



# GENITOURINARY SYSTEM

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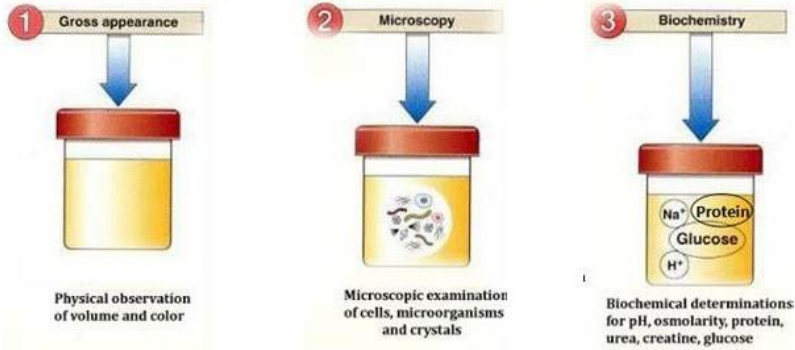
# Biochem lecture 2 – GU

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## Full Urine Analysis (FUA)



\* اول اشفي بتطلع عليه grossly بعيني المجردة هل ال  
microscopically بطلع بعينين turbid او urine clear  
بعدين بنحلل ال biochemical composition

Test	Results						
<b>Urine Urobilinogen</b>	0.1	1(16)	2(33)	4(66)	8(131)	mg/dL ( $\mu$ mol/L)	
	Normal						
<b>Urine Glucose</b>	neg.	$\pm$ 100(5.5)	+250(14)	++500(28)	+++1000(55)	mg/dL (mmol/L)	
<b>Urine Bilirubin</b>	neg.	+	++	+++			
<b>Urine Ketone</b>	neg.	$\pm$ 5(0.5)	+15(1.5)	++40(3.9)	+++100(10)	mg/dL (mmol/L)	
<b>Urine Specific Gravity</b>	1.000	1.005	1.010	1.015	1.020	1.025	1.030
<b>Blood in Urine</b>	neg.	Hemolysis +10	++50	+++250	Non Hemolysis+10	++50	RBC/ $\mu$ L
<b>Urine pH Level</b>	5	6	6.5	7	8	9	
<b>Urine Protein</b>	neg.	trace	+30(0.3)	++100(1.0)	+++300(3.0)	++++1000(10)	mg/dt(g/L)
<b>Urine Nitrites</b>	neg.	trace	pos.				
<b>Urine Leukocytes</b>	neg.	+25	++75	++500			WBC/ $\mu$ L

# The Factors Affecting The composition of Urine

- Diet and nutritional status
  - Condition of body metabolism
  - Kidney function
  - Level of contamination with pathogenic microorganisms (bacteria) or even non-pathogenic microflora
- ✳ اي حدا بده يعمل urine analysis لازم نعطيه sterile cup

## 1.3 The Composition of Urine

### Normal Urine Constituents

- Water (about 95% of urine)
- Urea
- Creatinine
- Uric acid

### Abnormal Urine Constituents

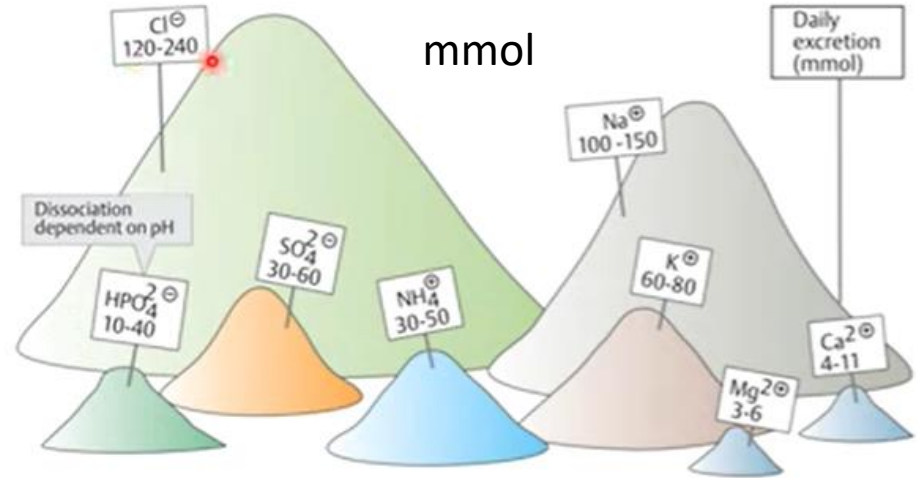
- Glucose
- Protein
- Bile pigments
- Blood cells

\* اي اشياء بنسبة قليلة يكون طبيعي و لما يزيد بشكل كبير بصفي abnormal مثلا النسبة الطبيعية لل glucose بالدم ٢٠٠ لو زادت عن هيك راح يصير يطلع ال glucose بال urine

**TABLE 23.2** Properties and Composition of Urine

Physical Properties		
Specific gravity	1.001–1.028	
Osmolarity	50–1,200 mOsm/L	
pH	6.0 (range 4.5–8.2)	
Solute	Concentration*	Output**
Inorganic Ions		
Chloride	533 mg/dL	6.4 g/day
Sodium	333 mg/dL	4.0 g/day
Potassium	166 mg/dL	2.0 g/day
Phosphate	83 mg/dL	1 g/day
Ammonia	60 mg/dL	0.68 g/day
Calcium	17 mg/dL	0.2 g/day
Magnesium	13 mg/dL	0.16 g/day
Nitrogenous Wastes → Organic substances		
Urea	1.8 g/dL	21 g/day
Creatinine	150 mg/dL	1.8 g/day
Uric acid	40 mg/dL	0.5 g/day
Urobilin	125 µg/dL	1.52 mg/day
Bilirubin	20 µg/dL	0.24 mg/day

\* ال ph بشكل عام يكون acidic بس بختلف بشكل عام حسب  
 وضعية الجسم هل هو acidosis or alkalosis لانه ال kidneys  
 احد الاعضاء المسؤولة عن ال acid base balance بالجسم



Koolman J, Röhm KH, Wirth J, & Robertson M. 2005. Color Atlas of Biochemistry. Vol 2. Stuttgart: Thieme.

\*الي عليهم هايلايت حكي عنهم اهم اشى

# COMPOSITION OF URINE

- Normal urine contains about 50 g of solids dissolved in about 1.5 L of water per day.

The chief organic solids are:

- (1) NPN compounds → Non protein nitrogenous compounds » urea & amino acids
- (2) Organic acids
- (3) Sugars

The chief inorganic solids are :

- (1) Chloride, (2) Sodium, (3) Potassium, (4) Phosphate, (5) Ammonia

# I. NPN COMPOUNDS

- The non-protein nitrogenous (NPN) compounds include:
  - Intermediary (amino acids and creatine) Energy storage in muscles
  - End products (urea, uric acid, and creatinine) From purine metabolism From creatine metabolismof protein metabolism
- The total urinary NPN is on average **25g/** day



# A. Urea

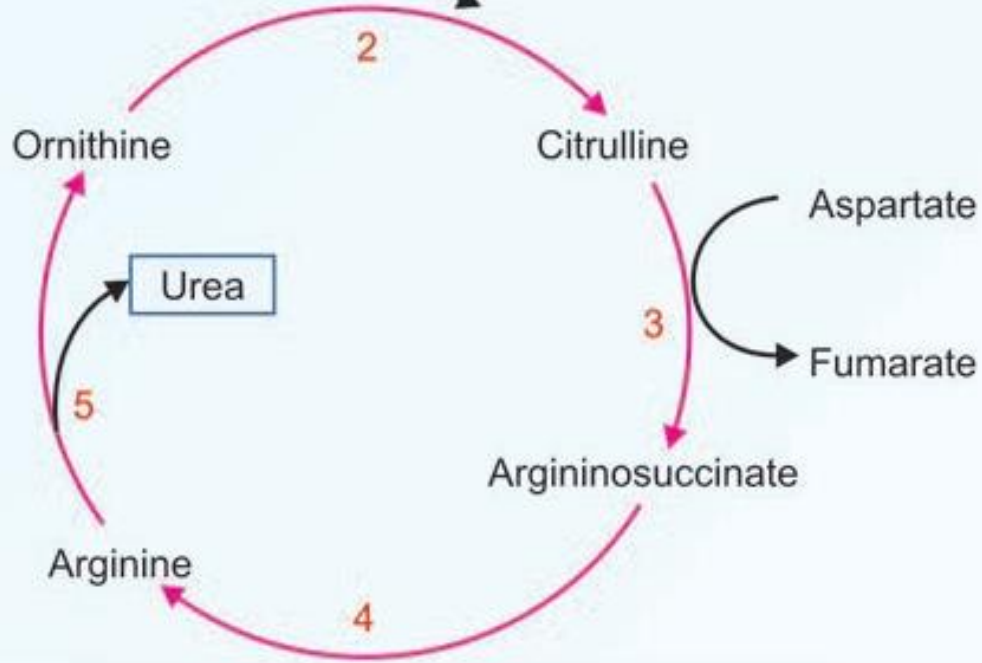
- Urea is the chief end product of protein metabolism in human
- It is formed in the liver from the ammonia resulting from the deamination of the amino acids
- It is excreted by the kidneys in the urine
- Its excretion in the urine is more directly affected by protein intake & catabolism than other nitrogenous compounds, which tend to remain relatively constant

Ammonia + CO<sub>2</sub>



Carbamoyl phosphate

Ammonia + CO<sub>2</sub> + aspartate = urea + fumarate



- Urinary urea is normally 12-25, average **21 g/day**

- ↑ urinary urea:

- high protein diet

Because urea is the end product of protein metabolism so if input increased output will increase too

- increased protein catabolism (fevers, DM, Cushing syndrome and hyperthyroidism)

↳ Uncontrolled

+ Uncontrolled cancer

- ↓ urinary urea:

- low protein diet

- increased protein anabolism (pregnancy and lactation)

- liver failure (decreased formation) Of urea from ammonia

- acute renal failure (due to retention)

## B. AMINO ACIDS

- 80% of excreted AA in urine are conjugated amino acids:
  - glycine with benzoic acid (found in berries, other fruits)
  - glutamine with phenylacetic acid (found in drugs, BB)
- 20% are free amino acids (escape reabsorption)
- The total urinary amino acid nitrogen normally varies between 0.5-1.0, average 0.7g/day.

# Increased urinary amino acids (aminoaciduria)

## 1. Decreased Deamination of Amino Acids:

### – Liver failure:

- deamination of amino acids and urea formation ↓
- → generalized aminoaciduria

↳ All amino acids will be excreted in urine

### – Specific aminoacidurias:

- Caused by defective metabolism of specific amino acids
- eg., phenylketonuria causes increased excretion of phenylalanine in the urine

## 2. Inability of the Kidneys to reabsorb Amino Acids:

+ inability to reabsorb

- In severe nephritis & Fanconi syndrome (PCT problem) the kidneys fail to reabsorb **all** amino acids → generalized aminoaciduria

↳ glucose and phosphate

- Cystinuria: kidneys fail to reabsorb cystine, ornithine, arginine and lysine (**COLA**) leading to their excretion in the urine.

\* سال سؤال ليش هدول ال amino acids بالذات و حكى دوروا عليها راح تيجي بالامتحان \*

\* بحث و حظيتكم الجواب تحت \*

\* The common chemical property shared by cystine, ornithine, arginine, and lysine is that they all contain amino groups, which are basic in nature. This makes them polar and hydrophilic molecules, meaning they have an affinity for water. Additionally, they all have relatively large side chains compared to other amino acids, which contributes to their poor solubility in urine when present in high concentrations. These properties make them prone to precipitation and crystal formation, particularly in conditions like cystinuria where their reabsorption by the kidneys is impaired.

### 3. Ingestion of certain toxic substances:

- These include:
  - benzoic acid (conjugated with glycine)  
*In fruits*
  - phenylacetic acid (conjugated with glutamine)
  - Bromobenzene (industrial solvent; conjugated with cysteine)
    - \* What is the difference between cysteine and cystine?  
Cystine is a dimer of cysteine ( 2 cysteine )
- excretion of large amounts of these amino acids in the urine

# Ammonia (inorganic):

\* ال ammonia ككمية بتخزنك النيتروجين  
مقابل ال urea هي ولا اشني

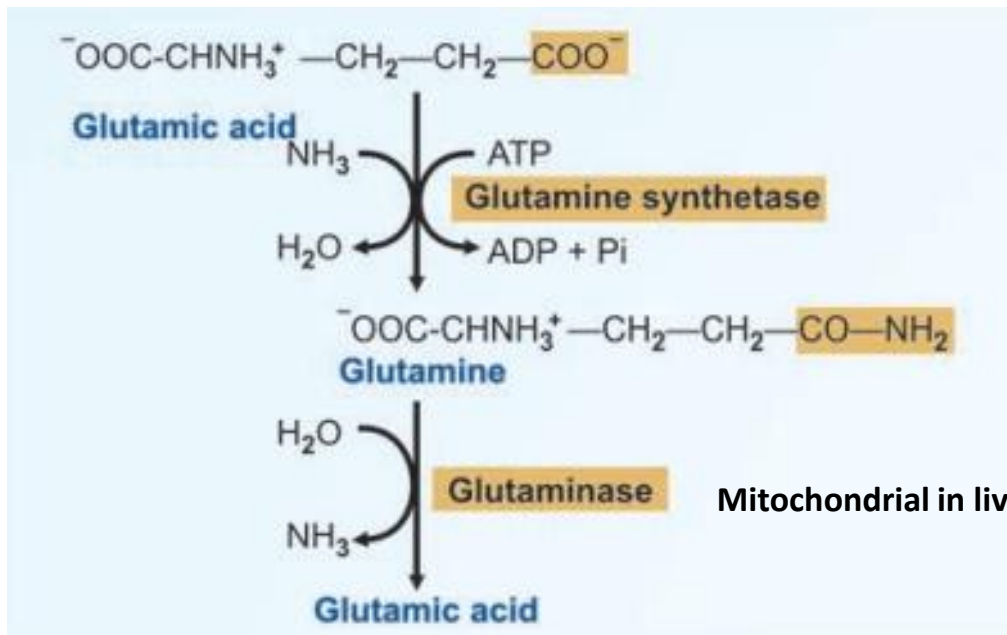
- **Urinary ammonia** is **synthesized in the distal convoluted tubules**

\* كمية النيتروجين الي بتنزل بال urine بالوضع  
الطبيعي بدون acidosis هي قليلة

- **60%** are produced by the **action of the enzyme glutaminase** on the **glutamine received by the kidneys from other tissues**
- **40%** are produced by the **deamination of other amino acids in the kidneys**



# Ammonia trapping as glutamine



Glutamate is critical to intracellular AA metabolism

**Glutamate synthetase:** mitochondrial enzyme, high concentration in brain, liver & kidney

✿ بتعمل trapping لل hydrogen ions و بتسمحك تعمل acidification لل urine اكثر

- Urinary ammonia appears to be **entirely concerned with the acid-base balance**

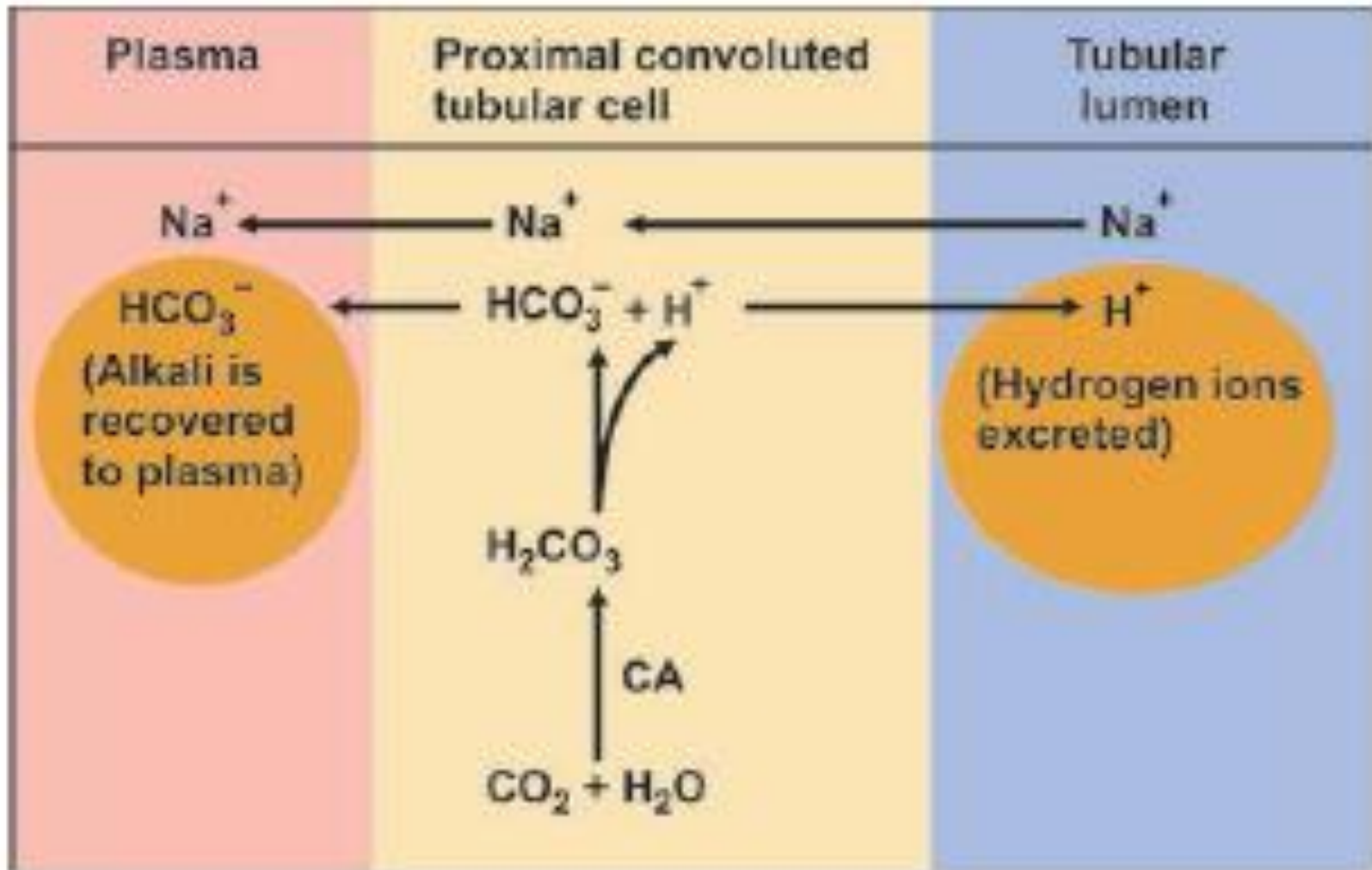
– In conditions of **acidosis** → **reabsorption of  $\text{Na}^+$  by  $\text{Na}^+ : \text{H}^+$  exchange** occurs to a **limited extent** being stopped when the pH of the glomerular filtrate becomes **4.8**

حكي بتوصل ل 4.4

– Ammonia is **secreted by the distal convoluted tubules** to **neutralize this high acidity** allowing  **$\text{Na}^+ : \text{H}^+$  exchange** to continue and the **alkali reserve** to be **regained**

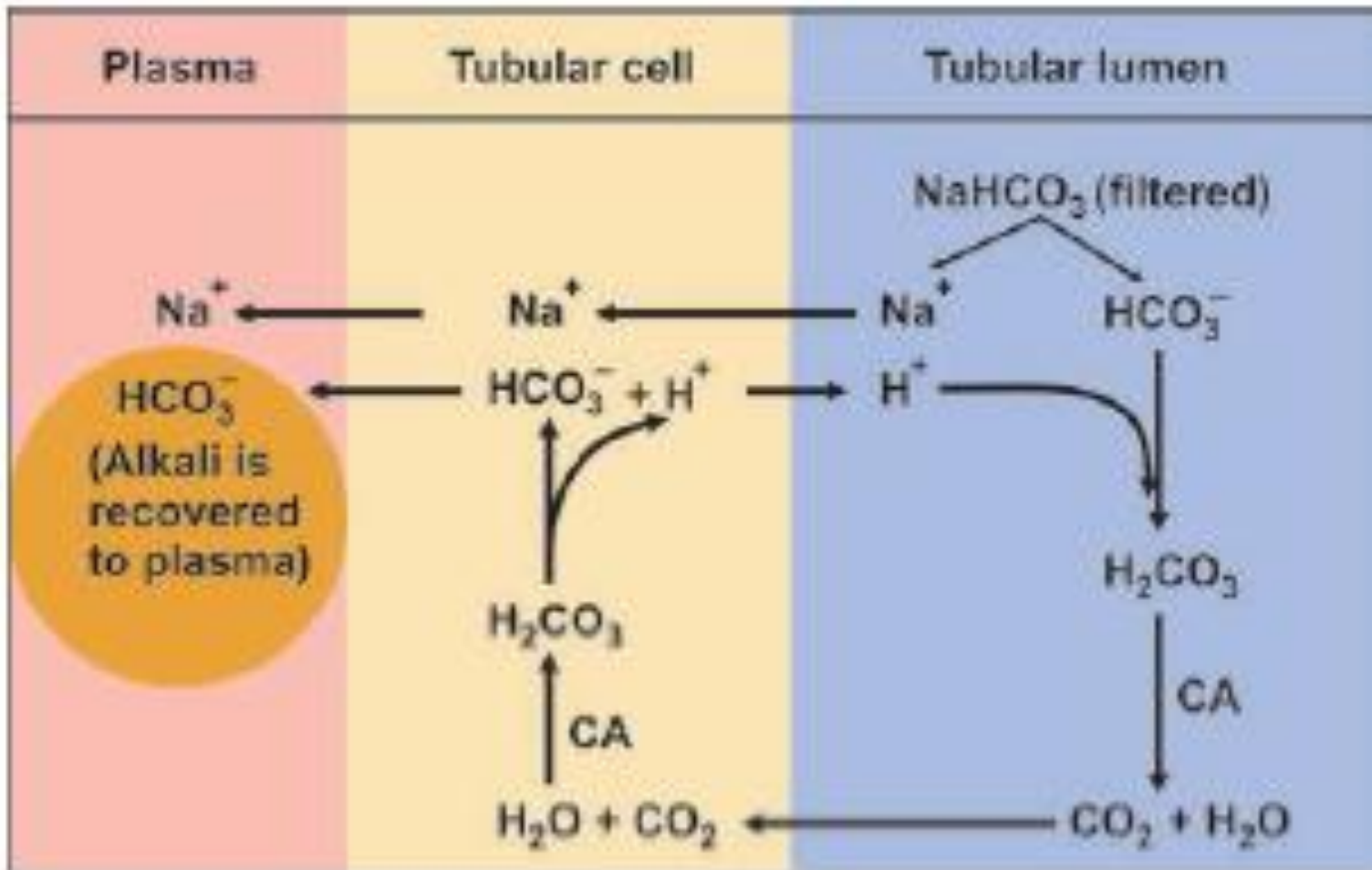
✿ احنا عنا 2 buffers ال phosphate and ammonia، ال phosphate buffer بعمل trapping للهروجين و بالتالي تعملها

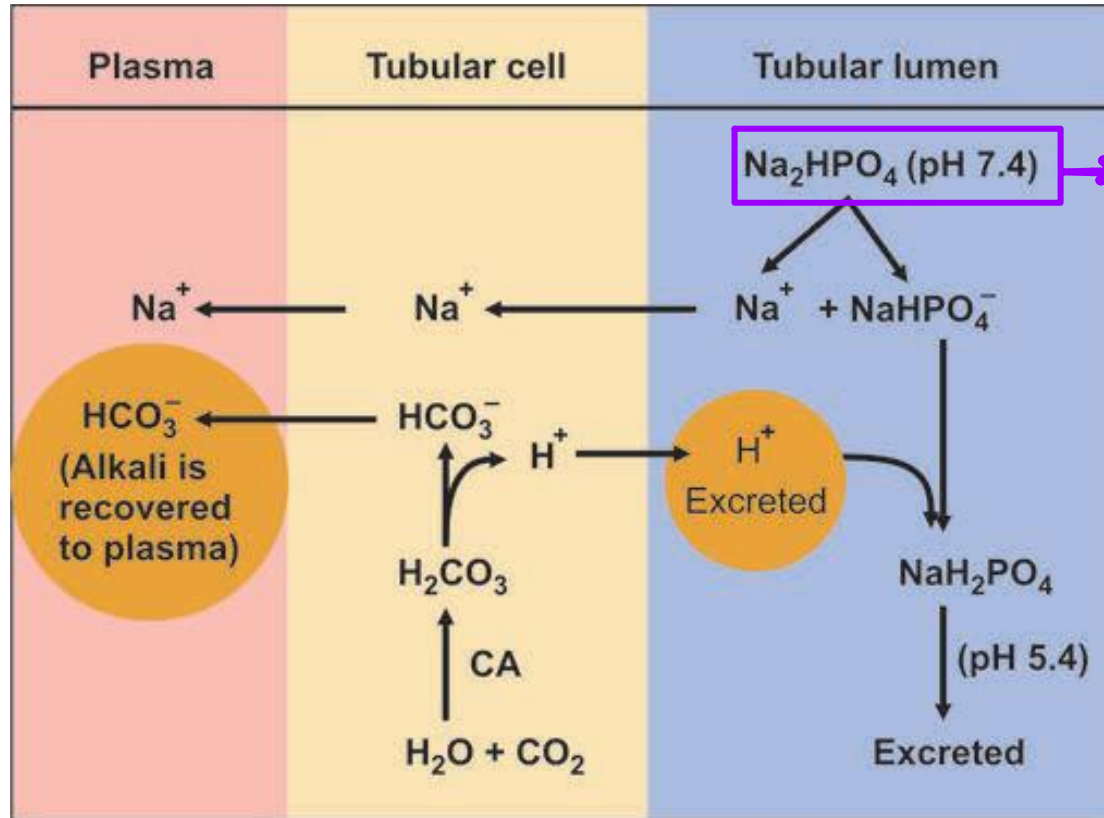
excretion و لكن هاد ما بشتغل الا باتجاه ph معينة ما بقدر ينزل تحتها فبعدها يستلم ال ammonia ك trapping mechanism



✳️ بال proximal convoluted tubules بصير عنا excretion لل hydrogen ions و reabsorption لل  $\text{HCO}_3^-$

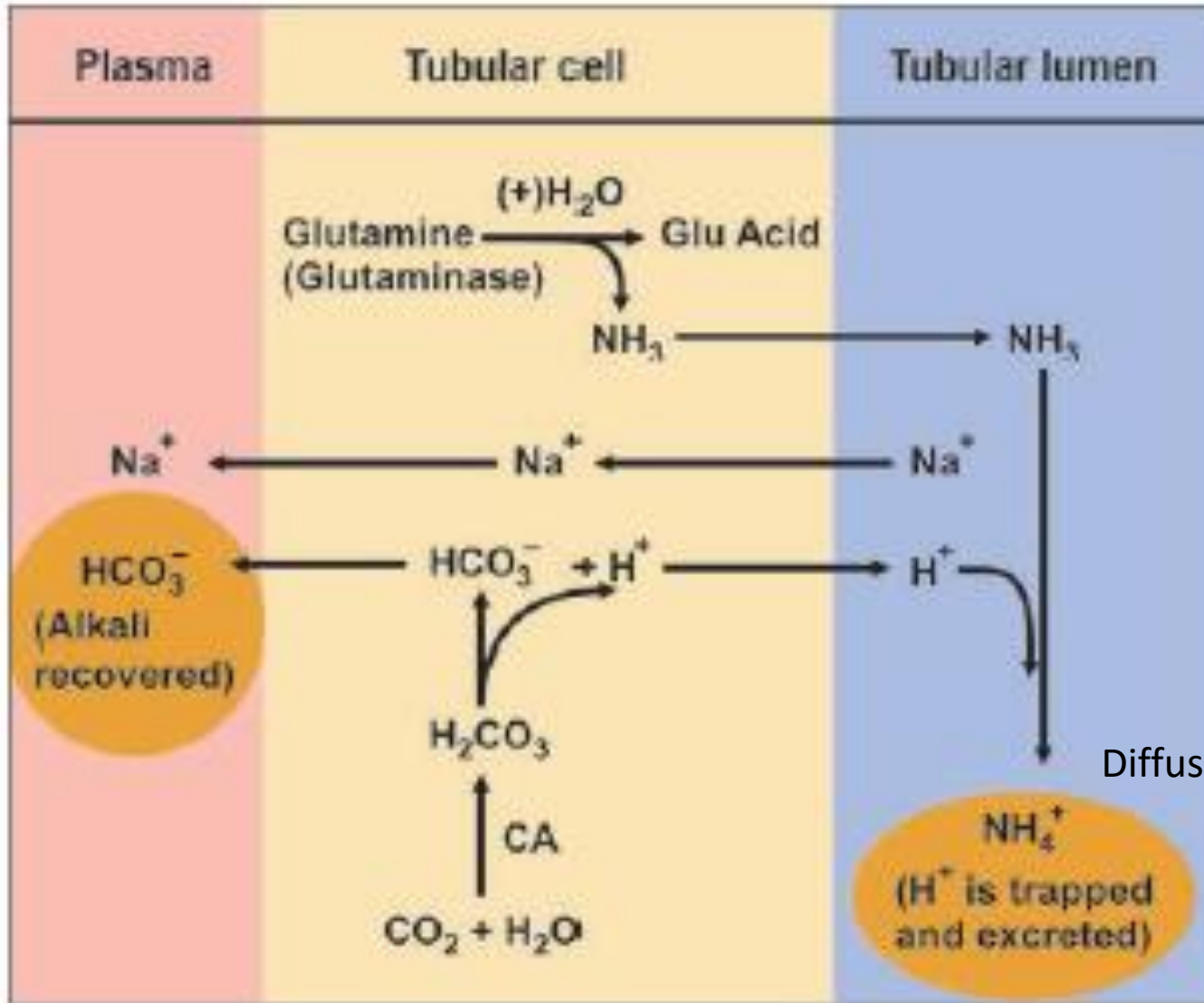
\* كل ما مشينا باتجاه ال distal convoluted tubules بتختلف الامور شوي بس الي بنهتمله هون انه عندي 2 buffers

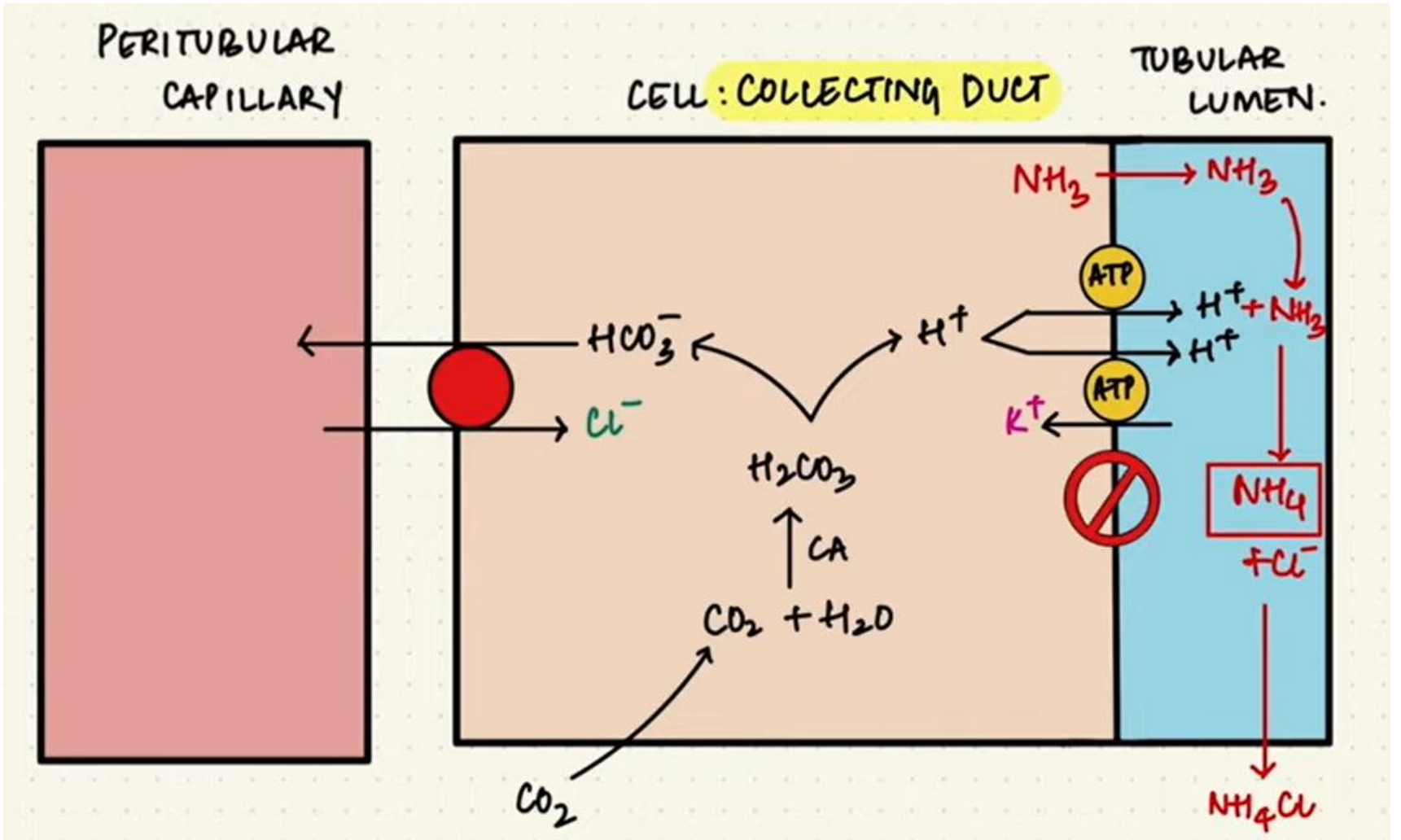




\* هاد لما يمسك معه hydrogen ion بتحول ل acidic phosphate و هيك بكون phosphate buffer  
 لانه سمحلنا نعمل trapping للهيدروجين + سمحلنا نعملهم excretion بال urine و تنزل ال ph  
 تاعت ال urine لرقم معين يعني اله حد معين للشغل و بعد هيك ما بقدر يشتغل

\* هون ال buffer الثاني الي هو ال ammonia لما يصير لها secretion لل tubular lumen راح تعمل trapping لل hydrogen ions  
 و تكون ammonium و بعدها اعمل excretion للهدروجين بال urine و هاي الطريقة بتنزل ال ph تاغت ال urine ل 4.4





- Urinary ammonia is normally 0.3 - 1.2, average

**0.7 g/day**

\* في انواع بكتيريا بتشتغل على ال urea الموجودة بال urine و بنتج

عنها ammonia هاد هو سبب ال smell in unclean bathrooms

- **↑ Urinary ammonia:**

- Acidosis (up to 10 g/day)

- Hydrolysis of urea by bacteria either in the bladder (cystitis) or if the urine sample is stored without preservative

→ Infections

- **↓ Urinary ammonia:**

- Alkalosis (almost absent)

- Severe nephritis:

- ↓ capacity of the kidneys to deaminate amino acids





# Response to acidosis

- The enhanced activity of glutaminase and increased excretion of  $\text{NH}_4$  takes about 3-4 days to set in under conditions of acidosis
- But once established, it has high capacity to eliminate acid
  - ↳ Because kidney can increase amount of excreted ammonia ten times
- Normally, about 70 mEq/L of acid is excreted daily; but in condition of acidosis, this can rise to 400 mEq/day

# II. Organic Acids

## A. Oxalic acid

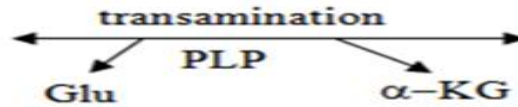
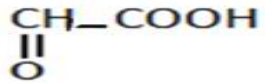
- Urinary oxalic acid is mostly exogenous, being derived from foods containing oxalates (spinach, artichokes, tomatoes, strawberries, mangoes, apricots and peaches)
- A small part is endogenous, being derived from the metabolism of glycine or from the metabolism of ascorbic acid  
 Vitamine C » water soluble
- Very small amounts of oxalates are normally excreted in the urine (10 - 30 mg/day), mostly in the form of calcium oxalate
- ↑ urinary oxalates (hyperoxaluria) may be dietary or the intake of large amounts of vitamin C. It also occurs in an error in glycine metabolism called "primary hyperoxaluria"
- Hyperoxaluria leads to the formation of calcium oxalate stones in the renal tract.  
 Resulting in renal colic

# Primary hyperoxaluria:

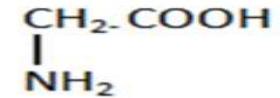
- Congenital disease caused by decreased metabolism of glyoxylic acid either by:
  - oxidative decarboxylation to formic acid
  - transamination to glycine
    - ↳ Simplest amino acid
- Accumulated glyoxylic acid is oxidized to oxalic acid
- There is excretion of large amounts of oxalate in urine
- Oxalate reacts with calcium forming the insoluble Ca-Oxalate → leads to the formation of Ca-Oxalate stones

# Fate of glyoxylic acid

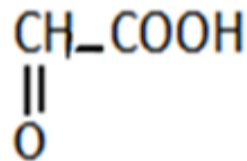
glyoxylic acid



Glycine



glyoxylic acid



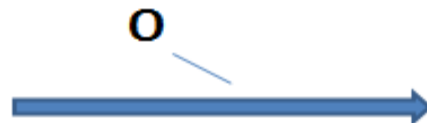
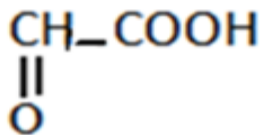
Formic acid



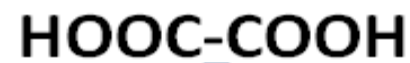
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glyoxylic acid



Oxalic acid



urine

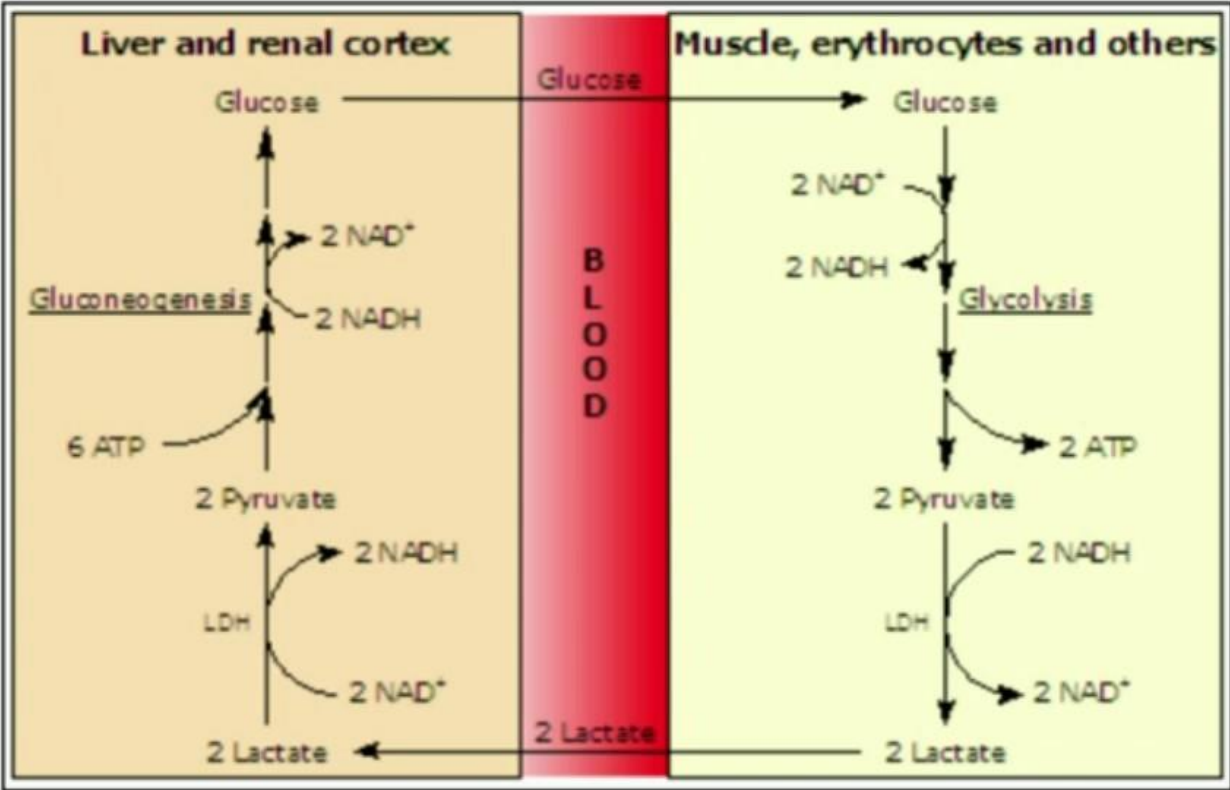
## **B. Lactic acid**

- Lactic acid is the end product of glycolysis in erythrocytes and in muscles during exercise
  - \*Cori cycle » transforms lactate to pyruvate then to glucose
- It mostly goes to the liver where it becomes converted to glucose
- Little lactic acid is excreted in the urine (50 -200 mg / day)

## **C. Citric acid**

- The citric acid in urine is mostly derived from intermediary metabolism
  - \*Little amounts in urine is normal
- Some citric acid is excreted in the urine 200-1200 mg/day

# Cori Cycle



## **D. Ketone bodies:**

\*They increase in uncontrolled diabetes ( diabetic ketoacidosis )

- The ketone bodies include: acetone, acetoacetic acid, and  $\beta$ -hydroxybutyric acid

اذا كان ال ketone bodies عالي افحص glucose اذا كمان عالي معناها السبب

- They are formed in the liver as intermediates in the metabolism of fatty acids

diabetic ketoacidosis اما لو ال glucose صفر بكون السبب starvation

\*Presence of ketone bodies in urine » starvation (no carbohydrate intake) or someone with diabetic ketoacidosis

- Small amounts of ketone bodies (less than 15 mg/day on an average diet, and up to 100 mg/day on a high fat diet), mostly  $\beta$  -hydroxybutyric acid, are excreted in the urine
- Their excretion markedly increases in ketosis

# Ketone Bodies Pathogenesis

Glucose (Provide energy)

Insufficient intake  
1. Starvation

Uncontrolled  
Diabetes Mellitus

Low-Insulin

Breakdown of fats

Lipolysis + Reesterification

Liver  
↓ Tissue metabolism + ↑ Ketone bodies

Free fatty acids

Plasma fatty acids

Oxidation

Acetoacetate 20%  
↓  
Acetone 2%  
↓  
 $\beta$  Hydroxybutyrate 78%

Decarboxylation

Blood

Diabetic Ketoacidosis





## E. Hippuric Acid

- Hippuric acid is the product of detoxication of benzoic acid, by conjugation with glycine
- Benzoic acid is present in many fruits and vegetables, especially in plums and prunes
- It is used as preservative in some food products, such as jams and ketchup
- It also results from the action of intestinal bacteria on phenylalanine
- The amount of hippuric acid excreted in the urine is related to the dietary intake of benzoic acid as well as to intestinal putrefaction
- It normally ranges between 0.1 and 1.0 g/day

## III. Sugars

- Normally not more than 1 g of sugars is excreted in the urine per day

- The chief sugar is  **glucuronic acid** (about 0.5 g/day), which is present in urine **conjugated with xenobiotics**

- In addition,  **smaller quantities of glucose**, **lactose**, and **L-arabinose** may be present in urine.

 Pentose sugar present is some fruits like burries and grapes, one of the few sugars in L form naturally

***Xenobiotics are foreign organic substances, which are substances not normally metabolized in the body. Xenobiotics of medical importance include drugs, toxins, food additives.***

## IV. Proteins

- Urine of normal subjects contains small amounts of glycoproteins, which are derived from the mucous glands of the renal tract. Tracts of albumin ( $< 30$  mg /day) are excreted in urine. They cannot be detected by the heat coagulation test.

# ABNORMAL CONSTITUENTS

## I. Proteinuria :

- This is the presence of detectable amounts of proteins in the urine. It may be:

### A- Prerenal Proteinuria

1. Albuminuria: This occurs in heart failure due to increased renal venous pressure
2. Bence Jones Proteinuria: this is an abnormal globulin, composed of light chains only (22–24 kDa), formed by malignant plasma cells (multiple myeloma)

3. **Myoglobinuria**: Myoglobinuria occurs in crush syndrome and in myocardial infarction due to release of myoglobin from crushed skeletal muscles and heart, respectively

4. **Hemoglobinuria**: Hemoglobin appears in the blood plasma and in the urine if intravascular hemolysis occurs, e.g., in hemolytic anemia and in malaria



Collapsed building from 1985 Mexico earthquake.  
Earthquakes are a main cause of crush syndrome

# B-Renal Proteinuria

- This is due to kidney affection
  - Albumin, having a **higher plasma concentration** and a **lower molecular weight**, appears in the urine in higher concentrations than globulins, and hence the name albuminuria.
1. False Albuminuria (Functional Albuminuria):
    - This is not pathological; no organic lesion is detectable in the kidneys. It is intermittent, occurring only when the renal venous pressure increases, e.g., during muscular exercise and on assumption of the erect posture (orthostatic), and disappears on lying down. Thus, it is absent in the morning sample, and only present in the day samples.

## 2. Microalbuminuria:

- Albumin is detected by ordinary tests only if urinary albumin exceeds 200 mg/d
- Levels between 20 and 200 mg/L, called microalbuminuria, can only be detected by special tests
- It is an early sign of glomerular affection in uncontrolled diabetes mellitus

## 3. True Albuminuria :

- This is pathological
- It is more commonly due to lesions of the renal glomeruli (e.g. glomerulonephritis)



# B-Postrenal Proteinuria

- This is caused by inflammation, tumors, or stones of the renal tract, leading to the secretion of mucus and the passage of blood (albumin, globulins, and hemoglobin) in the urine.

## II. Glycosuria:

- This term has long been used to indicate the presence of detectable amounts of glucose in the urine
- More properly, it should be used to indicate the presence of any sugar in the urine, these include glucose, fructose, galactose, pentoses, or lactose.

## III. Chyluria

- Chyluria is the presence of absorbed fat (chylomicrons) in the urine
- It rarely follows the ingestion of large amounts of fats, particularly in severe diabetic patients (decreased clearance of chylomicrons and VLDL due to decreased activity of lipoprotein lipase)
- It may also be caused by an abnormal connection between the intestinal lymphatics and the urinary tract
- This may be congenital and may be caused by filariasis
- The urine acquires a milky appearance that disappears upon shaking with ether

## IV. Choluria

- Choluria is the appearance of bile in the urine. It includes:
  1. Bilirubin and Bile Salts: Bilirubin and bile salts appear in the urine in obstructive Jaundice
    - due to obstruction of the biliary passages and regurgitation of bile into the blood
  2. Urobilinogen: Urobilinogen is normally present in the urine in very small amounts (less than 4 mg/day)
    - It markedly increases hemolytic jaundice

## V. Ketonuria

- Ketonuria is the presence of delectable amounts of ketone bodies in the urine.

\* هون عنا اسئلة و cases من الدكتور \*

Urine Analysis :			
colour	: Pale yellow.	Protein	: Negative
Appearance	: Hazy	Glucose	: Normal
Specific Gravity	: 1.020	Bilirubin	: Negative
Reactin,PH	: 5	Urobilinogen	: Normal
Nitrite	: Negative	W.B.C./Epithelial	: +3
Ketone	: Negative	R.B.C./HB	: Negative
MICROSCOPY			
W.B.C	: 350	Normal Range :Up to 10x10 <sup>6</sup> /L	
R.B.C.	: 5	Normal Range :Up to 5x10 <sup>6</sup> /L	
Epithelial cell	: Not Seen		
Mucus	: Not Seen		
Cast	: Not seen		
Crystals	: Not seen		
Comments :			
Bacterial cells seen			

هون probably عنا urine infection ال WBC عنا عاليين كثير و بهاي الحالة بتسال عن ال symptoms الي عنده، كمان ال appearance مكتوب hazy و هاد sign of infection ال ph طبيعية .. شو بنعمله ؟ لو كان لأول مرة ما في داعي نعمل culture بعطيه simple antibiotic اذا كان عنده recurrent UTI بعمل culture

هاد نفس المريض اعطيناه antibiotic و عملنا له كمان تحليل، اول اشني بنلاحظ اللون اختلف من pale yellow ل yellow يعني قل شرب المي، ph طبيعية، ال WBC نزلوا شوي فوضع المريض عم يتحسن، في شوية crystals بنصحه يزود شرب المي لانه مش شرط يكونوا واصلين مرحلة ال stones

Urine Analysis :			
colour	: Yellow	Protein	: Negative
Appearance	: Hazy	Glucose	: Normal
Specific Gravity	: 1.020	Bilirubin	: Negative
Reactin,PH	: 6	Urobilinogen	: Normal
Nitrite	: Negative	W.B.C./Epithelial	: +2
Ketone	: Negative	R.B.C./HB	: Negative
MICROSCOPY			
W.B.C	: 38	Normal Range :Up to 10x10 <sup>6</sup> /L	
R.B.C.	: 3	Normal Range :Up to 5x10 <sup>6</sup> /L	
Epithelial cell	: Not Seen		
Mucus	: Not Seen		
Cast	: Not seen		
Crystals	: Calcium oxalates		
Comments :			

- Which of the following substances is NOT normally found in urine?
- A) Urea
- B) Creatinine
- C) Glucose
- D) Red blood cells
- E) Sodium

- What is the most common cause of false-positive proteinuria on dipstick testing?
- A) Vigorous exercise
- B) Glomerulonephritis
- C) Diabetic nephropathy
- D) Multiple myeloma
- E) Urinary tract infection

- A 30-year-old female presents with a history of joint pain and swelling. Urine analysis shows the presence of needle-shaped crystals. What is the likely diagnosis?
- A) Rheumatoid arthritis
- B) Osteoarthritis
- C) Gout
- D) Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)
- E) Psoriatic arthritis

Answers : c , a , c