

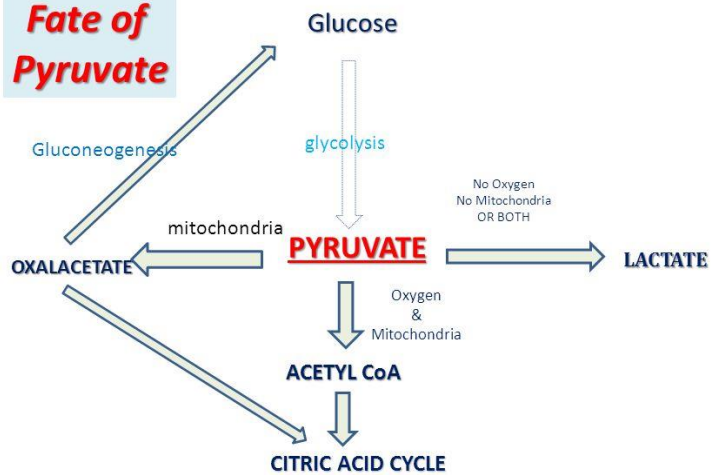
***THE CITRIC ACID CYCLE***  
***(KREBS CYCLE)***  
**TCA (tricarboxylic acid cycle)**

***THE OXIDATION OF PYRUVATE TO ACETYL CoA***

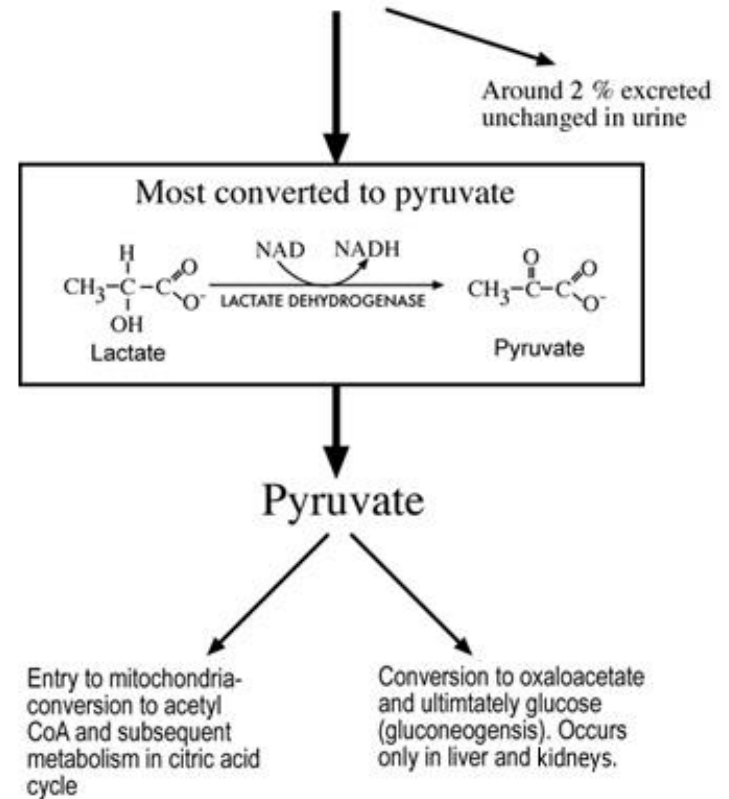
# LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Describe the oxidation of pyruvate
  1. What is PDH complex.
  2. What are the enzymes, co-enzymes and regulatory enzymes of PDH complex.
  3. Effect of deficiency of pyruvate dehydrogenase
  4. Reactions and ATPS generated in TCA cycle.
  5. Role of vitamins in TCA cycle

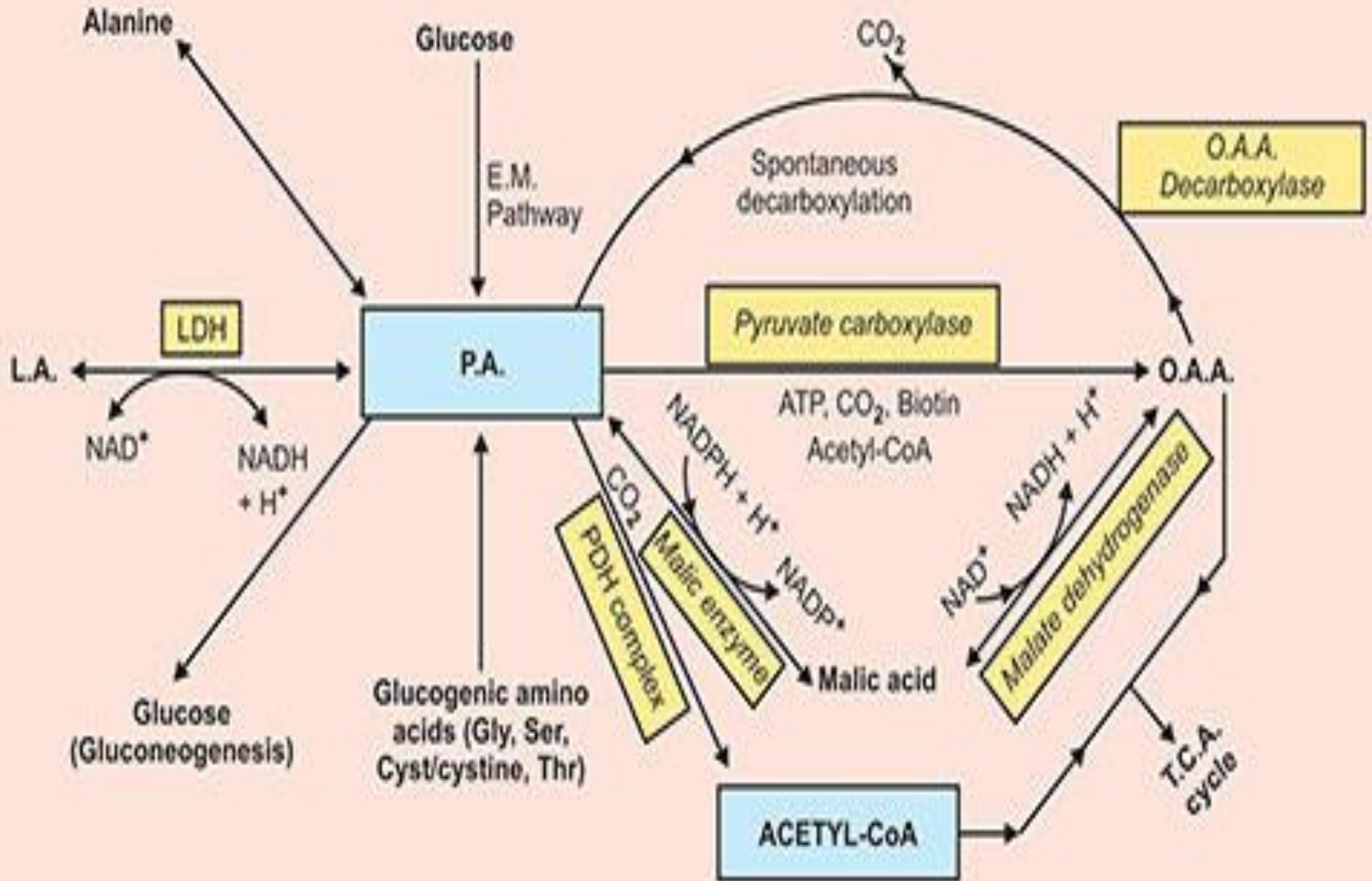
## Fate of Pyruvate



## LACTATE

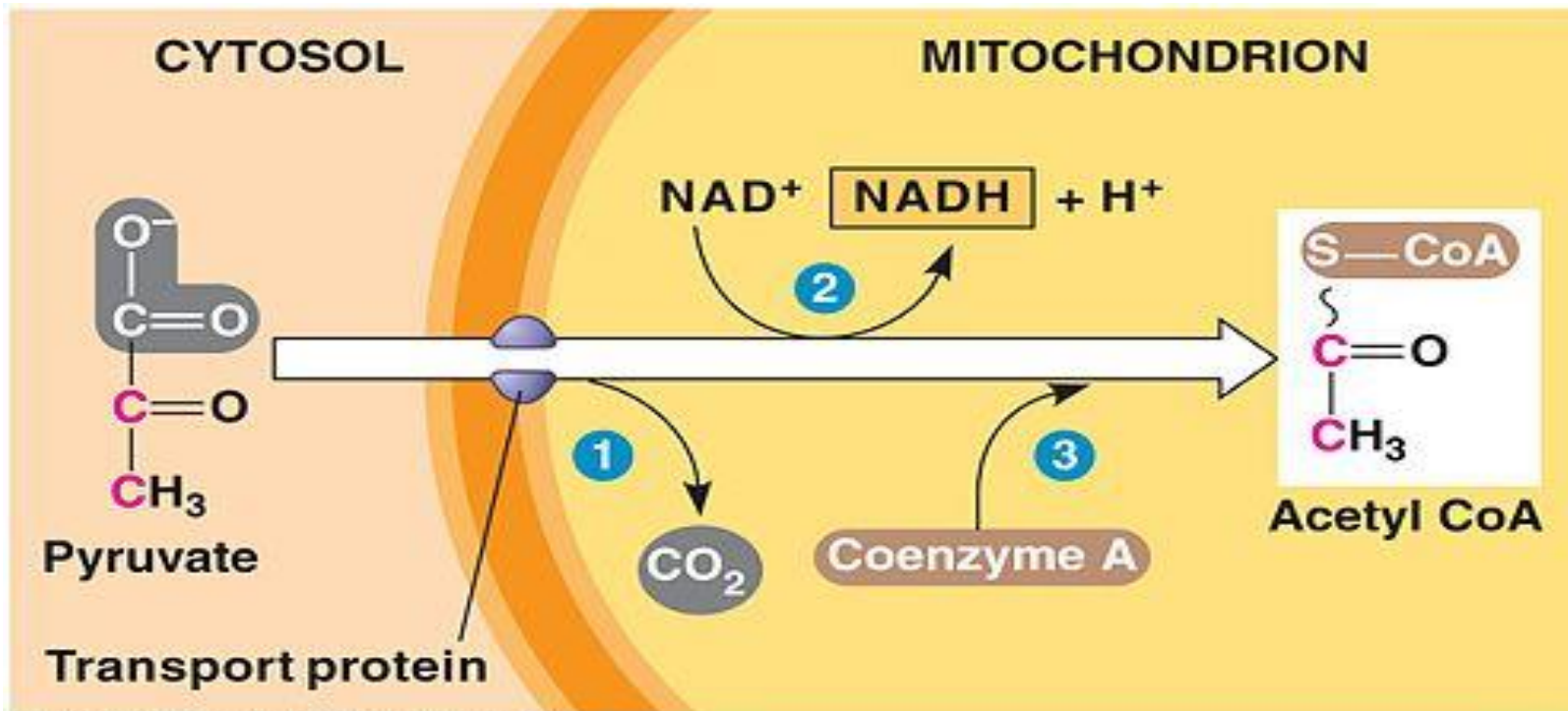


# Formation and fate of pyruvate



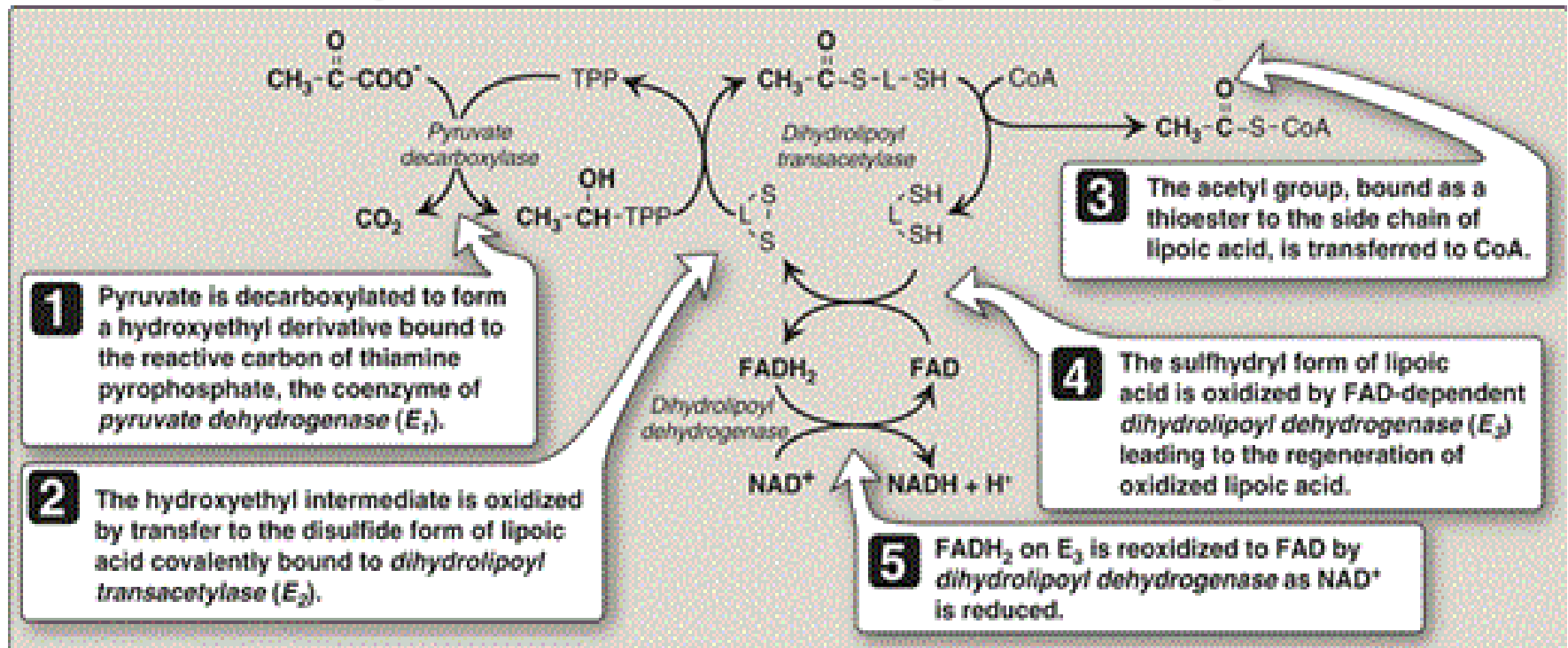
# OXIDATION OF PYRUVATE TO ACETYL CoA

- Pyruvate after formation in cytosol is transported to mitochondrion\_\_\_\_\_
- ***proton symporter***



# OXIDATION OF PYRUVATE TO ACETYL CoA

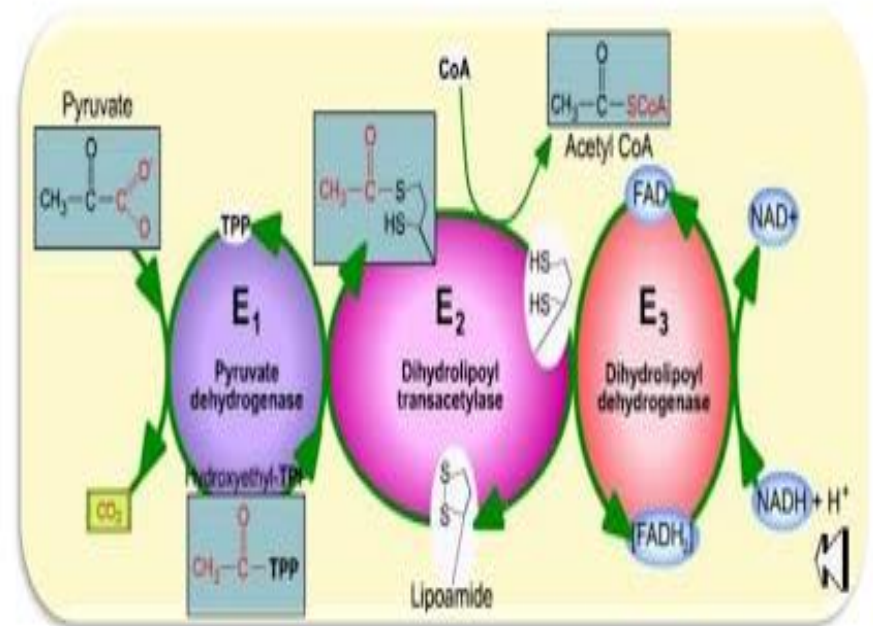
- Inside mitochondrial matrix , pyruvate is converted to acetyl COA by PDH complex.
- **PDH complex is a multi enzyme complex.**



# Pyruvate dehydrogenase complex

- It comprises of 3 enzymes
- **Pyruvate dehydrogenase – E1**
- **Dihydrolipoyl transacetylase – E2**
- **Dihydrolipoyl dehydrogenase – E3**

## Pyruvate dehydrogenase complex mechanism



# Coenzymes of pyruvate dehydrogenase complex

- The five co-enzymes involved are

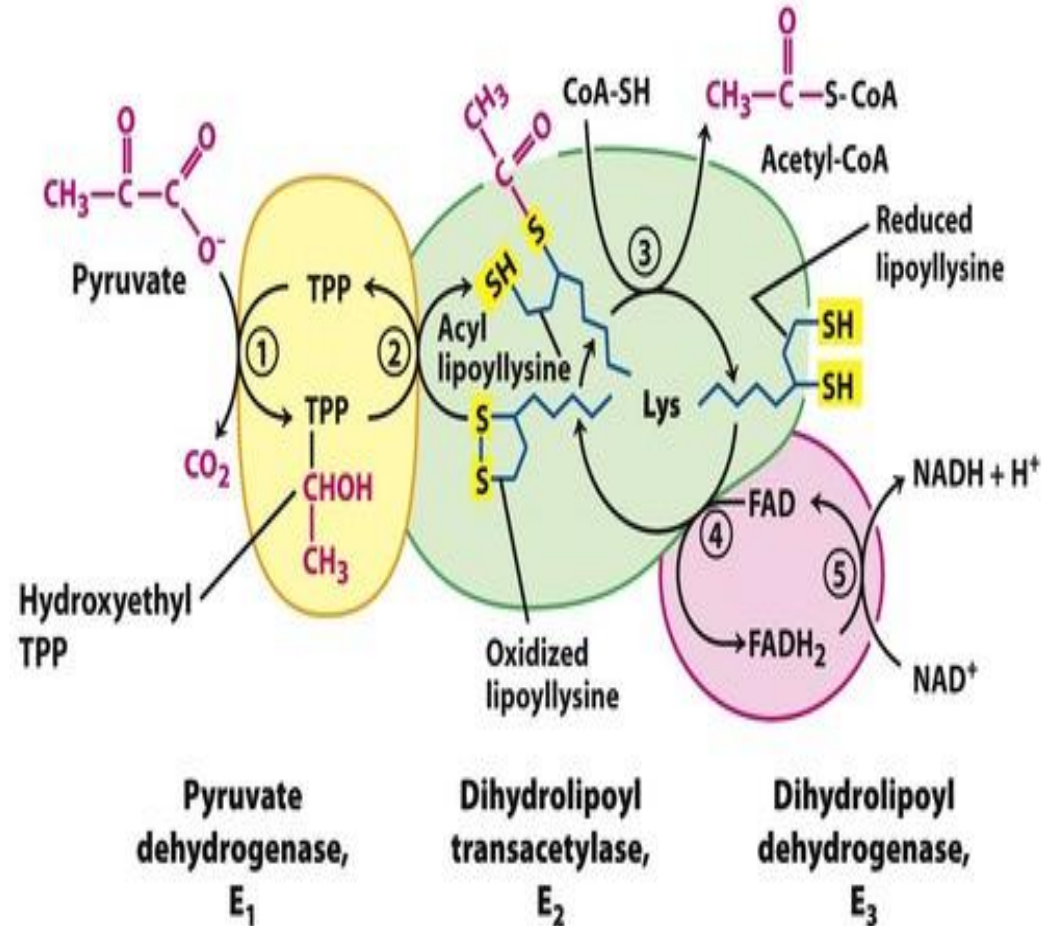
- E1** \_\_\_\_\_ **TPP**

- E2** \_\_\_\_\_ **lipoate coenzyme A**

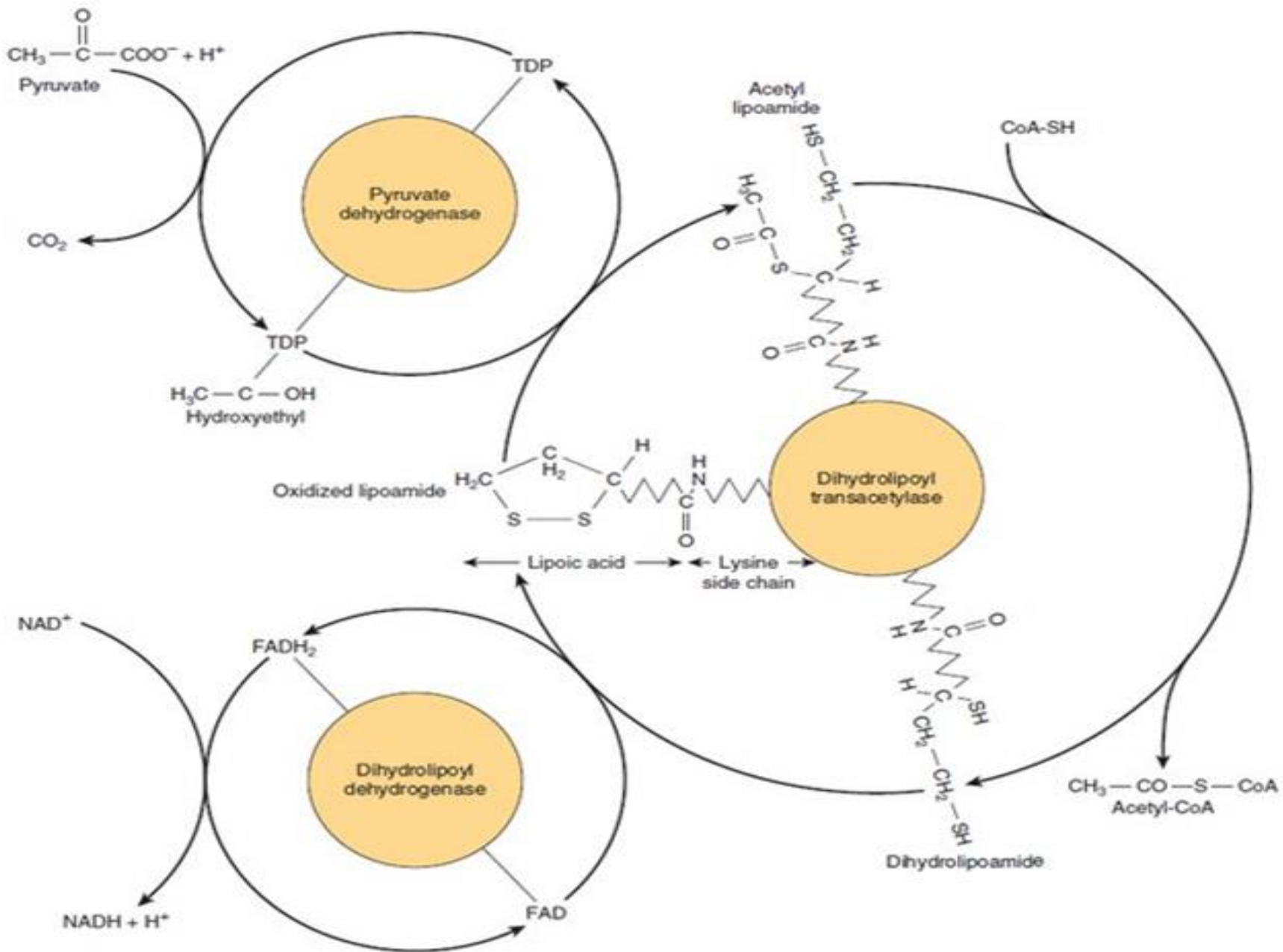
- E3** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAD**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **NAD**

- The complex also contains two tightly bound **REGULATORY** enzymes

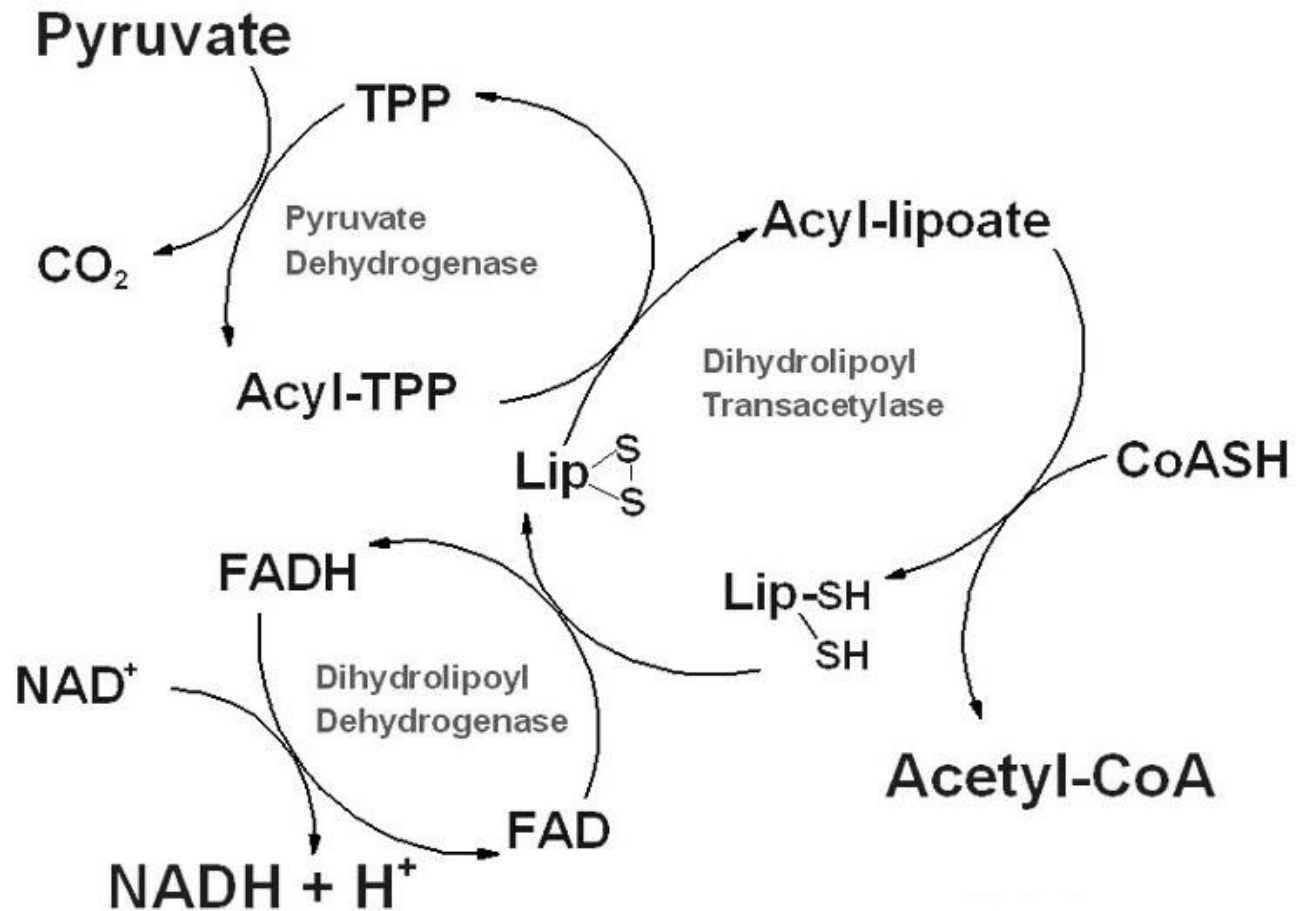
- Pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase**
- Pyruvate dehydrogenase phosphatase**





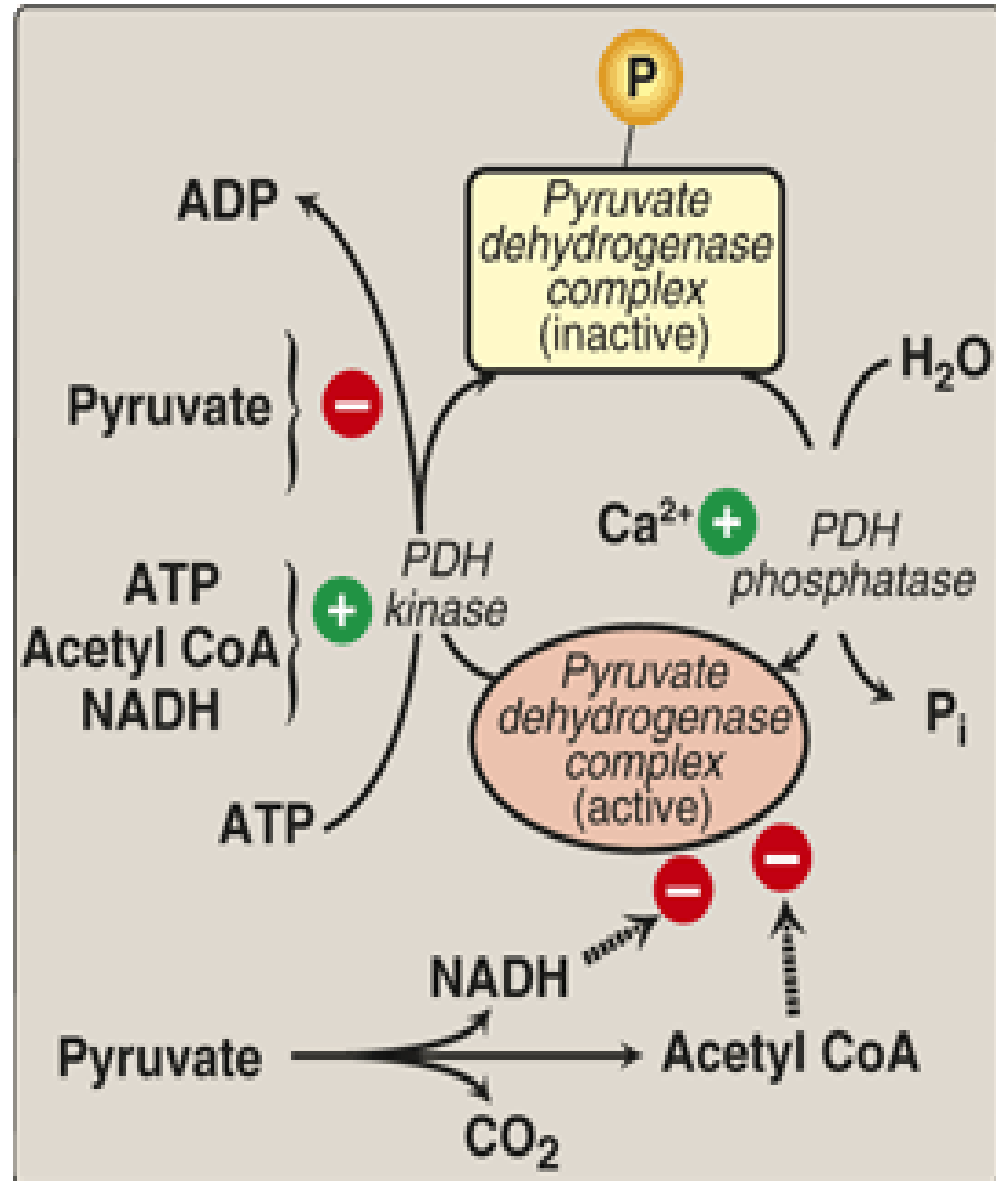


# ***OXIDATION OF PYRUVATE TO ACETYL CoA***



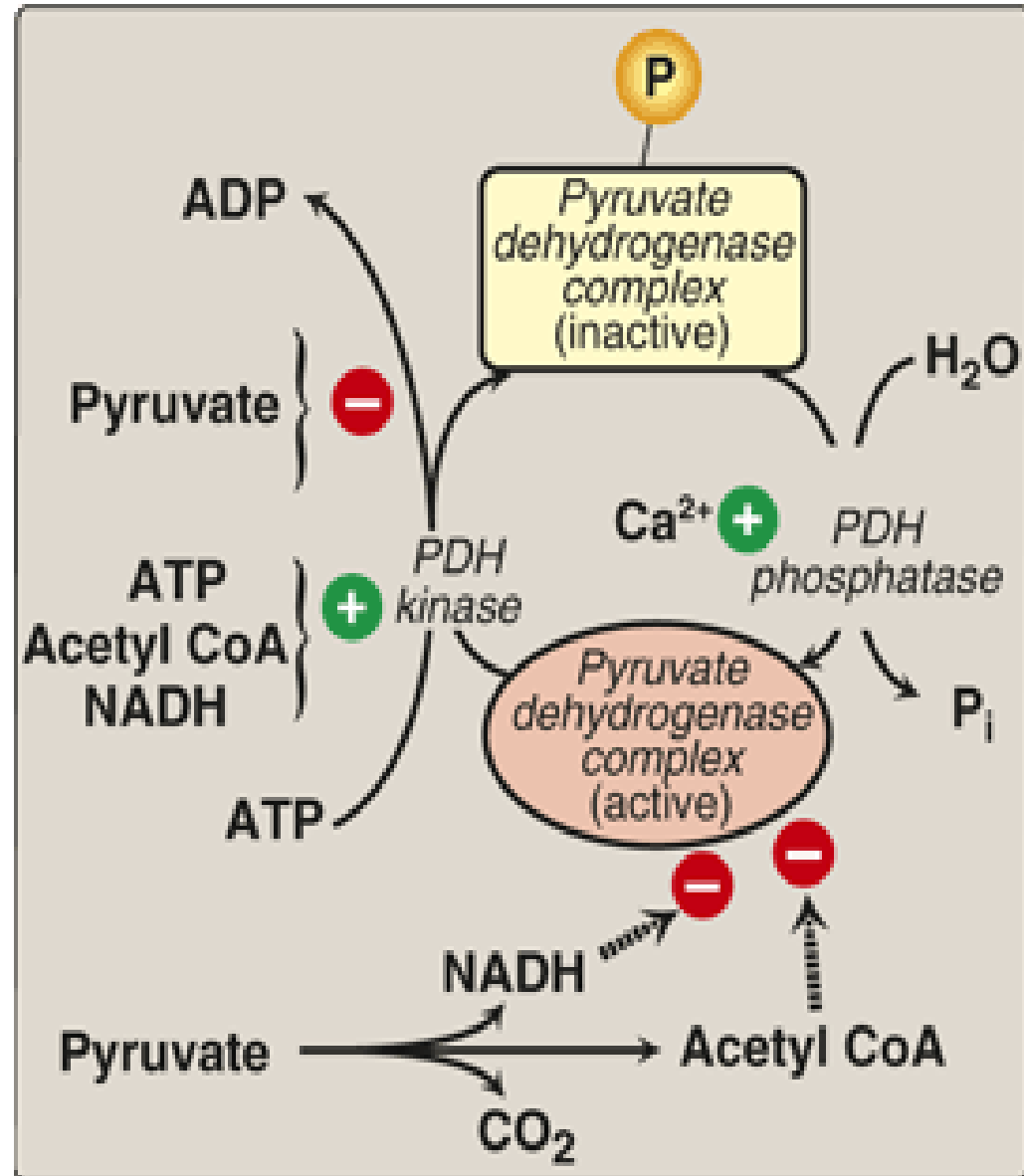
# REGULATION OF PDH complex:

- PDH KINASE
- PDH PHOSPHATASE
- **PDH kinase**  
phosphorylates PDH complex and makes it inactive.
- PDH kinase itself is allosterically activated by ATP, ACETYL COA and NADH.
- Therefore in the presence of high energy signals PDH complex is turned off.



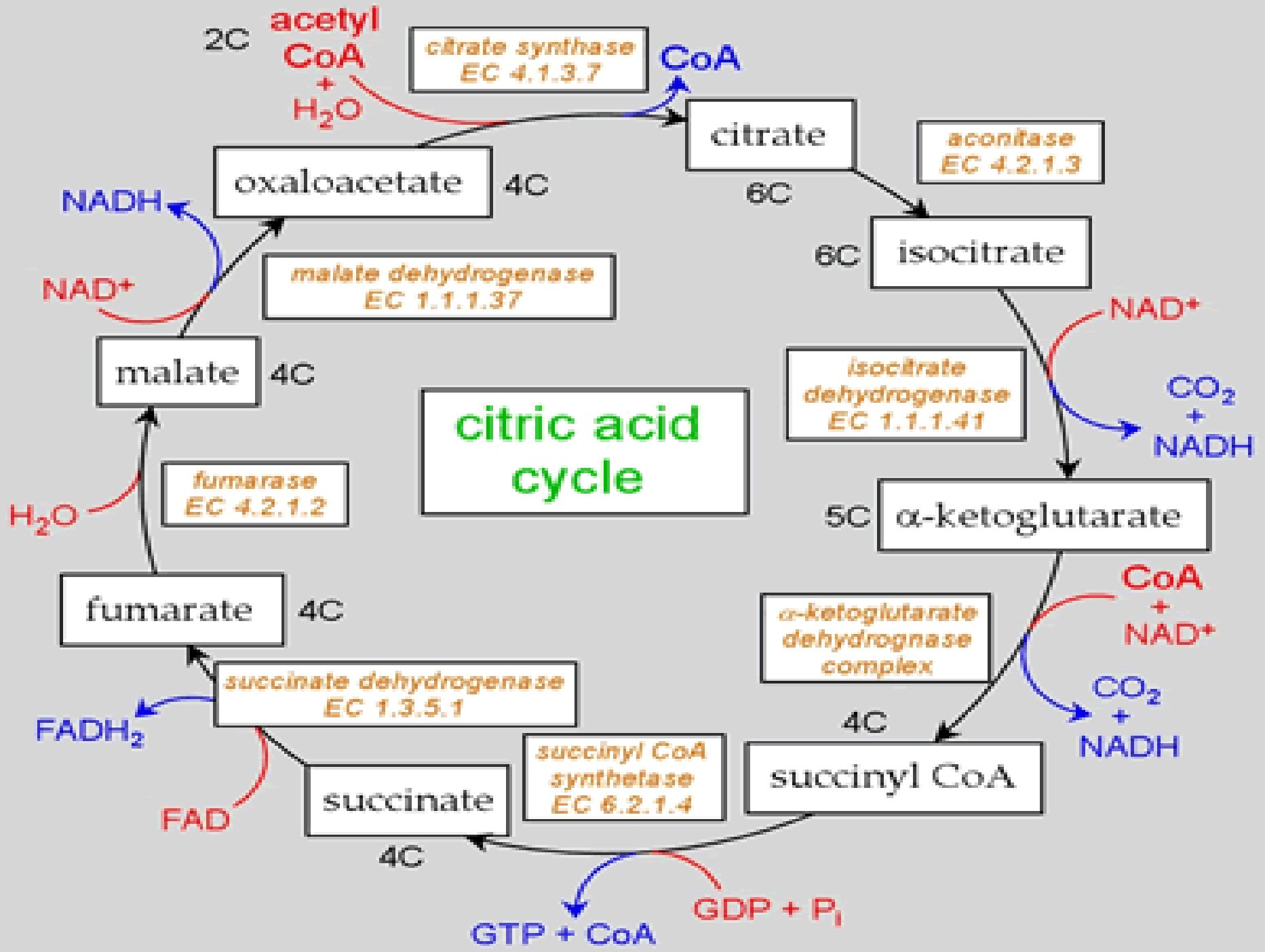
# REGULATION OF PDH COMPLEX:

- Pyruvate is the potent inhibitor of PDH kinase.
- Elevated pyruvate concentration, E1 will be maximally active.
- Calcium is a potent activator of PDH phosphatase, stimulating E1 activity.



# DEFICIENCY OF PYRUVATE DEHYDROGENASE

- Deficiency in **E1 --- congenital lactic acidosis**
- Inability to convert pyruvate to acetyl CoA
- Pyruvate is shunted to lactate by lactate dehydrogenase.
- Brain reliant on TCA for most of its energy
- Neuro degeneration
- Muscle spasticity
- In neonates --- early death



# ***THE CITRIC ACID CYCLE***

- The Citric acid cycle also known as ***Kreb's cycle*** or ***Tricarboxylic acid cycle*** is the
- ***final common pathway*** for the oxidation of
- Carbohydrates
- Lipids
- Proteins, because .....

- glucose, fatty acids and most amino acids are metabolized to acetyl CoA or intermediates of the cycle.
- Their carbon skeleton converted to CO<sub>2</sub>
- Majority of the *energy* required for production of *ATP* is provided by this oxidation



# Biomedical importance of citric acid cycle

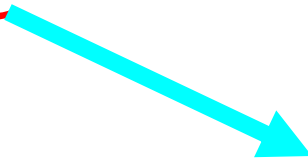
- Citric acid cycle essentially involves the oxidation of acetyl CoA to  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .
- About 65%-70% of the ATP is synthesized in citric acid cycle.
- This cycle utilizes about  $\frac{2}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup> of oxygen consumed by the body.

pathways yielding **Acetyl CoA**  
for the TCA cycle

glycogen



glucose



pyruvate

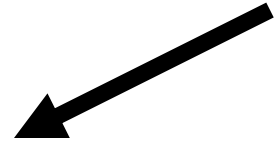


lactate

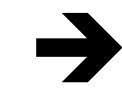
fatty acids



Acetyl-CoA



amino acids



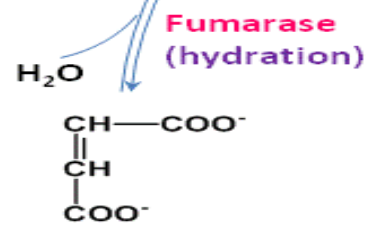
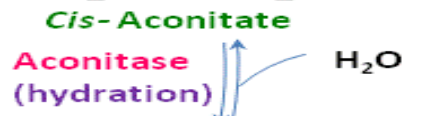
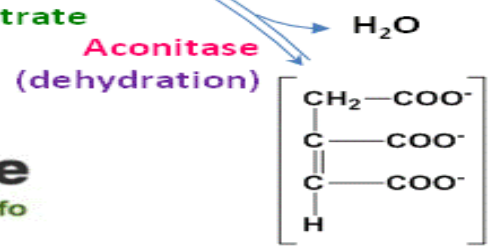
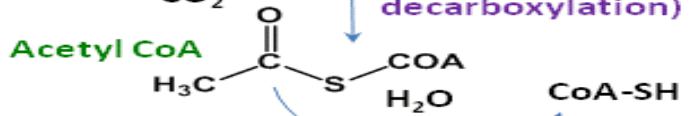
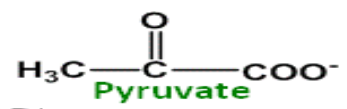
TCA



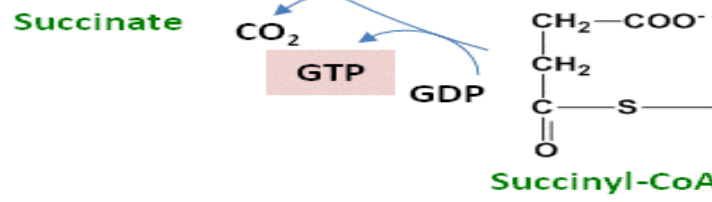
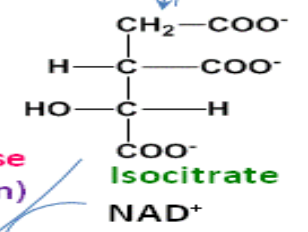
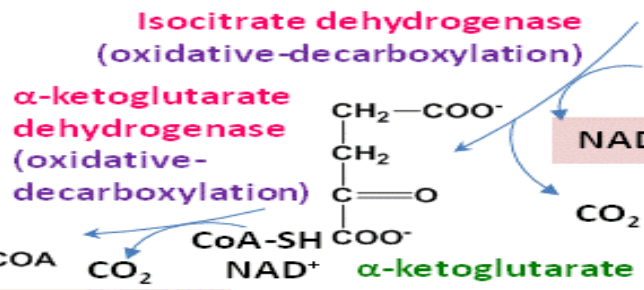
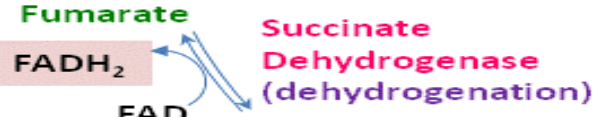
- TCA has central role in
- Gluconeogenesis
- Lipogenesis
- Interconversion of amino acids

- TCA is an aerobic pathway
- The TCA occurs entirely in the mitochondria
- It is in close proximity to the reactions of electron transport chain \_\_\_\_\_ oxidizes the reduced co-enzymes of TCA.

**Glycolysis**



**Kreb's Cycle  
Or  
Citric Acid Cycle**





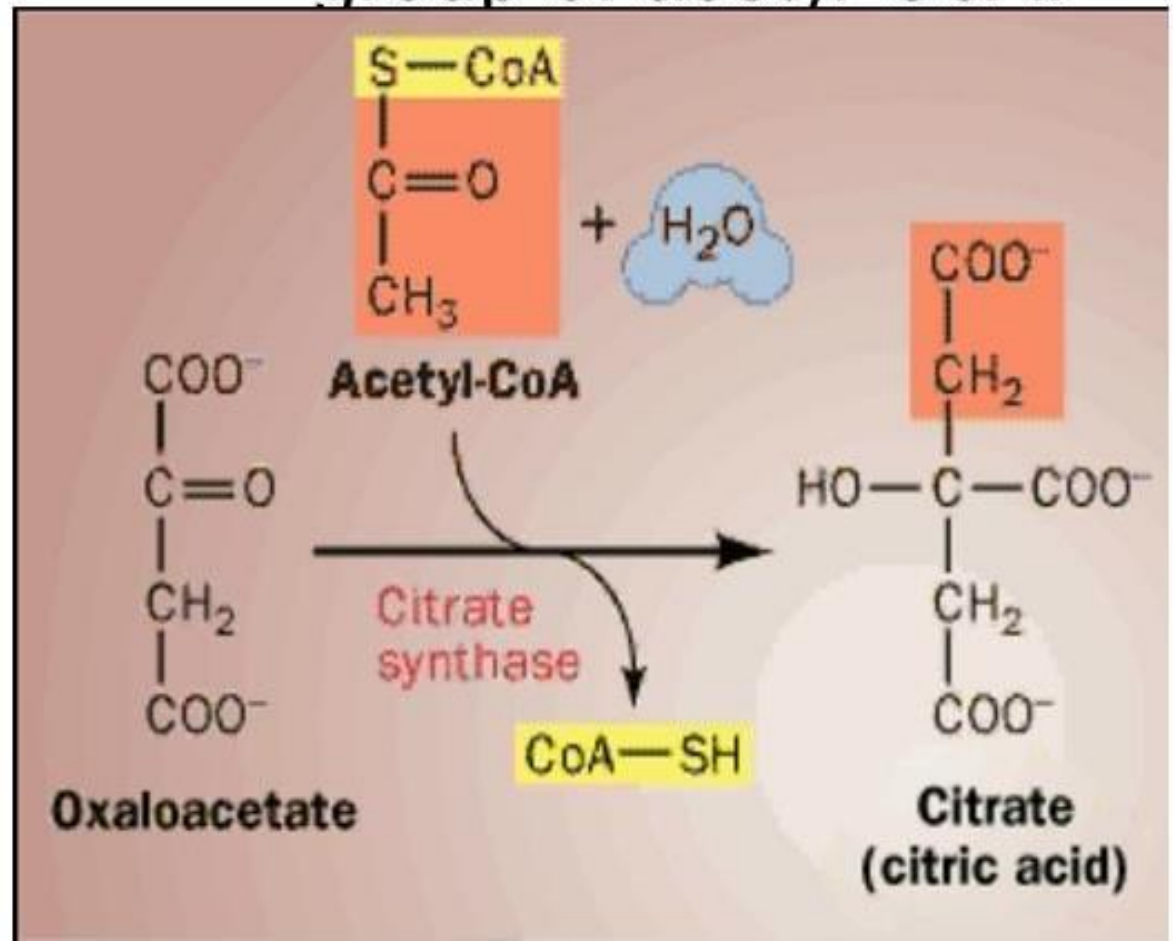
# 1- Condensing acetyl-CoA with oxaloacetate

Condensation of a four-carbon unit, oxaloacetate, and a two-carbon unit, the acetyl group of acetyl CoA.

Enzyme = citrate synthase

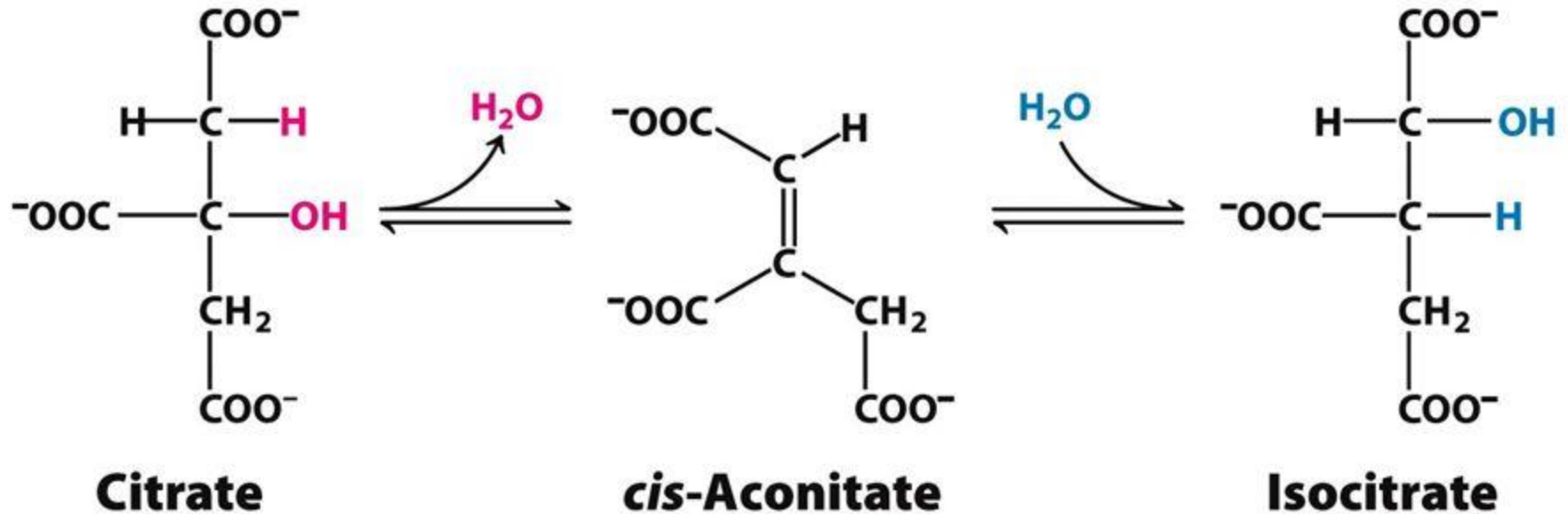
committed step in TCA cycle

◆ highly exergonic bond of acetyl CoA

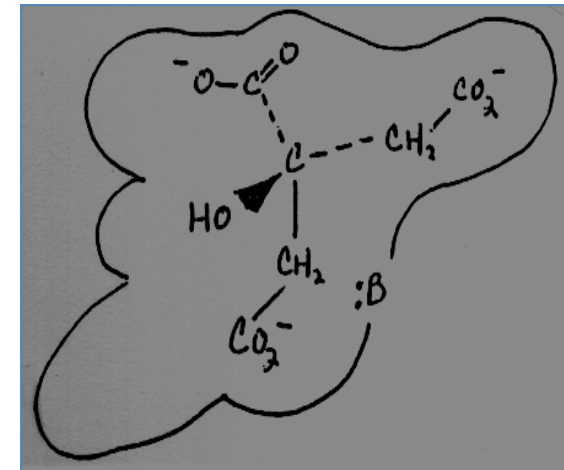


# Citrate to Isocitrate Conversion via Aconitase

Hydroxyl shift for subsequent oxidative decarboxylation

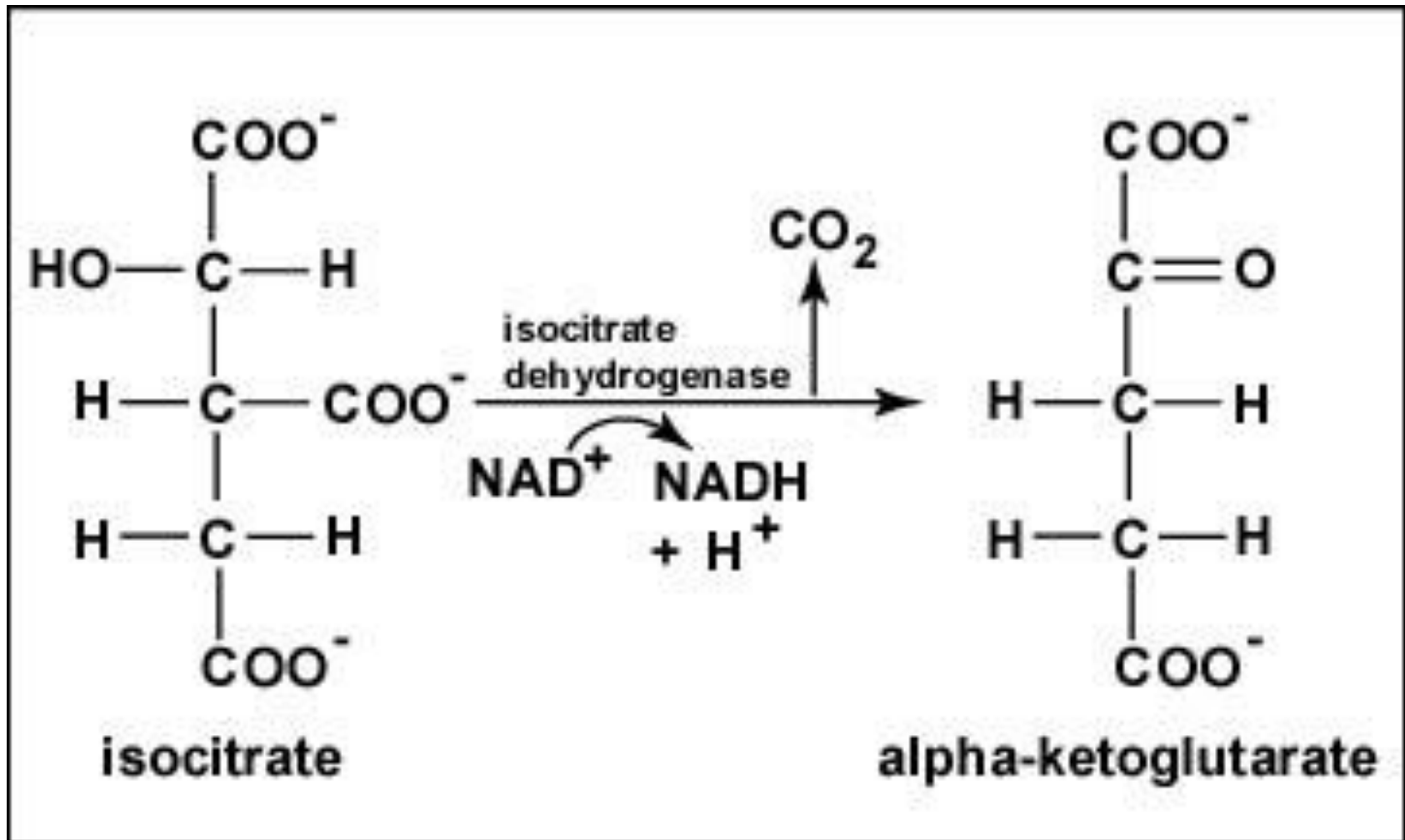


Formation of isocitrate occur in two steps dehydration followed by hydration through formation of *cis*-aconitate.



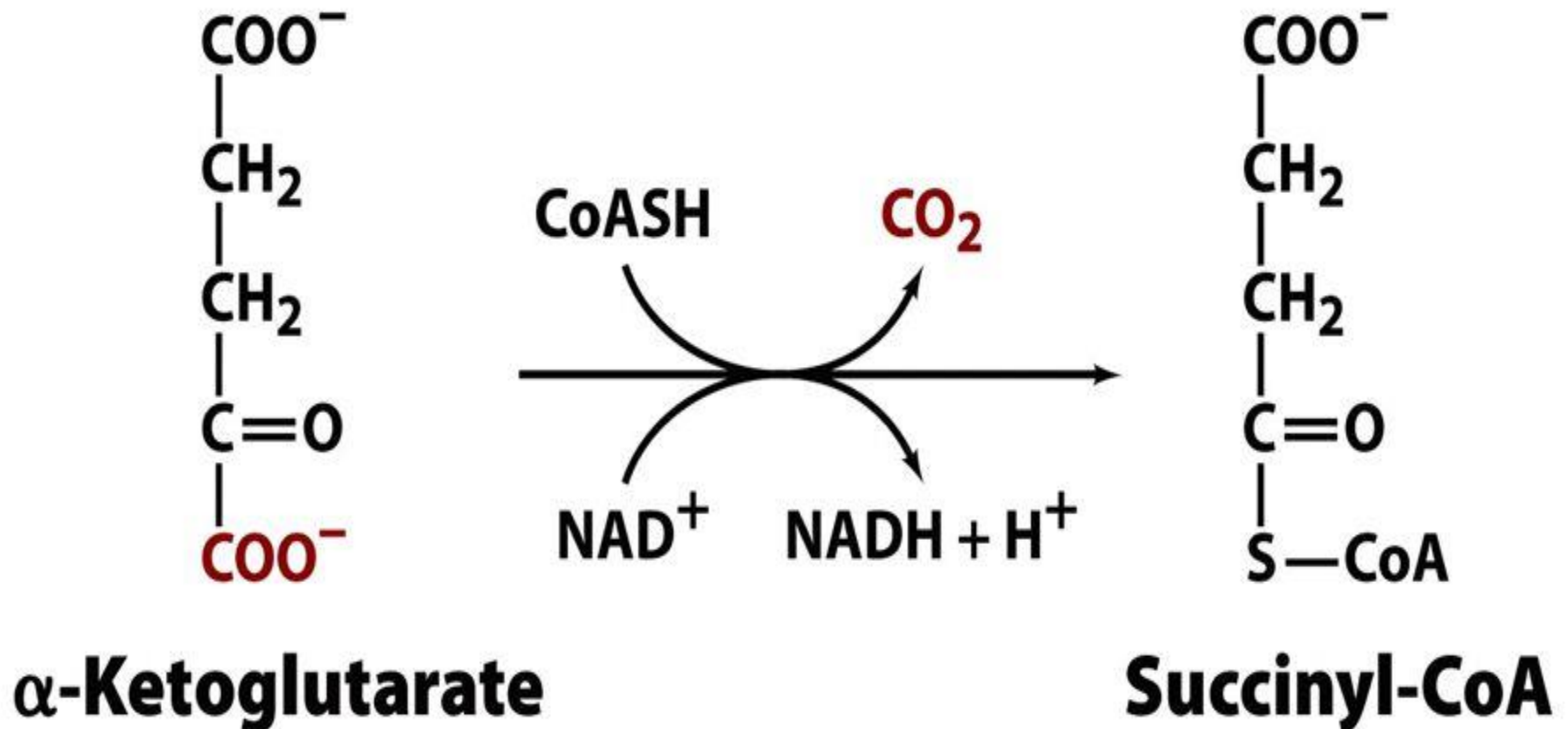


### 3- Oxidation of isocitrate to $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate

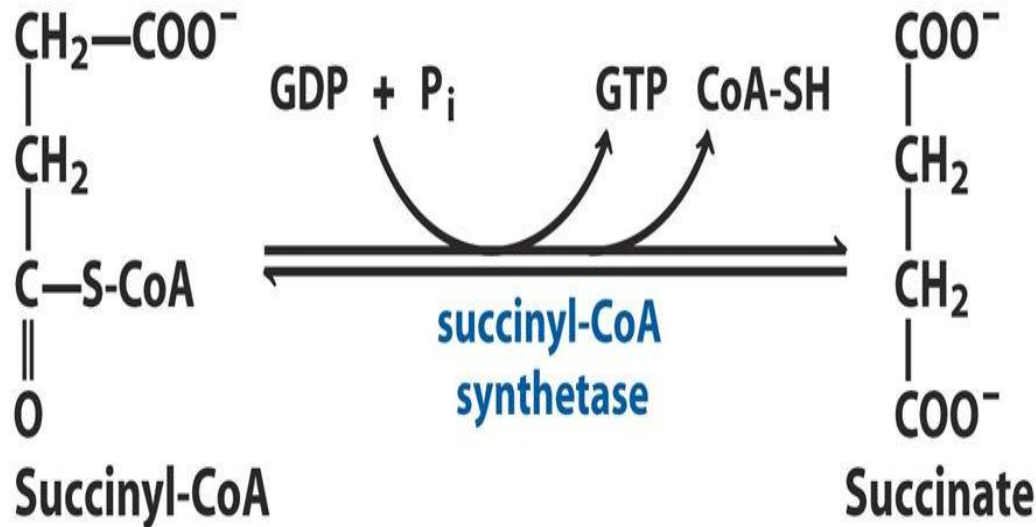


Step 4:  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate  succinyl-CoA

The enzyme is  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate dehydrogenase, which resembles and uses some subunits of the pyruvate dehydrogenase complex

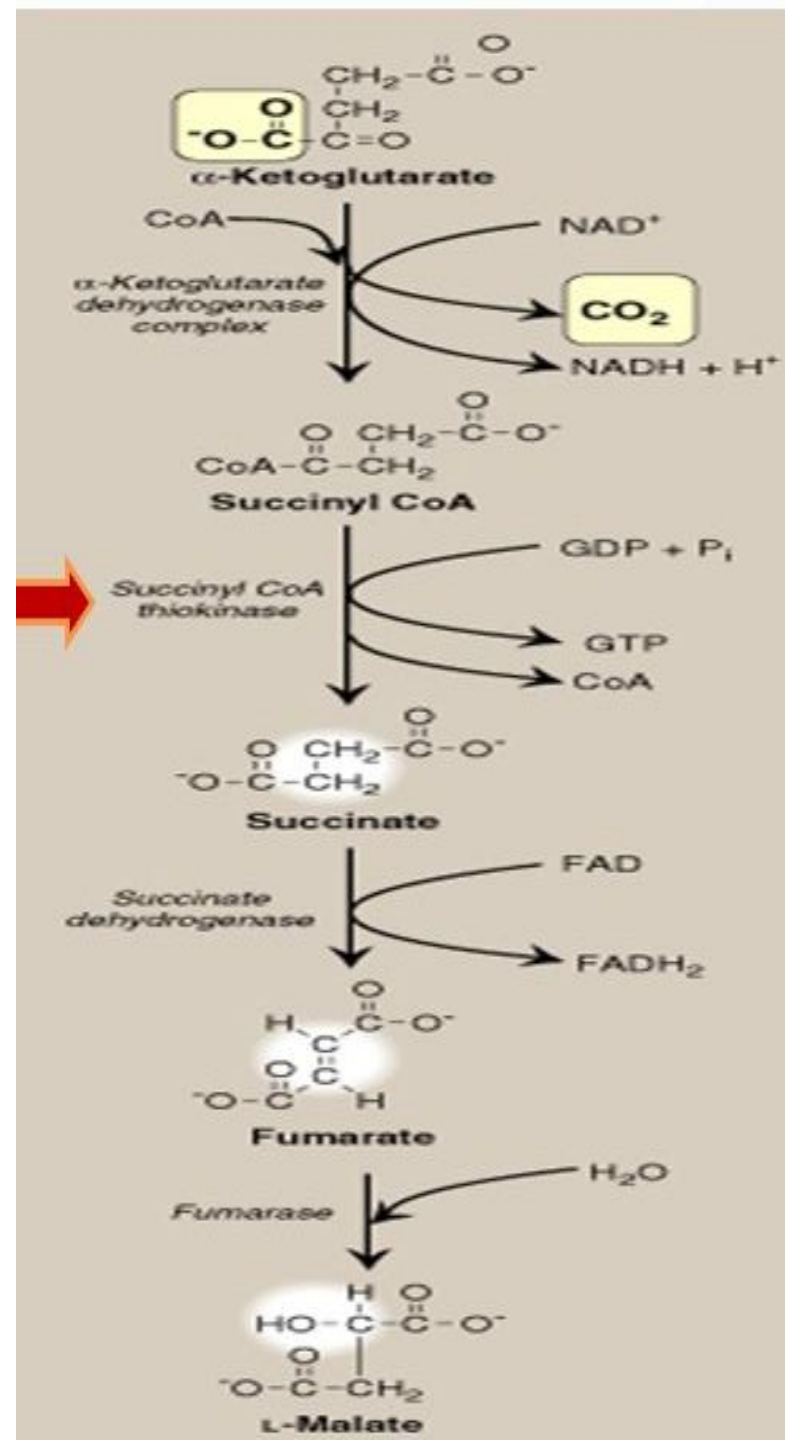


# Conversion of Succinyl-CoA to Succinate



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

Substrate level phosphorylation  
 -- GTP is equivalent to ATP.

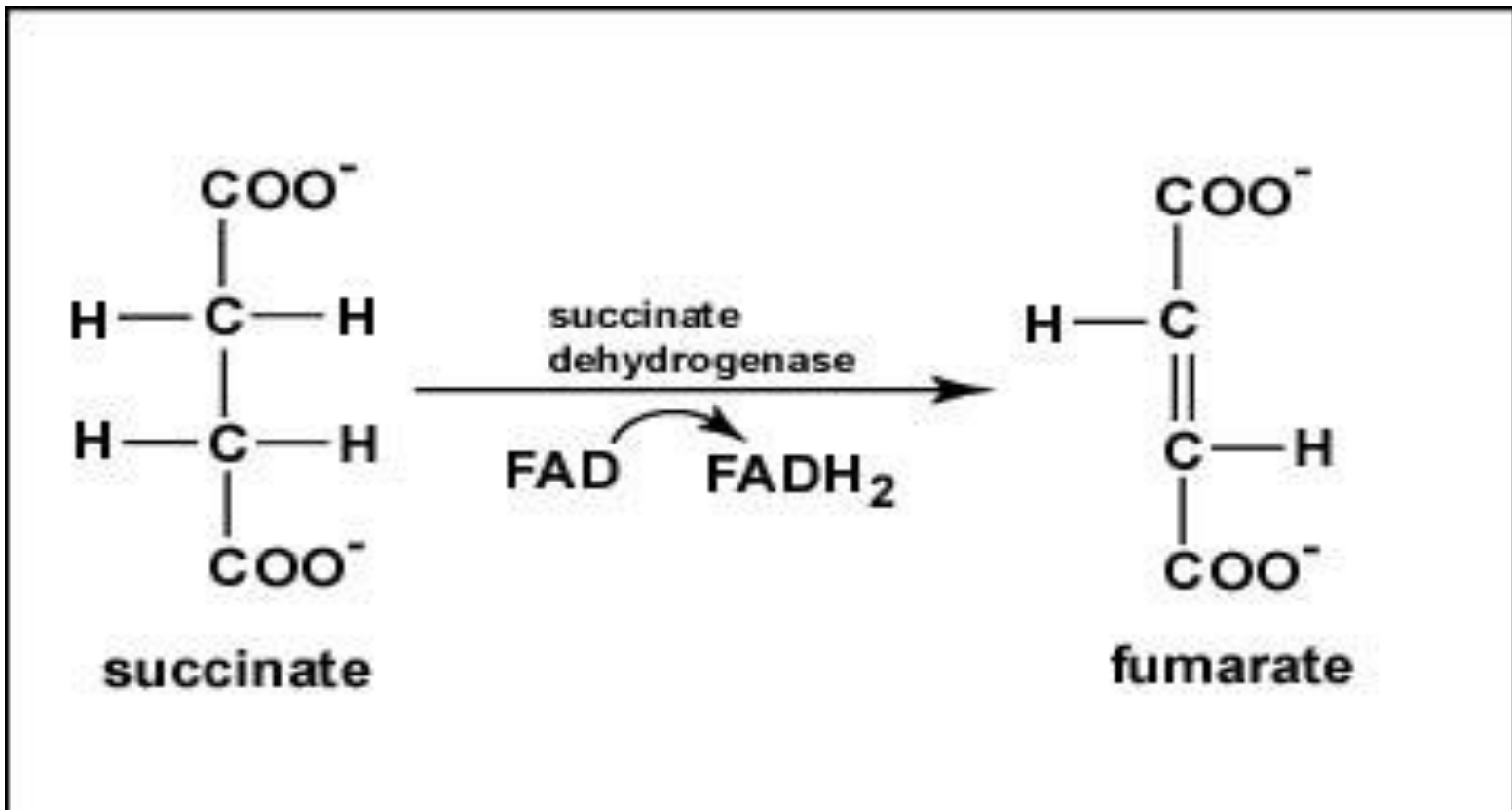


## Oxidation of succinate to fumarate

**Enzyme** = succinate dehydrogenase, bound to inner mit.memb.

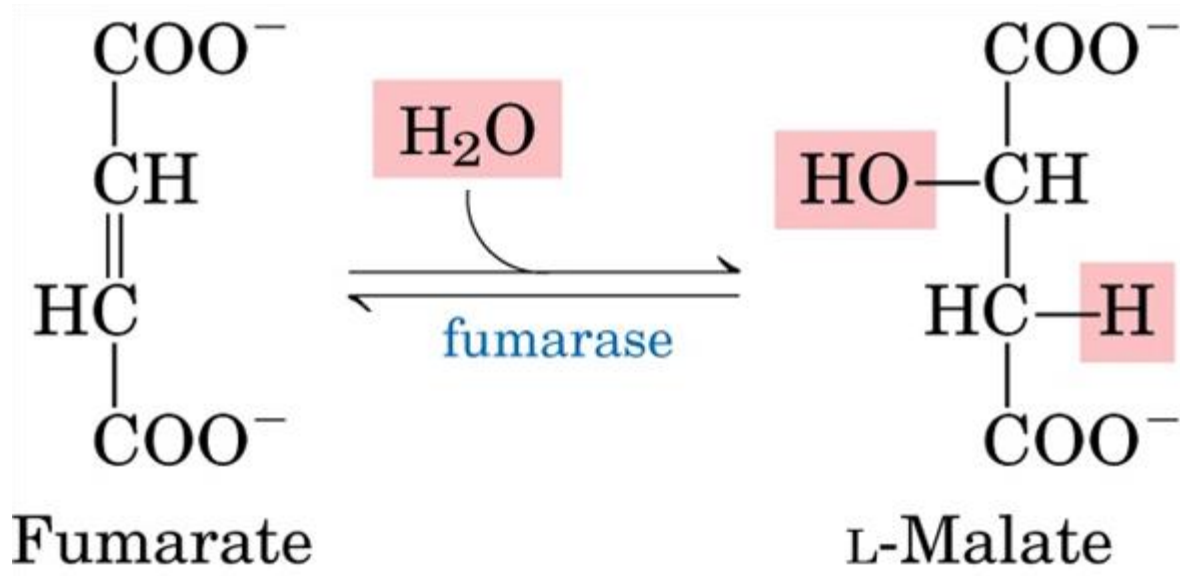
has FAD & Fe-S protein.

- a *dehydrogenation* rxn involving transfer of H from substrate to flavoproteins instead of NAD.

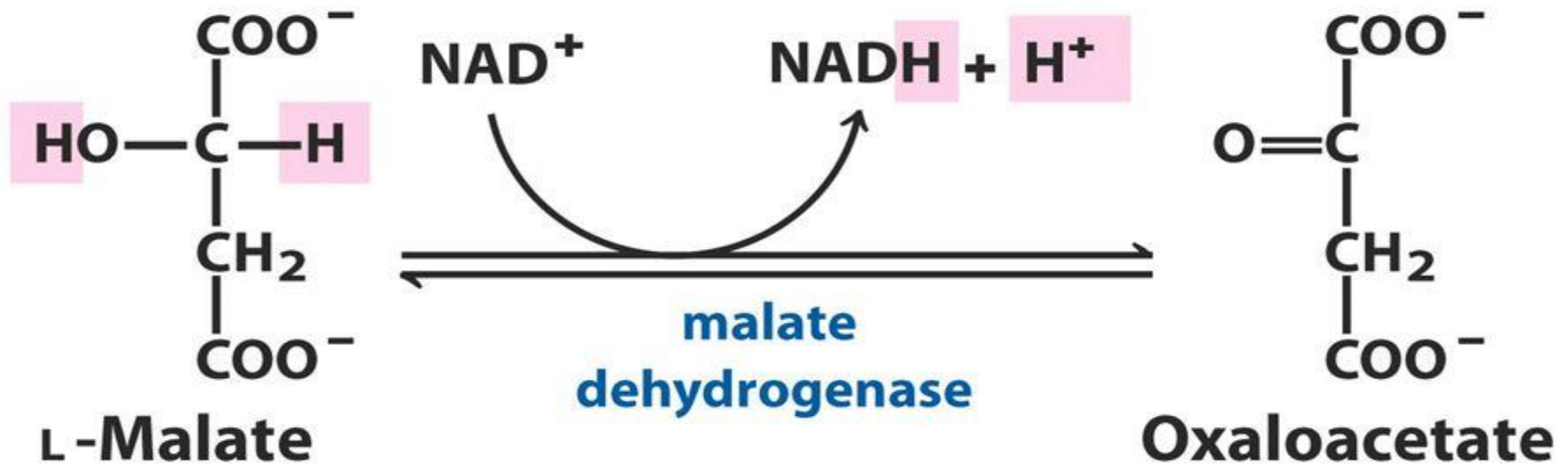


# Hydration.

Enzyme = fumarase



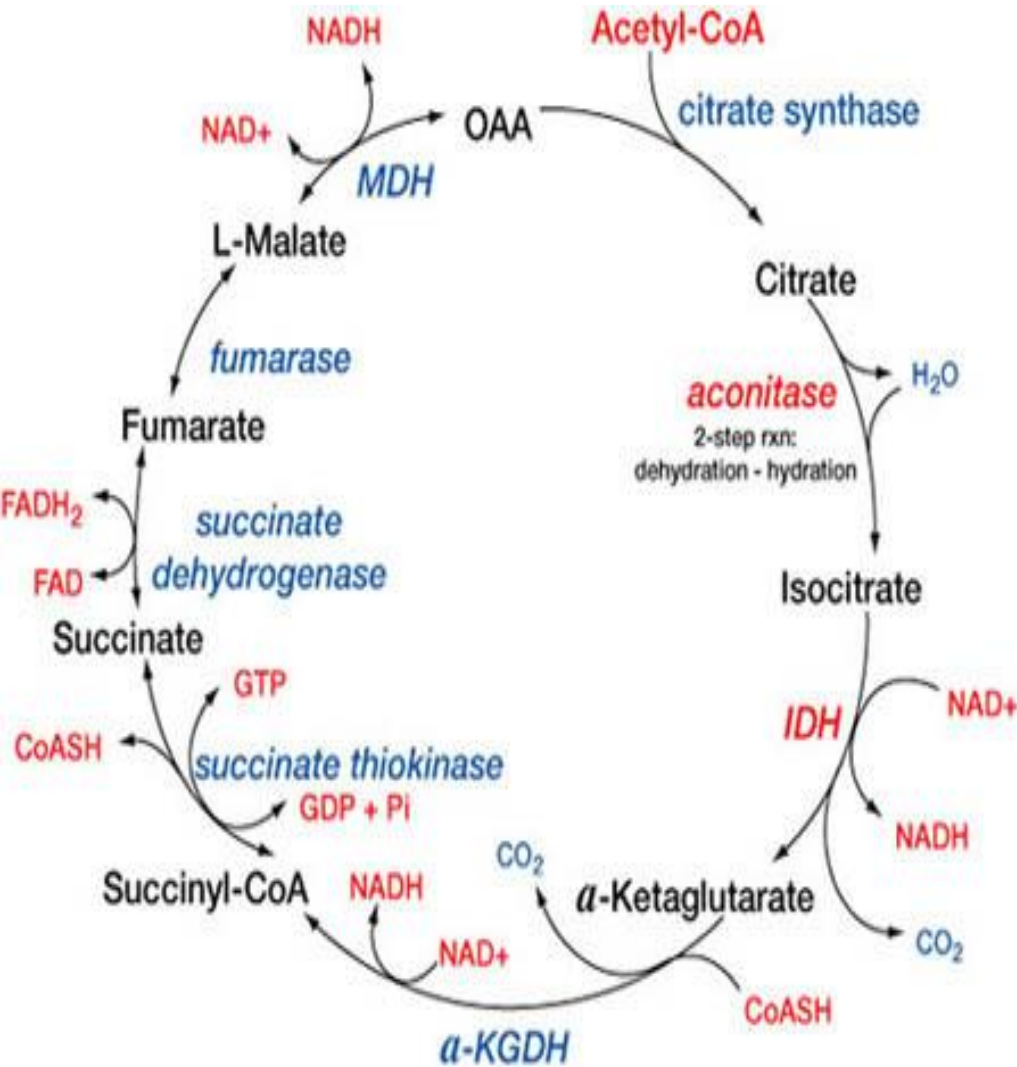
# Oxidation of Malate to Oxaloacetate



Enzyme = malate dehydrogenase       $\Delta G'^{\circ} = 29.7 \text{ kJ/mol}$

fourth oxidation; another pair of electrons is made available in NADH.

# ENERGY PRODUCED BY THE TCA



Energy producing reaction	Number of ATP produced
$3 \text{ NADH} \longrightarrow 3 \text{ NAD}^+$	9
$\text{FADH}_2 \longrightarrow \text{FAD}$	2
$\text{GDP} + P_i \longrightarrow \text{GTP}$	1
	12 ATP/acetyl CoA oxidized

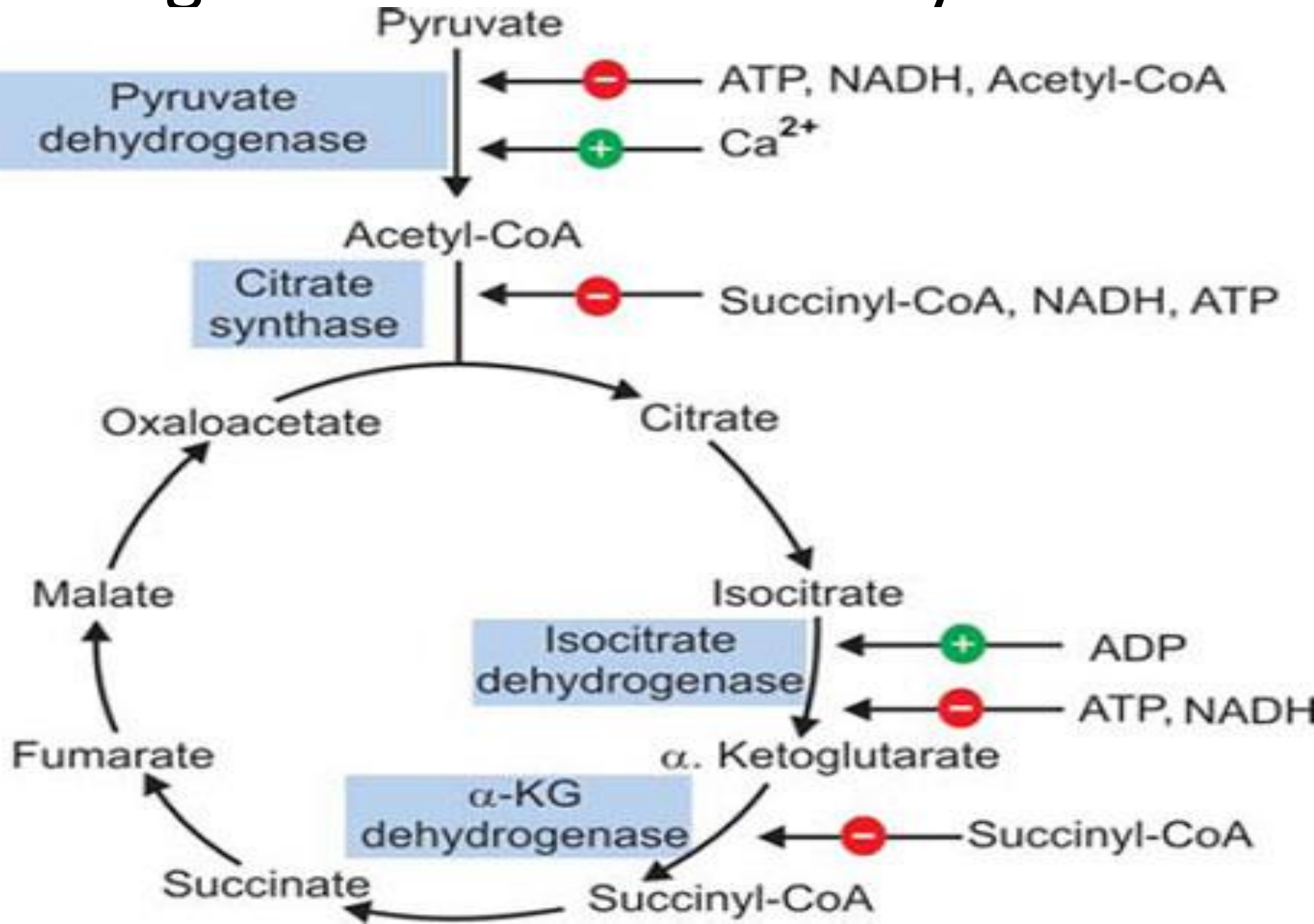
# ROLE OF VITAMINS IN THE TCA

- Four vitamins belonging to vitamin B complex are essential for the TCA cycle
- **Riboflavin** : in the form of **FAD** \_\_\_\_\_  
co-factor for **succinate dehydrogenase**
- **Niacin** : in the form of **NAD** \_\_\_\_\_ electron  
acceptor for **isocitrate, alpha-ketoglutarate and  
malate dehydrogenases**

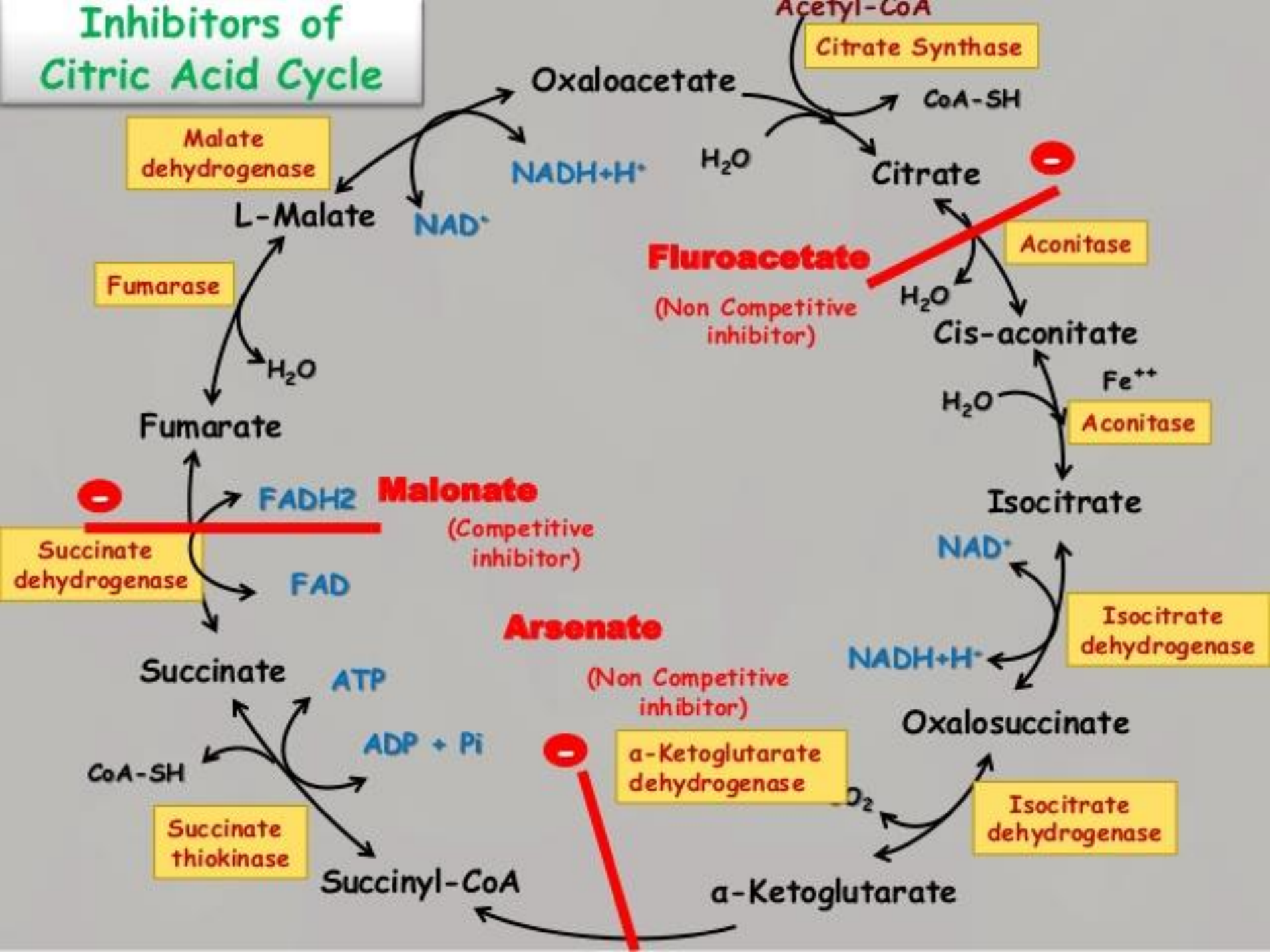


- **Thiamin (vit B1)** : as **thiamin di-phosphate** which is the co-enzyme for decarboxylation in **the alpha-ketoglutarate dehydrogenase rxn**
- **Pantothenic acid** : as part of **coenzyme A**, the co-factor attached to active carboxylic acid residues such as **acetyl- CoA and succinyl-CoA**

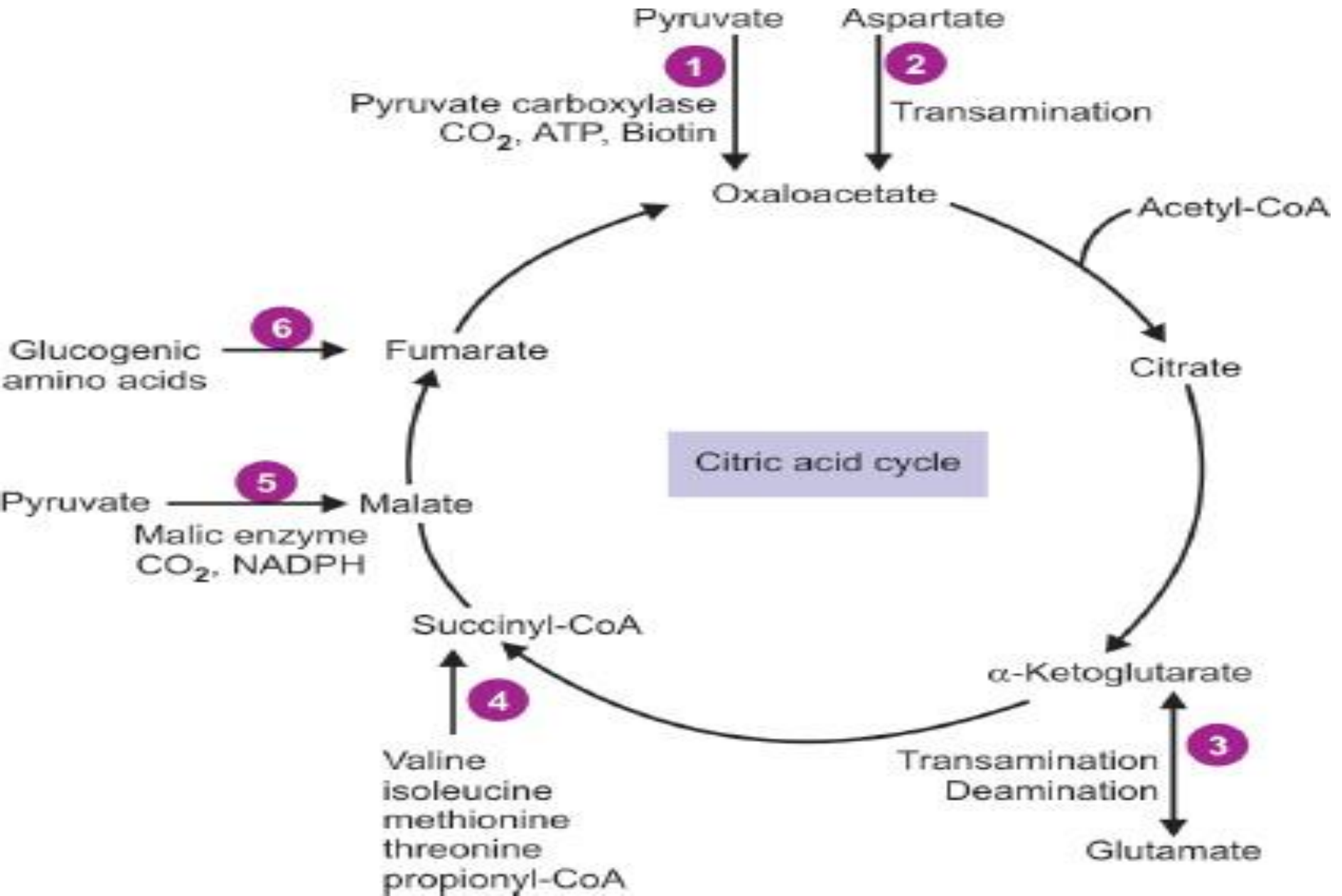
# Regulation of citric acid cycle



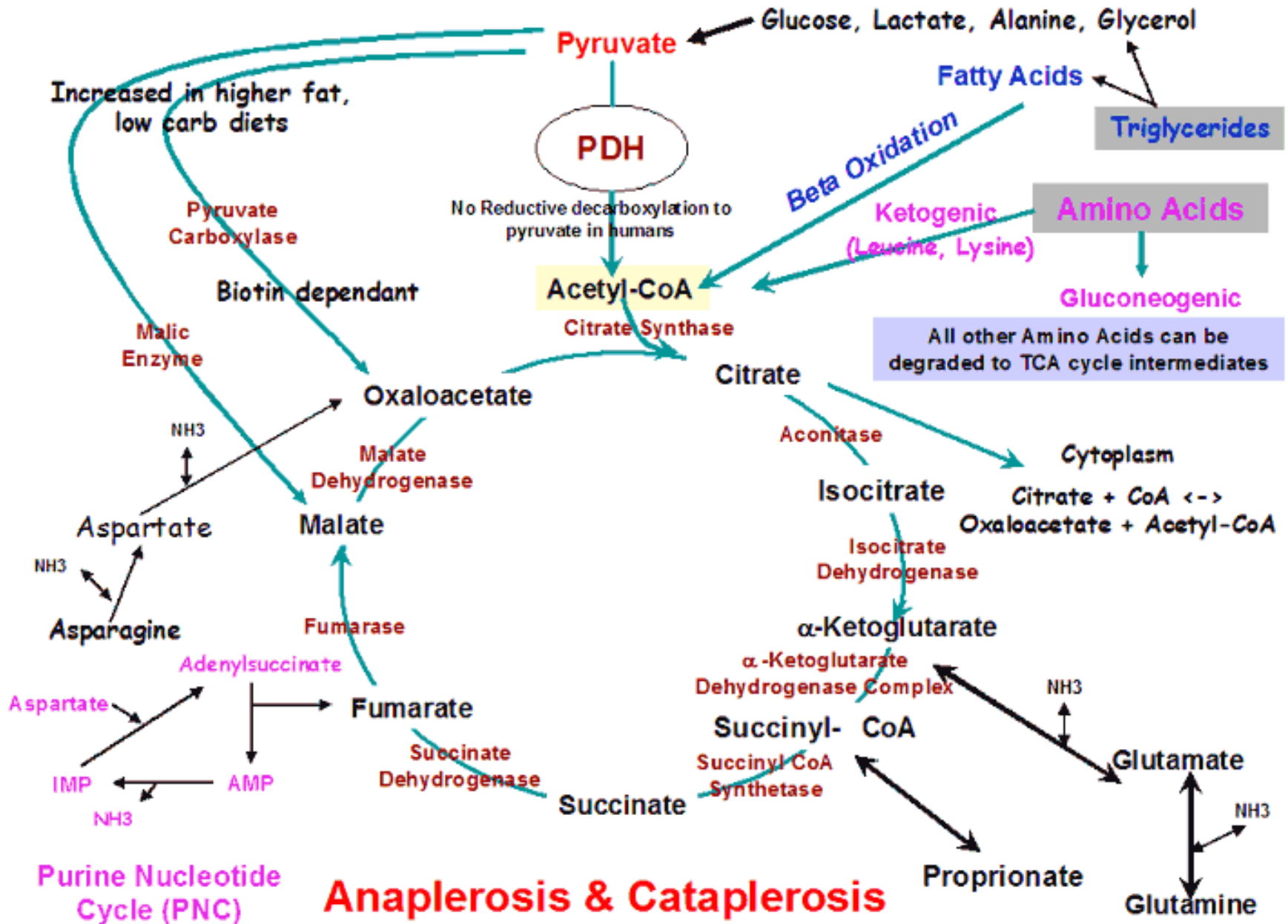
# Inhibitors of Citric Acid Cycle



# Anaplerotic reactions



# Amphibolic nature of citric acid cycle



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