











Lipids are hydrophobic or amphiphilic molecules with widely varying structures



Oleic acid

Lipids serve a wide variety of functions



Triacylglycerols



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Waxes



Phospholipids



Dipalmitoyl-





Vitamin K



Eicosanoids

Electron carriers

Coenzyme Q

Cytoch





Chlorophyll



Estrogens



Bile acids

Fatty acids (soaps) vary in chain length and degree of unsaturation



Fatty acids can be named from either the carboxyl (standard; Δ) or methyl (ω) end



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Fatty acid melting point increases with chain length and increasing saturation

The Common Biological Fatty Acids					
Common Name	Systematic Name	Structure	mp (°C)		
Saturated fatty acids					
Lauric acid	Dodecanoic acid	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₀ COOH	44.2		
Myristic acid	Tetradecanoic acid	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₂ COOH	53.9		
Palmitic acid	Hexadecanoic acid	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₄ COOH	63.1		
Stearic acid	Octadecanoic acid	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₆ COOH	69.6		
Arachidic acid	Eicosanoic acid	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₁₈ COOH	77		
Behenic acid	Docosanoic acid	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂₀ COOH	81.5		
Lignoceric acid	Tetracosanoic acid	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₂₂ COOH	88		
Unsaturated fatty acids (all double bonds are cis)					
Palmitoleic acid	9-Hexadecanoic acid	$CH_3(CH_2)_5CH = CH(CH_2)_7COOH$	-0.5		
Oleic acid	9-Octadecanoic acid	$CH_3(CH_2)_7CH = CH(CH_2)_7COOH$	12		
Linoleic acid	9,12-Octadecadienoicacid	$CH_3(CH_2)_4(CH = CHCH_2)_2(CH_2)_6COOH$	-5		
α -Linolenic acid	9,12,15-Octadecatrienoicacid	$CH_3CH_2(CH = CHCH_2)_3(CH_2)_6COOH$	-11		
γ-Linolenic acid	6,9,12-Octadecatrienoicacid	$CH_3(CH_2)_4(CH = CHCH_2)_3(CH_2)_3COOH$	-11		
Arachidonic acid	5,8,11,14-Eicosatetraenoic acid	$CH_3(CH_2)_4(CH = CHCH_2)_4(CH_2)_2COOH$	-49.5		
EPA	5,8,11,14,17-Eicosapentaenoic acid	$CH_3CH_2(CH = CHCH_2)_5(CH_2)_2COOH$	-54		
DHA	4,7,10,13,16,19-Docosohexenoic acid	$CH_3CH_2(CH = CHCH_2)_6CH_2COOH$	-44		
Nervonic acid	15-Tetracosenoic acid	$CH_3(CH_2)_7CH = CH(CH_2)_{13}COOH$	39		
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Cis-double bonds (normal for fatty acids) kink the hydrocarbon chain



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Unsaturations prevent close packing and lower the melting point (increase fluidity)



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The FA composition of natural fats explains their consistency at room temperature



Figure 10-5

Lipids are used for energy storage





Triacylglycerols (triglycerides), composed of glycerol and FAs, are energy-storage lipids



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Adipocytes are filled with fat (triacylglycerols)



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Waxes combine a fatty acid and an alcohol





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Lipids provide a more efficient form of energy storage than carbohydrates





Carbohydrates are:

- More oxidized
- Hydrated



Lipids are a major component of biological membranes



Membrane lipids can be divided into groups based on their parent compound



Glycerophospholipids vary in the alcohol of their 'head group'



Name of glycerophospholipid	Name of X	Formula of X	Net charge (at pH 7)
Phosphatidic acid	-	— н	- 1
Phosphatidylethanolamine	Ethanolamine	$-CH_2-CH_2-NH_3$	0
Phosphatidylcholine	Choline	$-CH_2-CH_2-N(CH_3)_3$	0
Phosphatidylserine	Serine	-сн ₂ -сн-йн ₃	- 1
Phosphatidylglycerol	Glycerol	— СН ₂ —СН —СН ₂ —ОН	- 1
Phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate	<i>myo</i> -Inositol 4,5- bisphosphate	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	- 4
Cardiolipin	Phosphatidyl- glycerol	— сн₂ снон о	- 2
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Phospholipases are enzymes that hydrolyze glycerophospholipids



Chloroplast (plant) membranes contain glycerol-based glycolipids



Sphingolipids contain sphingosine, a fatty acid, and a variable polar head group



Sphingomyelins – phosphocholine or phosphoethanolamine



Cerebrosides – neutral monosaccharide Globosides – neutral di/tri/tetrasaccharide Gangliosides – charged oligosaccharide



Sphingomyelins are enriched in the myelin sheath of neurons



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Glycerophospholipids and sphingomyelins have similar structures



Steroids and sterols are derivatives of a non-planar fused-ring compound

