

A microscopic image of pancreatic tissue stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E). The image shows a dense field of acinar cells with prominent nuclei stained blue. Scattered throughout the tissue are clusters of endocrine cells, known as islets of Langerhans, which appear as lighter, more eosinophilic (pink) areas. The overall texture is granular and complex.

Endocrine Pancreas

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Pancreas

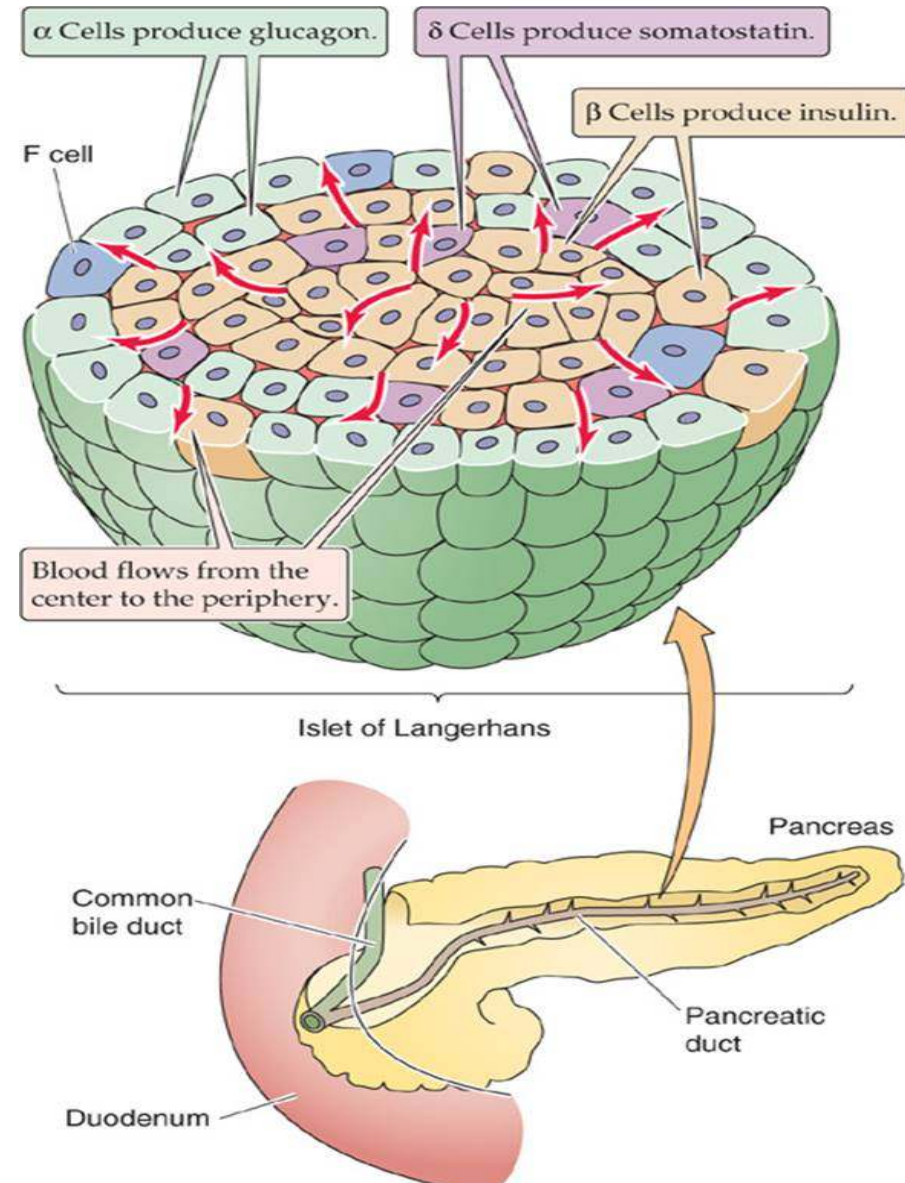
- Pancreas is having both Endocrine and Exocrine parts.
- The Endocrine part is made up of Islet of Langerhans which are aggregated in tail part of pancreas.
- Islet of Langerhans is an encapsulated structure bounded by thin capsule of reticular fibres.
- In the islet, following three different types of cells are mainly found. Alpha, Beta and D cells.

Beta (β) cells produce INSULIN

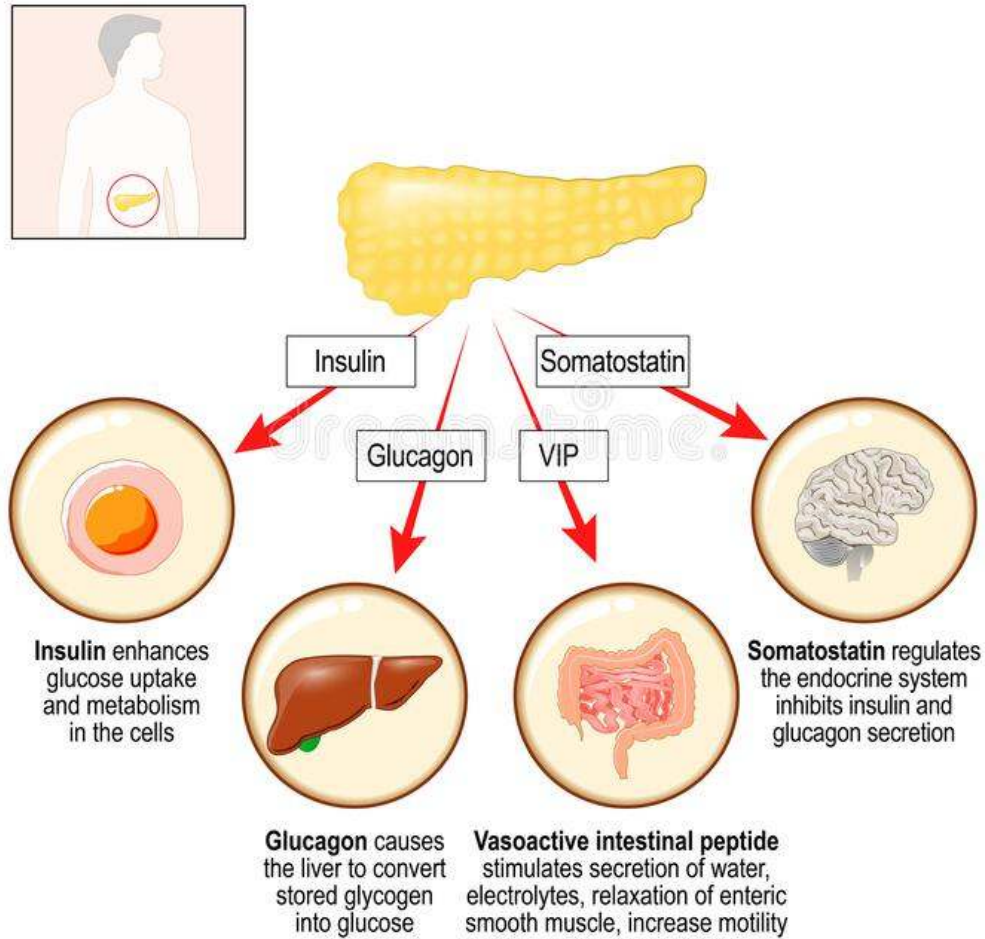
• Alpha (α) cells produce GLUCAGON

• Delta (δ) cells produce SOMATOSTATIN

• F cells produce PANCREATIC POLYPEPTIDE



Pancreas

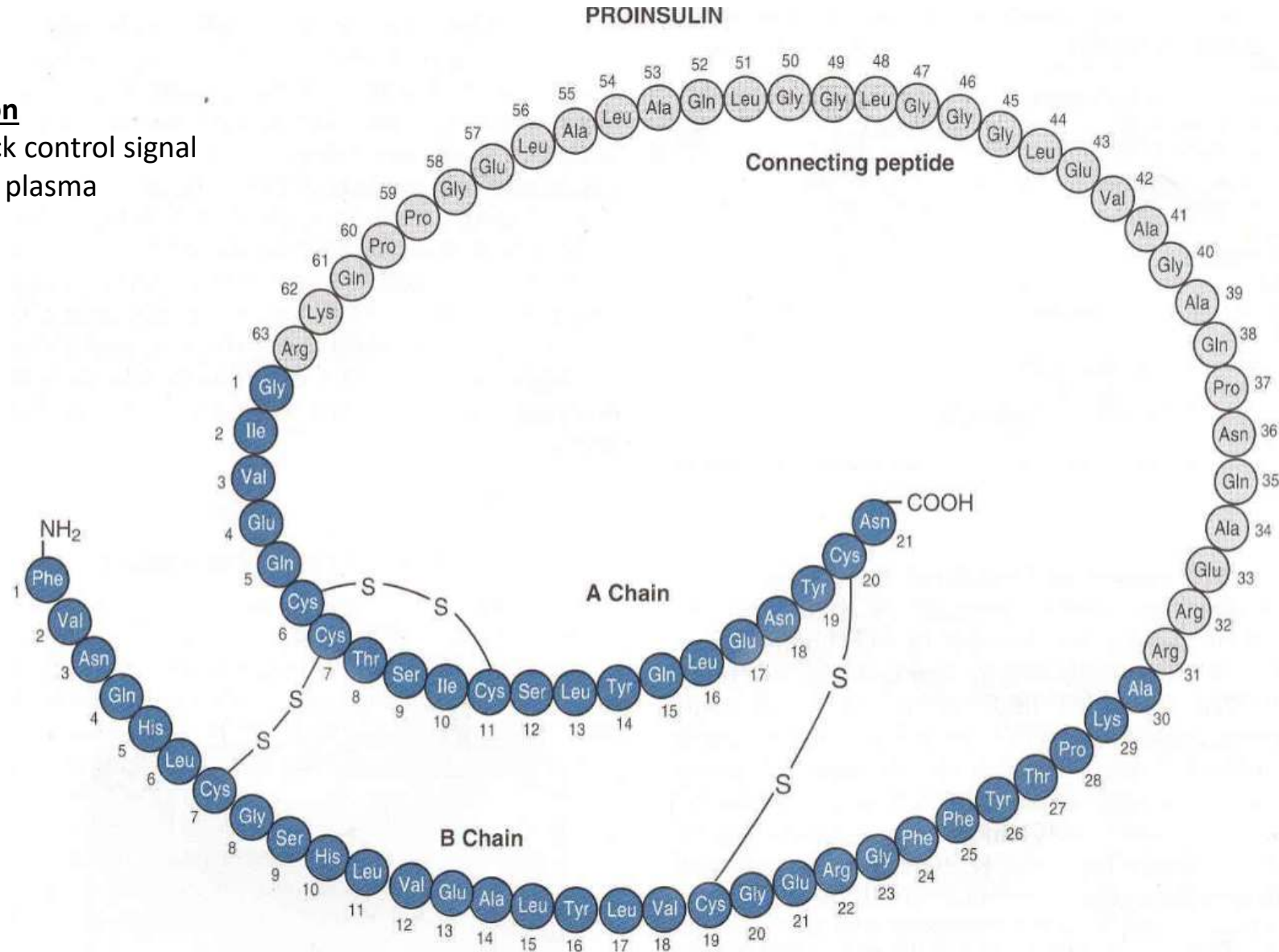


Insulin

Regulation of insulin secretion

Mainly regulated by feed back control signal
provided by nutrients level in plasma

“Hormone of Abundance”



Regulators of insulin secretion

Stimulators of insulin secretion

↑ Serum glucose

↑ Serum amino acids

↑ Serum free fatty acids

↑ Serum ketone bodies

Hormones

Gastroinhibitory peptide (GIP)

Glucagon

Gastrin

Cholecystokinin (CCK)

Secretin

Vasoactive intestinal peptide (VIP)

Epinephrine (β -receptor)

Parasympathetic nervous system

Inhibitors of insulin secretion

↓ Glucose

↓ Amino acids

↓ Free fatty acids

Hormones

Somatostatin

Epinephrine (α -receptor)

Sympathetic nervous system stimulation

INSULIN ACTION ON CARBOHYDRATE METABOLISM

LIVER

- Stimulates glucose oxidation
- Promotes glucose storage as glycogen
- Inhibits glycogenolysis
- Inhibits gluconeogenesis

MUSCLE

- Stimulates glucose uptake (GLUT4)
- Promotes glucose storage as glycogen

facilitates amino acids entry into muscle cells

- Facilitates protein synthesis in ribosomes by induction of gene transcription
- Inhibits proteolysis by decreasing lysosomal activity

“ANABOLIC HORMONE”

ADIPOSE TISSUE

- Stimulates glucose transport into adipocytes
- Promotes the conversion of glucose into triglycerides and fatty acids

“ANTI-DIABETOGENIC”

INSULIN ACTION ON FAT METABOLISM

LIVER

- Anti ketogenic & Lipogenic
- Stimulates HMG-CoA reductase

ADIPOSE TISSUE

- Promotes storage of fat
- Inhibits lipolysis by inhibiting Hormone sensitive lipase
- Promotes lipogenesis by stimulating lipoprotein lipase

“ANTI-KETOGENIC”

The absorptive state, or the fed state, occurs after a meal when your body is digesting the food and absorbing the nutrients (catabolism exceeds anabolism). Digestion begins the moment you put food into your mouth, as the food is broken down into its constituent parts to be absorbed through the intestine.

INSULIN ACTION ON PLASMA K⁺ CONCENTRATION

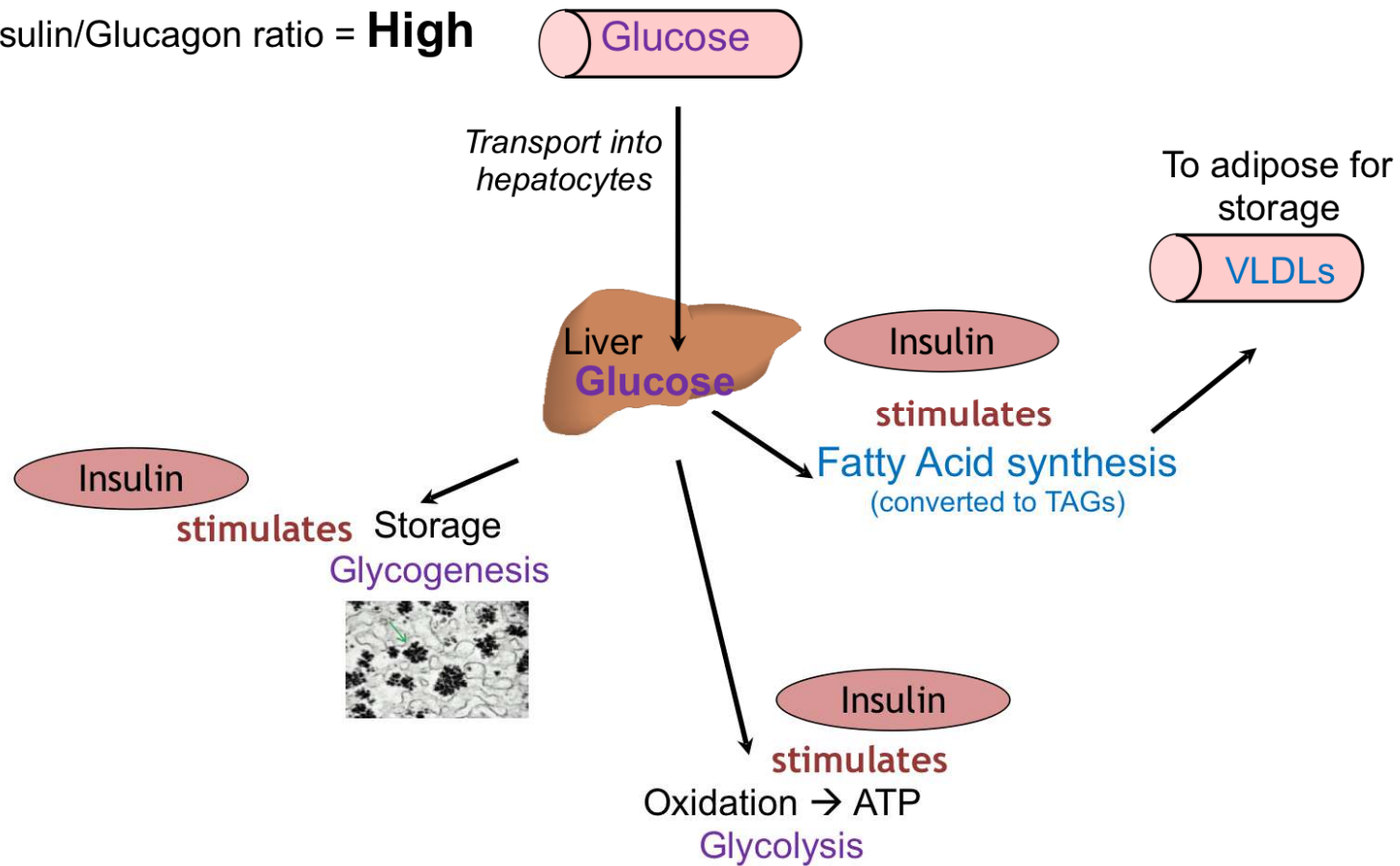
- Facilitates rapid entry of K⁺ into cell by stimulating Na-K ATPase activity
 - Thus decreases plasma concentration of K⁺
 - APPLIED: Insulin is given along with glucose in the treatment of Hyperkalemia that occurs in Acute Renal Failure
- “PHYSIOLOGICAL REGULATOR OF PLASMA K⁺ CONCENTRATION”

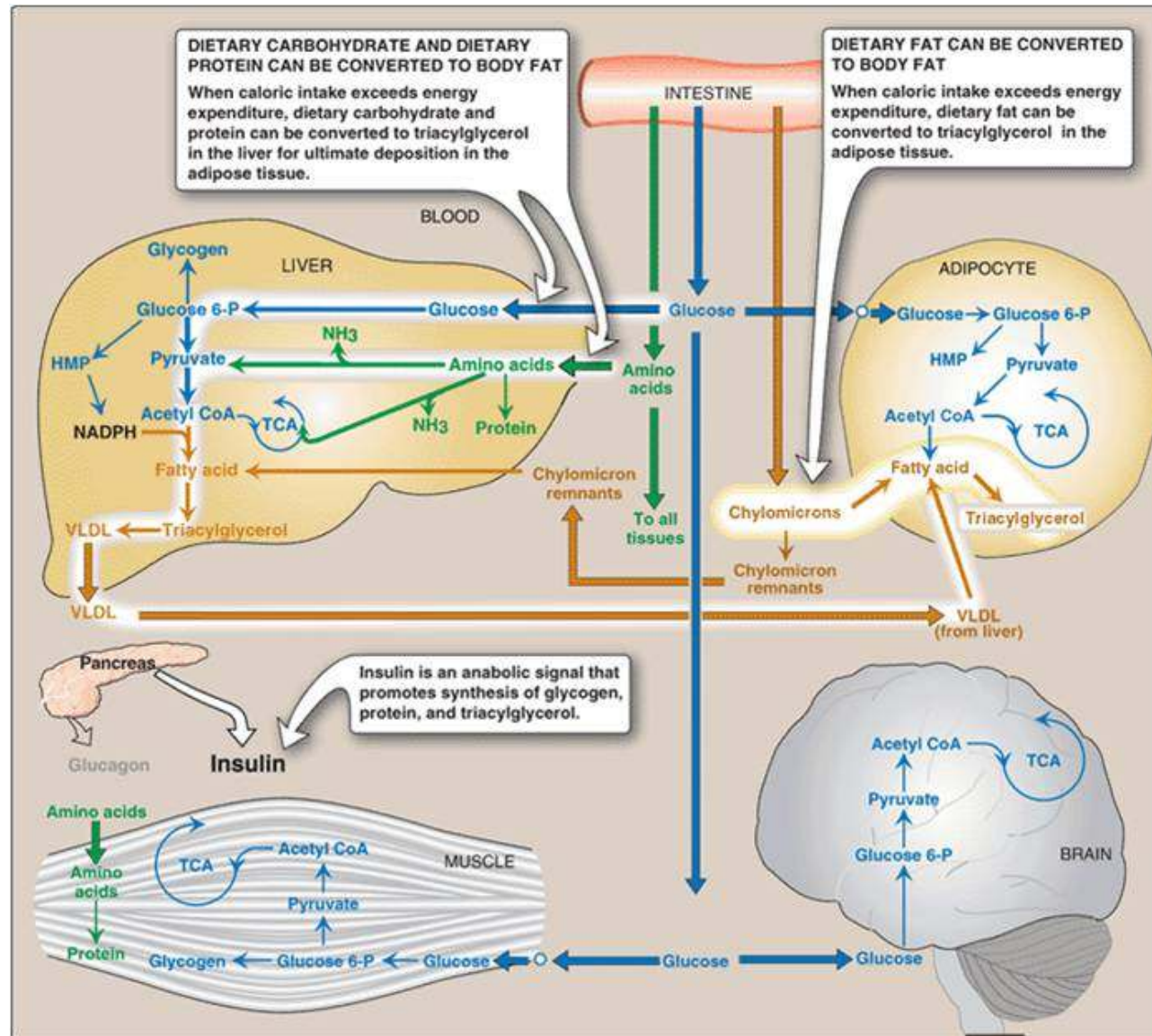
Dominates in Fed State Metabolism

- INCREASE GLUCOSE UPTAKE IN MOST CELLS ⇒ Anti-Diabetogenic
- INCREASE GLUCOSE USE & STORAGE ⇒ Anabolic
- INCREASE PROTEIN SYNTHESIS ⇒ Anti-ketogenic
- INCREASE FAT SYNTHESIS ⇒ Lipogenic

Metabolism in Fed State: Liver

Insulin/Glucagon ratio = **High**





GLUCAGON

Produced by alpha cells in the pancreas

- Its major target is the liver, where it promotes:
 - **Glycogenolysis** – the breakdown of glycogen to glucose
 - **Gluconeogenesis** – synthesis of glucose from lactic acid and non carbohydrates
 - **Release of glucose to the blood from liver cells**

Stimulates glycogenolysis, gluconeogenesis & inhibits glycogenesis

- Promotes lipolysis & ketogenesis
- Increases calorogenesis

“**Prodiabetogenic and Ketogenic**”

INSULIN-GLUCAGON RATIO

- **Insulin** is hormone of **energy storage**
- **Glucagon** is hormone of **energy release**
- A balance should be maintained for normal metabolic functions
- After a normal balance diet is 3
- After overnight fasting decreases to 1, may decrease to as low as 0.4 after prolonged fasting
- Physiological significance – during neonatal period a low I/G ratio is critical for survival

Effects on Glucagon Secretion

Stimuli for Glucagon Secretion

↓ Blood glucose

↑ Serum amino acids (arginine, alanine)

Sympathetic nervous system stimulation

Stress

Exercise

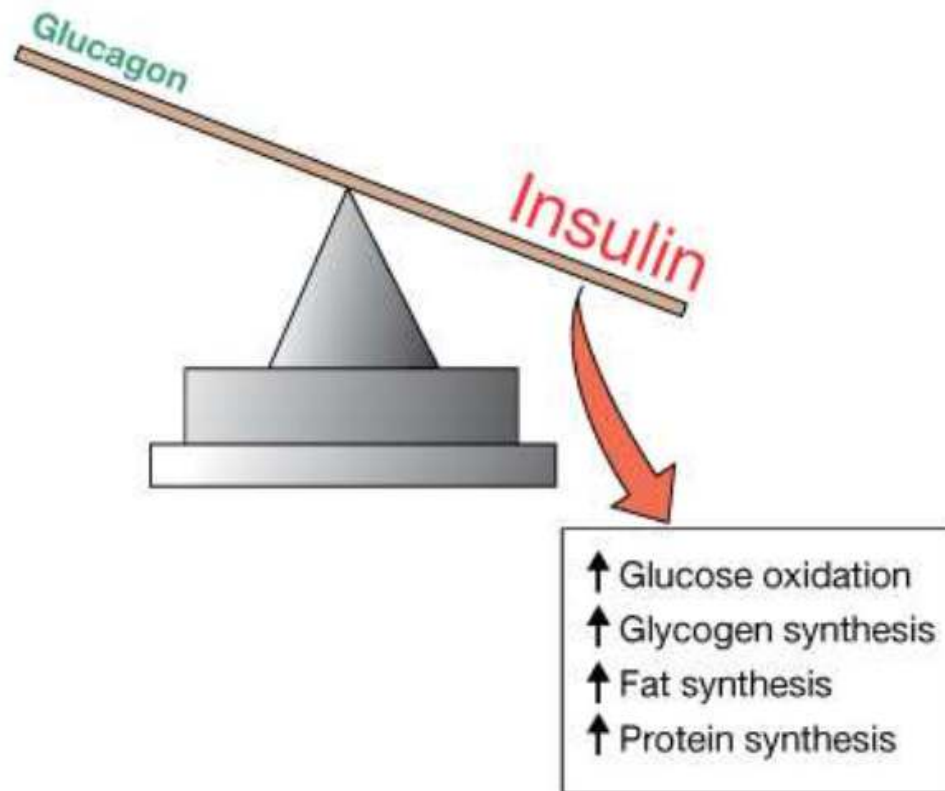
Inhibitors of Glucagon Secretion

Somatostatin

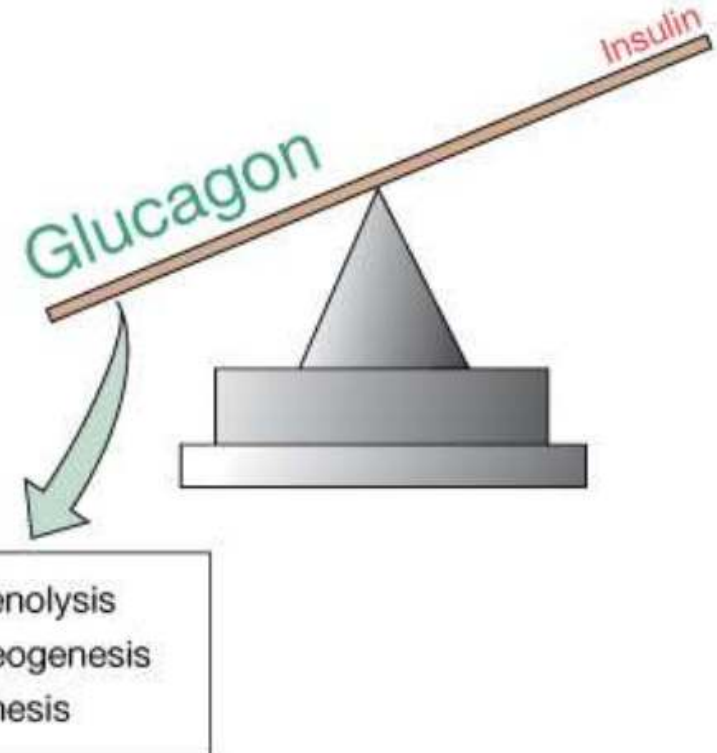
Insulin

↑ Blood glucose

(a) Fed state: insulin dominates



(b) Fasted state: glucagon dominates



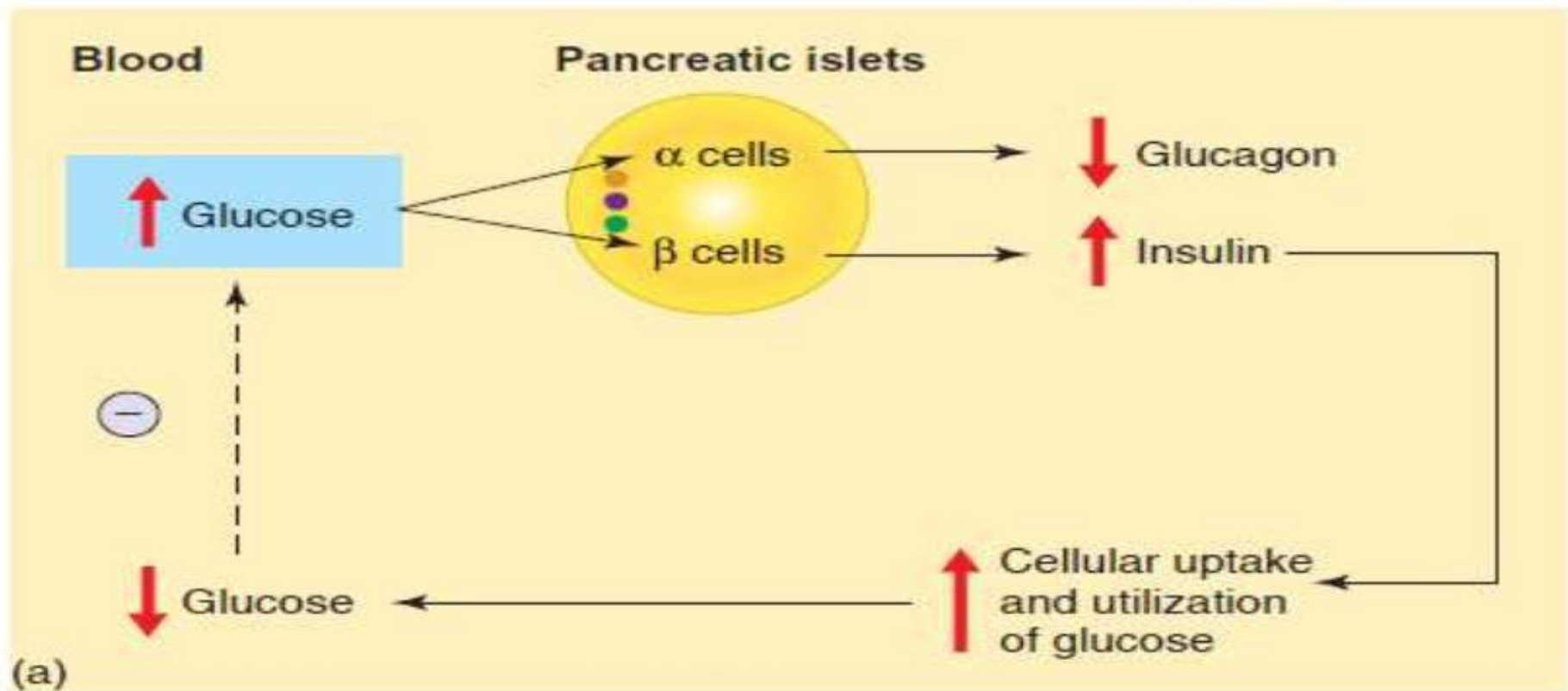
NORMAL PLASMA GLUCOSE LEVELS

- Fasting : 70 – 100mg%
- Postprandial : 100 – 140mg%
- RBS : 80 – 120mg%

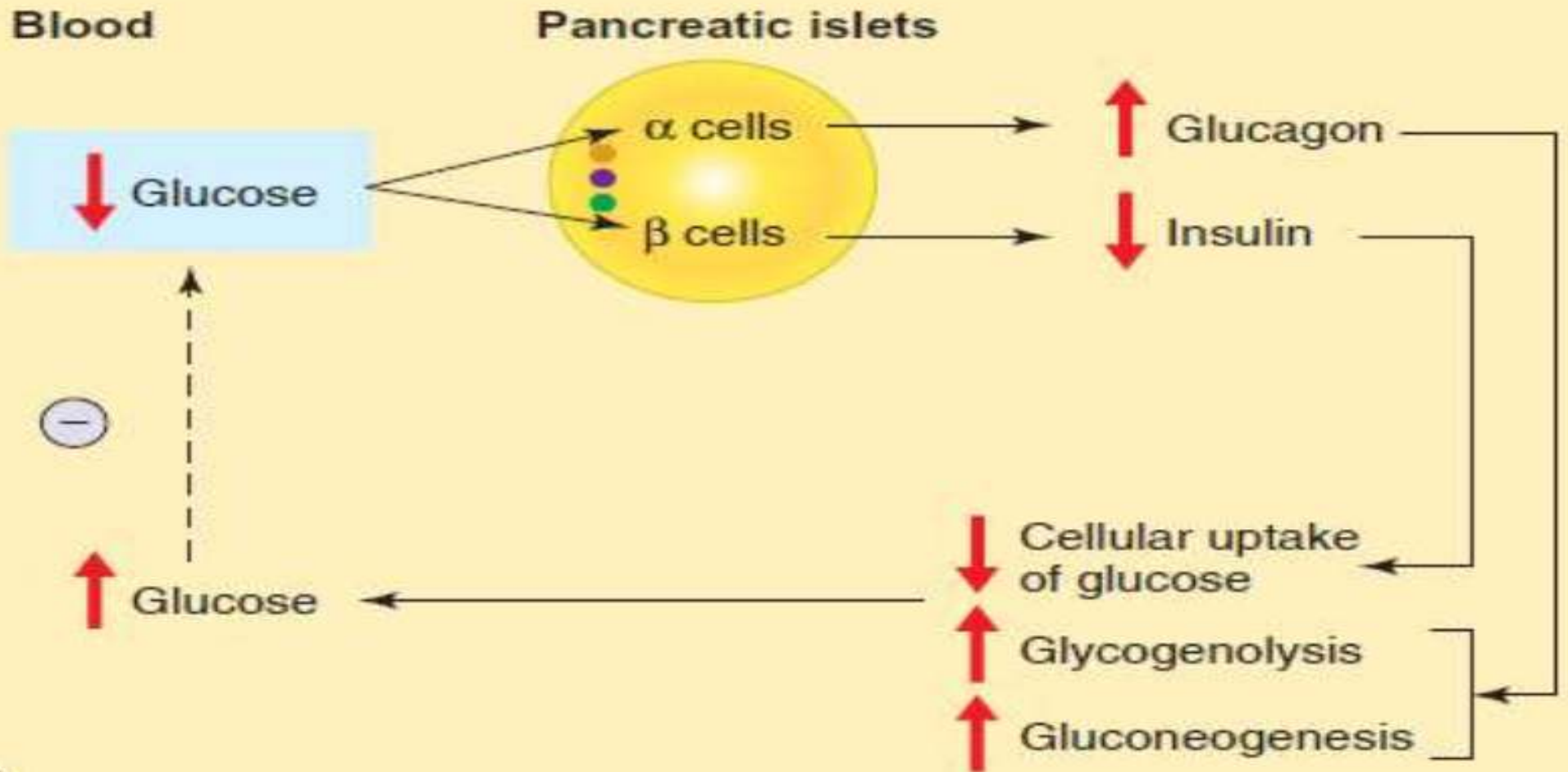
Rbs = random blood sugar

GLUCOSE HOMEOSTASIS

- Sensor
- Integrating center
- Effector



GLUCOSE HOMEOSTASIS



(b)

Table: 49.4 Major differences between Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes mellitus.

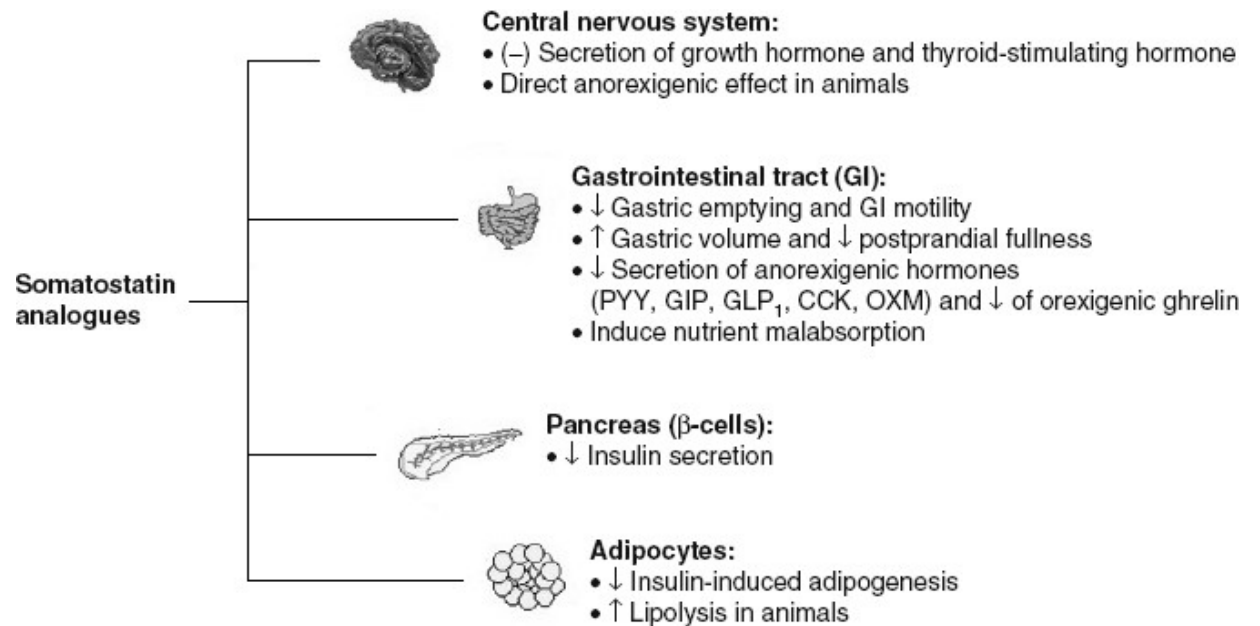
	Type I	Type II
1. Age of onset	Before the age of 40 (Juvenile onset diabetes)	After the age of 40 (Maturity onset diabetes)
2. Body fat mass	Not obese	Obese
3. Incidence	10% of the total diabetes	90% of the total diabetes
4. Genetic susceptibility	Concordance rate is < 50%	Concordance rate is > 50%
5. Incidence of ketoacidosis	High	Low
6. B cell mass of pancreas	B cells destroyed	B cells morphology is normal.
7. Nature of onset	Rapid	Gradual
8. Usual complication	Ketoacidotic coma	Hyperosmolal coma

SOMATOSTATIN

Secreted from D cells of pancreas

- Also secreted in SOMATOSTATIN hypothalamus & GIT

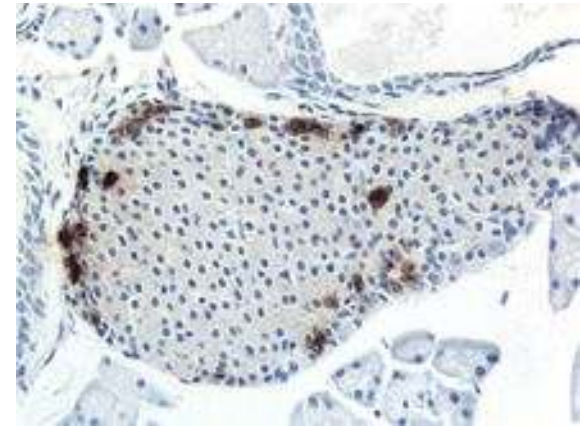
- Inhibits secretion of insulin & glucagon
- Inhibits GI motility* & GI secretions
- Regulates feedback control of gastric emptying



PANCREATIC POLYPEPTIDE

- Pancreatic polypeptide (PP) is a polypeptide secreted from F cells of pancreas or PP Cells = predominantly in the head of the pancreas.

- Structurally similar to Neuropeptide Y secreted from hypothalamus
- Secreted in response to food intake
- Inhibits exocrine pancreatic secretion
- Slows the absorption of food from the GI tract



- The function of PP is to self-regulate pancreatic secretion activities (endocrine and exocrine).
- It also has effects on hepatic **glycogen** levels and gastrointestinal secretions.
- Its secretion in humans is increased after a protein meal, **fasting**, exercise, and acute **hypoglycemia**, and is decreased by **somatostatin** and intravenous **glucose**.
- Plasma PP has been shown to be reduced in conditions associated with increased food intake and elevated in **anorexia nervosa**. In addition, peripheral administration of PP has been shown to decrease food intake