

Lipid metabolism

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Fatty acids

Saturation of fatty acids

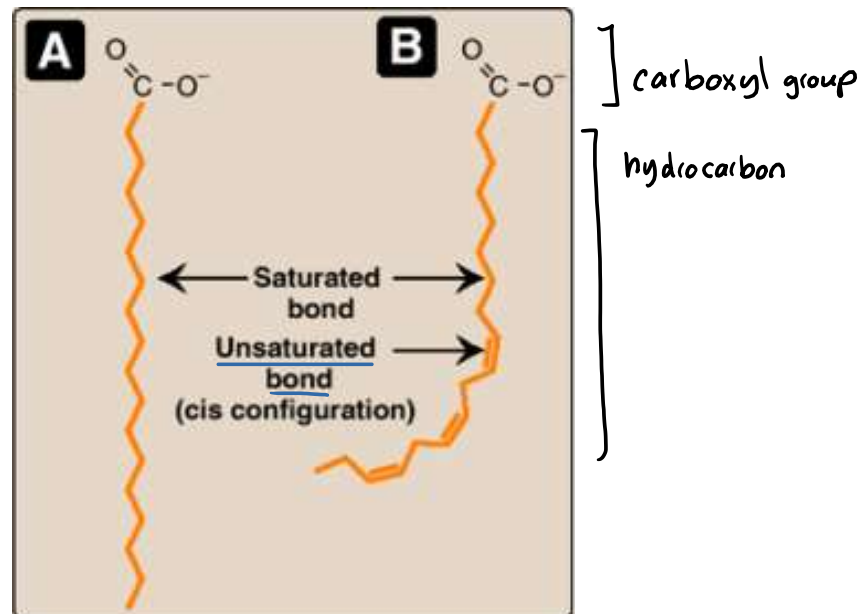
- Fatty acid chains (with no double bonds or one or more double bonds that are always in the cis configuration) and this causes fatty acid to kink at that position *trans configuration is very toxic*
- Addition of double bond decreases the melting temperature (T_m) of a fatty acid, whereas increasing the chain length increases the T_m

double bonds ↑
melting point ↓

کمزور

Chain length ↑
melting point ↑

طویل



Chain length of fatty acids

number of carbons : number of double bonds

- ✓ □ The number before the colon indicates the number of carbons in the chain, and those after the colon indicate the numbers and positions of double bonds

ω -6

- For example, arachidonic acid, 20:4(5, 8, 11, 14), is 20 carbons long and has double bonds (between carbons 5-6, 8-9, 11-12, and 14-15). The carbon to which the carboxyl group is attached (carbon 2) called the α -carbon, carbon 3 is the β -carbon. The carbon of the terminal methyl group is called ω -carbon regardless of the chain length

- Arachidonic acid is referred to as an ω -6 while linolenic acid, 18:3(9,12,15), is an ω -3 fatty acid.

Arachidonic acid = omega 6
linolenic acid = omega 3

Fatty acids with chain lengths of four to ten carbons are found in significant quantities in milk (4-10) milk

Structural lipids and triacylglycerols contain primarily fatty acids of at least sixteen carbons.

| COMMON NAME | STRUCTURE |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Formic acid | 1 |
| Acetic acid | 2:0 |
| Propionic acid | 3:0 |
| Butyric acid | 4:0 |
| Capric acid | 10:0 |
| Palmitic acid | 16:0 |
| Palmitoleic acid | 16:1(9) |
| Stearic acid | 18:0 |
| Oleic acid | 18:1(9) |
| Linoleic acid | 18:2(9,12) |
| α -Linolenic acid | 18:3(9,12,15) |
| Arachidonic acid | 20:4(5, 8, 11, 14) |
| Lignoceric acid | 24:0 |
| Nervonic acid | 24:1(15) |

Essential fatty acids

Precursor of prostaglandins

Handwritten notes: 16C, double bond, ω -3, ω -6

Essential fatty acids

body can't synthesis it

- ❑ Two fatty acids are dietary **essentials** in humans:
 - ❑ **Linoleic acid**, which is the precursor of arachidonic acid, the substrate for prostaglandin synthesis
 - ❑ **Linolenic acid**, the precursor of other ω -3 fatty acids important for growth development
- ❑ A deficiency of linolenic acid rest **decreased vision** and **altered learning behaviors**
- ❑ Arachidonic acid becomes essential if linoleic acid is deficient in the diet.

منطق لأنّه لو linoleic acid موجود

الجسم ما راح يصنع arachidonic acid

De novo synthesis of fatty acids in ^{cytosol}

- ☐ In humans, fatty acid synthesis occurs primarily in the **liver** and **lactating mammary glands** and, to a lesser extent, in **adipose tissue**.
- ☐ The process incorporates carbons from acetyl CoA into the growing fatty acid chain, using ATP and reduced nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate (NADPH).
 - Acetyl-CoA → carbon source
 - ATP → energy
 - NADPH → reducing power
- ☐ **Production of cytosolic acetyl CoA**
- ☐ First acetate units is transferred from mitochondrial acetyl CoA to the cytosol. **Mitochondrial acetyl CoA** is produced by:
 - ☐ The oxidation of pyruvate
 - ☐ The catabolism of fatty acids
 - ☐ Ketone bodies
 - ☐ Certain amino acids
- ☐ The **coenzyme A** portion of acetyl CoA cannot cross the mitochondrial membrane and only the acetyl portion is transported to the cytosol. It does so in the form of **citrate** produced by the condensation of oxaloacetate (OAA) and acetyl CoA $Acetyl-CoA + OAA \rightarrow citrate$

Students often confuse NADH with NADPH.
Remember:

- NADPH → synthesis
- NADH → ATP production

Concept

High-Yield Fact

Fatty acid synthesis location

★ Cytosol

β -oxidation location

★ Mitochondria

Transport molecule

Citrate

Reducing agent

NADPH

Major organ

Liver

Shuttle enzyme

ATP citrate lyase

Easy Memory Trick

"Fat is made in the cytosol, but acetyl CoA needs a citrate taxi."

the regulation part
12:00 minute

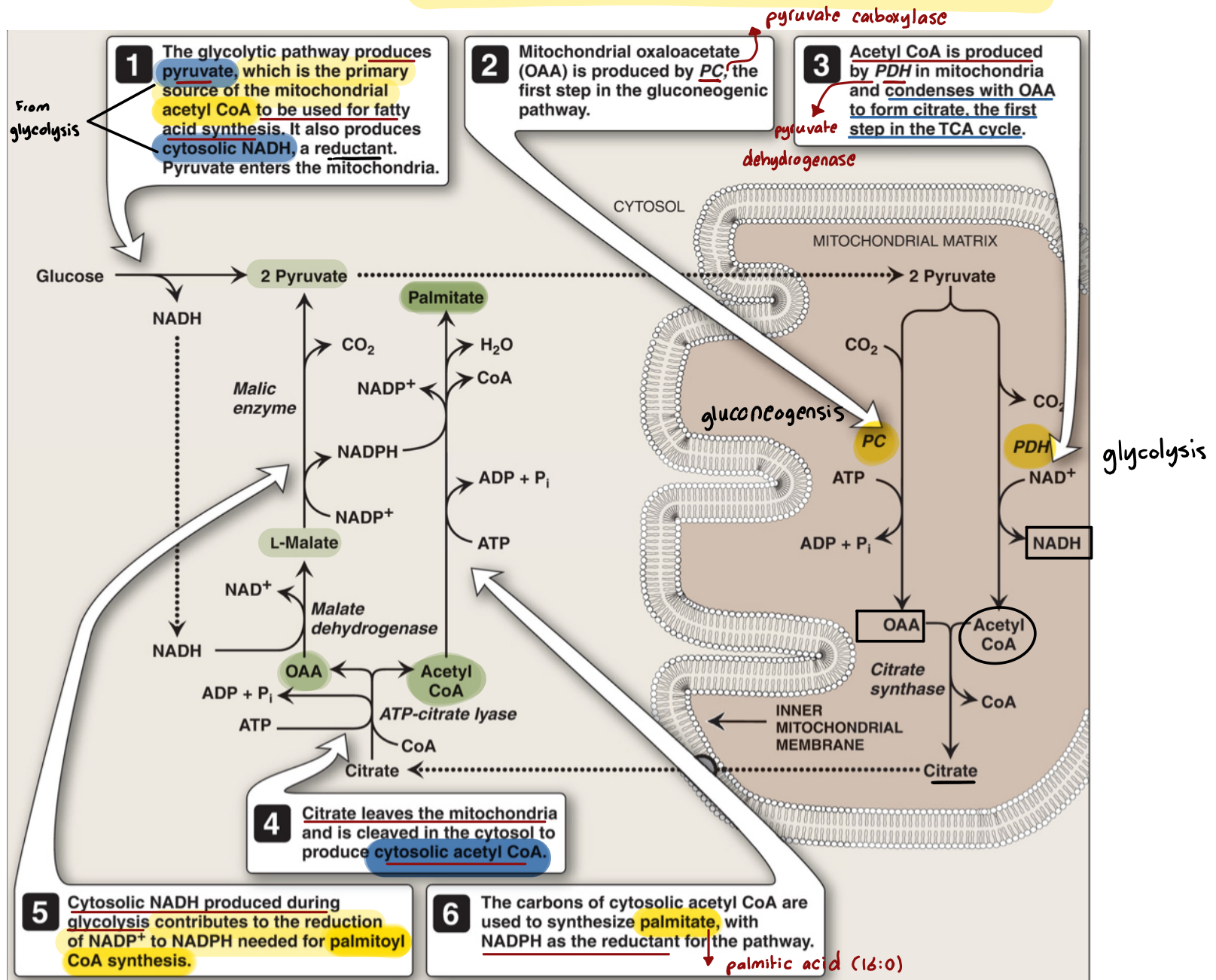
1. translocation of citrate from the mitochondrion to the cytosol

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- ❑ The translocation of citrate from the mitochondrion to the cytosol, where it is cleaved by **ATP-citrate lyase** to produce **cytosolic acetyl CoA** and **OAA**, occurs when the mitochondrial substrate concentration is high.
A lot of Acetyl-CoA + energy (ATP)
- ❑ This is observed when **isocitrate dehydrogenase** is inhibited by the presence of large amounts of ATP. causing citrate and isocitrate to accumulate.
فإنزيم ← I don't need glycolysis ATP ↑ ضغط
- ❑ A large amount of ATP is needed for fatty acid synthesis
- ❑ The increase in both ATP and citrate enhances this pathway.

⊕ ATP
 ⊕ citrate activate fatty acids synthesis

Source of cytosolic Acetyl coA



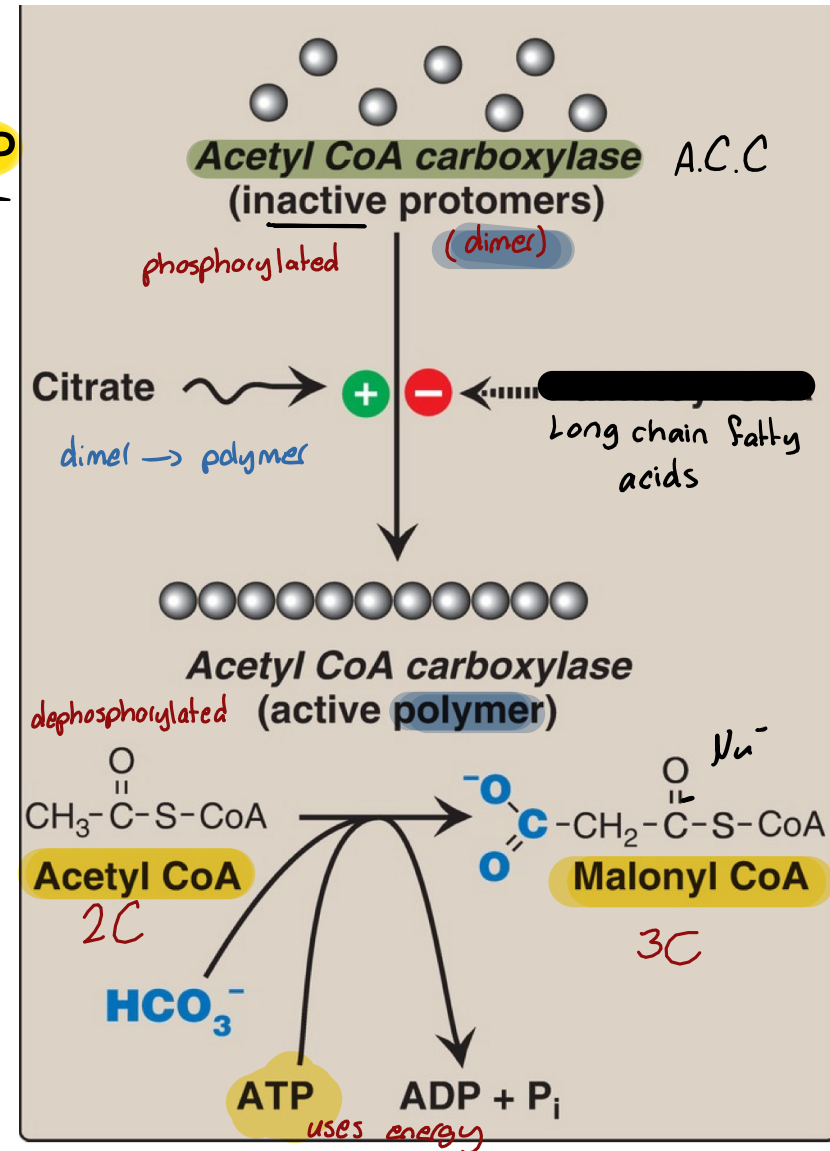
+ CO₂

2. Carboxylation of acetyl CoA to form malonyl CoA

- The carboxylation of acetyl CoA to form malonyl CoA is catalyzed by **acetyl CoA carboxylase** and **requires HCO₃⁻ and ATP** and **biotin coenzyme**.



I am active when dephosphorylated bc I donate my P and that energize me!!



Regulation of acetyl CoA carboxylase

long term
short term

Short-term regulation of acetyl CoA carboxylase:

- ❑ This carboxylation is both the rate-limiting and the regulated step in fatty acid synthesis
- ❑ The acetyl CoA carboxylase is a **dimer**. Which is **allosterically activated** by **citrate** by polymerizing it.
- ❑ The enzyme can be allosterically inactivated by
 - ❑ **Long-chain fatty acyl CoA** (the end product of the pathway), which causes its depolymerization. *back to dimers*
 - ❑ **Reversible phosphorylation** in the presence of **epinephrine** and **glucagon** *(inhibited) inactive*
- ❑ In the presence of **insulin**, Acetyl CoA carboxylase is **dephosphorylated** and, so **activated**.

Long-term regulation of acetyl CoA carboxylase:

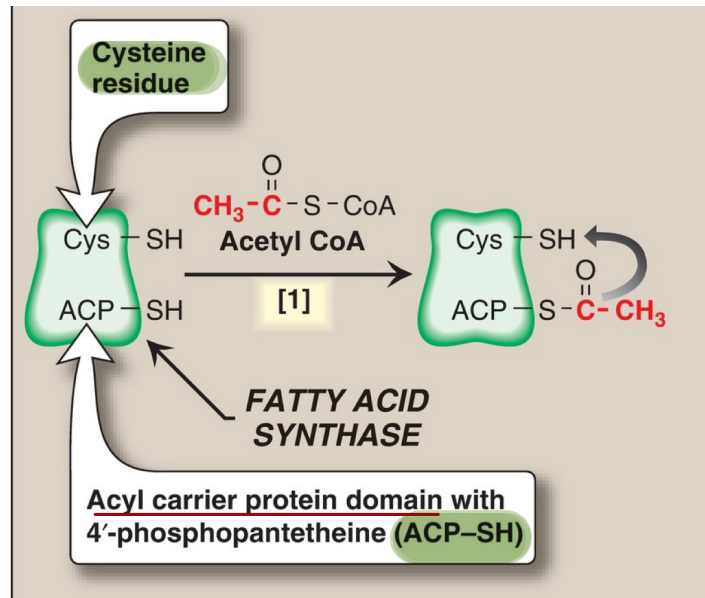
- ❑ **Prolonged consumption of high-calorie, high-carbohydrate diets** causes an **increase in acetyl CoA carboxylase synthesis**, thus increasing fatty acid synthesis. *"logic"*
- ❑ Conversely, a low-calorie diet or fasting causes a reduction in fatty acid synthesis by decreasing the synthesis of acetyl CoA carboxylase. *bc its the limiting ating step*

Fed state
insulin ↑
ATP ↑
glucose ↑
citrate ↑

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Fatty acid synthase

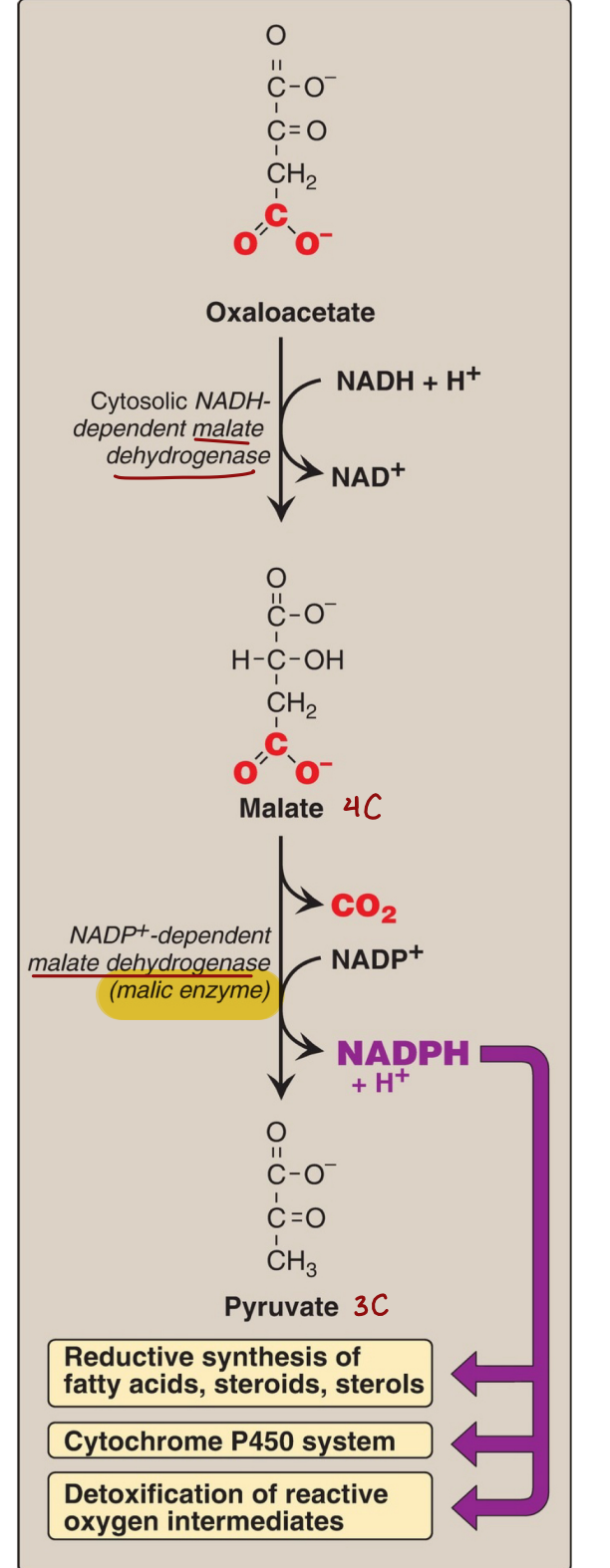
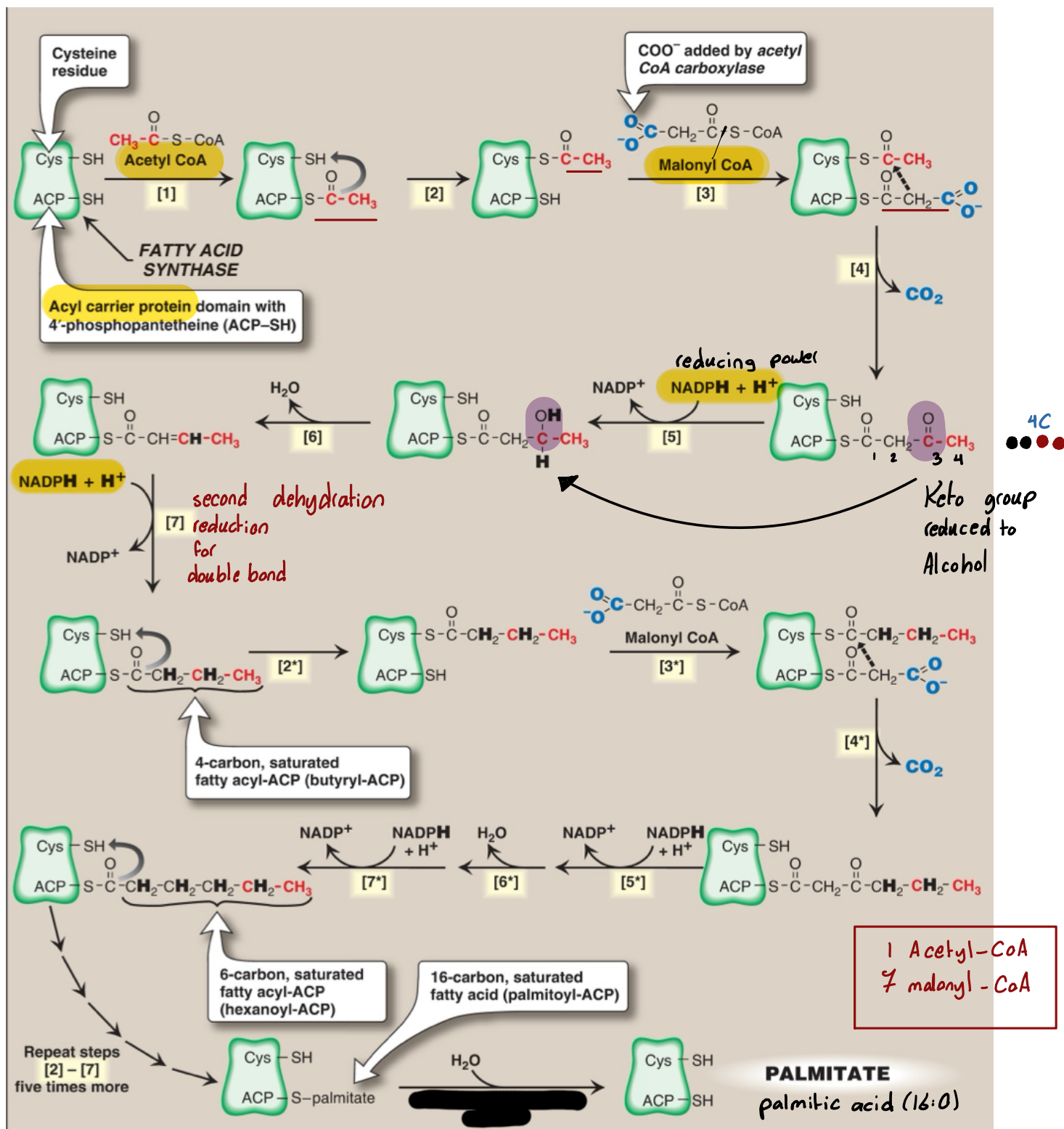
- The remaining series of reactions of fatty acid synthesis is catalyzed by the multifunctional, dimeric enzyme, fatty acid synthase.
- Each fatty acid synthase monomer is a multicatalytic polypeptide with 7 different enzymatic activities plus a domain that covalently binds a molecule of 4'-phosphopantetheine, carries acetyl and acyl units on its terminal thiol (-SH group) during fatty acid synthesis



Steps of fatty acid synthesis

●● 2C

- [1] A molecule of acetate is transferred from acetyl CoA to the -SH group of the ACP. Domain: Acetyl CoA-ACP acetyltransferase
 - [2] This two-carbon fragment is transferred to the holding site, the thiol group of a cysteine residue on the enzyme.
 - [3] The now-vacant ACP accepts a three-carbon malonate from malonyl CoA. Domain: Malonyl CoA-ACP-transferase
 - [4] The malonyl group loses the HCO_3^- originally added by CoA carboxylase, facilitating its nucleophilic attack of thioester bond linking the acetyl group to the cysteine residue. The result is a four-carbon unit attached to the ACP. *carbon growing step 4C = step 4*
 - [5] The keto group is reduced to an alcohol. Domain: 3-Ketoacyl ACP reductase. *the reducing power is NADPH \rightarrow NADP⁺*
 - [6] A molecule of water is removed to introduce a double bond. Domain: 3-Hydroxyacyl-ACP dehydratase. *dehydration*
 - [7] A second reduction step occurs. Domain: Enoyl-ACP reductase
- At the end, Palmitoyl thioesterase cleaves the thioester bond, producing a fully saturated molecule of palmitate (16:0).



All of the following stimulate fatty acids synthesis except:

phosphorylations of the key : الجواب كان

Acetyl-CoA carboxylase

enzyme

Steps of fatty acid synthesis ترتیبہم

oleic acid 18C the body can synthesis it from palmitate

Further elongation of fatty acids

- ❑ **Palmitate** can be further elongated by the addition of two-carbon units in the **endoplasmic reticulum (ER)** and **the mitochondria**. These organelles use separate enzymatic processes.

- ❑ **The brain** has additional elongation capabilities allowing it to produce the very-long-chain fatty acids (up to 24 C) that are required for **synthesis of brain lipids**.
 - can synthesis its own fatty acids
 - up to 24 C
- ❑ Enzymes present in the **ER** are responsible for **desaturating fatty acids** (that is, **adding cis double bonds**). Termed **mixed-function oxidases**, the desaturation reactions require **NADH and O₂**.

(ER) desaturation = adding cis double bonds
- ❑ **We must have the polyunsaturated linoleic and linolenic acids provided in the diet.**

acidic in nature

Storage of fatty acids as components of triacylglycerols

□ Mono-, di-, and triacylglycerols consist of one, two, or three molecules of fatty acids are esterified to a molecule of glycerol through their carboxyl groups, resulting in a loss of negative charge and formation of 'neutral fat'

□ Fatty acid at C1 is usually saturated

□ Fatty acid at C2 is usually unsaturated C2 *un saturated* *مقطعين 2*

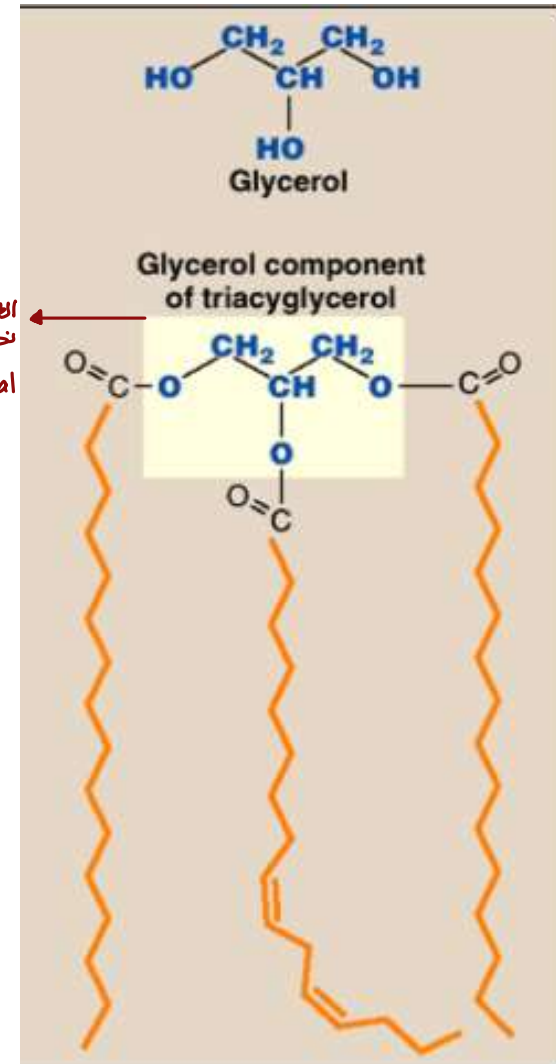
□ Fatty acid at C3 can be either

saturated *unsaturated*

□ If a species of acylglycerol is solid at room temperature, it is called a "fat", if liquid, it is called an "oil"

solid → fat

liquid → oil

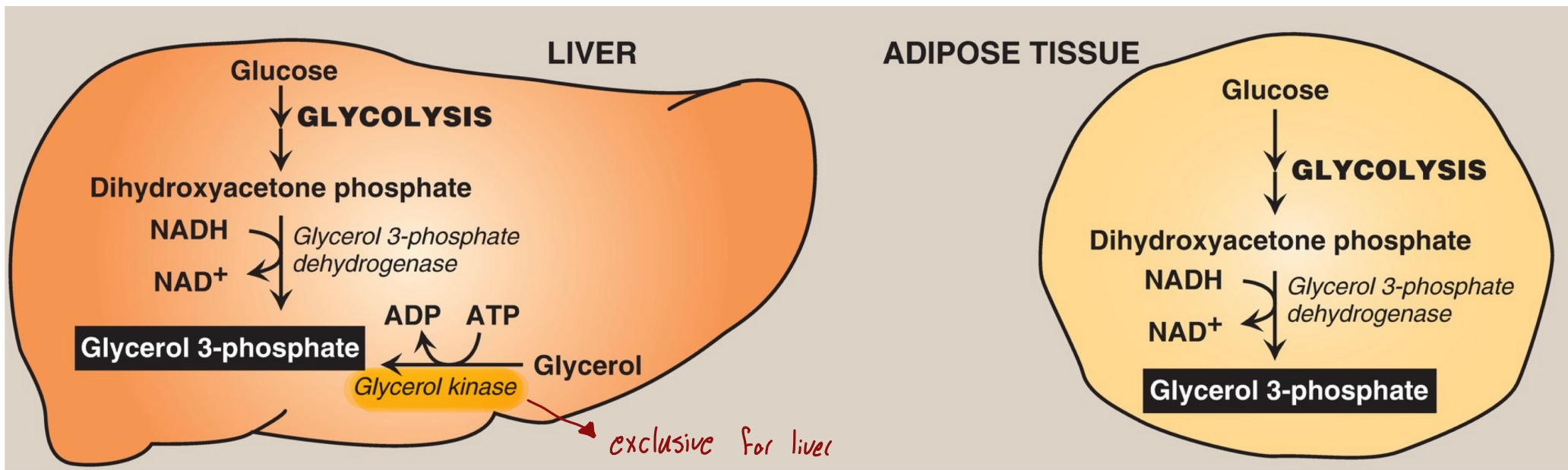


glycerol Kinase $1^{\circ} \rightarrow 2^{\circ}$

exclusively in liver

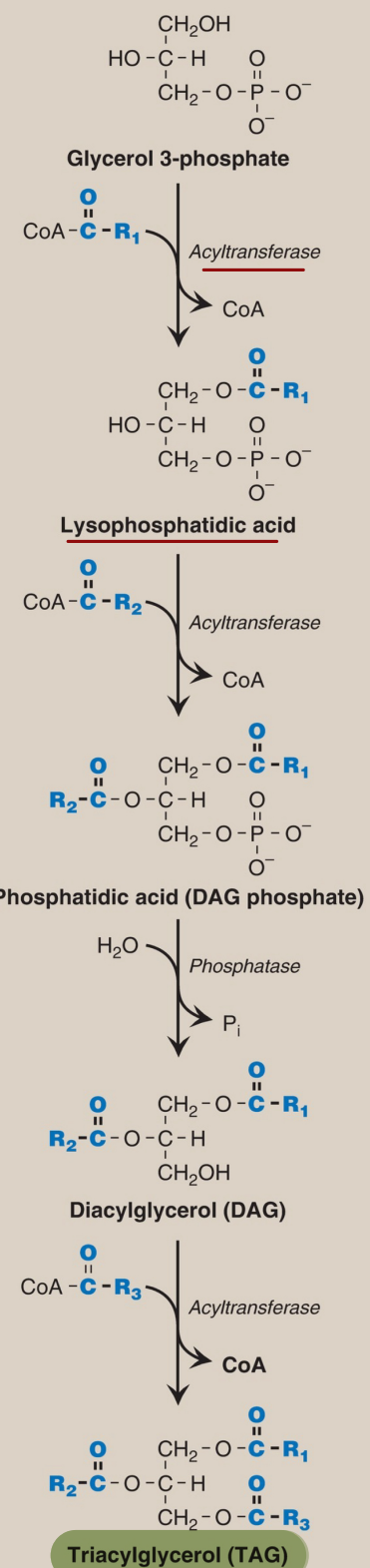
Storage of TAG

- ❑ TAGs are slightly soluble in water and cannot form stable micelles so they coalesce within adipocytes to form oily droplets that are nearly anhydrous.
- ❑ They act as the major energy reserve of the body. TAG
- ❑ Production of glycerol 3P *intermediate of glycolysis*



Synthesis of triacylglycerol

- ❑ Synthesis of glycerol³phosphate from glucose during glycolysis in liver and adipose tissue
- ❑ Conversion of a free FA to its activated form (CoA)
- ❑ TAG is synthesized
- ❑ Different fates of TAG in the liver and adipose tissue
 - ❑ In adipose tissue, TAG is stored in the cytosol of the cells in a nearly anhydrous form.
 - ❑ In liver, most are exported, packaged with cholesteryl esters, cholesterol, phospholipid, and protein (apolipoprotein B-100) to form lipoprotein particles called very low density lipoproteins (VLDL). VLDL are secreted into the blood where they mature and function to deliver the endogenously-derived lipids to the peripheral tissues.



Mobilization of stored fat

□ Release of fatty acids from TAG

□ This process is initiated by **hormone-sensitive lipase**, which removes a fatty acid from carbon 1 and/or carbon 3 of the TAG.

□ **Additional lipases** specific for diacylglycerol or monoacylglycerol remove the remaining fatty acids.

on carbon 2

!S fats اكس ليا

Fasting state

Mobilization of stored fat



Active when phosphorylated

1. Activation of hormone-sensitive lipase (HSL): This enzyme is activated when phosphorylated by a 3',5'-cyclic AMP-dependent protein kinase in the adipocyte upon binding of hormones (like epinephrine) to receptors on the cell membrane, and activation of adenylate cyclase

ATP → cAMP ✓

Fasting state

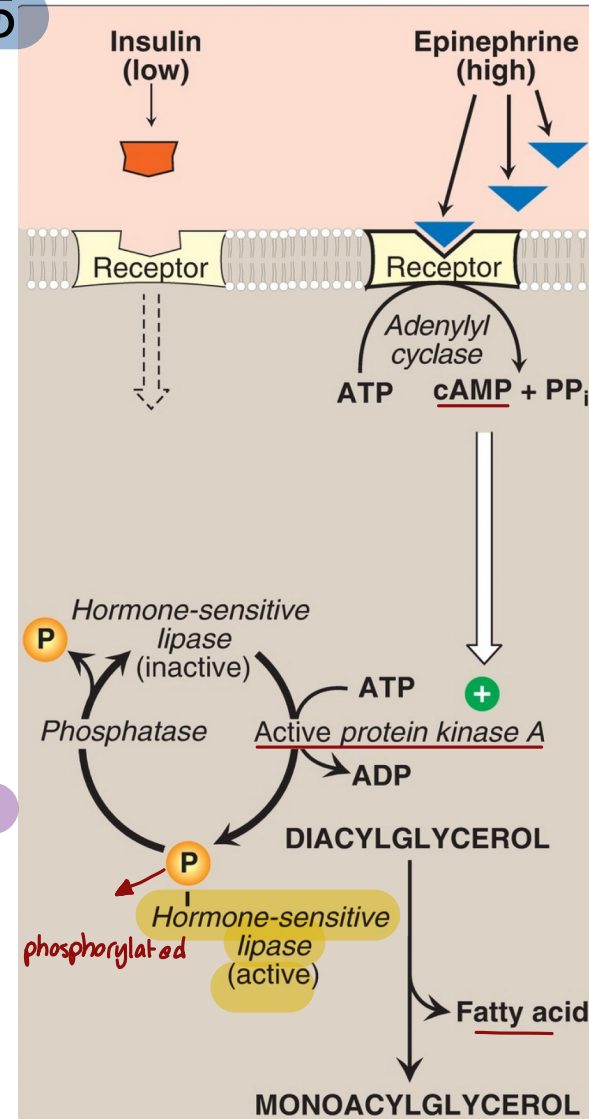
□ The process is similar to that of the activation of glycogen phosphorylase :

□ Because acetyl CoA carboxylase is inhibited upon phosphorylation, when the cAMP-mediated cascade is activated. fatty acid synthesis is turned off when TAG degradation is turned on.

(Fed state)

□ In the presence of high plasma levels of insulin and glucose, HSL is dephosphorylated (inactive)

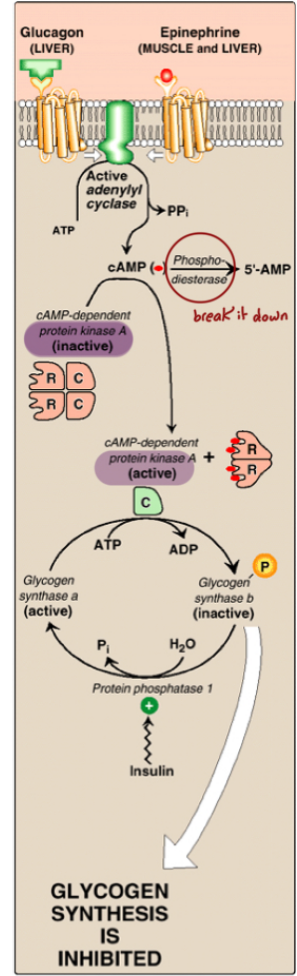
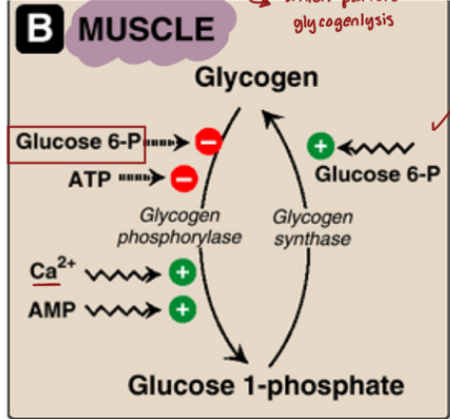
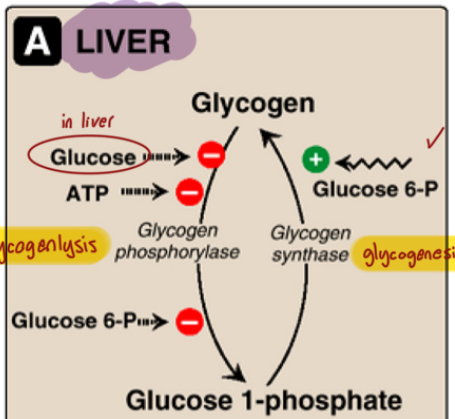
logic bc we want to store the fat not degrade it



Meaning:
 If glucose is already present/bound, the enzyme becomes less responsive to AMP.
 So even if AMP tries to activate it:
 • activation is blocked
 • glycogen breakdown decreases

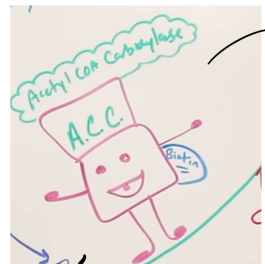
Regulation

- when muscle glycogen phosphorylase is bound to glucose, it cannot be allosterically activated by AMP
- In the muscle, insulin indirectly inhibits the enzyme by increasing the uptake of glucose, leading to an increased level of glucose 6-phosphate - a potent allosteric inhibitor of glycogen phosphorylase



glycogen phosphorylase + hormone sensitive lipase

Active when phosphorylated



I am active when dephosphorylated bc I donate my P and that energize me!!

Acetyl-CoA → malonyl-CoA promote fatty acids synthesis (Fed state)

so when cAMP active (fasting state) TAG degradation active

A.C.C should be inhibited (phosphorylated)

Mobilization of stored fat

Fate of glycerol:

It cannot be metabolized by **adipocytes** because they **lack glycerol kinase**. Rather, glycerol is transported through the blood to the liver, where it can be phosphorylated, which can be used to form TAG in the liver; or can be converted to DHAP that can participate in glycolysis or gluconeogenesis.

only liver

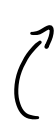
Fate of fatty acids:

The free fatty acids move through the cell membrane of the adipocyte, and immediately bind to albumin in the plasma, enter cells, get activated to their CoA derivatives, and are oxidized for energy. (ATP)

Active transport of fatty acids across membranes is mediated by a membrane fatty acid binding protein

etc **plasma free fatty acids** cannot be used for fuel by ^{RBCs} **erythrocytes**, which have no mitochondria, or by the brain because of the impermeable BBB

شرح
تاريخي




to have ATP (energy)

β -Oxidation of fatty acids

except $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{RBCs} \\ \text{brain} \end{array} \right.$

اطلع طلائع الكتز مت *unsaturated*

- The major pathway for catabolism of **saturated fatty acids** is a **mitochondrial pathway** called β -oxidation, in which **two-carbon fragments** are successively removed from the **carboxyl end** of the **fatty acyl CoA**, producing **acetyl CoA**, **NADH**, and **FADH₂**.

- Transport of long-chain fatty acids (LCFA) into the mitochondria:
- After LCFA enters a cell, it is converted to the CoA derivative by **long-chain fatty acyl CoA synthetase (thiokinase)** in the **cytosol**.
LCF Acyl-CoA synthetase (thiokinase)
- Because β -oxidation occurs in the mitochondria matrix, the fatty acid must be transported **from the cytosol across the mitochondrial inner membrane** by a **specialized carrier, Carnitine**.

LCFA translocation

1. An **acyl group** is transferred from the cytosolic CoA to carnitine by **carnitine palmitoyltransferase I (CPT-I)**, an enzyme associated with the outer mitochondrial membrane, to form **acylcarnitine**, and regenerates free CoA
2. The **acylcarnitine** is transported into the mitochondrion in exchange for free carnitine by **carnitine-acylcarnitine translocase**.
3. **Carnitine palmitoyltransferase II (CPT-II)** catalyzes the transfer of the acyl group from carnitine to CoA in the mitochondria matrix, thus regenerating free carnitine.

Fatty acids synthesis

cytosol

fatty acids degradation (oxidation)

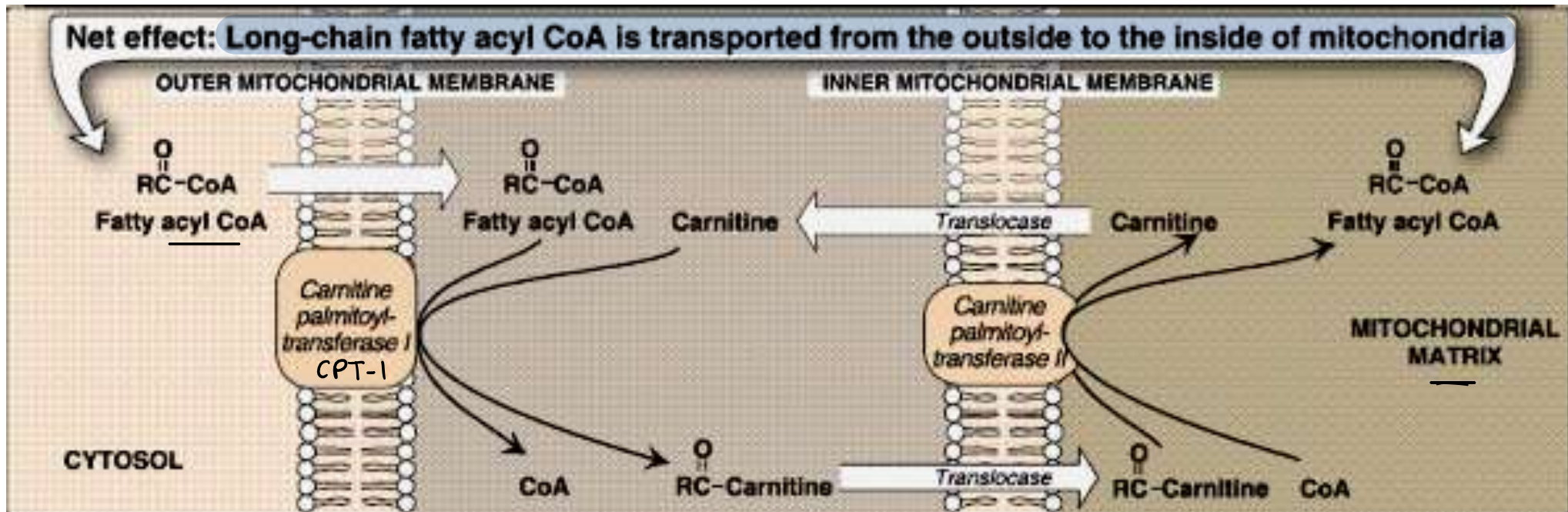
mitochondria

Inhibitor of the carnitine shuttle

Beta oxidation
Fat degradation
Fasting

logic bc it promote
Fatty acid synthesis

- ❑ **Malonyl CoA** inhibits CPT, thus preventing the entry of long-chain acyl groups into the mitochondrial matrix.
- ❑ When fatty acid synthesis is occurring in the cytosol (as indicated by the presence of malonyl CoA), **the newly made palmitate cannot be transferred into the mitochondria and degraded**



NOT synthesized
in skeletal
or heart muscle.

Carnitine
Lysine
methionine

❑ Sources:

- ❑ from the diet (meat, dairy products, nuts), synthesized from the amino acids lysine and methionine by an enzymatic pathway found in the liver and kidney but not in skeletal or heart muscle.
- ❑ these tissues are totally dependent on carnitine provided by hepatocytes or the diet, and distributed by the blood.
(Skeletal muscle contains 97% of all carnitine in the body)

❑ Additional functions:

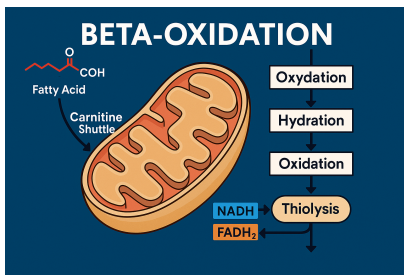
- ❑ The carnitine system also allows the export from the mitochondria of branched-chain acyl groups (such as those produced during the catabolism of the branched-chain amino acids).
- ❑ The carnitine system is involved in the trapping and excretion via the kidney of acyl groups that cannot be metabolized by the body.

Carnitine deficiencies

- result in a ¹ decreased ability of tissues to use LCFA as a metabolic fuel, can also cause the ² accumulation of toxic amounts of free fatty acids and branched-chain acyl groups in cells.

- Secondary carnitine deficiency occurs for many reasons:
 - 1) in patients with **liver disease** causing decreased synthesis of carnitine
 - 2) individuals suffering from **malnutrition** or those on **strictly vegetarian diets**
 - 3) in those with an **increased requirement** for carnitine as in pregnancy, severe infections, burns, or trauma
 - 4) in those undergoing **hemodialysis**, which removes carnitine from the blood

- Congenital deficiencies in one of the components of the carnitine ^{CPT} palmitoyltransferase system, in tubular reabsorption of carnitine, or a deficiency in carnitine uptake by cells, can also cause carnitine deficiency.



Reactions of β -oxidation

F.a synthesis ← عكس خطوات

It consists of a sequence of **four reactions** that result in shortening the fatty acid chain by two carbons.

[1] oxidation that produces **FADH₂**

[2] hydration step

[3] a second oxidation that produces **NADH**

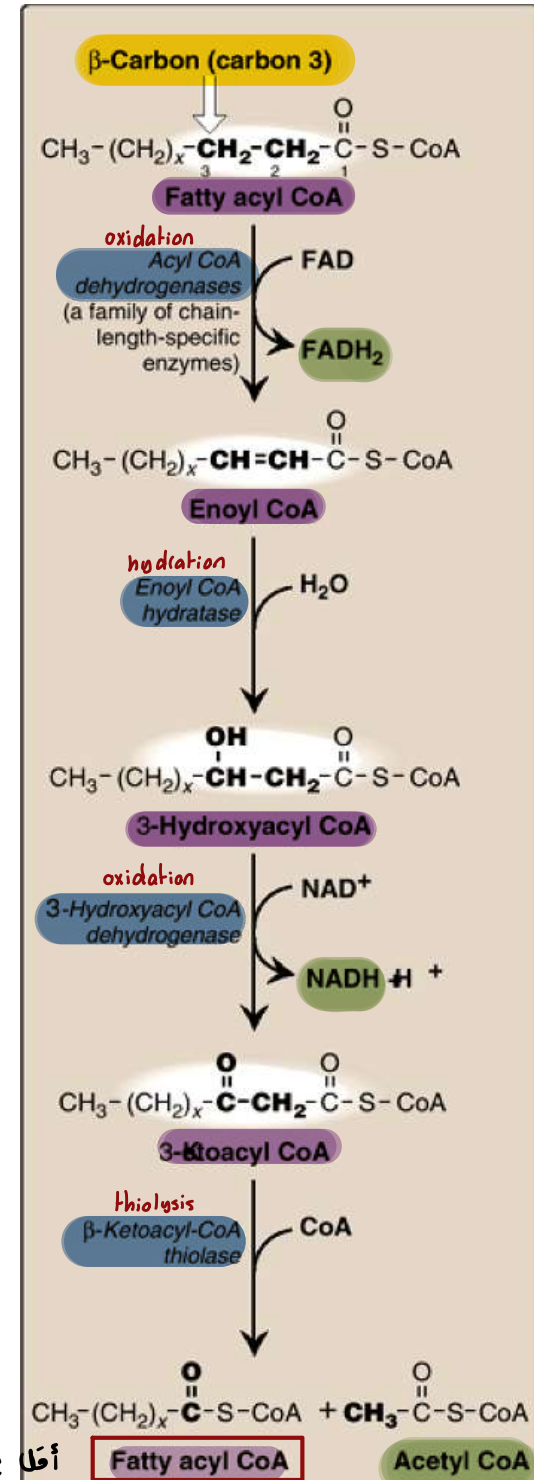
[4] **Thiolytic cleavage** that releases a molecule of acetyl CoA.

These four steps are repeated for **saturated fatty acids of even numbered carbon chains (n16)**, each cycle producing an acetyl group plus one NADH and one FADH₂

The final thiolytic cleavage produces two acetyl groups.

Acetyl CoA is a positive allosteric effector of pyruvate carboxylase, thus, linking fatty acid oxidation and gluconeogenesis.

pyruvate
↓
oxaloacetate



أقل بكاربونتين

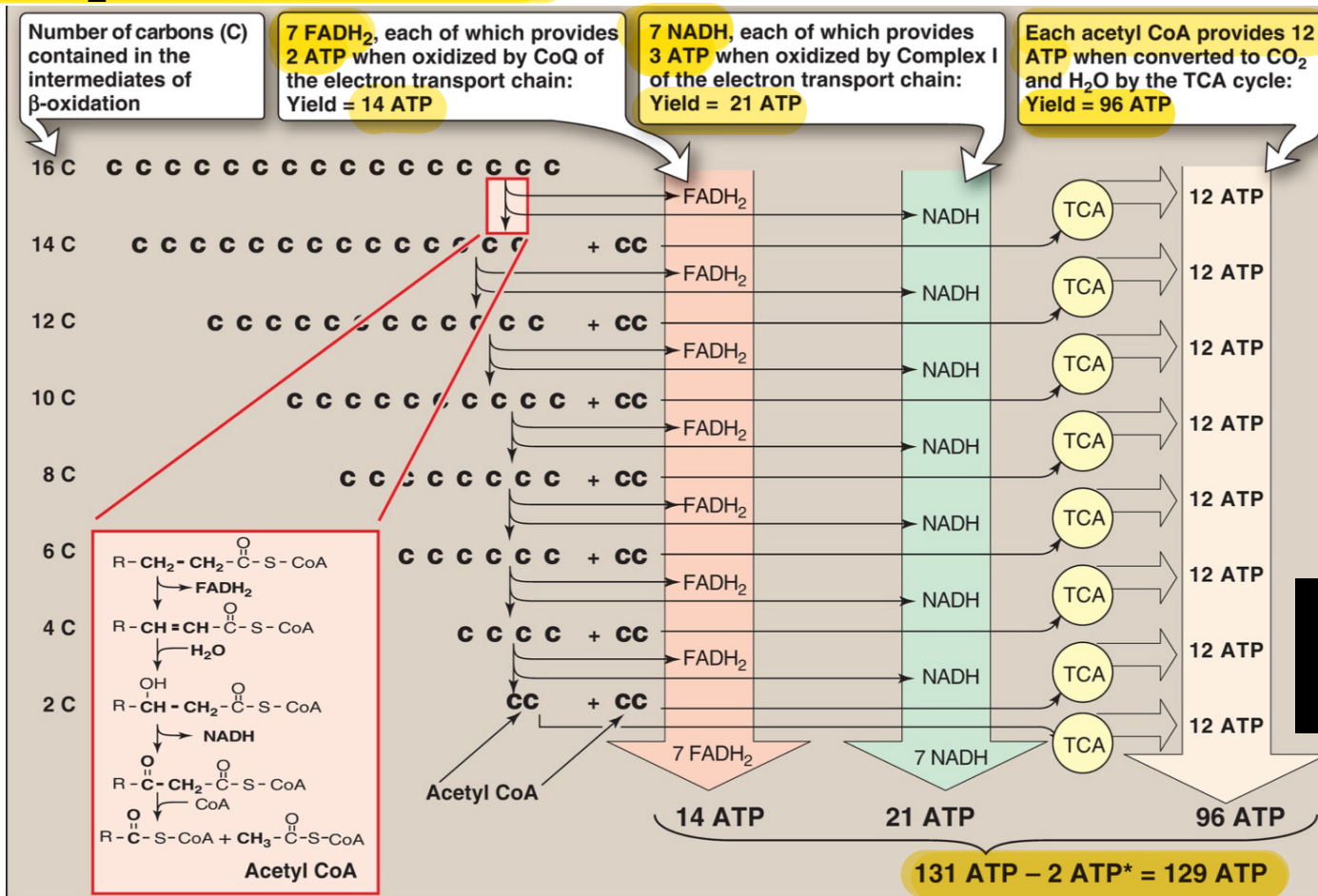
Every cycle produces one acetyl-CoA, except the last cycle, which produces two. Therefore, acetyl-CoA = cycles + 1.

Palmitate (16-carbon FA) → 7 cycles → 8 acetyl-CoA

Energy yield from fatty acid oxidation

□ The energy yield from the oxidation pathway is high.

□ For example, the oxidation of a molecule of **palmitoyl CoA to CO₂ and H₂O yields 131 ATP**



1 FADH₂ → 2 ATP
 1 NADH → 3 ATP
 1 Acetyl-CoA → 12 ATP

palmitoyl-CoA
 131 ATP
 palmitoyl
 129 ATP

- Number of acetyl-CoA molecules = $\frac{n}{2}$
- Number of β -oxidation cycles = $\frac{n}{2} - 1$
- Each cycle produces 1 NADH and 1 FADH₂

Question 11/20
The number of Acetyl coA produced by myristyl coA (14:0) oxidation is:

1. 5
2. 6
3. 7
4. 4
5. 8

3

How many Acetyl-CoA and NADPH molecules are produced from the beta-oxidation of capric acid (a 10-carbon fatty acid)?

Answer : (5,4)

كم NADH , acetyl coA ينتج من 18 كربونة

9 , 8 NADH

Acetyl-CoA

Medium-chain fatty acyl CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD) deficiency

- ❑ In mitochondria, there are **four fatty acyl CoA dehydrogenase species**, each of which has a specificity for either **short-, medium-, long-, or very-long-chain** fatty acids.
- ❑ MCAD deficiency is:
 - ❑ an **autosomal, recessive** disorder
 - ❑ one of the most common inborn errors of metabolism.
 - ❑ causes a **decrease in fatty acid oxidation** and **severe hypoglycemia** (no full energetic benefit from fatty acids and so must now rely on glucose).
- ❑ Treated by a carbohydrate-rich diet.
- ❑ **Infants** are particularly affected by MCAD deficiency, because they rely for their nourishment on milk, which contains primarily MCADS
- ❑ **MCAD dehydrogenase deficiency** has been identified as the cause of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) or **Reye's syndrome**

Fatty acids with chain lengths of four to ten carbons are found in significant quantities in milk (4-10) milk

Reye's syndrome : viral infection

*↳ liver disease
viral infection + Aspirin
complete liver damage*

جابت هاد وكان بدھا ايش الخطأ كان من ضمن الخيارات

Treated by a protein-rich diet.

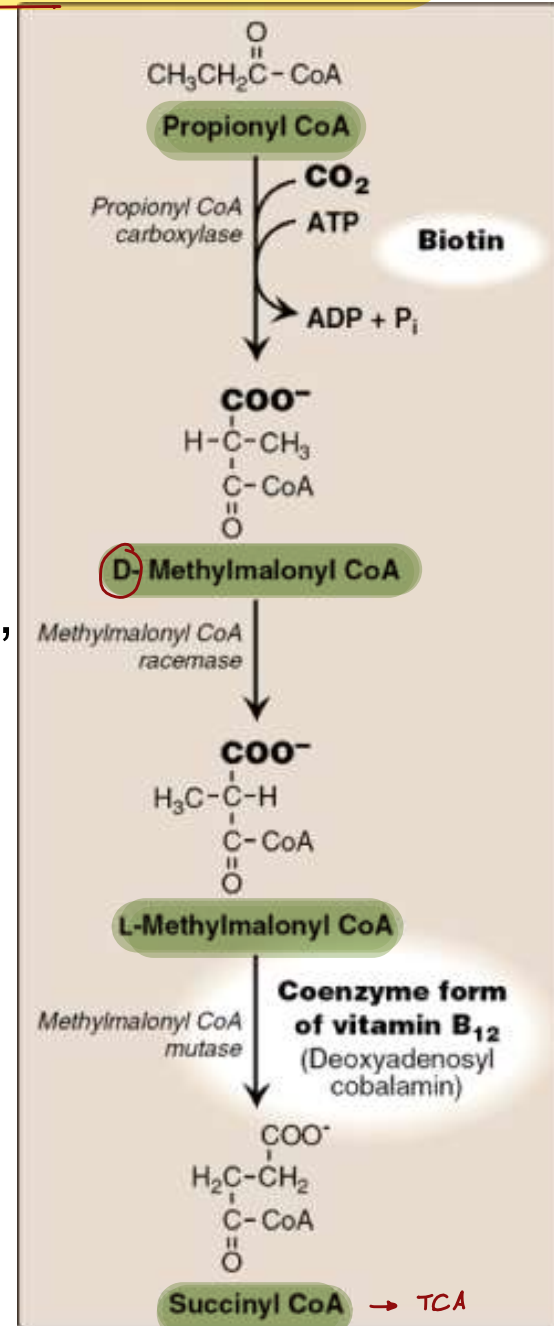
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Oxidation of fatty acids with an odd number

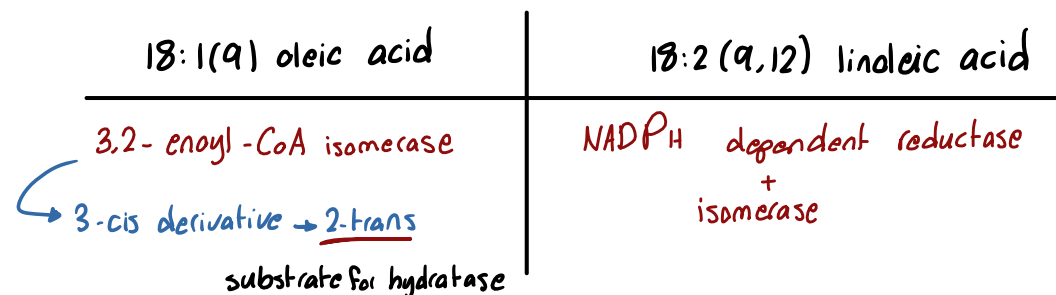
- It oxidizes two carbons at a time (producing acetyl CoA) until the last three carbons (propionyl CoA). (3C)
- (Propionyl CoA is also produced during the metabolism of certain amino acids)
- This compound is carboxylated to methylmalonyl CoA by propionyl CoA carboxylase (requires biotin), which is then converted to succinyl CoA by methylmalonyl CoA mutase (requires vitamin B12). (Succinyl CoA can enter TCA cycle)
- A genetic error in the mutase or vitamin B12 deficiency causes methylmalonic acidemia and aciduria in addition to developmental retardation.

methylmalonic acidemia
 +
 Aciduria
 } mental retardation



Oxidation of ^{loss ATP} unsaturated fatty acids

- ❑ The oxidation of unsaturated fatty acids provides less energy than that of saturated fatty acids because they are less highly reduced and, therefore, fewer reducing equivalents can be produced from these structures.
- ❑ Oxidation of monounsaturated fatty acids, such as 18:1(9) (oleic acid) requires one additional enzyme, 3,2-enoyl CoA isomerase (converts the 3-cis derivative obtained after three rounds of p-oxidation to the 2-trans derivative that can serve as a substrate for the hydratase)
- ❑ Oxidation of polyunsaturated fatty acids, such as 18:2(9,12) (linoleic acid) requires an NADPH-dependent reductase in addition to the isomerase.



destroys fat

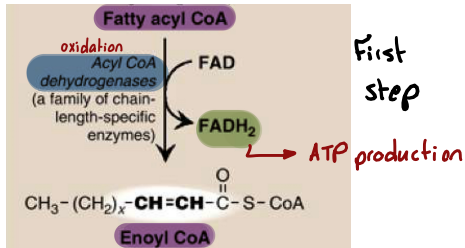
Oxidation in the peroxisome

hydrogen peroxide
 H_2O_2 soma "body"

20 or more

- ❑ Very-long-chain fatty acids (VLCFA), twenty carbons long or longer, undergo a preliminary β -oxidation in peroxisomes. The shortened fatty acid is then transferred to a mitochondrion for further oxidation.
- ❑ In contrast to mitochondrial β -oxidation, the initial dehydrogenation in peroxisomes is catalyzed by an FAD-containing acyl CoA oxidase.
- ❑ The $FADH_2$ produced is oxidized by molecular oxygen, which is reduced to H_2O_2 . The H_2O_2 is reduced to H_2O by catalase
- ❑ The genetic defects Zellweger (cerebrohepato renal) syndrome (a defect in peroxisomal biogenesis in all tissues) and X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy (a defect in peroxisomal activation of VLCFA) lead to accumulation of VLCFA in the blood and tissues.

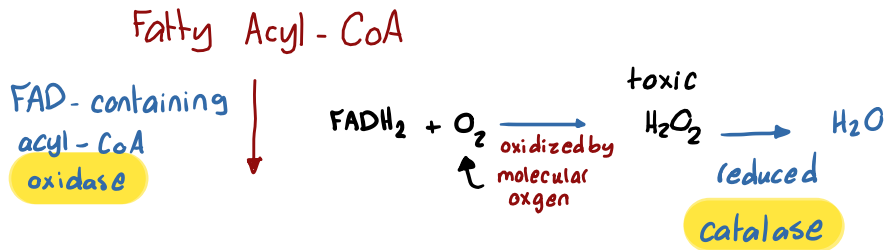
β -oxidation mitochondria



First step

dehydrogenase

β -oxidation in peroxisome



Zellweger syndrome

(cerebrohepato-renal) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{brain} \\ \text{liver} \\ \text{Kidney} \end{array} \right.$

\rightarrow peroxisome biogenesis

males

- X-linked (adrenoleukodystrophy)

\rightarrow defect in peroxisomal activation of VLCFA

accumulate

High-yield exam summary

Mitochondria

Oxidize short-, medium-, and long-chain fatty acids

First enzyme: acyl-CoA dehydrogenase

FADH₂ enters ETC and makes ATP

No H₂O₂ produced

No catalase role

Peroxisomes

Begin oxidation of VLCFAs

First enzyme: acyl-CoA oxidase

FADH₂ reduces O₂ directly

H₂O₂ produced

Catalase converts H₂O₂ to H₂O

A common MCQ point is:

Which organelle performs initial oxidation of very-long-chain fatty acids?

Answer: Peroxisomes.

Another favorite question:

Which enzyme detoxifies the H₂O₂ generated during peroxisomal β-oxidation?

Answer: Catalase.

↶ α -Oxidation of fatty acids

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- ❑ The product is decarboxylated and then activated to its **CoA derivative**, which is a substrate for the enzymes of β -oxidation.
- ❑ **Refsum disease** is a rare, autosomal recessive disorder caused by a deficiency of α -hydroxylase. Leading to the accumulation of phytanic acid in the plasma and tissues.
- ❑ The symptoms are primarily neurologic, that treated by dietary restriction to halt disease progression

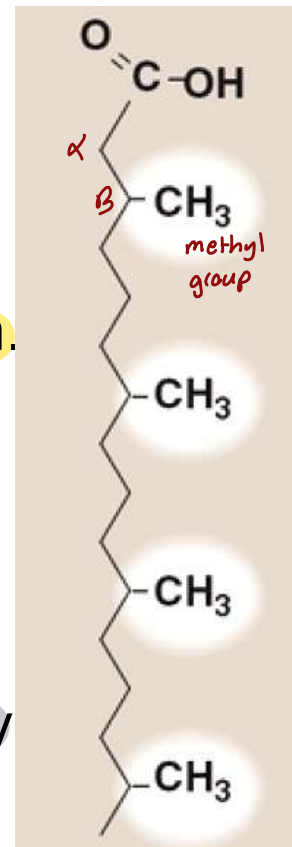
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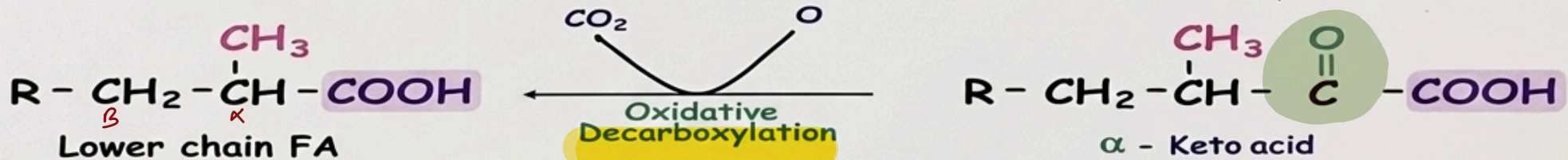
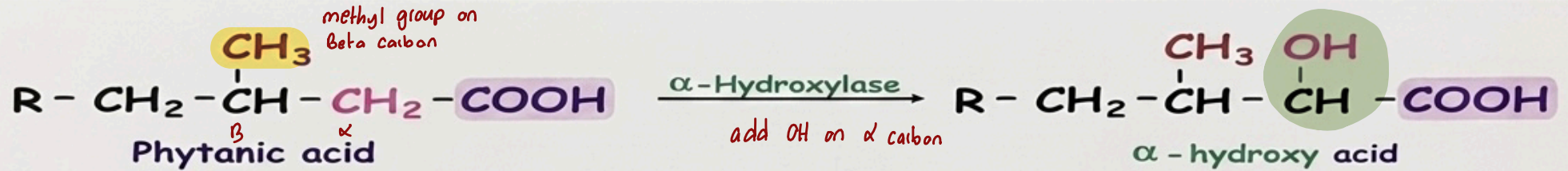
A common question is:

"Which fatty acid requires α -oxidation before β -oxidation?"

Answer: Phytanic acid



α -Oxidation of Fatty Acids



β -Oxidation

Propionyl-CoA + Acetyl-CoA

→ succinyl-CoA → Krebs cycle

Ketone bodies

produce Ketone bodies

- ❑ Liver mitochondria can convert acetyl CoA derived from fatty acid oxidation into the ketone bodies, acetoacetate and 3-hydroxybutyrate.

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+ Acetone

هو جود بنقص مرض السكري

RBCs can't utilize Ketone bodies

- ❑ Peripheral tissues possessing mitochondria can oxidize 3-hydroxybutyrate to acetoacetate, which can be reconverted to acetyl CoA, thus producing energy for the cell.

3-hydroxybutyrate → acetoacetate

تستخدم

- ❑ Unlike fatty acids, ketone bodies can be utilized by the brain and, therefore, are important fuels during a fast.

- ❑ The liver lacks the ability to degrade ketone bodies, and so synthesizes them specifically for the peripheral tissues.

Key exam point

Liver = produces ketone bodies but cannot use them.

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The organ that can't utilize ketone bodies during long fasting is

1. Adipose tissue *use*
2. Heart muscle *use*
3. Brain *use*
4. Liver
5. Skeletal muscles *use*

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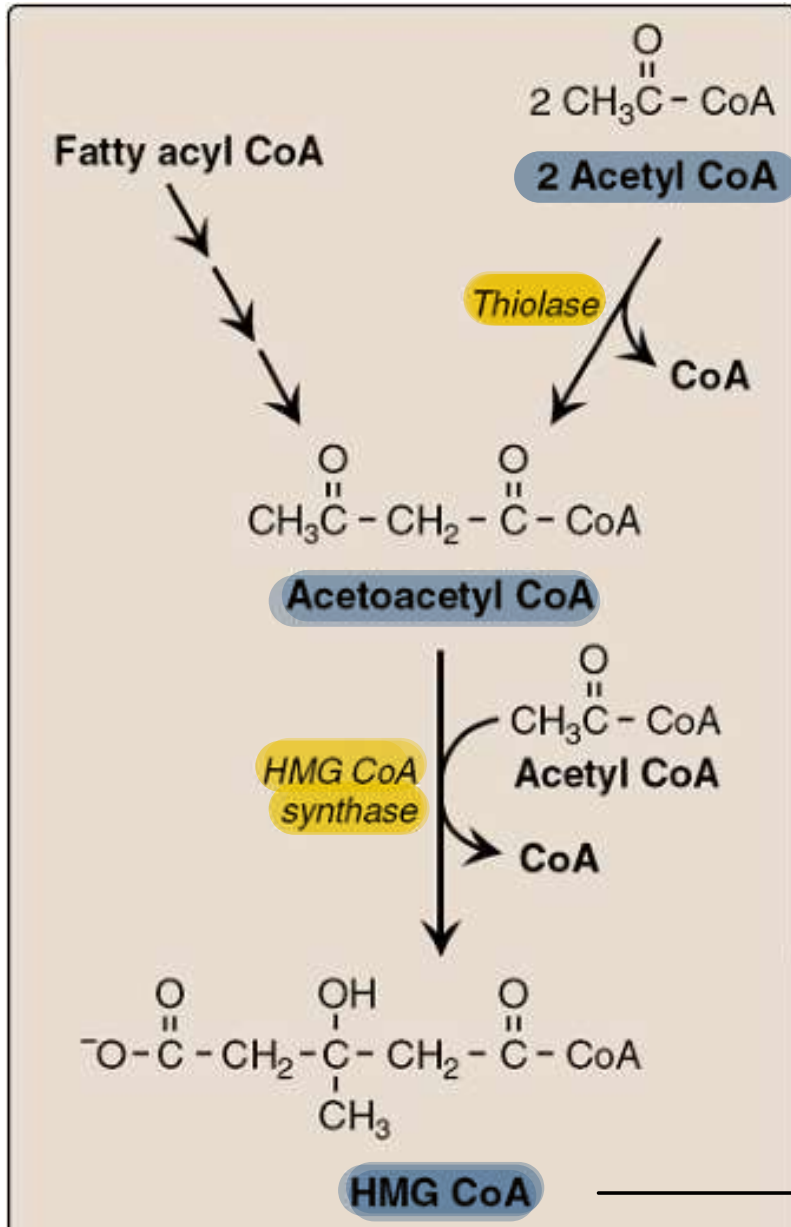
Which of the following is neither utilize fatty acid nor ketone bodies

- 1-brain *can utilize Ketone bodies*
- 2-liver *can utilize Fatty acids*
- 3-RBC *can't utilize neither bc it lacks mitochondria*
- 4-all
- 5-two choice

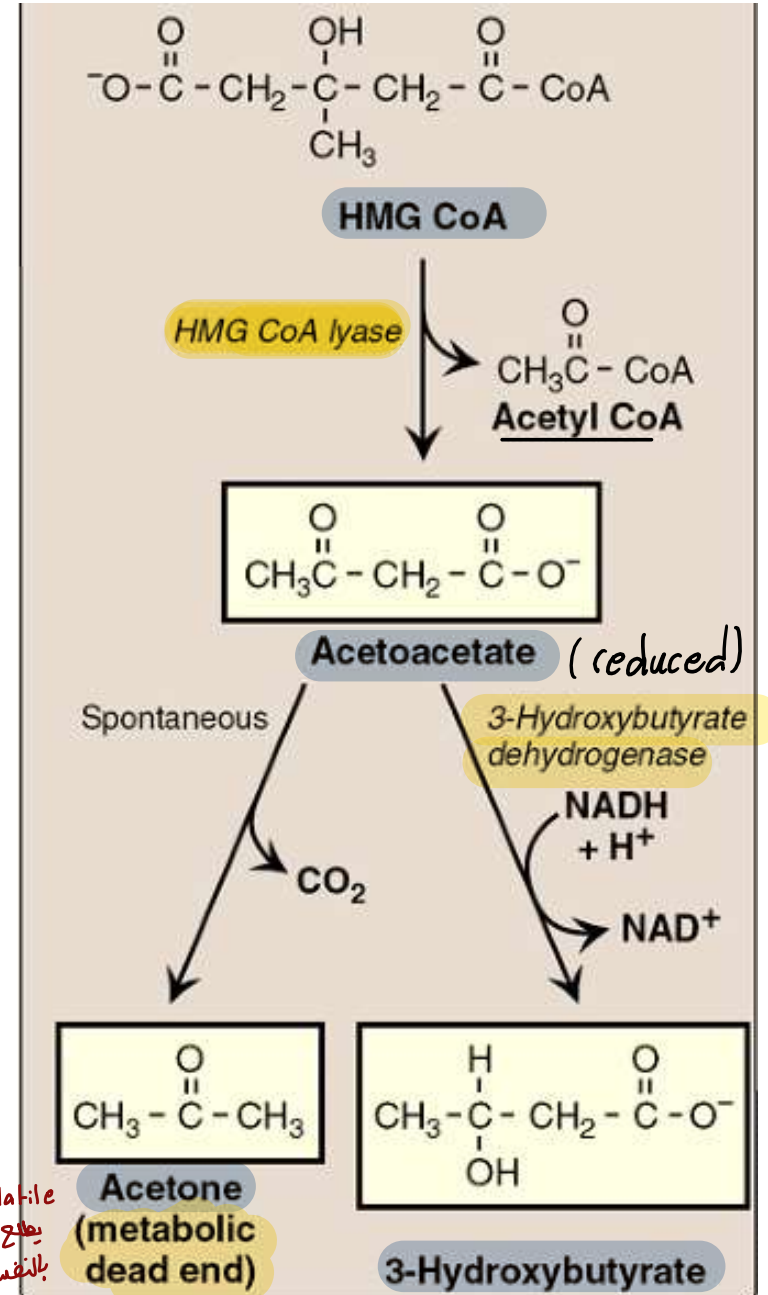
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Synthesis of ketone bodies by the liver

mitochondria



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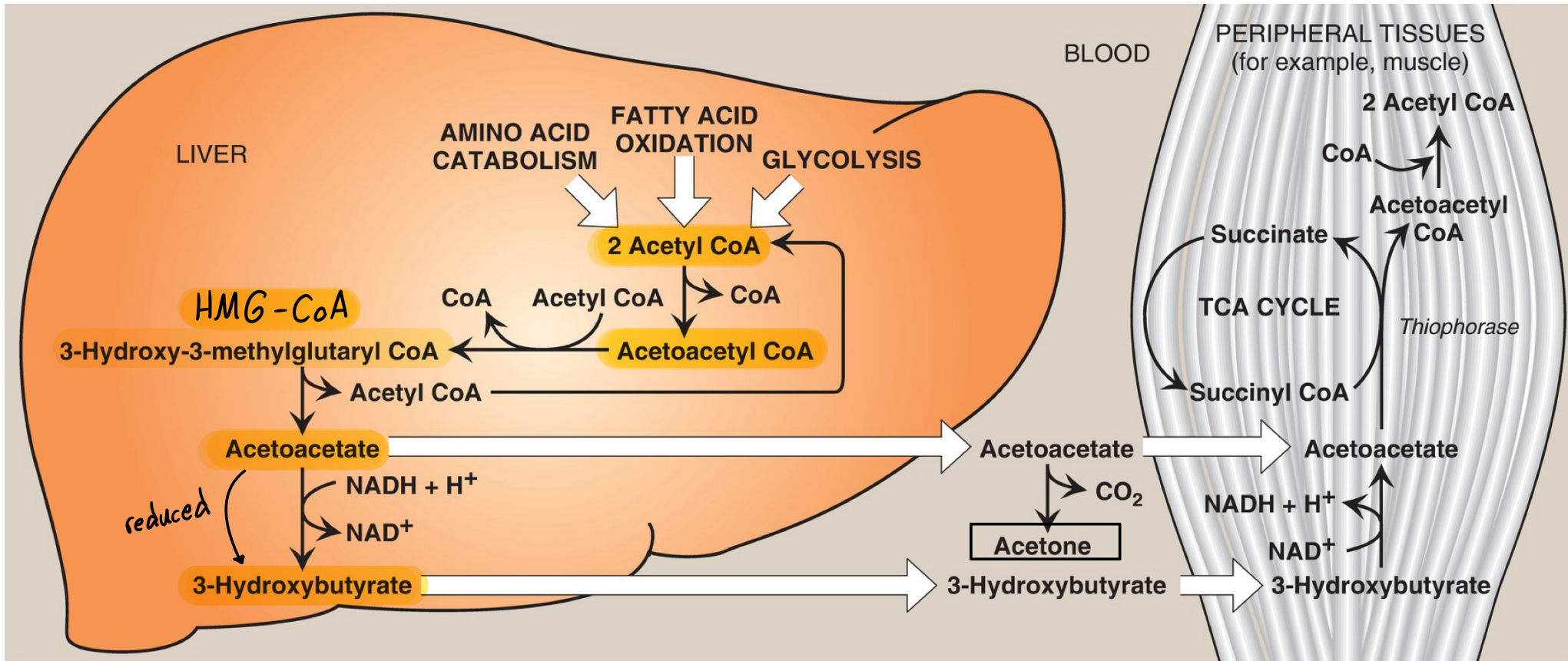


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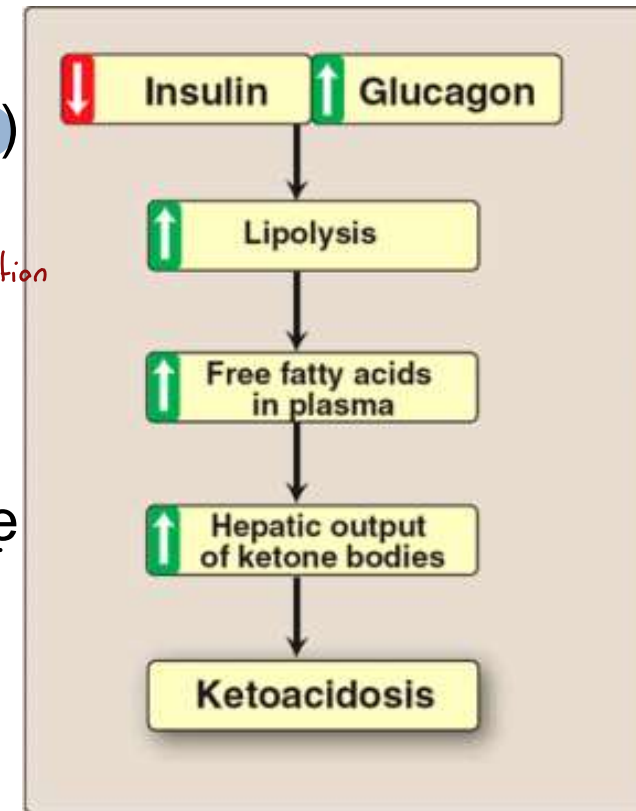
!5. Ketone bodies میں پھیرندہم ☆

- 1- diabetes mellitus patients
- 2- starvation
- 3- vomiting
- 4- diarrhia



Ketoacidosis

- ❑ Ketoacidosis occurs when the rate of formation of ketone bodies is greater than their rate of use, as seen in cases of uncontrolled, type 1 (insulin-dependent) diabetes mellitus. *little to no insulin ↓*
- ❑ their levels begin to rise in the blood (ketonemia) and eventually in the urine (ketonuria). *Ketones in blood and urine*
- ❑ In such individuals, high fatty acid degradation produces excessive amounts of acetyl CoA. *Beta oxidation*
NADH ↑
FADH₂ ↑
- ❑ It also depletes the NAD⁺ pool and increases the NADH pool, which slows the TCA cycle



When their production exceeds their utilization:

- Ketones accumulate in blood → ketonemia
- Ketones appear in urine → ketonuria
- Blood pH falls → ketoacidosis

α-Oxidation of fatty acids

In humans, fatty acid synthesis occurs primarily in the **liver** and **lactating mammary glands** and, to a lesser extent, in **adipose tissue**.

- ❑ The translocation of citrate from the mitochondrion to the cytosol, where it is cleaved by **ATP-citrate lyase** to produce cytosolic acetyl CoA and OAA, occurs when the mitochondrial substrate concentration is high.
- ❑ **Palmitate** can be further elongated by the addition of two-carbon units in the **endoplasmic reticulum (ER)** and **the mitochondria**. These organelles use separate enzymatic processes.

Fate of glycerol:

It cannot be metabolized by **adipocytes** because they lack glycerol kinase. Rather, glycerol is transported through the blood to the liver, where it can be phosphorylated, which can be used to form TAG in the liver; or can be converted to DHAP that can participate in glycolysis or gluconeogenesis.

✎ **plasma free fatty acids** cannot be used for fuel by **erythrocytes**, ^{RBCs} which have no mitochondria, or by the **brain** because of the impermeable BBB.

(**Skeletal muscle** contains 97% of all carnitine in the body)

- ❑ **Secondary carnitine deficiency** occurs for many reasons:
 - 1) in patients with **liver disease** causing decreased synthesis of carnitine
 - 2) individuals suffering from **malnutrition** or those on **strictly vegetarian diets**
 - 3) in those with an **increased requirement** for carnitine as in **pregnancy, severe infections, burns, or trauma**
 - 4) in those undergoing **hemodialysis**, which removes carnitine from the blood

Oxidation of monounsaturated fatty acids, such as **18:1(9) (oleic acid)** requires one additional enzyme, **3,2-enoyl CoA isomerase** (converts the 3-cis derivative obtained after three rounds of p-oxidation to the 2-trans derivative that can serve as a substrate for the hydratase)

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