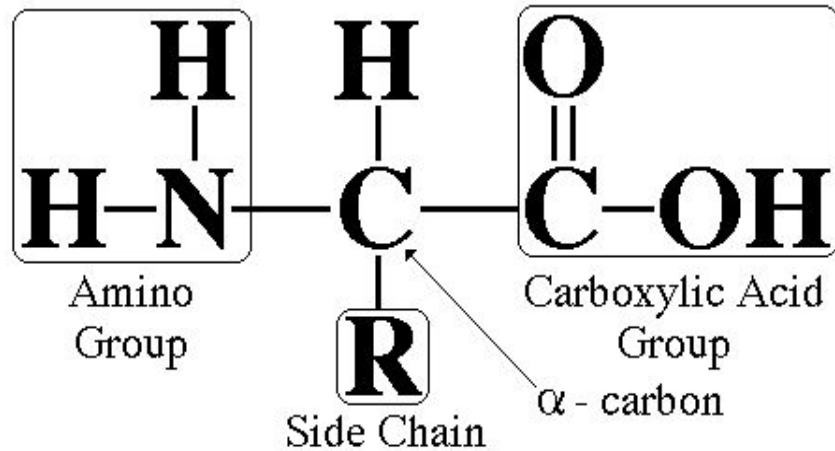


Amino Acid Structure



AMINO ACID CLASSIFICATION

	Non-Polar	Polar
Alpha Helix	A C L M	N E H K R
Beta Strand	V I F Y W	T Bulky
Turn	G Short P	S N D

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Amino Acid Metabolism

Learning Objectives

- **Amino acid classification (0.5 h)**
- **Amino acid digestion and absorption (0.5 h)**
- **Amino acid metabolism (1.5 h)**
- **Interorgan flow of amino acids and organ-specific metabolism (1.5 h)**

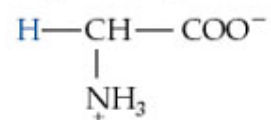
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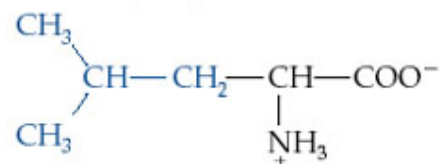
Table 7.1 Structural Classification of Amino Acids.

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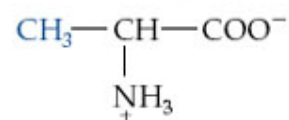
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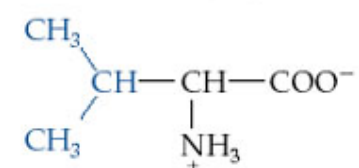
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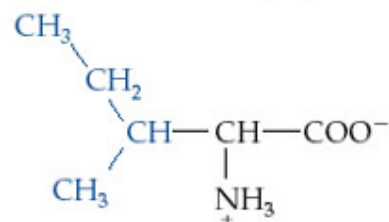
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Valine (Val)

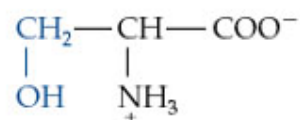


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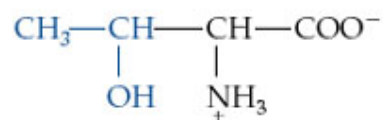


2. *With side chains containing hydroxylic (OH) groups**

Serine (Ser)

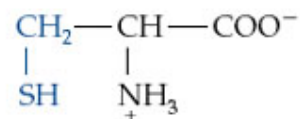


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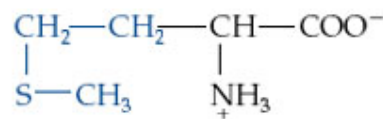


3. *With side chains containing sulfur atoms*

Cysteine (Cys)

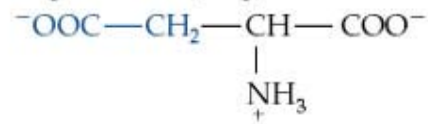


Methionine (Met)

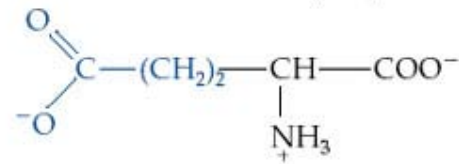


4. With side chains containing acidic groups or their amides

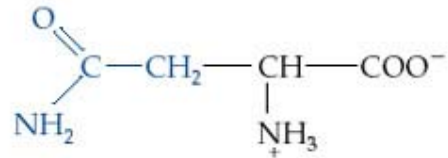
Aspartic acid (Asp)



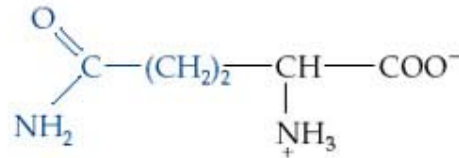
Glutamic acid (Glu)



Asparagine (Asn)

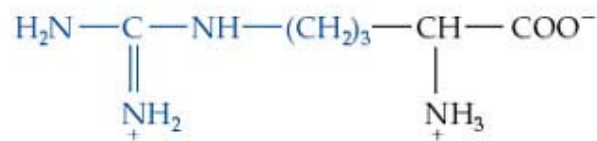


Glutamine (Gln)

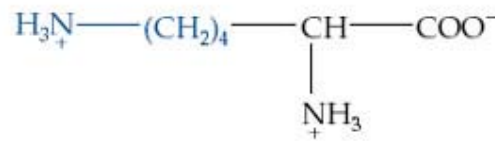


5. With side chains containing basic groups

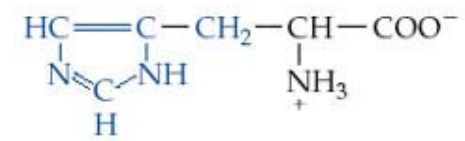
Arginine (Arg)



Lysine (Lys)

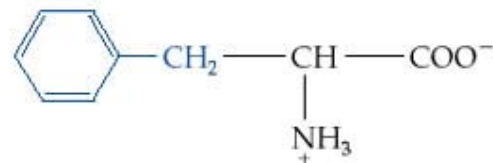


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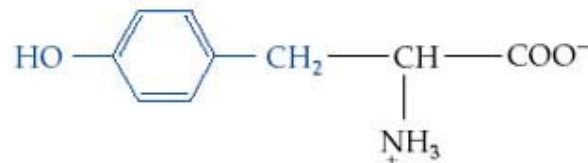


6. With side chains containing aromatic ring

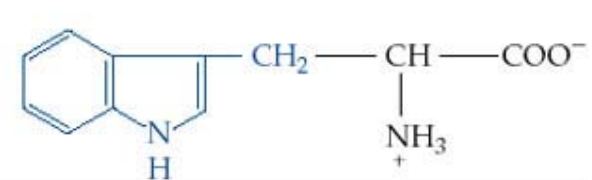
Phenylalanine (Phe)



Tyrosine (Tyr)



Tryptophan (Trp)

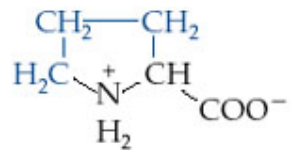


* Although tyrosine contains a hydroxyl group, it is classified as an amino acid containing an aromatic ring (see Group 6).

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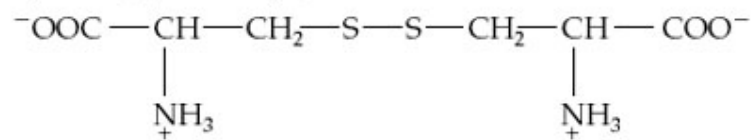
7. *Imino acids*

Proline (Pro)

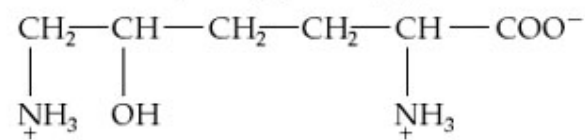


8. *Amino acids formed posttranslationally*

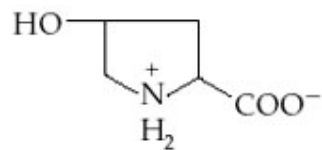
Cystine (Cys-S-S-Cys)



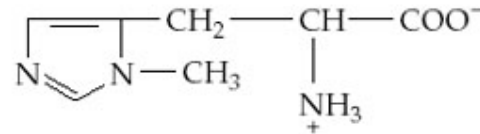
Hydroxylysine (Hyl)



Hydroxyproline (Hyp)



3-methylhistidine (3-meHis)



Essential (indispensable) amino acids (EAAs)

- **BCAAs: leucine, isoleucine, valine (branched-chain amino acids; BCAAs)**
- **basic AAs: lysine (totally indispensable), arginine (conditional), histidine (infant)**
- **aromatic AAs: tryptophan, phenylalanine**
- **hydroxylic AA: threonine (totally indispensable)**
- **AA with sulfur atom: methionine**

Table 7.2 Some Enzymes Responsible for the Digestion of Protein

Zymogen	Enzyme or Activator	Enzyme	Site of Activity	Substrate (peptide bonds adjacent to)
Pepsinogen	HCl or pepsin —————▶	Pepsin	Stomach	Most amino acids, including aromatic, dicarboxylic, leu, met
Trypsinogen	Enteropeptidase —————▶ or Trypsin	Trypsin	Intestine	Basic amino acids
Chymotrypsinogen	Trypsin —————▶	Chymotrypsin	Intestine	Aromatic amino acids, met, asn, his
Procarboxypeptidases	Trypsin —————▶	Carboxypeptidase A B Aminopeptidases	Intestine Intestine	C-terminal neutral amino acids C-terminal basic amino acids N-terminal amino acids

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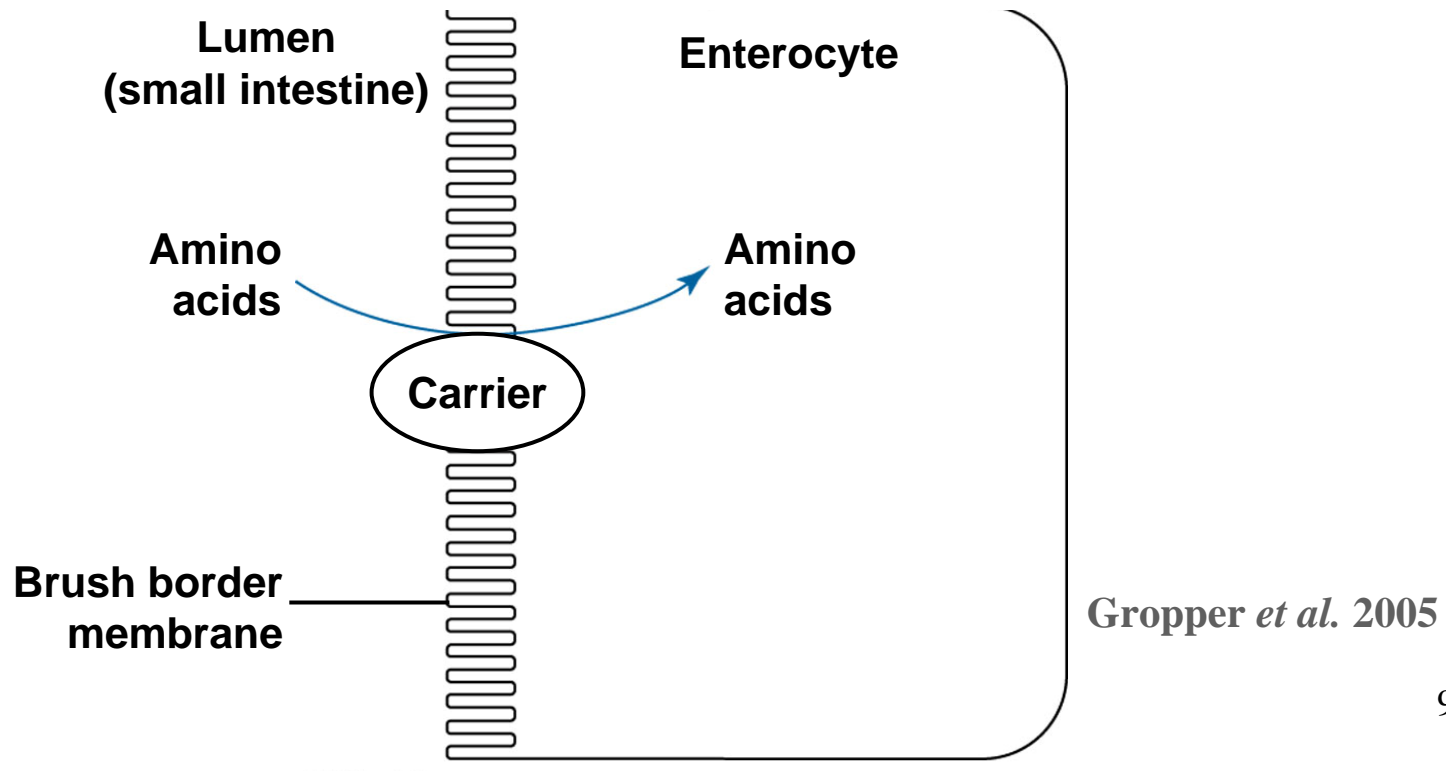
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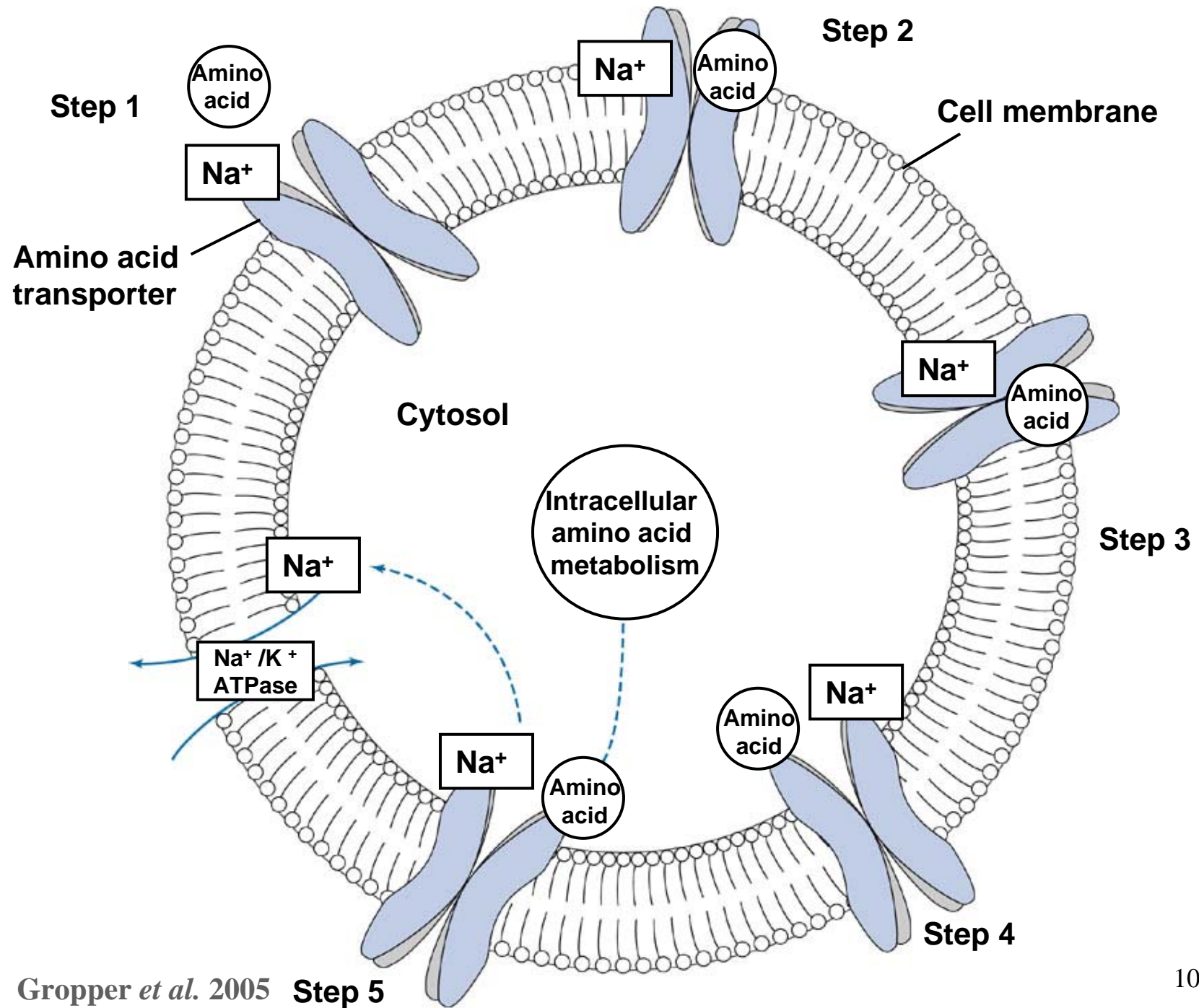
Amino acid absorption

- **Brush border** membrane absorption

Na⁺-dependent active transport

Na⁺-independent active transport





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Table 7.3 Some Systems Transporting Amino Acids across the Intestinal Cell Brush Border Membrane

Amino Acid Transport Systems	Sodium Required	Examples of Substrates Carried
L	No	Leucine, other neutral amino acids
B	Yes	Phenylalanine, tyrosine, tryptophan, isoleucine, leucine, valine
IMINO	Yes	Proline, glycine
y^{+} *	No	Basic amino acids
X^{-}_{AG}	Yes	Aspartate, glutamate
$B^{0,+}$	Yes	Most neutral and basic amino acids
$b^{0,+}$	No	Most neutral and basic amino acids

*In the presence of sodium, neutral amino acids can competitively inhibit the y^{+} system and participate in exchange reactions with the basic substrates [3]. 11

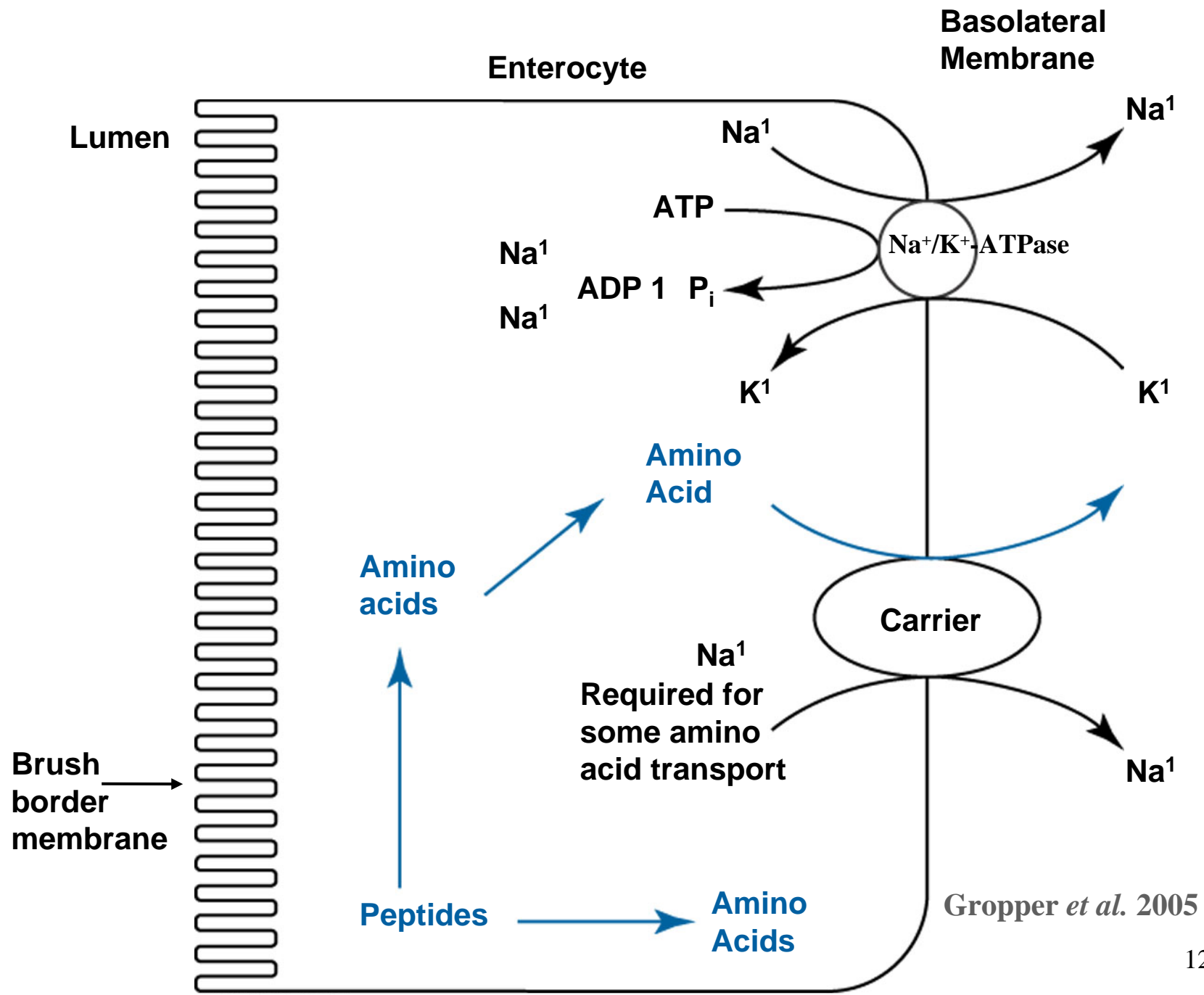
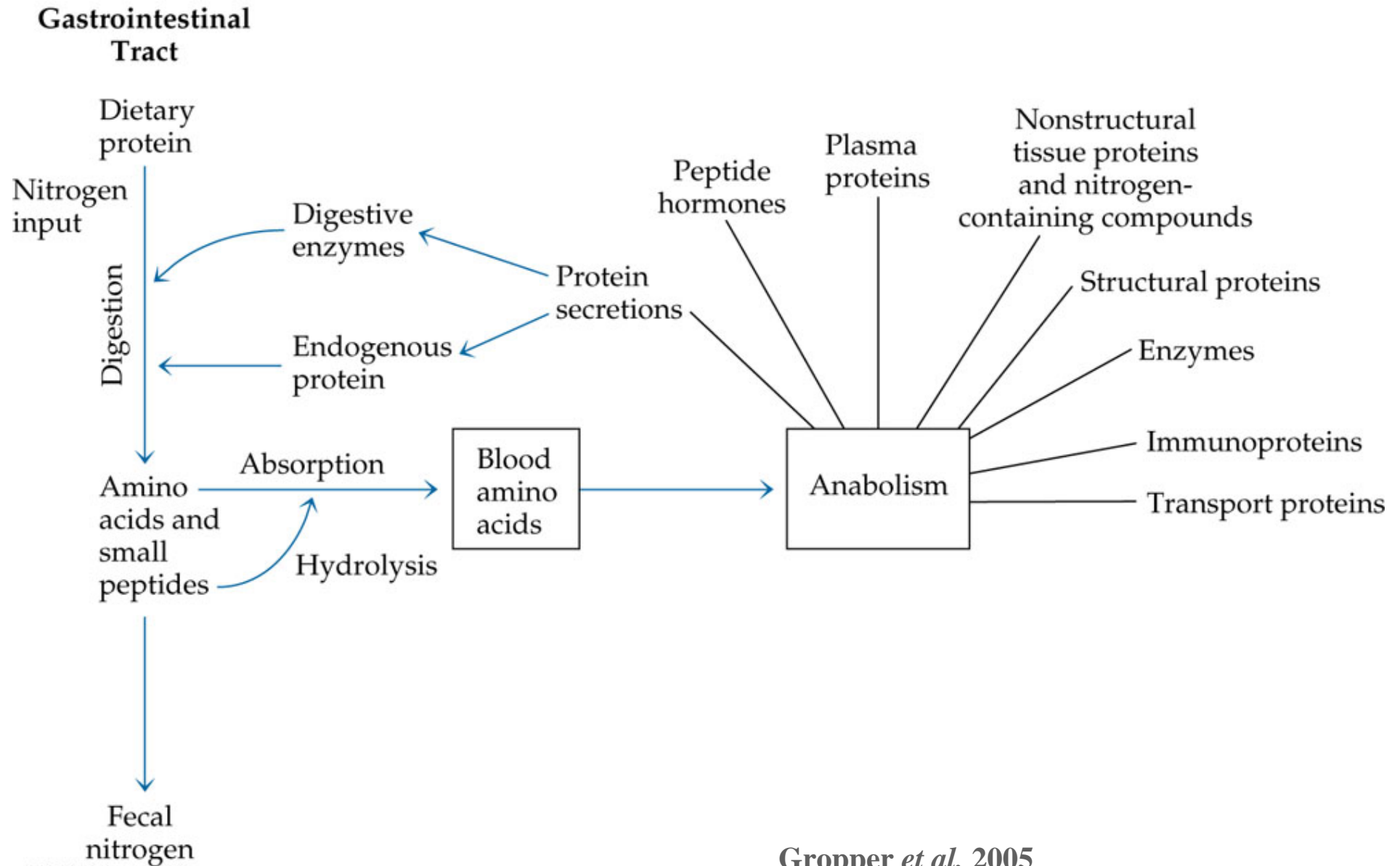


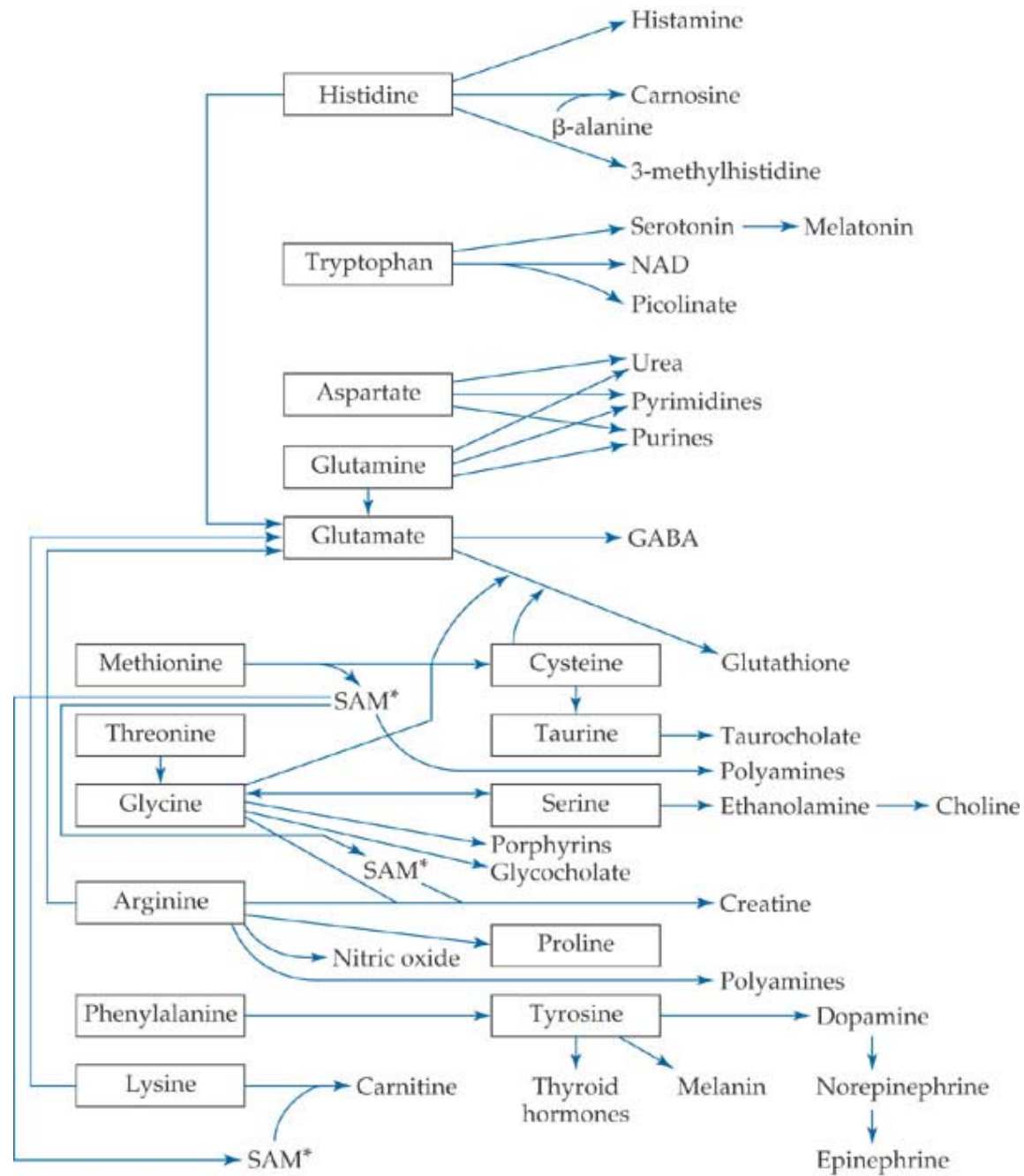
Table 7.4. Some Systems Transporting Amino Acids across the Intestinal Cell Basolateral Membrane

Amino Acid Transport System	Sodium Required	Examples of Substrates Carried
L	No	Leucine, other neutral amino acids
y ⁺	No	Basic amino acids
b ^{0,+}	No	Neutral and basic amino acids
X _{AG} ⁻	Yes	Aspartate and glutamate
A	Yes	Alanine, other short-chain, polar, neutral amino acids
ASC	Yes	Alanine, cysteine, serine, other three- and four-carbon amino acids
asc	No	Same substrates as ASC

Amino acid absorption

- most **rapidly** absorbed AAs
- **branched-chain AAs > smaller AAs**
- **neutral AAs > dibasic or dicarboxylic AAs**
- **EAAAs > NEAAAs**
- **Met, Leu, Ile, Val**
- **Most slowly** absorbed AAs
- **Glu, Asp**





*SAM = s-adenasyl methionine.

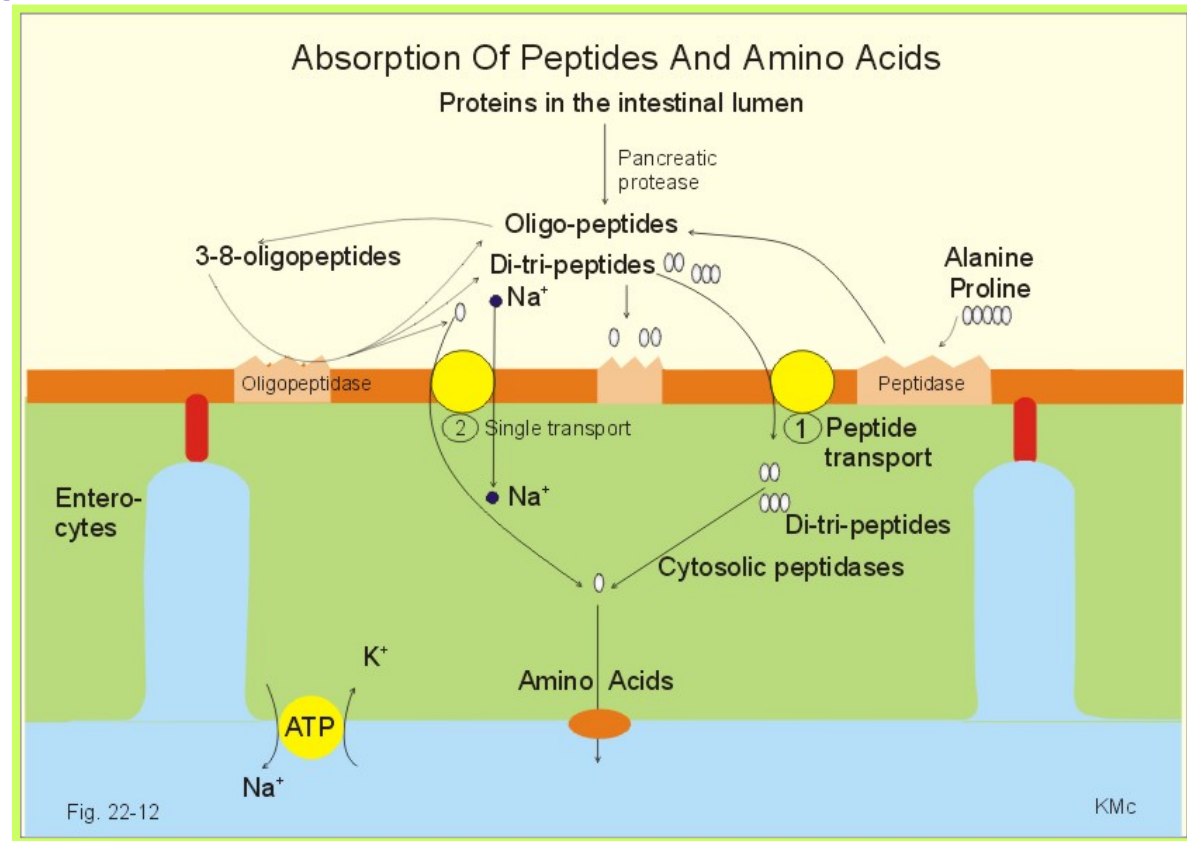
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(2) Methionine

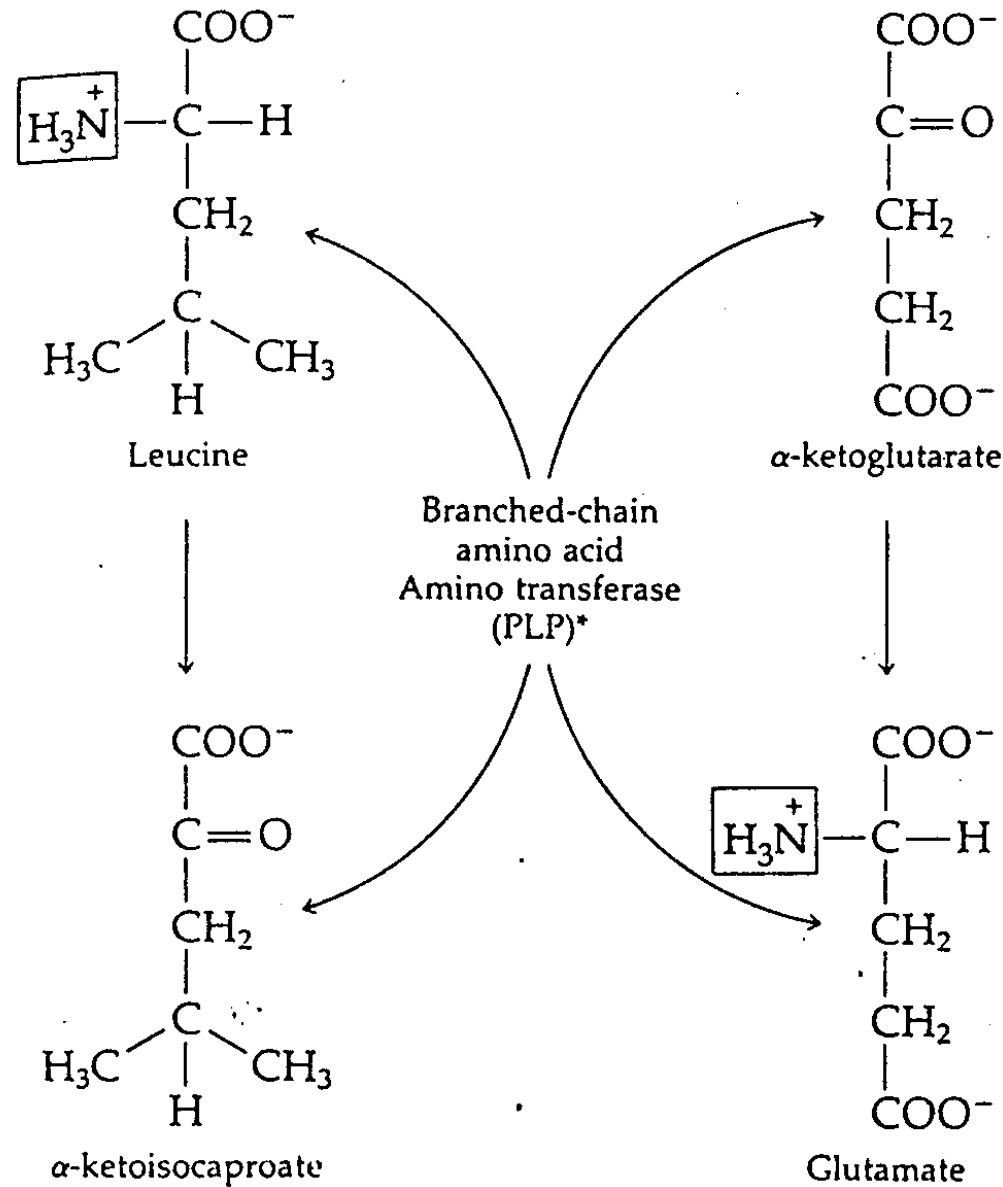
(3) Tyrosine

(4) Arginine



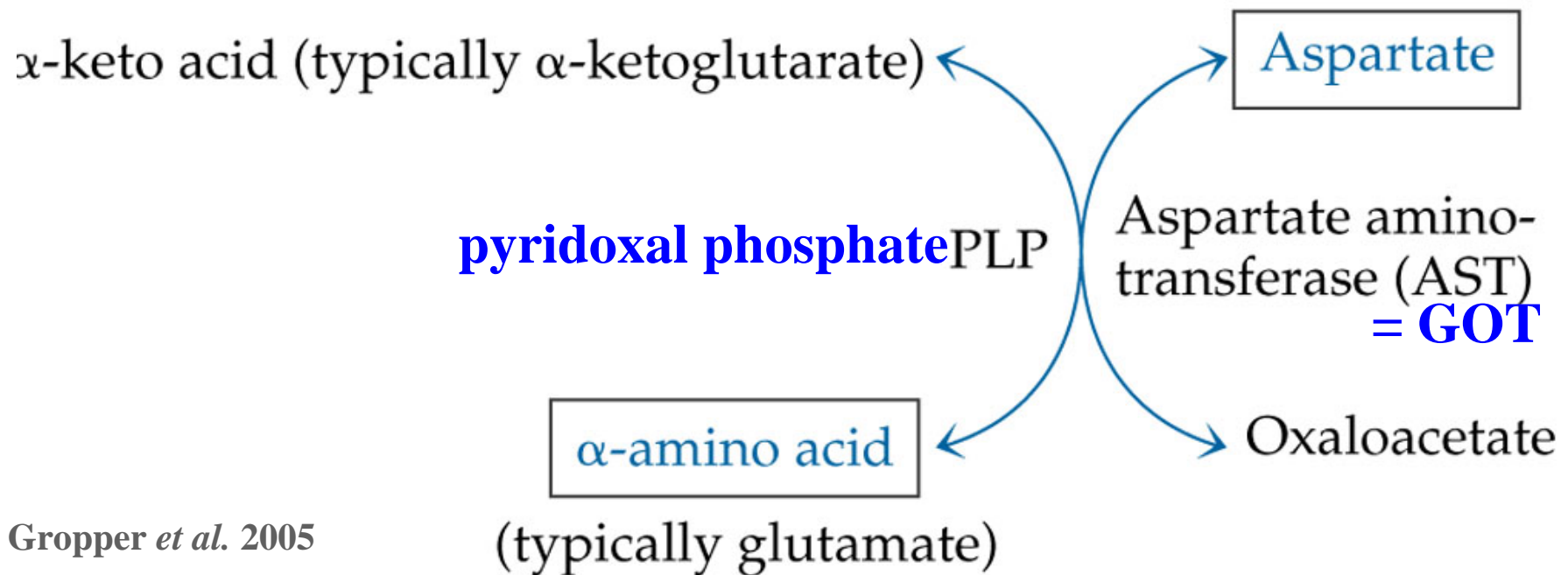
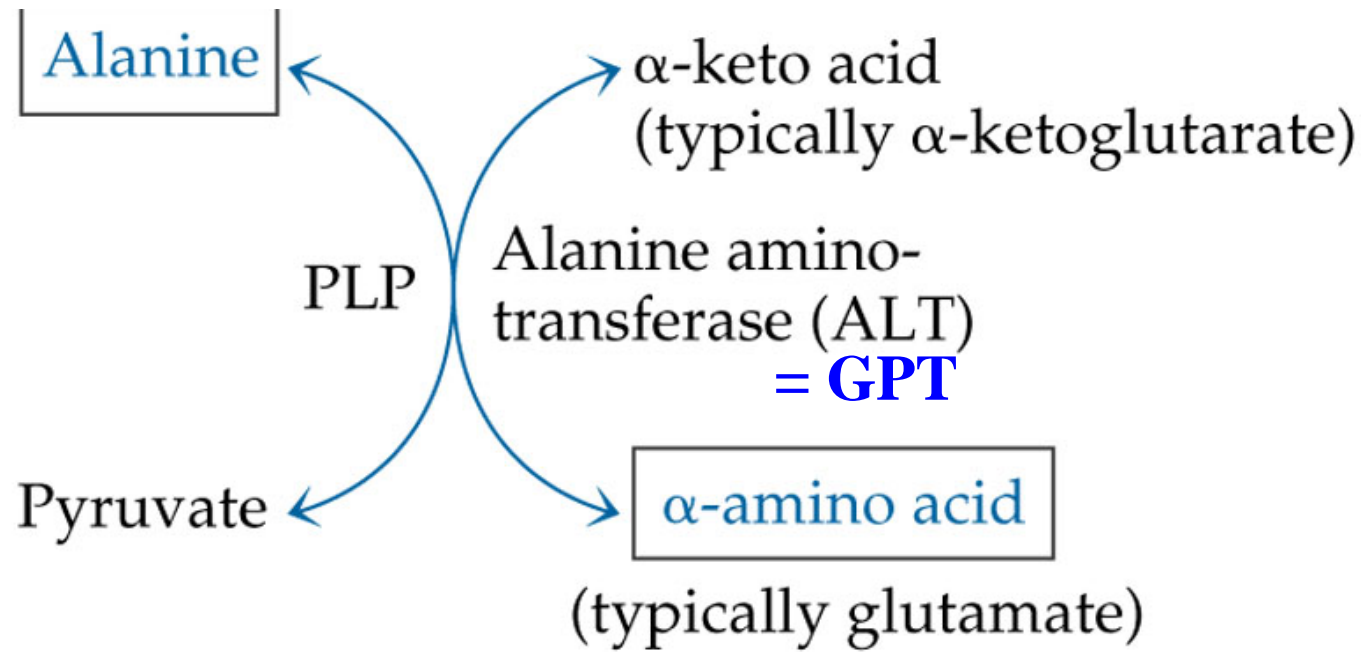
Transaminase (aminotransferase)

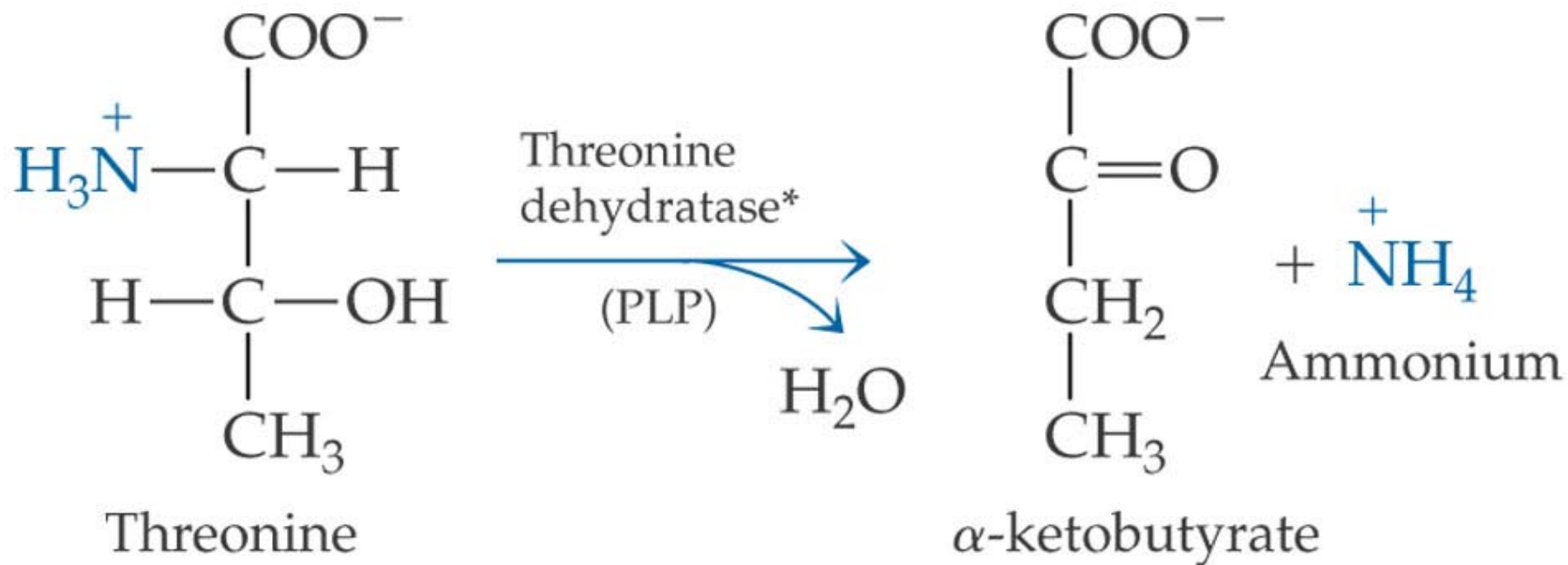
- **alanine aminotransferase (ALT)**
 - glutamate pyruvate transaminase (GPT)
 - higher concentrations in **liver**, heart, kidney
- **aspartate aminotransferase (AST)**
 - glutamate oxaloacetate transaminase (GOT)
 - higher concentrations in **heart**, liver, muscles



(a) Transamination reaction: Amino transferases

Groff and Gropper. 2000 transfer an amino group from an amino acid to an α -keto acid. *PLP, pyridoxal phosphate.

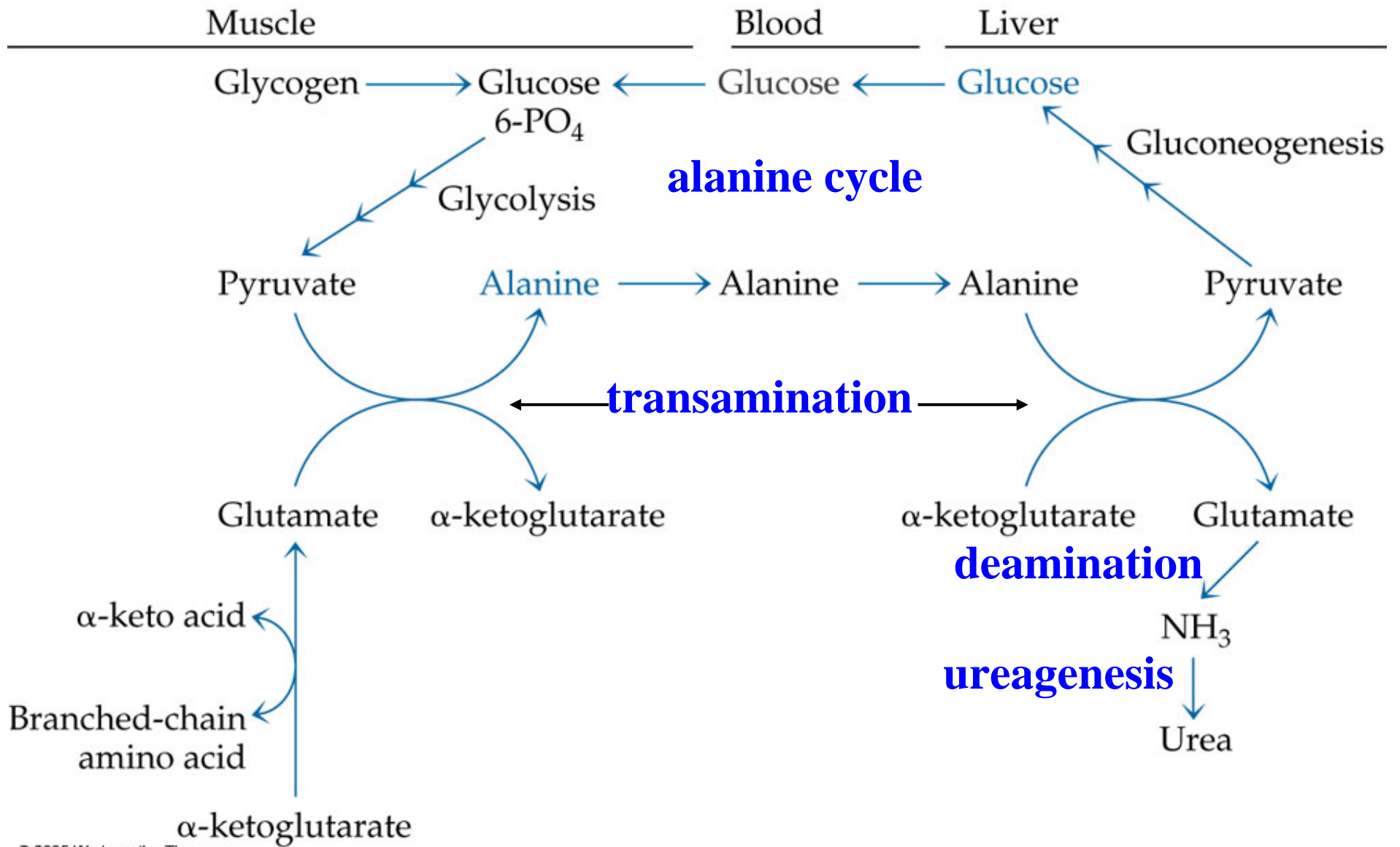


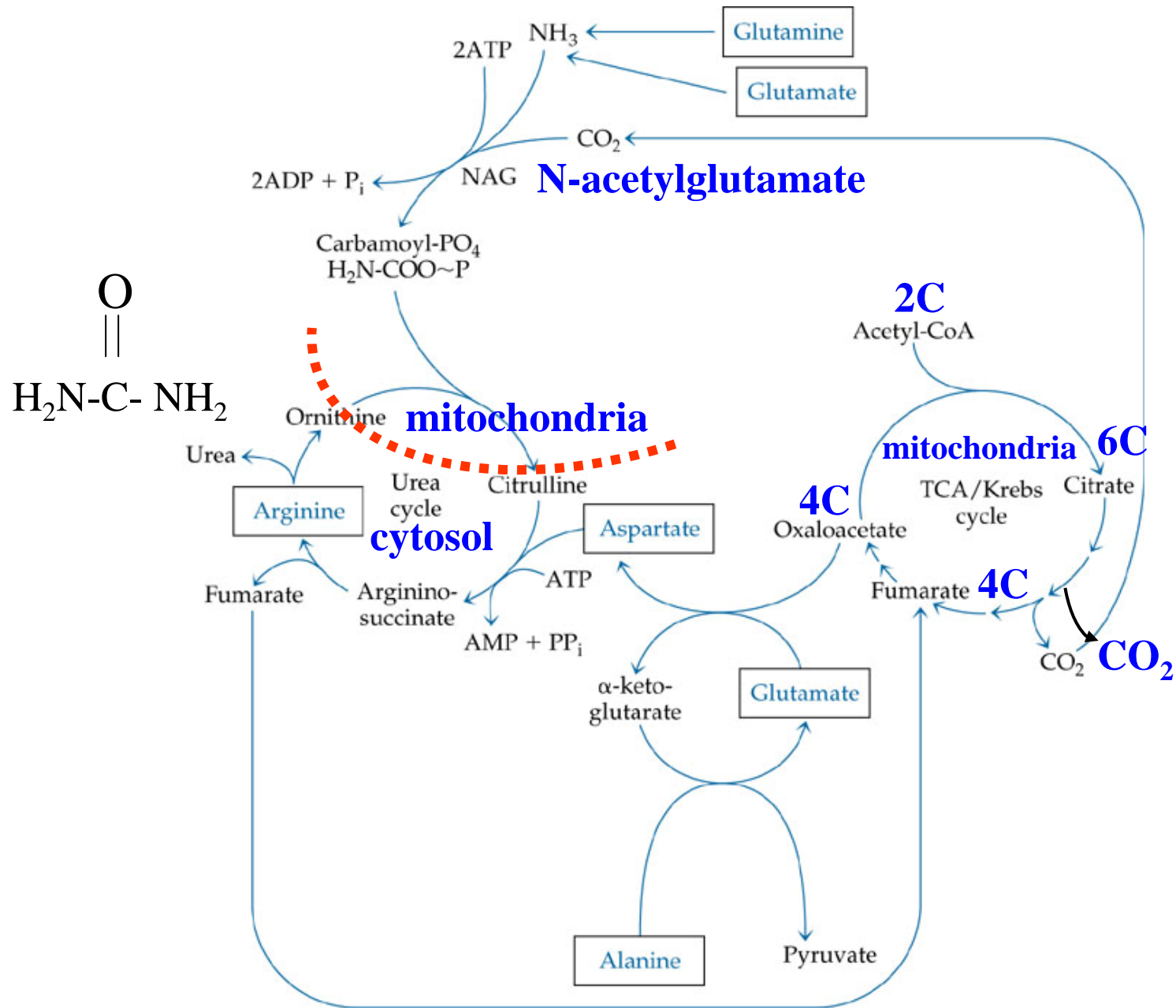


*The enzyme is called *dehydratase* rather than *deaminase* because the reaction proceeds by loss of elements of water.

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Amino acids

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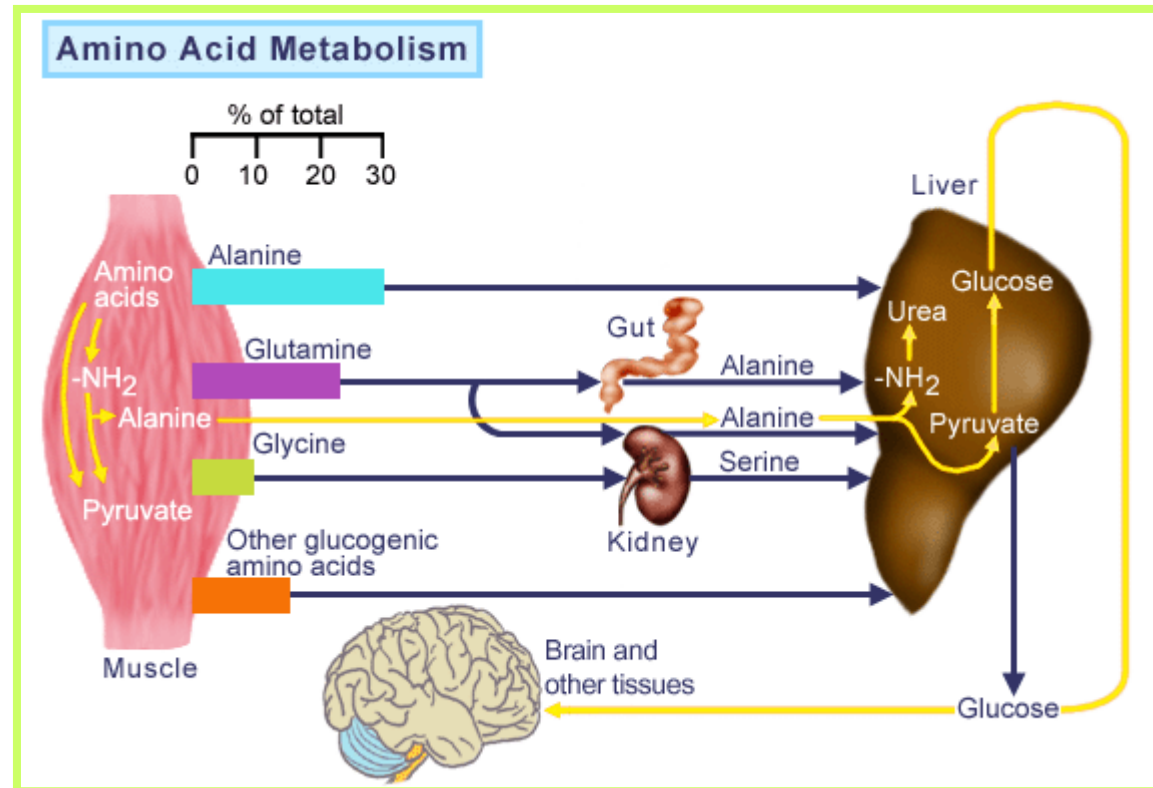
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(1) Cori cycle

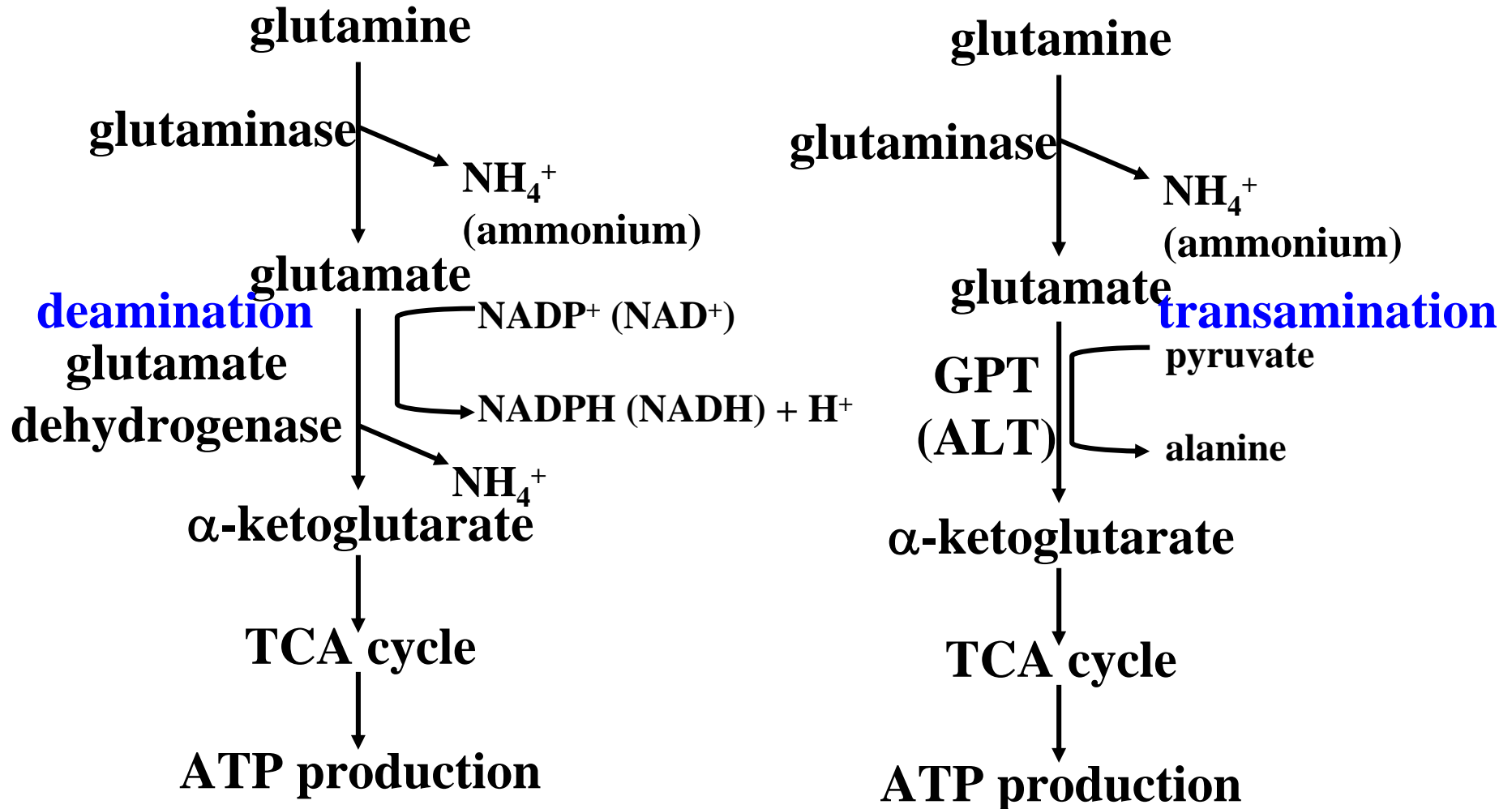
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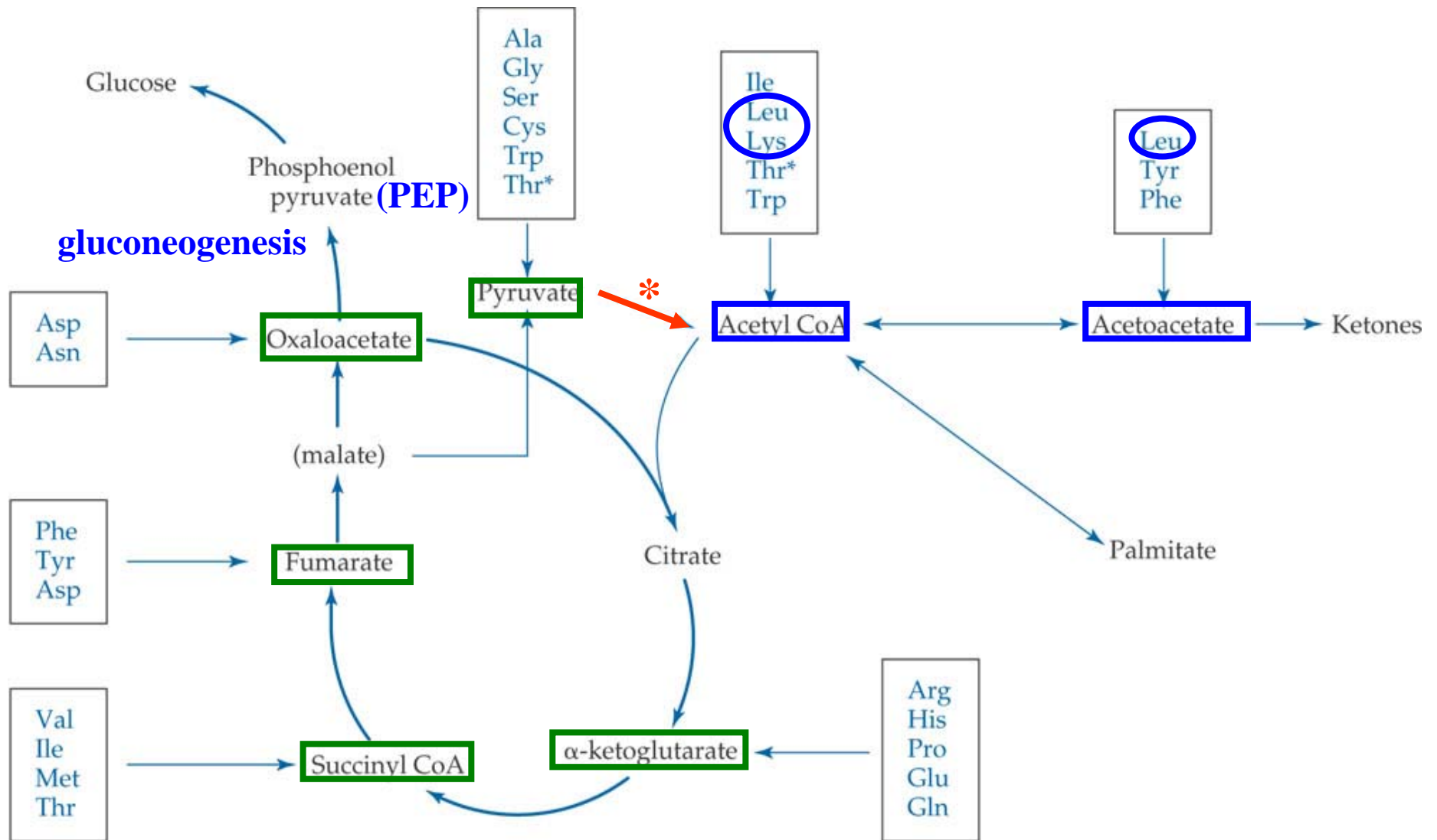
(3) Glucose-alanine cycle

(4) Urea cycle



Glutamine utilization in intestine





*Physiological contribution unclear

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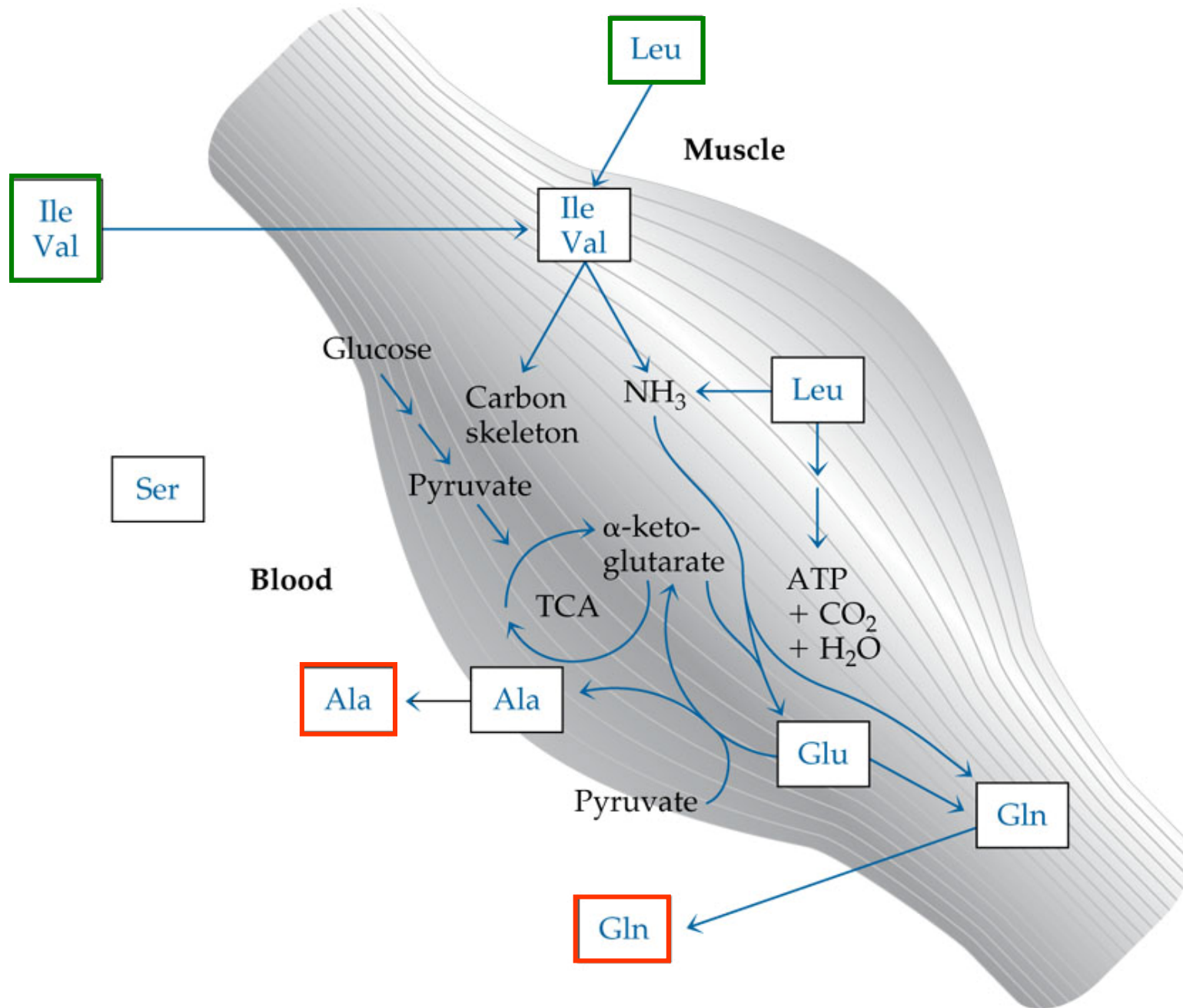
***irreversible
pyruvate dehydrogenase**

Ketogenic: Leu, Lys
Partially ketogenic and glucogenic
Glucogenic

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Amino acid metabolism in skeletal muscles

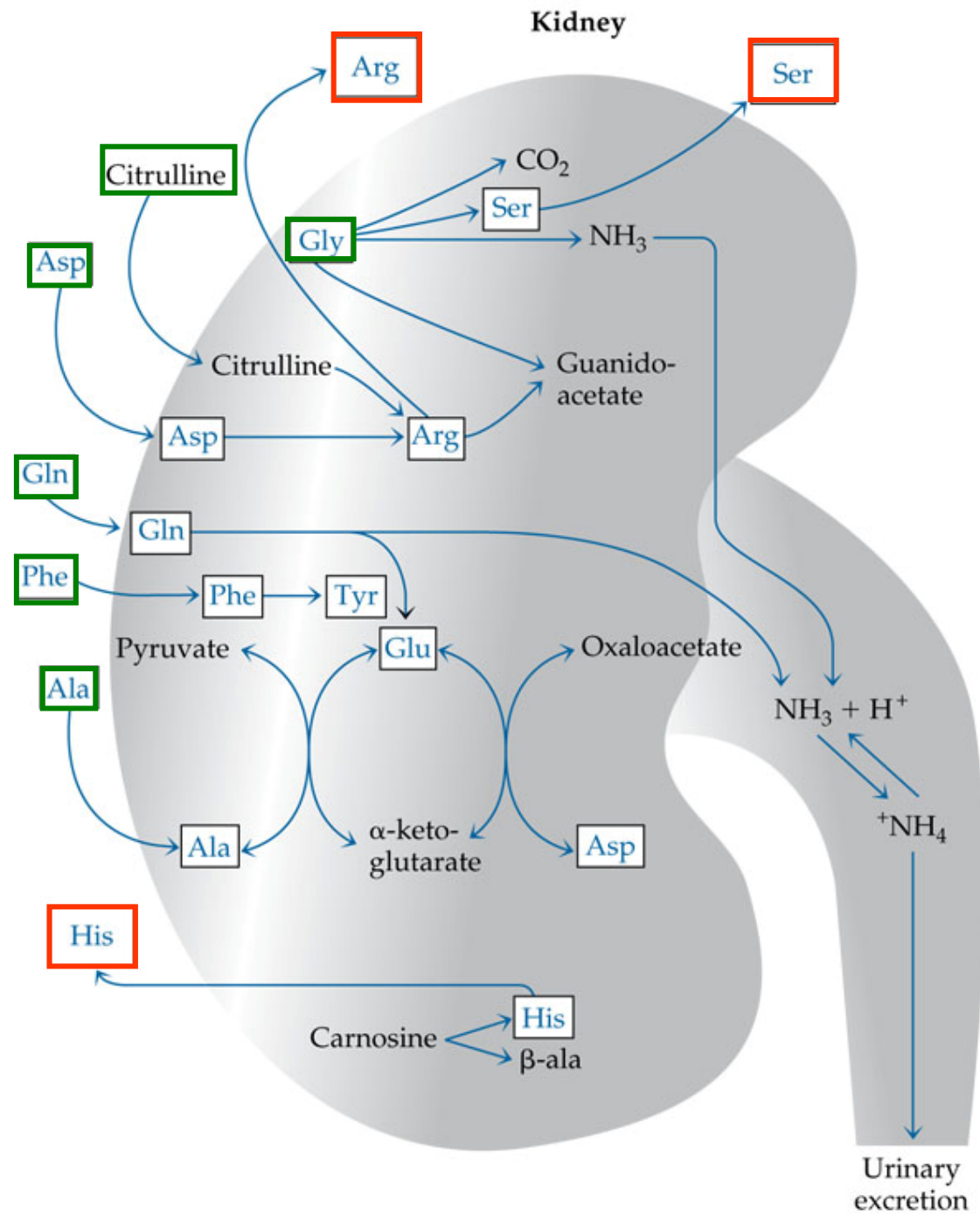
- **synthesized de novo and released into the blood**
alanine (ala), glutamine (gln)
- **catabolized in skeletal muscles for utilization**
aspartate (asp), asparagine (asn), glutamate (glu),
leucine (leu), isoleucine (ile), valine (val)



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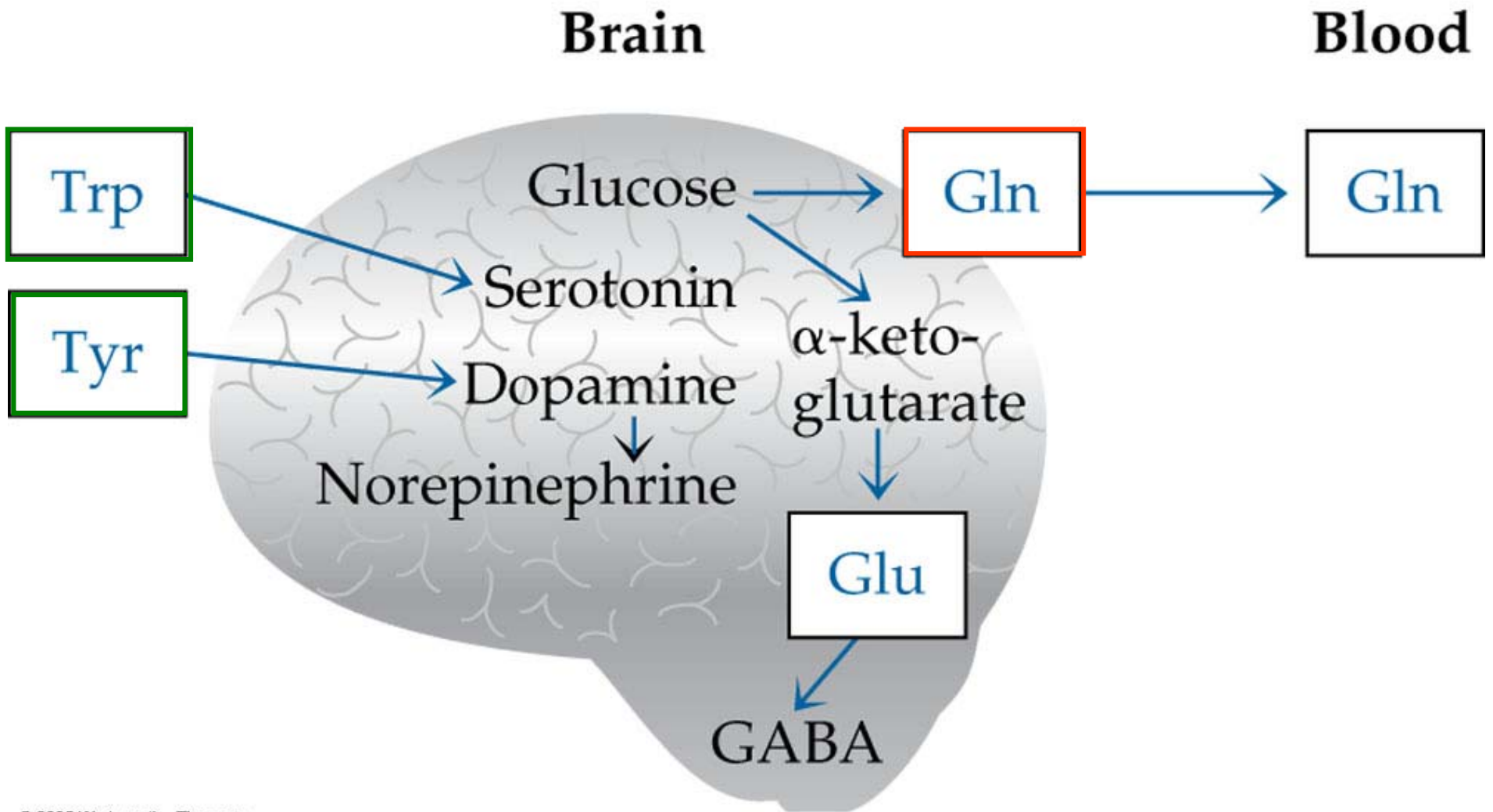
Amino acid metabolism in kidney

- **synthesized de novo and released into the blood**
arginine (arg), histidine (his), serine (ser)
- **catabolized in kidney for utilization**
aspartate (asp), glutamine (gln), phenylalanine,
alanine (ala), glycine, citrulline (cit)



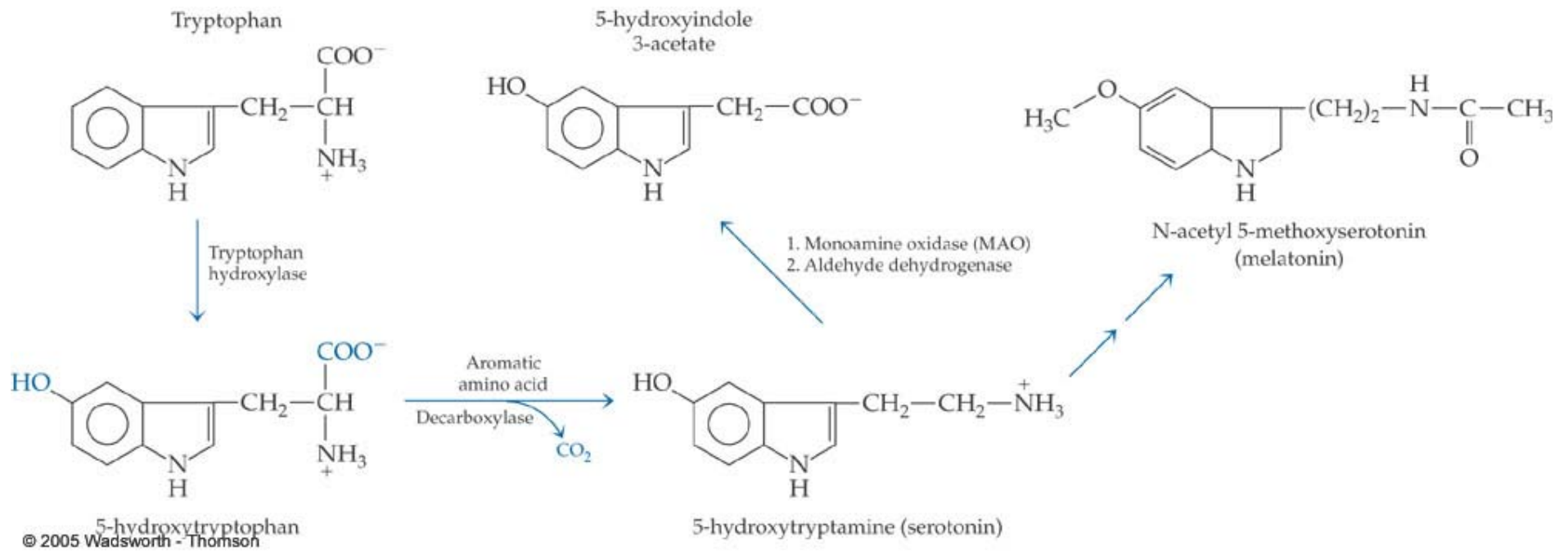
Amino acid metabolism in brain

- **synthesized de novo and released into the blood**
glutamine (gln)
- **catabolized in brain for utilization**
tryptophan (trp), tyrosine (tyr)

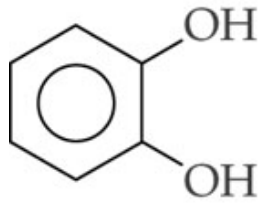


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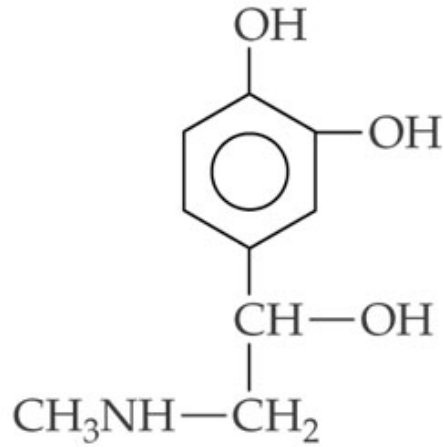
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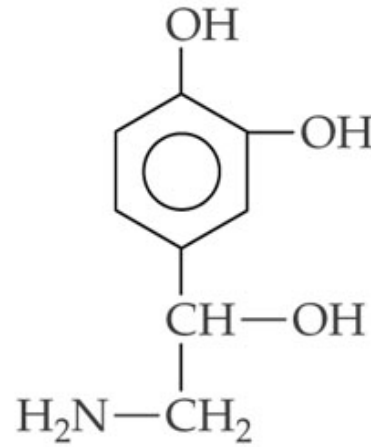
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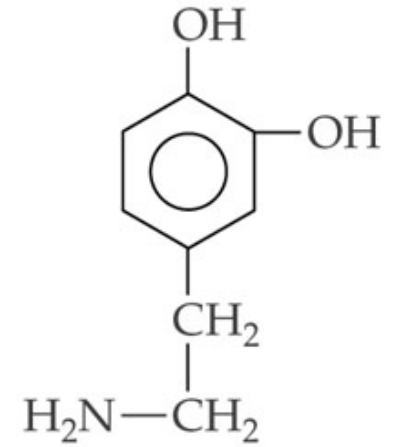
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Epinephrine

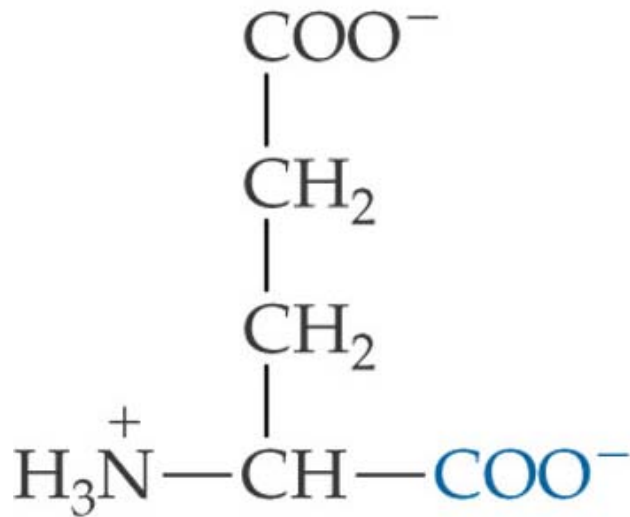


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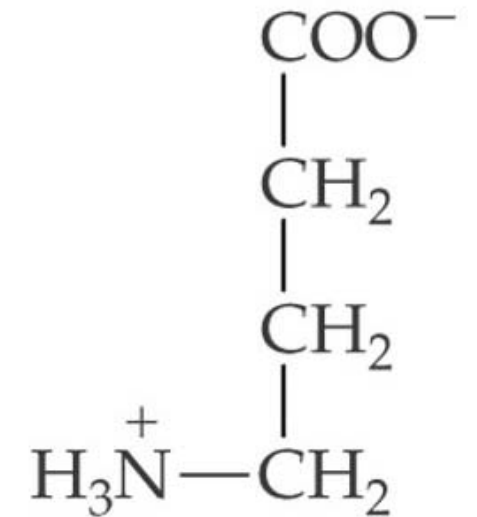
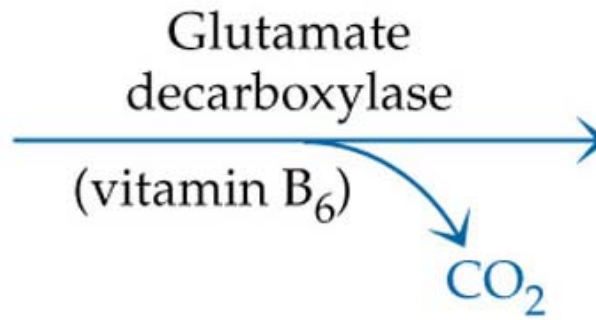


Dopamine

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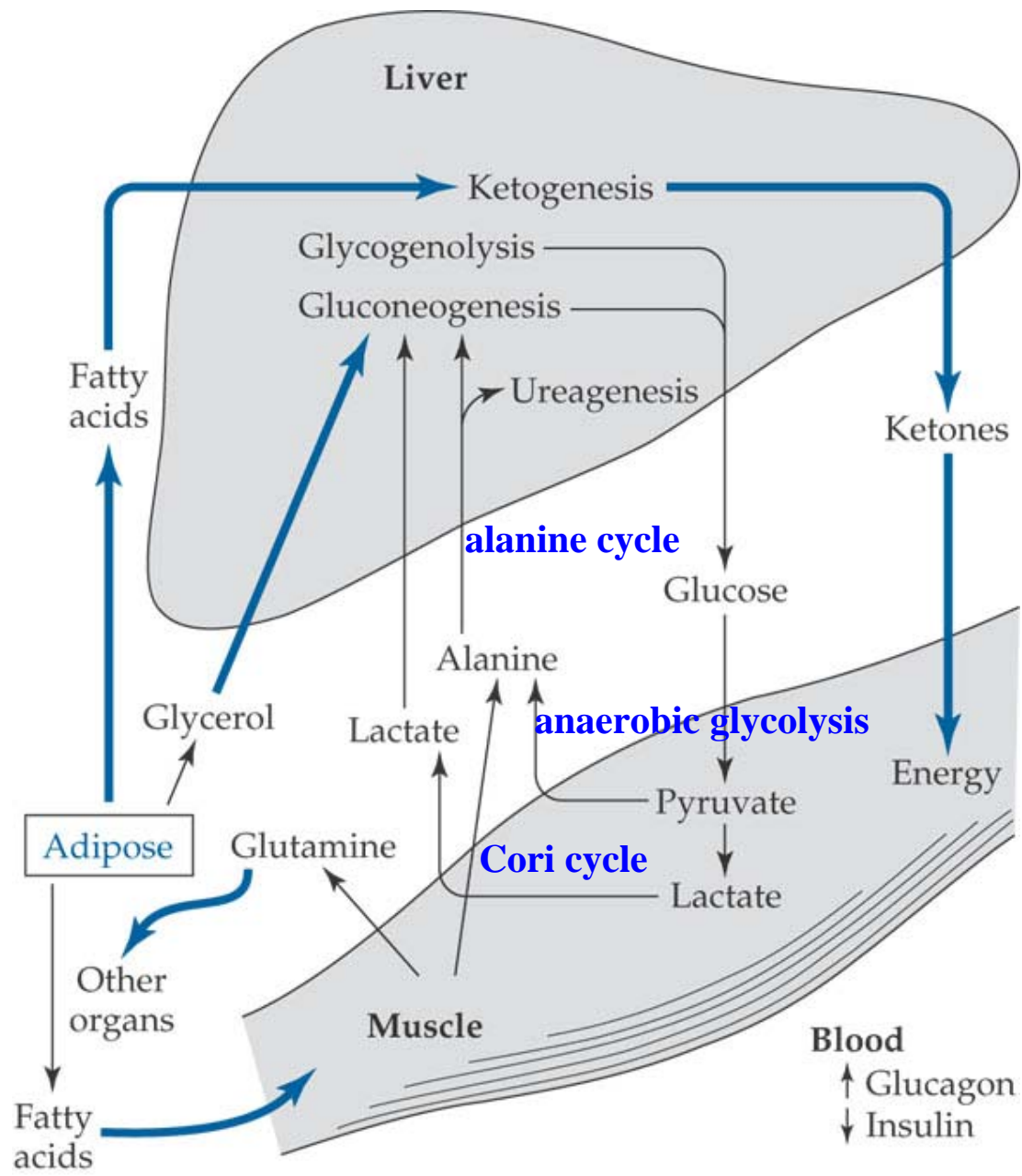


Glutamate



γ -aminobutyrate
(GABA)

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(a) Adapted starvation

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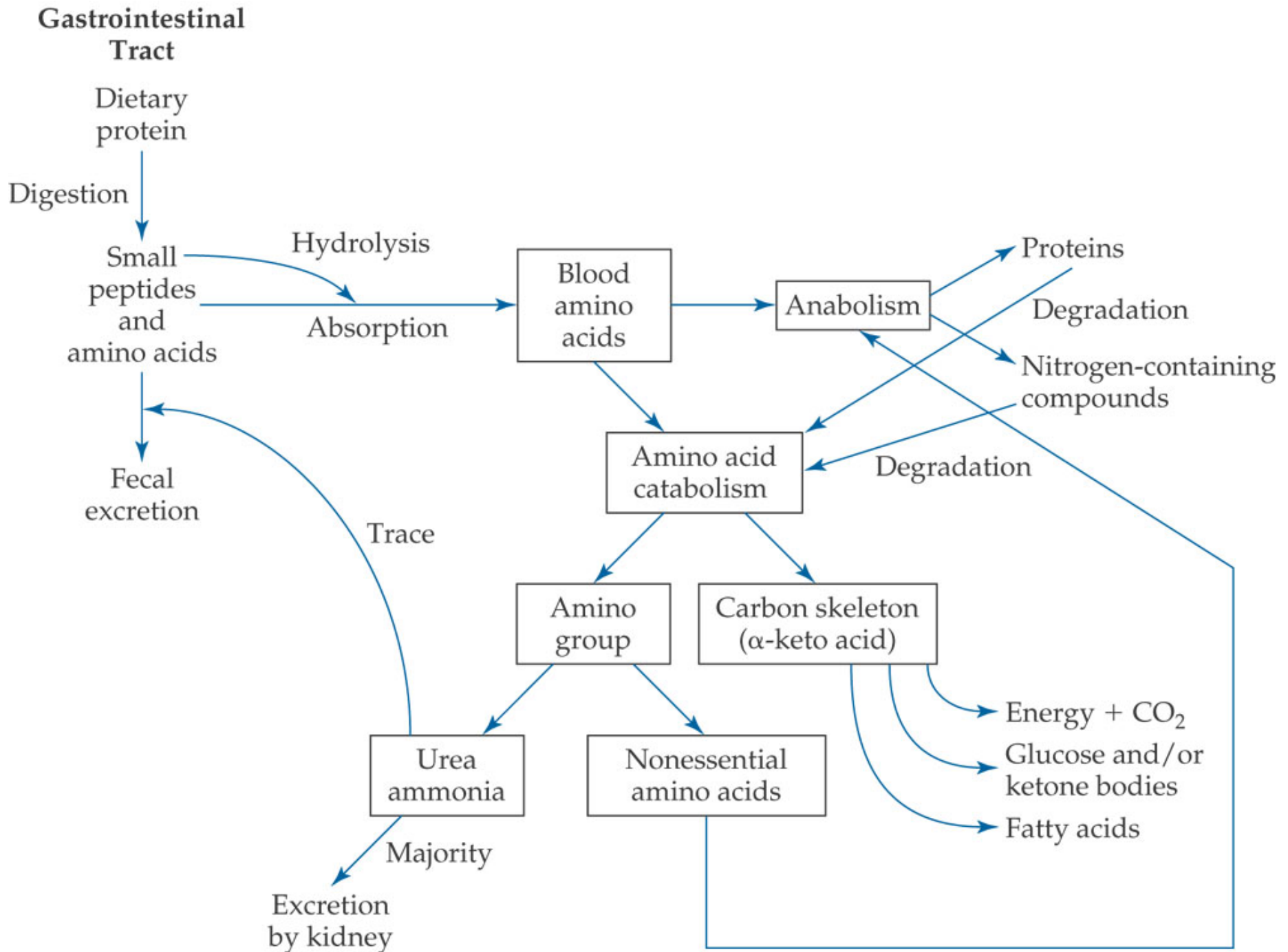


Table 7.5 Nitrogen-Containing Waste Products Excreted in the Urine

Compound	Approximate Amounts (g) Excreted per Day
Urea	5–20
Creatinine	1–1.8
Uric acid	0.3–1
Ammonia	0.4–1

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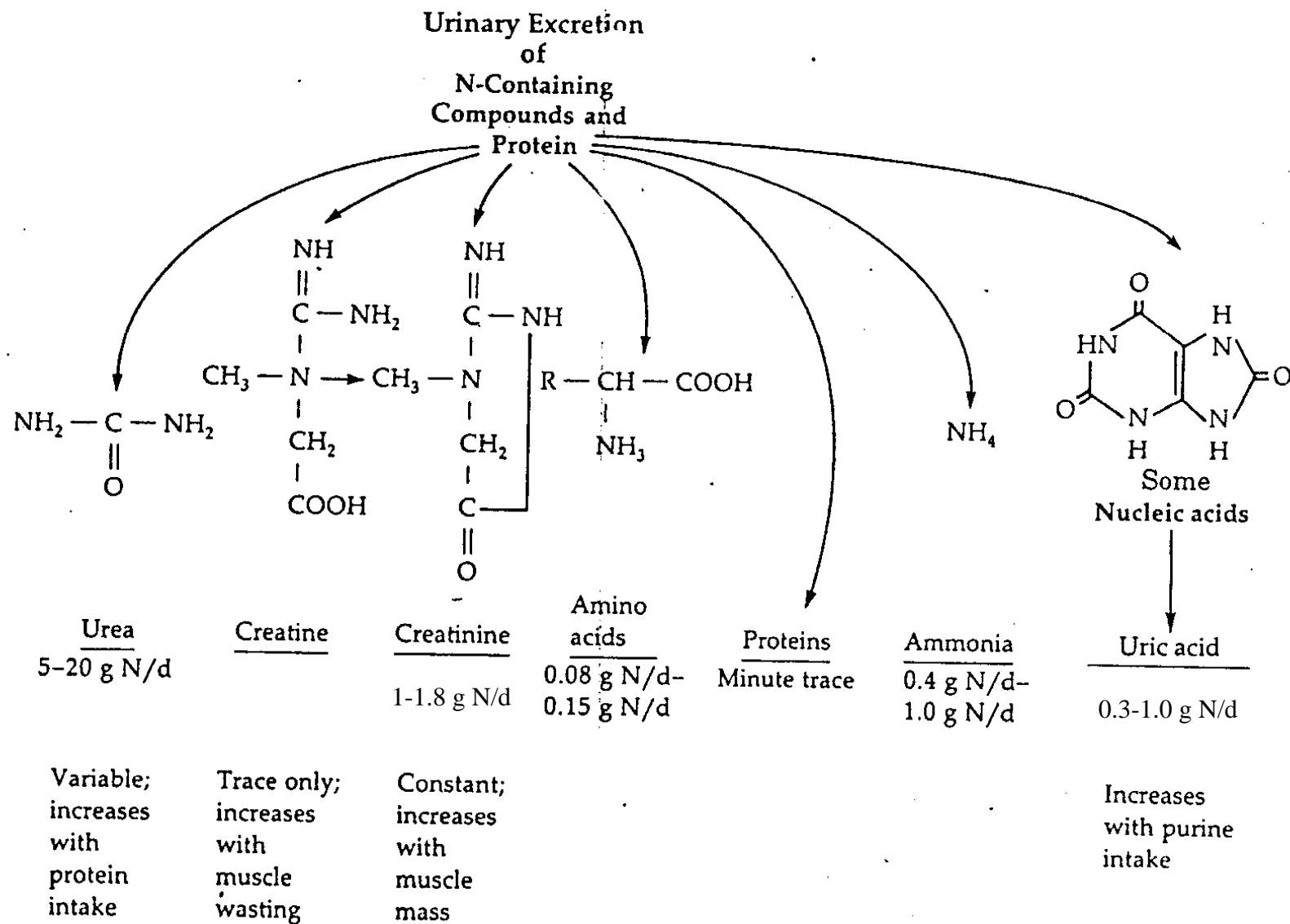


FIGURE 7.23 Nitrogenous wastes in normal urine. (Reproduced with permission from W.C. McMurray, *Essentials of Human Metabolism*, 2/e, 1983, Harper & Row, p. 261.)

Summary

- **The amino acids comprising the pools are used in a variety of ways.**
- **The liver is the primary site of amino acid metabolism. Of particular significance is the metabolism of branched-chain amino acids in skeletal muscles and the production of the ammonium ion in the kidney.**
- **Glutamate, glutamine, and alanine play the important roles in various metabolic pathways for amino acids.**