

Chapter 5

Metabolism—the sum of all chemical reactions within a cell

Catabolic—breakdown of complex organic compounds
release of energy

exergonic

usually hydrolytic (use H₂O to break bonds)

Anabolic—biosynthesis; building of complex compounds from simpler ones
requires energy

endergonic

usually dehydration (reactions release H₂O)

What promotes chemical reactions?

(Collision theory)

1. rise in temperature
2. increase in pressure
3. reactants more concentrated

What promotes reactions in biological systems?

ENZYMES—biological catalysts

specific substrates

doesn't require temperature increase to accelerate reactions

large globular molecule (primary, secondary and tertiary structure)

Apoenzyme—protein

Co-factor—non protein

If organic—coenzyme

NAD,NADP,FMN,FAD

Factors affecting enzyme activity:

Temperature

pH

Concentration of substrate

Enzyme inhibitors:

Competitive

Non-competitive

Feedback

Energy from catabolic reactions stored in high energy, unstable bonds of ATP (adenosine triphosphate) and used in anabolic reactions



Oxidation-Reduction: occurs in catabolism and anabolism

NAD⁺ to NADH + H⁺ (proton motive force)
(more energy than NAD)

Phosphorylation:

Substrate level

Oxidative

electron transport chain (chemiosmosis)

Photophosphorylation

Types of Bacterial Metabolism:

Respiration

Aerobic

Anaerobic

Fermentation

Photosynthesis

Respiration and Fermentation have the same 1st step:

Glycolysis (Embden-Meyerhof pathway)

One molecule of glucose converted to two molecules of pyruvic acid

Does not require O₂

Endproducts: pyruvic acid + 2 ATP + NADH

Alternatives to Glycolysis

Pentose-Phosphate (hexose monophosphate shunt)

Operates with glycolysis to breakdown 5-C sugars (pentoses)

Gain of 1 ATP

Entner-Doudoroff

2 molecules of NADPH and 1 ATP

Respiration:

Aerobic

Krebs cycle [Tricarboxylic acid (TCA) or Citric acid cycle]

Yield: 4 molecules CO₂

6 molecules NADH

2 molecules FADH₂

2 molecules ATP

Precursor metabolites

Electron Transport System:

Carriers: flavoproteins

cytochromes

ubiquinones

Proton Motive Force/Chemiosmotic mechanism to generate ATP
Excess protons/protein channels/ATP synthase
Yield: 34 molecules of ATP

Aerobic Respiration: **Total ATP (prokaryotes)= 38**
(eukaryotes) = 34
Final electron receptor is O₂



Anaerobic Respiration: (absence of O₂)

Final electron receptor is inorganic molecule (N₂, N₂O, SO₄, CO₃)
Yield: **>2 < 38 ATP**

Fermentation:

Final electron receptor: organic molecule
Yield: 2 ATP

Endproducts: Lactic Acid
Alcohol

Lipid and Protein Catabolism:

Lipids == fatty acids and glycerol (lipases)

Proteins == amino acids (proteases)

Amino acids: deamination/decarboxylation

Photosynthesis:

Conversion of light energy to chemical energy

C fixation = conversion of CO₂ to sugars

Light dependent stage

Calvin-Benson Cycle

Microbes can be classified by nutritional patterns (source of energy and carbon)

Energy:

Phototrophs

Chemotrophs

Carbon:

Autotrophs

Heterotrophs

Almost all medically important microorganisms are chemoheterotrophs

