



Porphyrias: Introduction





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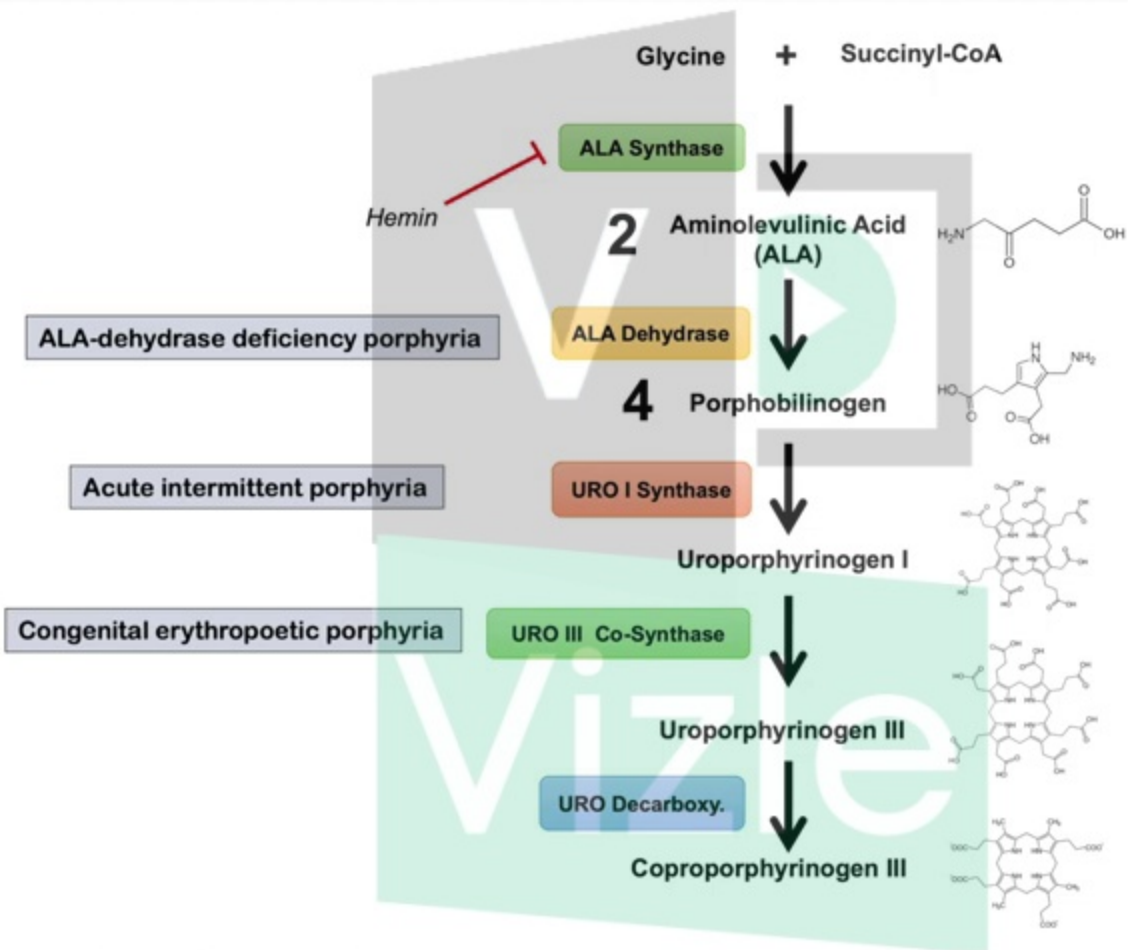
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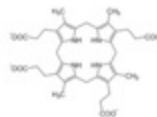
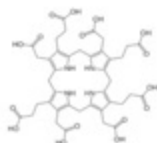
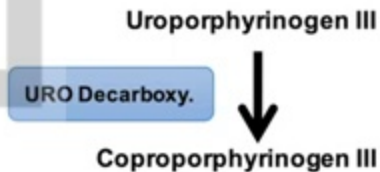
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Porphyria Cutanea Tarda (PCT)

- **Most common porphyria condition**
- **Reduced Activity of Uroporphyrinogen decarboxylase (UROD)**
 - Hepatic enzyme
 - Due to acquired inhibitor
- Heterozygous UROD mutation predisposes to PCT (Autosomal dominant)



Porphyria Cutanea Tarda (PCT)

- Accumulation of *porphyrinogens*
 - Auto-oxidized to **photosensitizing porphyrins**
- *Blisters, lesions and scars*
- Excessive hair growth
- **Tense vesicles/bullae**
 - Sun-exposed skin



- **Diagnosis:**
- *Urine* + 5% HCl - Wood Lamp

Acute Intermittent Porphyria (AIP)

- Abdominal

- Abdominal pain
 - Most common
- Vomiting
- Constipation/diarrhea

- Neurological

- Muscle weakness

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