

# **Lecture2 Citric Acid Cycle**

## **Tricarboxylic acid cycle**

### **(TCA cycle or Krebs cycle)**

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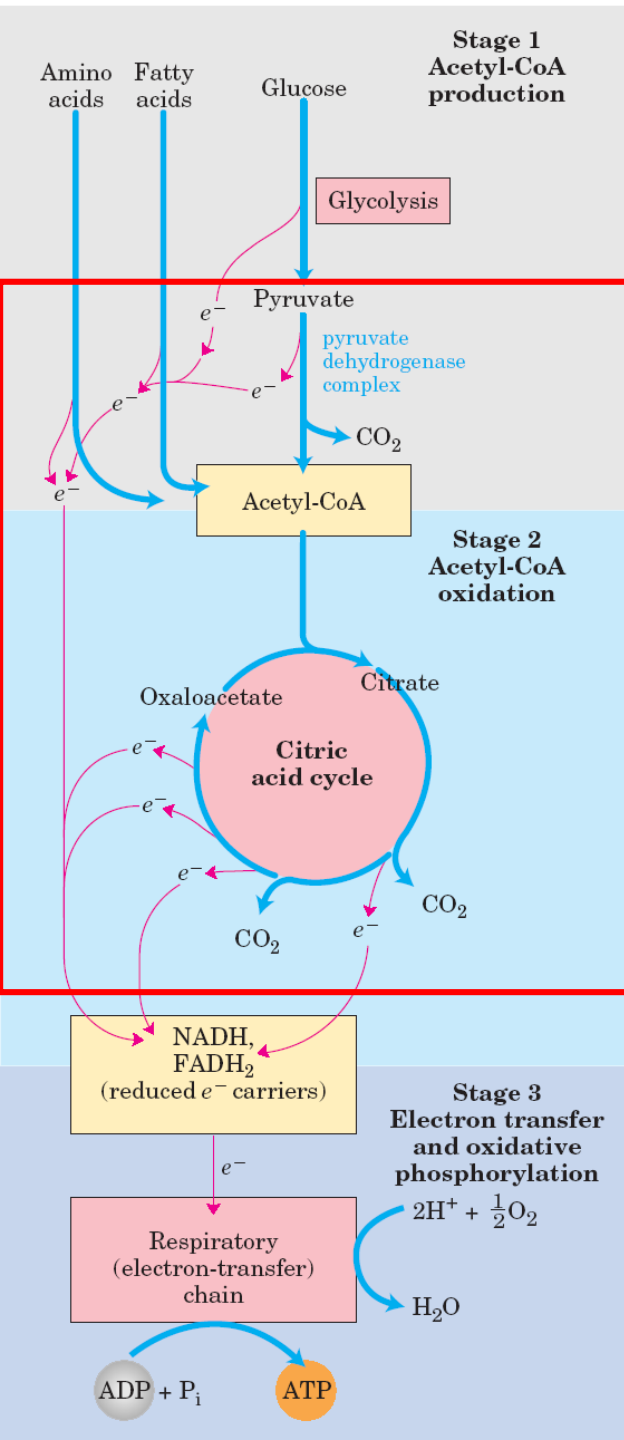
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# 1. Introduction

The tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle is also known as the Krebs cycle or the citric acid cycle.



Hans Krebs, 1900–1981

➤ **1953 Nobel Laureate in Medicine**

*for his discovery of the citric acid cycle*

➤ ***Background***

*1900-1981*

*Place of Birth: Hildesheim, Germany*

*Residence: Great Britain*

*Affiliation: Sheffield University*

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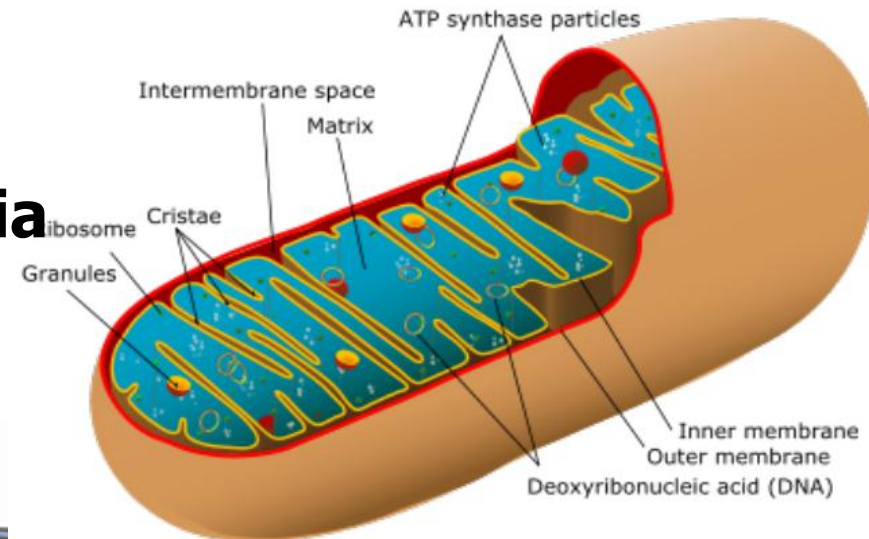
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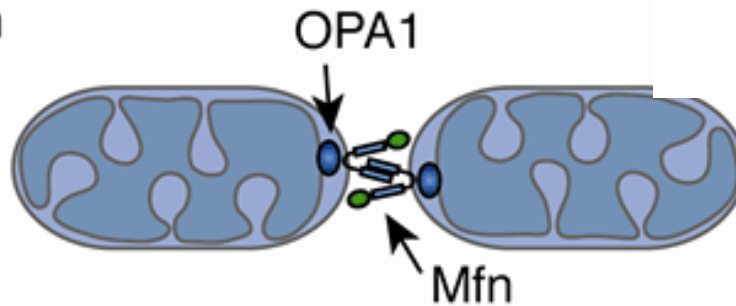
**TCA Take place— —**

**Eukaryotes: mitochondria**

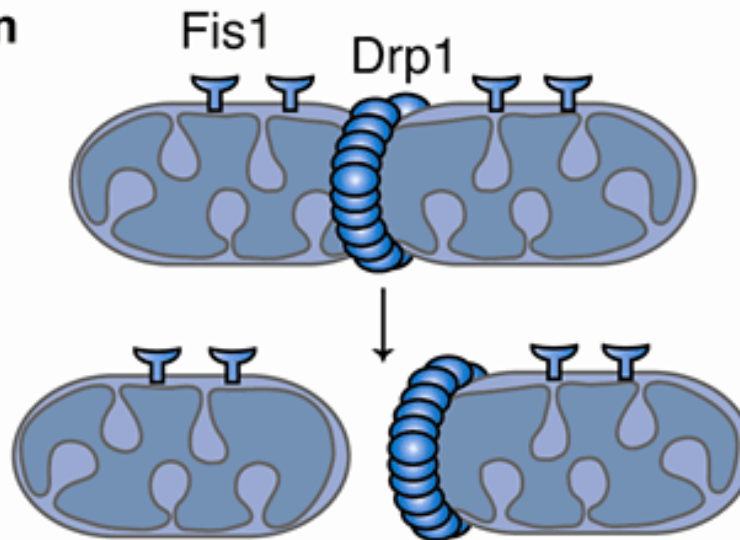
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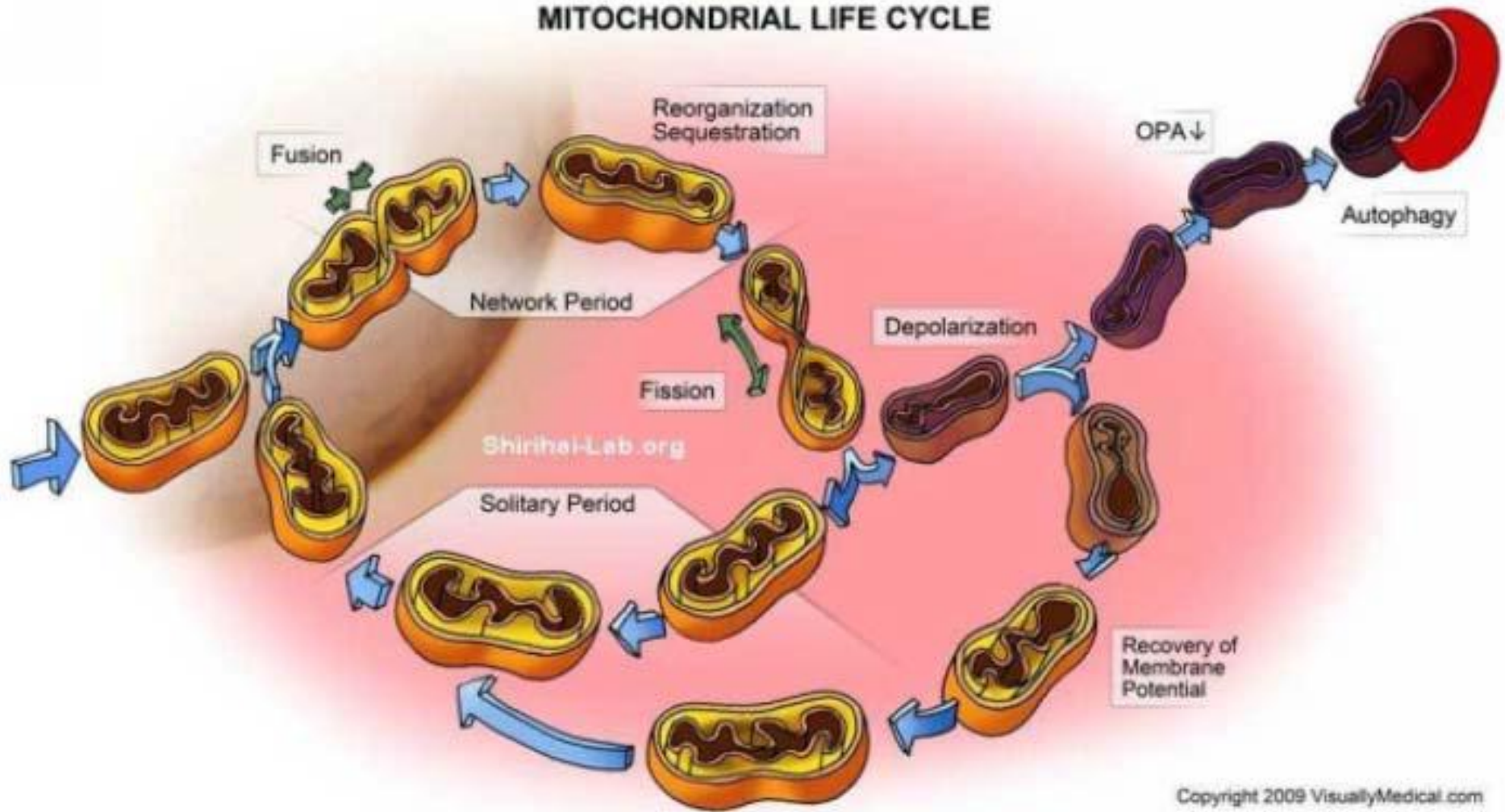
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**B. Fission**

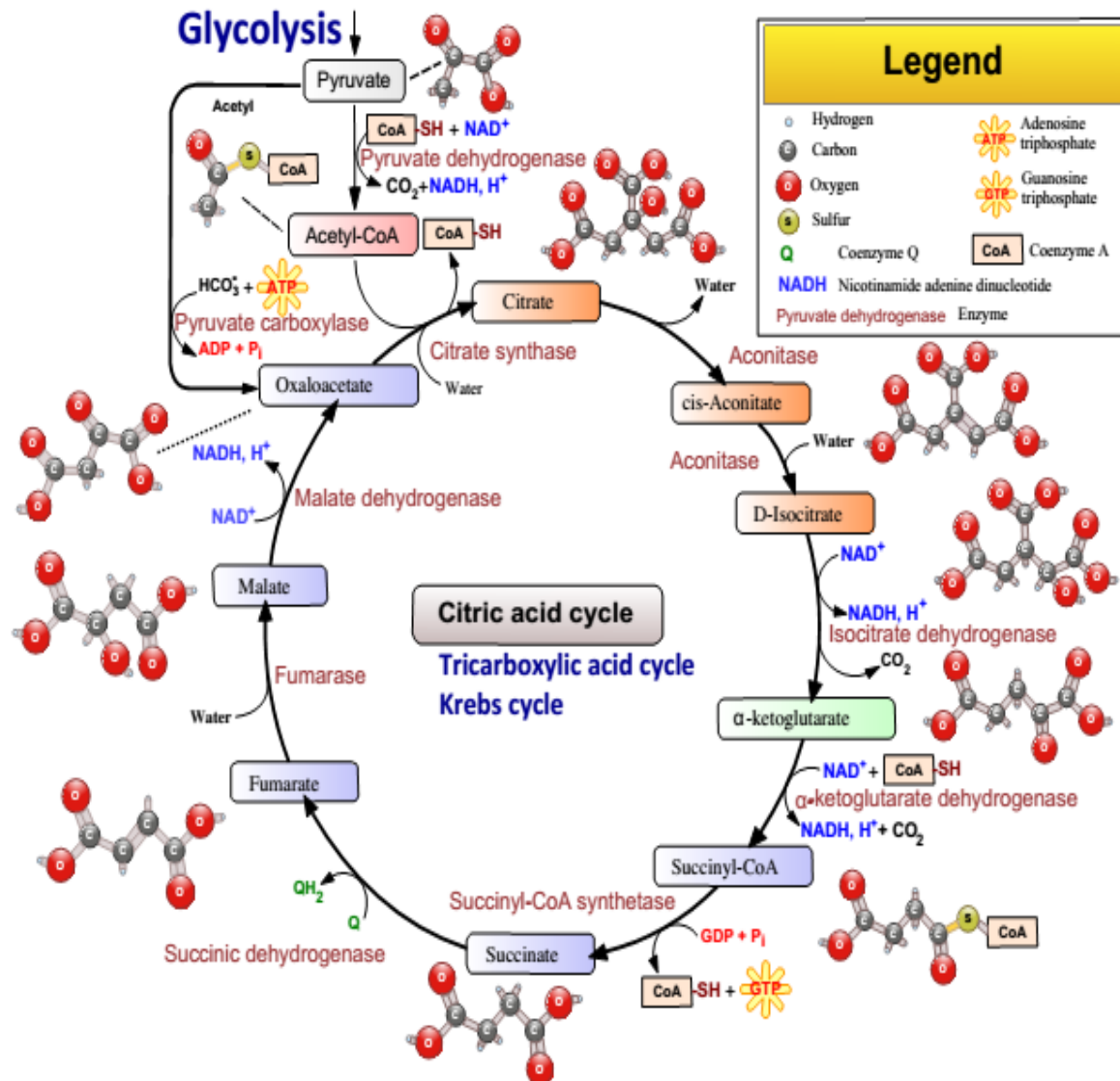


## MITOCHONDRIAL LIFE CYCLE





TCA is the **second of three steps** in cellular respiration,  
between **glycolysis** & **oxidative phosphorylation**

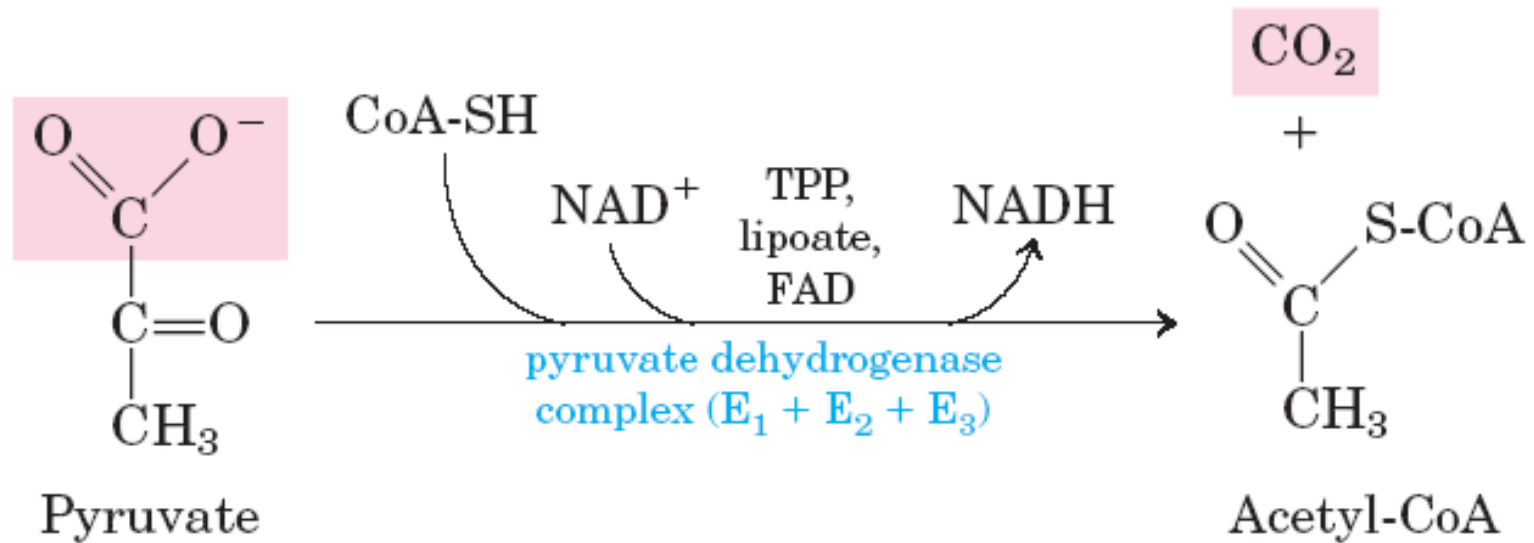


## 2. Production of Acetyl-CoA

### -----Pyruvate Oxidation

A Major Entry Route for Carbon into the TCA

### Pyruvate Dehydrogenase Complex 丙酮酸脱氢酶系



$$\Delta G'^{\circ} = -33.4 \text{ kJ/mol}$$



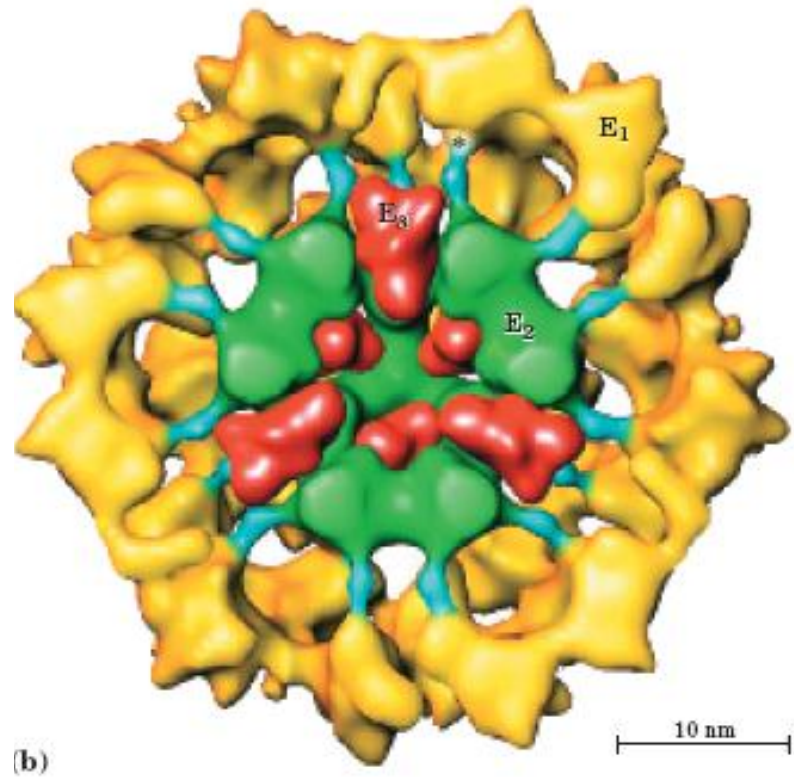
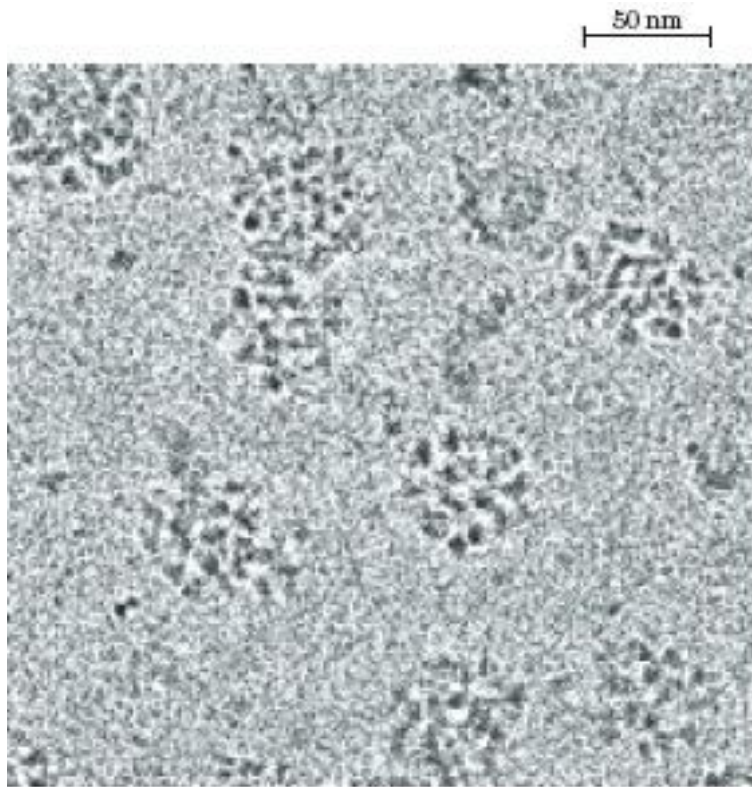
# Pyruvate Dehydrogenase Complex (PDC)

## three enzymes (E1, E2 and E3):

1. Pyruvate Dehydrogenase (E1) 丙酮酸脱氢酶
2. Dihydrolipoyl transacetylase (E2) 二氢硫辛酰转乙酰基酶
3. Dihydrolipoyl dehydrogenase (E3) 二氢硫辛酰脱氢酶

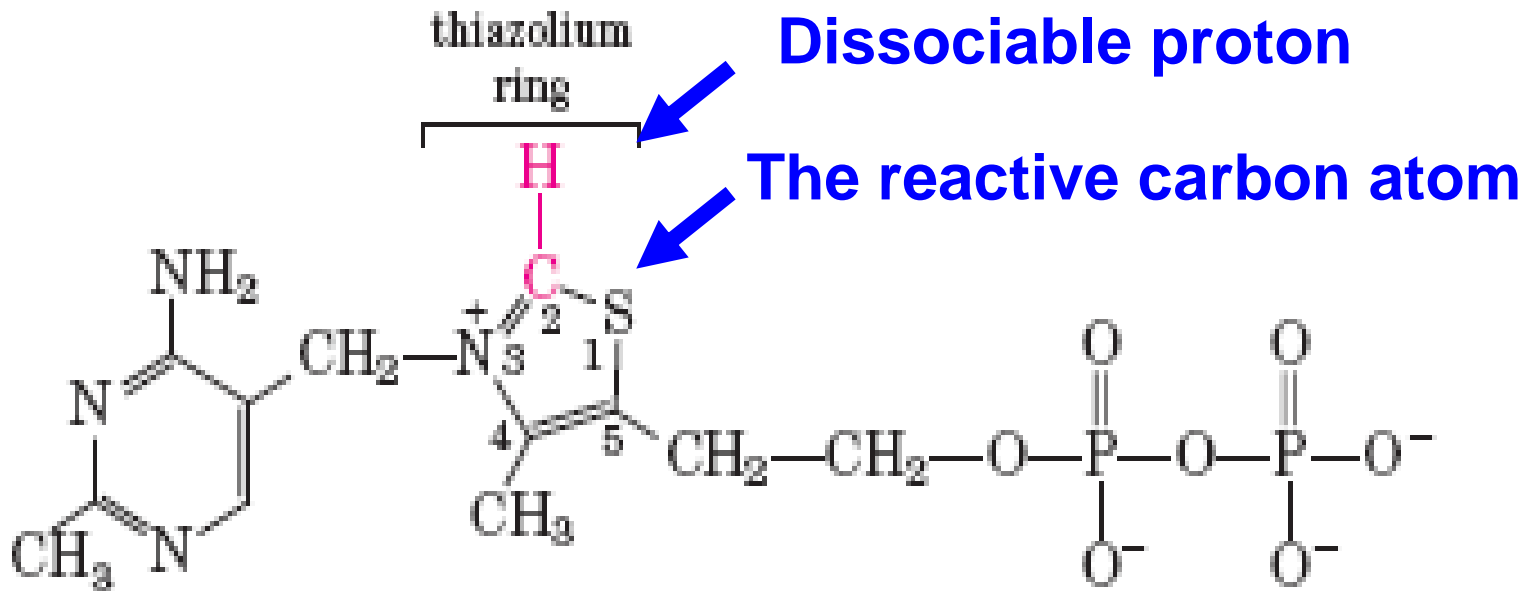
## five coenzymes:

1. Thiamine Pyrophosphate 焦磷酸硫胺素, 辅羧酶(TPP) ...VB1
2. Lipoic Acid 硫辛酸- lipoamide 硫辛酰胺
3. CoASH ...泛酸
4. NAD<sup>+</sup>... VPP
5. FAD... VB2

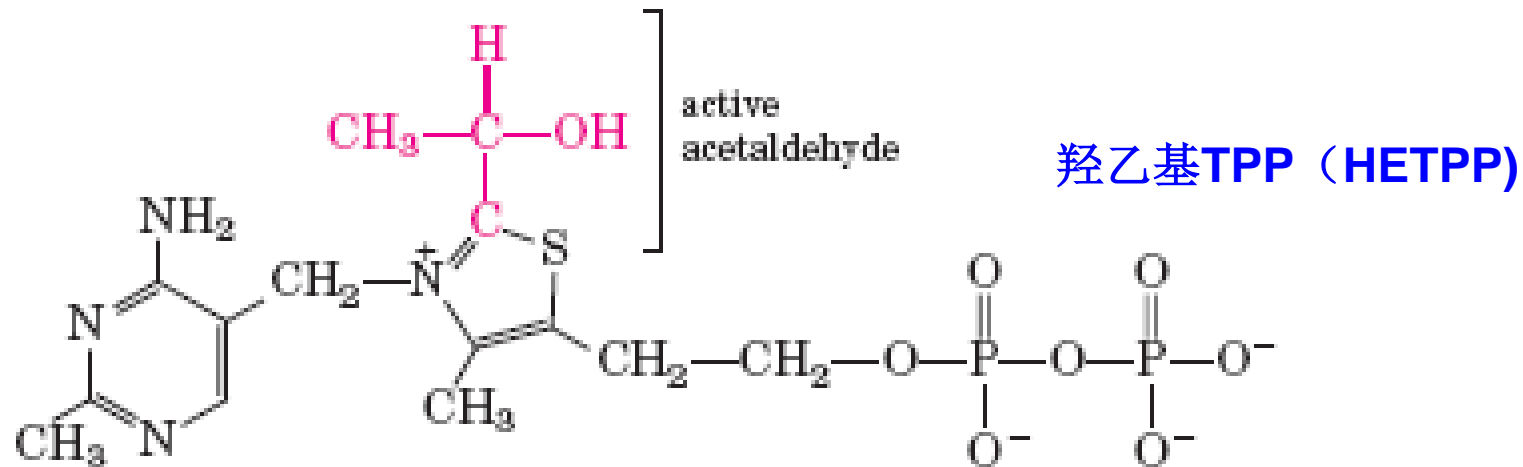


- The **core (green)** : 8 trimers 24 **E2**
- The **lipoyl** 硫辛酰基 (**blue**) of **E2** reaches to touch the active sites of **E1**
- The swinging arm on E2 can reach the active sites of E3 (**red**).

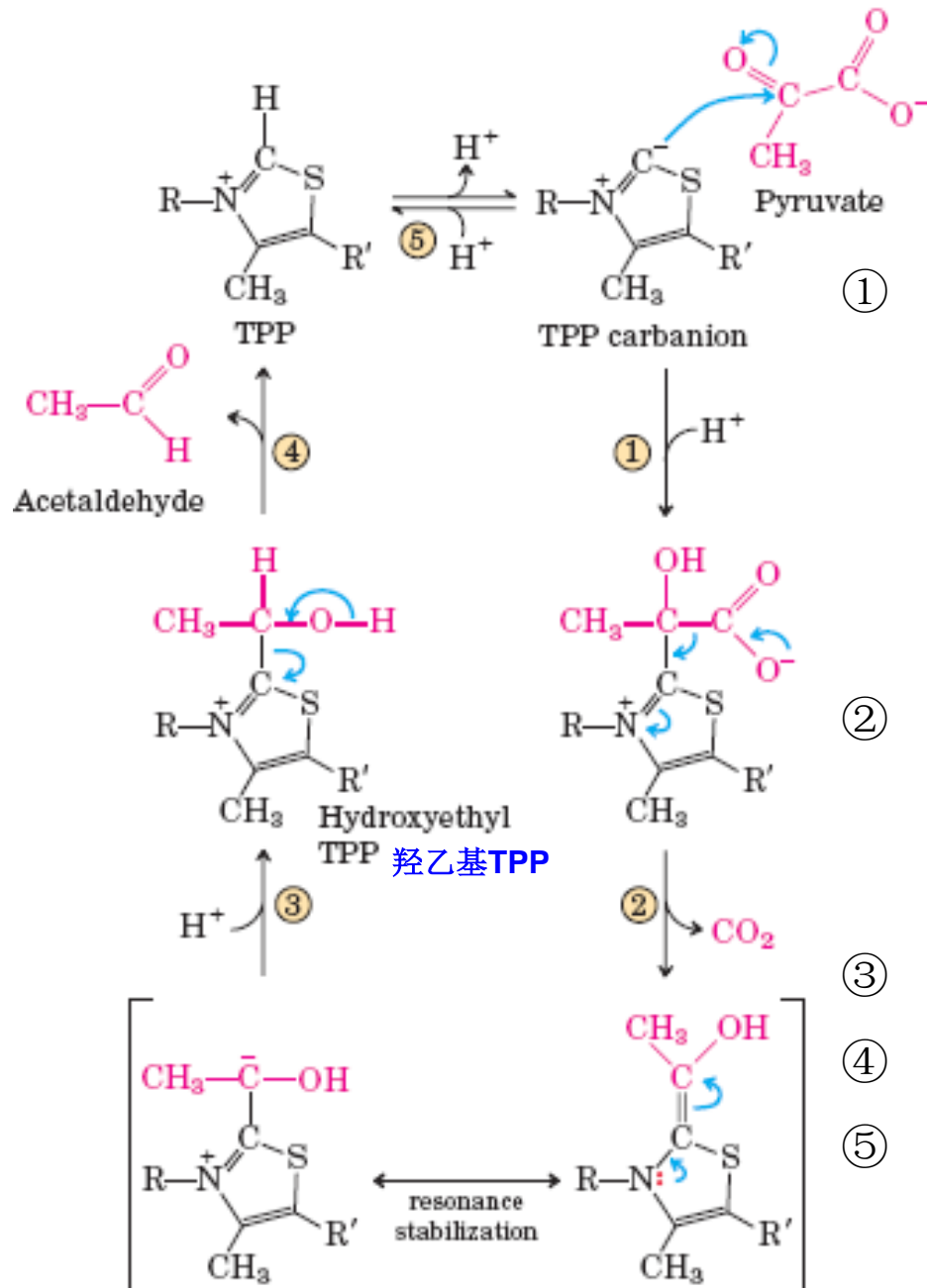
# Pyruvate Dehydrogenase (E1) 丙酮酸脱氢酶



Thiamine pyrophosphate (TPP) **is the coenzyme form of VB1**

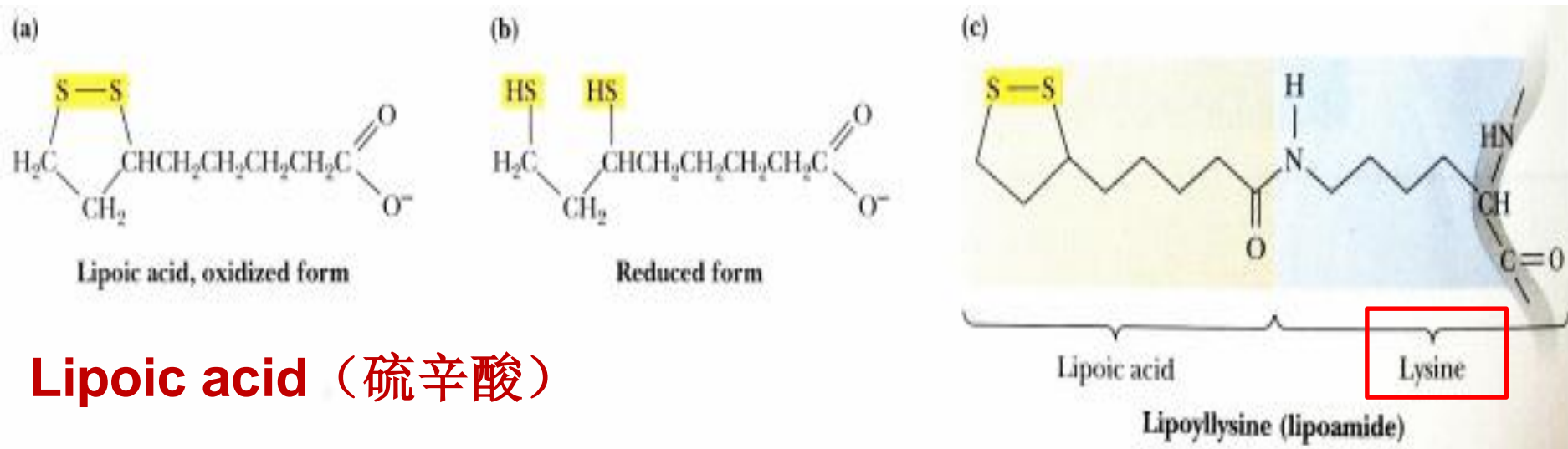


Hydroxyethyl thiamine pyrophosphate



- ① The TPP carbanion (负碳离子) acts as a nucleophile(亲核), attacking the carbonyl group of pyruvate.
- ② Decarboxylation produces a carbanion that is stabilized by the thiazolium (噻唑) ring.
- ③ Protonation to form hydroxyethyl TPP
- ④ release of acetaldehyde.
- ⑤ A proton dissociates to regenerate the carbanion.

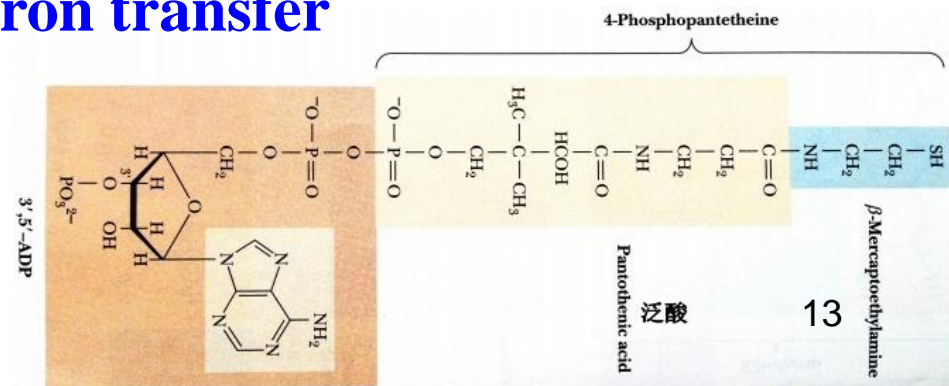
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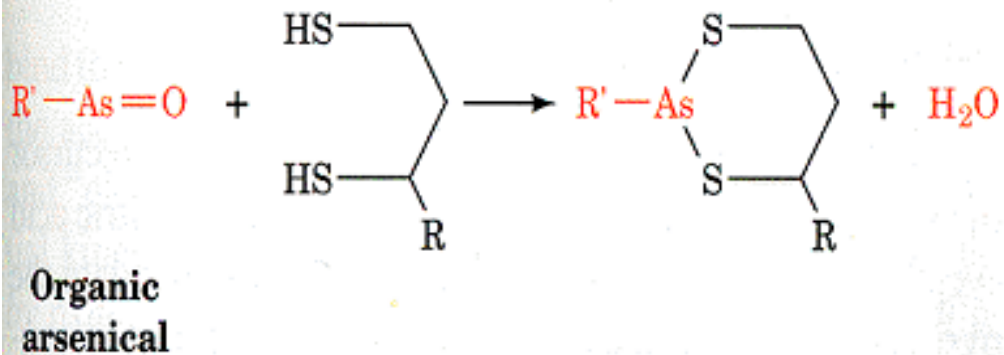
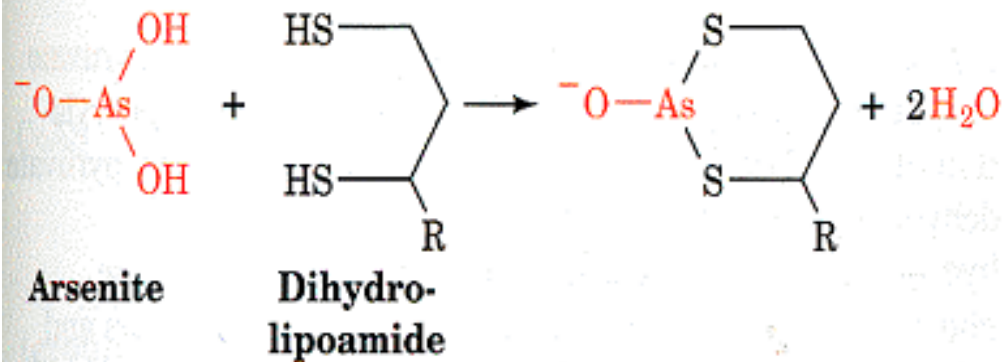


## Lipoic acid (硫辛酸)

- Pyruvate dehydrogenase and  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate dehydrogenase
- Covalently bound with **Lys-  $\epsilon$ -NH<sub>2</sub>**
- Acyl-group transfer and electron transfer

## Coenzymes A





(a)



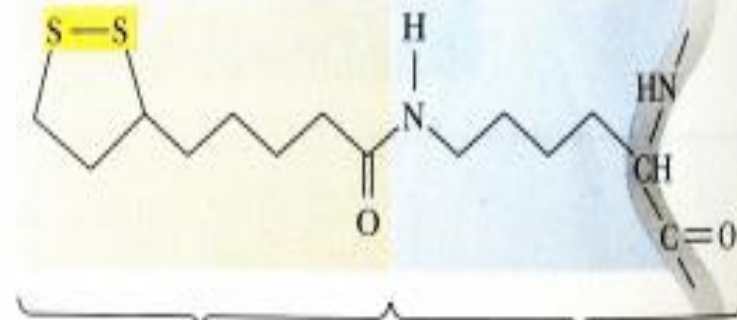
Lipoic acid, oxidized form

(b)



Reduced form

(c)



Lipoic acid

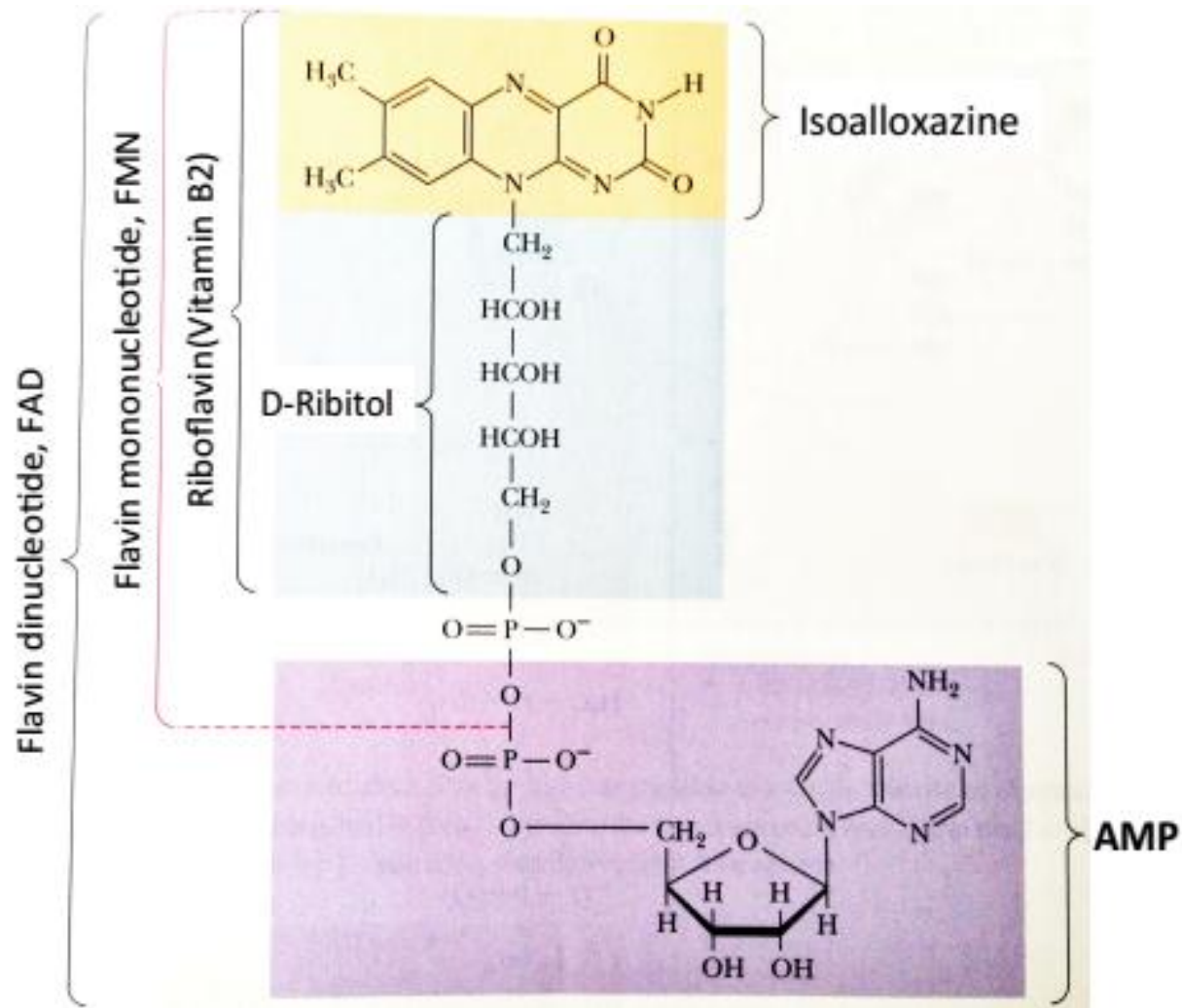
Lysine

Lipoyllysine (lipoamide)

## Lipoic acid (硫辛酸)

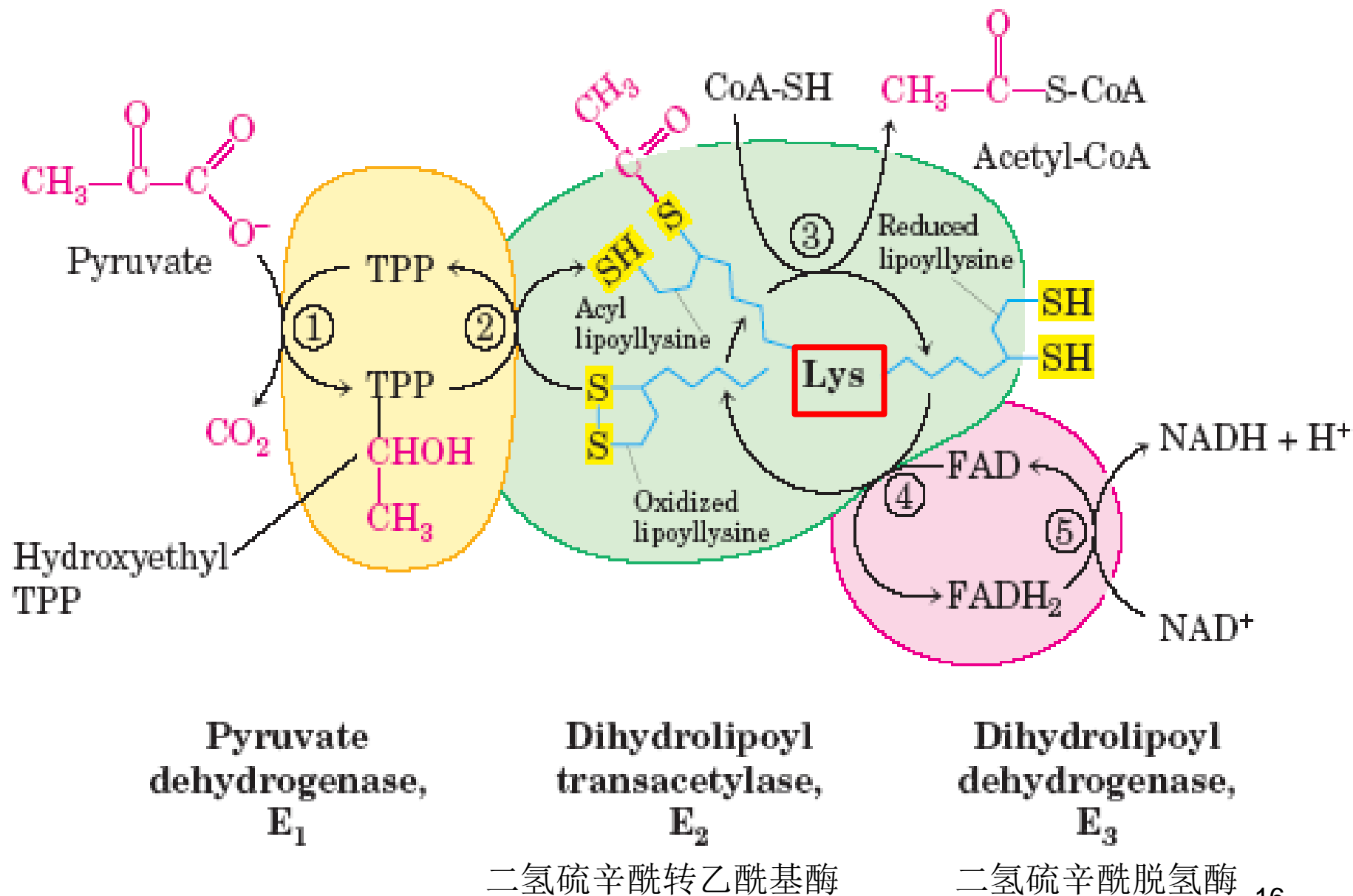


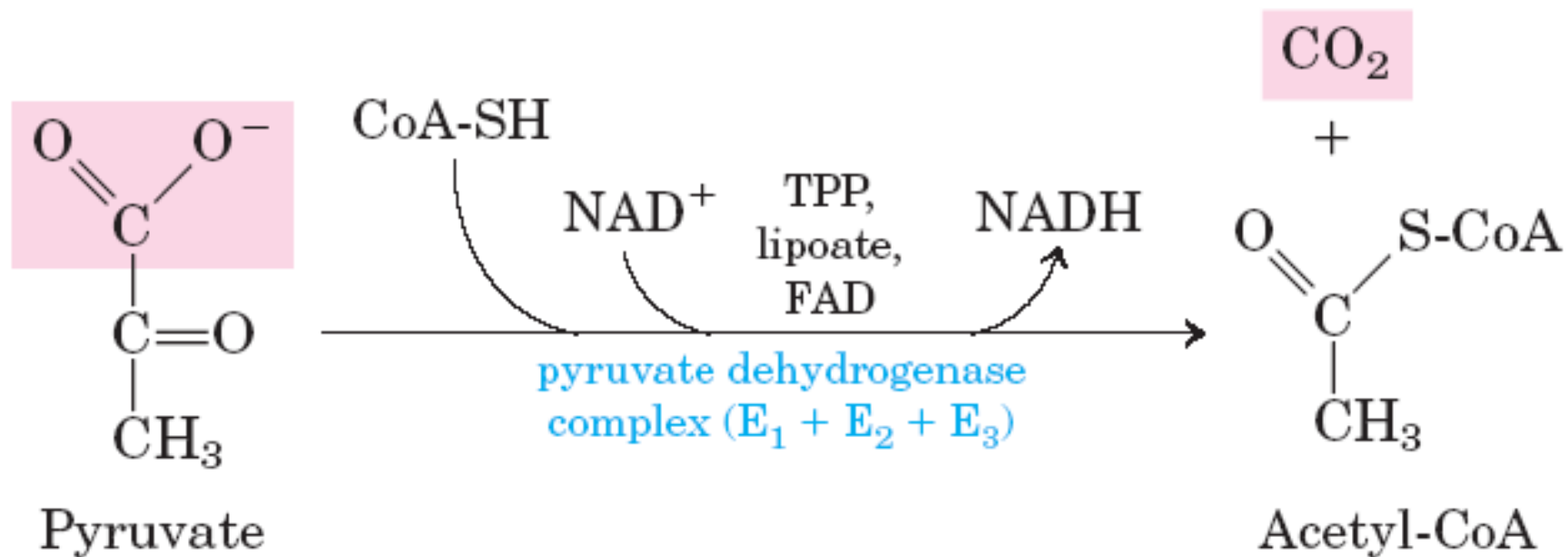
# Dihydrolipoyl dehydrogenase (E3) 二氢硫辛酰脱氢酶



The flavin coenzymes—FAD/FADH<sub>2</sub>







$$\Delta G'^{\circ} = -33.4 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

### 3. Reactions of TCA

central metabolic pathway 中心代谢途径

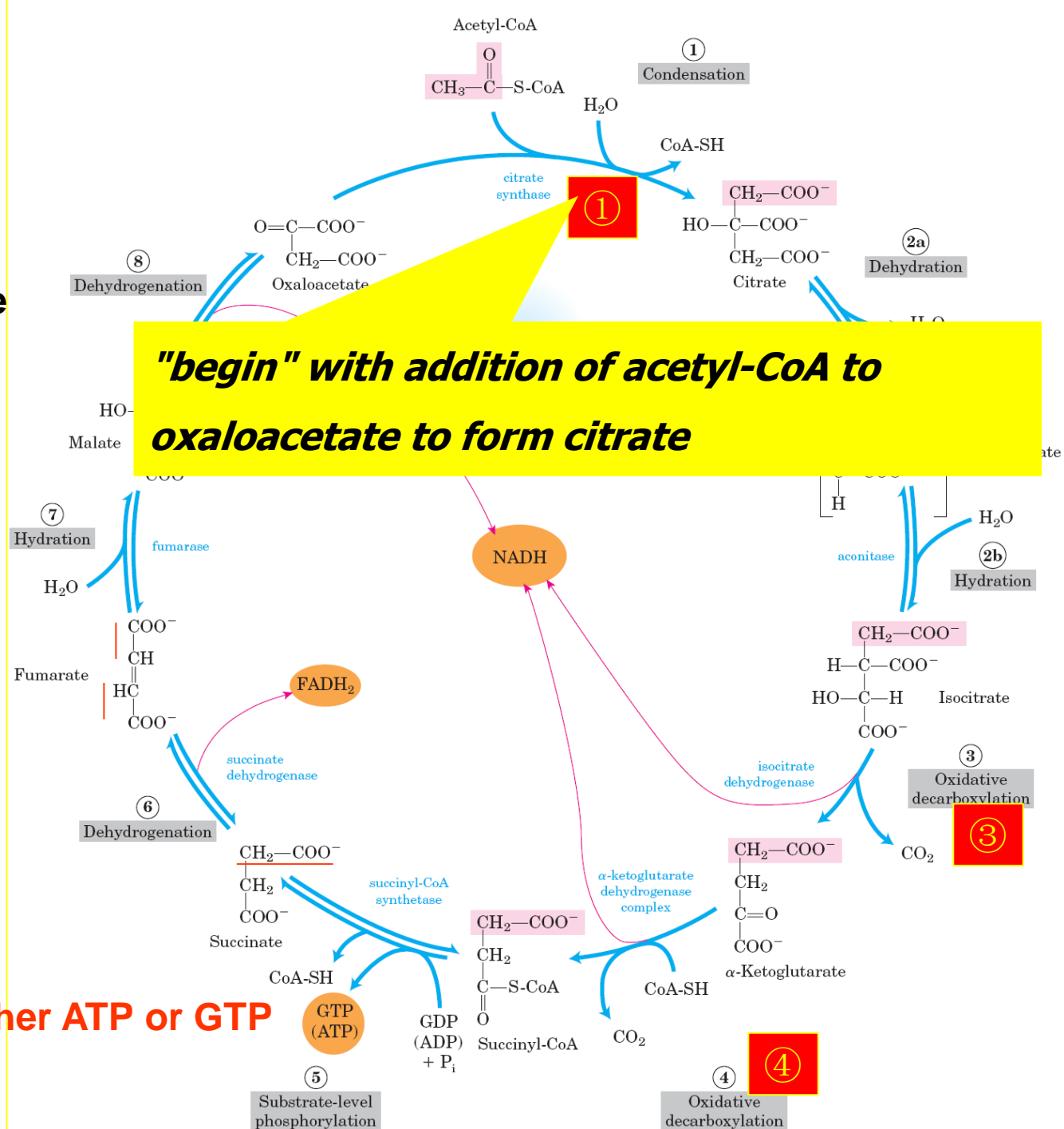
- a) generates **NADH** and **FADH<sub>2</sub>**
- b) produces **GTP** via **substrate-level phosphorylation**
- c) Many metabolic processes use intermediates of the **TCA** in their pathways.

# Eight Steps

Steps 1, 3, and 4 are essentially irreversible

Four oxidation steps -  
-- NADH and FADH<sub>2</sub>.

Step 5 may be either ATP or GTP



# The Citric Acid Cycle Has Eight Steps

## Phase 1: Introduction and Loss of Two Carbon Atoms

Step 1: Introduction of Two Carbon Atoms as **Acetyl-CoA**

Step 2: Isomerization (异构化) of **Citrate** (柠檬酸)

Step 3: Generation of  $\text{CO}_2$  by an  $\text{NAD}^+$  Linked Dehydrogenase

Step 4: Generation of a Second  $\text{CO}_2$  by a Multienzyme Complex

## Phase 2: Regeneration of Oxaloacetate (草酰乙酸)

Step 5: A Substrate-Level Phosphorylation

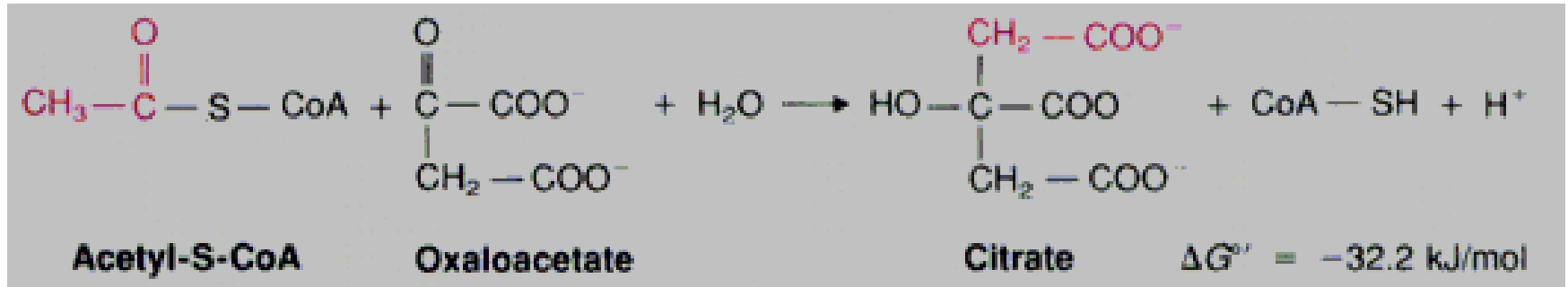
Step 6: A Flavin-Dependent Dehydrogenase

Step 7: Hydration 水合作用 of a Carbon-Carbon Double Bond

Step 8: A Dehydrogenation that Regenerates Oxaloacetate

## Phase 1: Introduction and Loss of Two Carbon Atoms

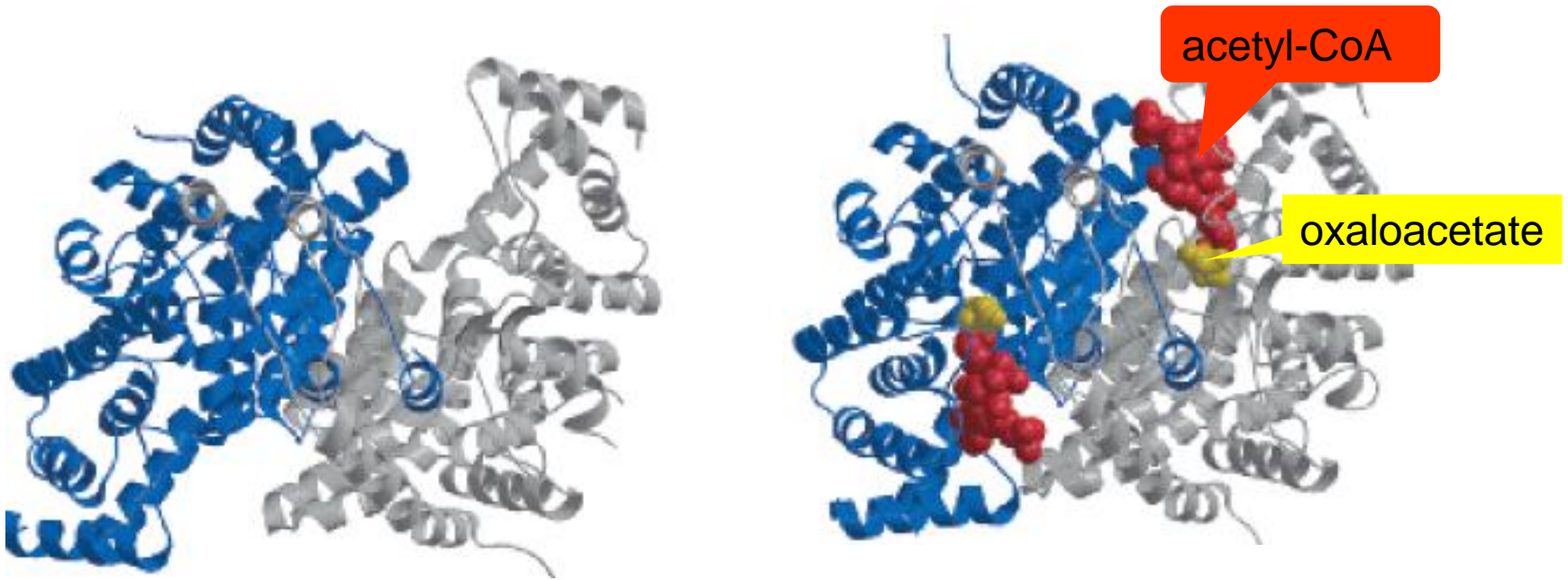
### Step 1: Introduction of Two Carbon Atoms as Acetyl-CoA



柠檬酸合酶 citrate synthase

## TCA 限速酶

The large, negative standard free-energy change of the citrate synthase reaction is essential to the operation of the cycle

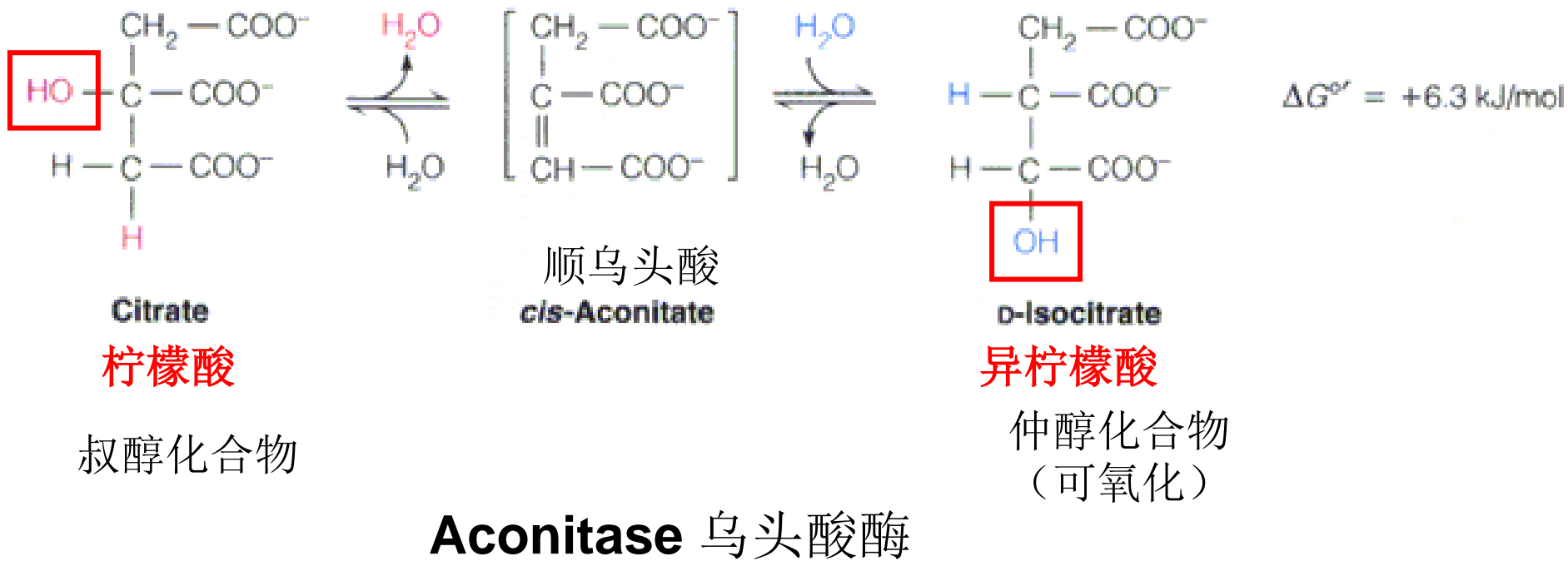


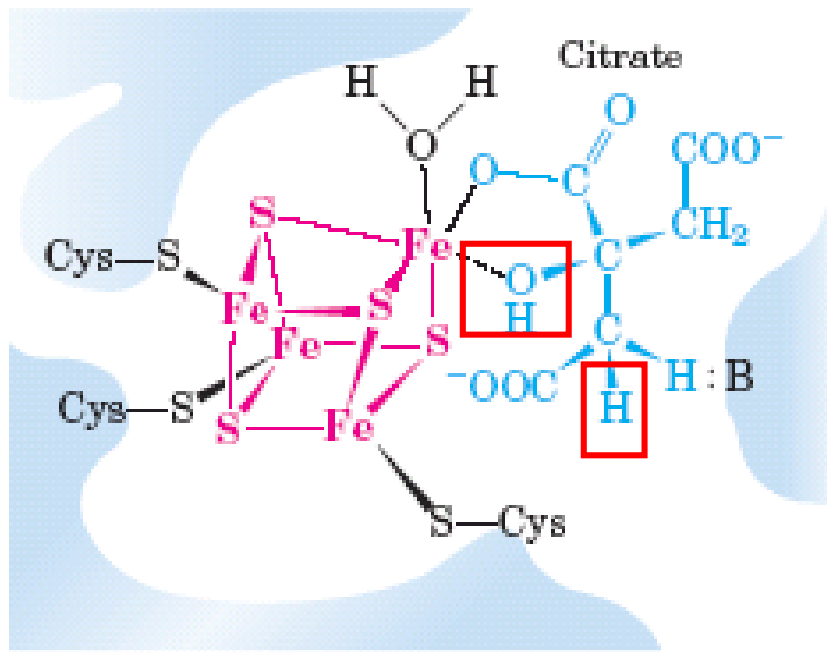
## Structure of citrate synthase (二聚体)

Each subunit undergoes a conformational change on binding **oxaloacetate** creating a binding site for **acetyl-CoA**.



## Step 2: Isomerization of Citrate





## Aconitase

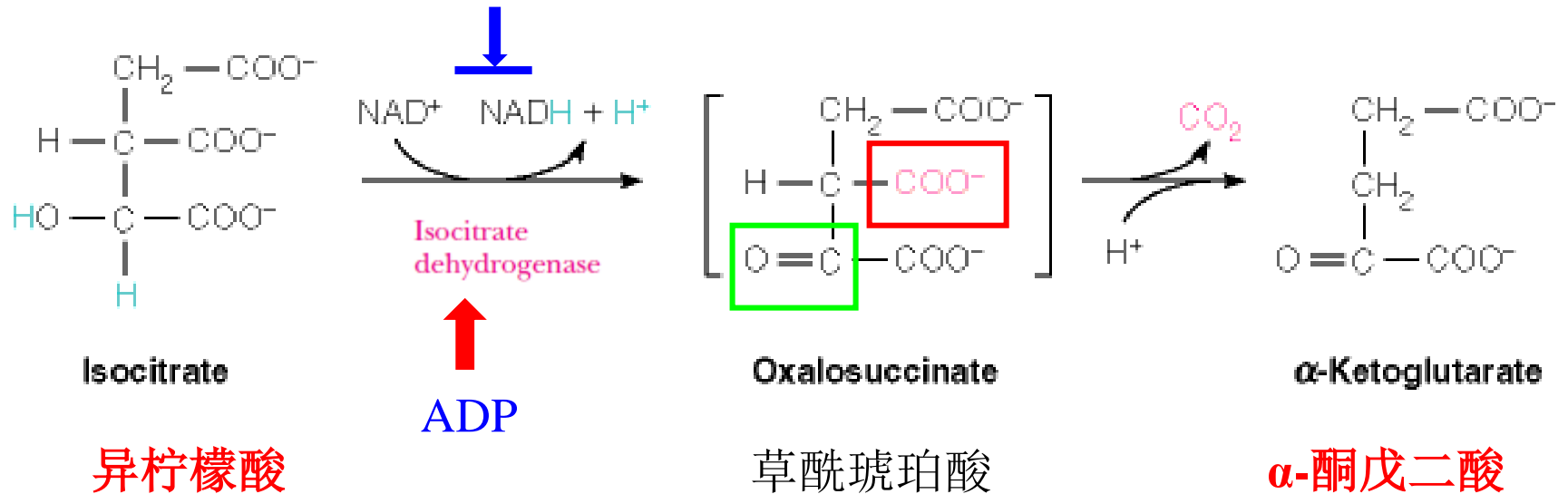
乌头酸酶

(iron-sulfur center)

- Three Cys residues bind **three iron** atoms
- The **fourth iron** is bound to one of the carboxyl groups of citrate and -OH group of citrate.
- A basic residue (:B) helps to position the **citrate** in the active site.

### Step 3: Generation of CO<sub>2</sub> by an NAD<sup>+</sup> Linked Dehydrogenase

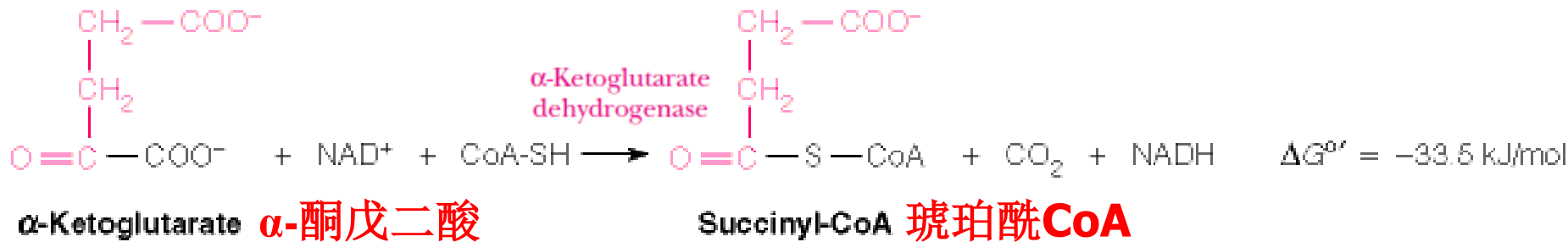
ATP, NADH inhibit the activity of isocitrate dehydrogenase



**Isocitrate dehydrogenase (IDH) 异柠檬酸脱氢酶**

酮酸的形成可促进临近C-C键的断裂，有利于脱羧作用的进行

## Step 4 Generation of a Second CO<sub>2</sub> by a Multienzyme Complex



1.  $\alpha$  -KG dehydrogenase (E1)
2. Dihydrolipoamide transacetylase (E2) 二氢硫辛酰转琥珀酰酶
3. Dihydrolipoamide dehydrogenase (E3) 二氢硫辛酰脱氢酶

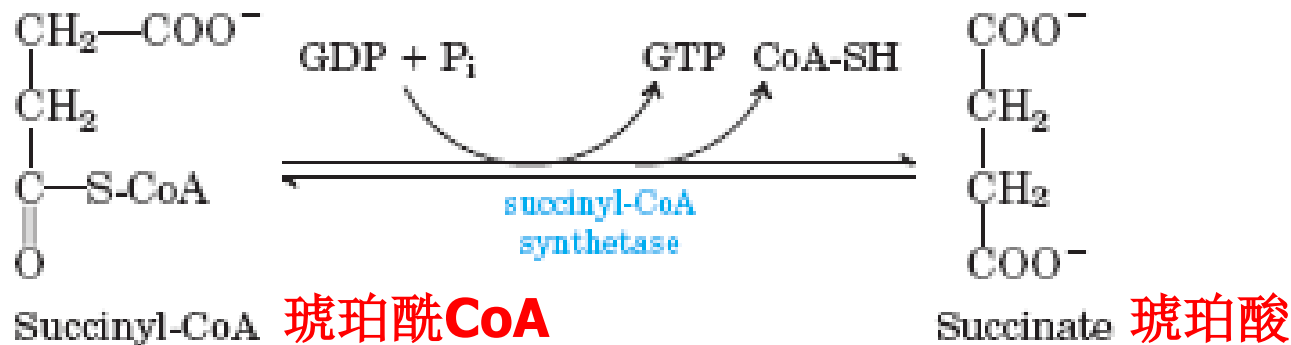
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5. CoASH

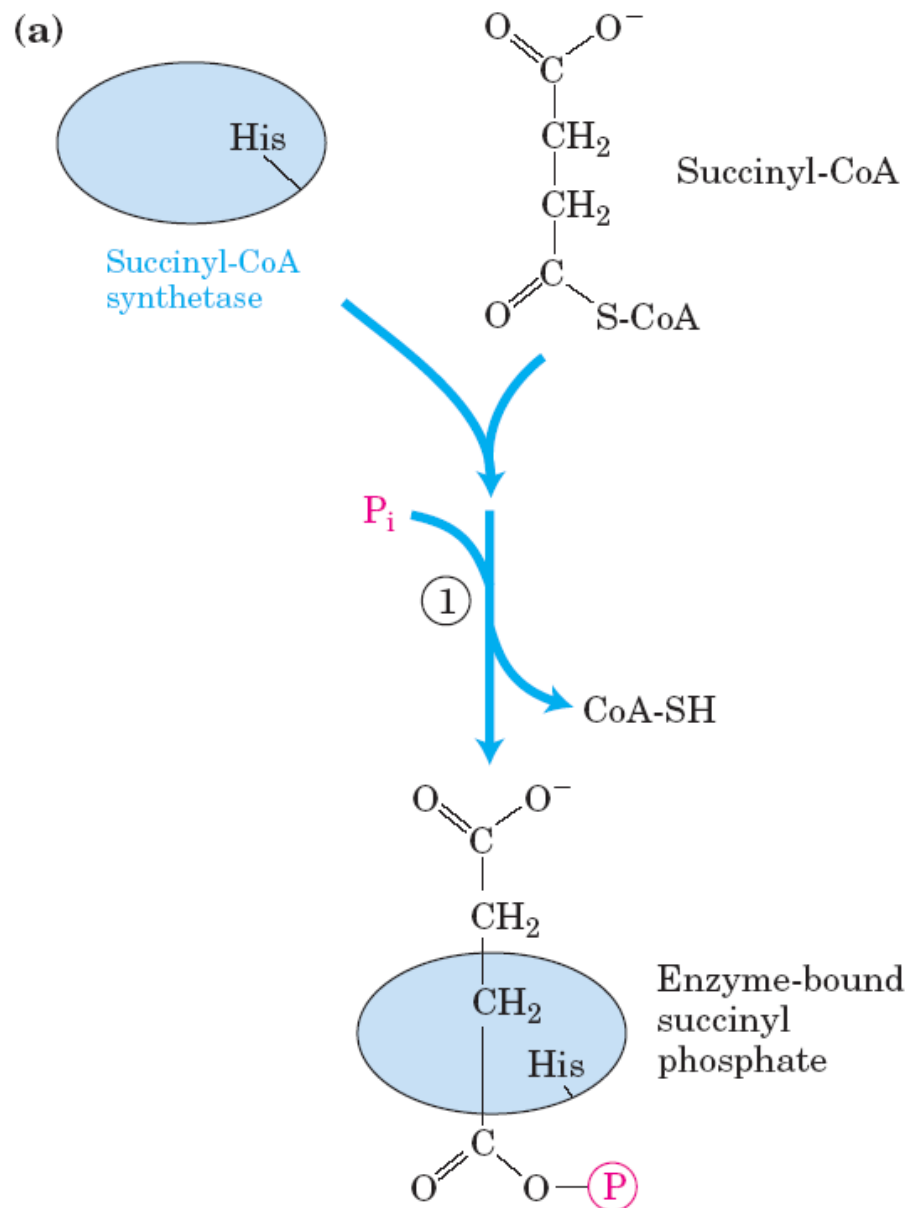
## Phase 2: Regeneration of Oxaloacetate (草酰乙酸)

### Step 5: Conversion of Succinyl-CoA to Succinate

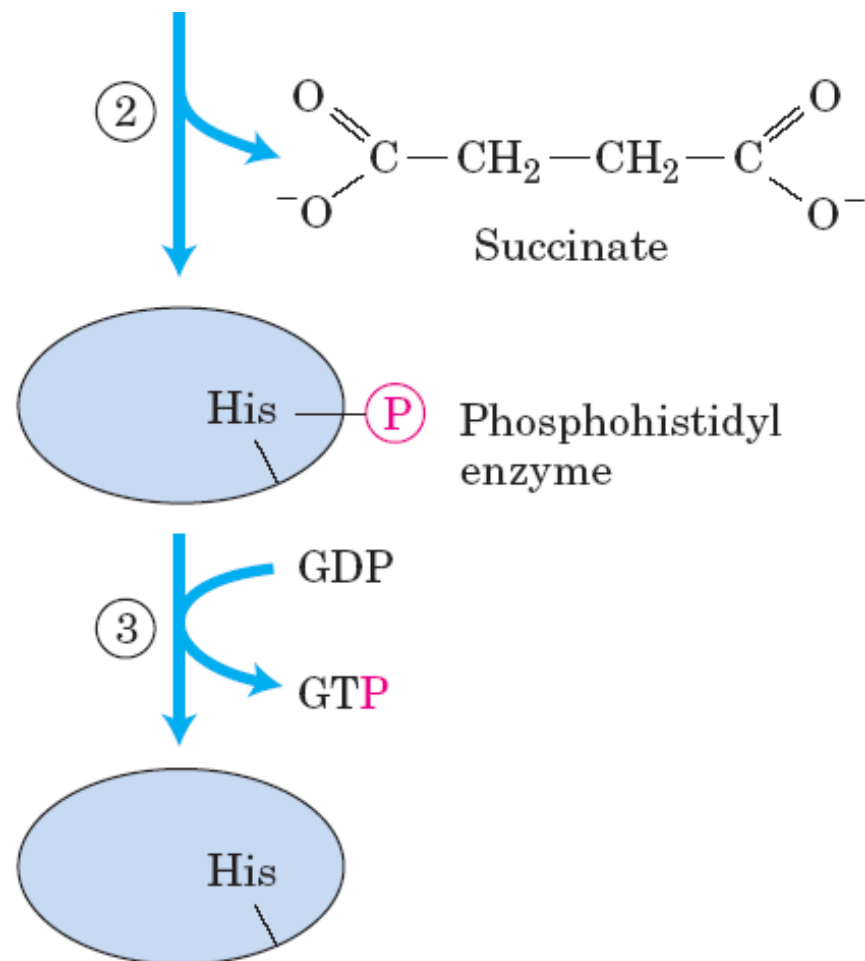
- 琥珀酰CoA合成酶— **GTP** (animal) **or ATP** (plant & microorganism)
- 底物水平磷酸化



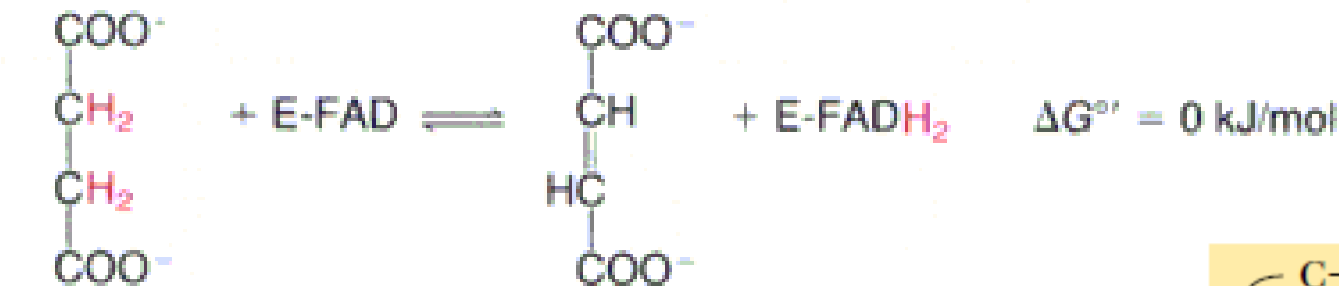
Different from **synthase**  $\Delta G'^{\circ} = -2.9 \text{ kJ/mol}$



高能酰基磷酸



## Step 6: Oxidation of Succinate to Fumarate



Succinate 琥珀酸

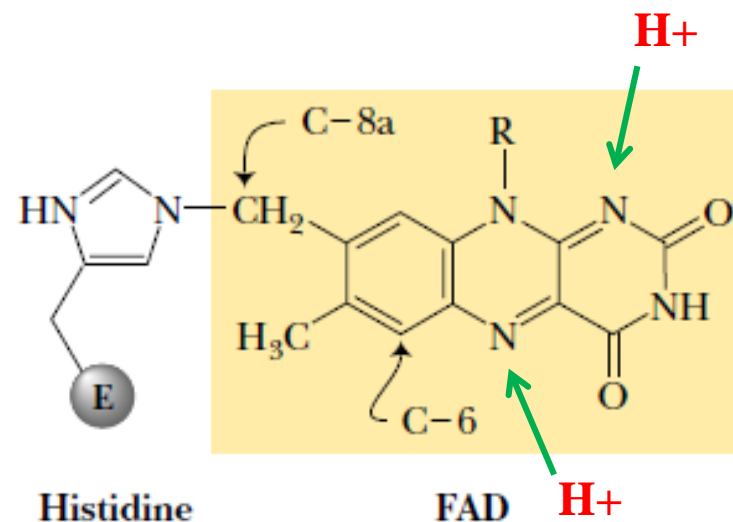
Fumarate 延胡索酸

琥珀酸脱氢酶

### ●succinate dehydrogenase-

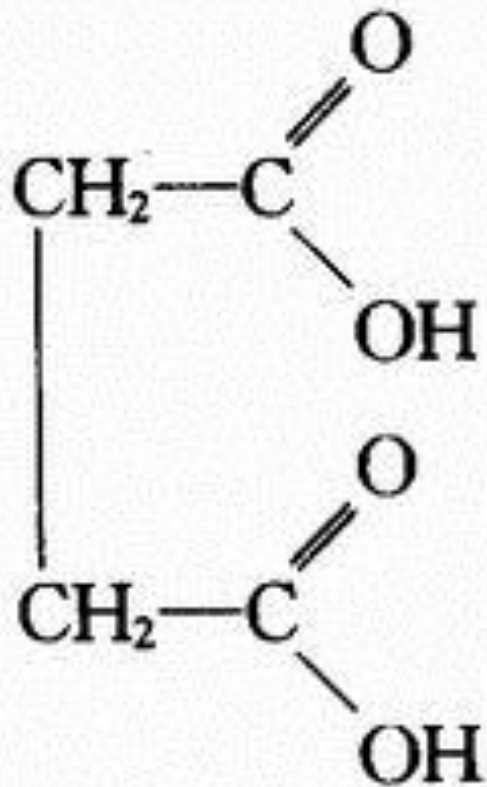
--A Flavin-Dependent Dehydrogenase

### ●Only enzyme of TCA is **membrane-bound**

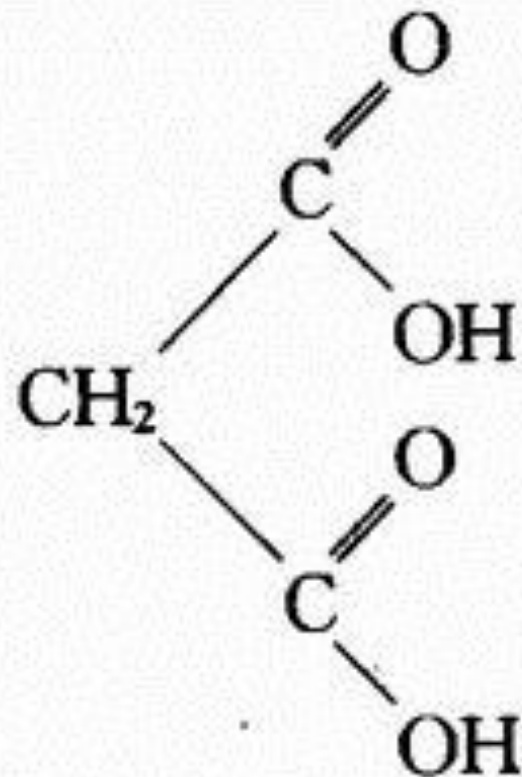




## Malonate (丙二酸) competitive inhibitor

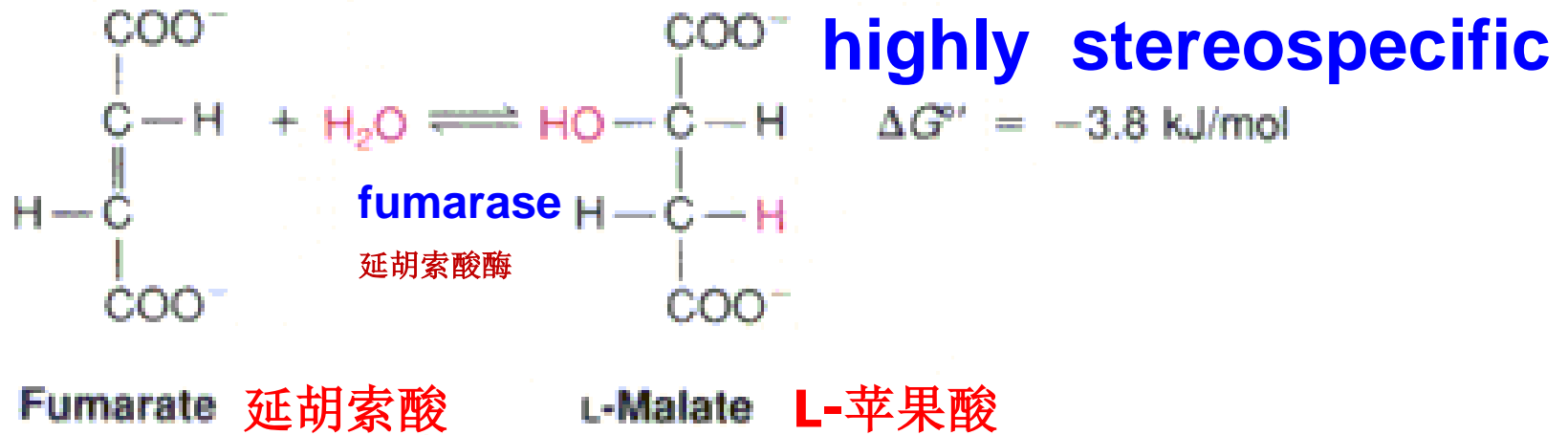


琥珀酸

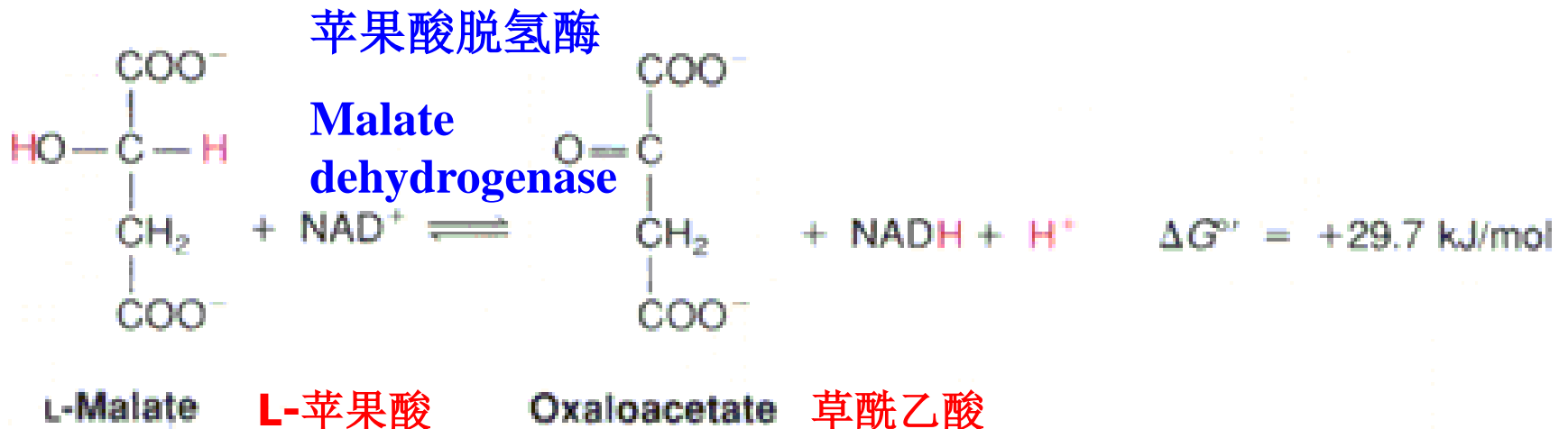


丙二酸

## Step 7: Hydration of Fumarate to Malate



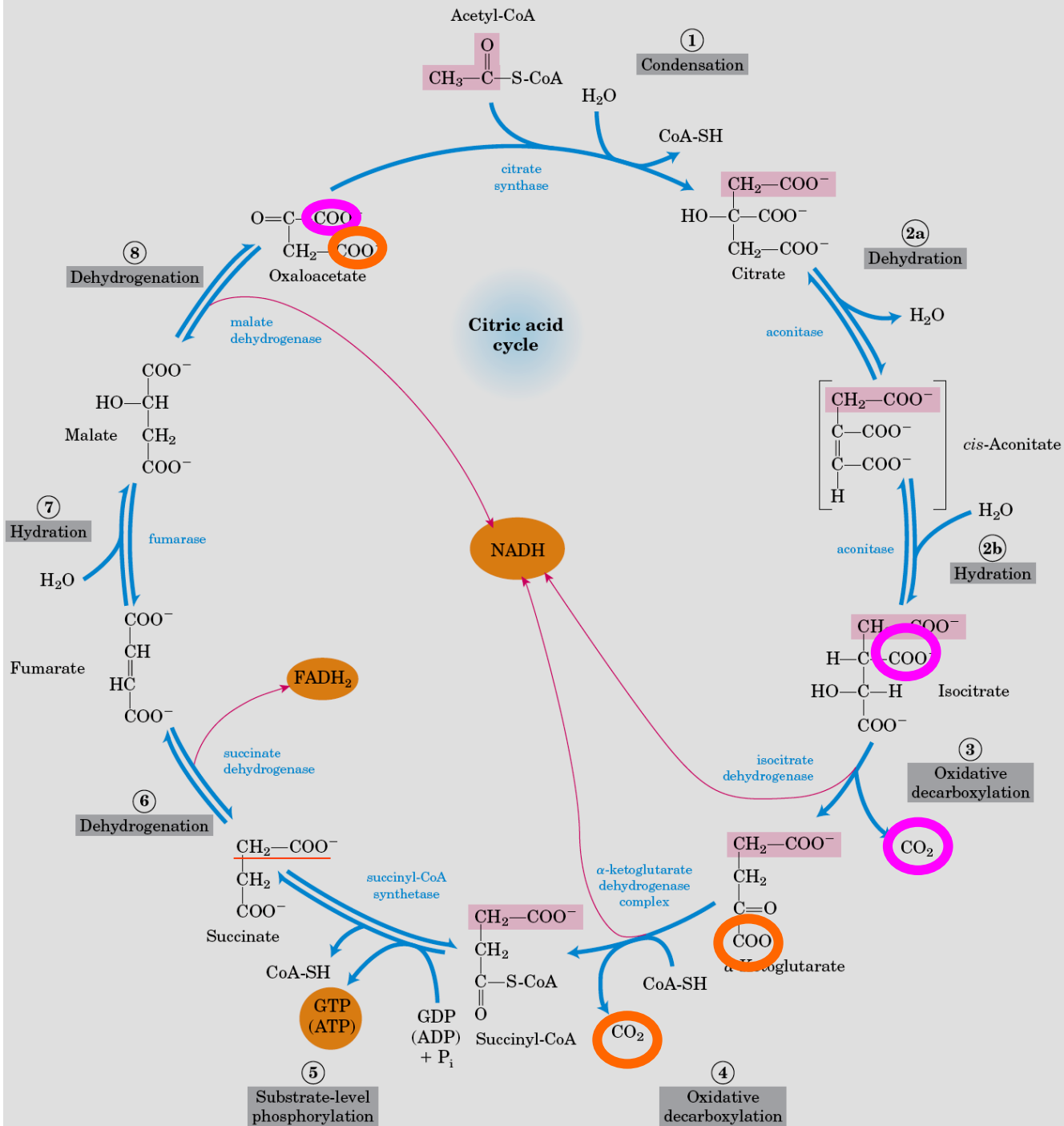
## Step 8: Oxidation of Malate to Oxaloacetate



Reaction	Enzyme	$\Delta G^{\circ}$ (kJ/mol)
1. Acetyl-CoA + oxaloacetate + H <sub>2</sub> O $\longrightarrow$ citrate + CoA-SH + H <sup>+</sup>	Citrate synthase	-32.2
2a. Citrate $\rightleftharpoons$ <i>cis</i> -aconitate + H <sub>2</sub> O	Aconitase	+6.3
2b. <i>cis</i> -Aconitate + H <sub>2</sub> O $\rightleftharpoons$ isocitrate	Aconitase	
3. Isocitrate + NAD <sup>+</sup> $\rightleftharpoons$ $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate + CO <sub>2</sub> + NADH	Isocitrate dehydrogenase	-20.9
4. $\alpha$ -Ketoglutarate + NAD <sup>+</sup> + CoA-SH $\rightleftharpoons$ succinyl-CoA + CO <sub>2</sub> + NADH	$\alpha$ -Ketoglutarate dehydrogenase complex	-33.5
5. Succinyl-CoA + P <sub>i</sub> + GDP $\rightleftharpoons$ succinate + GTP + CoA-SH	Succinyl-CoA synthetase	-2.9
6. Succinate + FAD (enzyme-bound) $\rightleftharpoons$ fumarate + FADH <sub>2</sub> (enzyme-bound)	Succinate dehydrogenase	0
7. Fumarate + H <sub>2</sub> O $\rightleftharpoons$ L-malate	Fumarase	-3.8
8. L-Malate + NAD <sup>+</sup> $\rightleftharpoons$ oxaloacetate + NADH + H <sup>+</sup>	Malate dehydrogenase	+29.7
	Net	-57.3

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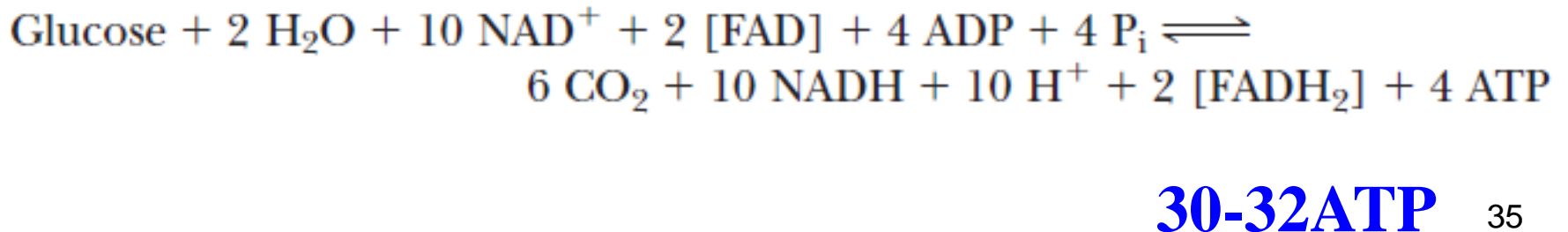
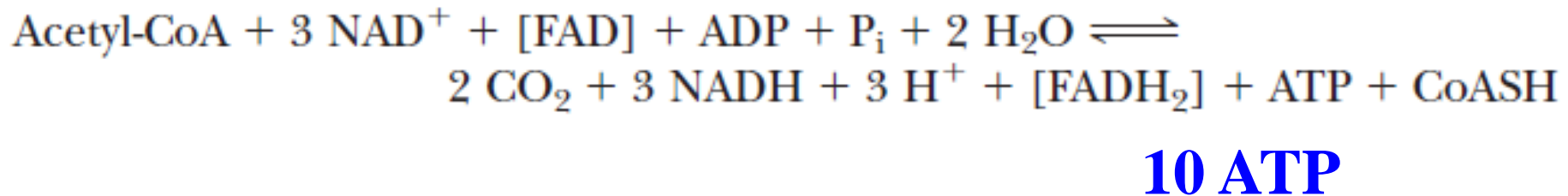
- **A two-carbon acetyl** entered the cycle by combining with oxaloacetate.
- 2C atoms emerged from the cycle as  $\text{CO}_2$  from the oxidation of **isocitrate** and  **$\alpha$ -ketoglutarate**.
- 2C atoms appearing as  $\text{CO}_2$  are not the same 2C that entered in the form of the acetyl group



# The Energy of Oxidations in the Cycle

**For each acetyl-CoA oxidized by the citric acid cycle**

**3 NADH**  
**1 FADH<sub>2</sub>**  
**1 ATP or GTP**



The TCA cycle provides intermediates for biosynthesis besides generating energy

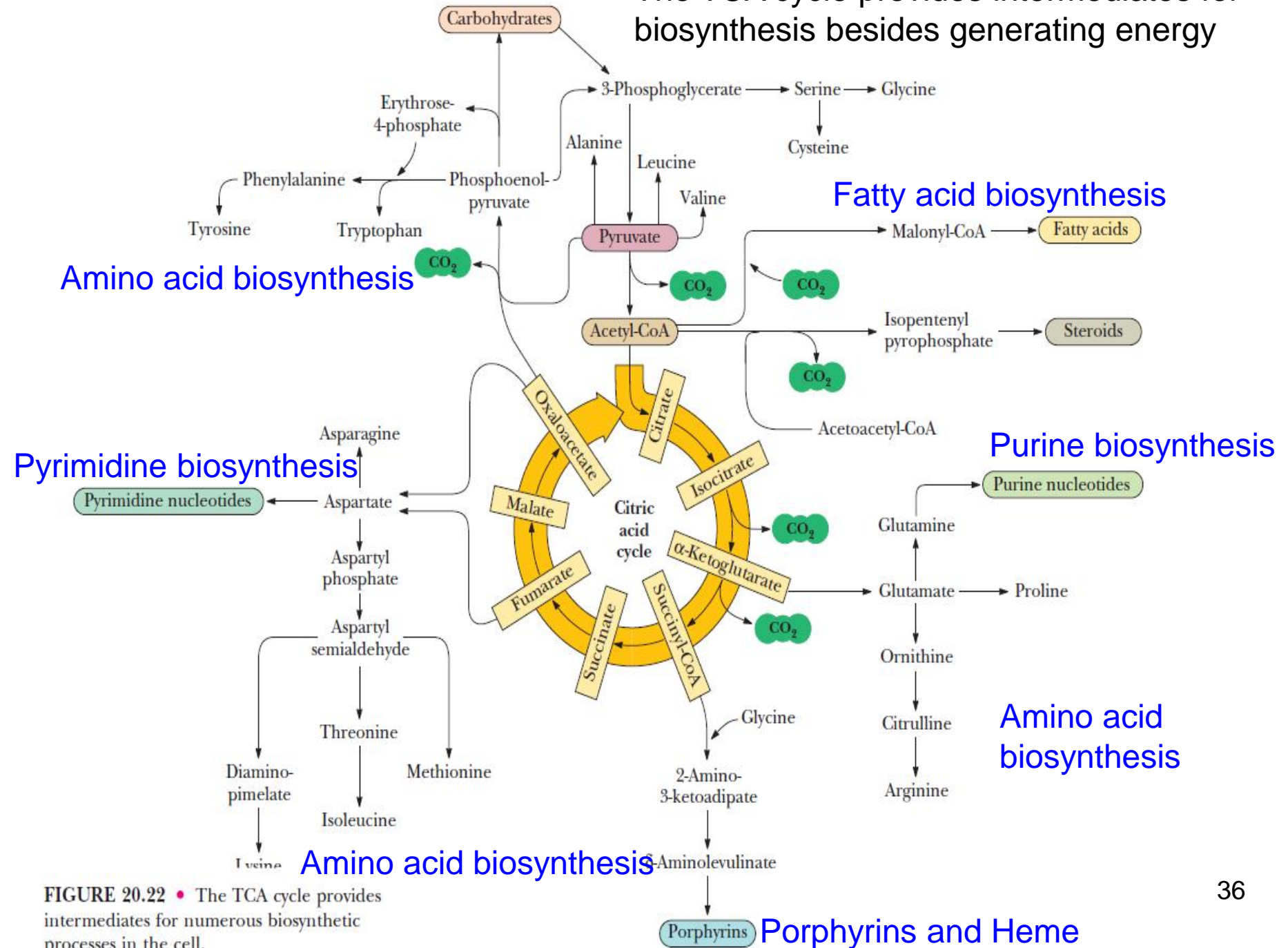
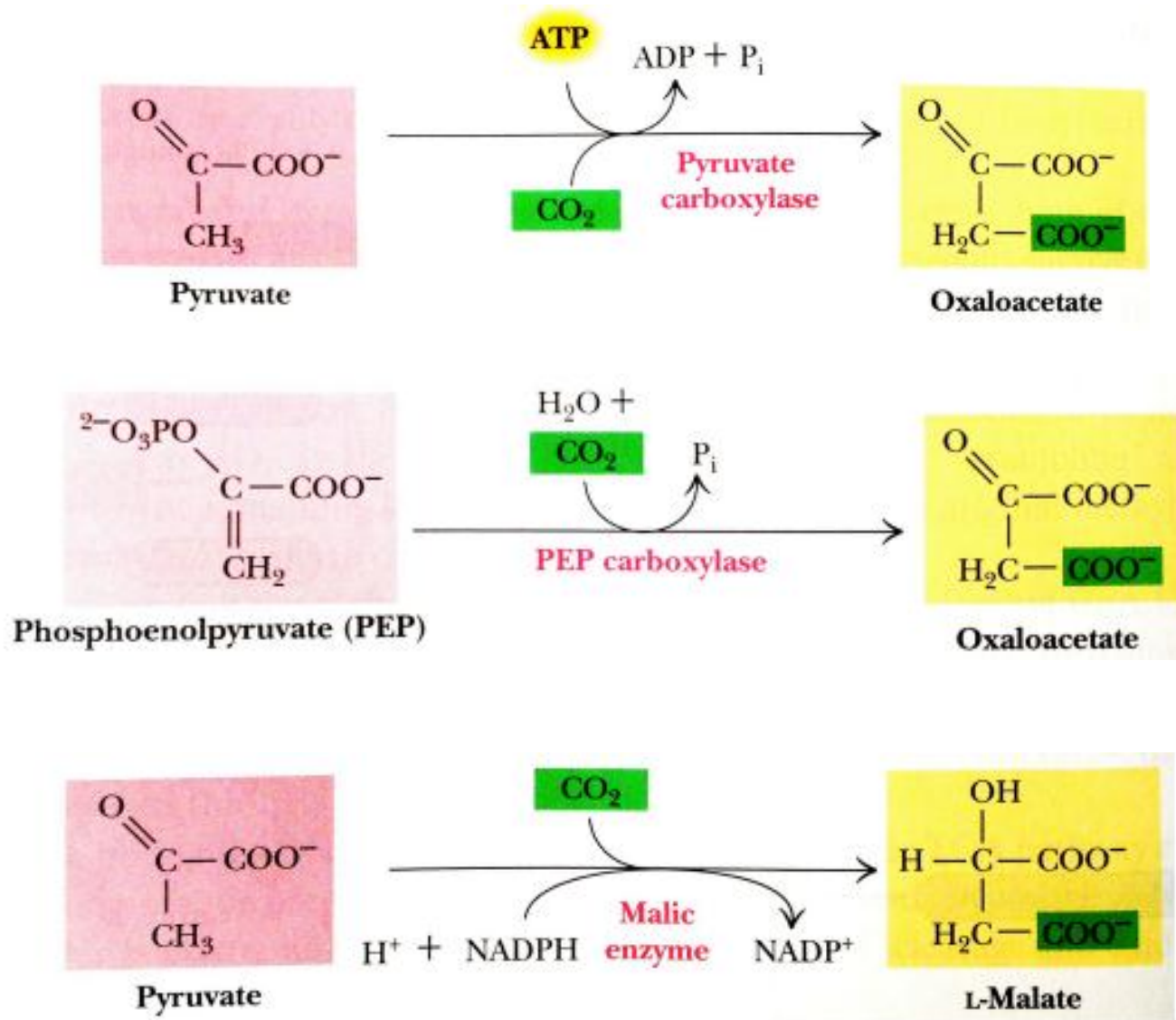


FIGURE 20.22 • The TCA cycle provides intermediates for numerous biosynthetic processes in the cell.



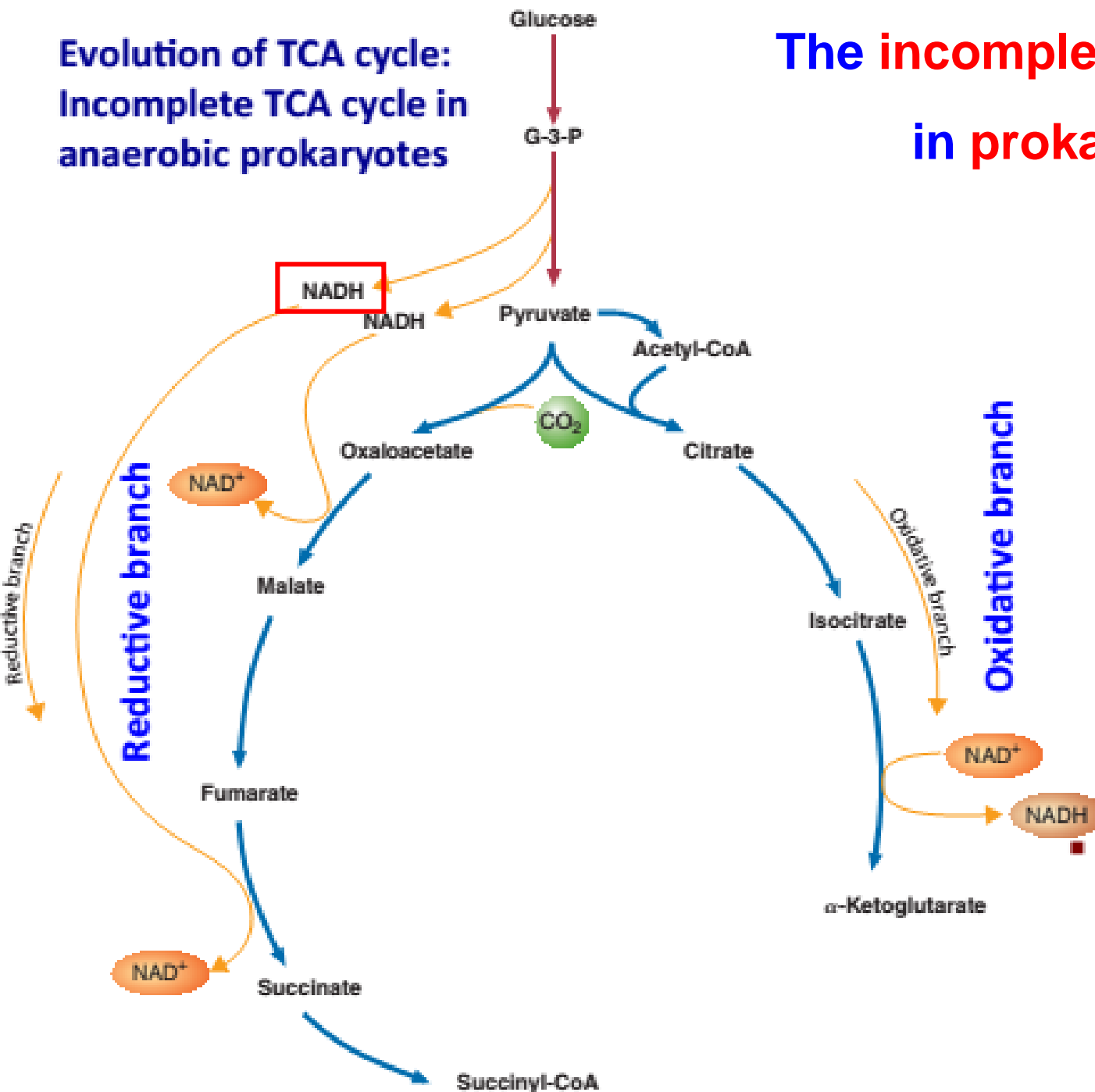
# Anaplerotic reactions to fill up TCA

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Evolution of TCA cycle:  
Incomplete TCA cycle in  
anaerobic prokaryotes

The incomplete TCA Cycle  
in prokaryotes

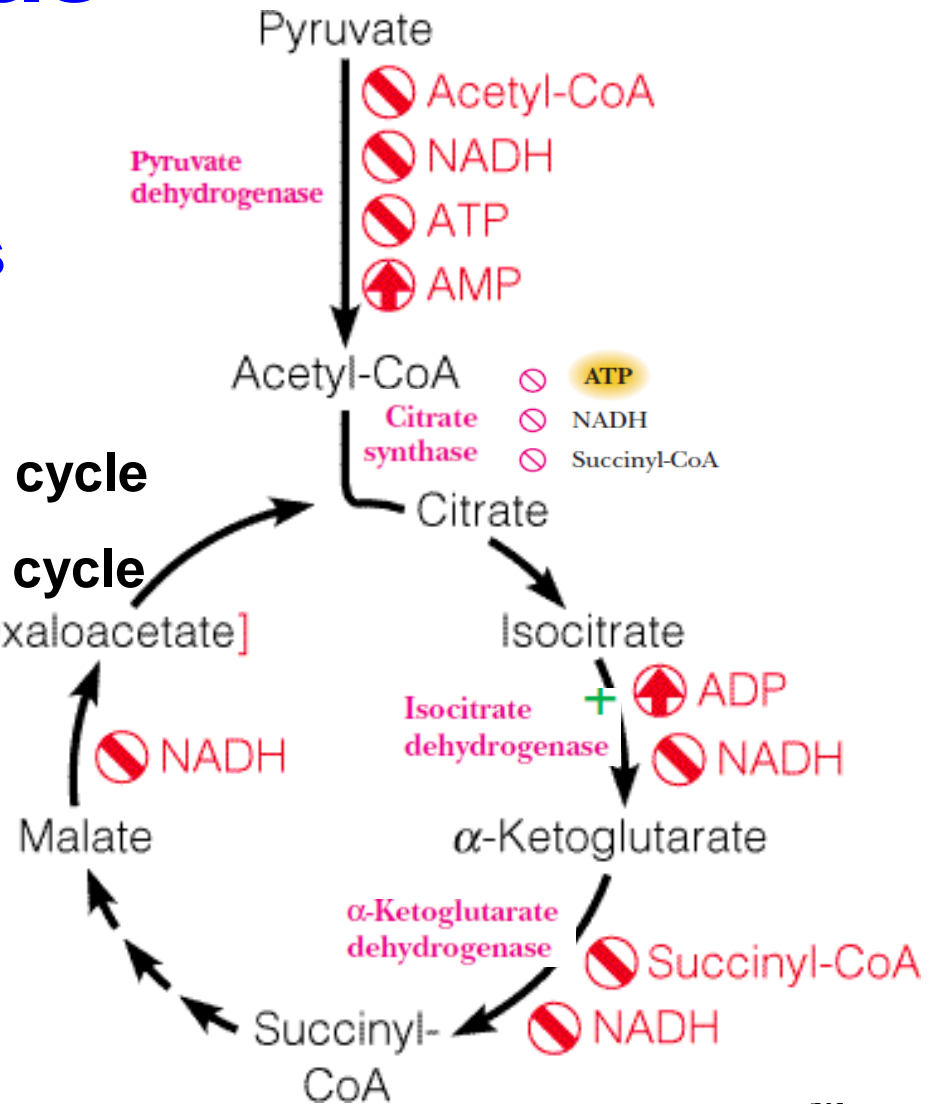


# 4. Regulation of Pyruvate Dehydrogenase and the Citric Acid Cycle

regulated in two primary ways

controlling the entry of fuel into the cycle

controlling key reactions within the cycle



## 4.1 Controlling the **entry** of fuel into the cycle

➤ **Pyruvate dehydrogenase** -- major regulatory point for entry of materials into TCA

### □ Allosteric Regulation (E2 & E3)

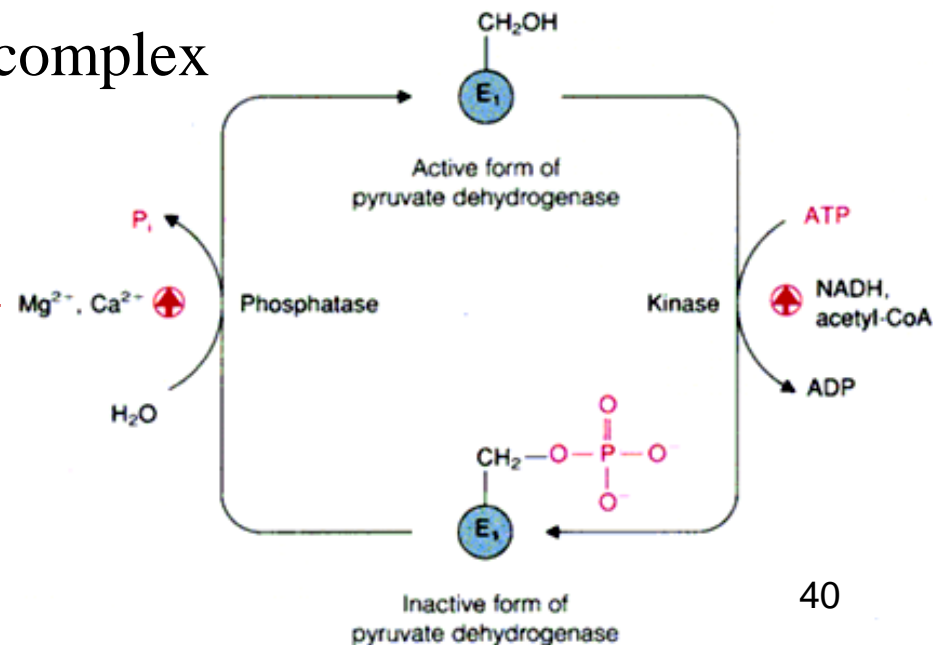
**E2** - inhibited by **acetyl-CoA**, activated by **CoA-SH**

**E3** - inhibited by **NADH**, activated by **NAD<sup>+</sup>**.

**ATP**: allosteric inhibitor of the complex

**AMP**: activator

### □ Covalent Regulation (E1)



## 4.2 Key reactions **within the cycle:**

### **allosteric regulation & Covalent Regulation**

- **isocitrate dehydrogenase**

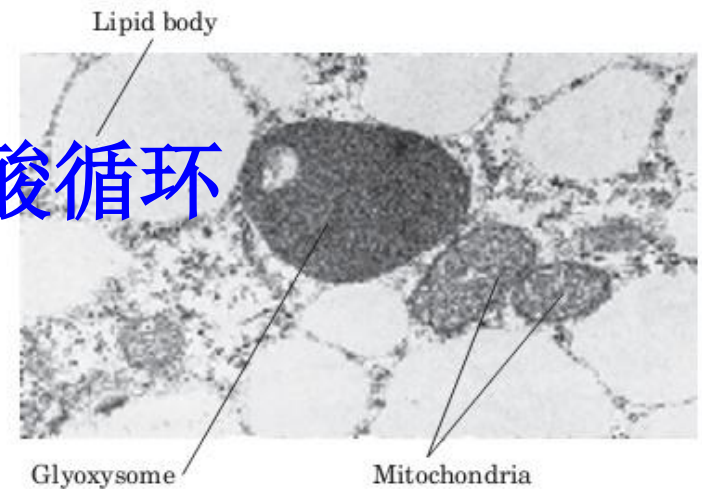
- Activated by **ADP**, inhibited by **NADH**

- **Phosphorylation** of **one serine** residue in the enzyme prevents binding of **isocitrate**

- **$\alpha$ -ketoglutarate dehydrogenase**

Inhibited by **succinyl-CoA** and **NADH**

# 5 .Glyoxylate Cycle 乙醛酸循环



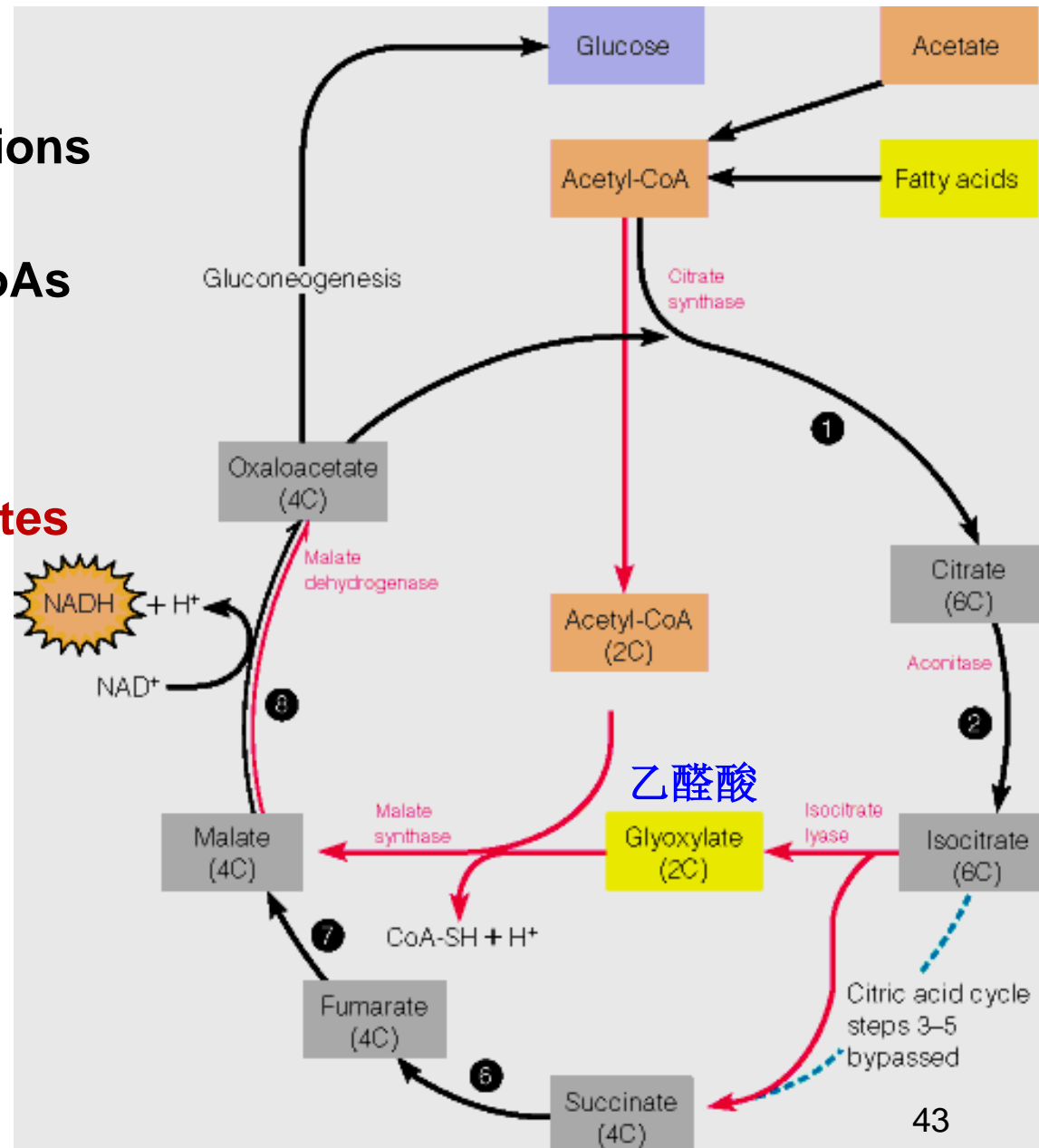
- **Plants**
- **some bacteria** (including *E. coli* and yeast)
- **converting acetate (乙酸) to carbohydrate.**
- **No decarboxylations (脱羧) steps**
  - **isocitrate lyase 异柠檬酸裂合酶**
  - **malate synthase 苹果酸合酶**

➤ **five steps**

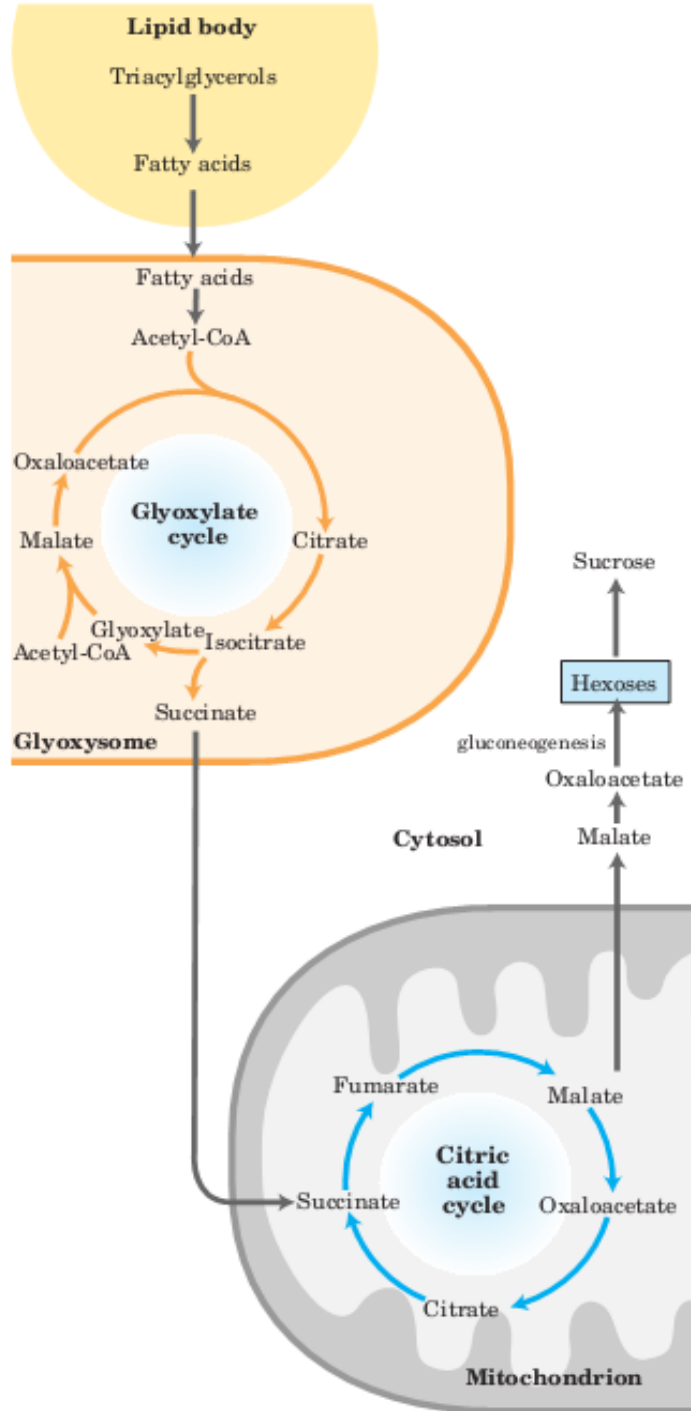
➤ **Lack CO<sub>2</sub> liberating reactions**

➤ **Consumes **two** acetyl-CoAs**  
**and one oxaloacetate**

➤ **Produces **two** oxaloacetates**







- In plants, bacteria and yeast (not animals)

- **Glyoxylate cycle:**  $2C \rightarrow G$

➤ In animals, acetyl CoA is not a carbon source for the net formation of glucose !!

# Summary

- **Pyruvate** produced in glycolysis (cytosol) is transported into mitochondria
- Pyruvate is converted **to acetyl-coenzyme A** by the **pyruvate dehydrogenase complex**
- Acetyl-CoA enters the TCA cycle and is oxidized to  $\text{CO}_2$
- The electrons liberated from TCA are passed **via NADH** and  **$\text{FADH}_2$**  through an membrane-associated electron-transport pathway to  $\text{O}_2$ , the final electron receptor and produce ATP

## 思考题

1. Although oxygen does not participate directly in the citric acid cycle, the cycle operates only when  $O_2$  is present. Why?
2. What is Glyoxylate Cycle ? What are the main enzymes?
3. Thiamine deficiency (硫胺素缺乏) individuals with a thiamine-deficient diet have relatively high levels of pyruvate in their blood. Explain this in biochemical terms.
4. 什么是三羧酸循环？详述其具体过程。三羧酸循环的生理意义是什么？