

**Integrated Metabolism**

**OR**

**Intermediary Metabolism**

**OR**

**Interrelationship Between  
Various Metabolic Pathways**

**OR**

**Interdependence Of Metabolic  
Pathways**

**To Better Understand Metabolism Of  
Various Biomolecules**

- Metabolism of each **chief biochemical** was studied individually and separately.

- **This was just for convenience and better understanding of**
- Various metabolic pathways associated with each biochemical constituent.

## **What is Integrated Metabolism?**

- Various **metabolic reactions, pathways and processes** of important biochemical moieties of human body viz:
  - Carbohydrates
  - Lipids
  - Proteins
  - Nucleic acids
  - Hemoglobin
- Takes place in different cells and cellular compartments of **specific tissues and organs.**
- For maintaining normal health ,growth and reproduction.

## The Metabolic Pathways Of Cells Takes Place

- **Synergistically**
- **Closely Interrelated/Integrated**
- **With Interdependence**
- **In a Regulated manner**
- **With good coordination**

- **In the cellular compartments of the body**
  - **Various metabolic pathways** related to different metabolic moieties
  - Takes place **synergistically, as per the cellular conditions.**

## **Factors Regulating Metabolism**

- **Hormones** are the key regulators of Enzymes
- **Regulatory Enzymes** are stimulated or inhibited by specific hormones
- **Enzymes are regulated by:**
  - **Allosteric Regulation**
  - **Covalent Modifications**

# Metabolism Is Regulated By

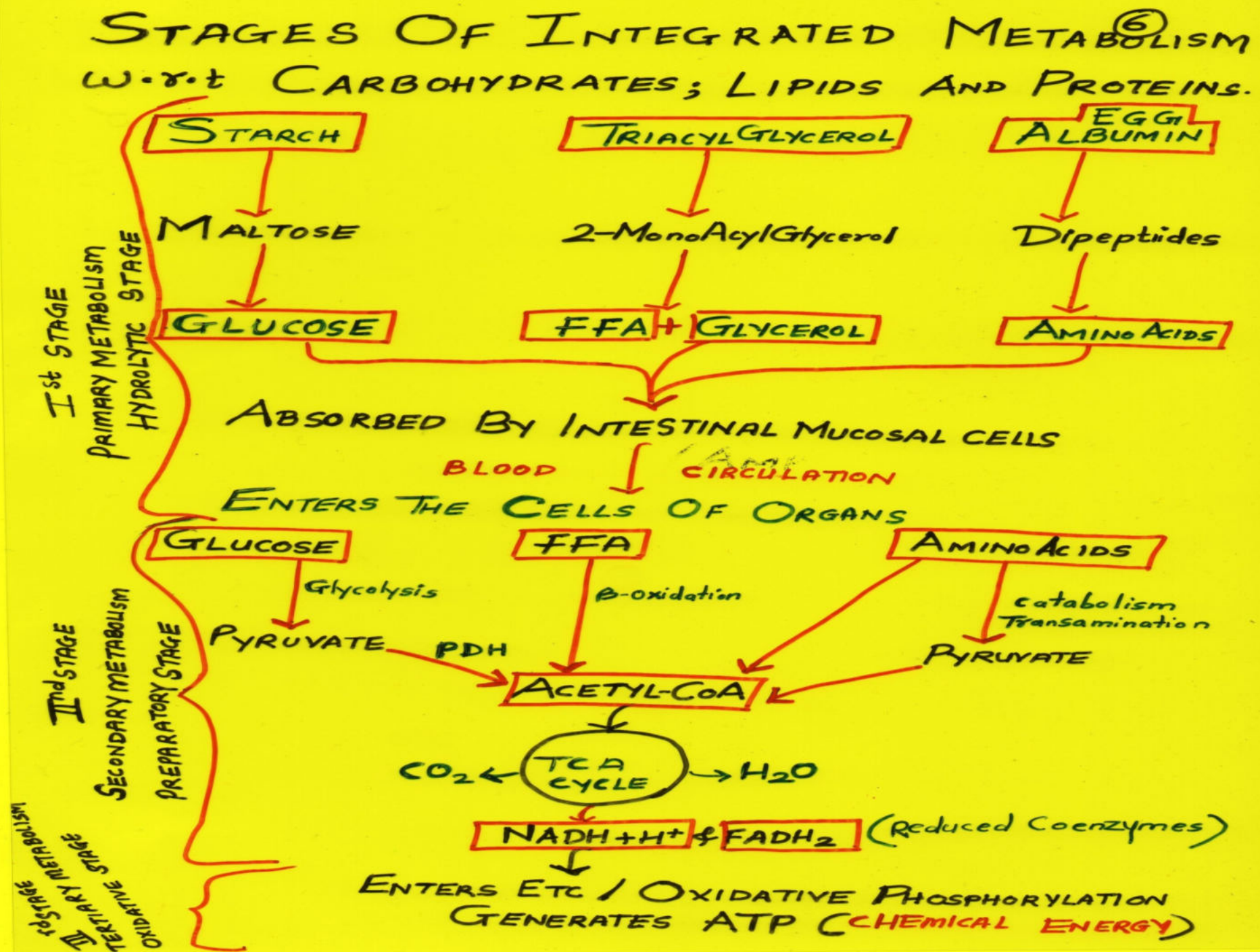
- **Availability of Substrates Regulate Metabolism :**

- Ratio of ATP and AMP

- Citrate levels

- Fructose 2,6 Bisphosphate levels

- **Low and high levels of ATP** stimulate and inhibit the regulatory enzymes of Glycolysis and TCA.
- **Increased levels of Citrate** stimulates enzyme Acetyl CoA Carboxylase of De Novo biosynthesis of Fatty acid.
- **Increased Fructose 1,6 Bisphosphatase is**
  - **Allosteric stimulator of PFK of Glycolysis**
  - **Allosteric inhibitor of Fru1,6Bis Phosphatase of Gluconeogenesis.**



## Evidences Of Metabolic Interrelationships

# **Interrelationships Of Carbohydrate with Lipid Metabolism**

**Free Excess Glucose In Well Fed  
Condition Is a Source For Lipogenesis**

- Pyruvate end product of Glycolysis is **oxidatively decarboxylated** to Acetyl-coA
- **Acetyl-coA is then utilized** via TCA cycle
- Acetyl-coA of Glucose when excess is diverted and used for **biosynthesis of Fatty acids and Cholesterol.**
- **Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate** an intermediate of **Glycolysis of Glucose**, is a source for Glycerol production.
- **Glycerol** obtained from Glucose is utilized during Lipogenesis, for **biosynthesis of Triacylglycerol** and Phospholipid biosynthesis.

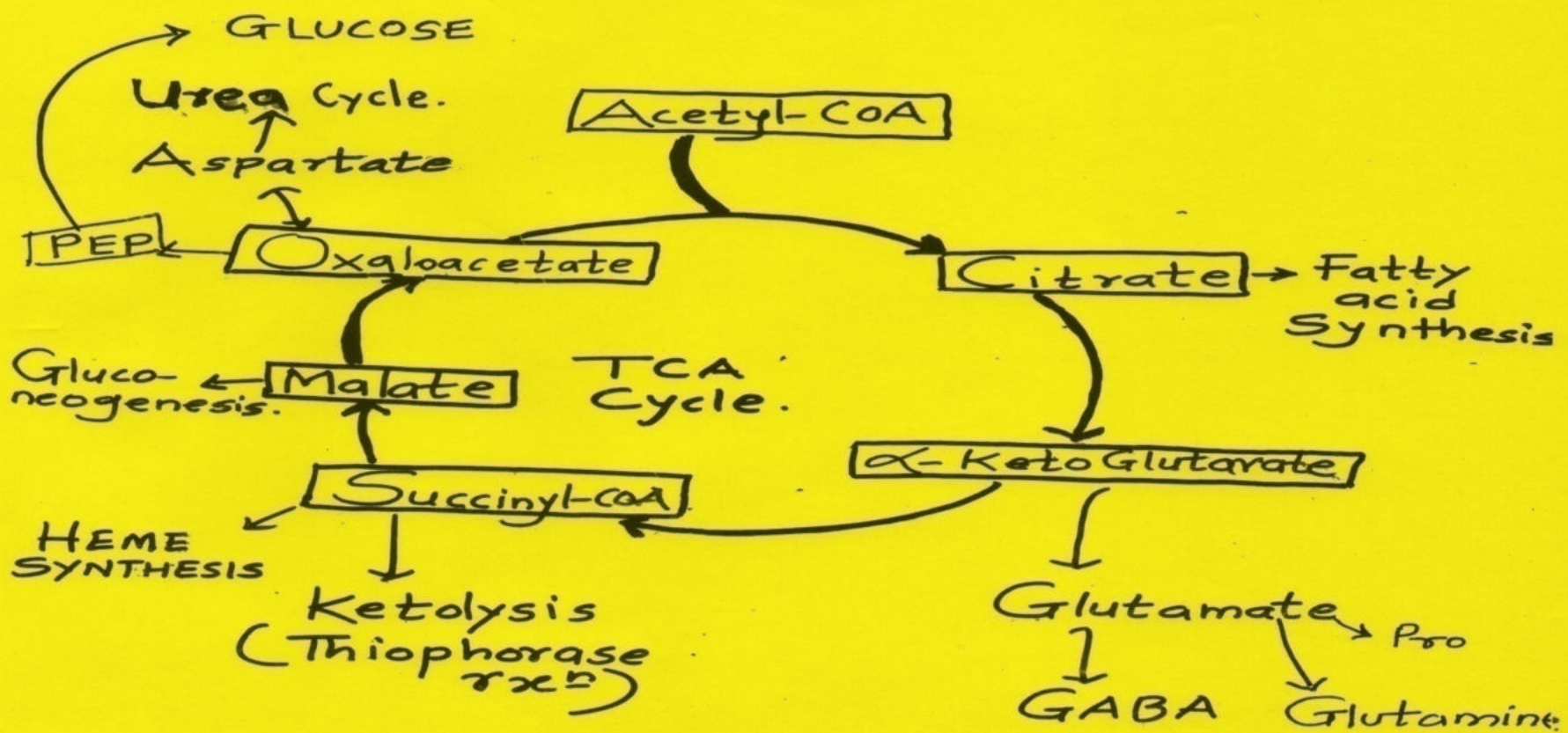
- **When Carbohydrates taken in excess can be converted to TAG which is**
- **Stored as reserve source of energy in Adiposecytes**

## **Interrelationships Of TCA Cycle**

# **TCA Cycle Is an Excellent example of Integrated Metabolism**

- **The TCA cycle intermediates are very significant**
- **These intermediates are influxed and effluxed as per the cellular need and maintain biochemical Homeostasis.**

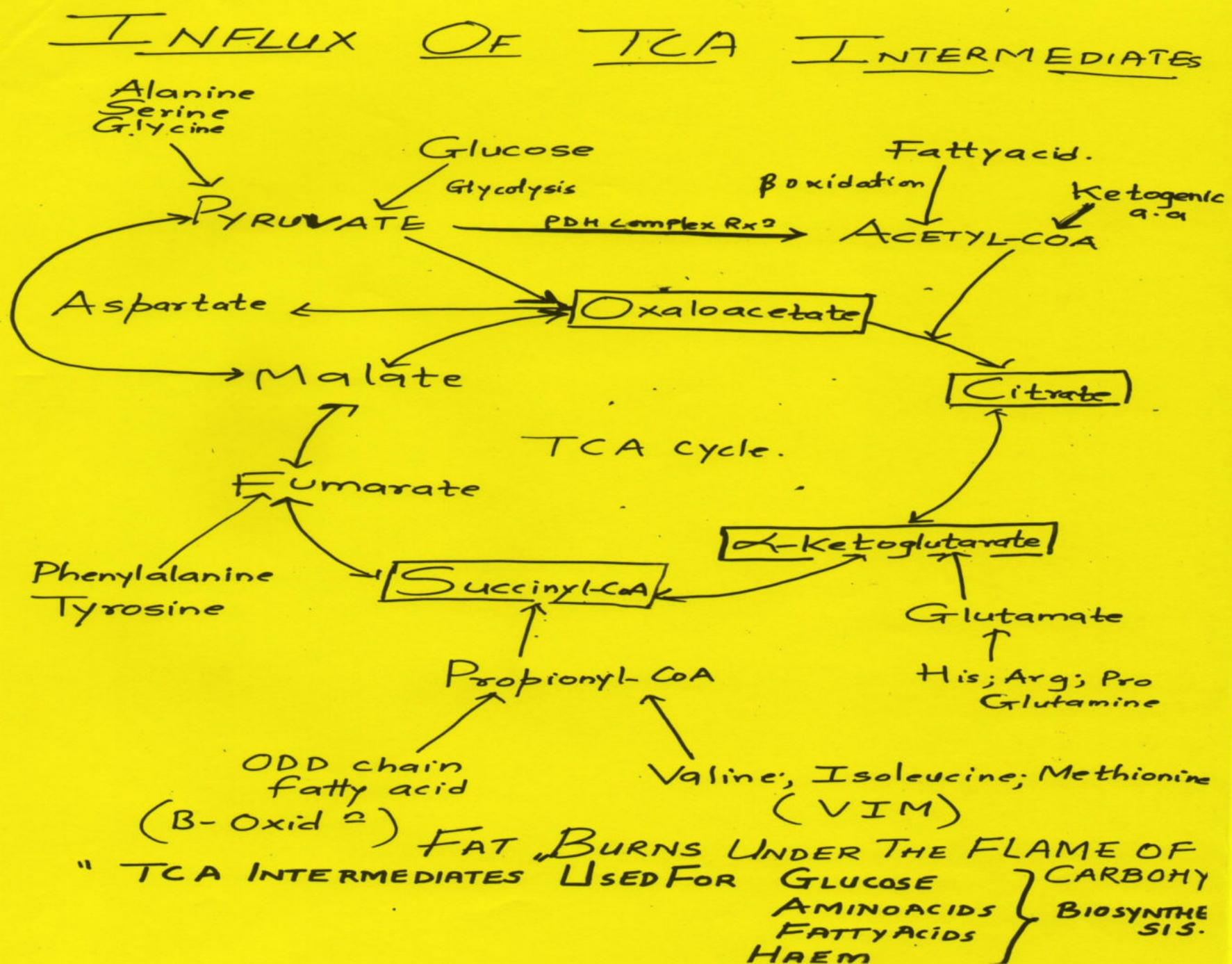
## EFFLUX OF TCA INTERMEDIATES



"TCA cycle" is an  
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## Efflux of TCA Intermediates

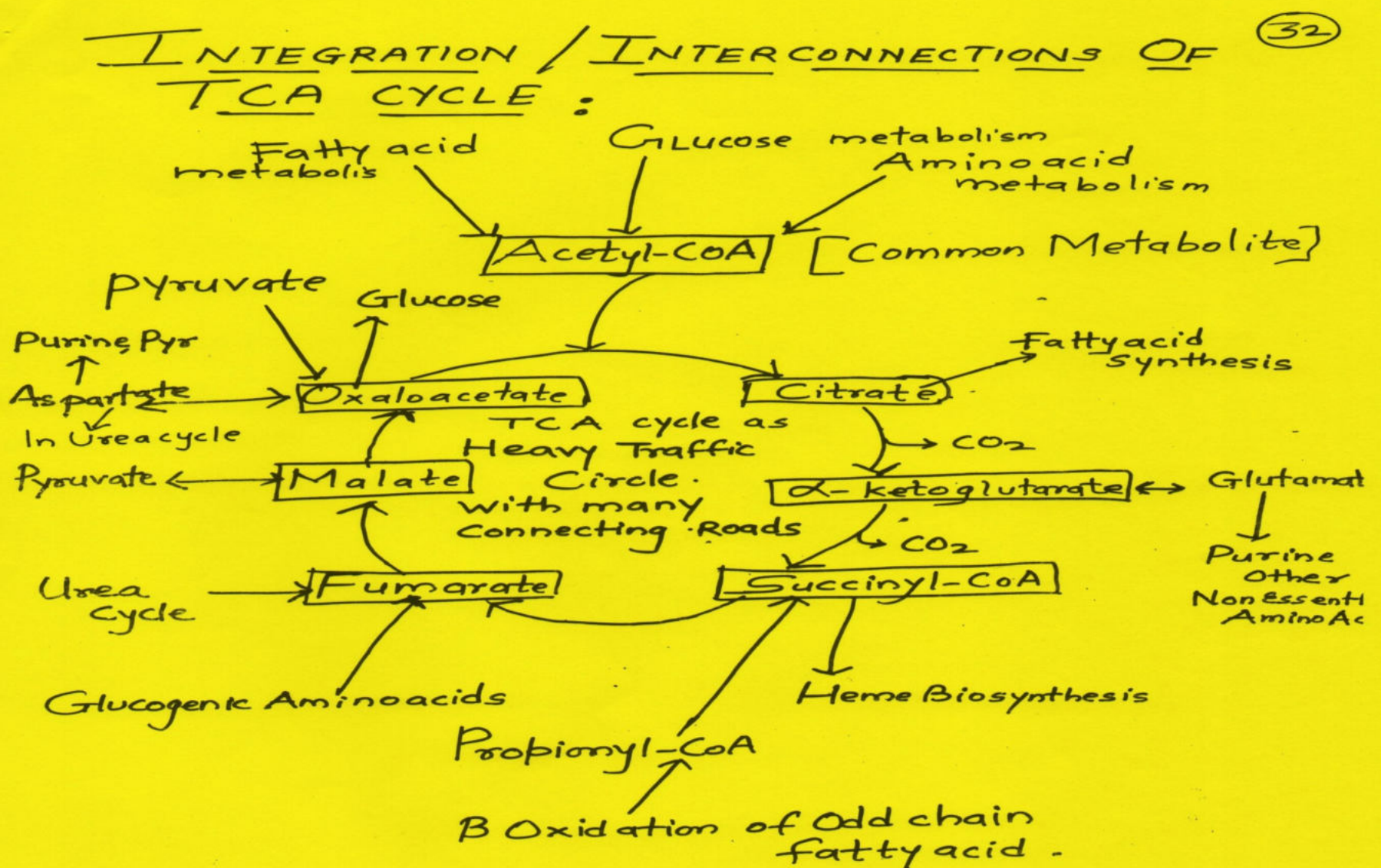
- **Citrate** – Denovo Biosynthesis of Fatty acids.
- **OAA** is reversibly transaminated to Aspartate.
- **$\alpha$  Ketoglutarate** reversibly transaminated to Glutamate.
- **Succinyl CoA** is effluxed for Heme biosynthesis and Ketolysis.



## Influx of TCA Cycle Intermediates

- **αKetoglutarate** is added by Glutamate by its Glutamate Dehydrogenase activity.
- **Succinyl -CoA** is obtained from **Propionyl-CoA** which is a source from B-oxidation of odd chain fatty acid
- Catabolism of **Valine, Isoleucine & Methionine (VIM)** amino acids **forms Succinyl-CoA**.

- Fumarate is influxed through Phenylalanine & Tyrosine metabolism
- Fumarate also through Urea cycle by Argininosuccinase activity.



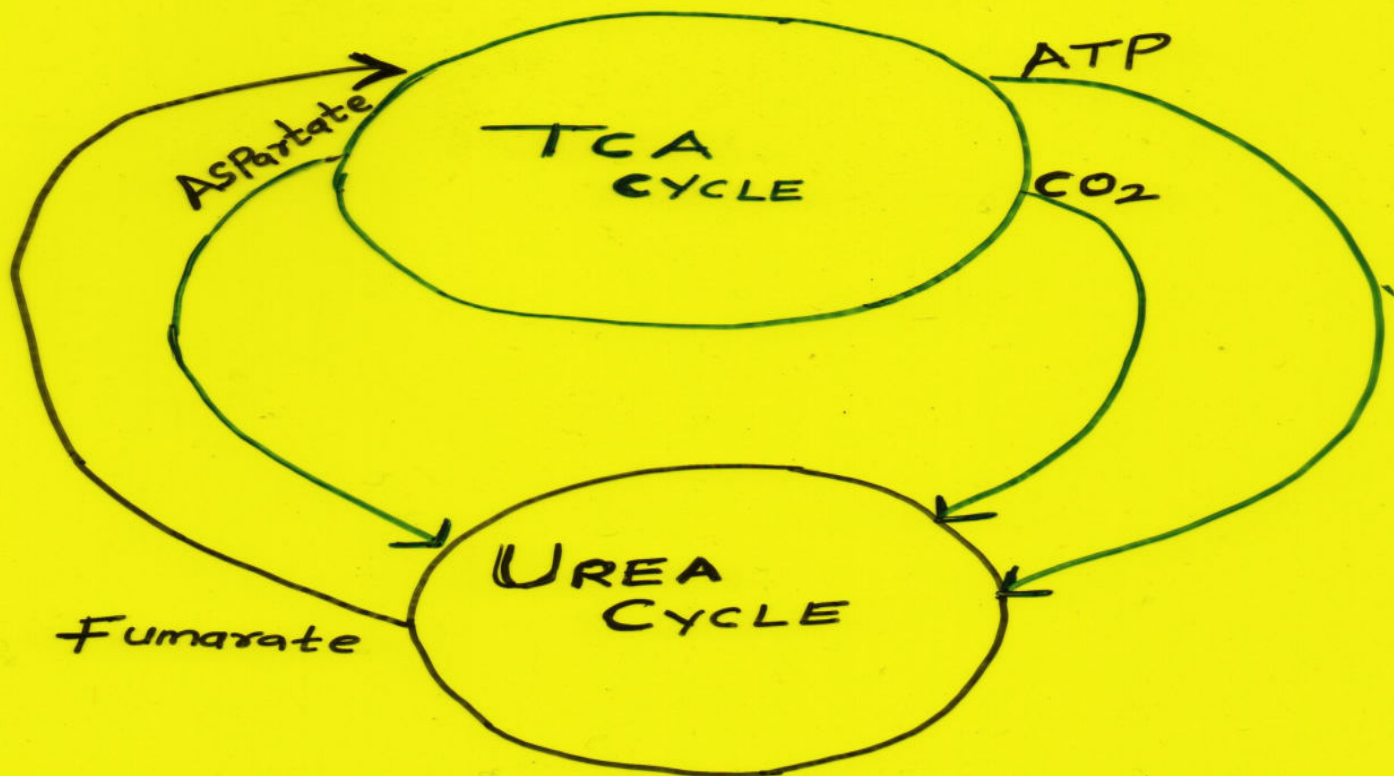
SIGNIFICANCE / AMPHIBOLIC NATURE OF TCA CYCLE.

## Points To Remember

- **TCA intermediates are used for the biosynthesis of:**
  - I. Glucose**
  - II. Amino acids**
  - III. Fatty acids**
  - IV. Heme**

## Interrelationship Of TCA with Urea Cycle

## INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TCA AND UREA CYCLE



- ①  $\text{CO}_2$  From TCA cycle  $\longrightarrow$  Urea cycle
- ② ATP FROM TCA  $\longrightarrow$  Urea Cycle
- ③ OAA  $\longleftrightarrow$  ASP  $\longrightarrow$  Urea cycle
- ④ Fumarate released in Urea cycle  $\longrightarrow$  TCA cycle.

# Interrelationship Of Lipid and Carbohydrate Metabolism

- **Fat burns under the Flame of Carbohydrates**
- **For complete oxidation of Fatty acids**
- **Their needs presence of sufficient amount of cellular Glucose.**
- **In a well fed conditions**
- **The major source of OAA is Glucose.**

- **Oxaloacetate** is an **essential initiating metabolite** for the **TCA cycle.**
- **OAA** serve as a **flame** for oxidation of **Acetyl CoA** via **TCA cycle.**

- **Cellular deprivation of Glucose leads to incomplete oxidation of Fatty acids.**
- **Accumulates Acetyl-CoA in Mitochondrial matrix.**
- **Impermeable Acetyl-CoA is then transformed to permeable ketone bodies via ketogenesis.**

# **Interrelationship Of Carbohydrates And Protein Metabolism**

- **Intermediates of Carbohydrate metabolism can be a source of**
- **Carbon skeleton for biosynthesis of non Essential amino acids.**
  - ❖ **Pyruvate to Alanine**
  - ❖ **OAA to Aspartate**
  - ❖  **$\alpha$ Ketoglutarate to Glutamate**

**$\beta$ -oxidation of Fatty acid and it's Interrelationship**

- The reduced **coenzymes FADH<sub>2</sub> & NADH+H<sup>+</sup>** generated during it's pathway are
- Integrated with **ETC /oxidative phosphorylation to generate ATP.**
- **Acetyl-CoA** formed as an end product of **β oxidation of fatty acids**
- Is integrated with **TCA cycle for it's complete oxidation.**

- **Acetyl-coA** can be a source for **Ketone bodies** production via **Ketogenesis**.
- To small extent in **normal metabolic conditions** and **excess in emergency conditions**.

**Remember**  
**Fatty acids**  
**cannot be converted**  
**to Glucose In Human**  
**Body**

- **Acetyl-CoA** obtained from Beta-oxidation of fatty acids **cannot** be reversibly **converted to Pyruvate**
- **Since PDH complex is irreversible in action.**
- **Thus there is no net conversion of Fatty acids (Fat) to Glucose (Carbohydrates).**
- However **Propionyl-CoA** end product of  $\beta$  oxidation of **odd chain fatty acid**
- Serve as a **source for Glucose production** after conversion into **Succinyl-CoA** (intermediate of TCA cycle)
- **Succinyl-CoA** in turn can be a source for **Heme synthesis and Ketolysis.**

- **Fatty acids are also not a source for Amino acids Biosynthesis in human body .**

## **Interrelationship With ETC**

- Reduced coenzyme **NADH+H<sup>+</sup>** generated in **Glycolysis**
- By action of **Glyceraldehyde– 3 – Phosphate Dehydrogenase**
- **Enter in ETC for its reoxidation and ATP generation.**

# HMP Shunt and It's Interrelationships

- Glucose is alternatively oxidized through HMP shunt to generate:
  - **NADPH+H<sup>+</sup>** (reducing equivalents)
  - **Ribose-5- phosphate**

- **NADPH+H<sup>+</sup> are integrated to:**
  - \* **Biosynthesis of Fatty acids**
  - \* **Biosynthesis of Cholesterol**
  - \* **Drug metabolism**
  
- **The Ribose-5-phosphate (pentose sugar) of HMP shunt is integrated for**
  - **Biosynthesis of Purine & Pyrimidine Nucleotides.**

# **Amino acids are interrelated for Purine and Pyrimidine biosynthesis**

- Gly , Asp, Gln for Purine Biosynthesis**
- Asp and Gln for Pyrimidine Synthesis**

# **Amino acids are Source For Glucose In Human Body**

- **Glucogenic amino acids** are source for production of **Glucose** via Gluconeogenesis.
- **100 gm of Proteins can produce approx 60 gm of Glucose in human body.**

- **Amino acid Glycine** is connected to **Heme biosynthesis.**
- **Glycerol** released during lipolysis of **TAG** is integrated
- **With Gluconeogenesis** to produce **Glucose.**

# Interrelationships of Uronic acid pathway

- **Glucuronic acid of Uronic acid pathway is integrated with Phase II conjugation reactions of detoxification process.**
  - **Glucuronic acid is involved in Bilirubin and other drug metabolism.**

- Glucuronic acid is involved in **Mucopolysaccharide biosynthesis.**
- ATP produced during oxidative phosphorylation are **connected to:**
  - I. **Nerve impulse conduction**
  - II. **Muscular activity**
  - III. **Active transport mechanism**
  - IV. **Biosynthetic Reactions**
  - V. **Activation Reactions**

# Crossroads Of Metabolism

❖ **Important Metabolites in human body who function as crossroads of metabolism :**

**1. Pyruvate**

**2. Acetyl-CoA**

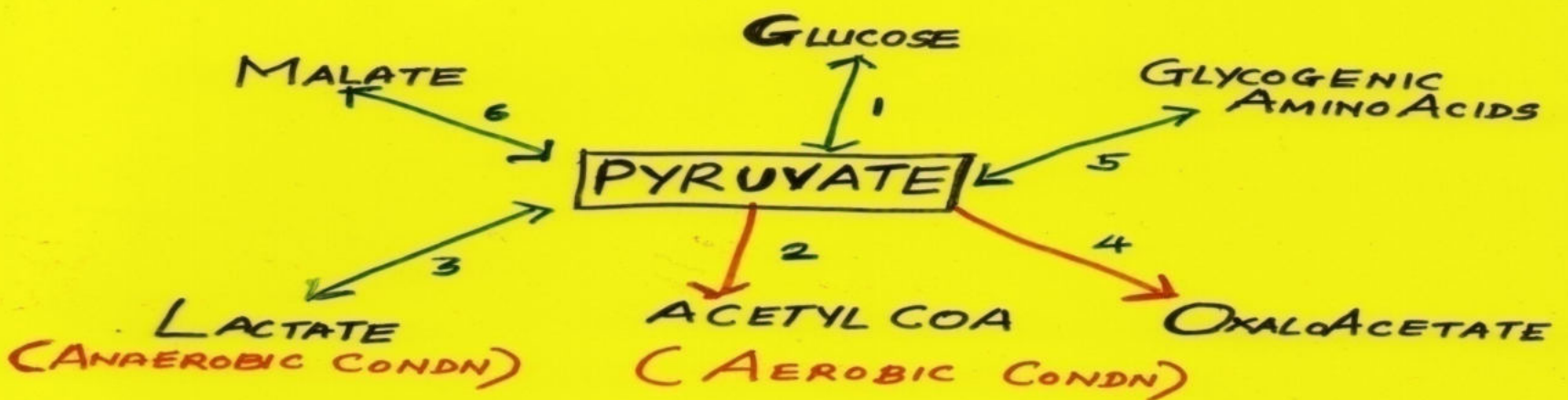
**3. OAA**

**4. Succinyl-CoA**

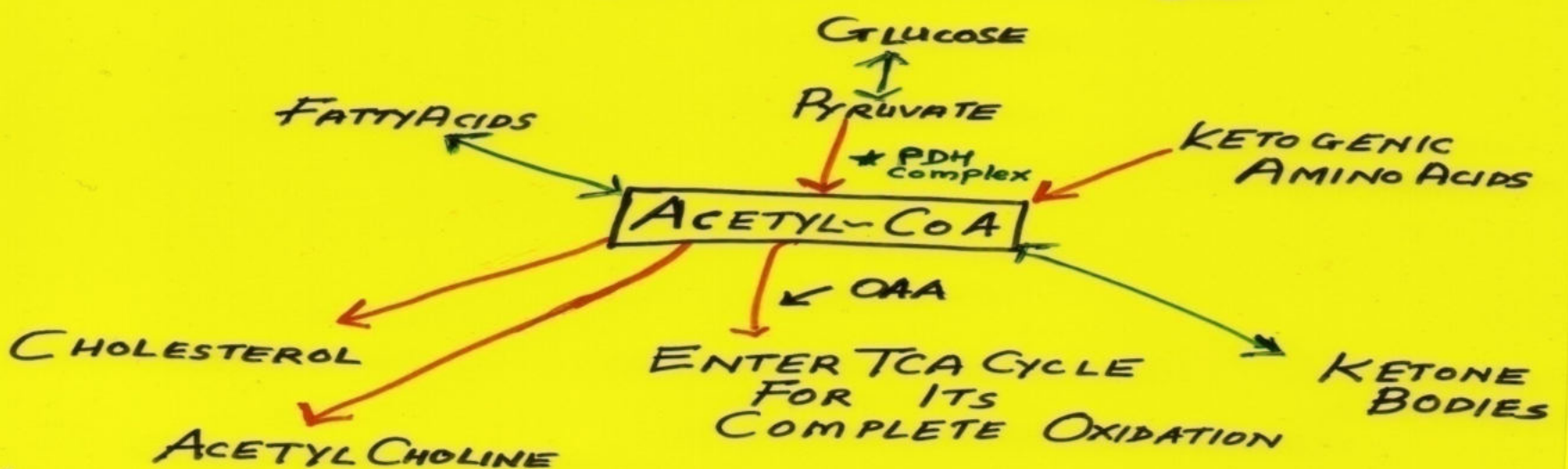
# Formation And Fates Of Pyruvate

## Formation And Fates Of Acetyl CoA

### FATE AND FORMATION OF PYRUVATE (10)

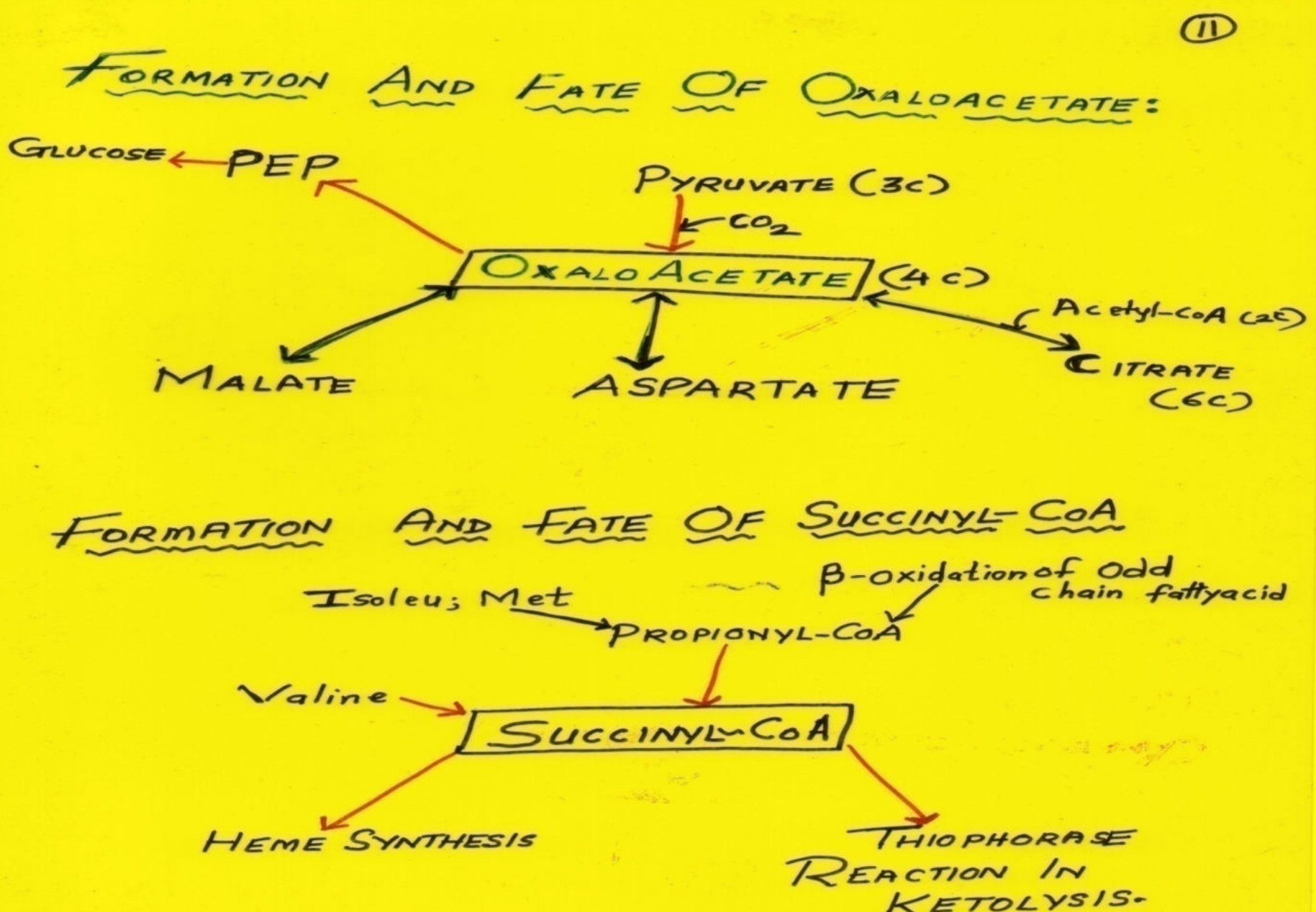


### FORMATION AND FATE OF ACETYL-COA

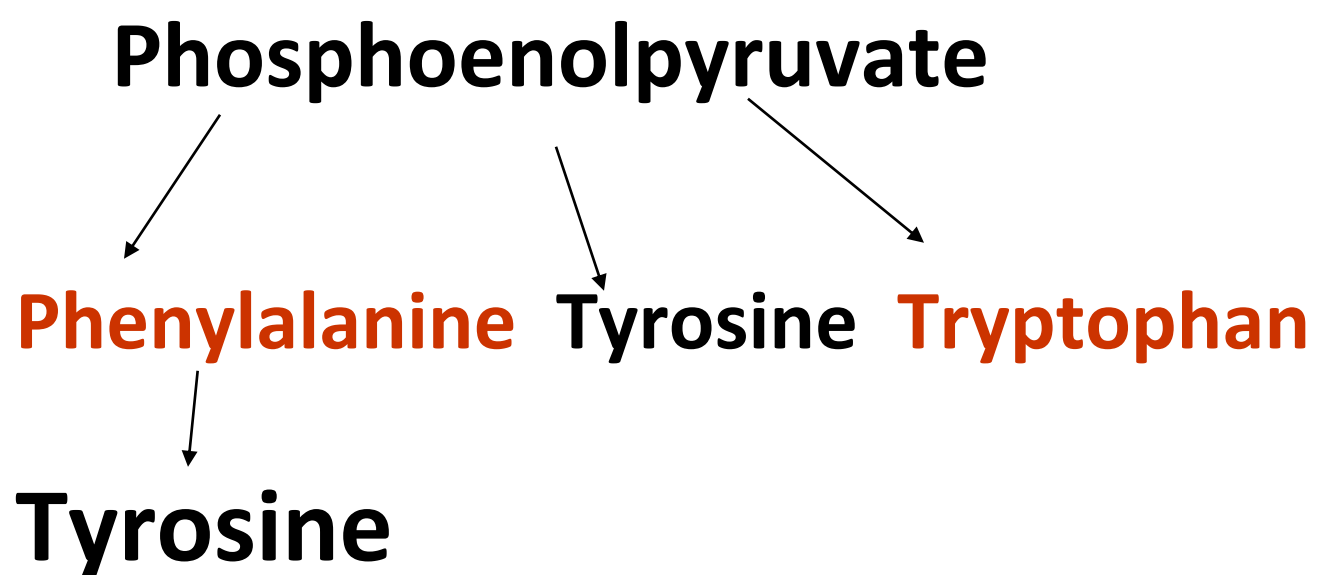


"HUMAN BODY CANNOT PRODUCE GLUCOSE FROM FATS SINCE PDH COMPLEX IS IRREVERSIBLE"

# Formation And Fates Of Oxaloacetate OR Formation And Fates Of Succinyl-CoA

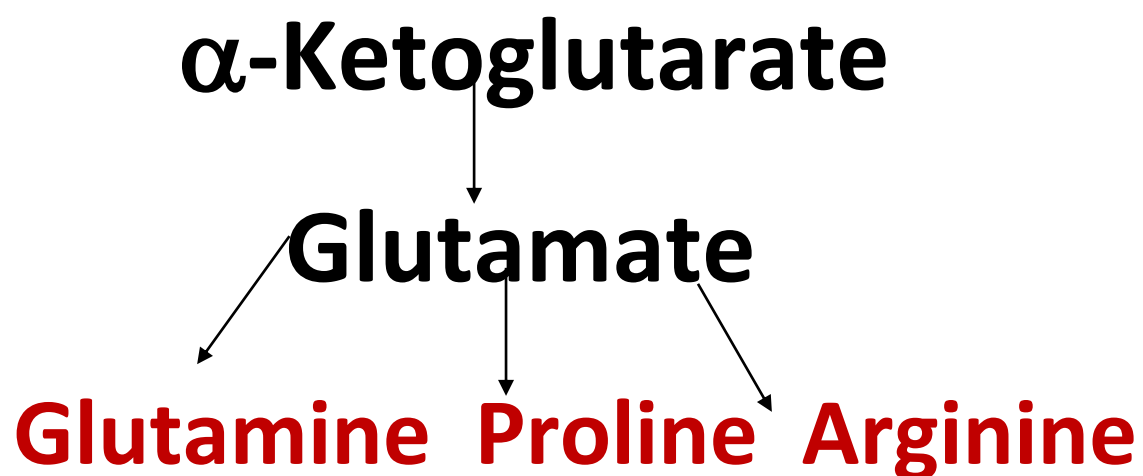
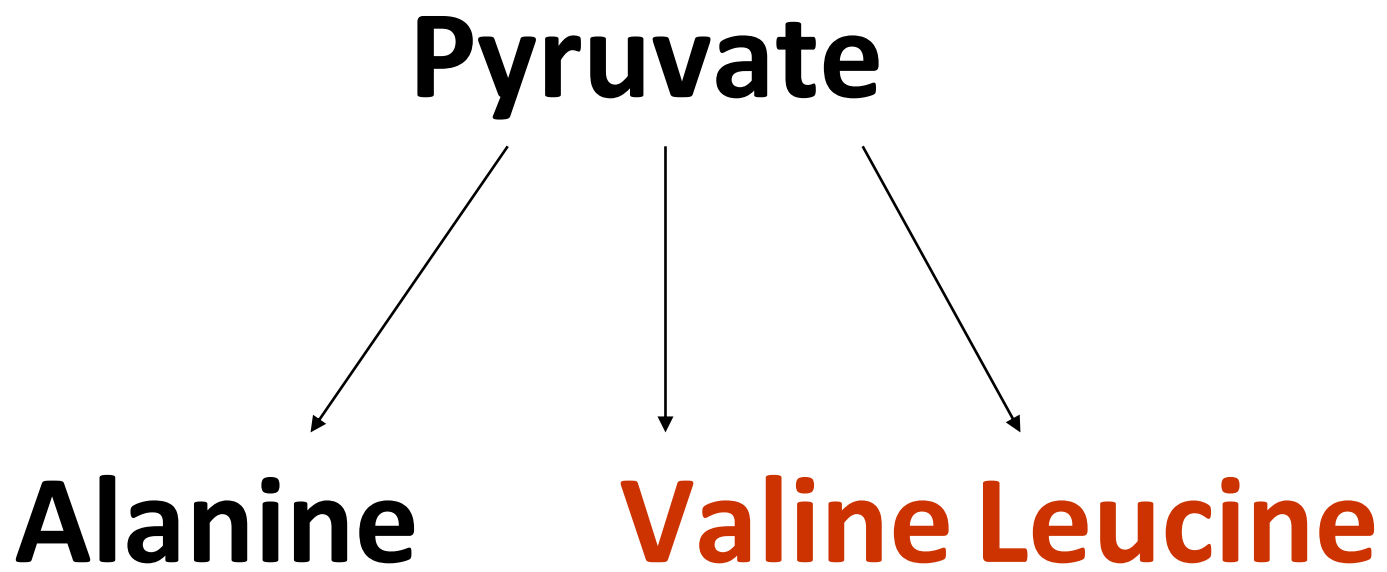


# Metabolites Forming Non essential Amino acids In Human Body



Ribose 5-phosphate

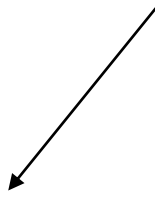
Histidine



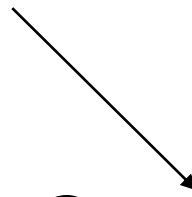
**3-Phosphoglycerate**



**Serine**



**Glycine**

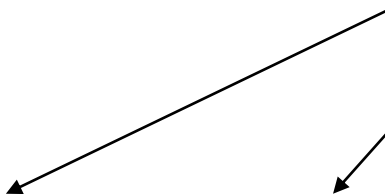


**Cysteine**

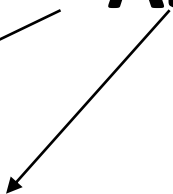
**Oxaloacetate**



**Aspartate**



**Asparagine**



**Methionine**



**Threonine**

**Lysine**

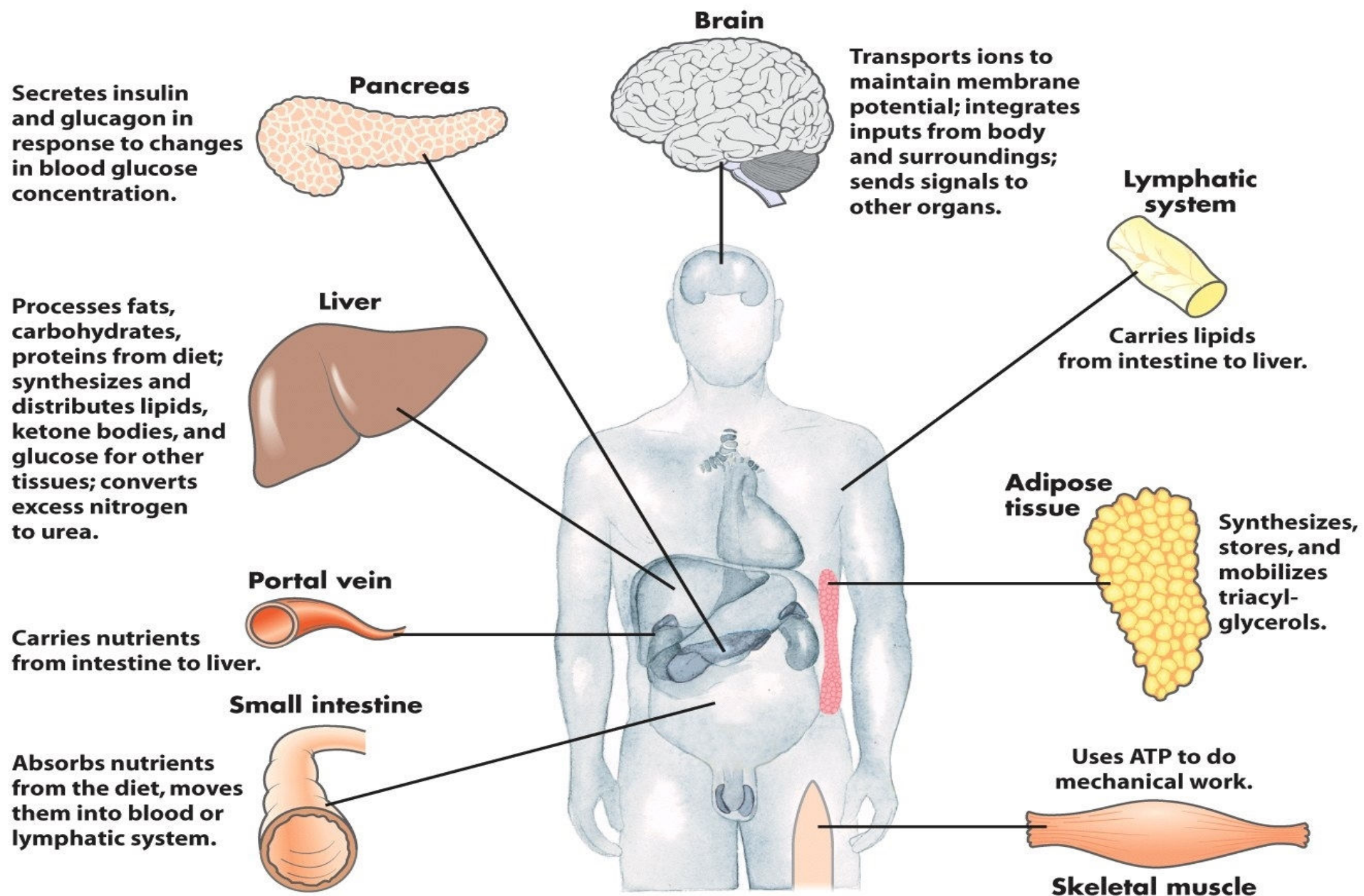


**Isoleucine**

# **Metabolic Profile And Interrelationship Among Organs**

## **Important Metabolic Organs And Their Interrelationships**

## Metabolic Profile of Organs



# Liver

- **Biochemical Factory** of Human body
- **Metabolically very active** in all states (well fed and fasting).
- **Has good coordination** with other body organs.

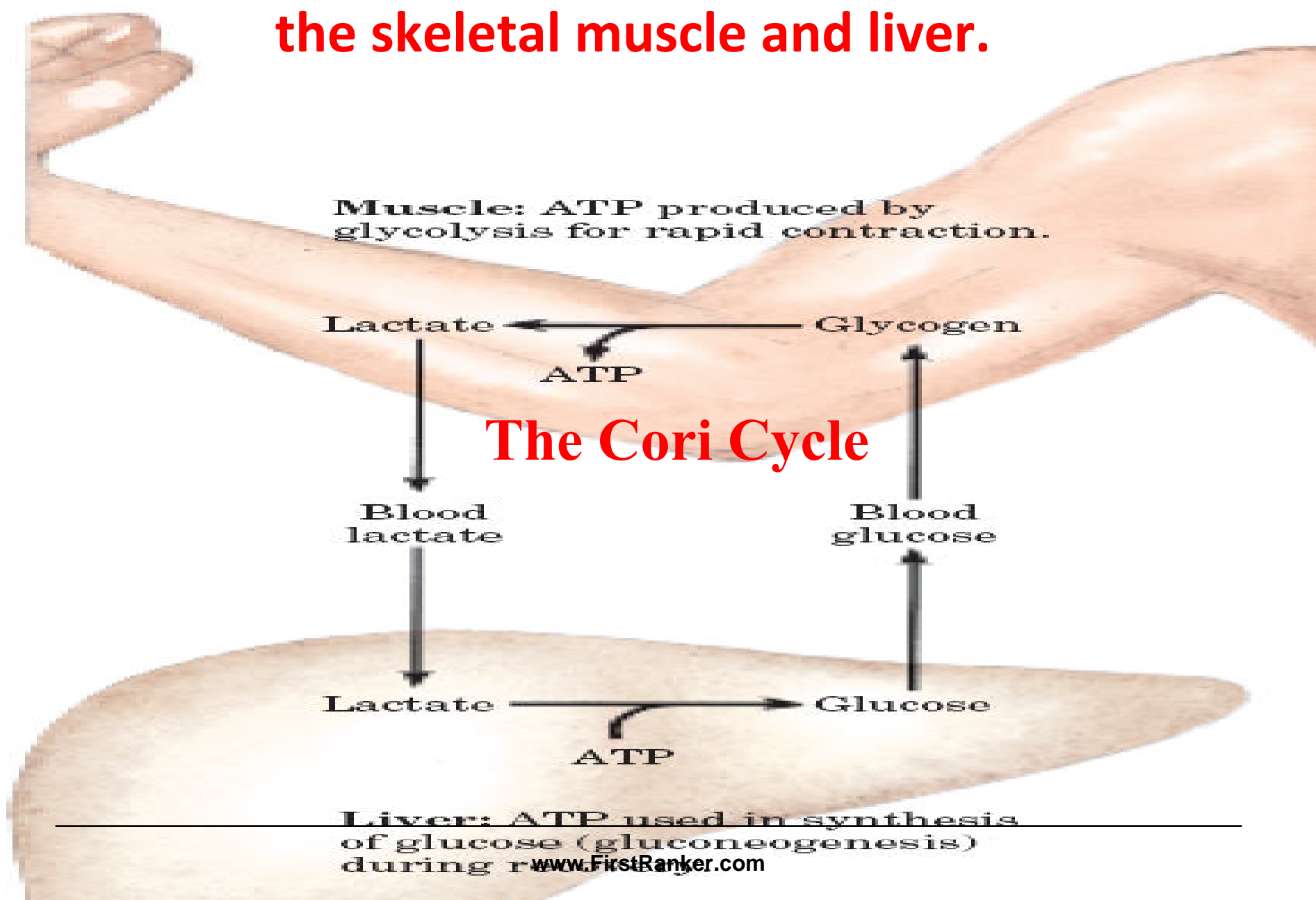
- **Liver is a Glucostatic organ regulates blood Glucose in all conditions.**
  - In a **well fed** condition Liver **stores excess free Glucose as Glycogen.**
  - **In emergency condition In Liver Glycogen is degraded via Glycogenolysis and biosynthesizes Glucose via Gluconeogenesis.**
- **Liver biosynthesizes endogenous Lipids and mobilize out it as VLDL for extra hepatic use.**

# Muscles

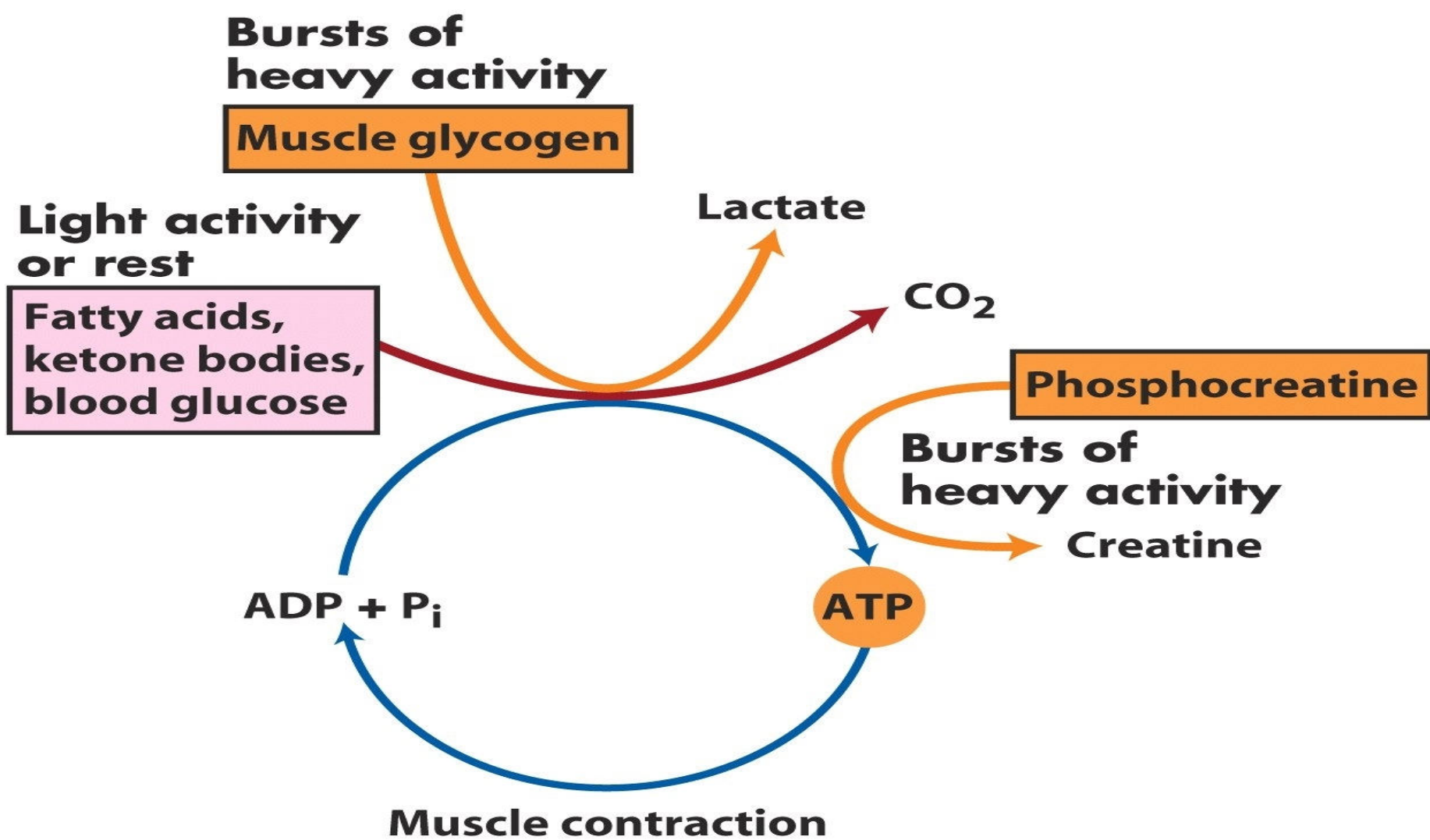
- In a normal metabolic state muscle uses **Glucose and Fatty acids** as main sources of energy.
- In a well fed state muscles has large stores of **Glycogen** (3/4<sup>th</sup>)
- In contracting muscles during **severe exercise** in **anaerobic condition** Glycolysis ends as Lactate.
- Later **Lactate** is metabolized by converting it **into Glucose** after carried through blood in **Liver** via **Gluconeogenesis(Cori cycle)**.

- In resting Muscle fatty acids are the **major source of energy**
- **This use** spare Glucose to be used by Brain and Erythrocytes.

**Metabolic cooperation between the skeletal muscle and liver.**



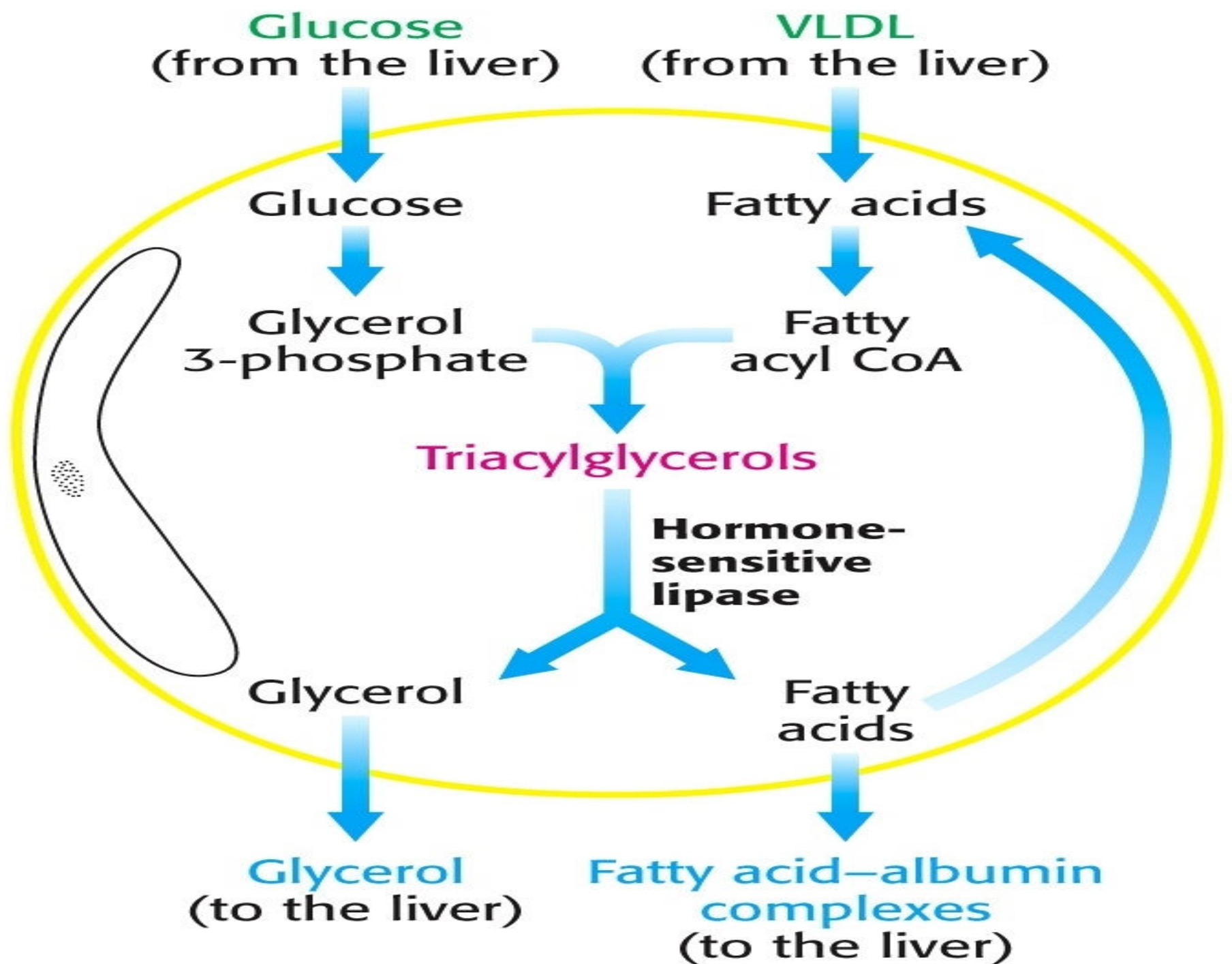
## Metabolic Profile of Muscles



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## Adipose Tissue

- **TAG** can be abundantly and **unlimitedly stored** in adipocytes
- TAG serve as a **reserve store** of energy during well fed condition.
- TAG is the major fuel for this tissue.



## Metabolic Profile of Adipose Tissue

- Needs Glucose for biosynthesis of TAG
- Glucose level determines to release Fatty acids into blood
- Hormone sensitive Lipase is activated when Insulin/Glucagon ratio is low

# Brain

- **Glucose is the main fuel of Brain (120 gm/day)**
- **Fatty acids** cannot be utilized by brain as they are bound to Albumin and **cannot cross blood brain barrier.**

## Metabolic Profile of Brain

**60-70 %** of bodies utilization of Glucose is by Brain.

**In starvation -> Ketone bodies can replace Glucose**

## Starvation

Ketone bodies

$\beta$ -hydroxybutyrate

## Normal diet

Glucose

**Brain is a major  
Glucose consumer**

CO<sub>2</sub>

*Fatty acids do not serve as a fuel!*

ADP + P<sub>i</sub>

ATP

*Consumes about 120 g  
glucose daily.*

Electrogenic transport  
by Na<sup>+</sup>K<sup>+</sup> ATPase

## Erythrocytes

- Erythrocytes uses **obligatorily Glucose** for its activity.
- It **lacks Mitochondria** hence the **Glycolysis ends in Lactate**.

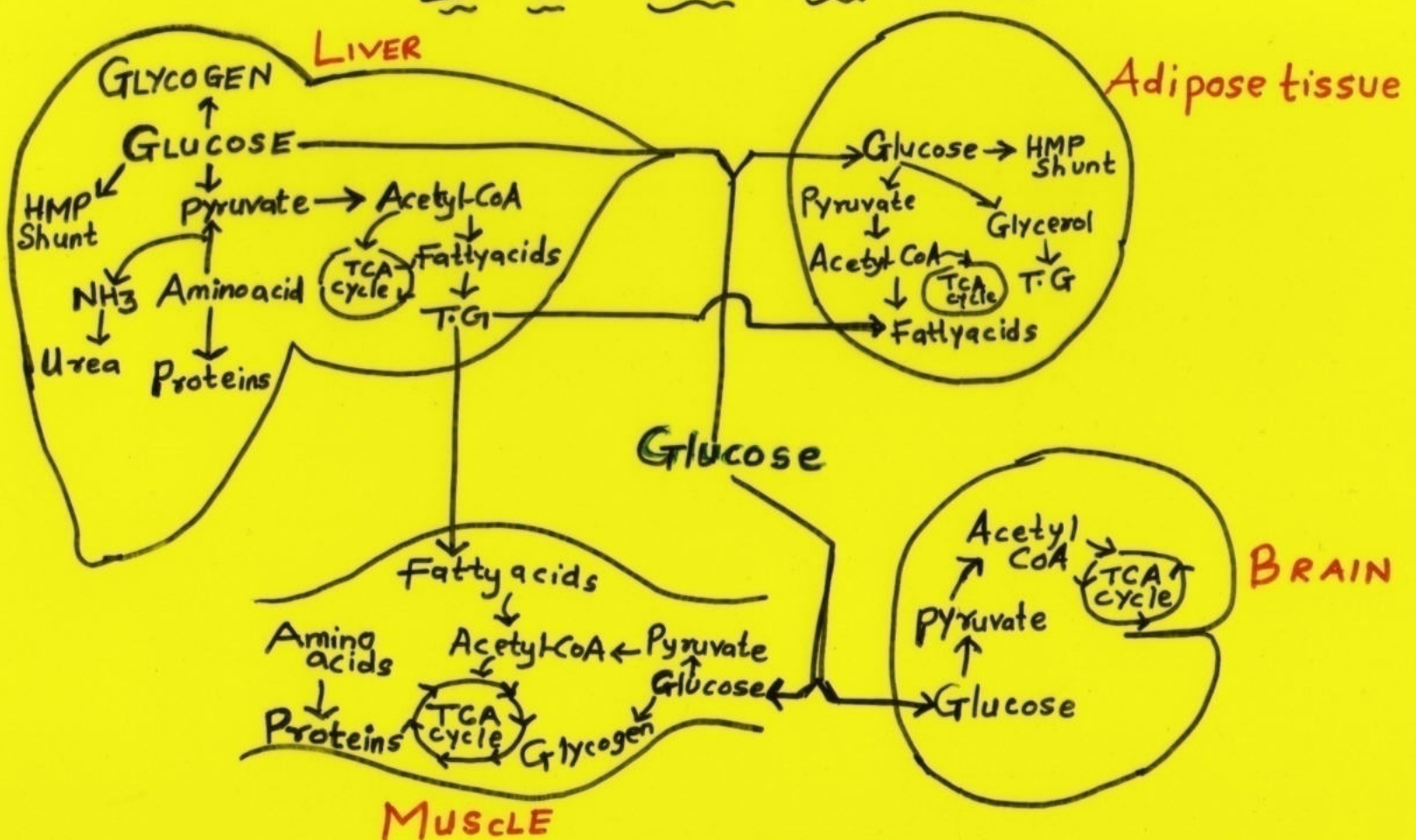
# Metabolic Profile of Kidney

- **Filtration of Blood-** Plasma Ultra Filtrate
- Reabsorption ,Secretion of Substances
- From Plasma Ultra filtrate -> Water , Glucose important absorbable metabolites reabsorbed as per the threshold values.
- Production of Urine -> Secretion of waste products
- During Starvation -> Important site of Gluconeogenesis (1/2 of blood Glucose)

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## METABOLIC INTERRELATIONSHIP AMONG MAJOR TISSUES IN A WELL FED STATE

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### ★ METABOLIC CONTROL IS ORGAN SPECIFIC DUE TO

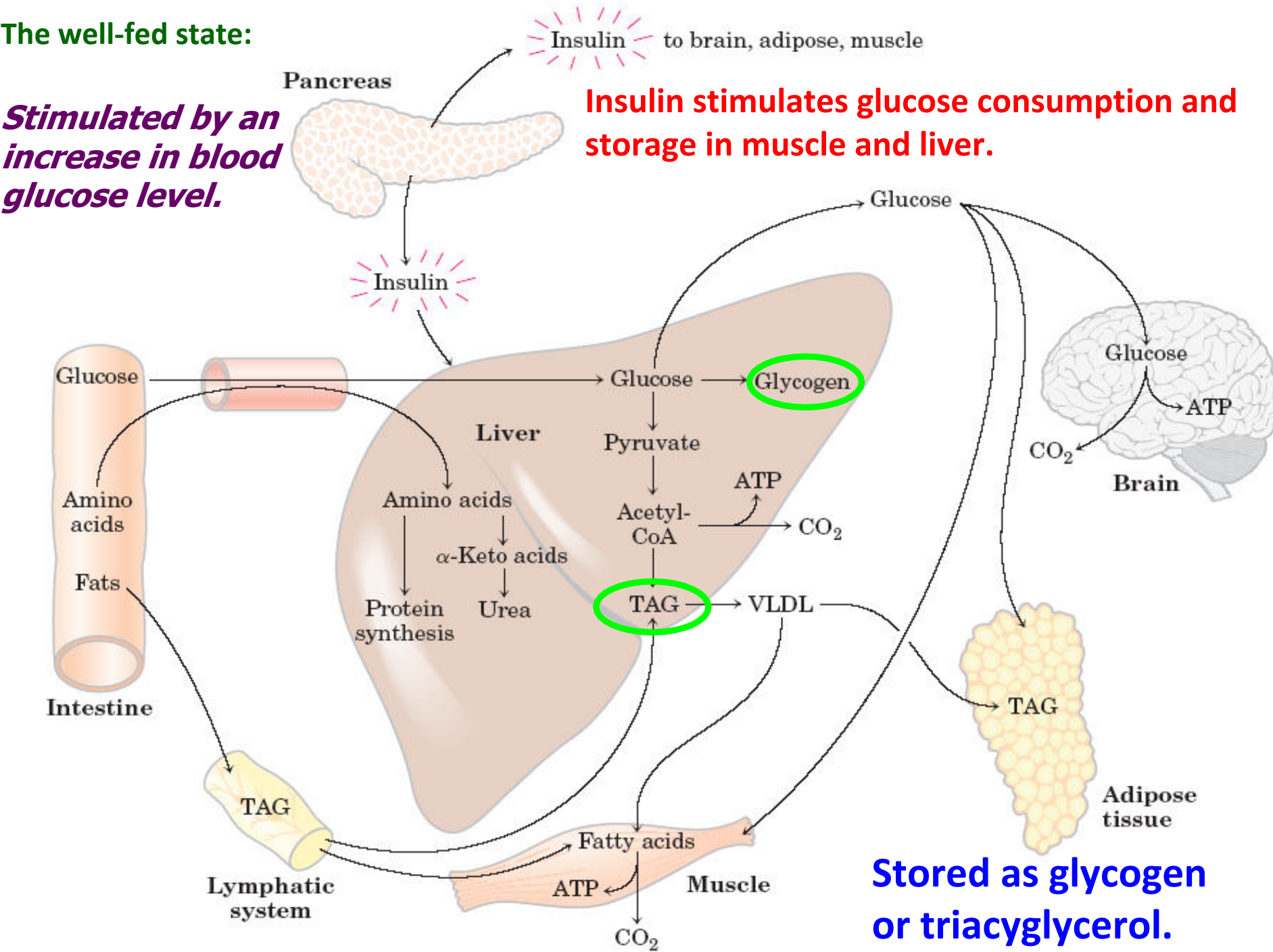
- DIFFERENT ENZYMATIC MAKE UP OF TISSUES
- DIFFERENT HORMONE RESPONSIVENESS BY TISSUES
- DIFFERENT POSSIBILITIES FOR TRANSPORT OF VARIOUS SUBSTANCES THROUGH CELL MEMBRANES.

The well-fed state:

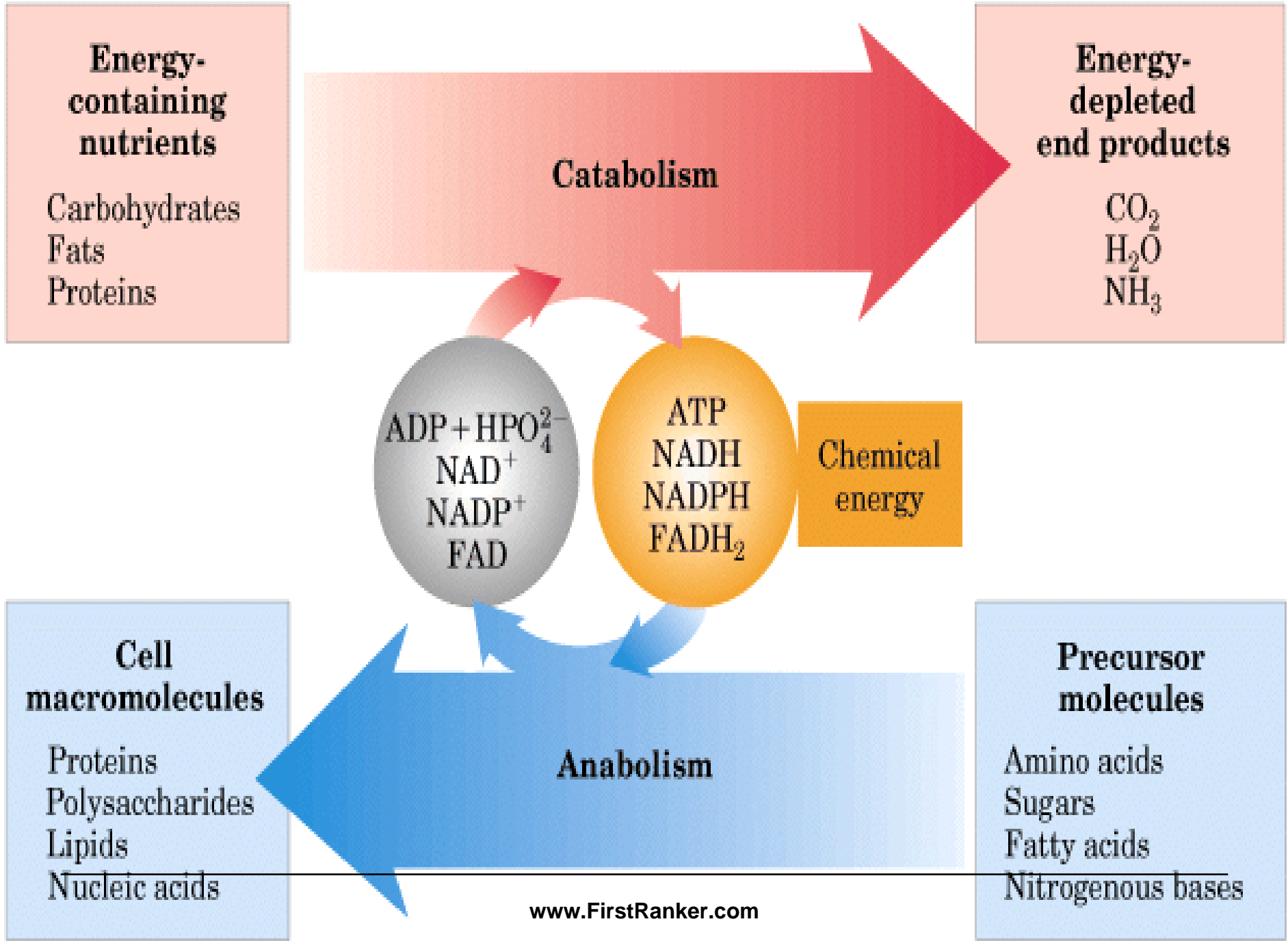
Stimulated by an increase in blood glucose level.

Insulin to brain, adipose, muscle

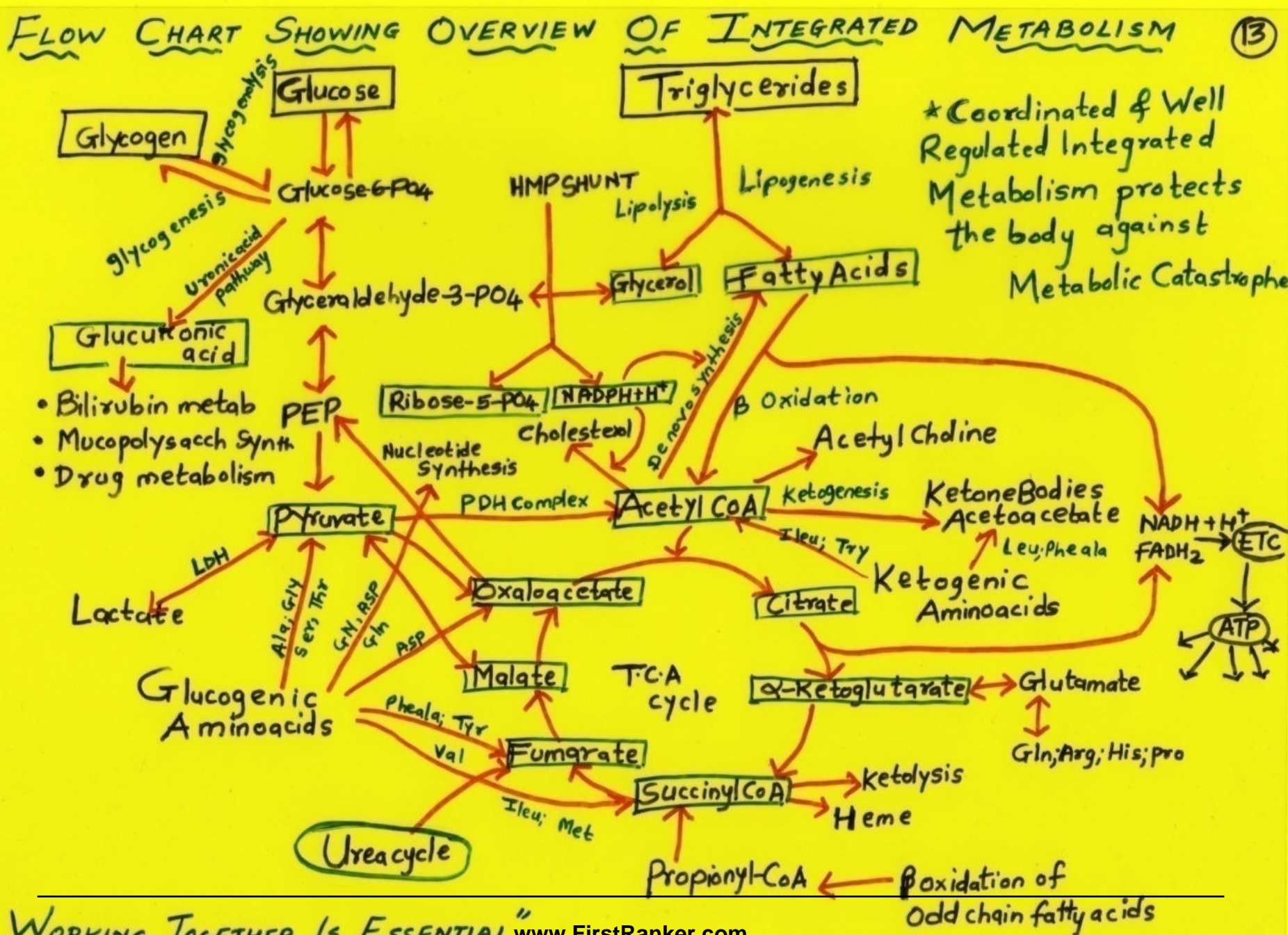
Insulin stimulates glucose consumption and storage in muscle and liver.



Stored as glycogen or triacylglycerol.

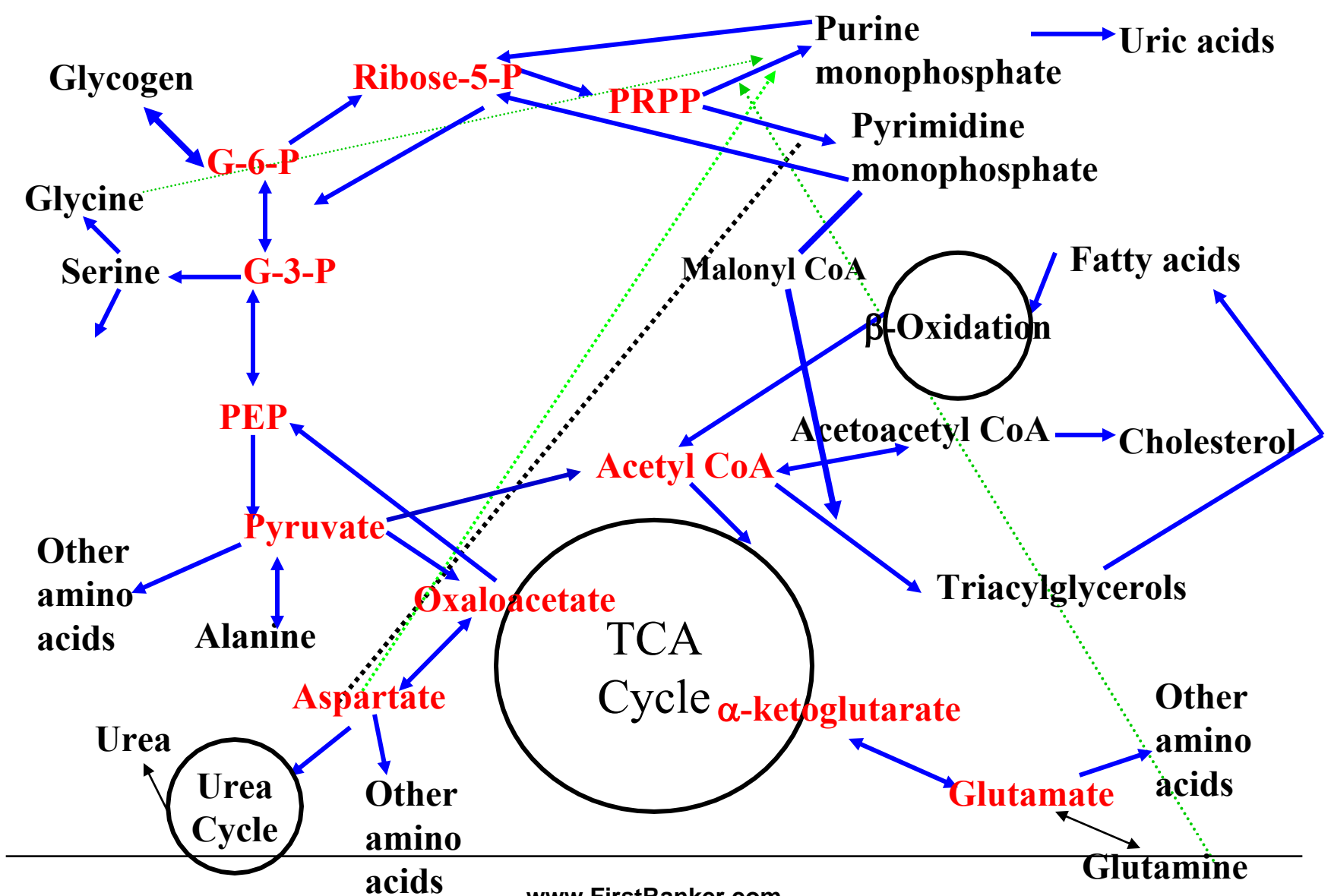


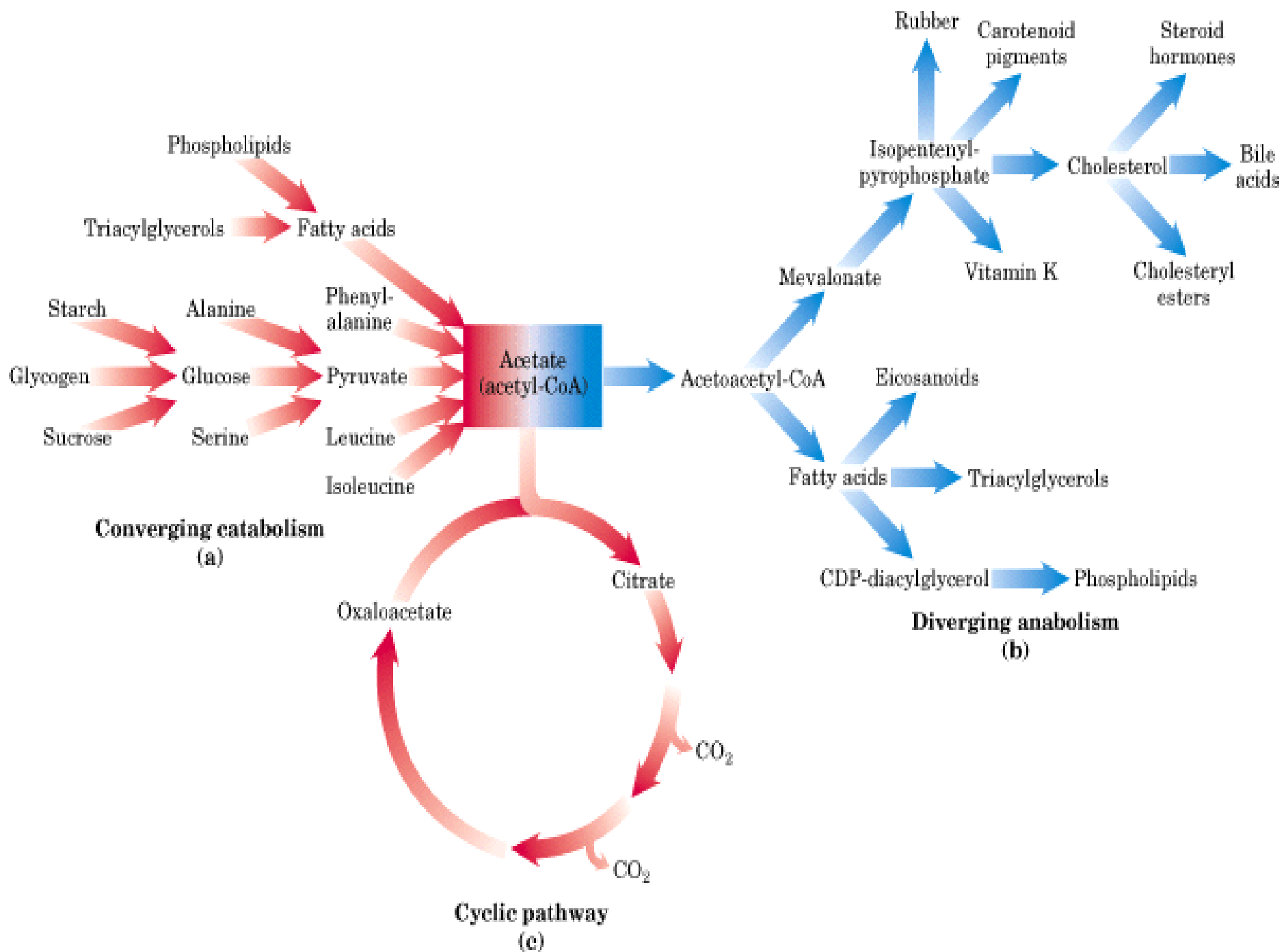
# In Human Body There Prevails Chemical Unity In Diversity



- **Intermediates/End Products** of one metabolic pathway may be connected to another metabolic pathway of **same or another metabolite**.
- An end product of one metabolic pathway of Carbohydrate is **connected to another metabolic pathway of Carbohydrate**.
- **Intermediate of Carbohydrate metabolic pathway** is interrelated to a metabolic pathway of Lipid or Nucleic acid.

## Integration of Fuel Metabolism





**Why Metabolic Pathways are Integrated?**

**OR**

**What Is the Significance Of Integrated Metabolism To Human Body?**

# Integrated Metabolism Occurs To

1. To Interconvert biochemical metabolites **as per the cellular need.**
2. To **meet the bodies fuel demand.**
3. To regulate the levels of intermediary metabolites and **maintain their equilibrium.**
4. To **coordinate with the various cells, tissues and organs for existence.**
5. To **impart normal biochemical environment and maintain health.**

- A well coordinated and regulated integrated metabolism of human body

- **Protects from metabolic catastrophes.**

# Significance Of Knowledge Of Integrated Metabolism To Doctors

- **Doctors are responsible for confirm diagnosis and treatment of biochemical alterations of a disordered patients.**
- **Study of integrated metabolism with their interrelationships in a normal healthy conditions helps a doctor :**
  - To **better understand** various deranged metabolic conditions and the related complexities.
  - **Rule out the right biochemical underlying cause of metabolic disorders and pathogenesis.**
  - **Try correct the altered metabolism in treatment.**

- **Prerequisite to Become A Good Doctor Is to**

- Acquire **Profound Knowledge of Integrated Metabolism**
- With **Good Concepts And its Understanding.**

**A good Doctor is one  
Who has An  
Understanding Knowledge  
of Biochemistry**

# Questions

- Long Essays.
- Q.1.Describe the **common metabolic pathway.**  
OR
- Why TCA cycle is called as common metabolic pathway? Explain with reactions.
- Q.2.Explain **“Fat burns under the flame of Carbohydrates”**.

- Which metabolic pathway is an excellent example of integrated metabolism? Justify it.
- Q.3.How Carbohydrate, Lipid & Protein metabolic pathways are integrated & interrelated with each other. Explain with the help of flow diagram.
- Q.4.Explain the **three stages** in the **intermediary metabolism** of Carbohydrate, Lipid & Protein.

- Influx & Efflux of TCA intermediates.
- Integration of TCA with Urea cycle.
- **Formation and Fates of**
  - Pyruvate
  - Acetyl-CoA
  - Succinyl-CoA
  - Oxaloacetate
  - $\alpha$ -Ketoglutarate

- **Q.5. Describe the role of following organs during wellfed condition.**
  - **Liver**
  - **Brain**
  - **Muscles**
  - **Adipose tissues**

**THANK YOU**

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