

Aerobic Cellular Respiration

- Catabolic pathways
- Breaks down energy-rich compounds to make ATP
- Requires oxygen
- Occurs in different parts of the cell

 $C_6H_{12}O_6(s) + 6O_2(g) \rightarrow 6CO_2(g) + 6H_2O(l) + energy$



Metabolism of Glucose – ATP Yield

- Eukaryotes: 36 ATP molecules
 2+2+4+6+22
 - Yield from total glycolytic NADH 4 ATP

- Prokaryotes: 38 ATP molecules
 2+2+6+6+22
 - Yield from total glycolytic NADH 6 ATP

4 Main stages of aerobic cellular respiration

- 1. Glycolysis
- 2. Pyruvate Oxidation
- 3. Krebs Cycle
- Electron Transport
 Chain and
 Chemiosmosis



1. Glycolysis

2. Pyruvate Oxidation

3. Krebs Cycle

4. Electron Transport Chain and Chemiosmosis





glucose + 2 NAD⁺ + 2 ADP + 2 $P_i \rightarrow$

2 pyruvate + $2H_2O$ + 2 NADH + 2 ATP













2. Pyruvate Oxidation

- 1 glucose
- > 2 pyruvate
 - (transported into mitochondrial matrix)
- → 2 acetyl-CoA + 2 NADH

Only when oxygen is present









- 9 reactions
- Occurs in the mitochondrial matrix



- Completes breakdown of glucose to carbon dioxide
- □ 1 glucose → 2 acetyl Co-A → 2 Kreb cycles
 → total 4 CO₂

Krebs Cycle Overview





See textbook p.127



Kreb's Cycle – Net production

The net production for <u>each</u> acetyl-CoA is: 3 NADH, 1 FADH₂, and 1 ATP.

NADH and FADH₂ will be used to produce ATP in the oxidative phosphorylation pathway.

4. Oxidative Phosphorylation

- Oxidation of NADH and FADH₂ by electron transport chain
- Produces ATP in chemiosmosis
- Oxygen (electron acceptor) is converted to water
- Energy transferred from electron carriers to ATP



Electron Transport Chain

- A series of electron carriers and proteins
- Embedded in the inner membrane of mitochondrion
- Arranged in order of increasing electronegativity



Electron Transport Chain

- A series of REDOX reactions occur between each protein complex to transfer electrons
- 2 electrons are transferred each time
- As electrons move down the ETC, energy is release and electrons become more stable



Step 1:

- NADH reduces (donate electrons to) NADH dehydrogenase (Complex I)
- Ubiquitone shuttle electrons to Complex II
- Energy released during the REDOX reaction pumps H+ into the intermembrane space



Step 2:

- Cytochrome b-c1 (Complex II) receives electrons from ubiquitone and is reduced
- Cytochrome C shuttle electrons to Complex II
- Energy released during the REDOX reaction pumps H+ into the intermembrane space



Step 3:

- Cytochrome C reduces
 Cytochrome oxidase complex (Complex III)
- Oxygen is very electronegative and plucks electrons away from Complex III
- O₂ combines with H⁺ to form
 H₂O



Electron Transport Chain - Energy

- Highly exergonic
- Free energy released is used to pump H⁺ into the intermembrane space



Electron Transport Chain - Energy

- No substrates or products are involved in electron transport.
- The electron carriers continuously cycle between their reduced form and their oxidized form while passing electrons from one to the next and finally to oxygen



NADH vs FADH₂

NADH

- □ Pumps out 3 H⁺
- Produces more ATP

FADH₂

- □ Pumps out 2 H⁺
- □ Enter ETC at ubiquitone

Electron Transport Chain & Chemiosmosis

Inner mitochondrial membrane prevents H⁺ from flowing back into the matrix

- Protons pumped into the intermembrane space during ETC creates an electrochemical gradient
- $\square \rightarrow$ drive the synthesis of ATP



Chemiosmosis

The process in which ATPase converts energy from the electrochemical gradient to synthesize ATP

 \square ADP + P_i \rightarrow ATP



Aerobic Respiration – Energy Balance Sheet





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Prokaryotes can generate 38 ATP they do not have to use up 2 ATP to transport NADH from glycolysis across the mitochondrial membranes



Aerobic Respiration – Energy Balance Sheet

- Experimental observations show only 30-32 ATP are produced. Because:
- Some protons leak through the inner mitochondrial membrane
- Some energy is used to transport pyruvate into the mitochondria
- Some energy is used to transport ATP into cytoplasm for use

Interconnections of Metabolic Pathways

- Compounds from the breakdown of all dietary nutrients can be converted into intermediates in glycolysis and the Kreb's cycle
- They can enter/leave at many different stages of the pathways



Regulation of Aerobic Catabolic Pathways

- Rate of ATP production is controlled by feedback mechanisms.
- Ratio of ATP to ADP remains constant
- Enzymes involved are:
- 1. Phosphofructokinase (in glycolysis)
- 2. Pyruvate dehydrogenase (in pyruvate oxidation)

