

Biochemistry

- **Role of salivary gland and stomach in digestion**



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-Notes are in green or in boxes. Important notes are in red.

▪ Role of salivary gland and stomach in digestion

- Mechanical effects: e.g. mastication
- Enzymatic effects: e.g. Digestive enzymes (hydrolysis)

TAG: 3fatty acids+ Glycerol when it is digested, it gives 2 free fatty acids + monoacylglycerol (fatty acids bound to glycerol)

End Products of Digestion:

- Carbohydrates → Monosaccharides
- Triacylglycerols (TAG) → Fatty acids & monoacylglycerols
- Proteins → Amino acids

Role of Salivary Glands in Digestion:

- They secrete saliva
- Saliva:
 - Acts as lubricant
 - Contains salivary α -amylase
 - Contains lingual lipase

The salivary α -amylase acts in the mouth and then the pancreatic α -amylase in the duodenum completes the digestion of the carbohydrates

Salivary α -Amylase

- Secreted by: Parotid glands
- **Optimum pH: 6.6 – 6.8**
- Substrate: Starch (carbohydrate from plants) and glycogen (carbohydrate from animals)
- Hydrolyzes: $\alpha(1,4)$ glycosidic bonds
- Produces: **Short oligosaccharides** (dextrins)

It means that enzyme works best in this pH therefore it doesn't work in the stomach (in other words **start** in mouth **stop** in stomach)

$\alpha(1-4)$ = bond between glucose carbon number one with other glucose carbon number 4

Monosaccharides: glucose or fructose or galactose

Disaccharides:

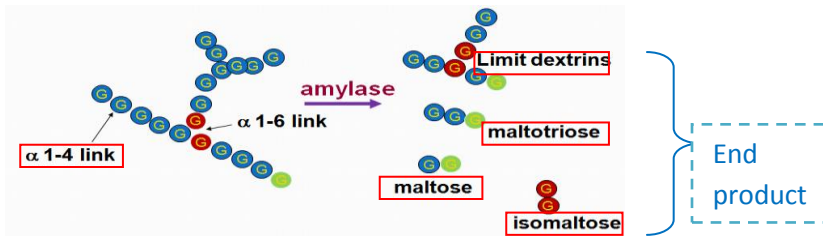
- **Sucrose:** Glucose α 1–2 fructose (table sugar)
- **Lactose:** Galactose β 1-4 glucose (in dairy products) [we give people with lactose intolerance lactase to digest it]
- **Maltose:** glucose α 1–4 glucose (product of the digestion of carbohydrates)

Structures are for you information no need to memorize them Dr. Rana

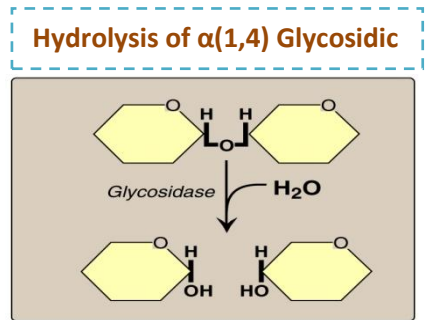
What's the difference between α & β ?
 β (as in fibers cellulose) are indigestible therefore it cannot be absorbed these fibers help with constipation (**This does not apply on lactose**)

Prefix endo- :It doesn't work on the periphery this is why we get maltose maltotriose and not glucose

Digestion: Pre-stomach – Salivary amylase : α 1-4 endoglycosidase



*this happens in the presence of water.



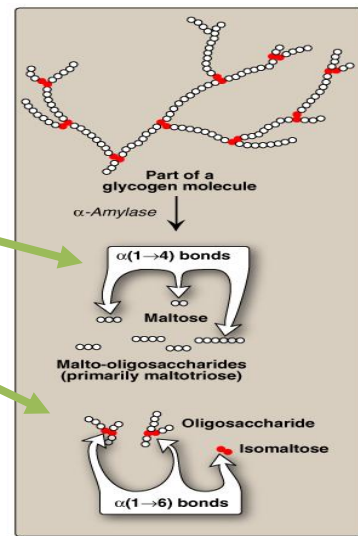
Effect of α -Amylase on Glycogen:

- Hydrolysis of: $\alpha(1,4)$ glycosidic bonds
- Products: (whatever it can't digest)

Isomaltose the bond is between c1 and c6 while Maltose is between C1 and C4

Mixture of **short oligosaccharides** (both branched & unbranched [**maltotrios**])

Disaccharides: **Maltose** and **isomaltose**

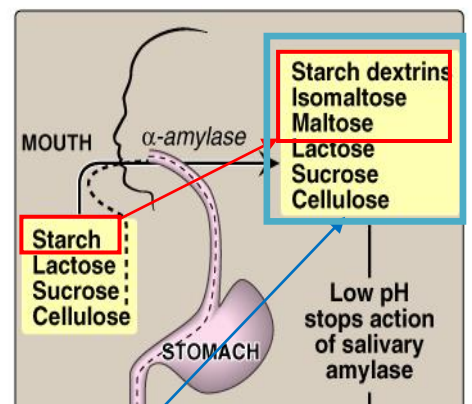


Salivary α -Amylase: "only work on polysaccharides"

- Its digestive action on the polysaccharides is of little significance because of the short time during which the enzyme can act on the food in the mouth
- Salivary amylase is **inactivated** by the **acidity of stomach** (The enzyme is inactivated at pH 4.0 or less)
- Salivary α -amylase **does not hydrolyze:** **This is very Important- Dr. Rana**
 - ❖ **$\alpha(1,6)$ glycosidic** bonds (The branch points of starch and glycogen)
 - ❖ **$\beta(1,4)$ glycosidic** bonds of **cellulose**
 - ❖ **Disaccharides**

Lingual Lipase:

- Secreted by the dorsal surface of the tongue (Ebner's glands)
- **Acts in the stomach** for the digestion of TAG
- Produces **fatty acids** and **monoacylglycerols**
- Its role is of **little significance** in adult humans



End products of α -Amylase Are not digested by it

Role of Stomach in Digestion:

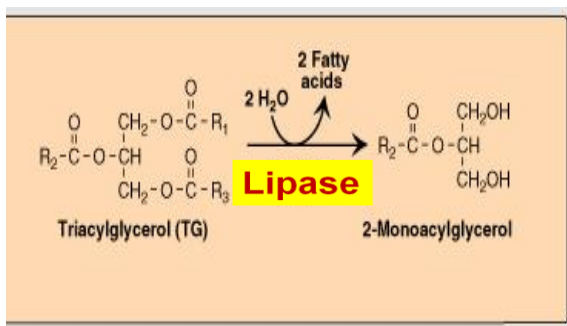
- No further digestion of carbohydrates
- Lipid digestion begins by lingual and gastric lipases
- Protein digestion begins by **pepsin and rennin**

In order for lipase to work efficiently, fatty acid, which is attached to glycerol in TAG, must be medium or short chain

Lingual and Gastric Lipases (Acid-Stable Lipases):

- Substrate: TAG molecules, containing **medium- and short-chain fatty acids**; such as found in milk fat
- The end products are:
2-monoacylglycerols and fatty acids (2- means it's on C2)
- The role of both lipases in lipid digestion is **of little significance in adult human**

(The lipids in the stomach is not yet emulsified. **Emulsification** occurs in **duodenum**)



The breakdown of large fat globules into smaller, uniformly distributed particles. It is accomplished mainly by bile acids in the small intestine

Target substrate for acid-stable lipases is TAG containing:

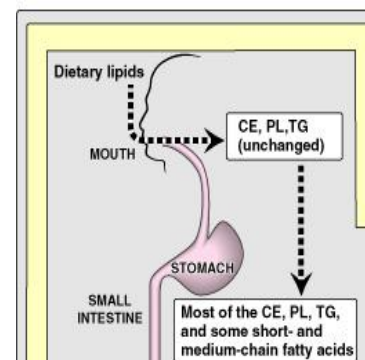


Lingual and Gastric Lipases:

- They are important in **neonates and infants** for the digestion of TAG of milk
- They are also important in patients with pancreatic insufficiency where there is absence of pancreatic lipase

Digestion of Lipids in Stomach:

- In adults, no significant effects because of lack of **emulsification** that **occurs in duodenum**
- In **neonates and infants**, digestion of milk TAG and production of short- and medium-chain fatty acids



Pepsin:

- Secreted by chief cells of stomach as inactive proenzyme, pepsinogen
- **Activated** by HCl and autocatalytically by pepsin
- Acid-stable, **endopeptidase**
- Substrate: denatured dietary **proteins** (by HCl)
- End product: Smaller polypeptides

Endopeptidase: does not act on the periphery, thus it produces peptide chain, but never amino acid.

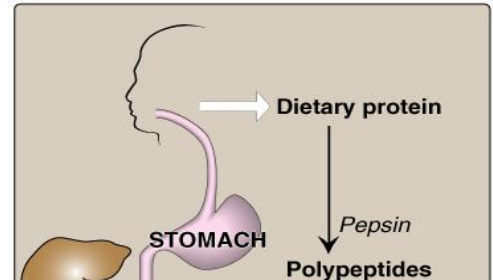
Autocatalytically: the first activated pepsinogen (pepsin) activates the rest.

Rennin:

- Secreted by chief cells of stomach in **neonates and infants**
- Substrate: **Casein of milk** (in the presence of calcium) **liquid**
- End product: **Paracasein** with the formation of **MILK CLOT** **more solid**
- Effect: It prevents rapid passage of milk from stomach, allowing more time for action of pepsin on milk proteins

Digestion of Dietary Proteins in Stomach:

- **HCl:** Denatures proteins +Activates pepsin
- **Pepsin:** Cleaves proteins into polypeptides
- **Rennin:** Formation of milk clot



Take home message:

- Digestion involves both mechanical and enzymatic processes
- Digestion makes dietary foodstuffs readily absorbable by the digestive tract
- Salivary a amylase is of limited but initial effect on digestion of starch and glycogen in the mouth
- Salivary a amylase converts starch and glycogen mainly into short oligosaccharide
- Limited digestion of TAG begins in the stomach by both lingual and gastric lipases producing 2-monoacylglycerols and fatty acids
- Digestion of proteins begins in the stomach by pepsin producing smaller polypeptides
- In neonates and infants, digestion of milk occurs in stomach by:
 - Acid-stable lipases for digestion of milk fat
 - Rennin and pepsin for digestion of milk proteins

1. Which of the following is responsible for Pepsinogen activation:

- A. HCL
- B. Rennin
- C. Lingual lipase
- D. Gastric Lipase

2. Salivary α -amylase is able to hydrolyze which of the following

- A. $\alpha(1,6)$ glycosidic bonds
- B. $\beta(1,4)$ glycosidic bonds of cellulose
- C. $\alpha(1,4)$ glycosidic bonds
- D. Disacharride

1=A

2=C

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