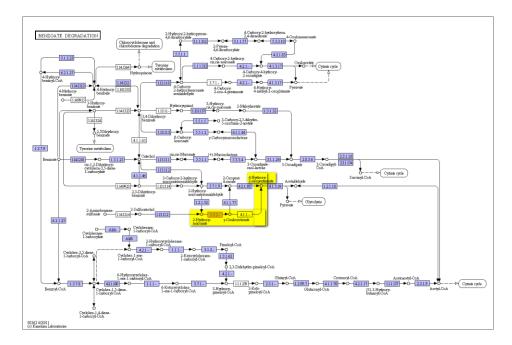
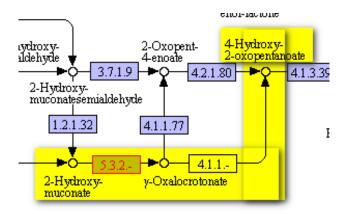
There are the Benzoate degradation - Reference pathway (Reaction):



The highlight is shown below:



1. 2-Hydroxymuconate is tautomerized to γ-oxalocrotonate:

2. γ-oxalocrotonate is converted to 4-Hydroxy-2-oxovalerate:

γ-oxalocrotonate + H2O <=> 4-Hydroxy-2-oxopentanoate + CO2

Answer:

The other product of this reaction is CO₂.