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Cholesterol Structure





Cholesterol







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Sterols

- Bile acids
- Sex hormones
- Adrenal hormones
- Vitamin D
- Cholesterol
- Plant and animal foods contain sterols but only animal foods contain cholesterol
- Why? Cholesterol is made in the liver, and plants do not have a liver





Absorption & Digestion: Bile Acids



 $R_1 = OH$

 $R_1 = H$

 $R_{2} = H$ $R_{2} = NH - CH_{2} - COOH$ $R_{2} = NH - CH_{2} - CH_{2} - SO_{3}H$

Cholic acidChenodeoxycholic acidGlycocholic acidGlycochenodeoxycholic acidSO3HTaurocholic acidTaurocholic acidTaurochenodeoxycholic acid

3. Lipids as vitamins and hormones □ Steroid hormones – sex steroids, corticoids Fat-soluble vitamins □vitamin A – derived from b-carotene. Retinol, retinoic acid are involved in growth and development of epithelial tissues (Retin-A for acne and wrinkles) and reproduction. >Retinal is a visual pigment.



Steroids







- Androgens
 - Androgens male sex hormones
 - synthesized in the testes
 - responsible for the development of male secondary sex characteristics





- Estrogens
 - Estrogens female sex hormones
 - synthesized in the ovaries
 - responsible for the development of female secondary sex characteristics and control of the menstrual cycle



Examples of Steroid Hormones





Testosterone

Estradiol



Testosterone



Estradiol











Vitamin A structure



vitamin D (steroid derivative).

- Requires light to convert to active form.
- It is involved in calcium and phosphate metabolism in bone; deficiency leads to rickets.



- □vitamin K involved in coagulation
- vitamin E an antioxidant; deficiency leads to fragile erythrocytes

Vitamin D Production







• Vitamin E

- Vitamin E is a group of compounds of similar structure; the most active is atocopherol
- an antioxidant; traps HOO• and **ROO**• radicals formed as a result of oxidation by O2 of unsaturated hydrocarbon chains in membrane phospholipids



- Vitamin K
- The name of this vitamin comes from the German word Koagulation, signifying its important role in the blood-clotting process



Vitamins K and E





(c) Warfarin: a blood anticoagulant





Ubiquinone: a mitochondrial electron carrier (coenzyme Q) (n = 4-8)







Dolichol: a sugar carrier (n = 9-22)

Phosphatidylinositols. Involved in intracellular signaling Eicosanoids – arachidonic acid derivatives, e.g. prostaglandins. \checkmark They are involved in pain sensing, inflammation, fever, etc. Pathways are targets of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as aspirin, acetaminophen (Tylenol), and ibuprofin (Advil).





Eicosanoids: Pain sensing



- Prostaglandins
- Prostaglandins: a family of compounds that have the 20carbon skeleton of prostanoic acid



- Prostaglandins
 - Prostaglandins are not stored in tissues as such, but are synthesized from membrane-bound 20carbon polyunsaturated fatty acids in response to specific physiological triggers
 - one such polyunsaturated fatty acid is arachidonic acid





- Prostaglandins
- among those synthesized from arachidonic acid are



- Prostaglandins
 - Research on the involvement of PGs in reproductive physiology has produced several clinically useful derivatives
 - 15-Methyl-PGF2a is used as a therapeutic abortifacient



- Prostaglandins
- the PGE1 analog, misoprostol, is used for prevention of ulceration associated with the use of aspirinlike nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)



- Leukotrienes
 - Leukotrienes: derived from arachidonic acid
 - found in white blood cells (leukocytes)
 - an important property is constriction of smooth muscles, especially in the lungs



- Thromboxanes
- derived from arachidonic acid
- contain a fourmembered cyclic ether within a sixmembered ring induce platelet aggregation and smooth muscle contraction



- Glycolipids
 - Glycolipid: a compound in which a carbohydrate is bound to an -OH of the lipid
 - many glycolipids are derived from ceramides





