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**Human Liver Enzyme Pattern in Thyrotoxicosis and Hypothyroidism.**

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Enzyme activities of glycogenolysis, glycolysis, hexosemonophosphate shunt, glycerol-P cycle, citric acid cycle, fatty acid oxidation and gluconeogenesis were measured in the supernatant and sediment fractions from human liver biopsy samples. The values are given as  $\mu\text{M}/\text{h} \times \text{mg protein}$  or referred to triosephosphate dehydrogenase (E.C. 1.2.1.12) activity.

In thyrotoxicosis, as diagnosed on the basis of various clinical tests the activities of phosphoglucomutase (E.C. 2.7.5.1) and 3-hydroxy-acyl-CoA dehydrogenase (E.C. 1.1.1.35) were decreased compared with control subjects with no symptoms of thyroid dysfunction or of liver disease. In hypothyroidism mitochondrial  $\alpha$ -glycerol-P dehydrogenase (E.C.1.1.99.5) was diminished. The high increase of rat liver  $\alpha$ -glycerol-P dehydrogenase under the conditions of experimental thyrotoxicosis was not present in the liverbiopsies from thyrotoxic patients examined.

These results are discussed with respect to species differences and the mechanism of action of thyroid hormones.

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