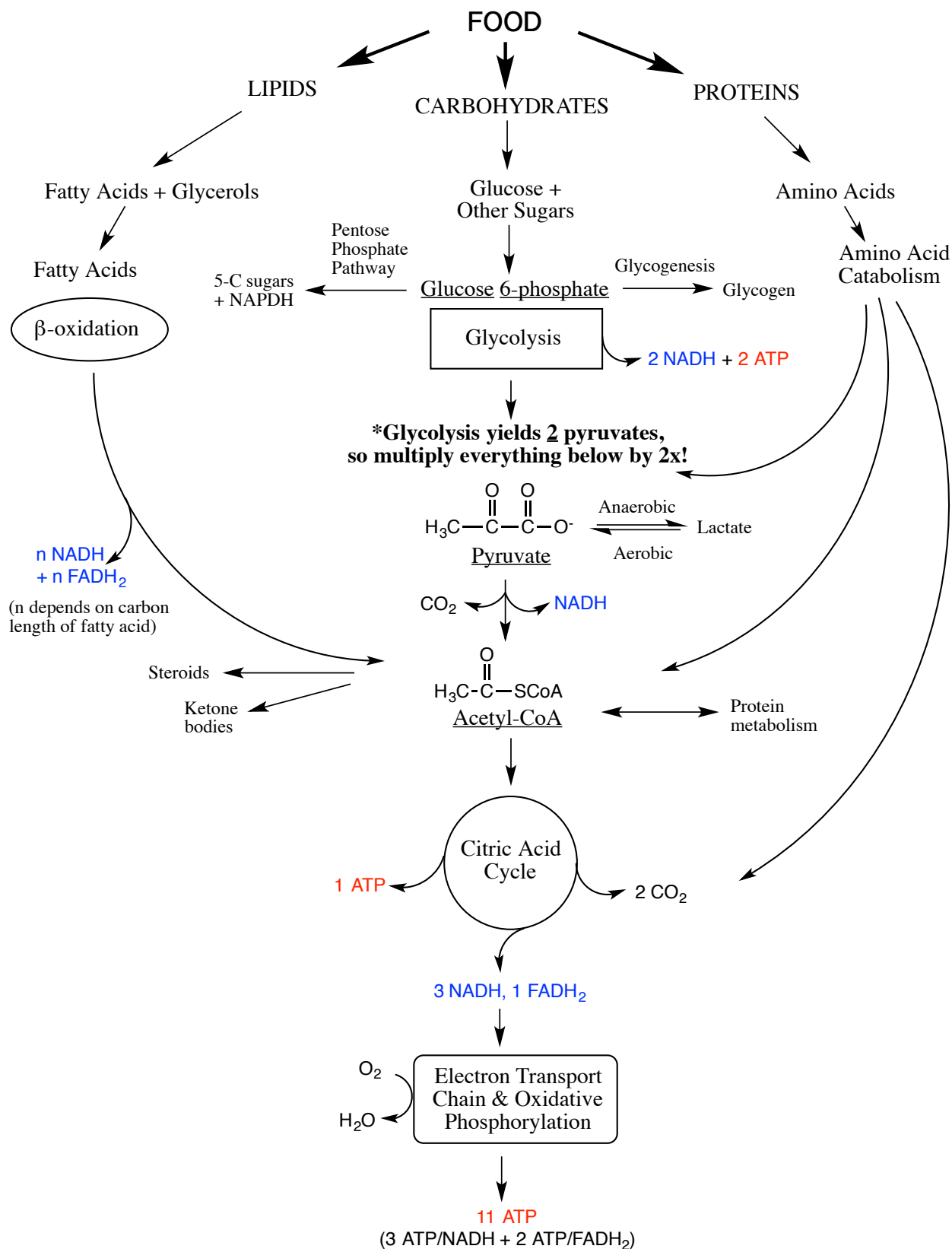


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Catabolism Flow Chart

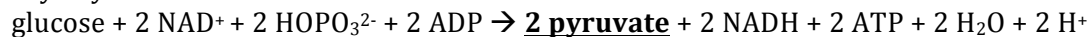


Glucose and Fatty Acid Catabolism

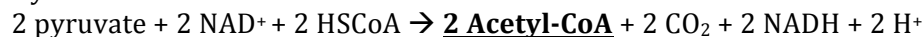
I. Glucose Catabolism

A. Steps of Glucose Catabolism

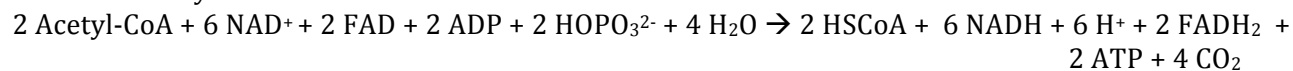
1. Glycolysis:



2. Pyruvate Oxidation:

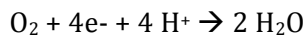


3. Citric Acid Cycle:



4. Electron Transport/Oxidative Phosphorylation:

Electrons from all the NADH and FADH₂ made in the previous steps are used to reduce O₂ to water:



The released energy is used to make ATP:

3 ATP made/1 NADH

2 ATP made/1 FADH₂

(More accurate: 2.5 ATP/NADH, 1.5 ATP/ FADH₂)

B. Total ATP Count for Catabolism of a Glucose Molecule

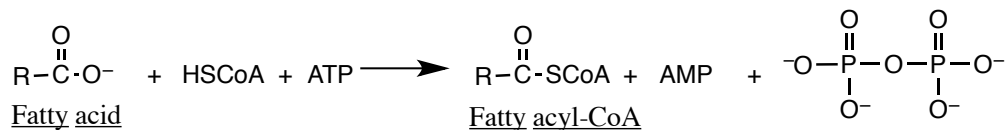
- Glycolysis: 2 ATP + 6 ATP (from 2 NADH) = 8 ATP
- Pyruvate oxidation: 6 ATP (from 2 NADH) = 6 ATP
- Citric Acid Cycle: 2 ATP + 18 ATP (from 6 NADH) + 4 ATP (from 2 FADH₂) = 24 ATP

TOTAL: 38 ATP

II. Fatty Acid Catabolism

A. Steps of Fatty Acid Catabolism

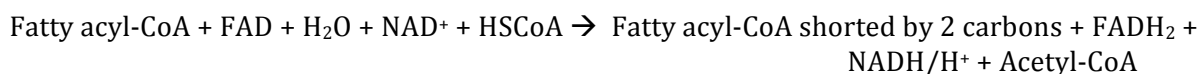
1. Activation of fatty acid:



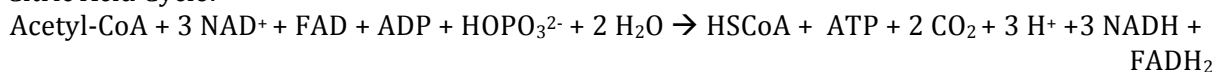
2. Trans-membrane transport of fatty acyl-CoA from cytosol into mitochondrial matrix

3. β -Oxidation of fatty acyl-CoA (Repeat for each 2-carbon unit EXCEPT for the last 2-carbon unit, since the last β -oxidation cleaves 4-carbon chain to give two acetyl-CoA molecules):

For each round of β -oxidation



4. Citric Acid Cycle:



5. Electron Transport/Oxidative Phosphorylation: 3 ATP made/1 NADH, and 2 ATP made/1 FADH₂

B. Total ATP Count for Catabolism of a Fatty Acid Molecule

- **Activation:** -2 ATP [One-time loss for the whole fatty acid molecule]

- **β -Oxidation:**

2 ATP (per FADH₂) + 3 ATP (per NADH) = 5 ATP/ β -oxidation round

$$\frac{5 \text{ ATP}}{1 \beta\text{-oxidation round}} \times \text{No. of } \beta\text{-oxidation rounds} = \text{No. of ATP from all } \beta\text{-oxidation rounds}$$

$$\text{*Note: No. of } \beta\text{-oxidation rounds} = \frac{\text{No. of carbon atoms in fatty acid}}{2} - 1$$

- **Citric acid cycle:**

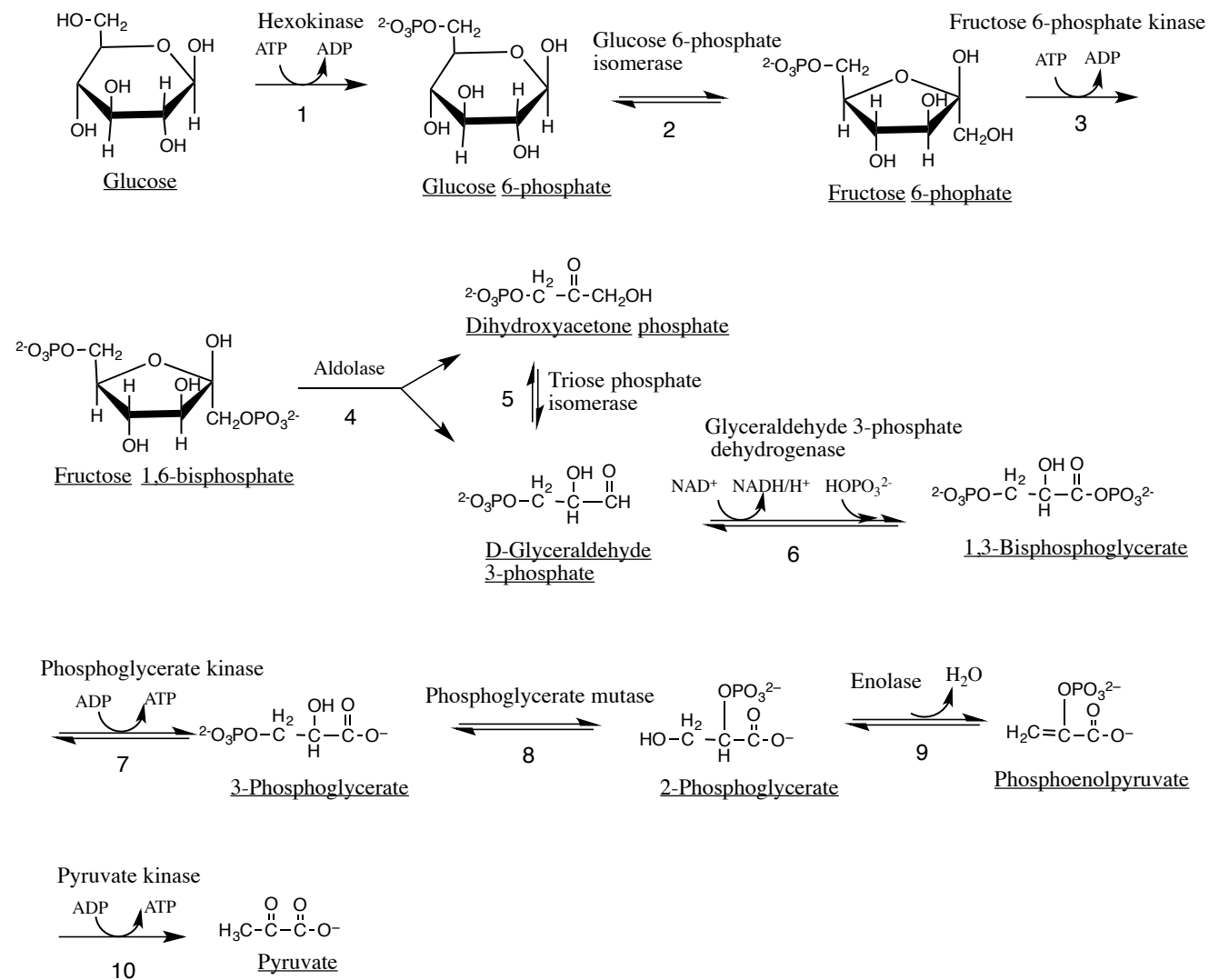
No. of carbon atoms in fatty acid/2 = No. of acetyl-CoA

$$\frac{12 \text{ ATP}}{1 \text{ acetyl-CoA}} \times \text{No. of acetyl-CoA} = \text{No. of ATP from all acetyl-CoA}$$

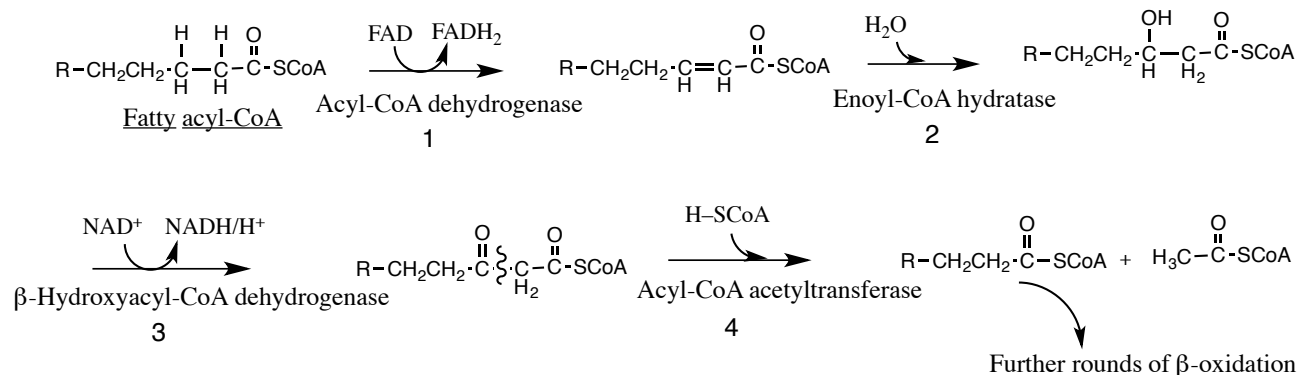
TOTAL: Net ATP from three steps above.

Three Metabolic Pathways

I. Glycolysis



II. β-Oxidation of Fatty Acid



III. Citric Acid Cycle

