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Role of hemoglobin in acid base balance

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Hemoglobin

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Globin

- Tetramer : 4 polypeptide chains.
- Each polypeptide chain is formed of 7 or 8 helices which are termed A-B-C-D.....
- There are 4 types of the polypeptide chains that may enter in the formation of Hb (α - β - γ - δ).



(β - γ - δ chain genes are on chromosome 11)

- Hb is composed of 2 α and 2 either β , γ or δ (this means that there are several types of hemoglobin)
- Hemoglobin A, the major hemoglobin in adults, is composed of 2 α chains and 2 β chains.
 (two identical dimers, (αβ)1 and (αβ)2)
- Dimer: two chains
- In hemoglobin A, each dimer is composed of one alpha and one beta chains)

Heme



The iron atom of heme occupies the central position of the porphyrin ring.
*Porphyrin ring: 4 rings
*In Hb iron is in the ferrous state (Fe⁺⁺). (must be in the ferrous state)
*Ferrous iron (Fe⁺⁺) has 6 valencies. (means that it can be connected to six different atoms or molecules)
*Iron carries oxygen.

حکینا ال ferrous ion یرتبط ب 6 atoms or molecules شو هم ال 6؟

اولا في عنا 4 rings المكونين لل porphyrin ring مرتبطين بال Fe ++

ثانيا ال 02 يرتبط بال ++Fe

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Attachment of heme with globin chain



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Each polypeptide binds a heme molecule at its center. (4 heme residues per Hb molecule)



and **F** helices

- * The red slide \rightarrow porphyrin ring
- * The red ball \rightarrow the ferrous ion
- Ferrous ion is connected to histidine which is attached to F helix. الجزيء Ferrous ion is connected to histidine which is attached to F helix.

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* The iron of heme is coordinated with the nitrogen of the imidazole ring of one histidine in the <u>F helix</u> this histidine is called the proximal histidine

The other histidine residue in the <u>E helix</u> is called the <u>distal histidine</u> (lies near the heme but is not bonded to it). <u>It stabilizes binding of oxygen to heme and destabilizes (prevents) binding of carbon monoxide.</u>

 The 2 polypeptide chains of each dimer are tightly held together, mostly by <u>hydrophobic bonds.</u>



- Each dimer is held relatively loosely to the other dimer, mostly by <u>ionic and hydrogen bonds.</u> This allows movement of the 2 dimers relative to each other, a process that occurs during oxygenation and deoxygenation.
- Thus 2 forms of Hb can be recognized:
- 1- The "T" form (Hb) (tense)
- 2- The "R" form (Hb) (relaxed)



Binding of oxygen to Hb

- The ease with which an oxygen molecule binds to a certain Hb molecule depends upon whether other oxygen molecules are bound to it.
- Binding of oxygen to Hb is facilitated by previous binding of other oxygen molecules (cooperative binding kinetics).

 يعني لو جزيء O2 واحد ارتبط بالهيمو غلوبين هاد الاشي رح يسهل ارتباط باقي جزيئات الاكسجين للهيمو غلوبن

- When the first oxygen molecule is bound to hemoglobin, it leads to conformational changes of the hemoglobin, thus facilitating the binding of the other oxygen molecules to the hemoglobin.
- The affinity of Hb for the last oxygen molecule is about 300 times greater than for the first oxygen molecule.

- This pulls the proximal histidine towards the porphyrin ring and <u>is accompanied by</u> <u>deprotonation (loss of H+) of the imidazole ring of</u> <u>histidine and of N-terminal amino groups in the</u> <u>peptide chain.</u>
- This leads to rupture of salt (*ionic*) bonds between globin chains, and Hb changes from the T to R state, increasing its affinity for oxygen.
- This is sometimes called **heme-heme interaction.**
- Heme-heme interaction = cooperative binding kinetics

• The "T" form (Hb): \rightarrow in the tissues

- This is the taut (tense) form of hemoglobin. The polypeptide chains are difficult to move relative to each other because of the presence of more ionic bonds between the 2 dimers.

-It is stabilized by protonation due to increased number of charged groups, increasing ionic bonds.

-This occurs when CO2 is added to the blood by the tissues increasing [H⁺] in red cells. It is stabilized by deoxygenation, which leads to protonation of Hb.

-It has a lower affinity for oxygen.

• The "R" form (Hb): \rightarrow in the lungs

-This is the relaxed form of Hb. There are less ionic bonds between the two dimers, and the polypeptide chains are more free to move relative to each other.

-It is stabilized by deprotonation due to decreased number of charged groups, decreasing ionic bonds.

-This occurs at the lungs when CO2 is lost from the blood. It is stabilized by oxygenation, which leads to deprotonation of Hb.

- * The partial pressure of the oxygen is high in the lungs \rightarrow higher reactivity with hemoglobin.
 - -It has a higher affinity for oxygen.

Allosteric properties of Hb

- The ability of Hb to reversibly bind oxygen is affected by:
- 1-The pO2 (through heme-heme interactions as described before)
- ✓ The partial pressure of O2 is high in the lungs \rightarrow increased reactivity of O2 \rightarrow higher affinity of O2 to hemoglobin \rightarrow binding of the first O2 to hemoglobin \rightarrow facilitating the binding of other O2 molecules to hemoglobin by converting the hemoglobin from the tense form to the relaxed form.
- 2-The pH of the environment
- ✓ When CO2 enter the red blood cells, it is converted to H2CO3 by carbonic anhydrase enzyme. H2CO3 is an acid which means that it is a proton donor, thus increasing the protonation of hemoglobin → hemoglobin stays at tense form → low affinity of O2 to hemoglobin

3-The pCO2

4-The availability of 2,3-bisphosphoglycerate.

• <u>These are collectively called allosteric effectors</u>

(allos=other, steros=site) because their interaction at one site on the Hb molecule affects the binding of oxygen to heme groups at other locations on the molecule.

Carbon dioxide

Some of the CO2 (15%) delivered by the tissues to the blood is carried by the terminal amino groups of Hb in the form of carbamate.

Hb-NH2 + CO2 \longrightarrow Hb-NH-COO⁻ + H⁺

This gives Hb a negative charge, increases the formation of ionic bonds, which stabilizes the T-form. The affinity of Hb for oxygen decreases, helping delivery of oxygen to the tissues.

pH (The Bohr Effect):

- Most of the CO2 delivered by the tissues to the blood is converted to H2CO3 in the red blood cells. H2CO3 liberates hydrogen ions, which protonate the N-terminal amino groups of the α -subunits and the C-terminal histidine of the β -subunits, stabilizing the T-form.
- The affinity of Hb for oxygen decreases, helping delivery of oxygen to the tissues. The reverse occurs at the lungs.

 $Hb-O_2 + H^+ \longrightarrow Hb-H^+ + O_2$

 The influence of pH and pCO2 to facilitate oxygenation of Hb in the lungs and deoxygenation at the tissues is known as the <u>Bohr</u> <u>effect.</u>

2,3- Bisphosphoglycerate (with two phosphate groups)

- The 2,3-bisphosphoglycerate (BPG) molecule carries 5 negative charges and is derived from oxidation of glucose (glycolysis) in red cells.
- It binds to a positively charged pocket in Hb between the 2 β chains (small cavity in the center of the four Hb subunits)
- Binding favors the T- form of Hb, reducing affinity for oxygen and helping delivery of oxygen to tissues. (facilitating the separation of O2 from hemoglobin)
- BPG increases in red blood cells in cases of chronic anemia and in hypoxia. This helps delivery of oxygen to tissues.



2,3-Bisphosphoglycerate



- BPG decreases in red blood cells upon storage of blood (المقصود اكياس الدم في بنوك الدم), reducing delivery of oxygen to tissues.
- This can be prevented by adding inosine to the blood collection medium, which keeps the level of BPG normal in red blood cells.

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The chloride shift

When CO2 is taken up, the HCO3- concentration within the cell increases. This would diffuse out into the plasma. Simultaneously, chloride ions from the plasma would enter in the cell to establish electrical neutrality. This is called chloride shift or <u>Hamburger effect.</u>

