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Lipoprotein

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- A **lipoprotein** is a biochemical assembly whose primary purpose is to transport hydrophobic lipid (also known as fat) molecules in water, as in blood plasma or other extracellular fluids.
- They consist of a Triglyceride and Cholesterol center, surrounded by a phospholipid outer shell, with the hydrophilic portions oriented outward toward the surrounding water and lipophilic portions oriented inward toward the lipid center.
- A special kind of protein, called apolipoprotein, is embedded in the outer shell, both stabilizing the complex and giving it a functional identity that determines its fate.

(Gofman et al., 1950)

Transmembrane lipoproteins

- Some transmembrane proteolipids, especially those found in bacteria, are referred to as lipoproteins; they are not related to the lipoprotein particles that this article is about (Gofman et a., 1950).
- Such transmembrane proteins are difficult to isolate, as they bind tightly to the lipid membrane, often require lipids to display the proper structure, and can be water-insoluble.
- Detergents are usually required to isolate transmembrane lipoproteins from their associated biological membranes.

Plasma lipoprotein particles

- VLDL: very low density lipid
- LDL: Low density lipid
- HDL: High density lipid
- LDL: Bad cholesterol
- HDL: Good cholesterol

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HDL good cholesterol

- Epidemiological studies have shown that high concentrations of HDL (over 60 mg/dL) have protective value against cardiovascular diseases such as ischemic stroke and myocardial infarction.
- Low concentrations of HDL (below 40 mg/dL for men, below 50 mg/dL for women) increase the risk for atherosclerotic diseases.



Composition of VLDL/LDL/HDL

Composition	HDL	VLDL	LDL
Protein	50 %	10 %	20 %
Phospholipid	30 %	20%	25 %
Cholesterol	15 %	20%	45 %
Triglyceride	5 %	50 %	10%

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VLDL

- 3Fatty acid + glycerol Triglyceride
- Triglyceride + cholesterol+ apoprotein+ Phospholipid= VLDL (Liver)
- VLDL apoprotein:
- Apo- Cll
- Apo- E
- ApoB-100

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- VLDL
 At tissue Apo-CII activate
 lipoprotein lipase enzyme (tissue)
 It release free fatty acid utilized be tissue
- Remnant called IDL (less triglyceride + cholesterol) back taken by liver by receptor mediated endocytosis
- Apo-E + Apo-B100 help in receptor mediated endocytosis and convert into LDL

HDL

- With a size ranging from 5 to 17 nm, HDL is the smallest of the lipoprotein particles.
- It is the densest because it contains the highest proportion of protein to lipids.
- Its most abundant apolipoproteins are apo A-I and apo A-II
- Increasing concentrations of HDL particles are strongly associated with decreasing accumulation of atherosclerosis within the walls of arteries

Discoidal (Nascent) HDL

- **Discoidal (Nascent) HDL:** Initially, HDL is discoidal in shape because it lacks esterified cholesterol but as it keeps accumulating free cholesterol in it, the enzyme LCAT keeps esterifying the free cholesterol.
- When the HDL molecule is cholesterol rich, its shape is changed into more spherical and it becomes less dense (HDL 2).
- This is carried to the liver to release all the esterified cholesterol into the liver

Certain changes in diet and exercise may have a positive impact on raising HDL

levels:

- 1. Decreased intake of simple carbohydrates
- 2. Aerobic exercise
- 3. Weight loss
- 4. Avocado consumption
- 5. Magnesium supplements raise HDL-C.
- 6. Addition of soluble fiber to diet
- 7. Consumption of omega-3 fatty acids such as fish oil or flax oil
- 8. Consumption of pistachio nuts
- 9. Increased intake of unsaturated fats
- 10. Removal of trans fatty acids from the diet

LDL

- It is B lipoprotein
- It form from VLDL from Blood circulation
- It transport cholesterol from Liver to tissue
- The liver serves as the key organ for cholesterol metabolism and regulation of plasma levels of cholesterol.
- The process of LDL formation begins when intrahepatic cholesterol, either from gut absorption or de novo synthesis, is repackaged by the liver (along with proteins, triglycerides, and phospholipids) into VLDL.

- VLDL then enters the circulation and is converted by lipoprotein lipase and cholesteryl ester transfer protein (CETP) into more cholesterol enriched species, first IDL and then LDL.
- The liver regulates the concentration of these circulating lipoprotein species primarily by their clearance through LDL receptors on the hepatic surface.

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