

# Physical Properties of Molecules

## Learning Outcomes

- 1. Identify a lipid by its structure
- 2. Predict whether a vitamin is water soluble or fat soluble.
- 3. Identify by structure a hydrophilic, hydrophobic, or amphiphilic molecule.
- 4. Apply the concepts of hydrophilicity and hydrophobicity to explain the interaction between water and some materials found in nature (example: lotus leaf).
- 5. Identify a steroid by its structure

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#### Hexatriacintane (main component of paraffin wax)



**Stearic Acid** 

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Triacontanyl Palmitate (major component of beeswax) Lipids are Hydrophobic (Lipophilic) Molecules of Biological Origin: Lipids are Soluble in Nonpolar Solvents and Insoluble in Polar Solvents (i.e. Water)



#### Vitamins Are Compounds, Other Than A Fat, Protein, Or Carbohydrate That Are Required For The Normal Growth And Maintenance Of Organisms



Protects cells from radicals and the associated oxidative damage



Vitamin A Retinol

Incorporated in the photon-harvesting protein rhodopsin and is essential for vision

## Vitamin C (Ascorbic Acid)



Vitamin C Ascorbic Acid

#### An antioxidant

**DIRECTIONS:** Drop one tablet in 4-6 oz of water, let dissolve (about 1 minute) and drink. May be used in hot or cold water.

Adults 14 years and older, repeat every 3-4 hours as necessary, up to 3 times per day, no more than 3 tablets.

**Children 12-13 years old,** repeat every 3-4 hours as necessary, up to

2 times per day, no more than 2 tablets

#### Supplement Facts

Serving Size 1 Tablet Amount Per Serving % Daily Value Calories 5 Total Carbohydrate <1%\* 1 a 2000 IU 40% Vitamin A (as retinyl acetate) 1667% Vitamin C (as ascorbic acid) 1000 ma Vitamin E (as dl-alpha tocopheryl acetate) 30 IU 100% Magnesium (as magnesium oxide 10% 40 ma and magnesium sulfate) Zinc (as zinc sulfate) 8 ma 53% 21% Selenium (as selenium amino acid chelate) 15 mcg 150% Manganese (as manganese gluconate) 3 ma Sodium (as sodium bicarbonate) 150 ma 6% 80 ma 2% Potassium (as potassium bicarbonate) Proprietary Herbal Blend 350 ma t Maltodextrin, Lonicera japonica (flower), Forsythia suspensa (fruit), Schizonepeta tenuifolia (aerial), Ginger (Zingiber officinale [root]), Vitex trifolia (fruit), Isatis tinctoria (root), Echinacea purpurea (aerial) Proprietary Amino Acid Blend 50 ma L-Lysine hydrochloride, L-Glutamine \*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. † Daily Value not established.

**Other Ingredients:** sorbitol, citric acid, artificial flavor, silicon dioxide, polyethylene glycol, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, acesulfame potassium, sucralose, carmine color



## Problem 1

There are no major adverse health effects for consuming megadoses of watersoluble vitamins because they are hydrophilic and excreted by the body when taken in excess. Fat-soluble vitamins, however, are hydrophobic, stored in the fat, and can accumulate when taken in large doses. Thus, over time, megadoses of fatsoluble vitamins can result in vitamin toxicity. This makes megadoses of fat-soluble vitamins potentially more dangerous than water-soluble vitamins.

Shown below are the chemical structures for Vitamin  $B_3$  and Vitamin  $K_1$ . Which vitamin's dose should be more carefully monitored over prolonged use?



### What Do You Notice About Hydrophilic and Hydrophobic Compounds?



## Amphiphilic Molecules Have Both Polar and Nonpolar Regions

Phospholipid





**Phospholipid Bilayer** 

## Problem 2

Shown below lecithin, which is commonly used as a food additive (often seen as soy lecithin). Describe why this molecule is amphiphilic?



#### Contact Angle Defines Hydrophobic and Hydrophilic Surfaces



Large Contact Angle

Small Contact Angle

## Problem 3

What can you conclude about the middle region of the leaf vs. the edges?



## Superhydrophobicity and Superhydrophilicity







## **Think-Pair Share**

What causes a surface to be superhydrophobic and not just hydrophobic? Hint, consider the surface at microscale to nanoscale size regime.



#### A Wax is an Ester That is Derived From a Fatty Acid and a Long-Chain Alcohol



# The most abundant Natural Lipids are *Triacylglycerols* or *Triacylglycerides*.

Triacylglycerols (aka triglycerides) are a *fat* if solid at room temperature and an *oil* if a liquid at room temperature



## Lipids That Have The Skeleton Structure Of Prostanoic Acid Are Called Prostaglandins



**Prostanoic Acid** 

Prostaglandin  $F_{2\alpha}$  (PGF<sub>2 $\alpha$ </sub>)

## Steroids





Cholesterol

Testosterone

## Cortisone

Corticoid hormones such as cortisone, are glucocorticoid hormones that regulates inflammation and regulate glucose metabolism



Cortisone