

Oxidative Decarboxylation and Krebs Cycle

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Objectives:

Of Oxidative Decarboxylation:

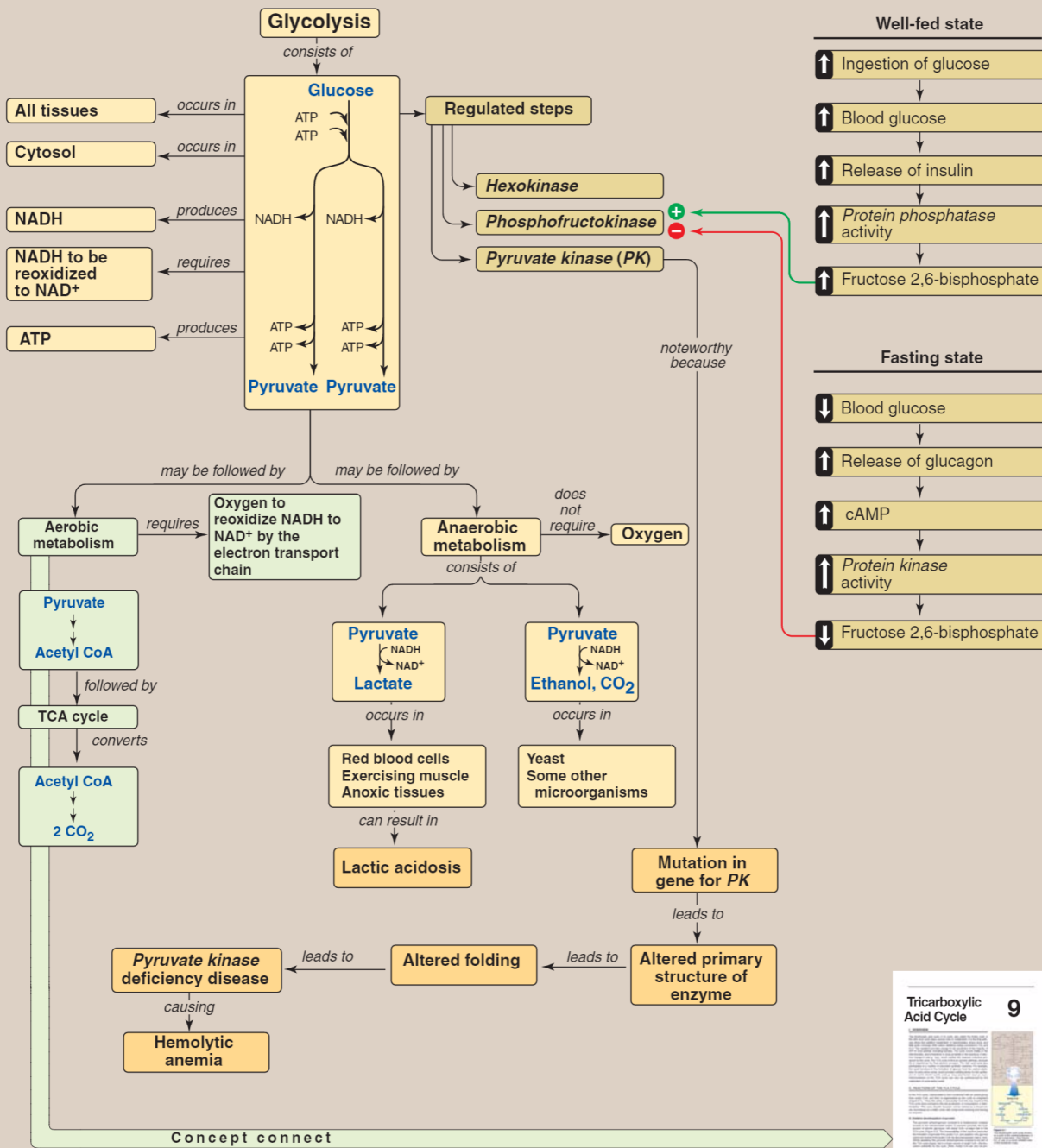
- ▶ Recognize the various fates of pyruvate
- ▶ Define the conversion of pyruvate to acetyl CoA
- ▶ Discuss the major regulatory mechanisms for PDH complex
- ▶ Recognize the clinical consequence of abnormal oxidative decarboxylation reactions

Of Krebs Cycle:

- ▶ Recognize the importance of Krebs cycle.
- ▶ Identify various reactions of Krebs cycle
- ▶ Define the regulatory mechanisms of Krebs cycle
- ▶ Assess the energy yield of PDH reaction and Krebs cycle's reactions

Metabolic characteristics of glycolysis

Regulation of glycolysis

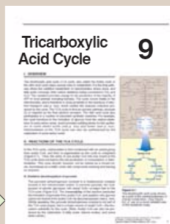


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(Extra slide → to understand general concept) 😊

Overview of Krebs cycle:

The citric acid cycle - also known as the tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle or the Krebs cycle- is a series of chemical reactions used by all aerobic organisms to generate energy through the oxidation of acetyl-CoA derived from carbohydrates, fats and proteins into carbon dioxide and chemical energy in the form of adenosine triphosphate. In addition, the cycle provides precursors of certain amino acids as well as the reducing agent NADH that is used in numerous other biochemical reactions. The name of this metabolic pathway is derived from citric acid (a type of tricarboxylic acid) that is consumed and then regenerated by this sequence of reactions to complete the cycle. In addition, the cycle consumes acetate (in the form of acetyl-CoA) and water, reduces NAD⁺ to NADH, and produces carbon dioxide as a waste byproduct. The NADH generated by the TCA cycle is fed into the oxidative phosphorylation (electron transport) pathway. In eukaryotic cells, the citric acid cycle occurs in the matrix of the mitochondrion.



Fates of Pyruvates (Remember: Pyruvate is the end product of glycolysis)

Lactate

*in humans and some microorganisms “anaerobic”

Alanine

Synthesis of non-essential amino acid using pyruvate + glutamine “essential”

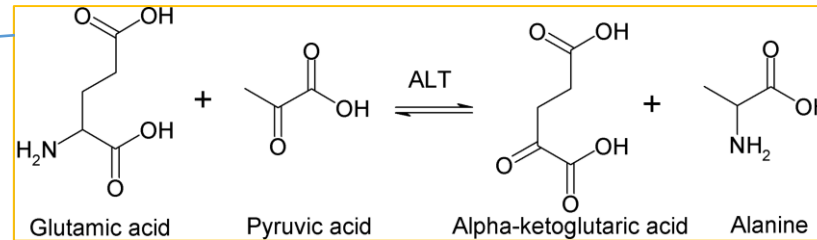
*Done by Alanine transaminase enzyme “ALT”

*• PLP = pyridoxal phosphate

Ethanol

*It occurs in yeast and some Bacteria (including intestinal flora)(Anaerobic)

* Thiamine pyrophosphate-dependent pathway



1-Glutamine ‘donating group ‘ will give NH₂ to pyruvate (pyruvic acid)
2-Glutamine will transfer into alpha-keto glutamic acid , while pyruvate will transfer into alanine

Acetyl CoA

*in Krebs cycle

Oxaloacetate

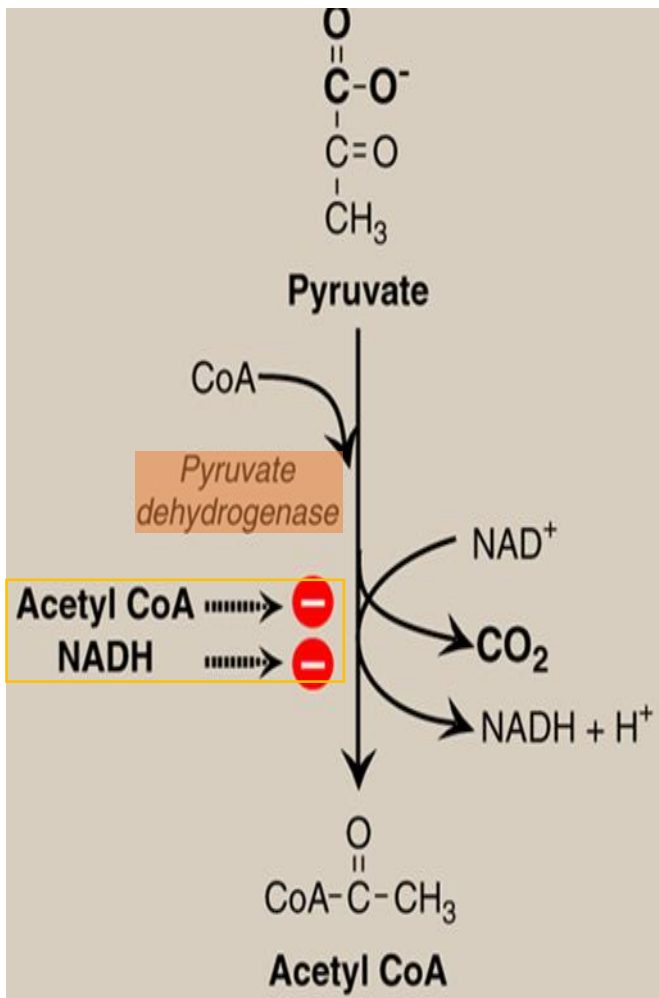
*In Krebs cycle (it’s an intermediate)

* Activated by acetyl CoA

***Importance:**

1. Replenishes intermediates of the TCA cycle.
2. Provide substrates for gluconeogenesis
3. An irreversible reaction

oxidative decarboxylation of pyruvate 'pre Krebs cycle'



- It's the process of making acetyl Co-A "mainly" & oxaloacetate from pyruvates by the enzyme: pyruvate dehydrogenase
- **Produces** 2 NADH 6 ATP
- **Regulated by** allosteric regulation of Acetyl coA and NADH

- **Increased** amount of Acetyl CoA and NADH **act as "Negative Feedback"** inhibitors of their respective reactions.

How?
They activate "Pyruvate dehydrogenase **kinase** which phosphorylates and **inactivates** "Pyruvate dehydrogenase"

Understanding the **pyruvate dehydrogenase complex (PDC)**.

It is made of three enzymes

One of them is **Pyruvate Dehydrogenase**

The pyruvate dehydrogenase complex contributes to transforming pyruvate into acetyl-CoA by a process called pyruvate decarboxylation. Acetyl-CoA may then be used in the citric acid cycle to carry out cellular respiration, so pyruvate dehydrogenase contributes to linking the glycolysis to Krebs cycle and releasing energy via NADH.

More in the next slide

NOTE 😊

Kinase= enzyme adds P group "phosphorylates"

Phosphatase= enzyme that removes P group

Note: phosphorylation can either activate or inactivate, according to the enzyme.

PDH Complex: Covalent Regulation

PDH : enzyme complex “3 enzymes joint together” that **convert pyruvate into acetyl CoA** .

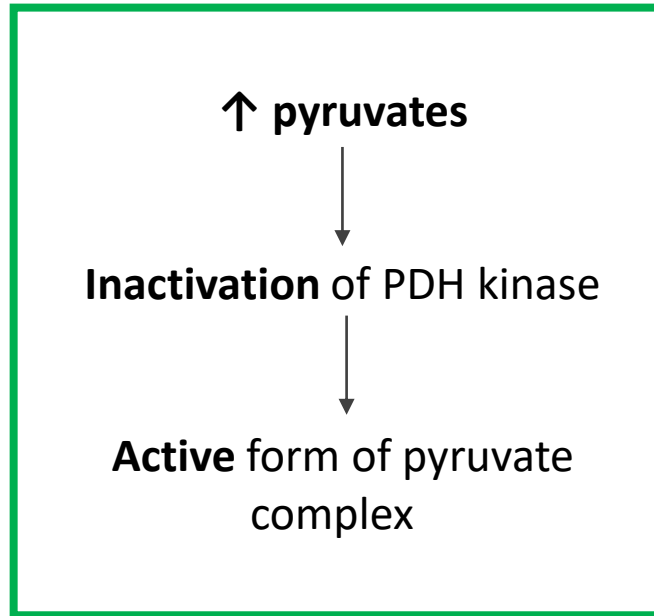
*Pyruvate dehydrogenase complex (PHD) has two forms active and inactive. Regulated by **co-enzymes**.

***inactive form**: regulated by PDH kinase

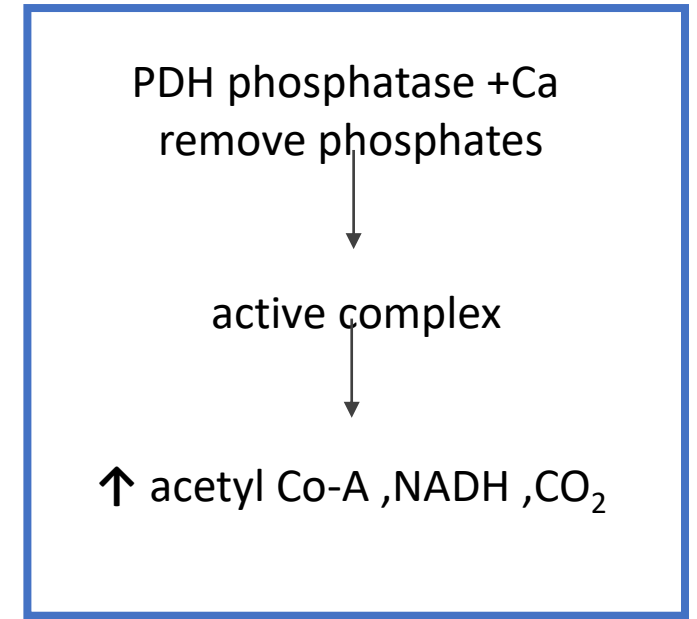
***active form**: regulated by PDH phosphatase

**Those two enzymes are controlled by many factors*

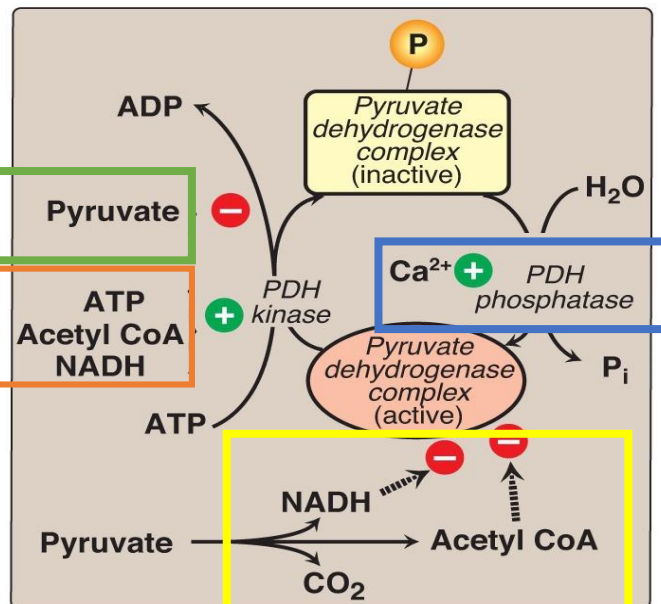
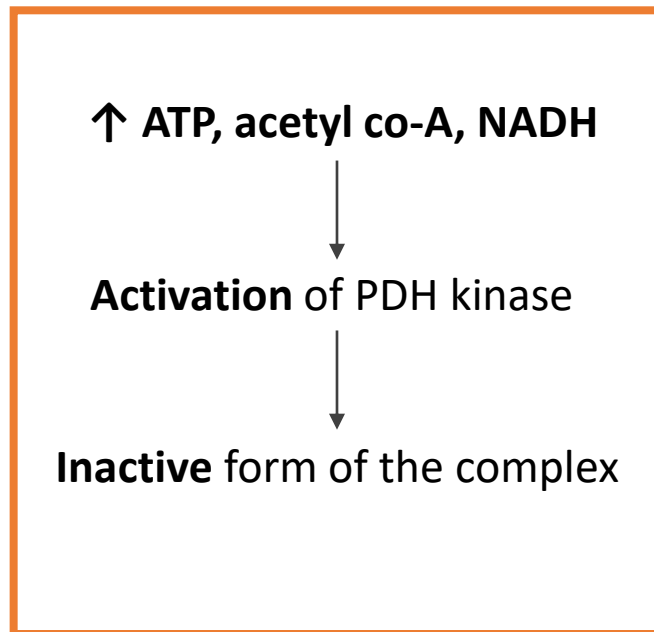
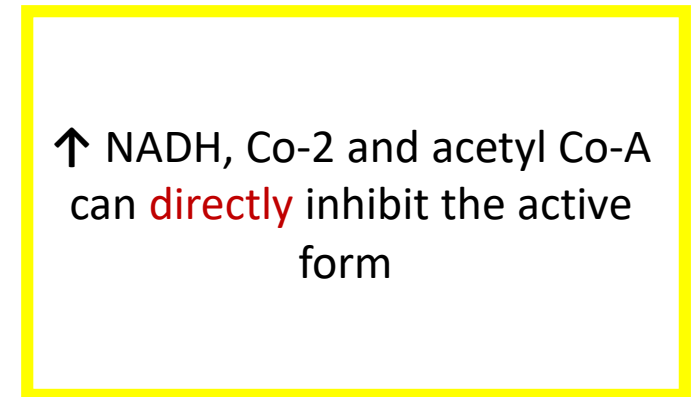
Regulation of PDH kinase



Regulation PDH phosphatase



Direct regulation of the complex



PDH Reaction: Clinical application

PDH complex plays a important role in CNS

How?

Brain cells are unable to produce sufficient ATP if the PDH complex is inactive 'no production of acetyl coA thus, no krebs cycle thus, no ATP'

***Thiamine and niacin** are co-factors that helps PDH complex

*Deficiencies of them can cause serious CNS problems

Extra info:

Thiamine: vitamin B₁, a coenzyme in the catabolism of sugars and amino acids.

Niacin,: also known as vitamin B₃ A precursor of coenzymes called NAD and NADP, which are needed in many metabolic processes.

congenital lactic acidosis

PDH complex deficiency is the most common biochemical cause.

'too many pyruvates leads to the use of anaerobic respiration which make lactate accumulate'

Wernicke-Korsakoff (encephalopathy- psychosis syndrome):

due to **thiamine** deficiency, may be seen especially with alcohol abuse.



Tricarboxylic Acid Cycle: Krebs Cycle

The tricarboxylic acid cycle (Krebs) shown as a part of the essential pathways of energy metabolism.

*has 8 reactions.

Properties of the cycle

Final common pathway for oxidation.

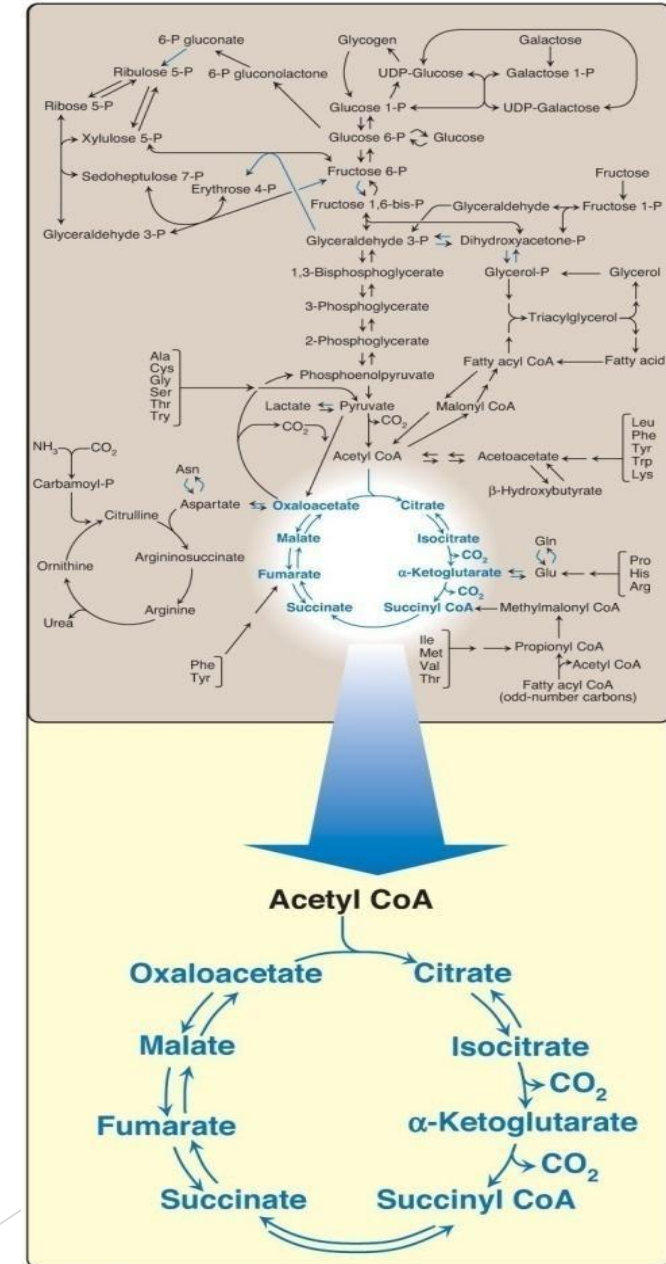
Exclusively in mitochondria

Major source for ATP (24 ATP)

Mainly catabolic with some anabolic features

Synthetic reactions (anabolic features):

- 1-Glucose from amino acids
- 2-Nonessential amino acids
- 3-Fatty acids
- 4-Heme



CoA = coenzyme A.

Krebs Cycle Reactions (1) (1st → 3rd)

1st step:

Acetyl Co-A + Oxaloacetate → citrate (6C)

Joined by condensation

Citrate synthase:
H₂O in
CoA out

2nd step:

Citrate → iso-citrate

Aconitase

3rd step:

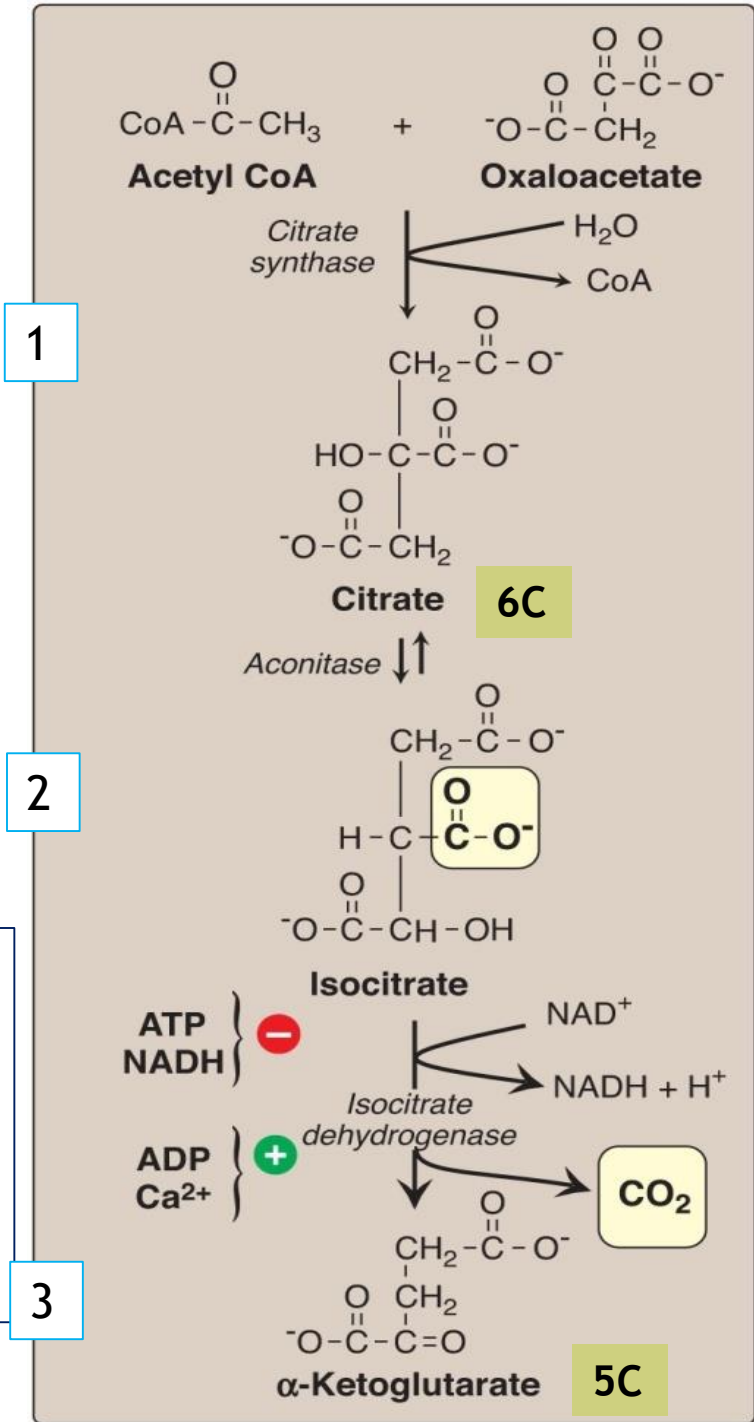
Iso-citrate → α-Ketoglutarate (5C)

Oxidized by
coenzyme
NAD⁺

IsoCitrate Dehydrogenase:
NAD⁺ is reduced
Co₂ is out

It is regulated
“can be inhibited or activated”
(+)ADP, Ca²⁺
(-)ATP, NADH

Understanding the molecules 😊
NAD(H) = nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide
α-Ketoglutarate: It is the keto acid derivative of glutamate, and is an intermediate.



Krebs Cycle Reactions (2) (4th → 7th)

4th Step *oxidation and decarboxylation*

α-Ketoglutarate oxidized by co-enzyme NAD⁺

α-Ketoglutarate Dehydrogenase complex

- NAD⁺ is reduced to NADH + H⁺
 - CO₂ is out
 - CoA is in

Succinyl CoA

It is regulated

It is activated by: Ca²⁺
Inhibited by: NADH
and Succinyl CoA

5th Step *oxidation and decarboxylation*

Succinyl Co-A

Succinate Thiokinase

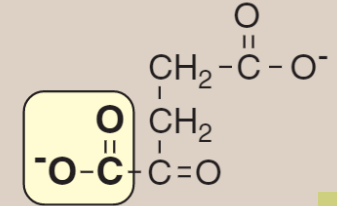
- Co-A is out
- GDP + P_i → GTP

Succinate Thiokinase

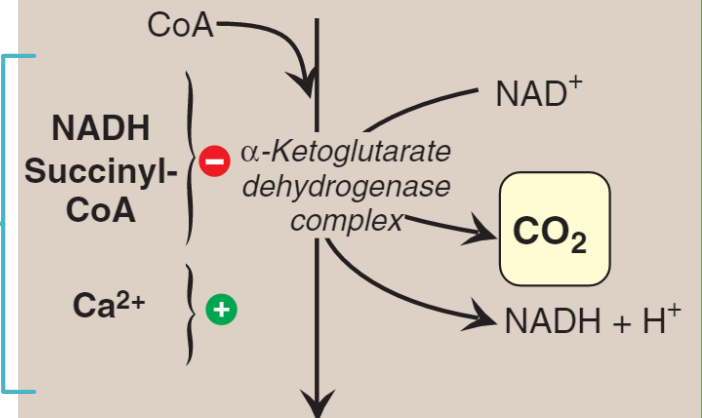
The ONLY
Substrate-Level
Phosphorylation
in Krebs

Understanding the molecules 😊
GDP = guanosine diphosphate.

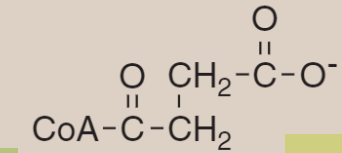
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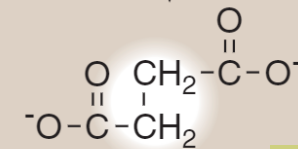
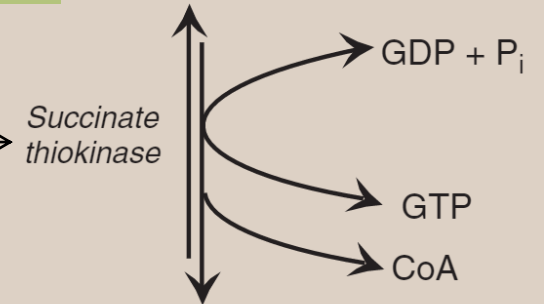
α-Ketoglutarate 5C



High energy



Succinyl CoA 4C



Succinate 4C

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6th step *oxidation of succinate to fumarate*

Succinate \longrightarrow Fumarate (4C)

Oxidized by
co-enzyme
FAD

**Succinate
Dehydrogenase:**

- FAD is reduced

7th step *hydration of fumarate to L-malate*

Fumarate \longrightarrow L-Malate (4C)

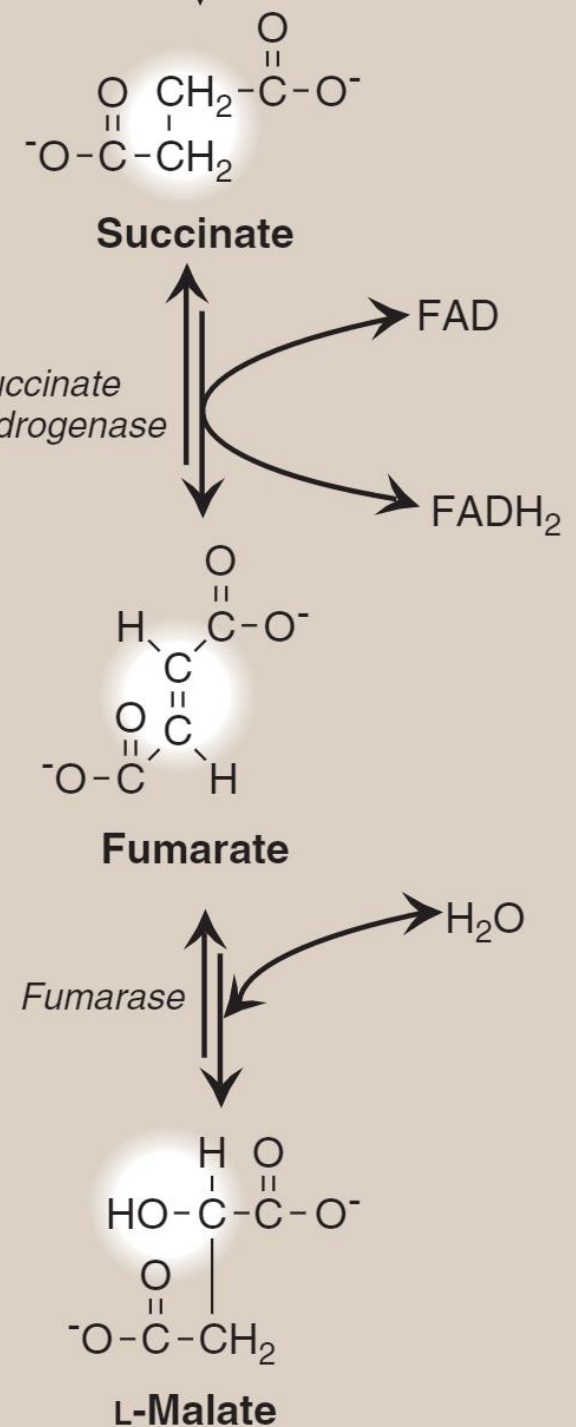
Fumarase:

- H₂O is in

Understanding the molecules ☺

FAD(H₂) = flavin adenine dinucleotide.

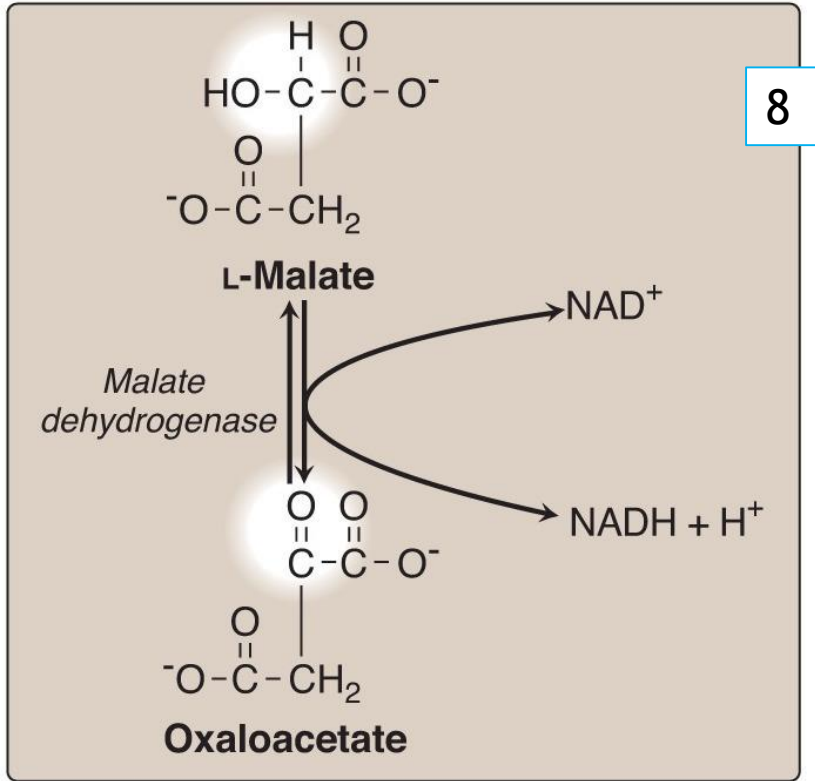
Malate: is an organic compound with the molecular formula C₄H₆O₅. It is a dicarboxylic acid that is made by all living organisms, contributes to the pleasantly sour taste of fruits, and is used as a food additive. The malate anion is an intermediate in the citric acid cycle.



Krebs Cycle Reactions (3)

Irreversible steps:

- Step 1
- Step 3
- Step 4



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8th step:

L-Malate \longrightarrow Oxalo-acetate (4C)

Oxidized by
co-enzyme
NAD⁺

**Malate
dehydrogenase:**

- NAD⁺ is
reduced

Why do we convert Succinyl CoA to Succinate to Fumarate to L- Malate to Oxaloacetate even though they all have the same number of carbons?

Because we want to release more energy by :

1/ Substrate level phosphorylation

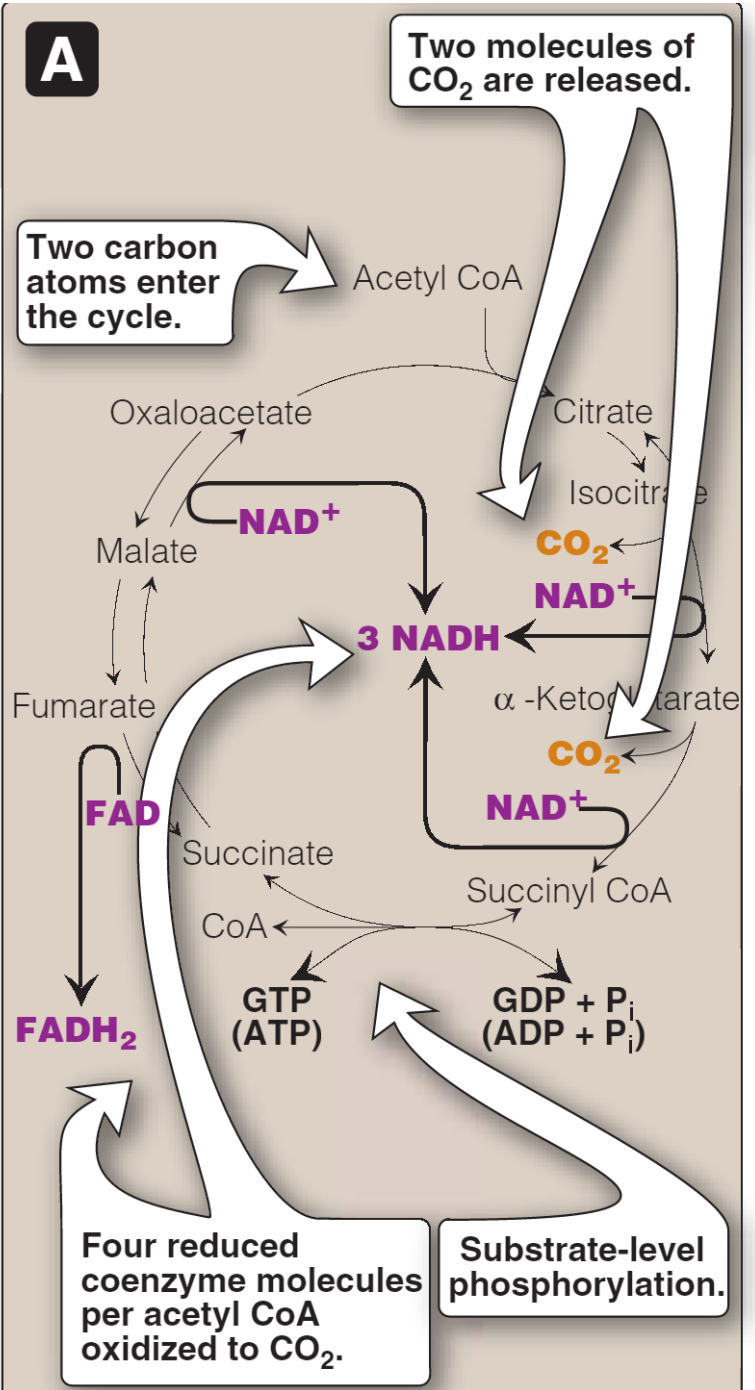
2/ Oxidative phosphorylation

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Formation (regeneration) of oxaloacetate from malate.

ATwo molecules of CO₂ are released.

Two carbon atoms enter the cycle.



Krebs Cycle: Energy Yield

Number of ATP molecules produced from the oxidation of one molecule of acetyl coenzyme A (CoA) using both substrate-level and oxidative phosphorylation.

We get 3 NADH from:
 Isocitrate → α-Ketoglutarate
 α-Ketoglutarate → Succinyl CoA
 Malate → Oxaloacetate

We get 1 FADH from:
 Succinate → Fumarate

Succinyl CoA “high energy compound” breaks down which leads to a substrate level phosphorylation of **GDP to GTP**, which means **1 ATP**.

Energy-producing reaction	Number of ATP produced
3 NADH → 3 NAD ⁺	9
FADH ₂ → FAD	2
GDP + P _i → GTP	1
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	12 ATP/acetyl CoA oxidized

NADH = 3 ATP
FADH = 2 ATP
GTP = 1 ATP

Krebs energy outcome

So, we get 24 ATP from 2 Acetyl CoA

Other outcome

We get 2 CO₂ from:
 Isocitrate → α-Ketoglutarate
 α-Ketoglutarate → Succinyl CoA

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

Regulation of Oxidative Decarboxylation and Krebs Cycle

PDH complex and the TCA cycle are both **up-regulated** in response to a **decrease in the ratio** of

- **ATP : ADP**
- **NADH : NAD⁺**

PDH complex & TCA: make ATP & NADH IN LOW ENERGY CONDITIONS

PDH: The Pyruvate Dehydrogenase

TCA: Tricarboxylic Acid

TCA CYCLE

Activators

ADP

Ca²⁺

Inhibitors

ATP

NADH

videos

- ▶ Krebs cycle made simple
- ▶ Krebs cycle حلقة كريس

MCQs

1\ Allosteric regulation in oxidative decarboxylation of pyruvate is done by:

- A- Acetyl CoA
- B- NADH
- C- ATP
- D- A & B

2\ PDH kinase is inhibited by:

- A- Acetyl CoA
- B- Pyruvate
- C- ATP
- D- ADP

3\ deficiencies of thiamine or niacin can cause serious problems in:

- A- liver
- B- kidney
- C- CNS
- D- GIT

4\ ADP AND Ca²⁺ are:

- A- TCA inhibitors
- B- TCA activators

5\ net ATP production by oxidative decarboxylation is:

- A- 8 ATP
- B- 24 ATP
- C- 6 ATP
- D- 38 ATP

6\ net ATP production by complete glucose oxidation is:

- A- 38 ATP
- B- 24 ATP
- C- 6 ATP
- D- 8 ATP

► Girls team members:

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