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HIGH PRESSURE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHIC SEPARATION OF MOLECULAR SPECIES OF PHOSPHATIDIC ACID Di-METHYL ESTERS DERIVED FROM PHOSPHATIDYLCHOLINE. J.Y-K. Hsich, D.K. Welch, and J.G. Trucotte (Dept, of Medicinal Chemistry, College of Pharmacy, Univ. of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI 02881) Lipids 16 (10):761-763 (1981). A majority of the individual molecular species of phosphatidic acid dimethyl esters derived from multispecies egg yolk and soybean phosphatidylcholines have been separated by reverse-phase high pressure liquid chromatography. Two Partisil-10 ODS columns connected in tandem and the eluents acetonitrile or methanol/water (95:5) were used for molecular species resolution, based on total fatty acyl carbon number and degree of unsaturation.

THERMODVNAMICS OF DIHEXANOYLPHOSPHATIDYLCHO-LINE AGGREGATION. R.E. Johnson, M.A. Wells, and J.A. Rupley (University Department of Biochemistry, University of Arizona,

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Mail to: Joan Nelson, Circulation Manager, American Oil Chemists' Society, 508 South Sixth Street, Champaign, IL 61820. Tucson, Arizona 85721) Biochemistry 20(14):4239-4242 (1981). Heats of dilution of aqueous solutions of dihexanoylphosphatidylcholine were determined by use of a flow microcalorimeter to monitor an exponential dilution gradient. Three different models of micelle formation were tested: monomer in equilibrium with micelles of varied size, or with small aggegates and micelles. The heat of dilution data for low solute concentration could be fit only by assuming the existence of premicellar aggregates. The critical micelle concentration determined calorimetrically is 0.016 \pm 0.002 M and is independent of the model. The enthalpy change for transfer of monomer into the micelle is 1.6 ± 0.2 kcal/mol; about one third of this heat effect is produced in formation of the premicellar aggregation. Comparison of the calorimetric measurements with results obtained by using other methods indicates the complexity of the micellization process.

MINOR AND TRACE STEROLS IN MARINE INVERTEBRATES. 27.¹ ISOLATION, STRUCTURE ELUCIDATION, AND PARTIAL SYNTHESIS OF 25-METHYLXESTOSTEROL, A NEW STEROL ARISING FROM QUADRUPLE BIOMETHYLATION IN THE SIDE CHAIN. L. Niang Li, U. Sjöstrand, and C. Djerassi (Department of Chemistry, Standford University, Stanford, California 94305) J. Org. Chem. 46(10):3867-3870 (1981). A novel C₃₁ sterol, 25-methylxestosterol, resulting from quadruple biomethylation in the side chain has been isolated as a trace constituent of the sterol fraction from a Carribbean sponge (Xestospongia sp.). Its structure (1,24-methylene-25,26,27-trimethyl-cholesterol) has been elucidated by spectroscopic methods and confirmed by partial synthesis. A biosynthetic route leading to 1 is proposed that is consistent with the hypothesis of stepwise biomethylations and with earlier discoveries of "extended" side chains among marine sterols.

AQUEOUS LIPID PHASES OF RELEVANCE TO INTESTINAL FAT DIGESTION AND ABSORPTION. M. Linström, H. Ljusberg-Wahren, K. Larsson, and B. Borgström (Department of Physiological Chemistry, University of Lund, P.O. Box 750, S-220 07 Lund 7, Sweden) $\#\rho\mu\lambda^{\circ} \circ \circ (10)$:749-754 (1981). The phase behavior of monoglyceride/water systems, with oleic and linoleic acid as the dominating fatty acid residues, was investigated. Increased solubilization of triglycerides (oil) or oleic acid in the cubic liquid-crystalline phase formed by monoglyceride and water resulted in the formation of a reversed hexagonal liquid-crystalline phase followed by an L2-phase. The liquid-crystalline phases have different dispersion properties compared to each other in dilute micellar bile salt solutions. The cubic phase is found to be easily dispersed. The relevance of aqueous lipid phases other than micellar is discussed in relation to intestinal lipid digestion and absorption.

IMMUNOSPECIFIC TARGETING OF LIPOSOMES TO CELLS: A NOVEL AND EFFICIENT METHOD FOR COVALENT AT-TACHMENT OF FAB' FRAGMENTS VIA DISULFIDE BONDS. F.J. Martin, W.L. Hubbell, and D. Papahadjopoulos (Cancer Research Institute and Dept. of Pharmacology, Univ. of CA, San Francisco, CA 94143) *Biochemistry* 20(14):4229-4238 (1981). An efficient method for covalently cross-linking 50K Fab' antibody fragments to the surface of lipid vesicles is reported. Coupling up to 600 μ g of Fab'/=mol of phospholipid (about 6000 Fab' molecules per 0.2- μ m vesicle) is achieved via a disulfide interchange reaction between the thiol group exposed on each Fab' fragment and a pyridyldithio derivative of phosphatidylethanolamine present in low concentration in the membranes of preformed large unilamellar vesicles. The coupling reaction is efficient, proceeds rapidly

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SOLID-STATE CARBON-13 NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESO-NANCE OF THE LECITHIN GEL TO LIQUID-CRYSTALLINE PHASE TRANSITION. R.J. Wittebort, C.F. Schmidt, and R.G. Griffin (Francis Bitter National Magnet Laboratory, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA) Biochemistry 20 (14): 4223-4228 (1981). The temperature dependence of the ¹³C NMR Spectra of dipalmitoylphosphatidylcholine (DPPC) which has been ¹³C labeled at the carbonyl position of the sn-2 chain, $2-(1^{-13}C)$ -DPPC, is reported. In the L6' phase an axially symmetric spectrum of 112-ppm breadth is observed, and this transforms to an isotropiclike line $(<\Delta\sigma> \sim 7 \text{ ppm})$ in the L_{α} phase. In the intermediate P_{β} phase a temperature-dependent superposition of these spectra is observed, which suggests that this phase exhibits microscopic structural and dynamical properties of both the L_{β} and L_{α} phases. An analysis of the spectral line shapes leads to the conclusion that the appearance of the isotropic-like line in the $P\beta'$ phase is primarily due to a conformational change at the sn-2' carbonyl which is complete at the main transition. Increased rates of axial diffusion in the P_{β} phase may contribute to the narrowing.

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