

1. A (25 pnts). Starting from succinate and pyruvate write out the sequence of reactions required to metabolize 1 mole of pyruvate and make 3 moles of carbon dioxide.

Provide a **balanced** equation for each reaction giving the **chemical structures** of each of the metabolites (names for reduced credit) **names of the responsible enzymes**. Use the conventional acronyms for **cofactors and prosthetic groups**. Do NOT give the detailed mechanism for the individual enzymes.

e.g. in words.

1. succinate + Q \rightleftharpoons fumarate + QH₂ succinate deh. prosthetic grp = FAD
2. fumarate to malate; fumarase
3. malate to OAA: malate deh. cosubstrate = NAD
4. pyruvate to acetyl CoA; pyruvate deh. complex, cosub = NAD & CoA; prosthetic grps = TPP, FAD & lipoic acid
5. acetyl CoA + OAA to citrate + CoA; citrate synthase, cosubstrate=CoA (write the reaction in the reverse direction).
6. citrate to isocitrate; aconitase, prosthetic grp = 4Fe4S
7. isocitrate to aKg; isocit deh., cosubstrate = NAD; prosthetic grp = Mn
8. aKg to succinyl CoA; aKg deh. complex, cosub = NAD & CoA; prosthetic grps = TPP, FAD & lipoic acid.

Stop HERE -all CO₂ has been evolved.

1. B (10 pnts). In separate experiments fresh pigeon flight muscle is incubated with the following compounds radio-labeled as indicated. Indicate what metabolic **events** must occur before the radio-label is found in carbon dioxide.

a) ¹⁴C carboxyl-labeled pyruvate.

The pyruvate dehydrogenase rxn.

b) ¹⁴C methyl-labeled pyruvate

The pyruvate dehydrogenase rxn. + 3 revolutions of the TCA cycle.

A pyruvate methyl needs 2 revolutions to become a OAA carboxyl and becomes CO₂ on the third revolution. (TA-check this).

c) ¹⁴C carboxyl-labeled succinate.

1 revolution of the TCA cycle

d) ¹⁴C malate-labeled in the secondary alcohol.

Released on the third revolution of the cycle. First rev puts label on the 2 middle C of OAA, 2nd rev moves label to COOH of OAA. 3rd rev releases it as CO₂.

e) ¹⁴C malonate-labeled in the methylene group.

Malonate isn't metabolized by any pathway we've considered.

2). What are anaplerotic reactions? Provide one example (using balanced equations) from mammals and a second from plants. What processes (metabolic or otherwise) make anaplerotic reactions necessary? Give 3 examples.

Anaplerotic reactions are those reactions that supply citric acid cycle intermediates.

Examples: Mammals-any CO₂ fixation reaction.

Plants: glyoxylate cycle

Necessary because processes remove TCA intermediates either via decomposition of OAA or by supplying intermediates for other metabolic processes. Any 3 of the several examples given in the notes

3. Match the items in the two columns using a notation like: a⇒1. Do not assume that all entries on the right must be used up.

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| a) Can transfer 1 or 2 electrons: a ⇒ 5 | 1) NAD ⁺ |
| b) Introduces CO ₂ into a CoA ester: b ⇒ none | 2) Coenzyme B ₁₂ |
| c) Can transfer a 2-carbon fragment: c ⇒ 3 | 3) Thiamin pyrophosphate |
| d) Interchanges substituents on adjacent carbons: d ⇒ 2 | 4) Lipoic acid |
| e) Transfers a hydride ion: e ⇒ 1 | 5) FAD |
| f) Reacts with oxygen: f ⇒ 5 | 6) Coenzyme A |

Which of the entries in the right hand column are:

Cosubstrates: 1, 6

Prosthetic Groups: 2,3,4,5.

4) (a) What is the physical reason that the melting point of octadecanoic acid (18:0) is 63°C and octadecenoic acid (18:1) is 16°C?

18:0 can pack tightly and the cohesive forces between molecules produces a solid.
18:1 has a "bend" because of the double bond-the cohesive forces are weakened and a liquid results

(b) What is the structure (at pH 7) of phosphatidic acid that contains the above two fatty acids Write out the structure in full except that the **alkyl** side-chain of each fatty acid can be replaced by its name or number.

put 18:0 at C1, 18:1 at C2 and phosphate at C3. The phosphate should have a negative charge of 1.5

(c) Provide a simple test to establish whether-or-not a protein is an integral membrane protein.

Do you need a detergent to solubilize it?

(d) An integral protein is known to form a transmembrane pore. How would you determine whether this pore is constructed from helices or from beta sheets.

A hydropathy plot will exhibit several (>6) strong peaks; a beta barrel should have none

(e) What is the difference between primary and secondary active transport?

Primary: Driven by electron transport (mitos or chloroplasts) or ATP hydrolysis; makes a proton gradient.

Secondary: transport of most metabolites by this proton gradient.

(f) Bacteria accumulate lactose by lactose+H⁺ symport and acetate by acetate+H⁺ symport. For the same magnitude of proton motive force across the membrane will lactose and acetate be concentrated to the same extent? Explain!.

No-lactose uses Delta P while acetate uses only Delta pH-the former will be conc. to a larger extent.

(g) To what extent are the adrenaline receptor and acetyl choline receptor similar? To what extent are they different (ignoring the fact that they undoubtedly have different protein structures)?

Similarities: Both intrinsic proteins
Both bind ligands and initiates a biochemical process.

Differences: Liganded AR migrates to G protein and causes a ADP/ATP exchange on G-alpha

AChR: A channel opens to allow ion flow across the post-synaptic membrane

5.) The proton-motive force (ΔP) across the mitochondrial membrane is typically -200 millivolts; about 75% is due to $\Delta \mu$ and 25% due to ΔpH .

What would be the value of the proton-motive force following treatment of mitochondria with:

(Explain your responses.)

1) Valinomycin

-200. Equilibrates K; no effect

2) Gramicidin.

0: Equilibrates everything; kills ΔP

3) Dinitrophenol (DNP)

0: Equilibrates protons; kills ΔP

4) Tetraphenylphosphonium (TPP^+)

-200: responds to $\Delta \phi$ without changing it.

5) 5,5-dimethyl-2,4-oxazolidinedione (DMO).

-200: responds to ΔpH without changing it.

Some bacteria use a “sodium motive” force with the same magnitude and relative composition for $\Delta \mu_{\text{Na}}$ and pNa as given above for P . What would the value of this force be after treatment of the bacteria with:

(Explain your responses).

1) Valinomycin

-200: Equilibrates K ; no effect

2) Gramicidin.

0: Equilibrates everything; kills $\Delta \mu_{\text{Na}}$

3) Dinitrophenol (DNP)

-200: Equilibrates protons; no effect

4) Tetraphenylborate (TPB^-)

-200: responds to $\Delta \phi$ without changing it.

5) 5,5-dimethyl-2,4-oxazolidinedione (DMO).

-200: responds to ΔpH -no effect