Oxidative Decarboxylation and Krebs Cycle

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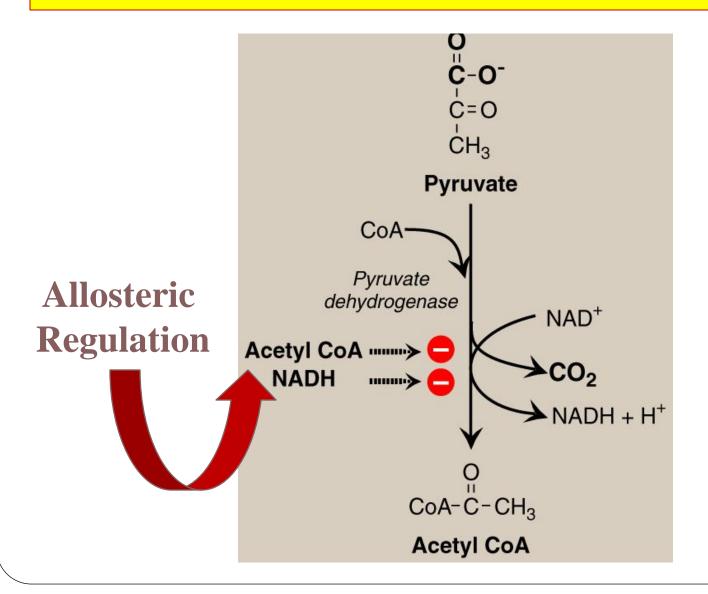
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Fates of Pyruvate

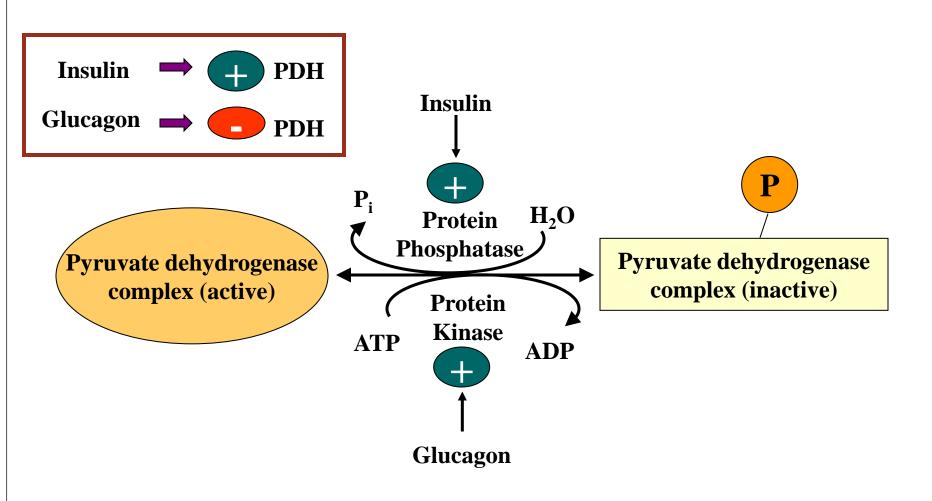


ETHANOL SYNTHESIS · Occurs in yeast and some bacteria (including intestinal flora). Thiamine pyrophosphatedependent pathway. Ethanol NAD* NADH + H* Lactate Acetaldehyde NADH (Thiamine-PP) **PYRUVATE** NAD+ CO2 NADH Oxaloacetate **Acetyl CoA** PYRUVATE DEHYDROGENASE COMPLEX · Inhibited by acetyl CoA. Source of acetyl CoA for TCA and fatty acid synthesis. An irreversible reaction. **PYRUVATE** CARBOXYLASE Activated by acetyl CoA. · Replenishes intermediates of the TCA cycle. · Provides substrates for gluconeogenesis. An irreversible reaction.

Oxidative Decarboxylation of Pyruvate



PDH Complex: Covalent Regulation



Tricarboxylic Acid Cycle: Krebs Cycle

- Final common pathway for oxidation
- Exclusively in mitochondria
- Major source for ATP
- Mainly catabolic with some anabolic features
- Synthetic reactions (anabolic features):

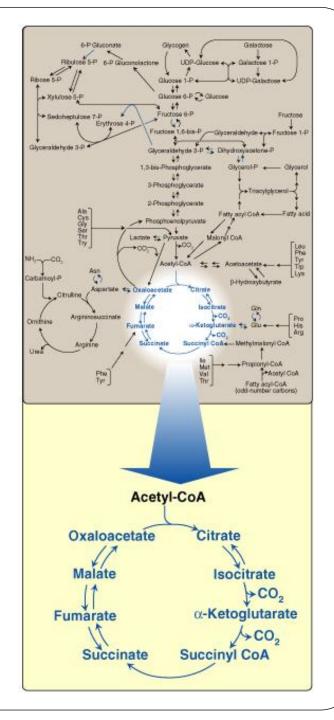
Glucose from amino acids

Nonessential amino acids

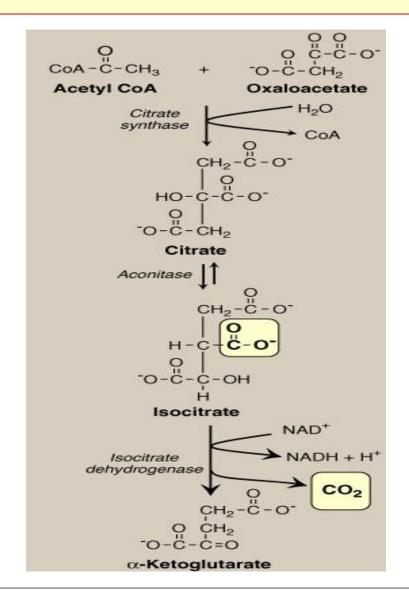
Fatty acids

Heme

Krebs Cycle



Krebs Cycle Reactions (1)

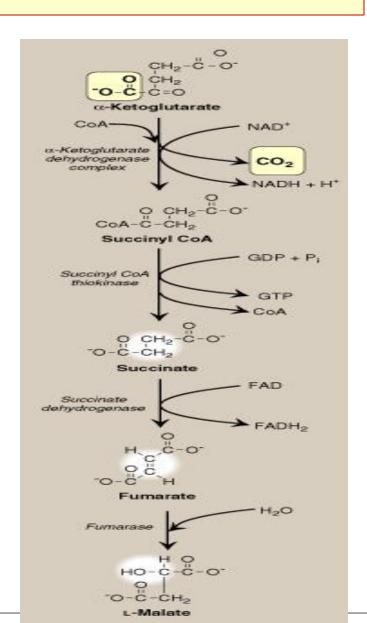


Krebs Cycle Reactions (2)

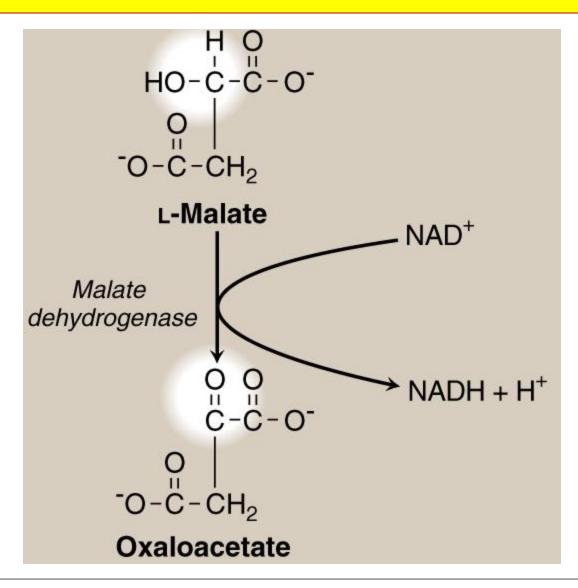
Succinate Thiokinase



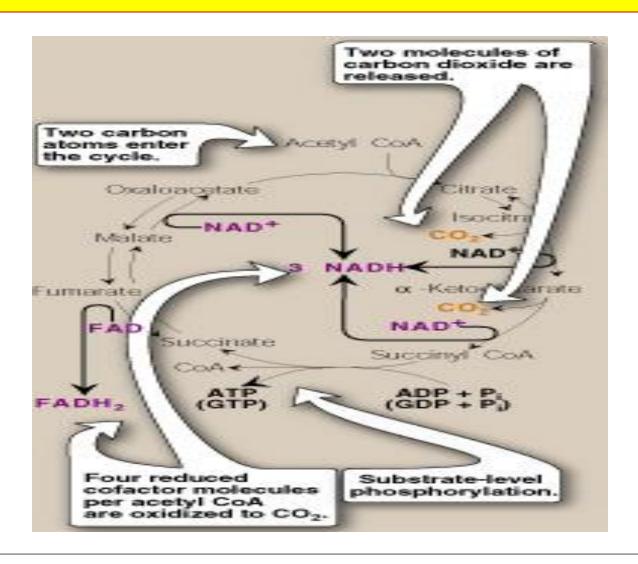
Substrate-Level Phosphorylation



Krebs Cycle Reactions (3)



Krebs Cycle: Energy Yield



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Energy-producing reaction	Number of ATP produced
3 NADH → 3 NAD+	9
$FADH_2 \longrightarrow FAD$	2
$GDP + P_i \longrightarrow GTP$	1
	12 ATP/acetyl CoA oxidized

Net ATP Production by Complete Glucose Oxidation

Aerobic glycolysis:

8 ATP

Oxidative decarboxylation:

2 X 3 = 6 ATP

Krebs cycle:

2 X 12 = 24 ATP

Net: 38 ATP

Take Home Message

- ➤ Pyruvate is oxidatively decarboxylated by PDH to acetyl CoA inside the mitochondria
- **Krebs cycle:**
 - Final common pathway for the oxidation of carbohydrates, fatty acids and amino acids
 - > occurs in the mitochondria
 - > Aerobic
 - ➤ Mainly catabolic, with some anabolic reactions
- ➤ The complete oxidation of one glucose molecule results in a net production of 38 ATP molecules

