
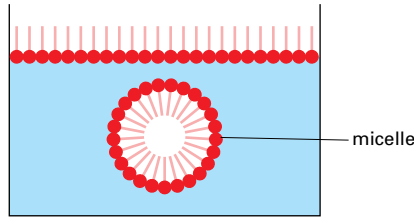


LIPID AGGREGATES

Fatty acids have a hydrophilic head and a hydrophobic tail.



In water they can form a surface film or form small micelles.

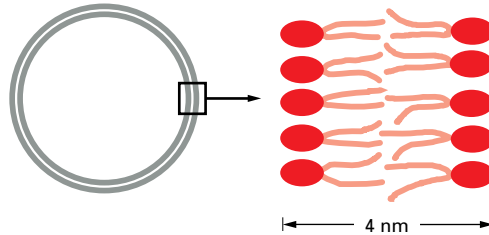


Their derivatives can form larger aggregates held together by hydrophobic forces:

Triglycerides form large spherical fat droplets in the cell cytoplasm.

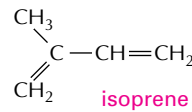


Phospholipids and **glycolipids** form self-sealing lipid bilayers that are the basis for all cellular membranes.



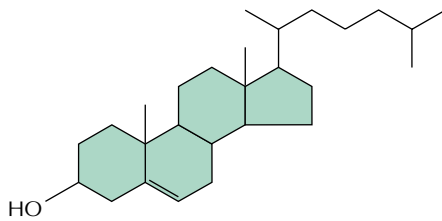
OTHER LIPIDS

Lipids are defined as the water-insoluble molecules in cells that are soluble in organic solvents. Two other common types of lipids are steroids and polyisoprenoids. Both are made from isoprene units.

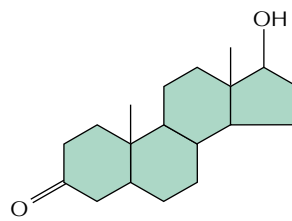


STEROIDS

Steroids have a common multiple-ring structure.



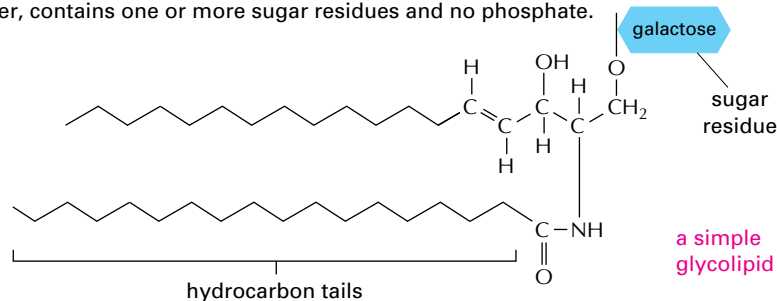
cholesterol—found in many membranes



testosterone—male steroid hormone

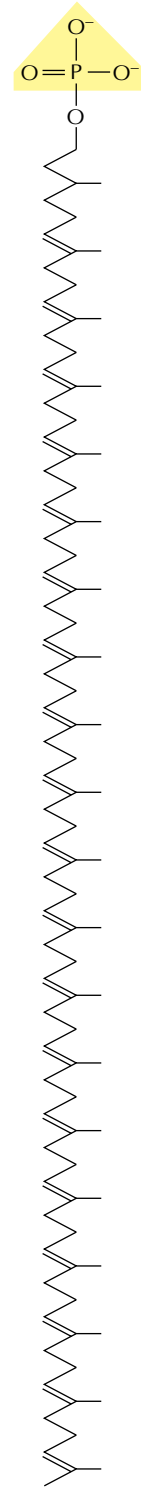
GLYCOLIPIDS

Like phospholipids, these compounds are composed of a hydrophobic region, containing two long hydrocarbon tails, and a polar region, which, however, contains one or more sugar residues and no phosphate.



POLYISOPRENOIDS

long-chain polymers of isoprene



dolichol phosphate—used to carry activated sugars in the membrane-associated synthesis of glycoproteins and some polysaccharides