

TRICARBOXYLIC ACID CYCLE:

Alpha keto acid

rvsd 11/5/93, 11/7/94, 11/6/95, 11/13/96, 9 Nov 01, 18 Nov 02, 10 Nov 03, 24 Oct 07, 29Oct08, 3Nov10, 28Oct11; p. 344-, BHK 5th: 405-415, 6th: 255-265, 7th: 258-

ELUCIDATED BY KREBS, got Nobel prize in 1953.

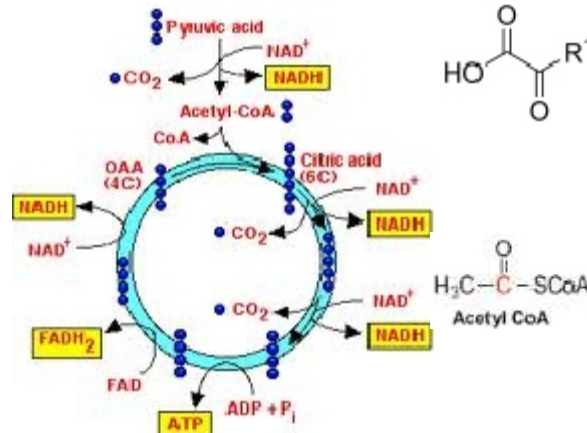
Pyruvate enters mitochondrial matrix where:

Oxidation to Acetyl CoA: pyruvate dehydrogenase: pyruvate is **alpha keto acid** (keto draws e⁻ away)

- a: **decarboxylation** (requires TPP) yields energy which drives the reaction
- b: **oxidizes substrate**, producing NADH at #2 C (-7.5 kcal).
- c: **activates two carbon acetyl fragment** by attaching to CoASH

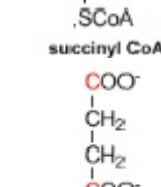
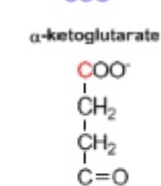
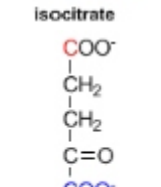
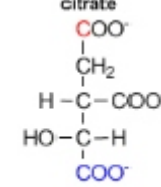
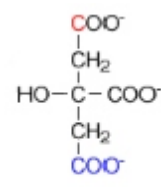
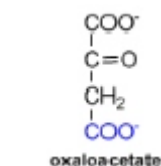
CoA: adenine-3-PO₄, 5- pyroPO₄-pantothenic acid-NHCH₂CH₂SH (a thiol) (p. 256)

Forms *thioester*, a high energy bond, capable of donating to substrate (oxaloacetate)



TCA cycle: (p. 261)

step	process	molecule	by product
1	acetylation: Acetyl CoA transfers acetyl group to oxaloacetate (C-4) via CH ₃ end	citrate	
2	dehydration, rehydration: citrate (tertiary alcohol) isomerized to isocitrate, with oxidizable secondary alcohol	isocitrate	
3	oxidation, decarboxylation: 2° hydroxyl on isocitrate is oxidized, making NADH, creates unstable molecule, decarboxylates (drives rxn) yielding α-ketoglutarate. (first decarboxylation)	α-ketoglutarate	CO ₂ NADH
4	oxidation, decarboxylation, form thioester: α-ketoglutarate is similar to pyruvate: an α-keto acid, similar to formation of acetyl CoA: oxidation, makes NADH, decarboxylation (makes CO ₂) and CoA thioester high energy bond (succinyl CoA).	succinyl CoA	CO ₂ NADH
5	thioester split, phosphorylation of GDP: Thioester bond used to PO ₄ ylate GDP, release succinate and CoASH. GTP PO ₄ ylates ADP (only direct ATP in cycle)	succinate	GTP
6	oxidation: Succinate α,β carbons dehydrogenated, forming FADH ₂ (not enough energy to form NADH) and fumarate	fumarate	FADH ₂
7	hydration: fumarate is hydrated to form malate	malate	
8	oxidation: malate (a secondary alcohol) is oxidized to form oxaloacetate, producing NADH. Serves as acceptor of acetyl group from acetyl CoA	oxaloacetate	NADH

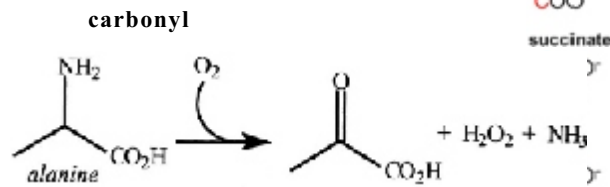


FAT CATABOLISM: BETA OXIDATION, FEEDS INTO TCA (p. not in text???)

beta oxidation: (Steps 2-4 = TCA 6-8, succinate to oxaloacetate) occurs in mitochondria

Reaction	Details	Product
1. Activation:	FA + CoASH condensed using ATP to AMP + PPi	CoA-S-FA
2. Dehydrogenation:	α, β carbons dehydrogenated, make FADH ₂	
3. Hydration:	water added to double bond, making β OH CoA-S-FA	
4. Oxidation:	NAD used to oxidize β OH to carbonyl	
5. Thioester creation:	acetyl CoA splits off, new CoASH attached acetyl CoA	

(Mnemonic: DHOT)



PROTEIN CATABOLISM: 3 of 20 AA deaminated, feed to TCA

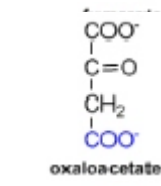
deamination or transamination to α keto acid

TCA CYCLE IS AMPHIBOLIC

It can either 'burn' glucose, etc, or its intermediates can be used for synthesis:

succinyl CoA is used to synthesize amino acids and heme

citrate to acetyl CoA (reverse reaction from usual), used for fatty acid synthesis



L-malate

Replenishment of intermediates possible by carboxylation of glycolytic intermediates.