

# Chapter 15 Review Problems

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**HINT:**

*Review* the videos that discuss these topics (or read/re-read about them in the textbook, chapter 15, section 2).

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a) metabolism - **The entire set of life-sustaining chemical reactions that occur in organisms.**

- These reactions number in the thousands and include reactions such as those responsible for getting energy from food, processing and removal of waste, building up muscles, growth, photosynthesis in plants, cell division, and reproduction.

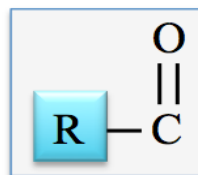
b) metabolic pathway - **sets of sequential metabolic reactions**

- Many of the reactions in metabolic pathways require enzymes, therefore organisms can control (accelerate or suppress) metabolic pathways, according to their current needs, by upregulating, downregulating, inhibiting, or activating one or more of the enzymes involved in the pathway.

c) coenzyme - **a species that must bind to an enzyme in order for the enzyme to function.**

- In most cases, a coenzyme is actually one of the substrates (reactants) in the catalyzed reaction. The reason that certain substrates are also referred to as coenzymes is that these substrates are common substrates in many different enzymatic reactions in which they donate electrons, atoms, or groups of atoms to other substrates, or accept electrons, atoms or groups of atoms from other substrates.

d) acyl group - **An acyl group consists of a carbonyl group bonded to an organic group (R), as shown below.**



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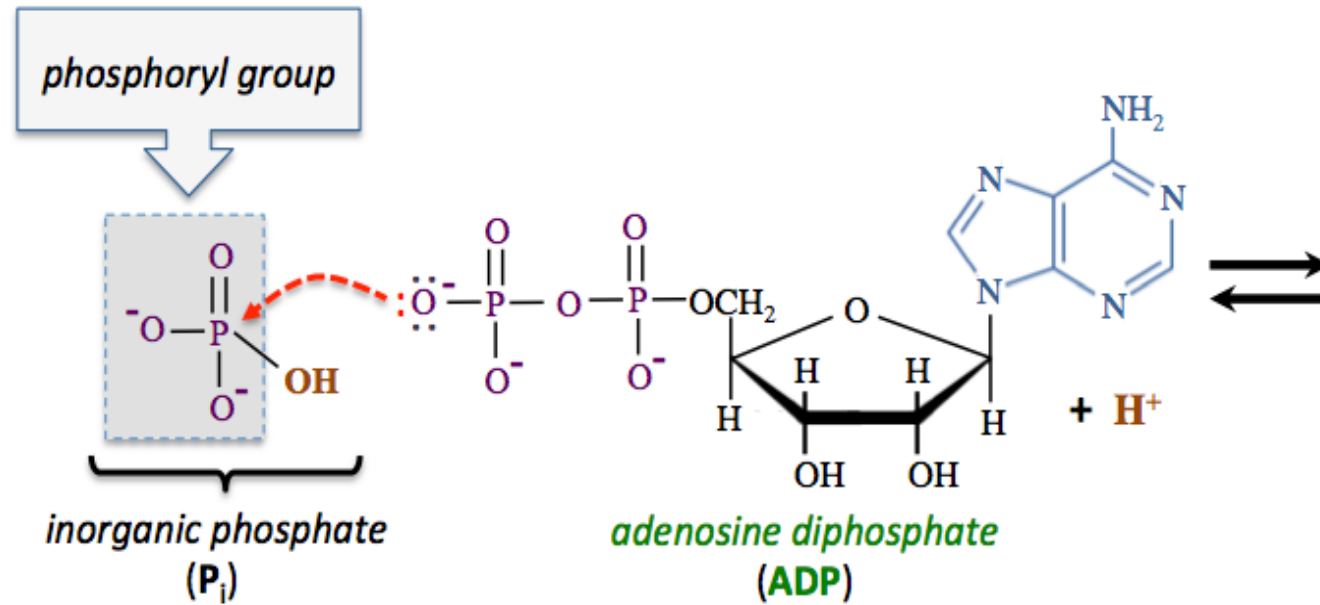
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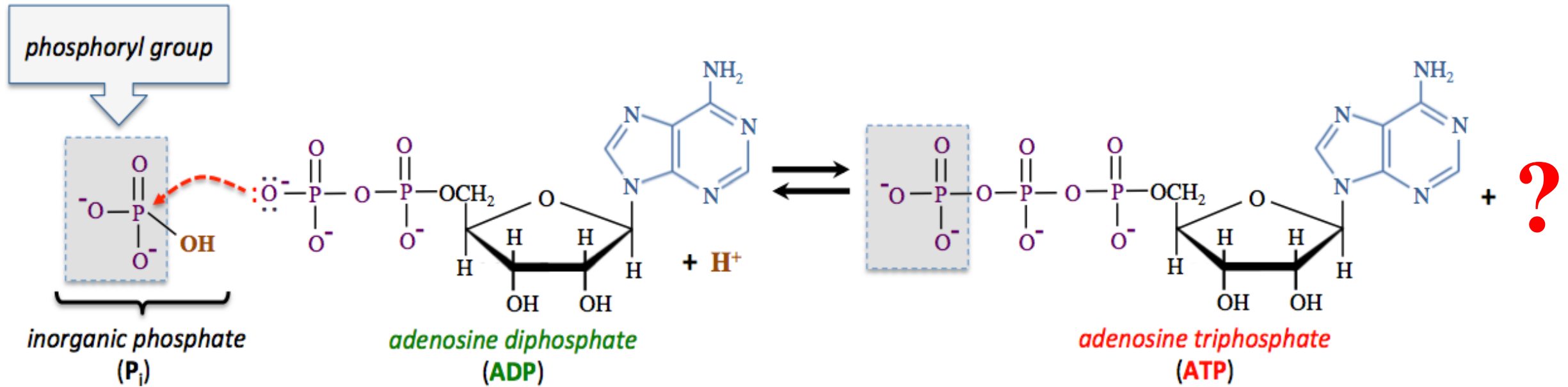
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**HINT:** There are two products in this reaction, one of the products is ATP. What is the other product?



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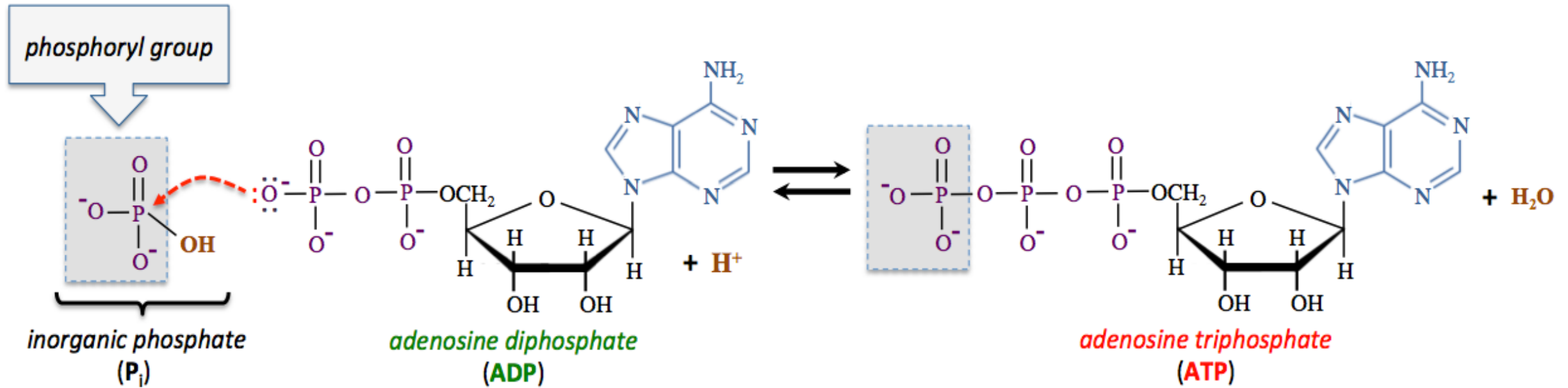
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**ANSWER: adenosine triphosphate (ATP) and water (H<sub>2</sub>O)**



### EXPLANATION:

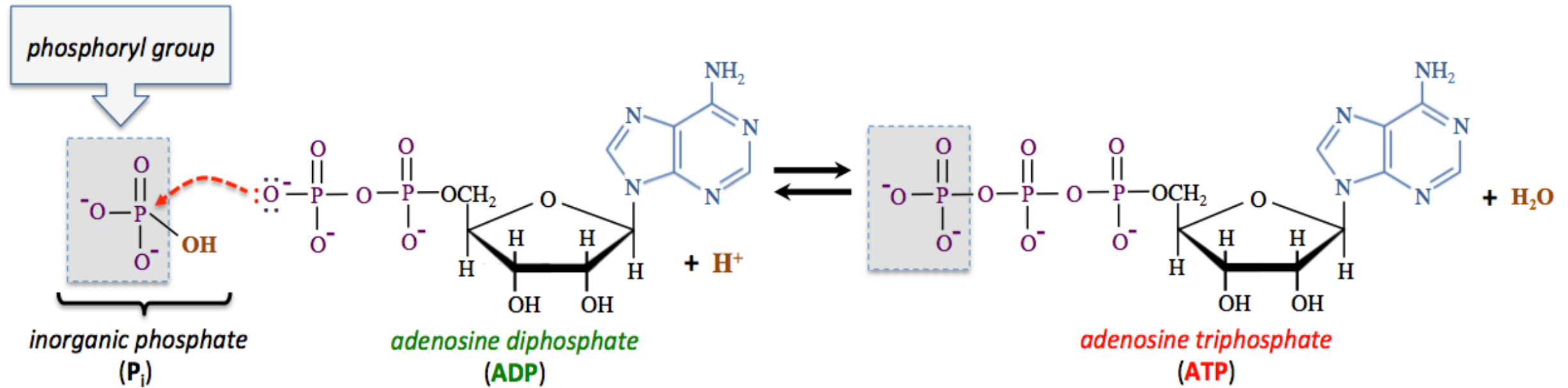
When a compound gains/accepts a phosphoryl group in a reaction, we say that the compound became “*phosphorylated.*” The chemical equation for the transfer of a *phosphoryl group* (PO<sub>3</sub>) **from** *inorganic phosphate* (P<sub>i</sub>) **to** ADP is shown above.

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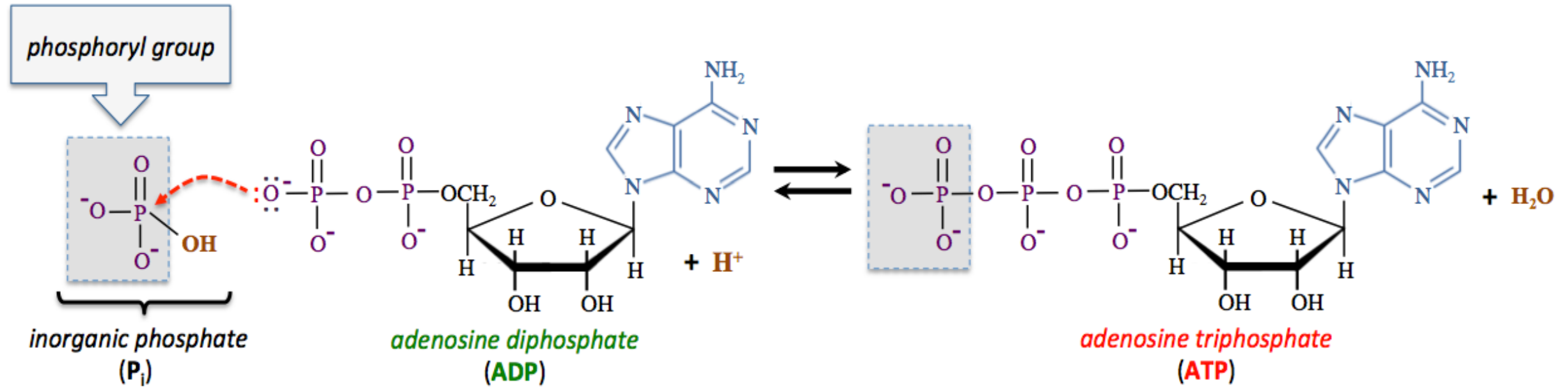
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**HINT:**  $\Delta G$  for this reaction is 7300 Joules per mole of ADP that reacts.



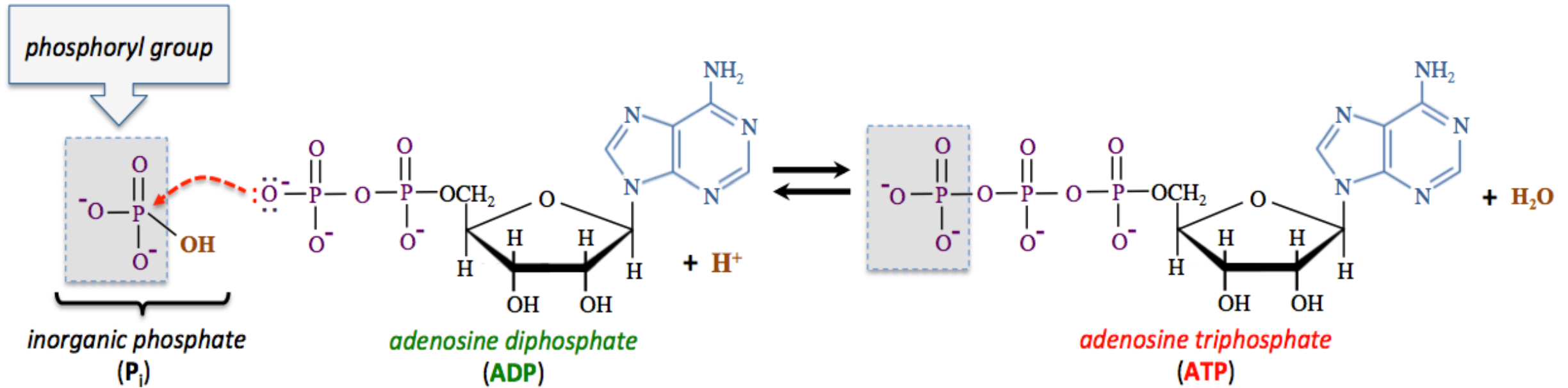
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**ANSWER:** This reaction **requires energy** in order to occur.



#### EXPLANATION:

Adding a *phosphoryl group* to **ADP** in order to form **ATP** *requires* energy. The positive value of  $\Delta G$  for this reaction (7300 Joules per mole of ADP) indicates that the reaction **requires energy** in order to occur. This reaction will not occur spontaneously unless external energy is provided. Catabolic metabolic pathways often use the energy contained in food to drive the transfer of *phosphoryl groups* to **ADP**, thereby forming **ATP**.

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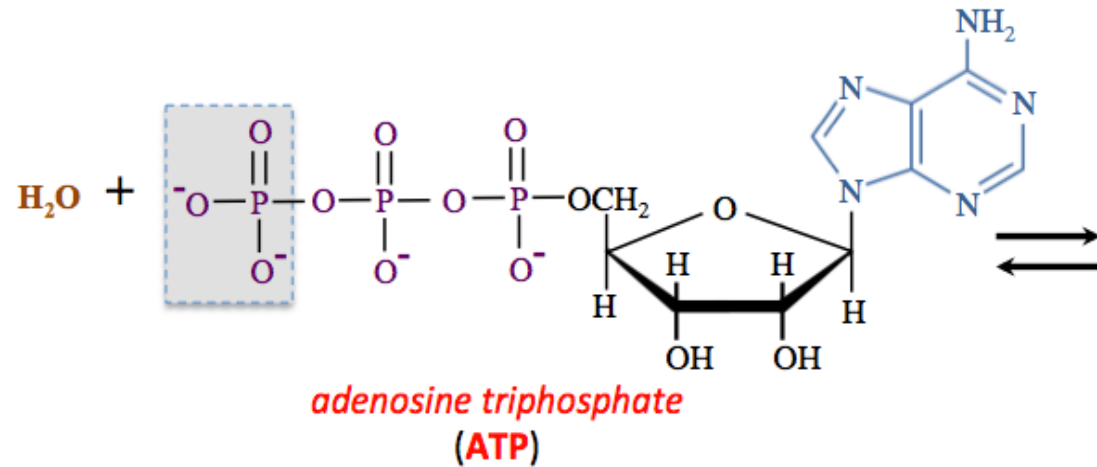
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a) Name the **products** of the *dephosphorylation* of ATP reaction shown below.

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b) Does the *dephosphorylation* of ATP reaction **require energy** or **release energy**?

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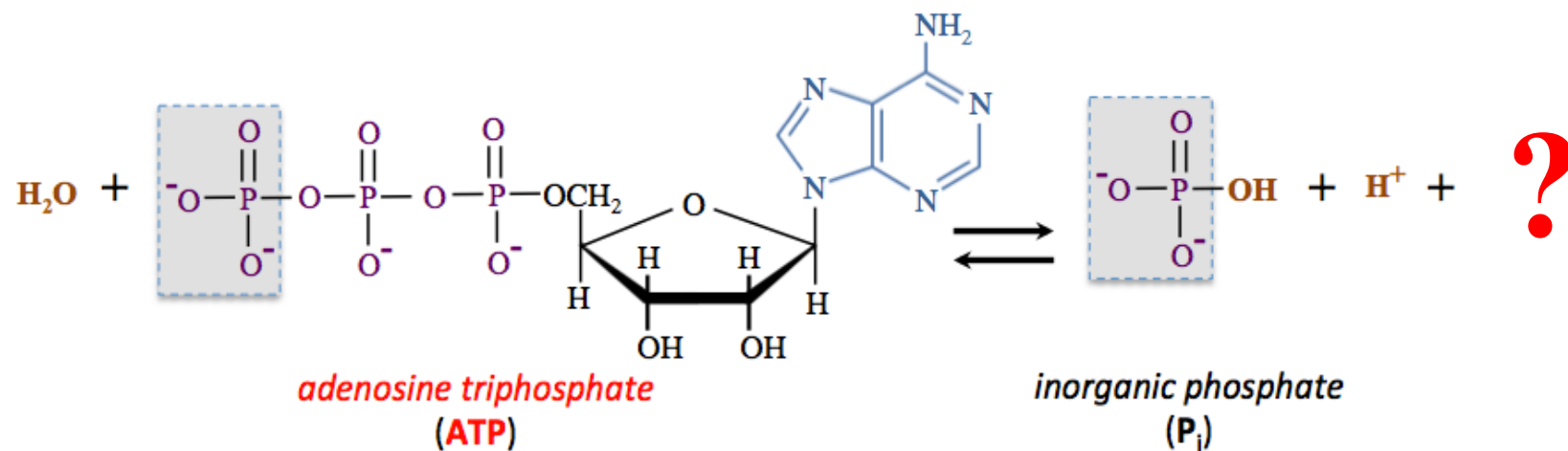
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**HINT:**

There are *three products* in this reaction, one of the products is an inorganic phosphate ( $\text{P}_i$ ), another is a hydrogen ion ( $\text{H}^+$ ). What is the third product?

b) Does the *dephosphorylation* of ATP reaction **require energy** or **release energy**?

**HINT:**  $\Delta G$  for this reaction is -7300 Joules per mole of ATP that reacts.

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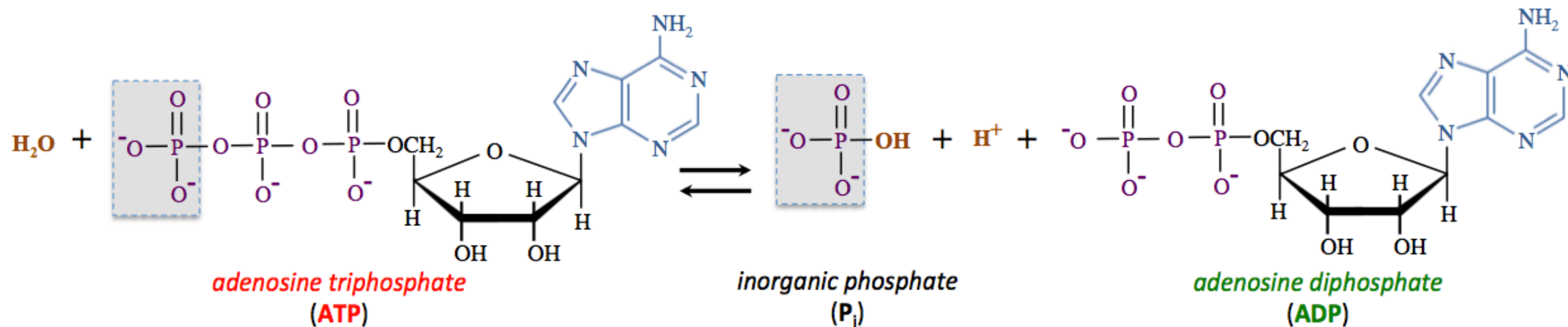
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**ANSWER: inorganic phosphate ( $P_i$ ),  $H^+$ , and adenosine diphosphate (ADP)**



b) Does the *dephosphorylation* of ATP reaction **require energy** or **release energy**?

**Energy is released from ATP when it is converted to ADP.**

- This energy is used by organisms to drive energy-requiring reactions or physical processes that would otherwise not occur spontaneously. One way that energy can be released from ATP is by reacting it with  $H_2O$  to **form ADP**, *inorganic phosphate*, and an  $H^+$  ion. Although this reaction is spontaneous ( $\Delta G$  is negative), the reaction rate is quite slow, therefore organisms employ enzymes in order for the reaction to proceed at a useful rate.

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15.5)

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- a) carbonyl
- b) acyl
- c) hydroxyl
- d) carboxyl

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- c) carbonyl
- d) carboxyl

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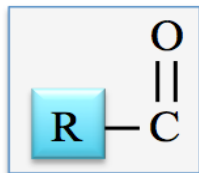
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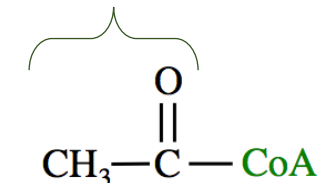
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*Acetyl groups* are donated and accepted by *coenzyme A*. When an acetyl group is bonded to coenzyme A, the compound is referred to as acetyl-coenzyme A (acetyl-CoA). The structural formula of acetyl-coenzyme A is often abbreviated as shown on the right.

*acetyl group*



*acetyl-coenzyme A*

iii) When NAD<sup>+</sup> accepts a hydride ion from another species, it is \_\_\_\_\_ to NADH.

- a) oxidized
- b) reduced**

Many oxidation-reduction reactions involve the transfer of an electron by way of the hydride ion (H<sup>-</sup>). Recall that a hydrogen atom has one electron, whereas a hydride ion has an “extra” (second) electron. A substance that *accepts* a hydride ion is reduced because of the hydride’s “extra” electron.

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A substance is *oxidized* when it *loses electrons*.

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15.6) Match each of the **coenzymes listed below** with the *species that they transport*.

*i)* ADP

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*iii)* FAD

*iv)* Coenzyme Q (CoQ)

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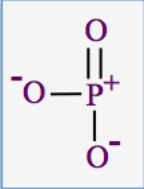
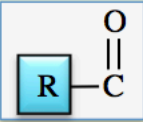
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- iii) FAD (c) hydride ions (H<sup>-</sup>) or electrons
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Coenzyme	Species that is Transferred
ADP/ATP	phosphoryl group = 
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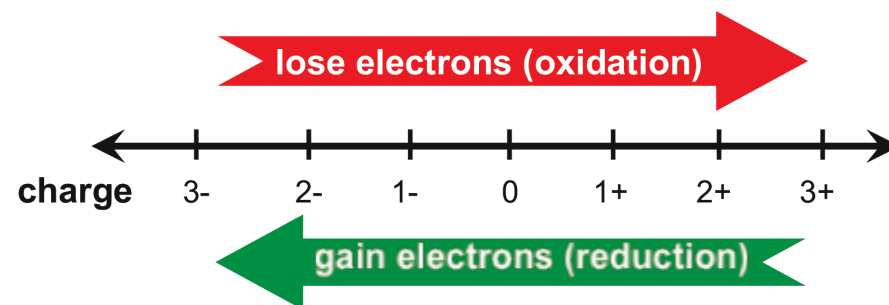
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(**O**xidation **i**s the **L**oss of electrons; **R**eduction **i**s the **G**ain of electrons).

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**HINT:** For *covalent compounds*, such as organic and biological compounds, the gaining and losing of electrons is the result of a **gain** or **loss** of bond(s) to *oxygen atoms* or *hydrogen atoms*.

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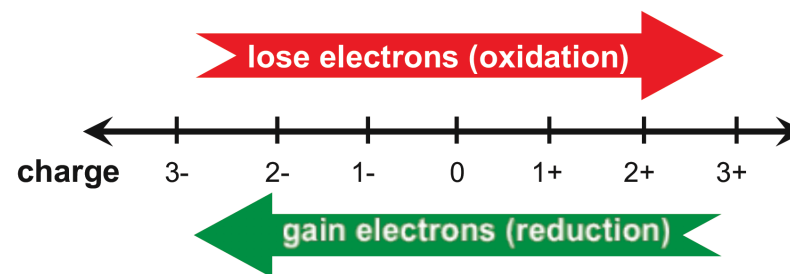
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**HINT:**

Metabolic pathways can usually be classified as catabolic (**catabolism**) or anabolic (**anabolism**). One of these pathways involve the breakdown of larger organic compounds into smaller compounds. The other pathway involve building up of larger organic compounds from smaller ones.

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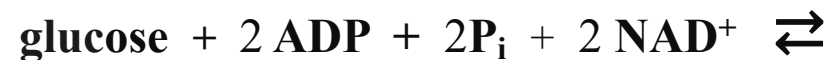
- a) ester bonds
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ii) What is the name of the monosaccharide that is produced in the digestion of starch?

iii) Why can't humans digest cellulose?

iv) Digestion is the **first stage** of carbohydrate catabolism. In **stage 2** of carbohydrate catabolism, **glucose** is converted into **acetyl-coenzyme A**,  $\text{CO}_2$ , and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . This process begins with a *catabolic pathway* called **glycolysis**. **Glycolysis** is a series of ten sequential reactions. Complete the overall chemical equation (below) for glycolysis by adding the products.

NOTE: You do not need to write the structural formulas of the products; you can use their chemical formulas, names, or their abbreviations.



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**glucose** + 2 **ADP** + 2 **P<sub>i</sub>** + 2 **NAD<sup>+</sup>**  $\rightleftharpoons$  **HINT:** There are *five* products. One of them is **NADH**, another is **ATP**.

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iii) Why can't humans digest cellulose? **Not all dietary carbohydrates can be digested. Cellulose cannot be digested because humans do not have a dietary enzyme capable of hydrolyzing  $\beta$ -(1 $\rightarrow$ 4) glucose-glucose glycosidic bonds.**

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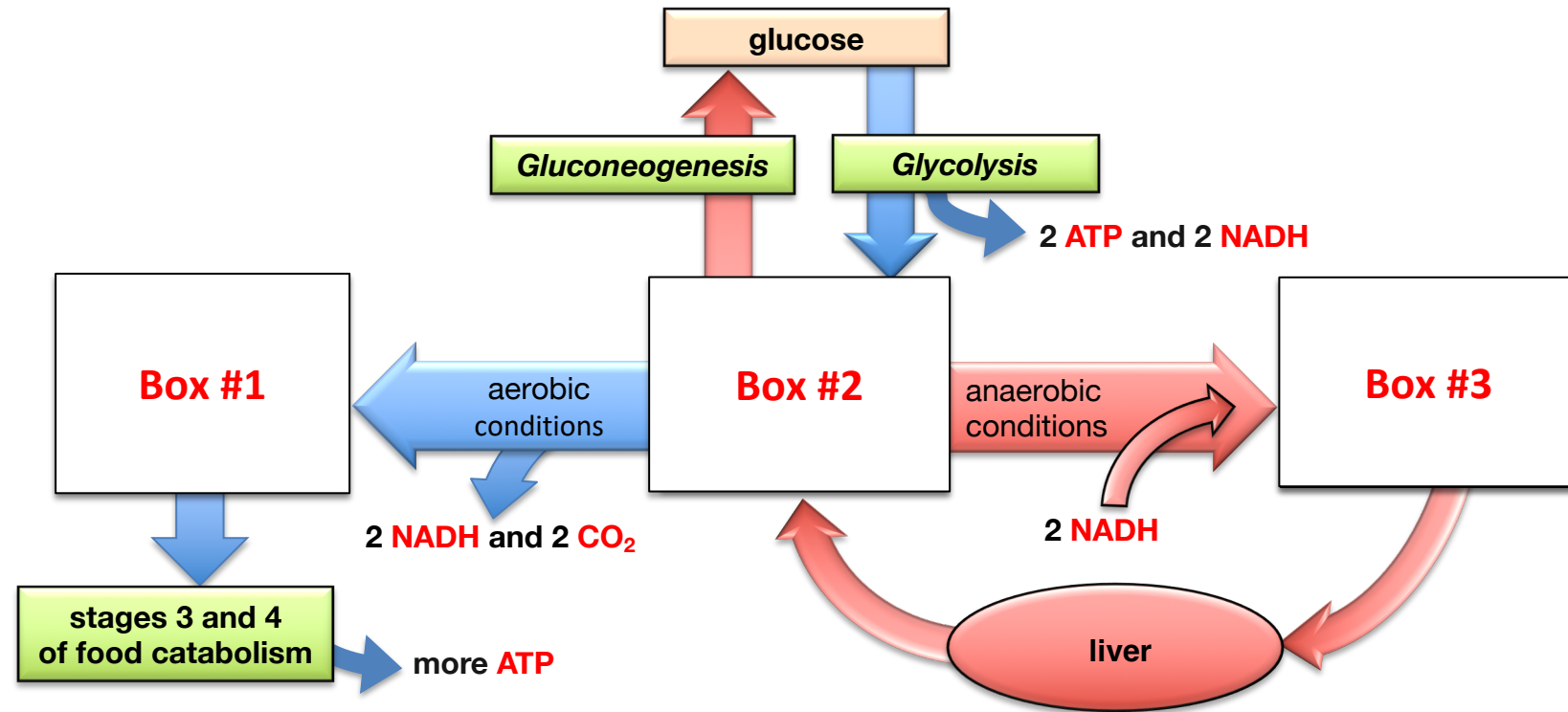
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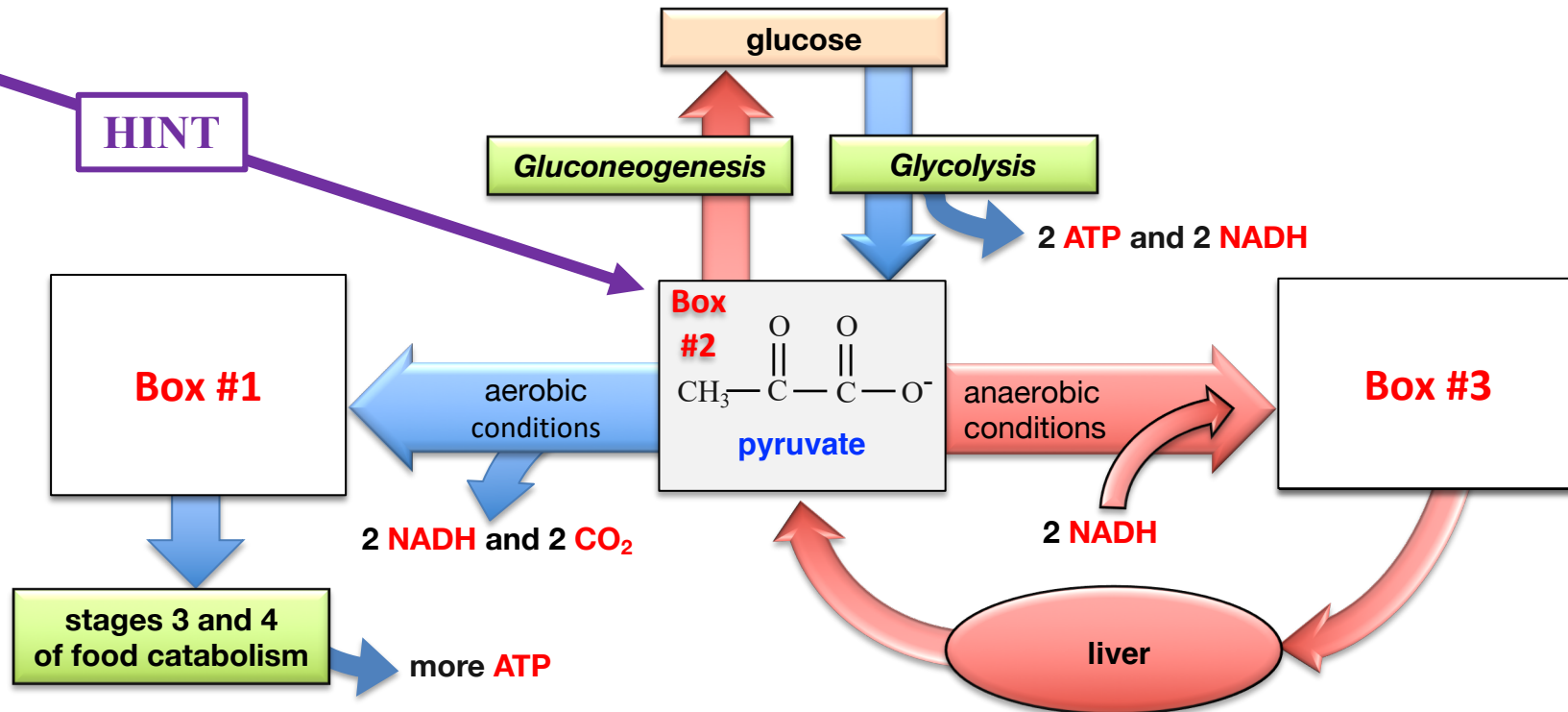
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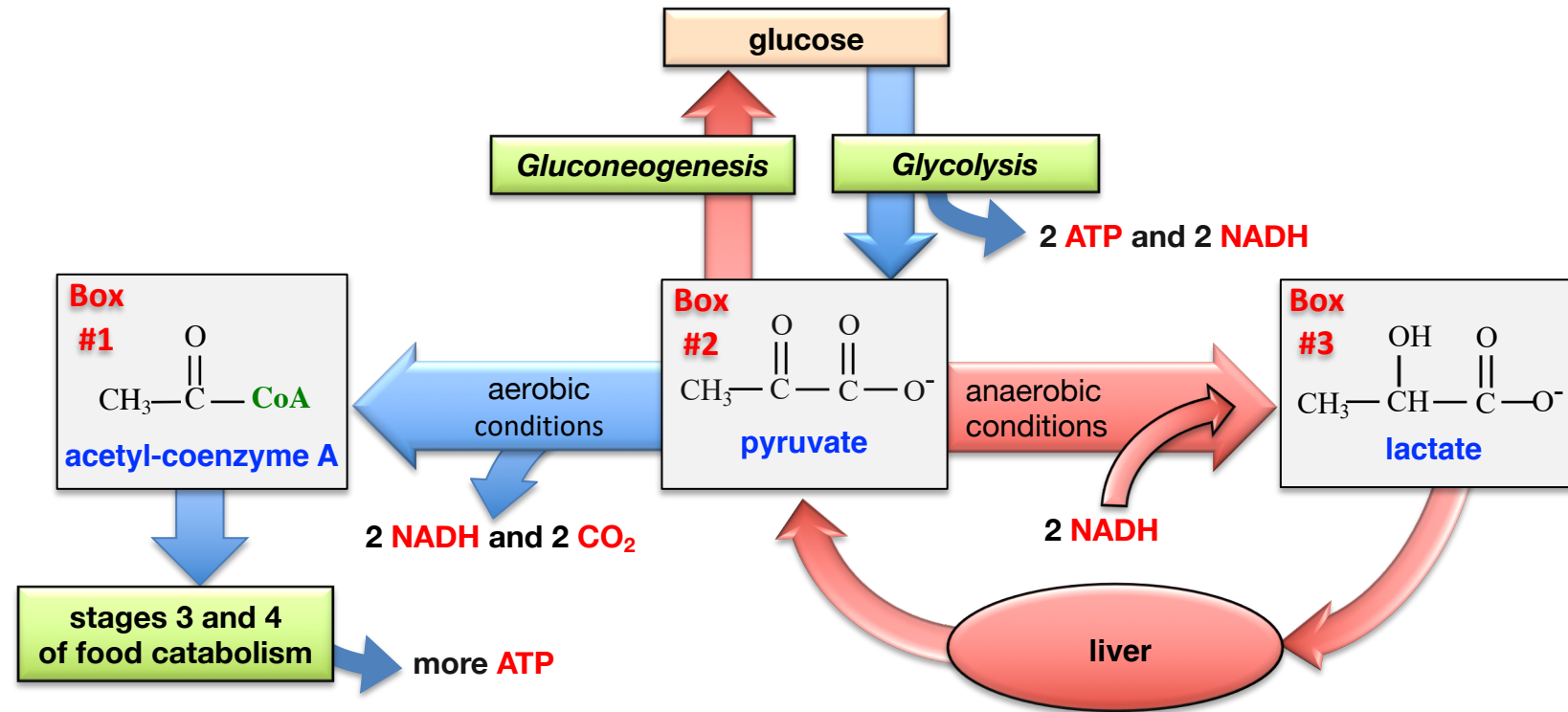
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c) lactate **Box #3**

**EXPLANATION:**

Under *aerobic conditions*, the **pyruvate** made in glycolysis passes from the cytoplasm into the mitochondria and is then converted to **acetyl-coenzyme A** and CO<sub>2</sub>.

Under *anaerobic conditions*, the pyruvate that is made in glycolysis remains in the cytoplasm and is converted (*reduced*) to **lactate**.



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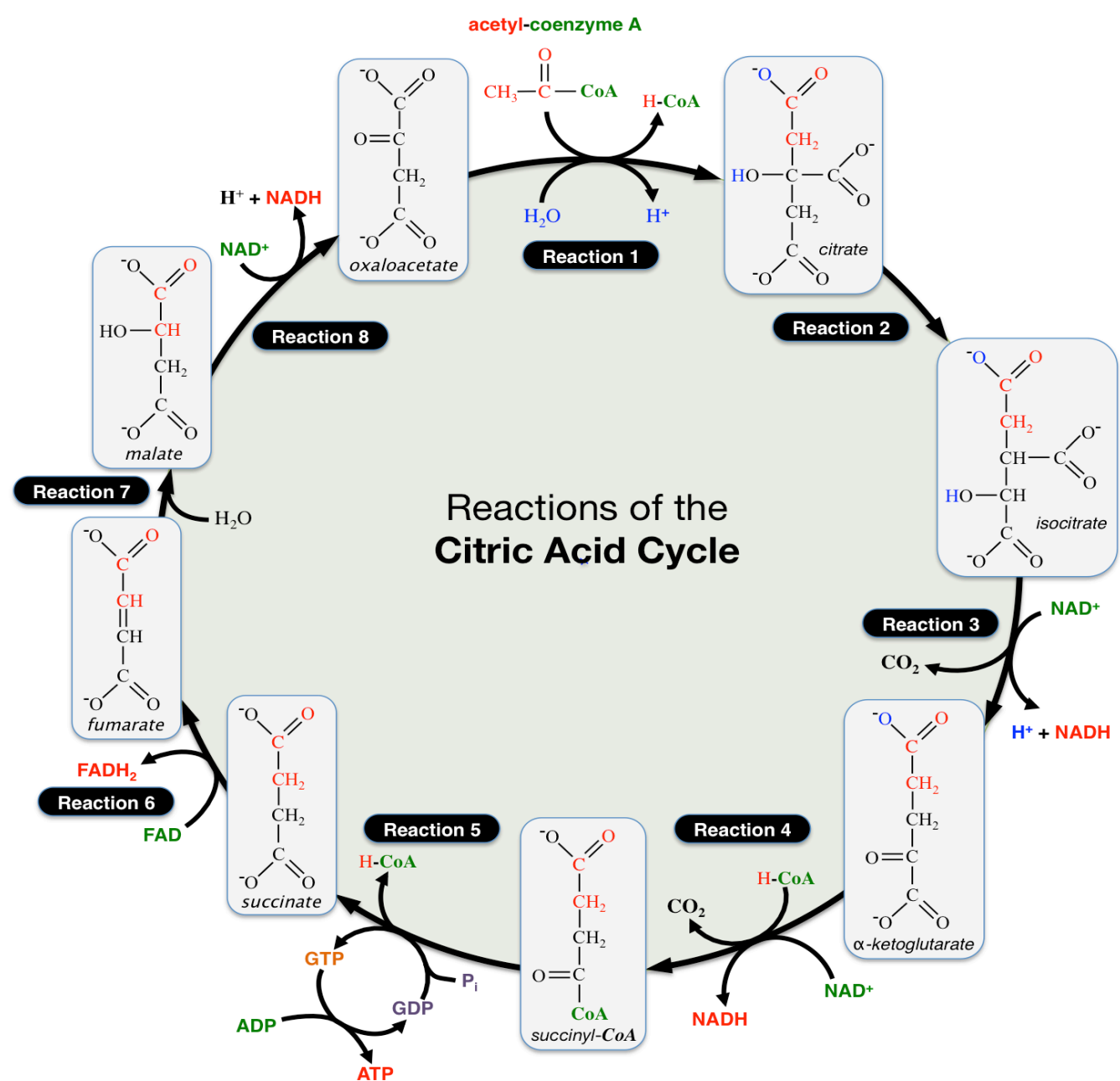
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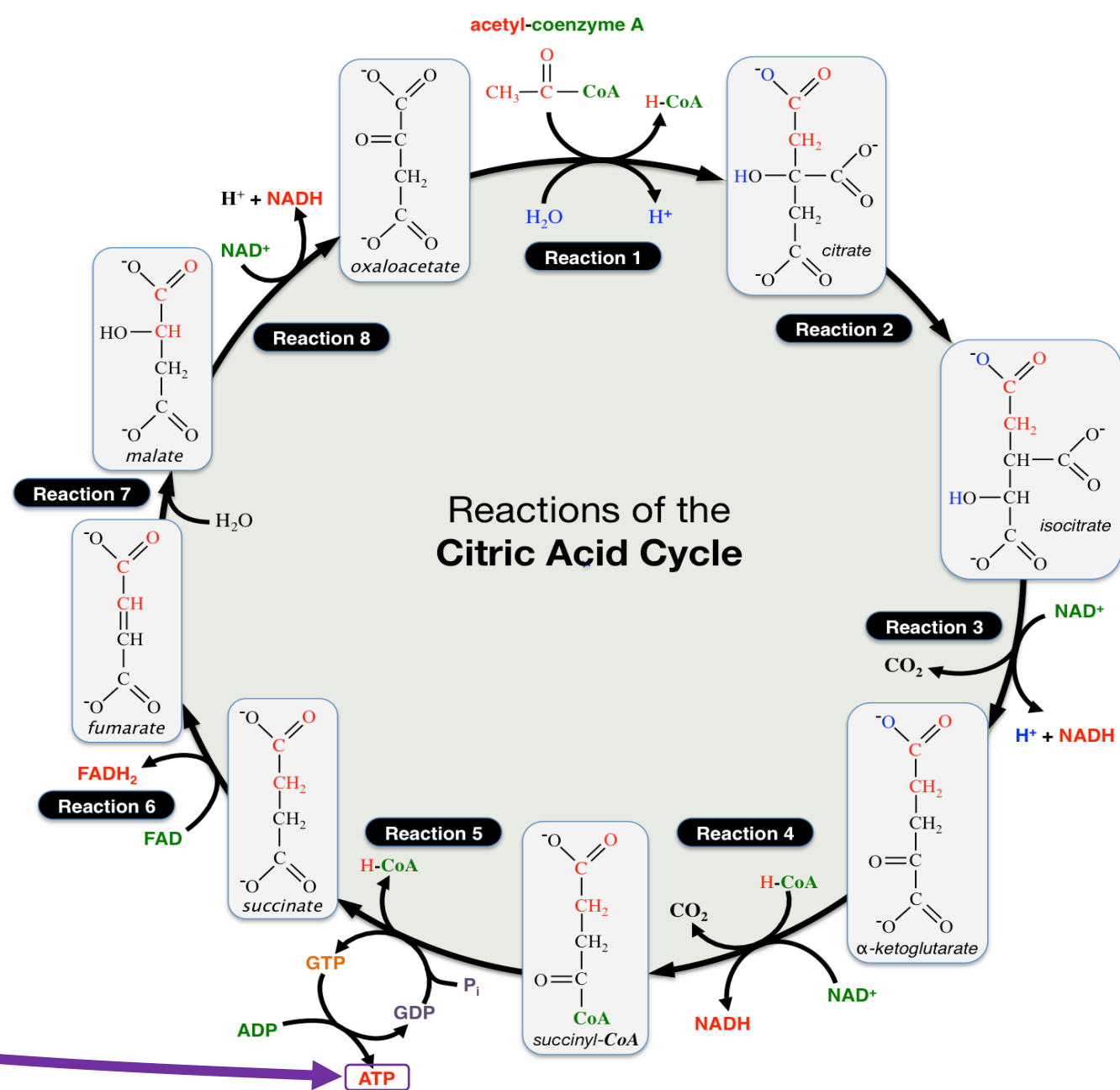


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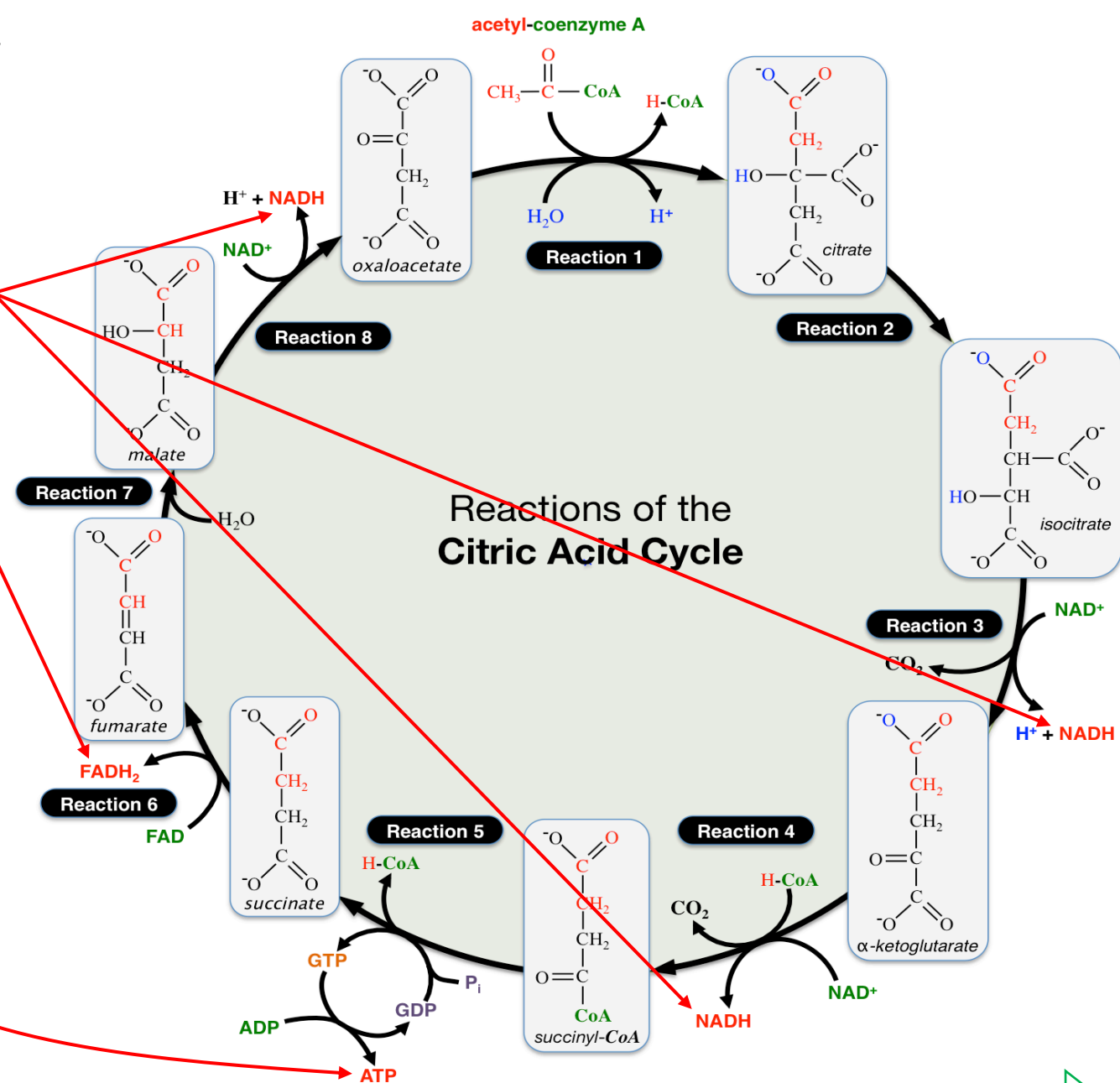
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- b) how many FADH<sub>2</sub> molecules are produced? **one**
- c) how many ATP ions are produced? **one**



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All but one of these processes occur in the mitochondria.

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**EXPLANATION:**

The enzymes that catalyze the reactions of the citric acid cycle, beta-oxidation, and oxidative phosphorylation are all located in the mitochondria.

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In order for the energy from the NADH that is produced by glycolysis to be utilized, it must be processed through “NADH shuttles.”

What are the names of the NADH shuttles?

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**ANSWER:**

- 1) **malate-aspartate shuttle**
- 2) **glycerol 3-phosphate shuttle**

**EXPLANATION:**

**Oxidative phosphorylation** requires that **NADH** be located *within the mitochondrial matrix*. Since pyruvate oxidation/decarboxylation *and* the reactions of the citric acid cycle occur in the *mitochondrial matrix*, the **NADH** created in those processes can immediately undergo oxidative phosphorylation. The **NADH that is produced by glycolysis** is able to pass through the *outer mitochondrial membrane* and enter the *intermembrane space*; however, it is *not* able to pass through the *inner mitochondrial membrane* to enter the *matrix* region. In order for the energy from this **NADH** to be utilized, it must be processed through “**NADH shuttles.**”

The two most important **NADH** shuttles are the **malate-aspartate shuttle** and the **glycerol 3-phosphate shuttle**. The **malate-aspartate shuttle** works by oxidizing the **NADH produced by glycolysis** to **NAD<sup>+</sup>** in the intermembrane space, then transferring the electrons through the inner mitochondrial matrix to an **NAD<sup>+</sup>** that *is already inside the matrix*, thereby producing an **NADH** that can undergo oxidative phosphorylation. In the **glycerol 3-phosphate shuttle**, **NADH produced by glycolysis** is oxidized in the intermembrane space by transferring electrons to an inner mitochondrial membrane-bound **FAD**, thereby producing an **FADH<sub>2</sub>** that can undergo oxidative phosphorylation.

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**EXPLANATION:**

The number of **ATP** that can be produced from **NADH** or **FADH<sub>2</sub>** depends on the cell and its current conditions. The latest research indicates that, on average, one **NADH** produces about **2.5 ATP**, and one **FADH<sub>2</sub>** produces about **1.5 ATP**.

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**NOTE:** You will need to select *more than one species* for some of these questions.

- Which species donate electrons to the proteins of the electron transport chain?
- Which species is the final acceptor of electrons in oxidative phosphorylation?
- Which species are the final products of oxidative phosphorylation?

*list of species choices:*

**H<sub>2</sub>O**  
**NADH**  
**NAD<sup>+</sup>**  
**ATP**  
**ADP**  
**O<sub>2</sub>**  
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**HINT:** *Two* species donate electrons to the proteins of the electron transport chain.

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c) Which species are the final products of oxidative phosphorylation?

**HINT:** *One* of the final products of oxidative phosphorylation is  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; there are *three* other products.

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
NADH  
NAD<sup>+</sup>  
ATP  
ADP  
 $\text{O}_2$   
FADH<sub>2</sub>  
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**O<sub>2</sub>**

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**H<sub>2</sub>O, NAD<sup>+</sup>, FAD, and ATP**

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**EXPLANATION:** The primary goal of food catabolism is the production of **ATP**. Before *oxidative phosphorylation*, most of the chemical potential energy extracted from food is still in the form of **reduced coenzymes (NADH and FADH<sub>2</sub>)**. **Oxidative phosphorylation** is the process in which electrons from **NADH** or **FADH<sub>2</sub>** are transferred, through a series of electron transfer intermediates (first to the proteins of the electron transport chain) to dissolved oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) in order to provide the energy required to produce **ATP**. In this process, **ADP** and an inorganic phosphate (P<sub>i</sub>) are converted to **ATP**. The formation of **ATP** from **ADP** and P<sub>i</sub> would *not* occur spontaneously without the input of energy that is provided when electrons are transferred to O<sub>2</sub>.

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**HINT:** Does oxidative phosphorylation occur in the cytoplasm outside of the mitochondria or entirely within the mitochondria?

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**HINT:** Review the role of ATP synthase.

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**HINT:** The diffusion of ions and polar molecules through protein channels is referred to as *facilitated diffusion*.

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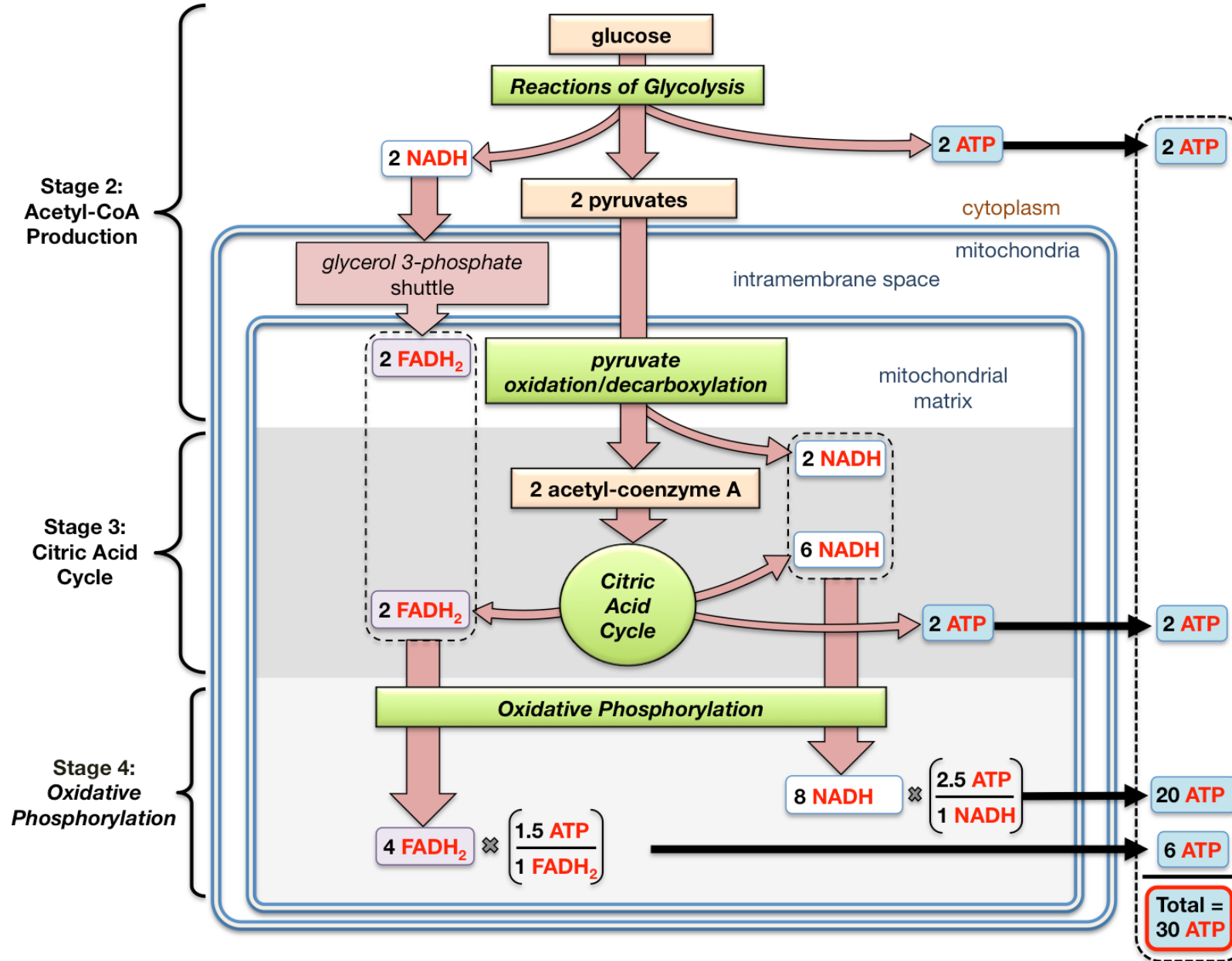
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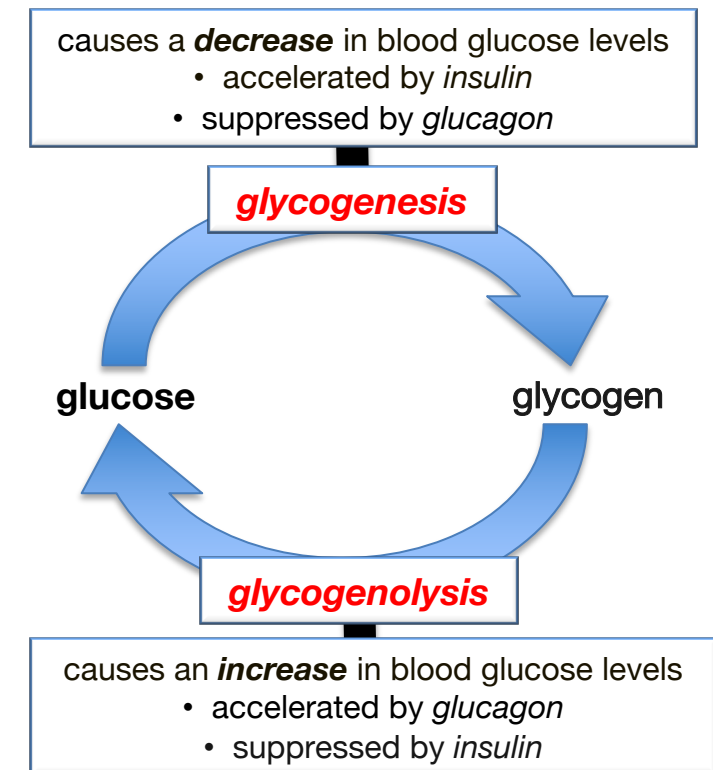
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Diabetes type II, also called insulin-resistant diabetes, occurs when sufficient insulin is produced, however the insulin receptors are unable to respond appropriately. About 90% of diabetes cases are type II. This type of diabetes can be even more difficult to manage than type I diabetes because it does not respond to insulin injections. Diabetes type II occurs after childhood and is therefore sometimes referred to as adult-onset diabetes.

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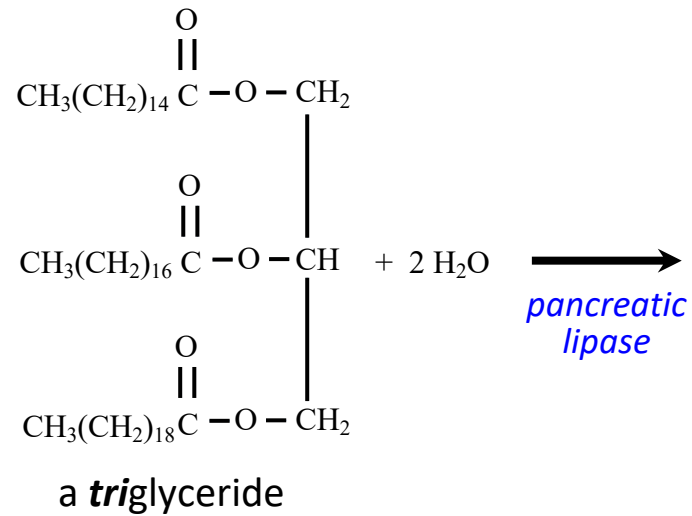
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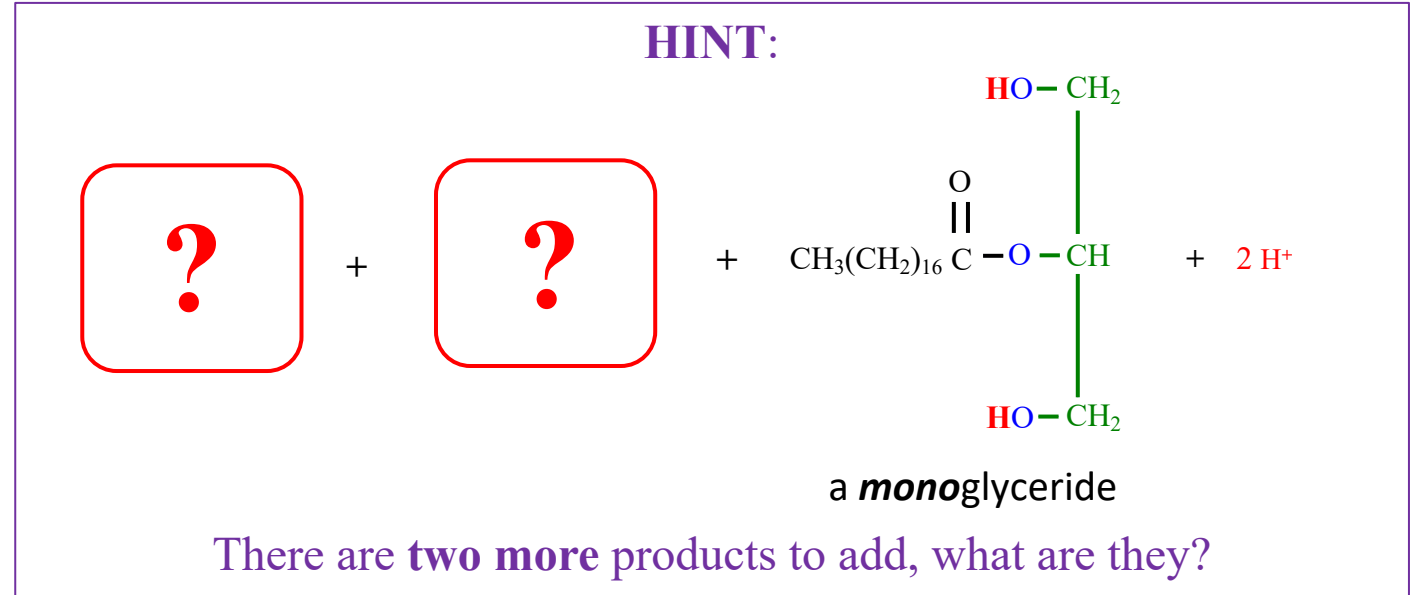
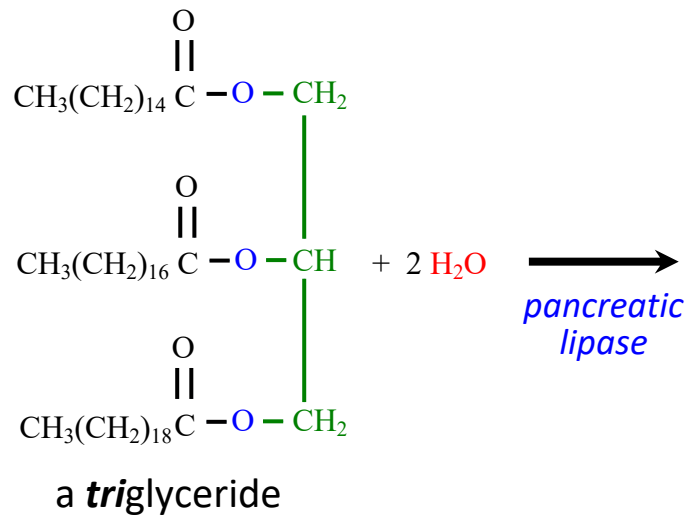
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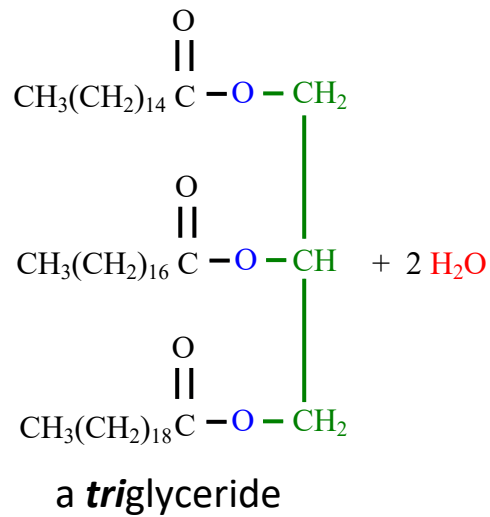
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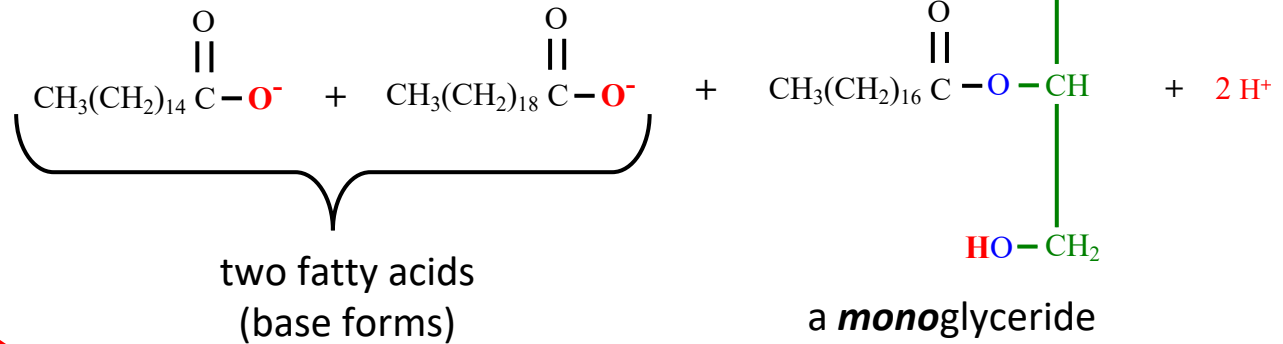
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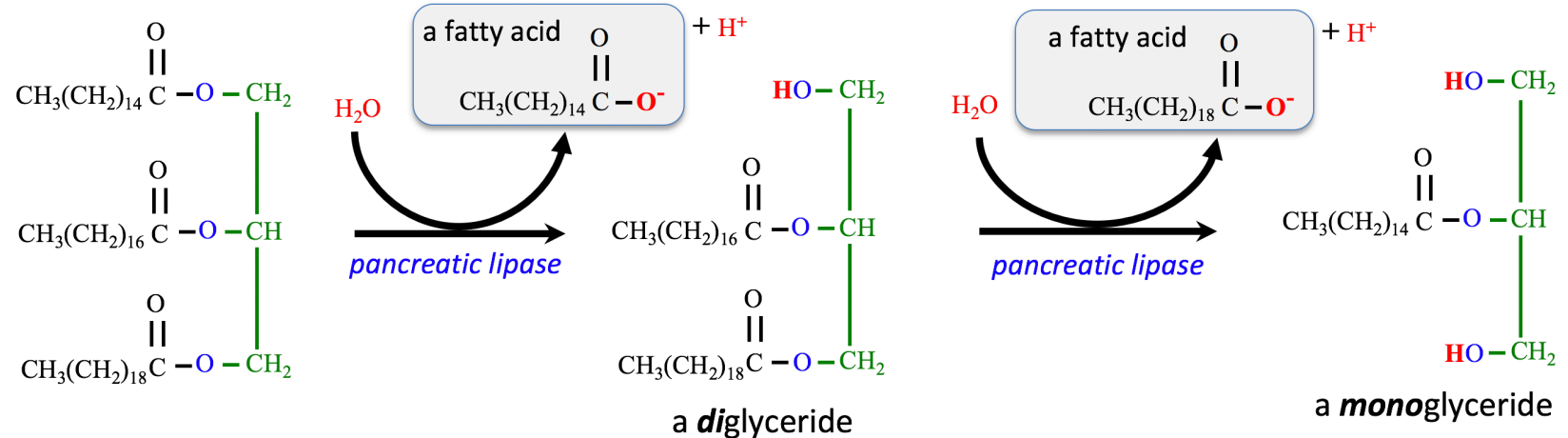
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**ANSWER:**



**EXPLANATION:**

Triglycerides are first hydrolyzed to diglycerides, and then to monoglycerides. Each one of these reactions produces a fatty acid, as shown on the right.

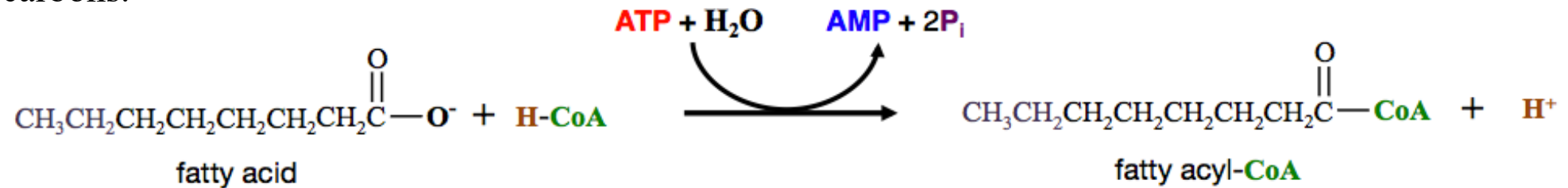


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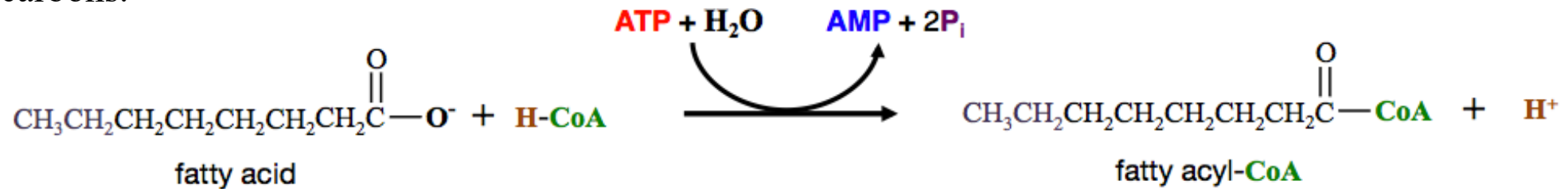
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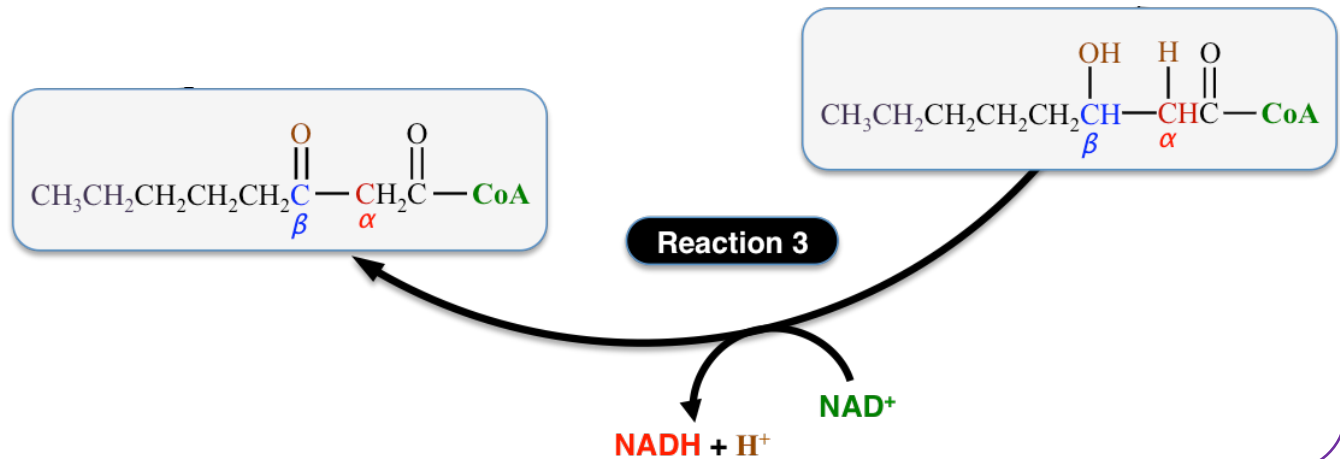


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**HINT:**

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Consider what occurs in Reaction 3 of  **$\beta$ -oxidation** (shown on the right).



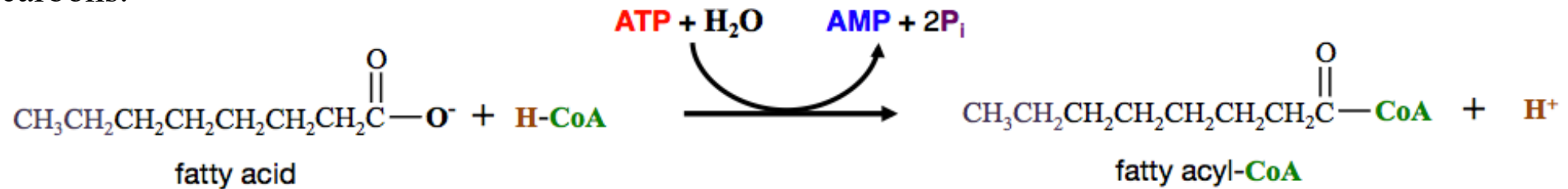
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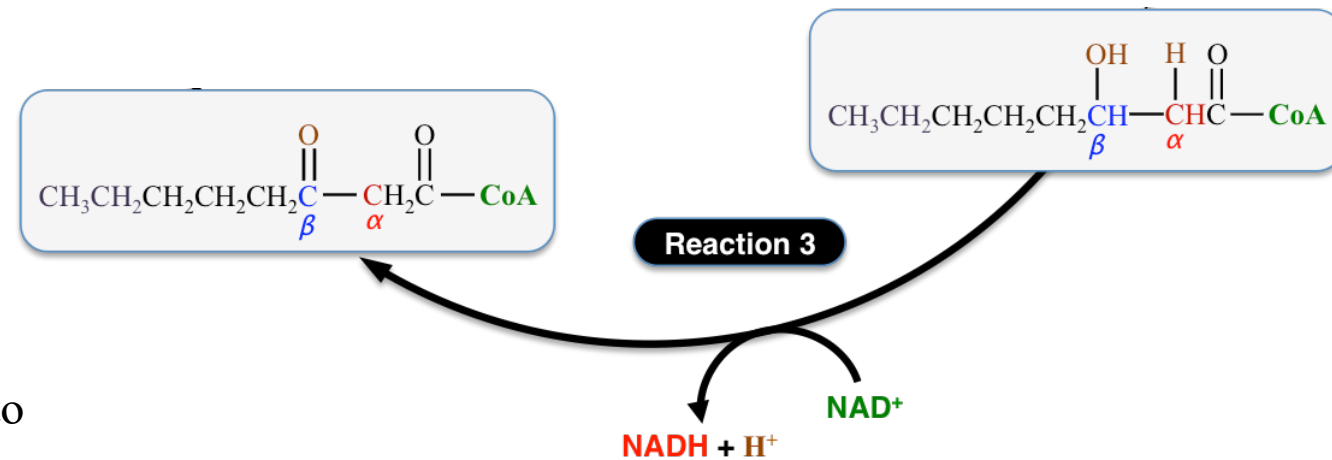
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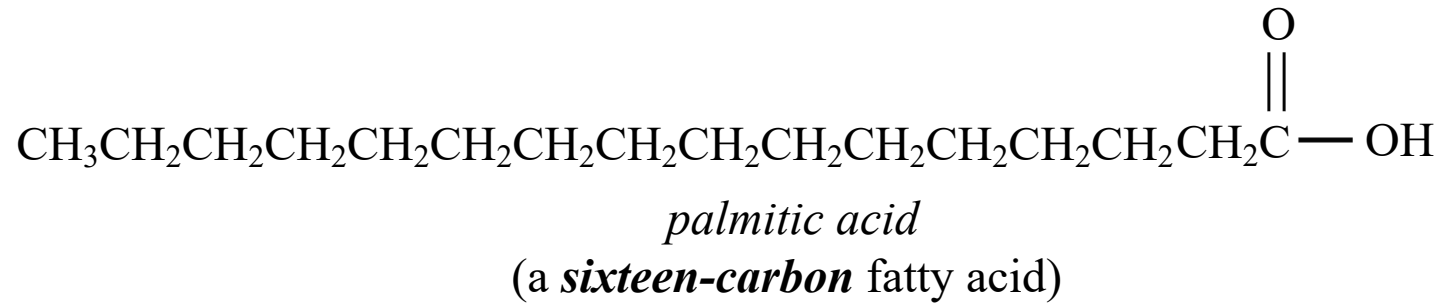
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15.22) What is the net gain in ATP for  $\beta$ -oxidation of *palmitic acid* (a *sixteen-carbon* fatty acid)?



**NOTES:**

- Assume that oxidative phosphorylation produces, on average, 2.5 ATP per NADH and 1.5 ATP per FADH<sub>2</sub>.
- Because we are using average values for the calculation of ATP from oxidative phosphorylation, you will come up with fractional ATP subtotals; that is not a problem because you're calculating average ATP production. For example, you will calculate that, on average, 16.5 ATP are produced from the FADH<sub>2</sub> in this problem.
- Remember to subtract one ATP to account for the ATP that was consumed in the *activation* step.



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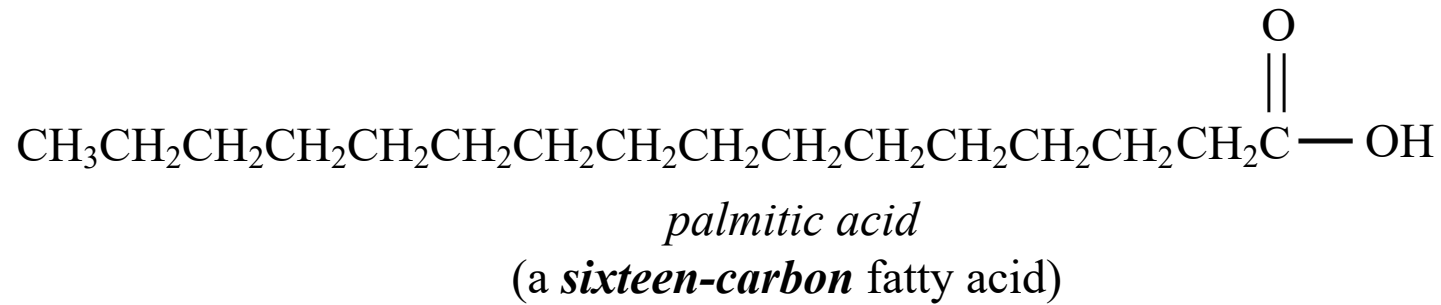
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**HINT:**

First, palmitic acid is activated to produce a 16-carbon fatty acyl-CoA. The activation step *consumes* one **ATP**. A 16-carbon fatty acyl-CoA will undergo six  $\beta$ -oxidation spirals. Each of the first *six* cycles of the  $\beta$ -oxidation spiral produces one acetyl-CoA, one **NADH**, and one **FADH<sub>2</sub>**. The *final cycle* of the spiral produces *two* acetyl-CoA, one **NADH**, and one **FADH<sub>2</sub>**. The acetyl-CoA are processed through the citric acid cycle, producing **ATP** and *more* reduced coenzymes. The **NADH**, and **FADH<sub>2</sub>** formed in  $\beta$ -oxidation, and the **NADH**, and **FADH<sub>2</sub>** formed in the citric acid cycle undergo oxidative phosphorylation. Because one **ATP** is consumed in the activation reaction, it is subtracted when calculating the *net gain* of **ATP**.

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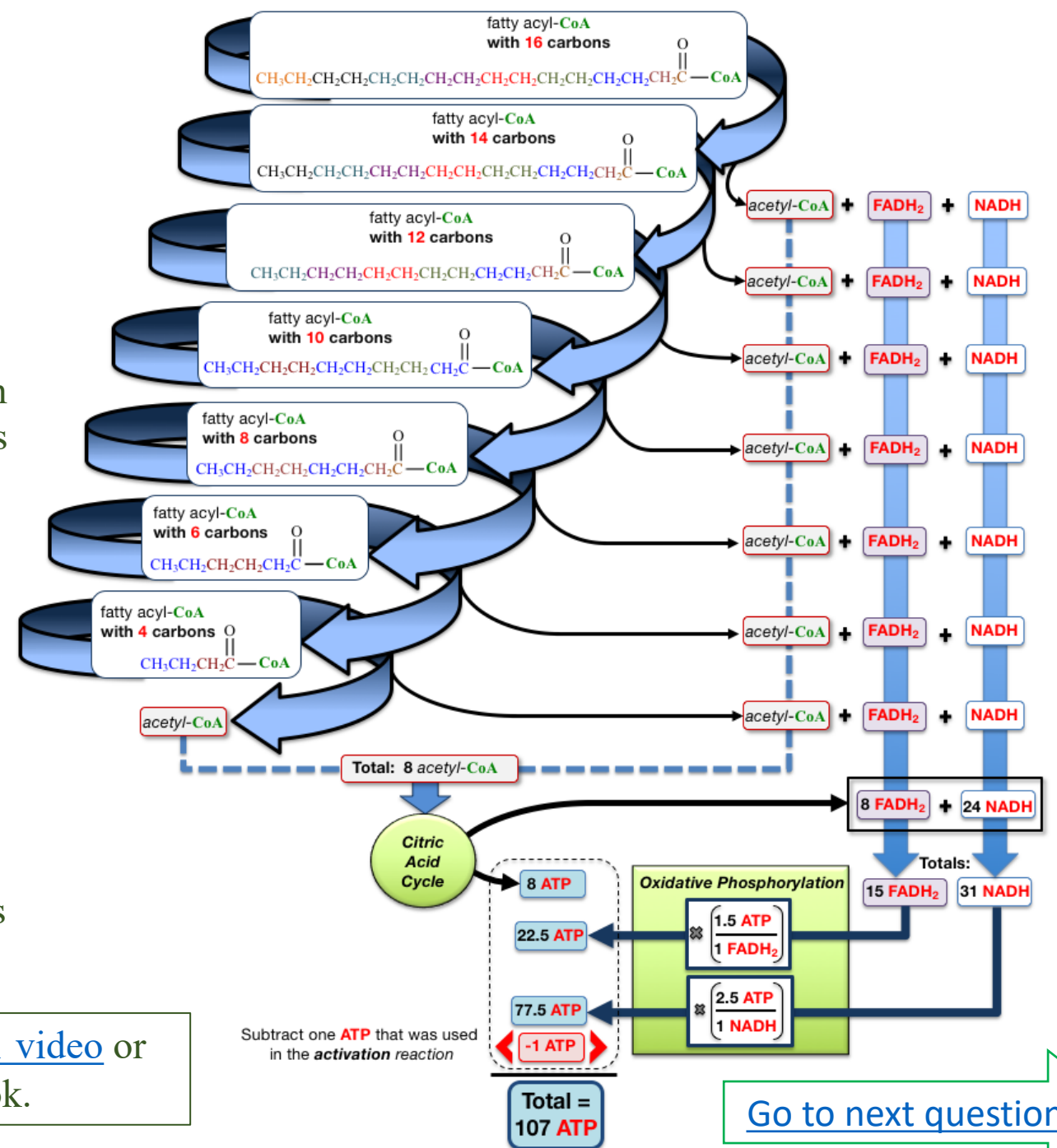
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**ANSWER: 107 ATP**

**EXPLANATION:**

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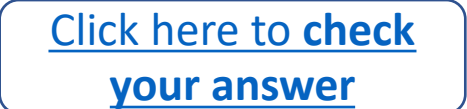
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**HINT:**

Acetyl-CoA that is produced in excess of the amount that can be metabolized in the citric acid cycle results in a high concentration of acetyl-CoA. When this occurs, acetyl-CoA reacts with *other* acetyl-CoA to produce the three compounds that are referred to as **ketone bodies**. This process is referred to as *ketogenesis*. When individuals diet, they begin to metabolize the triglycerides that are stored in fat cells. This leads to *ketogenesis*. Now discuss *ketoacidosis*....

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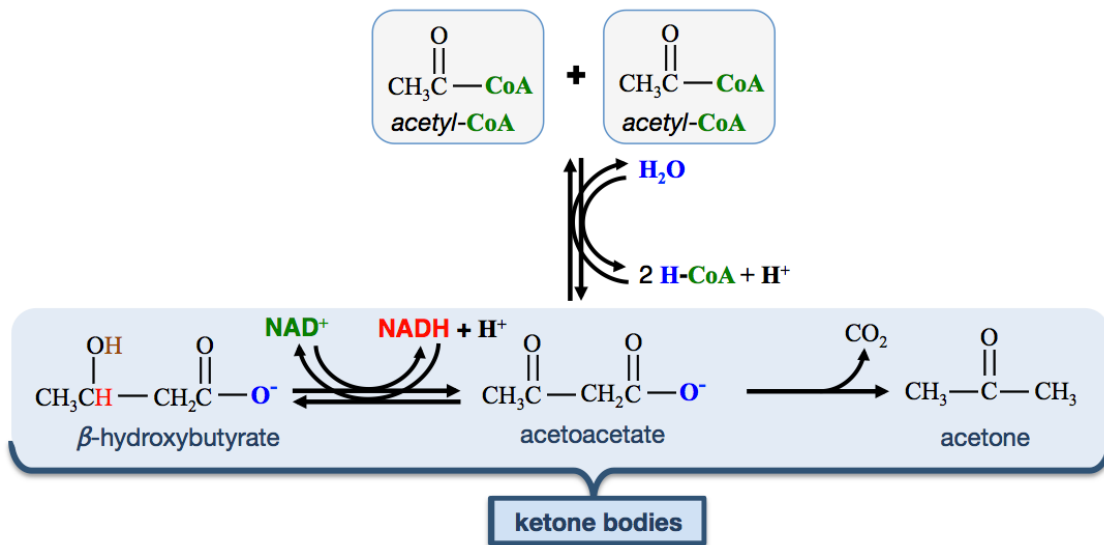


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In cases of starvation, poorly treated diabetes, and conditions related to alcoholic binge drinking, the cells cannot get glucose and extremely high rates of fatty acid catabolism results in dangerous, and even fatal levels of ketone bodies. β-hydroxybutyric acid and acetoacetic acid (the acid forms of β-hydroxybutyrate and acetoacetate, respectively) have significant acid strength. Their production results in a higher concentration of H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>, which can overcome the blood's buffering capacity. When this occurs, the blood becomes acidic. When blood pH is less than the normal range (7.35-7.45), the condition is called **acidosis**. When acidosis is caused by excess ketone bodies, the condition is called *ketoacidosis*.

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*Amino acids* that are ingested in surplus of these biosynthesis needs are **catabolized** as fuel for the production of **ATP**. Summarize how this is done.

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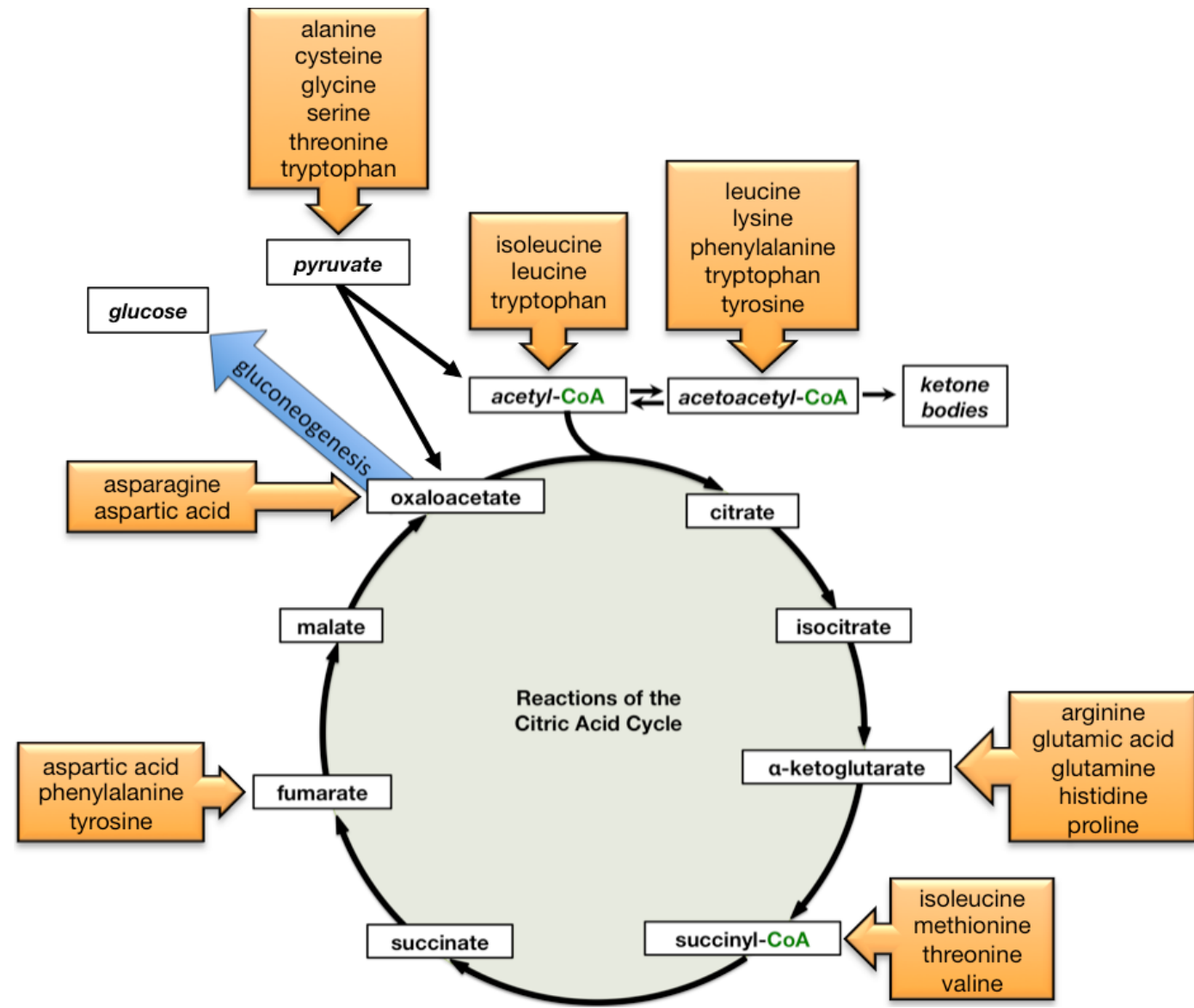


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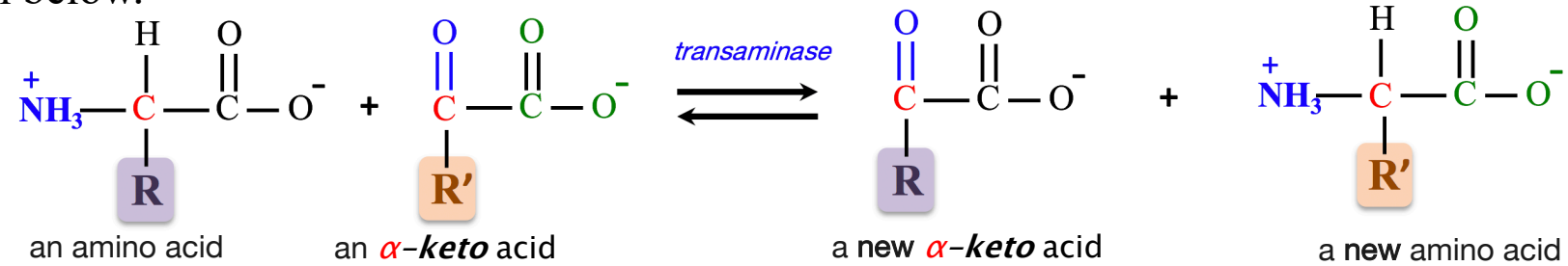
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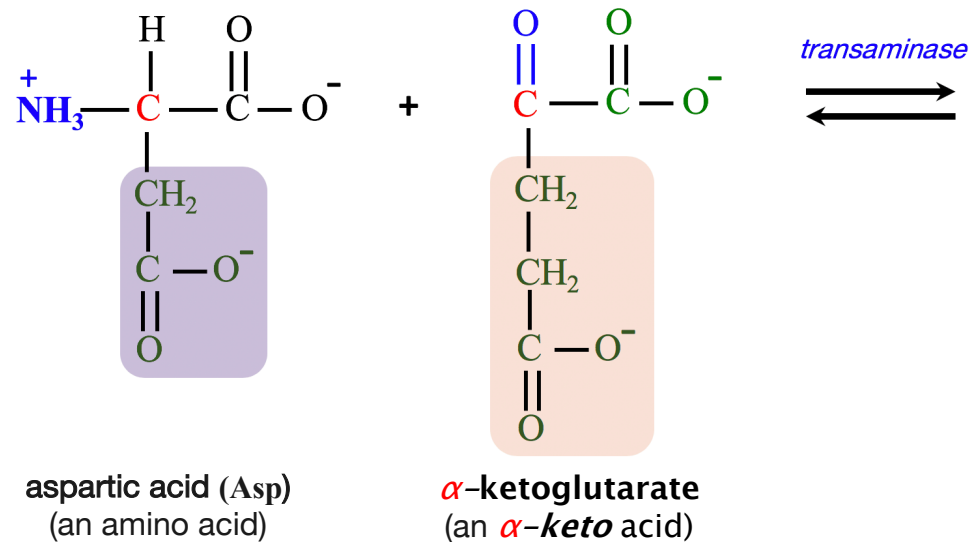
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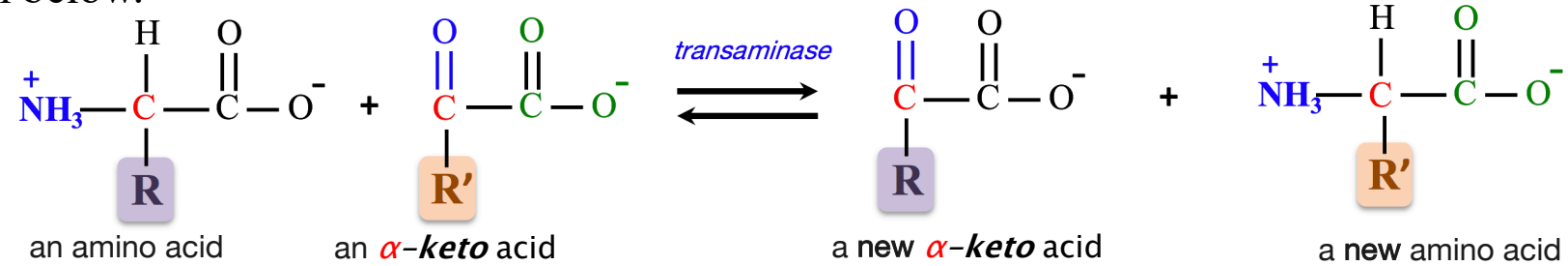
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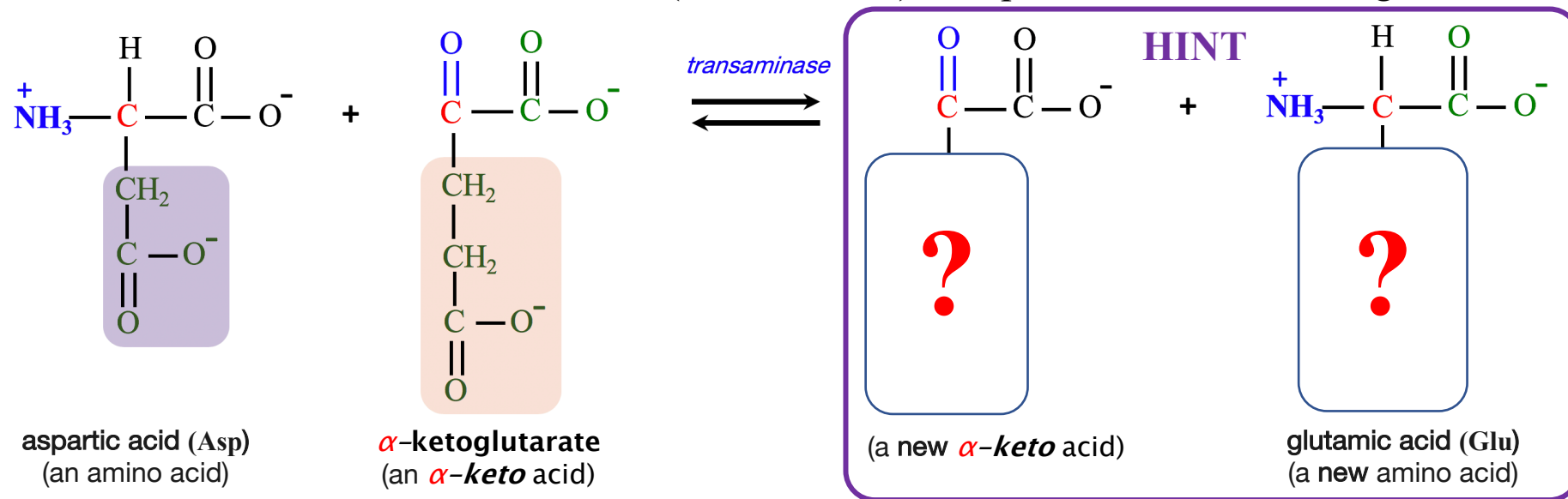
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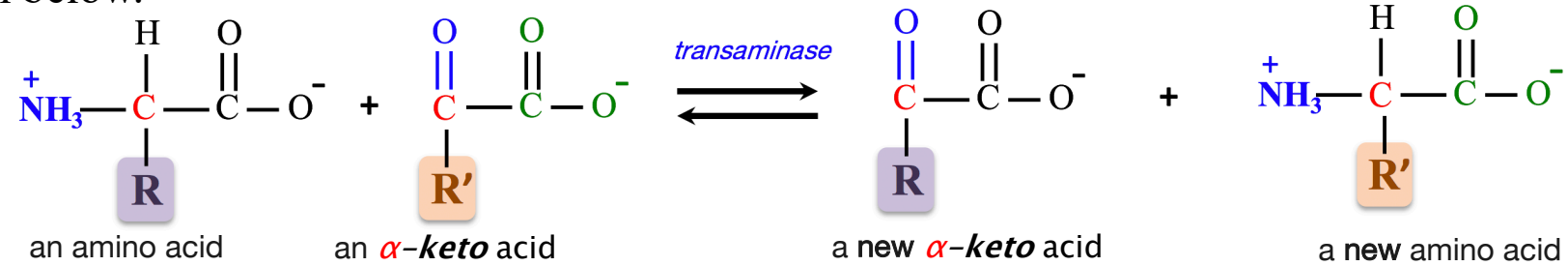
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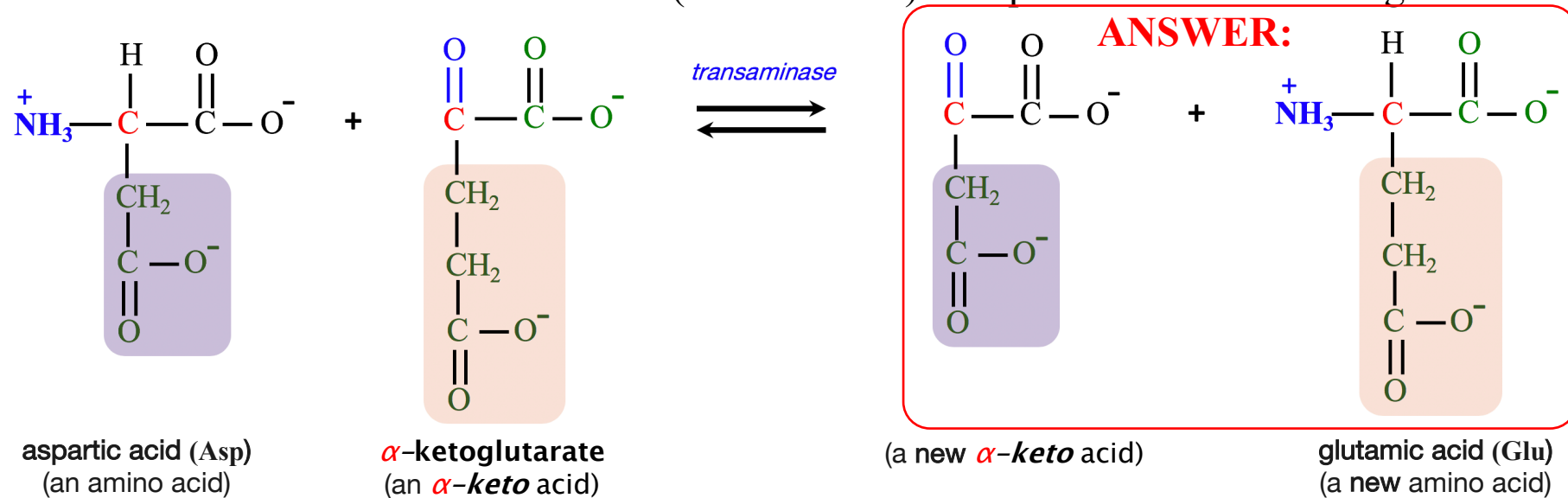
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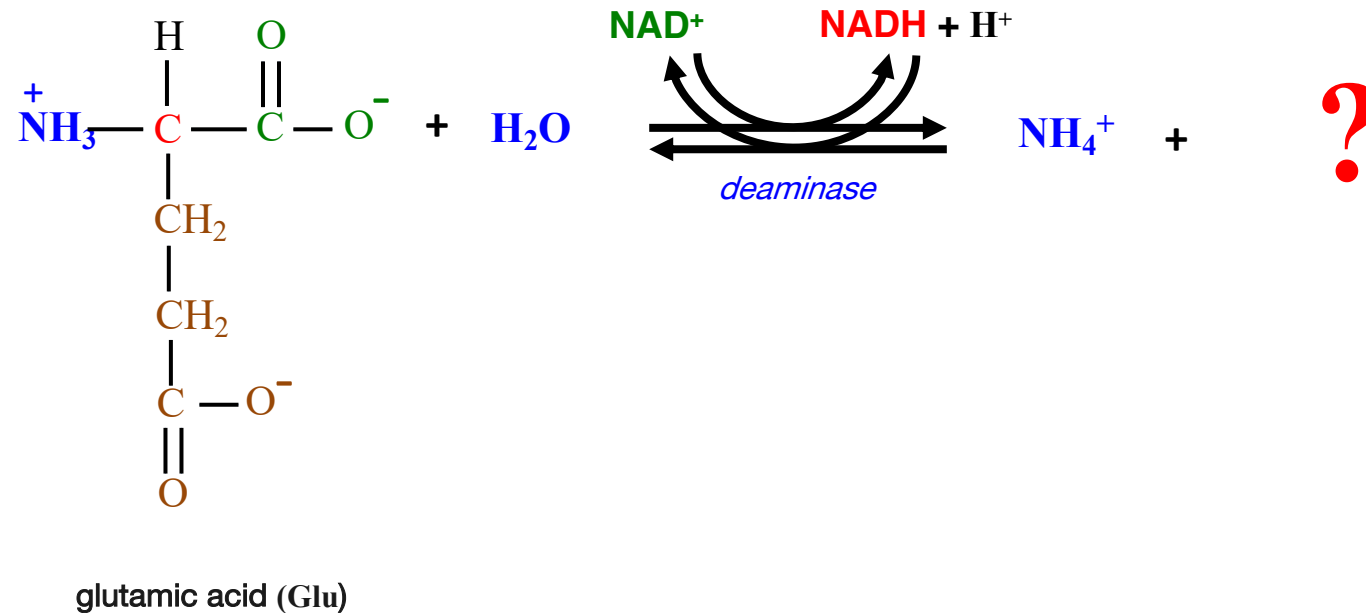


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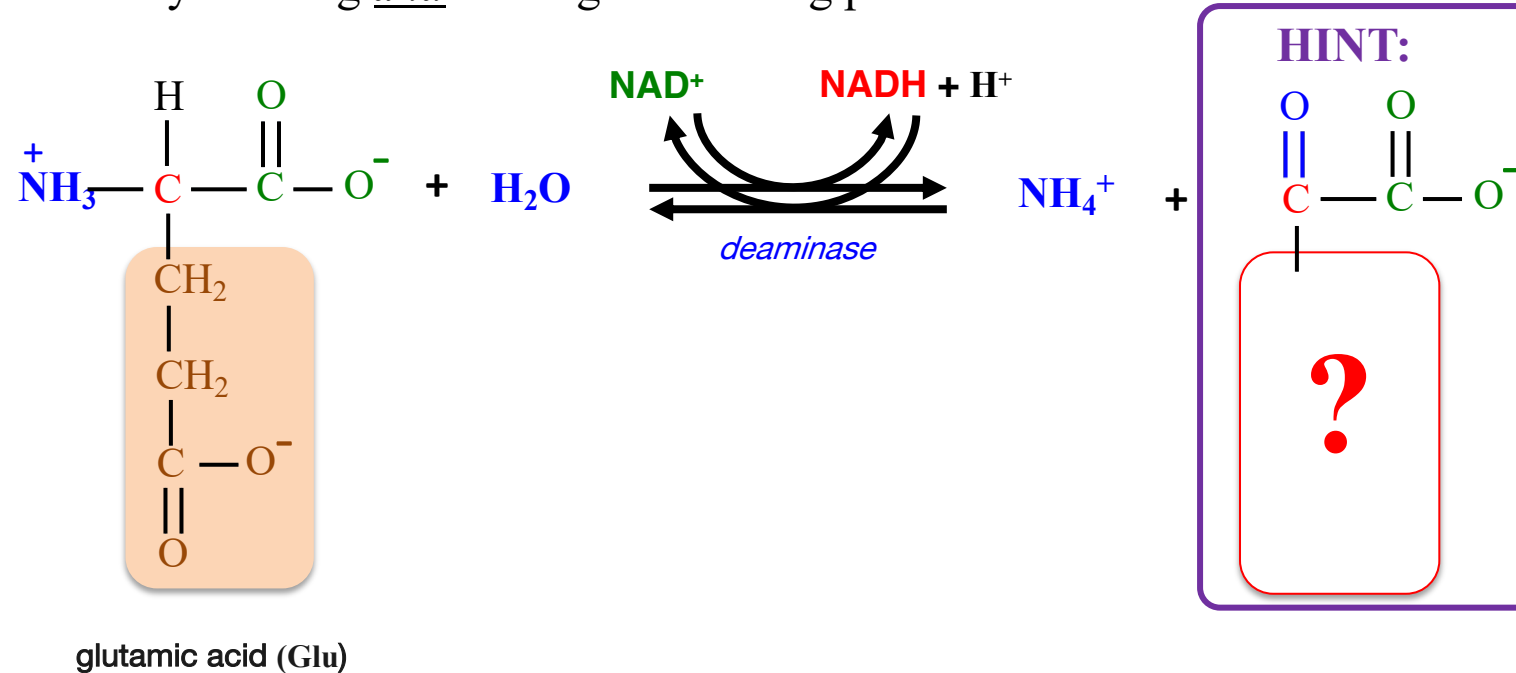
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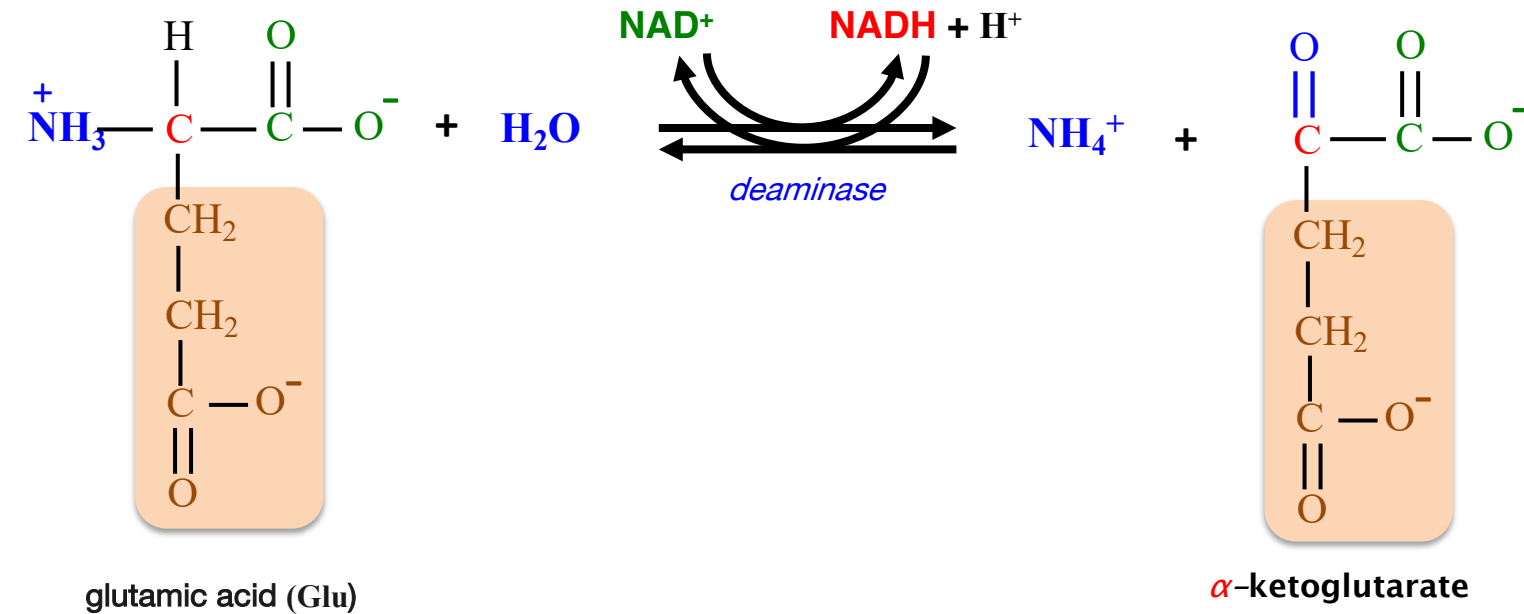
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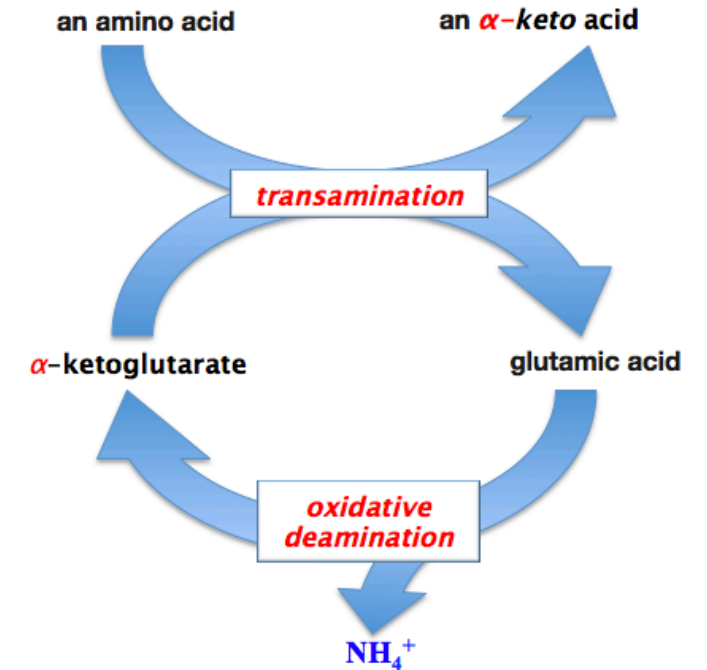
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**NOTE:** The  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate that is produced in the reaction is now free to accept a new quaternary ammonium group from another amino acid in a transamination reaction, as illustrated below.



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**HINTS:**

**Part (a) choices:**

**aldehydes**  
**fatty acids**  
**ethanol**  
**urea**  
**carbohydrates**

**Part (b) choices:**

**blood transfusion**  
**dialysis**  
**chemotherapy**  
**massage**  
**hypnosis**

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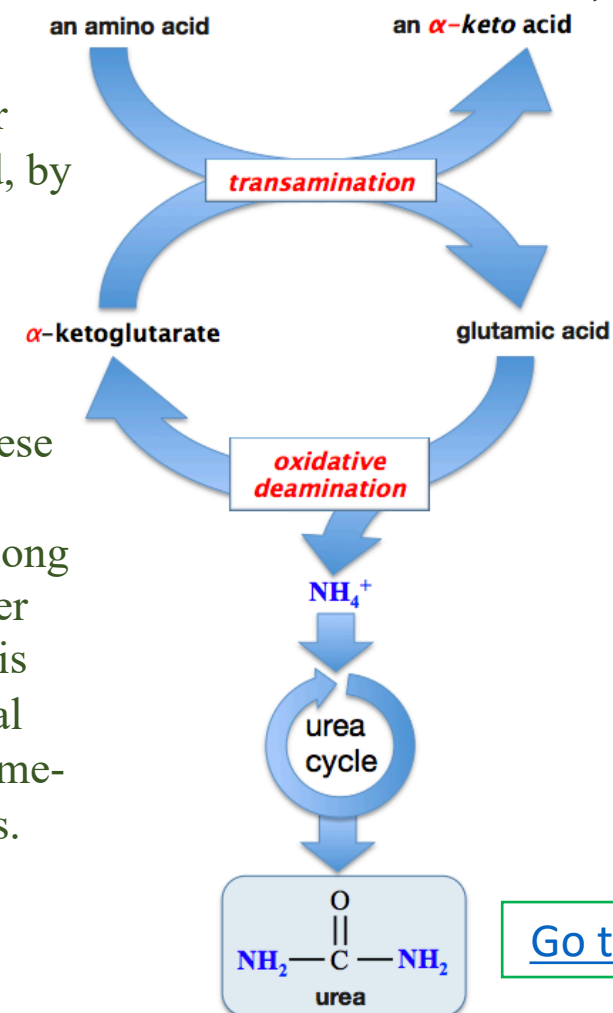
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**EXPLANATION:** A typical adult produces about 25 to 30 grams of *urea* per day. This occurs in a series of reactions called the **urea cycle**. Urea is filtered, by the kidneys, into the urinary track and then removed from the body during urination. Kidney disease can result in the build up of dangerous amounts of urea. In cases of *end-stage renal (kidney) failure*, safe *blood urea nitrogen (BUN)* levels are exceeded, and patients must undergo **dialysis treatments**. Dialysis involves artificial methods of urea removal. The most common of these is called **hemodialysis**. In *hemodialysis*, a patient's blood is passed along one side of a porous membrane, while a dialyzing (urea-free) solution is passed along the other. The pores allow the diffusion of urea (but not cells, proteins, or other large compounds) from the blood into the dialyzing solution. After the blood is dialyzed, it is continuously returned to the patient. Hemodialysis takes several hours and is usually done multiple times per week. This process is not only time-consuming, but far from ideal because of many complications and side effects.



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15.28)

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- a) spiral
- b) walking
- c) circular
- d) linear

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**HINTS:**

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a) A *metabolic pathway* in which a series of reactions is used to repeatedly break down or build up a compound is defined as a \_\_\_\_\_ pathway.

- a) spiral
- b) walking
- c) circular
- d) linear

b) Give one example (from chapter 15), of each of the following types *metabolic pathways*:

- i) linear pathway: glycolysis (or gluconeogenesis)
- ii) circular pathway: citric acid cycle
- iii) spiral pathway:  $\beta$ -oxidation (or fatty acid anabolism)

#### EXPLANATION:

A **linear pathway** is a series of reactions that are not repeated. *Glycolysis* is characterized as a linear pathway.

A **circular pathway** is a repeating series of reactions in which the final product is **also** an *initial reactant*. The *citric acid cycle* is characterized as a circular pathway. In the citric acid cycle, *oxaloacetate* is not only a *reactant* in the first reaction, it is **also** the *product* of the last reaction.

A **spiral pathway** is a metabolic pathway in which a **series of repeated reactions** is used to break down (or build up) a compound. In a circular pathway, such as the citric acid cycle, the final product is **exactly** the same as *one* of the *initial reactants*. This is not the case for a *spiral* pathway.  *$\beta$ -oxidation* is an example of a spiral pathway.

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**fatty acids**  
**alcohols**  
**glycosidic**  
**ester**  
**monosaccharides**  
**amino acids**  
**peptide**  
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**ether**

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**Catabolic Processes Choices:**

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**Digestion**  
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**Citric Acid Cycle**  
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**Amino Acid Synthesis**  
**Gluconeogenesis**  
**Fatty Acid Cycle**  
**Protein Synthesis**  
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