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Illuminating the Crucial Role of Oxidative Phosphorylation in Bone

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DESCRIPTION

Oxidative Phosphorylation (OxPhos), a central metabolic process occurring within cellular powerhouses called mitochondria, is the primary means through which eukaryotic cells produce Adenosine Triphosphate (ATP), the universal currency of cellular energy. This intricate biochemical process involves the transfer of electrons through a series of protein complexes, leading to the pumping of protons across the mitochondrial inner membrane and the establishment of a proton gradient. The subsequent flow of protons back into the mitochondrial matrix powers the ATP synthase enzyme to generate ATP [1]. While energy production is its hallmark, the role of OxPhos in cellular metabolism goes beyond ATP synthesis, influencing signaling pathways, redox balance, and even epigenetic regulation, thus positioning this metabolic process as a foundational cornerstone governing various aspects of cellular function and health [2].

Emerging research highlights a range of non-energetic roles OxPhos coordinate in shaping various aspects of bone health. Beyond its primary role in energy production, OxPhos exerts a multifaceted influence on bone biology through non-energetic mechanisms [3]. OxPhos impacts cellular signaling, modulating pathways crucial for cell differentiation, proliferation, and communication within the bone microenvironment [4]. Moreover, it participates in redox regulation, influencing the balance between Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS) production and antioxidant defenses, thereby shaping oxidative stress responses that impact bone health [5]. Epigenetic modifications orchestrated by OxPhos contribute to gene expression patterns governing bone-related processes [6]. Additionally, OxPhos-mediated maintenance of mitochondrial function and dynamics intersects with cellular processes such as autophagy and mitophagy, which play vital roles in skeletal homeostasis [7]. These non-energetic roles of OxPhos

intricately weave into the tapestry of bone development and maintenance, amplifying its relevance as a multifunctional regulator beyond its conventional energy supply role alone.

The foundation of bone development lies in the complex balance between osteoblasts, responsible for bone formation, and osteoclasts, specialized in bone resorption [8,9]. This dynamic equilibrium ensures proper growth, maintenance, and repair of the skeletal framework. The impact of OxPhos on these bone protagonists is unequivocal. Osteoblasts, the architects of bone tissue, orchestrate the deposition of minerals essential for bone strength. Their demanding task requires a continuous energy supply, a role executed by OxPhos [10,11]. This process not only provides the necessary ATP for osteoblast function but also influences key signaling pathways that govern their differentiation and activity [12]. Equally consequential, osteoclasts engage in bone resorption, a process integral to maintaining bone health. Here as well, OxPhos emerges as a pivotal player. The sophisticated machinery of these bone-degrading cells relies on efficient energy production to facilitate the dissolution of mineralized tissue [13]. Moreover, OxPhos interplays with osteoclast differentiation, influencing their numbers and activity, thus sculpting the delicate balance between bone formation and resorption [14].

The dynamic relationship between OxPhos and bone development extends beyond the cellular level. Mounting evidence suggests that disruptions in mitochondrial function, a core aspect of OxPhos, correlate with skeletal disorders [15]. OxPhos serves as a fundamental energy source, driving the diverse functions within bone cells crucial for their development, remodeling, and maintenance. Its contributions span from critical processes such as bone matrix synthesis, mineralization, cellular signaling, and adaptive responses. While traditionally acknowledged for its role in energy production, ongoing research emphasizes OxPhos's additional functions beyond energy provision. These non-energetic roles hold significant implications for unraveling the complexities of bone biology and exploring novel therapeutic avenues for addressing bone-related disorders. A deep understanding of the intricate interplay between OxPhos and bone development is essential for illuminating the molecular mechanisms that contribute to skeletal health and for investigating potential strategies for therapeutic interventions targeting bone-related conditions.

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