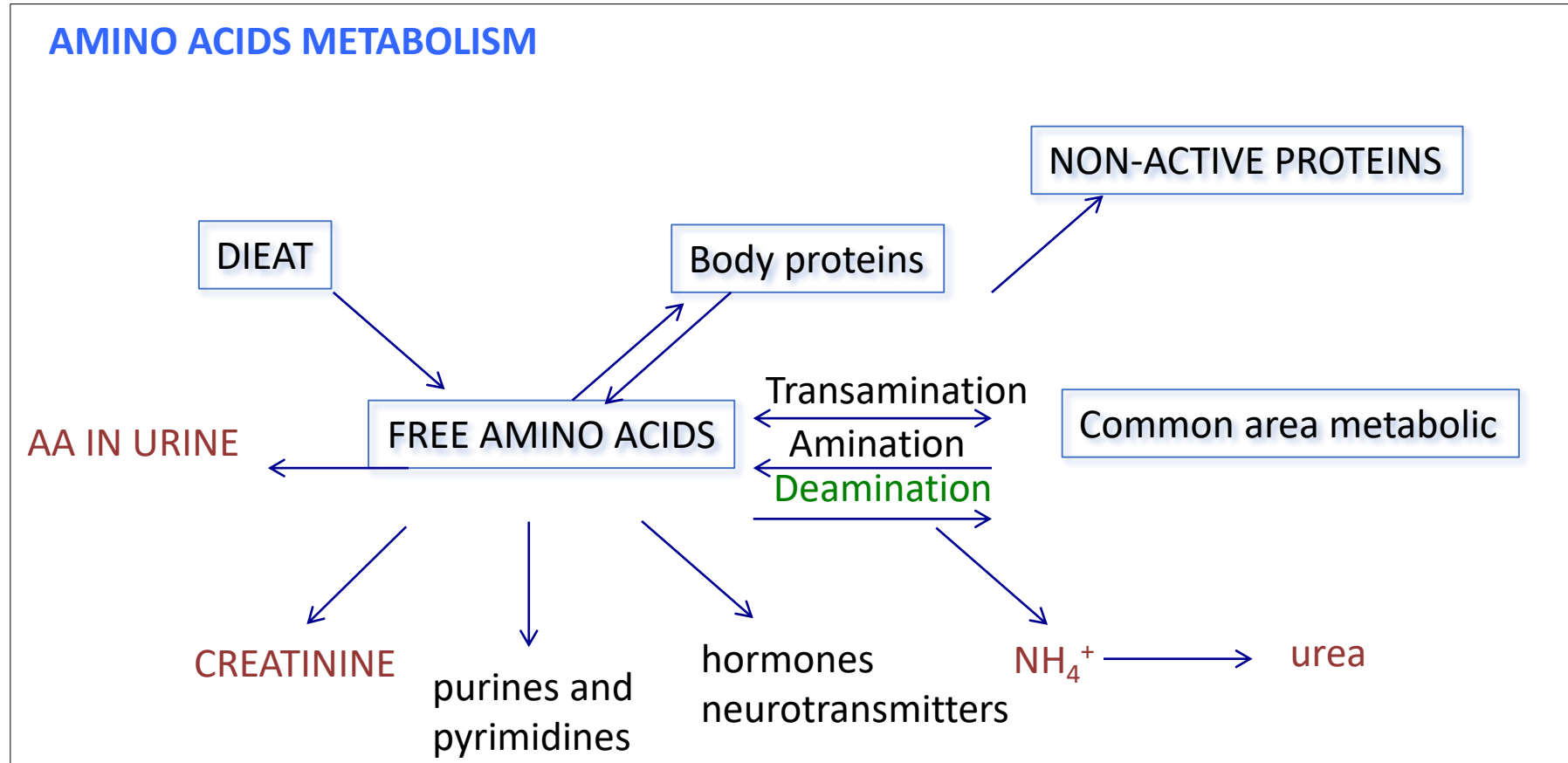




# Diagnosis of Inborn errors of metabolism – follow-up

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During the growth phase, the balance between amino acids and proteins is shifted in favor of proteins, which means that protein synthesis processes prevail over protein breakdown.

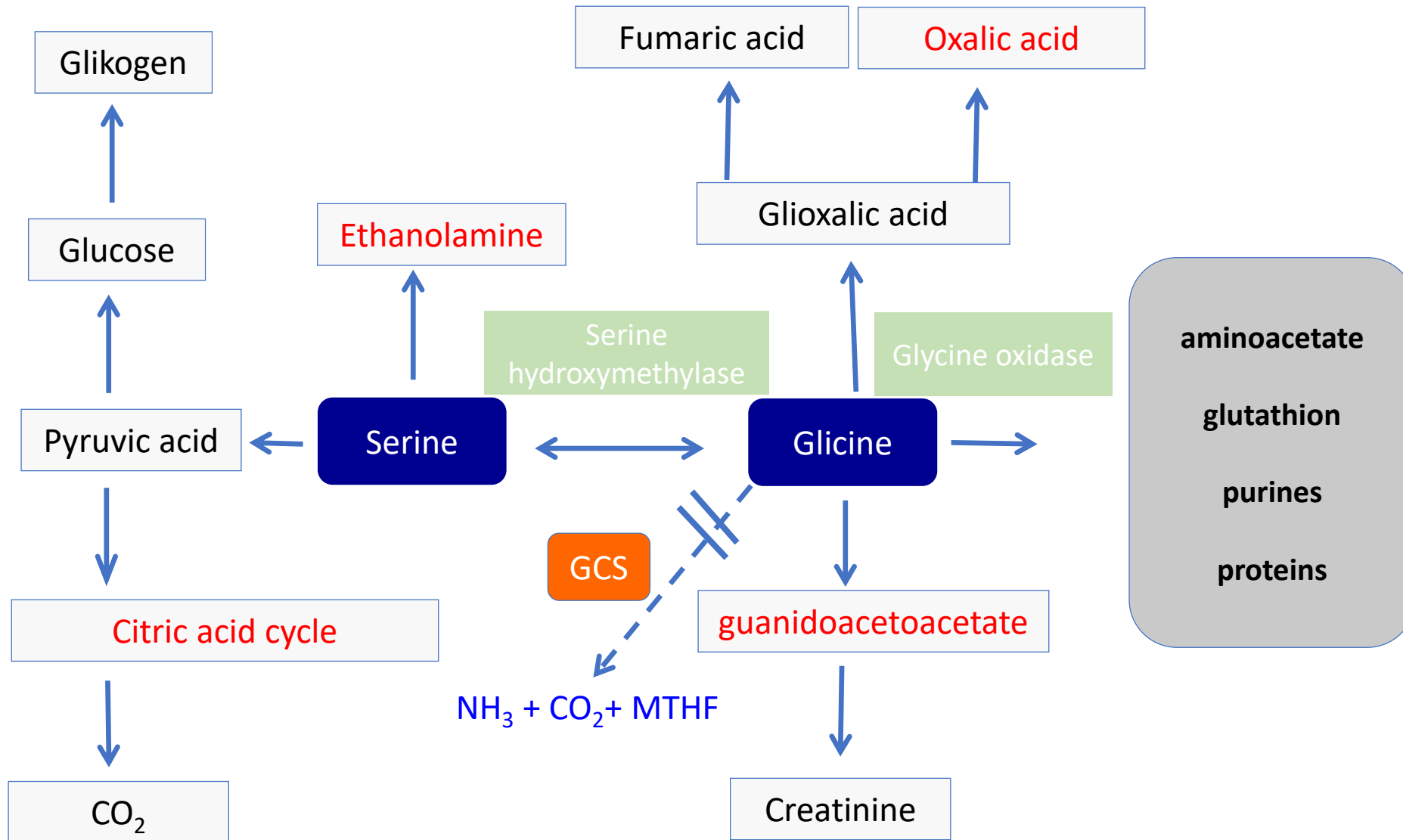




## Def. OTC

Amino acids	Pacjent 1	Pacjent 2	Ref. range
Serine	88	107	68 -160
Homocysteine	5,0	15	3,3 – 8,3
Glutamine	412	740	396 – 740
Glicine	166	296	123 – 319
Threonine	67	33	102 - 190
Citruline	15	7,7	16 – 46
Arginine	48	40	46 – 128
Alanine	137	294	182 – 552
Taurine	22	17	6 – 126
Tyrosine	37	28	35 – 84
Valine	124	103	144 – 269
Methionine	18	16	12 – 32
Isoleucine	17	29	34 – 84
Ornitine	17	30	27 – 98
Leucine	75	55	78 – 160
Proline	72	115	88 - 290

# Glicine and folic acids metabolism



# Patient with non-ketotic hyperglycinemia

Aminokwasy	Patient plasma	Patient CSF	Ref. Range plasma	Ref. Range CSF
Serine	123	53	68 -160	21 - 63
Homocysteine	5,0	ND	3,3 – 8,3	ND
Glutamine	467	592	396 – 740	352 - 680
Glicine	456	112	123 – 319	3 - 9
Threonine	112	41	102 - 190	14 - 45
Citruline	15	2	16 – 46	1 - 6
Arginine	49	23	46 – 128	13 – 25,5
Alanine	237	42	182 – 552	13 – 48
Taurine	29	6	6 – 126	4 - 14
Tyrosine	43	11	35 – 84	8 - 14
Valine	187	19,1	144 – 269	9 - 19
Methionine	23	4,1	12 – 32	1 – 5
Isoleucine	45	3,5	34 – 84	2,5 – 6,5
Ornitine	78	3	27 – 98	2,4 - 9
Leucine	98	12	78 – 160	6,5 - 16
Proline	134	0,3	88 - 290	<0,5

# Amino acids metabolism disorders

Amino acids	Patient (Citrulinemia)	Patient (Tyrosinemia)	Ref. range
Serine	79	111	90 -221
Homocysteine	3,8	5,4	3,3 – 8,3
Glutamine	382	490	178 – 740
Glicine	86	225	100 – 324
Threonine	109	109	76 - 192
Citruline	<b>150</b>	20	6 – 50
Arginine	30	55	18 – 125
Alanine	182	178	144 – 418
Taurine	40	57	18 - 162
Tyrosine	45	<b>501</b>	32 - 98
Valine	84	155	79 – 273
Methionine	18	25	9 – 51
Isoleucine	32	39	28 – 92
Ornitine	26	20	9 - 123
Leucine	66	90	53 – 164
Proline	93	94	53 - 254

## Amino acids metabolism disorders kwasów

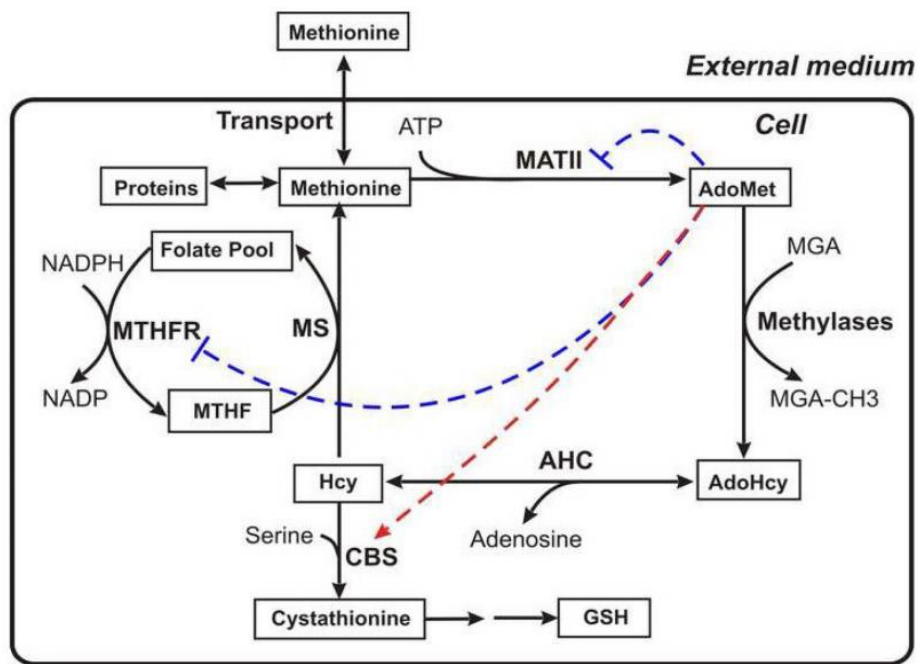
Amino acids	Patient (MMA)	Patient (PA)	Ref. range
Serine	137	148	90 -221
Homocysteine	4,4	7	3,3 – 8,3
Glutamine	301	379	178 – 740
Glicine	314	709	100 – 324
Threonine	363	97	76 - 192
Citruline	14,1	24	6 – 50
Arginine	45	45	18 – 125
Alanine	515	430	144 – 418
Taurine	50	52	18 - 162
Tyrosine	25	59	32 - 98
Valine	105	91	79 – 273
Methionine	22	22	9 – 51
Isoleucine	52	25	28 – 92
Ornitine	14	44	9 - 123
Leucine	74	53	53 – 164
Proline	141	120	53 - 254



## „1-carbon metabolism”

- shows that the most important processes occurring in the cell are based on the transfer of a single carbon atom from one molecule to another.
- a molecule consisting of one carbon atom and three hydrogen atoms, which is the main element of the process, is responsible for such transport  
methylation – methyl group ( $-CH_3$ )

The basic amino acids involved in the transport of methyl groups are  
**sulfur amino acids.**



**SAM:**

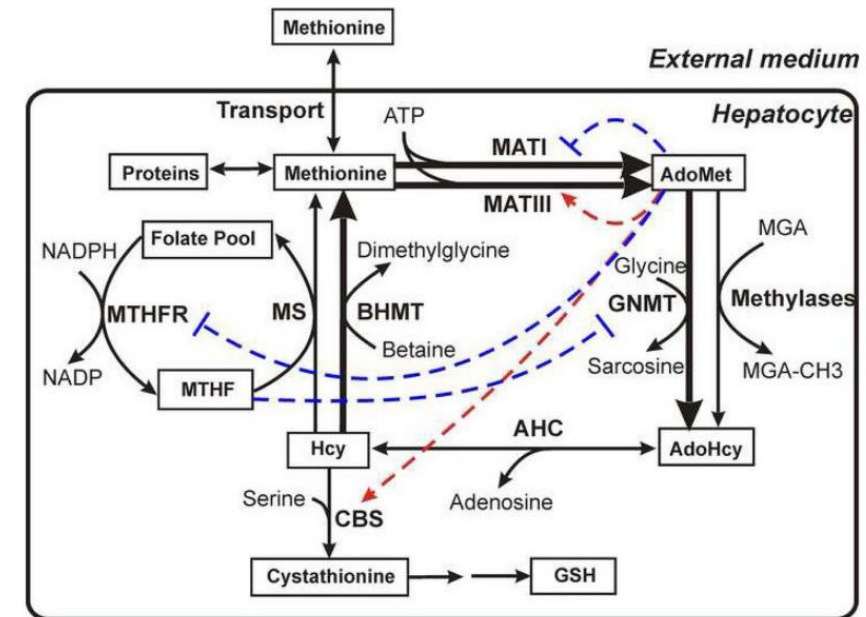
- activates CBS
- inhibits MAT II
- inhibits MTHFR

**SAM:**

- activates CBS
- activates MAT III
- inhibits MAT I
- inhibits MTHFR

**MTHF:**

- inhibits GNMT



## Sulfur amino acids

- Methionine, Homocysteine, Cystathionine, Cysteine, Taurine, Sulfo-cysteine
- Disorders of sulfur amino acid metabolism include enzyme deficiency :
- on the **transsulfuration** pathway, which involves the conversion of sulfur from methionine through homocysteine and cysteine into sulfate
- in the homocysteine to methionine **remethylation** pathway.
- in the **transmethylation** and synthesis pathway of SAM and SAH..

# Methionine and cistine

The metabolism of methionine and cysteine in body tissues determines the concentration of several metabolites with different biological activities

SAA	MAT I/III (1)	MAT I/III (2)	Ref. range
Methionine	632	212	16 – 29
Sarcosine	2,06	0,96	0,91 – 2,24
SAM	0,08	0,102	0,048 – 0,072
SAH	0,021	0,014	0,01 – 0,021
Hcy	23,9	9,7	6,9 – 13,0
Cystathionine	0,258	0,206	0,09 – 0,29
Cysteine	199	195	204 – 292
Glutathion	6,64	4,43	3,9 – 8,9
Hypotaurine	0,32	0,46	0,49 – 1,12
sulphites	0,029	0,091	0,14 – 0,62
Thiosulphate	0,029	0,016	0,43 – 2,93
Dimethylglycine	12,4	5,14	2,5 – 4,7
Betaine	405	89,4	26,5 – 50,2
Choline	11,7	13,4	5,5 – 9,5

# Zaburzenia metabolizmu aminokwasów siarkowych

Amino acids	Patient1 (Homocystynuria)	Patient2 (Homocystynuria)	Ref. V.
Serine	137	72	90 -221
Homocysteine	738	208	3,3 – 8,3
Glutamine	641	515	178 – 740
Glicine	502	260	100 – 324
Threonine	249	139	76 - 192
Citruline	31	33	6 – 50
Arginine	121	61	18 – 125
Alanine	376	353	144 – 418
Taurine	165	37	18 - 162
Tyrosine	59	49	32 - 98
Valine	142	165	79 – 273
Methionine	196	185	9 – 51
Isoleucine	64	34	28 – 92
Ornitine	55	41	9 - 123
Leucine	95	81	53 – 164
Prolina	101	179	53 - 254

## Organic acids profile in urine

- Organic acids are intermediates and end products in metabolic processes.
- Organic acid analysis in urine useful for:
  - detection of malfunctions in the metabolism of:
    - a/ amino acids
    - b/ lipids
    - c/ carbohydrates
    - d/ purines/pyrimidines
    - e/ neurotransmitters
  - Follow-up and therapy monitoring

Urinary organic acid profile also includes **exogenic substances from:**

- Food components: **caffeine, sweetener**
- Drug metabolites: **valproate, ethosuximid, aspirin**
- Skin care products: **glycerol**
- Bacterial metabolism products: **succinate, uracil, 2-OH-glutarate**
- Artefacts from sample preparation: **e.g. waste products of**
- **pentafluorobenzylhydroxylamine**

- Interpretation of Organic Acid Profiles
- Search for
  - characteristic pattern of abnormalities
  - diagnostic key metabolites
- Limitations
  - Overlap of diagnostic metabolites with other compounds
    - Severe metabolic decompensation
    - Ketosis
  - Only slight elevations of diagnostic metabolites
    - e.g. defects in cobalamine metabolism



## Interpretation of Organic Acid Profails

- Exact clinical description is helpful and important
  - ▶ Direct search for specific metabolites (e.g. hexanoylglycine)
  - ▶ Organic acid pattern could be normal if urine is not taken during acute crisis
  - ▶ Abnormal pattern could result from diseases other than IEM (e.g. neuroblastoma)
- Information about medication
  - ▶ Possible overlap of endogenous metabolites and drug metabolites
  - ▶ “Some Phenomenon”: 4-hydroxybutyric acid:
- Information about special diet
  - ✓ MCT feeding: could result in an organic acid pattern similar to  $\beta$ -oxidation defects (odd-numbered dicarboxylic acids like sebacic acid, 5-hydroxyhexanoic acid, 7-hydroxyoctanoic acid)

## Interpretation - Pitfalls

### Glutaric aciduria type 1 :

- 3-hydroxyglutaric acid is difficult to separate from 2- hydroxyglutaric acid
- Only small amounts of glutaric acid in “low excretors”

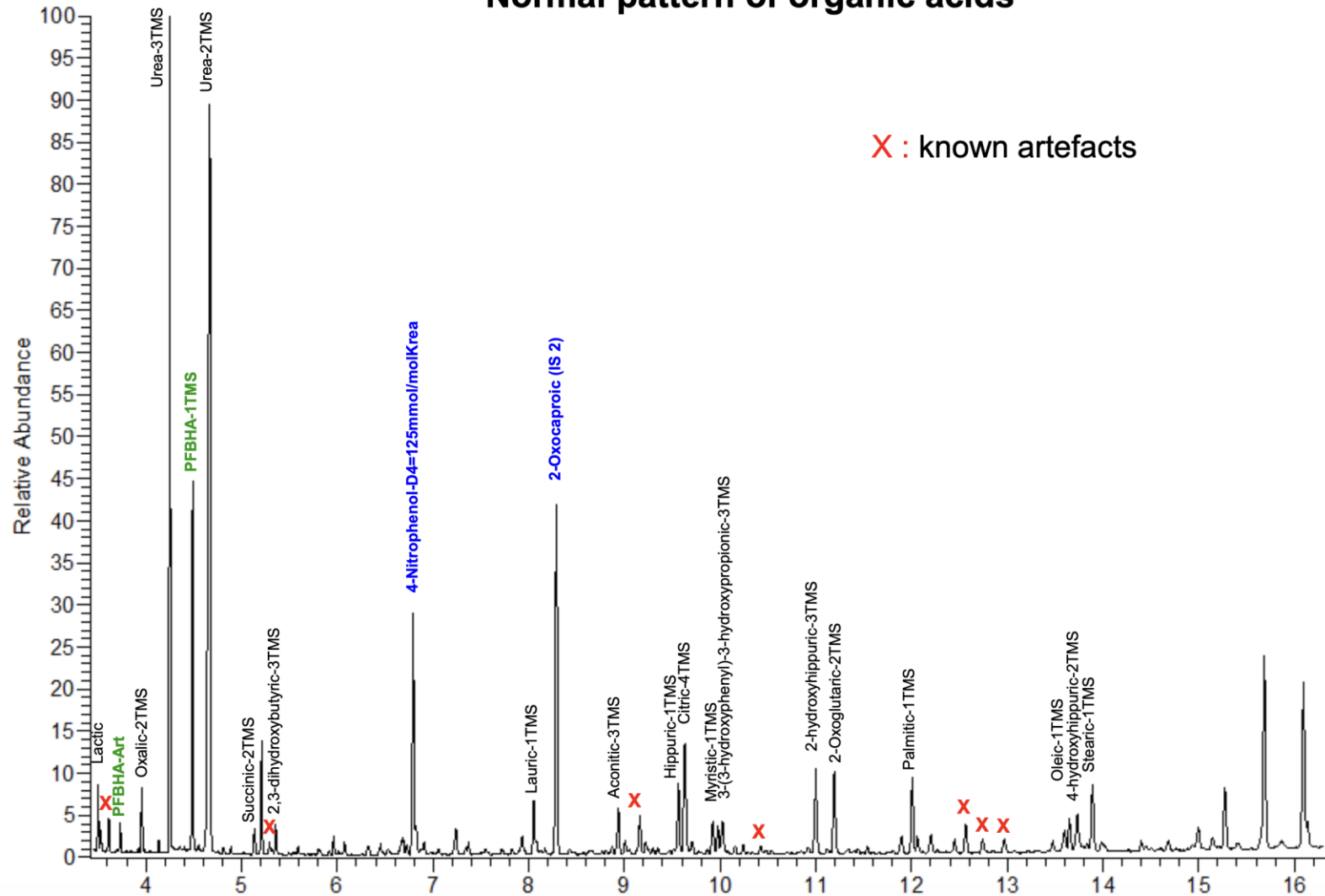
### Tyrosinemia type 1:

- Increased phenolic acids also seen in severe liver disease (but no succinylacetone!)
- N-acetyltirosine is contained in i.v. amino acids
- Succinylacetone is only present in small amounts in urine

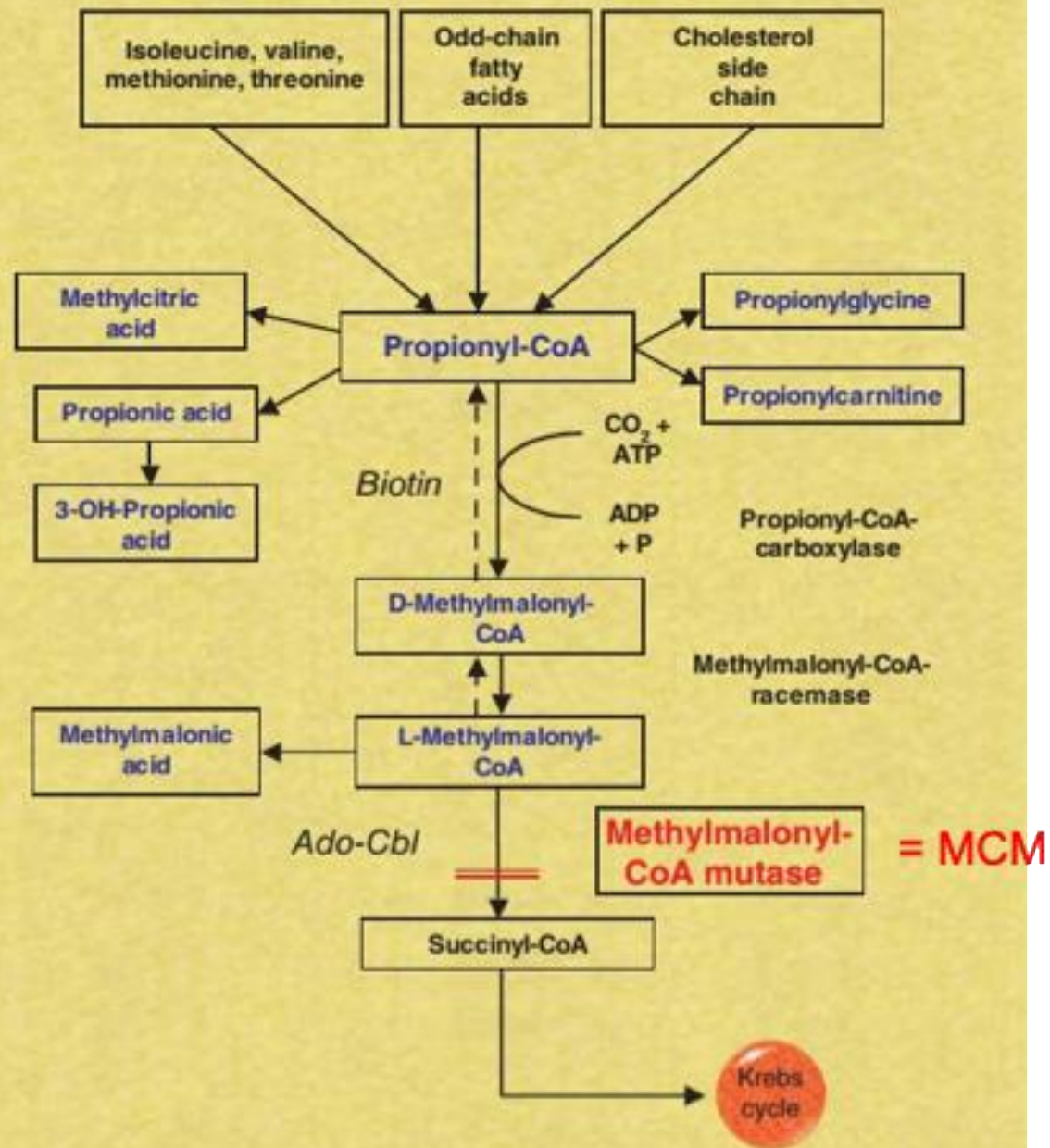
### SSADH deficiency :

- 4-hydroxybutyric acid could be masked by a huge urea peak

## Normal pattern of organic acids

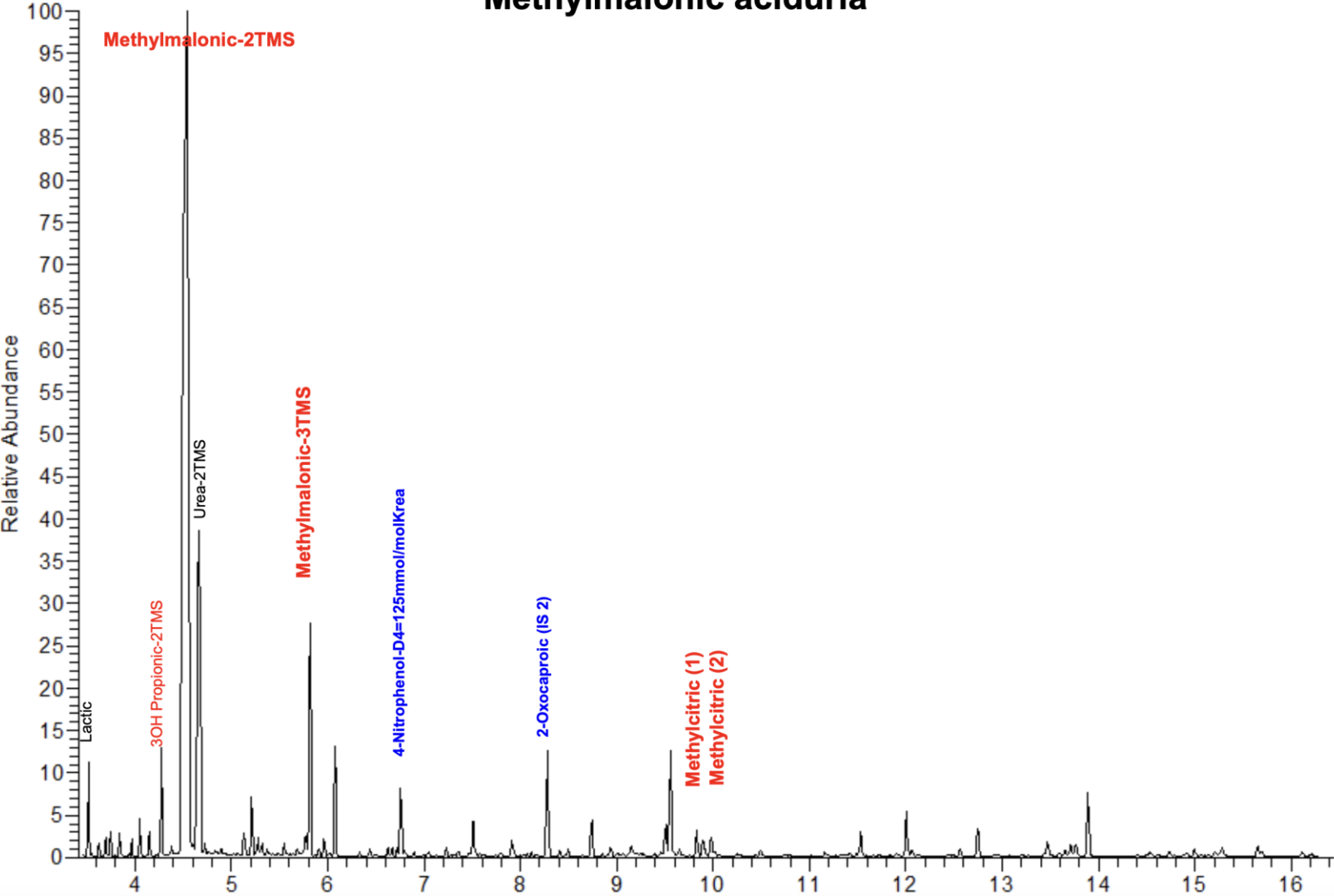


X : known artefacts



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# Methylmalonic aciduria



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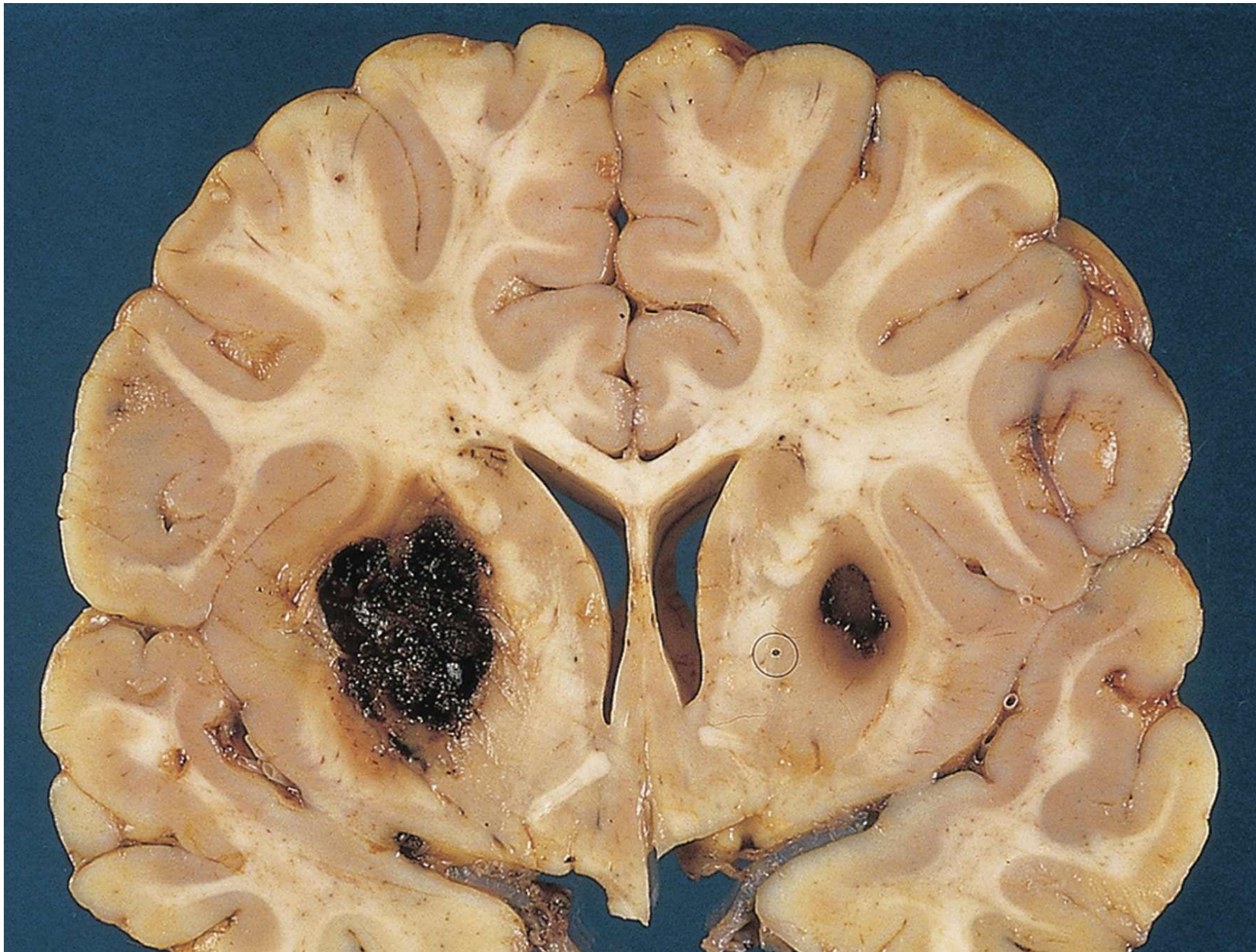
# METHYLMALONIC ACIDURIA

## metylomalonyl-CoA MUTASE DEFICIENCY



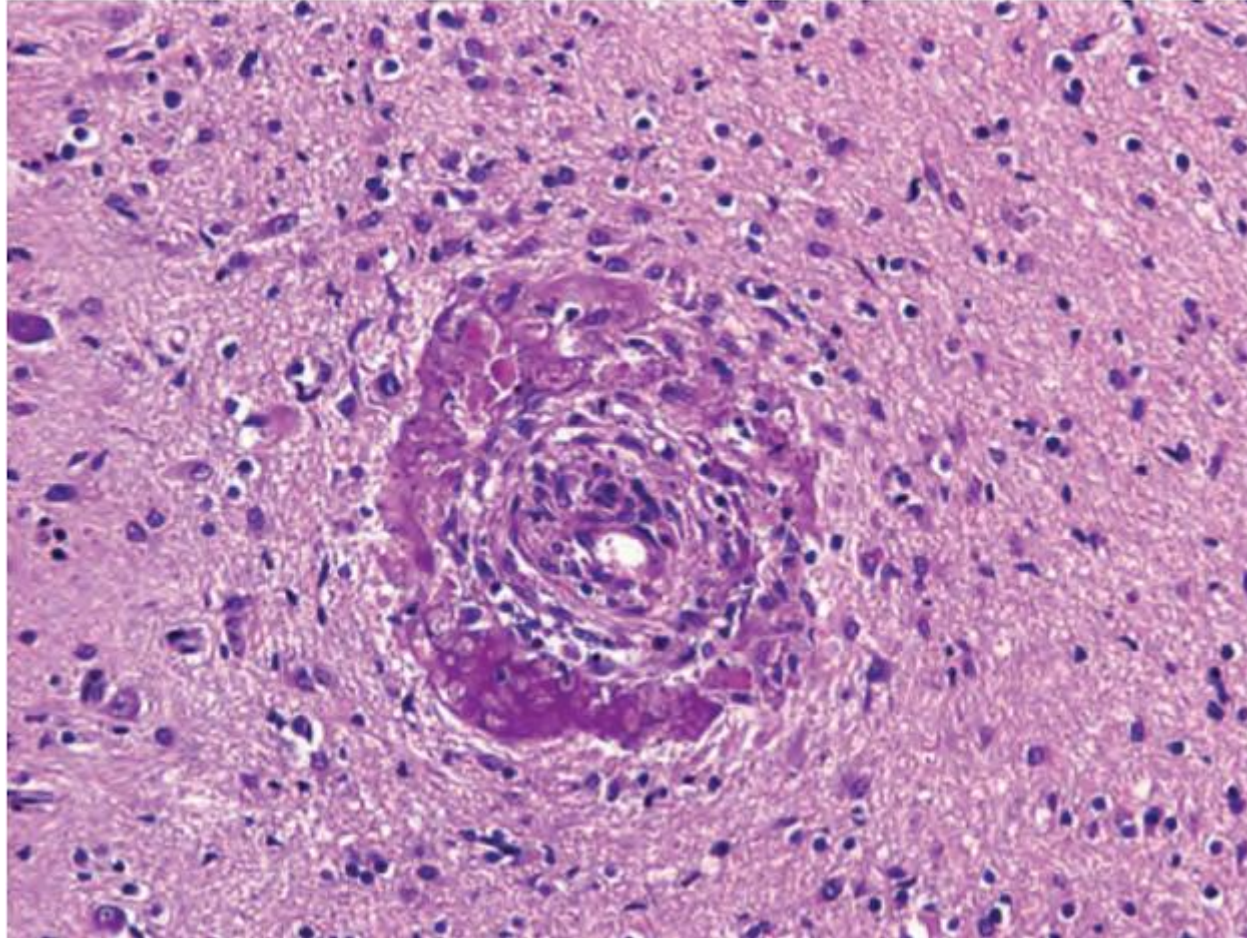
**INTOXICATION SYNDROME  
METABOLIC DECOMPENSATION  
(METABOLIC RIFICATION)**





**MMA – BILATERAL BLEEDING SHELF?**



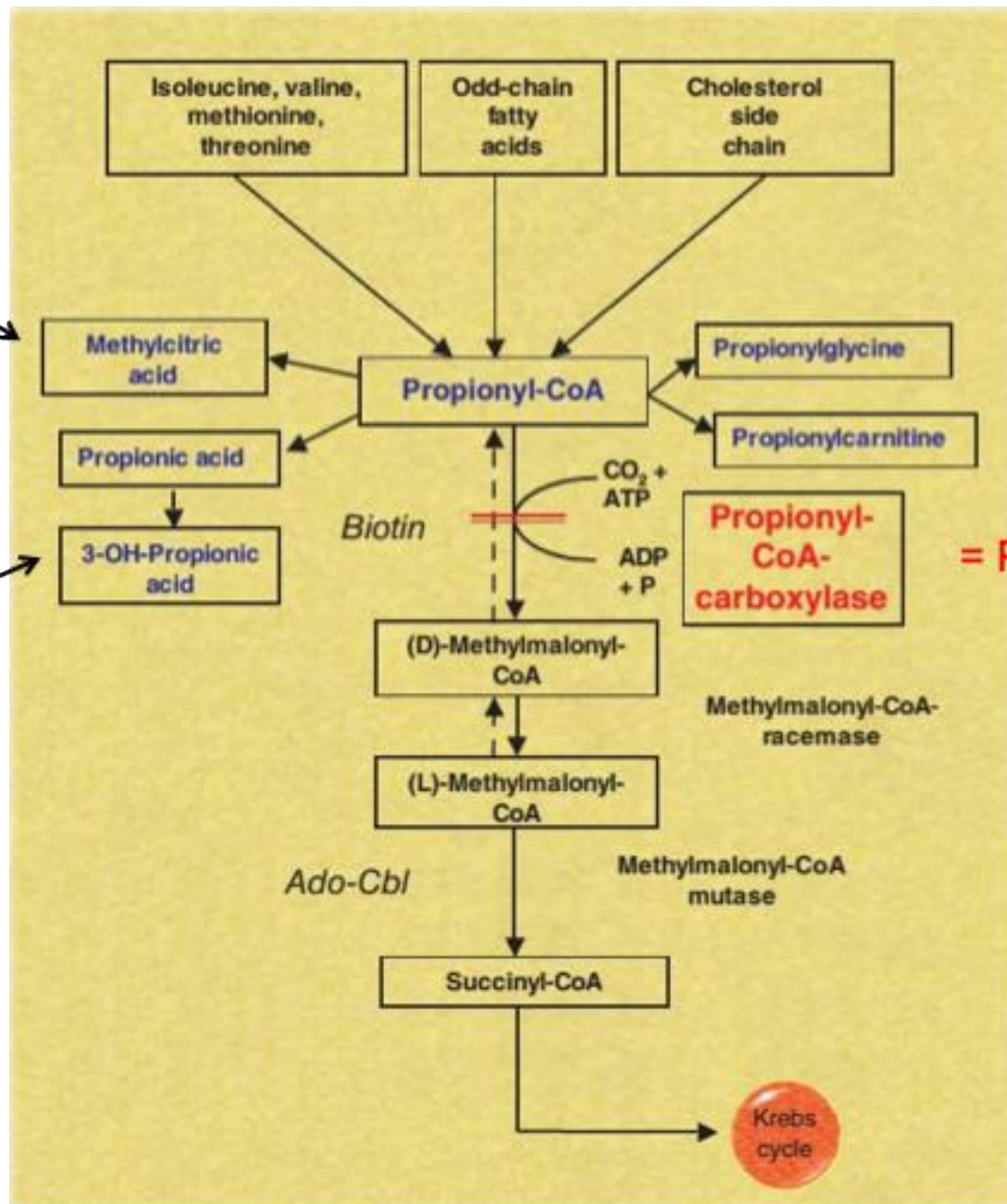


**METYLMALONIC ACIDURIA-** ANGIOPATHY WITH ENDOTHELIAL PROLIFERATION,  
INCREASED ENDOTHELIAL PERMEABILITY



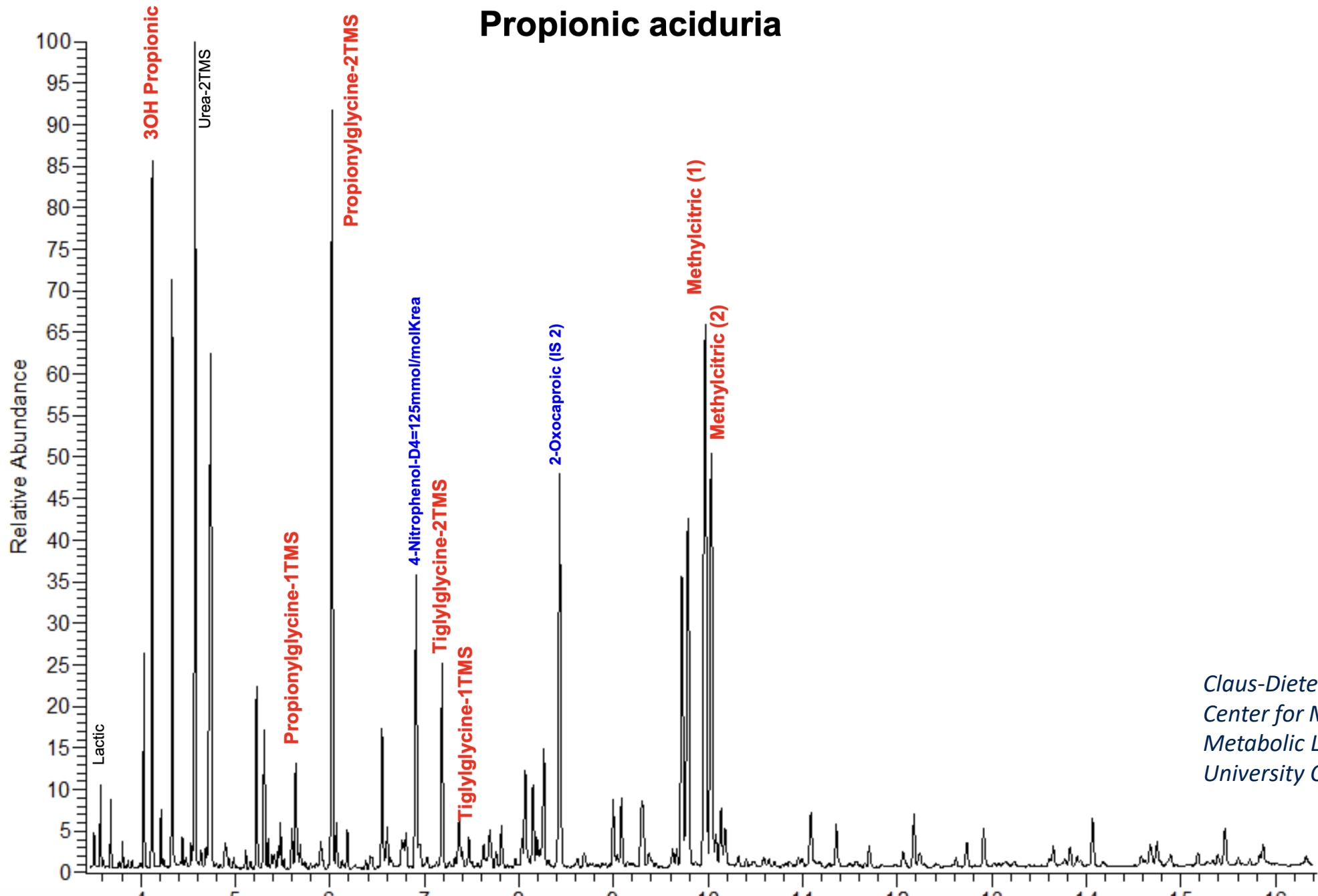
Condensation product of oxaloacetate with propionyl-Co A

$\beta$ - or  $\omega$ -oxidation of propionyl-Co A



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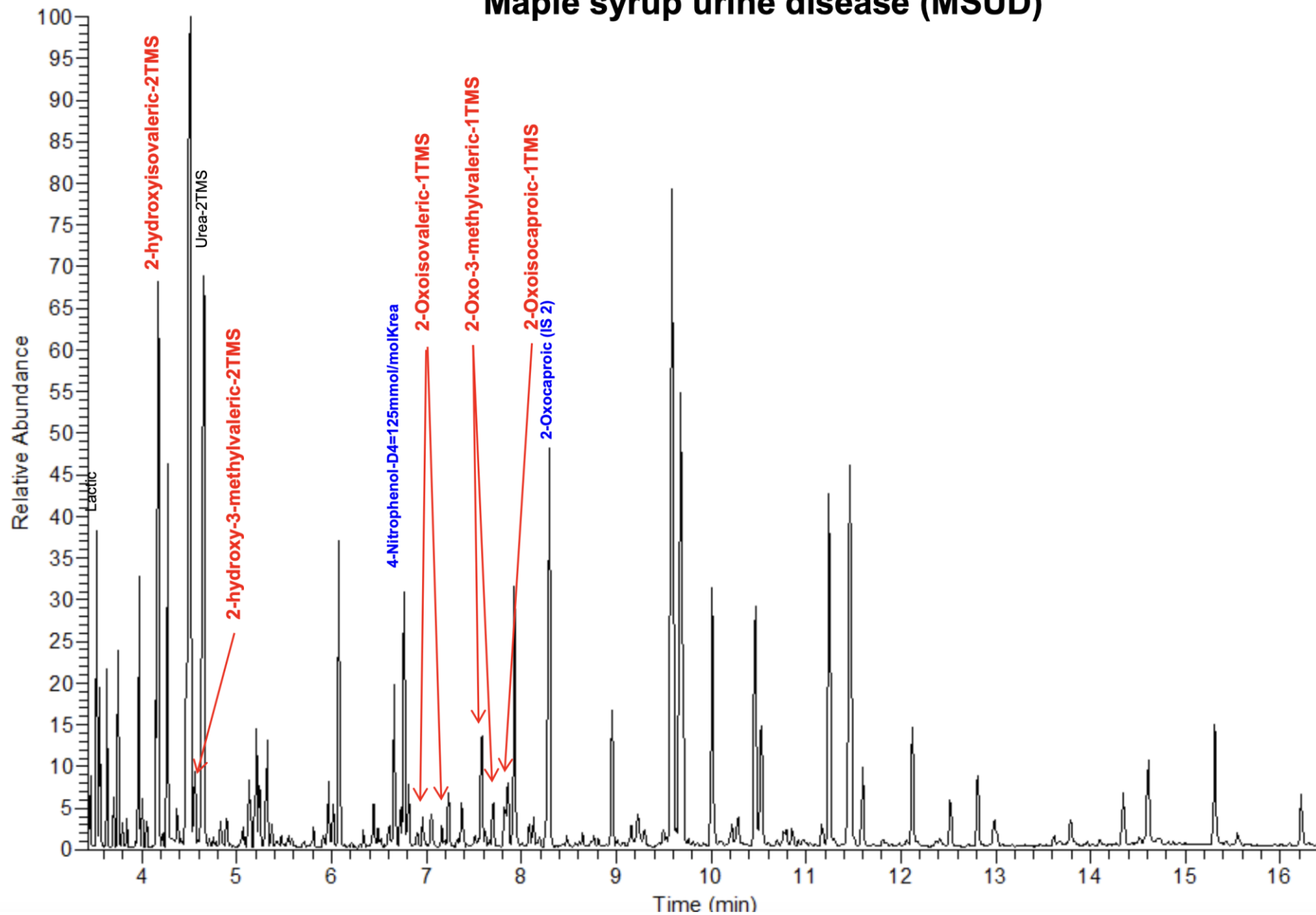
# Propionic aciduria



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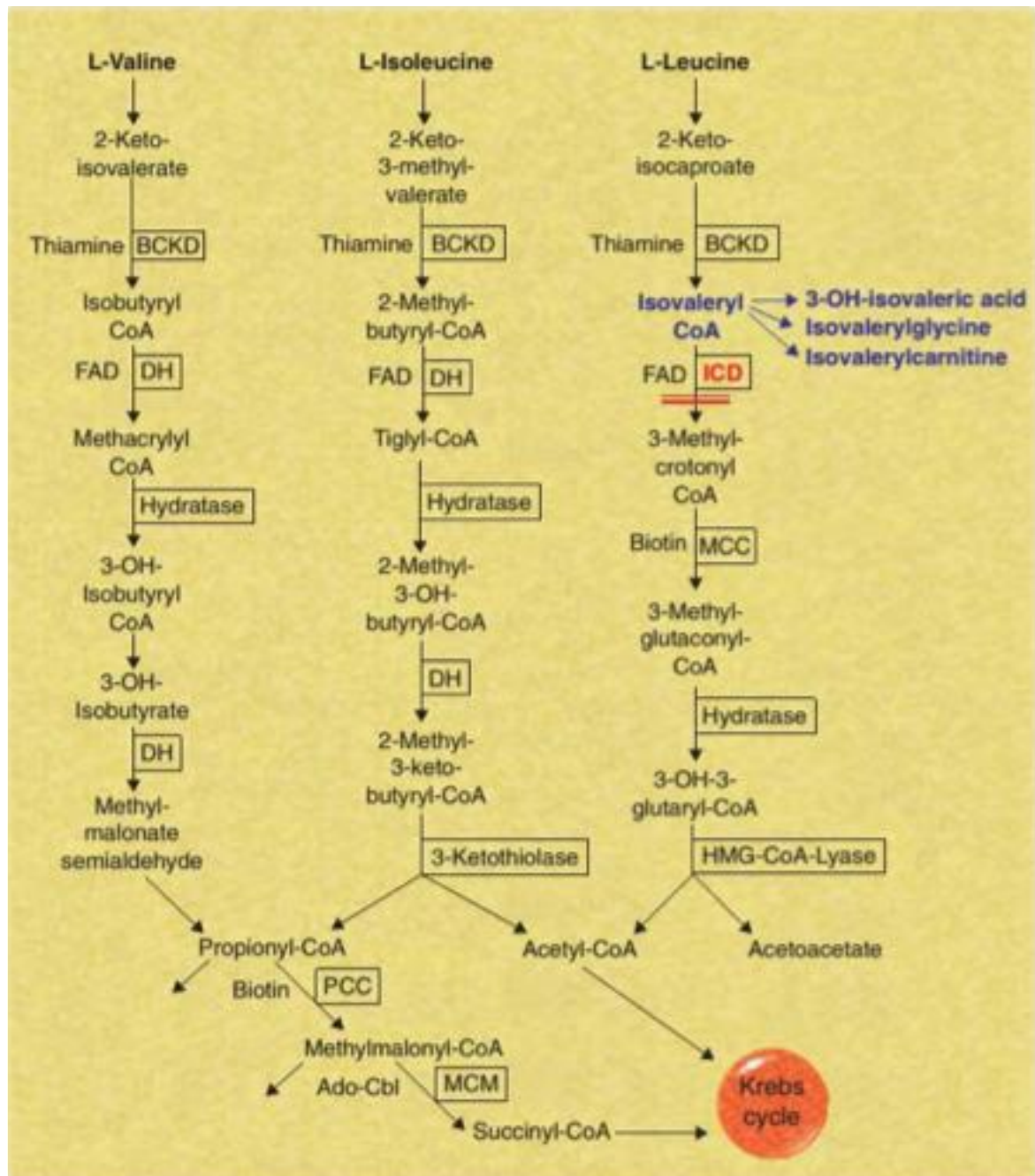


# Maple syrup urine disease (MSUD)



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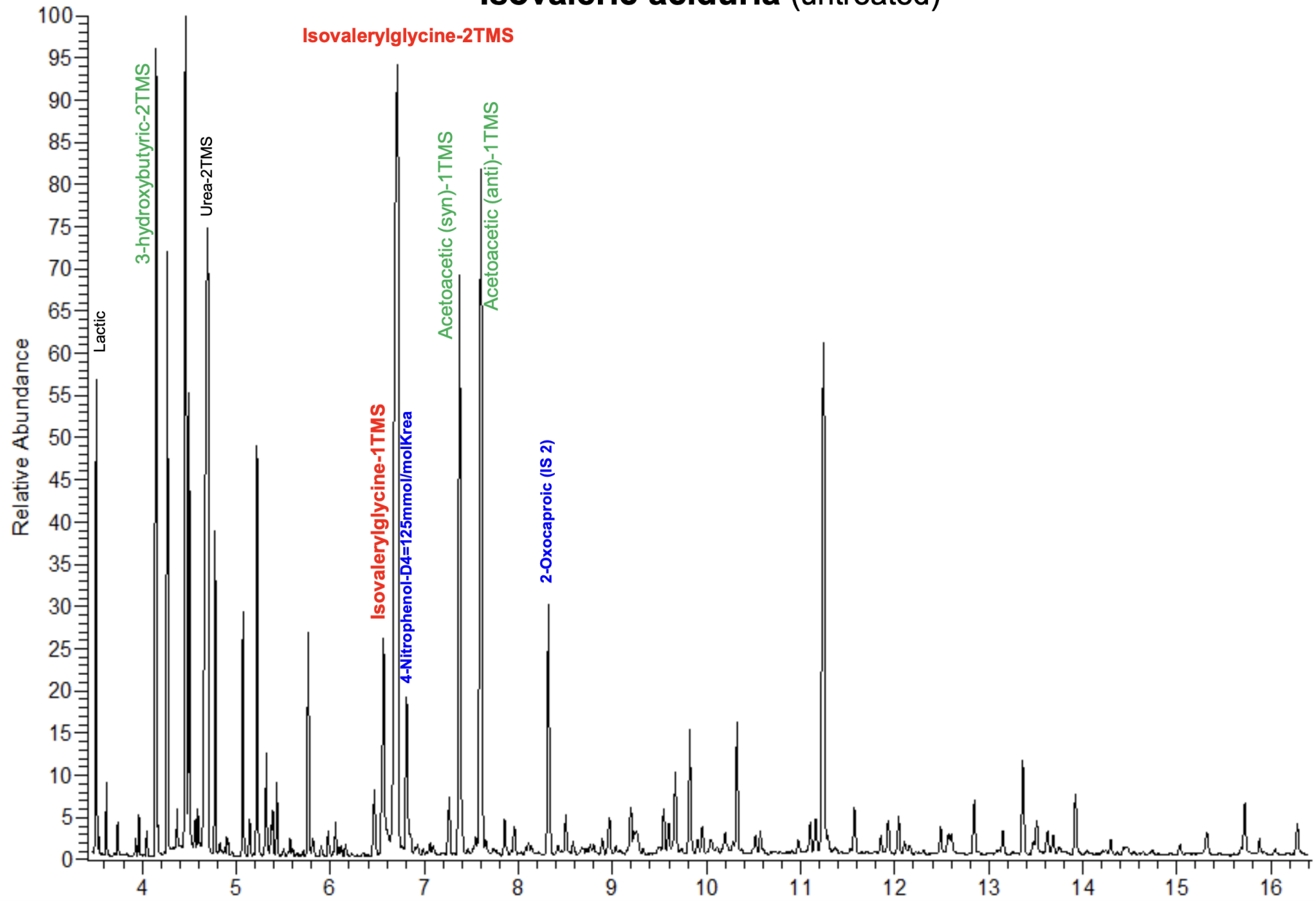




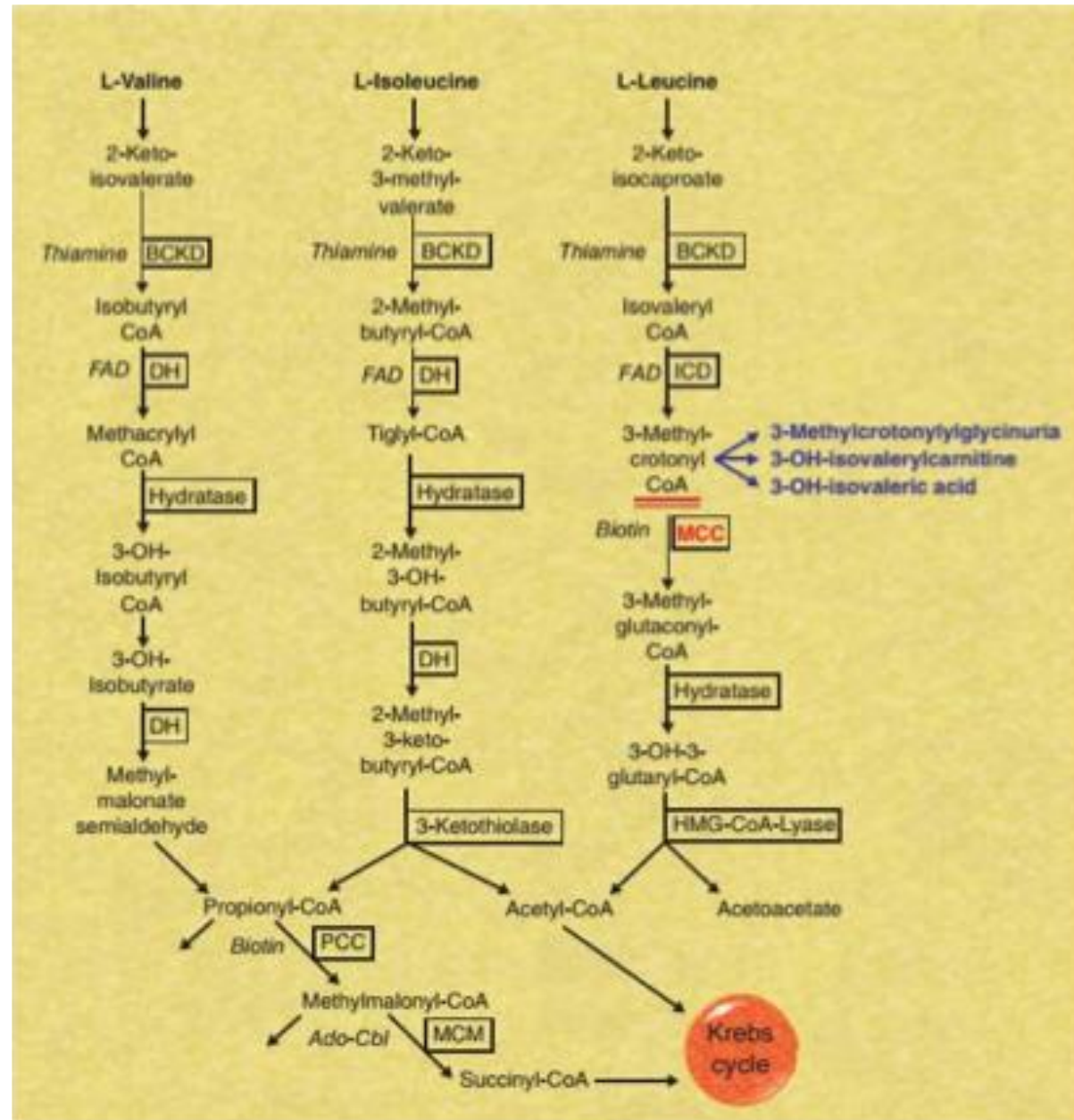
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**3-hydroxyisovaleric-2TMS**

# Isovaleric aciduria (untreated)

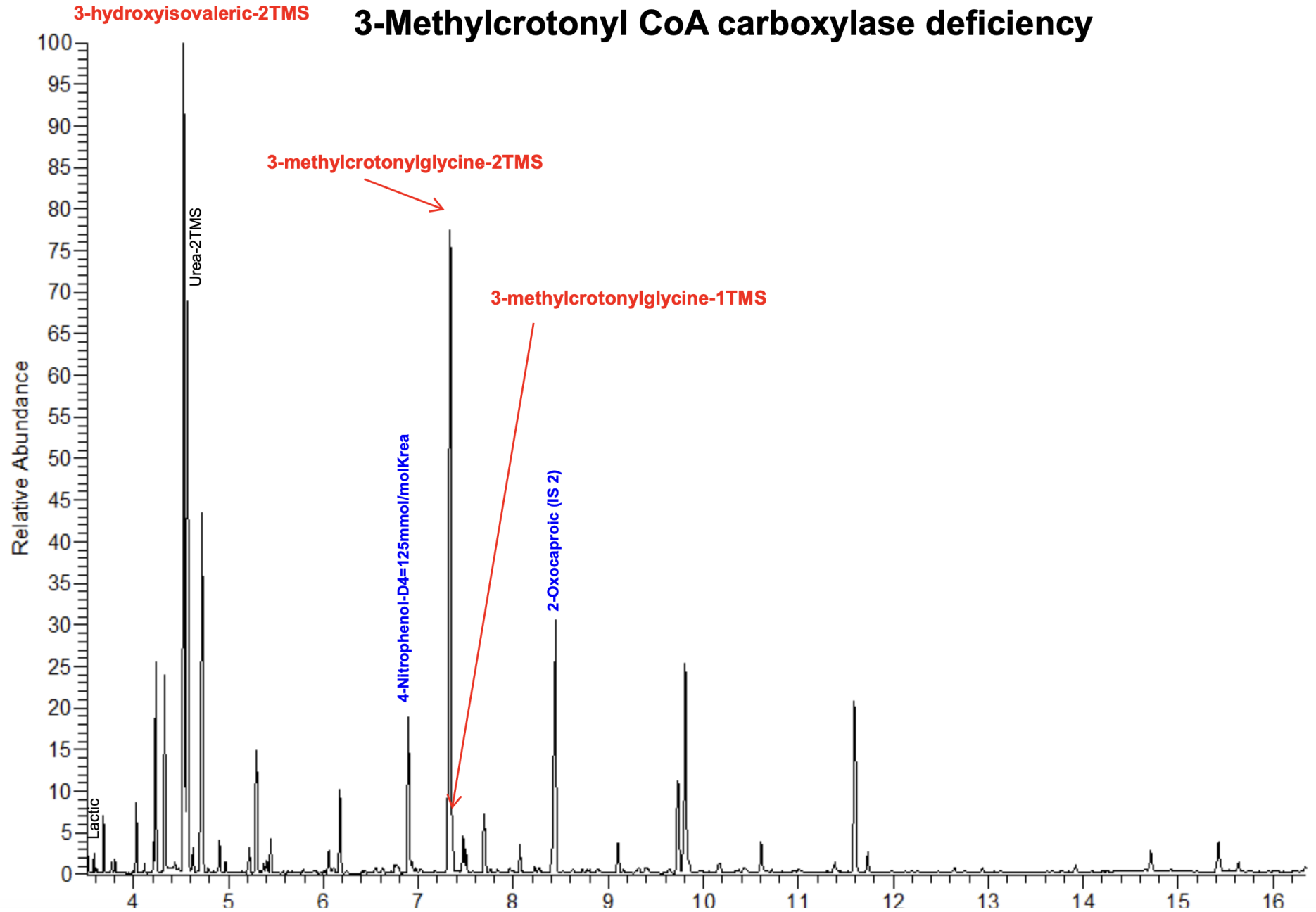


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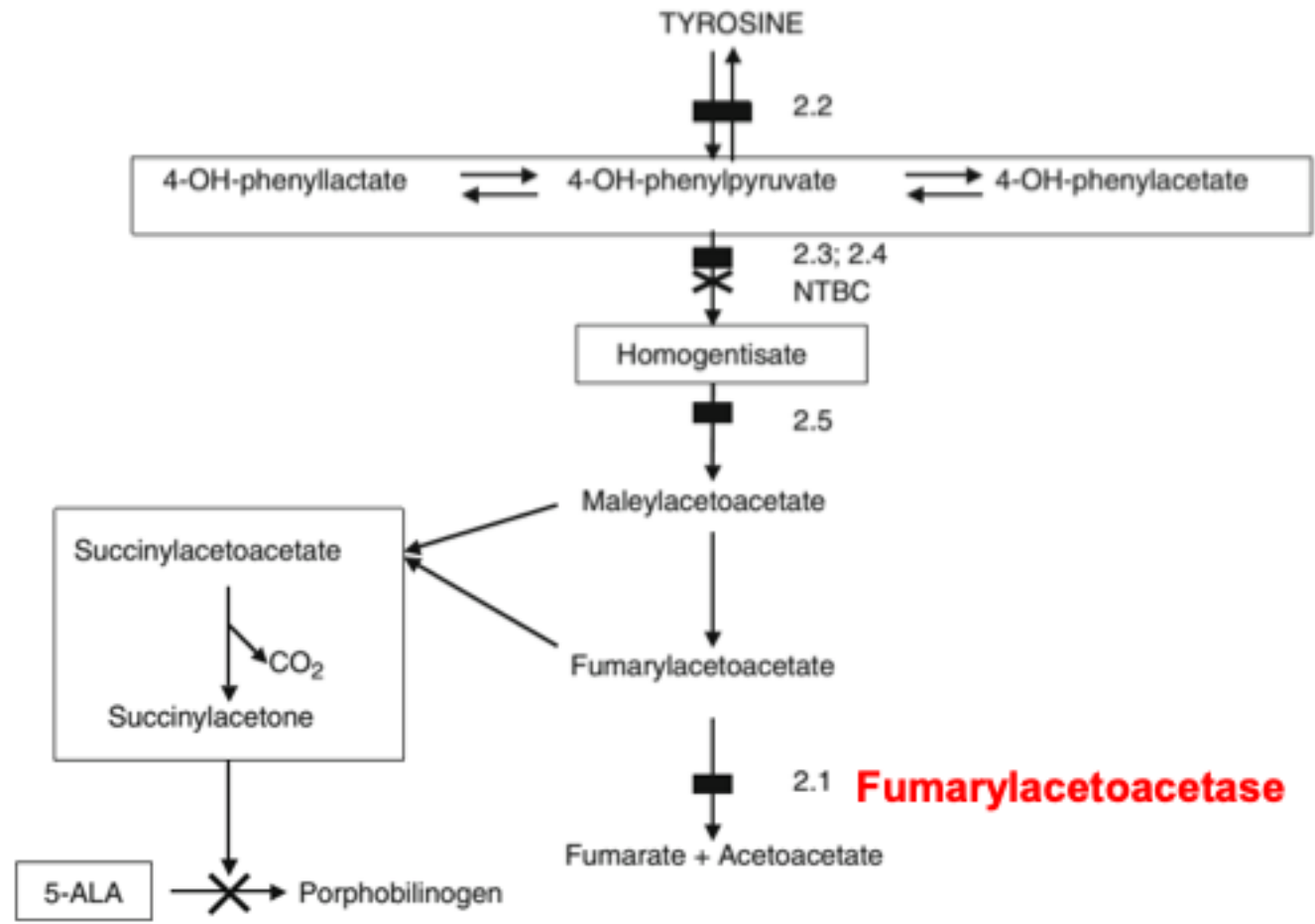
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# 3-Methylcrotonyl CoA carboxylase deficiency



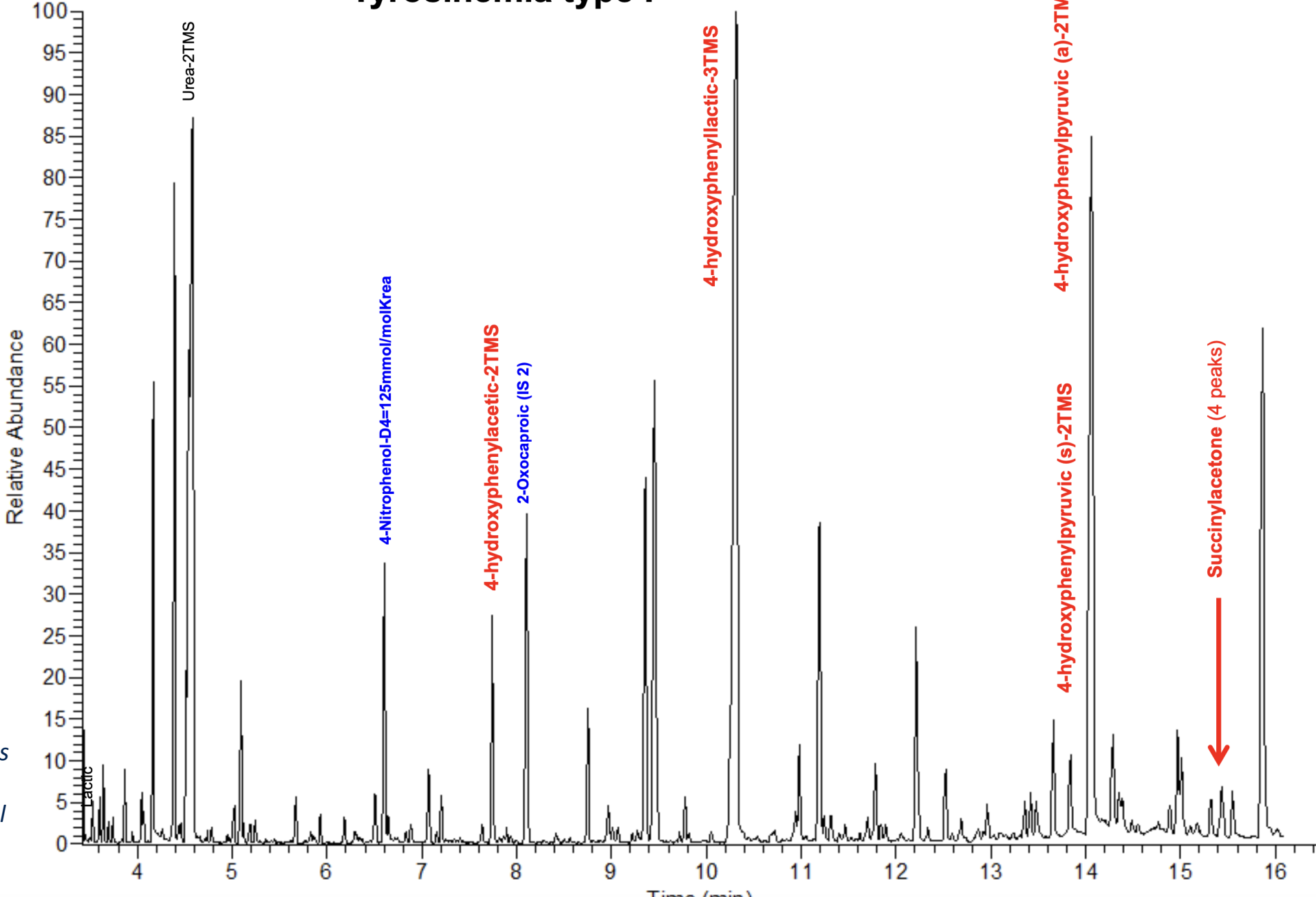
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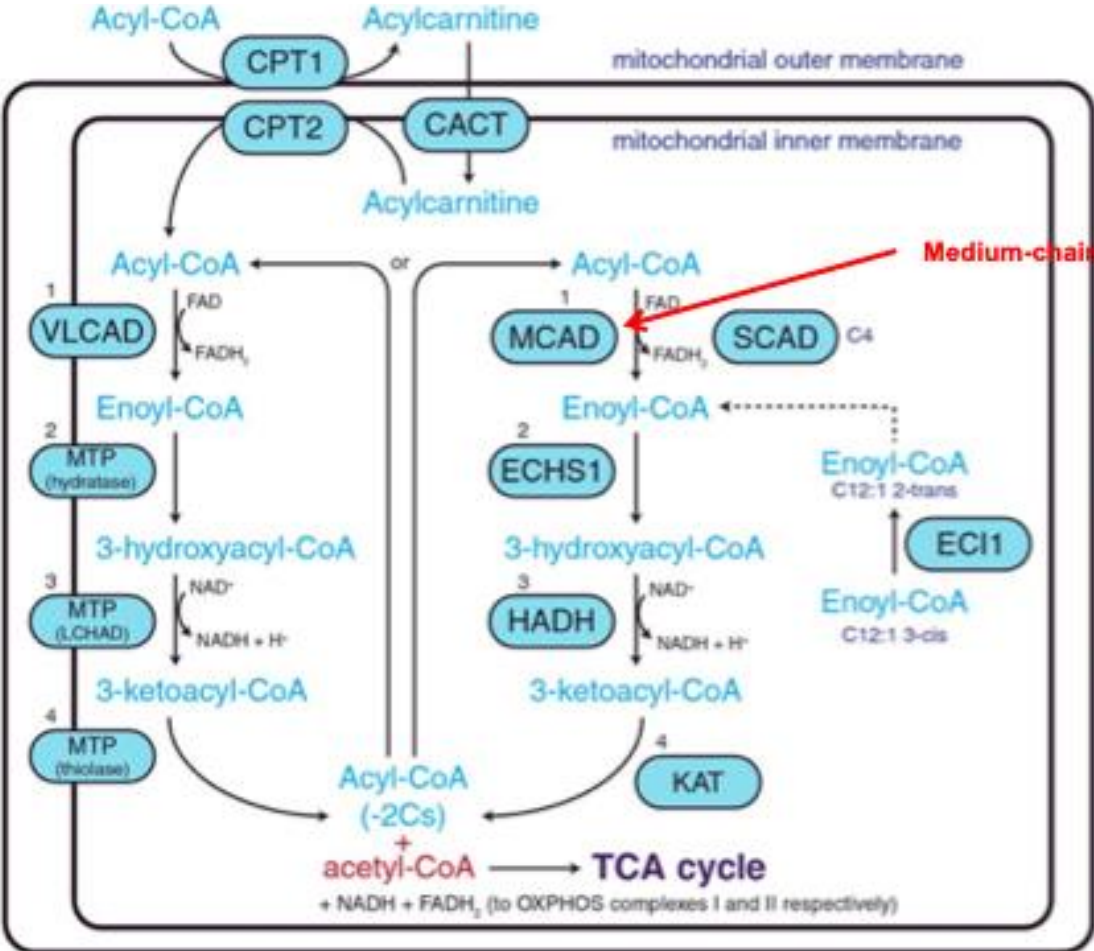
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# Tyrosinemia type I



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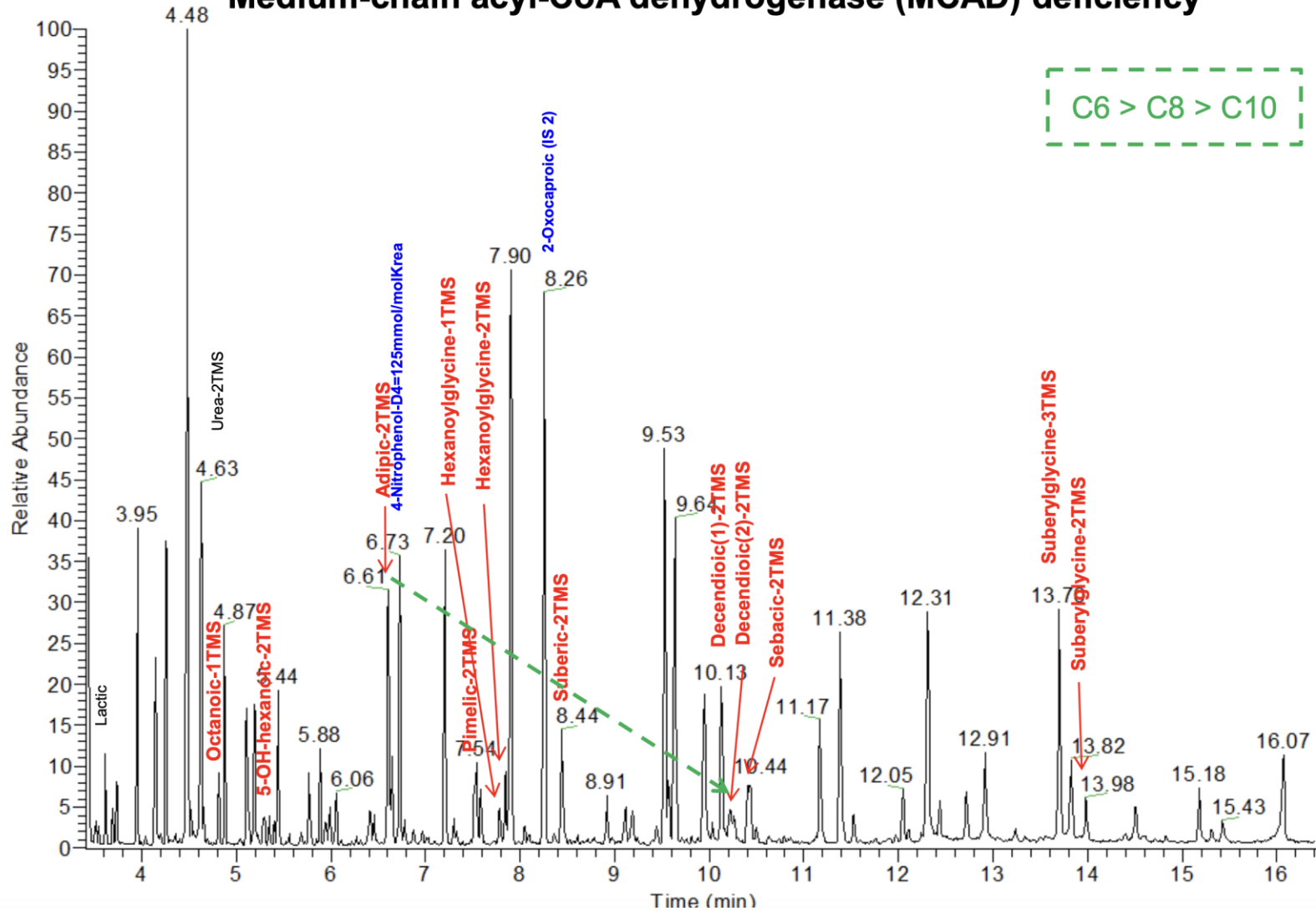
# beta-Oxidation Defects



Medium-chain dicarboxylic acids  
C6, C8, C10 ↑

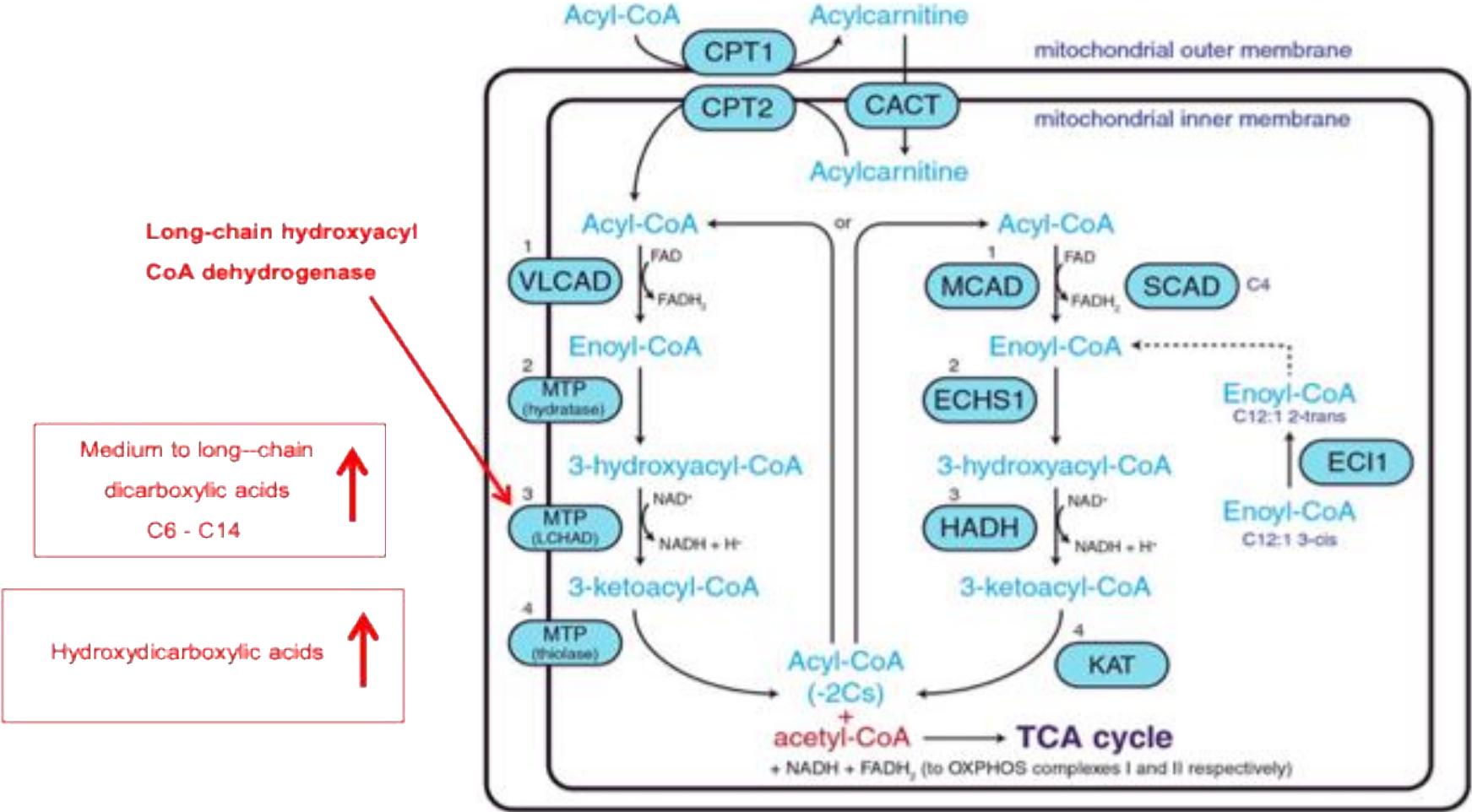
Hexanoylglycine  
Suberylglycine ↑

# Medium-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD) deficiency

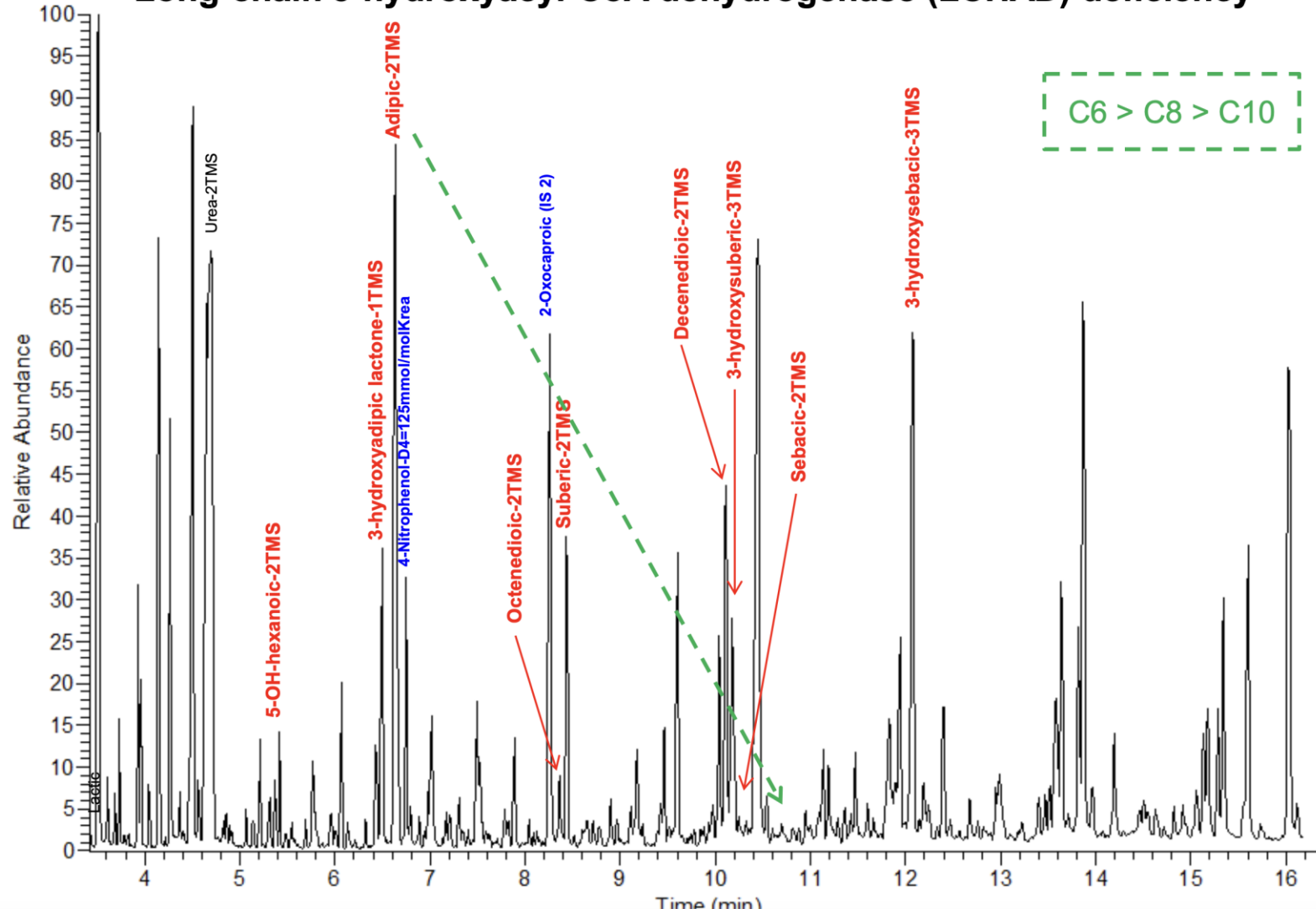


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# beta-Oxidation Defects

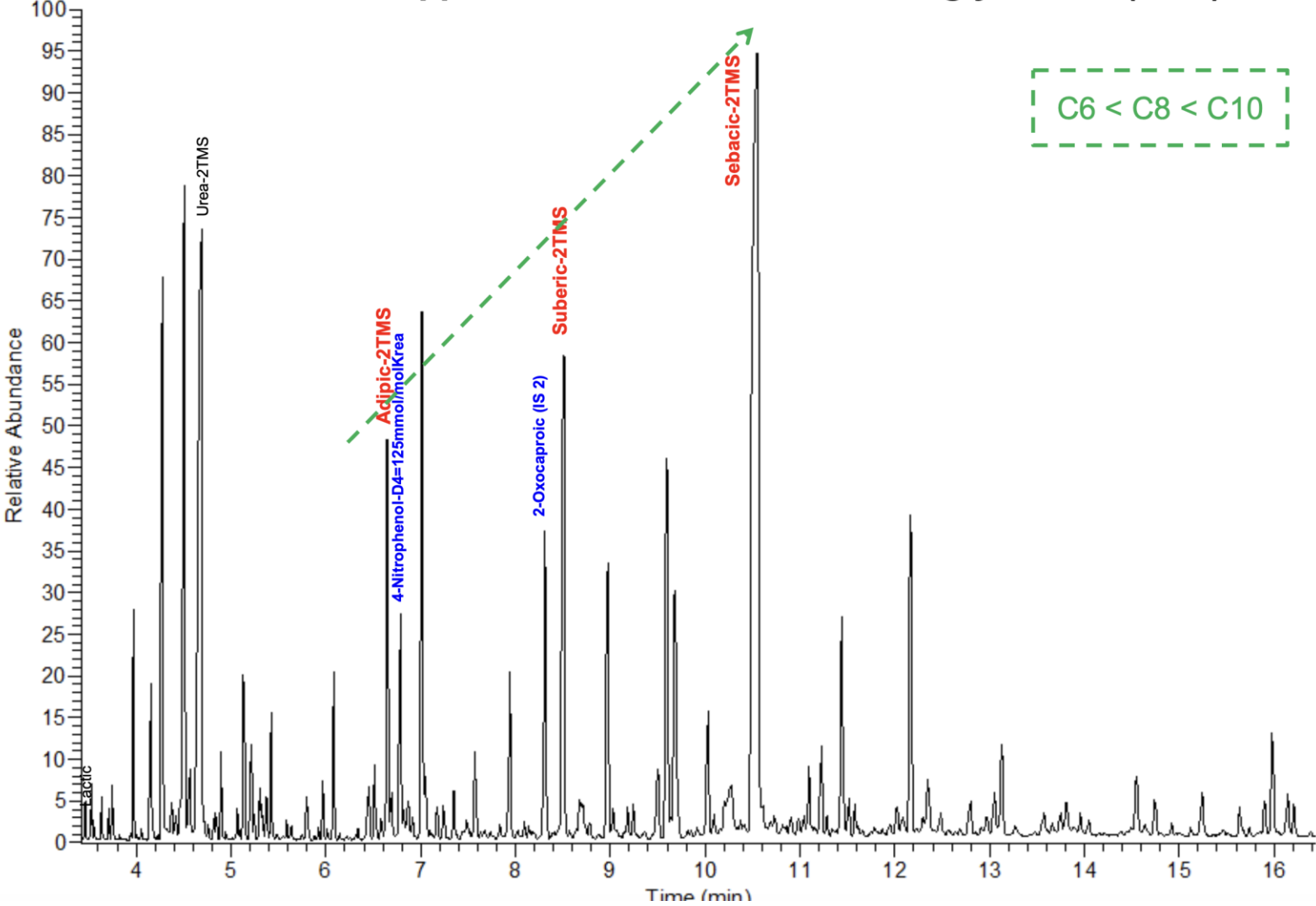


# Long-chain 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase (LCHAD) deficiency

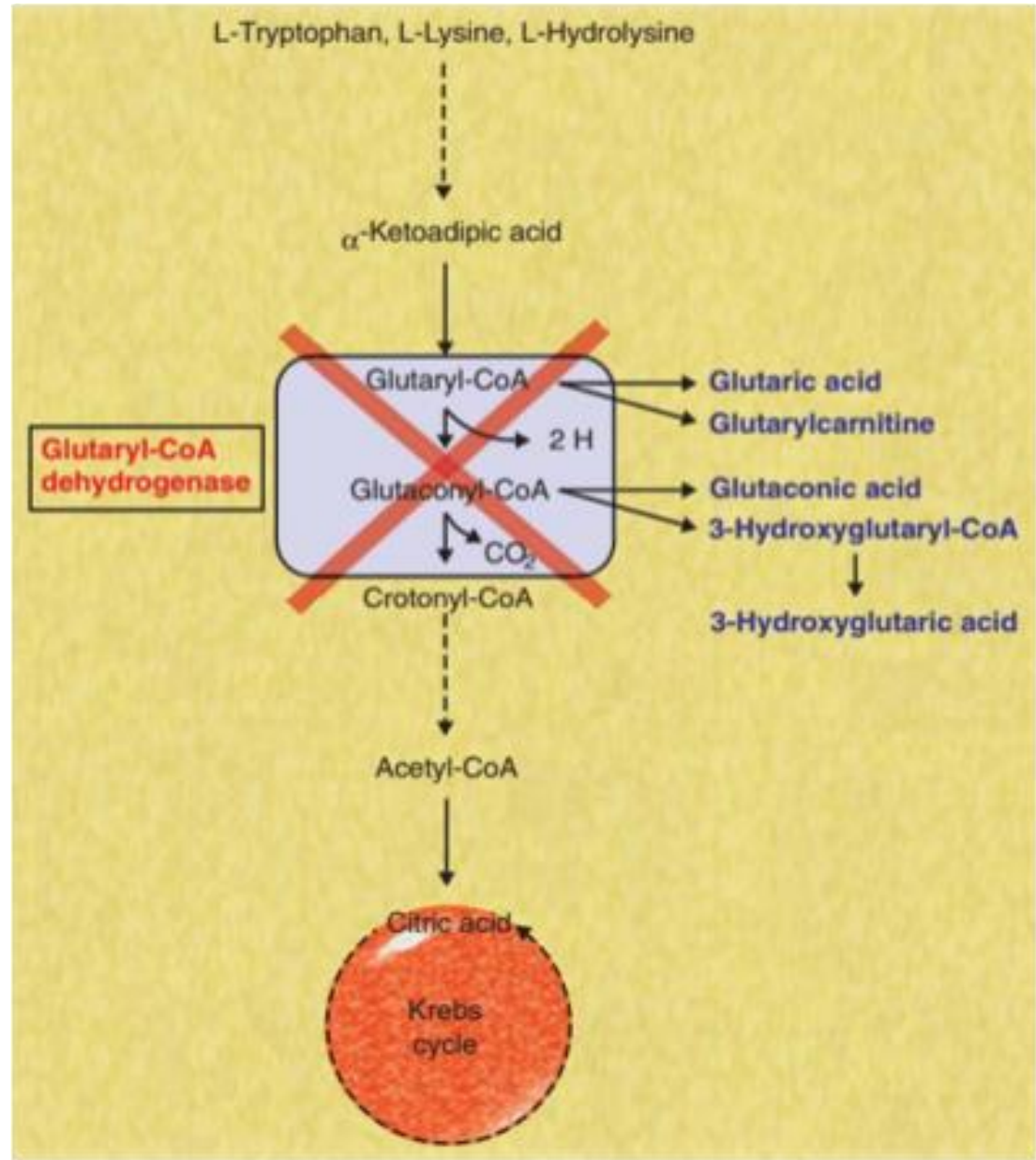


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# Nutritional supplement with medium-chain triglycerides (MCT)



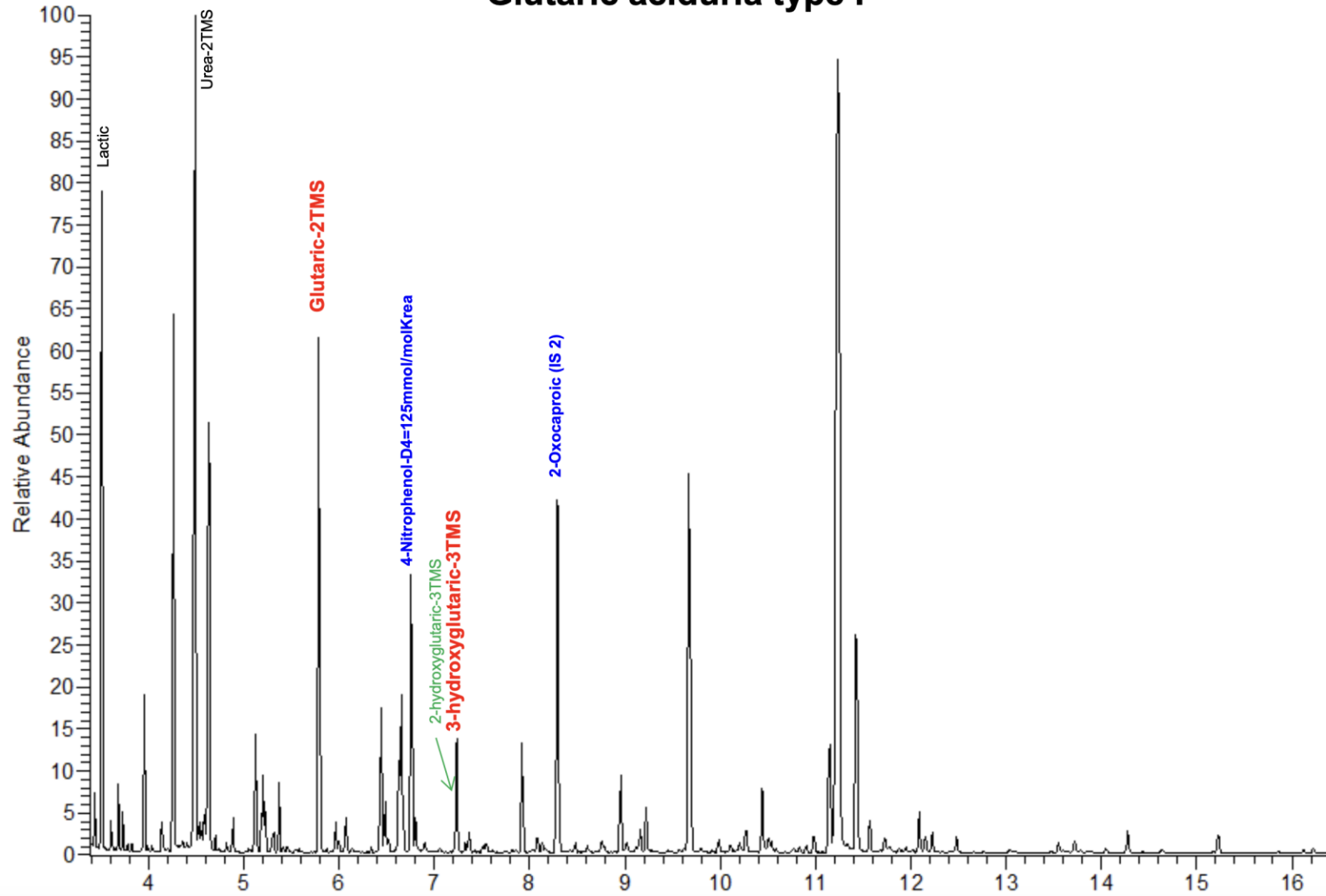




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# Glutaric aciduria type I



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## MISDIAGNOSES

- familial bigocephalus

**cerebral palsy** – extrapyramidal syndrome

encephalitis

post-inflammatory Parkinsonism

post-vaccination encephalopathy

- Reye's syndrome

sudden infant death syndrome

abused child syndrome!!!!

Confirmation of the initial diagnosis **GC-MS; TANDEM**

FETAL-PERINATAL PERIOD -

fetal history— **1x** infection in the mother in the second trimester,

LOW BLOOD PRESSURE **WITH episode of dizziness and disturbances of consciousness;**

**PSN w 39 hbd, oceniona w 1' na 7p., w 5'8p, z m.c. 3000g, dł. 57cm, o.gł. 33 cm,**

hyperbilirubinemia in the neonatal period

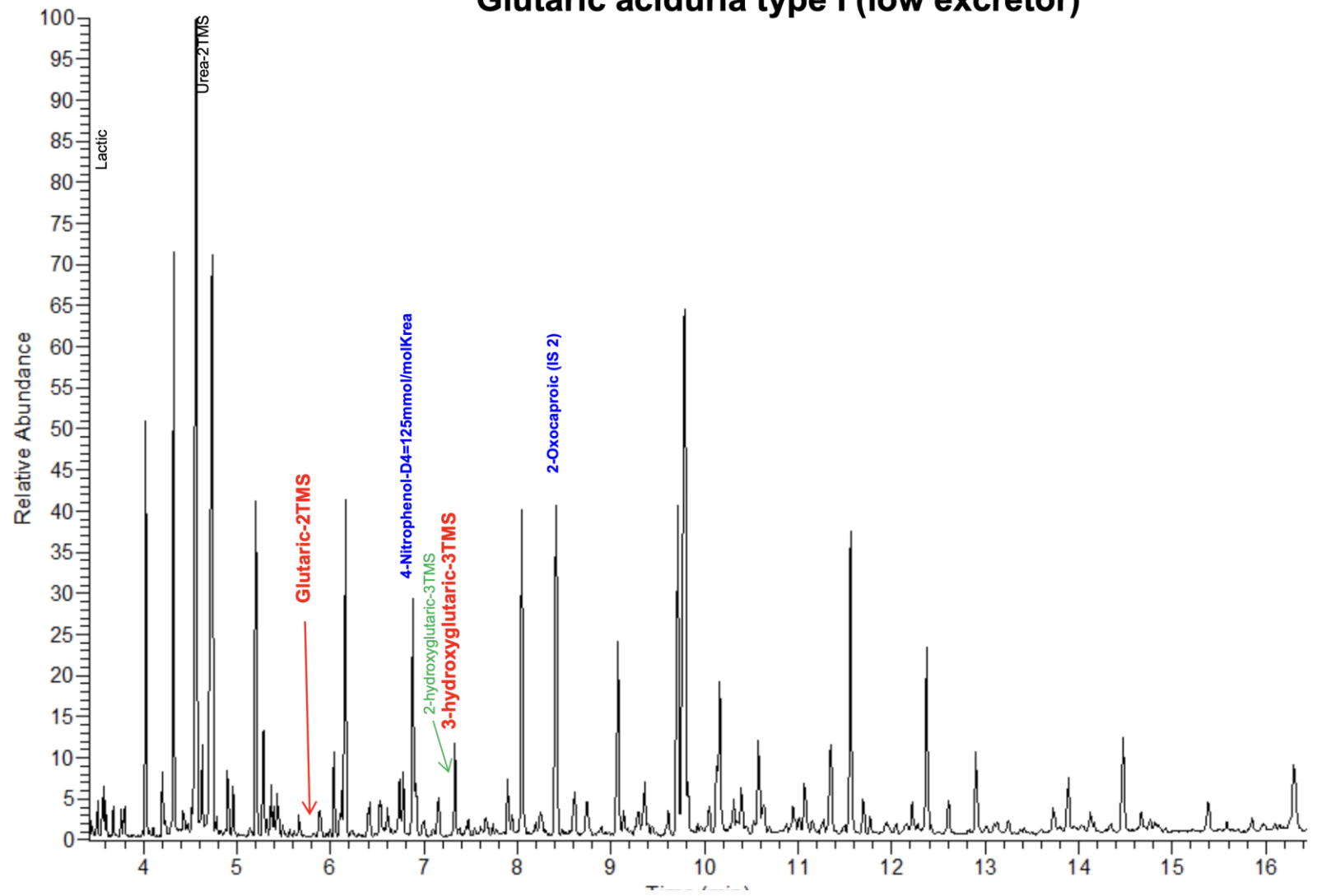
HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE AT THE AGE OF 3 YEARS OLD **75 C**

GLOBAL HYPOTONIA

**RM BRAIN**

**TREATMENT**

# Glutaric aciduria type I (low excretor)



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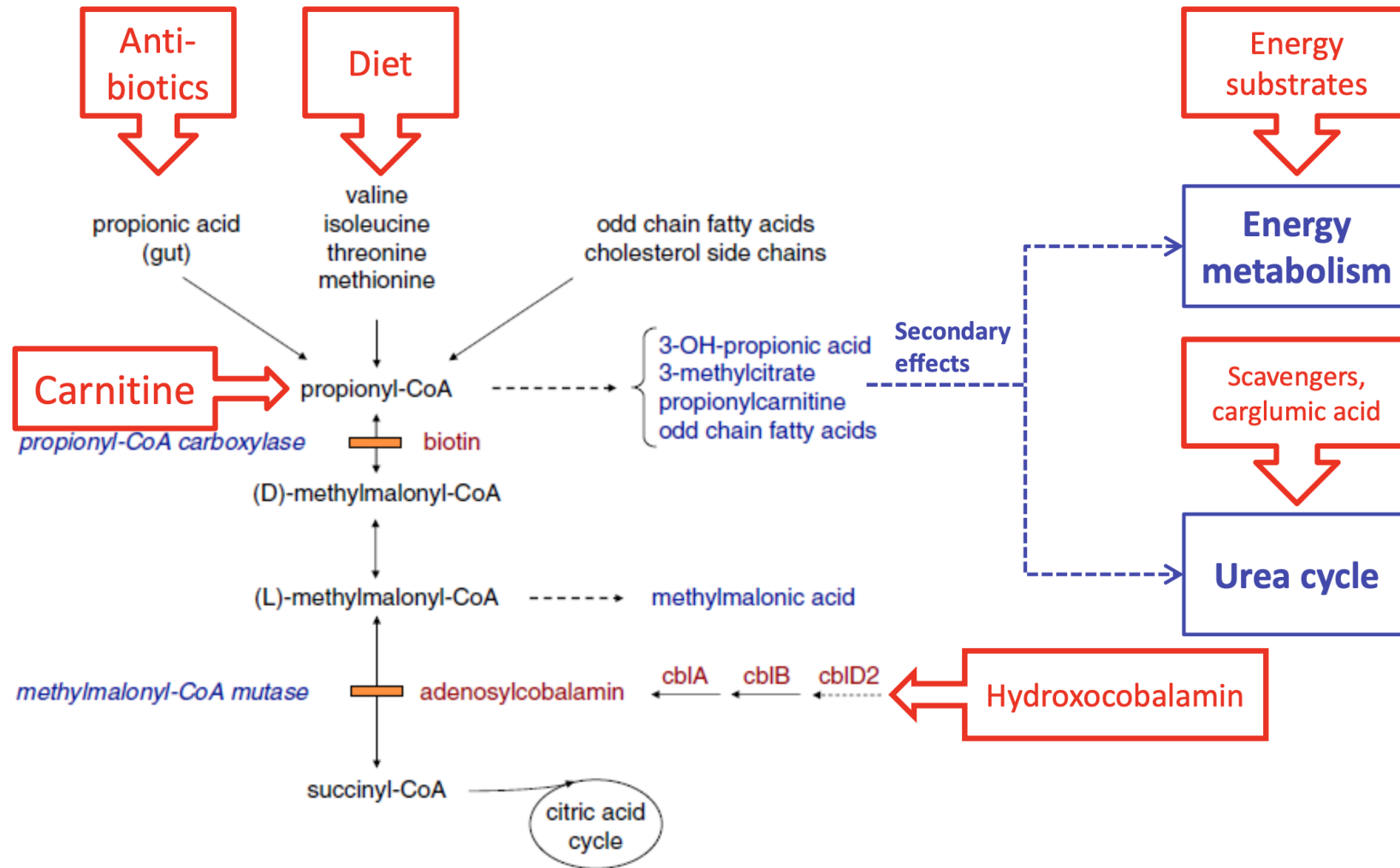
## Therapeutic options

<b>Maintenance treatment</b>	<b>Disease</b>
<b>Diet</b>	MMA (Cbl-nonresponsive), PA, IVA (?), GA-I
<b>Carnitine</b>	MMA, PA, IVA, GA-I
<b>Glycine</b>	IVA (?)
<b>Cofactor</b>	MMA (Cbl-responsive), L2-OH-GA (Riboflavin)
<b>Oral antibiotics</b>	PA, MMA

<b>Emergency treatment</b>	<b>Disease</b>
<b>Intermittent reduction/ stop of protein intake</b>	All
<b>Carbohydrates PO / glucose IV (+ insulin)</b>	All
<b>Cofactor</b>	MMA (Cbl-responsive), L2-OH-GA (Riboflavin)
<b>Sodium benzoate, carginic acid</b>	PA, MMA (Cbl-nonresponsive), (IVA)
<b>Extracorporeal detoxification</b>	PA, MMA (Cbl-nonresponsive)

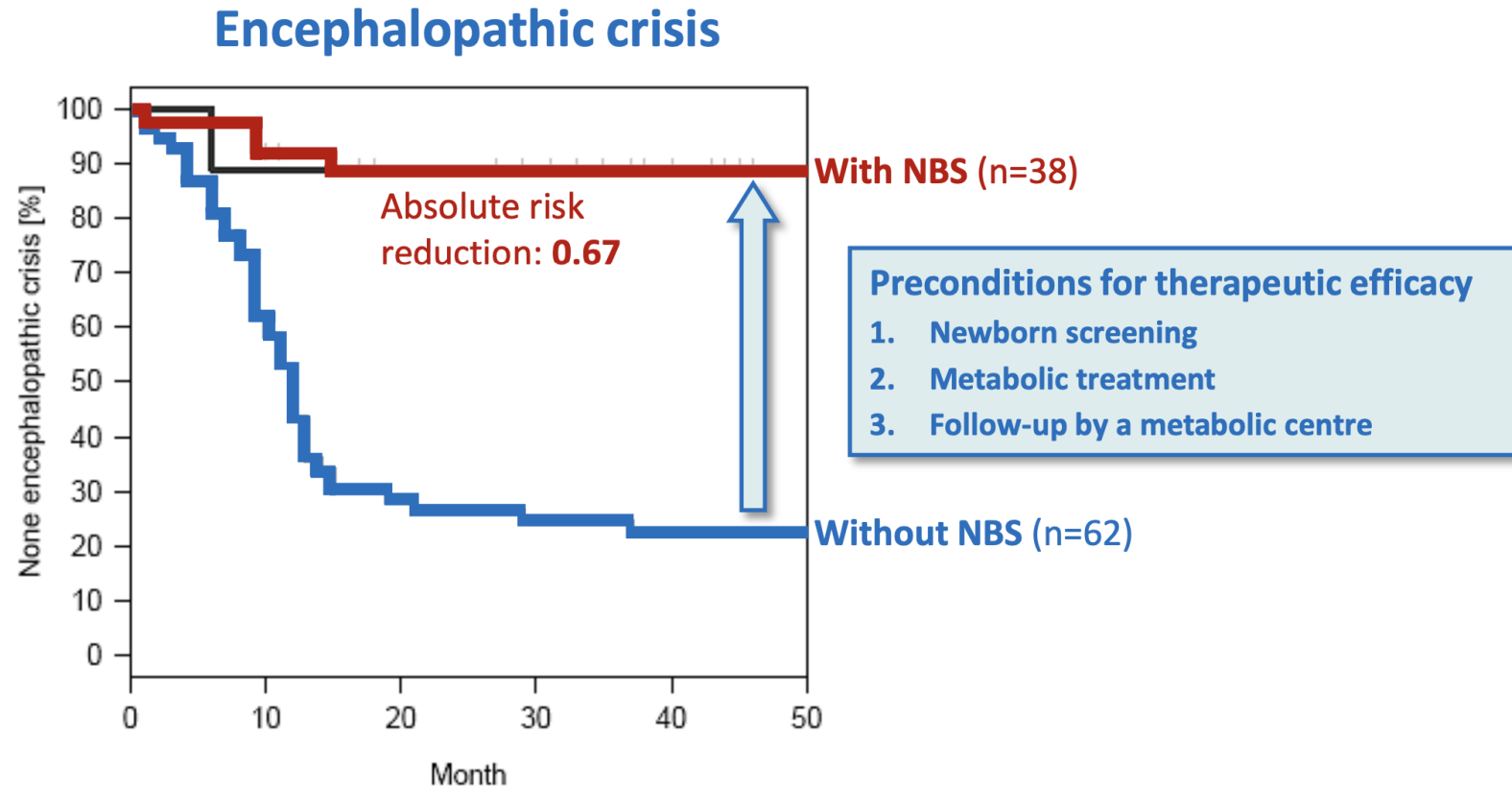
# General strategy

*Reduced production and forced removal of toxic metabolites*



# Can we prevent neurological manifestations?

*Example: Glutaric aciduria type I*





## Conclusion

- Long-term disease course of classic OADs is incompletely understood.
- Multiple organ manifestations in adolescents and adults (who have remained "metabolically stable" for years).
- Complex pathomechanism (toxic metabolites): energy impairment, activation of ROS, autophagy and inflammation, and long-term epigenetic modification of gene expression.
- Conventional metabolic therapy:  
often insufficient to prevent long-term organ damage.