

# **Chapter 7-II:**

## Lipid Metabolism

# Oxidation of unsaturated fatty acids

Double bonds

One: C9

Two or three: C12, C15

Confront with three problems

Enoyl-CoA isomerase

2,4-dienoyl-CoA reductase

3,2-enoyl-CoA isomerase

3,5-2,4-dienoyl-CoA isomerase

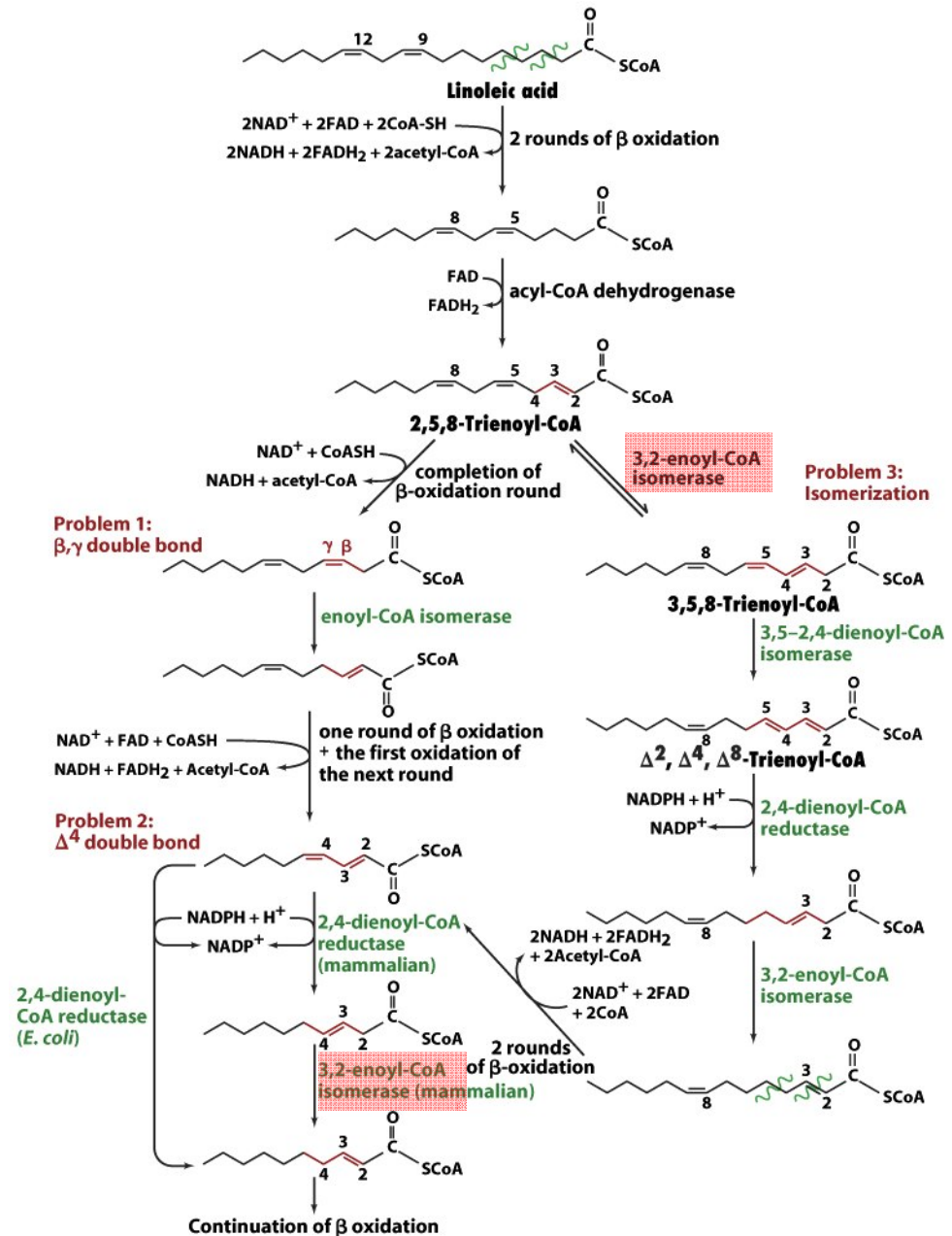


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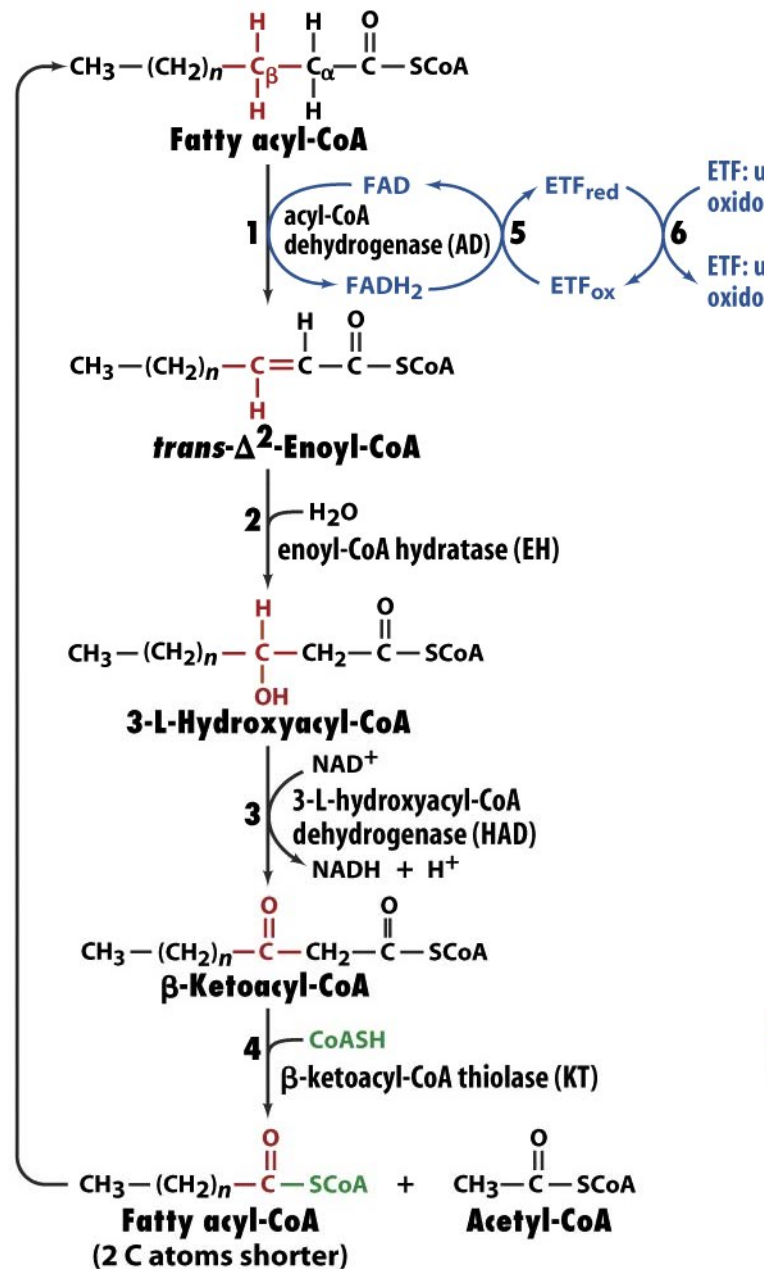


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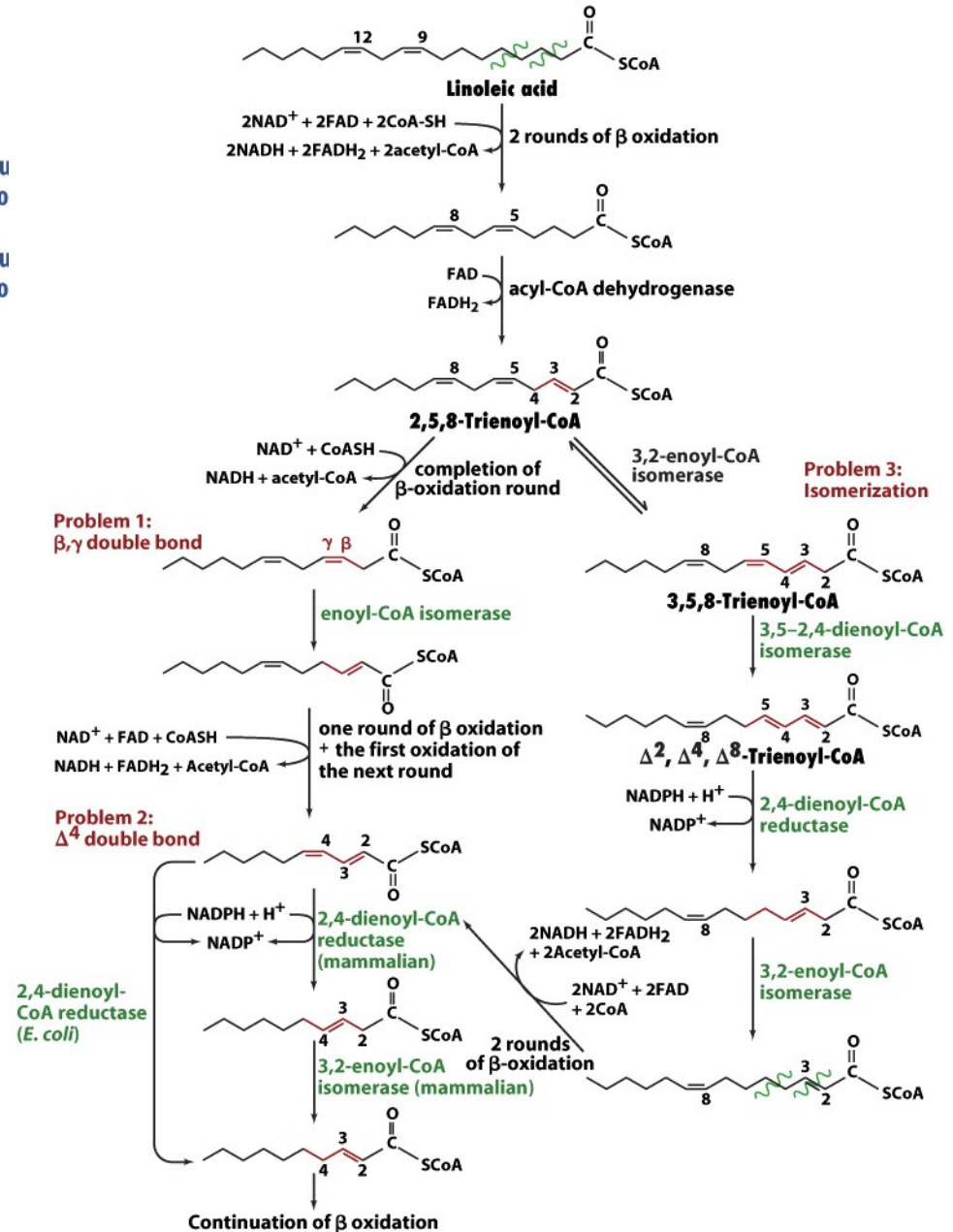


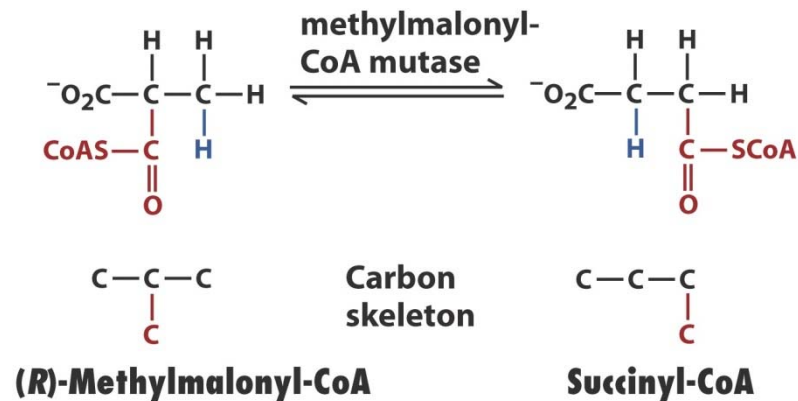
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# Oxidation of odd-chain fatty acids

The end product is propionyl-CoA

Converted to succinyl-CoA

Entry into the citric acid cycle



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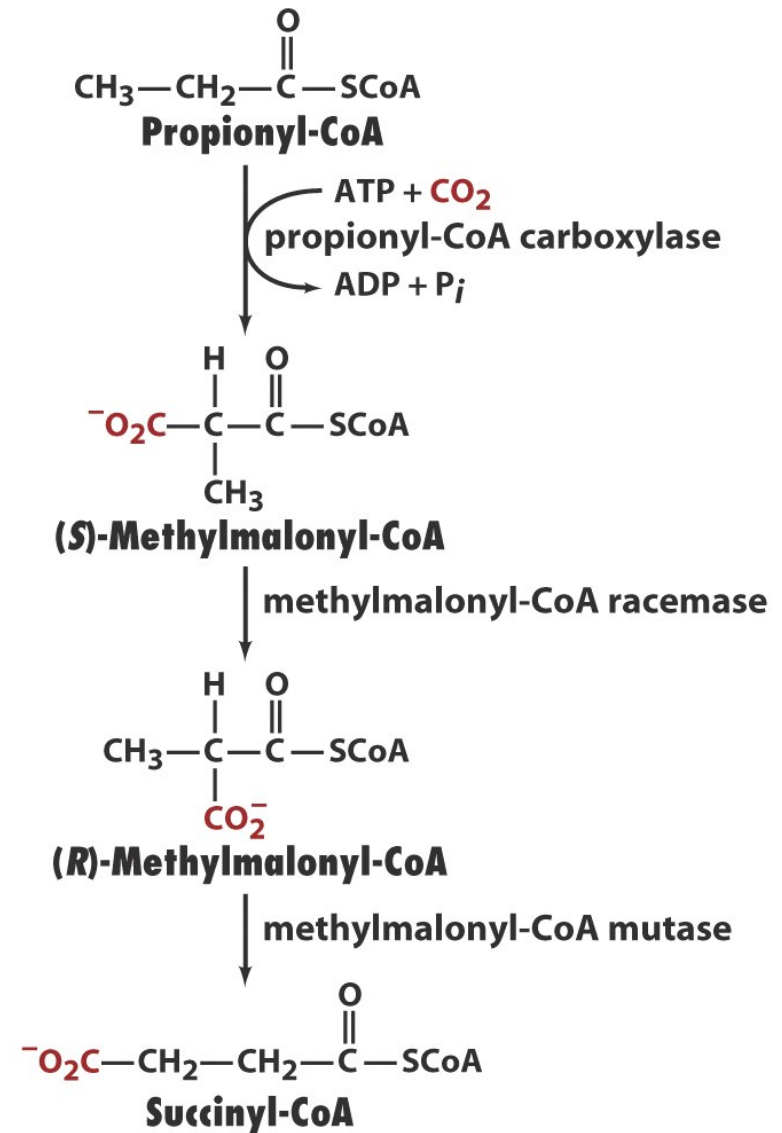


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# Methylmalonyl-CoA mutase

Prosthetic group: 5'-deoxyadenosylcobalamine (AdoCbl, coenzyme B<sub>12</sub>)

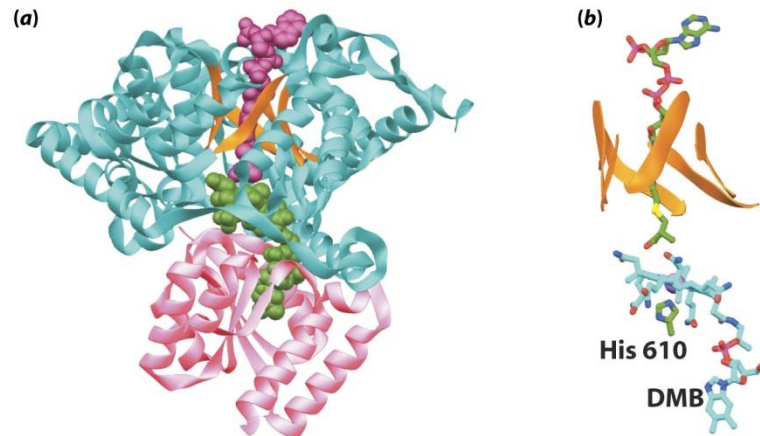


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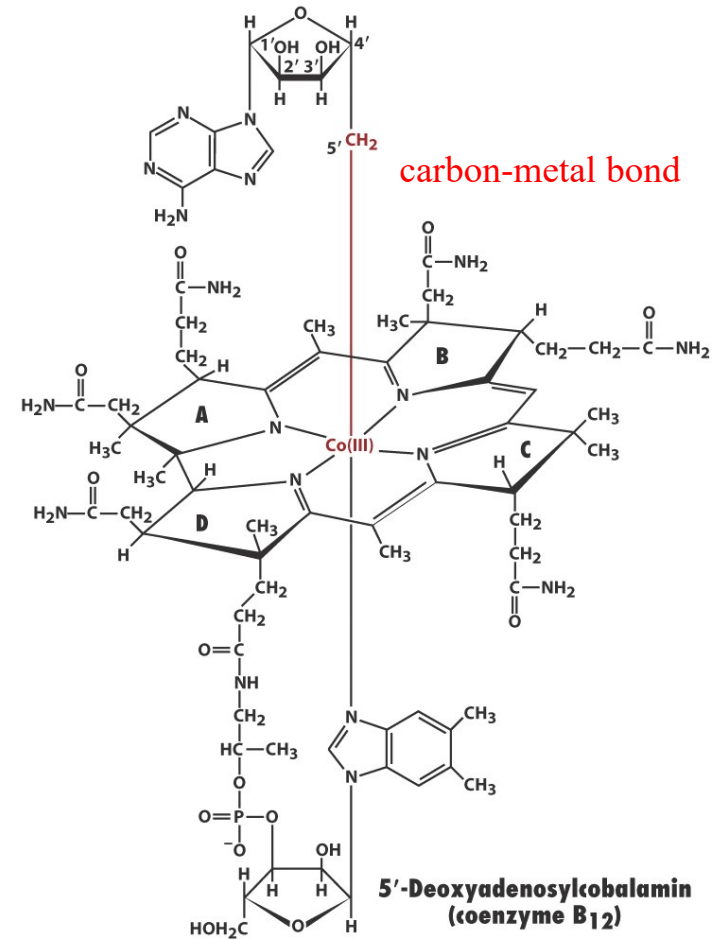


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Homolytic cleavage of  
the cobalamin C-Co bond

Co functions as a reversible  
free radical generator

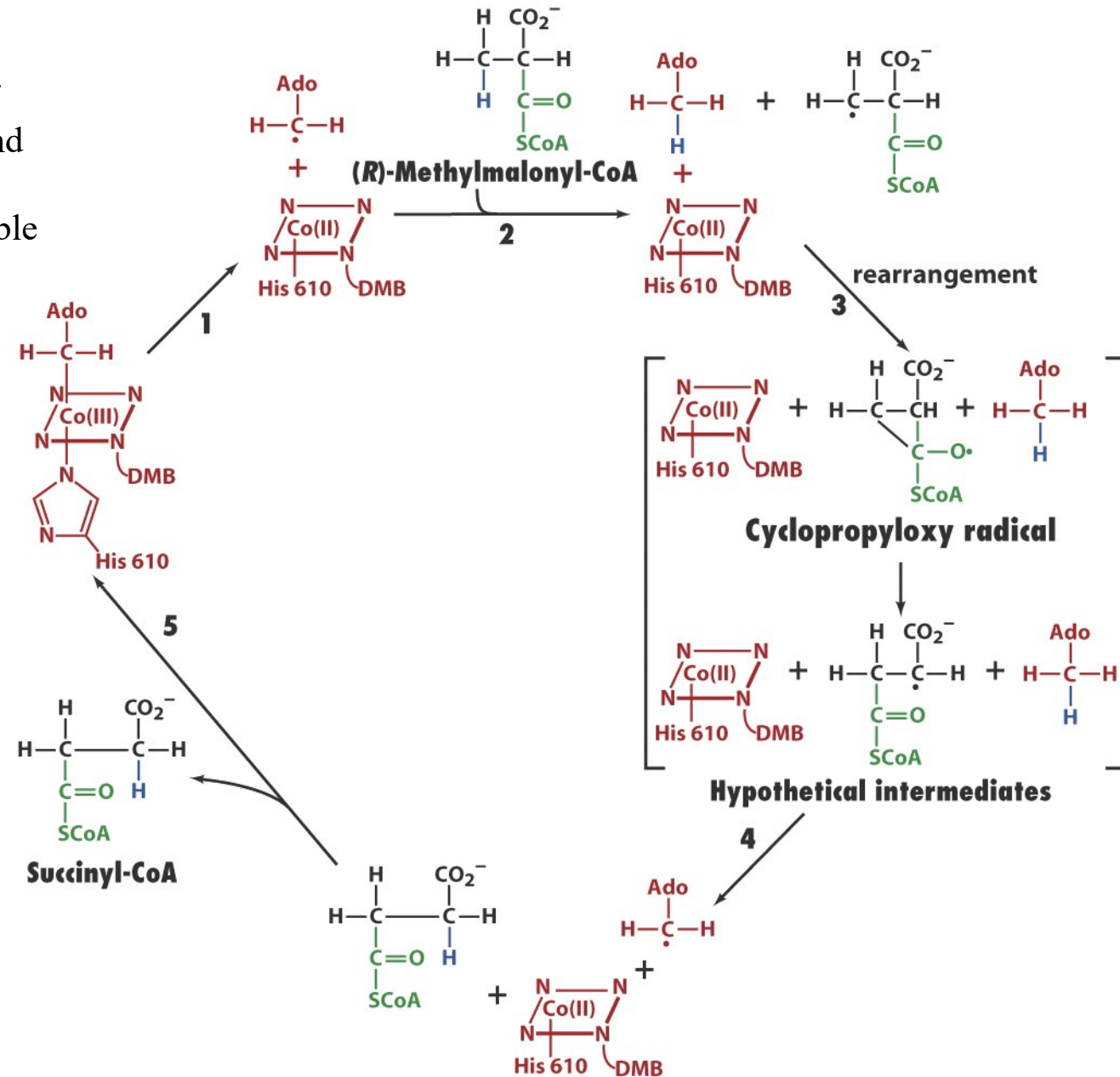
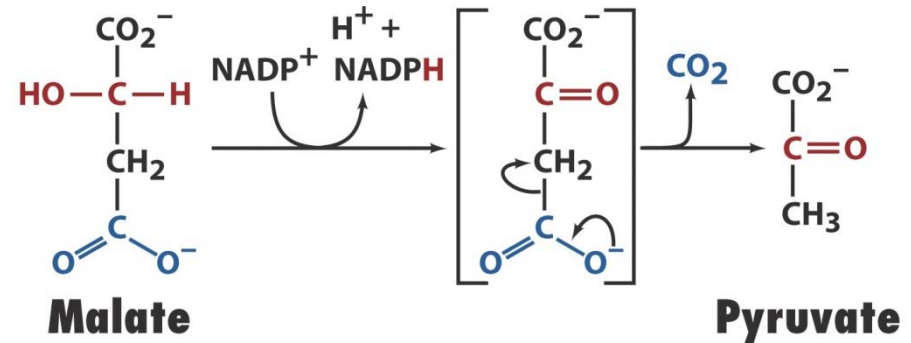


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Succinyl-CoA to malate

Transport to the cytosol

Oxidative decarboxylation to pyruvate and CO<sub>2</sub>



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# Peroxisomal $\beta$ oxidation

Animal cells: very long chains or branched chains

Plant cells: exclusively in the peroxisomes and glyoxysomes

NADH transport electron to  $O_2$  to generate  $H_2O_2$

Animal cells: very long chain fatty acids (>22 chains) are shortened and transported to mito

Three enzymes

Acyl-CoA oxidase

Peroxisomal enoyl-CoA hydratase and 3-L-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase

Peroxisomal thiolase

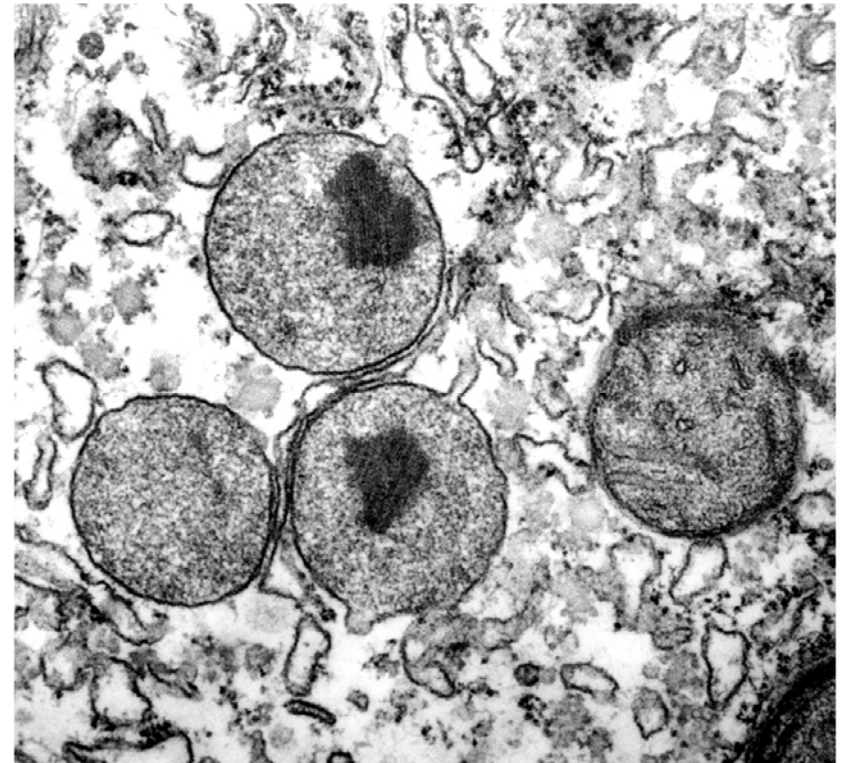


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# Ketone bodies

Ketogenesis: acetyl-CoA to acetoacetate or D-β-hydroxybutyrate

Important metabolic fuels for heart & skeletal muscle

During starvation the brain depends on ketone bodies

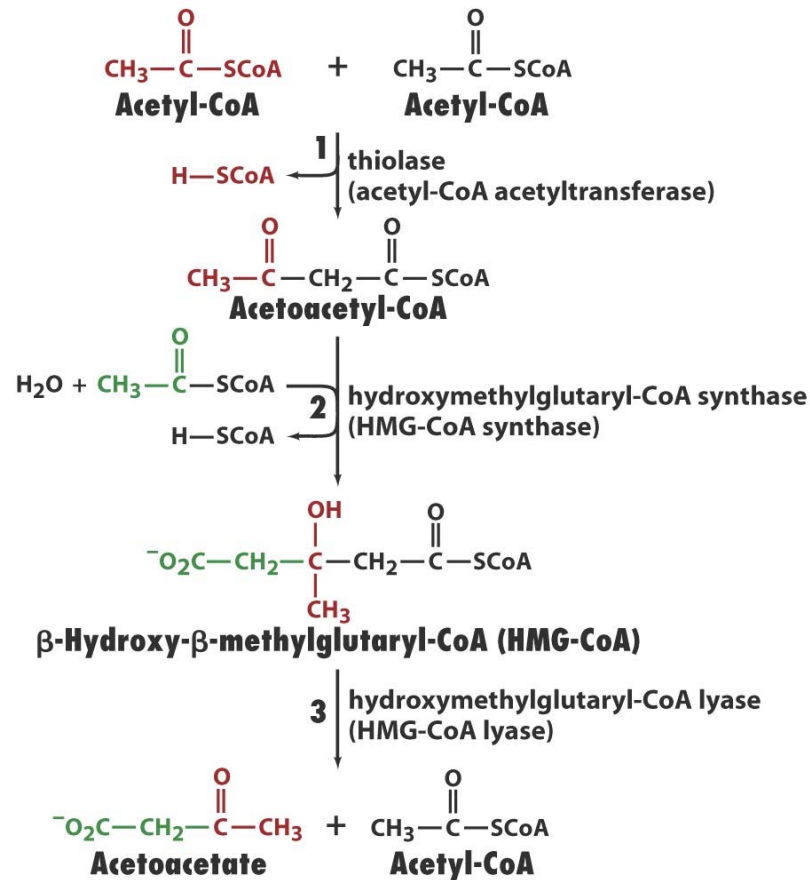
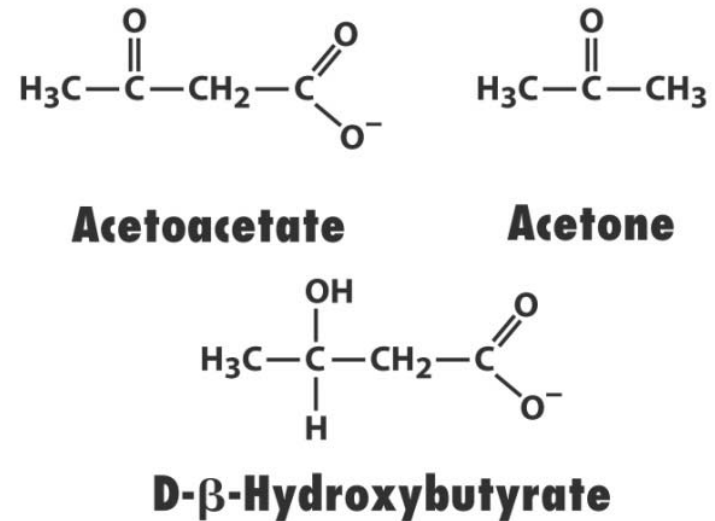


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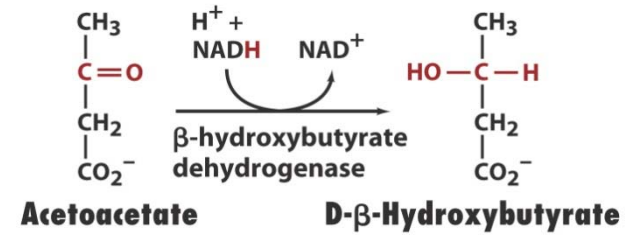


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Acetoacetate formation

# Ketone bodies to acetyl-CoA

ketosis



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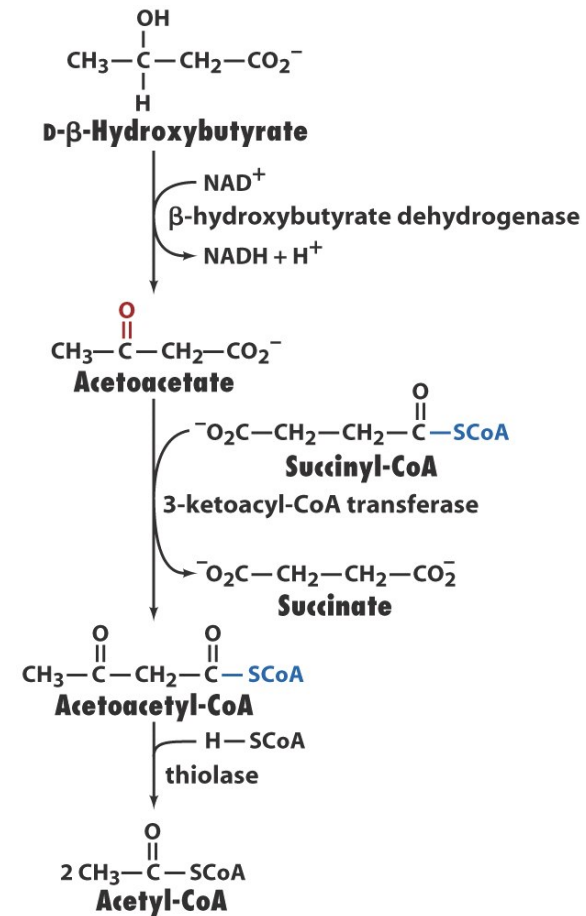


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# Fatty acid biosynthesis

Reverse of  $\beta$ -oxidation process

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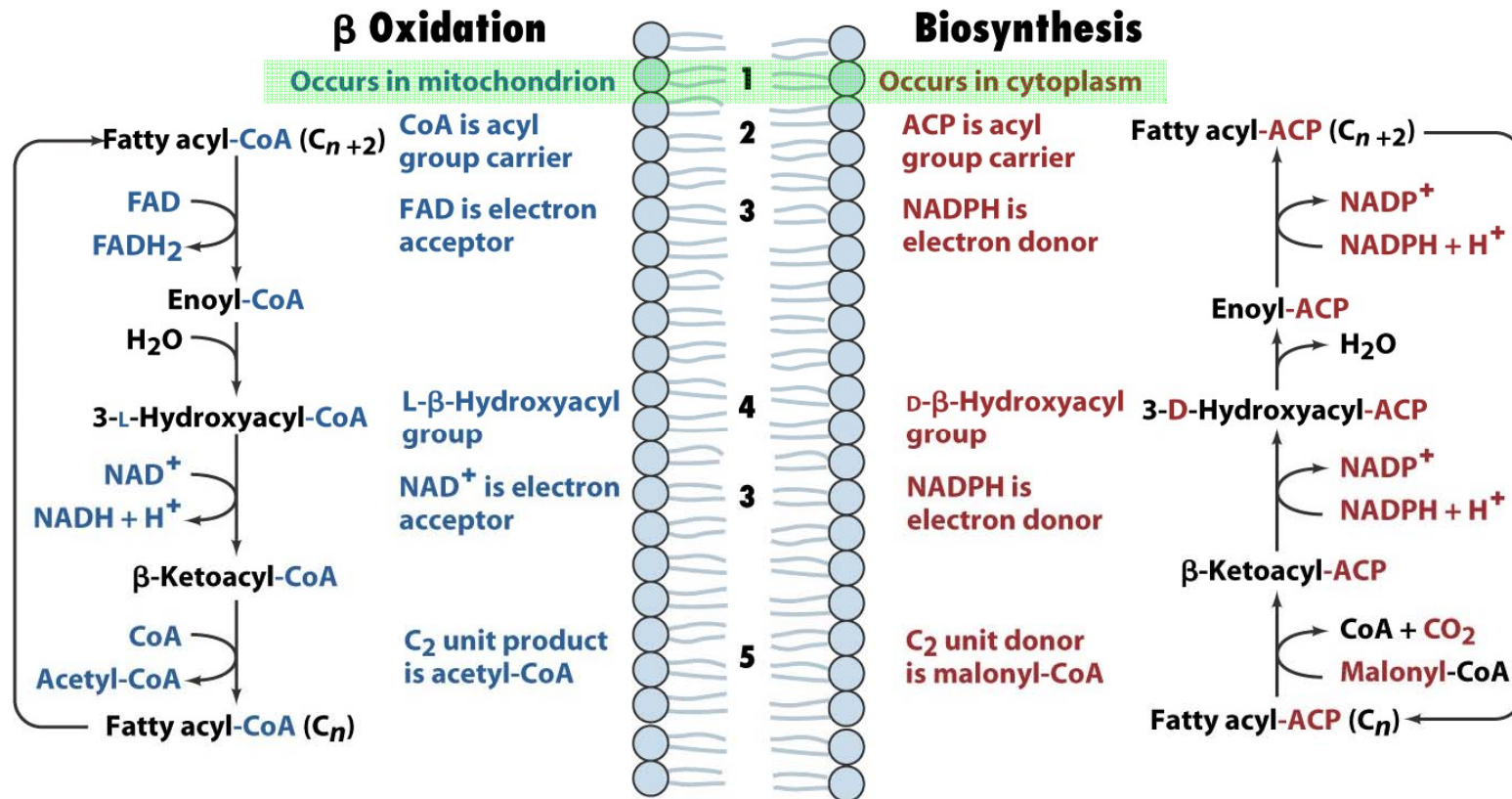


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# Acetyl group transfer from mito to cytosol

tricarboxylate transport system

ATP-citrate lyase

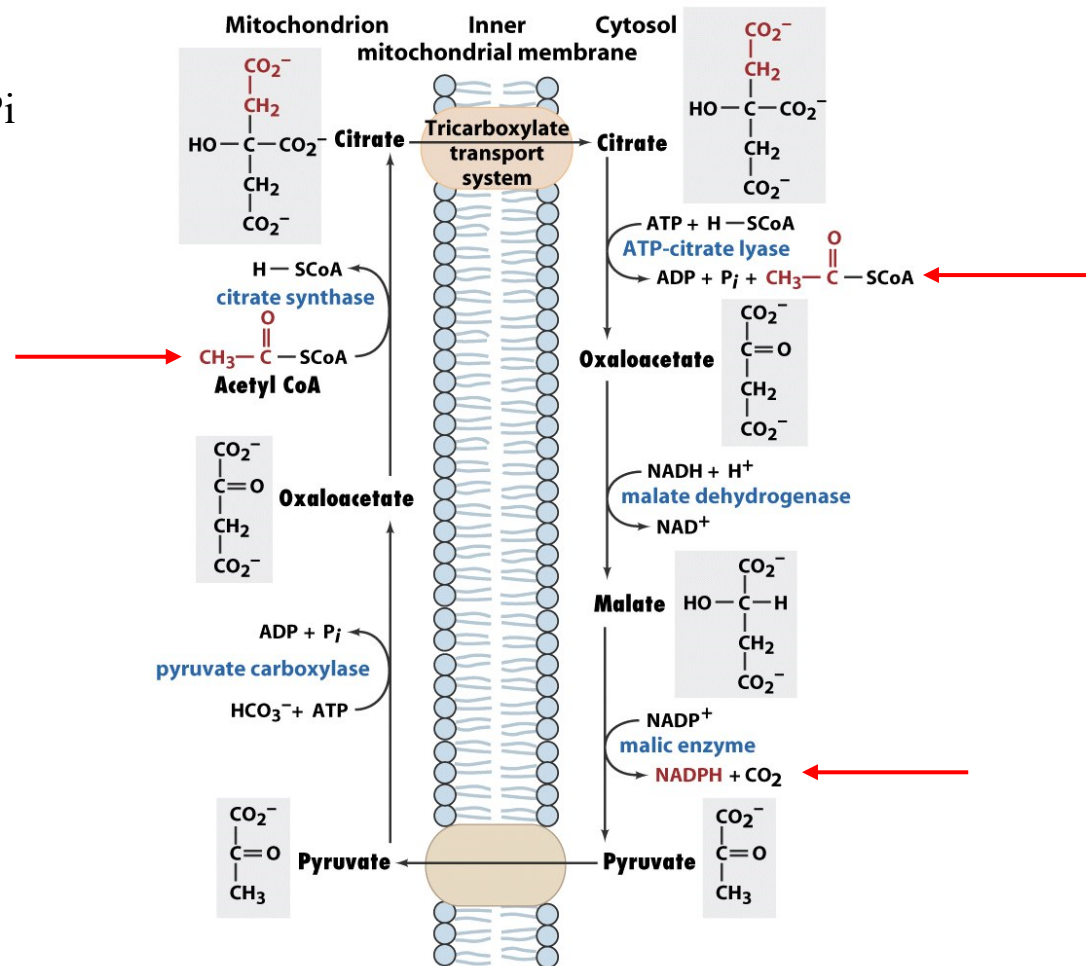
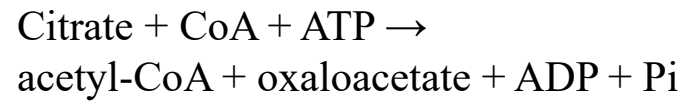


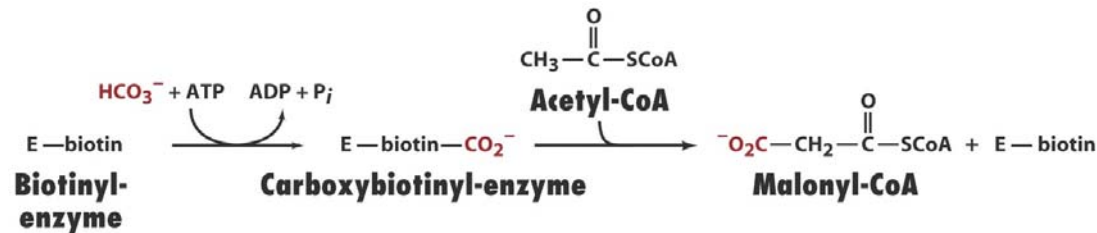
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## Acetyl-CoA carboxylase (ACC)

The first committed step of fatty acid synthesis & r.d.s.

Allosteric and covalent regulation

CO<sub>2</sub> activation and carboxylation



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## Mammalian ACC: two isoforms

adipose tissue, α-ACC; heart muscle, β-ACC; liver, both

Heart muscle does not synthesize fatty acids

What is the function of β-ACC?

Malonyl-CoA strongly inhibits the mito import of fatty acyl-CoA

## *E. coli* ACC

regulated by guanine nucleotides

why? Fatty acid synthesis is coordinated with cell growth

# Fatty acid synthase

*E. coli* by individual enzymes

Plant: in chloroplast by individual enzymes

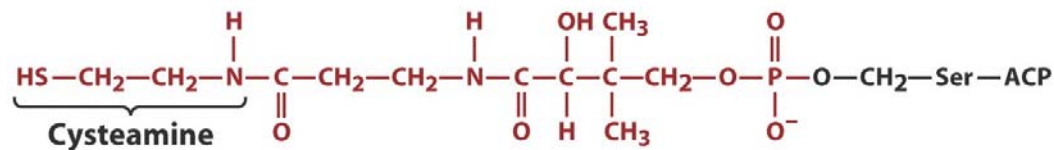
Yeast: cytosolic 2500-kD multifunctional enzyme  $\alpha 6\beta 6$

Animal: 534-kD consisting of two identical polypeptide chains

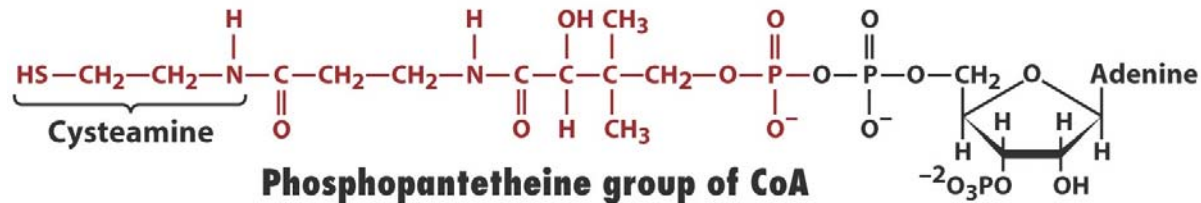
Acyl-carrier protein (ACP)

in *E. coli* 10-kD polypeptide

in animal a part of the multifunctional complex

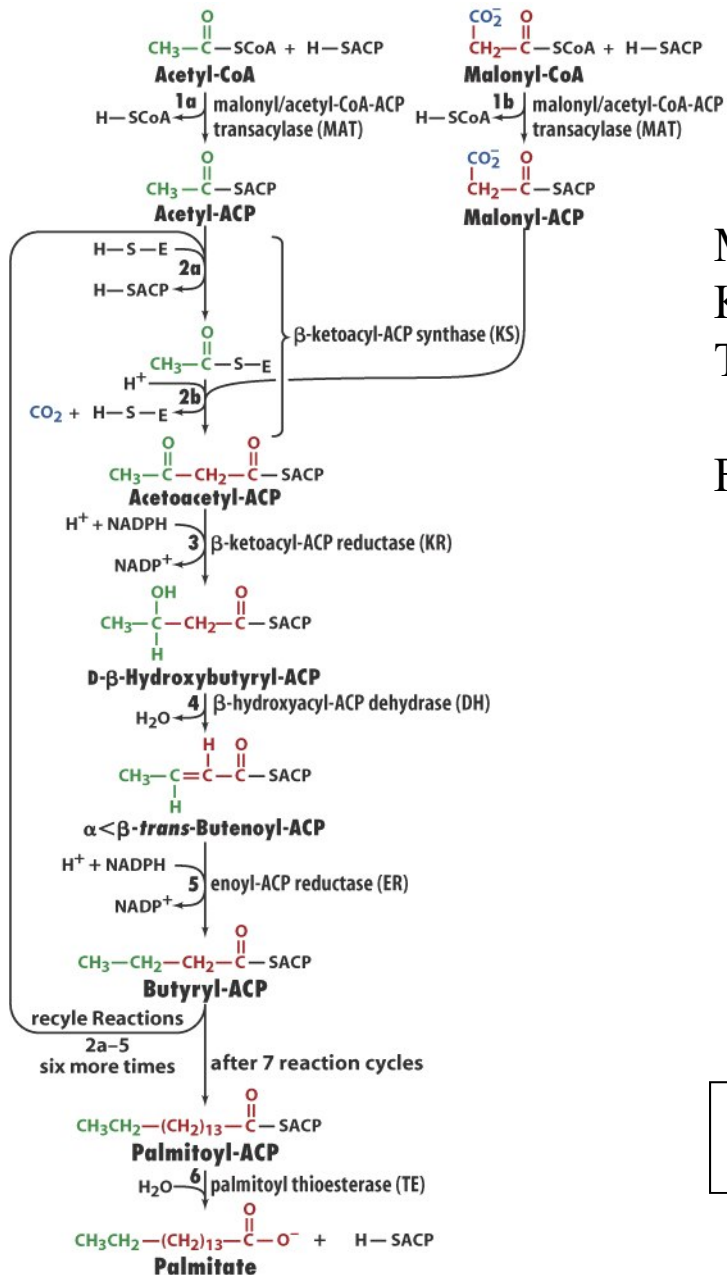


**Phosphopantetheine prosthetic group of ACP**

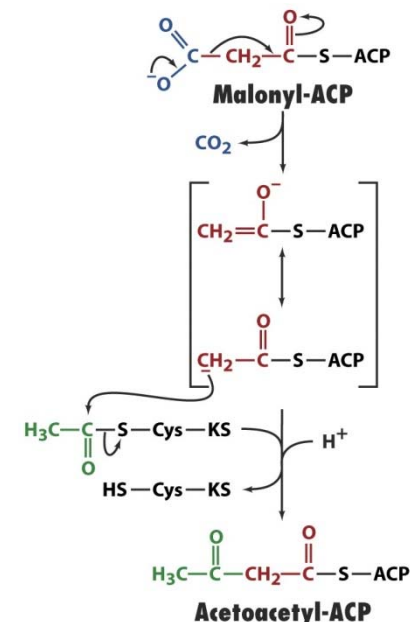


**Phosphopantetheine group of CoA**





MAT: acetyl or malonyl group transfer to ACP  
 KS (condensing enzyme)  
 Two reductions & a dehydration  
 require two NADPH  
 Further elongation



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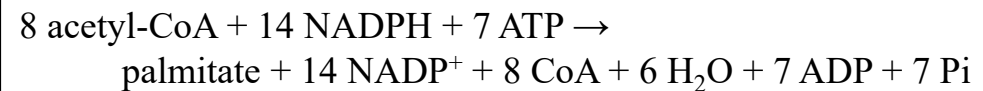


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# Animal fatty acid synthase

Dimers operate in concert: head to tail

7 reactions by 6 discrete active sites (two by MAT)

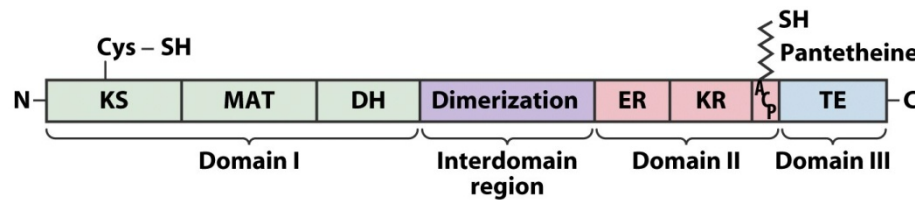


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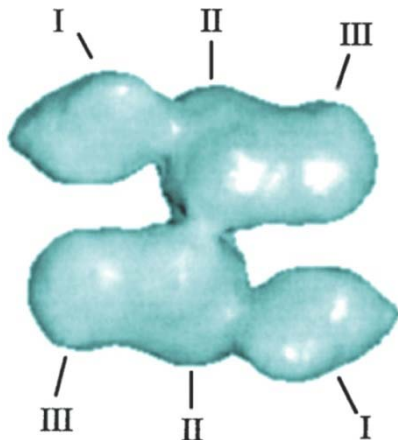
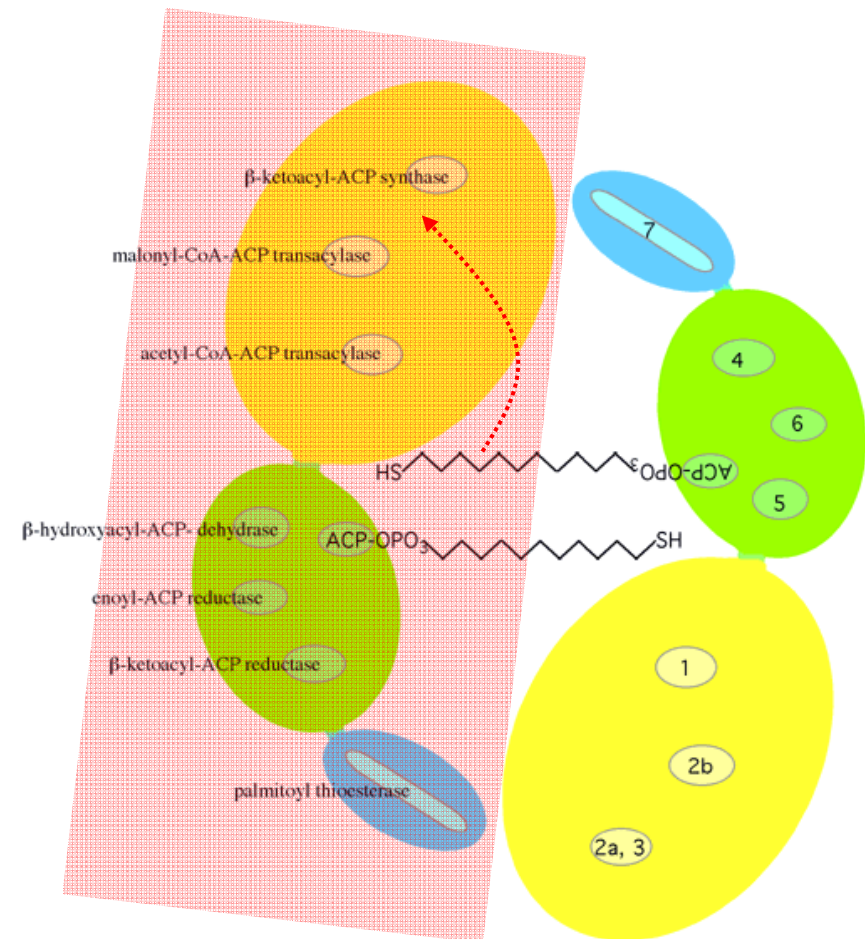


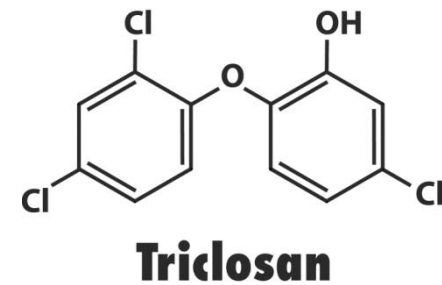
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## Mammalian Fatty Acid Synthase



Malignant tissues: high levels of fatty acid synthase  
An inhibitor of fatty acid synthesis: possible anticancer agent

Triclosan (5-chloro-2-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)phenol)  
antibacterial agent  
inhibits enoyl-ACP reductase  
emergence of resistant strains



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## Elongases and desaturases

Elongases: mito & ER but in different mechanisms  
more than C16

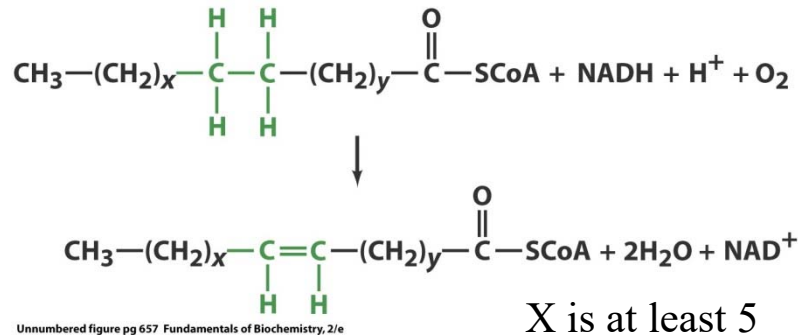
in mito: **reversal of fatty acid oxidation**

in ER: successive addition of malonyl-CoA

## Terminal desaturases

4 enzymes of broad chain-length specificities

$\Delta^9$ -,  $\Delta^6$ -,  $\Delta^5$ -,  $\Delta^4$ - fatty acyl-CoA desaturases



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Essential fatty acid:

linoleic acid (9,12-octadecadienoic acid)

A double bond at C6 from methyl end

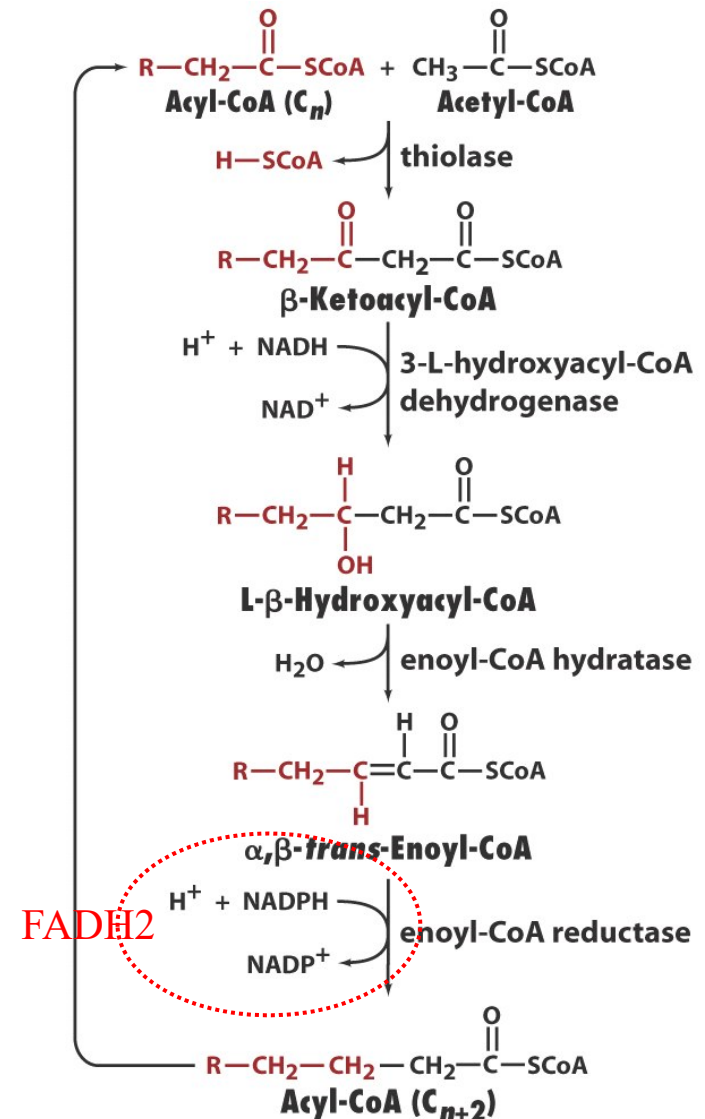


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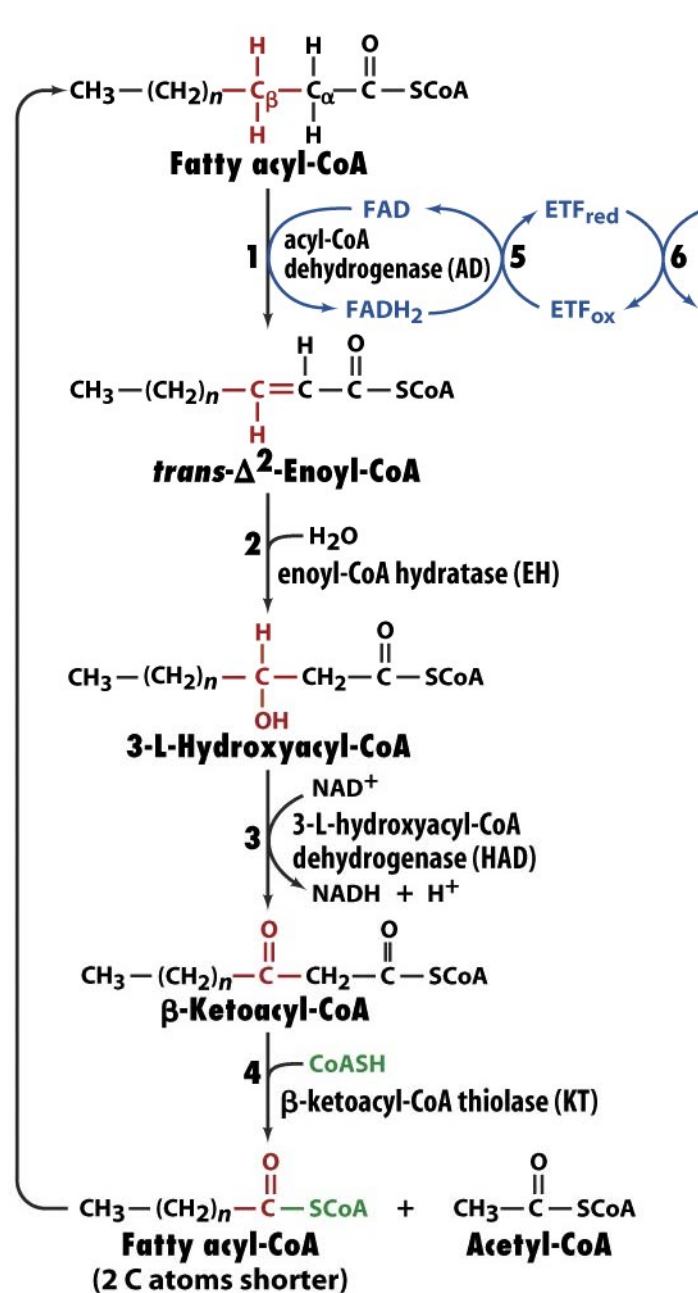


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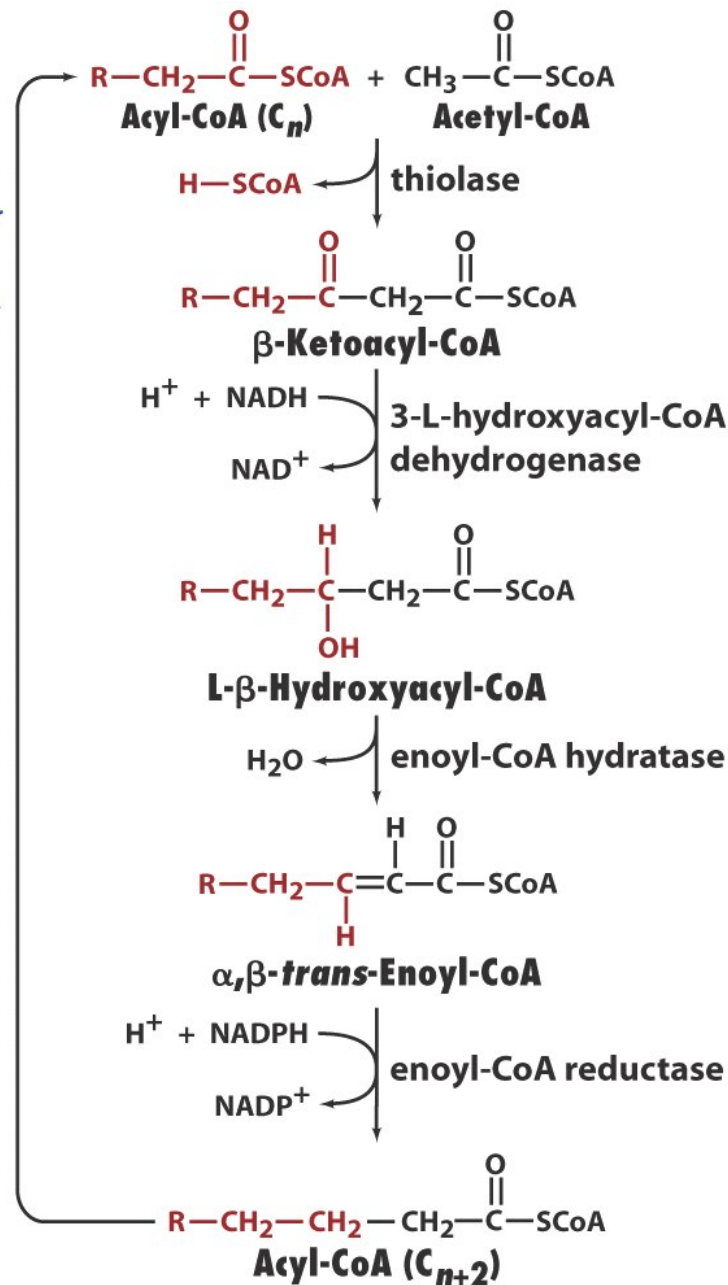


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# Synthesis of triacylglycerols

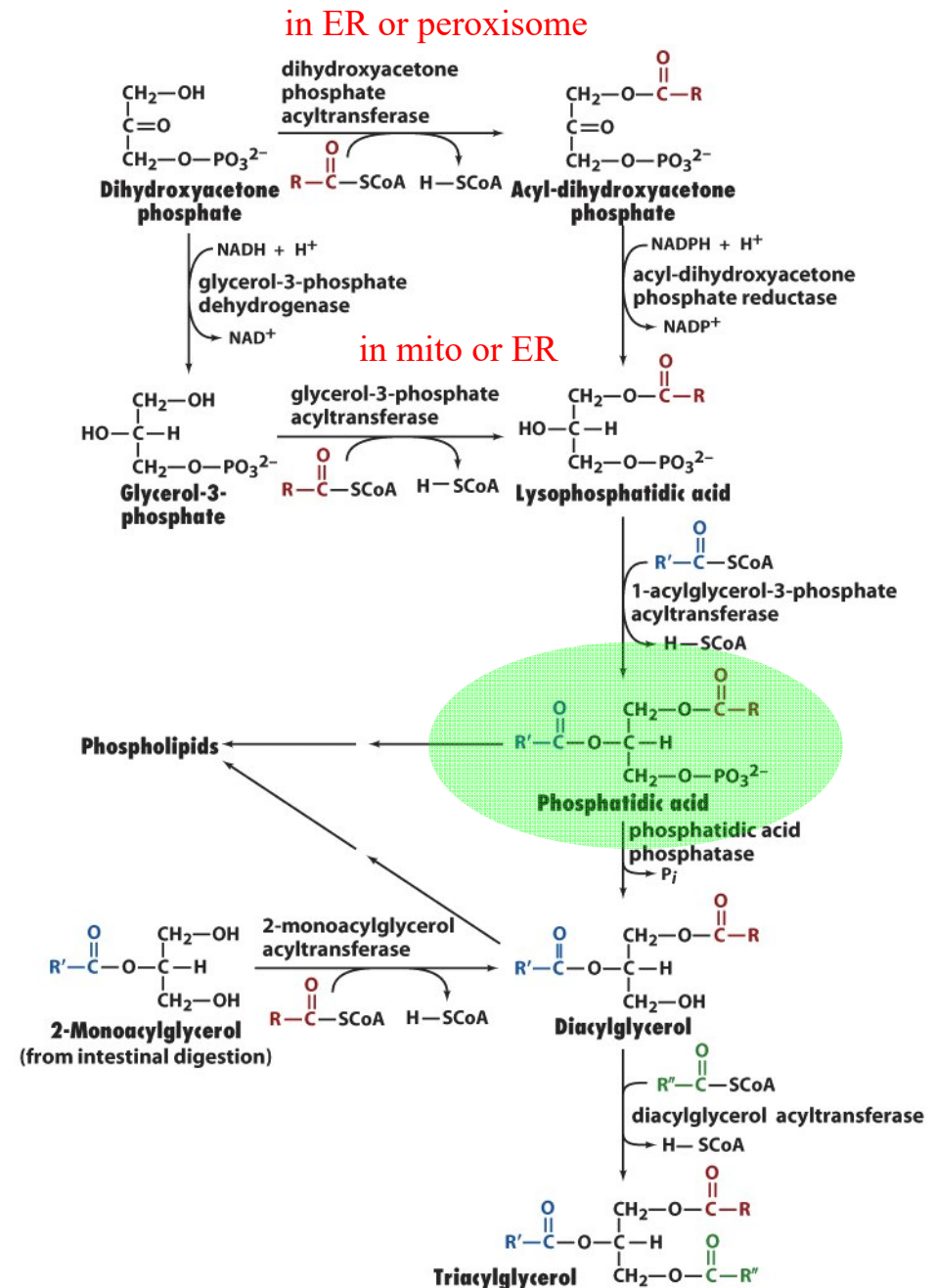


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## Glyceroneogenesis

important for triacylglycerol biosynthesis

dihydroxyacetone phosphate and glycerol-3-phosphate from glycolysis

oxaloacetate via gluconeogenesis (important in times of starvation)

### A summary of lipid metabolism

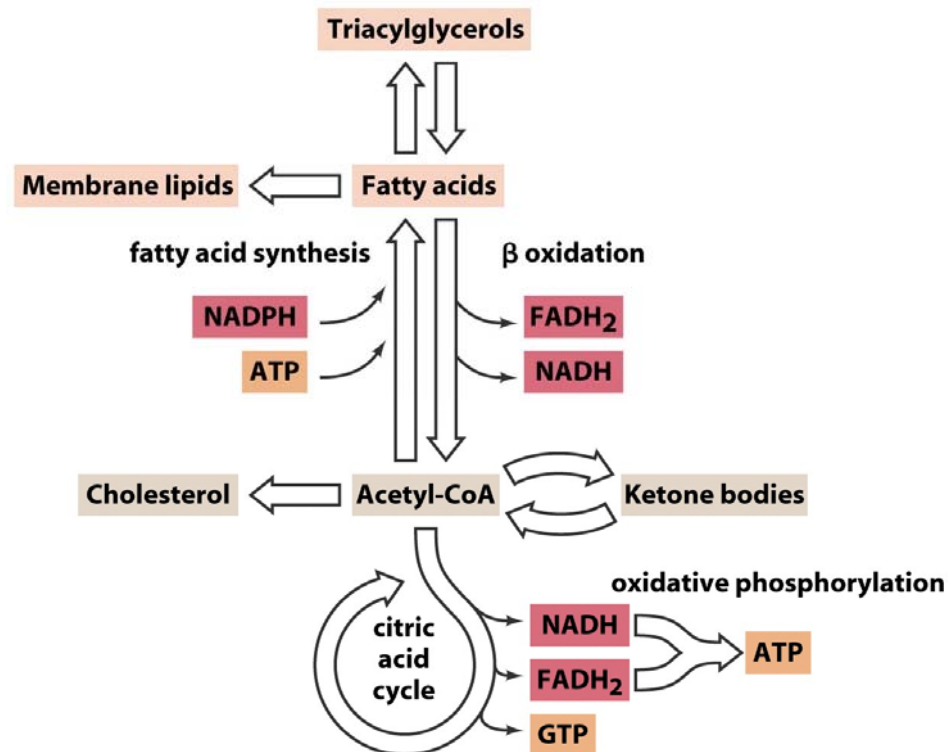


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# Regulation of Fatty acid metabolism

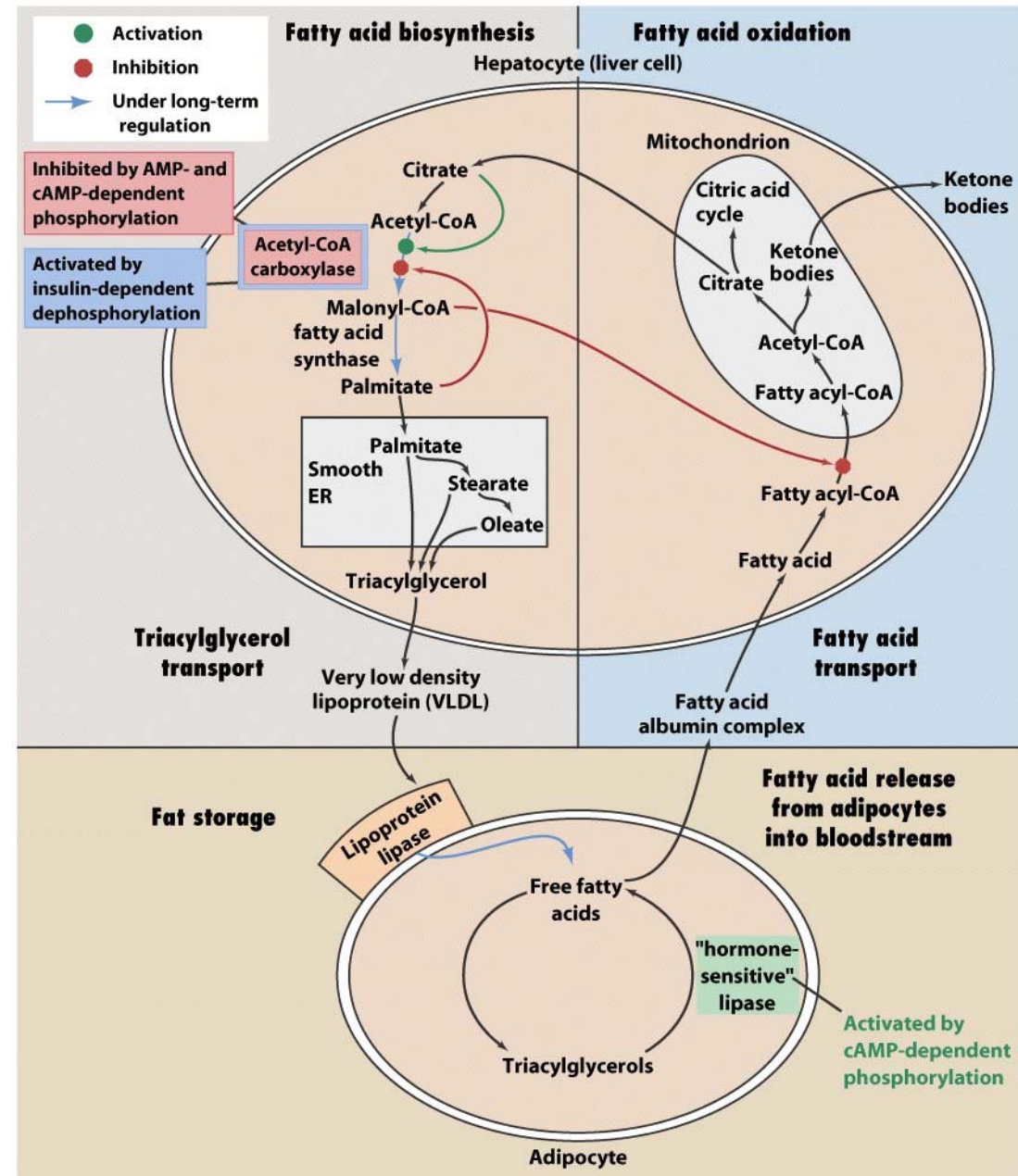


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## **Lipase**

### **Lipoprotein lipase (LPL)**

Lipoprotein lipase is found in vascular endothelium. It is activated by insulin, ACTH, TSH, glucagon and thyroid hormone. Its activity is enhanced by heparin. As discussed above, lipoprotein lipase hydrolyzes CM and VLDL to free fatty acids and glycerol and VLDL-remnants, respectively. Apolipoprotein C is essential for activation of LPL.

### **Hepatic lipase**

This enzyme hydrolyzes surface phospholipids on lipoproteins and is responsible for converting VLDL to LDL.

### **Hormone sensitive lipase**

This enzyme is responsible for lipolysis (mobilization of triglycerides from adipose tissue to yield free fatty acids and glycerol). The enzyme is stimulated by catecholamines, growth hormone, thyroxine, corticosteroids and prostaglandins. It is inhibited by insulin. Fatty acids are transported to the liver (free or albumin-bound), where they are taken up and used for energy (beta oxidation), combined with triglycerides to form VLDL or incorporated into ketones. Therefore, lipolysis will increase VLDL production.

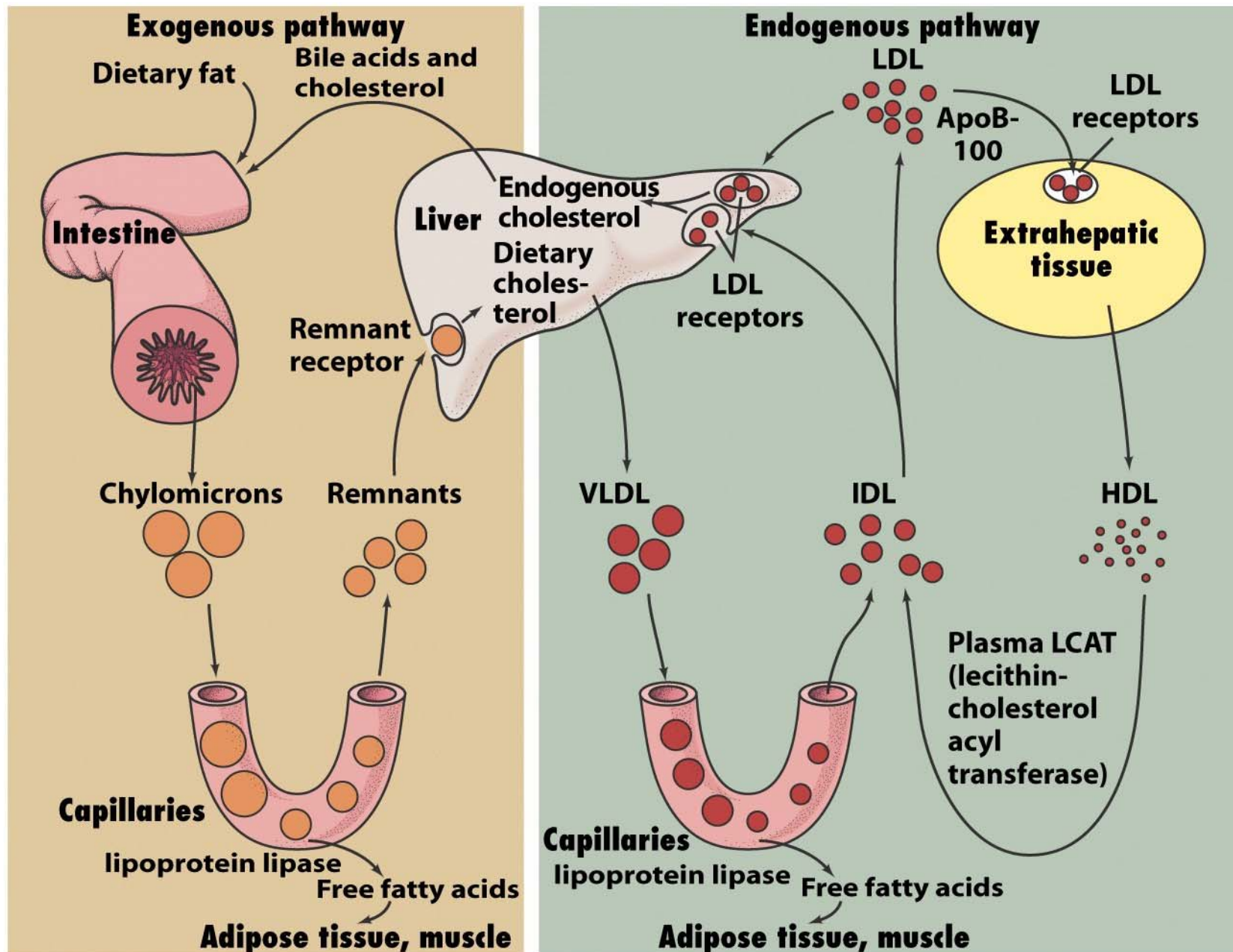


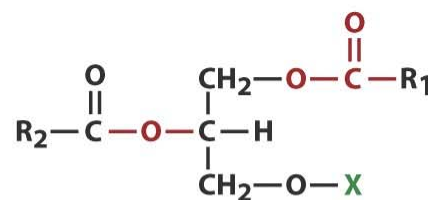
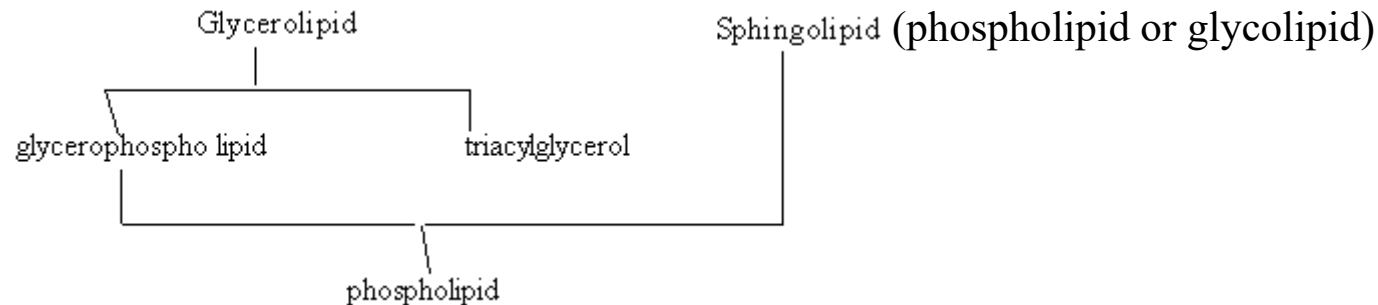
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# Synthesis of other lipids

Membrane lipids and signal molecules

Synthesis in membranes of the cytosolic side of ER & then transport to their destinations

Glycerolipids & sphingolipids



**Glycerolipid**

**X = H**

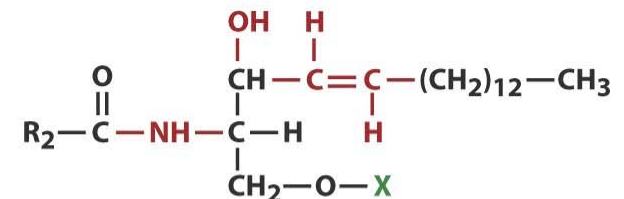
**X = Carbohydrate**

**X = Phosphate ester**

**1,2-Diacylglycerol**

**Glycero glycolipid**

**Glycerophospholipid**



**Sphingolipid**

**N-Acylsphingosine (ceramide)**

**Sphingoglycolipid (glycosphingolipid)**

**Sphingophospholipid**

# Synthesis of glycerophospholipids

C1: saturated

C2: unsaturated

C3: phosphoester group: ethanolamine, choline, serine, etc

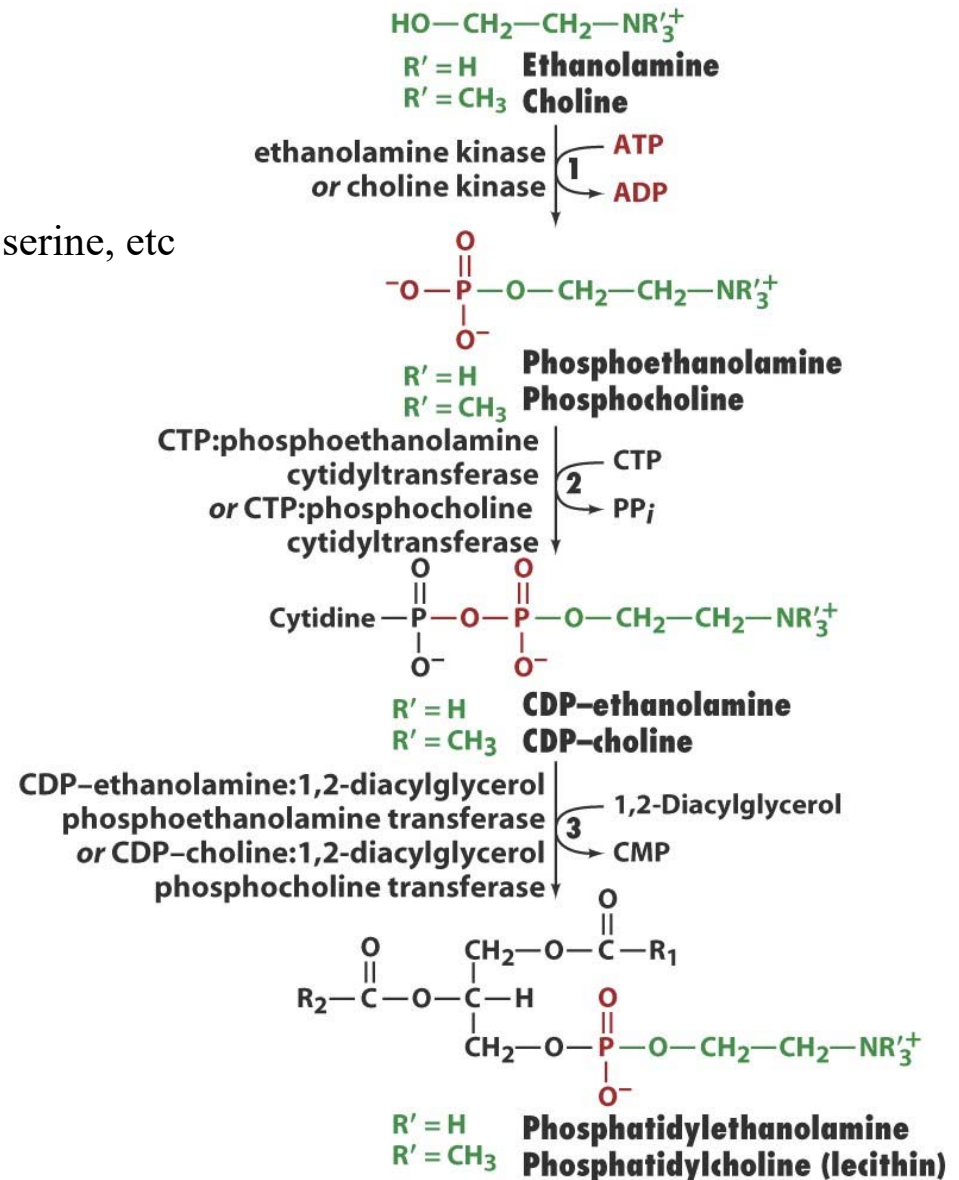
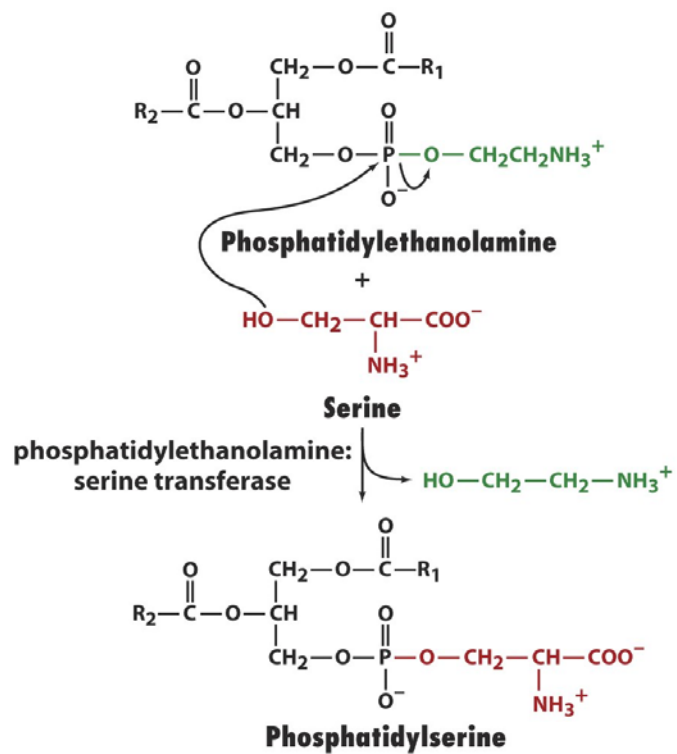
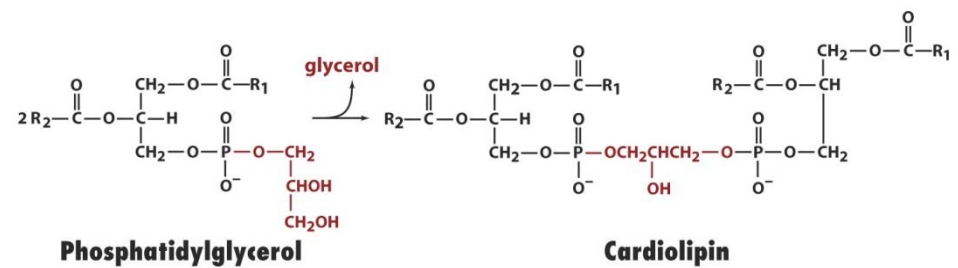


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# Synthesis of PI and PG

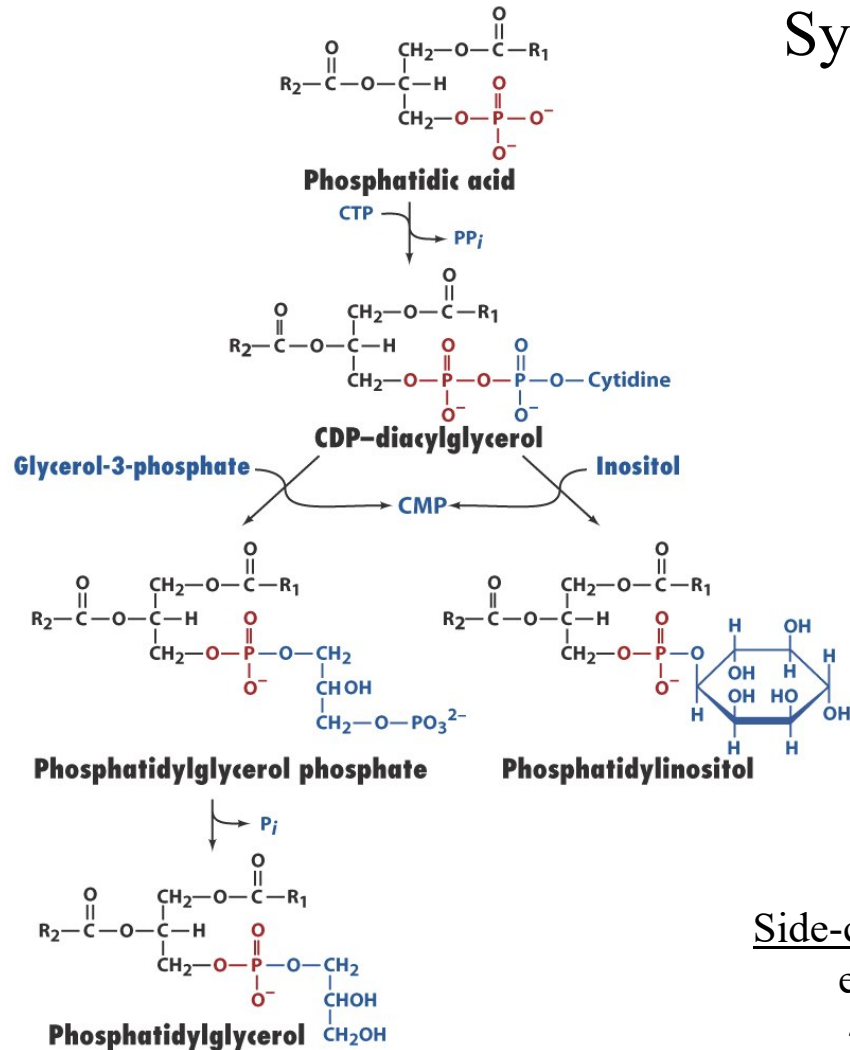


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## Side-chain specificity: remodeling reactions

exchanged by specific phospholipases & acyltransferases

~80% of brain PI

Stearoyl group (18:0) at C1

Arachidonic group (20:4) at C2

~40% of lung PC

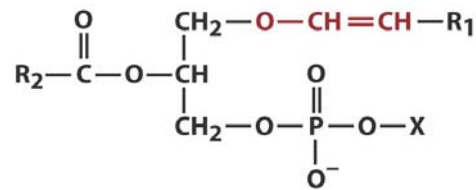
Palmitoyl groups (16:0) at C1 & C2

## Biosynthesis of plasmalogen & alkylacylglycerophospholipids

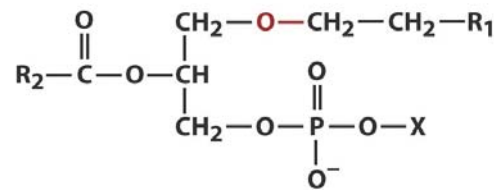
C1 in ether linkage

variable abundance among species and tissues

abundant in nervous, immune, and cardiovascular system



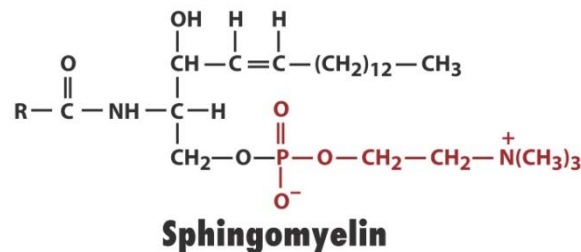
**A plasmalogen**



**An alkylacyl-  
glycerophospholipid**

# Biosynthesis of sphingolipids

Most are glycolipids: carbohydrate units to the C1-OH  
Biosynthetic precursors: palmitoyl-CoA & serine



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Galactoceramide  
Glucoceramide  
ganglioside

UDP-hexose

phosphocholine

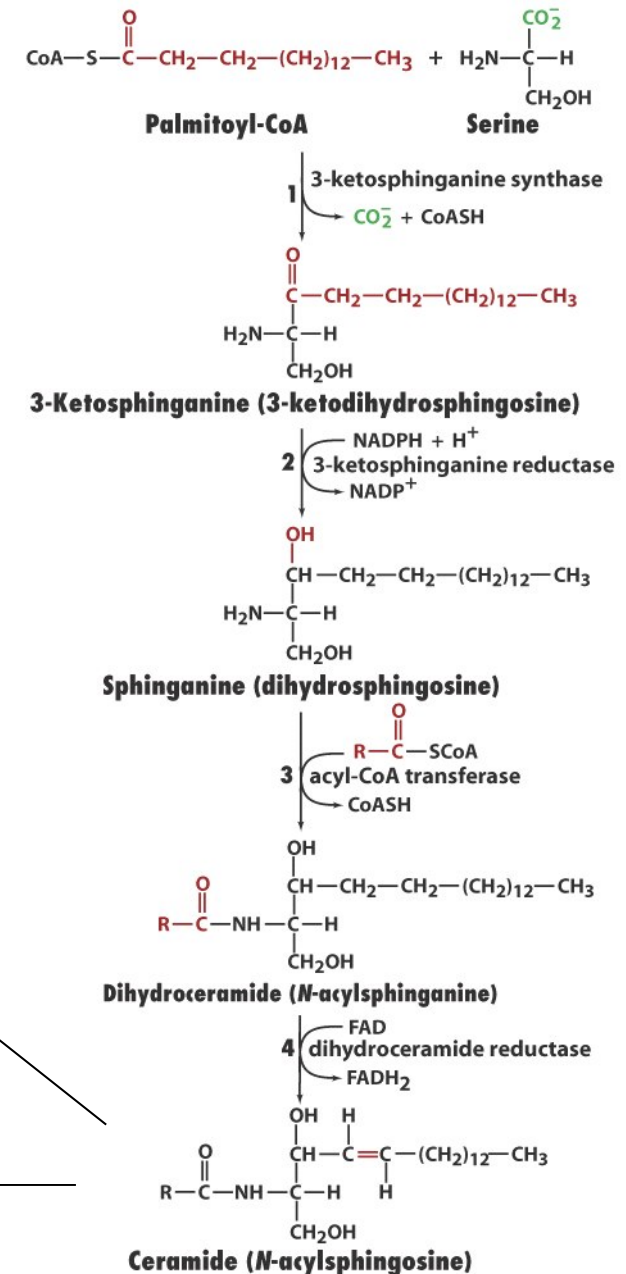
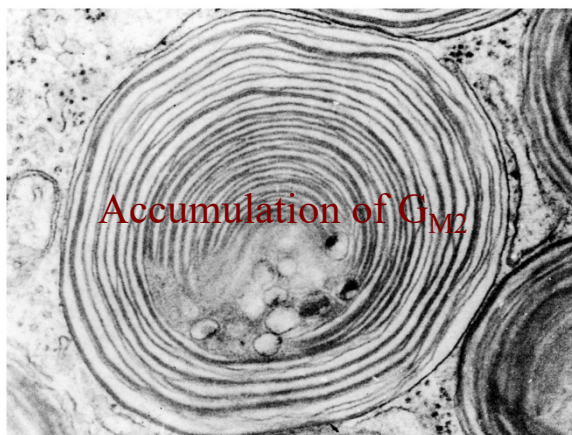
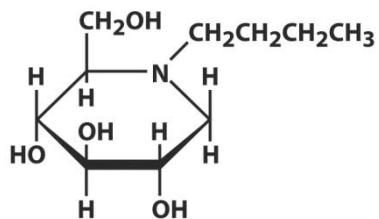


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# Sphingolipid degradation and Lipid storage diseases

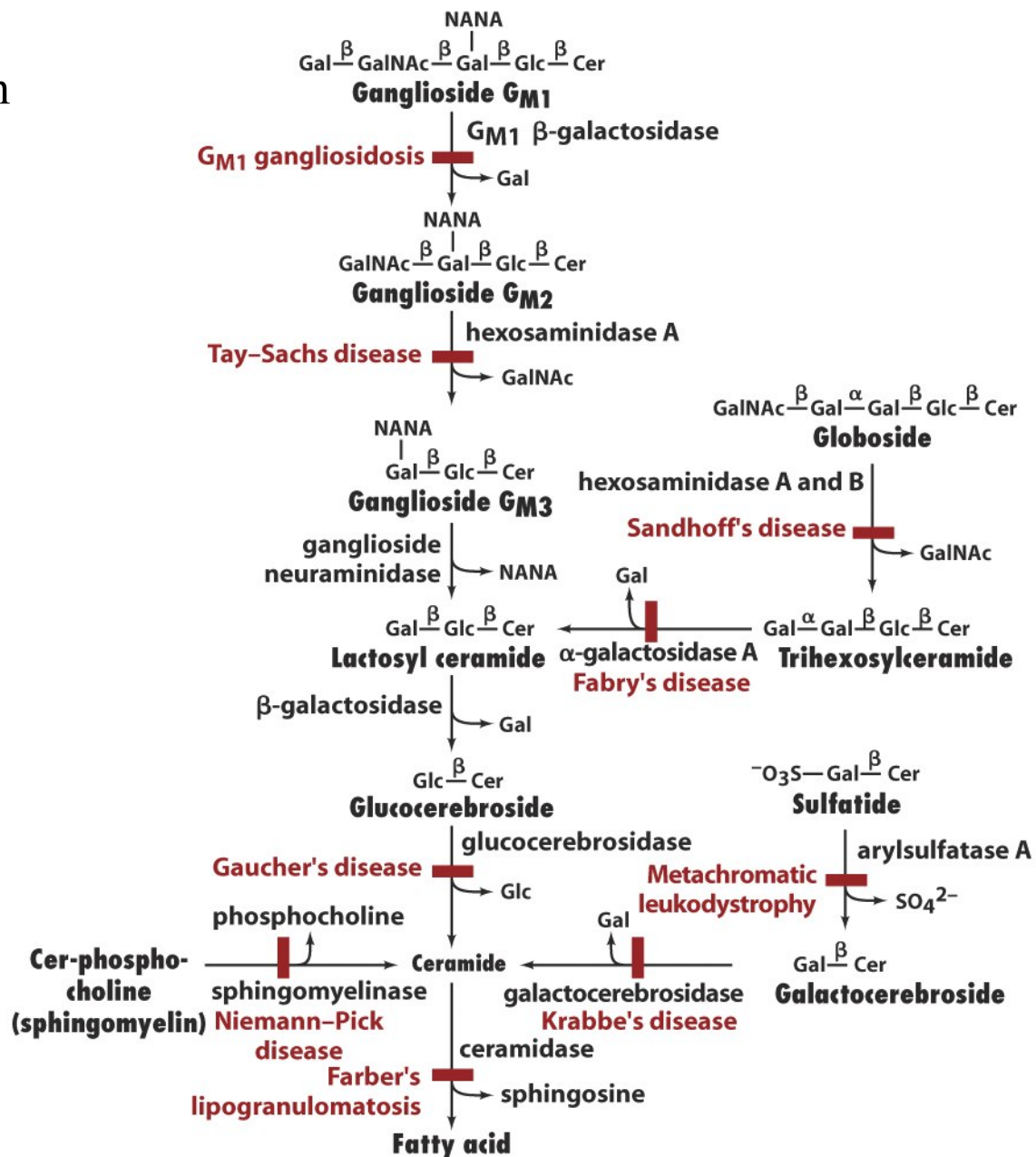


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**N-Butyldeoxynojirimycin**

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## Eicosanoids from arachidonic acid (p 247, Fig. 9-12)

Act at very low conc and locally

Tissue dependent products

Variety of function

pain and fever

blood pressure

blood coagulation

reproduction

Opposite actions

thromboxane & prostacyclin

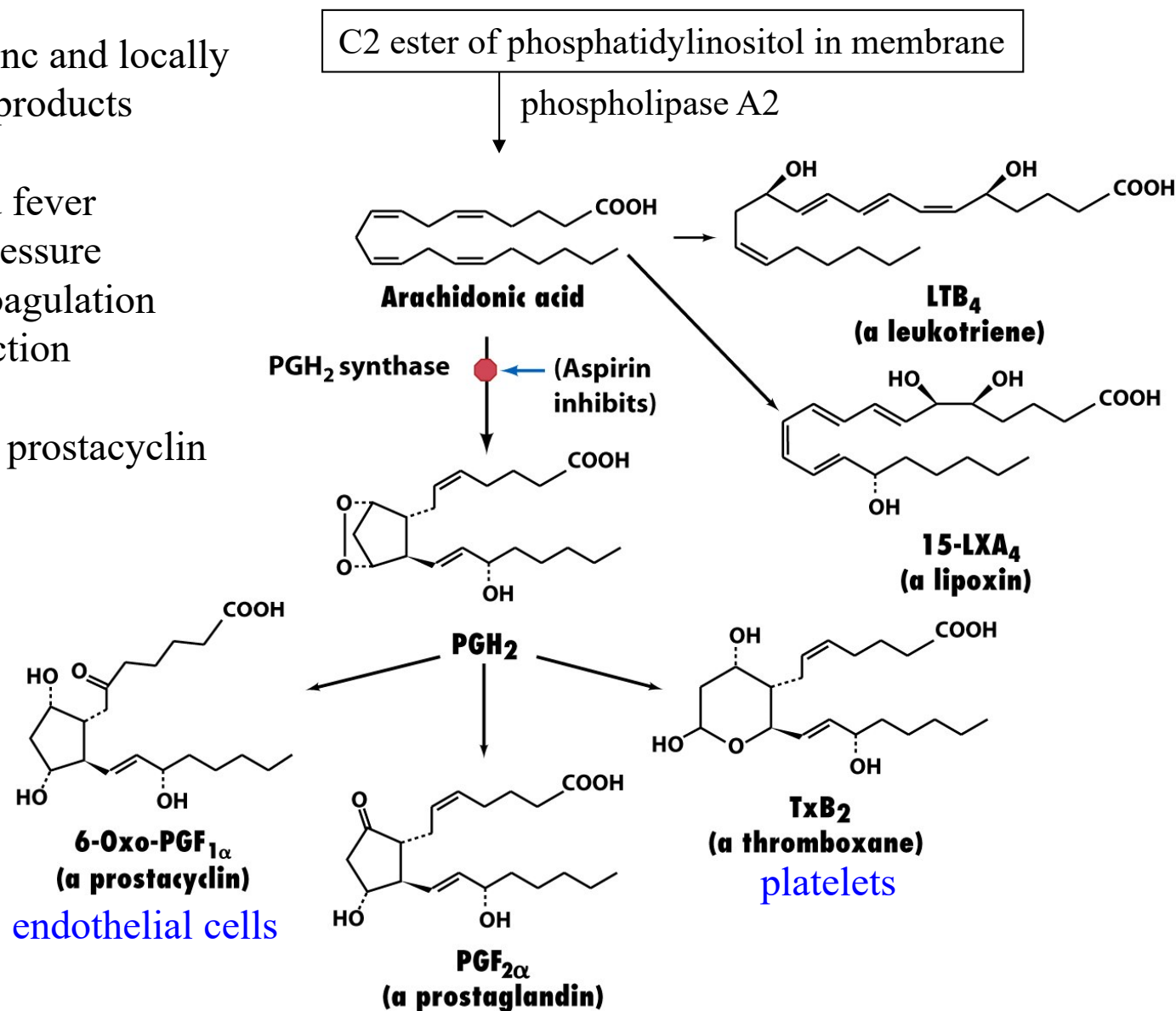


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# Prostaglandins

Prostaglandin H<sub>2</sub> synthase (COX)

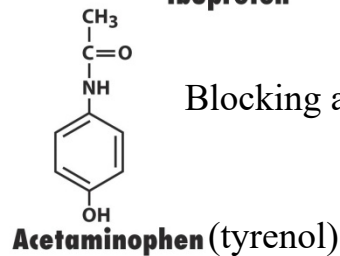
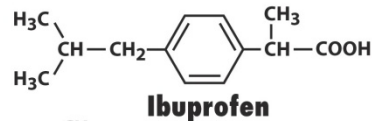
Cyclooxygenase & peroxidase

Two isoforms: COX-1 & COX-2

COX-1: constitutive expression in most tissue

COX-2: certain tissue in response to inflammatory stimuli

Acetylation of a Ser residue



Blocking active site

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Finding of COX-3: a target of acetaminophen?

Poor binding of acetaminophen to COX-1 & -2

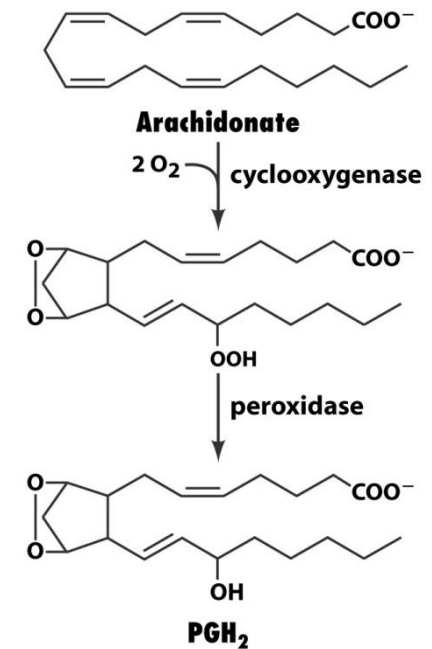
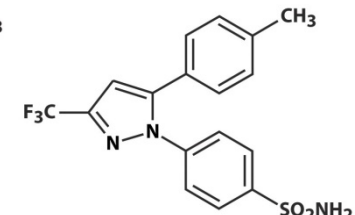
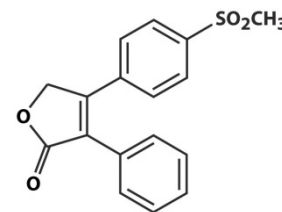


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COX-2 specific



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# Cholesterol metabolism

## Biosynthesis

HMG-CoA synthesis in cytosol: thiolase & HMG-CoA synthase  
(in mitochondria for ketone bodies)

Mevalonate (C6): by HMG-CoA reductase (ER membrane protein)  
the rate limiting step

Isopentenyl pyrophosphate (C5)

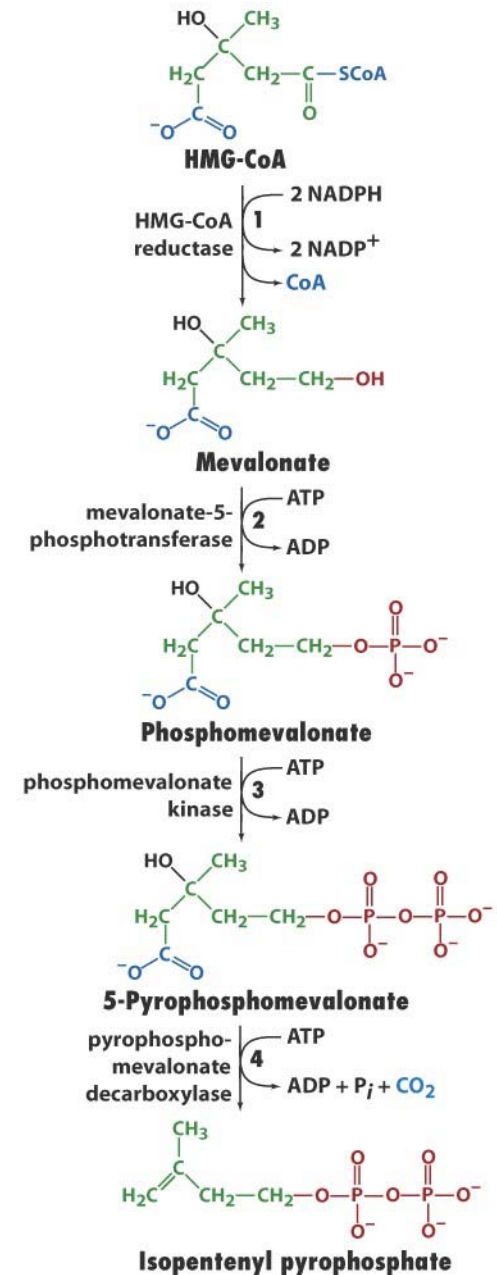
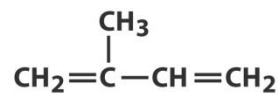


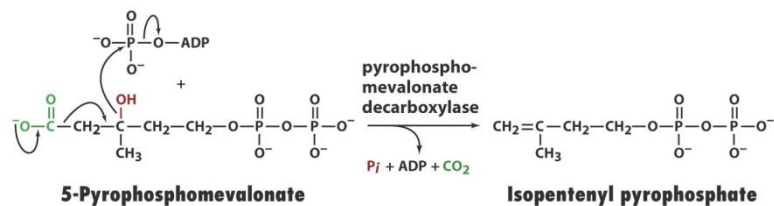
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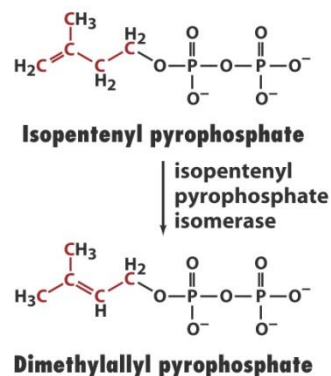
**Isoprene**  
**(2-methyl-1,3-butadiene)**



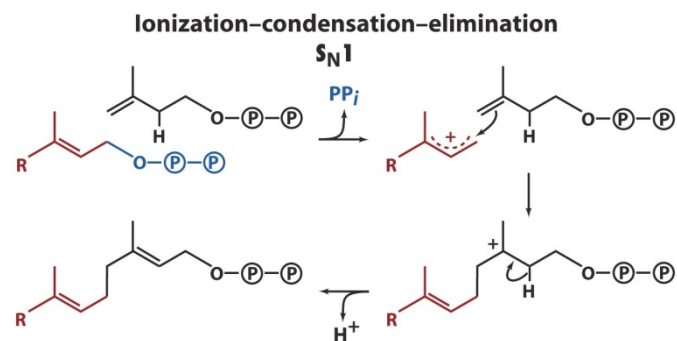
**An isoprene unit**



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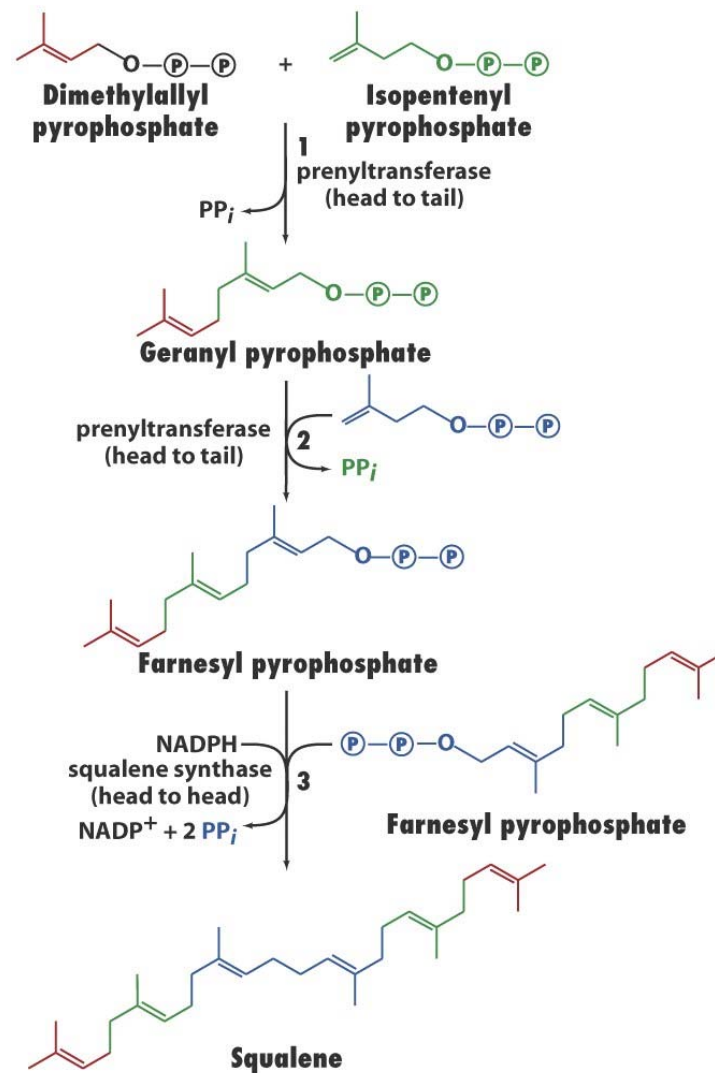


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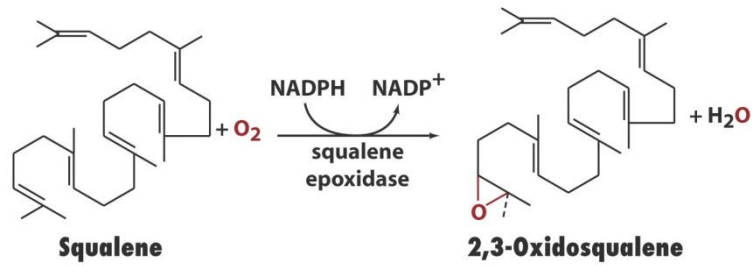


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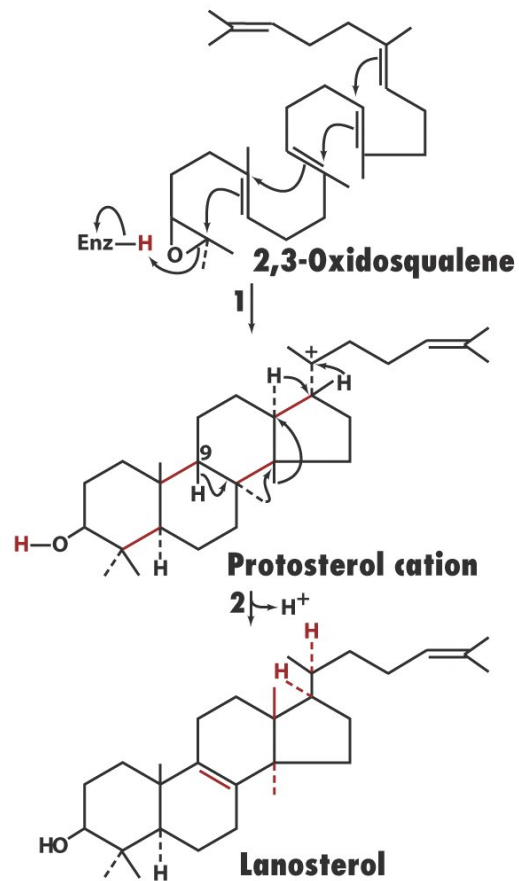
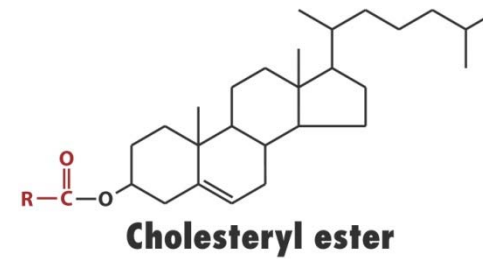
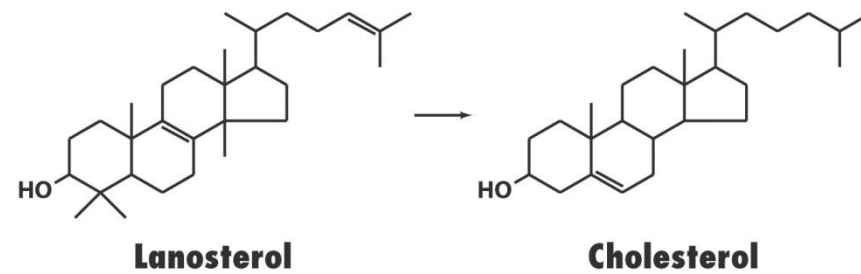


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# Regulation of cholesterol synthesis

The main regulation: HMG-CoA reductase

Short-term regulation

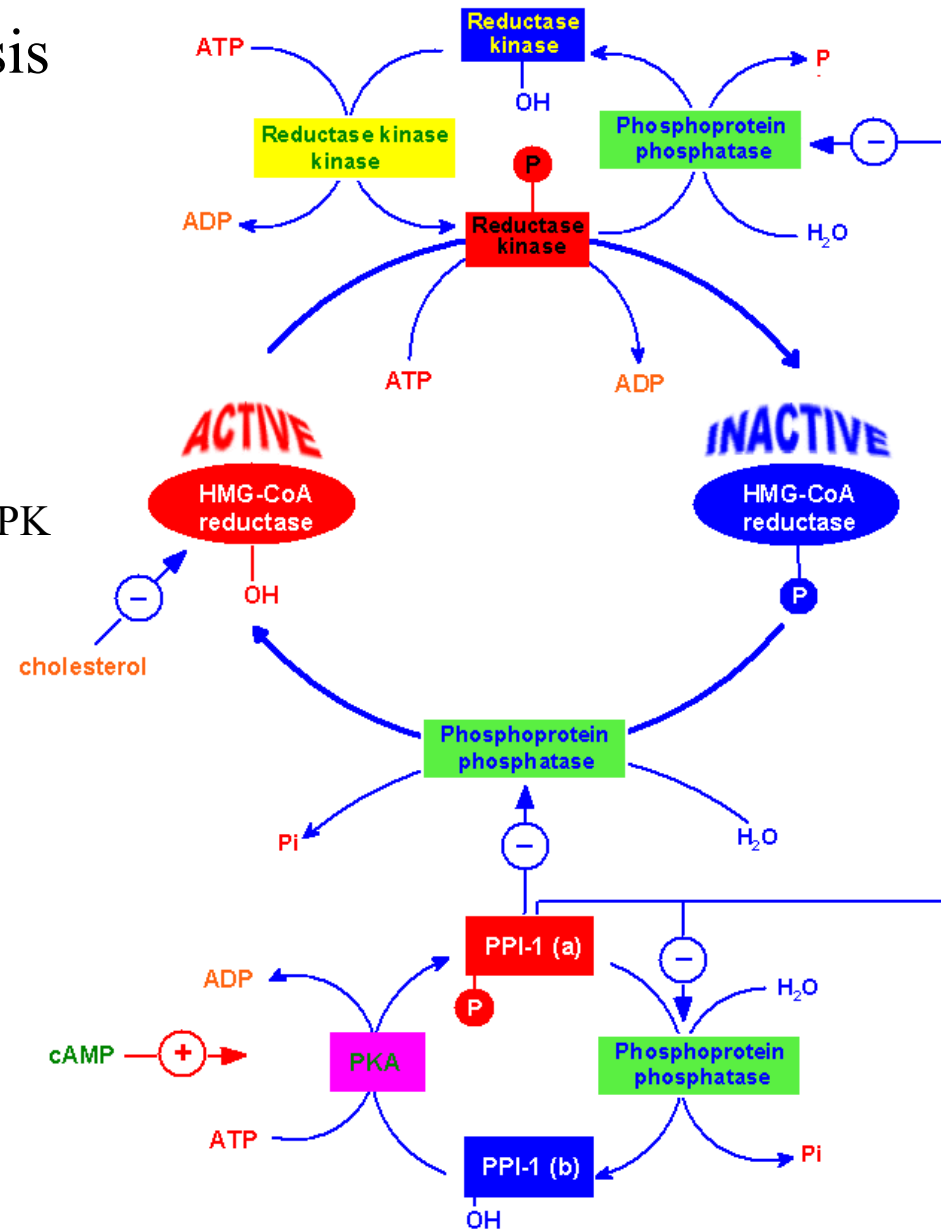
Competitive inhibition

Allosteric effects

Covalent modification: phosphorylation by AMPK

AMPK

<http://www.indstate.edu/thcme/mwking/ampk.html>



<http://www.med.unibs.it/~marchesi/cholest.html>

Long-term control: gene expression

the primary regulation

Increased as much as 200-fold along with >20 other genes for synthesis and uptake

Sterol regulatory element (SRE)

SREBP: regulatory & bHLH domains

SCAP: SREBP cleavage-activating protein  
sterol-sensing domain & WD repeat

Activation procedure

Low cholesterol in ER

SCAP conformation change

Transport to golgi apparatus via membranous vesicles

Site-1 protease

Site-2 protease

bHLH binding to SRE

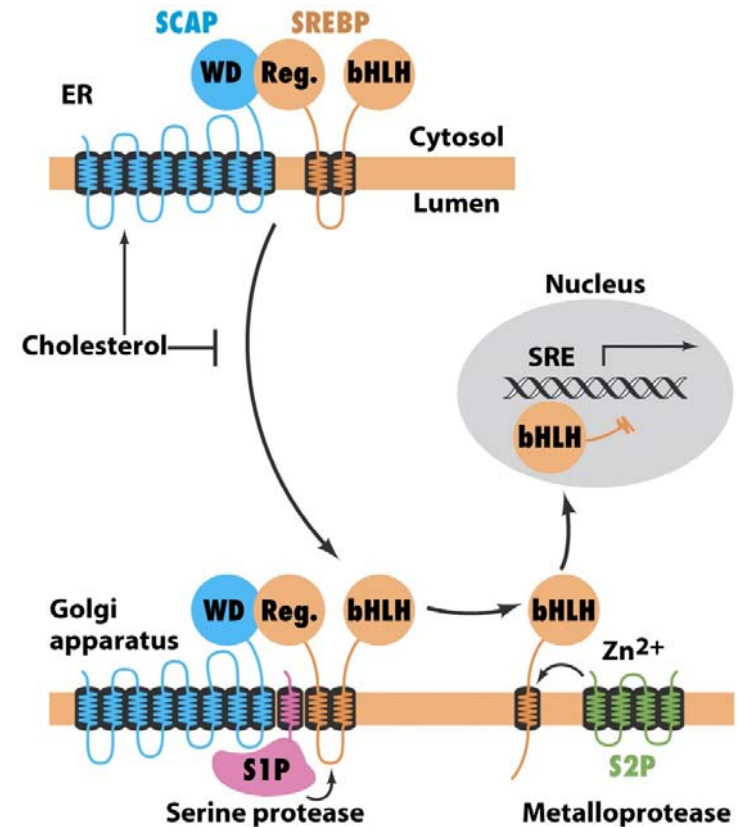


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# HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors: statins

Hypercholesterolemia

Competitive inhibitor of HMG-CoA reductase

K<sub>m</sub> for HMG-CoA is ~4 uM

K<sub>m</sub> for statins is nM range

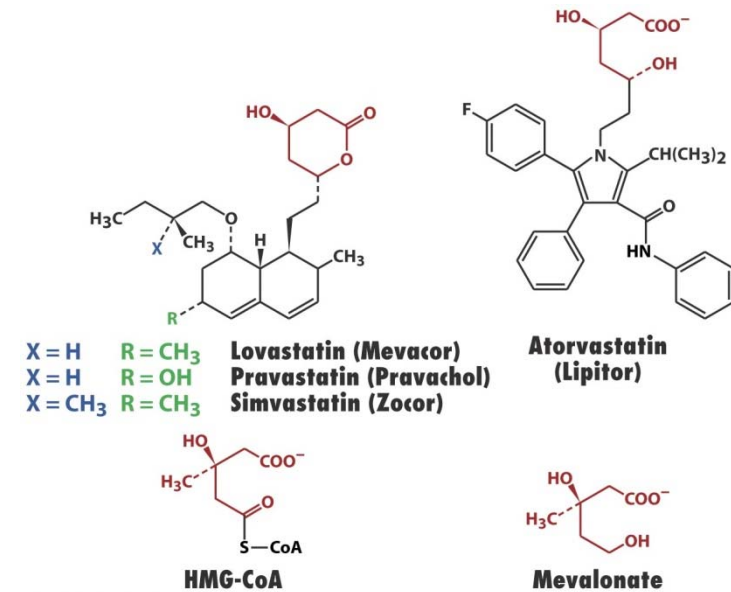
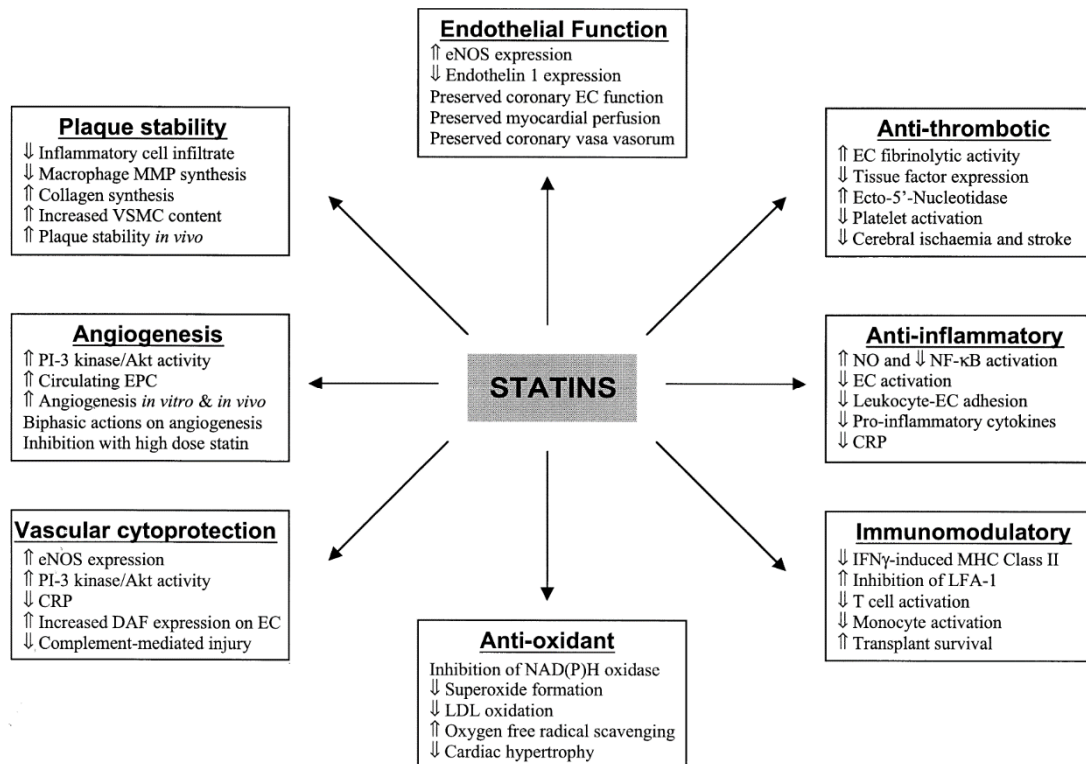


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# Cholesterol transport and atherosclerosis

Cellular cholesterol concentration depends on  
the rate of cholesterol synthesis  
the ability of cell to absorb cholesterol from circulating lipoproteins

High LDL is a strong risk factor for cardiovascular disease

Accumulation of lipid in vessel walls: Atherosclerosis

Myocardial infarction (heart attack)

Stroke (brain)

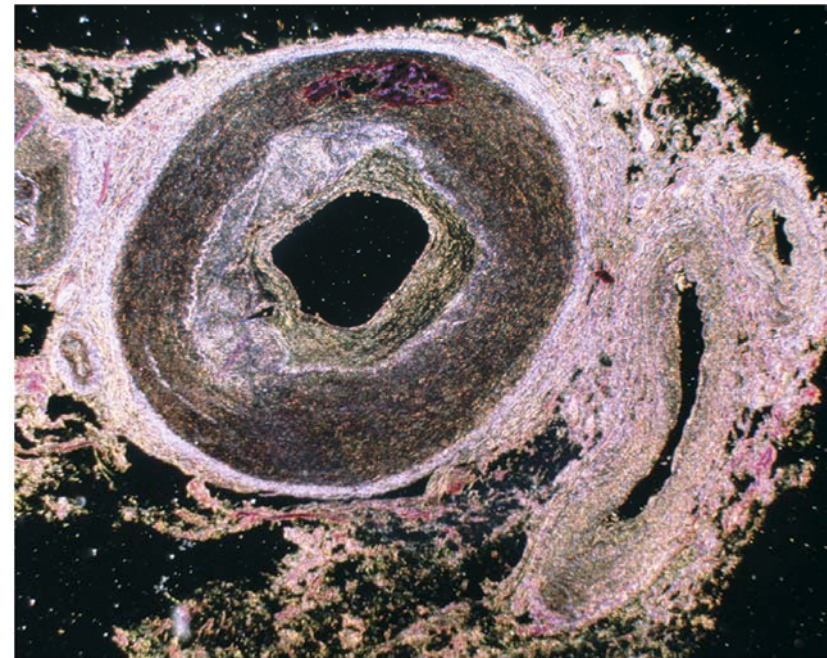
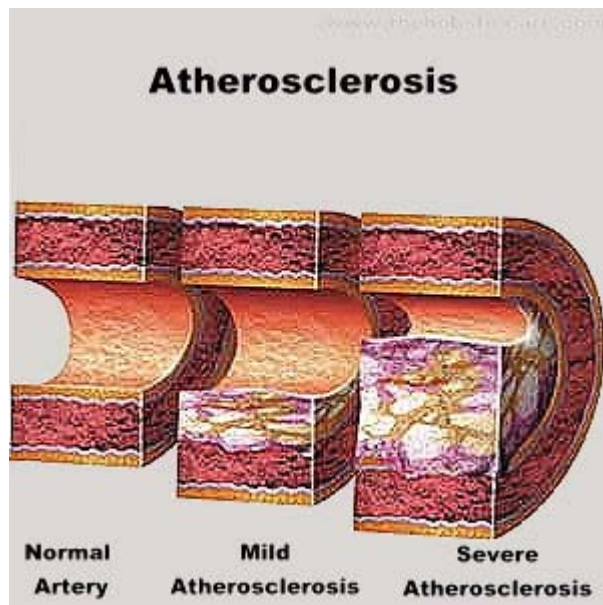
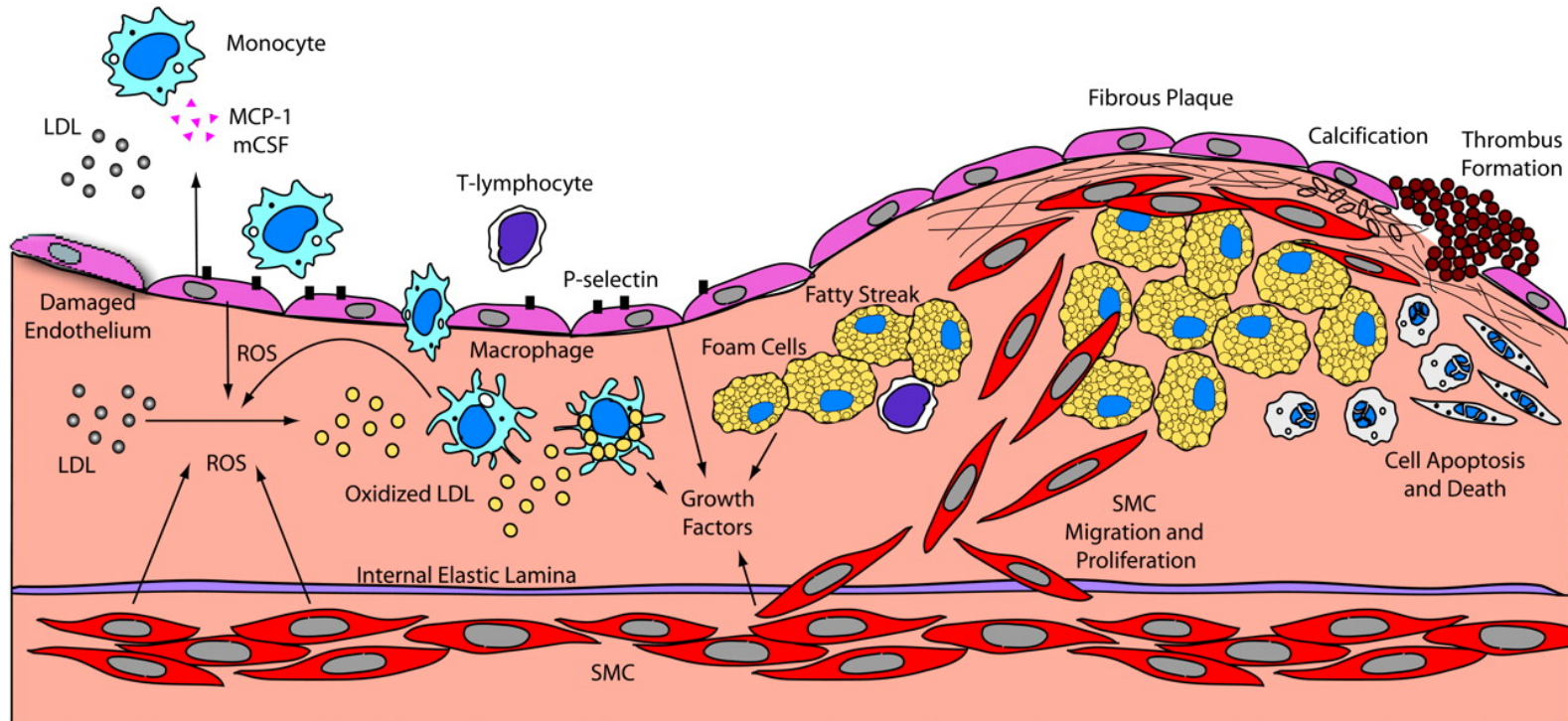


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## Role of the LDL receptors

familial hypercholesterolemia (FH)

Long-term ingestion of a high-fat/high-cholesterol diet

## Cholesterol efflux from cells

LDL receptor: FH

ABCA1 (ATP-cassette binding protein A1): Tangier disease

no HDL synthesis

accumulation of cholesteryl ester in macrophages

develop atherosclerosis

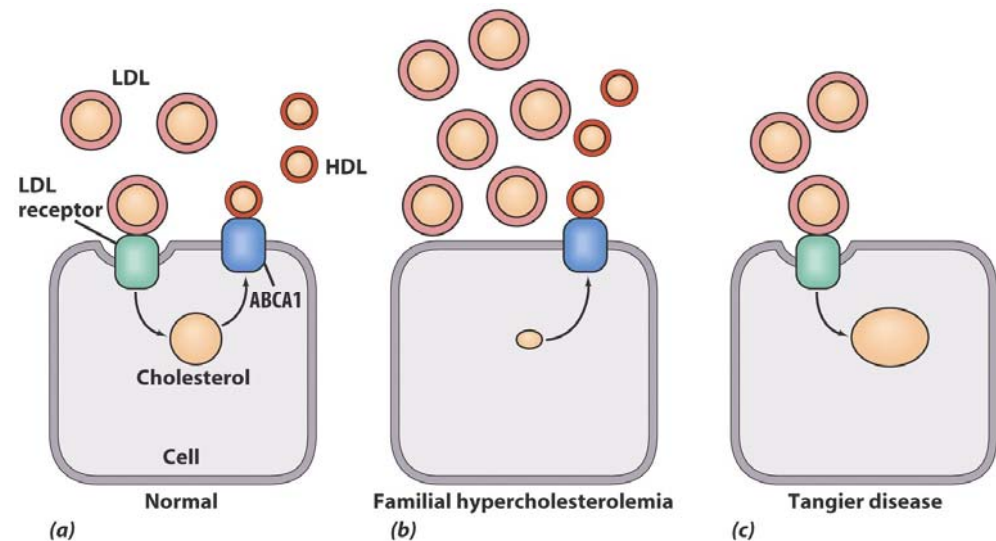


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