# Principles of food science and nutrition

Assignment : lipids(fats)

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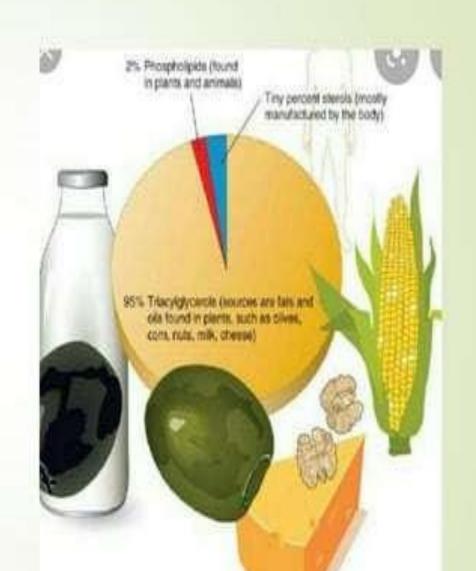
- Fats composition and chemistry, classification, functions
- Nutritional disorders fats deficiency
- Energy metabolism digestion, absorption and utilization

#### Introduction

- Lipids are a group of naturally occurring substances.
- They occur widely in plant and animal Kingdom.
- The basic structure of lipids is comprised of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen.
- Each gram of fat provides 9.0kcal of energy.

## Classification:

- Simple lipids
- 2. Compound lipids
- 3. Waxes
- 4. Derived lipids



# Lipids present in diet:

- 1. Triglycerides:
- It comprises about 95 percent of food lipids and body lipids.
- All triglycerides are similar in structure.
- When triglycerides are metabolized the glycerol is converted into glucose.
- 2. Phospolipids:
- They are the important structure of all membranes.
- They are similar to triglycerides, but contain two polyunsaturated fatty acid.

#### 3. Sterols:

- It is the precursor of bile acids and sex hormones.
- It is manufactured in all tissues of body, except brain.
- Cholesterol, like lecithin is also present in foods, egg yolk,meat.
- A transport mechanism of cholesterol called lowdensity lipoprotein is likely to cause risk for cardiovascular disease called atherosclerosis.

## Functions of fats:

- It is a concentrated source of energy
- Fat is essential for absorption of vitamin A,D,E,K and carotenoids.
- Vegetable fats are good sources of vitamin E.
- Fats reduce the bulk of the diet as they provide much calories.
- Fats are deposited in adipose tissue.

# Properties of fats:

- Fats are soluble in organic solvents such as acetone, petroleum ether etc.
- Saponification value: it is defined as number of milligrams of potassium hydroxide.
- Iodine value: it is the measure of extent of unsaturated fatty acids present in fats.

#### Sources:



- Rich sources of EFA: safflower, sunflower, Niger seed linseed and soybean oils are rich sources of EFA.
- Good sources: rape seed, groundnut and rice bran oils.
- Fair sources: egg yolk,fat,poultry fat etc.
- Poor sources: coconut oil,palm,kernel oil, mutton etc.

# Factors affecting the absorption of lipids:

- Activity of pancreatic lipase.
- Secretion of sufficient bile.
- The lipid synthetic activity of intestinal mucosa.

# Fatty acid deficiency in human beings:

#### Phrynoderma:

This is one of the common disorders of malnutrition observed in adults and children

#### Deficiency in infants:

Hansen and co workers have reported that infants fed on EFA deficient diet developed perennial irritation in skin.

# Thank you