

Lipid metabolism and its regulation

From the Chemistry Exam to the Final Exam in Biochemistry

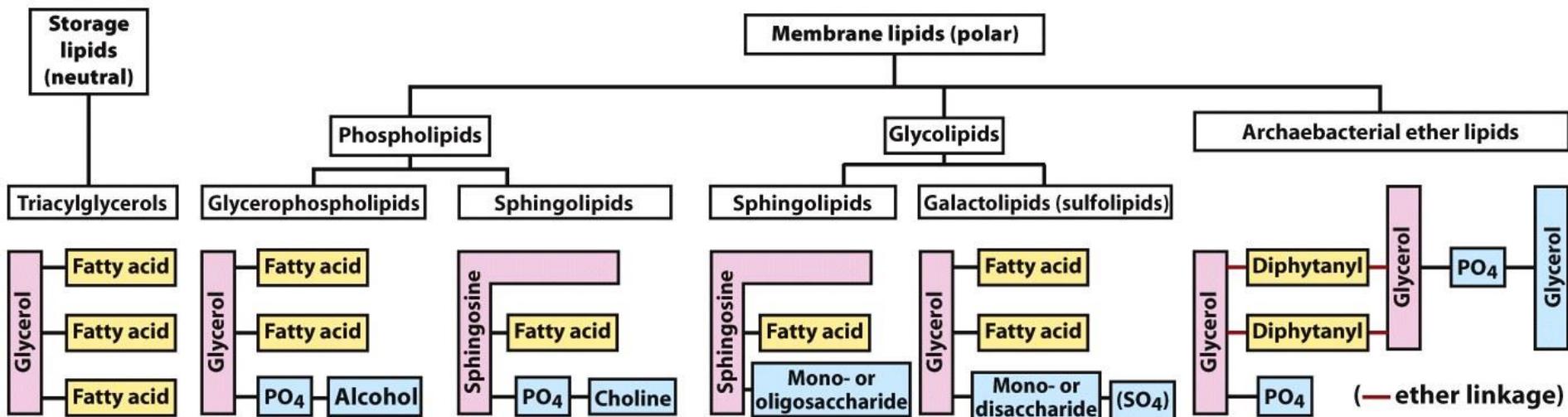
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Eight Major Categories of Biological Lipids

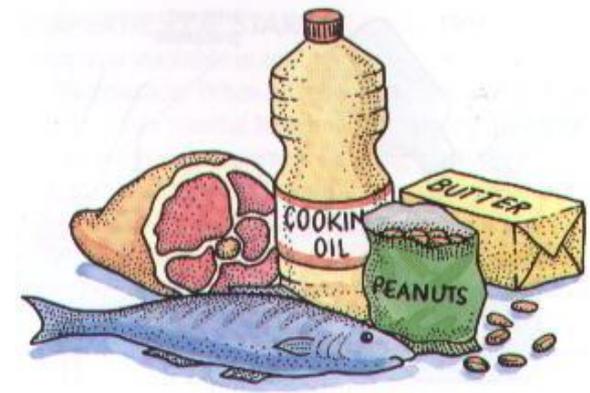
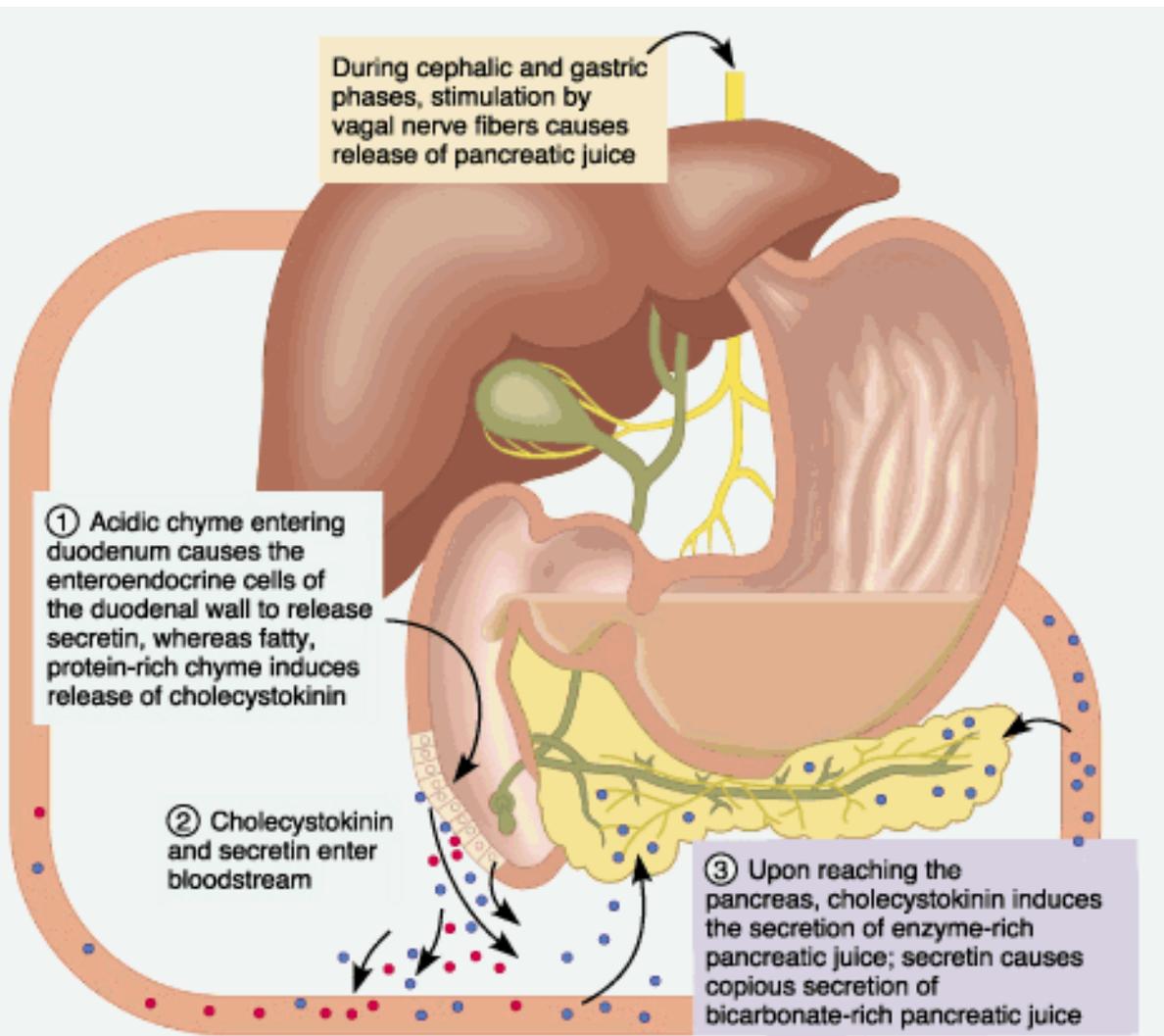
Category	Category code	Examples
Fatty acids	FA	Oleate, stearoyl-CoA, palmitoylcarnitine
Glycerolipids	GL	Di- and triacylglycerols
Glycerophospholipids	GP	Phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylserine, phosphatidylethanolamine
Sphingolipids	SP	Sphingomyelin, ganglioside GM2
Sterol lipids	ST	Cholesterol, progesterone, bile acids
Prenol lipids	PR	Farnesol, geraniol, retinol, ubiquinone
Saccharolipids	SL	Lipopolysaccharide
Polyketides	PK	Tetracycline, aflatoxin B ₁

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LIPID DIGESTION

Substrate	Extracellular enzymes	Intestinal mucosal enzymes	End Products
Triglycerides	<i>Lipase</i> <i>Colipase</i>		β -mono-glyceride Fatty Acids
Phospholipids	<i>Phospholipase</i>	<i>Phosphatase</i>	Alcohols Fatty Acids Phosphate
Cholesterol Esters	<i>Cholesterol Esterase</i>		Cholesterol Fatty Acid
Waxes	<i>Lipase</i>		Monohydric Alcohol Fatty Acid

A gallstone that blocked the upper part of the bile duct would cause an increase in which of the following?

- (A) The formation of chylomicrons
- (B) The recycling of bile salts
- (C) The excretion of bile salts
- (D) Increased conjugation of bile salts
- (E) The excretion of fat in the feces

Absorption Of Food Lipids

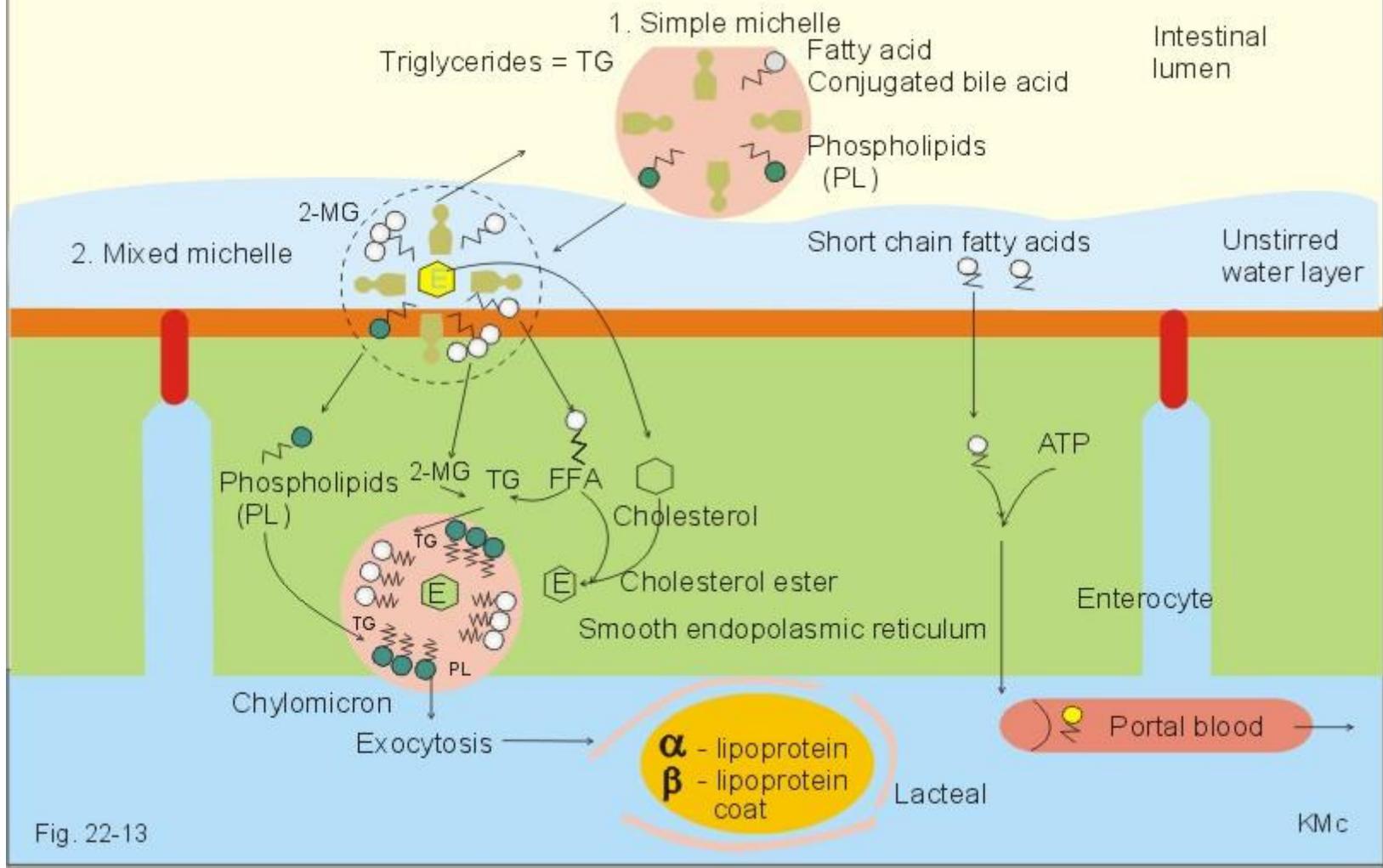


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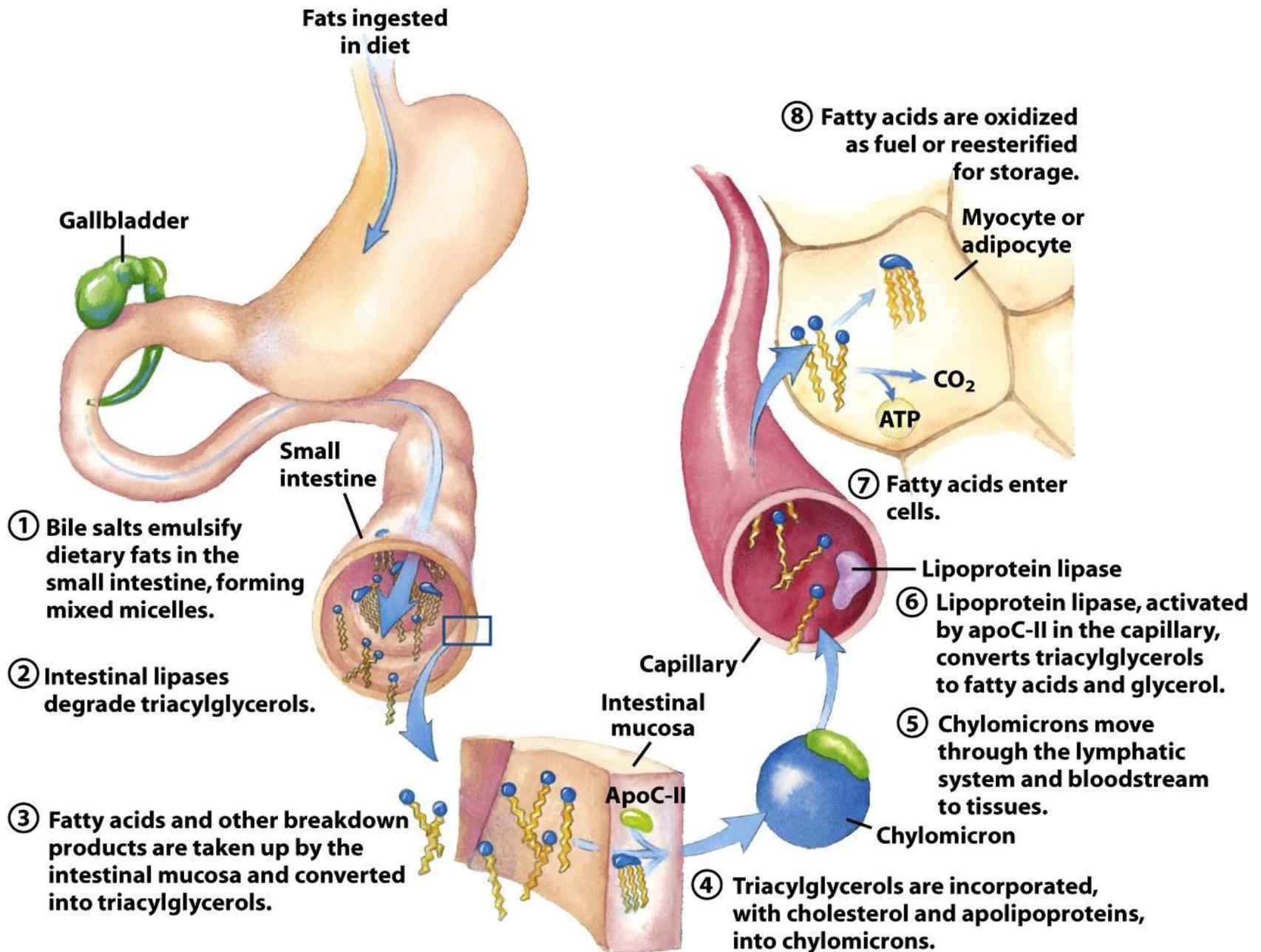


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Which of the following statements concerning the liver and the adipose cells is correct?

(A) Adipose cells contain glycerol kinase.

(B) Liver cells contain a hormone-sensitive lipase.

(C) Adipose cells have a transport system for glucose that is not regulated by insulin.

(D) Liver cells secrete lipoproteins when blood insulin levels are low.

(E) Adipose cells secrete lipoprotein lipase when blood insulin levels are high.

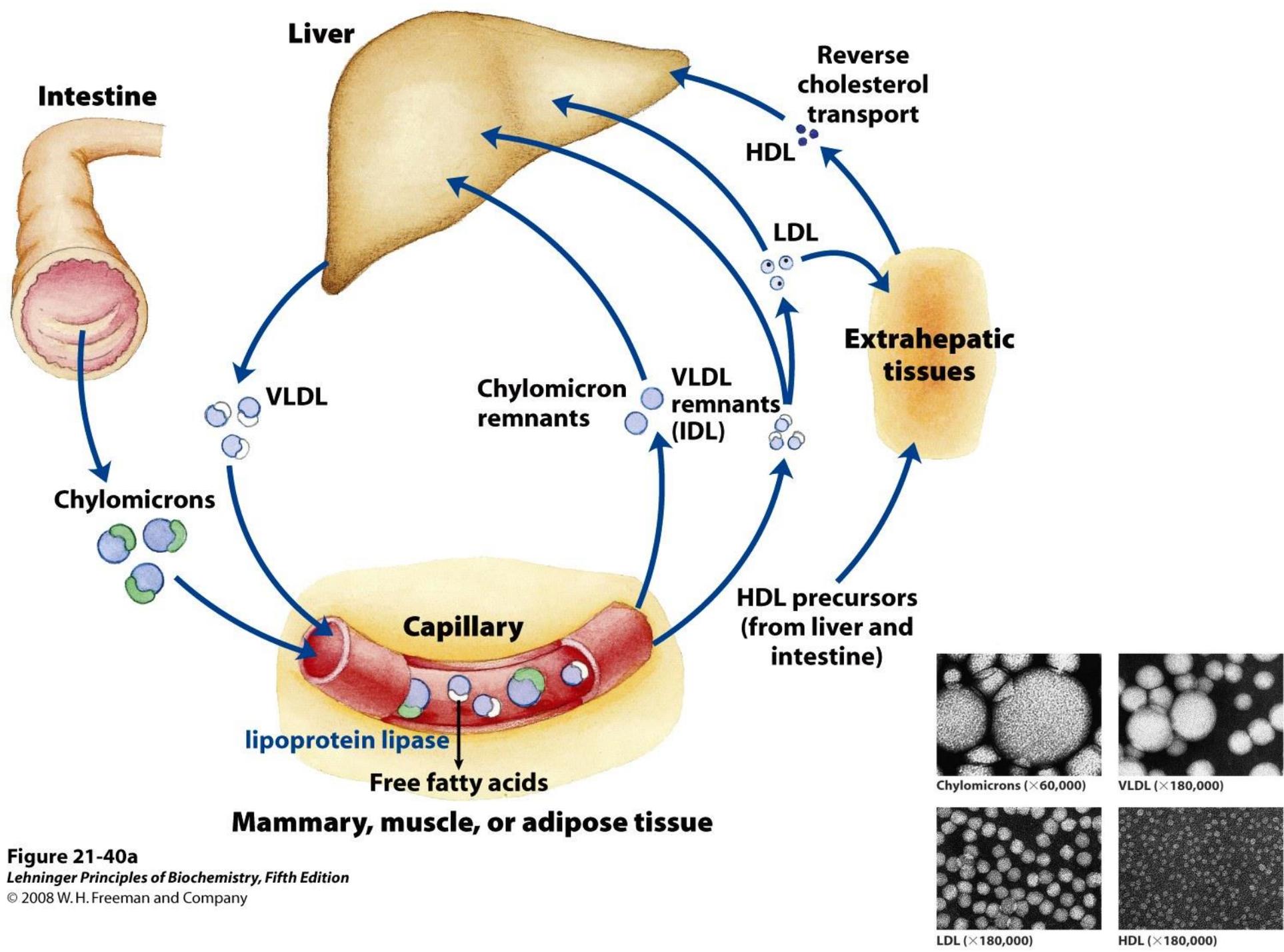


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Composition of lipoproteins

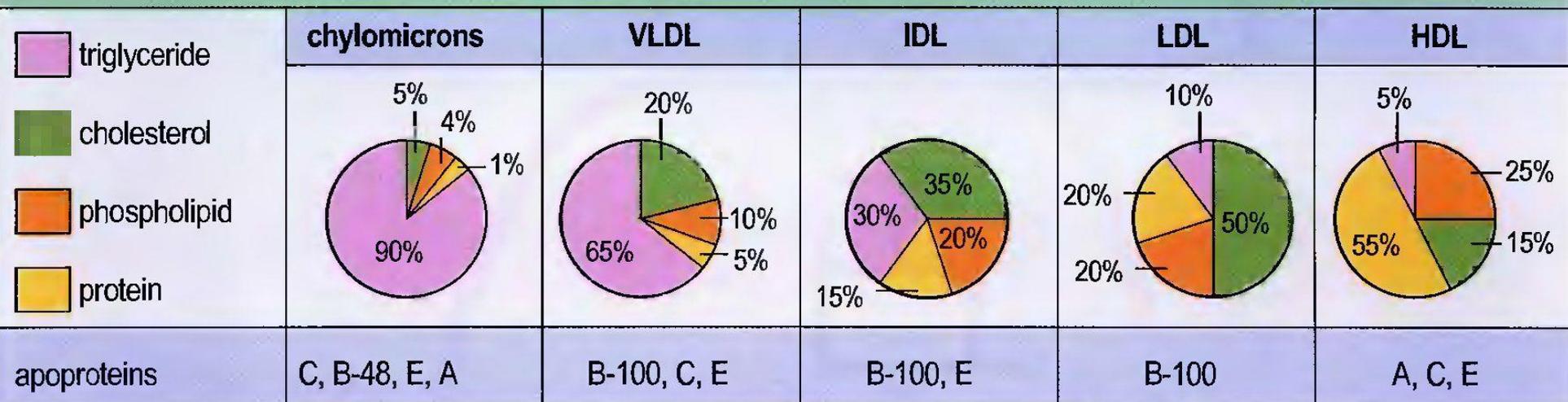


TABLE 21-1

Major Classes of Human Plasma Lipoproteins: Some Properties

Lipoprotein	Density (g/mL)	Composition (wt %)				
		Protein	Phospholipids	Free cholesterol	Cholesteryl esters	Triacylglycerols
Chylomicrons	<1.006	2	9	1	3	85
VLDL	0.95-1.006	10	18	7	12	50
LDL	1.006-1.063	23	20	8	37	10
HDL	1.063-1.210	55	24	2	15	4

Which of the following apoproteins is an activator of lipoprotein lipase?

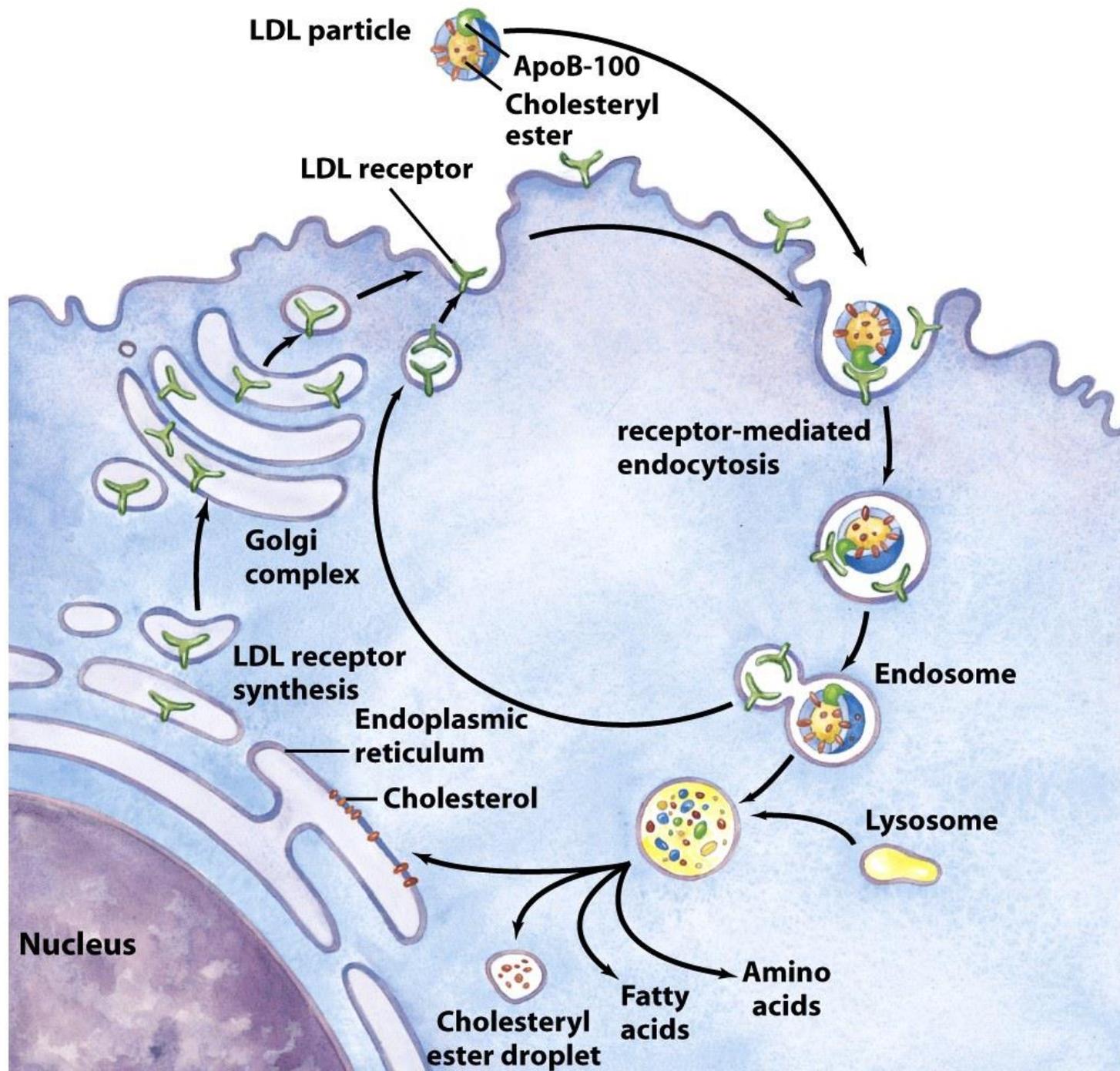
a) Apo A

b) Apo B

c) Apo C II

d) Apo D

e) Apo E



Animal cells, yeast cells

Plant cells

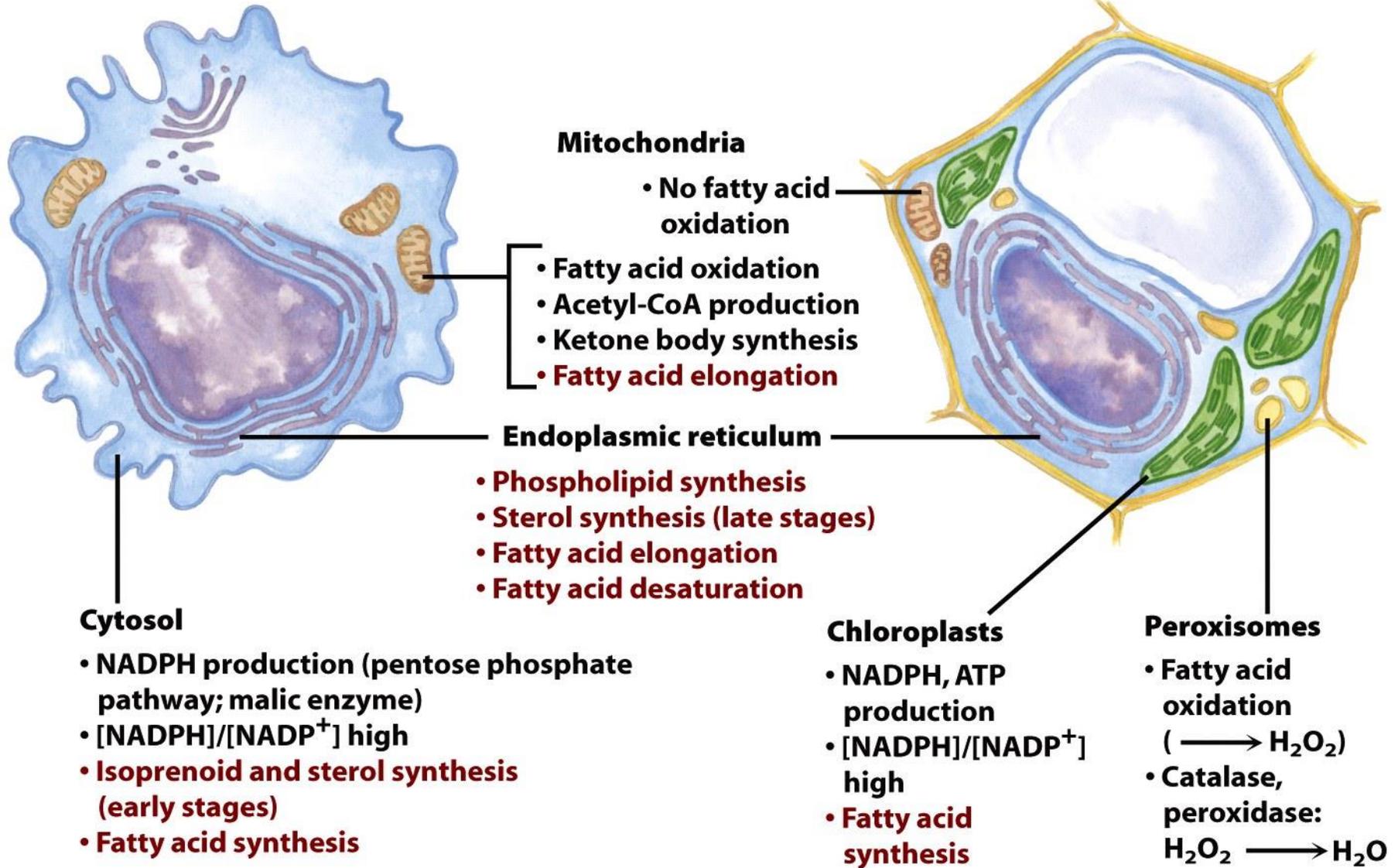


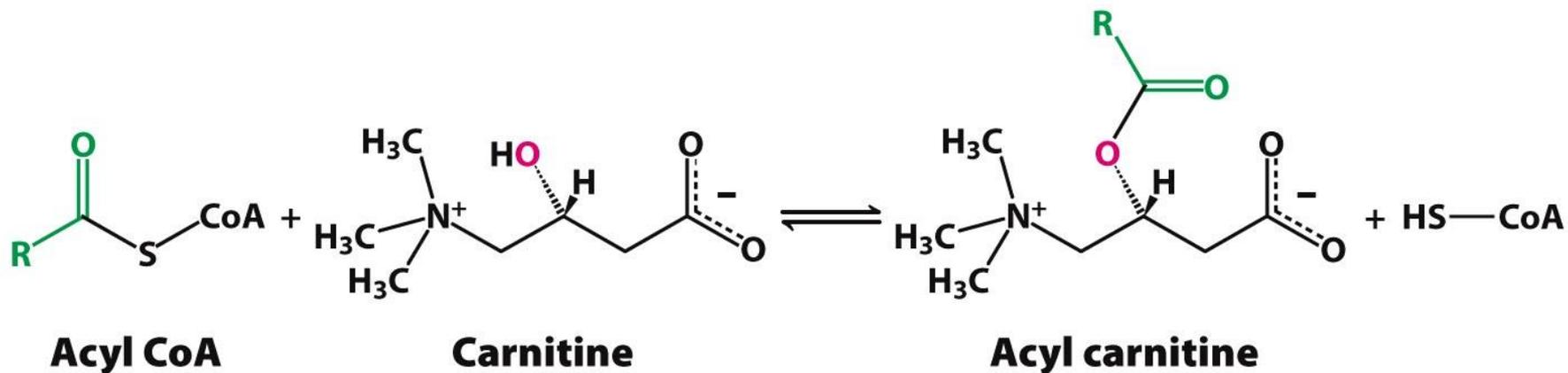
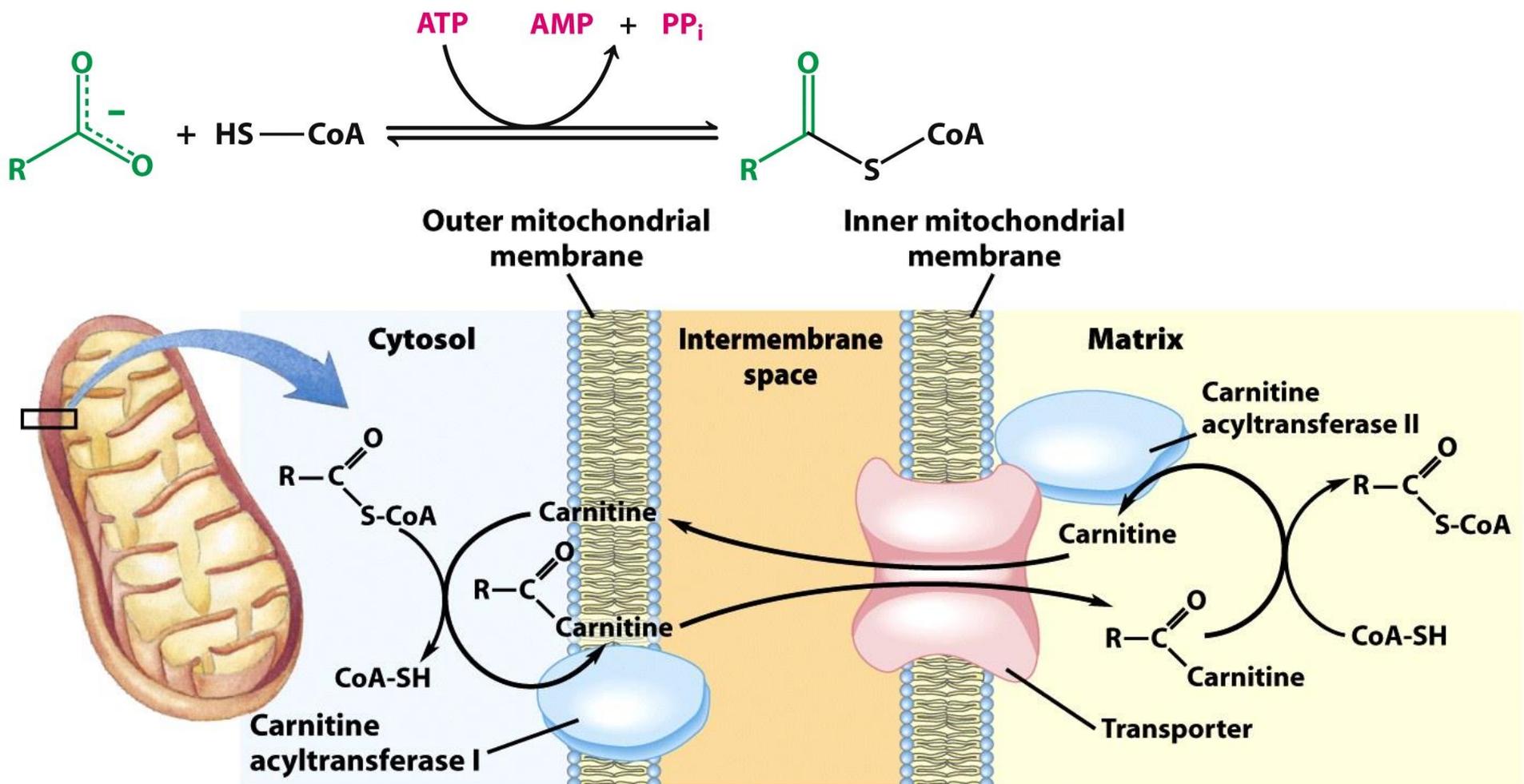
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A 5-year-old boy presents with altered mental status, heart failure and muscle weakness. His serum levels of ketones and glucose are abnormally low. He is diagnosed with primary carnitine deficiency. In which of the following is carnitine directly involved?

- (A) Activation of fatty acids
- (B) Transport of fatty acyl-CoA
- (C) β -oxidation
- (D) ω -oxidation
- (E) α -oxidation



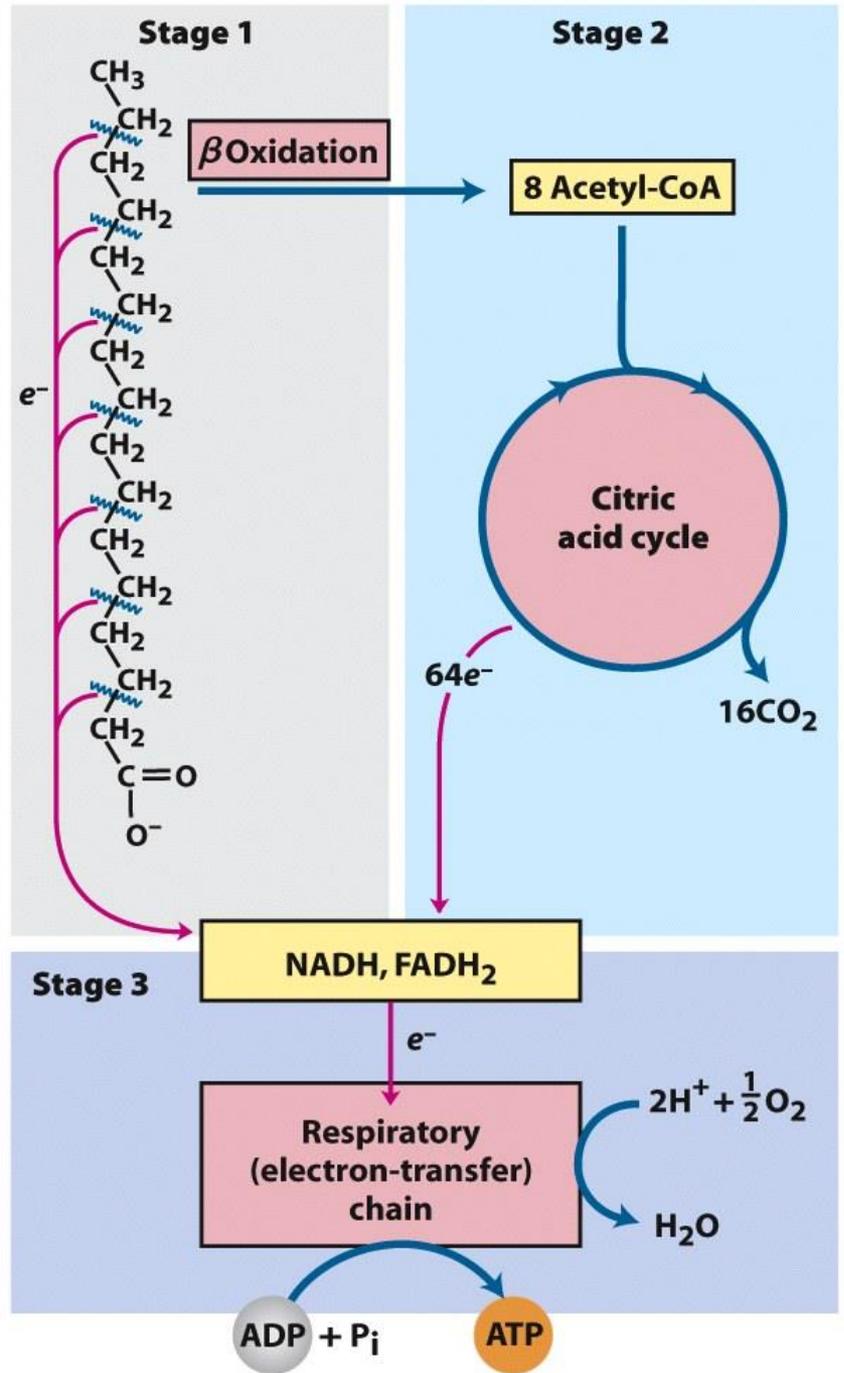
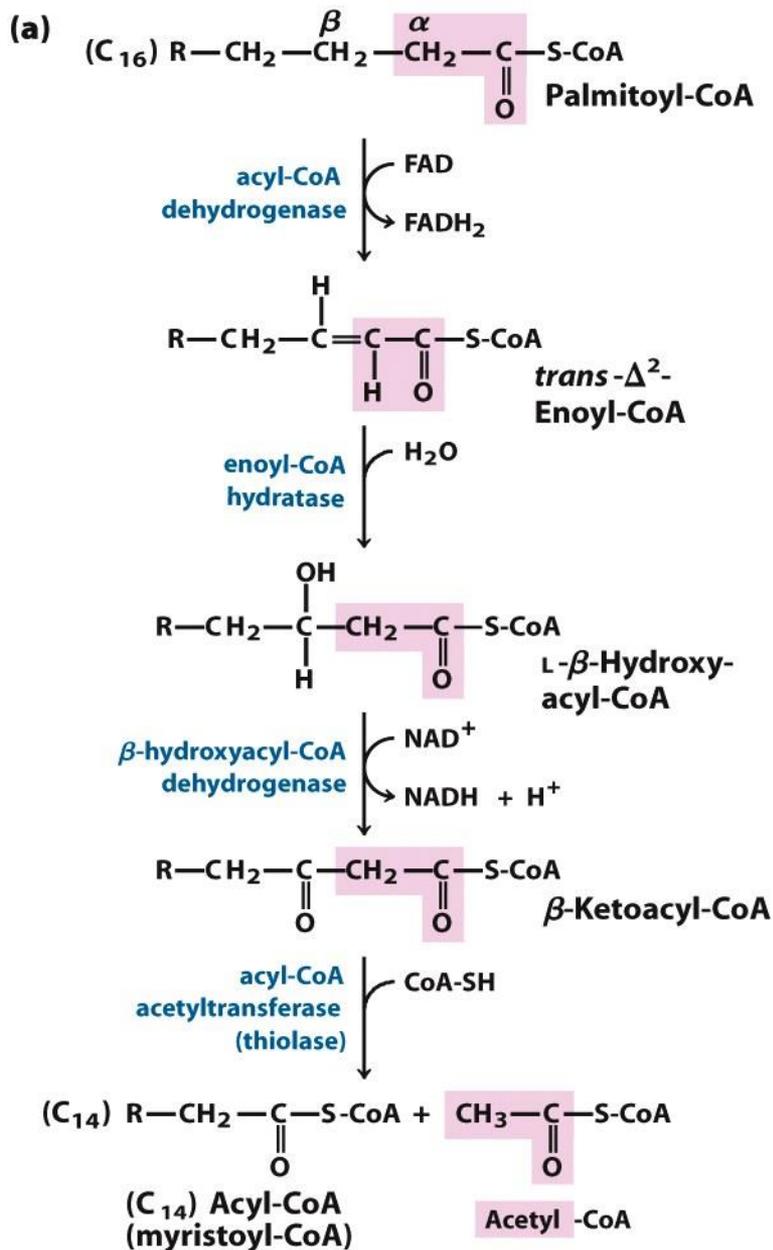


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TABLE 17–1
Yield of ATP during Oxidation of One Molecule of Palmitoyl-CoA to CO₂ and H₂O

Enzyme catalyzing the oxidation step	Number of NADH or FADH ₂ formed	Number of ATP ultimately formed*
Acyl-CoA dehydrogenase	7 FADH ₂	10.5
β-Hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase	7 NADH	17.5
Isocitrate dehydrogenase	8 NADH	20
α-Ketoglutarate dehydrogenase	8 NADH	20
Succinyl-CoA synthetase		8 [†]
Succinate dehydrogenase	8 FADH ₂	12
Malate dehydrogenase	8 NADH	20
Total		108

*These calculations assume that mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation produces 1.5 ATP per FADH₂ oxidized and 2.5 ATP per NADH oxidized.

[†]GTP produced directly in this step yields ATP in the reaction catalyzed by nucleoside diphosphate kinase (p. 510).

The energetic cost of activating a fatty acid is equivalent to **2 ATP**, and the net gain per molecule of **palmitate** is **106 ATP**.

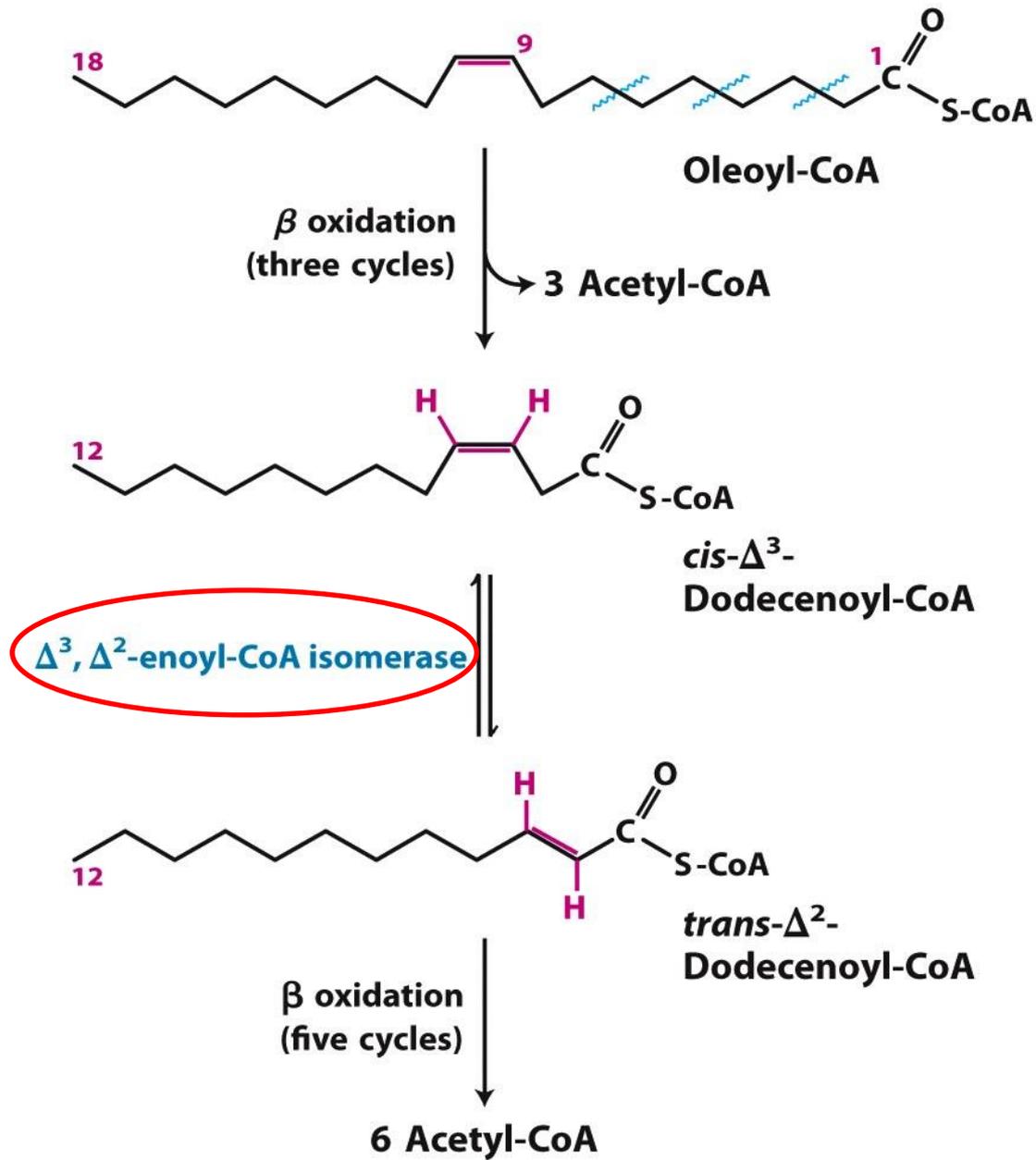


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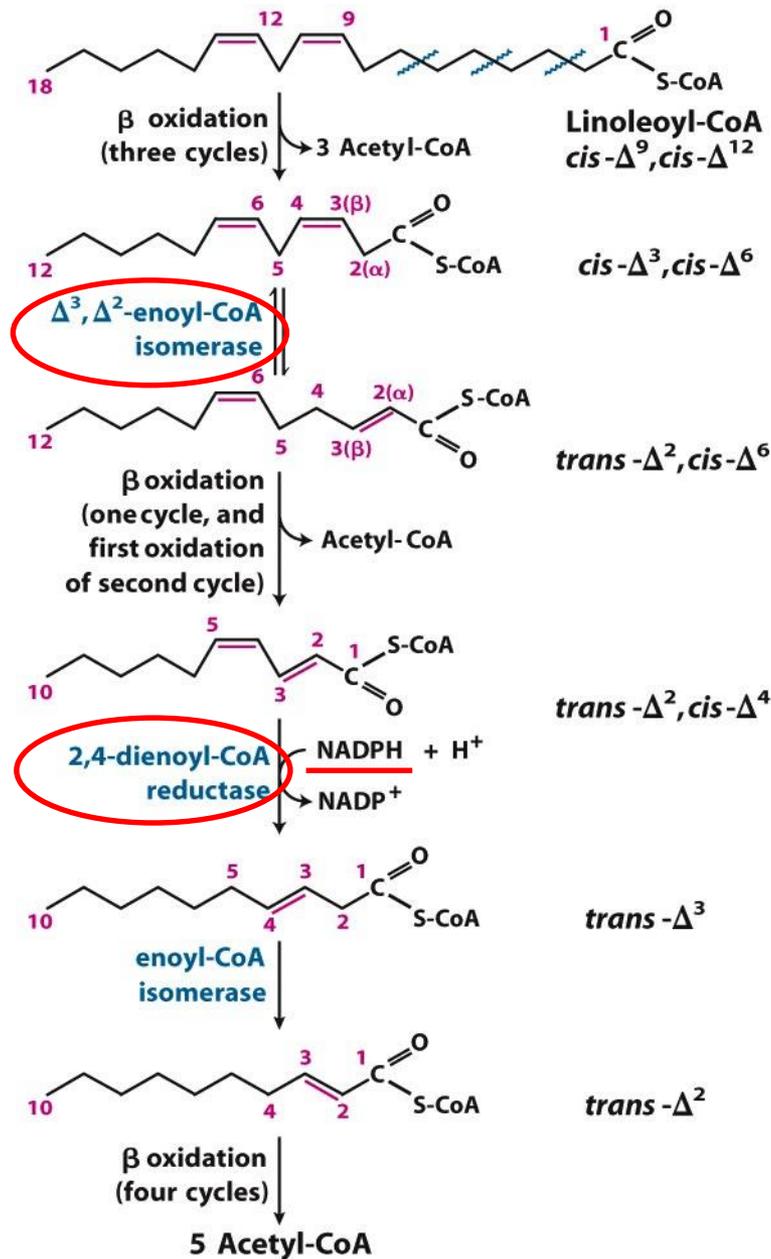


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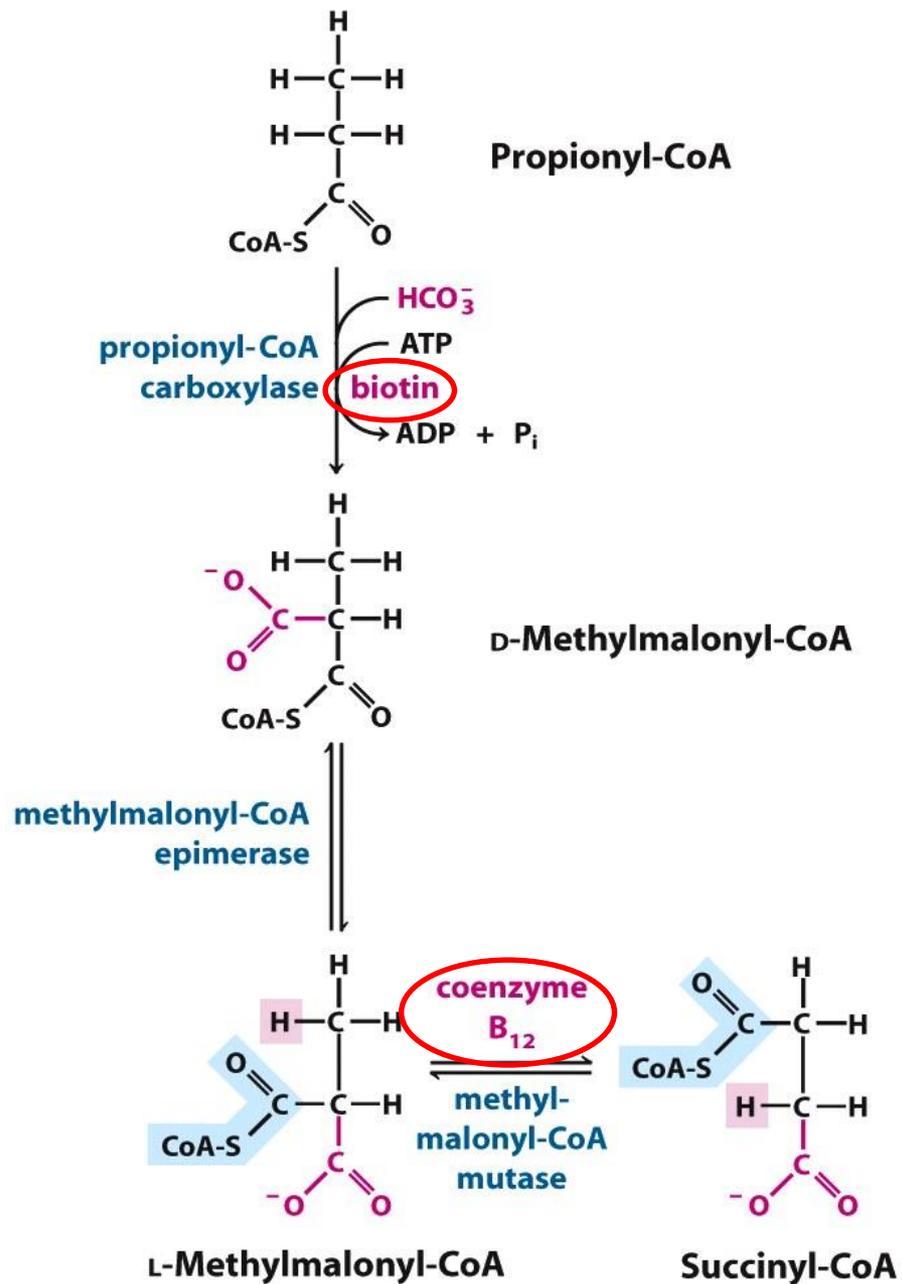
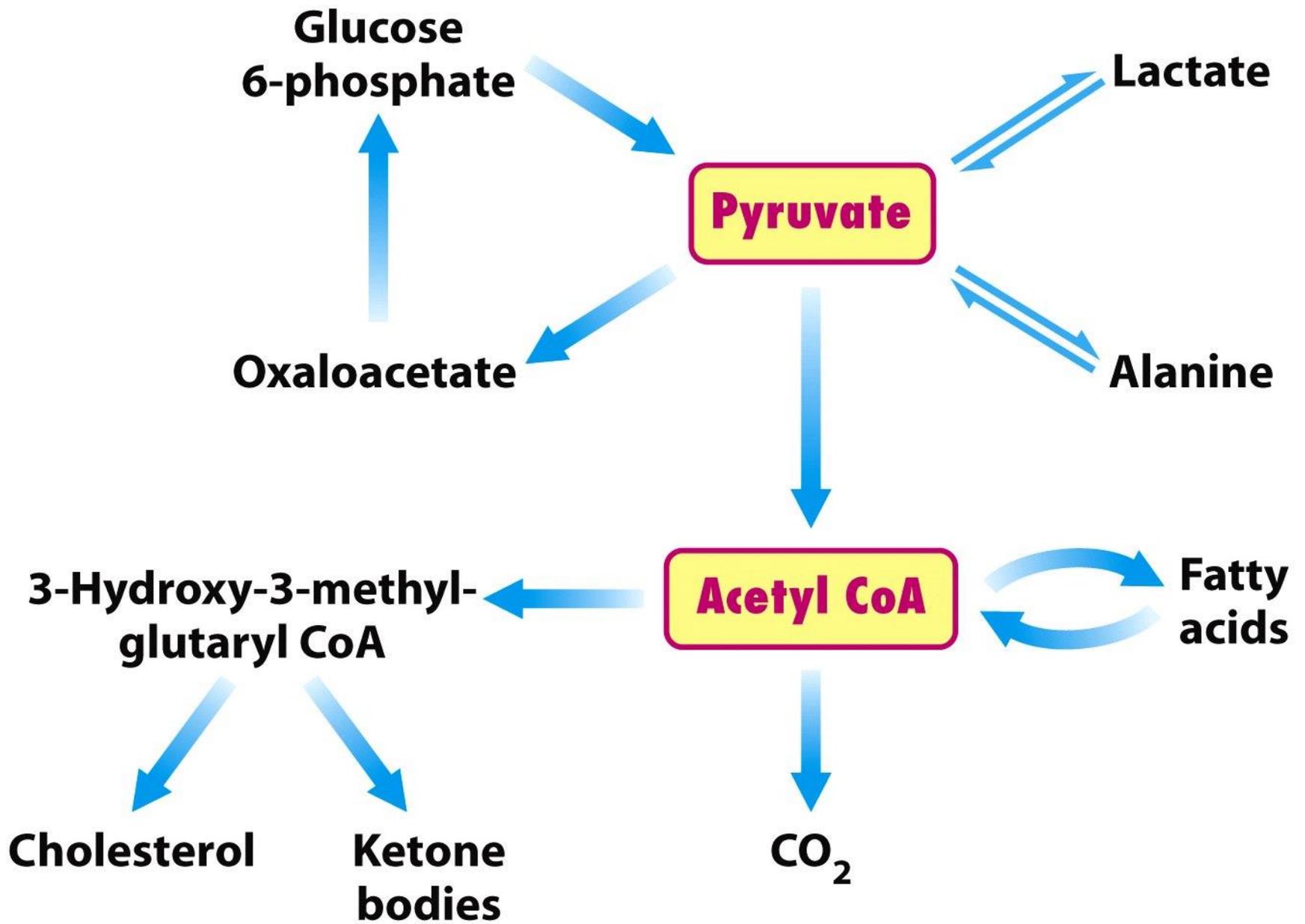


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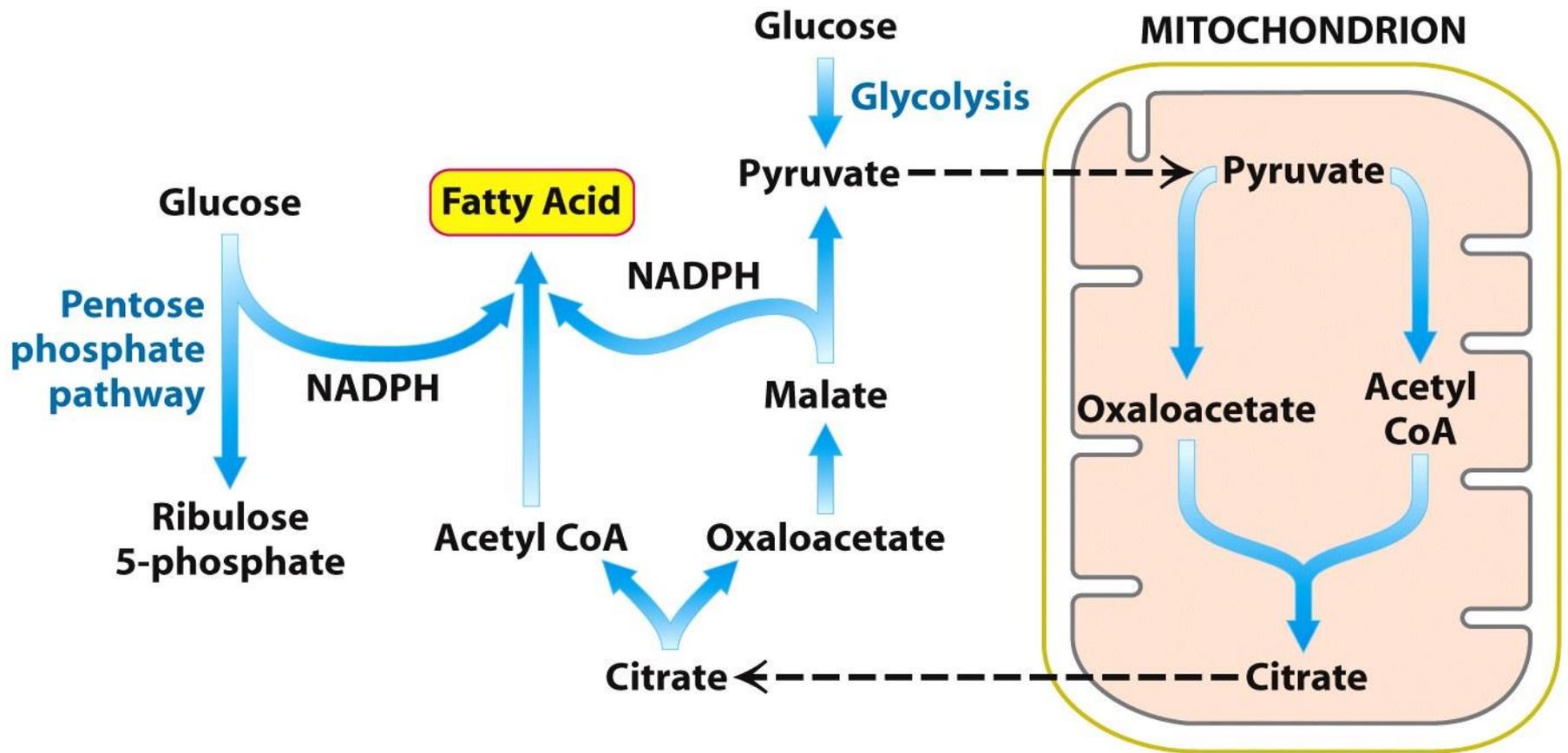
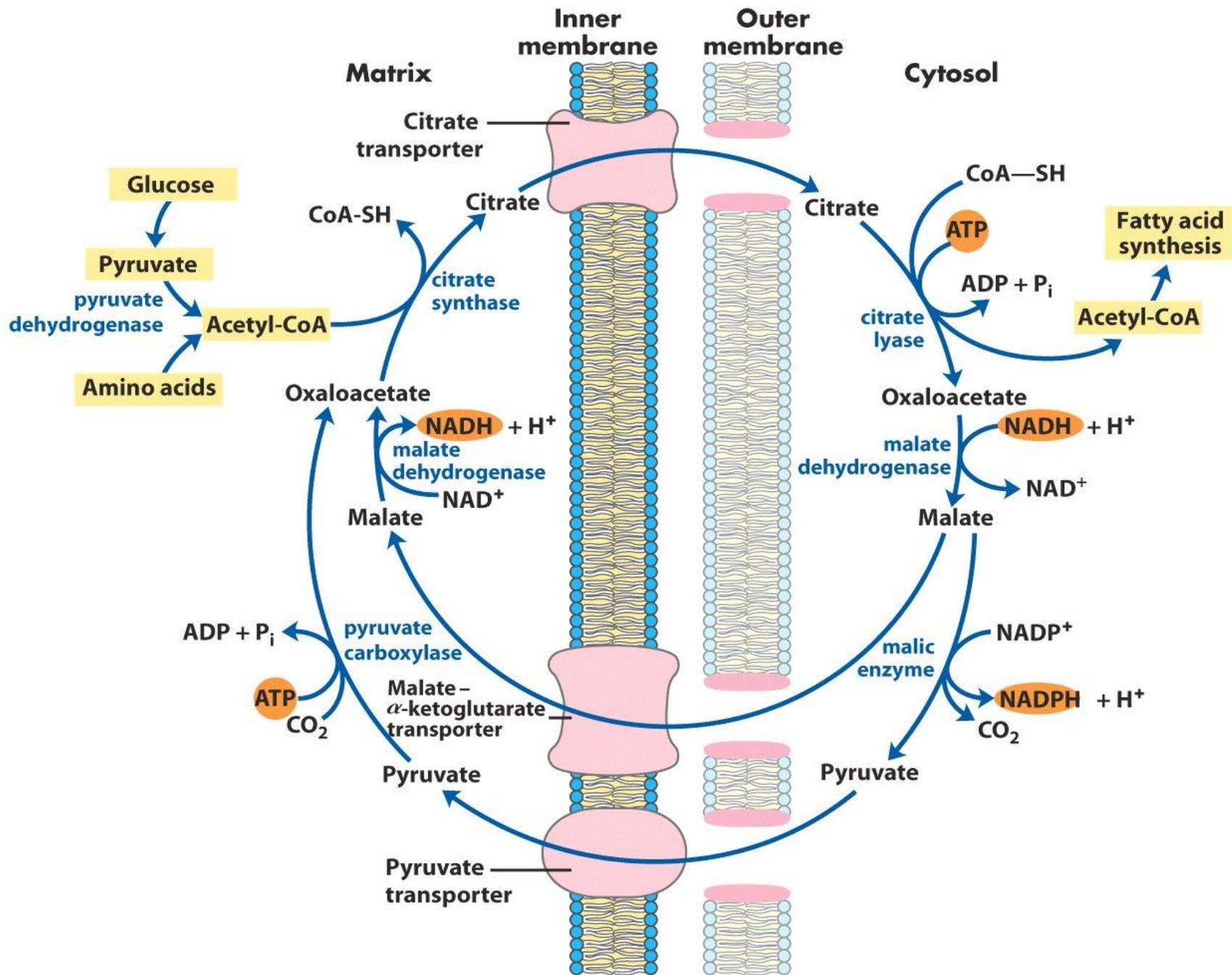
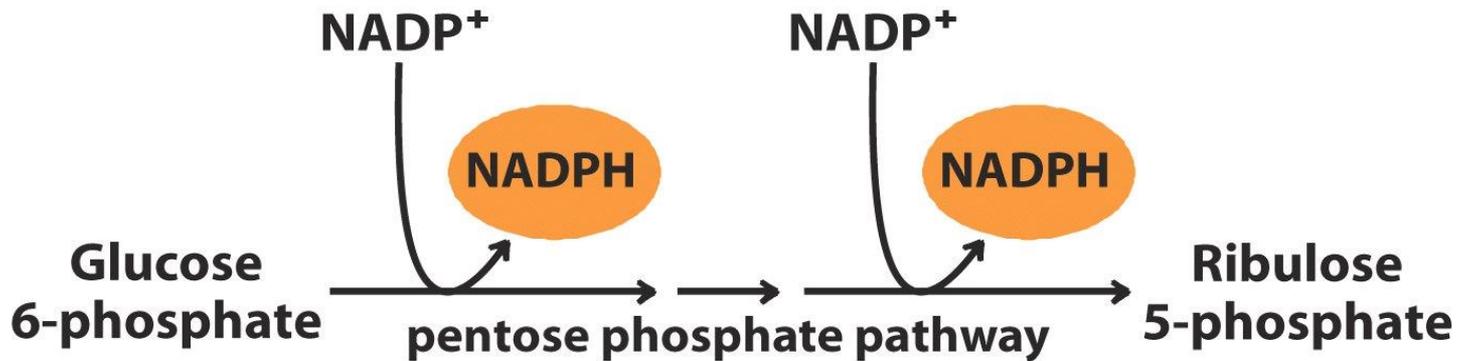
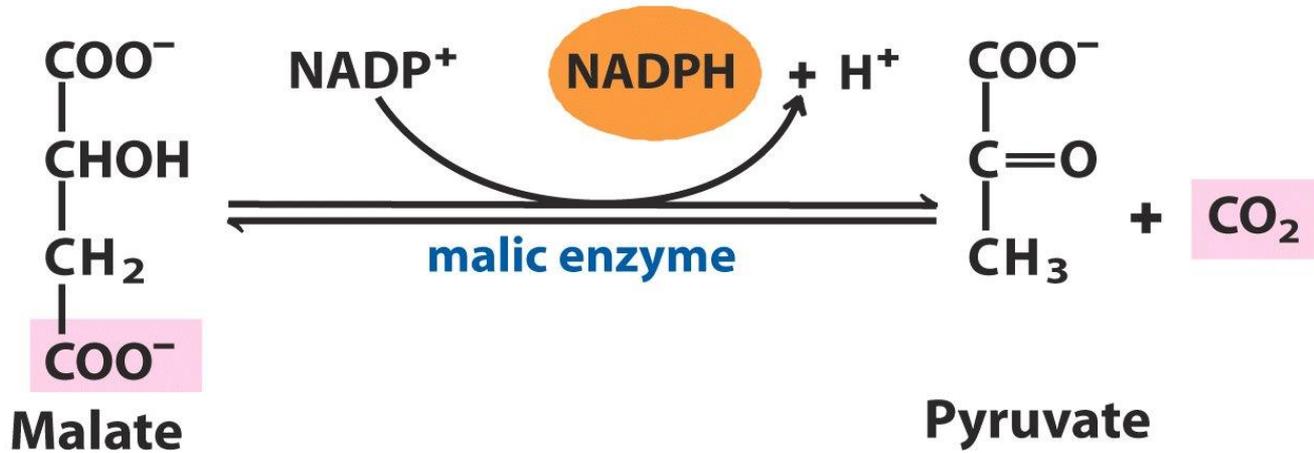


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Source of cytosolic NADPH



Cytosolic coenzyme

$\text{NADPH}/\text{NADP}^+ \sim 75$

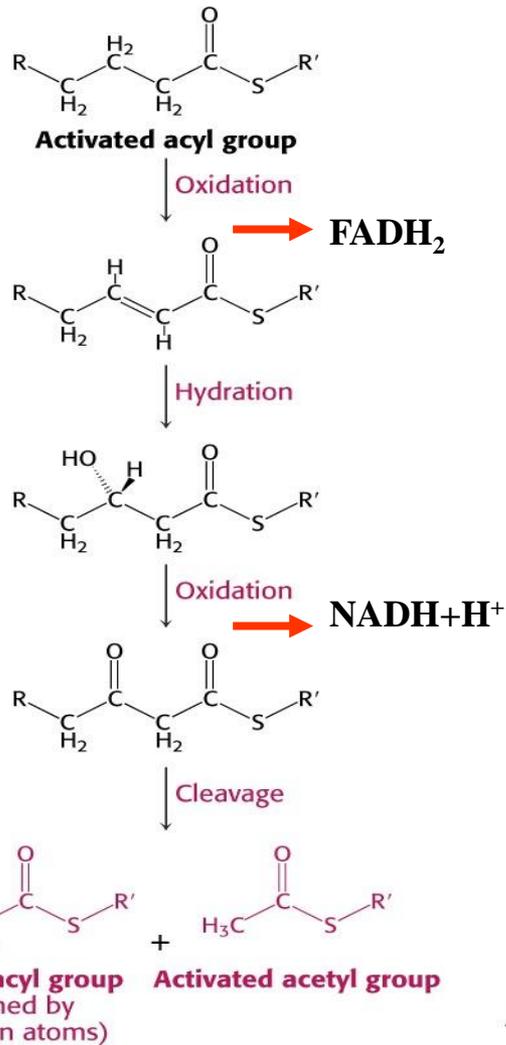
levels in hepatocytes:

$\text{NADH}/\text{NAD}^+ \sim 8 \times 10^{-4}$

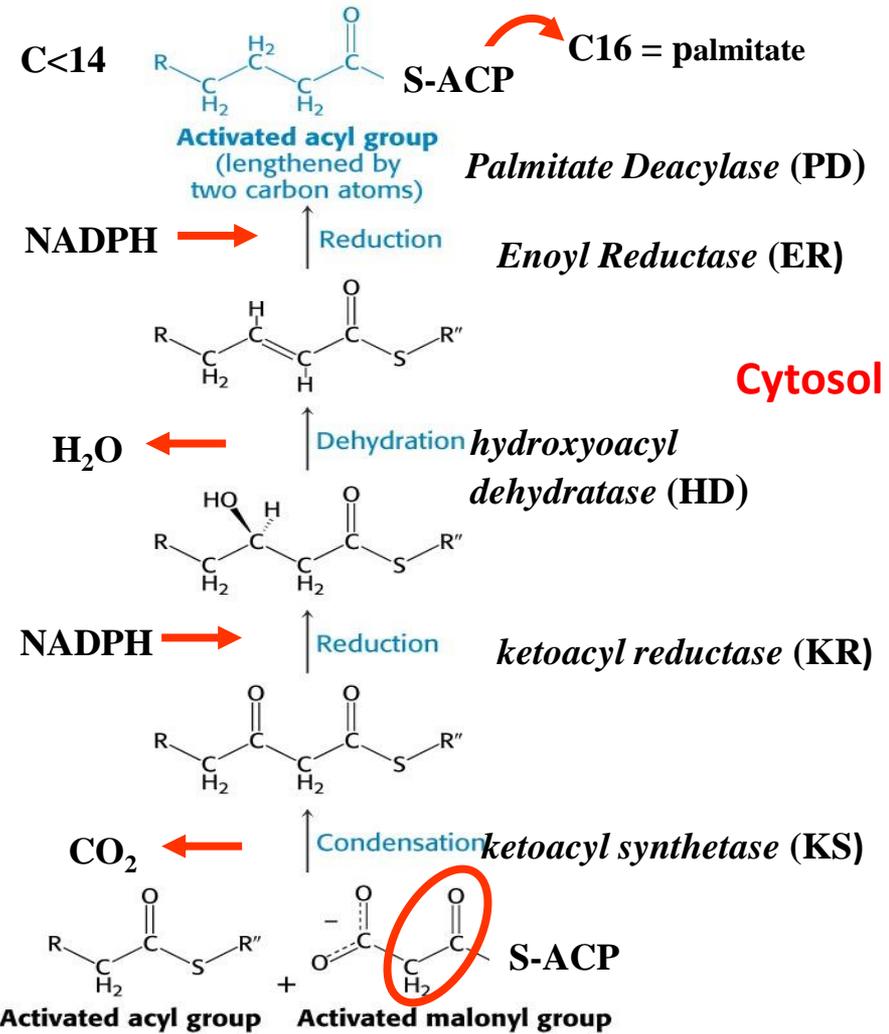
A 30- year-old pregnant woman has a sugar craving and consumes a hot fudge sundae. Her serum glucose level increases, which causes release of insulin. Insulin is known to increase the activity of acetyl-CoA carboxylase, the rate limiting enzyme of fatty acid biosynthesis. Which of the following best describes this regulatory enzyme?

- a) It is activated by carboxylation
- b) It catalyzes a reaction that condenses an acetyl group with malonyl group
- c) It catalyzes a reaction that requires biotin and ATP
- d) It converts Malonyl-CoA to Acetyl-CoA
- e) It is activated by Malonyl-CoA.

FATTY ACID DEGRADATION

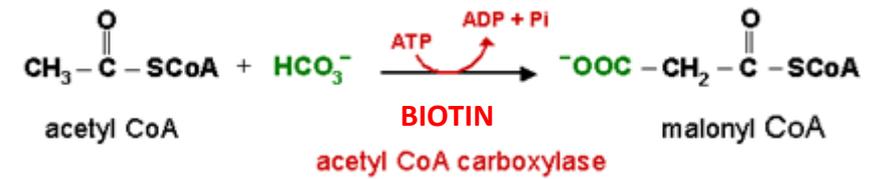
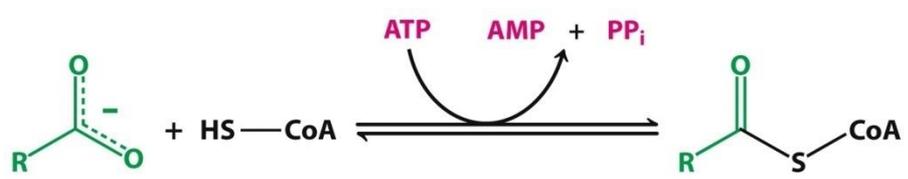


FATTY ACID SYNTHESIS

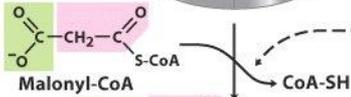
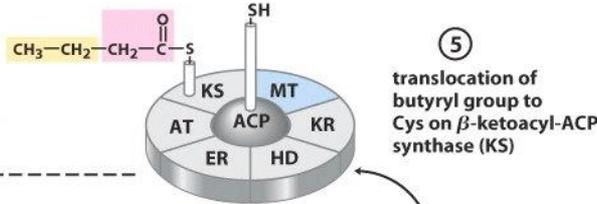
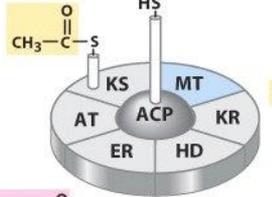
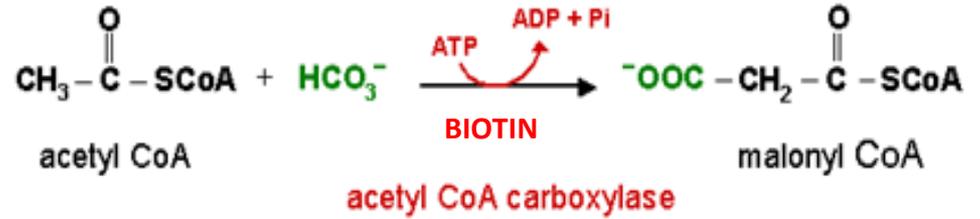
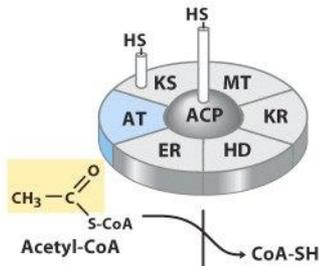


Mitochondria

Cytosol



Mechanism of fatty acid synthesis



Ketoacyl Synthase (KS)

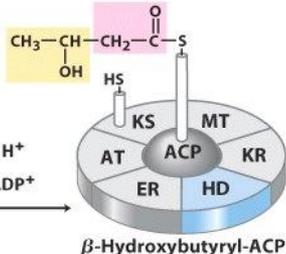
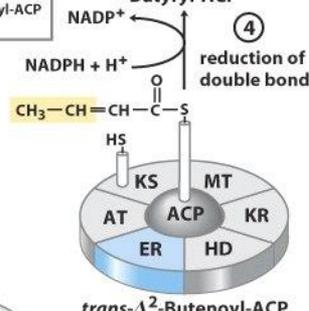
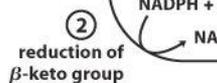
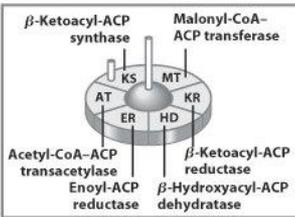
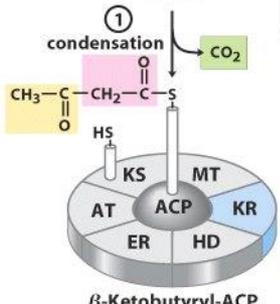
Ketoacyl Reductase (KR)

Hydroxyacyl Dehydratase (HD)

Enoyl Reductase (ER)

four "basic"

Fatty acid synthase complex charged with an acetyl and a malonyl group



Acyl Carrier Protein (ACP)

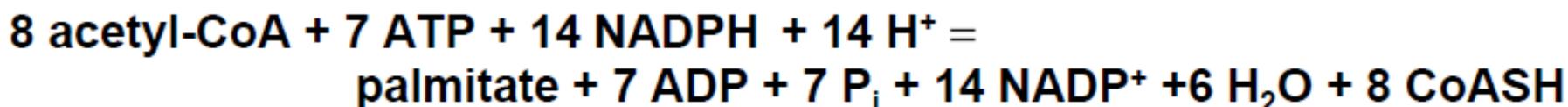
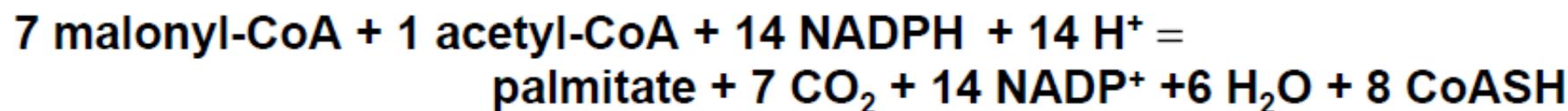
Malonyl-CoA-ACP acyltransferase (MAT)

Acetyl-CoA-ACP-acyltransferase (AT)

Palmitate Deacylase (PD)
(Thioesterase TE)

other four

Overall reactions for palmitate synthesis



Notes

- Since fatty acids are elongated with C2 units, most fatty acids are even chain
- Fatty acid synthase of the cytosol produces max 16 C long saturated fatty acids.
- Longer and/or unsaturated fatty acids are produced by enzyme systems of ER and mitochondria.
- Odd chain fatty acids are produced when AT enzyme accepts propionyl-CoA as a substrate by mistake.

Newly synthesized fatty acids are not immediately degraded because of which of the following reasons?

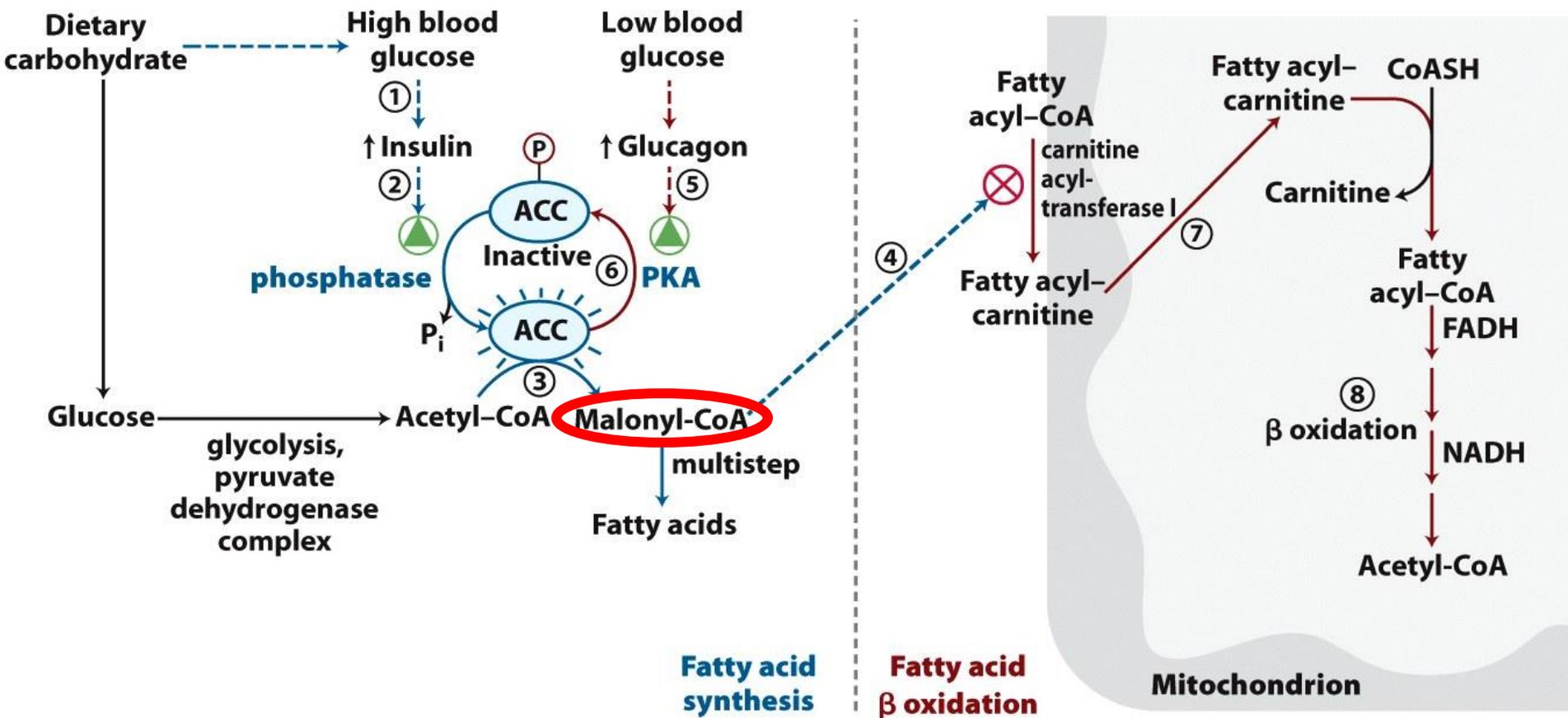
(A) Fatty acid synthesis occurs in tissues that do not contain the enzymes that degrade fatty acids.

(B) High NAD⁺ levels inhibit fatty acid breakdown.

(C) Transport of fatty acids into mitochondria is inhibited under fatty acid synthesis.

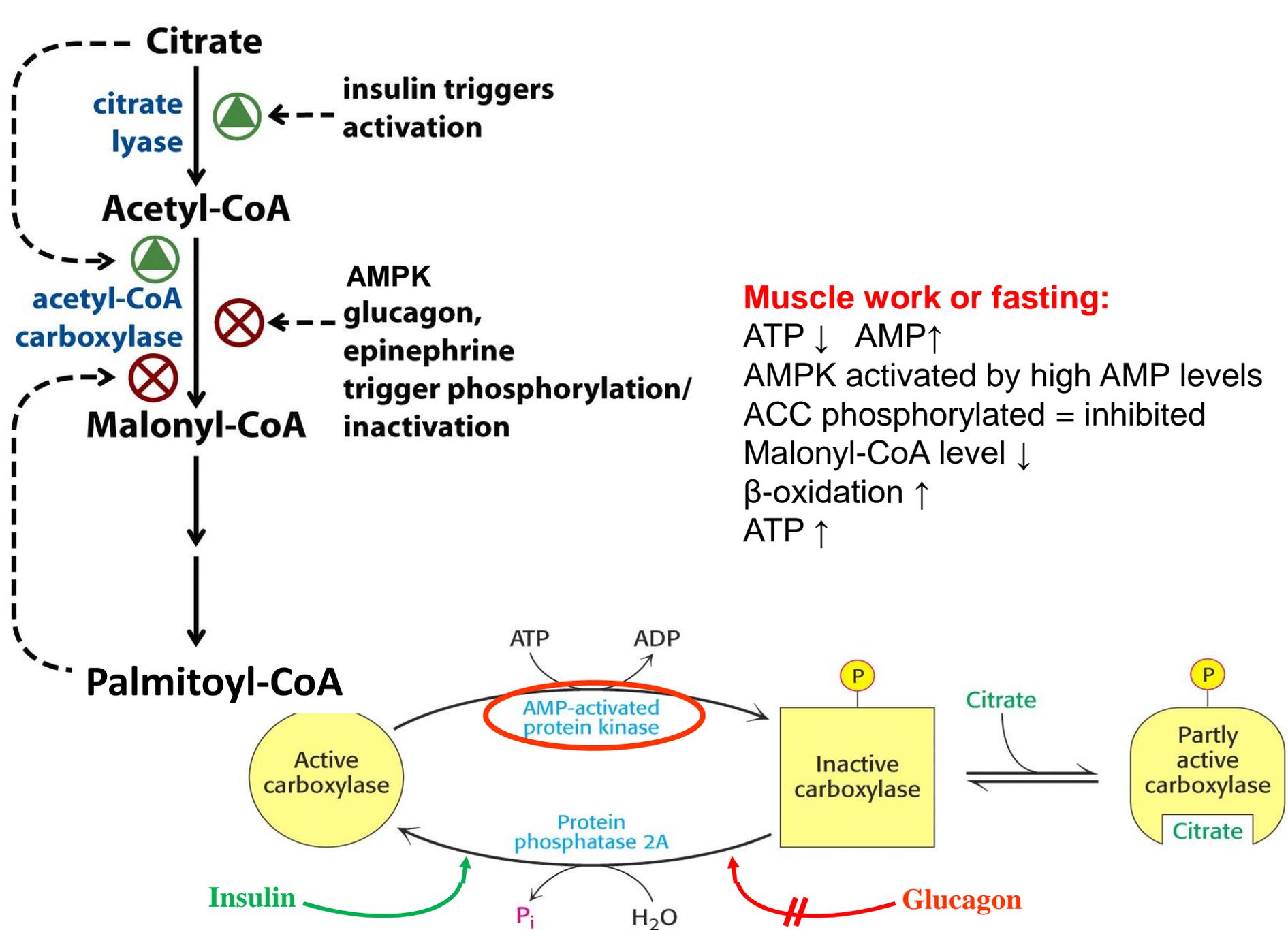
(D) Fatty acid synthesis occurs in the mitochondria, while fatty acid β -oxidation occurs in the cytosol.

(E) Newly synthesized fatty acids cannot be converted to their coenzyme A (CoA) derivatives.



NADH inhibits hydroxy-acyl-CoA dehydrogenase

Ac-CoA inhibits thiolase



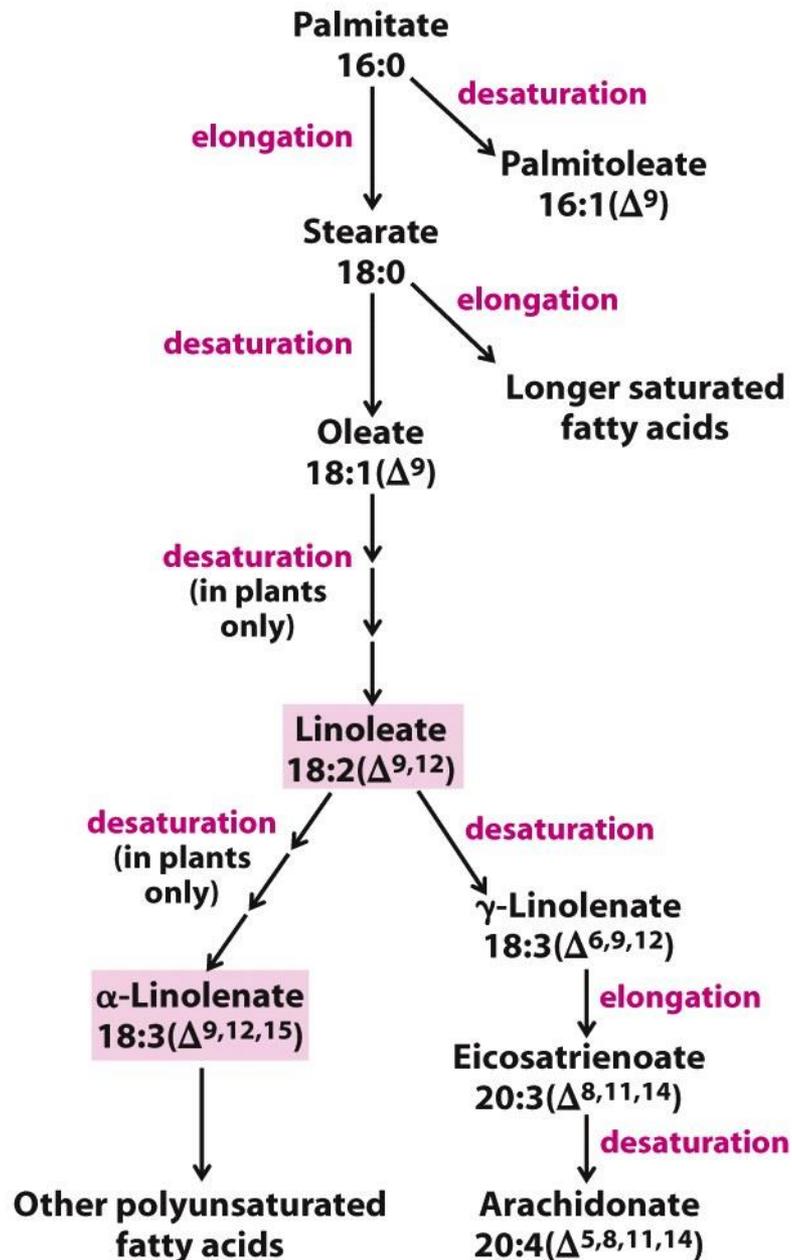


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Phospholipase A₁

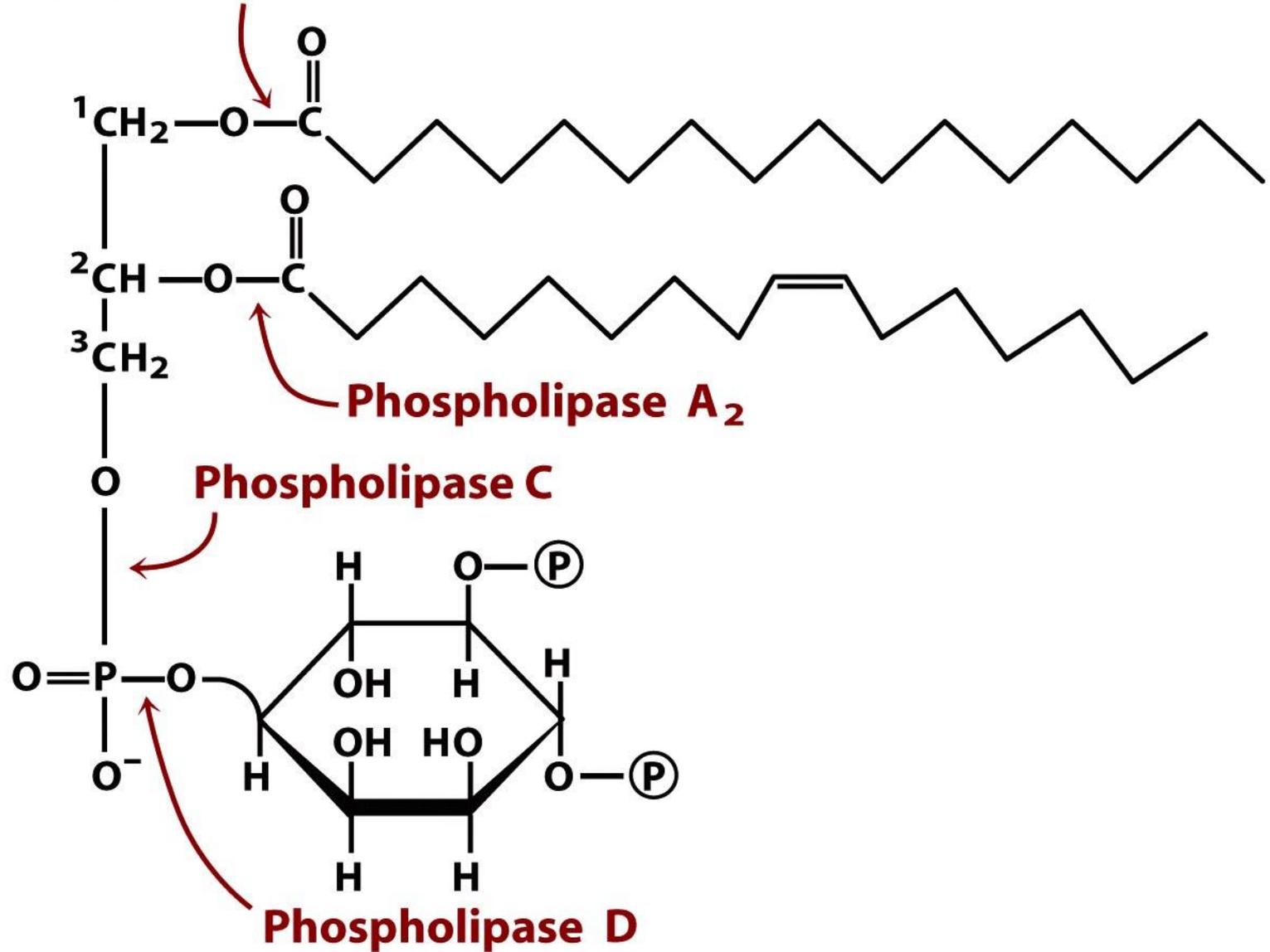


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A 40-year-old woman has rheumatoid arthritis, a crippling disease causing severe pain and deformation in the joints of the fingers. She is prescribed prednisone, a steroidal anti-inflammatory drug. What is the mechanism of steroidal anti-inflammatory agents?

- a) Prevent conversion of arachidonic acid to epoxides
- b) Inhibit phospholipase A₂
- c) Promote activation of prostacyclins
- d) Degrade thromboxanes
- e) Promote leukotriene formation from HPETE_s

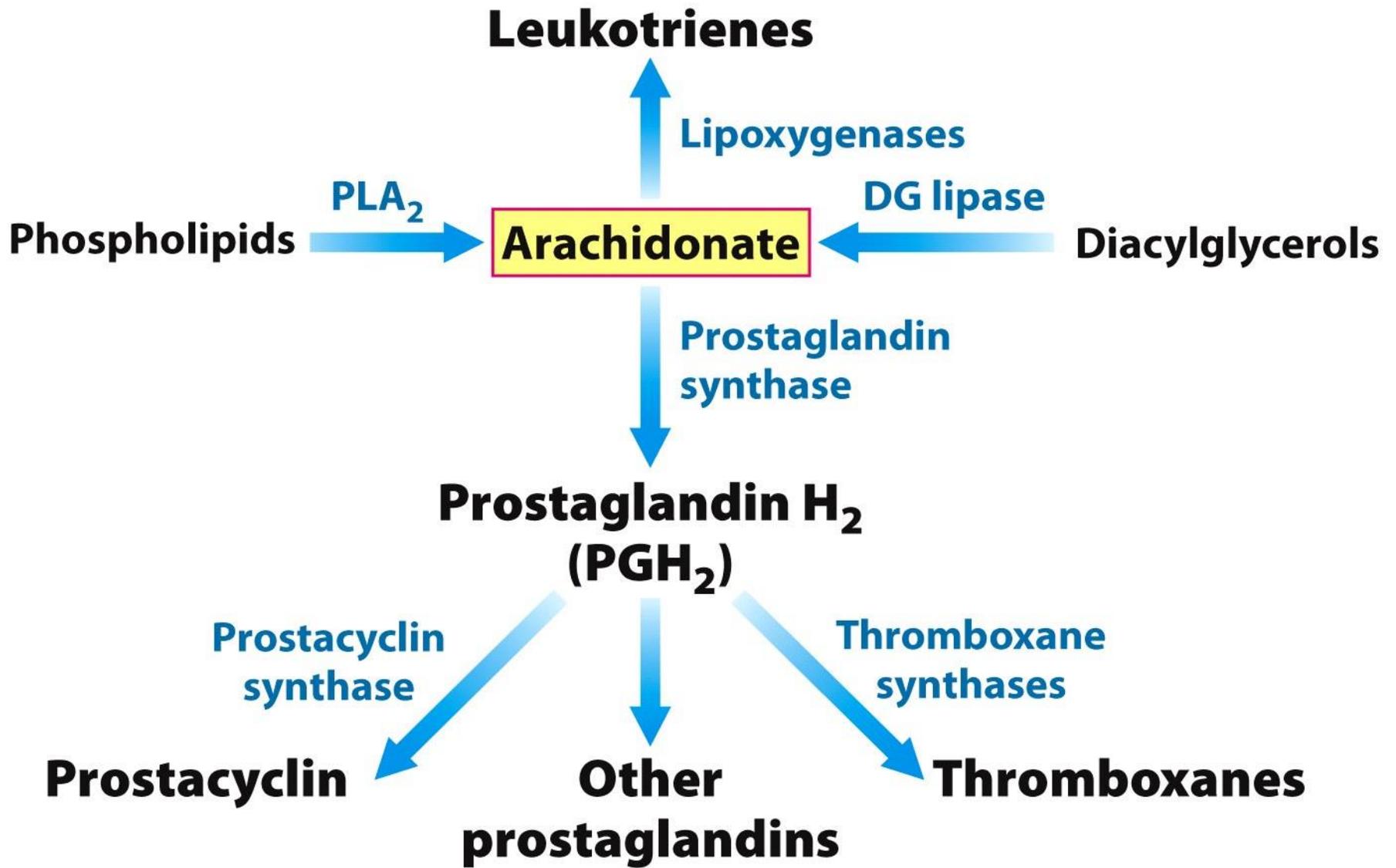


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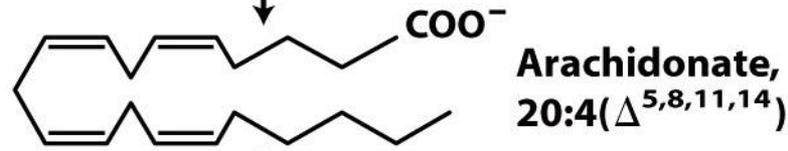
What is the mechanism of non-steroid anti-inflammatory agents (NSAIDs)?

- a) Promote leukotriene formation from HPETEs
- b) Inhibit phospholipase A2
- c) Promote activation of prostacyclins
- d) Degrade thromboxanes
- e) Inhibit cyclooxygenase (COX) enzyme

Phospholipid containing arachidonate

phospholipase A₂

Lysophospholipid

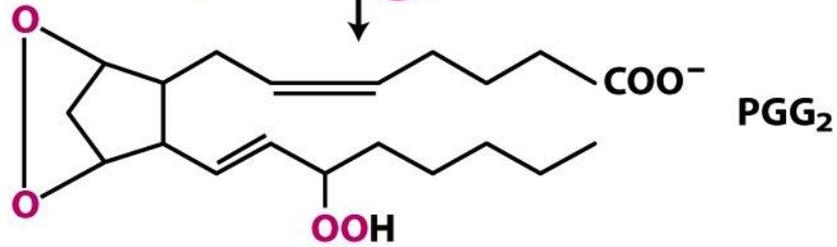


cyclooxygenase activity of COX

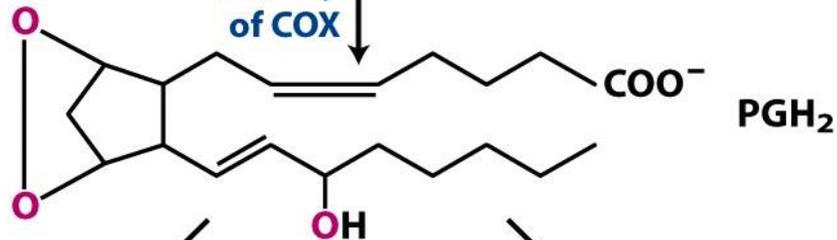
2O₂



aspirin, ibuprofen



peroxidase activity of COX



Other prostaglandins

Thromboxanes

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Phospholipids

Steroids



Arachidonate

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Steroids inhibit: Prostaglandins
Tromboxans
Leukotriens

Non-steroids
(aspirin)



Cyclooxygenase (COX I,II)

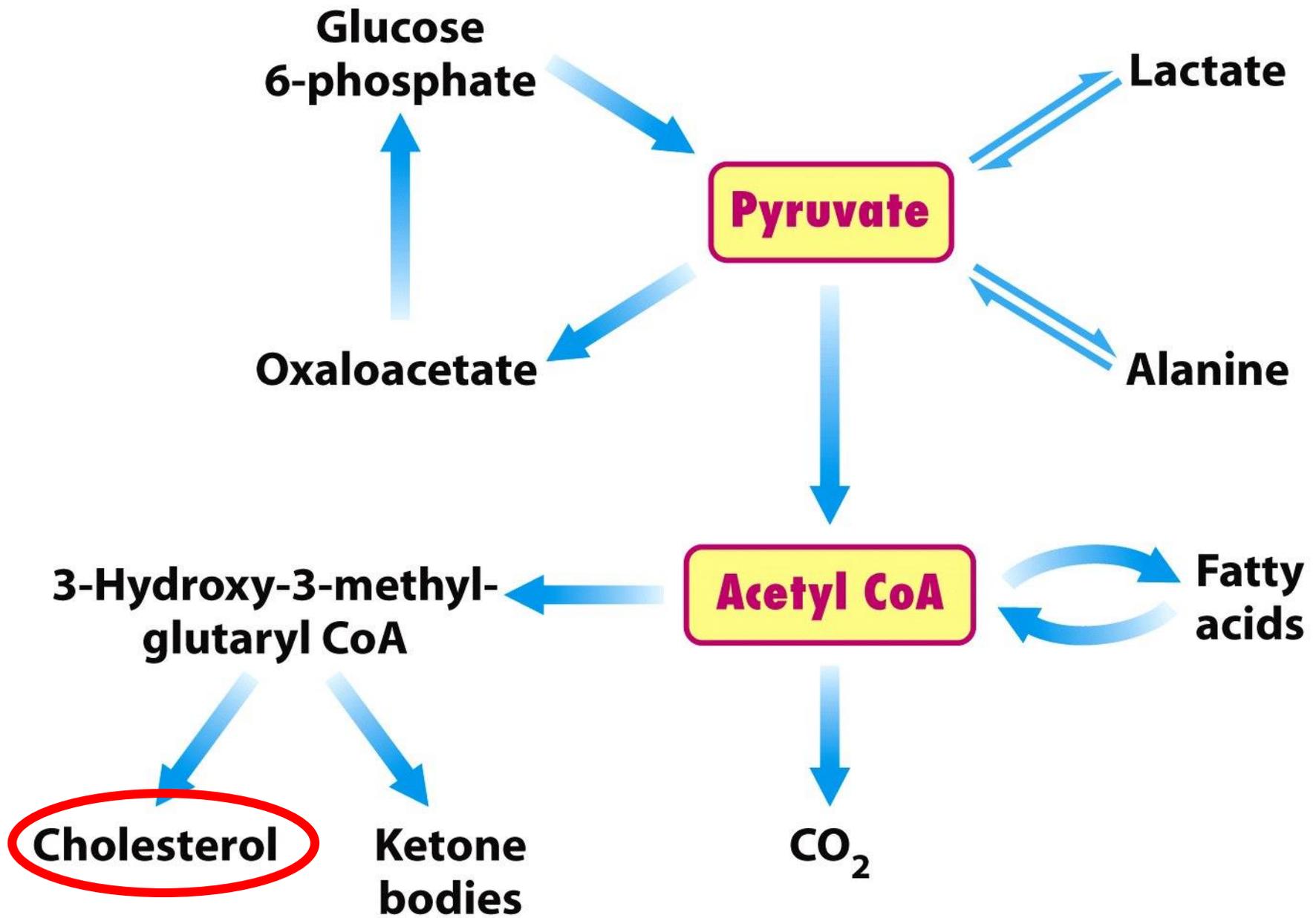
lipoygenase

Non-steroids (aspirin)
inhibit: Tromboxans
Prostaglandins

Prostaglandins

Thromboxanes

Leukotrienes



The key regulatory enzyme of cholesterol synthesis is:

- a) HMG- Co A synthase
- b) HMG Co A lyase
- c) HMG Co A reductase
- d) Mevalonate kinase

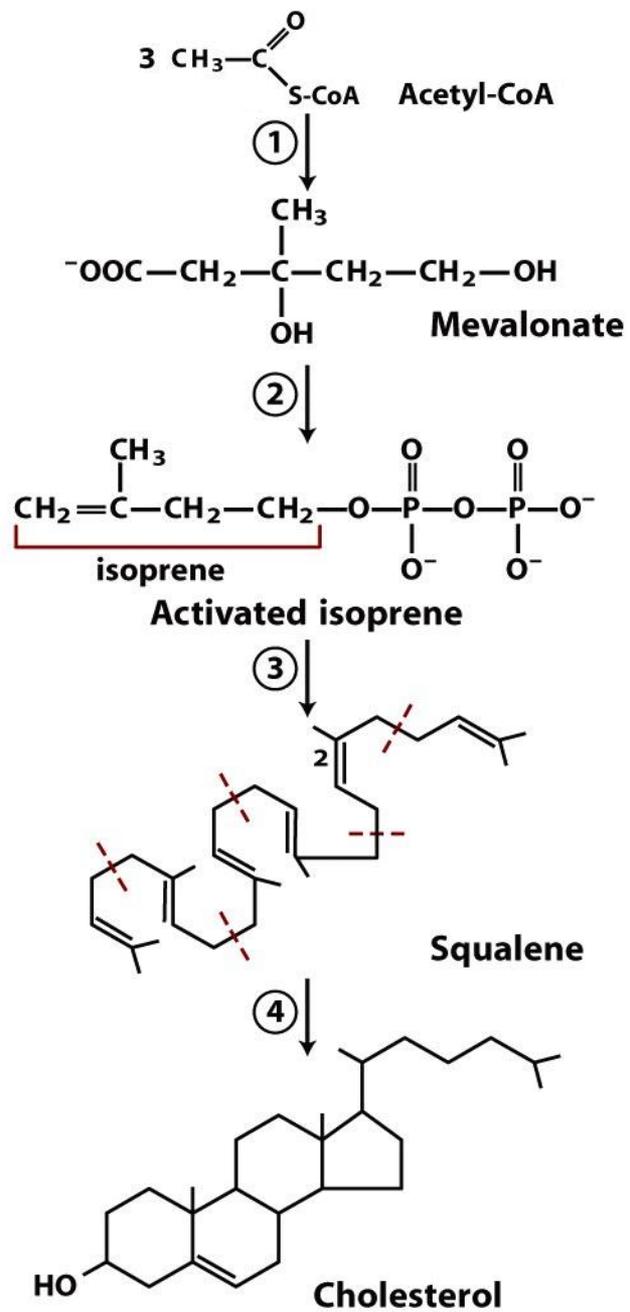


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Synthesis of mevalonate

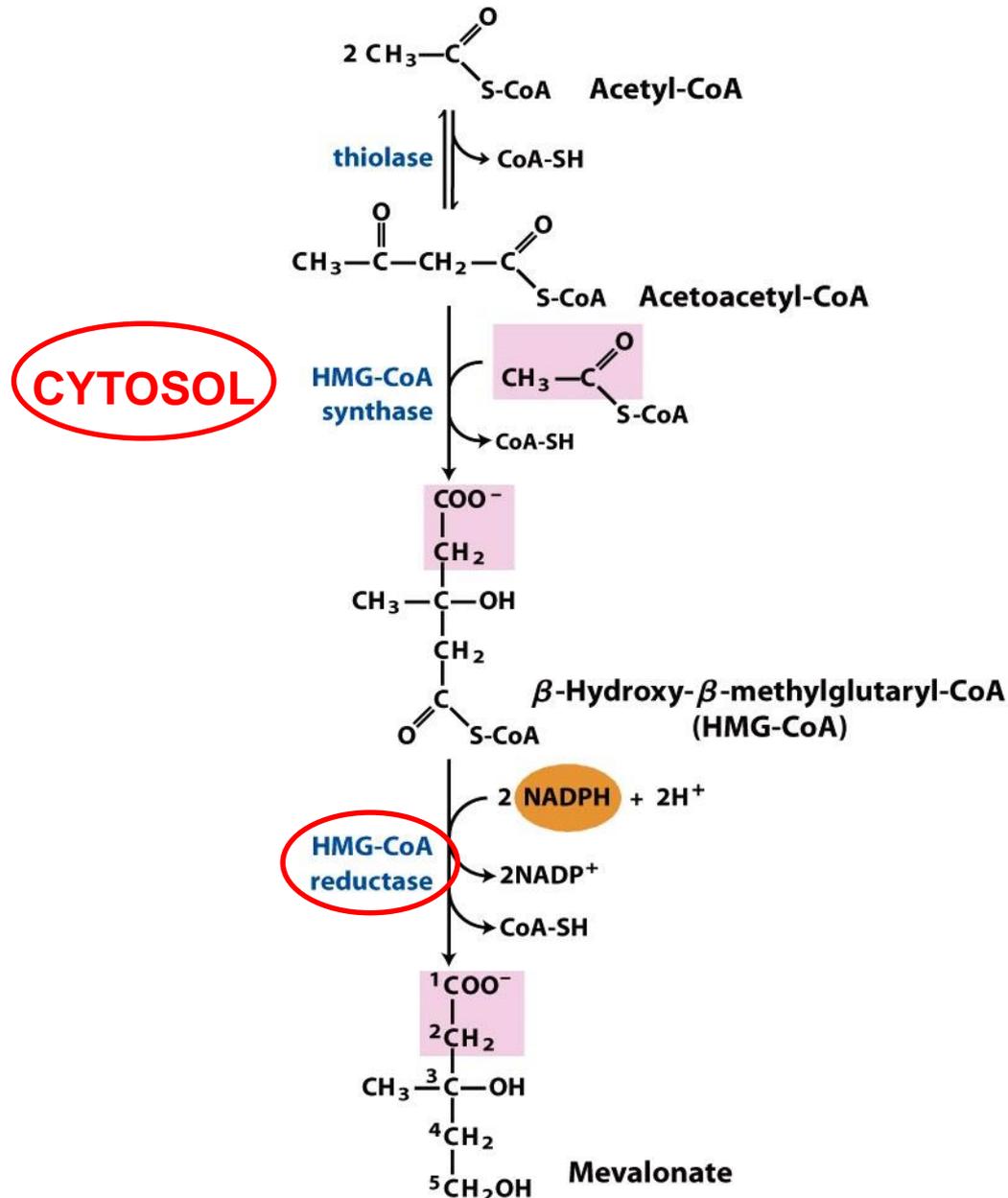
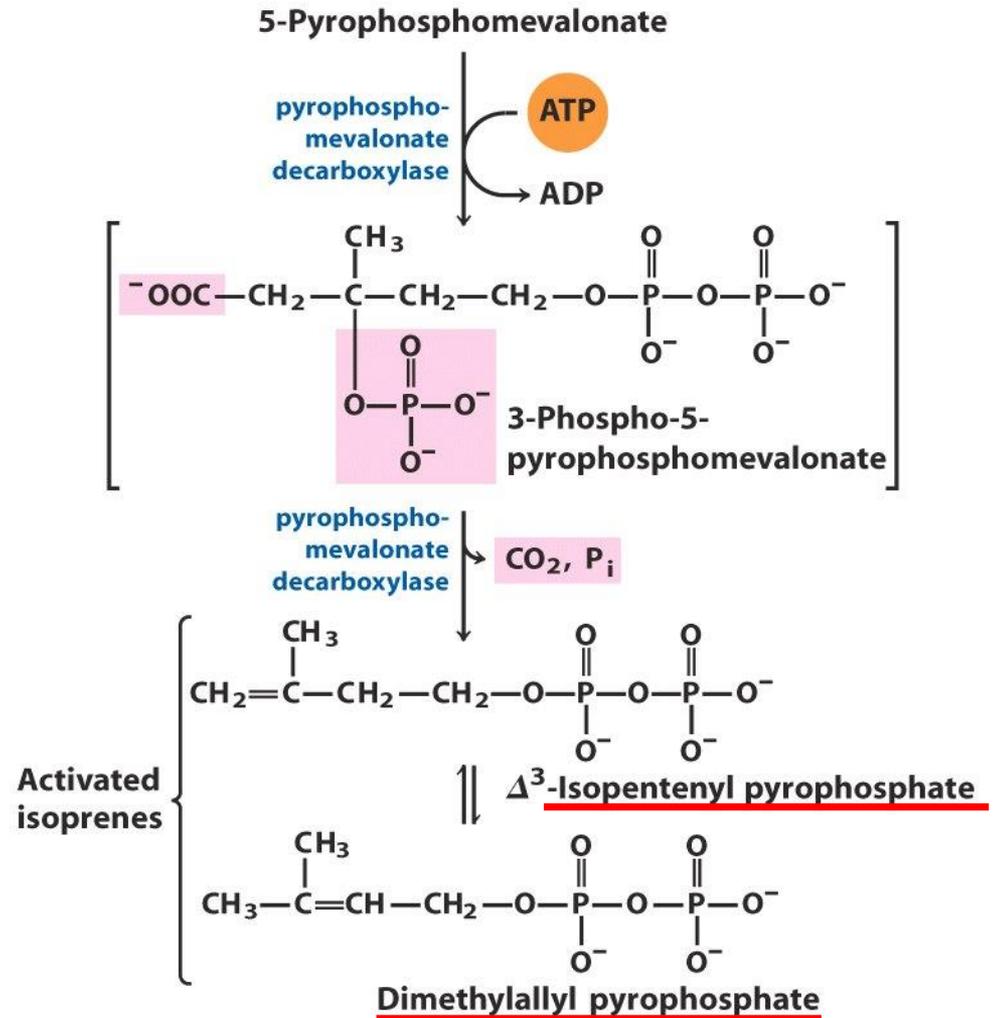
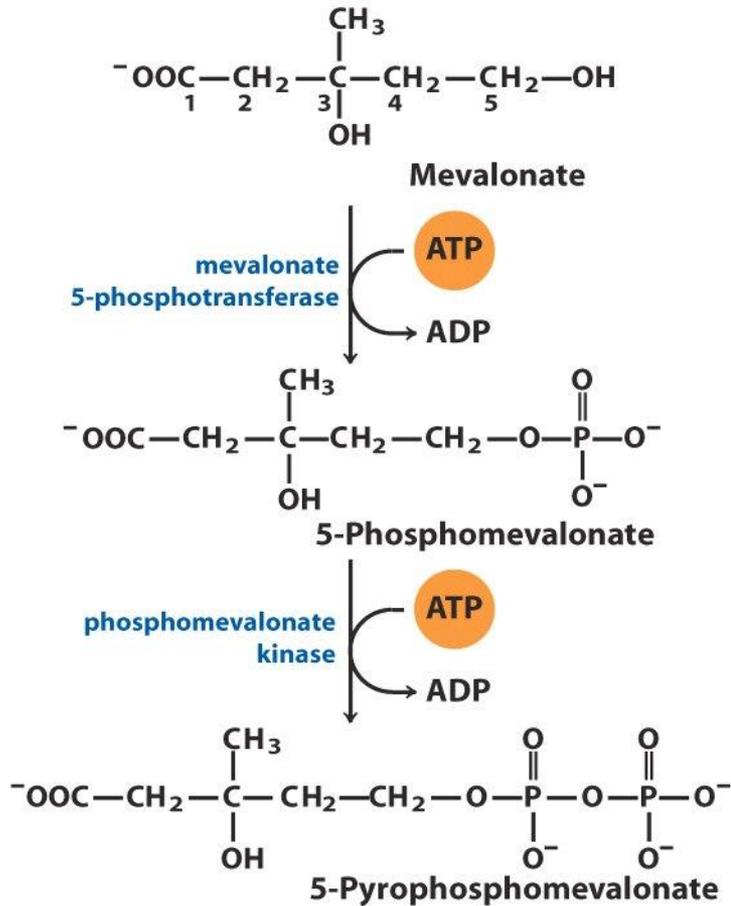


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Synthesis of activated isoprenes



Synthesis of squalene

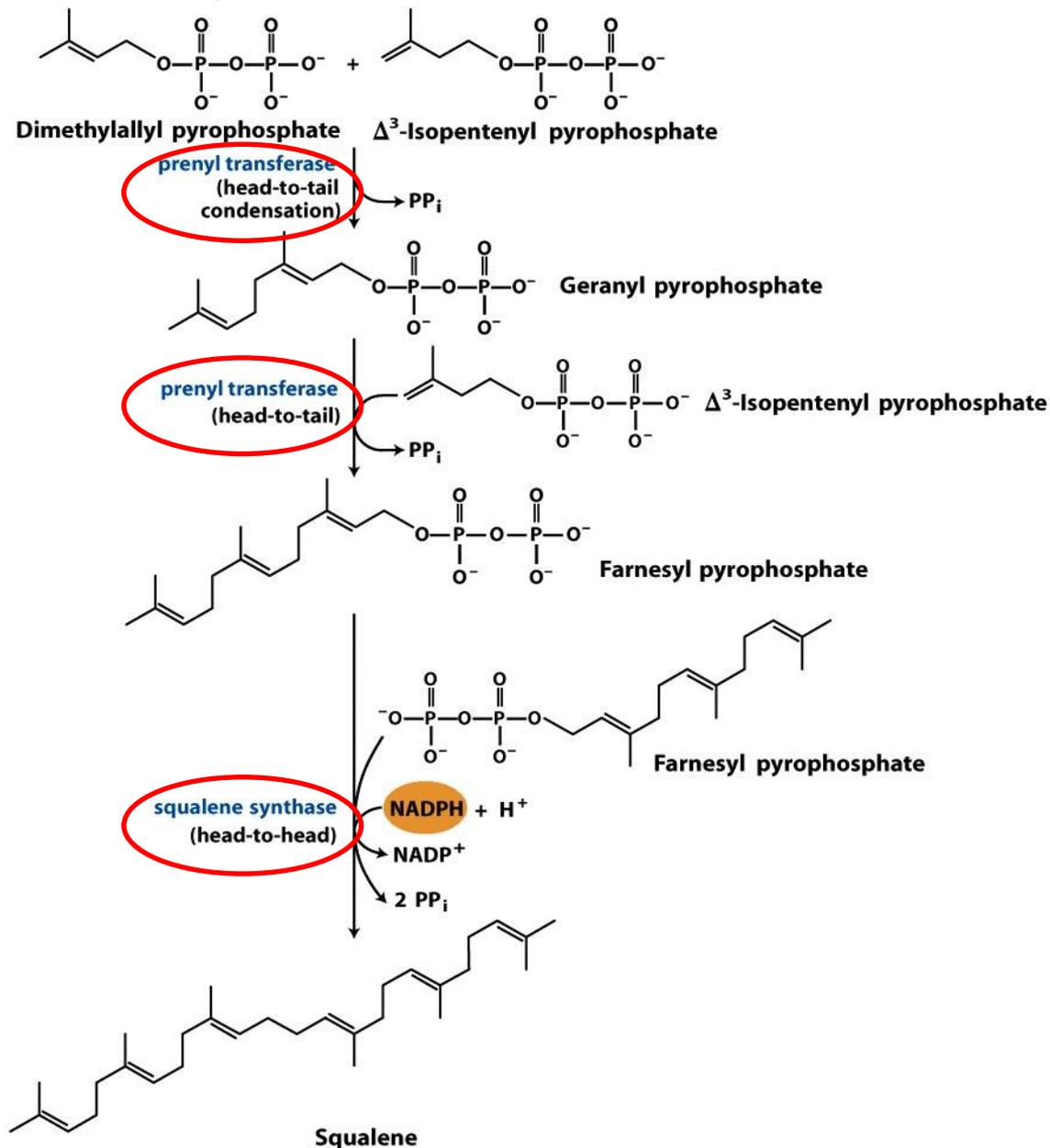
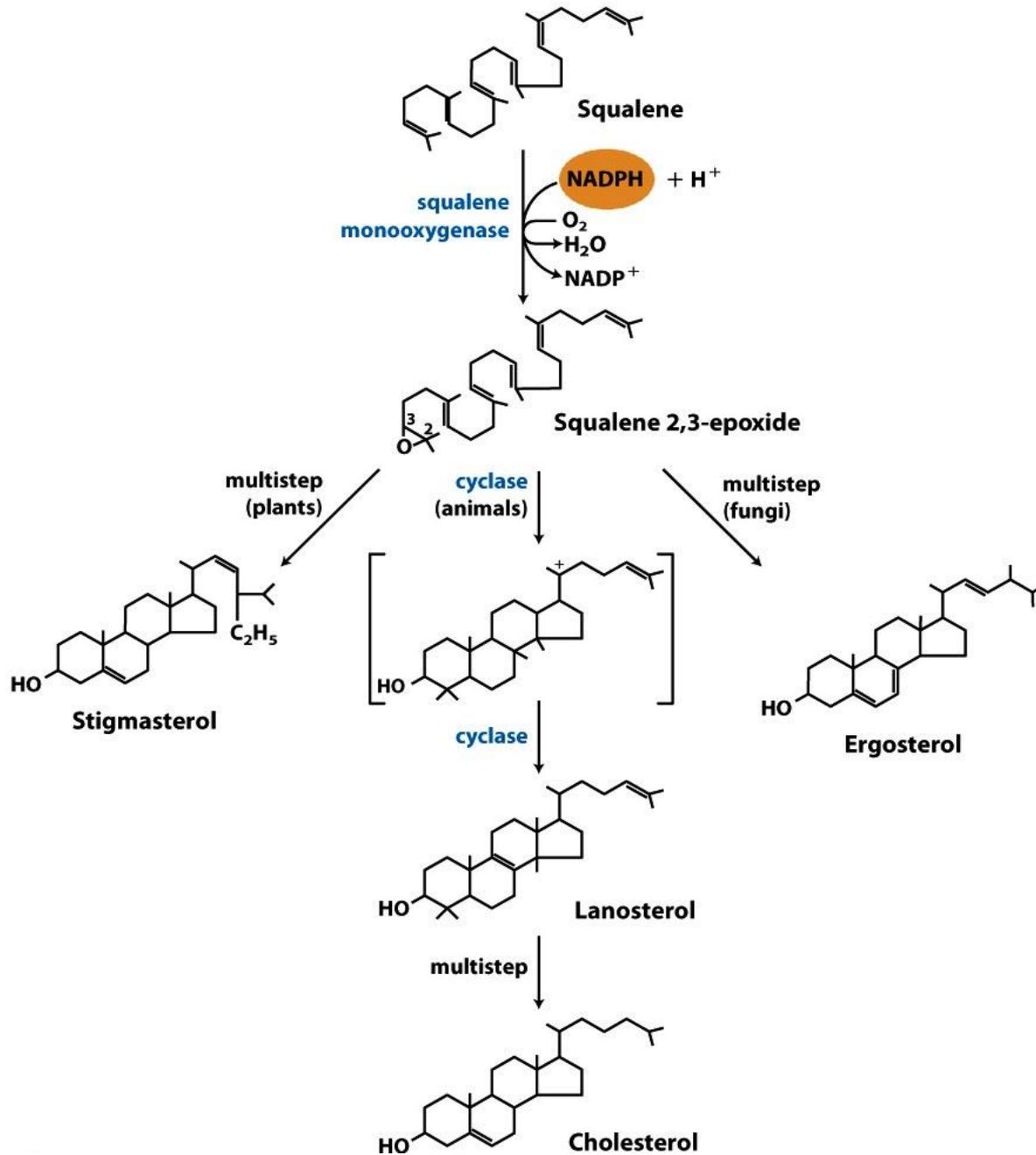


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Synthesis of cholesterol



Synthesis of cholesteryl esters

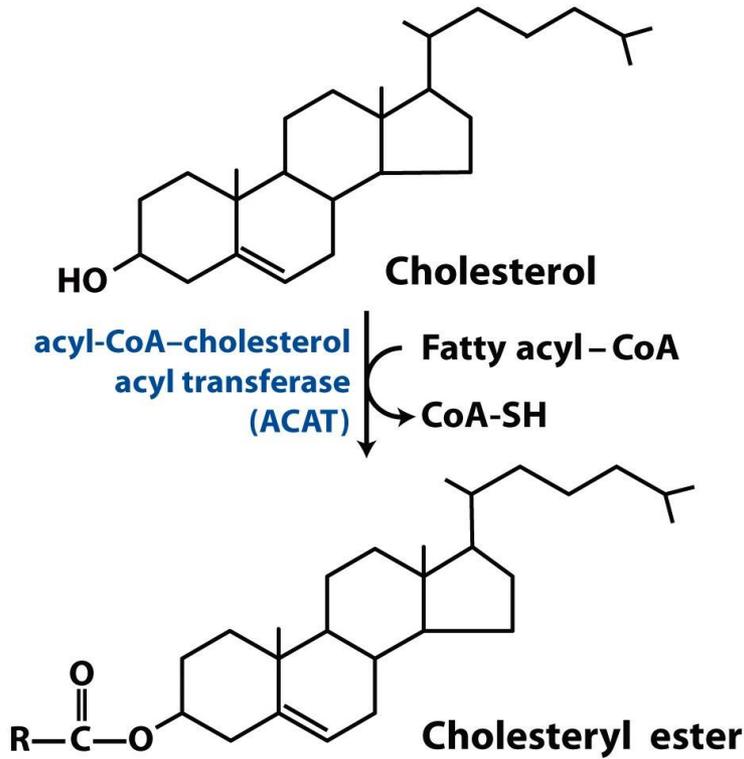


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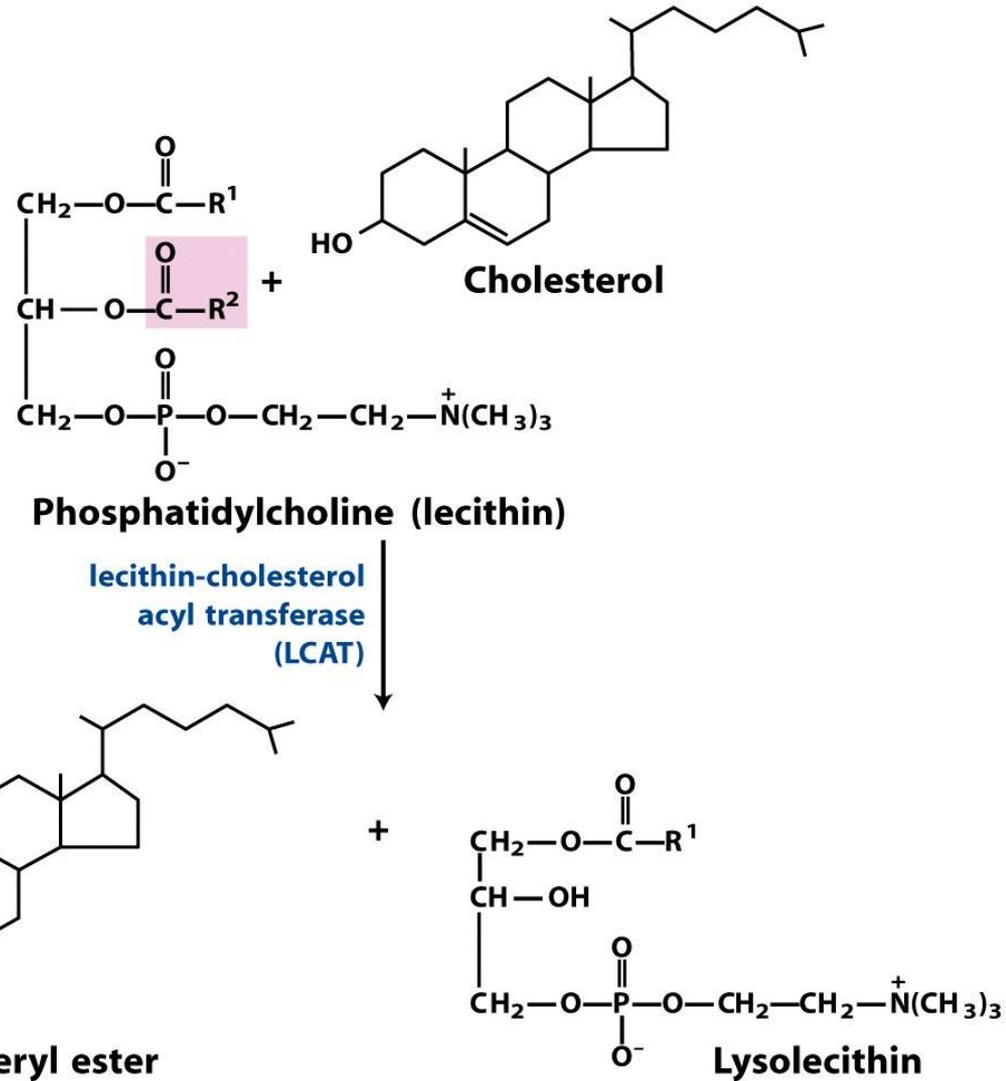
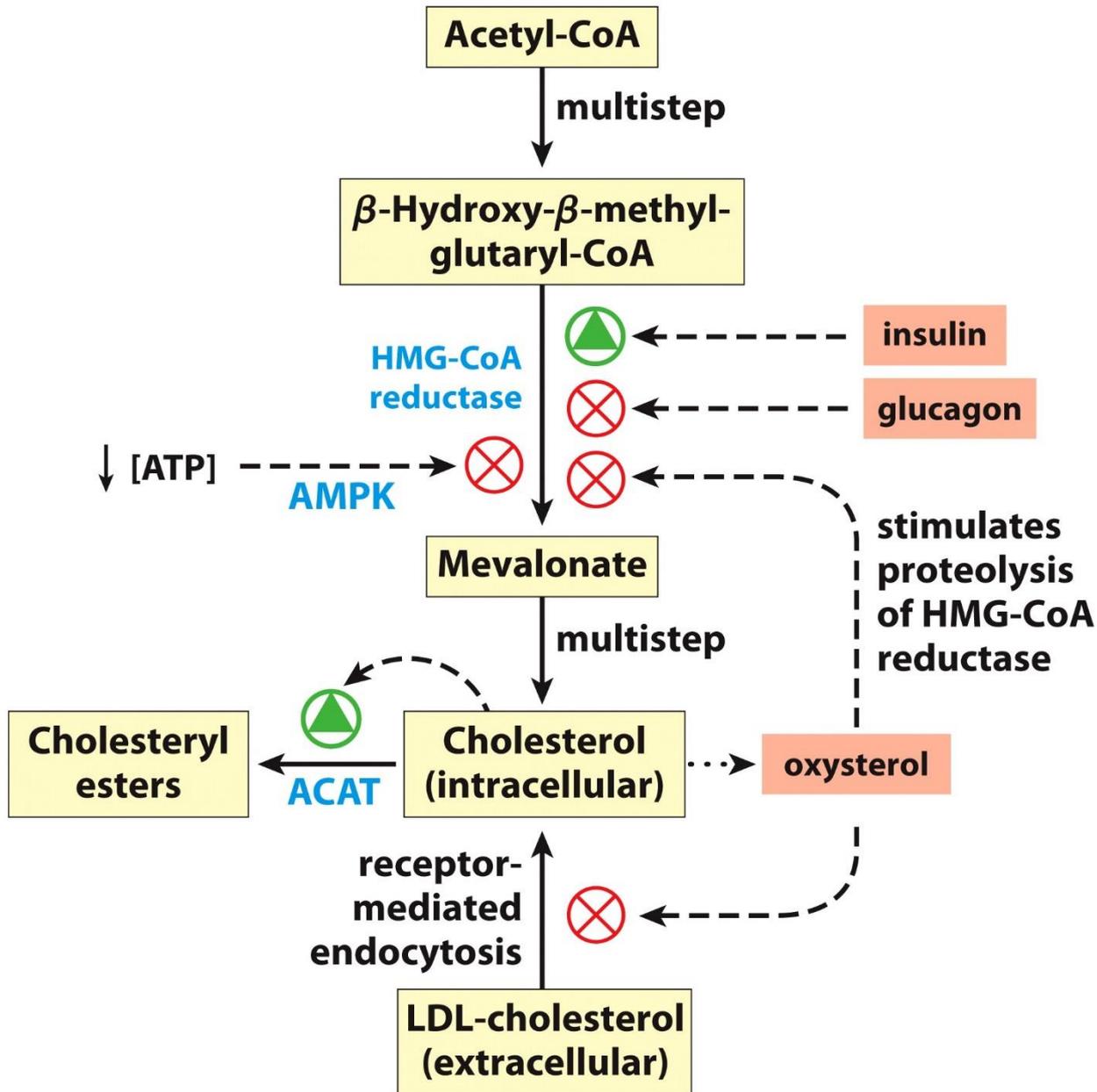


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A 40-year-old man presents with chest pain that radiates to his left jaw and shoulder. He is diagnosed with a myocardial infarct (heart attack) and is prescribed a statin medication. Statins are competitive inhibitors of HMG-CoA reductase, which converts HMG-CoA to which of the following?

- a) Mevalonate
- b) Isopentenyl pyrophosphate
- c) Geranyl pyrophosphate
- d) Farnesyl pyrophosphate
- e) Cholesterol

Regulation of cholesterol synthesis



How does inhibition of HMG-CoA reductase cause lowering of cholesterol and LDL levels?

- a) It increases serum level of HDL
- b) It decreases serum level of LDL by promoting catabolism
- c) It inhibits the formation of LDL from IDL
- d) It inhibits the rate limiting step in cholesterol biosynthesis
- e) It inhibits synthesis of LDL receptors.

Which of the following compounds directly inhibits the expression of the HMG-CoA reductase gene?

a) Squalene

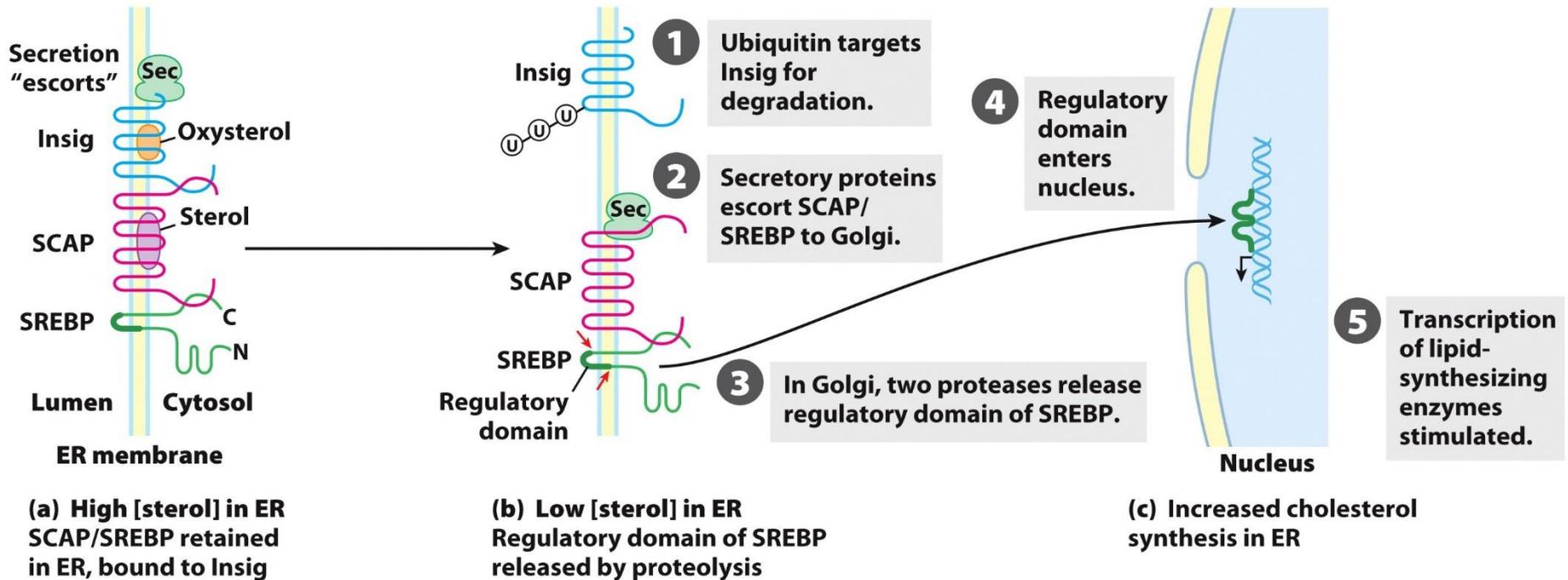
b) HMG-CoA

c) Lanosterol

d) Isopentenyl pyrophosphate

e) Cholesterol

Transcriptional regulation of cholesterol synthesis



Familial hypercholesterolemia

Autosomal dominant disorder, incidence of heterozygous form 1:500, incidence of homozygous form 1:1.000.000

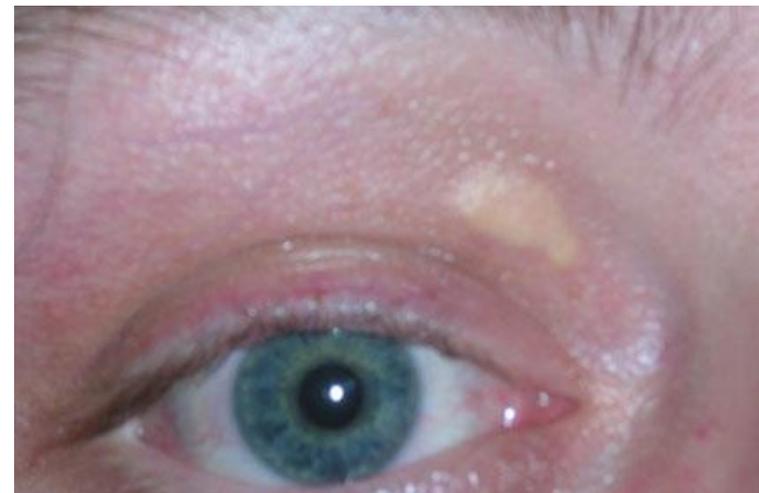
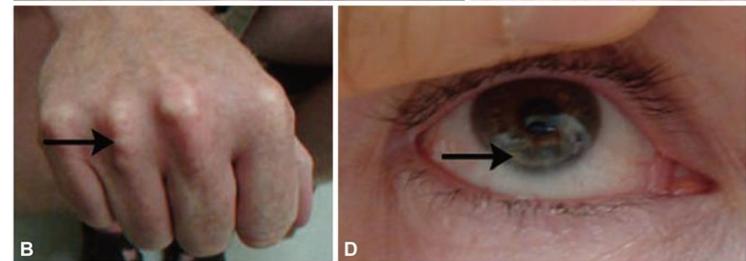
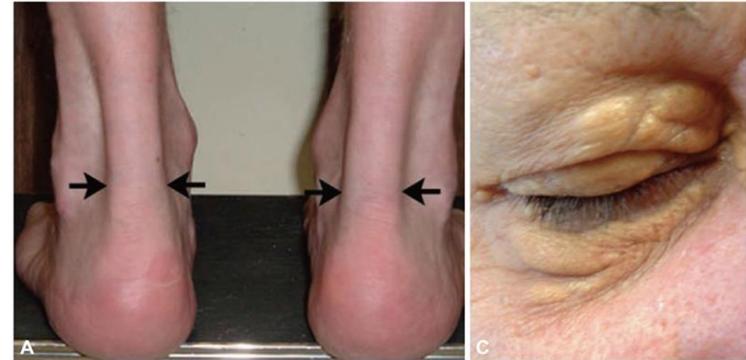
Elevated blood cholesterol and LDL levels (VLDL, Triglycerid levels usually within the normal range)

Pathophysiology: Missing/nonfunctional LDL-receptors or mutation in ApoB100

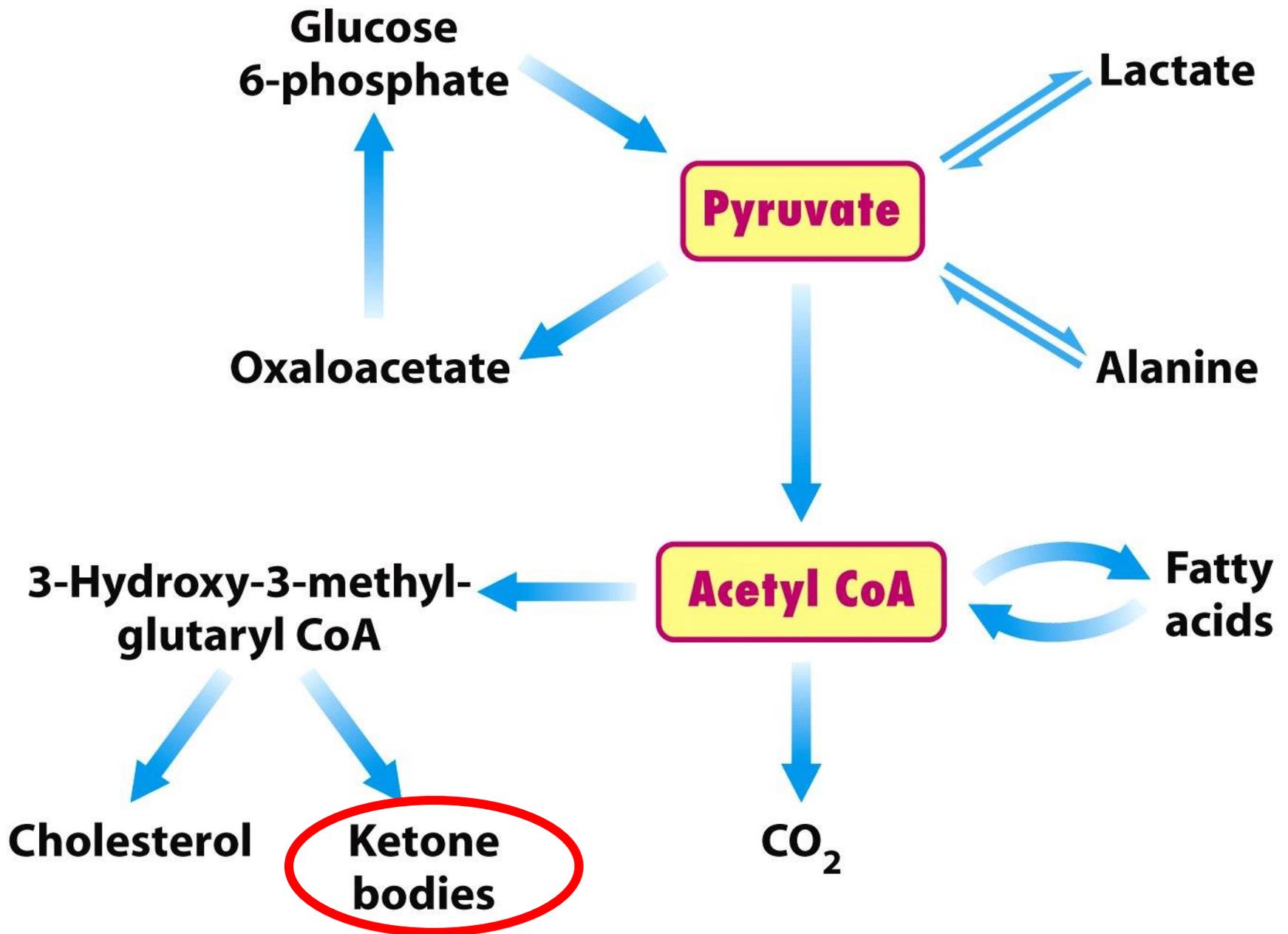
Instead of liver cells macrophages take up cholesterol → foam cells

Symptoms:

- Obesity
- Atherosclerosis
- Early onset of cardiovascular diseases
- Early onset atherosclerosis in the family history
- Xanthoma, xanthelasma palpebrum
- Brown pigmentation on the face
- Early death (2nd-3rd decade to 50s with therapy)



Xanthelasma



Formation of ketone bodies

MITOCHONDRION

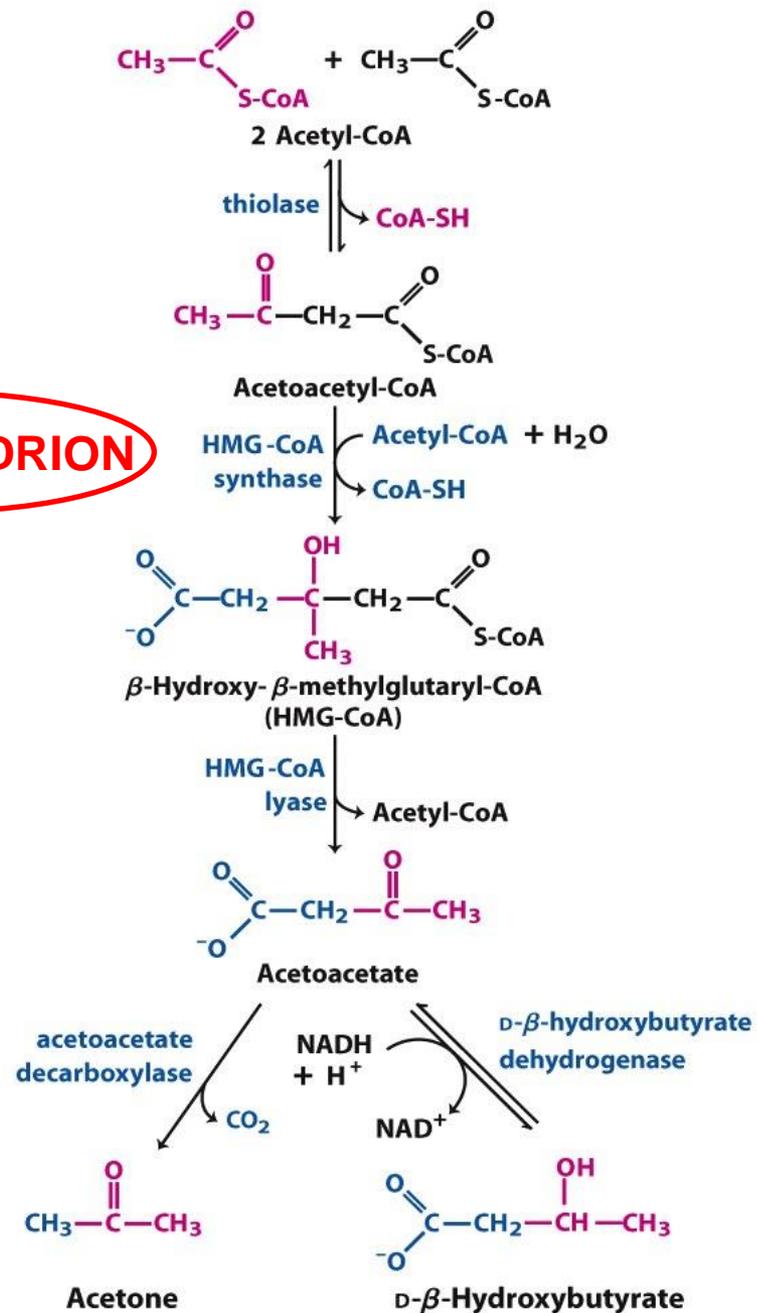


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The use of ketone bodies as fuel

Ketone bodies are used as fuels in all tissues **except liver**, which lacks this enzyme.

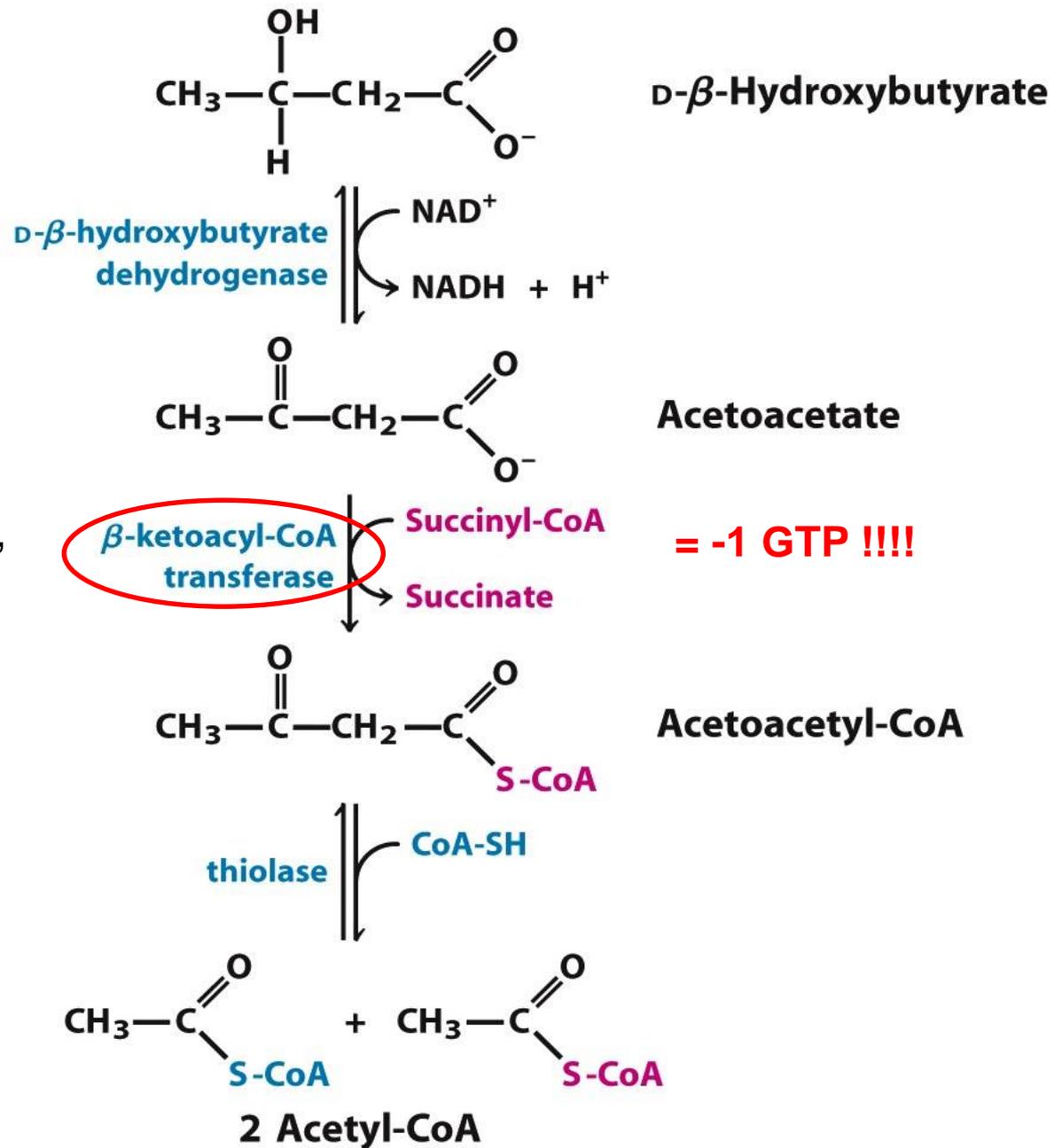


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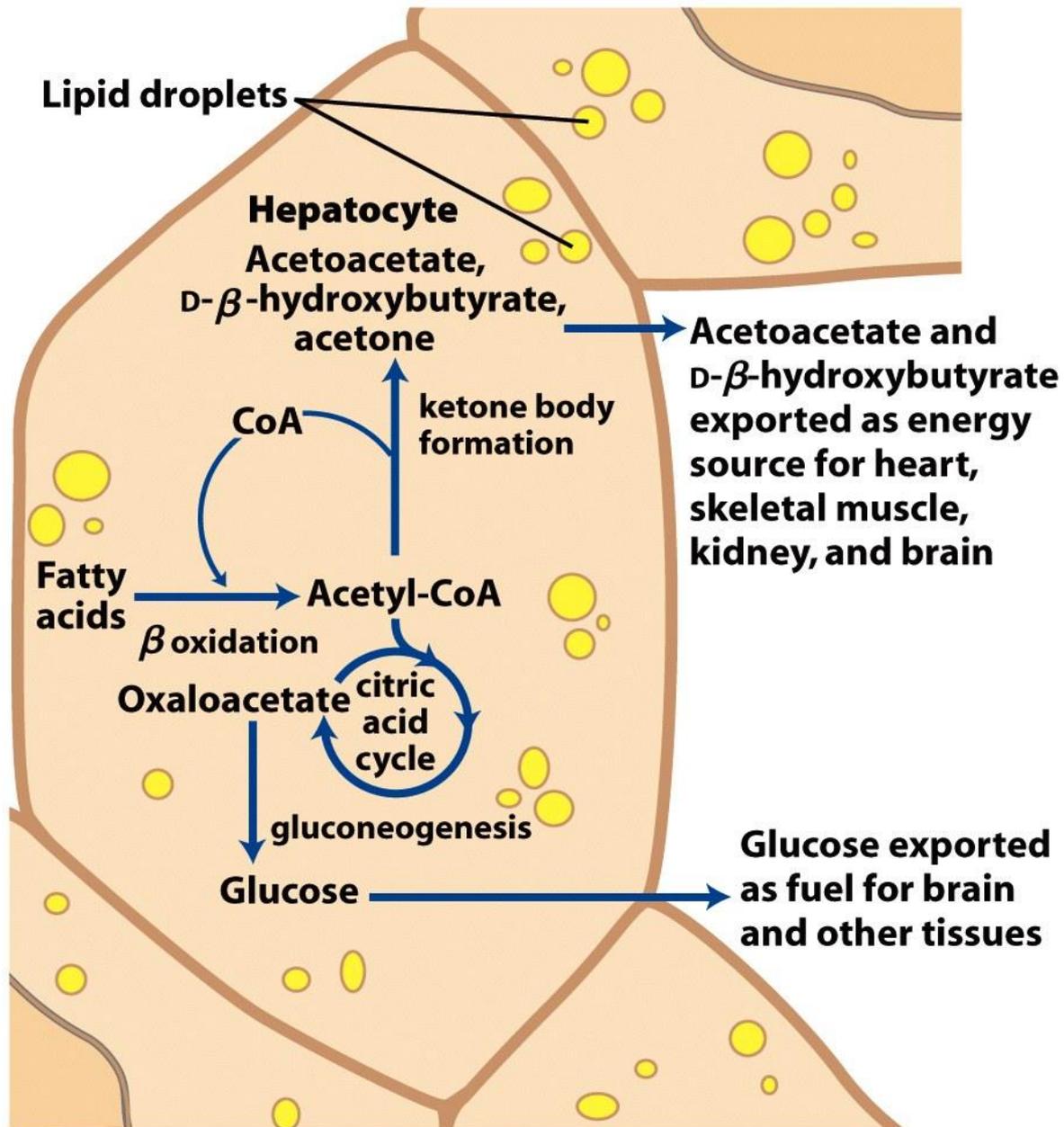
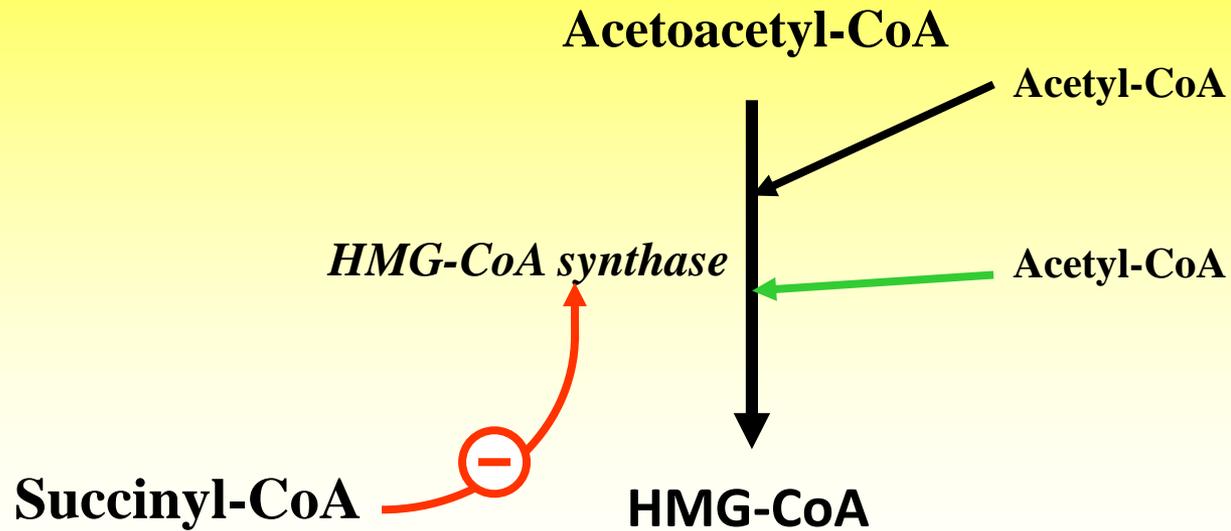
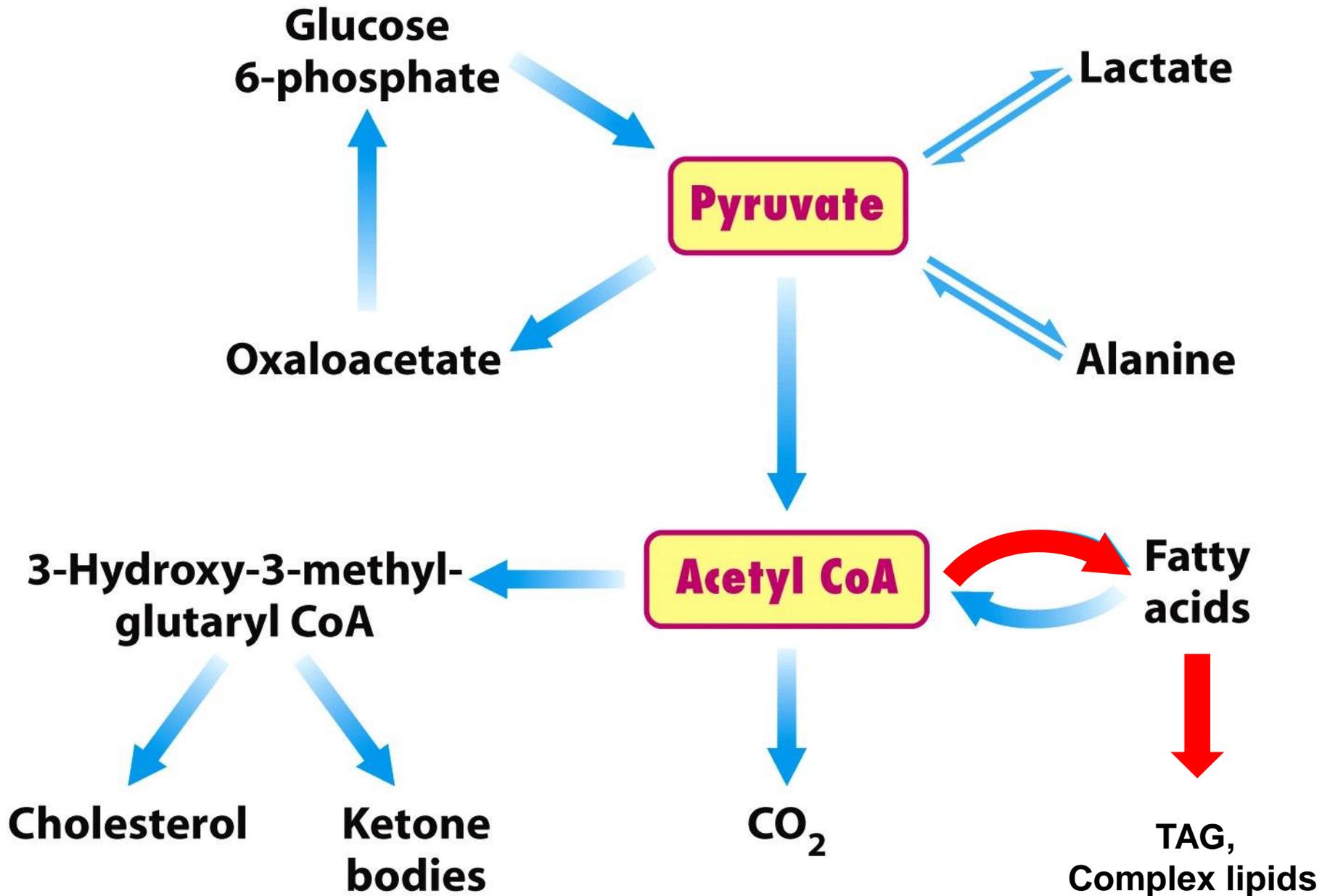


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Regulation of ketone body synthesis via HMG-CoA synthase





The triacylglycerol cycle

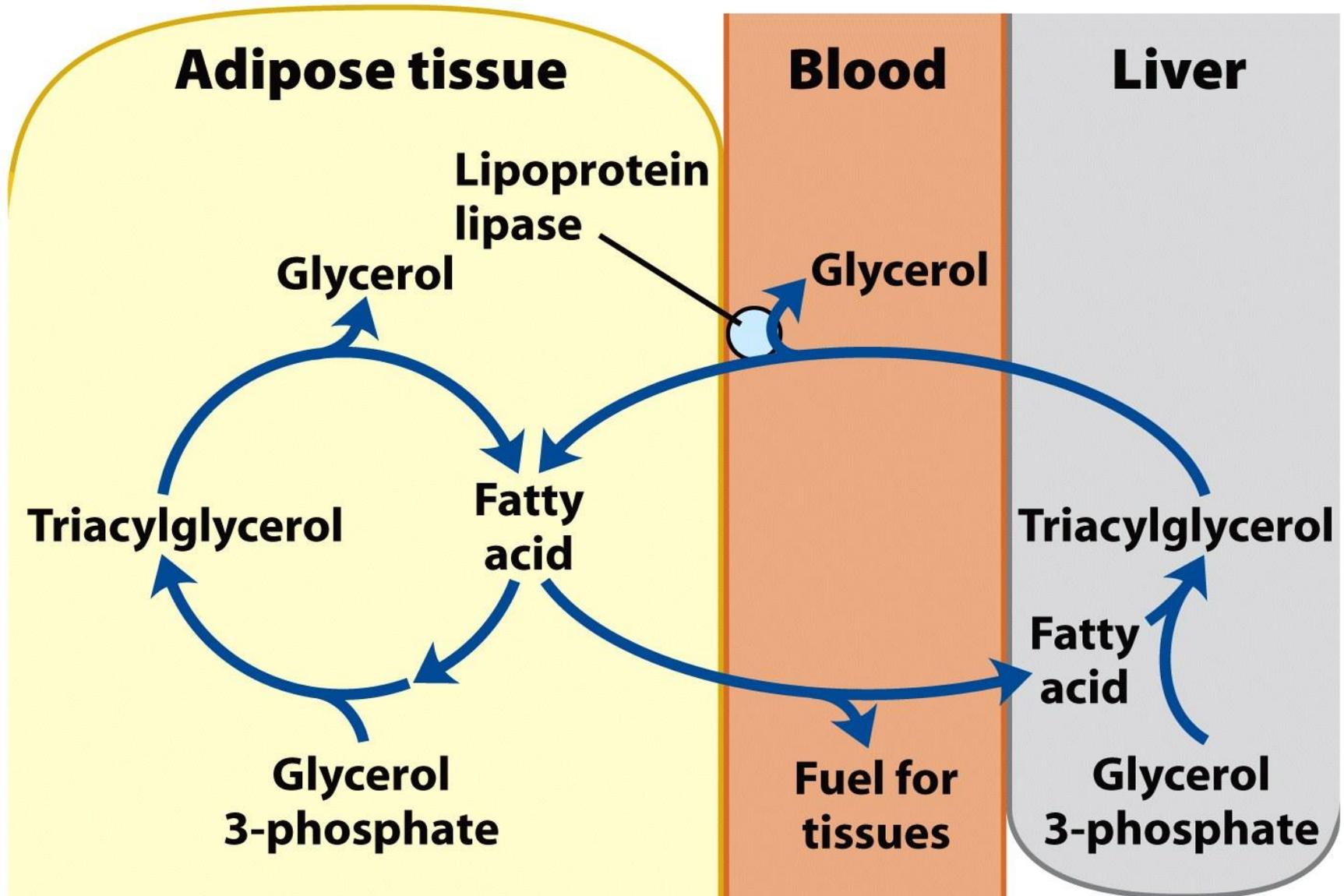
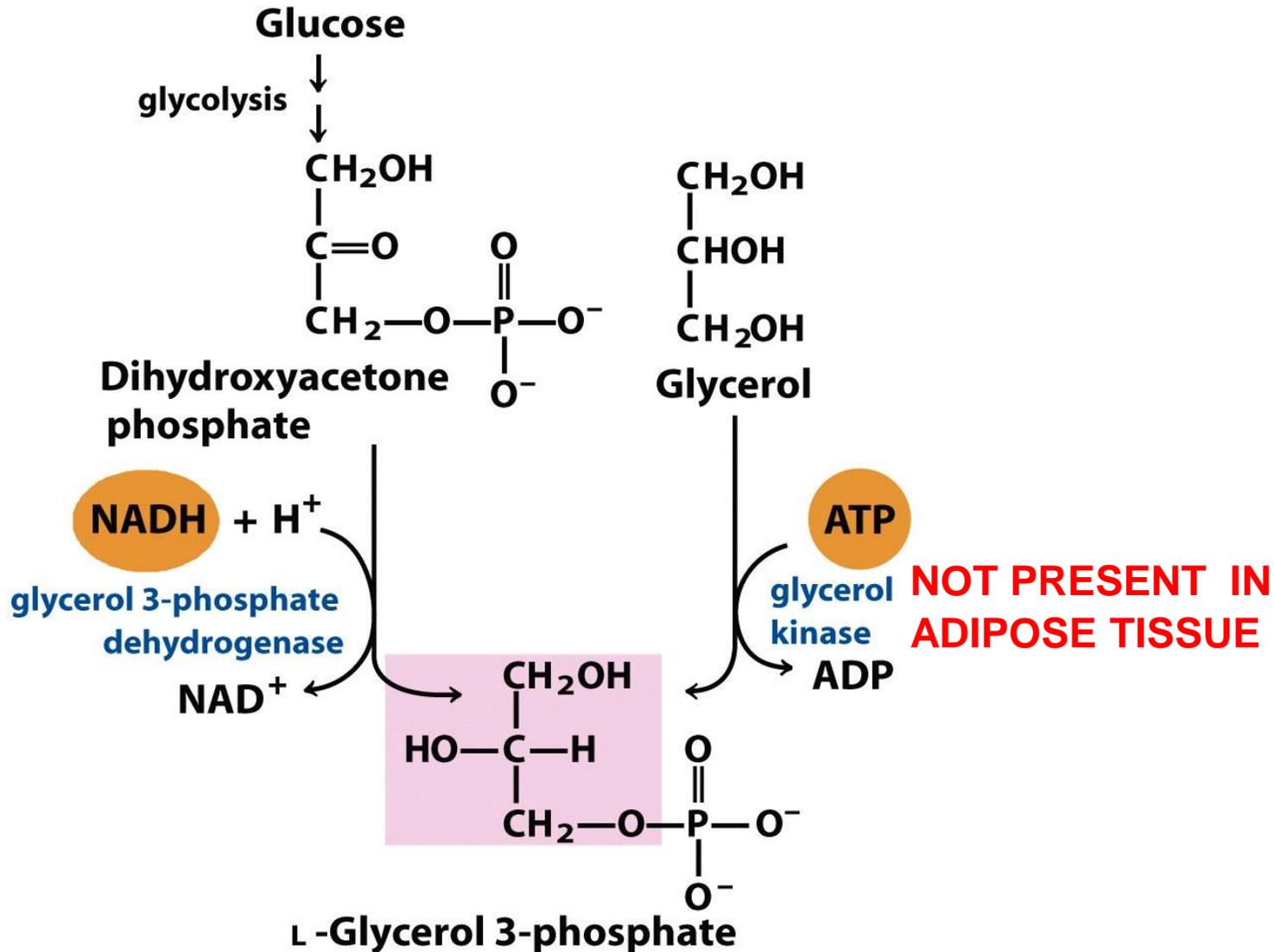


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Production of glycerol-phosphate for lipid synthesis



Glyceroneogenesis

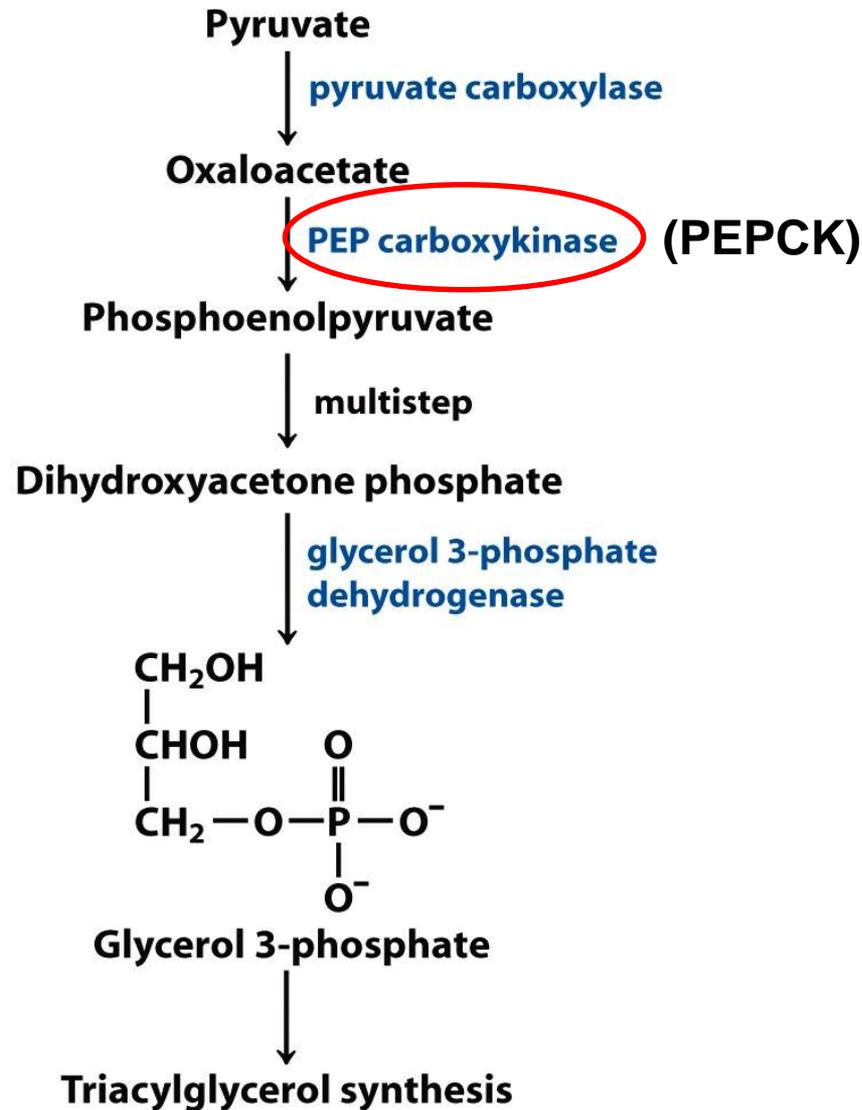
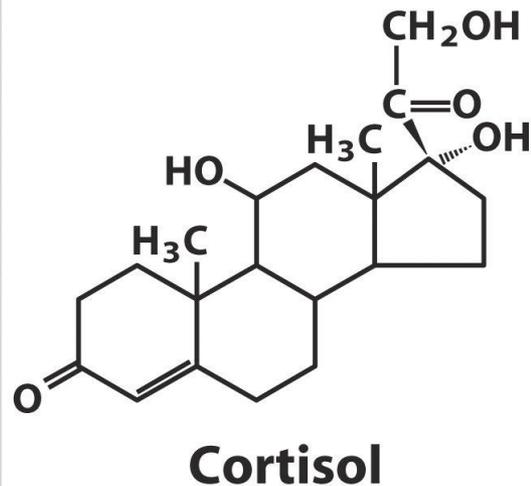
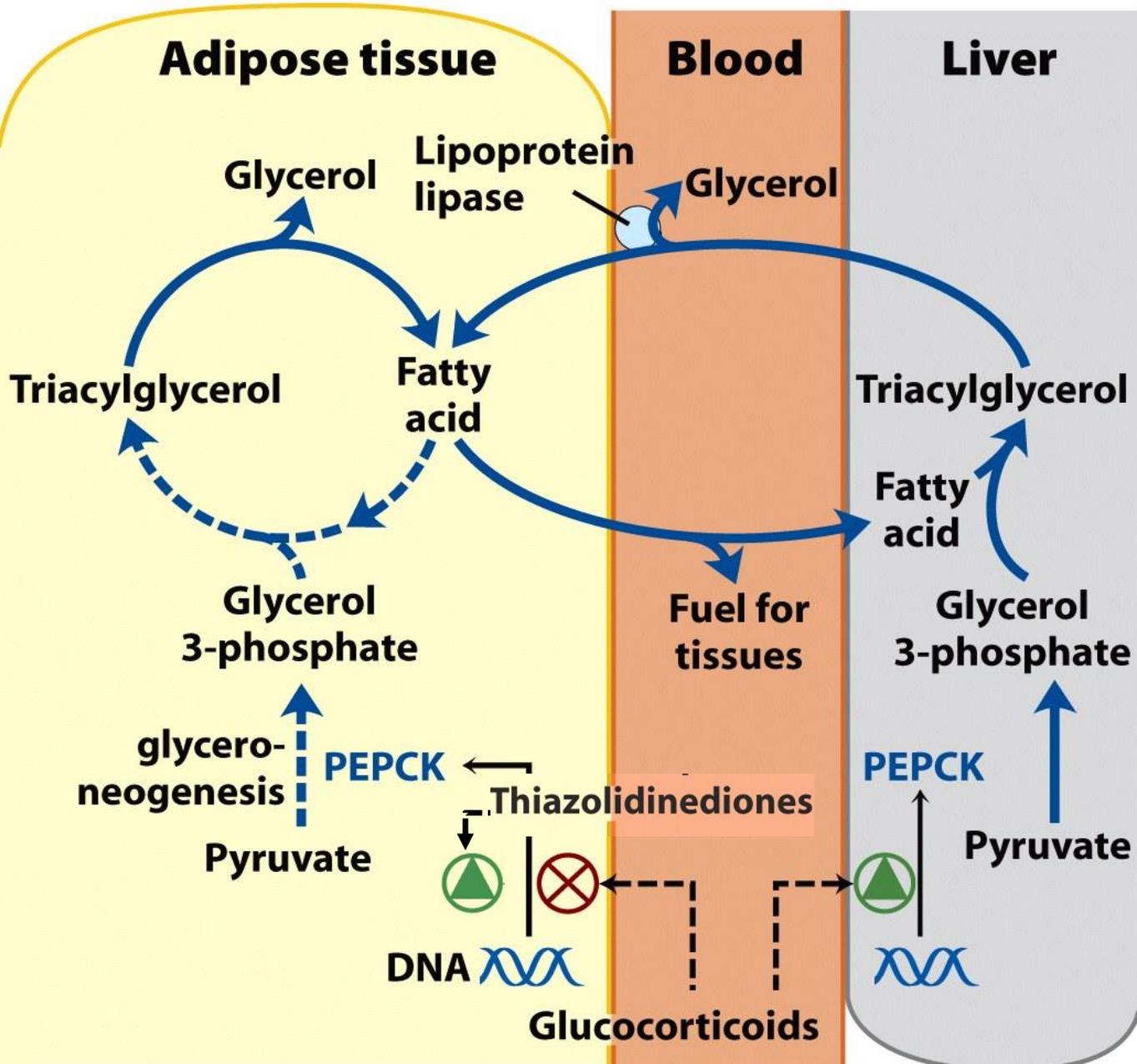
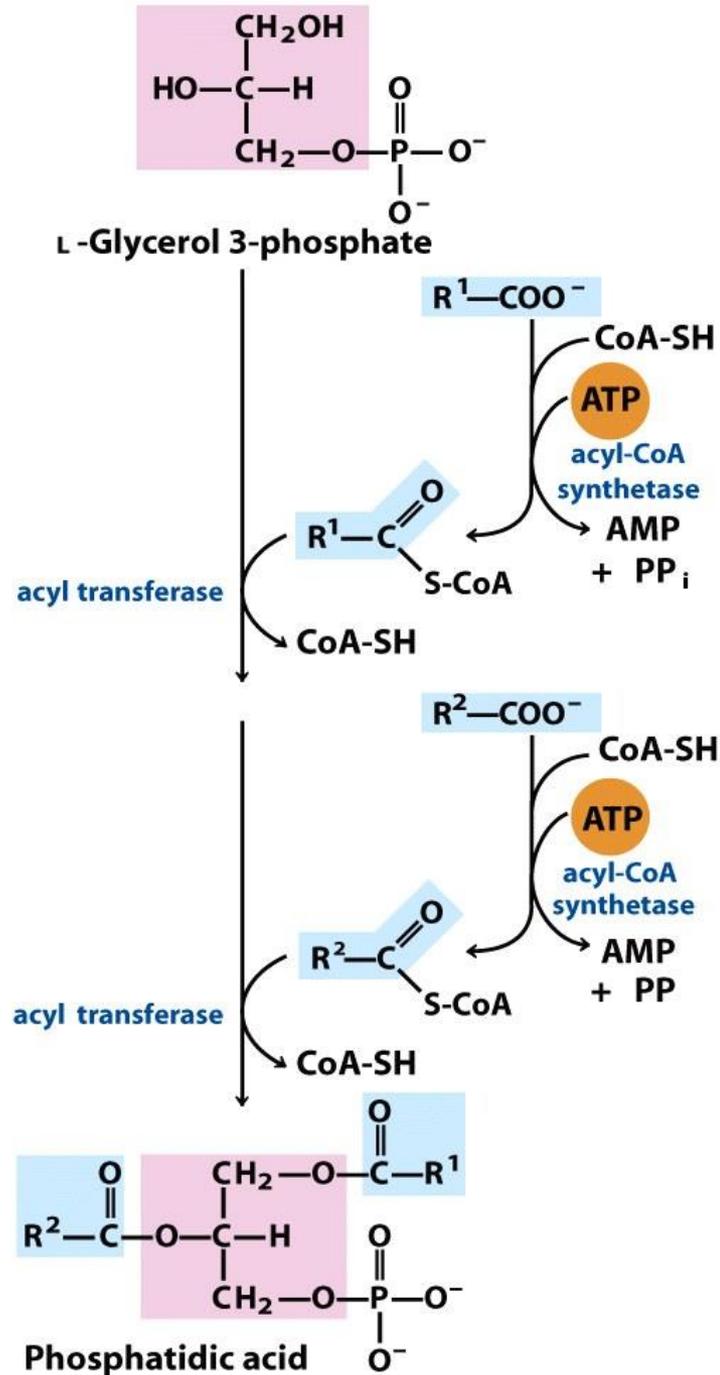


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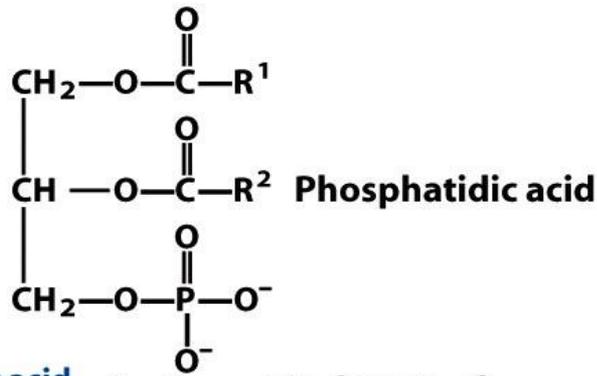
Regulation of the glyceroneogenesis



Production of triacylglycerols

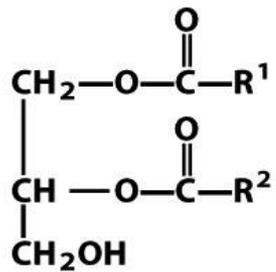


Production of glycerophospholipids

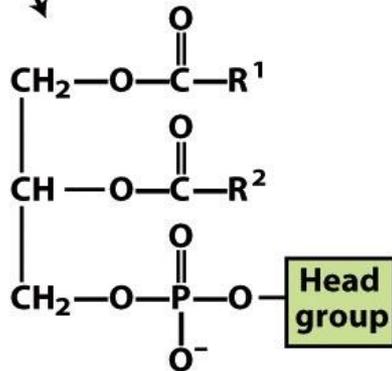


phosphatidic acid phosphatase

attachment of head group (serine, choline, ethanolamine, etc.)

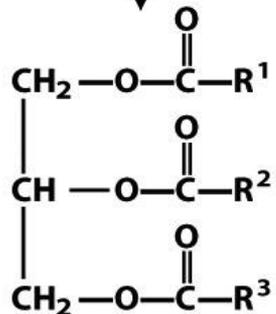
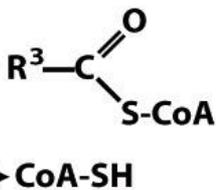


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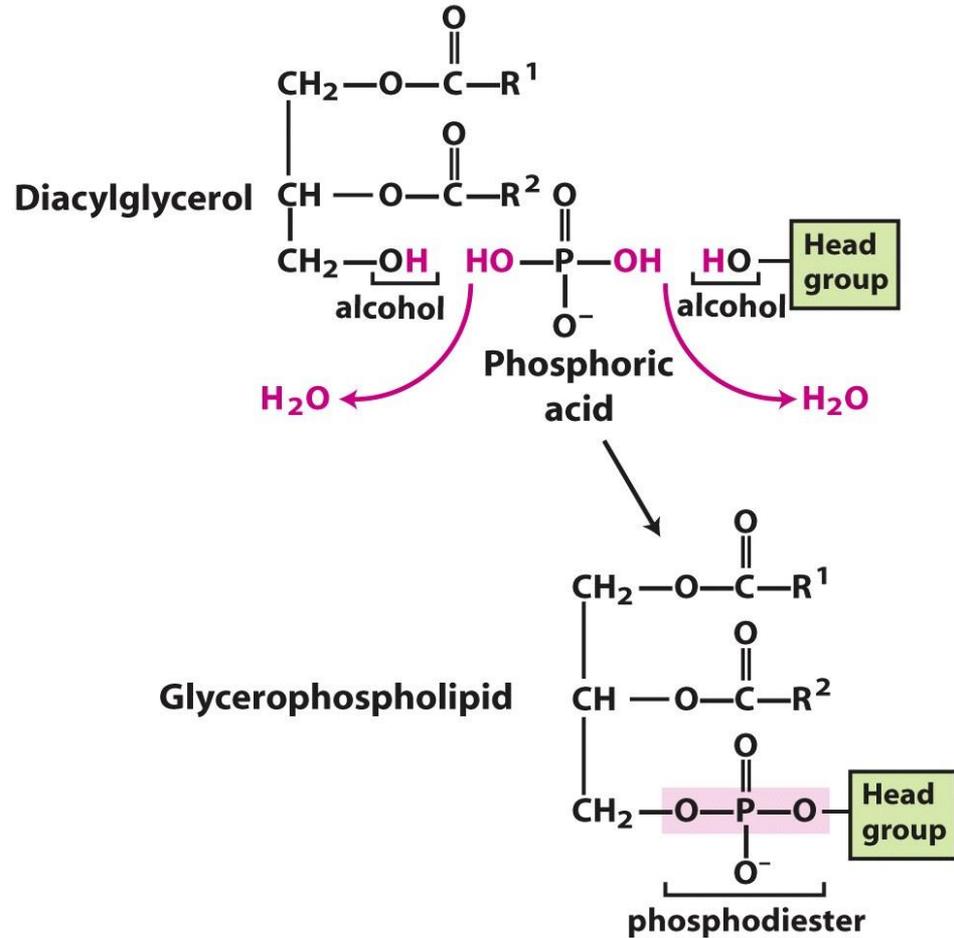


Glycerophospholipid

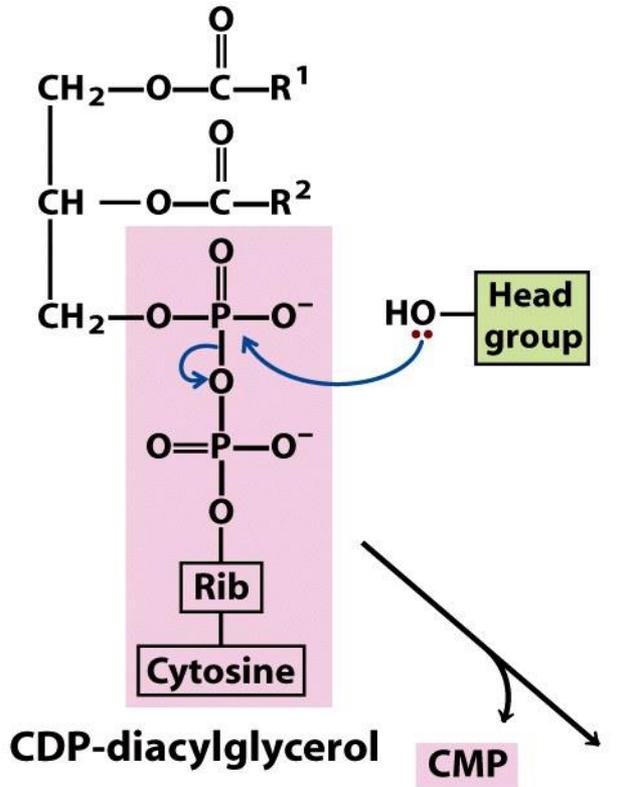
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Triacylglycerol



Strategy 1
Diacylglycerol
 activated with CDP



Strategy 2
Head group
 activated with CDP

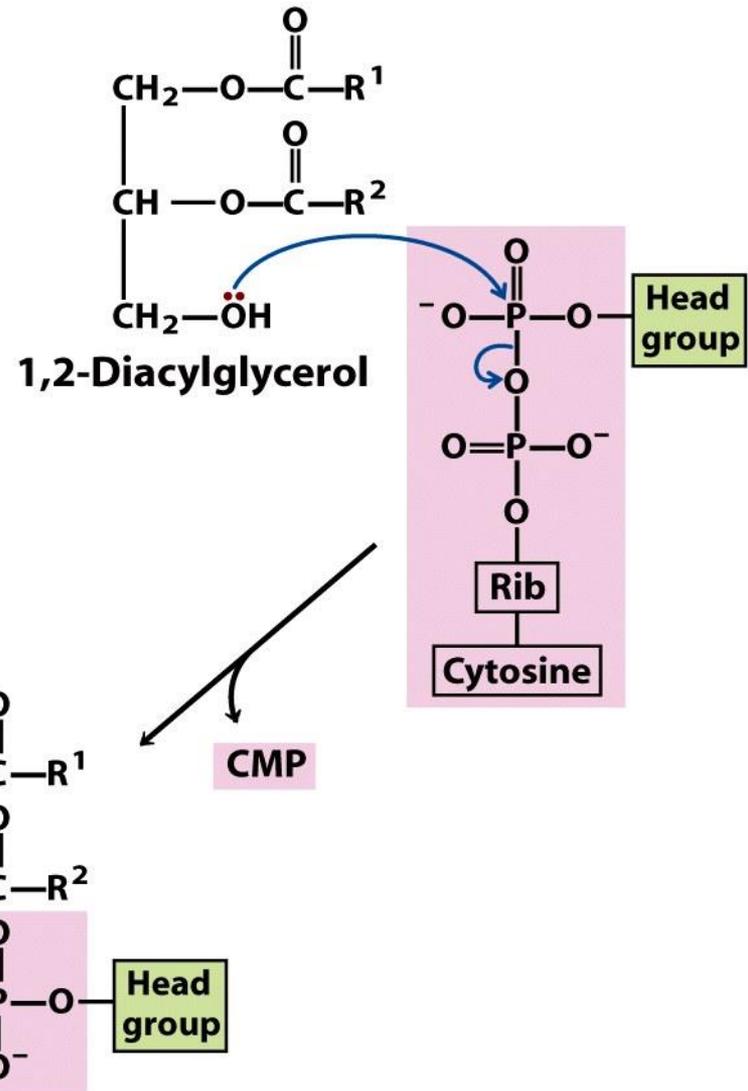
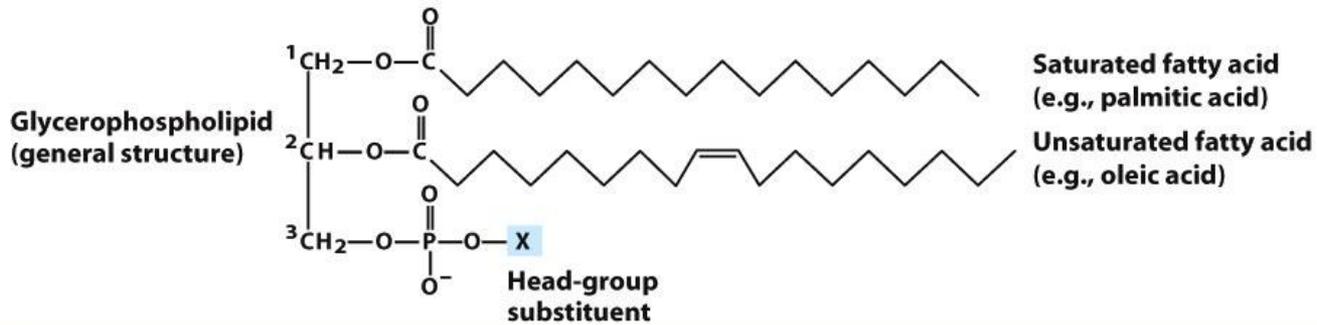


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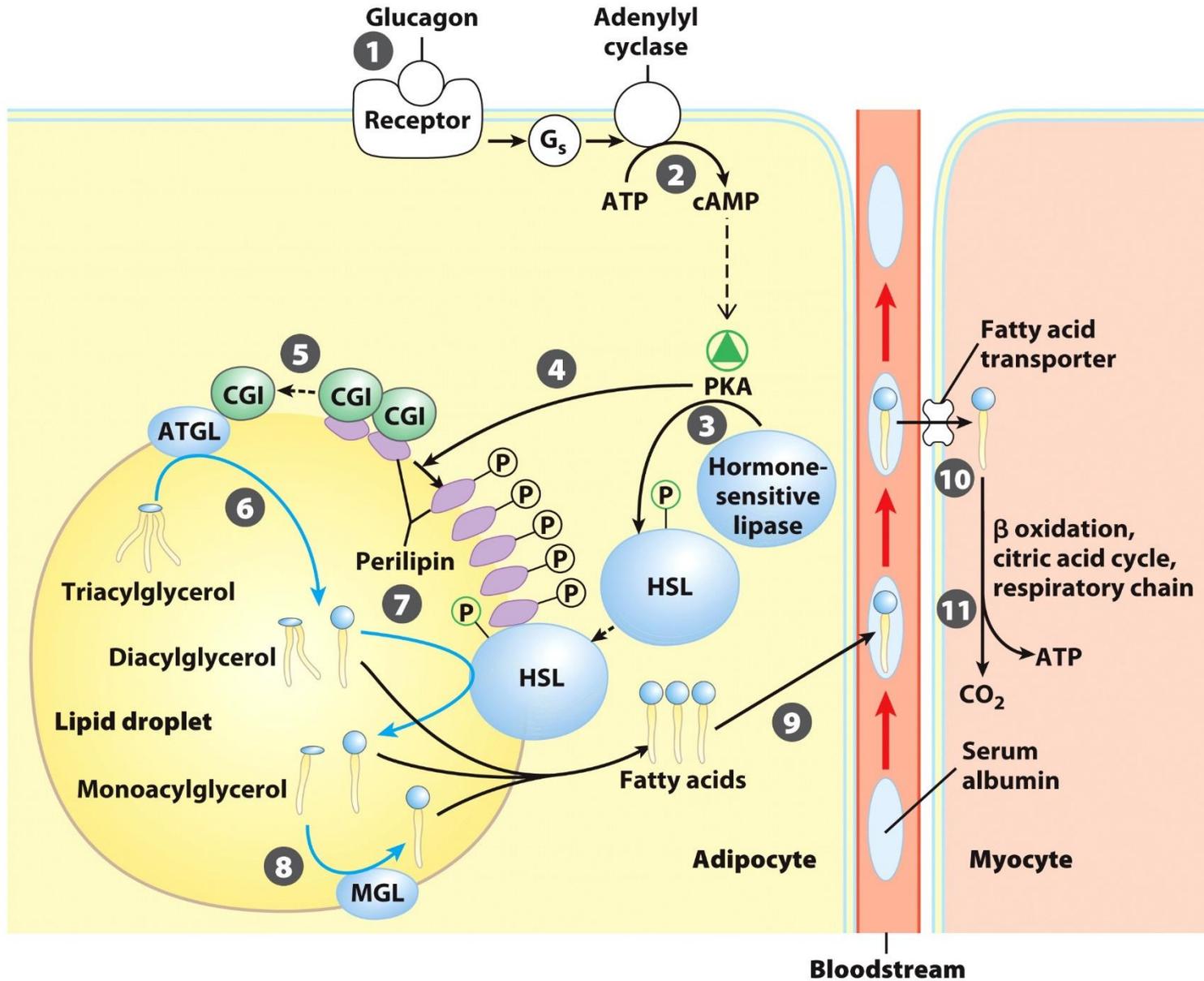
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Name of glycerophospholipid	Name of X	Formula of X	Net charge (at pH 7)
Phosphatidic acid	—	— H	- 1
Phosphatidylethanolamine	Ethanolamine	— $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-NH}_3^+$	0
Phosphatidylcholine	Choline	— $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-N}^+(\text{CH}_3)_3$	0
Phosphatidylserine	Serine	— $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH(NH}_3^+\text{)COO}^-$	- 1
Phosphatidylglycerol	Glycerol	— $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH(OH)-CH}_2\text{-OH}$	- 1
Phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate	<i>myo</i> -Inositol 4,5-bisphosphate		- 4
Cardiolipin	Phosphatidylglycerol		- 2

Mobilization of triacylglycerols



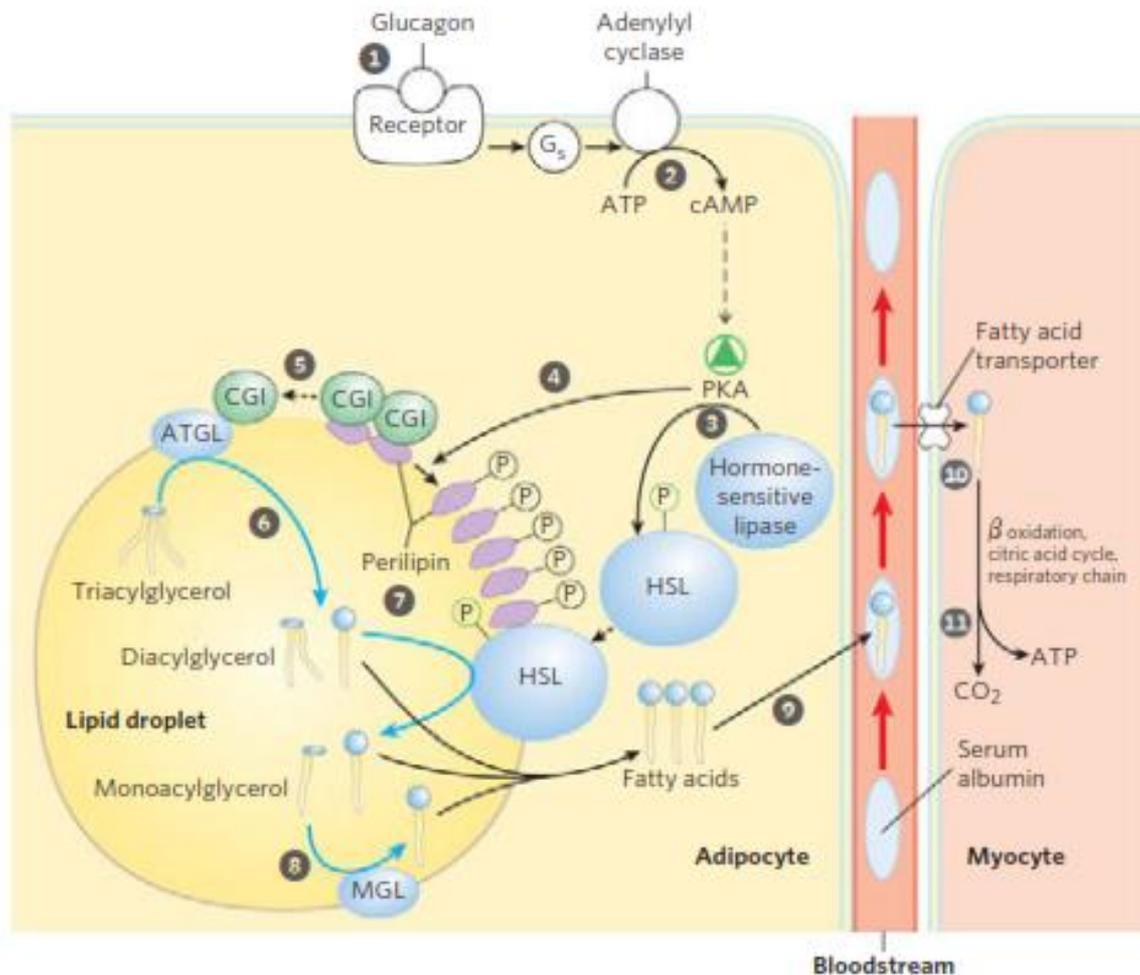
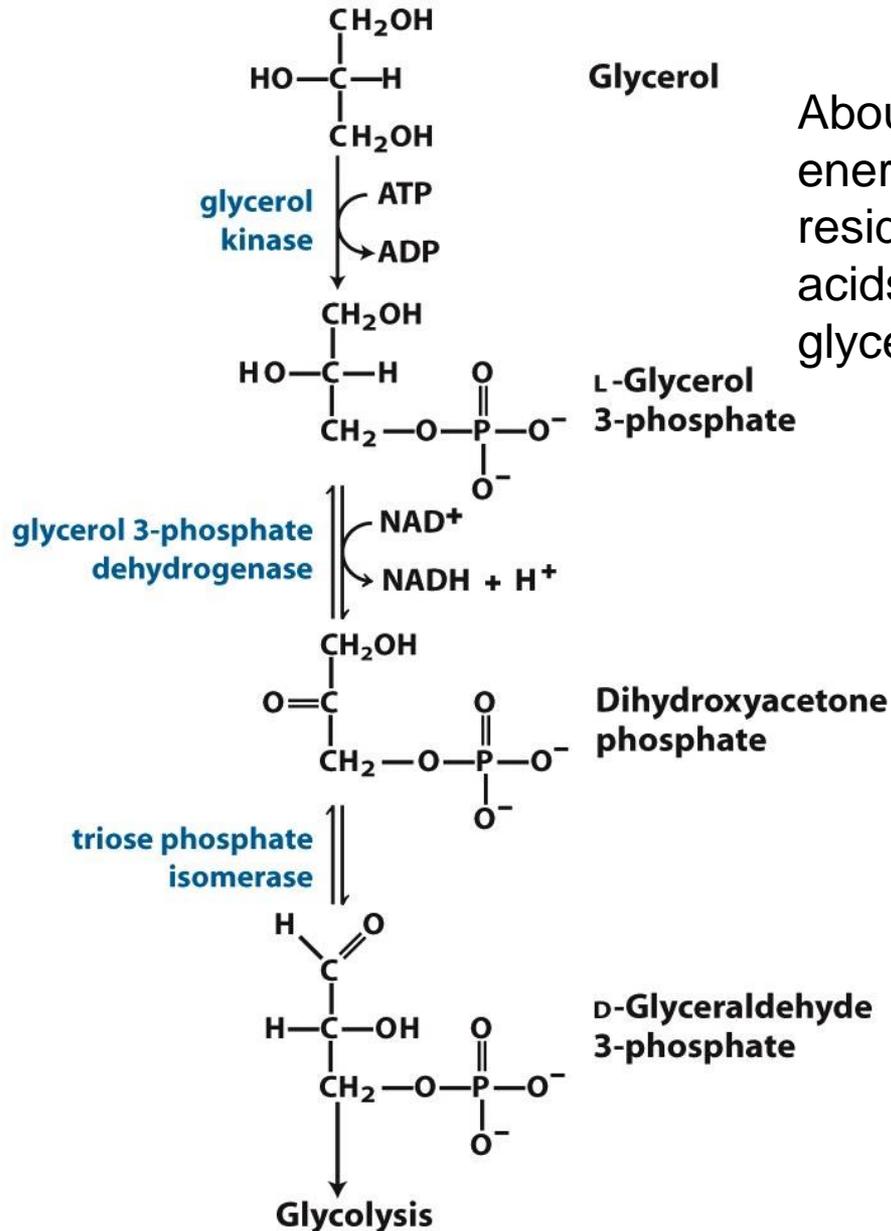


FIGURE 17-3 Mobilization of triacylglycerols stored in adipose tissue.

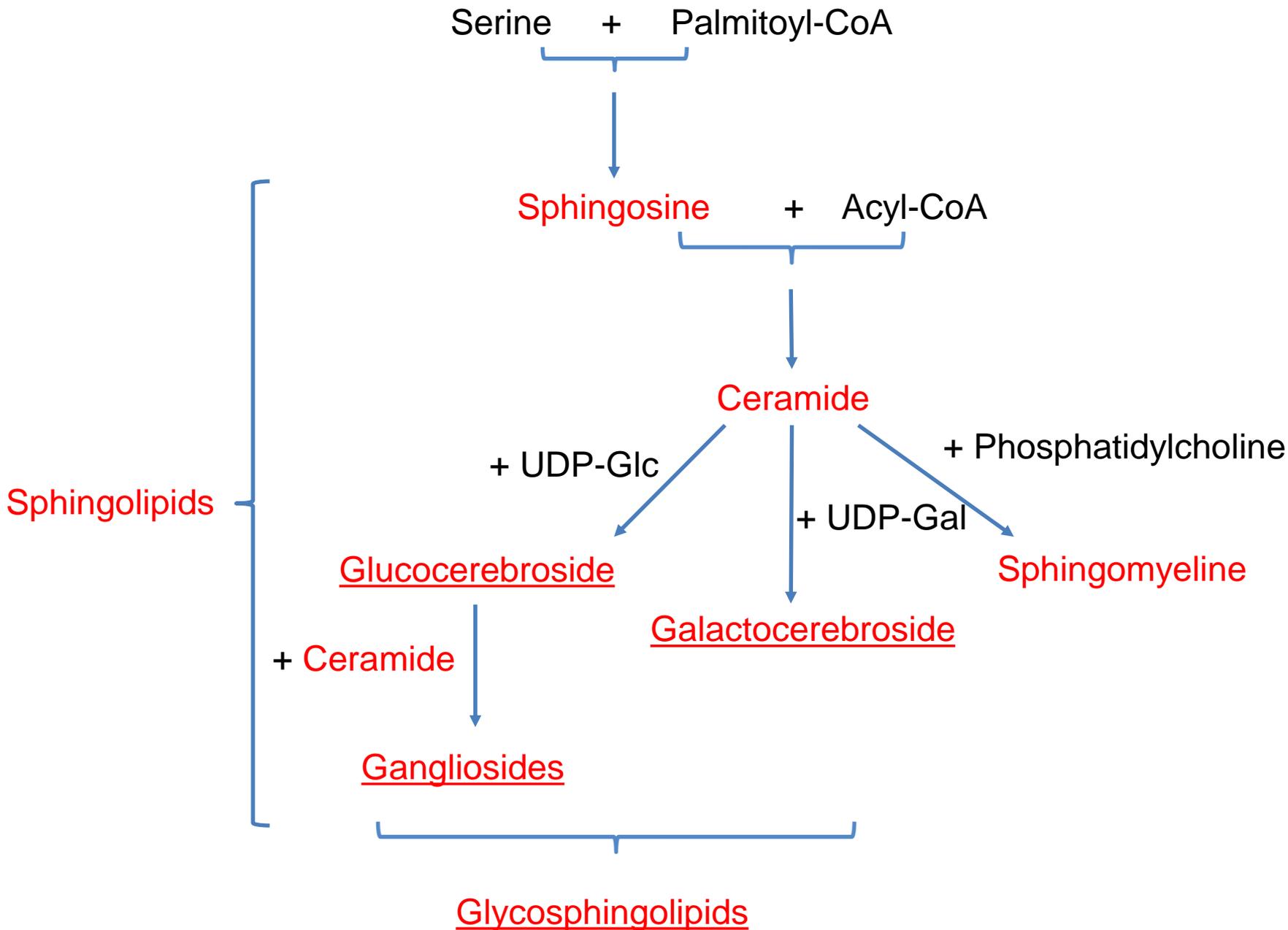
When low levels of glucose in the blood trigger the release of glucagon, **1** the hormone binds its receptor in the adipocyte membrane and thus **2** stimulates adenylyl cyclase, via a G protein, to produce cAMP. This activates PKA, which phosphorylates **3** the hormone-sensitive lipase (HSL) and **4** perilipin molecules on the surface of the lipid droplet. Phosphorylation of perilipin causes **5** dissociation of the protein CGI from perilipin. CGI then associates with the enzyme adipose triacylglycerol lipase (ATGL), activating it. Active ATGL **6** converts triacylglycerols to diacylglycerols. The

phosphorylated perilipin associates with phosphorylated HSL, allowing it access to the surface of the lipid droplet, where **7** it converts diacylglycerols to monoacylglycerols. A third lipase, monoacylglycerol lipase (MGL) **8**, hydrolyzes monoacylglycerols. **9** Fatty acids leave the adipocyte, bind serum albumin in the blood, and are carried in the blood; they are released from the albumin and **10** enter a myocyte via a specific fatty acid transporter. **11** In the myocyte, fatty acids are oxidized to CO₂, and the energy of oxidation is conserved in ATP, which fuels muscle contraction and other energy-requiring metabolism in the myocyte.

Entry of glycerol into glycolysis



About 95% of the biologically available energy of triacylglycerols resides in their three long-chain fatty acids; only 5% is contributed by the glycerol moiety.



A 4-month-old infant presents with a seizure. His mother reports that her infant has been irritable and lethargic over the past several days. The infant is found to have a profoundly low serum glucose level (hypoglycemia) and a profoundly low ketone body level. The infant is diagnosed with medium-chain acyl CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD) deficiency.

What is the etiology of this patient's symptoms?

- (A) β -oxidation of fatty acids is blocked
- (B) He is consuming a diet that is too low in protein.
- (C) Triacylglycerols are being stored in adipose tissue.
- (D) Glucose is being used up for fatty acid synthesis.
- (E) Fatty acyl CoA cannot be transported into mitochondria.



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