

Oxidative Decarboxylation and Krebs Cycle



Lecture 13

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Objectives



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

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







* just to see how glycolysis is related to our lesson*







Oxidative Decarboxylation of Pyruvate

-It's the process of making Acetyl CoA Oxaloacetate from Pyruvate by a the enzyme **Pyruvate Dehydrogenase**.

- -Outcomes of this Process: 2 x NADH (6 ATP) for two Pyruvate
- -Regulated by Allosteric regulation of Acetyl CoA and NADH
- -Inhibitors: Increased amount of Acetyl CoA and NADH act as "Negative Feedback" inhibitors of their respective reactions, the responsible enzyme for this is **Pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase** which phosphorylates
- and inactivates Pyruvate dehydrogenase.





Oxidative decarboxylation of Pyruvate



PDH Reaction: Clinical application

Deficiencies of thiamine (vitamin B1) or niacin (vitamin B3) can cause serious CNS problems. WHY? Because 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"



PDH complex deficiency is the most common biochemical cause of congenital lactic acidosis Wernicke-Korsakoff (encephalopathy-psychosi s syndrome) due to thiamine deficiency, may be seen especially with alcohol abuse.









Krebs cycle reactions:1



Krebs cycle reactions:2

4. a-Ketoglutarate (5C) \rightarrow Succinyl CoA (4C)

• Enzyme: a-Ketoglutarate dehydrogenase Complex

• In: CoA, NAD+ • Out: CO2 NADH + H+

• Regulation: (-) NADH, Succinyl CoA (+) Ca++ 5. Succinyl CoA Succinate

• Enzyme: Succinate thiokinase

In: GDP + PiOut: GTP, CoA

• Note: this is the only substrate level phosphorylation in krebs cycle 6. Succinate *₹*Fumarate
Enzyme: Succinate dehydrogenase

In: FADOut: FADH2

7. Fumarate **∠** Malate (L-Malate)

• Enzyme: Fumarase

• In: H2O



Succinate thiokinase substrate level phosphorylation

Note: NAD(H) = nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide GDP = guanosine diphosphate P = phosphate FAD(H2) = flavin adenine dinucleotide.





Krebs cycle reactions: 3

- 8. Malate (L-Malate) ≈Oxaloacetate
- Enzyme: Malate dehydrogenase
- **In:** NAD+
- Out: NADH + H+



Net ATP production by complete glucose oxidation:

Aerobic glycolysis	2 ATP 2 NADH → 6 ATP 2+6 = 8 ATP
Oxidative decarboxylation (preparation)	per pyruvate: 1 NADH → 3 ATP 3x2 = 6 ATP
Krebs cycle	per pyruvate: 3 NADH → 9 ATP 1 FADH2 → 2 ATP 1 GTP → 1 ATP 12x2 = 24 ATP
Total	8 + 6 + 24 = 38 ATP

Note: 1 GTP = 1 ATP 1 NADH = 3 ATP 1 FADH2 = 2 ATP

Regulation of oxidative decarboxylation & krebs cycle:

• PDH complex & krebs cycle are both up-regulated in response to decrease in the ratio of:

- ATP : ADP
- NADH : NAD+
- Krebs cycle activators:
- ADP
- Ca++
- Krebs cycle inhibitors:
- ATP
- NADH

Note: Krebs cycle AKA TCA cycle (tricarboxylic acid cycle) AKA Citric acid 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:which of the following is an activator of kreb's cycle?			
a) ADP	b) Ca2	c) ATP	d) a&b
PDH complex deficiency is the most common biochemical cause of ?			
a) congenital lactic acidosis	b) cancer	c) Brain damage	d) TB
Which of the following is the major source for ATP?			
a) Glycolysis	b) Krebs cycle	c) Anabolic pathway	d) A&c
Succinate thiokinase is an enzyme used to convert succinyl CoA to?			
a) malate	b) Isocitrate	c) Succinate	d) Fumarate
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