

# Krebs cycle



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Main text

**IMPORTANT**

Extra Info

*Drs Notes*

## Objectives:

-  Recognize the various fates of pyruvate
-  Define the conversion of pyruvate to acetyl CoEnzyme A (CoA)
-  Discuss the major regulatory mechanisms of PDH complex
-  Recognize clinical consequences of abnormal oxidative decarboxylation reactions
-  Recognize the importance of krebs cycle
-  Identify various reactions of krebs cycle
-  Define the regulatory mechanisms of krebs cycle
-  Asses the energy yield of PDH reaction and krebs cycle's reactions

# Fate of pyruvate

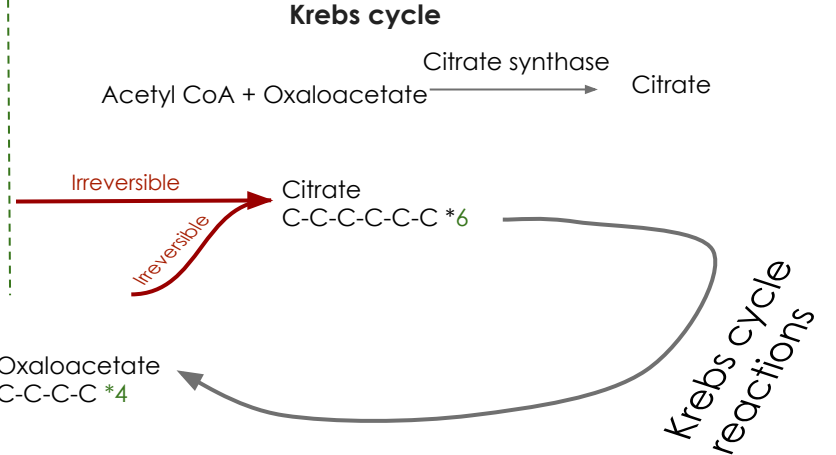
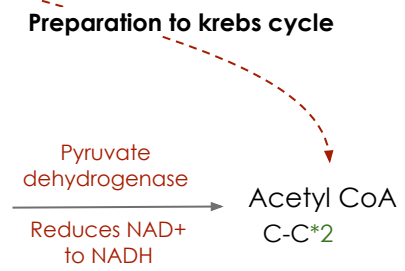
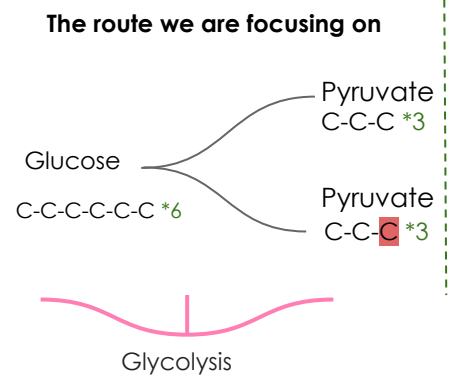
Pyruvate can eventually end up as ONE of the FIVE following substrates

**Lactate**  
in humans and some microorganisms in anaerobic conditions

**Oxaloacetate (Pyruvate carboxylase)** In Krebs cycle (it's an intermediate) **Activated by acetyl CoA**

**Alanine**  
Synthesis of nonessential amino acid using pyruvate + glutamine "essential"  
Done by Alanine transaminase (ALT) & Pyridoxal Phosphate ( PLP )

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

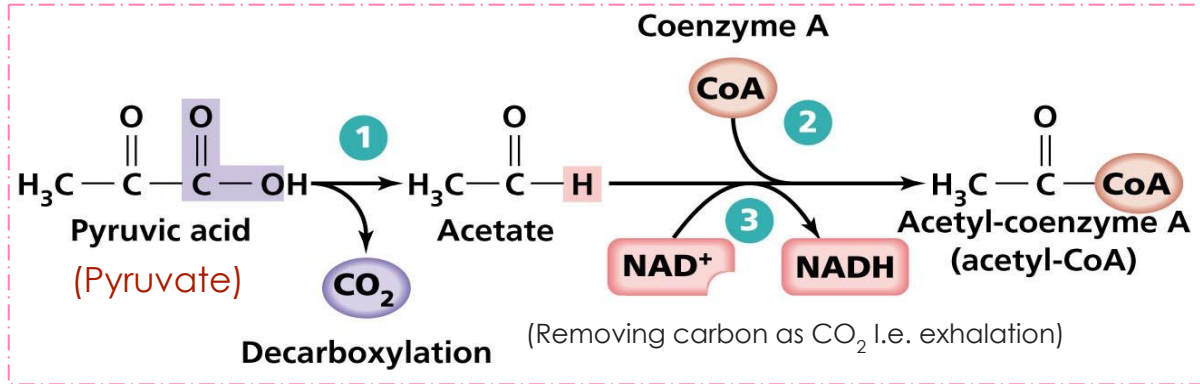
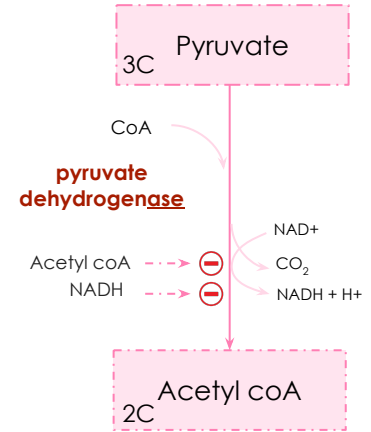


After studying glycolysis, we now know that pyruvate is the end product of glycolysis and will produce a net of 8 ATPs, and if we recall, oxidation of one glucose molecule will generate 38 ATPs, where are the other 30 ATPs generated?

# Oxidative decarboxylation of pyruvate

( Preparation phase )

- It's the process of making acetyl Co-A & oxaloacetate from pyruvate by the enzyme **pyruvate dehydrogenase**
- Outcomes of this process : 1 x 2 NADH (6ATP) for two pyruvates  
( keep in mind that in every reaction we talk about only one pyruvate, the other will have the same reactions & productions thus we explain one pyruvate and multiply the outcomes by 2 )
- Regulated by allosteric regulation of **Acetyl coA and NADH** i.e. Increased amount of Acetyl CoA and NADH act as "Negative Feedback" inhibitors of their respective reactions. Responsible enzyme for this is **pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase** which phosphorylates and inactivates Pyruvate dehydrogenase



1 NADH = 3 ATP  
1 FADH = 2ATP

**Kinase** = enzyme that adds phosphate group "phosphorylates"  
**Phosphatase** = enzyme that removes phosphate group

# PDH complex : covalent regulation

بمعنى اخر كل enzyme لازم يشتغل بطريقة منظمة في جسمنا بحيث مايشغل طول الوقت ، يشتغل فقط اذا احتجناه بالتفاعل

## Regulation of PDH kinase :

### ⊖ Inhibitors of pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase

( induce the deactivation of PDH kinase ) :

- Pyruvate
- CoA
- NAD<sup>+</sup>

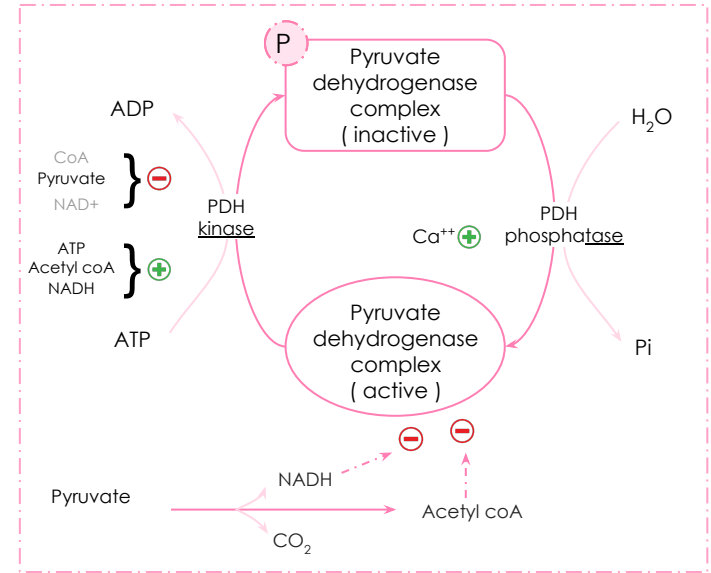
When there is too much amount of any of them, **the enzyme will stop** which means it will not add a phosphate group to PDH complex so it will keep PDH complex in the **active form**

### ⊕ Inducers of pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase

( induce the activation of PDH kinase ) :

- Acetyl CoA
- NADH
- ATP

When there is too much amount of any of them **the enzyme will be activated** which means it will add a phosphate group as a result the PDH complex will be in the **inactive form**



### Regulation of PDH kinase

باختصار لو عندي كمية قليلة من الـ products اللي تلعب من المرحلة ما قبل الـ kerbs cycle هذا راح يدخل عندي كمية كبيرة من الـ co factors اللي تساعدني في التفاعل انه يكمل او التواتج اللي تحتاج تكملها زي الـ pyruvate وجود اللي تكثرناهم راح يادي الي تخفيض الـ PDH complex عشان يشتغل ويستعملها ويحولهم لـ other products يحتاجهم عشان تكمل وتدخل للسايكل ( بمعنى اخر يثبط الـ PDH kinase اللي كانت مخطئة الـ PDH complex بالصوره الغير نشطة وبالتالي بتخليه نشط ويشغل ) ولو عندي كمية كبيرة من الـ products راح يثبط الـ PDH complex ( بمعنى اخر يحفز الـ PDH kinase اللي راح يدخل الـ PDH complex بالصوره الغير نشطة وبالتالي ماراح يشتغل الـ PDH complex ويوقف التفاعل اللي مفروض يكمل عشان ندخل الـ kerbs cycle )

### Regulation of PDH Phosphatase

هذا ما عنده سالفه سوا ان وجود الكالسيوم راح يحفز ان الـ PDH Phosphatase يشتغل وبالتالي معناه راح يشيل مجموعه الفوسفات عن الـ PDH complex وبالتالي راح يزيد عندي الـ CO<sub>2</sub> , NADH and acetyl coA هذي تواتج التفاعل اللي يحدث قبل الدخول لـ kerbs cycle

### Direct regulation of PDH complex

مو احنا قلنا قبل ان تواتج مرحلة ما قبل الـ kerbs cycle ممكن تأثر بطريقة غير مباشرة عن طريق تخفيض PDH kinase برضو هذا التواتج هذي موجودة لكن راح تأثر بطريقة مباشرة على الـ PDH complex اللي بالصوره النشطة وينقل من فاعليته بانه ينتج لي نفس التواتج بعني كانه يقول له لعد تنتج تواتج زينا عننا كثير يكفي يدخل الـ Kerbs cycle

## Regulation of PDH phosphatase :

### ⊕ Inducer of PDH phosphatase enzyme :

- Ca<sup>2+</sup>

if PDH phosphatase enzyme activated it will help the PDH complex to be in the **active form** that will produce a lot of products ( NADH , Acetyl coA and CO<sub>2</sub>, these are the products of the preparation phase as explained in the previous slide )

## Direct regulation of PDH complex :

### ⊖ Inhibitors of PDH PDH complex:

- NADH
- CO<sub>2</sub>

# PDH reaction: clinical application

- PDH complex plays an important role in CNS, How?
    - Brain cells are unable to produce sufficient ATP if the PDH complex is inactive (no production of acetyl CoA > no krebs cycle > no ATP) Thiamine and niacin are co-factors that helps PDH complex .
    - Deficiencies of them can cause serious CNS problems
  - **Congenital Lactic Acidosis** : PDH complex deficiency is the most common biochemical cause ( in anaerobic conditions, pyruvate is converted to lactic acid and won't go any further in krebs cycle (accumulate) ).
  - **Wernicke-Korsakoff** (encephalopathy psychosis syndrome): due to thiamine deficiency, may be seen especially with alcohol abuse. (Thiamine deficiency is Vitamin B1 deficiency).
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## Tricarboxylic acid cycle: krebs cycle

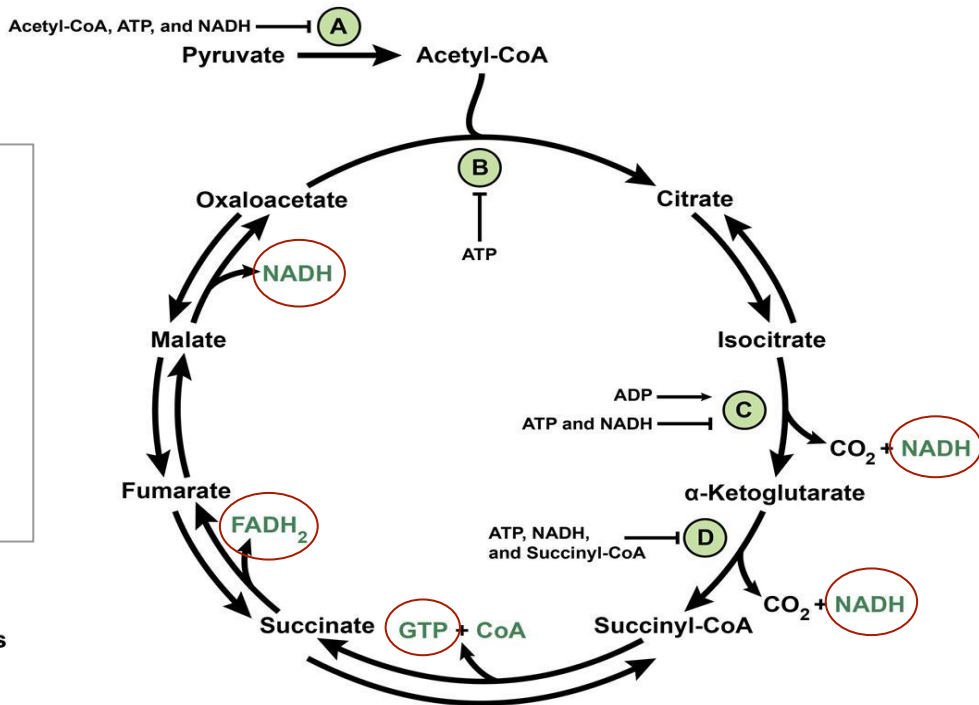
Properties of the cycle :

- Final common pathway for oxidation
- Exclusively in **mitochondria** Major source for ATP (24 ATP)
- Mainly catabolic with some anabolic features
- Synthetic reactions (anabolic features):
  - Glucose from amino acids
  - Non-essential amino acids
  - Fatty acids
  - Heme (RBC component, gives blood ability to carry oxygen)

# Tricarboxylic acid cycle: krebs cycle ( overview)

Reversible  $\rightleftharpoons$

Irreversible  
(has induction and inhibition factors)  $\longrightarrow$



Mnemonic to memorize the products of krebs cycle :  
Citrate Is Krebs Starting  
Substrate For Making  
Oxaloacetate  
 C = Citrate  
 I = Isocitrate  
 K = alpha-Ketoglutarate  
 S = Succinyl CoA  
 S = Succinate  
 F = Fumarate  
 M = L-Malate  
 O = Oxaloacetate

## Irreversible enzyme reactions

- A** Pyruvate dehydrogenase
- B** Citrate synthase
- C** Isocitrate dehydrogenase
- D** α-Ketoglutarate dehydrogenase

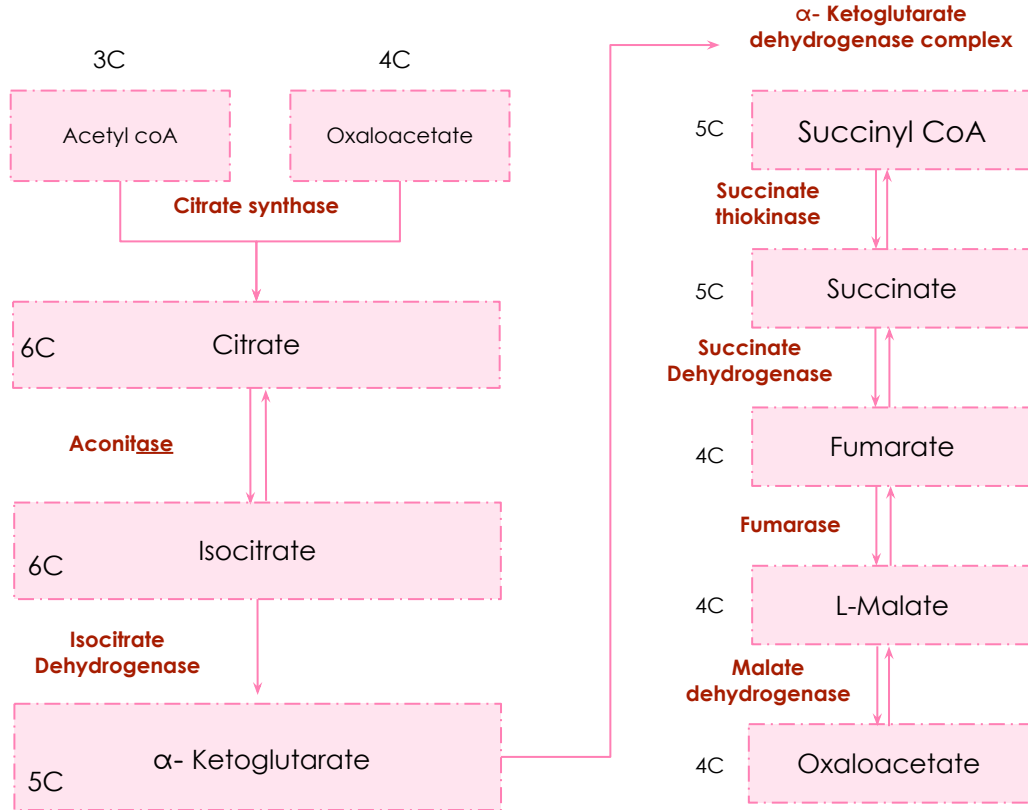
Let's count together! ○  
 3 NADH (9 ATPs) نعد الدوائر  
 1 FADH (2 ATPs)  
 1 GTP (1ATP) = 12 ATPs per  
 pyruvate x 2 = 24  
 + 6 in the preparation phase  
 + 8 in glycolysis = 38 ATPs  
 (Hey Look Ma, I Made It!)

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

**NAD(H)** = nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide  
**GDP** = guanosine diphosphate;  
**P** = phosphate  
**FAD(H<sub>2</sub>)** = flavin adenine dinucleotide.

# Tricarboxylic acid cycle: krebs cycle ( overview)

↔ reversible  
→ irreversible



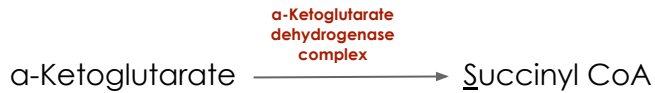


# Krebs cycle (1)



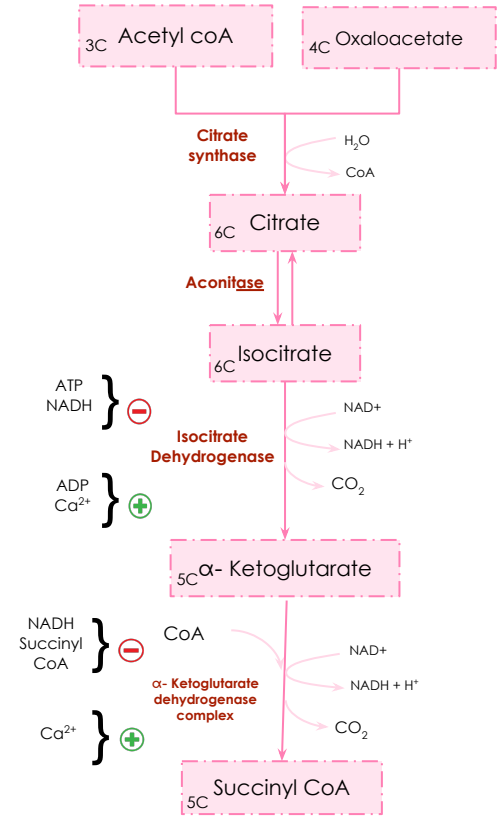
- can be regulated (inhibited or activated) :
  - ⊕ ADP, Ca<sup>2+</sup>
  - ⊖ ATP, NADH

4 \*(Oxidation and decarboxylation)



- NAD<sup>+</sup> is reduced to NADH + H<sup>+</sup>
- CO<sub>2</sub> is out
- CoA is in

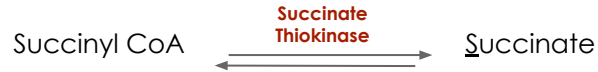
- ⊕ Inducer of this reaction
  - Calcium
- ⊖ Inhibitors
  - NADH
  - Succinyl CoA
  - Acetyl CoA



# Krebs cycle (2)

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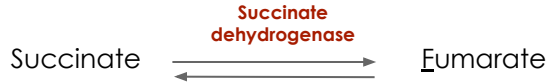
\*(Oxidation and decarboxylation)



- Only Substrate-Level phosphorylation in krebs cycle
- GTP is out (Produced)
- CoA is out

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\*(Oxidation)



- FAD is reduced to FADH

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\*(Hydration)



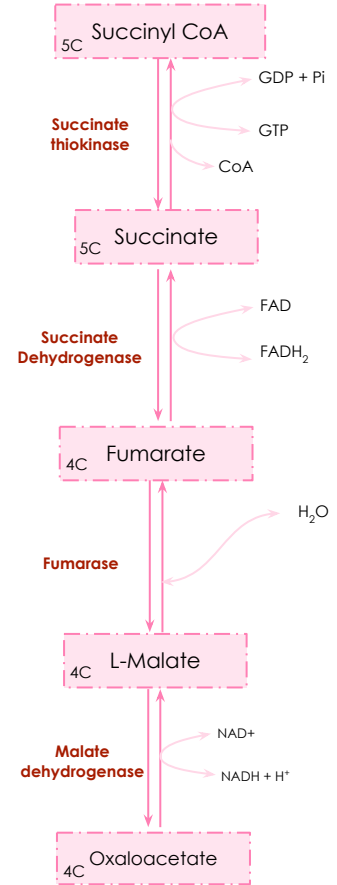
- H<sub>2</sub>O is in

malate anion is an intermediate in the citric acid cycle

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- NAD is reduced to NADH



Citrate is Krebs Starting Substrate For Making Oxaloacetate

Since we finally made it to oxaloacetate, if you didn't get it it's totally okay just memorize the **yield** and the **enzymes**. They are **extremely important!**

# 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.

Energy - producing reaction	Number of ATP produced
3 NADH → 3 NAD+	9
FADH <sub>2</sub> → FAD	2
GDP + Pi → GTP	1
—	12 / ATP / Acetyl coA oxidized FOR ONE PYRUVATE HENCE WE MULTIPLY BY 2 = 24 ATP

# Net ATP production by complete glucose oxidation

Aerobic Glycolysis	2 ATP 2 NADH	8 ATP
Oxidative decarboxylation ( preparation phase )	1 NADH per private 2 NADH total	6 ATP
Krebs cycle	3 NADH 1 FADH 1 GTP Per pyruvate  6 NADH, 2 FADH, 2 GTP in total We take one pyruvate and multiply the outcomes by 2	12 ATP per pyruvate 24 ATP in total
Net	38 ATP	

## Regulation of oxidative decarboxylation and krebs cycle

- **PDH complex and the TCA (krebs) cycle are both up-regulated** in response to a decrease in the ratio of:
  - ATP: ADP
  - NADH: NAD<sup>+</sup>
- **TCA (krebs) cycle activators** are:
  - ADP
  - Ca<sup>2+</sup>
- **TCA (krebs) cycle inhibitors** are:
  - ATP
  - NADH




- **PDH complex** refers to: Pyruvate Dehydrogenase complex, it converts the **pyruvate** ( end product of glycolysis ) into **acetyl CoA** (substrate of krebs cycle)


- **TCA** is tricarboxylic acid cycle ( aka as **citric acid cycle**, and **Krebs cycle** ).  
TCA means Krebs cycle


## Take home messages

 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

# Quiz

Q1 : Krebs cycle occurs in .....

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|------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|
| A ) Mitochondria | B ) Nucleus | C ) Nucleolus | D ) Golgi apparatus |
|------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|

Q2 :The net yield energy of oxidative decarboxylation (preparation phase)

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|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| A ) 4 ATP | B ) 2 ATP | C ) 6 ATP | D ) 8 ATP |
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Q3 : The substrate involved in oxidative decarboxylation and also present in krebs cycle as a final product

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|----------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| A ) Acetyl CoA | B ) Oxaloacetate | C ) Citrate | D ) L-Malate |
|----------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|

Q4 : Enzyme responsible for conversion of citrate into isocitrate

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|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| A ) Citrate synthase | B ) Aconitase | C ) Isocitrate dehydrogenase | D ) Fumarase |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------|

Q5 : net ATP production by complete glucose oxidation is:

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|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| A ) 38 ADP | B ) 38 ATP | C ) 6 ATP | D ) 8 ATP |
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Q6 : The net yield energy of Krebs cycle per pyruvate

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|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| A ) 12 ATP | B ) 24 ATP | C ) 38 ATP | D ) 8 ATP |
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## SAQs :

Q1: The enzyme that converts  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate to succinyl CoA?

★ MCQs Answer key:

1) A 2) C 3) B 4) B 5) B 6) A

★ SAQs Answer key:

1)  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate dehydrogenase complex.



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