





Figure 9. The pyruvate family of amino acids: enzymes A–J.
 A Alanine aminotransferase
 B Acetohydroxyacid synthase
 C Dihydroxyacid synthase
 D Dihydroxyacid dehydratase
 E Valine aminotransferase
 F 2-Isopropylmalate synthase
 G 2-Isopropylmalate dehydratase
 H 3-Isopropylmalate dehydrogenase
 J 2-Oxo-4-methylvalerate decarboxylase

ALANINE

0 ATP PRODUCED
0 ATP USED
0 NAD(H) PRODUCED
0 NAD(H) USED

LEUCINE

0 ATP PRODUCED
0 ATP USED
1 NAD(H) PRODUCED
1 NAD(H) USED

VALINE

0 ATP PRODUCED
0 ATP USED
0 NAD(H) PRODUCED
1 NAD(H) USED

THE METABOLIC REACTIONS BETWEEN WHAT IS CLEARLY CATABOLIC AND CLEARLY ANABOLIC NEED TO BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED SINCE THEY MAY PRODUCE OR USE ATP AND/OR PRODUCE OR USE NAD(H).

GIVEN THIS, A CONSISTENT CONVENTION NEEDS TO BE DEFINED.

PRACTICALLY, IT IS BEST TO CONSIDER THESE REACTIONS AS PART OF THE CATABOLIC PATHWAYS SINCE THE MONOMER STARTING POINT CAN BE MORE UNAMBIGUOUSLY DEFINED.