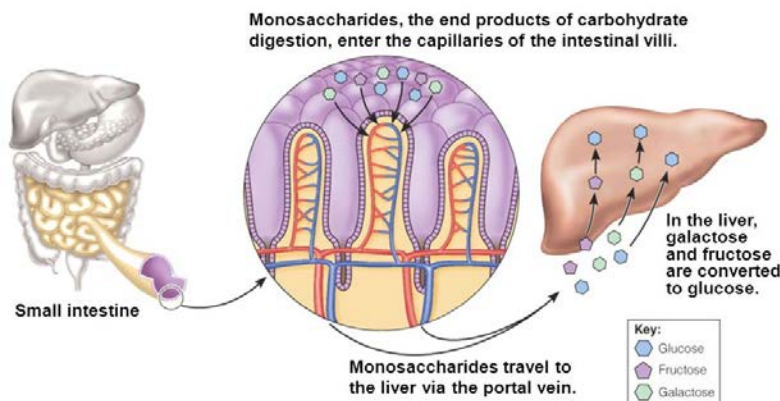




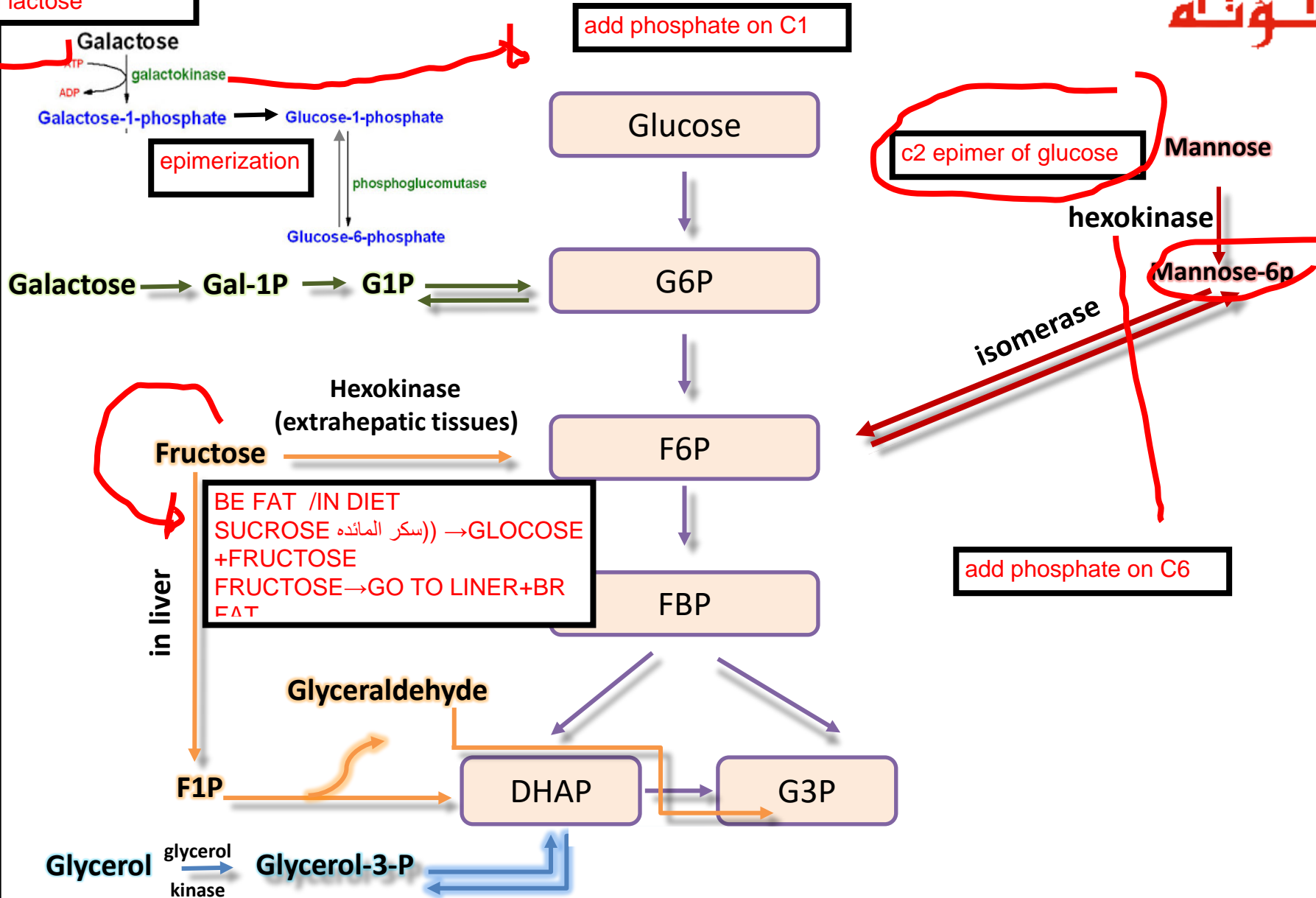
# Fructose & Galactose Metabolism



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# Other substrates enter Glycolysis



# Fructose Sources



- **Dietary Sources of Fructose:**

1. Sucrose (table sugar) consists of glucose and **fructose**



2. Free fructose: fruits (**fruit sugar**)  
honey, vegetables



3. Sweetener: **High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS)**



HIGH INTAKE OF FRUCTOSE FROM UNHEALTHY SOURCE  
ASSOCIATION WITH  
1-NAFLD /2- DIABETES /3-OBESITY  
4-↑BP/5-↑ COLESTROL LEVEL  
NEGATIVE IMPACT  
السكر البديل يزيد كل الي فوق 3-

THERE ARE THREE SOURCE OF FRUCTOSE  
1- SACROSE>GLOCOSE+ FRCTOSE + UNHEALTHY SOURCE →ALOT OF FRCTOSE SO IT WILL BE FAT  
2- FRUTIS / HONEY  
A-SMALLER AMOUNT THAN SACROSE  
B-HIGH FIBER CONTENT SO ↓FRUCTOSE ABSORPTION  
3- CORN FLEX/ SODA /CAKE ....

# Fructose Absorption

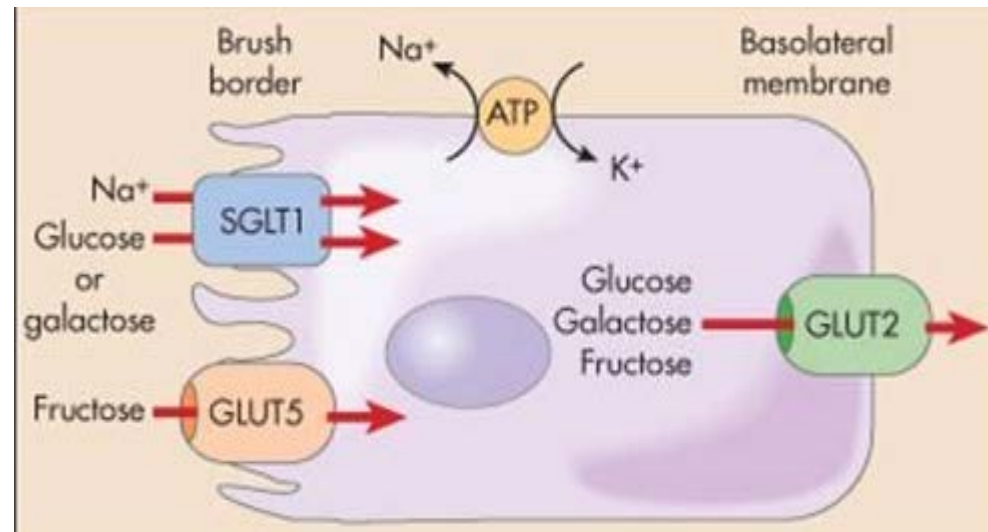


NON INSULIN DEPENDENT

- Free fructose is absorbed from intestinal lumen through GLUT5 found at the apical membrane of the intestinal absorptive cells (enterocytes)
- Fructose then crosses to blood capillaries through GLUT2 at the basolateral membrane
- Fructose absorption and entrance into cells is insulin independent
- Glucose and Galactose are absorbed via SGLT1 at the apical end and then through GLUT2 at the basolateral membrane.

NON INSULIN DEPENDENT

ABSORPTION OF GLUCOSE/GALACTOSE  
DEPENDENT ON SGLT1

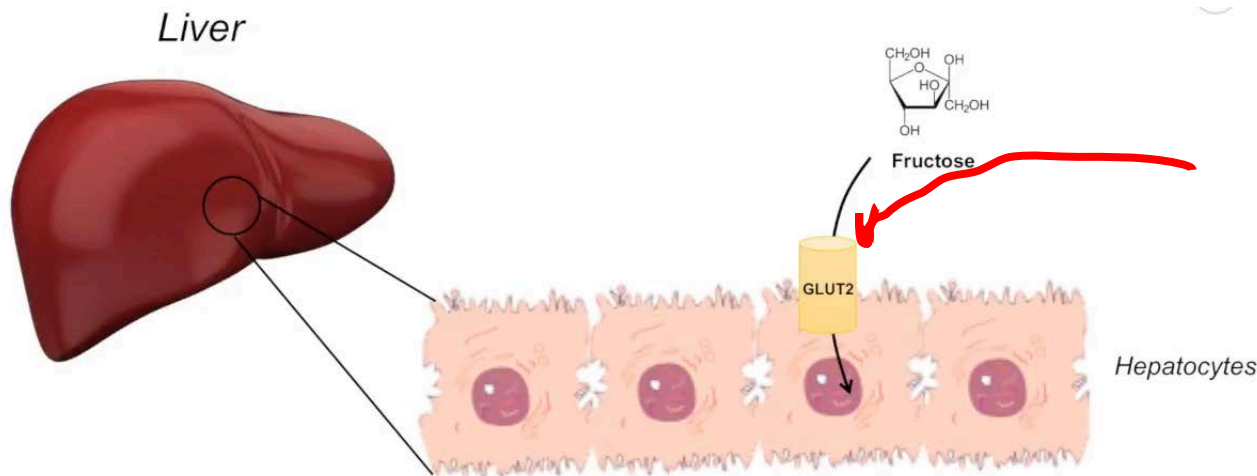


# Fructose Metabolic Pathways



- Fructose can be metabolized by one of two metabolic pathways:

- Major Pathway (called Fructose-1-phosphate) in Liver



- Minor Pathway in other tissues (Extrahepatic cells like kidney and testis)

the fructose is phosphorylated by hexokinase and the generated fructose-6-phosphate directly joins the glycolysis

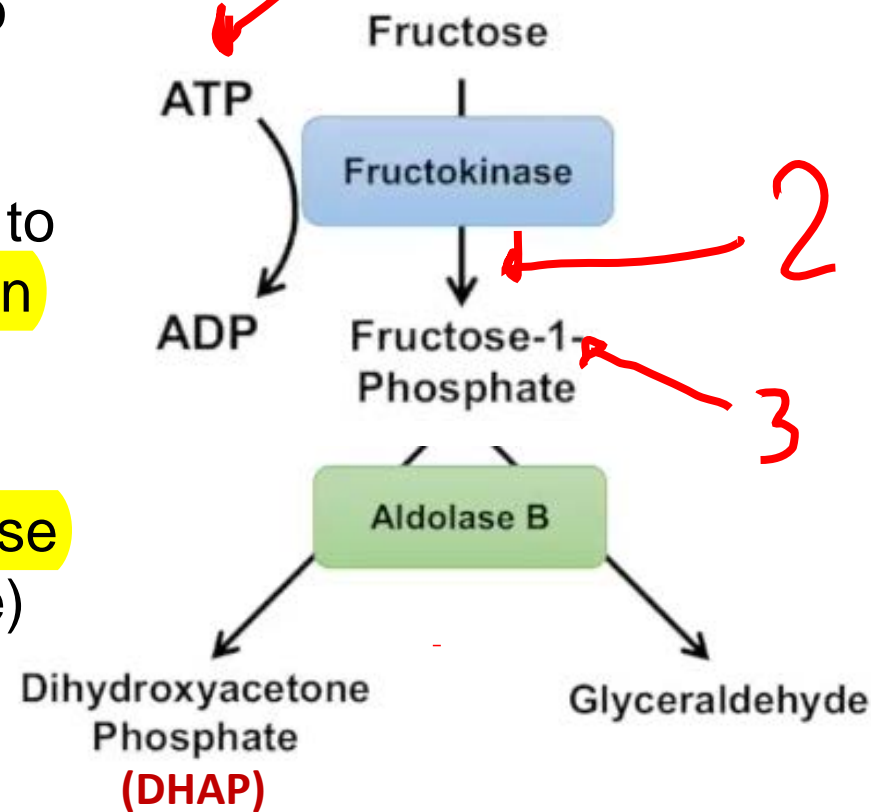
# Fructose Metabolism in Liver



- Fructose-1-phosphate (F-1-P) pathway (**Fructolysis**) consists of 3 steps:

MAI LY EXPRESSED IN  
LIVER CELLS

1. Phosphorylation of fructose by the hepatic enzyme **fructokinase** to generate fructose-1-phosphate. This step is important to trap fructose inside hepatocytes and to destabilize fructose (an activation step)
2. The cleavage of F-1-P by **aldolase b** (also known as F-1-P Aldolase) to produce dihydroxyacetone phosphate (**DHAP**) and glyceraldehyde



## ABOUT aldolase

A-ALDOASE B → MAINLY EXPRESSED IN LIVER CELLS

B- ALDOASE HAVE 3 ISOMERS  
THEY ARE DIFFERENT IN **THERE**

### **SUBSTRATE AND PRODUCT**

1-ISOMER A

2- ISOMER B → START WITH F-1-P AND GIVE  
→ DHAP + GLYCERALDEHYDE

3-ISOMER C

A+C → GLUCOSE METABOLISM

B → FRUCTOSE METABOLISM

C+A GIVE → DHAP + GLYCERALDEHYDE 3-PHOSPHATE

## ABOUT DHAP

DHAP → BE GLYCERALDEHYDE 3-PHOSPHATE →  
SO CONTINUE GLYCOLYSIS

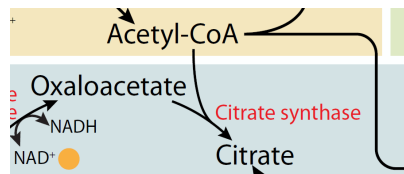
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LINK BETWEEN FAT AND CARB METABOLISM →  
IT IS CONVERT INTO GLYCEROL-3-P → FAT

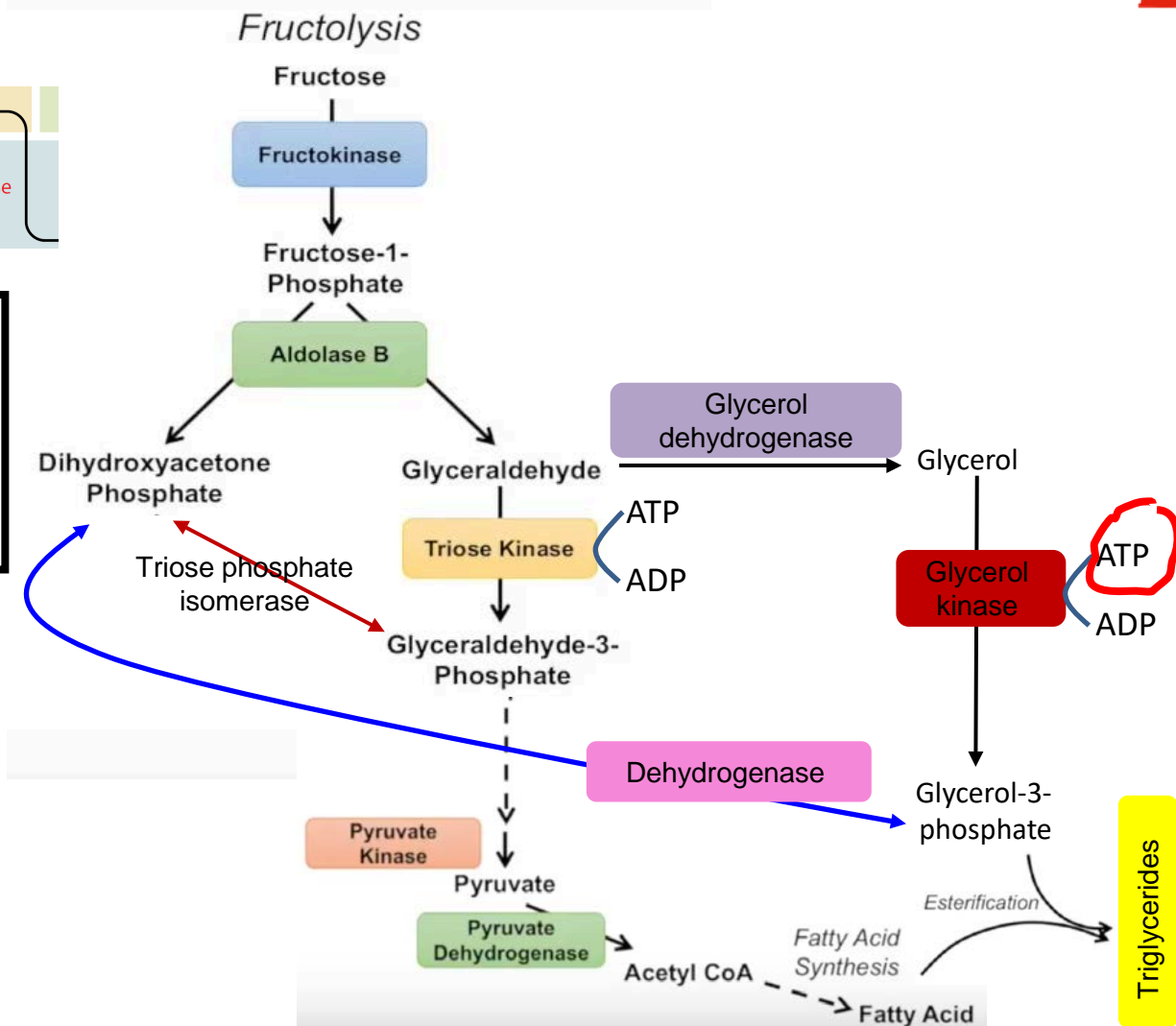
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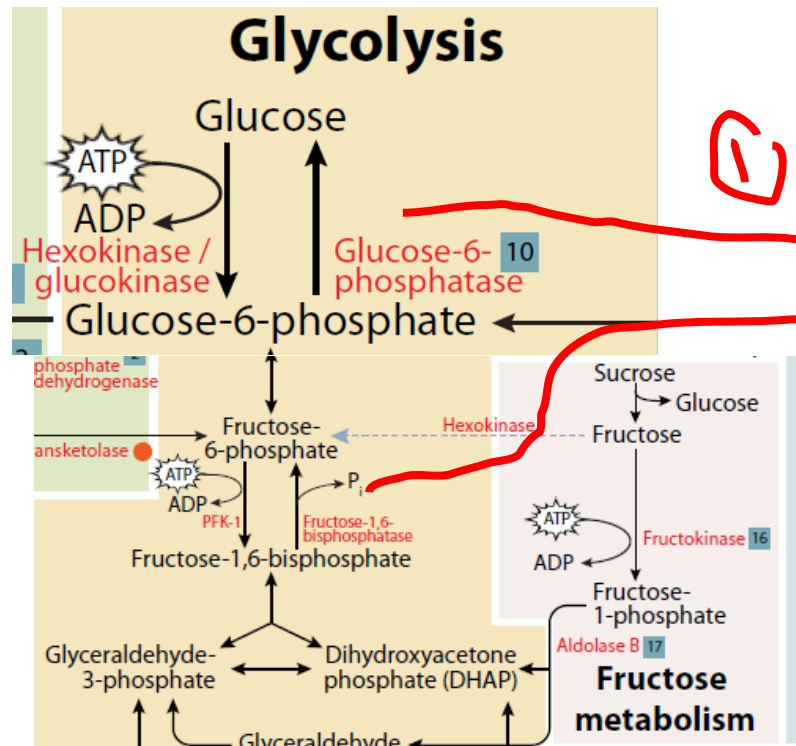
# Fructose Metabolism in Liver



BE ACETYL-COA → BE CITRATE (IN MITOCHONDRIA) → THEN GO TO CYTOPLASM AND SEPARATE TO O.A AND ACETYL-COA WHICH USED IN FA SYNTHESIS







REGUATORY STEP ARE SKIPPED (1+3) IN GLYCOLYSIS SO THE FRUCTOLYSIS HAVE LITTLE REGULATION COMPARED THE GLYCOLYSIS → FRUCTOSE → CONVERT TO FAT WITHOUT REGULATION → ACUMALTION OF FA IN LIVER → FATTY LIVER + DIABTES + OBESTY\$

# Fructose Metabolism in Liver



3. Phosphorylation of glyceraldehyde to form **glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate (GAP)** by **triose kinase**. Alternatively, glyceraldehyde is reduced to glycerol by **glycerol dehydrogenase** then phosphorylated by **glycerol kinase** to produce **glycerol-3-phosphate (reversibly converted to DHAP)**
  4. **DHAP is** reversibly converted by isomerase to GAP so can join the glycolysis at this point.
- **Conclusion:** **DHAP** and **glyceraldehyde** are very important intermediates which connect **carbohydrates** with **lipid** metabolism

DAIBTIC PATIENT

MTEABOLISM OF :

1-GLUCOSE → A LOT OF INSULIN-DEPENTENT STEP

2-FRUCTOSE → NO INSULIN DEPENDENT STEP

SO IT WAS USED FOR DAIBTIC PATIENT AS A alternative OF GLUCOSE BUT, RECENTLY FOUND THAT ITS ASSOASTION WITH SOME HEALTH PROBLRM SUCH WE SAID BEFORE

# Fructose and Obesity

MOST T.G IN HUMAN IS FROM FRUCTOSE BACKBONE

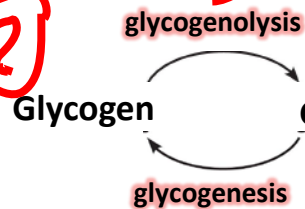


## • Fates of fructose metabolism intermediates in liver.

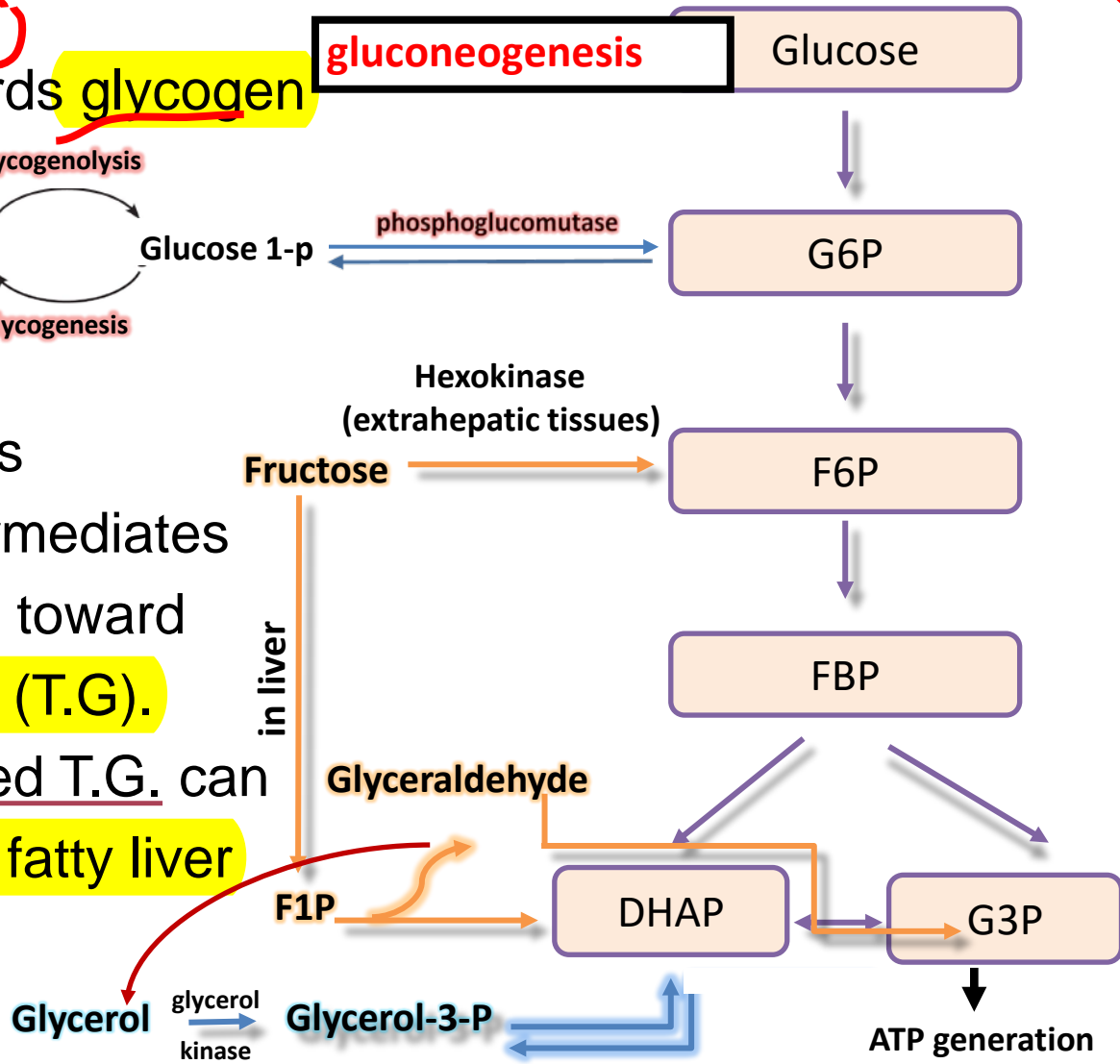
**FIRST SYNTHESIS OF ATP**

**gluconeogenesis**

1. Mainly directed towards **glycogen replenishment**



2. Once liver glycogen is replenished, the intermediates are primarily directed toward **triglyceride synthesis (T.G).** Prolonged unregulated T.G. can lead to **non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and obesity**





# Abnormalities in Fructose Metabolism

## • Inborn errors in fructose metabolism:

1. **Essential fructosuria:** deficiency of the hepatic fructokinase enzyme which results in the incomplete metabolism of fructose in the liver and consequently its excretion in the urine unchanged. It does not require a treatment as it is asymptomatic (**benign condition**)
2. **Hereditary fructose intolerance (HFI):** deficiency of the aldolase B enzyme which results in the accumulation of fructose-1-phosphate (**severe condition**). Symptoms: vomiting, abdominal pain, **hypoglycemia**, **Jaundice**, hemorrhage, **hepatomegaly** and **renal failure**. It can be treated by limiting fructose intake (fructose, sucrose and sorbitol).

SORBITOL → OXIDATION → FRUCTOSE

## • Reduced phosphorylation potential:

Intravenous (I.V.) infusion of fructose can lower the phosphorylation potential of liver cells by trapping  $P_i$  due to phosphorylation of fructose by fructokinase. Additionally, fructose in high amounts is lipogenic so fructose is contraindicated for total parenteral nutrition (TPN) solutions

## Essential fructosuria

- 1-NO TRAP OF FRUCTOSE IN LIVER BECAUSE NO PHOSPHORYLATION
- 2-MILD TYPE
- 3-↓FRUCTOSE IN DIET OR NO THING TO DO
- 4-AFFECT LIVER ONLY OTHER TISSUE(MINOR PATHWAY) IT WILL BE USED AS NORMAL

## Intravenous (I.V.) infusion of fructose

FRUCTOKINASE IS RAPID PROCESS BUT SPLITTING BY ALDOSE IS SLOW SO GIVE A LOT OF FRUCTOSE IV IN BLOOD → SHOCK TO LIVER LIKE TO HFI  
IT IS TRANSIENT PROBLEM BUT HE WILL HAVE SAME SYMPTOMS LIKE HFI  
SO WE GIVE parenterally DEXTROSE not fructose

## Hereditary fructose intolerance (HFI):

HFI→

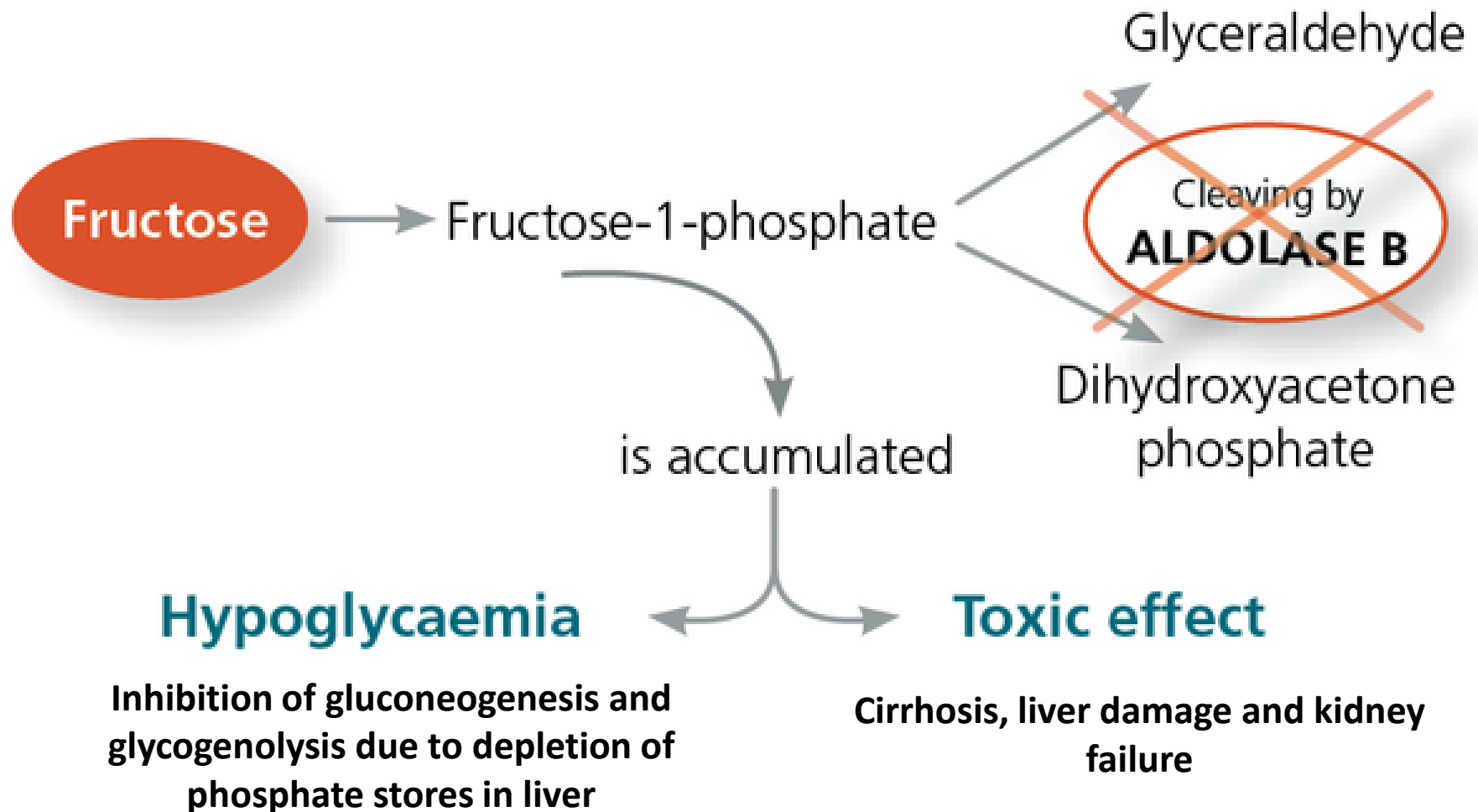
1- MORE SEVERE

2-CAUSE OF SYMPTOMS DUE TO→ ↓ INORGANIC PHOSPHATE STORED IN LIVER →BECAUSE FRUCTOSE ENTER TO LIVER → CONVERTED TO F-1-P →TRAP INORGANIC PHOSPHATE → WE CAN NOT RECYCLE IT (BY ALDOLASE B ) FROM F-1-P SO OTHER PATHWAY DEPENDENT ON PHOSPHATE↓↓ →HYPOGLYCEMIA

3-DAMAGE IN LIVER →CAUSE ● BY↓ PHOSPHATE→↓ELC→↓ATP(ENERGY) FOR LIVER CELL→HEPATIC CELL DEATH

4-TREATMENT →↓↓ FRUCTOSE INTAKE

# Hereditary Fructose Intolerance (HFI)



# Dietary Fructose Intolerance (DFI)

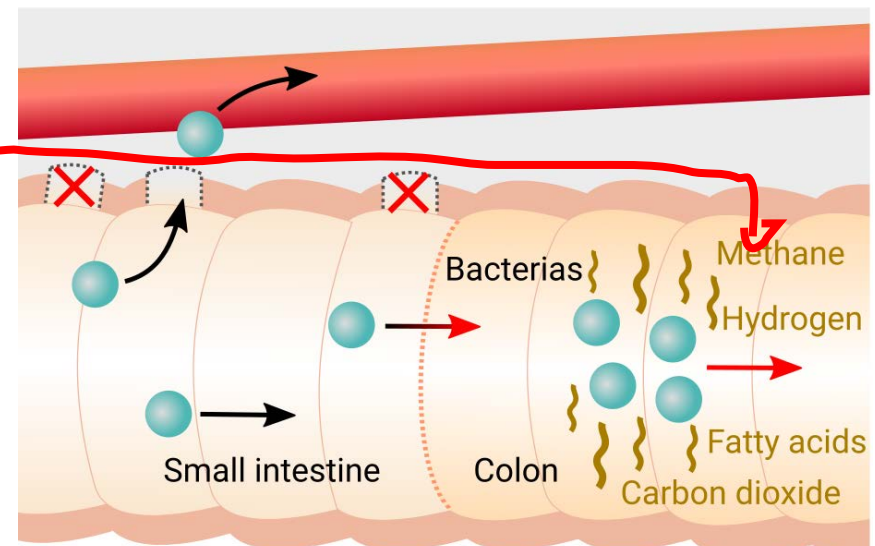


- Dietary Fructose Intolerance (**DFI**): is also known as **fructose malabsorption** due to impaired absorption of fructose from small intestine as result of deficiency in fructose carriers (GLUT5)
- Symptoms: abdominal pain & cramps, diarrhea, bloating and flatulence, nausea

SORBITOL  
→OXIDATION→FRU  
CTOSE

IT WILL REACH COLON  
GIVE

## Fructose malabsorption





# Galactose Sources



- **Dietary Sources of Galactose:**

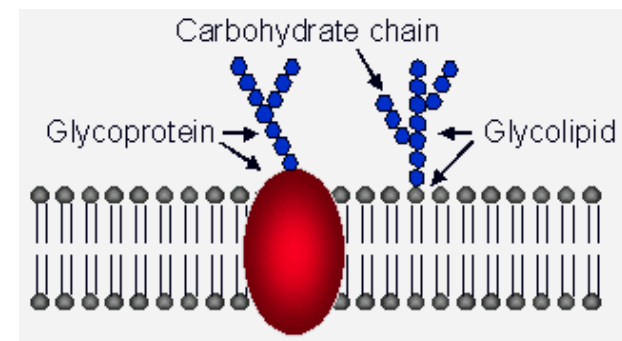
1. Lactose (milk sugar) consists of glucose and **galactose**



2. Free galactose: **fruits & vegetables** such as **avocadoes**, papaya, **bananas**, **apples**



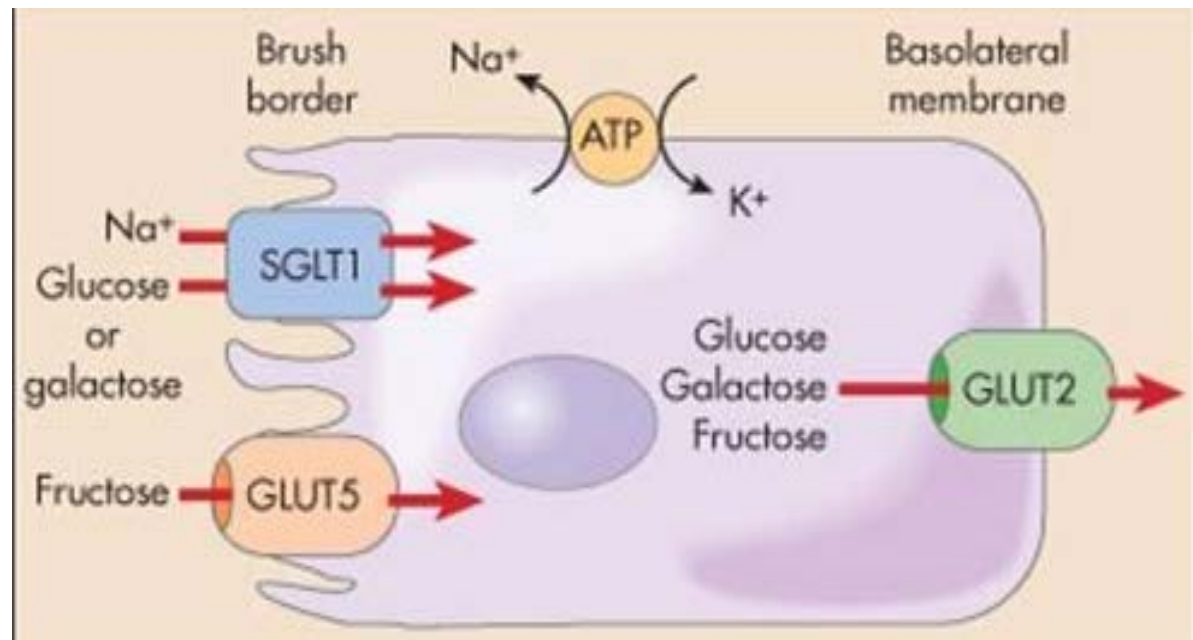
3. Obtained also from lysosomal **degradation of complex CHO** (e.g. glycoproteins and glycolipids which are important membrane components)



# Galactose Absorption



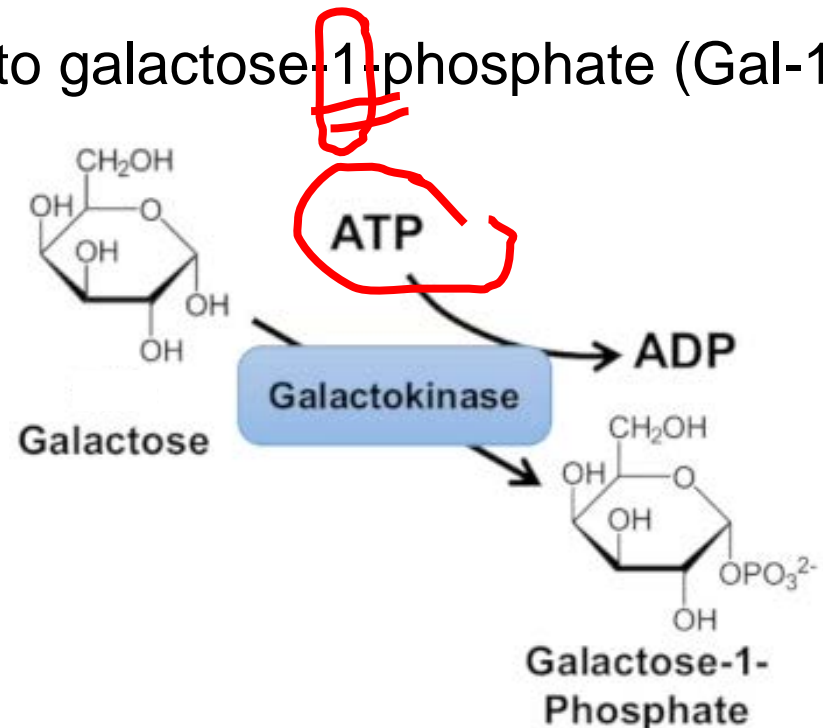
- Free galactose is absorbed from intestinal lumen through **SGLT1** (**sodium dependent**) found at the apical membrane of the intestinal absorptive cells (**enterocytes**)
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- Galactose absorption and entrance into cells is **insulin independent**



# Galactose Metabolism



- Unlike glucose, galactose as well as fructose do not have their own catabolic pathways and should be metabolized into molecules which are part of the **glycolysis**
- Galactose is metabolized to **glucose-6-phosphate** in 3 steps:
  1. Phosphorylation of galactose to galactose-1-phosphate (Gal-1-p) by galactokinase (**trapping and destabilization**)



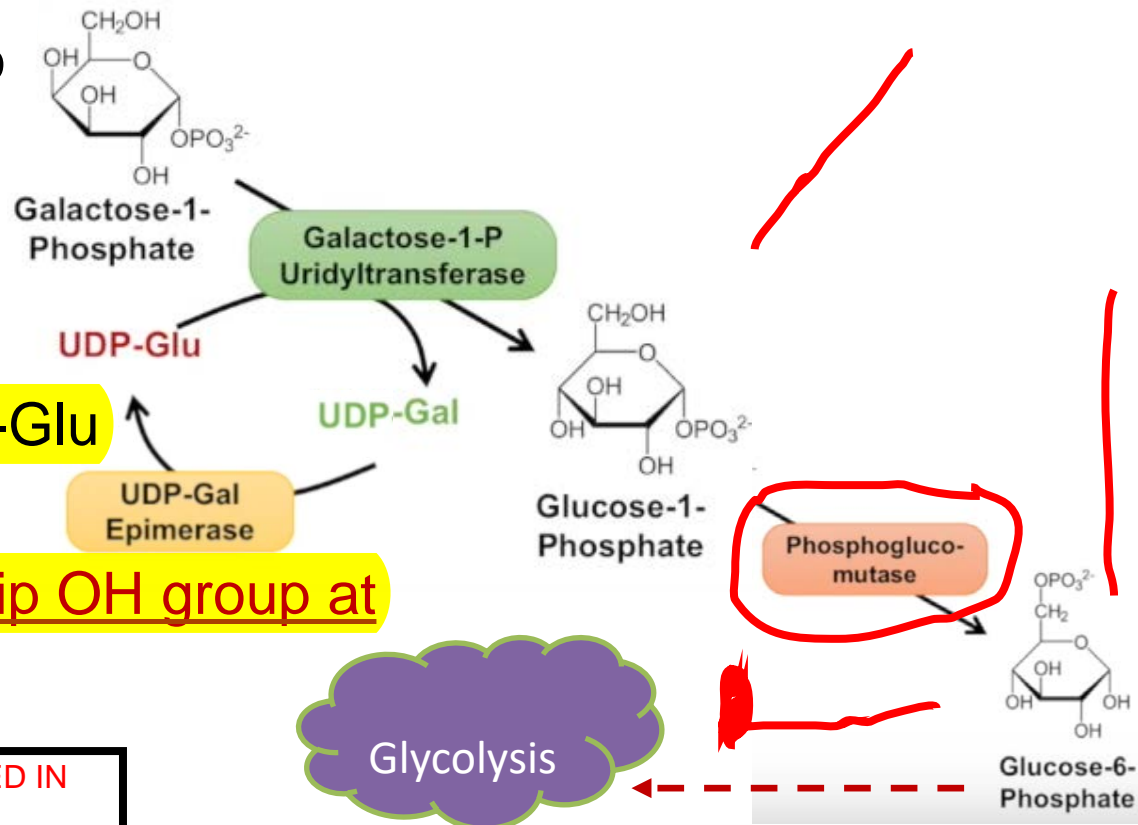
# Galactose Metabolism



2. Gal-1-p Uridyltransferase enzyme transfers **uridine monophosphate (UMP)** group to Gal-1-p forming **UDP galactose** and **glucose-1-phosphate**

3. Glu1-p is converted to glu6-p by the enzyme **phosphoglucomutase (reversible)**

4. Regeneration of **UDP-Glu** from **UDP-Gal** using **epimerase enzyme (flip OH group at C4 from up to down)**



# Galactosemia



- Galactosemia: is a rare genetic disorder characterized by the inability to metabolize galactose due to deficiency in one of the three **enzymes involved in galactose metabolism:**

