

## Amino Acid Oxidation & Urea Cycle

### I. Background

### II. Dietary

#### A. Digestion

1. gastrin
  - a. pepsinogen
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2. food in SI
  - a. secretin
  - b. cholecystokinin (CKK)
    - a) trypsinogen
      - trypsin
    - b) chymotrypsinogen
      - chymotrypsin
  - c. intestinal wall cells
    - 1) carboxypeptidases A & B
    - 2) aminopeptidases

#### B. Acute pancreatitis

### III. Amino Acid Oxidation Liver

#### A. Step 1

1. aminotransferases
  - a. pyridoxal phosphate

#### B. Step 2

- a. oxidative deamination
  1. glutamate dehydrogenase

### IV. Protein breakdown

#### A. Transport forms

1. glutamine synthetase
2. Glucose-alanine cycle
  - a. alanine aminotransferase

### V. Ammonia bad

## VI. Urea cycle

### A. Excretory strategies

1. Ammonotelic
2. Ureotelic
3. Uricotelic

### B. Pre-step

1. carbamoyl phosphate
  - a. carbamoyl phosphate synthase I (CPS I)

### C. Urea cycle

1. Step 1
  - a. carbamoyl P + ornithine  $\rightarrow$  citruline
  - b. ornithine transcarbamoylase
2. Step 2
  - a. citruline + D  $\rightarrow$  argininosuccinate
  - b. argininosuccinate synthase
3. Step 3
  - a. argininosuccinate  $\leftrightarrow$  arginine + fumarate
  - b. argininosuccinase (argininosuccinate lyase)
4. Step 4
  - a. arginine  $\rightarrow$  urea + ornithine
  - b. arginase

## VII. Clinical Insights

- A. Inherited defects
- B. Liver damage
- C. Hibernation