

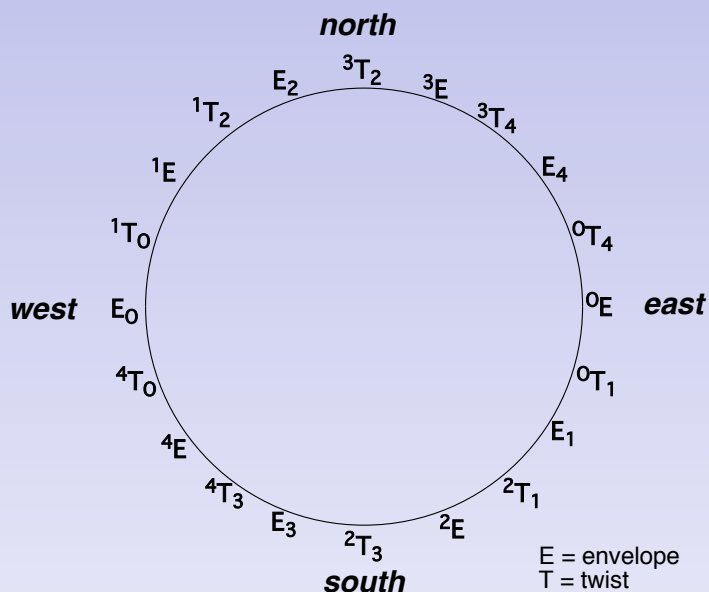
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**Carbohydrate Biochemistry and Glycobiology**  
**Part I: Monosaccharides & Their Derivatives**

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# Furanose conformation: pseudorotation

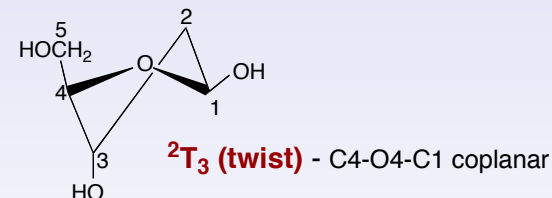
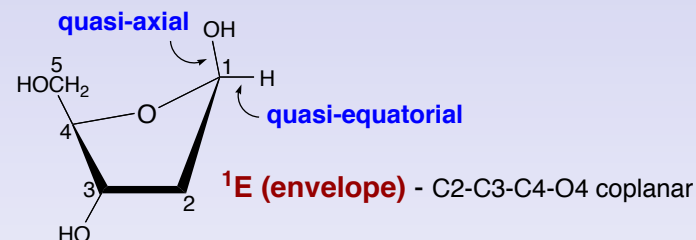


Pseudorotational itinerary of a D-aldofuranose ring

Pseudorotation provides a pathway for interconversion of all non-planar forms of furanose rings that does not involve the planar intermediate. E and T forms have different stabilities which depend on furanose ring configuration.

## Idealized furanose conformations:

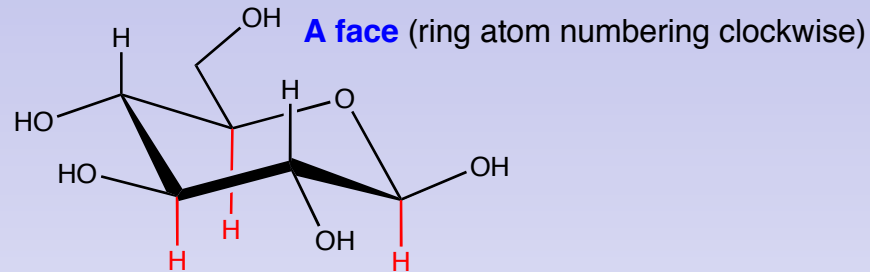
- Planar (1 form)
- Envelope = E (10 forms)
- Twist = T (10 forms)



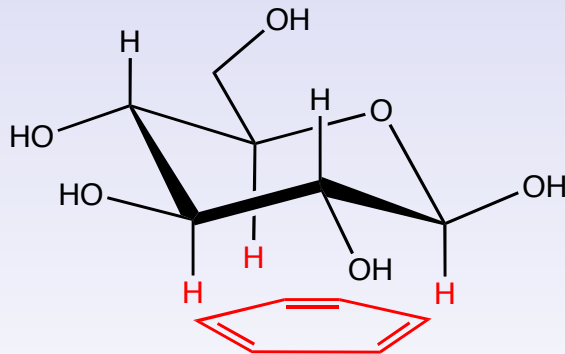
Two non-planar forms of 2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-*erythro*-pentofuranose (2-deoxy- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranose)

# Preferred chair conformations of monosaccharides render them amphipathic; facilitates protein-saccharide recognition

all polar OH groups are arranged along molecular "edge"



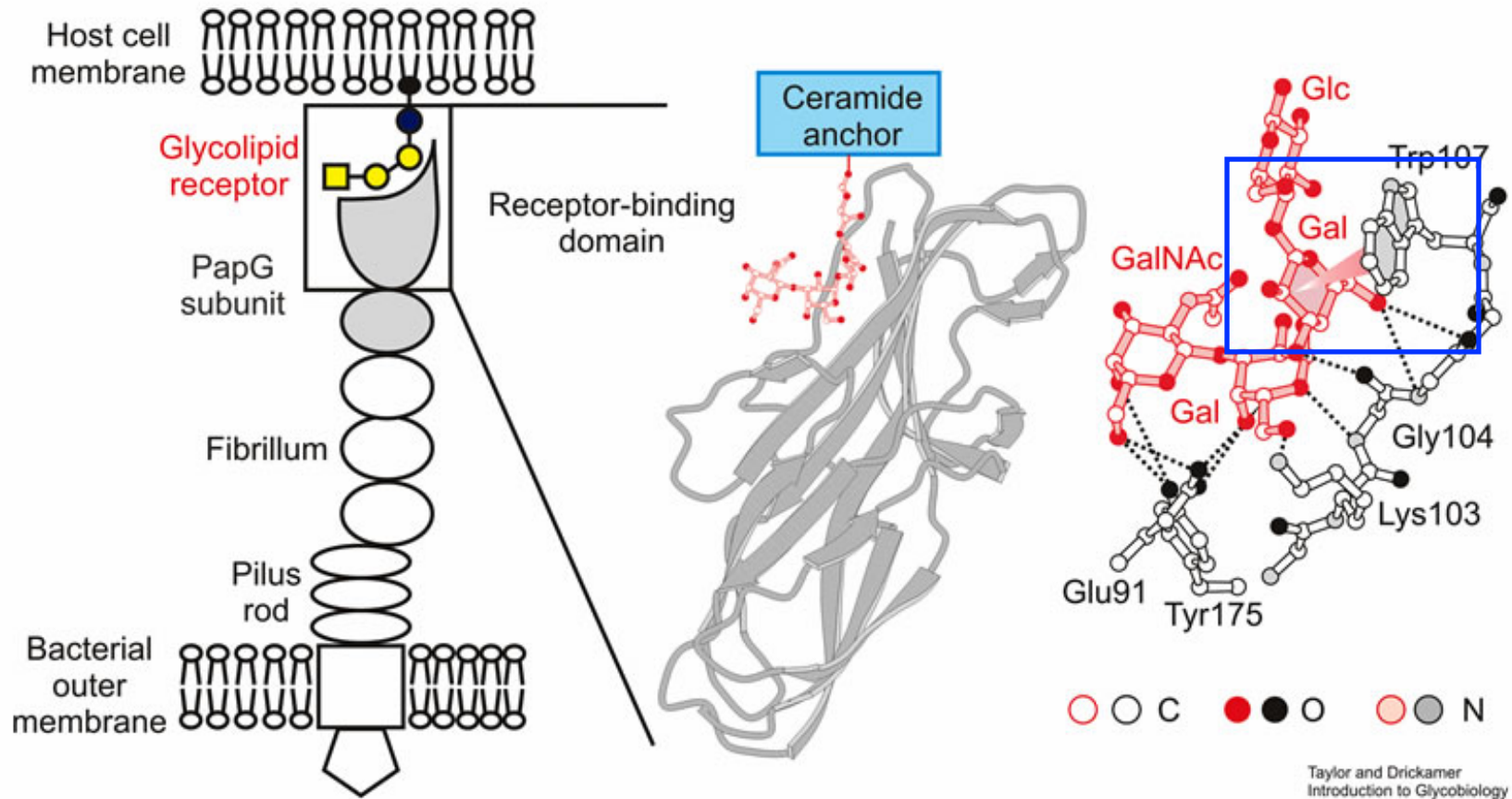
**B face** (ring atom numbering counter-clockwise)  
(comparatively hydrophobic)



A common "recognition" (binding) motif: pyranosyl-aromatic ring "stacking" observed in the binding sites of carbohydrate-binding proteins (**commonly Trp**); similar interactions are possible in carbohydrate-nucleic acid recognition.

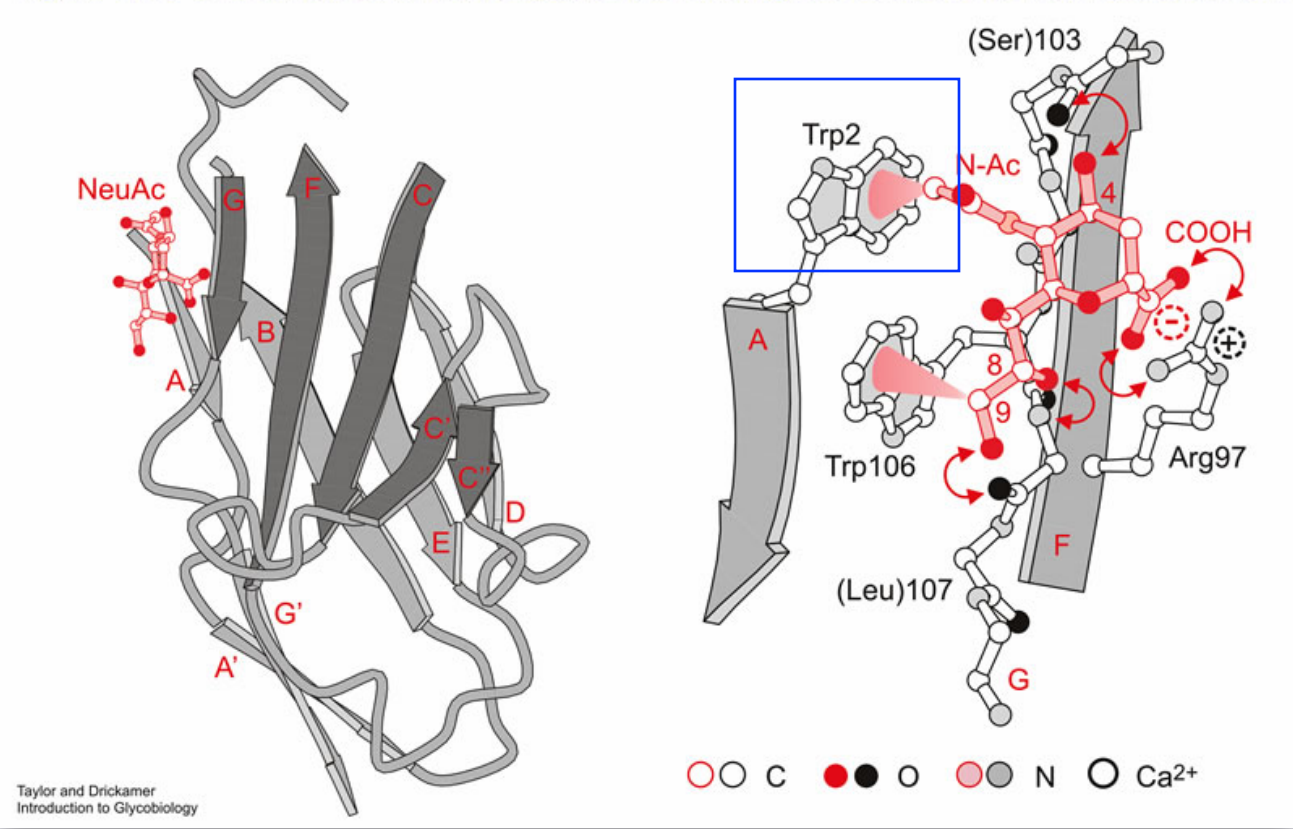
Hydrophobic aliphatic sidechains can sometimes substitute for the aromatic ring.

Figure 10.8 Overall structure of bacterial pilus showing subunit arrangement and the structure of the receptor-binding domain of the PapG subunit bound to a glycolipid head group oligosaccharide



# Carbohydrate recognition by the CRD of sialoadhesin showing ionic and Trp-N-acetyl interactions; another mode of protein-saccharide recognition

Figure 8.15 Overall fold and monosaccharide-binding site of the CRD from sialoadhesin

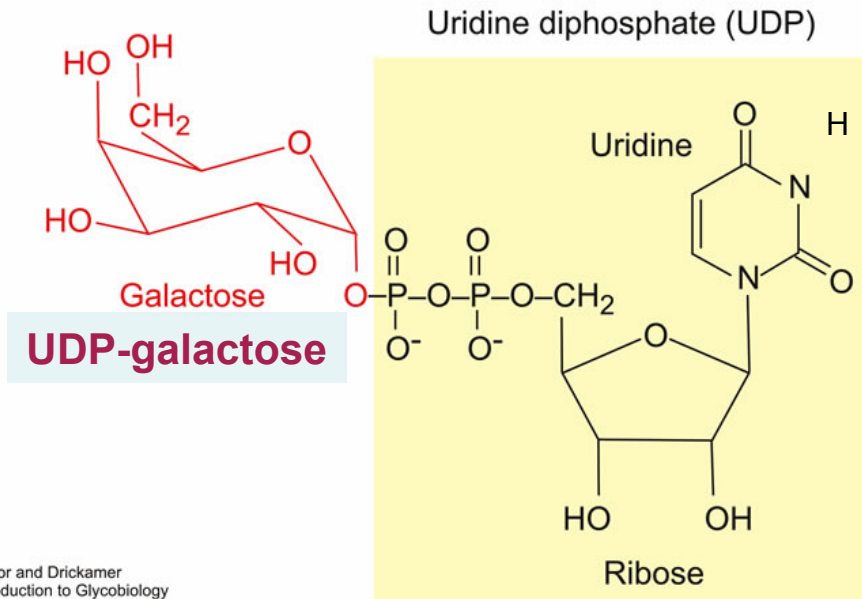


## Some common monosaccharide modifications *in vivo*

- |                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| ❑ deoxygenation                    | introduces hydrophobicity                  |
| ❑ amination                        | introduces (+) charge                      |
| ❑ <i>N</i> -acetylation            | suppresses (+) charge                      |
| ❑ oxidation (aldonic/uronic acids) | introduces (-) charge                      |
| ❑ oxidation (osones)               | introduces 2 <sup>nd</sup> carbonyl carbon |
| ❑ reduction (alditols)             | destroys carbonyl carbon                   |
| ❑ phosphorylation                  | introduces (-) charge                      |
| ❑ sulfation                        | introduces (-) charge                      |

**Many of these modifications occur *in vivo* via the participation of sugar nucleotides (nucleotide sugars).**

Figure 1.11 Structure of a nucleotide sugar that can serve as a sugar donor in a glycosyltransferase reaction

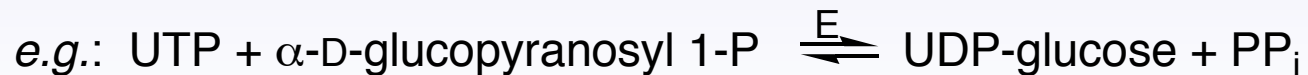


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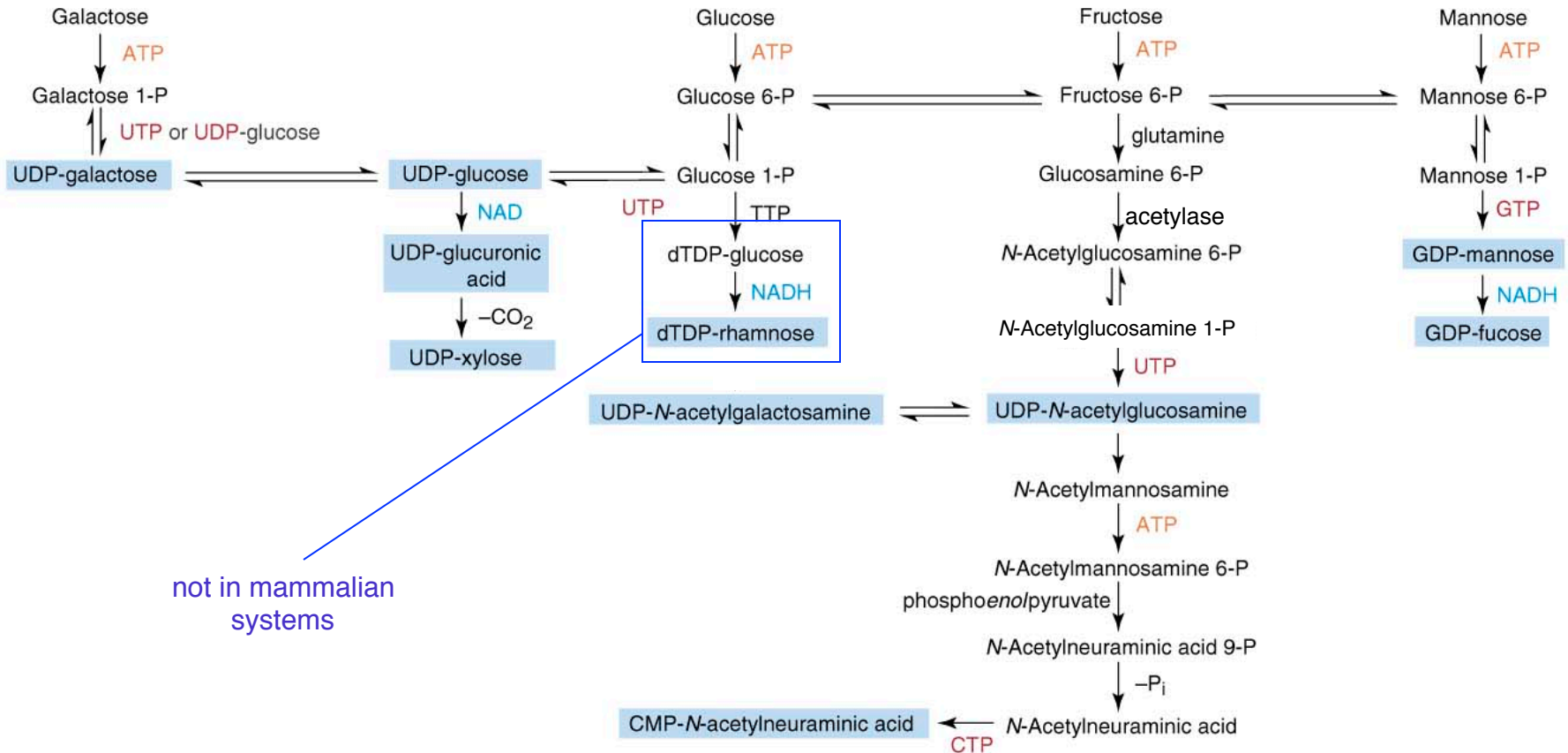
A nucleotide sugar is a “biologically activated” monosaccharide.

Sugar nucleotides are involved in sugar transformations and in the biosynthesis of complex carbohydrates (oligomers and polymers) *in vivo*. In the latter role, they serve as sugar donors in the *sequential addition* of monosaccharides to a growing oligomer or polymer chain catalyzed by *glycosyltransferases*.

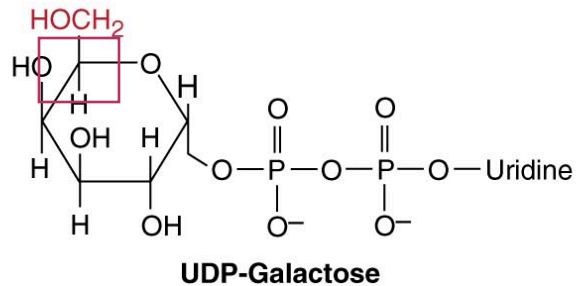
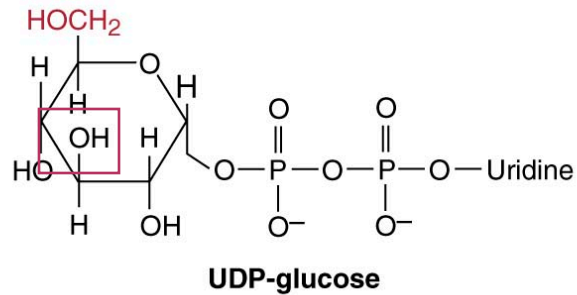
## Example reaction for NDP-sugar biosynthesis



# Biosynthesis of nucleotide sugars and interconversion of hexoses





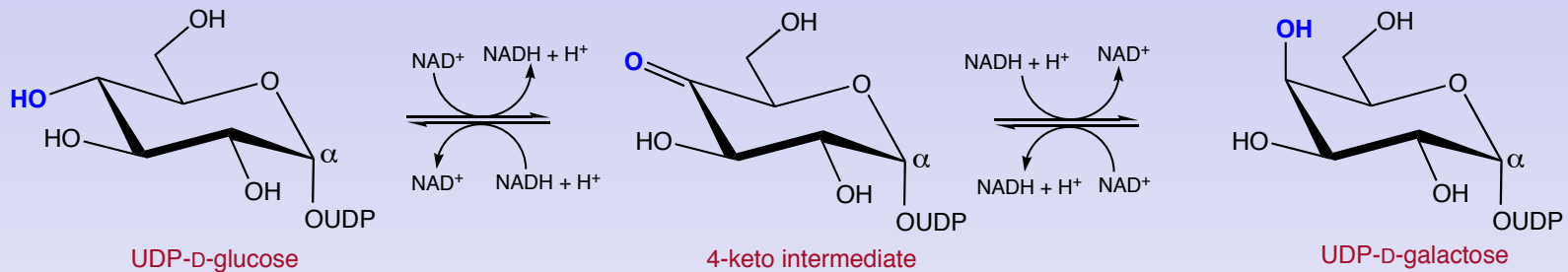


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Biosynthesis of D-Gal *in vivo* occurs via C4-epimerization of UDP-Glc, followed by hydrolysis of the UDP-Gal product.

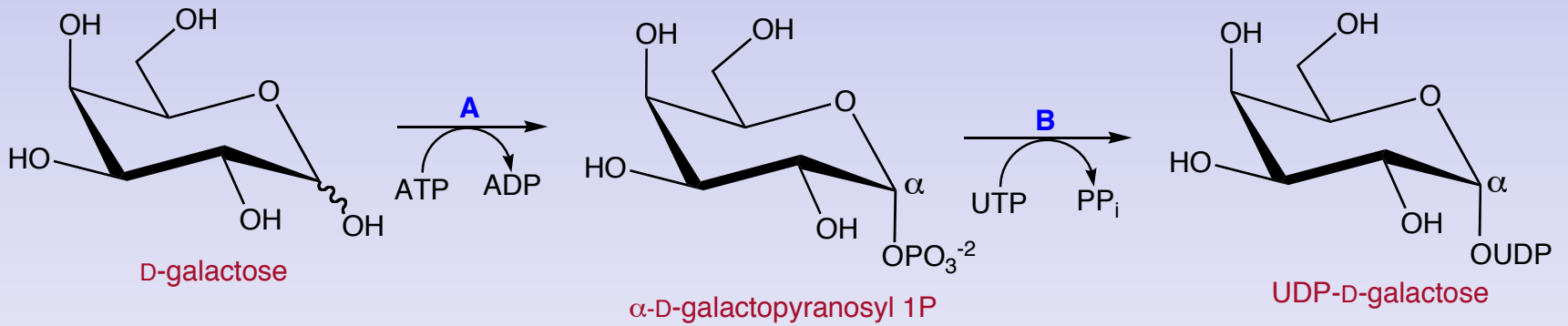
The Glc and Gal moieties of UDP-Glc and UDP-Gal are in the  $\alpha$ -configuration.

## Mechanism of interconversion of UDP-glucose and UDP-galactose UDP-glucose 4-epimerase



*De novo* biosynthesis of D-galactose *in vivo* requires the participation of nucleotide sugars. UDP-Gal can also be synthesized *in vivo* from free D-galactose (salvage or diet).

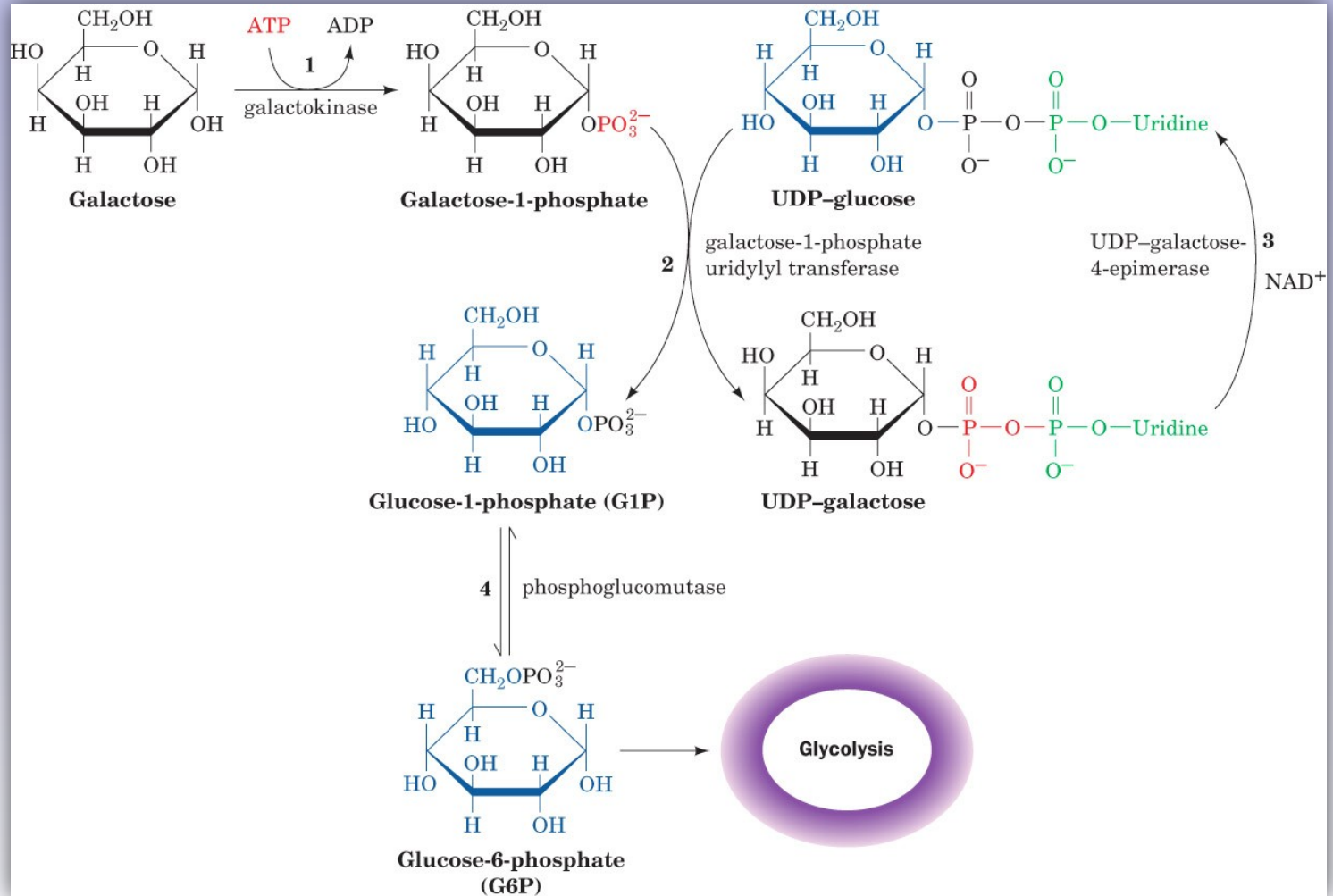
## *In vivo* synthesis of UDP-galactose from D-galactose (salvage, diet)



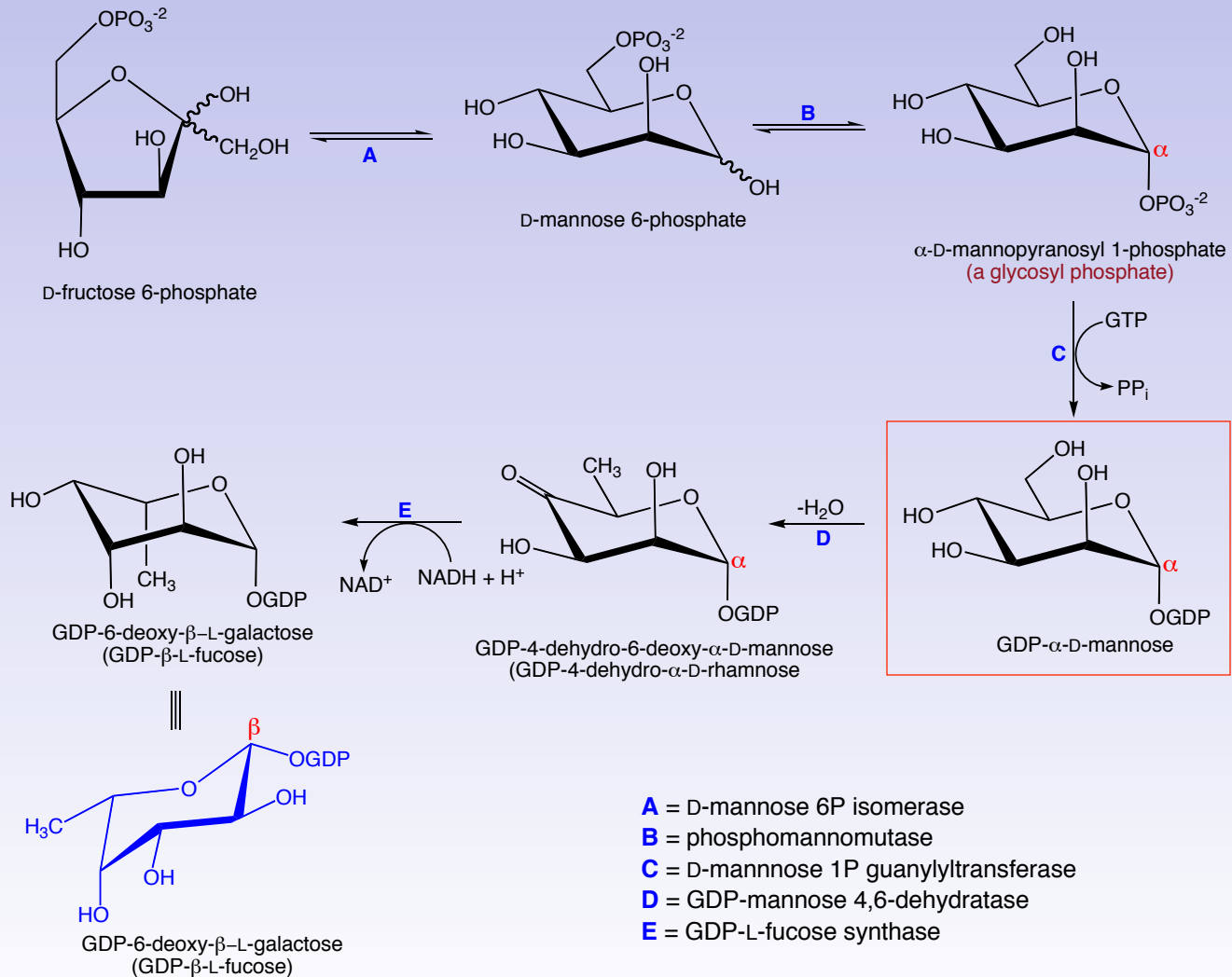
**A** = galactokinase

**B** = D-galactose 1P uridylyltransferase

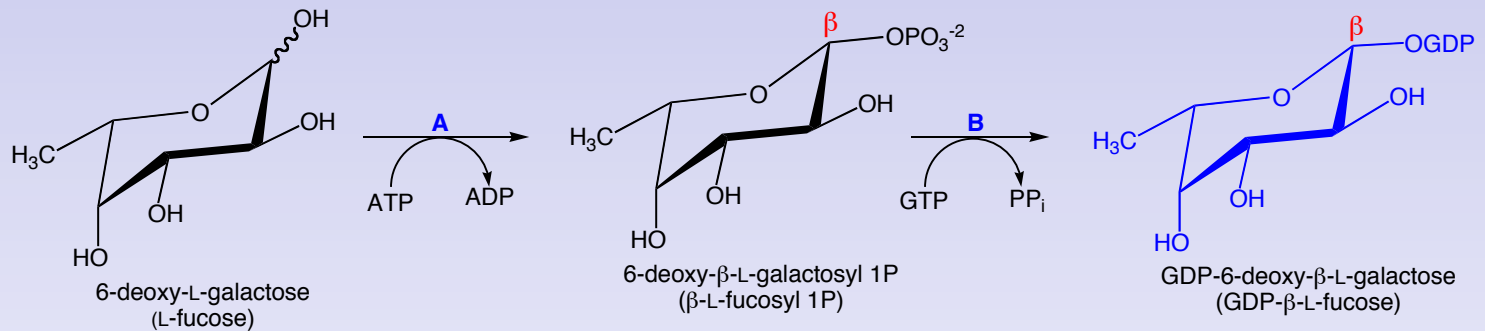
# Metabolism of galactose



# Synthesis of GDP-fucose *in vivo*



## Salvage pathway for GDP-fucose biosynthesis *in vivo*

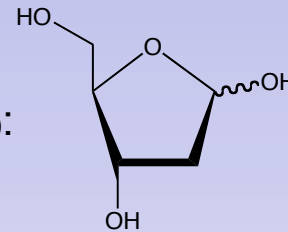


**A** = fucokinase

**B** = L-fucose 1P guanylyltransferase

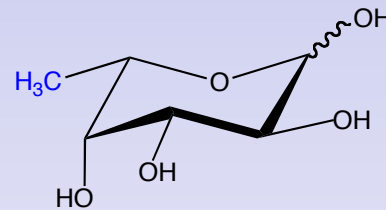
# Examples of biologically important deoxysugars

2-deoxy-D-ribose (2-deoxy-D-erythro-pentose):



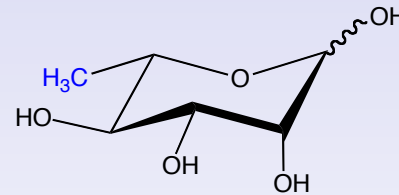
DNA

6-deoxy-L-galactose (L-fucose):



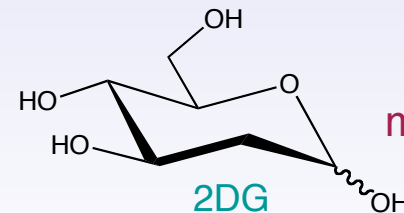
N-glycans of glycoproteins

6-deoxy-L-mannose (L-rhamnose):



bacterial polysaccharides

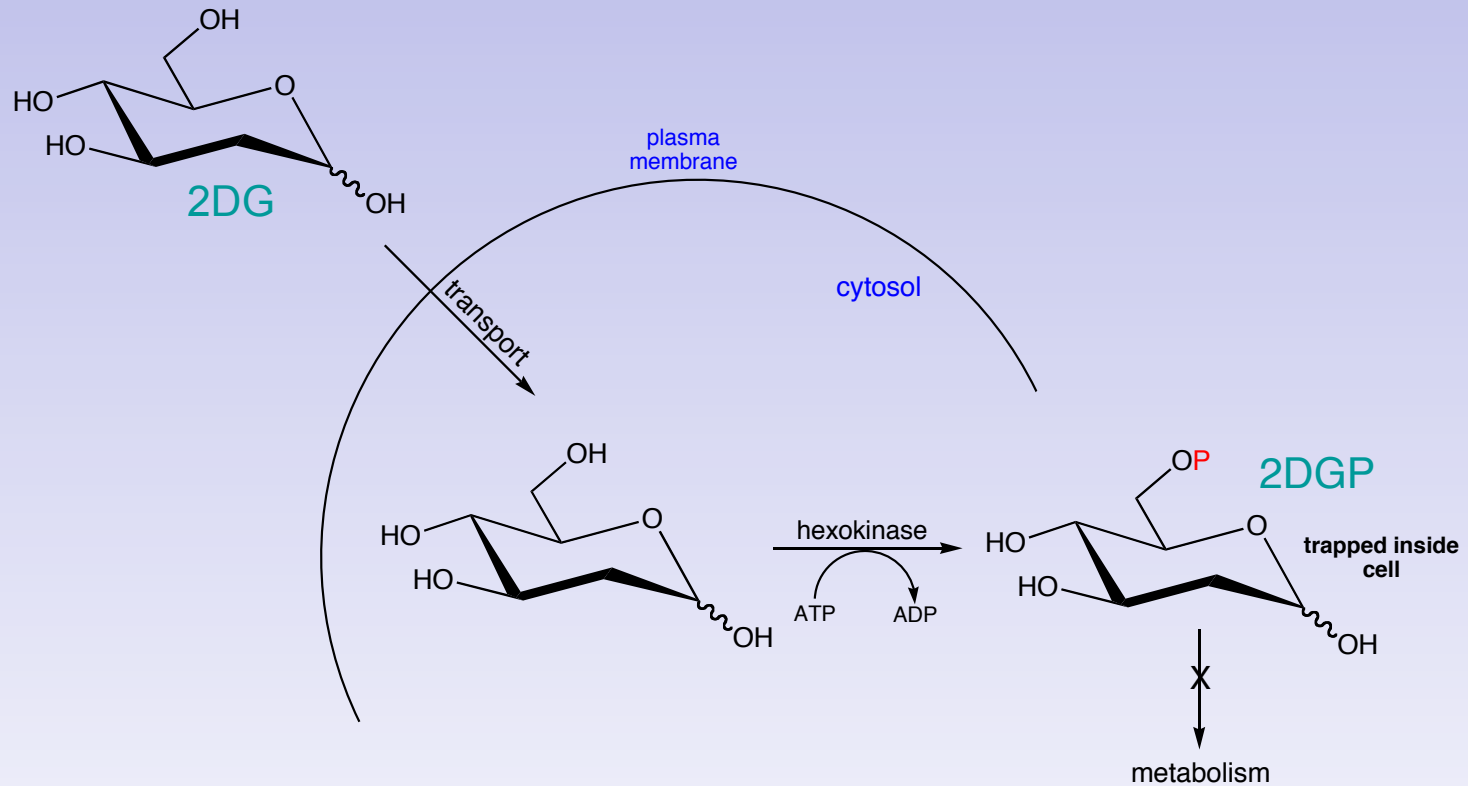
2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-deoxy-D-arabino-hexose):



metabolic probe

2DG

# 2DG as a cell viability probe

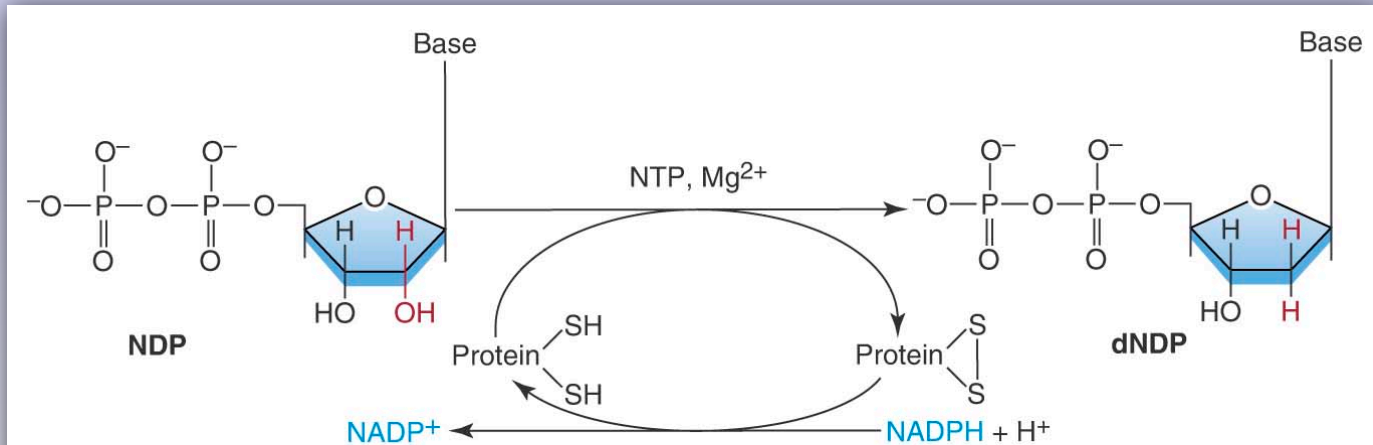


A probe of cell viability;  
imaging agent if tagged



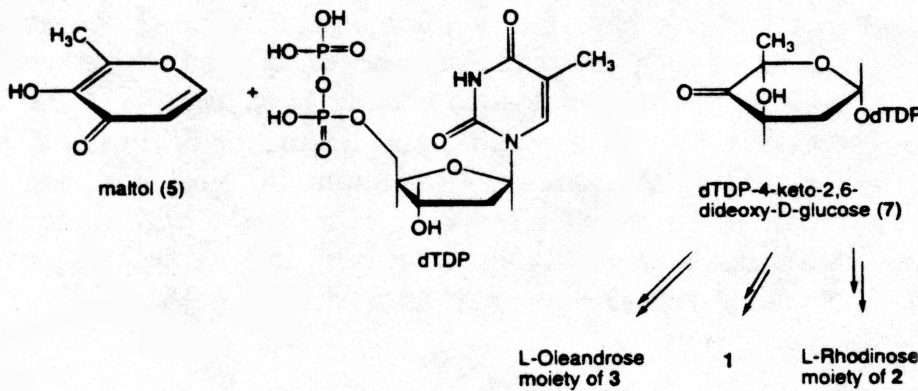
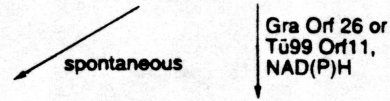
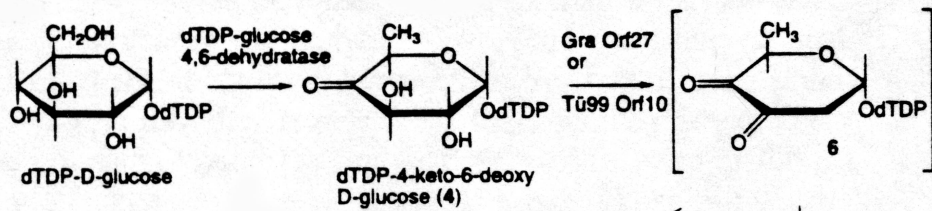
## Mechanisms of deoxygenation in vivo

### Case 1: Conversion of NDPs to dNDPs by ribonucleotide reductase



**Figure 20.19.** *De novo* synthesis of 2'-deoxyribonucleotides from ribonucleotides.

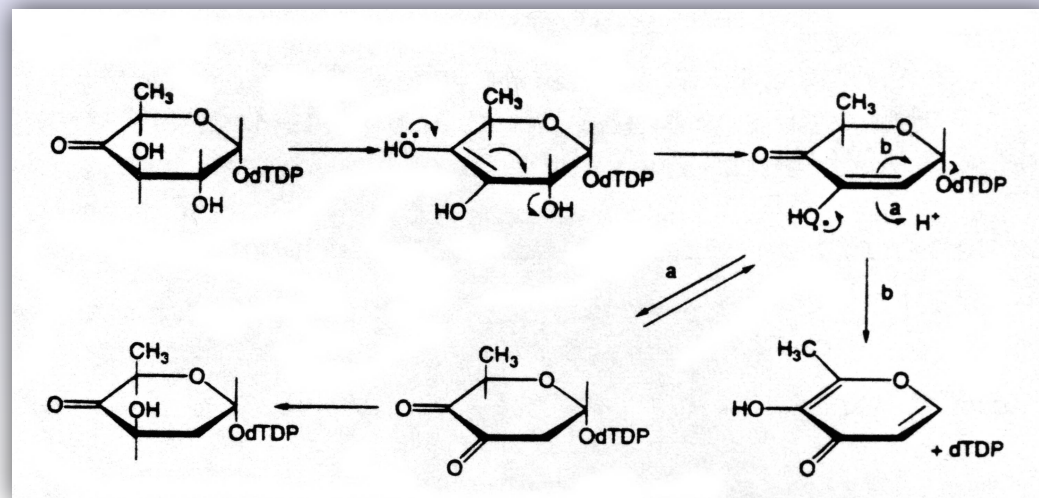
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# Mechanisms of deoxygenation in vivo

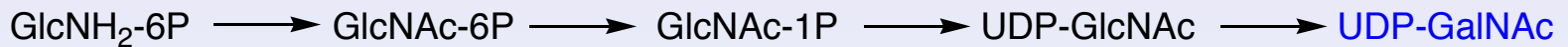
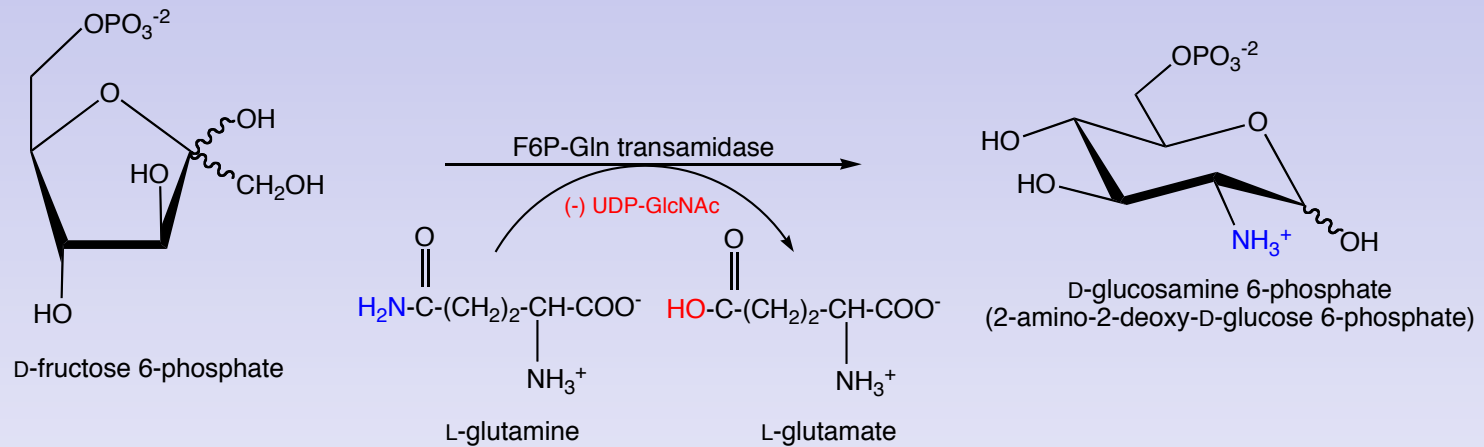
## Case 2: Biosynthesis of deoxysugars in bacteria

Draeger *et al.*, *JACS* **1999**, *121*, 2611-2612.



## 2-Aminosugars: Derived from D-fructose-6P in vivo

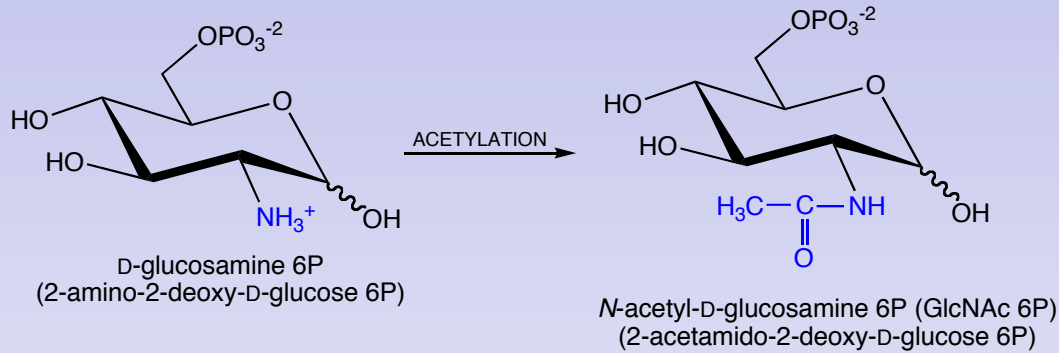
Formation of D-glucosamine-6P occurs by transamidation.



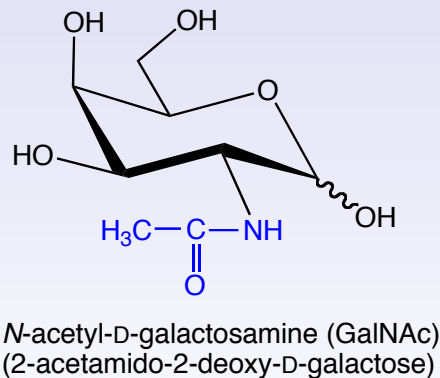
## 2-Aminosugar N-acetylation

*N*-acetyl-D-glucosamine 6P (GlcNAc 6P)

*N*-acetyl-D-galactosamine (GalNAc) equivalents

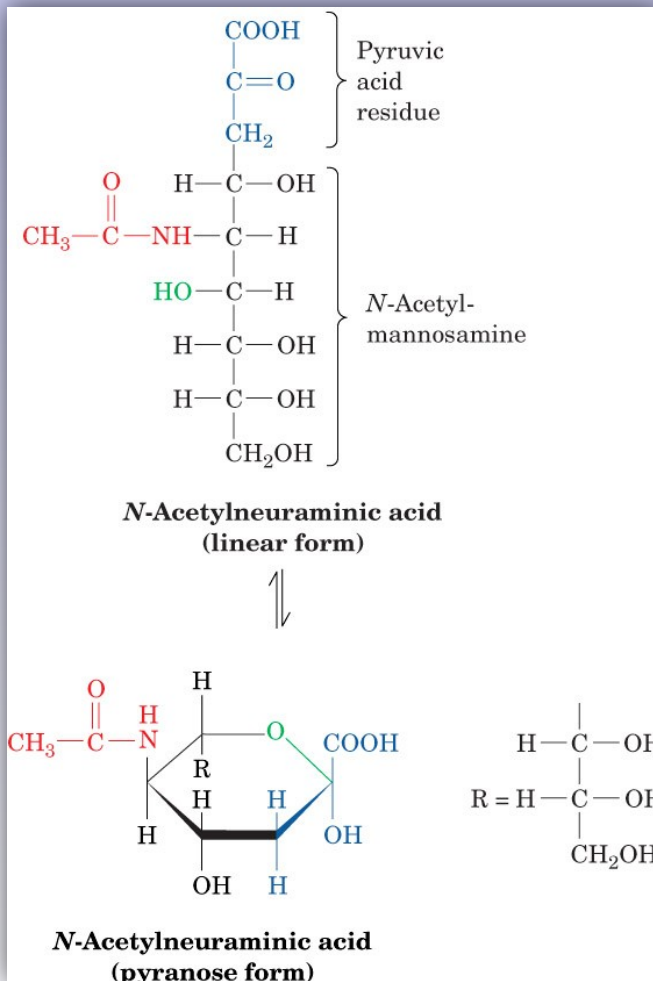


**For GlcNAc 6P:** Acetylation of free D-glucosamine 6P generated from F6P is enzyme-catalyzed *in vivo*; acetyl CoA is the acetyl donor.



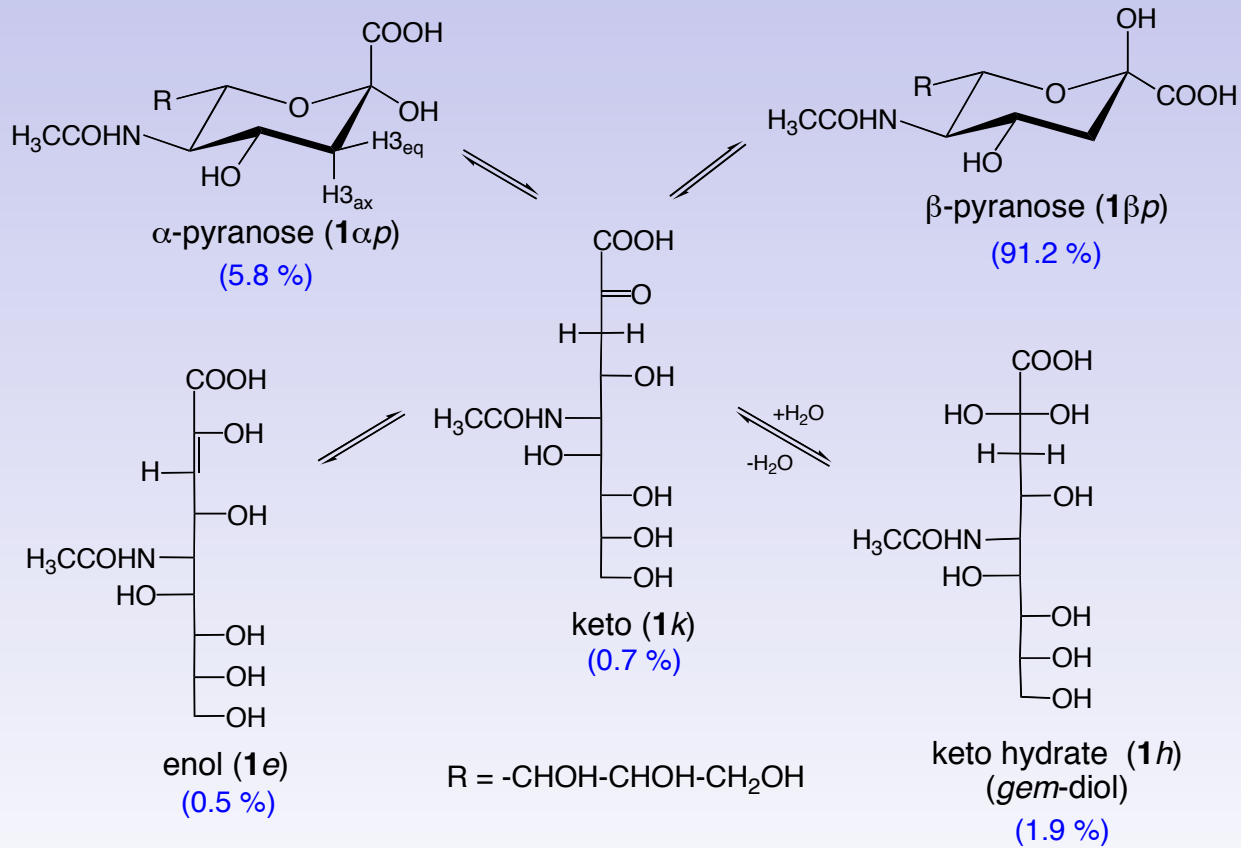
**For GalNAc:** Free D-galactosamine is cytotoxic; in mammalian systems, GalNAc residues are available via enzyme-catalyzed epimerization of UDP-GlcNAc to UDP-GalNAc.

# A biologically-important C<sub>9</sub> N-acetylated sugar N-Acetyl-neuraminic acid (Neu5Ac)

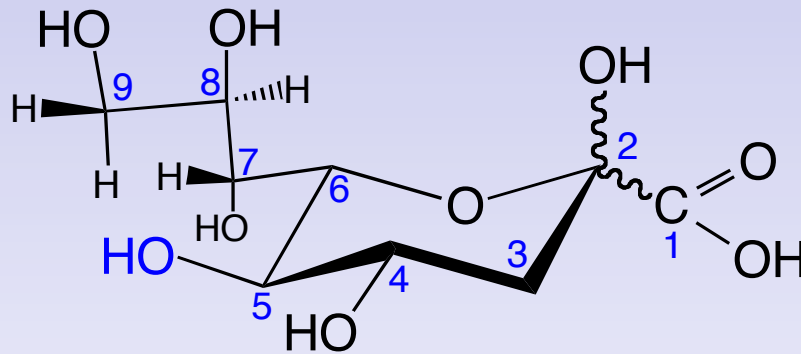


Neu5Ac is a C<sub>9</sub> α-ketoacid derived biosynthetically from C<sub>6</sub> (ManNAc) and C<sub>3</sub> (PEP or pyruvate) precursors.

# Anomerization of *N*-acetyl-neuraminic acid and abundances of forms in aqueous solution at pH 2.0

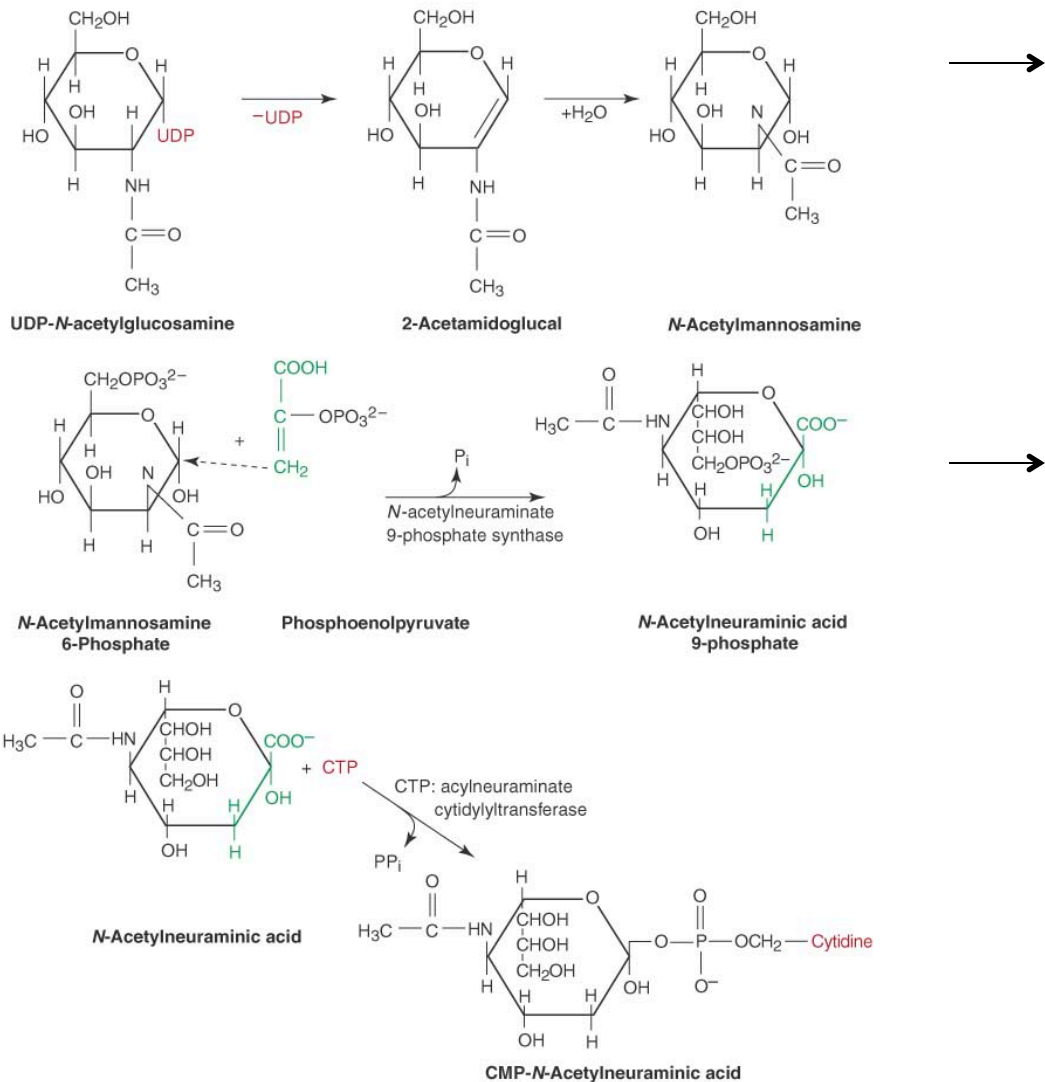


Another biologically important C<sub>9</sub> α-ketoacid

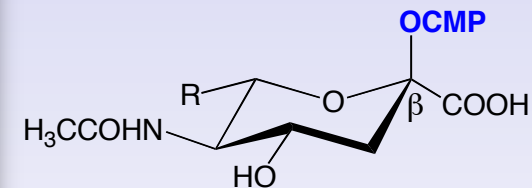


KDN

(2-keto-3-deoxy-D-glycero-D-galacto-nonulosonic acid)



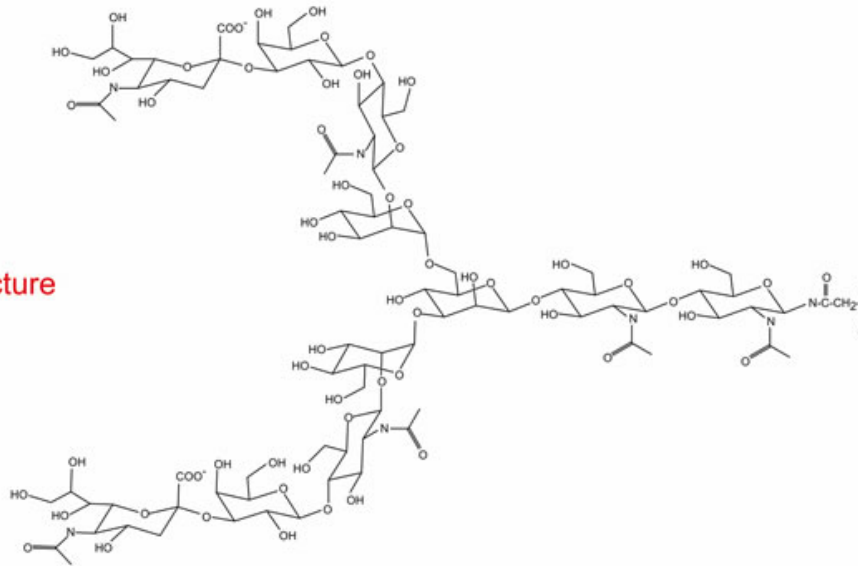
**N-Acetyl-neuraminic acid is activated as the sugar nucleotide, CMP-N-acetyl-neuraminic acid. NeuAc is linked to CMP in the  $\beta$ -configuration.**



**Figure 16.9. Biosynthesis of CMP-N-acetylneuraminic acid.**



Figure 1.9 Representations of a typical N-linked glycan from a glycoprotein



Complete chemical structure

NeuAc $\alpha$ 2-3Gal $\beta$ 1-4GlcNAc $\beta$ 1-2Man $\alpha$ 1  
 6  
 3 Man $\beta$ 1-4GlcNAc $\beta$ 1-4GlcNAc $\beta$ 1-Asn  
 NeuAc $\alpha$ 2-3Gal $\beta$ 1-4GlcNAc $\beta$ 1-2Man $\alpha$ 1

Word structure

Symbol representation



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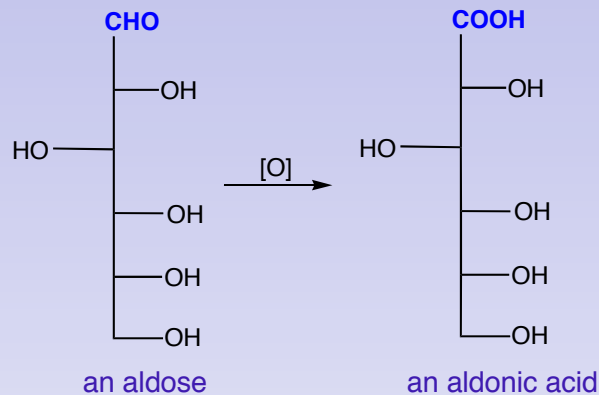
**Neu5Ac is commonly found as the terminal sugar of N-glycans of glycoproteins. Note symbol representation of complex glycans as a convenient way to describe structure.**

## Sialyltransferases in the mammalian genome

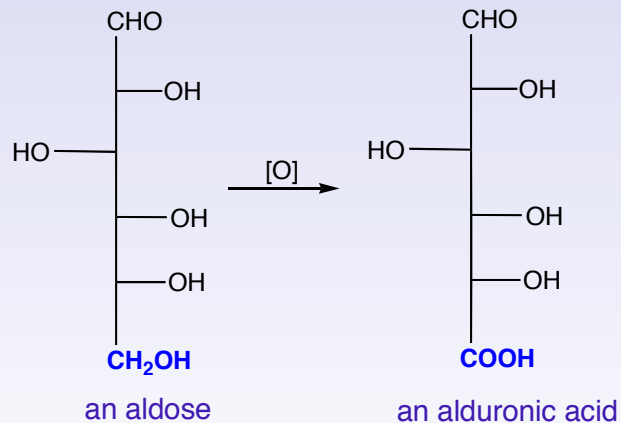
ST6Gal I-II:  $\alpha$ -1,6 to  $\beta$ -Galp  
ST3Gal I-VI:  $\alpha$ -2,3 to  $\beta$ -Galp  
ST8Sia I-VI:  $\alpha$ -2,8 to  $\alpha$ -Neu5Ac  
ST6GalNAc I-VI:  $\alpha$ -2,6 to GalNAc

Total sialyltransferases: 20

# Oxidized Monosaccharide Derivatives

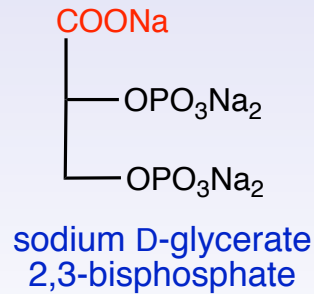
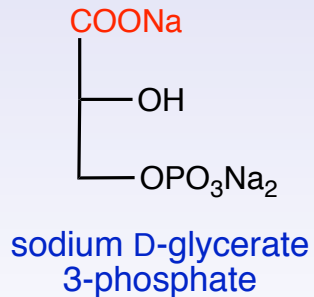
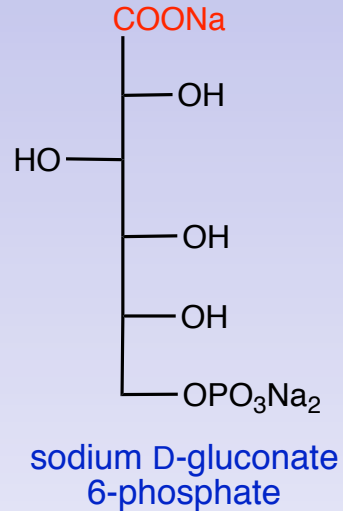
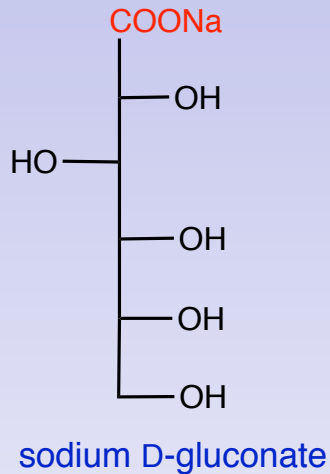


**Aldonic acids**: produced when C1 of an aldose is oxidized to the carboxylic acid; *e.g.*, D-glucose to D-gluconic acid; D-mannose to D-mannonic acid. Since the carbonyl (aldehydic) carbon is destroyed, aldonic acids are not **reducing sugars** (aldonic acids do not undergo anomerization).



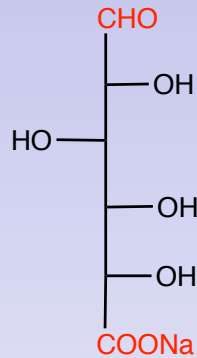
**Alduronic acids**: produced when the terminal primary alcohol (hydroxymethyl group) of an aldose is oxidized to the carboxylic acid; *e.g.*, D-glucose to D-glucuronic acid; D-mannose to D-mannuronic acid. Since the carbonyl (aldehydic) carbon is not destroyed, alduronic acids are **reducing sugars** and undergo anomerization.

## Some biologically important aldonic acids

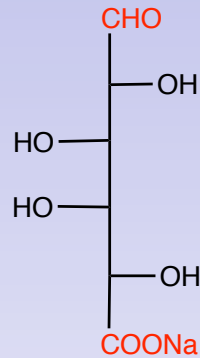


Produced *in vivo*  
from the corresponding  
aldose precursor via  
enzyme-catalyzed  
oxidation (dehydrogenases)  
using NAD<sup>+</sup> or NADP<sup>+</sup> as  
a coenzyme

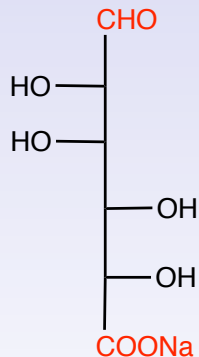
## Some biologically important uronic acids



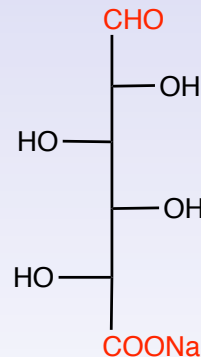
sodium D-glucuronate



sodium D-galacturonate



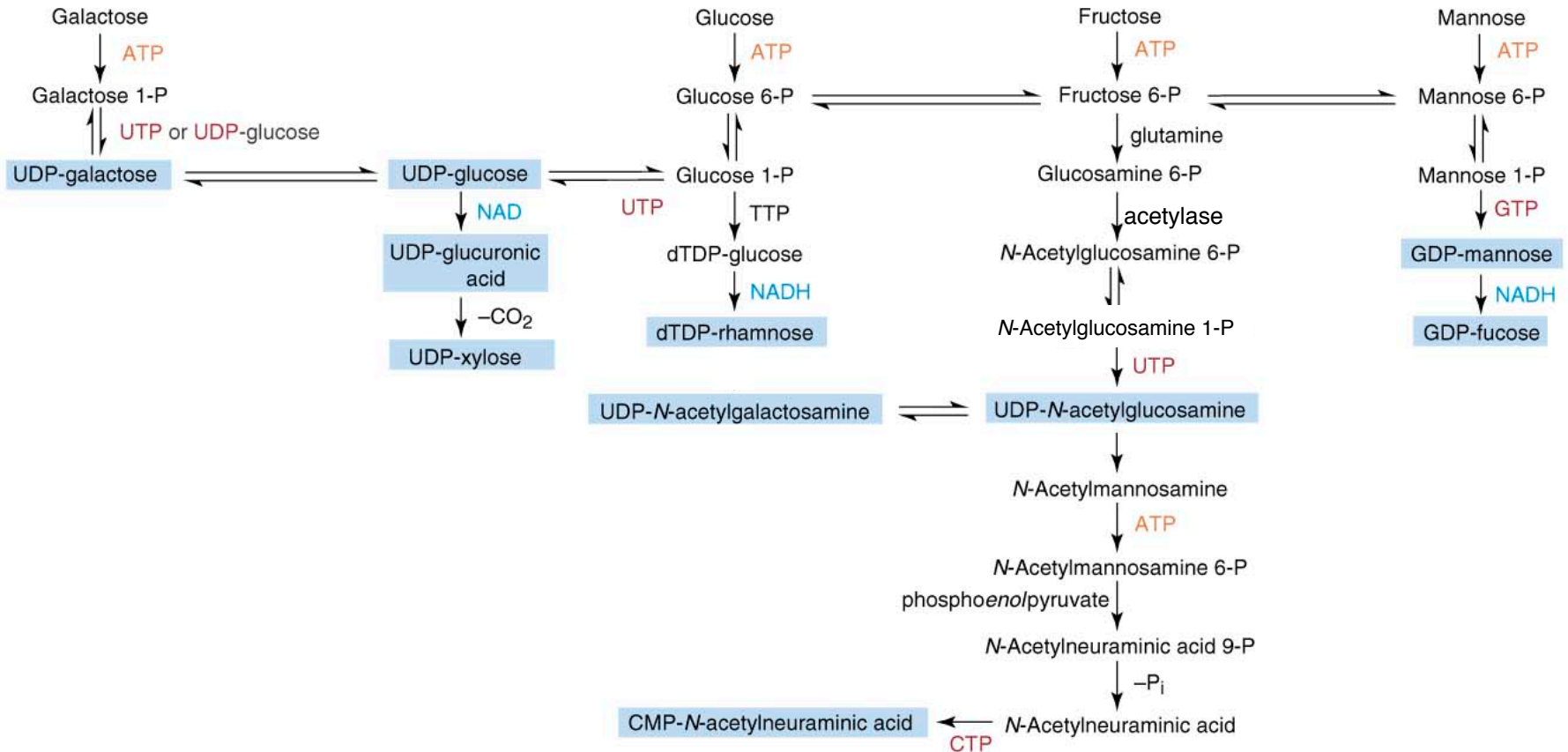
sodium D-mannuronate



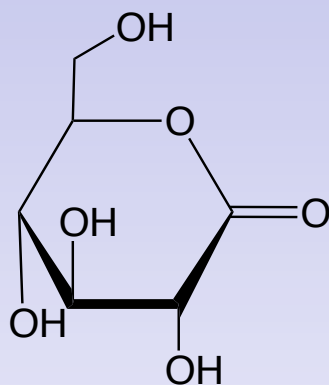
sodium L-iduronate

Produced *in vivo*  
from a sugar nucleotide  
precursor via  
enzyme-catalyzed  
oxidation  
(dehydrogenases)  
using  $\text{NAD}^+$  or  $\text{NADP}^+$  as  
a coenzyme

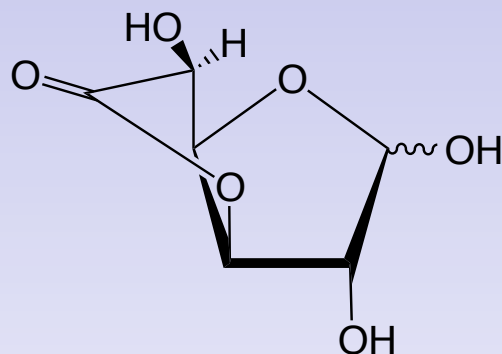
# Biosynthesis of nucleotide sugars and interconversion of hexoses



Aldonic and alduronic acids can undergo lactonization to produce cyclic structures.

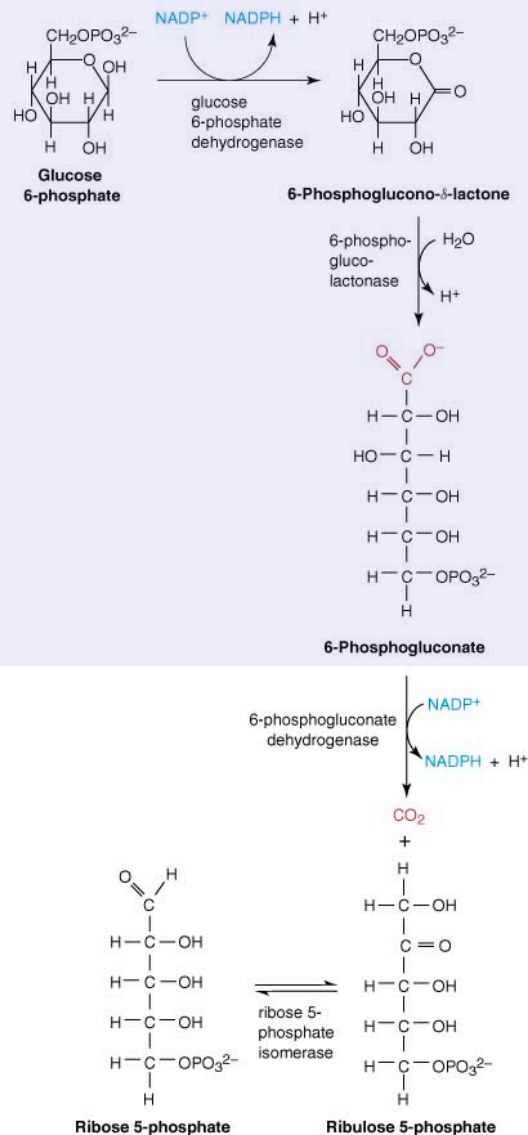


D-glucono-1,5-lactone  
(D-glucono- $\delta$ -lactone)



D-glucurono-3,6-lactone

Lactonization is favored under acidic solution conditions. In basic solution, lactones hydrolyze to give acyclic acid salts. In vivo, hydrolysis of lactones is enzyme-catalyzed.

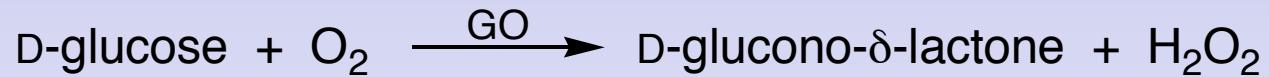


**Formation of aldonolactones and aldonates in vivo:** Oxidation of D-glucose 6P to its corresponding  $\delta$ -lactone by G6P dehydrogenase, followed by hydrolysis of the  $\delta$ -lactone by G6P lactonase.

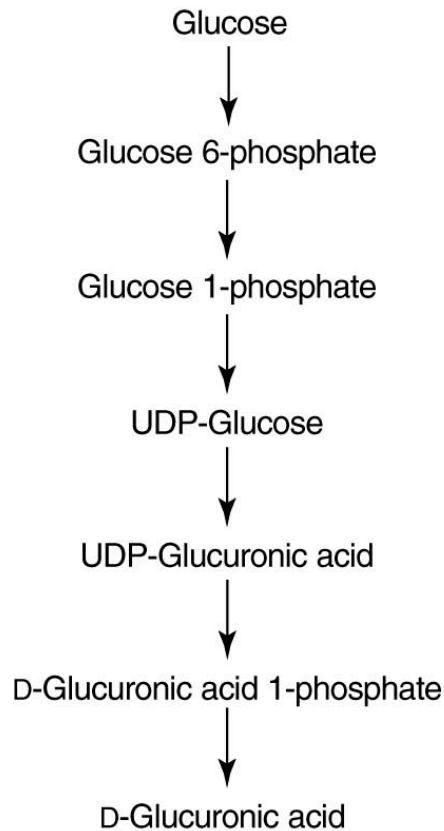
**Figure 16.1. Oxidative phase of the pentose phosphate pathway: Formation of pentose phosphate and NADPH.**



Glucose can be converted to D-glucono- $\delta$ -lactone by the enzyme, glucose oxidase (GO)

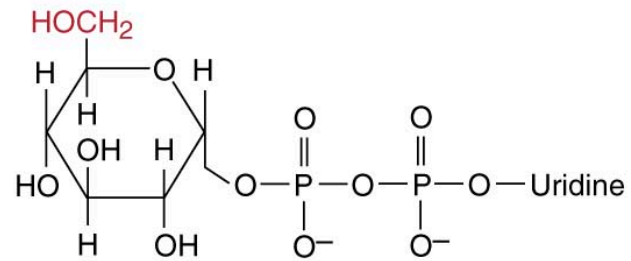


The reaction can be driven to completion with the addition of catalase, which degrades the H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> by-product. This reaction is commonly used to determine glucose concentration in blood and tissue.



**Formation of alduronic acids in vivo:** Biosynthesis of D-glucuronic acid from D-glucose. Note the involvement of **sugar nucleotides** in this transformation. In addition to its role as a **sugar donor** in oligo- and polysaccharide biosynthesis, UDP-GlcUA plays a key role in toxic heavy metal detoxification *in vivo*.

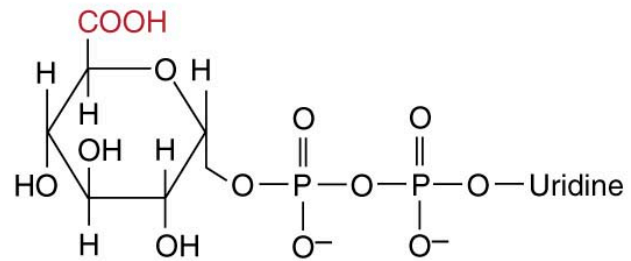
**Figure 16.7. Biosynthesis of D-glucuronic acid from glucose.**



**UDP-glucose**

+

2 **NAD<sup>+</sup>**

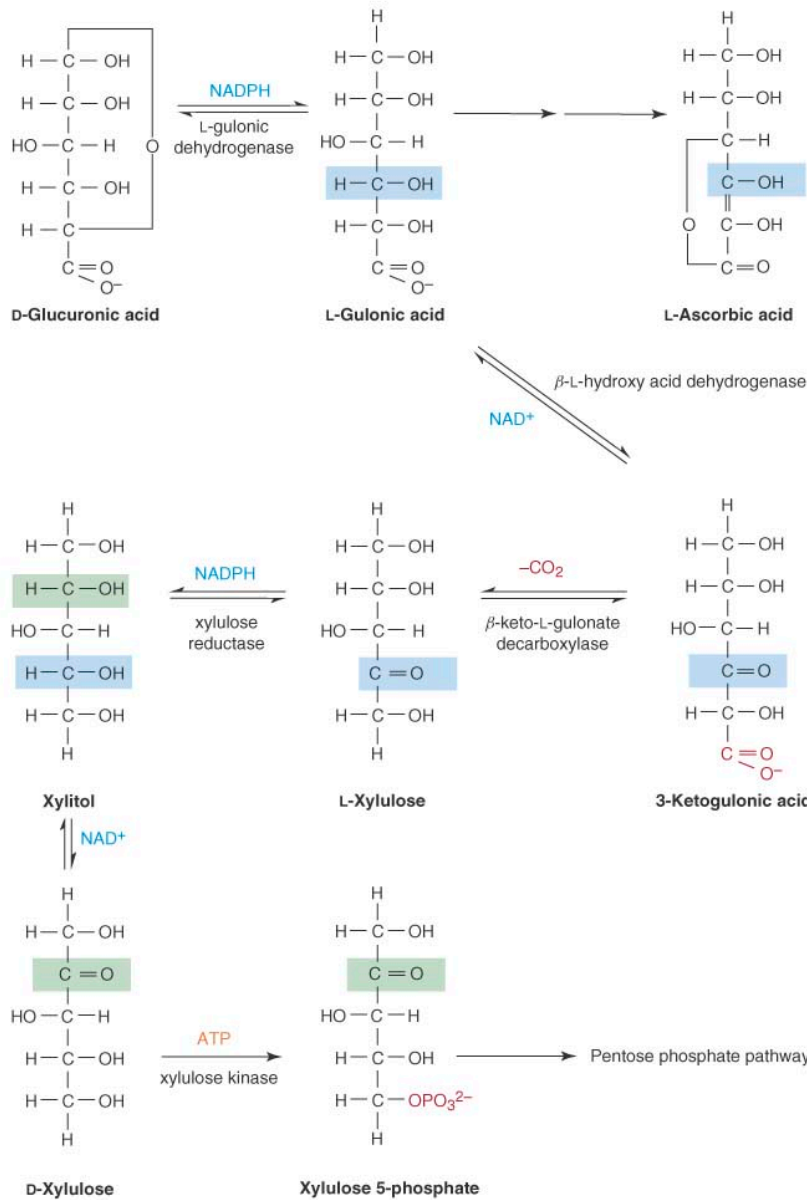


**UDP-glucuronic acid**

+

2 **NADH** + 2 **H<sup>+</sup>**

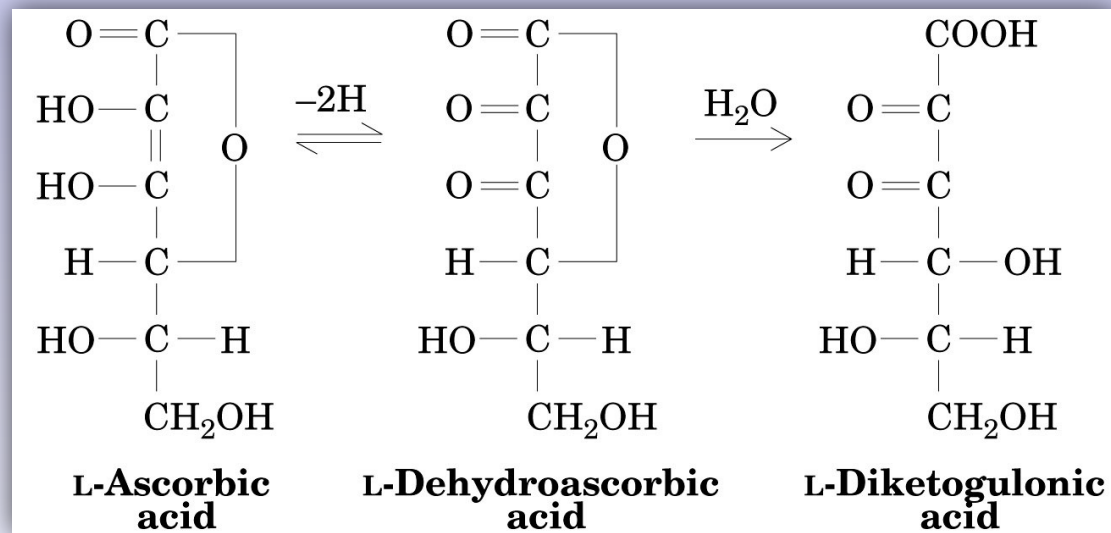
**Figure 16.6. Formation of UDP-glucuronic acid from UDP-glucose.**



Role of GlcUA in the biosynthesis of vitamin C (ascorbic acid) (not in humans)

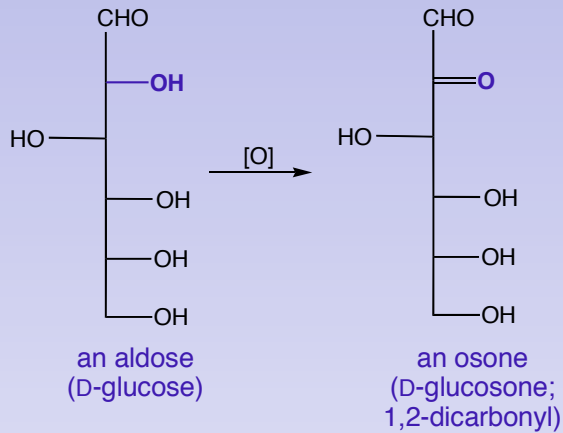
**Figure 16.8. Glucuronic acid oxidation pathway.**

## The reversible oxidation of L-ascorbic acid to L-dehydroascorbic acid *in vivo*

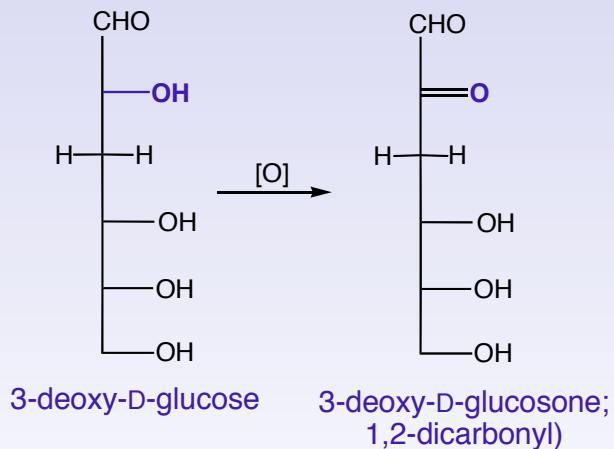


lactones

# Oxidation of aldoses to osones

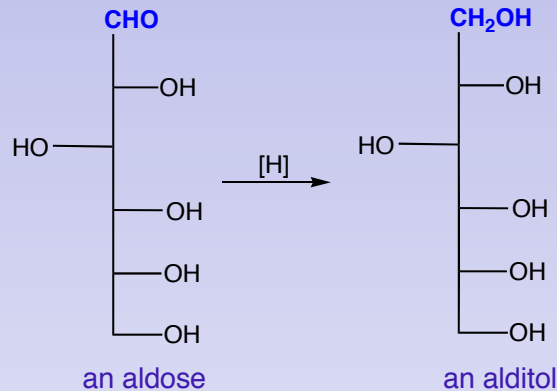


Other types of dicarbonyl species are also possible (e.g., 2,3-dicarbonyl species generated from 2-ketoses)

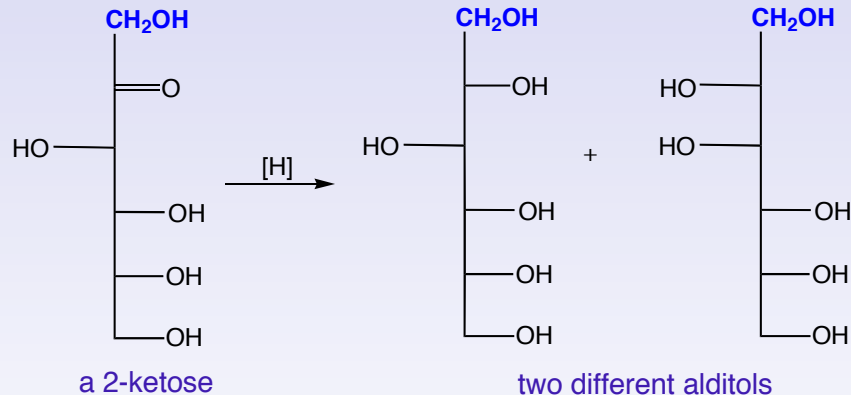


A metabolite in diabetic patients; a by-product of protein glycation; reactive glycating agent (reacts mainly with Arg residues); may play a role in diabetic complications and aging.

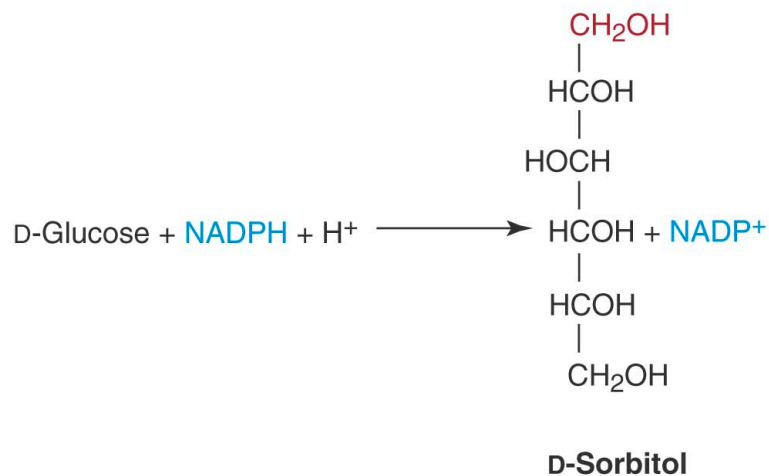
# Reduction of aldoses and ketoses to alditols



**Alditols:** Produced from the reduction of the aldehydic carbon of an aldose or the ketone carbon of a ketose; only one product is obtained from aldose reduction, whereas two are obtained from ketose reduction. Alditols are not **reducing sugars** since they do not contain a carbonyl center. They are acyclic molecules. Generated *in vivo*.



A common chemical derivative used to simplify the analysis of monosaccharide mixtures generated from the hydrolysis of complex oligo- and polysaccharides (see below).



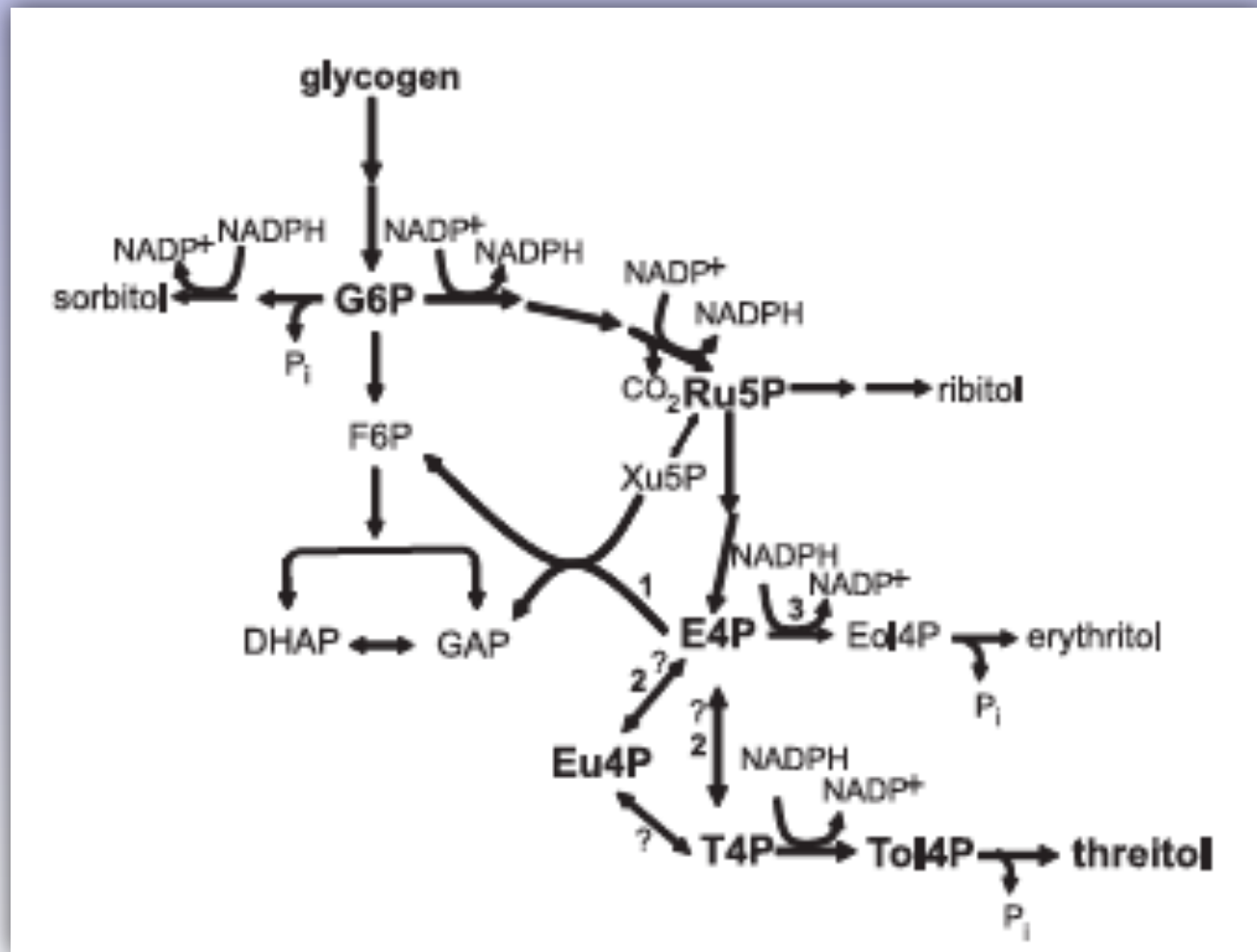
**Figure 15.43. Pathway responsible for the formation of sorbitol and fructose from glucose.**

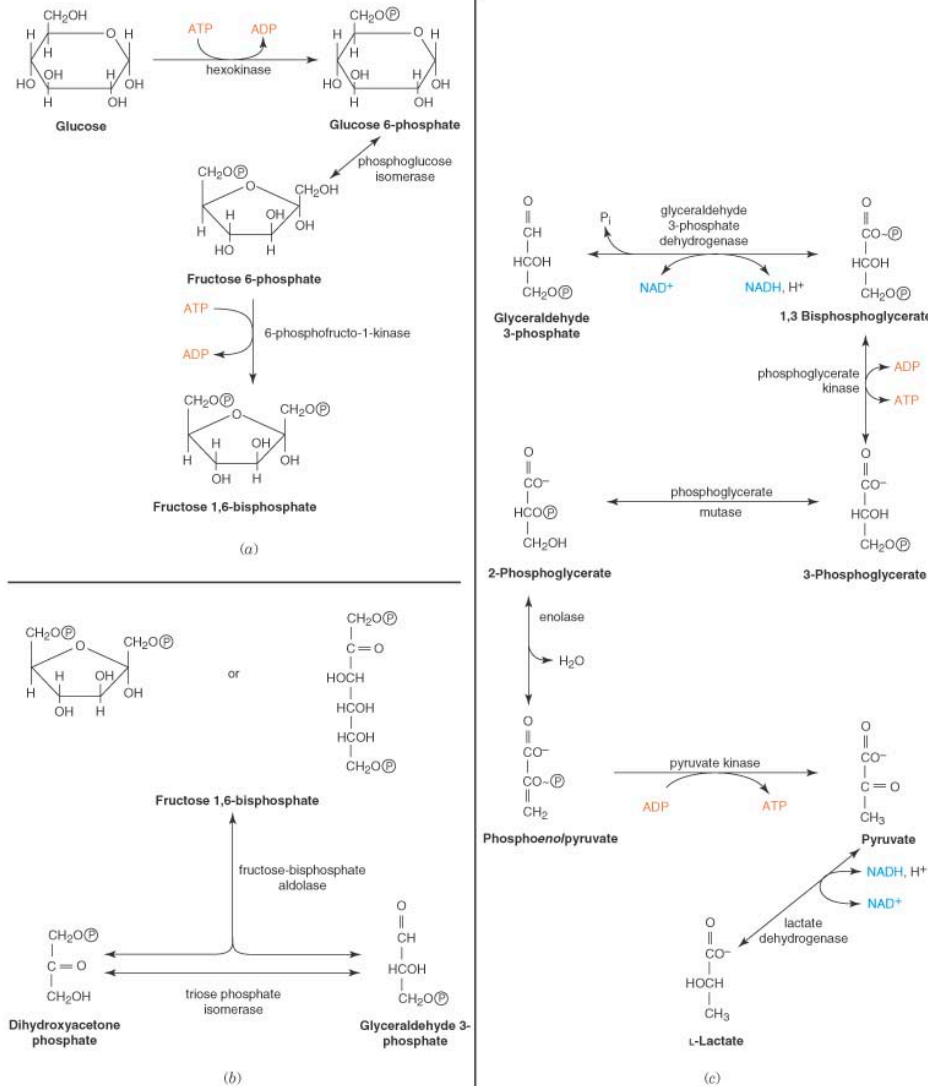
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**Biosynthesis of D-glucitol (D-sorbitol).** Note the involvement of NADPH as the cofactor, implying reaction in the cytosol. D-Glucitol accumulation in the eye lens is responsible for cataract formation in diabetic patients.



## Alditol production in vivo as a cryoprotectant



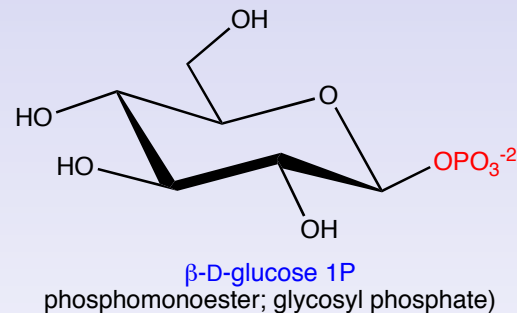
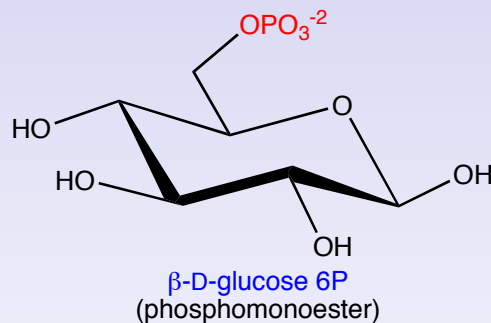


**Phosphorylation:**  
 The presence of phosphomonoesters is common in saccharide metabolites. Phosphorylation inhibits diffusion of metabolites through the plasma membrane and affects chemical and biological activities. Phosphate source is usually ATP.

**Figure 15.7. The glycolytic pathway, divided into three stages.**

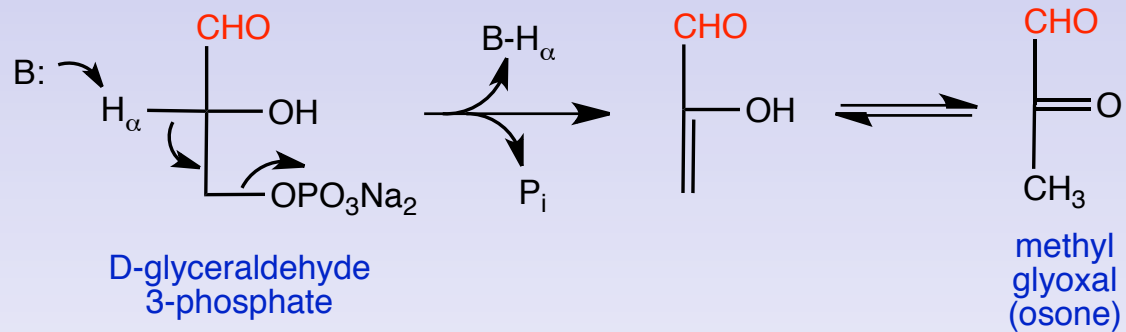
## $pK_a$ and $\Delta G^{\circ'}$ (hydrolysis) (kJ/mol) values of sugar phosphates

□ D-glyceraldehyde 3P	$pK_1$ 2.1	$pK_2$ 6.8	$\Delta G^{\circ'}$ $\sim -12$
□ $\beta$ -D-glucose 1P	$pK_1$ 1.1	$pK_2$ 6.1	$\Delta G^{\circ'}$ <b>-20.9</b>
□ $\beta$ -D-glucose 6P	$pK_1$ 0.94	$pK_2$ 6.1	$\Delta G^{\circ'}$ <b>-13.8</b>
□ $\alpha$ -D-fructose 6P	$pK_1$ 1.0	$pK_2$ 6.1	$\Delta G^{\circ'}$ <b>-13.8</b>

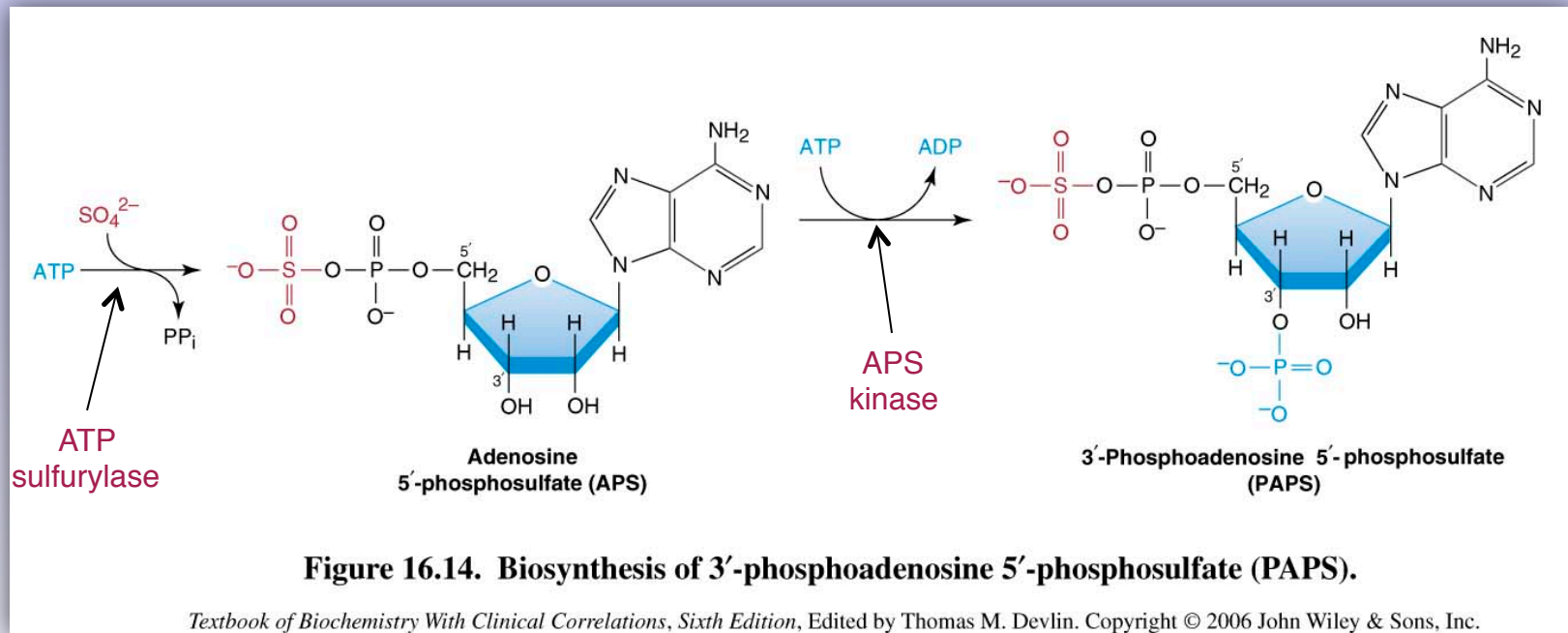


Glycosyl phosphates are produced by phosphorylation at the anomeric hydroxyl group of an aldose or ketose

## $\beta$ -Elimination mechanism in sugar phosphates



# Saccharide sulfation is achieved via the sulfate donor, PAPS



APS and PAPS are mixed anhydrides.

# Enzyme-catalyzed saccharide sulfation reactions

Figure 4.7 Biosynthesis of heparan sulphate

