Biochem-725 2(2-0)

MEDICAL BIOCHEMISTRY

Assessment	Marks	Sessional	Mid	Final	Total
	Criteria Theory	Assignments 4 (10%)	Paper 12	Paper 24	40 (100%)
	Result		Total: 40 Marks		

- Mammals GIT 3 major nutrients CARBS, LIPIDS, PROTEINS
- undergo enzymatic hydrolysis into their building blocks
- Necessary for utilization
- As small molecules can cross intestinal lining
- Although digestion begins in mouth and stomach
- Final stages of digestion & absorption into blood occur in intestine

Map of Human Digestive System



Figure 24-1 (a) The human gastrointestinal tract. (b) Flowsheet of digestion and obsorption.





Anatomy - Intestine

- Well adapted for its functions
- Large surface area for absorption
- Long small intestine: 12-14 ft
- Its inner surface has folds with numerous fingerlike protrusions, the villi
- Each villus is coated with many epithelial cells, having many microvilli.
- Villi provide large surface area end products can be rapidly transported through epithelial cells and into blood capillaries, lymph vessels



- Surface area of human small intestine is about 180 m²
- A little less than the playing area of a tennis court
- Microvilli has bundles of actin microfilaments which connect with a web of myosin filaments at the base of microvilli.
- This filament system gives a wave like motion to microvilli
- Give local stirring to enhance nutrient absorption

Figure 24-2

(a) A group of villi of the small intestine, showing the large surface area available for absorption of digestion products. Amino acids, sugars, and salts are absorbed into the blood capillaries, whereas triacylglycerols enter the central lymphatic vessels. Each epithelial cell has many microvilli. (b) to (d)





Cells nave cytoskeletons



Digestion of Carbohydrates

- Polysaccharides most abundant CARBS in diet
- Starch & cellulose By plant food
- Glycogen by food of animal origin
- Starch & glycogen digestion starts in mouth
- Salivary amylase hydrolyze alpha 1-4 glycosidic linkages
- Yield a mixture of maltose, glucose & oligosaccharides









- Digestion stops in stomach
- Continue in small intestine, especially in duodenum
- By pancreatic amylase
- Cellulose cannot be digested
- Lack of enzyme to hydrolyze beta 1-4 linkage
- Undigested cellulose give bulk of fiber (roughage)
- This is desirable for proper motility of intestine

- Ruminant animals cellulose digestion
- Disaccharides digestion in small intestine
- Sucrose by sucrase (invertase)
- Lactose by lactase (β-galactosidase)
- Maltose by maltase
- Lactose intolerance







 α -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)-D-glucopyranose

Figure 7-10 Letrainger Proceedes of Nachemany, Soth Edition © 2013 W. H. Freeman and Company Mixture of hexoses absorbed in small intestine, brought to liver via blood

