

Lecture 4 *Practical*

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Objectives

- What is Triglycerides (TG)?
- Chemical equation of Triglycerides.
- Serum Triglycerides test.
- Clinical significant.
- Procedure.
- Calculation.
- Reference values.

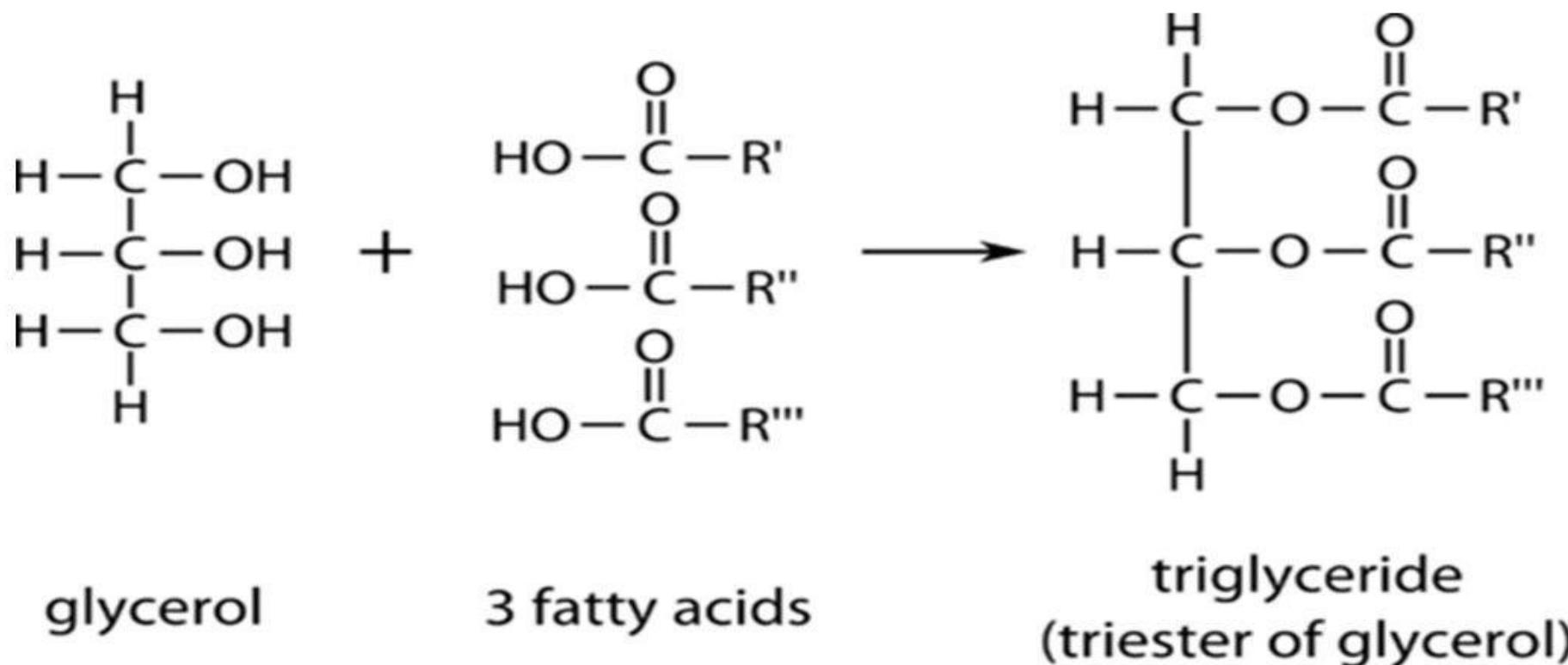


What is Cholesterol?

- **Triglycerides** are a common type of fat that accounts for about 95 per cent of all dietary fats. Both animal and vegetable fats contain triglycerides. Once digested, triglycerides circulate in the bloodstream to be used as energy by the cells. Any leftovers are stored in body fat to fuel the body between meals.



Chemical structure of Triglycerides



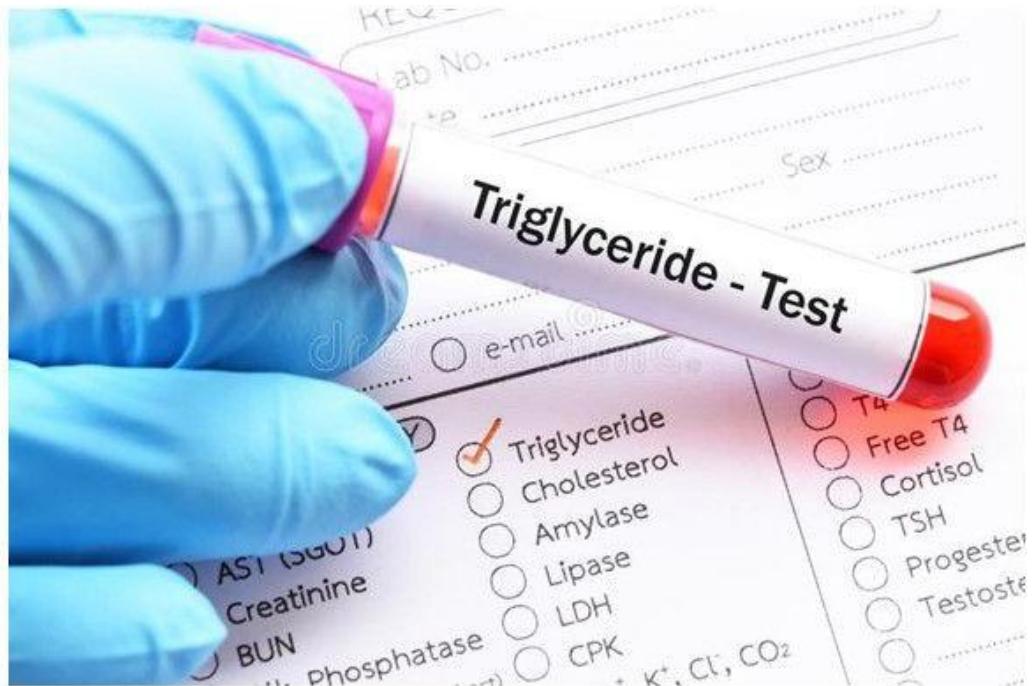
Triglycerides vs. cholesterol

Triglycerides and cholesterol are both made in the liver and consumed from food. They both circulate in the blood. Although there are similarities, they have different functions:

- **Triglycerides** are a type of fat or lipid that store unused calories.
- **Cholesterol** is a lipoprotein used to build cells, produce certain hormones, and generate vitamin D .

Serum Triglycerides test

- The triglycerides level test helps measure the amount of triglycerides in the blood. The results of this test help the doctors to determine the risk of developing heart disease. Another name for this test is a triacylglycerol test.



Clinical significant

| Hypertriglyceridemia | Hypotriglyceridemia |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Atherosclerosis | Hyperthyroidism |
| Heart diseases | Malabsorption syndrome |
| Nephrotic syndrome | |
| Diabetes mellitus | |
| Obstructive Jaundice | |

Procedure

1- Bring reagents and samples to room temperature.

2- Pipette into labelled tubes:

| | Blank | Standard | Sample |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|--------|
| Reagent (ml) | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Standard (μ l) | -- | 10 | -- |
| Sample (serum) (μ l) | -- | -- | 10 |

3- Mix and let the tubes stand 10 minutes at room temperature or 5 minutes at 37°C.

4- Read the absorbance (A) of the samples and the standard at 500 nm against the reagent blank.

Calculation

- *Serum or plasma*: $C_{\text{sample}} = \frac{Abs_{\text{sample}}}{Abs_{\text{standard}}} \times C_{\text{standard}}$
= mg/dl
- C_{sample} = concentration of sample (unknown)
- $C_{\text{st.}}$ = concentration of standard (200 mg/dl)
- Abs_{sample} = absorbance of the sample
- $Abs_{\text{st.}}$ = absorbance of standard

Triglyceride ranges for adults

| | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Normal | Less than 150 mg/dL |
| Borderline high | 150-199 mg/dL |
| High | 200-499 mg/dL |
| Very high | 500 mg/dL or higher |

Source: National Institutes of Health





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