

METABOLISM

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MID – Lecture 4

TCA cycle (pt. 1)

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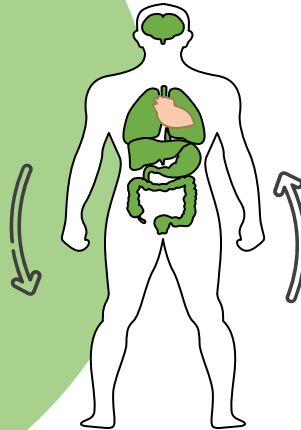
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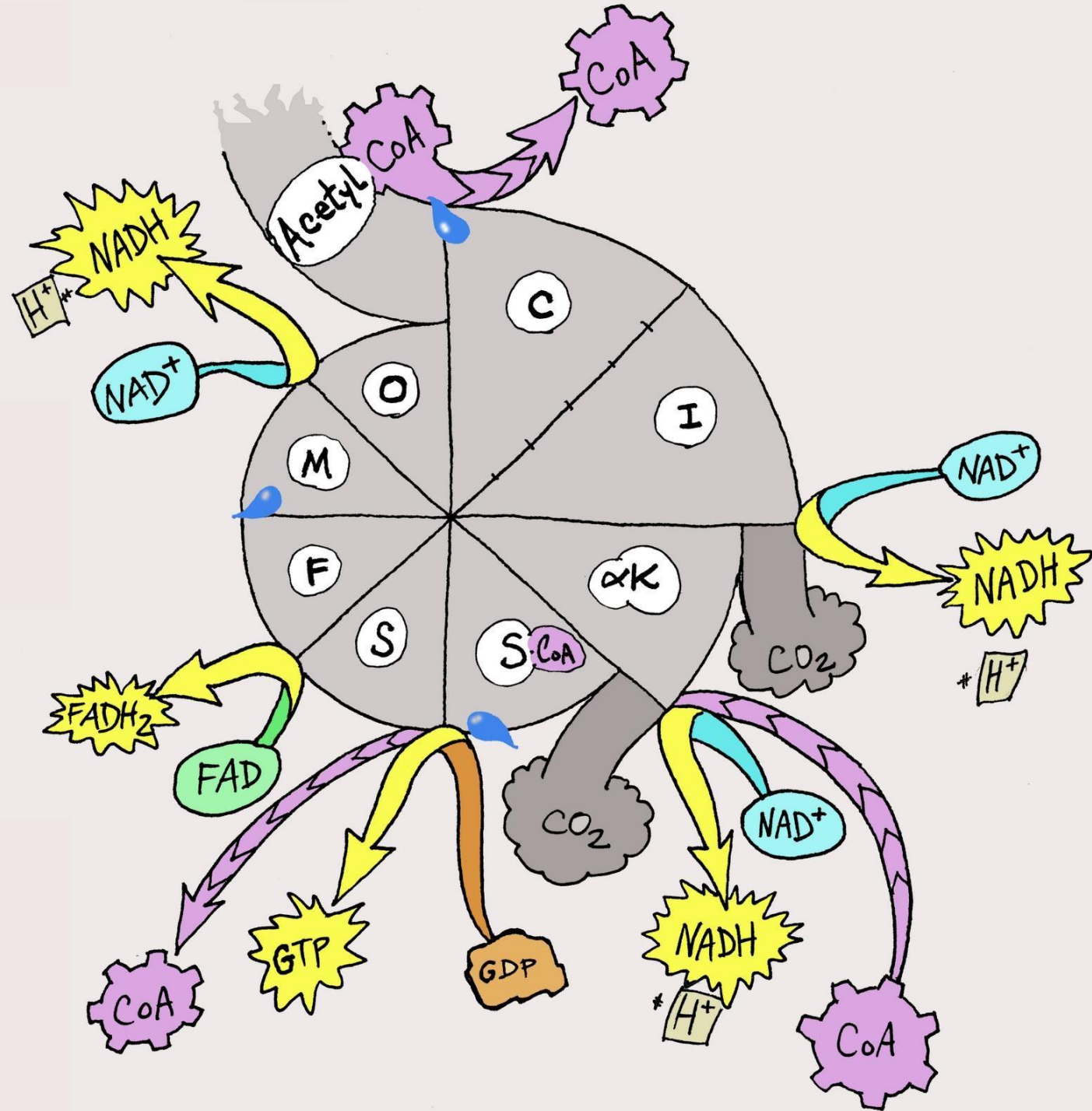
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(Kreb's, Citric Acid, Tricarboxylic Acid) Cycle

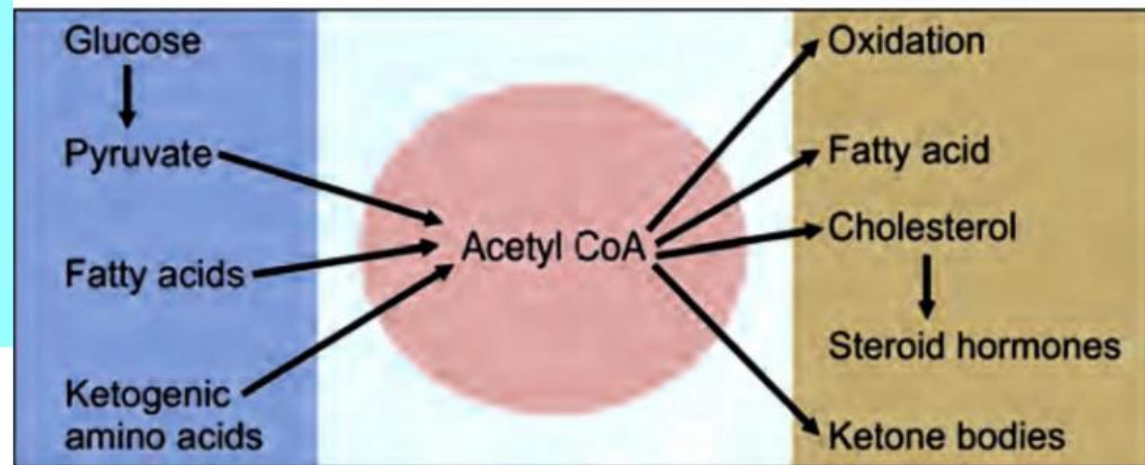
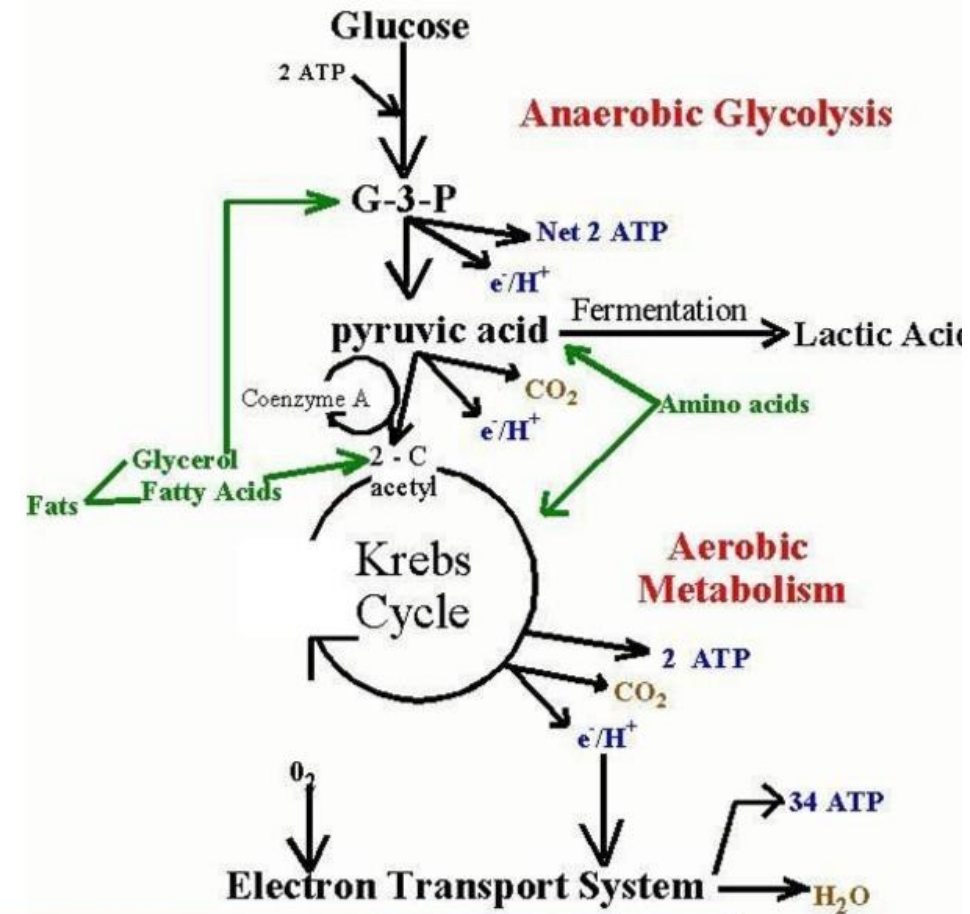
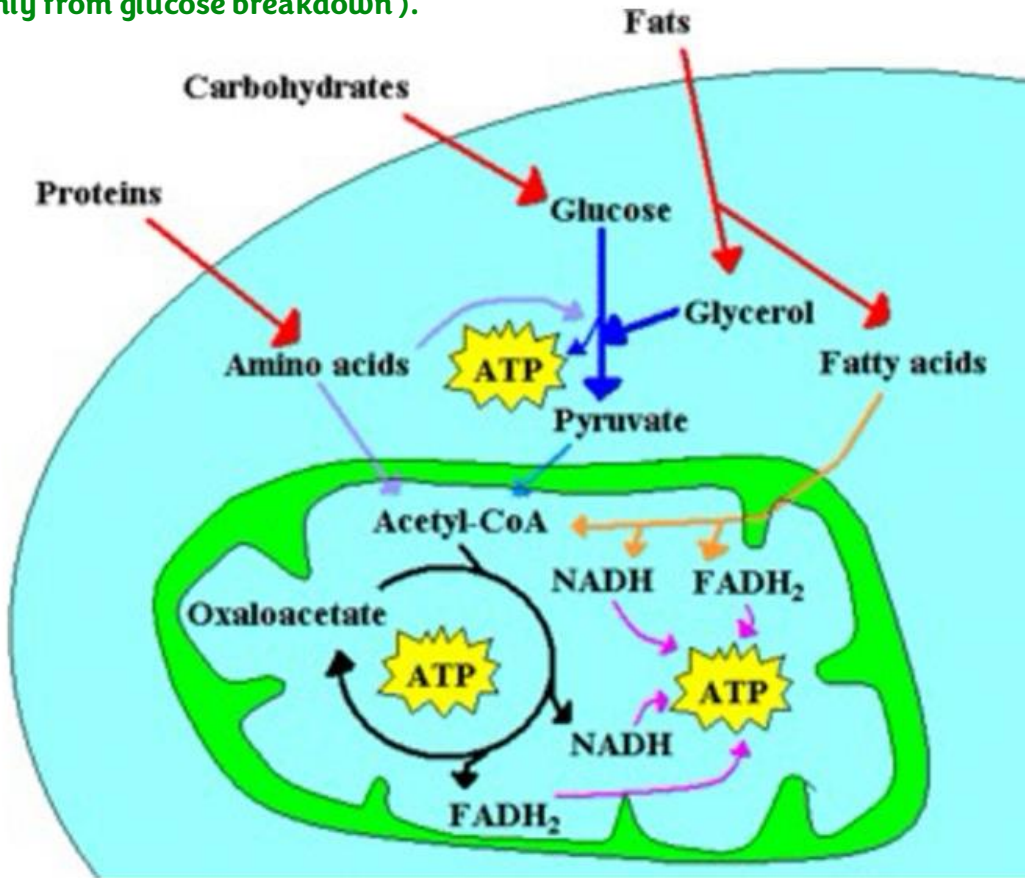
Produce citrate

TCA= citrate



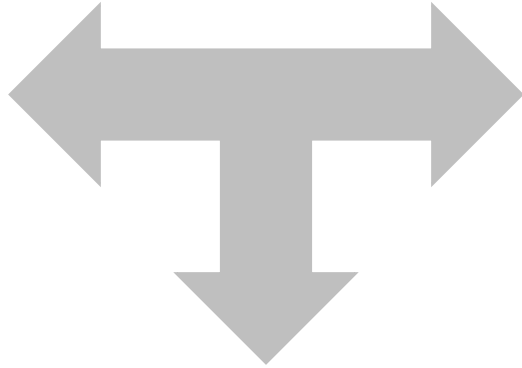
Sources and Uses of Acetyl-CoA

This cycle starts with Acetyl-CoA that react with last intermediate (Oxaloacetate).
 What is the importance of Krebs cycle ? It's a universal pathway which means it happen in all cells, Krebs cycle occurs inside each cell that contains mitochondria.
 There is no direct relation between the source of Acetyl-CoA and the cycle (Acetyl-CoA doesn't have to be only from glucose breakdown).



What is the sources of Acetyl-CoA ?

Oxidation of carbohydrates produces pyruvate , and pyruvate becomes Acetyl-CoA by pyruvate dehydrogenase complex.



Degradation of proteins gives amino acids, some of amino acids once they are degraded they produce Acetyl-CoA. These amino acids are called ketogenic. (Explanation: Breakdown of specific amino acids gives acetyl-CoA , which are then used to produce ketone bodies).

Fatty acids oxidation : fatty acids stored in adipose tissue as Triacylglycerol , in certain conditions when we need to breakdown Triacylglycerol and use it to produce energy , ester bonds between glycerol and fatty acids will be hydrolyzed so fatty acids go to bloodstream, then albumin brings them to the tissue and oxidation of fatty acids will begin to produce Acetyl-CoA (The main substrate's oxidation means degradation of it to produce energy→ catabolism. Reduction of the main substrate happens in anabolism).

Remember: oxidation of substrate accompanied with reduction of co -enzyme .
Note : An 18-carbon fatty acid will produce 9 acetyl-CoA molecules (2 carbon for each)during oxidation.

Krebs cycle need **oxygen** to be activated (Explanation : the Krebs cycle itself does not need oxygen and doesn't produce enough energy directly, mostly indirectly by electrons carrier , it is dependent on oxygen for the overall process of aerobic respiration , we need oxygen for electron transport chain since the last acceptor for electrons is oxygen (if there is no oxygen for electrons transport chain, Krebs cycle stops)).

ways for using Acetyl-CoA:

- it could be used to produce fatty acid (so Acetyl-CoA come from degradation of fatty acids and vice versa but not simultaneously and at totally different conditions) . oxidation in Krebs cycle .
- in Cholesterol manufacturing (steroids compound in general).
- In ketone bodies manufacturing.

Basically, fatty acids are used in a Krebs cycle, but sometimes when the fatty acids are produced in higher concentrations than needed for Krebs cycle, the rest of fatty acids will be used in manufacturing other compounds in order to avoid accumulation.

Electron (energy) carrying Molecules (NAD+, FAD)

➤ FAD

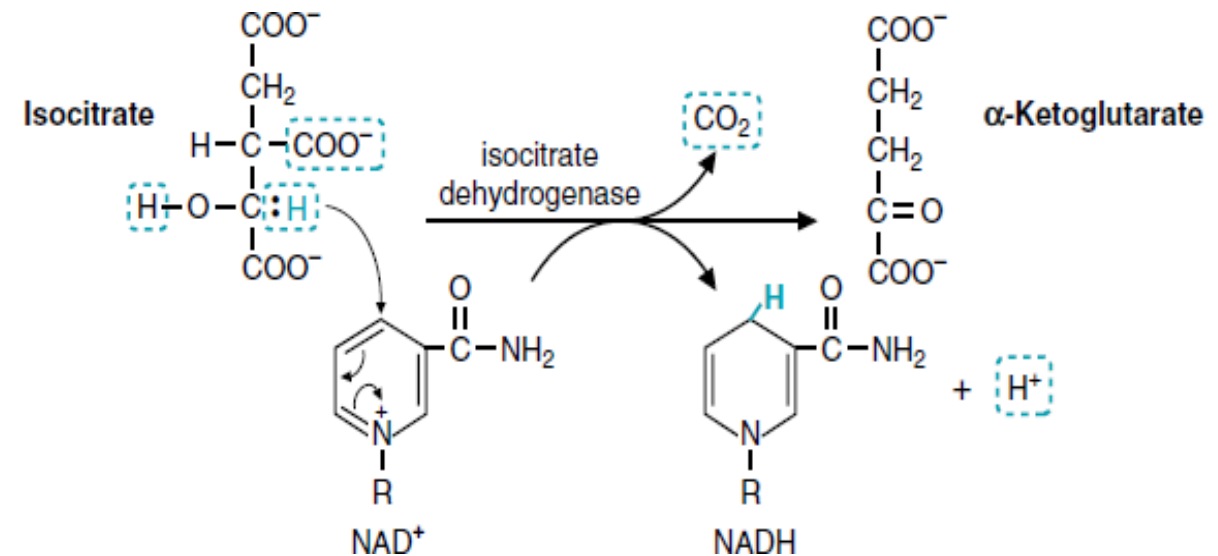
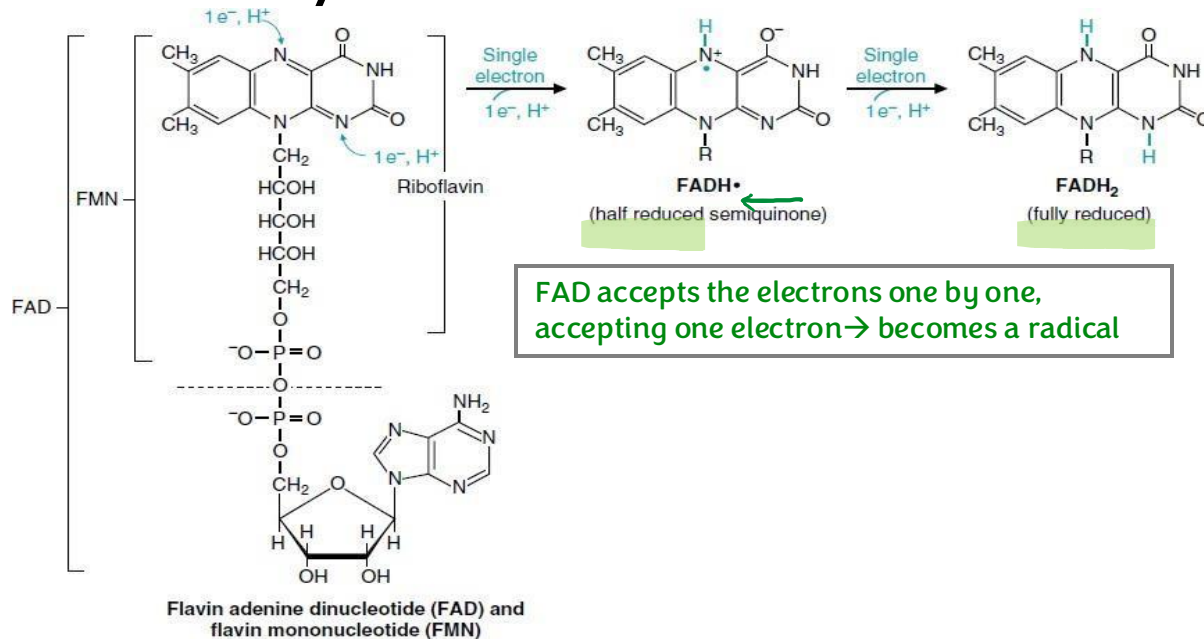
➤ NAD

Hydride

- Single electrons ($H\bullet$), different sources
- Succinate to fumarate during Krebs cycle, lipoate to lipoate disulfide in α -KG
- FAD must remain tightly, sometimes covalently, attached to its enzyme
- E° for enzyme-bound FAD varies

- Pair of electrons (H^-), same source
- Alcohols to ketones by malate dehydrogenase & isocitrate dehydrogenase
- NADH plays a regulatory role in balancing energy metabolism

Oxidation of Alcohol to Ketone accompanied by NAD⁺ reduction



Stepwise Reactions

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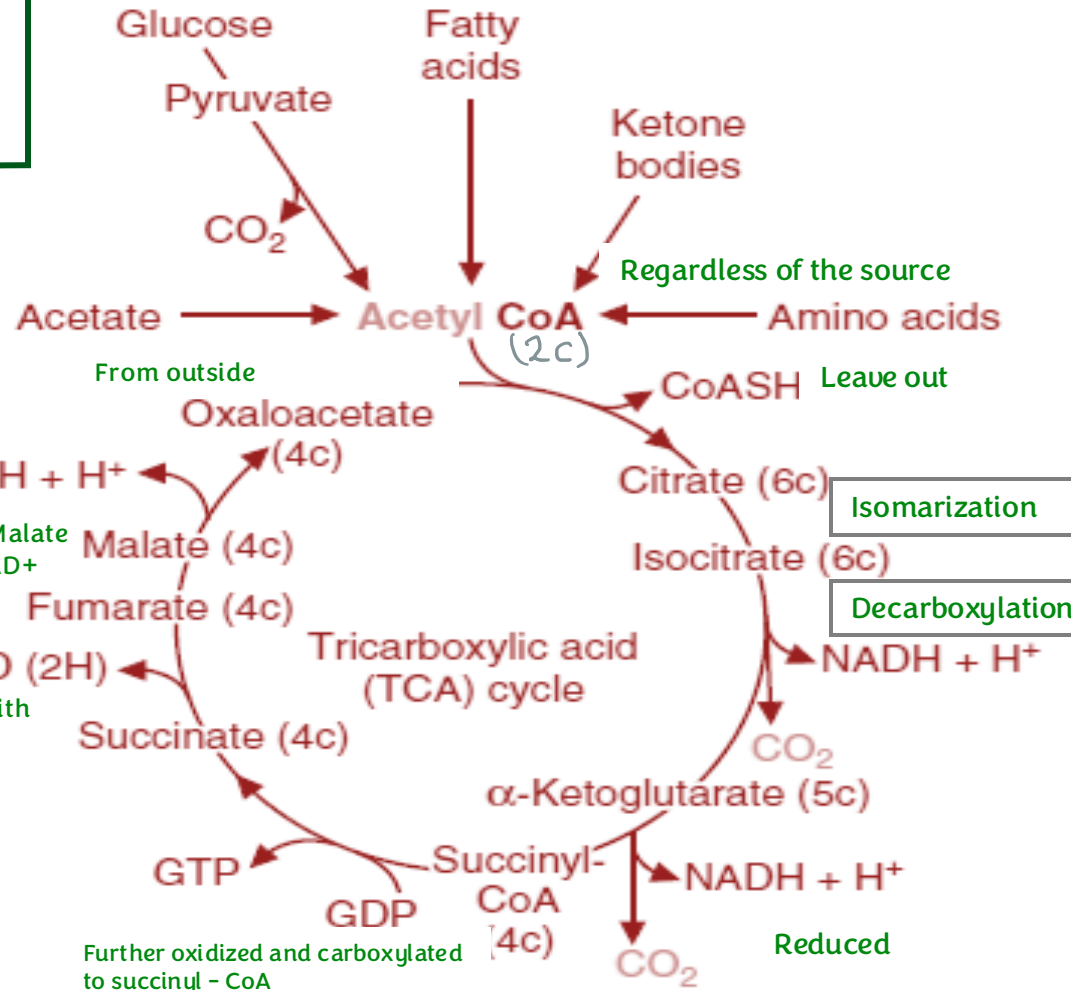
Through Krebs cycle reaction , oxidation for main substrate accompanied with reduction for co-enzyme (FAD \ NAD which mostly used in oxidized form and become reduced)
REMEMBER : depending on reduction potential NAD+ favors to become produced since we need this form of it in most metabolic pathway .

- No O₂ introduced
- Two CO₂ exits

The last redox reaction happen on Malate accompanied with reduction for NAD+

Oxidation of succinate accompanied with reduction to FAD

Succinyl coA is highly energy molecule due to presence of coA , this energy is used to phospholirate GDP to produce GTP



*Focus on number of Carbon for each compound :)

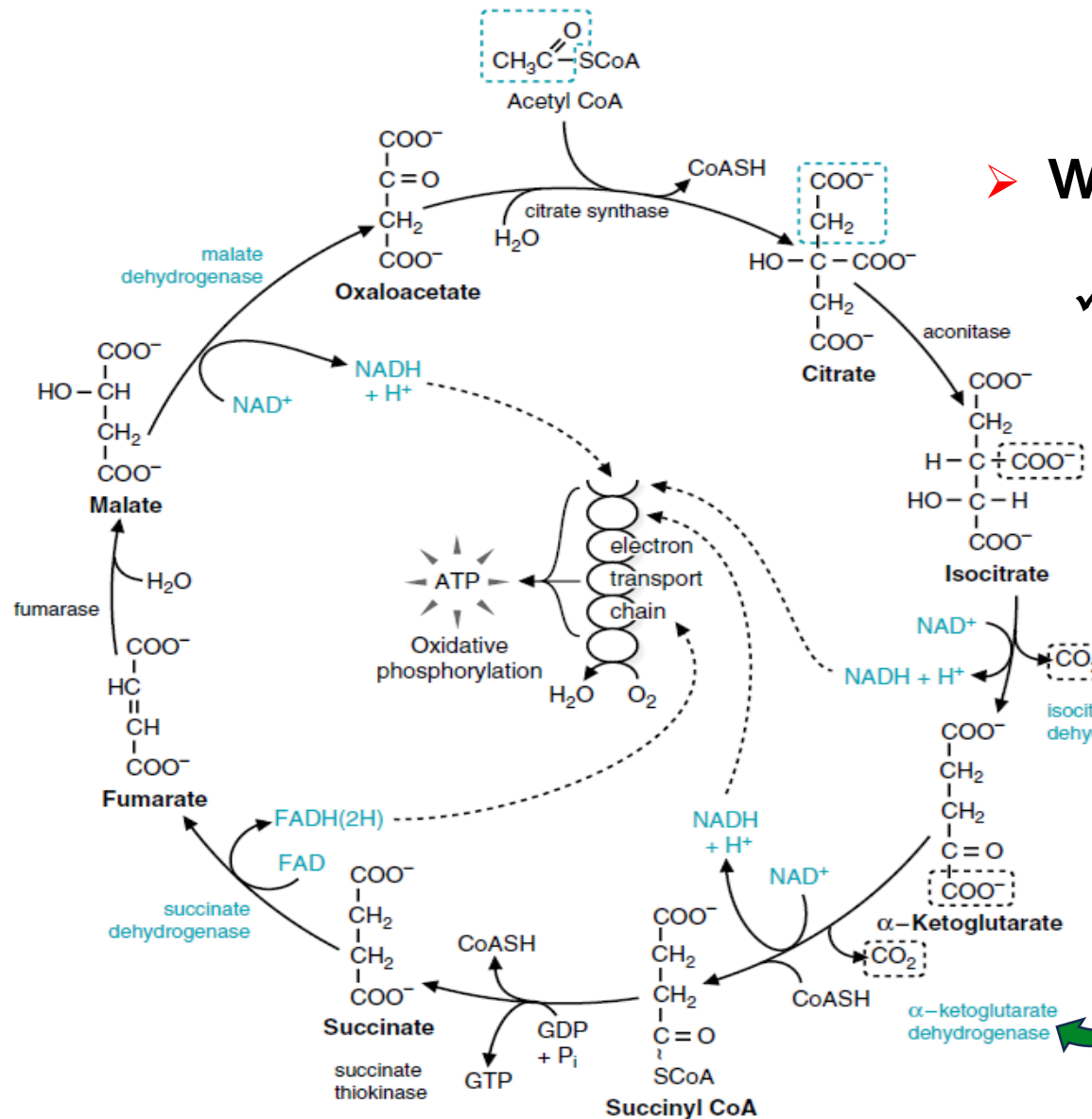
*What is the only energy molecule produced directly during Krebs cycle ? GTP

*2 carbons enter as Acetyl-coA and 2 carbons exit one by one as co2 (same carbons).

*krebs cycle considered as both anabolic and catabolic.

Does Acetyl-CoA exit as CO₂?

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➤ Why to make Isocitrate from citrate?

✓ Citrate is a tricarboxylic acid

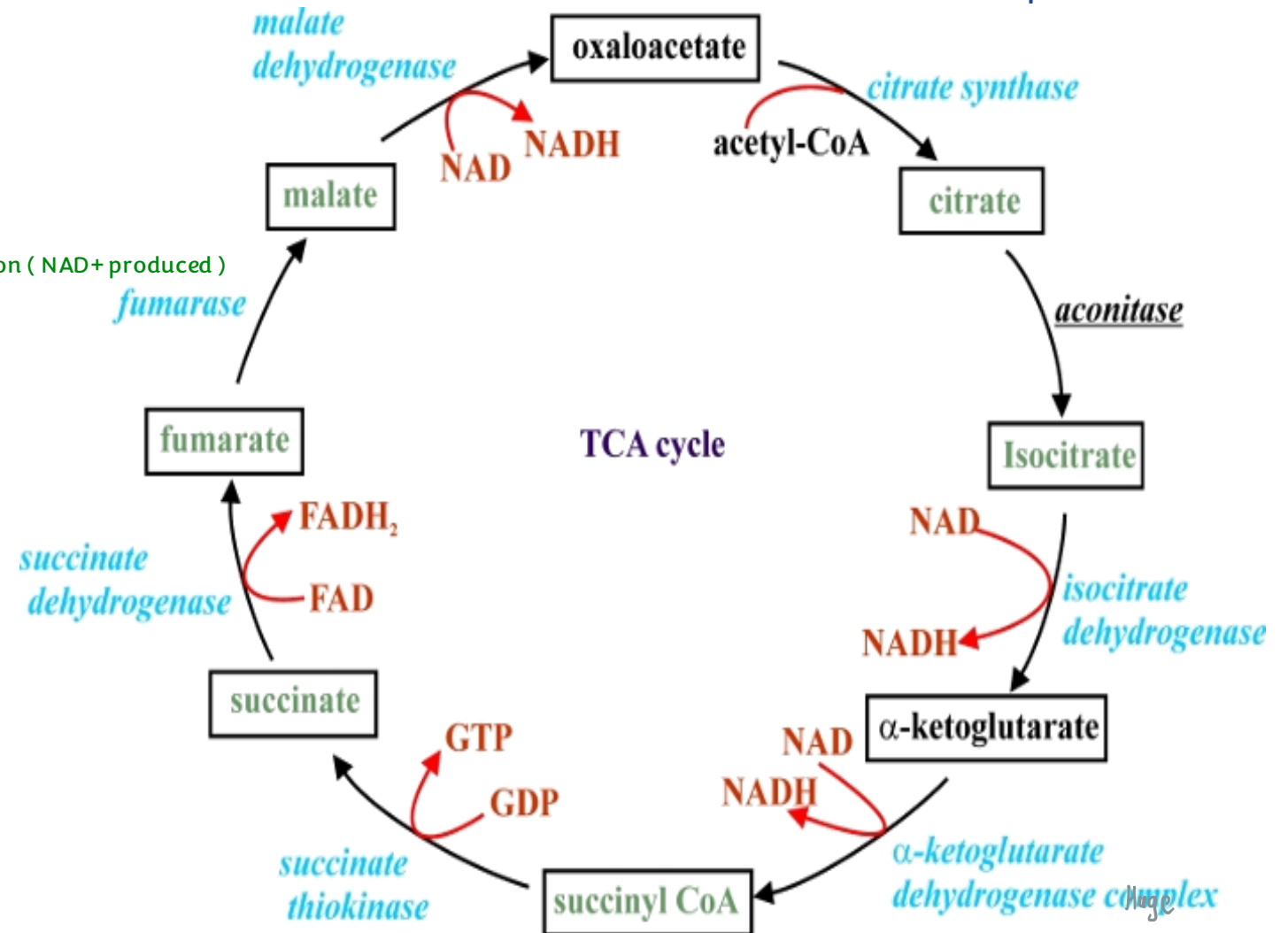
Remove the 2 carbons as CO₂ by decarboxylation reaction using dehydrogenase enzymes

➤ Where does the CO₂ exit?

Enzymes of the TCA Cycle

- Citrate synthase (not an allosteric enzyme)
- Aconitase Isomerase (catalyze reversible reaction)
- **Isocitrate dehydrogenase** For redox reaction (NAD⁺ produced)
- **α-ketoglutarate dehydrogenase**
- Succinate thiokinase
- **Succinate dehydrogenase.** redox reaction but different co-enzyme (FAD)
- Fumarase not for redox reactions
- **Malate dehydrogenase** for redox reaction (NAD⁺)

Memorize compounds name



Which one is the only enzyme of krebs cycle enzymes that found in inner mitochondrial membrane protein ?

Succinate dehydrogenase. Responsible for catalyzing step six , the other enzymes are soluble in matrix .

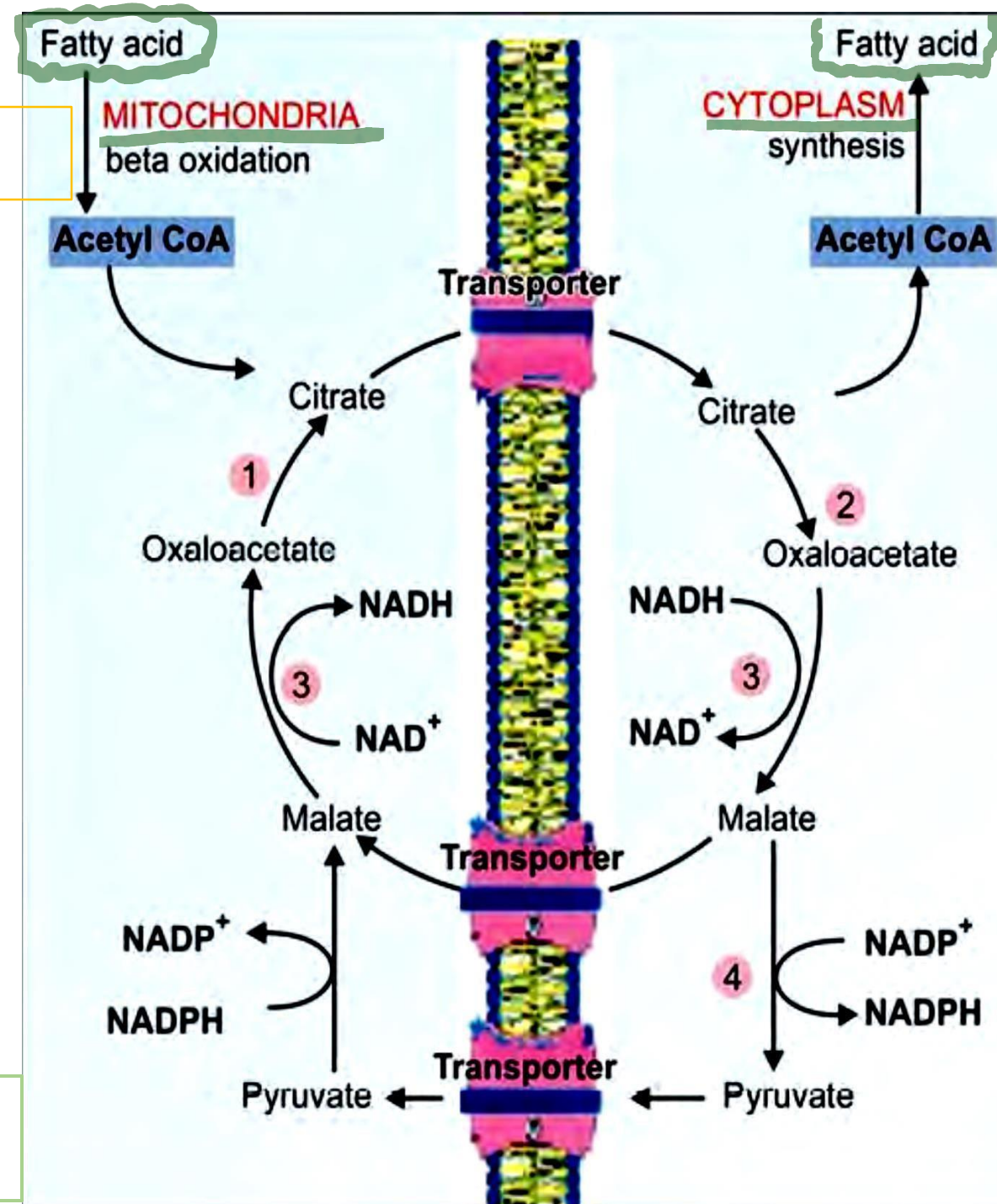
Step 1: Formation of Citrate

- ✓ Citrate synthase is inhibited by its product, citrate. (**inhibition feedback by same enzyme**)
- ✓ Substrate availability is another way of regulation for citrate synthase.
- ✓ The binding of oxaloacetate causes a conformational change in the enzyme that generates a binding site for acetyl CoA.
- ✓ Citrate provides a source of acetyl CoA for synthesis of fatty acids and activates their synthesis
- ✓ Citrate inhibits phosphofructokinase (glycolysis)

*The cycle Neither increase nor decrease the intermediate compounds . Presence of oxaloacetate to start the cycle is essential, oxaloacetate interact with many metabolic pathway. Citrate act as regulator for glycolysis (binding with glycolysis enzyme to inhibit it)
 * A lot of citrate → inhibition of glucose degradation (why ? High concentration of citrate means The Krebs cycle is operating well so we have a lot of ATP , there is no need for glucose degradation so inhibit it .

Citrate has transporter in inner mitochondrial membrane so it can exit to cytosol (excess citrate), in cytosol it can activate fatty acids synthesis by reproducing Acetyl coA (precursor molecule for synthesizing fatty acids)

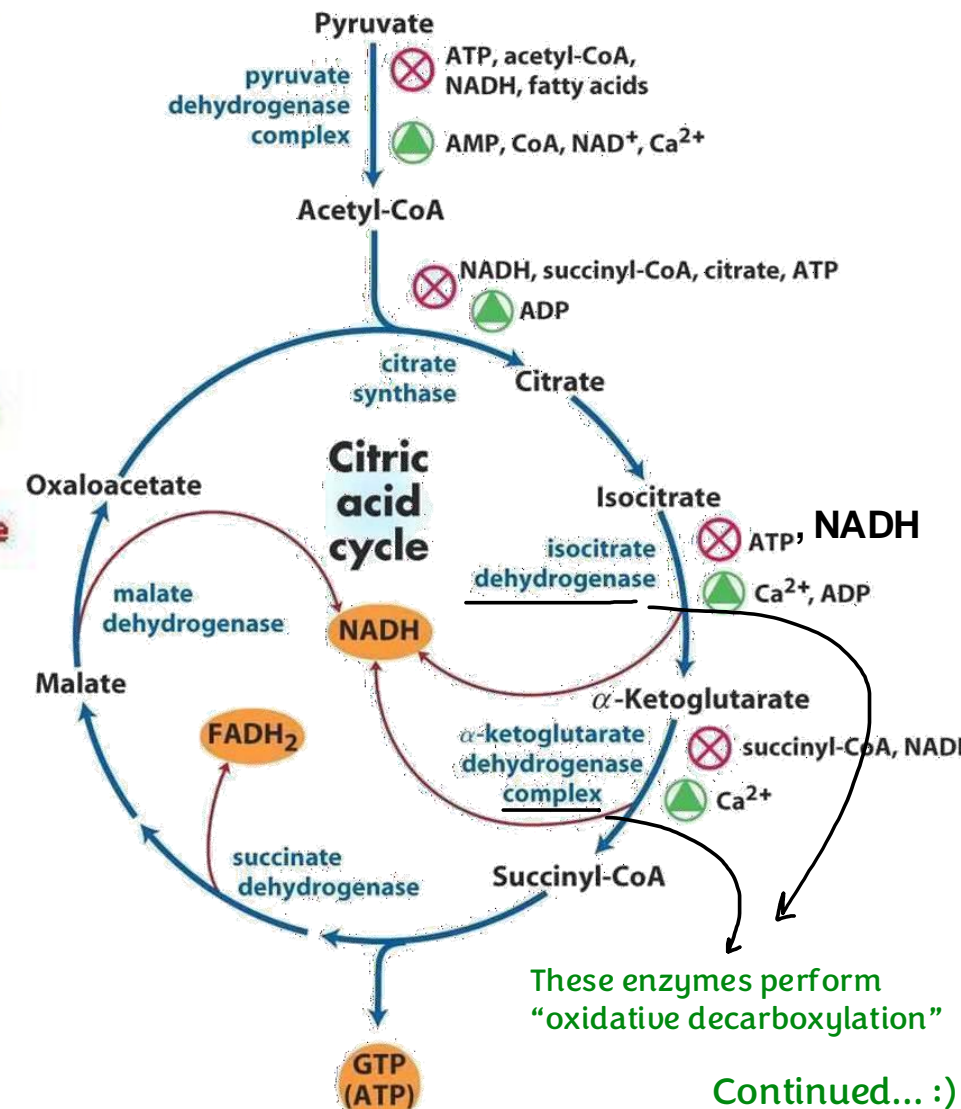
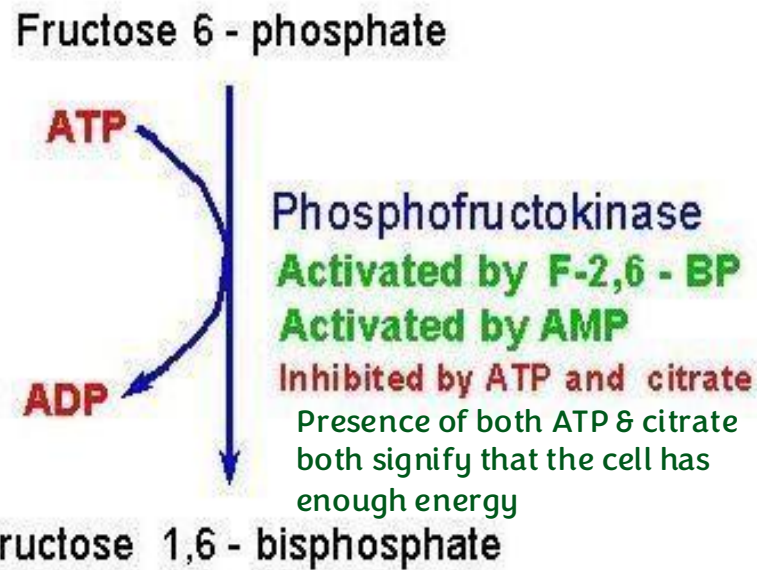
separate the process(degradation and production of fatty acids)because of compartmentalization (cytoplasm vs mitochondria)



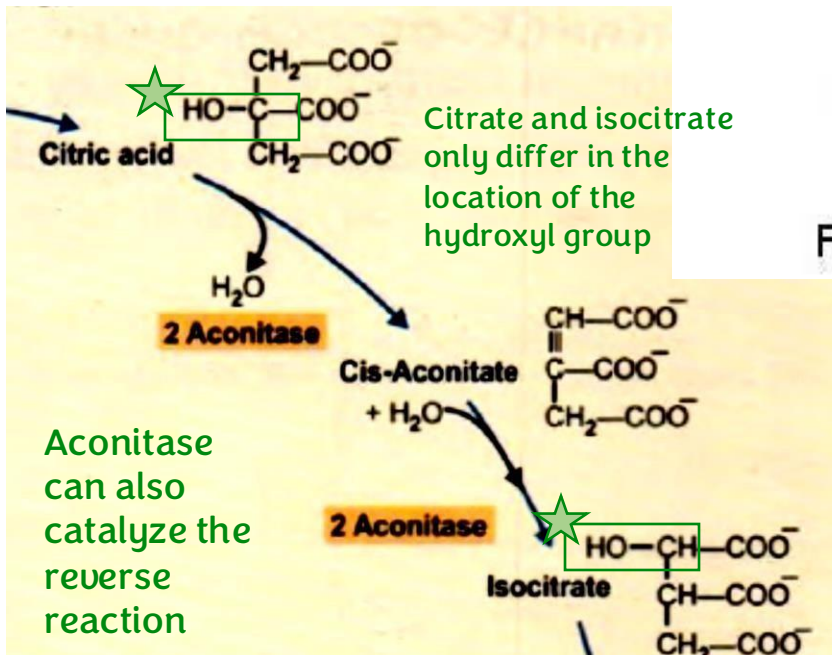
Step 2+3: Formation and Oxidation of Isocitrate

- Oxidative decarboxylation (irreversible)
- 3° to 2° alcohol

Control at the committed step of glycolysis



✓ Aconitase is an Fe-S protein



Application: Aconitase is inhibited by fluoroacetate that is used as a rat poison

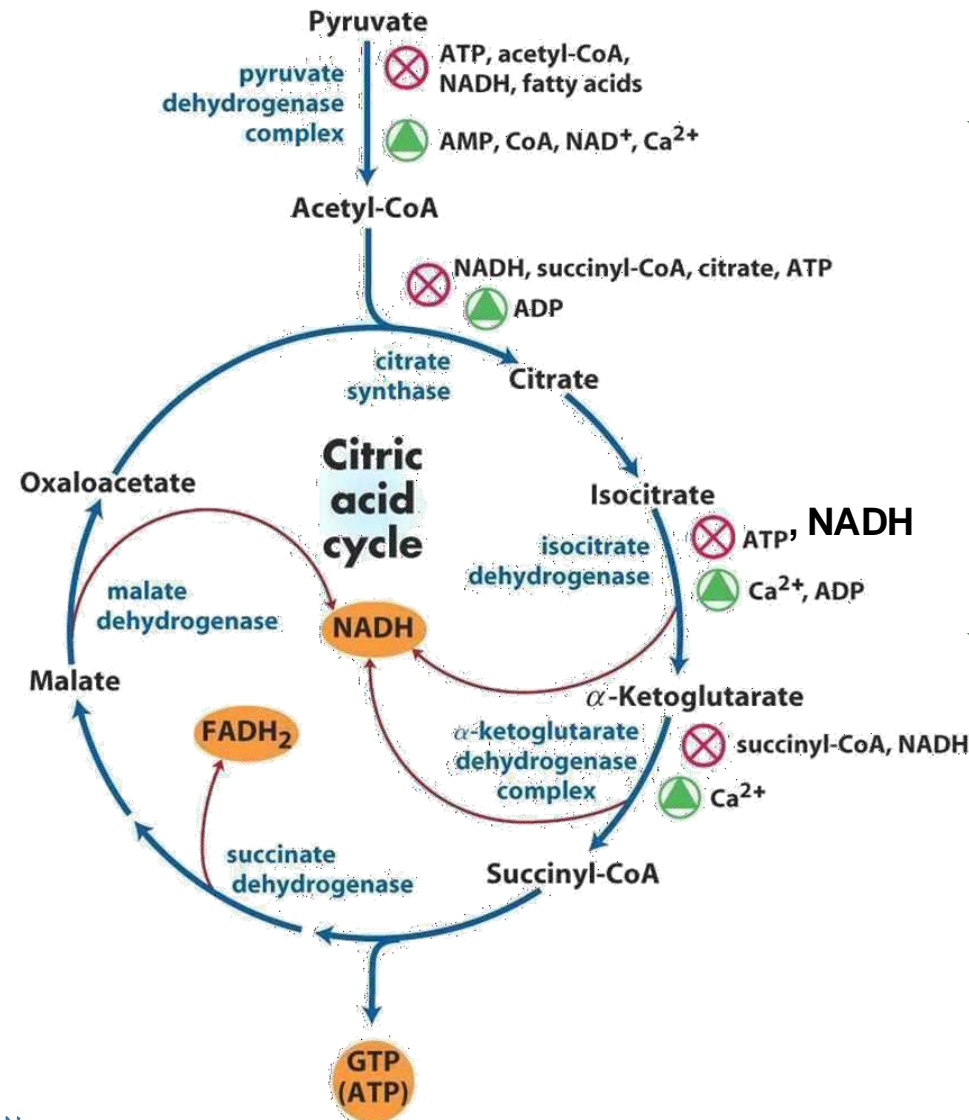
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Step 2+3: Formation and Oxidation of Isocitrate

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★ **Isocitrate dehydrogenase** is regulated because it's an irreversible enzyme (proceeds in one direction only). Irreversible steps tend to be more regulated than reversible steps in pathways.

★ **Low levels of ATP** also serve as activators of isocitrate dehydrogenase. "Low energy state" → the cell need more energy → activation of the Krebs cycle, & vice versa.



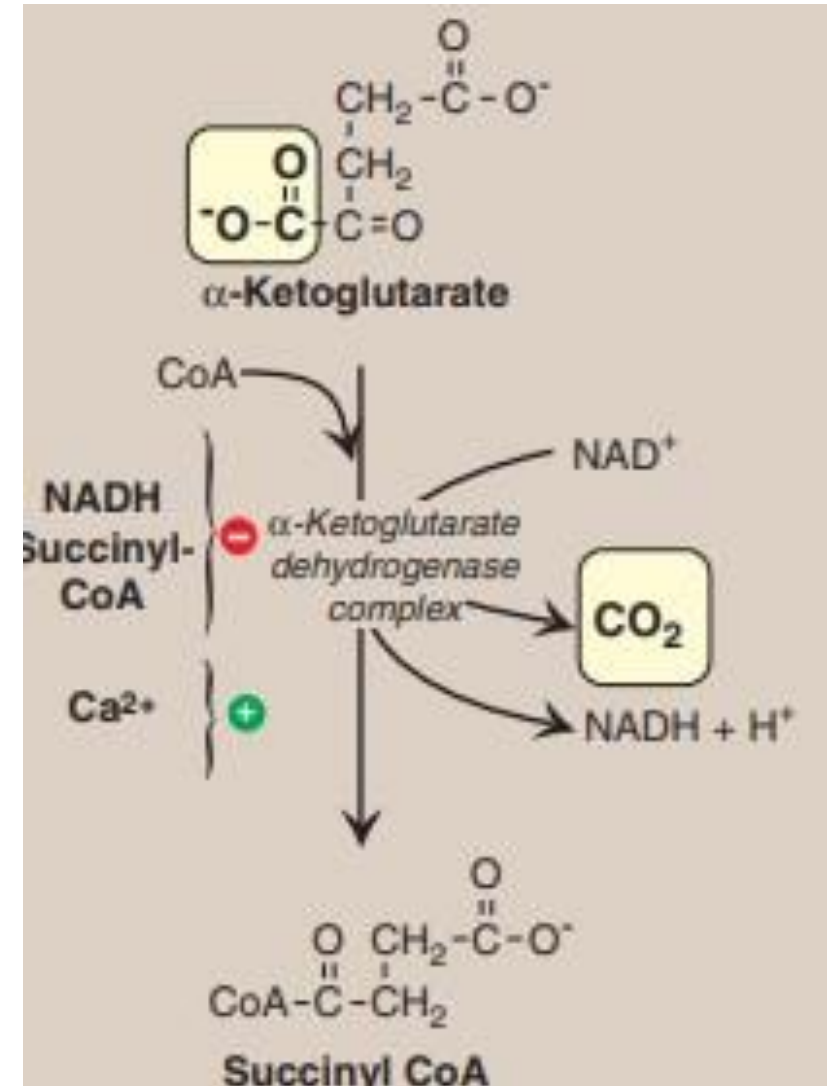
★ **Calcium ions** are activators of isocitrate dehydrogenase. High [Ca²⁺] signify that a muscle cell is in a state of contraction. This means that the cell needs energy, which activates the Krebs cycle.

★ If [NADH] is high, this means we don't have the necessary coenzyme state (oxidized form) and the reaction is inhibited. **NAD⁺ is needed in the cell more than NADH.**

Step 4: α -Ketoglutarate to Succinyl-CoA

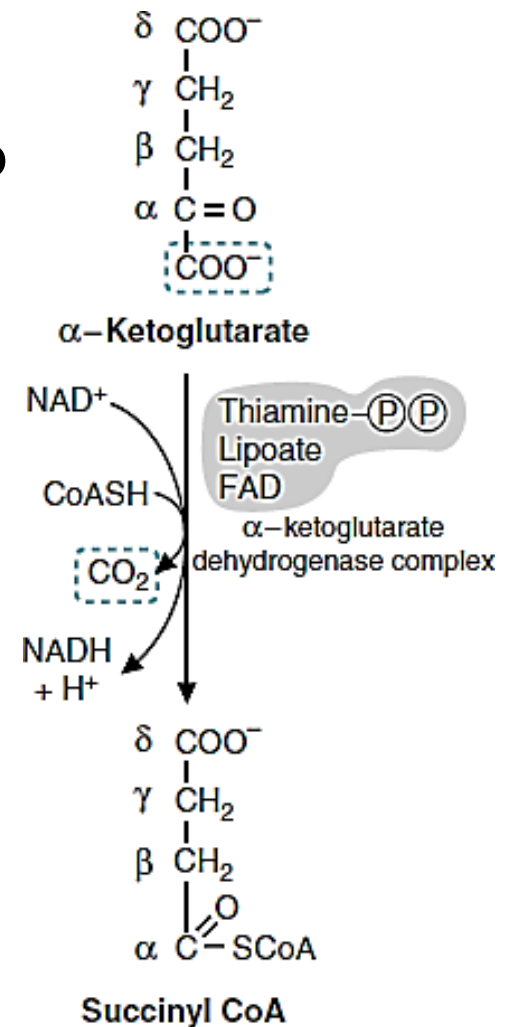
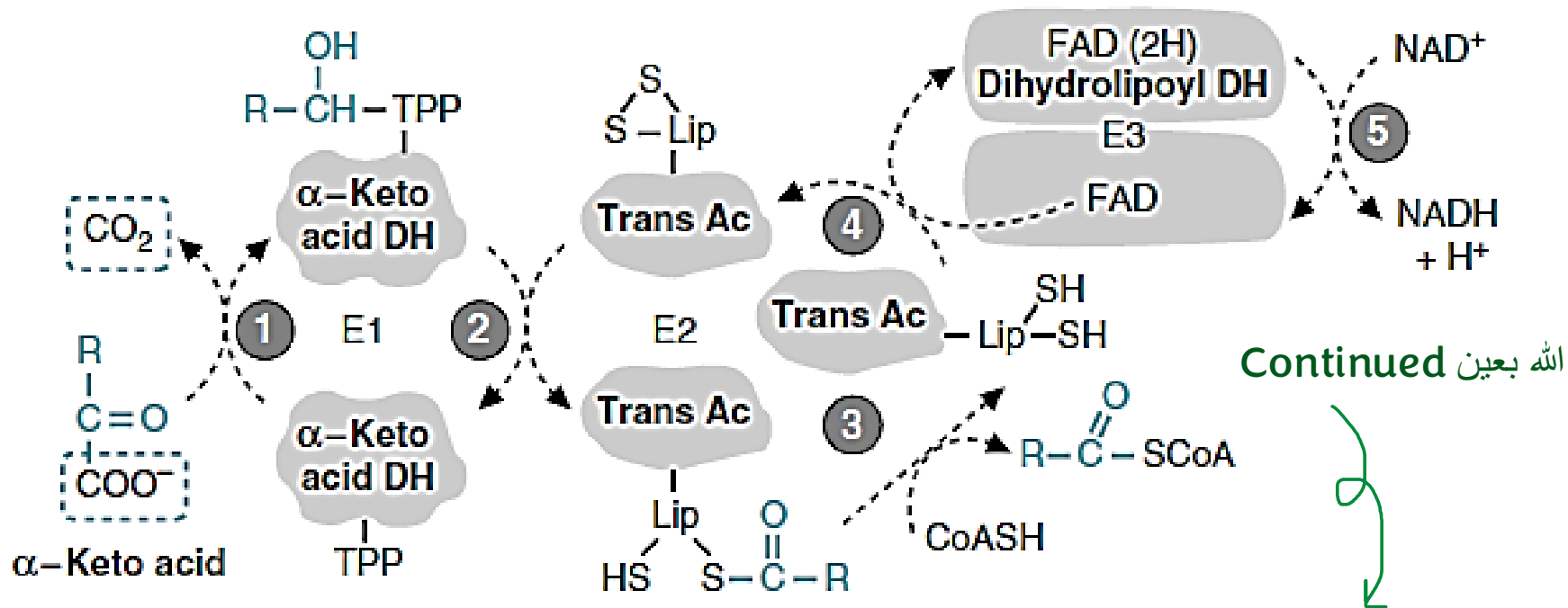
- **Oxidative decarboxylation**
- **α -ketoglutarate dehydrogenase complex, a multimolecular aggregate of three enzymes**
- **Thiamine pyrophosphate, lipoic acid, FAD, NAD⁺, and CoA** → All are examples of coenzymes
- **Energy conserved as NADH, thioester bond**

Big enzyme made up of multiple enzymes all working together. Enzymes hand off to each other which factors into the increased efficiency of the complex



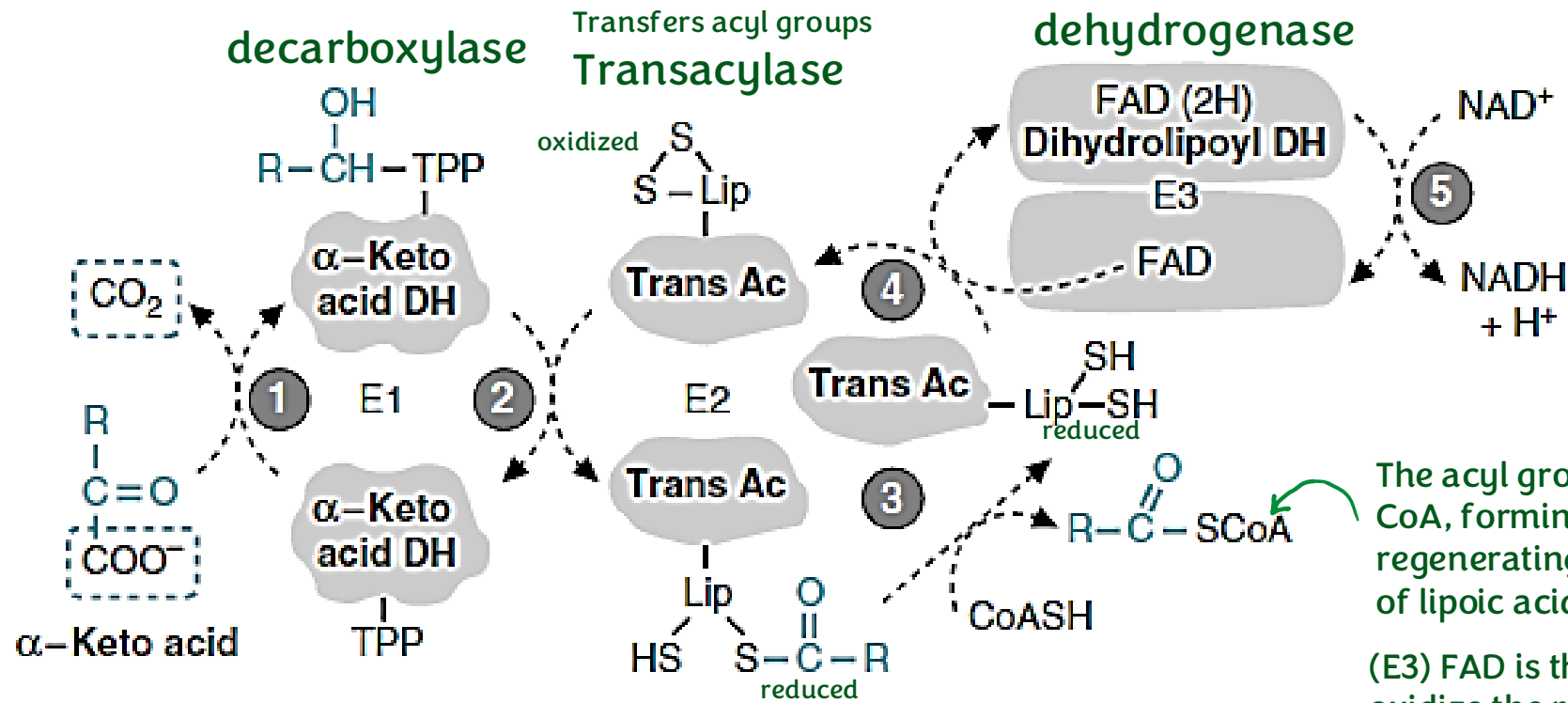
α -Ketoacid Dehydrogenase Complexes (TLCFN)

- (α -ketoglutarate, pyruvate, and branched chain α -keto acid) dehydrogenase complexes
 - Amino acid - NH_3 = keto acid
 - Alanine - NH_3 = pyruvate
- Huge enzyme complexes, multiple subunits of 3 different enzymes (no loss of energy, substrates for E2 and E3 remain bound \rightarrow higher rate)
- E1, E2, & E3 are a decarboxylase (TPP), a transacylase (lipoate), & a dehydrogenase (FAD)



α -Ketoacid Dehydrogenase Complexes (TLCFN)

TPP, lipoic acid, CoA, FAD, & NAD⁺



The acyl group is transferred to CoA, forming succinyl CoA and regenerating the reduced form of lipoic acid

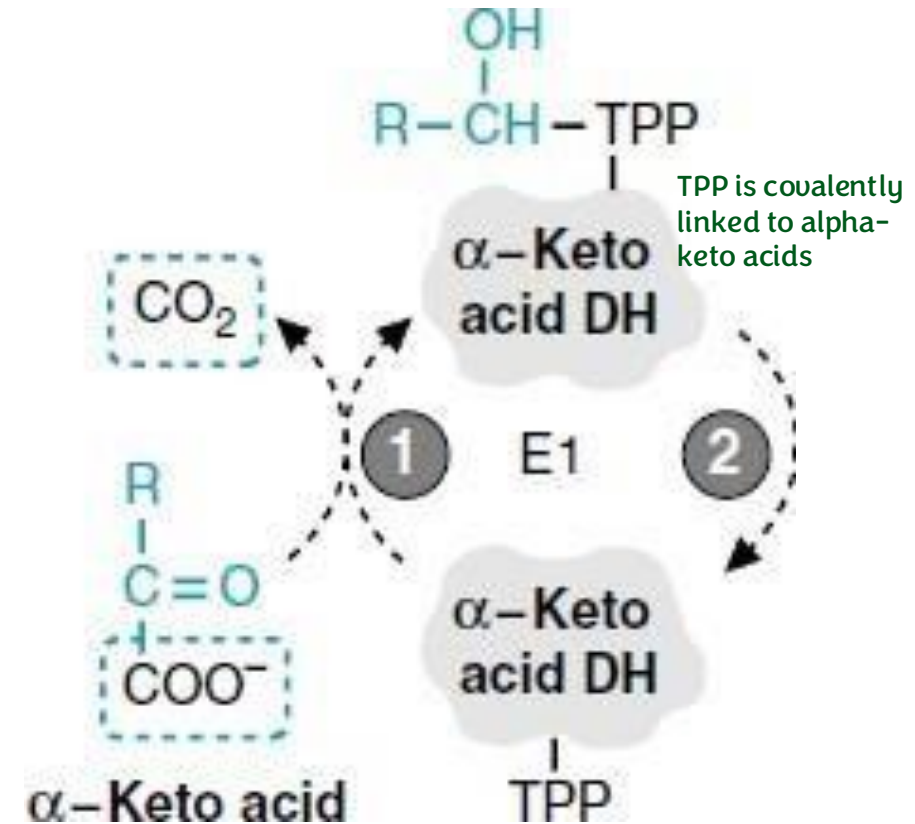
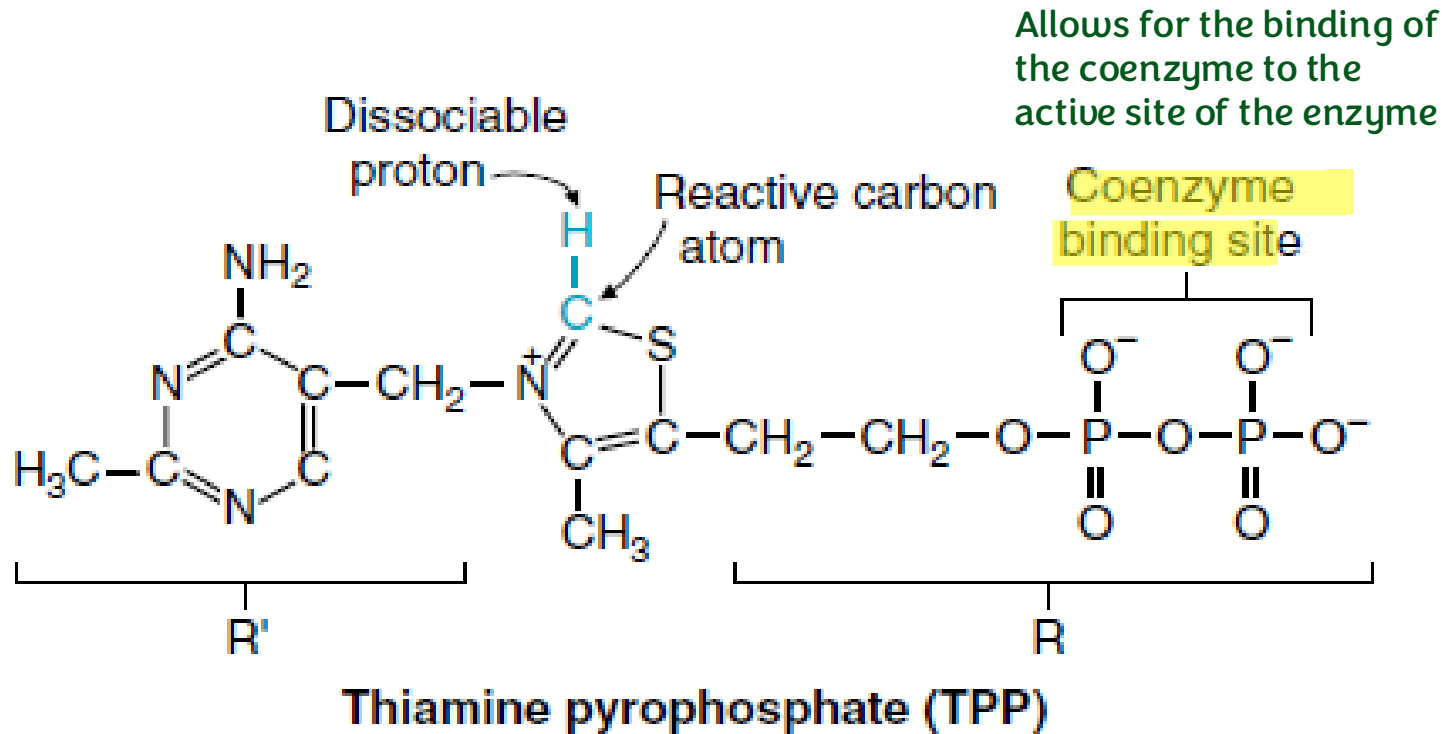
(E3) FAD is then reduced to oxidize the reduced lipoic acid (step 4)

NAD^+ is reduced to NADH (step 5)

Lipoic acid is the coenzyme that aids in the transfer of the acyl groups. It has 2 sulfurs, so it can form disulfide bridges & alternate between oxidized & reduced states.

Thiamine Pyrophosphate

- Thiamine (vitamin B₁) deficiency, α -ketoglutarate, pyruvate, & branched chain α -keto acids accumulate in the blood
Composed of 3 enzymes



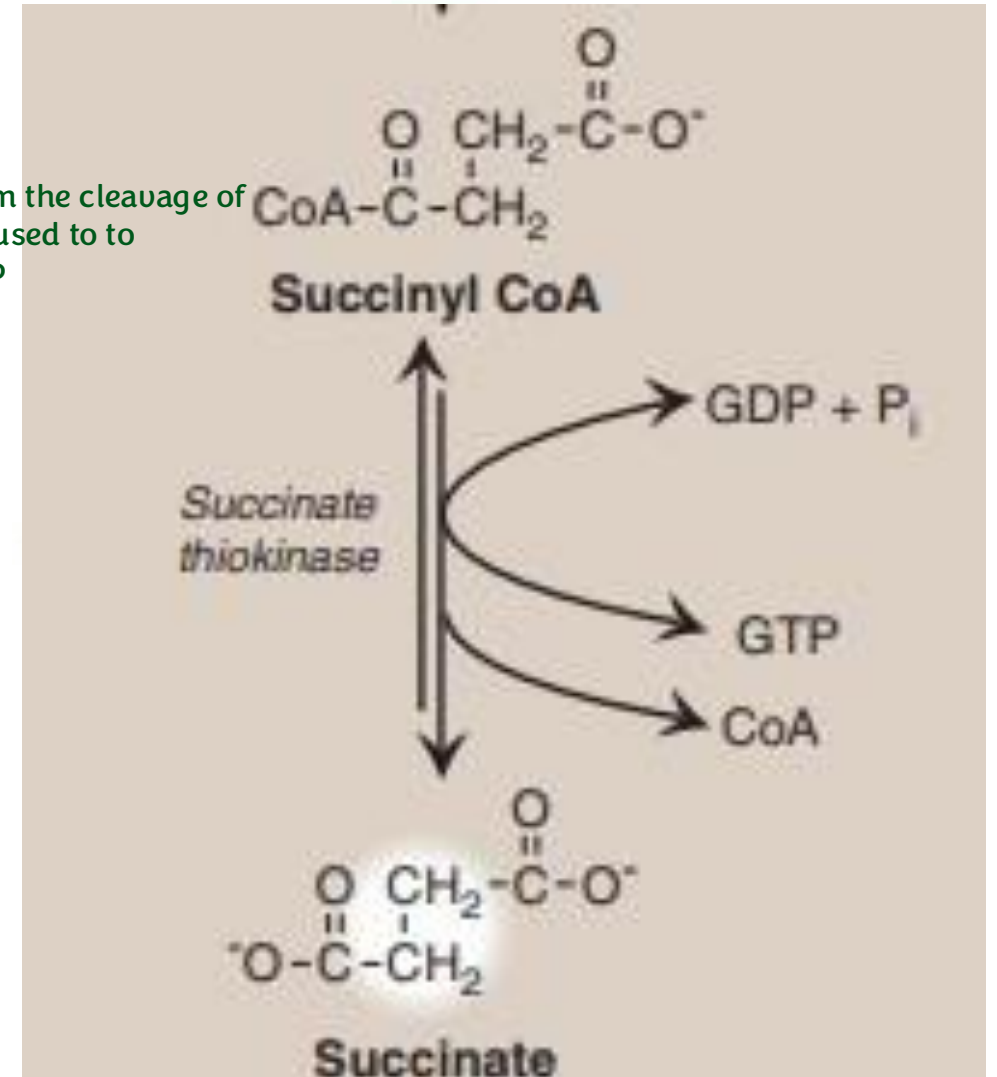
Step 5: Cleavage of Succinyl CoA & Generation of ATP

- Succinate thiokinase (succinyl CoA synthetase—named for the reverse reaction) cleaves the high-energy thioester bond of succinyl CoA
- Succinyl CoA has a thioester bond (CoASH & an acyl group)
- GTP is produced by substrate level phosphorylation

✓ GTP and ATP are energetically interconvertible by the nucleoside diphosphate kinase reaction

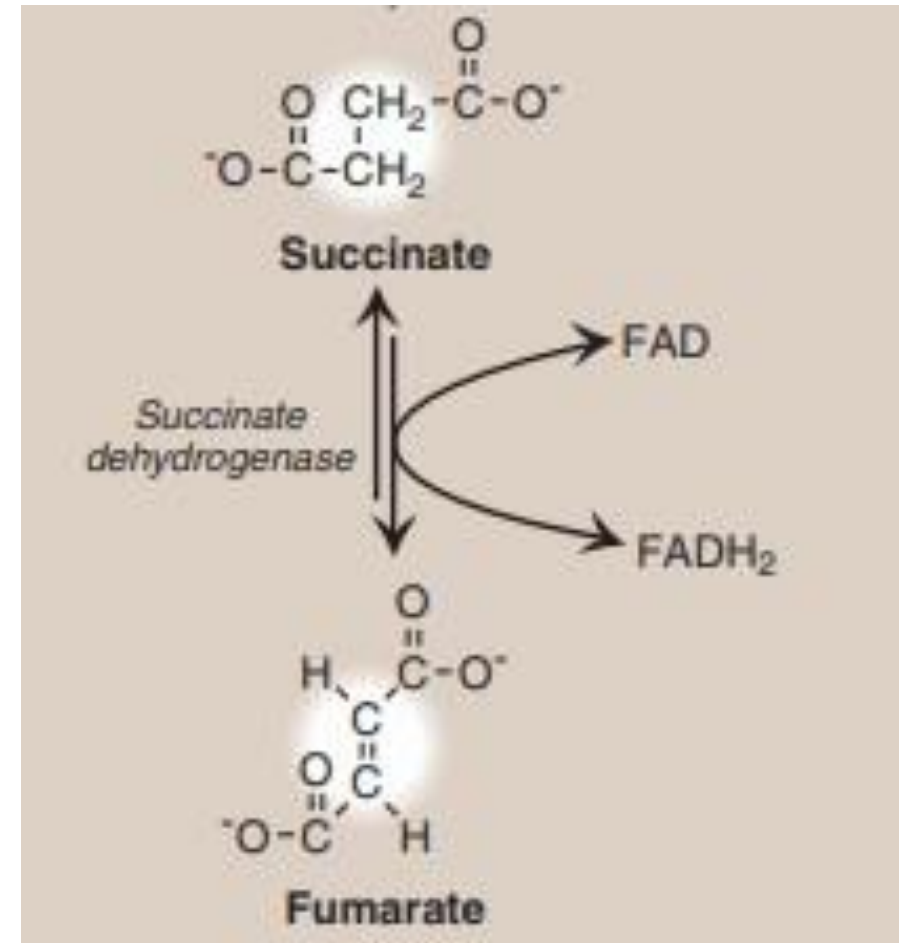


The energy produced from the cleavage of this high-energy bond is used to phosphorylate GDP → GTP



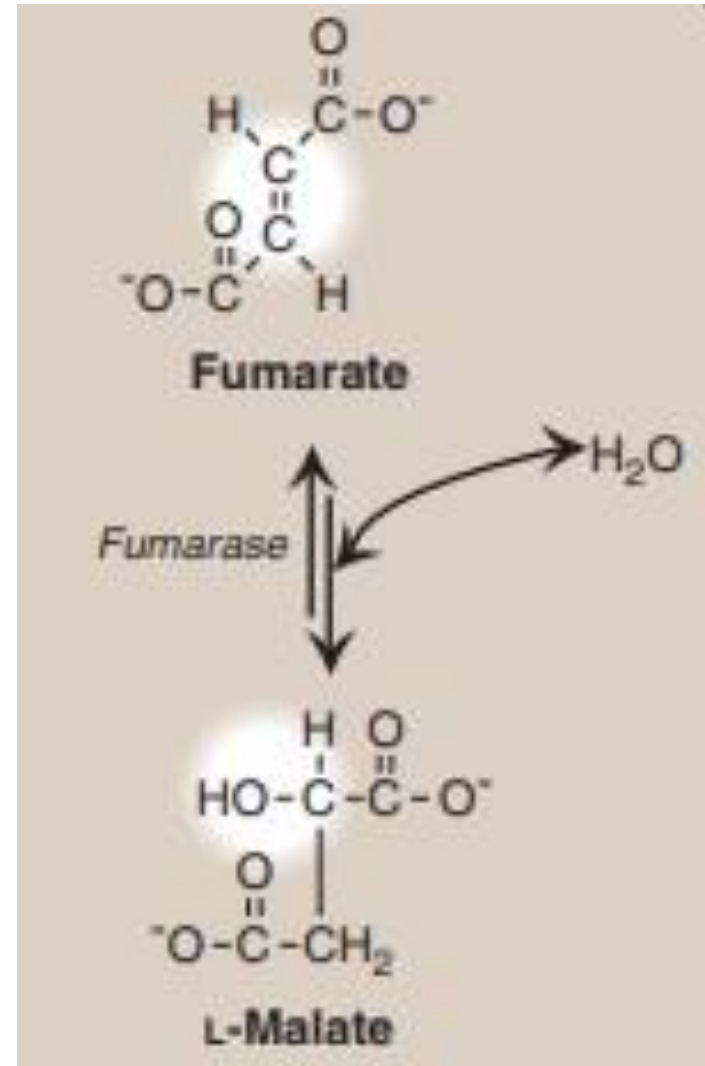
Step 6: Oxidation of succinate

- Succinate is oxidized to fumarate by succinate dehydrogenase **Loss of H₂ → double bond**
- FAD (its coenzyme) is reduced to FADH₂
- FAD, rather than NAD⁺, is the electron acceptor because the reducing power of succinate is not sufficient to reduce NAD⁺
- Succinate dehydrogenase is the only enzyme of the TCA cycle that is embedded in the inner mitochondrial membrane.
- Succinate dehydrogenase functions as Complex II of the electron transport chain



Step 7: Hydration of fumarate

- Fumarate is hydrated to malate by fumarase (fumarate hydratase)
- A reversible reaction



Double bond is broken

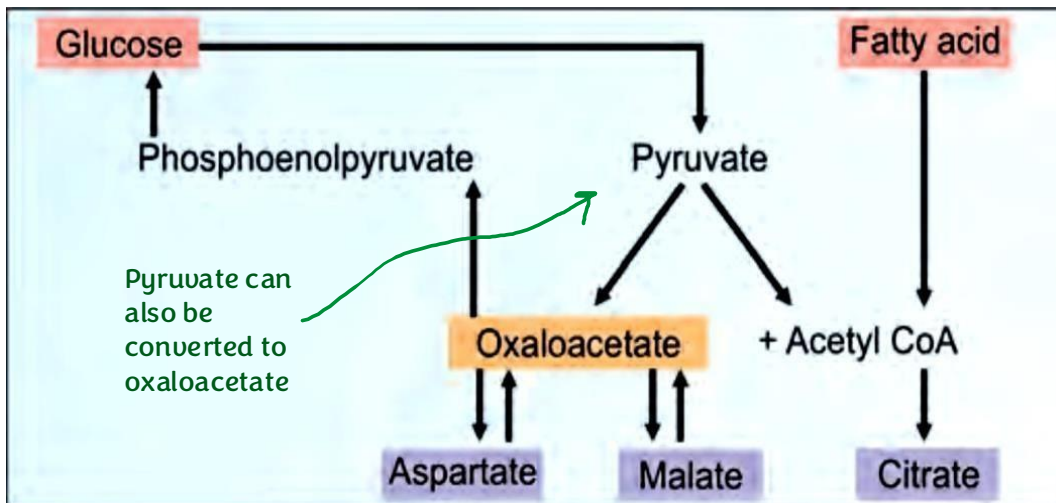
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Step 8: Oxidation of malate

Reversible reaction

- Malate is oxidized to oxaloacetate by malate dehydrogenase
- The Alcohol group of malate oxidized to a keto group
- This reaction produces the third and final NADH of the cycle.
- The ΔG^0 of the reaction is positive, but the reaction is driven in the direction of oxaloacetate by the highly exergonic citrate synthase reaction.

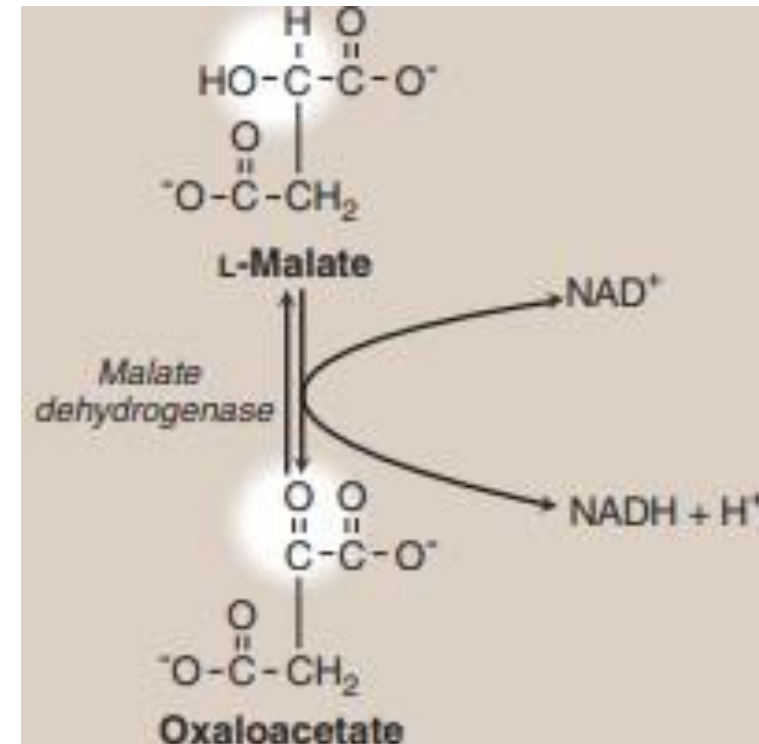
Oxaloacetate as a junction point



Or a connecting point between the Krebs cycle pathway & other pathways

Oxaloacetate \rightarrow malate is an efficient way to export oxaloacetate from the mitochondria, because there's no transporter for oxaloacetate. In the cytosol, malate converts back to oxaloacetate to synthesize glucose.

- An important junction point in metabolism

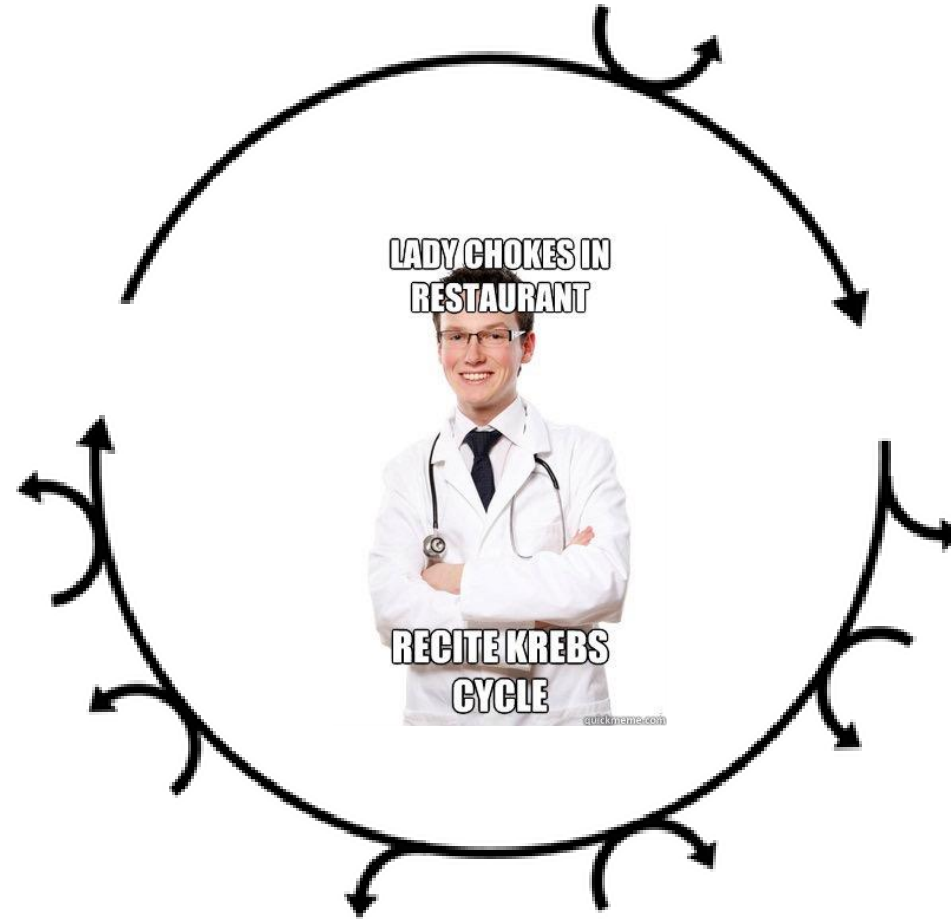


Oxaloacetate is the α -ketoacid of aspartate.

Now it's your turn!

Fill the cycle in, and don't forget to include the enzymes for each step!

Hint: Citrate Is Krebs Starting
Substrate For Making Oxaloacetate



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