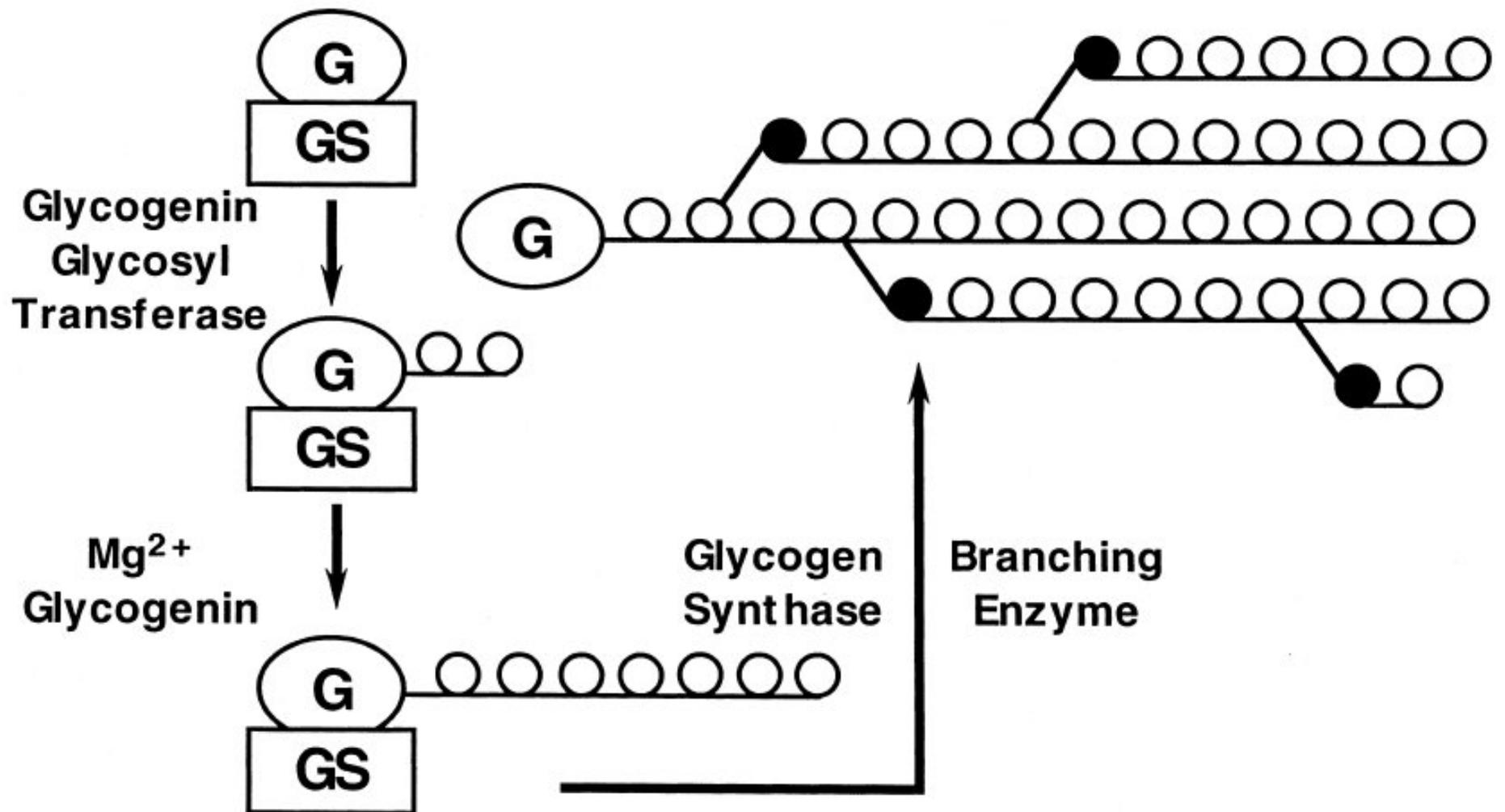
Serves as an important source of energy between meals. Especially abundant in the **liver** and in the **muscle**

In the muscle: glycogen β particles- up to 60 000 glucose residues

In the liver: α particles „aggregates“ β particles, glycosomes

Synthesis of glycogen: protein „primer“ - **glycogenin**

Glycogenoses: hereditary enzymopathies that result in storage of abnormal amounts and/or forms of glycogen



Glycogen storage diseases - overview

Hepatic glycogenoses – present principally either with *hypoglycemia* (GSD I, GSD III, GSD 0) or isolated *hepatomegaly* (GSD VI, GSD IV, GSD IX)

Muscle glycogenoses – present with exercise intolerance (GSD V, GSD VII and some very rare deficiencies)

Generalized glycogenosis and GSDs presenting with myopathy and cardiomyopathy

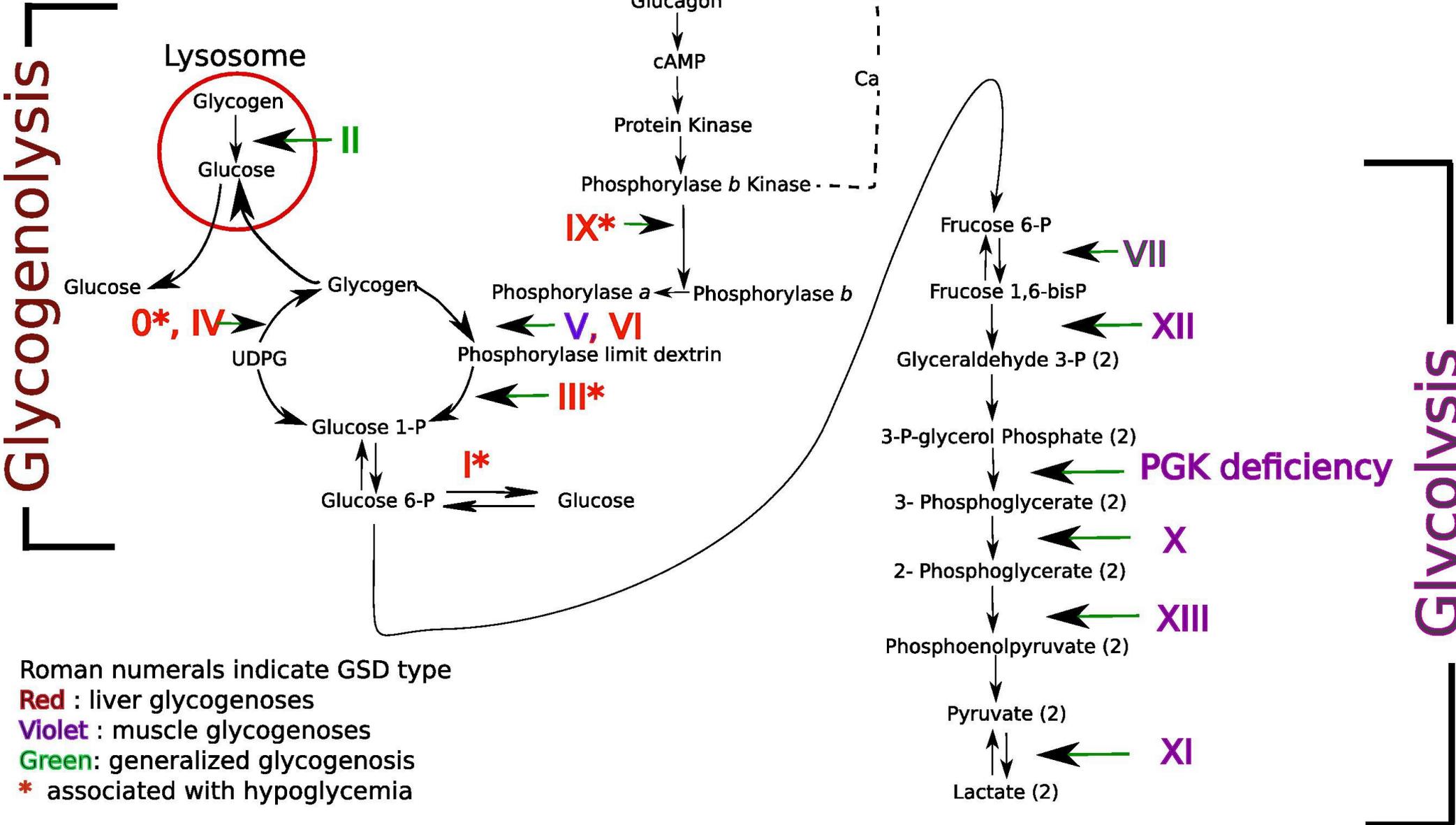
GSD II - deficiency of lysosomal alpha glucosidase , presents with myopathy and cardiomyopathy

(deficiency of LAMP 2 – disorder of autophagy – see lecture on lysosomal diseases)

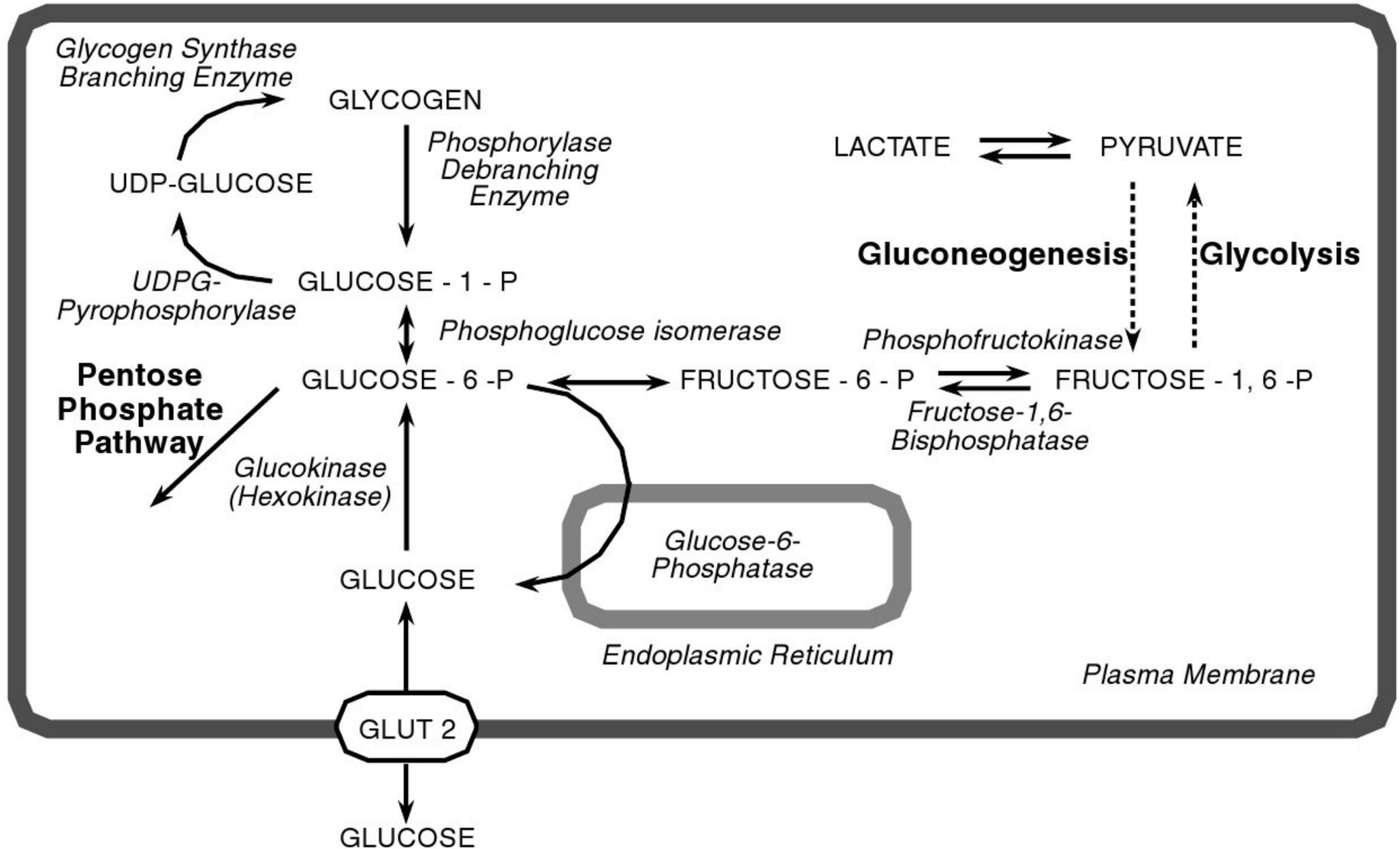
AMP-activated protein kinase deficiency – presents with adult cardiomyopathy and Wolf-Parkinson-White syndrome

Brain glycogenoses – present with adult neurodegeneration, epilepsy and accumulation of polyglucosan bodies.

Glycogen metabolism and glycogen storage disorders



Cell compartments and glycogen metabolism



Liver glycogenoses

Fasting hypoglycemia, hepatomegaly, growth retardation

5 types - most common is type I (von Gierke disease- glucose-6-phosphatase deficiency)

or hepatomegaly without tendency to hypoglycemia

Muscle glycogenoses

Intolerance of exercise , cramps induced by exercise, rhabdomyolysis, the heart is not affected

6 types

Generalized glycogenosis and GSDs presenting with myopathy and cardiomyopathy

Type II (Pompe disease) – deficiency of lysosomal α -1,4-glucosidase

- lysosomal storage of normal glycogen

- activated AMP protein kinase deficiency: W-P-W syndrome

Brain glycogenoses

Adult polyglucosan body disease, Lafora disease and other disorders associated with accumulation of polyglucosan bodies in the brain

neurodegenerative disease with adult onset, epilepsy,

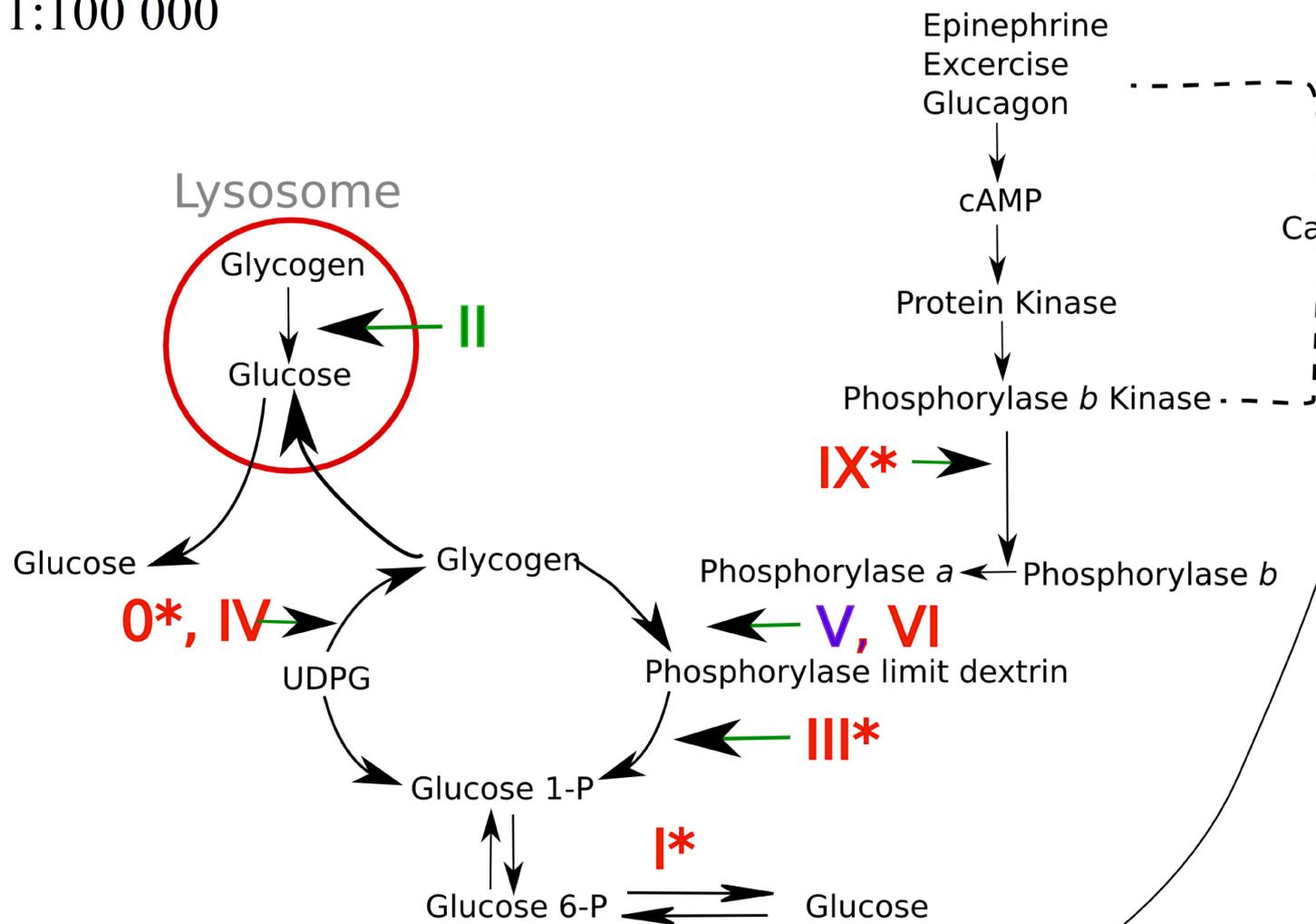
- accumulation of polyglucosan bodies

Liver glycogenoses

Fasting hypoglycemia, hepatomegaly, growth retardation or hepatomegaly without tendency to hypoglycemia

prototypical GSD: GSD I (von Gierke disease- glucose-6-phosphatase deficiency), incidence approx. 1:100 000

common: GSD IX: phosphorylase kinase deficiency : incidence approx. 1:100 000



Type I Glycogen Storage Disease (Glucose 6-Phosphatase Deficiency, von Gierke Disease)

Excessive accumulation of glycogen in liver, kidney and intestinal mucosa

Patients usually present in infancy with hepatomegaly and/or hypoglycaemic seizures, hyperlactacidemia after a short fast

Gout, hyperlipidemia (hypertriglyceridemia), skin xanthomas

Doll-like face, thin extremities, short stature, protuberant abdomen (hepatomegaly), inflammatory bowel disease

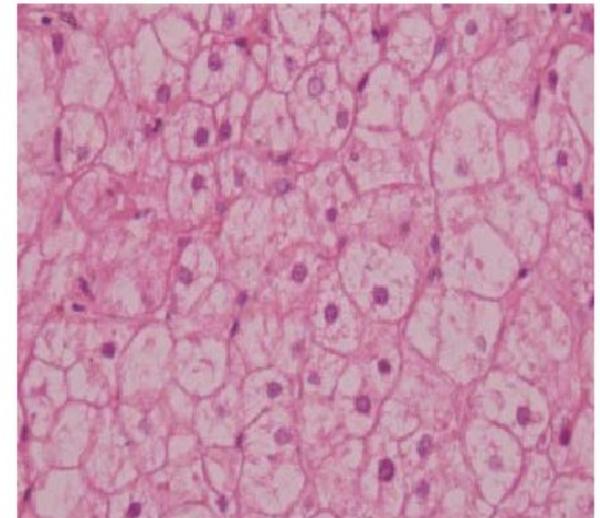
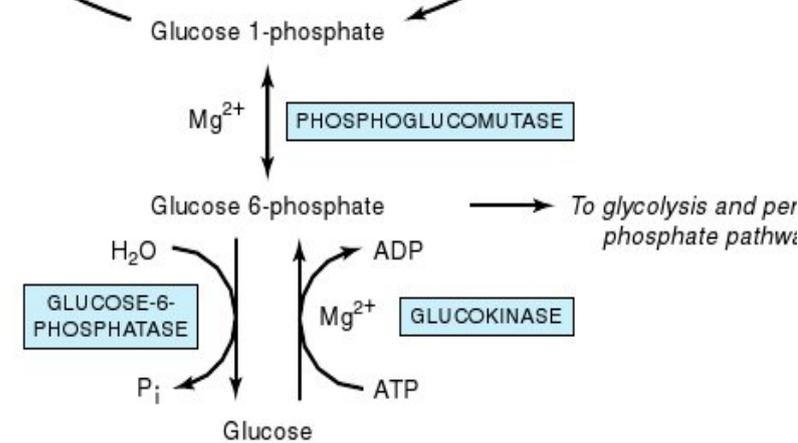
Fibrosis, liver adenomas -cave: malignant transformation, Atherosclerosis

Fasting tolerance improves with age, long-term complications

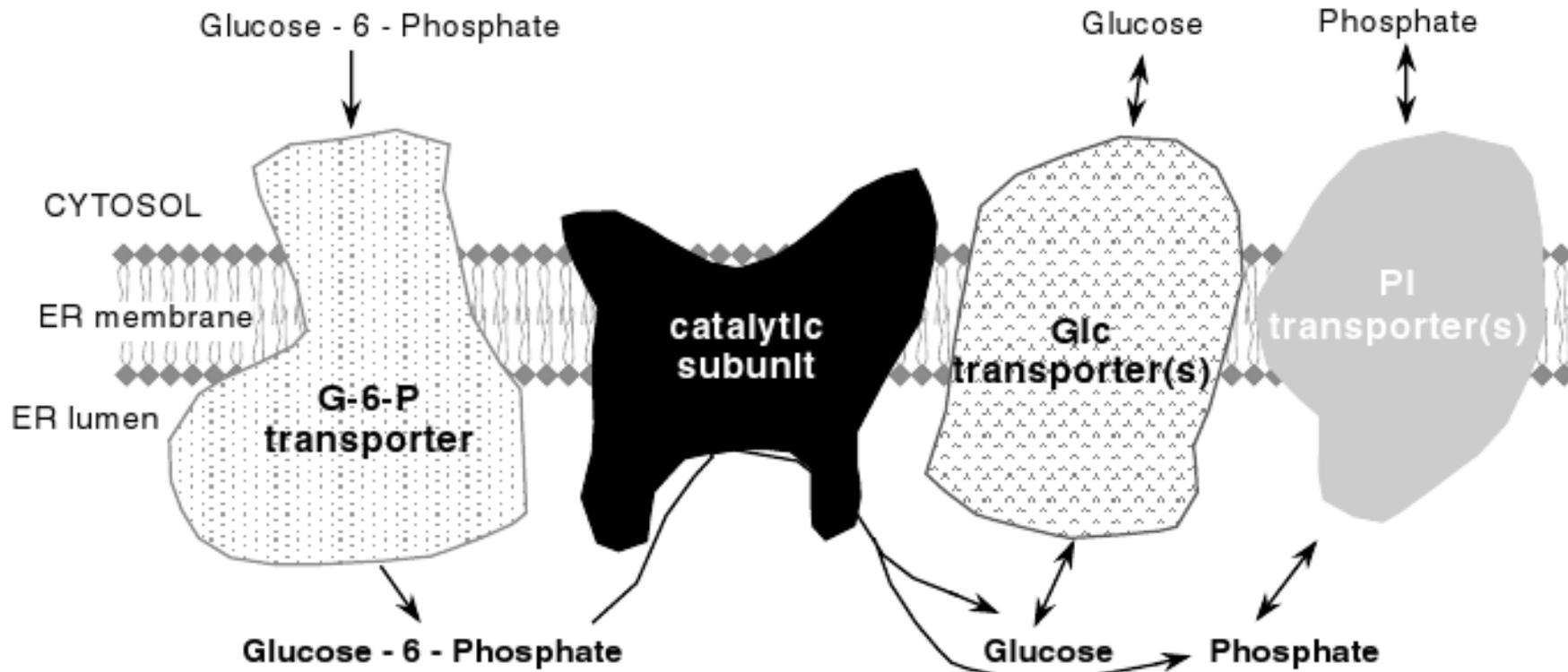
Treatment : frequent feeding, nocturnal nasogastric drips in infancy, uncooked cornstarch, liver transplantation

Autosomal recessive, overall incidence is 1:10000, frequent in Ashkenazi

The diagnosis is based on clinical presentation, abnormal blood/plasma concentrations of glucose, lactate, uric acid, triglycerides, and lipids, and molecular genetic testing.



Glucose -6-phosphatase system



Localized to luminal face of ER

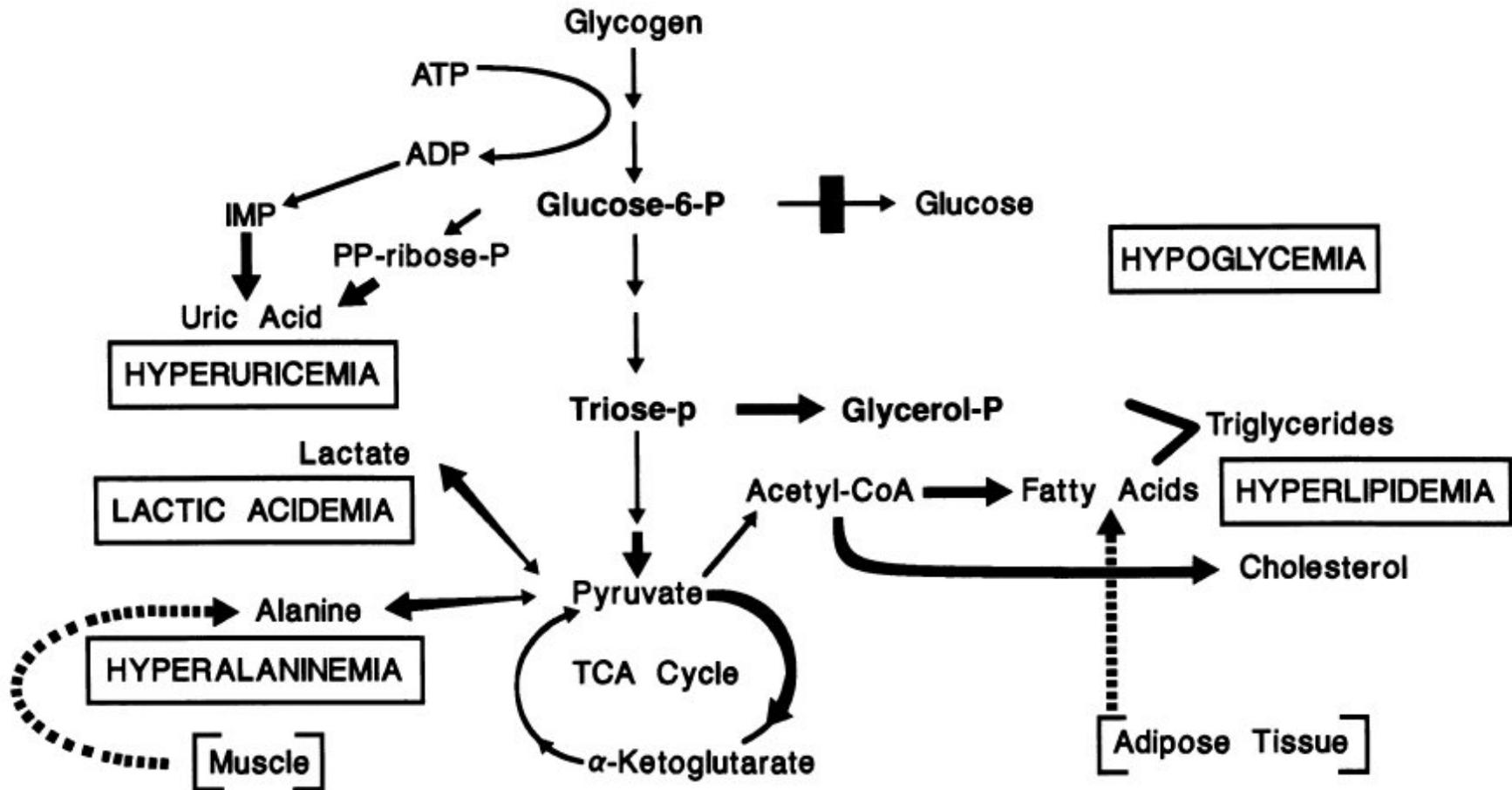
Type Ia GSD: deficient activity of phosphatase

Type Ib GSD: a defect in the microsomal membrane transport system of G-6-P

Type Ic GSD: a defect in microsomal phosphate or pyrophosphate transport,

Non-a types associated with neutropenia and inflammatory bowel disease with recurrent bacterial infections and oral ulcers

The metabolic consequences of GSD I





A

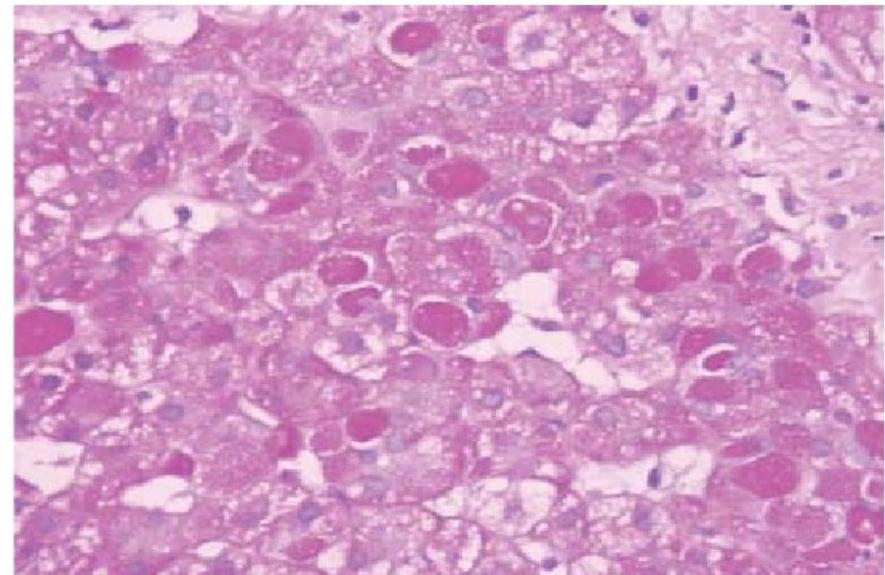
Type III Glycogen Storage Disease (Debrancher Deficiency; Limit Dextrinosis; Cori or Forbes Disease)

Both liver and muscle are affected: frequent cirrhosis, myopathy, often cardiomyopathy, with fasting ketotic hypoglycemia
about 15% percent of patients have only hepatic presentation
myopathic presentation - also in adulthood
Abnormal glycogen: limit dextrin

Type IV (Branching Enzyme Deficiency, Amylopectinosis, or Andersen Disease)

Abnormal glycogen resembling amylopectin – fewer branching points
presents in infancy with liver failure leading to cirrhosis, rare hypoglycemias, cardiomyopathy
death at 4-5 years without liver transplantation

Neuromuscular presentation - accumulation of polyglucosan bodies in tissues -
myopathy, adult polyglucosan body disease





GSD III

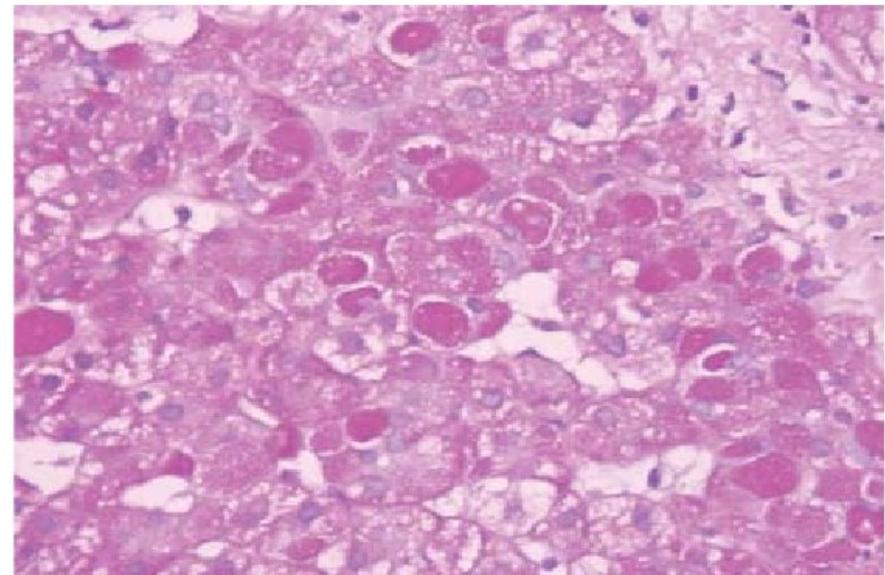
Type III Glycogen Storage Disease (Debrancher Deficiency; Limit Dextrinosis; Cori or Forbes Disease)

Both liver and muscle are affected: frequent cirrhosis, myopathy, often cardiomyopathy, with fasting ketotic hypoglycemia
about 15% percent of patients have only hepatic presentation
myopathic presentation - also in adulthood
Abnormal glycogen: limit dextrin

Type IV (Branching Enzyme Deficiency, Amylopectinosis, or Andersen Disease)

Abnormal glycogen resembling amylopectin – fewer branching points
presents in infancy with liver failure leading to cirrhosis, rare hypoglycemias, cardiomyopathy
death at 4-5 years without liver transplantation

Neuromuscular presentation - accumulation of polyglucosan bodies in tissues -
myopathy, adult polyglucosan body disease



Note : the aim of this and the slide is to show complexity of molecular pathology. The the text in small print will not be required at the exam.

Type IX Glycogen Storage Disease (deficiency of phosphorylase kinase (PhK) and subunits)

Degradation of glycogen is regulated by a metabolic cascade resulting in activation of glycogen phosphorylase by phosphorylase kinase

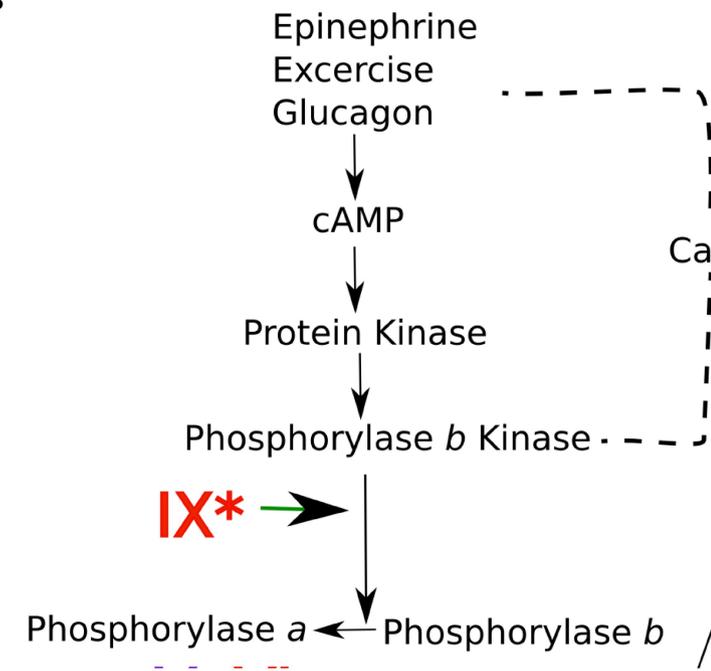
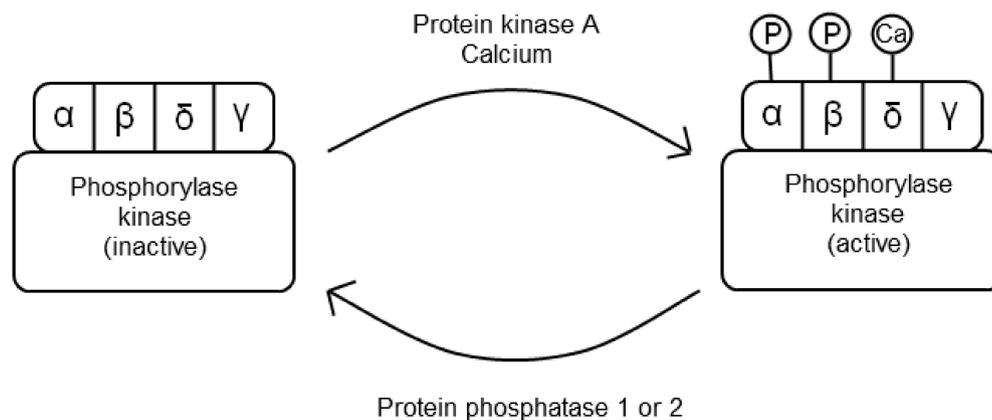
Phosphorylase kinase enzyme has four copies of 4 subunits each - α , β , γ , δ . Subunit γ is catalytic, subunits α and β are regulatory, δ is calmodulin.

The most common form (90% of cases), liver PhK deficiency (X-linked liver glycogenosis) is due to the deficiency of liver form of α subunit

deficiency of muscle form of α subunit: X - linked muscle glycogenosis

deficiency of subunit β : autosomal recessive PhK deficiency in liver and muscle;

deficiency of subunit γ , autosomal recessive liver PhK deficiency.

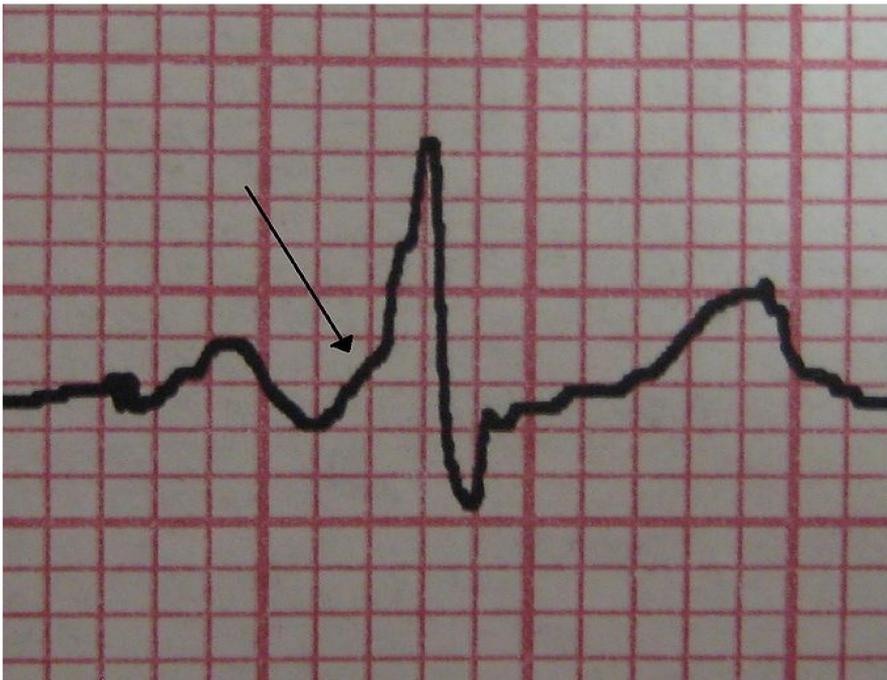
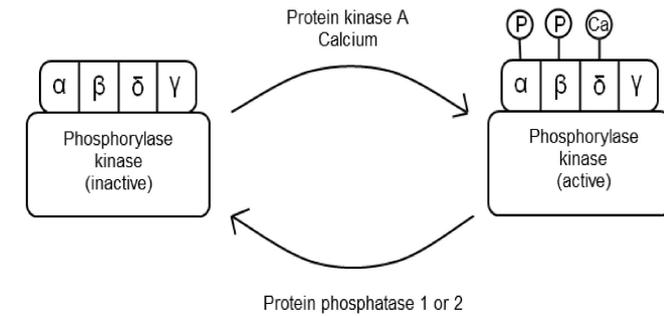


AMP-activated Protein Kinase (AMPK) Deficiency

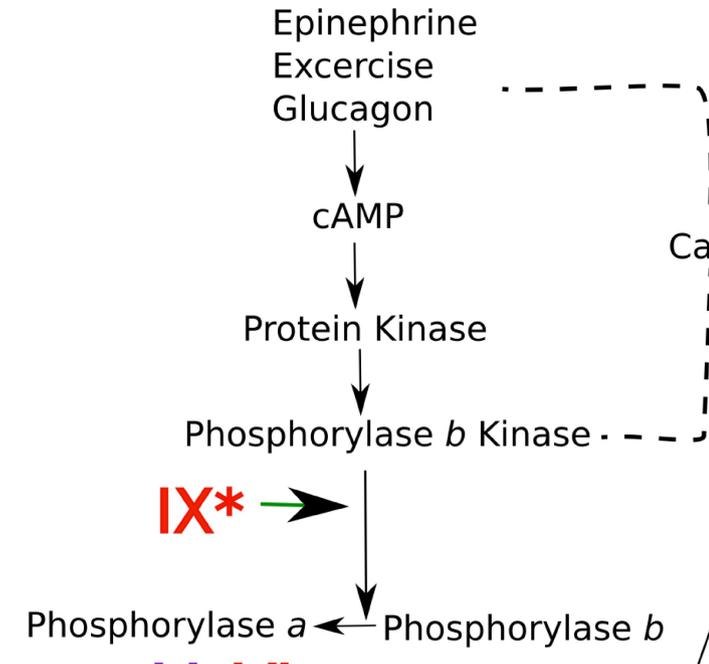
AMPK activates phosphorylase kinase

AMPK is a cellular energy sensor. It is activated by exercise in muscle and an increase in the AMP/ATP ratio. Heterotrimeric complex: a catalytic subunit (α) and two regulatory γ .

Mutations in the gene encoding γ subunit (PRKAG2) cause ventricular pre-excitation (Wolf-Parkinson-White syndrome) predisposing to supraventricular arrhythmias. Fully penetrant autosomal dominant trait.



Arrow : typical delta wave of W-P-W syndrome



Note : the aim of this and the slide is to show complexity of molecular pathology. The the text in small print will not be required at the exam.

Brain glycogenoses

Adult polyglucosan body disease

Deficiency of the branching enzyme (GSD IV) in astrocytes leads to accumulation of polyglucosan bodies in the brain and slowly progressive neurodegenerative disorder

Slowly progressive gait disturbance, urinary incontinence, loss of sensitivity in lower extremities, later cognitive decline
In peripheral nerves and in the brain storage of amylopectin-like glycogen in polyglucosan bodies

Rare, found almost exclusively in Ashkenazi Jewish patients, AR

Lafora disease

Progressive severe myoclonic epilepsy with onset usually in adolescence, progressive dementia, aphasia, apraxia
Leads to vegetative state and death in 10 years from onset

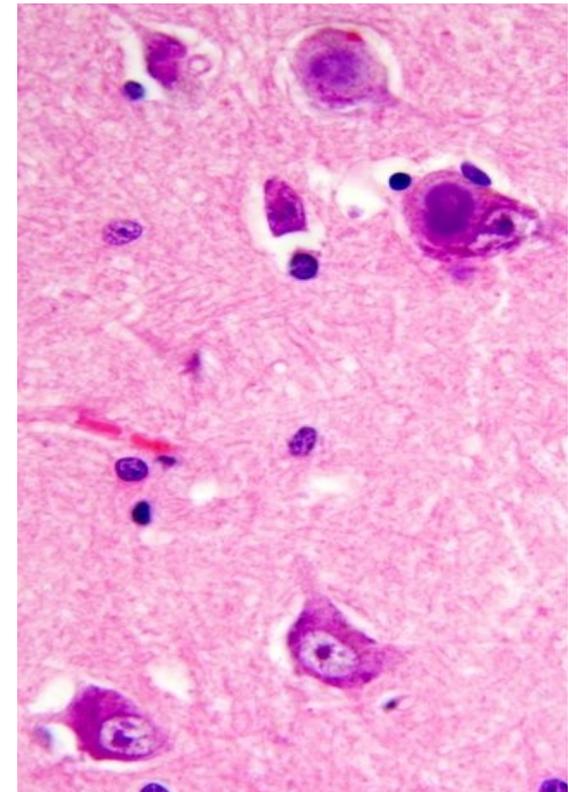
Lafora bodies in neurons - abnormal glycogen storage

Mutations in laforin carbohydrate-binding phosphatase and the malin E3 ubiquitin ligase
Enzyme deficiency is not known



wikimedia commons

http://frontalcortex.com/gallery/pics/gliageek_Lafora400.jpg



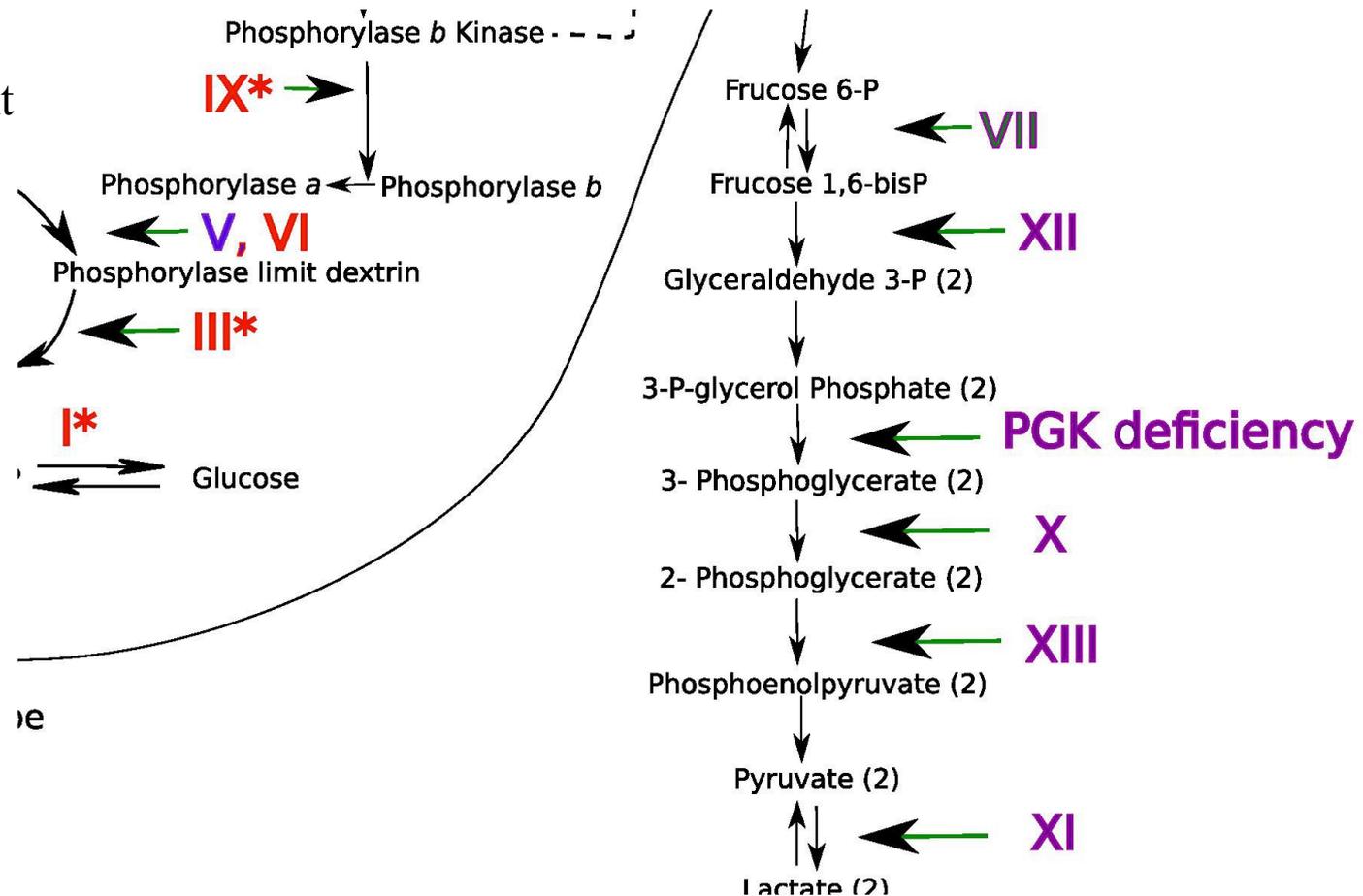
Muscle glycogenoses (without cardiac involvement)

Excercise intolerance, often followed by rhabdomyolysis

prototypical : GSD V, McArdle disease, deficiency of myophosphorylase
 myalgia and stiffness of exercising muscles relieved by rest, often rhabdomyolysis, later in life
 may be present muscle wasting

AR inheritance

no pharmacological treatment



Generalized glycogenosis: Morbus Pompe



M.Pompe

Deficiency of lysosomal acid alpha-glucosidase (acid maltase)

Lysosomal storage of glycogen with normal structure

Infantile type:

First symptoms in the first months of life: cardiomegaly, muscle weakness, macroglossia

Progressive course, death due to cardiopulmonary failure in the first two years of life

Adult type

Slowly progressive proximal myopathy and/or slowly progressive respiratory failure

Heart is not affected

Intermediate types

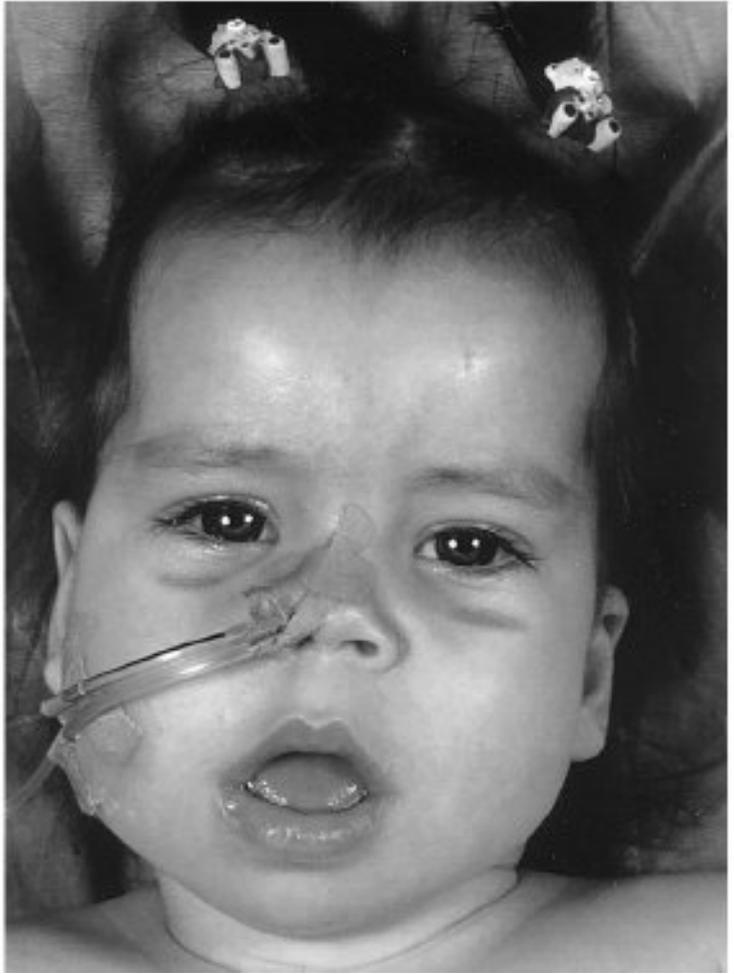
Diagnostics:

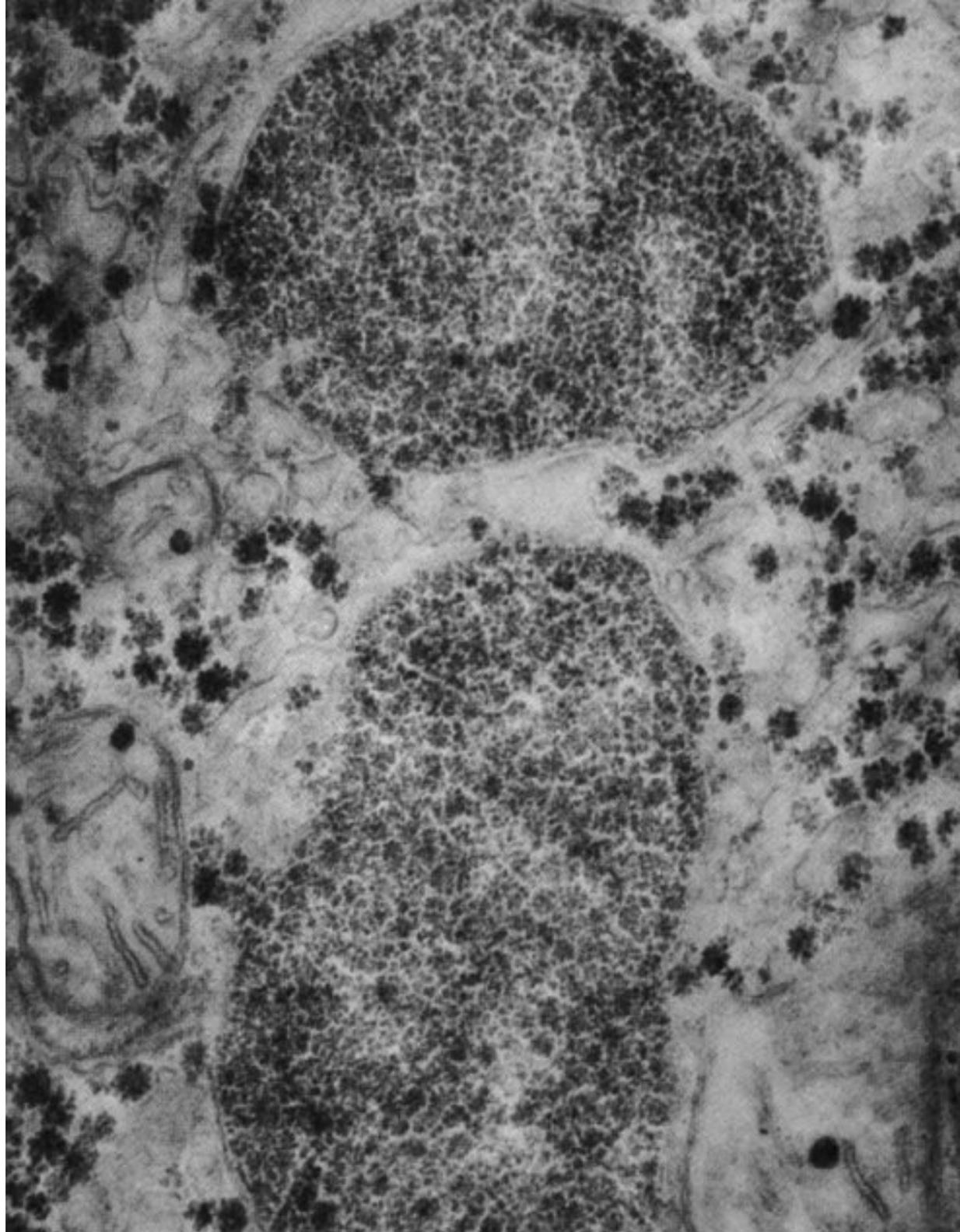
proof of glycogen storage in tissues

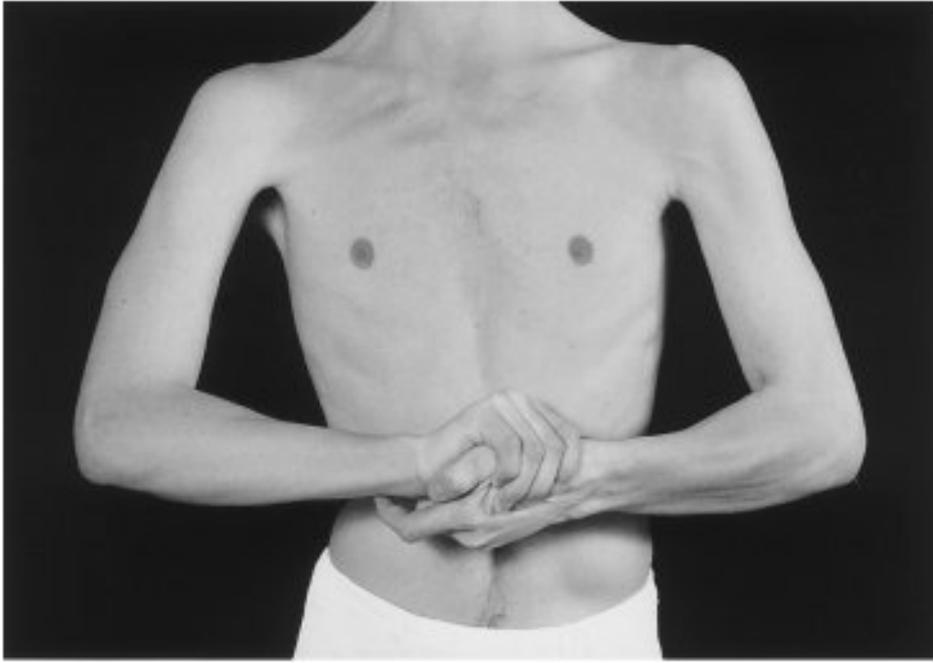
measurement of enzyme activity

Treatment

Enzyme supplementation therapy (Myozyme)





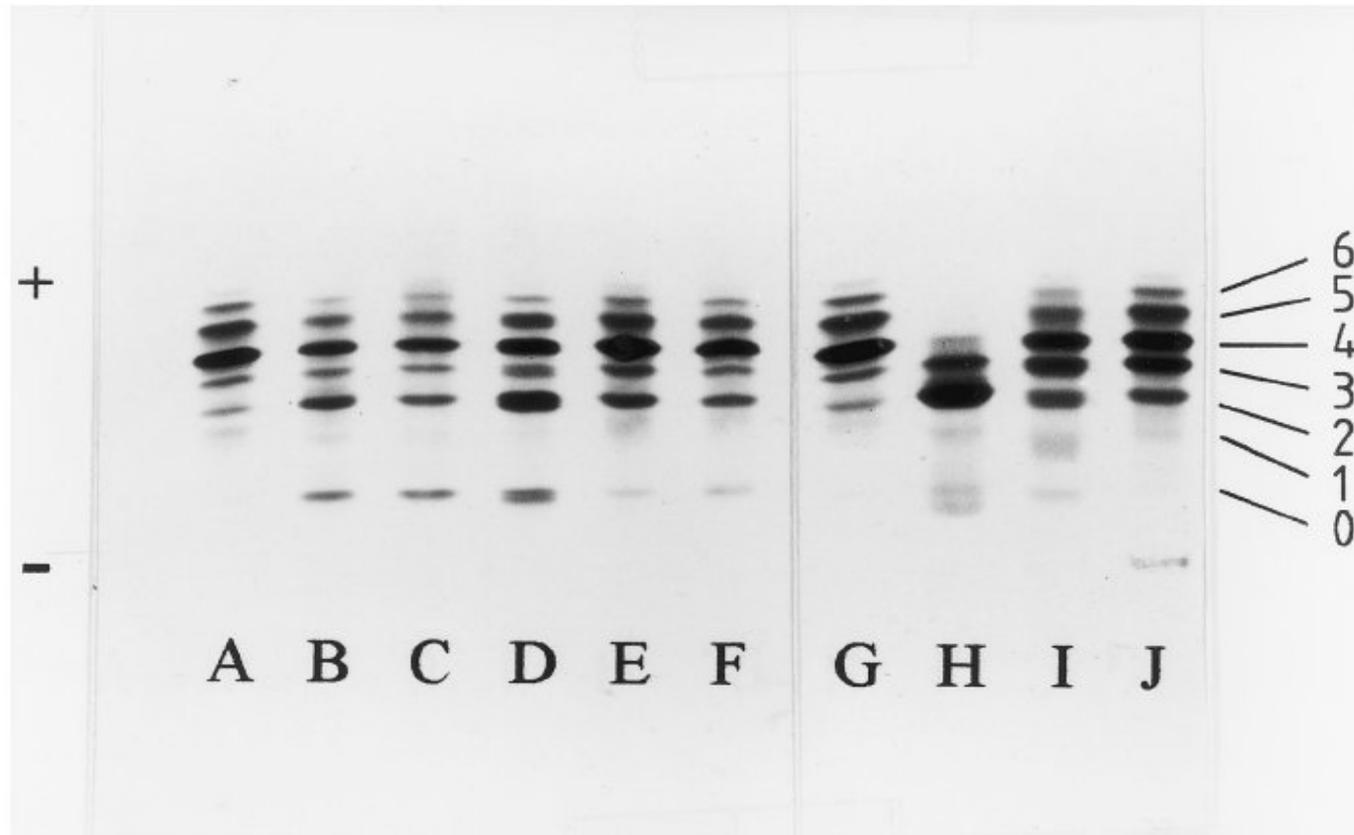


A



B

Congenital disorders of glycosylation (CDG)



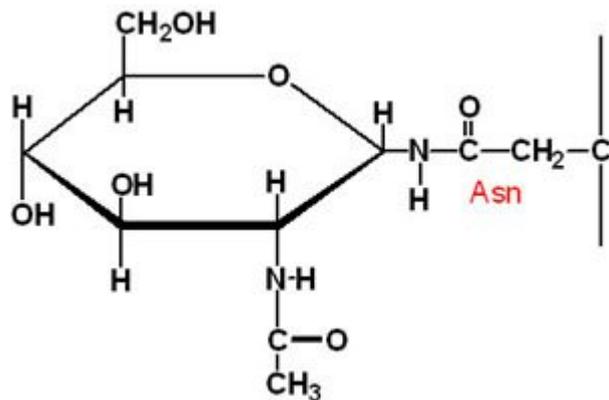
Glycoproteins

N-glycosylation

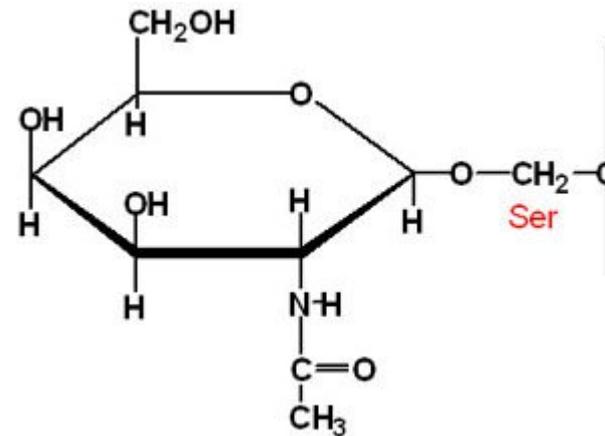
O-glycosylation

Disorders of glycosylation:

CDGs (previously known as carbohydrate-deficient glycoprotein syndromes)



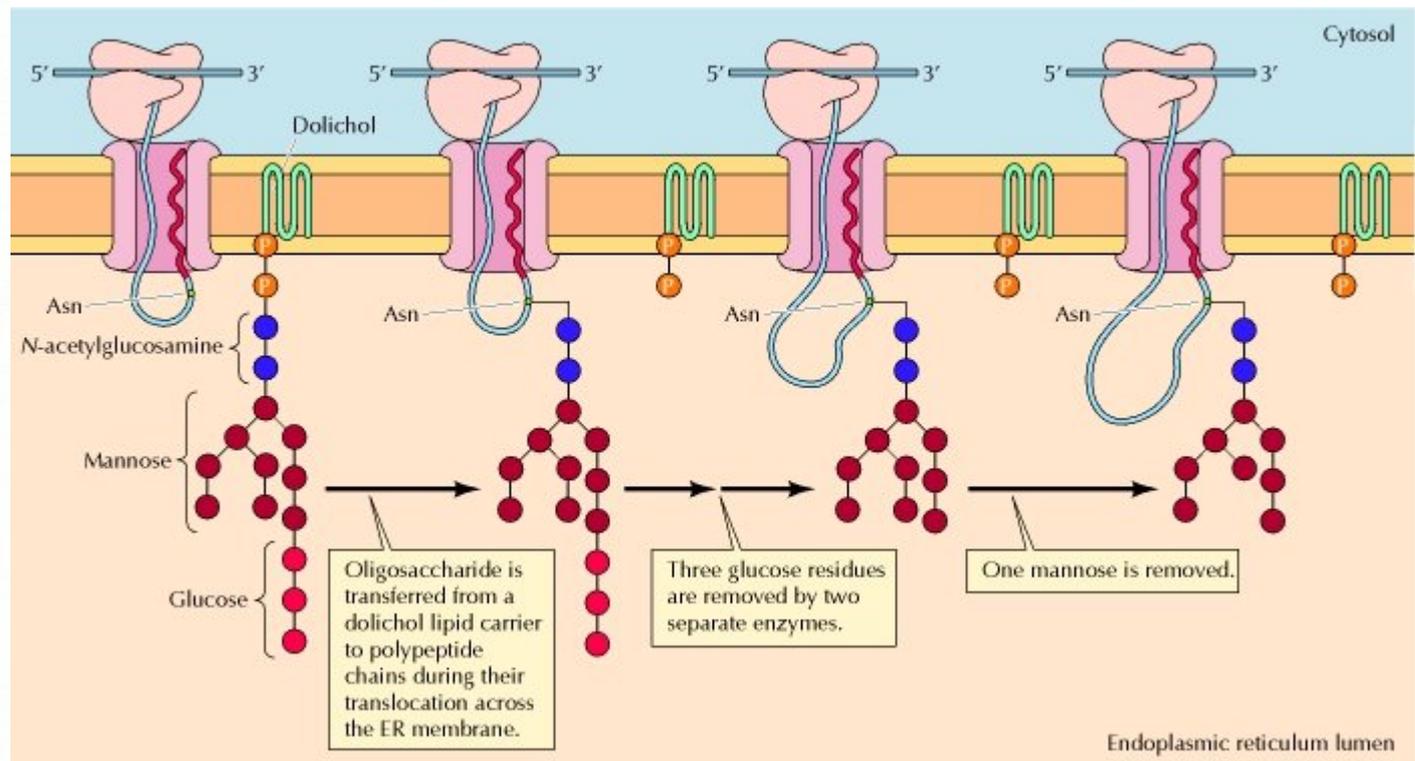
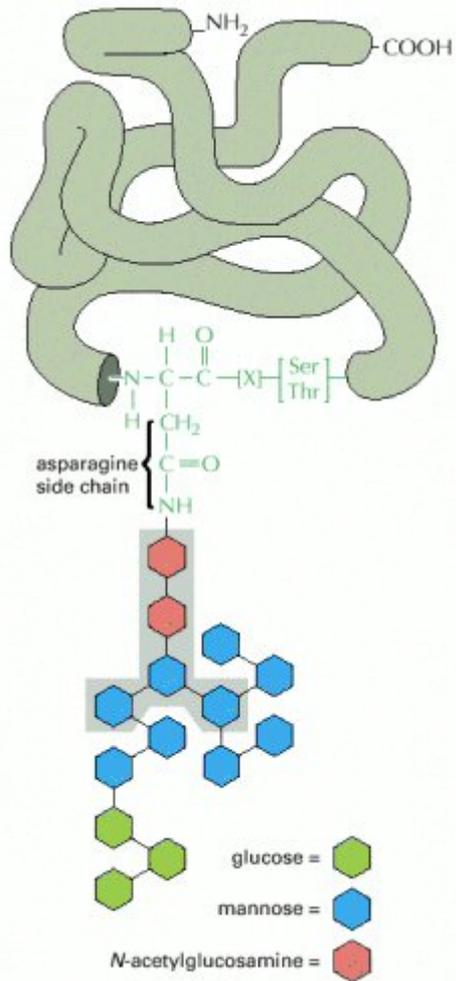
N-glycosylation
Asn-X-Ser/Thr



O-glycosylation
Thr, Ser

Most Proteins Synthesized in the Rough ER Are Glycosylated by the Addition of a Common N-linked Oligosaccharide

Precursor oligosaccharide is held in the ER membrane by dolichol,



Glucose \longrightarrow Glucose 6-P



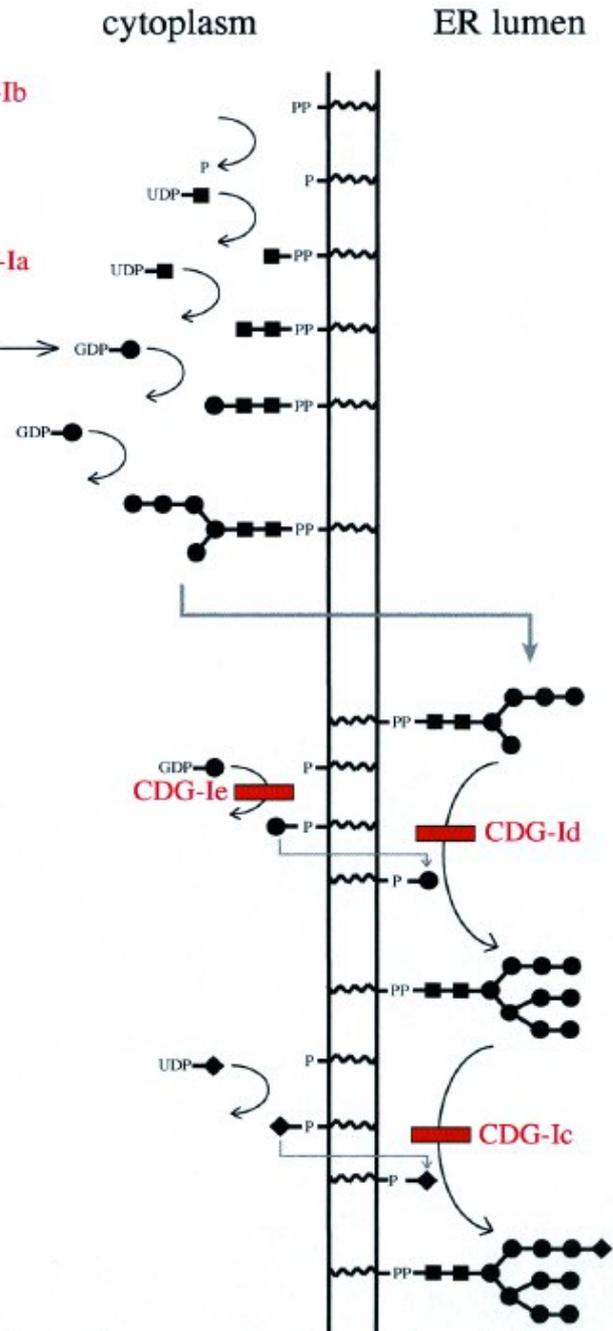
Fructose 6-P



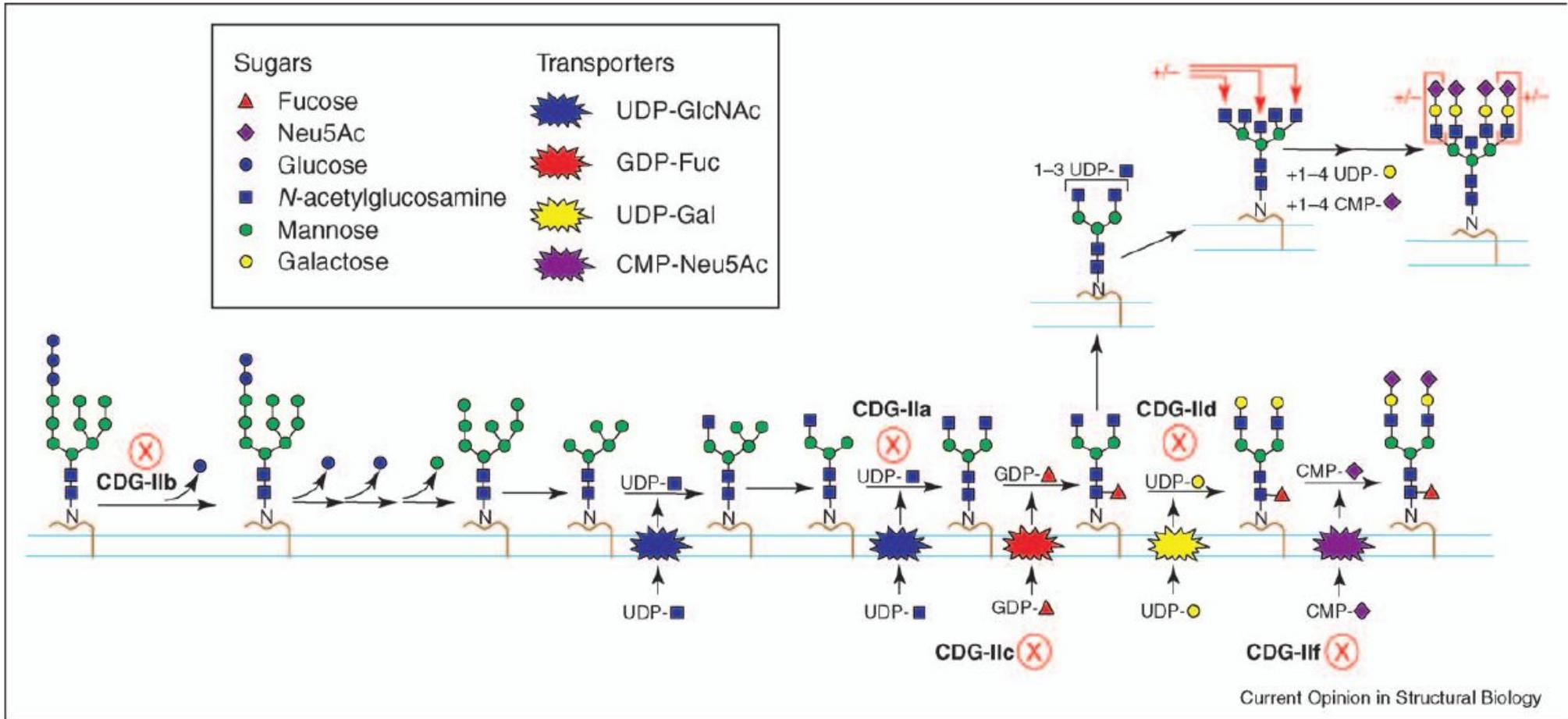
Mannose \longrightarrow Mannose 6-P



Mannose 1-P \longrightarrow GDP



Processing of oligosaccharide chains of glycoproteins in ER and Golgi



Congenital disorders of N-glycosylation

CGD I: >16 disorders of N-glycan assembly (CDG Ia-m) including dolichol-phosphate synthesis defects

(CDGIa : phosphomannomutase 2 deficiency)

CDGII: >8 disorders of processing of N-glycans

Congenital disorders of O-glycosylation

> 6 disorders

Disorders of glycolipid glycosylation

3 disorders: GM3 synthase deficiency, ...

Highly variable phenotype

Autosomal recessive disorders

Autosomal dominant : 1 disorder (hereditary multiple exostoses sy.)



Jaak Jaeken

Congenital disorders of glycosylation

Aberrant protein glycosylation

Diagnostic paradigm:

analysis of glycans → molecular defect

Screening:

Isoelectric focusing of **sialyltransferin** in defects of N-linked glycans

Isoelectric focusing of **apo CIII** in defects of N-linked glycans

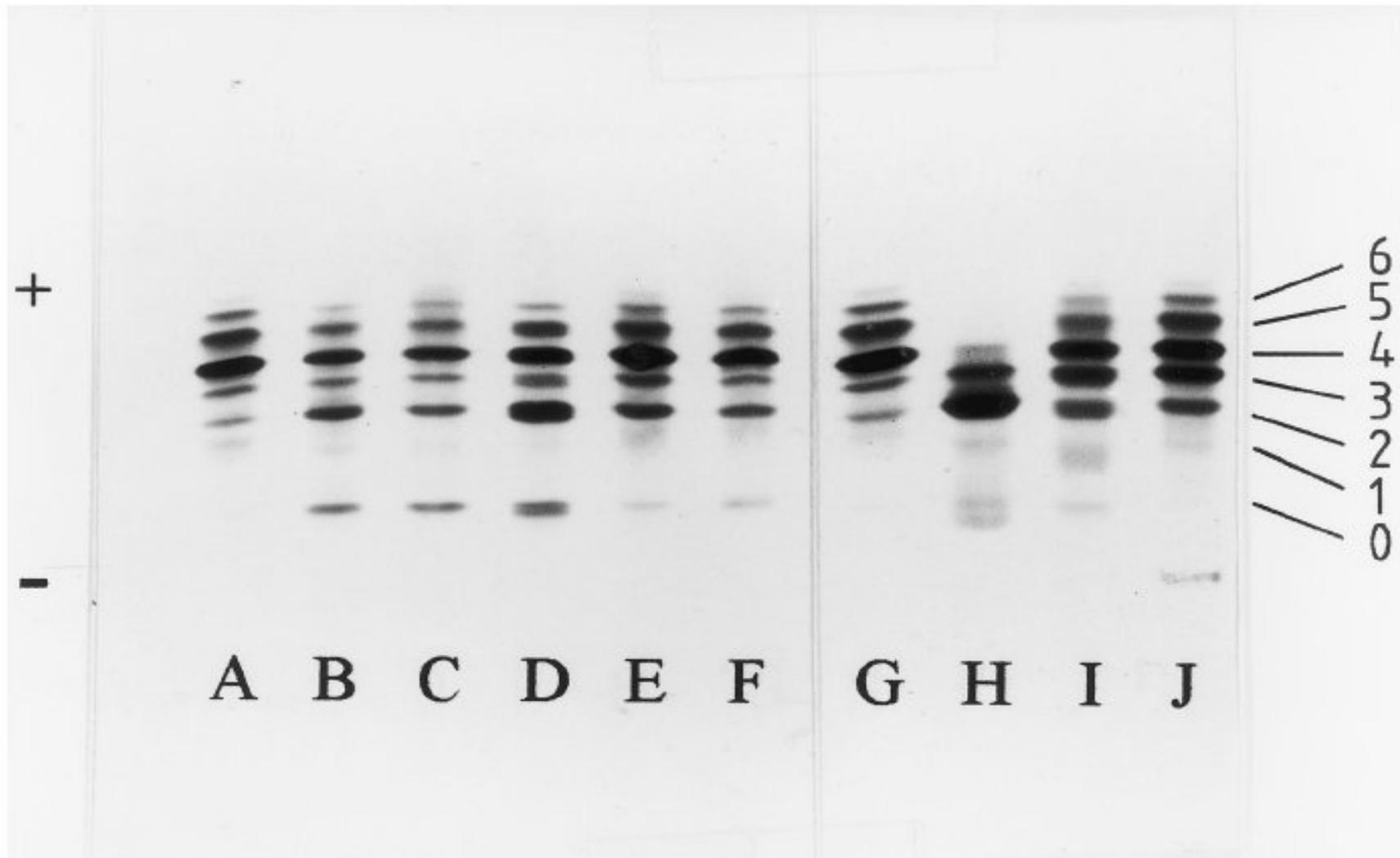
Structural analysis of glycans

Measurement of enzyme activities

Mutation analysis

CDG-x: abnormal glycosylation detected by screening techniques, but with unknown molecular defect

Isoelectrofocusing of serum sialotransferins



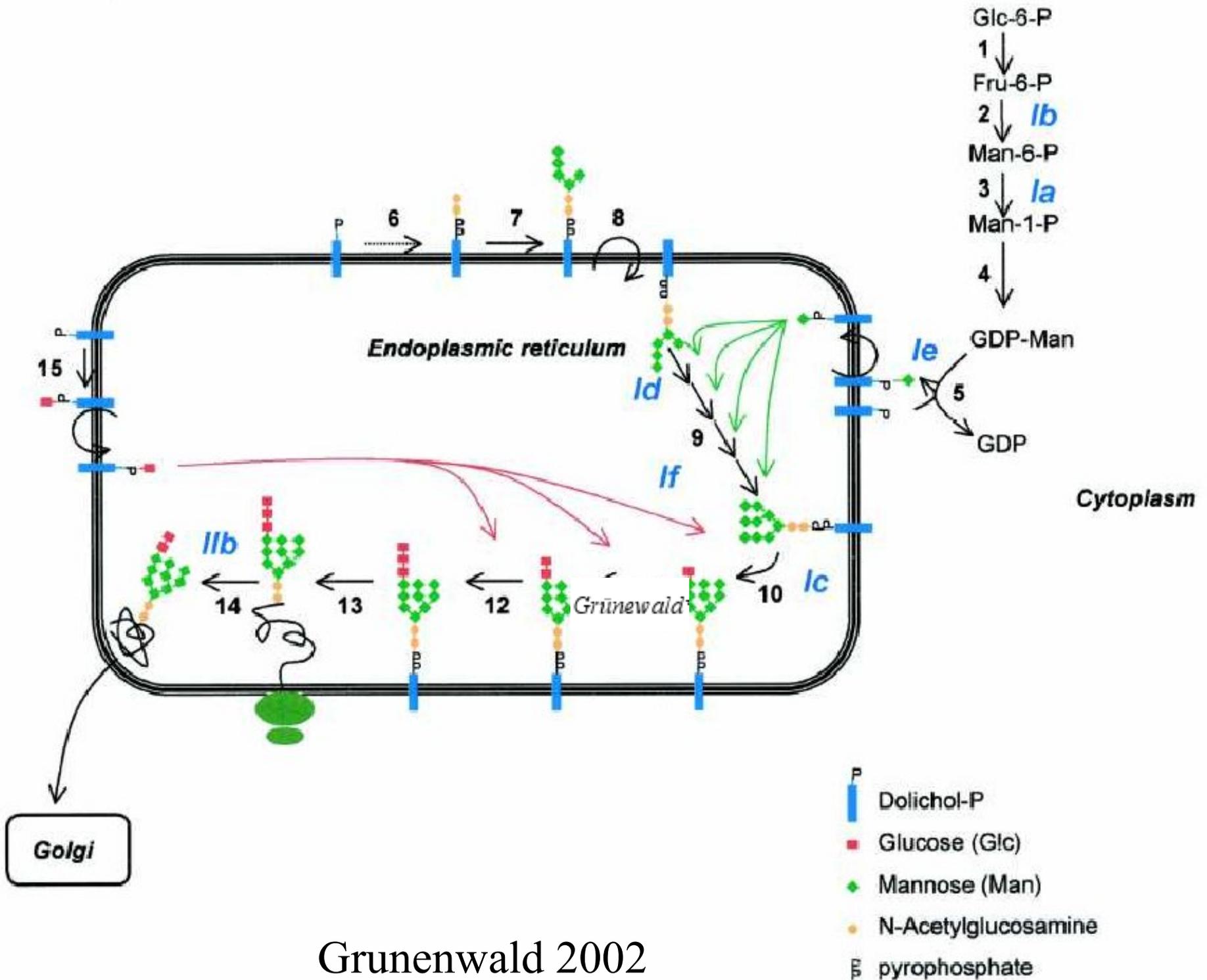
A, G controls,

B to F : **type-I pattern**

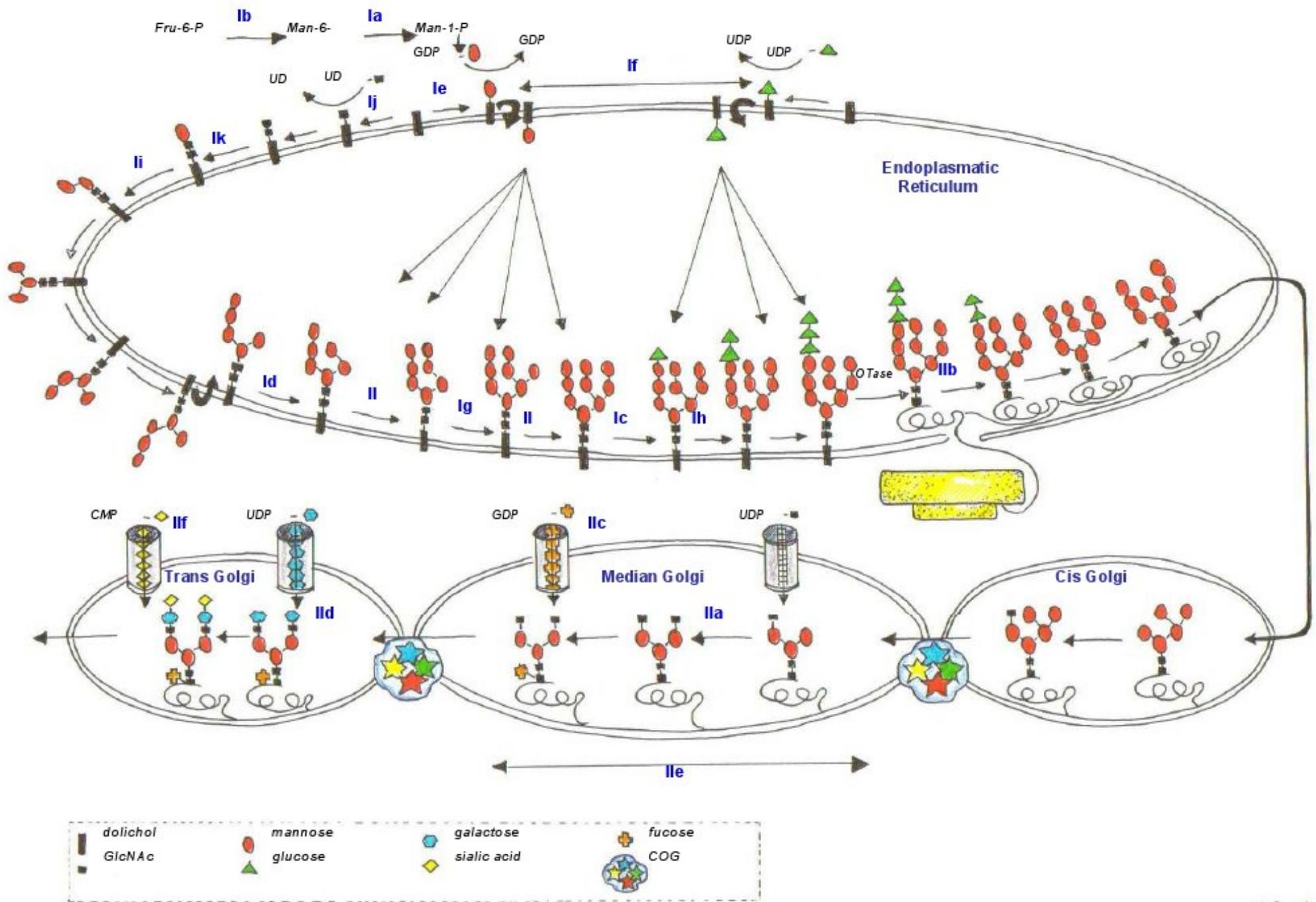
B phosphomannomutase def., C phosphomannose isomerase (PMI) deficiency D, hypoglucosylation defect; E, F unidentified

H to J : **type-II pattern**

H, N-acetylglucosaminyltransferase (GnT II) def; I, Junidenti®ed



Grünenwald 2002



**Today, more than 70 disorders of
glycosylation are known**

...

and we still do not know all of them

recent review:

Understanding Human Glycosylation Disorders: Biochemistry Leads the Charge. Hudson H. Freeze. THE JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY VOL. 288, NO. 10, pp. 6936 –6945, March 8, 2013

<http://www.jbc.org/content/288/10/6936.full>

Neurology	axial hypotonia; hyporeflexia; developmental delay; seizures; stroke-like events; micro- and macrocephaly; myopathy
Gastroenterology/ Hepatology	failure to thrive; vomiting; protein-losing enteropathy; liver dysfunction; hepatomegaly; cholangitis; chronic diarrhoea
Neonatology	hydrops; ascites; multiorgan failure; failure to thrive; floppy baby
Haematology	thrombocytosis; thrombocytopenia; coagulopathy; thrombosis; anaemia; leukocytosis, thrombocytopenia
Endocrinology	hyperinsulinemic hypoglycemia; hypothyroidism; hypergonadotropic hypogonadism; growth retardation
Clinical genetics	dysmorphic features
Orthopaedics	osteopenia; joint contractures; kyphosis/scoliosis; short limbs; arthrogryposis
Ophthalmology	abnormal eye movements; squint; cataract; retinitis pigmentosa; nystagmus; iris coloboma; cortical blindness
Radiology	cerebellar hypoplasia; calcification of white matter; delayed myelinisation; micropolygyria; renal hyperechogenicity
Histology	liver fibrosis; liver cirrhosis; lamellar inclusions in hepatocytes; intestinal villus atrophy
Dermatology	ichthyosis; abnormal fat distribution
Nephrology	nephrotic syndrome; tubulopathy; cystic kidneys
Immunology	recurrent infections; hypogammaglobulinaemia
Cardiology	cardiomyopathy; pericardial effusions
Biochemistry	hypoalbuminaemia; elevated transaminases; low cholesterol, triglycerides; decreased antithrombin III; decreased factor VIII and XI; decreased protein C and S; elevated FSH, LH and prolactin; elevated TSH, low free T4

**Patients with CDGs
can be referred to
specialists in different
fields of medicine**

Phosphomannomutase 2 deficiency

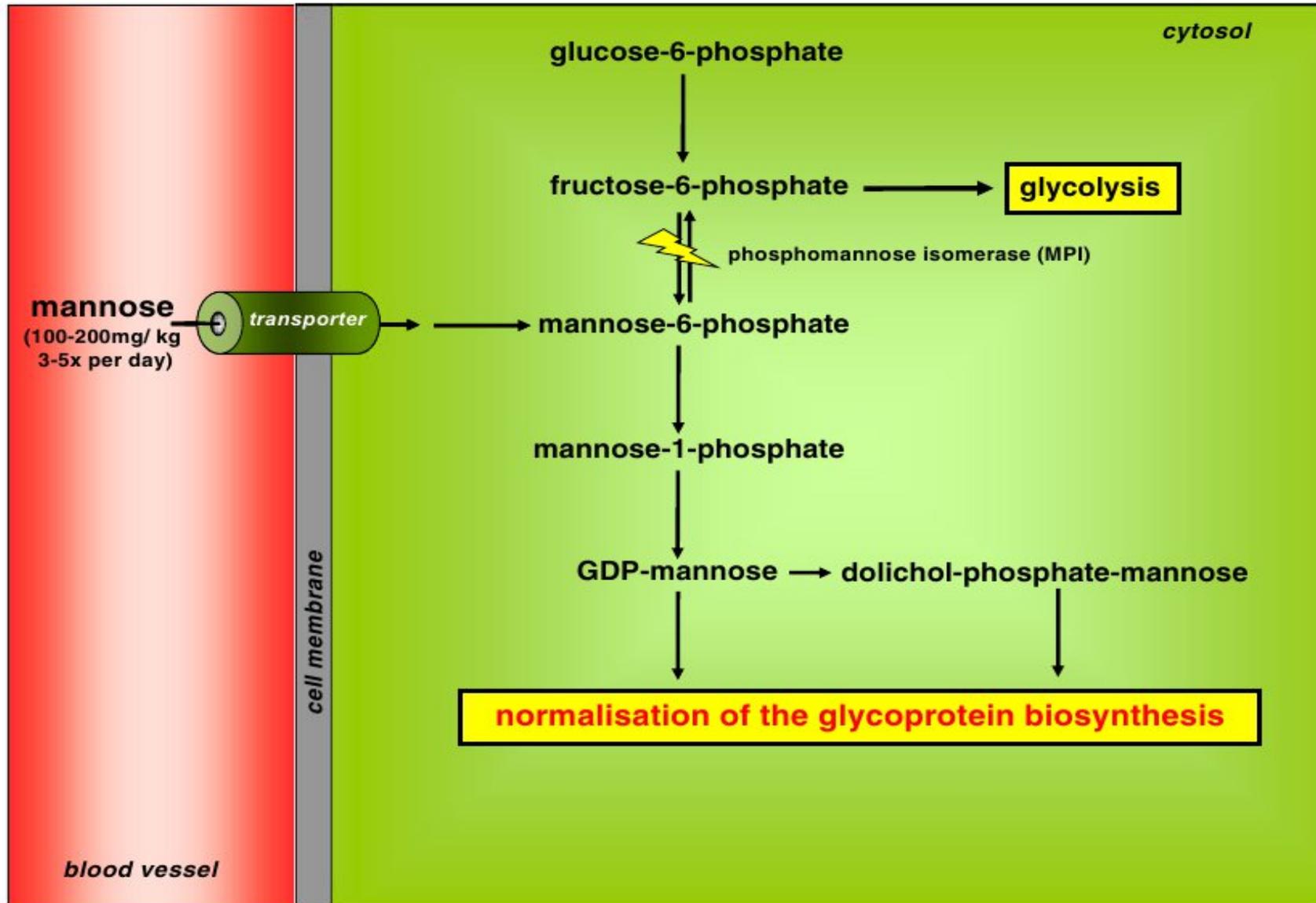


A



B

Treatment of phosphomannose isomerase deficiency by mannose supplementation



Disorders *o*-linked glycosylation

A number of rare disorders with highly variable clinical presentation

Examples:

α -Dystroglycanopathies – a group of disorder that adds O-mannose-linked glycans to α -dystr
Congenital muscular dystrophies

X-linked paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria
Defect in synthesis of GPI-anchor (gene PIG-A)

Walker-Warburg syndrome
brain and eye malformations, muscular dystrophy
defect in synthesis of mannosylated *O*-linked oligosaccharides

Hereditary multiple exostoses
Dominant disorder
deficiency of two glucosyltransferases that function in synthesis of heparan sulfate

