

# Chem 352 - Lecture 8

## Carbohydrate Metabolism

### Part III: Citric Acid Cycle

# Introduction

The citric acid cycle has both catabolic and anabolic functions.

- ✦ **Catabolic** – Oxidizes the 2-carbon acetyl group to  $\text{CO}_2$  and produces reduced nucleotides ( $\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+$  and  $\text{FADH}_2$ )
- ✦ **Anabolic** – The citric acid cycle intermediates serve as starting material for the biosynthesis of amino acids, heme groups, glucose, et al.

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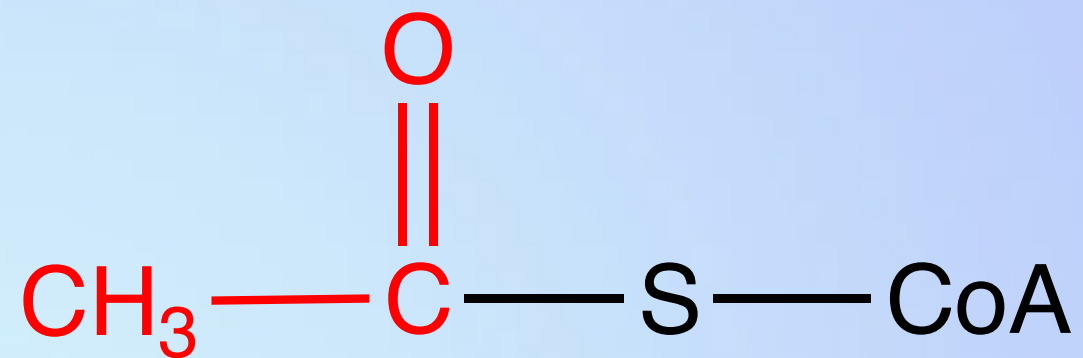
- ✦ Citric acid cycle is also called the Krebs's Cycle and the TCA (tricarboxylic acid) Cycle.



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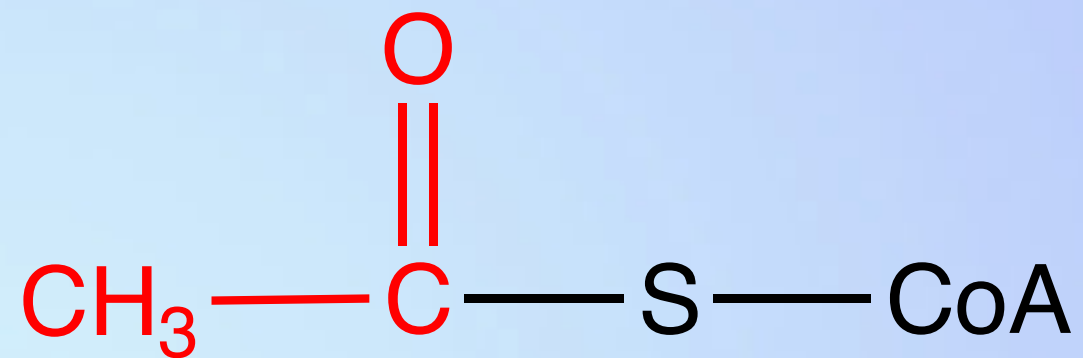
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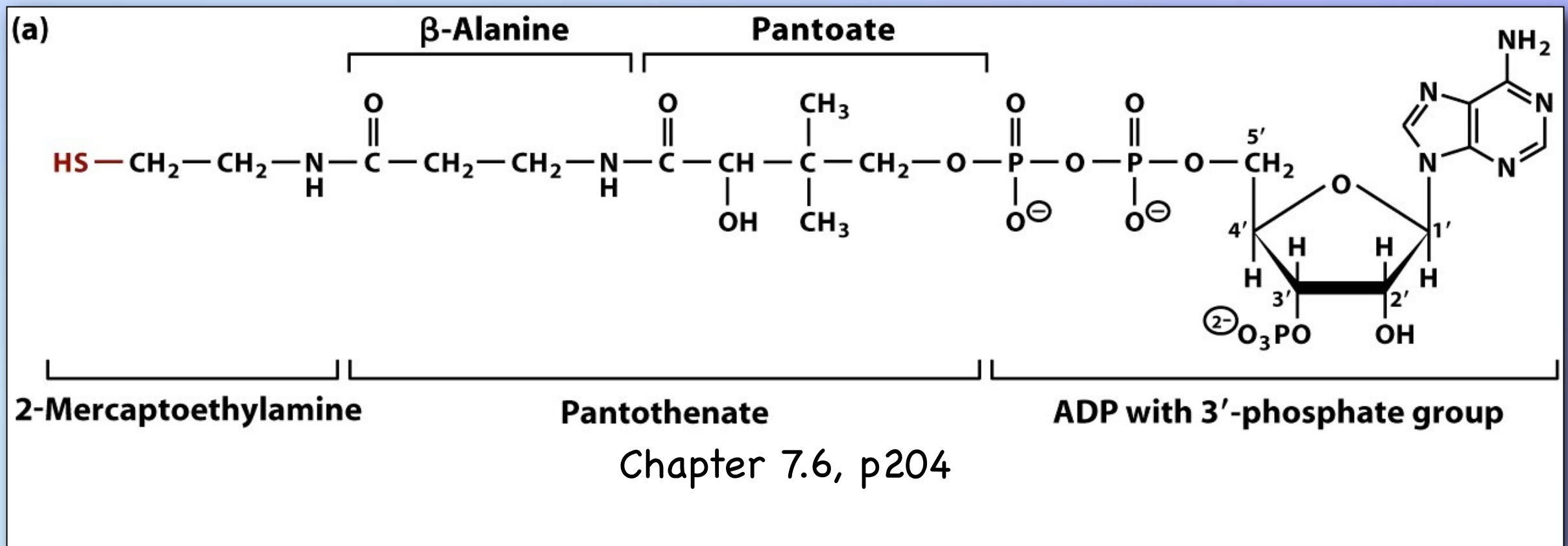
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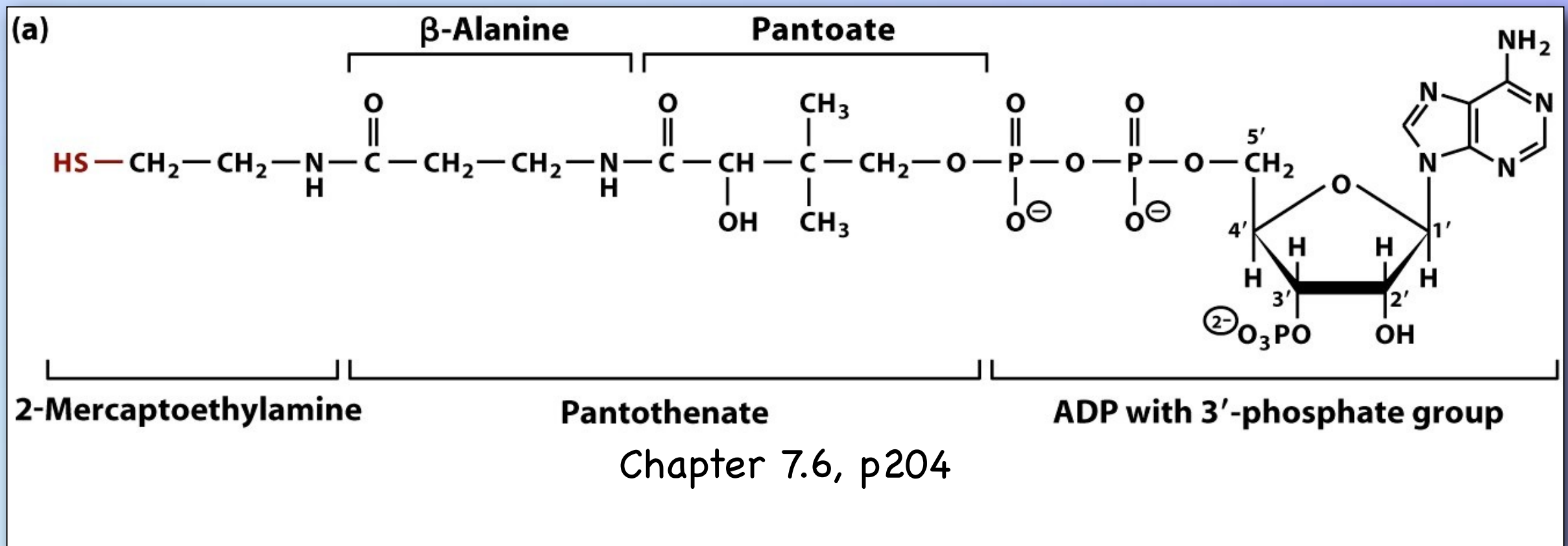
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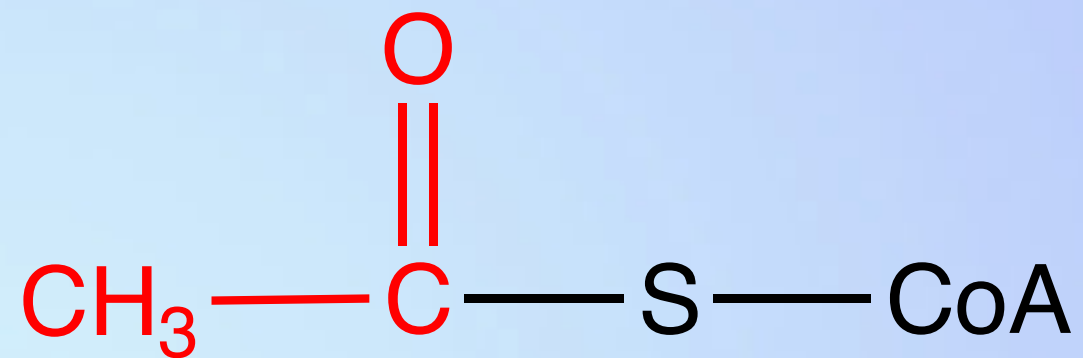
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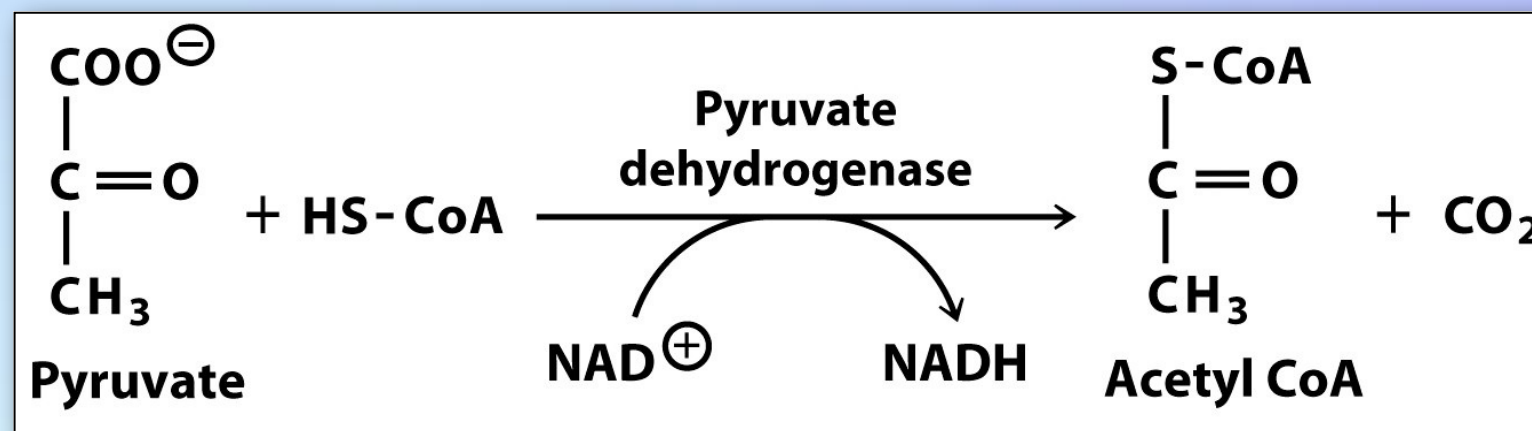
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  - ✦ The oxidative decarboxylation of pyruvate from the glycolysis pathway.
  - ✦ The degradation of fatty acids



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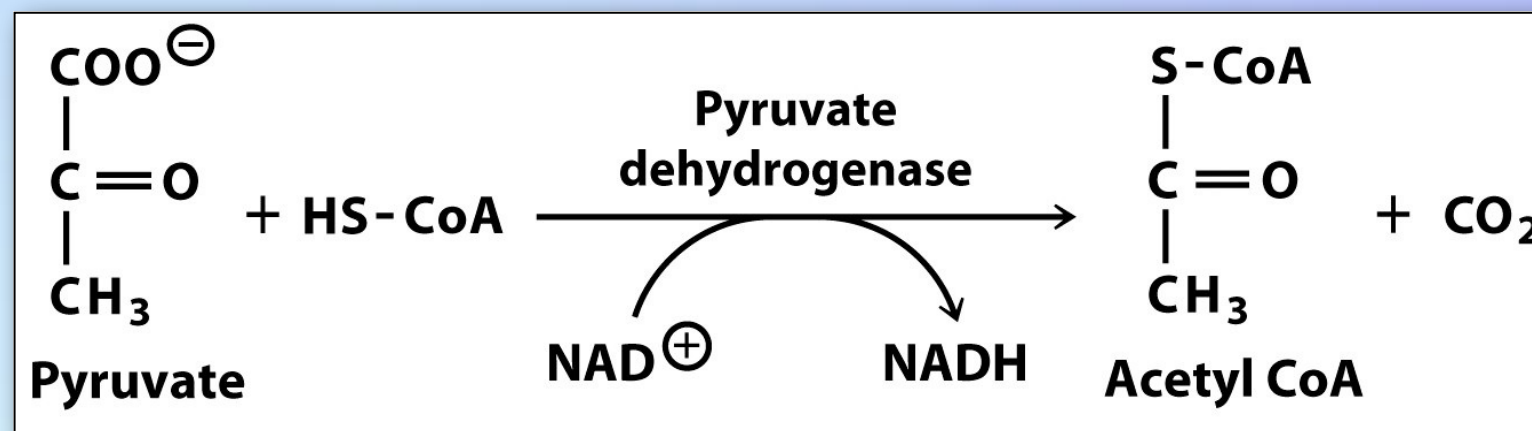
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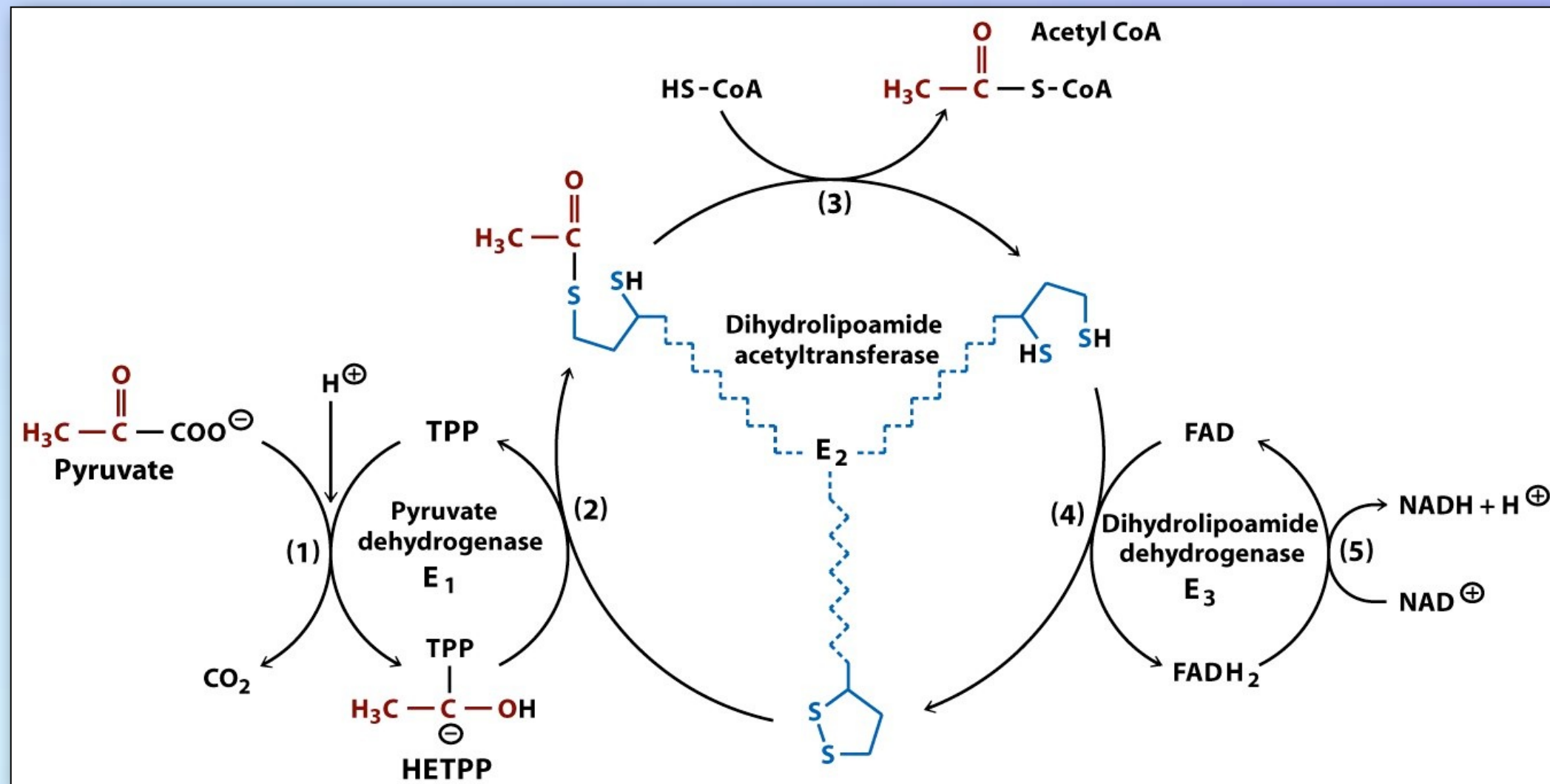
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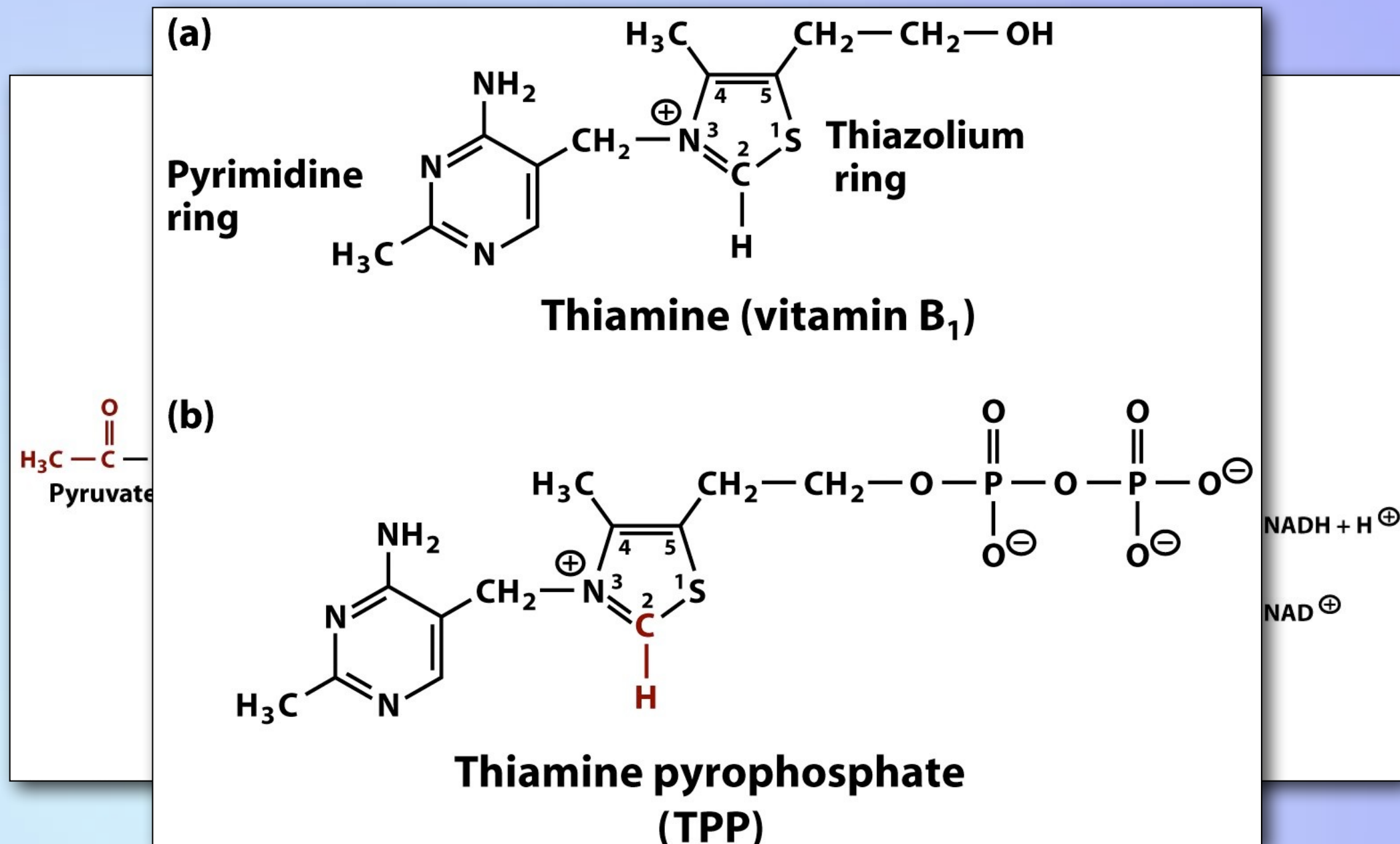
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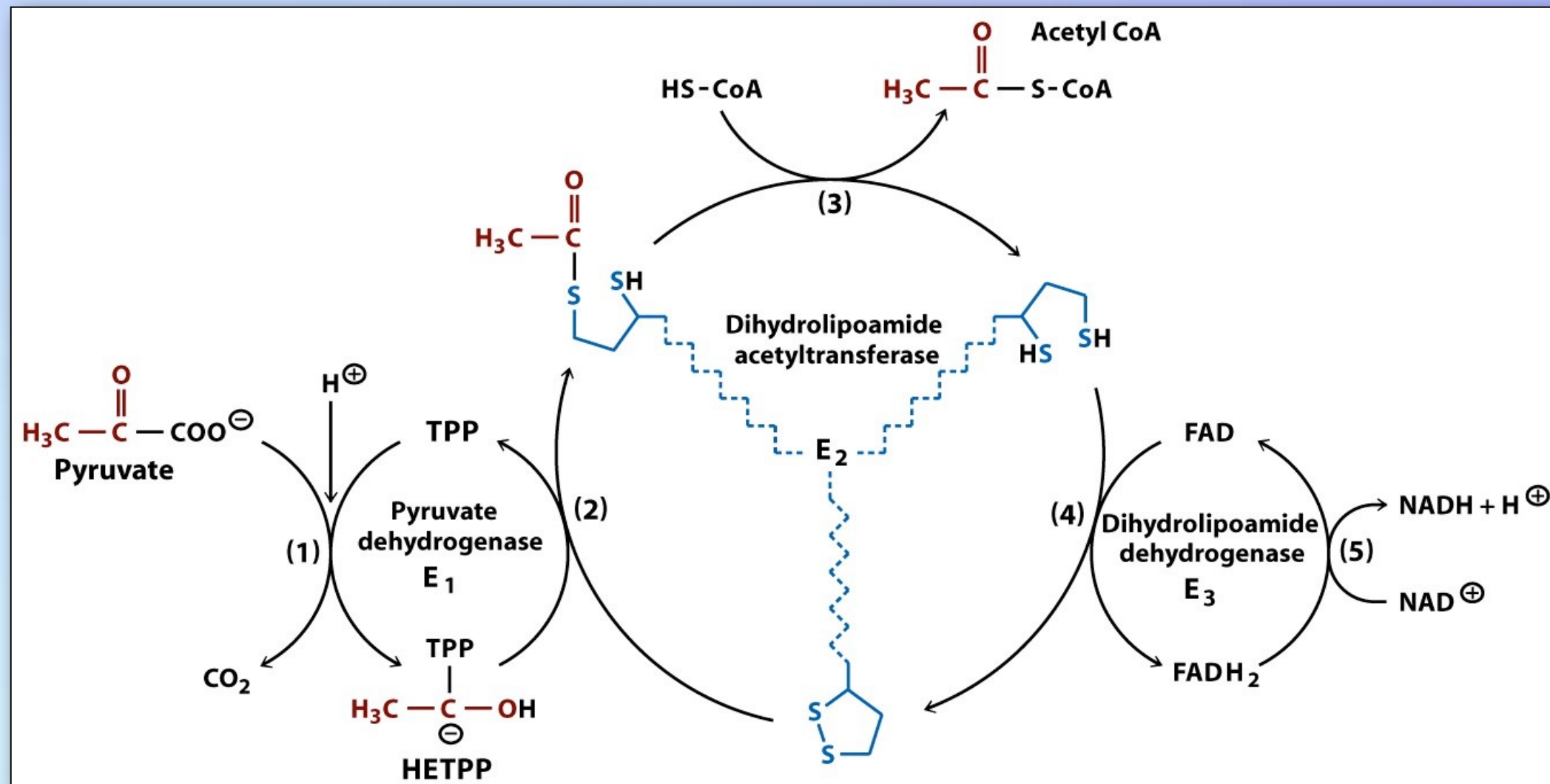
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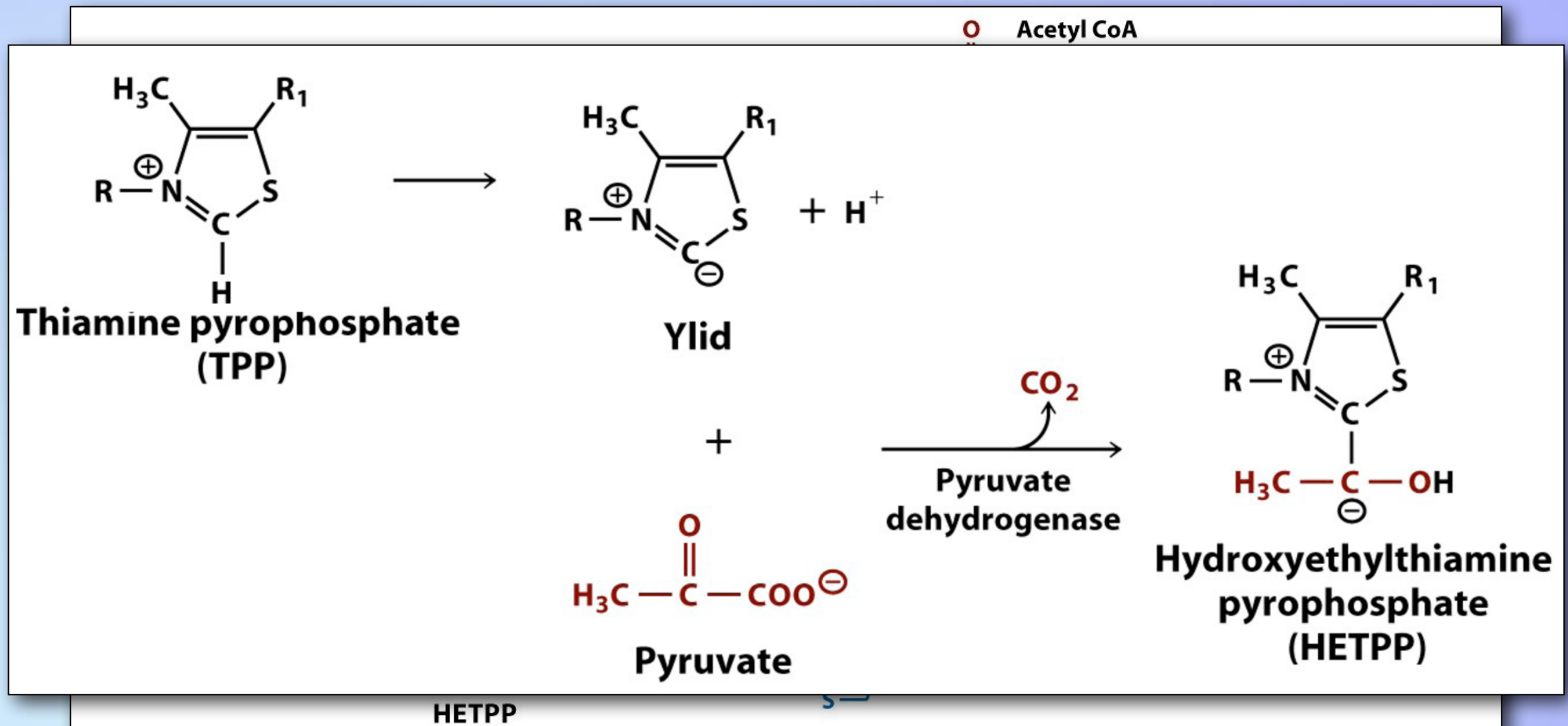
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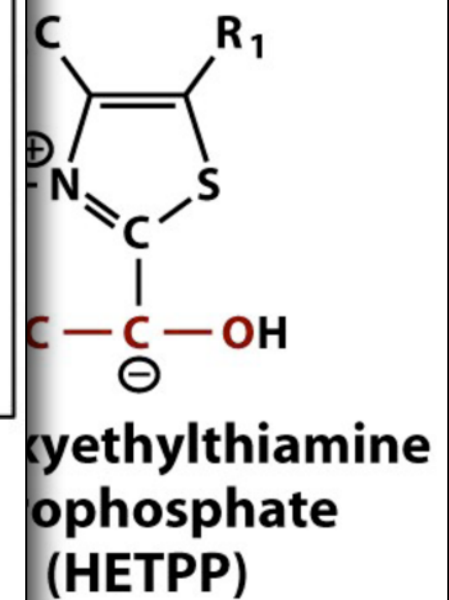
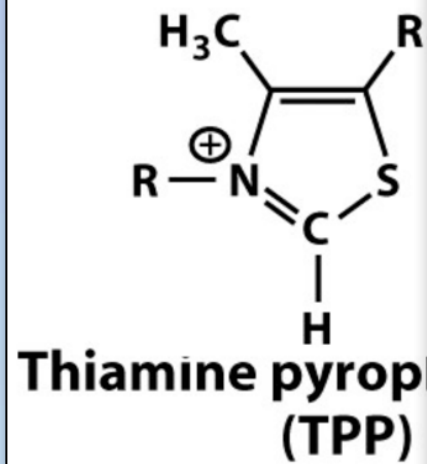
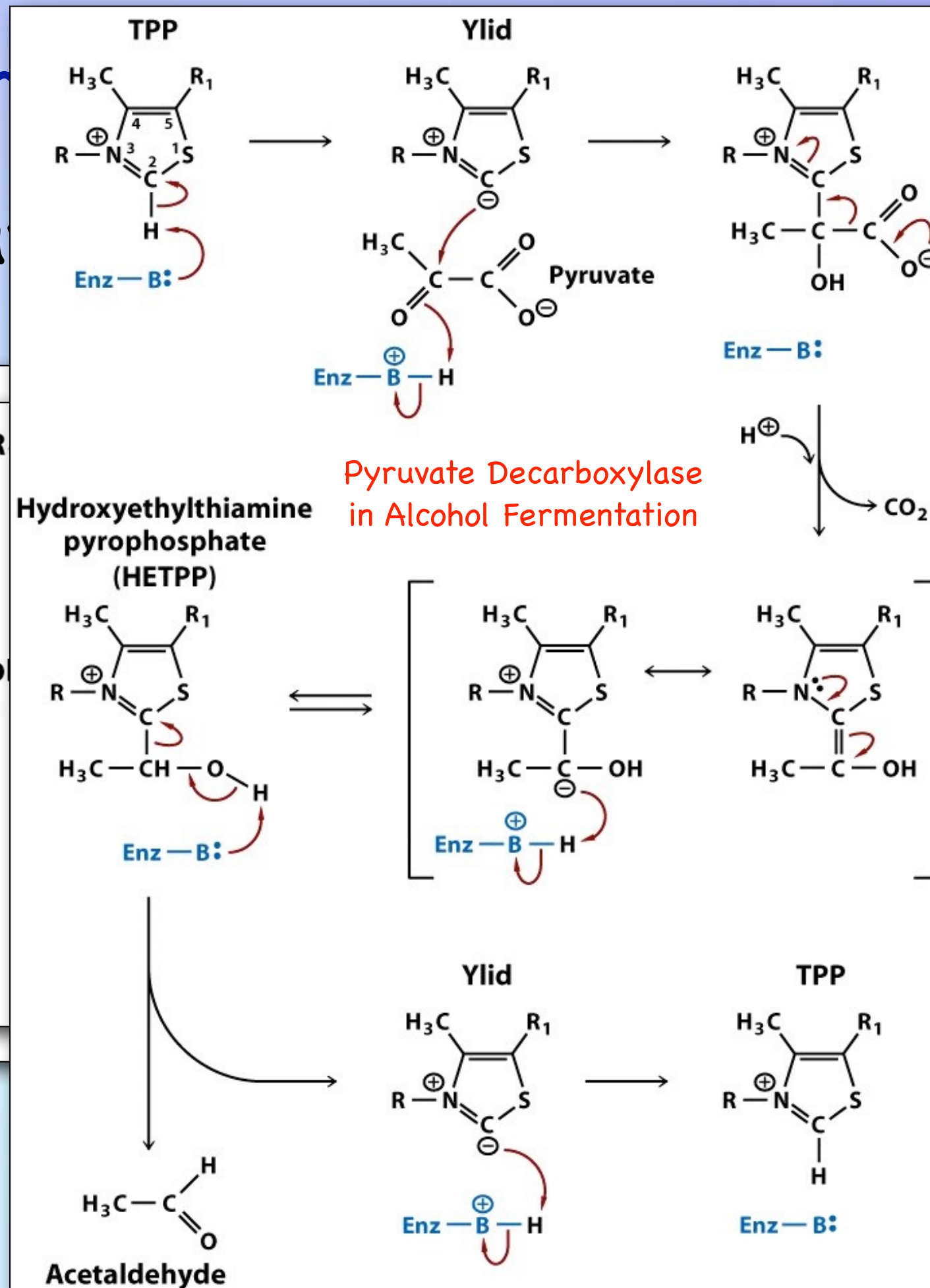
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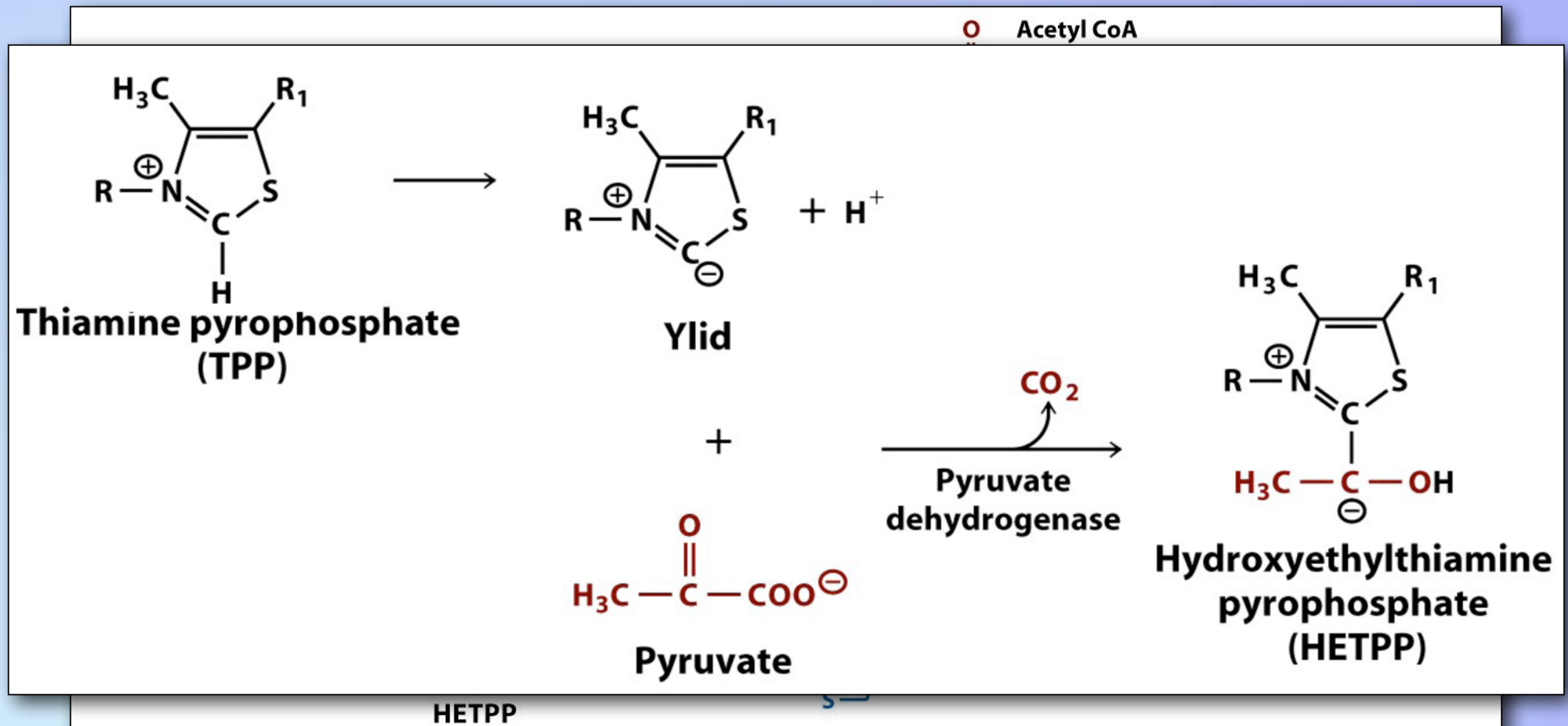
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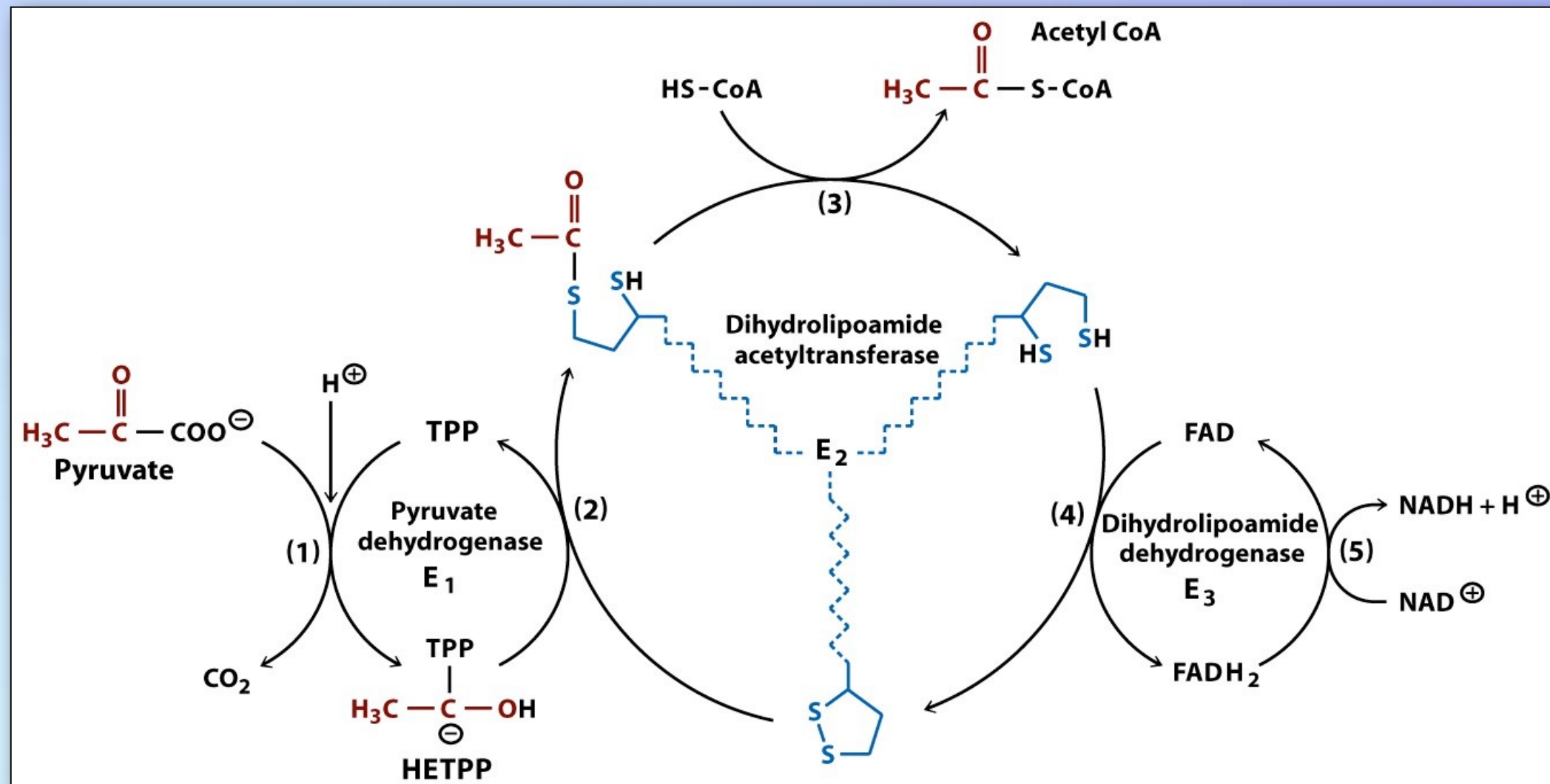
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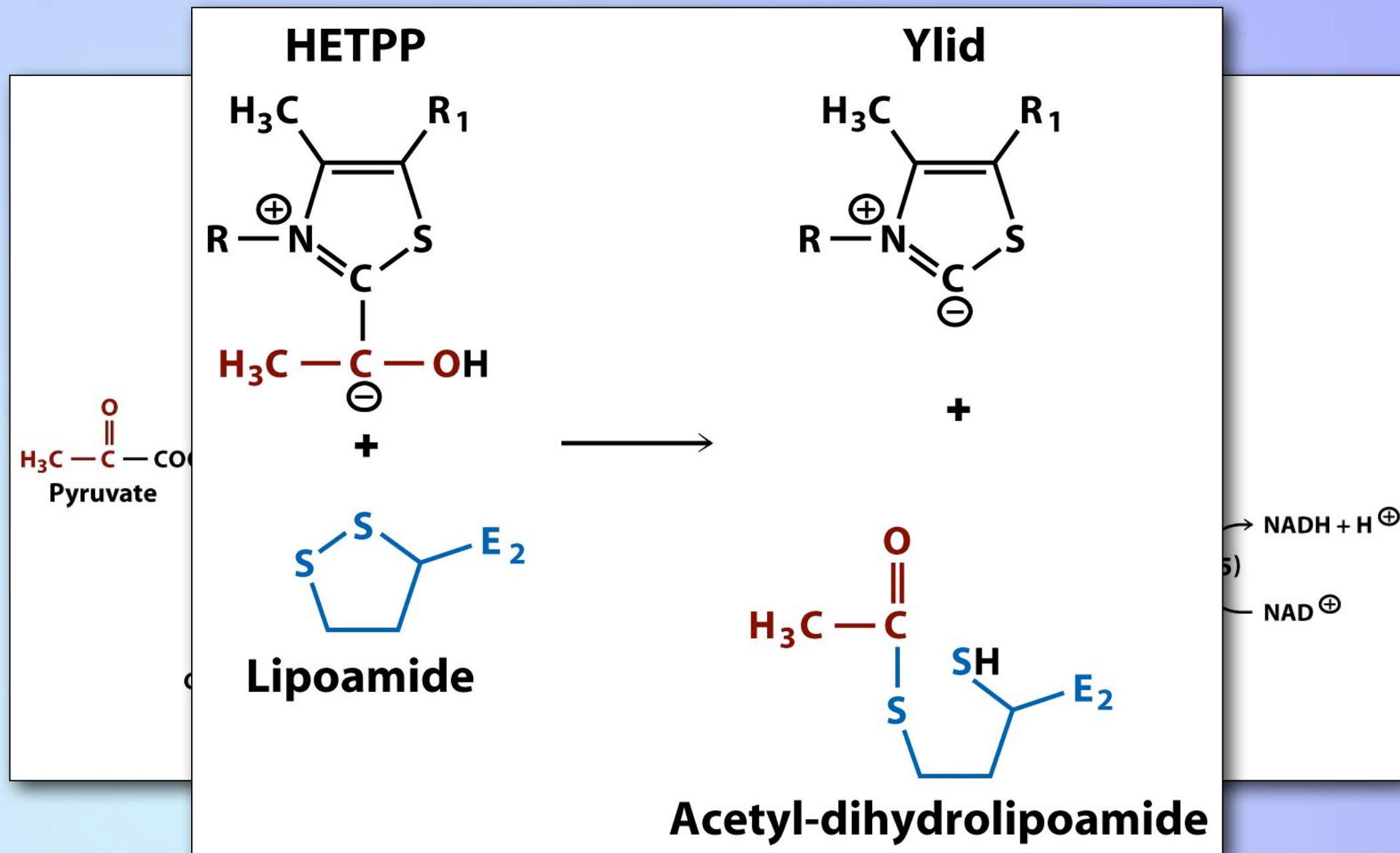
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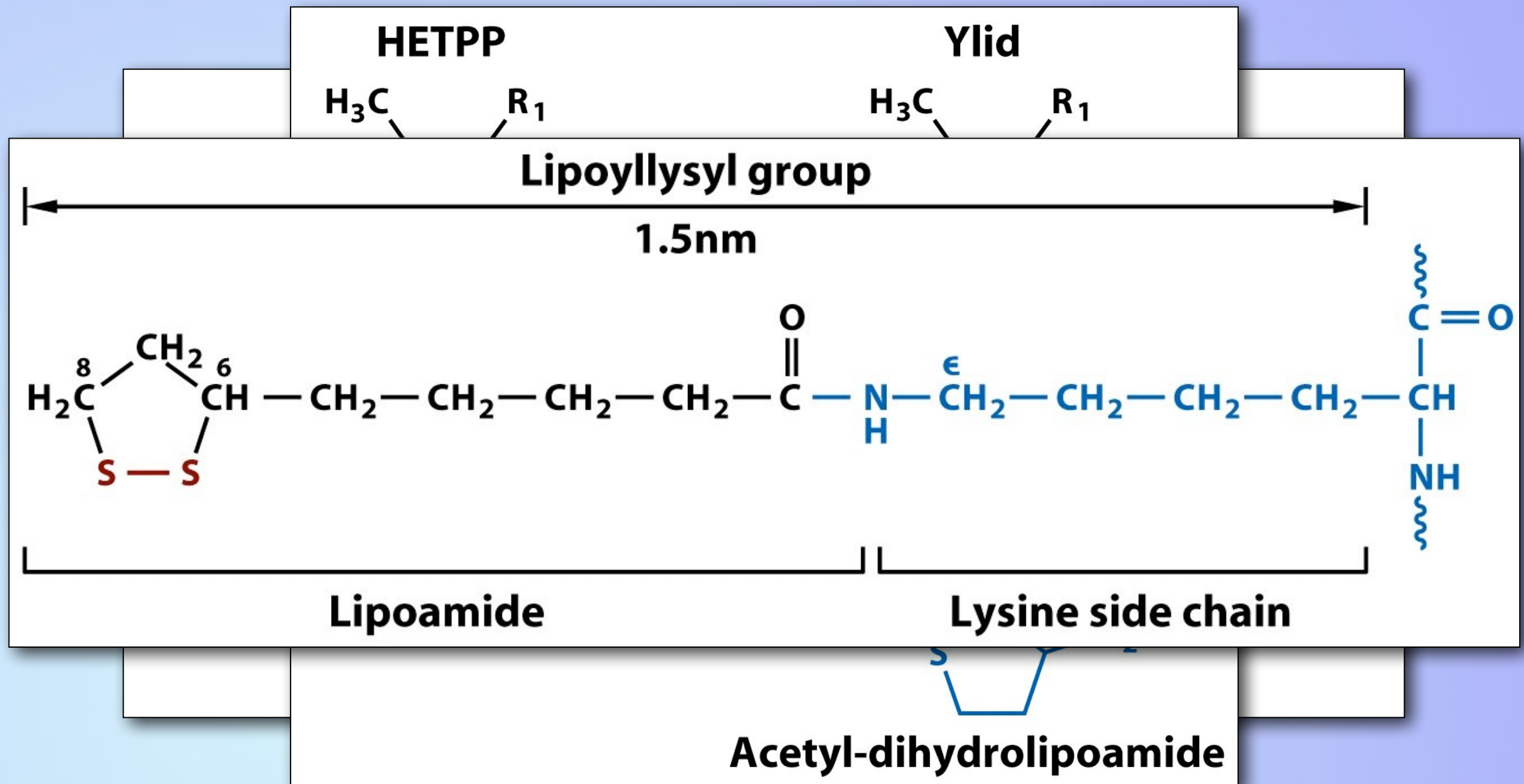
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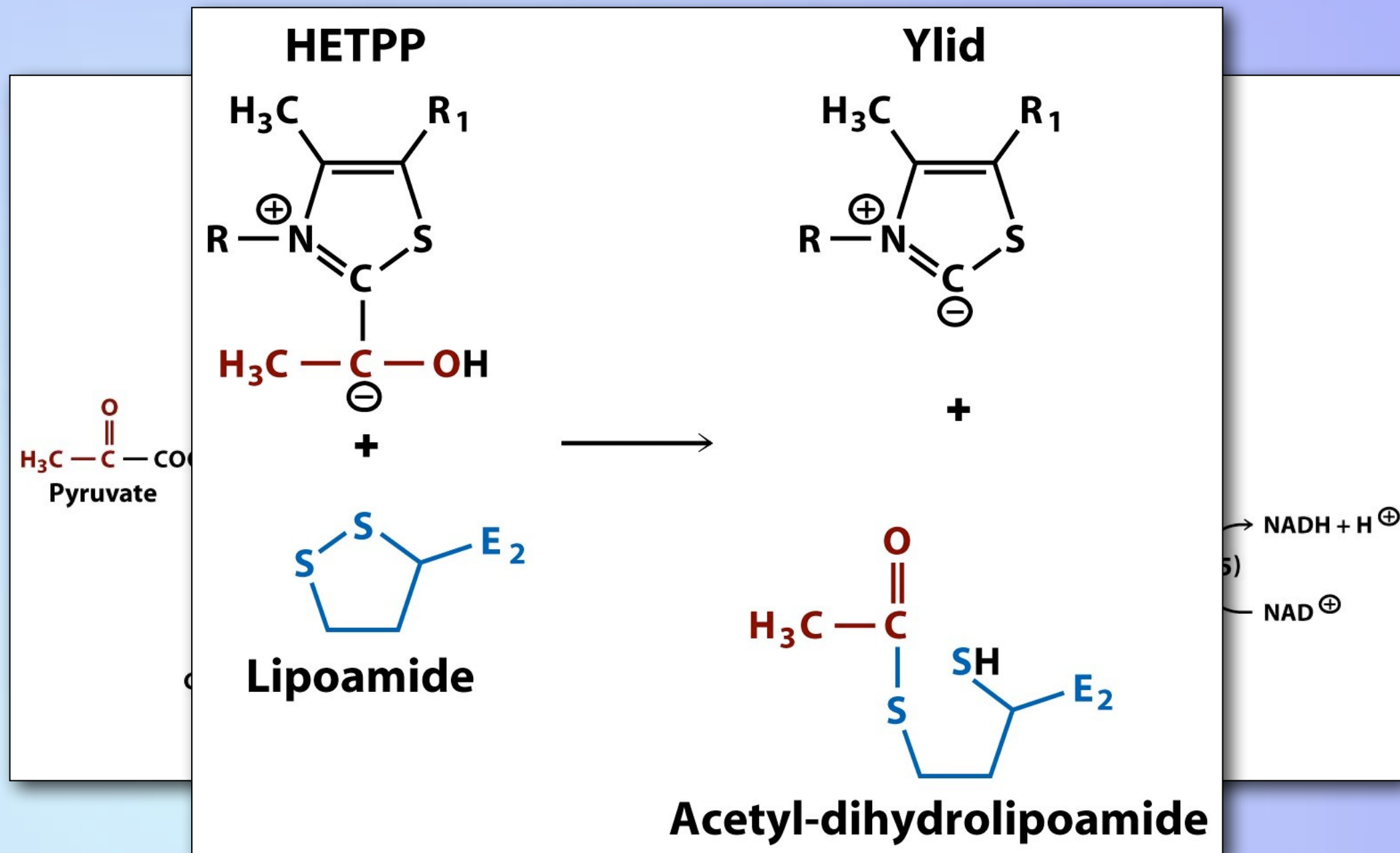
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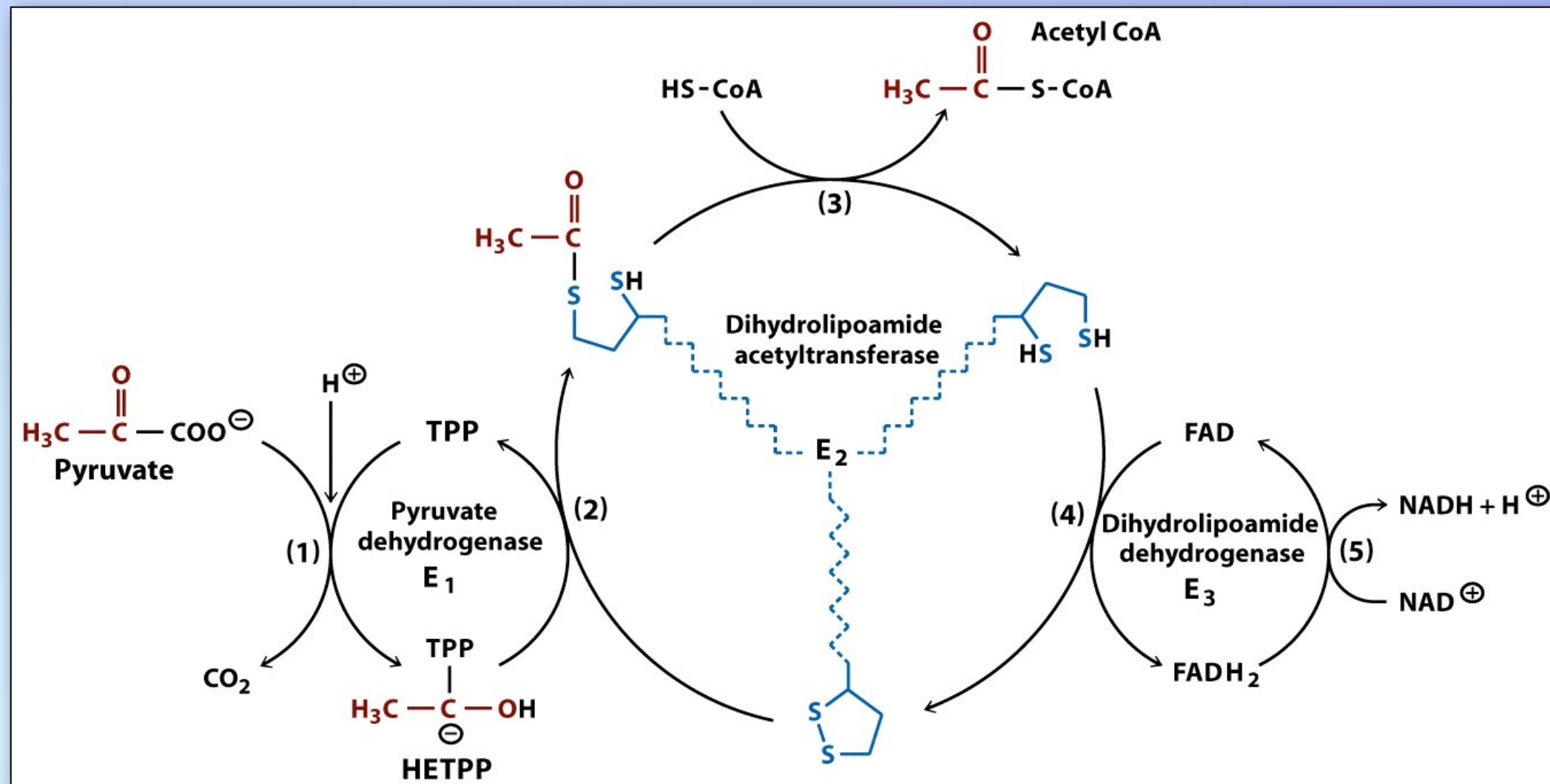
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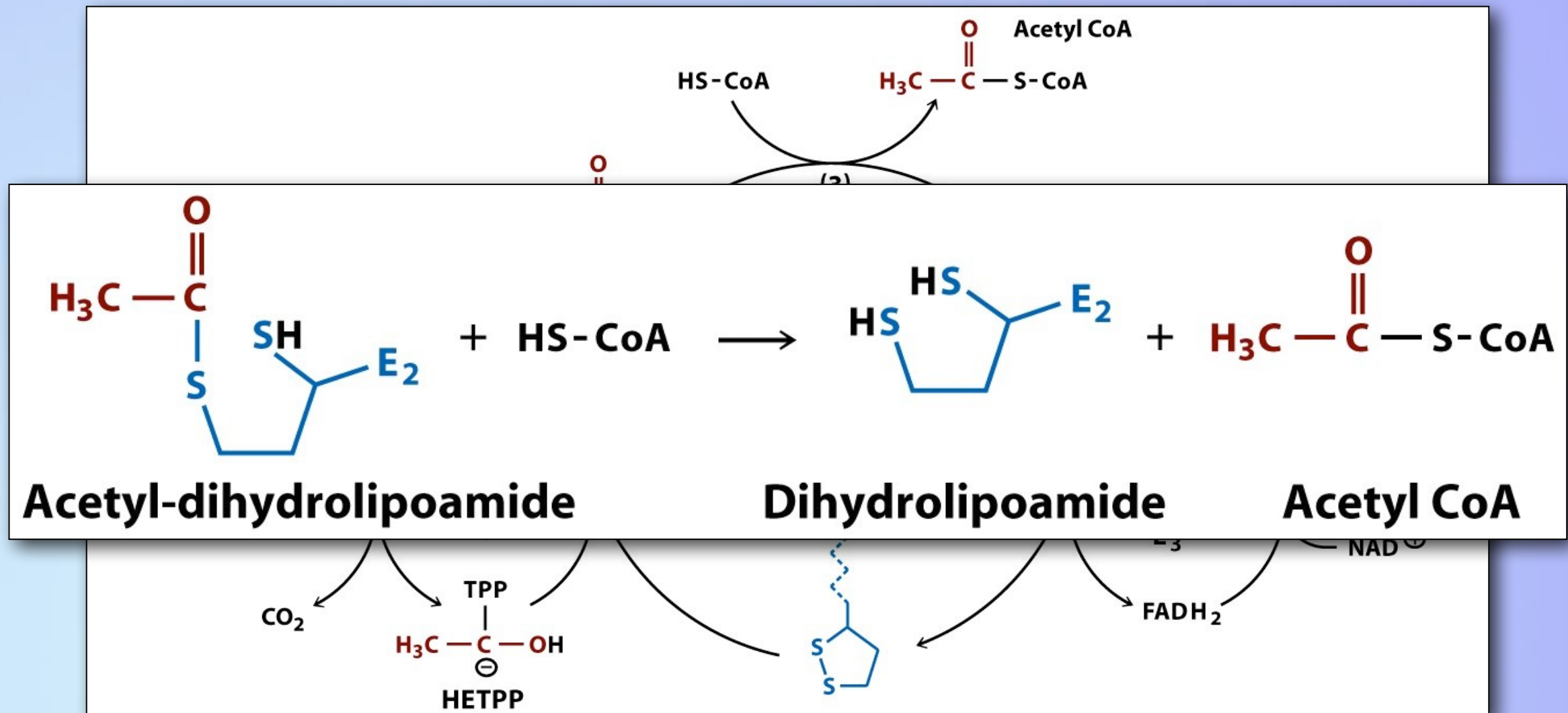
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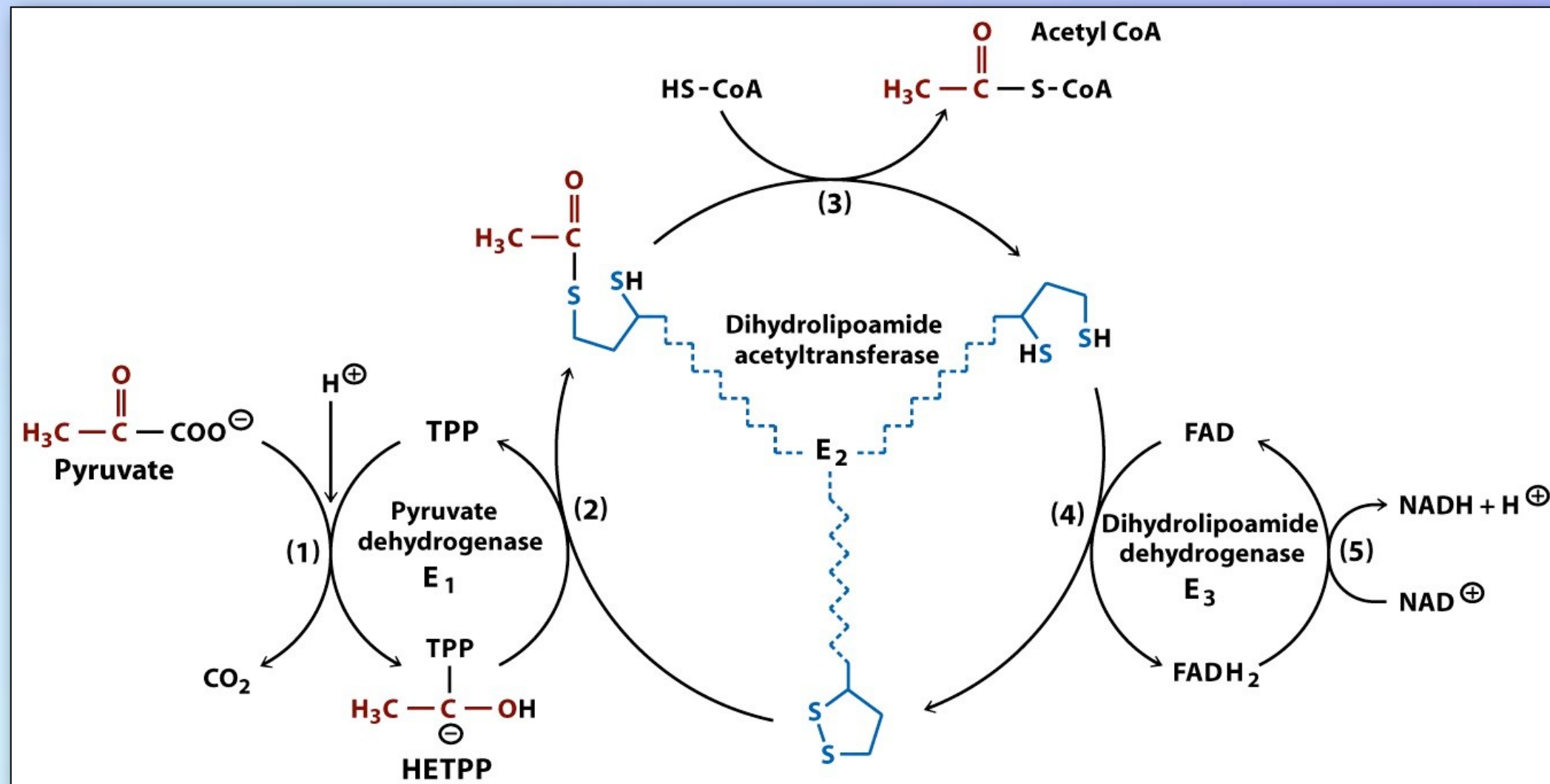
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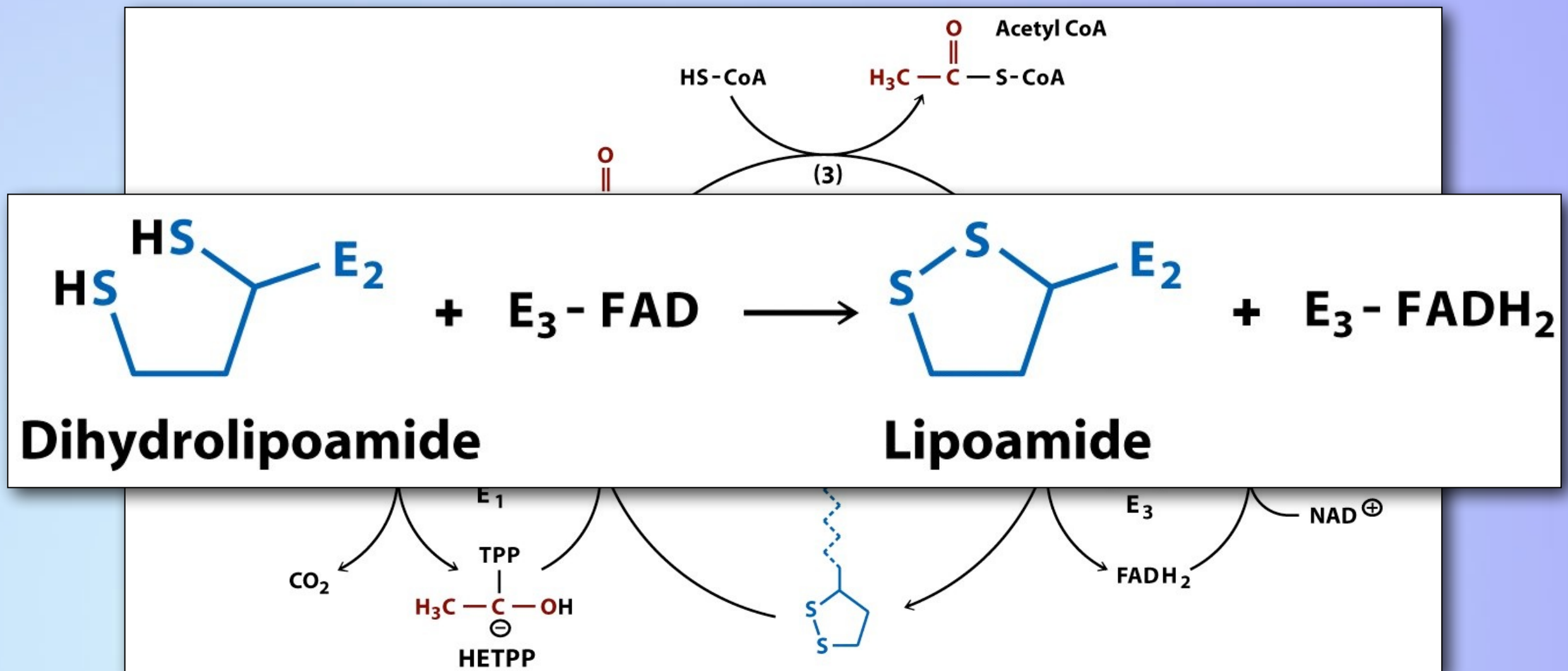
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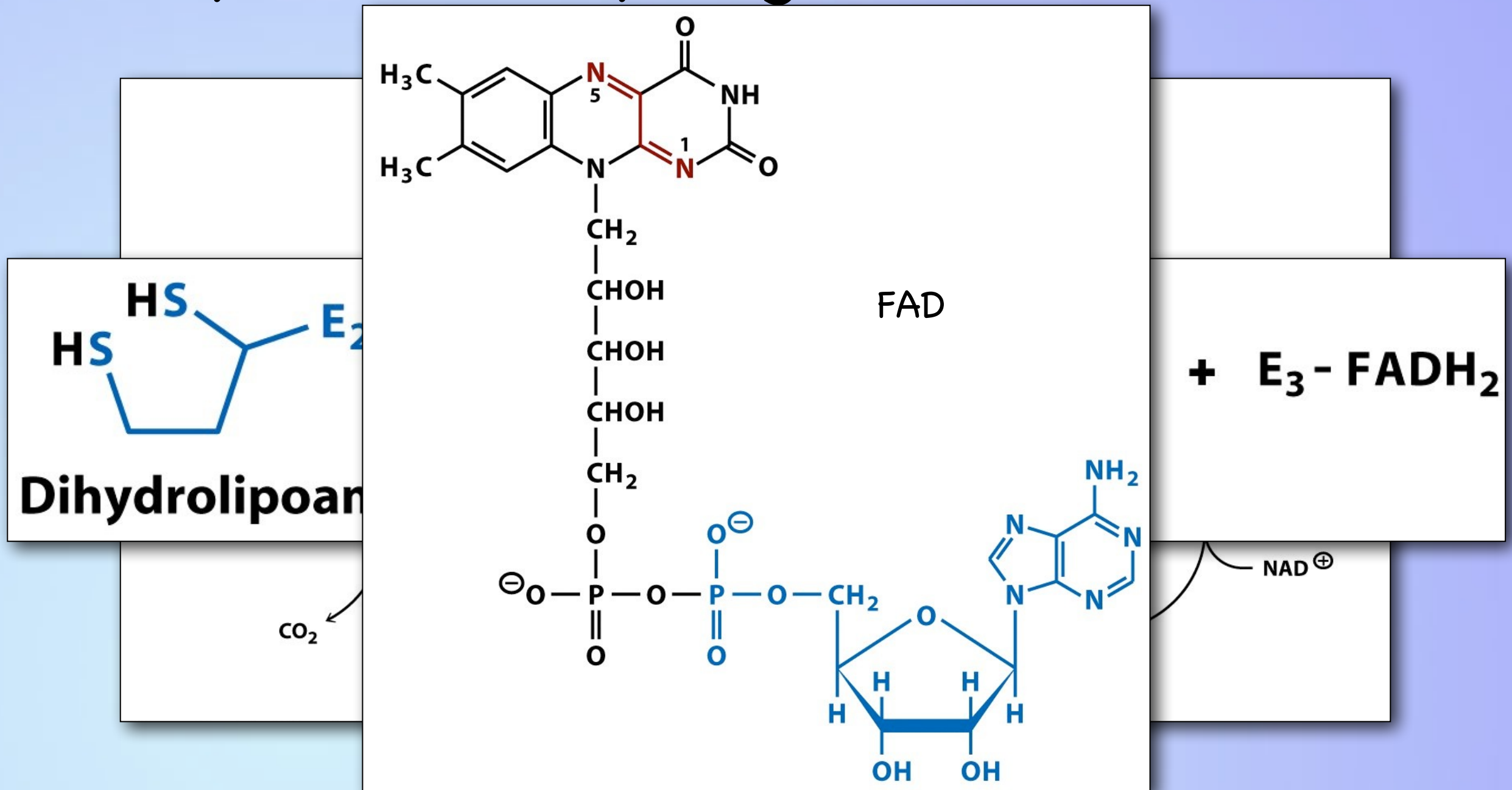
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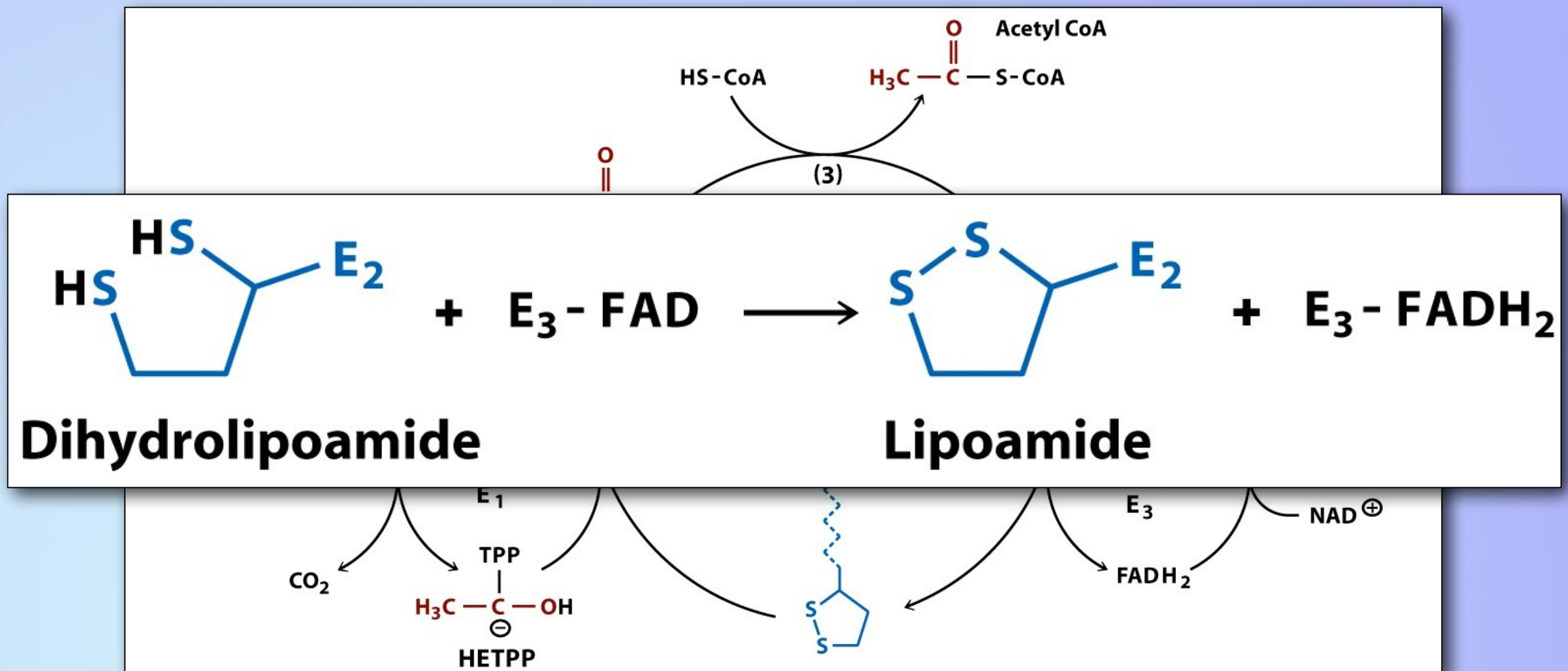
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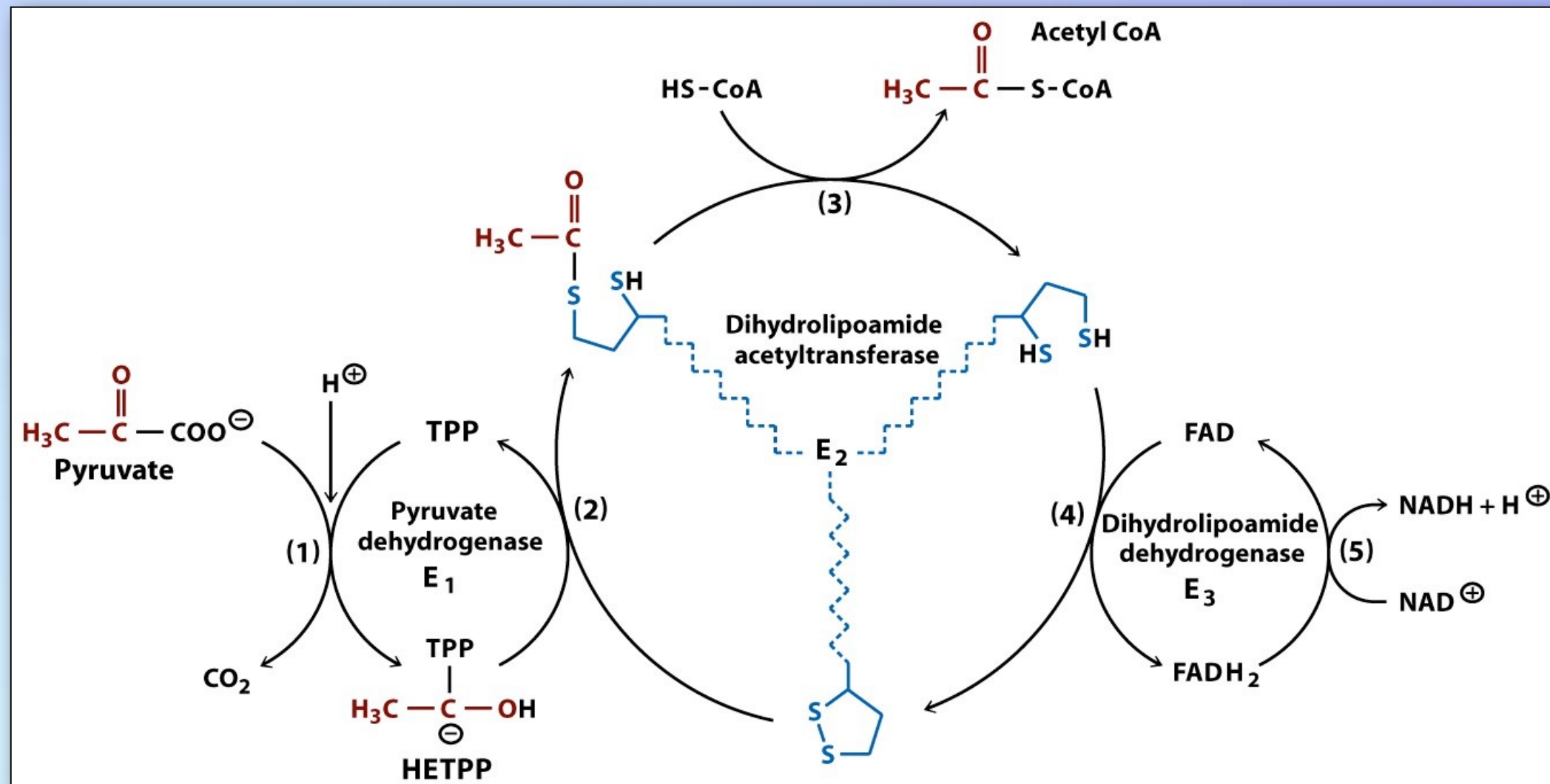
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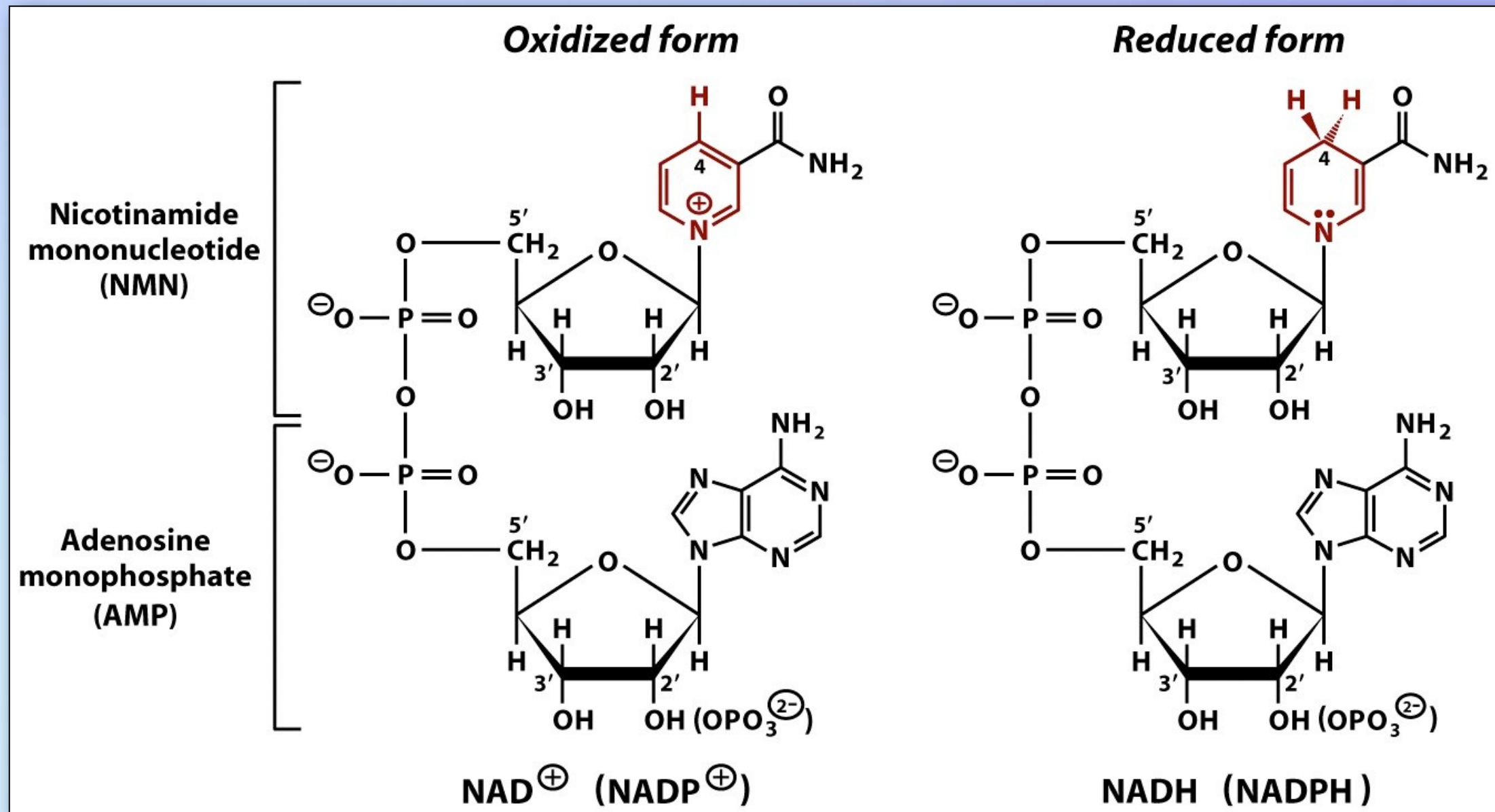
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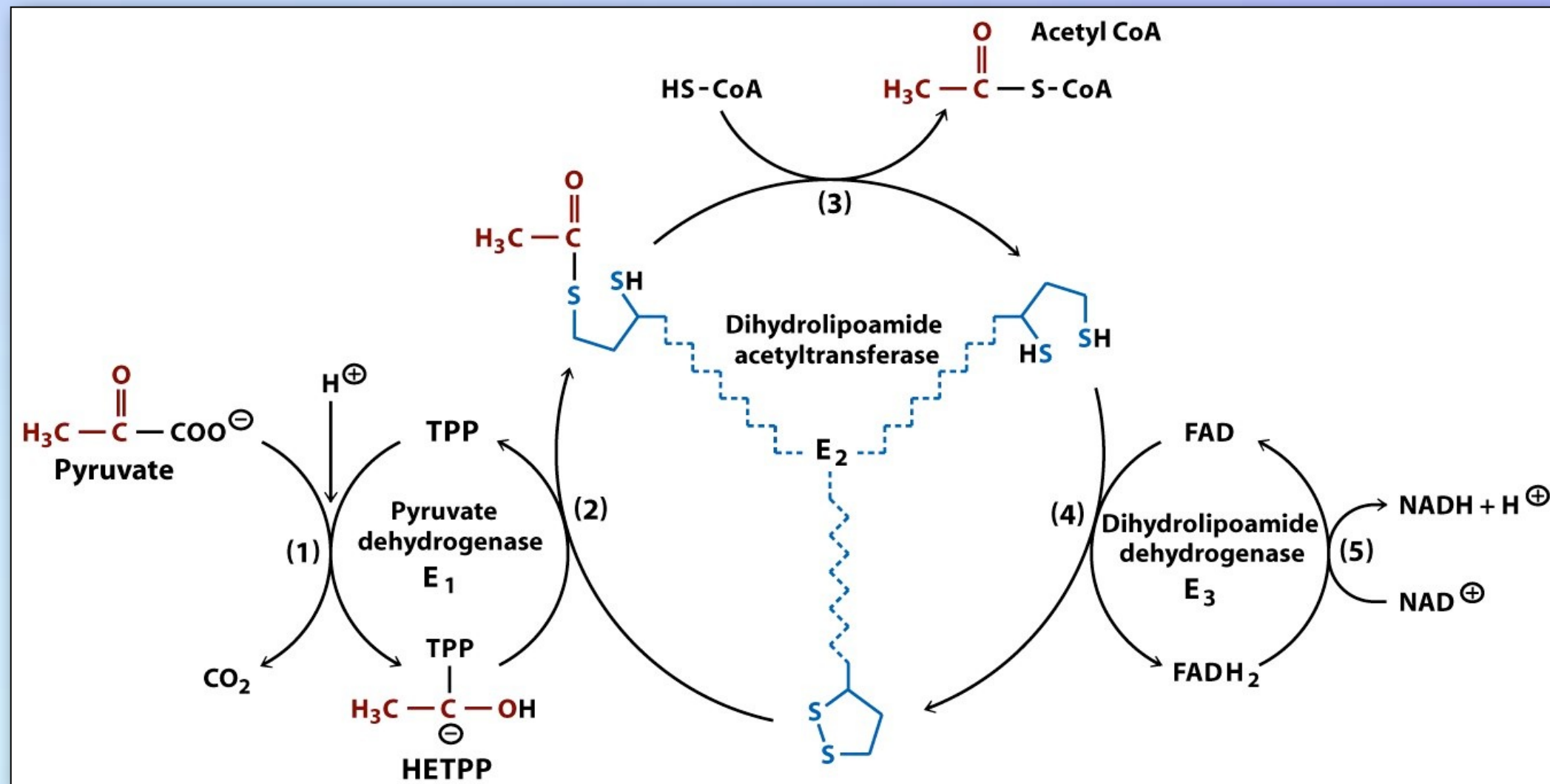
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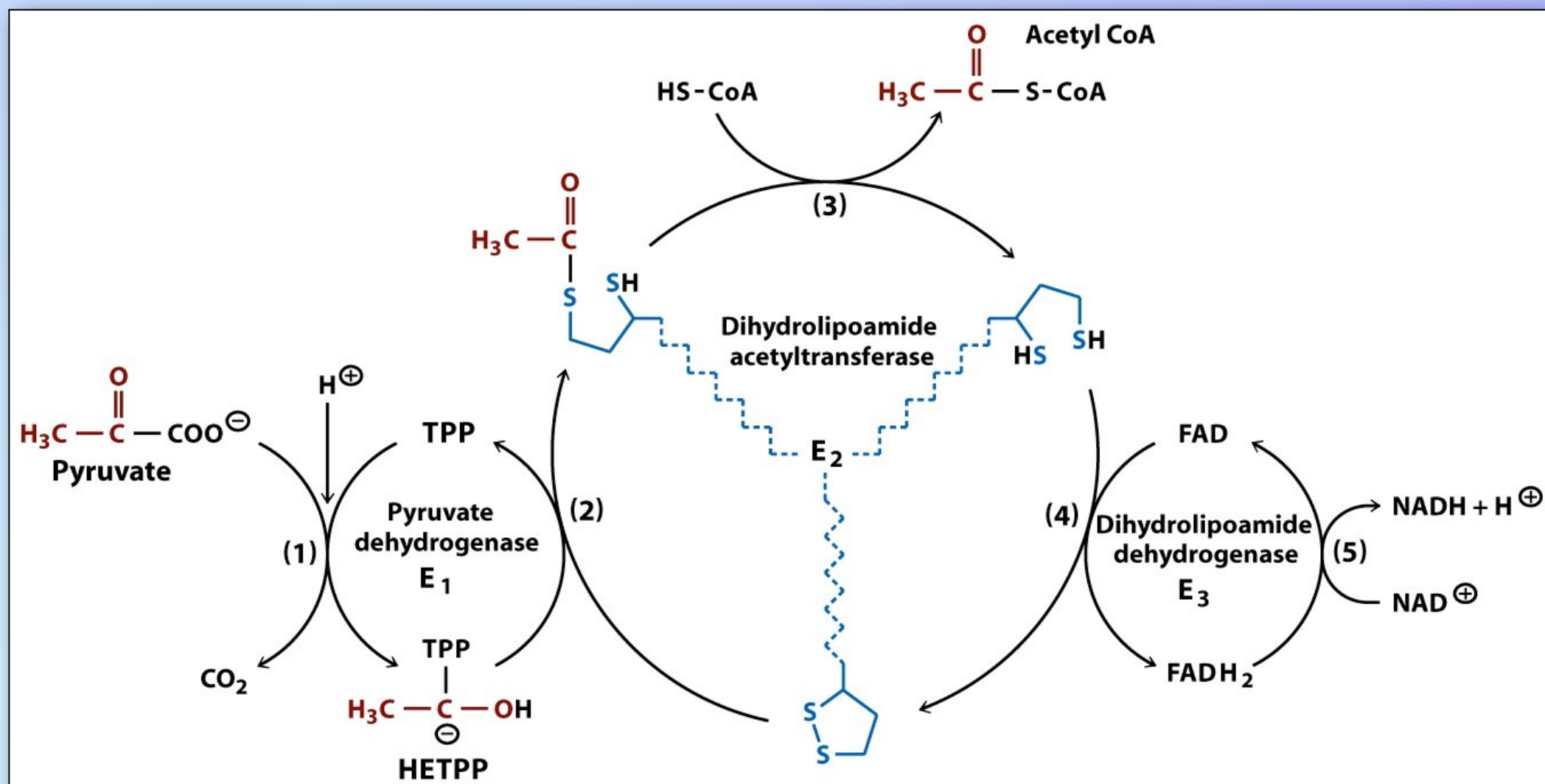
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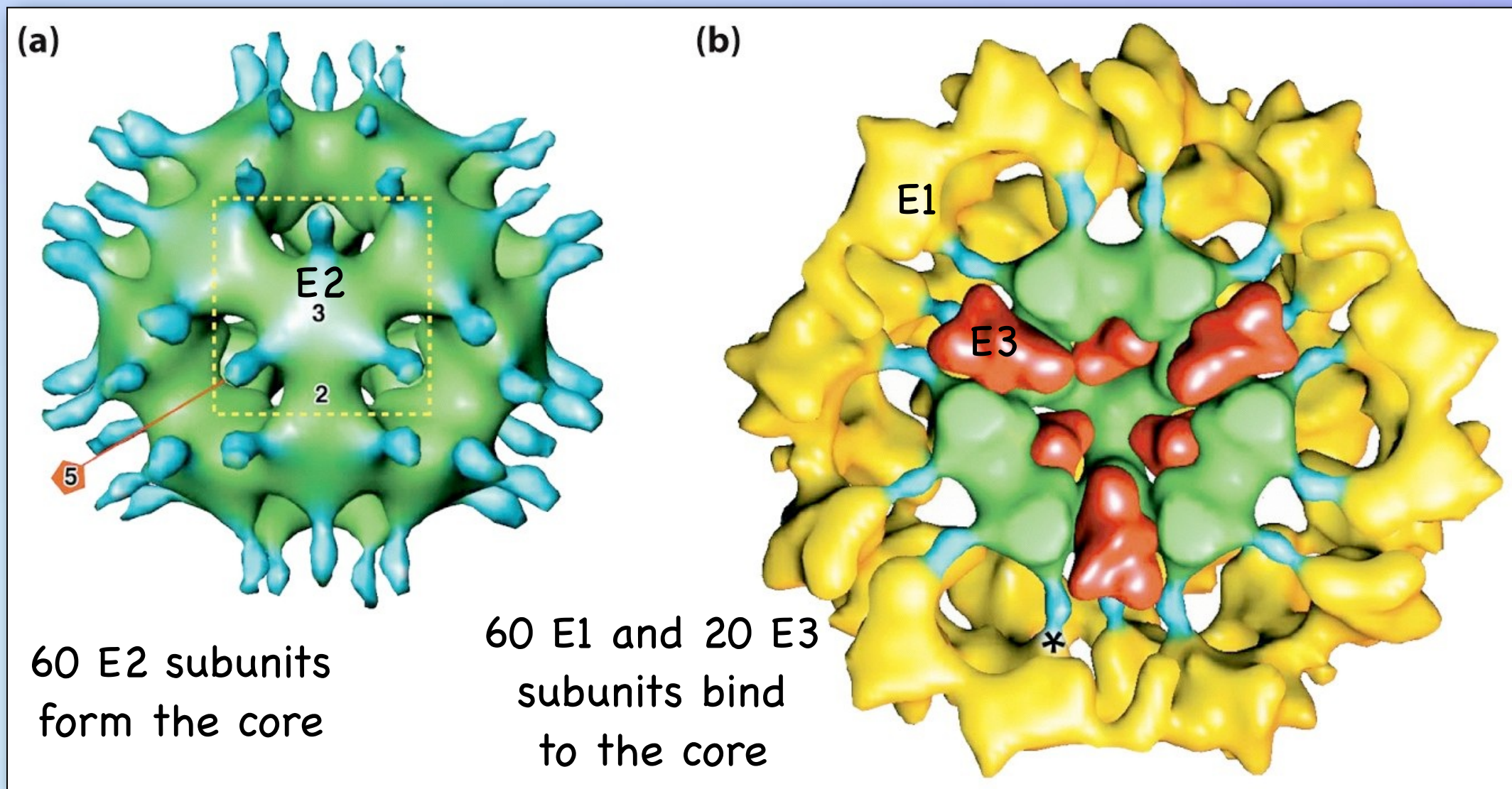
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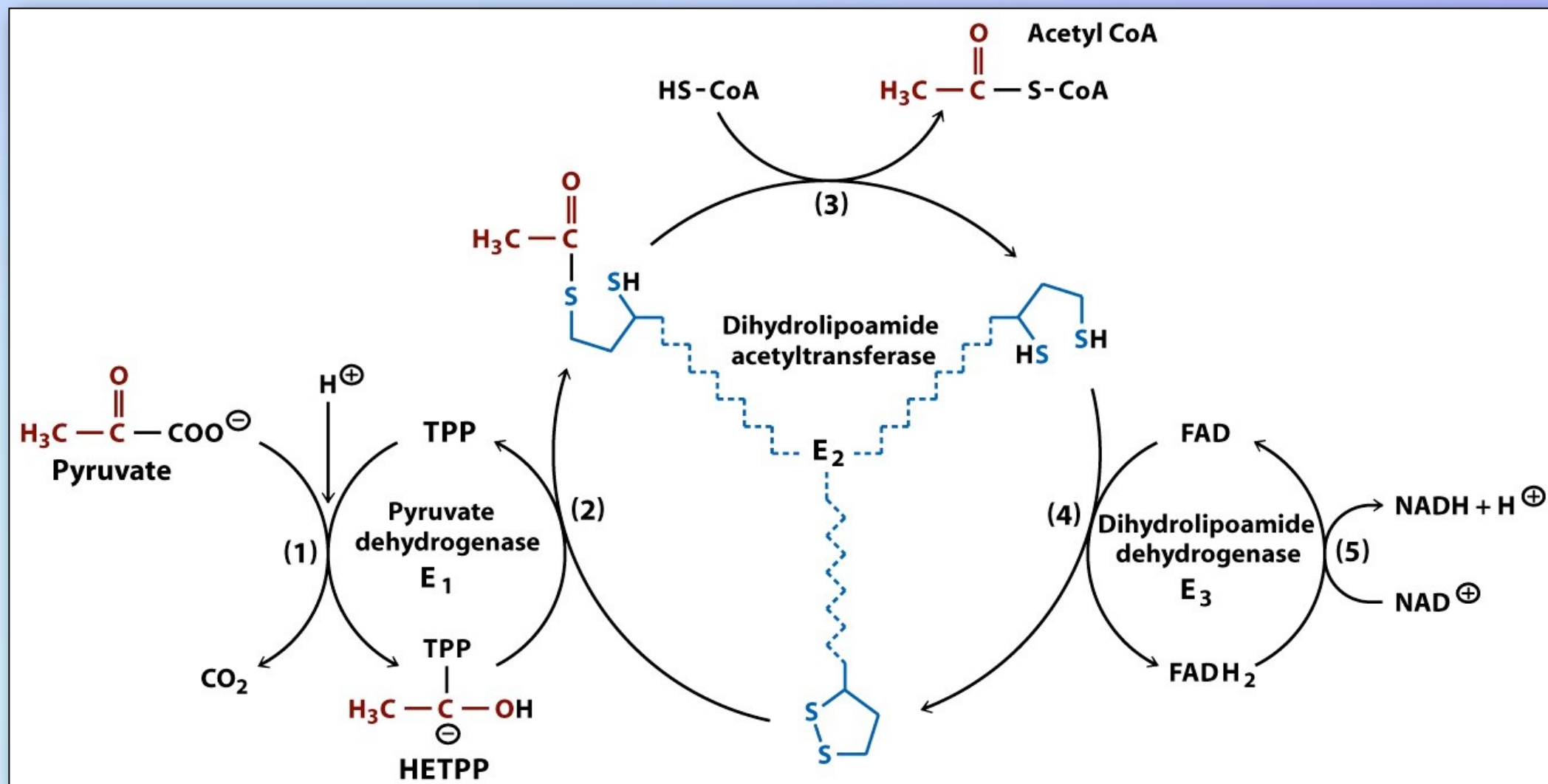
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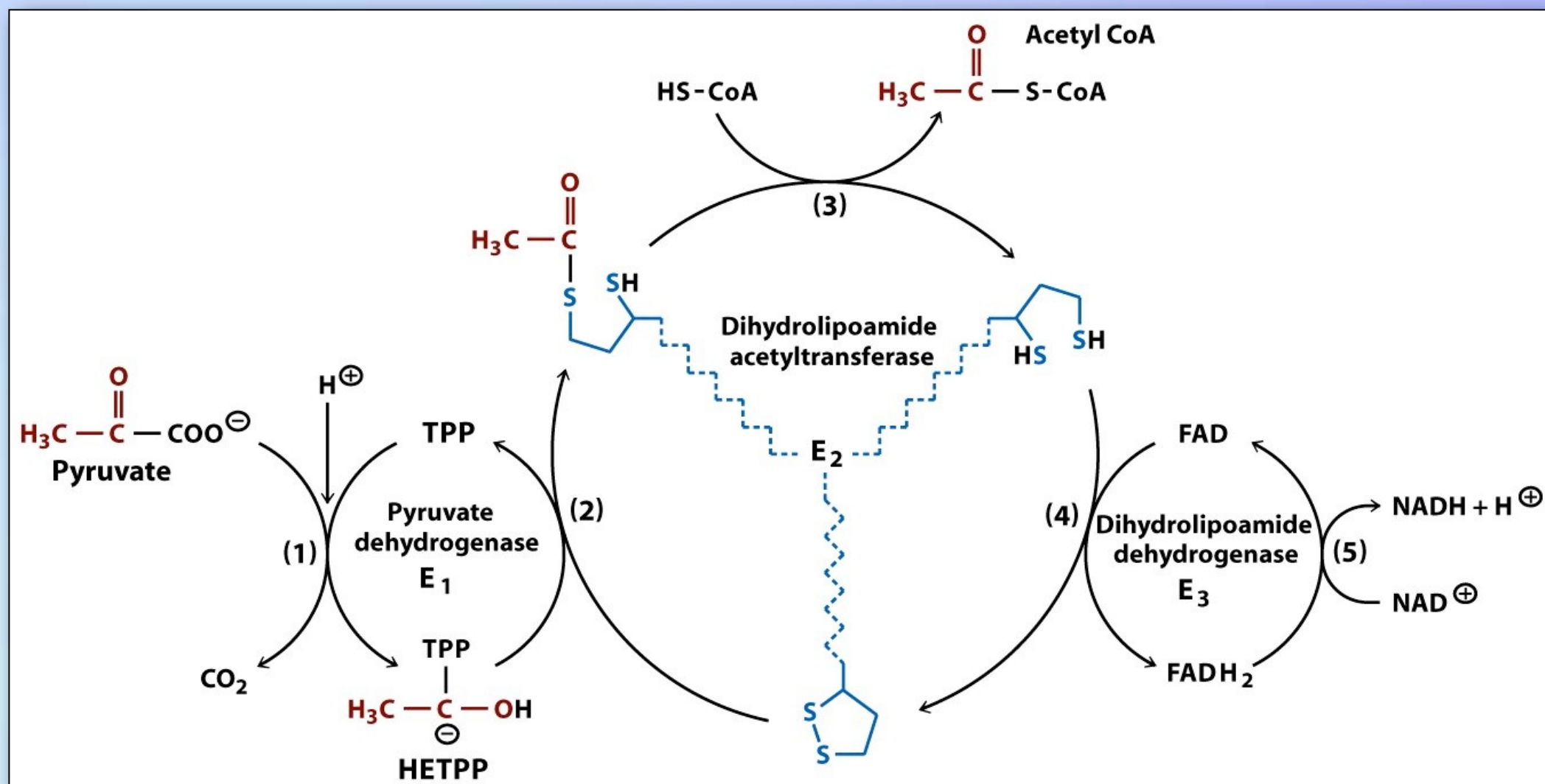
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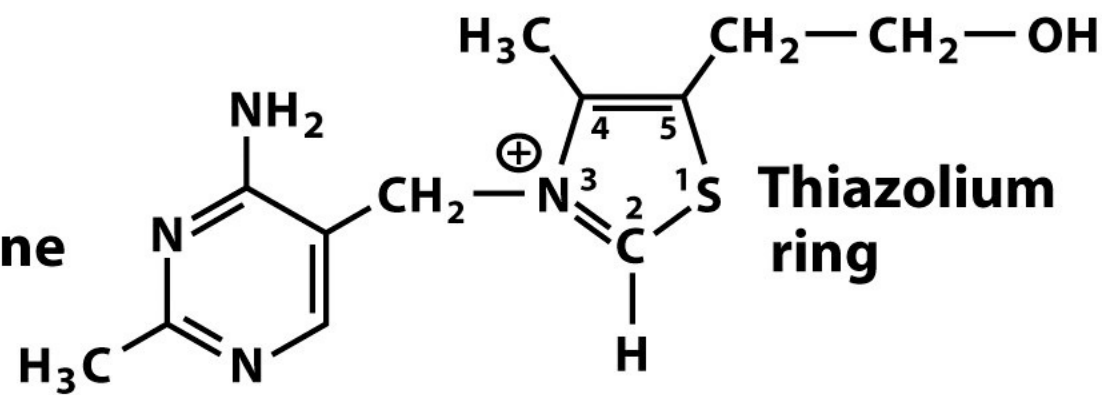
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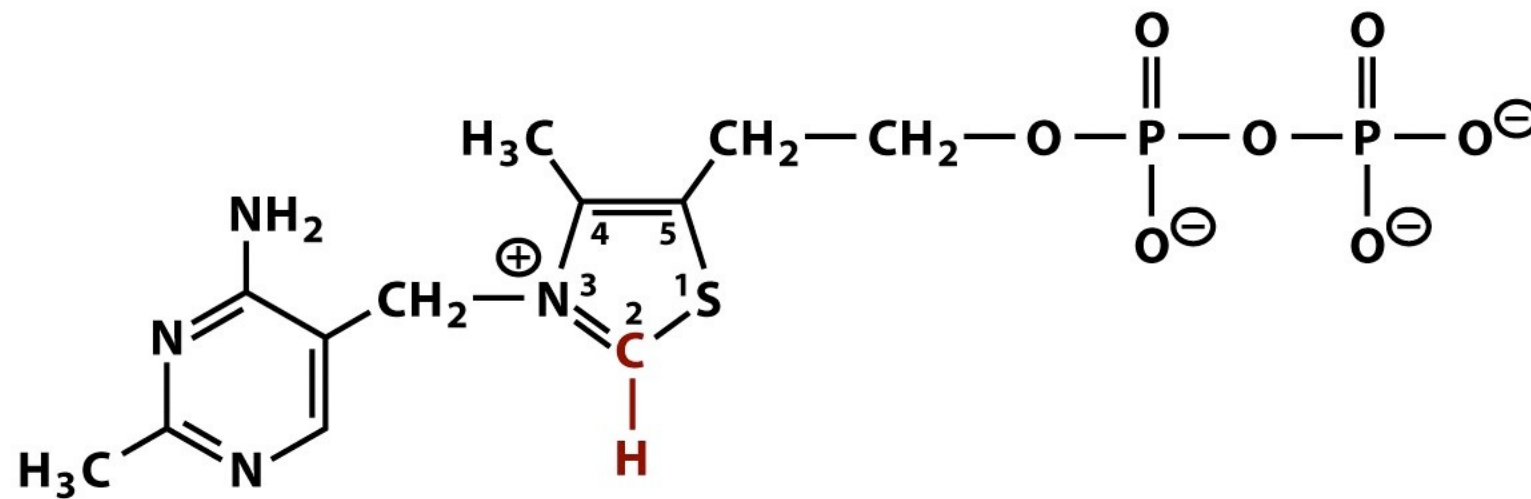
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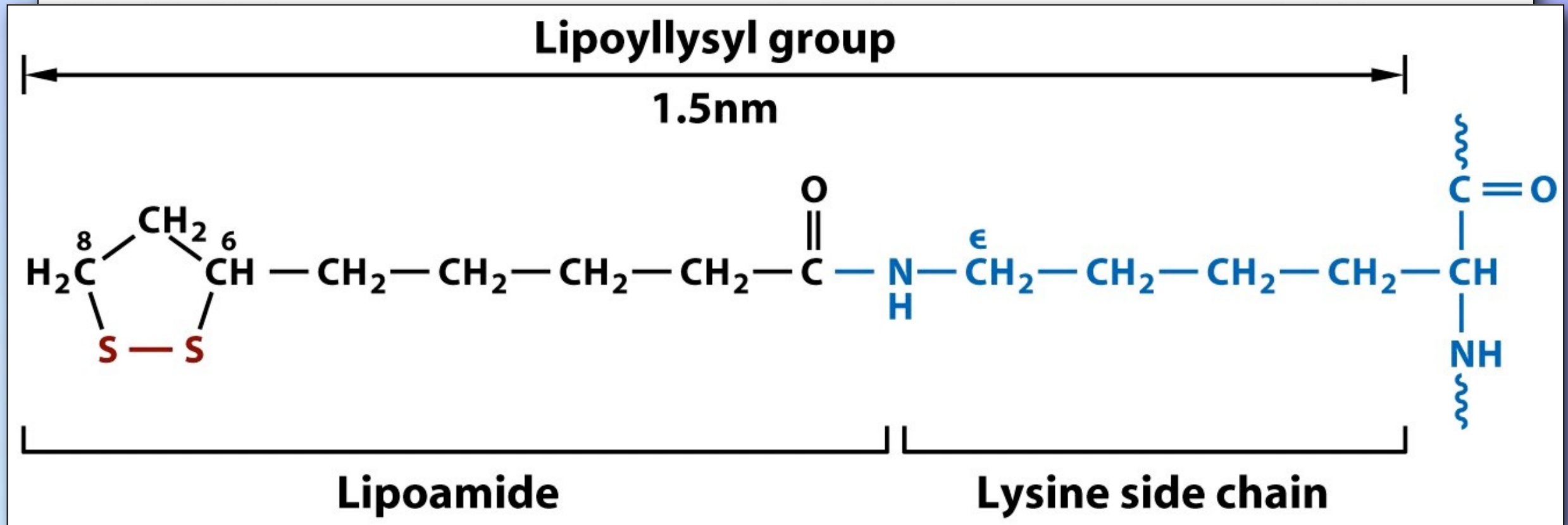
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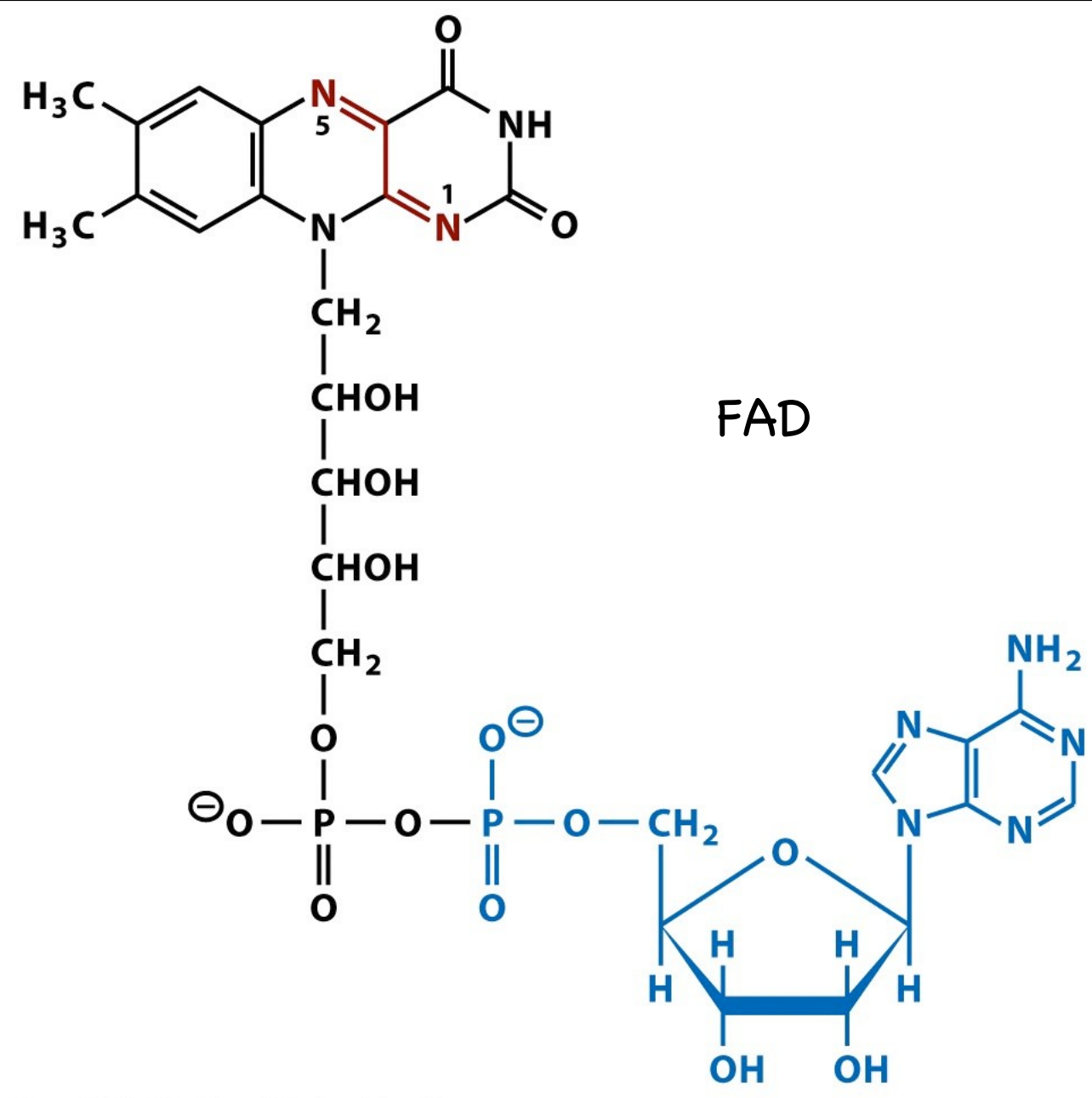
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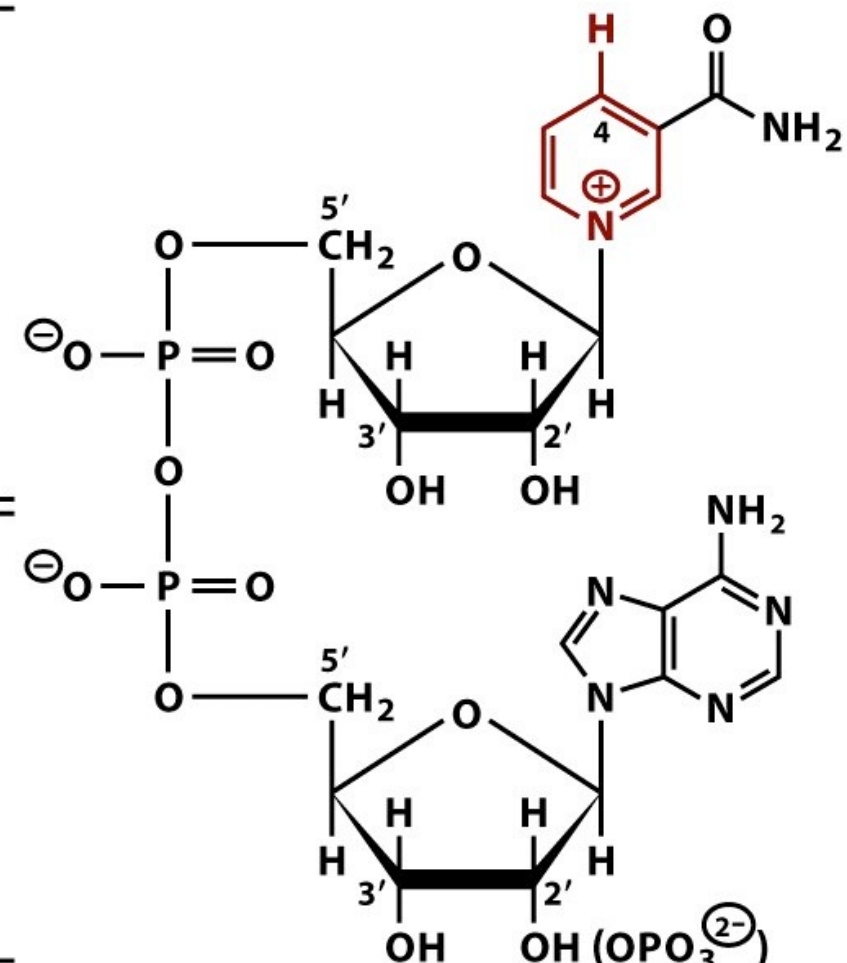
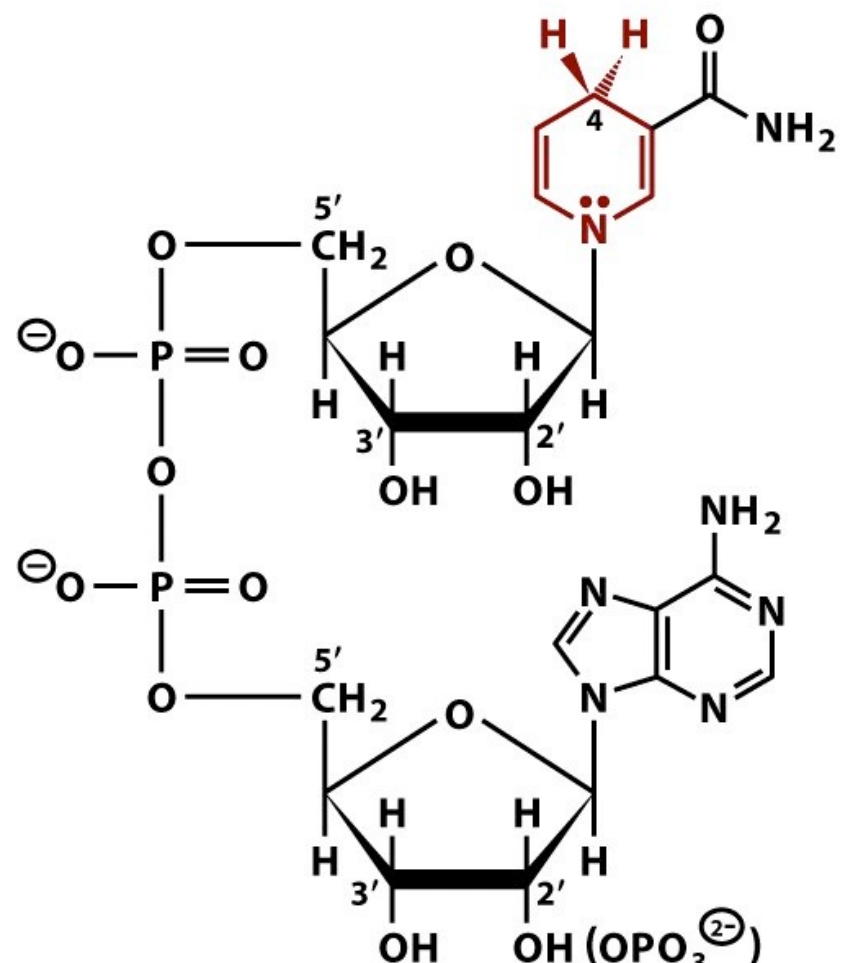
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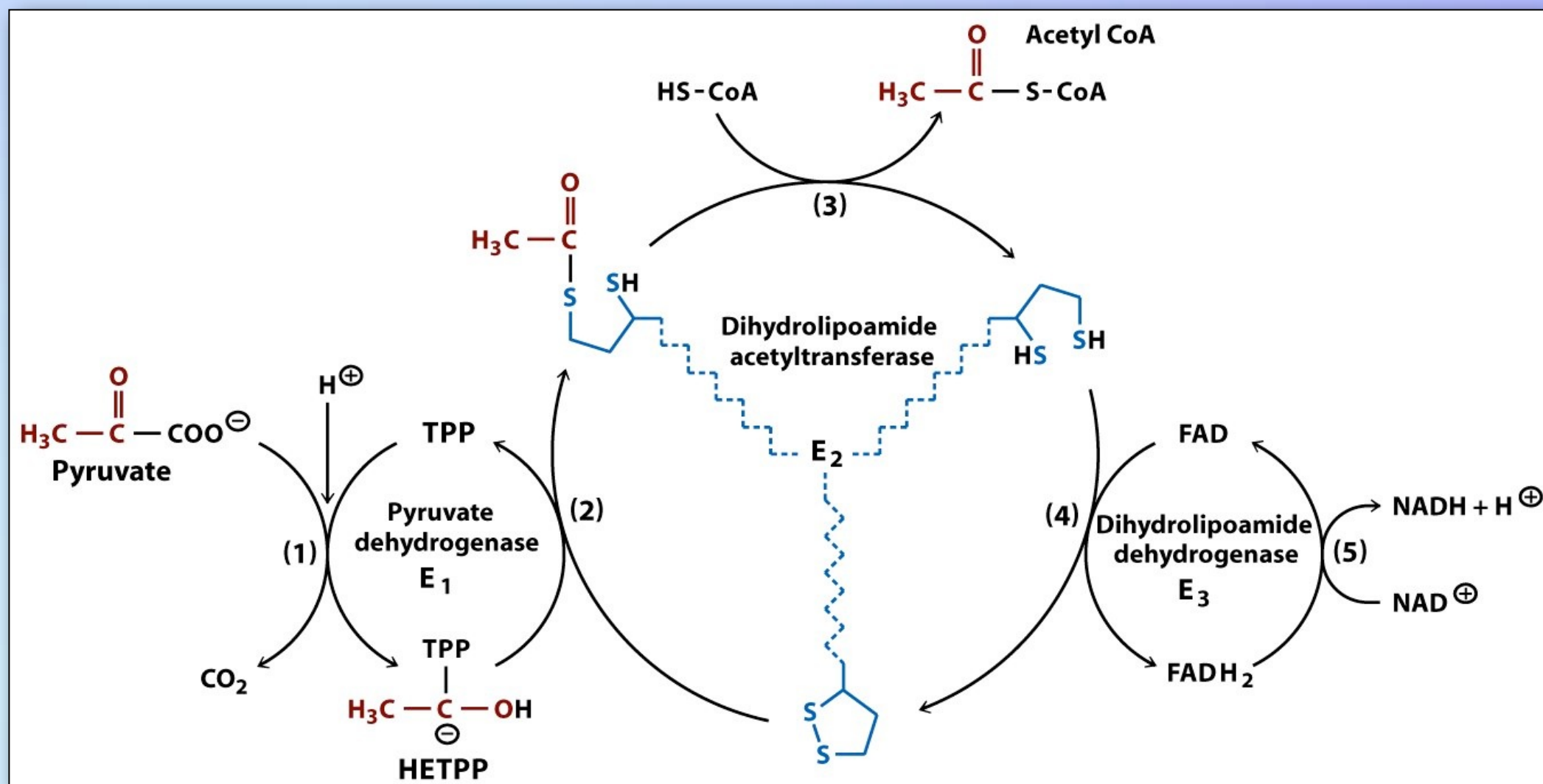
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# The Citric Acid Cycle

## •Catabolic Mode

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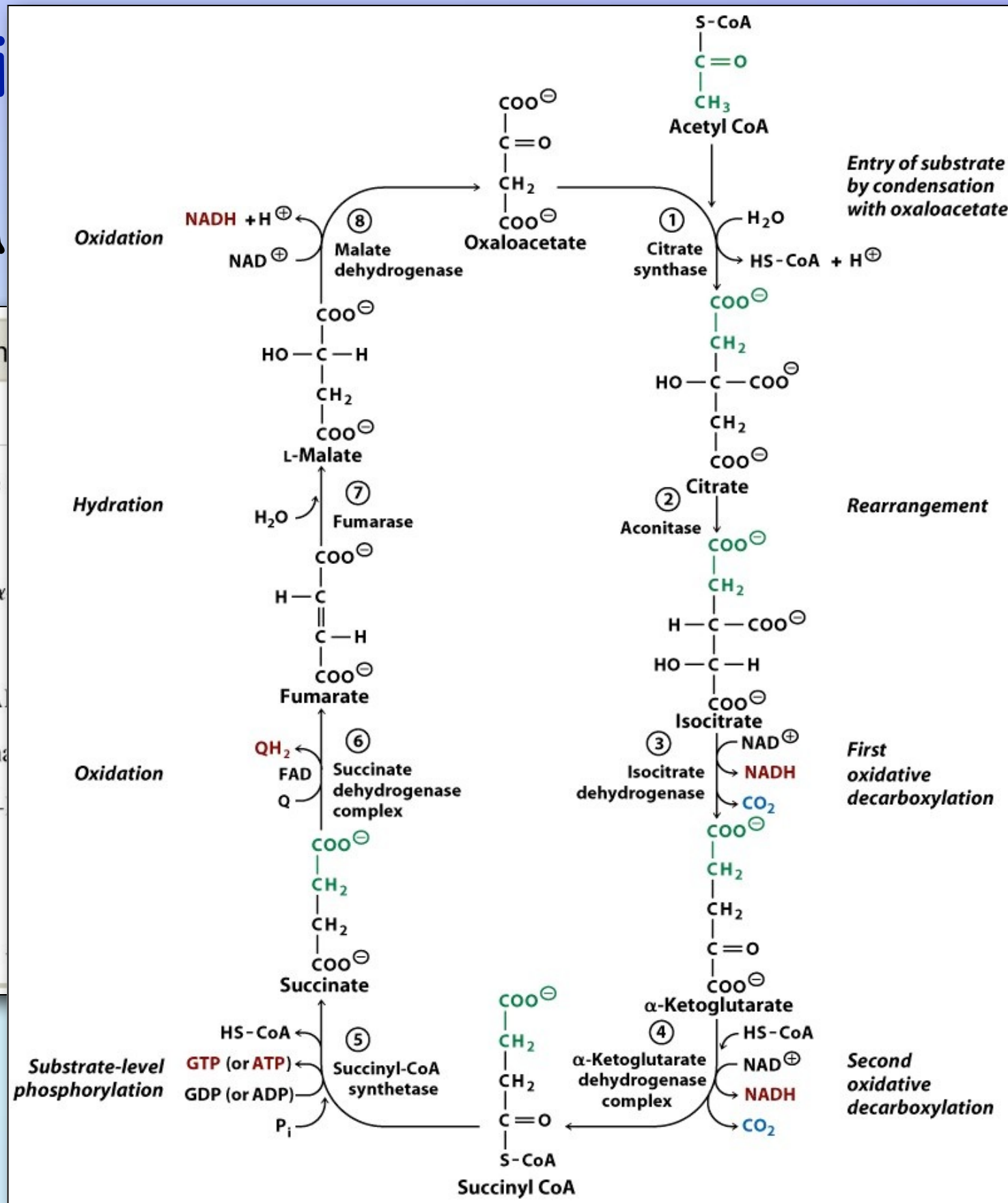
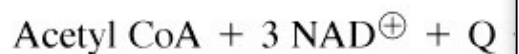
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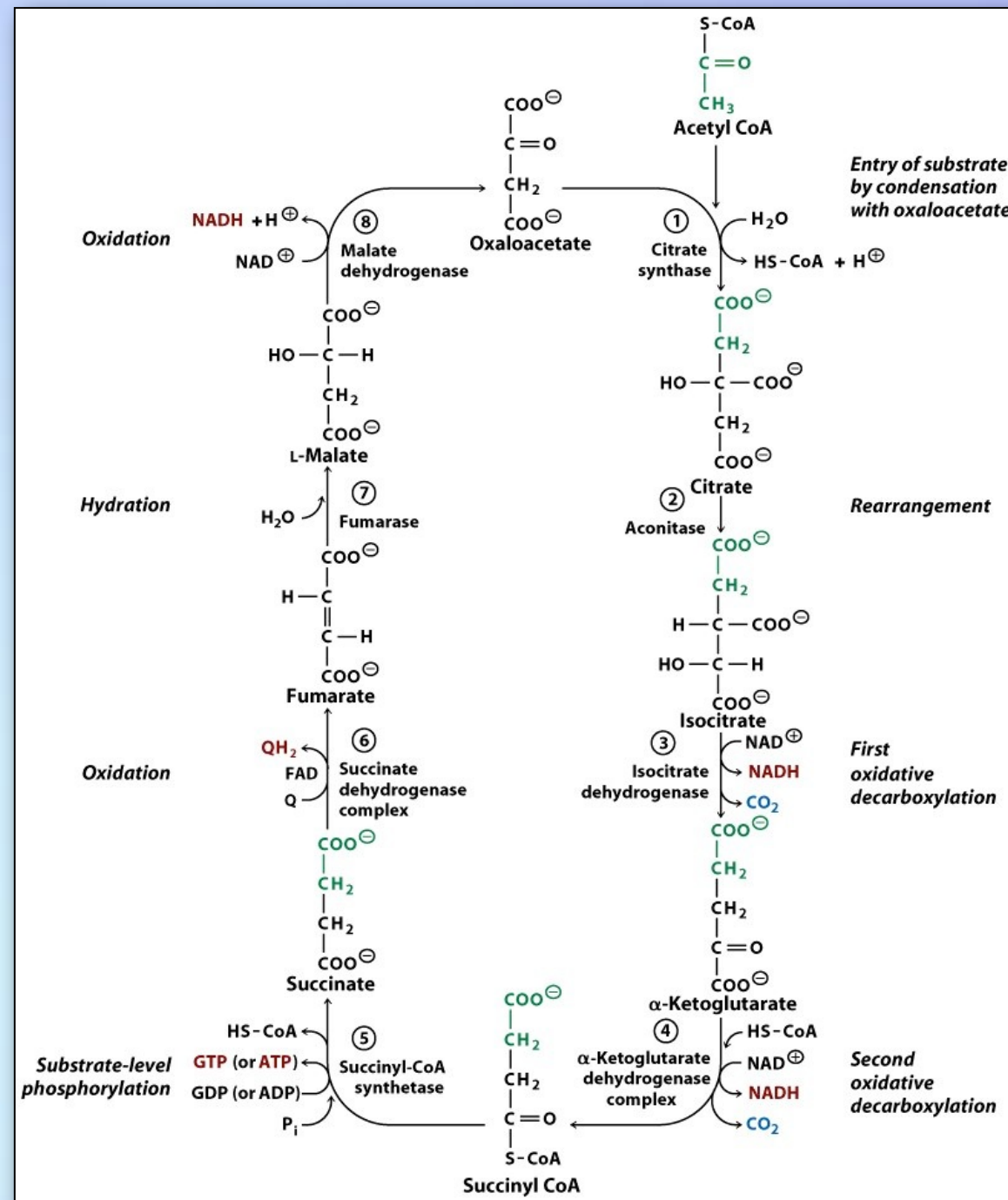
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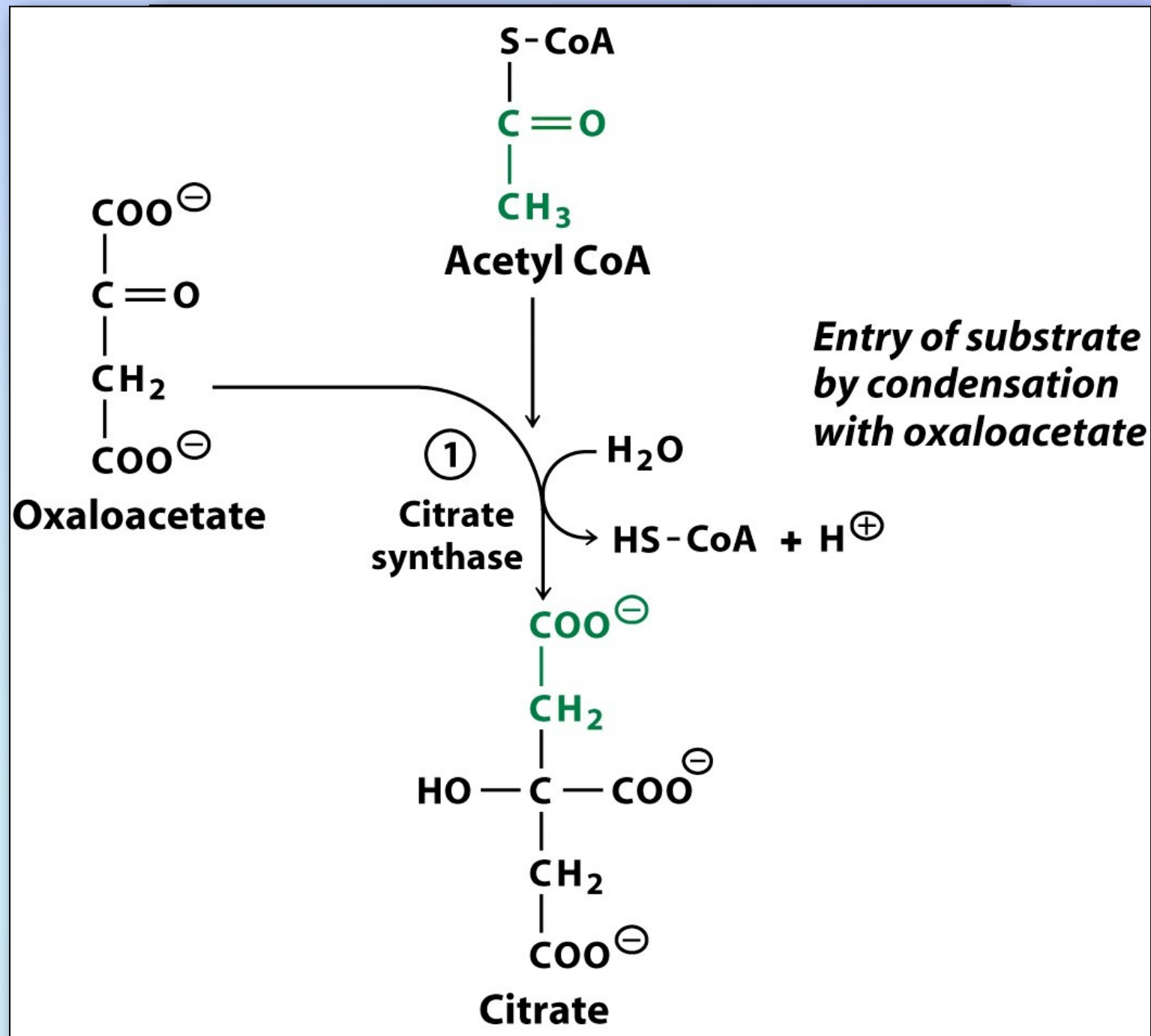
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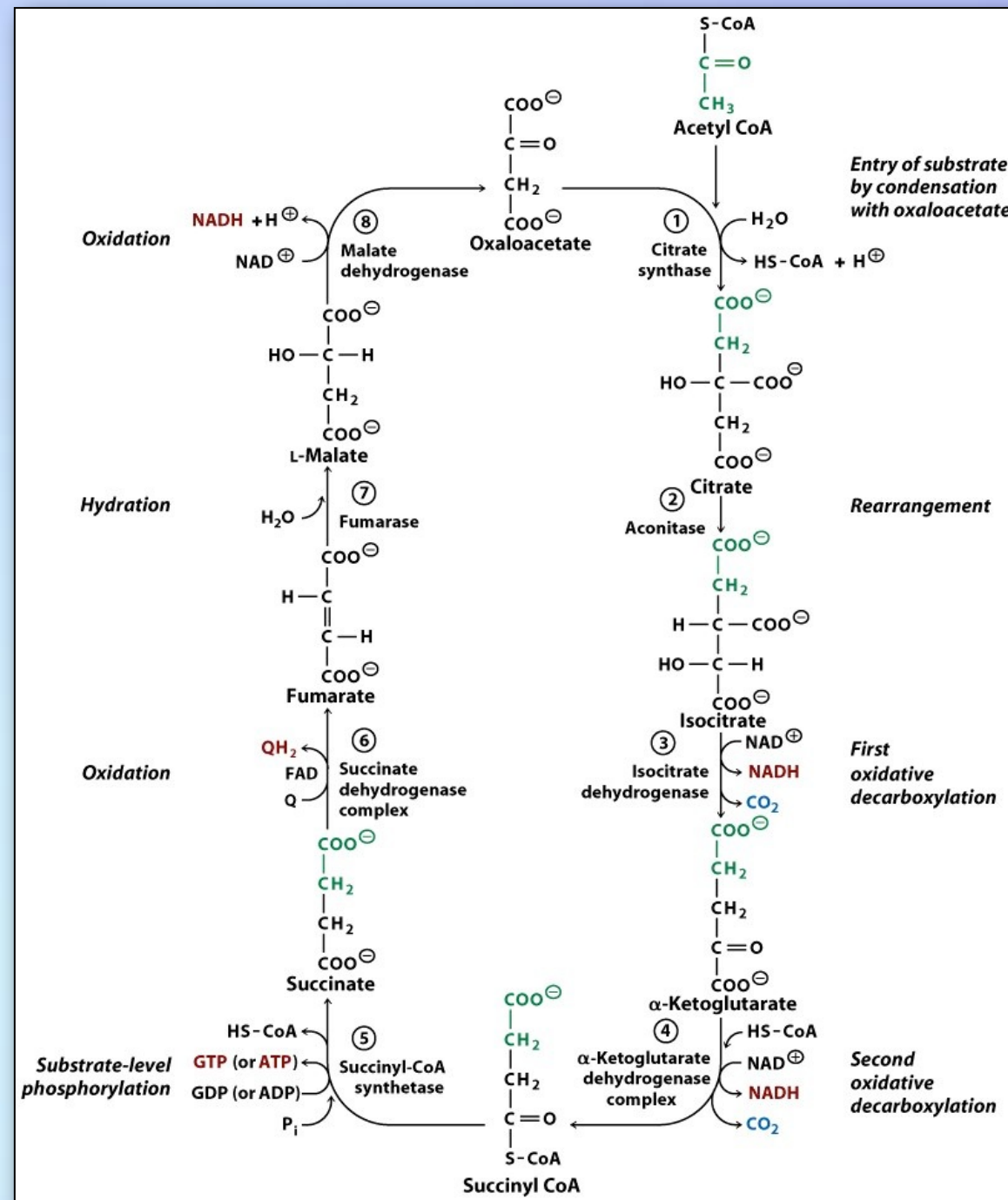
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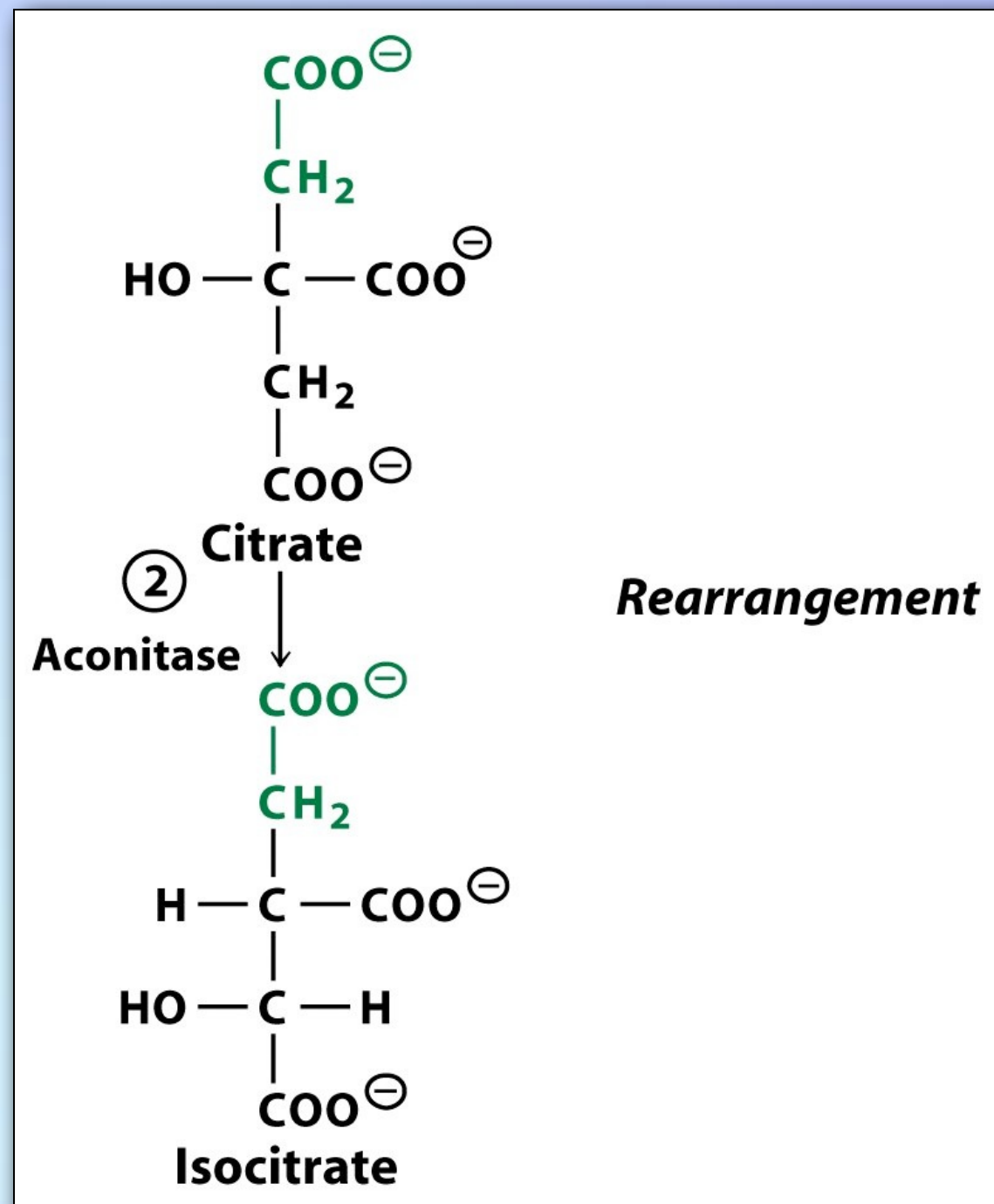
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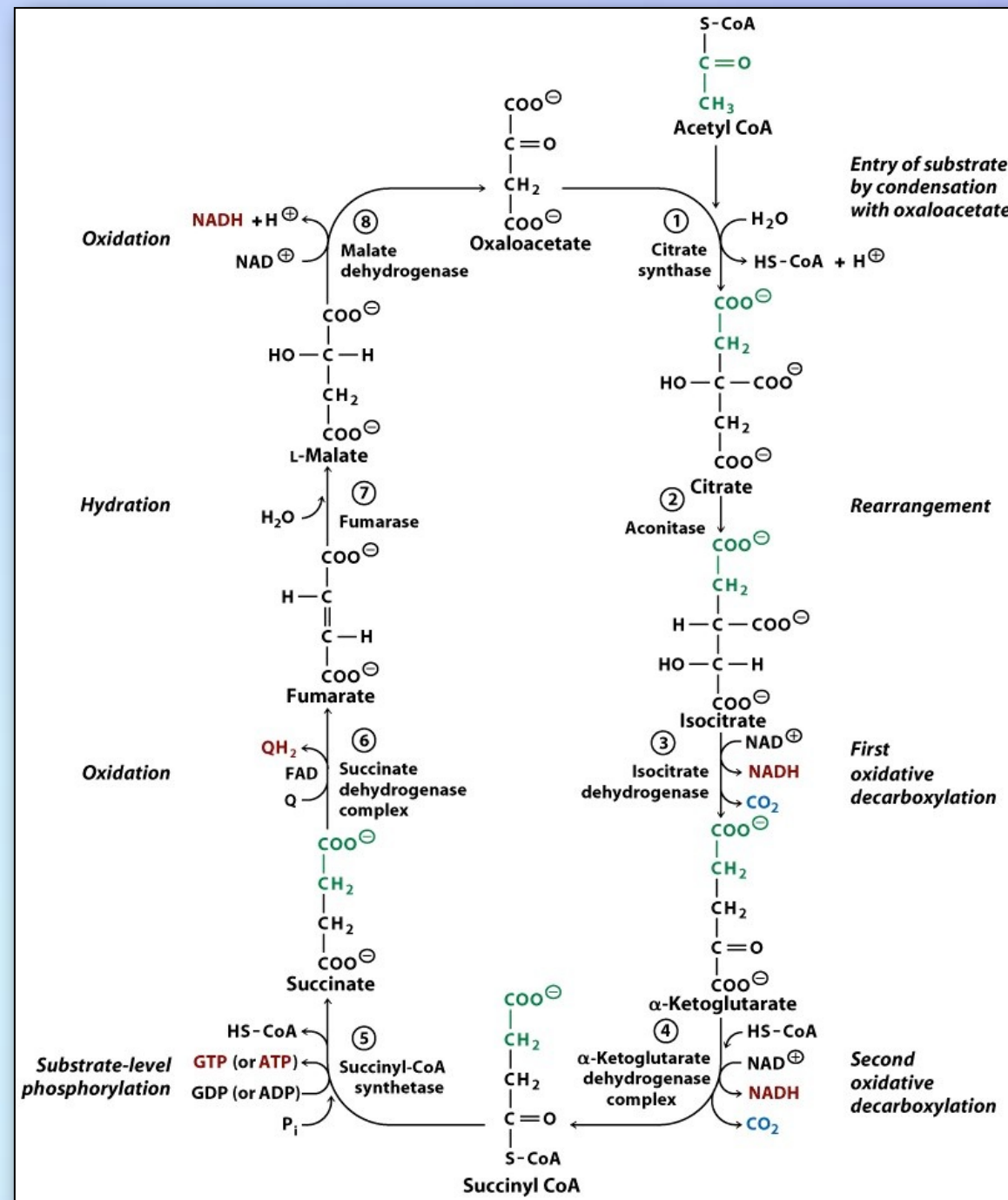
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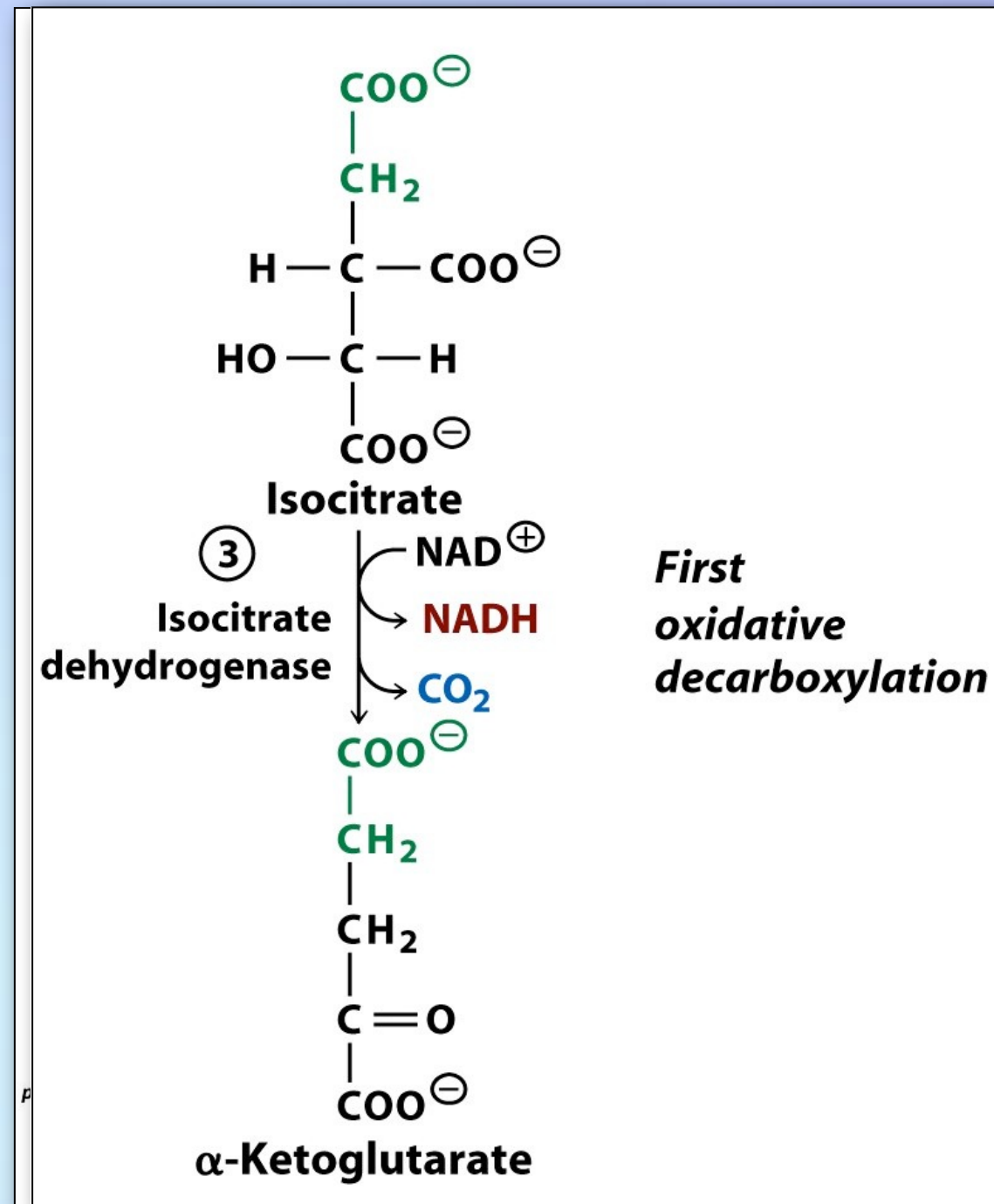
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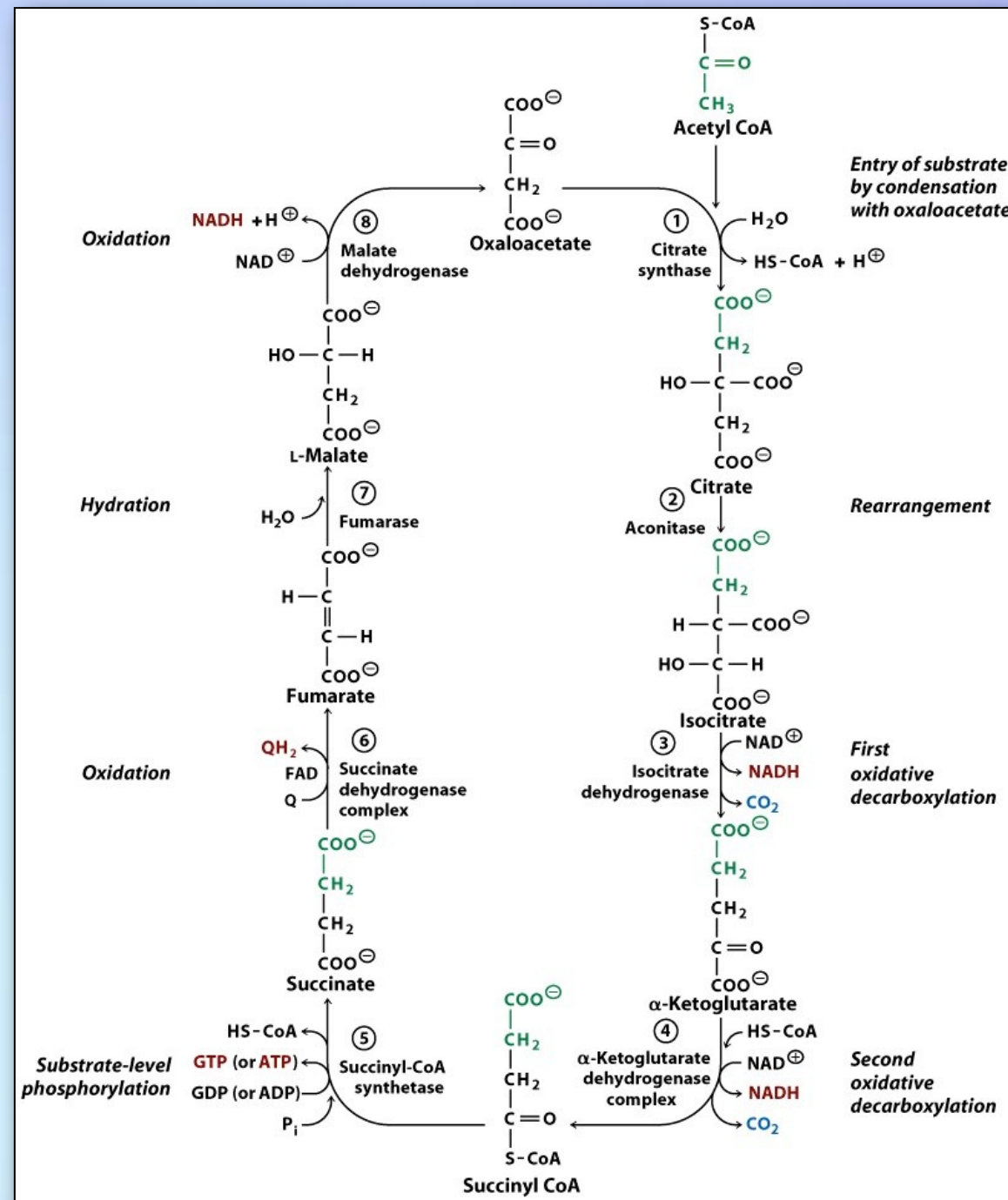
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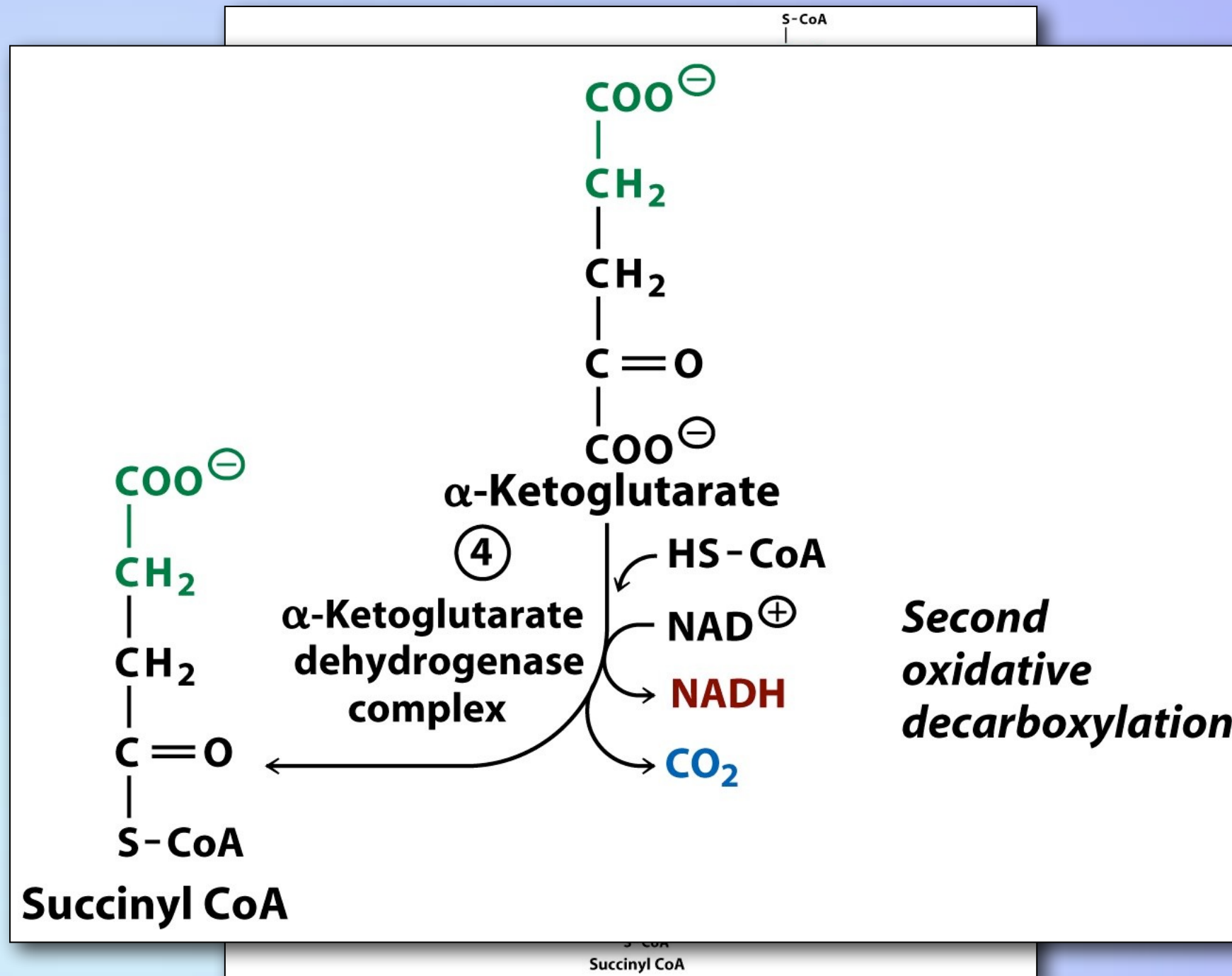
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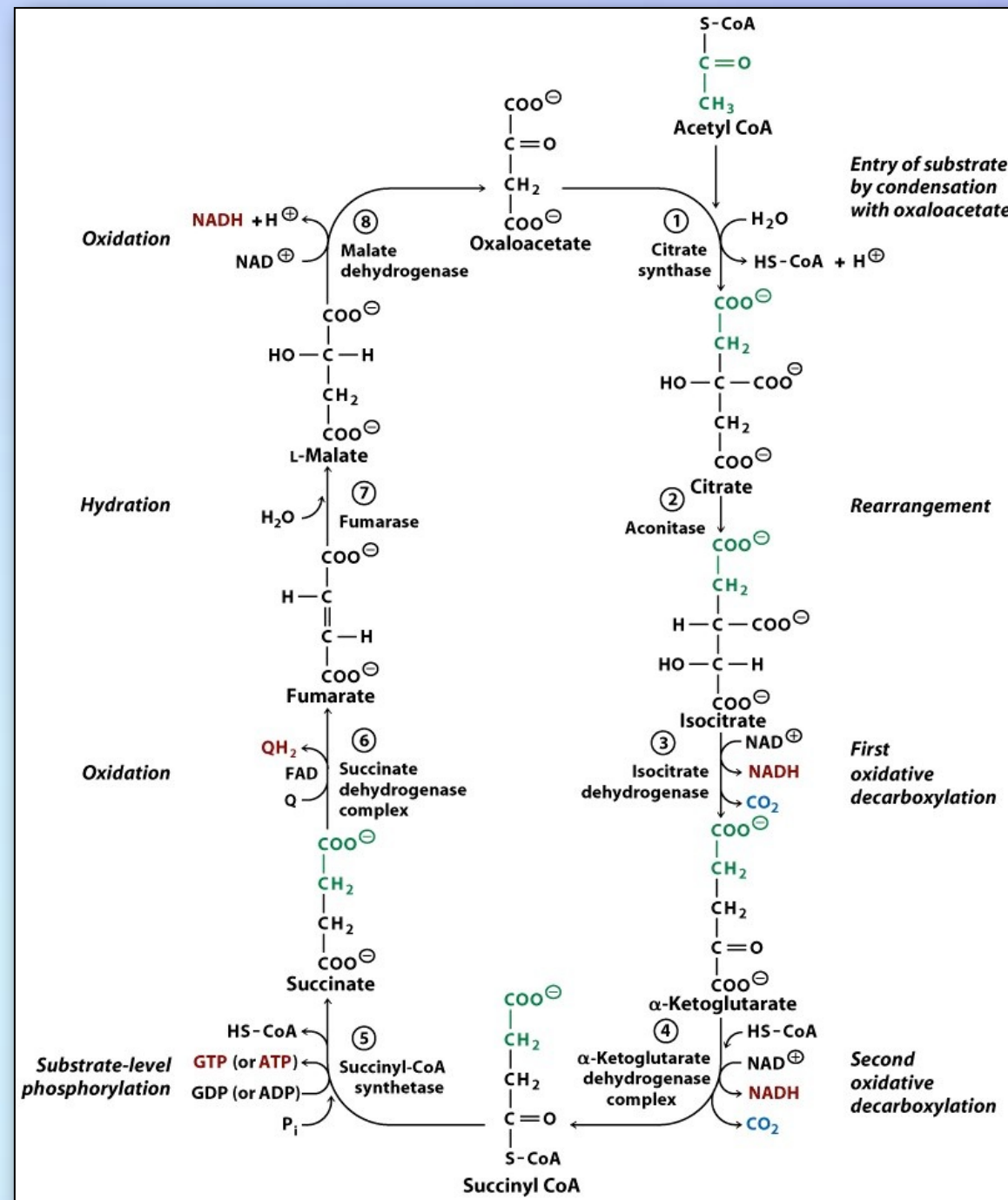
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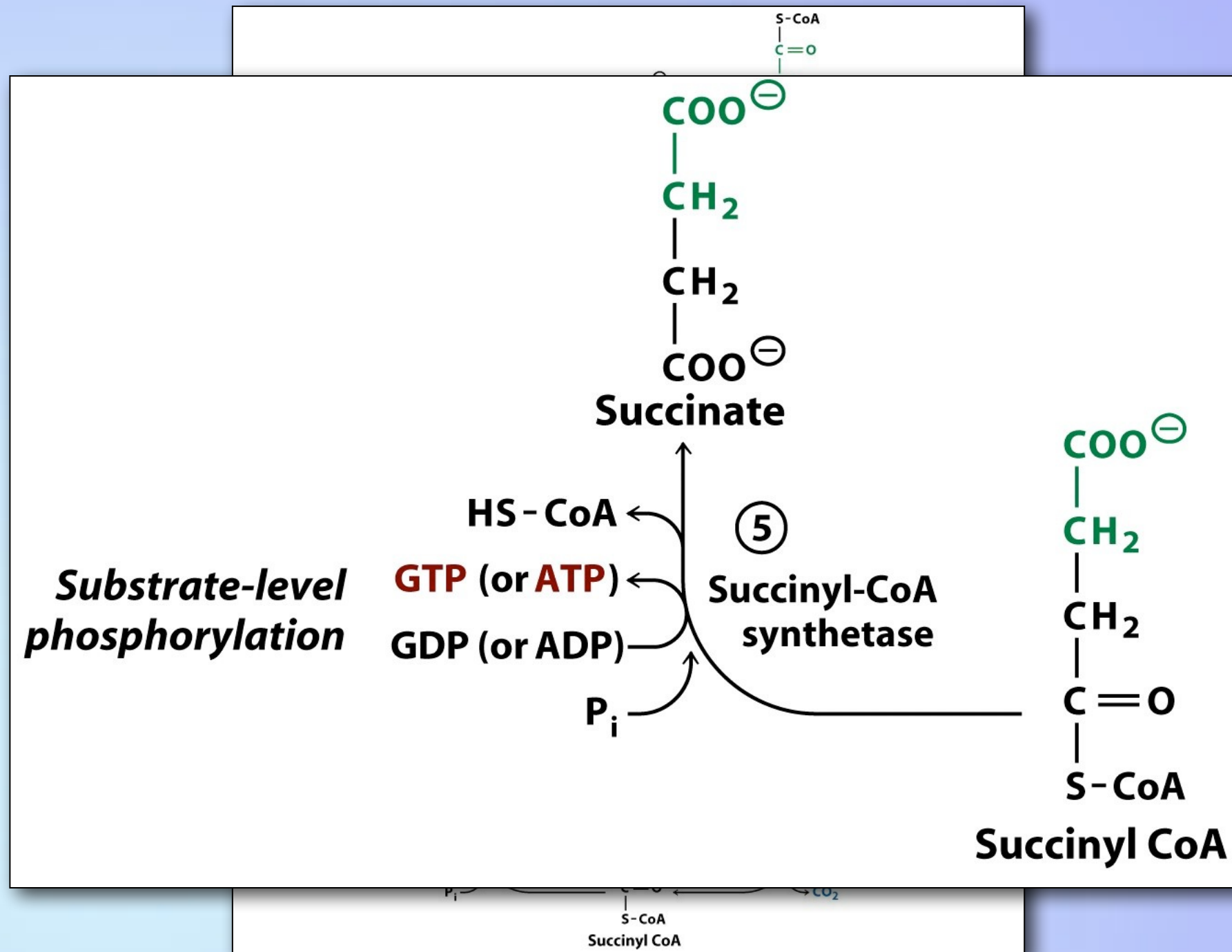
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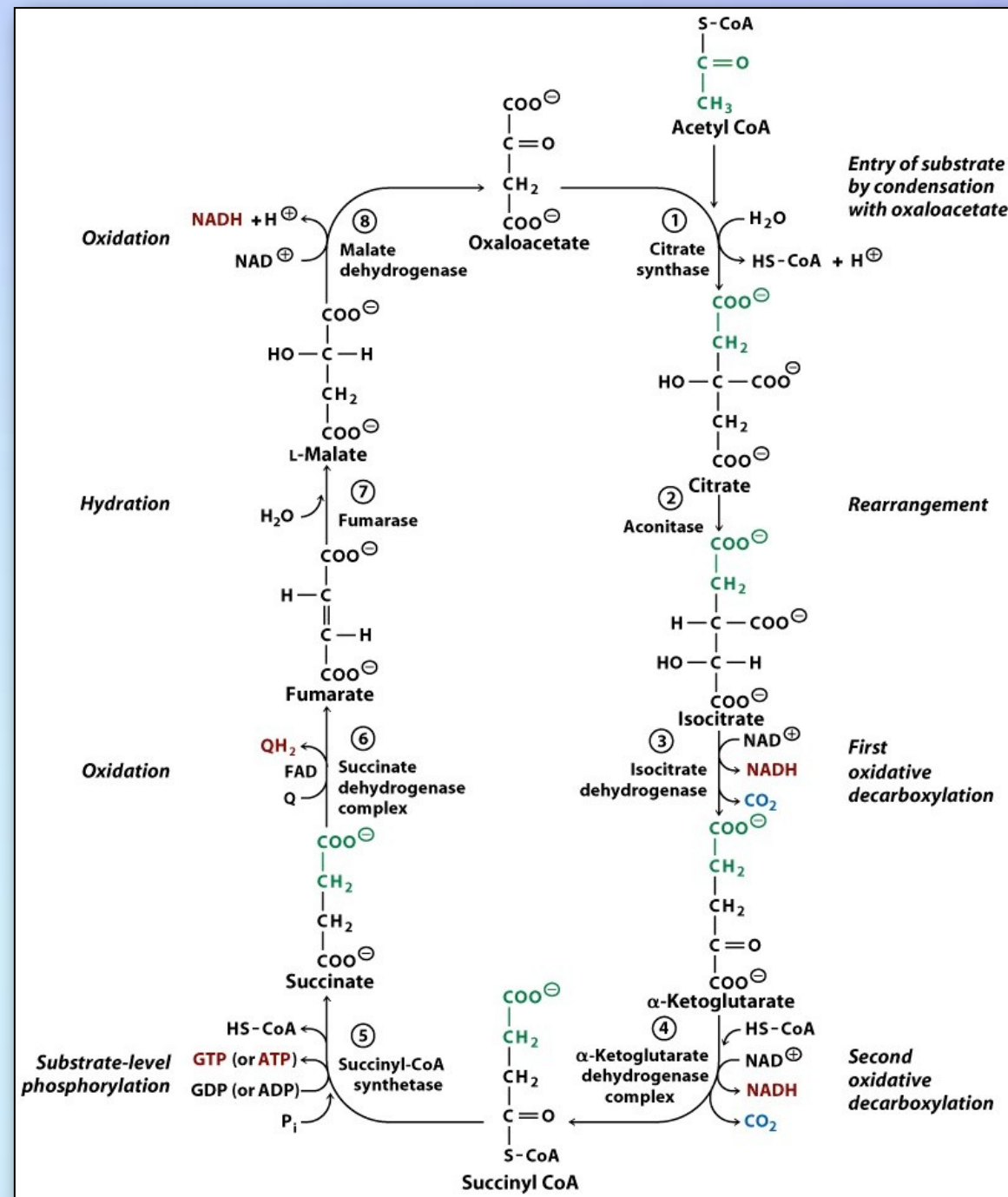
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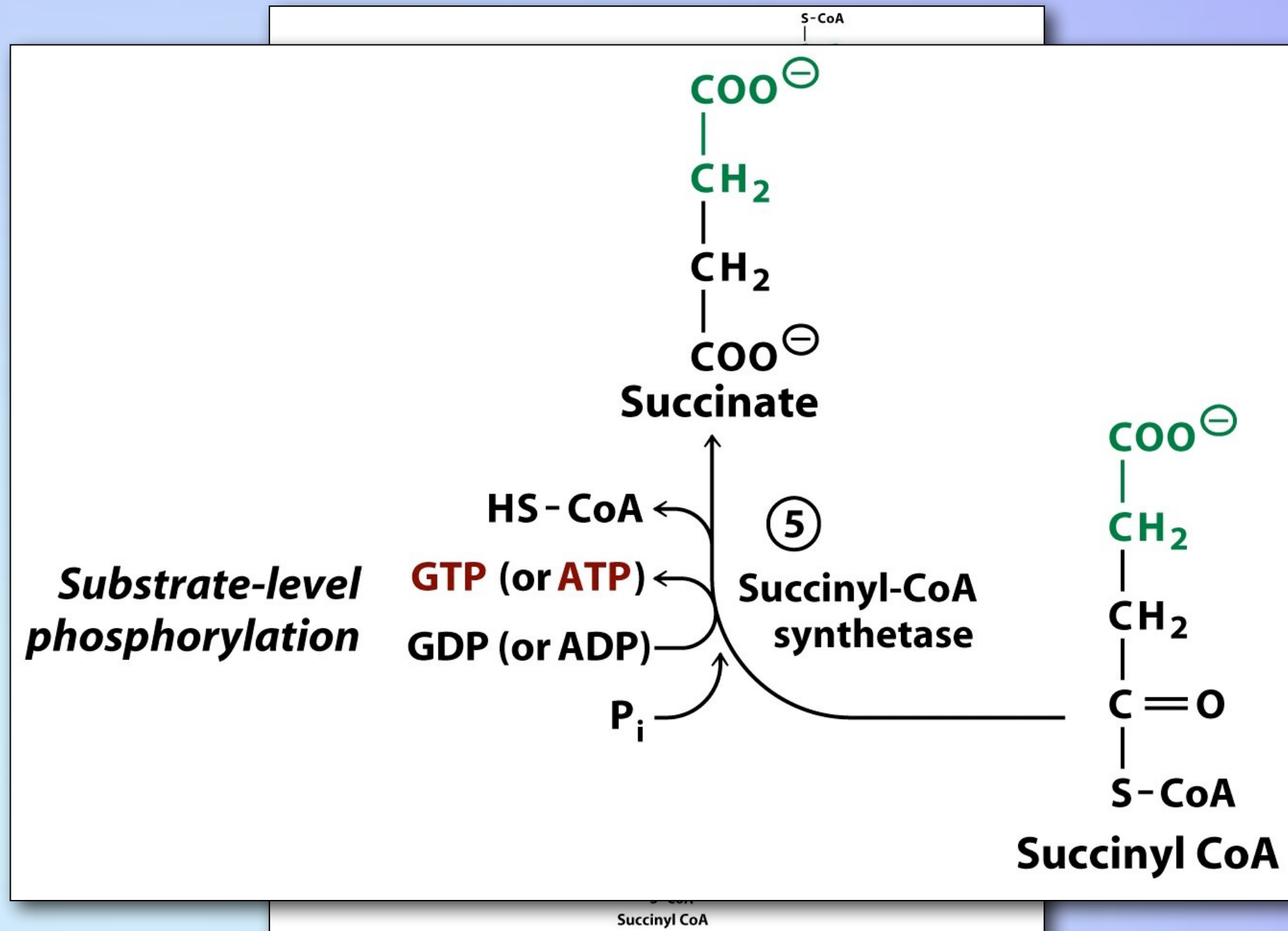
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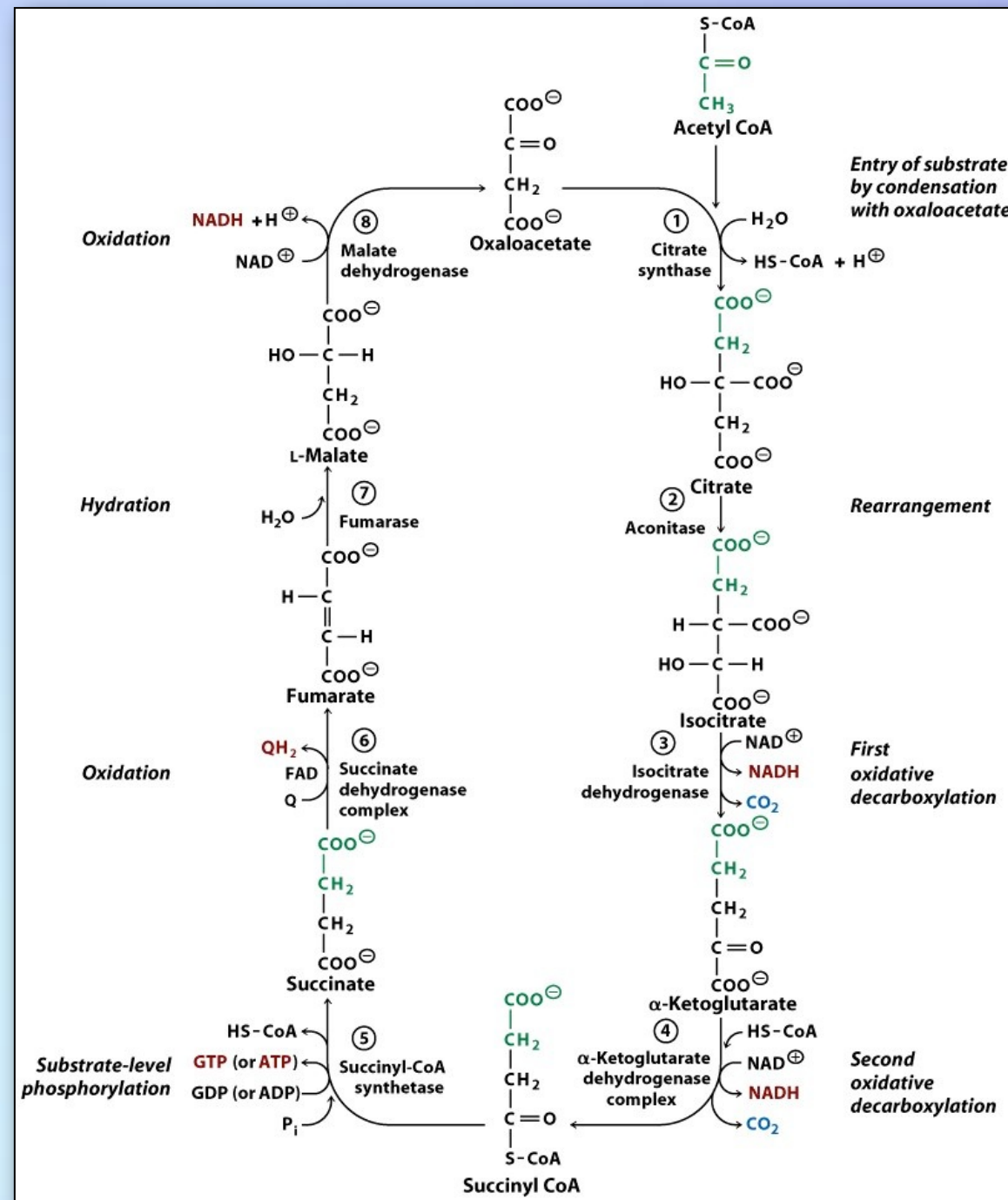
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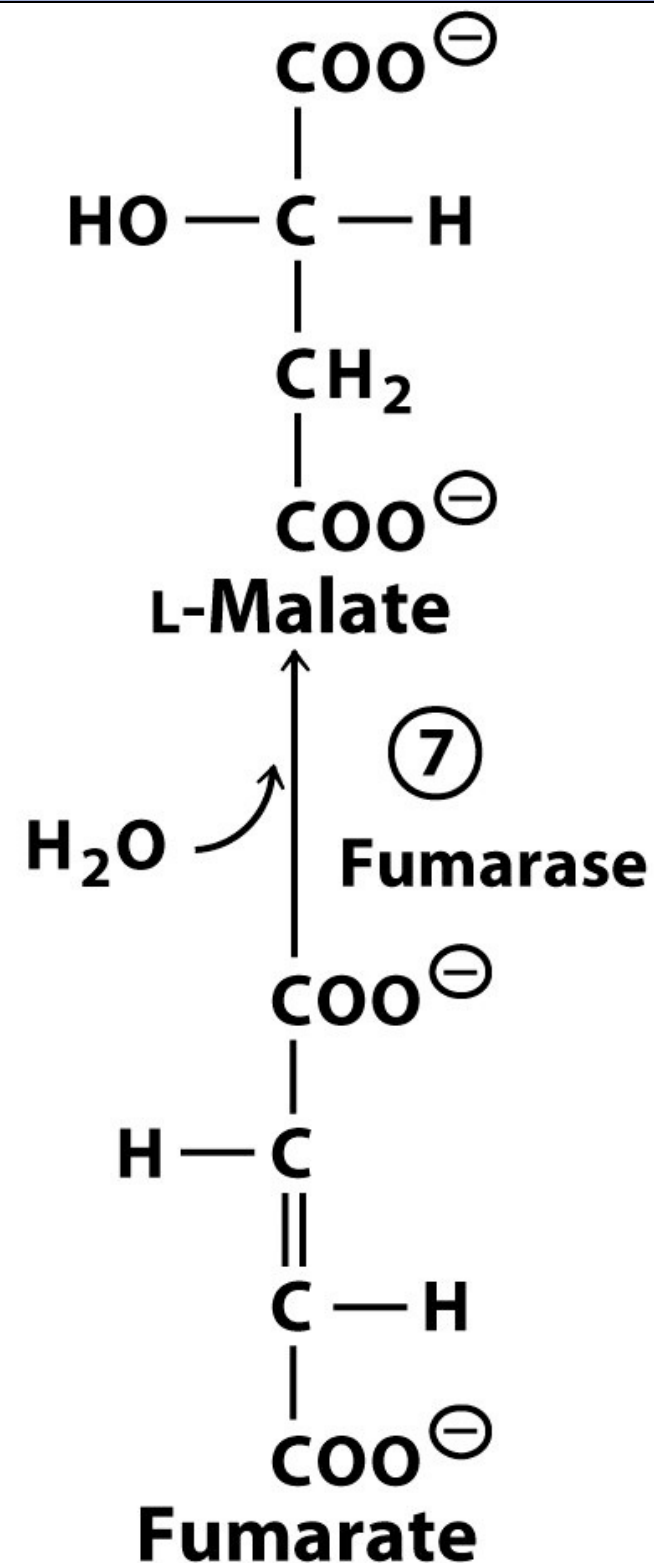
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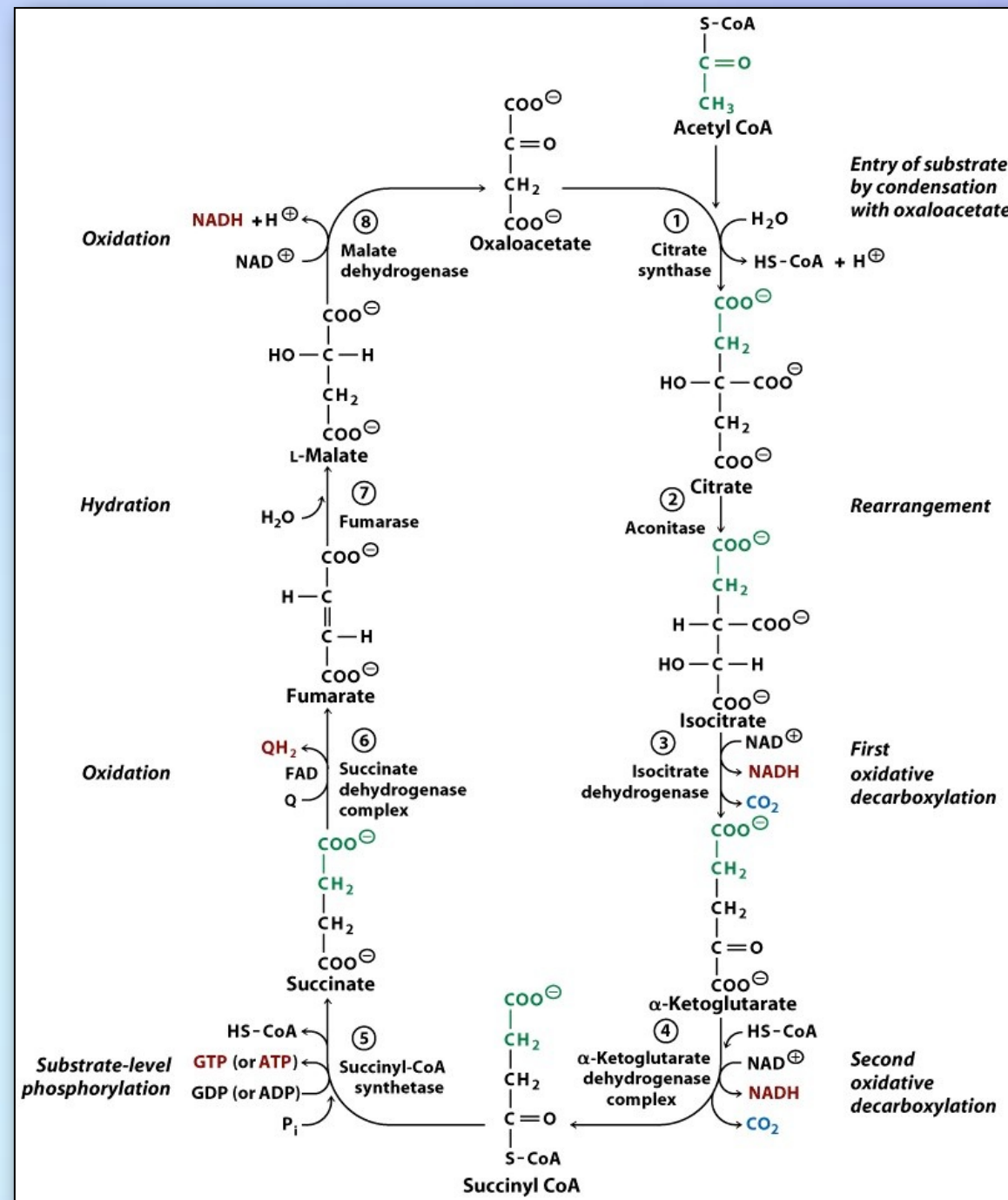
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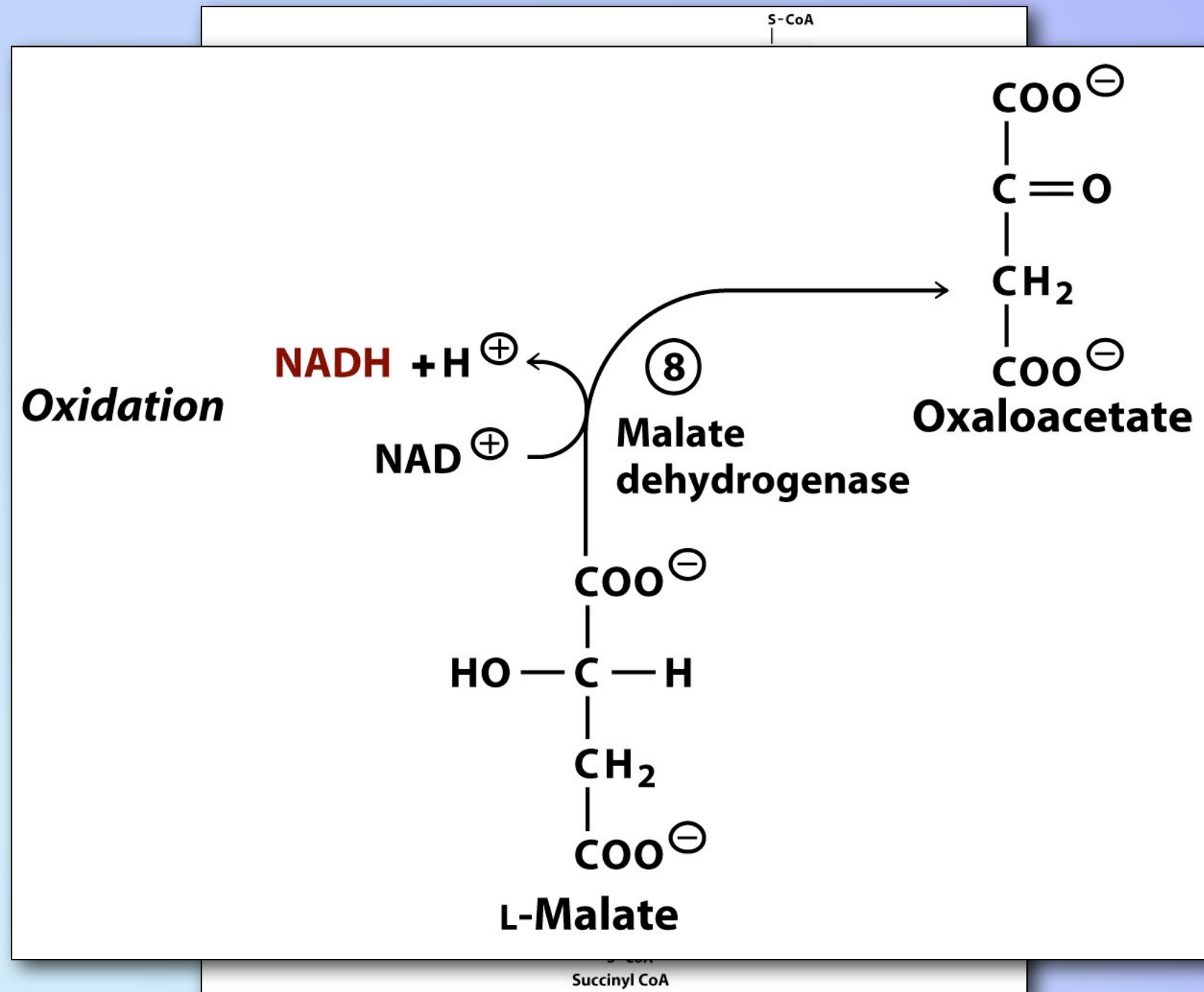
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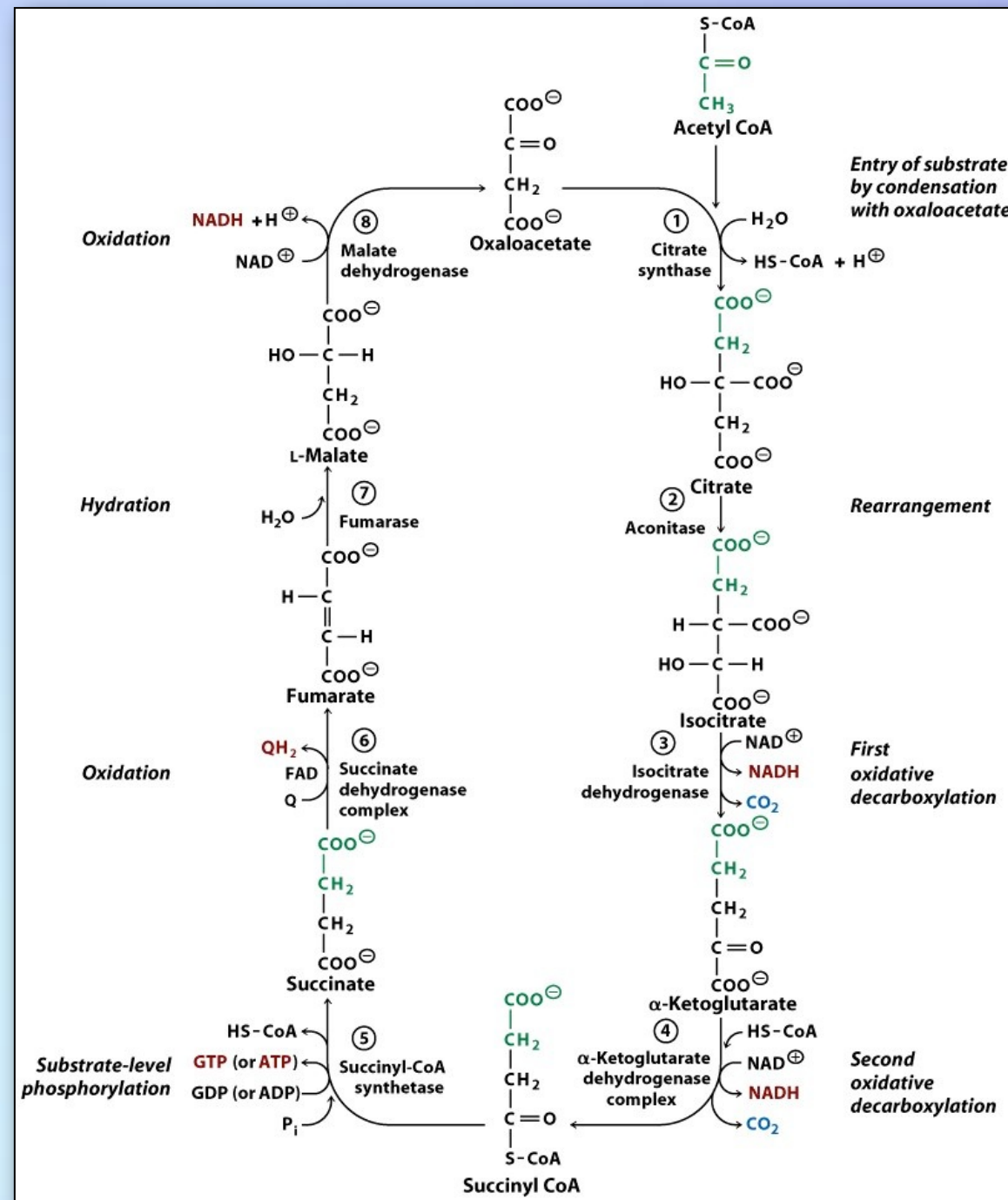
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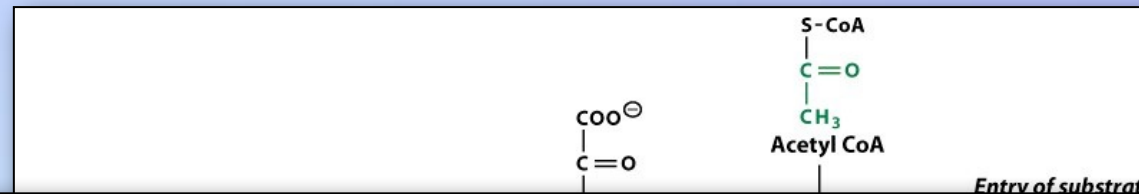
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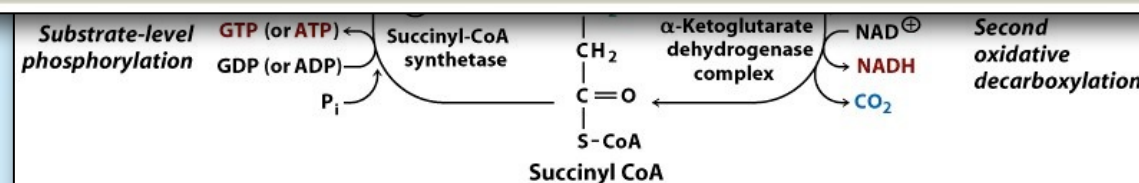
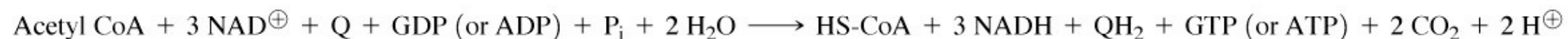
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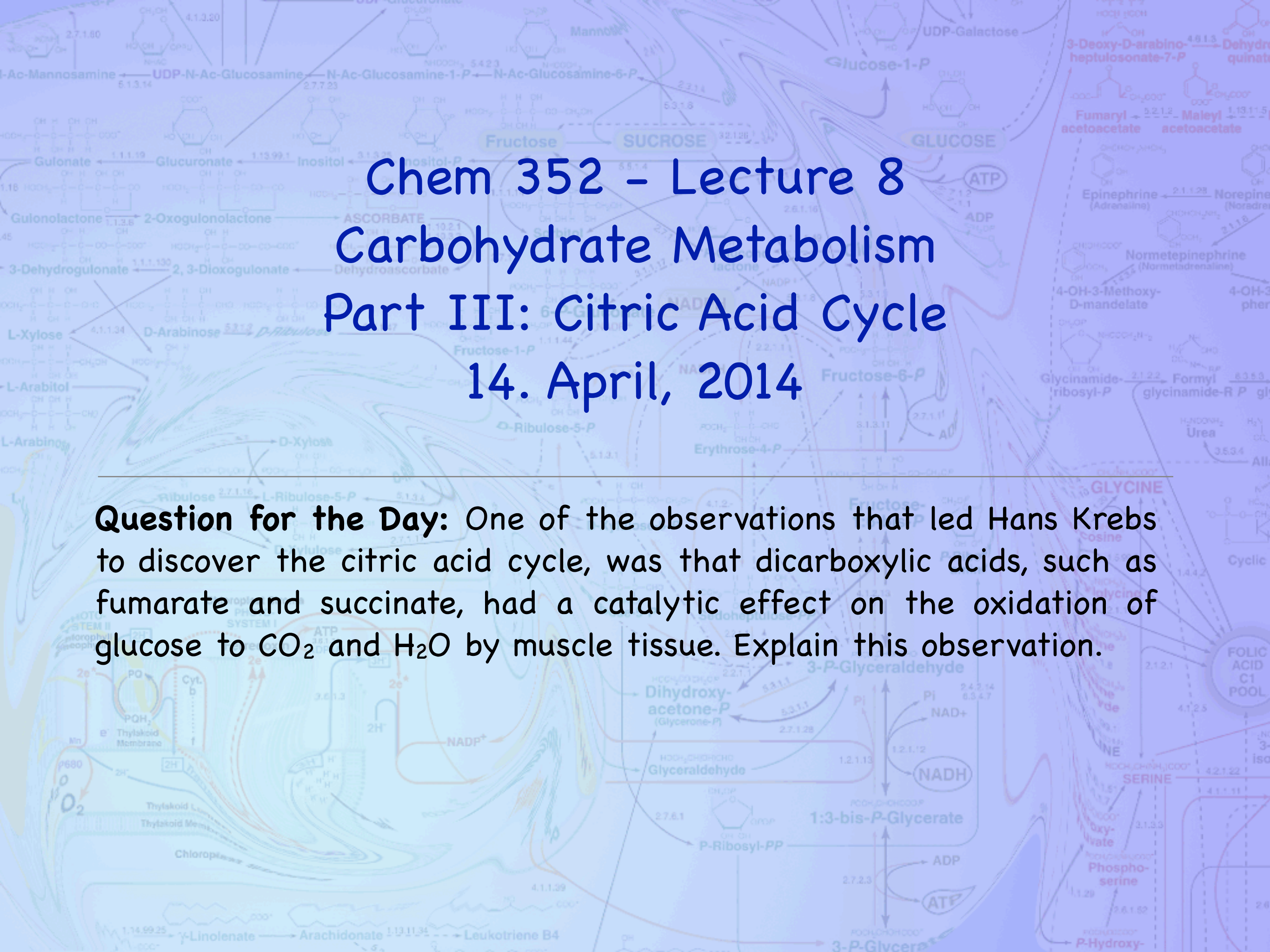
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# Chem 352 - Lecture 8

## Carbohydrate Metabolism

### Part III: Citric Acid Cycle

14. April, 2014

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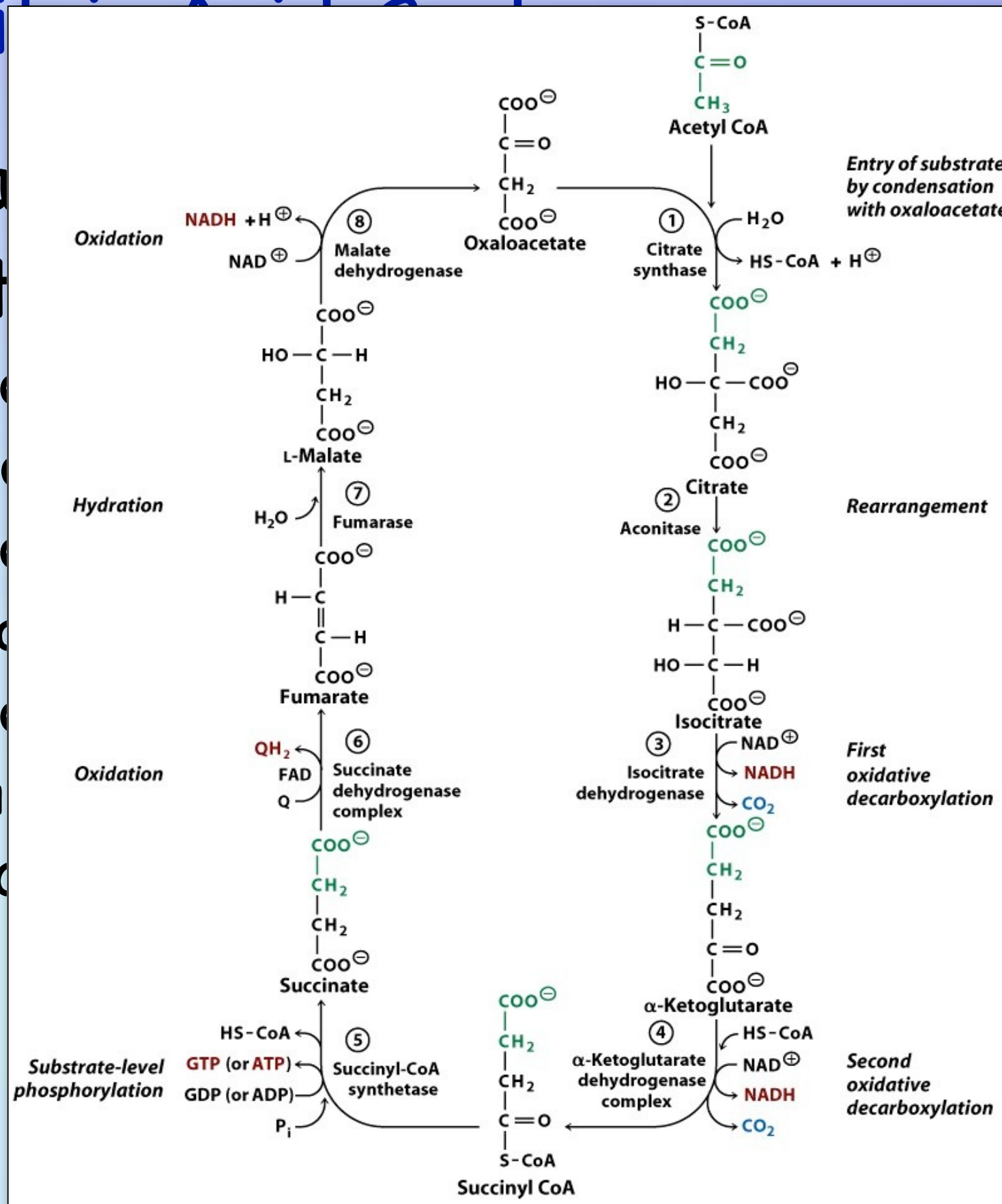
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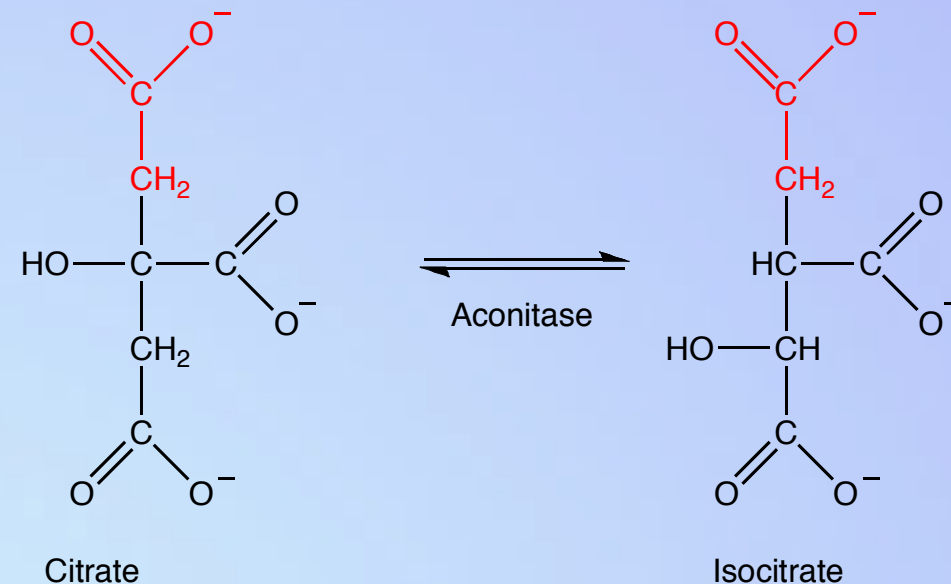


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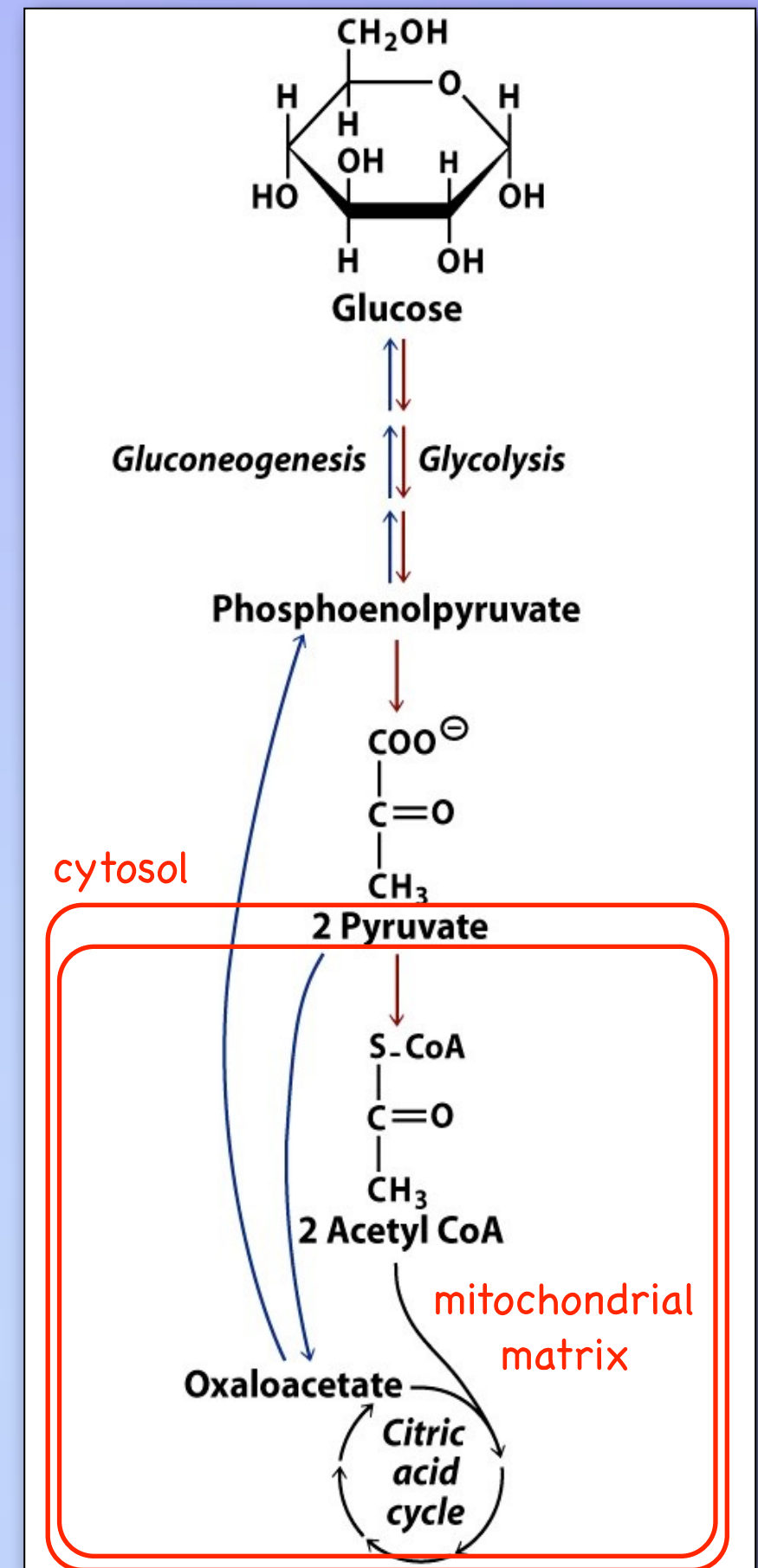
- For example, the **Aconitase** reaction



- ✦ Class: Isomerase
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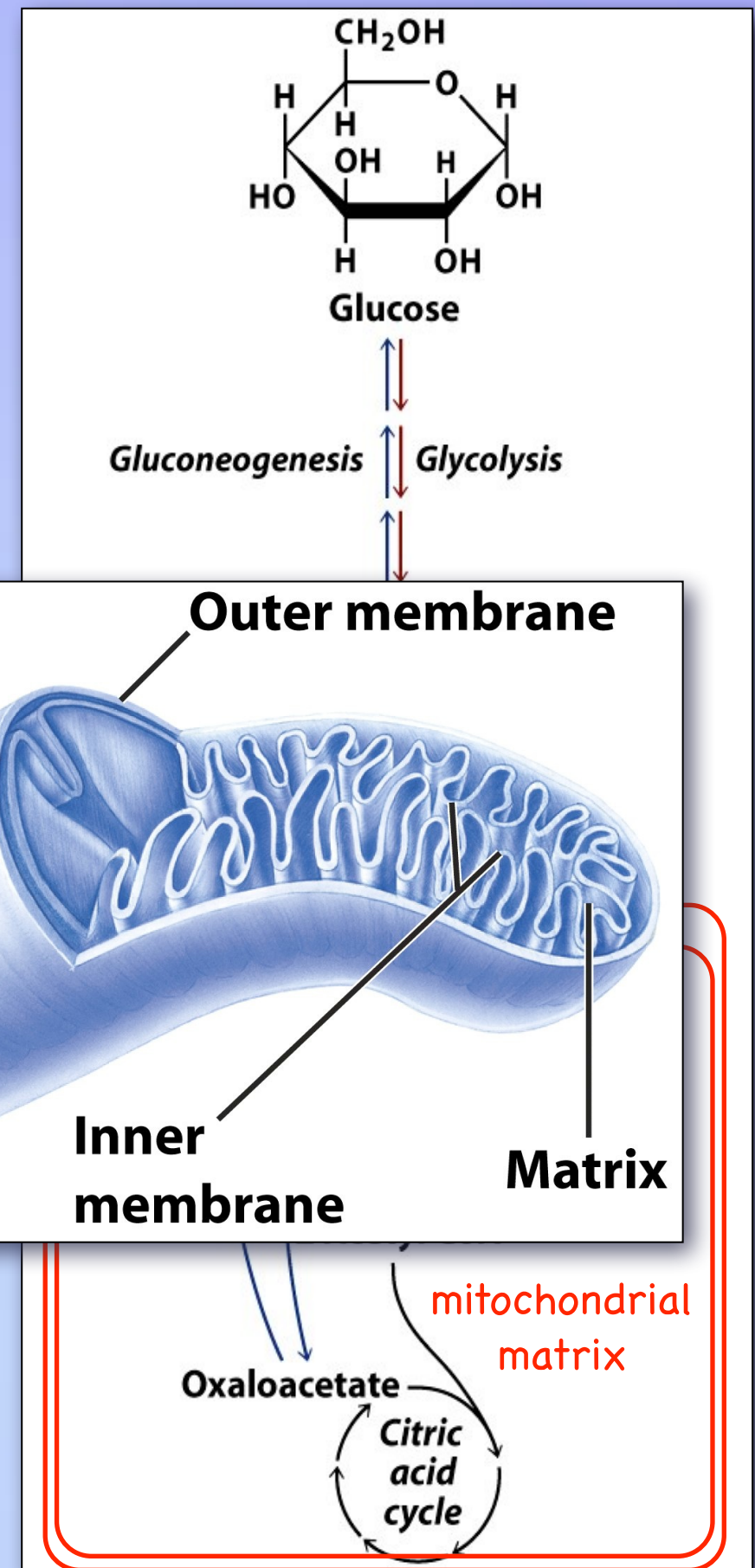
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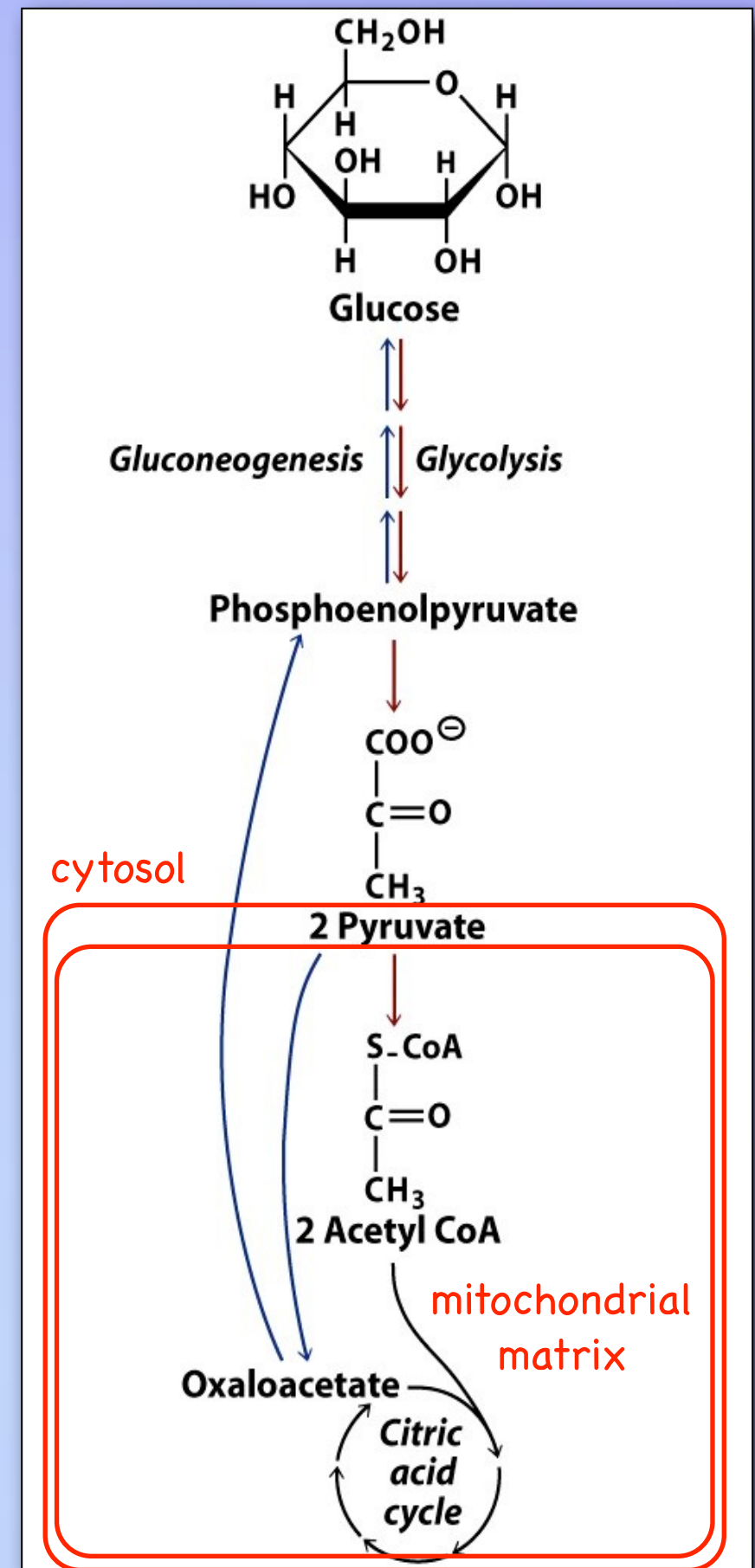
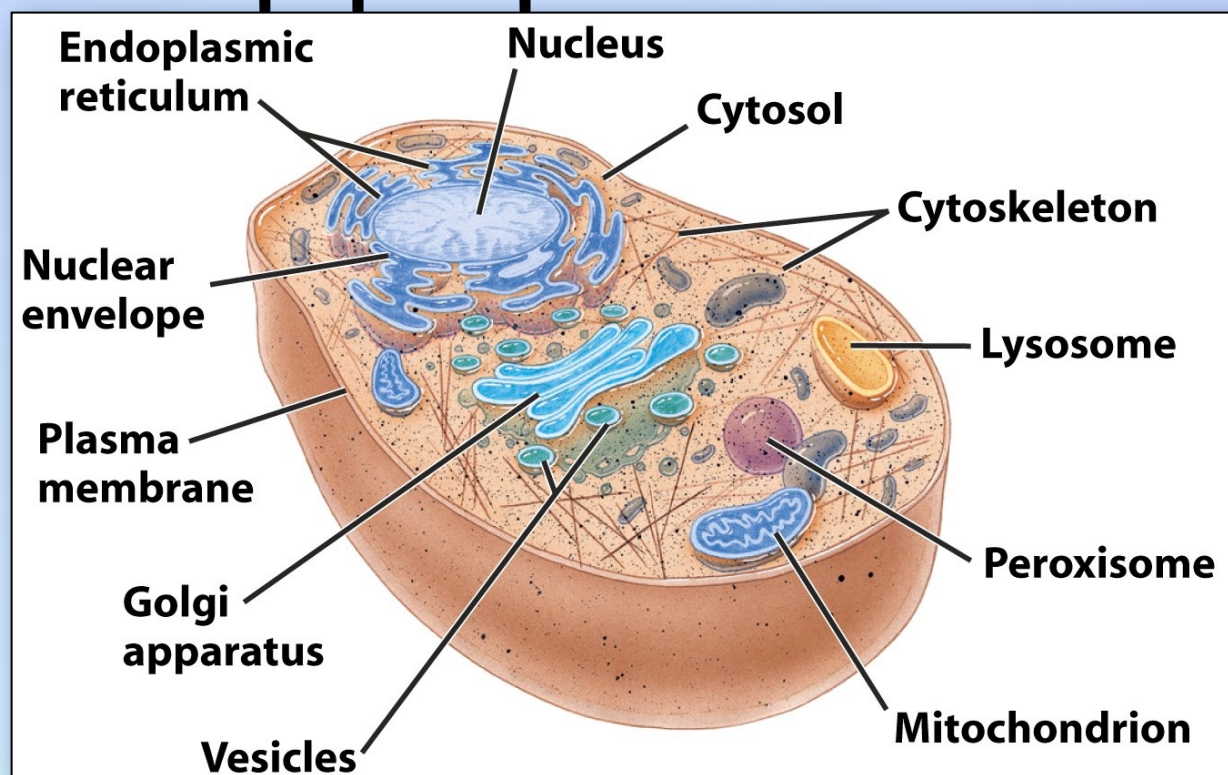
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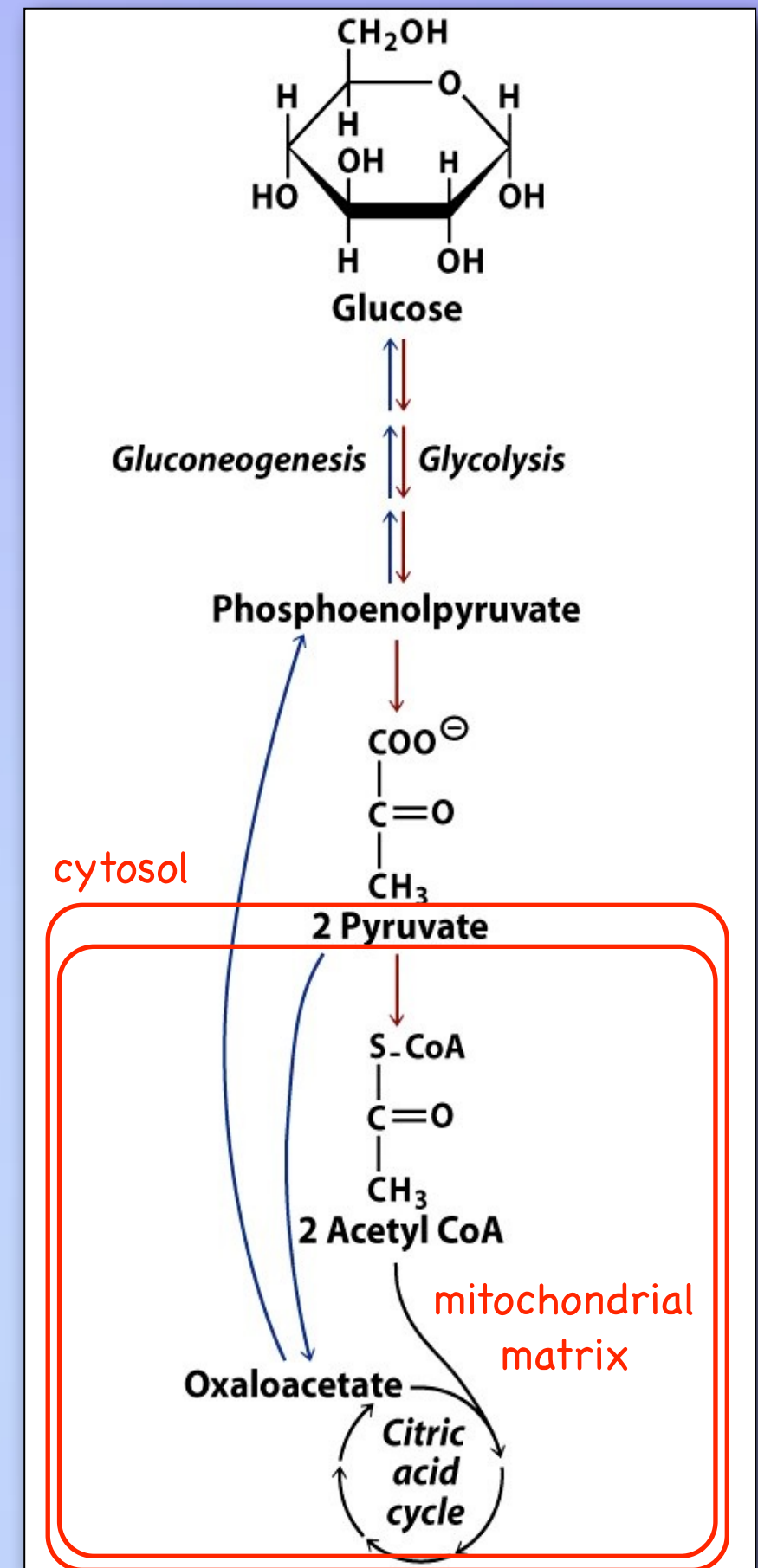
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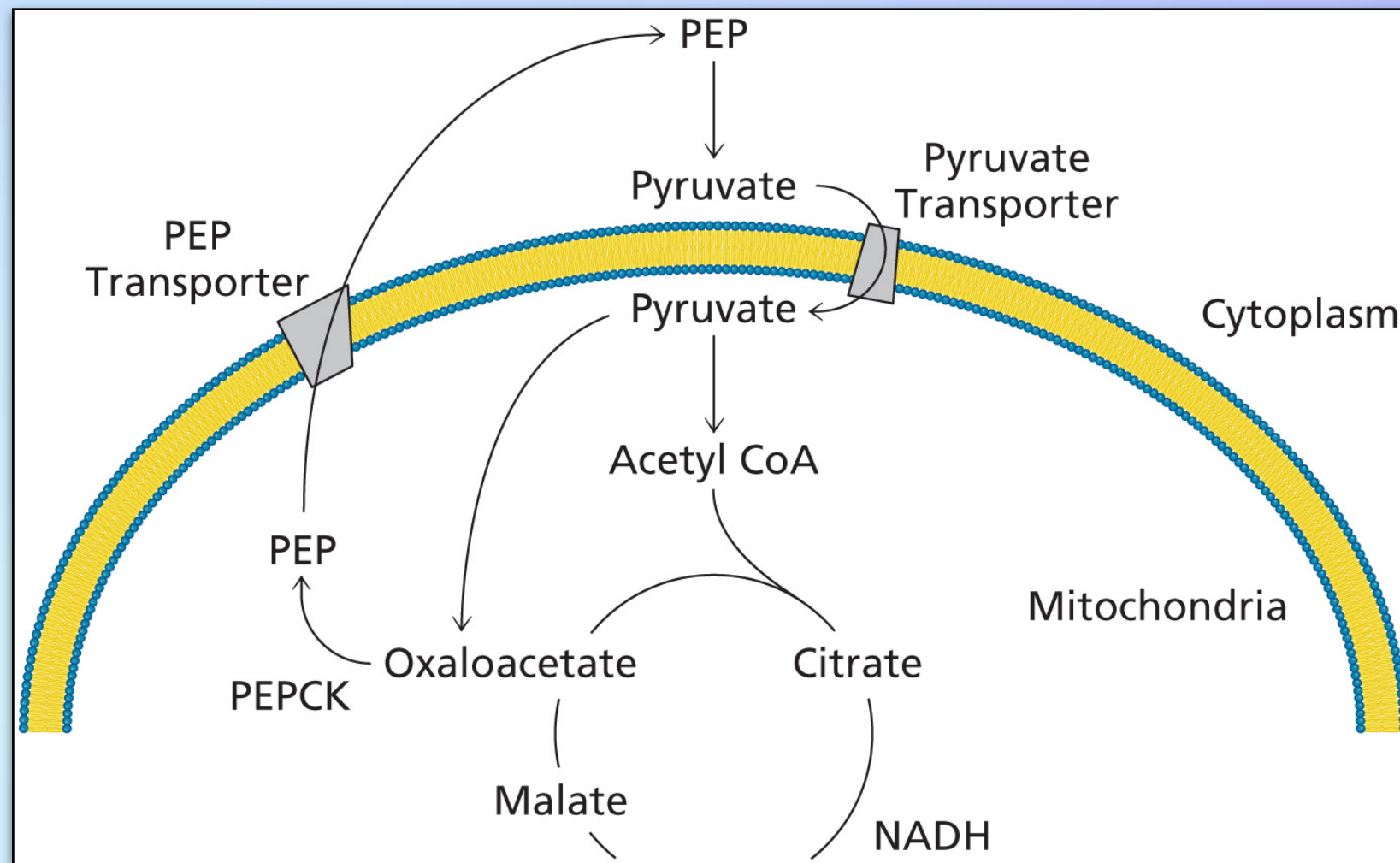
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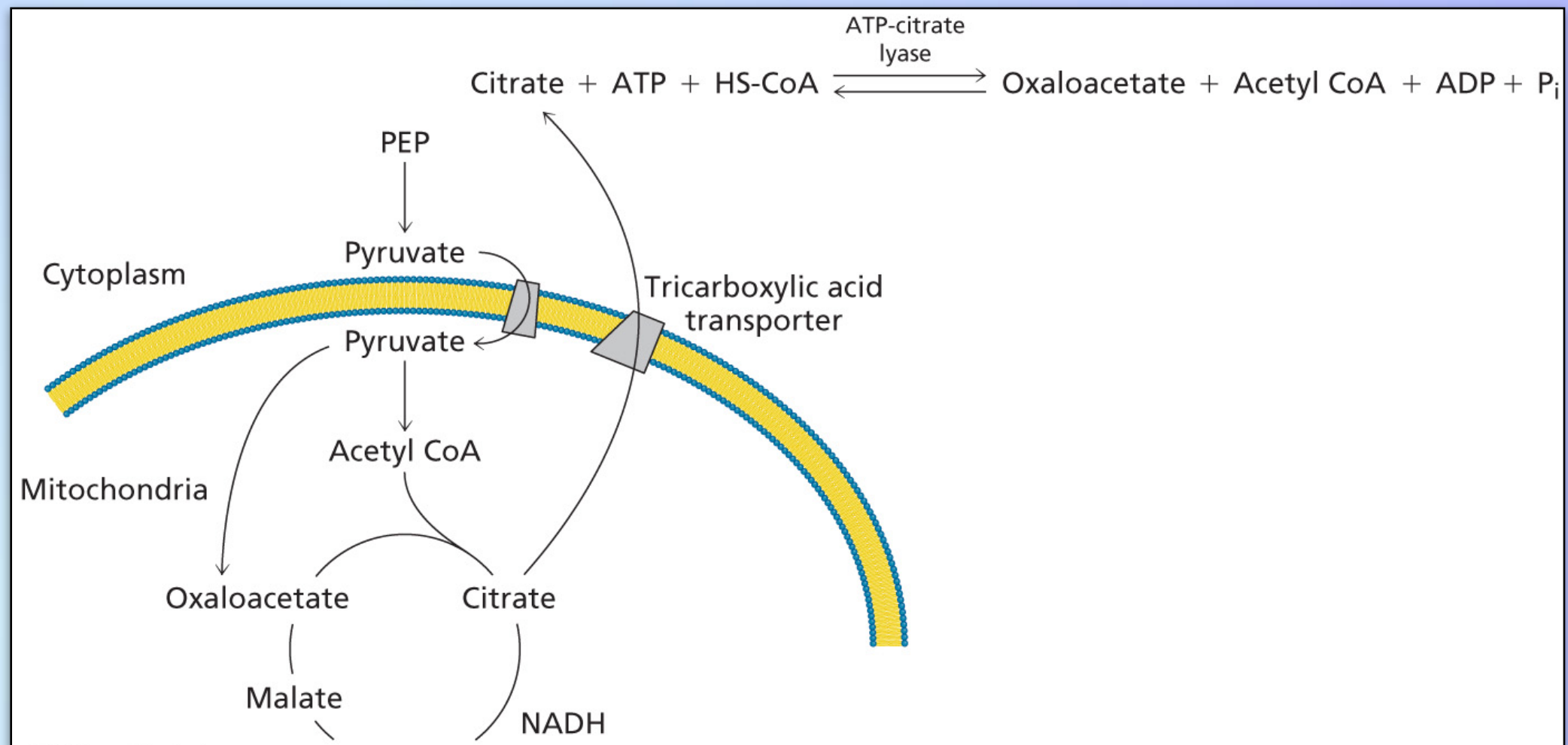
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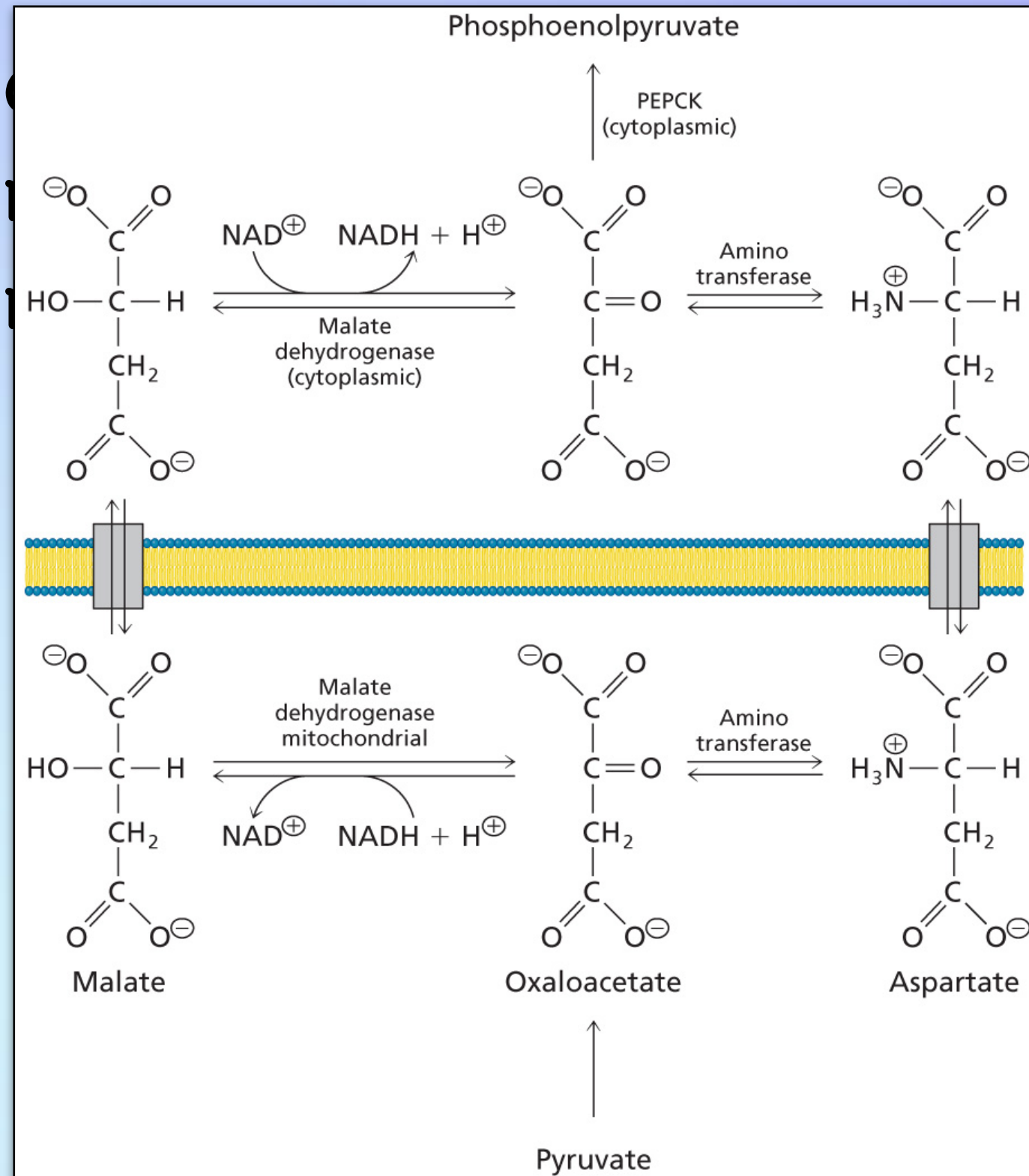
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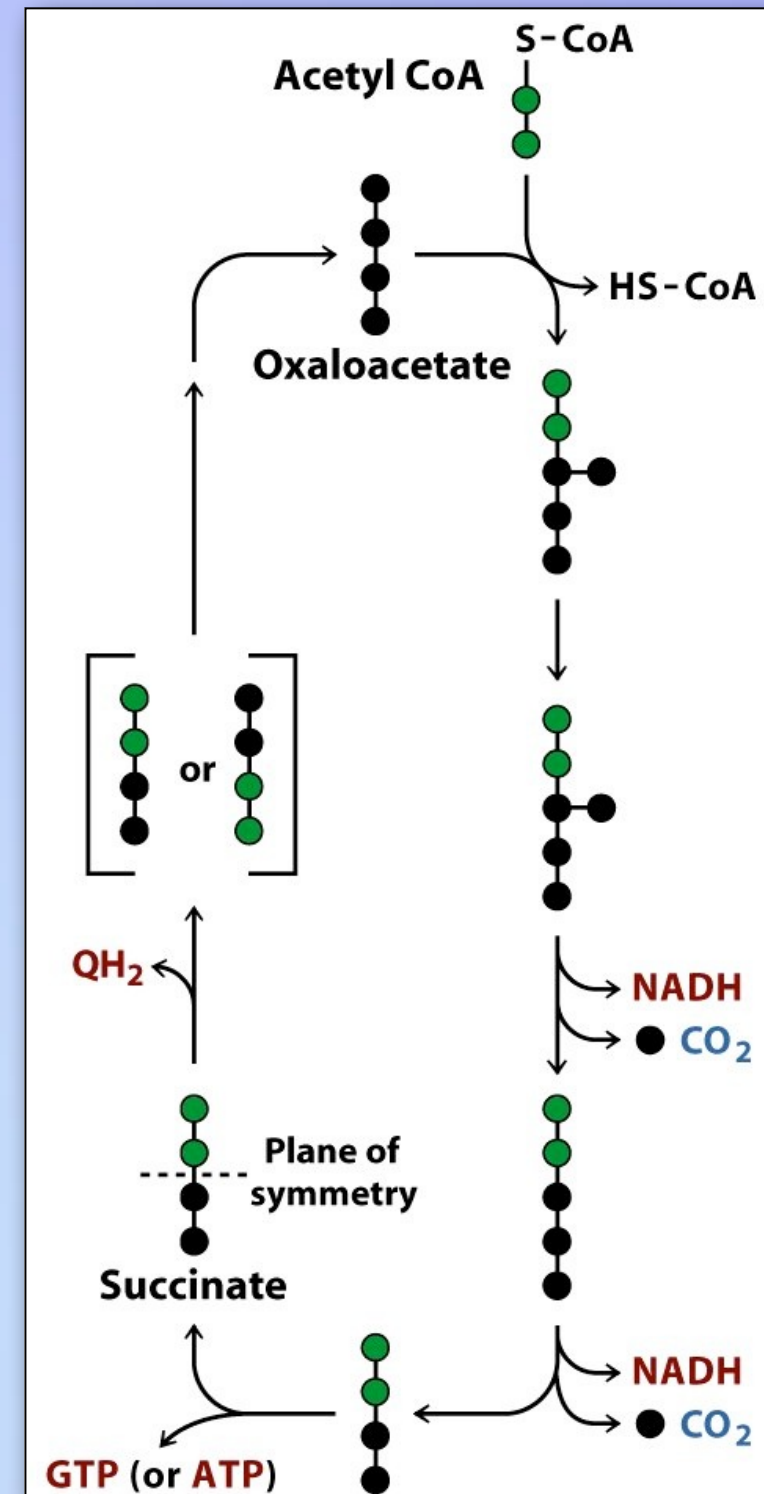


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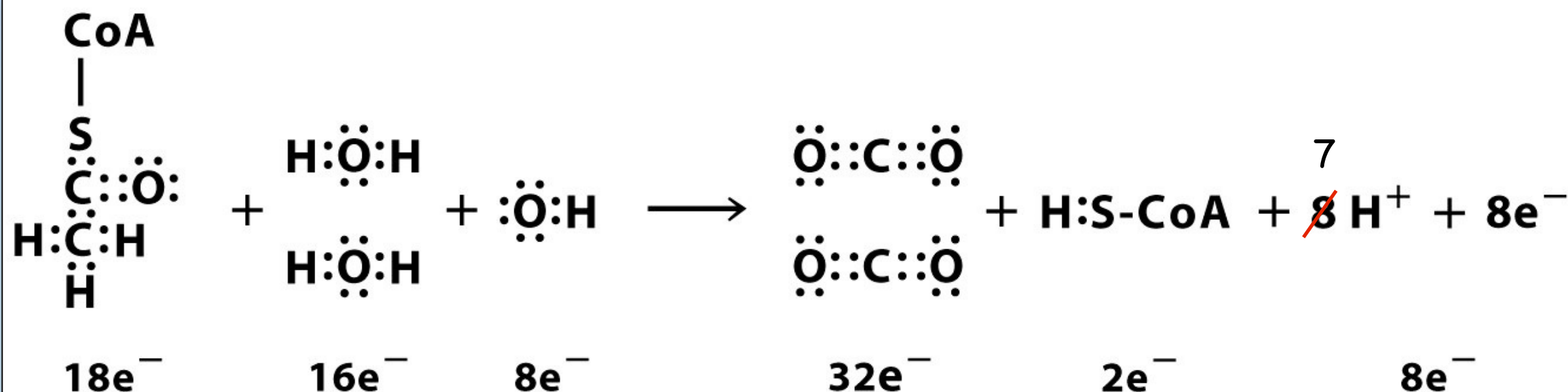
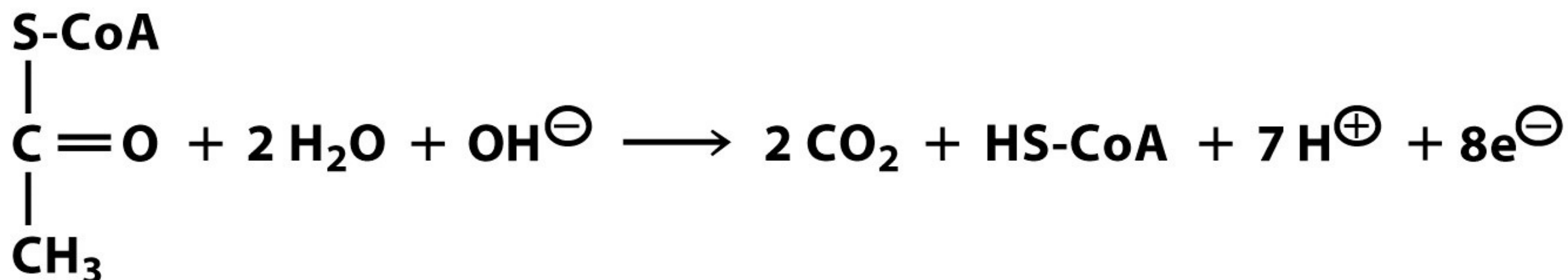
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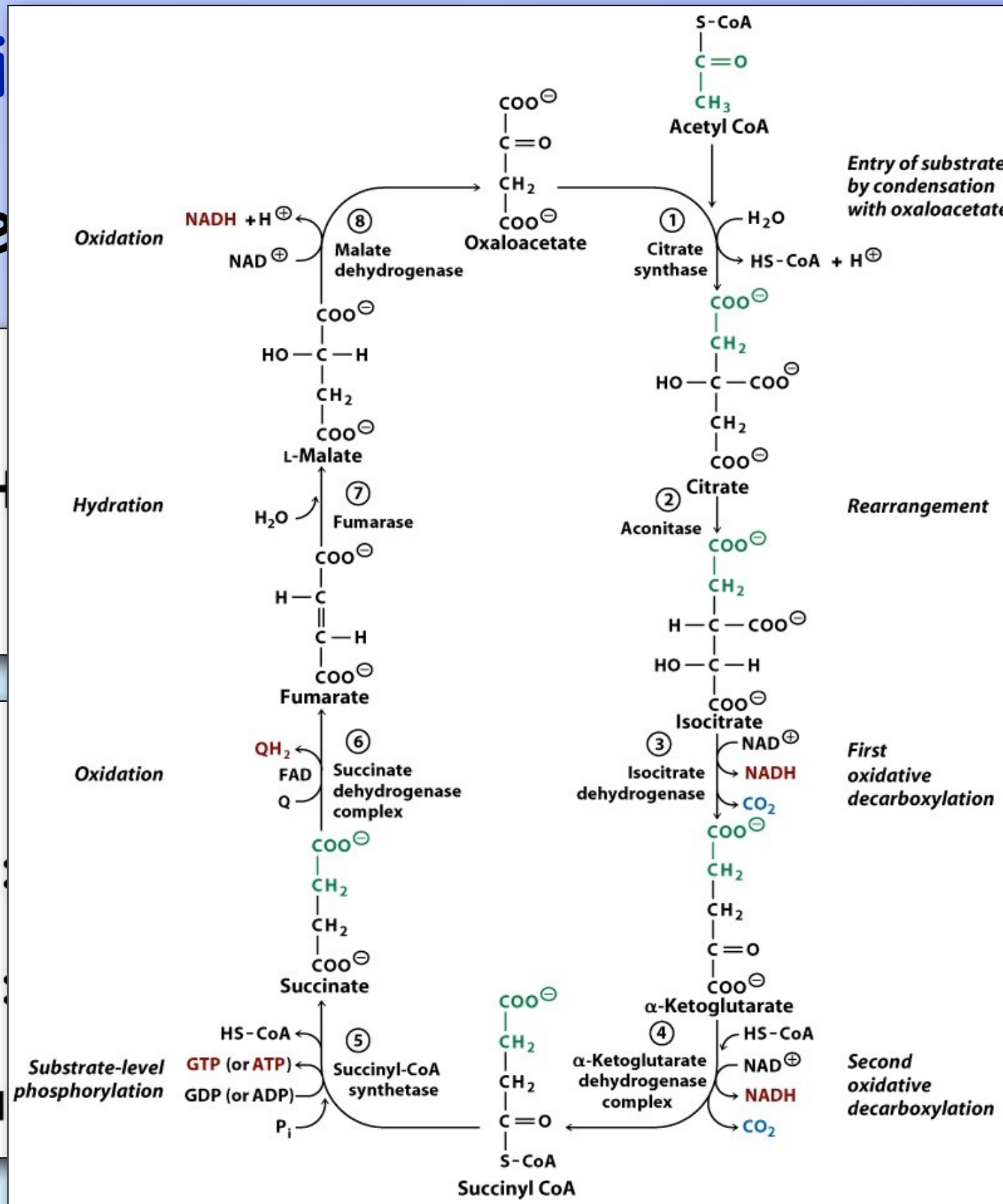
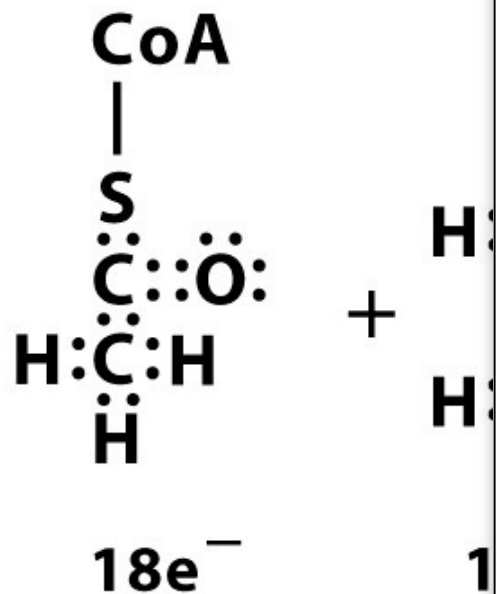
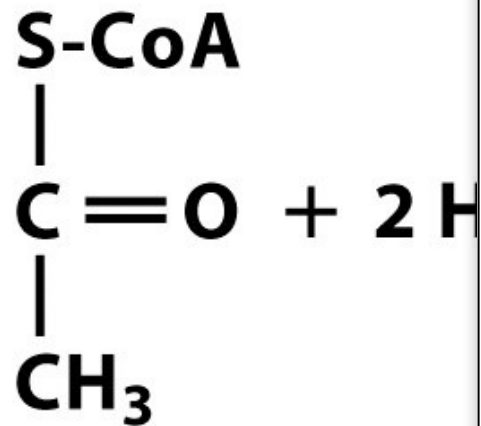
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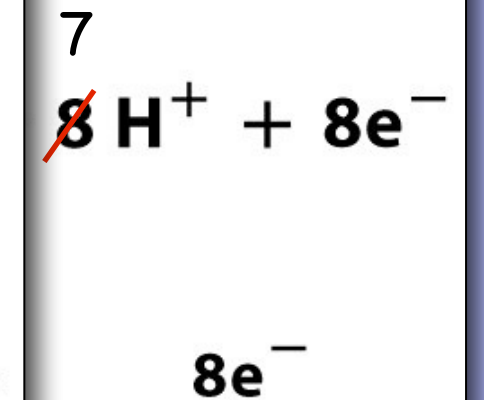


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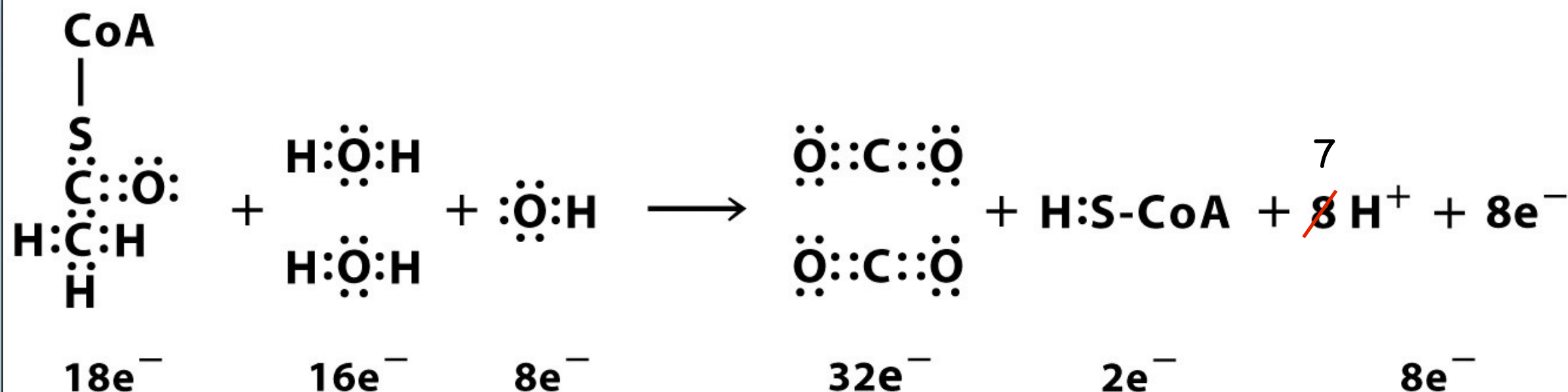
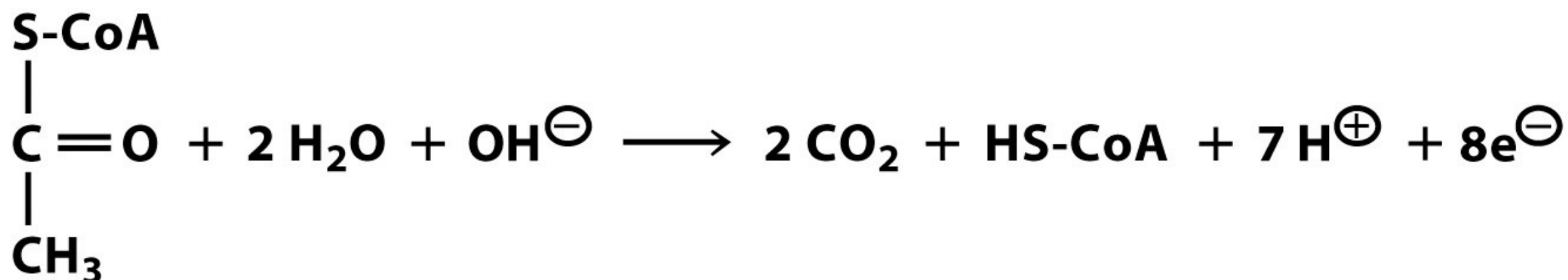


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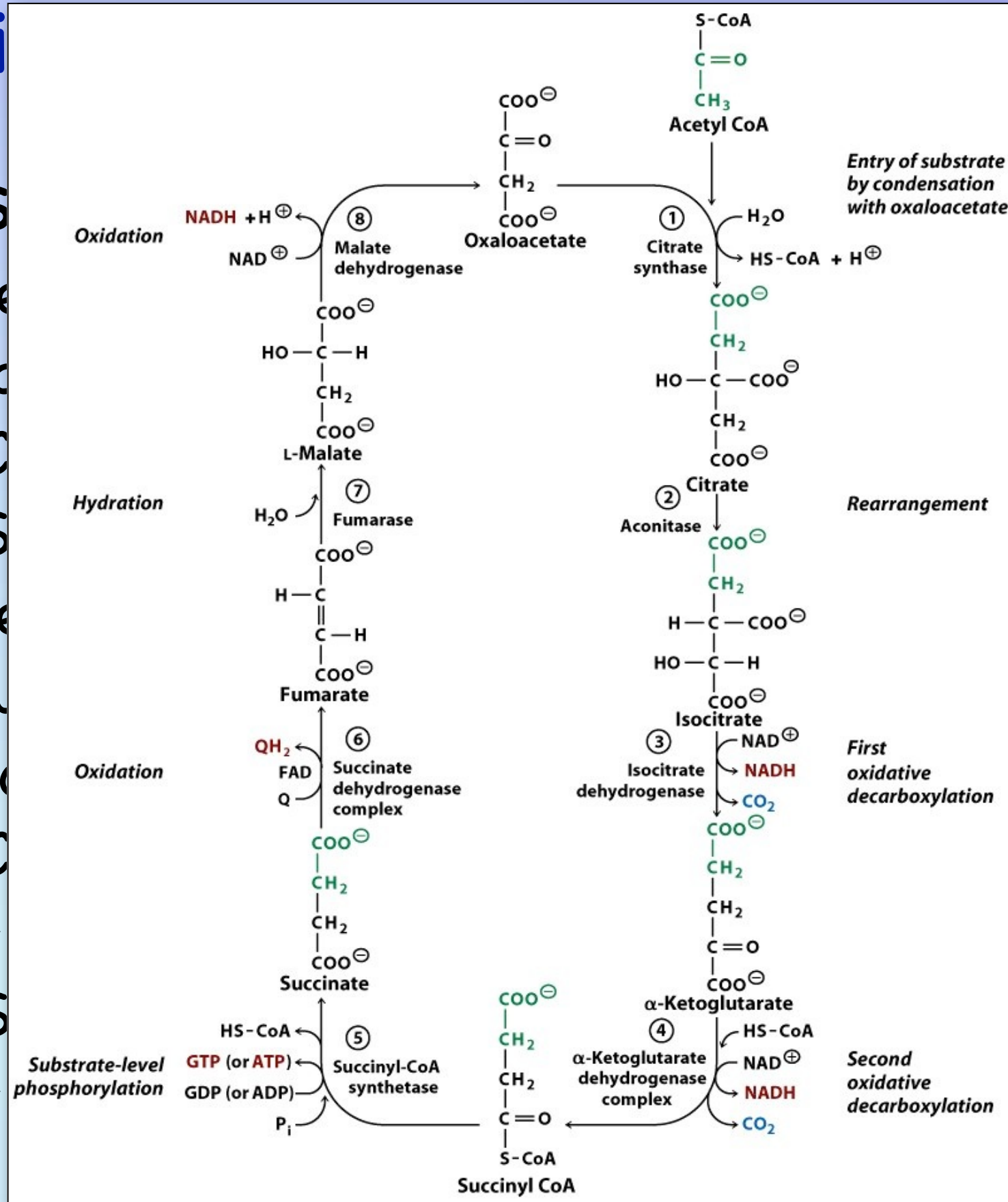
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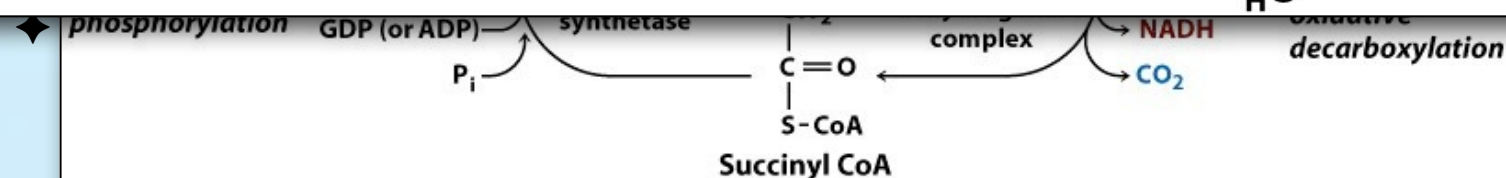
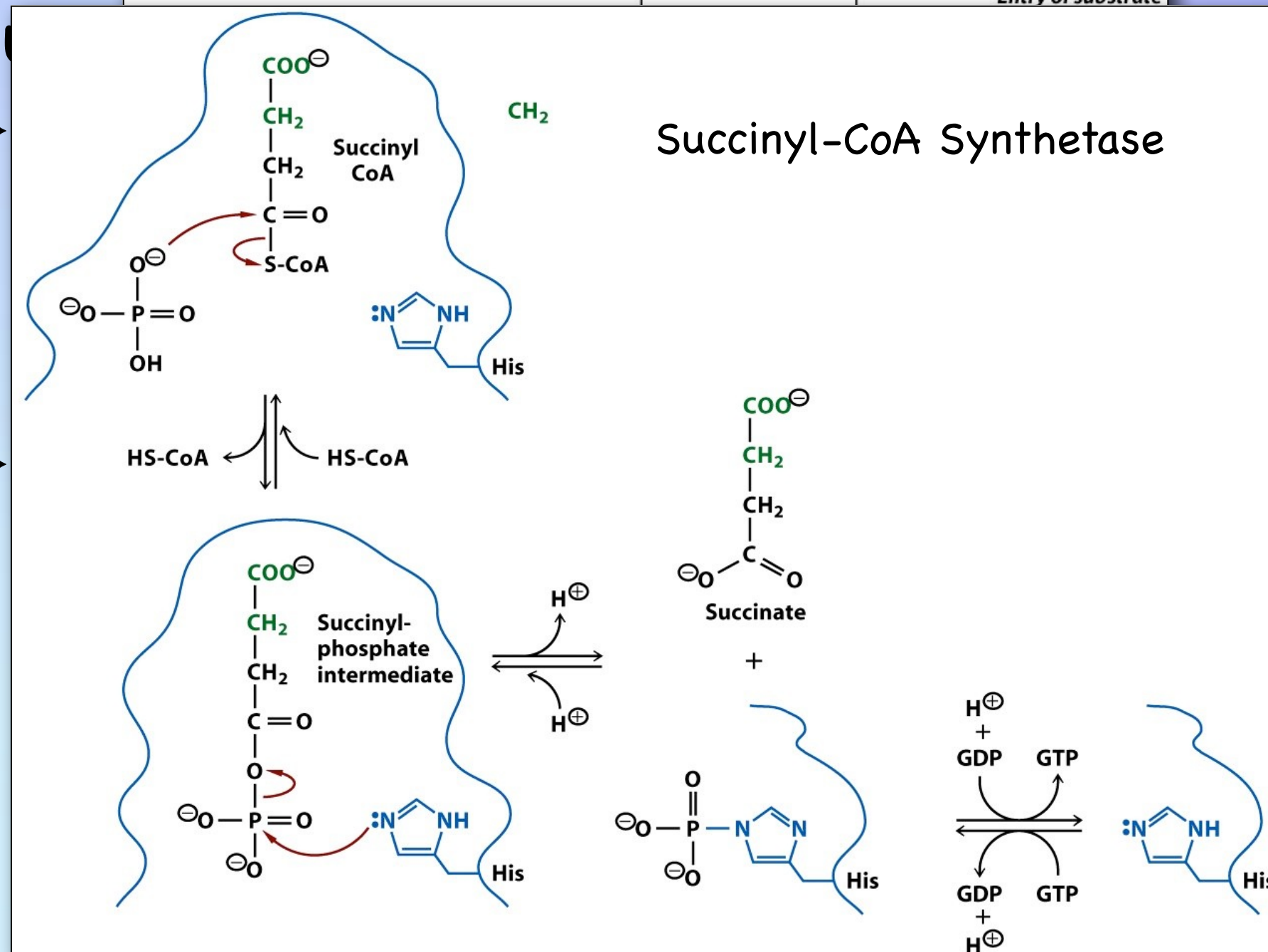
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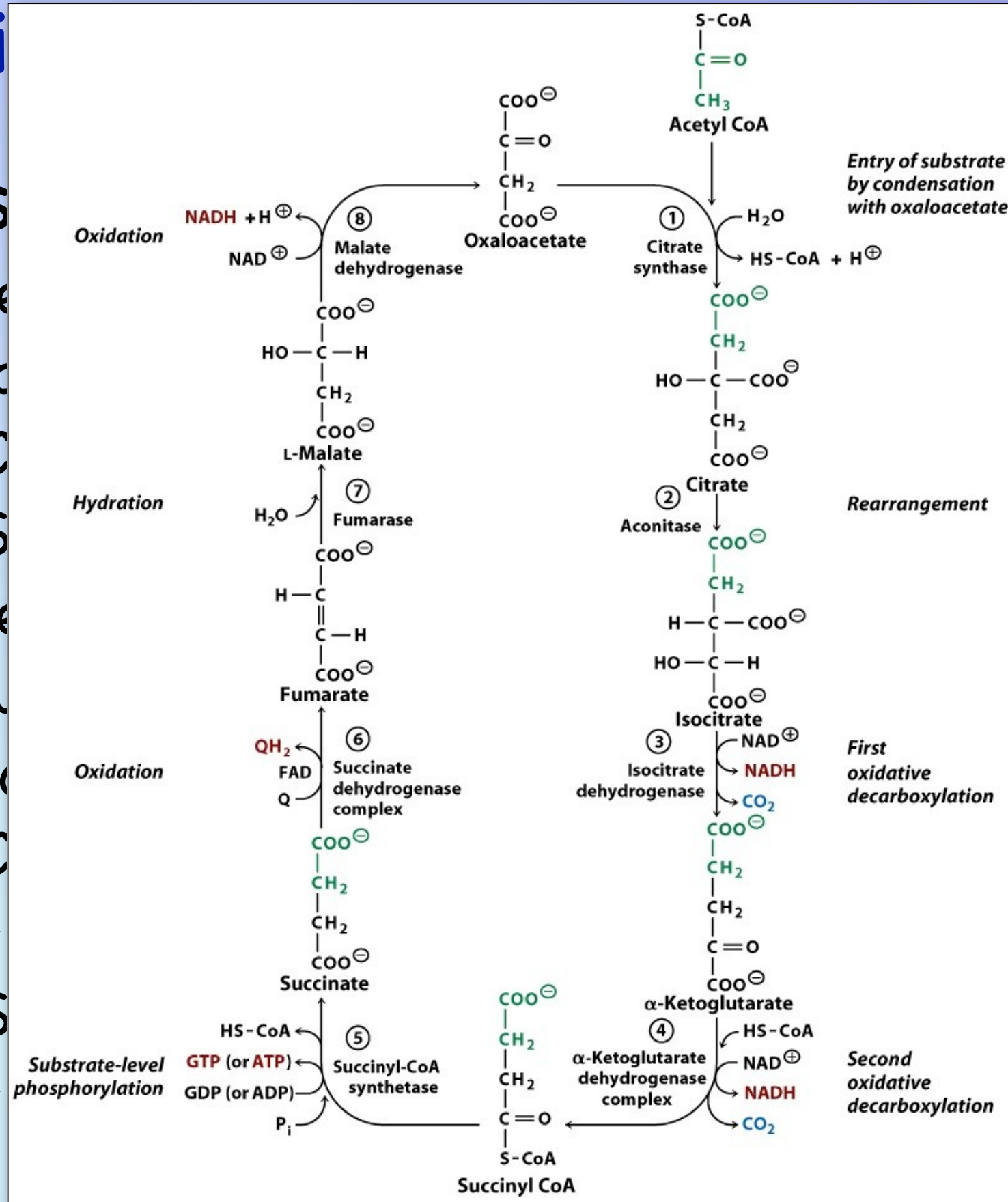
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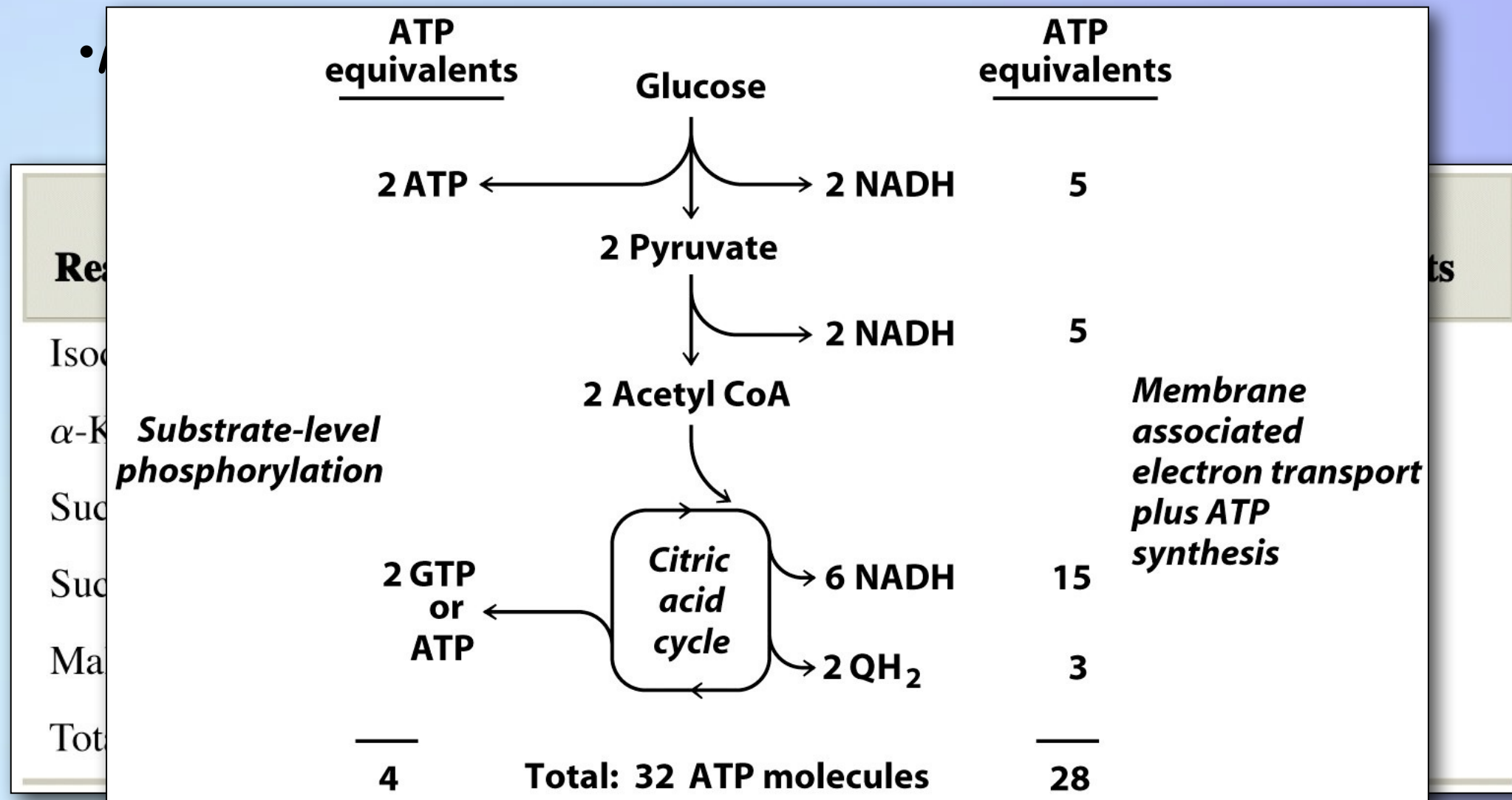
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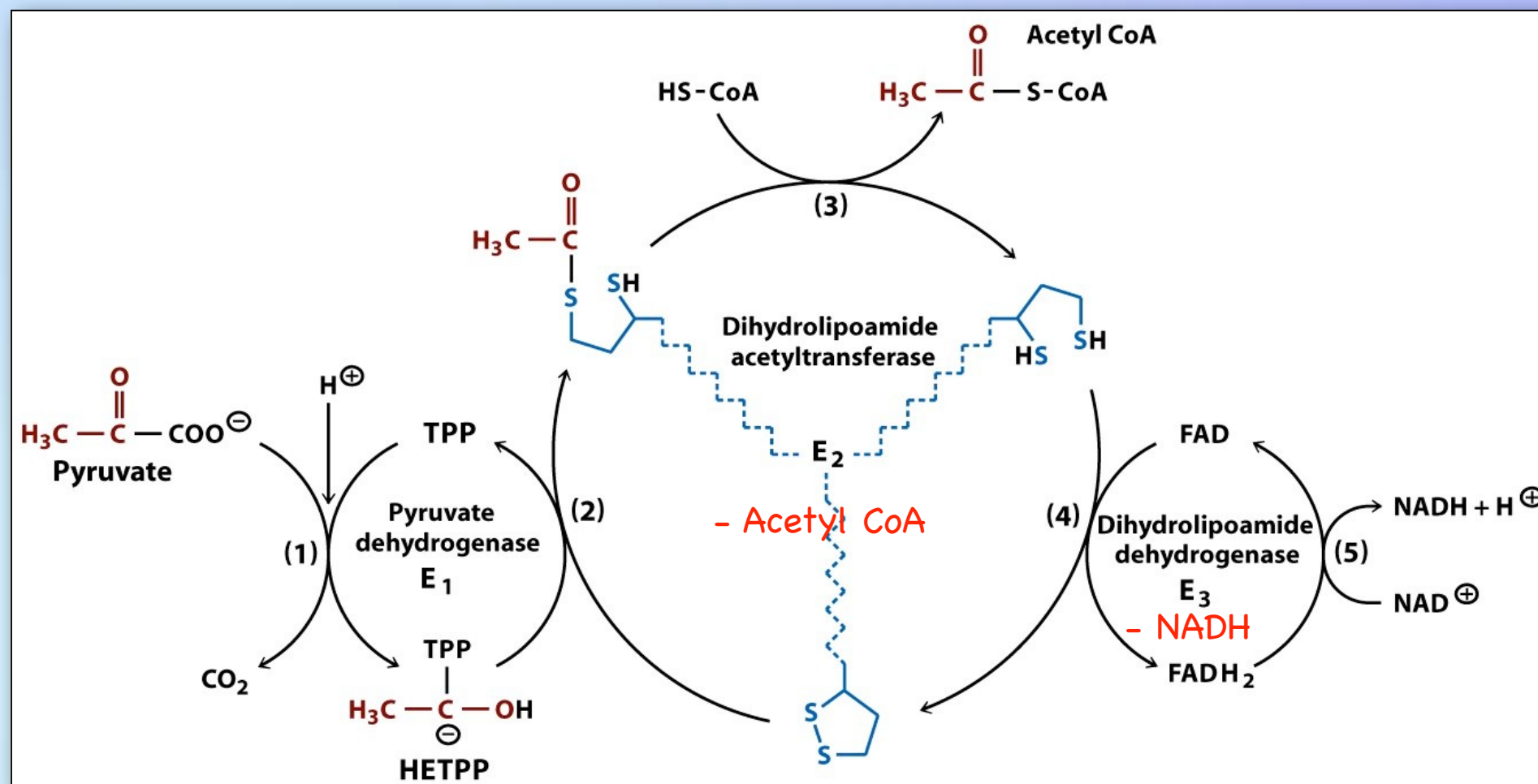


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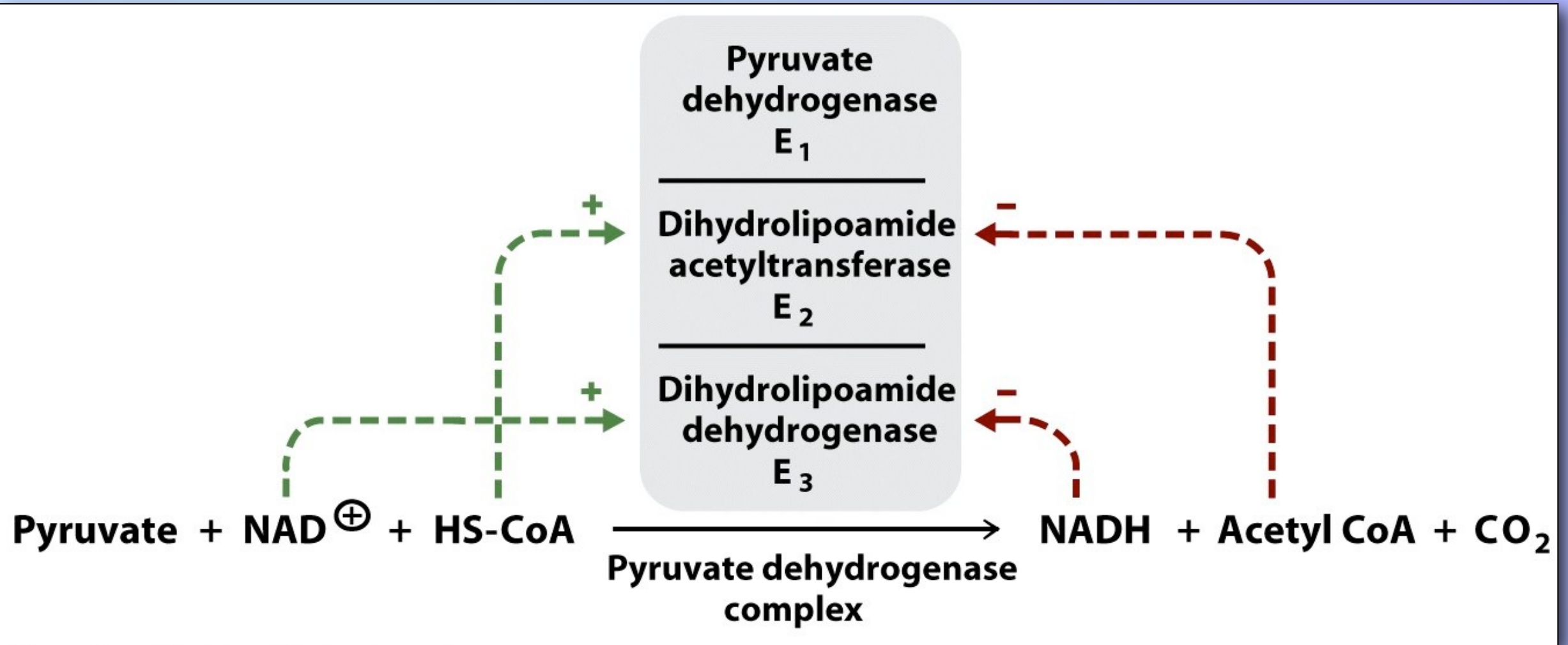
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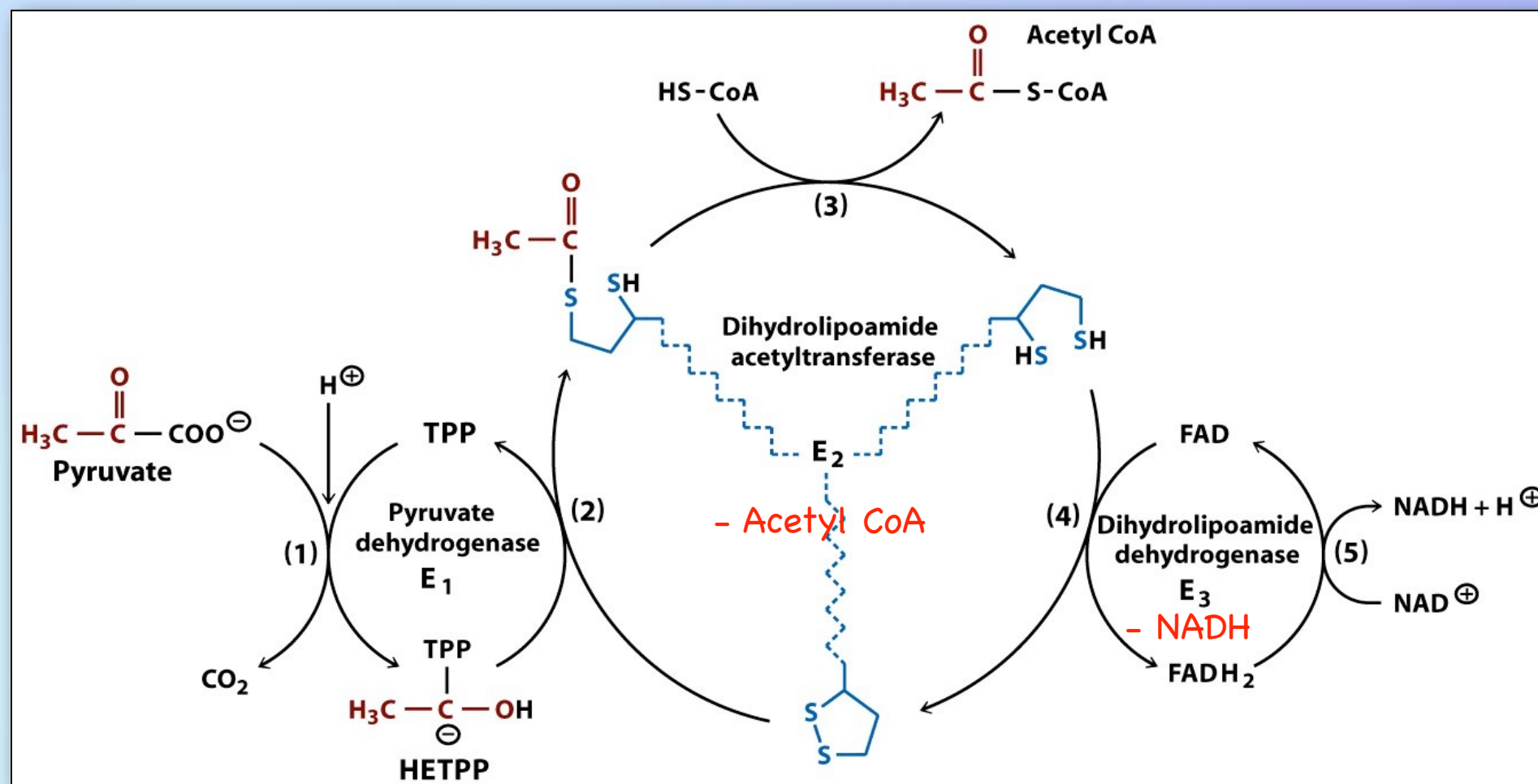
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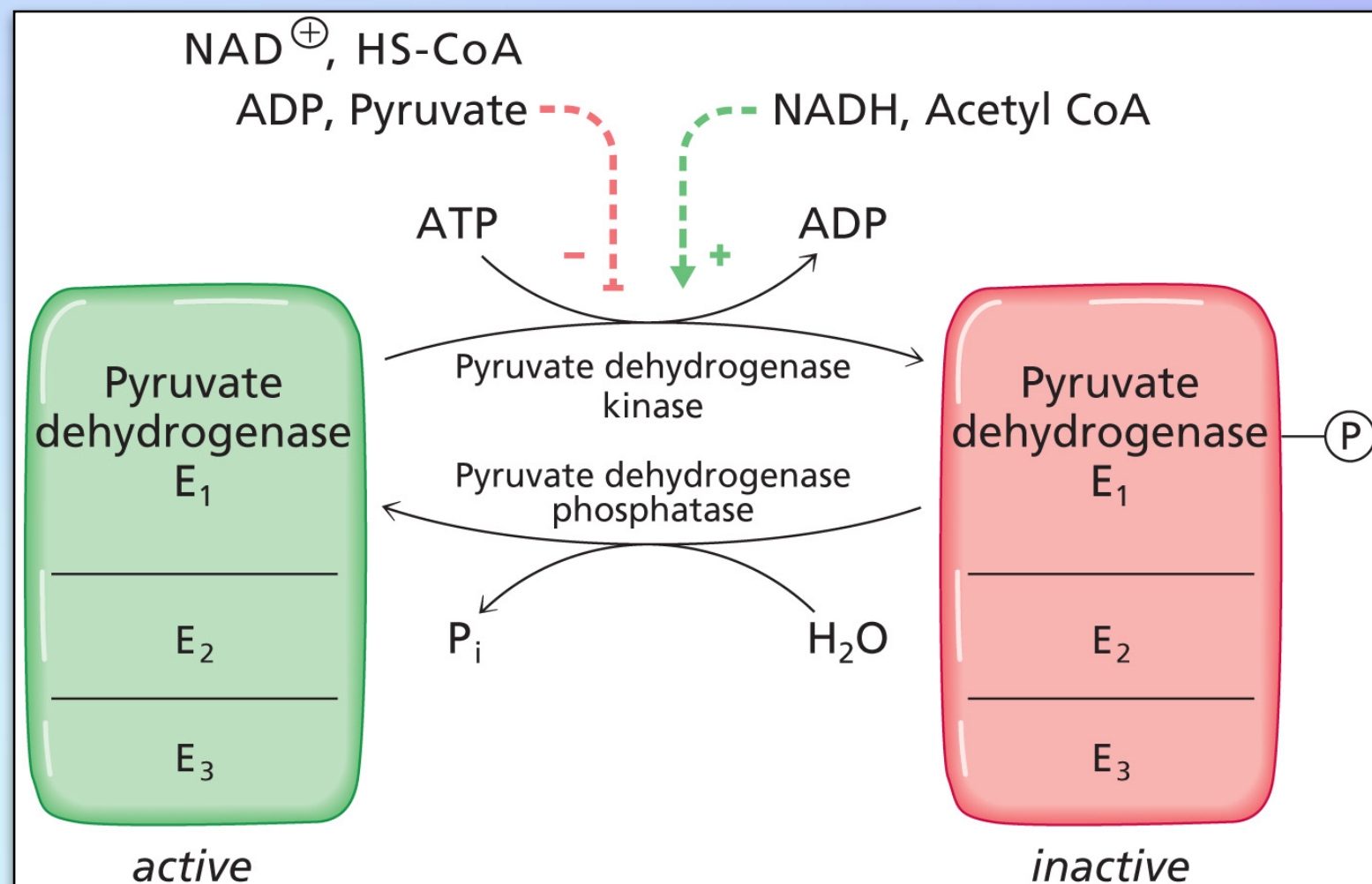
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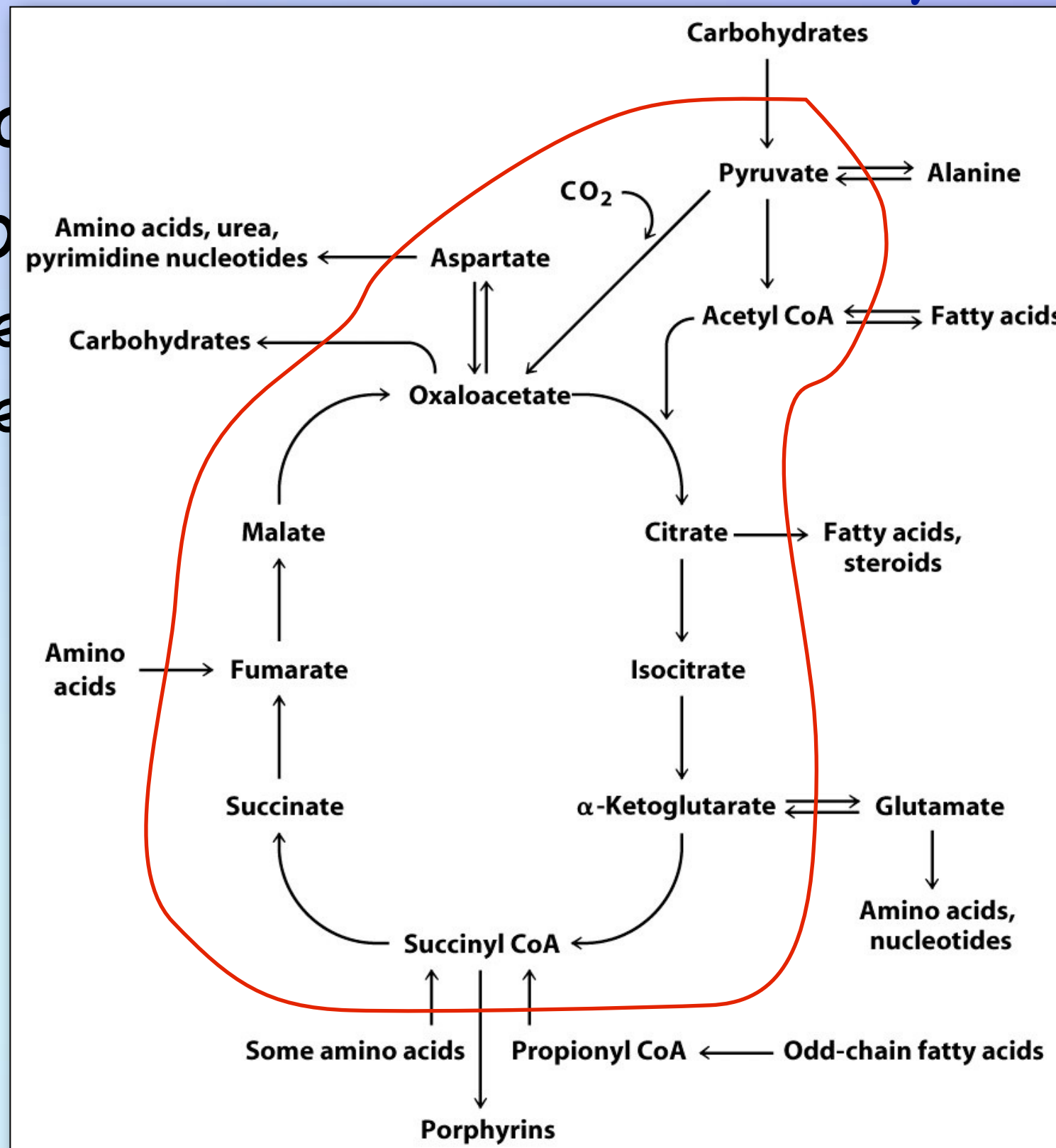
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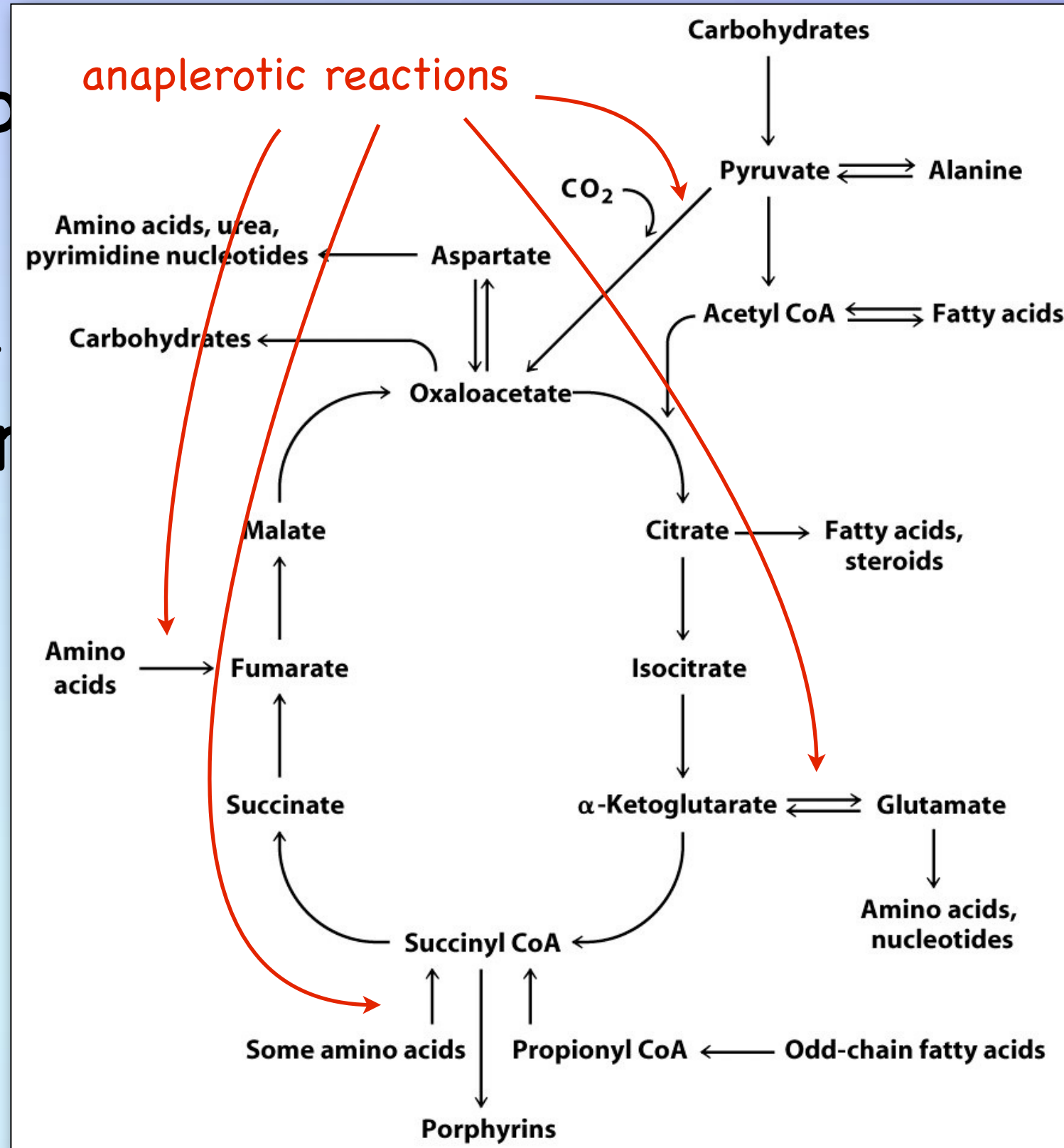
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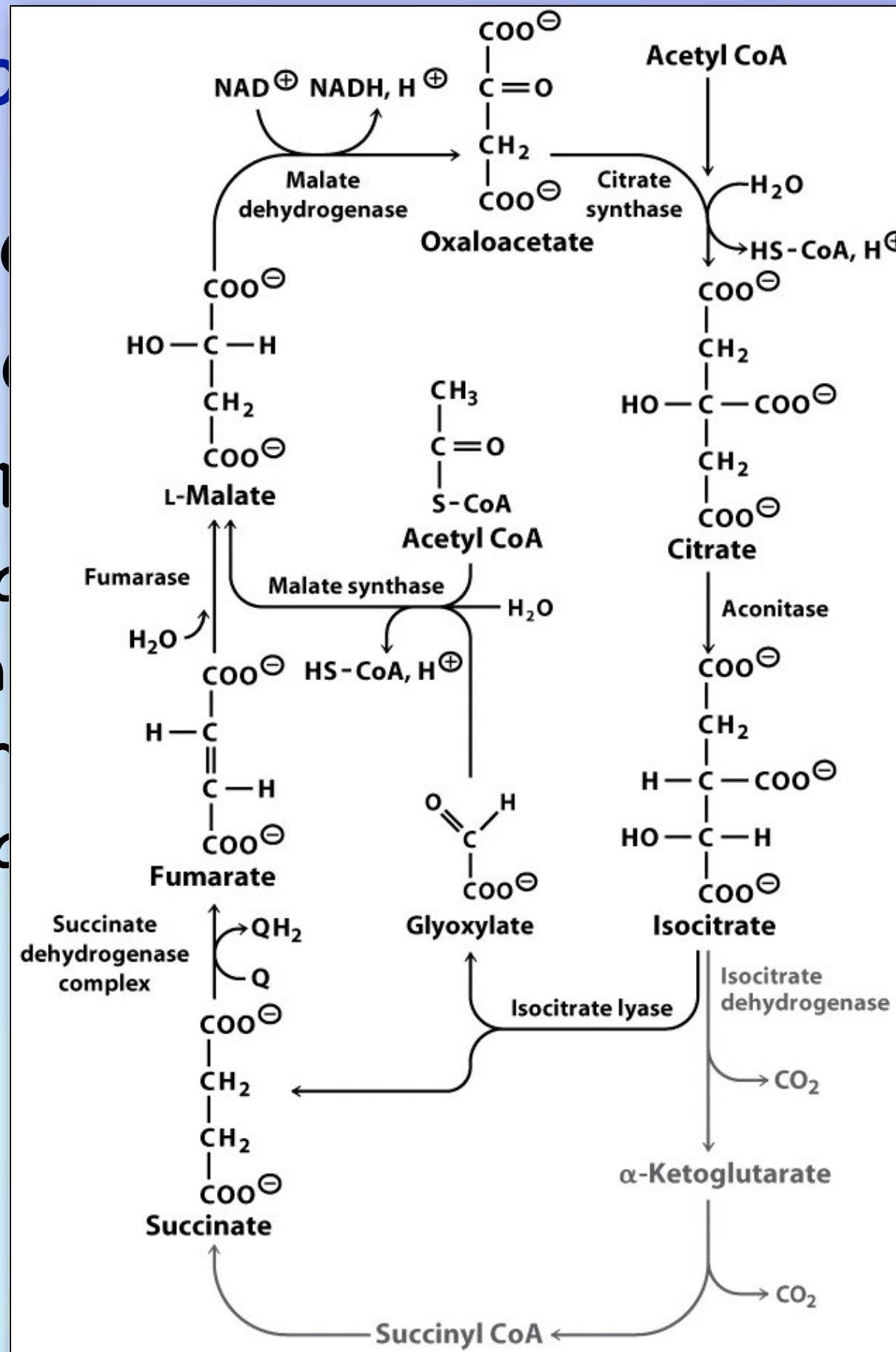


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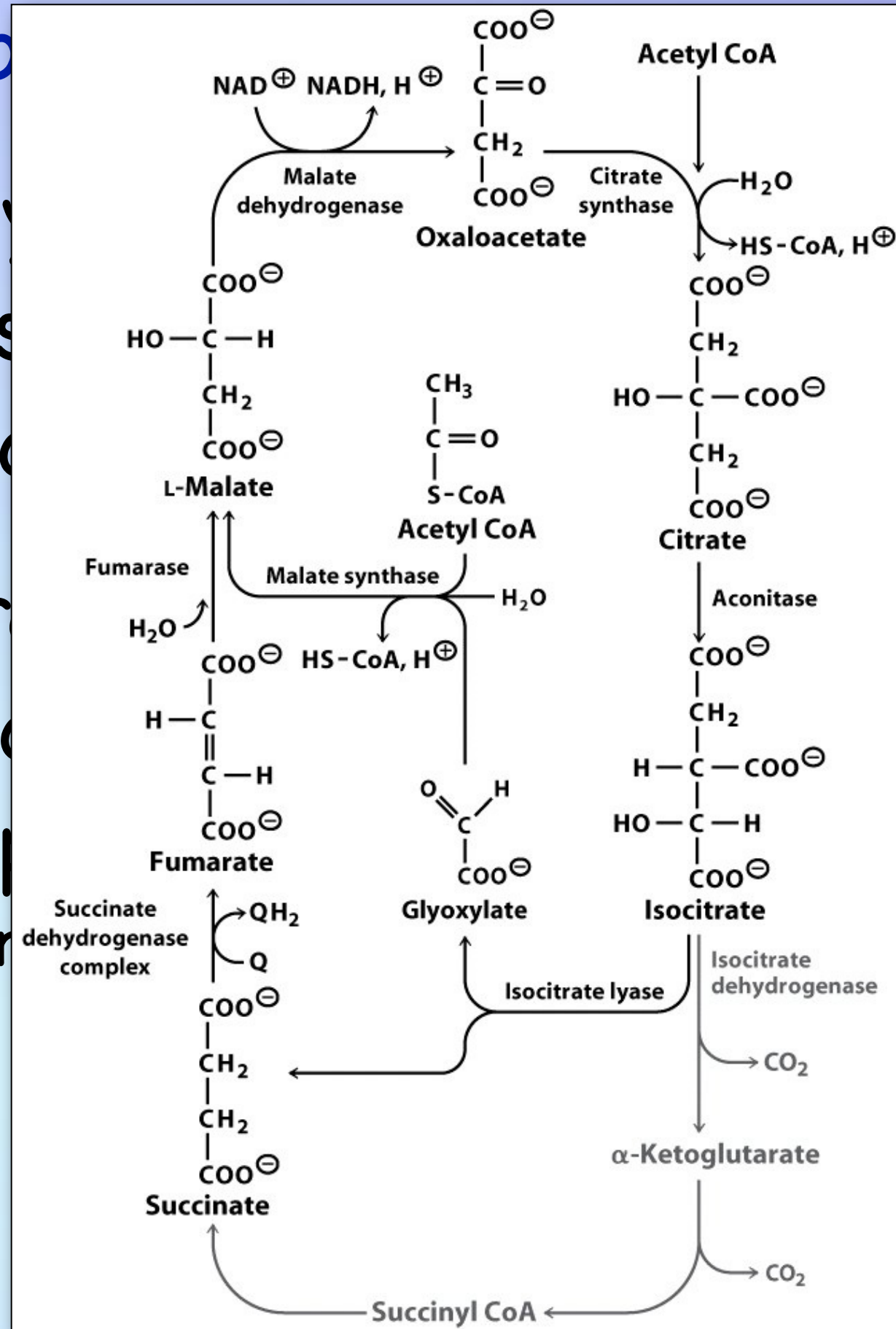
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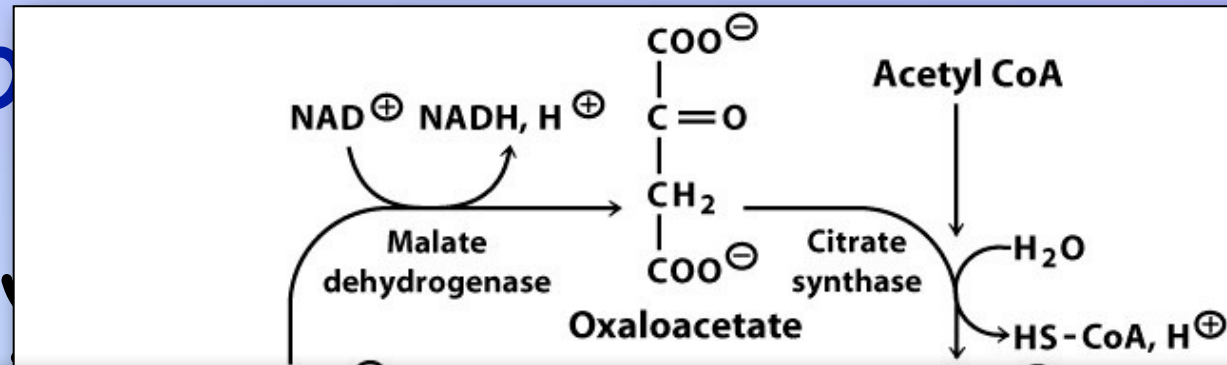
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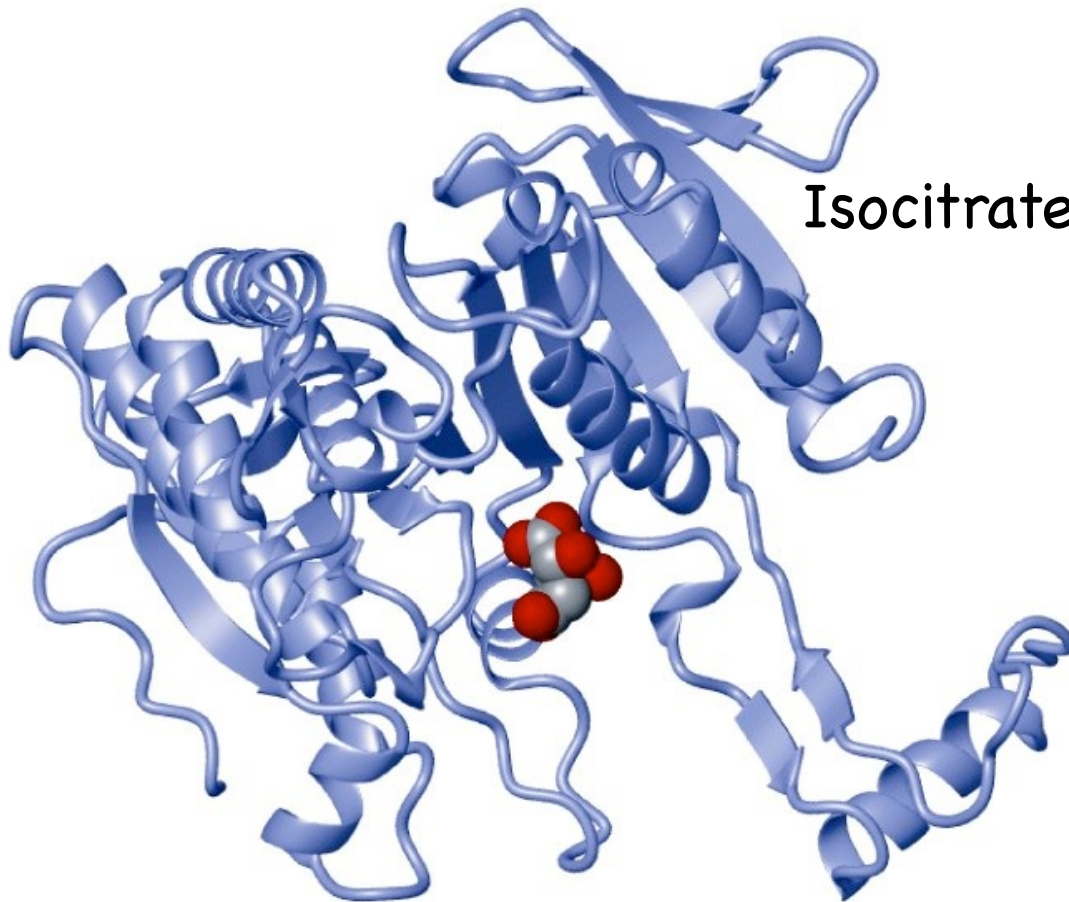
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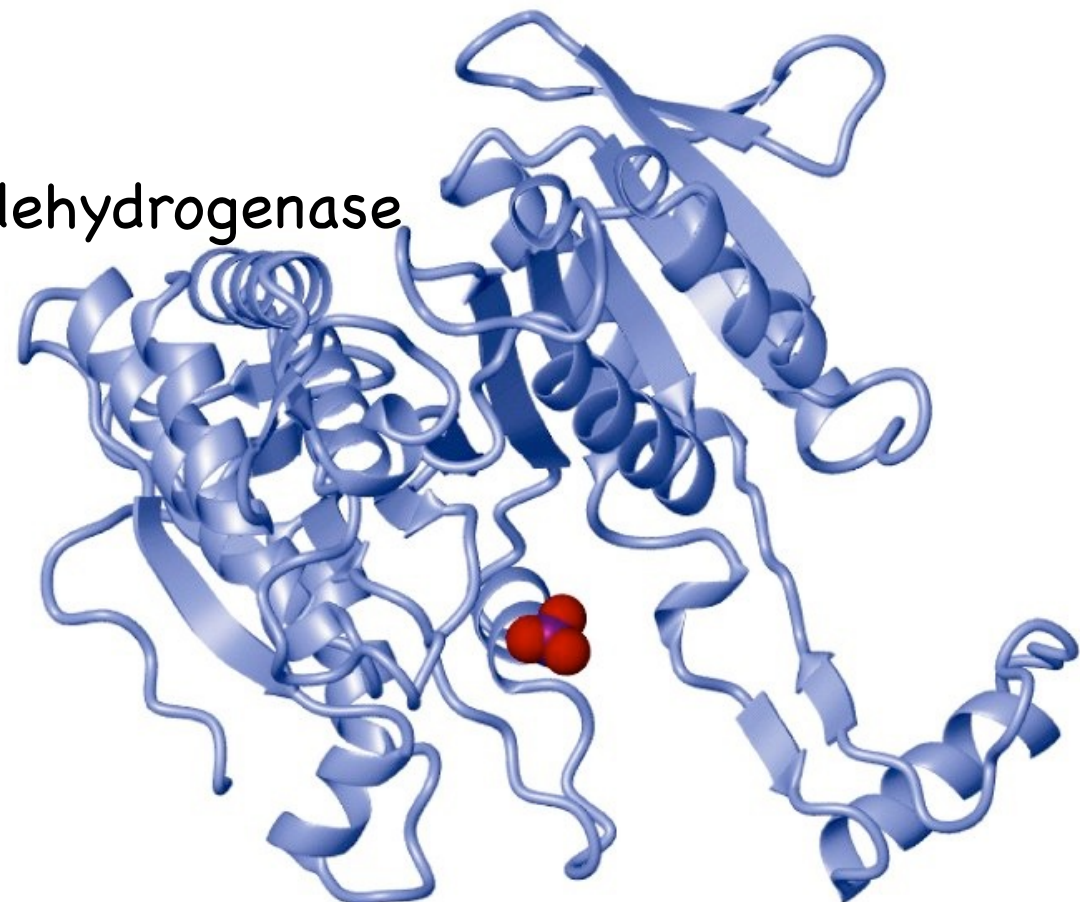
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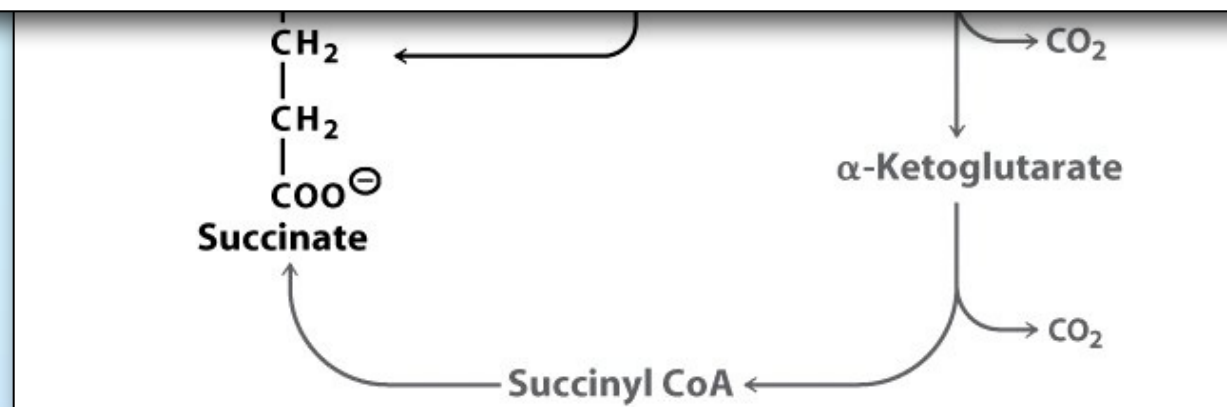


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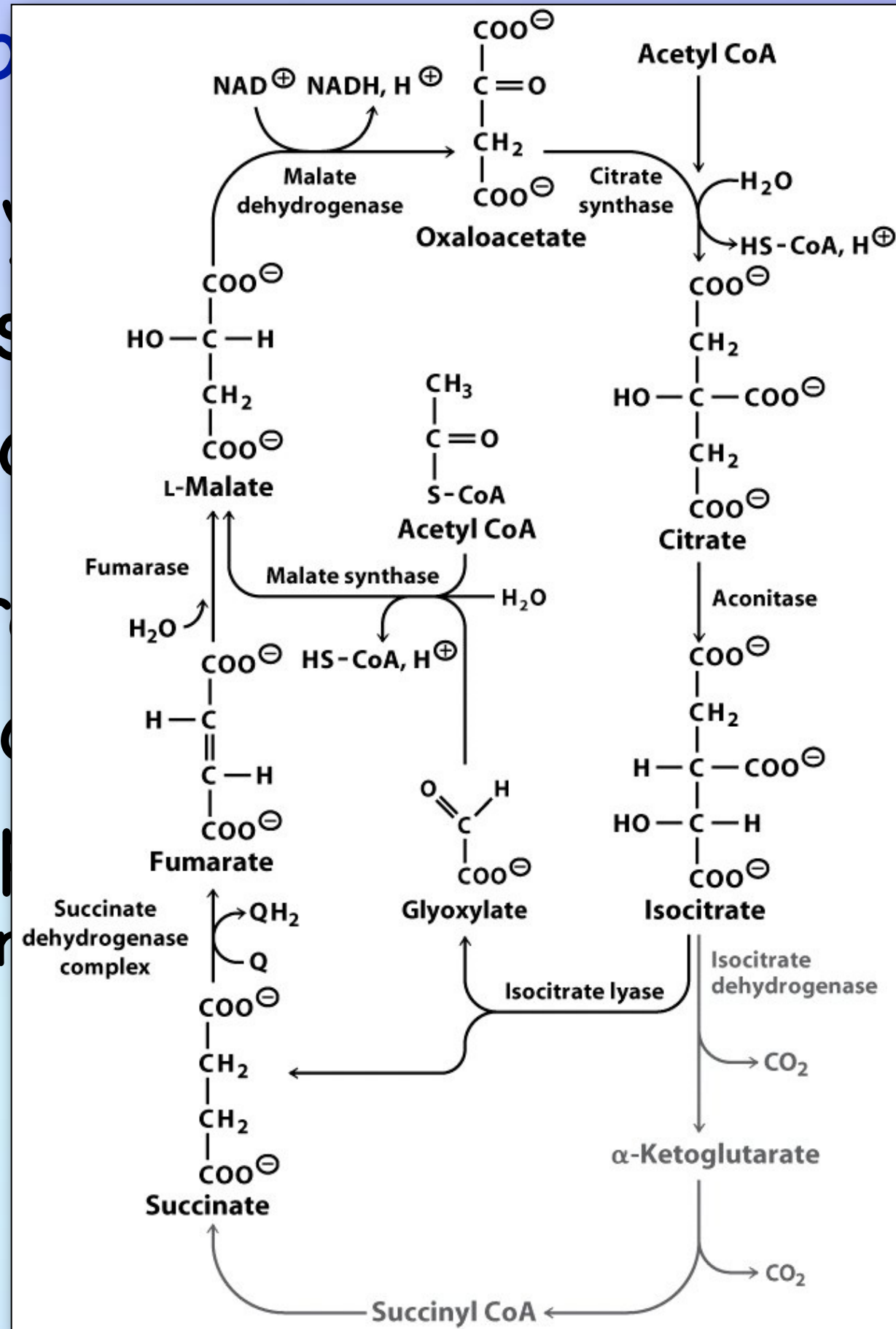


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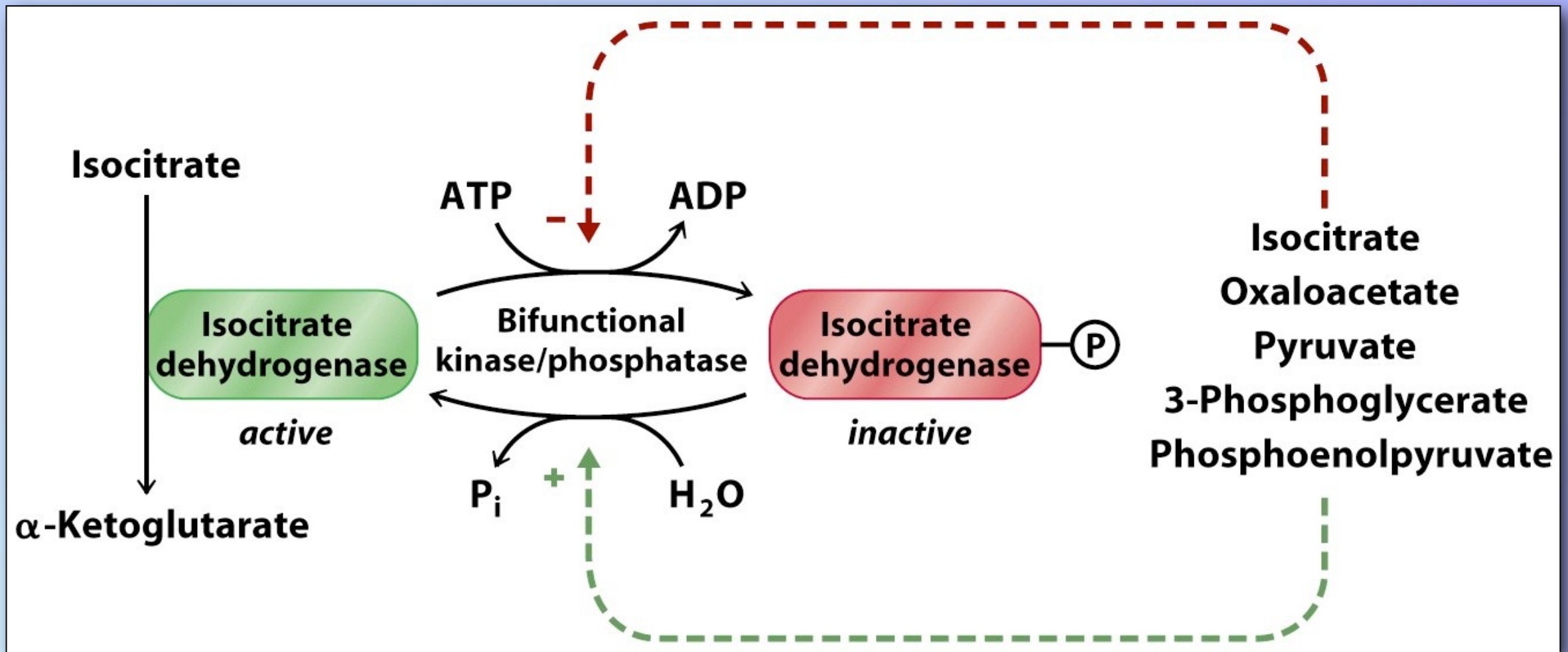


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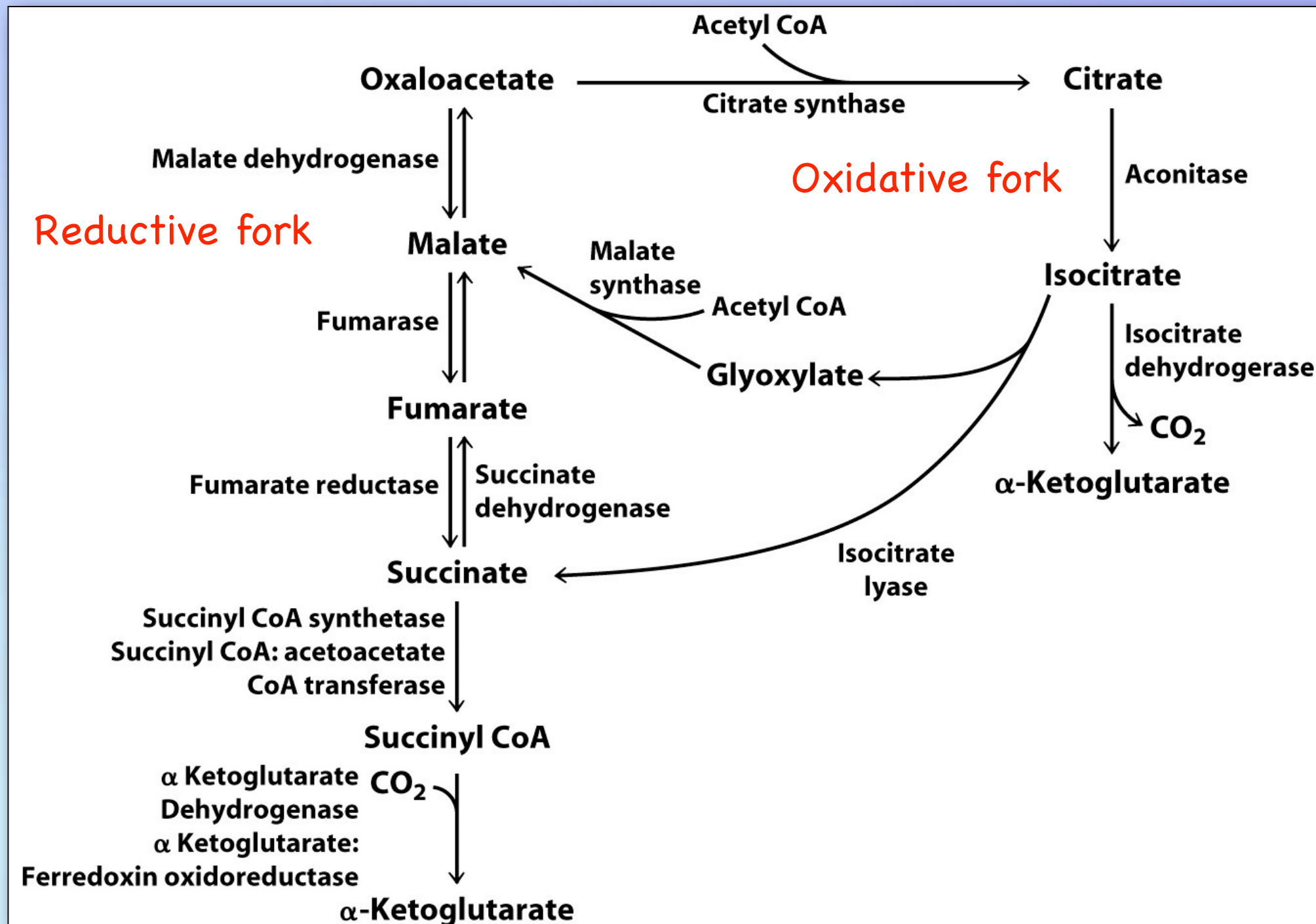


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# Next Up

## •Lecture 8 - Carbohydrate Metabolism

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