



Allosteric activation by acetyl CoA

During starvation → excessive lipolysis → excessive oxidation of fatty acid into acetyl CoA
→ accumulation of acetyl CoA → activation of pyruvate carboxylase → activation of gluconeogenesis.

Substrate availability:

- The availability of gluconeogenic precursors like glucogenic amino acids → ↑ the hepatic gluconeogenesis.
- ↓ Insulin / glucagon ratio favor the mobilization of amino acids from muscle protein to provide their skeletons for gluconeogenesis.

Substrates for gluconeogenesis:

- Include all intermediates of glycolysis and TCA cycle, glycerol, lactate and the α -keto acids obtained from deamination of glucogenic A.A.s.
- **Glycerol**: obtained from the hydrolysis of the triglycerides in adipose tissue, travels to liver which is phosphorylated and metabolized.
- DHAP is converted into glyceraldehyde 3-P by triose isomerase.
- Lactate: released from the RBC and exercising muscle, carried to the liver by the blood and converted to glucose and released again to blood through Cori cycle.
- Odd chain fatty acids: upon oxidation → propionyl CoA to be converted into succinyl CoA to join TCA cycle.
- α -keto acids: like pyruvate and α -ketoglutarate derived from amino acids alanine and glutamate. These substances enter TCA cycle to provide the oxaloacetate.
- All amino acids can feed into gluconeogenesis except leucine and lysine.

- Acetyl CoA cannot give rise to a net synthesis of glucose because of the irreversible nature of PDH that converts pyruvate to acetyl CoA.

- The Alanine cycle:

- The liver can also use the amino acid alanine similarly to lactate
- Following transamination to pyruvate, gluconeogenesis allows the liver to convert it to glucose for secretion into the blood