# **Integration of metabolism**

Seminar No. 6

### The first law of thermodynamics

Energy can be converted from one form to another, but cannot be destroyed.

In the interaction between a closed system and its surroundings, the internal energy change of the system ( $\Delta U$ ) equals the **heat** exchanged by the system ( $\Delta Q$ ) plus the **work** done on or by the system ( $\Delta W$ ).

### $\Delta U = \Delta W + \Delta Q = \text{work} + \text{heat}$

Although work can be transformed completely into heat, it

does not follow that heat can be transformed completely to work.

 $\Rightarrow$  heat is taken as a less utilizable form of energy.



**Reserves** = chemical energy of adip. tissue, liver/muscle glycogen, and cca  $\frac{1}{3}$  of muscle proteins





Basal metabolism is the amount of energy expended while at rest in a neutrally

temperate environment, in the post-absorptive state (no digestion).

The release of energy in this state is sufficient only for the functioning of vital

organs, such as the heart, lungs, brain.

#### **Basal metabolism can be estimated from**

# **body mass**: 0.1 MJ / kg / day

# **body surface**: 4.2 MJ / m<sup>2</sup> / day

Example: 70 kg  $\Rightarrow$  BM = 0.1  $\times$  70 = 7 MJ/day

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Starch	55 - 60 %	
Lipids	≤30 %	SAFA $\approx$ 5 % MUFA $\approx$ 20 % PUFA $\approx$ 5 %
Proteins	10 - 15 %	

1) BM of student calculated from body surface (MJ/d) =

2) output of student (between light work and medium hard work)

estimated from graph (MJ/d)  $\approx$ 

3) total energy output in MJ/d =

4) total energy output in J/s (= in W)

- 1) BM of student (MJ/d) =  $4.2 \times 1.73 = 7.266 \text{ MJ/d}$
- 2) activity of student estimated from graph (MJ/d)  $\approx$  4 MJ/d
- 3) total energy output in MJ/d = 7.266 + 4 = 11.266 MJ/d
- 4) total energy output in J/s =
- 11 266 000 J/day =  $\frac{11266000}{86400}$  (J/s) = 130 J/s = <u>130 W</u>

# **Body mass index** $BMI = \frac{mass (kg)}{[height (m)]^2}$

BMI	Classification
< 16	severe underweight
16-20	underweight
20-25	optimal weight
25-30	light obesity
30-40	marked obesity
>40	severe obesity

### Energy reserves in adult man (70 kg)

Nutrient	Tissue	Mass (g)	Energy (MJ)
Glycogen	liver	70	1,2
Glycogen	muscle	120	2,0
Glucose	ECF	20	0,3
Lipids	adip. t.	15 000	570
Proteins	muscle	6 000	102/3=34



#### energy stores =

survival time =  $\frac{\text{energy available}}{BM}$ 



Metabolic process	Insulin	Glucagon	Adrenaline	Cortisol
Gluconeogenesis				
Glycolysis in liver				
Glycolysis in muscle	1	_		
Glycogenolysis in muscle	-	-		
Glycogenolysis in liver				
Glycogenesis liver + muscle				
Lipolysis in adipocytes				
Lipogenesis in liver/adip.t.	1			
Cholesterol synthesis	1	$\downarrow$		
Proteosynthesis		-		
Proteolysis in liver		1		
Proteolysis in muscles	_	_		

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Gluconeogenesis	$\downarrow$	1	1	↑ (AA)
Glycolysis in liver	1	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	-
Glycolysis in muscle	1	-	<u>↑</u> ↑↑	-
Glycogenolysis in muscle	-	-	↑ ↑ ↑	-
Glycogenolysis in liver	$\leftrightarrow$	↑	↑ ↑ ↑	-
Glycogenesis liver + muscle	↑	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow\downarrow$	↑
Lipolysis in adipocytes	$\rightarrow$	1	↑↑↑	↑
Lipogenesis in liver/adip.t.	↑	$\downarrow$	$\rightarrow$	$\downarrow$
Cholesterol synthesis	↑	$\downarrow$	$\rightarrow$	$\downarrow$
Proteosynthesis	↑	-	-	↑liver, ↓other
Proteolysis in liver	$\downarrow$	↑	↑	$\downarrow$
Proteolysis in muscles	-	-	 ↑	↑

### **Basic facts on metabolism**

- ATP is immediate source of energy in cells
- ATP is derived from metabolic oxidation of nutrients: glycolysis +  $\beta$ -oxidation of FA  $\rightarrow$  acetyl-CoA  $\rightarrow$  CAC  $\rightarrow$  resp. chain  $\rightarrow$  ATP
- ATP and glucose levels in body have to be reasonably constant
- glucose is necessary for brain and RBC
- glucose is necessary for utilization of lipids for energy: Glc  $\rightarrow$  pyruvate  $\rightarrow$  oxaloacetate  $\rightarrow$  CAC
- glucose cannot be made from FA

### **Relationships between nutrients**

glucose  $\rightarrow$  lipids  $\checkmark$ 

glucogenic AA  $\rightarrow$  glucose  $\checkmark$ 

Glc (pyruvate, CAC intermed)  $\rightarrow$  C skeleton of non-essential AA  $\checkmark$ 

AA  $\rightarrow$  lipids  $\checkmark$ 

lipids ≽ AA (most ketogenic + mixed AA are essential)

#### **Saccharides after meal (insulin)**



• GLUT 4 insulin dependent transporter

### **Glucose (Glc) in liver after meal**

- Glc  $\rightarrow$  glycogen
- Glc  $\rightarrow$  pyruvate  $\rightarrow$  acetyl-CoA  $\rightarrow$  CAC  $\rightarrow$  energy
- Glc  $\rightarrow$  pyruvate  $\rightarrow$  acetyl-CoA  $\rightarrow$  FA  $\rightarrow$  TAG (VLDL)
- considerable amount of Glc just passes through into blood
- small portion of Glc is converted into specialized products (pentoses + NADPH, galactose, glucuronate)
- excess of Glc  $\rightarrow$  lipids (VLDL)  $\rightarrow$  blood  $\rightarrow$  adipose tissue  $\rightarrow$  obesity

### Glc in other tissues after meal

- Glc is the only fuel for RBC (anaerobic glycolysis)
- Glc is prominent fuel for brain (aerobic glycolysis)
- Glc is source of energy + reserves (glycogen) in muscles
- Glc is source of glycerol-3-P for TAG synthesis in adip. tissue



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- Exogen. TAG (CM) and endogen. lipids (VLDL) supply peripheral tissues (muscles, myocard, kidney, adip. t.)
- FA are released from TAG by the action of LPL
- FA are fuel for muscles

 $FA \rightarrow acetyl-CoA \rightarrow CAC \rightarrow CO_2 + energy$ 

• In adipose tiss., FA are substrates for TAG synthesis

- Glc is metabolic fuel in most tissues:
- ERCS + brain (exclusively in well-fed state)
- muscles + adipose tissue + some other ...

- insulin stimulates the exposition of GLUT4 in muscles and adipose tissue cell membranes
- Glc can massively enter these organs

- 1. Glc is the source of **energy** (aerobic glycolysis)
- 2. Glc is the source of  $NADPH+H^+$  for FA synthesis (pentose cycle)
- 3. Glc is the source of **glycerol-3-P** for TAG synthesis

glycerol-3-P  $\rightarrow$  1-acylglycerol-3-P  $\rightarrow$  1,2-diacylglycerol-3-P  $\rightarrow$ 

1,2-diacylglycerol  $\rightarrow$  TAG

- Glc  $\rightarrow$  2 pyruvate (aerobic glycolysis)
- pyruvate  $\rightarrow$  acetyl-CoA (oxidative decarboxylation)
- acetyl-CoA +  $CO_2$ -biotin  $\rightarrow$  malonyl-CoA (activation)
- $[malonyl-CoA + acetyl-CoA]_{nx} \rightarrow \rightarrow FA$



- LPL lipoprotein lipase
- Insulin is the inducer of LPL synthesis

#### Why are KB <u>not</u> made after meal?

- there is not enough substrate for KB synthesis
- insulin has **anti-lipolytic action** 
  - $\Rightarrow$  not enough FA and acetyl-CoA

#### **Saccharides in fasting (glucagon)**



### **Glucose in fasting (glucagon)**

- blood Glc level is maintained by two processes:
- (1) liver glycogenolysis

 $(Glc)_n + P_i \rightarrow (Glc)_{n-1} + Glc-1-P$ 

Glc-6-P  $\rightarrow$  free glucose

• (2) liver gluconeogenesis from lactate, AA, glycerol

#### Lipids in fasting (glucagon)



• glucagon stimulates lipolysis in adip. tiss. (HSL)

TAG  $\rightarrow$  3 FA + glycerol

• FA are released to blood, bound to albumin, and trasferred to muscles ( $\rightarrow CO_2$  + energy)

to liver ( $\rightarrow$  partly CO<sub>2</sub> + energy for liver, partly KB for export)

• KB are metabolic fuel for muscles and partly for brain

#### mostly branched AA – Val, Ile, Leu

#### Alanine, glutamine

#### Originate from:

- Muscle proteolysis  $\rightarrow$  alanine + glutamine
- Transamination of pyruvate  $\rightarrow$  alanine
- Ammonia detoxication  $\rightarrow$  glutamine



in muscles + brain, glycolysis is partly anaerobic

#### $Glc (6C) \rightarrow 2$ lactate (3C) ..... recycling three carbon atoms

the body starts to save glucose

#### **Compare two different degradation processes**

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Feature	Glycogen	Starch
Where in body	liver / muscles	intestine
Enzyme	glycogen phosphorylase	pancreatic amylase
Reagent	P <sub>i</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O
Type of reaction	phosporolysis	hydrolysis
Product	glucose-1-P	maltose

- KB are produced only in <u>liver</u> from acetyl-CoA
- the metabolic cause:

the shortage of oxaloacetate and excess of acetyl-CoA





#### succinyl-CoA: acetoacetate-CoA transferase

does not occur in the liver

- KB ..... small soluble molecules, enter brain
- FA .... big molecules, cannot get across blood-brain barrier

#### **Metabolic turn-over of saccharides in fasting (g/d)** liver CNS **Early fasting 144** glycogen 75 Proteins $\rightarrow$ AA. Glc 180 gluconeogenesis Ery 36 glycerol lactate 16 36 **Prolonged starvation** liver **CNS 44** Proteins $\rightarrow$ AA 20 Glc 80 gluconeogenesis Ery **36** glycerol lactate 15 **50** 62



- muscle proteolysis:  $75 \rightarrow 20 \text{ g/d} \Rightarrow \text{decreases}$
- liver gluconeogenesis:  $180 \rightarrow 80 \text{ g/d} \Rightarrow \text{decreases}$
- lipolysis:  $160 \rightarrow 150 \text{ g/d} \Rightarrow \text{approx}$ . the same
- KB production:  $60 \rightarrow 57 \text{ g/d} \Rightarrow \text{approx. the same (dif. utilization)}$
- energy for brain: Glc (44 g/d) + KB (47 g/d)
- energy for muscle: FA

### 1. sparing glucose

2. sparing proteins

- 1. The capacity of brain to utilize KB is limited
- 2. The protection of body against excessive acidification

of internal environment



the accumulation of acetoacetate and  $\beta$ -hydroxybutyrate

anions in ECF leads to the decrease of main buffer base  $[HCO_3^-]$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  decrease of pH  $\Rightarrow$  metabolic acidosis (ketoacidosis)