
Carbohydrate Chemistry

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- Empiric formula = $C_nH_{2n}O_n$.
 - n = number of carbon

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Wide range of Functions

- **Significant fraction of the energy.**
 - **Storage form of energy.**
 - **RBC & Brain - Cell membrane components.**
 - **Glycoprotein & Glycolipid**
 - **Excess Carbohydrate convert to fat**
 - **Structural component of many organisms**
 - **Cell walls of bacteria**
 - **Exoskeleton of many insects**
 - **Fibrous cellulose of plants.**
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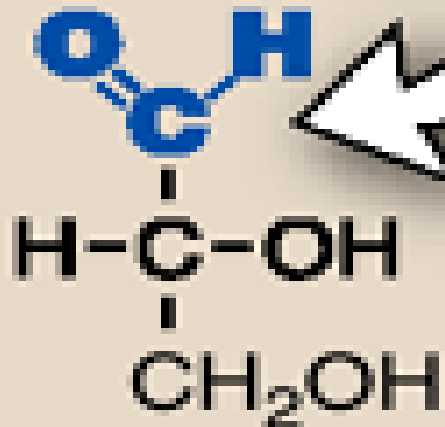
Classification and Structure of Carbohydrates

- **According to the number of carbon atoms**
 - **Triose**
 - **Tetrose**
 - **Pentose**
 - **Hexose (Glucose)**
- **Groups**
 - **Aldehyde (called aldoses)**
 - **Keto (called ketoses)**
- **According to number of Monomer**
 - **Monosaccharide**
 - **Disaccharides = 2 monosaccharide units.**
 - **Oligosaccharides = 3 to 10 monosaccharide units.**
 - **Polysaccharides = more than 10 monosaccharide units.**

Sugar	Number of Carbon	Aldose-sugar	Ketose-sugar
Triose	3	Glyceraldehyde	Dihydroxyacetone
Tetrose	4	Erythrose	Erythrulose
Pentose	5	Ribose	Ribulose
Hexose	6	Glucose Galactose Mannose	Fructose
Heptose	7	Glucoheptose	Sedoheptulose

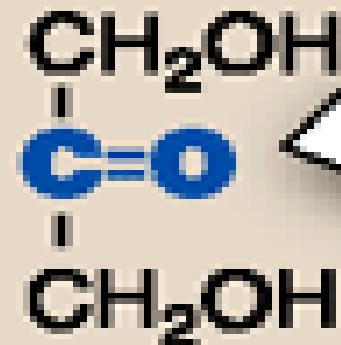
Type according to Functional Group

A Aldehyde group



Glyceraldehyde

B Keto group



Dihydroxyacetone

According to number of monomer unit

1. **Monosaccharides:**

1. Glucose
2. Fructose
3. Galactose

2. **Disaccharides :**

1. **Heterodisaccharide**

1. Lactose = Glucose + Galactose
2. Sucrose = Glucose + fructose
3. Lactulose = Fructose + Galactose (beta 1 – 4 linkage)

2. **Homodisaccharide**

1. Maltose = Glucose + Glucose
2. Isomaltose = Glucose + Glucose (Alpha 1 – 6 linkage)
3. Trehalose = Glucose + Glucose (Alpha 1 – 1 linkage)

According to number of monomer unit

3. **Oligosaccharides : No. of monomer 3 – 10**

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|----|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| a. | Trisaccharide | = 3 monomer | = Raffinose |
| b. | Tetrasaccharide | = 4 monomer | = Stachyose |
| c. | Pentasaccharide | = 5 monomer | = Verbascose |

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According to number of monomer unit

4. Polysaccharides : More than 10 monomer unit

1. Homopolysaccharide

- a. Starch, Glycogen, Cellulose, Dextrin, Dextran, Chitin
- b. Inulin

2. Heteropolysaccharide

- a. Hyaluronic acid
 - b. Heparan sulfate
 - c. Chondroitin sulfate
 - d. Dermatan sulfate
 - e. Keratan sulfate
 - f. Blood group polysaccharides
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Aminosugar

- Sugar + Amino group
 - E.g.
 - Glucosamine = acetylated = N-Acetyl glucosamine
 - Galactosamine = acetylated = N-Acetylgalactosamine
 - Mannosamine = acetylated = N-Acetylmannosamine
 - Synthesized by
 - Fructose 6 phosphate
 - Aminotransferase enzyme
 - Use in synthesis of
 - Glycolipids, Glycoproteins, Proteoglycans
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Properties of Carbohydrate

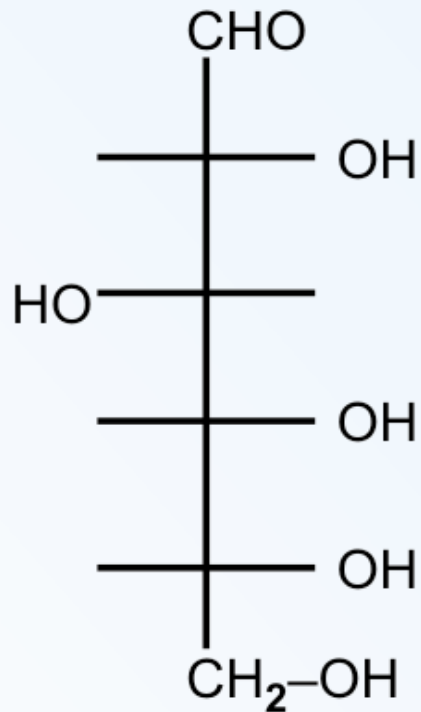
A. Isomers

- Same chemical formula $C_6H_{12}O_6$
- Have different structures are called ISOMERS.
- E.g. Fructose, Glucose, Mannose, and Galactose

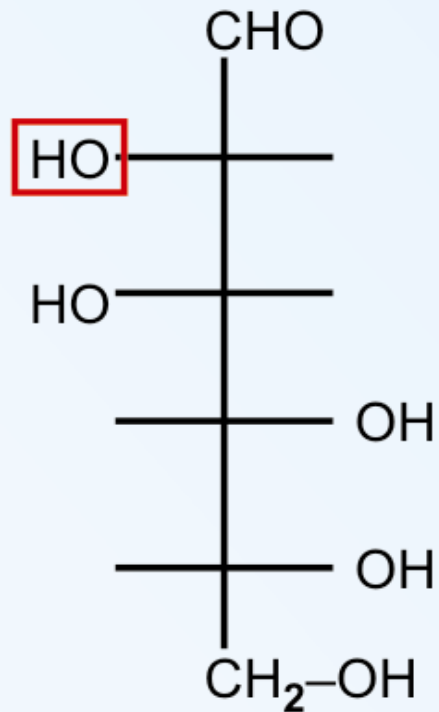
B. Epimers

- Differ in configuration around only one specific carbon atom (**except on 1st carbon**)
 - Glucose & Galactose (C-4 epimer)
 - Glucose & Mannose (C-2 epimer).
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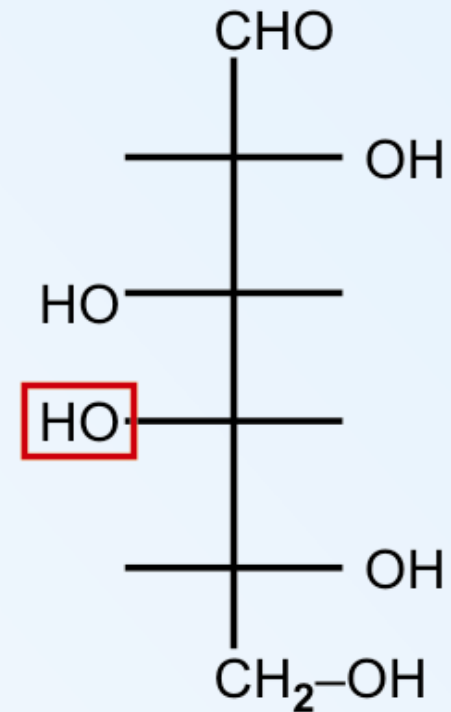
Epimers



D-glucose



D-mannose



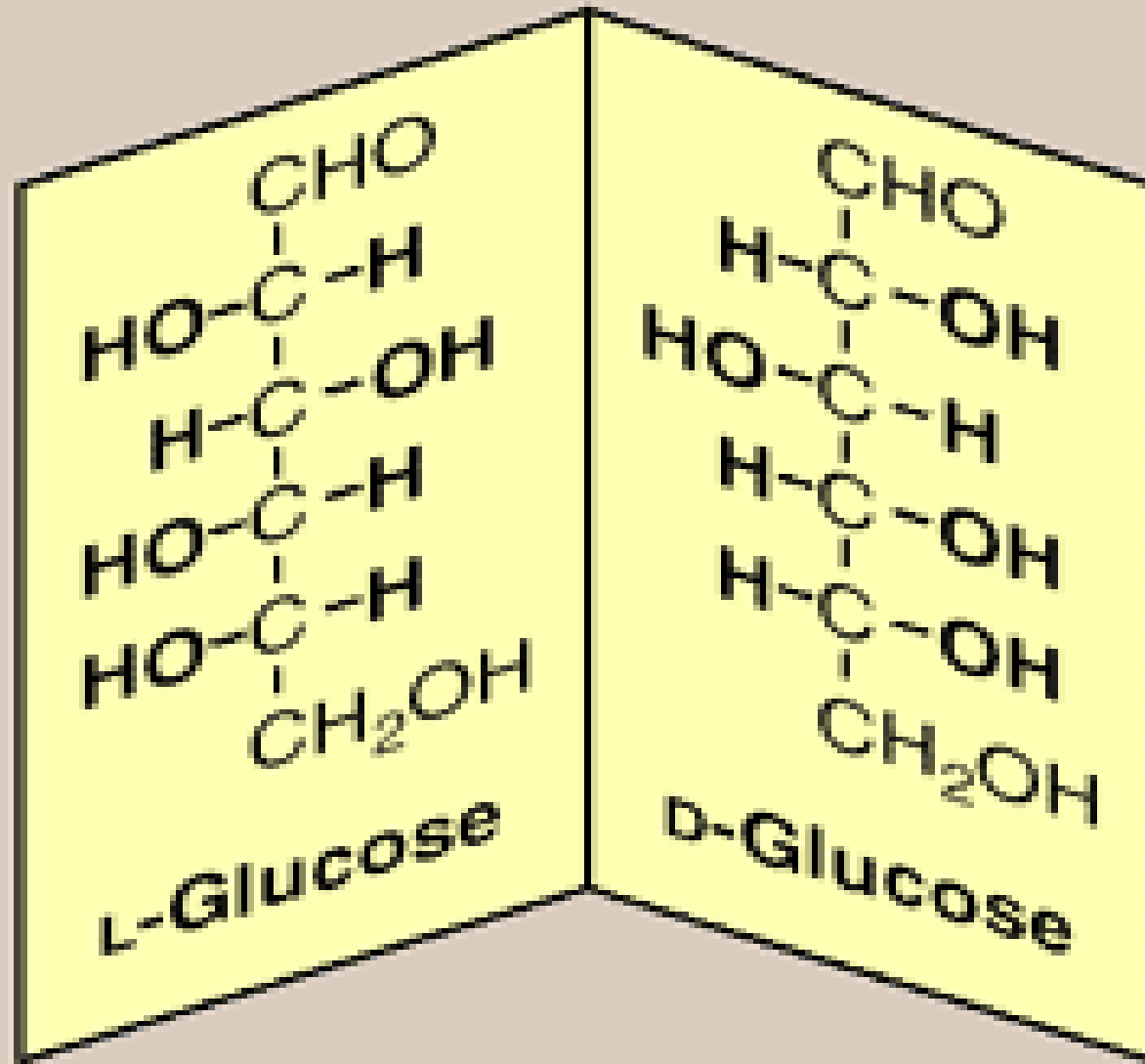
D-galactose

C. Enantiomers

- **Mirror images** are called Enantiomers.
- Designated as a D- and an L-sugar .
- By humans, only D-sugars can be metabolised.
- D – Glucose & L - Glucose

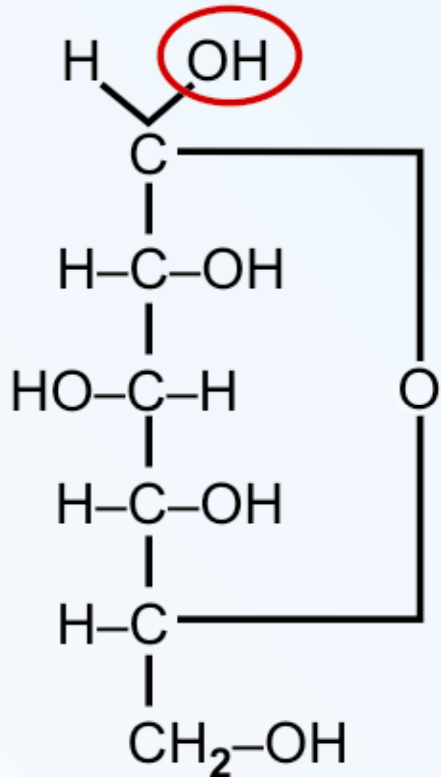
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Enantiomers

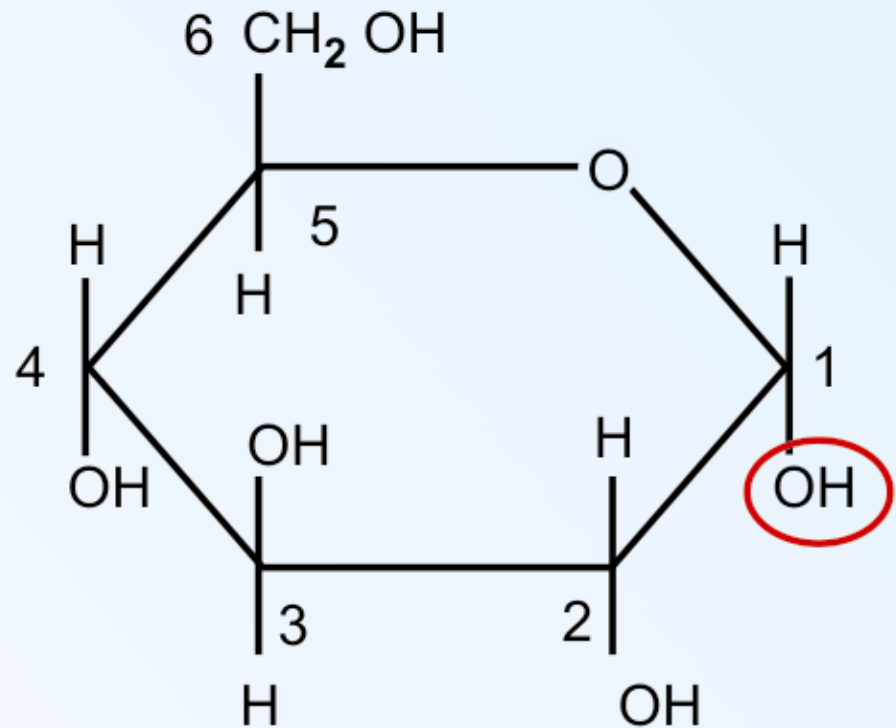


D. Cyclization of Monosaccharide :

Predominantly found in a ring (cyclic) form, for example, glucopyranose.



α -D-glucose,
closed ring structure,
Fischer formula



α -D-glucopyranose,
Haworth formula

E. Anomerism

- Anomeric carbon – All four groups are different
- Generating the α and β configurations of the sugar
- For example,
 - α -D-glucopyranose
 - β -D-glucopyranose
- α = OH on anomeric C (1st) same side as ring.
- β = OH on anomeric C (1st) opposite as ring.
- Enzymes preferentially use only one the configuration.
- Glycogen = α -D-glucopyranose
- Cellulose = β -D-glucopyranose.

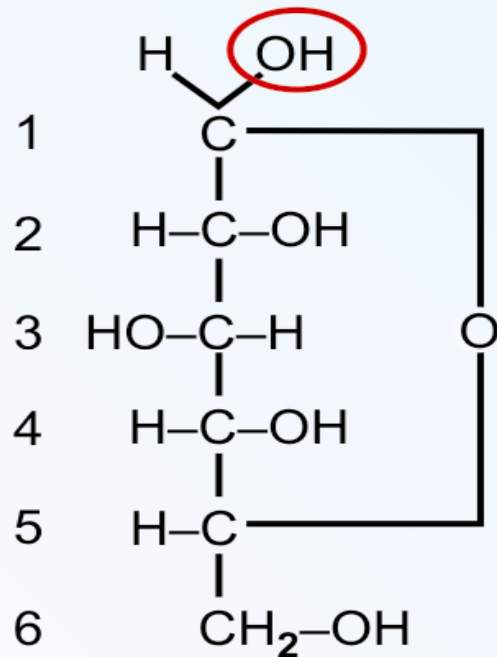
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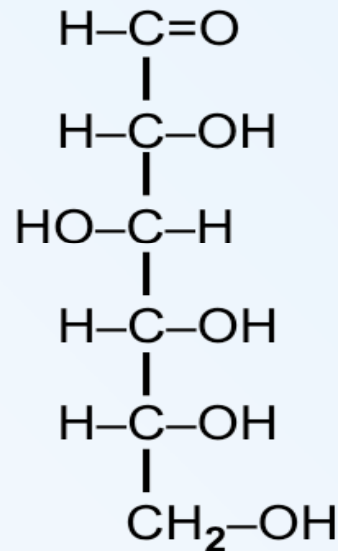
- Spontaneous inter conversion to other anomer, to get equilibrium.
- α and β anomers of a sugar in solution are in equilibrium with each other.

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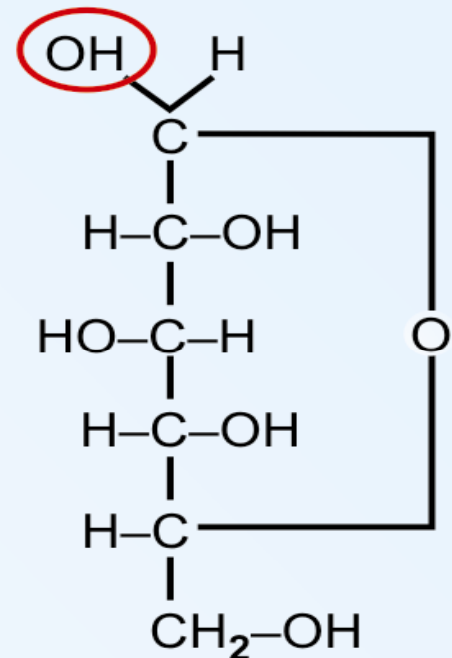
Anomerism



α -D-glucose



Traces of
intermediary



β -D-glucose

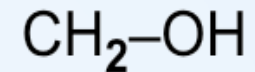
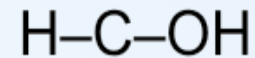
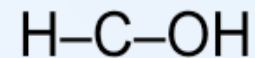
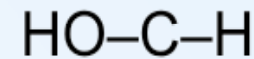
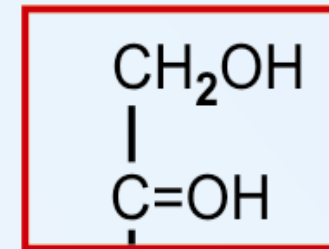
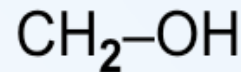
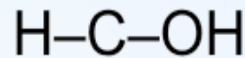
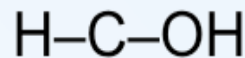
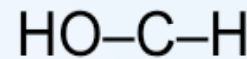
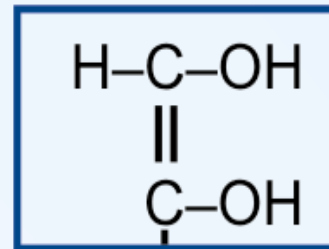
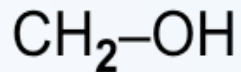
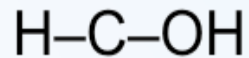
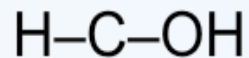
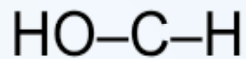
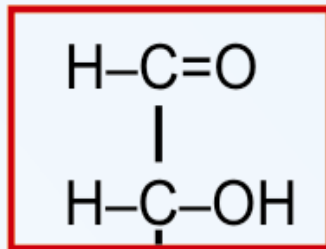
F. Reducing Sugar

If the oxygen on the anomeric carbon of a sugar is free, that sugar can act as a reducing agent and is termed a reducing sugar. Such sugars can react with chromogenic agents (for example, *Benedict's reagent* or Fehling's solution) causing the reagent to be reduced and colored, with the anomeric carbon of the sugar becoming oxidized

✓ **SUCROSE IS NON-REDUCING SUGAR.**

✓ **SUCROSE IS INVERT SUGAR.**

Enediol formation due to alkalization



Glucose

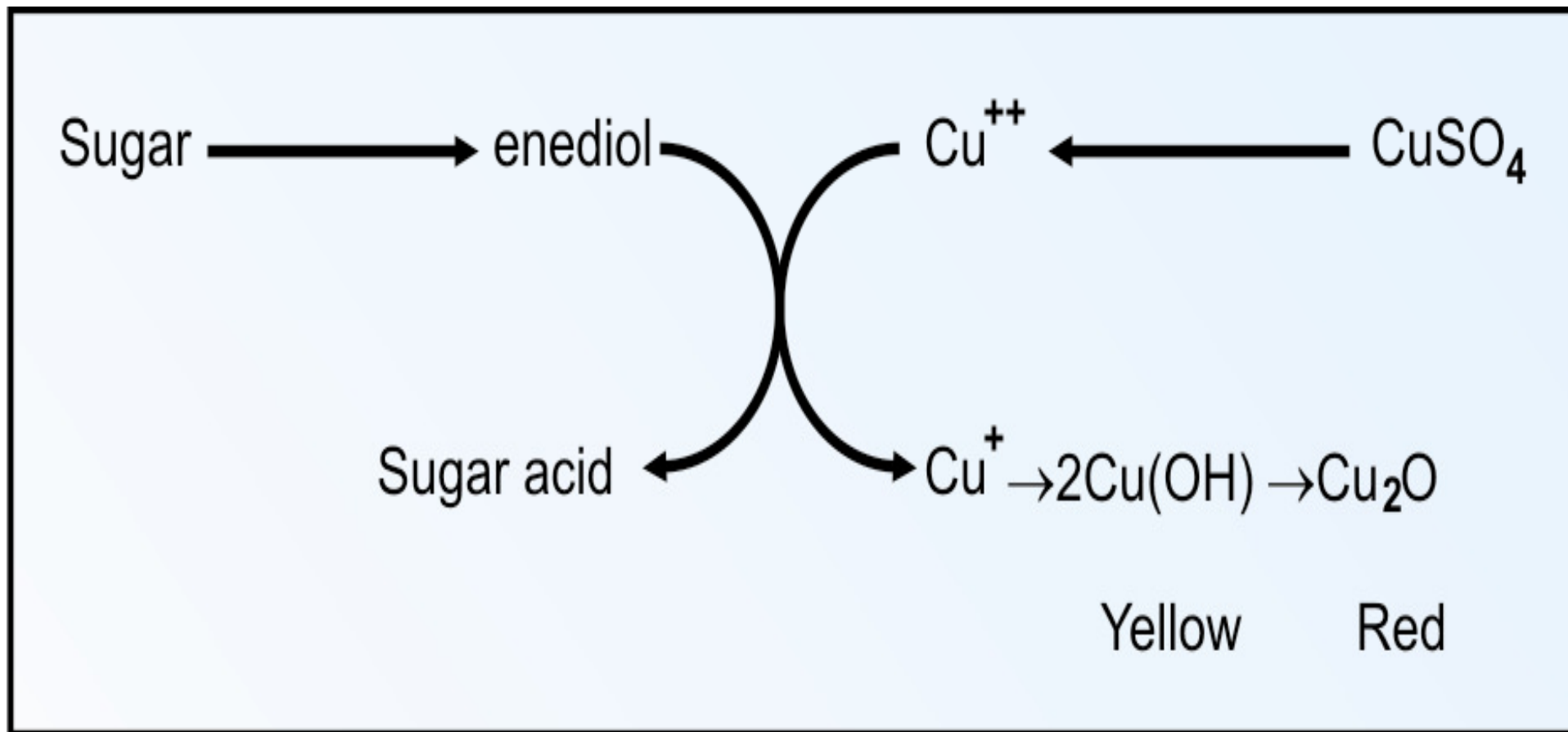


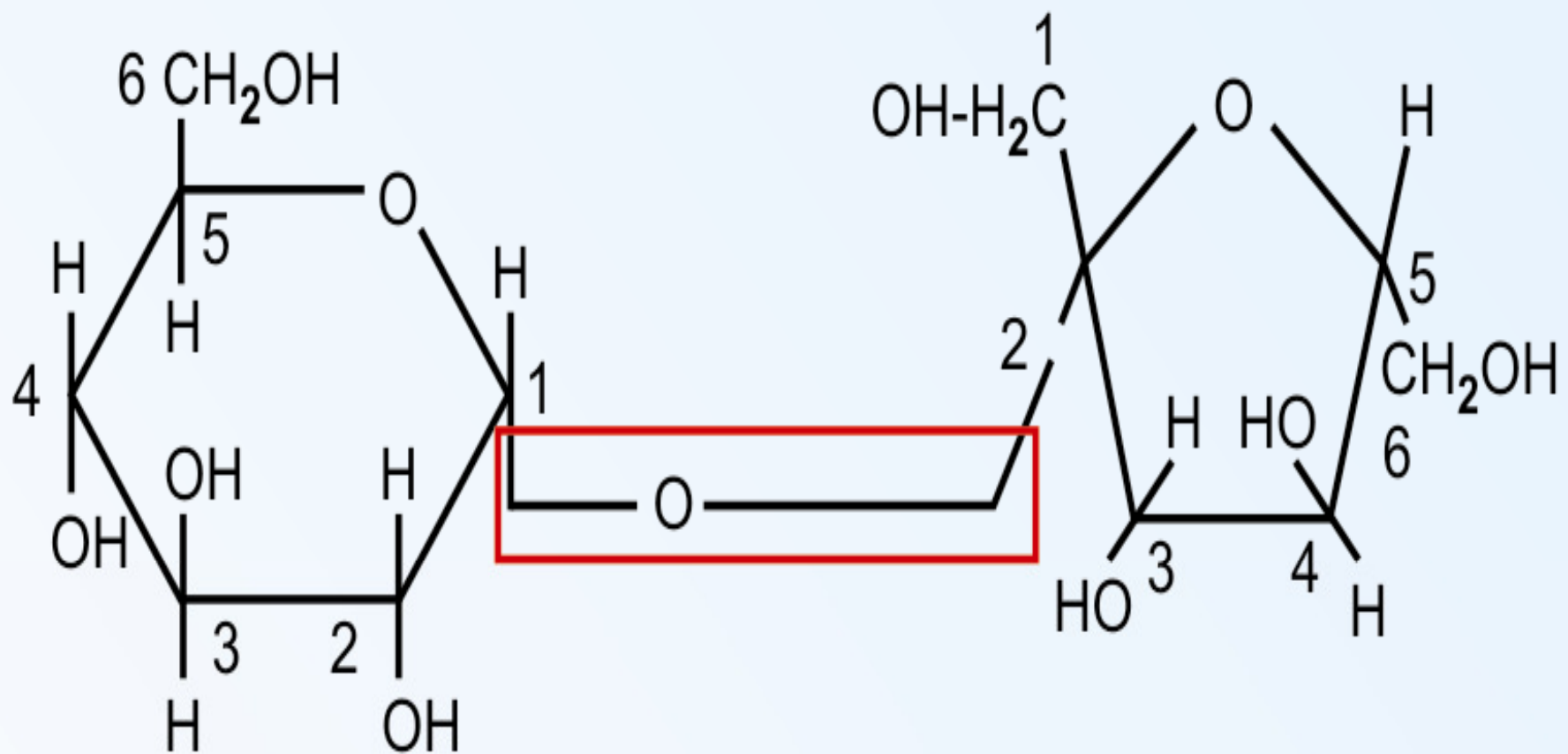
1, 2-enediol form
(intermediary)



Fructose

Principle of Benedict's test for Reducing Sugar





Glucose component

Fructose component

Alpha-D-glucosyl-beta-D-fructoside

G. Optical activity

- When beam of plane-polarized light passed through a solution of carbohydrate, it will rotate light either to right or left
- **Dextrorotatory (d) (+)** = right rotation
 - e.g. glucose
- **Levorotatory (l) (-)** = left rotation
 - e.g. fructose

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Reaction of Carbohydrate

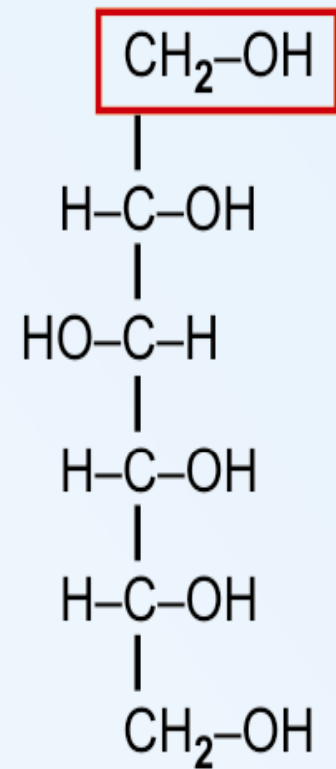
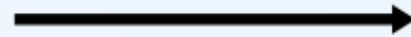
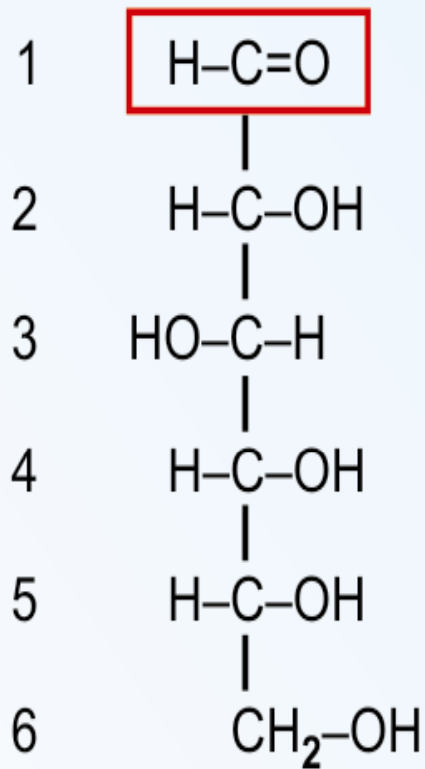
1. Reduction

- Aldose / Ketose yields corresponding Alcohol
- Ketose forms two alcohols
 - Glucose --- Sorbitol
 - Fructose --- Sorbitol /// Mannitol
 - Galactose --- Dulcitol
 - Ribose --- Ribitol

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Significant of Reduction

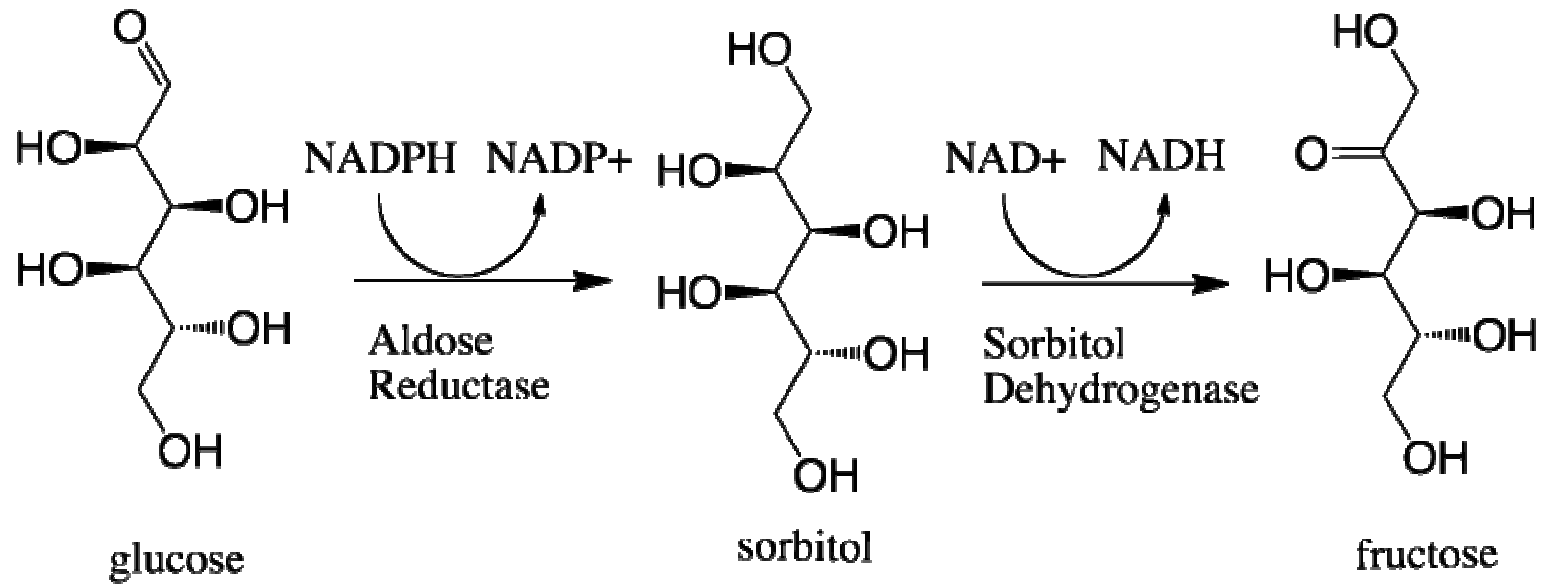
- Bacteria use alcohol as energy sources.
- Alcohol added in Culture media
- So it is use to identify bacteria.
- **Mannitol**
- To reduce intracranial pressure.
 - In Haemorrhage, SOL
- Diuresis – Hypotension
- **Sorbitol & Dulcitol**
- Cataract



D-Glucose

D-Sorbitol

Polyol Pathway



Aldose Reductase inhibitor use to prevent Diabetic Complication

2. Oxidation : = - COOH

➤ Mild

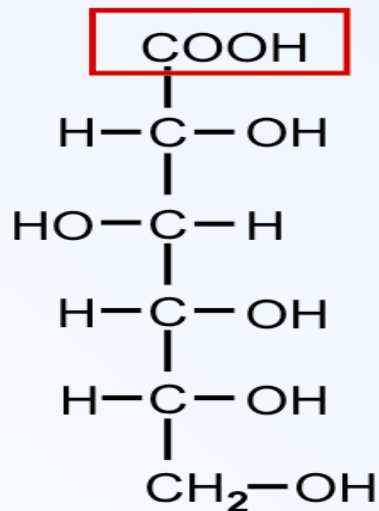
- 1st carbon oxidized = Aldonic acid
- E.g. Gluconic acid, mannonic acid

➤ Moderate

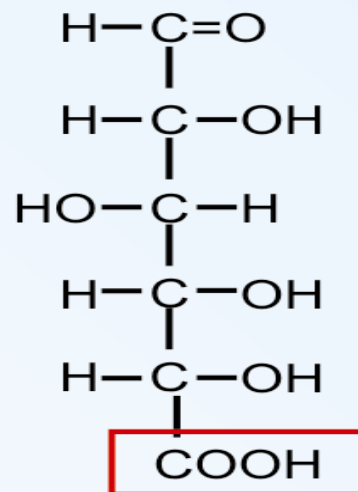
- Last carbone = Uronic acid.
- E.g Glucuronic acid, mannuronic acid
- **Glucuronic acid**
- **Used for conjugation of Billirubin & Toxin**
- **to convert insoluble water to water soluble water**
- **Synthesis of Mucopolysaccharide.**

Under strong oxidative condition

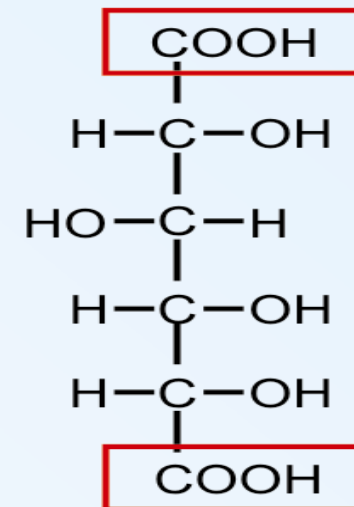
- First & last both carbon oxidized = Dicarboxylic acid (Saccharic acid)
- E.g. Glucosaccharic acid, mannaric acid
- Galactose is converted to mucic acid, which form insoluble crystals, is the basis for identification of galactose.



Gluconic acid

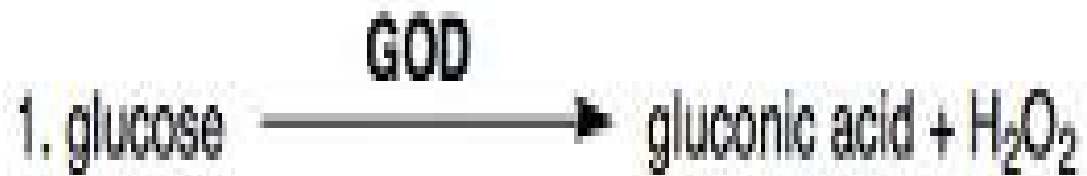


Glucuronic acid



Glucosaccharic acid

GOD – POD Reaction



GOD = Glucose Oxidase

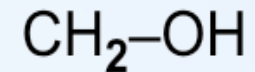
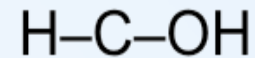
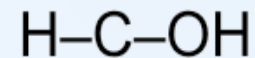
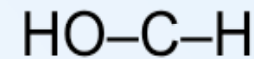
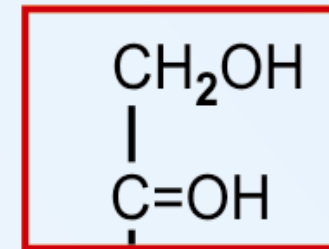
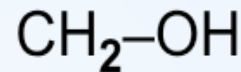
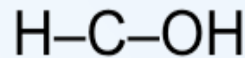
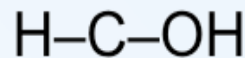
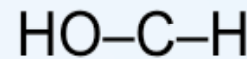
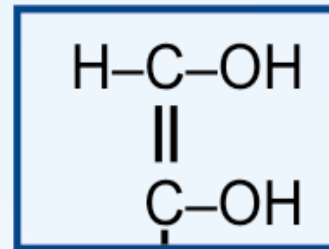
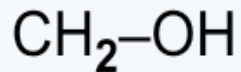
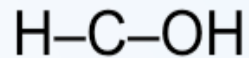
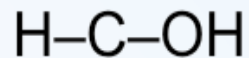
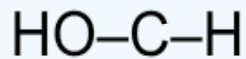
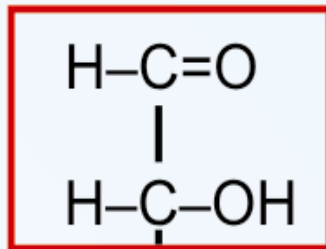
POD = Peroxidase

3. Alkalization

- Free group will tautomerise to form enediol.
- In alkaline medium, glucose is converted into enediol, then it can be converted to fructose or mannose.
- Enediol is highly reactive molecule in alkaline medium

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Enediol formation due to alkalization



Glucose



1, 2-enediol form
(intermediary)

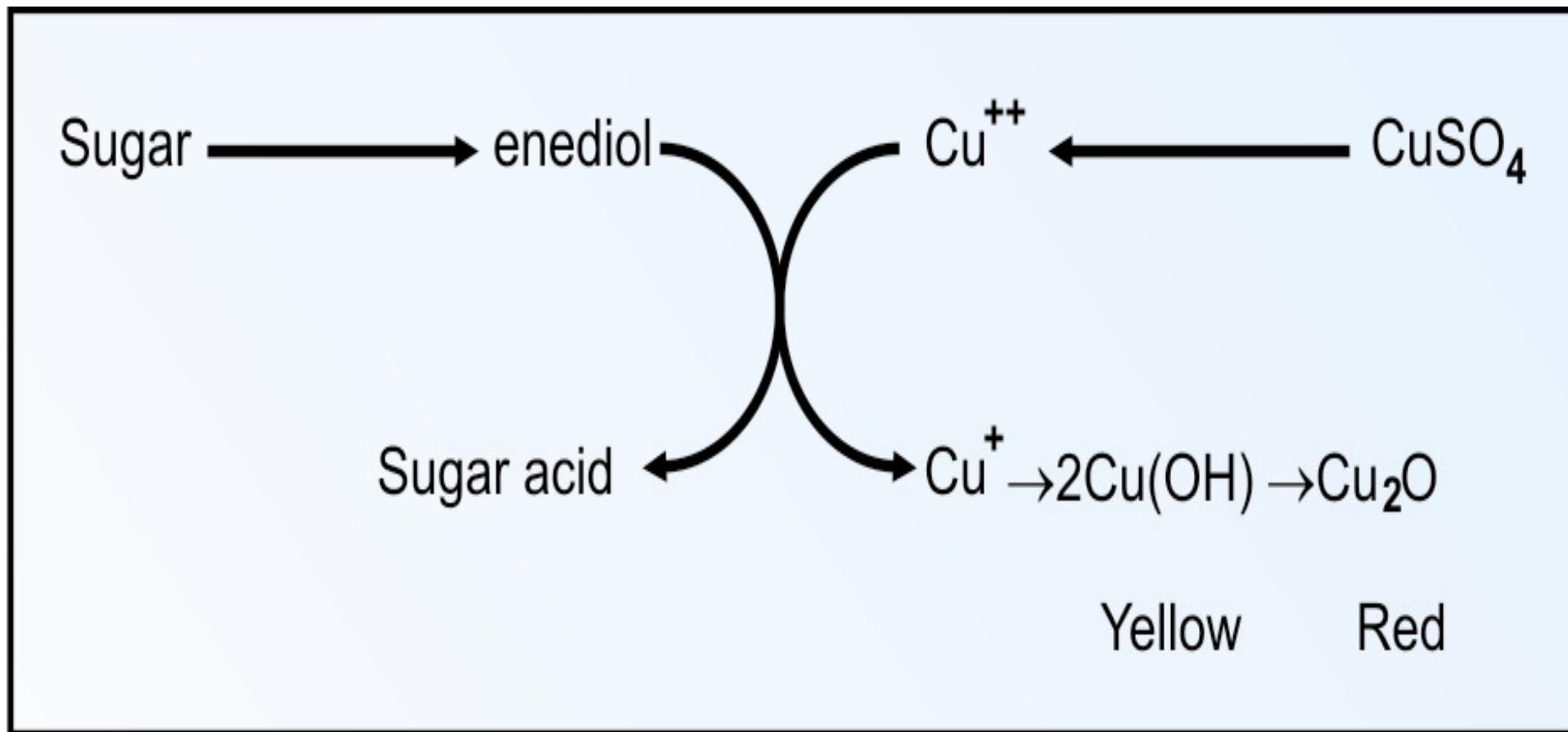


Fructose

Benedict's Reaction

- It is semiquantitative test
 - to detect the reducing sugar in urine.
 - Benedict's reagent contain
 - Sodium carbonate – alkaline medium
 - Copper sulfate -
 - Sodium citrate – stabilizing agent
 - Copper is reduce to produce precepitation
 - **G**reen = 0.5 gm %
 - **Y**ellow = 1.0 gm %
 - **O**range = 1.5 gm %
 - **R**ed = 2.0 gm %
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Principle of Benedict's test for Reducing Sugar



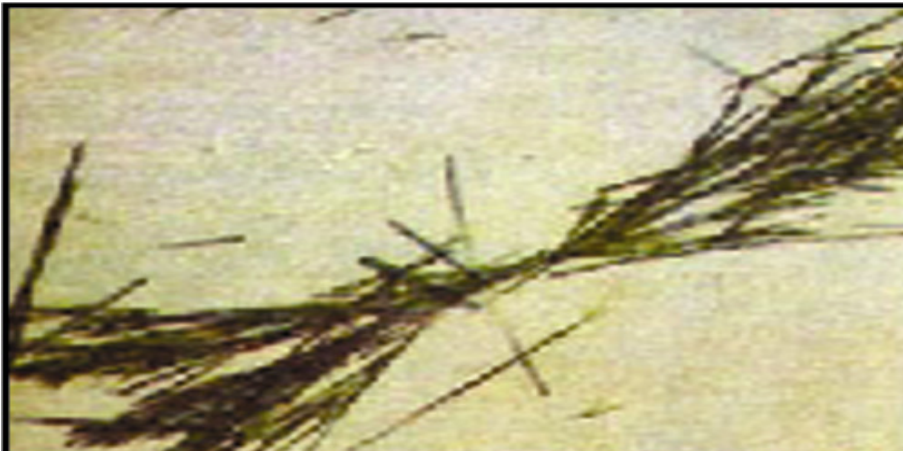
Benedict Test



4. Osazone formation

- All reducing sugar is reacted with phenyl hydrazine
- Useful to differentiate Disaccharides.
 - Glucose --- needle shape
 - Lactose --- pincushion shape
 - Mannose --- sunflower shape
- *Glucose, fructose & maltose form same type osazone ???*

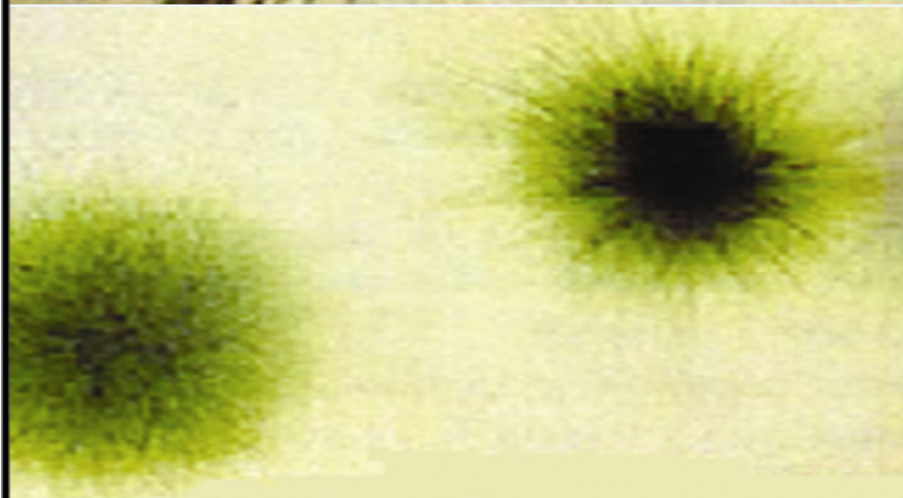
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Needle shaped
crystals arranged like
a broom

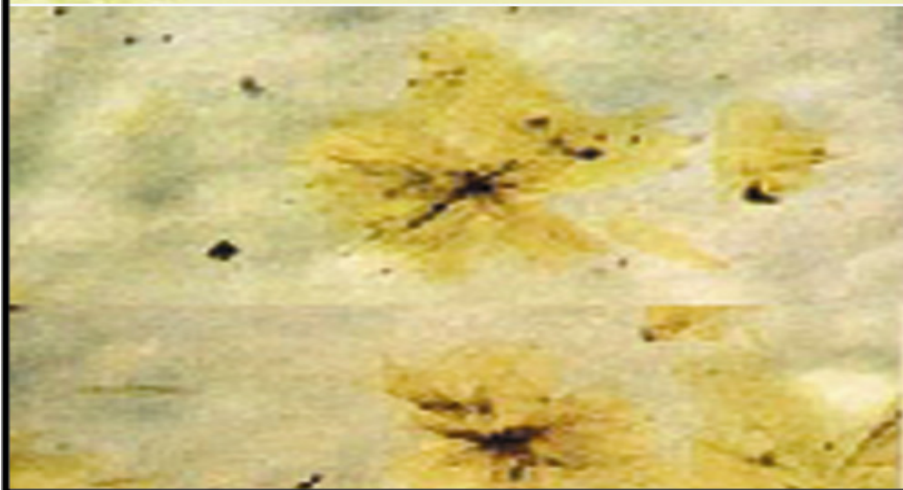
Glucosazone

Glucose, fructose
and mannose will
give same osazone.



Hedgehog or
"pincushion with pins"
or flower of
"touch-me-not-plant"

Lactosazone



Sunflower
shaped or
petal shaped
crystals of

Maltosazone

5. Furfural formation

- Monosaccharides, when treated with concentrated acid, undergo dehydration with removal of 3 molecules of water.
- Hexoses – hydroxymethyl furfural
- Pentoses – furfural
- Furfural reacts with phenolic compounds to give coloured products.
- This forms the basis for **Molisch test**.

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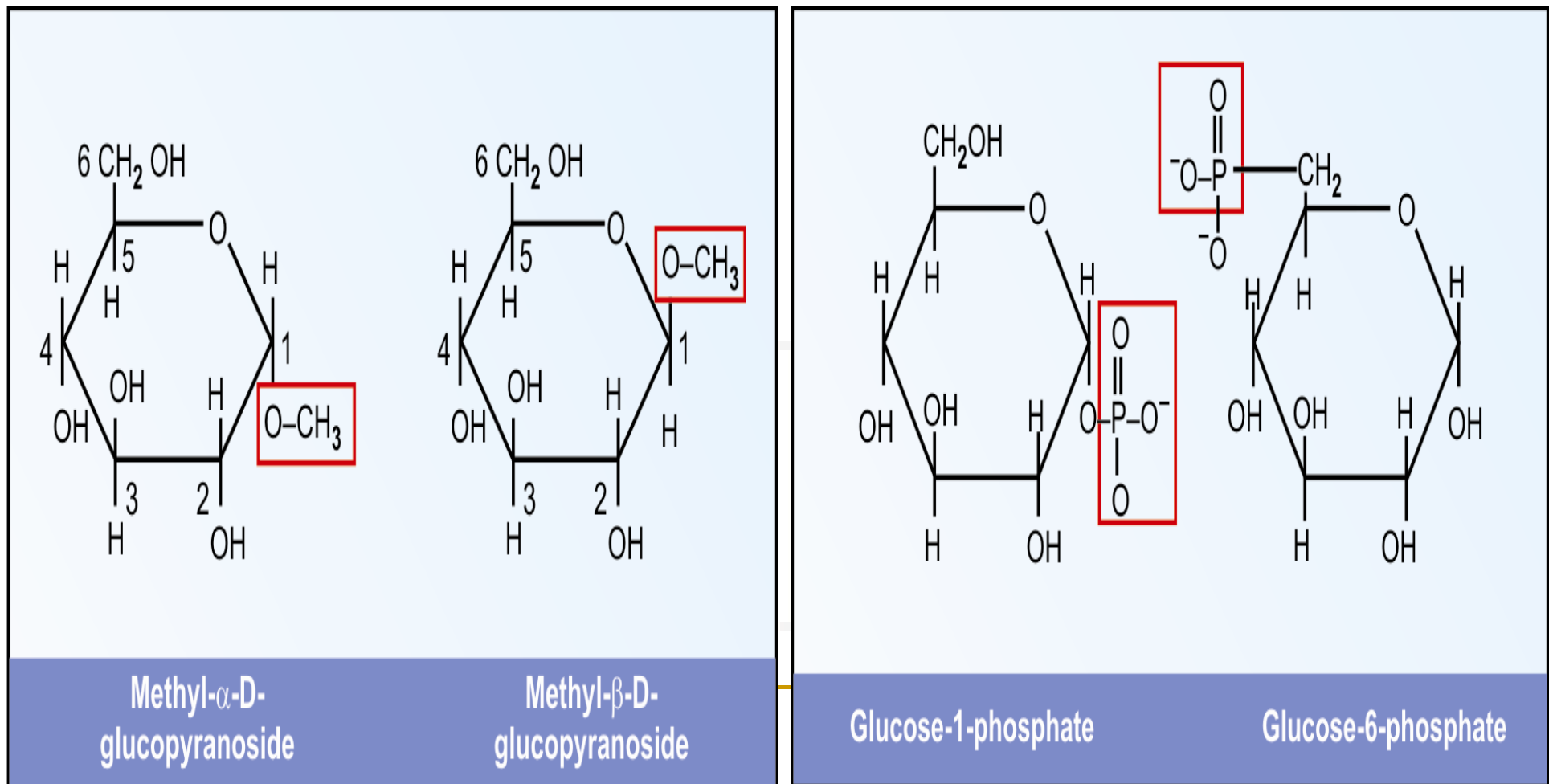
6. Glycosides

- When the semi-acetal group is condensed with an alcohol or phenol group, it is called a glycoside.
 - Glucose + phloretin = Phlorhizin
(renal damage)
 - Galactose / xylose + digitogenin = Digitonin
(cardiac stimulant)
 - Glucose + indoxyl = Plant indican
(Stain)
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7. Formation of Esters

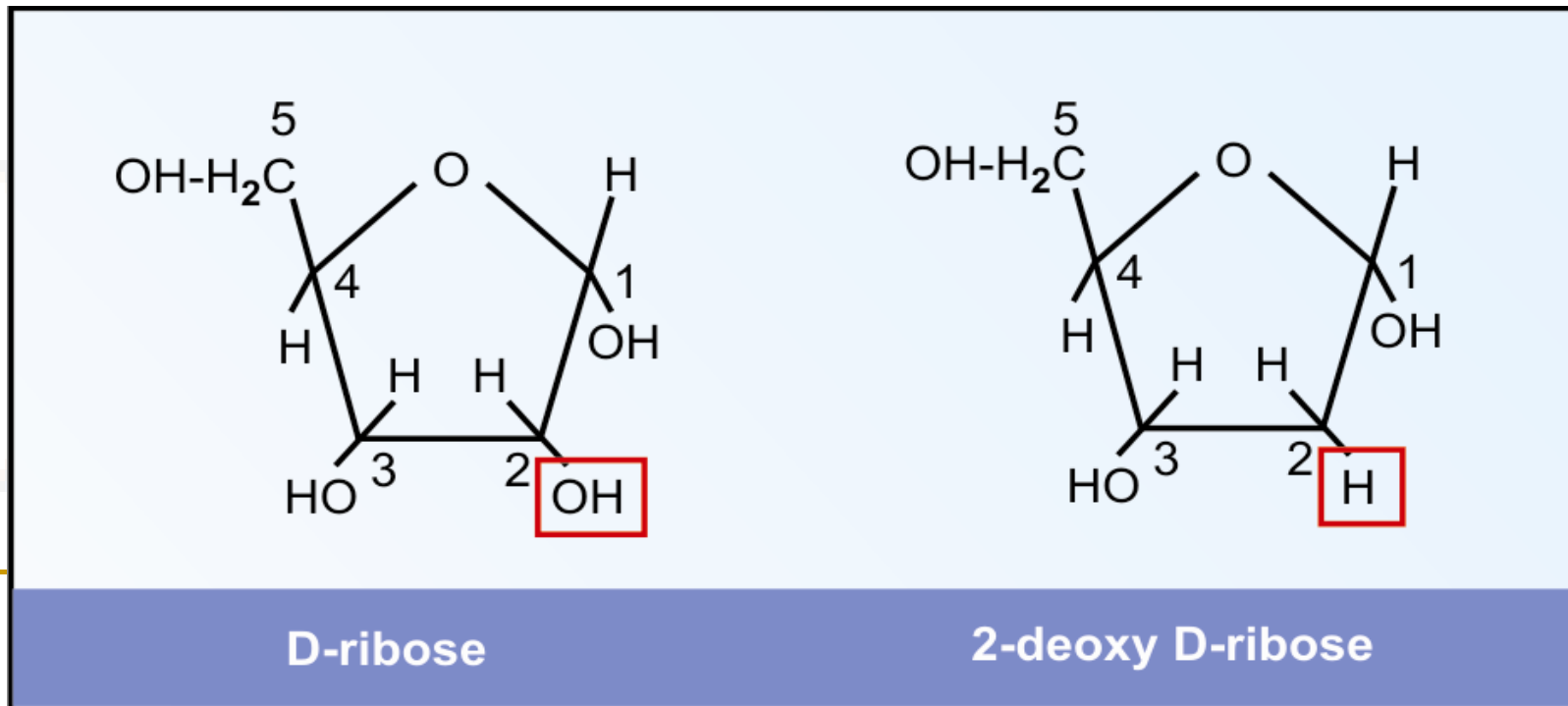
Hydroxyl group of sugar can be esterified to form

e.g. Methylation, phosphorylation, amination



Deoxy Sugars

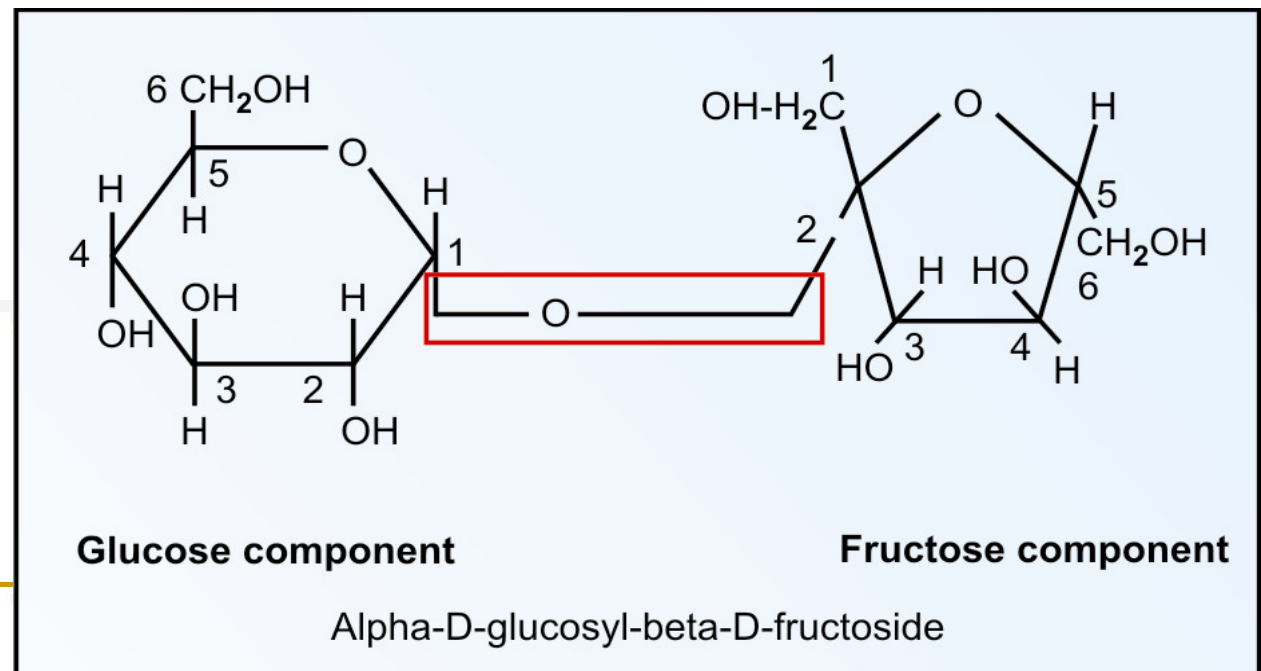
- 6-deoxy-L-galactose (L-fucose) = Present in blood group antigens.
- 6-deoxy-L-mannose (L-rhamnose) = Present in many glycosides.
- Deoxy ribose = ???.....



SUCROSE

Sucrose (+ 66.5°) = Glucose (+52.5°) + Fructose (- 92°)

- Sweetening agent known as cane sugar.
- Sucrase = Invertase
- Non – reducing sugar
- Invert sugar



Starch

- Abundant in Potatoes, Rice, Wheat
- Hydrolysis of Starch, with boiling
 - Amylose (10-20 %) – soluble form
 - Unbranch molecule
 - Alpha 1 – 4 linkage only
 - M.W. > 4,00,000
 - Amylopectine (80-90 %) – Insoluble, gel for
 - Branched molecule
 - alpha 1 – 4 & alpha 1 – 6 linkage
 - M.W. > 10,00,000

Starch

- Iodine test with Starch & it's hydrolysed product
 - Starch – blue colour, Non reducing
 - Amylodextrin – violet colour, Non reducing
 - Erythrodextrin – red colour, Mild reducing
 - Achrodextrine – No colour, Reducing
 - Maltose – No colour, Powerful reducing

- Salivary & Pancreatic amylase split alpha 1 – 4 linkage of starch.

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Glycogen

- Reserve carbohydrate
- Store in muscle & liver
- Glucose unit with alpha 1-4 & 1-6 linkage.
- M.W. 5,00,000
- Primer protein = Glycogenin.
- More branches (at each 3-4 unit) compare to starch (at each 8-9 unit)

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Cellulose

- Chief carbohydrate in plant
- Beta 1 – 4 linkage (cellobiose bridge)
- Cellobiose enzyme require for digestion
- Straight line structure, no branch point.
- Commercial application – synthetic fibers, plastics

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Inulin

- Homoglycan of D - fructose
- Beta 1 – 2 linkage
- Present in chicory, onion, garlic
- Clinical utility to find out
 - Renal clearance value
 - Glomerular filtration rate

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Dextran

- Highly Branched homopolymer of glucose
- Alpha 1-4, 1-6 & 1-3 linkages
- *PLASMA EXPANDER*

Chitin

- Unit of N-acetyl glucosamine
 - Beta 1 - 4 linkages
 - Form Exoskeleton of crustacea & insects.
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Heteroglycans

- More than one type of sugar residue

AGAR

- Contain glucose , galactose & other sugars.
- Dissolve in water at 100^oc, after cooling it form gel
- Can not be digested by bacteria, so it is use as supporting media to culture bacterial colonies.
- immuno diffusion & immuno electrophoresis.

AGAROSE

- Galactose + anhydrogalactose
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Mucopolysaccharides

- Glucosaminoglycans(GAG)
- Uronic acid + amino sugars
- Charged molecule.
- Attract water molecule.
- Produce viscous solution.
 1. Hyaluronic acid
 2. Heparan sulfate
 3. Chondroitin sulphate
 4. Keratan sulphate
 5. Dermatan sulphate

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1. Hyaluronic acid

- ❑ Connective tissue, tendon , synovial fluid, vitreous humor
- ❑ N-acetyl glucosamine + glucuronic acid

2. Heparan sulphate

- ❑ Anticoagulant
- ❑ Activate anti-thrombin iii , which inactivates thrombin, factor x & factor ix
- ❑ Present in liver, lungs,spleen & monocytes
- ❑ Sulphated glucosamine + iduronic acid

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3. Chondroitin sulphate

- ❑ Cartilage , bone tendon
- ❑ N –acetyl galactosamine sulphate + glucuronic acid

4. Keratan sulphate

- ❑ Does not contain any uronic acid
- ❑ Cornea & tendons
- ❑ N-acetyl glucosamine + galactose

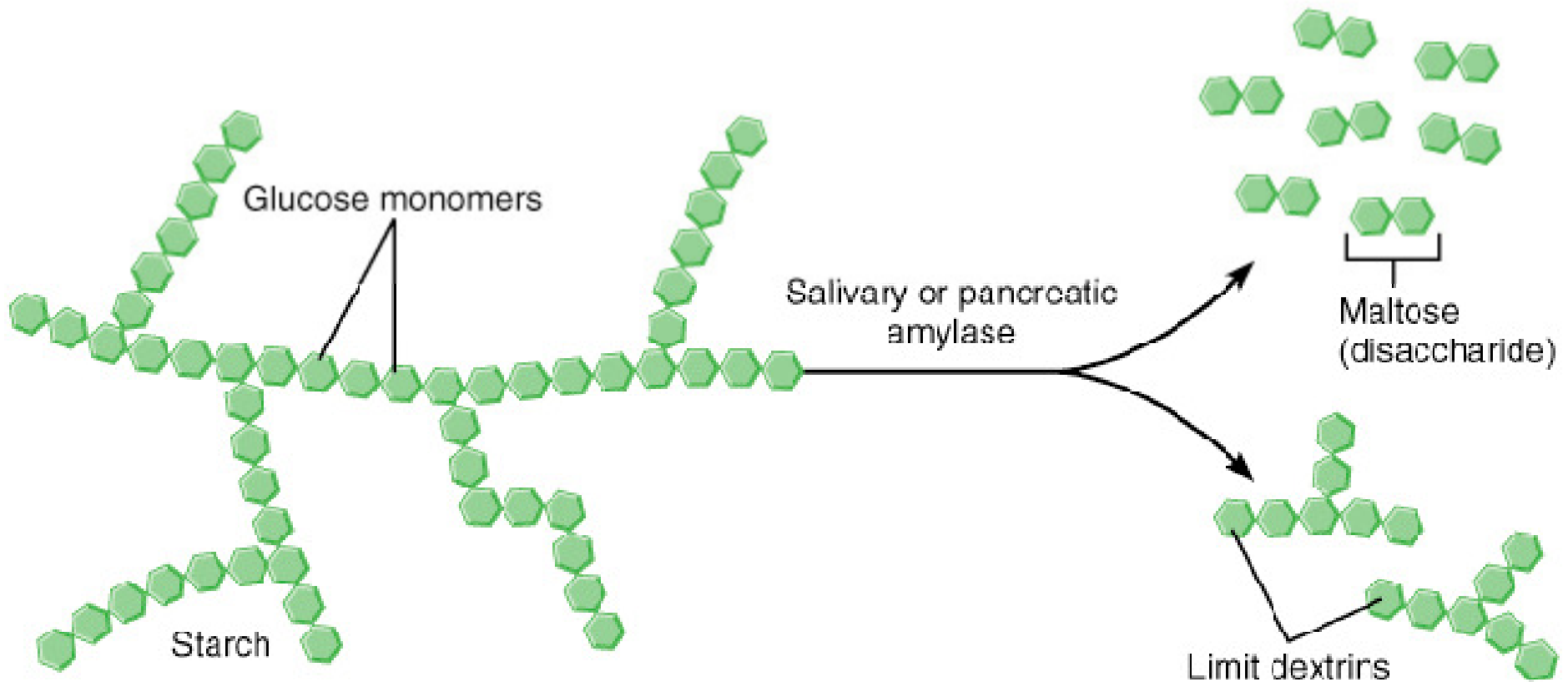
5. Dermatan sulphate

- ❑ Skin , blood vessels , heart valves
 - ❑ N-acetyl galactosamine + iduronic acid
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Digestion & Absorption

- The major dietary polysaccharides
 - Plant (starch, composed of amylose and amylopectin)
 - Animal (glycogen) origin.
- During mastication, salivary α -amylase acts on starch and glycogen.
- Hydrolyzing some $\alpha(1\rightarrow4)$ bonds.
- **They are unable to digest cellulose**— a carbohydrate of plant origin containing $\beta(1\rightarrow4)$ glycosidic bonds between glucose residues.
- Branched amylopectin and glycogen also contain $\alpha(1\rightarrow6)$ bonds, which α -amylase cannot hydrolyze.
- In the stomach, the highly acidic pH inactivates the salivary α -amylase, hence digestion remains incomplete.

Carbohydrate (CHO) Digestion



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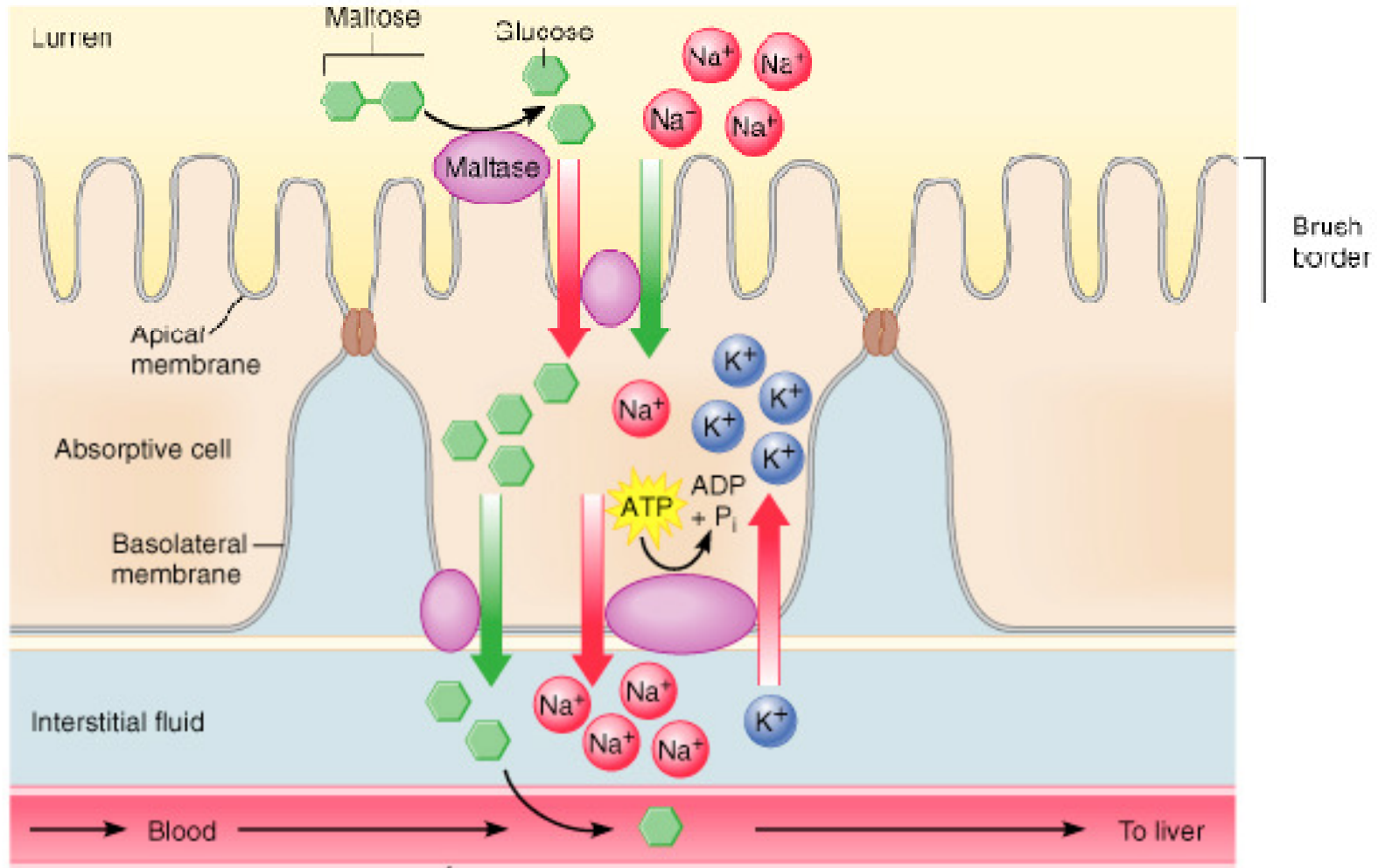
Digestion by pancreatic enzyme

- When the acidic stomach contents reach the small intestine, they are neutralized by bicarbonate secreted by the pancreas, and pancreatic α -amylase continues the process of starch digestion
 - The final digestive processes occur at the mucosal lining of the upper jejunum
 - and include the action of several disaccharidases and oligosaccharidases ([Figure 7.10](#)).
 - For example, isomaltase cleaves the $\alpha(1\rightarrow6)$ bond in isomaltose and maltase cleaves maltose, both producing glucose,
 - sucrase cleaves sucrose producing glucose and fructose,
 - and lactase (β -galactosidase) cleaves lactose producing galactose and glucose.
 - These enzymes are secreted through, and remain associated with, the luminal side of the brush border membranes of the intestinal mucosal cells.
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Digestion by enzyme from intestinal mucosa

- The final digestive processes occur at the mucosal lining of the upper jejunum
 - Include the action disaccharidases and oligosaccharidases.
 - For example,
 - Isomaltase cleaves the $\alpha(1\rightarrow6)$ bond in isomaltose
 - Maltase – maltose = glucose,
 - Sucrase - sucrose = glucose and fructose,
 - Lactase (β -galactosidase) - lactose = galactose +glucose.
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Carbohydrate (CHO) Digestion



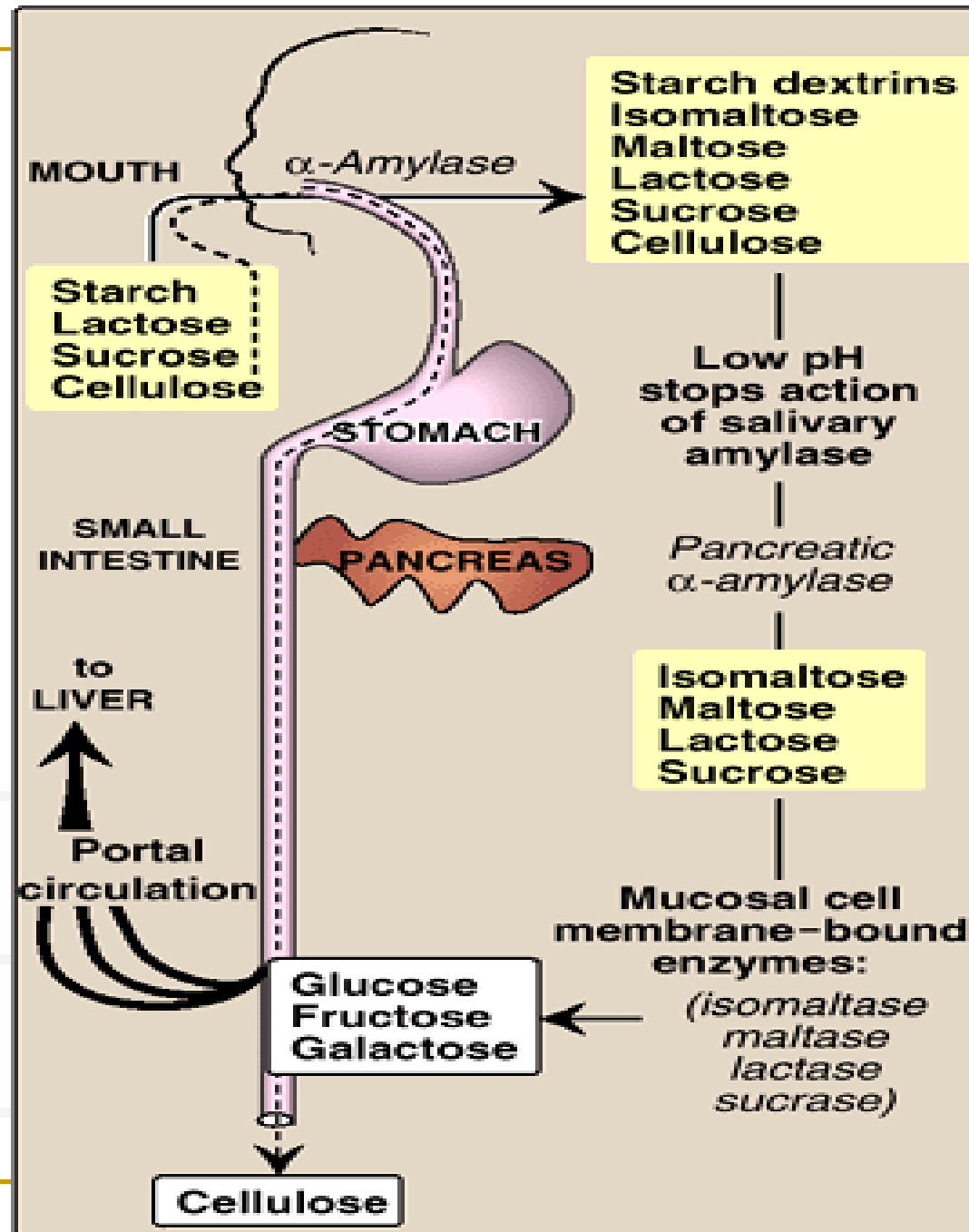


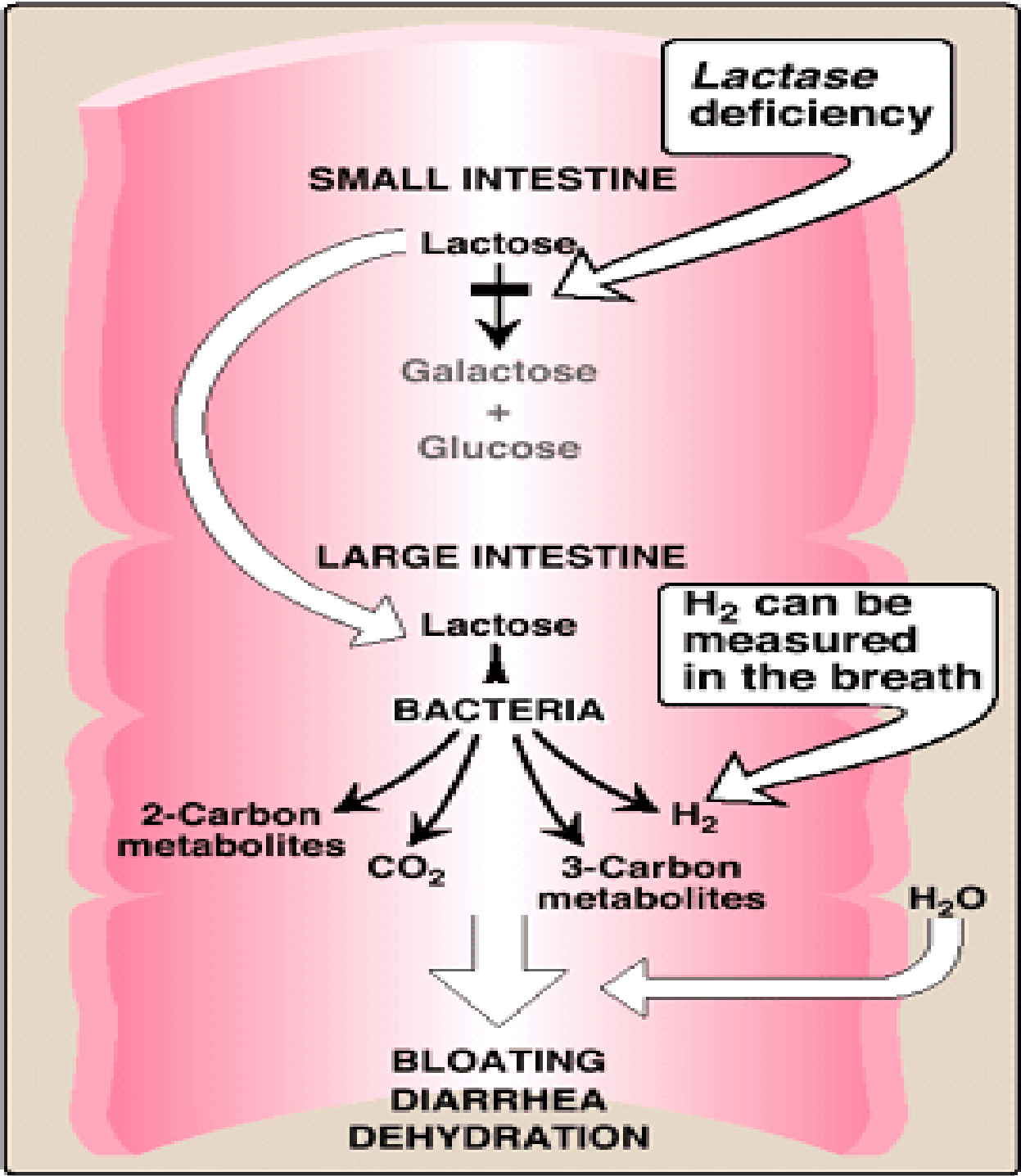
Figure 7-10

Abnormal degradation of disaccharides

- Carbohydrate digestion and absorption is so efficient in healthy individuals
 - All digestible dietary carbohydrate is absorbed as it reaches the lower jejunum.
 - Predominantly monosaccharides are absorbed.
 - Any **defect in a specific disaccharidase** activity of the intestinal mucosa causes the passage of undigested carbohydrate into the large intestine.
 - As a consequence of the presence of this **osmotically active** material, water is drawn from the mucosa into the large intestine, causing **osmotic diarrhea**.
 - This is reinforced by the **bacterial fermentation** of the remaining carbohydrate to two- and three-carbon compounds (which are also osmotically active) plus large volumes of CO₂ and H₂ gas,
 - Causing **abdominal cramps, diarrhea, and flatulence**.
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Lactose intolerance

- More than three quarters of the world's adults are lactose intolerant .
 - They are less able to metabolize lactose.
 - The mechanism by which this age-dependent loss of the enzyme occurs is not clear,
 - but it is determined genetically and represents a reduction in the amount of enzyme protein rather than a modified inactive enzyme.
 - Treatment = to reduce consumption of milk while eating yogurts and cheeses, as well as green vegetables.
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Monosaccharides

