

Coenzyme A

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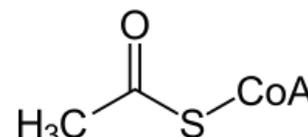
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Coenzyme A, referred to in the literature as HSCoA or just CoA, belongs to the group-transferring enzymes.

Its ability to transfer groups is used by ``synthetases, which generate activated acyls, i.e. acyl-CoA, the best known of which is acetyl-CoA during the hydrolytic splitting of ATP with the help of coenzyme A []. These acyl-CoAs contain a **thioester bond** in which the remainder of the carboxyl group is attached to the -SH group of coenzyme A. The important thing about acyl-CoAs is that many important reactions take place on their β -carbon (i.e. C2 acyl) thanks to the activation of hydrogens. The best known are **dehydration** in β -oxidation of fatty acids or **condensation** in the reaction of acetyl-CoA with oxaloacetate in the Krebs cycle.



Structure of Coenzyme A molecule

The vitamin precursor for coenzyme A is **pantothenic acid** (vitamin B₅), consisting of pantoic acid and β -alanine. Other structural components of coenzyme A are the biogenic amine cysteamine and adenosine-3'-phosphate-5'-diphosphate.

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- 1: adenosine-3'-phosphate
- 2: diphosphate
- 3: pantoic acid
- 4: β -Alanine
- 5: cysteamine
- 1+2: adenosine-3'-monophosphate-5'-diphosphate
- 3+4: pantothenic acid
- 3+4+5: pantetheine

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