Energy and Metabolism
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Energy and Cellular Work

Eukaryotic Cell: Neuron
Energy and Metabolism
Endergonic and Exergonic Reactions

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2. They make new skin
3. They burn fats
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Biosynthetic and Degradative Pathways

- **Biosynthetic Pathway:** Anabolism
- **Degradative Pathway:** Catabolism
Energy and Metabolism
All Living Organisms Require Energy Sources
The Flow of Energy or How Organisms Relate

Producers or Autotrophs (Photoautotrophs)

Consumers or Heterotrophs

Decomposers
The Flow of Energy or How Organisms Relate

- Photoautotrophs synthesize high energy organic molecules during photosynthesis.
- Both photoautotrophs and heterotrophs use such organic molecules to obtain energy (ATP) through cellular respiration for fueling cellular work.

[Diagram of the flow of energy in an ecosystem, showing the cycle between photosynthesis, cellular respiration, and ATP production.]
Participants in Metabolic Pathways

- Substrate:
- Intermediate Product(s):
- End Product(s):
- Enzymes:
- Energy Carriers:
Photosynthetic bacteria are autotrophs because they have the ability to produce their own high energy organic compounds (food). Do you agree?

1. Yes
2. No
Adenosine 5’-triphosphate (ATP)

- What part of the molecule is the most electronegative?
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1. ribose
2. phosphate groups
3. adenine
Hydrolysis of ATP into ADP

Energy and inorganic phosphate are released. What for?
The ATP/ADP Cycle

From Degradative Pathways

Energy from catabolism (exergonic, energy-yielding processes)

ADP + P → ATP

Phosphorylation

For Synthetic Pathways

Energy for cellular work (endergonic, energy-consuming processes)
Energy Releasing Pathways

Fermentation

Fermentation (alcoholic and lactic): 2 ATP’s produced.

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Energy Releasing Pathways
Fermentation

Yeast
Energy Releasing Pathways
Anaerobic Respiration

- Anaerobic Respiration: 2 ATP’s produced.
- Commonly known diseases caused by anaerobic bacteria include gas gangrene, tetanus, and botulism. Nearly all dental infections are caused by anaerobic bacteria.
- Anaerobic bacteria can cause an infection when a normal barrier (such as skin, gums, or intestinal wall) is damaged due to surgery, injury, or disease. Body sites that have tissue destruction (necrosis) or a poor blood supply are low in oxygen and favor the growth of anaerobic bacteria.
- Anaerobic organisms perform anaerobic respiration
Energy Releasing Pathways
Aerobic Respiration

- Aerobic Respiration: approximately 36 ATP molecules produced
- Aerobic organisms perform aerobic respiration
Which one of the following is the most effective pathway for producing ATP?

1. fermentation
2. anaerobic respiration
3. aerobic respiration
Depending on their oxygen needs, organisms are

- Strictly Aerobic: require oxygen
- Facultative Aerobic

- Strictly Anaerobic: do not tolerate oxygen
- Facultative Anaerobic
Humans and plants are ___

1. strictly anaerobic
2. facultative anaerobic
3. strictly aerobic
4. facultative aerobic
Steps of Aerobic Respiration
Where does aerobic respiration occur?
Steps of Aerobic Respiration: Glycolysis

- All organisms (anaerobic and aerobic) break down glucose through the process of glycolysis, which occurs in the cell’s cytoplasm.
- Only aerobic organisms process the products of glycolysis to obtain further amounts of ATP.
- Glucose is actively transported into the cell and phosphorylated (step 1), a process that turns on glycolysis.
Steps of Aerobic Respiration: Glycolysis

- 2 molecules of pyruvate are produced per molecule of glucose
- A net of 2 ATP per molecule of glucose are produced in glycolysis
Steps of Aerobic Respiration: Krebs Cycle

• The Krebs cycle accomplishes two important functions: the production of multiple intermediate products, and of electron donors (NADH, FADH$_2$)
Steps of Aerobic Respiration: Krebs Cycle

- The Krebs Cycle occurs in the mitochondrial matrix.
- It is initiated when one molecule of pyruvate is transported into the mitochondrion by an oxygen dependent transport protein.
- Upon entering the mitochondrion, pyruvate is turned into acetyl CoA, which initiates the cycle.
- CO₂ is produced and will eventually leave the mitochondrial matrix and collect in blood vessels.
Where is the pyruvate coming from?

1. Lactic fermentation
2. Alcoholic fermentation
3. Aerobic respiration
4. All of the above
Steps of Aerobic Respiration: Krebs Cycle

• Per molecule of pyruvate, 1 ATP, 1 FADH$_2$, 3 CO$_2$, and 4 NADH are produced.

• NADH and FADH$_2$ will initiate the last step of aerobic respiration, the electron transport phosphorylation system (ETPS).
Steps of Aerobic Respiration: ETPS

- ETPS consists of a series of proteins located in the inner mitochondrial membrane.
- NADH and FADH$_2$ link glycolysis and the Krebs cycle to the machinery that produces large amounts of ATP.
- NADH and FADH$_2$ turn on the ETPS. Electrons cascade down the chain from one protein to the next until they finally reach the molecule of oxygen, the final acceptor.
- As electrons cascade down, protons are released.
Steps of Aerobic Respiration: ETPS

- As proteins release H+ in the intermembrane space, they produce a gradient of H+, which activates ATP synthase, the enzyme that produces about 32-34 ATP molecules. 
  
  *Chemiosmosis* refers to the activation of ATP synthase by a H+ gradient.
Where am I?

1. Cell’s cytoplasm
2. About to get into the mitochondrion
3. Inside the mitochondrion
4. Completely lost
Steps of Aerobic Respiration: ETPS
Aerobic Respiration: What does it produce?
Plants need to burn sugars and fats to obtain ATP. Do you agree?

1. Yes
2. No
Other molecules other than sugars undergo aerobic respiration

- Proteins and fats are used in aerobic respiration for the production of ATP.
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