The following questions are based on Fontaine, K.A.; Sanchez, E.L.; Camarda, R.; and Lagunoff, M. (2015). Dengue Virus Induces and Requires Glycolysis for Optimal Replication. J. Virol. 89: 2358-2366.

1. All the culture media used by the authors contained 2 mM glutamine. Imagine that you prepared a 100 mM stock solution of glutamine that you dilute while preparing the culture media. If you plan to prepare 1 L of culture, how much of the 100 mM stock solution of glutamine will you need to add to the culture flask? What fold dilution does this represent (e.g., 1:X)?

2. To monitor glucose uptake, the authors fed cells 2-deoxy-D-glucose radioactively labeled with tritium (<sup>3</sup>H) at two positions.



- a. What are the possible metabolic fates of glucose within the cytoplasm of the cell (neglect efflux out of the cell)?
- b. 2-deoxy-D-glucose cannot be metabolized through the complete process of glycolysis. Try to run 2-deoxy-D-glucose through glycolysis (write this out including chemical structures, enzyme names, and any co-reactants or co-products). Which step is not possible?

c. Could 2-deoxy-D-glucose be incorporated into glycogen? Write out the process for glycogenesis to provide evidence for your answer. Include chemical structures, enzyme names, and any co-reactants or co-products. Would the resulting glycogen be radioactive?

- d. Could 2-deoxy-D-glucose be metabolized through the pentose phosphate pathway? Write out the process for the pentose phosphate pathway to provide evidence for your answer. Include chemical structures and any co-reactants or co-products. Would the resulting ribose-5-phosphate be radioactive?
  - i. Draw glucose.
  - ii. React glucose with hexokinase.
  - iii. Convert C1 to a carbonyl (i.e. ester). This is named 6-phosphoglucolactone.
  - iv. Linearize 6-phosphoglucolactone and convert C1 to a carboxylate. The enzyme that catalyzes this reaction is 6-phosphoglucolactonase, while the product is 6-phosphogluconate.
  - v. C1 is released as CO<sub>2</sub>. This enzyme is named 6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase. The final product is named ribulose-5 phosphate.
    - 1. A base abstracts the proton from the C3 hydroxyl group.
    - 2. One lone pair from the resulting oxyanion move to form double bond with C3, while the hydride attached to C3 is transferred to NADP<sup>+</sup>. C3 should be a keto group.
    - 3. A lone pair from one of the C1 carboxylate oxyanions moves to form a double bond with C1. The electrons forming the C1 to C2 bond are withdrawn towards the ketone. These electrons form a double bond between C2 and C3. The carbonyl oxygen on C3 accepts an additional lone pair to form an oxyanion. C1 leaves as CO<sub>2</sub>.
    - 4. One lone pair of the oxyanion of C2 (note number change after CO<sub>2</sub> release) moves to reform the carbonyl, moving the pi-electrons towards C1, which picks up a proton.
  - vi. Ribulose-5 phosphate undergoes a keto-enol tautomerization to the aldopentose to ribose-5-phosphate.

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e. Does the level of radioactivity accurately reflect all the glucose taken up by a cell (neglecting efflux out of the cell)? Explain.

- 3. The authors do no consider the actual activity of phosphofructokinase-1 after Dengue virus infection.
  - a. Based on the following panels of results, do expect phosphofructokinase-1 to be more active or less active after Dengue virus infection? "Mock" is the negative infection control and DENV is for infected cells.



- b. Do you expect [fructose-2,6-bisphosphate] to be increaseing or decreasing after Dengue virus infection?
- c. Do you expect phosphofructokinase-2 to be more active or less active after Dengue virus infection?
- d. Do you expect fructose-2,6-bisphosphatase to be more active or less active after Dengue virus infection?
- e. If the regulation of phosphofructokinase-2 followed that of the liver (hepatocytes), would you expect the level of phosphorylation of phosphofructokinase-2 to be increasing or decreasing after Dengue virus infection?