Intestinal Secretion

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Objectives

- Describe the components of bile and intestinal secretions
- Indicate the function of each component secreted in bile and intestinal juice in digestion
- Illustrate the regulation mechanisms involved in the secretion of bile and intestinal fluid

•Functions of Liver:

(I) <u>Digestive function</u>: Secretion of bile.

(II) <u>Non-digestive functions</u>:

- <u>1-Metabolic functions</u> for CHO, lipids and proteins.
- 2-Detoxication of harmful materials.
- <u>3-Synthetic: plasma proteins, clotting factors, enzymes,</u>
- 4-It acts as a <u>blood reservoir</u>.
- <u>5-Production of red blood cells</u> in fetal life.
- <u>6-Destruction of aged red blood cells</u> by kupffer cells.
- <u>7-Storage of iron, vitamins</u>.
- <u>8-Endocrine function</u>: secretion of erythropiotin and somatomedins.

•Functions of Bile Salts: A³ CD²

a) Emulsification of fat: i- \downarrow the surface tension of lipid (hydrotropic action) by forming hydrophilic (water-soluble) shell around fat (lipid-soluble) core this is called micelles. ii- f surface area for action of lipase by breakdown large fat globules into small

Hydrophobic cor

parts.



b) Activation of lipase.

No digestive enzymes are found in bile

[2] <u>Absorption</u>: <u>of fat and fat-soluble vitamins</u>. Bile salts help absorption of calcium, magnesium and iron:

As the nonabsorbed fat decreases their absorption.

[3] Choleretic action (50%) major choleretics.

[4] <u>Dissolvent action</u>: (1/26). Bile salts by their solvent action keep cholesterol of bile in solution. This prevents cholesterol precipitation in gallbladder & formation of gall stones.

[5] <u>Anticonstipation (Laxative) action</u>: Bile salts stimulate intestinal movement.

[6] <u>Antiputrifactive action</u>:



<u>95% of bile salts</u> are absorbed from the terminal ileum by an active transport mechanism. The absorbed bile salts pass in portal circulation to the liver to **be secreted in bile.** This circulation is called *the entero-hepatic circulation of bile salts*.

Functions of the gall bladder

1)-Storrage of bile. (inbetween meals)

2)-Concentration of bile The capacity of the gall bladder is only 60 ml, & to accommodate the large volume of bile flowing from the liver (500 ml/day), bile concentration takes place (by absorption of H2O).

- 3)-Acidification of bile by bicarbonate reabsorption.(no precipitation of Ca)
- 4)-Reducing the pressure in bile ducts.
- 5)-Secretion of mucous which protects its mucosa, lubricant and buffer
- 6)-Evacuation of bile to the duodenum during meals

Regulation of Bile Secretion =

[I] <u>Nervous Mechanisms</u>

- <u>Vagal stimulation</u> stimulates bile secretion.
- <u>Sympathetic stimulation</u> decreases bile secretion

[II] <u>Hormonal Mechanisms</u>

Secretin: stimulates bicarbonate secretion

<u>Gastrin</u>: stimulates secretion directly and indirectly through stimulation of HCI

<u>CCK</u>: stimulates bile secretion from liver indirectly by stimulating gall bladder emptying.

Regulation of Bile Secretion =

[III] Other Mechanisms

<u>1-Bile Salts in the Enterohepatic Circulation</u>:

- Are the <u>most powerful stimulants</u> of bile secretion (major choleretics).

<u>2-Hepatic blood flow:</u>

- Bile secretion is directly proportional to the liver blood flow.
- During meals bile secretion increases due to blood flow.

| | Choleretic | Cholagogues |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Def | Substances stimulate bile synthesis & secretion | Substances stimulate evacuation of the bladder |
| e.g. | Bile salts (most powerful), Ach & secretin | CCK-PZ & MgSO ₄ |

•Functions of Small Intestine:

- 1-Complete the digestion of food (in the upper ½).2-Absorption of digested food products (in the lower ½)
- -95% of digested food is absorbed in it because: It has large surface area by great length (3 – 3.5 meters).
- Rich supply with blood & lymph vessels.
- 3-Secretion of important GIT hormones e.g. secretin, CCK..etc.

•Functions of Succus-Entericus:

A-Intestinal mucous: It protects the duodenum

form highly acidic gastric contents that enters it.

B-Intestinal enzymes:

(1) Erepsin group

<u>-Carboxypeptidase</u>: separate amino acid with a free carboxylic group.

-Aminopeptidases: separate amino acids with a free amino group.

-Dipeptidases: splits dipeptides into two amino acids.

(2) <u>Disaccharidases</u>:

<u>-Maltase</u> enzyme converts maltose into glucose + glucose.

<u>- Sucrase</u> enzyme converts sucrose into glucose + fructose.

<u>- Lactase</u> enzyme converts lactose into glucose + galactose.

(3) Enterokinase: which activate trypsinogen \Rightarrow trypsin.

(4) Intestinal lipase:

glycerol + fatty acids.

Regulation of Intestinal Secretion

I-Nervous Mechanisms

- Local myenteric reflex: It is initiated by the presence of chyme in small intestine causing It is the <u>main</u> <u>mechanism</u> of regulation.
- chemical & mechanical stimulation of mucosa.
- •Vagal stimulation:
- Sympathetic stimulation:

II-Hormonal Mechanisms

<u>VIP</u> is the major GIT hormone, which stimulates secretion.

Secretin & CCK stimulate secretion.

