Trehalose biosynthesis

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Introduction

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Trehalose biosynthesis

Stable identifier: R-MTU-868688

Compartments: cytosol

The non-reducing disaccharide trehalose is found in insects, plants, and microorganisms. In bacteria, it is a storage energy source and is essential for the survival of many stress conditions. In mycobacteria, trehalose is also part of the cell wall and of the 'cord factor' which is important for entry into the host (Elbein et al, 2003; Tropis et al, 2005; Jain & Roy, 2009)

M. tuberculosis has three ways to synthesize trehalose: from UDP-glucose and glucose phosphate (the OtsAB pathway), from maltose (the TreS pathway), and from glycogen (TreYZ pathway). The OtsAB pathway was shown to be essential for the organism. It is not known, however, whether or not the essentiality of trehalose for the mycobacterial growth is directly connected to the biosynthesis of cell wall mycolates (De Smet et al, 2000; Murphy et al, 2005)

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**Glucose is transferred from UDP-glucose onto glucose-6-phosphate**

**Location:** Trehalose biosynthesis

**Stable identifier:** R-MTU-868622

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol

Trehalose phosphate synthase, which is a tetramer in solution, catalyzes the transfer of glucose from UDP onto glucose-6-phosphate. The enzyme is stimulated by manganese ions and can also accept ADP-, CDP-, GDP- and TDP-glucose as well as UDP-glucose (De Smet et al, 2000; Pan et al, 2008).

**Followed by:** Trehalose-6-phosphate is hydrolyzed to trehalose

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Trehalose-6-phosphate is hydrolyzed to trehalose

**Location:** Trehalose biosynthesis

**Stable identifier:** R-MTU-868608

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol


**Preceded by:** Glucose is transferred from UDP-glucose onto glucose-6-phosphate

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Maltose is converted to trehalose

**Location:** Trehalose biosynthesis

**Stable identifier:** R-MTU-868709

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol

Maltose is converted to trehalose. The enzymatic activity of TreS for this reaction is 2-5 fold stronger than for the reverse reaction (De Smet et al, 2000).

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1,4-alpha-glucan is converted to glucanotrehalose

Location: Trehalose biosynthesis

Stable identifier: R-MTU-868658

Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol

Linear alpha-1,4-glucans are modified at one end to a glucanotrehalose by the enzyme TreY (De Smet et al, 2000).

Followed by: Glucanotrehalose is hydrolyzed to 1,4-alpha-glucan and trehalose

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Glucanotrehalose is hydrolyzed to 1,4-alpha-glucan and trehalose

**Location:** Trehalose biosynthesis

**Stable identifier:** R-MTU-868657

**Type:** transition

**Compartments:** cytosol

From the glucanotrehalose, the enzyme TreZ cleaves one molecule of trehalose, leaving a linear glucan that is two sugars shorter than before. This is the rate-limiting step in the TreYZ pathway of trehalose biosynthesis (De Smet et al, 2000).

**Preceded by:** 1,4-alpha-glucan is converted to glucanotrehalose

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