

# **LIPOPROTEIN METABOLISM**

## **Problem**

**What are lipids?**

**If so, how are these  
water insoluble  
molecules transported  
from one tissue to other  
through an aqueous  
environment?**

Mark the hydrophobic  
and hydrophilic parts on  
these molecules

**Phospholipid**

**Proteins have both  
hydrophobic and  
hydrophilic regions**

Composition of aminoacids

Proteins are absolutely  
essential for forming the LP  
particles

**Lipoproteins**

Core of TG and CE  
Surface of phospholipids and  
some cholesterol  
Apolipoproteins (regulators of  
LP metabolism)  
CM, VLDL, IDL, LDL, HDL

**Lipid metabolism  
occurs in three  
major areas**

Intestine

Liver

Extrahepatic tissues (Muscle  
and adipose tissue)

Enzymatic hydrolysis of TAG yields  
fatty acids and diacylglycerol,  
monoacylglycerol and free glycerol

**Chylomicron assembly**

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Assembled in  
enterocyte Golgi/ER

Apolipoprotein (Apo) B  
organizes assembly

B48

Requires

Phospholipids

for surface

**Chylomicron Assembly**

2 forms of apo B

- B100, large- liver
- B48, smaller – intestine

Picks up apo A,C and E  
in plasma

TG composition closely resembles dietary intake

Chylomicrons are released from the intestine into the *lymphatics*, bypassing the liver

## Questions

What are the lipids carried by CM?

Where is CM formed?

What is the source for lipids in CM?

How does the CM  
release FFA?

What is the fate of the  
FFA and Glycerol?

Where is the LPL  
found?

What are the  
components of Remnant  
CM?

VLDL Assembly  
**Endogenous Lipid  
Transport**

**This animation shows how VLDL  
are metabolised once they  
enter the circulation from the  
liver**

**LPL “Metabolic  
Gatekeeper”?  
LPL deficiency  
(chylomicronaemia)  
Massive  
accumulation of  
chylomicron -TG  
in plasma**

**Cannot clear TG  
normally  
Normal fat storage  
and body weight  
????!?!?**

**Regulation of  
Lipoprotein Lipase**

**QUESTIONS**

**Where is VLDL  
formed?**

**What are the lipids  
Carried by VLDL?**

Which lipid is delivered  
by VLDL?

What is the mechanism  
of FFA release from  
VLDL?

What is the fate of  
Remnant VLDL?

What are the lipids  
present in excess when  
VLDL becomes  
VLDLR?

# **Nobel Prize 1985**

## **Endogenous Lipid Transport**

### **Function of LDL receptor**

Endocytosis of LDL and other LP  
Release free cholesterol into liver

- Incorporate into plasma membrane
  - Inhibit new LDL receptors
  - Inhibit cholesterol synthesis
- Promote ACAT activity (FC → CE)
  - Regulated by SREBP  
monitors free cholesterol

**Cholesterol uptake down  
regulates the cells own**

**production of cholesterol  
and down regulates LDL  
receptor synthesis**

## **Questions**

**How is LDL formed?**

**What is IDL?**

**What is HTGL?**

**How is CE transferred  
from HDL to IDL?**

What is CETP?  
**HYPERLIPIDEMIA**  
**Effect of Exercise**

Increases LPL activity  
in muscle.

Reduces TGL from the  
particle.

Reduction in weight  
Increases HDL

Effect of diet

Vegetarian diet –

Cholesterol intake less

Reduced Carbohydrate

– VLDL TG Reduced

Reduced Fat – Reduces

CM TG

Unsaturated fats ( Mono

and Poly)- Reduction in

Plasma cholesterol

Fiber – decreases  
cholesterol absorption

**Postprandial Changes  
in Plasma Lipid  
Metabolism**