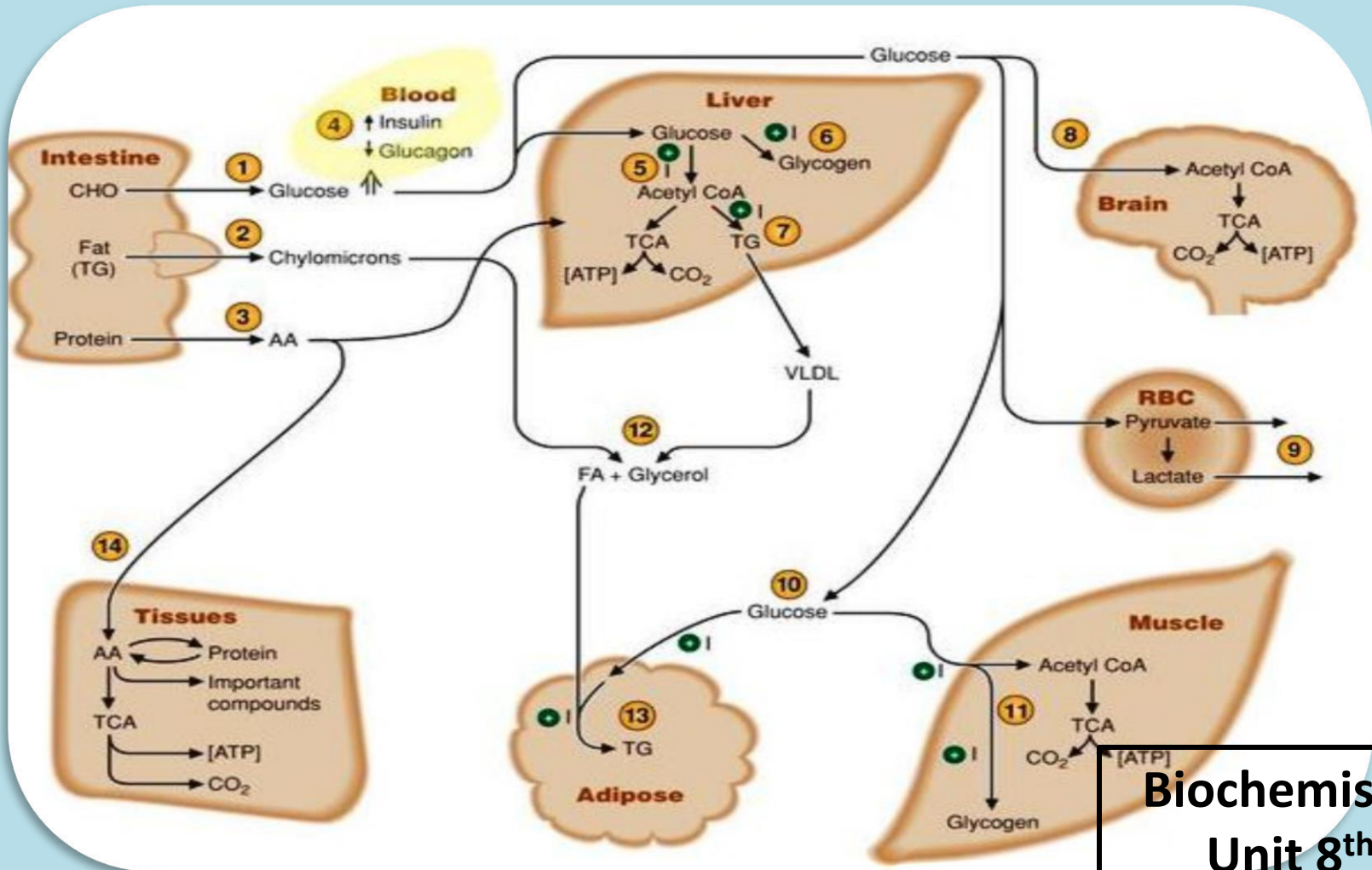


# Metabolism



# Introduction

- Metabolism is the term used to describe
  - The interconversion of chemical compounds in the body
  - The pathways taken by individual molecules,
  - Their interrelationships, and the mechanisms that regulate the flow of metabolites through the pathways
- It falls mainly in 3 categories: catabolism, anabolism and amphibolic pathways

# Metabolism

- **Anabolic pathways**
  - Involved in the synthesis of larger and more complex compounds from smaller precursors
  - Ex: Synthesis of protein from amino acids and the synthesis of reserves of tri-acylglycerol and glycogen.
  - Anabolic pathways are **endothermic**.
- **Catabolic pathways**
  - Involved in the breakdown of larger molecules, commonly involving oxidative reactions;
  - They are **exothermic**, producing reducing equivalents, and, mainly via the respiratory chain
- **Amphibolic pathways**
  - Occur at the “**crossroads**” of metabolism, acting as links between the anabolic and catabolic pathways
  - Ex: Citric acid cycle

# Metabolism

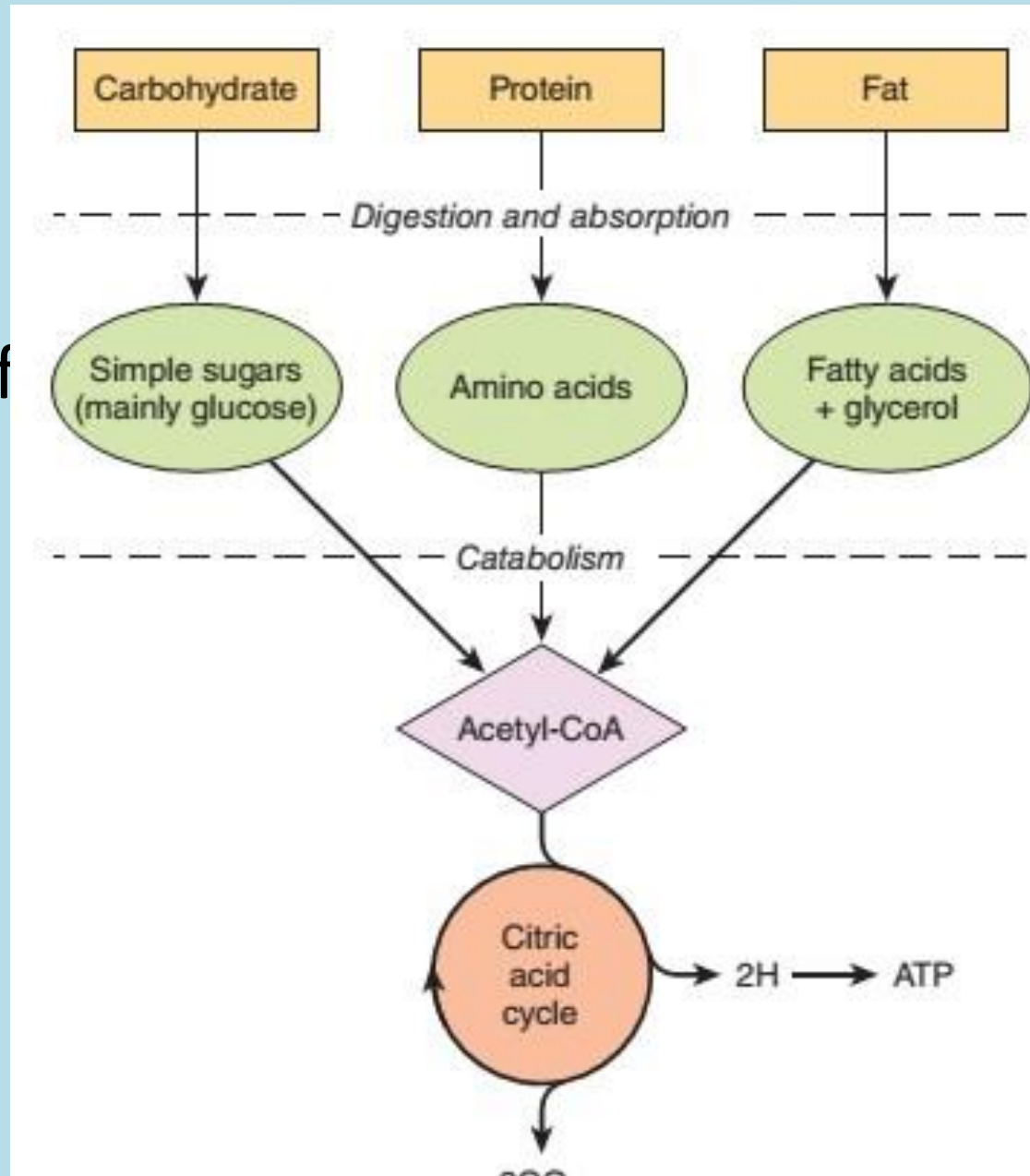
- A 70-kg adult human being requires about 1920-2900 kcal from metabolic fuels each day, depending on physical activity.
- This energy requirement is met from
  - Carbohydrates (40%-60%)
  - Lipids (mainly triacylglycerol, 30%-40%)
  - Protein (10%-15%), as well as alcohol.
- There is a constant requirement for metabolic fuels throughout the day
- Most people consume their daily intake of metabolic fuels in two or three meals, so there is a need to form reserves

# Metabolism

- Reserves of
  - **Carbohydrate**: glycogen in liver and muscle
  - **Lipid**: triacylglycerol in adipose tissue
  - **Labile protein**
- If the intake of metabolic fuels is consistently greater than energy expenditure.
  - Surplus is stored, largely as triacylglycerol in adipose tissue,
  - Leading to the development of **obesity**
- If the intake of metabolic fuels is consistently lower than energy expenditure
  - Reserves of fat and carbohydrate, and amino acids are used for energy-yielding metabolism
  - This leads to **emaciation**, wasting, and, eventually, death

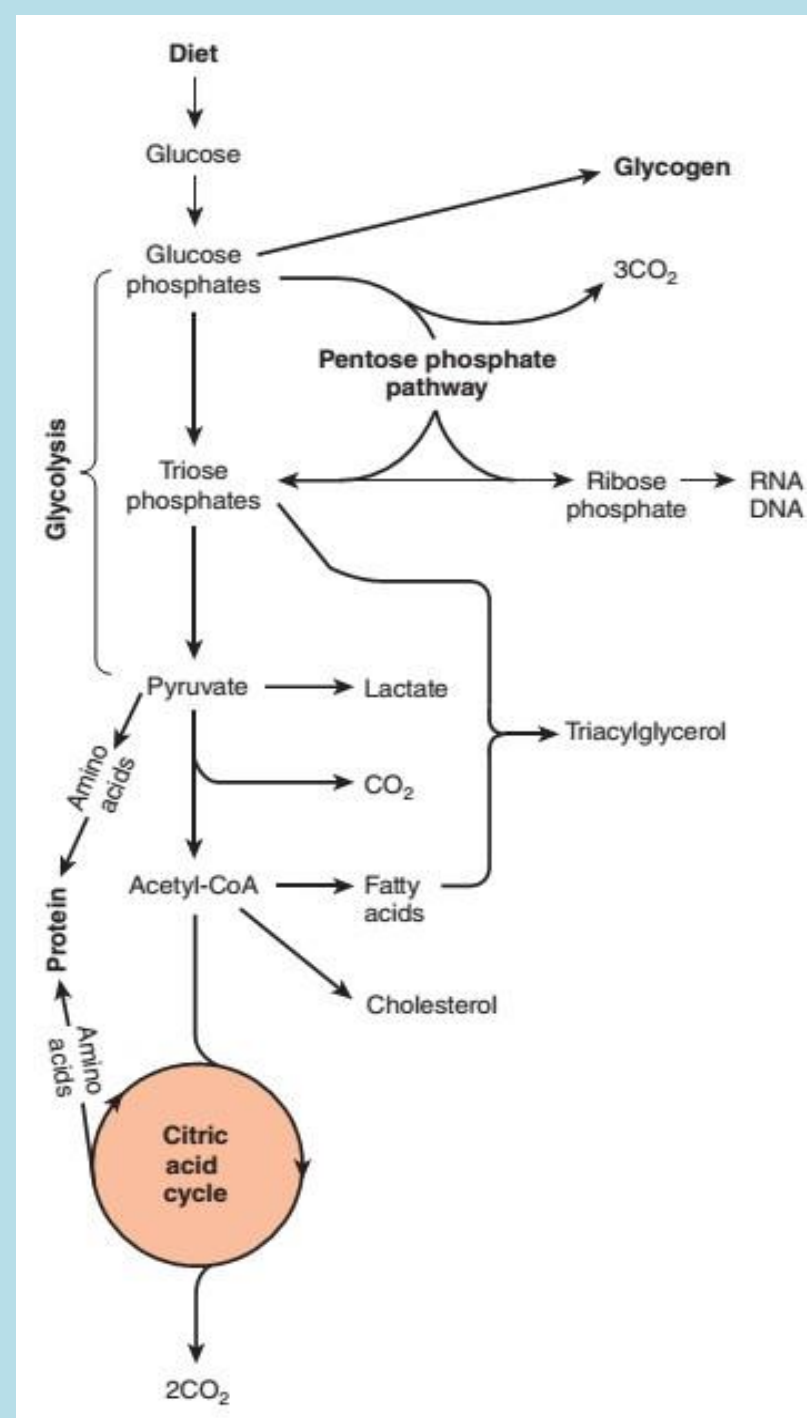
# Metabolism

- All the products of digestion are metabolized to **acetyl-CoA** - oxidized by the **citric acid cycle**



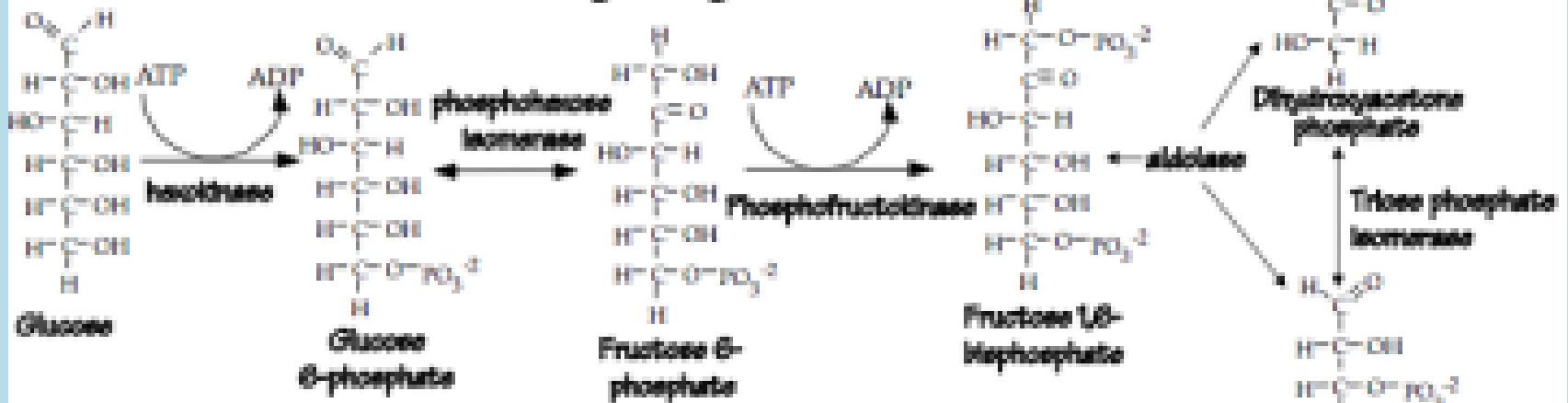
# Carbohydrate Metabolism

- Glucose - major fuel of most tissues
- Metabolized to **pyruvate** aerobically and **lactate** anaerobically by the pathway of **glycolysis** which further gets reduced to **acetyl-CoA**
- Enter the **Citric acid cycle** - formation of ATP in the process of **oxidative phosphorylation**

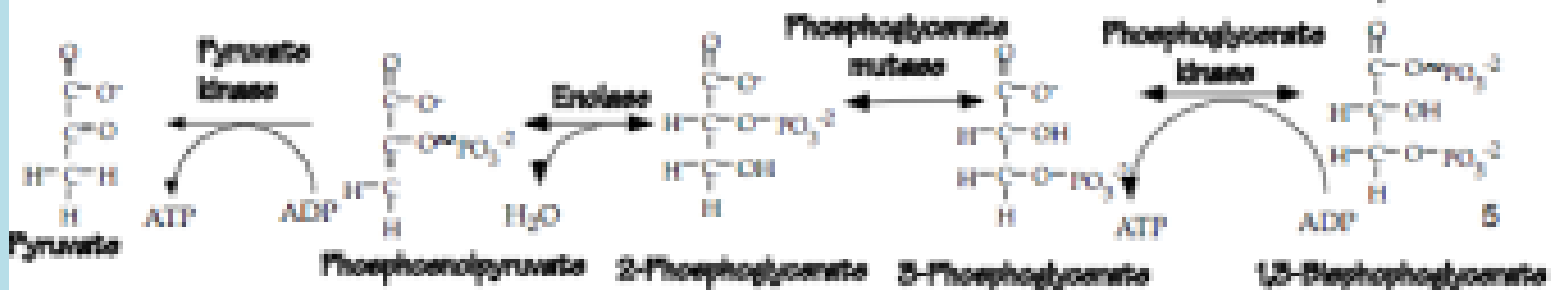


# Glycolysis

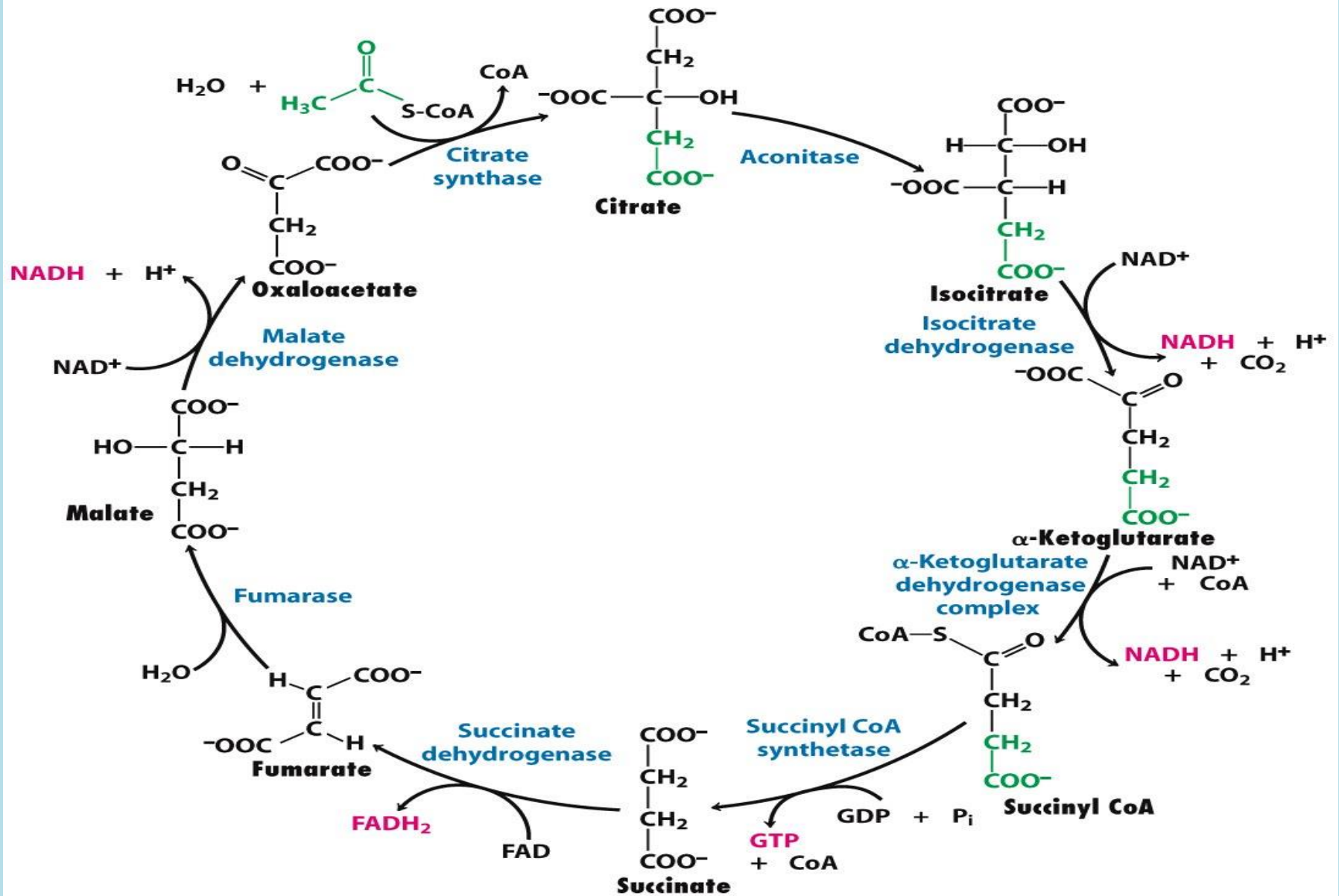
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Net Reaction







**Figure 17.15**

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# Carbohydrate Metabolism

- Glucose may also undergo **Glycogenesis** - synthesis of the storage polymer **glycogen** in skeletal muscle and liver
- It may also enter **Pentose Phosphate Pathway (PPP)**
  - source of reducing equivalents (NADPH) for fatty acid synthesis
  - **ribose** for nucleotide and nucleic acid synthesis
- **Pyruvate and intermediates** of the Citric Acid Cycle - carbon skeletons for the synthesis of nonessential **amino acids**
- Acetyl-CoA is the precursor of **fatty acids** and **cholesterol** (steroid hormones synthesized in the body)
- **Gluconeogenesis** - process of synthesizing glucose from noncarbohydrate precursors such as, lactate, amino acids, and glycerol

# FUNCTIONS OF CARBOHYDRATES

- Main source of energy in the body. Energy production from carbohydrates will be 4 k calories/g (16 k Joules/g).
- Storage form of energy (starch and glycogen).
- Excess carbohydrate is converted to fat.
- Glycoproteins and glycolipids are components of cell membranes and receptors.
- Structural basis of many organisms. For example, cellulose of plants, exoskeleton of insects etc.

**Abnormal metabolism  
of carbohydrate**

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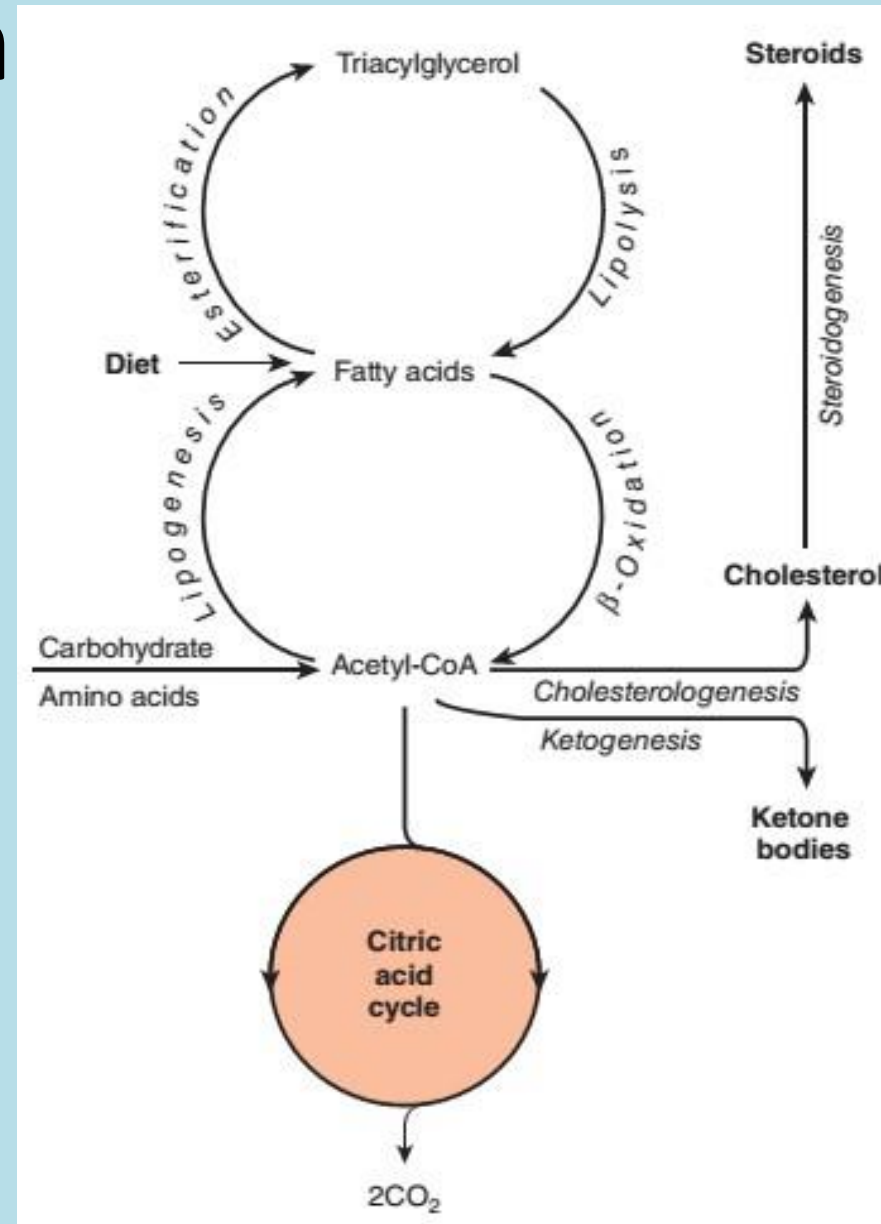
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# Lipid Metabolism

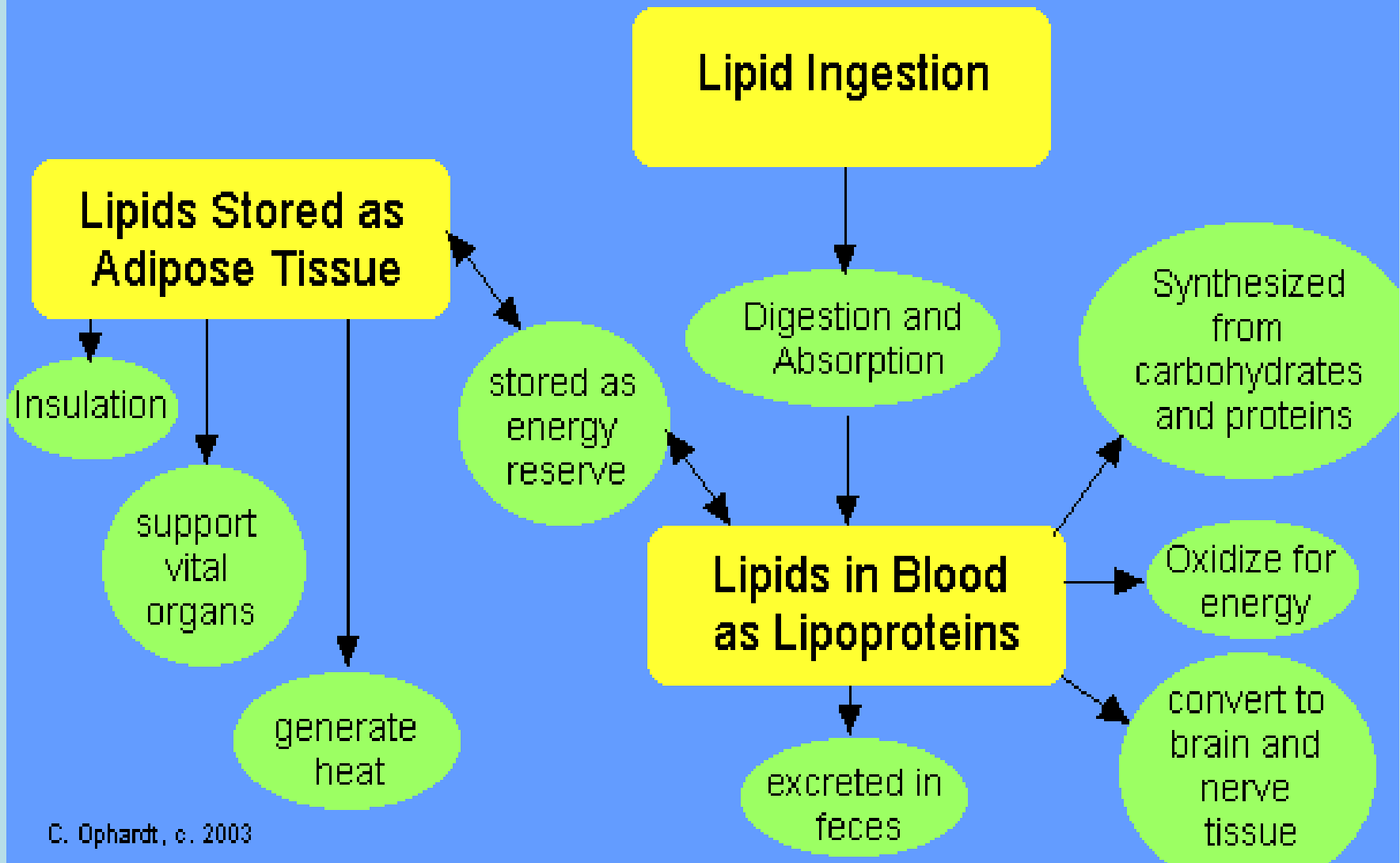
- Source of long-chain fatty acids
  - either dietary lipid
  - Or de novo synthesis from acetyl-CoA
- Fatty acids may either
  - gets oxidized to **acetyl-CoA (  $\beta$ -oxidation)**
  - esterified with glycerol forming **triacylglycerol** - body's main fuel reserve

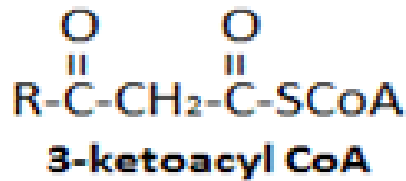
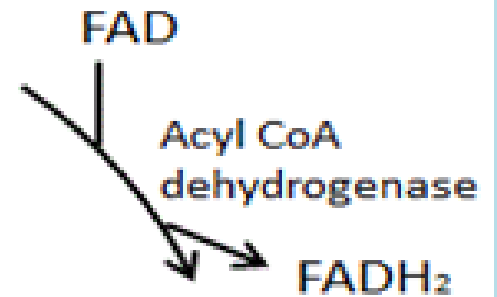
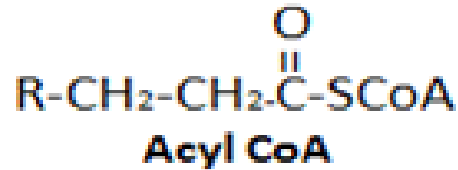
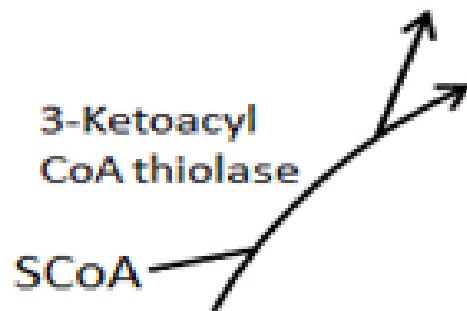
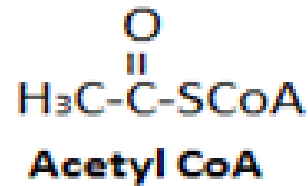


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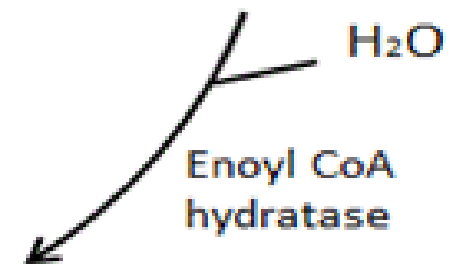
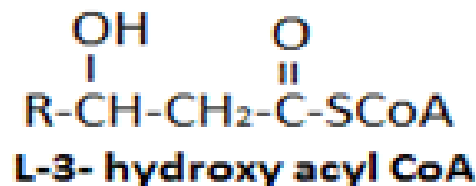
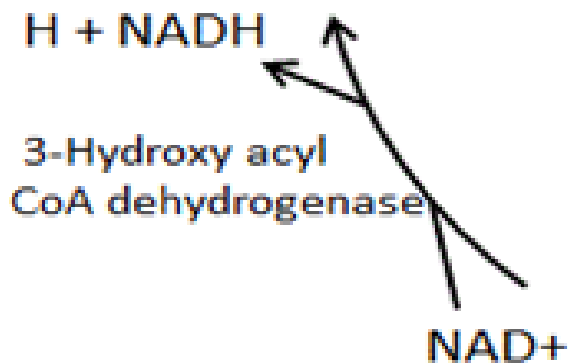
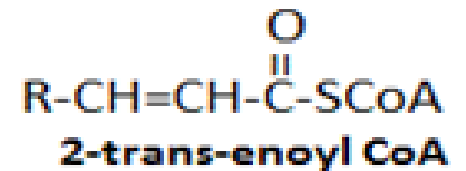
- **Acetyl-CoA** formed by  **$\beta$ -oxidation** of fatty acids may undergo three fates
  - **oxidized** via the citric acid cycle
  - precursor for synthesis of **cholesterol** and other **steroids**.
  - In the liver, it is used to form the **ketone bodies**, acetoacetate and 3-hydroxybutyrate - important fuels in prolonged fasting and starvation.

# Lipid Function and Metabolism Summary





**B- Oxidation of  
fatty acids**

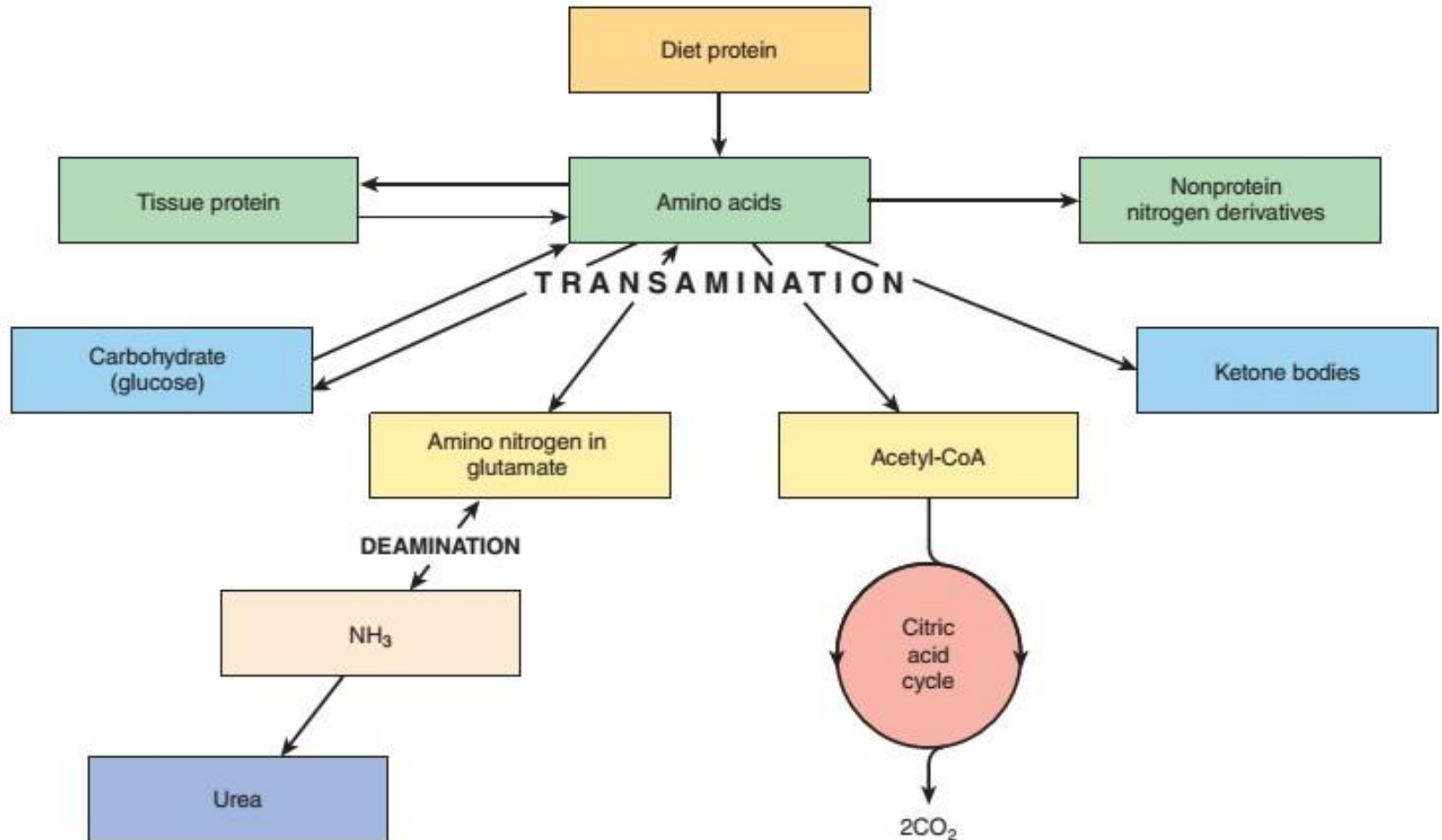




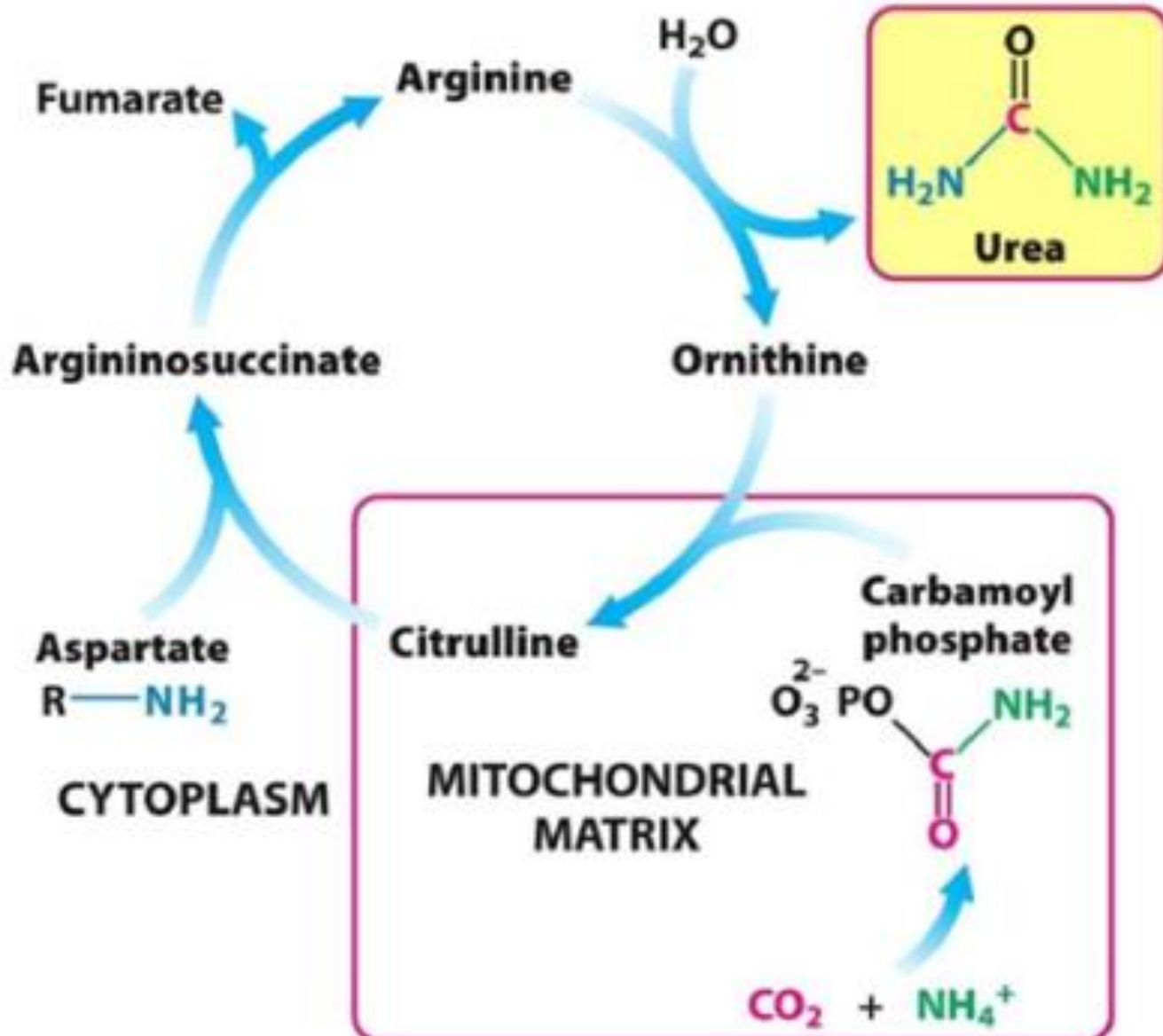
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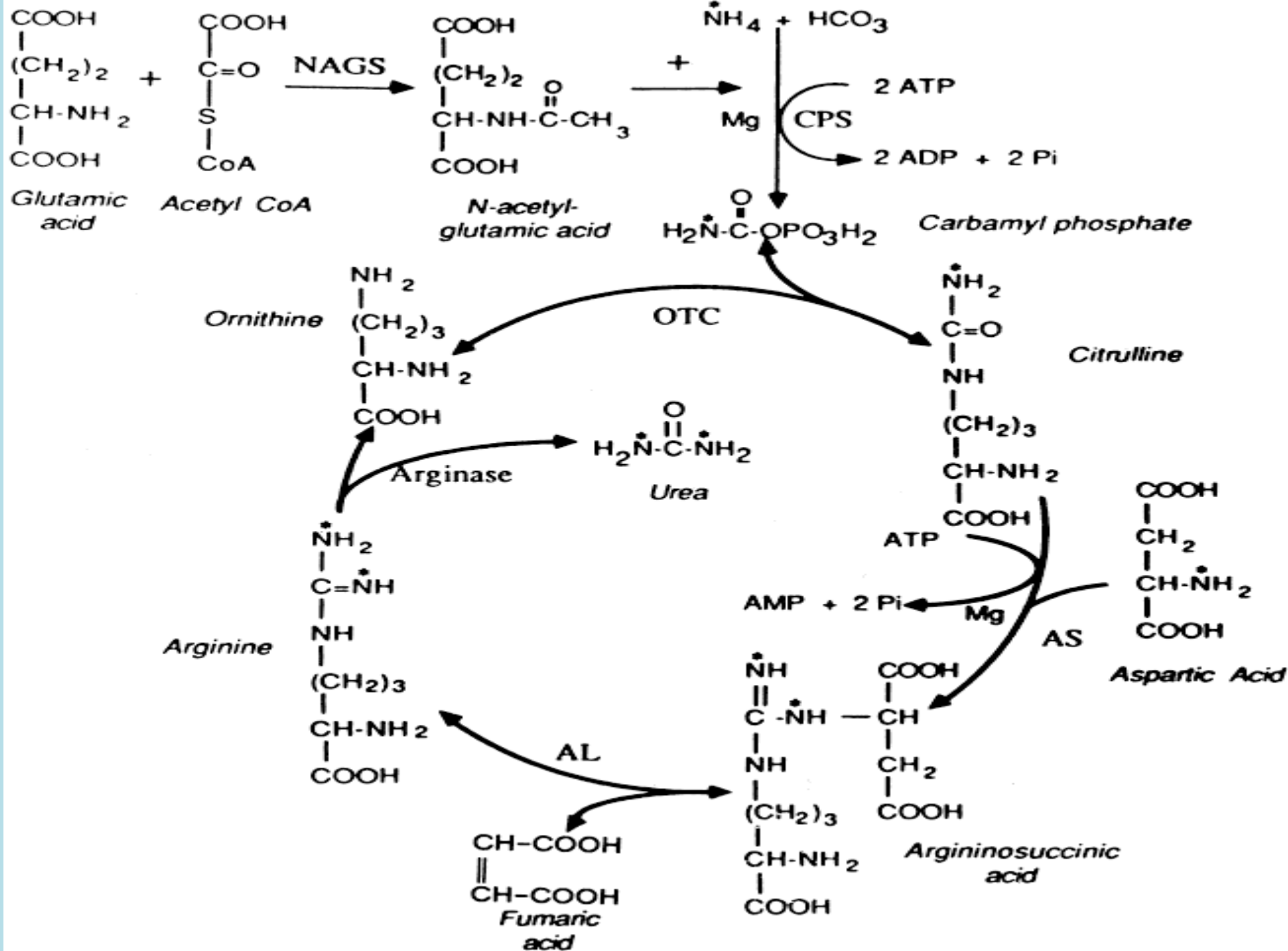
- AA forms metabolic intermediates by **transamination** using the amino group from other amino acids
- **Deamination** – removal of amino nitrogen as **urea** via Urea cycle,
- The carbon skeletons that remain after **transamination**
  - oxidized via the **citric acid cycle**,
  - used to synthesize glucose (**gluconeogenesis**)
  - form **ketone bodies** or acetyl CoA, which may be oxidized or used for synthesis of fatty acids
- AA may also be precursors of other compounds
  - Purines and pyrimidines,
  - Hormones such as epinephrine and thyroxine,
  - Neurotransmitters.

# Amino Acid Metabolism

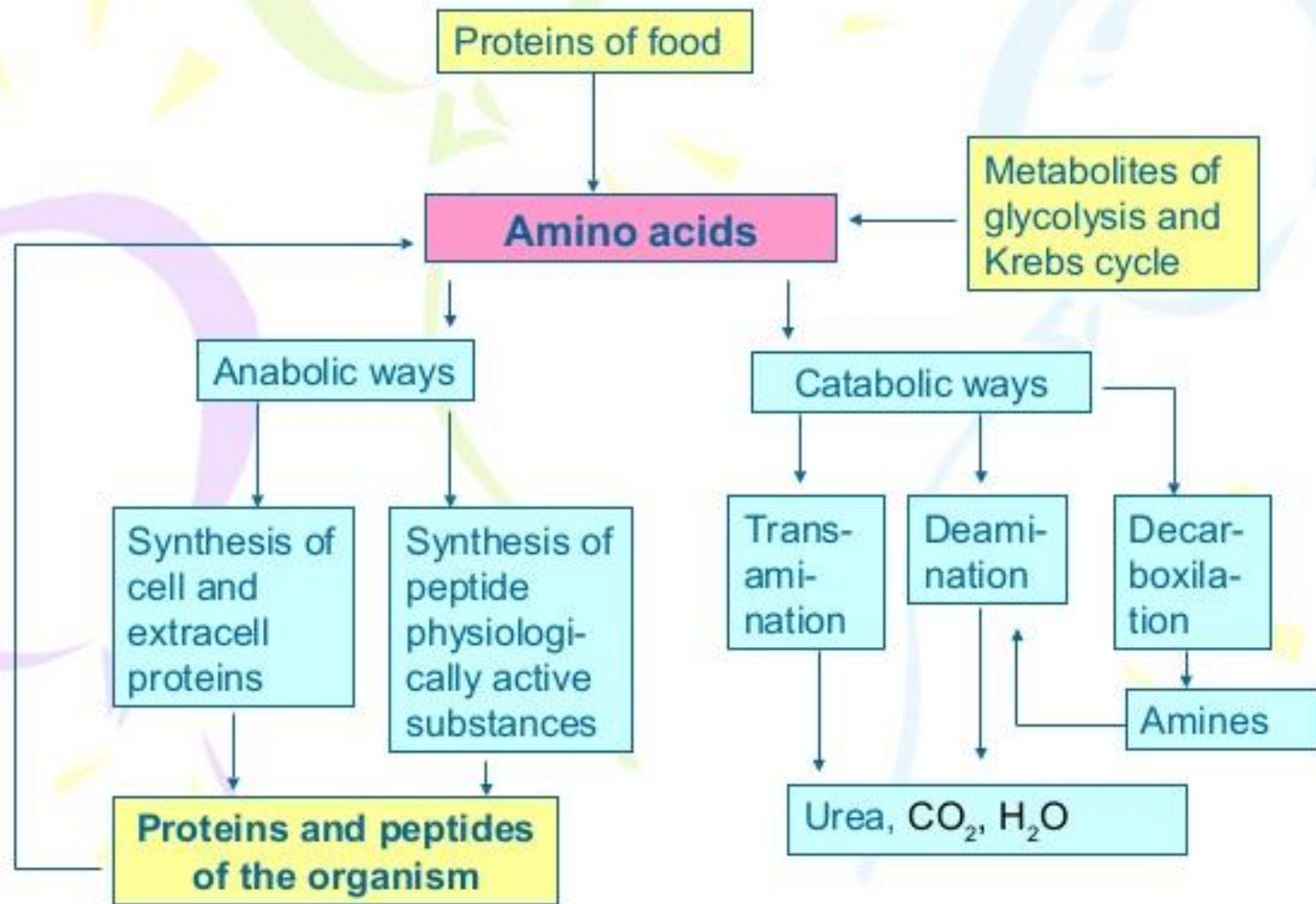


# Simplified Urea Cycle





## GENERAL PATHWAYS OF AMINO ACIDS METABOLISM



# Summary

| Organ | Major Pathways  | Main Substrates  | Major Products Exported   | Specialist Enzymes   |
|-------|---|--|---|--|
| Liver | Glycolysis, gluconeogenesis, lipogenesis, $\beta$ -oxidation, citric acid cycle, ketogenesis, lipoprotein metabolism, drug metabolism, synthesis of bile salts, urea, uric acid, cholesterol, plasma proteins | Nonesterified fatty acids, glucose (in fed state), lactate, glycerol, fructose, amino acids, alcohol | Glucose, triacylglycerol in VLDL, <sup>a</sup> ketone bodies, urea, uric acid, bile salts, cholesterol, plasma proteins | Glucokinase, glucose-6-phosphatase, glycerol kinase, phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase, fructokinase, arginase, HMG CoA synthase, HMG CoA lyase, alcohol dehydrogenase |
| Brain | Glycolysis, citric acid cycle, amino acid metabolism, neurotransmitter synthesis  | Glucose, amino acids, ketone bodies in prolonged starvation  | Lactate, end products of neurotransmitter metabolism  | Those for synthesis and catabolism of neurotransmitters  |

# Summary

|                    |  |   |   |   |
|--------------------|--|---|---|---|
| Heart              | $\beta$ -Oxidation and citric acid cycle                           | Ketone bodies, nonesterified fatty acids, lactate, chylomicron and VLDL triacylglycerol, some glucose | —   | Lipoprotein lipase, very active electron transport chain                              |
| Adipose tissue     | Lipogenesis, esterification of fatty acids, lipolysis (in fasting) | Glucose, chylomicron and VLDL triacylglycerol   | Nonesterified fatty acids, glycerol         | Lipoprotein lipase, hormone-sensitive lipase enzymes of the pentose phosphate pathway |
| Fast twitch muscle | Glycolysis   | Glucose, glycogen   | Lactate, (alanine and ketoacids in fasting) | —   |
| Slow twitch muscle | $\beta$ -Oxidation and citric acid cycle                           | Ketone bodies, chylomicron and VLDL triacylglycerol   | —   | Lipoprotein lipase, very active electron transport chain                              |
| Kidney             | Gluconeogenesis  | Nonesterified fatty acids, lactate, glycerol, glucose   | Glucose                                     | Glycerol kinase, phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase                                    |
| Erythrocytes       | Anerobic glycolysis, pentose phosphate pathway                     | Glucose   | Lactate                                     | Hemoglobin, enzymes of pentose phosphate pathway                                      |

Thank you

