

* Respiration in Plants *

The breaking of C-C bonds of complex compounds through oxidation within the cells, leading to release of considerable amount of energy is called Respiration.

Energy is stored in the form of ATP.

The Compounds that are oxidised during this process are known as Respiratory Substrates.

* Breathing in Plants.

Stomata - Exchange of gases takes place through stomata in leaves

Lenticels - Small pores present on bark of the stem which helps in gaseous exchange.

→ Each part takes care of its own gas exchange needs

→ The cells in the interior are dead and provide mechanical support

* Glycolysis also called (EMP Pathway) - Embden, Meyerhof Pathway → discovered
Glucose → takes place in cytoplasm
Partial Breakdown → Occurs in all living org. → 1st step of Respiration
Pyruvic Acid

In plants - Sucrose

↓ (Invertase)

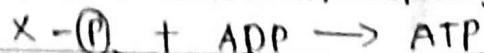
Glucose + Fructose

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Glycolytic Pathway

* Formation of ATP called Phosphorylation

* Formn of ATP in presence of sunlight called photophosphorylation occurs in Chloroplast

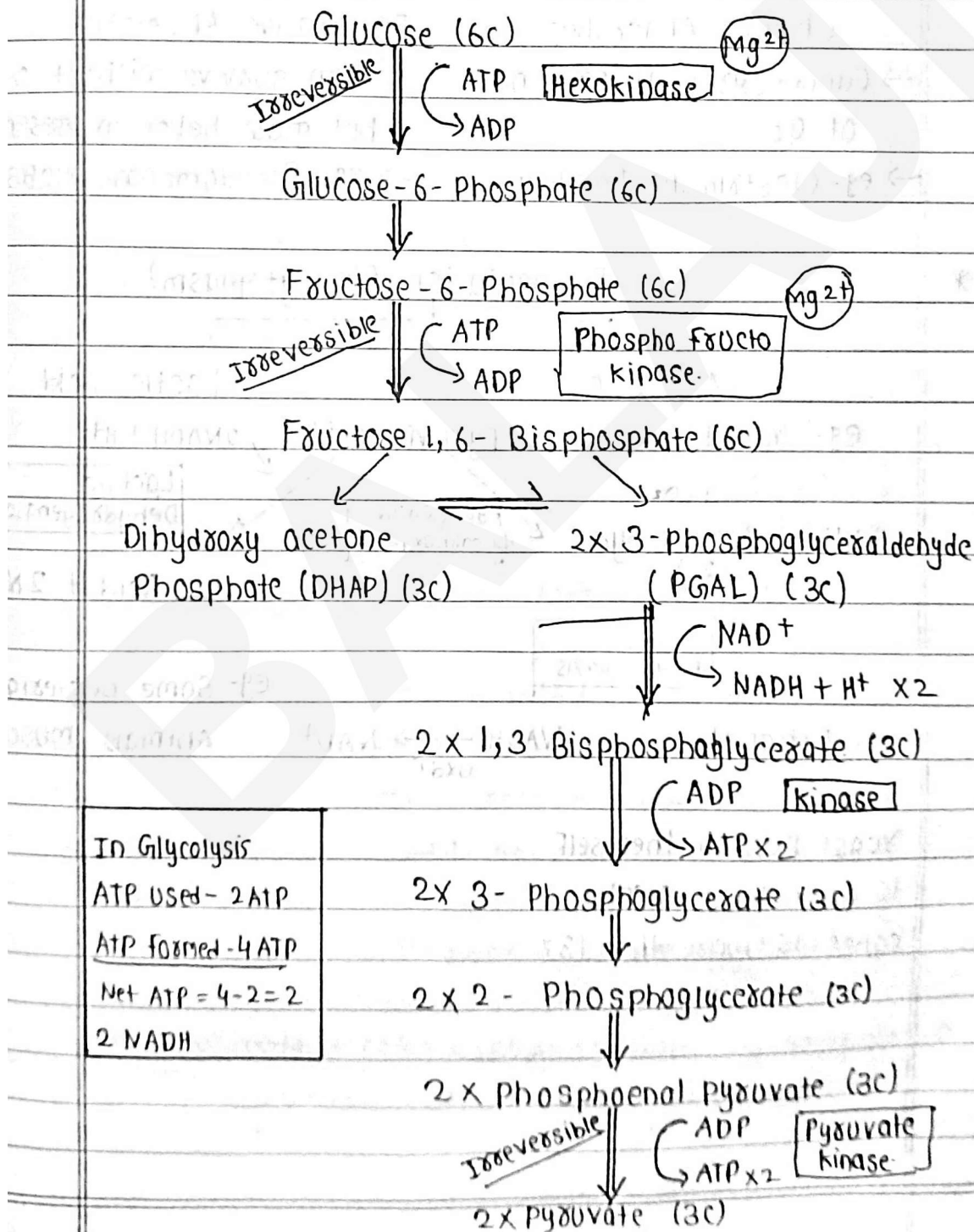
* Substrate level phosphorylation



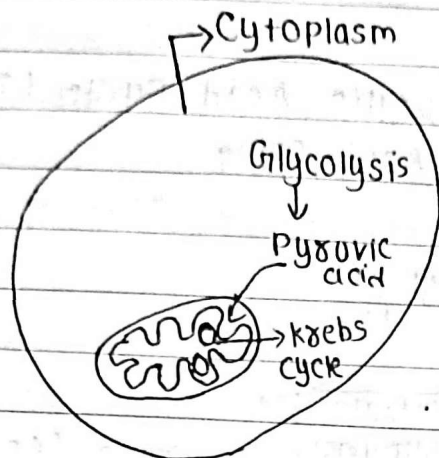
cytoplasm & Matrix of mitochondria (Krebs cycle)

* Oxidative Phosphorylation $\rightarrow$ ATP formⁿ because of Oxidⁿ & Redⁿ
Oxidⁿ OF (NADH & FADH₂) occurs in mitochondrial inner memb.

Glycolysis $\begin{cases} \rightarrow \text{Respiratory phase} \rightarrow \text{Requires ATP} \\ \rightarrow \text{Pay Off Phase} \quad 2 \text{ ATP Used} \\ \rightarrow \text{Formⁿ OF ATP ; 4 ATP Formed} \end{cases}$

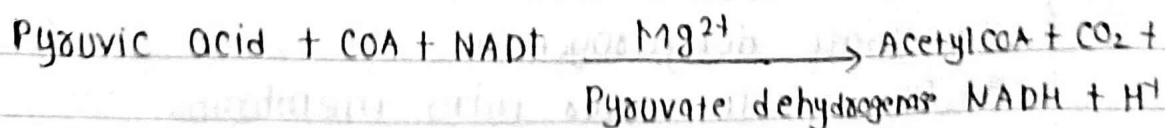
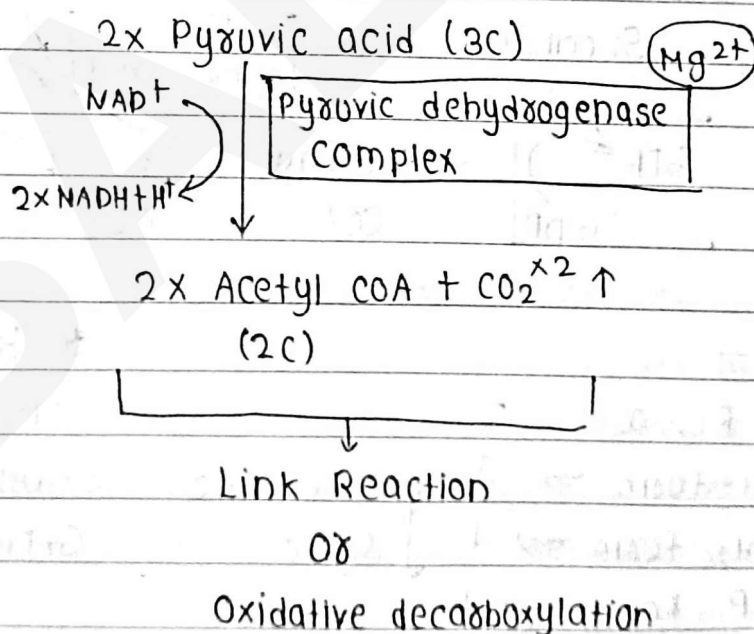


Yeast poison themselves to death when alcohol concn is more than 13%.



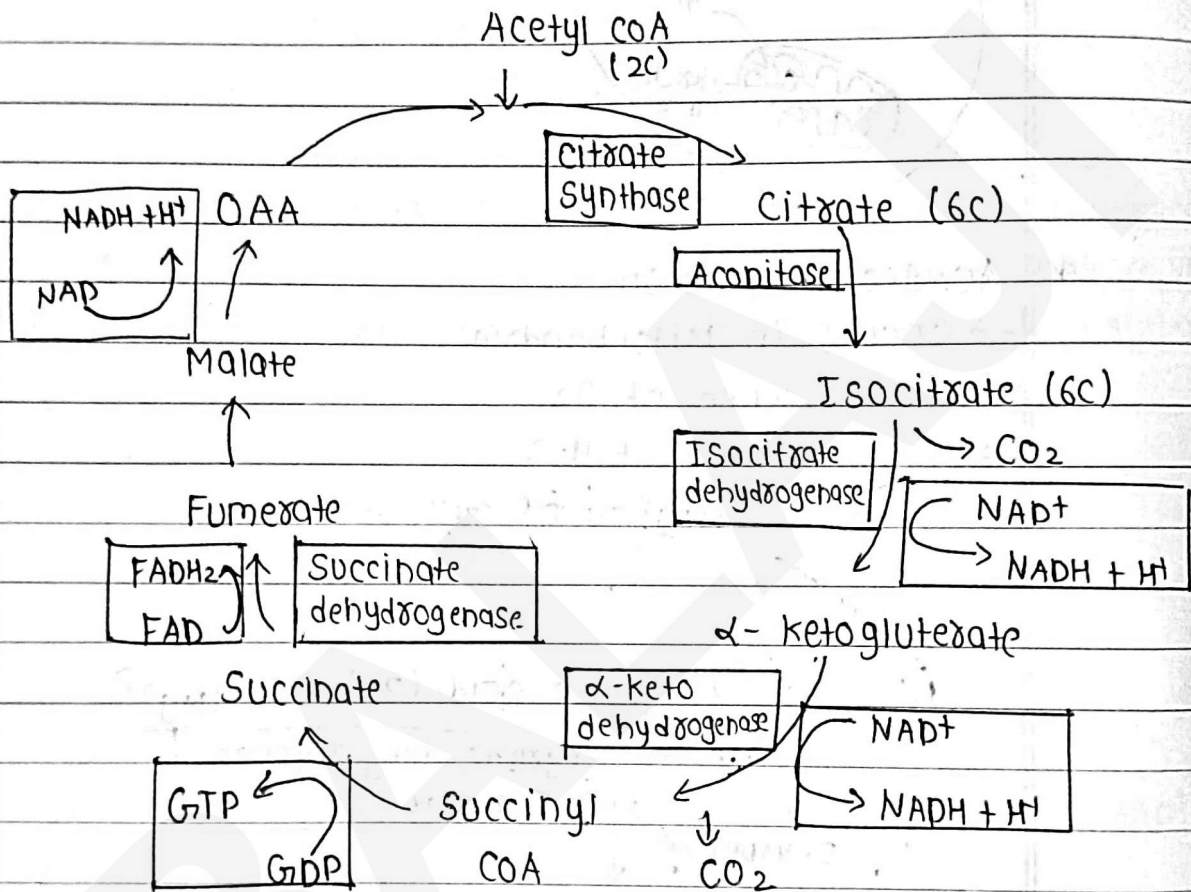
* Aerobic Respiration.

- Occurs in Mitochondria.
- in presence of O_2
- Energy + CO_2 + H_2O
- Complete Oxidation of Glucose



Krebs Cycle (Hans Kreb)

- Also known as Tricarboxylic Acid Cycle (TCA)
- Citric Acid Cycle



* Krebs Cycle

CO_2 Releases $\rightarrow 2$
 NADH form $\rightarrow 3$
 FADH_2 form $\rightarrow 1$
 GTP form $\rightarrow 1$

$\text{NADH} \rightarrow 3 \times 2 = 6$
 $\text{FADH}_2 \rightarrow 1 \times 2 = 2$
 $\text{GTP (ATP)} \rightarrow 1 \times 2 = 2$

Succinate dehydrogenase

↳ Present in inner mito membrane

Trick

Citrate - Citrate (6c)

Is - Isocitrate (6c)

Krebs - ketoglutarate (5c)

Starting - Succinyl CoA (4c)

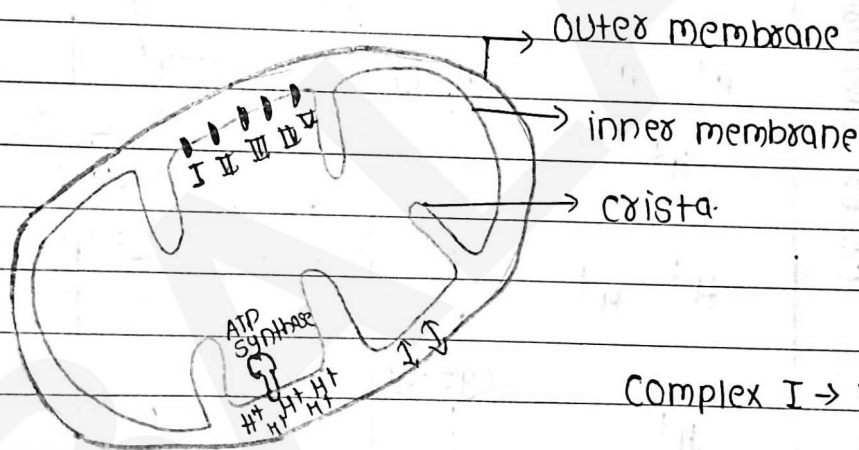
Substrate - Succinate (4c)

For - Fumerate (4c)

making - malate (4c)

OAA - Oxaloacetate (4c)

* Electron Transport System (ETS)



Complex I $\rightarrow$ NADH

dehydrogenase

Complex II $\rightarrow$ FADH₂

Complex III $\rightarrow$ Cyt b_cL

Complex IV $\rightarrow$ Cyt c

oxidase

Complex V - ATP Synthase

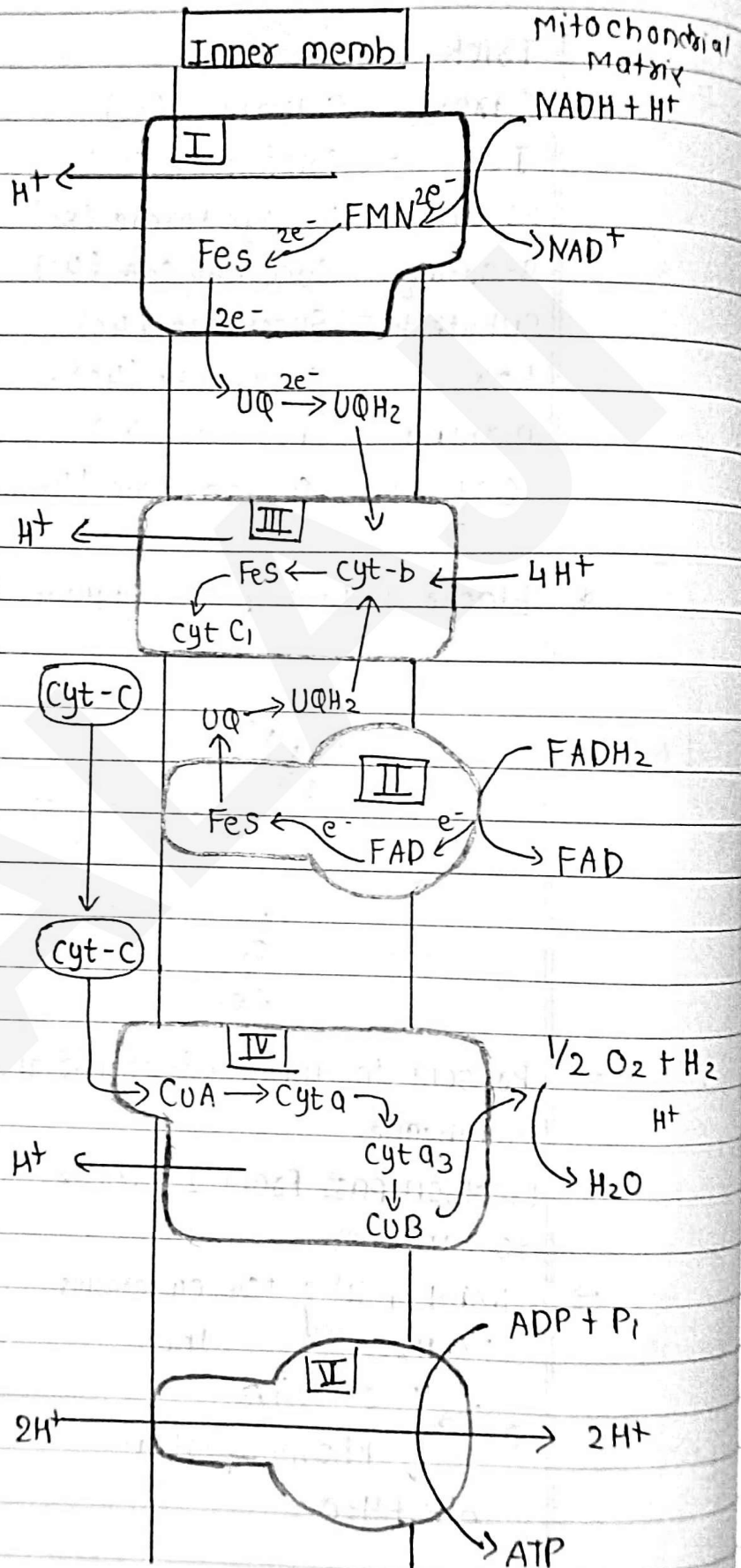
$\rightarrow$ Present in inner mitochondrial membrane.

$\rightarrow$ Electron pass from 1 carrier to another

$\rightarrow$ NADH + H⁺ } TCA cycle forms them
FADH₂

O₂ $\xrightarrow{\text{oxidative Phosphorylation}}$ ATP + H₂O

Outer Membrane



Complex I $\rightarrow$ NADH dehydrogenase

$\rightarrow$ Oxidises NADH

$\rightarrow$ Electron Acceptor

• FMN (Flavin mononucleotide)

• FeS

Complex II - Succinate dehydrogenase

$\rightarrow$ Oxidises FADH_2

* It doesn't pump H^+ from matrix to inner mitochondrial memb. space

$\rightarrow$ Electron acceptor

• FAD • FeS

Complex III - cyt bc I

$\rightarrow$ Electron acceptor

• cyt b • FeS • Cyt C₁

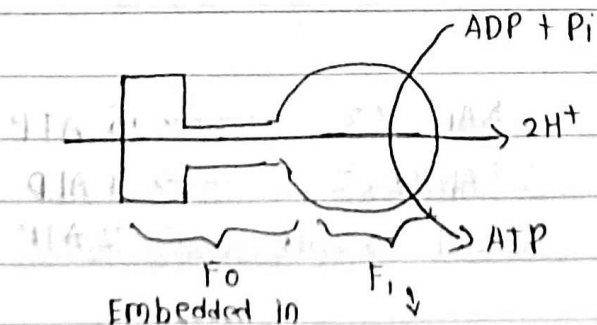
Complex IV - cyt C Oxidase

Electron acceptor

• CoA • cyt a • cyt a₃ • CuB

Complex V - ATP Synthase

$\rightarrow$ 2 H^+ are required for synthesis of 1 ATP



$\text{NADH} \rightarrow 3\text{ATP}$

$\text{FADH}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{ATP}$

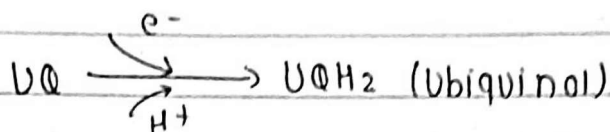
Embedded in
mitochondrial
memb

Present towards
the matrix

Electron transporters outside the complexes

1) UQ - Ubiquinone

→ Located within the inner memb.



2) Cyt c - Mobile e^- carrier between complex III & IV

- Present at the outer surface of inner memb.

3) Oxygen - Acts as Final e^- and Hydrogen acceptor.

→ Not e^- carrier because it only accepts, not gives its e^- to another atom

* The Respiratory balance Sheet

Glycolysis

2 ATP directly → 2 ATP

2 molecules of

NADH → 6 ATP

Oxidative
decarboxylation

2 NADH $\times$ 3 → 6 ATP

TCA Cycle

6 NADH $\times$ 3 → 18 ATP

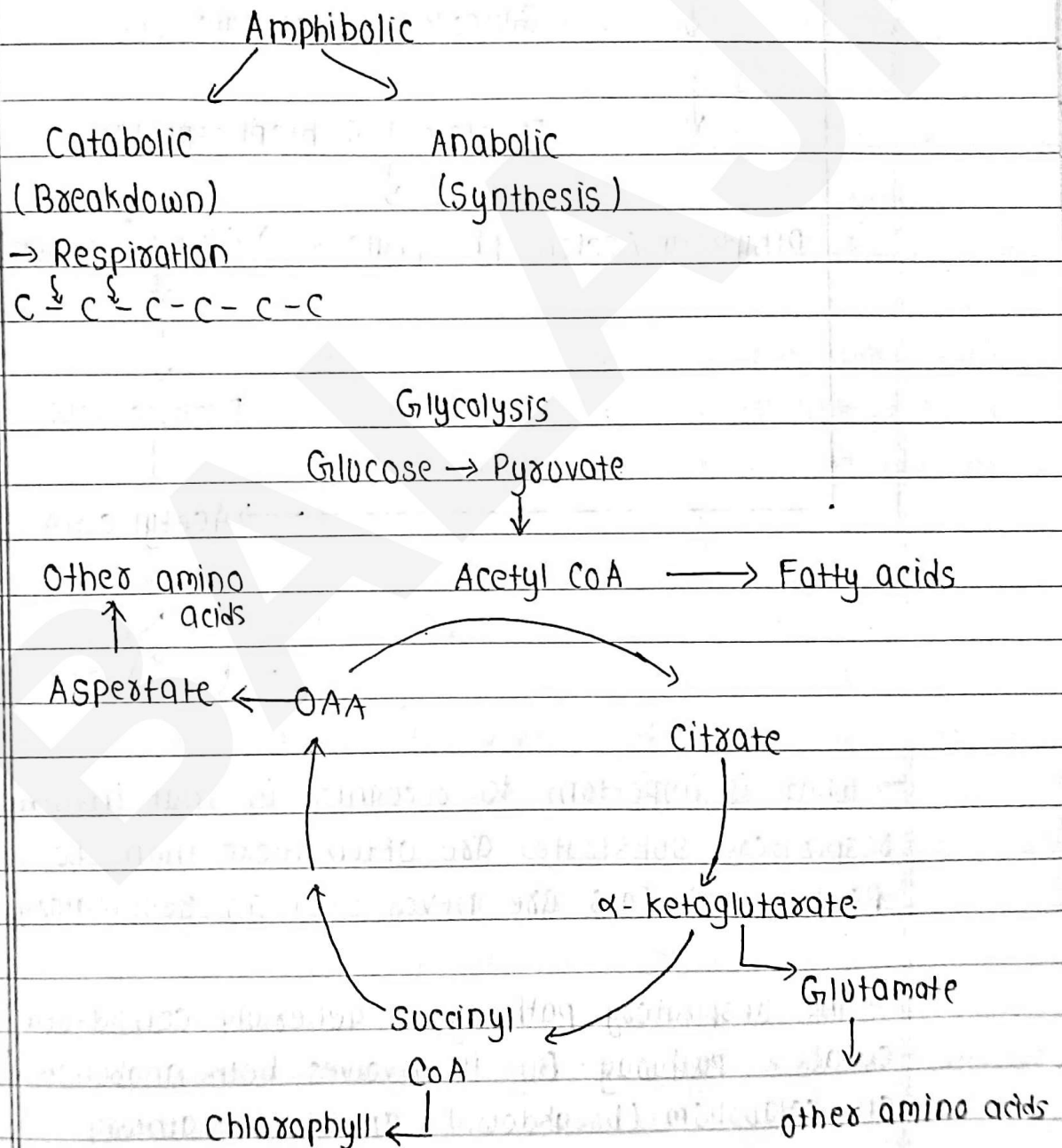
2 FADH₂ $\times$ 2 → 4 ATP

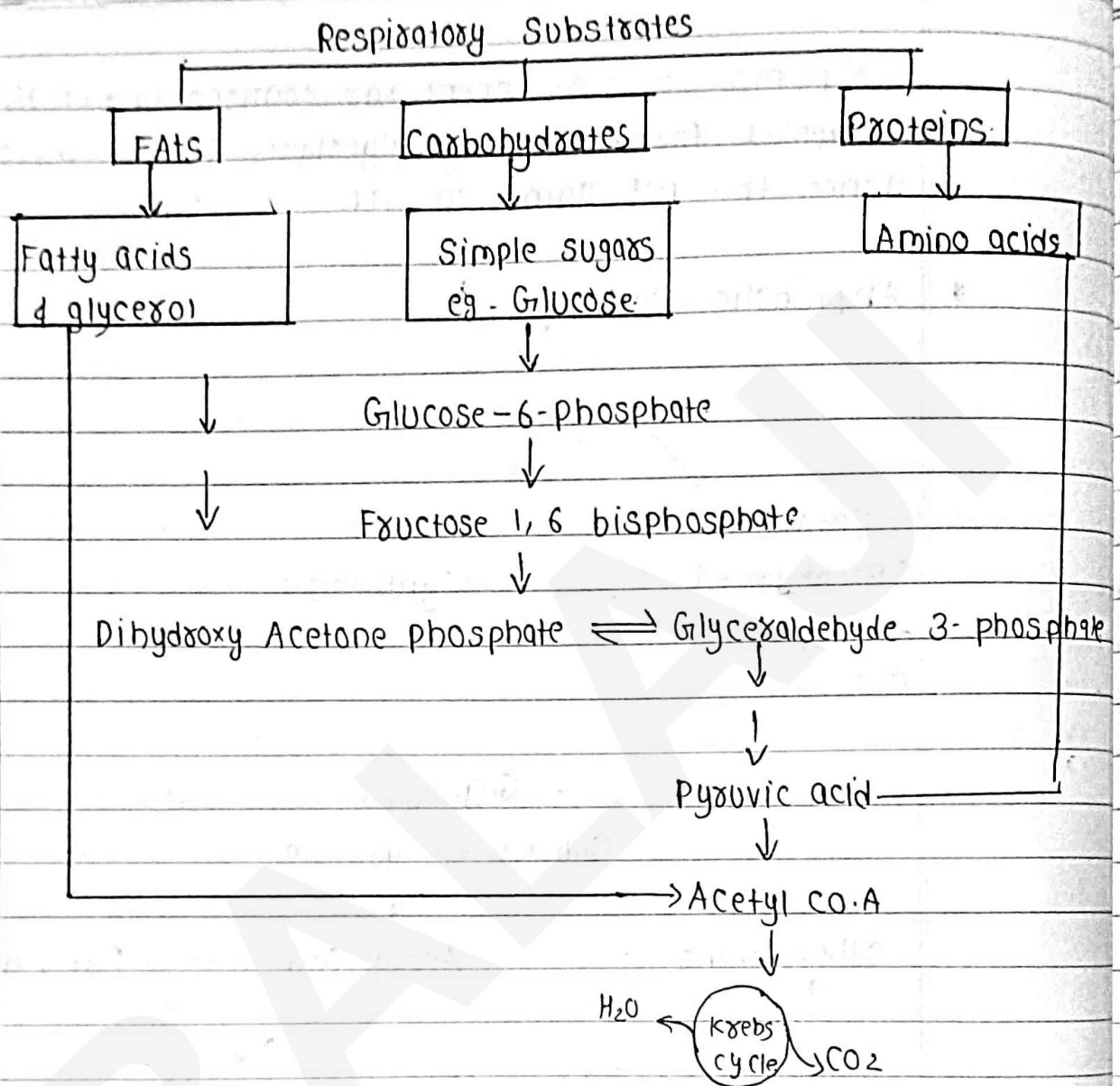
2 GTP → 2 ATP → 2 ATP

Total 38 ATP

→ 2 ATP molecules are spent for transporting 2 NADH molecules formed during glycolysis to the mitochondria. Hence the net gain = 36 ATP

* Amphibolic Pathway.





→ What is important to recognise is that in living organisms respiratory substrates are often more than one; pure proteins or fats are never used as respiratory substrates.

→ The respiratory pathway is generally considered as a catabolic pathway. But it involves both anabolism (synthesis) and catabolism (breakdown) - amphibolic pathway.

- eg - Fatty acids breakdown to acetyl CoA before entering the respiratory pathway. But when the organism needs to synthesise fatty acids, acetyl CoA withdraws from the respiratory pathway.
- Similarly during breakdown and synthesis of protein respiratory intermediates are involved.
- Fats breakdown into glycerol and fatty acids. Fatty acids are degraded to acetyl-CoA and enter the pathway. Glycerol is converted to PGAL and enters the pathway.
- Proteins are degraded by proteases into amino acids. Each amino acid (after deamination) enters the pathway at some stage in the Krebs cycle or as pyruvate or acetyl CoA.

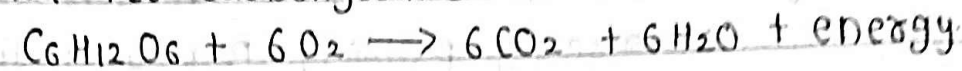
* Respiratory Quotient (RQ)

RQ is the ratio of the volume of CO_2 evolved to the volume of O_2 consumed in respiration.

$$\text{RQ} = \frac{\text{volume of } \text{CO}_2 \text{ evolved}}{\text{volume of } \text{O}_2 \text{ consumed}}$$

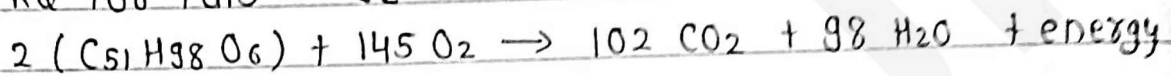
RQ depends upon the type of respiratory substrate.

RQ for carbohydrates = 1



$$RQ = \frac{6CO_2}{6O_2} = 1$$

RQ for fats = < 1



tripalmitin

$$RQ = \frac{102CO_2}{145O_2} = 0.7$$

Substrate	RQ
Proteins	0.9
Organic acid	> 1
a) Malic Acid	1.33
b) Oxalic Acid	4
Maturing fatty seeds	> 1
CAM Plants (Succulents)	0
Anaerobic Respiration	Infinity