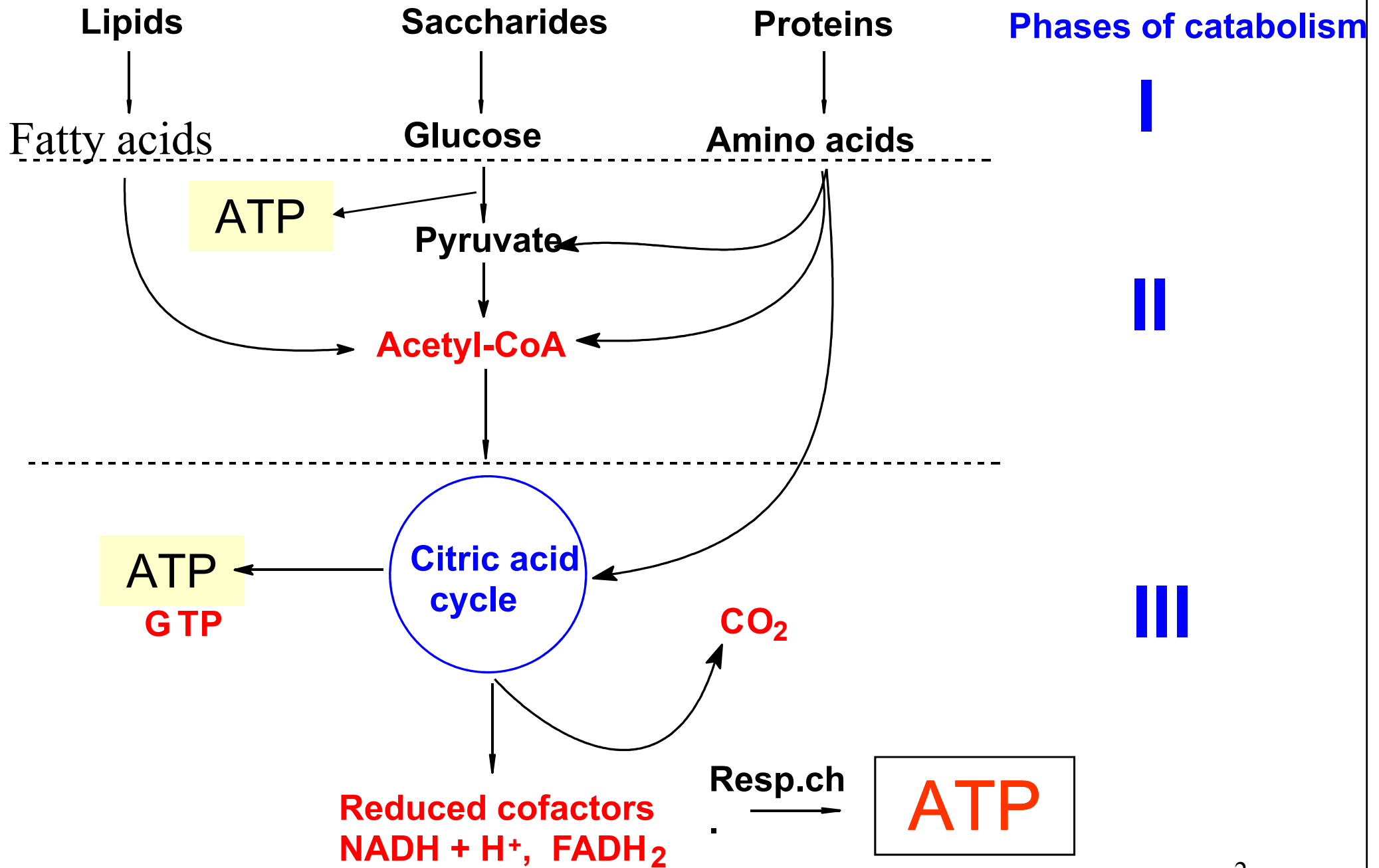


# Citric acid cycle

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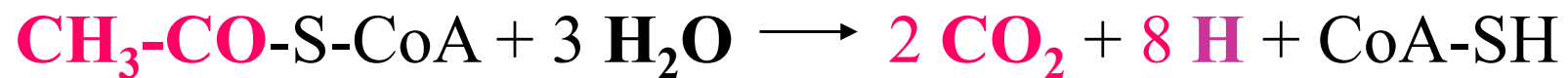
# Three phases of nutrient catabolism

- I. Hydrolysis of biopolymers to smaller units in digestion tract – **no yield of energy**
- II. Metabolism of glucose → acetylCoA – **small amount of ATP + reduced cofactors,**  
metabolism of amino acids → pyruvate, acetylCoA or some intermediates of TCA – **some reduced cofactors**  
beta oxidation of FA – acetyl-CoA + **reduced cofactors**
- III. Oxidation of acetyl-CoA in citric acid cycle – **GTP + reduced cofactors**  
oxidation of reduced cofactors in respiratory chain – **ATP (highest yield of energy)**

# Citric acid cycle

Krebs cycle, tricarboxylic acid cycle (TCA)

- final common pathway for oxidation of all major nutrients
- located in mitochondria, active in all cells that possess mitochondria
- **acetyl-CoA** from metabolism glucose, fatty acids, some aminoacids, keton bodies, is **oxidized to 2 molecules of CO<sub>2</sub>**



# Formation of acetyl-CoA

- oxidative decarboxylation of pyruvate
- $\beta$ -oxidation of fatty acids
- catabolism of some amino acids
- Keton bodies  $\rightarrow$  acetoacetylCoA  $\rightarrow$  acetylCoA (in extrahepatal tissues)
- metabolism of ethanol

# Citric acid cycle

- Products of TCA:

CO<sub>2</sub> → is expired

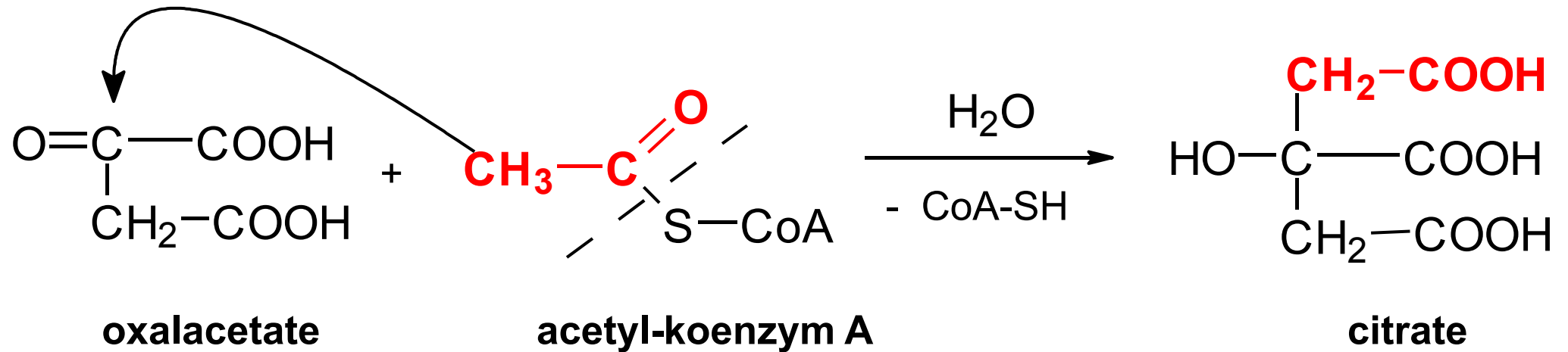
**four oxidative steps** → reduced cofactors → respiratory chain

GTP → ATP

Most of reactions are reversible, only 3 reactions are irreversible

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# (1) Oxalacetate + Acetyl-CoA

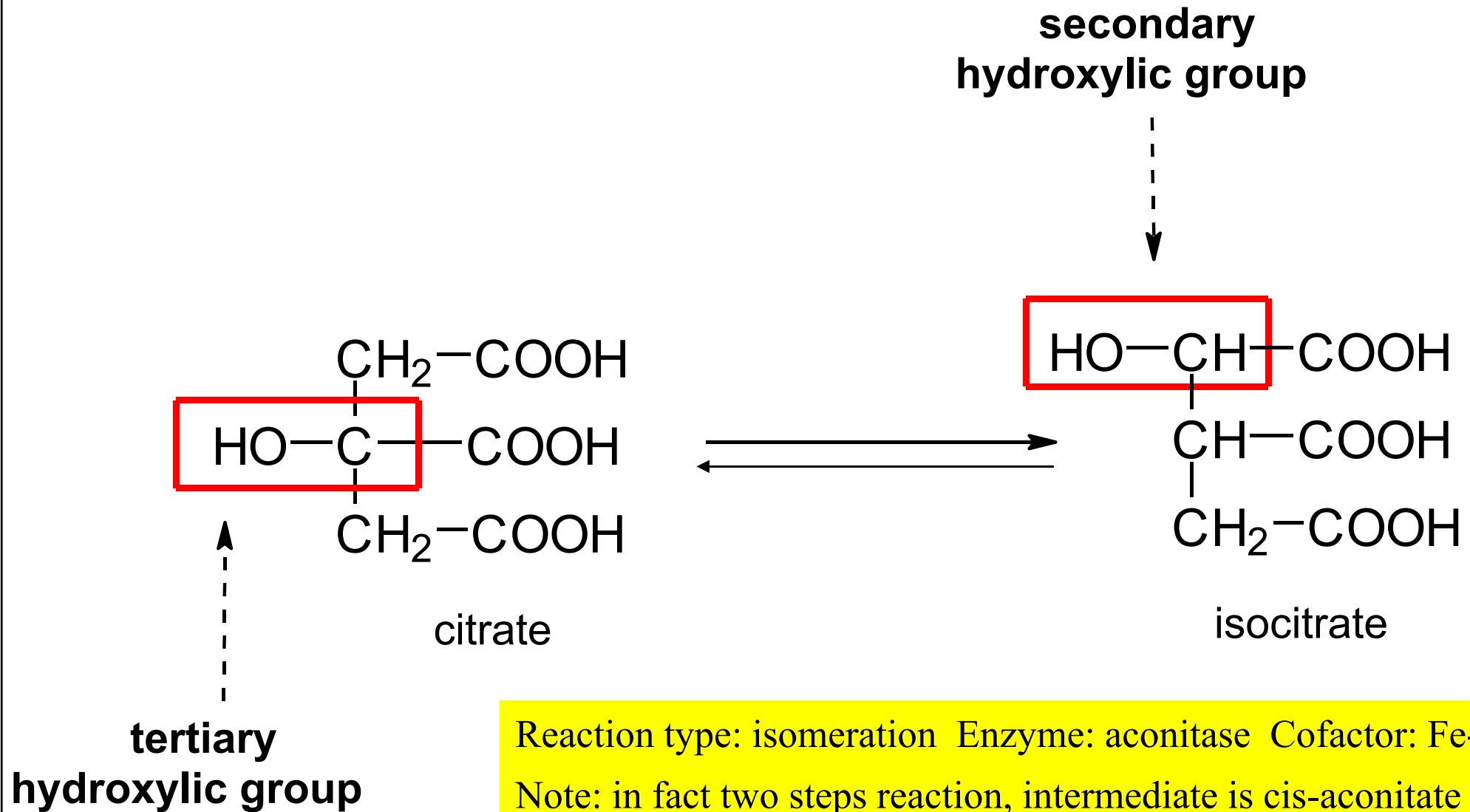


Reaction type: condensation

Enzyme: citrate synthase

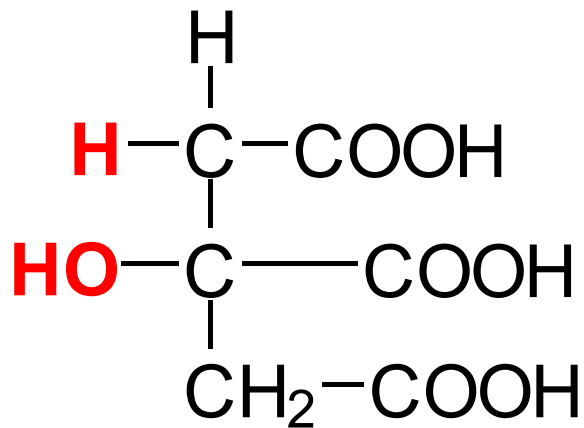
Cofaktor: coenzym A      Note: **irreversible**

## (2) Citrate → Isocitrate

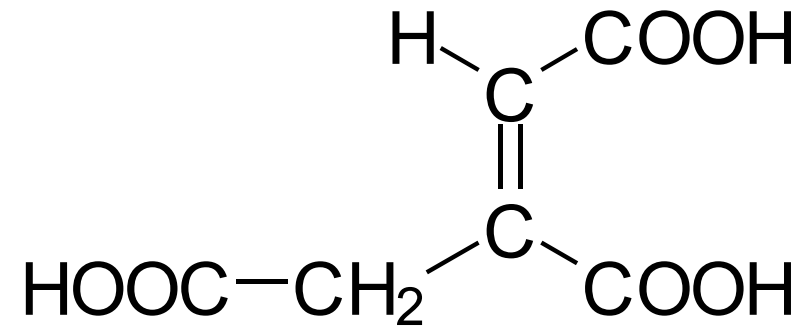
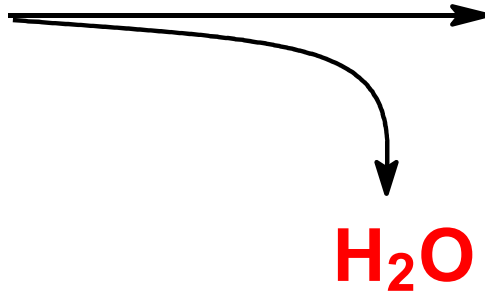




## (2a) Dehydration of citrate

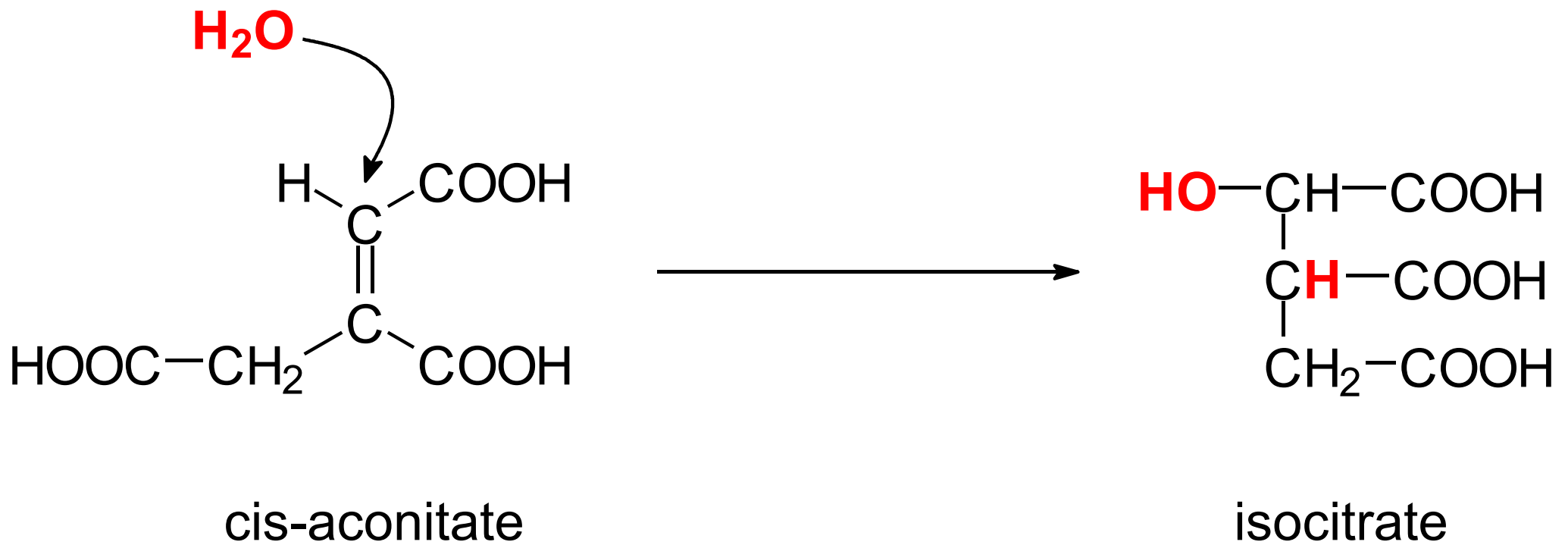


citrate



cis-aconitate

## (2b) Hydration of cis-aconitate



stereospecific reaction

# Aconitase is inhibited by fluoracetate

$\text{FCH}_2\text{COOH}$

Forms fluorocitrate with OA

TCA is stopped

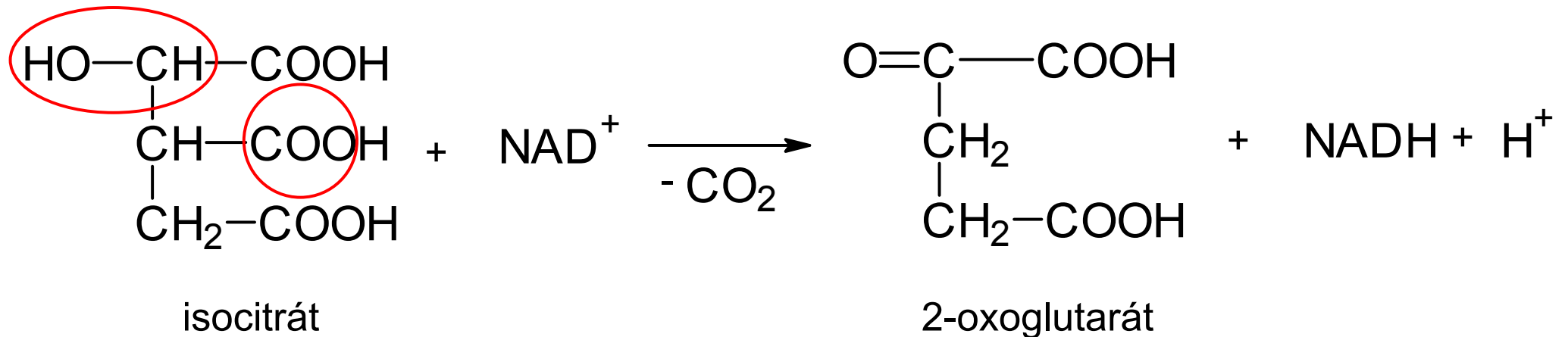
$\text{LD}_{50}$  is 1 mg/kg

Rat poison

Dichapetalum cymosum  
(see also med.chem II, p. )



### (3) Isocitrate $\rightarrow$ 2-oxoglutarate

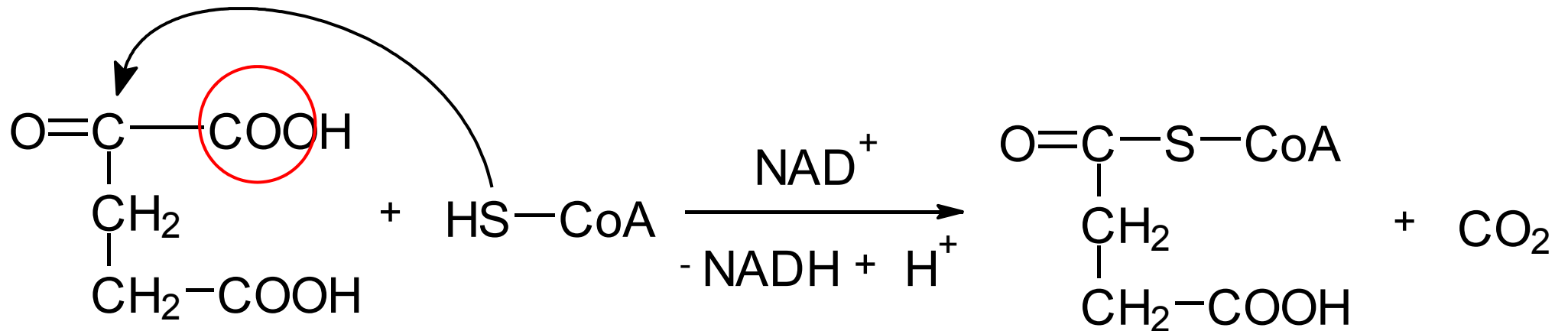


Reaction type: dehydrogenation + decarboxylation

Enzyme: isocitrate dehydrogenase

Cofaktor:  $\text{NAD}^+$  Note: **irreversible**

## (4) 2-Oxoglutarate → succinyl-CoA



2-oxoglutarate

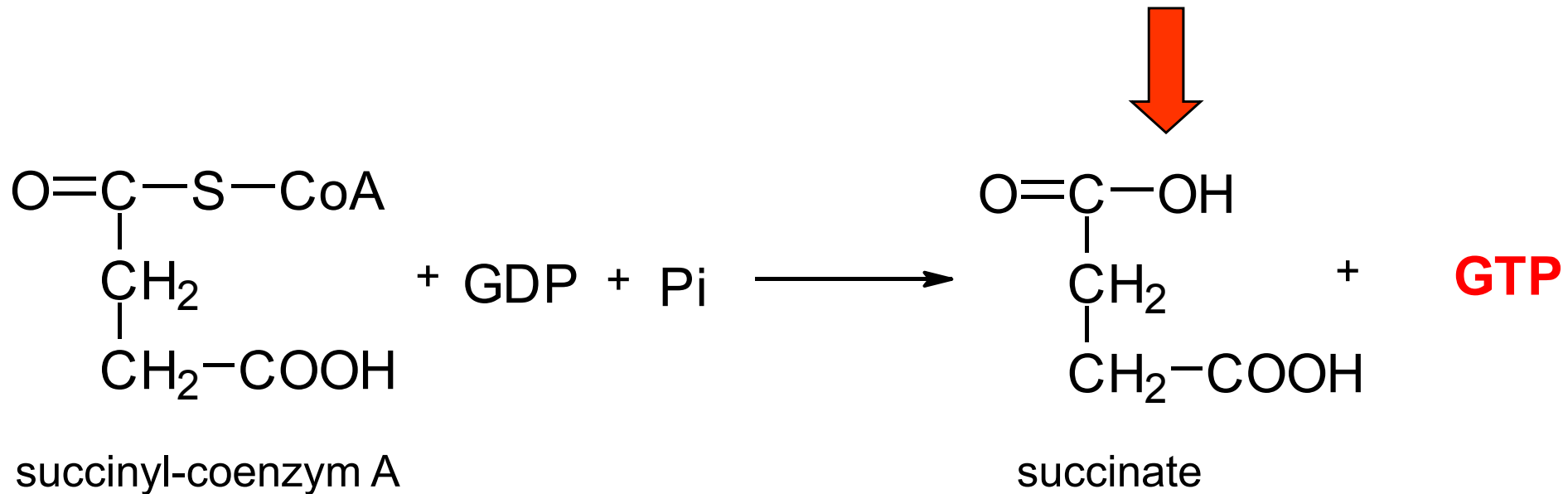
**succinyl-coenzyme A  
thioester  
macroergic intermediate**

Reaction type: oxidative decarboxylation    Enzyme: 2-oxoglutarate dehydrogenase

Cofactors: TDP, lipoate, CoA, FAD, NAD<sup>+</sup>

Note: **irreversible**, resembles to pyruvate dehydrogenase reaction (identical coenzyme requirements)

## (5) Succinyl-CoA + GDP + P<sub>i</sub>



Reaction type: substrate phosphorylation

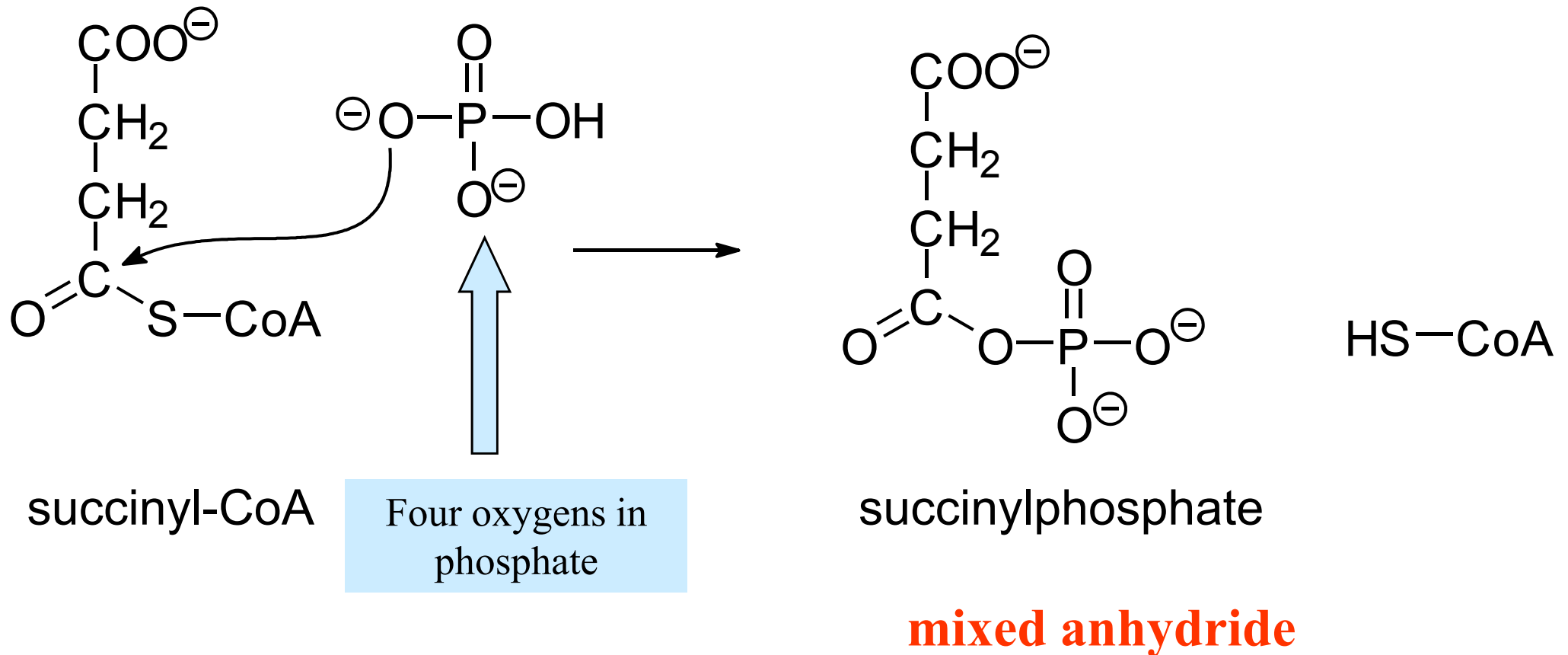
Enzyme: succinyl-CoA synthetase    Cofactor: coenzym A

# GTP is formed in three-steps reaction

Chemical energy of macroergic succinyl-CoA is gradually transformed into two macroergic intermediates and in the end to macroergic GTP

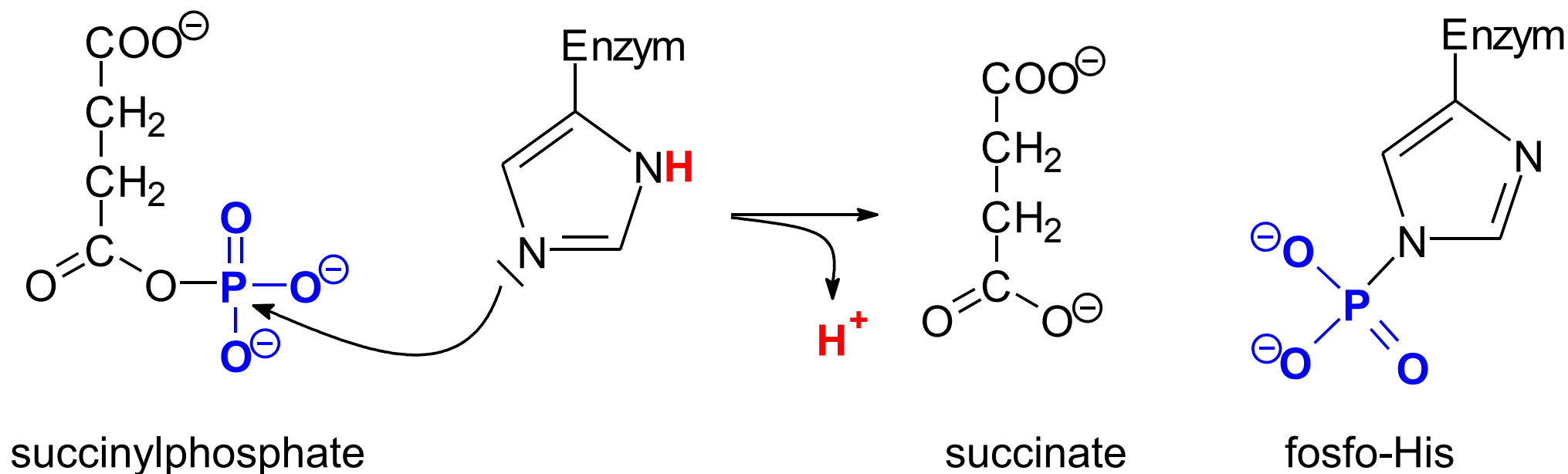
(Passing a hot potato)

# (5a) Addition of phosphate to succinyl-CoA



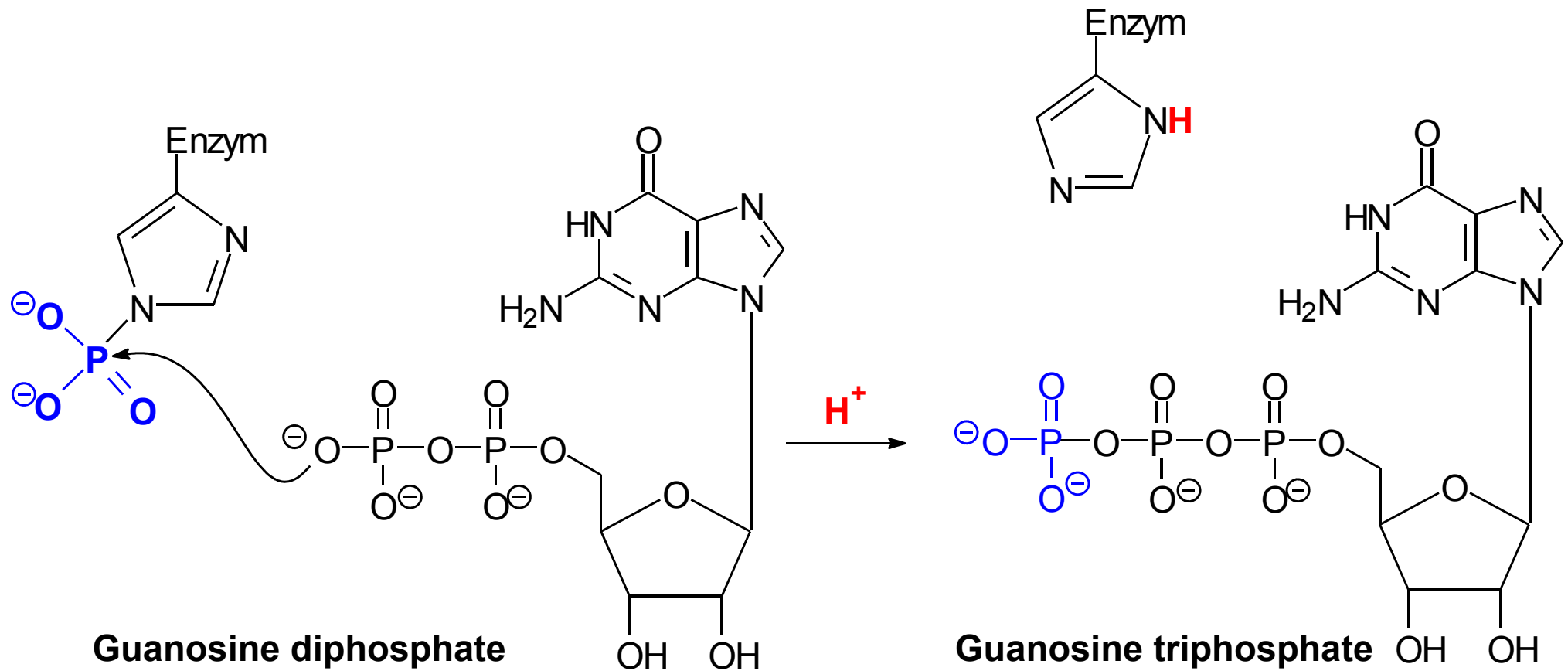


# (5b) Phosforylation of His in active center of the enzyme



**substituted  
phosphoamide**

# (5c) Phosforilation of GDP

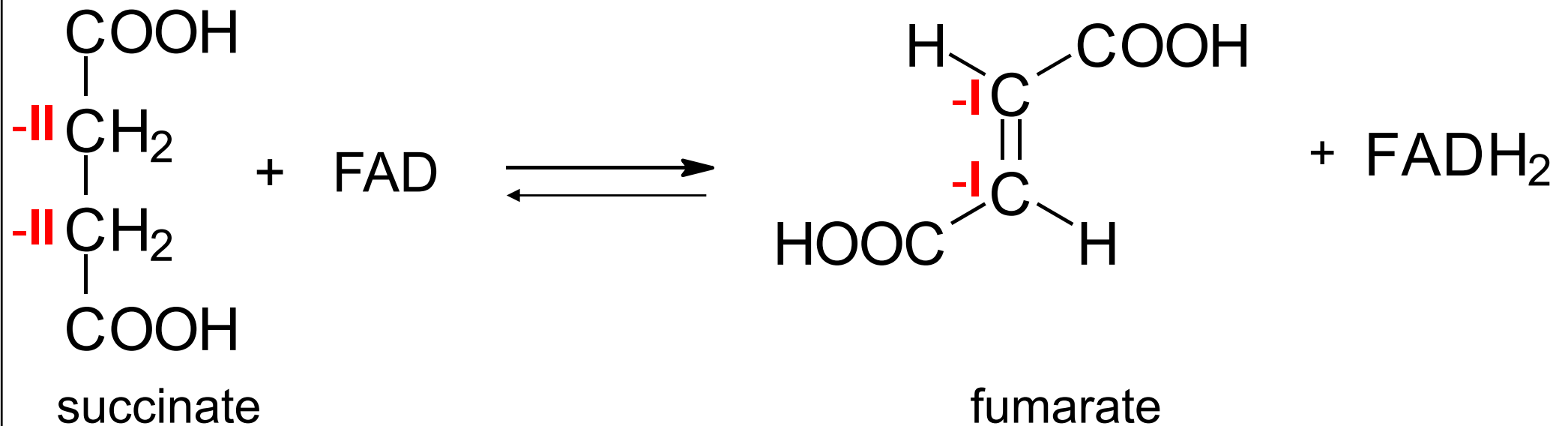


# GTP is quickly converted to ATP

nucleoside-diphosphate kinase



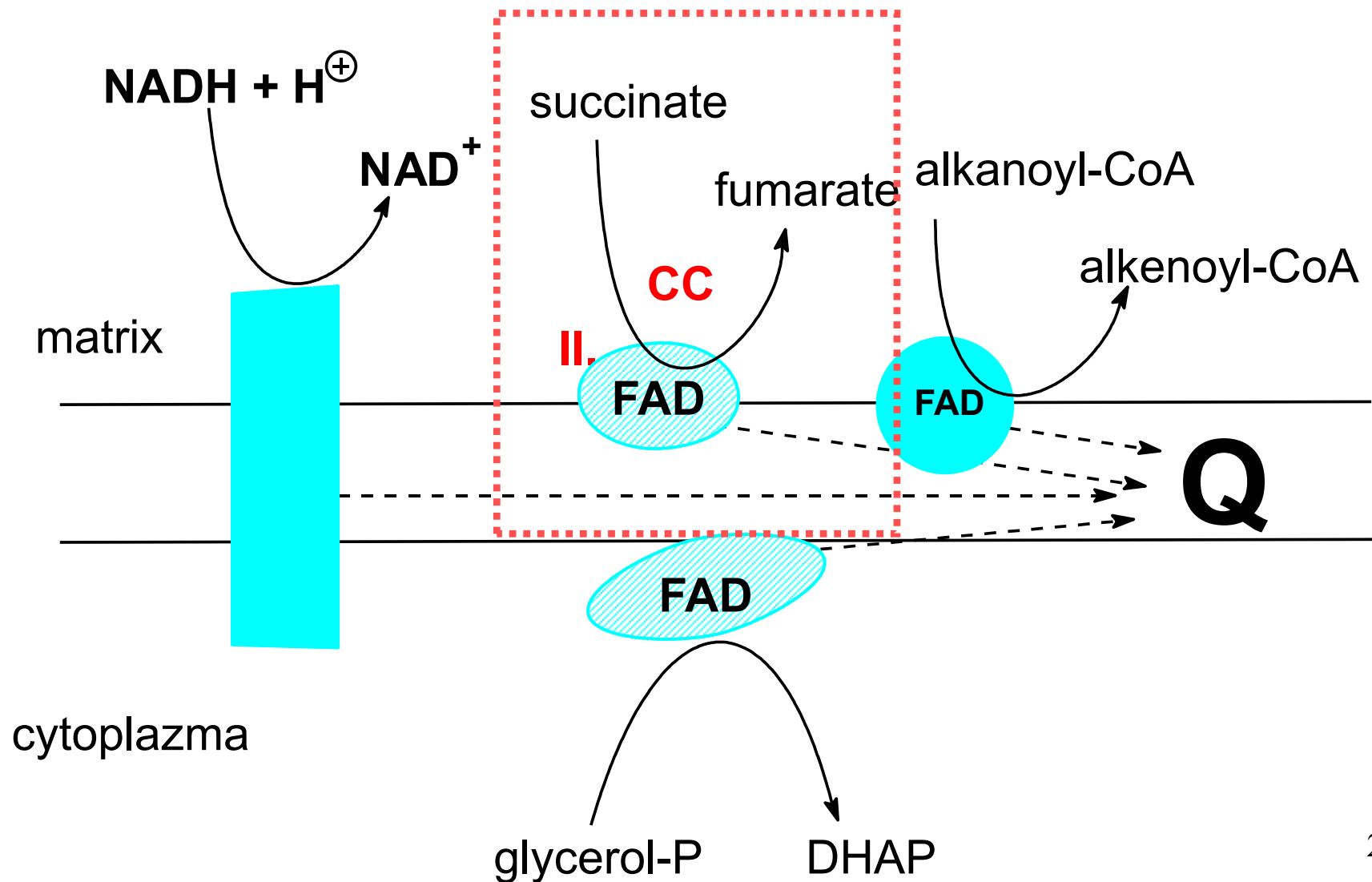
## (6) Succinate → fumarate



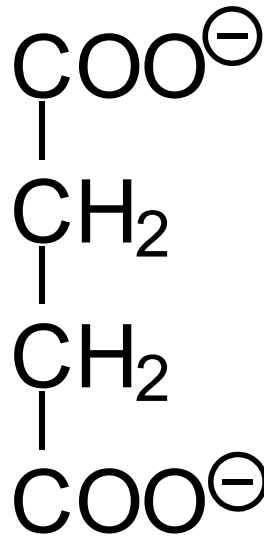
Reaction type: dehydrogenation (-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>- bond)

Enzyme: succinate dehydrogenase Cofaktor: FAD

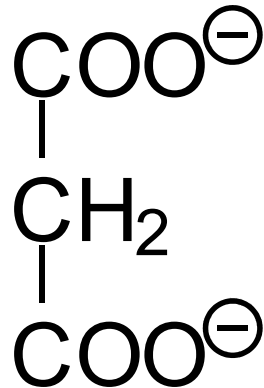
# Succinate dehydrogenase is a component of respiratory chain in the inner mitochondrial membrane



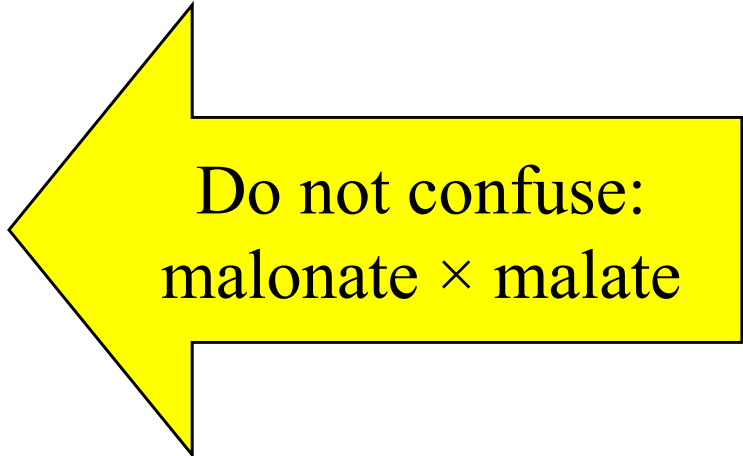
# Malonate is competitive inhibitor of succinate dehydrogenase



succinate

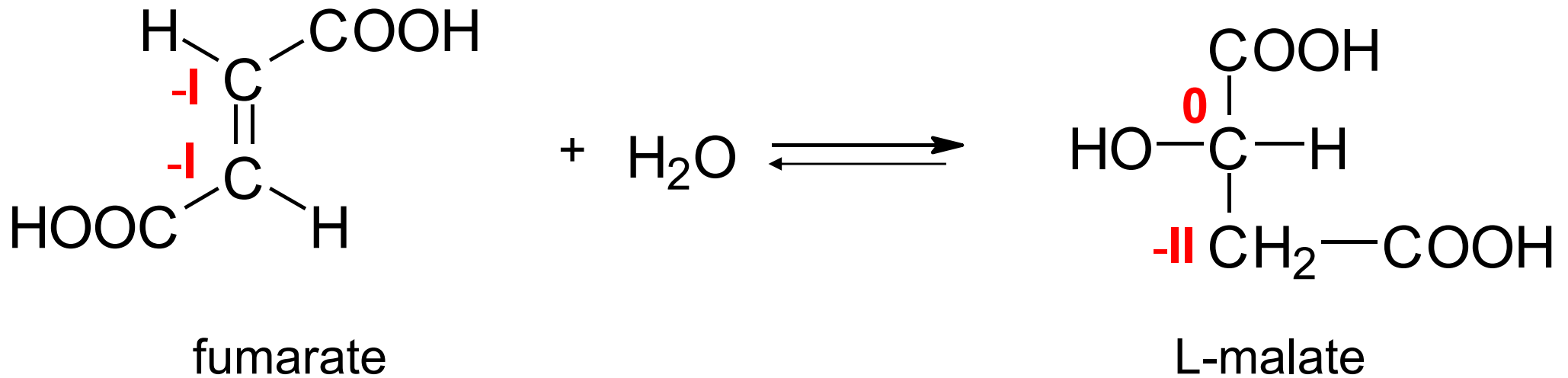


malonate



Do not confuse:  
malonate × malate

# (7) Fumarate $\rightarrow$ L-malate



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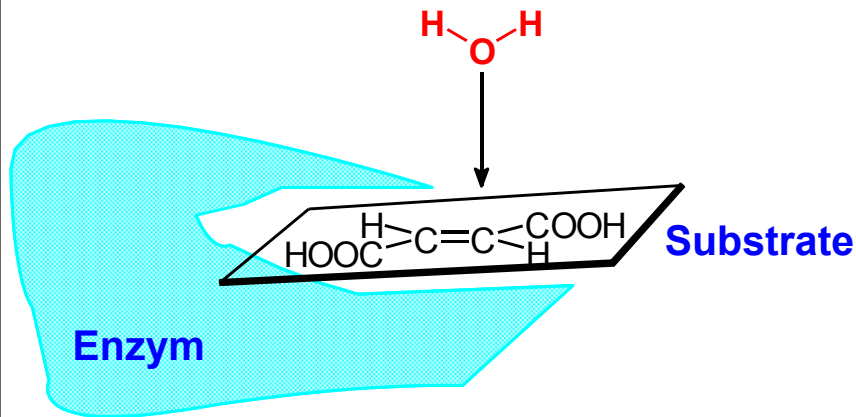
Reaction type: hydration Enzyme: fumarase

Cofactor: no

Notes: 1) addition of water on double bond is **stereospecific**

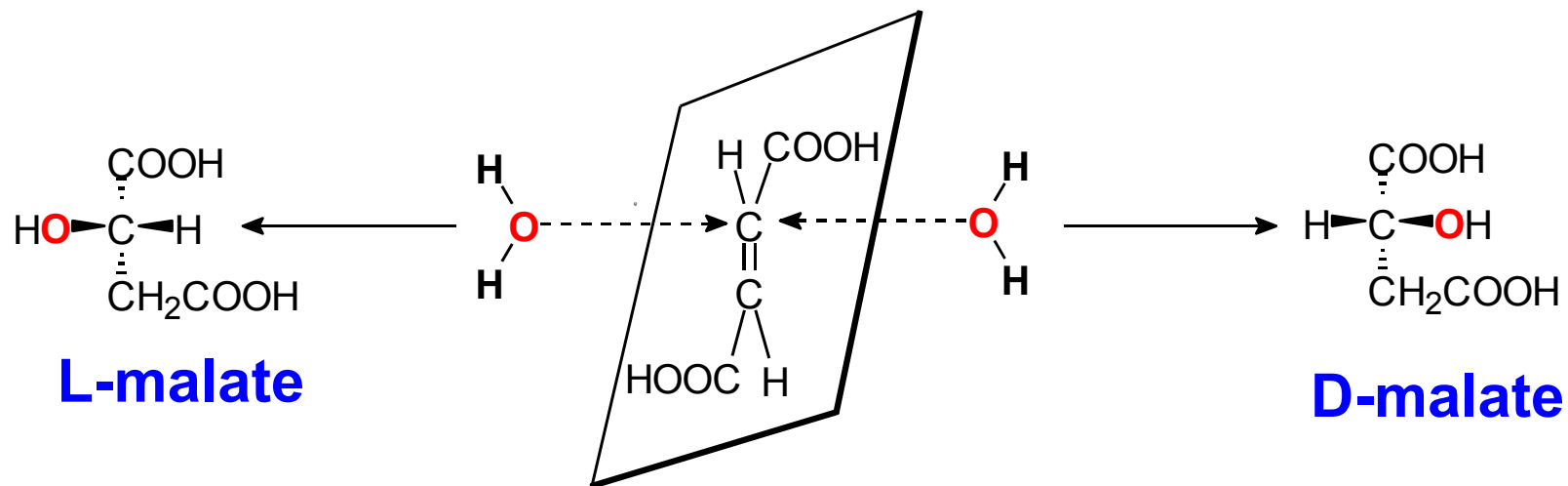
2) hydration is not redox reaction

# Compare: Hydration of fumarate



in vivo (by an enzym action):

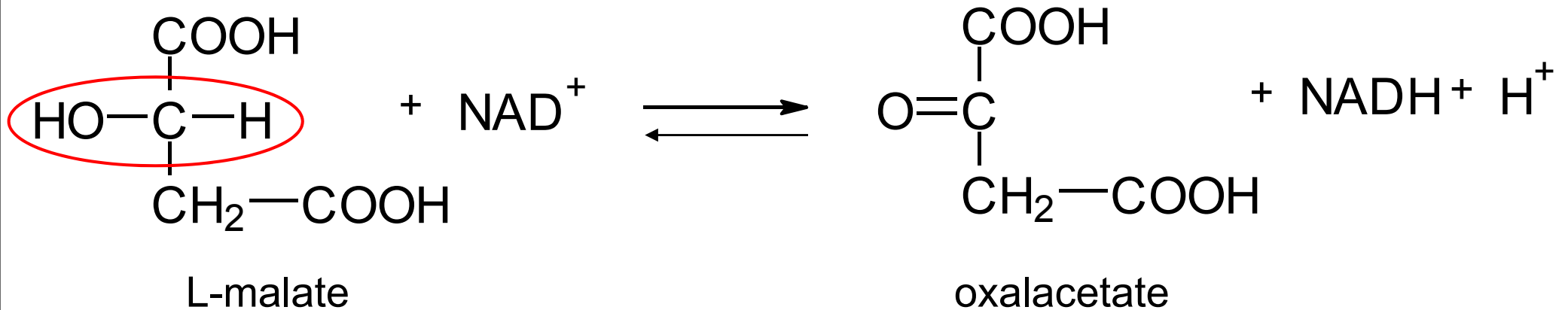
Only one enantiomer is formed (L-malate)



in vitro: formation of racemate



## (8) L-malate → oxalacetate

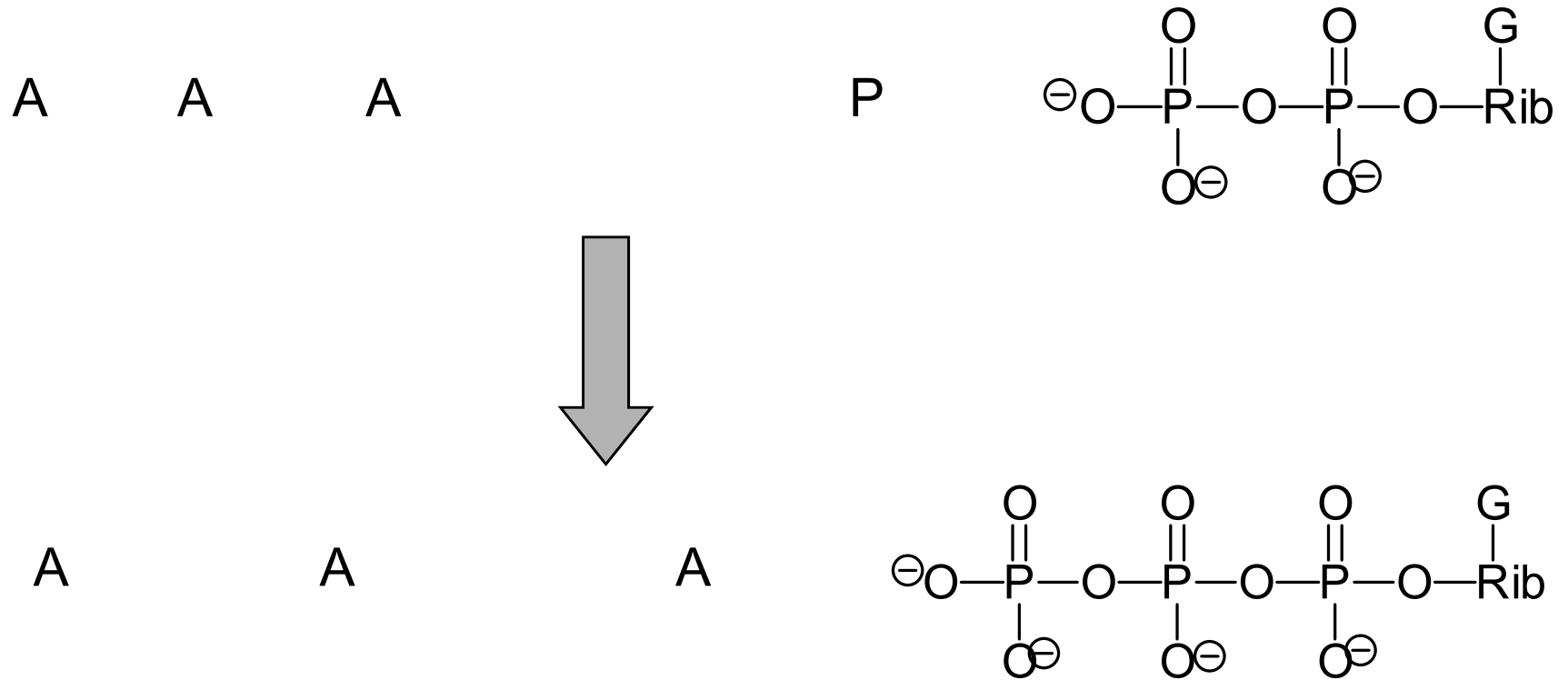


Reaction type: dehydrogenation

Enzyme: malate dehydrogenase

Cofactor:  $\text{NAD}^+$

# The net equation of TCA



- two C-atoms are completely oxidized to 2 CO<sub>2</sub>
- 8 H-atoms are released in the form of reduced cofactors (3 × NADH+H<sup>+</sup>, 1 × FADH<sub>2</sub>)

# The energetic yield

Products of TCA	Equivalent to ATP (resp.chain)
1 × GTP	1
3 × NADH + H <sup>+</sup>	9
1 × FADH <sub>2</sub>	2

**Total: 12 ATP**

# Factors affecting TCA

- Energy charge of the cell
- NADH+H<sup>+</sup>/NAD<sup>+</sup> ratio
- Allosteric inhibition
- Inhibition by products
- Supply of oxygen -TCA can proceed only at aerobic conditions  
(reduced cofactors must be reoxidize in respiratory chain)

$$\text{Energy charge} = \frac{[ATP] + \frac{1}{2}[ADP]}{[ATP] + [ADP] + [AMP]}$$

# Key enzymes for regulation

Enzyme	ATP <sup>a</sup>	NADH <sup>a</sup>	Other effect
Pyruvate dehydrogenase	⊖	⊖	⊖ acetyl-CoA <sup>b</sup>
Citrate synthase	⊖		⊖ citrate <sup>b</sup>
Isocitrate dehydrogenase	⊖	⊖	⊕ ADP <sup>c</sup>
2-OG-dehydrogenase		⊖	⊖ succinyl-CoA <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> allosteric inhibitor

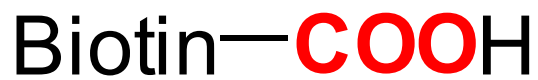
<sup>b</sup> feed-back inhibitor (inhibition by a product)

<sup>c</sup> allosteric activator

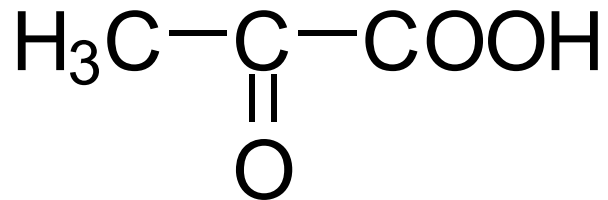
# Anaplerotic reactions of TCA

- Reaction that fill up intermediates of TCA:
- **Carboxylation of pyruvate → oxalacetate**
- (reductive carboxylation of pyruvate → malate)
- Transamination of aspartate → oxalacetate
- Catabolism of Phe, Tyr → fumarate
- Asp (synt. Of urea, purines → fumarate
- catabolisms of Val, Ile, Met → succinyl-CoA
- Transamination of glutamate → 2-oxoglutarate

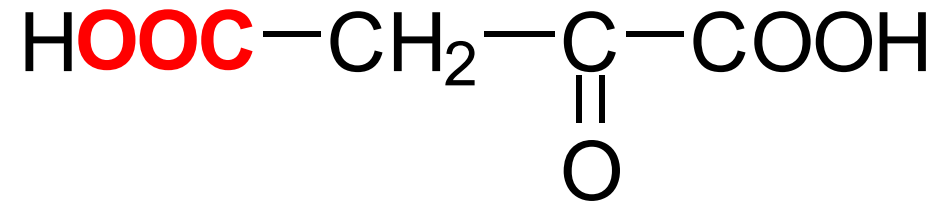
# Carboxylation of pyruvate (biotin)



Pyruvate carboxylase

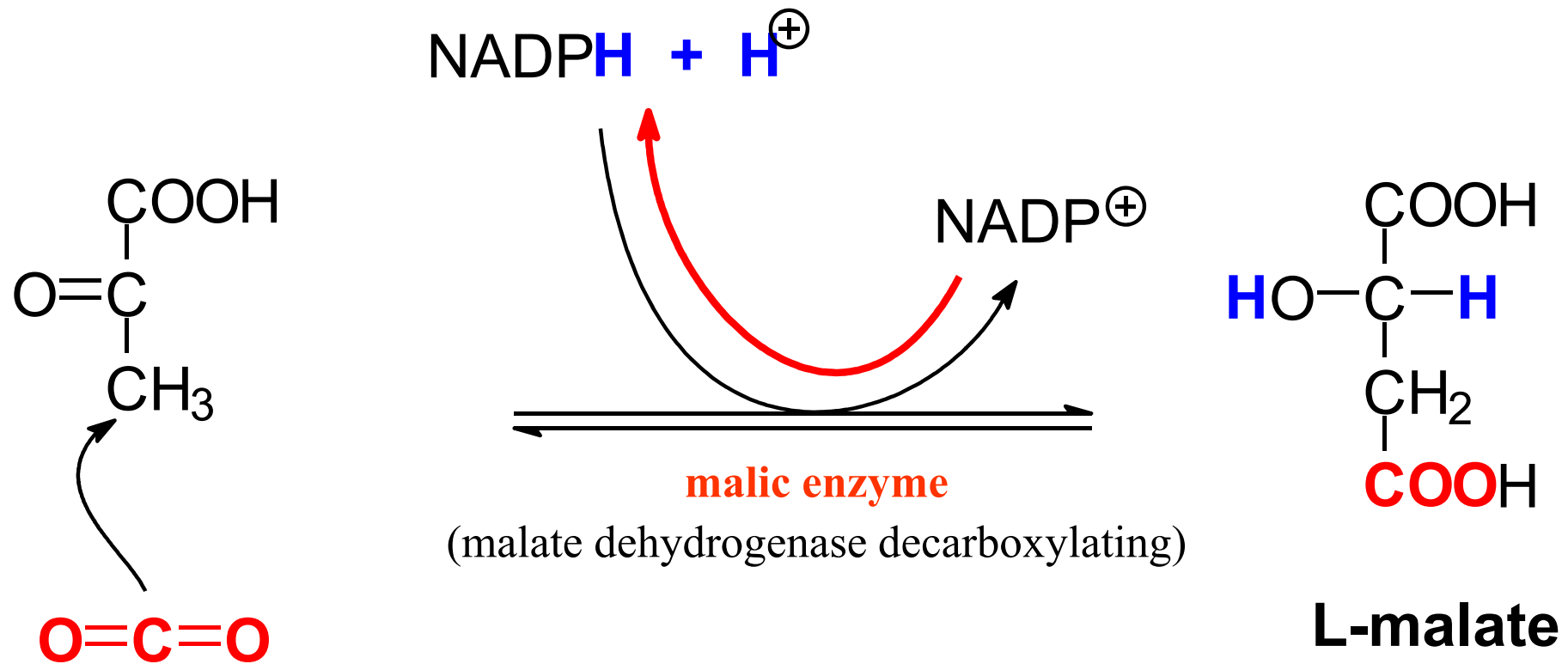


pyruvate



oxalacetate

# Reductive carboxylation of pyruvate



Reaction is more important for production of NADPH for reductive synthesis (FA, cholesterol)



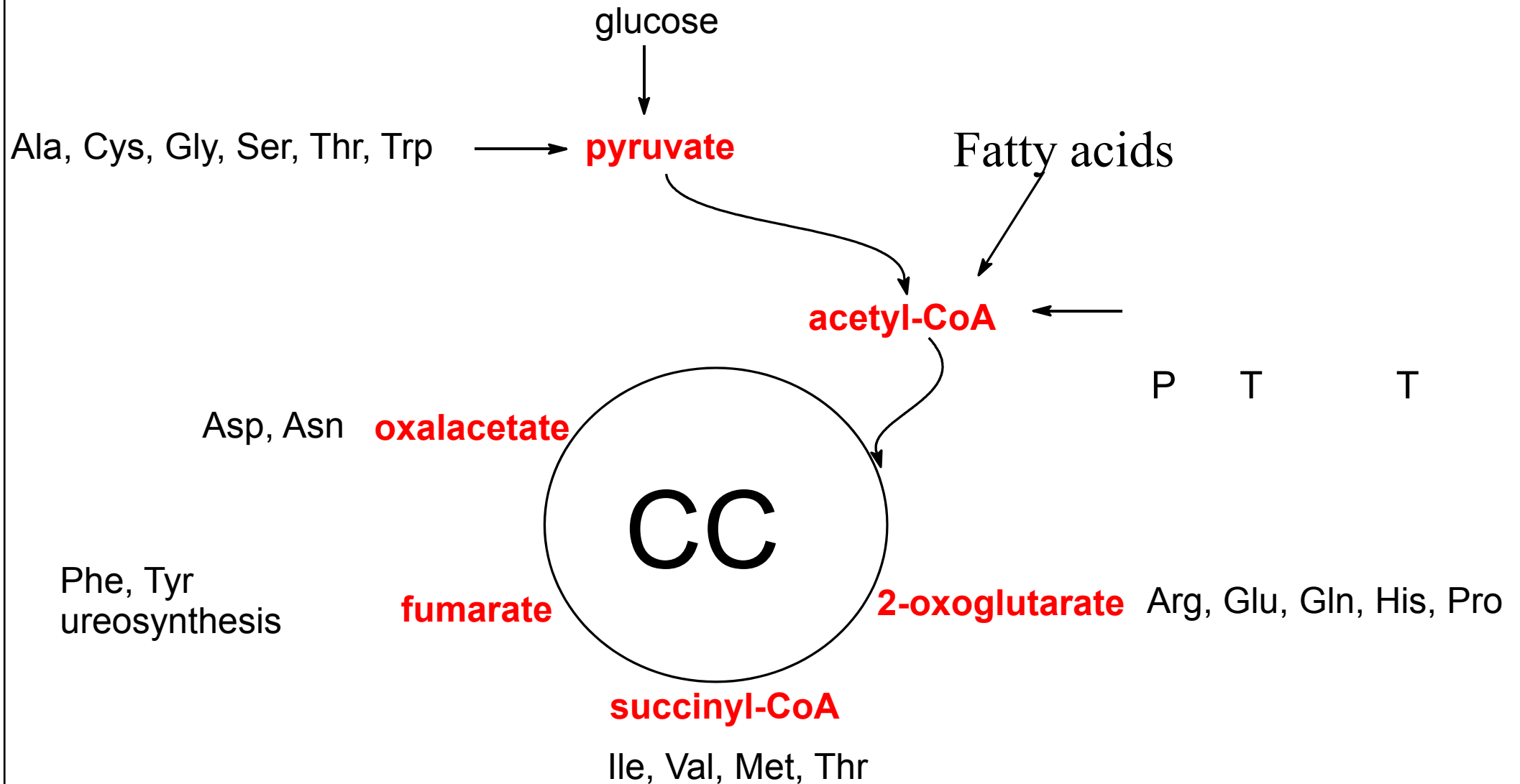
# Amphibolic character of TCA

Final catabolic pathway: oxidation of acetyl-CoA to CO<sub>2</sub>

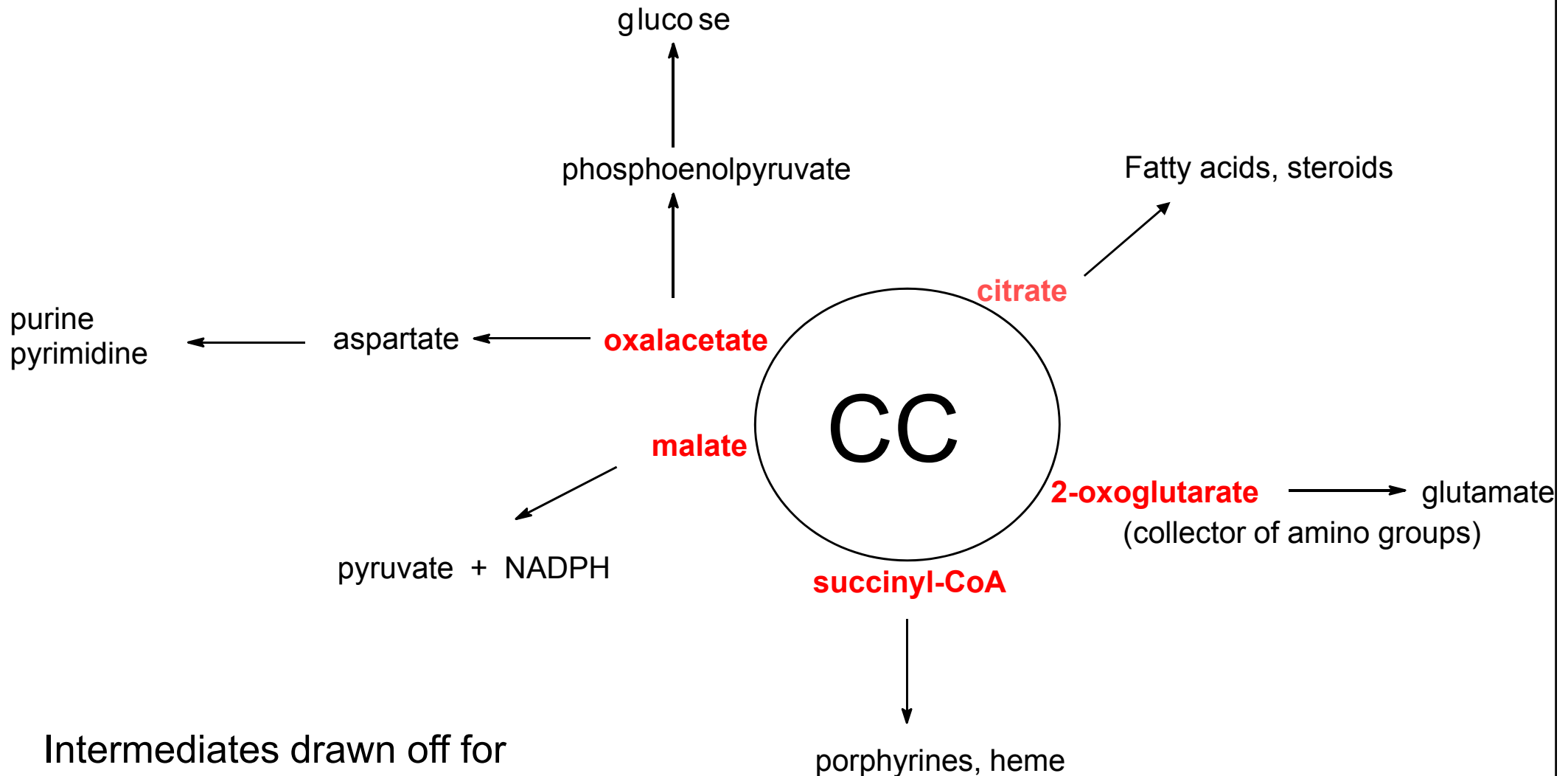
**Also other compounds**, which are metabolized to the TCA intermediates, **can serve as substrates** of the cycle

TCA provides important **metabolic intermediates** for **anabolic** processes: gluconeogenesis, transamination etc.

# Catabolic processes - entries into the cycle:

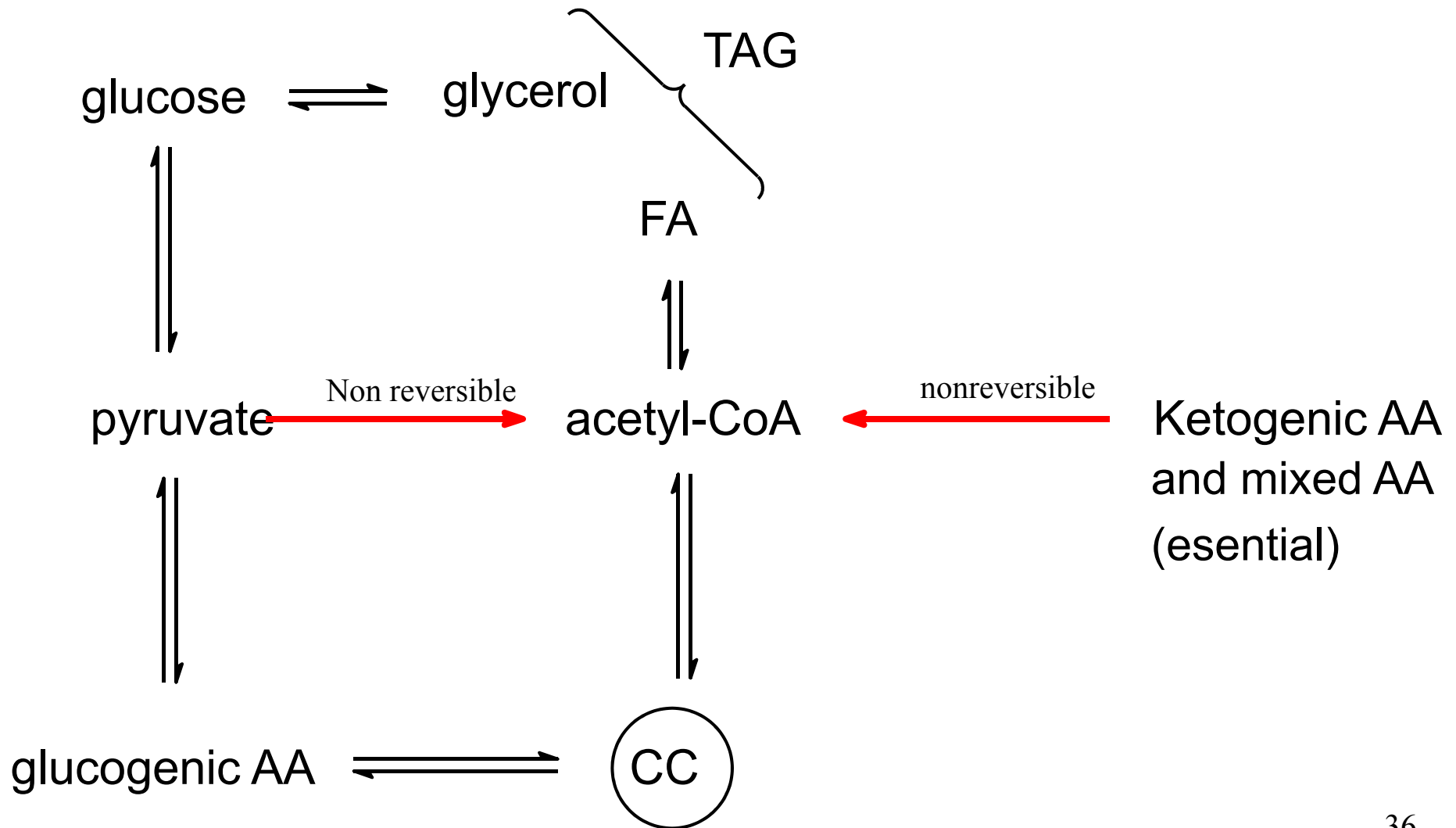


# Anabolic processes – intermediates for synthesis



Intermediates drawn off for biosyntheses are replenished by the **anaplerotic reactions**.

# Interrelations among the metabolism pathways



# Interrelations among the metabolism of nutrients

sacharides  $\longrightarrow$  lipids

lipids  $\xrightarrow{\text{X}}$  saccharides

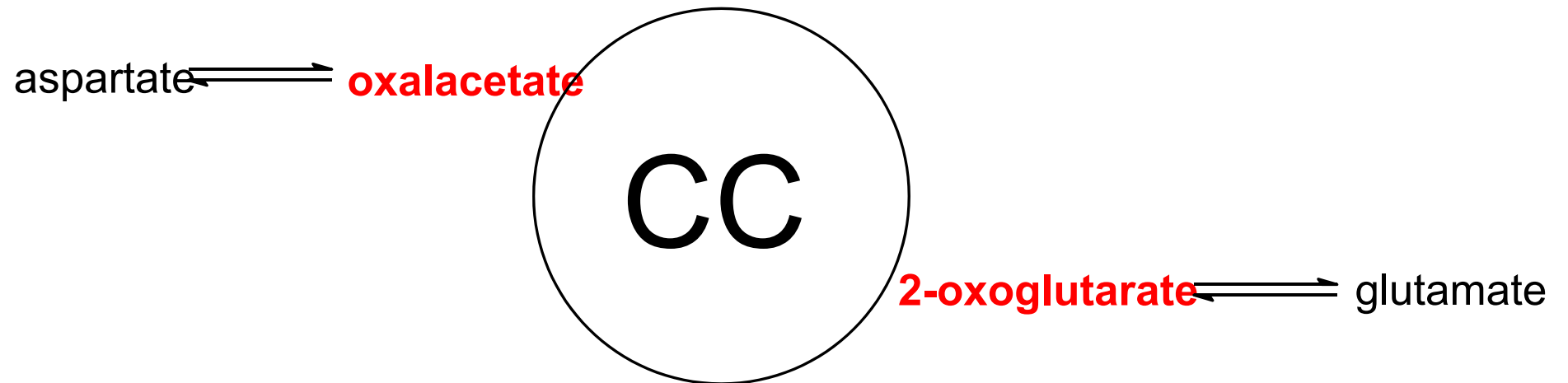
glucogenic AA  $\longrightarrow$  saccharides

saccharides (pyruvate, CG)  $\longrightarrow$  C skeleton non-esen. AA

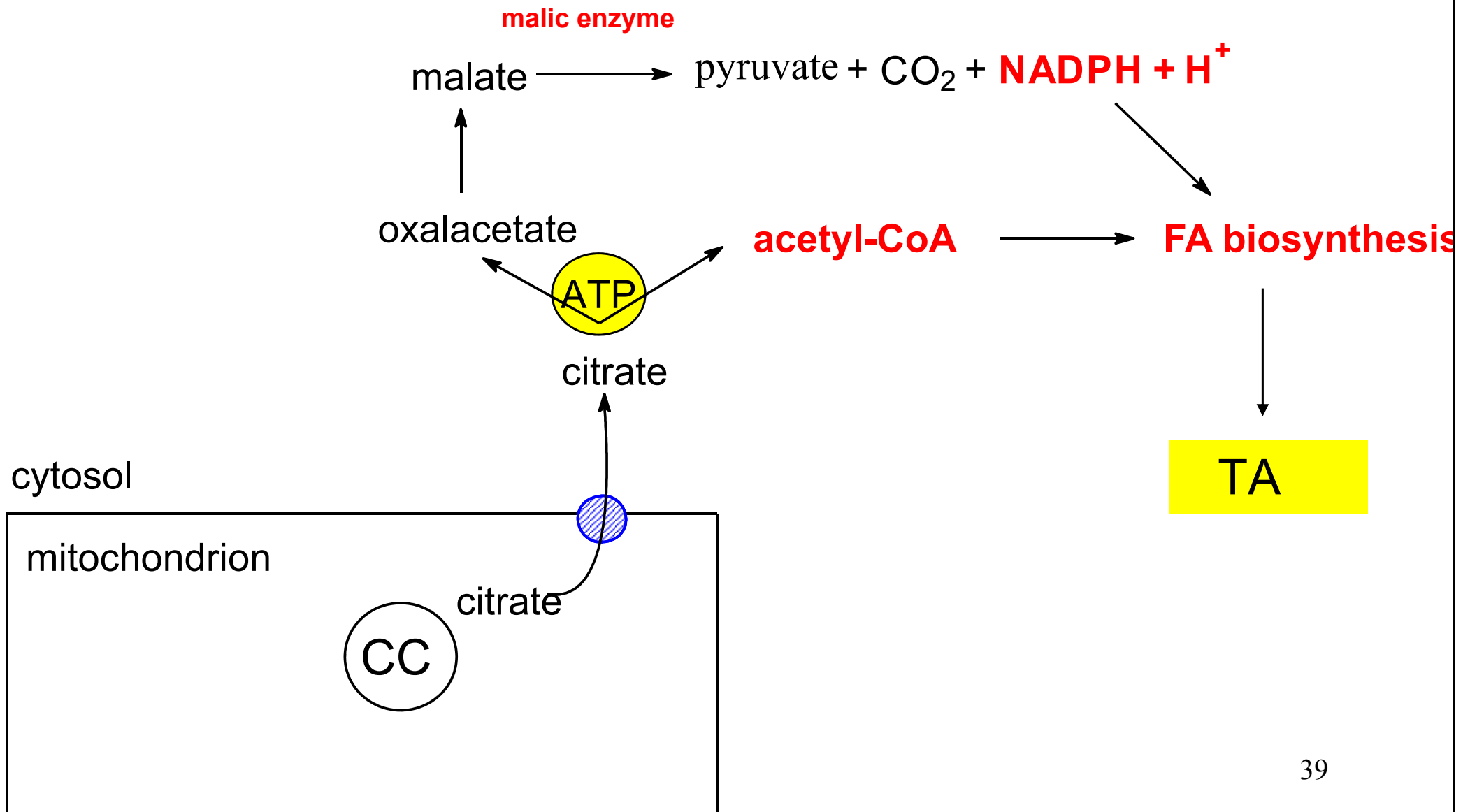
AA  $\dashrightarrow$  lipids (at surplus of proteins)

lipids  $\xrightarrow{\text{X}}$  AA

# TCA and transamination



# TCA and synthesis of lipids



# Vitamins necessary for TCA

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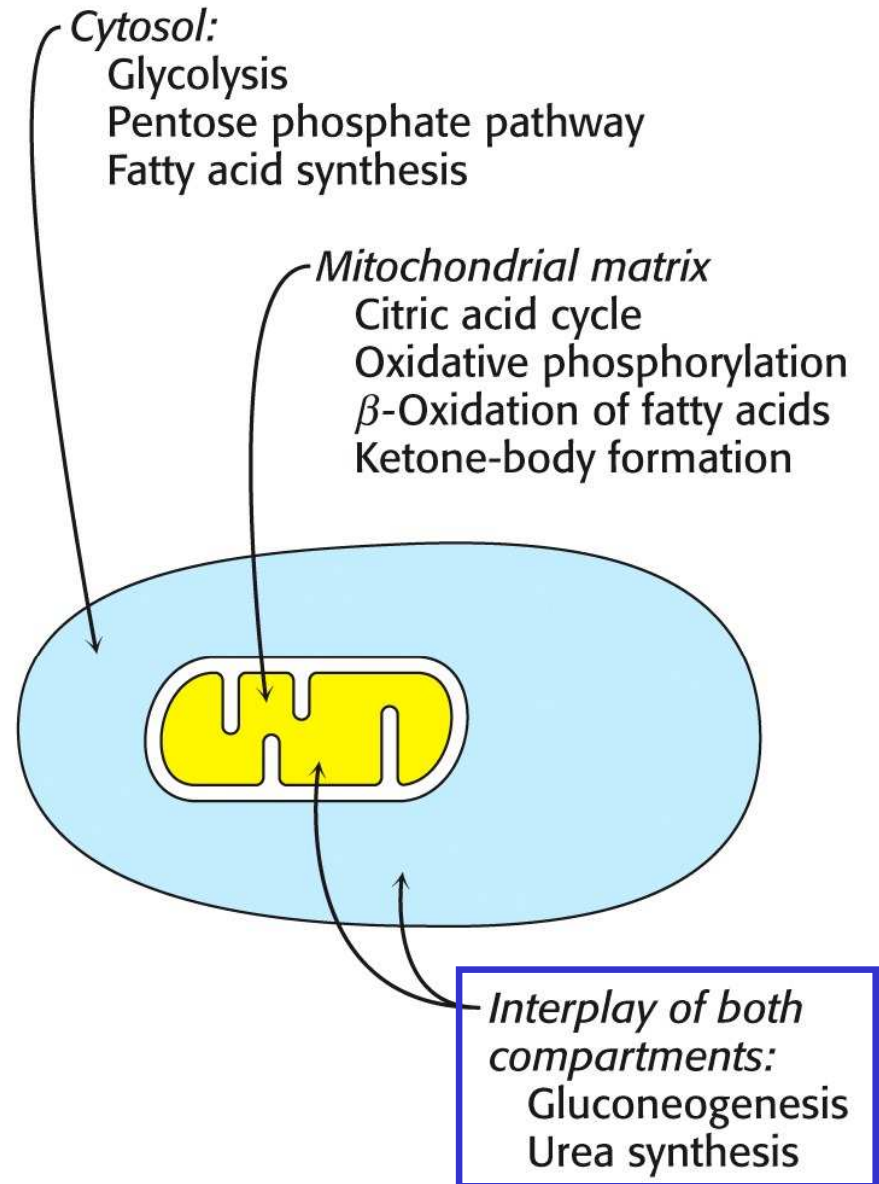
Vitamin	Reaction in TCA
riboflavin	
niacin	
thiamin	
Pantothenic acid	



## The tissues differ in their enzyme equipment:

Pathway	Liver	Kidney	Muscle	CNS	RBC	Adipose tissue
Glycolysis	+	+	+	+	+	+
FA $\beta$ -oxidation	+	+	+	0	0	0
Utilization of ketone bodies	0	+	+	(+)	0	+
Ketogenesis	+	0	0	0	0	0
Gluconeogenesis	+	+	0	0	0	0
FA synthesis	+	$\pm$	$\pm$	$\pm$	0	+

# Compartmentation of the major pathways of metabolism



# Cellular compartmentation of the major metabolic pathways

Plasma membrane	Transport in and out of cells, signal transduction
Nucleus	DNA replication, RNA synthesis (DNA transcription)
<b>Cytosol</b>	Glycolysis, pentose phosphate pathway, FA synthesis, proteosynthesis on ribosomes, etc.
<b>Mitochondrion</b>	Citrate cycle, FA $\beta$ -oxidation, aerobic oxidation of $\alpha$ -ketoacids, oxidative phosphorylation
<b>Endoplasmic reticulum</b>	Lipid and glycoprotein synthesis, FA desaturation, hydroxylation of xenobiotics, etc..
Golgi complex	Protein glycosylation, intracellular sorting of proteins, secretion vesicles
Lysosome	Degradation of biopolymers by hydrolysis
Peroxisome	Oxidations, production and degradation of $H_2O_2$

# Recommended intake of nutrients

Nutrient	Percentage of daily intake
Starch	55 – 60 %
Lipids	≤ 30 %
Proteins	10 -15 %

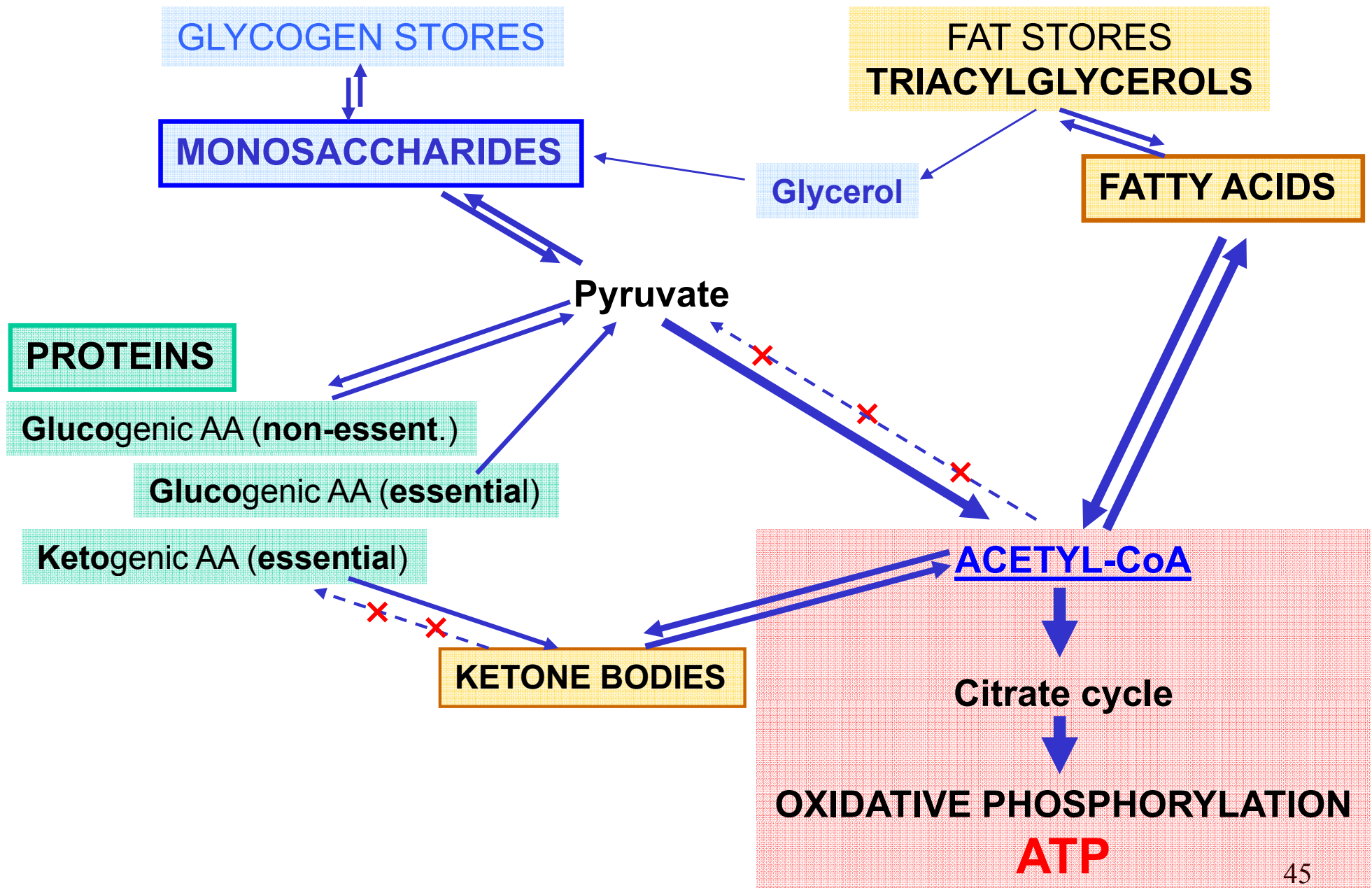
SAFA ≈ 5 %

MUFA ≈ 20 % \*

PUFA ≈ 5 %

Essential FA:	linoleic, α-linolenic
Cond. esenc. FA:	arachidonic
Essencial AA:	Phe, Trp, Val, Leu, Ile, Met, Thr, Lys, His
Cond. esenc. AK:	Arg (childhood), Ala, Gln (metab. stress)

# Relationships among the major energy metabolism pathways



**Saccharides** are the most **universal nutrients** –  
the overdose is transformed in the fat stores,  
carbon skeleton of non-essential amino acids may originate from saccharides.

**Triacylglycerols** exhibit the highest **energetic yield** –  
but **fatty acids cannot convert into saccharides** or the skeleton of amino acids.

**Amino acids** represent the unique **source of nitrogen** for protein synthesis  
that serves as fuel rather than when the organism is lacking in other nutrients -  
glucogenic amino acids can convert into glucose,  
an overdose of dietary protein may be transformed in fat stores.

The metabolism of nutrients is sophisticatedly controlled with different mechanisms  
in the **well-fed state** (absorptive phase),  
**short fasting** (post-absorptive phase), and in  
**prolonged starvation**.

It also depends on **energy expenditure** (predominantly muscular work) –  
either of maximal intensity (anaerobic, of short duration only)  
or aerobic work of much lower intensity (long duration).

## Metabolic effects of insulin

Tissue	Affected pathway
Liver	↑ Glucose phosphorylation
	↑ Glycolysis
	↓ Gluconeogenesis
	↑ Synthesis of glycogen
	↓ Glycogenolysis
	↑ Synthesis of fatty acids
	↑ Pentose phosphate pathway

Tissue	Affected pathway
Adipocytes	↑ Glucose uptake
	↑ Glycolysis
	↑ Pentose phosphate pathway
	↑ Oxidation of pyruvate
	↑ Cleavage of TG in lipoproteins
	↑ Synthesis of TG
	↓ Lipolysis

Tissue	Affected pathway
Muscle	↑ Glucose uptake
	↑ Glycolysis
	↑ Synthesis of glycogen
	↓ Glycogenolysis
	↑ Synthesis of proteins

## Metabolic effects of glucagon

Tissue	Affected pathway
Liver	↓ Glycolysis
	↑ Gluconeogenesis
	↓ Synthesis of glycogen
	↑ glycogenolysis
	↓ Synthesis of fatty acids
	↑ Oxidation of fatty acids
Adipocytes	↑ Lipolysis

No receptors for glucagon are in muscles → metabolism is not affected by glucagon