

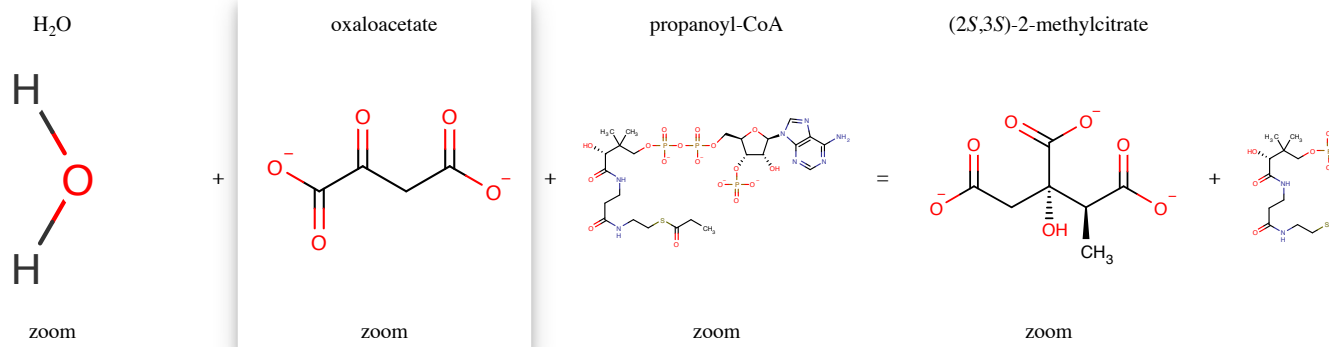

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 $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{oxaloacetate} + \text{propanoyl-CoA} = 2\text{-methylcitrate} + \text{CoA} + \text{H}^+$

Publications

- **Identification of two prpDBC gene clusters in *Corynebacterium glutamicum* and their involvement in propionate degradation via the 2-methylcitrate cycle.**

Claes W.A., Puehler A., Kalinowski J.

Genome sequencing revealed that the *Corynebacterium glutamicum* genome contained, besides *gltA*, two additional citrate synthase homologous genes (*prpC*) located in two different *prpDBC* gene clusters, which were designated *prpD1B1C1* and *prpD2B2C2*. The coding regions of the two gene clusters as well a ...
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- **Methylcitrate cycle activation during adaptation of *Fusarium solani* and *Fusarium verticillioides* to propionyl-CoA-generating carbon sources.**

Domin N., Wilson D., Brock M.

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- **The methylcitric acid pathway in *Ralstonia eutropha*: new genes identified involved in propionate metabolism.**

Bramer C.O., Steinbuechel A.

From *Ralstonia eutropha* HF39 null-allele mutants were created by Tn5 mutagenesis and by homologous recombination which were impaired in growth on propionic acid and levulinic acid. From the molecular, physiological and enzymic analysis of these mutants it was concluded that in this bacterium propi ... >> More

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- **Propionate oxidation in *Escherichia coli*: evidence for operation of a methylcitrate cycle in bacteria.**

Textor S., Wendisch V.F., de Graaf A.A., Mueller U., Linder M.I., Linder D., Buckel W.

Escherichia coli grew in a minimal medium on propionate as the sole carbon and energy source. Initially a lag phase of 4-7 days was observed. Cells adapted to propionate still required 1-2 days before growth commenced. Incorporation of (2-¹³C), (3-¹³C) or (2H³)propionate into alanine revealed by N ... >> More

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- **Citrate synthase and 2-methylcitrate synthase: structural, functional and evolutionary relationships.**

Gerike U., Hough D.W., Russell N.J., Dyall-Smith M.L., Danson M.J.

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- **Oxidation of propionate to pyruvate in *Escherichia coli*. Involvement of methylcitrate dehydratase and aconitase.**

Brock M., Maerker C., Schuetz A., Voelker U., Buckel W.

The pathway of the oxidation of propionate to pyruvate in *Escherichia coli* involves five enzymes, only two of which, methylcitrate synthase and 2-methylisocitrate lyase, have been thoroughly characterized. Here we report that the isomerization of (2S,3S)-methylcitrate to (2R,3S)-2-methylisocitrate ... >> More

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- ***Salmonella typhimurium* LT2 catabolizes propionate via the 2-methylcitric acid cycle.**

Horswill A.R., Escalante-Semerena J.C.

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