

## Lecture two : Hemopoiesis Erythropoiesis and How to control

**Haematopoiesis:** From Ancient Greek: haima: blood; poiesis to make.

- Is the formation of blood cellular components.
- All cellular blood components are derived from haematopoietic stem cells.
- In a healthy adult person, approximately  $10^{11}$ – $10^{12}$  new blood cells are produced daily in order to maintain blood levels in the peripheral circulation.

### Hemopoiesis process includes

- **Erythropoiesis:** Formation of (RBCs)
- **Myelopoiesis:** Formation of leukocytes ( WBC)
- **Megakaryopoiesis :** Formation of thrombocytes ( platelets)

### Site of haematopoiesis:

1. Fetus:
  - 0-2 months: yolk sac.
  - 2-7 months: liver and spleen
  - 5-9 months: bone marrow.
2. Infants: Bone marrow (practically all bones).
3. Adults: Vertebrae, ribs, sternum, skull, sacrum and pelvis. Proximal ends of femur and humeri.
4. In the first few weeks of gestation the yolk sac is the main site of haematopoiesis.

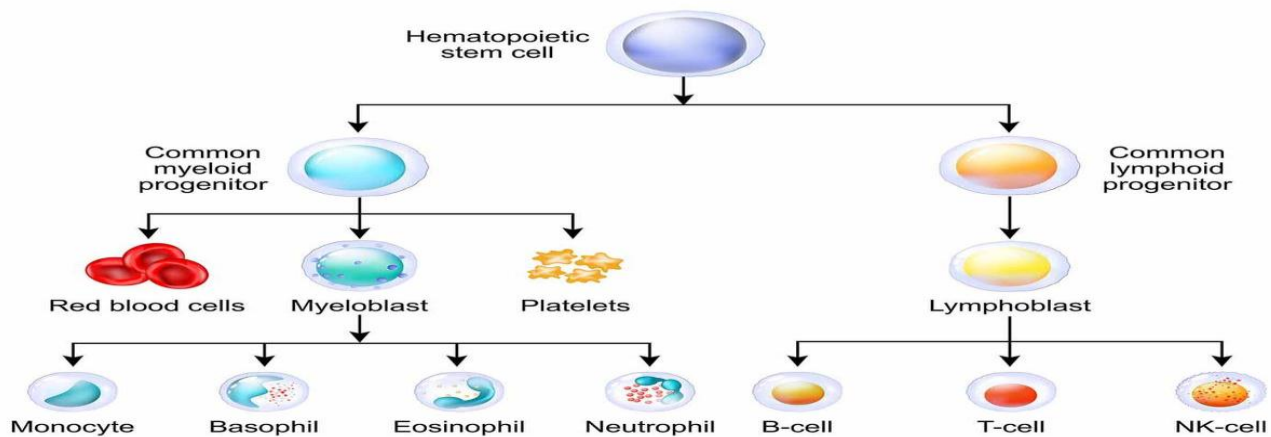
### Extramedullary haematopoiesis

In some cases, such as some disease, the liver, thymus, and spleen may resume their haematopoietic function , It may cause these organs to increase in size substantially.

**The regulation of haemopoiesis :** Stem cells are cells from which all hemopoietic elements originate . they are characterized by their ability of self renewal and differentiation .Stem cells require for their proliferation and differentiation

- Certain regulatory factors hemopoietic growth factors
- Suitable microenvironment provided by marrow space
- Stem cells \_\_\_\_\_ Precursors \_\_\_\_\_ End stage cells

## Hematopoiesis



## Erythropoiesis

- The term erythropoiesis (erythro = RBC, and poiesis = to make) used to describe the process of RBC formation or production. In humans, erythropoiesis occurs almost exclusively in the red bone marrow.
- There are approximately  $10^{12}$  new erythrocytes (red cells) each day by the complex and finely regulated process of erythropoiesis.

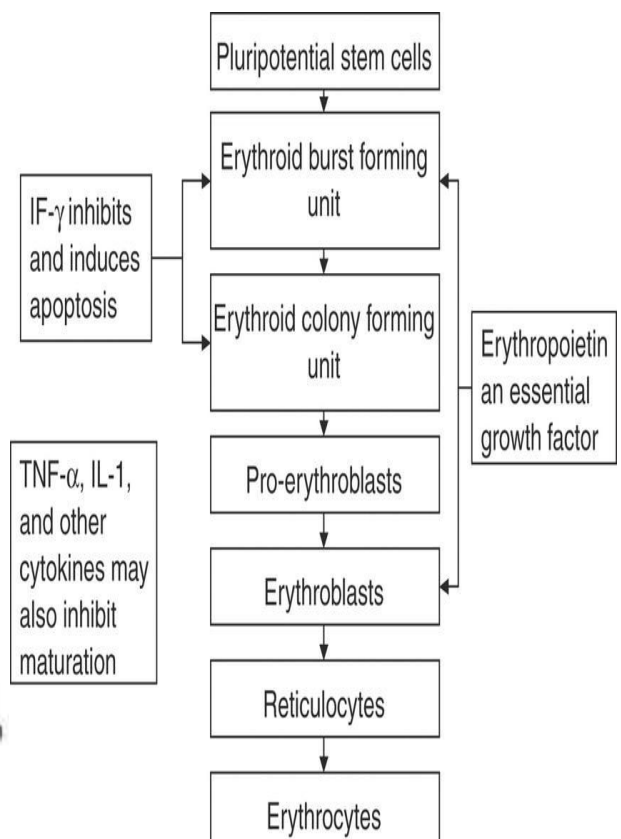
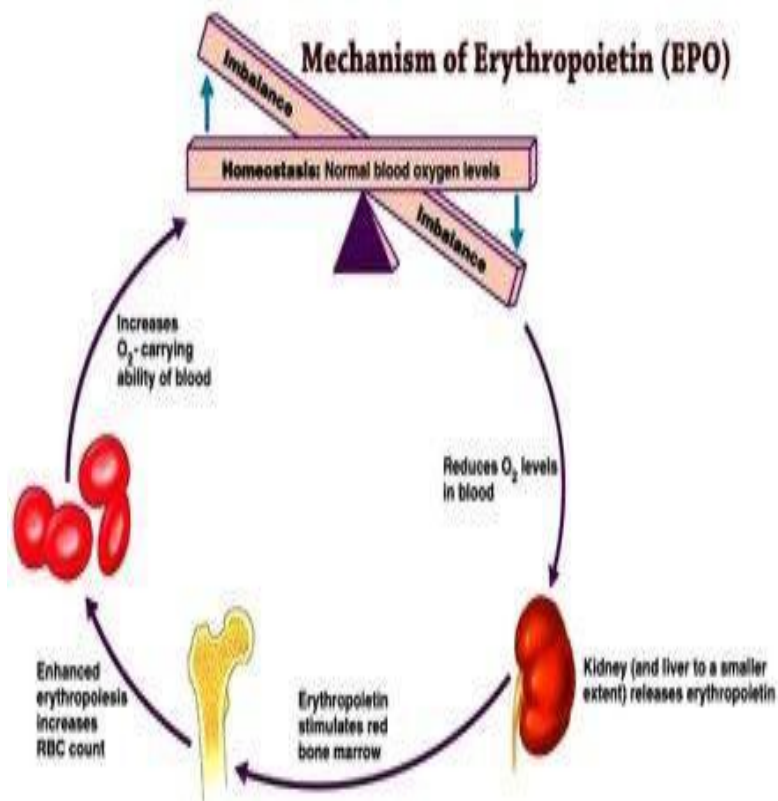
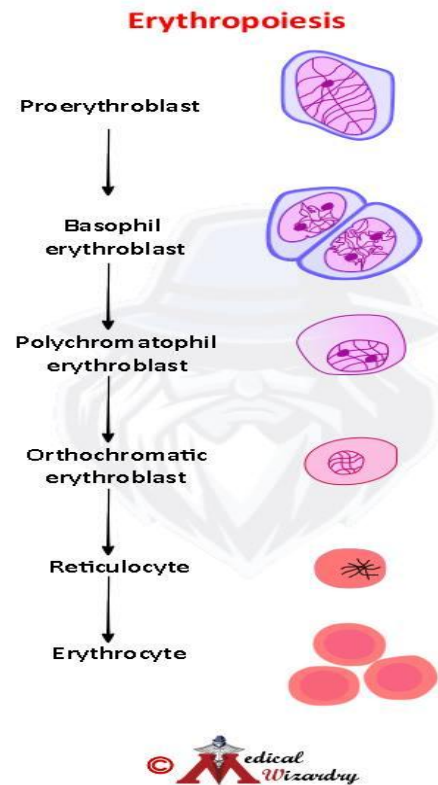
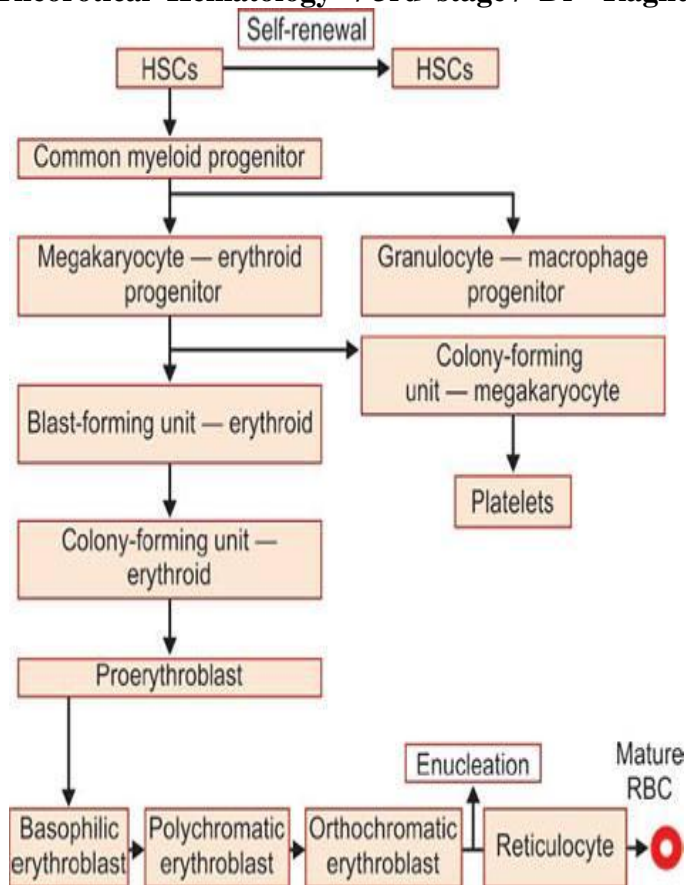
### Steps of Erythropoiesis:

□ Erythropoiesis passes from the stem cell through the progenitor cells colony-forming unit granulocyte, erythroid, monocyte and megakaryocyte (CFUGEMM), burst-forming unit erythroid (BFUE) and erythroid CFU (CFUE) to the first recognizable erythrocyte precursor in the bone marrow, the pronormoblast

### The Mechanism and control of erythropoiesis:

The erythropoietin (formed in kidneys) is released in response to lowered tissue oxygen. Erythropoietin is glycoprotein and stimulates erythropoiesis

It act on the BFU-E (burst-forming units), CFU-E (colony-forming units) and on pronormoblast. Erythropoietin (EPO) interacts directly with the EPO receptor on the red blood cell (RBC) surface, triggering activation of several signal transduction pathways, resulting in the proliferation and terminal differentiation of erythroid precursor cells and providing protection from RBC precursor apoptosis



### Lecture Three : Hemoglobin structure, types, synthesis, levels in blood

Hemoglobin (also spelled haemoglobin and abbreviated Hb or Hgb) is the iron-containing oxygen-transport metalloprotein

- found in the red blood cells.
- Each molecule of haemoglobin contains four polypeptide (globin) chains and four molecules of haem.
- Globin in adult consists of two alpha ( $\alpha$ ) chains containing 141 amino acids and two beta ( $\beta$ ) chains containing 146 amino acids

#### Types in humans

##### :In the embryo

- Gower 1 ( $\delta^2\epsilon^2$ )
- Gower 2 ( $\alpha^2\epsilon^2$ )
- Hemoglobin Portland ( $\delta^2\gamma^2$ )

##### :In the fetus

- Hemoglobin F ( $\alpha^2\gamma^2$ )

##### :In adults

- **Hemoglobin A ( $\alpha^2\beta^2$ )** - a normal amount 96-98%
- **Hemoglobin A2 ( $\alpha^2\delta^2$ )** -  $\delta$  chain synthesis begins late in the third trimester and in adults, it has a normal range of 1.5-3.2%
- **Hemoglobin F ( $\alpha^2\gamma^2$ )** - In adults Hemoglobin F is restricted to a limited population of red cells called F-cells, it has a normal range of 0.5-0.8%

The level of Hb F can be elevated in persons with sickle-cell disease and thalassemia

#### Genetics:

Subunit Name	Gene	Chromosomal Locus
Hb $\alpha$ 1	HBA1	Chromosome 16 p13.3
Hb $\alpha$ 2	HBA2	Chromosome 16 p13.3
Hb $\beta$	HBB	Chromosome 11 p15.5

### **Hb derivatives:**

- Oxyhemoglobin
- Deoxyhemoglobin
- Methaemoglobin
- Carboxyhaemoglobin
- Sulfhaemoglobin

### **Abnormal Hb:**

- Thalassemia ( $\beta 4$ )
- HbS ( $\alpha 2\beta S 2$ )
- HbC ( $\alpha 2\beta C 2$ )
- HbSC

### **Red Blood Cells (RBCs) Morphology, RBC Function, RBC Structure, RBC Membrane and RBC Metabolism**

- Red blood cells are also known as RBCs, red blood corpuscles (an archaic term), erythrocytes (from Greek erythros for "red" and cyte translated as "cell". The term Red Blood Cells is the proper name.
- The color of erythrocytes is due to the heme group of hemoglobin. The blood plasma alone is straw-colored, but the red blood cells change color depending on the state of the hemoglobin:
- when combined with oxygen (oxyhemoglobin) is scarlet.
- when oxygen has been released (deoxyhemoglobin) is darker.

**RBCs function:** RBCS transport the respiratory gases O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>

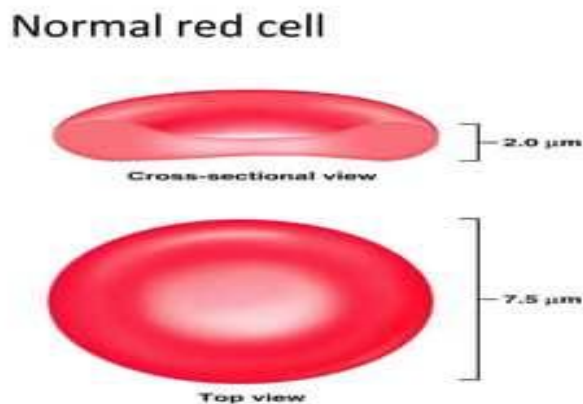
### **Life Span:**

- 120 days, then destroy at RE (reticuloendothelial system) system.
- The important breakdown products are **heam and globin** that recirculated in the body.
- The heme are broken down into **Fe and biliverdin**.
- The biliverdin is reduced to **bilirubin**, which is released into **the plasma** and recirculated to **the liver bound to albumin**.
- The iron is released into the plasma to be recirculated by a carrier protein called **transferrin**. Almost all erythrocytes are removed in this manner from the circulation before they are old enough to hemolyze.

- **Hemolyzed hemoglobin** is bound to a protein in plasma called **haptoglobin** which is not excreted by the kidney.

### **RBCs structure:**

- Red cell is structure from cell membrane and cytoplasm filled completely with Hb.
- The RBCs lack the others organelles (nucleus, ribosome, Golgi apparatus and mitochondria).
- Prior to discharge from B.M (bone marrow) into P.B. (peripheral blood) , RBCs shed their nuclei. This gives the advantage:
  1. Reduced weight.
  2. Transformation into biconcave shape with increased flexibility compared with rigid nucleated cell.
- RBCs is biconcave shape (from side) and spherical (disc) with central pallor from top ( $\frac{1}{3}$  diameter of cell) with 7.5-8  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter, must be able to pass repeatedly through the microcirculation whose minimum diameter is 3.5-5  $\mu\text{m}$ , in order to:
  1. Maintain Hb in reduced 9ferrous  $\text{Fe}^{++}$ ) form.
  2. Maintain osmotic equilibrium inside the cell.



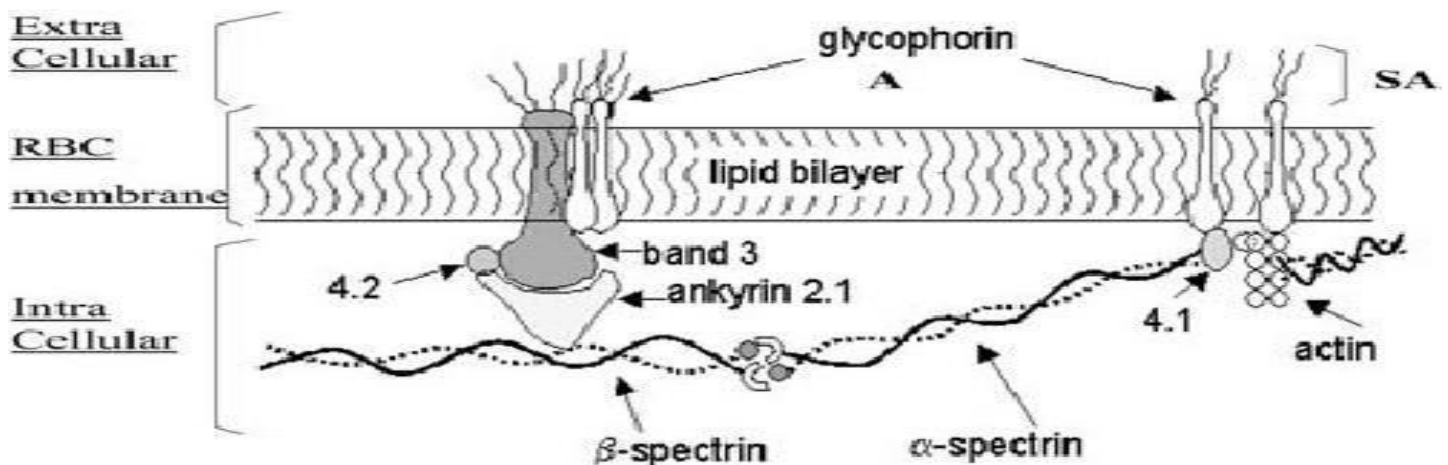
### **RBCs membrane**

The red cell membrane comprises a lipid bilayer, integral membrane proteins with surface carbohydrate.

1. **10% carbohydrate** : (On the surface , Ags of blood group.)
2. **50% protein** : Which include ( $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  spectrin , Ankyrin , Protein band 4.1 and 4.2, Actin , Band 3)
  - These protein formed the RBCs skeleton.
  - These protein are important in maintain biconcave shape and transmembrane.



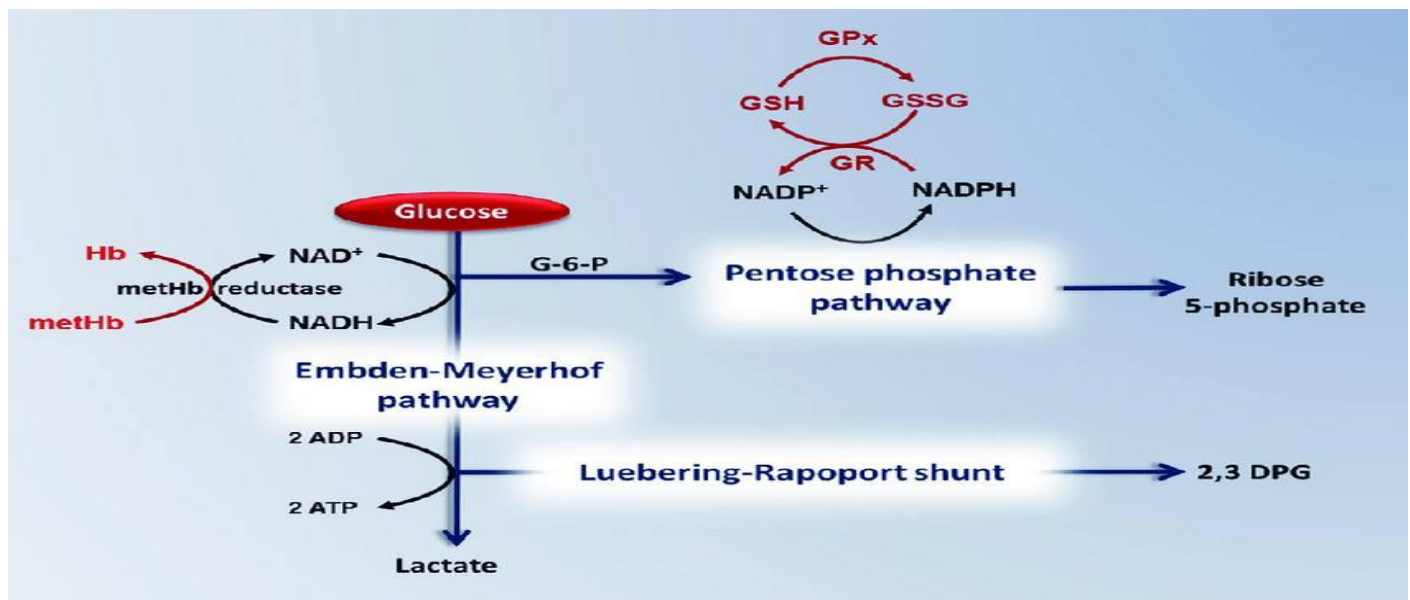
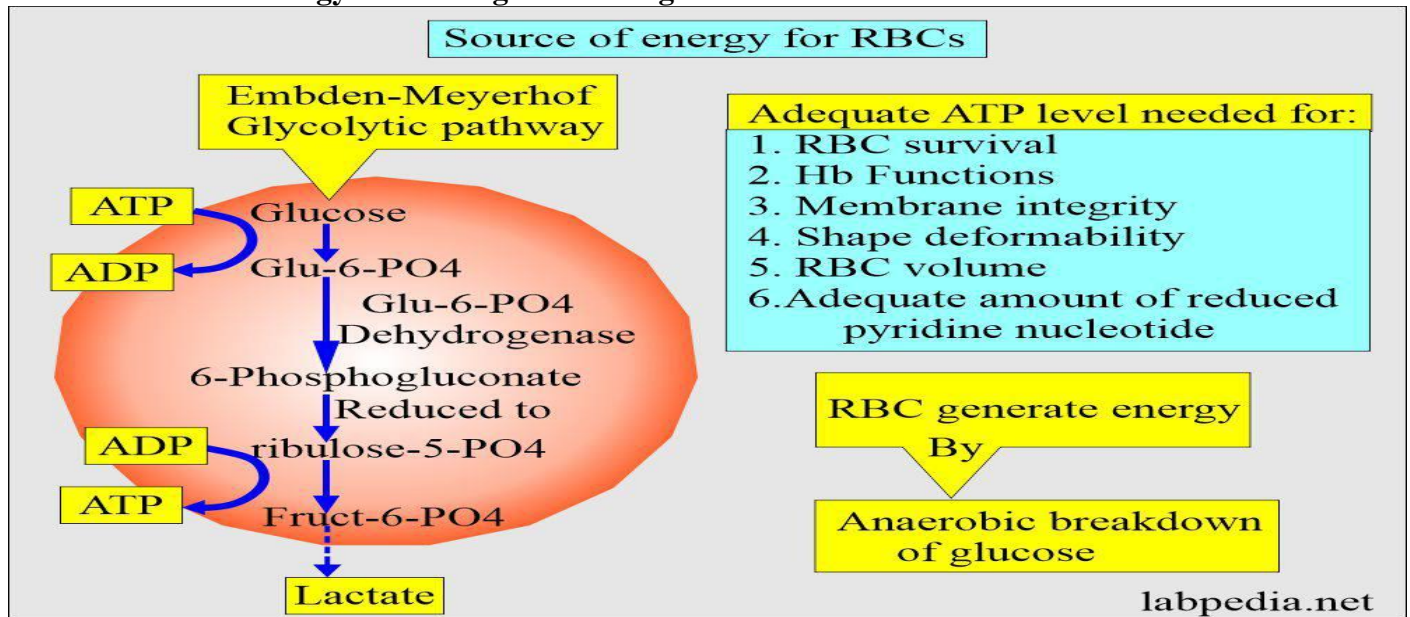
- Any change or defect in these protein may cases some alteration in RBCs shape eg:  
 hereditary spherocytosis and elliptocytosis
- 3. **40% lipid** : (Which include cholesterol and phospholipid)
  - Alterations in lipid composition may be associated with others shape abnormalitiis eg:
    - Increase in cholesterol and phospholipid causes target cells formation.
    - Large increase in cholesterol cause acanthocyte formation



### RBCs metabolism:

RBCs able to produce energy that required it as:

- ATP:**
  - From anaerobic glycolysis (Embden Meyerhof pathway).
  - To maintain RBCs shape, volume, flexibility.
- NADH:**
  - Also from anaerobic glycolysis
  - Reducing power, to maintain Hb in reduced form (reduced met Hb \_\_\_\_normal Hb)
- NADPH:**
  - 5% from glycolysis enter HMP (Hexose monophosphate pathway. (
  - As NADH also to remove the toxicity from RBCs (antioxidant.(
- 2,3 DPG (2,3 diphosphoglycerate):**
  - From Luebering-Rapoport (part from glycolysis)
  - Regulation of Hb-oxygen affinity.



### The red blood cells diseases include:

- **Anemia** are diseases characterized by low oxygen transport capacity of the blood, because of low red cell count or some abnormality of the red blood cells or the hemoglobin.
- **Polycythemia** are diseases characterized by increase of red blood cells.