Chapter 17 Lipids

Lipids are structurally the most diverse class of compounds found in living systems with the most diverse functions







Lipids are biomolecules that contain fatty acids or a steroid nucleus; they are soluble in organic solvents but not in water; they named for the Greek word *lipos*, which means "fat"; and are extracted from cells using organic solvents

Lipids	
Fatty acids COOH	
Prostaglandins	

The lipids that contain fatty acids are:

waxes

fats and oils (triacylglycerols) glycerophospholipids prostaglandins **Fatty acids** are long-chain carboxylic acids typically contain 12 to 18 carbon atoms are insoluble in water can be saturated or unsaturated

Typical ways of representing saturated fatty acids



Name	Carbon Atoms	Source	Melting Point (°C)	Structures
Saturated Fatty Acie	ds			
Lauric acid	12	Coconut	43	CH ₃ -(CH ₂) ₁₀ -COOH
				ОН
Myristic acid	14	Nutmeg	54	CH ₃ -(CH ₂) ₁₂ -COOH
				ОН
Palmitic acid	16	Palm	62	CH ₃ -(CH ₂) ₁₄ -COOH
Stearic acid	18	Animal fat	69	О СН3-(CH2)16-СООН
				ОН

TABLE 17.1 Structures and Melting Points of Common Fatty Acids

Triglycerides made from saturated fatty acids are very stable solids



Monounsaturated	Fatty Acids		mp ° C	
Palmitoleic acid	16	Butter	0	$CH_3 - (CH_2)_5 - CH = CH - (CH_2)_7 - COOH$
				ОН
Oleic acid	18	Olives, corn	13	$CH_3 - (CH_2)_7 - CH = CH - (CH_2)_7 - COOH$
				ОН
Polyunsaturated H	atty Acids			
Linoleic acid	18	Soybeans,	-9	$CH_{3} - (CH_{2})_{4} - CH = CH - CH_{2} - CH = CH - (CH_{2})_{7} - COOH$
		sunnowers		ОН
Linolenic acid	18	Corn	-17	$CH_3 - (CH_2 - CH = CH)_3 - (CH_2)_7 - COOH$
				→−−→−−→− OH
Arachidonic acid	20	Meat,	-50	$\mathrm{CH}_3 \longrightarrow (\mathrm{CH}_2)_3 \longrightarrow (\mathrm{CH}_2 \longrightarrow \mathrm{CH}_2 \longrightarrow \mathrm{CH}_3 \longrightarrow (\mathrm{CH}_2)_3 \longrightarrow \mathrm{COOH}_3 \longrightarrow \mathrm{CH}_2 \longrightarrow C$
		eggs, nsu		OH OH

Unsaturated fatty acids

have "kinks" in the fatty acid chains do not pack closely have fewer attractions between chains have lower melting points are liquids at room temperature



Triglycerides made from unsaturated fatty acids tend to be oils. They are much less stable in air and degrade much faster.



Unsaturated triglycerides tend to be isolated from plants

whereas saturated triglycerides tend to be found in animal fats. Hydrogenation of unsaturated triglycerides produces saturated triglycerides. Partially hydrogenating unsaturated triglycerides produces some partially unsatured triglycerides with trans double bonds as illustrated in the fatty acids below.



Remember that triglycerides are triesters of fatty acids with glycerol (1,2,3-trihydroxypropane).



The hydrogenation of oils converts double bonds to single bonds

adds hydrogen (H_2) to the carbon atoms of double bonds;

increases the melting point;

increases the lifetime of the triglyceride;

produces solids such as margarine and shortening



Olestra is

used in foods as an artificial fat sucrose linked by ester bonds to several long-chain fatty chains not broken down in the intestinal tract and passes through the intestines



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Some Omega-6 and Omega-3 Fatty Acids

Omega is the last letter of the Greek alphabet. These are called omega three because you are suppose to count from the other end of the molecule, contrary to the IUPAC convention. Remember these acids are present as triglycerides in fish oil and other sources



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Prostaglandins are hormone like substances that control various cell functions they tend to have 20 carbon atoms in their fatty acid chains are produced from unsaturated fatty acids; many have an OH on carbons 11 and 15 and a trans double bond at carbon 13



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Waxes

The waxes are simplest class of lipids; they are used as protective coatings by plants and animals; they are simple esters of long chain fatty acids and alcohols



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Beeswax

 $CH_3 - (CH_2)$ CH_3 $CH_{2})_{29}$

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Carnauba wax

 $CH_3 - (CH_2)_2$ CH₃ (H2)20⁻ © 2010 Pearson Education, Inc.

A number of lipids found in the body are classified according to the groups they yield when they are broken down in their component parts



Glycerol and sphingosine are the two common backbones to which a variety of other groups are attached. These include fatty acids, phosphate, aminoalcohols, aminoacids or sugars. Attachment occurs at either nitrogen or oxygen

Phospholipids

Fatty acid

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Glycerophospholipids are

the most abundant lipids in cell membranes composed of glycerol, two fatty acids, phosphate, and one of three an amino alcohols





Lecithin and cephalin are glycerophospholipids that are abundant in brain and nerve tissues; are found in egg yolk, wheat germ, and yeast contain choline (in lecithins) or either ethanolamine or serine (in cephalins)







Cell membranes separate cellular contents from the external environment, both environments are essentially aqueous

the membrane consists of a lipid bilayer made of two rows of phospholipids having an inner portion made of the nonpolar tails of phospholipids with the polar heads at the outer and inner surfaces



Sphingolipids

Sphingosine

Sphingomyelin

is a sphingolipid found in nerve cells bonds the —OH of a ceramide to a phosphate ester of choline



Sphingomyelin (a sphingolipid)

Glycosphingolipids are

sphingolipids that contain monosaccharides attached the —OH group of sphingosine



Certain sphingolipids contain chains of two to seven monosaccharides (sugars) and are important in neurons; are found on cell membrane surfaces act as receptors for hormones, viruses, and drugs are a cause of disease and death if they accumulate; the disease is often genetic in nature



Many lipid diseases are caused by a deficiency of an enzyme resulting in the accumulation of glycolipids

Name of Disease	Lipid Stored	Туре	Enzyme Absent
Fabry's	Gal-gal-glucosylceramide	Ganglioside	α -Galactosidase
Gaucher's	Glucosylceramide	Cerebroside	β -Glucosidase
Niemann-Pick	Sphingomyelin	Sphingolipid	Sphingomyelinase
Tay-Sachs	GM ₂ ganglioside	Ganglioside	Hexosaminidase A

TABLE 17.3 Lipid Diseases

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The name of the enzyme is often associated with the name of the group it acts upon followed by the suffix -ase



The steroid nucleus

Cholesterol in the body is obtained from meats, milk, and eggs; most is synthesized in the liver if needed; it is needed for cell membranes, brain and nerve tissue, and the synthesis of steroidal hormones, most cholesterol is found esterified with a fatty acid at the -OH

It can also help clogs arteries when high levels form plaque



(a)



Cholesterol is synthesized in the liver and also obtained from foods; it is used to make a variety of other steroids used to regulate body functions; it is used to make the bile acids used to emulsify fats stored in the gallbladder it considered elevated if plasma cholesterol exceeds 200 mg/dL high levels of cholesterol crystallize in the

gallbladder as gallstones



Liver (beef) 3 oz 370 Large egg 1 200 Lobster 3 oz 175 Fried chicken $3\frac{1}{2}$ oz 130 Hamburger 3 oz 85 Chicken 3 oz 75	Food	Serving Size	Cholesterol (mg)
Large egg1200Lobster3 oz175Fried chicken $3\frac{1}{2}$ oz130Hamburger3 oz85Chicken(no skin)3 oz75	Liver (beef)	3 oz	370
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Hamburger3 oz85Chicken (no skin)3 oz75	Fried chicken	$3\frac{1}{2}$ oz	130
Chicken (no skin) 3 oz 75	Hamburger	3 oz	85
	Chicken (no skin)	3 oz	75
Fish (salmon) 3 oz 40	Fish (salmon)	3 oz	40
Butter 1 tablespoon 30	Butter	1 tablespoon	30
Whole milk 1 cup 35	Whole milk	1 cup	35
Skim milk 1 cup 5	Skim milk	1 cup	5
Margarine 1 tablespoon 0	Margarine	1 tablespoon	u 0

TABLE 17.4 Cholesterol Content of Some Foods

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Bile salts

are synthesized in the liver from cholesterol; are stored in the gallbladder; are secreted into the small intestine; have a polar and a nonpolar region; mix with fats to break them part; emulsify fat particles to provide large surface area



Sodium glycocholate (a bile salt)

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"Good and bad cholesterol"

Lipoproteins

combine lipids with proteins and phospholipids are soluble in water because the surface consists of polar lipids

Cholesteryl esters

Triacylglycerols

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Lipoproteins differ in density, composition, and function; they include low-density lipoprotein (LDLs) and high-density lipoprotein (HDLs); HDLs transport not needed cholesterol to the liver where it is converted to bile salts and excreted; high levels of saturated fats stimulate the production of cholesterol by the body; high levels of LDLs can deposit unneeded cholesterol in the arteries

	Chylomicron	VLDL	LDL	HDL			
Density (g/mL)	0.940	0.950-1.006	1.006-1.063	1.063-1.210			
Composition (% by mass)							
Type of Lipid							
Triacylglycerol	86	55	6	4			
Phospholipids	7	18	22	24			
Cholesterol	2	7	8	2			
Cholesteryl esters	3	12	42	15			
Protein	2	8	22	55			

TABLE 17.5 Composition and Properties of Plasma Lipoproteins

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Triacylglycerol = fat

Steroidal Hormones are chemical messengers in cells and are produced from cholesterol include sex hormones such as androgens (testosterone) in males and estrogens (estradiol) in females

Adrenal corticosteroids are steroidal hormones that are produced by the adrenal glands located on the top of each kidney; they include *aldosterone*, which regulates electrolytes and water balance by the kidneys; *cortisone*, a glucocorticoid, which increases blood glucose level and stimulates the synthesis of glycogen in the liver

Increases the blood glucose an glycogen levels from fatty acids and amino acids Increases the reabsorption of Na⁺ in kidneys; retention of water Reduces inflammation; treatment of asthma and rheumatoid arthritis

High levels of testosterone increase muscle mass; many hormones taken orally are destroyed by the digestive process

Testosterone (androgen) (produced in testes) © 2010 Pearson Education, Inc.

Anabolic steroids are derivatives of testosterone often used illegally to increase muscle mass have side effects that include fluid retention, hair growth, sleep disturbance, and liver damage; they can be taken orally

