

De novo synthesis of fatty acids

fatty acids are synthesized by adding

2 C units (acetyl CoA)

Sites

Livers

adipose tissue

mammary gland

Adrenal gland

Organelle

occurs in cytoplasm.

acetyl CoA is usually produced in

mitochondria.

eg: pyruvate

$\xrightarrow{\text{PDH}}$

acetyl CoA

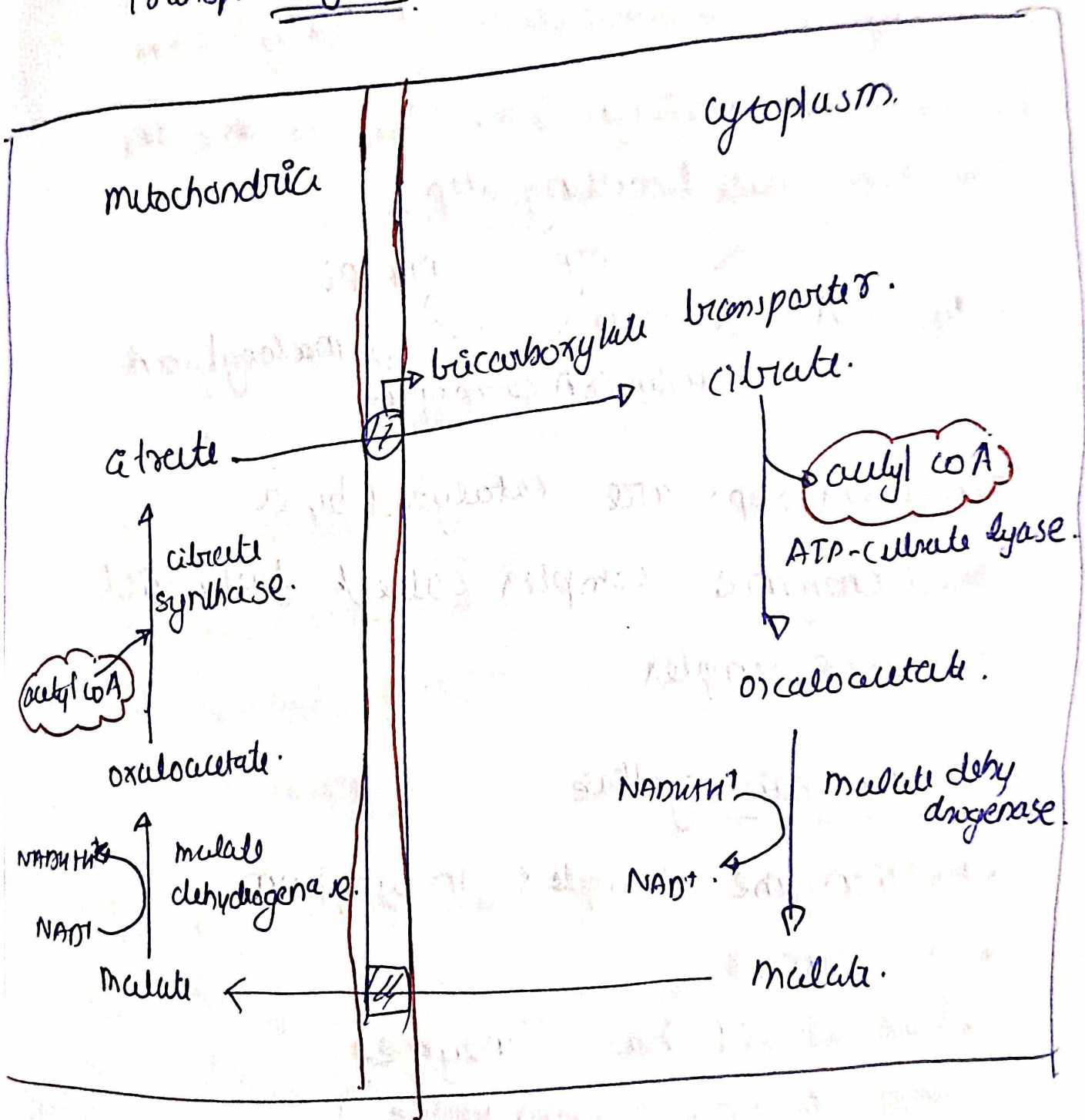
Fatty acids

$\xrightarrow{\beta \text{ oxidation}}$

acetyl CoA

How to be transported to cytoplasm

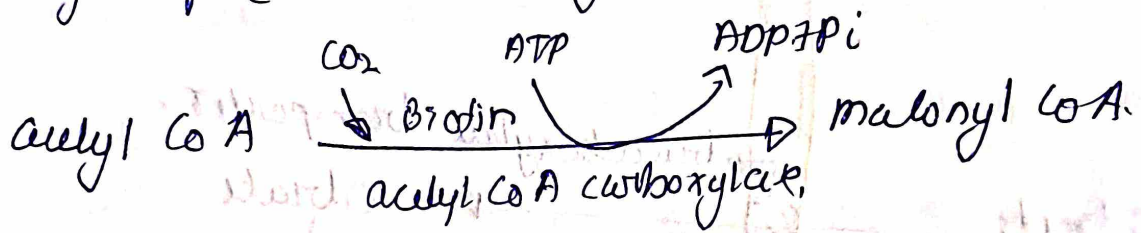
Transport of acetyl CoA to cytoplasm.



Citrate → Isocitrate

Steps

first step is carboxylation of acetyl CoA to produce malonyl CoA. This is the key step (rate limiting step).



Remaining steps are catalyzed by a multienzyme complex called fatty acid synthase complex

Fatty acid synthase

- Multienzyme complex in cytoplasm
- It is dimeric.
- Each subunit has 7 enzymes and ACP (acyl carrier proteins)

Enzymes are :

(1) Ketoacyl synthase (KAS)

(condensing enzyme).

(2) acetyl trans acylase.

(3) malonyl trans acylase.

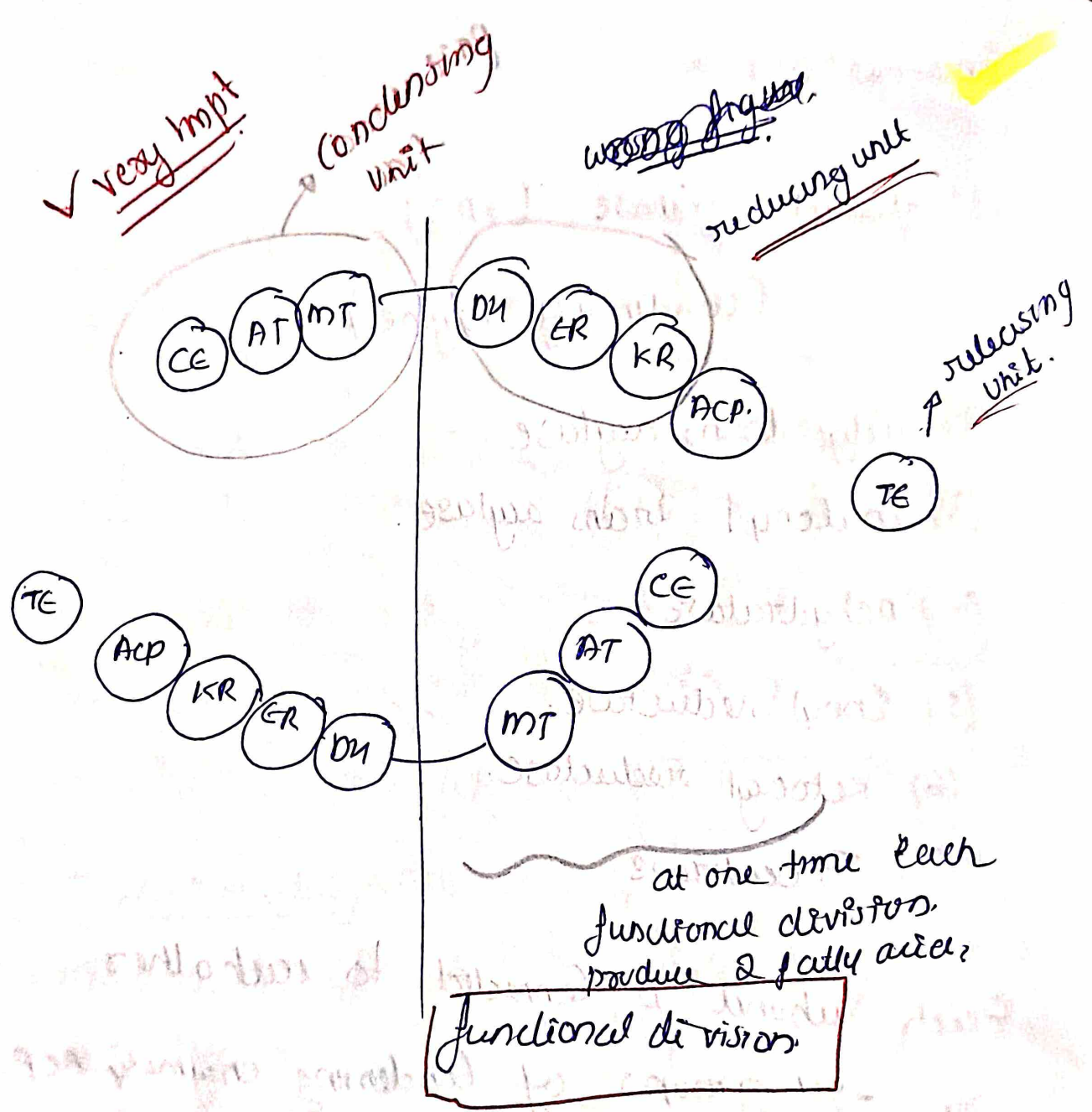
(4) dehydratase.

(5) Enoyl reductase.

(6) Ketoacyl reductase.

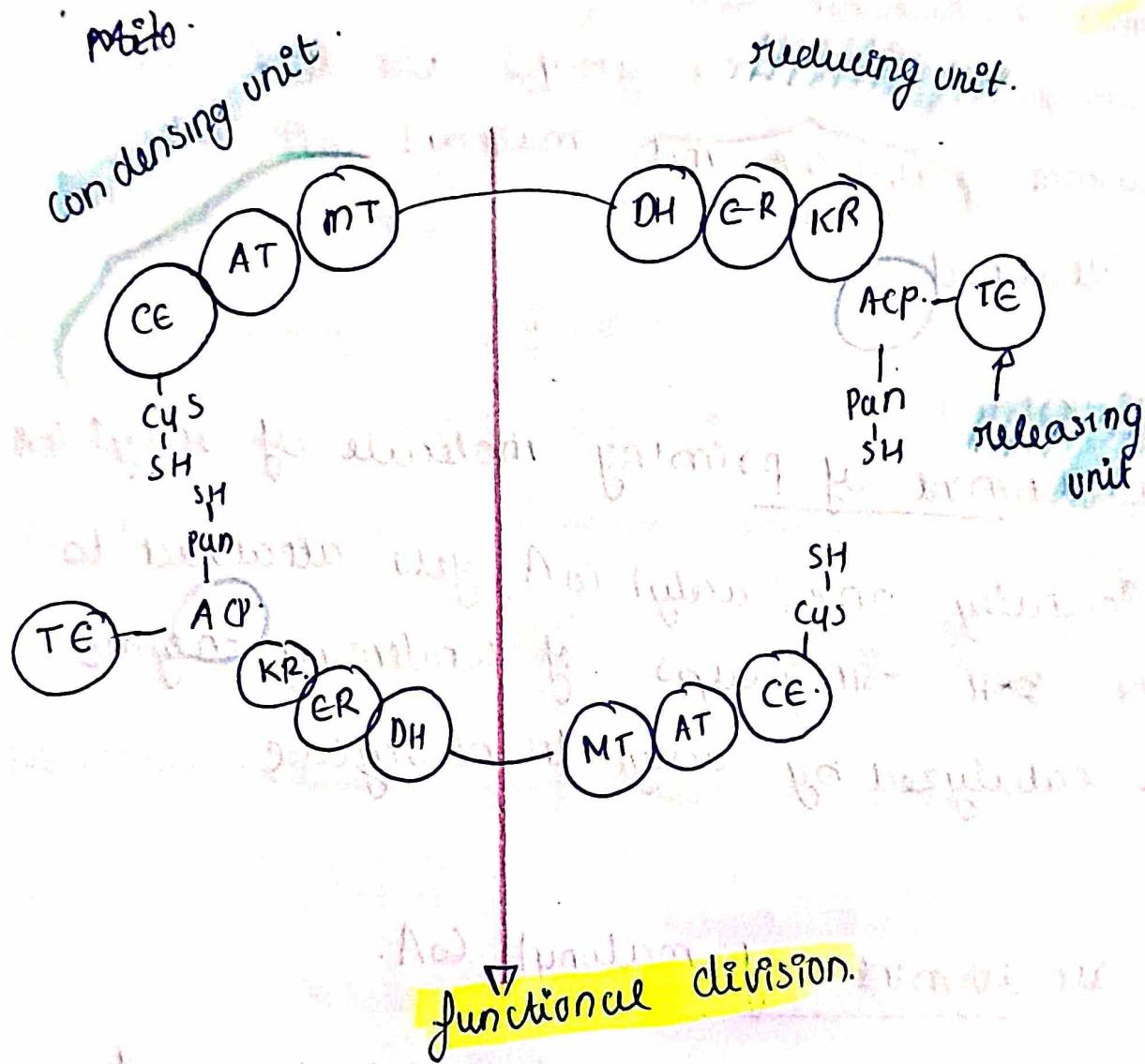
(7) Thioesterase.

Each subunit is connected to each other
by -SH groups of Condensing enzyme & ACP.



- for 1 fatty acid synthesis. both ~~subunits~~ functional division are required.
- at same time 2 fatty acids can be synthesised from both functional division.

Fatty acid Synthase. (Lynen spiral)



• Cys residue of condensing enzyme and pantothenic acid of ACP carries -SH groups. These -SH groups are the sites where acetyl CoA and malonyl CoA get attached.

STEPS.

① attachment of priming molecule of acetyl CoA

Initially one acetyl CoA gets attached to the ~~SH~~ -SH groups of condensing enzyme - catalyzed by acetyl trans acylase.

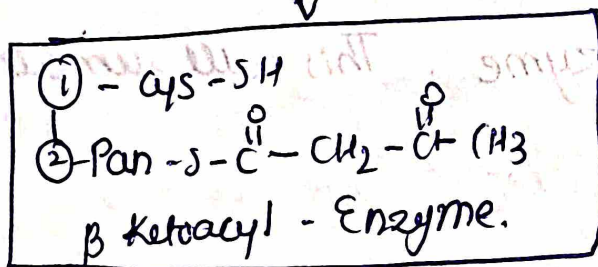
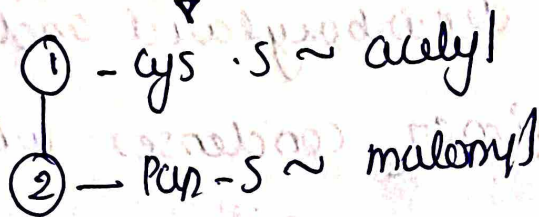
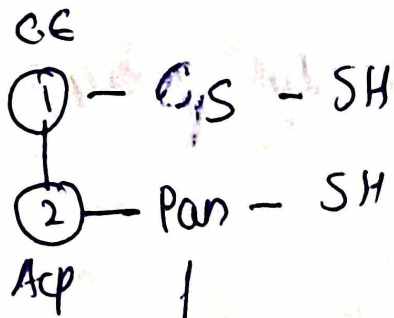
② attachment of malonyl CoA.

Malonyl CoA attaches to -SH group of ACP of the other monomer - catalyzed by malonyl trans acylase.

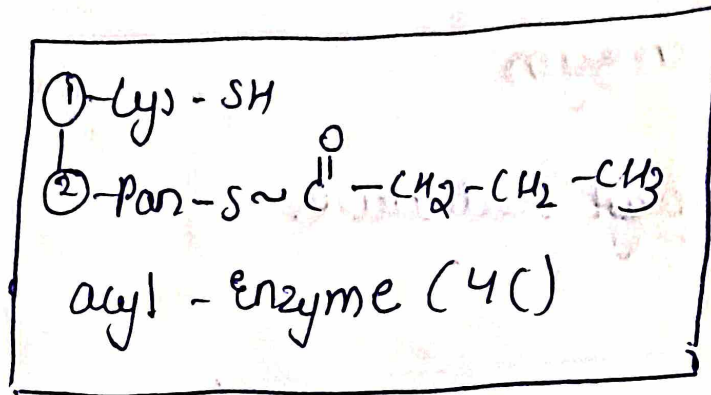
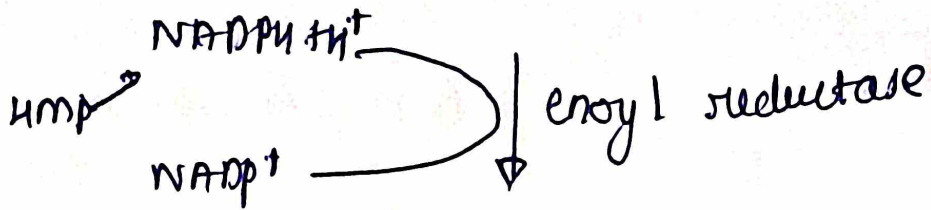
③ Condensation of 2 acetyl groups to form
 β ketoacyl enzyme.

With the help of condensing enzyme, malonyl group is decarboxylated and acetyl group of primer condenses with it to form a 4C compound {acetoacetyl - Enzyme} or β - ketoacyl - Enzyme. This will remain attached to ACP.

Using both next carbons of enzyme ...
of new bond ...



β ketoacyl enzyme is reduced,
dehydrated and reduced again to
form 4c acyl - Enzyme.



another malonyl CoA gets attached to ACP, displacing the acyl chain to condensing enzyme.

Same reactions repeat till acyl chain is of needed length - usually 16C.

then it is released by

Thioesterase (the acylase)

Fate of palmitic acid.

activated to palmitoyl Co A.

→ Esterification to acyl glycerols

→ formation of cholesterol esters.

→ chain elongation.

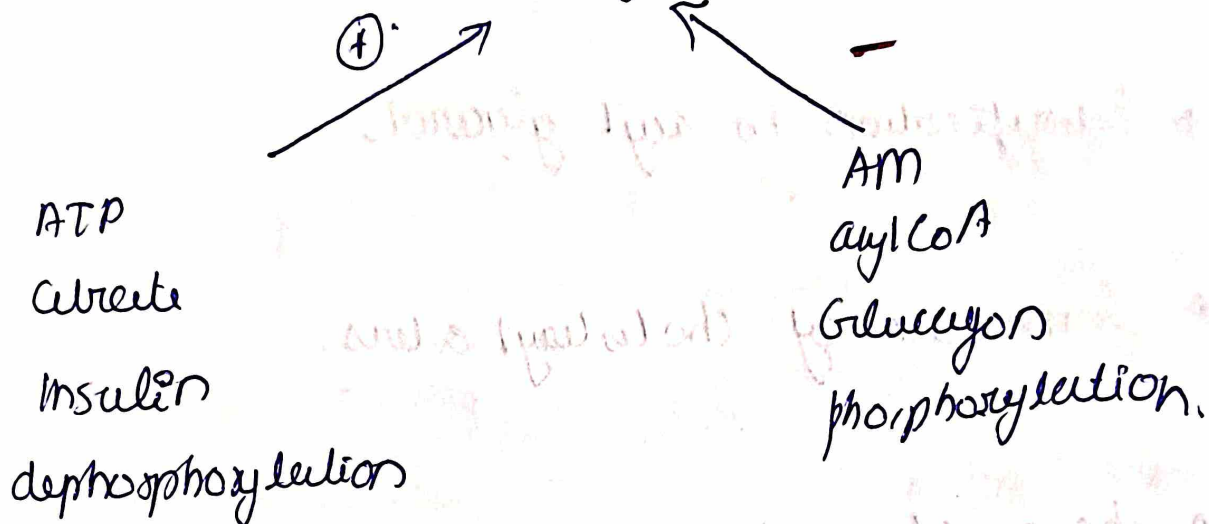
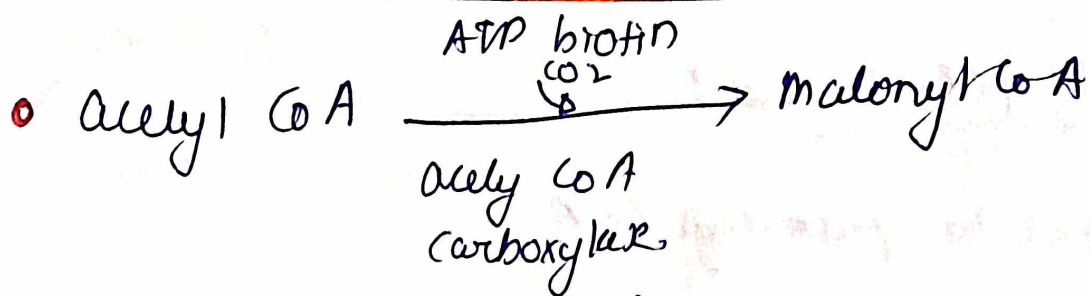
→ Desaturation.

In lactating mammary gland a thioesterase.

cuts at C₈ C₁₀ C₁₂ length.

Regulation

key enzyme - acetyl Co A carboxylase.



① Nutritional status.

(A) ATP and citrate (more in well fed state)
 - activates acetyl CoA carboxylase.

(B) AMP & acyl CoA (starvation and lipolysis)
 inhibit the enzyme.

② Hormonal regulation.

(a) Insulin activates and glucagon inhibits acetyl CoA carboxylase through covalent modification.

⑤ Insulin \downarrow lipolysis \rightarrow \downarrow acyl CoA \rightarrow
activate acyl CoA carboxylase.

⑥ Covalent modification.

acyl CoA carboxylase is active in
dephosphorylated state.

Insulin causes dephosphorylation

Glucagon causes phosphorylation.

Regulation : must follow this order.

- key enzyme
- steps including all co-enzyme
- activating & inhibiting in same diagram.
- description.