

## \* $\beta$ oxidation of fatty acids

- Oxidation & splitting of two carbon unit  
↓  
at  $\beta$  carbon atom.

→ preparative steps of  $\beta$ -oxidation:

Coenzyme A → contain B complex  
pantothenic acid  
 $\beta$ -mercaptoethanolamine

### ① Activation of fatty acids:

- occur in cytoplasm
- Activated to their Coenzyme A derivative
- $ATP \rightarrow AMP + PPi$

Enzyme - Thiokinase / fatty acyl CoA synthetase

for small chain fatty acid - thiophosphatase

### ② Carnitine: Synthesis from lysine & methionine in liver & kidney

function: Act as a transporter for transport of long chain fatty acid from cytoplasm to inner mitochondrial membrane

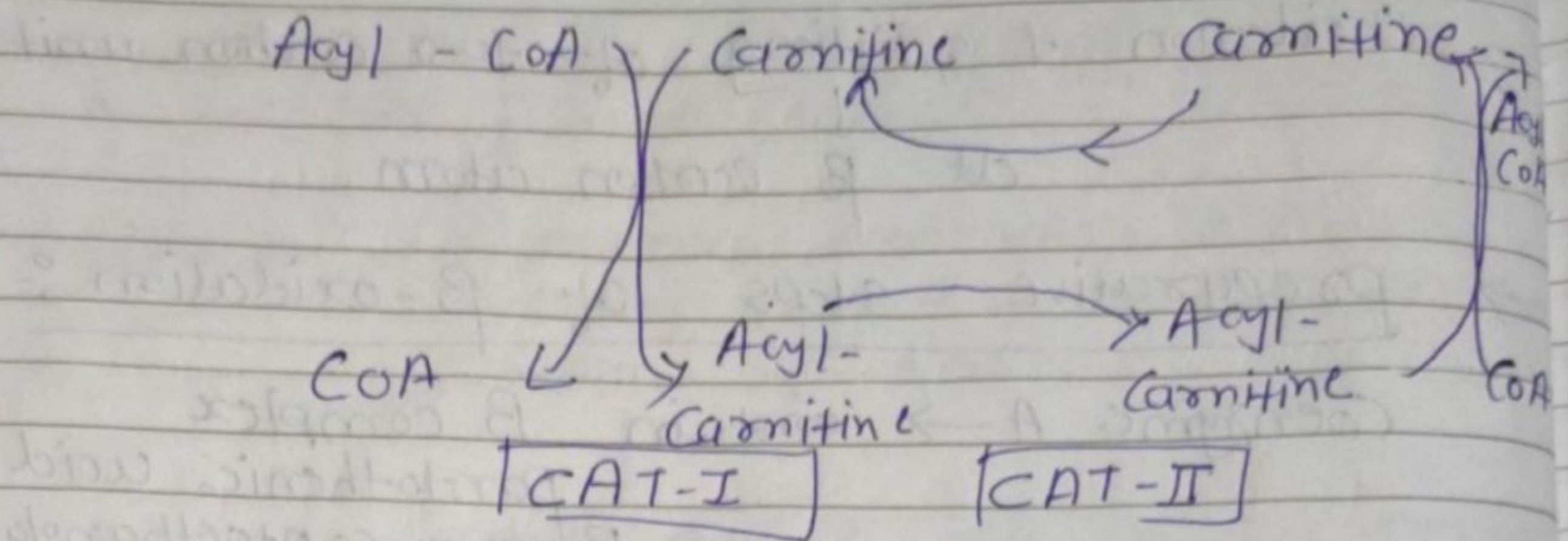
### ③ Carnitine acyltransferase

ATP



Cytosol

Mitochondria



(4) Translocase

- Acyl carnitine

↓ translocase

from cytosol to mitochondria

- Carnitine returned back to cytosolic side by translocase.

→ Energy production from beta-oxidation

e.g. palmitic acid (C 16 C)

7 cycle of  $\beta$ -oxidation

8 molecule of Acetyl-CoA

1 TCA cycle - 10 ATP

- 7 FADH  $\times 1.5 = 10.5$

- 7 NADH  $\times 2.5 = 17.5$

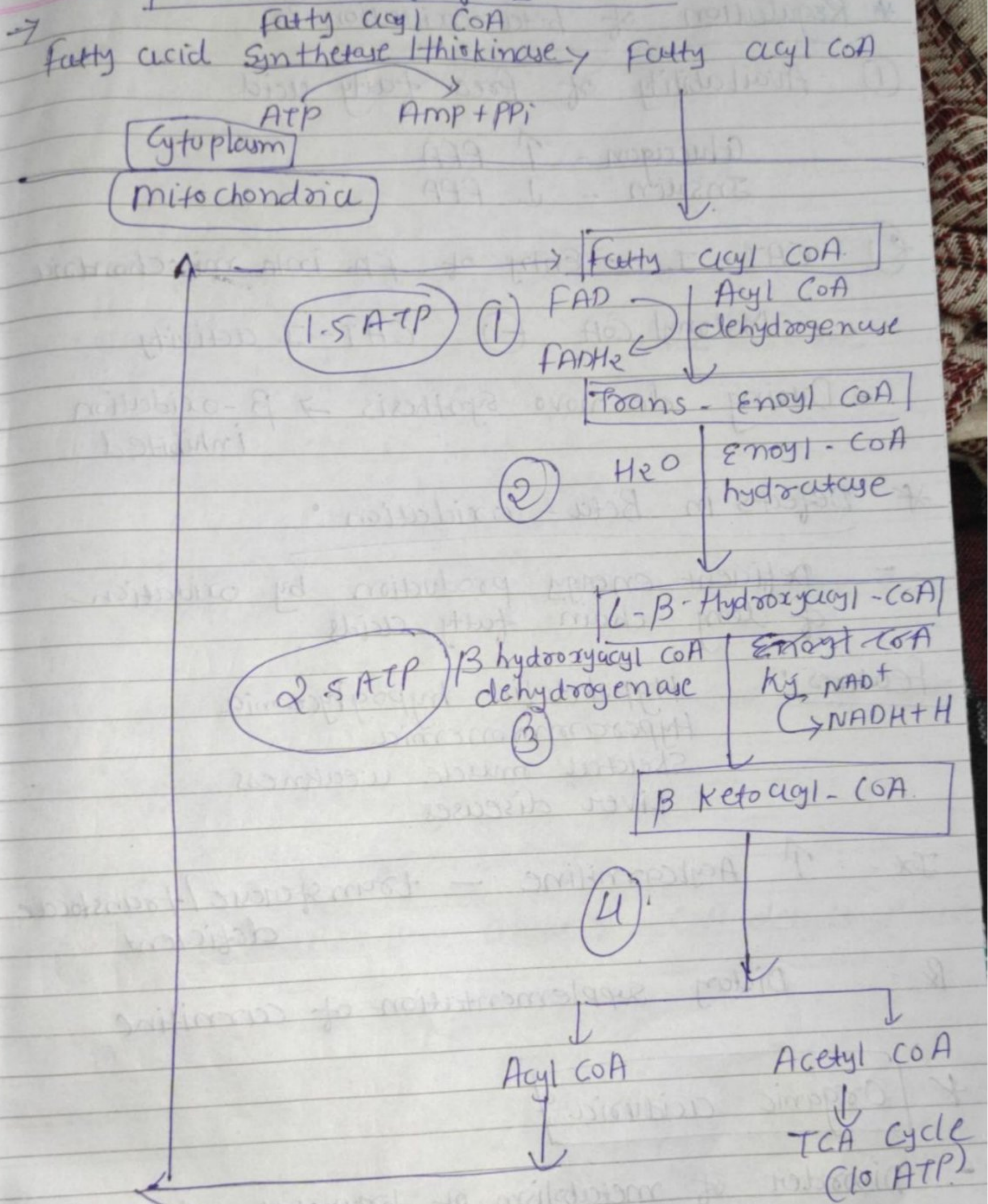
- 8 acetyl coA  $\times 10 = 80$

~~2 ATP~~ Total = 108 ATP - generated  
2 ATP used

Net yield = 106 ATP



# β oxidation of fatty acids





## \* Regulation of beta-oxidation:

(1) Availability of free fatty acid

Glucagon -  $\uparrow$  FFA  
Insulin -  $\downarrow$  FFA

(2) CAT - I - Entry of FA into mitochondria

- Malonyl CoA  $\ominus$  CAT-I activity

- During de novo synthesis  $\rightarrow$   $\beta$ -oxidation inhibited

## \* Defects in Beta-oxidation:

- Deficient energy production by oxidation of long chain fatty acids.

### Features:

Hypoketotic hypoglycemia  
Hyperammonemia  
Skeletal muscle weakness  
Liver diseases.

Ix -  $\uparrow$  Acylcarnitine - transferase / transferase deficient

Rx - Dietary supplementation of carnitine

## \* Organic aciduria

- Disorder of metabolism of branched chain amino acid, aromatic amino acids & Citric acid cycles.

- Accumulation of organic acid in body



↓  
Organic acid excreted in urine.

clf - Acidosis  
vomiting  
convulsion  
coma  
mental & physical retardation.

Diagnosis - presence of organic acid in urine  
by chromatography.

Treatment - Dietary restriction  
Cofactor therapy  
Substrate removal

e.g (1) methyl malonic aciduria  
Deficiency of methyl malonyl CoA mutase or  
B<sub>12</sub> Coenzyme

(2) propionic acidemia - propionyl - CoA Carboxylase

(3) MCADH deficiency - MCADH

(4) LCADH deficiency - LCADH

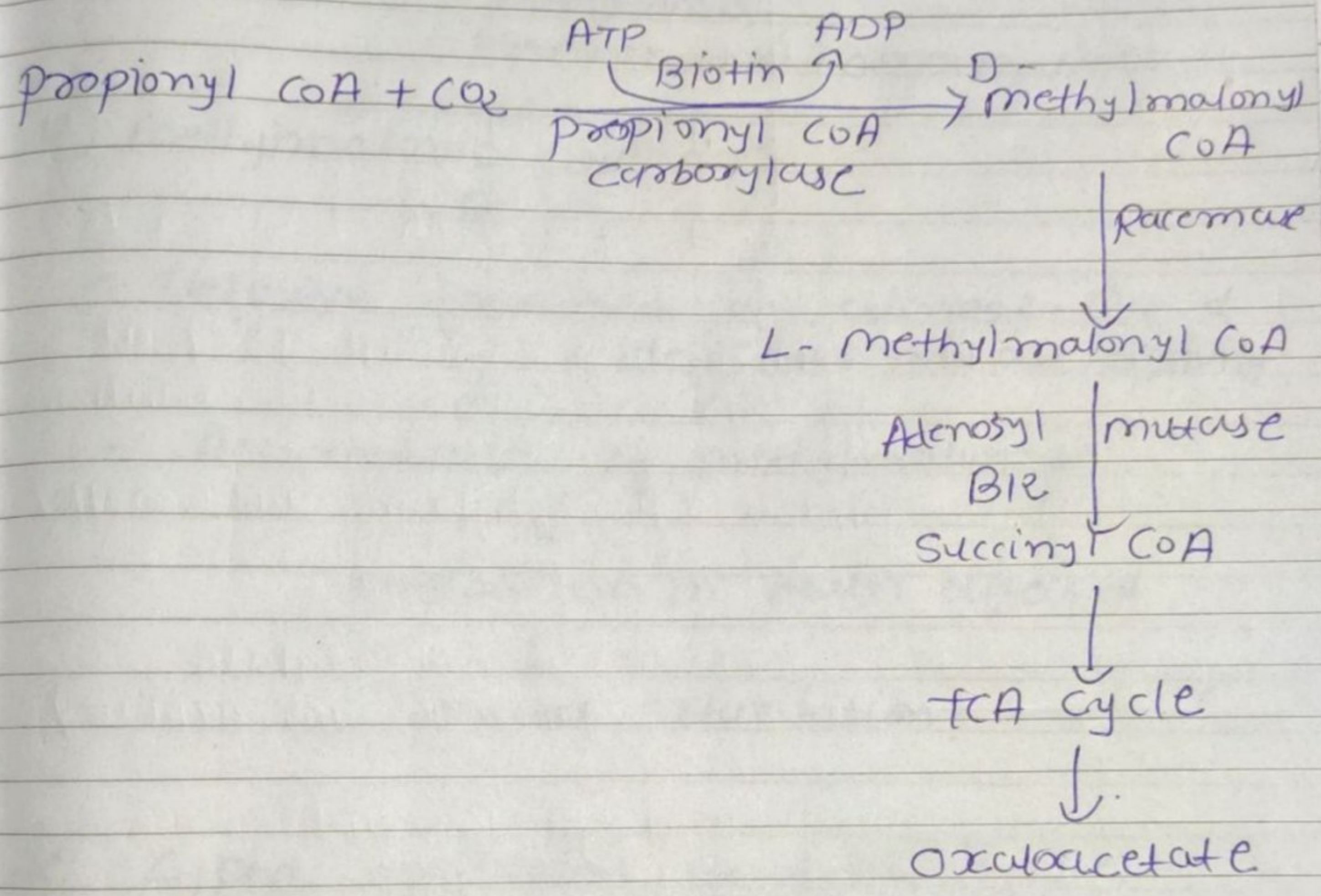
(5) Glutamic aciduria - Glutaryl - CoA dehydrogenase



\* Oxidation of odd chain fatty acids :-

→ 3 C - propionyl Co-A

→ metabolism of propionic acid :-



→ propionic acid derived from -

metabolism of odd chain fatty acid  
Isoleucine  
Valine

→ FA not used for gluconeogenesis

→ odd chain FA used for gluconeogenesis

↓  
enter in TCA cycle after CO<sub>2</sub> elimination steps

present in cow's milk - odd chain F.A.



## → Inborn errors of propionate metabolism:-

① propionyl CoA carboxylase deficiency  
↓  
propionic acidemia  
ketoacidosis  
Developmental abnormalities

② methylmalonic aciduria:-

↓  
- Defective formation of adenosyl B<sub>12</sub> & deficient mutase activity

- Accumulation of methylmalonate

↓  
metabolism in brain affected

↓  
mental retardation

## \* Alpha oxidation of fatty acid:-

- Removal of carbon atom from Carboxyl end & cause oxidation of FA

- Important in brain

- No activation of acetyl CoA FA required

- Occur in endoplasmic reticulum

- Does not generate energy



Fatty acid

↓  
Hydroxylation at  $\alpha$ -carbon

↓  
 $\alpha$  Keto acid

↓ Decarboxylation

↓  
 $CO_2 +$  FA with 1 carbon less

use - FA which has methyl group at  $\beta$  carbon - block beta oxidation

- Dietary methylated FA - phytanic acid (milk)

- Refsum disease :- Lack of  $\alpha$  hydroxylase  
(phytanic acid oxidase)

- Accumulation of phytanic acid

↓  
Severe neurological symptom -  
polyneuropathy, retinitis pigmentosa,  
nerve deafness, cerebellar ataxia.

R. - Restrict dietary intake of phytanic acid

- Infantile Refsum disease - peroxisomal disorder

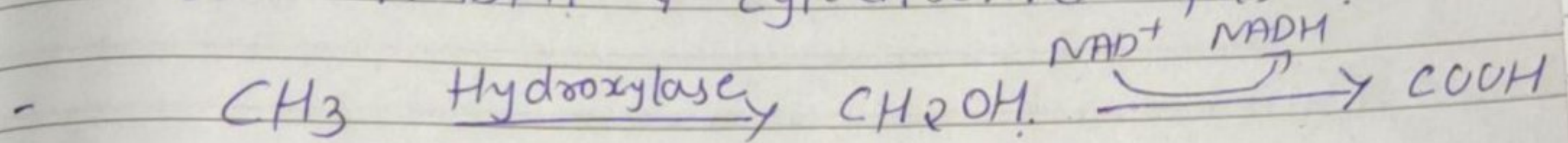
- Accumulation of phytanic acid + VLFA



\* Omega oxidation :-

- occurs in mitochondria

- Use NADPH & cytochrome P450



Imp - When  $\beta$  oxidation defective &  
Dicarboxylic acid excreted in urine  
 $\downarrow$   
dicarboxylic aciduria