

Workshop #1 Amino Acids & Proteins



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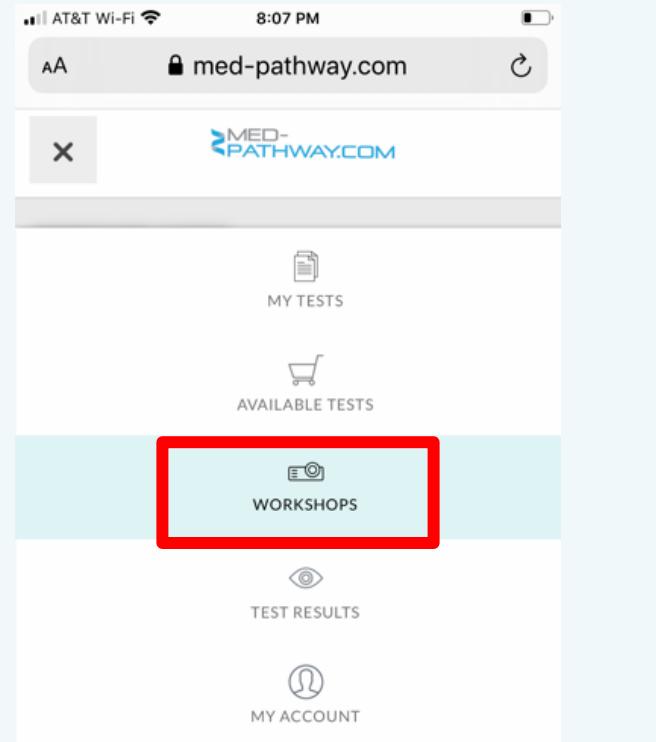
Content Review 2 Passages

Amino Acids, Peptides & Proteins
Diagnostic Test

Questions : 86 Expires : 6 Months

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BIG PICTURE: The MCAT loves the high yield topic of amino acids and proteins because of their high relevance in research and clinical medicine. This testing module consists of challenging passages and free standing questions that focus on multiple biochemical aspects of amino acids and proteins. Free Content Review designed around the AAMC MCAT Content Outline is also available on our web site.

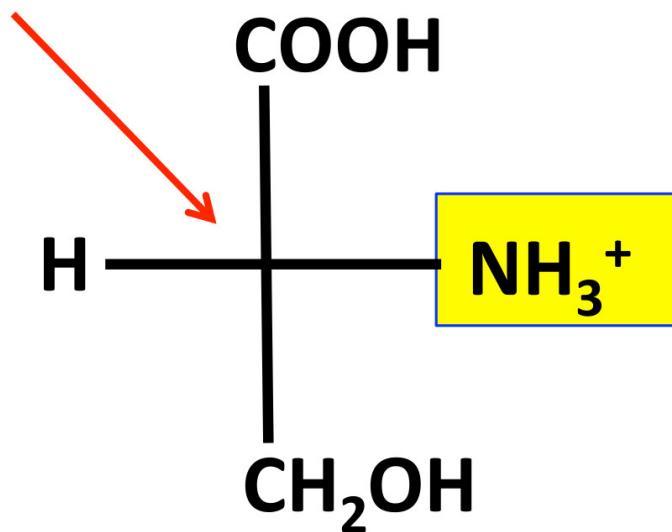


Hemoglobin Structure & Function

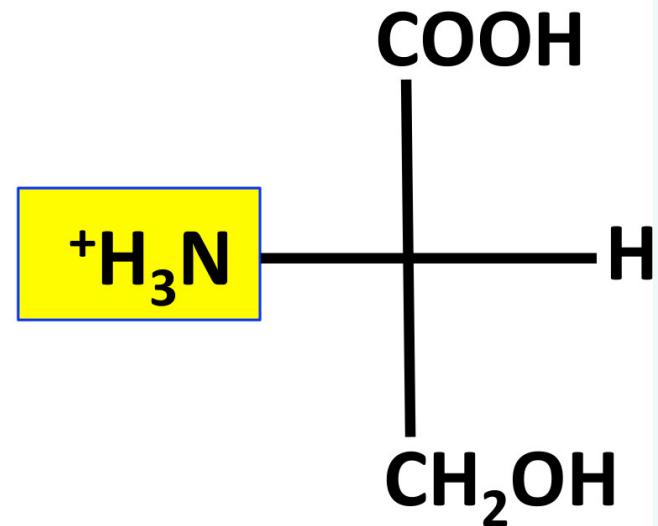
DNA Polymerase Structure & Function

Amino Acid Structure

α Carbon



D-serine



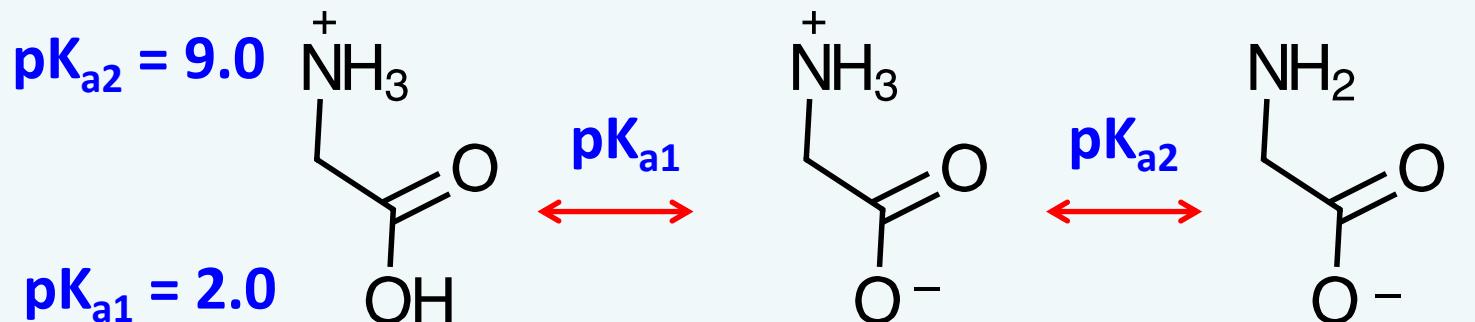
L-serine

Fischer Projections

Amino Acids & Acid/Base Chemistry

$$\text{HA} = \text{H}^+ + \text{A}^- \quad K_a = \frac{[\text{H}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]} \quad pK_a = -\log K_a$$

INCREASING pH



Increasing Cationic Character

pI Increasing Anionic Character



$\text{pH} < \text{pI}$

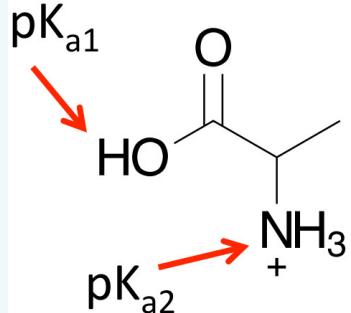


$\text{pH} > \text{pI}$

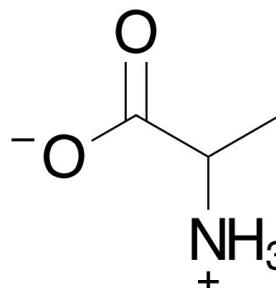
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Alanine Titration Curve

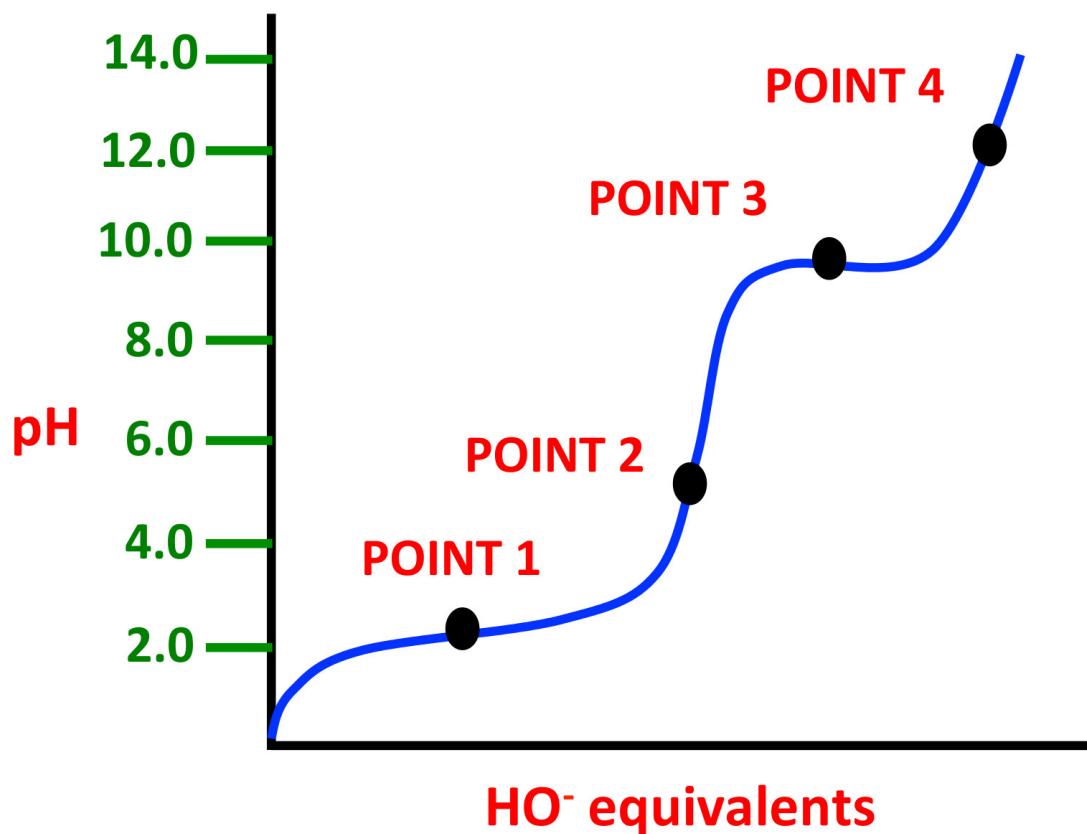
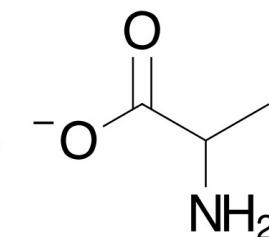
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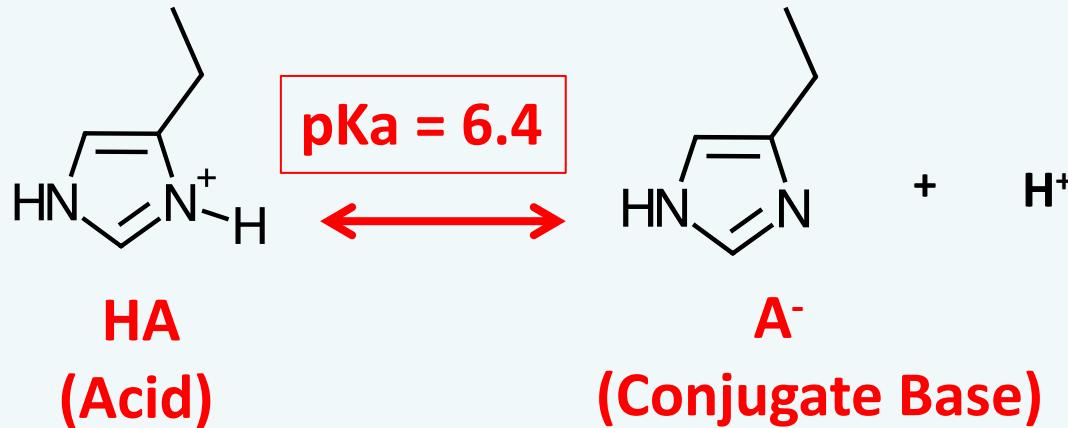
Form B: no charge



Form C: -1 charge



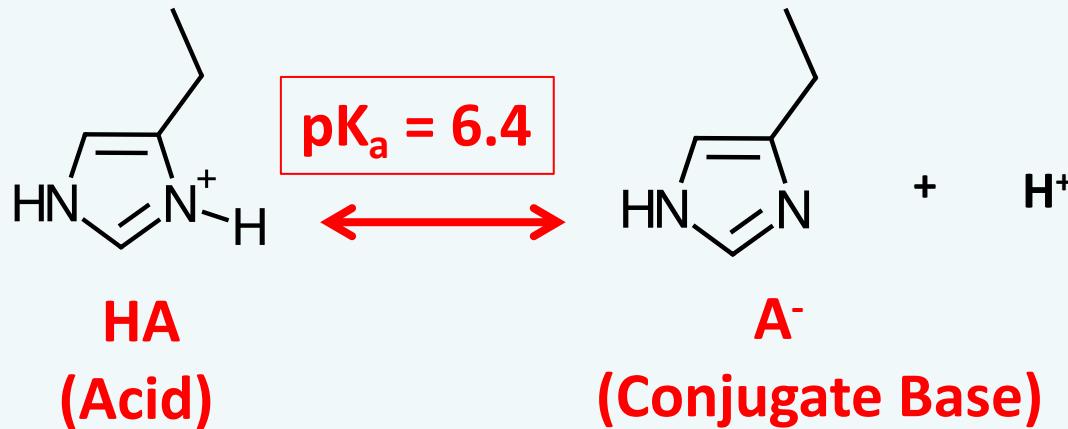
Henderson Hasselbalch



$$HA = H^+ + A^- \longrightarrow pH = pK_a + \log[Base]/[Acid]$$

Q: What is the fraction of histidine residues that are positively charged at pH = 7.4?

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$$7.4 = 6.4 + \log[\text{Base}]/[\text{Acid}]$$

$$1 = \log[\text{Base}]/[\text{Acid}]$$

$$10 = [\text{Base}]/[\text{Acid}]$$

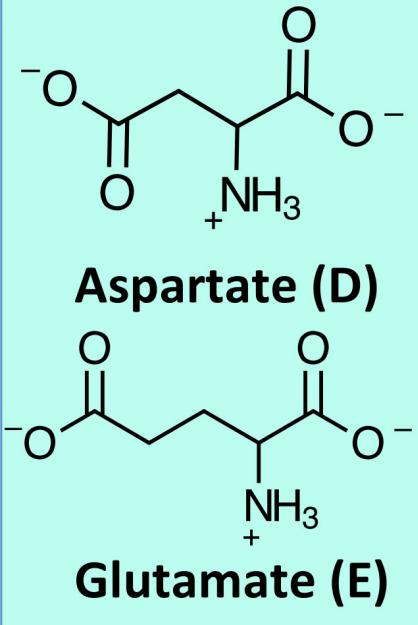
$\text{pH} > \text{pK}_a$ Therefore, 90% of histidine is in form of conjugate base

Answer: 10% positively charged

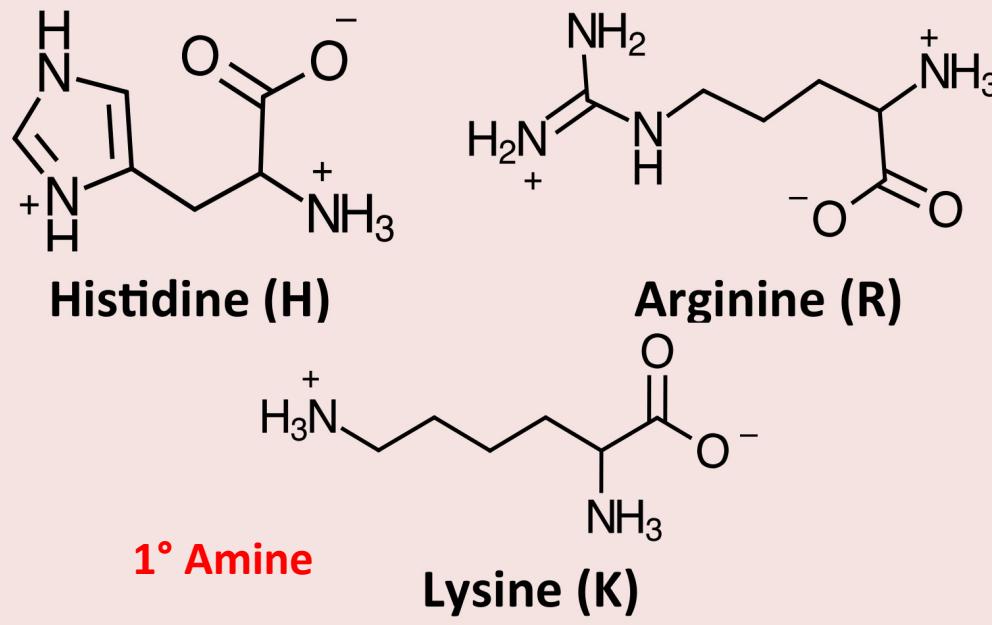
Survey of Amino Acid Classes

Understand Chemistry of Side Chains

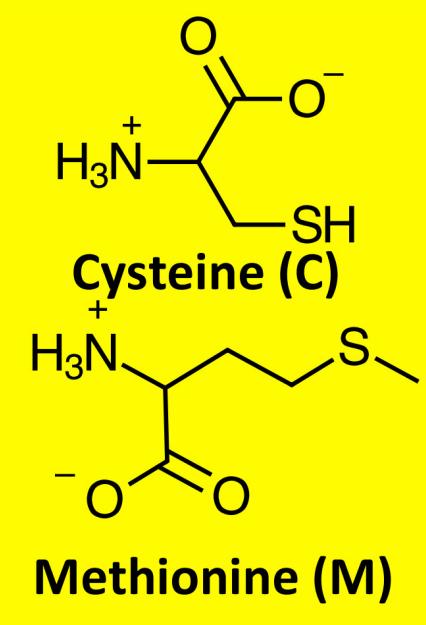
Acidic



Basic



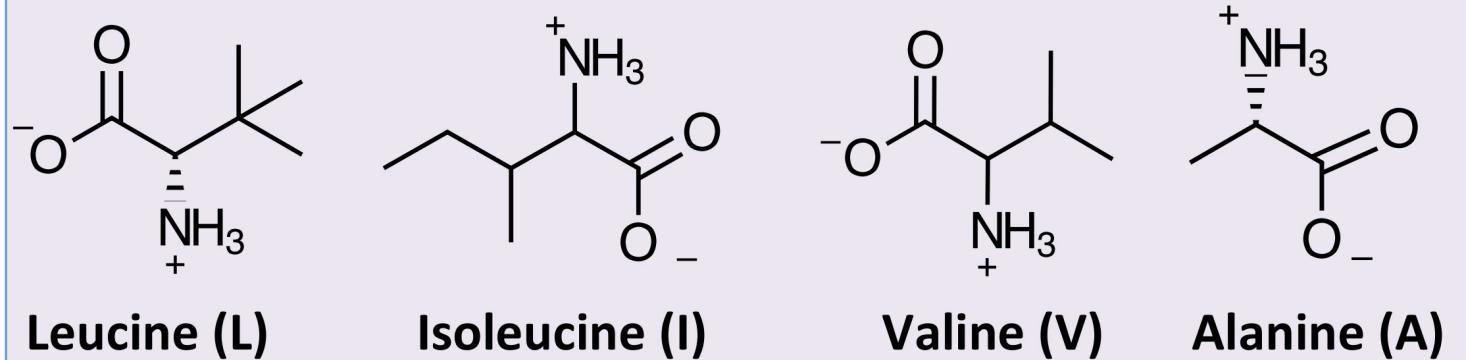
Sulfur



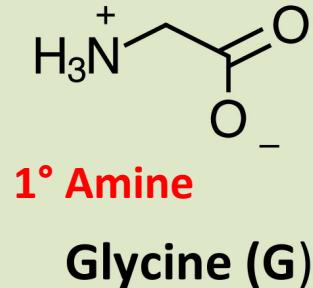
(Nitrogen carrier)

Aliphatic

Hydrophobic effect



Achiral



Amino Acid Classes

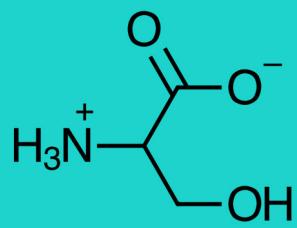
Polar, uncharged



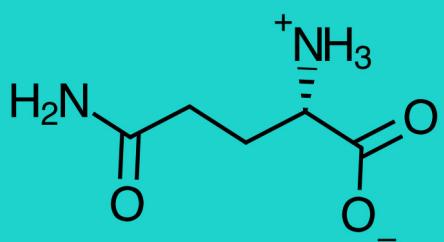
Threonine (T)



Asparagine (N)



Serine (S)

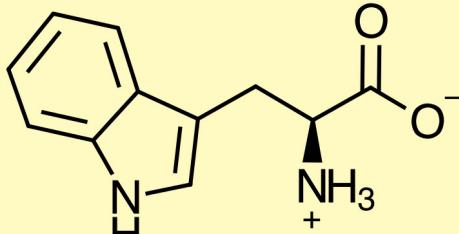


Glutamine (Q)

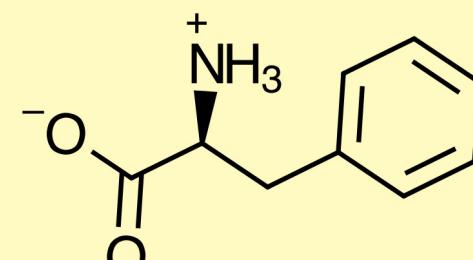
Alcohol
($pK_a \sim 13$)

Amide

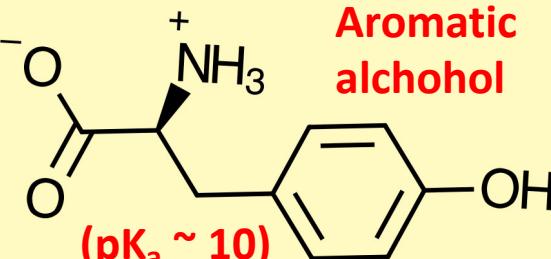
Aromatic



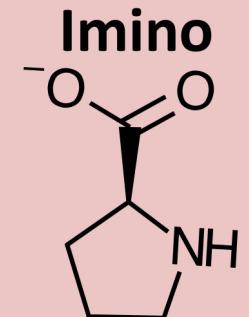
Tryptophan (W)



Phenylalanine (F)



Aromatic alchohol
($pK_a \sim 10$)
Tyrosine (Y)

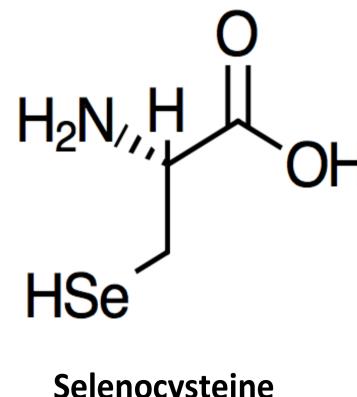
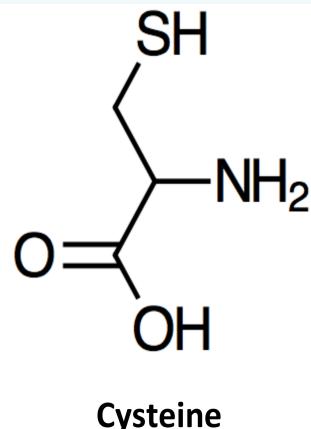
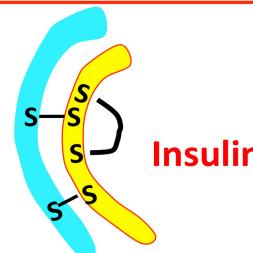
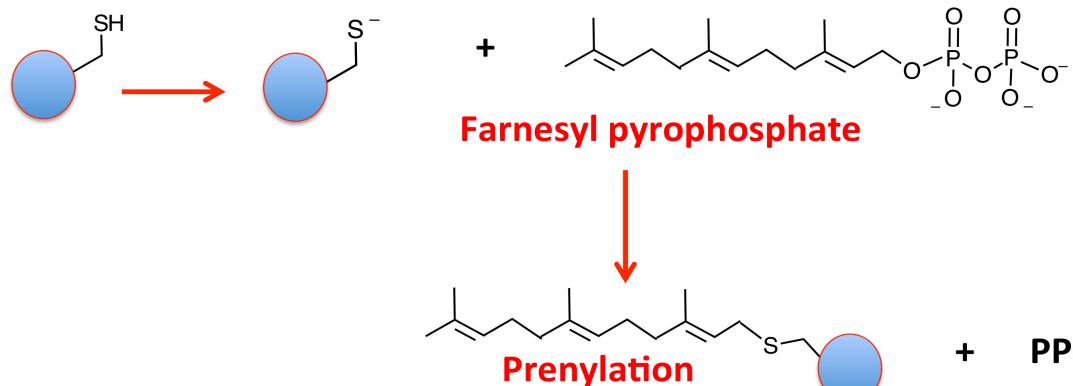


Proline (P)

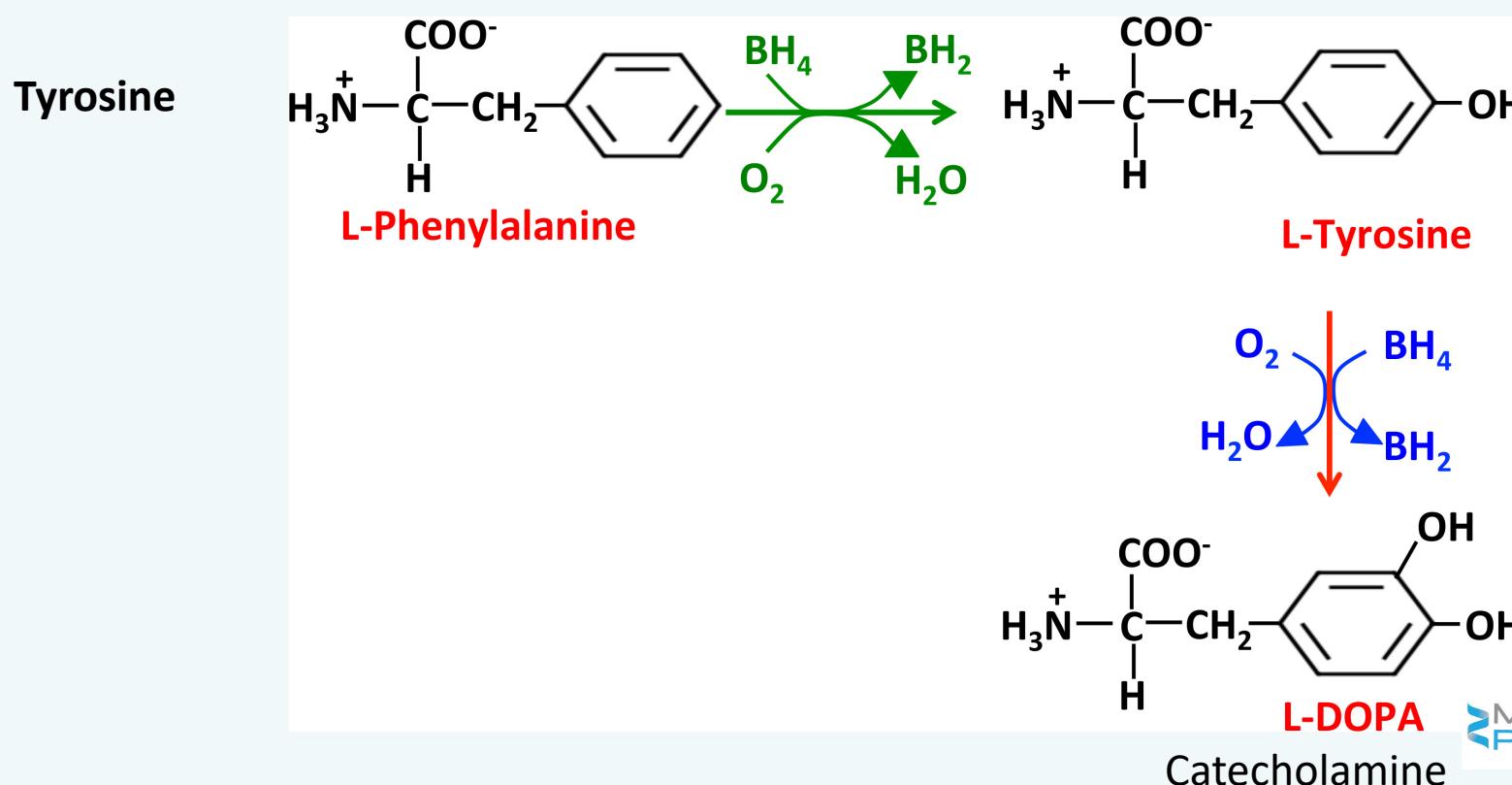
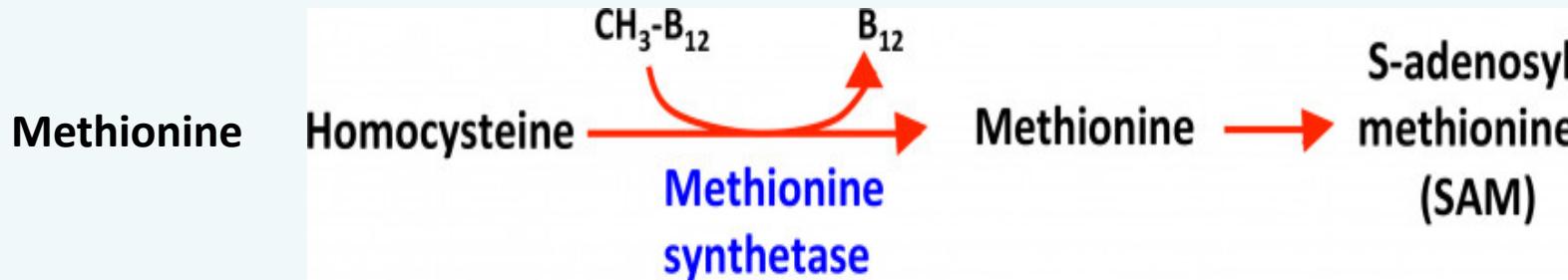
2° Amine

Cysteine Reactions

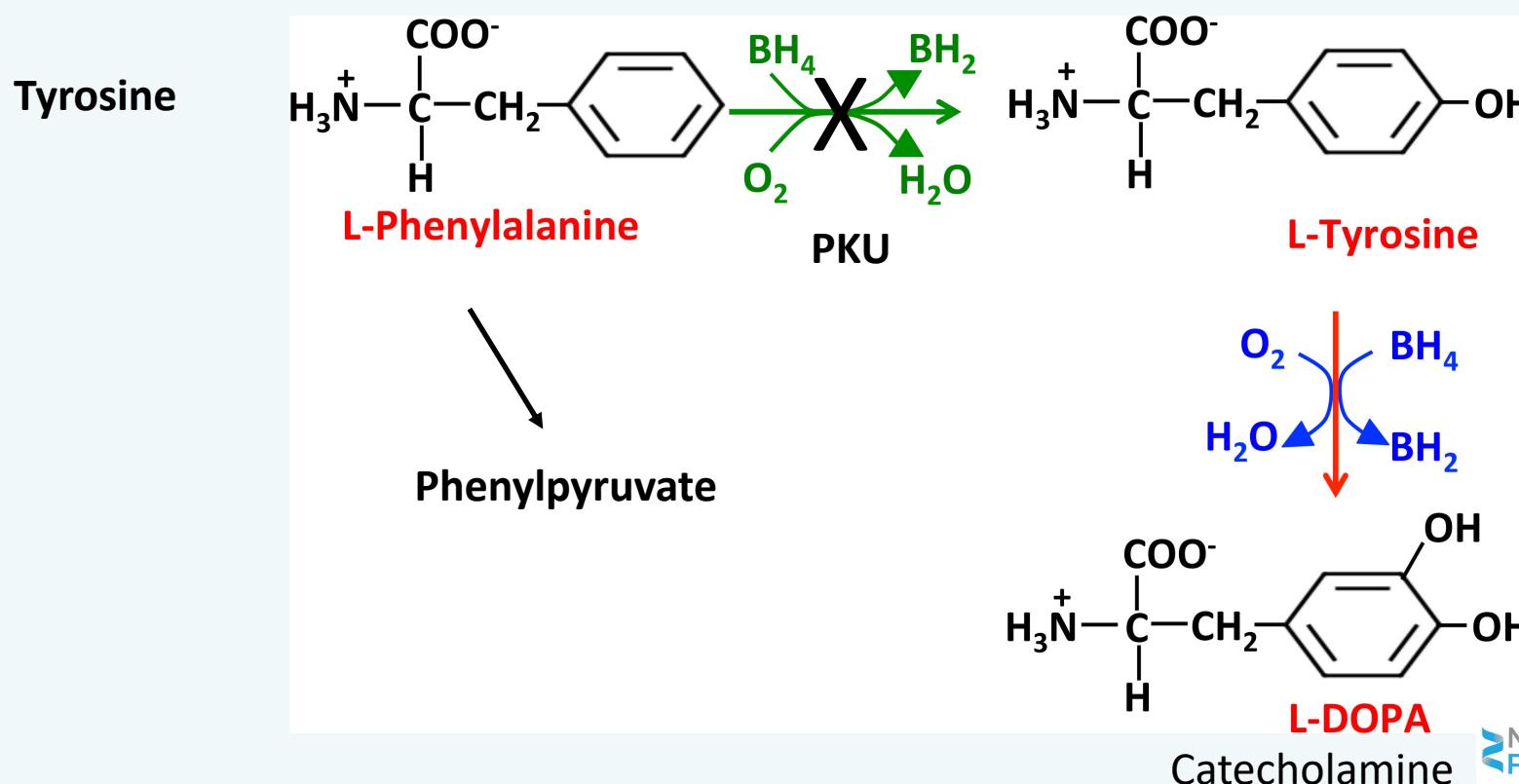
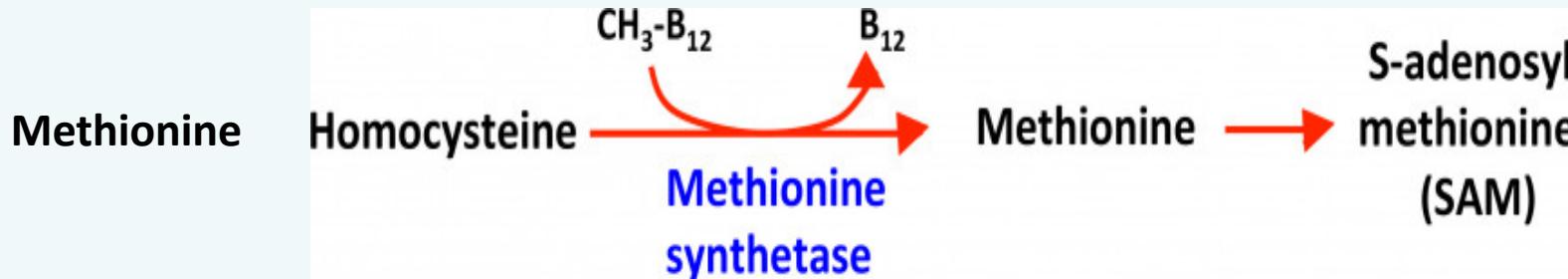
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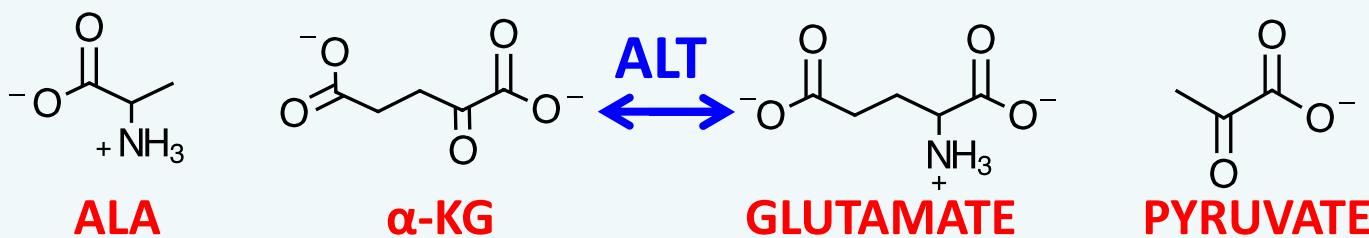
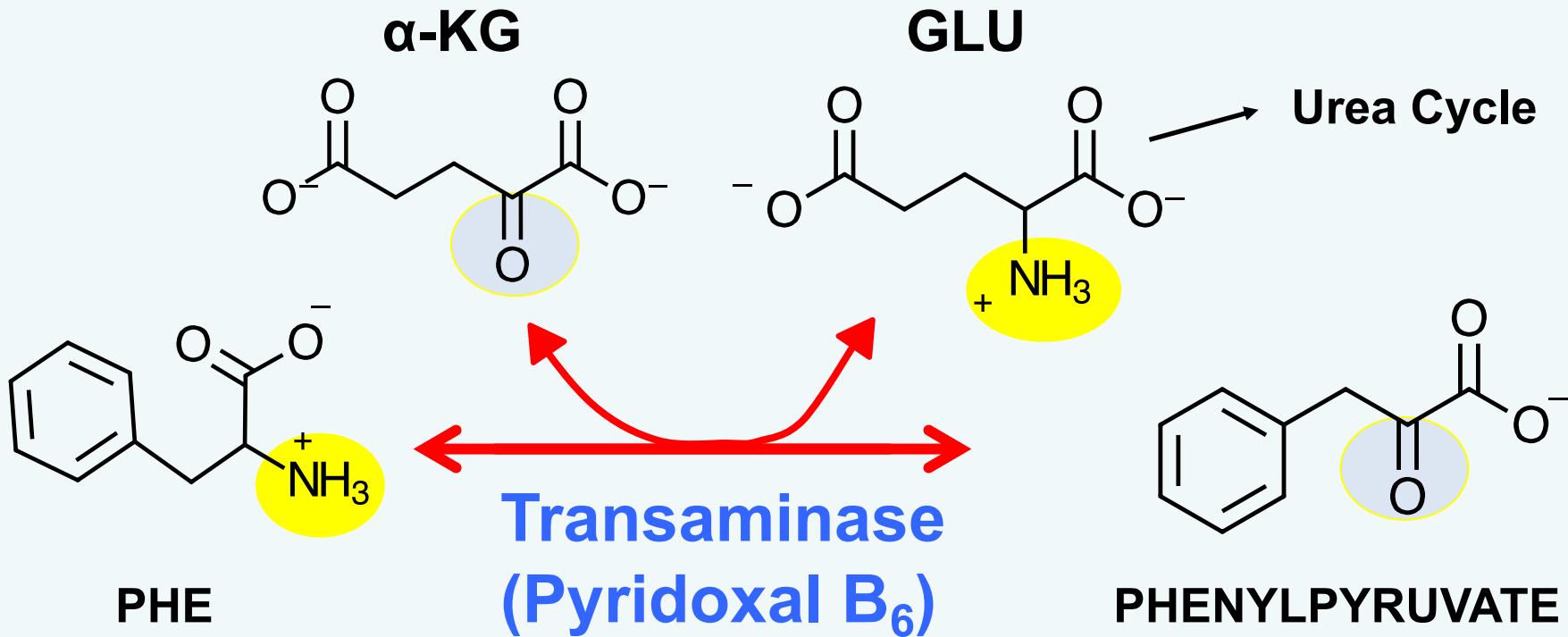
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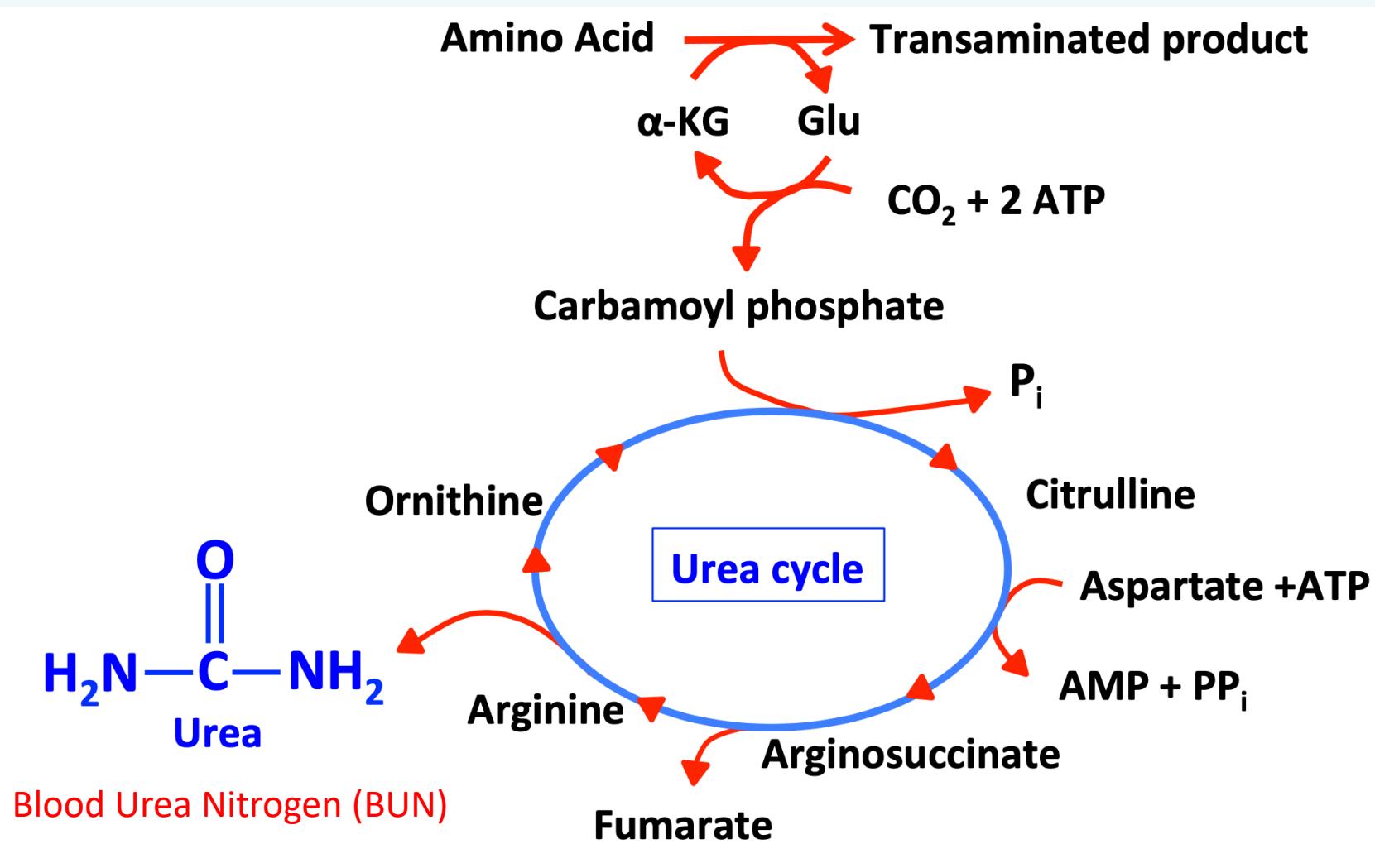
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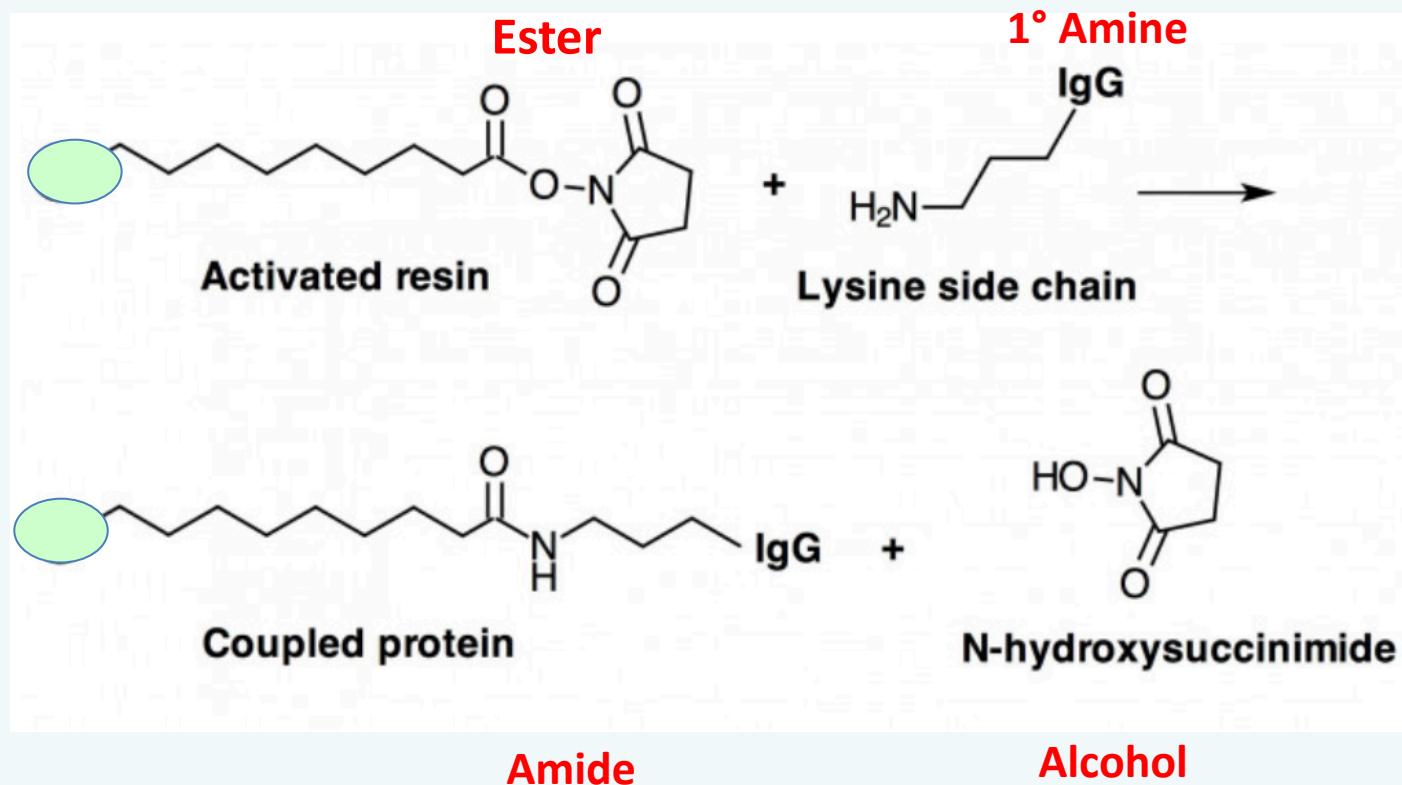
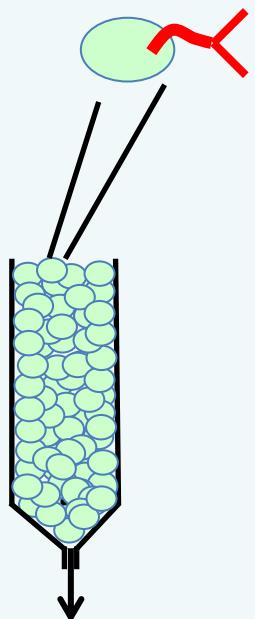
Nitrogen Balance



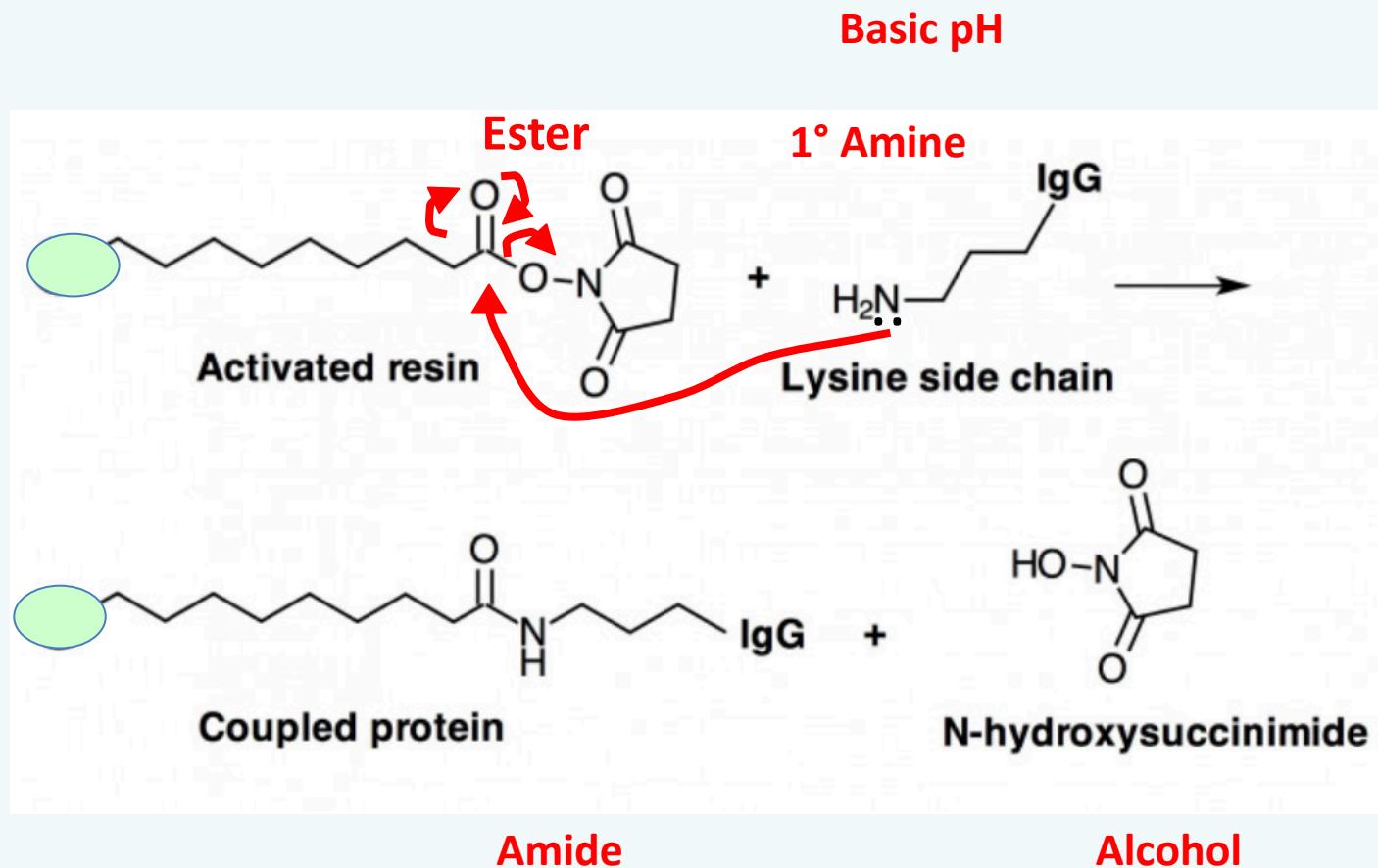
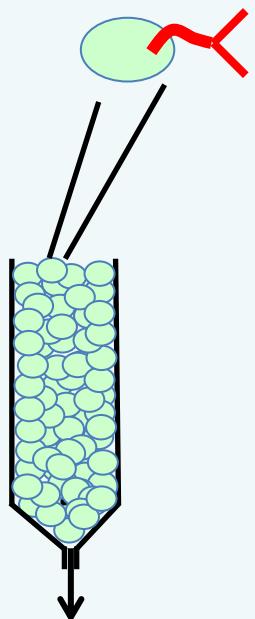
Nitrogen Balance & Arginine



Use of Lysine in Affinity Columns



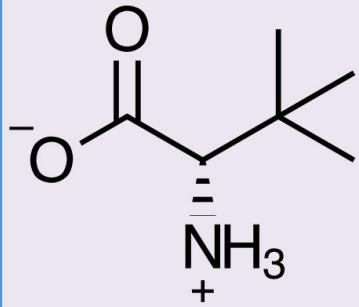
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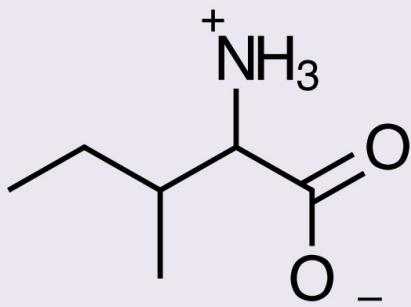
Ester + Amine = Amide + Alcohol

Branched Chain AA (BCAA)

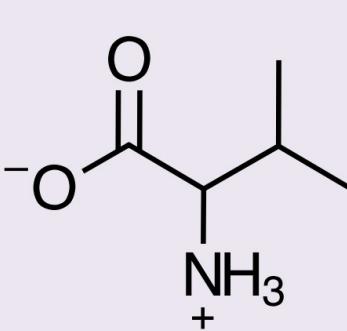
Aliphatic



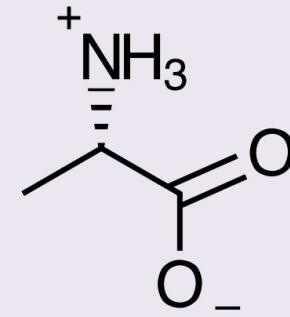
Leucine (L)



Isoleucine (I)



Valine (V)



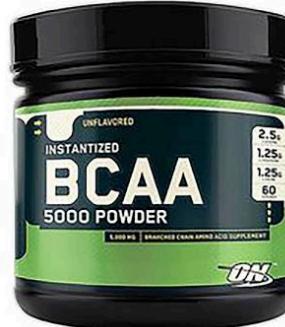
Alanine (A)



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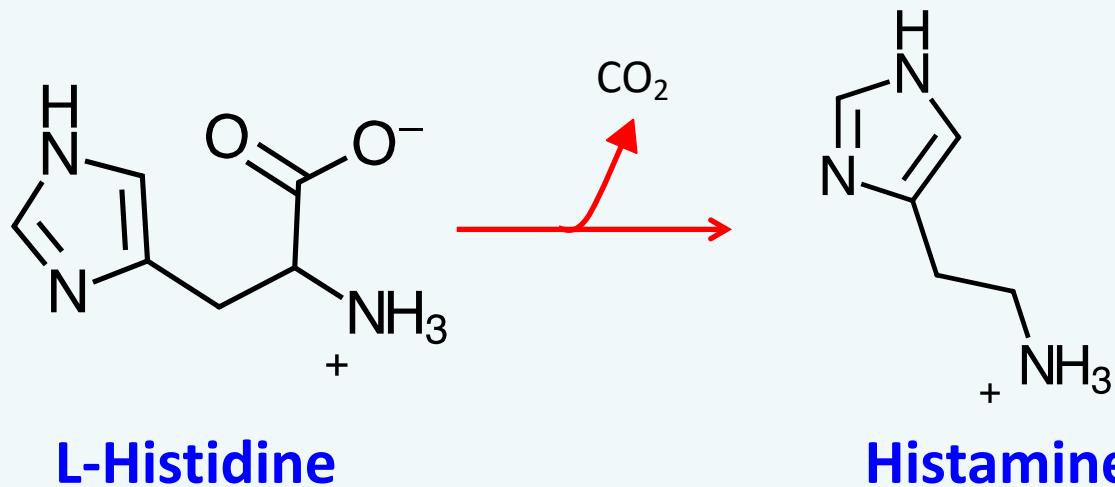
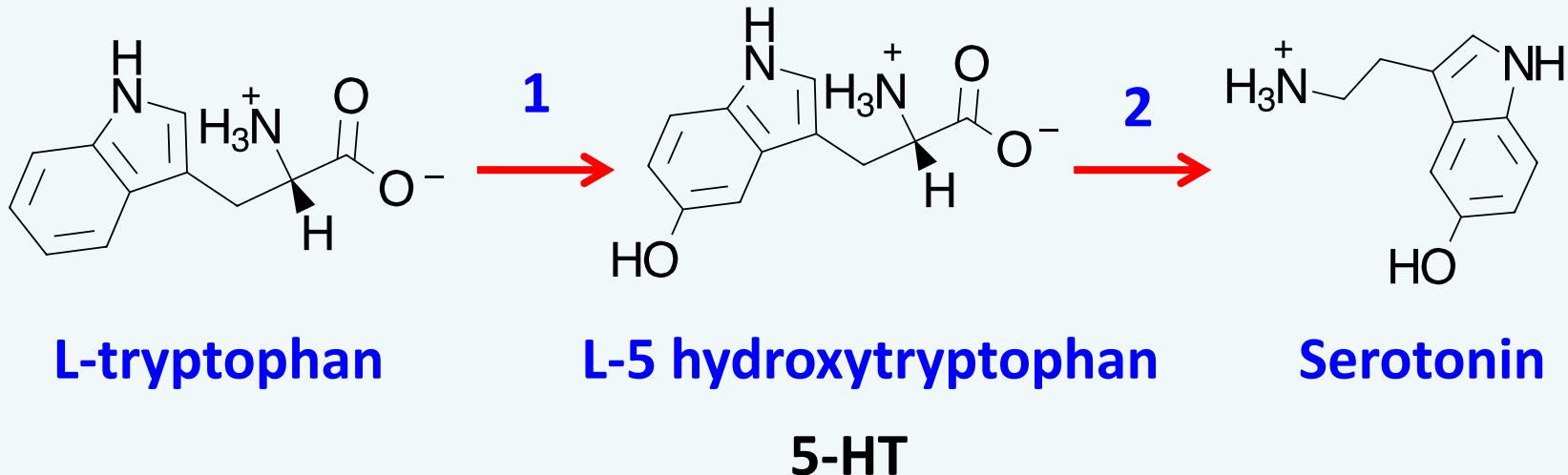


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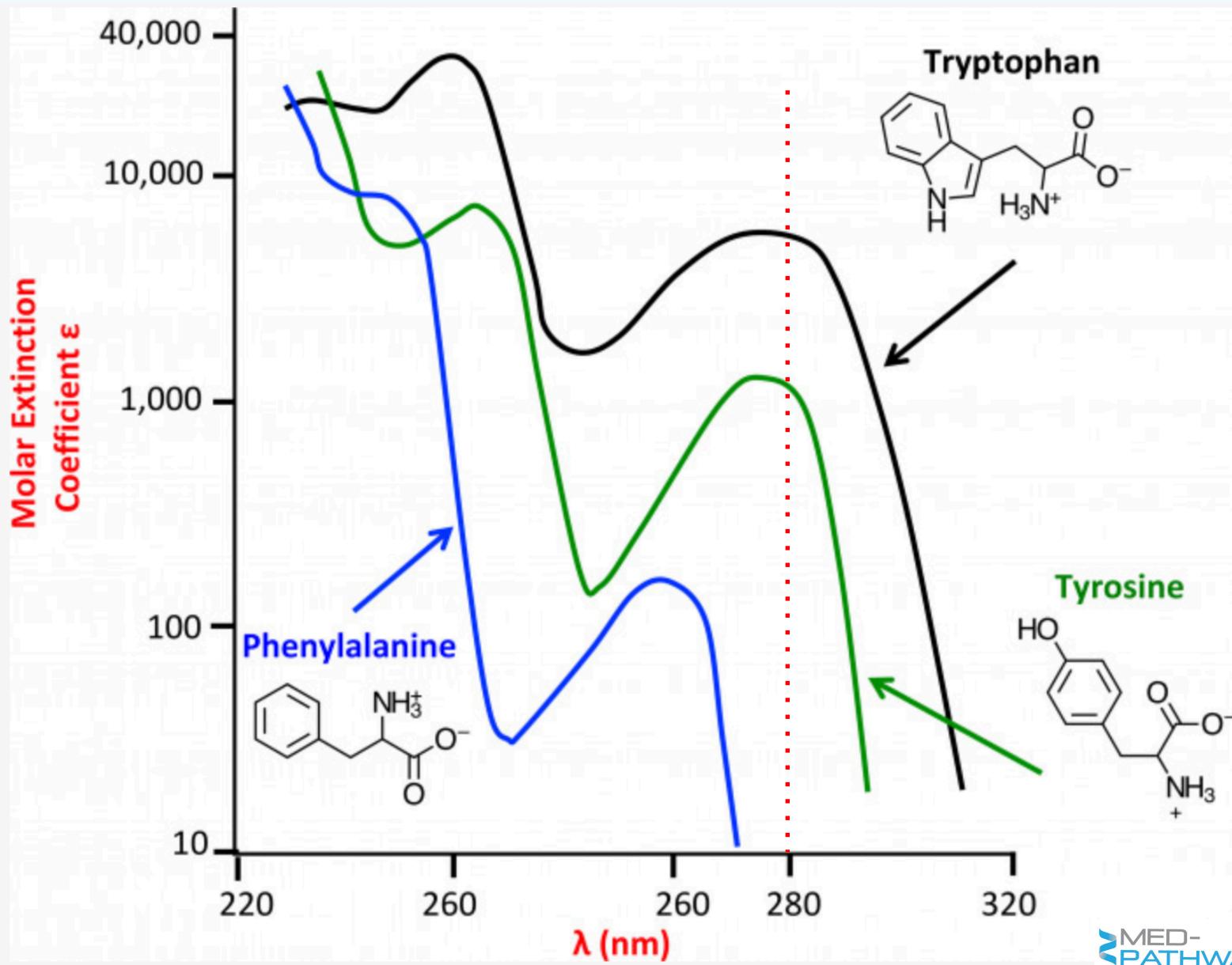


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Aromatic Amino Acids as Precursors

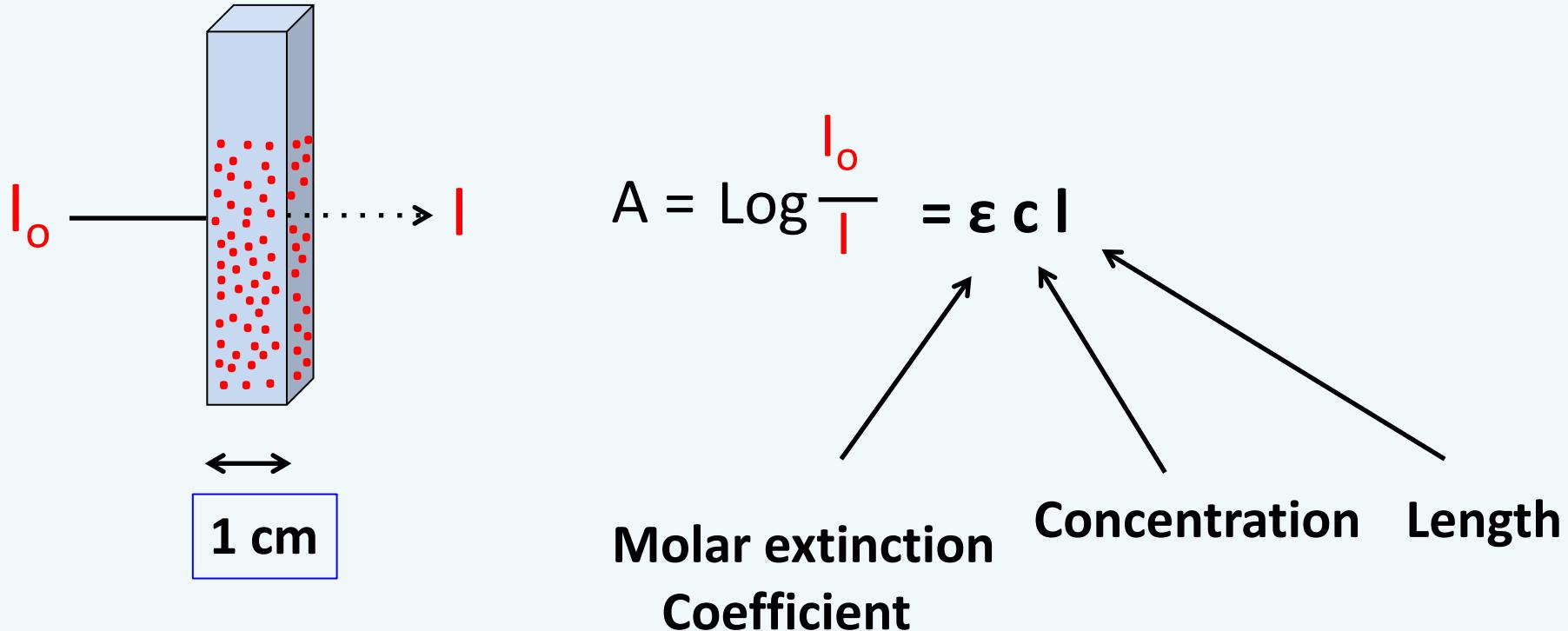


UV Absorbance of AA

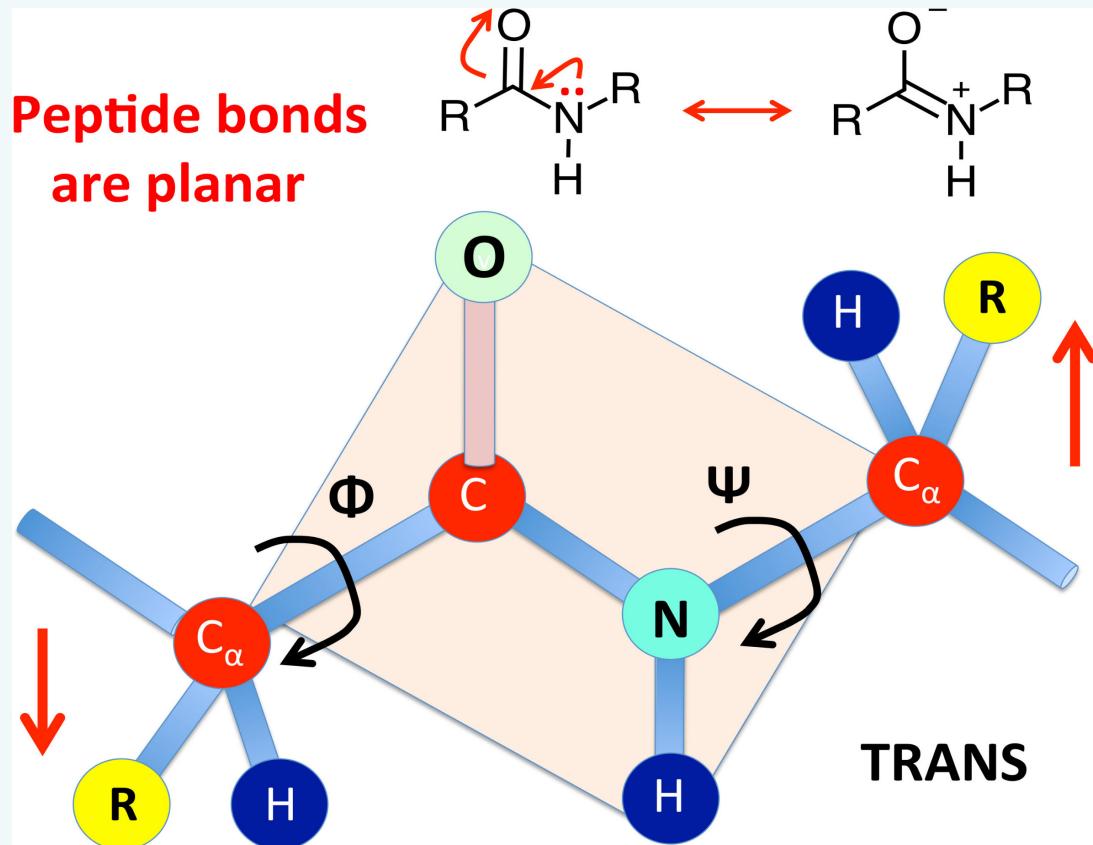


Beer Lambert Law

Linear relationship between concentration and absorbance

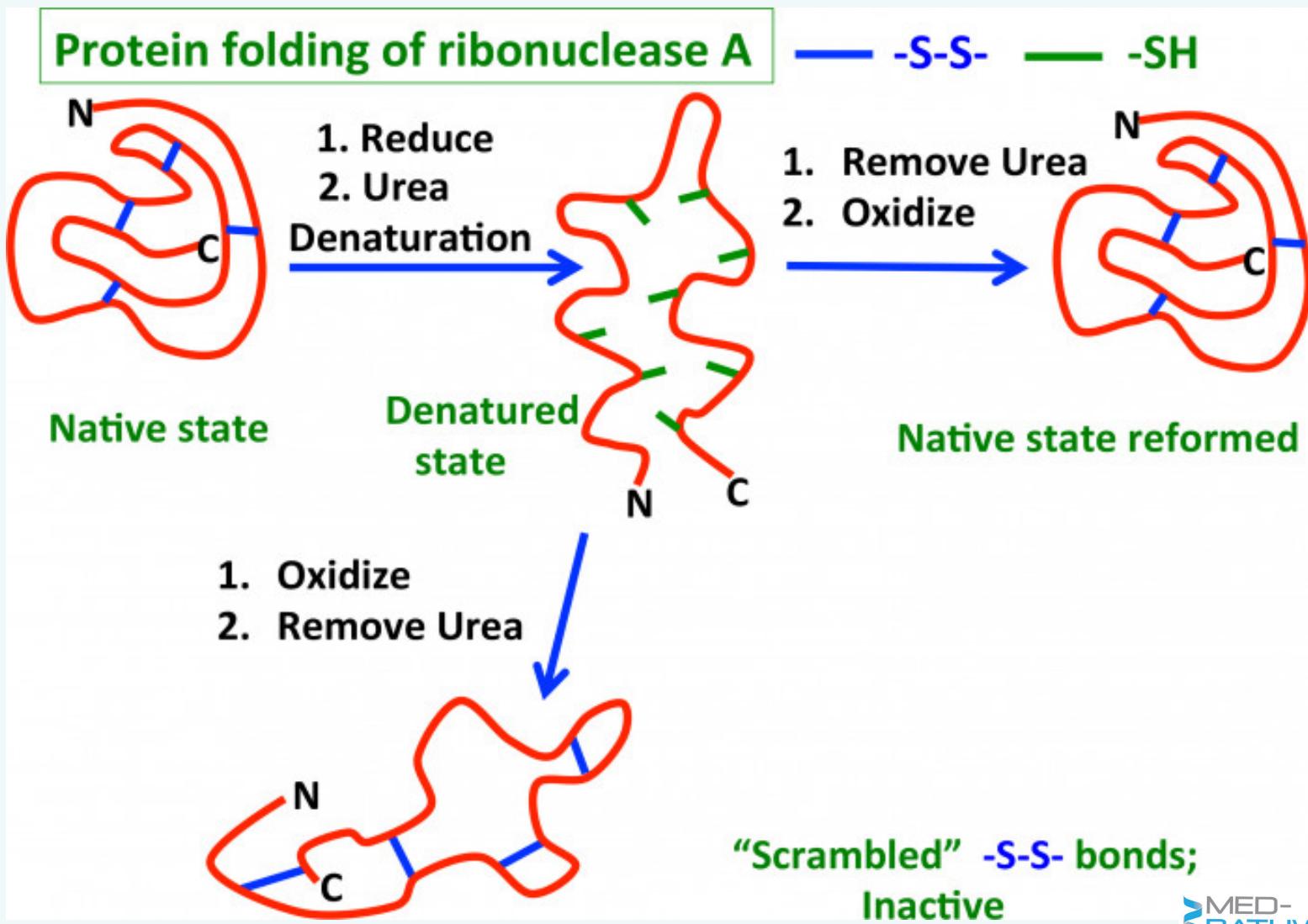


Peptide Bonds

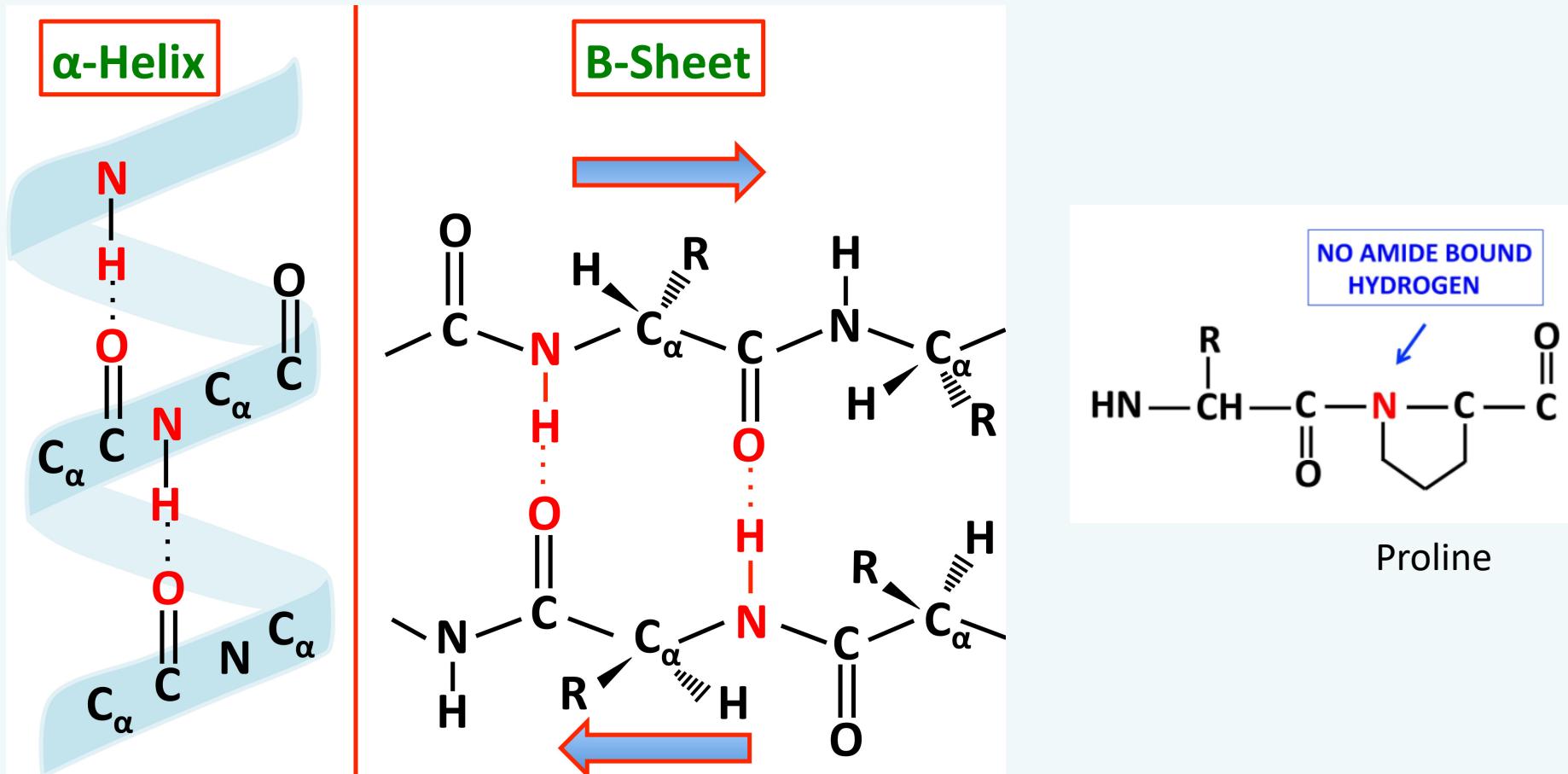


Primary Protein Structure

The Anfinsen Experiment

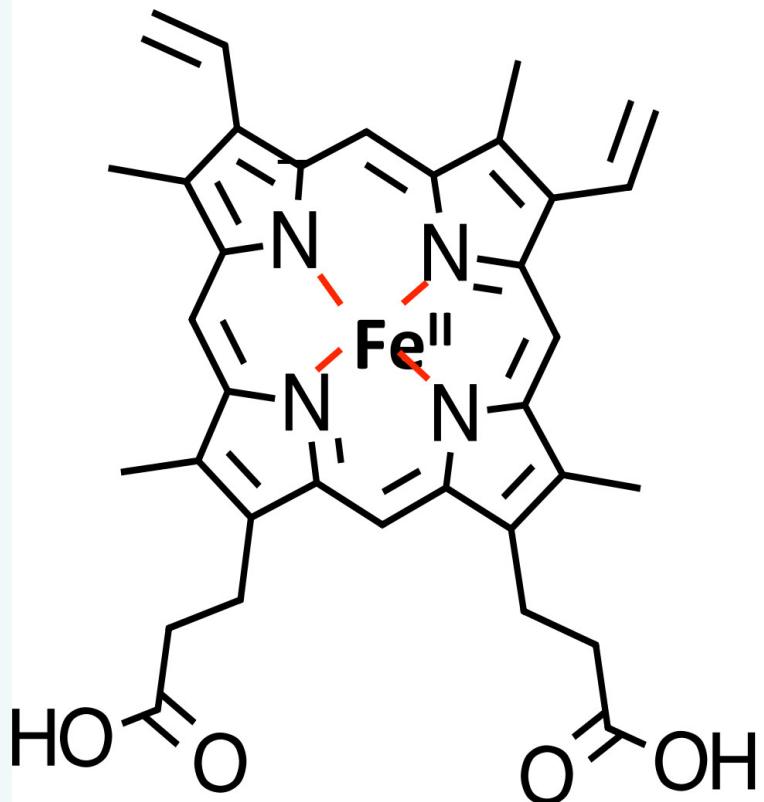


Secondary Structure/Function

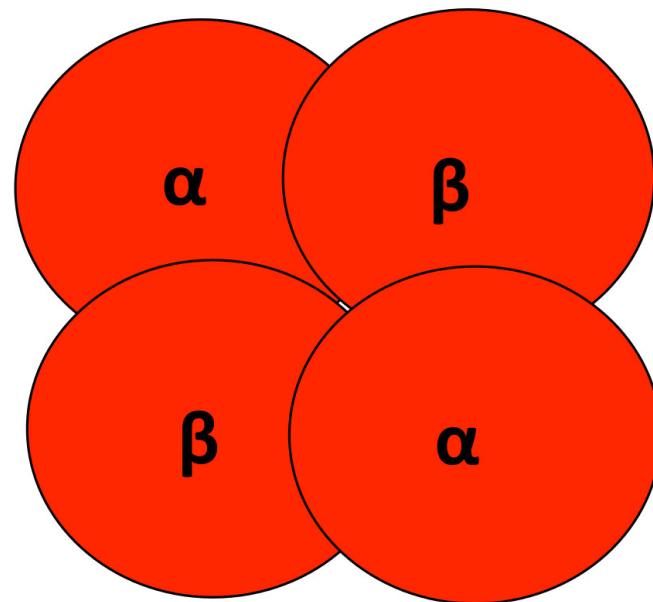


Hemoglobin (3° & 4° structure)

Heme



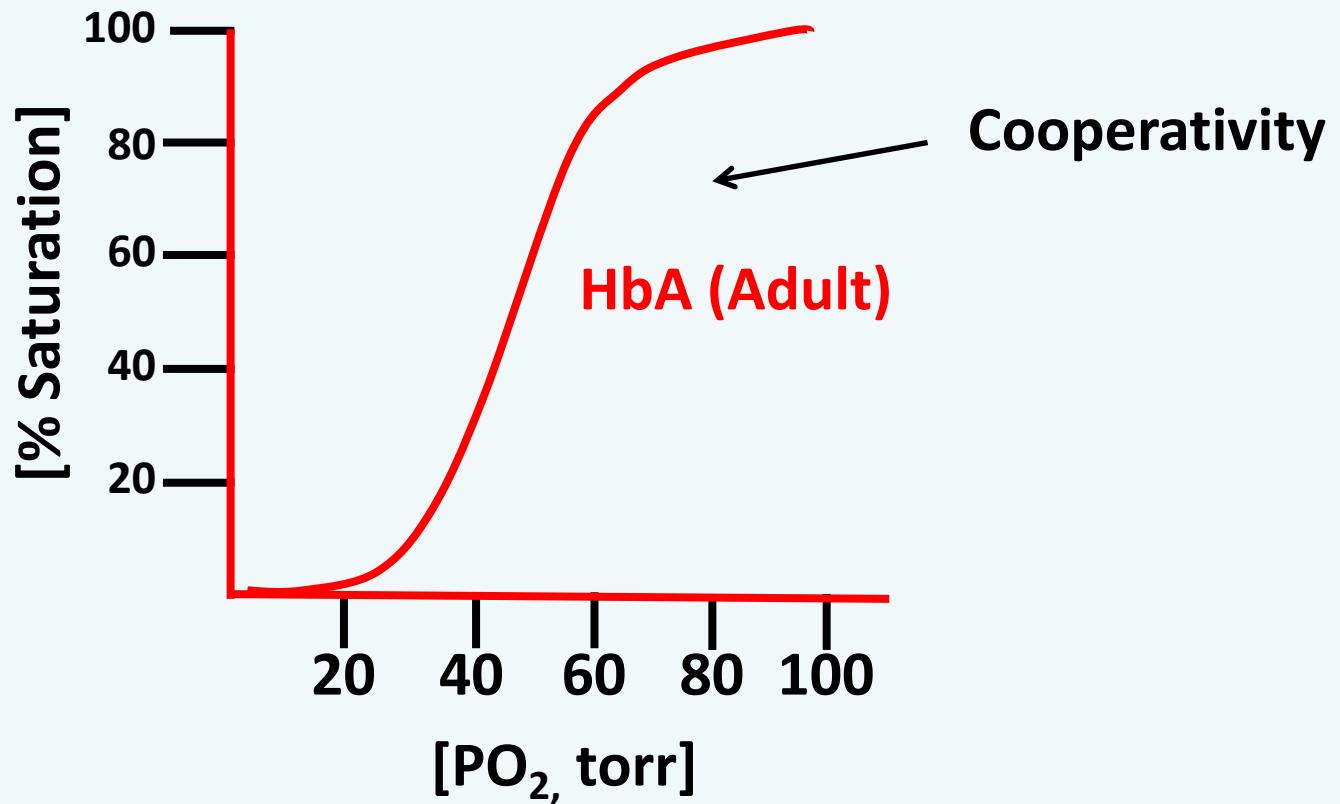
Hemoglobin tetramer



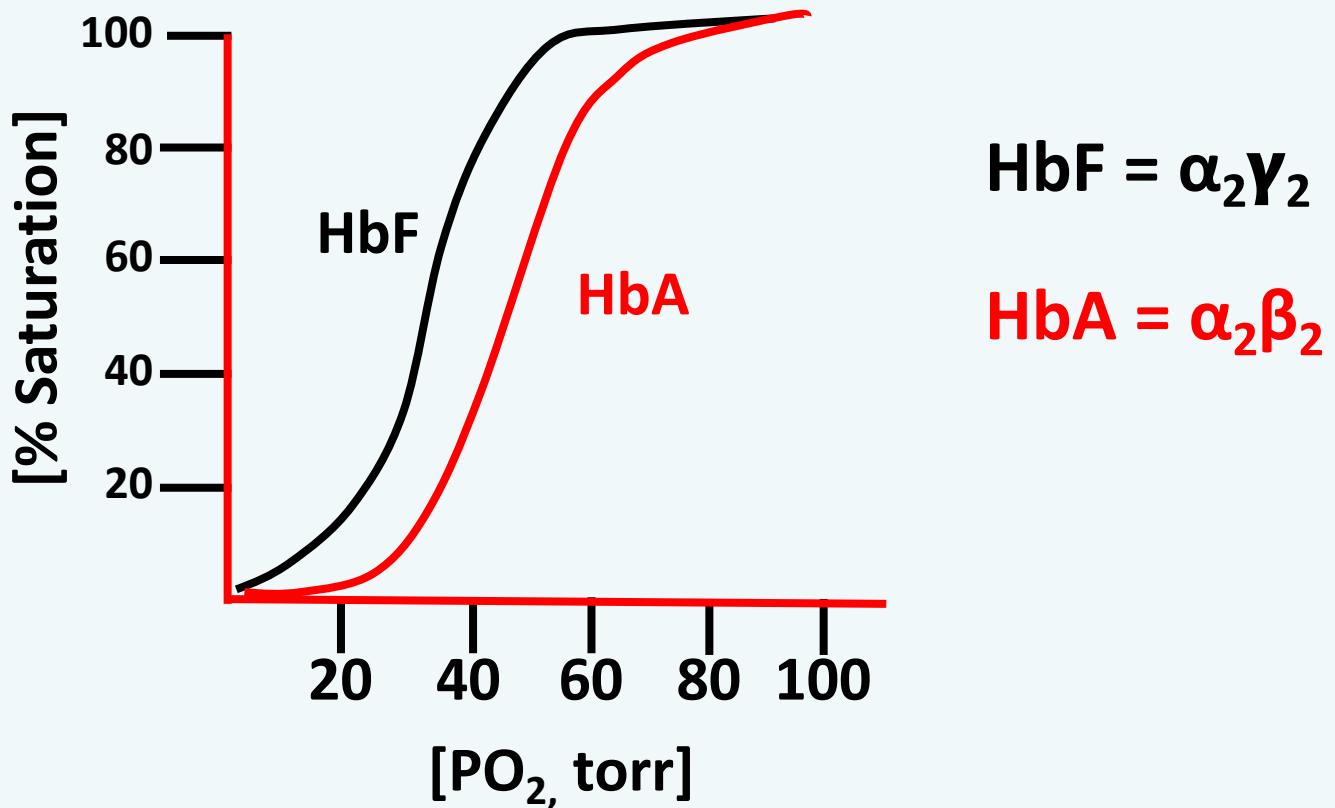
$$\text{HbA} = \alpha_2\beta_2$$

(95% of the mass of RBC)

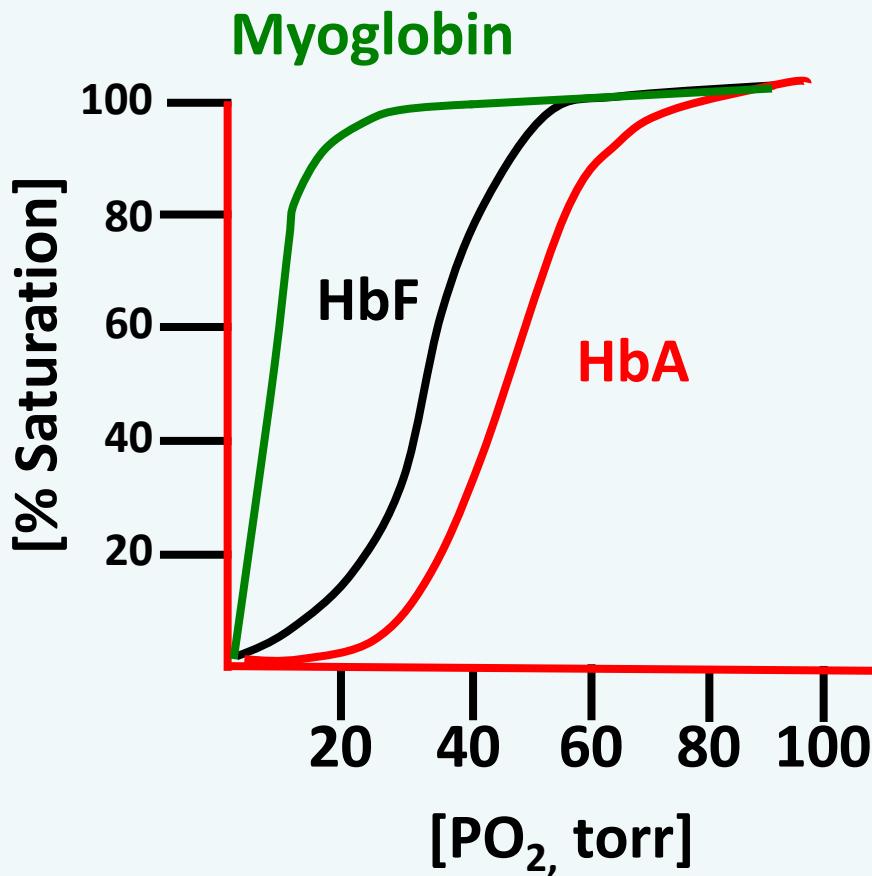
Oxygen Binding Curves



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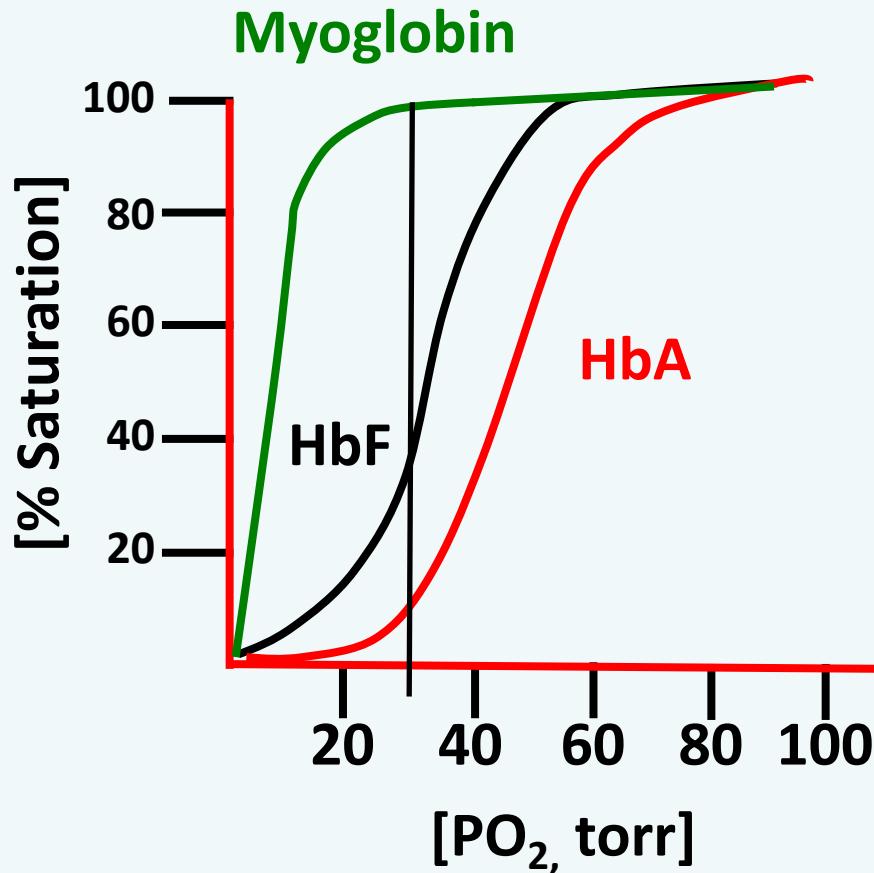


Oxygen Binding Curves



Oxygen Binding Curves

Left Shifted = Higher Affinity



Hemoglobin & Cooperative Binding

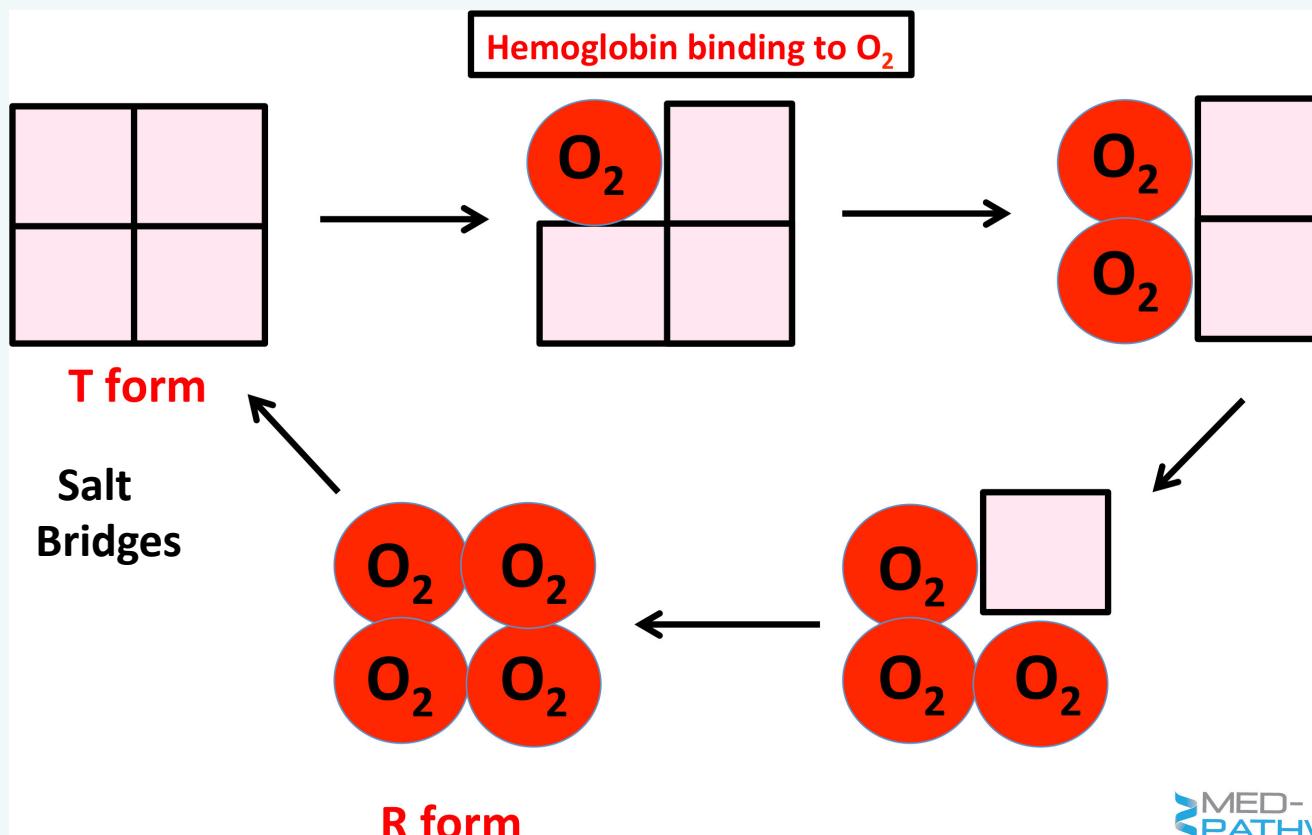


Lungs

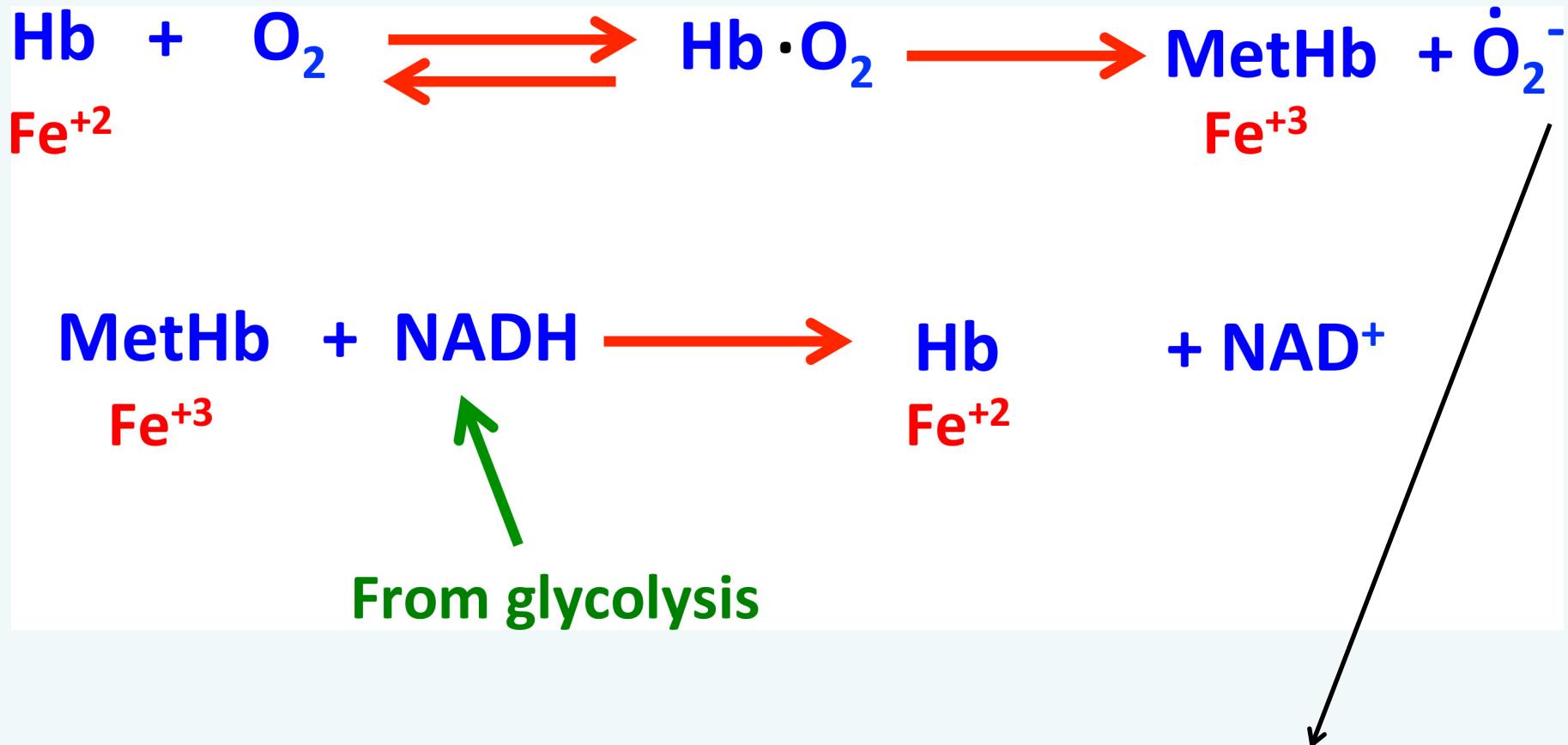
CA



CA = carbonic anhydrase

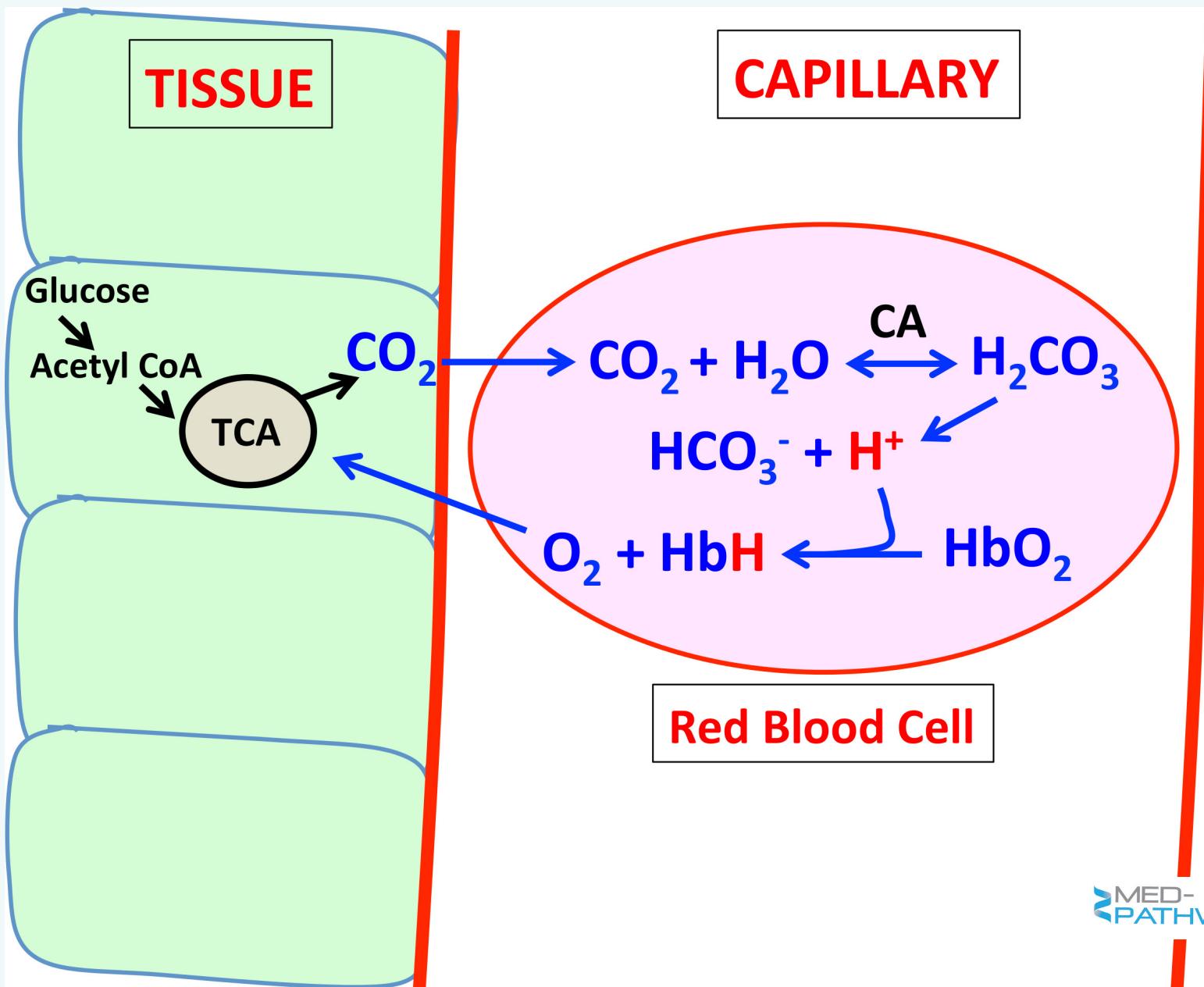


Methemoglobin

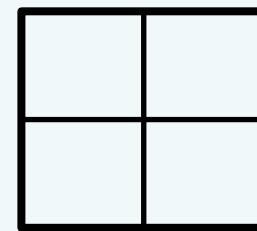
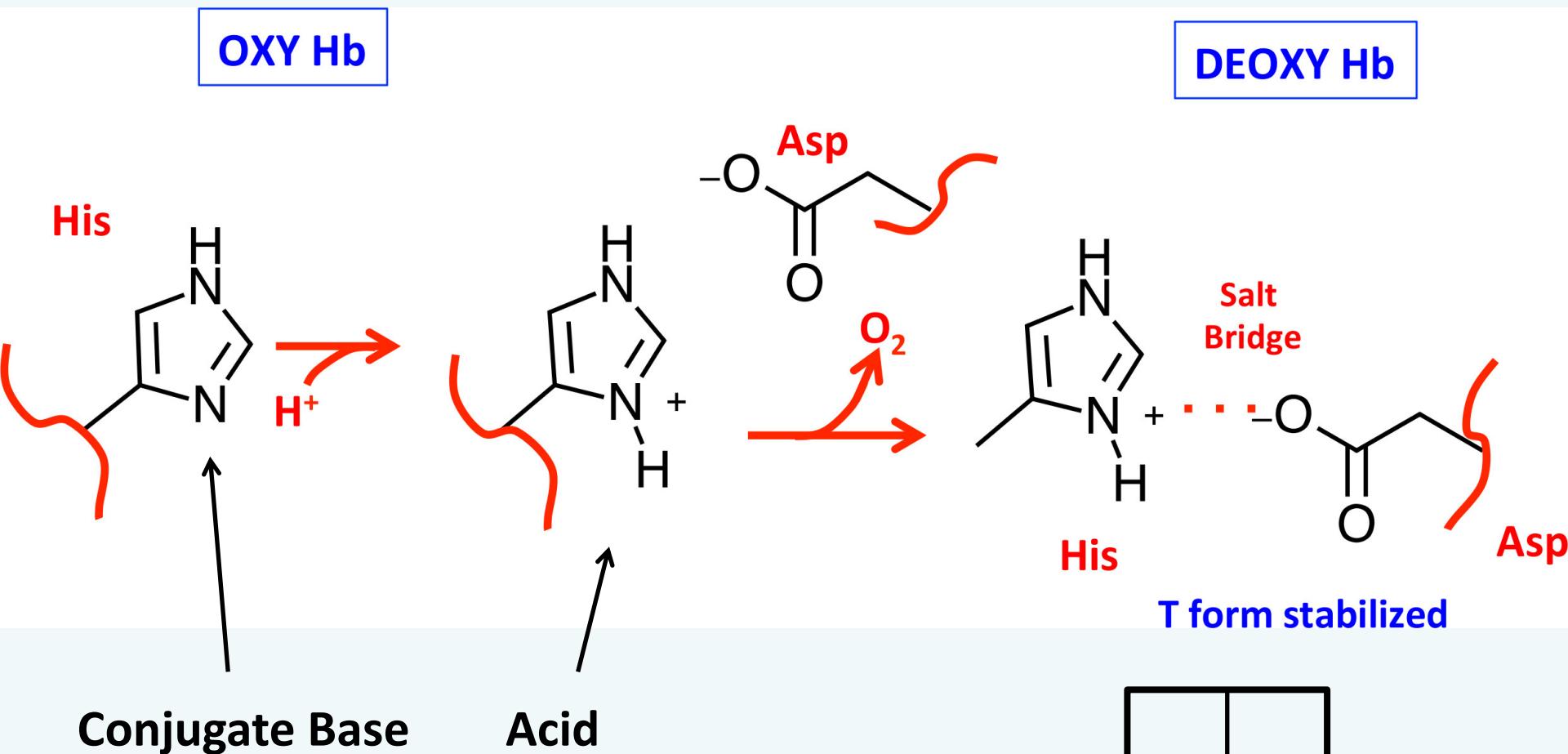


Oxidative Damage

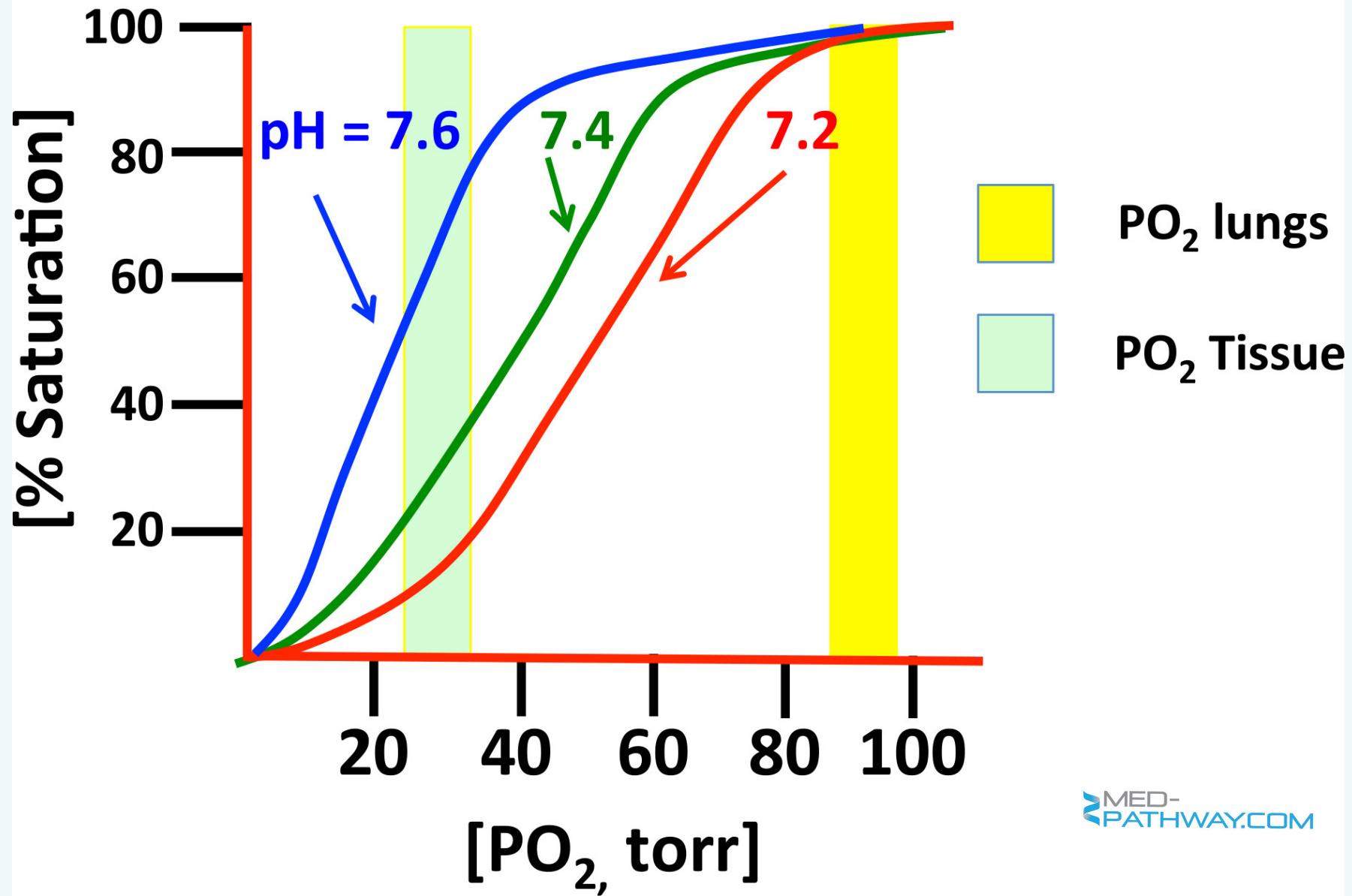
Hemoglobin & The Bohr Effect



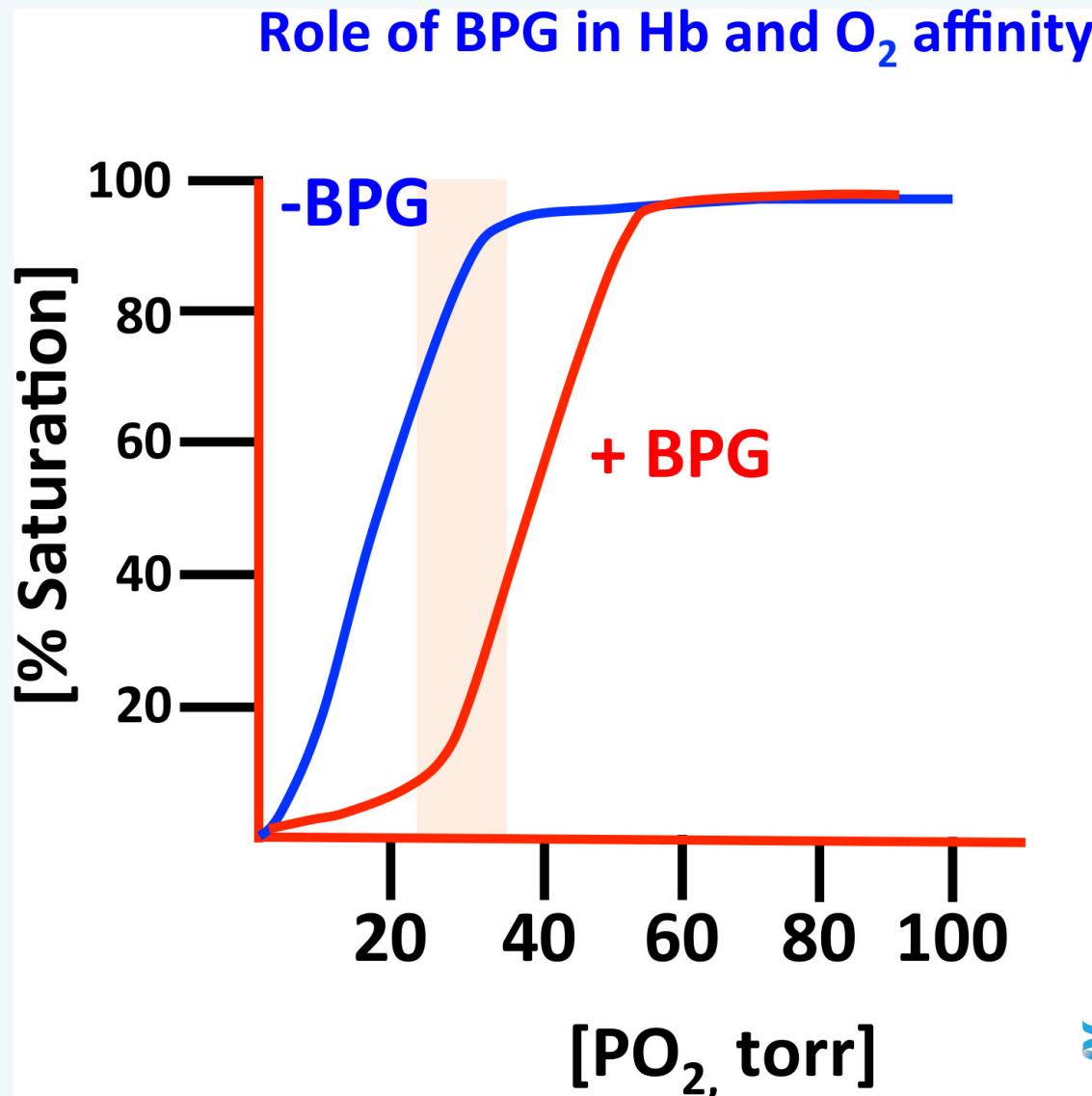
Histidine & The Bohr Effect



Hemoglobin Binding & pH

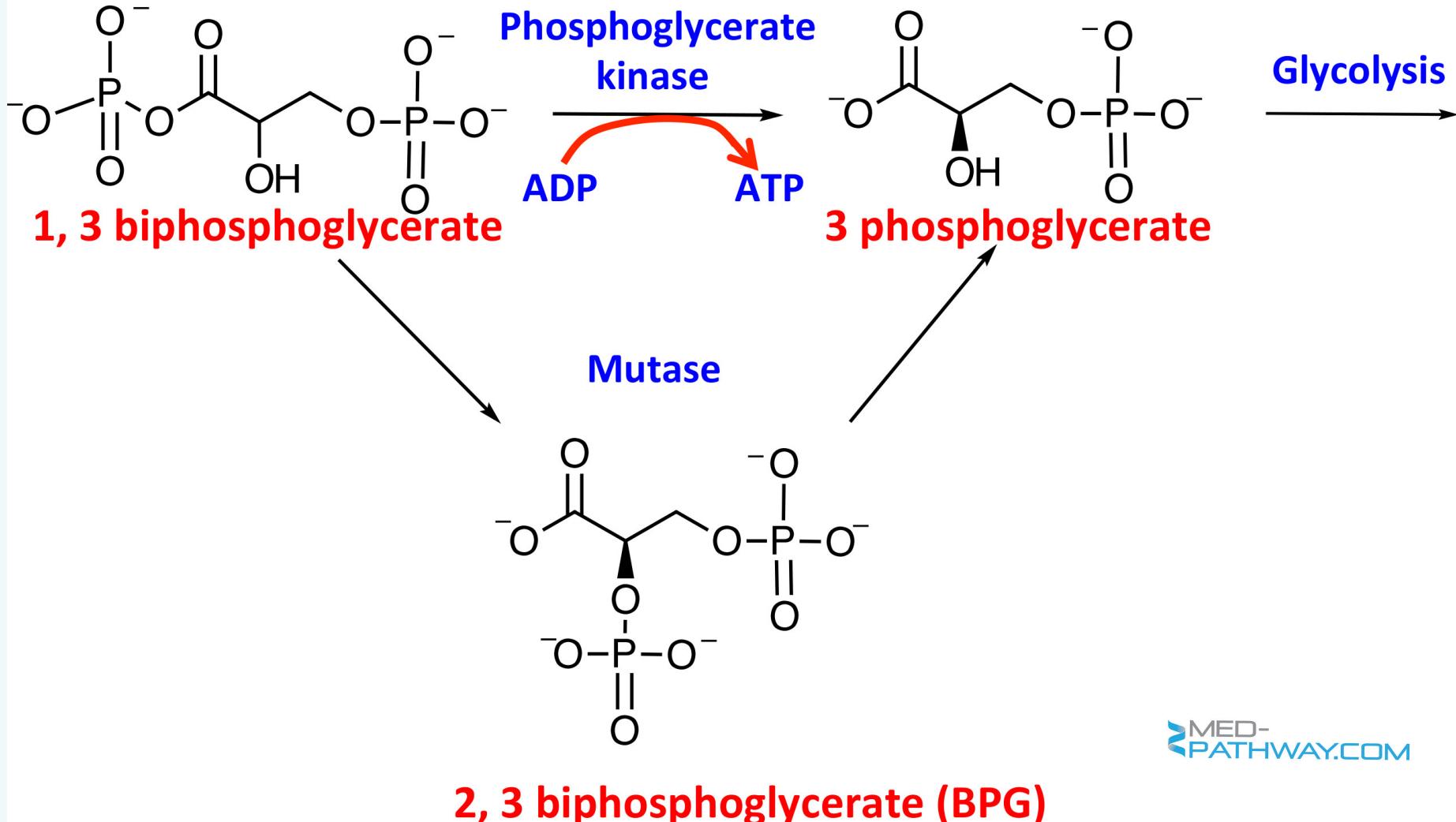


Hemoglobin & BPG



BPG is derived from glycolysis in RBC

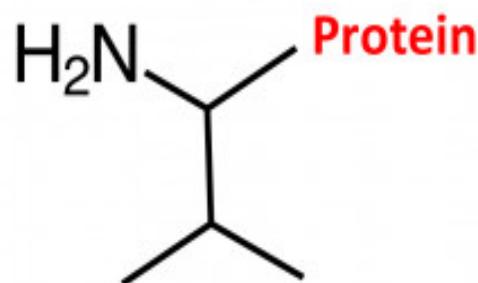
RBC Synthesis of 2, 3 BPG



Hemoglobin is a CO₂ Carrier

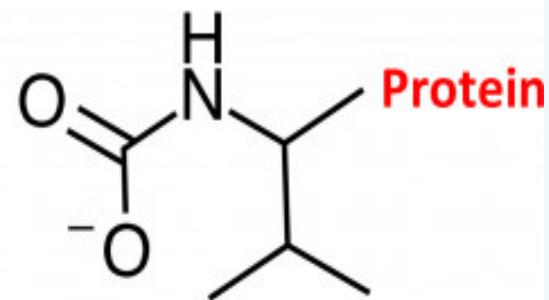
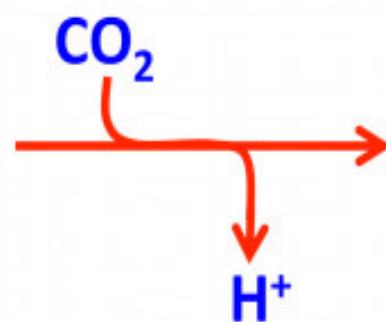
Hemoglobin binding to CO₂

N → C



Unmodified
Valine-1

N → C

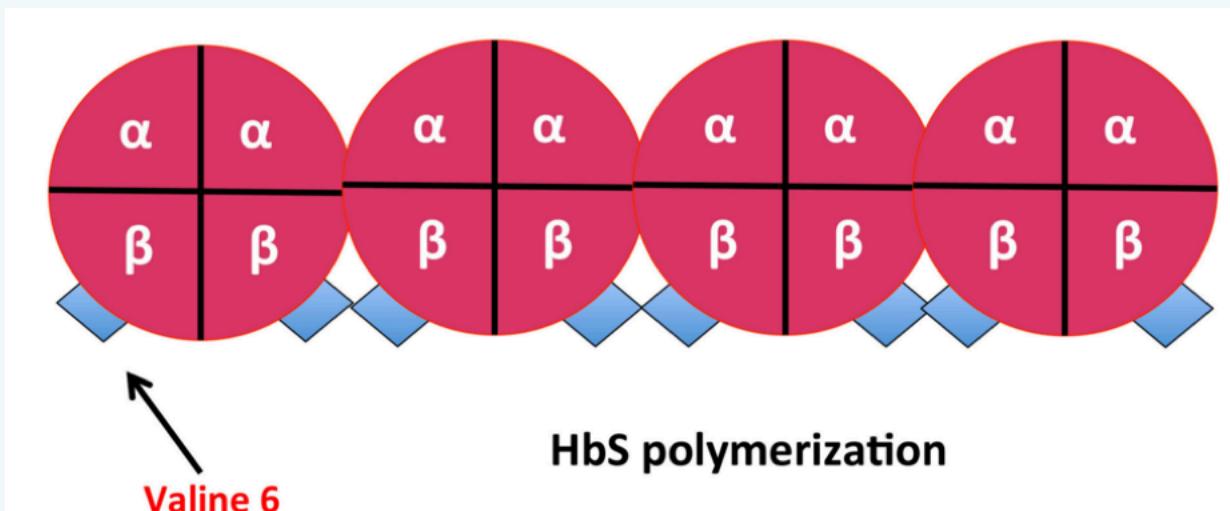


Carbamate
Valine-1

Hemoglobinopathy: Sickle Cell Anemia

Glu6 mutated to Valine:
E6V

Only affects the Deoxy
HB form



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