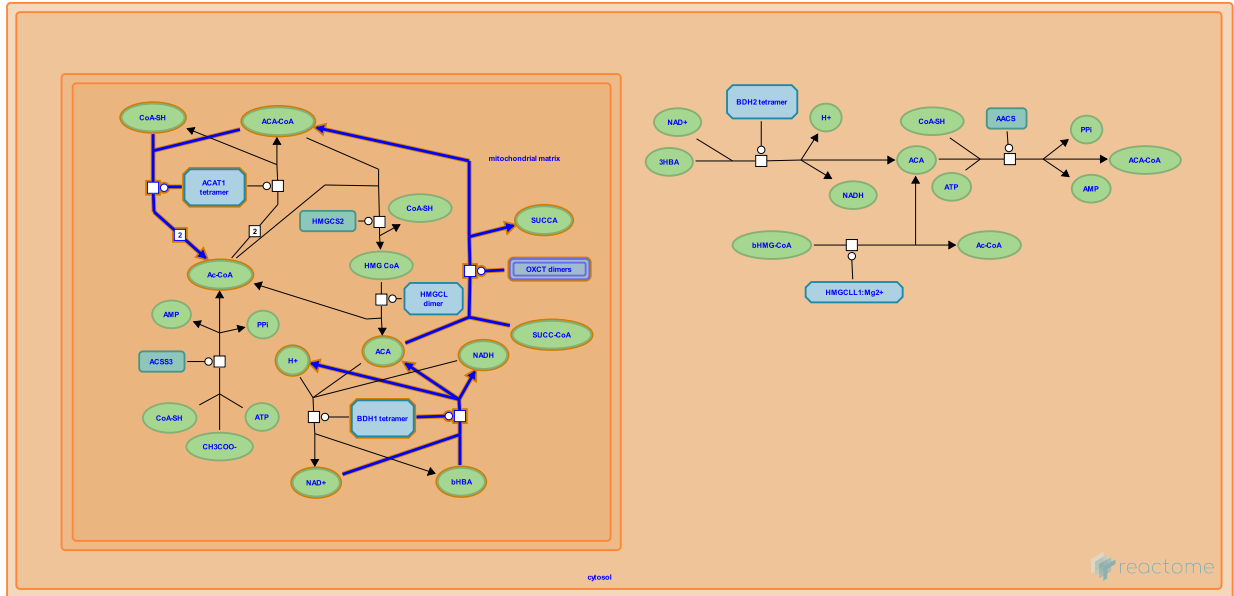


Utilization of Ketone Bodies



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Introduction

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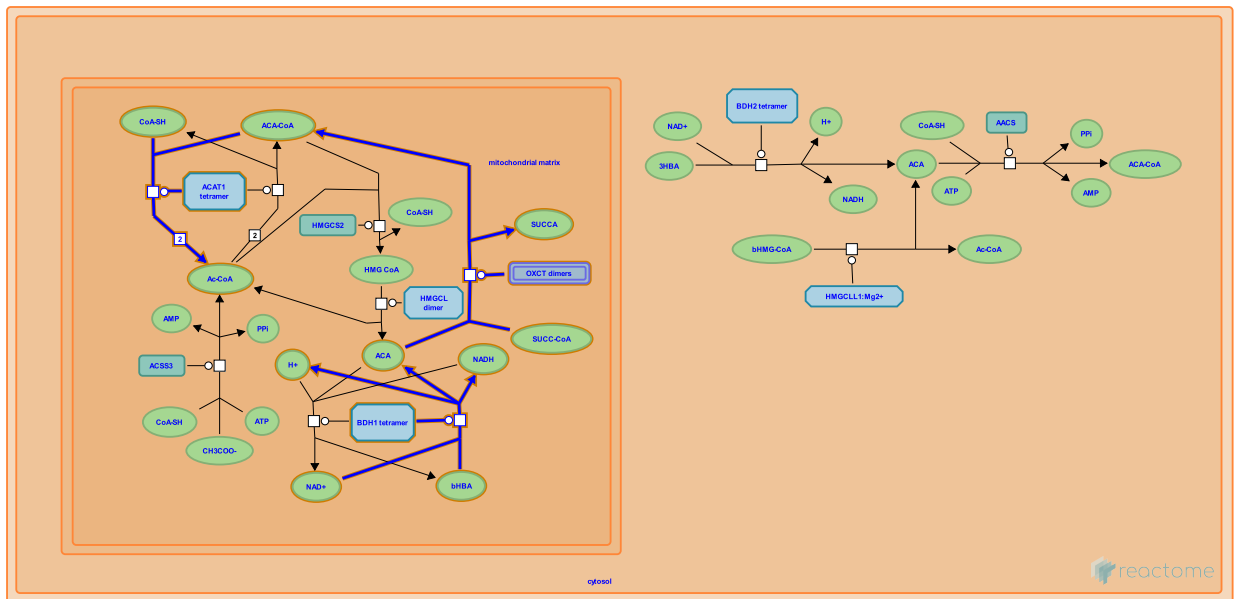
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Compartments: mitochondrial matrix



The levels of acetone in ketone bodies are much lower than those of acetoacetic acid and beta-hydroxybutyric acid. Acetone cannot be converted back to acetyl-CoA, and is excreted in urine, or breathed out through the lungs. Extrahepatic tissues utilize ketone bodies by converting the beta-hydroxybutyrate successively to acetoacetate, acetoacetyl-CoA, finally to acetyl-CoA (Sass 2011).

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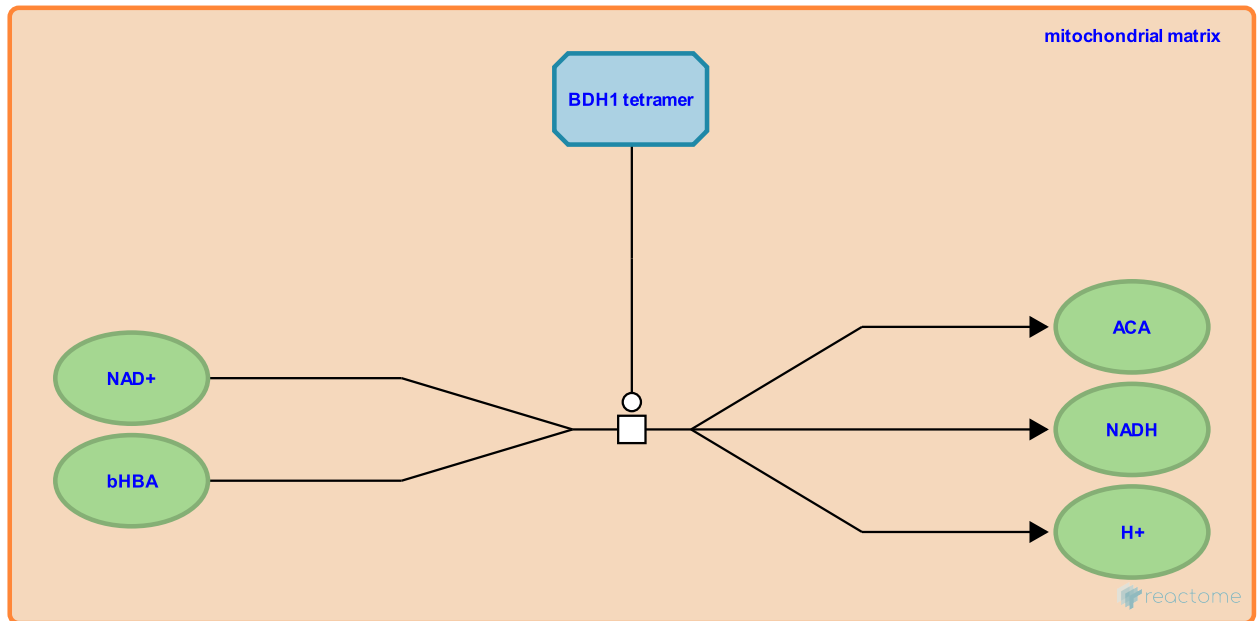
D-beta hydroxybutyrate+NAD+ <=> acetoacetate+NADH+H+ ↗

Location: [Utilization of Ketone Bodies](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-73920

Type: transition

Compartments: mitochondrial matrix



D-beta-hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase tetramer (BDH1) in the mitochondrial matrix catalyzes the reversible reaction of D-beta hydroxybutyrate and NAD+ to form acetoacetate and NADH + H+ (Marks et al. 1992).

Followed by: [OXCT dimers transfer CoA from SUCC-CoA to ACA, forming ACA-CoA](#)

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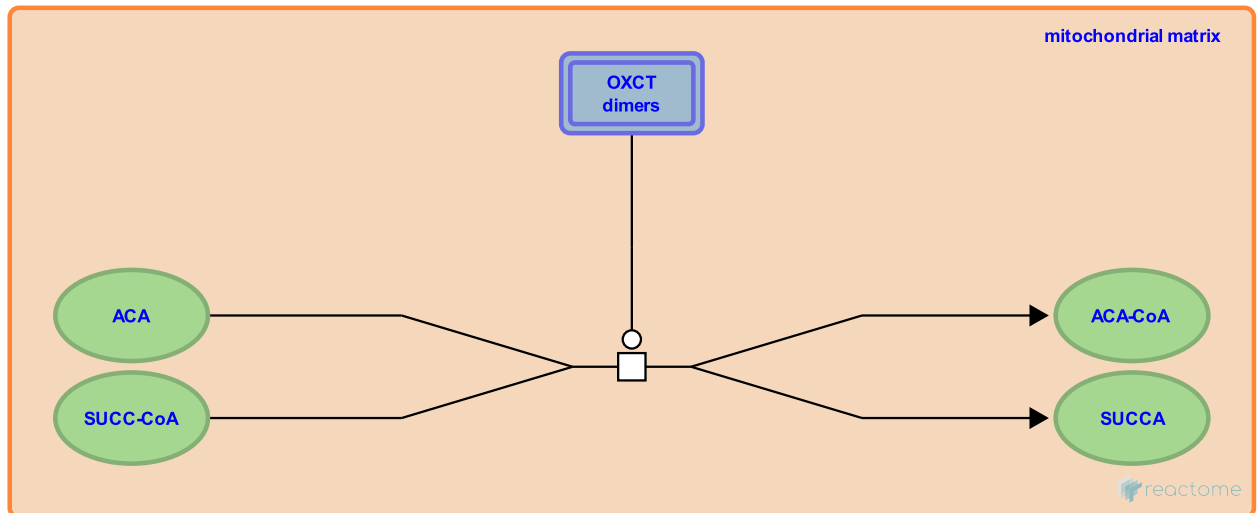
OXCT dimers transfer CoA from SUCC-CoA to ACA, forming ACA-CoA ↗

Location: [Utilization of Ketone Bodies](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-74177

Type: transition

Compartments: mitochondrial matrix



Mitochondrial succinyl-CoA:3-ketoacid coenzyme A transferases 1 and 2 (OXCT1 and OXCT2) are key enzymes for the metabolism of ketone bodies, catalysing the first rate-limiting step of ketone body utilisation in peripheral tissues. In dimeric form, they mediate the transfer of a CoA moiety from succinyl-CoA (SUCC-CoA) to acetoacetate (ACA) to form acetoacetyl-CoA (ACA-CoA) and succinate (SUCCA) (Kassovska-Bratinova et al. 1996, Tanaka et al. 2002). ACA-CoA can be converted to acetyl-CoA which can be utilised by the tricarboxylic acid cycle for energy production.

Preceded by: [D-beta hydroxybutyrate+NAD+ <=> acetoacetate+NADH+H+](#)

Followed by: [acetoacetyl-CoA + CoA <=> 2 acetyl-CoA](#)

Literature references

Kondo, N., Pérez-Cerda, C., Kassovska-Bratinova, S., Vobecky, S., Fukao, T., Ugarte, M. et al. (1996). Succinyl CoA: 3-oxoacid CoA transferase (SCOT): human cDNA cloning, human chromosomal mapping to 5p13, and mutation detection in a SCOT-deficient patient. *Am J Hum Genet*, 59, 519-28. ↗

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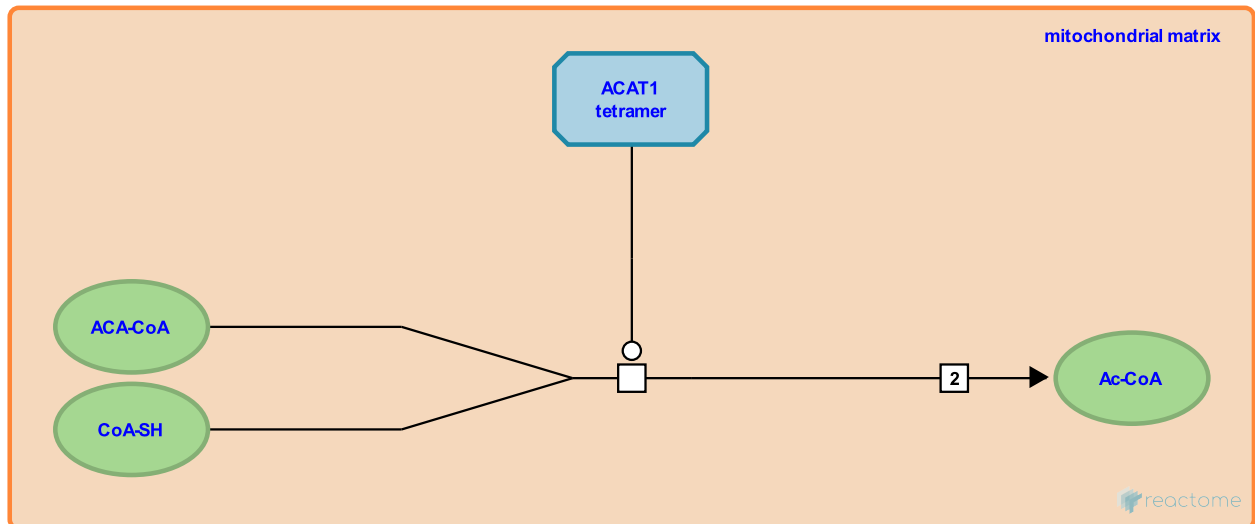
acetoacetyl-CoA + CoA <=> 2 acetyl-CoA ↗

Location: [Utilization of Ketone Bodies](#)

Stable identifier: R-HSA-74181

Type: transition

Compartments: mitochondrial matrix



Acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase tetramer (ACAT1) in the mitochondrial matrix catalyzes the reversible reaction of acetoacetyl-CoA and CoA to form two molecules of acetyl-CoA (Middleton et al. 1986).

Preceded by: [OXCT dimers transfer CoA from SUCC-CoA to ACA, forming ACA-CoA](#)

Literature references

Romanos, A., Middleton, B., Cannon, RA., Conde, C., Nyhan, WL., Lipson, M. et al. (1986). 3-Ketothiolase deficiency. *Eur J Pediatr*, 144, 586-9. ↗

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