



FATTY ACID OXIDATION

(This handout provided on the test if required)

- a. Neutral fat (triglycerides) converted to free fatty acids via lipases.
- b. Free fatty acids (R-COOH) enter cell and activated via:

[Note this reaction makes AMP and is equivalent to the consumption of 2 ATP molecules if they were converted to ADP]

c. Then the CoA thioester (R-CO-SCoA above) is degraded via the B-oxidation cycle as shown below. Note each turn releases acetyl-CoA which can enter the TCA cycle. 7 Turns of this pathway releases 8 molecules of acetyl-CoA.

MITOCHONDRIAL FATTY ACID OXIDATION (or B-oxidation)

E-1 acyl-CoA dehydrogenase

E-2 hydratase

E-3 hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase

E-4 thiolase

