#### **G6PD Deficiency**

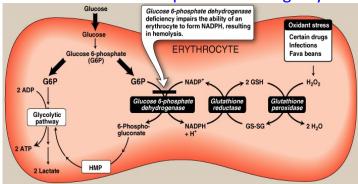
- Common disease
- · characterized by hemolytic anemia
- 200 400 millions individuals worldwide
- Highest prevalence in Middle East, S.E. Asia, Mediterranean
- X-linked inheritance
- > 400 different mutations
- Deficiency provides resistance to falciparum malaria

#### Role of G6PD in red blood cells

Peroxides + GSH  $\longrightarrow$  G-S-S-G + 2H<sub>2</sub>O G-S-S-G + NADPH  $\longrightarrow$  2GSH + NADP+

GSH helps maintain the SH groups in proteins in the reduced state

Oxidation  $\rightarrow$  denaturation of proteins and rigidity of the cells



## Precipitating Factors inG6PD Deficiency

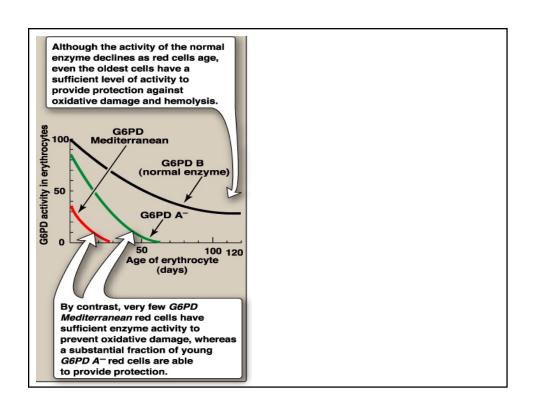
- Oxidant drugs
  - Antibiotics e.g. Sulfomethxazole
  - Antimalaria Primaquine
  - Antipyretics Acetanalid
- Favism
- Infection
- Neonatal Jaundice

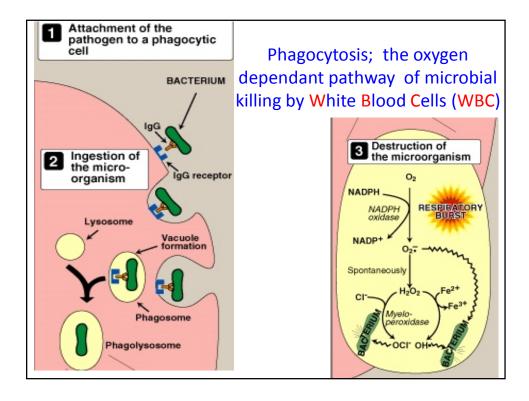
#### **G6PD Deficiency Variants**

- Wild type B
- Mediterranean Variant B<sup>-</sup> (Class II): 563C → T
- African Variant A (Class III); two point mutation
- African Variant A; Normal activity 80%
- Very severe deficiency (Class I)
- Majority missense mutation point mutation
- Large deletions or frame shift; Not Observed

# Classification of G6PD Deficiency Variants

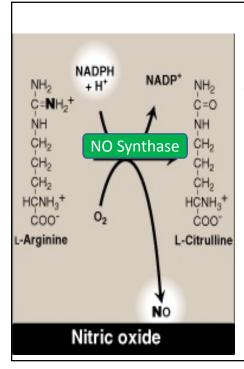
Class	Clinical symptoms	Residual enzyme activity
	Very severe	<2%
II	Severe	<10%
III	Moderate	10-50%
IV	None	60-150%





### NO and Reactive Nitrogen Oxygen Spciese (RNOS)

- Free radical diffuses readily
- Essential for life and toxic
- Neurotransmitter, vasodilator
- ↓Platelet aggregation
- At high concentration combines with O<sub>2</sub> or O<sub>2</sub> to form RNOS
- RNOS are involved in neurodegenerative diseases and inflammatory diseases



### **NO Synthesis**

NO Synthase
Three isoforms
nNOS neural
eNOS endothelial
Both are constitutive

iNOS inducible
Induction of transcription
in many cells of immune
system→↑↑ NO → RNOS
to kill invading bacteria

