

# Amino acid Metabolism

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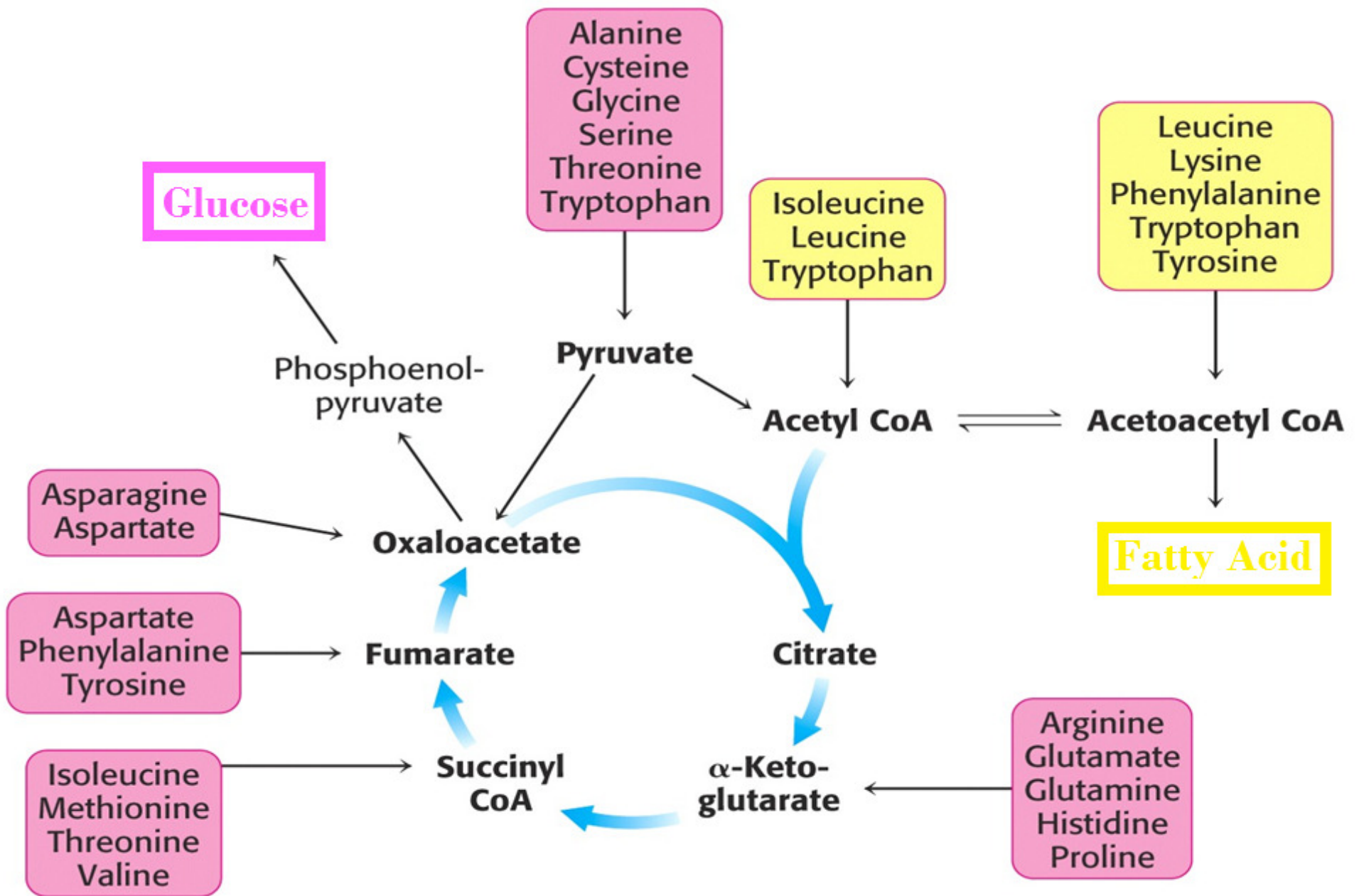
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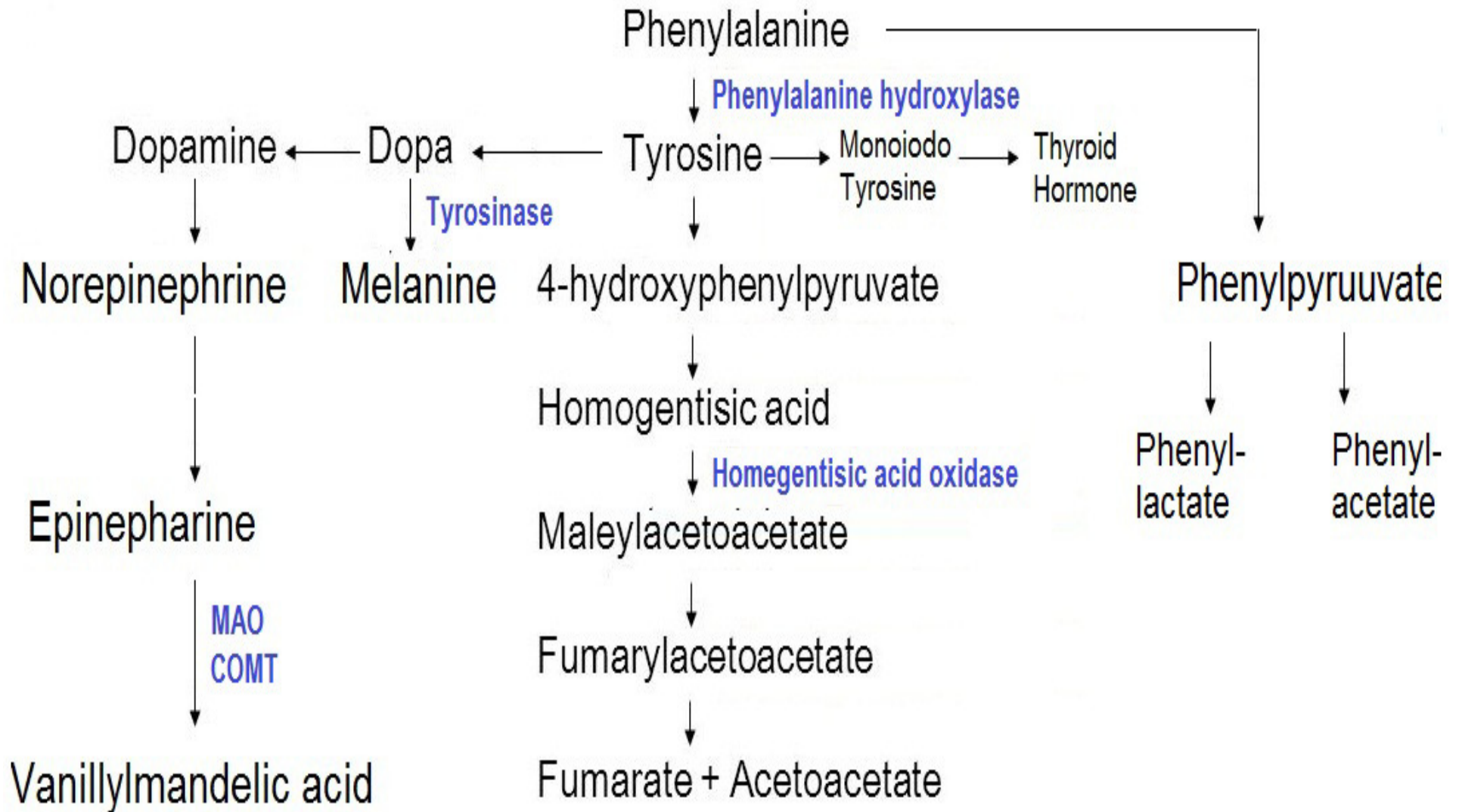
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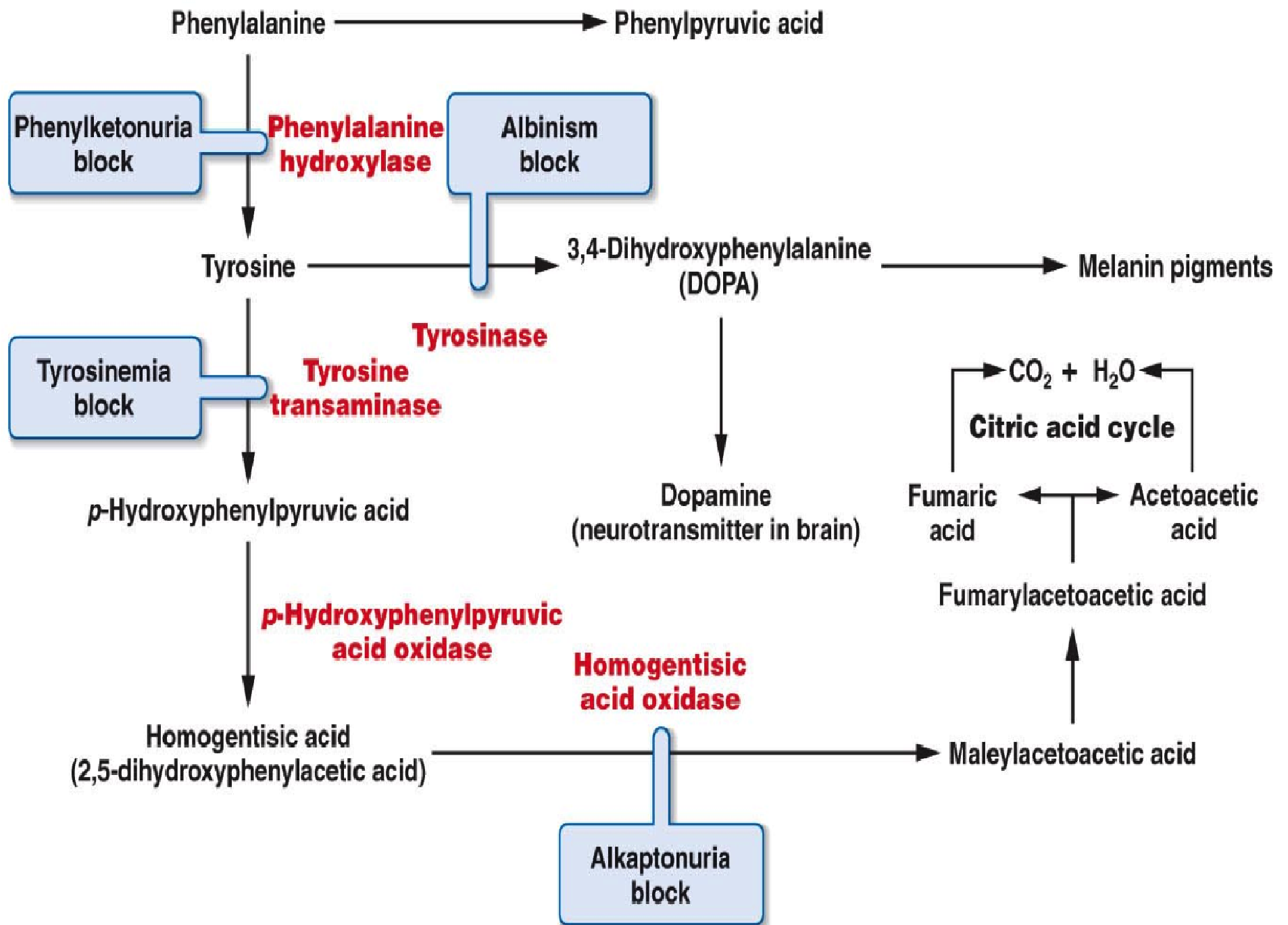
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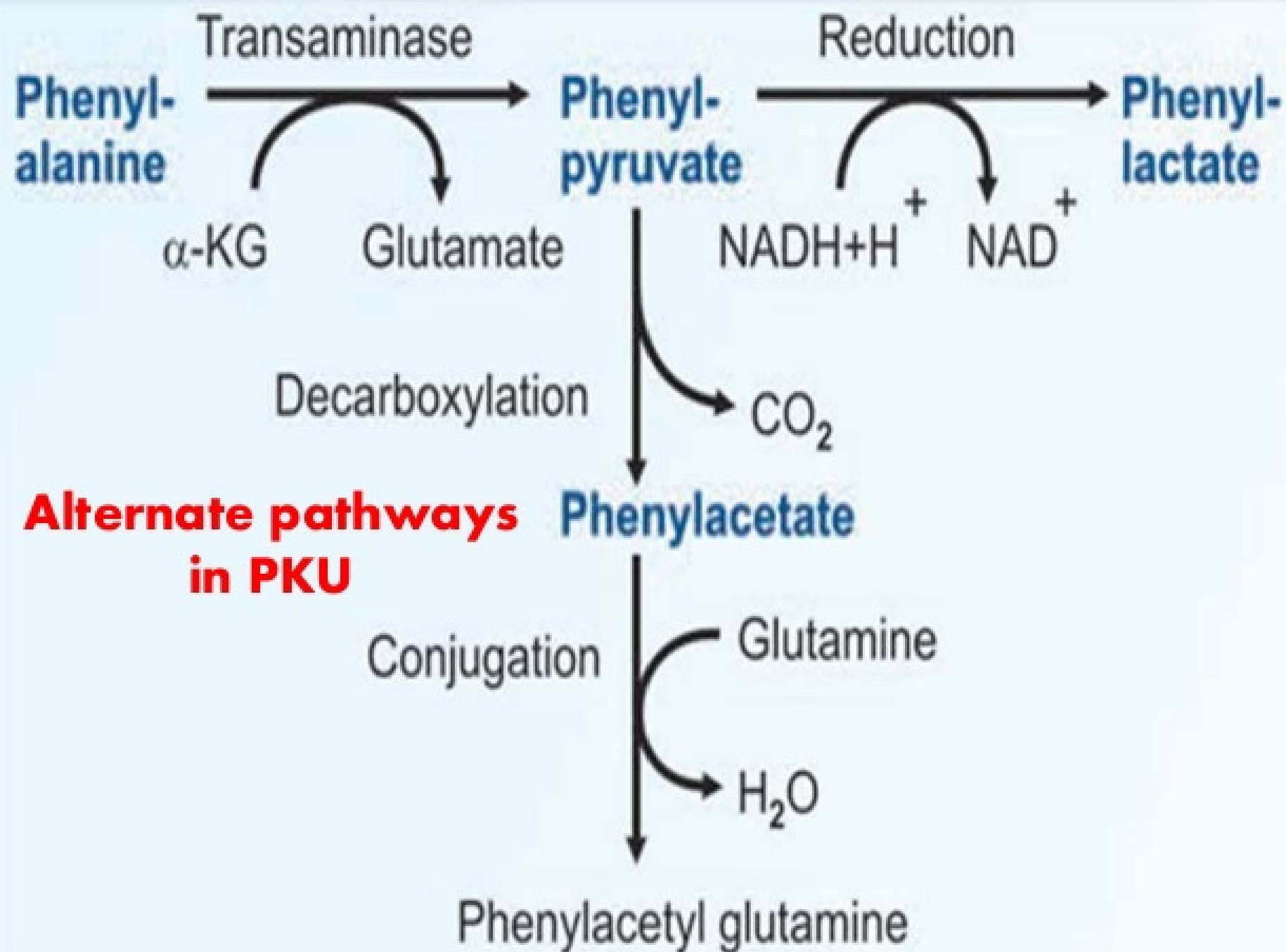
# Fates of carbon skeleton of amino acid



# Overview of Phenylalanine & Tyrosine Metabolism







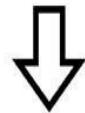
# Alkaptonuria

- Inherited disorder of the Tyrosine metabolism
- Absence of **Homogentisate oxidase**.
- **Homogentisic acid** is accumulated
- Excreted in the urine
- **Turns black** (Benzoquinone Acetate) on exposure to air

## Clinical Features

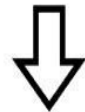
- In children:
  - Urine in diaper = Black Stain
- In adults:
  - Connective tissue Pigmentation (Ochronosis)
  - Darkening of the Ear
  - Dark spots on the on the sclera and cornea

**Phenylalanine**



Phenylalanine hydroxylase

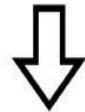
**Tyrosine**



Tyrosine aminotransferase

**Tyrosinemia Type 2**

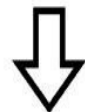
**4-Hydroxyphenylpyruvate (4HPP)**



4HPP dioxygenase **(X) Nitisinone**

**Tyrosinemia Type 3**

**Homogentisate (HGA)**



HGA oxidase

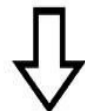
**Alkaptonuria**

**Maleylacetoacetate (MAA)**



MAA isomerase

**Fumarylacetoacetate (FAA)**



FAA hydrolase

**Tyrosinemia Type 1**

**Fumarate + Acetoacetate**

**Delta Amino Levulinic Acid (ALA)**



**Succinylacetone** ALA Dehydratase



**Heme Synthesis**





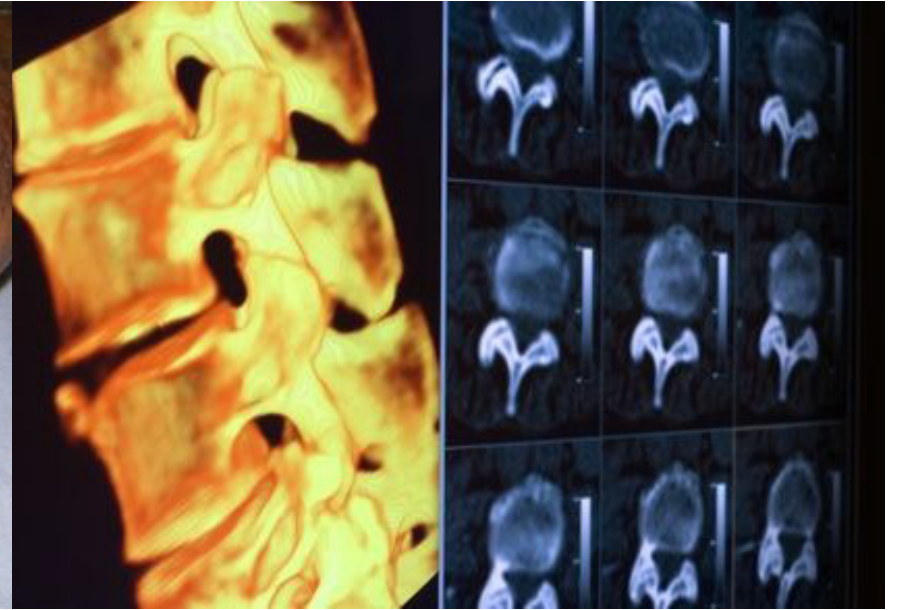
A

B

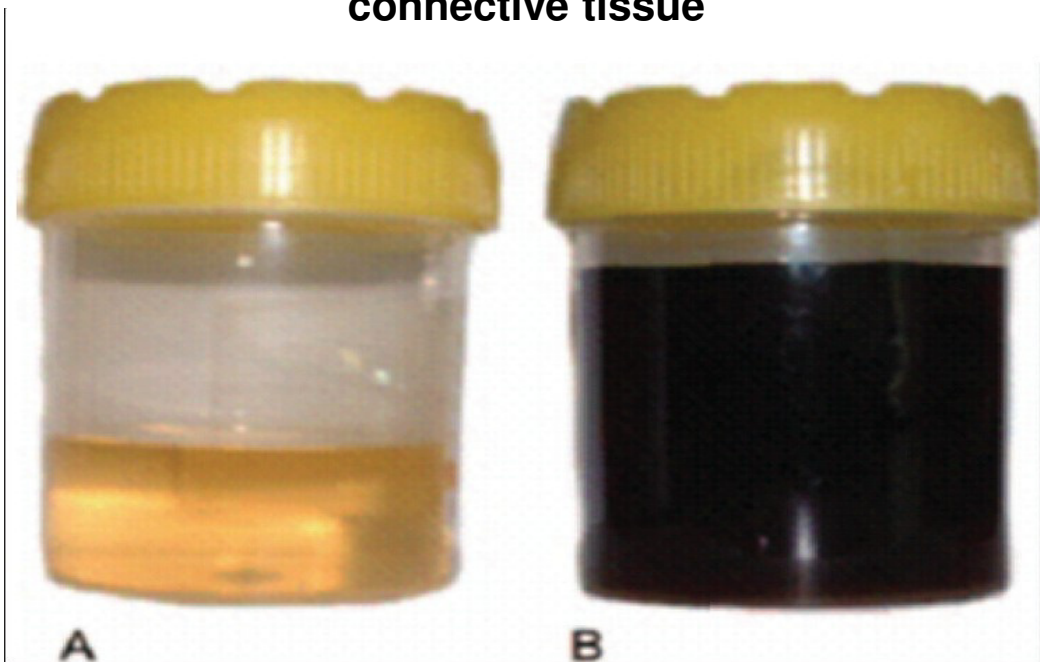




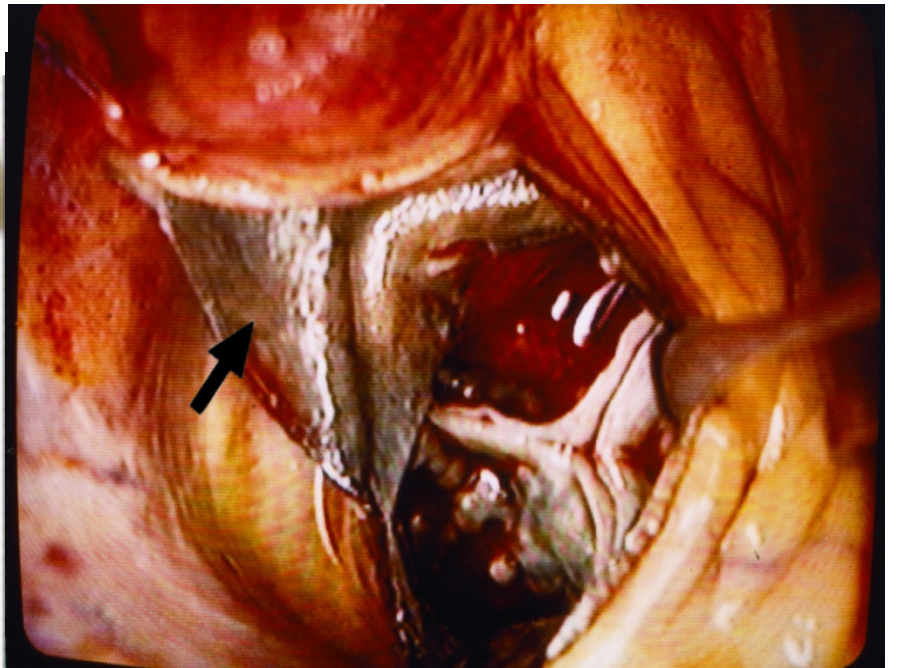
**Accumulation of oxidized homogentisic acid in connective tissue**



**Arthritis of the Spine**



**Urine turns a black color upon exposure to air**



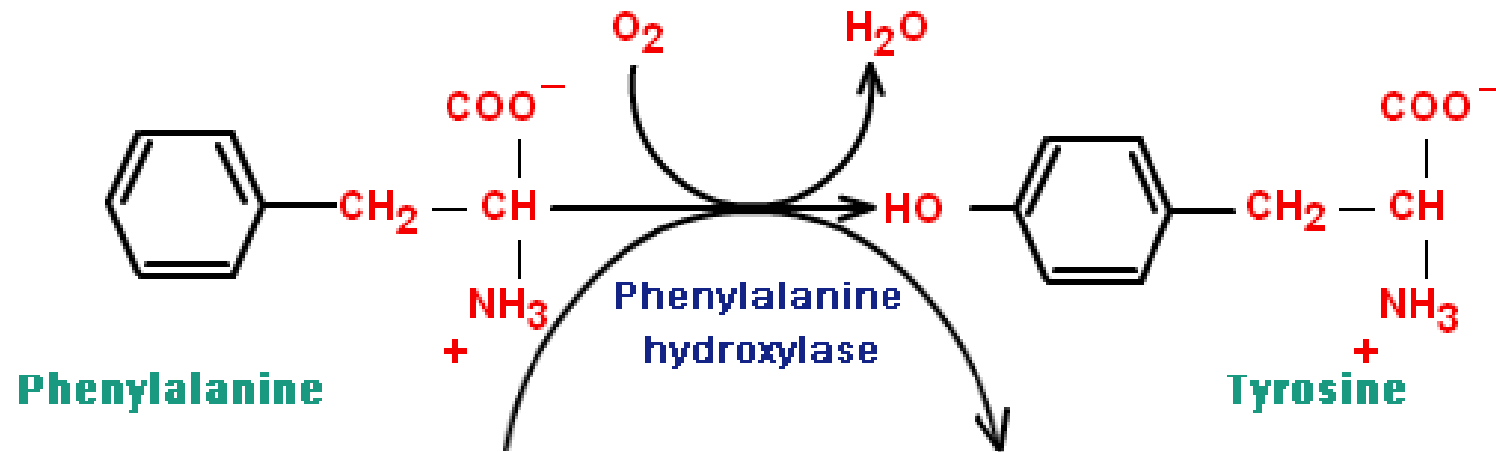
**Aortic valve Stenosis**

# Diagnosis

- Benedict Test
  - Urine Sample = Homogentisic Acid
  - Positive test
- Imaginary Study
- Chromatography

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# Phenylalanine to Tyrosine



$H_4$ -biopterin

$H_2$ -biopterin

$NAD^+$

**Dihydropteridine reductase**

$NADH + H^+$

# Phenylketonuria = Biochemical Alteration

- **No Dopamine**
  - Extrapyrarnidal manifestration (Parkinsonism)
  - Seizure
  - Hypotonia
  - Tremor
- **No Epinephrine**
- **No Norephnephrine**
- **No Melanine**
  - Light colour skin
  - Eye abnormality = Hypopigmetation
- **No Thyroid hormone**
  - Physical & Mental Growth retardation



# Phenylketonuria = Biochemical Alteration

- **Accumulation of Phenylalanine (Large Neutral)**
  - Restrict entry of some other Large neutral AA
  - Decrease synthesis of Other Neurotransmitter
  - Decrease Interactually activity
- **Accumulation of Phenylacetate**
  - “Musty Odour” Urine & Sweat

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# Phenylketonuria Diagnosis

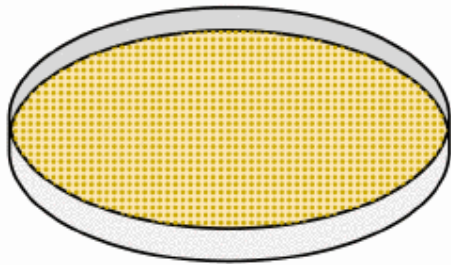
- Ferric Chloride Test
- Guthrie test = Screening Neonate
- Tandem Mass spectroscopy
- Genetic Study

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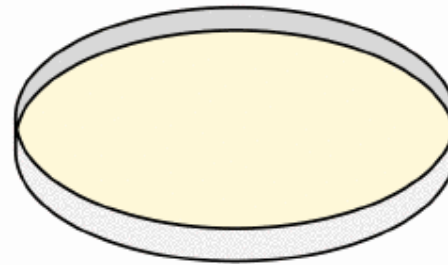
# Guthrie Test

## Screening by Bacterial Inhibition

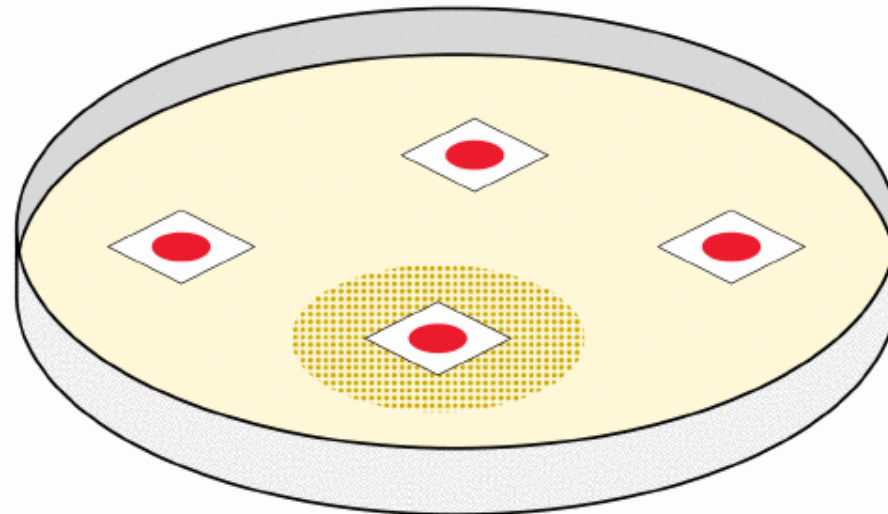
Grown E.Coli on Media  
With Phenylalanine



E.Coli on Media with  
Beta 2thienylalanine (Inhibit Bacteria Growth)



If Patient sample has Excess  
Phenylalanin,  
It counter inhibition  
and E.Coli will grow





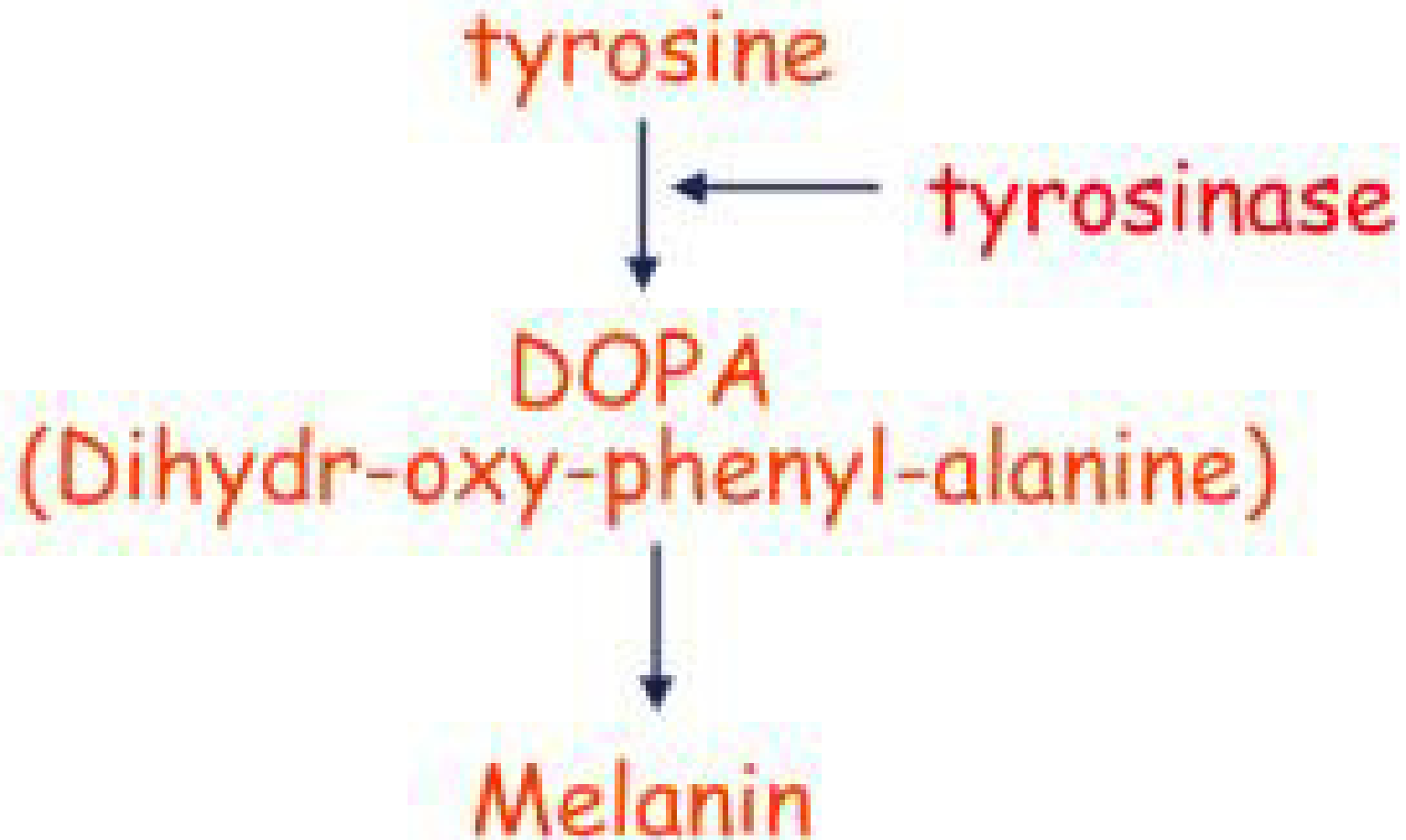




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# Albinism = Deficiency of Tyrosinase



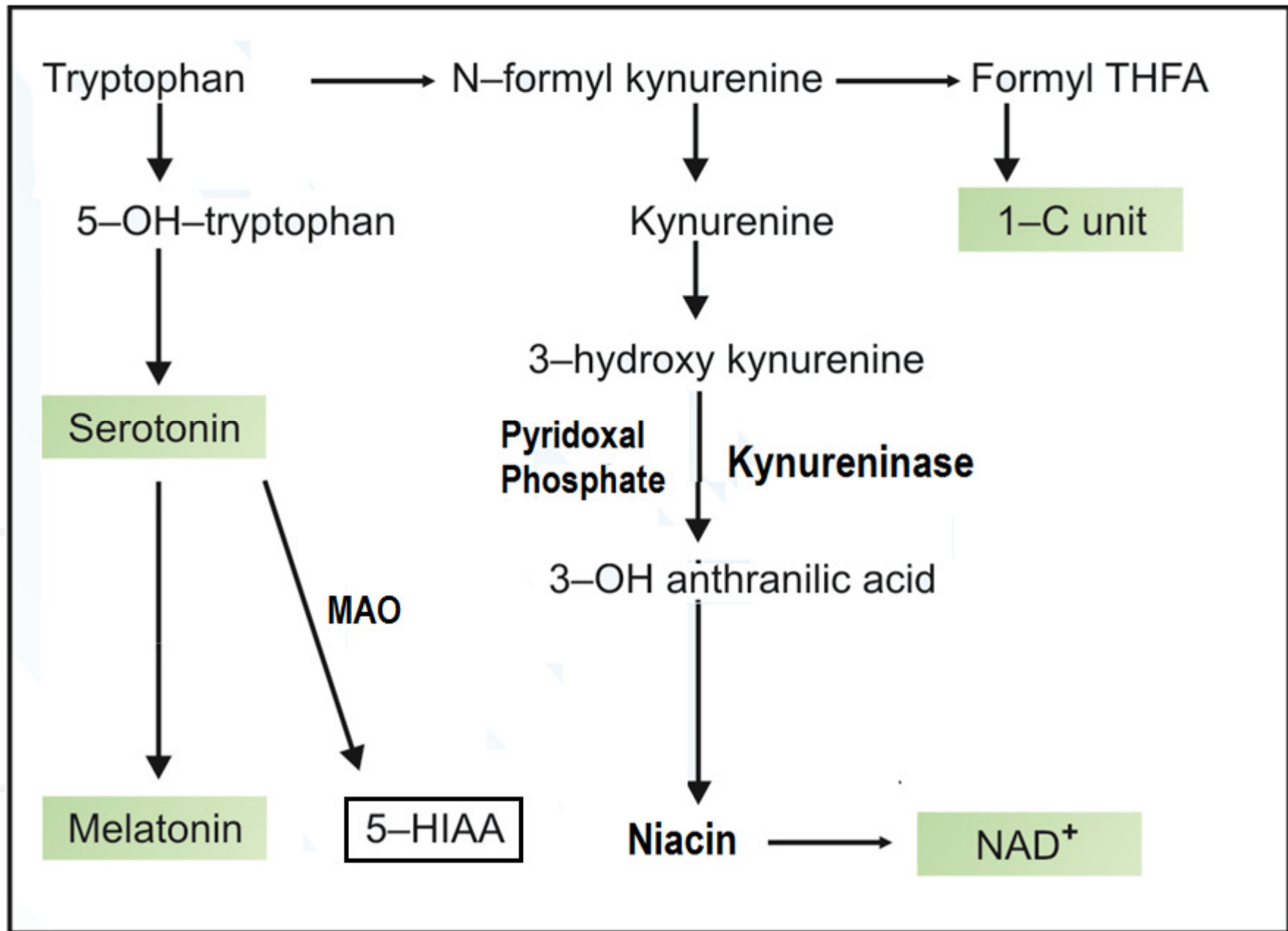
## Symptoms of Albinism

- lack of melanin in skin, hair, eyes
- Increased sensitivity to sunlight



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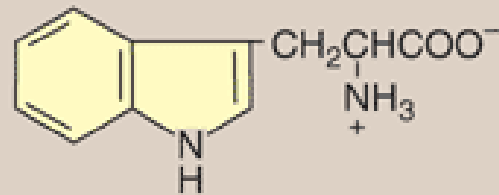
# Tryptophane Metabolism



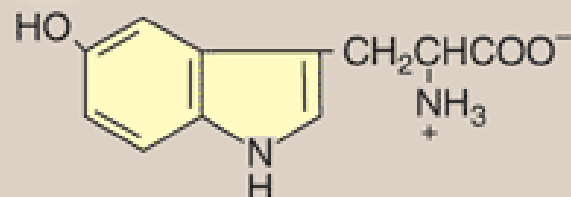
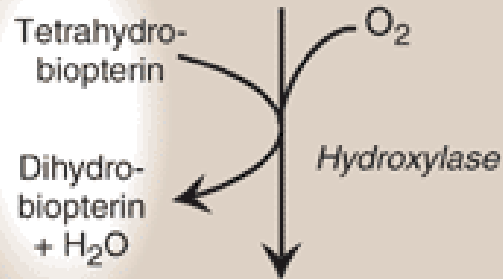


# Carcinoid Syndrome

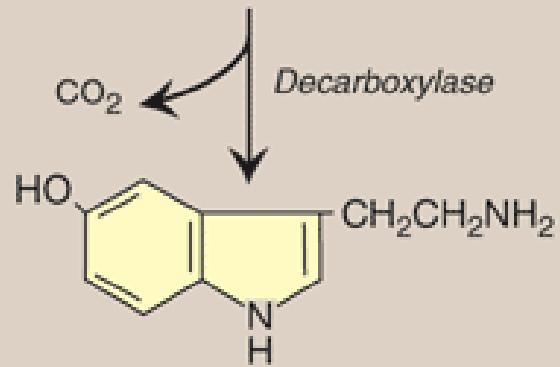
- Carcinoid Tumour = Tumour of Endocrine gland
- **Paraneoplastic Syndrome**
  - This Malignant cell produce “Hormone”
- In Carcinoid Tumor = Paraneoplastic Syndrome  
= Carcinoid Syndrome
- Increase Production of Serotonin from Tryptophan
- Decrease Production of Niacin
- **Patient Suffer from Pellagra**



**Tryptophan**



**5-Hydroxy-  
tryptophan**

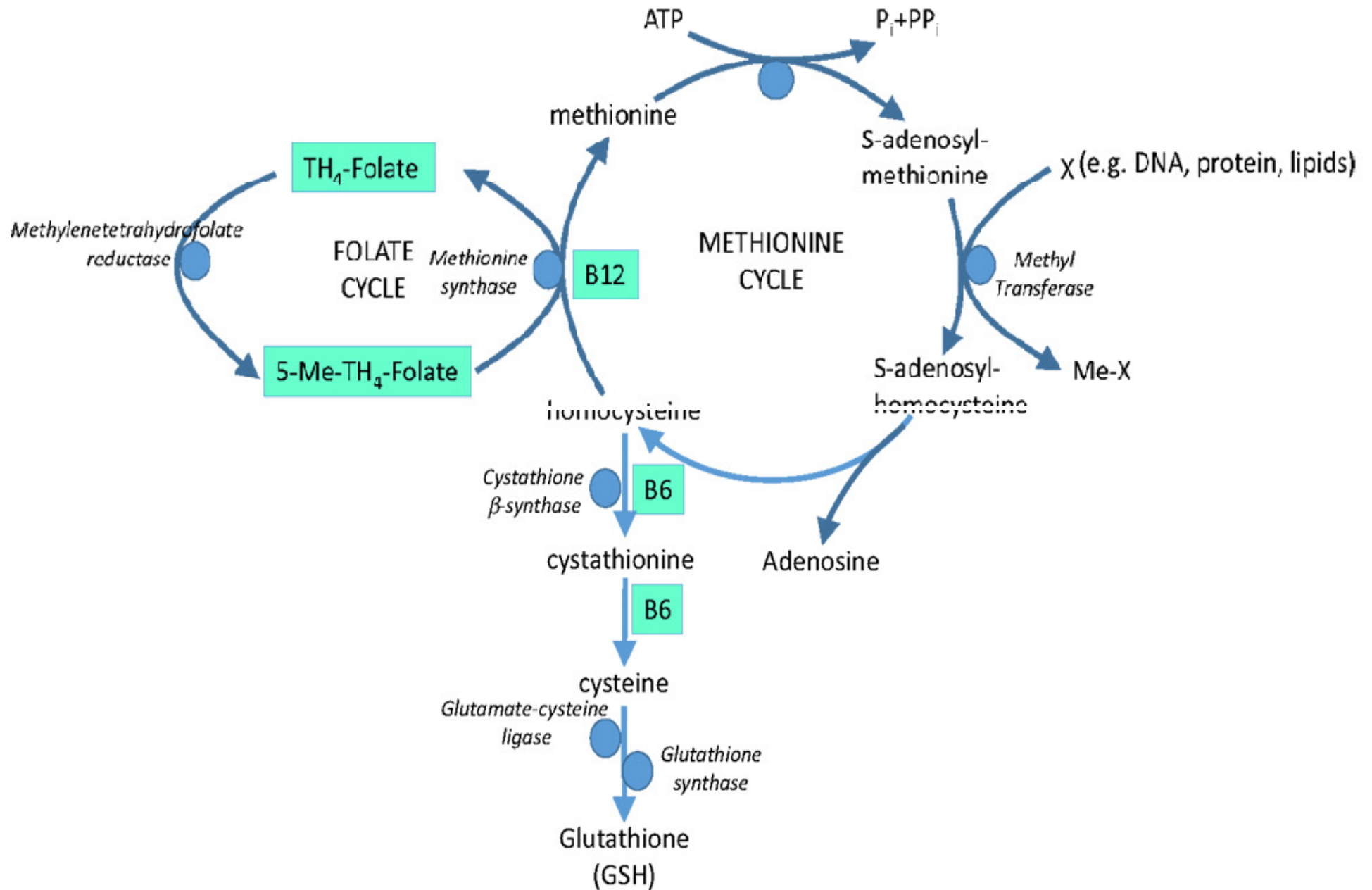


**Serotonin**

# Monoamino Oxidase Inhibitor

- Decrease Break down of Serotonin
- Increase Level of Serotonin
- Clinical Useful in
  - Depression
  - Schizophrenia
- As well As Increase level of
  - Epinepherin
  - Norepinepherin
  - Dopamine

# Methionine Metabolism



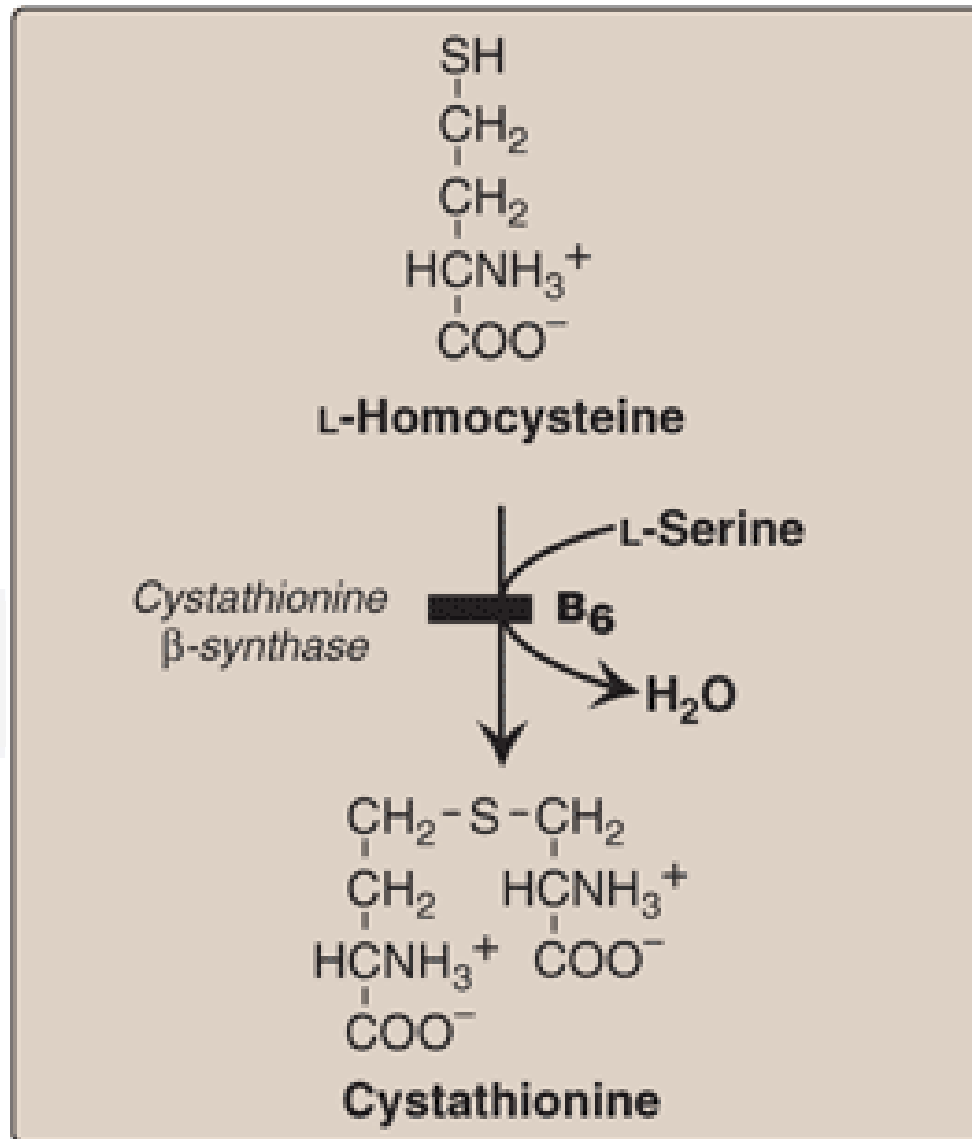
# Folate Trap

- Vitamin B 12 deficiency
- Decrease Methionine synthase activity
- 5 – methyl- THF can not converted to THF
- No methyl group transfer
- No Methionine
- No SAM
  - DNA replication affected
  - Increase Homocysteine level



# Hyperhomocysteinemia

**Ectopia lentis = Dislocation of Eye lens**



# Hartnup Disease

## Etiology

Genetic Disorder

Autosomal Recessive

## Pathogenesis

Failure of Amino Acid (Non-Polar Amino acid )Transport

In Intestine

In Kidney

Decrease absorption of Tryptophan

Decrease Reabsorption of Tryptophan

Increase Loss of Tryptophan

## Clinical Feature

Pellagra

Fanconi Syndrome

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Congenital or Acquired

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# Fanconi Syndrome

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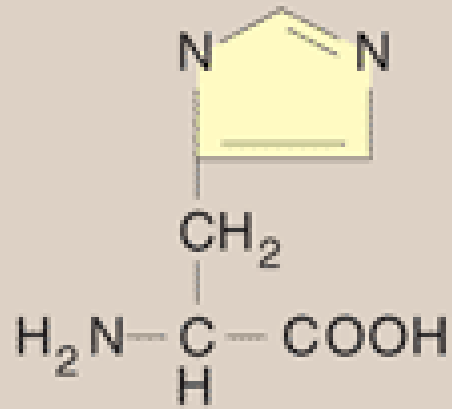
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## Pathogenesis

- Inadequate absorption in Proximal Renal Tubules
- Reabsorption of Amino acid , Glucose, Uric acid , Phosphate , Bicarbonate

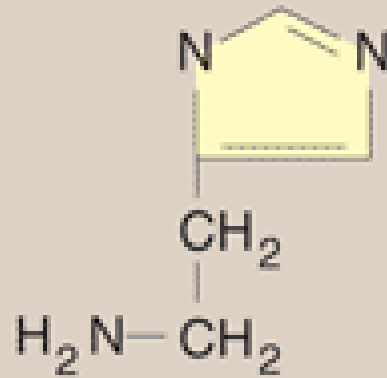
## Clinical Feature

- Polyuria , Polydipsia & dehydration
- Hypophosphatemia
- Rickets.
- Osteomalacia (in adults)
- Growth failure
- Metabolic Acidosis
- Hypokalemia
- Hyperchloremia



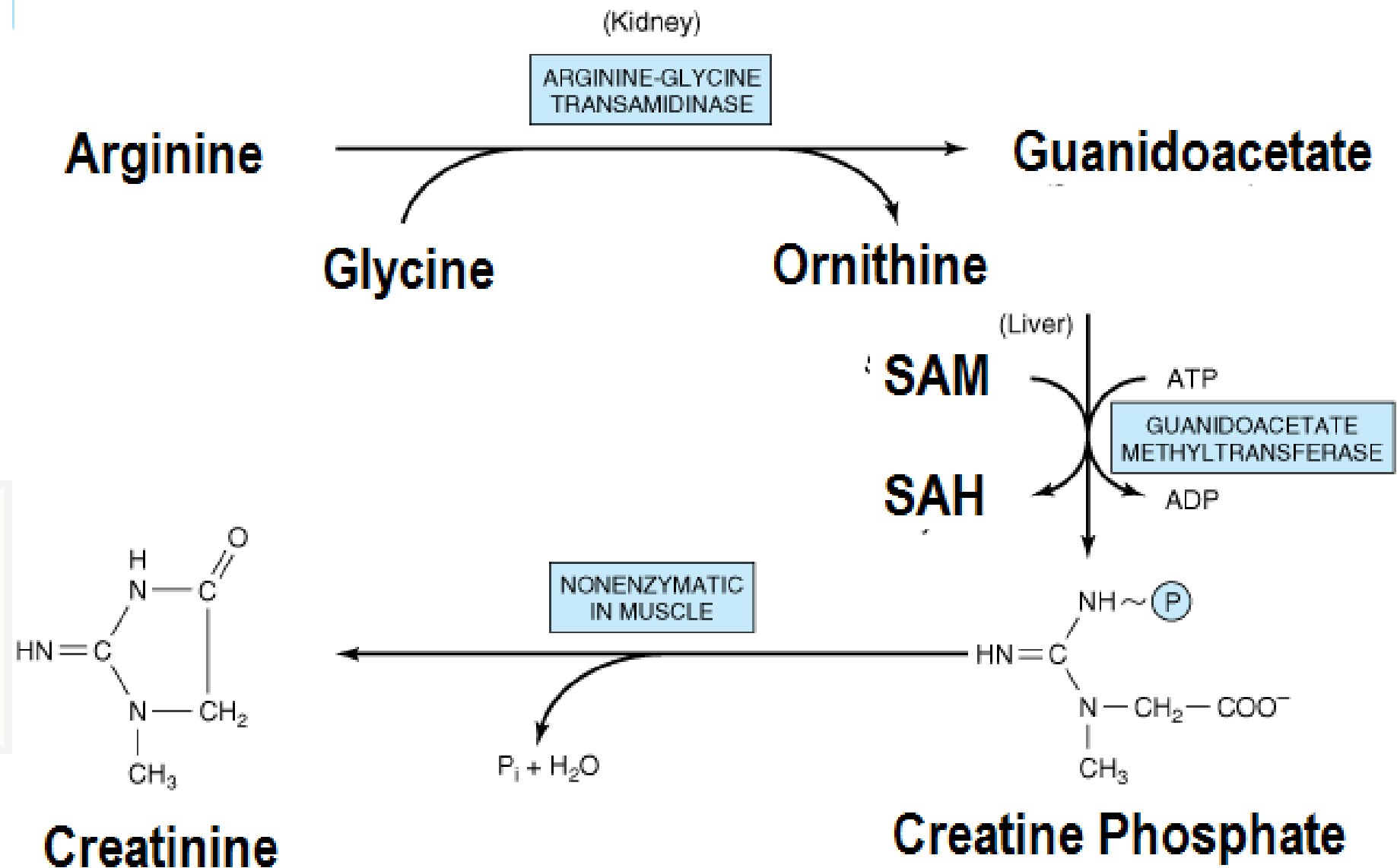
**Histidine**

*Decarboxylase*



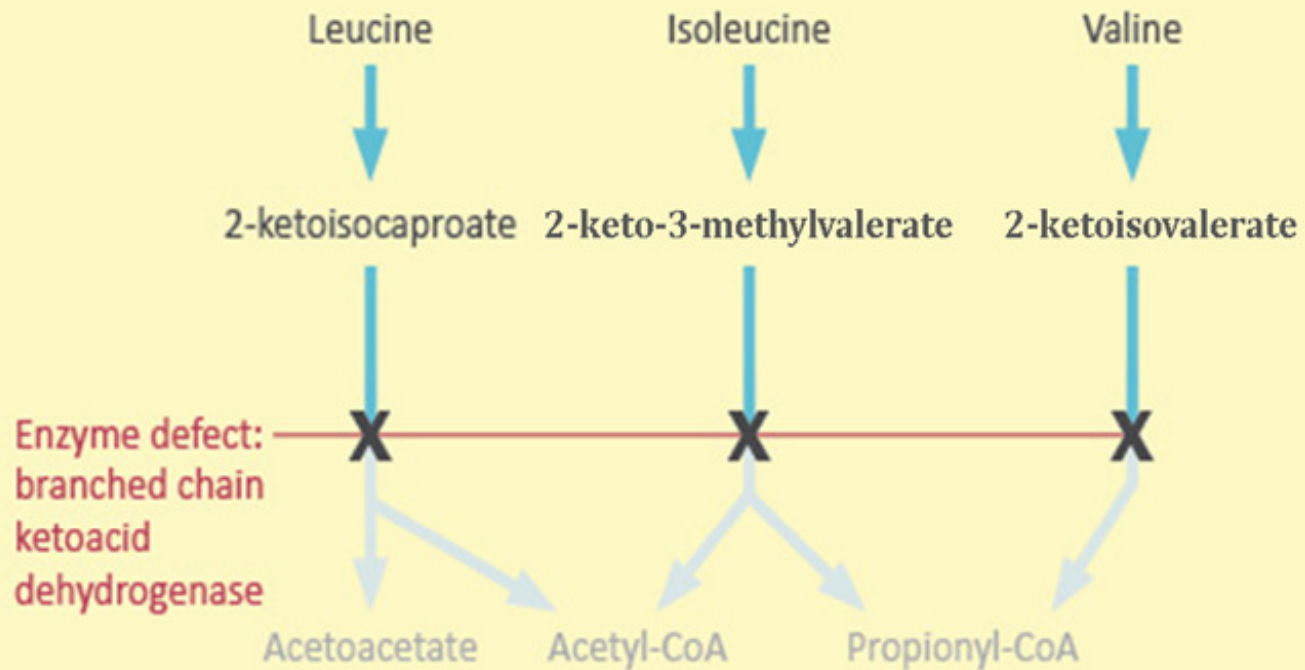
**Histamine**

# Creatine & Creatinine Synthesis





## Enzyme Defect in Maple Syrup Urine Disease (MSUD)



Neurological Symptoms – Cerebral damage  
Diarrhea , Vomiting, Weight Loss, Anorexia

