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# **Fatty Acid Oxidation, Carnitine, Ketone disorders – Part 2**

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# **DISORDERS OF KETONE BODIES SYNTHESIS AND UTILIZATION**

## **Objectives**

- Understand why and where ketones are synthesized

- Define enzymes involved in ketone synthesis and utilization

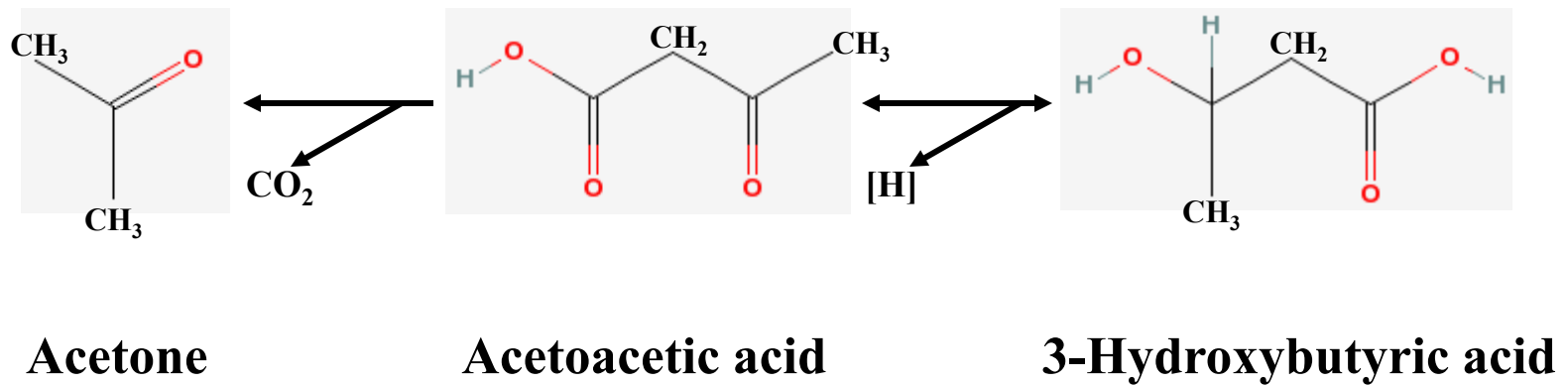
- List therapies for disorders of ketone body synthesis and utilization

# KETONE BODIES METABOLISM

- Ketone bodies are important in energy transfer during fasting or other lipolytic stresses.
- They derive from beta-oxidation of fatty acids and from ketogenic amino acid (leucine, lysine, isoleucine) catabolism.
- They are produced in liver mitochondria and are transported to extrahepatic tissues where they are utilized.
- Ketogenesis (hepatic ketone body formation) and ketolysis (extra hepatic ketone body utilization) are important processes, especially for the brain, to provide energy when glucose can not meet the metabolic need.
- Physiological levels of ketone bodies in plasma range from  $<0.1$  mM (post-prandial) to 6 mM (prolonged fasting), they can reach 25 mM in diabetic ketoacidosis.
- Most of the ketone bodies are taken up by the extra hepatic tissues, 10-20% are lost in the urine during ketosis.

# KETONE BODIES

- Three compounds are usually listed as “ketone bodies”: 3-hydroxybutyrate, acetoacetate, acetone.
- Acetoacetate is the main ketone body, acetone derives from its decarboxylation, while 3-hydroxybutyrate derives from its reduction.

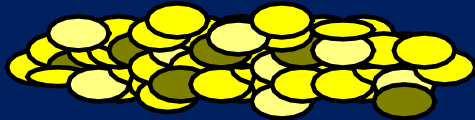


# KETONE BODIES METABOLISM

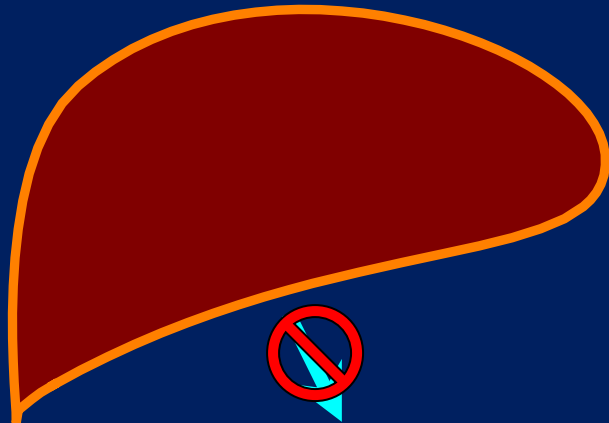
- Rate of utilization of ketone bodies is proportional to their circulating levels.
- Heart and kidney have the greatest capacity for ketone utilization.
- The ketogenic pathway provides fat-derived fuel for the brain when glucose is low.
- Patients with defects in ketone synthesis or degradation are asymptomatic unless they are fasting:
  - **Defects of ketogenesis: hypoketotic hypoglycemia**
  - **Defects of ketolysis: ketoacidosis (severe)  $\pm$  hypoglycemia**

HSL (Hormone Sensitive Lipase)  
Releases Fatty Acids from adipocytes.  
Transcription of HSL is increased  
during fasting and suppressed by  
insulin and glucose.

## ADIPOSE TISSUE



FATTY ACIDS



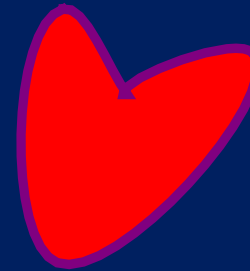
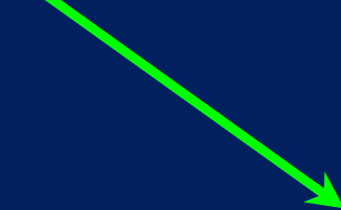
LIVER



KETONES

$\beta$ -hydroxybutyrate  
acetoacetate

# FATTY ACID OXIDATION DURING FASTING



HEART



SKELETAL  
MUSCLE



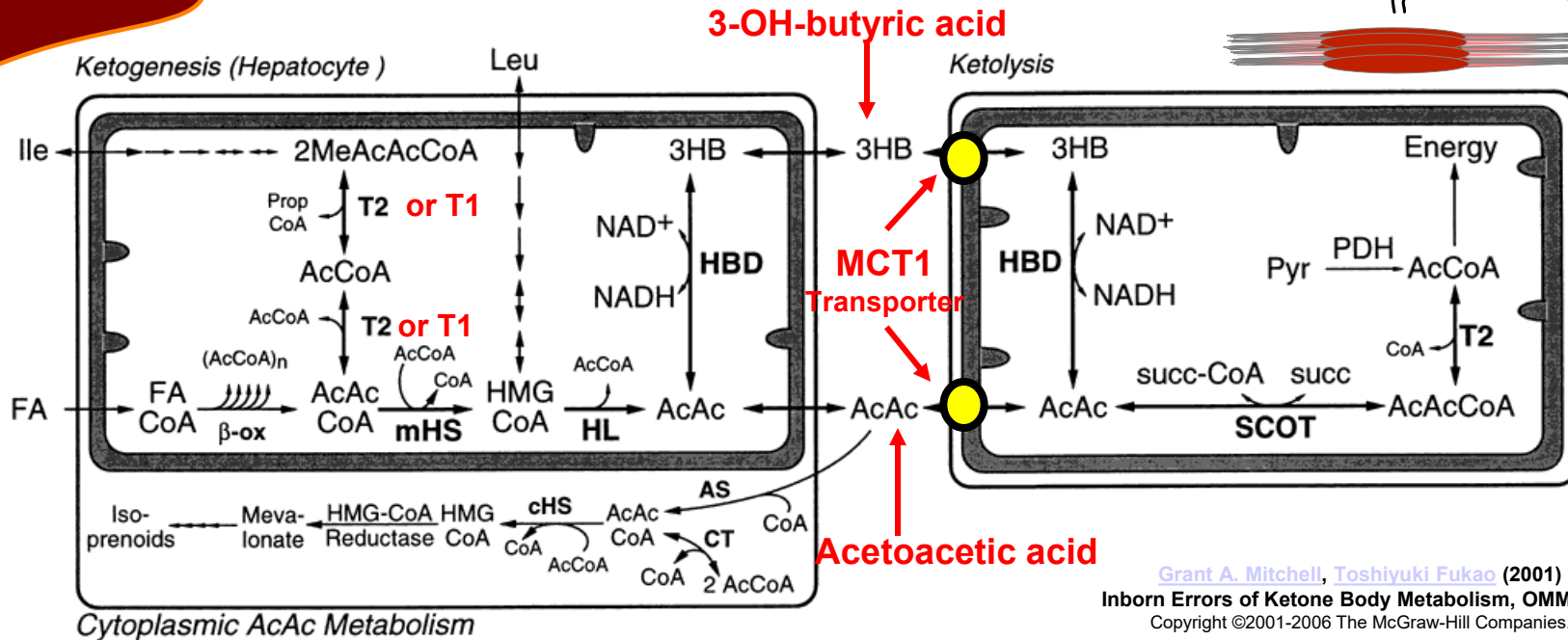
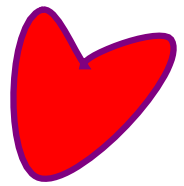
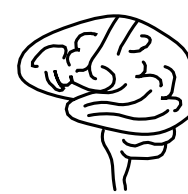
BRAIN

# KETOGENESIS AND KETOLYSIS

- Ketogenesis is regulated by two hepatic mitochondrial enzymes:
  - **3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-CoA synthase (mHS)**
  - **3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-CoA lyase (HL)**
- Ketolysis in extra hepatic mitochondria is mediated by reversible reactions catalyzed by:
  - **The MCT1 transporter (*SLC16A1*): entry of ketones into tissues**
  - **SuccinylCoA:3-ketoacid(oxoacid) CoA transferase (SCOT)**
  - **Mitochondrial acetoacetyl-CoA thiolase (T2)(*ACAT1*)**
- Deficiencies of mHS or HL cause disorders of ketogenesis; deficiencies of MCT1, SCOT or T2 cause disorders of ketolysis.
- All are inherited as autosomal recessive traits



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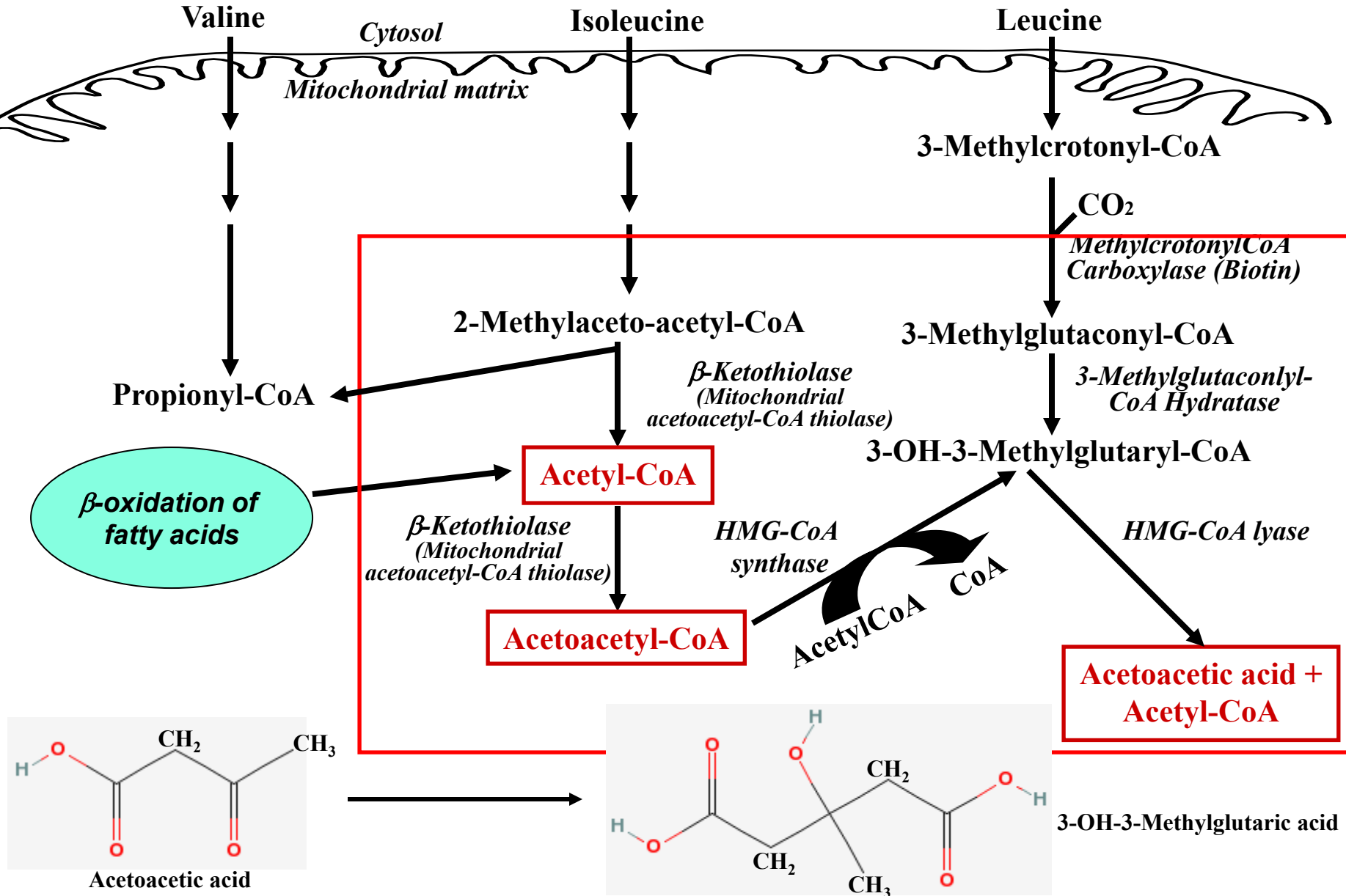
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**HBD: 3-Hydroxy Butyrate Dehydrogenase**

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**T2: ACAT1: mitochondrial acetoacetyl-CoA thiolase : MAT**

# BRANCHED-CHAIN AMINO ACID METABOLISM



# DISORDERS OF KETOGENESIS

**Mitochondrial 3-Hydroxy-3-Methyl-Glutaryl-CoA Synthase deficiency, mHS (OMIM 605911)**

**Frequency:** rare

**Presentation:** hypoketotic hypoglycemia, metabolic acidosis, encephalopathy progressing to coma after fasting or infections, hepatomegaly. Can present without hypoglycemia.

**Labs:** Elevated serum free fatty acids and triglycerides at time of hypoglycemia, elevated acetylcarnitine, but acylcarnitines may be normal, dicarboxylic aciduria can be seen, 4-hydroxy-6-methyl-2-pyrone and 3-hydroxyglutarate can be present, ketones absent or barely present, normal lactate

**Diagnosis:** DNA testing: *HMGCS2* gene (1p13-p12)

**Therapy:** Fasting avoidance, cornstarch

Rojnueangnit K, Maneechai P, Thaweekul P, Piriyanon P, Khositseth S, Ittiwut C, Chetruengchai W, Kamolvisit W, Theerapanon T, Suphapeetiporn K, Pornraveetus T, Shotelersuk V. Expanding phenotypic and mutational spectra of mitochondrial HMG-CoA synthase deficiency. Eur J Med Genet. 2020 Dec;63(12):104086. doi: 10.1016/j.ejmg.2020.104086. Epub 2020 Oct 9. PMID: 33045405.

# DISORDERS OF KETOGENESIS

**3-Hydroxy-3-Methyl-Glutaryl-CoA Lyase deficiency, HL (OMIM 246450)**

**Presentation** early in life with vomiting, seizures, encephalopathy, hepatomegaly.

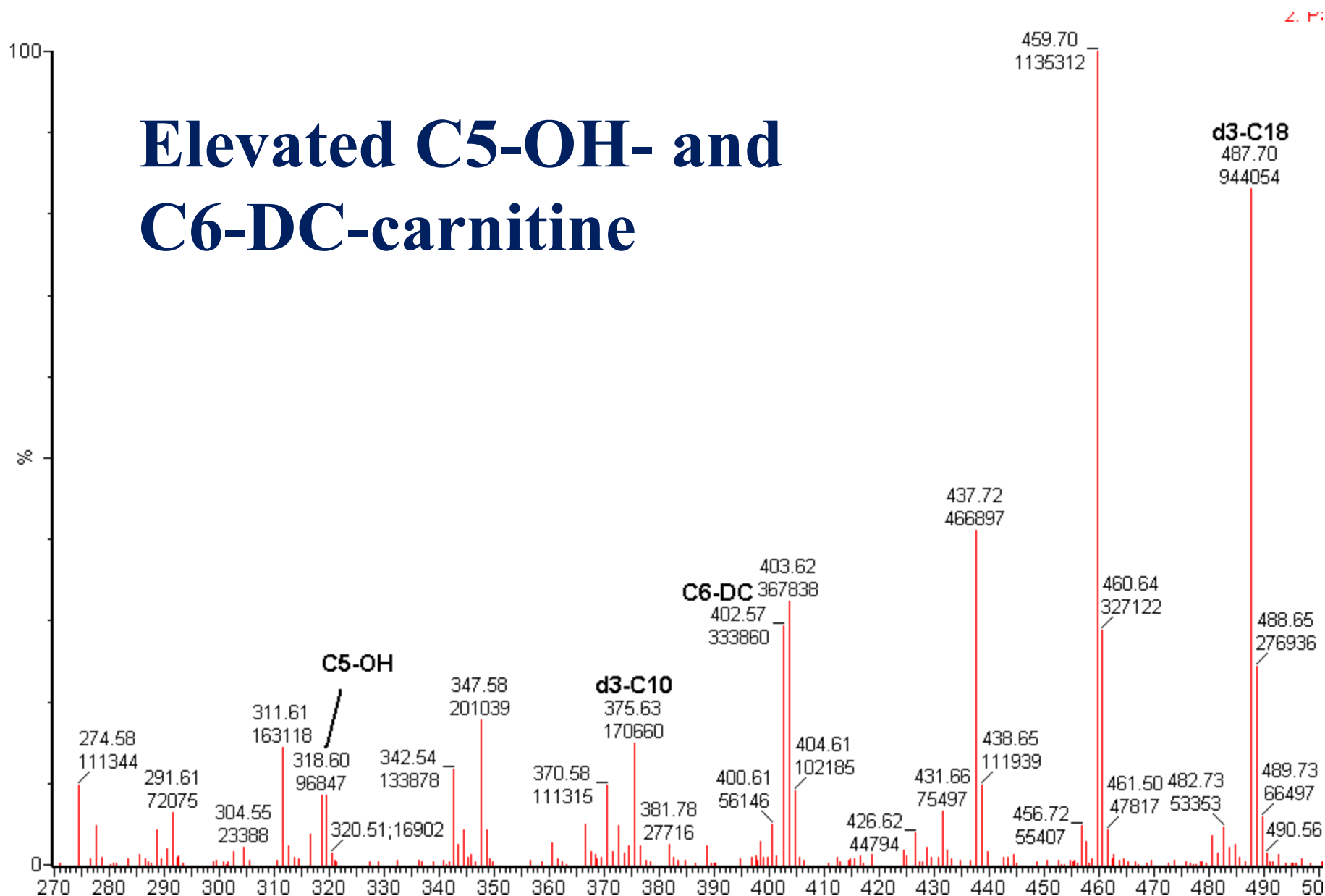
**Labs:** Hyperammonemia, acidosis, increased anion gap, elevated transaminases, hypoglycemia. Organic acids: Elevated excretion of 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaric acid, 3-methylglutaconic acid, 3-methylglutaric acid, (3-hydroxyisovaleric acid, 3-methylcrotonylglycine); elevated 3-methylglutaryl (C6-DC) and 3-OH-isovaleryl- (C5OH) carnitine.

**Diagnosis:** DNA testing: *HMGCL* gene (1pter-p33)

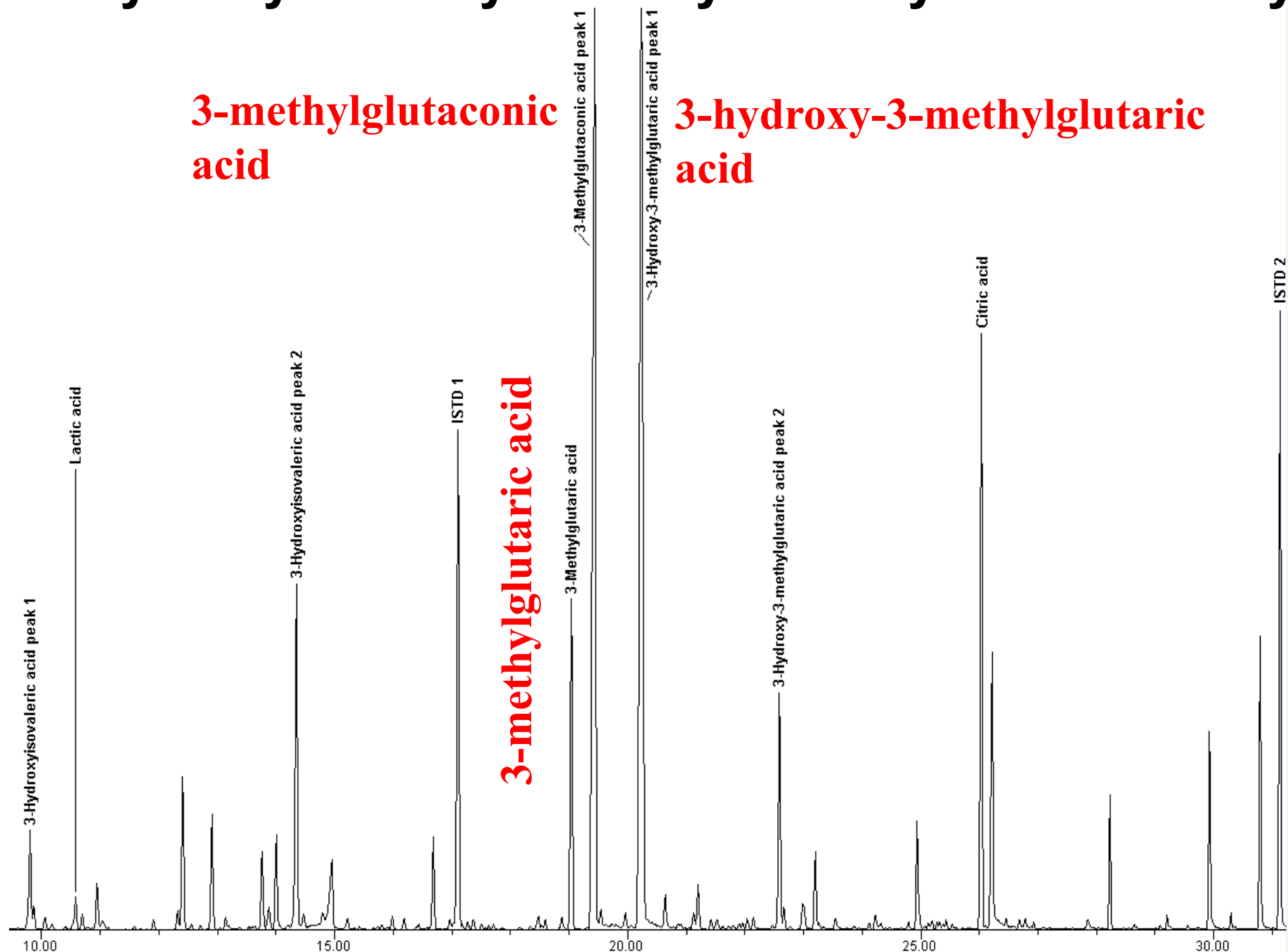
**Therapy:** Fasting avoidance, carnitine, moderate protein restriction early in life, reduce fat calories to <30%, cornstarch supplements.

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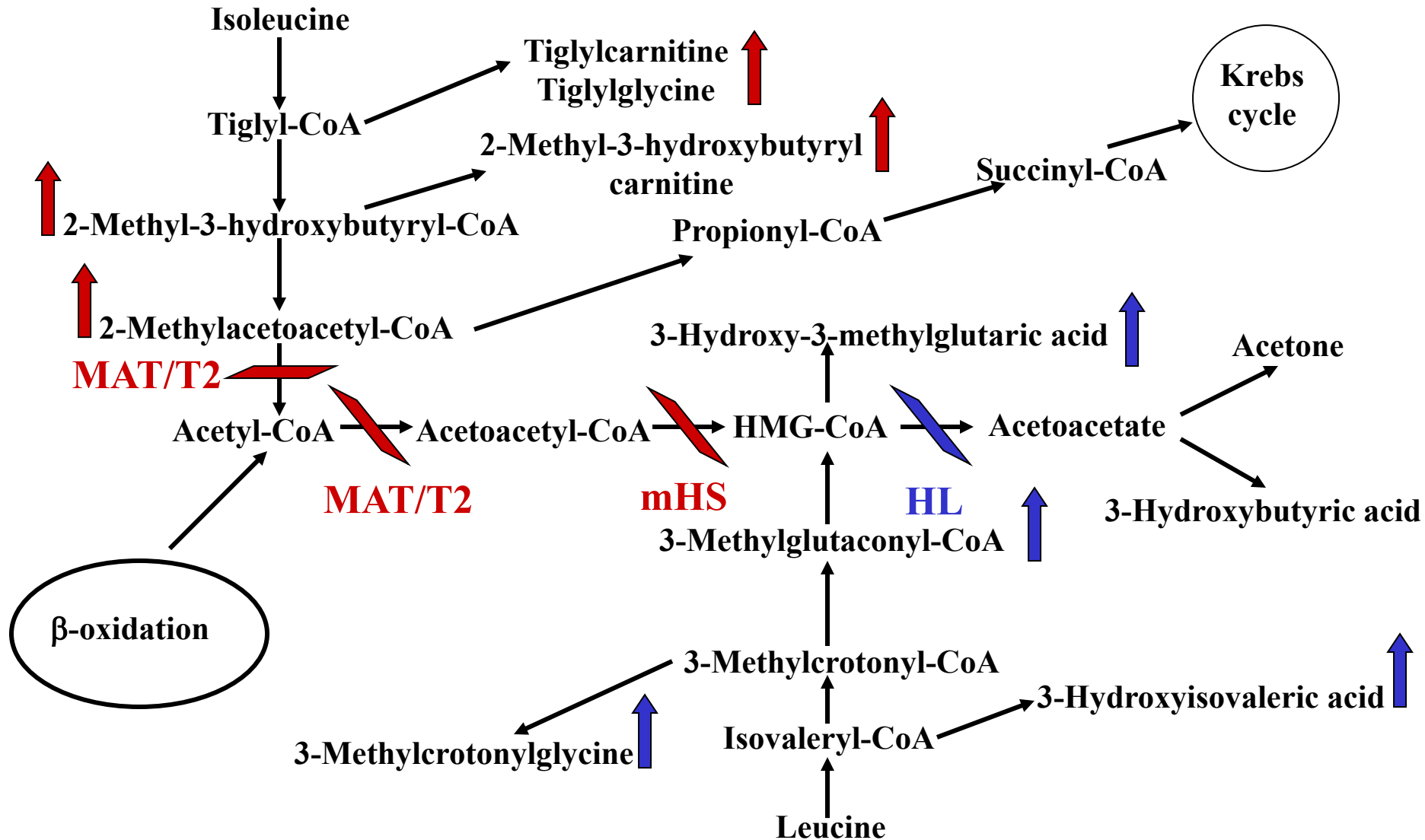
**Elevated C5-OH- and  
C6-DC-carnitine**



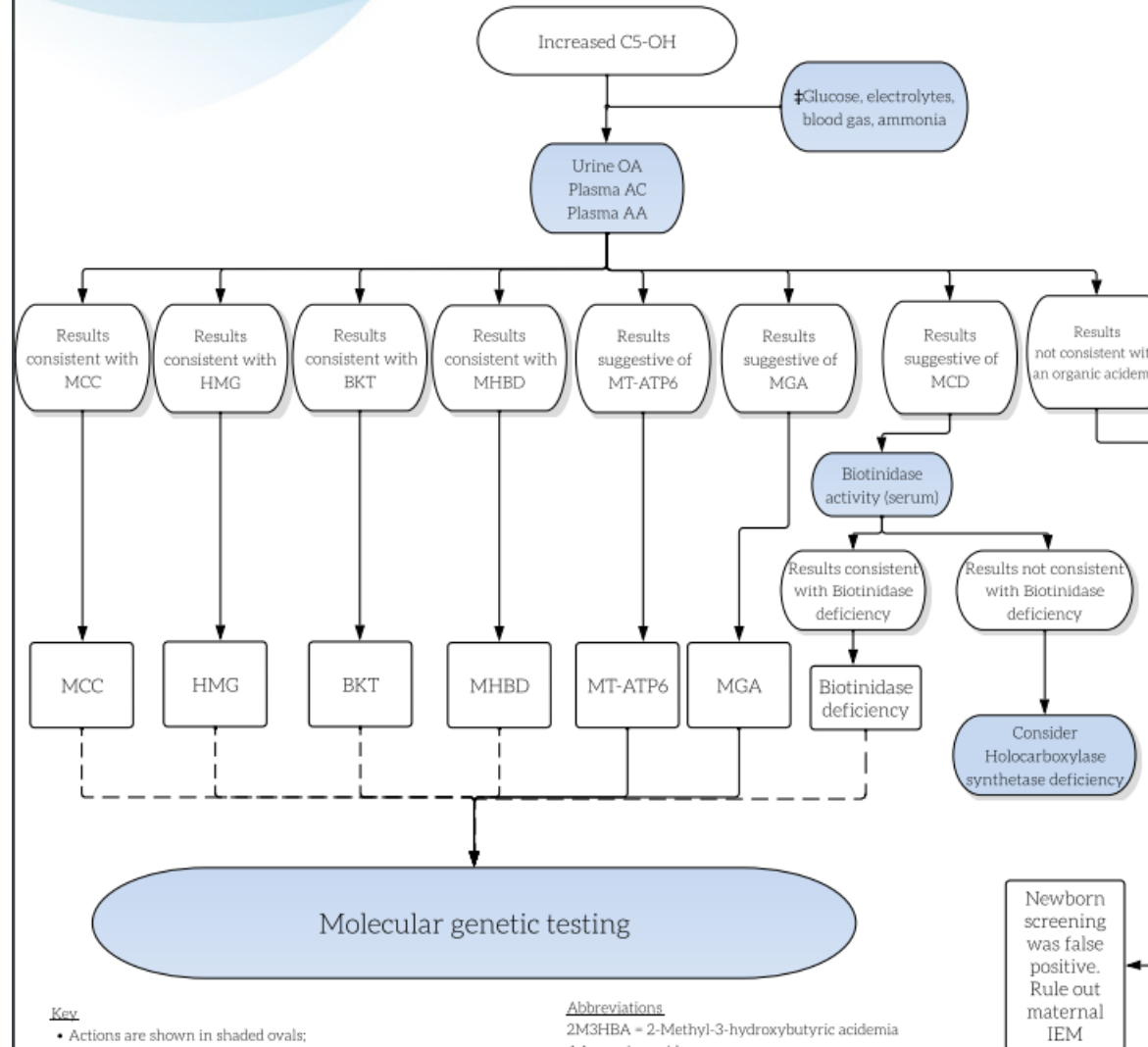
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# DISORDERS OF KETOGENESIS



## Organic Acidemias: Elevated C5-OH



### Key

- Actions are shown in shaded ovals; results are in the unshaded ovals. Diagnostic outcomes are shown in boxes.
- Dashed line reflects an optional test.
- \*May be performed locally as a rapid screen to assess severity.

### Abbreviations

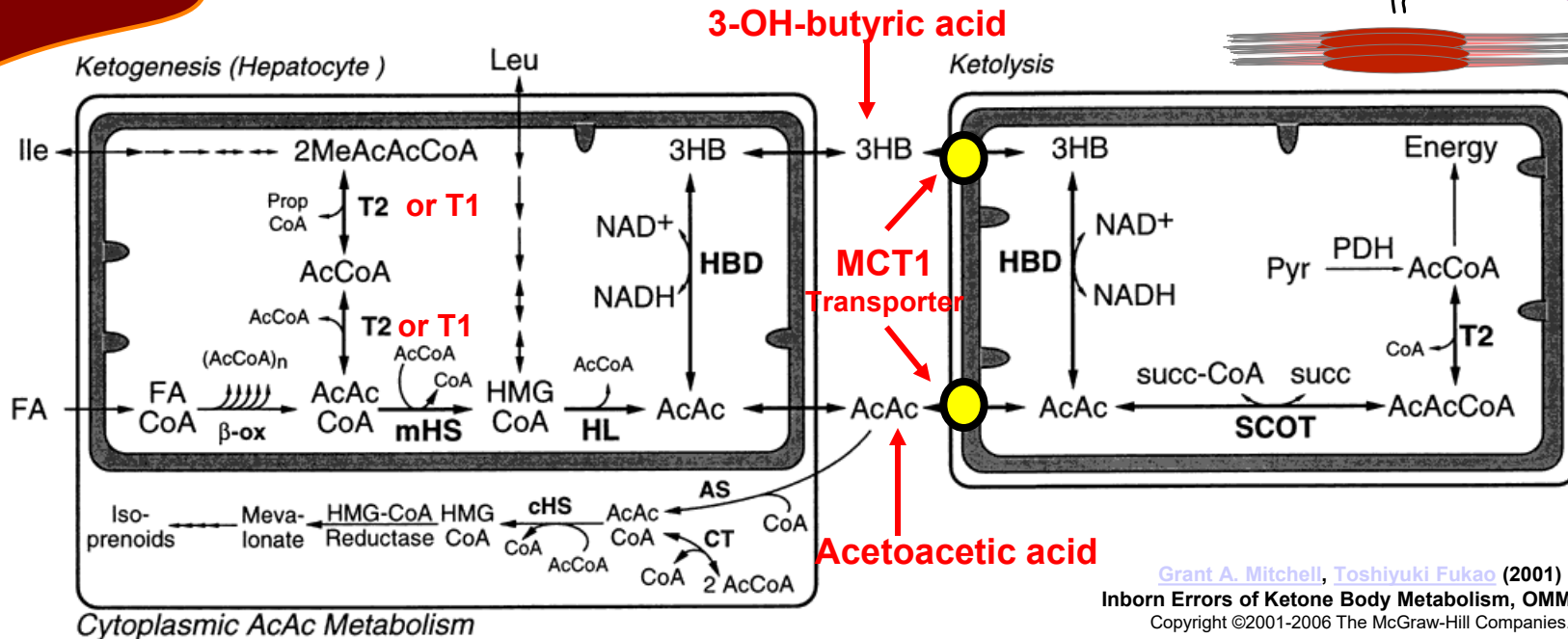
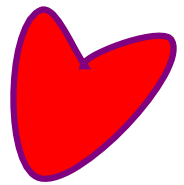
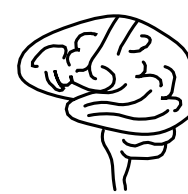
2M3HBA = 2-Methyl-3-hydroxybutyric acidemia  
AA = amino acids  
AC = acylcarnitines  
BKT = Beta-ketothiolase deficiency  
HMG = 3-Hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-CoA lyase deficiency  
IEM = inborn error of metabolism  
MCC = 3-Methylcrotonyl-CoA carboxylase deficiency  
MCD = Multiple carboxylase deficiency  
MGA = 3-Methylglutaconic aciduria  
MHBD = 2-Methyl-3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency  
OA = organic acids

**3-methylglutaryl  
(C6-DC)  
carnitine can be  
elevated as well  
in HMG-CoA  
Lyase  
deficiency.**

**Panel DNA  
testing is  
necessary for  
confirmation.**



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# MONOCARBOXYLIC TRANSPORTER 1 (MCT1) DEFICIENCY (OMIM 616095)

**Frequency:** AR, very rare (14 cases to 2022). Some only have one mutation in MCT1: lactate/pyruvate/monocarboxylate H<sup>+</sup> transporter. Lack of ketones and lactate affect brain growth and function.

**Presentation:** episodic, non-physiologic or exaggerated physiologic ketoacidosis: Tachypnea, lethargy, coma, severe ketoacidosis with elevated anion gap. Cyclic vomiting. Psychomotor delay, epilepsy or corpus callosum agenesis. Resolution of metabolic crises after 8 years of age.

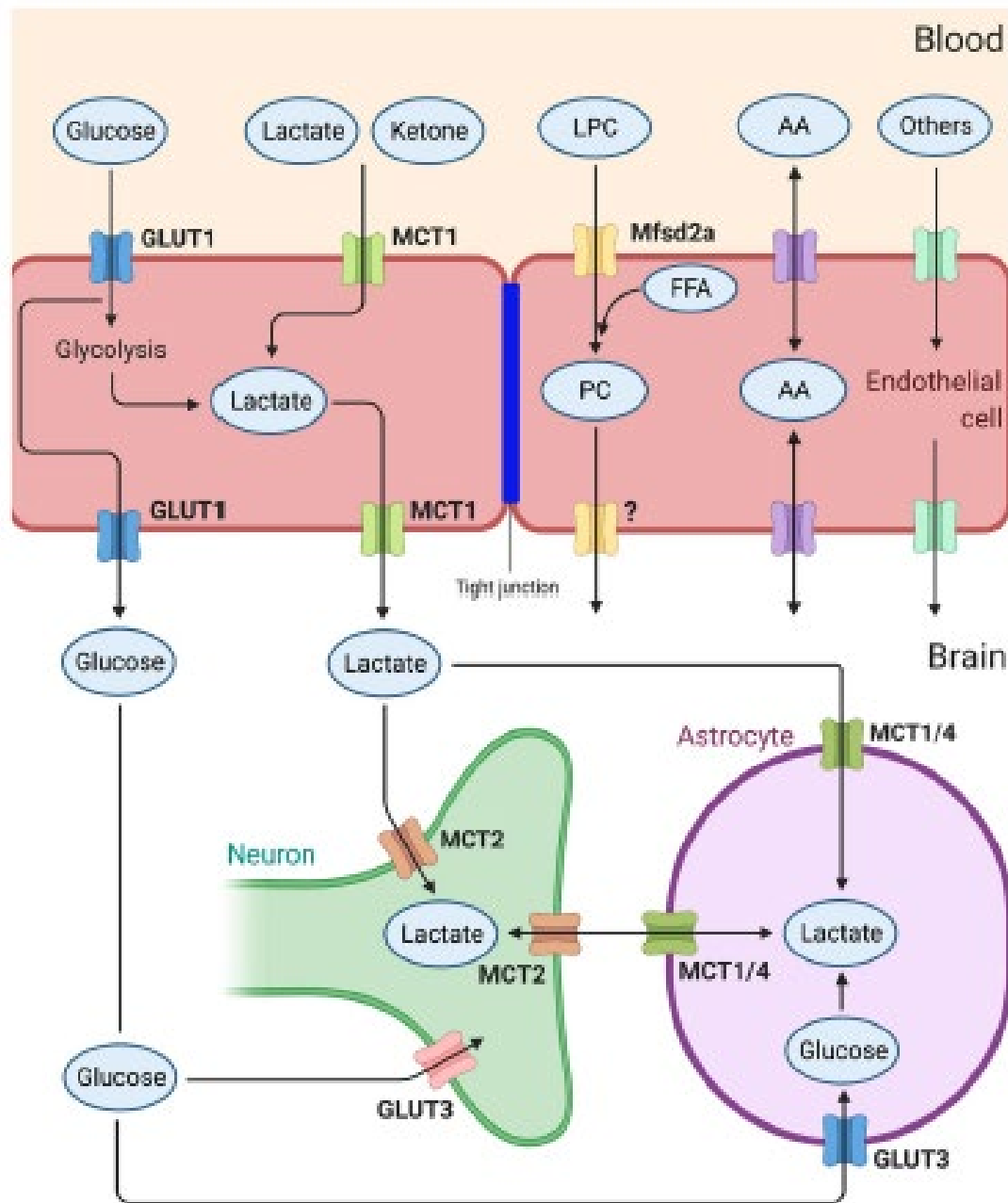
**Diagnosis:** Urine organic acids: increased Acetoacetate and 3-OH-Butyric acid, without abnormal urine organic acids. It is differentiated from physiological ketosis for the absence of adipic, suberic, and sebacic acids, usually seen during severe physiologic ketosis.

**Confirmation:** DNA testing *SLC16A1* gene on 1p13.2. Possible milder phenotype in heterozygotes with incomplete penetrance.

**Therapy:** prevention of fasting, alkali to prevent or reverse acidosis, mild protein and fat restriction, cornstarch, carnitine.

MJ, Duran K, Harakalova M, van der Zwaag B, Monavari AA, Okur I, Sharrard MJ, Cleary M, O'Connell N, Walker V, Rubio-Gozalbo ME, de Vries MC, Visser G, Houwen RH, van der Smagt JJ, Verhoeven-Duif NM, Wanders RJ, van Haaften G. Monocarboxylate transporter 1 deficiency and ketone utilization. van Hasselt PM, Ferdinandusse S, Monroe GR, Ruiter JP, Turkenburg M, Geerlings N Engl J Med. 2014 Nov 13;371(20):1900-7. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1407778. PMID: 25390740

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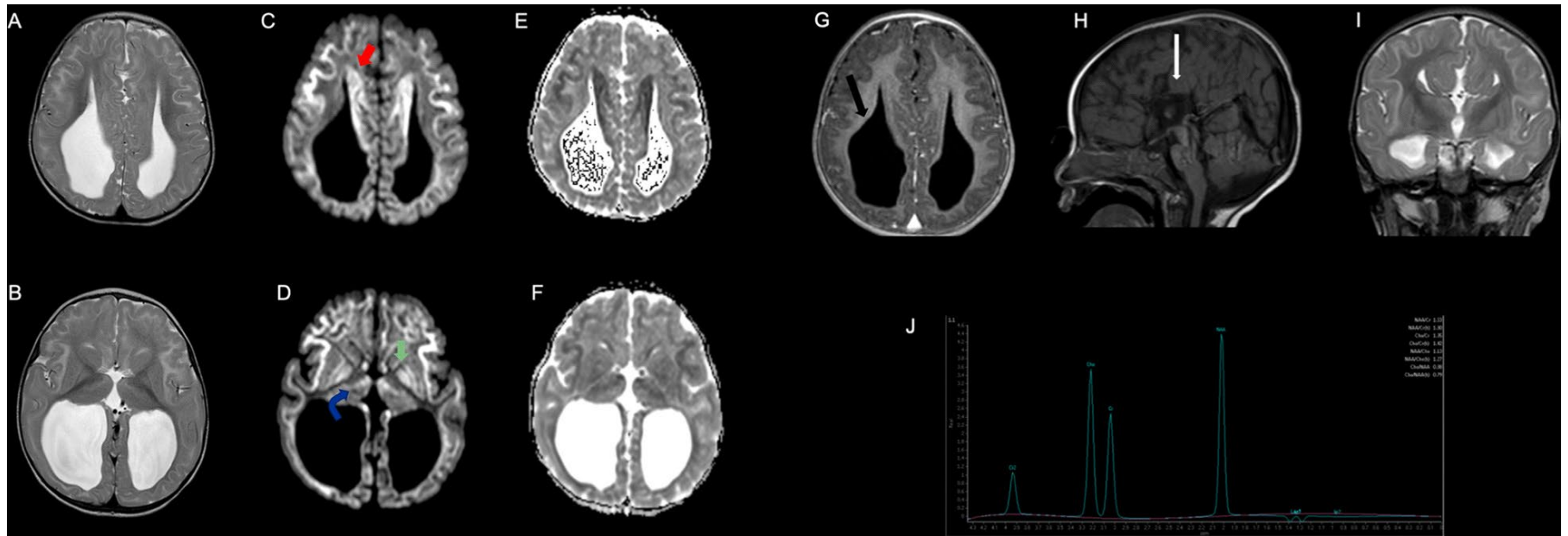


**MCT1 is abundant in brain endothelial cells. Essential for the influx of lactate from blood stream into the brain and transfer of lactate to astrocytes and neurons.**

Nguyen YTK, Ha HTT, Nguyen TH, Nguyen LN. The role of SLC transporters for brain health and disease. Cell Mol Life Sci. 2021 Dec 31;79(1):20. doi: 10.1007/s00018-021-04074-4. PMID: 34971415.

# Lack of MCT1 impairs brain energy supply

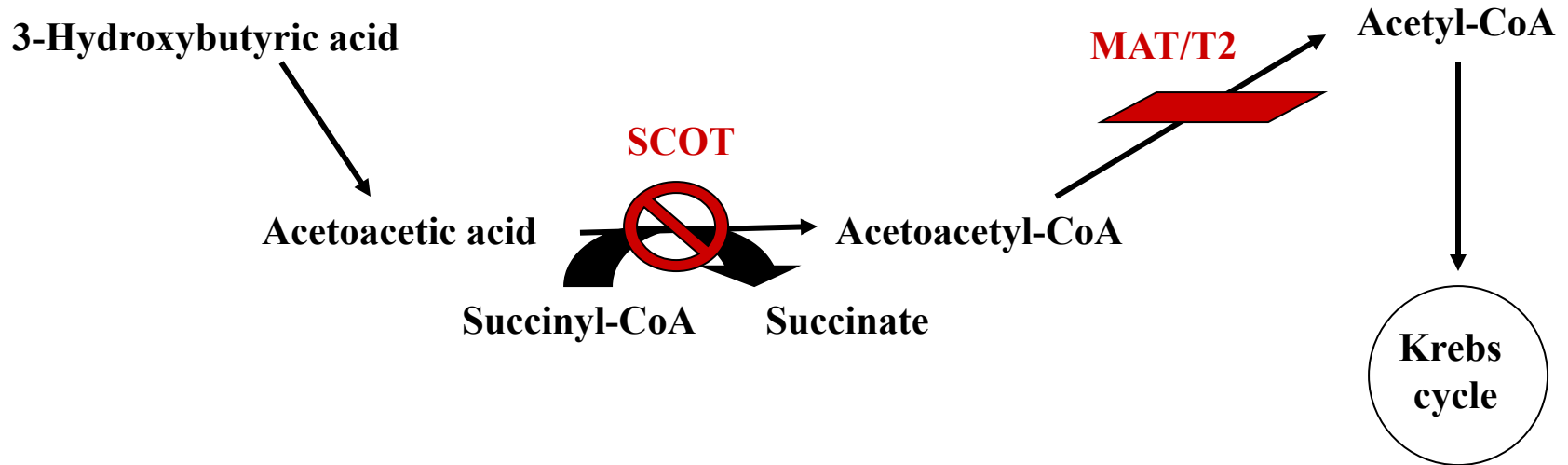
The brain becomes unable to use lactate (derived from glucose) in addition to ketones, with neuronal cell suffering.



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# SCOT deficiency OMIM 245050



SCOT, Succinyl-CoA:3-ketoacid-CoA transferase (OMIM 245050) catalyzes the reversible rate-limiting step of ketolysis.

**Cause:** mutations in *OXCT* gene (5p12-p13).

*OXCT* gene not expressed in liver.

Frequency: very rare

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**Presentation:** episodic, non-physiologic or exaggerated physiologic ketoacidosis: Tachypnea, lethargy, coma, severe ketoacidosis with elevated anion gap, persistent ketonemia/ketonuria even when stable or post-prandially, no diagnostic metabolites in urine or plasma. Ketones are present in fed state.

**Diagnosis:** Urine organic acids: increased Acetoacetate and 3-OH-Butyric acid, without other abnormal urine organic acids. It is differentiated from physiological ketosis for the absence of adipic, suberic, and sebacic acids, usually seen during severe physiologic ketosis.

**Confirmation:** DNA testing *OXCT1* gene on 5p13.

**Therapy:** prevention of fasting, alkali to prevent acidosis, mild protein and fat restriction, cornstarch, carnitine.

# METABOLIC ACIDOSIS

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- **Acidosis was corrected by intravenous bicarbonate and peritoneal dialysis was initiated. Acidosis reappeared when dialysis was discontinued, for which she was kept on a regimen of daily dialysis (done very night).**
- **At 15 months of age, her growth and development were only mildly delayed. Hypoglycemia (glucose 1.22 mmol/L – 22 mg/dL) after overnight fasting but not during daytime was noted, with hypokalemia (2.5 mEq/L), normal bicarbonate and elevated anion gap (23.5 mEq/L). Urinary organic acid analysis showed excess ketone bodies without dicarboxylic aciduria or other abnormal metabolites.**



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# LABORATORY FINDINGS

## URINE ORGANIC ACIDS

**ABNORMAL:** Severe ketonuria suggesting severe catabolic state. No abnormal organic acids identified. Organic acid quantitation in mmol/mol creatinine:

Analyte Result	1 mo-12 yrs
Lactic acid	676 <370
Pyruvic acid	22 <34
Succinic acid	81 <80
Fumaric acid	31 <10
2-Ketoglutaric	180 <150
3-OH-butyric acid	10,563 <4
Acetoacetic acid	17,704 <4
2-Keto-3-methylvaleric	26 <10
2-Keto-isocaproic	9 <4
Ethylmalonic acid	8 <15
Adipic acid	23 <100
Suberic acid	14 <10
Sebacic acid	0 <3
4-OH-phenylacetic acid	81 <100
4-OH-phenylpyruvic acid	8 <2

**SICK**  $\text{CO}_2 = 5$

## URINE ORGANIC ACIDS

**ABNORMAL:** Severe ketonuria. Abnormal products of fatty acid oxidation are not present in this sample. Organic acid quantitation in mmol/mol creatinine:

Analyte Result	1 mo-12 yrs
Lactic acid	349 <370
Pyruvic acid	83 <34
Succinic acid	117 <80
Fumaric acid	33 <10
2-Ketoglutaric	577 <150
3-OH-butyric acid	6,380 <4
Acetoacetic acid	6,192 <4
2-Keto-3-methylvaleric	23 <10
2-Keto-isocaproic	8 <4
Ethylmalonic acid	21 <15
Adipic acid	28 <100
Suberic acid	11 <10
Sebacic acid	9 <3
4-OH-phenylacetic acid	216 <100
4-OH-phenylpyruvic acid	8 <2

**WELL**  $\text{CO}_2 = 27$

**Normal plasma and urine amino acids**

**Plasma carnitine: excess acylcarnitines while on supplements.**

# LABORATORY FINDINGS

- Ketolytic enzymes, Fibroblasts:**

Enzyme	Activity	Ref. range	Units
Beta-Ketothiolase	8.4	(5.6-15.9)	nmol/min/mg protein
Succinyl-CoA 3-ketotransferase	0.0	(4.1-8.1)	nmol/min/mg protein

- Interpretation: SCOT deficiency.**
- DNA *OXCT* gene: homozygous c.649C>T; p.R217X.**

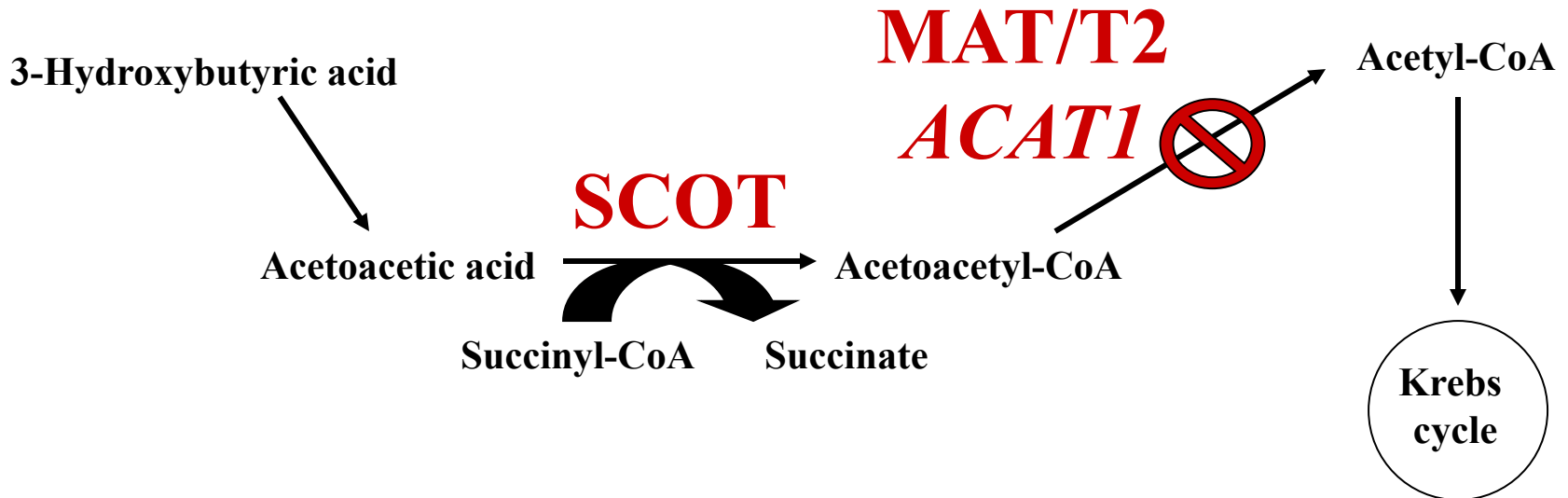
# SCOT DEFICIENCY

Our patient, received a diet low in protein (0.9 g/kg per day), rich in complex carbohydrates (62% of total calories) and with a mild reduction in fat (35% of total calories), with the equivalent of 10 mEq/kg per day of bicarbonate.

At 4 years of age, she had normal growth parameters and development. Her treatment consists of carnitine 600 mg/day, the equivalent of 8-10 mEq/kg per day of bicarbonate, and a multivitamin supplement. With this therapy, her bicarbonate remains normal (24 mEq/L). Ketonuria persists even when she is doing well.

There are patients with milder SCOT deficiency in whom ketoacidosis develops on fasting and ketonuria is absent in the fed state.

# BETA KETOTHIOLASE DEFICIENCY



**Mitochondrial acetoacetyl-CoA thiolase, MAT/T2 (OMIM 203750):** has a ketolytic role (converts acetoacetyl-CoA and CoA in two molecules of acetyl-CoA) and a ketogenic role (converts 2-methylacetoacetyl-CoA and CoA in acetyl-CoA and propionyl-CoA).

**Presentation:** ketoacidosis, therefore the ketolytic process is more dependent upon adequate function of MAT/T2 (ACAT1): CAT/T1 (ACAT2) might bypass the defect in ketone body synthesis.

# METABOLIC ACIDOSIS

**3-Year-old male with a 24-hour history of vomiting, lethargy. In the ER, he had a blood glucose of 15 with 3+ ketones in the urine, metabolic acidosis (pH 6.8), bicarbonate <5, and BMP glucose of 7. Head CT was normal. Described as poor eater, very active in his sleep. No previous hospitalizations or surgeries. Has speech delay.**

			07/30/07	05/22/07
Units				
Na	137-146	mmol/L	139	144
K	3.4-4.7	mmol/L	3.9	4.4
Cl	98-109	mmol/L	106	120 H
CO2	18-24	mmol/L	24	* <5 L
Anion Gap	3-16	mmol/L	9	19 H
Glucose	60-115	mg/dL	91	95
BUN	5-17	mg/dL	12	32 H
Creatinine	0.3-0.7	mg/dL	0.4	0.6
Ca	8.7-9.8	mg/dL	9.4	7.8 L
Prot	5.9-7.0	g/dL	7.5 H	6.1
Alb	3.1-3.9	g/dL	4.7 H	3.6
Bili, Total	0.2-1.3	mg/dL	0.2	<0.1 L
Alk Phos	145-320	U/L	200	235
ALT	5-45	U/L	16	52 H
AST	20-60	U/L	55	69 H
Ammonia	21-50	umol/L	21	* 54 H

# METABOLIC ACIDOSIS

## Ketolytic enzymes, Fibroblasts:

Enzyme	Activity	Ref. range	Units
<b>Beta-Ketothiolase</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>(8.9-20.6)</b>	<b>nmol/min/mg protein</b>
Succinyl-CoA 3-ketotransferase	7.5	(2.6-8.6)	nmol/min/mg protein

- Interpretation: Beta-ketothiolase activity was in the low normal range, but not stimulated by potassium (normally K doubles enzyme activity).
- DNA *ACAT1* gene: c.T99A (p.Y33X); c.T155C (p.I52T)
- **Treatment:** fasting avoidance, cornstarch and carnitine supplements.

# BETA KETOTHIOLASE DEFICIENCY

Mitochondrial acetoacetyl-CoA thiolase deficiency

**Presentation:** intermittent ketoacidotic episodes during intercurrent illnesses, triggered by vomiting, fever.

**Labs:** Two groups of patients:

Group 1: no residual enzyme activity; urine organic acids show elevated tiglylglycine, 2-methyl-3-hydroxybutyric acid, 2-methylacetoacetate (unstable, rarely seen) with or without ketoacidosis; elevated tiglylcarnitine (C5:1) and 2-methyl-3-hydroxybutyrylcarnitine (C5OH).

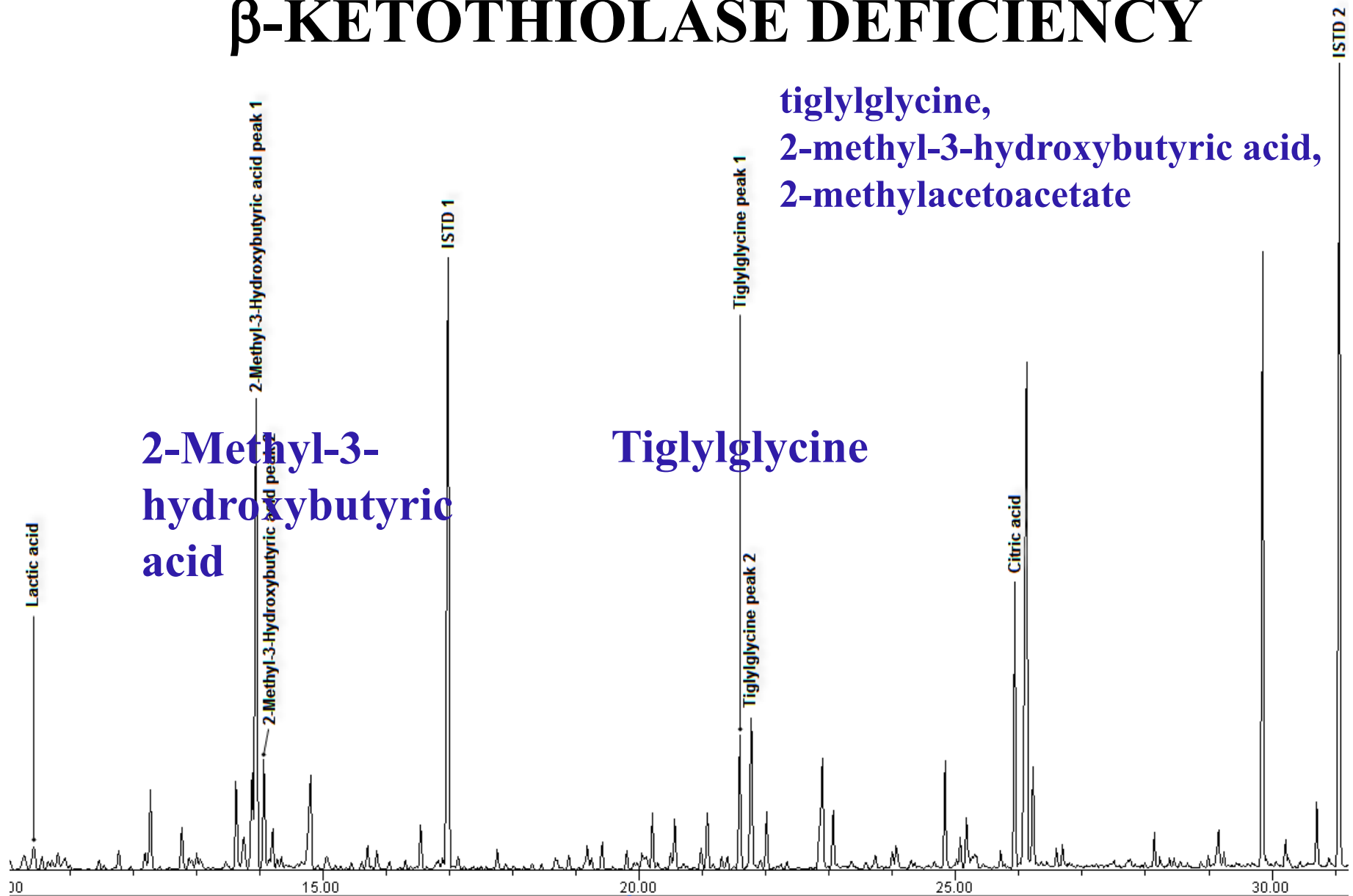
Group 2: some residual enzyme activity; urine organic acids may be normal when stable; elevated tiglylcarnitine (C5:1) and 2-methyl-3-hydroxybutyrylcarnitine (C5OH). Newborn screening (and even acylcarnitine profile in plasma) can miss these patients .

**Diagnosis:** DNA testing *ACAT1* gene (11q22.3-q23.1), enzyme assay

**Therapy:** Fasting avoidance, cornstarch, carnitine

# MAT/T2 DEFICIENCY (*ACAT1* gene)

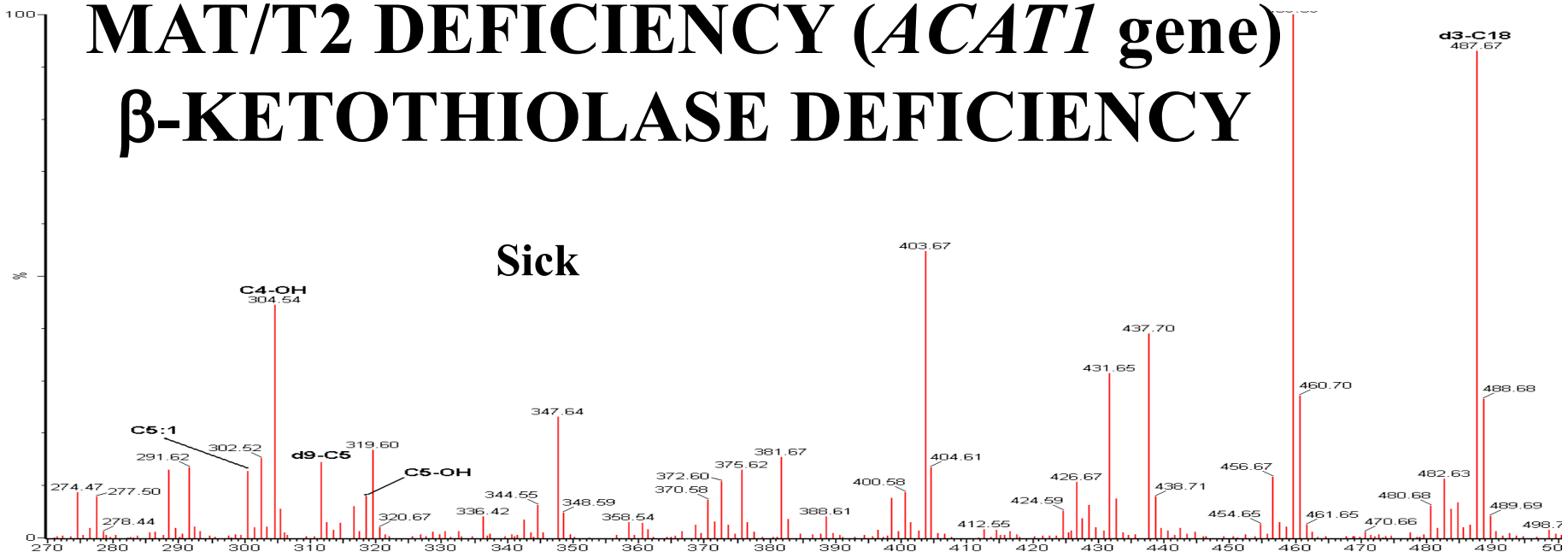
## $\beta$ -KETOTHIOLASE DEFICIENCY



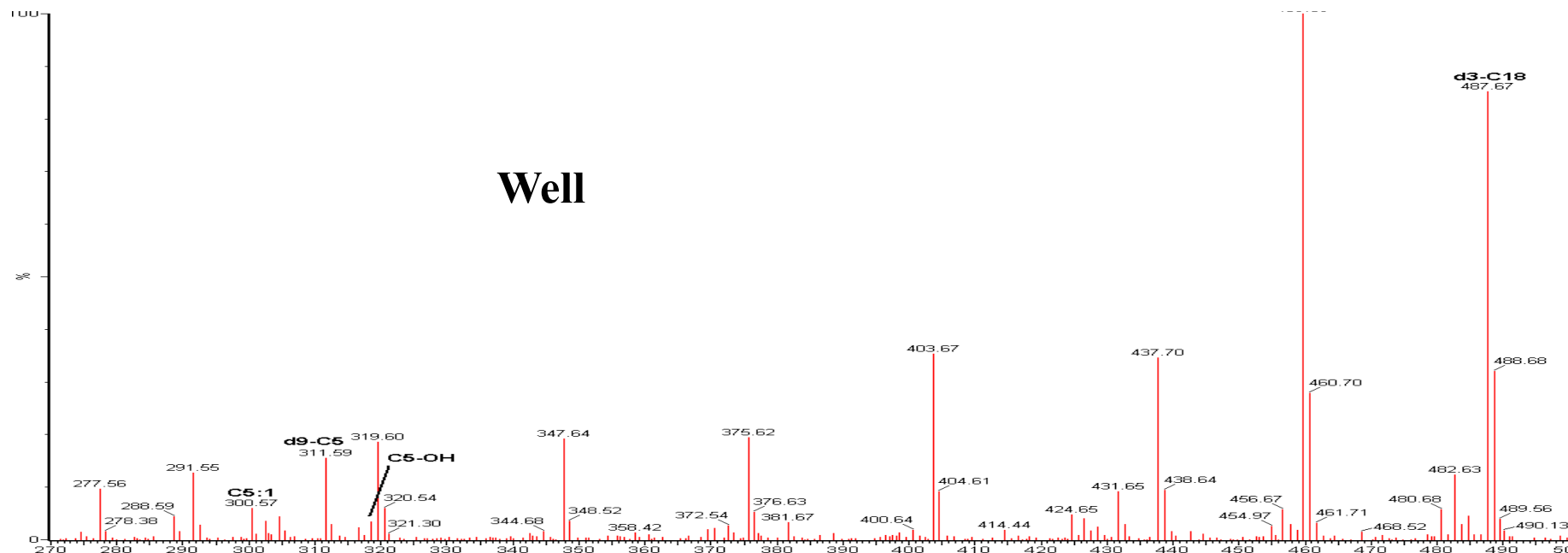


# MAT/T2 DEFICIENCY (*ACAT1* gene) $\beta$ -KETOTHIOLASE DEFICIENCY

Sick



Well



# METABOLIC ACIDOSIS

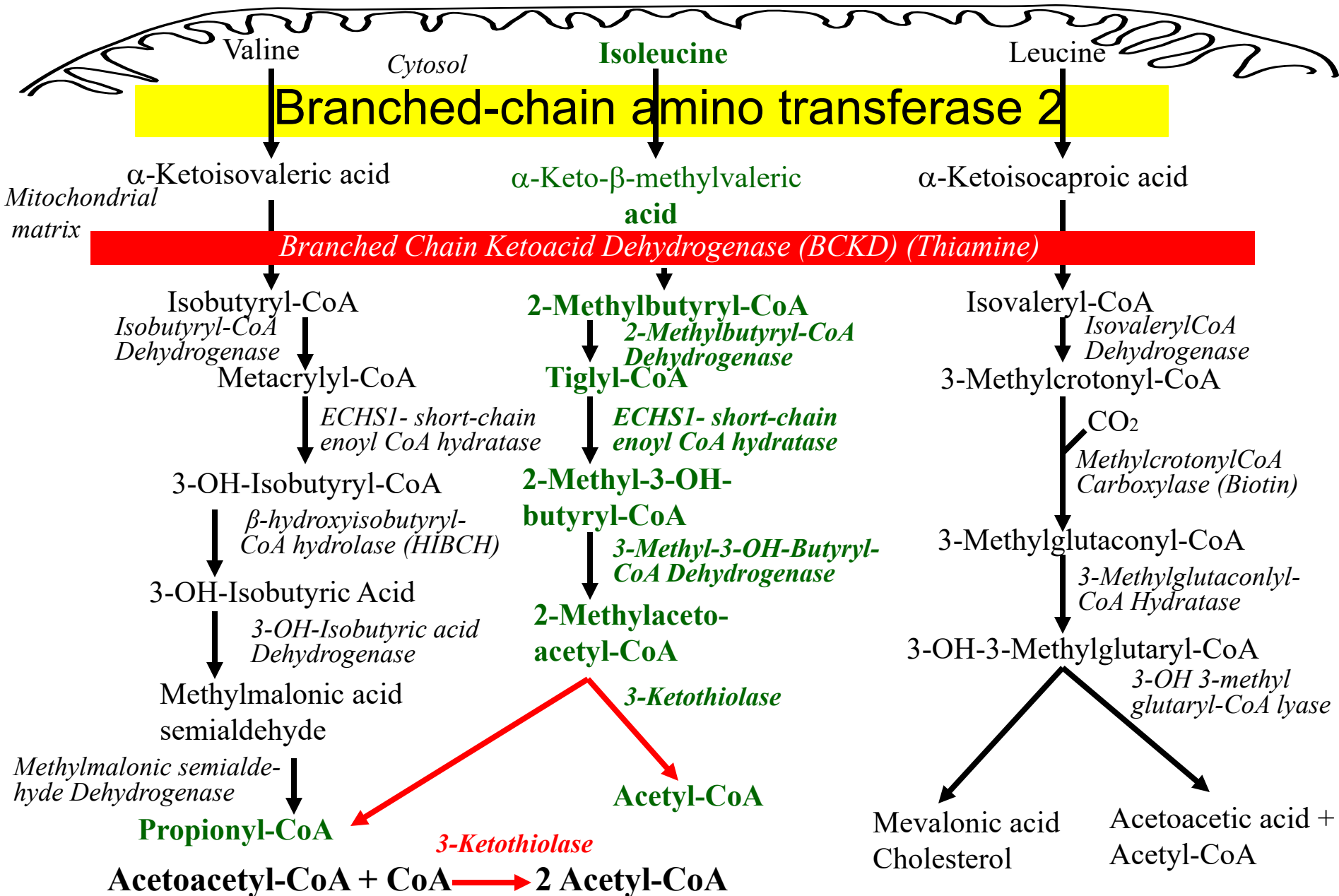
## URINE ORGANIC ACIDS

**ABNORMAL.** Increased excretion of tiglylglycine, 2-methyl-3-OH-butyric, and 2-ethyl-3-OH-propionic acids. Massive ketonuria, lactic/pyruvic aciduria, dicarboxylic aciduria, and markedly elevated excretion of 2-methylglutaconic and 3-hydroxyisovaleric acid. This pattern is most consistent with beta-ketothiolase deficiency, an inherited disorder of isoleucine metabolism. The urine organic acids analysis should be repeated when the patient is clinically stable to confirm this finding.

## PLASMA ACYLCARNITINE PROFILE

**ABNORMAL.** In this sample the concentration of free carnitine was mildly reduced. The concentrations of C5:1-(tiglyl-) carnitine (0.44 umol/L; normal range: <0.03 umol/L) and C5OH-(3-hydroxyisovaleryl/2-methyl-3-hydroxybutyryl-) carnitine (0.22 umol/L; normal range: <0.03 umol/L) were elevated. C4OH-(3-hydroxybutyryl-) carnitine was also markedly increased (1.54 umol/L; normal range: < 0.19 umol/L) reflecting severe ketosis. This pattern can be seen in beta-ketothiolase deficiency, an autosomal recessive disorder of isoleucine and ketone body metabolism.

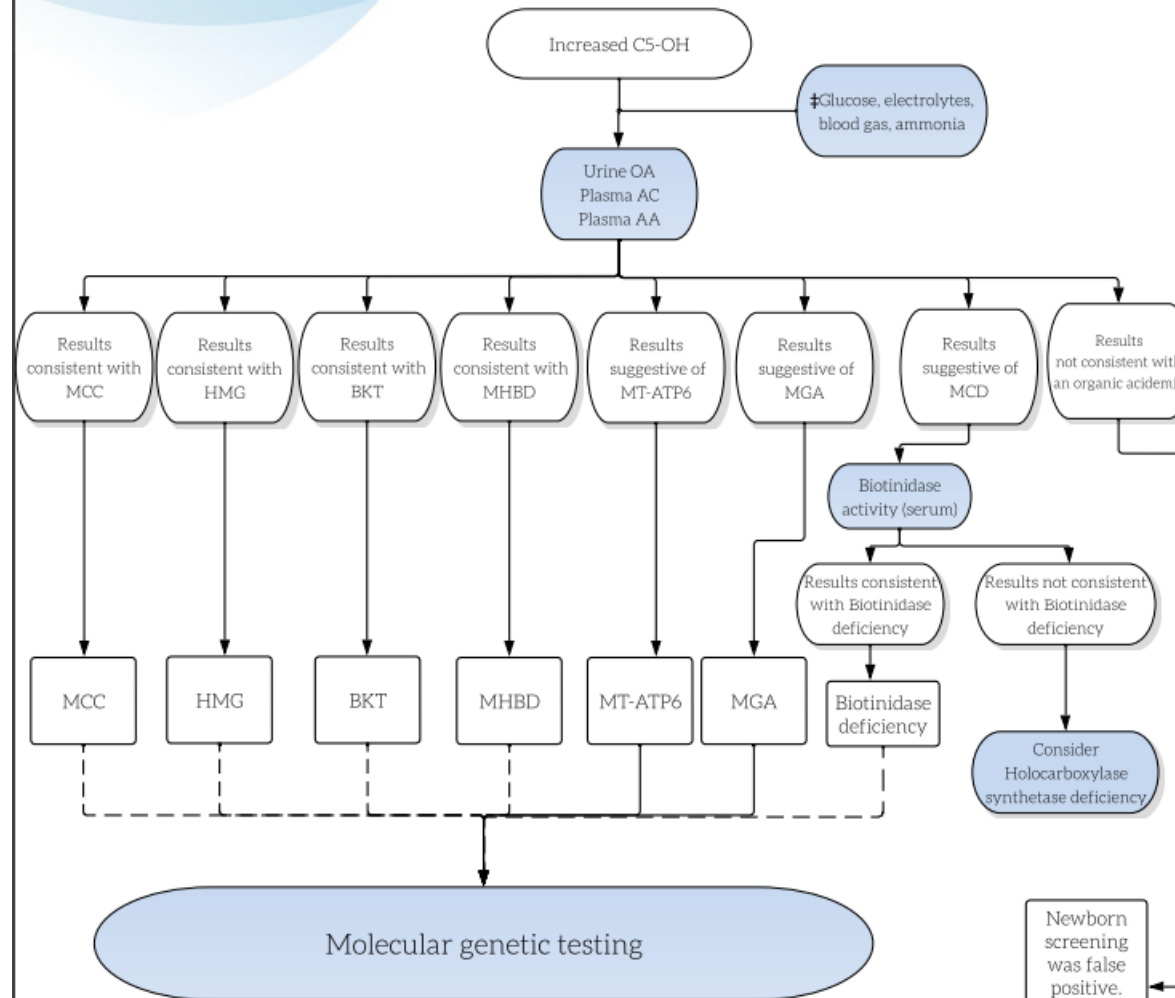
# 3-KETOTHIOLASE DEFICIENCY



## Organic Acidemias: Elevated C5-OH

### Beta Ketothiolase deficiency.

C5-OH can be elevated, but we have seen combination of elevations of different species (C5:1, C4-OH) one at a time



#### Key

- Actions are shown in shaded ovals; results are in the unshaded ovals. Diagnostic outcomes are shown in boxes.
- Dashed line reflects an optional test.
- \*May be performed locally as a rapid screen to assess severity.

#### Abbreviations

2M3HBA = 2-Methyl-3-hydroxybutyric acidemia  
AA = amino acids  
AC = acylcarnitines  
BKT = Beta-ketothiolase deficiency  
HMG = 3-Hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-CoA lyase deficiency  
IEM = inborn error of metabolism  
MCC = 3-Methylcrotonyl-CoA carboxylase deficiency  
MCD = Multiple carboxylase deficiency  
MGA = 3-Methylglutaconic aciduria  
MHBD = 2-Methyl-3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency  
OA = organic acids

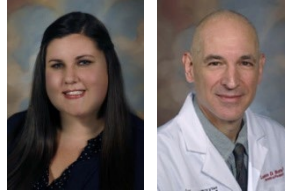
# SUMMARY

- **Fatty acids oxidation and ketogenic amino acids produce ketones (liver) that can be used by the body to produce energy.**
- **Disorders of ketogenesis (Mitochondrial 3-Hydroxy-3-Methyl-Glutaryl-CoA Synthase (mHS) and lyase (HL) deficiency) present as fatty acid oxidations defects with hypoketotic hypoglycemia.**
- **Disorders of ketolysis (MCT1, SCOT and MAT/T2 (*ACAT1*) deficiency) present with acute metabolic acidosis during fasting.**
- **Urine organic acids and plasma acylcarnitine profile can identify abnormal metabolites in HL and MAT/T2 deficiency. No diagnostic metabolites might be seen in mHS, SCOT and MCT1 deficiency. All require DNA studies for diagnosis.**

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