

The Krebs cycle

Learning objective

- describe the Krebs cycle

Success criteria

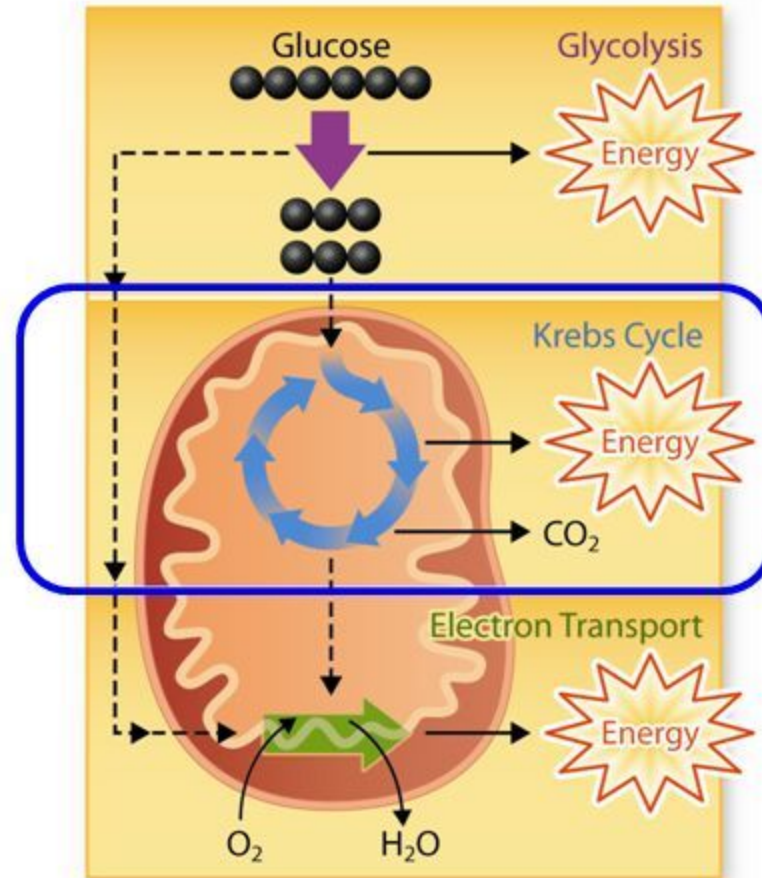
1. Knows the Krebs cycle
2. Describes the Krebs cycle
3. Correctly identifies incoming and outgoing products of the Krebs cycle
4. Explains the role of the Krebs cycle in energy metabolism

Terminology

Acetyl-CoA, Citric acid cycle, Citrate – 6C, Isocitrat – 6C, Alfa – Ketoglutarat 5C, Succinyl – CoA – 4C, Succinat – 4C, Fumarate – 4C, Malat – 4C, Oxalacetat - 4C, ATP, NADH, FADH, CO₂, Alfa – Ketoclutarat synthase, Fumarate reductase,

Stage 2: Krebs Cycle

In the second stage of cellular respiration a little more energy is converted.



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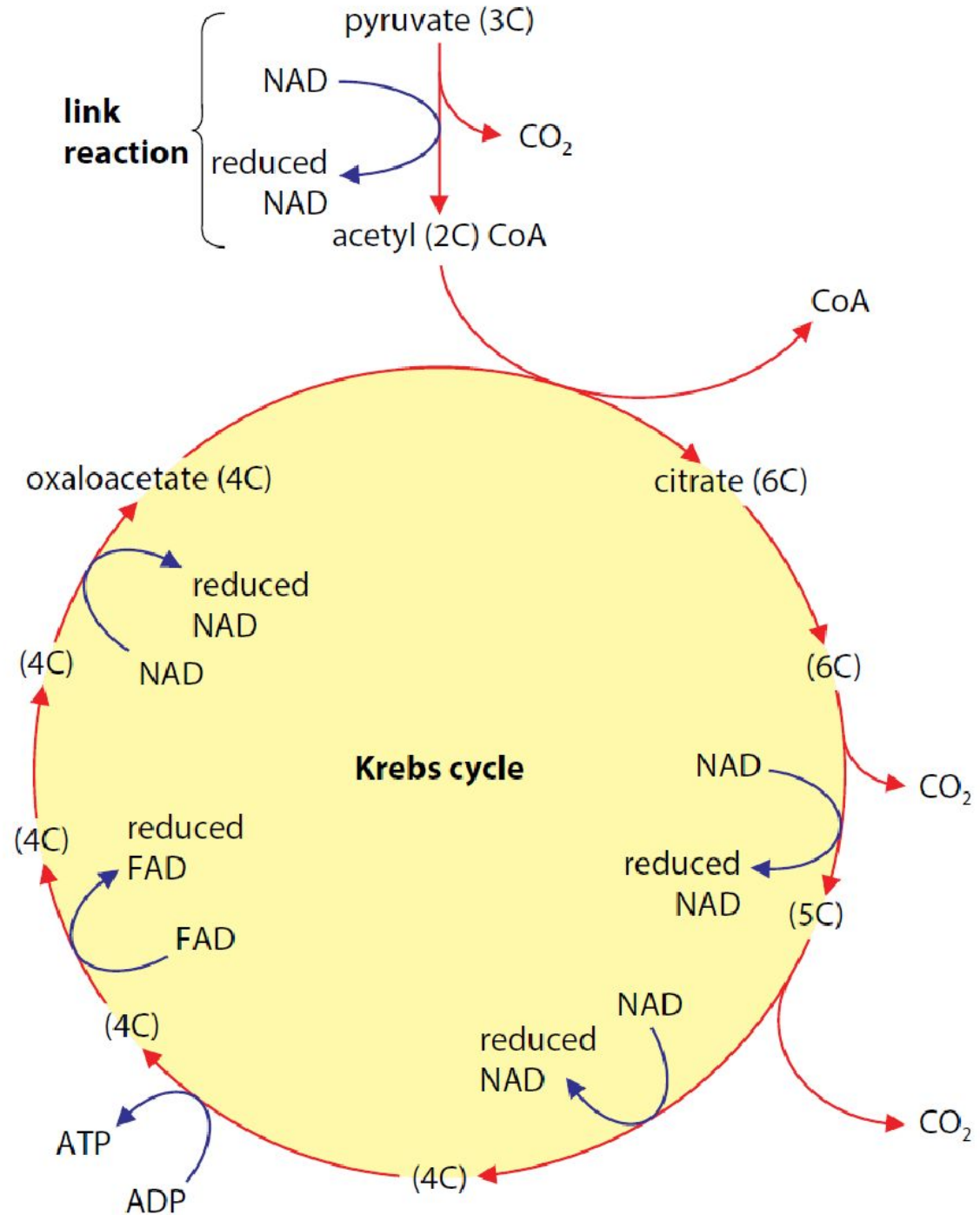
The Krebs cycle (also known as the citric acid cycle or tricarboxylic acid cycle) was discovered in **1937 by Hans Krebs**.

The Krebs cycle is a closed pathway of **enzyme controlled reactions**.

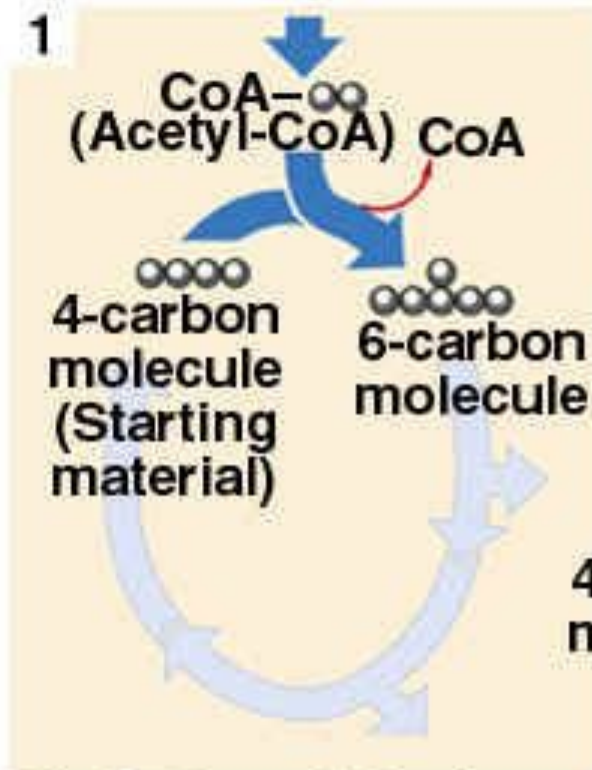
■ **Acetyl coenzyme A combines with a four-carbon compound (oxaloacetate) to form a six-carbon compound (citrate).**

■ **The citrate is decarboxylated and dehydrogenated in a series of steps, to yield carbon dioxide, which is given off as a waste gas, and hydrogens which are accepted by the carriers NAD and FAD.**

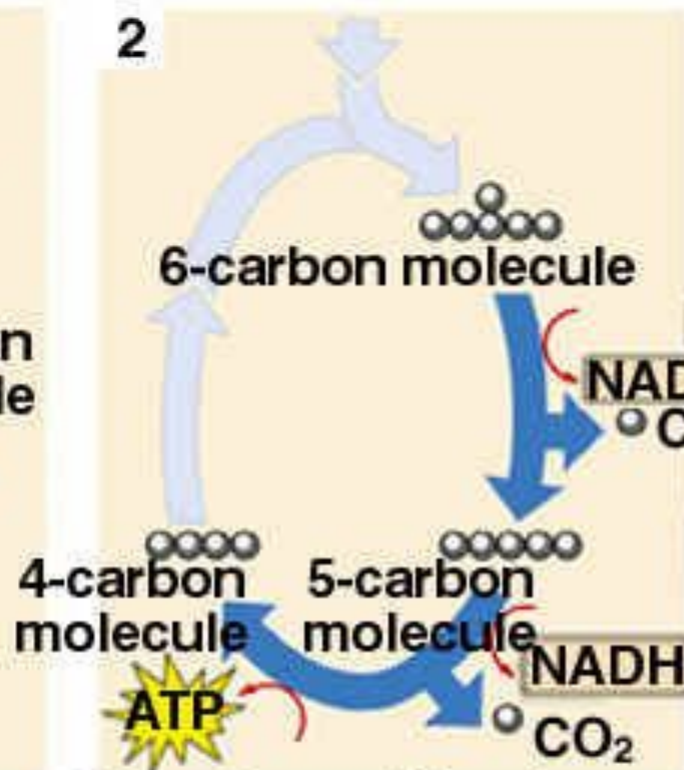
■ **Oxaloacetate is regenerated to combine with another acetyl coenzyme A.**



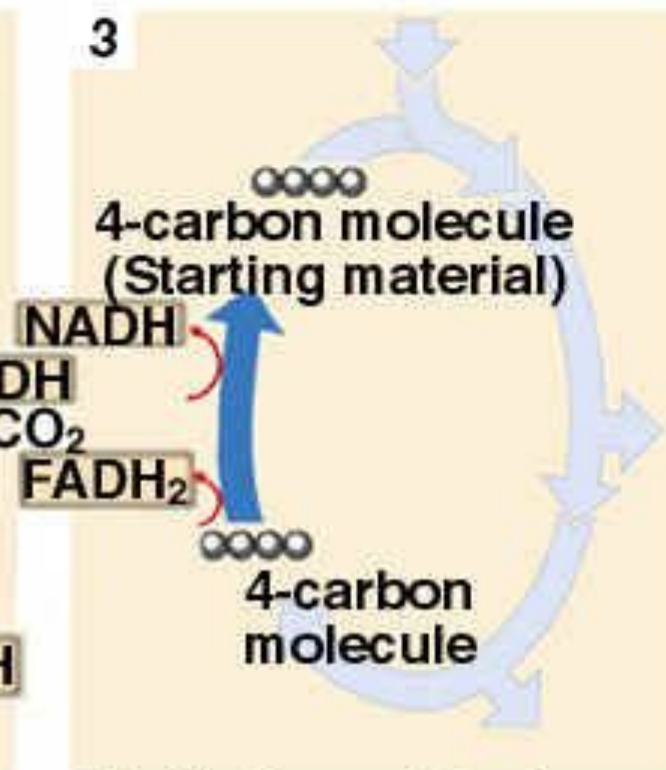
Krebs Cycle Overview



The Krebs cycle begins when a two-carbon fragment is transferred from acetyl-CoA to a four-carbon molecule (the starting material).



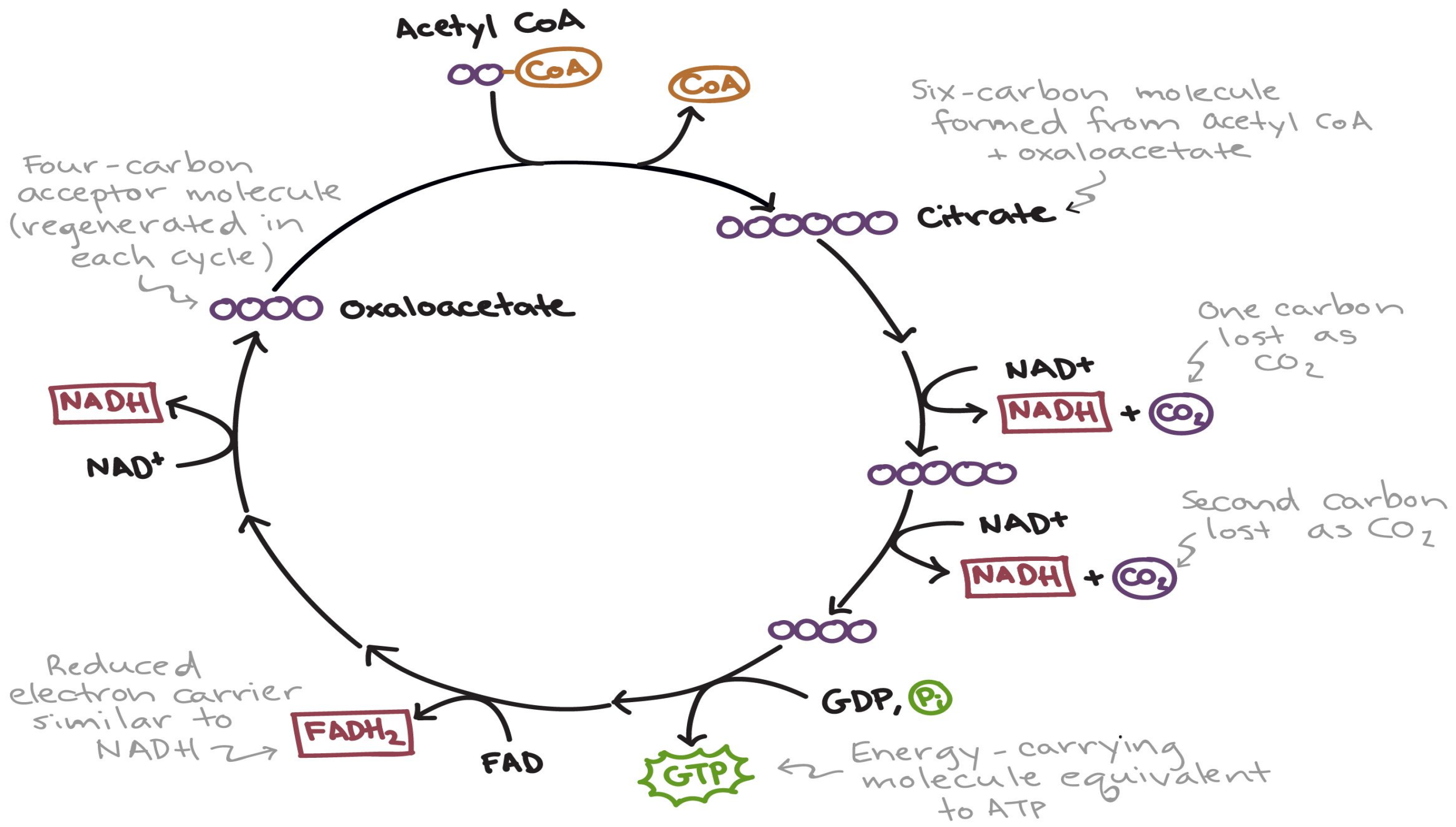
Then, the resulting six-carbon molecule is oxidized (a hydrogen removed to form NADH) and decarboxylated (a carbon removed to form CO₂). Next, the five-carbon molecule is oxidized and decarboxylated again, and a coupled reaction generates ATP.



Finally, the resulting four-carbon molecule is further oxidized (hydrogens removed to form FADH₂ and NADH). This regenerates the four-carbon starting material, completing the cycle.

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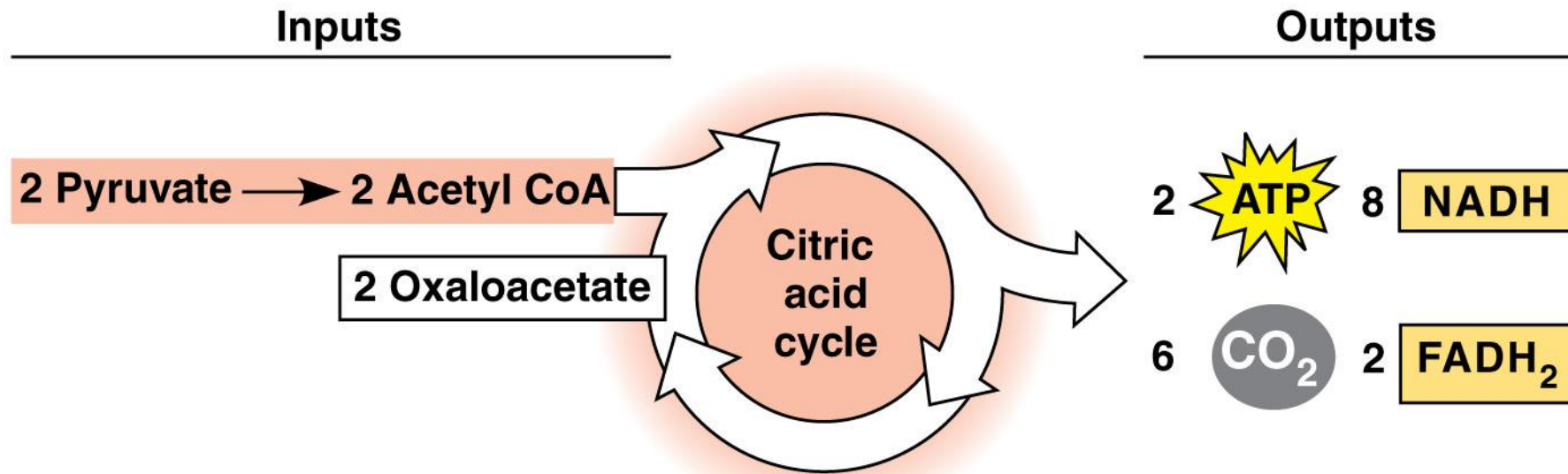
- **Two molecules of carbon dioxide** are given off in separate **decarboxylation reactions**.
- A molecule of **ATP is formed as part 1** of the reactions of the cycle - as with glycolysis, this **ATP synthesis** is 'at substrate level' too.
- **Three molecules of reduced NAD are formed**.
- One molecule of another hydrogen acceptor - **FAD (flavin adenine dinucleotide) is reduced**. (NAD is the chief hydrogen- carrying coenzyme of respiration but FAD is another coenzyme with this role in the Krebs cycle).



Step	Product			
	CO ₂	ATP	Reduced NAD	Reduced FAD
Glycolysis	0	2	2	0
Link reaction (pyruvate → acetyl CoA)	2	0	2	0
Krebs cycle	4	2	6	2
Totals	6	4	10	2

<http://www.dbriers.com/tutorials/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/CitricAcidMol2.jpg>

Summary of Citric Acid Cycle



Overall

The Krebs cycle will produce the following products for every glucose molecule broken down

- 6 NADH
- 2 FADH₂
- 2 ATP
- 4 CO₂