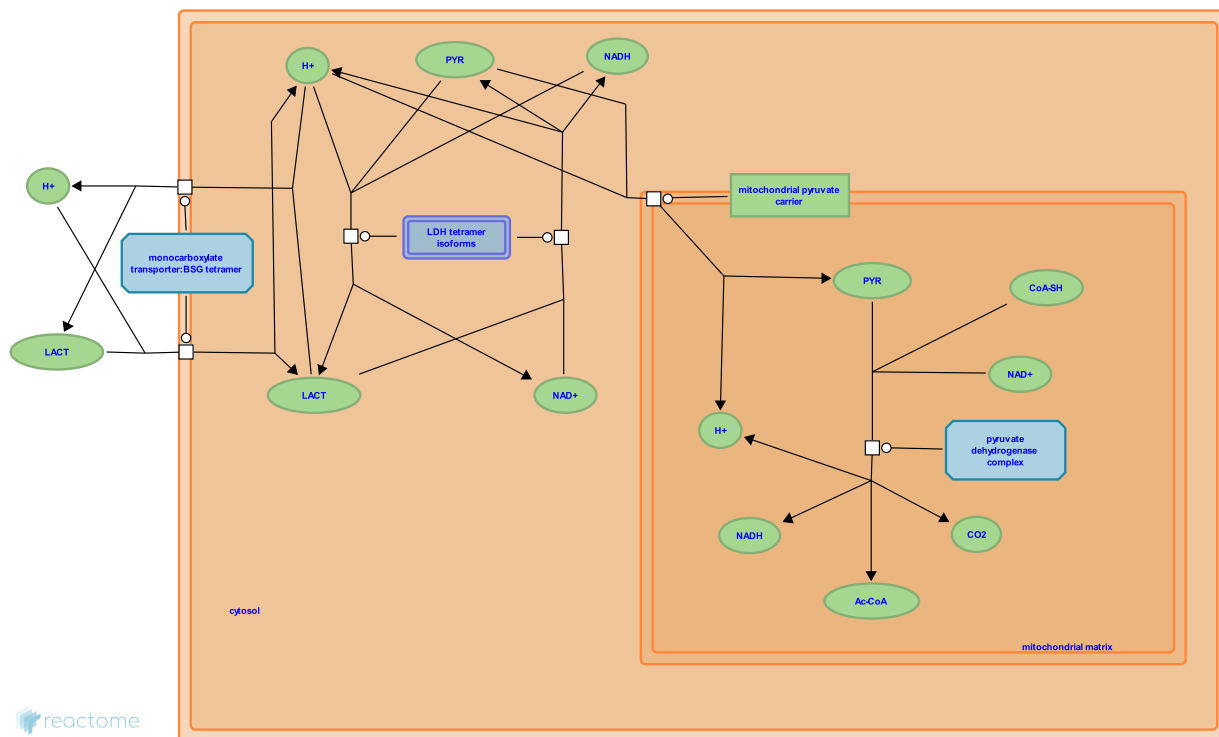


Pyruvate metabolism



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Introduction

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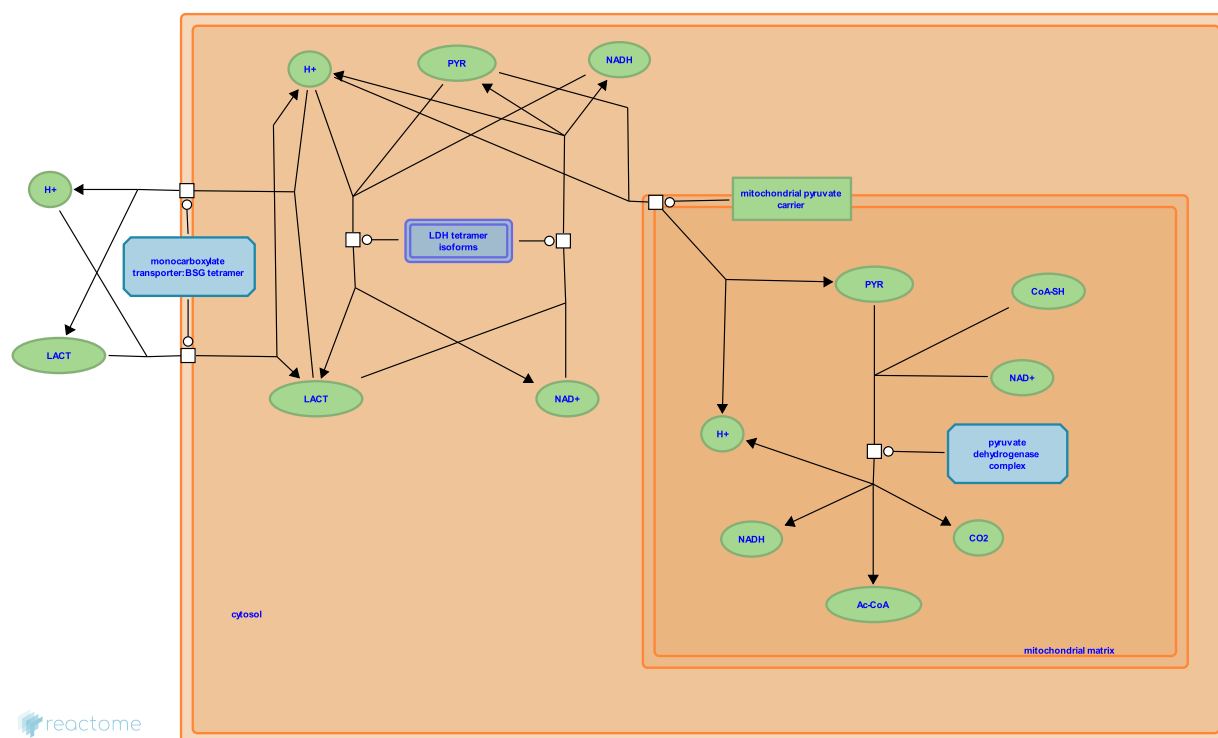
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Pyruvate sits at an intersection of key pathways of energy metabolism. It is the end product of glycolysis and the starting point for gluconeogenesis (Watford 1985). It can be converted by the pyruvate dehydrogenase complex to acetyl CoA which can enter the TCA cycle or serve as the starting point for the syntheses of long chain fatty acids, steroids, and ketone bodies. It also plays a central role in balancing the energy needs of various tissues in the body: under anaerobic conditions (e.g., rapidly exercising white muscle), pyruvate is reduced to lactate which is exported from the cell and taken up by tissues that can re-oxidize it to pyruvate for further oxidative metabolism via acetyl CoA (e.g., red muscle) or for gluconeogenesis (e.g., kidney cortex) (Wilson et al. 1998; Yorita et al. 1987).

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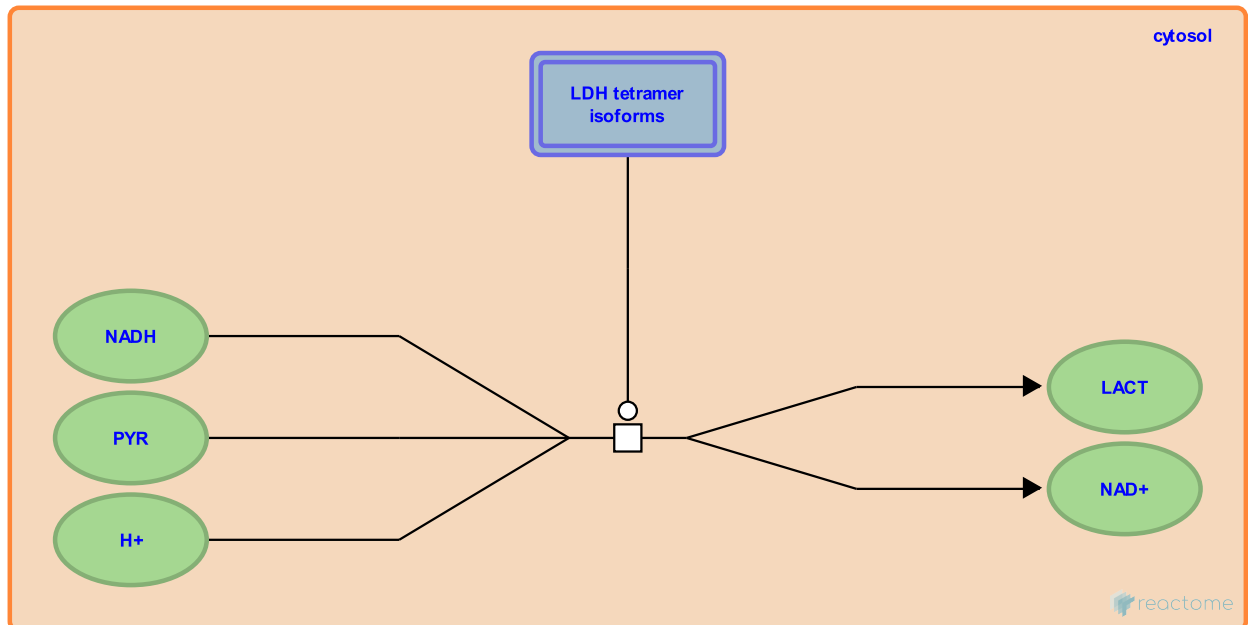
pyruvate + NADH + H+ <=> lactate + NAD+ ↗

Location: [Pyruvate metabolism](#)

Stable identifier: R-GGA-372910

Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



Cytosolic lactate dehydrogenase catalyzes the reversible reaction of pyruvate and NADH + H⁺ to form lactate and NAD⁺. There are two isoforms of lactate dehydrogenase encoded by two different genes whose expression levels vary from tissue to tissue and as a function of developmental stage. The active form of the enzyme is a tetramer, whose composition in a tissue appears to be determined by the relative abundances of the two monomer isoforms. All five possible lactate dehydrogenase isoforms have been described; no functional differences among them have been found (Lindsay 1963; Hirota et al. 1990).

Followed by: [lactate + H+ \[cytosol\] <=> lactate + H+ \[extracellular\]](#)

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Hirota, Y., Katsumata, A., Takeya, T. (1990). Nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of chicken lactate dehydrogenase-A. *Nucl Acids Res*, 18, 6432. ↗

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lactate + H⁺ [cytosol] <=> lactate + H⁺ [extracellular] ↗

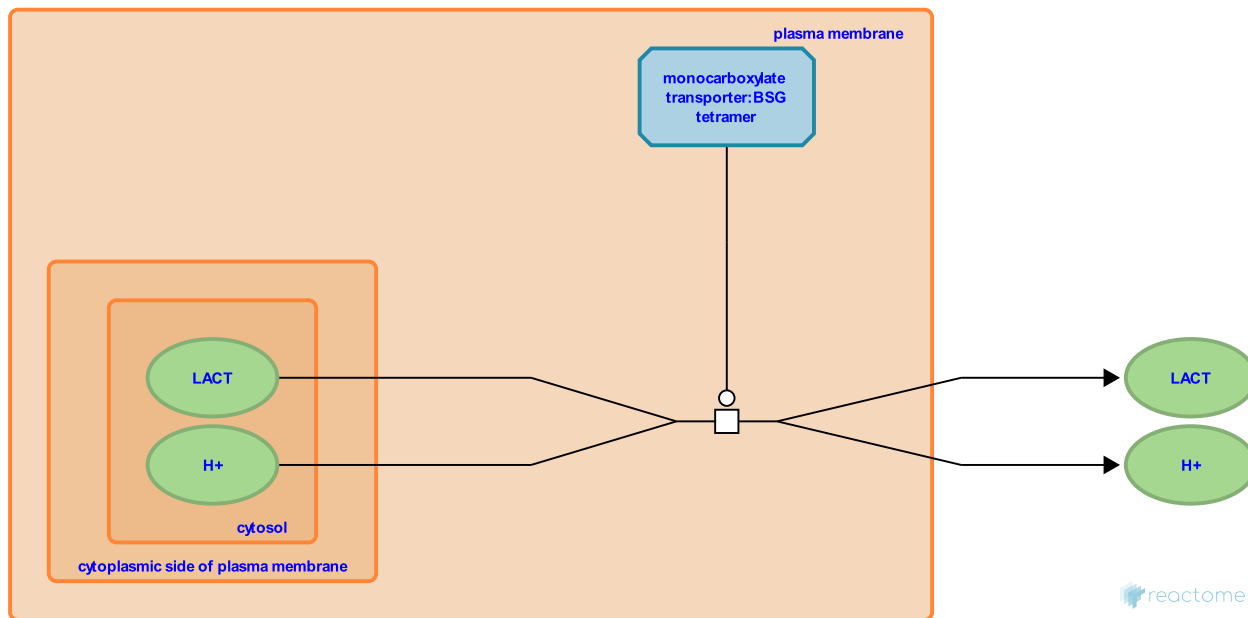
Location: [Pyruvate metabolism](#)

Stable identifier: R-GGA-373889

Type: transition

Compartments: plasma membrane, extracellular region, cytosol

Inferred from: [BSG:MCTs cotransport LACT, H⁺ from cytosol to extracellular region \(Homo sapiens\)](#)



The monocarboxylate transporter:basigin complex, associated with the plasma membrane, mediates the reversible export of cytosolic lactate and a hydrogen ion. No chicken transporter capable of mediating this reaction has been experimentally characterized, although open reading frames capable of encoding protein closely similar to components of the human MCT:basigin complex have been identified computationally in the ENSEMBL chicken gene set. This reaction is inferred from its human counterpart.

Preceded by: [pyruvate + NADH + H⁺ <=> lactate + NAD⁺](#)

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lactate + H⁺ [extracellular] <=> lactate + H⁺ [cytosol] ↗

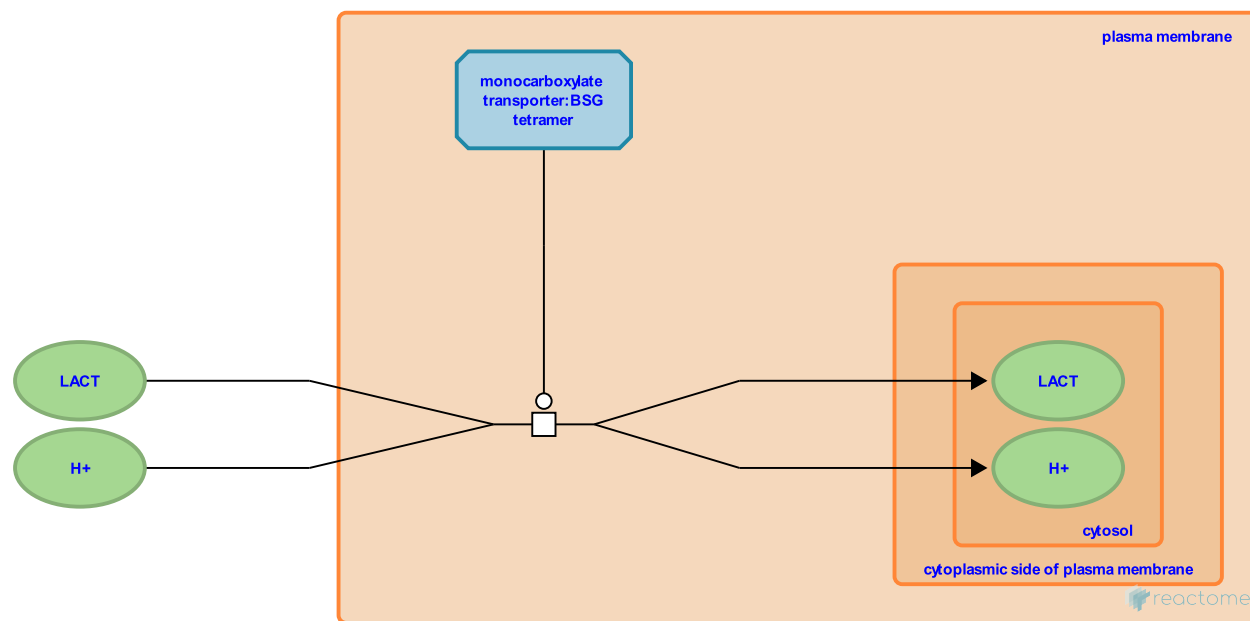
Location: [Pyruvate metabolism](#)

Stable identifier: R-GGA-373887

Type: transition

Compartments: plasma membrane, extracellular region, cytosol

Inferred from: [BSG:MCTs cotransport LACT, H⁺ from extracellular region to cytosol \(Homo sapiens\)](#)



The monocarboxylate transporter:basigin complex, associated with the plasma membrane, mediates the reversible uptake of extracellular lactate and a hydrogen ion. No chicken transporter capable of mediating this reaction has been experimentally characterized, although open reading frames capable of encoding protein closely similar to components of the human MCT:basigin complex have been identified computationally in the ENSEMBL chicken gene set. This reaction is inferred from its human counterpart.

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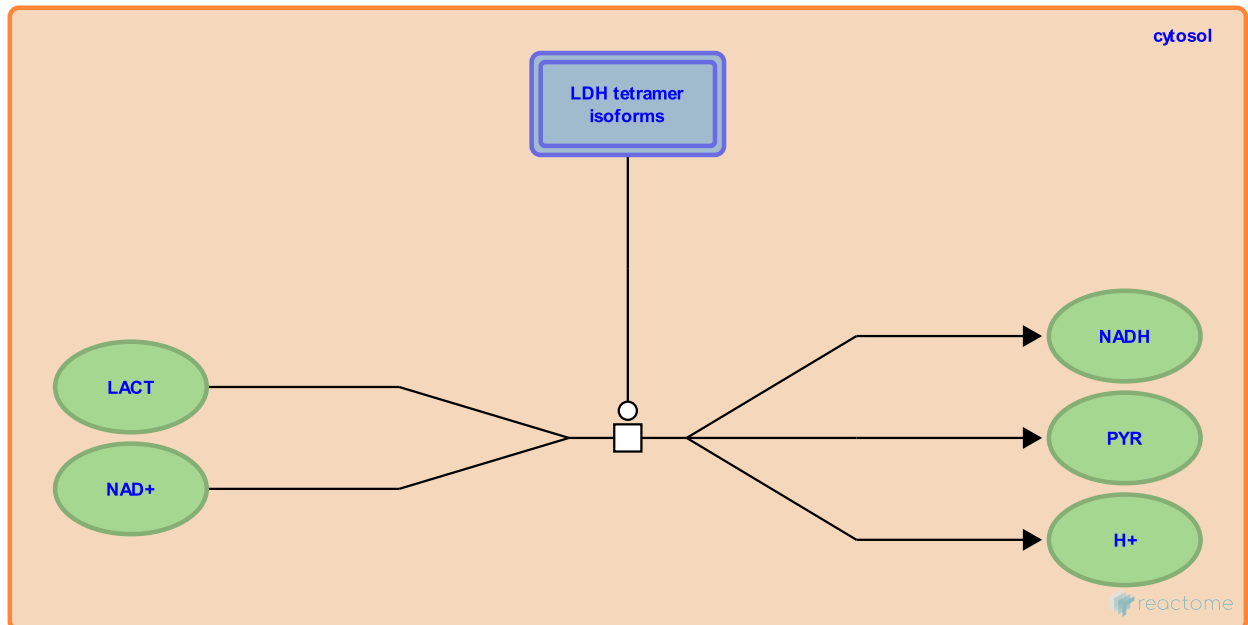
lactate + NAD+ <=> pyruvate + NADH + H+ ↗

Location: [Pyruvate metabolism](#)

Stable identifier: R-GGA-372903

Type: transition

Compartments: cytosol



Cytosolic lactate dehydrogenase catalyzes the reversible reaction of lactate and NAD⁺ to form pyruvate and NADH + H⁺. There are two isoforms of lactate dehydrogenase encoded by two different genes whose expression levels vary from tissue to tissue and as a function of developmental stage. The active form of the enzyme is a tetramer, whose composition in a tissue appears to be determined by the relative abundances of the two monomer isoforms. All five possible lactate dehydrogenase isoforms have been described; no functional differences among them have been found (Lindsay 1963; Hirota et al. 1990).

Followed by: [pyruvate + H+ \[cytosol\] => pyruvate + H+ \[mitochondrial matrix\]](#)

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pyruvate + H+ [cytosol] => pyruvate + H+ [mitochondrial matrix] ↗

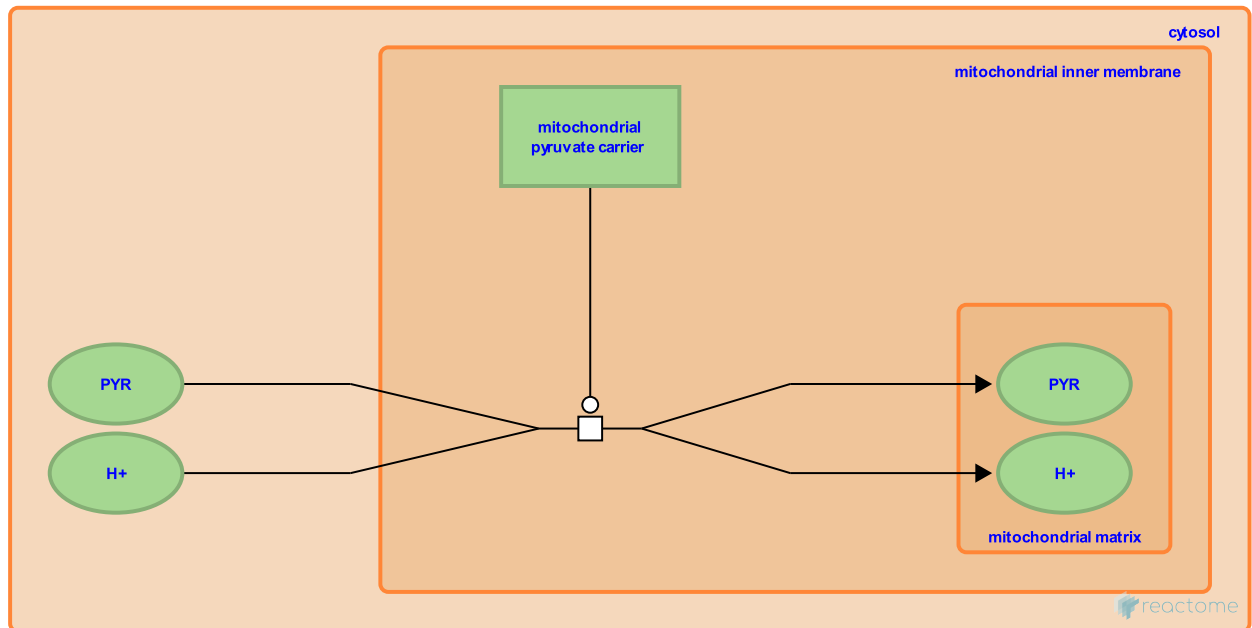
Location: [Pyruvate metabolism](#)

Stable identifier: R-GGA-372359

Type: transition

Compartments: mitochondrial inner membrane, mitochondrial matrix, cytosol

Inferred from: [Cytosolic PYR is transported to the mitochondrial matrix \(Rattus norvegicus\)](#)



The mitochondrial uptake of pyruvate is inferred from the process worked out in studies of isolated rat mitochondria (Papa et al. 1971).

Preceded by: [lactate + NAD+ <=> pyruvate + NADH + H+](#)

Followed by: [pyruvate + CoASH + NAD+ => acetylCoA + CO2 + NADH + H+](#)

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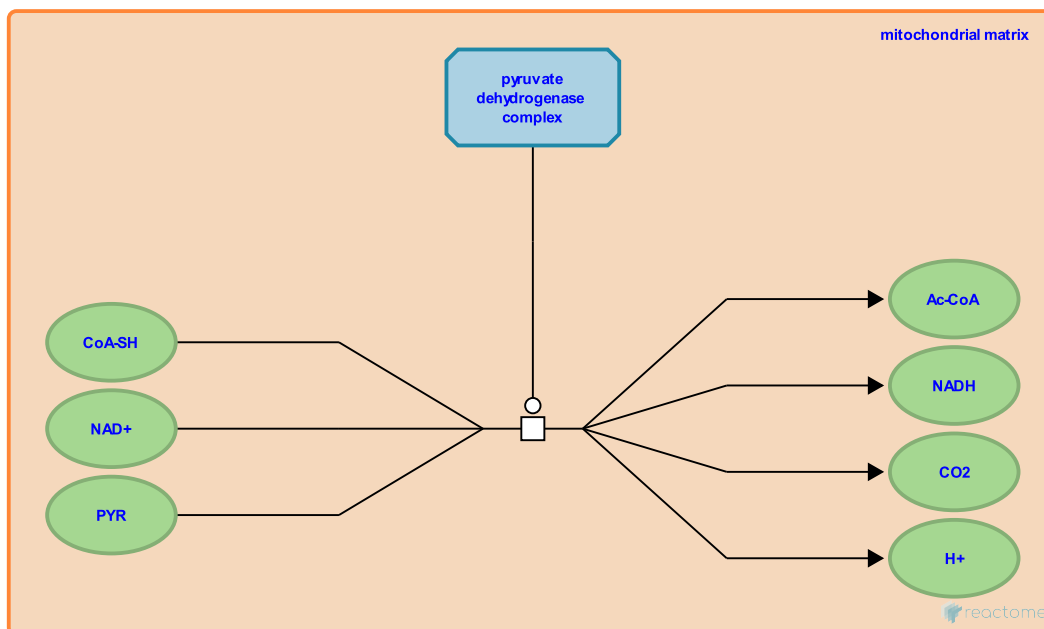
pyruvate + CoASH + NAD+ => acetylCoA + CO2 + NADH + H+ ↗

Location: [Pyruvate metabolism](#)

Stable identifier: R-GGA-373177

Type: transition

Compartments: mitochondrial matrix



Mitochondrial pyruvate dehydrogenase complex catalyzes the reaction of pyruvate, CoASH, and NAD⁺ to form acetylCoA, CO₂, and NADH + H⁺. No chicken enzyme complex capable of catalyzing this reaction has been identified, although open reading frames capable of encoding proteins closely similar to each of the three authentic human pyruvate dehydrogenase E1, E2, and E3 subunits have been identified computationally in the ENSEMBL chicken gene set. This reaction is inferred from its human counterpart.

Preceded by: [pyruvate + H+ \[cytosol\] => pyruvate + H+ \[mitochondrial matrix\]](#)

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