

# A NEW HYPOTHESIS OF OBESITY

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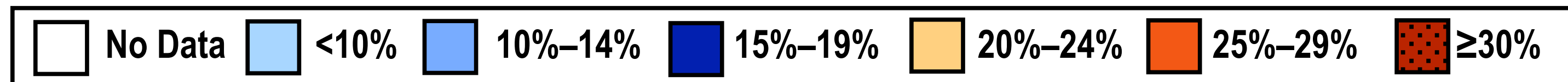
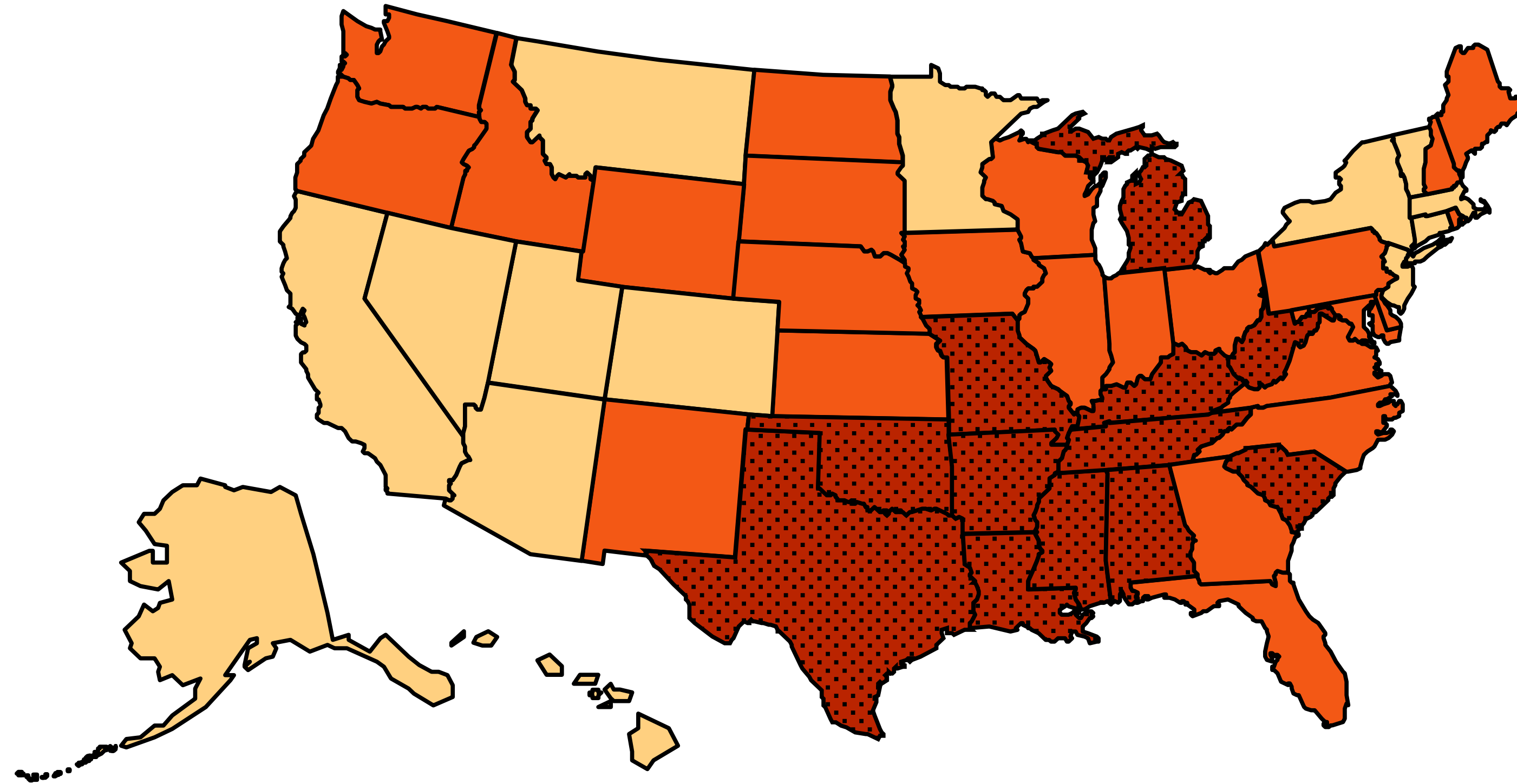
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# Obesity Trends\* Among U.S. Adults

## BRFSS, 2010

(\*BMI  $\geq 30$ , or  $\sim 30$  lbs. overweight for 5' 4" person)



Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, CDC.



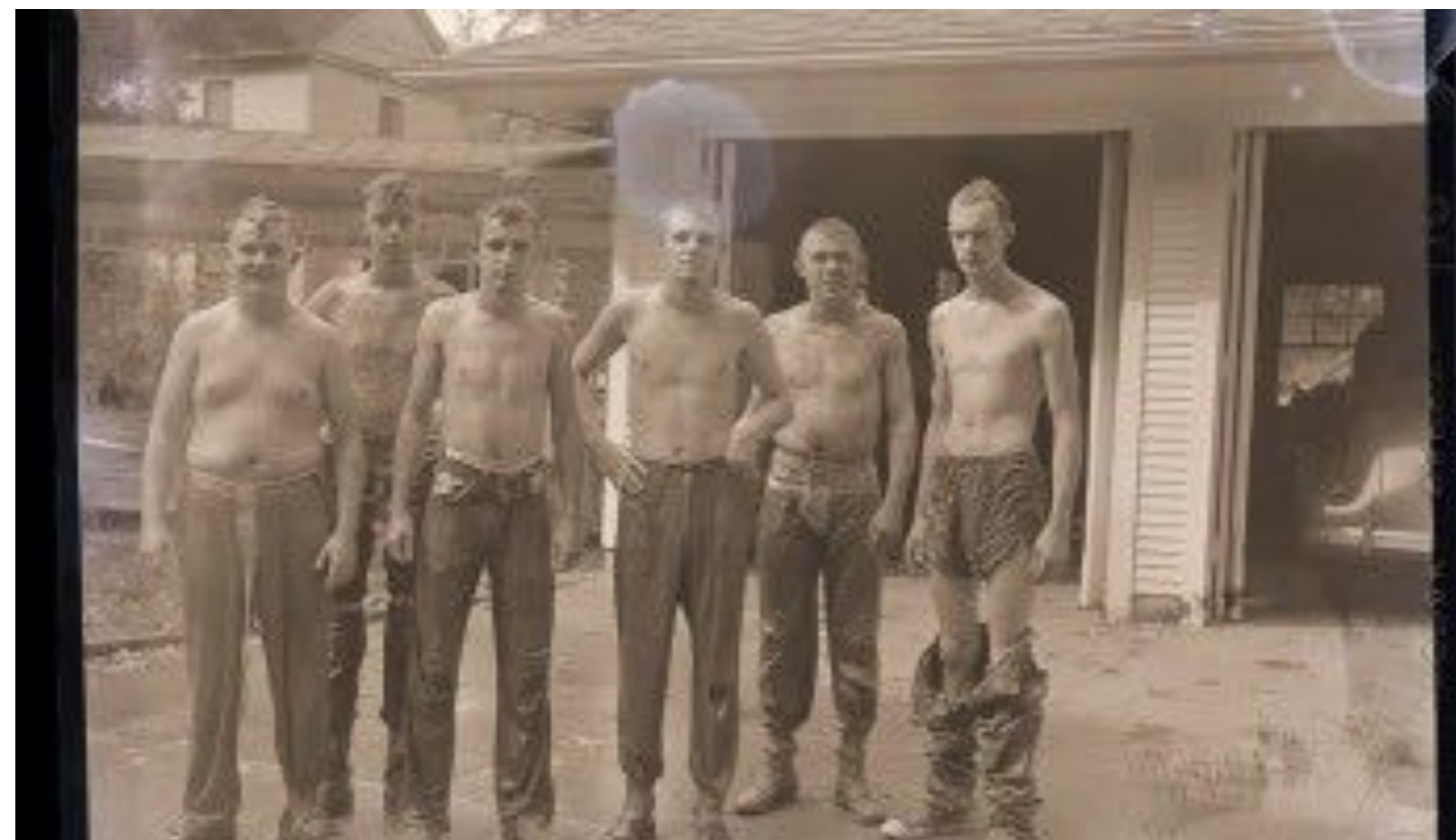
# Sorority 1950s



# Fraternity 1950s

PHI KAPPA PSI

FOUNDED AT JEFFERSON COLLEGE, 1852



# Kids in the 1950s



# Sorority 2015





# Fraternity 2015

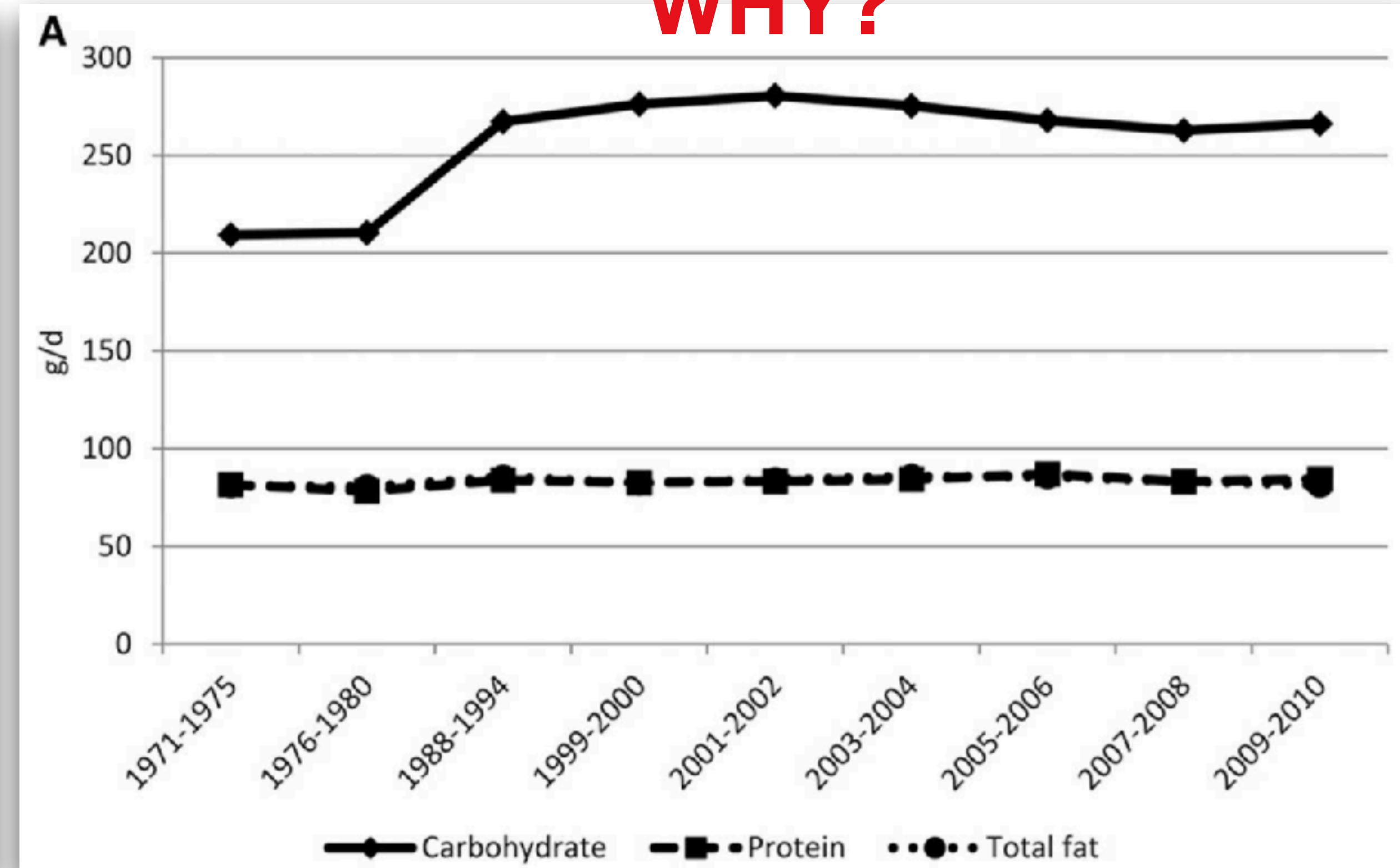
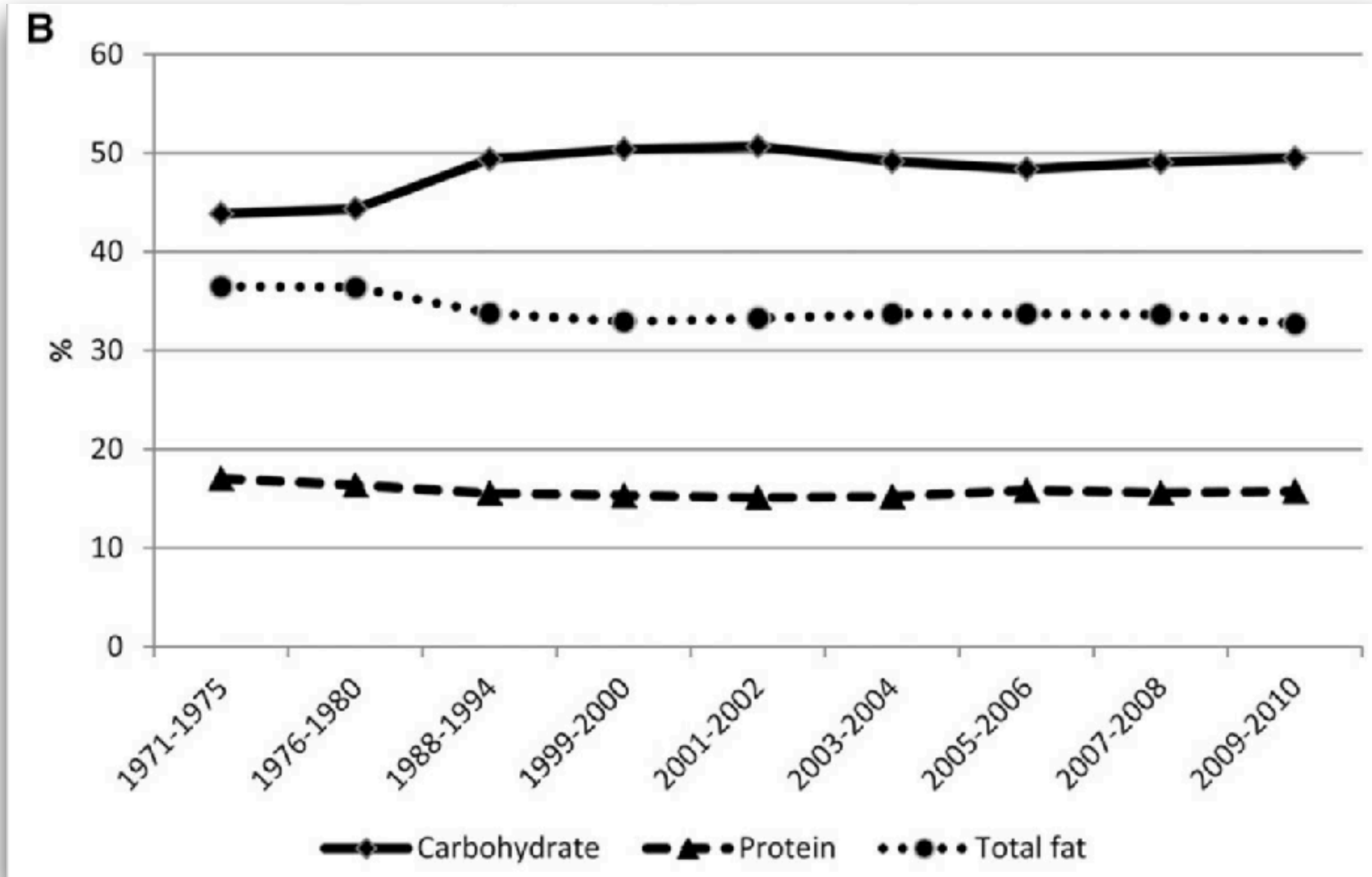


**WHAT HAPPENED?**

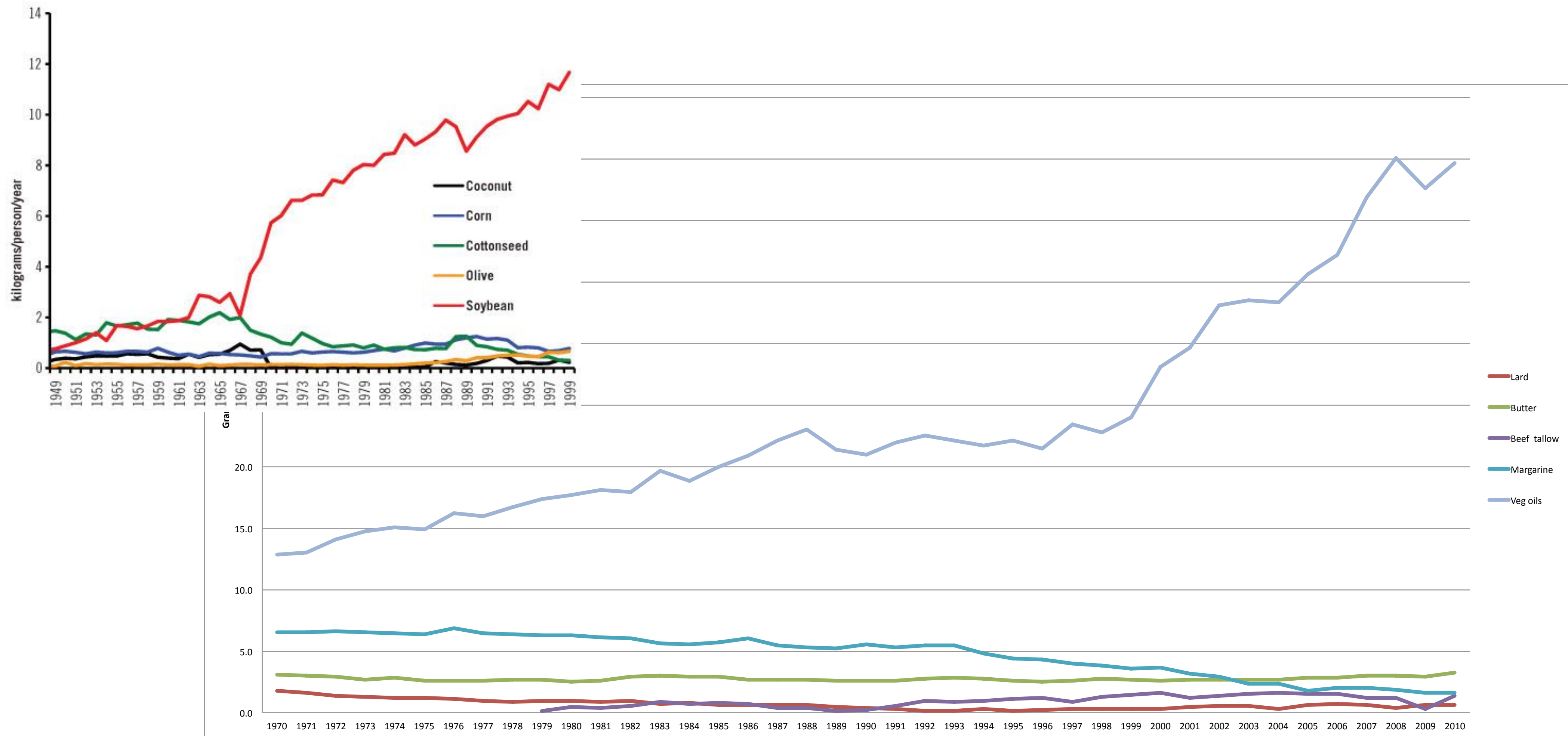
**WHAT CHANGED?**

# Macronutrient intake

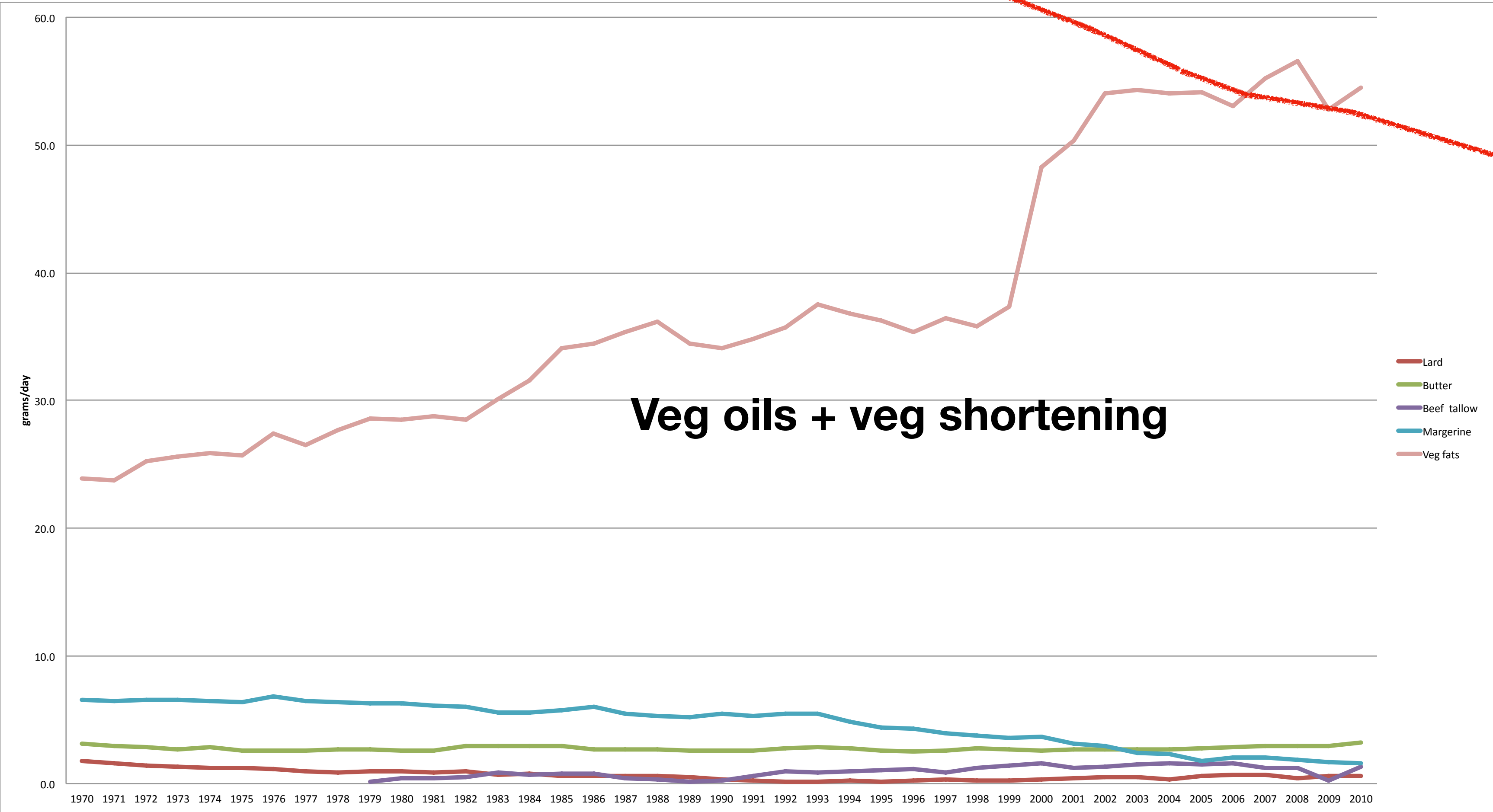
WHY?



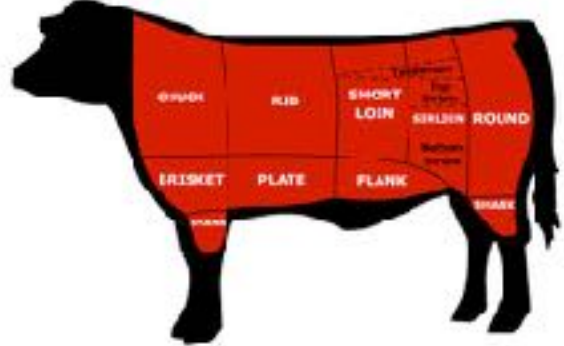
# Added fats & oils



# Added fats, oils & shortening



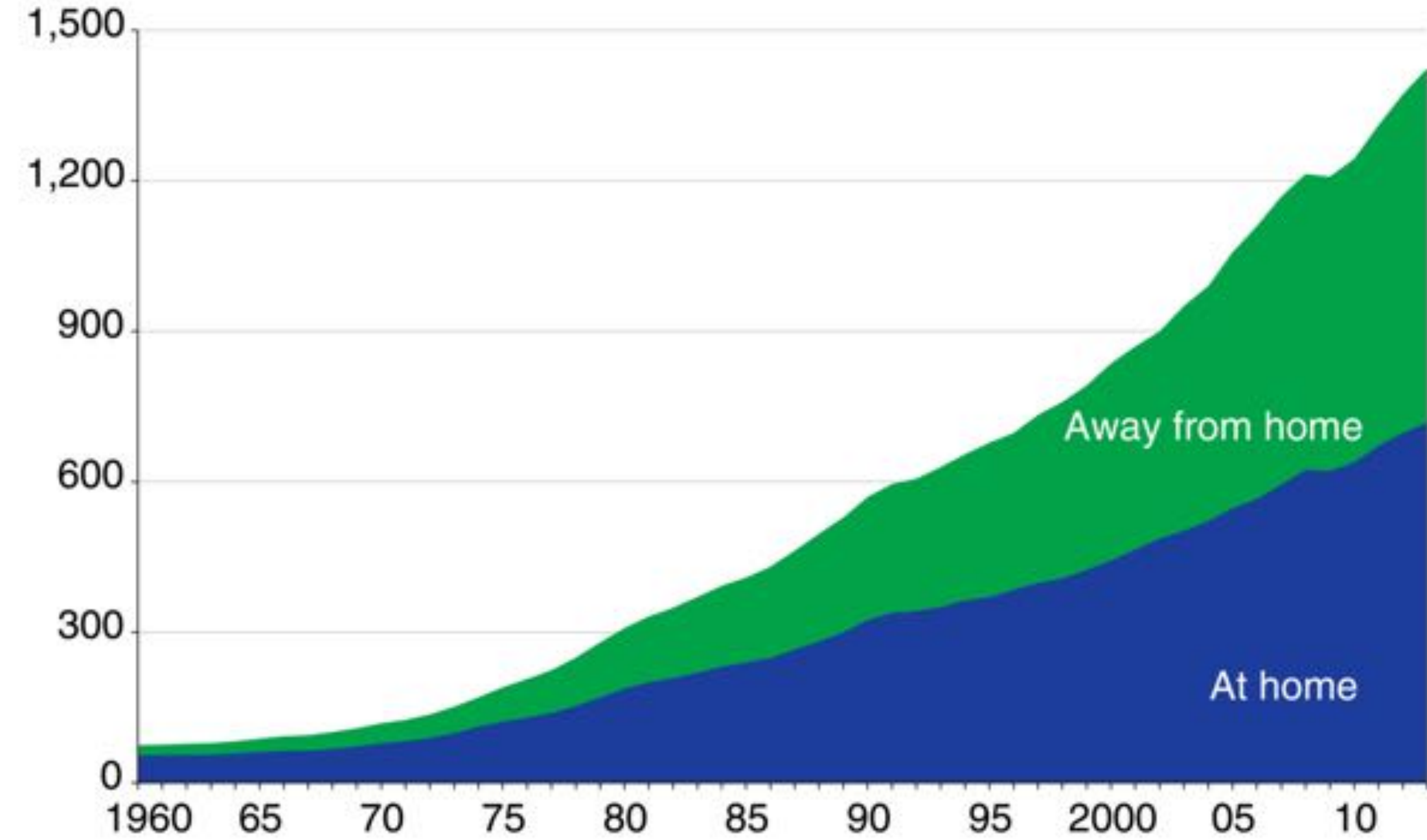
**Veg oils + veg shortening**





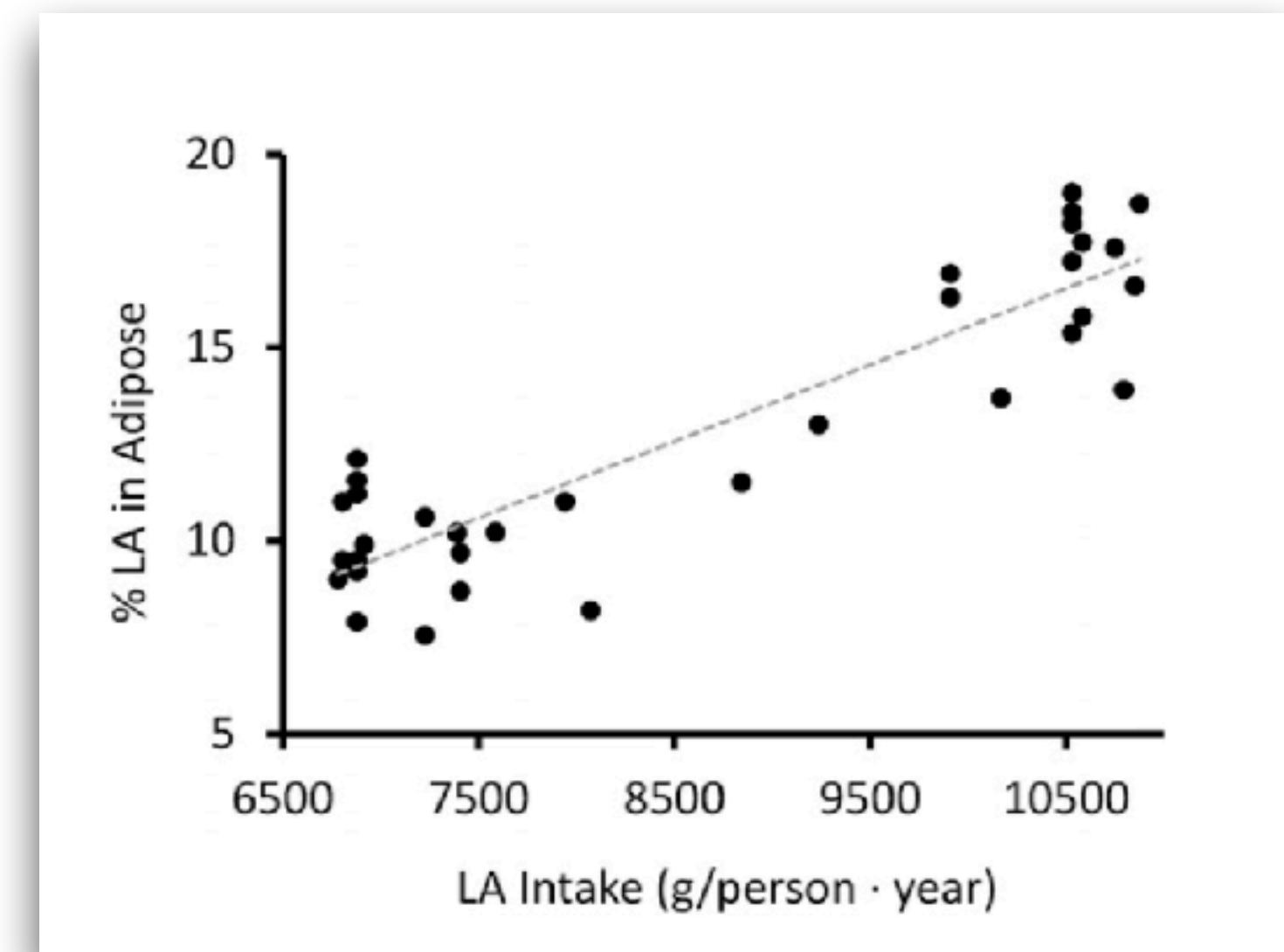
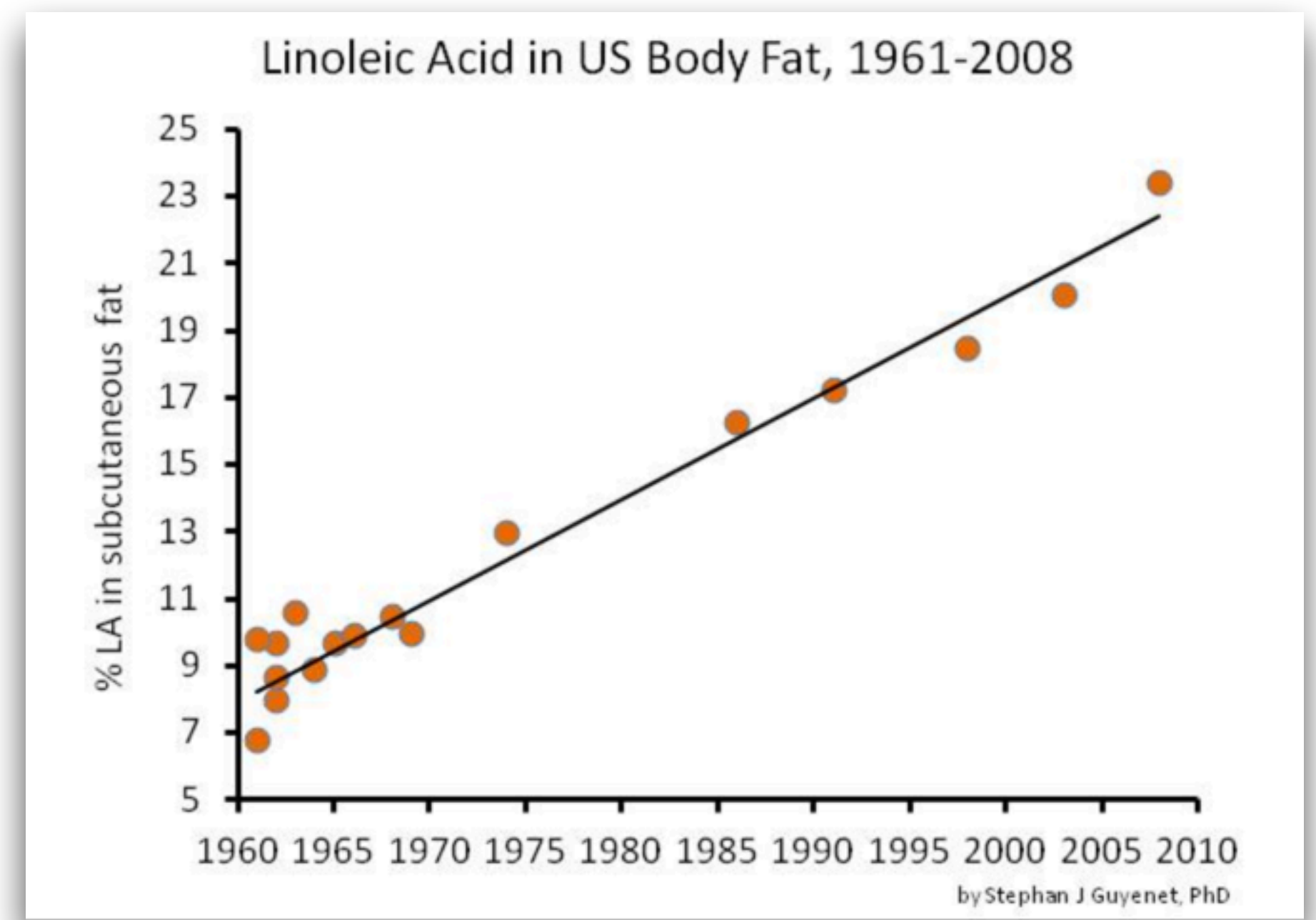
## Food-at-home and away-from-home expenditures in the United States 1960-2013

Billion dollars

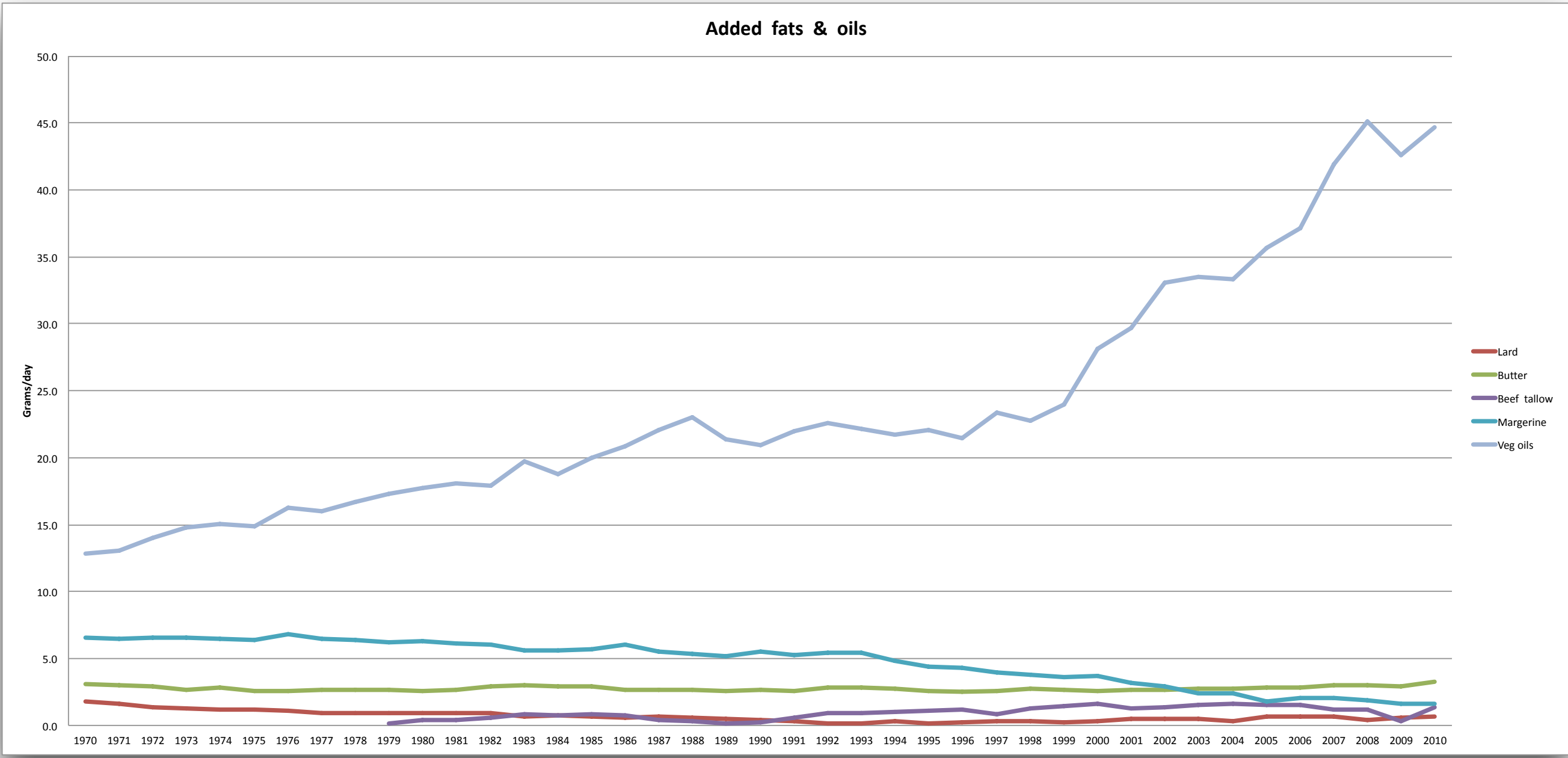
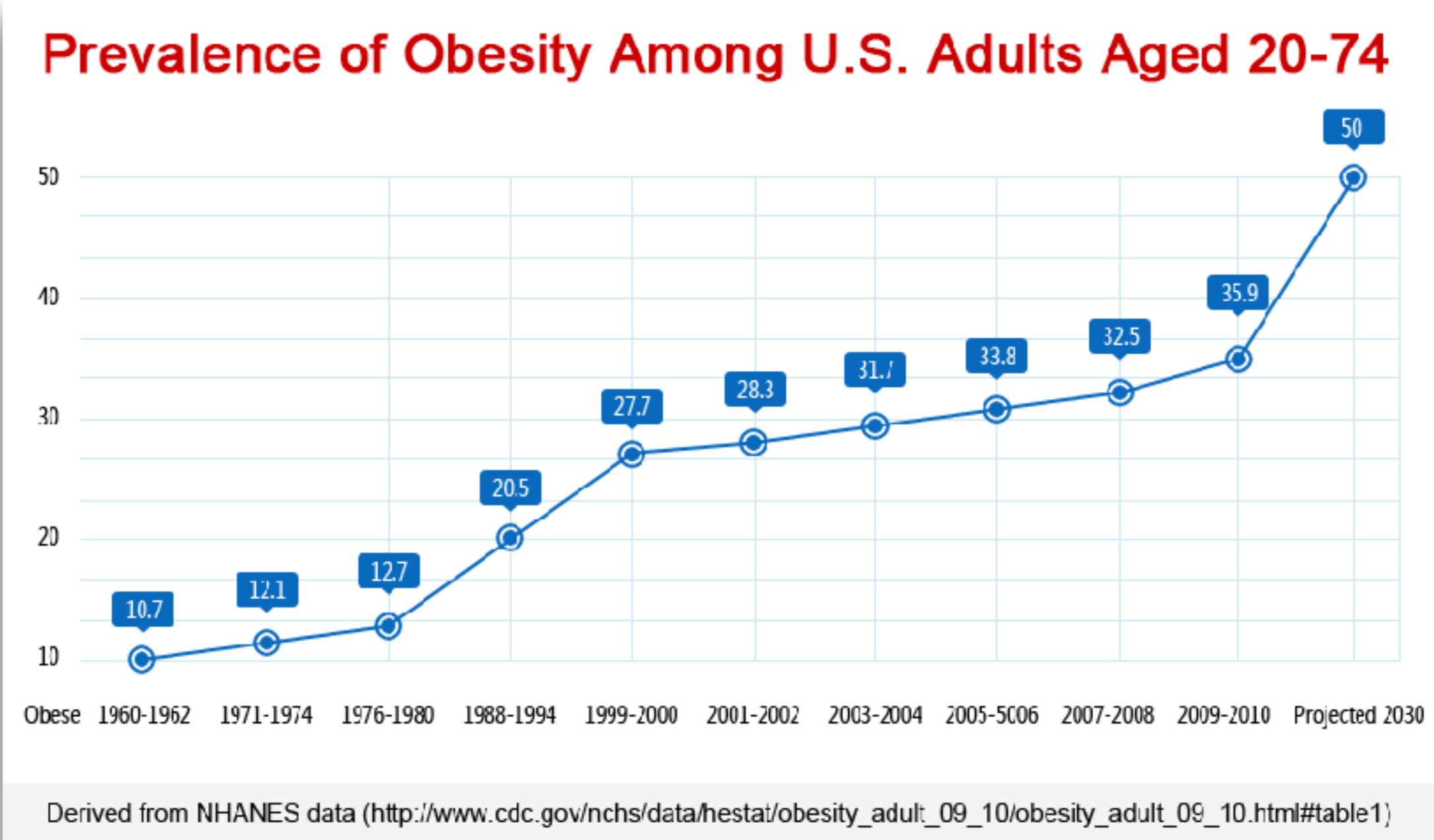


Source: USDA, Economic Research Service, Food Expenditure Series.

DIETARY FAT	FATTY ACID CONTENT NORMALIZED TO 100%		
MY ORGANIC SUNFLOWER OIL	85%	4%	11%
OLIVE OIL	72%	11%	17%
CANOLA OIL	62%	32%	6%
PEANUT OIL	49%	33%	18%
LARD	47%	12%	41%
BEEF FAT	44%	4%	52%
PALEM OIL	39%	10%	51%
BUTTER FAT	34%	2%	64%
CORN OIL	25%	62%	13%
SOYBEAN OIL	24%	61%	15%
LINOLEIC SUNFLOWER	20%	69%	11%
COTTONSEED OIL	18%	55%	27%
SAFFLOWER OIL	13%	77%	10%
	MONOUNSATURATED	POLYUNSATURATED	SATURATED



# Trends in obesity vs trends in vegetable oil intake



**Clearly vegetable fats are correlative. Are they causative? And if so, how?**



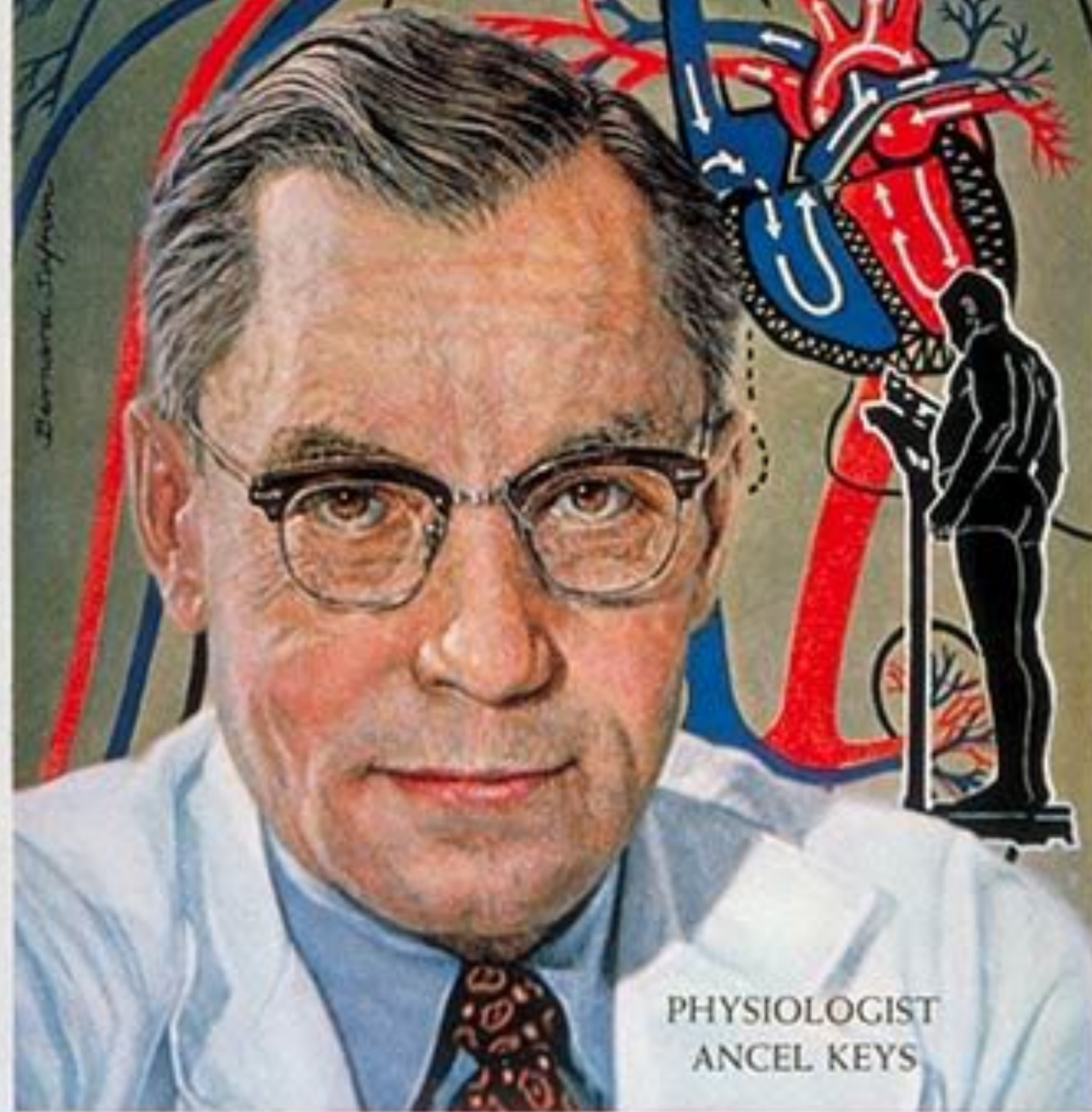
TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

JANUARY 12, 1961

*Diet & Health*

# TIME

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# Attitude toward saturated fat prior to ~1980



**WHAT, ME WORRY?**

**Attitude toward  
saturated fat  
after ~1980**

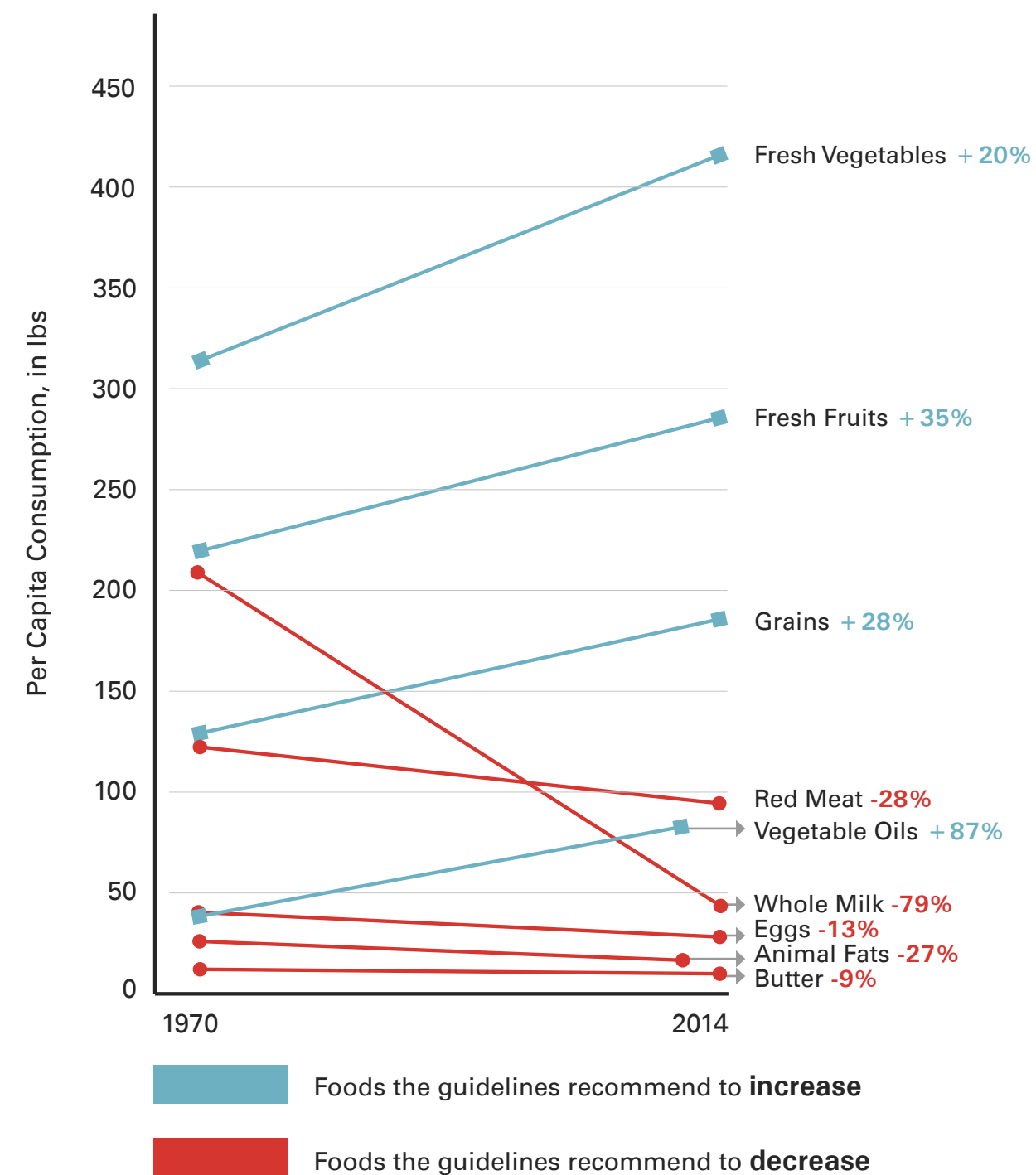


# WE'VE BEEN PLUCKY LITTLE SOLDIERS

## Americans have Followed the US Dietary Guidelines

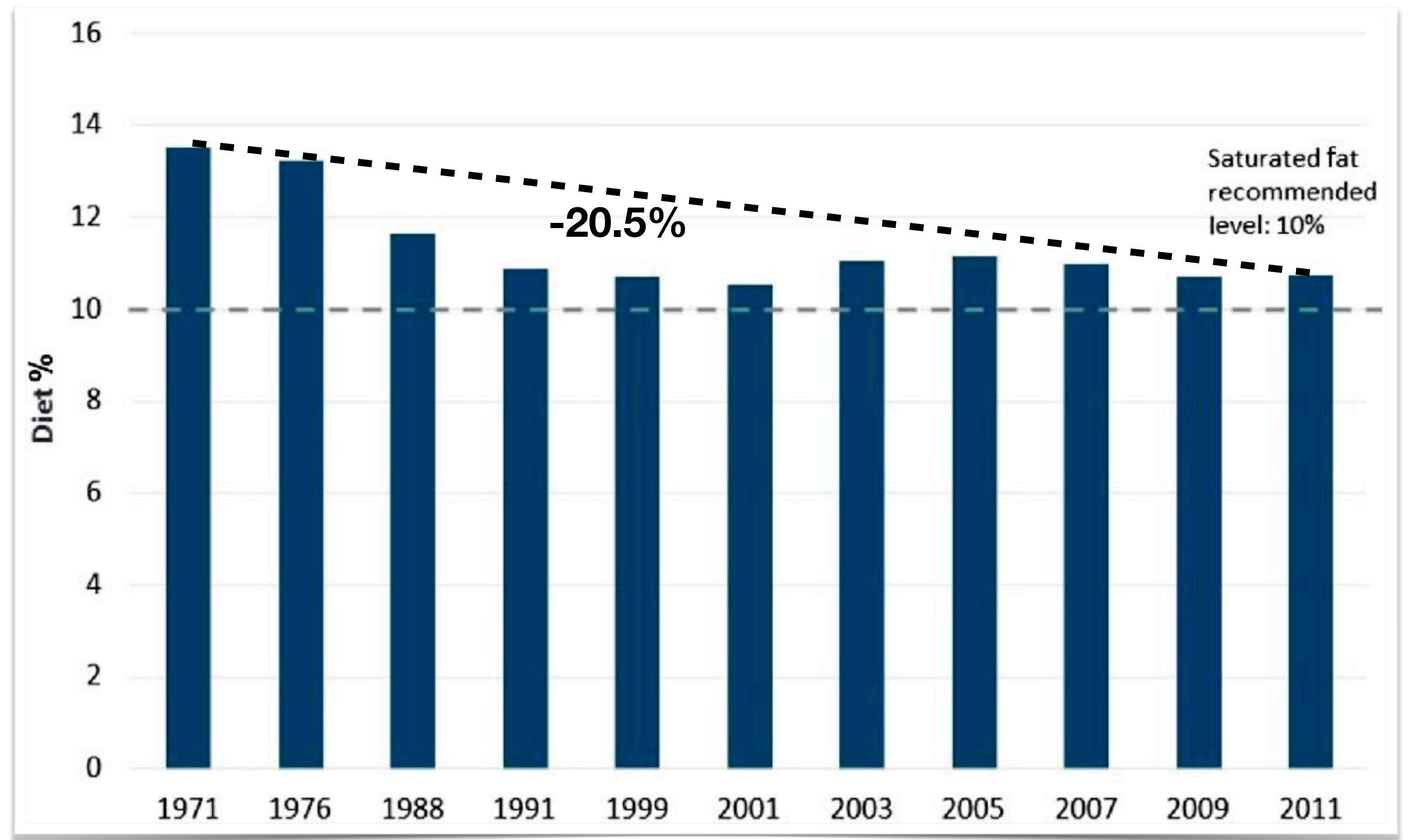
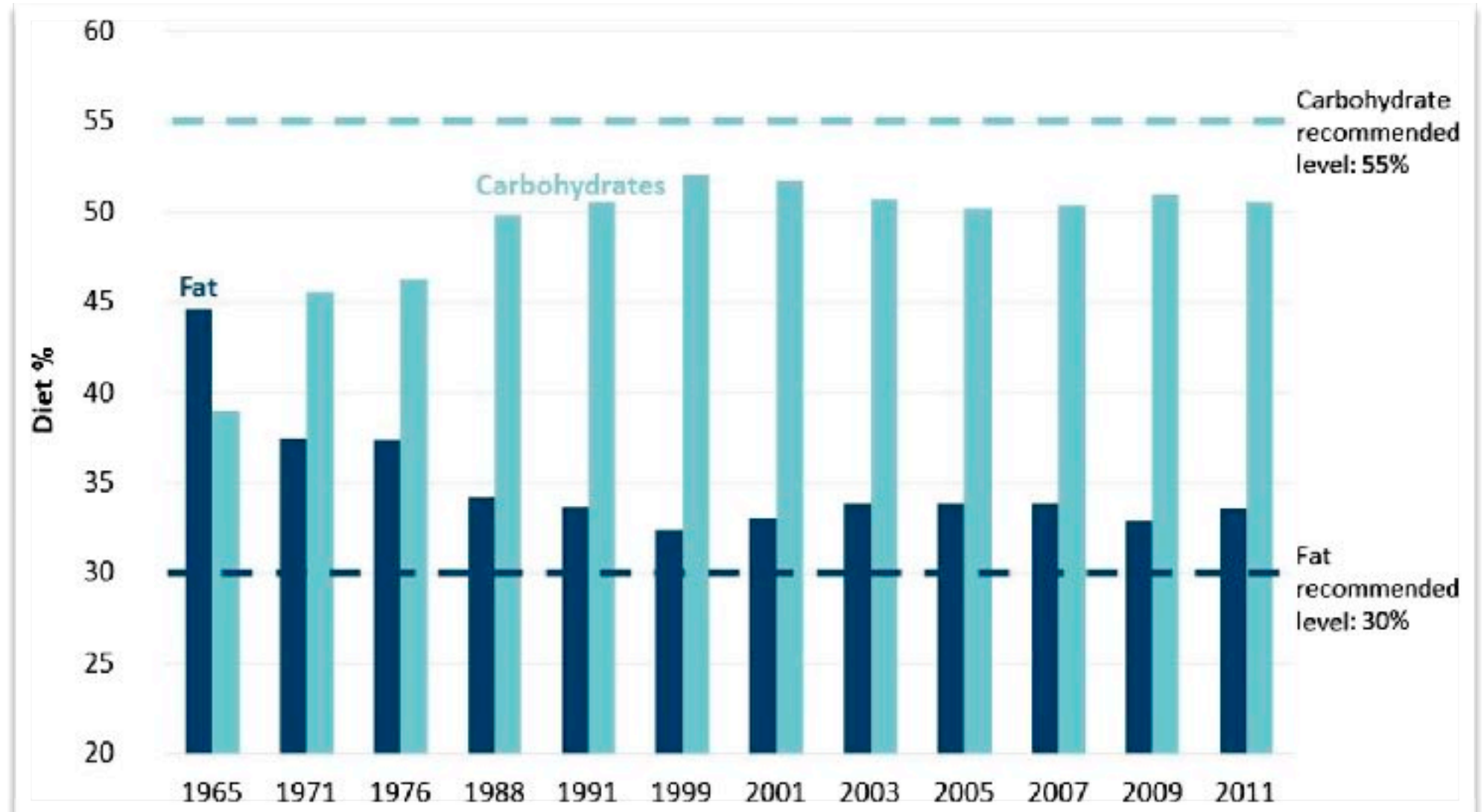
### Food Availability

1970 - 2014

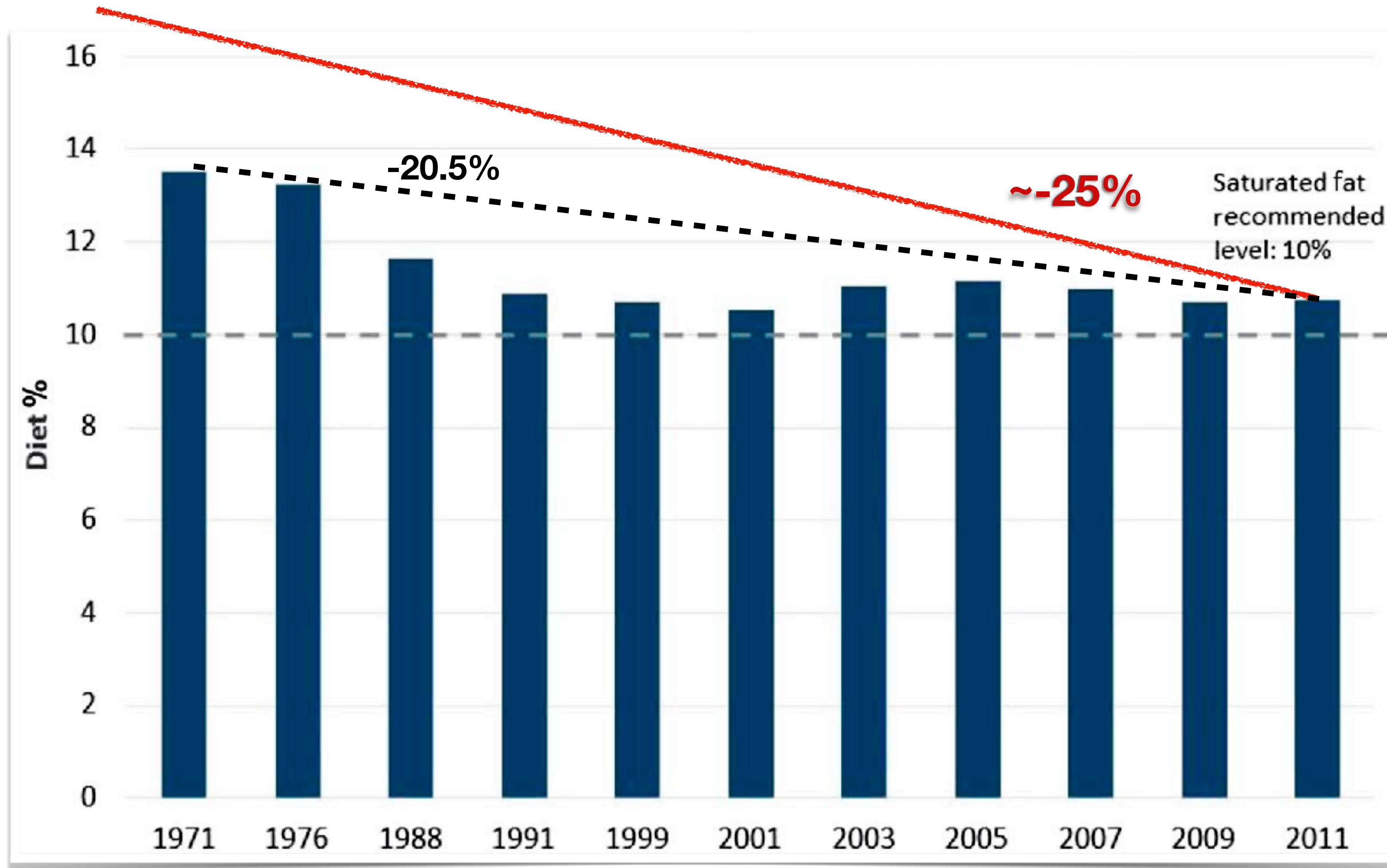


NOTES: The latests data on animal fats and vegetable oils are reported from 2010, not 2014; Food consumption (food availability minus loss) is also calculated in this report, and the trends track closely with those of food availability. This chart has been constructed with availability data because the units of measurement are consistent across food categories, whereas they differ.

SOURCE: Jeanine Bentley. U.S. Trends in Food Availability and a Dietary Assessment of Loss- Adjusted Food Availability, 1970-2014, EIB-166, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, January 2017; chart by Nina Teicholz.

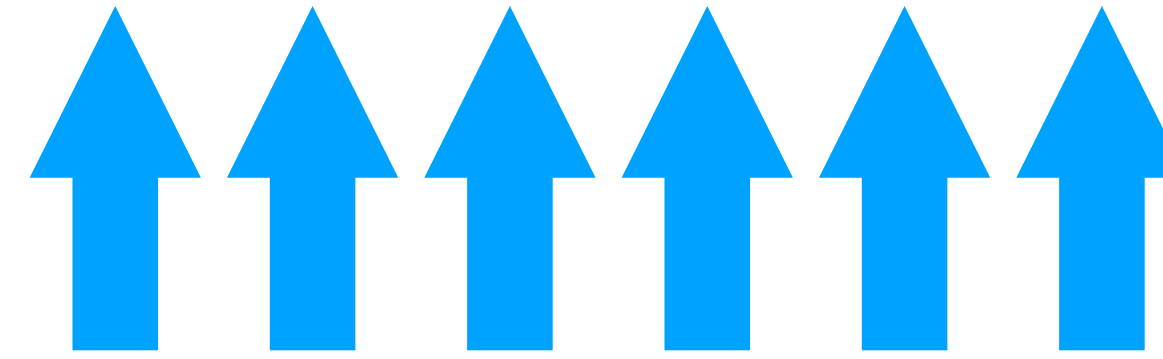


# Saturated fat intake

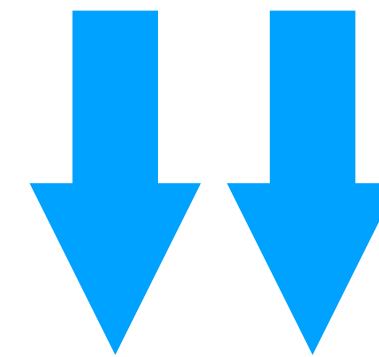


# Change since ~1980

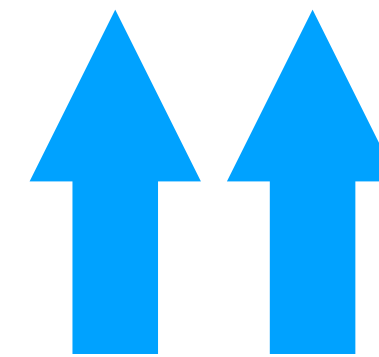
**Linoleic acid**



**Saturated fat**



**Kcal**



# **The Perfect Storm**

**Wholesale adoption of vegetable oils**

**Increased consumption of refined carbs**

**The demonization of saturated fat**

# Hypothesis

- 1. Linoleic acid promotes obesity**
- 2. Saturated fats protect against obesity**



BUT BATMAN, I CUT  
MY CARBS TO  
ALMOST ZERO AND  
I STILL CAN'T  
LOSE...

FOOL! I'VE TOLD YOU  
THERE'S MORE TO THE  
EQUATION THAN JUST  
CUTTING CARBS...



# Hypothesis

(In addition to the C-I hypothesis)

- 1. Linoleic acid promotes obesity**
- 2. Saturated fats protect against obesity**

# Mechanism?????



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018

## More on drinking varnish

This paper is a gem.

Reducing the Dietary Omega-6:Omega-3 Utilizing  $\alpha$ -Linolenic Acid; Not a Sufficient Therapy for Attenuating High-Fat-Diet-Induced Obesity Development Nor Related Detrimental Metabolic and Adipose Tissue Inflammatory Outcomes

What did they do? They fed rats chow or they fed them on one of four

### ABOUT ME



PETER

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Peter. I'm a vet, trained at the RVC, London University. I was fortunate enough to intercalate a BSc degree in physiology in to my veterinary degree. I was even more fortunate to study

Protons (10): SCD1 knockout mice (1)

Protons (11): Linoleic acid in the hypothalamus (1)

Protons (12): The pancreas (1)

Protons (13): Zero fat (1)

Protons (14): Love your superoxide (1)

Protons (15): SCD1 and the bomb (1)

Protons (16): Physiological insulin resistance (1)

Protons (17): Physiological insulin resistance addendum (1)

Protons (18): Physiological insulin resistance addendum 2 (1)

Protons (19): The linoleic acid fed mice (1)

Protons (20): Where is FeS cluster N-1a? (1)

Protons (21): TFAM and behenic acid (1)

Protons (22): Back to N-1a and a nice quote (1)

Protons (23): NAD plus to NADH some more (1)

Protons (24): Meet the glycerol 3 phosphate shuttle (1)

Protons (25): Aside to T cells (1)

Protons (26) Chowdhury and Crabtree play with mitochondria (1)

Protons (27) Physiological insulin resistance again (1)

Protons (28) Protons so far (1)

Protons (29) Uncoupling with fatty acids (1)

Protons (30) Uncoupling and metabolic rate in insulin resistance (1)

Protons (31) insulin induced thermogenesis in the Pima (1)

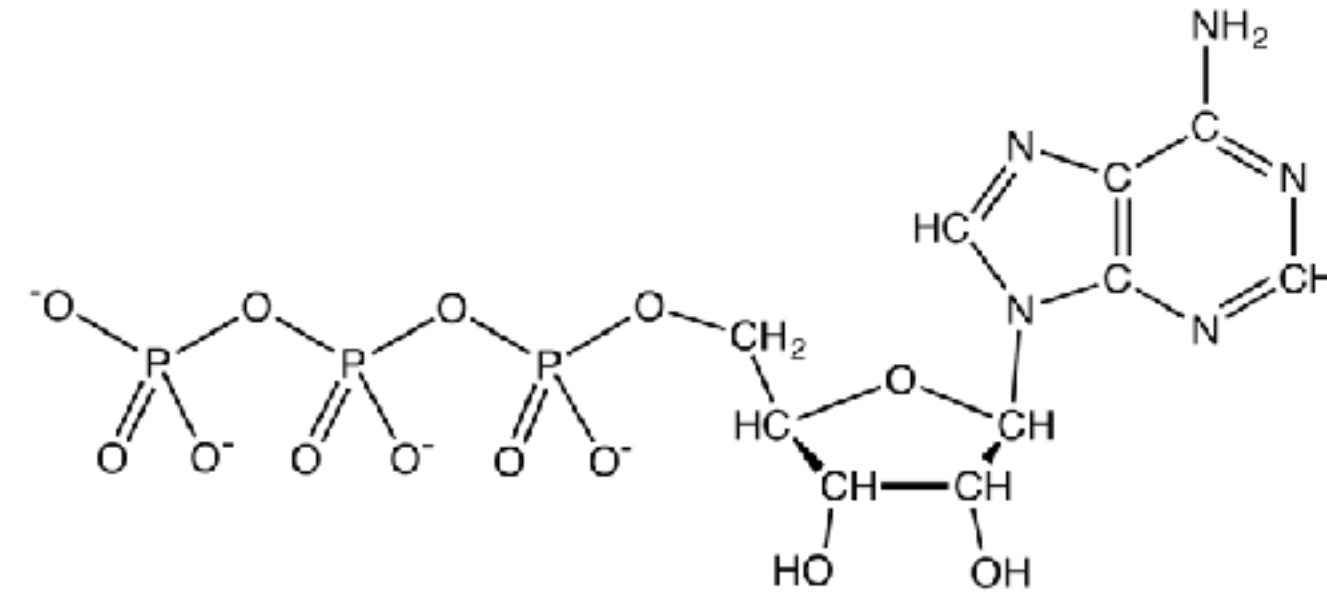
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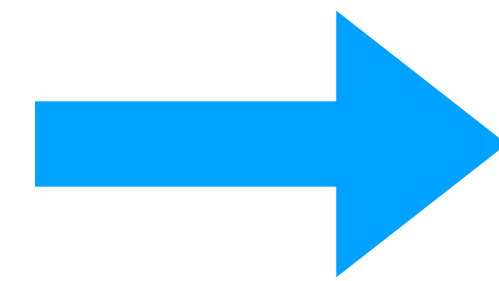
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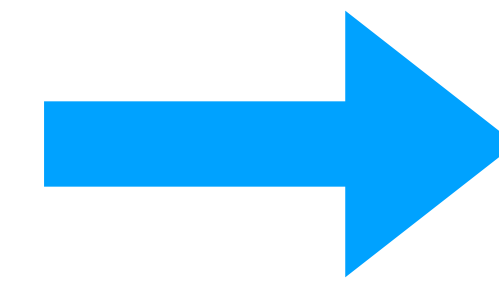
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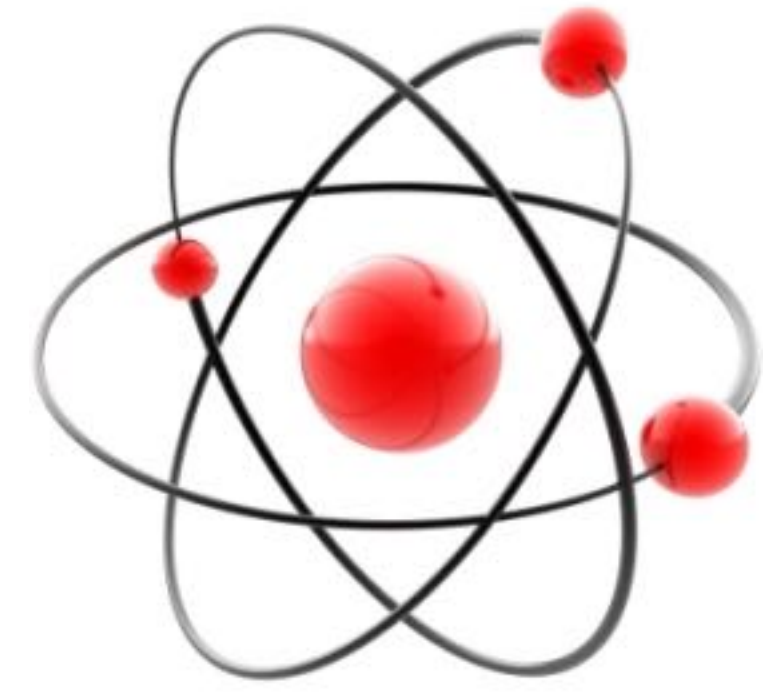
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**ATP**

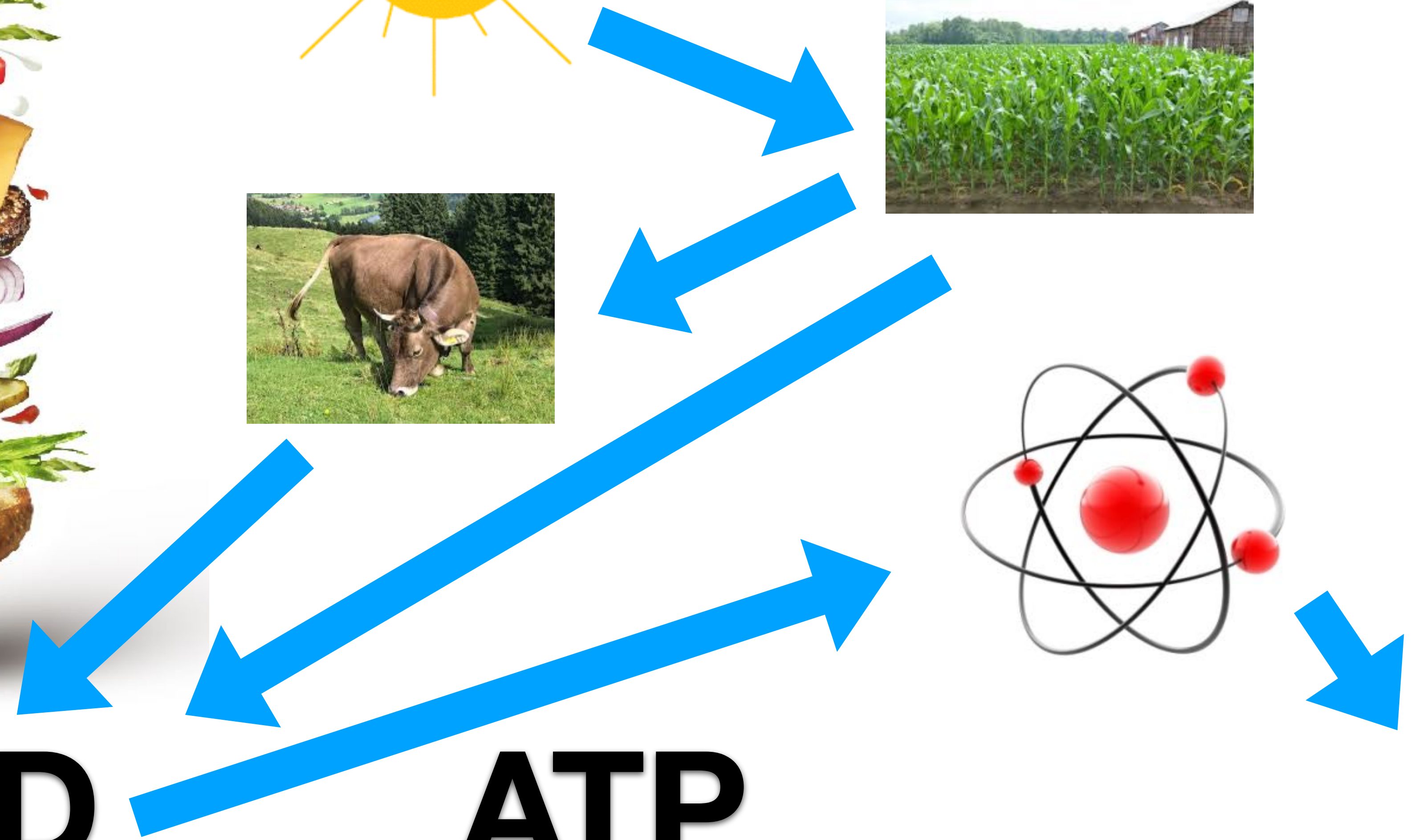


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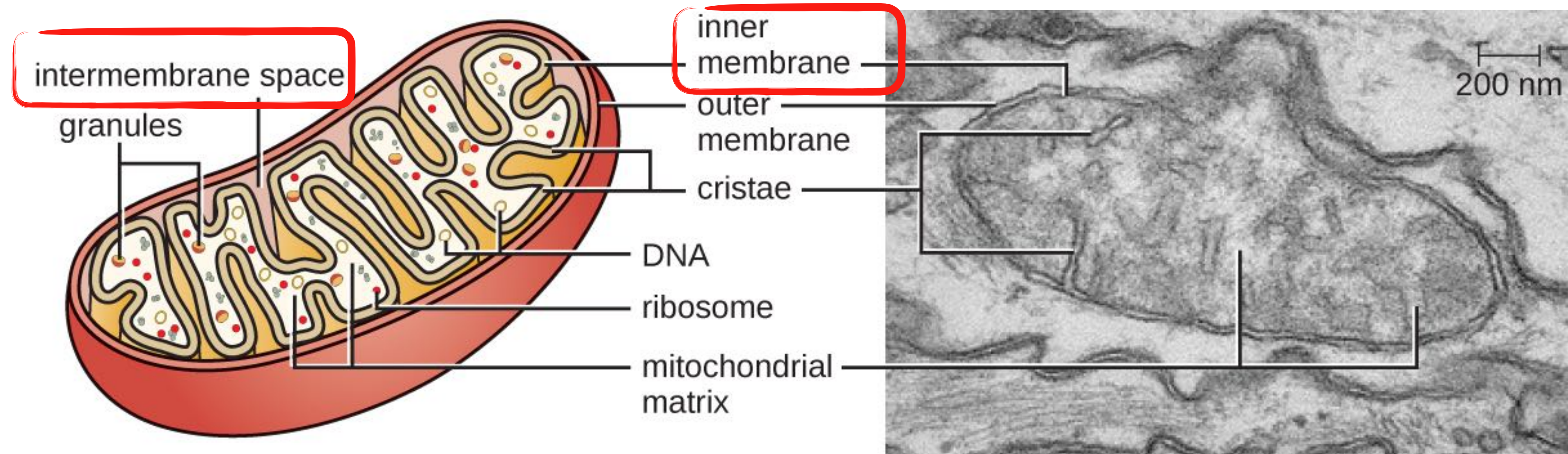


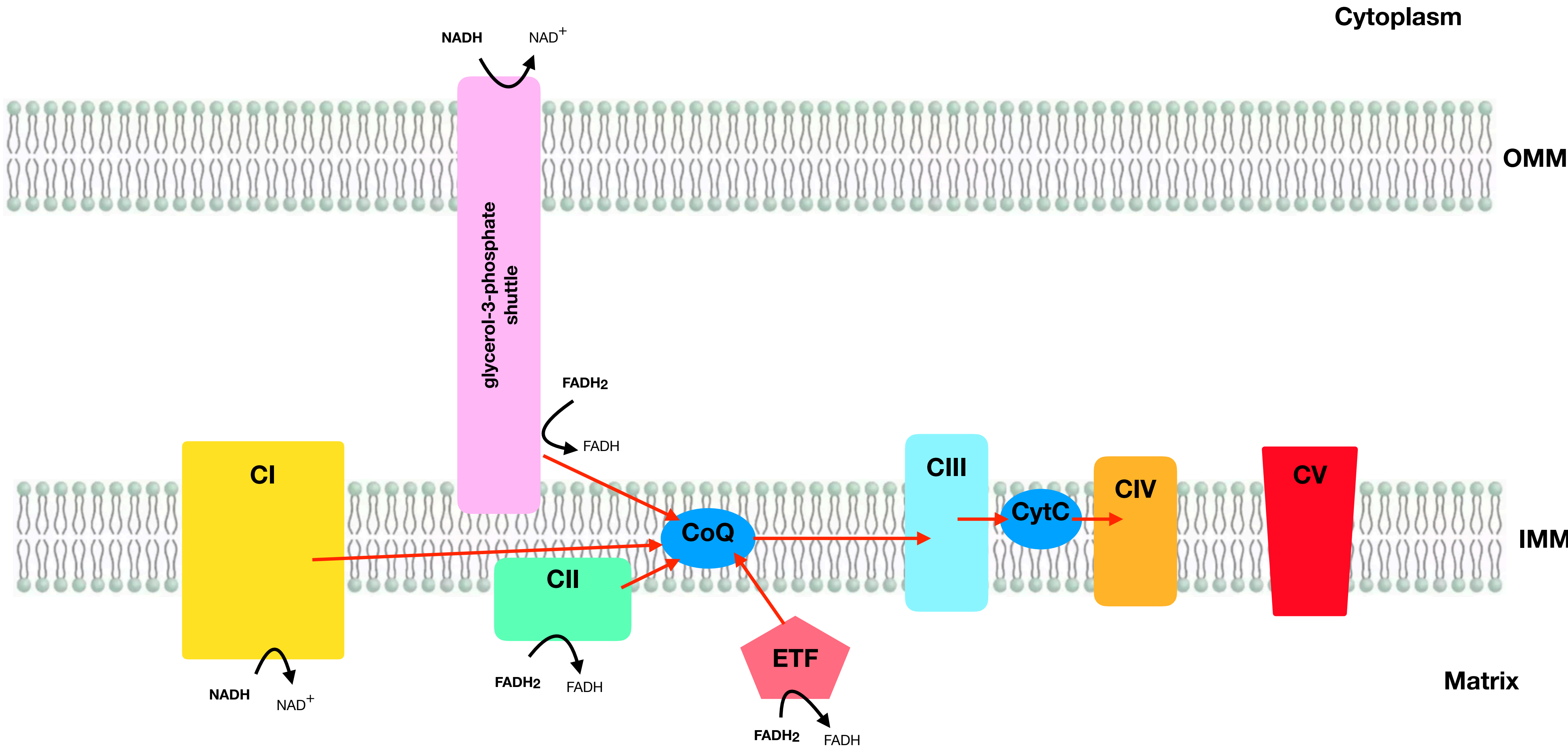
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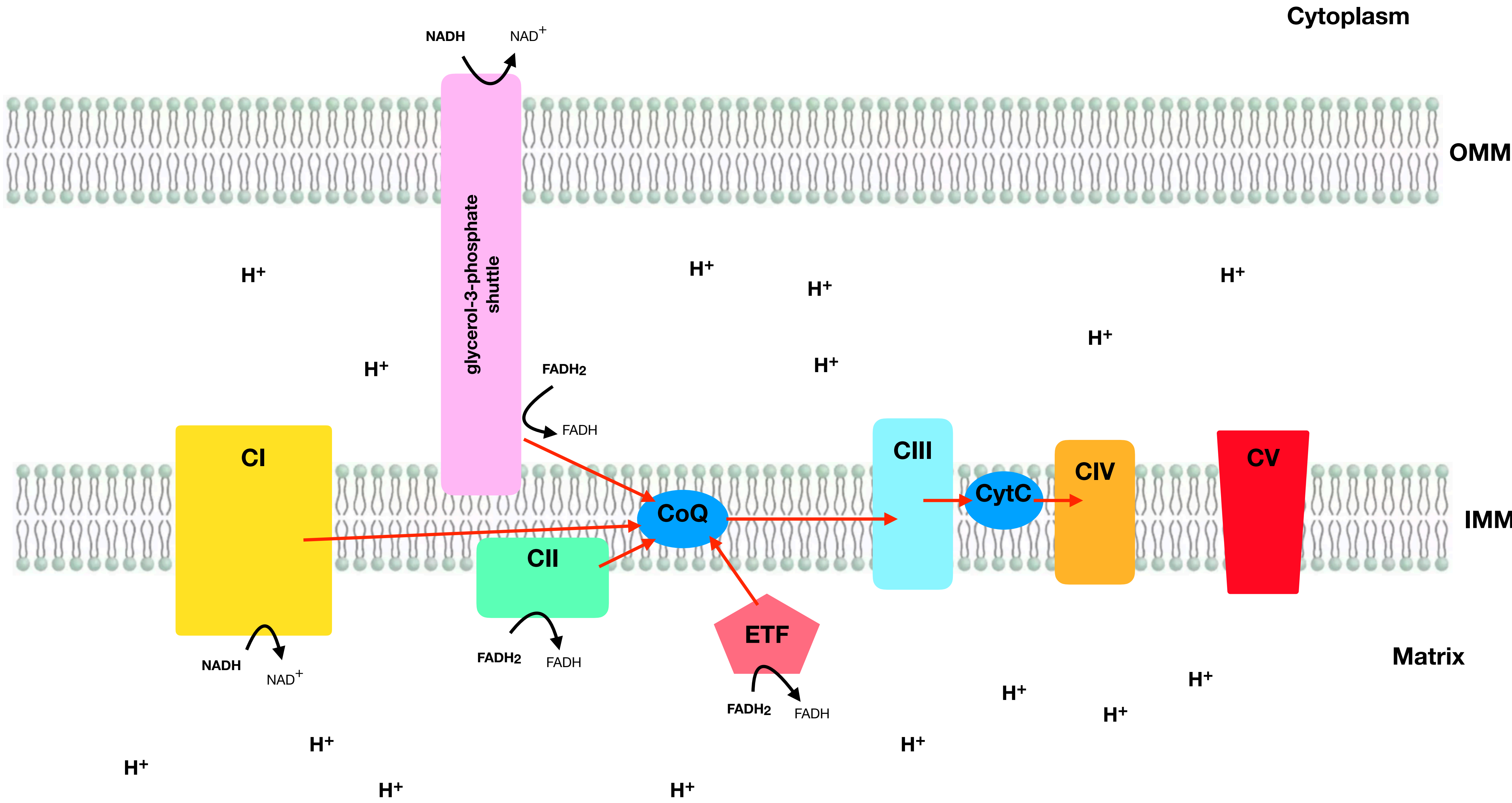


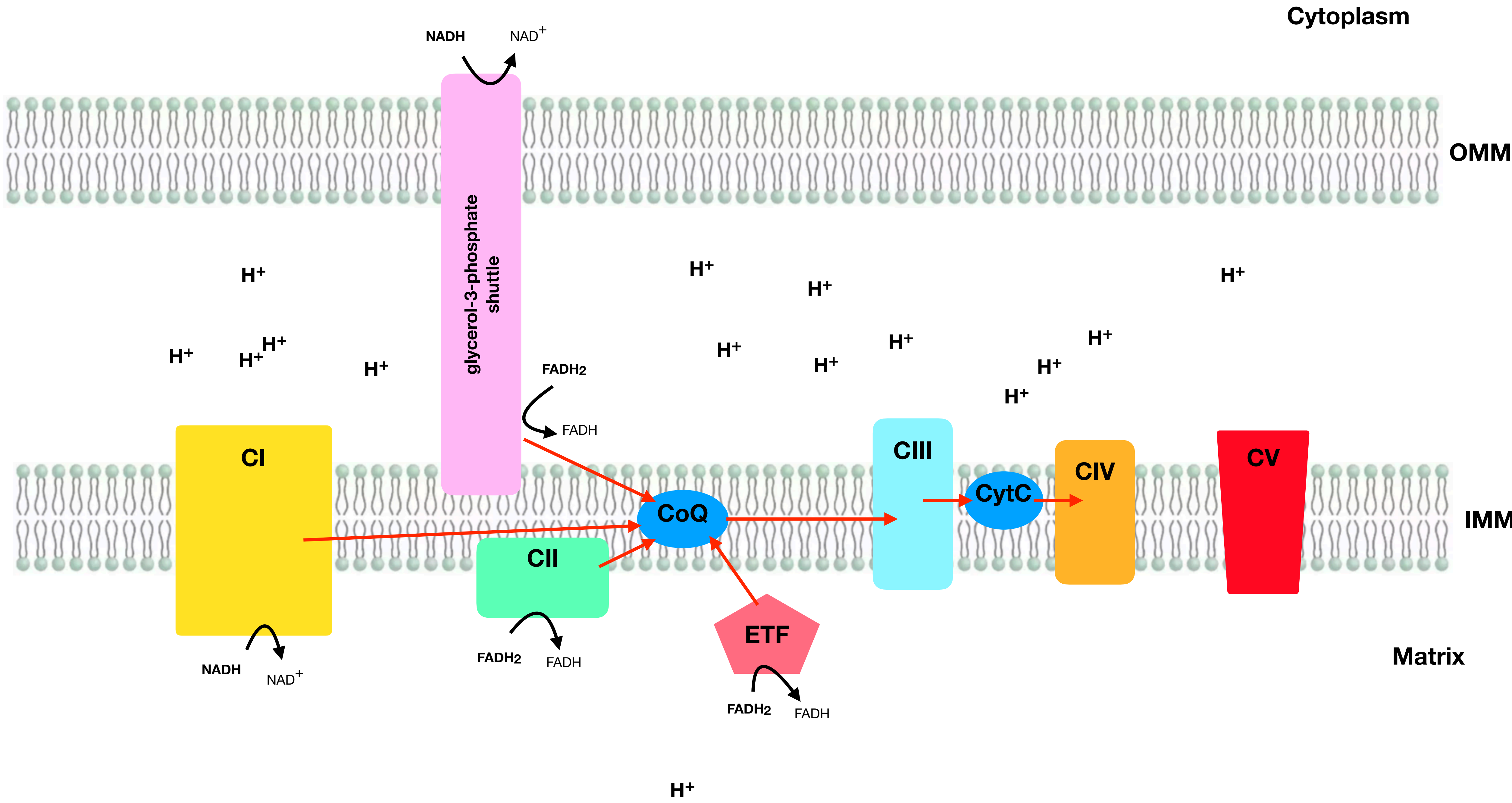
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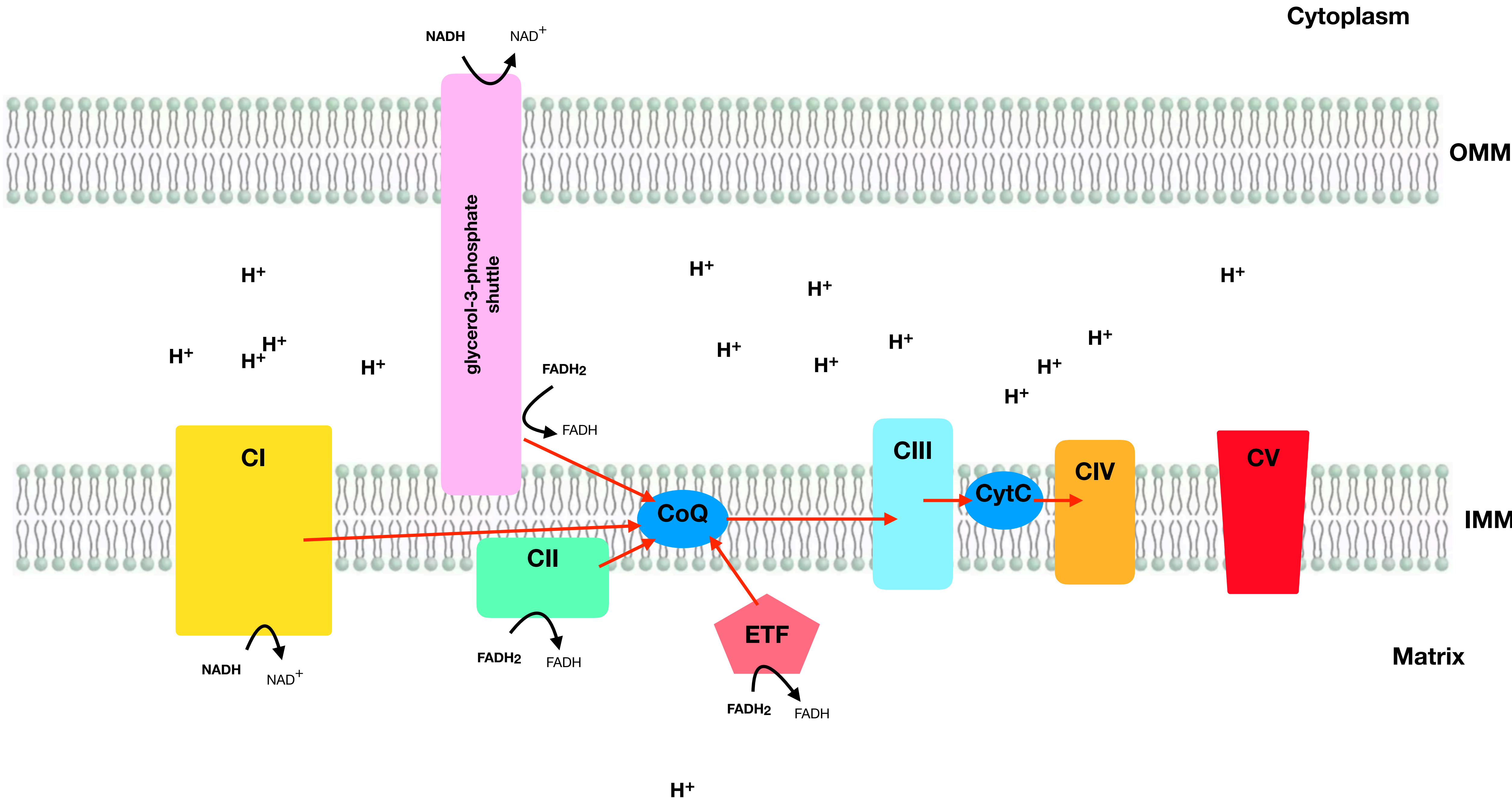






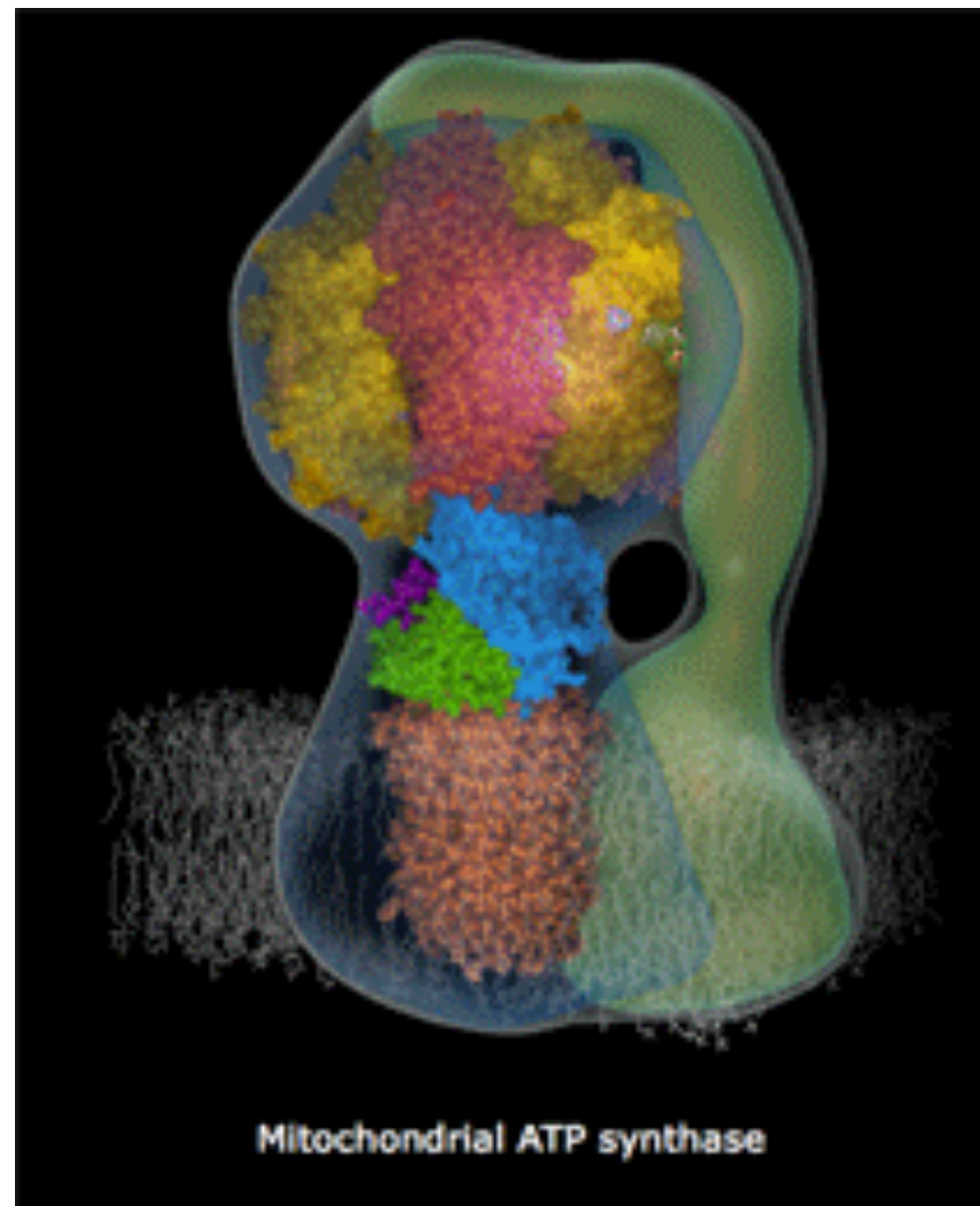




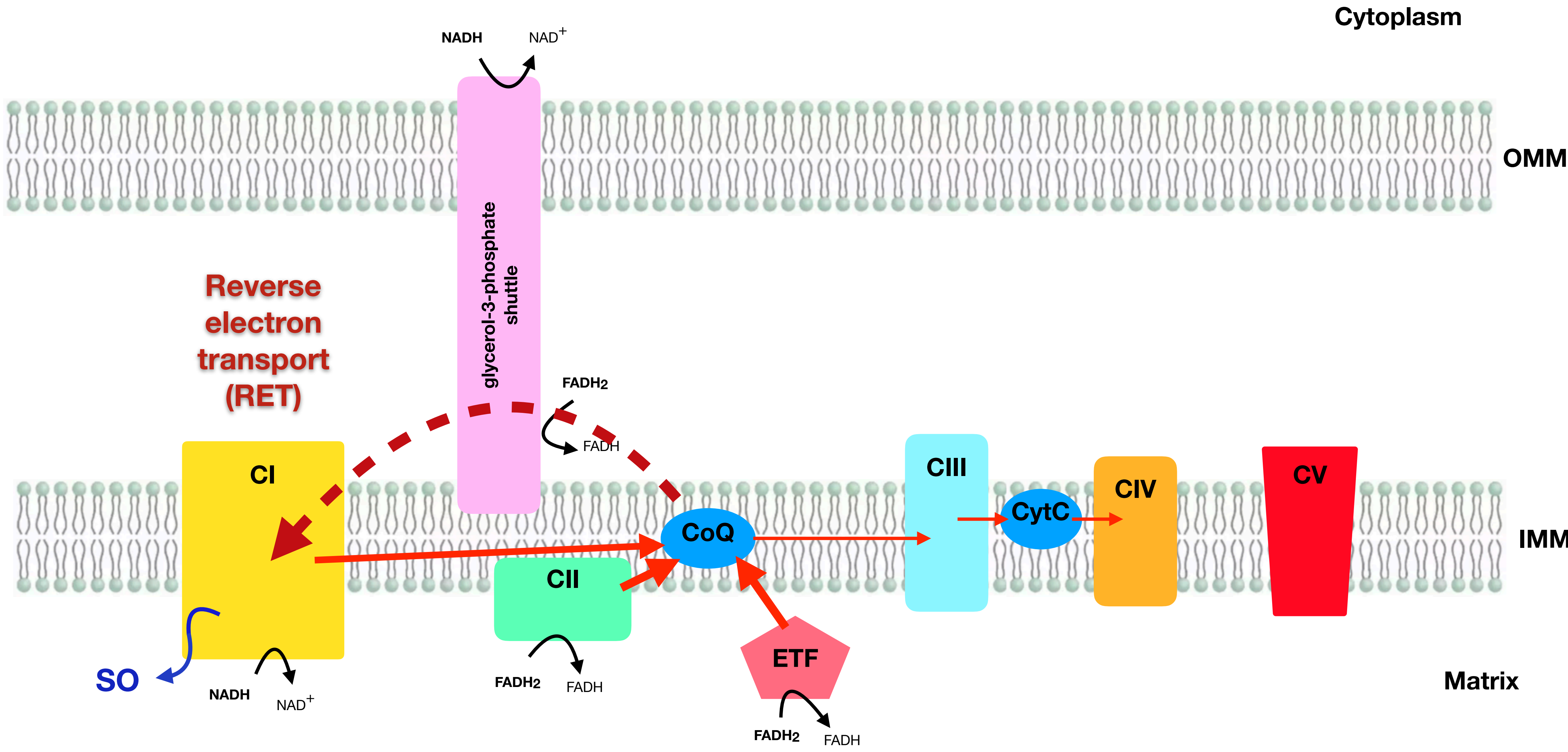


# COMPLEX V ATP SYNTHASE

**150 revolutions  
per second**



**Churns out your  
body weight in ATP  
daily**



# ROS as signaling molecules

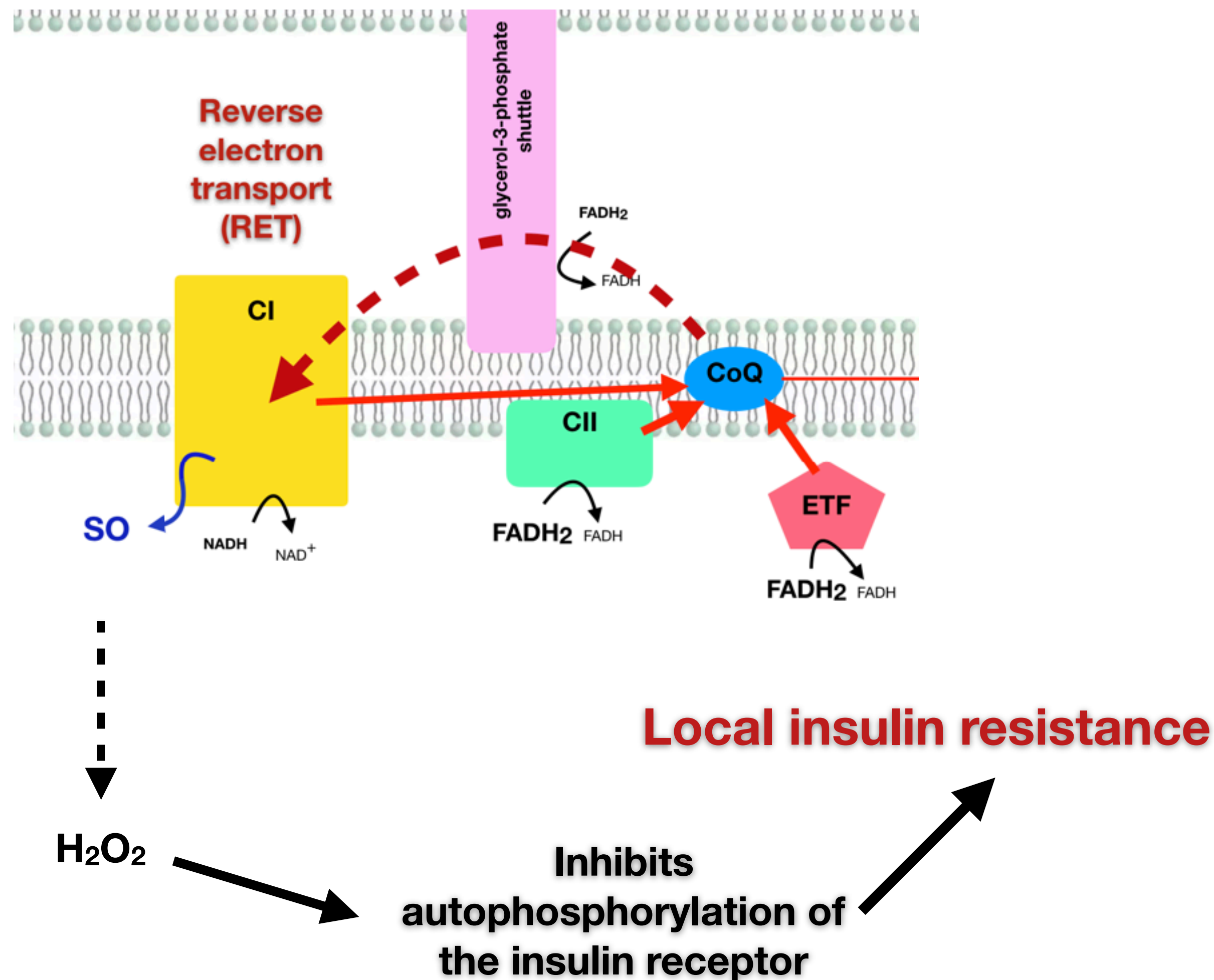
**Increased mitochondrial biosynthesis**  
**Antioxidants lower ROS leak, mtDNA, and ATP synthesis**

**Cause localized insulin resistance**

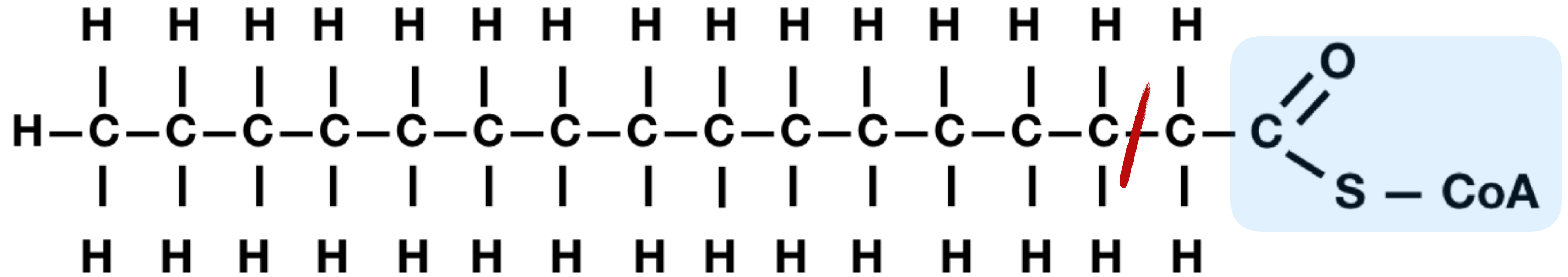
**Physiological insulin resistance**

**Starvation or fasting**

**Low-carb dieting**



**How do we generate  
FADH<sub>2</sub> & NADH?**



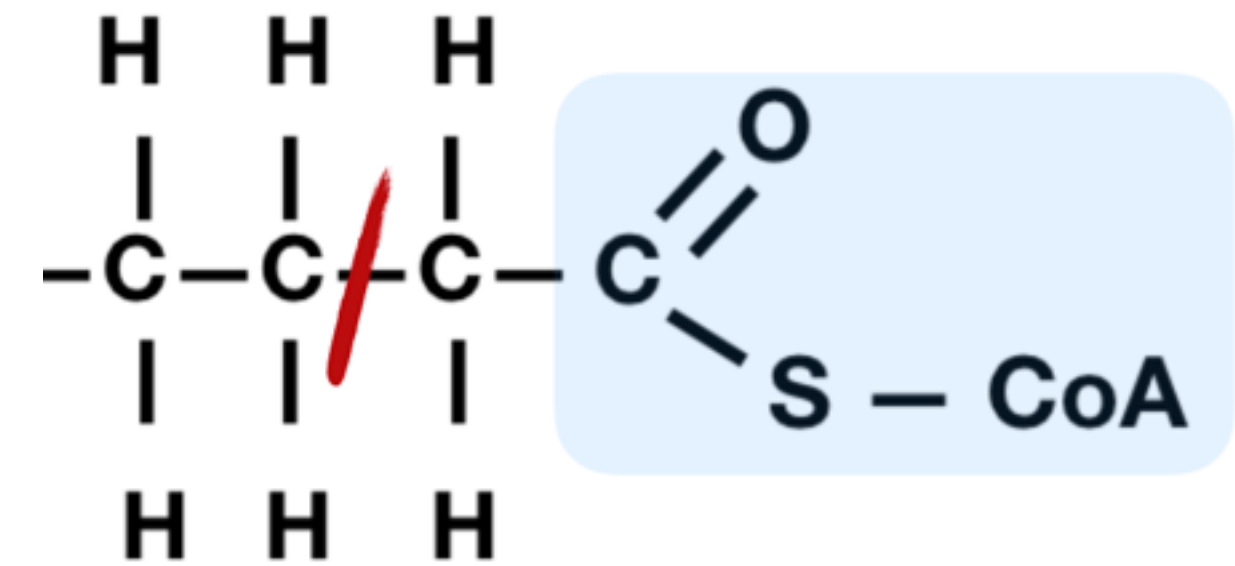
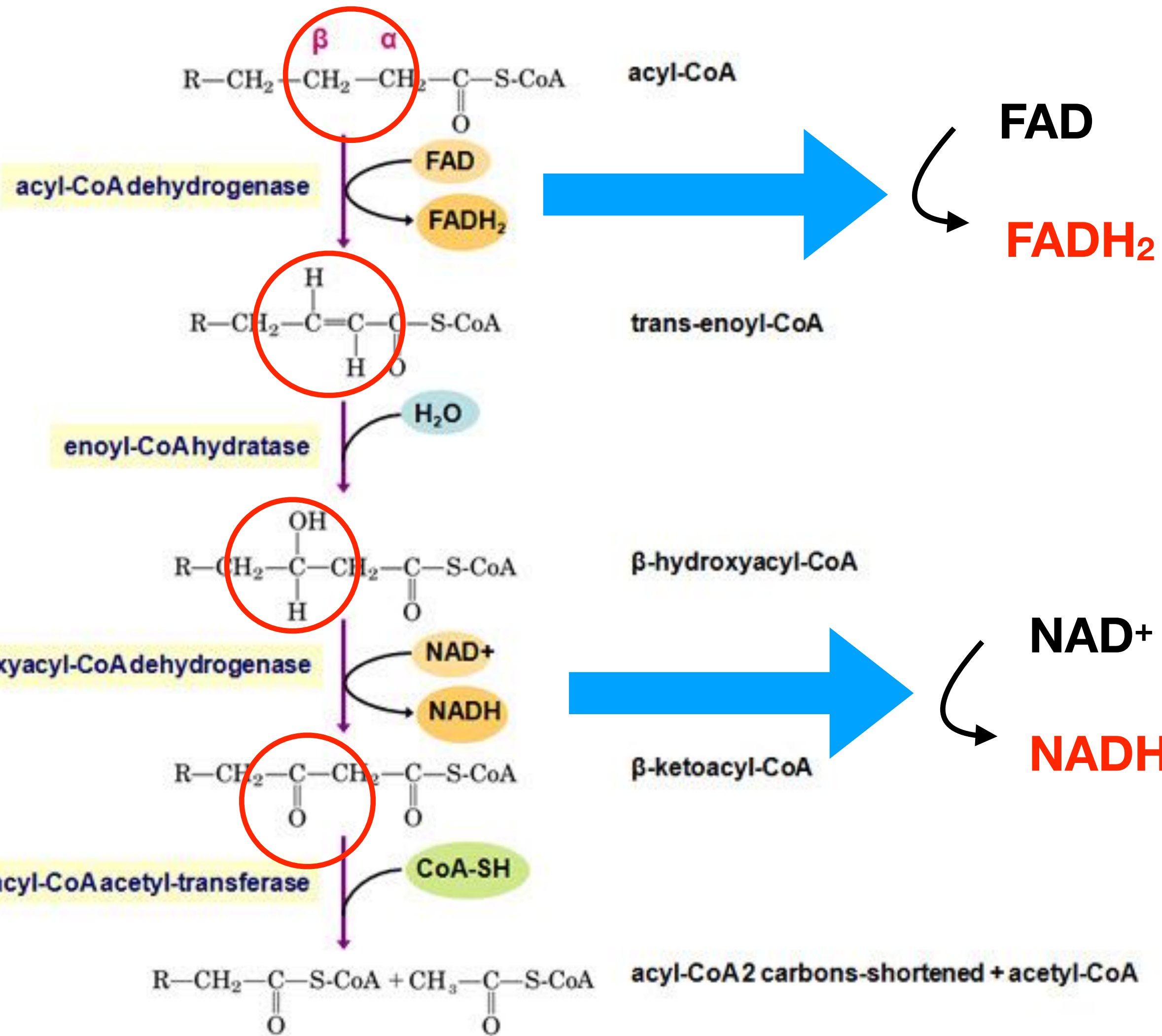
## Palmitic Acid (C<sub>16</sub>)

### Beta-oxidation

Chops off two carbons at a time until the fatty acid is completely oxidized



# Beta-oxidation



**16 C saturated fat completes 7 cycles of beta-oxidation, each creating an acetyl CoA**

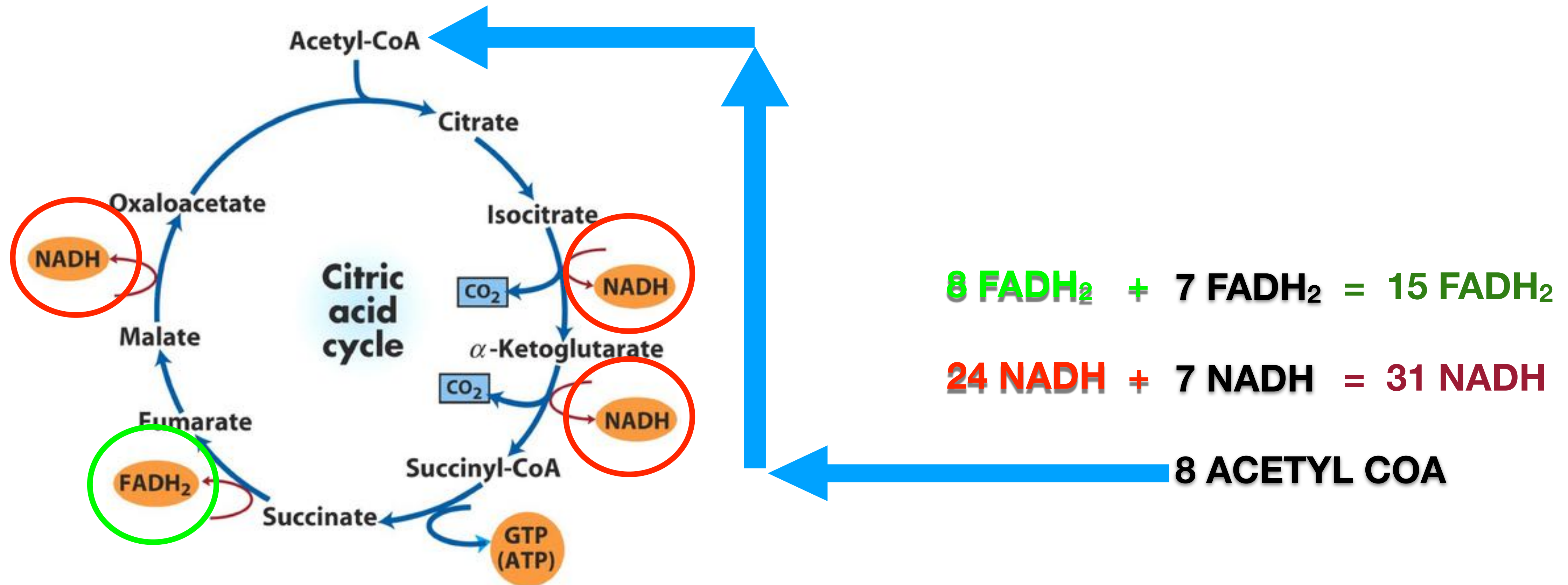
**7 FADH<sub>2</sub>**

**7 NADH**

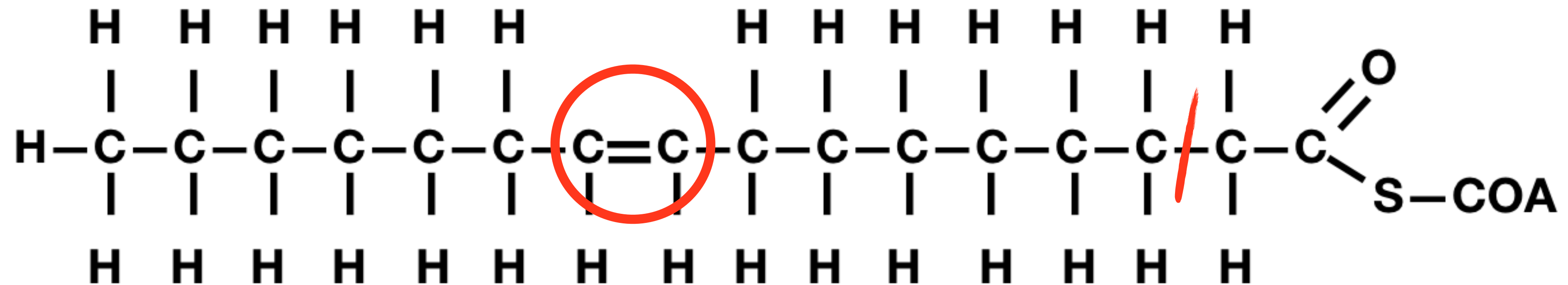
**8 ACETYL COA**

# Krebs Cycle

**FADH<sub>2</sub>/NADH (F/N Ratio) = 0.48**



# Beta-oxidation



## Palmitoleic Acid (16 C fat)

6 FADH<sub>2</sub>

7 NADH

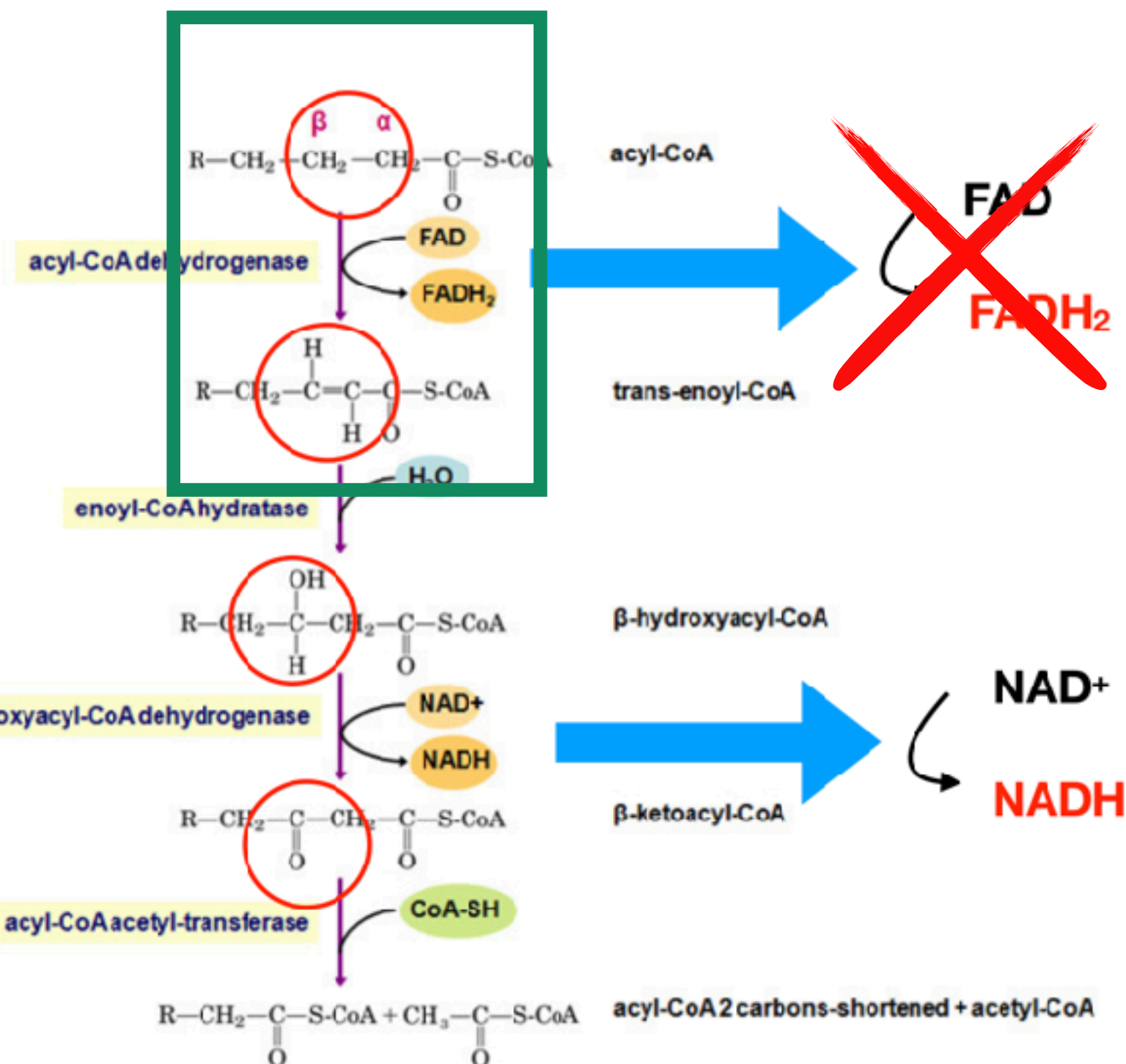
8 Acetyl CoA

After running all 8 acetyl CoA thru Krebs Cycle:

6 FADH<sub>2</sub> + 8 FADH<sub>2</sub> = 14 FADH<sub>2</sub>

7 NADH + 24 NADH = 31 NADH

**F/N ratio = 13/28 = 0.45**



# Beta-oxidation

## Oleic acid (18 C fat with one double bond)

8 cycles of beta oxidation provides:

8 NADH + 7 FADH<sub>2</sub> + 9 acetyl CoA

9 acetyl CoA  $\xrightarrow{\text{Krebs}}$  27 NADH + 9 FADH<sub>2</sub>

35 NADH + 16 FADH<sub>2</sub>

**F/N ratio = 16/35 = 0.46**

## Linoleic acid (18 C fat with two double bonds)

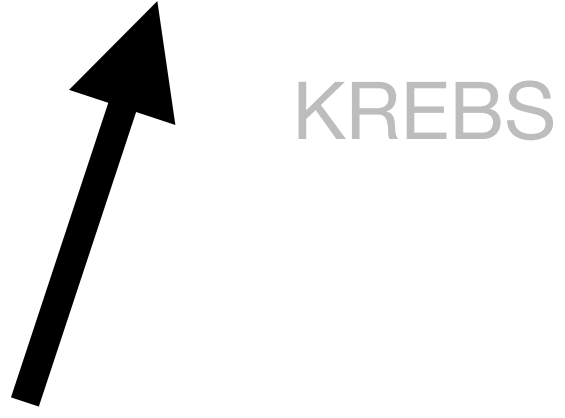
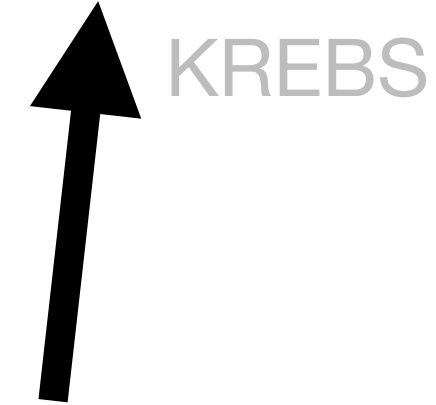
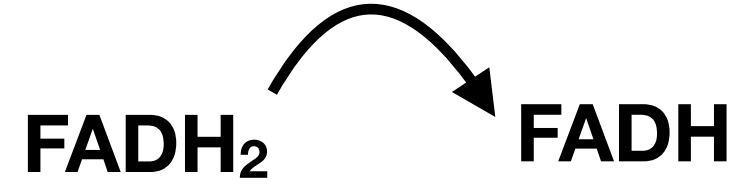
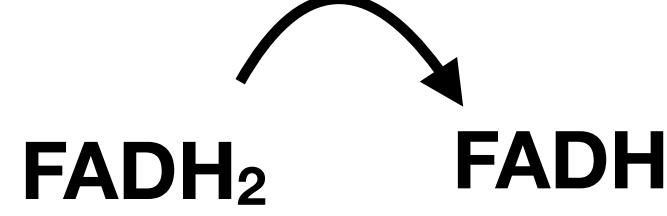
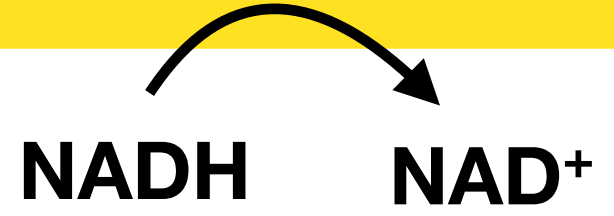
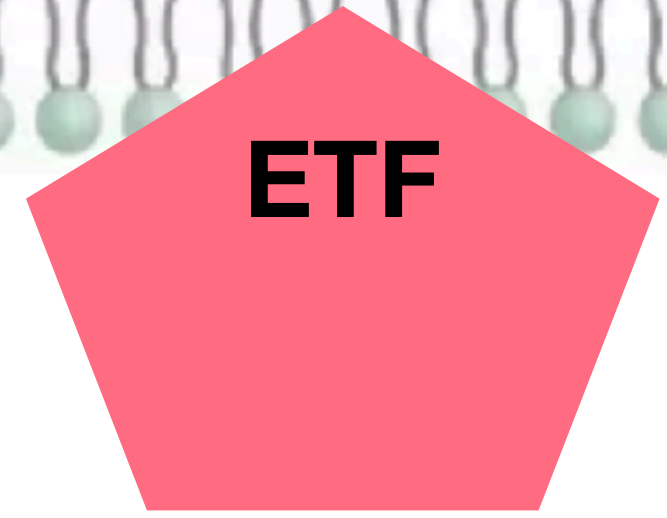
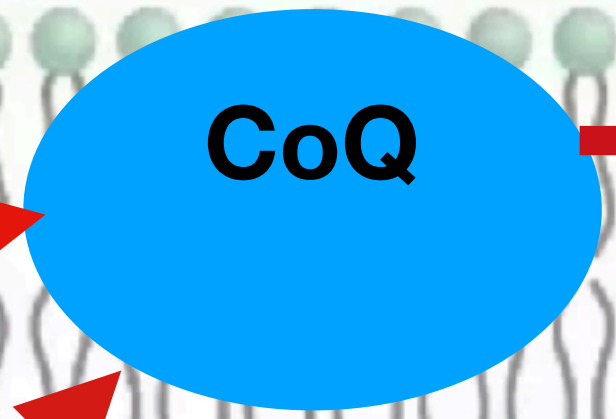
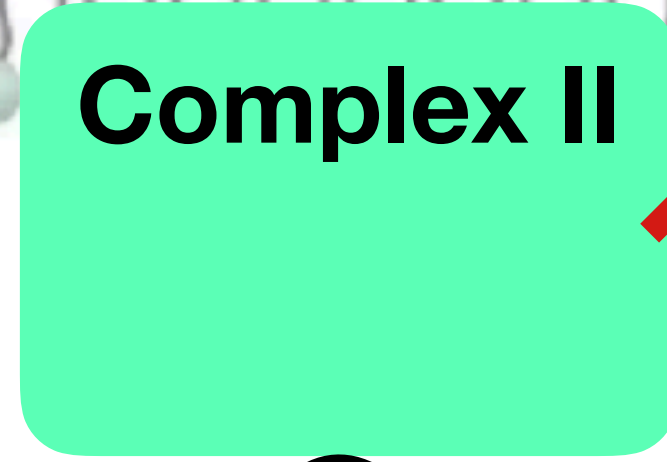
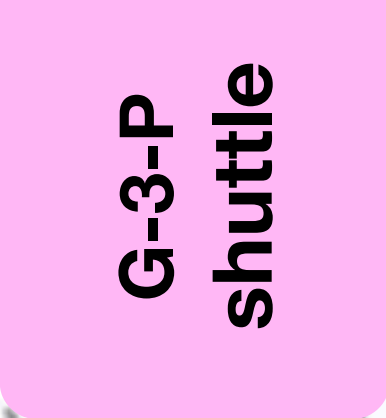
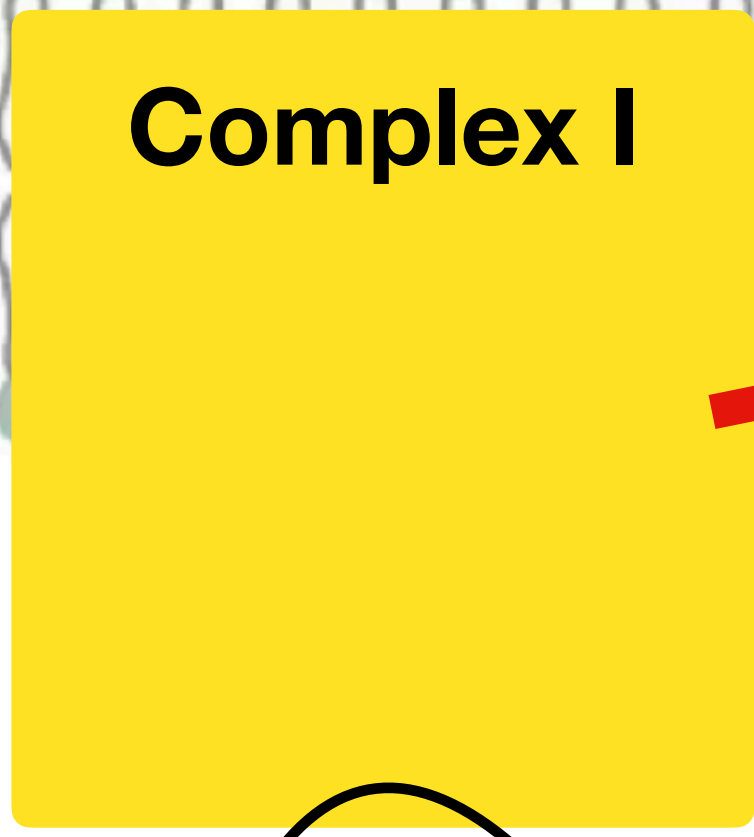
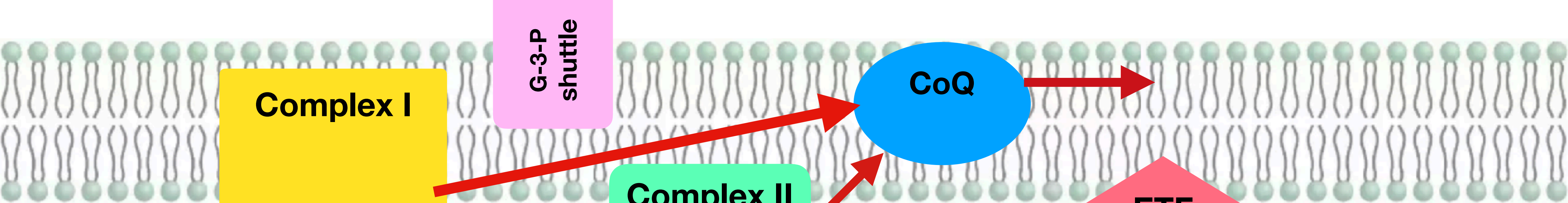
8 NADH + 6 FADH<sub>2</sub> + 9 acetyl CoA

35 NADH + 15 FADH<sub>2</sub>

**F/N ratio = 15/35 = 0.43**

# F/N Ratio

		Drives RET?
<b>Palmitic acid</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>++</b>
<b>Oleic acid</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>+</b>
<b>Palmitoleic acid</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Linoleic acid</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Glucose</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>-</b>

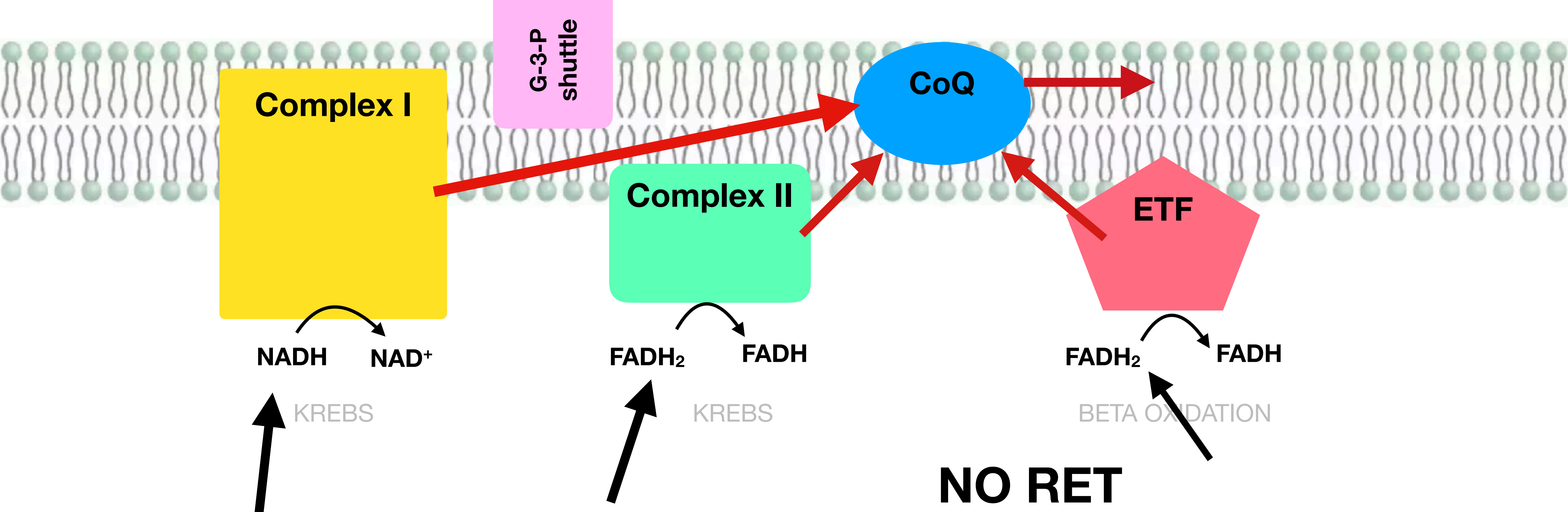


BETA OXIDATION

**NO RET**

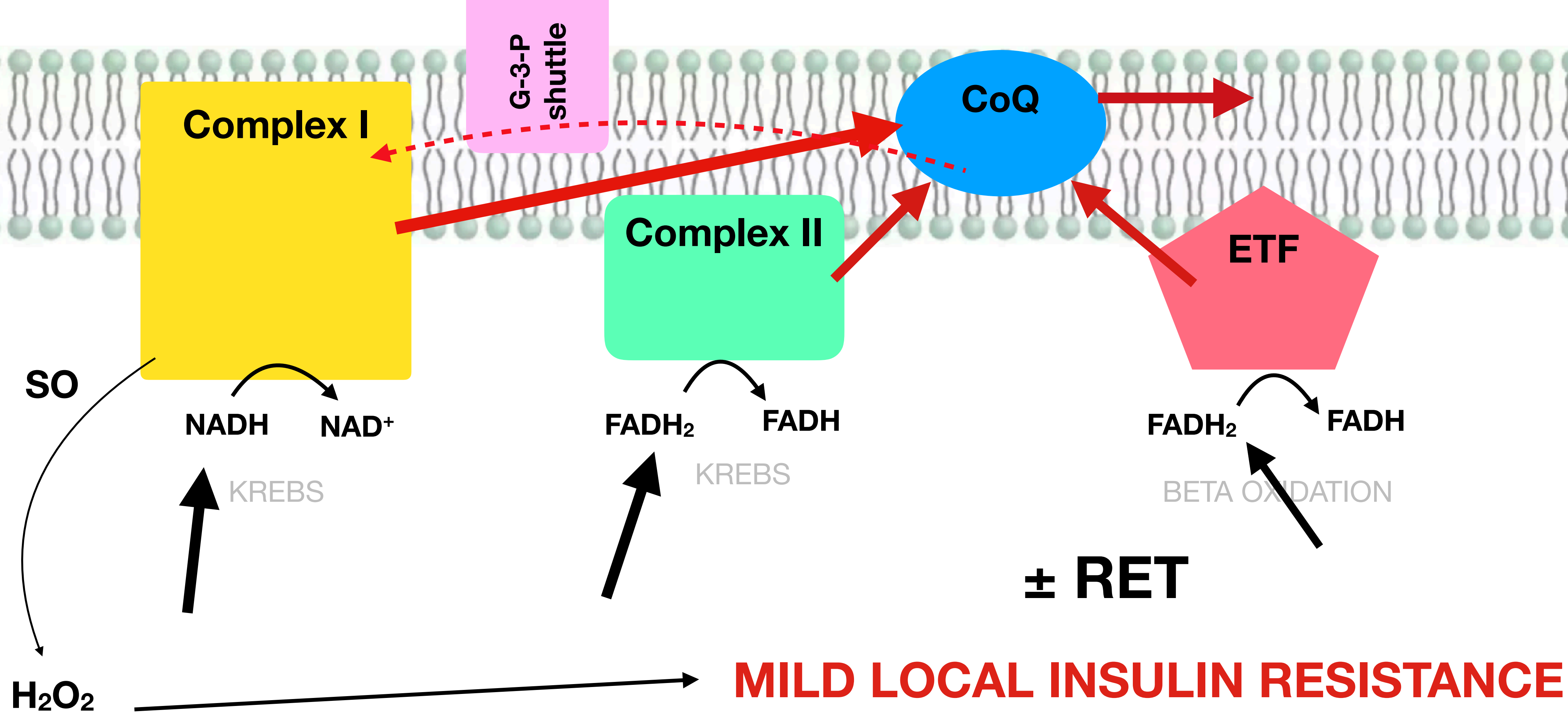
**NO LOCAL INSULIN RESISTANCE**

**GLUCOSE (0.20)**



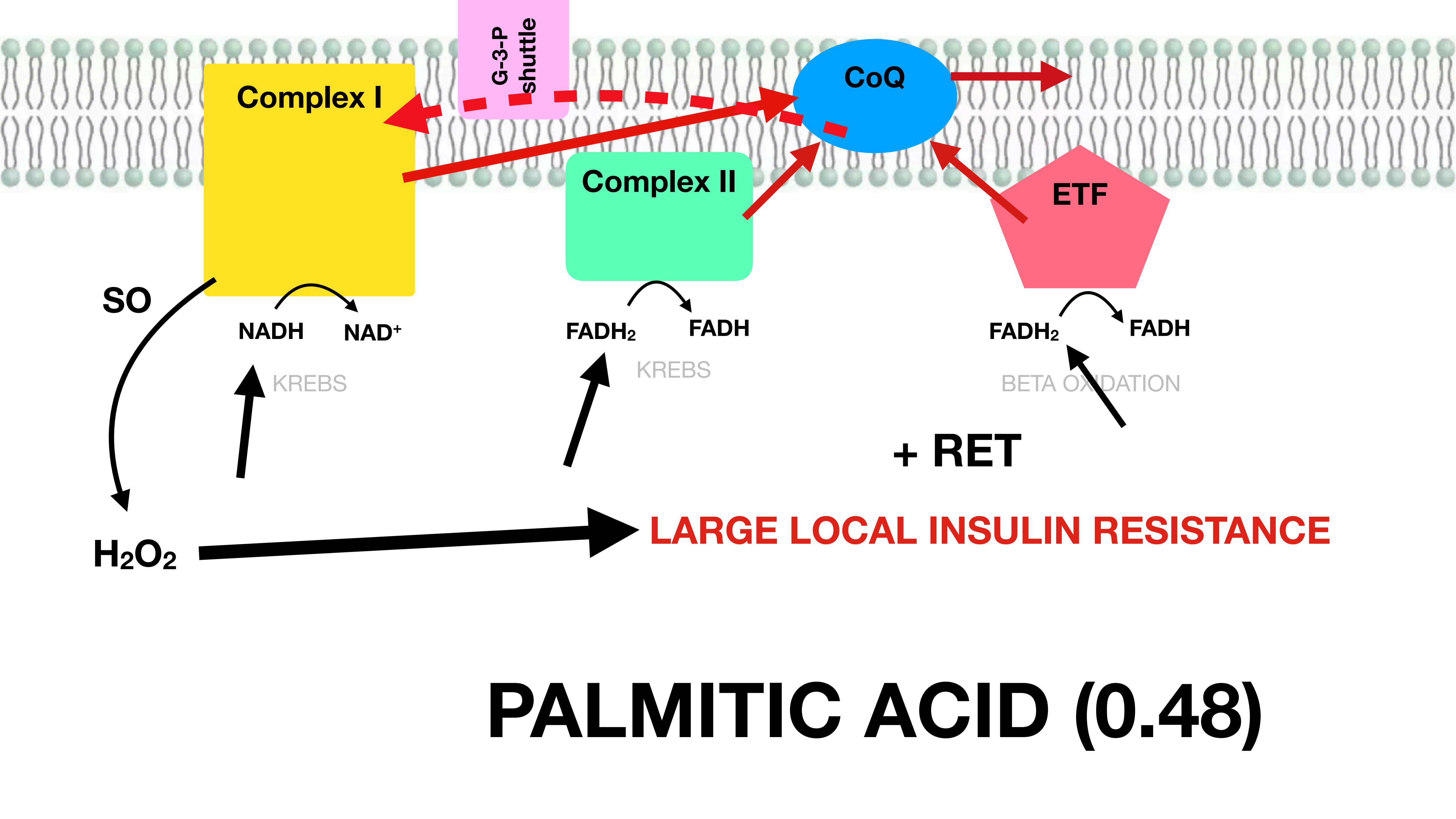
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**LINOLEIC ACID (0.43)**



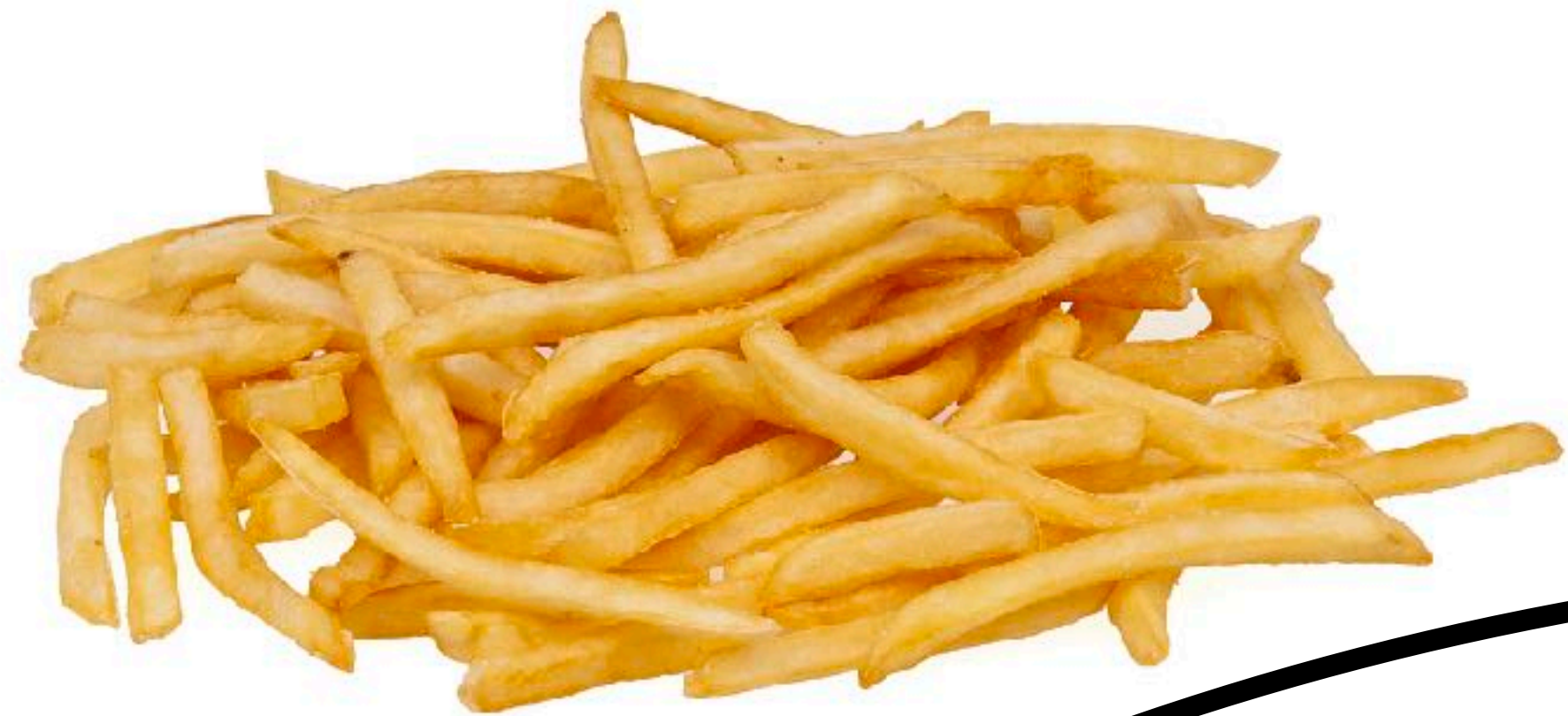
**OLEIC ACID (0.46)**



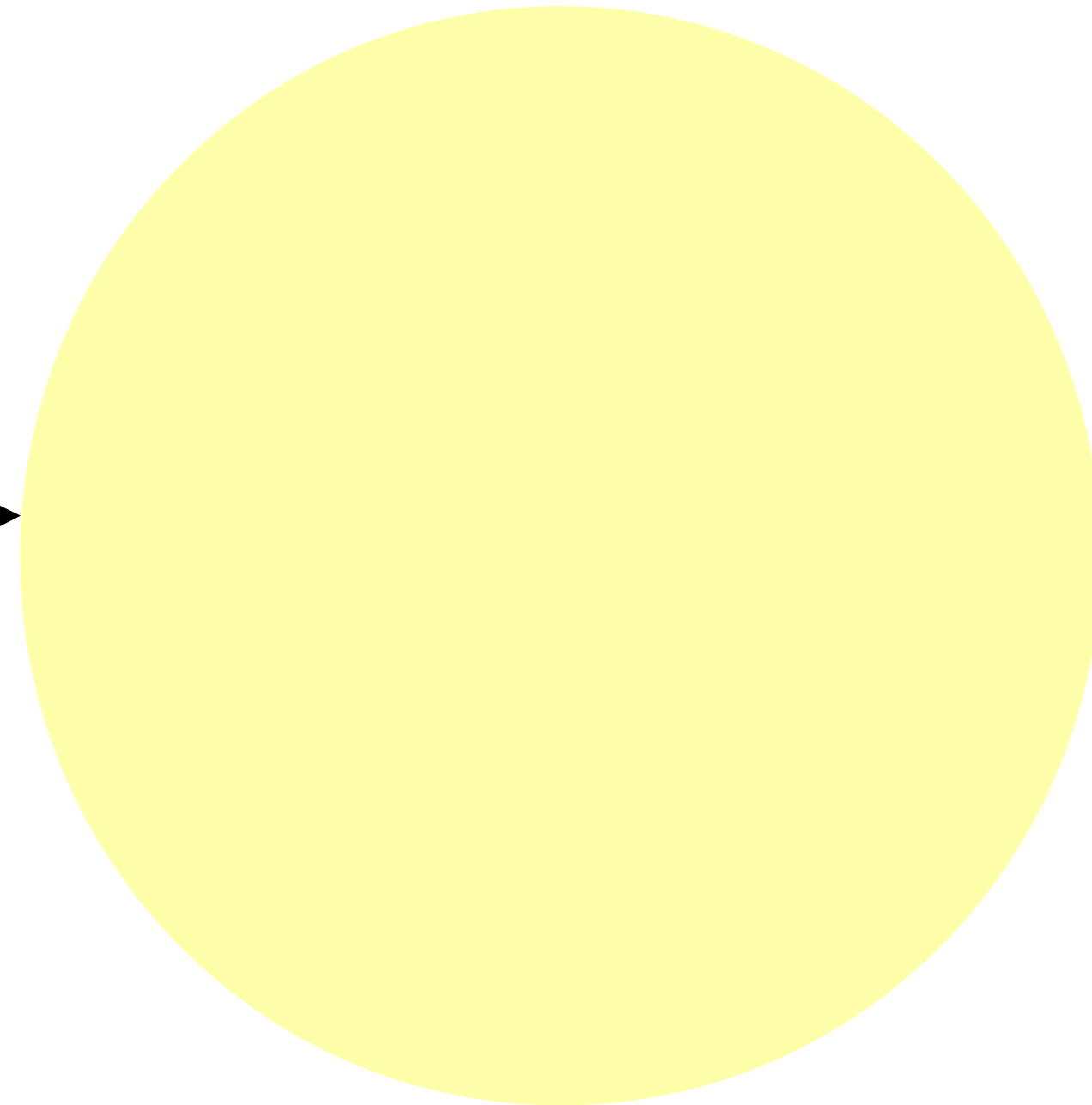
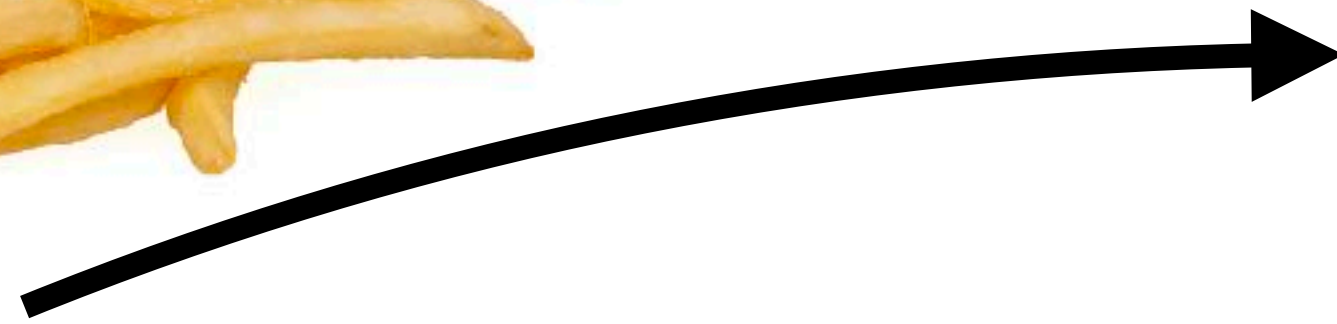


# ADIPOSE CELL

McDonald's fries  
cooked in beef tallow

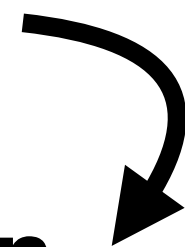


STEARIC ACID  
+  
GLUCOSE



Back to circulation

Increases EE  
Reduces hunger

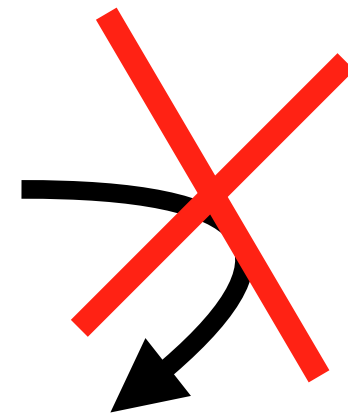
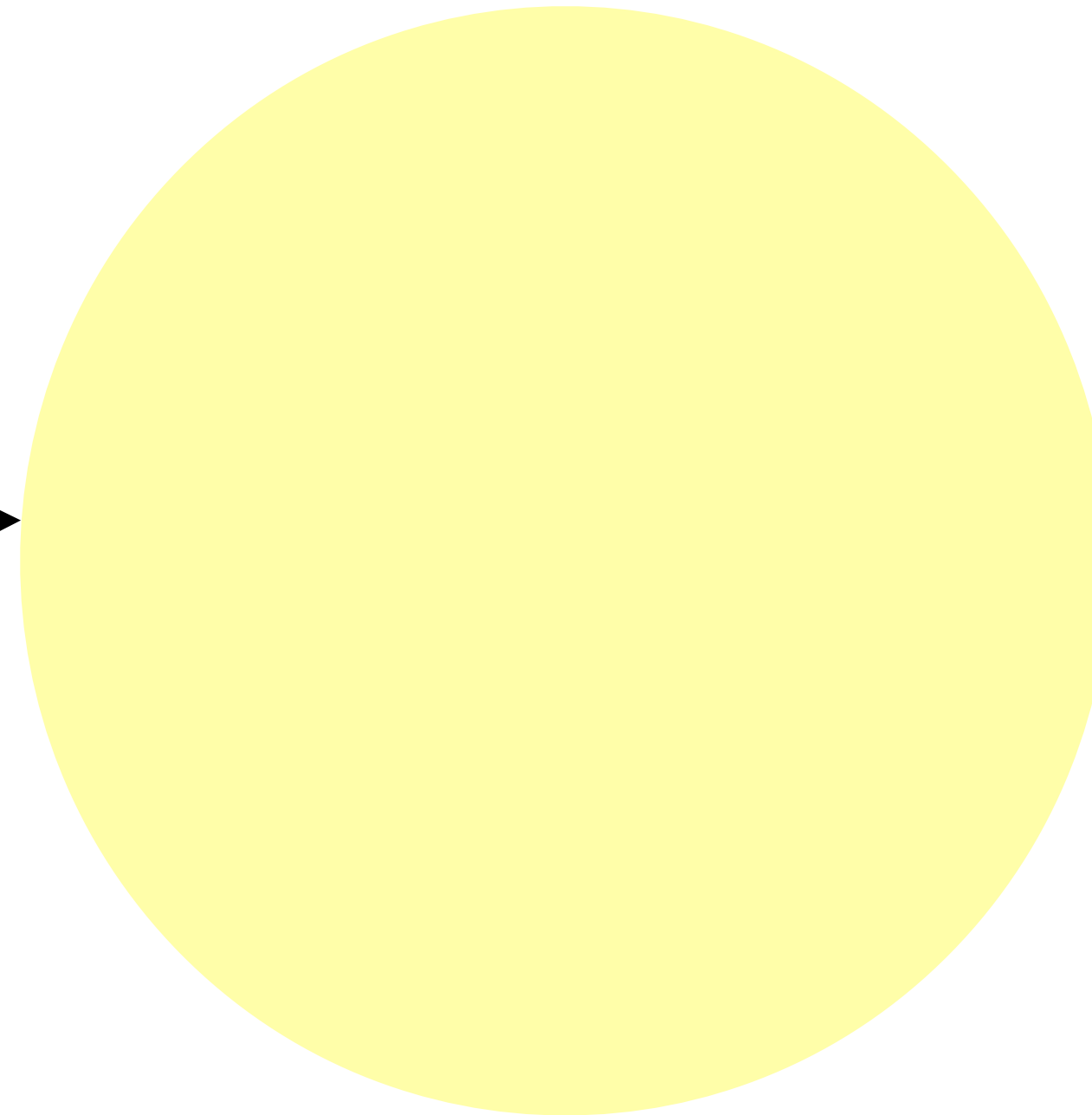


# ADIPOSE CELL

McDonald's fries  
cooked in vegetable oil



LINOLEIC ACID  
+  
GLUCOSE



No Local IR  
Adipose cell expands

## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# The effects of potatoes and other carbohydrate side dishes consumed with meat on food intake, glycemia and satiety response in children

R Akilen, N Deljoomanesh, S Hunschede, CE Smith, MU Arshad, R Kubant and GH Anderson

## Exp 1

## Exp 2

	<i>CHO calories</i>	<i>Meat calories</i>	<i>Cumulative calories</i>	<i>CHO calories</i>	<i>Meat calories</i>	<i>Cumulative calories</i>
Rice	848.8 ± 155.8 a	185.3 ± 1.5	1034.2 ± 156.6 a	847.1 ± 66.7 b	194.8 ± 2.5	1041.9 ± 67.1 a
Pasta	880.3 ± 113.9 a	187.9 ± 1.9	1068.3 ± 114.7 a	892.9 ± 61.1 ab	195.2 ± 2.2	1088.1 ± 60.4 a
BMP	507.9 ± 99.1 b	193.1 ± 1.9	700.8 ± 98.6 b	517.9 ± 49.3 c	190.1 ± 1.9	707.9 ± 49.6 b
BFF	1070.7 ± 99.4 a	187.9 ± 2.5	1258.6 ± 99.5 a	1021.8 ± 69.9 a	190.3 ± 2.5	1212.1 ± 69.4 a
FFF	912.2 ± 92.4 a	188.2 ± 3.2	1100.4 ± 92.7 a	940.8 ± 62.6 ab	195.2 ± 2.3	1136.1 ± 62.5 a
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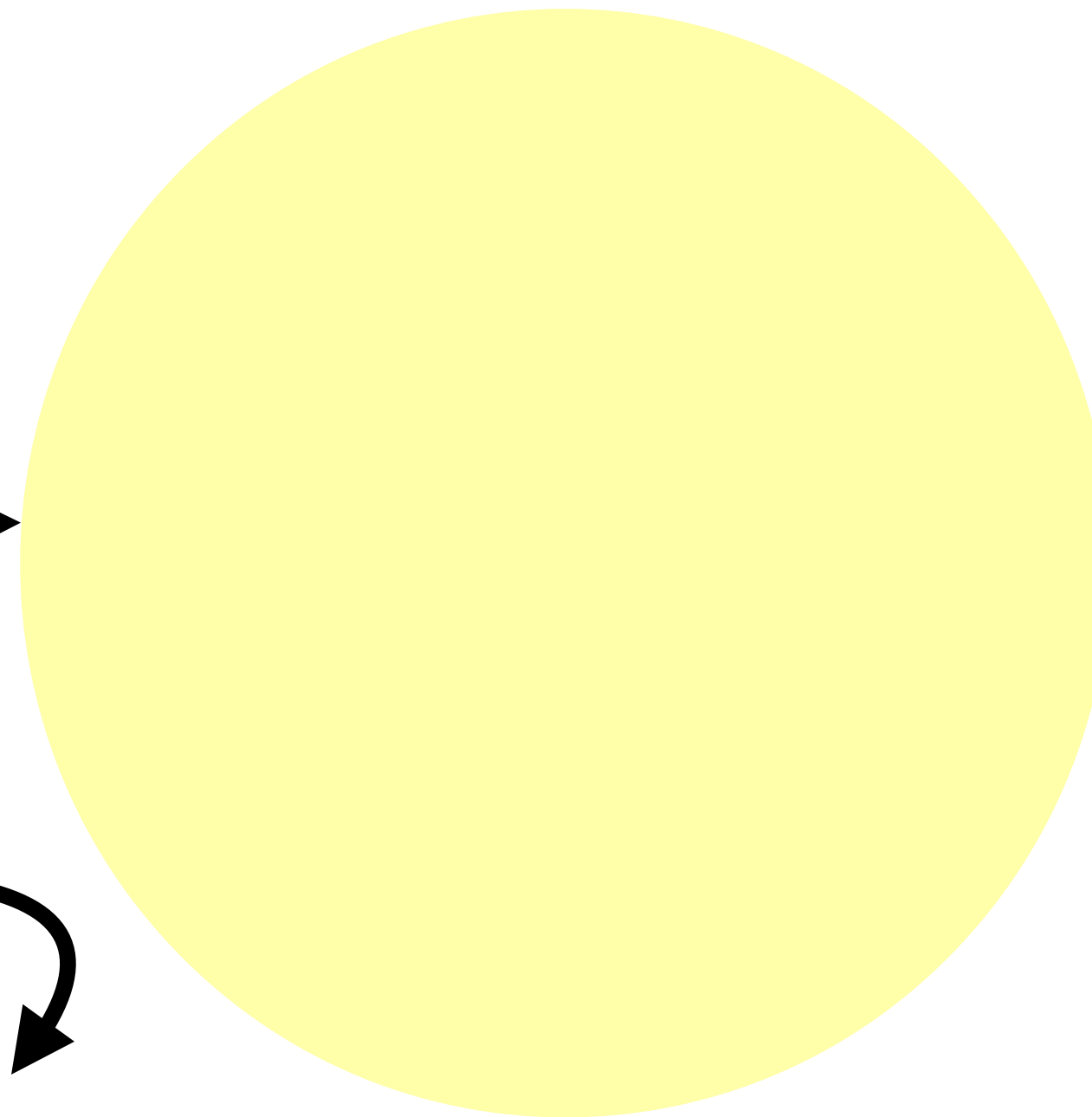
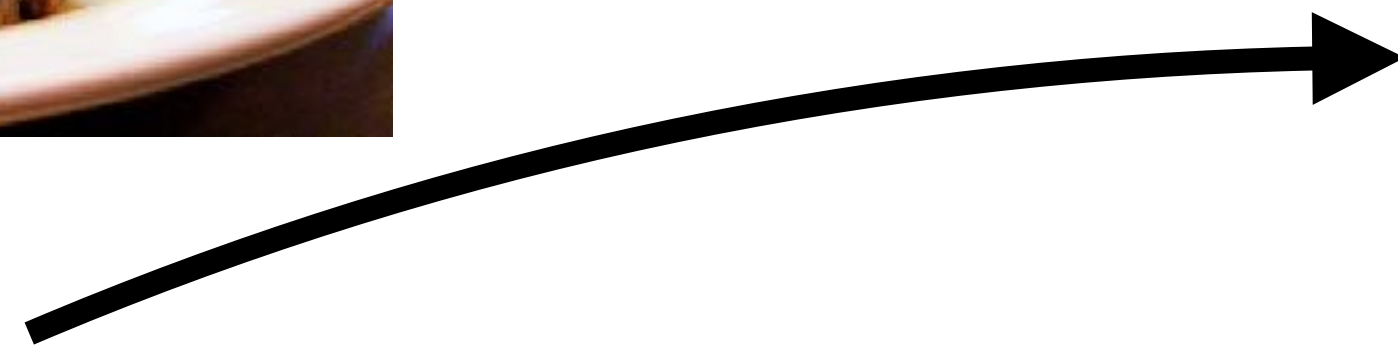
# ADIPOSE CELL

Low-carb diet



STEARIC ACID

+  
GLUCOSE

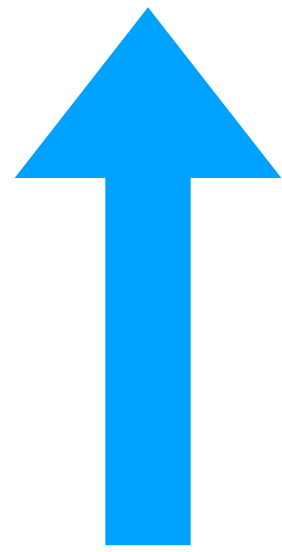


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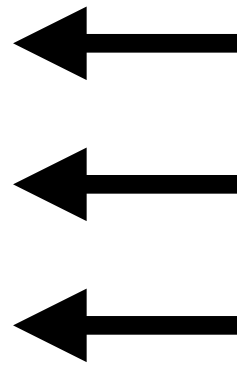
Increases EE  
Reduces hunger  
Spares glucose

# ADIPOSE CELL

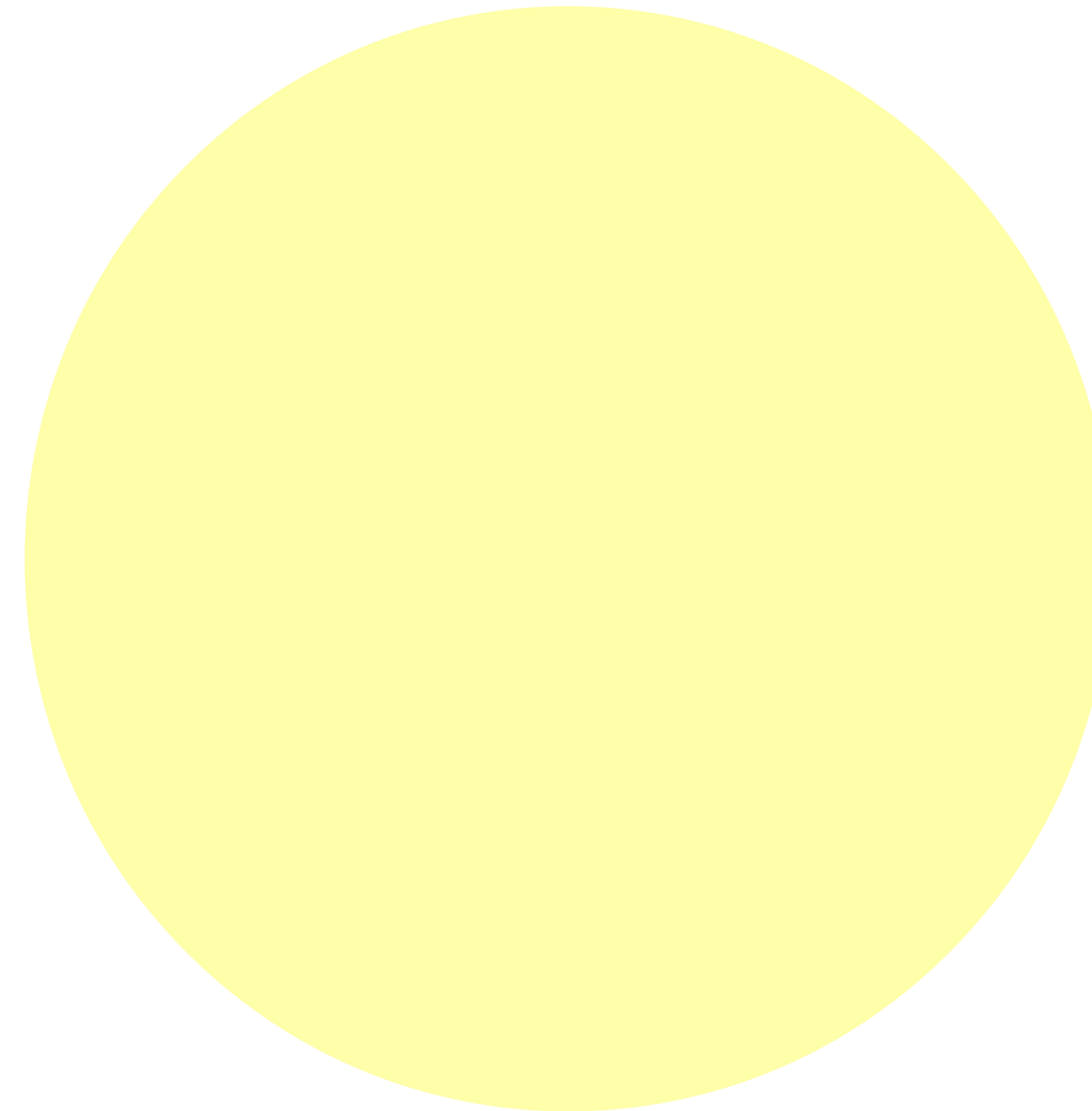
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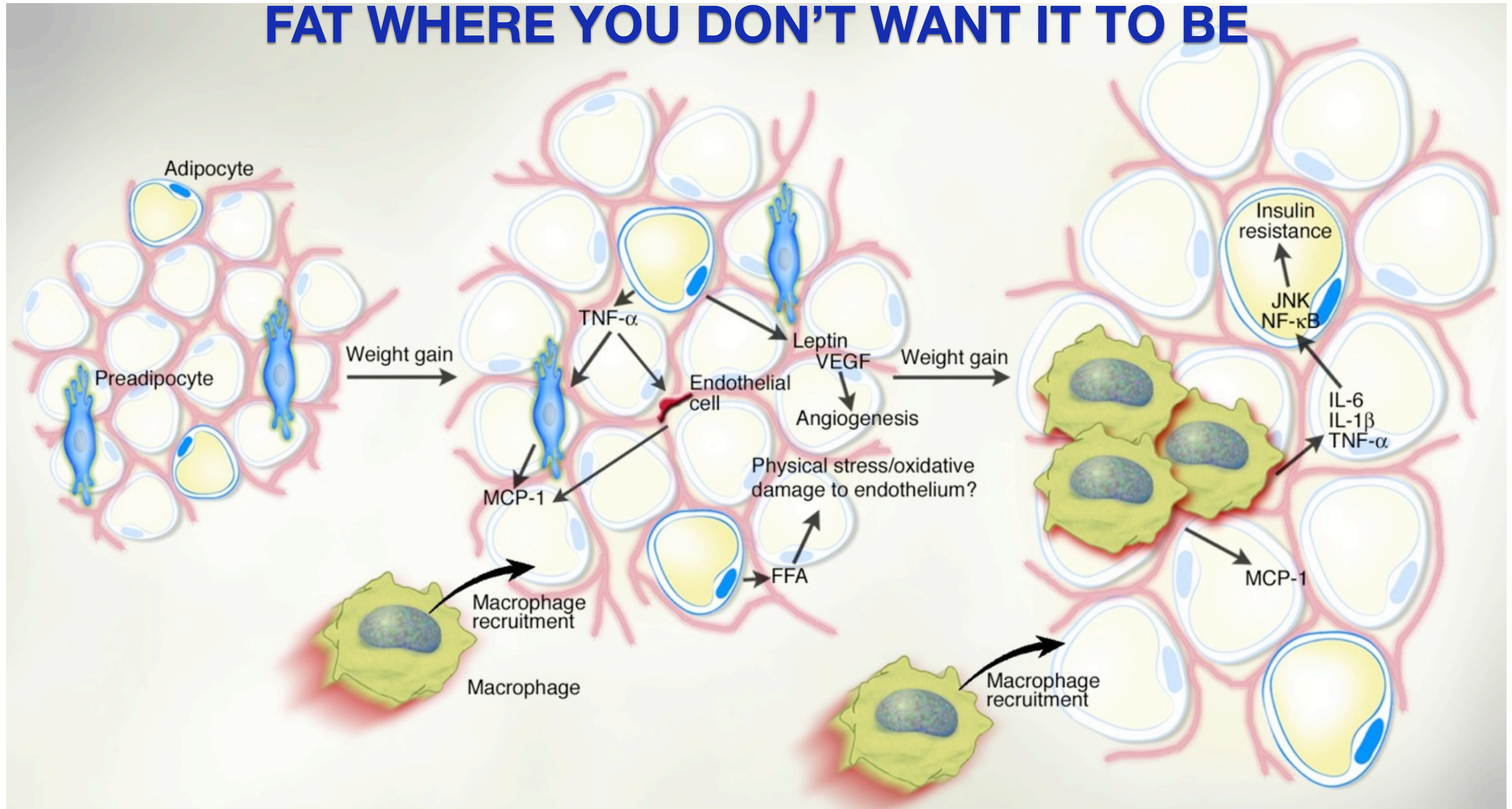
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Critical size  
ATGL  
Perilipin A

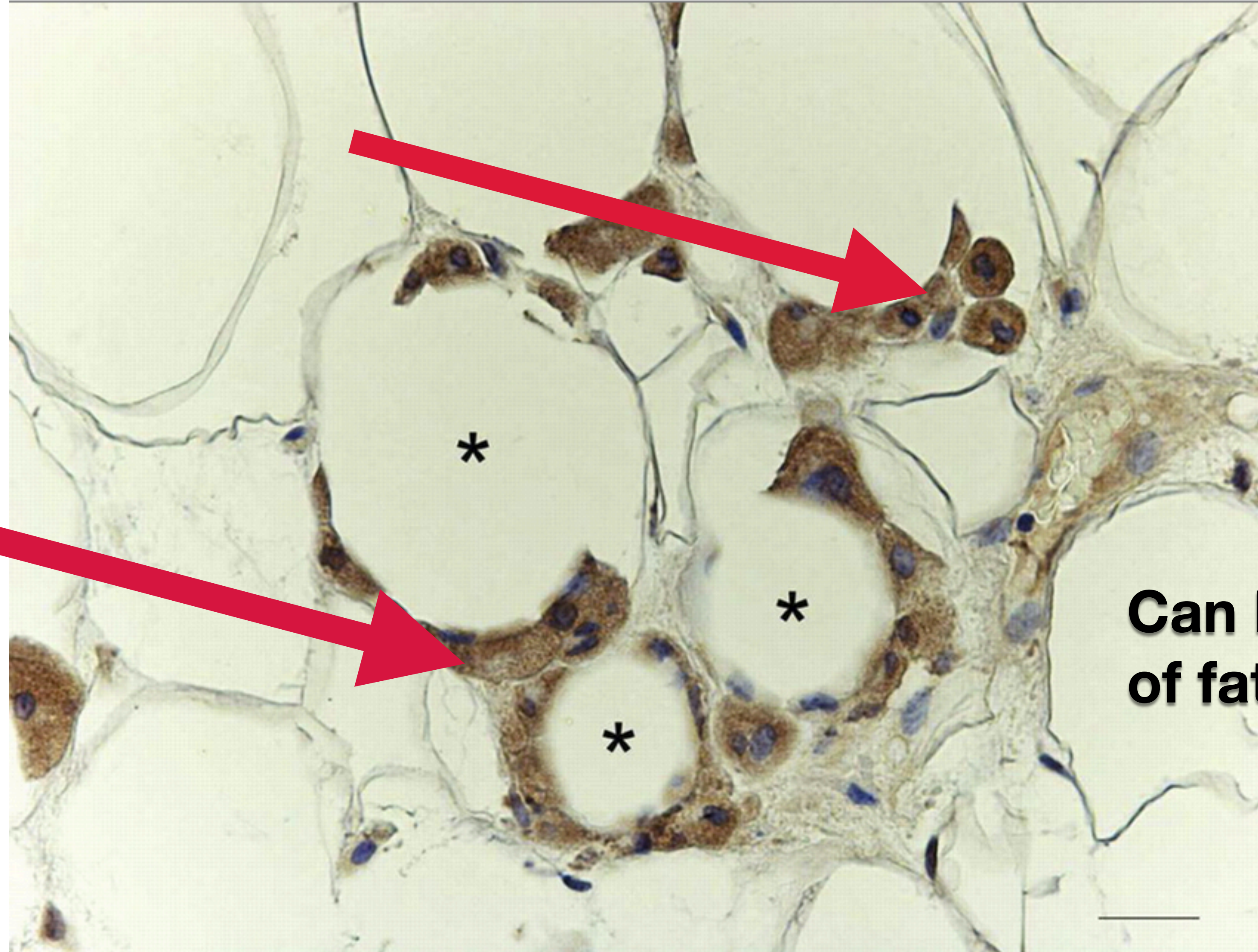
# ECTOPIC FAT

FAT WHERE YOU DON'T WANT IT TO BE



# ECTOPIC FAT

## MACROPHAGE INFILTRATION OF FAT CELLS



**Can be 50 - 60%  
of fat cell mass**



**Reverse electron transport protects the fat cells (and others) from over nutrition**

**Saturated fat drives reverse electron transport**

**Saturated fat is a beneficial macronutrient**

**Linoleic acid prevents reverse electron transport and fills the cells with fat. It acts like a supercharged carb.**

**Linoleic acid should be avoided**

# RECOMMENDATIONS

**1. CUT THE CARBS**

**2. METICULOUSLY AVOID LINOLEIC ACID**

**3. EAT MORE AT HOME**

**4. EAT MORE SATURATED FAT**

