Pentose Phosphate Pathway (PPP)
or
Hexose Monophosphate Shunt

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Textbook:

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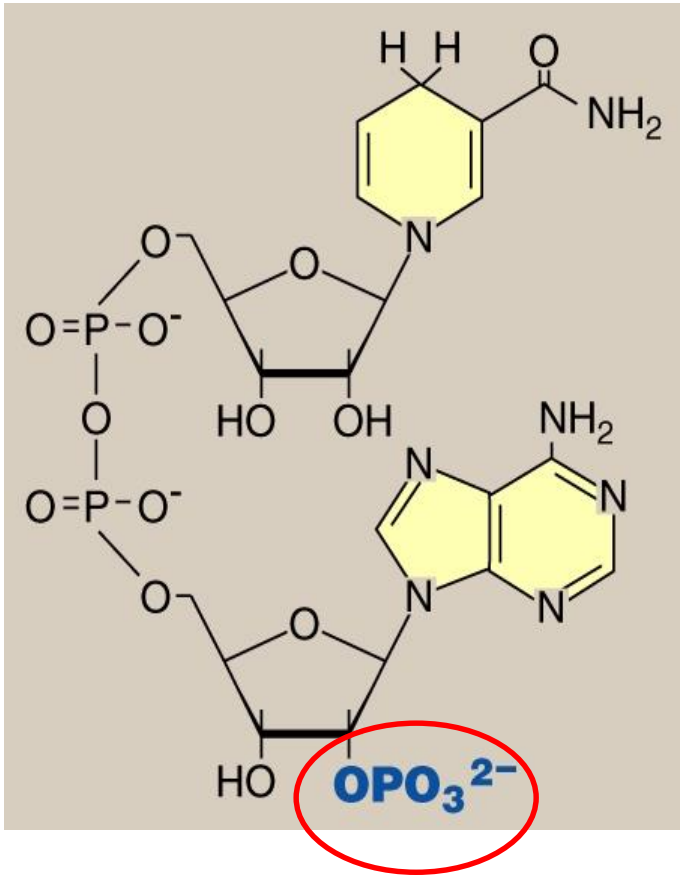
Functions of the PPP

1. Production of NADPH
   - NADPH dependent biosynthesis of fatty acids
     - Liver, lactating mammary glands, adipose tissue
   - NADPH dependent biosynthesis of steroid hormones
     - Testes, ovaries, placenta, and adrenal cortex
   - Maintenance of Glutathione (GSH) in the reduced form in the RBCs



OH in NADH

Functions of the PPP

2. Metabolism of five-carbon sugars (Pentoses)
   - Ribose 5-phosphate (nucleotide biosynthesis)
   - Metabolism of pentoses

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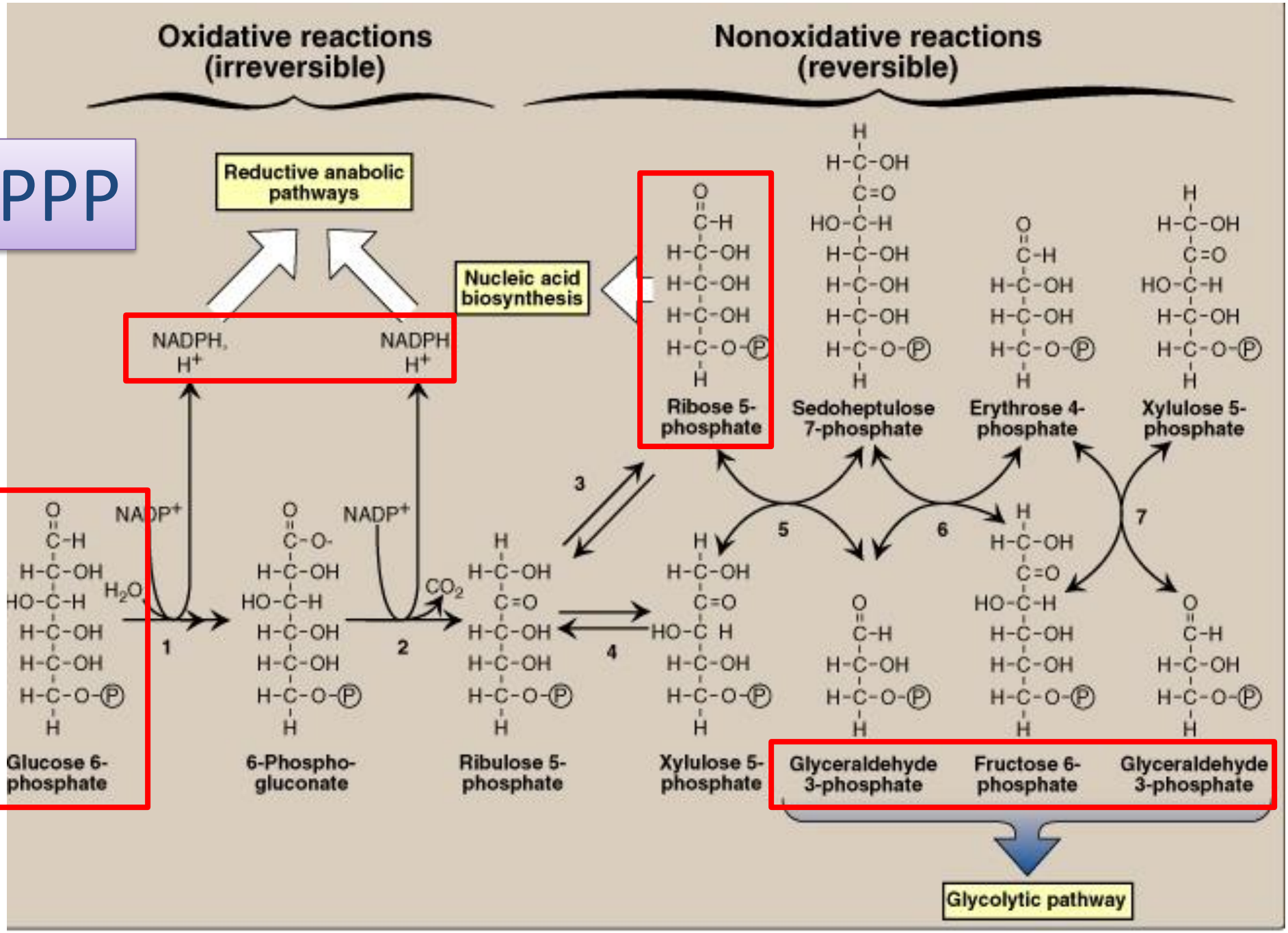
Oxidative reactions (irreversible)
Nonoxidative reactions (reversible)
Reductive anabolic pathways
Nucleic acid biosynthesis
NADPH, H+
NADPH H+
NADP+
NADP+
H2O
CO2
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
Glucose 6-phosphate
6-Phospho-gluconate
Ribulose 5-phosphate
Xylulose 5-phosphate
Ribose 5-phosphate
Sedoheptulose 7-phosphate
Erythrose 4-phosphate
Xylulose 5-phosphate
Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate
Fructose 6-phosphate
Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate
Glycolytic pathway

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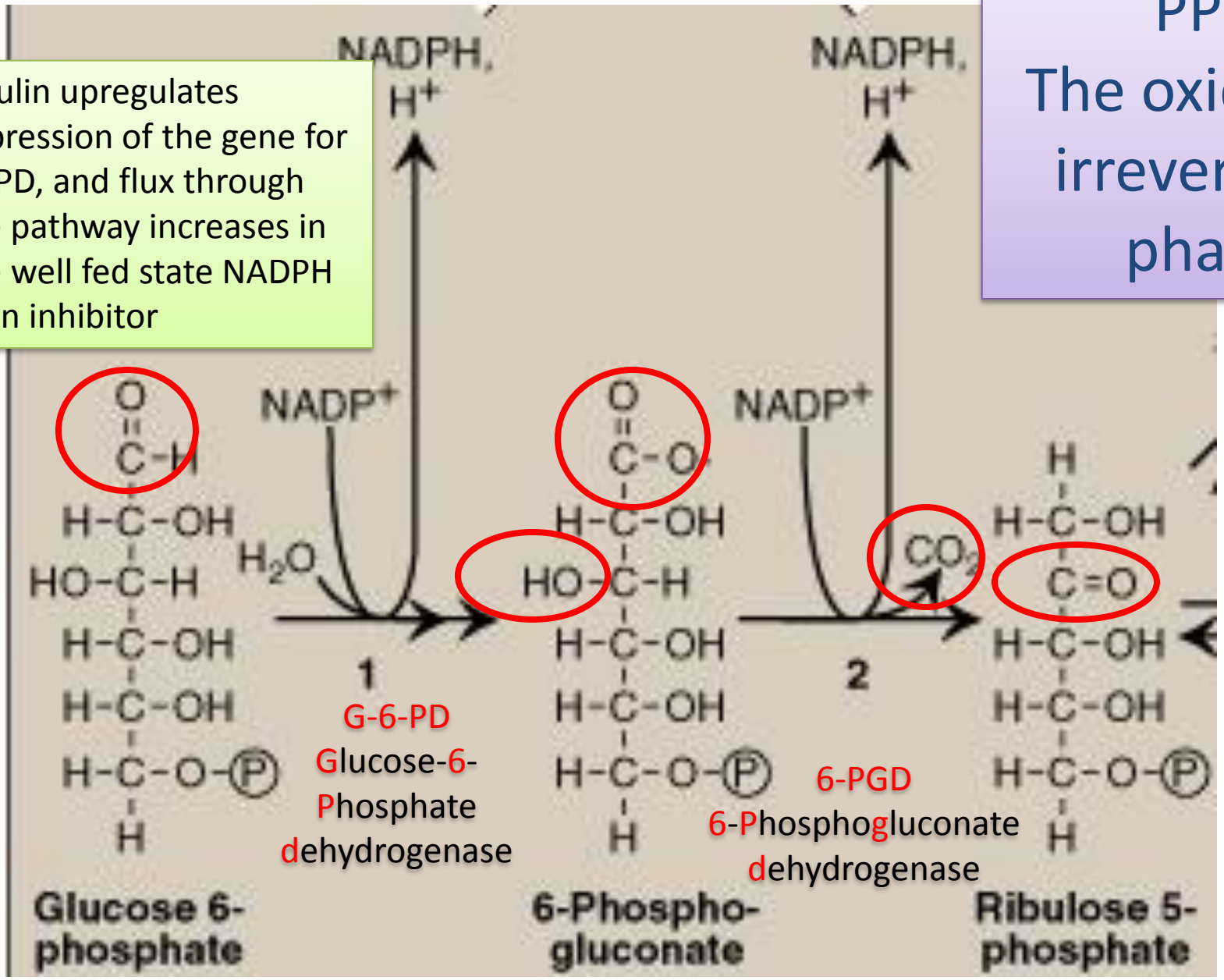
The oxidative irreversible phase

Insulin upregulates expression of the gene for G6PD, and flux through the pathway increases in the well fed state NADPH is an inhibitor



Glc. 6 Phosph. +2 $NADP^+$ ⟶ Ribulose 5-Phosph. + CO_2 + 2 NADPH

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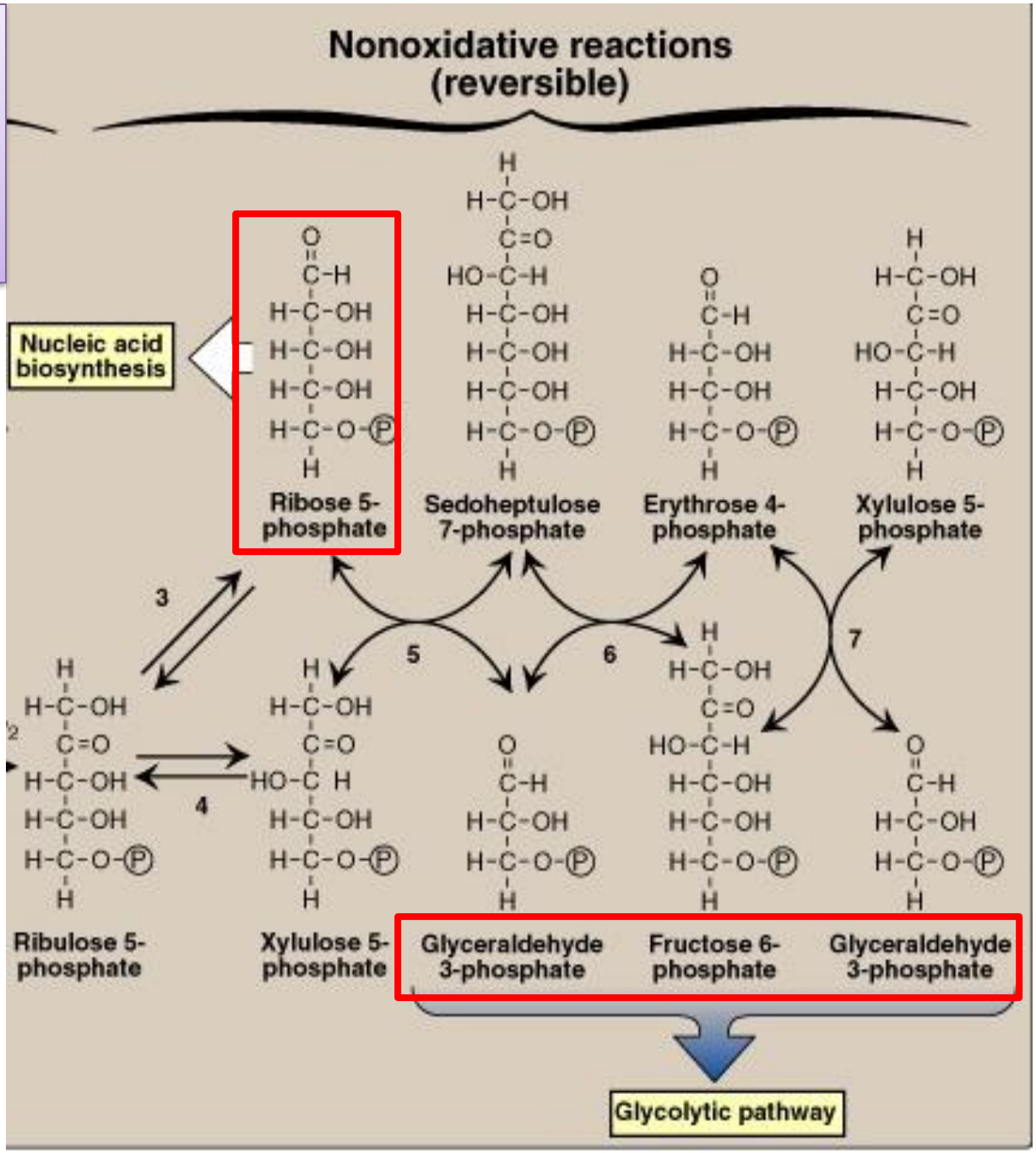
The non-oxidative reversible phase



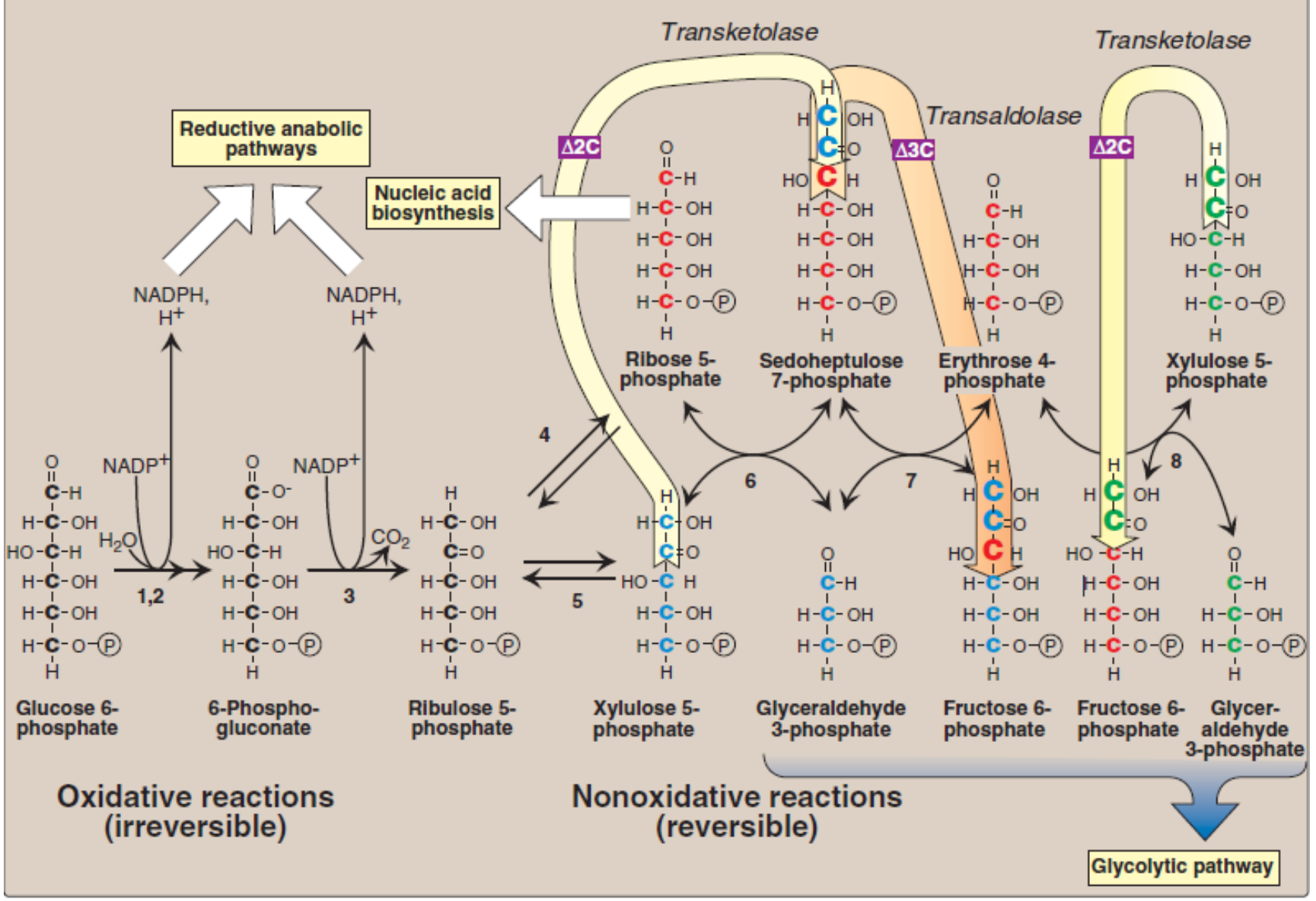
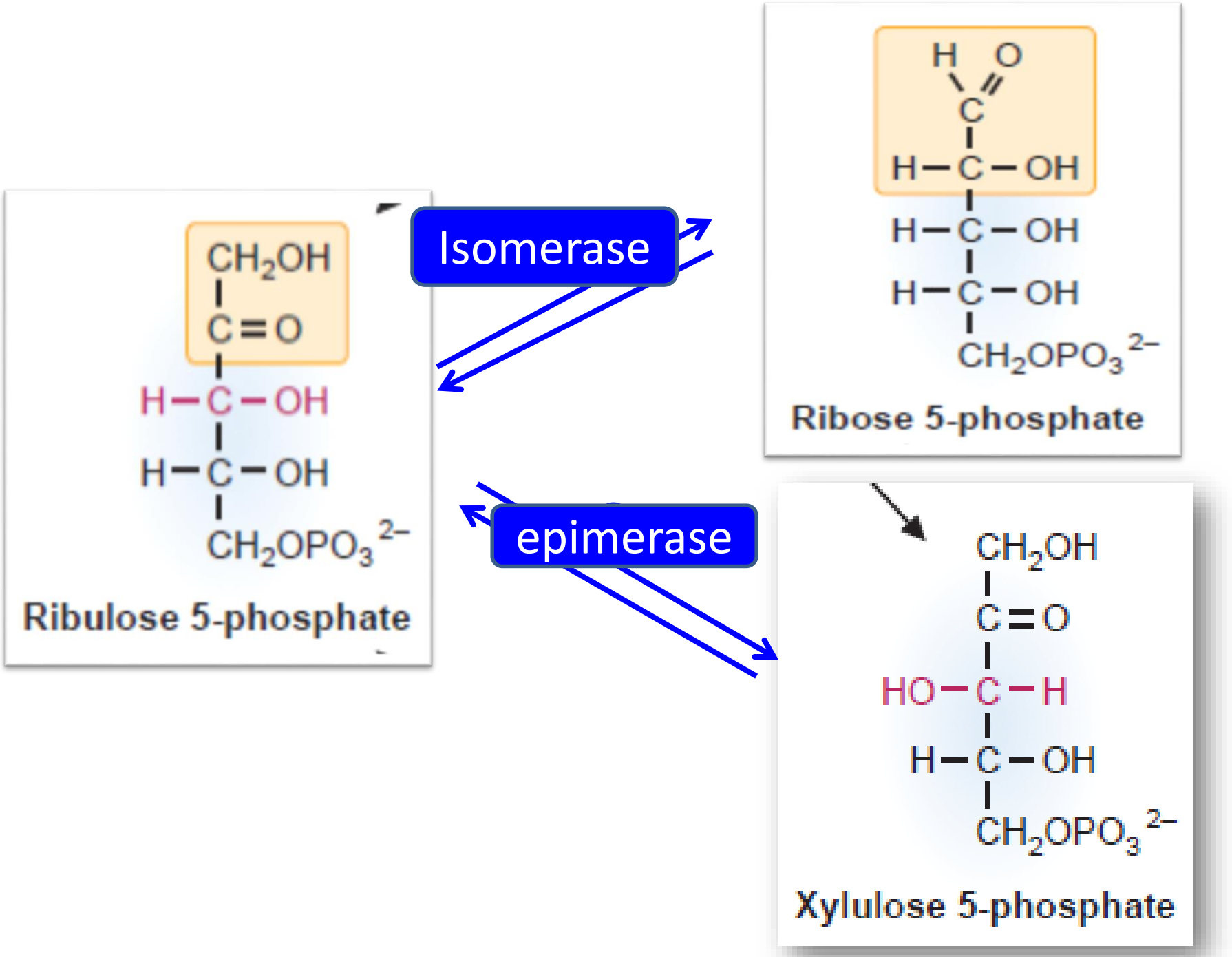
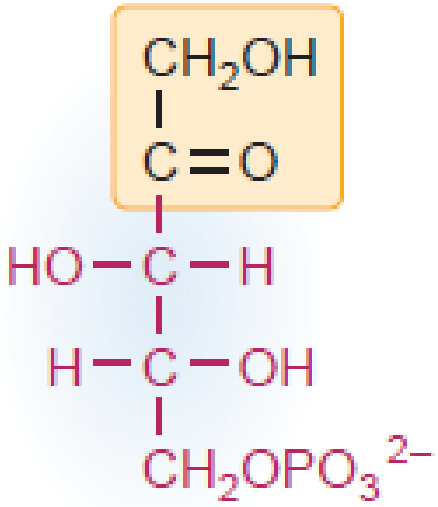


Figure 13.2

Reactions of the hexose monophosphate pathway. Enzymes numbered above are: 1,2) *glucose 6-phosphate dehydrogenase* and *6-phosphogluconolactone hydrolase*, 3) *6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase*, 4) *ribose 5-phosphate isomerase*, 5) *phosphopentose epimerase*, 6) and 8) *transketolase* (coenzyme: thiamine pyrophosphate), and 7) *transaldolase*. Δ2C = two carbons are transferred in *transketolase* reactions; Δ3C = three carbons are transferred in the *transaldolase* reaction.


Isomerase
epimerase
Ribulose 5-phosphate
Ribose 5-phosphate
Xylulose 5-phosphate



Xylulose 5-phosphate

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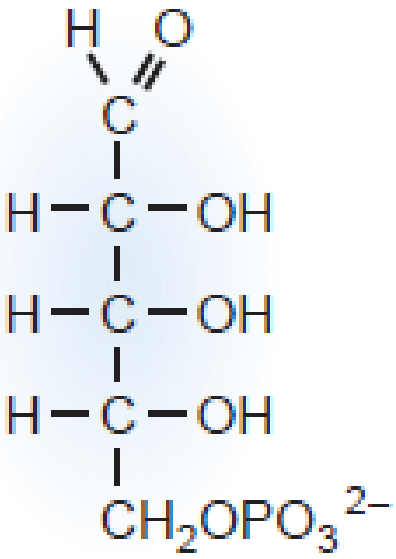
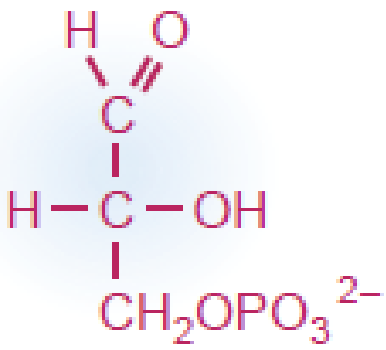


Ribose 5-phosphate



Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate

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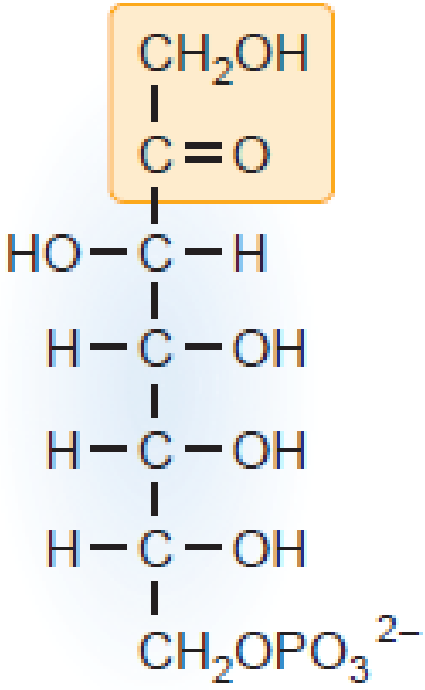
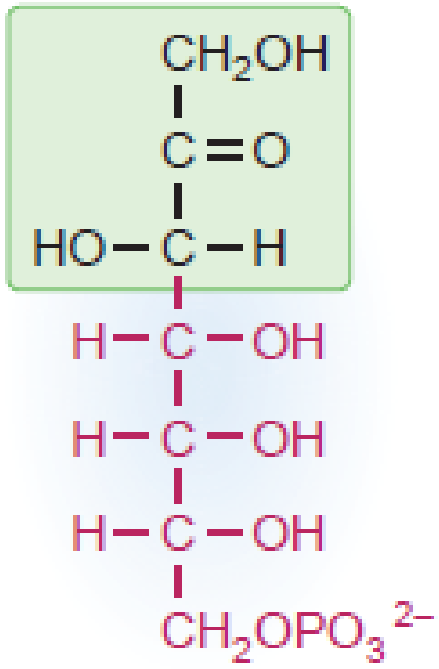


Sedoheptulose 7-phosphate



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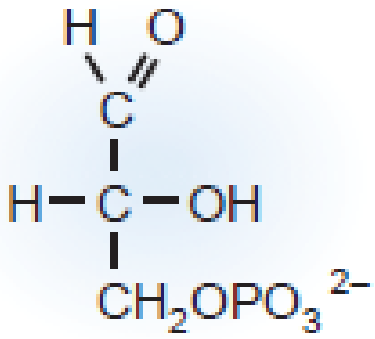

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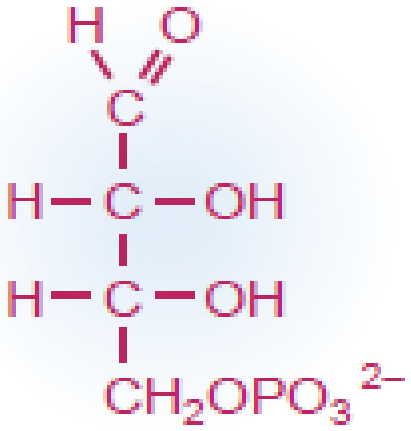

Erythrose 4-phosphate

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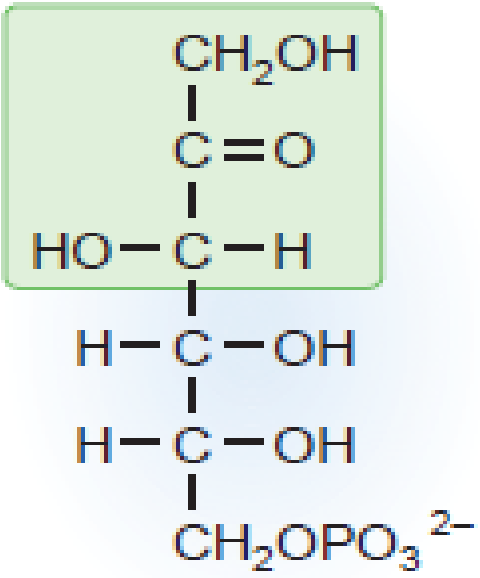
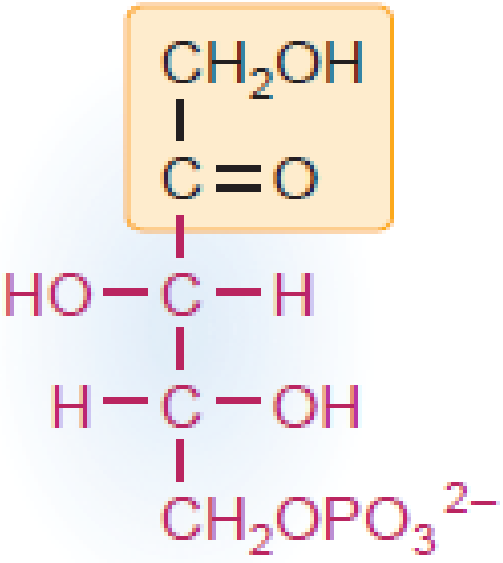
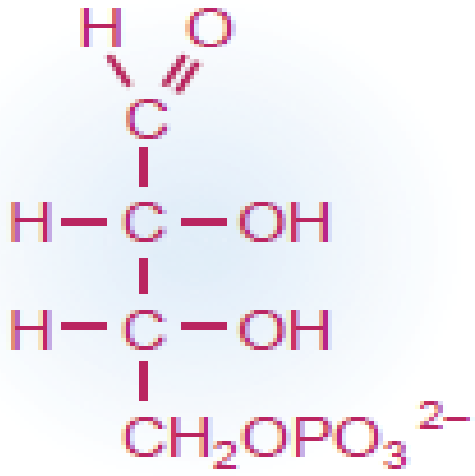


Fructose 6-phosphate



Xylulose 5-phosphate



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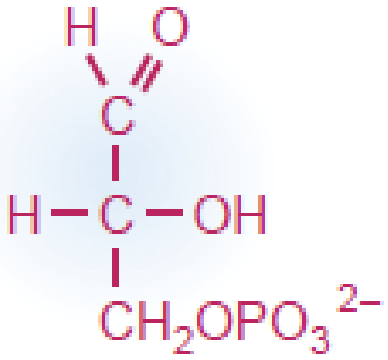

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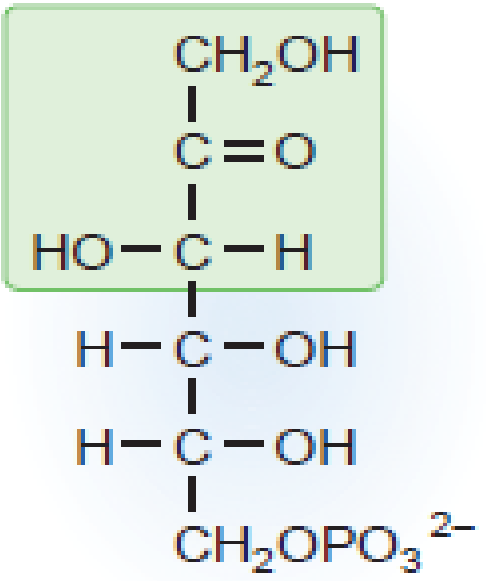

Fructose 6-phosphate

Carbon movements in non-oxidative reactions

Ketose + Aldose ⇌ Aldose + Ketose

C5 + C5 ⇌ C3 + C7

C7 + C3 ⇌ C4 + C6

C5 + C4 ⇌ C3 + C6

Summary of the non-oxidative reactions

- Reversible reactions
- Transfer of 2 or 3 carbon fragment
- Transketolase (2C), Transaldolase (3C)
- Ketose + aldose ⇌ ketose + aldose
- From ketose to aldose

- Rearrangment of sugars
- 3 pentose phosph.. ⇌ { 2 hexose phosph + 1 triose phosph. }

The net non-oxidative reaction

- 3 Ribulose 5-phosph. ⇌ { 2 Fructose 6-phosph. + Glyceraldehyde 3-phosph. }
- Multiply by 2
- 6 Ribulose 5-phosph. ⇌ { 4 Fructose 6-phosph. + 2 Glyceraldehyde 3-phosph. }

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5 Fructose. 6-Phosph.

Net Products of the Reactions

3 Glc. 6-P + 6 $NADP^+$ → 2 Glc. 6-P + GA3P + 3 CO_2 + 6 NADPH

6 Glc. 6-P + 12 $NADP^+$ → 4 Glc. 6-P + 2 GA3P + 6 CO_2 + 12 NADPH

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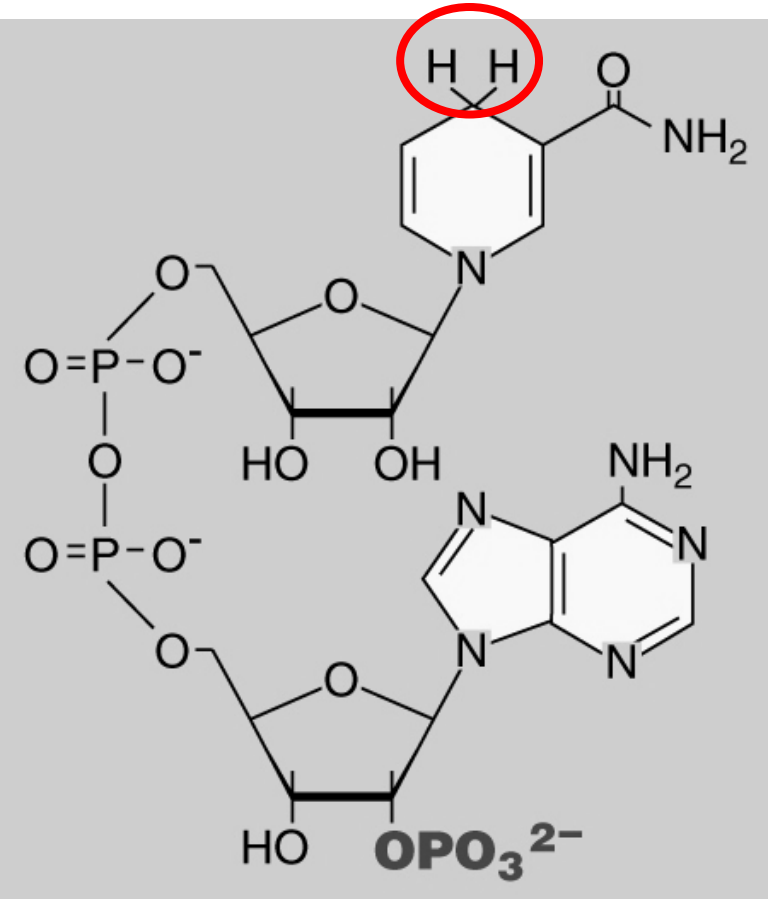
Glc. 6-P

6 Glc. 6-P + 12 $NADP^+$ → 5 Glc. 6-P + 6 CO_2 + 12 NADPH

Why NADPH and NADH?

- Enzymes can specifically use one NOT the other
- NADPH and NADH have different roles
- NADPH exists mainly in the reduced form (NADPH)
- NADH exists mainly in the oxidized form (NAD^+)
- In the cytosol of hepatocyte
  - $NADP^+/NADPH \approx 1/10$
  - $NAD^+/NADH \approx 1000/1$



What are the uses of NADPH?
1. Reductive Biosynthesis

- Some biosynthetic reactions require high energy electron donor to produce reduced product
- Examples: Fatty acids, Steroids …

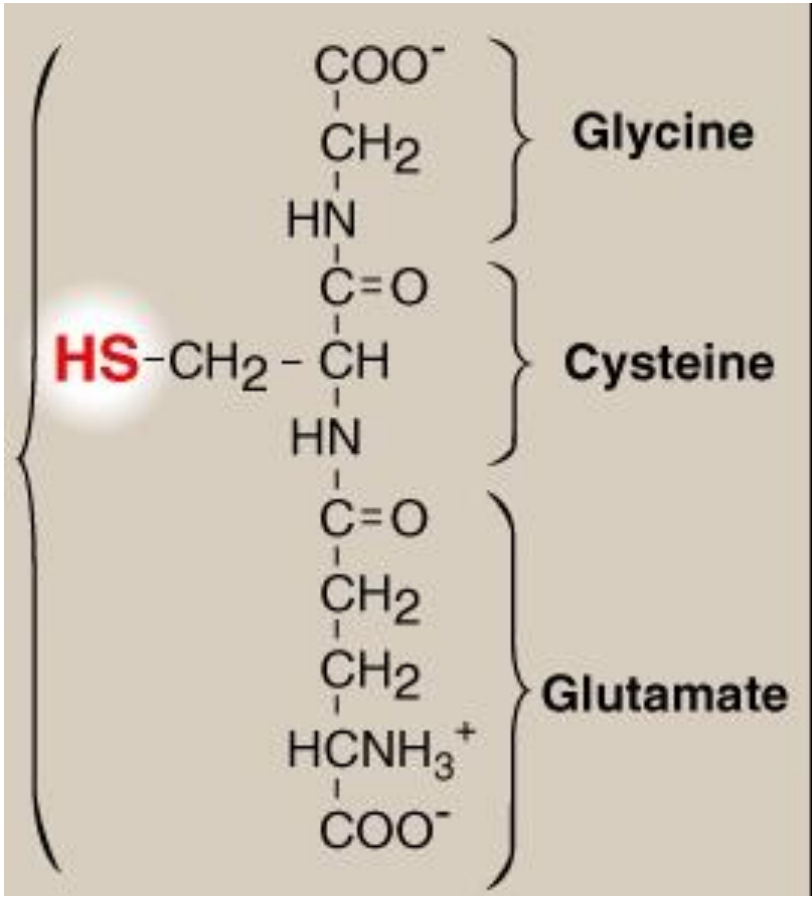
What are the uses of NADPH?
2. Reduction of Hydrogen Peroxide

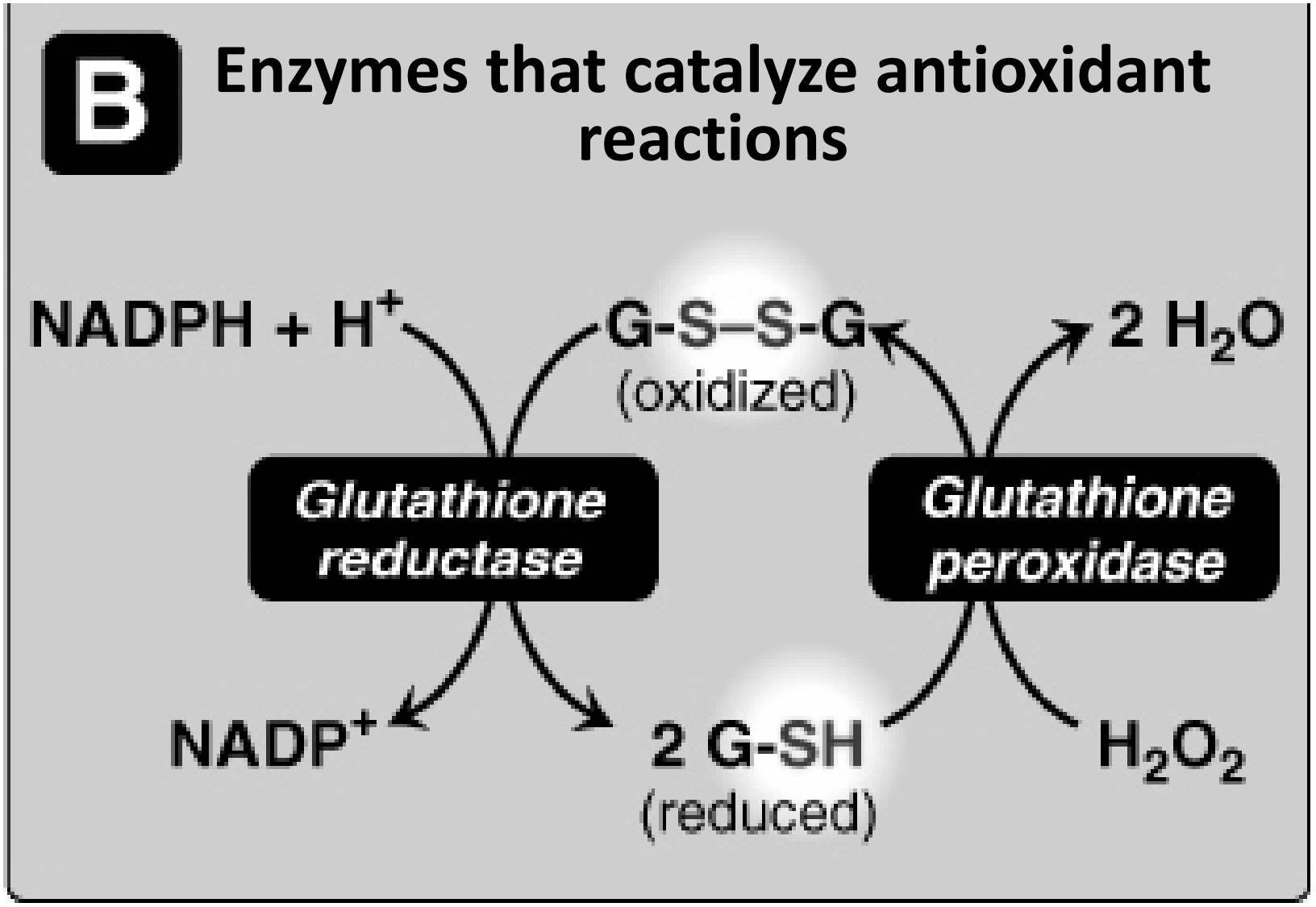
- H_2O_2 one of a family of compounds known as Reactive Oxygen Species (**ROS**)
- Other: Super oxide, hydroxyl radical,
- Formed continuously
  - As by products of aerobic metabolism
  - Interaction with drugs and environmental toxins
- Can cause chemical damage to proteins, lipids and DNA → cancer, inflammatory disease, cell death

Enzymes that catalyze antioxidant reactions

1. Glutathione peroxidase

- Glutathione is a reducing agent
- Tripeptide
- GSH is the reduced form
- Oxidation ➔two molecules joined by disulfide (GSSG)
- 2 GSH ⟶ GSSG





Glutathione peroxidase is Selenium requiring Enzyme

RBCs are totally dependent on PPP for NADPH production

Clinical Hint: G6PD Deficiency

- Common disease
- characterized by hemolytic anemia
- 200 – 400 millions individuals worldwide
- Highest prevalence in Middle East, S.E. Asia, Mediterranean
- X-linked inheritance
- > 400 different mutations
- Deficiency provides resistance to falciparum malaria

Precipitating Factors in G6PD Deficiency

- Oxidant drugs
  - Antibiotics e.g. Sulfomethxazole
  - Antimalaria Primaquine
  - Antipyretics Acetanalid
- Favism due to vicine and covicine in fava beans in some G6PD deficient patients
- Infection
- Neonatal Jaundice

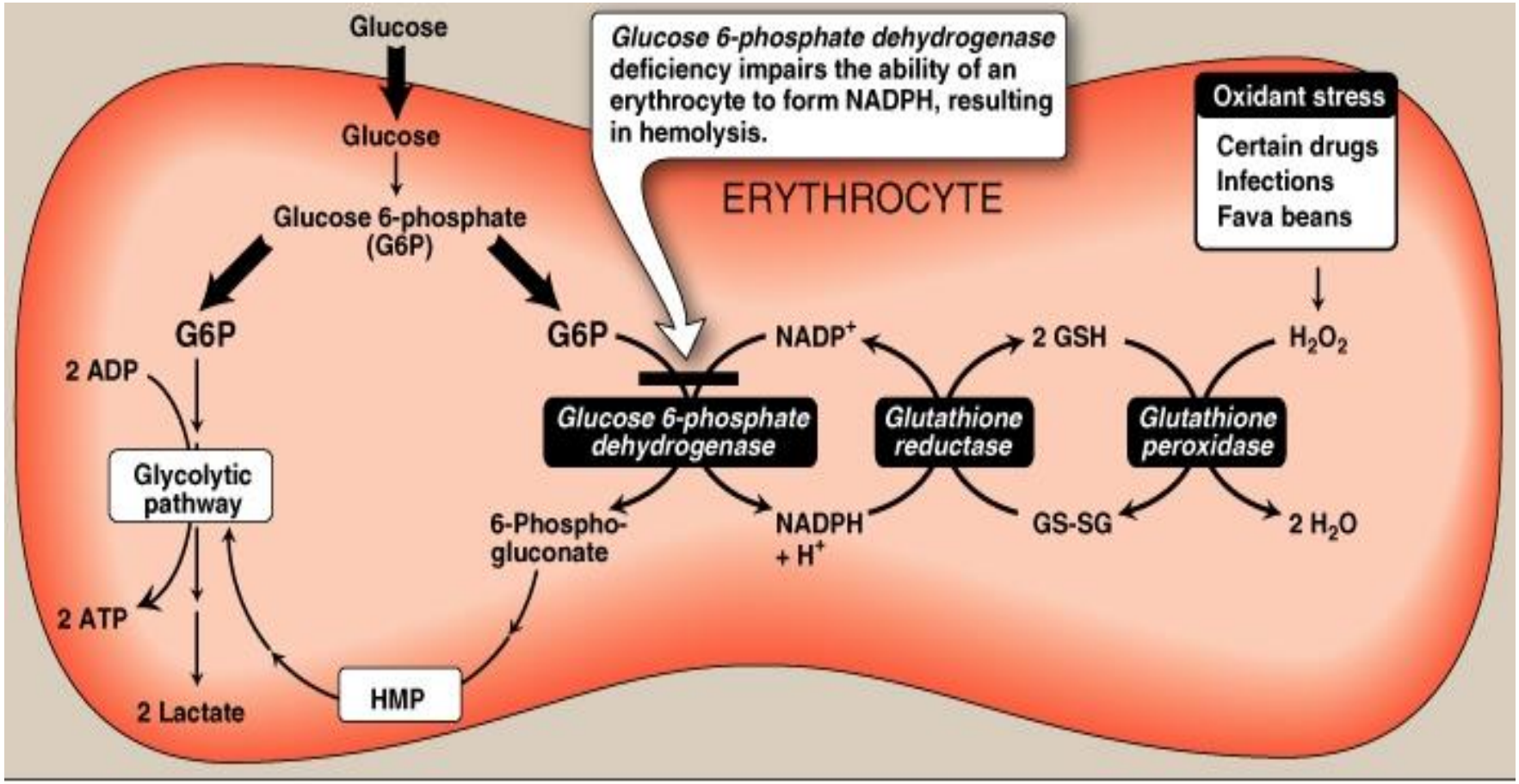
Role of G6PD in red blood cells

$H_2O_2 + GSH \longrightarrow G\text{-}S\text{-}S\text{-}G + 2H_2O$

$G\text{-}S\text{-}S\text{-}G + NADPH \longrightarrow 2GSH + NADP+$

GSH helps maintain the SH groups in proteins in the reduced state

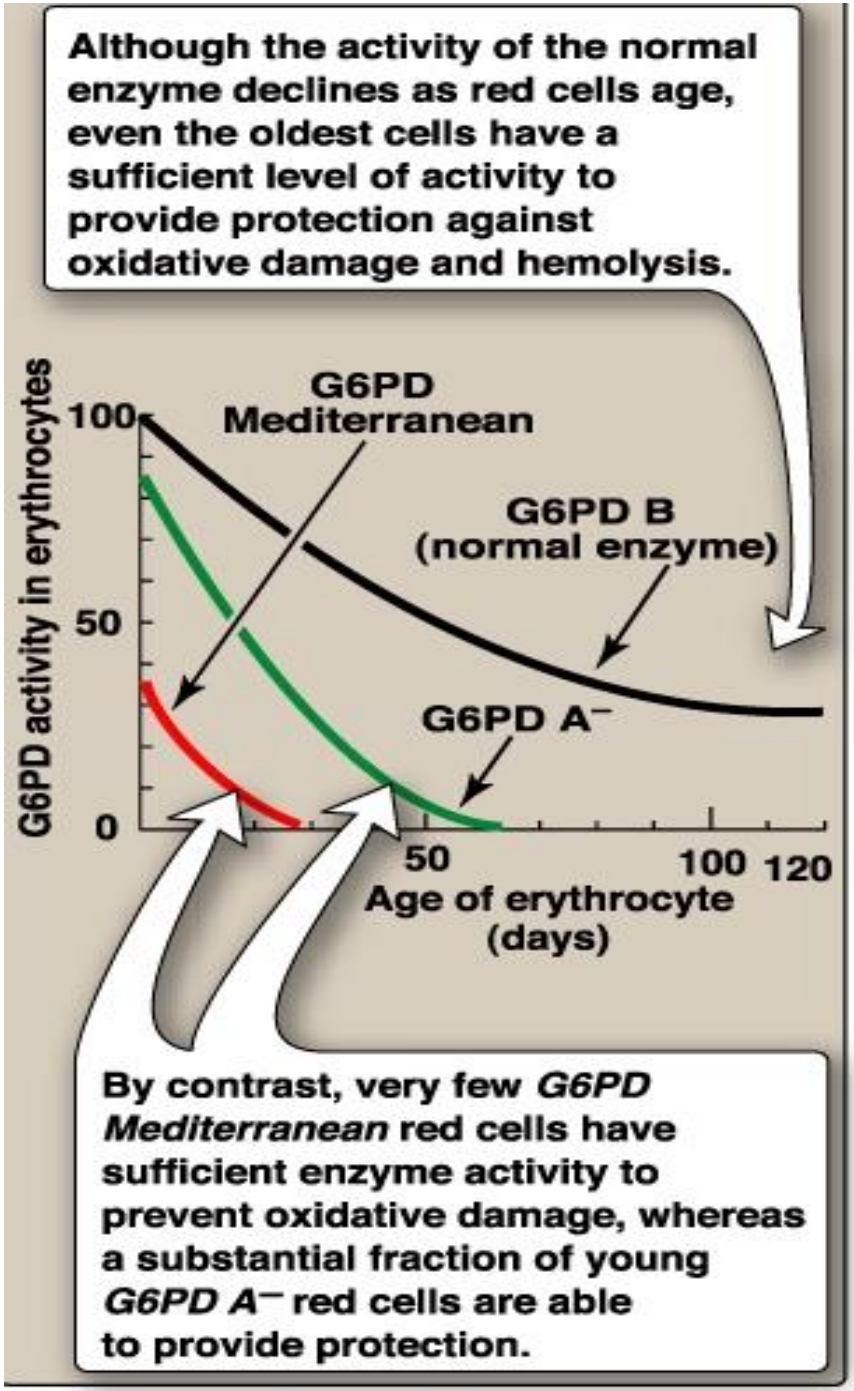
Oxidation ➔ denaturation of proteins and rigidity of the cells



G6PD Deficiency Variants

- Wild type B
- Mediterranean Variant B^- (Class II) : 563C → T
- African Variant A^- (Class III); two point mutation
- African Variant A; Normal activity 80%
- Very severe deficiency (Class I)
- Majority missense mutation point mutation
- Large deletions or frame shift; Not Observed

Classification of G6PD Deficiency Variants



Class	Clinical symptoms	Residual enzyme activity
I	Very severe	<2%
II	Severe	<10%
III	Moderate	10–50%
IV	None	> 60%

Enzymes that catalyze antioxidant reactions

2. Super oxide dismutase (**SOD**)

$$2O_2\bullet^- + 2H^+ \longrightarrow O_2 + H_2O_2$$

3. Catalase

$$2H_2O_2 \longrightarrow O_2 + 2H_2O$$

Anti oxidant chemicals

- Vitamin E, Vitamin C, Carotenoids

Sources of ROS in the cell

- Oxidases

  e- + O_2

Most oxidases produce H_2O_2 (peroxidase)

Oxidases are confined to sites equipped with protective enzymes

- Oxygenases
  - Mono oxygenases (hydroxylases)
  - Dioxygenases in the synthesis of prostaglandins, thromboxanes, leukotrienes

Sources of ROS in the cell

- Coenzyme Q in Respiratory chain
- Respiratory Burst (during phagocytosis)

  O_2^- H_2O_2 $OH^\bullet$ NO HOCl
- Ionizing Radiation

  $OH^\bullet$

Cytochrome P450 Mono oxygenase

- Mixed function oxygenase
- Super family of structurally related enzymes

Mitochondrial system

Synthesis by hydroxylation of steroids, bile acids, active form of Vit. D

Microsomal system

Detoxification of foreign compounds

Activation or inactivation of Drugs

Solublization to facilitate excretion in urine or feces

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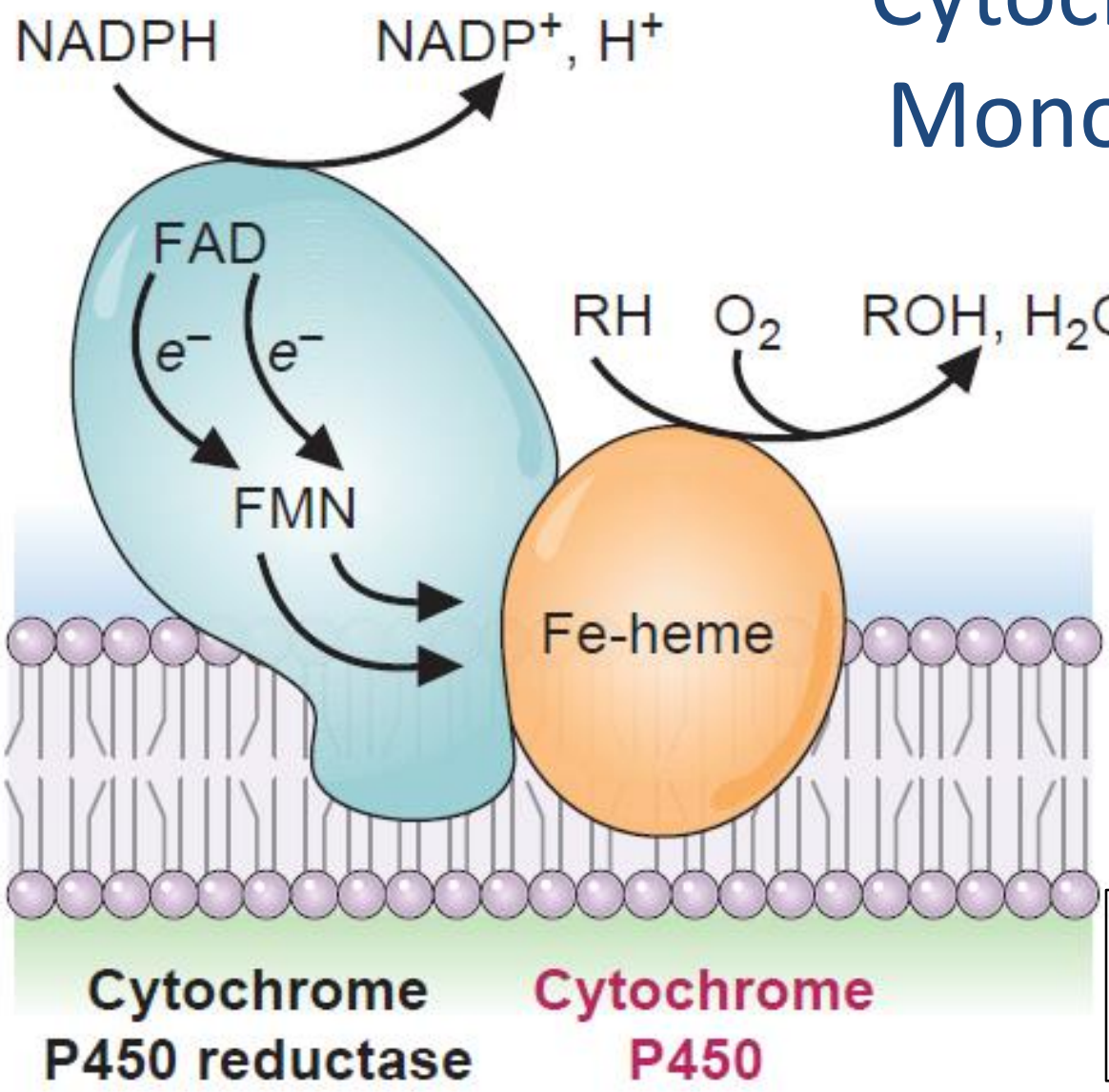


Accidental release of free radical intermediates may occur

XH2: electron donor
S: substrate

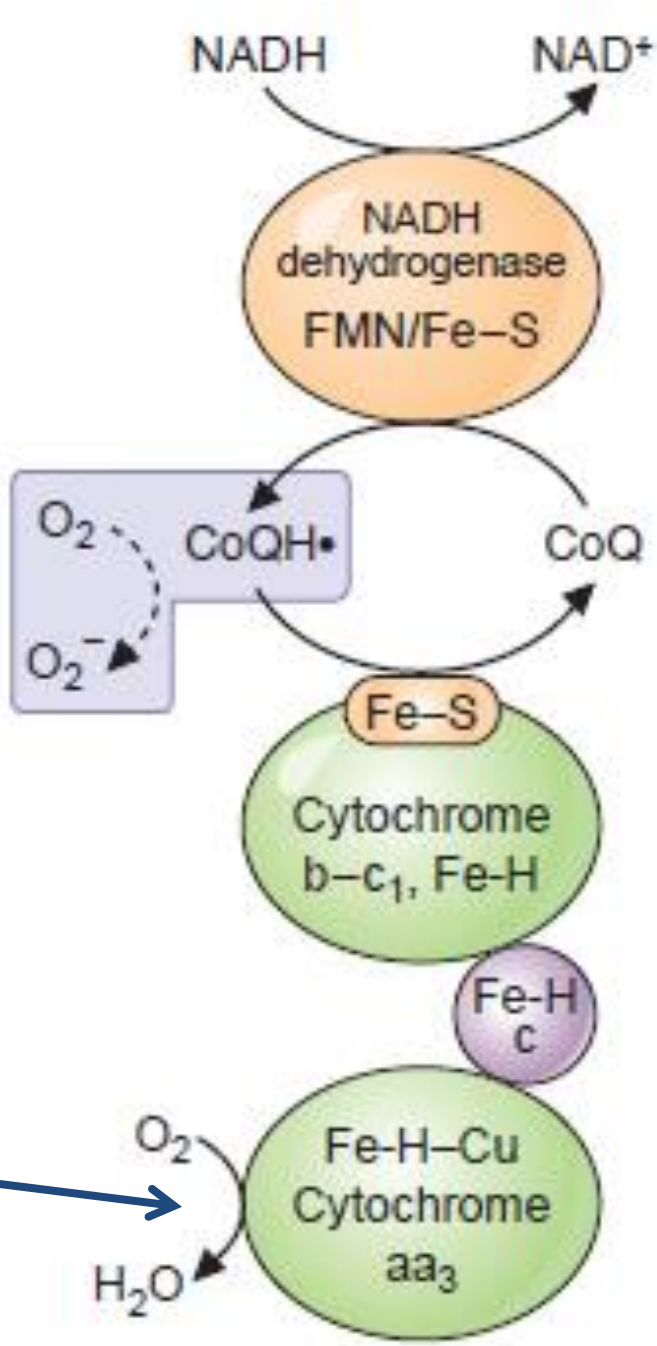
$$O_2 + S + XH_2 \longrightarrow H_2O + SOH + X$$

Generation of O_2^- by the respiratory chain

Accidental non-specific interaction

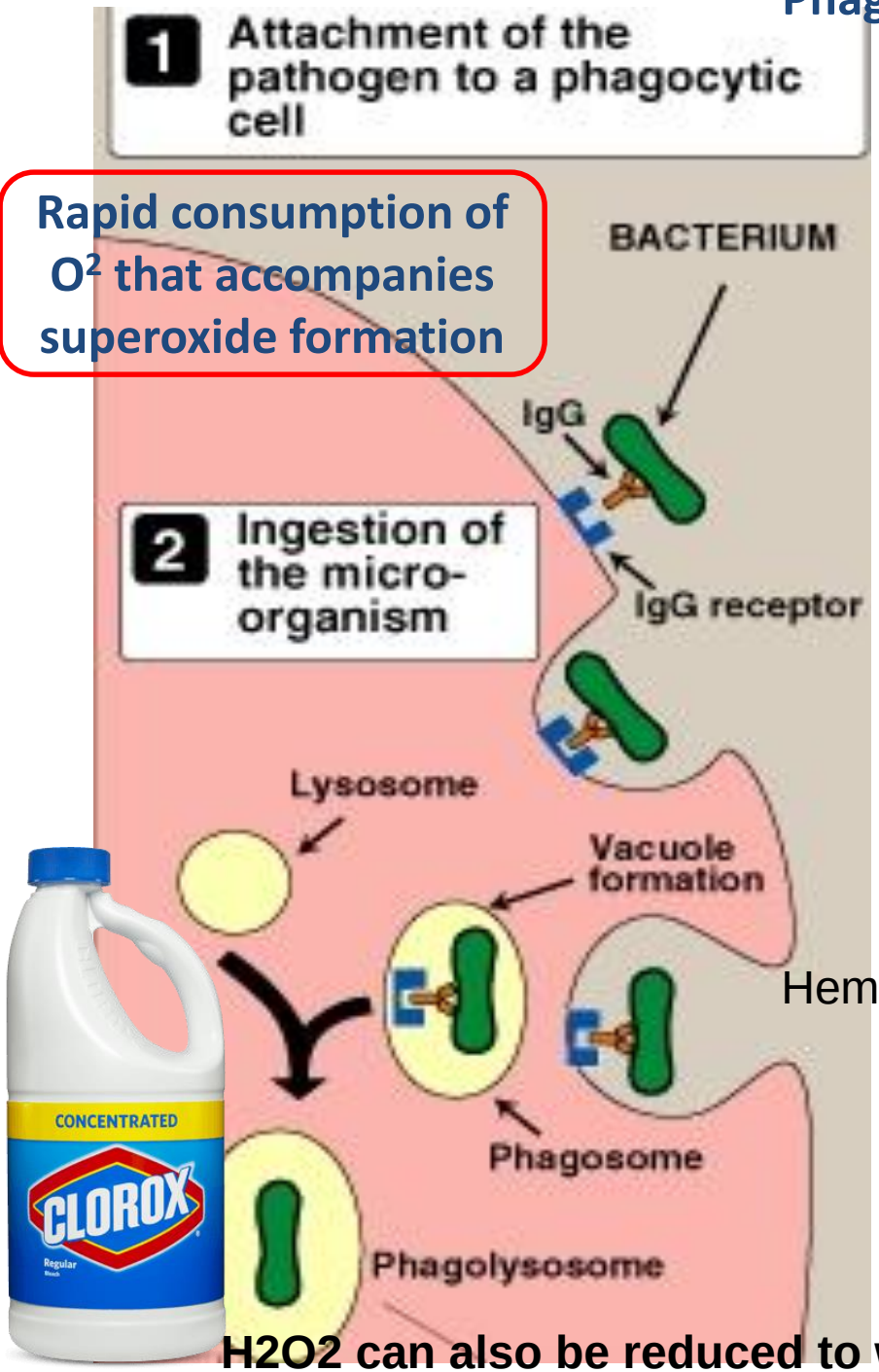
Major source of free radicals

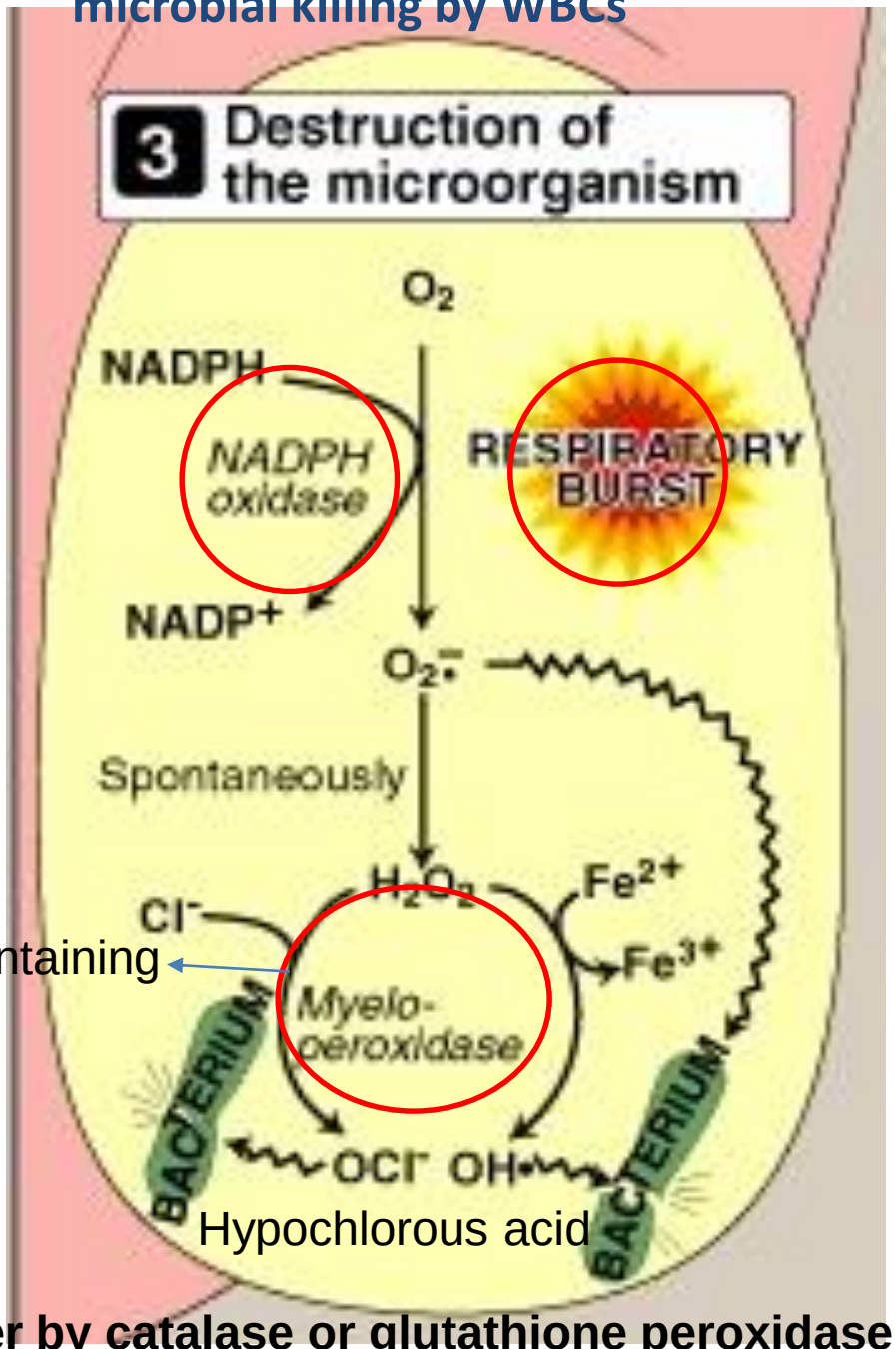
Binuclear center prevents release of free O_2 radicals



Phagocytosis; the oxygen dependent pathway of microbial killing by WBCs

Rapid consumption of O^2 that accompanies superoxide formation

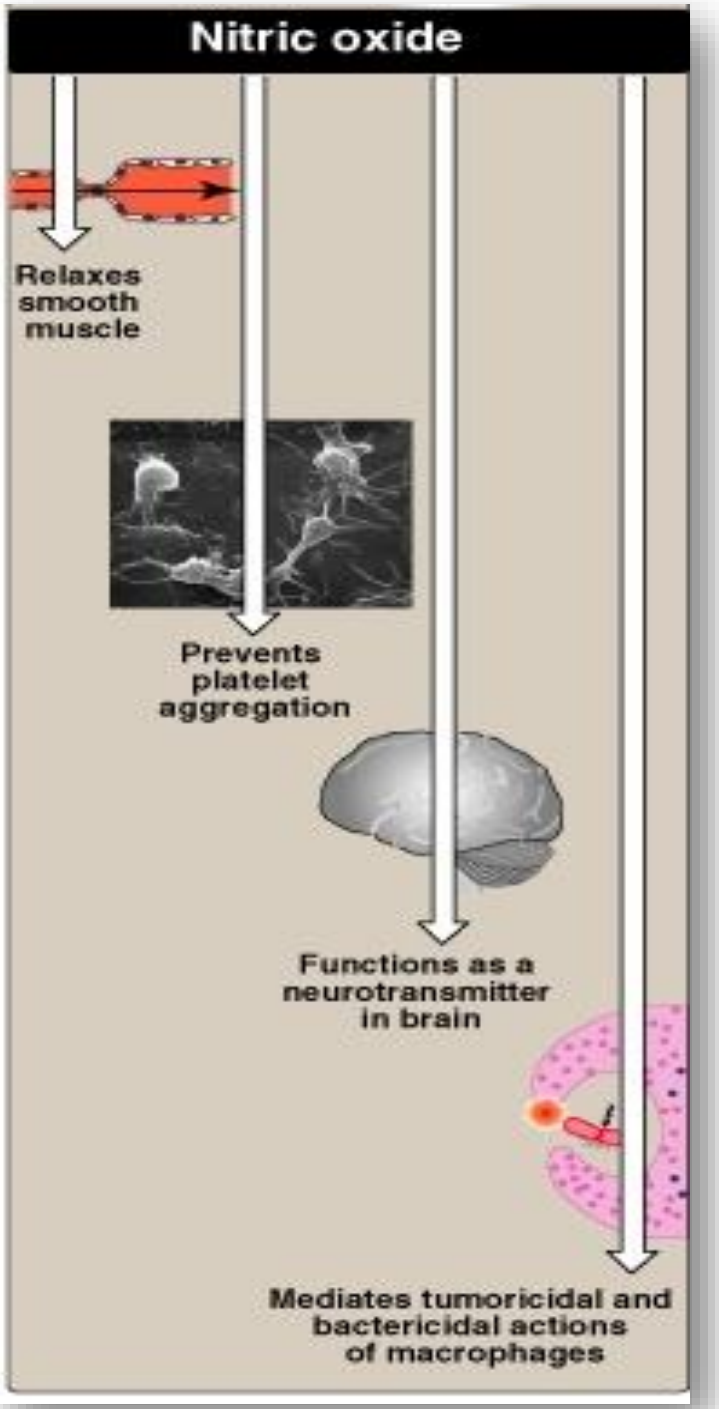




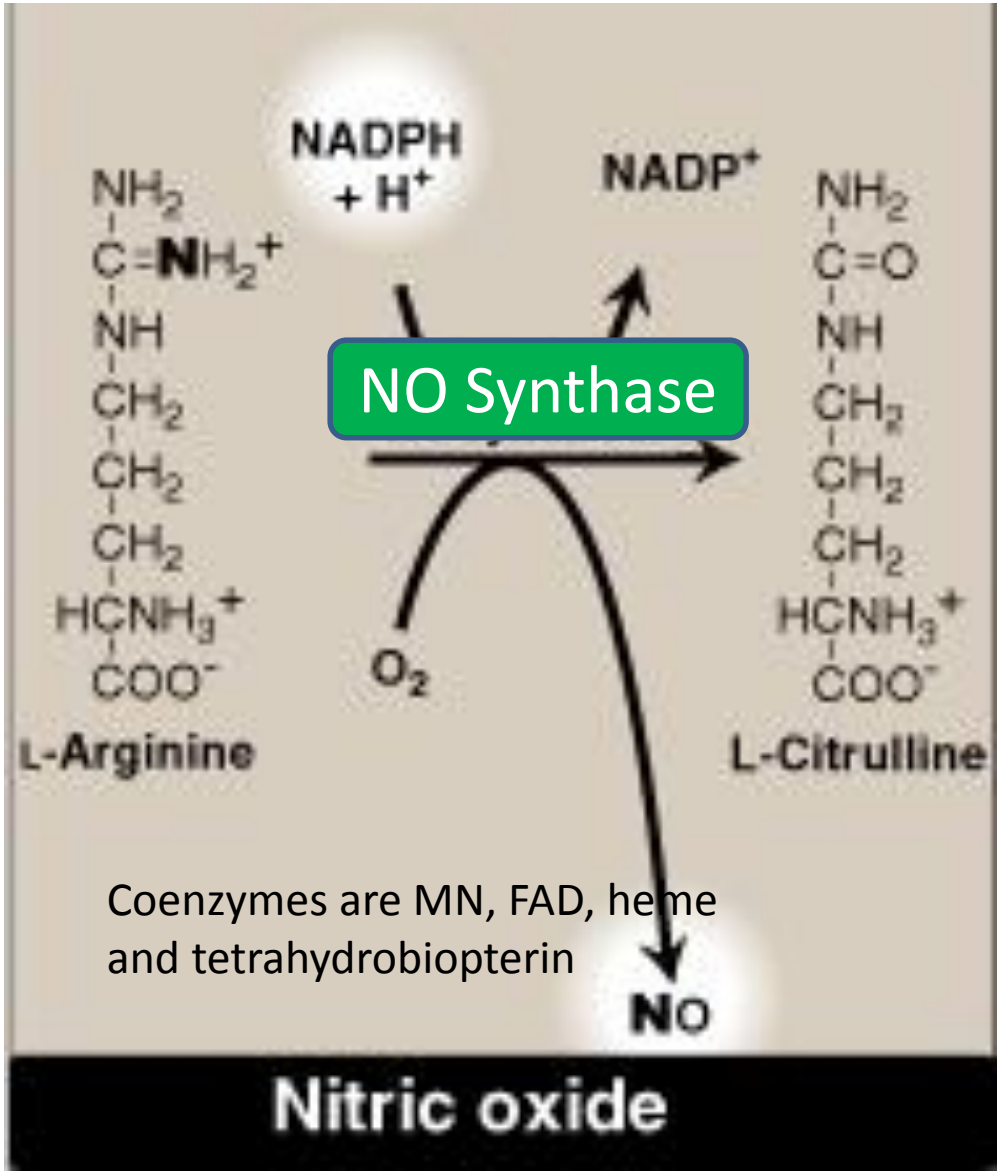
H_2O_2 can also be reduced to water by catalase or glutathione peroxidase

NO and Reactive Nitrogen Oxygen Species (RNOS)

- Diffuses readily
- Essential for life and toxic
- Neurotransmitter , vasodilator
- ↓Platelet aggregation
- At high concentration combines with $O_2\bullet^-$ or O_2 to form **RNOS**
- **RNOS** are involved in neurodegenerative diseases and inflammatory diseases



NO Synthesis

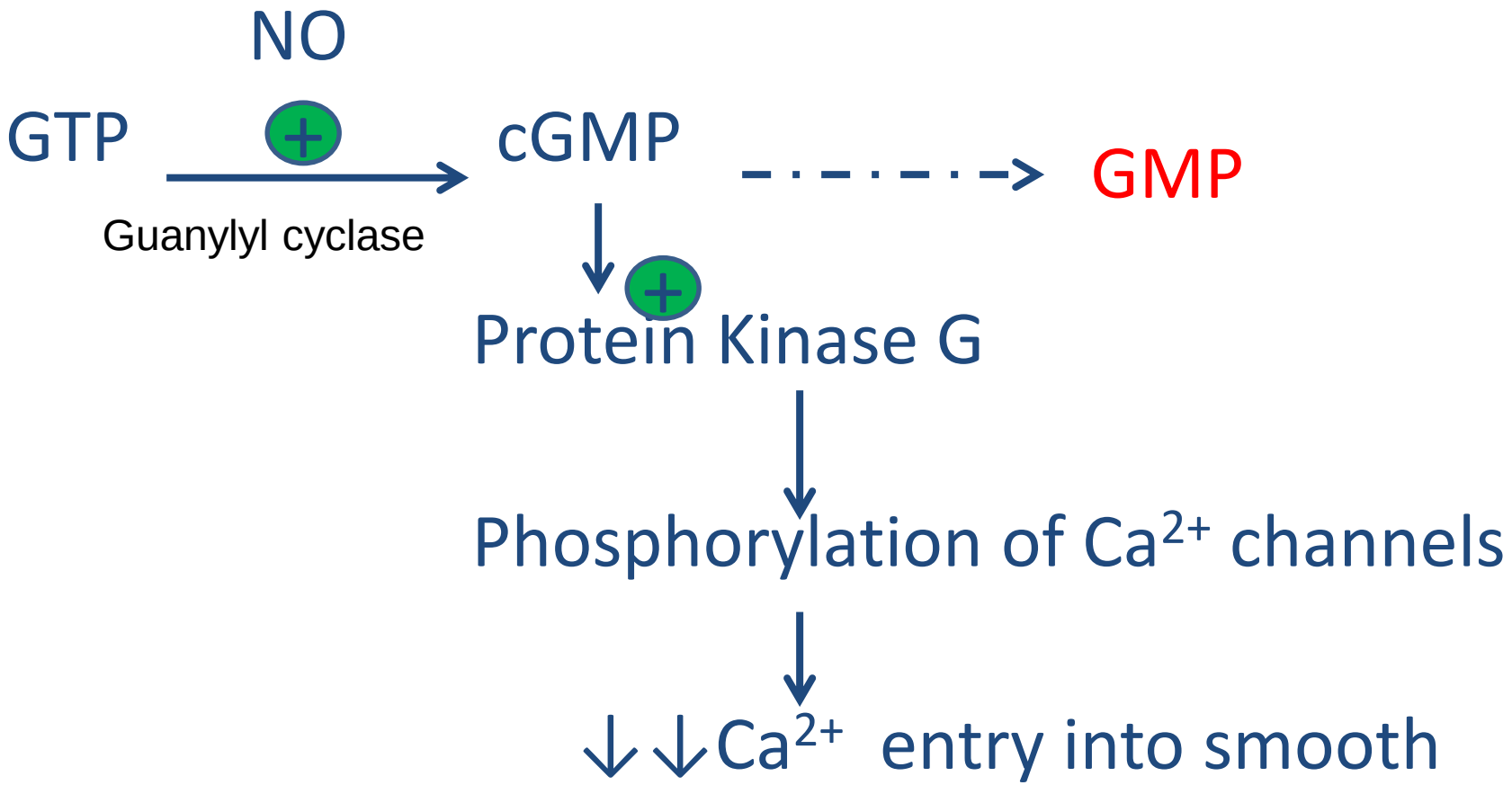


NO Synthase
Three isoforms
nNOS neural
eNOS endothelial
Both are constitutive

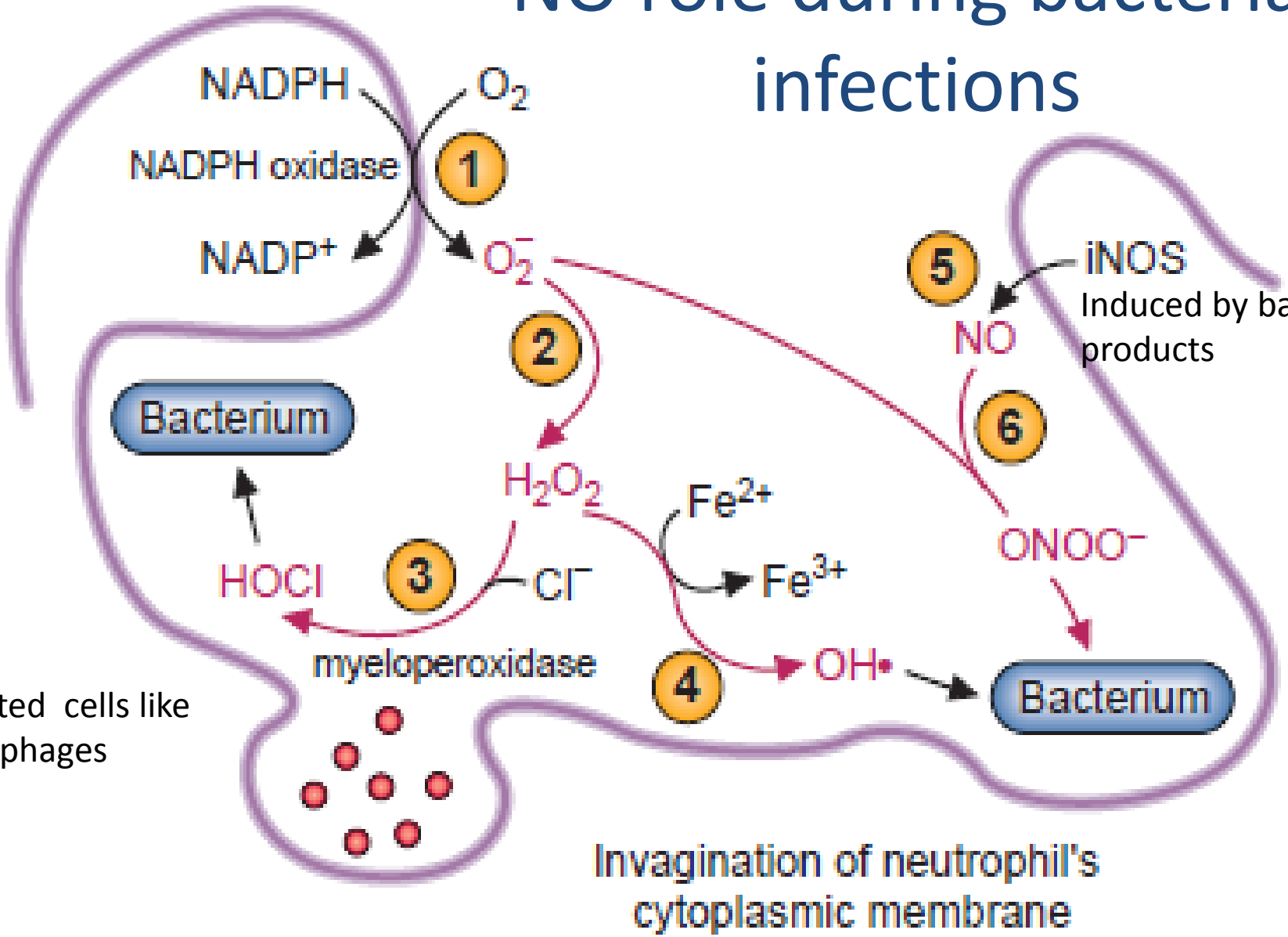
iNOS inducible Ca+2 independent
Induction of transcription in many cells of immune system➔↑↑ NO ➔ RNOS to kill invading bacteria

Action of NO on vascular endothelium

Synthesis by endothelia cells → smooth muscle



NO role during bacterial infections



Hypochlorous acid