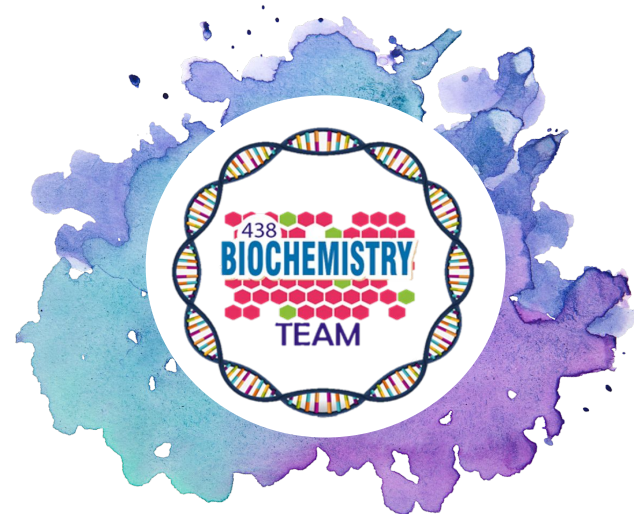


Respiratory chain

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Electron Transport chain (ETC)

Definition

A system of electron transport that uses **respiratory O_2** to finally produce **ATP** (energy).

Location

The inner mitochondrial membrane (IMM).

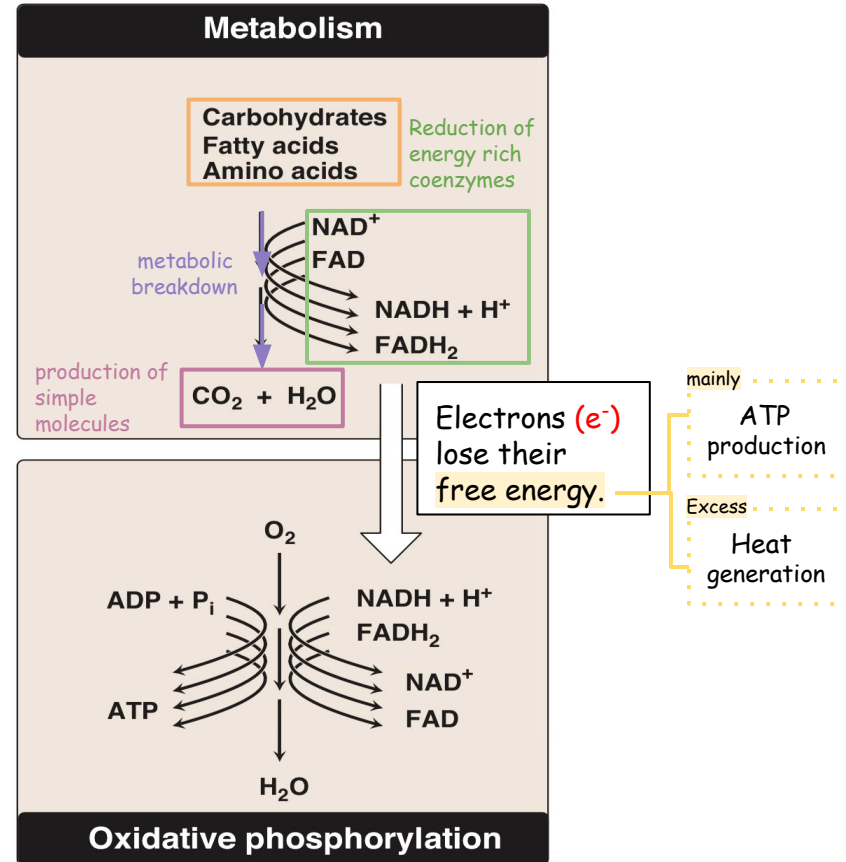
Characteristics

Final common pathway of metabolism.

Uses the maximum amount of O_2 .

Mechanism

Electrons from **food** metabolism Transported to O_2 .



Structure of the mitochondria

★ Outer membrane:

- Contains special channels (formed by the protein porin).
- **Highly permeable**

★ Inner membrane:

Impermeable to most small ions, small and large molecules.
(Highly selective)

★ Intermembrane space:

The space between the outer and the inner membrane.

★ Matrix:

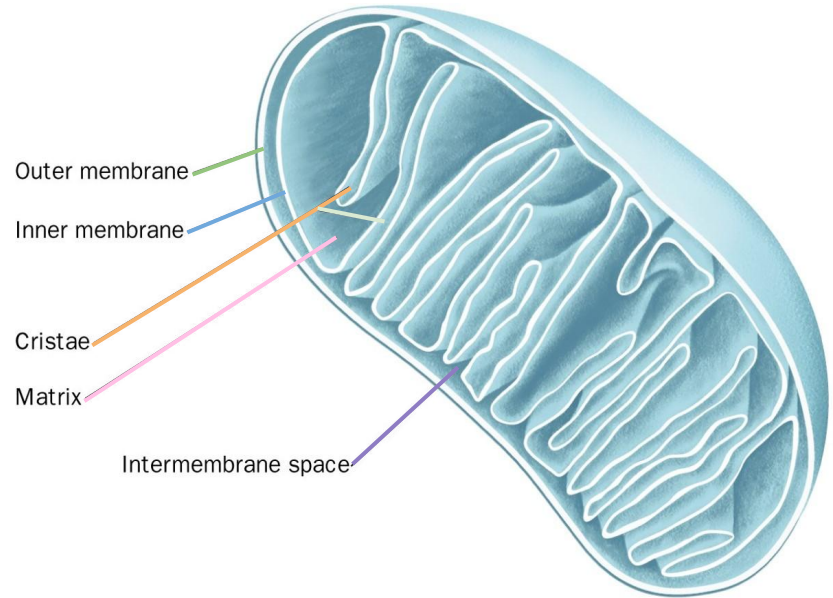
Gel like solution in the interior of the Mitochondria.

- **Contains:**
 - TCA cycle enzymes
 - Fatty acid oxidation enzymes
 - mtDNA & mtRNA
 - Mitochondrial ribosomes.

★ cristae:

Folding of the inner membrane.

- **Increase the surface area.**



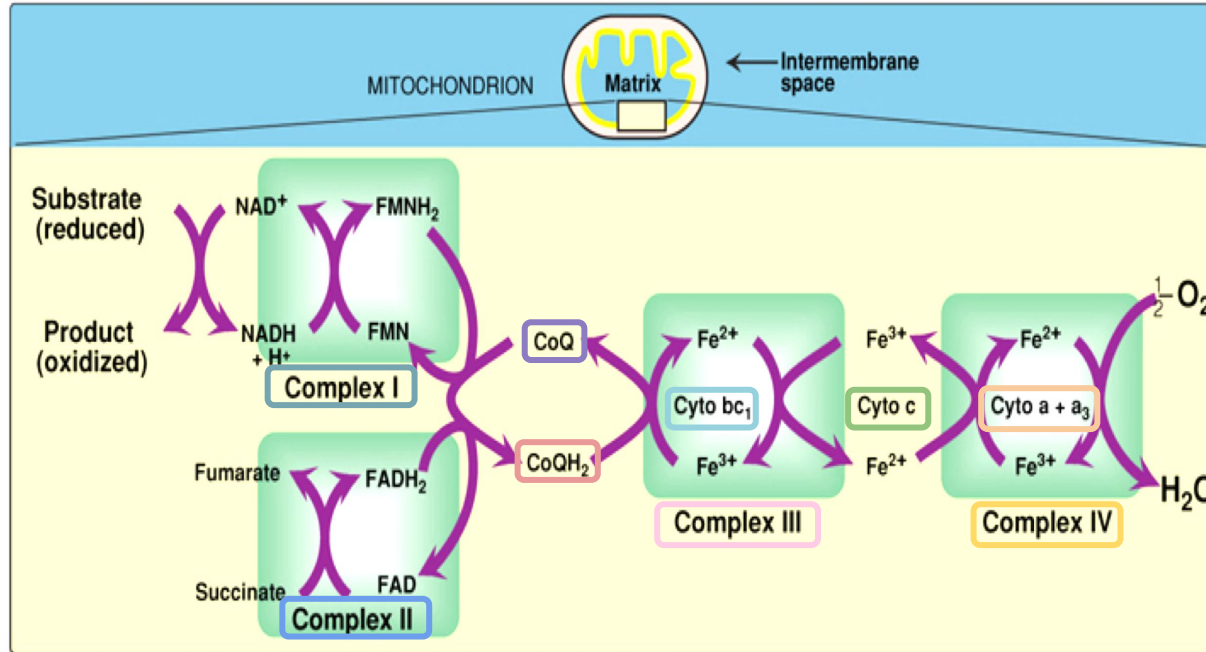
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Electron Transport Chain (ETC)

➤ Each complex accepts or donates electrons to mobile carriers.

➤ Carriers accept electrons from donors and then donate to the next carrier in chain.



Summary of the process:

1. Co-Enzyme Q receives an electron from complex I and complex II, then it gets reduced and become CoQH₂.
2. Then it gives the electron to cytochrome bc₁ "in complex III", then CoQH₂ gets oxidized back to CoQ to do another round of taking the electron.
3. Complex III is a combination of two cytochromes cytochrome B and cytochrome C₁, which gives electrons to mobile carrier Cytochrome C.
4. Cytochrome C receives the electron and gives it to Cytochrome a + a₃ "in complex IV".
5. The final acceptor is the oxygen which gets combined with electrons & protons to form water.

★ (focus on from whom is it taking the electron & to whom is it giving the electron basically all the boxes)

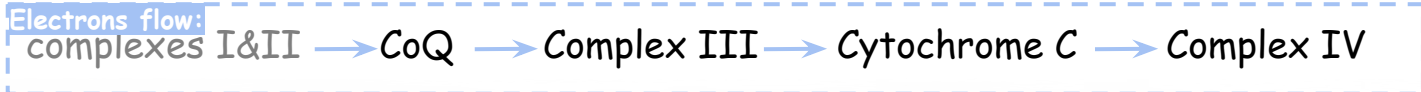
★ Notice that **no ATP** has been generated yet from this process (ETC), the ATP generating step is discussed later in this lecture.

◆ Proton pumps

✈ Mobile electron carriers

Components of Electron transport Chain

◆ Complex I (NADH Dehydrogenase)	Complex II (Succinate dehydrogenase)	✈ Co-Enzyme Q	◆ Complex III	◆ Complex IV		Complex V (ATP synthase)
collects the pair of electrons from NADH and passes them to CoQ	Transfers electrons to CoQ From FADH ₂	Also called ubiquinone (ubiquitous in biological systems) "present in all biological systems"	Cytochrome bc ₁	Cytochrome a+a ₃ also called cytochrome c oxidase	✈ Cytochrome C	Catalyzes ATP synthesis "Not a part of ETC"
	part of the TCA cycle	The only non-protein member of the ETC	Cytochromes			
		Lipid soluble and mobile	Each cytochrome is a protein that contains Porphyrin ring + iron in Fe ³⁺ state = Heme group When it donates electrons → Reoxidize to Fe ³⁺ → Converted to Fe ²⁺ → When it accepts electrons			



★ Objective: Recognize the reaction taking place in mitochondria that are coupled to oxidative phosphorylation.

ETC is coupled to proton transport for ATP synthesis

The energy of electron transfer is used to drive the protons out of the matrix
(proton pump)

Creates a proton gradient across the *IMM

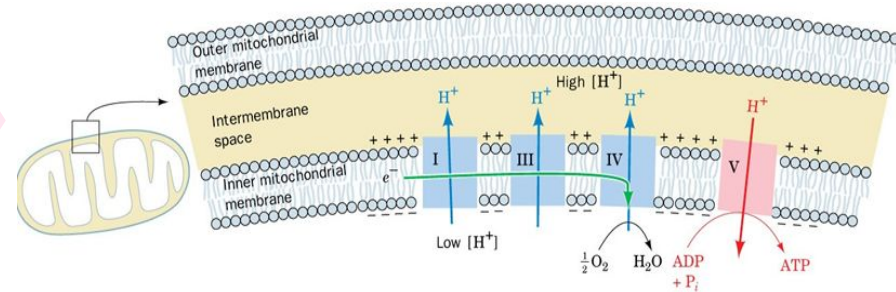
The energy (proton-motive force) generated by the gradient drive ATP synthesis

- electrical gradient

(more positive charges in the intermembrane space than on the matrix)

- pH (chemical) gradient

(the intermembrane space is at a lower pH than the matrix)



Coupling of electron transport and ATP synthesis

*IMM: Inner Mitochondrial Membrane

ATP synthase

◆ **ATP Synthase (complex V)** synthesizes ATP

"using the energy of the proton gradient generated by the electron transport chain"

★ Consist of two domains:

F_1

Extra- membranous domain
(In the mitochondrial matrix)

F_0

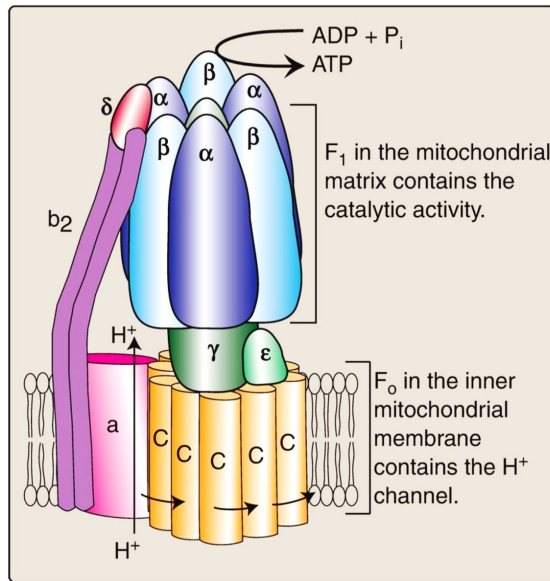
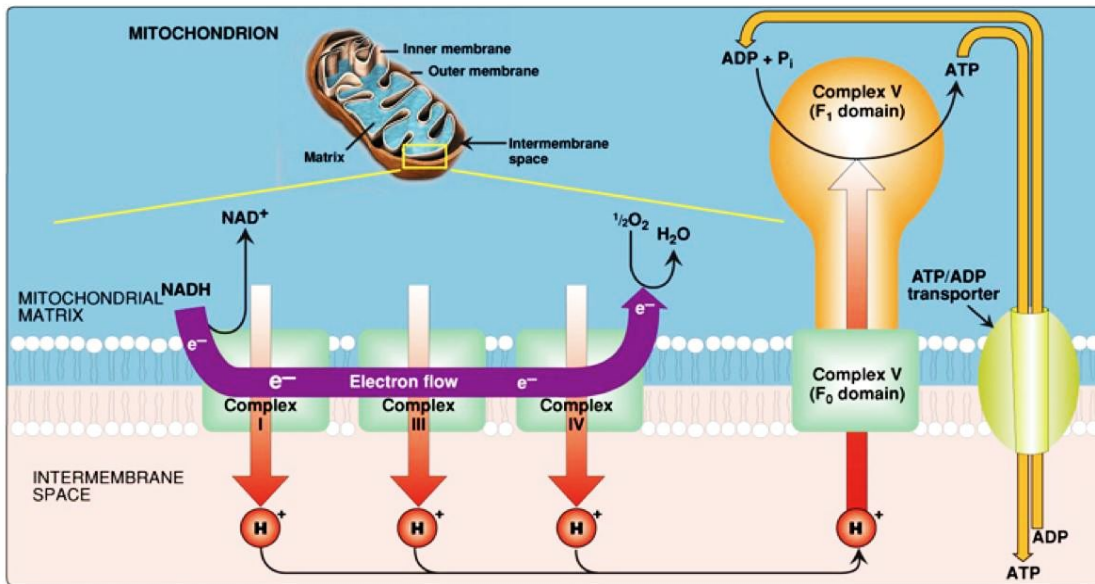
(0 because it can inhibited by oligomycin)

Membrane spanning domain
(In the intermembrane space)

★ IMM has high selectivity so the only way protons can return is through ATP synthase

Transport of protons

→ Recall chemiosmotic from Zoology 109



H⁺ ion re-enter the matrix by passing through a H⁺ channel in the F₀ domain

Rotation of the c ring of F₀

Conformational changes in the three β subunits of F₁

★ Binding of ADP + P_i

★ Phosphorylation of ADP to ATP and release ATP

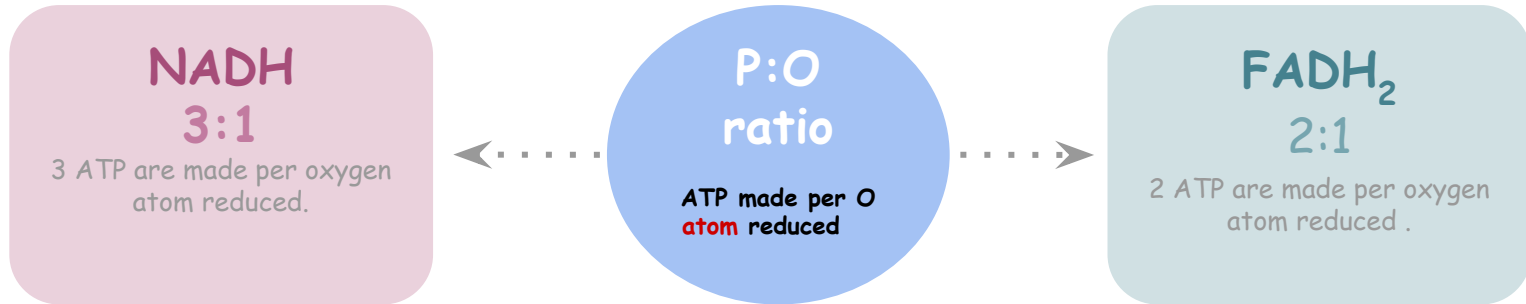
★ In F₁ domain

Energetics of ATP synthesis

- Energy **produced** from the transport of a pair of electrons from **NADH** to O_2 = **52.58 kcal**
- Energy **required** for phosphorylation of ADP \longrightarrow ATP = **7.3kcal/mol** (energy of the Phosphate bond)
- NO. Of ATP molecules produced is **3** (**NADH** \longrightarrow O_2) $3 \times 7.3 = 21.9$ kcal

$$52.58 - 21.9 = 30.78$$

→ **Excess energy** is used for other reactions or released as **heat**.



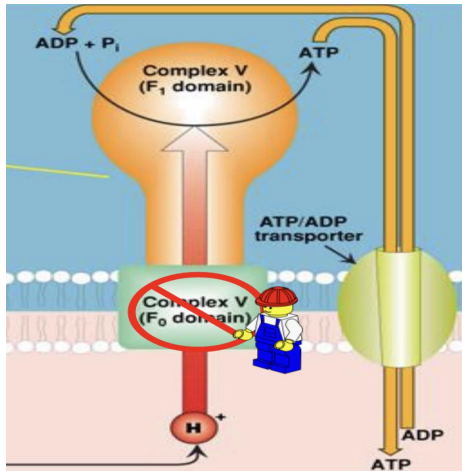
→ **Extra:** Why does FADH₂ produces less ATP than NADH?

- NADH transfers its electrons in complex I so it passes through **3** pumps (complexes I, III and IV)
- FADH₂ transfers its electrons in complex II so it passes only through **2** pumps (complexes III and IV)

Inhibitors of ATP synthesis

Oligomycin

- Binds to F_0 domain of ATP synthase and closes the H^+ channel



From 435♥

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From lippincott

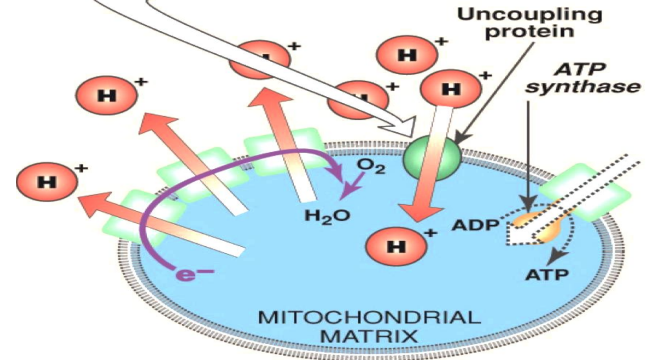
Responsible for heat production in the mitochondria-rich brown adipocytes of mammals.

In brown fat, unlike the more abundant white fat, ~90% of its respiratory energy is used for thermogenesis in infants in response to cold.

Thus, brown fat is involved in energy expenditure, whereas white fat is involved in energy storage.

Uncoupling proteins (UCPs)

Uncoupling proteins create a "proton leak," allowing protons to reenter the mitochondrial matrix without capturing any energy as ATP.



- Energy is released as **heat** (non-shivering thermogenesis)

Site-specific inhibitors of ETC

Blocking electron transfer by any one of these inhibitors stops electron flow from substrate to oxygen because the reactions of the electron transport chain are tightly coupled like meshed gears.

These respiratory inhibitors prevent the passage of electrons by binding to a component of the chain, blocking the oxidation-reduction reaction.

→ Therefore, all electron carriers before the block are fully reduced, whereas those located after the block are oxidized.

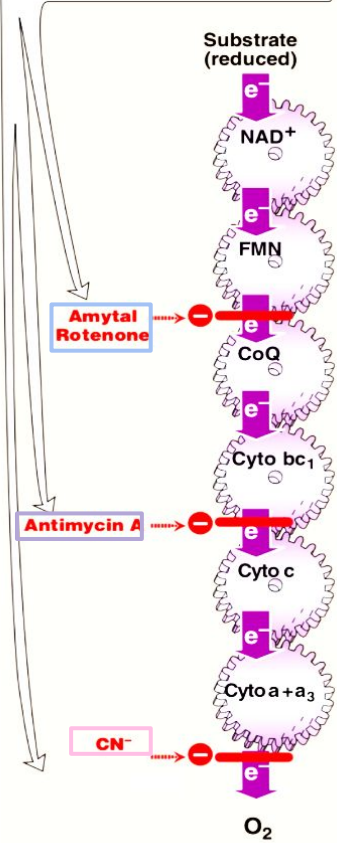
Note: Inhibition of electron transport inhibits ATP synthesis because these processes are tightly coupled.

→ So, there's **No** production of ATP and energy dissipated as heat. known as **non-shivering thermogenesis**.

◆ **Rotenone:**
inhibits between FMN (complex I) and CoQ

◆ **Antimycin A:**
poison which inhibits between cyto bc₁ (complex III) and cyto c

◆ **CN:**
when there is cyanide (CN⁻) or CO or sodium azide poisoning they will inhibit the Cycle (oxidative phosphorylation) at the last step before the oxygen gets oxidized (complex IV)



Take home message

- ✈ ETC is a common pathway of transferring energy-rich electrons from metabolism finally yielding CO_2 and water.
- ✈ The energy of the electrons transferred is used for ATP synthesis and heat production.

Summary

Passing through F_0 channel in the ATP synthase complex (Complex V)

resulting in

Conformational changes in the F_1 domain of ATP synthase that allow the synthesis of ATP from ADP + P_i

Protons to reenter the mitochondrial matrix

by

allowing

The inner mitochondrial membrane

across

An electrical and a pH gradient

creating

The matrix to the intermembrane space

from

Pumping of protons (H^+)

coupled with

Electron flow

leads to

Electron transport chain

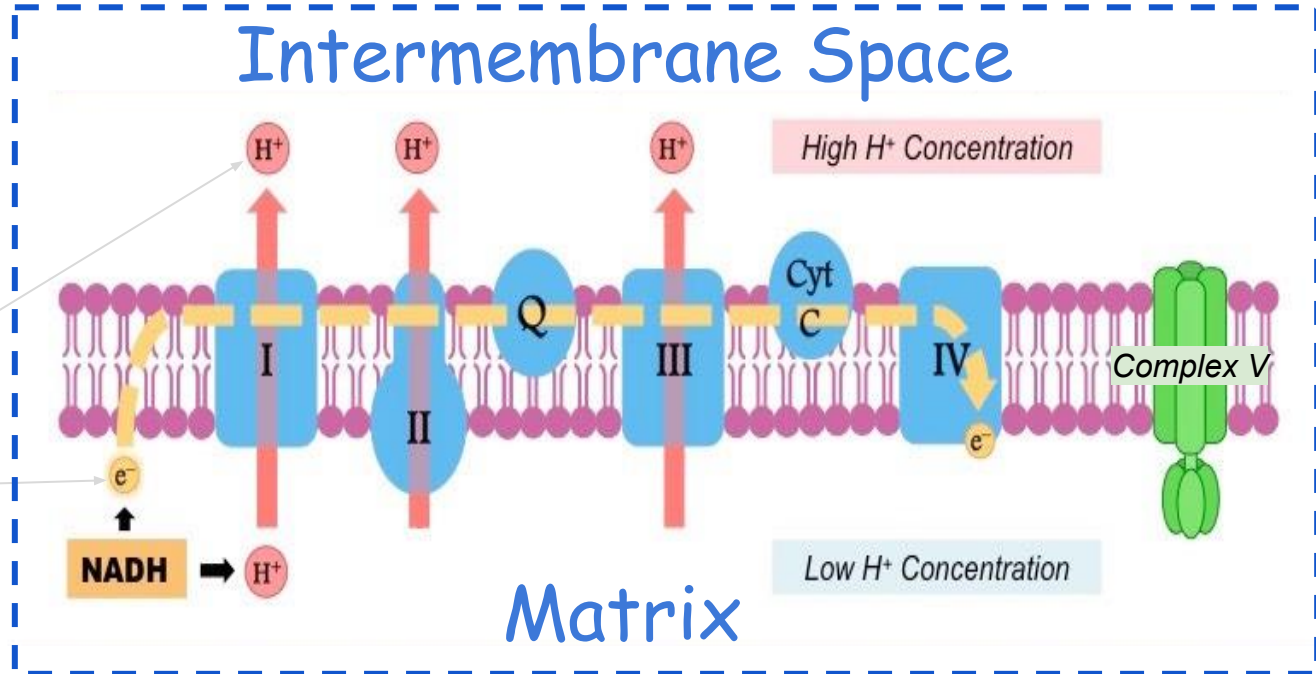
donate electrons to

NADH and $FADH_2$

produce

Oxidative processes

→ such as the TCA cycle



Quiz

MCQs

Q1: 2,4-Dinitrophenol (DNP), an uncoupler of oxidative phosphorylation, was used as a weight-loss agent in the 1930s. Reports of fatal overdoses led to its discontinuation in 1939.

Which of the following would most likely be true concerning individuals taking 2,4-DNP ?

- a. ATP levels in the mitochondria are greater than normal.
- b. Body temperature is elevated as a result of hypermetabolism.
- c. The proton gradient across the inner mitochondrial membrane is greater than normal.
- d. The rate of electron transport is abnormally low.

Q2: Which of the following has the strongest tendency to gain electrons?

- a) Coenzyme Q
- b) Cytochrome c
- c) NAD^+
- d) Oxygen

Q3: Which one of the following is not a site-specific inhibitor of ETC:

- a) Rotenone
- b) Antimycin A
- c) CN^-
- d) Ca

Q4: Which one of the following is a non-protein member of ETC:

- a) CoEnzyme Q
- b) Cytochrome BC_1
- c) Cytochrome C
- d) Cytochrome a+a_3

Q5: Number of protein complexes which are part of ETC:

- a) 2
- b) 4
- c) 3
- d) 5

Q6: The amount of energy required for phosphorylation of ADP to ATP is:

- a) 52.58 Kcal/mol
- b) 7.3 Kcal/mol
- c) 8.6 Kcal/mol
- d) 3.7 Kcal/mol

SAQs

Q1: What is the function of complex I (NADH Dehydrogenase)?

Q2: What are the components of cytochromes?

Q3: CO binds to and inhibits Complex IV of the electron transport chain. What effect, if any, should this respiratory inhibitor have on phosphorylation of ADP to ATP?

Q4: Mention two inhibitors of ATP synthesis.

★ MCQs Answer key:

- 1) B
- 2) D
- 3) D
- 4) A
- 5) B
- 6) B

★ SAQs Answer key:

- 1) Collects pair of electrons from NADH and pass it to CoQ .
- 2) A protein that contains Heme group porphyrin ring + iron in Fe^{3+} state)
- 3) Results in an inability to maintain the proton (H^+) gradient. Therefore, phosphorylation of ADP to ATP is inhibited, as are ancillary reactions such as calcium uptake by mitochondria, because they also require the H^+ gradient.
- 4) Oligomycin , Uncoupling proteins (UCPs)

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