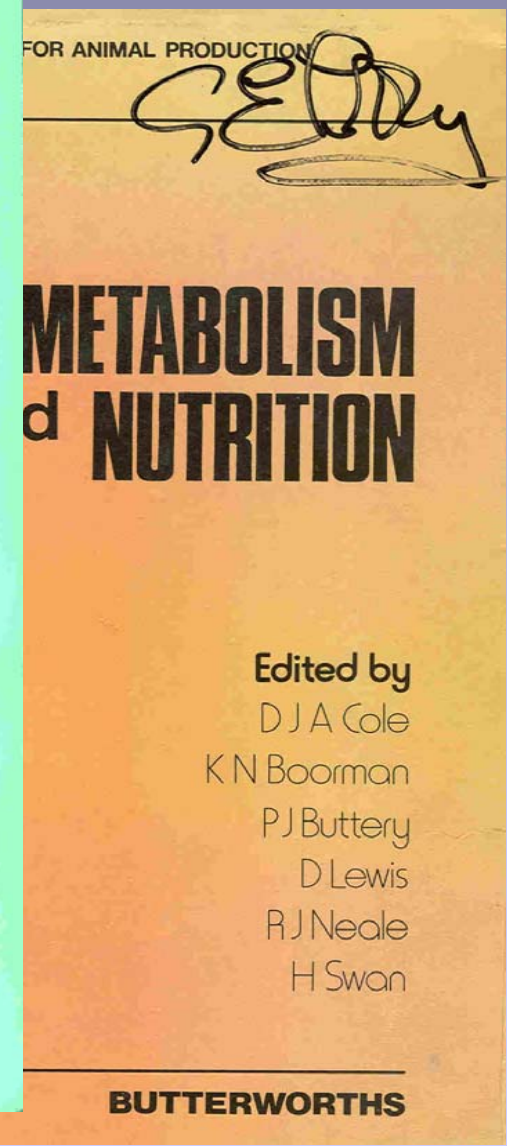
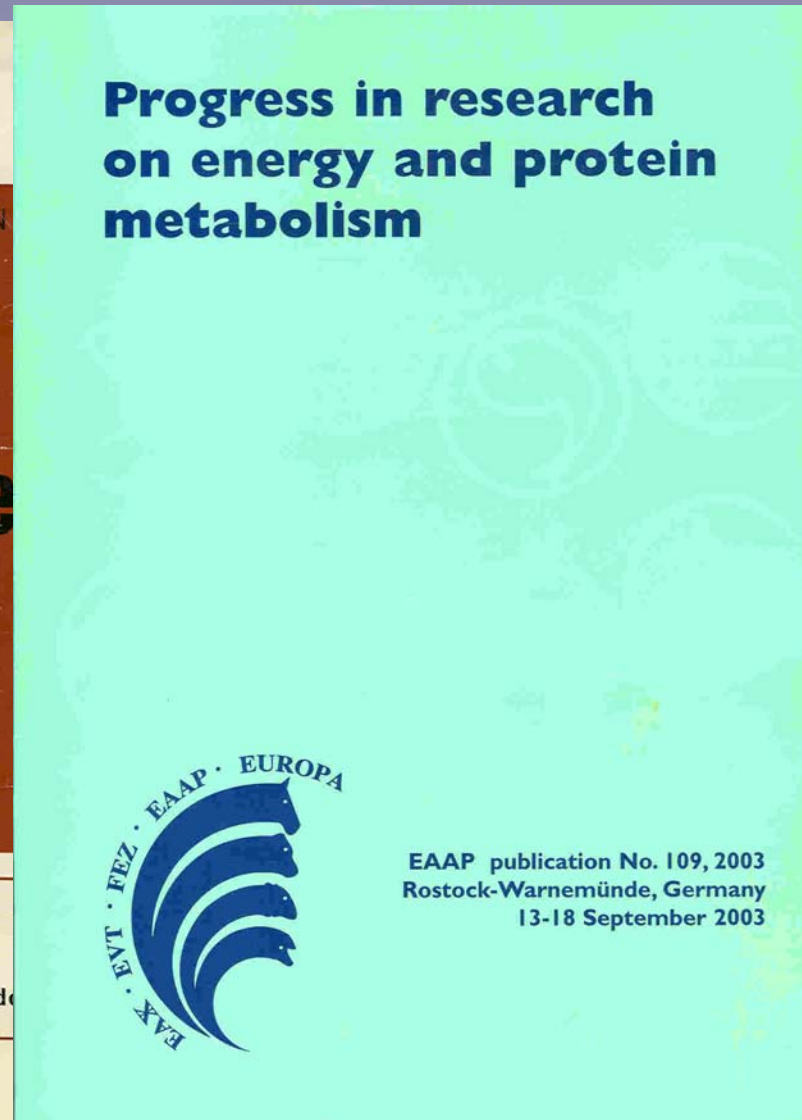
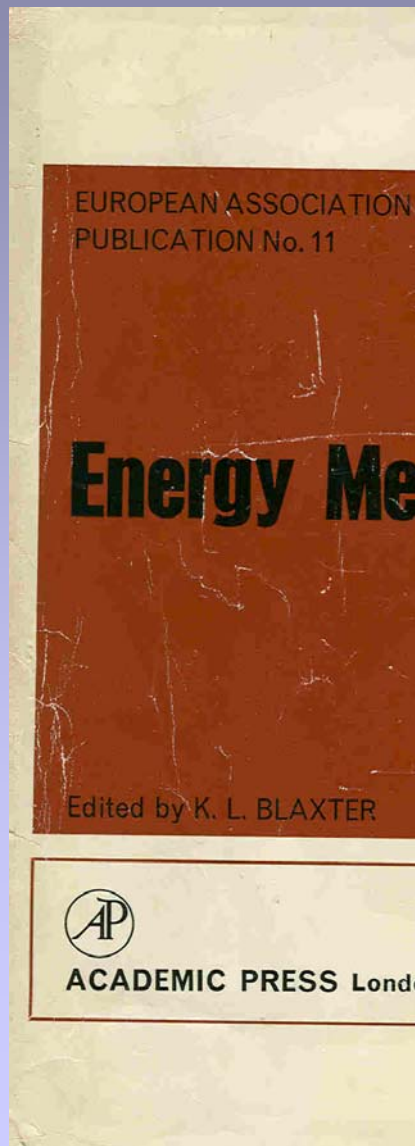


# Protein-Energy Interactions: Horizontal Aspects

**Gerald E. Lobley**

# Long tradition



# General P:E Interactions



Appetite



Efficiency

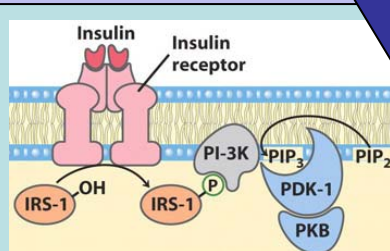


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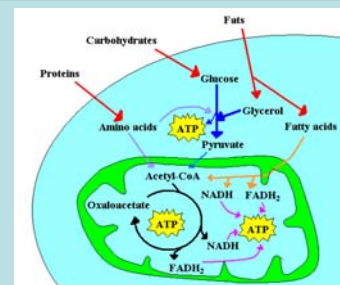


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**P** **E**



Hormonal sensitivity



Metabolite interconversion



Metabolic fuels

# Protein-Energy Interactions: Why are we interested?

## **Need to:**

- **Understand**
- **Predict**
- **Manipulate**

# Consequences

## *Agricultural efficiency*

- Targeted outputs
- Better use natural resources
- Reduce environmental pollution

## *Health benefits*

- Animal
- Consumer – added quality
- Target 'Western' diseases

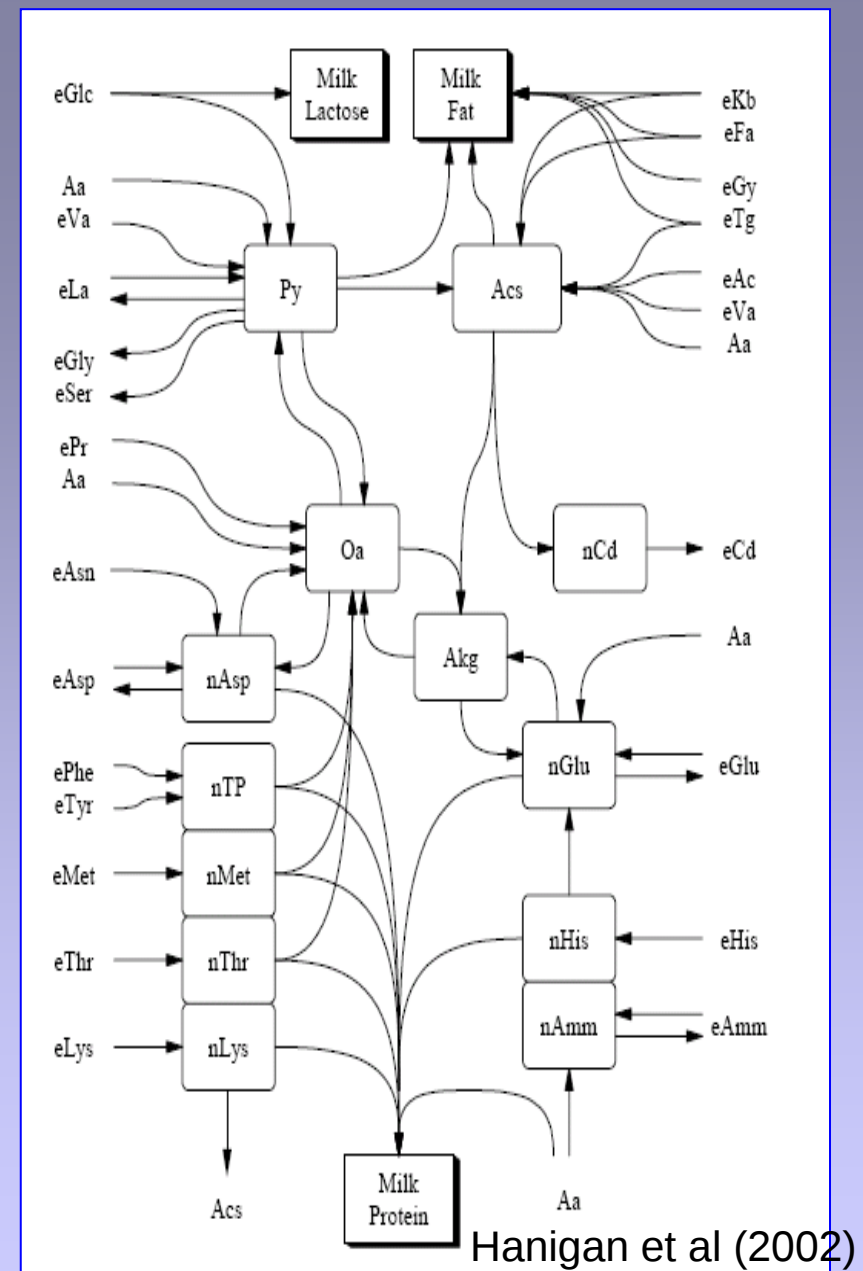
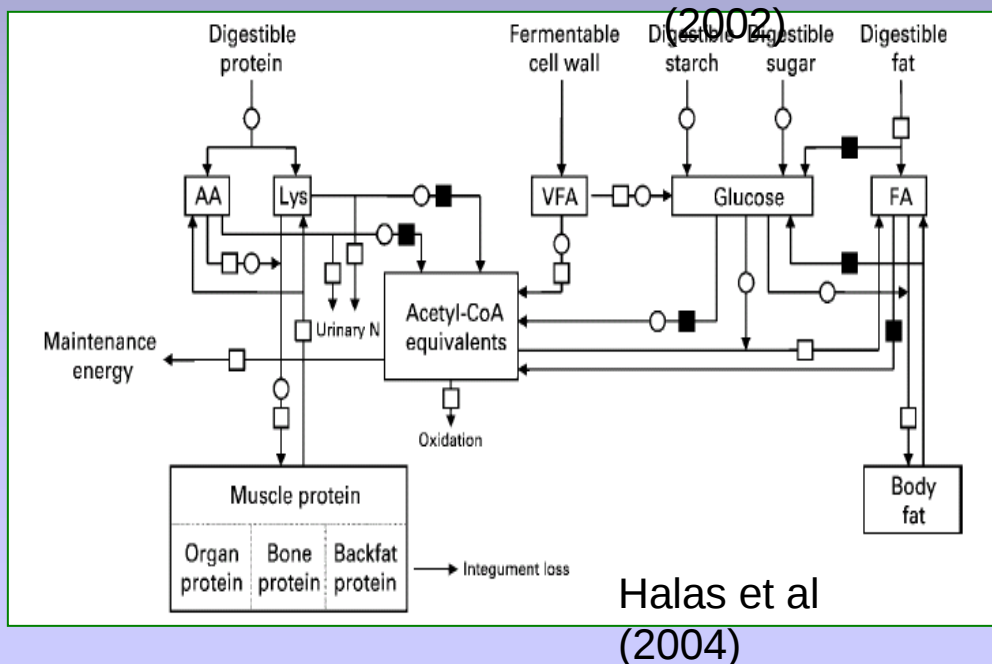
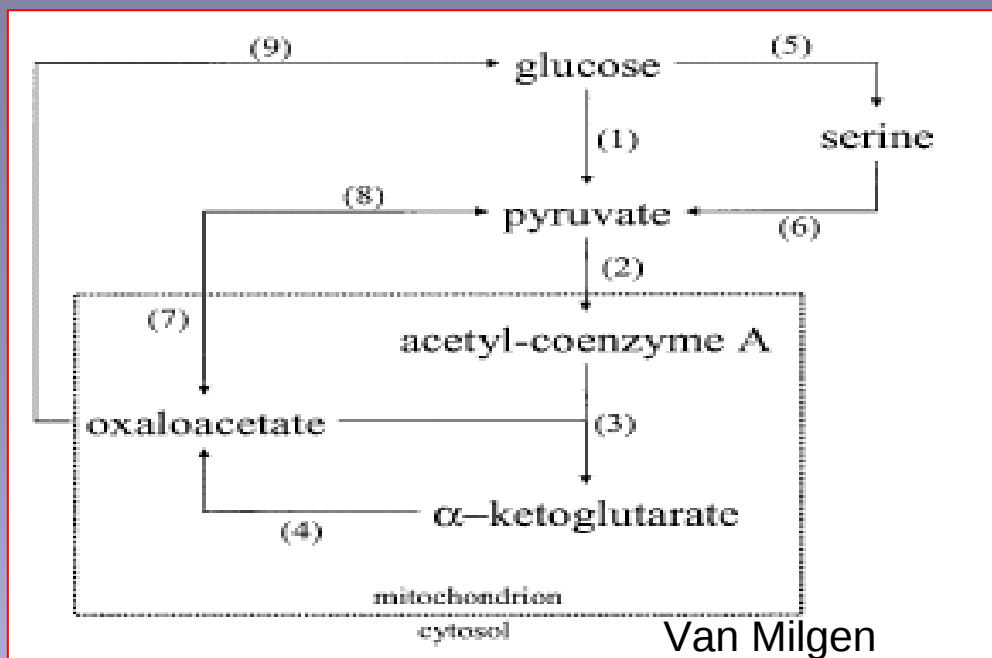
# Prediction schemes

## *Current*

- Empirical
- 'Crude' assumptions
- Inflexible

## *Future*

- Mechanistic
- Flexible
- More subtle knowledge



# General P:E Interactions



Appetite



Efficiency



Bioenergetics



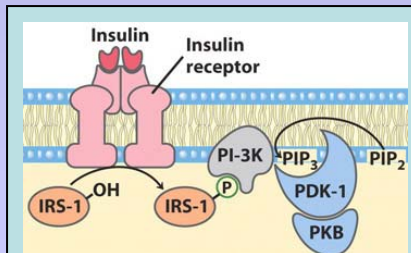
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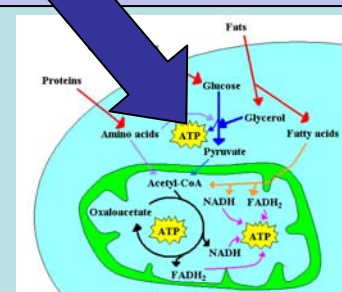
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Metabolic  
fuels



Hormonal  
sensitivity



Metabolite  
interconversion

# Glucose – Amino Acids

**Energy use**  
**Appetite regulation**



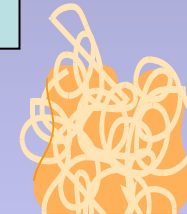
**Energy use**  
**Protein store**  
**Hormone sensitivity**



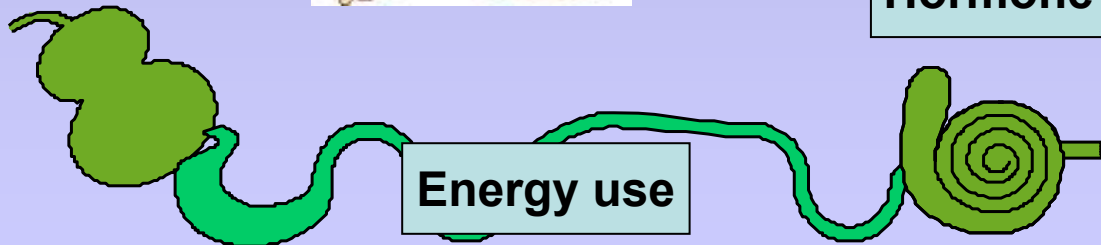
**Hormone sensitivity**  
**Gluconeogenesis**



**Energy store**  
**Hormone sensitivity**



**Energy use**

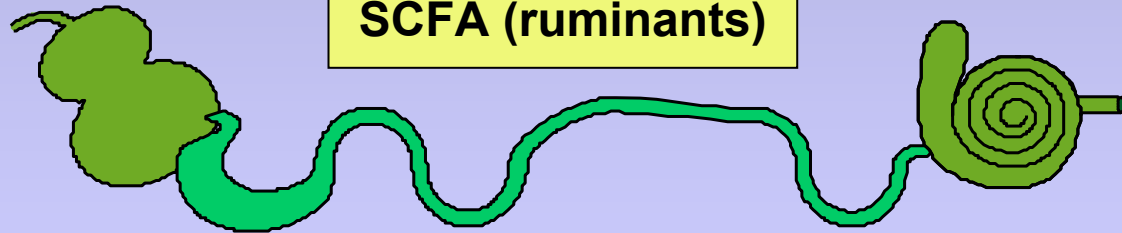


# Glucose & AA – gut

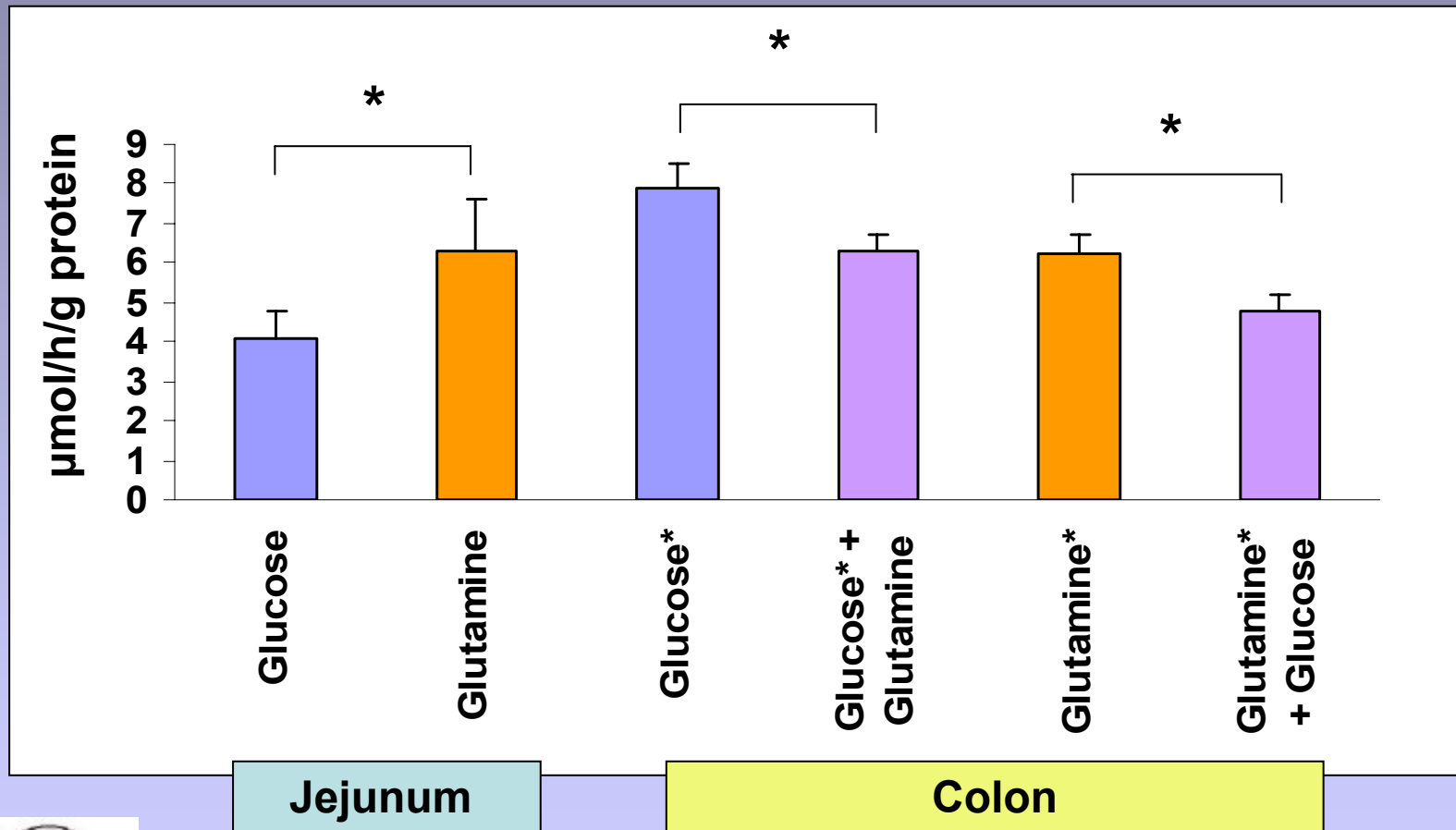
**20-25% of WB  
energy expenditure**

**Major fuels**  
**Glucose**  
**Amino Acids**  
**SCFA (ruminants)**

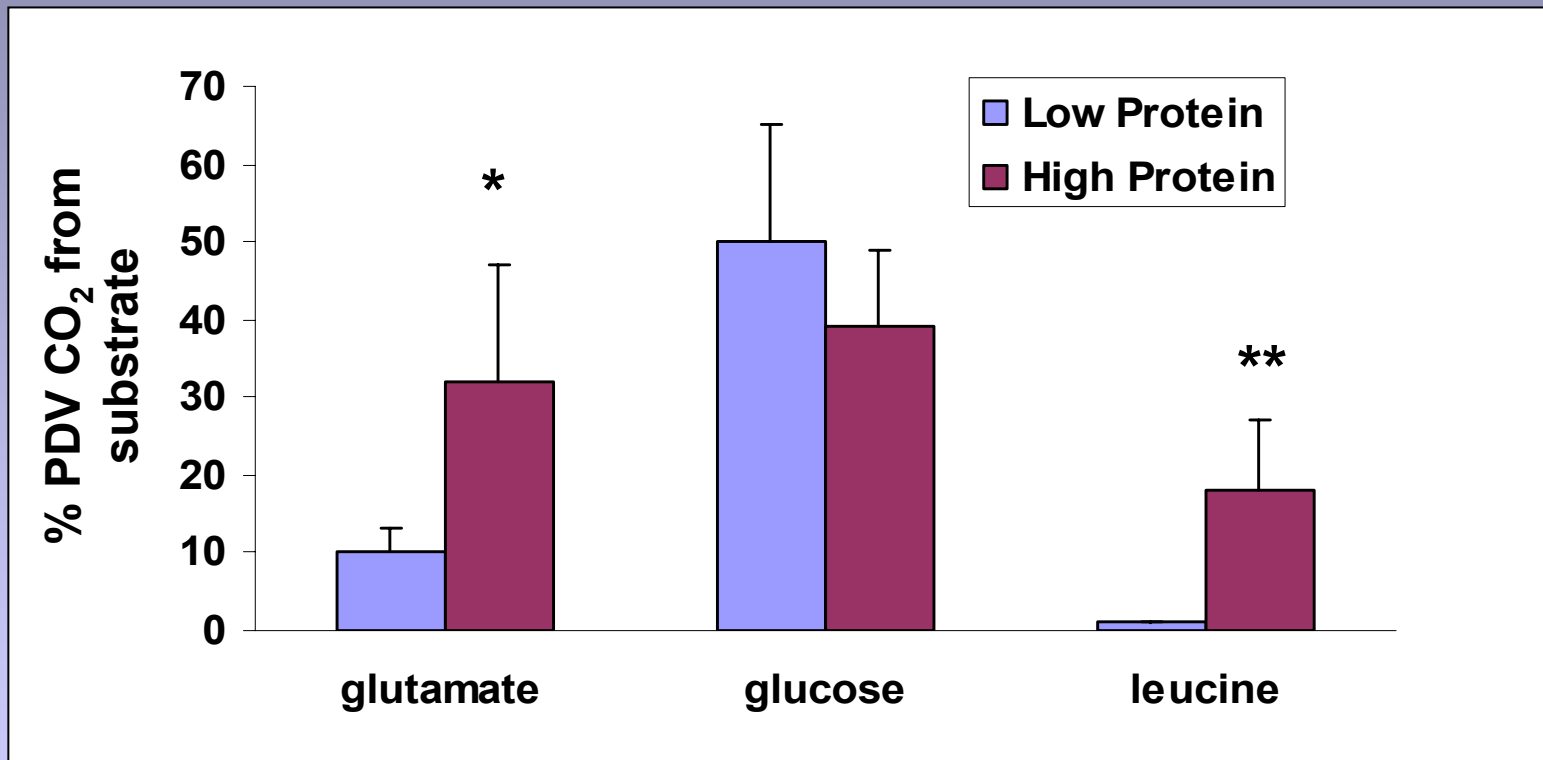
**Glutamate**  
**Glutamine**  
**BCAA (Leu)**  
**Methionine**  
**Threonine**  
**Lysine?**



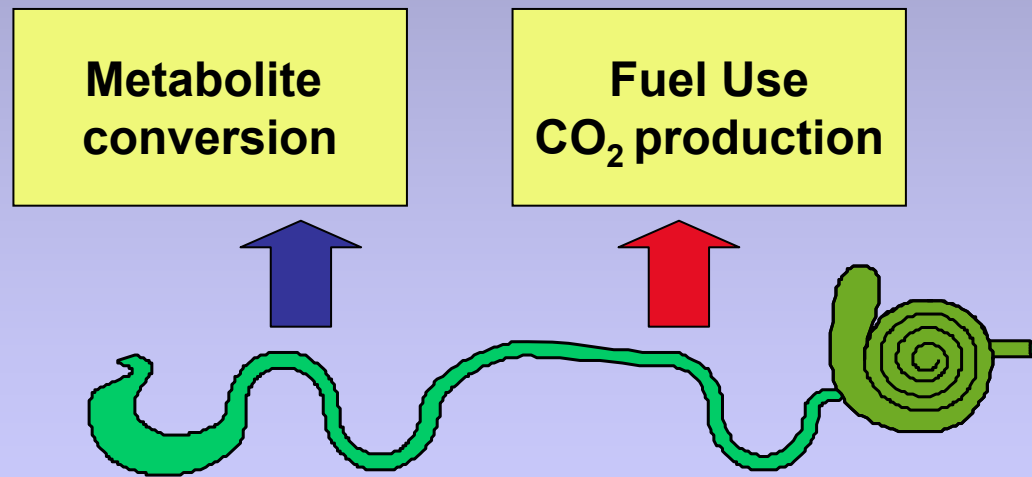
# Substrate use by rat gut *in vitro*



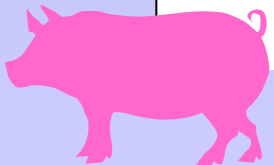
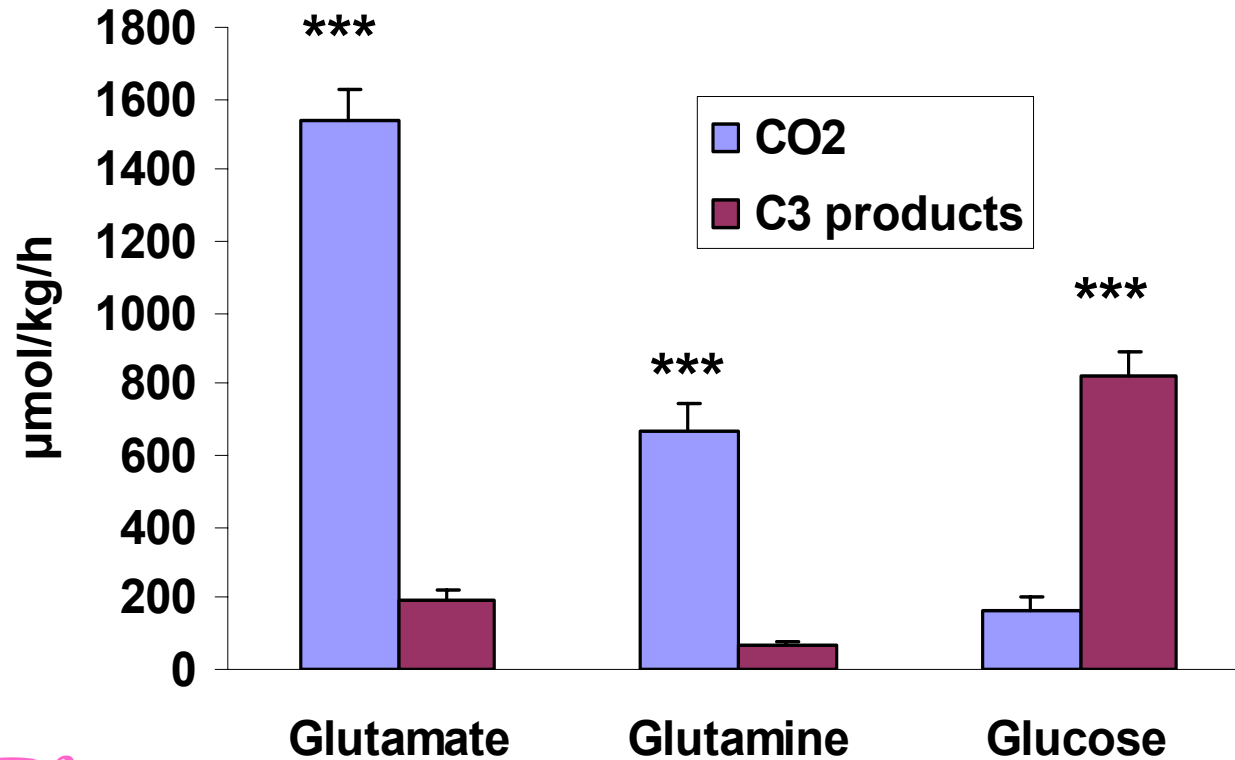
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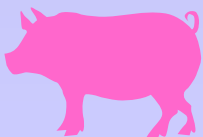
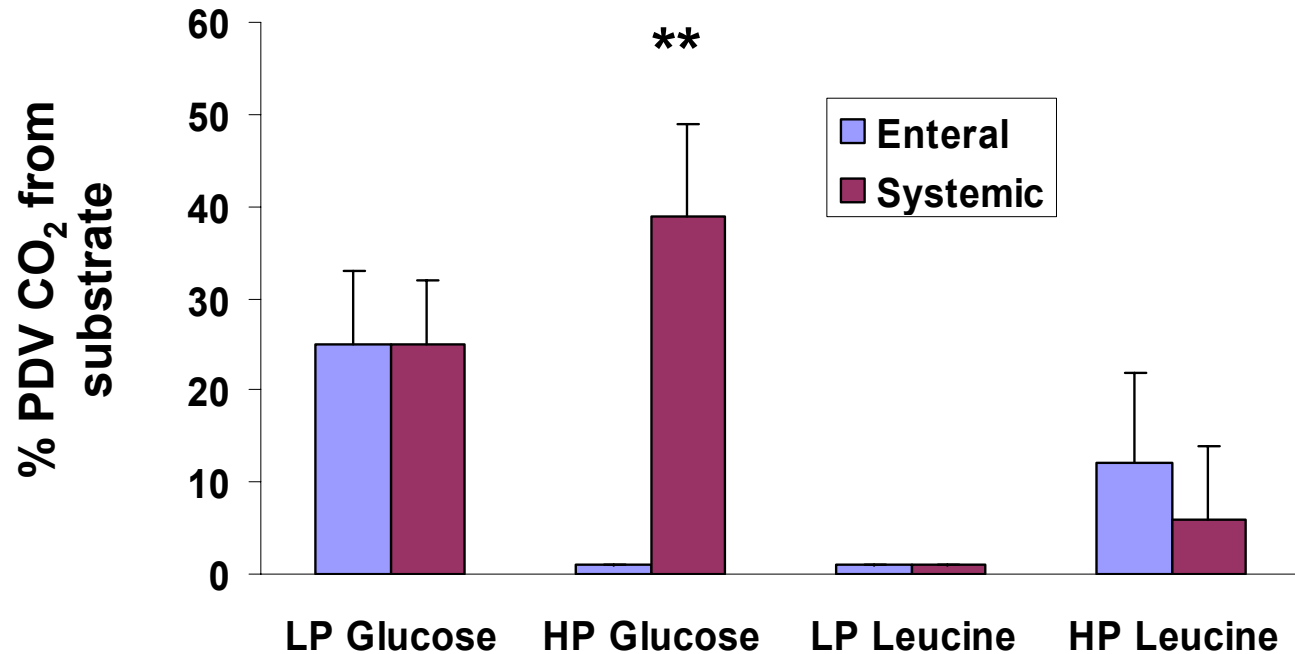
# Metabolic fates



# Substrate fate across pig gut



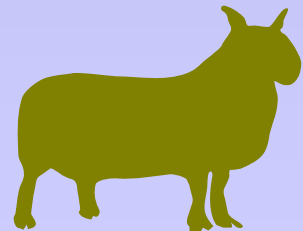
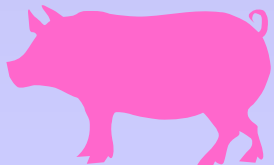
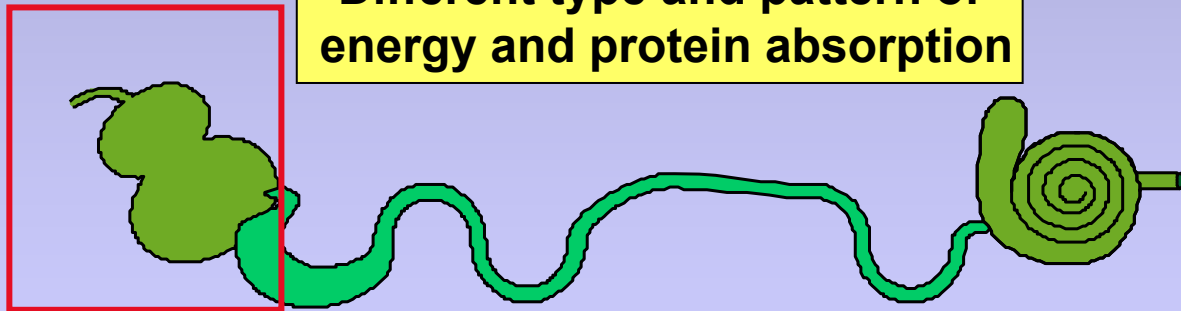
# Site of substrate oxidation by pig gut



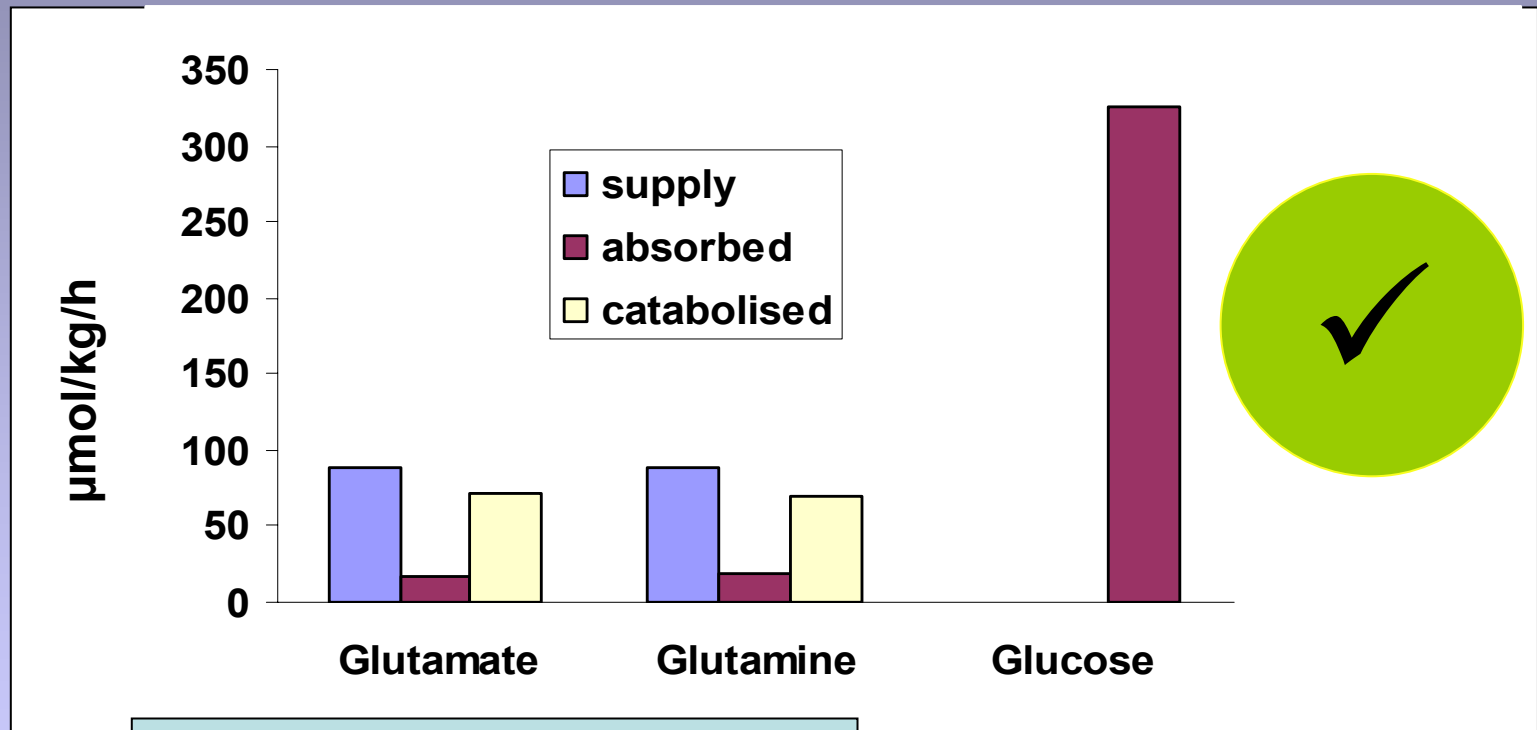
# Species differences

Does the ruminant behave as a non-ruminant?

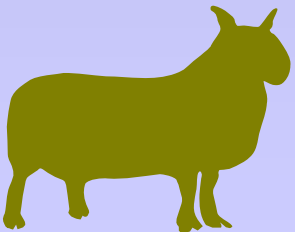
Different type and pattern of  
energy and protein absorption



# Glucose utilisation across sheep gut – effect of AA



Infused (duodenum)  
100 g/d casein  
From 60 to 105% requirements



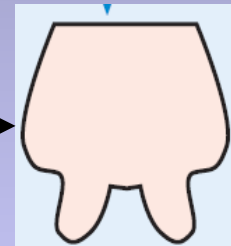
# Glutamine needs – dairy cow early lactation

Immune system  
Activation ↑

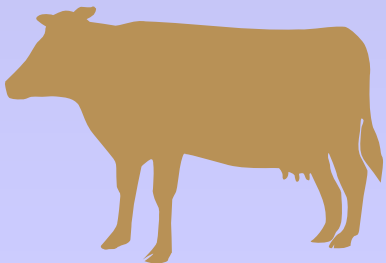
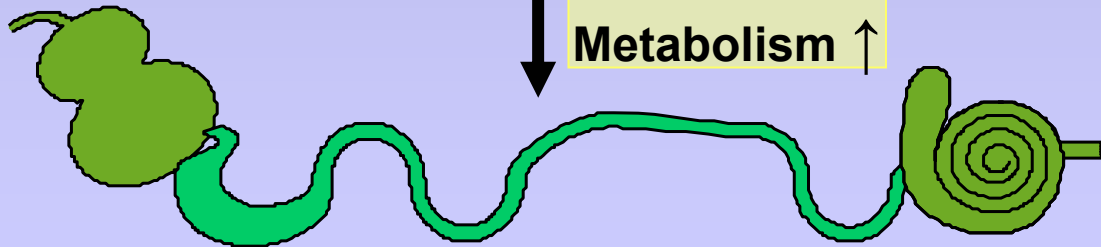


**Glutamine**

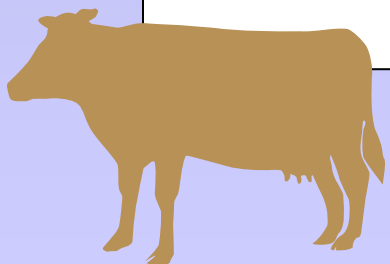
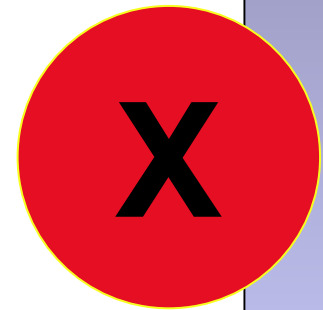
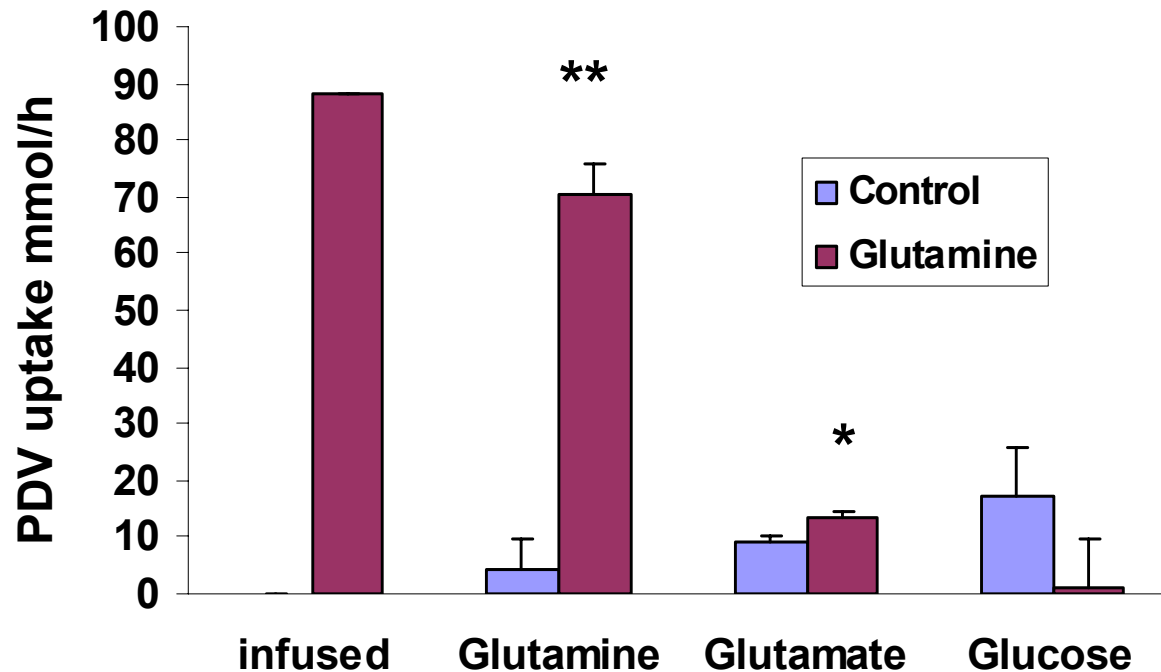
Lactation  
Milk protein ↑



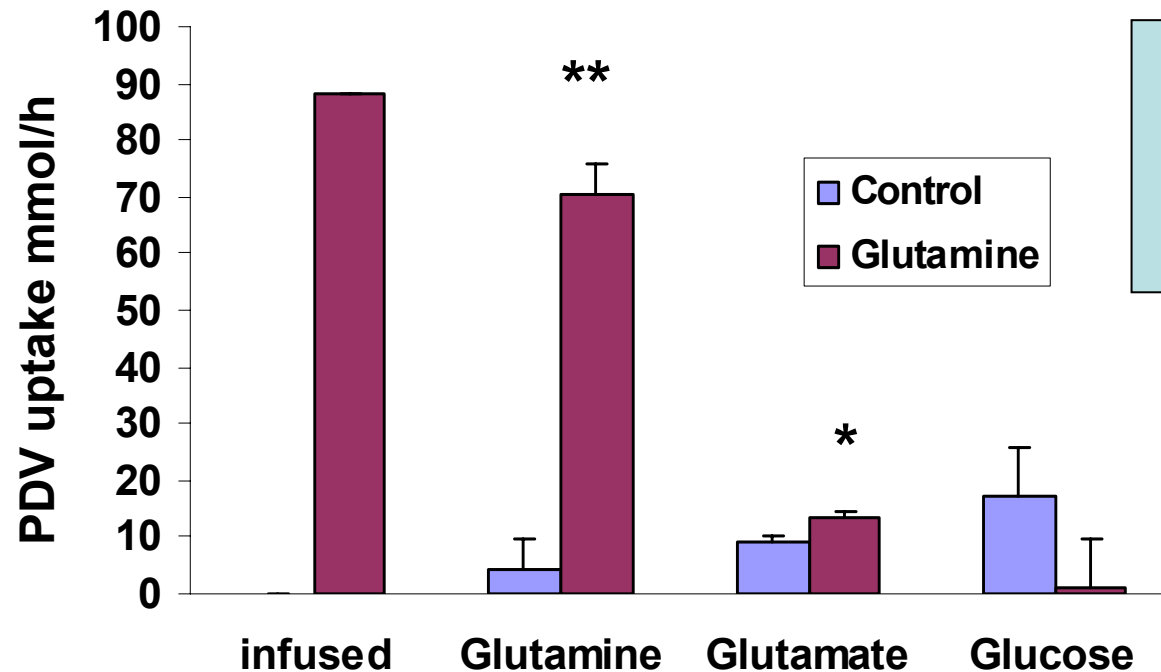
Gut mass ↑  
Metabolism ↑



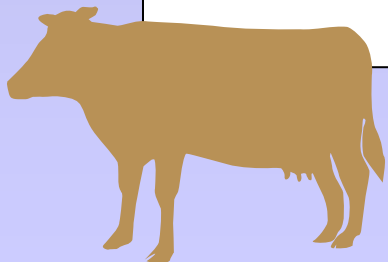
# Gut responses to glutamine in peri-parturient dairy cows



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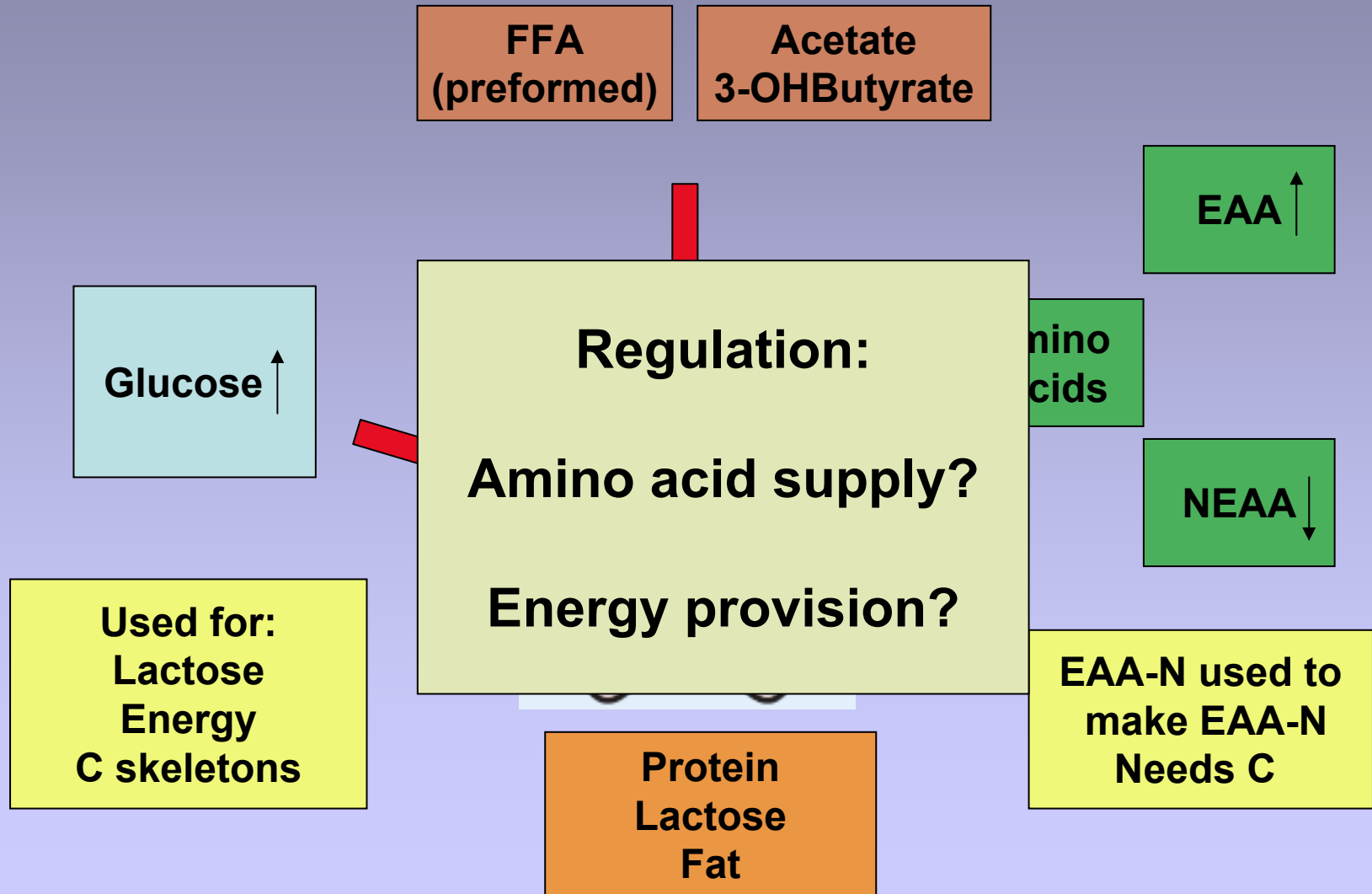
Limitations?  
Adaptations?



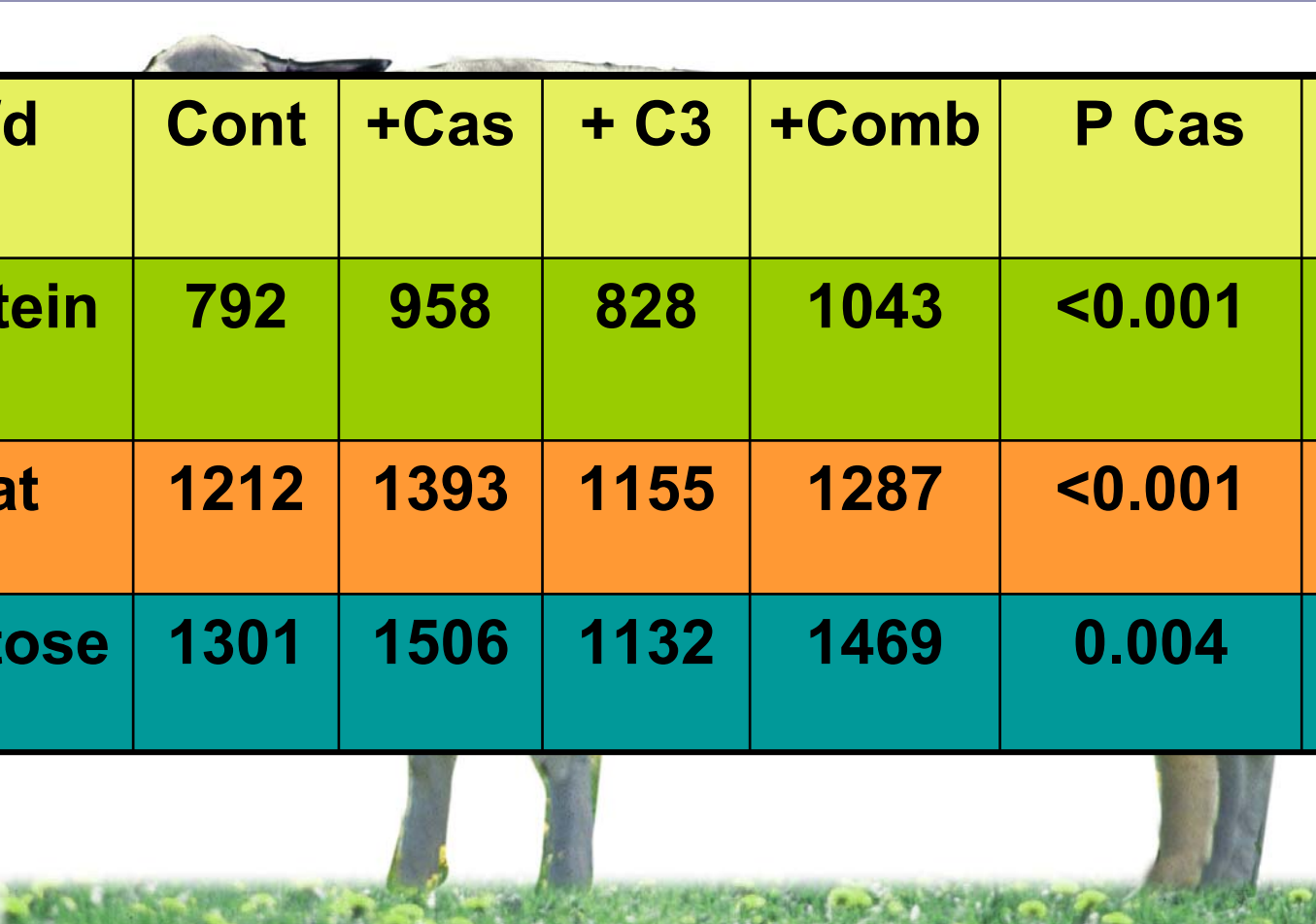
# Energy substitutions

- **Can occur across gut of pigs and ruminants**
- **Not obligatory**
- **Adaptation to metabolic needs?**

# P:E – mammary gland

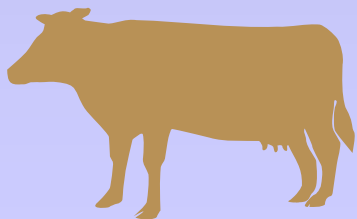
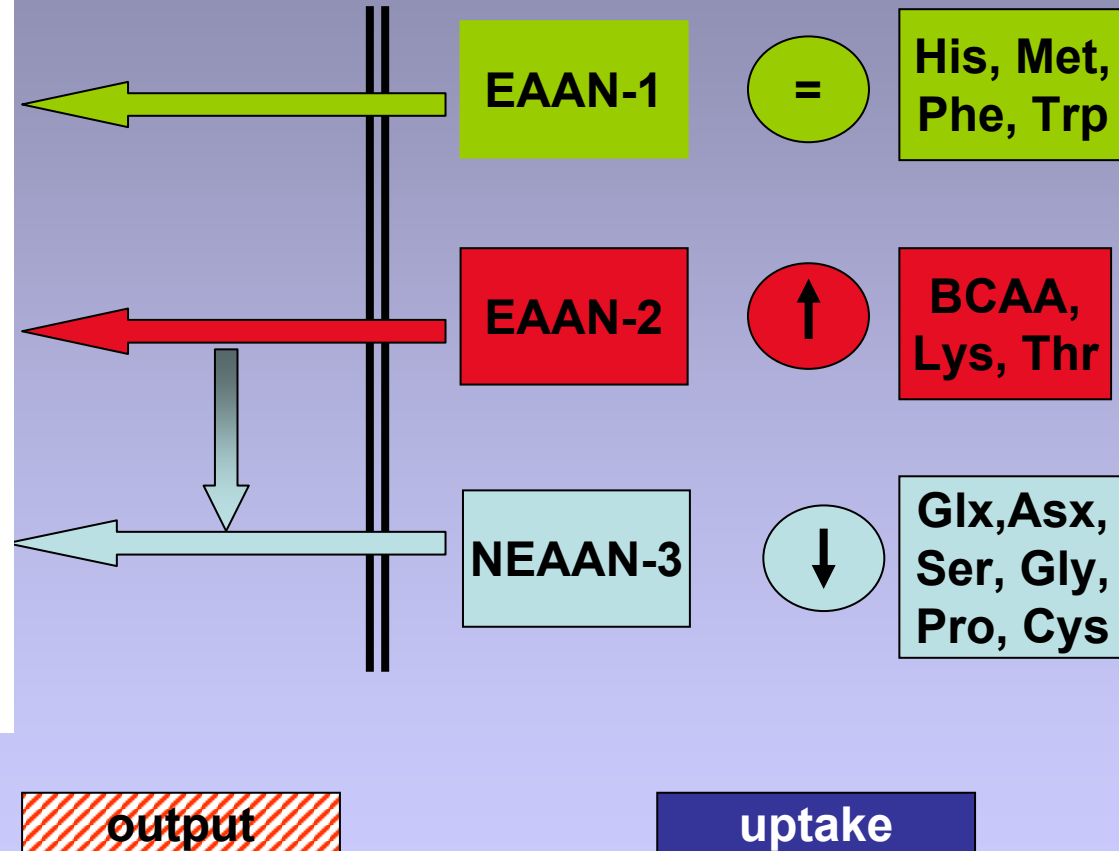
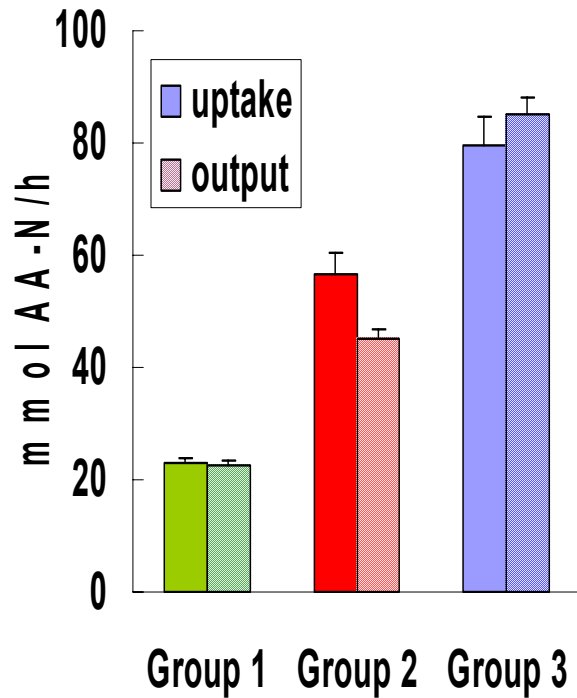


# Impact protein & energy on MG



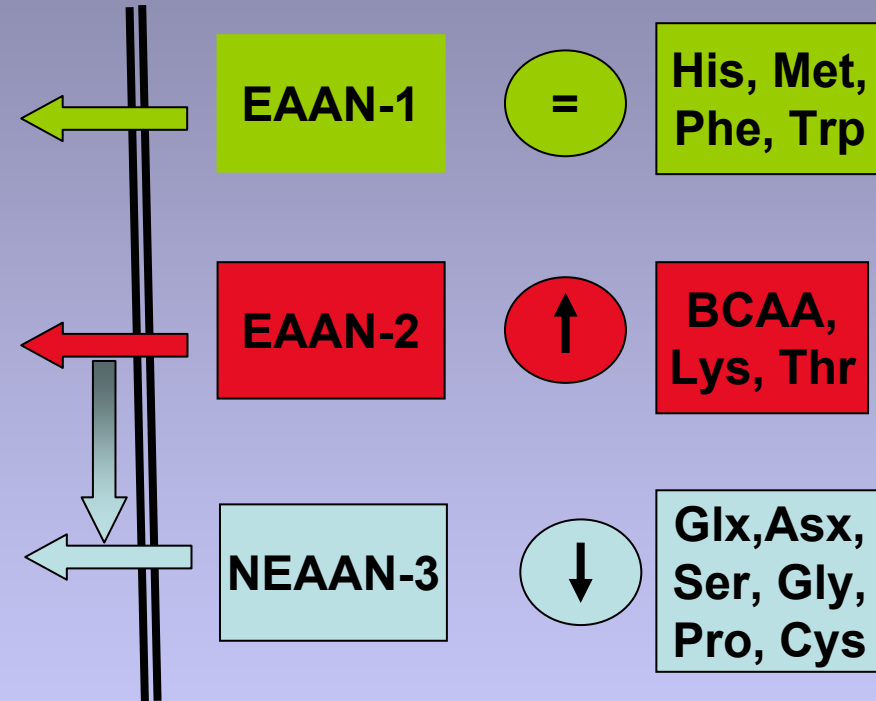
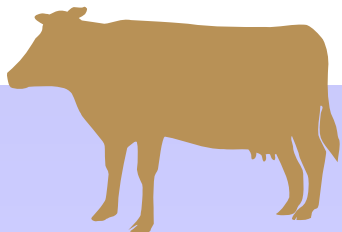
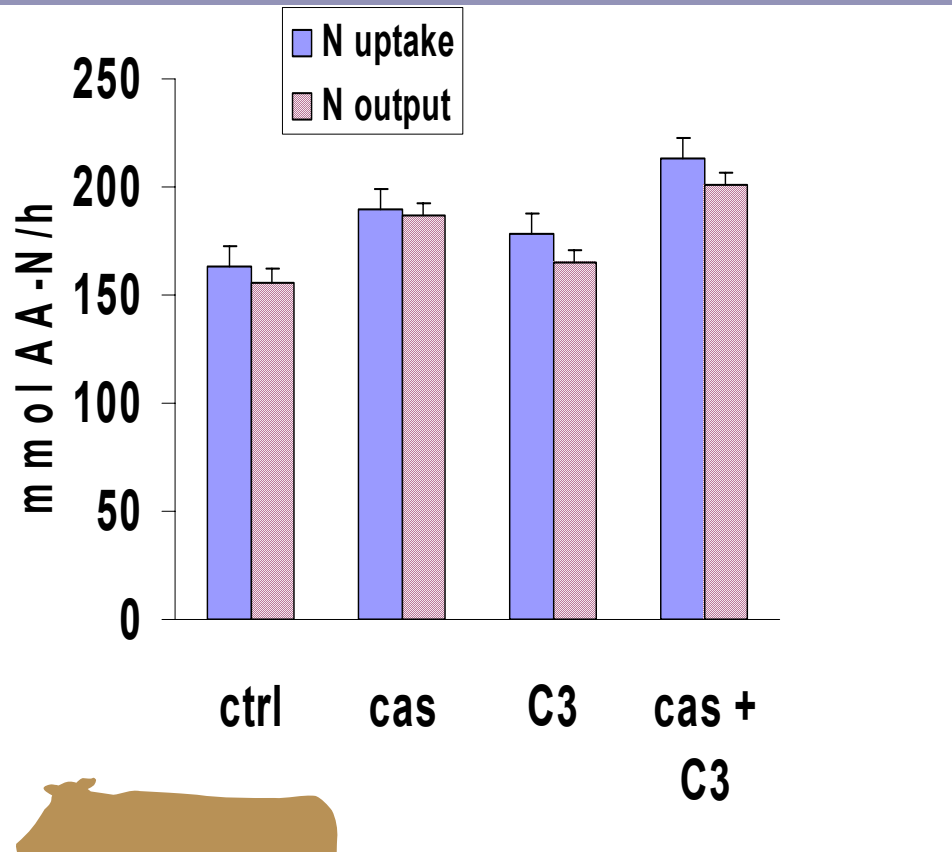
| <b>g/d</b>     | <b>Cont</b> | <b>+Cas</b> | <b>+ C3</b> | <b>+Comb</b> | <b>P Cas</b>     | <b>P C3</b> |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|
| <b>Protein</b> | <b>792</b>  | <b>958</b>  | <b>828</b>  | <b>1043</b>  | <b>&lt;0.001</b> | <b>0.02</b> |
| <b>Fat</b>     | <b>1212</b> | <b>1393</b> | <b>1155</b> | <b>1287</b>  | <b>&lt;0.001</b> | <b>0.02</b> |
| <b>Lactose</b> | <b>1301</b> | <b>1506</b> | <b>1132</b> | <b>1469</b>  | <b>0.004</b>     | <b>NS</b>   |

# AA-N uptake across cow mammary gland



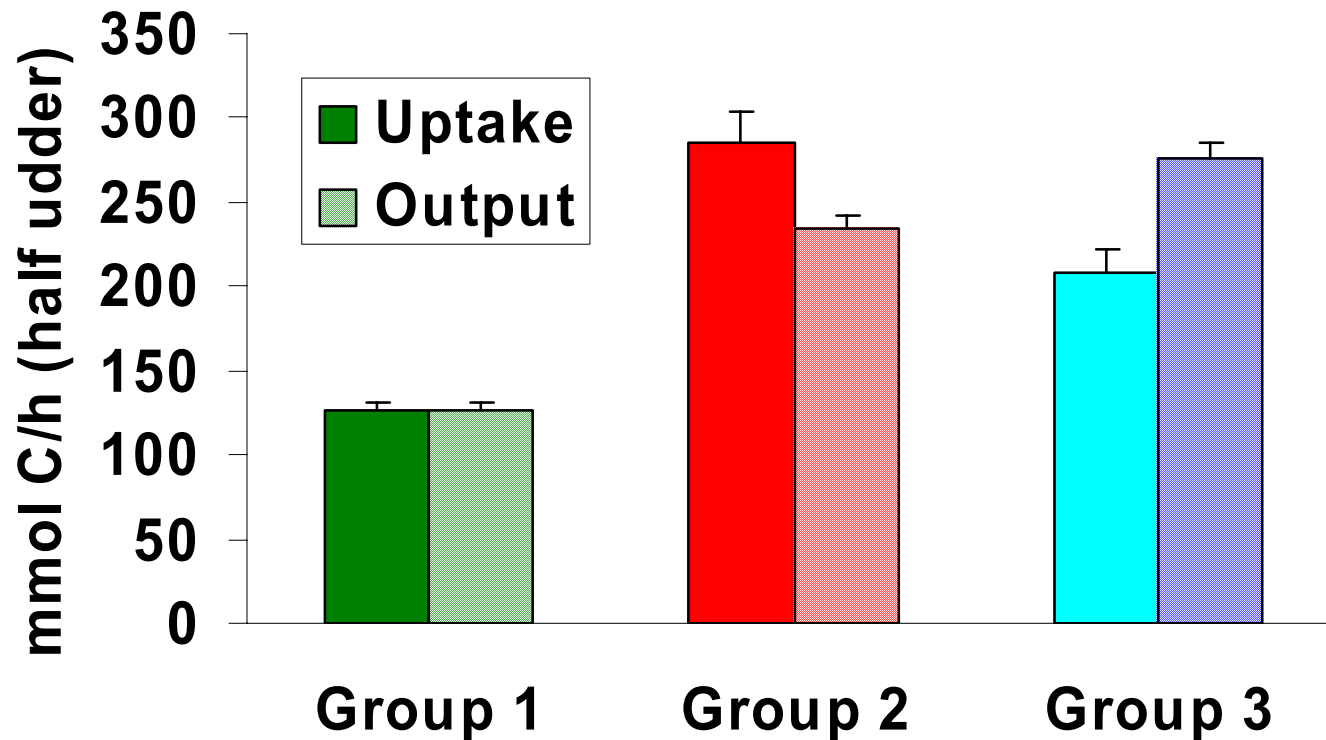
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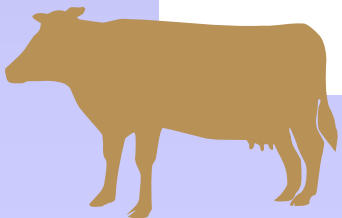


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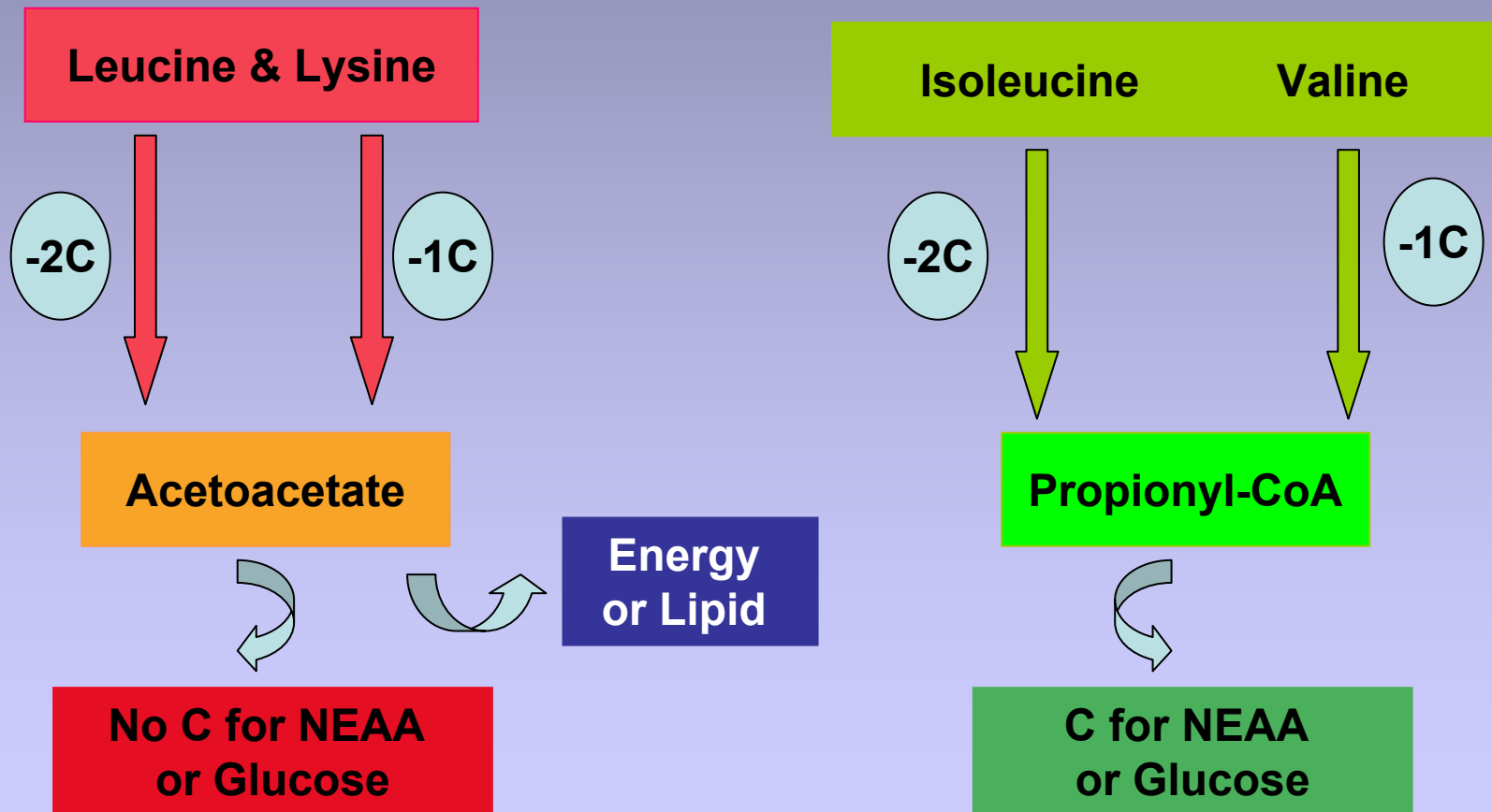
# AA C balances across half udder



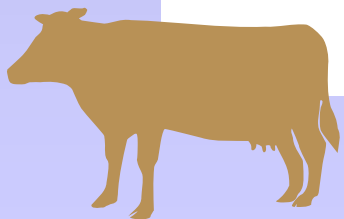
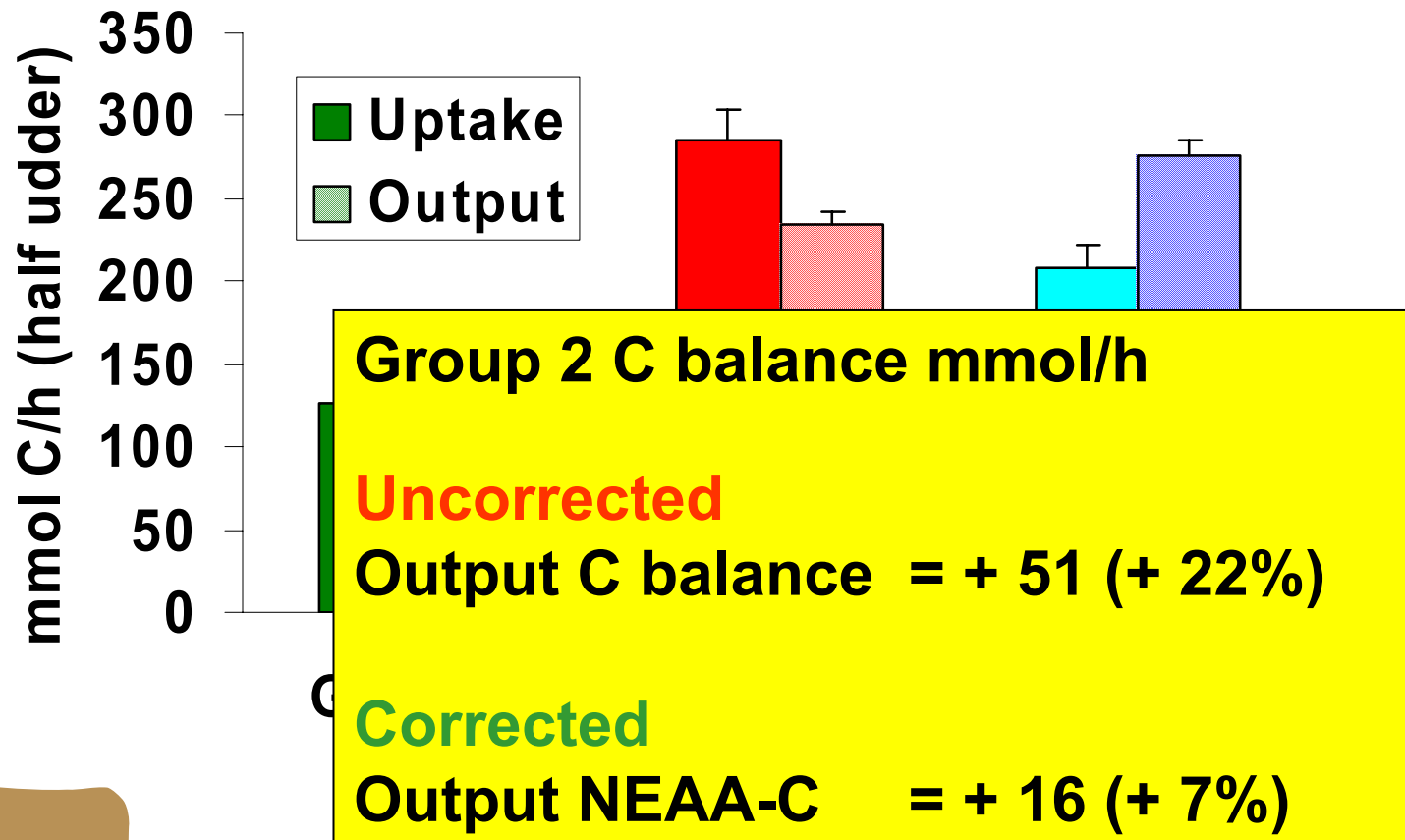
**Total uptake = 621**  
**Total output = 638**



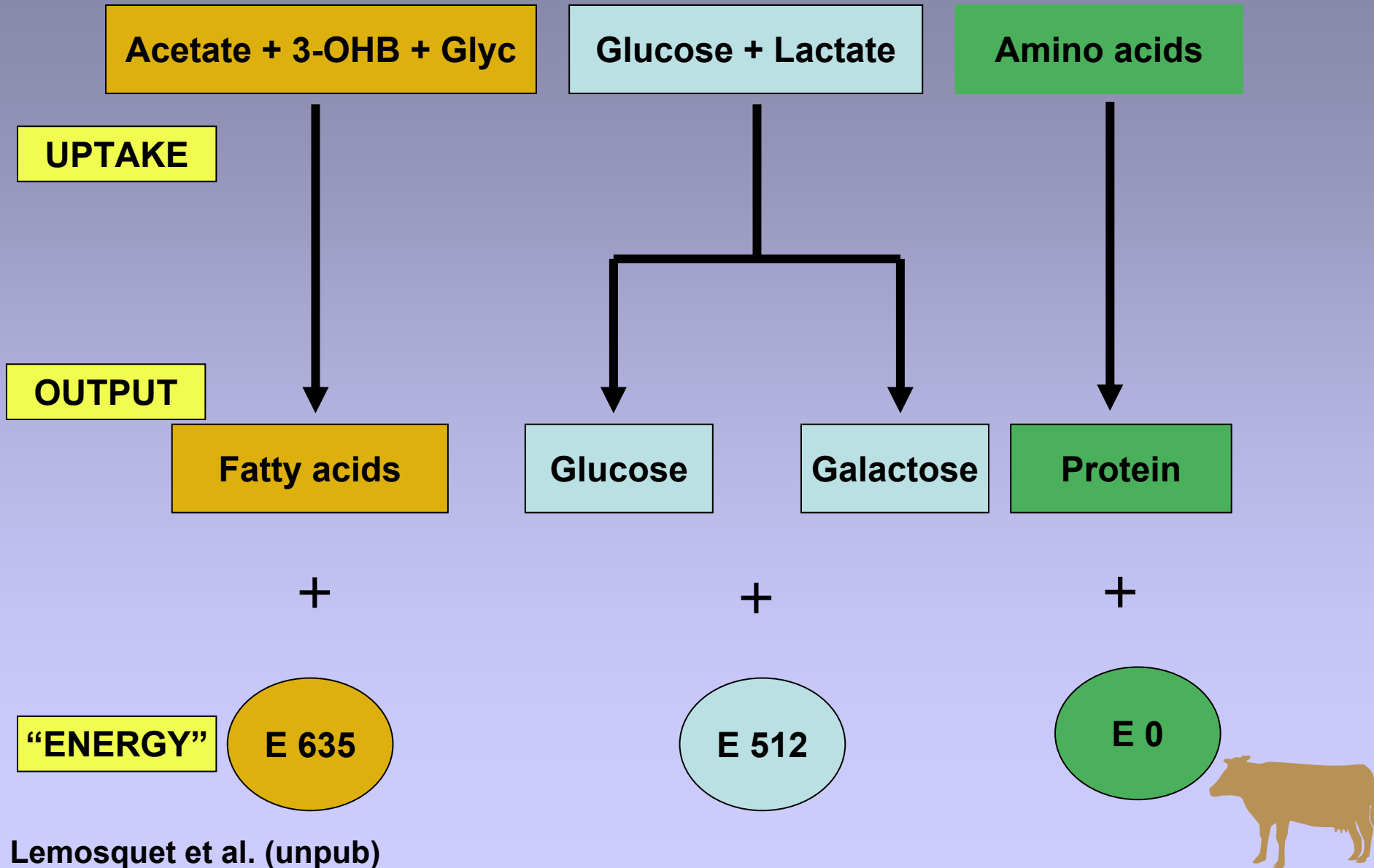
# EAA-2 to NEAA-C or E sources



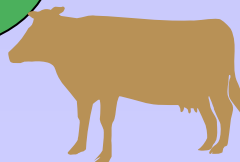
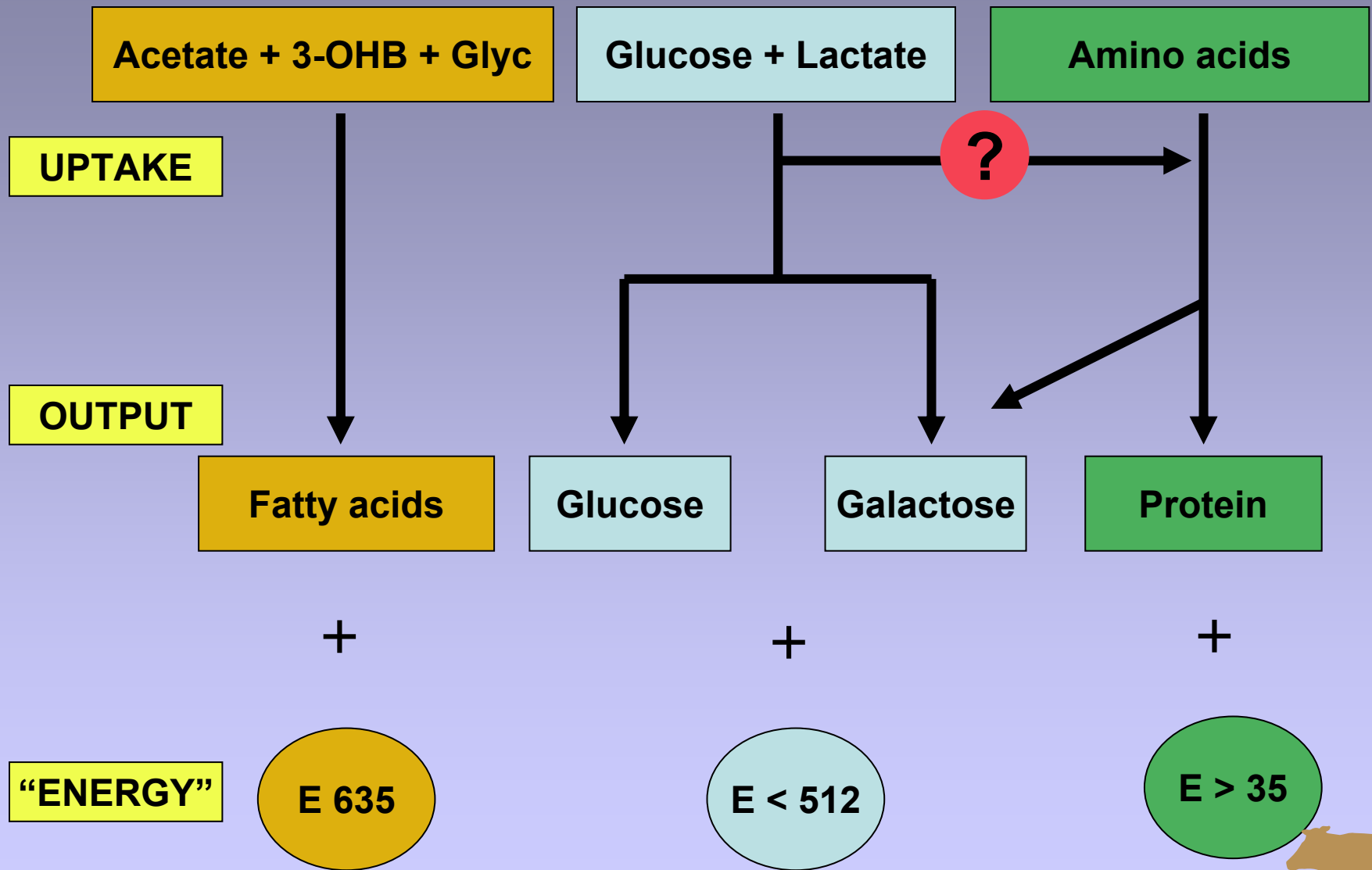
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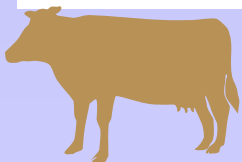
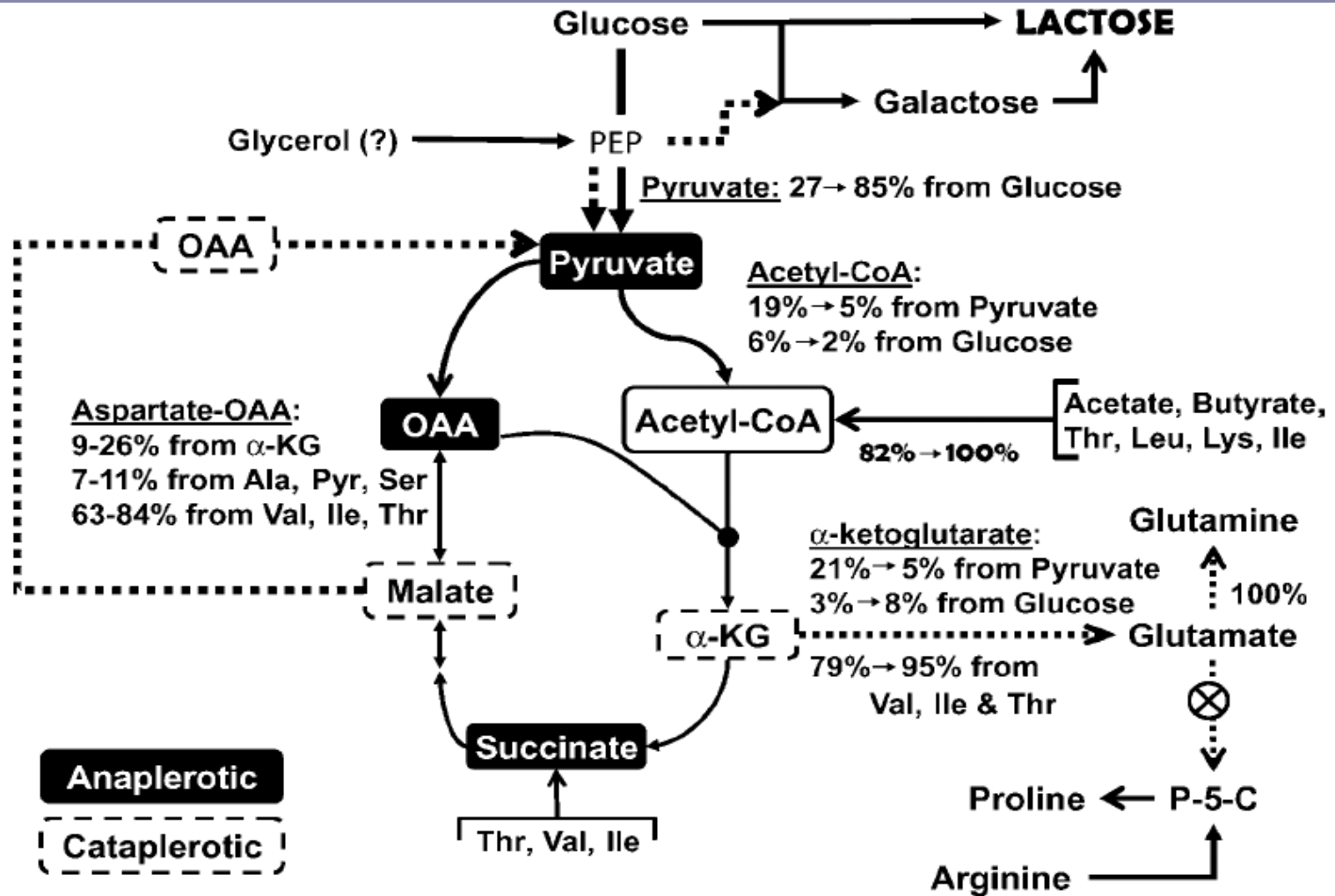
# Apparent C transfers



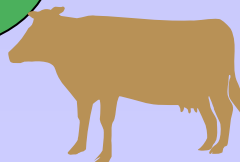
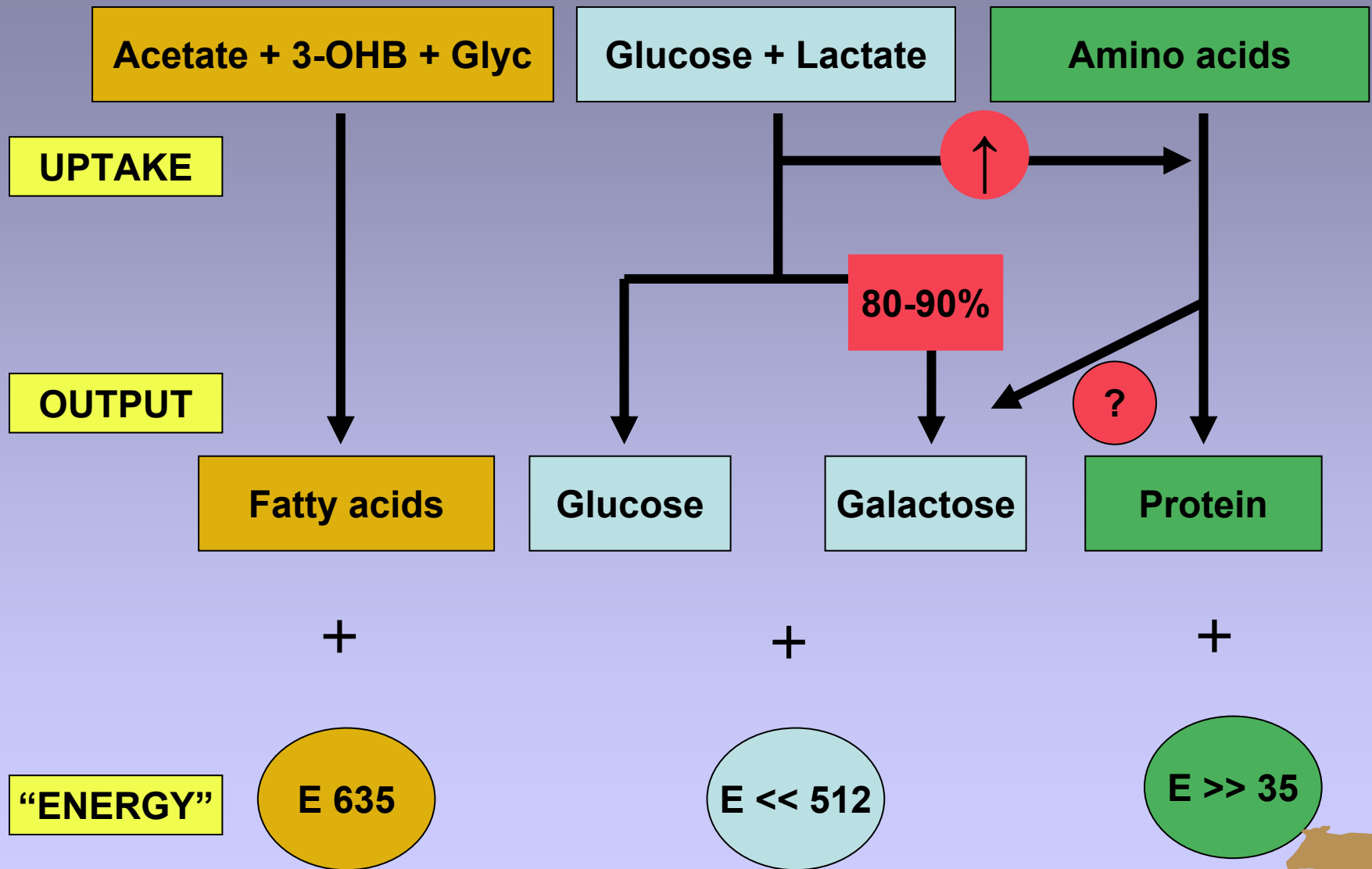
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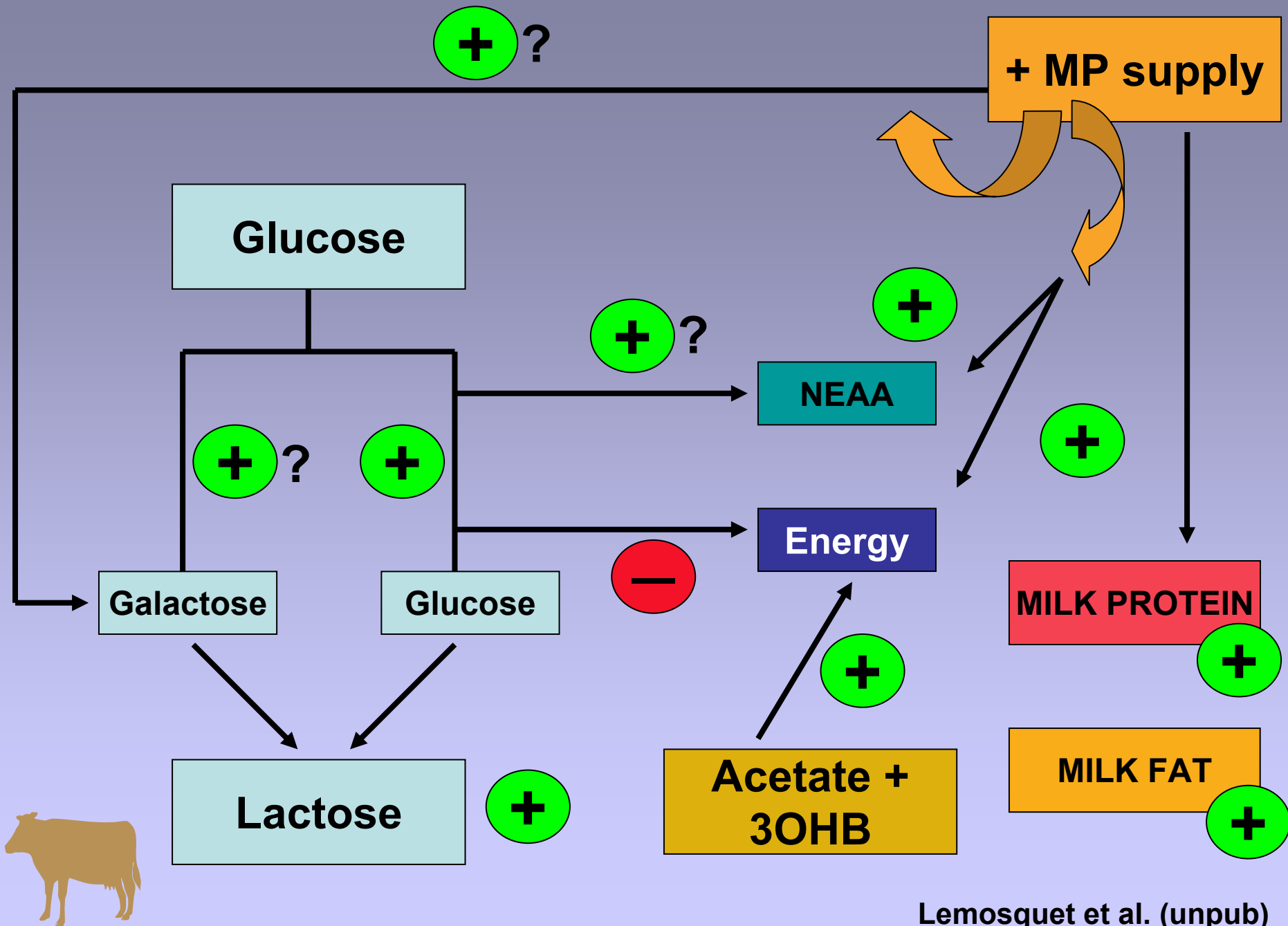


# Inter-conversions in MG explants



# True? C transfers





# Implications

- **Flexibility**
- **Limitations?**
- **Dynamic feed models**
- **Improved efficiency/resource use**
- **Selection parameters?**

# P:E - Efficiency & Health



Appetite



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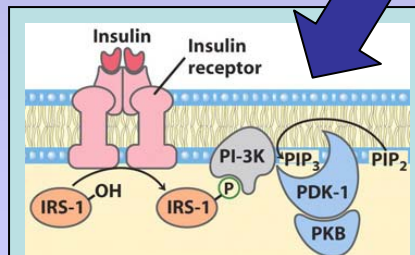


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Efficiency

P E



Hormonal sensitivity

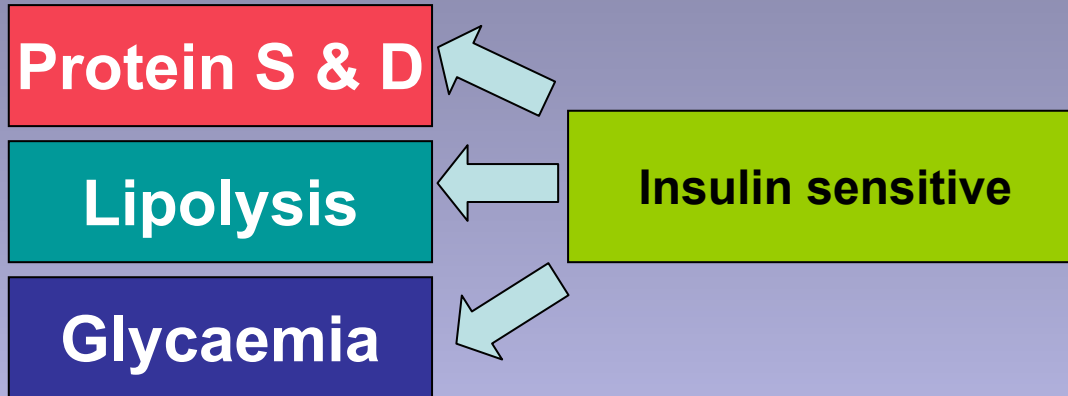


Metabolic health

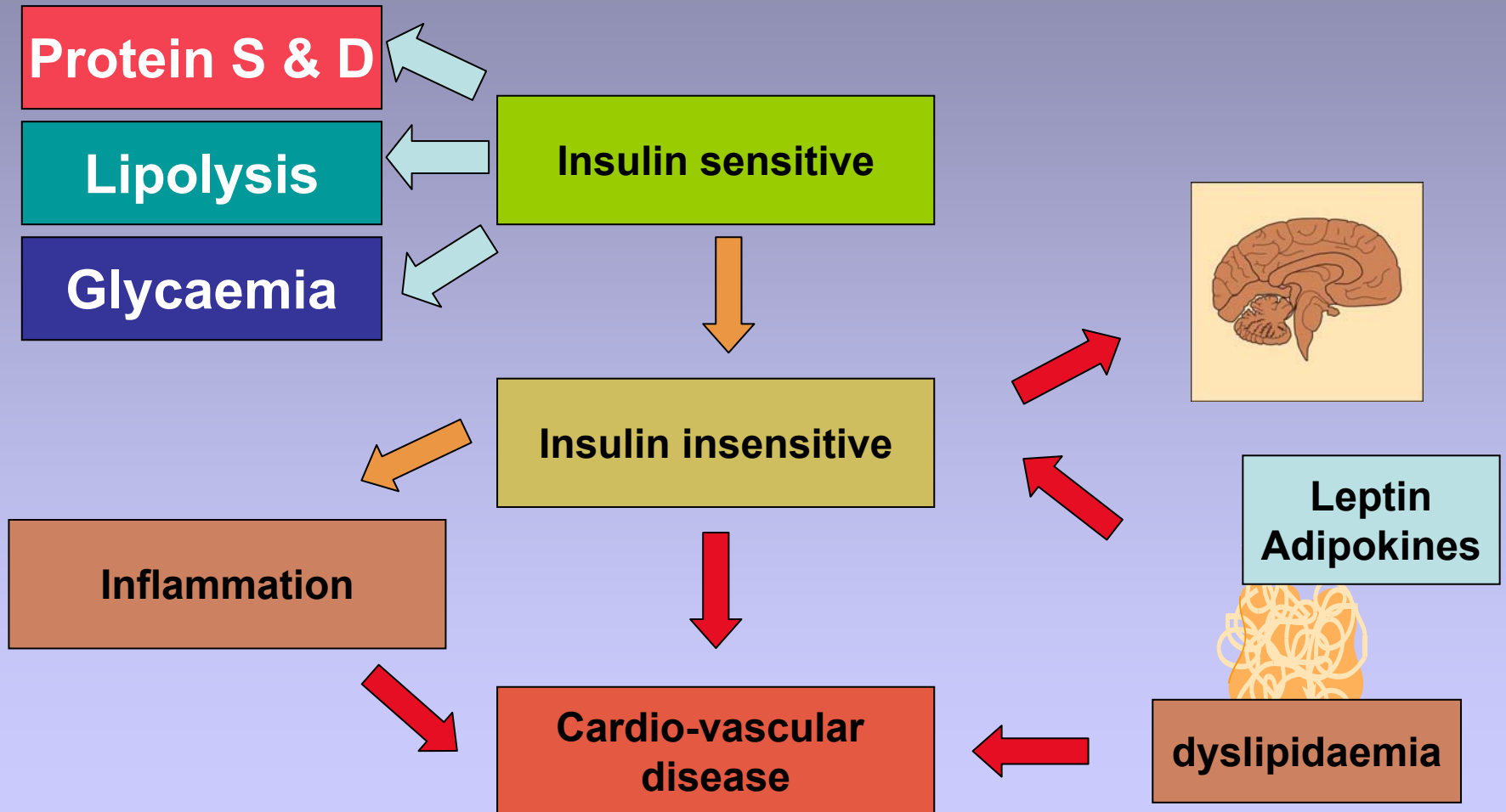


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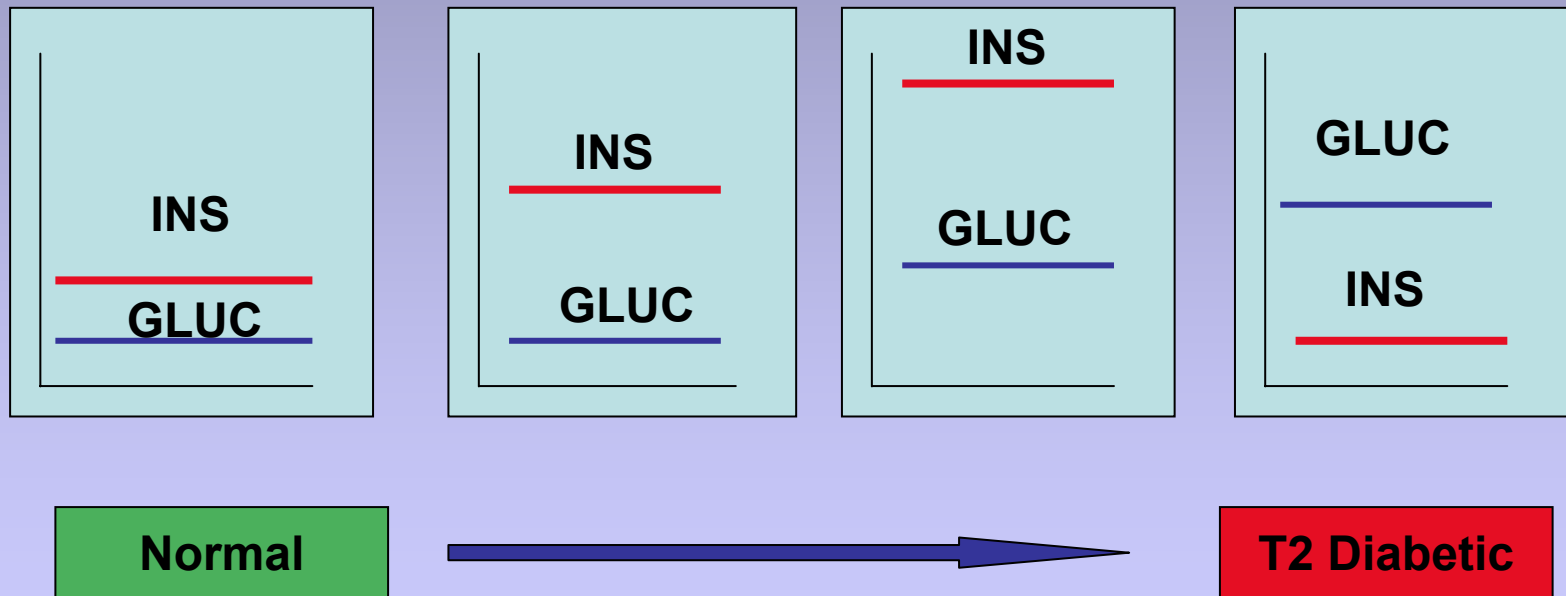
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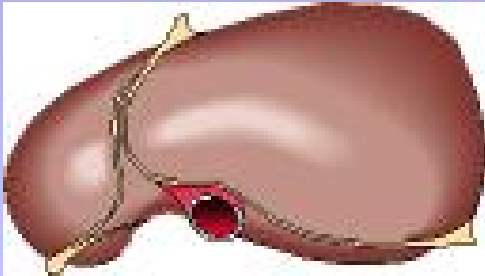


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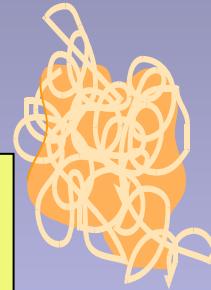


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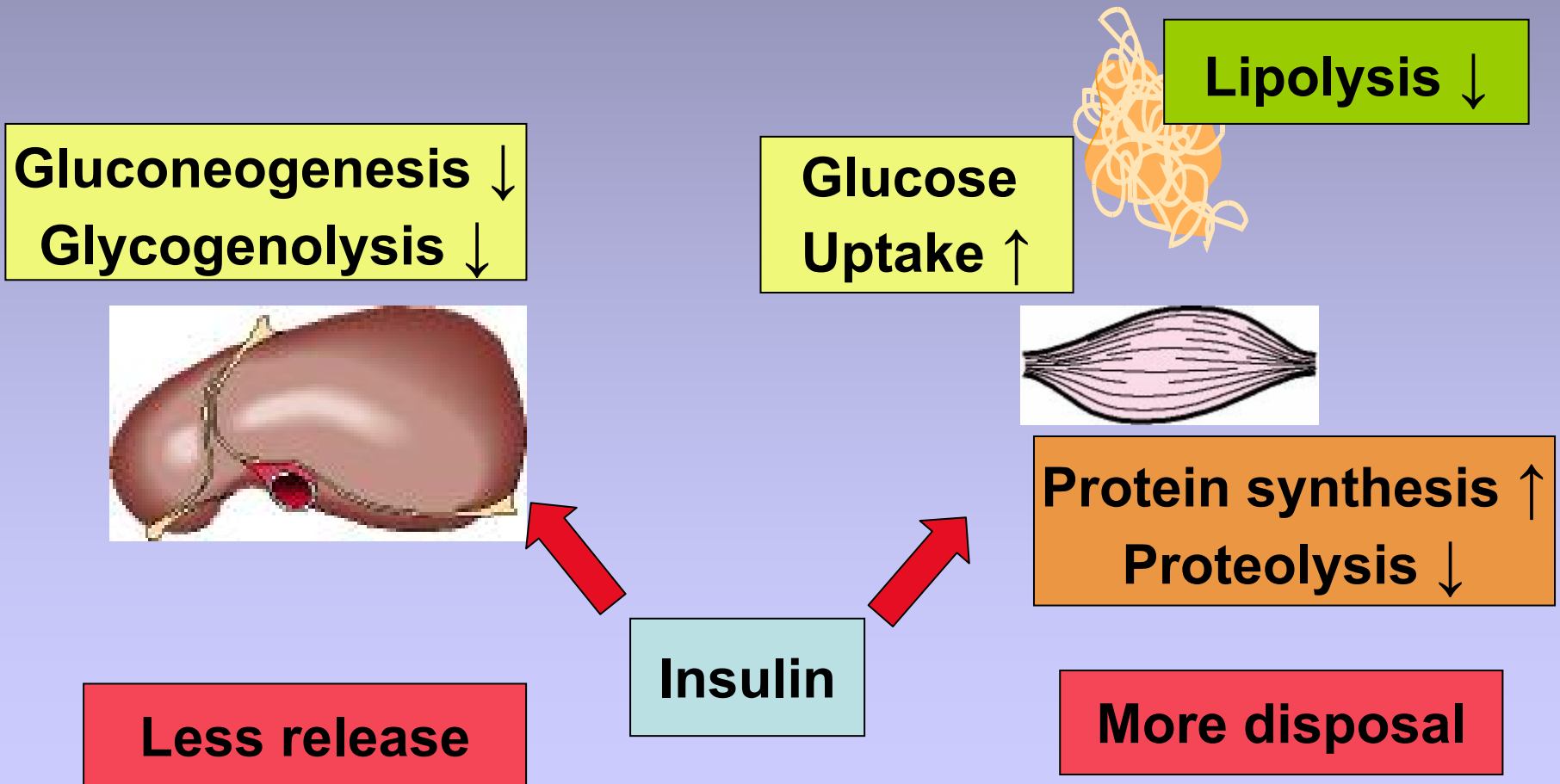
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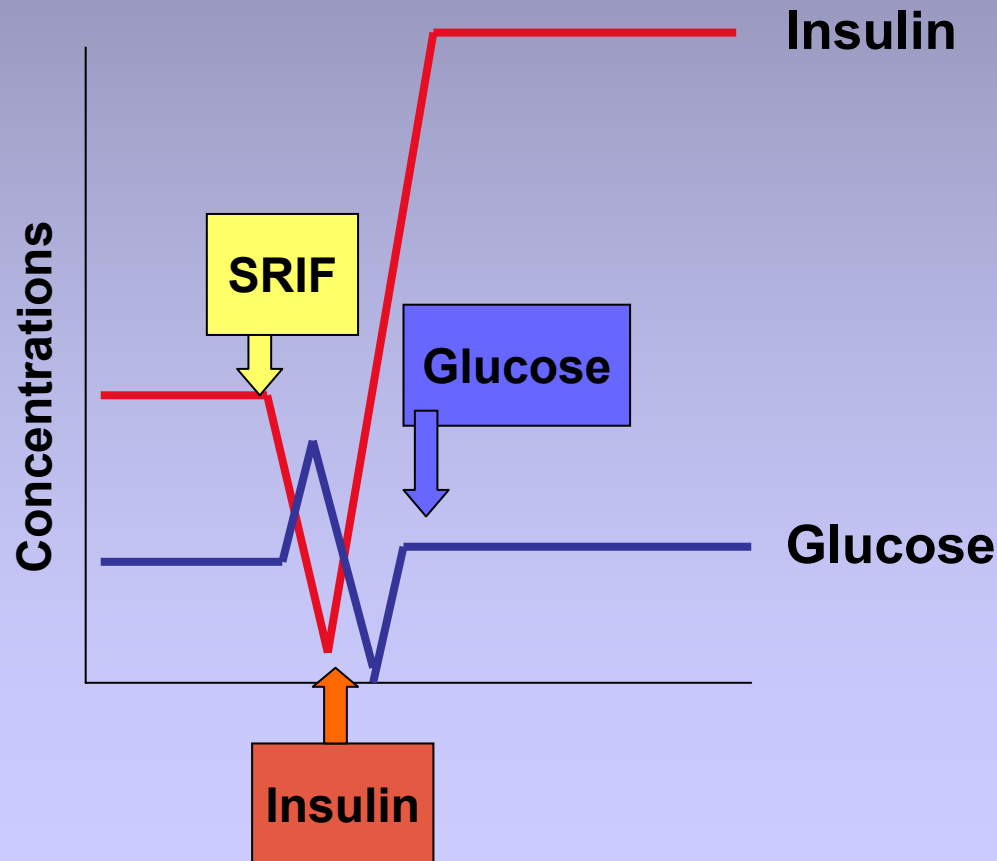
**Glucose  
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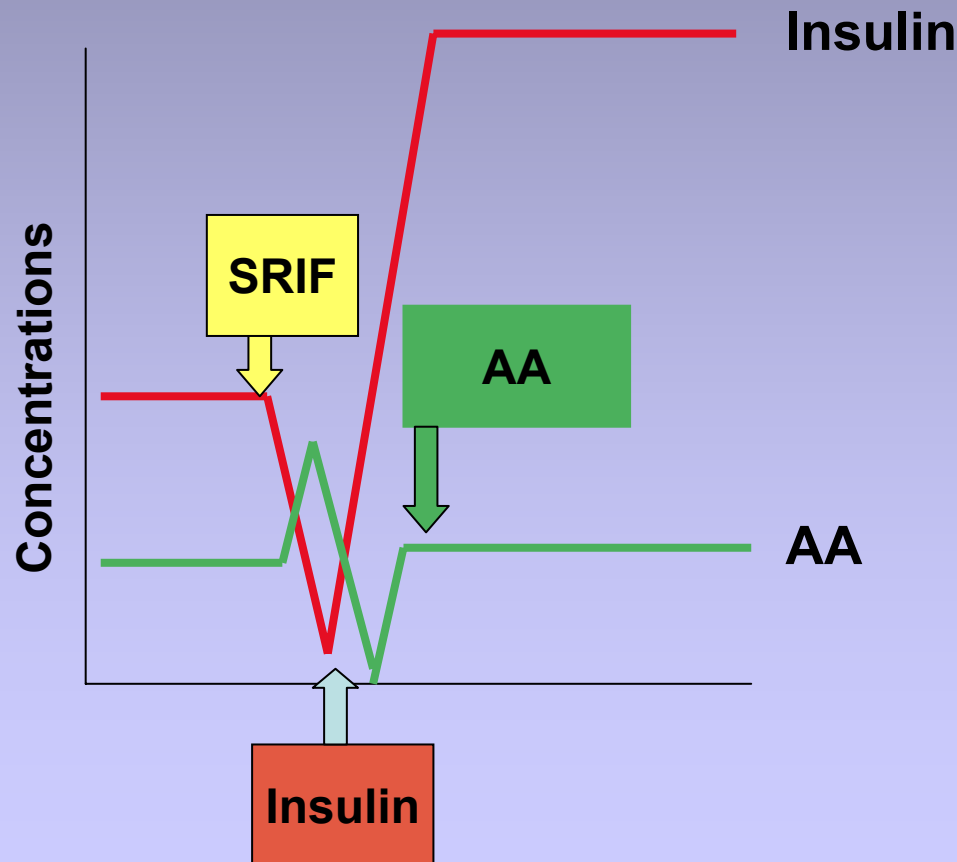


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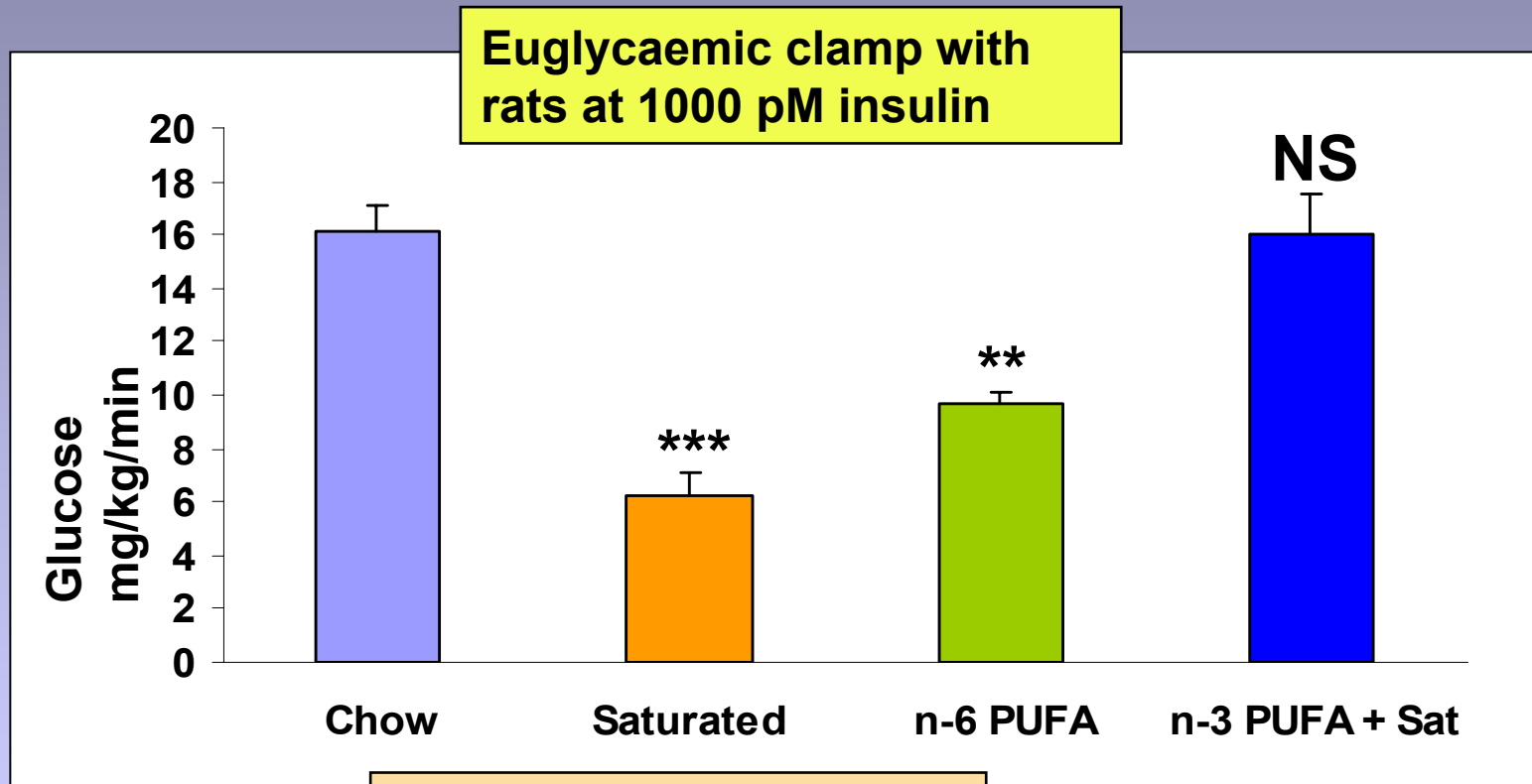
**More glucose  
needed to restore  
euglycaemia the  
higher the insulin  
sensitivity**

# Insulin Clamp - sensitivity



**Similar with AA –  
decreased with  
insulin infusion, rate  
of replacement  
reflects insulin  
sensitivity**

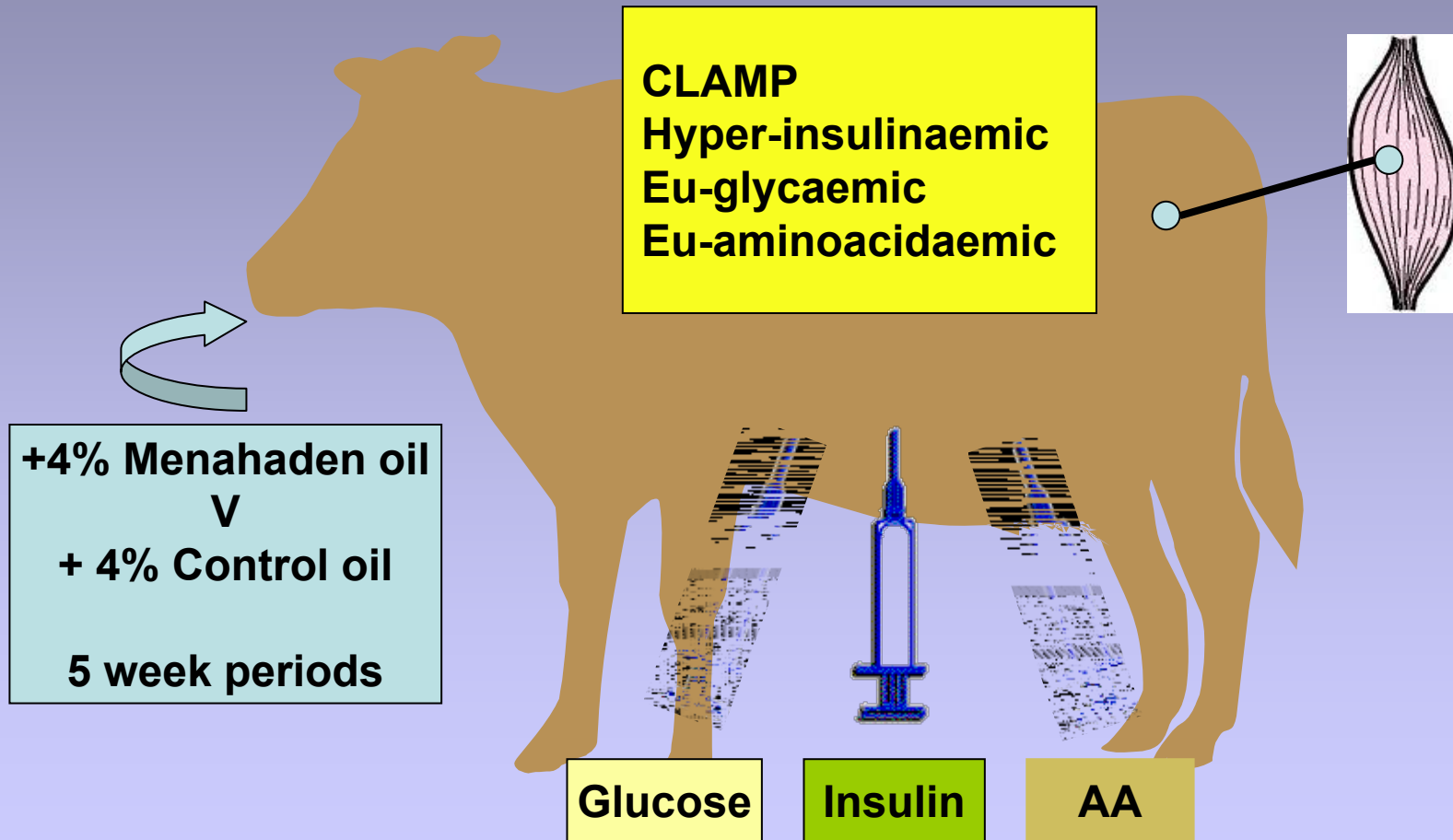
# PUFAs and insulin resistance



Responses in both liver and peripheral tissues



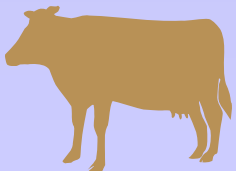
# n-3 PUFAs and IS in steers



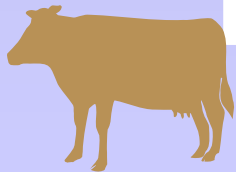
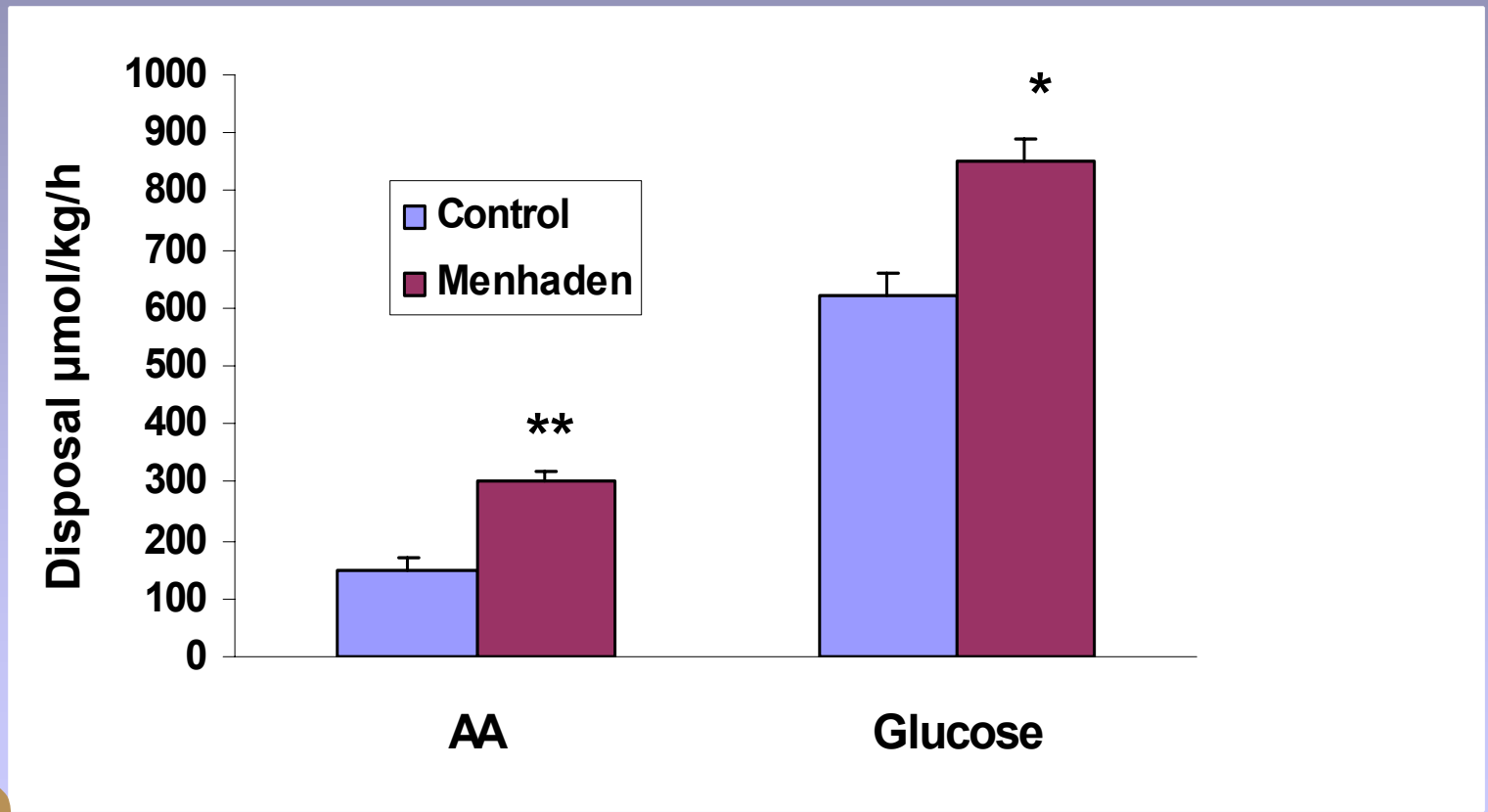
# n-3, n-6 PUFA content

| <i><b>Diet</b></i> | <b>n-3</b>    | <b>n-6</b>   | <b>ratio</b> |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Control</b>     | <b>0.6</b>    | <b>35.8</b>  | <b>0.02</b>  |
| <b>Menhaden</b>    | <b>38.2**</b> | <b>4.4**</b> | <b>8.8**</b> |

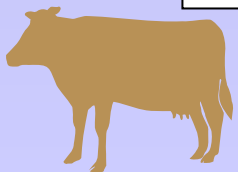
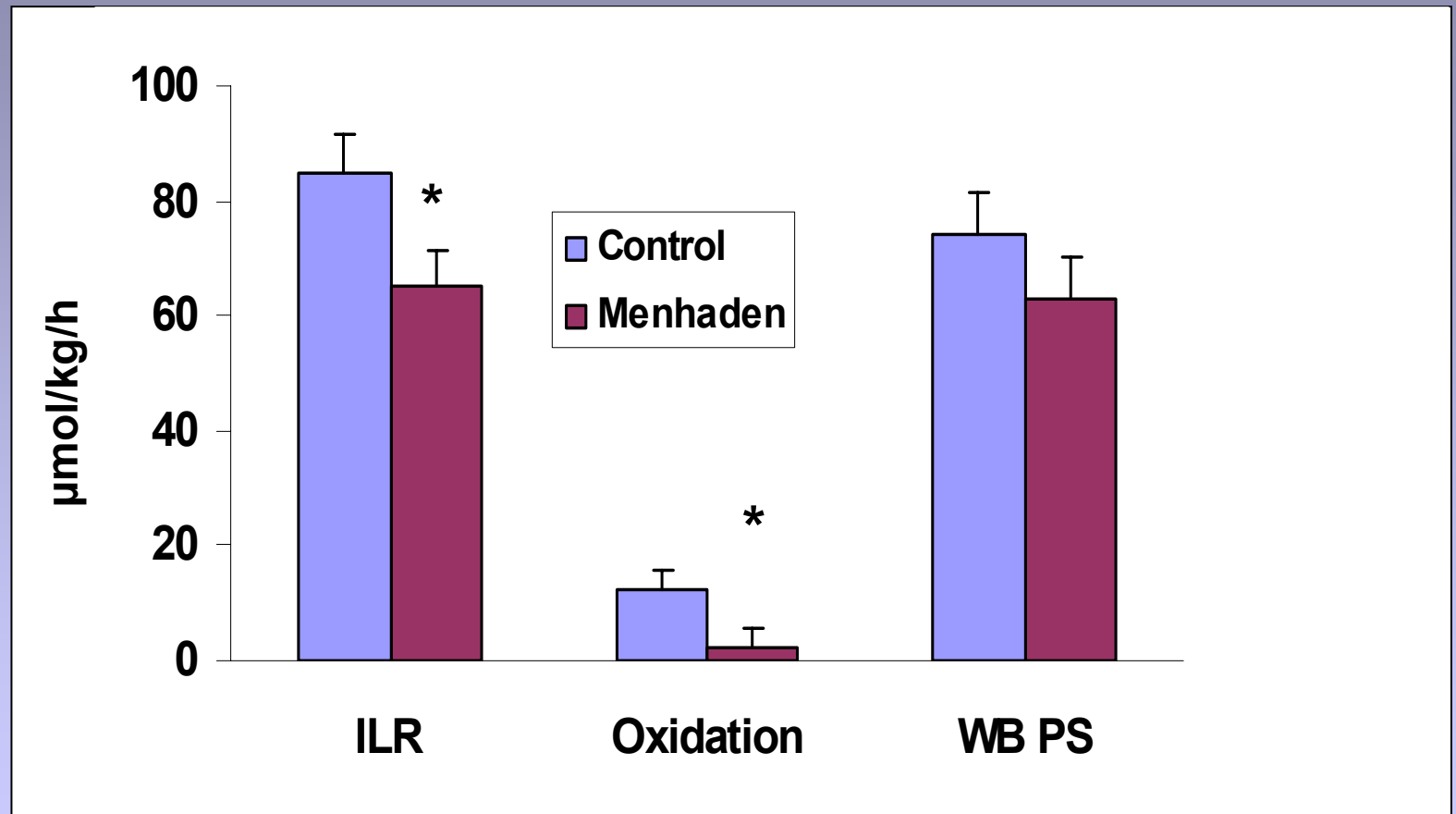
| <i><b>Muscle (PC)</b></i> | <b>n-3</b>    | <b>n-6</b>    | <b>ratio</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Control</b>            | <b>11.5</b>   | <b>44.5</b>   | <b>0.3</b>   |
| <b>Menhaden</b>           | <b>23.8**</b> | <b>32.2**</b> | <b>0.8**</b> |



# Clamp - glucose and AA disposal

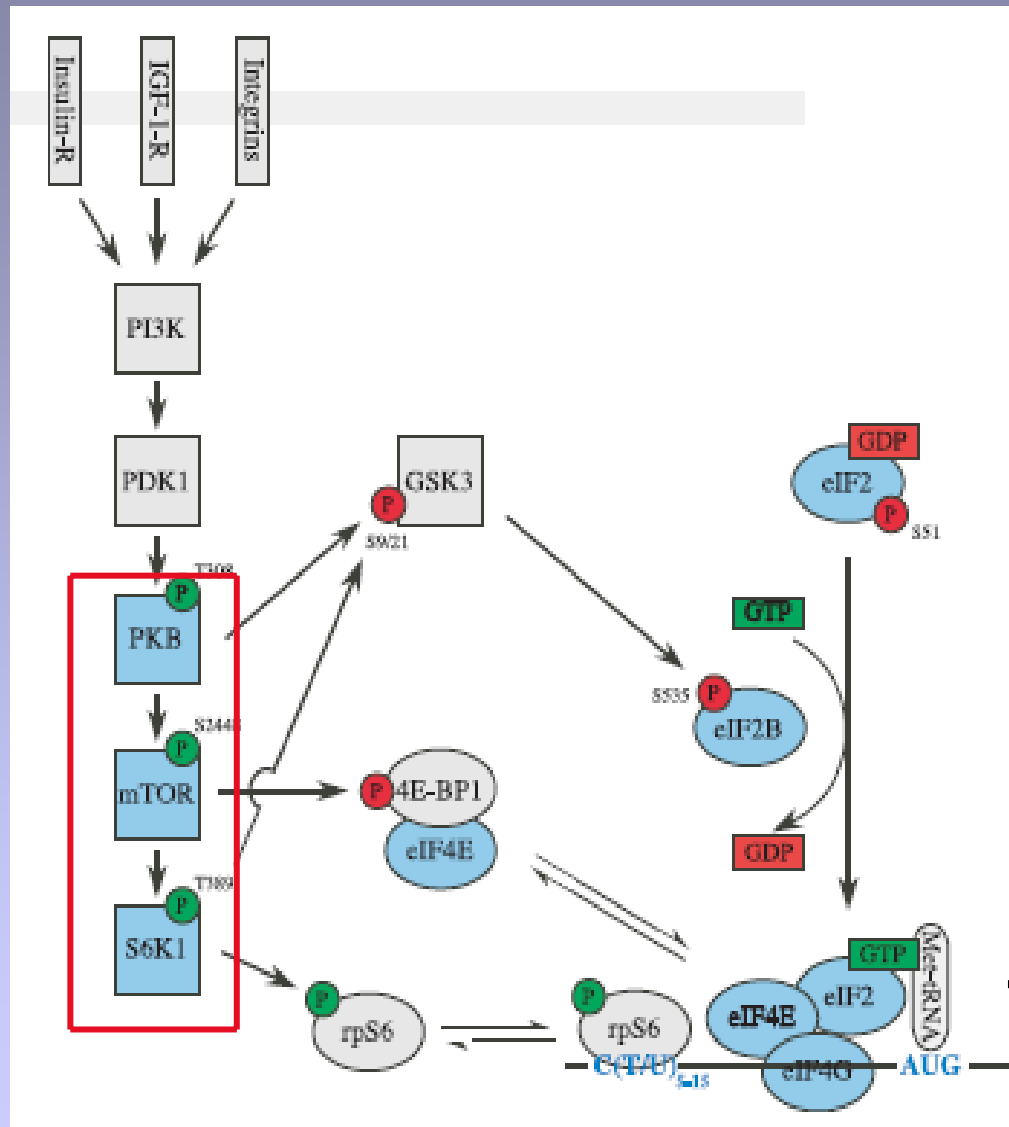


# n-3 PUFA and WB protein turnover



Gingras et al 2007

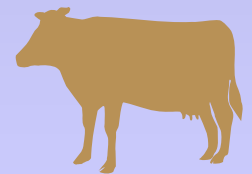
# mTOR/S6K signalling pathway and protein synthesis



Protein Synthesis

# Muscle western blots

|              | Control | Menhaden | Control |
|--------------|---------|----------|---------|
|              | Control | Menhaden |         |
| BW gain kg/d | 1.32    | 1.29     |         |
| FI kg/d      | 7.7     | 7.0*     |         |
| FCR          | 6.57    | 5.40     |         |



# P:E Human health



Appetite

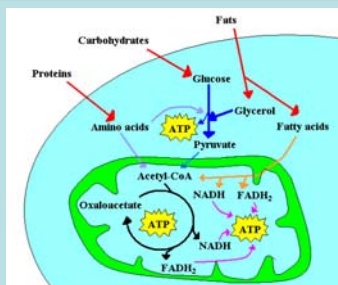


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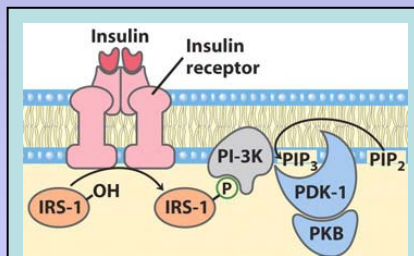
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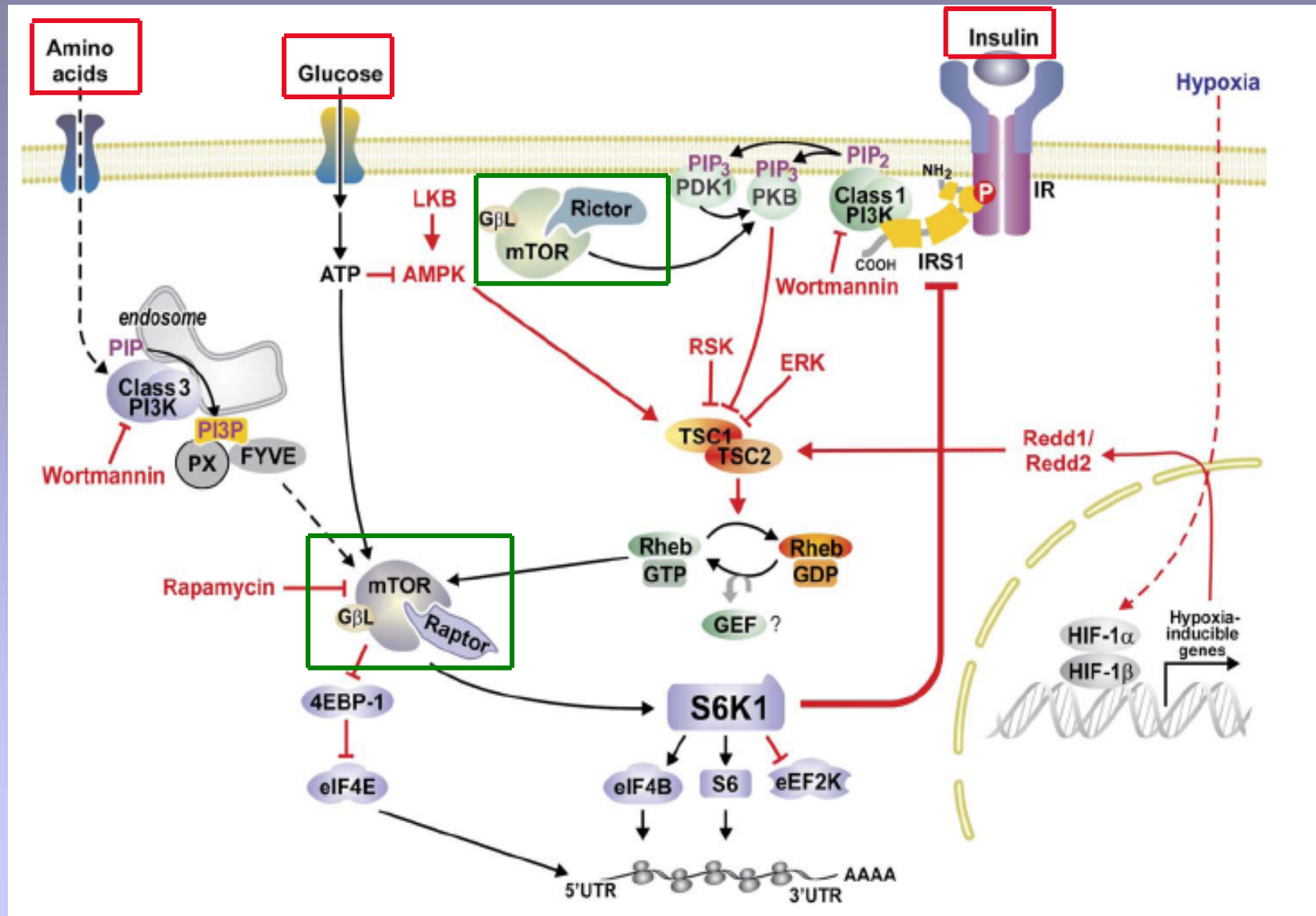


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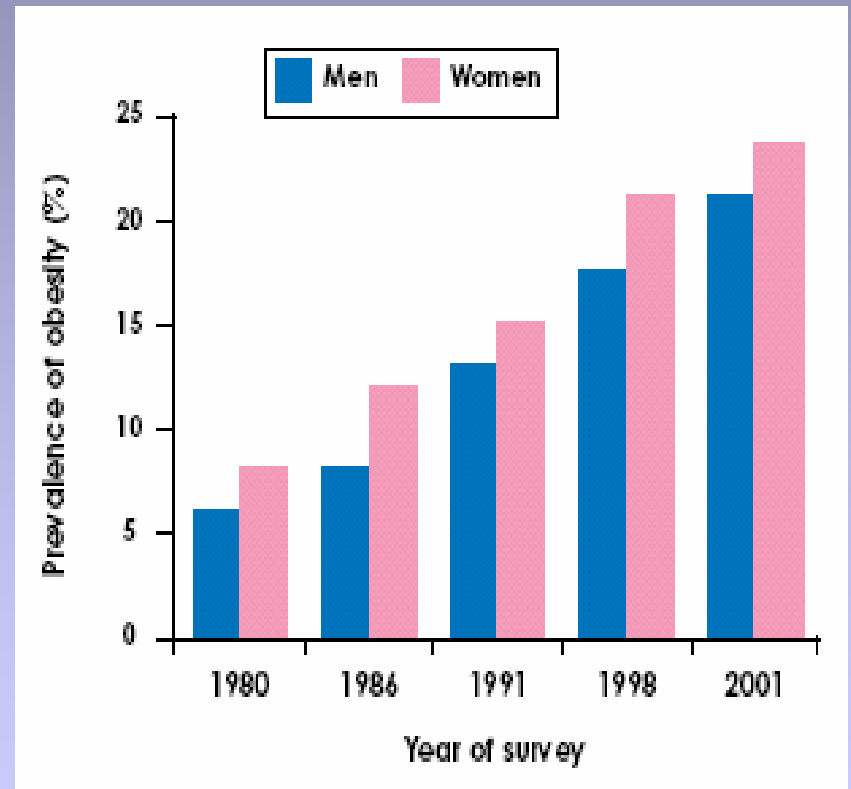


Hormonal  
sensitivity

# mTOR/S6K signalling pathway in response to nutrients



# Positive E balance!!

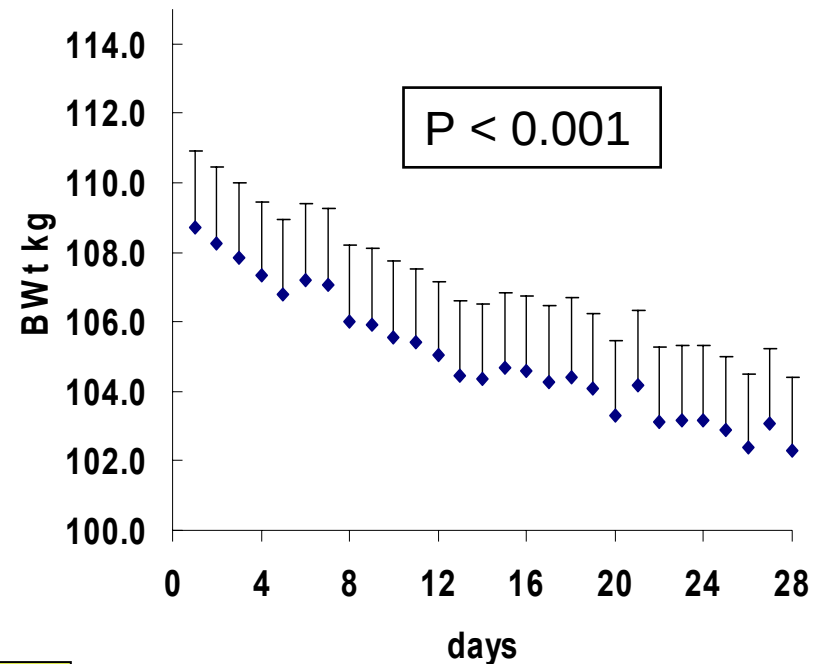


Jebb & Steer (2001)

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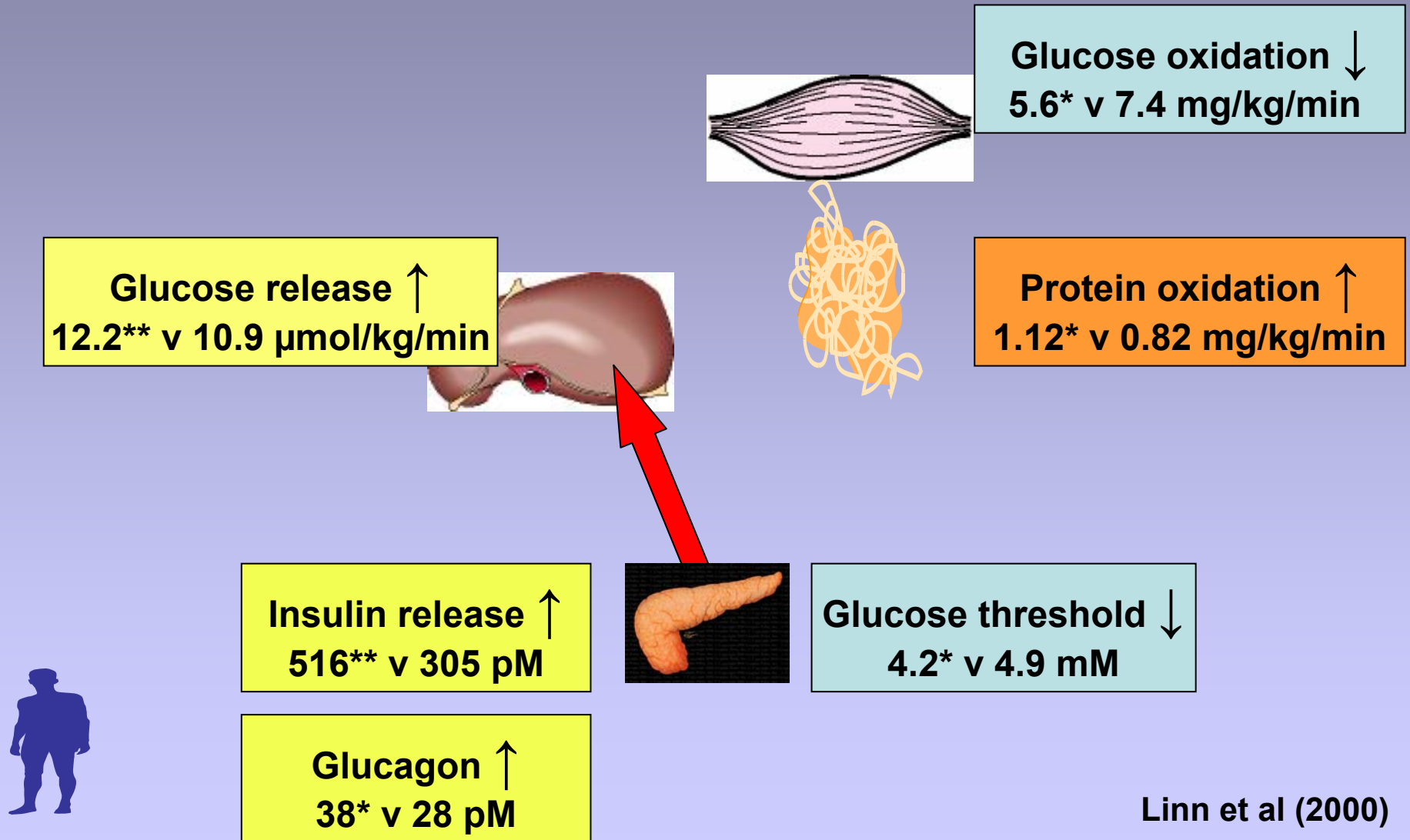
**High Protein diet ad lib**



**Another P:E interaction!**

Johnstone et al (2007)

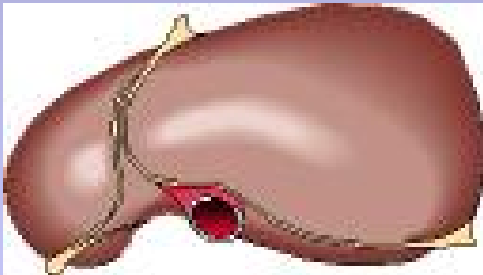
# High Protein diet & Glycaemia



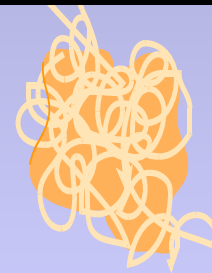
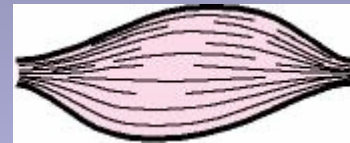
Linn et al (2000)

# Amino Acids – possible actions on hyperglycaemia

**Gluconeogenesis  $\uparrow$ ?**  
**Glycogenolysis  $\uparrow$ ?**



**Glucose transport  $\downarrow$ ?**  
**Glucose substitution  $\downarrow$ ?**

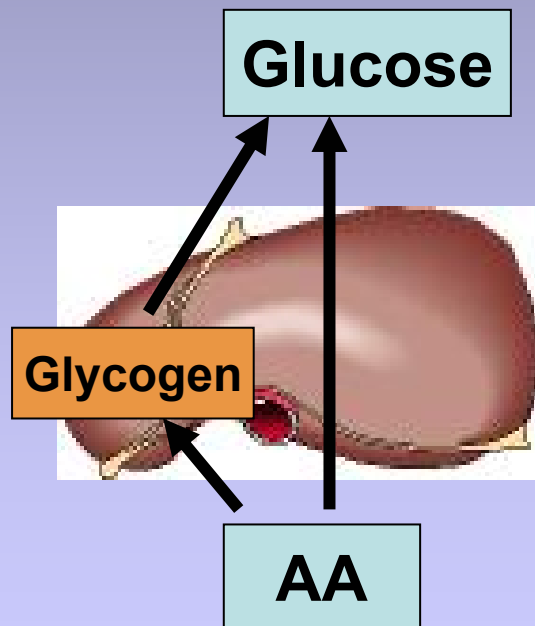


**More release**

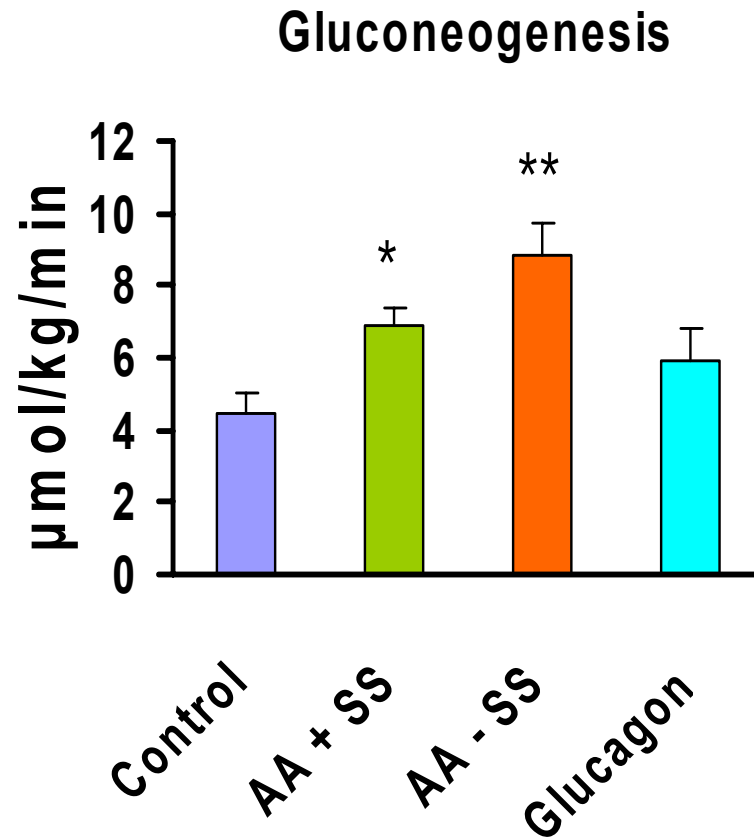
**Amino Acids**

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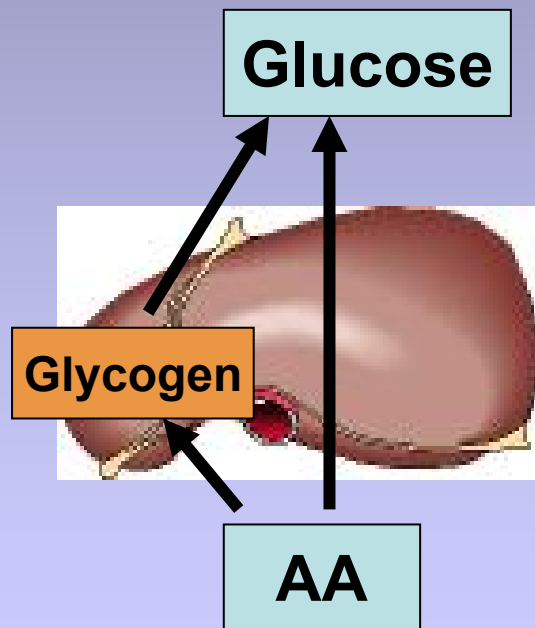
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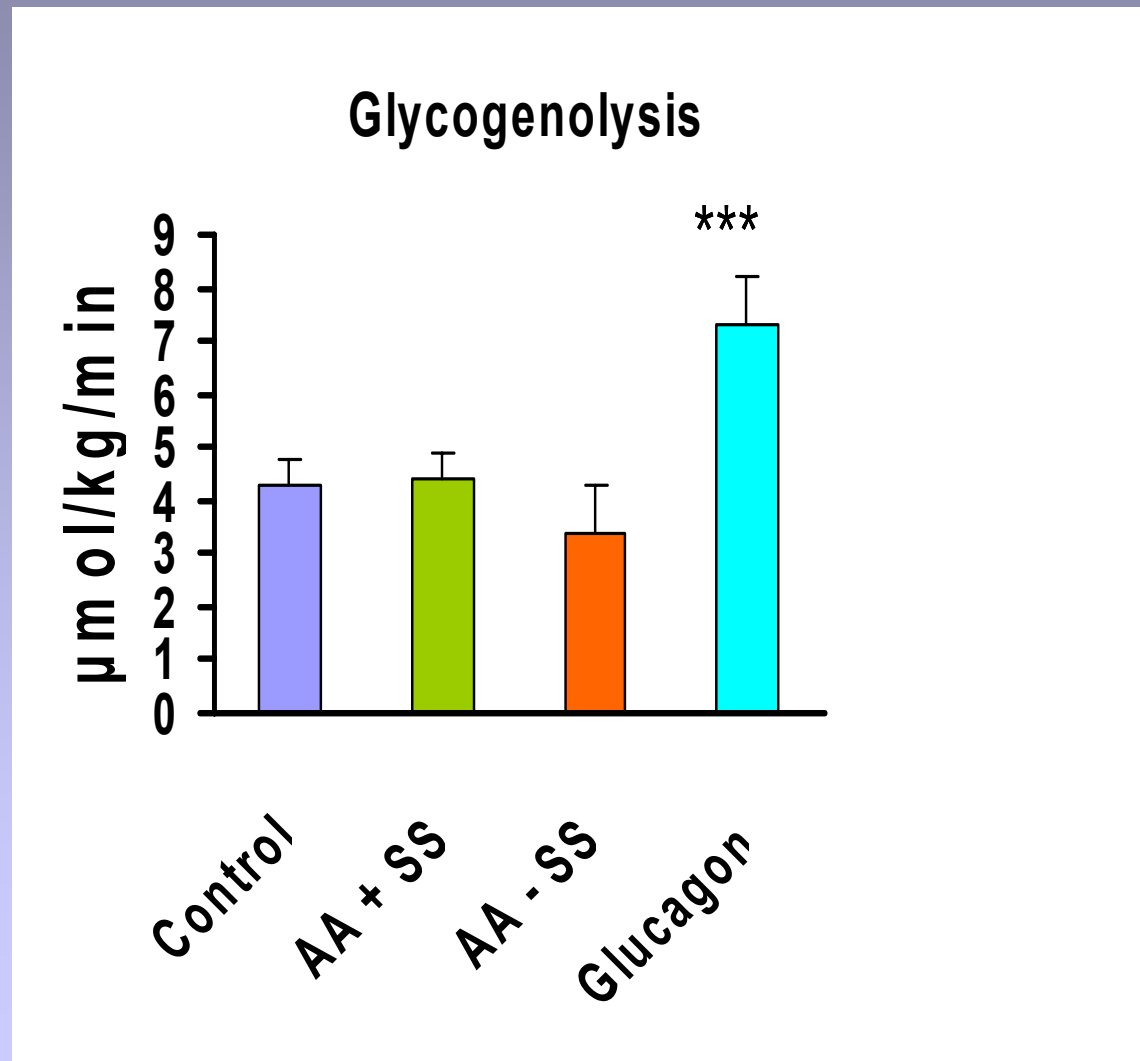
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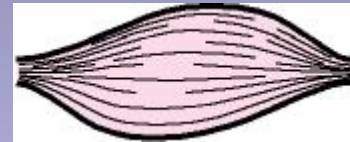
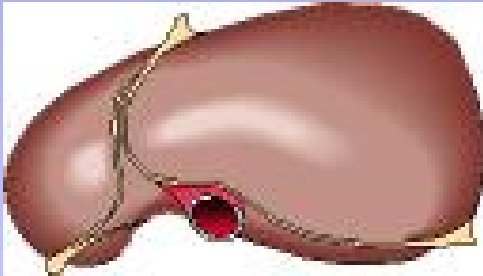


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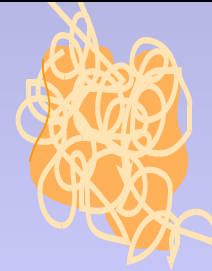


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**Glycogenolysis =**



**Glucose transport  $\downarrow?$**   
**Energy substitute  $\downarrow?$**

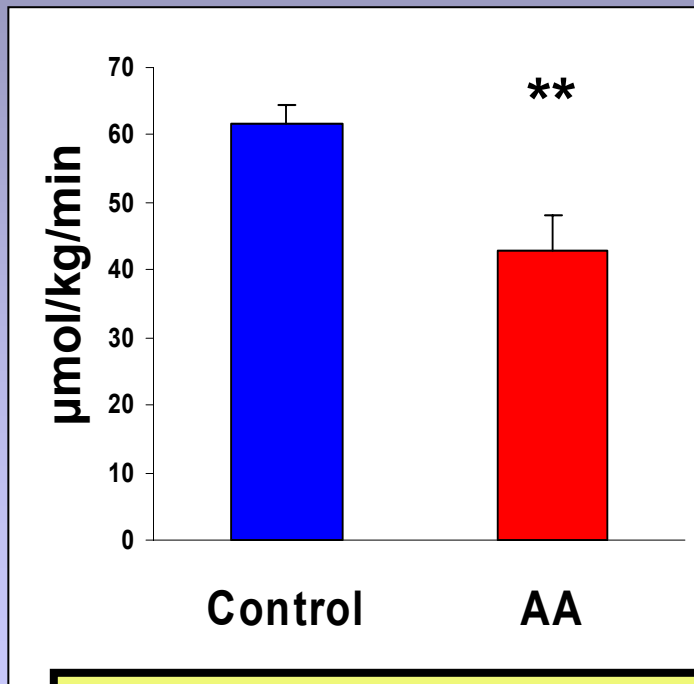


**Amino Acids**

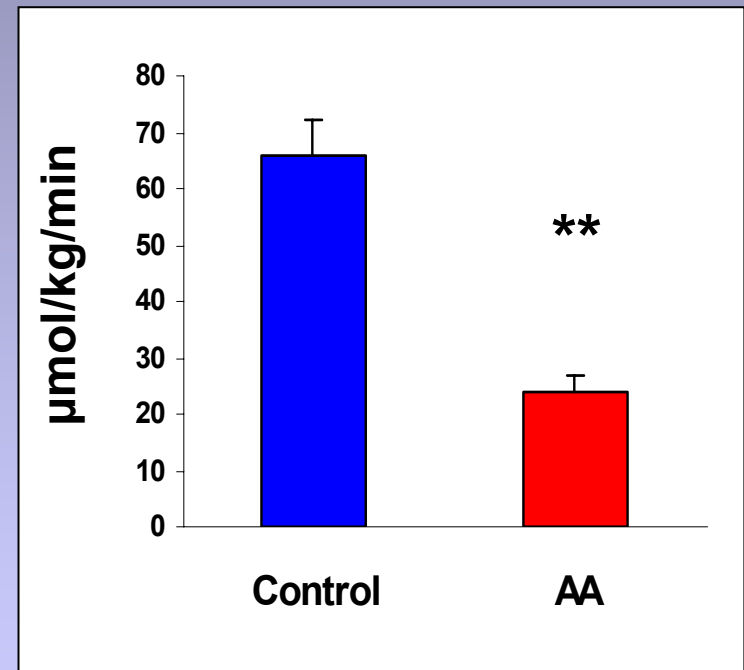


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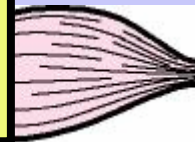
**Glucose transport**



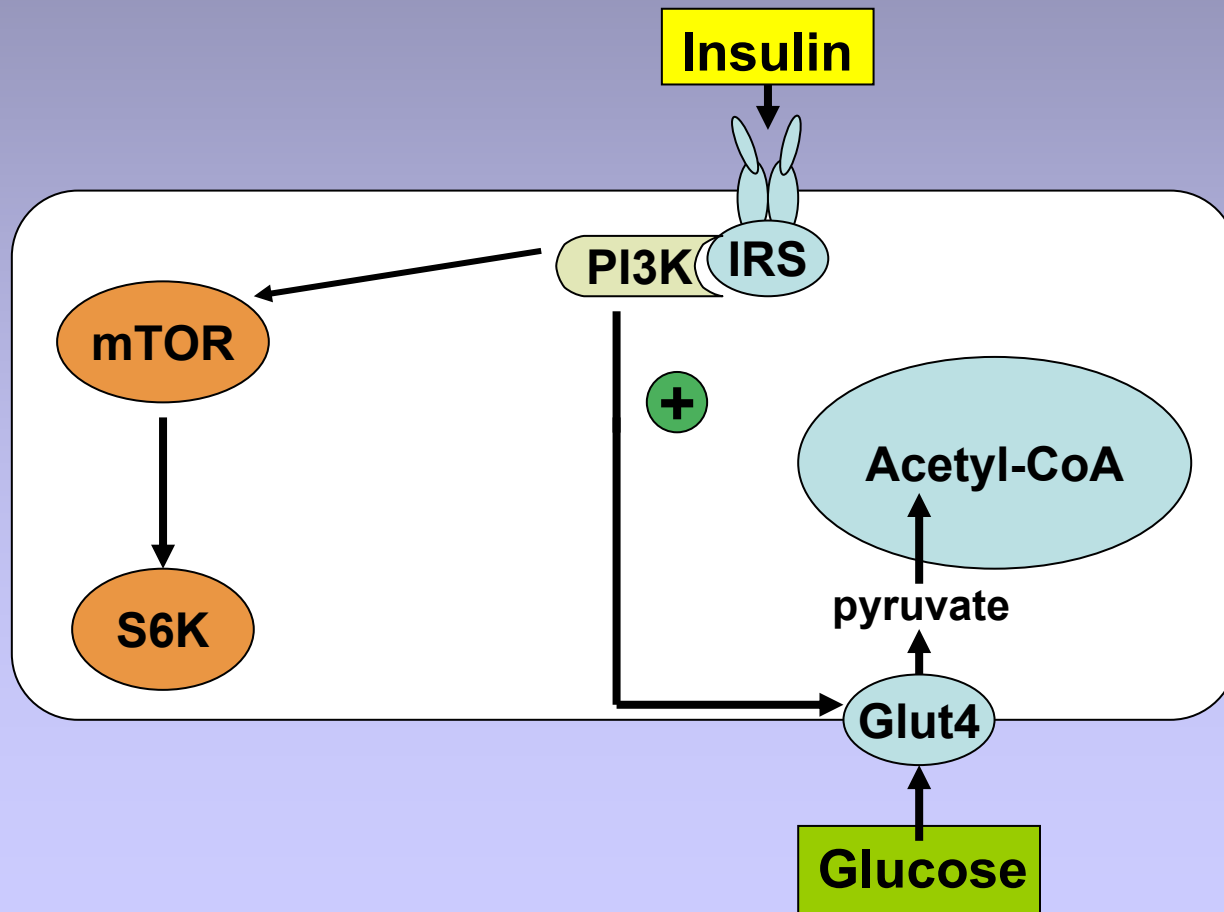
**Glycogen synthesis**



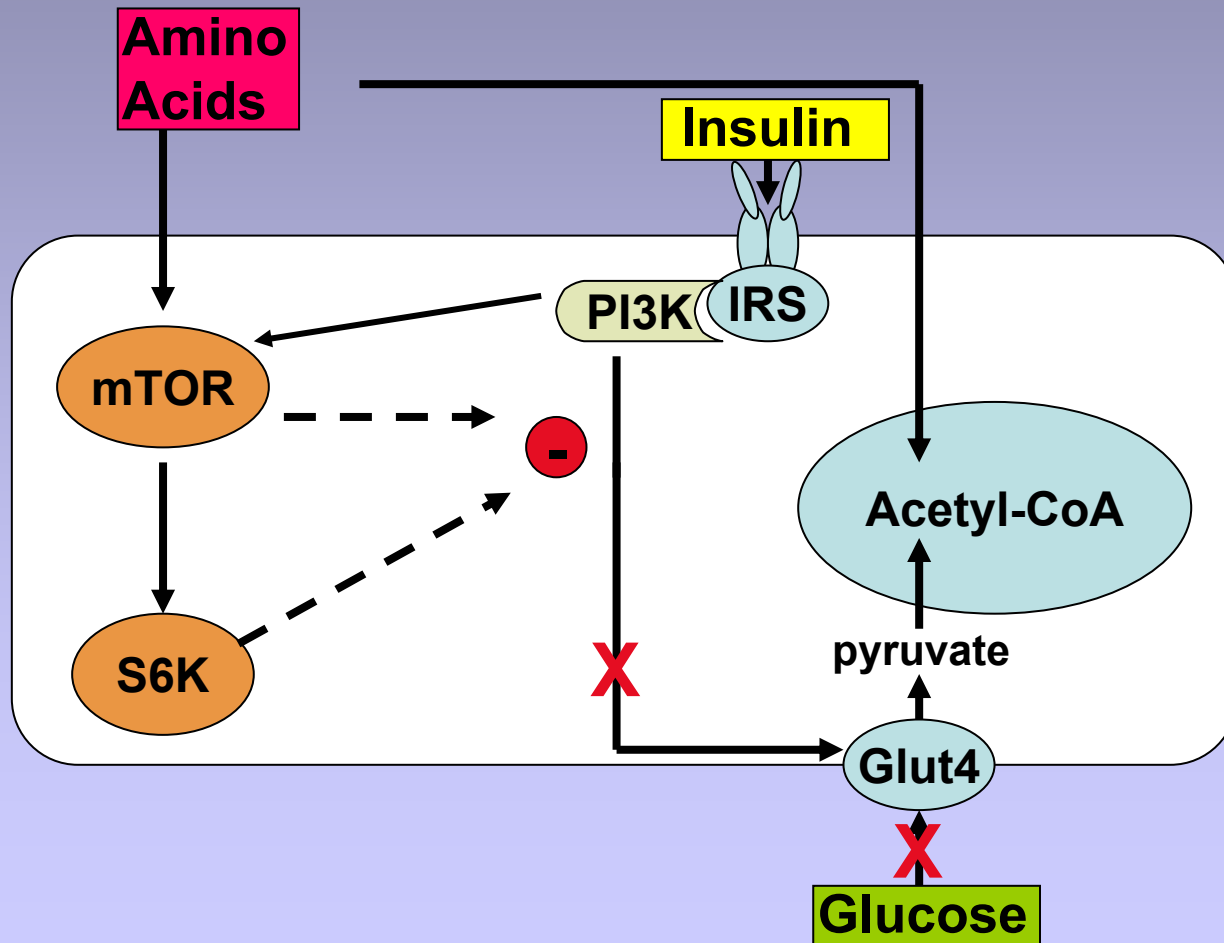
**Glucose transport ↓**  
**Energy substitute ↓**



# Amino acid signal pathways



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# Conclusions

- **Insulin sensitivity altered by CHO, AA and EFA supply**
- **Glucose utilisation affected by AA – at liver and muscle**
- **Signals override energy balance**
- **mTOR may be common regulator**

# General P:E Interactions



Appetite



Efficiency

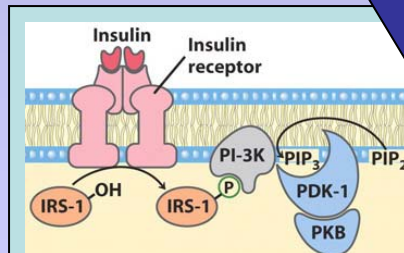


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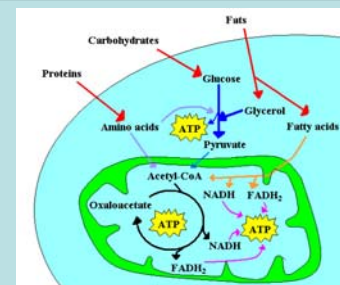


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**P** **E**



Hormonal sensitivity



Metabolite interconversion



Metabolic fuels