

# BIOCHEMISTRY

## VEIN BATCH

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# Amino acid metabolism lecture 3 of 3

## Heme synthesis from glycine and succinyl coA

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## **Amino acids metabolism**

1. Synthesis of non-essential amino acids
2. Catabolism of amino acids
3. Nitrogen metabolism and urea cycle
4. Heme synthesis from glycine and succinyl-CoA

# What is heme, function of heme

أو بشكل أدق, هو عبارة عن IX ferrous protoporphyrin (IX = 9)

- **Heme** is produced by the combination of iron with a porphyrin ring
  - Chlorophyll, the photosynthetic green pigment in plants is magnesium-porphyrin complex

الهيم يكون موجود in conjugation مع protein, زي الهيموجلوبين hemoglobin  
مثلا اللي هو عبارة عن heme + globin, حيث الهيموجلوبين هو protein

- Heme is present in:

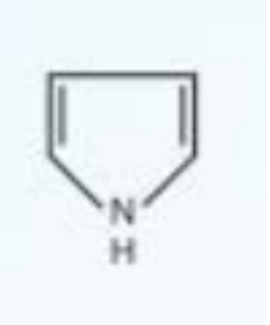
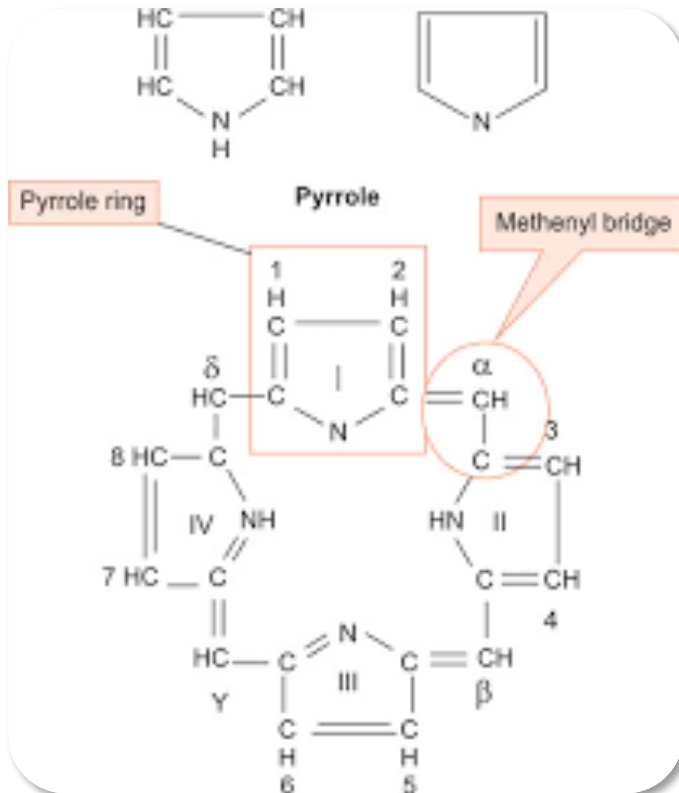
- Hemoglobin
- Myoglobin → In muscles
- Cytochromes in ETC
- Peroxidase موجود بالenzymes اللي الهيم علاقة بالdegradation of hydrogen peroxide,
- Catalase زي الهيموجلوبين والperoxidase والcatalase
- Nitric oxide synthase

- Hemoglobin is a **conjugated protein** having heme as the prosthetic group and the protein, the globin

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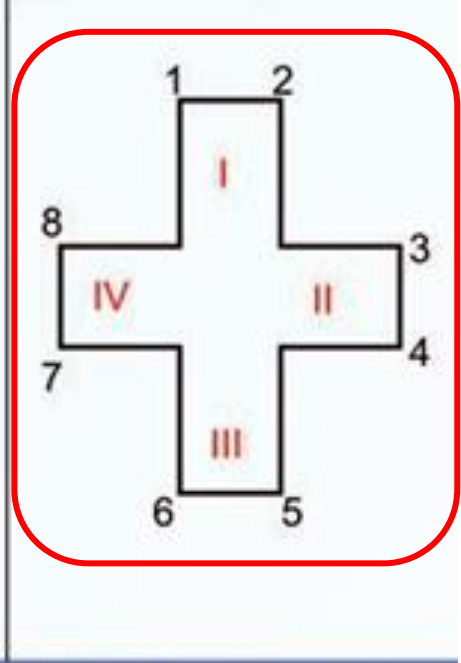
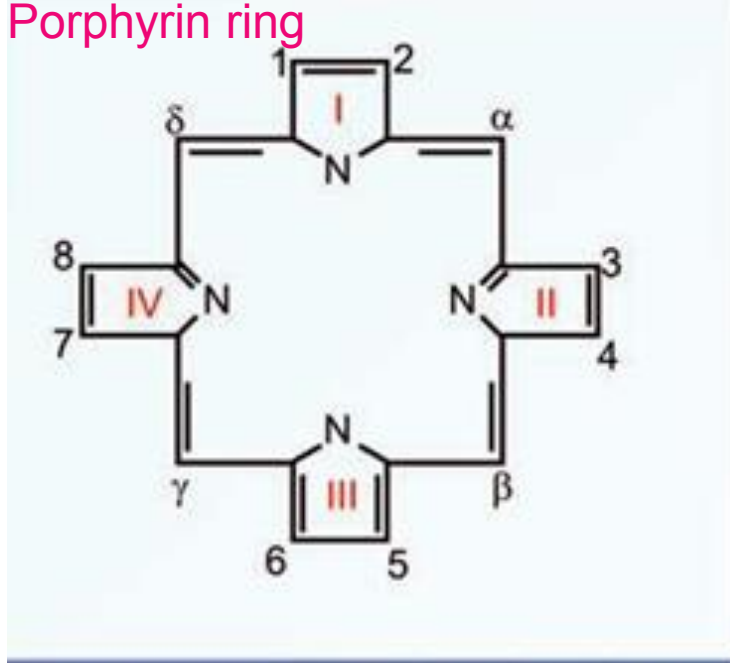
# Structure of Heme

porphyrin همه cyclic compounds مكونين من four pyrrole rings متصلين عن طريق methenyl bridges (اللي هو -CH= methenyl bridges), بالصورة هون بنشوف ال 4 pyrrole rings بالترقيم اليوناني (I/ II/ III/ IV), وبنشوف ال methenyl bridges مرقمة من alpha إلى delta ((clockwise), ثم بنشوف ترقيم من 1 ل 8, بمثل ال sites الممكنة لل substitutions, وبالصورة اللي تحت يمين معطيك مثال عال ال substitutions. وبالporphyrins في system of conjugated double bonds (بين ال single وال double), وهاض بعطيني خاصية ال absorption of light, في فرق بين ال porphyrins وال porphyrinogens, حيث ال porphyrinogens همه reduced form of porphyrins, فبدل ما يكون فيهم methenyl bridge رح يكون فيهم methyl bridge (-CH2-), ف صقّى ما فيهم double bonds, عشان هيك بكونوا colorless

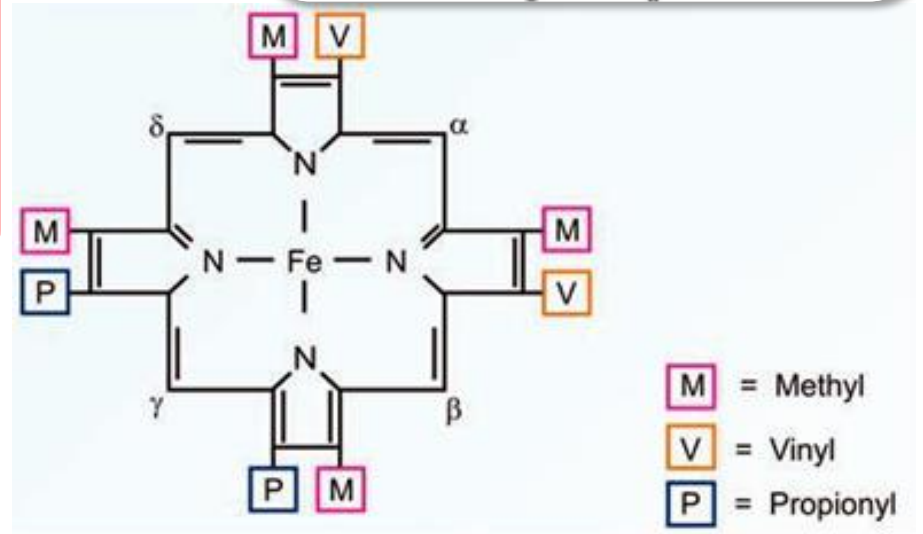


Pyrrole ring

وللاختصار, احيانا يتم رسم ال ring بدون ال double bonds وال bridges (زي الشكل اللي عليه مربع أحمر بالوسط)



The pyrrole rings are numbered I to IV; the bridges named as alpha to delta and the possible sites of substitutions are denoted from 1 to 8. (For brevity, the bridges and double bonds are sometimes omitted, as shown on the right).



Structure of heme

# Structure of Heme

- Heme is a derivative of the porphyrin. **Porphyrins** are cyclic compounds formed by fusion of **4 pyrrole rings** linked by methenyl (=CH-) bridges
- Since an atom of iron is present, heme is a **ferroprotoporphyrin**
- The pyrrole rings are named as I, II, III, IV and the bridges as alpha, beta, gamma and delta. The possible areas of substitution are denoted as 1 to 8
- When the substituent groups have a **symmetrical** arrangement (1,3,5,7 and 2,4,6,8) they are called the **I series**
- The **III series** have an **asymmetrical** distribution of substituent groups (1,3,5,8 and 2,4,6,7)
- The usual substitutions are:
  - propionyl ( $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{COOH}$ ) group
  - acetyl ( $-\text{CH}_2-\text{COOH}$ ) group
  - methyl ( $-\text{CH}_3$ ) group
  - vinyl ( $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ ) group

# BIOSYNTHESIS OF HEME

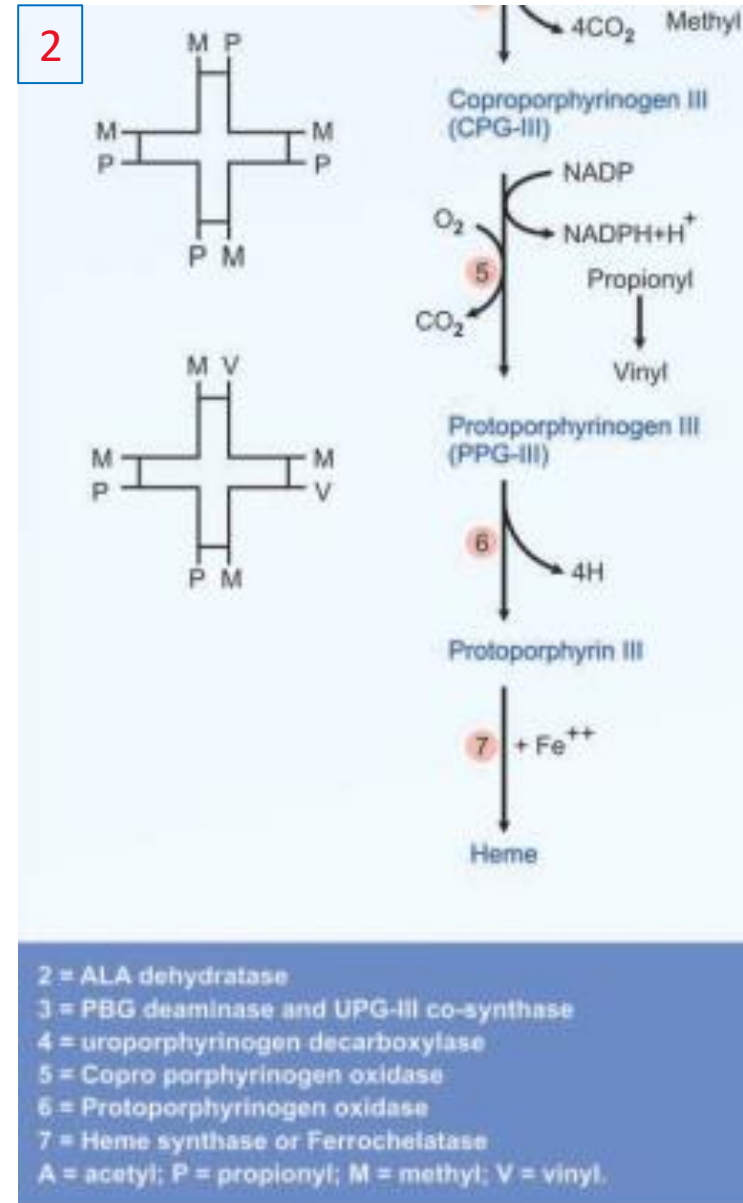
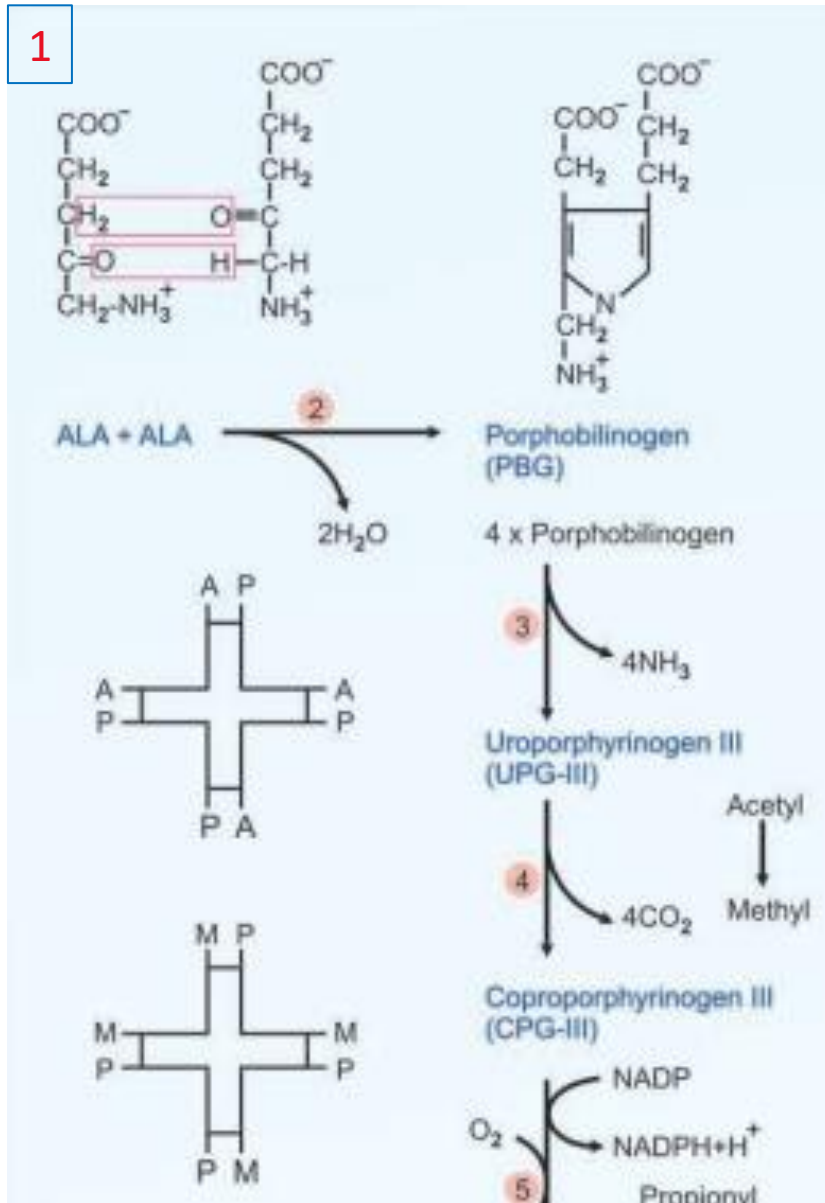
- Heme can be synthesized by almost all the tissues in the body
  - Most active in bone marrow (85%) and liver
- Heme is not synthesized in the matured erythrocytes
- The pathway is partly cytoplasmic and partly mitochondrial

ال synthesis بصير في معظم الخلايا, لكن أكثر اشي في ال bone marrow ثم ال liver

ال matured RBCs هي تقريبا ال exception الوحيد, حيث ما بصير فيها تصنيع لل heme

# Steps of heme synthesis

قصيت الصورة لنصين عشان أقدر أوضحها, بس بشكل عام الخطوات كلها موضحة لقدام ما في داعي تضيعوا وقت كثير عالسلايد



- 2 = ALA dehydratase
  - 3 = PBG deaminase and UPG-III co-synthase
  - 4 = uroporphyrinogen decarboxylase
  - 5 = Copro porphyrinogen oxidase
  - 6 = Protoporphyrinogen oxidase
  - 7 = Heme synthase or Ferrochelatase
- A = acetyl; P = propionyl; M = methyl; V = vinyl.



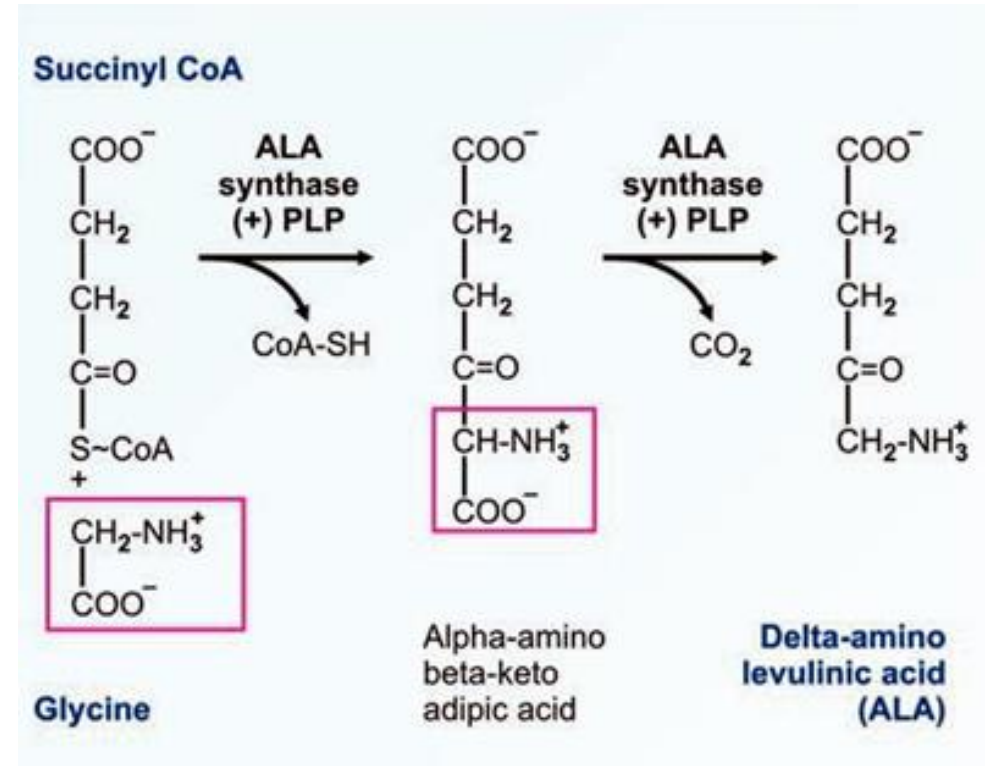
# BIOSYNTHESIS OF HEME

## Step 1: ALA synthesis

- The synthesis starts with the condensation of succinyl CoA and glycine in the presence of **pyridoxal phosphate** to form delta amino levulinic acid (ALA)
- Hence anemia may be manifested in pyridoxal deficiency  
و لأنه ال pyridoxal phosphate هو Co-factor مهم هون, فال anemia هي وحدة من ال manifestations (مظاهر / أعراض) لل pyridoxal deficiency
- The enzyme **ALA synthase** is located in the **mitochondria** and is the **rate-limiting enzyme** of the pathway

بصير condensation لل succinyl CoA وال glycine, بوجود ال pyridoxal phosphate ك Co-factor عشان يعطينا delta amino levulinic acid

التفاعل بصير على خطوتين, # الأولى ال condensation فيها رح يعطينا alpha-amino beta-keto adipic acid (بخروج CoA-SH). # الثانية بنتج عنها ال ALA بخروج ال CO<sub>2</sub>, والخطوتين بصيروا عن طريق نفس ال enzyme اللي هو ال ALA synthase (اللي ما بتسهلك ATP)



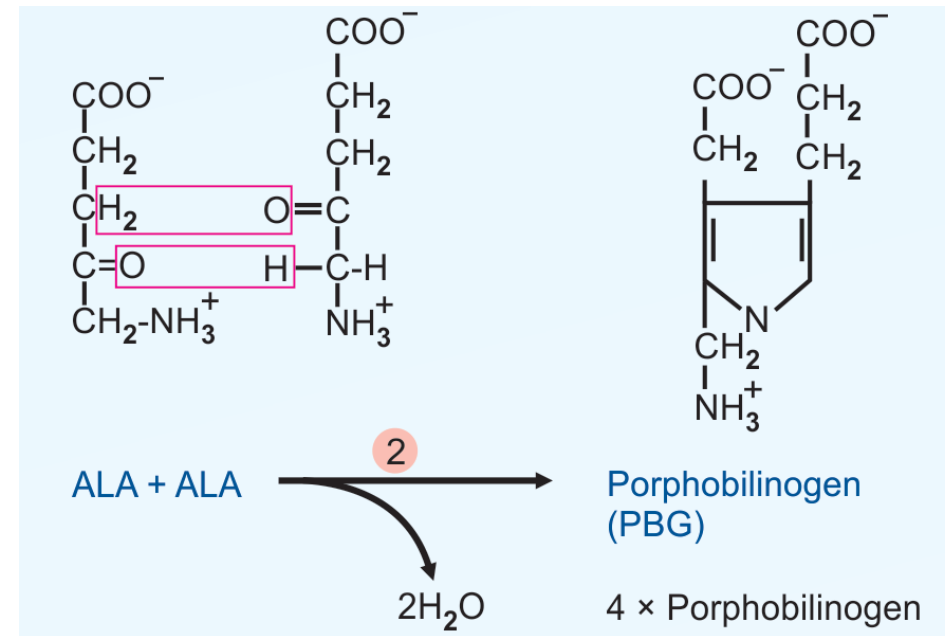
Step 1 in heme synthesis

# BIOSYNTHESIS OF HEME

## Step 2: Formation of PBG

- Next few reactions occur in the cytoplasm  
الخطوات من 2 ل4 بتحدث في الcytosol
- Two molecules of ALA are condensed to form porphobilinogen (PBG)
- The condensation involves removal of 2 molecules of water and the enzyme is **ALA dehydratase**
- Porphobilinogen is a monopyrrole  
الPBG يحتوي على one pyrrole ring فقط  
(لكن احنا محتاجين 4)
- The enzyme contains zinc and is **inhibited by lead**

هون بصير 2 molecules of ALA condensation وبننتج عنهم (PBG) porphobilinogen, وبخرج منهم 2 H<sub>2</sub>O, والتفاعل عن طريق الALA dehydratase



يا حيّ يا قيوم برحمتك أستغيث, أصلح لي شأني كله, ولا تكلني إلى نفسي طرفة عين

# BIOSYNTHESIS OF HEME

## Step 3: Formation of UPG

- Condensation of 4 molecules of the PBG → formation of the first porphyrin of the pathway, namely uroporphyrinogen (UPG)

بما إنه الPBG يحتوي على one pyrrole ring, ف بنعمل condensation ل4 منه عن طريق الPBG deaminase, وهيك بنحصل على أول porphyrin, اللي اسمه uroporphyrinogen

- Condensation occurs in a head-to-tail manner, so that a linear tetrapyrrole is produced; this is named as **hydroxy methyl bilane** (HMB)

- The enzyme for this reaction is PBG-deaminase

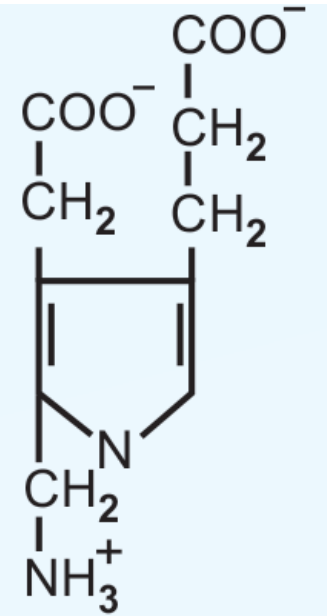
- HMB molecule will cyclise spontaneously to form uroporphyrinogen I

الHMB بصير على شكل cycle بشكل تلقائي, وبعطينا I uroporphyrinogen

- It is converted to **uroporphyrinogen III** by the enzyme, uroporphyrinogen III synthase

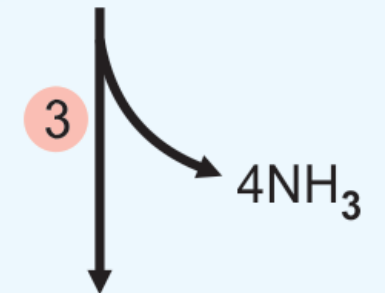
- When the fusion occurs, the III series of isomers are predominantly formed; and only the **III series** are further utilized

- During this deamination reaction 4 molecules of ammonia are removed



Porphobilinogen (PBG)

4 × Porphobilinogen



Uroporphyrinogen III (UPG-III)

# BIOSYNTHESIS OF HEME

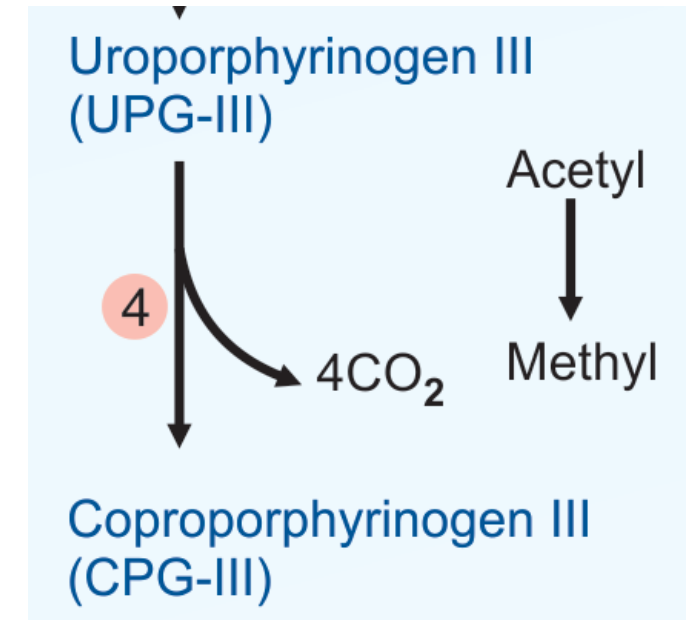
## Step 4: Synthesis of CPG

- The UPG-III is next converted to coproporphyrinogen (CPG-III) by decarboxylation

التفاعل بصير عن طريق uroporphyrinogen decarboxylase

- **Four molecules of CO<sub>2</sub> are eliminated** by uroporphyrinogen **decarboxylase**

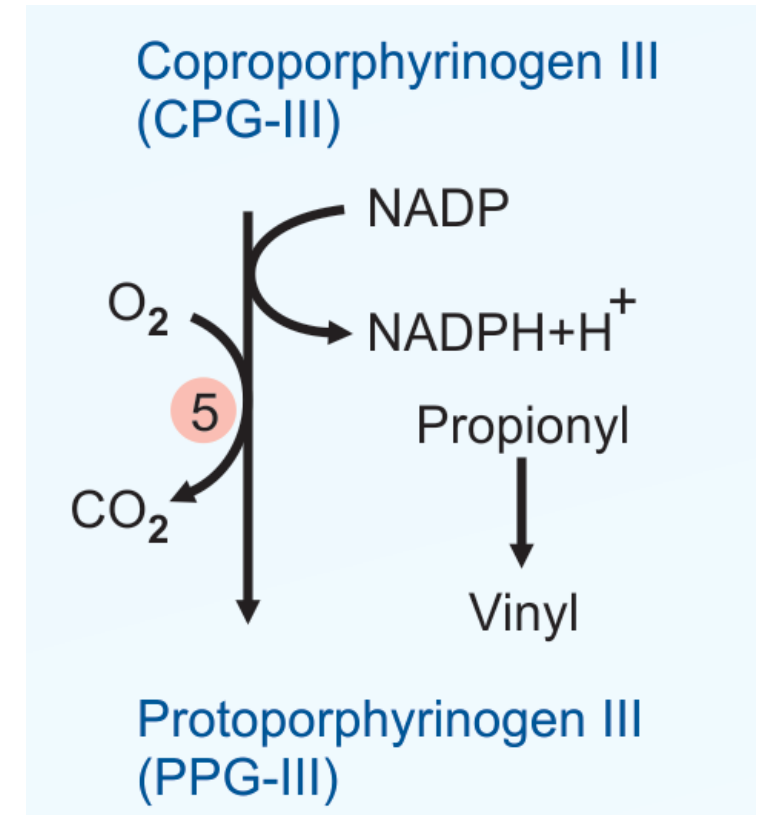
- The acetate groups (CH<sub>2</sub>-COOH) are decarboxylated to methyl (CH<sub>3</sub>) groups



# BIOSYNTHESIS OF HEME

## Step 5: Synthesis of PPG

- Further metabolism takes place in the **mitochondria**  
من هاي ال step لنهاية ال reaction بتصير بال mitochondria
- CPG is oxidized to protoporphyrinogen (PPG-III) by **coproporphyrinogen oxidase**
- **This enzyme specifically acts only on type III series**, and not on type I series
- Two propionic acid side chains are oxidatively decarboxylated to vinyl groups
- **This reaction requires molecular oxygen**



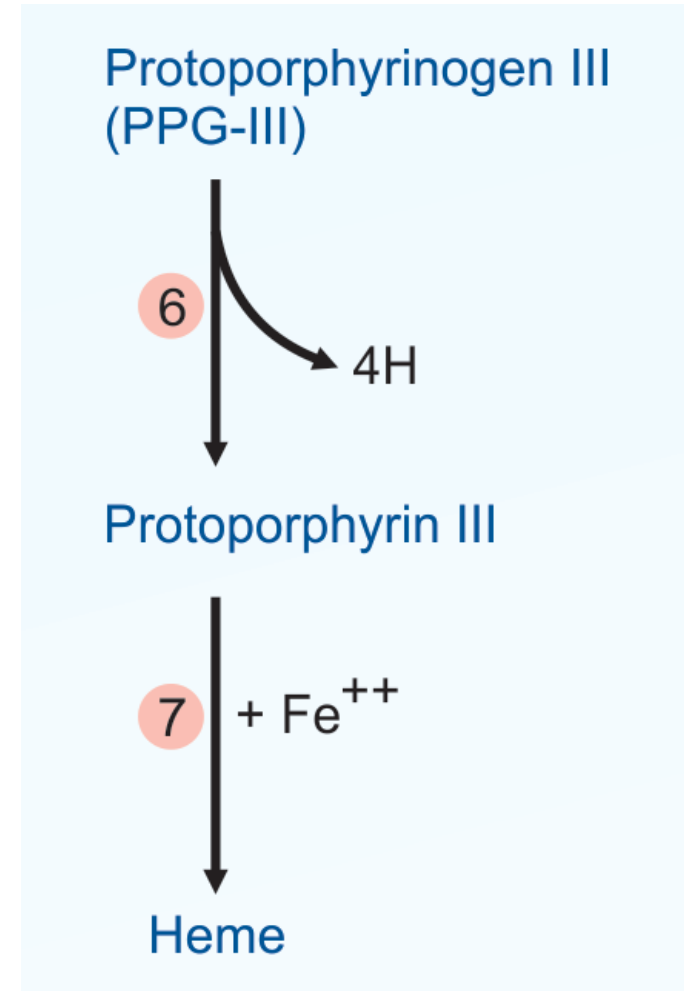
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# BIOSYNTHESIS OF HEME

## Step 6: Generation of PP

- The Protoporphyrinogen-III is oxidized by the enzyme protoporphyrinogen oxidase to proto-porphyrin-III (PP-III) in the mitochondria
- The oxidation requires molecular oxygen
- The methylene bridges ( $-\text{CH}_2$ ) are oxidised to methenyl bridges ( $-\text{CH}=\text{}$ ) and colored porphyrins are formed

بهاض ال reaction بتظهر ال methenyl bridges, وبسببهم  
ال colored porphyrins are formed

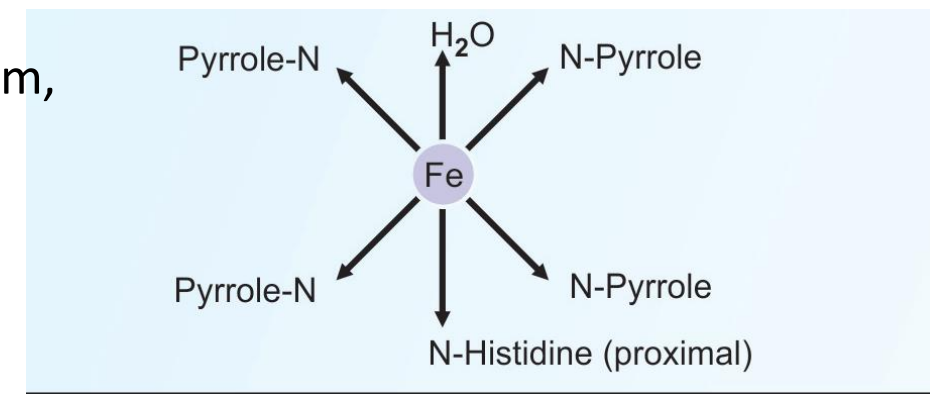
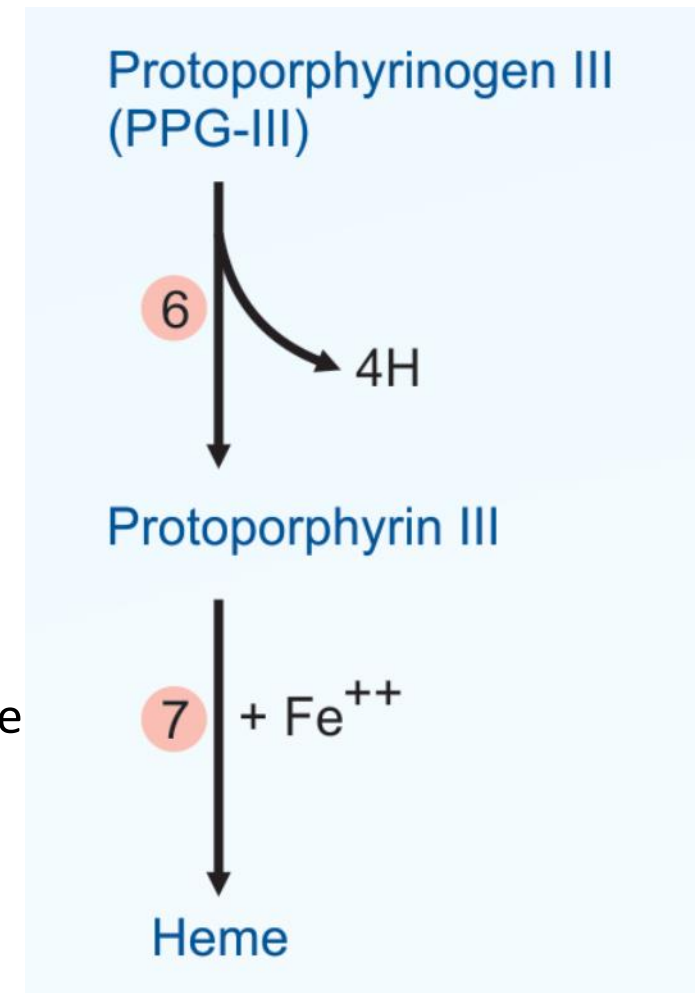


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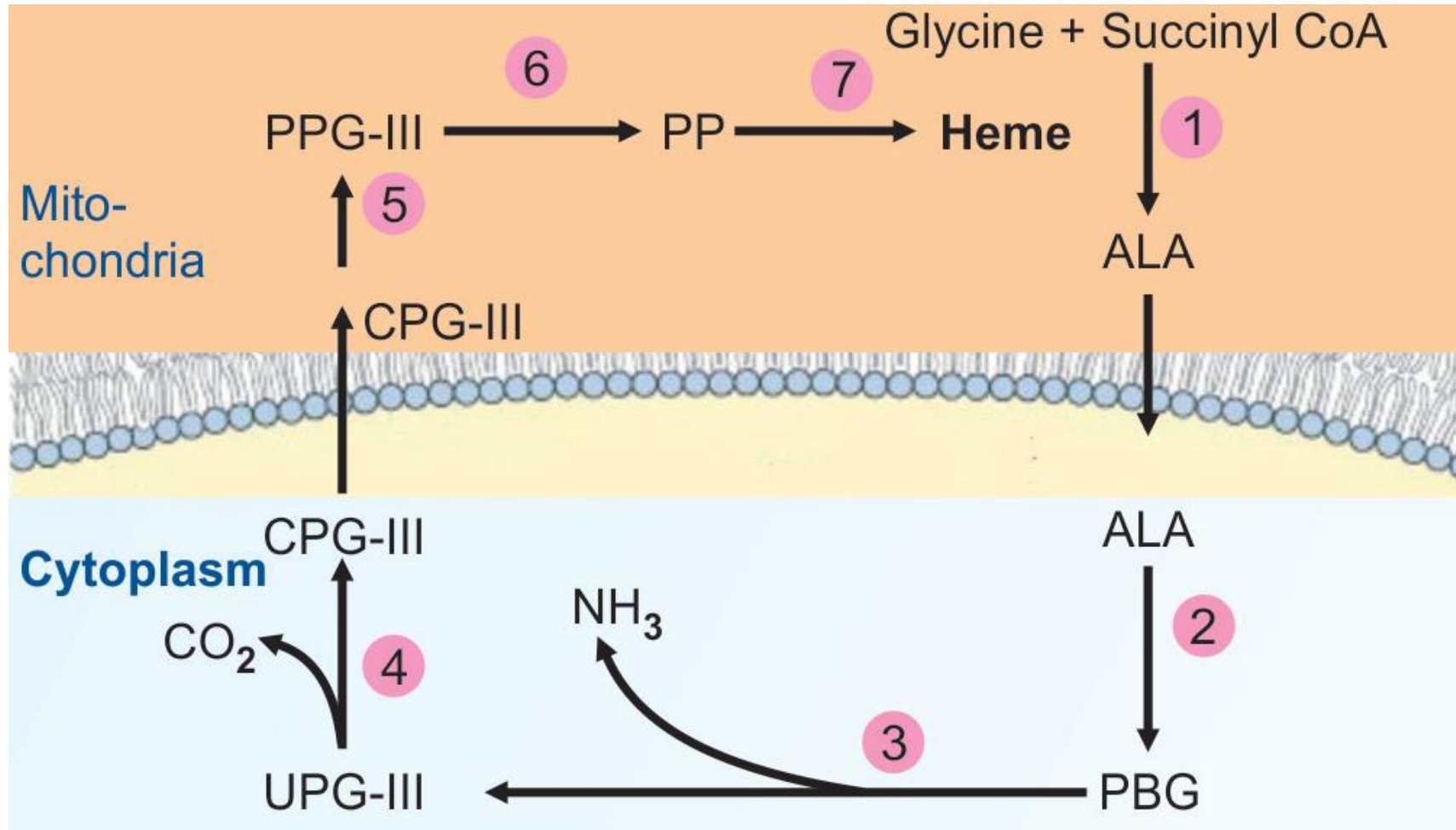
## Step 7: Generation of Heme

- The last step in the formation of heme is the attachment of ferrous iron to the protoporphyrin
- The enzyme is **heme synthase** or **ferrochelatase** which is also located in **mitochondria**
- Iron atom is coordinately linked with 5 nitrogen atoms (4 nitrogen of pyrrole rings of proto-porphyrin and 1st nitrogen atom of a histidine residue of globin)
 

الiron atom يتكون متصلة بـ 4 N من الpyrrole rings, و 1 N من الhistidine (بمجموع 5), بالإضافة لـ 1 H<sub>2</sub>O
- The remaining valency of iron atom is satisfied with water or oxygen atom
- When the ferrous iron (Fe<sup>++</sup>) in heme gets oxidized to ferric (Fe<sup>+++</sup>) form, **hematin** is formed, which loses the property of carrying the oxygen
- Heme is red in color, but hematin is dark brown



(هون بفرجيك مواقع ال steps)





# Regulation of Heme Synthesis

- **ALA synthase is key rate limiting enzyme**

- Heme, lead poisoning and steroids inhibit its activity
- Excess heme in BM is converted to hematin by oxidation of Fe<sup>2+</sup> to Fe<sup>3+</sup>
  - ALA synthase is also **allosterically** inhibited by hematin

\*BM = bone marrow

لما يزيد ال heme عن حدّه ببلش يتحول ل hematin  
وال hematin بعمل inhibition لل ALA synthase

- **ALA synthase is activated by hypoxia** due to increase in erythropoietin

- **ALA synthase is also activated by availability of intracellular iron**

- INH (Isonicotinic acid hydrazide) that decreases the availability of pyridoxal phosphate may also affect heme synthesis

- **Drugs like barbiturates induce heme synthesis.** Barbiturates require the heme containing cytochrome P450 for their metabolism

- Out of the total heme synthesized, two thirds are used for cytochrome P450 production

لما يصير ingestion (ابتلاع/ تناول) لل drugs اللي بتحتاجو cytochrome P450 هاض رح يعمل induction (تحفيز) لل ALA synthase enzyme

اللهم إني أعوذ بك من الهم والحزن، وأعوذ بك من العجز والكسل

# Porphyrias

- Group of disease associated with abnormalities in the biosynthesis of heme
- Characterized by **accumulation and excretion of porphyrins** or porphyrin precursors
- Most inherited porphyrias are autosomal dominant except one

الأمراض هاي نوعين, hereditary (وراثية) أو acquired (مكتسبة), والacquired ممكن تصير بسبب الlead poisoning,  
والhereditary كلهم autosomal dominant باستثناء واحد فقط



High cellular concentration of glucose prevents induction of ALA synthase.

This is the basis of administration of glucose to relieve the acute attack of porphyrias

most common types معرفة ال defect enzyme مهمة, بالإضافة لأهمية معرفة ال mode of inheritance, ونركز على

## Low levels of ALA synthase will lead to Anemia not porphyria

ال acute attacks اسمها (AIP) acute intermittent porphyria, وال treatment إليها empirical, ويتكون عن طريق

ال high CHO diet أو glucose مرتفع يكون مفيد, لأنه يمنع ال induction لل ALA synthase, وهاض هو أساس ال administration لل glucose خلال ال attacks

TABLE 21.2: Features of important types of porphyrias

Type	Enzyme defect	Inheritance	Excretion in urine	Other salient features
Acute intermittent porphyria (AIP)	PBG-deaminase (UPG-1 synthase) (enzyme 3)	Autosomal dominant	Precursors, ALA and PBG. No color on voiding	Most common porphyria Most common hepatic porphyria Abdominal and neurological manifestations. No photosensitivity
Congenital erythropoietic porphyria	UPG-cosynthase (enzyme 3b)	Autosomal recessive	UP and CP; Portwine appearance	Marked photosensitivity. Erythrodontia Incidence, rare
Porphyria cutanea tarda	UPG-decarboxylase (enz 4)	Autosomal dominant	Uroporphyrins Urine colored	Second most common; incidence Second most common photosensitivity (Fig. 21.9B)
Hereditary coproporphyrin	CPG-III-oxidase (enzyme 5)	Autosomal dominant	UP and CP excreted in urine and feces Colored urine	Symptoms similar to AIP; but milder Photosensitivity is also seen
Hereditary protoporphyria	Heme synthase or Ferrochelatase (enzyme 7)	Autosomal dominant	Neither porphyrins nor precursors are excreted in urine	Protoporphyrin increased in plasma, RBCs and feces. RBCs show fluorescence

PBG = Porphobilinogen; CP = Coproporphyrin; ALA = delta amino levulinic acid; UP = uroporphyrins. (Enzyme numbers are given as shown in Figure 21.9)

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