

metabolism of Microbiology

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The processes of breakdown and utilization of food material in bacteria are basically similar to higher organisms ,metabolism can be divided into

- a. catabolism
- b. anabolism

Catabolism: is break down of chemical compound into their constituent atoms molecules.

Anabolism : conversion or synthesis of catabolically generated atom into macromolecuoles that constitute physical & chemical make up of cells

catabolism :

All microorganism seem to have certain fundamental metabolic pathway concerned in the interconversion necessary for the production abasic building blocks .

Energy metabolism

Energy used by bacteria primarily is produced by fermentative and /or respiratory metabolic pathway the expression of genes necessary for the utilization of substrates or for the synthesis of critical compounds it tightly regulated to satisfy the bacterium needs without consuming unncecessary energy. By breakdown of chemical compounds the main energy - providing chemical compounds are the nutrients carbohydrates lipid and protein

Respiration metabolism.

aerobes obtain energy by a series of coupled oxidation reductions in which the ultimate electron acceptor is atmospheric O₂. In this aerobic respiration the carbon and energy source may be completely oxidized to carbon dioxide and water. Energy is obtained by a process called oxidative phosphorylation, production of energy-rich phosphate bonds & their transfer to adenosine diphosphate to form adenosine triphosphate. Glucose (C₆H₁₂O₆) is the main respiratory substrate which is broken down in a living organism to yield energy. A series of enzyme-controlled chemical changes slowly release the potential energy from glucose. ATP can be moved inside the cell and release kinetic energy for various cell activities at the same time, forming ADP.



The most common type of respiration for human, pathogen, and commensal, pyruvate formed by the Embden – Meyerhof pathway, also known as Glycolysis, occurs in the cytoplasm of all cells. This system consists of some ten enzymes and can operate under both aerobic & anaerobic conditions. Aerobically, pyruvate is converted to carbon dioxide via acetylcoenzyme A (acetyl coA), which is the substrate to the Krebs cycle, also

Known as the tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle.

It is located in mitochondria. The significant functions of the Krebs cycle are for production of carbon skeletons for synthesis reactions, particularly those leading to synthesis of amino acids, and generation of ATP in aerobic conditions.

other carbohydrate degradation is hexose monophosphate or pentose or pentose phosphate

pathway and Entner –Dudoroff pathway. intermediates formed and ATP are used in synthesis of cellular substance

Anaerobic respiration

Anaerobic(fermentation) growth occurs by a process in which organic compound (glucose) is not completely oxidized and yields the end product alcohol lactic acid and others and only a few molecule of ATP for each molecule of glucose oxidized are produced .this process is called substrate level phosphorylation, other fermentation product with diversity of products by the further metabolism of pyruvate ,depending on the species of bacteria and environmental condition such as PH so the products formed are characteristic of particular species and aid to classification.

Anapolytism

There are wide differences in ability of cells to carry out the individual biosynthesis of essential monomers, co-enzymes ..etc. from the building blocks produced by catabolism. Others almost completely lack such biosynthesis power within these two extremities there is a wide spectrum of different biosynthesis of essential low molecular weight compounds.

protein synthesis:

Three types of RNA are involved in protein synthesis

(1) Ribosome RNA {rRNA }

(2) Messenger RNA {mRNA}

(3) Transfer RNA {tRNA} DNA transfers the genetic code for protein synthesis to the (mRNA) mRNA

Joint With several ribosomes called

polyribosomes. tRNA possesses the information for placing each amino acid in the correct position on the mRNA - ribosome complex by specific enzymes and energy. As each tRNA combines with its complementary amino acid, the amino acid forms a peptide linkage with the amino acid of the preceding tRNA.

This tRNA then repeats the process. This polypeptide grows on the mRNA-ribosome. When the entire mRNA has been translated into the amino acid sequence, the complete polypeptide is released from the ribosome as a specific protein. The mRNA-ribosome complex remains and continues the process.

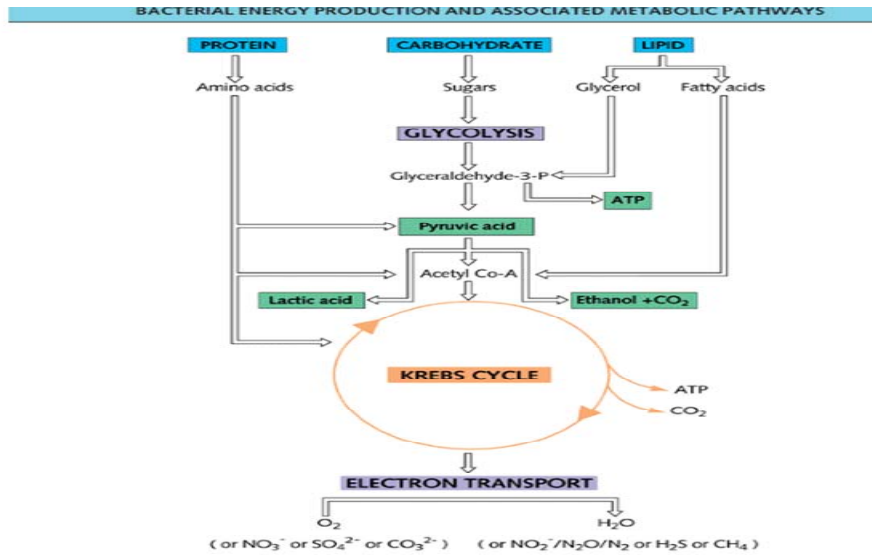
The main steps of protein synthesis are:

1-Amino acids are activated and form a complex with Enzymes synthetase.

2-The activated amino acids are transferred to soluble RNA or tRNA. These reactions are catalyzed by amino acetyl RNA synthetase.

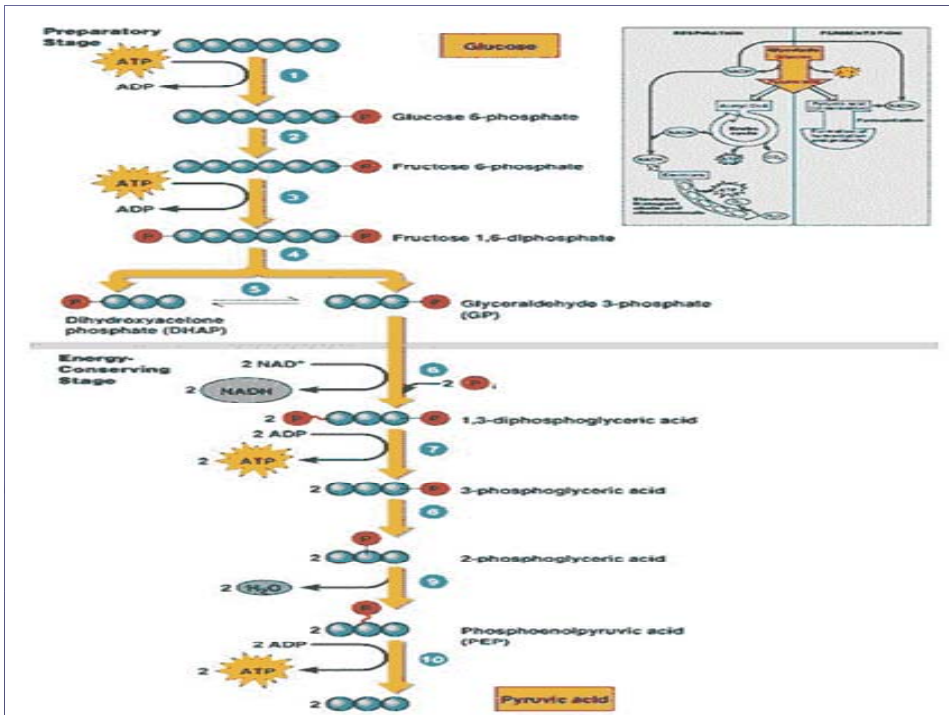
3-mRNA is synthesized on a template of chromosomal DNA through the activity of RNA polymerase.

4-mRNA migrate to Ribosomes to form polysome and serve as template for assembly of amino acids into polypeptide chain. The genetic code is incorporated in the mRNA

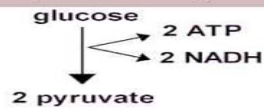


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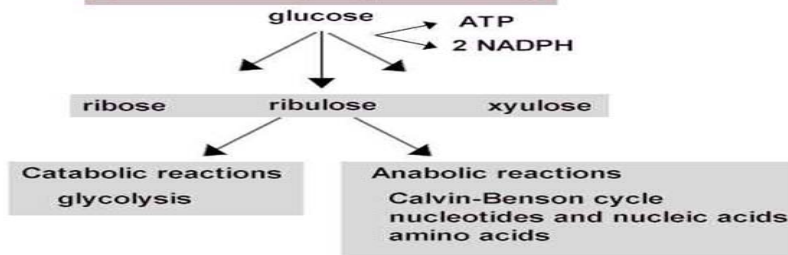
Atmospheric growth conditions	Energy production by	Final electron acceptor	Type of phosphorylation	Moles ATP produced per glucose equiv
Aerobic	Aerobic respiration	Molecular oxygen	Substrate level and oxidative	38
Anaerobic	Anaerobic respiration	Inorganic molecule e.g. NO_3^- or SO_4^{2-} or CO_3^{2-}	Substrate level and oxidative	>2 <38
Aerobic or anaerobic	Fermentation	Organic molecule	Oxidative	2



Glycolysis (Embden-Meyerhof)



Pentose Phosphate Pathway (hexose monophosphate shunt)



Entner-Doudoroff

